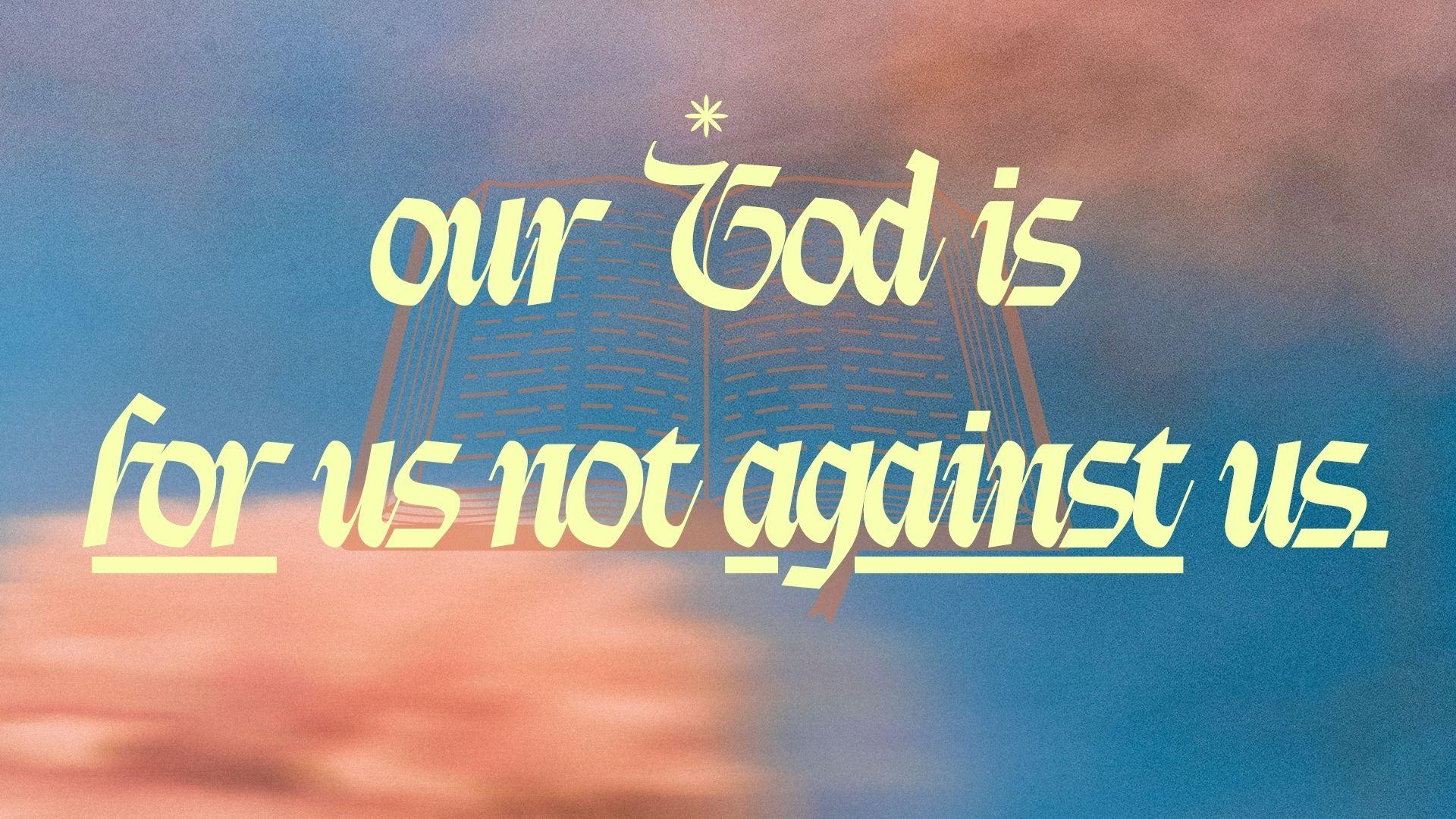




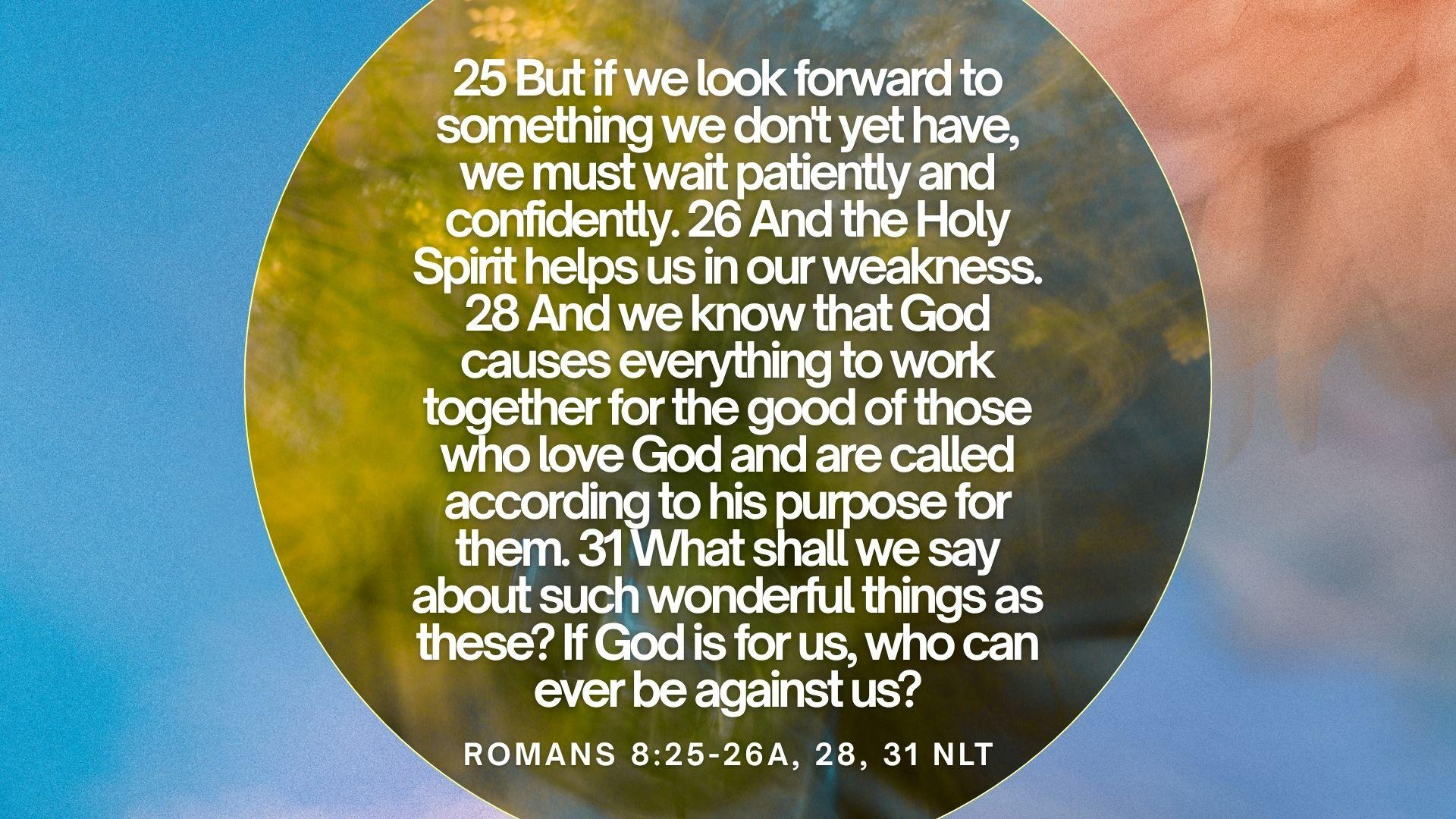
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*our God is
for us not against us.*



25 But if we look forward to something we don't yet have, we must wait patiently and confidently. 26 And the Holy Spirit helps us in our weakness. 28 And we know that God causes everything to work together for the good of those who love God and are called according to his purpose for them. 31 What shall we say about such wonderful things as these? If God is for us, who can ever be against us?

