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not a professional**

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by resting in His victory**

“If innovation is purely **market driven**,
we could have amazing advances in **inventions**
that leave the world even **more divided**....

“If we have **optimism**
but we don’t have **empathy**,
it doesn’t matter how much
we master the **secrets of science** –
we’re not really **solving problems**,
we’re just working on **puzzles**.”

Bill Gates, Stanford commencement 2014

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A spoof paper concocted by *Science* reveals little or no scrutiny at many open-access journals.

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On 4 July, good news arrived in the inbox of Ocorrafoo Cobange, a biologist at the Wasee Institute of Medicine in Asmara. It was the official letter of acceptance for a paper he had submitted 2 months earlier to the *Journal of Natural Pharmaceuticals*, describing the anticancer properties of a chemical that Cobange had extracted from a lichen.

In fact, it should have been promptly rejected. Any reviewer with more than a high-school knowledge of chemistry and the ability to understand a basic data plot should have spotted the paper's short-comings immediately. Its experiments are so hopelessly flawed that the results are meaningless.

I know because I wrote the paper. Ocorrafoo Cobange does not exist, nor does the Wasee Institute of Medicine. Over the past 10 months, I have submitted 304 versions of the wonder drug paper to open-access journals. More than half of the journals accepted the paper, failing to notice its fatal flaws. Beyond that headline result, the data from this sting operation reveal the contours of an energy Wild West in academic publishing.



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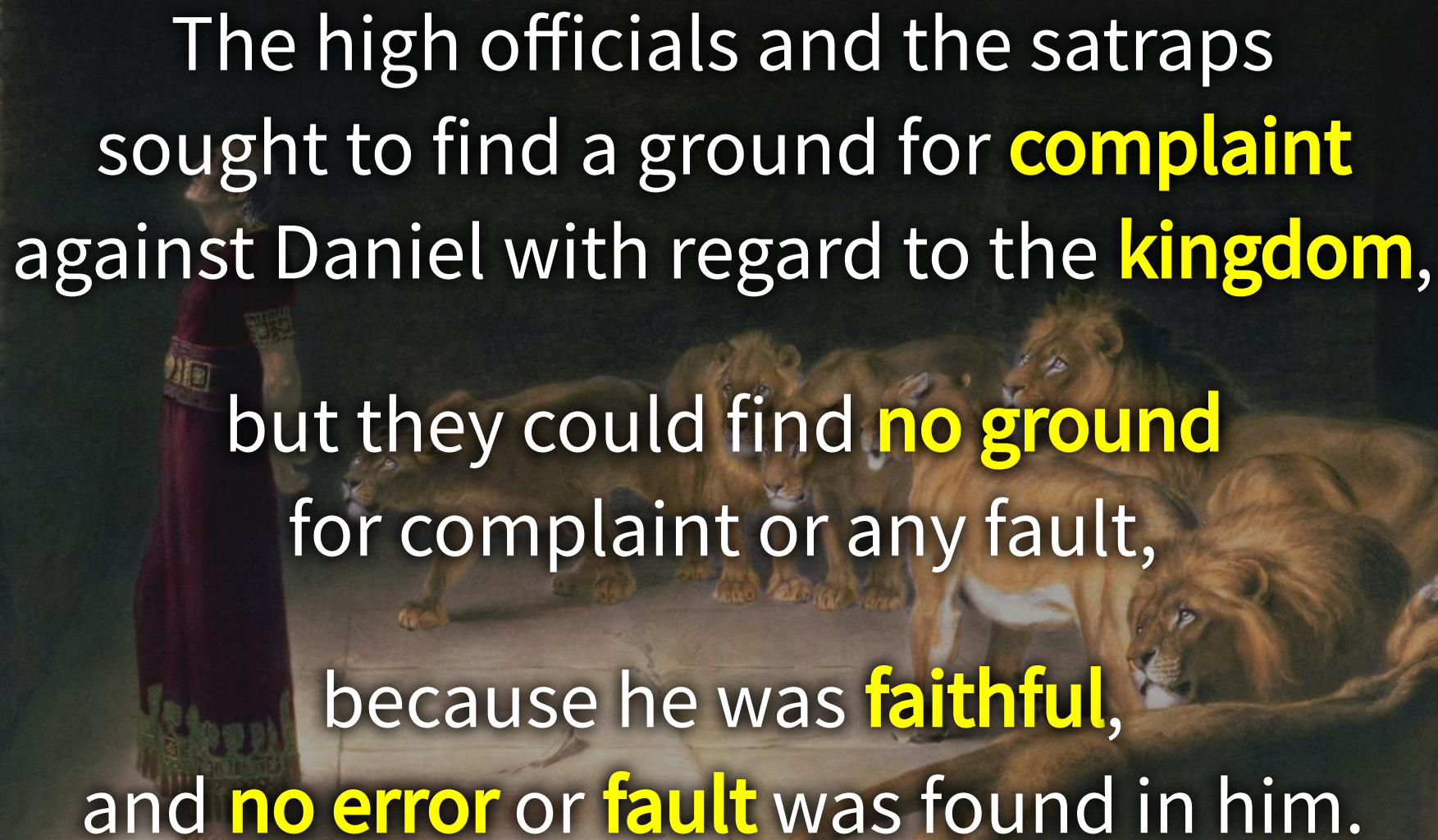
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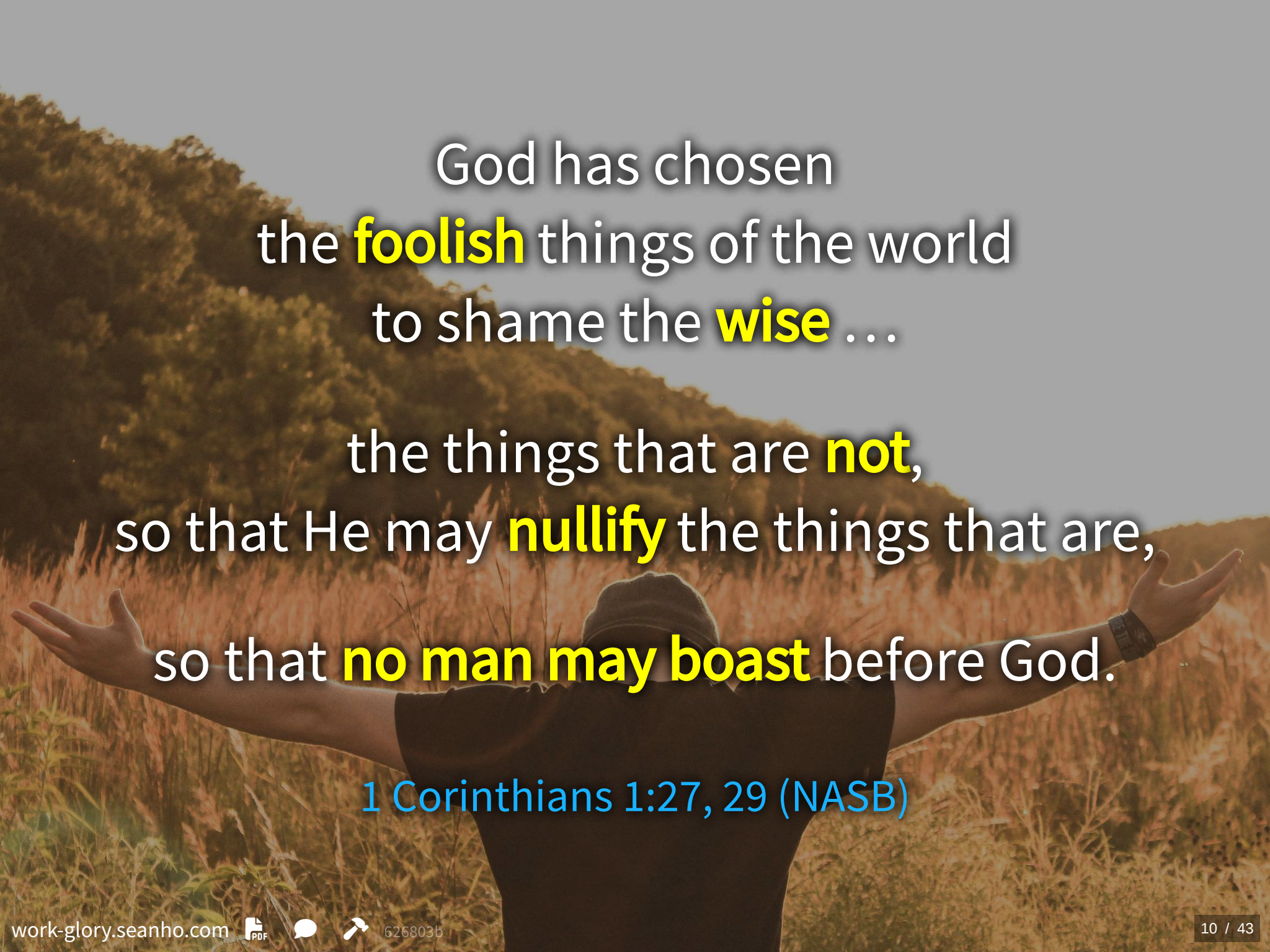
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The high officials and the satraps
sought to find a ground for **complaint**
against Daniel with regard to the **kingdom**,
but they could find **no ground**
for complaint or any fault,
because he was **faithful**,
and **no error** or **fault** was found in him.

