

Edward Christian Church

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When the Bottom Drops Out –pt2

Matthew 14:22-33

“Assurances We Can Count On”

Storms= Violent Disturbance in Atmosphere

- **Causing Damage to Any Thing/ One in it's Path**
- **Classified=*Physical, Mental, Emotional, Spiritual***

Origin...

Satan ..Purpose to “Destroy”

John 10a ...*Thief cometh...steal, kill, destroy*

God ..Purpose to “Build Up”

John 10b ...*But I AM Come..life..more abound..*

- ☐ **Always in Control -*Great God Jehovah***
- ☐ **Always a Lesson - *Search the Purpose***

Matthew 14

This Passage Speaks of Unstable Times...

- **Vision = Obscure**
- **Footing = Unsure**
- **Security = Insecure**
 - **Ship -“*Collective*”**
 - **Peter -“*Individual*”**

The Bottom had Dropped Out ...

...2 Storms at Same Time

- **Circumstances on Outside**
- **Disrupted Peace on Inside**

Matthew 14

In These Times...

- **It is Useless to...**

...*Focus on the Unsure Things*

Brings Fear, Frustration, No Hope

- **It is Useful to...**

...*Focus on the Sure Things*

Calms Fear, Frustration, Brings Hope

There Were 5 Things...

...Sure Things

Let Us Focus on Them

Five Assurances in Our Storms

#1- The Lord Brought Them There (22)

“Immediately Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead of him to the other side, while he dismissed the crowd.”

❑ No Accident, No Blind Move

The Timing of the Storm

Jesus Knew:

- Opportunity *was Present*
- Storm *was About to Strike*
- Test Time *after the Lesson*

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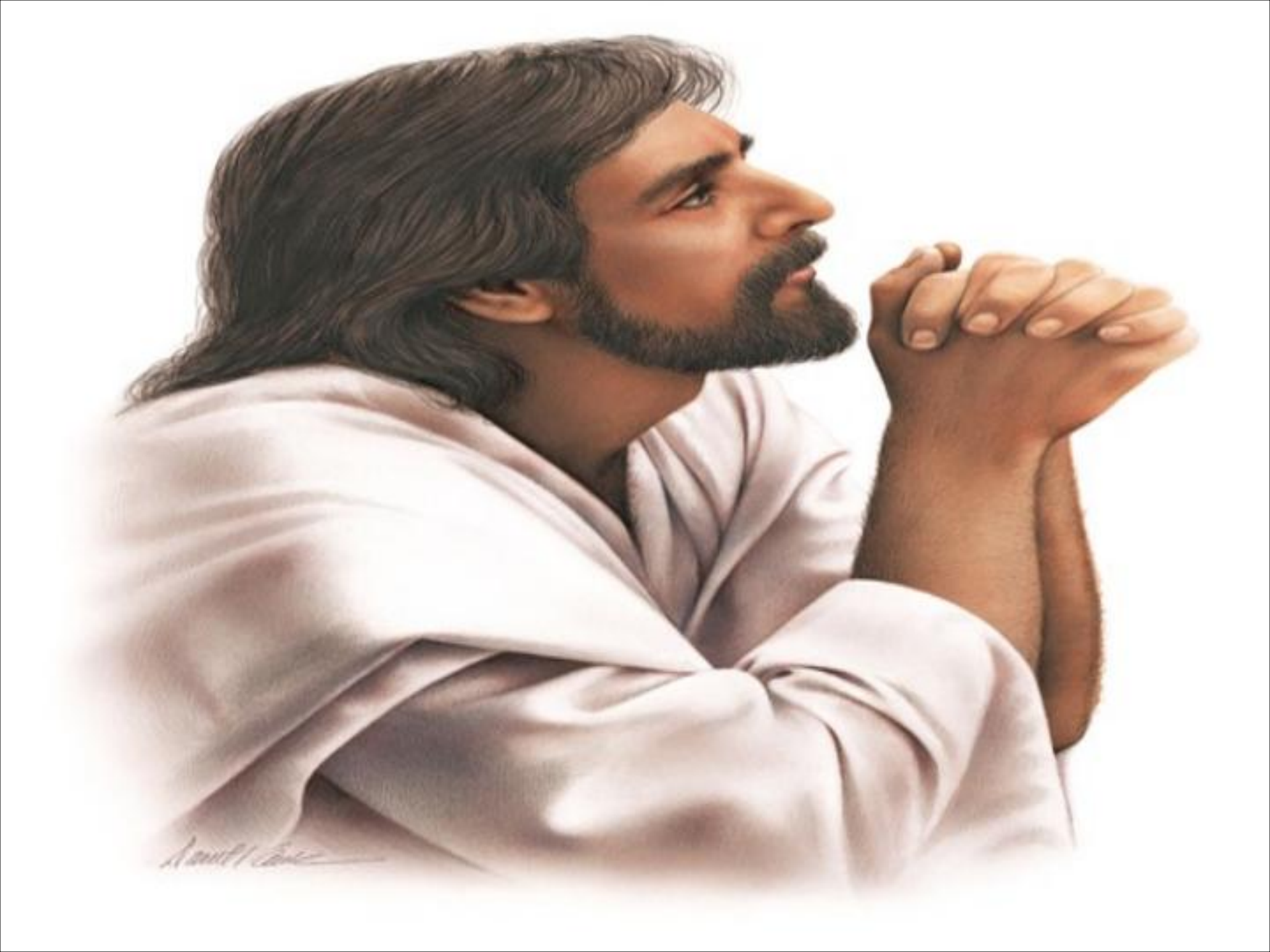
#2- Jesus Sought God for Them there...

