



THE
GOSPEL *of* **JOHN**

THAT YOU MAY BELIEVE

John 16:16–24

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and, ‘because I am going to the Father’?”

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but when she has delivered the baby, she no longer remembers the anguish, for joy that a human being has been born into the world. ²² So also you have sorrow now, but I will see you again, and your hearts will rejoice, and no one will take your joy from you.

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²³ In that day you will ask nothing of me. Truly, truly, I say to you, whatever you ask of the Father in my name, he will give it to you. ²⁴ Until now you have asked nothing in my name. Ask, and you will receive, that your joy may be full.

Proverbs 13:12a

Hope deferred makes the heart sick



Psalm 42:5

Why are you cast down, O my soul, and why are you in turmoil within me? Hope in God; for I shall again praise him, my salvation

Jeremiah 29:11

For I know the plans I have for you,
declares the Lord, plans for welfare and
not for evil, to give you a future and a
hope.

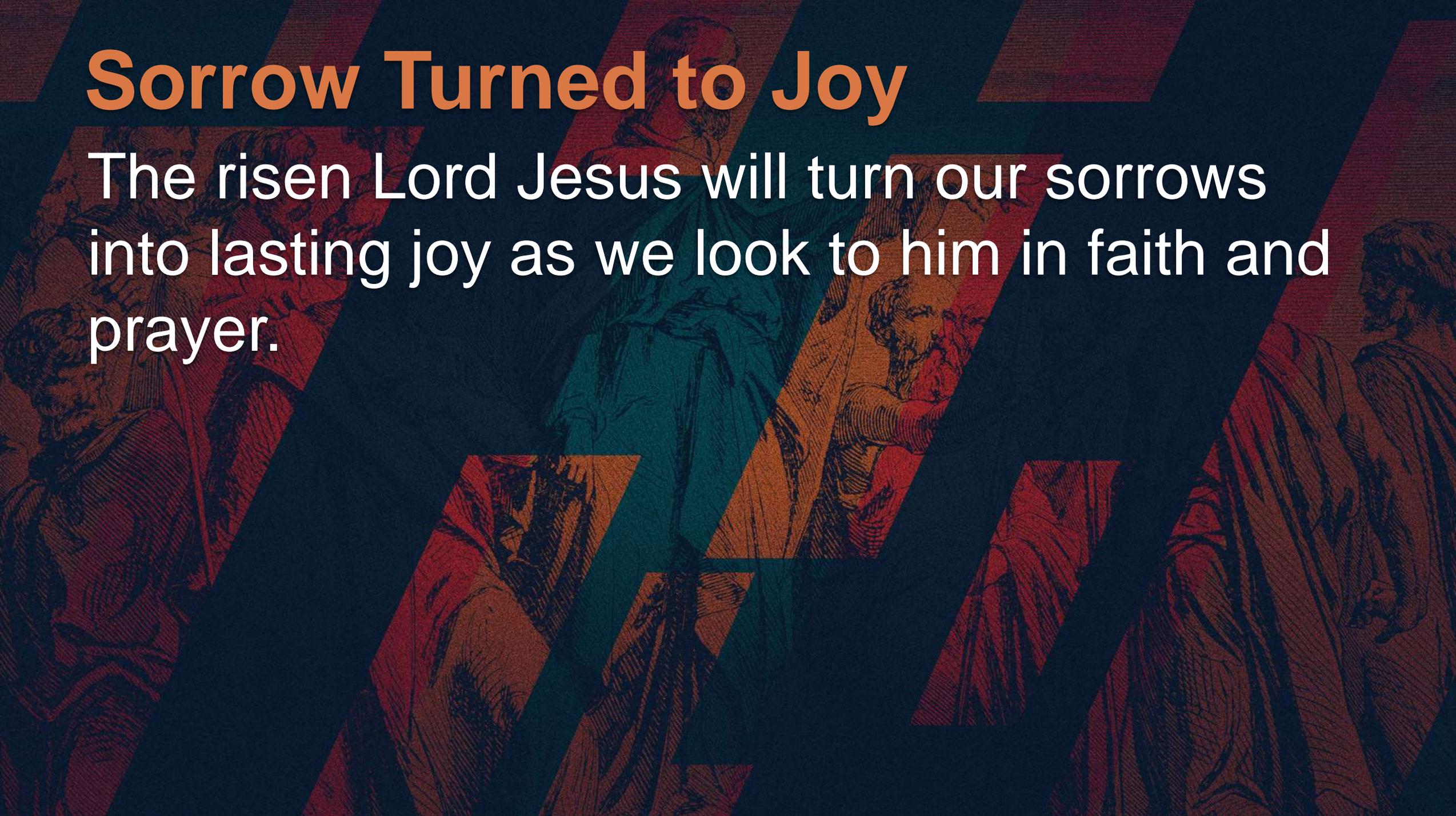
Lamentations 3:21–24

But this I call to mind, and therefore I have hope: ²² The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases; his mercies never come to an end; ²³ they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness.

²⁴ “The Lord is my portion,” says my soul, “therefore I will hope in him.”

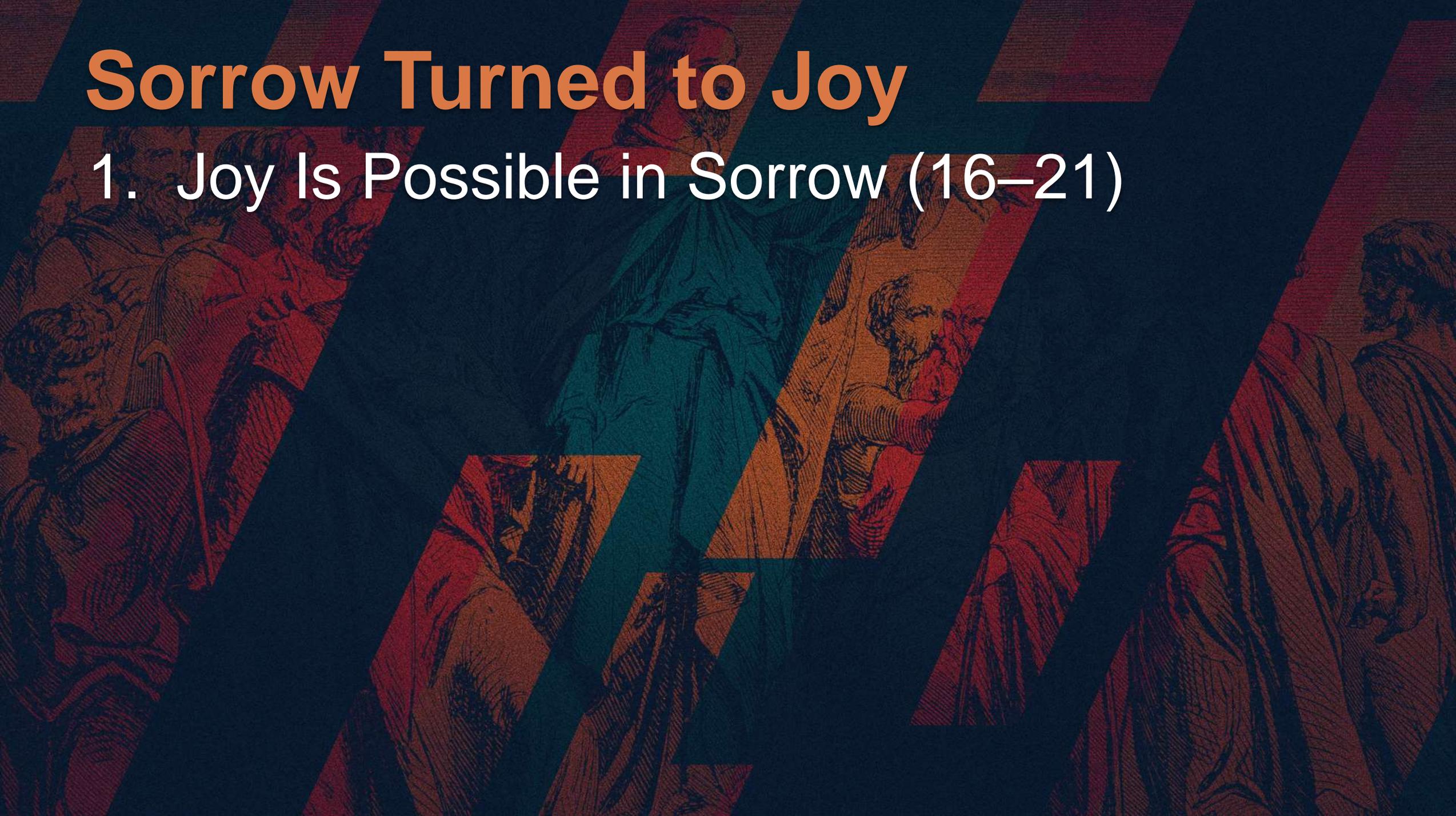
Sorrow Turned to Joy

The risen Lord Jesus will turn our sorrows into lasting joy as we look to him in faith and prayer.