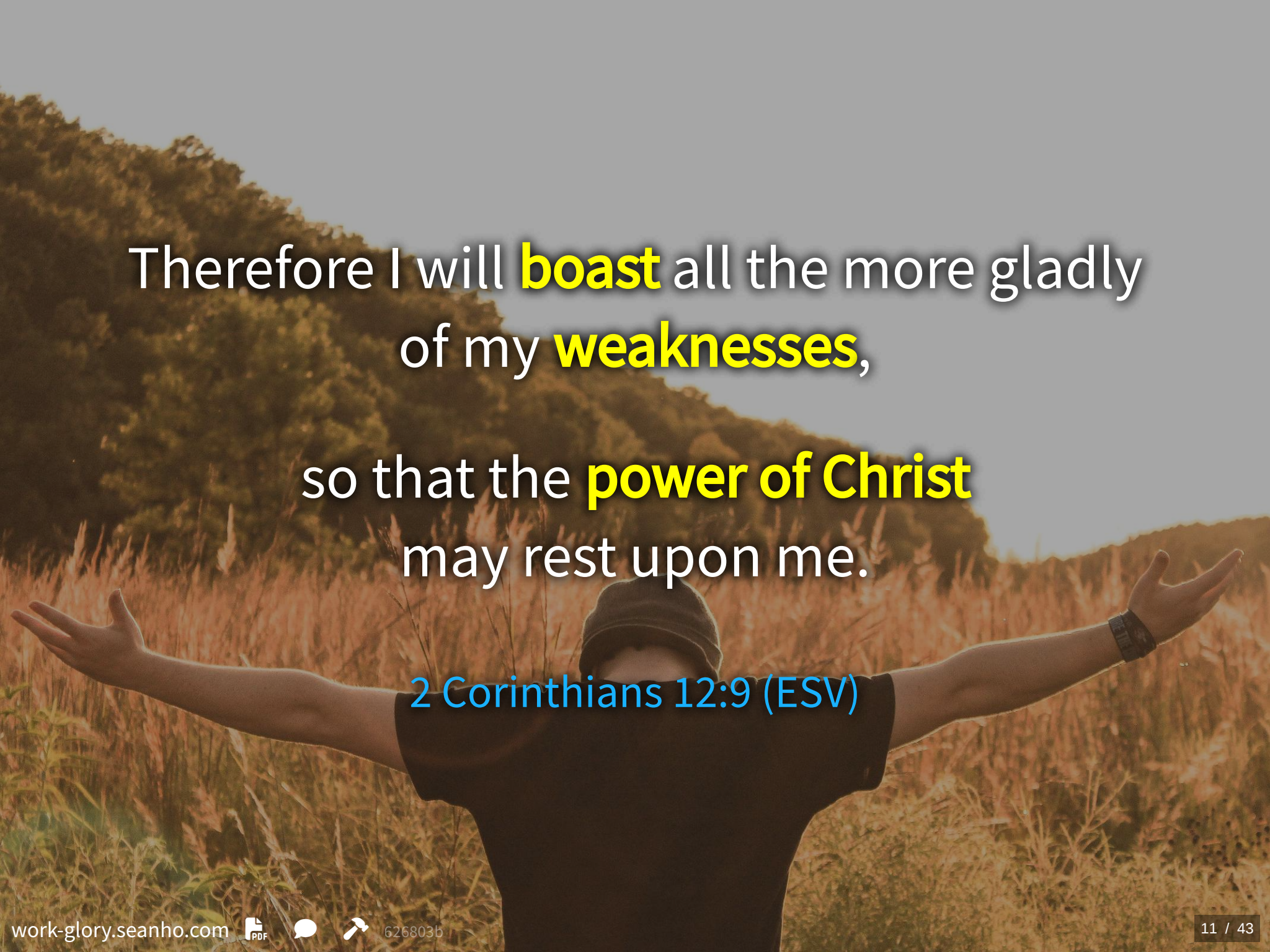
Daniel 6:4 (ESV)



God has chosen
the **foolish** things of the world
to shame the **wise** ...

the things that are **not**,
so that He may **nullify** the things that are,
so that **no man may boast** before God.

1 Corinthians 1:27, 29 (NASB)



Therefore I will **boast** all the more gladly
of my **weaknesses**,
so that the **power of Christ**
may rest upon me.