ROMANS 8:25-26A, 28, 31 NLT

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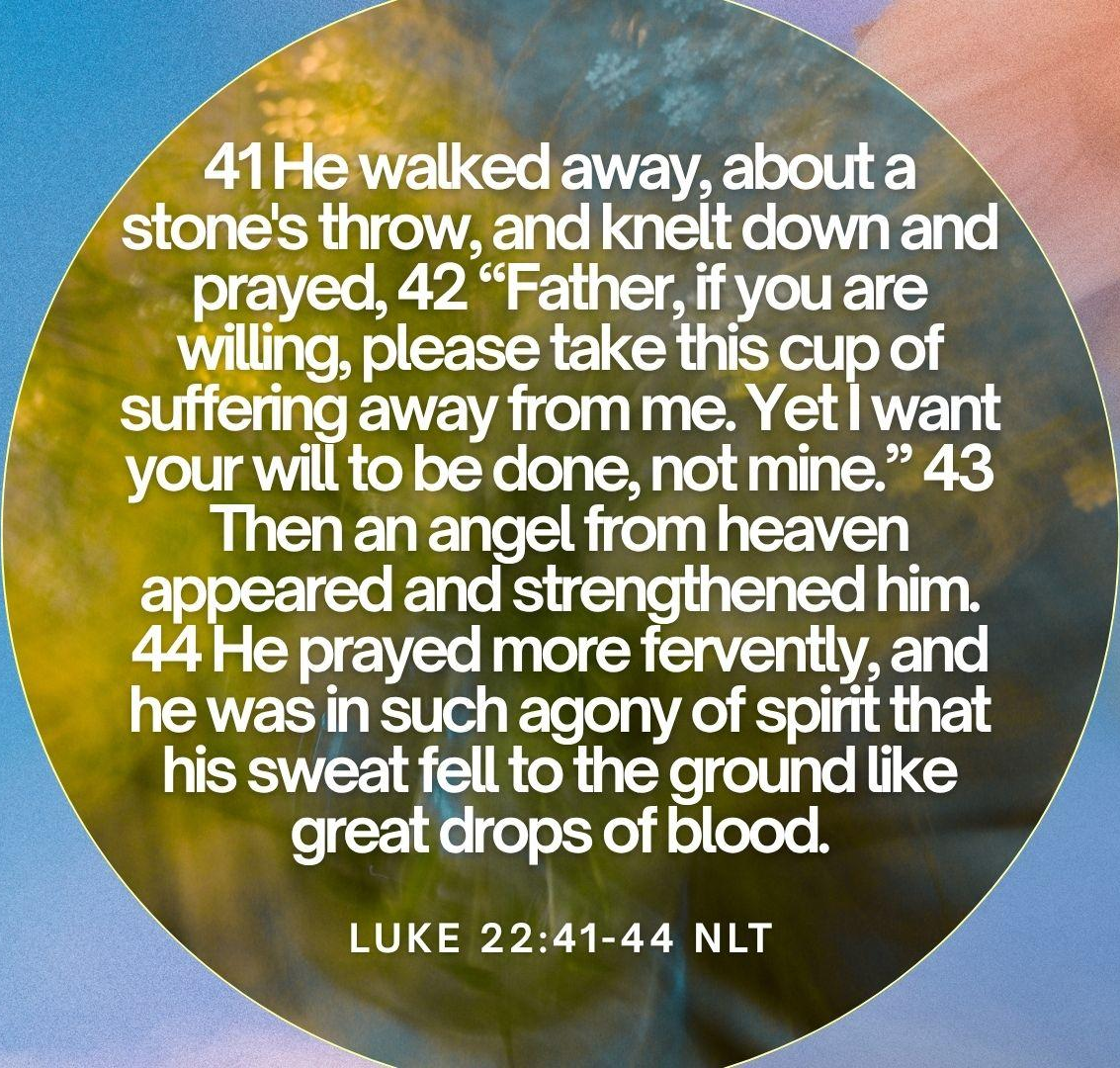
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God is for us in the Bible:

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- Elisha
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- Jesus



God is for us in our lives.



41 He walked away, about a stone's throw, and knelt down and prayed, 42 "Father, if you are willing, please take this cup of suffering away from me. Yet I want your will to be done, not mine." 43

Then an angel from heaven appeared and strengthened him. 44 He prayed more fervently, and he was in such agony of spirit that his sweat fell to the ground like great drops of blood.