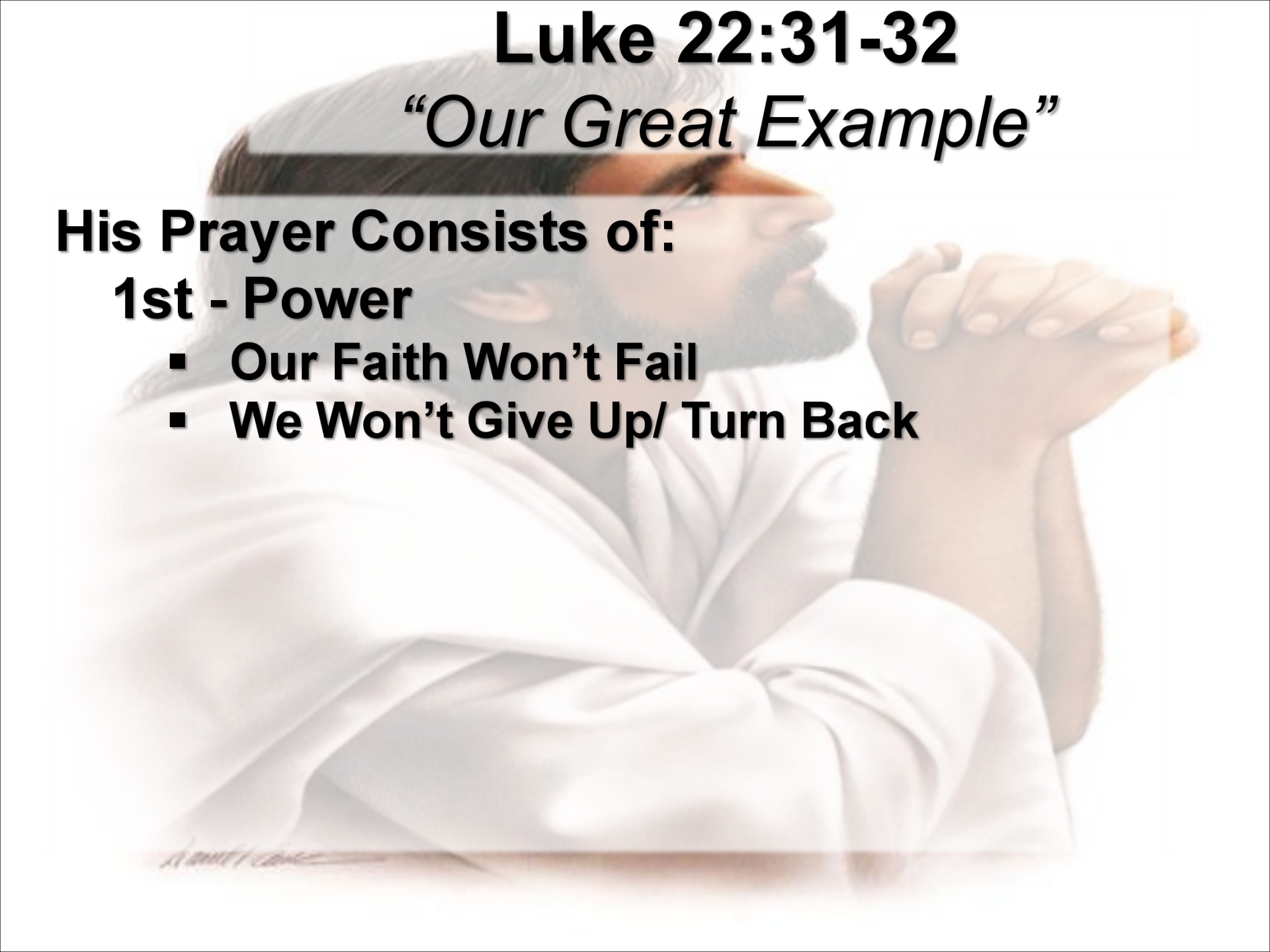
“There Jesus Prayed For His Followers” (23)

