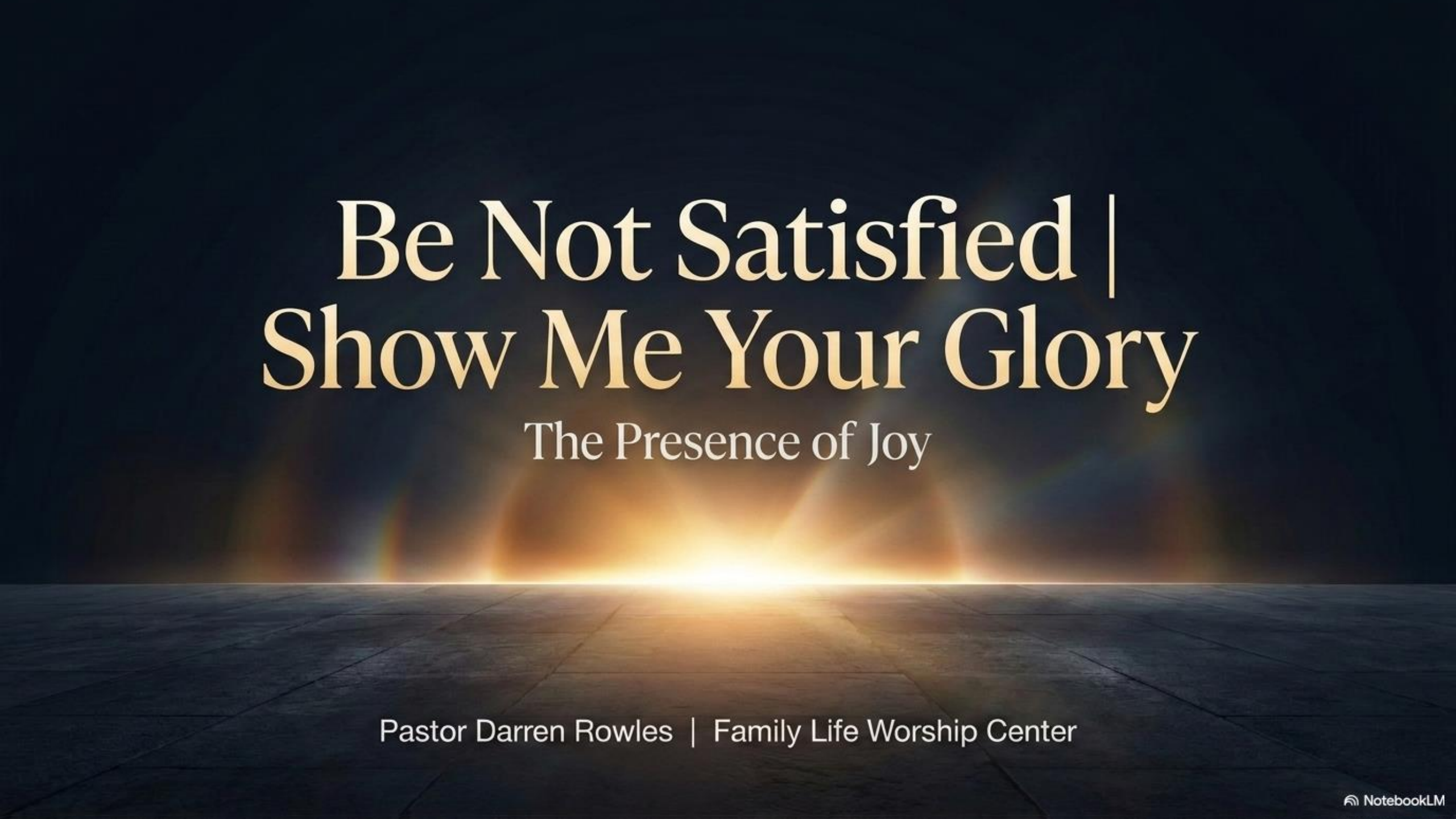




Be Not Satisfied | Show Me Your Glory

The Presence of Joy

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A dual meaning of presence.

Presence (The State of Being)

The emotional or atmospheric reality.

Is joy present in your life?

The Presence (The Divine Almighty)

The tangible, weighty reality of Almighty God.

Where the Lord is present, joy is present.

The Principle of Transposition

Definition:

Transposition occurs whenever a higher, richer reality reproduces itself in a lower, more limited medium (C.S. Lewis).

The Mechanics:

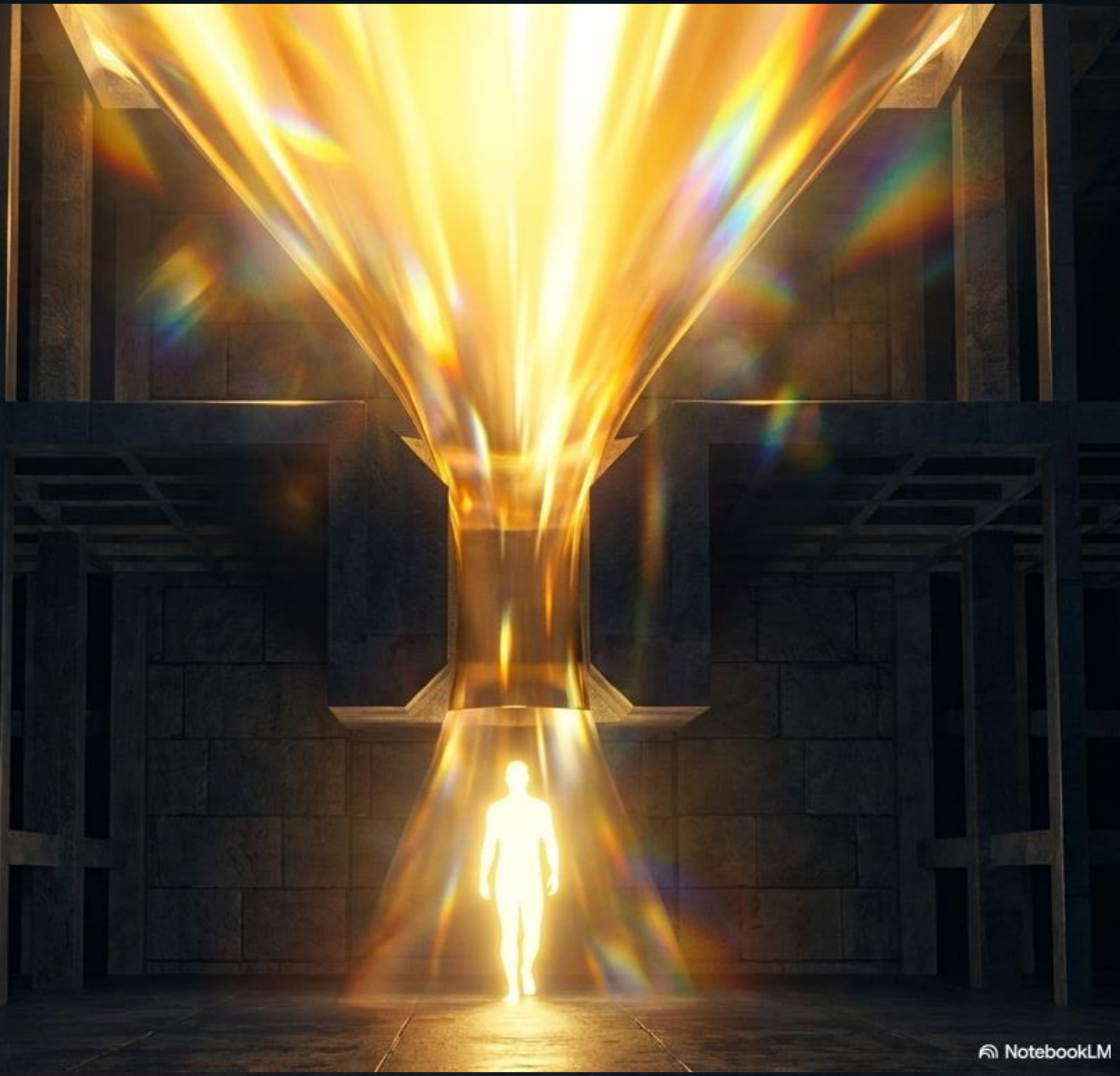
The lower medium struggles to comprehend the complexity of the higher. It lacks the vocabulary to contain it fully, but that does not make the higher reality any less true.



