



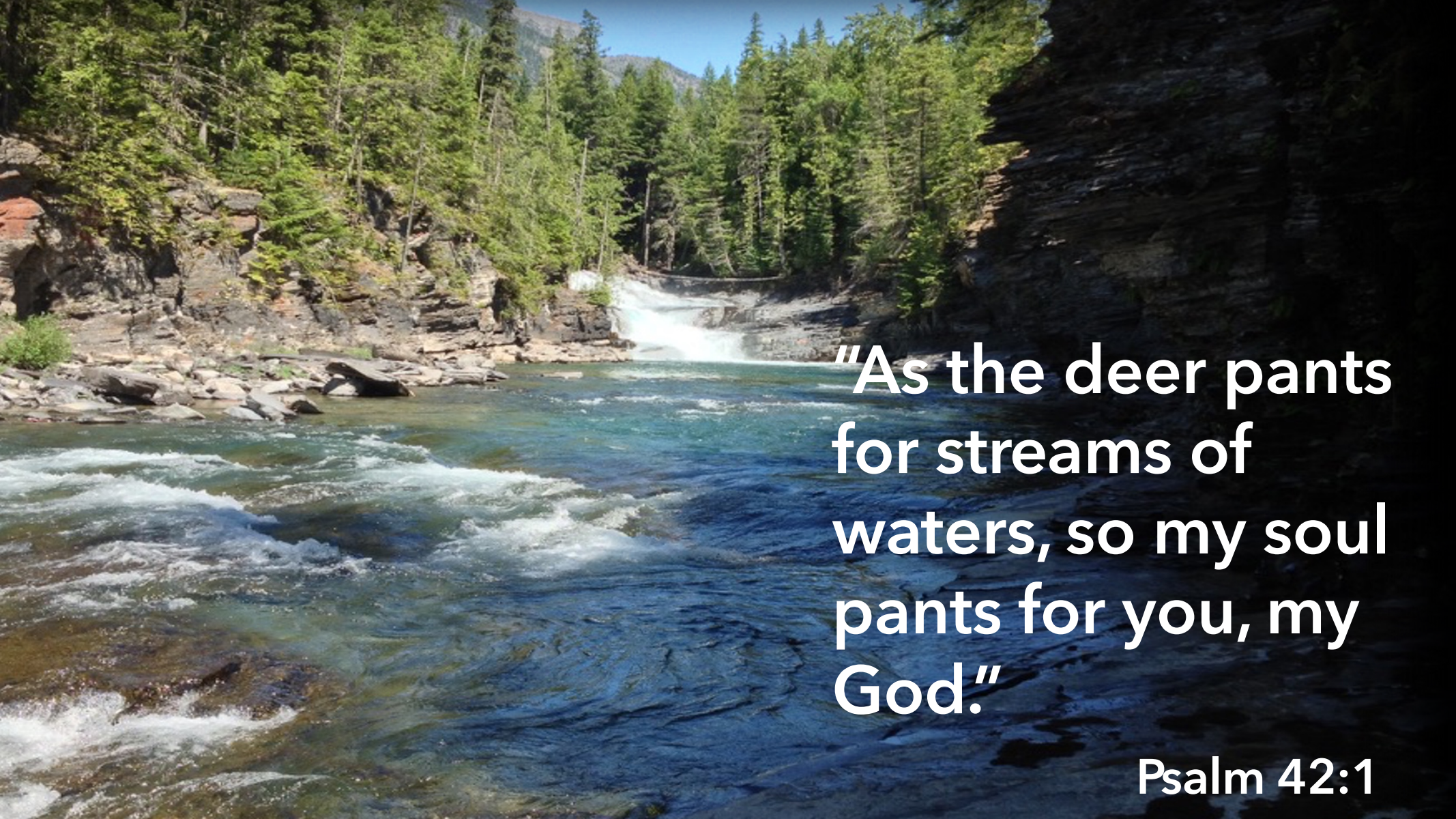
HOW THIRSTY ARE YOU?

Psalm 42:1-5; 63:1-5



Have you ever been thirsty?



A scenic view of a river with rapids and a waterfall, surrounded by dense evergreen forests and rocky cliffs. The water is a vibrant blue-green, and the surrounding landscape is lush with green trees and rugged rock formations. The scene is captured in bright daylight, with sunlight filtering through the trees.

**"As the deer pants
for streams of
waters, so my soul
pants for you, my
God."**

Psalms 42:1



How does one get that thirsty?