LUKE 22:41-44 NLT



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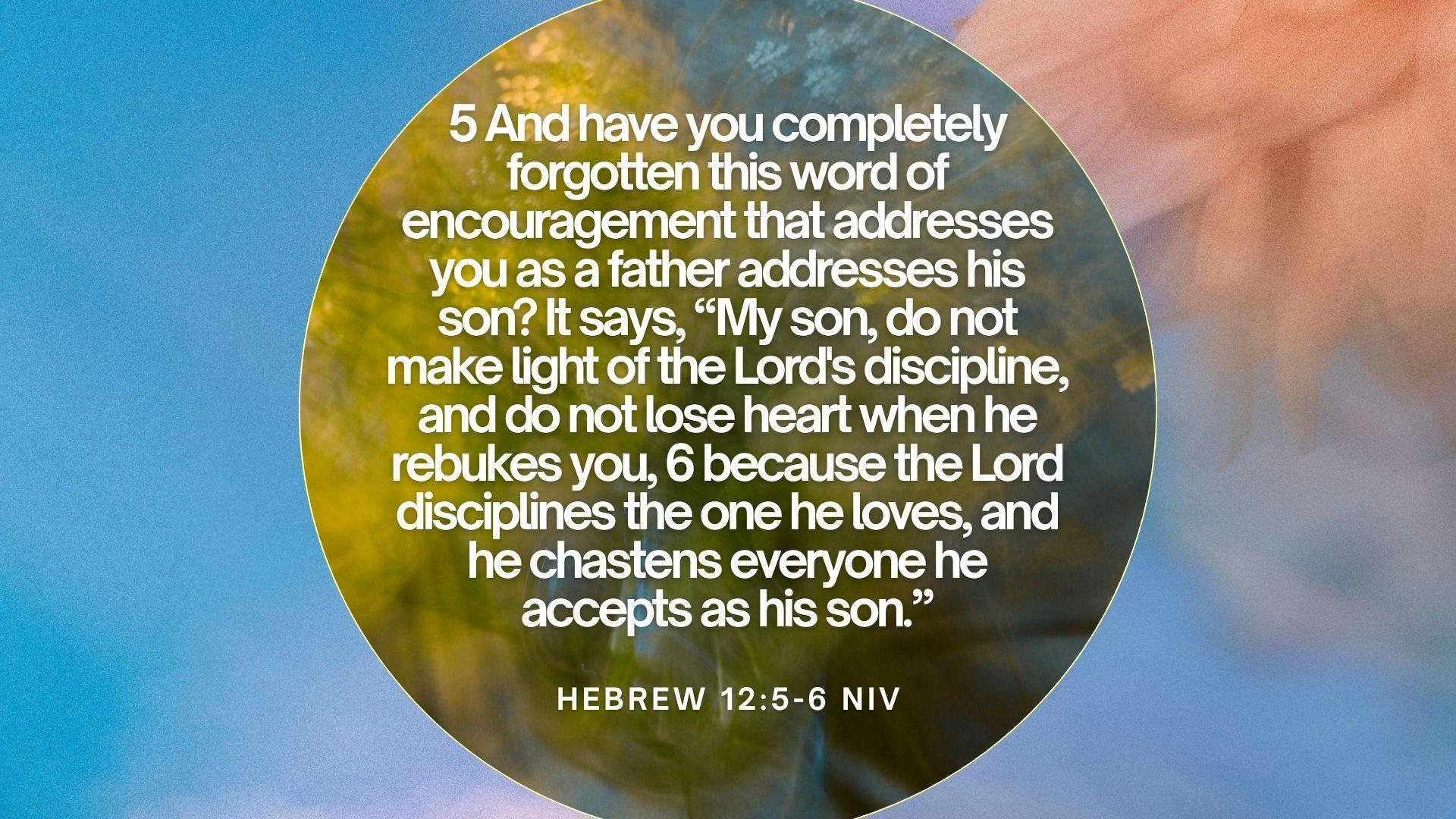
God is for us but it is not all about us.

13 Now when Joshua was near Jericho, he looked up and saw a man standing in front of him with a drawn sword in his hand. Joshua went up to him and asked, "Are you for us or for our enemies?" 14 "Neither," he replied, "but as commander of the army of the Lord I have now come." Then Joshua fell facedown to the ground in reverence, and asked him, "What message does my Lord have for his servant?" 15 The commander of the Lord's army replied, "Take off your sandals, for the place where you are standing is holy." And Joshua did so.

JOSHUA 5:13-15 NIV

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It is our job to get on God's side, not
God's job to get on ours.



5 And have you completely forgotten this word of encouragement that addresses you as a father addresses his son? It says, “My son, do not make light of the Lord's discipline, and do not lose heart when he rebukes you, 6 because the Lord disciplines the one he loves, and he chastens everyone he accepts as his son.”