The infinite compressed into the finite.

*“And the Word became flesh,
and dwelt among us...” (John 1:14)*

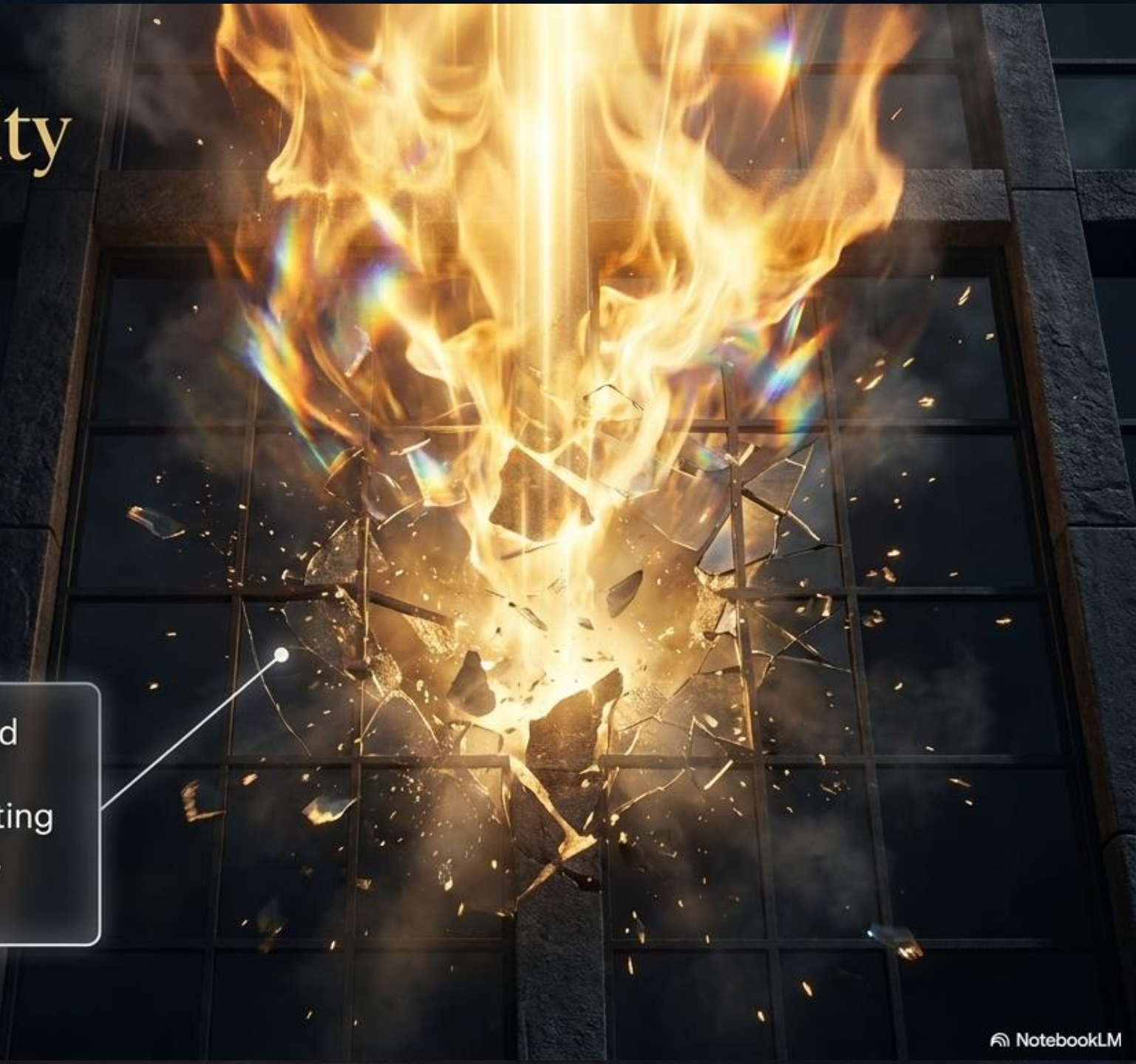
The Infinite God humbled Himself,
condensing His richer, greater
magnitude into our lower human reality.
He did this so that we, existing in the
lower reality, could finally know Him.



When a higher reality hits a lower reality, it appears strange.

“I will pour out My Spirit on all mankind...” (Joel 2:28)

The events of Pentecost (Acts 2) sounded chaotic and strange to the natural ear. We should not expect the Divine interacting with the Natural to produce only normal, familiar, comfortable human results.



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The treadmill of earthly dissatisfaction.

One More Rep

Chasing the PB / Personal Record

Super Bowl Rings

The Tom Brady mentality — never losing the fire.

Net Worth & Assets

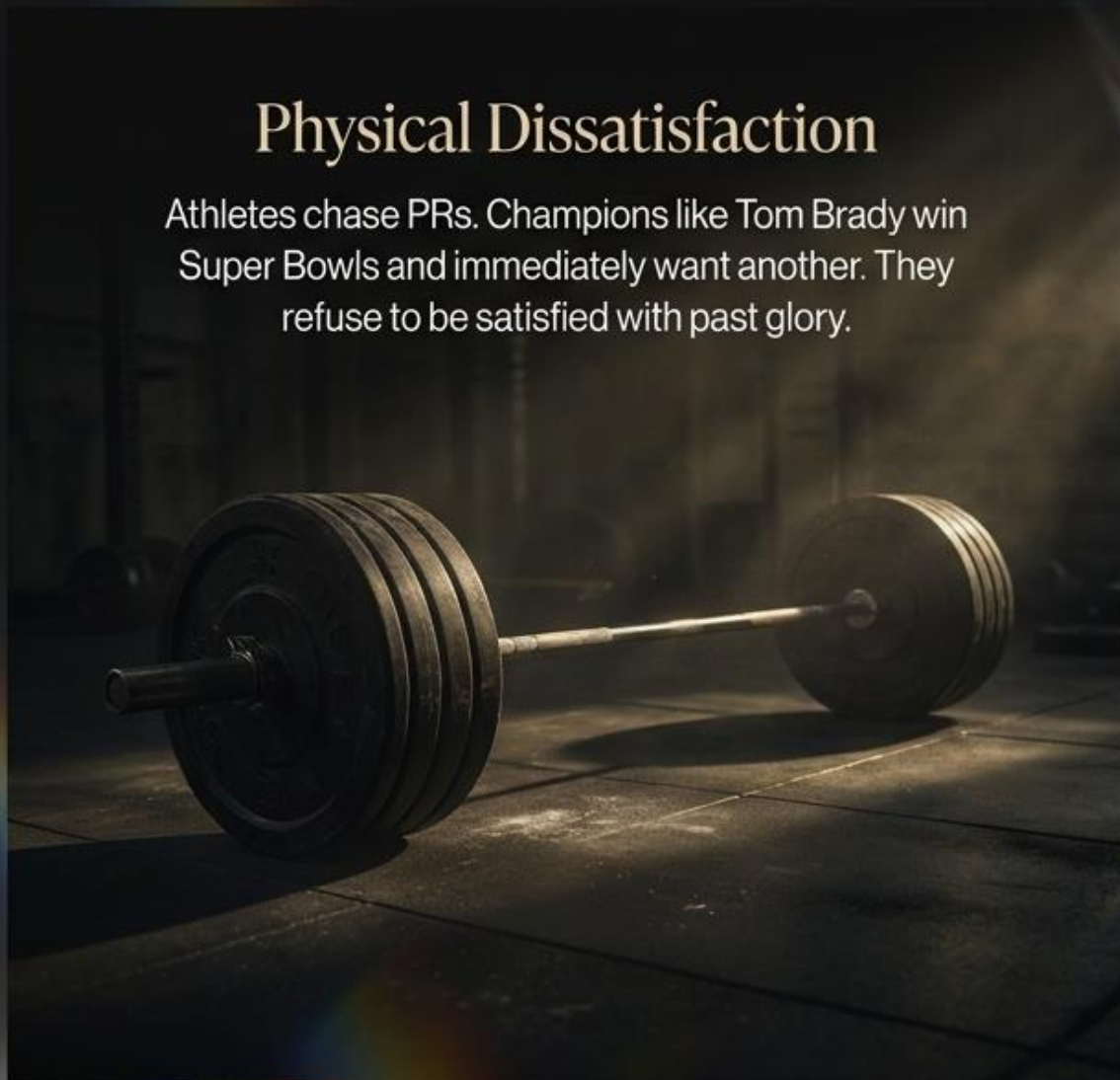
One more zero, one more property.