Knowledge and Desire

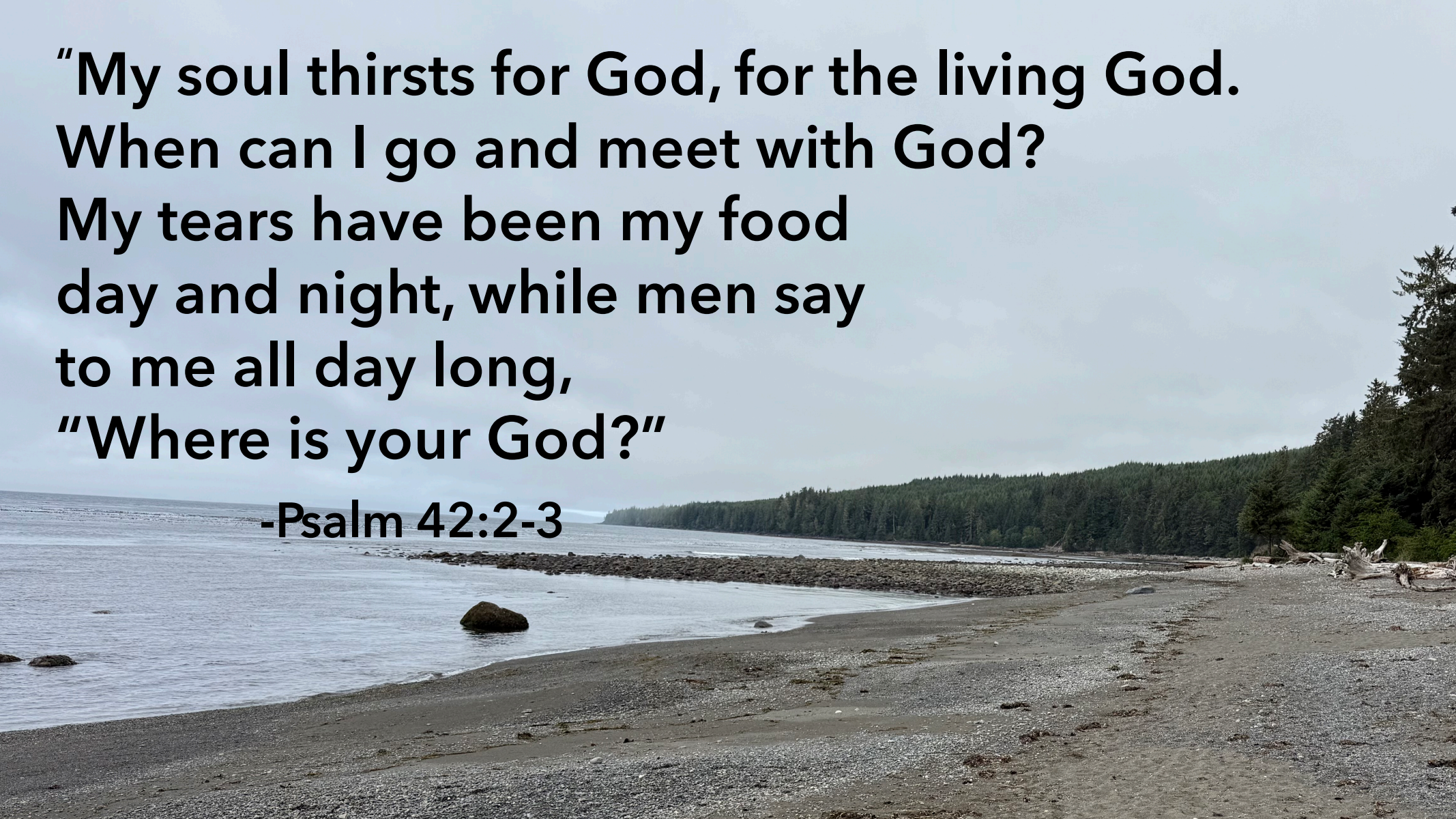


What happens
to our soul
when we don't
drink God's
living water?

We give an
opening to
the enemy to
taunt us. v3

**"My soul thirsts for God, for the living God.
When can I go and meet with God?
My tears have been my food
day and night, while men say
to me all day long,
"Where is your God?"**

-Psalm 42:2-3



The remedy?



We go to
God: the
source of
and giver
of life.

Problems we may encounter as 'faithful' Christians:

1. We've been present, but only in body, not in spirit.
 - a) We've been around God so long, He has become the status quo and we don't see, hear or acknowledge Him anymore.
 - b) We get lazy.



Problems we may encounter:

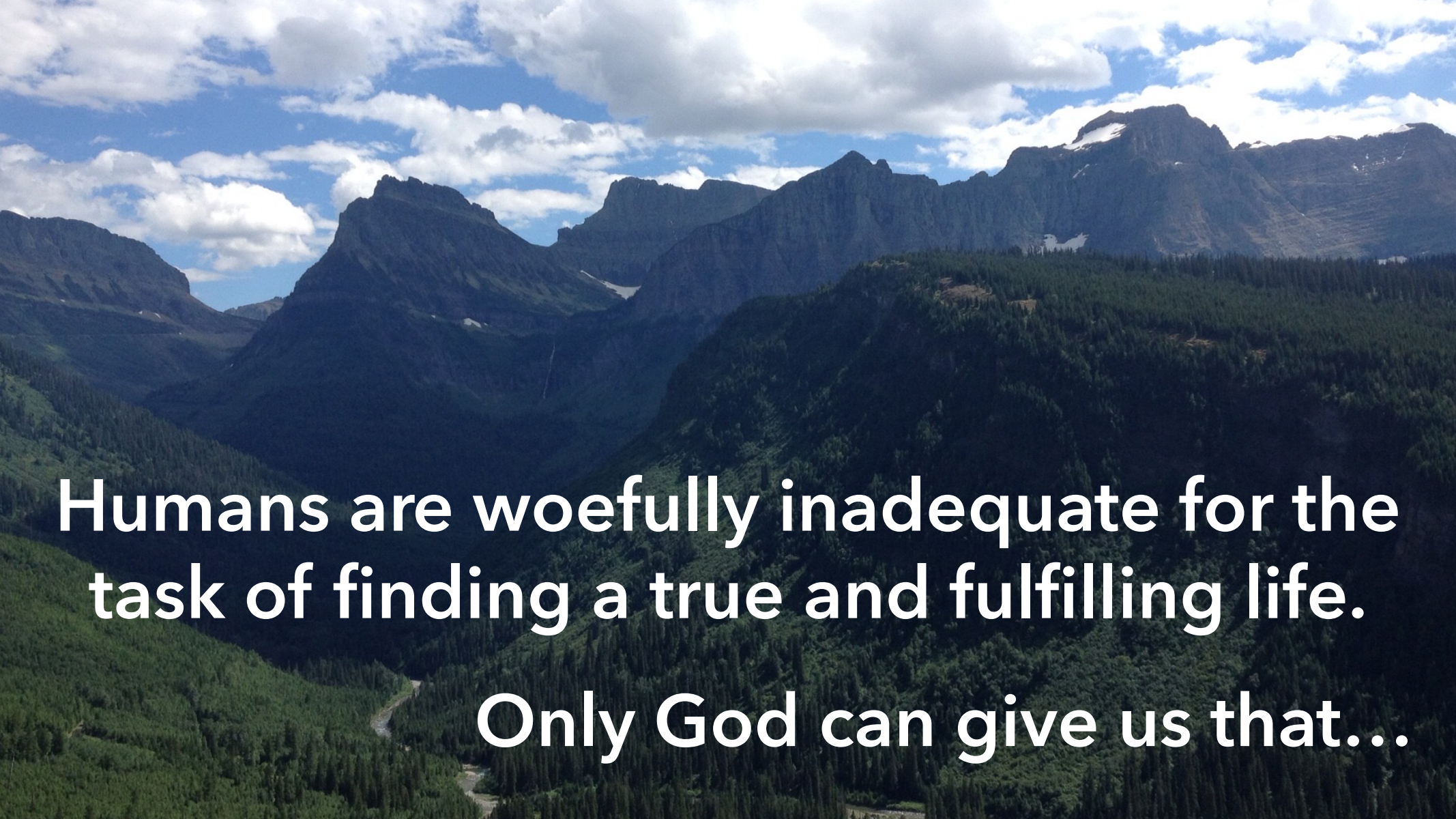
2. We let our schedule start dictate what we thought would be pleasurable, and slowly stop making church and worshipping with others a priority.
 - a) We're ashamed to go back and be seen.
 - b) We begin to believe it's not that important or valuable anymore.



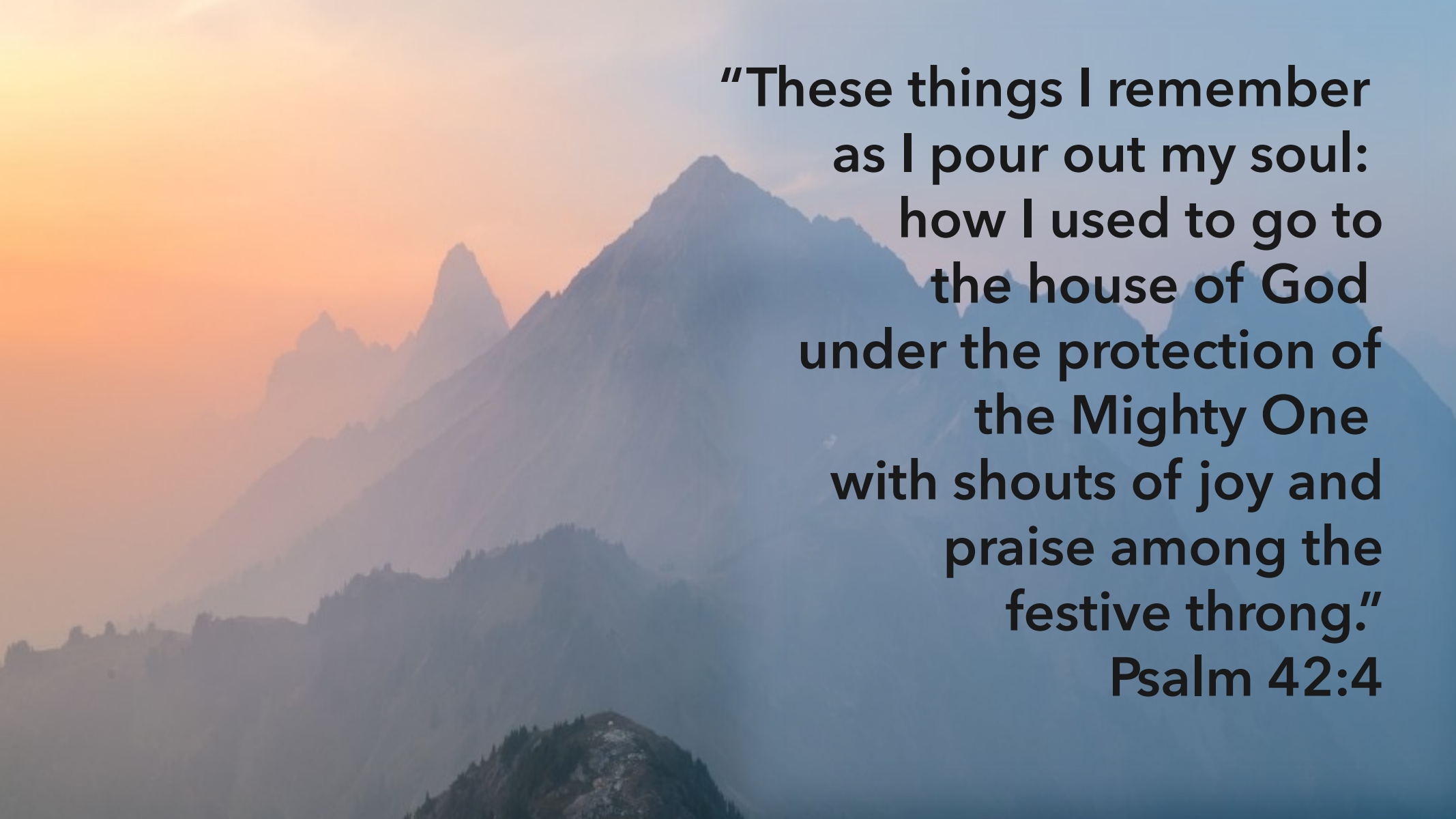
Problems we may encounter:

3. Or, we never really knew him:
 - a) We equate church with God.
 - b) We let peoples words and actions dictate who God is.
 - c) God scares us.
 - d) We don't want to believe He, or Truth, exist.
 - e) We think we don't know how to reach him.



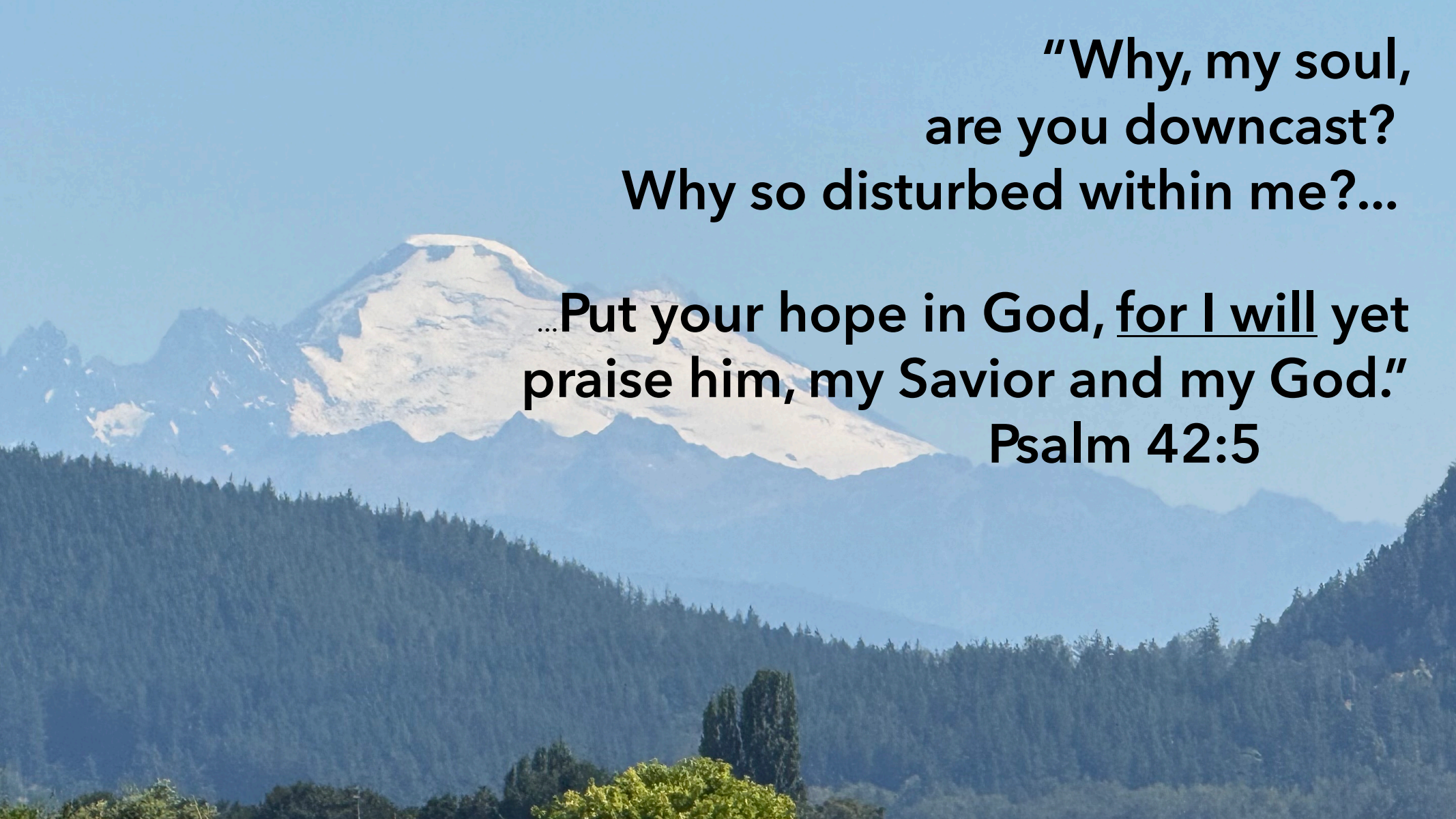


**Humans are woefully inadequate for the
task of finding a true and fulfilling life.
Only God can give us that...**



**"These things I remember
as I pour out my soul:
how I used to go to
the house of God
under the protection of
the Mighty One
with shouts of joy and
praise among the
festive throng."**