Hebrews 4:14-16

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¹⁵ For we have not an high priest which cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities; but was in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin. ¹⁶ Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need





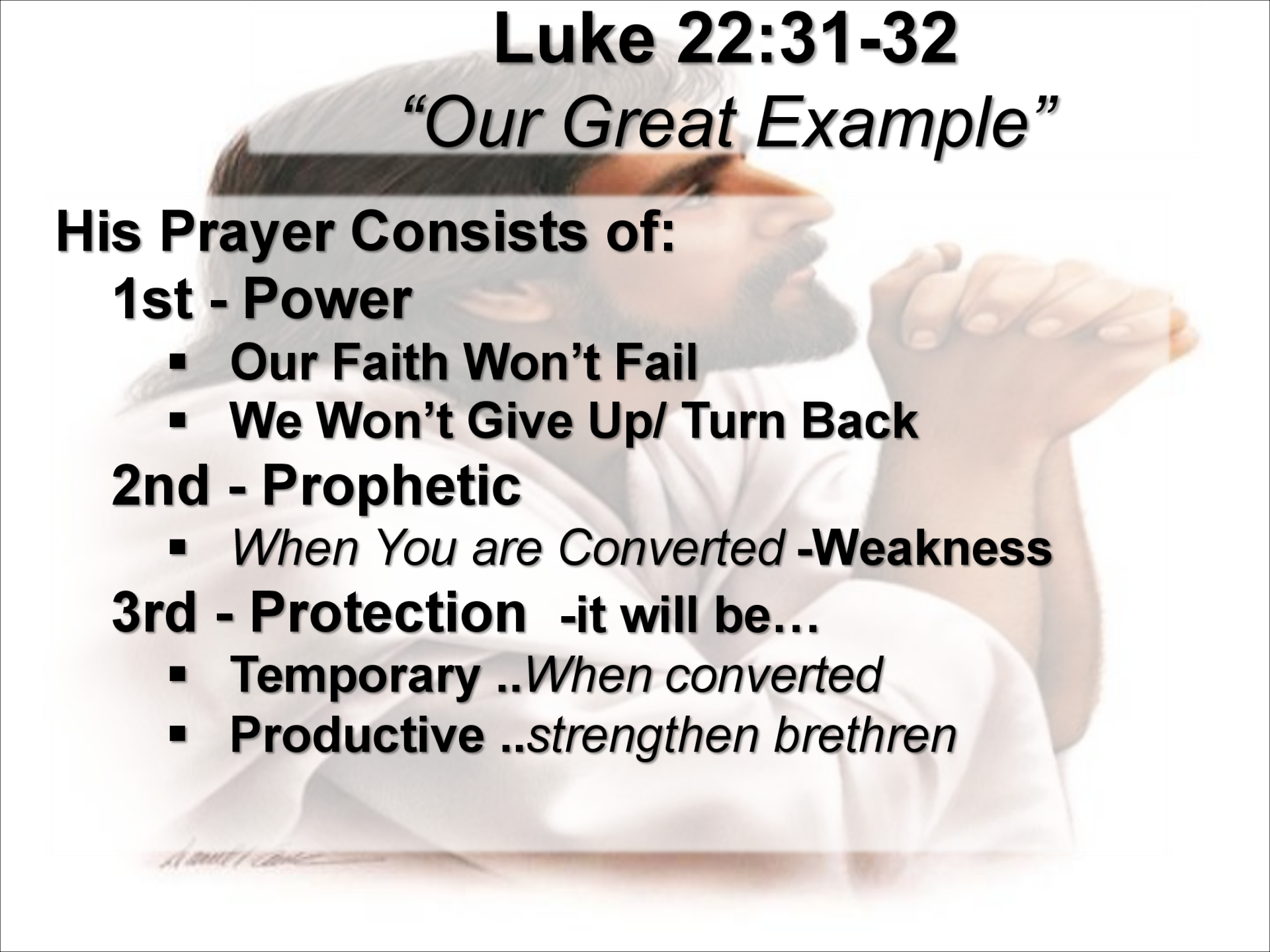
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This is Love on Its Knees

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#3- Jesus Caught Them There ...