We are fundamentally insatiable creatures. There is a "good dissatisfaction" that fuels us to not quit and raise the status quo — but if applied only to earthly things, it leaves us perpetually exhausted.

The relentless pursuit of “One More Rep.”

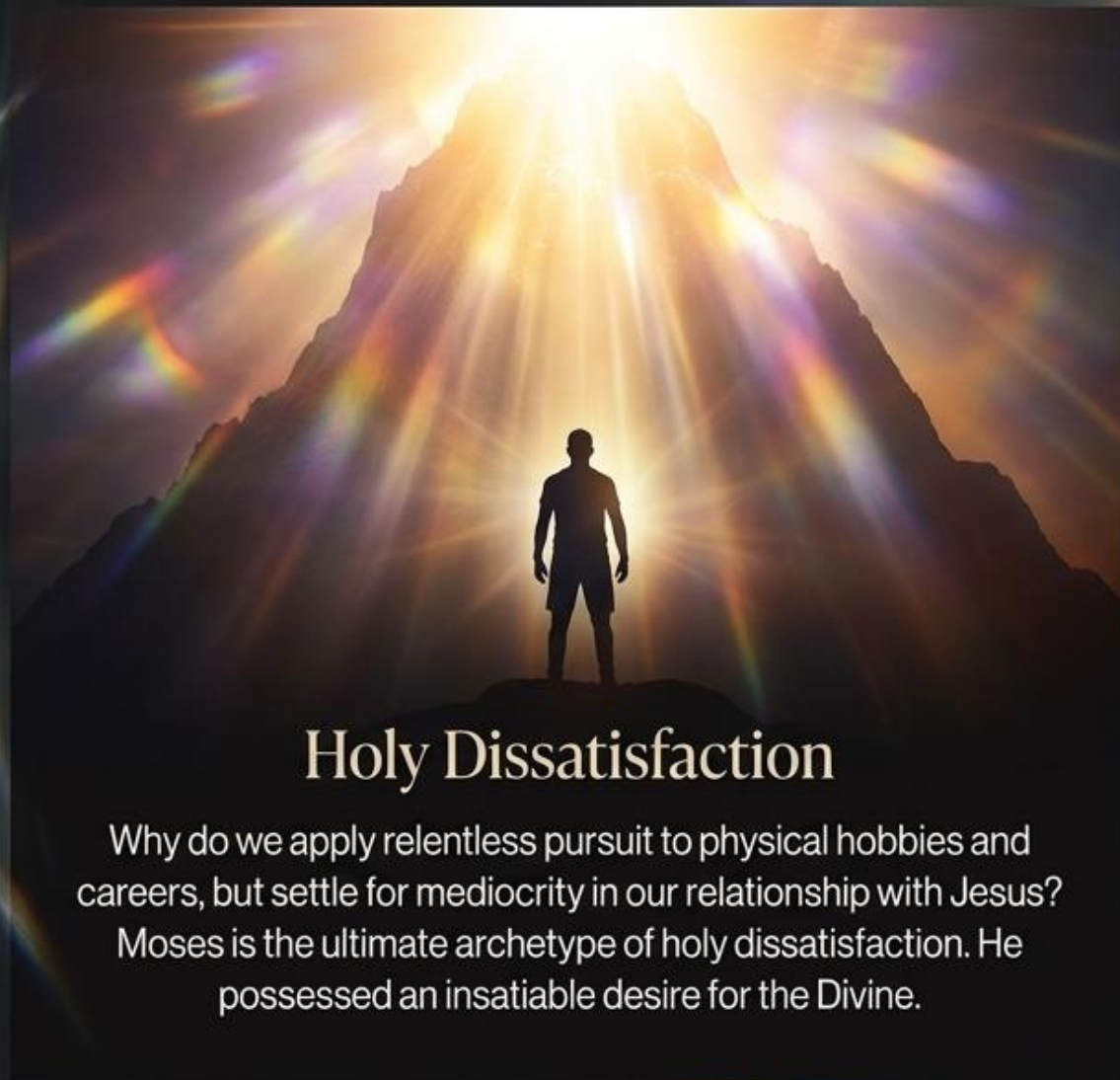
Physical Dissatisfaction

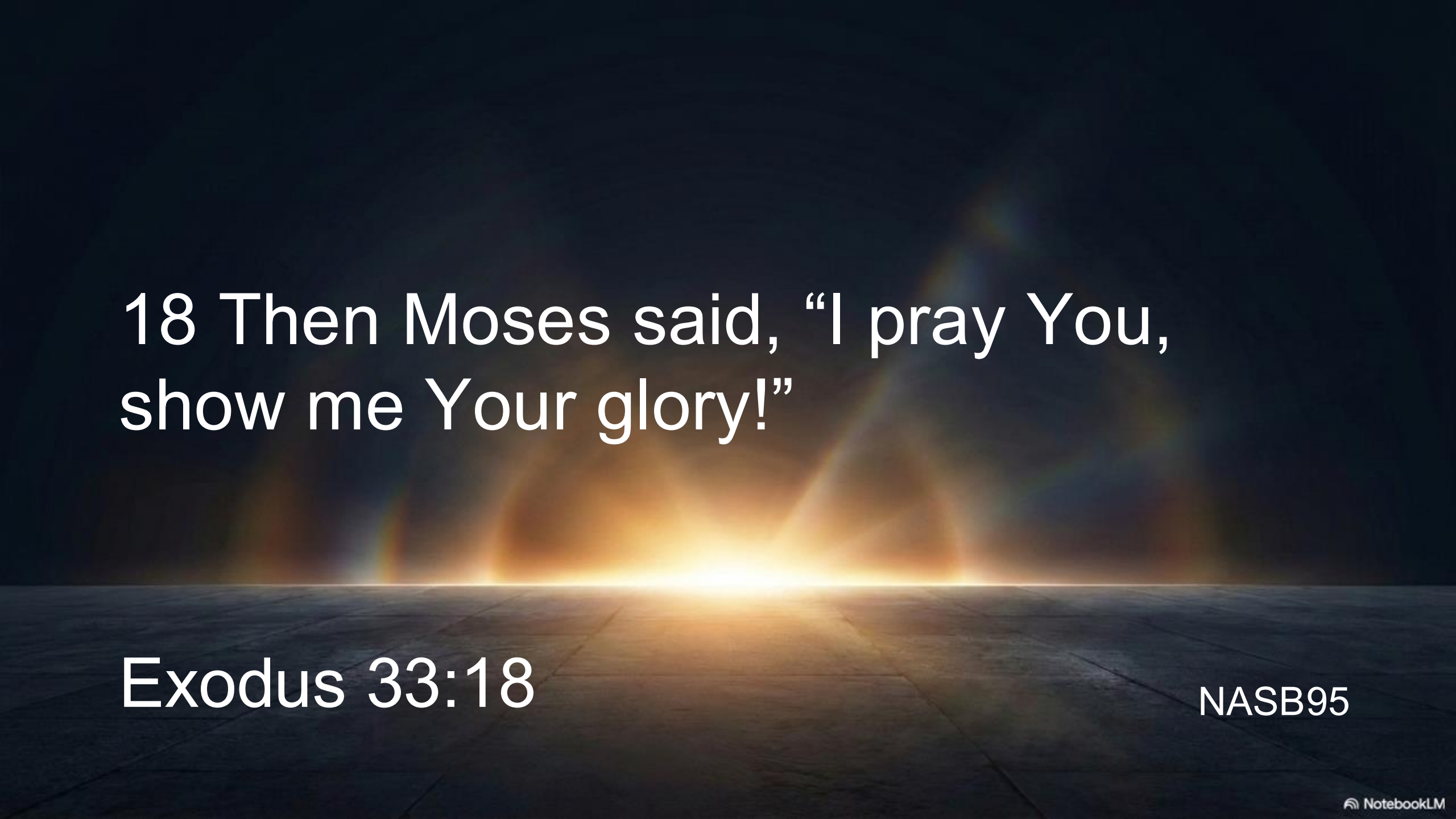
Athletes chase PRs. Champions like Tom Brady win Super Bowls and immediately want another. They refuse to be satisfied with past glory.