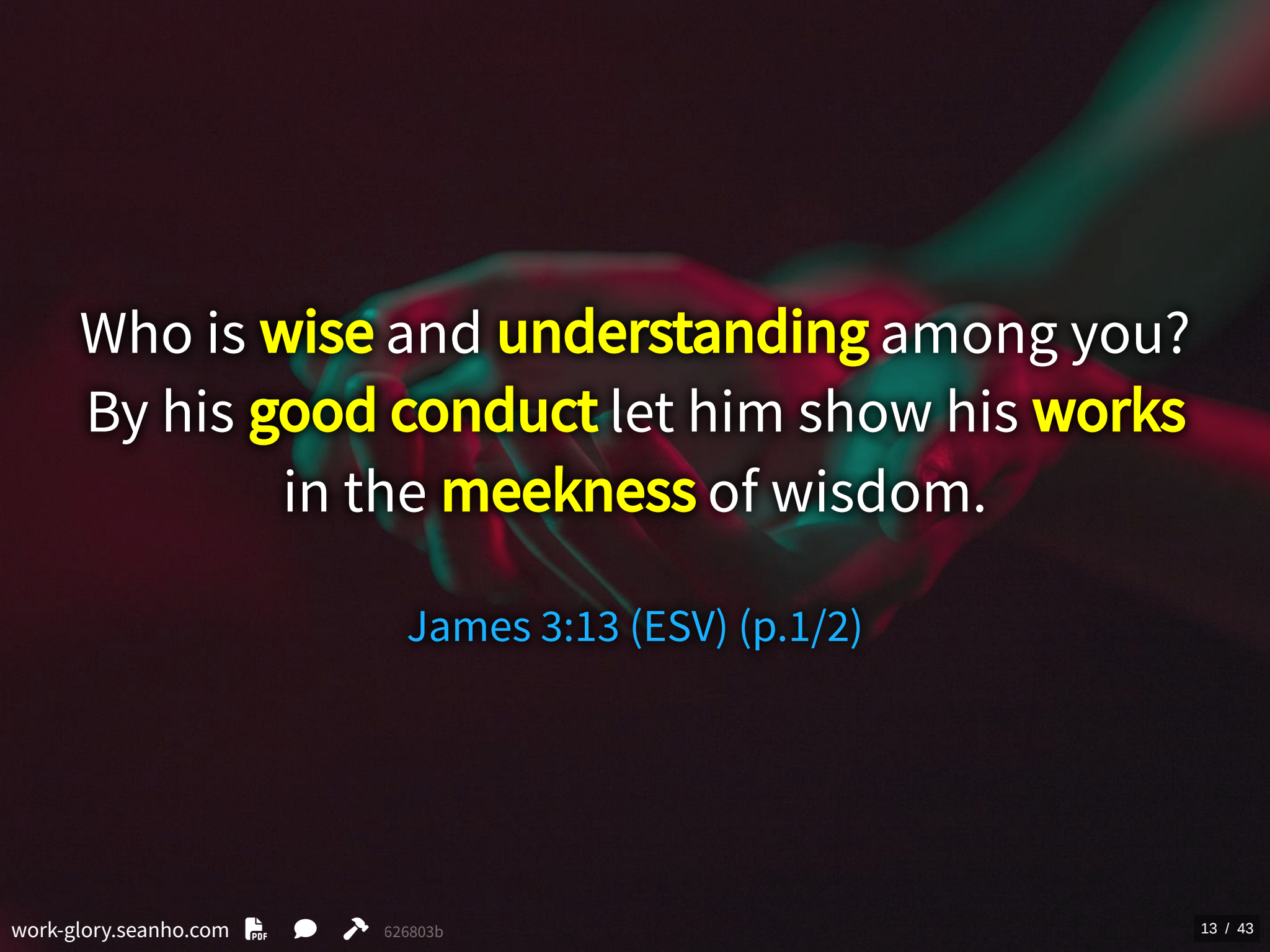
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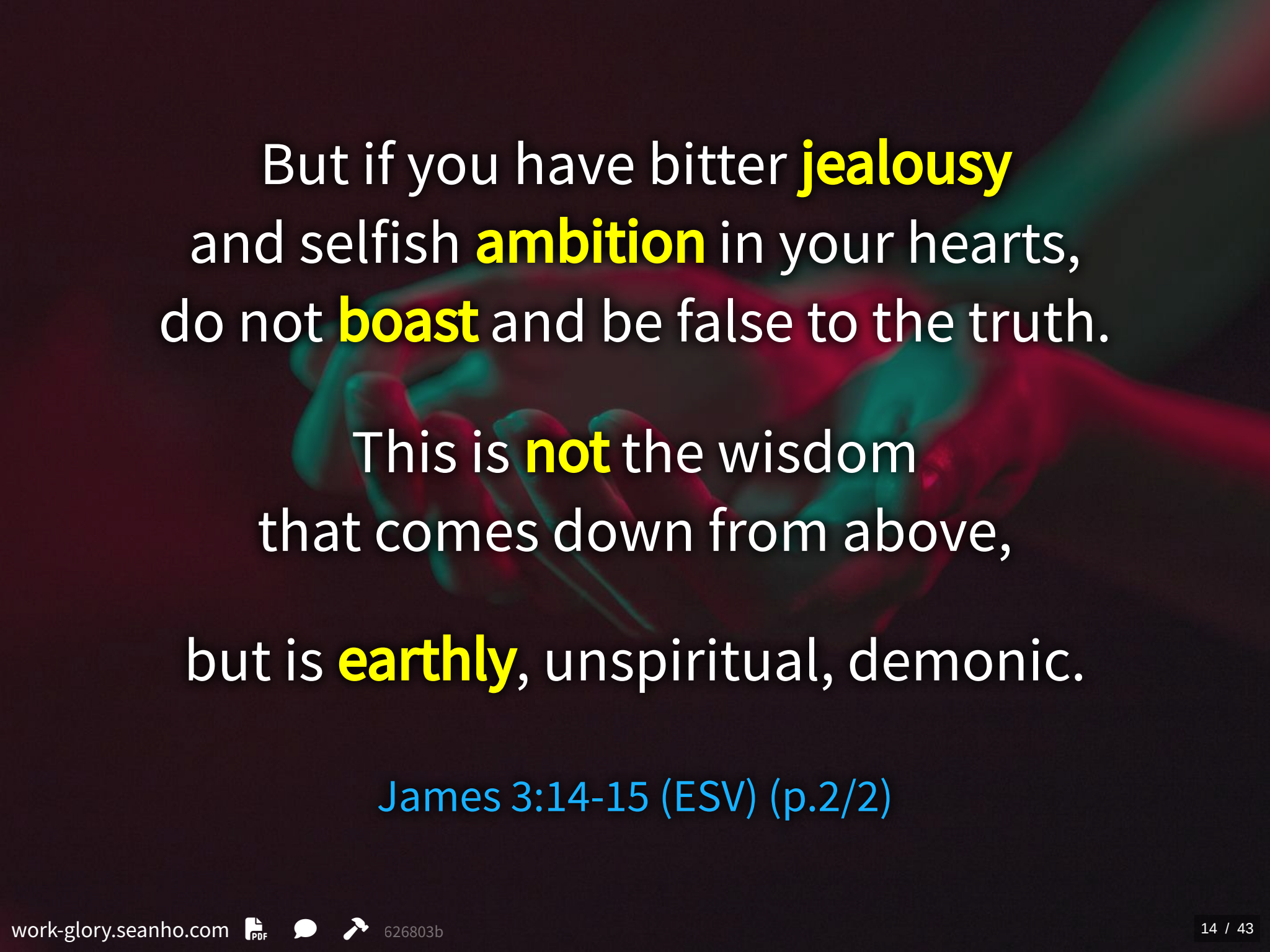
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Who is **wise** and **understanding** among you?
By his **good conduct** let him show his **works**
in the **meekness** of wisdom.

James 3:13 (ESV) (p.1/2)



But if you have bitter **jealousy**
and selfish **ambition** in your hearts,
do not **boast** and be false to the truth.

This is **not** the wisdom
that comes down from above,
but is **earthly**, unspiritual, demonic.

James 3:14-15 (ESV) (p.2/2)

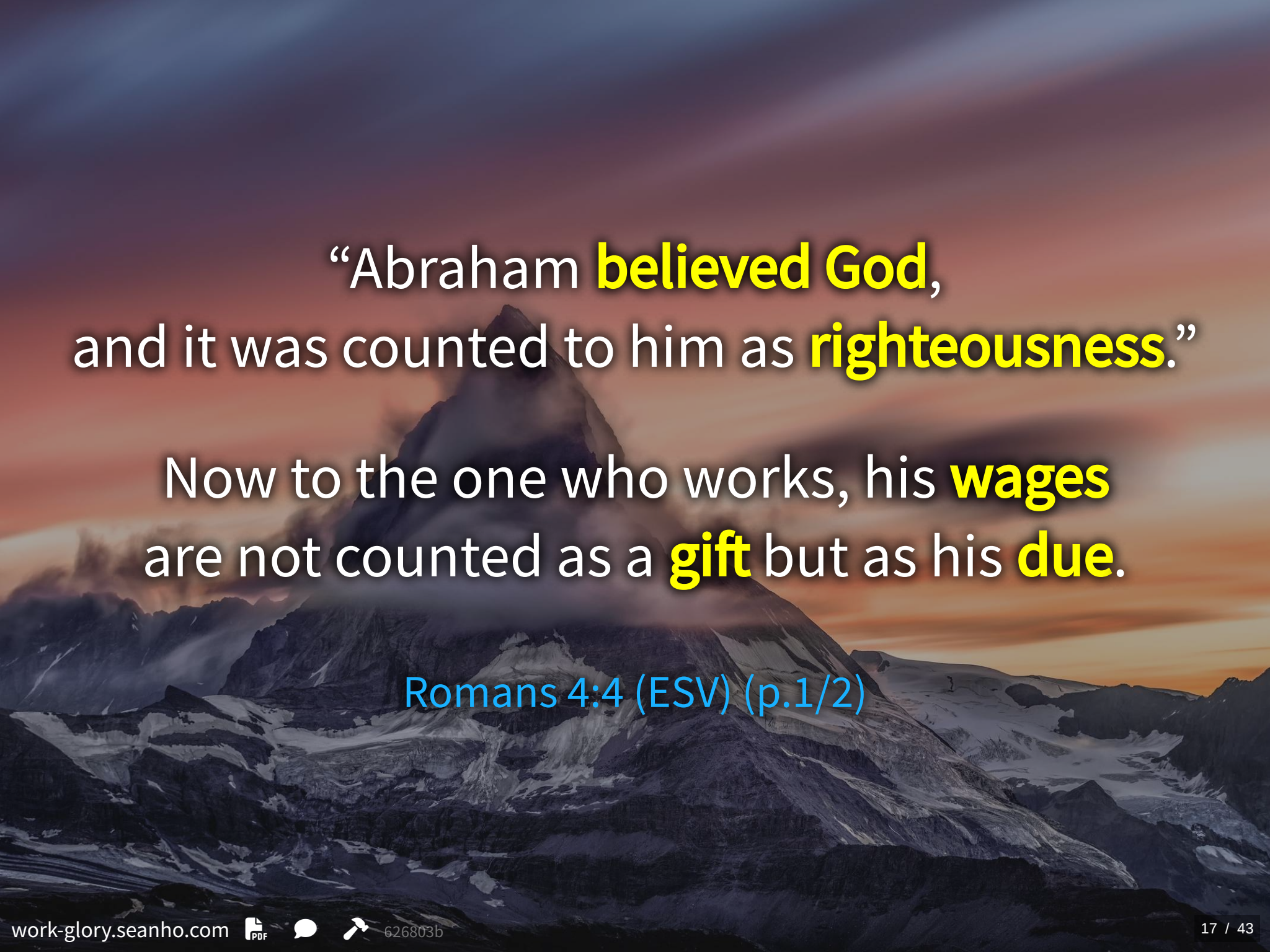
A person is working at a desk. In the foreground, a laptop is open. To the left, a tablet is propped up. The person's hands are visible, writing on a piece of paper with a pen. The background is slightly blurred, showing more of the desk and the person's arm. The text "By his good conduct let him show his works in the meekness of wisdom." is overlaid in the center, with "good conduct", "works", and "meekness" in yellow and the rest in white. Below the text, "James 3:13 (ESV)" is written in blue.

