


current sermon series

BATTLING UNBELIEF

A medieval knight in chainmail armor is shown from the chest up, 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.



Matthew 6:25-34

“Therefore I tell you, do not be anxious about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, nor about your body, what you will put on. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? ²⁶ Look at the birds of the air: they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns,

Matthew 6:25-34

and yet your heavenly Father feeds them.
Are you not of more value than they?

²⁷ And which of you by being anxious can
add a single hour to his span of life?

²⁸ And why are you anxious about
clothing? Consider the lilies of the field,
how they grow: they neither toil nor spin,

Matthew 6:25-34

²⁹ yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these.

³⁰ But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which today is alive and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you, O you of little faith?

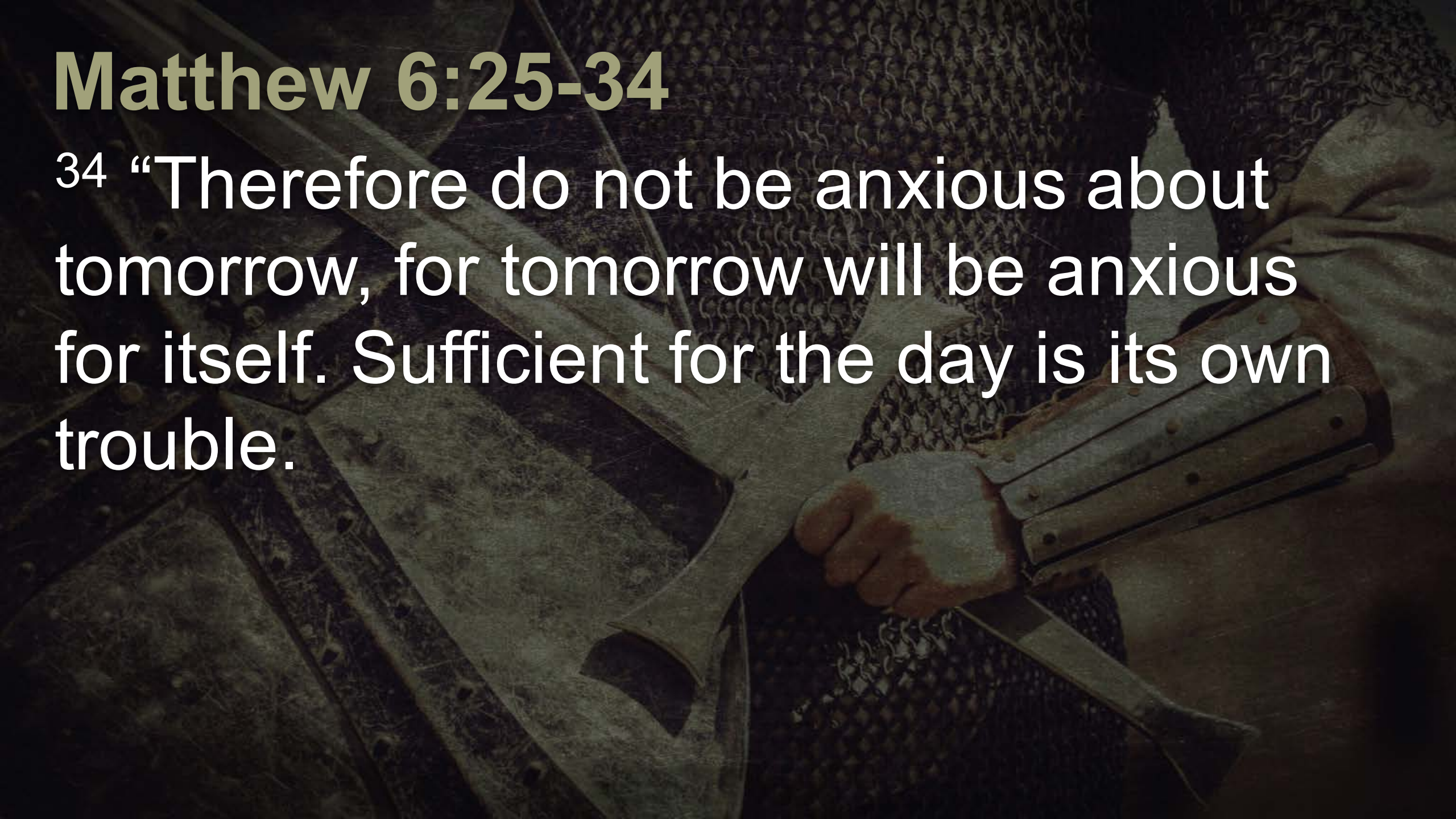
³¹ Therefore do not be anxious, saying,

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‘What shall we eat?’ or ‘What shall we drink?’ or ‘What shall we wear?’ ³² For the Gentiles seek after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them all. ³³ But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you.