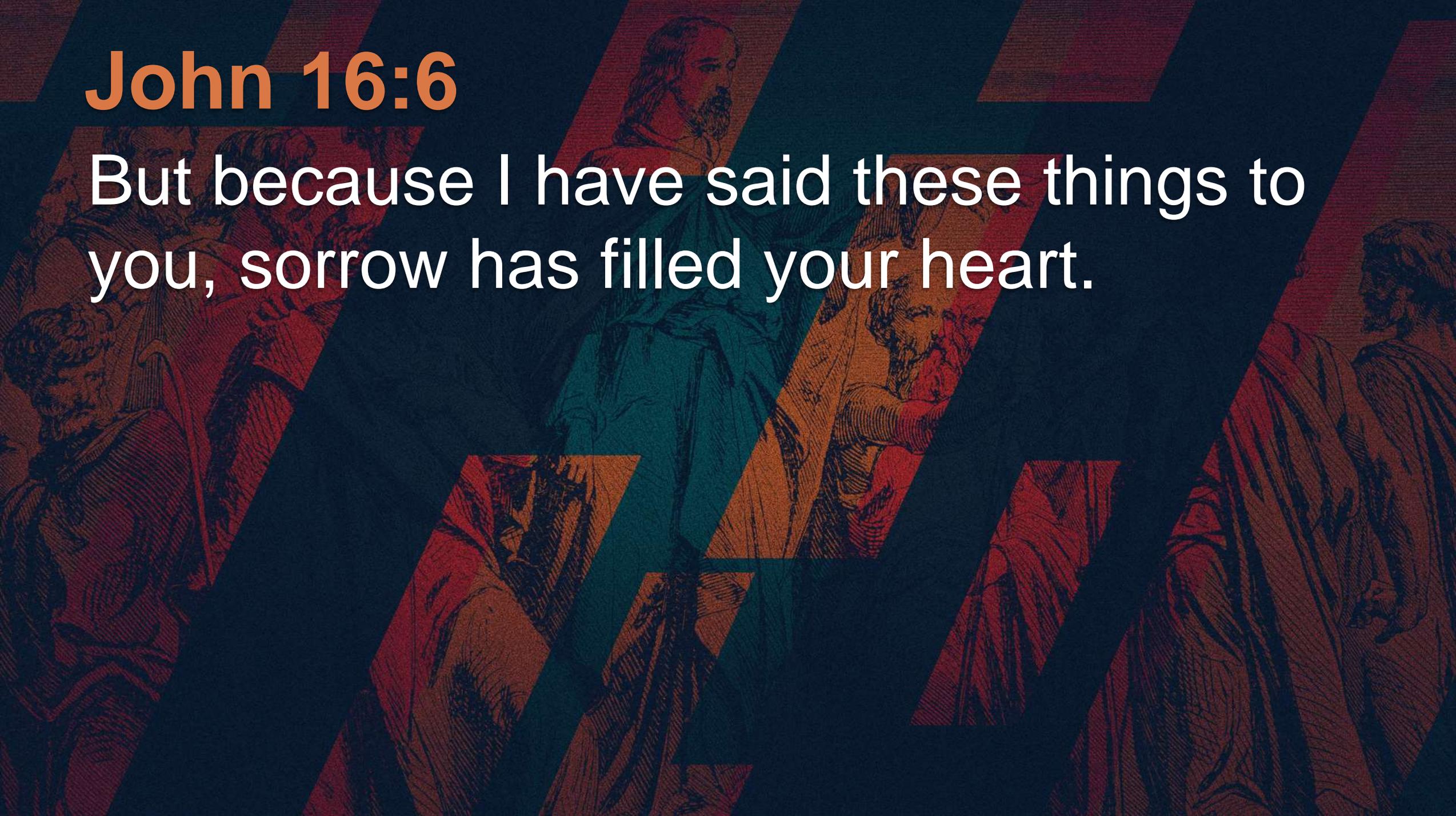
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1. Joy Is Possible in Sorrow (16–21)