Psalm 42:4



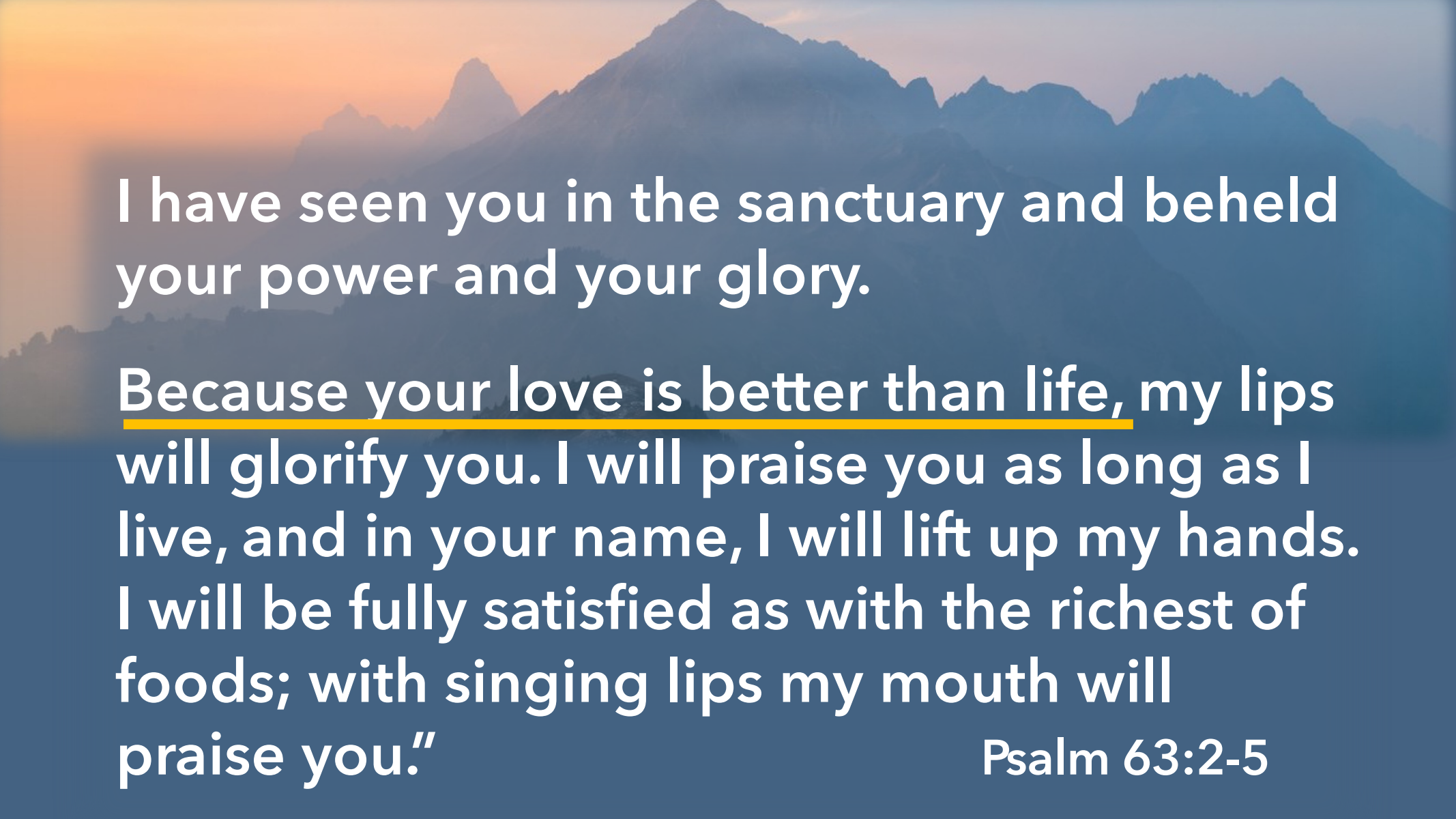
**"Why, my soul,
are you downcast?
Why so disturbed within me?..."**

**...Put your hope in God, for I will yet
praise him, my Savior and my God."
Psalm 42:5**



"You, God, are my God, earnestly I seek you;
I thirst for you, my whole being longs for you,
in a dry and parched land where there is no water.