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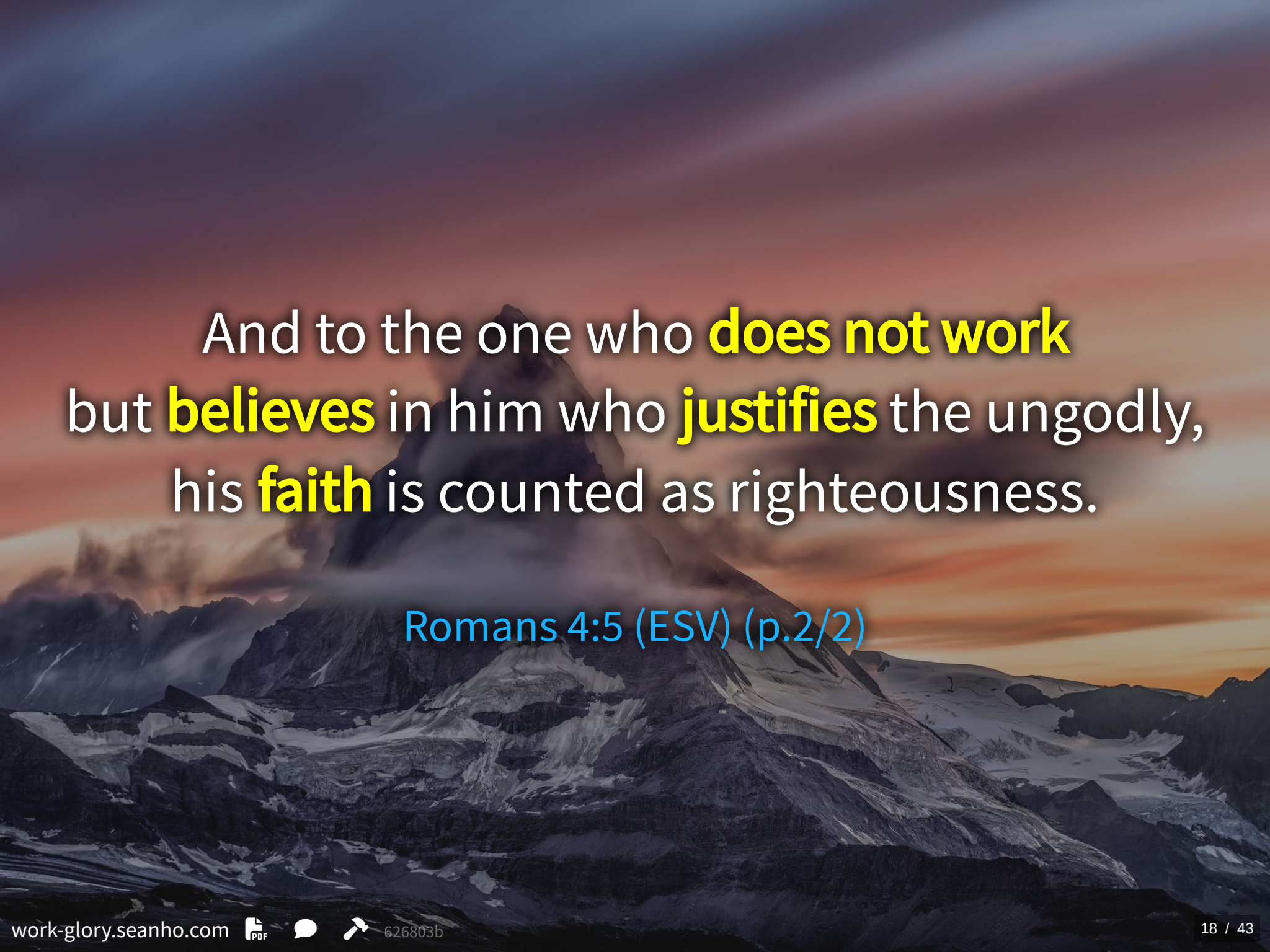
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“Abraham **believed God**,
and it was counted to him as **righteousness**.”

Now to the one who works, his **wages**
are not counted as a **gift** but as his **due**.

Romans 4:4 (ESV) (p.1/2)



And to the one who **does not work**
but **believes** in him who **justifies** the ungodly,
his **faith** is counted as righteousness.

Romans 4:5 (ESV) (p.2/2)

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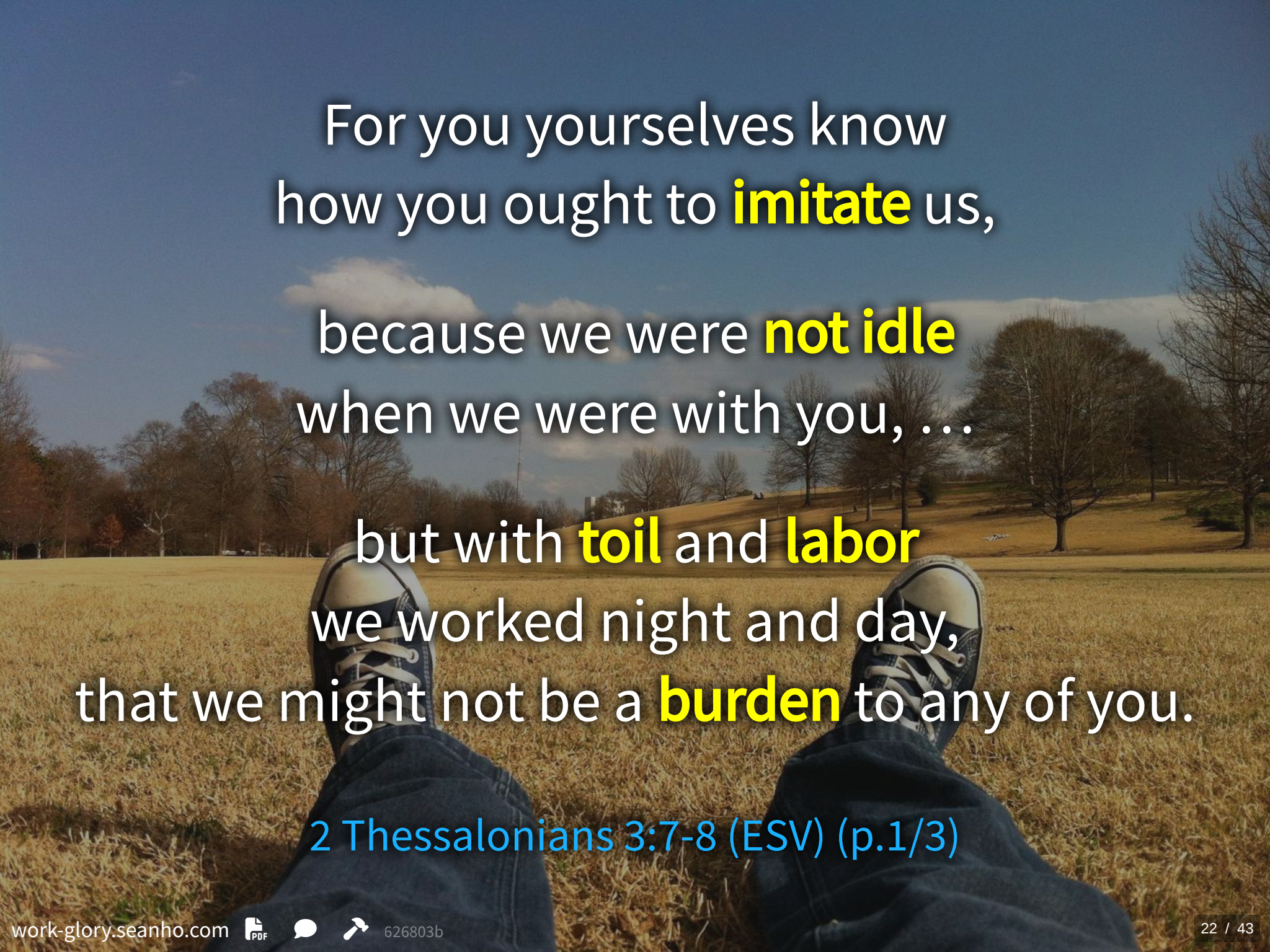
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2. The Blessing of Employment

