

*current sermon series*

# BATTLING UNBELIEF

A medieval knight in chainmail armor is shown from the chest down, holding a sword and a shield. The knight's right hand is on the hilt of a sword, and the left hand is on the edge of a shield. The background is a dark, textured surface, possibly a wall or a piece of fabric. The text 'BATTLING UNBELIEF' is overlaid in a large, white, serif font. Above the main title, the text 'current sermon series' is written in a smaller, italicized, white serif font.



## Romans 4:13-25

For the promise to Abraham and his offspring that he would be heir of the world did not come through the law but through the righteousness of faith. <sup>14</sup> For if it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. <sup>15</sup> For the law brings wrath,

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but where there is no law there is no transgression. <sup>16</sup> That is why it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his offspring—not only to the adherent of the law but also to the one who shares the faith of Abraham, who is the father of us all,

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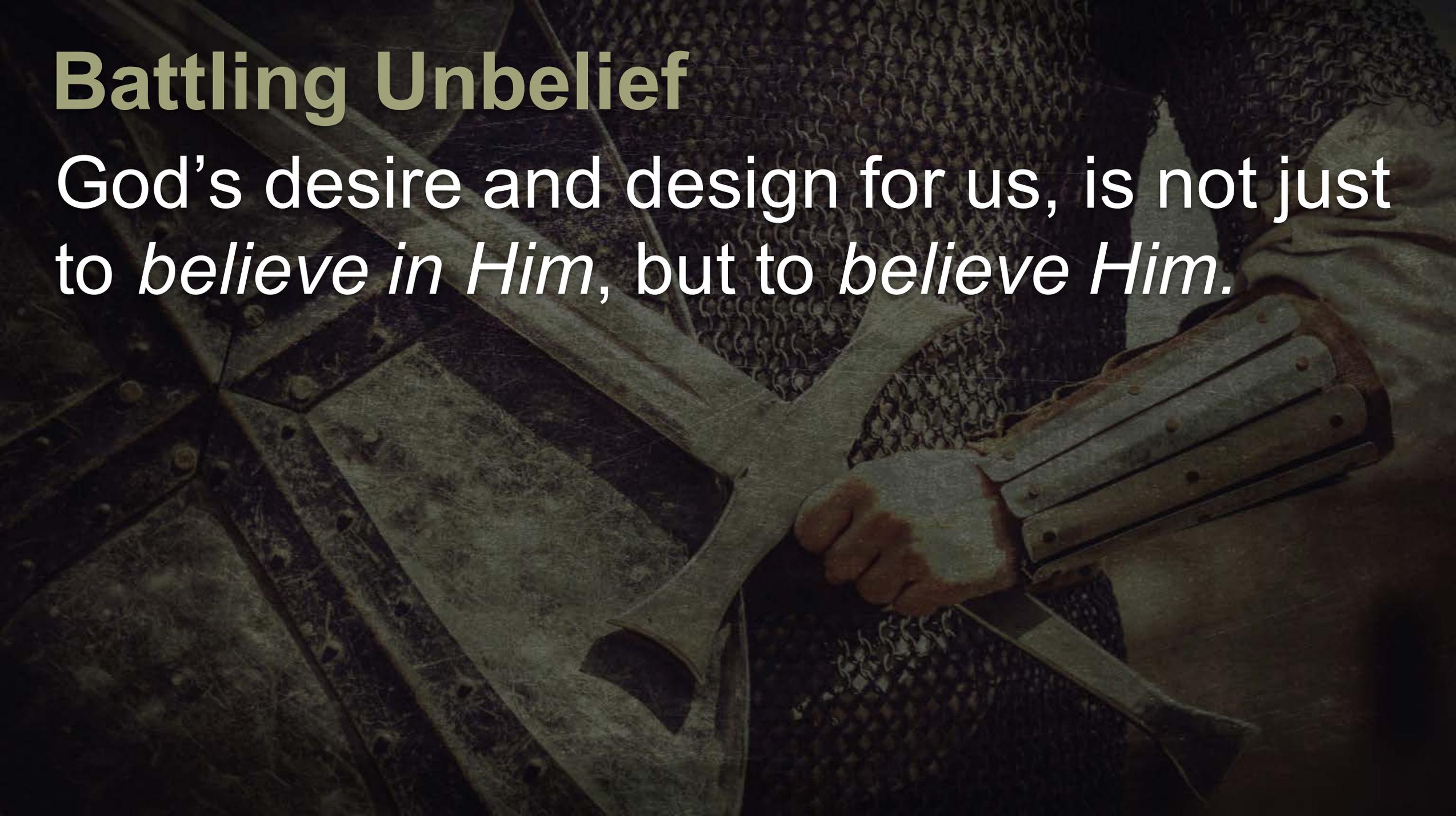
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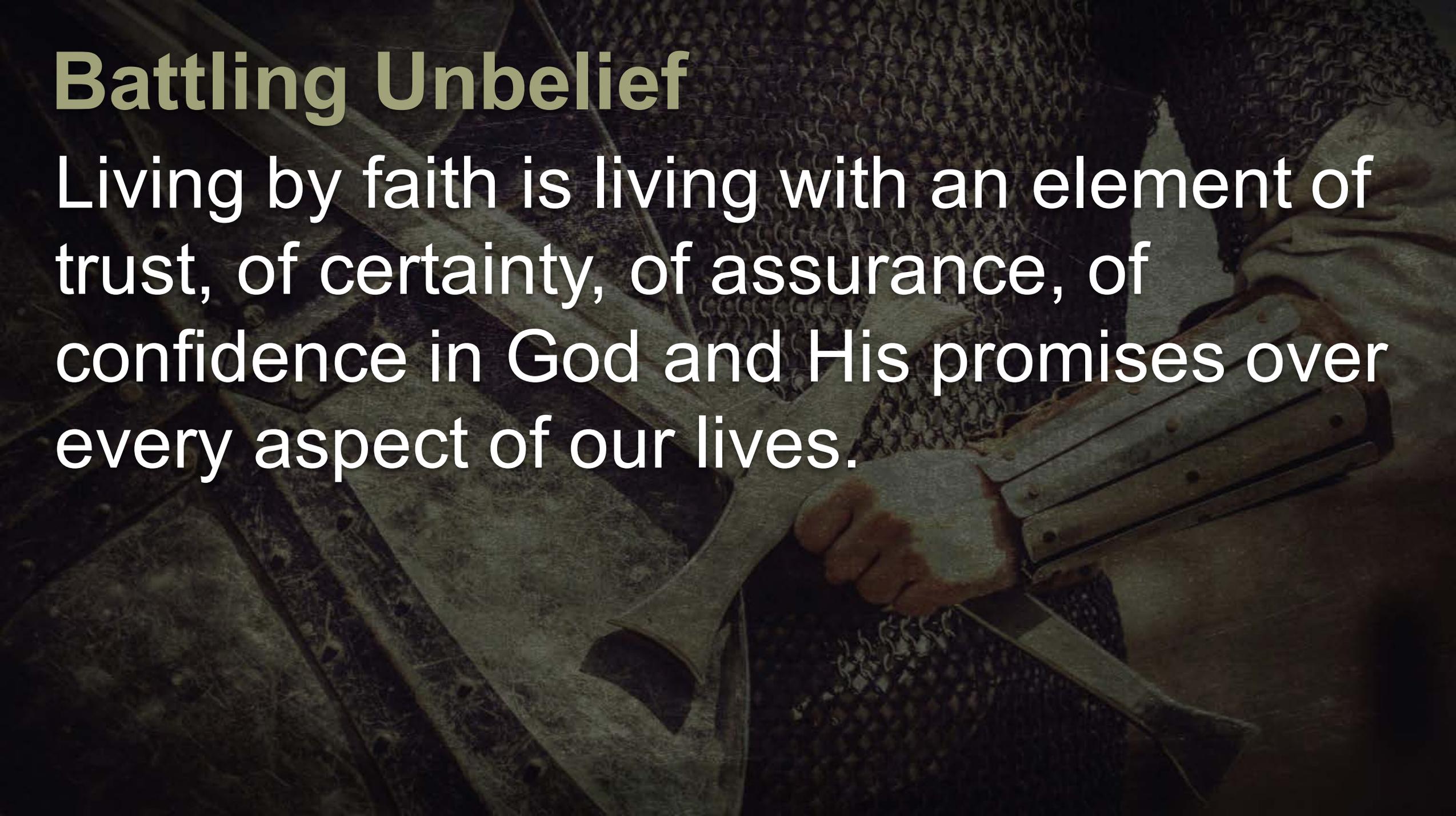
# Battling Unbelief

God's desire and design for us, is not just to *believe in Him*, but to *believe Him*.



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Living by faith is living with an element of trust, of certainty, of assurance, of confidence in God and His promises over every aspect of our lives.