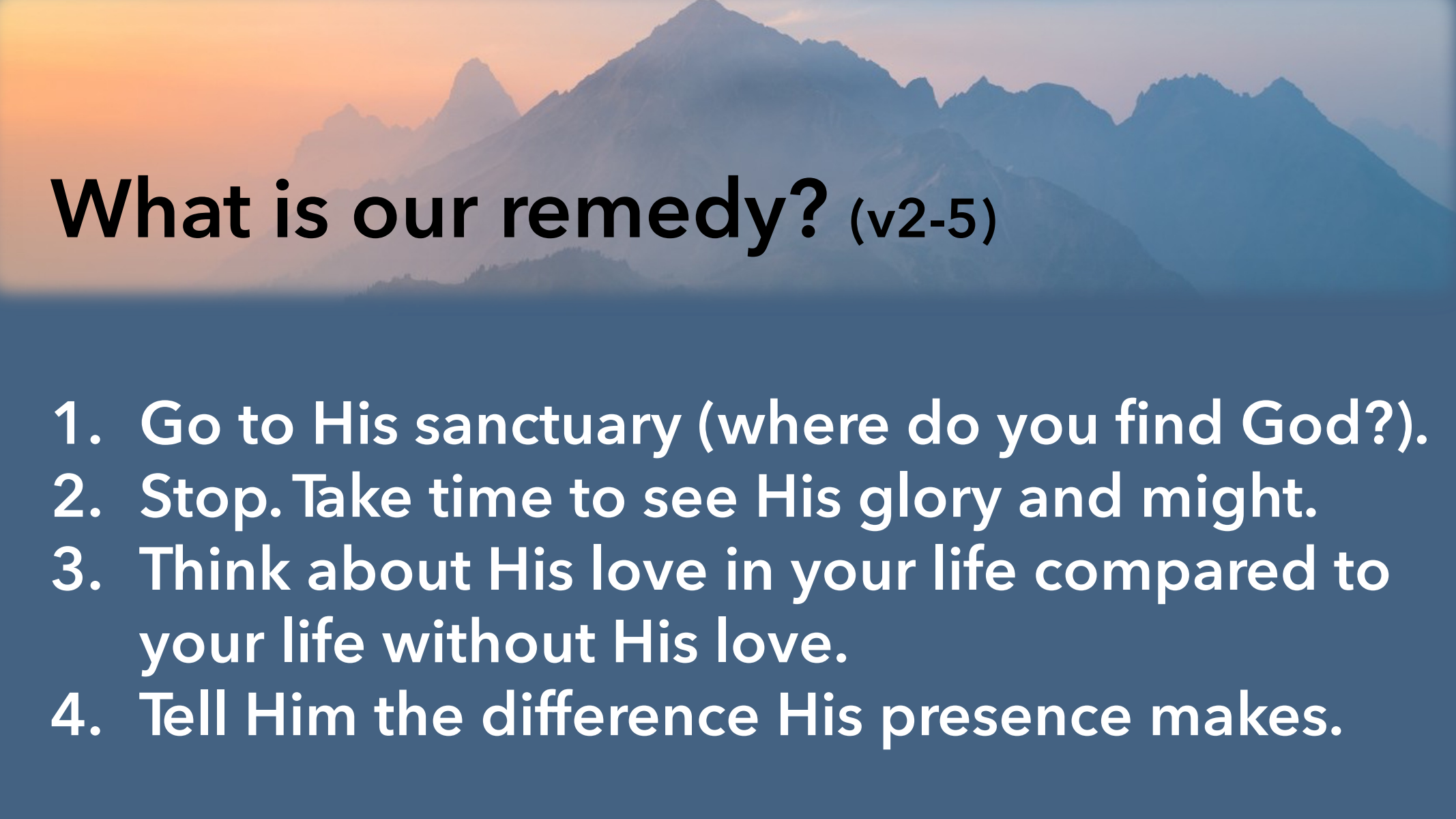
Psalm 63:1



I have seen you in the sanctuary and beheld
your power and your glory.

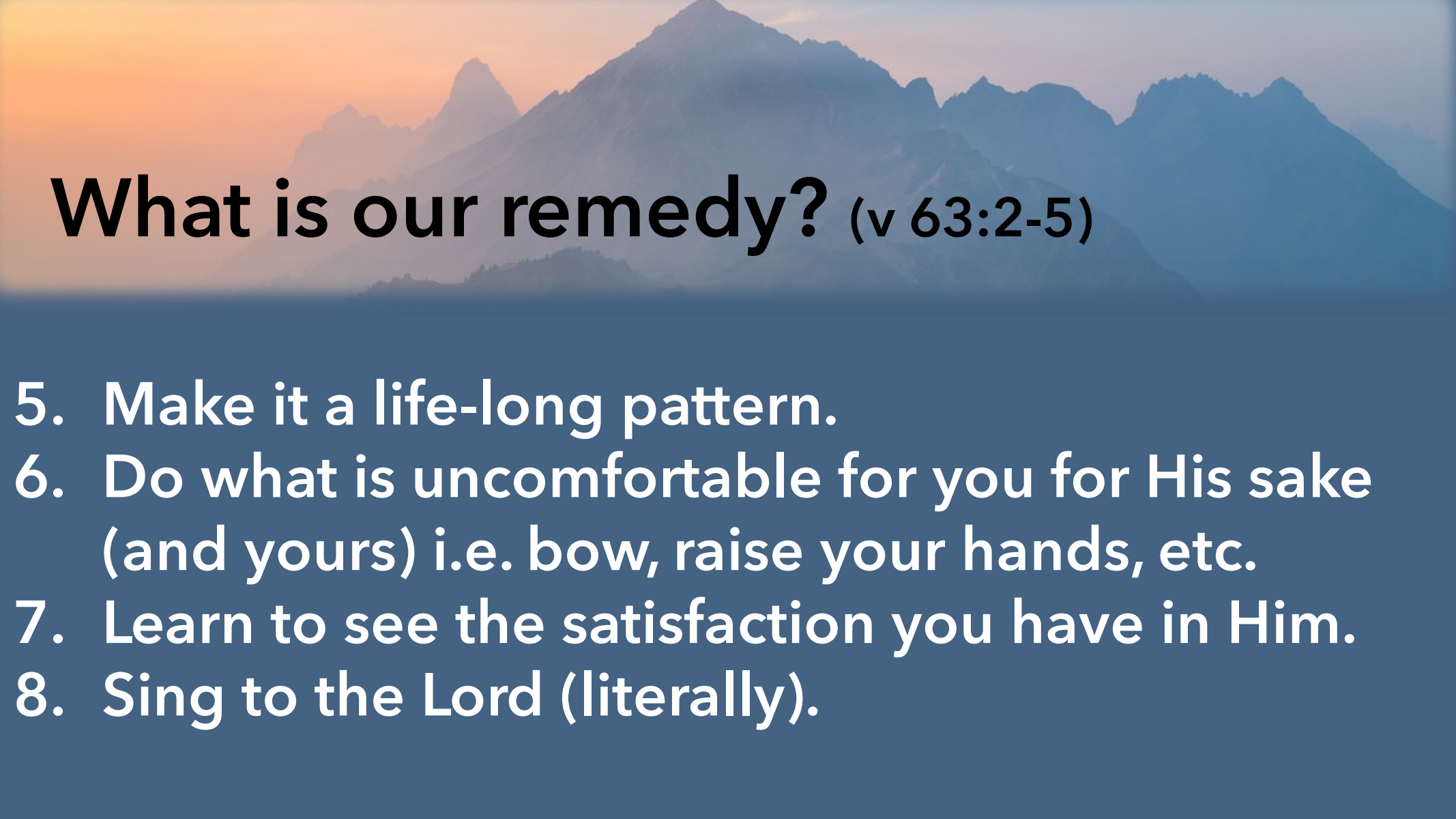
Because your love is better than life, my lips
will glorify you. I will praise you as long as I
live, and in your name, I will lift up my hands.
I will be fully satisfied as with the richest of
foods; with singing lips my mouth will
praise you."