1. Rejecting **Idleness**
2. **Sharing** Generously
3. Training our **Heart** Attitude



For you yourselves know
how you ought to **imitate** us,

because we were **not idle**
when we were with you, ...

but with **toil** and **labor**
we worked night and day,
that we might not be a **burden** to any of you.

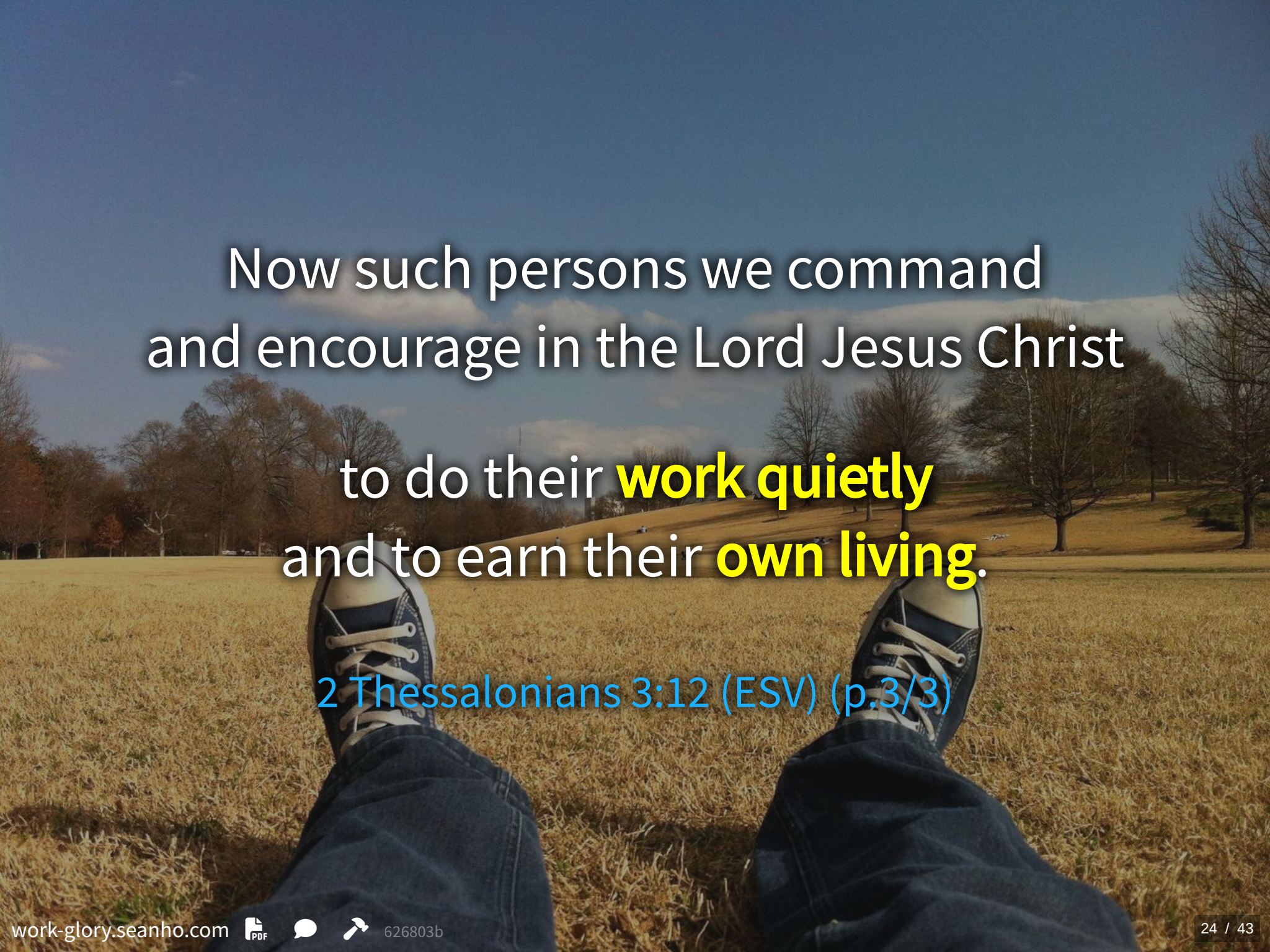
2 Thessalonians 3:7-8 (ESV) (p.1/3)



If anyone is not willing to **work**, let him not **eat**.

For we hear that some among you
walk in **idleness**,
not busy at work, but **busybodies**.