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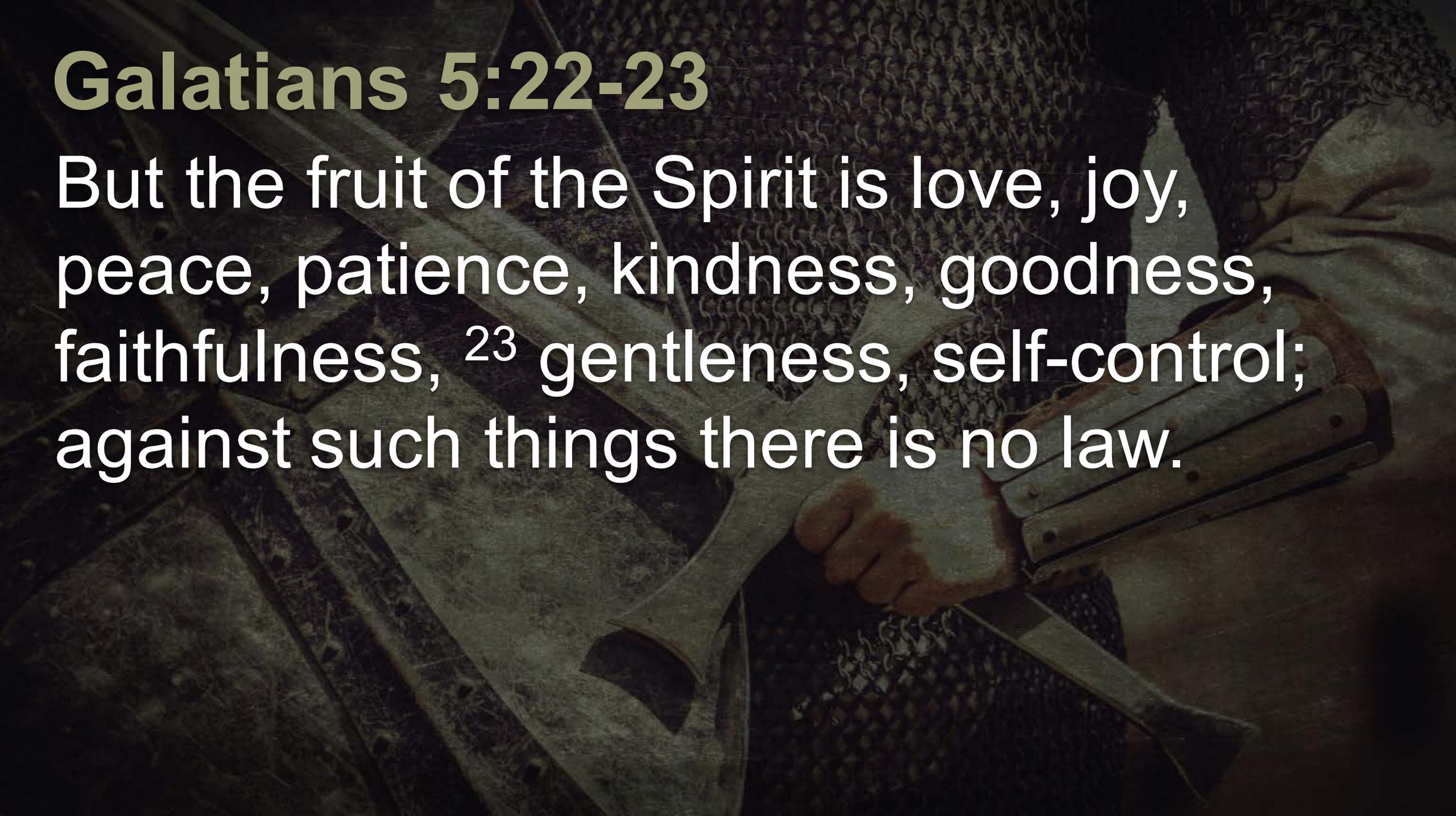
The opposite of faith is unbelief.

It is not unbelief in the form of atheism or agnosticism that we must battle, but it is unbelief in the form of control, anxiety, jealousy, impatience, misplaced shame, bitterness, lust...