Holy Dissatisfaction

Why do we apply relentless pursuit to physical hobbies and careers, but settle for mediocrity in our relationship with Jesus? Moses is the ultimate archetype of holy dissatisfaction. He possessed an insatiable desire for the Divine.





18 Then Moses said, “I pray You,
show me Your glory!”

Exodus 33:18

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18 All the people perceived the thunder and the lightning flashes and the sound of the trumpet and the mountain smoking; and when the people saw it, they trembled and stood at a distance.

19 Then they said to Moses, “Speak to us yourself and we will listen; but let not God speak to us, or we will die.”

Exodus 20:18–19

NASB95

12 The Lord said to Moses, “Come up to me on the mountain and wait there, that I may give you the tablets of stone, with the law and the commandment, which I have written for their instruction.”

Exodus 24:12

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1 Now when the people saw that Moses delayed to come down from the mountain, the people assembled about Aaron and said to him, "Come, make us a god who will go before us; as for this Moses, the man who brought us up from the land of Egypt, we do not know what has become of him."

Exodus 32:1

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7 Now Moses used to take the tent and pitch it outside the camp, a good distance from the camp, and he called it the tent of meeting. And everyone who sought the Lord would go out to the tent of meeting which was outside the camp.

8 And it came about, whenever Moses went out to the tent, that all the people would arise and stand, each at the entrance of his tent, and gaze after Moses until he entered the tent.

9 Whenever Moses entered the tent, the pillar of cloud would descend and stand at the entrance of the tent; and the Lord would speak with Moses.

Exodus 33:7–18

10 When all the people saw the pillar of cloud standing at the entrance of the tent, all the people would arise and worship, each at the entrance of his tent.

11 Thus the Lord used to speak to Moses face to face, just as a man speaks to his friend. When Moses returned to the camp, his servant Joshua, the son of Nun, a young man, would not depart from the tent.

12 Then Moses said to the Lord, “See, You say to me, ‘Bring up this people!’ But You Yourself have not let me know whom You will send with me. Moreover, You have said, ‘I have known you by name, and you have also found favor in My sight.’

Exodus 33:7–18

NASB95

13 “Now therefore, I pray You, if I have found favor in Your sight, let me know Your ways that I may know You, so that I may find favor in Your sight. Consider too, that this nation is Your people.”

14 And He said, “My presence shall go with you, and I will give you rest.”

15 Then he said to Him, “If Your presence does not go with us, do not lead us up from here.”

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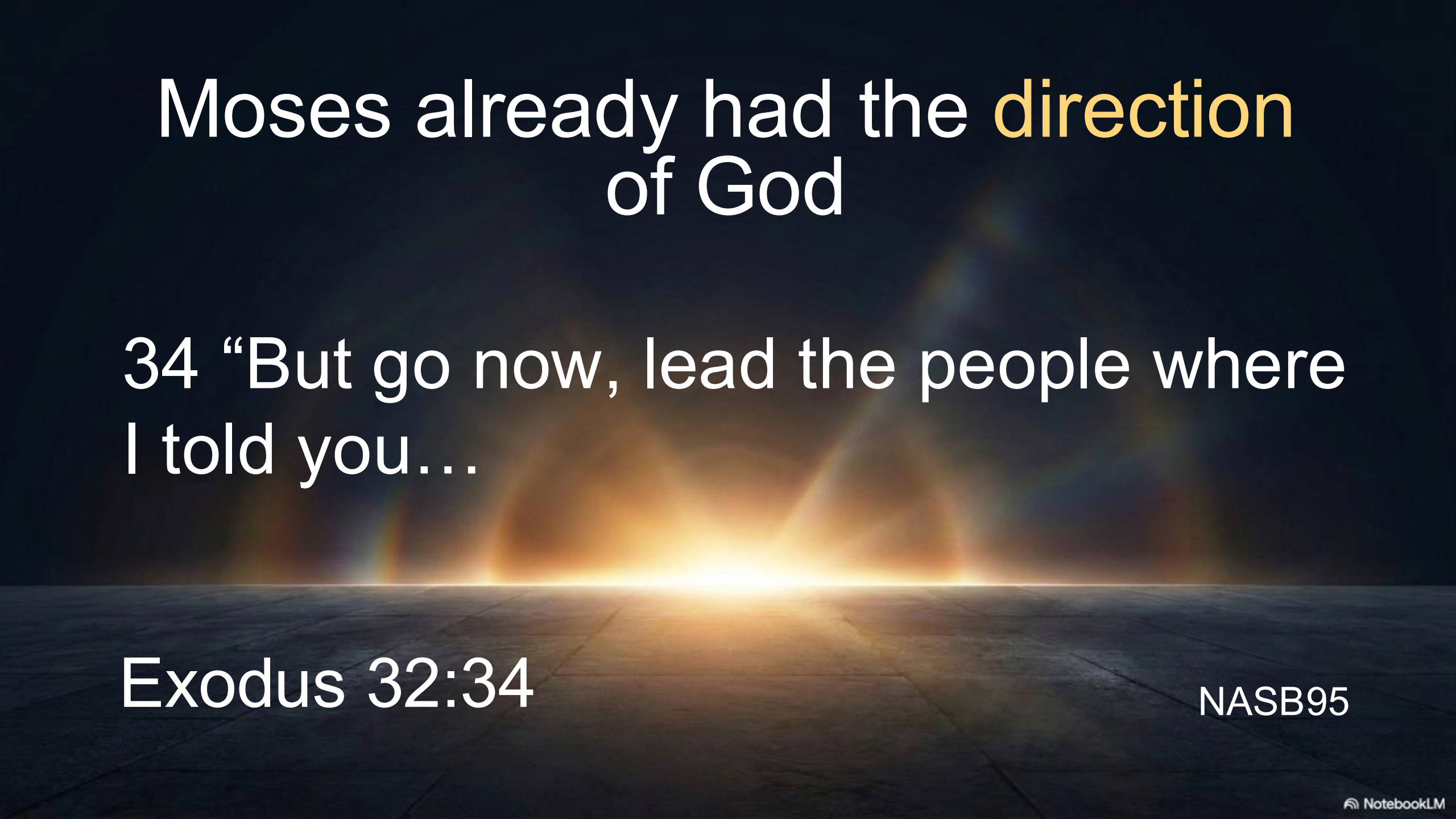
16 “For how then can it be known that I have found favor in Your sight, I and Your people? Is it not by Your going with us, so that we, I and Your people, may be distinguished from all the other people who are upon the face of the earth?”