2 Thessalonians 3:10-11 (ESV) (p.2/3)



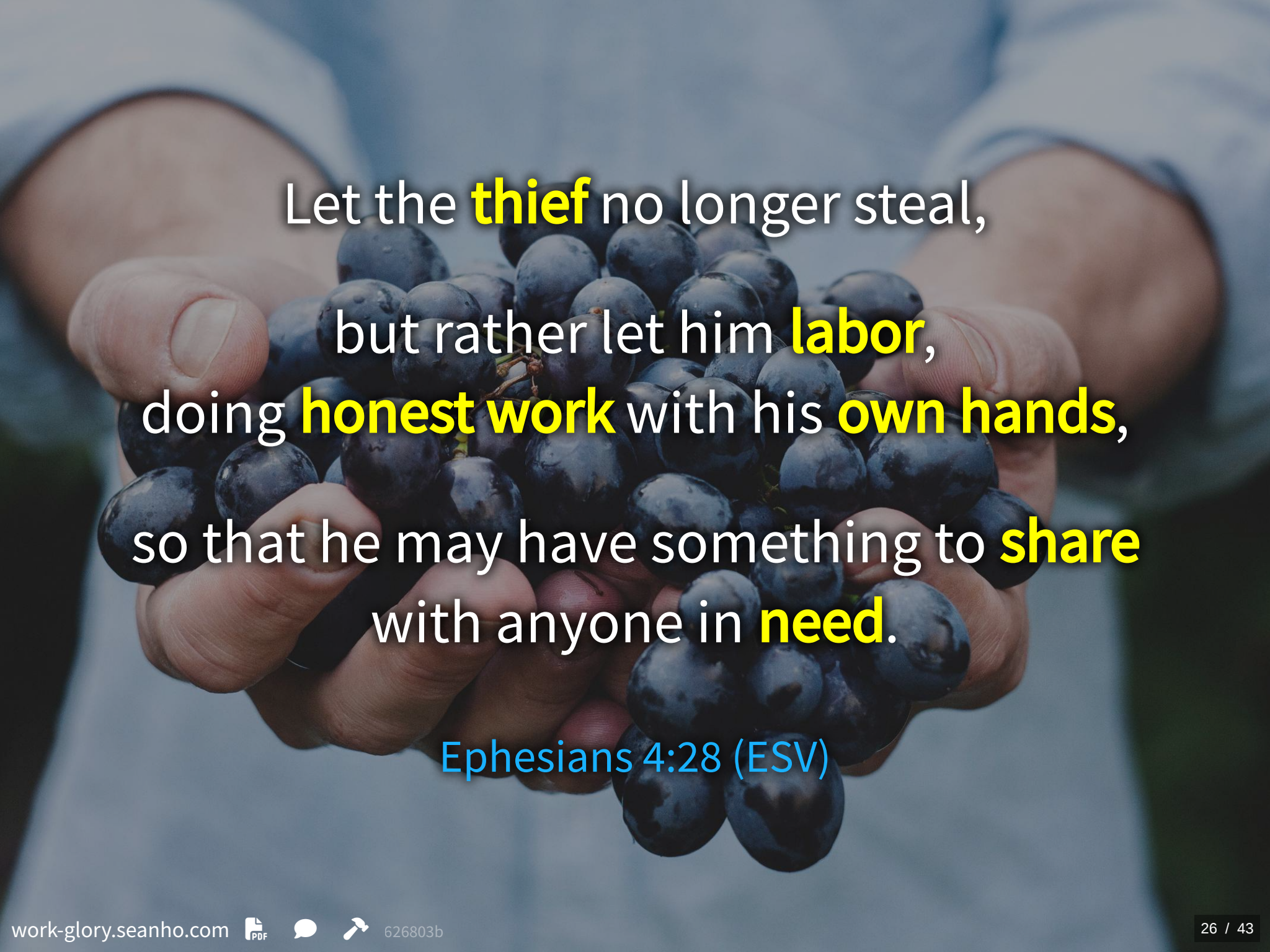
Now such persons we command
and encourage in the Lord Jesus Christ
to do their **work quietly**
and to earn their **own living**.

2 Thessalonians 3:12 (ESV) (p.3/3)



2. The Blessing of Employment

1. Rejecting Idleness
2. **Sharing Generously**
3. Training our Heart Attitude

A close-up photograph of a pair of hands holding a large bunch of dark purple grapes. The hands are positioned at the top and bottom of the frame, with the fingers gently gripping the stems of the grapes. The grapes are dark and glistening, suggesting they are fresh. The background is a soft, out-of-focus blue-grey color.

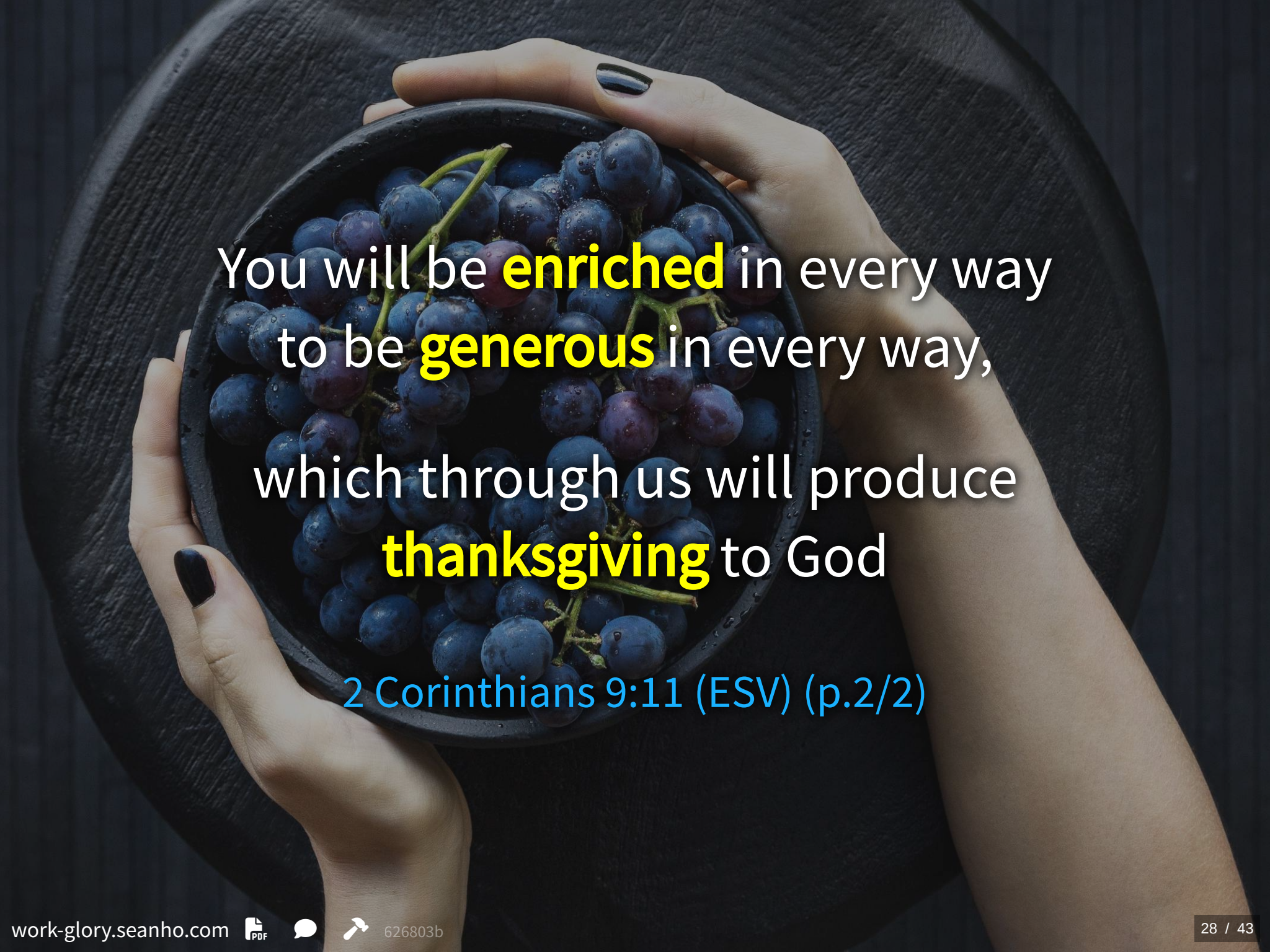
Let the **thief** no longer steal,
but rather let him **labor**,
doing **honest work** with his **own hands**,
so that he may have something to **share**
with anyone in **need**.

Ephesians 4:28 (ESV)



He who supplies **seed** to the sower
and **bread** for food
will **supply** and **multiply** your seed for sowing
and increase the **harvest** of your **righteousness**.