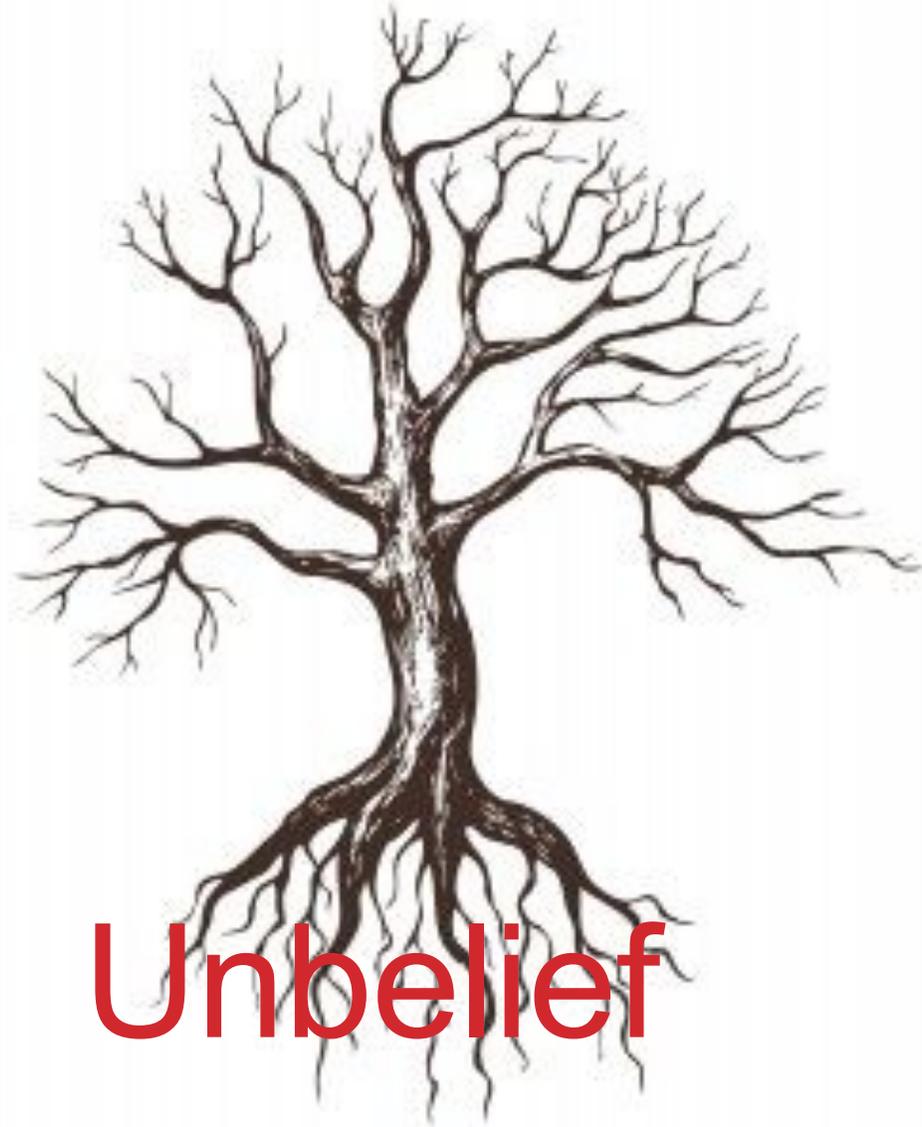
## Galatians 5:22-23

But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, <sup>23</sup> gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law.





Faith



Unbelief



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An experience contrary to the fruit of the Spirit

What unbelieving thoughts are producing this?

What specific promise from God can I believe?