17 The Lord said to Moses, “I will also do this thing of which you have spoken; for you have found favor in My sight and I have known you by name.”

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Exodus 33:7–18

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Moses already had the **direction**
of God

34 “But go now, lead the people where
I told you....

Exodus 32:34

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Moses already had the **promise** of
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Exodus 33:14

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Exodus 33:17

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Most believers stop climbing far too early.

The Hook: Most of us just want direction, a promise, or a little affirmation. Moses had all of it—and still demanded more.

1. Direction

"Lead the people where I told you..." (Ex 32:34).

2. Promise

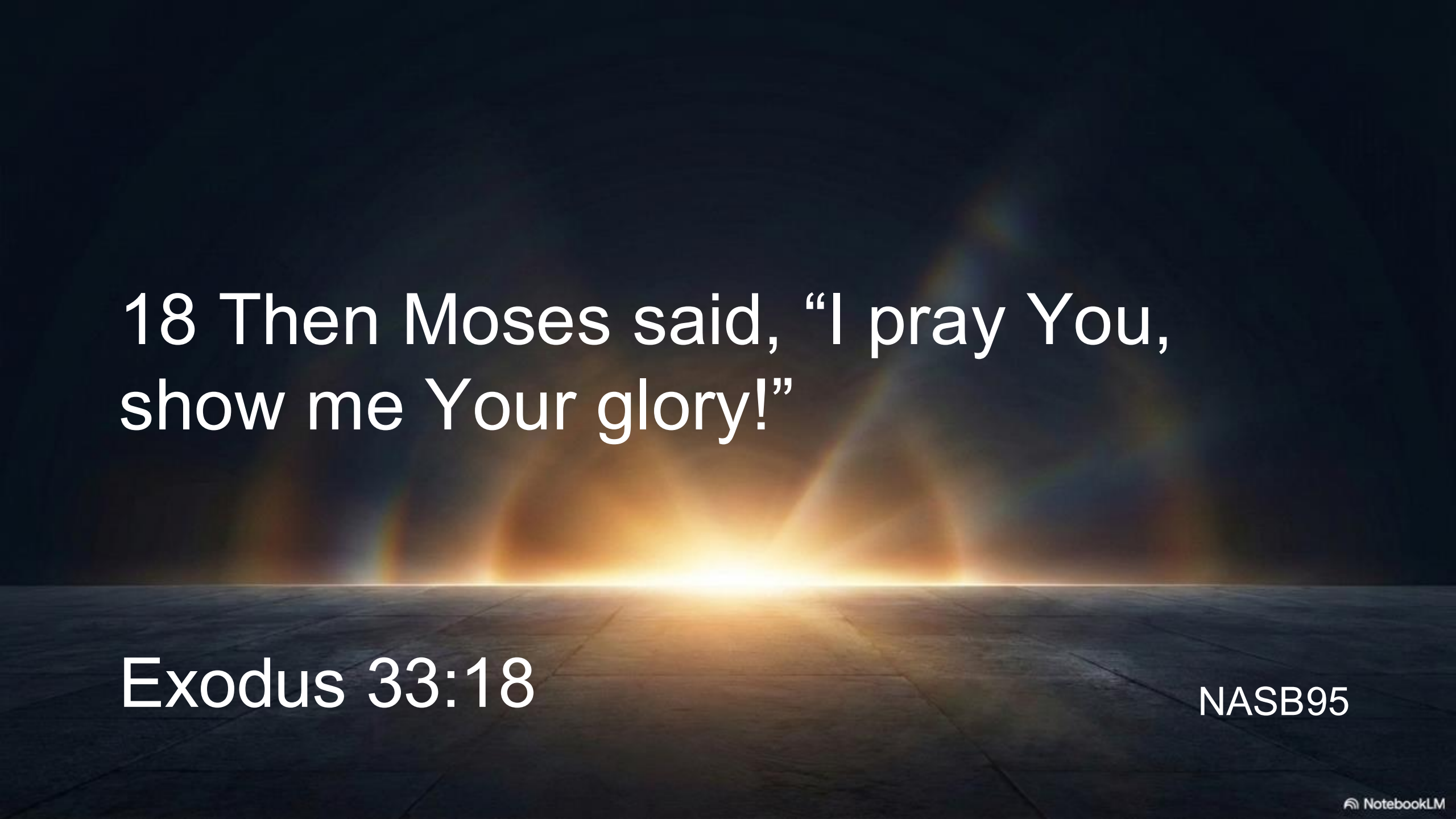
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3. Affirmation

"You have found favor in My sight and I have known you by name" (Ex 33:17).

4. Presence

The pillar of cloud descended; the Lord spoke with Moses face to face.



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A dramatic scene with a bright light source on a horizon over a tiled floor. The light creates a strong glow and lens flare effects across the dark sky and the floor. The floor is composed of large, dark, rectangular tiles that recede into the distance.

Moses even had the presence of
God

Prismatic Transposition

Moses refused to stop climbing until he saw the Glory.

The Gap:

Most of us stop here.
A little affirmation and
we are satisfied.

The Summit: The Kabod (Weighty Glory)

"I pray You, show me
Your glory!" (Ex 33:18)

Step 3

Affirmation

"You have found favor in My sight"
Ex 33:17

Step 2

Promise

"My presence shall go with you"
Ex 33:14

Step 1

Direction

"Lead the people where I told you"
Ex 32:34

It is God's will for you to seek
Him:

6 Seek the Lord while He may be
found; Call upon Him while He is near.

Isaiah 55:6

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It is God's will for you to seek
Him:

19. “Now set your mind and heart to seek
the Lord your God.”

1 Chronicles 22:19

It is God's will for you to seek
Him:

1 As the deer pants for streams of
water,

so my soul pants for you, my God.

2 My soul thirsts for God, for the living
God...

Psalm 42:1–2

NIV

The Promise:

13 You will seek me **and find me**,
when you seek me with all your heart.

Jeremiah 29:13

ESV

The Response:

19 And He said, “I Myself will make all My goodness pass before you, and will proclaim the name of the Lord before you; and I will be gracious to whom I will be gracious, and will show compassion on whom I will show compassion.”

20 But He said, “You cannot see My face, for no man can see Me and live!”

21 Then the Lord said, “Behold, there is a place by Me, and you shall stand there on the rock;

Exodus 33:19–23

NASB95

The Response:

22 and it will come about, while My glory is passing by, that I will put you in the cleft of the rock and cover you with My hand until I have passed by.

23 “Then I will take My hand away and you shall see My back, but My face shall not be seen.”

Exodus 33:19–23

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1

The Glory & Goodness

I Myself will make all My
goodness pass before you...
but no man can see Me and live.

2

The Grace

I will put you in the cleft
of the rock and cover
you with My hand.

3

The Partial Revelation

I will take My hand away
and you shall see My back,
but My face shall not be seen.

God reveals exactly as much of His absolute purity as
we can survive, mediated entirely through His grace.

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Ex 33:14

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"Lead the people where I told you"
Ex 32:34

The Result: Radiance and the Veil

“Moses did not know that the skin of his face shone because he had been talking with God.” (Exodus 34:29)

“When he came out and told the people... the skin of Moses' face was shining. And Moses would put the veil over his face again, until he went in to speak with him.” (Exodus 34:34-35)

Proximity to glory permanently alters our countenance.
Our lives shine with the reflection of God's glory.