HEBREW 12:5-6 NIV

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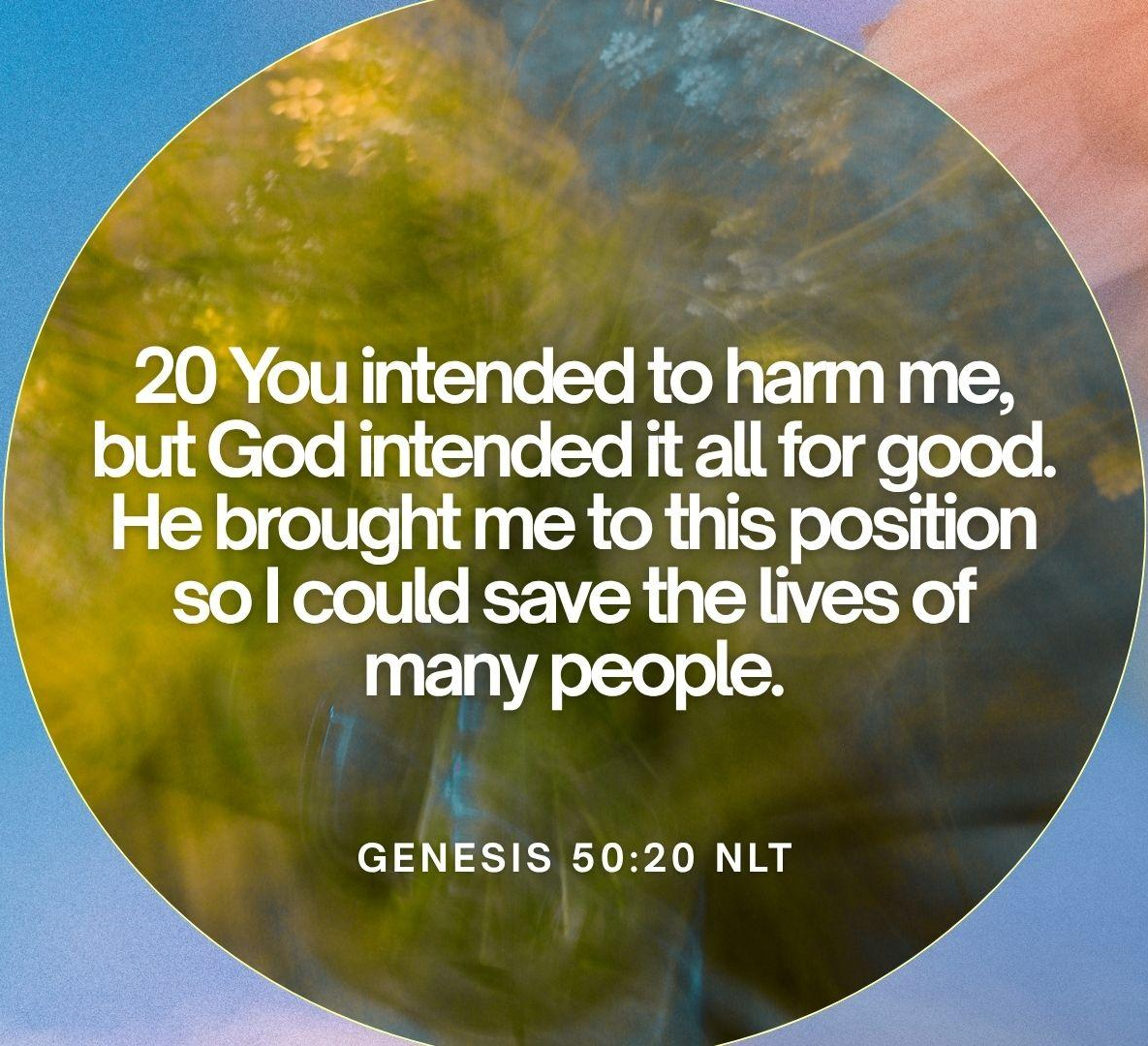
**Don't ever confuse God's loving
discipline for God being against you.**



Three truths to understand:

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-God is for me even when it seems life is against me.



**20 You intended to harm me,
but God intended it all for good.
He brought me to this position
so I could save the lives of
many people.**

GENESIS 50:20 NLT



18 Yet what we suffer now is nothing compared to the glory he will reveal to us later.

28 And we know that God causes everything to work together for the good of those who love God and are called according to his purpose for them.