Psalms 63:2-5



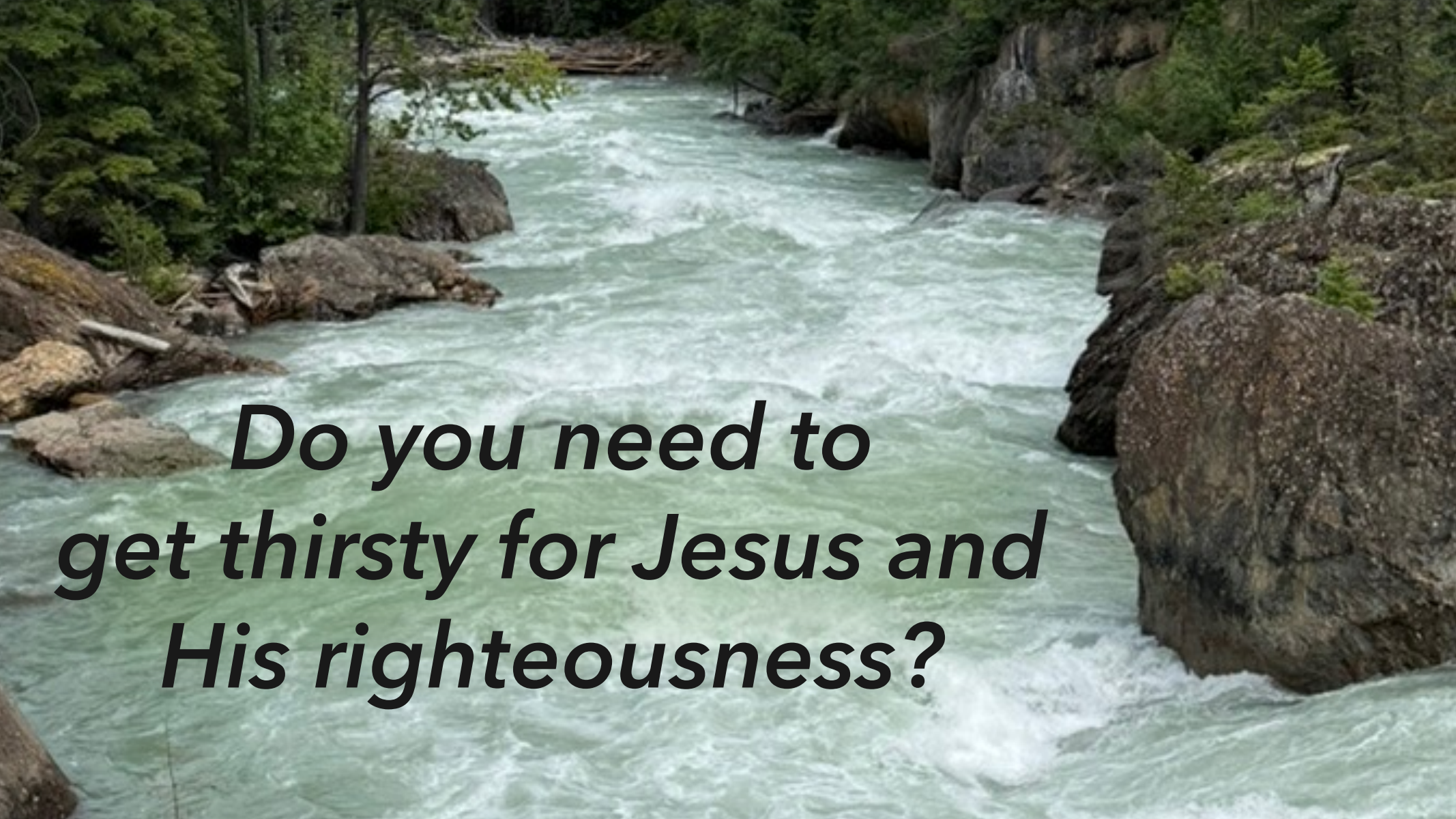
What is our remedy? (v2-5)

1. Go to His sanctuary (where do you find God?).
2. Stop. Take time to see His glory and might.
3. Think about His love in your life compared to your life without His love.
4. Tell Him the difference His presence makes.