2 Corinthians 9:10 (ESV) (p.1/2)



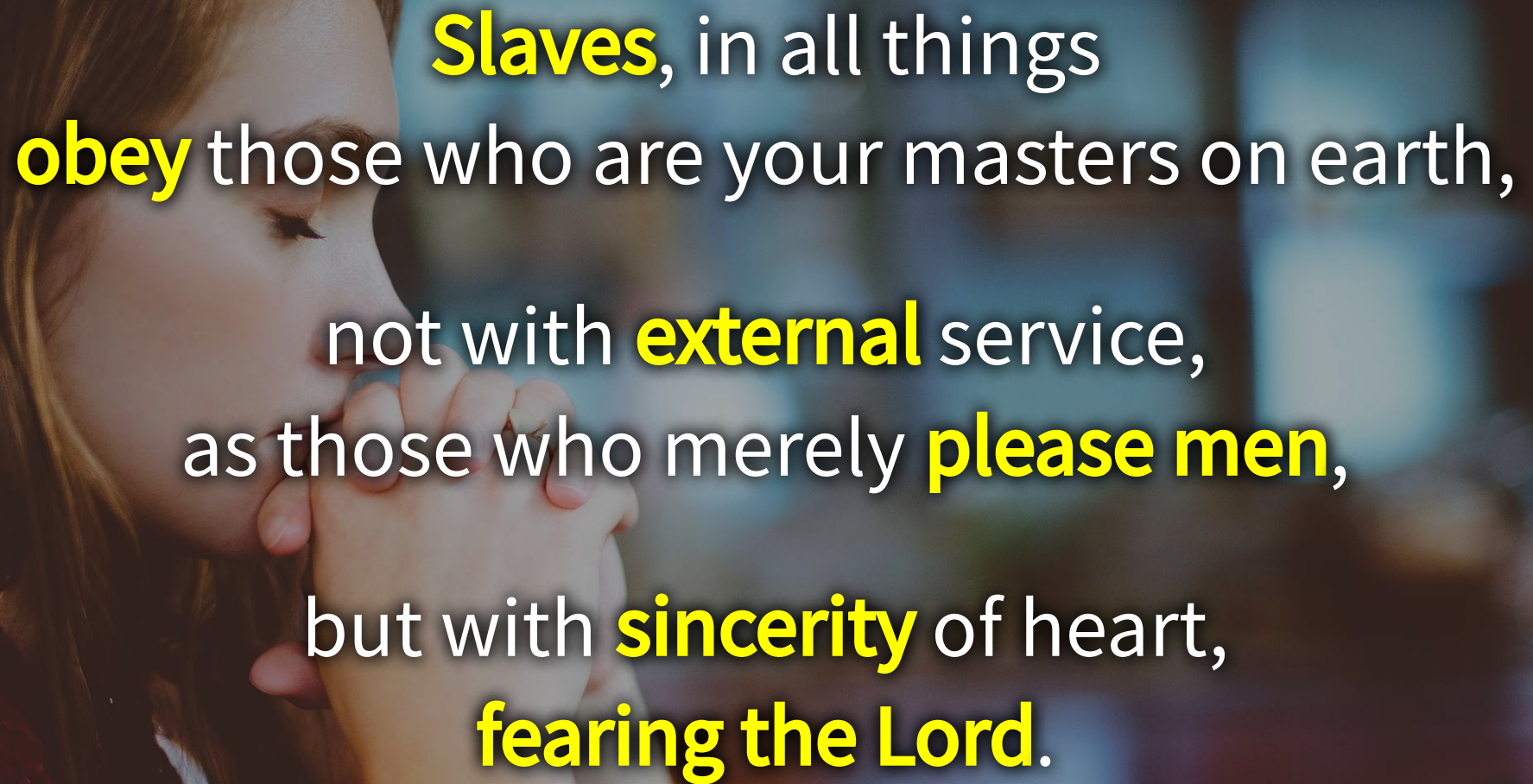
You will be **enriched** in every way
to be **generous** in every way,
which through us will produce
thanksgiving to God

2 Corinthians 9:11 (ESV) (p.2/2)



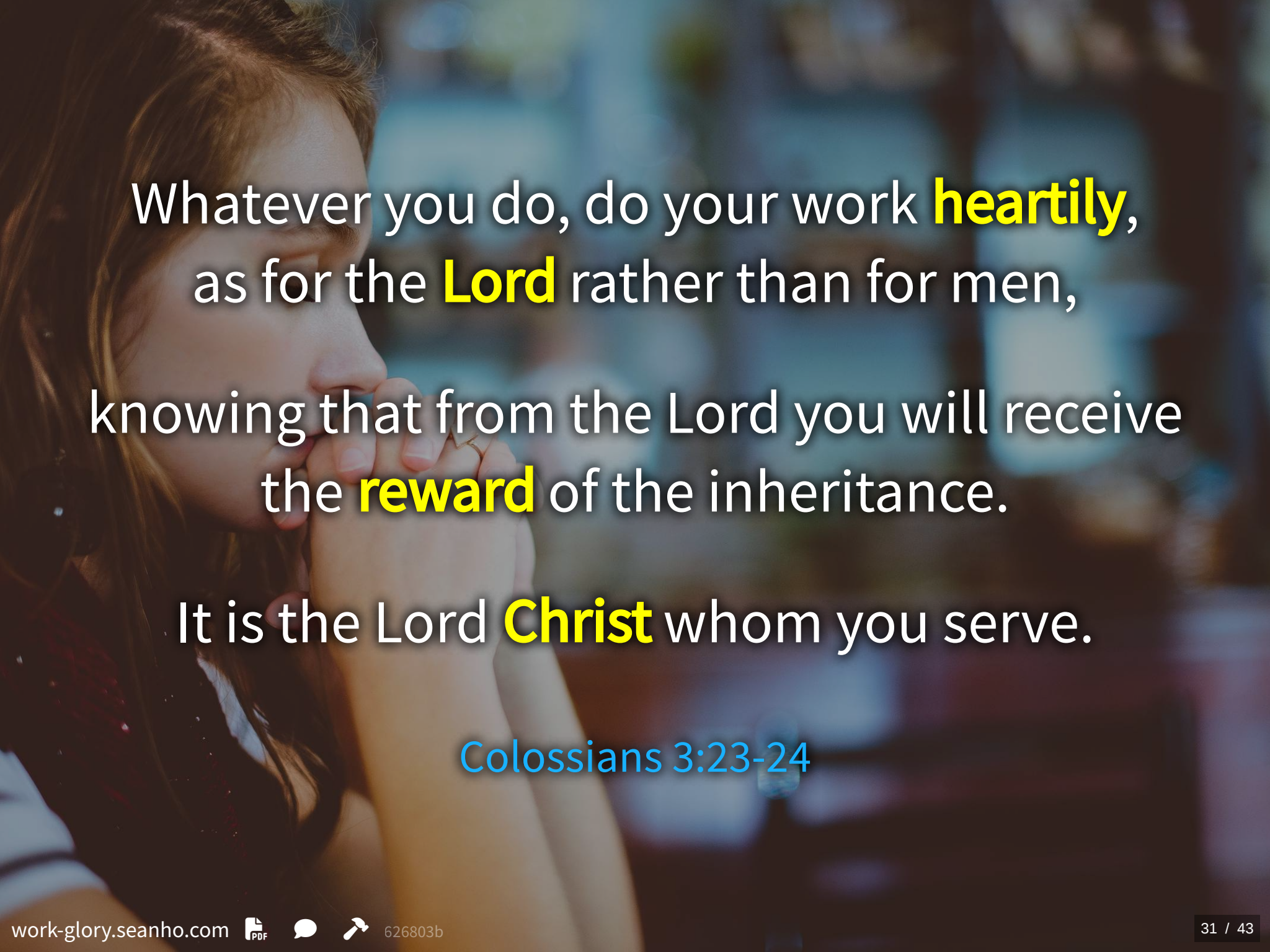
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Slaves, in all things
obey those who are your masters on earth,
not with **external** service,
as those who merely **please men**,
but with **sincerity** of heart,
fearing the Lord.

Colossians 3:22 (NASB)



Whatever you do, do your work **heartily**,
as for the **Lord** rather than for men,
knowing that from the Lord you will receive
the **reward** of the inheritance.

It is the Lord **Christ** whom you serve.