ROMANS 8:18, 28 NLT

Three truths to understand:

-God is for me even when I know the enemy is against me.

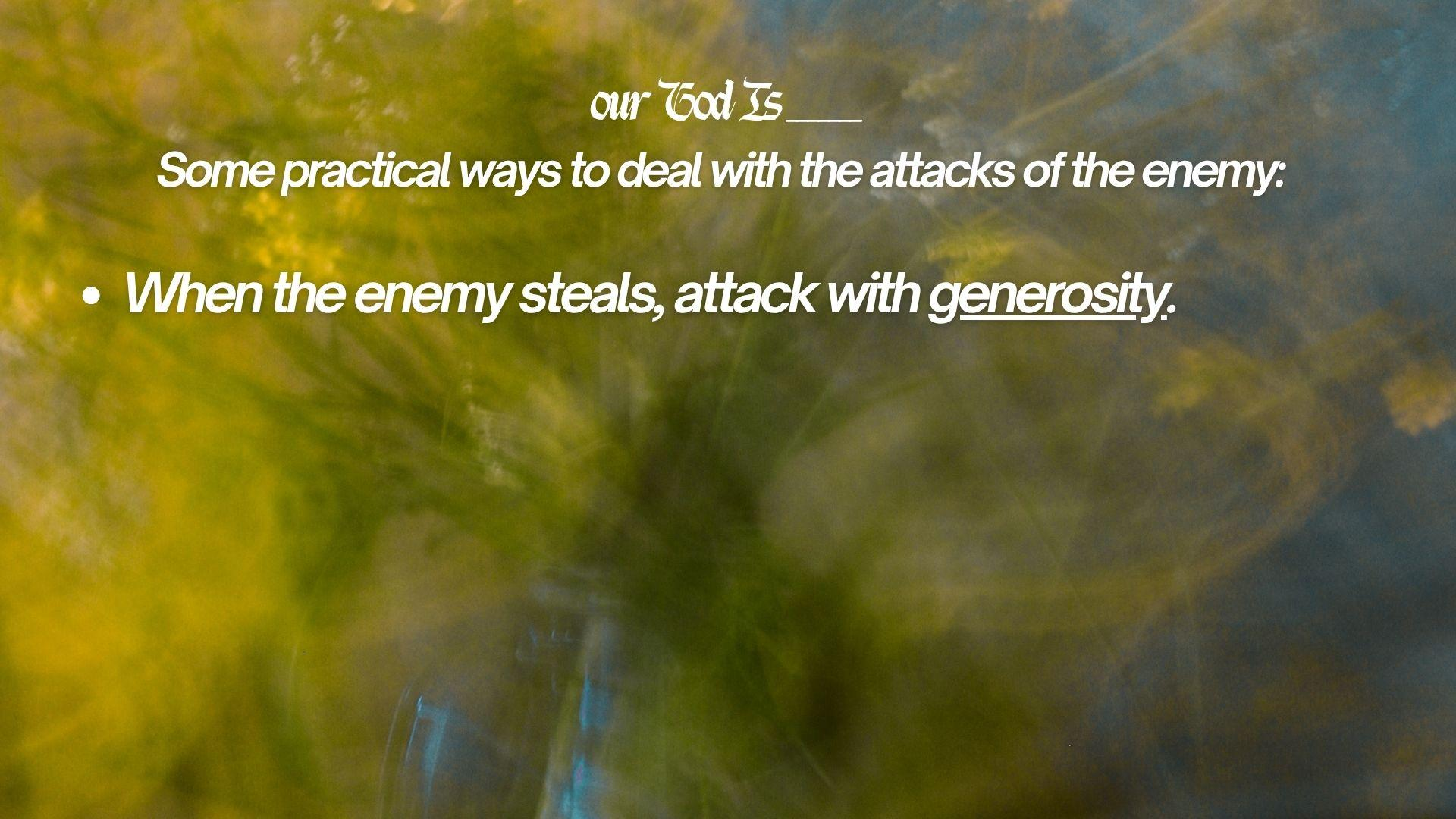


**10 The thief comes only to
steal and kill and destroy; I
have come that they may
have life, and have it to the
full.**

JOHN 10:10 NIV

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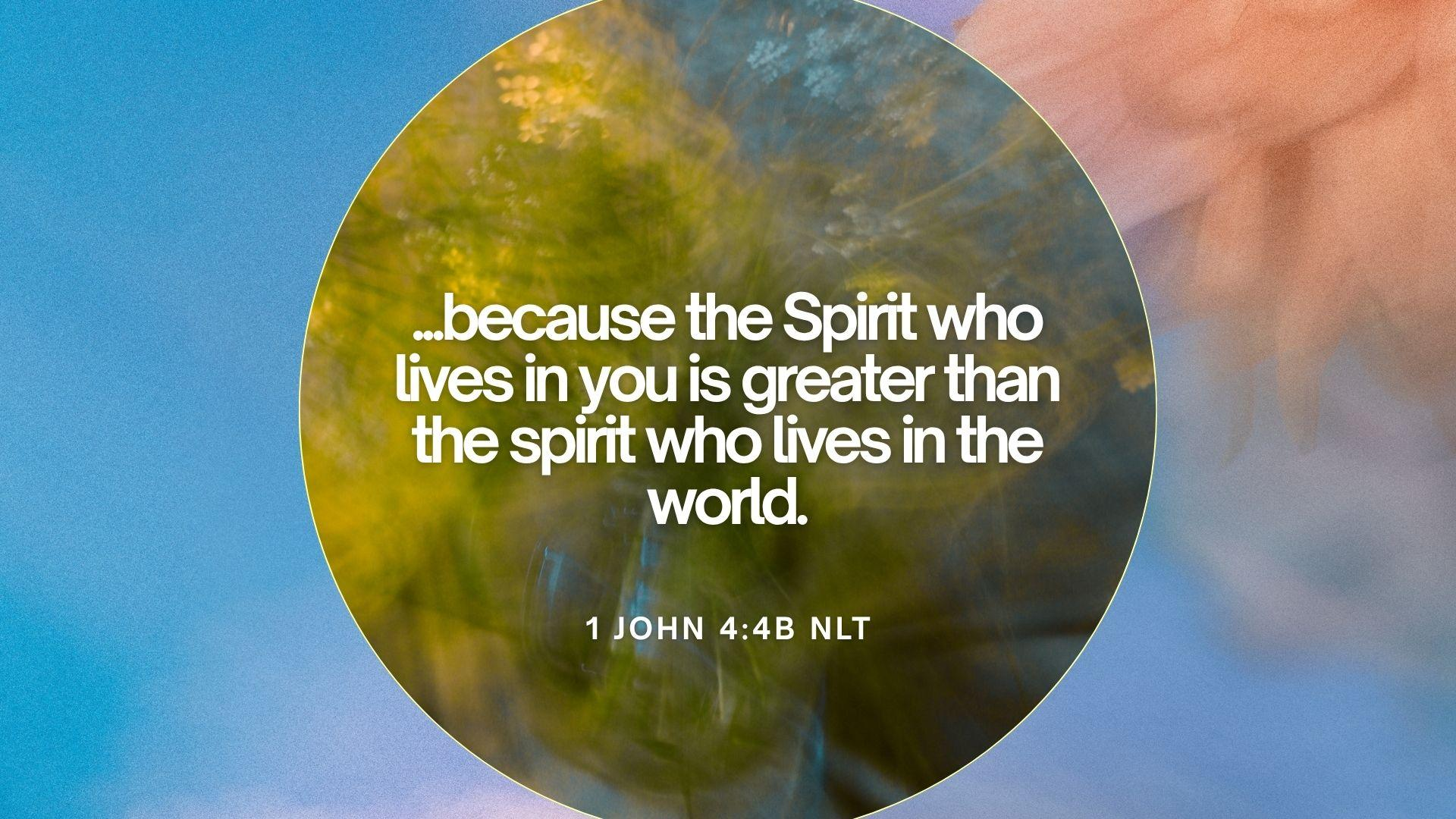
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**...because the Spirit who
lives in you is greater than
the spirit who lives in the
world.**

1 JOHN 4:4B NLT

Three truths to understand:

- God is for me even when I'm going against God.

3 As he was approaching Damascus on this mission, a light from heaven suddenly shone down around him. 4 He fell to the ground and heard a voice saying to him, "Saul! Saul! Why are you persecuting me?"

5 "Who are you, lord?" Saul asked. And the voice replied, "I am Jesus, the one you are persecuting!"

ACTS 9:3-5 NLT



**8 But God showed his
great love for us by
sending Christ to die for us
while we were still sinners.**

ROMANS 5:8 NLT