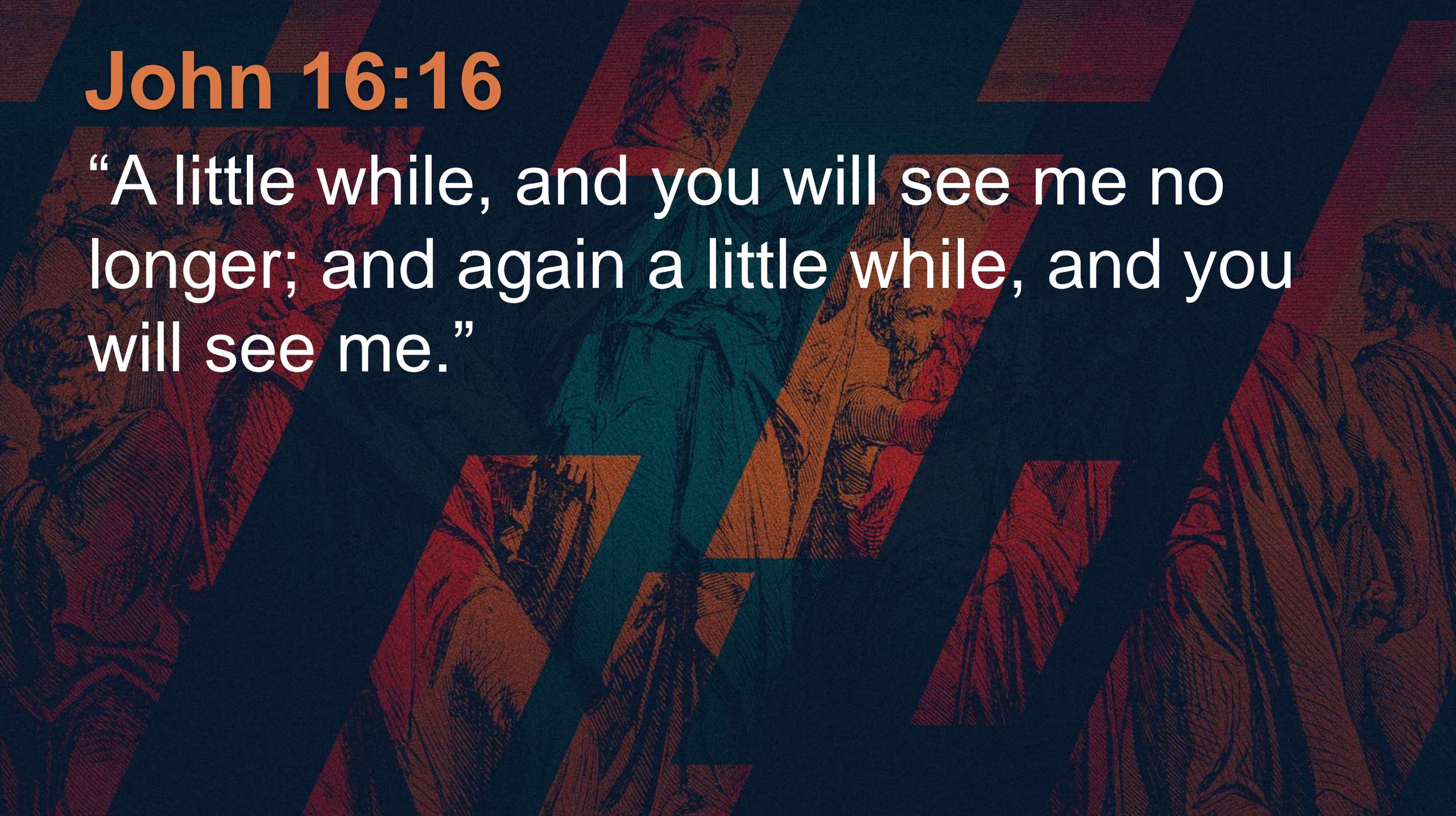
John 16:6

But because I have said these things to you, sorrow has filled your heart.



John 16:16

“A little while, and you will see me no longer; and again a little while, and you will see me.”