By faith believe that promise

Act on the promise



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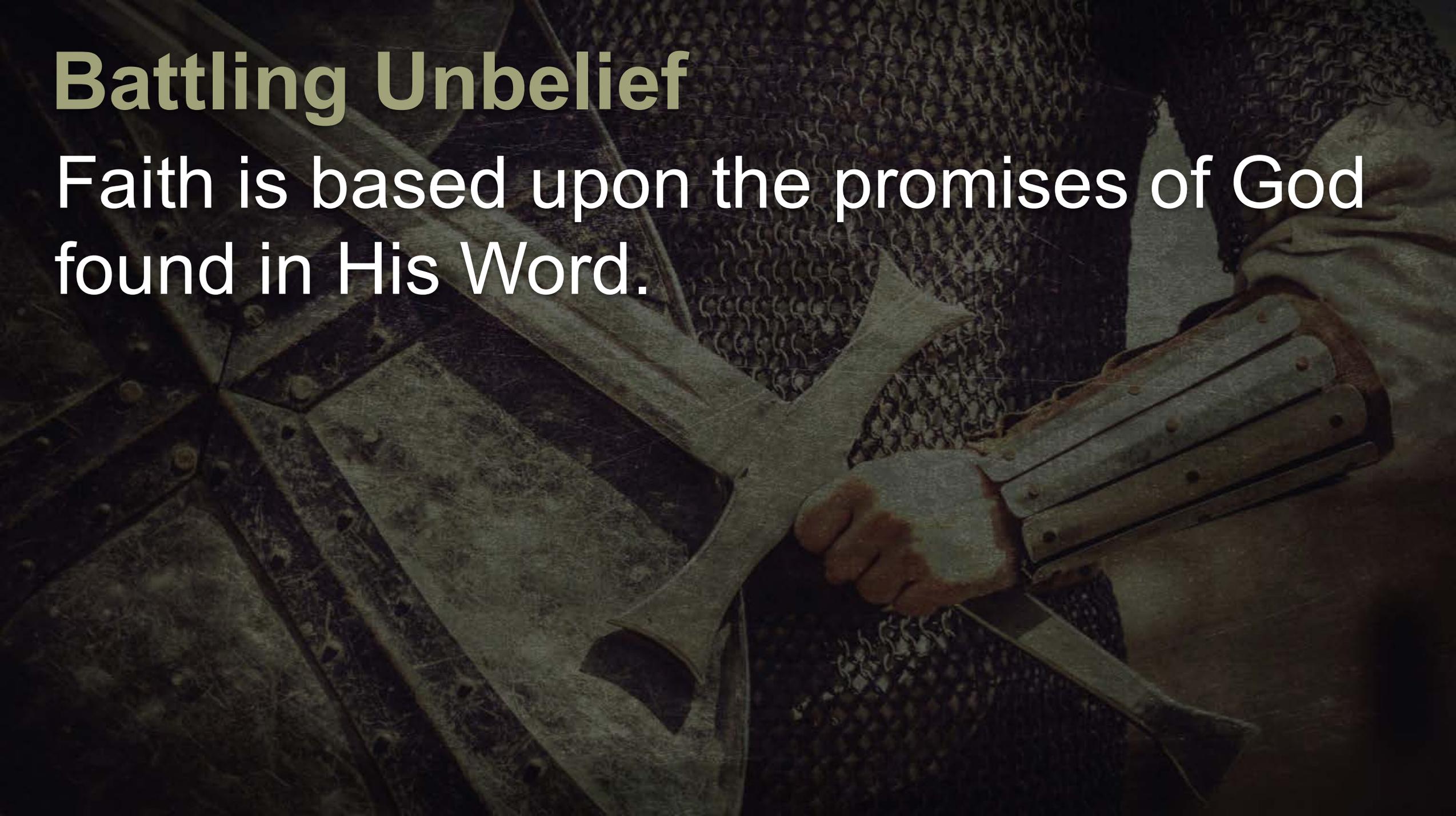