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The unmistakable distinction of the Presence.

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When Moses came down from the mountain, he did not know that the skin of his face shone because he had been talking with God. (Exodus 34:29)

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The New Testament Echo

"Now when they saw the boldness of Peter and John... they were astonished. And they recognized that they had been with Jesus." (Acts 4:13)

This is what makes us distinct:

16 For how shall it be known that I have found favor in your sight, I and your people? Is it not in your going with us, so that we are distinct, I and your people, from every other people on the face of the earth?"

Exodus 33:16

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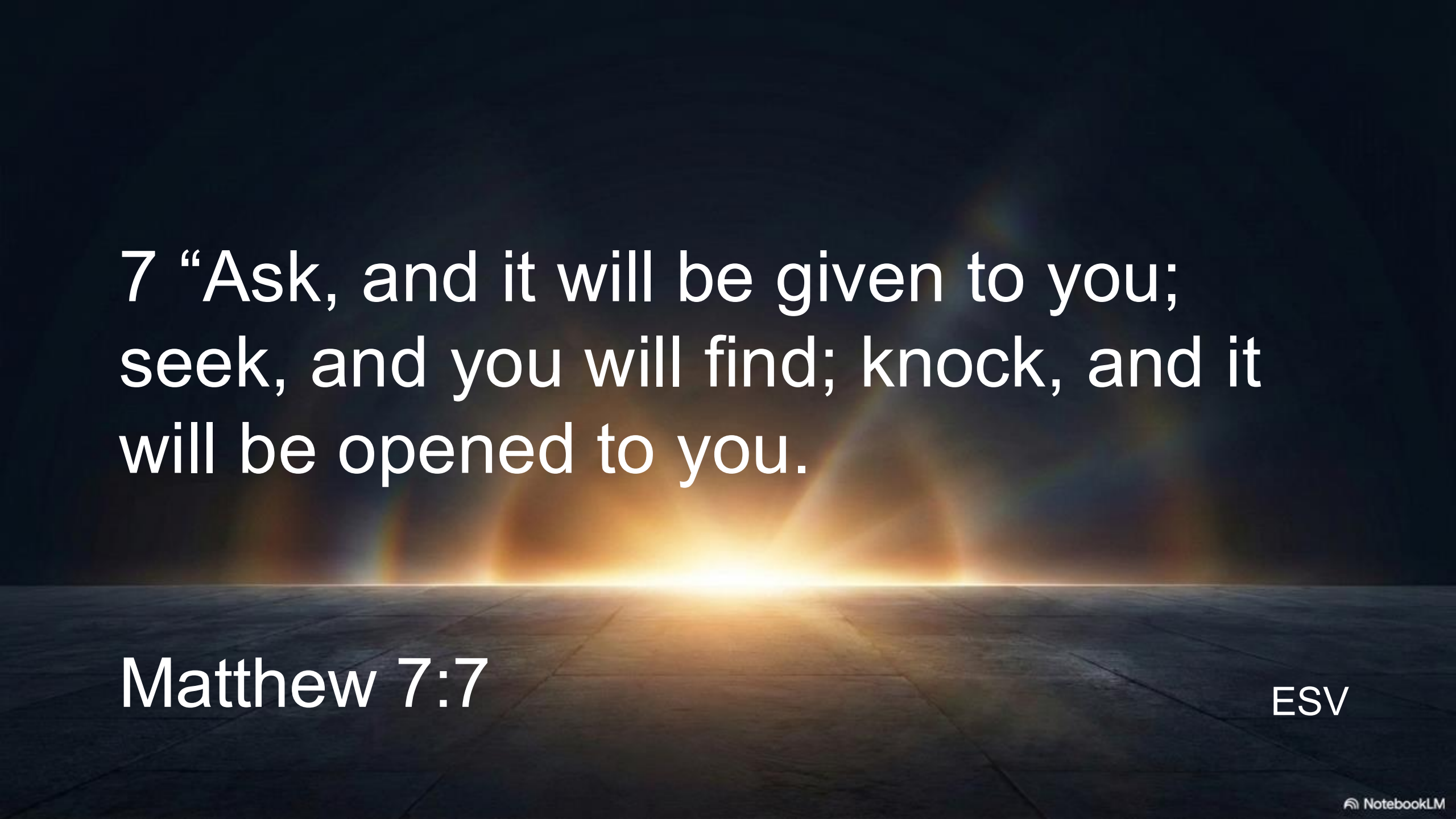
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Living surrendered and walking in the Spirit. Watching the Holy Spirit transform lives reveals His glory in real-time.



7 “Ask, and it will be given to you;
seek, and you will find; knock, and it
will be opened to you.