John 16:17–18

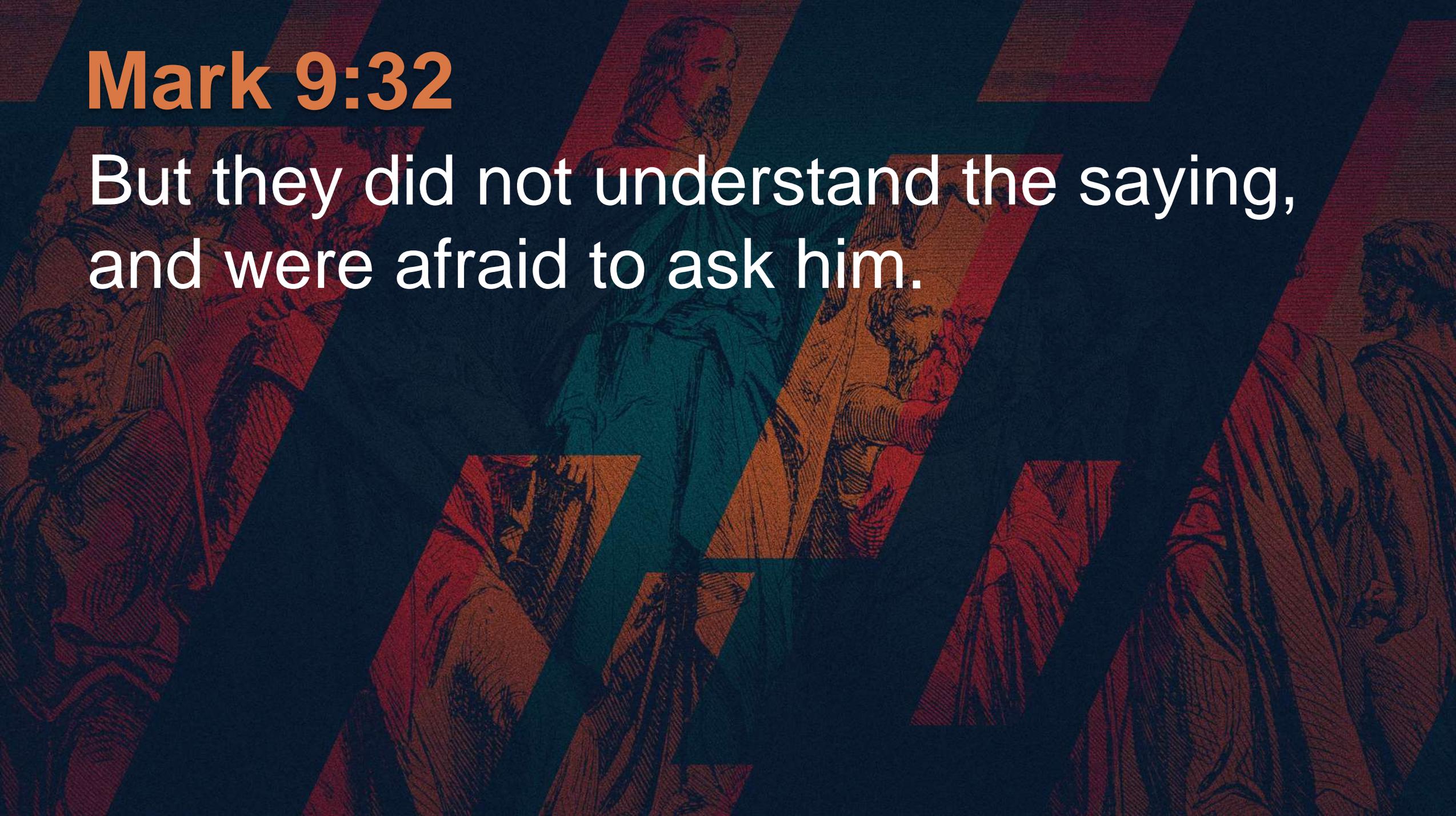
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Mark 9:32

But they did not understand the saying,
and were afraid to ask him.