"The Lord Came To His Own" (25)

- **Just In Time**
- **Darkest Hour**
- **Victorious Over Greatest Fear!**

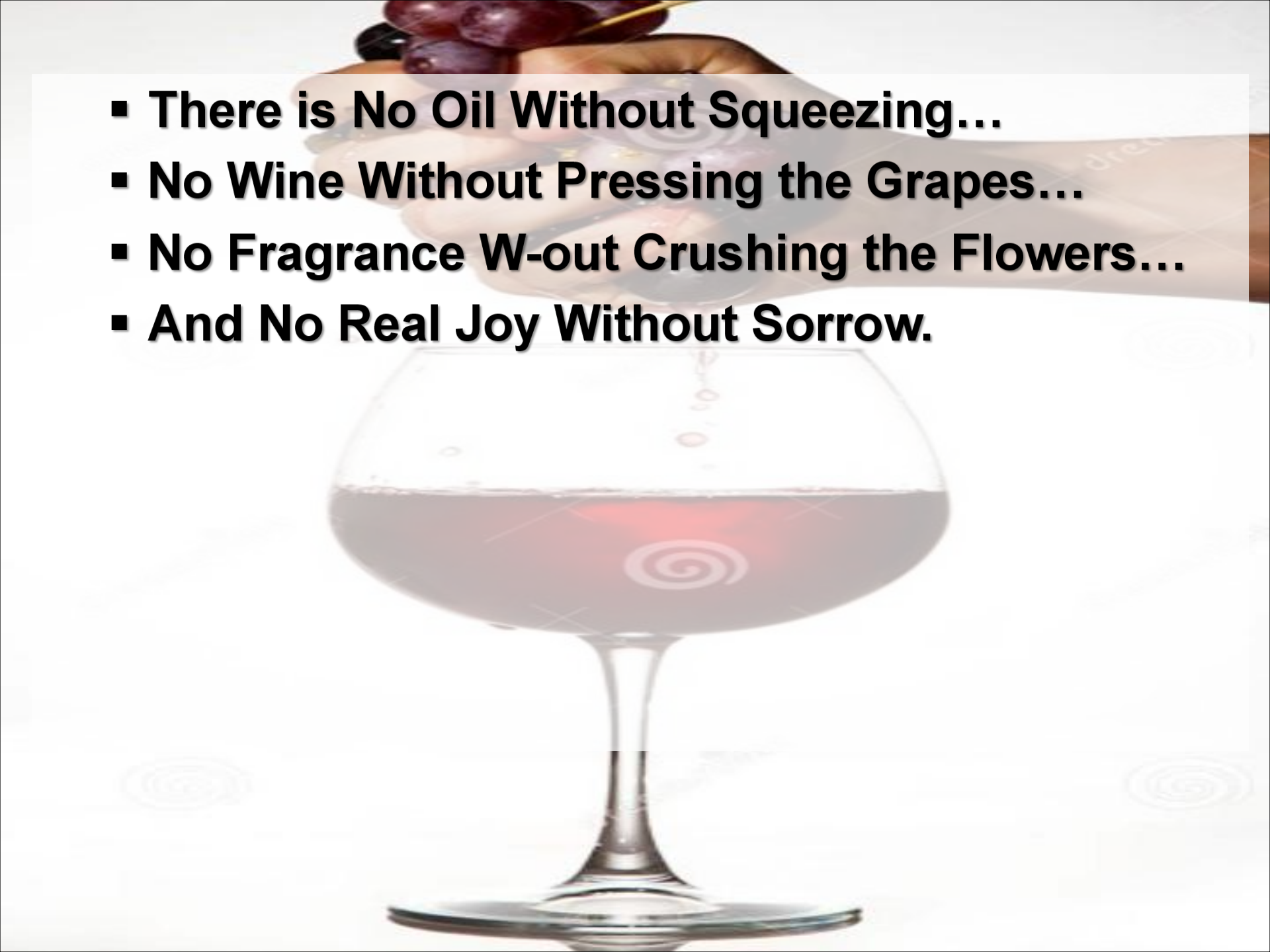
What They Feared...