Matthew 7:7

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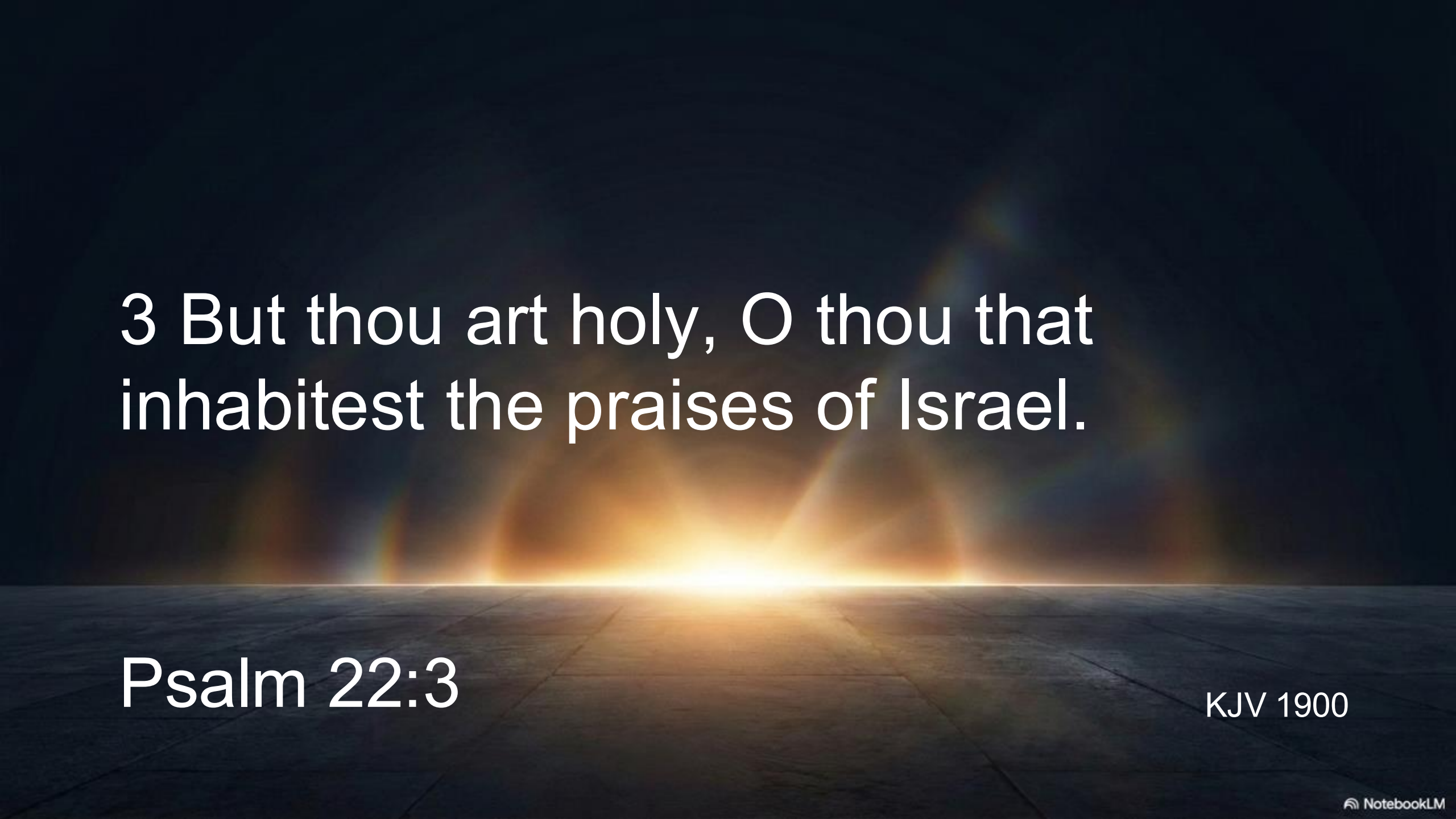
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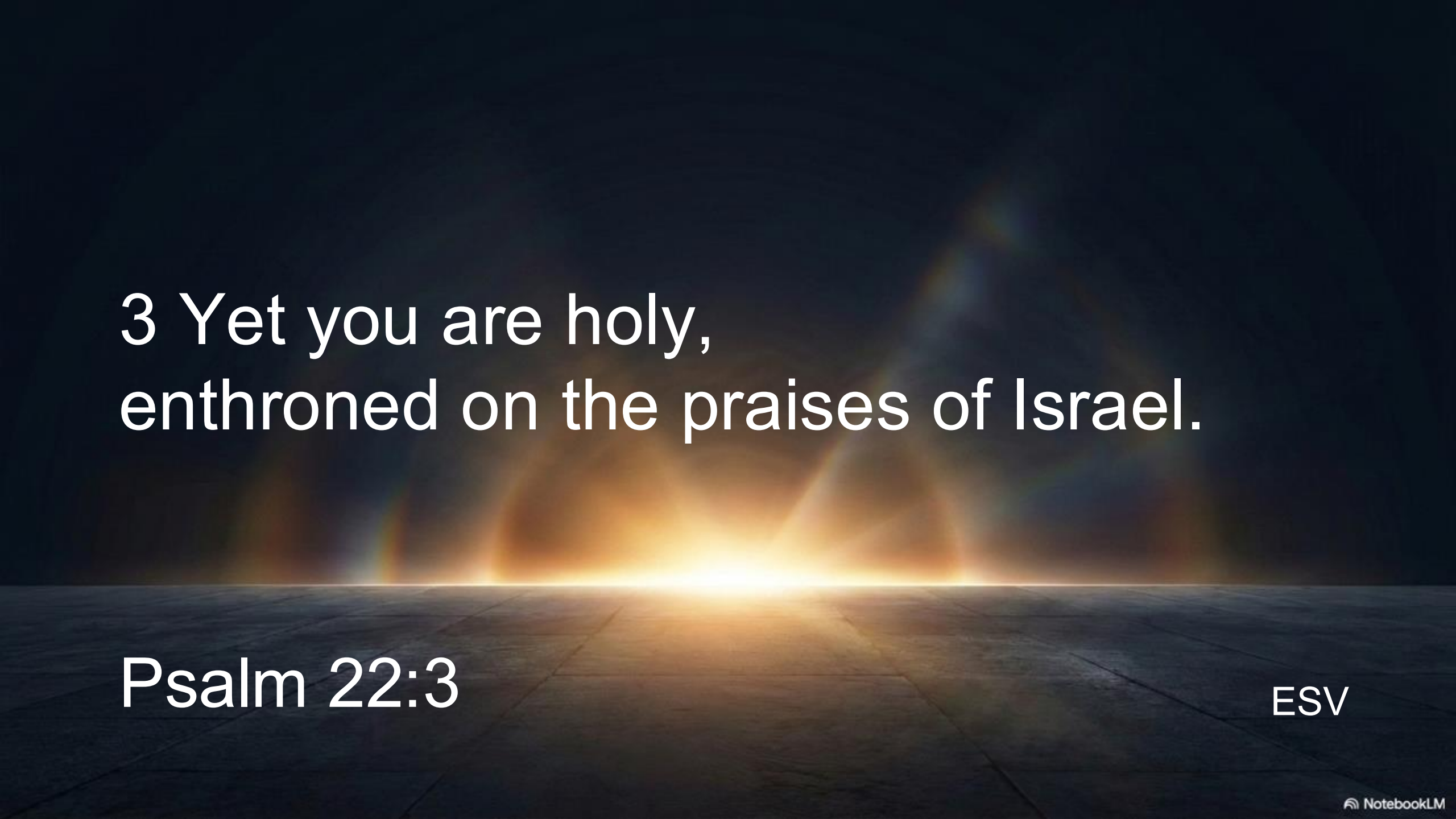
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A dramatic landscape with a bright light source on the horizon, creating a rainbow and illuminating a stone floor.

3 But thou art holy, O thou that
inhabitest the praises of Israel.

Psalm 22:3

KJV 1900



3 Yet you are holy,
enthroned on the praises of Israel.

Psalm 22:3

ESV

2 ...Come before Him with joyful
singing.

4 Enter His gates with thanksgiving
And His courts with praise.

Psalm 100:1–5

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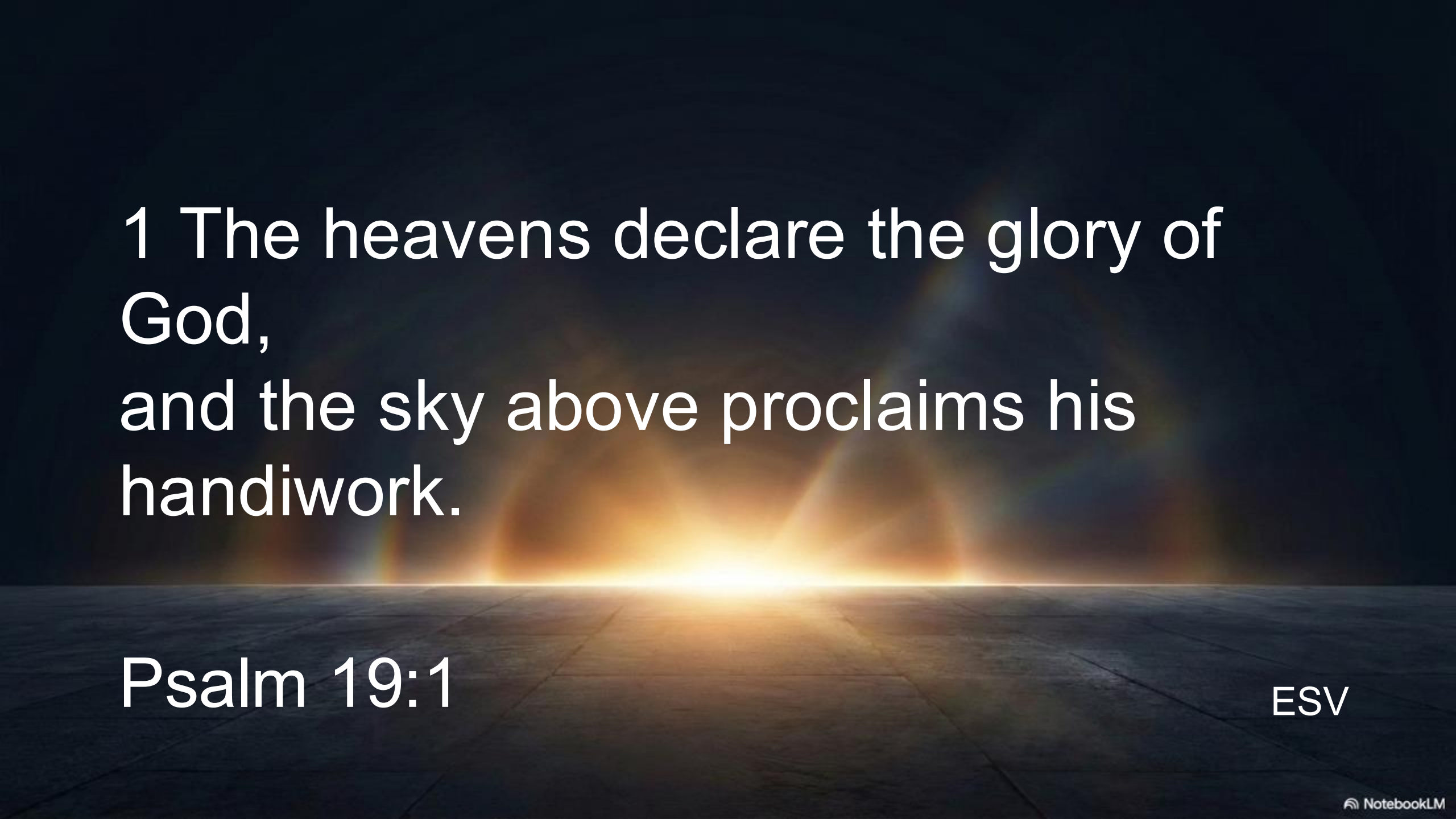
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Being **on mission** with Jesus leads
to seeing His glory.