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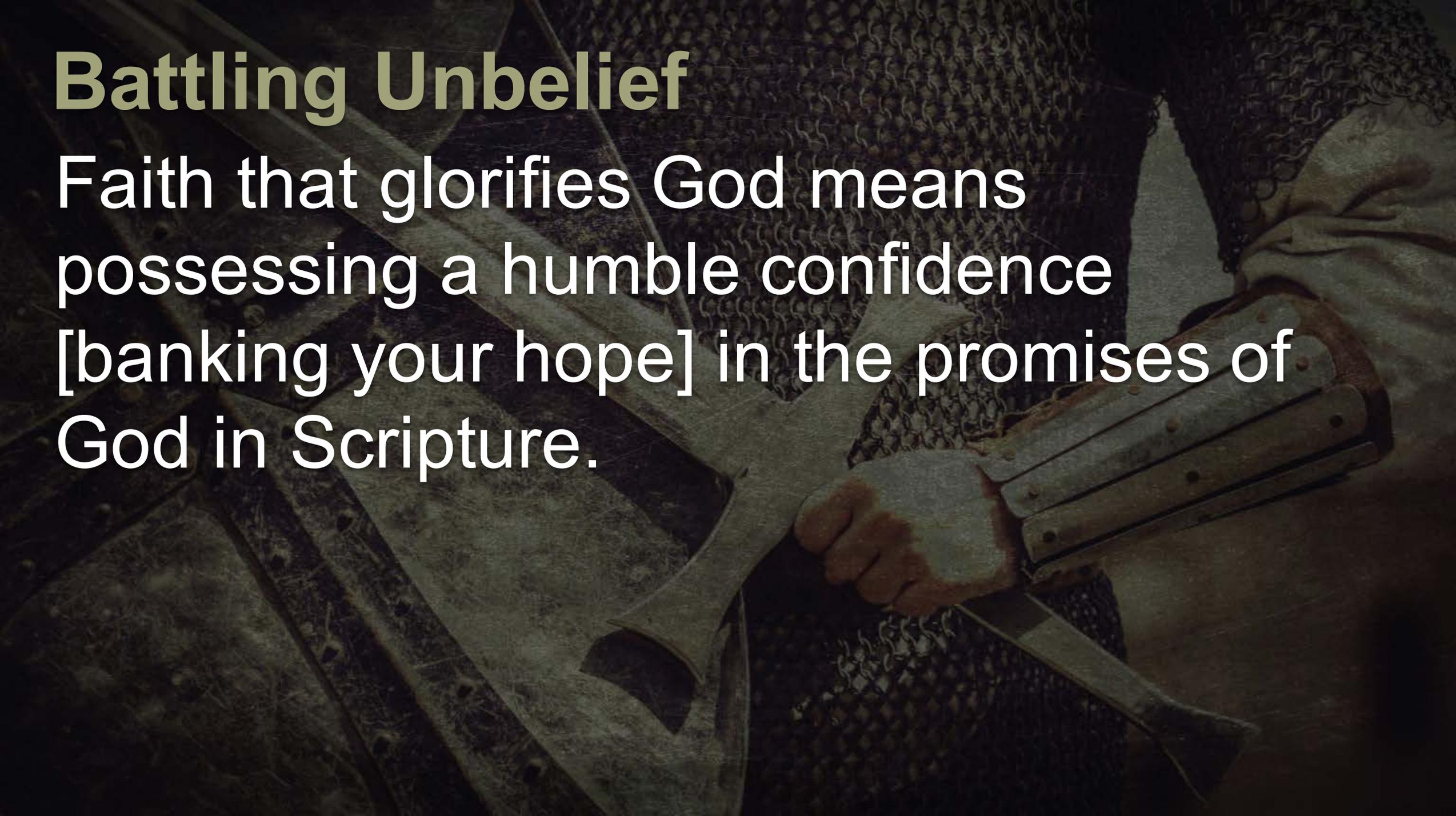
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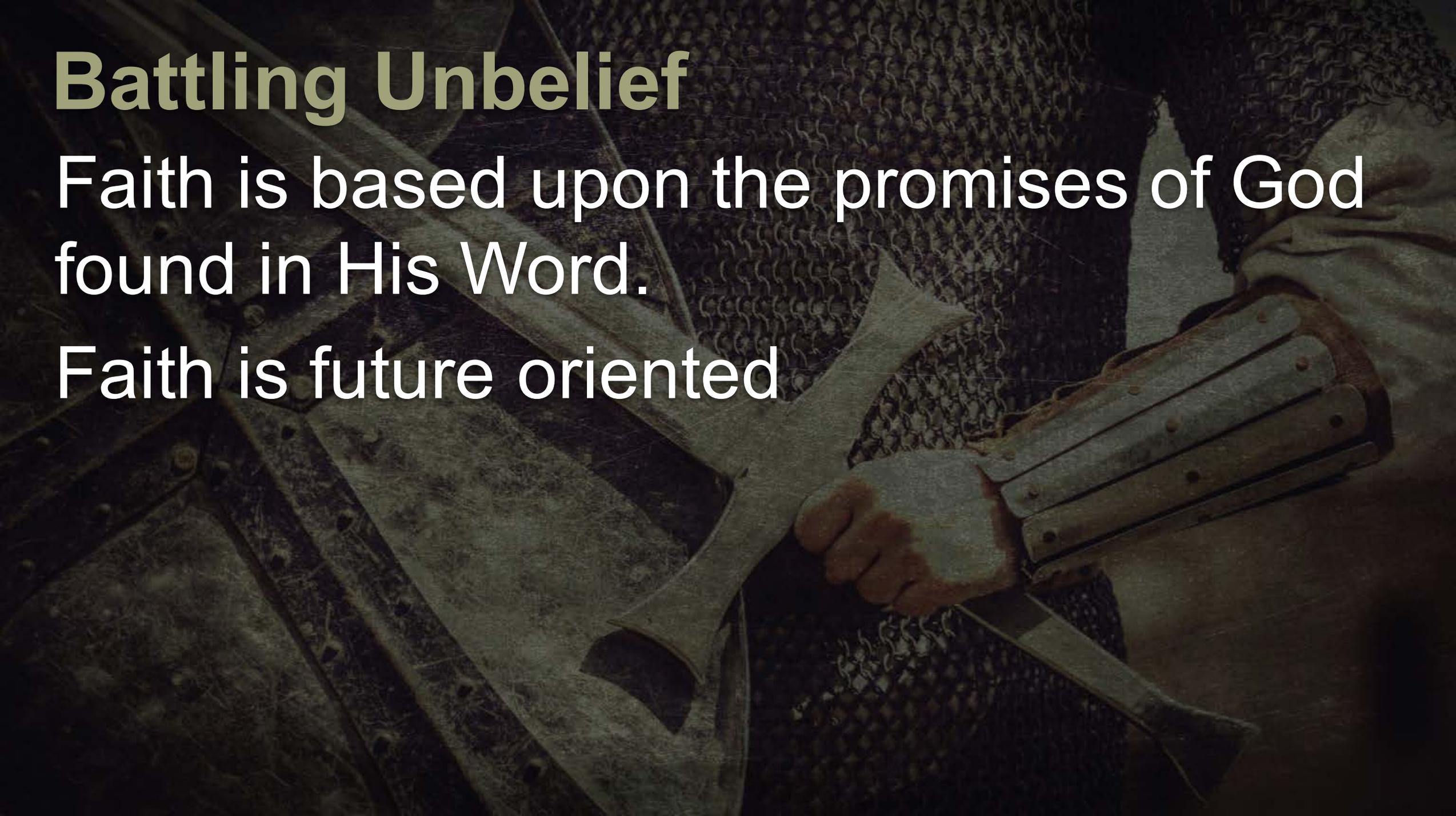