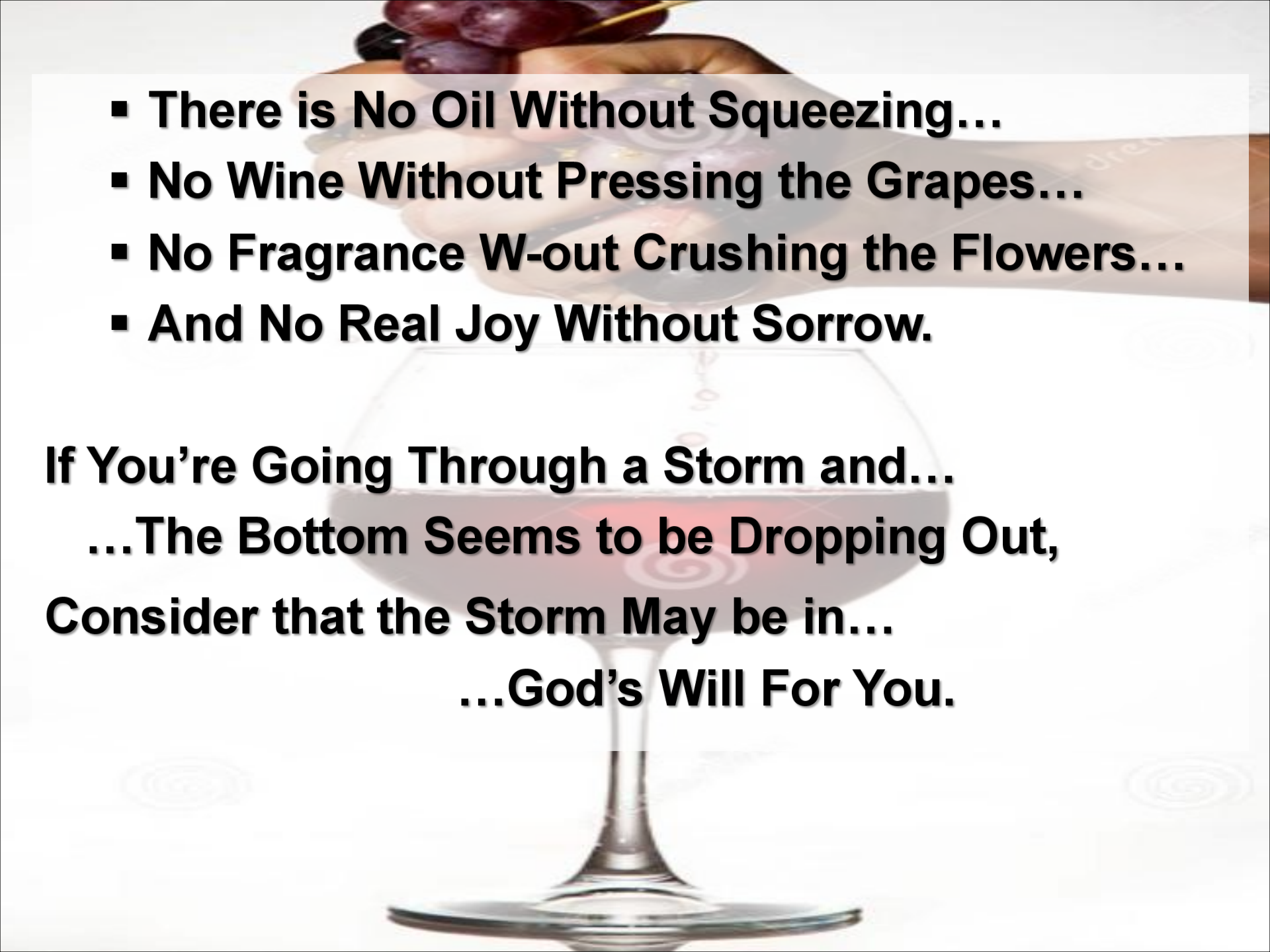
...Being Swallowed Up By the raging sea!

...He Reveals Himself Victorious Over It!

What is Your Fear Today ?