Matthew 6:25-34

34 “Therefore do not be anxious about tomorrow, for tomorrow will be anxious for itself. Sufficient for the day is its own trouble.

A person wearing chainmail armor is shown from the chest down, holding a sword. The sword has a wooden hilt and a metal blade. The person is wearing a dark tunic and a chainmail surcoat. The background is dark and textured, possibly a wall or a large piece of fabric.



The Battle of Anxiety

A person wearing chainmail armor is shown from the chest down, holding a sword. The person's hands are visible, gripping the hilt of the sword. The background is dark and textured, suggesting a battlefield or a cave. The overall tone is somber and intense.

The core sin under every other sin is unbelief- the refusal to rest (believe, trust) in the promises, assurances, and truths of the gospel.

The Battle of Anxiety

Faith honors him whom it trusts with the most reverent and highest regard since it considers him truthful and trustworthy.

There is no other honor equal to the estimate of truthfulness and righteousness with which we honor him whom we trust . . .

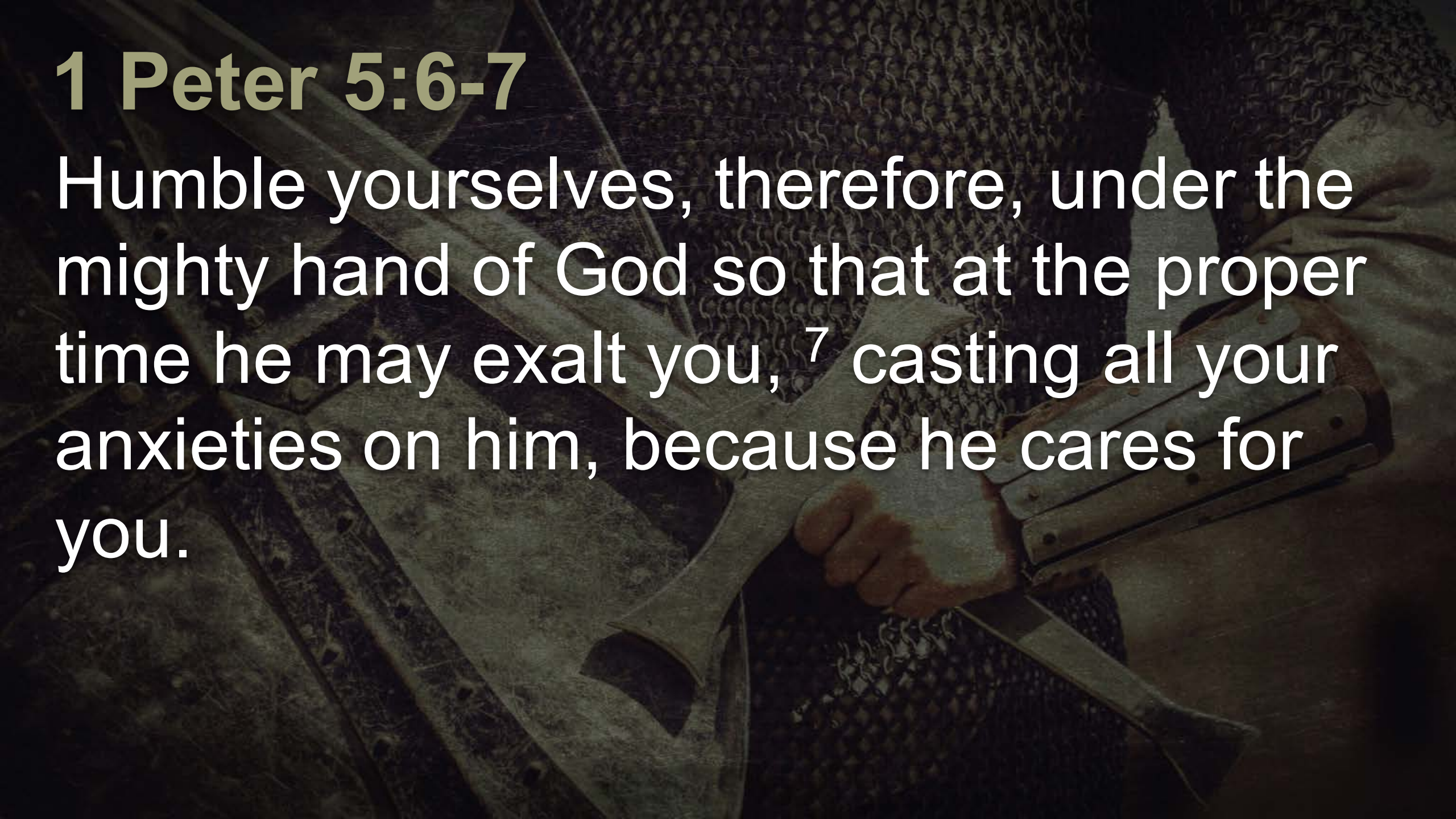
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On the other hand, there is no way in which we can show greater contempt for a man than to regard him as false and wicked and to be suspicious of him, as we do when we do not trust him.