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Faith that glorifies God means possessing a humble confidence [banking your hope] in the promises of God in Scripture.



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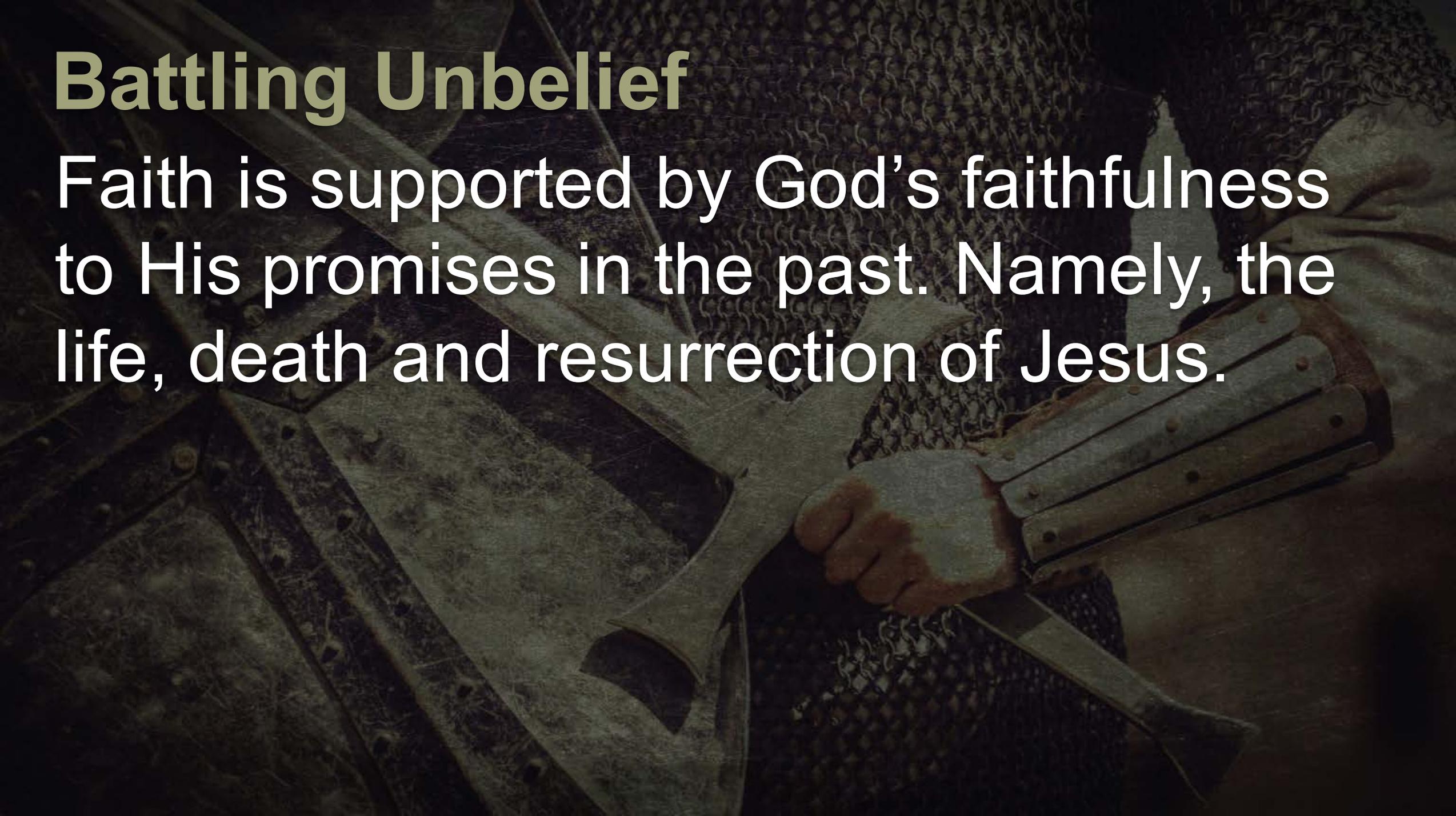
A close-up photograph of a person's hand holding a sword hilt. The person is wearing chainmail armor and a wooden gauntlet. The background is dark and textured.