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- A background image showing a hand squeezing a bunch of purple grapes over a glass of red wine. The hand is positioned at the top, and the grapes are being crushed, with juice dripping into the glass below. The glass is partially filled with red wine. The background is a light, textured surface.
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If You're Going Through a Storm and...
...The Bottom Seems to be Dropping Out,
Consider that the Storm May be in...
...God's Will For You.

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school and life?

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a lesson and then given
a test. In life, you're
given a test that
teaches you a lesson.

~Tom Bodett



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Picture of Divine Power Meeting Human Need

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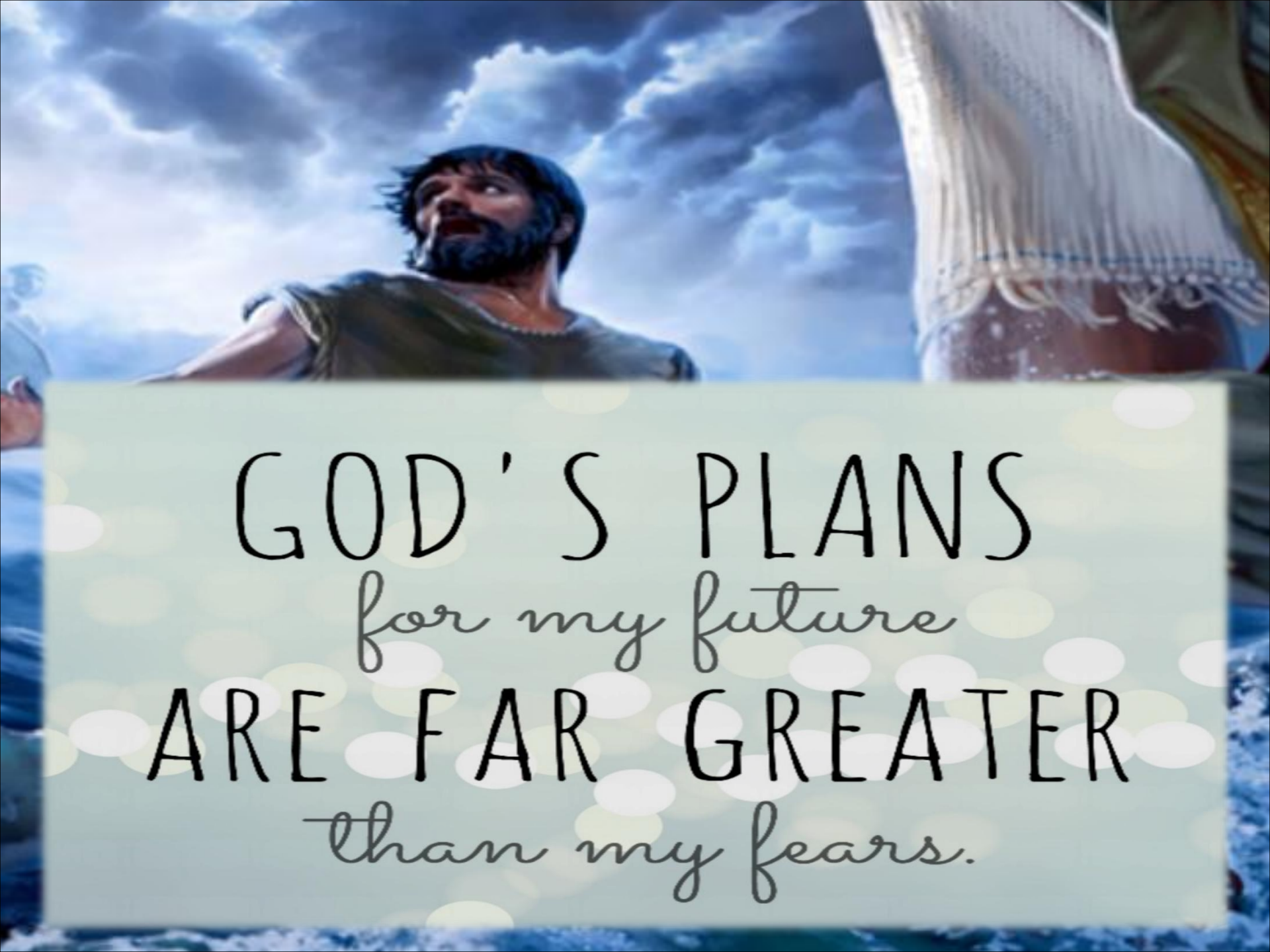
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Jesus Halted Two Storms that Day