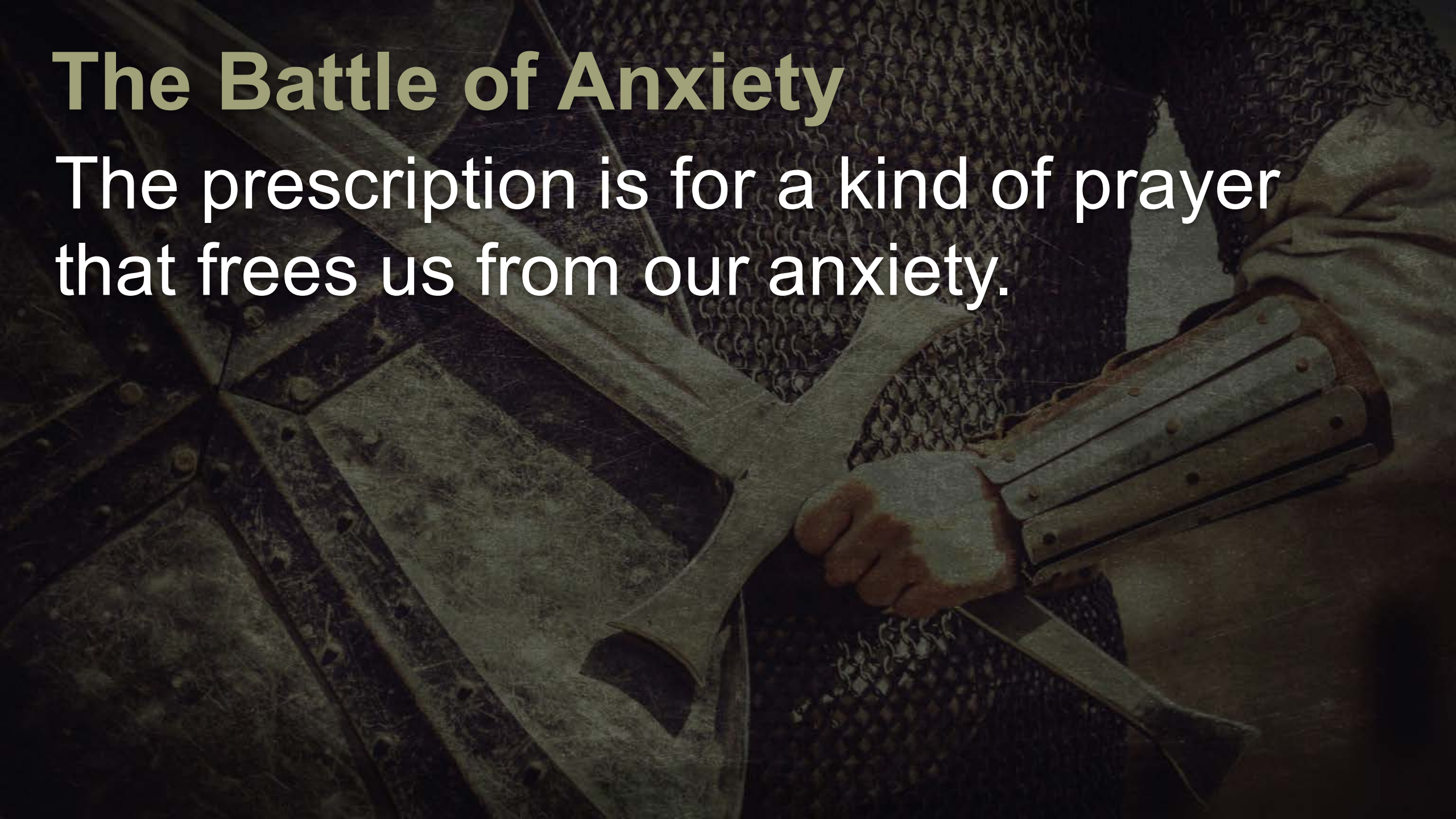
1 Peter 5:6-7

Humble yourselves, therefore, under the mighty hand of God so that at the proper time he may exalt you,⁷ casting all your anxieties on him, because he cares for you.

A person wearing chainmail armor is shown from the chest down, holding a sword with both hands. The sword has a wooden hilt and a metal blade. The background is dark and textured, suggesting a medieval or fantasy setting.

The Battle of Anxiety

The prescription is for a kind of prayer that frees us from our anxiety.



Philippians 4:5b-7

The Lord is at hand; ⁶ do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. ⁷ And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

The Battle of Anxiety

The prescription is not just for prayer in general, but a specific way of praying that reminds you of God's greatness AND His personal concern for you.

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