Colossians 3:23-24

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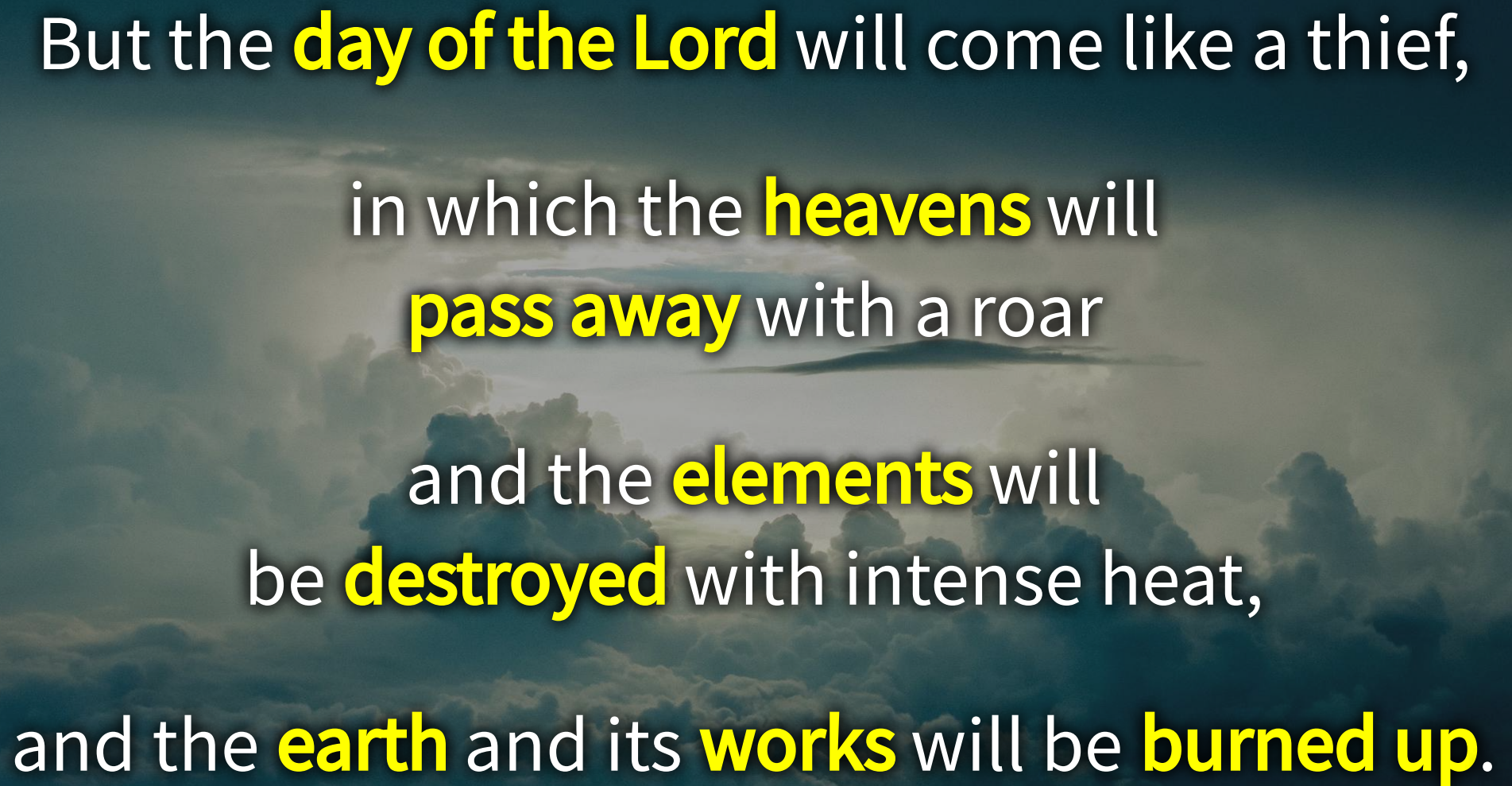
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Toil for
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by **resting**
in His **victory**

3. The Grace of God's Work

1. Welcoming His **Return**

2. Steadfast because of His **Victory**



But the **day of the Lord** will come like a thief,
in which the **heavens** will
pass away with a roar
and the **elements** will
be **destroyed** with intense heat,
and the **earth** and its **works** will be **burned up**.

2 Peter 3:10 (NASB) (p.1/2)

Since all these things
are to be **destroyed** in this way,
what sort of people ought you to be
in **holy conduct** and **godliness**,
looking for and hastening
the coming of the day of God!

2 Peter 3:11-12 (NASB) (p.2/2)

3. The Grace of God's Work

1. Welcoming His Return

2. **Steadfast because of His Victory**

When the perishable puts on the **imperishable**,
and the mortal puts on **immortality**,

then shall come to pass
the saying that is written:

“**Death** is swallowed up in **victory**.”

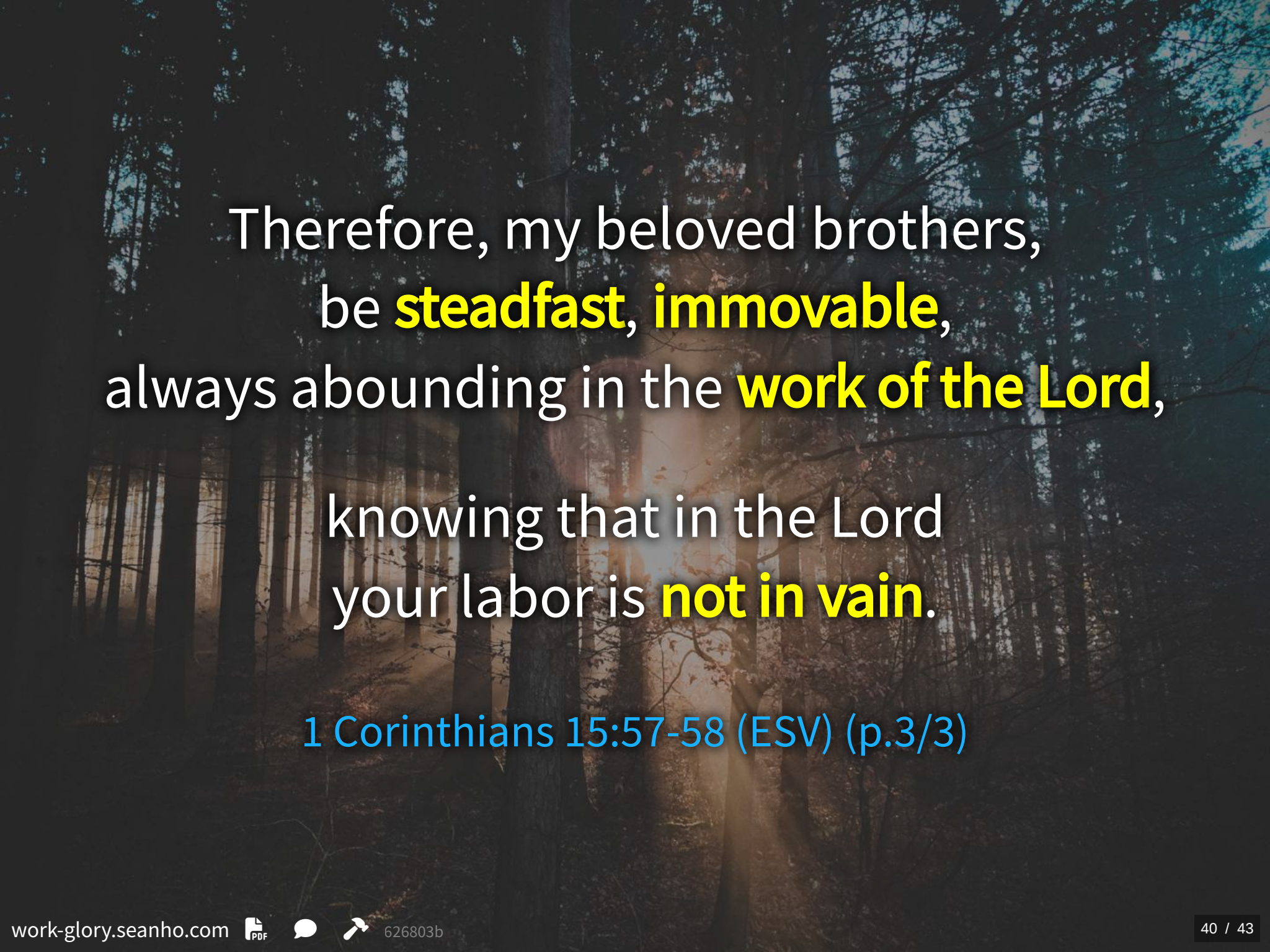
1 Corinthians 15:54 (ESV) (p.1/3)

“O death, **where** is your victory?
O death, **where** is your sting?”

The sting of death is **sin**,
and the power of sin is the **law**.

But thanks be to God, who gives us
the **victory** through our Lord **Jesus** Christ.

1 Corinthians 15:55-56 (ESV) (p.2/3)



Therefore, my beloved brothers,
be **steadfast, immovable**,
always abounding in the **work of the Lord**,
knowing that in the Lord
your labor is **not in vain**.

1 Corinthians 15:57-58 (ESV) (p.3/3)

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