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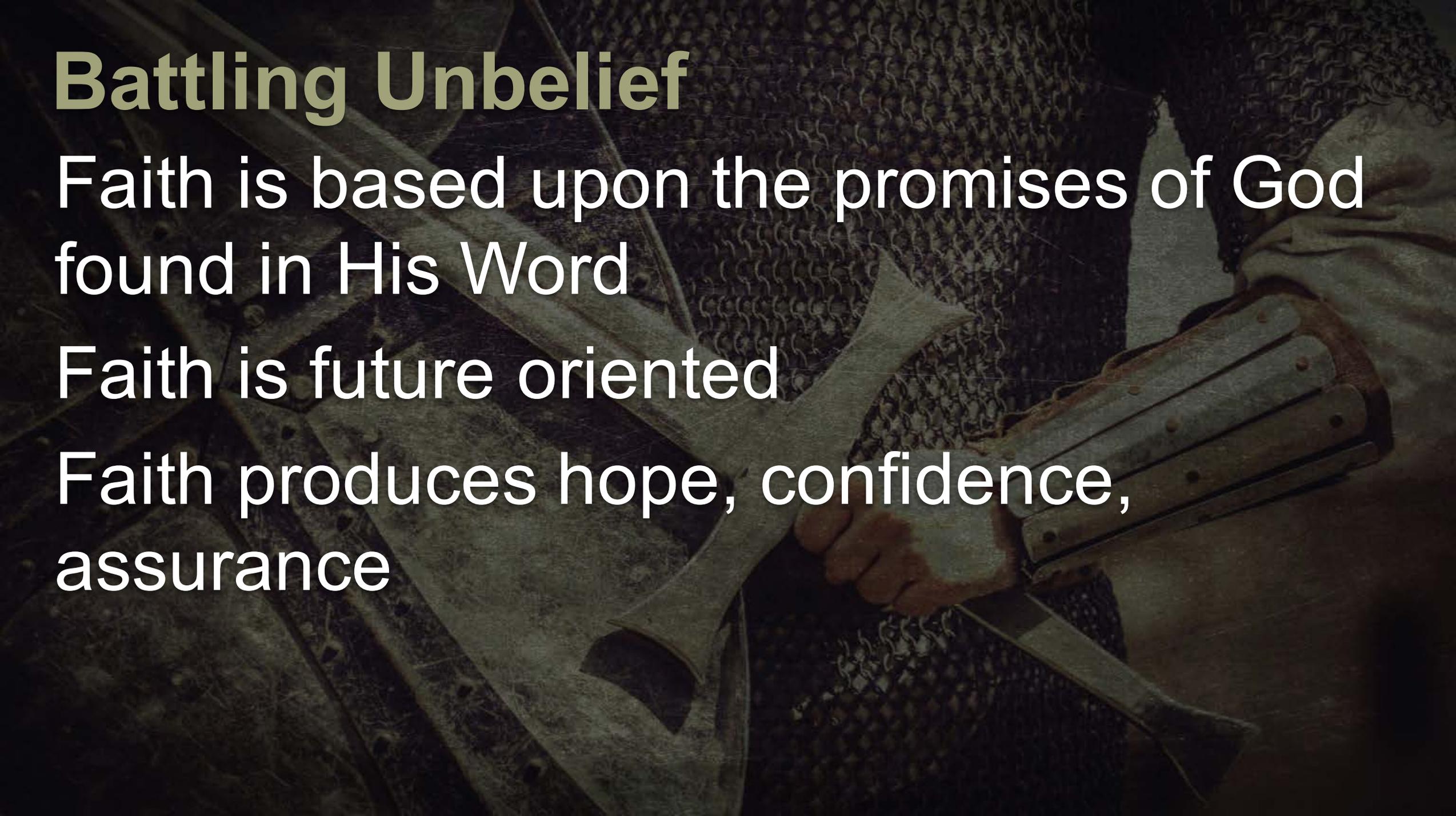
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Faith is supported by God's faithfulness to His promises in the past. Namely, the life, death and resurrection of Jesus.



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Faith produces hope, confidence, assurance