- **W-Out –the Weather**
- **W-In –the Disciples**

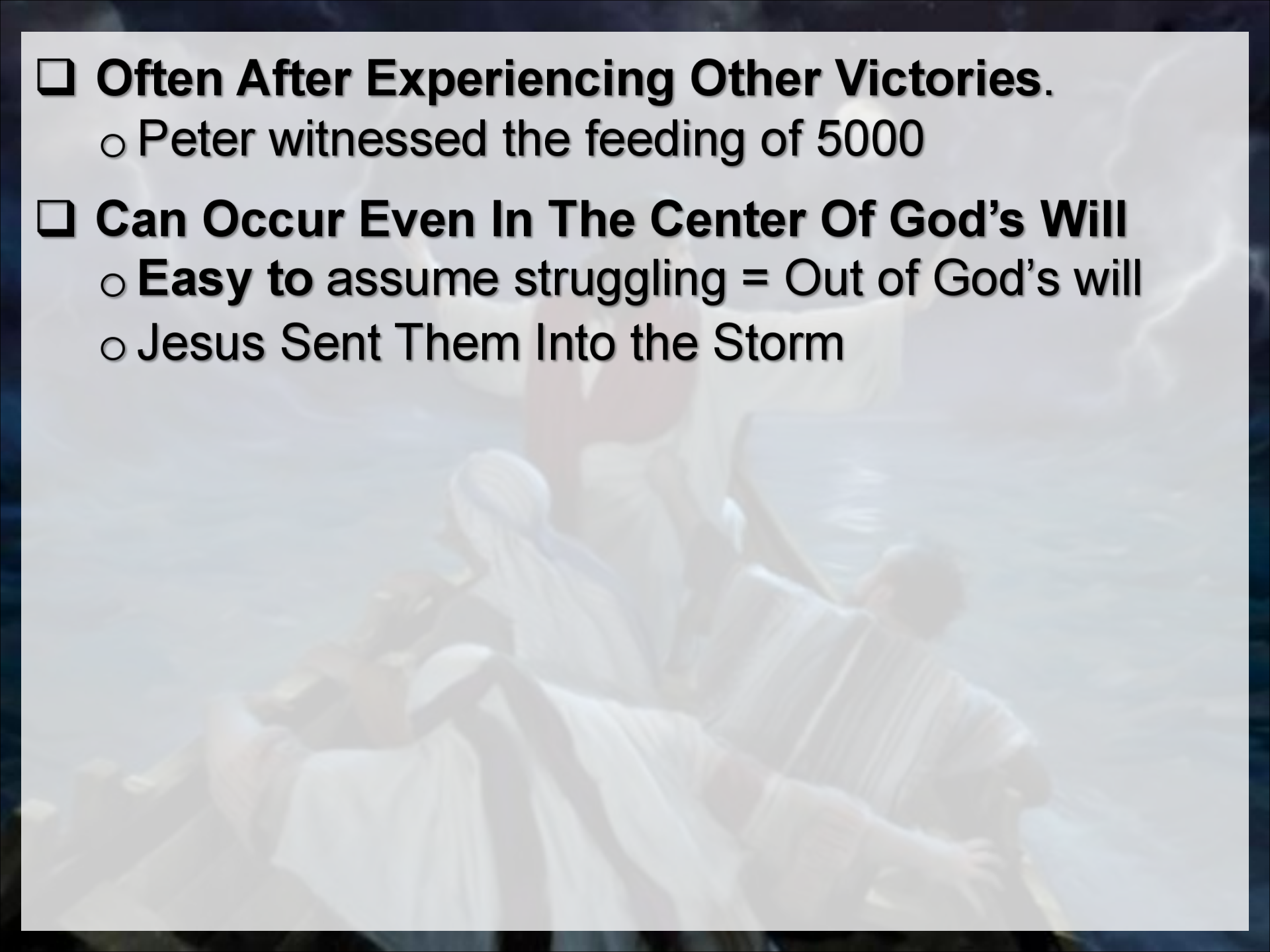


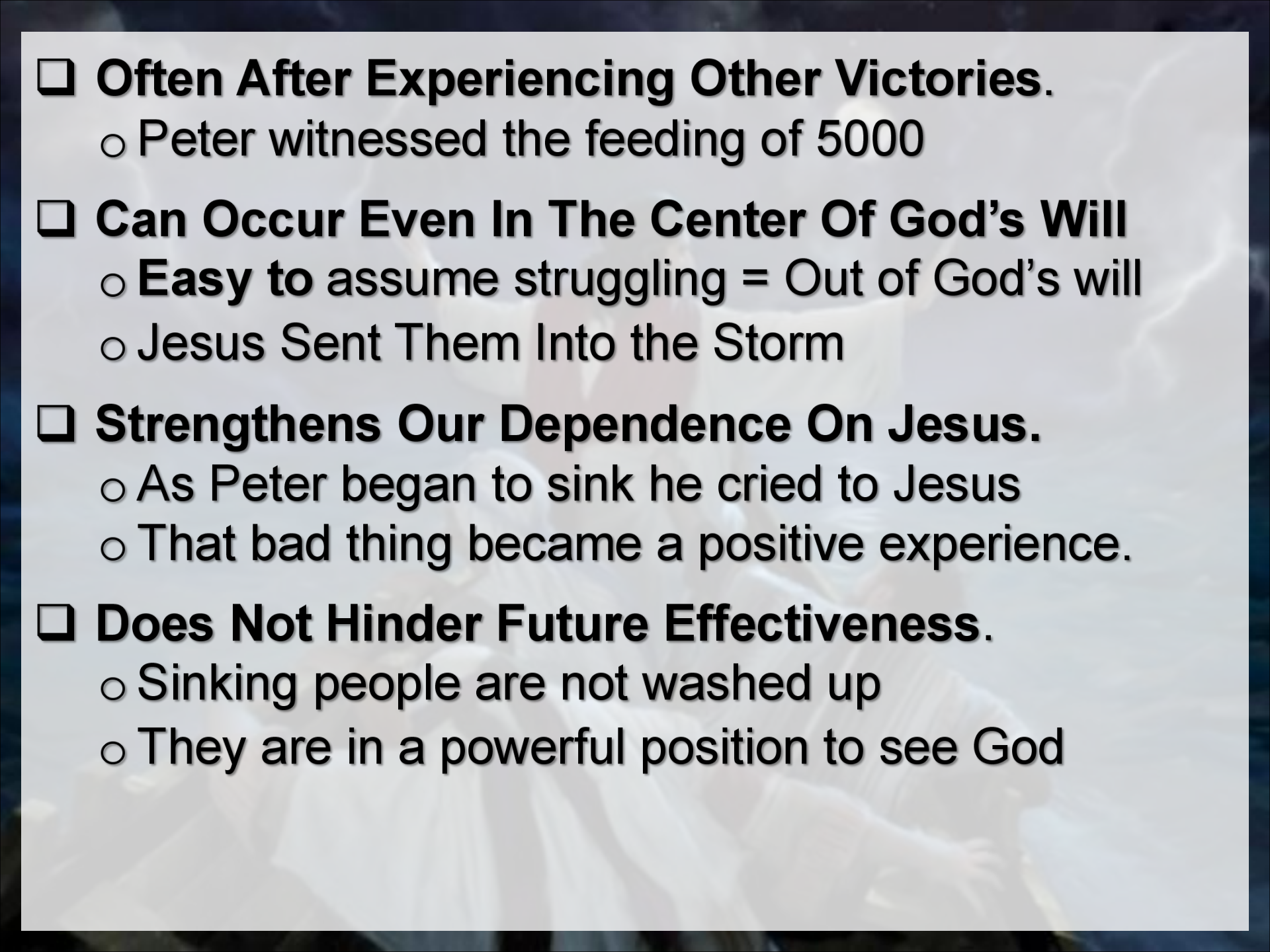
**We Have No Need to Fear
When the Bottom Drops Out
Jesus Steps Up**

A man with a dark beard and hair, wearing a simple tunic, looks upwards with a concerned expression. The sky is filled with dark, dramatic clouds, and a bright beam of light from a lighthouse on the right illuminates the scene. The text is overlaid on a semi-transparent light green rectangle.

GOD'S PLANS
for my future
ARE FAR GREATER
than my fears.



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 - ❑ **Strengthens Our Dependence On Jesus.**
 - As Peter began to sink he cried to Jesus
 - That bad thing became a positive experience.
 - ❑ **Does Not Hinder Future Effectiveness.**
 - Sinking people are not washed up
 - They are in a powerful position to see God