John 16:19

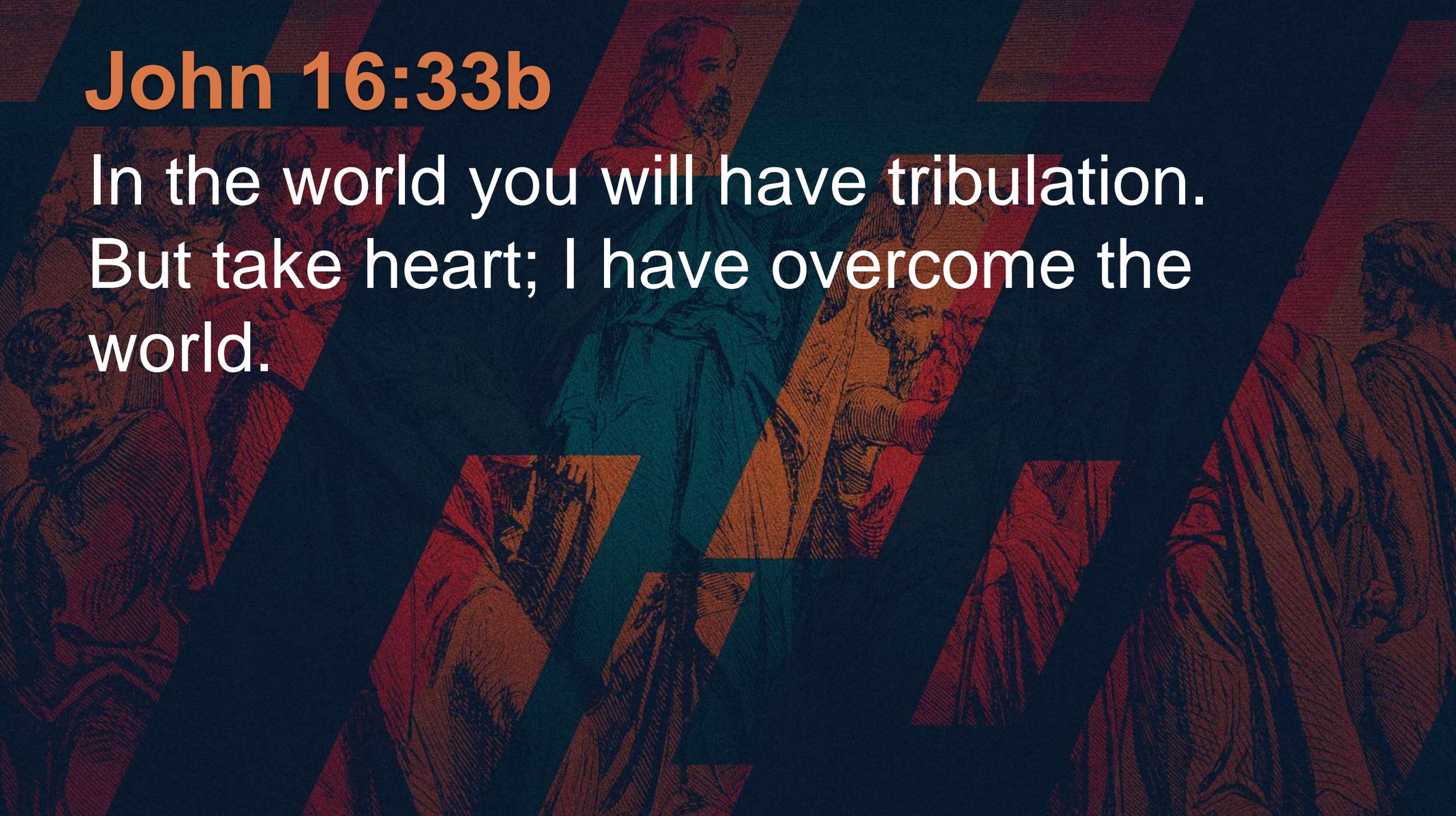
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John 16:20

Truly, truly, I say to you, you will weep and lament, but the world will rejoice. You will be sorrowful, but your sorrow will turn into joy.

John 16:33b

In the world you will have tribulation.
But take heart; I have overcome the
world.



2 Corinthians 4:16–18

So we do not lose heart. Though our outer self is wasting away, our inner self is being renewed day by day. ¹⁷ For this light momentary affliction is preparing for us an eternal weight of glory beyond all comparison,

2 Corinthians 4:16–18

¹⁸ as we look not to the things that are seen but to the things that are unseen. For the things that are seen are transient, but the things that are unseen are eternal.