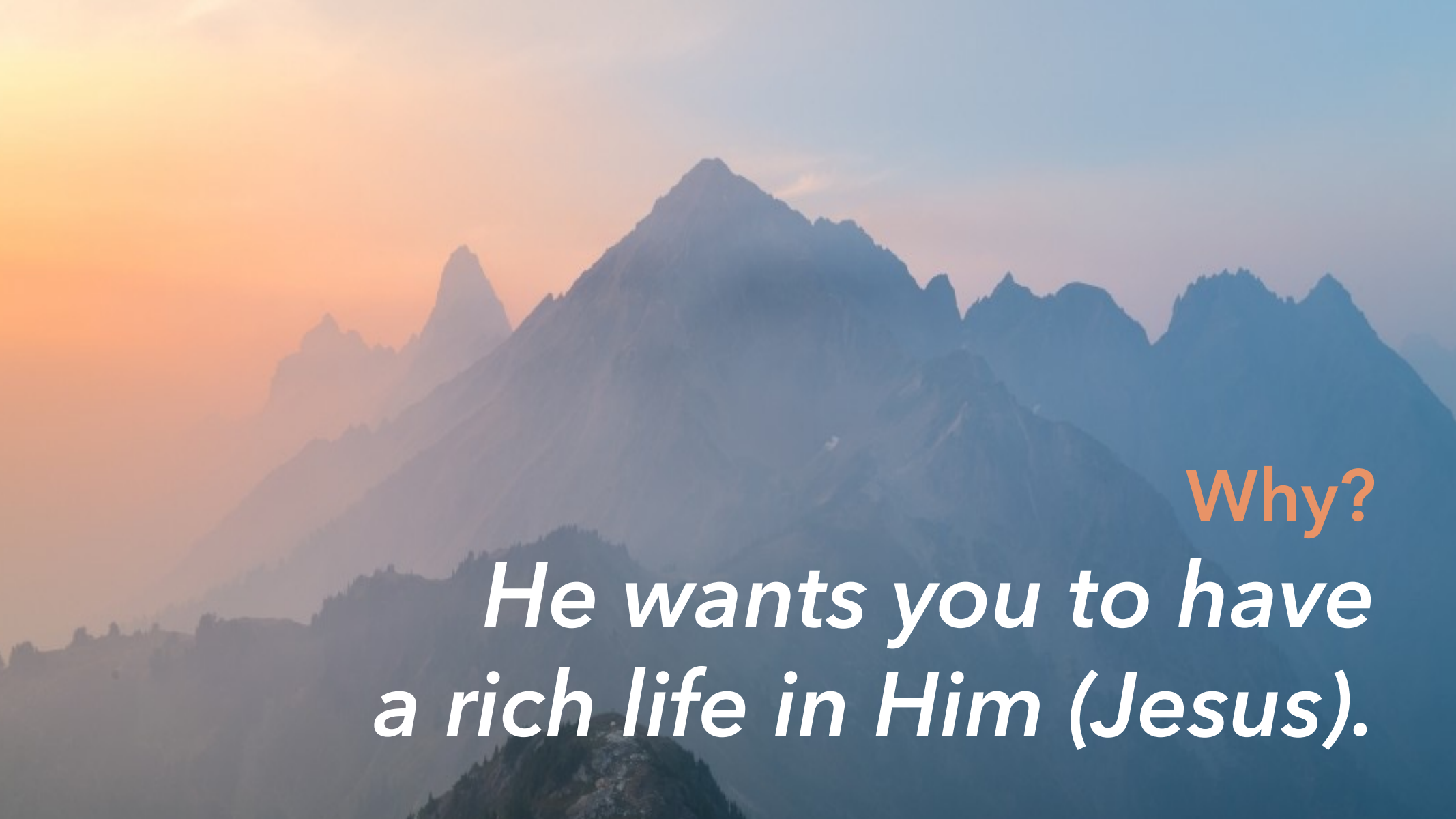


What is our remedy? (v 63:2-5)

5. Make it a life-long pattern.
6. Do what is uncomfortable for you for His sake (and yours) i.e. bow, raise your hands, etc.
7. Learn to see the satisfaction you have in Him.
8. Sing to the Lord (literally).

A scenic photograph of a river with white-water rapids. The water is a milky, light green color, churning and splashing as it flows over dark, jagged rocks. The river is flanked by dense green forests on both sides. The lighting is natural, suggesting a bright day. The overall mood is one of wild, untamed nature.

***Do you need to
get thirsty for Jesus and
His righteousness?***



Why?

*He wants you to have
a rich life in Him (Jesus).*