How can you **re-orient your life** around mission?

The Cycle of the Presence

Ask, Seek, Knock

Strive with God in prayer and the Word,
like Jacob wrestling for the blessing. (Jer. 29:13)

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Every transformed life is a fresh
revelation of His glory.





We do not have to wait for eternity
to experience His presence.

Today

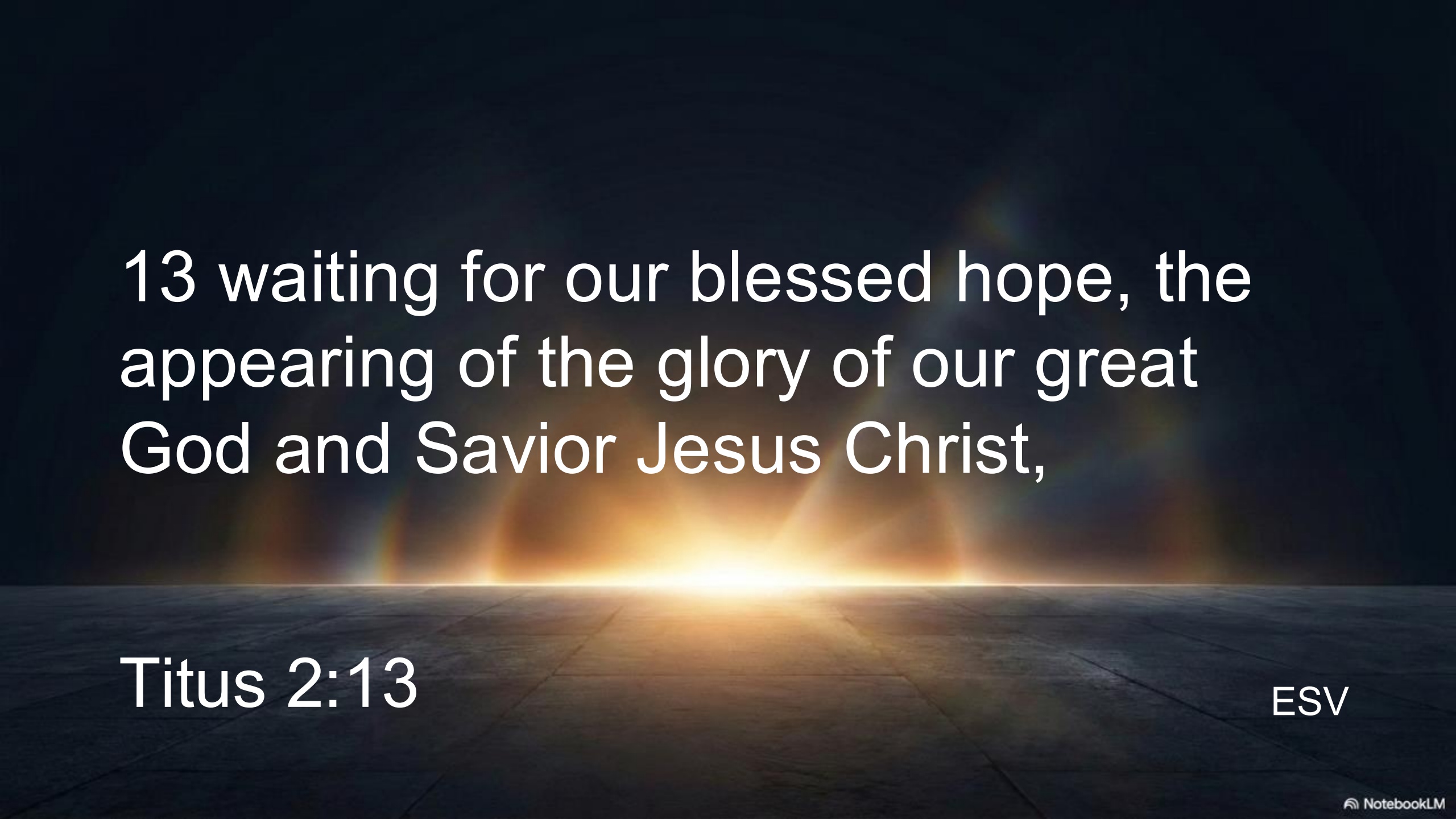
Jesus Christ is the same yesterday,
today, and forever (Hebrews 13:8).
You do not have to wait until heaven to
experience the reality of God. You can
pray with Moses today:
Show me your glory.

Yesterday

We saw the glory of God
in the past (Moses).

Forever

We will see His face in the future.
"They will see His face... and the
Lord God will be their light"
(Revelation 22:4-5). This is our
blessed hope (Titus 2:13).



13 waiting for our blessed hope, the
appearing of the glory of our great
God and Savior Jesus Christ,

Titus 2:13

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Future Glory:

1 Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb

2 through the middle of the street of the city; also, on either side of the river, the tree of life with its twelve kinds of fruit, yielding its fruit each month. The leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations.

Revelation 22:1–5

ESV

Future Glory:

3 No longer will there be anything accursed, but the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and his servants will worship him.

4 They will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads.

5 And night will be no more. They will need no light of lamp or sun, for the Lord God will be their light, and they will reign forever and ever.

Revelation 22:1–5

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The Final Destination: Unveiled Glory

“The river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing from the throne...” (Rev 22:1)

“They will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads.” (Rev 22:4)

“They will need no light of lamp or sun, for the Lord God will be their light...” (Rev 22:5)

The cleft of the rock is temporary. The veil will be removed. The glory Moses caught a fleeting glimpse of is the exact light we will live in forever.

The promise of future glory.

"They will see his face... And night will be no more. They will need no light of lamp or sun, for the Lord God will be their light, and they will reign forever and ever." (Revelation 22:4-5)

We will experience God in His infinite, perfect glory for all eternity.
But we do not have to wait until Heaven to experience Him.
Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever.

The Quest for More

Stop 1: Refuse to Settle:
Do not stop at direction,
promises, or basic provision.

**Stop
1:**

**Stop
2:**

Set Your Heart:
Actively seek His face
through prayer, praise,
creation, and mission.

**Stop
3:**

Reflect the Light:
Spend enough time in His
presence that your life
becomes distinct to the
world around you.

What in your life needs to be
re-oriented to seek His glory today?

Be Not Satisfied.

Stop treating worship as a dry intellectual duty.
In the moment of decision, choose to press in.

Pray with Moses today: 'Please, show me your glory.'