1 Peter 1:6–8

In this you rejoice, though now for a little while, if necessary, you have been grieved by various trials,⁷ so that the tested genuineness of your faith—more precious than gold that perishes though it is tested by fire—

1 Peter 1:6–8

may be found to result in praise and glory and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ. ⁸ Though you have not seen him, you love him. Though you do not now see him, you believe in him and rejoice with joy that is inexpressible and filled with glory

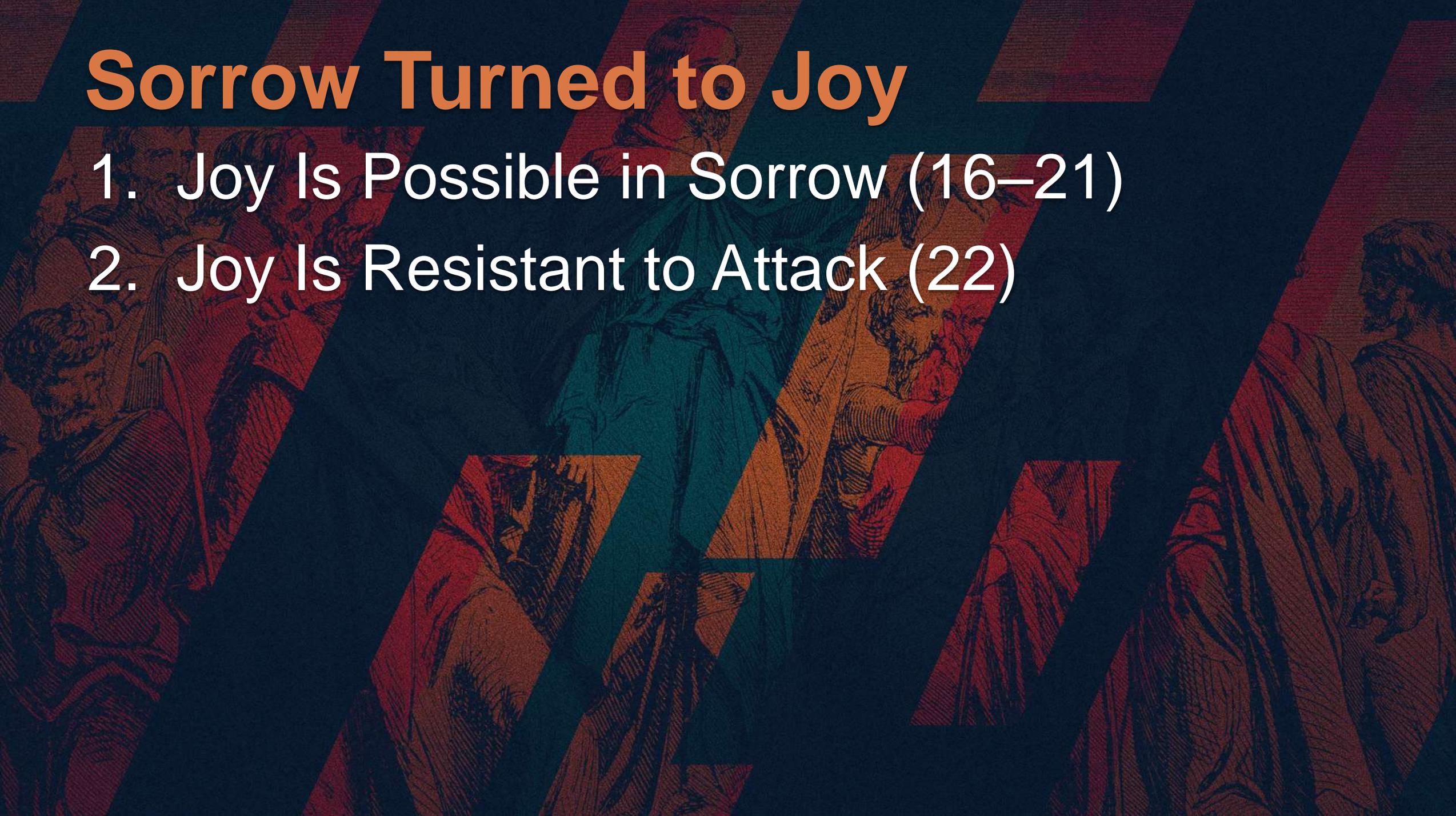
John 16:21

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Galatians 6:14

But far be it from me to boast except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world.

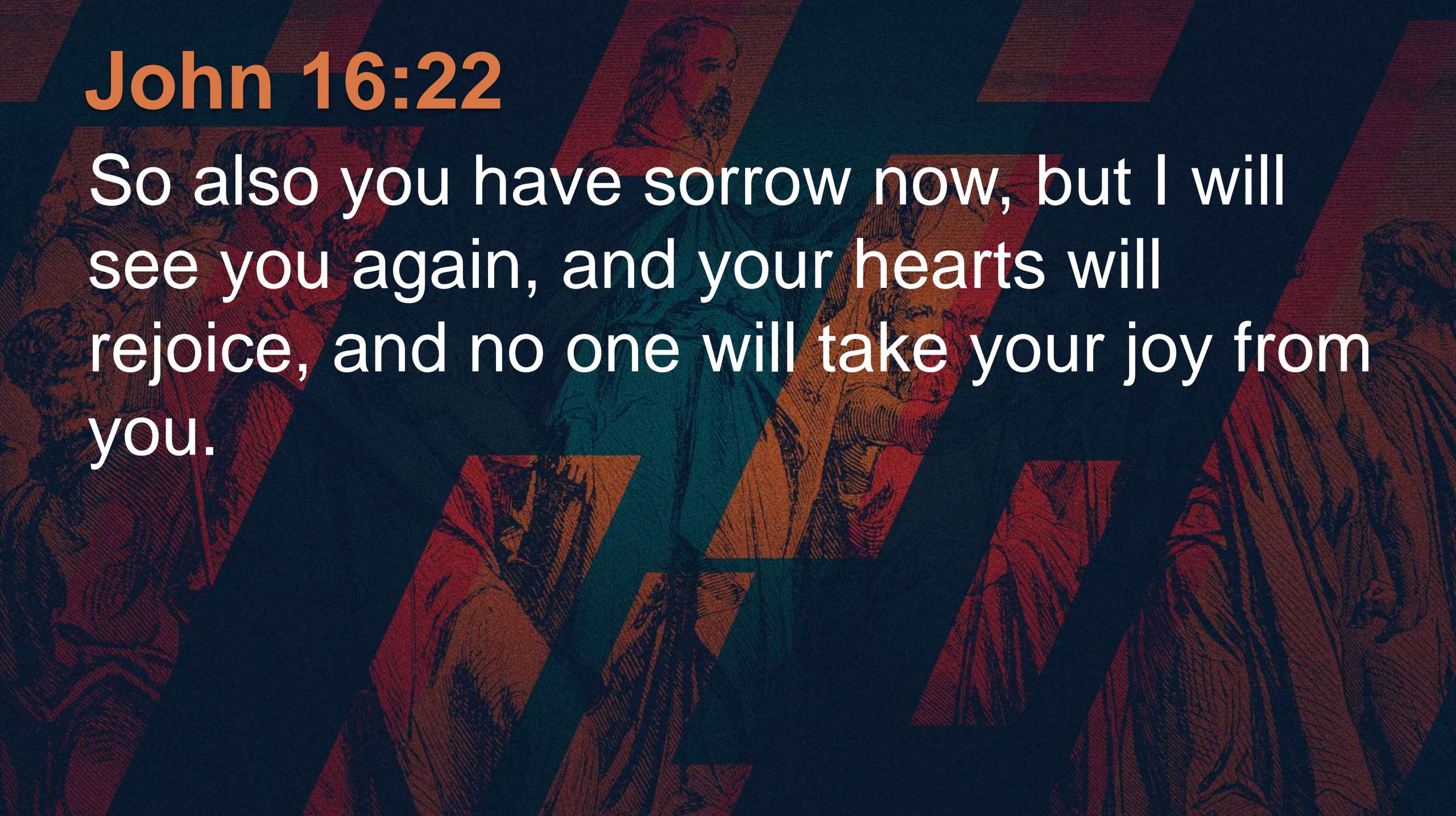
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2. Joy Is Resistant to Attack (22)

John 16:22

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Philippians 4:4

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, rejoice.



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3. Joy Is Refreshed Through Prayer (23–24)

John 16:23–24

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“Prayerlessness leads to joylessness. If you’re prayer-less, there’s going to be an absence of joy. Therefore, we need not just a right doctrine of Jesus. We need rich fellowship with Jesus so that our joy may be full.”

-Tony Merida

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