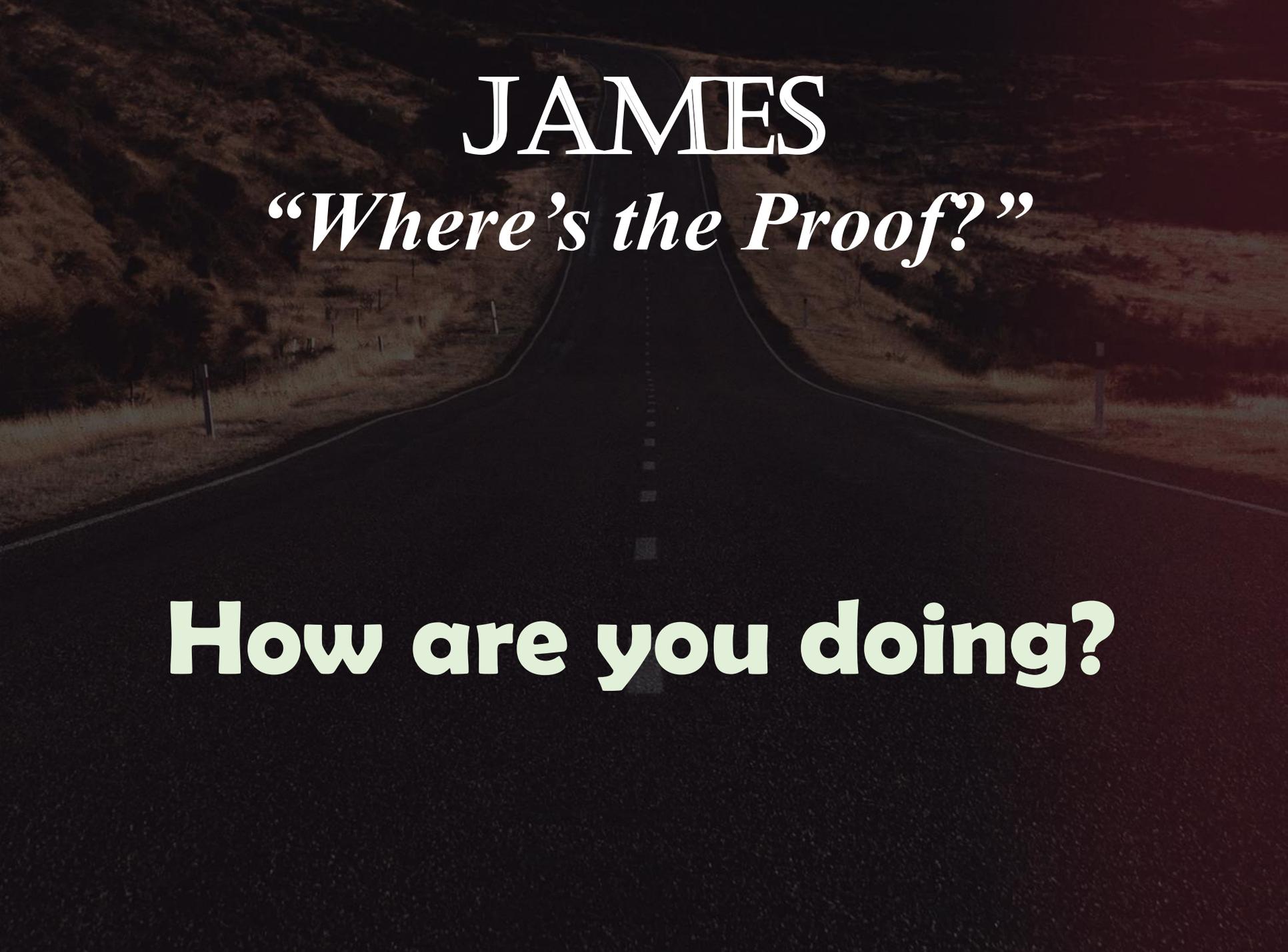




Today's Message  
*Life, Patience, & The  
Pursuit of Jesus*

**James 5**



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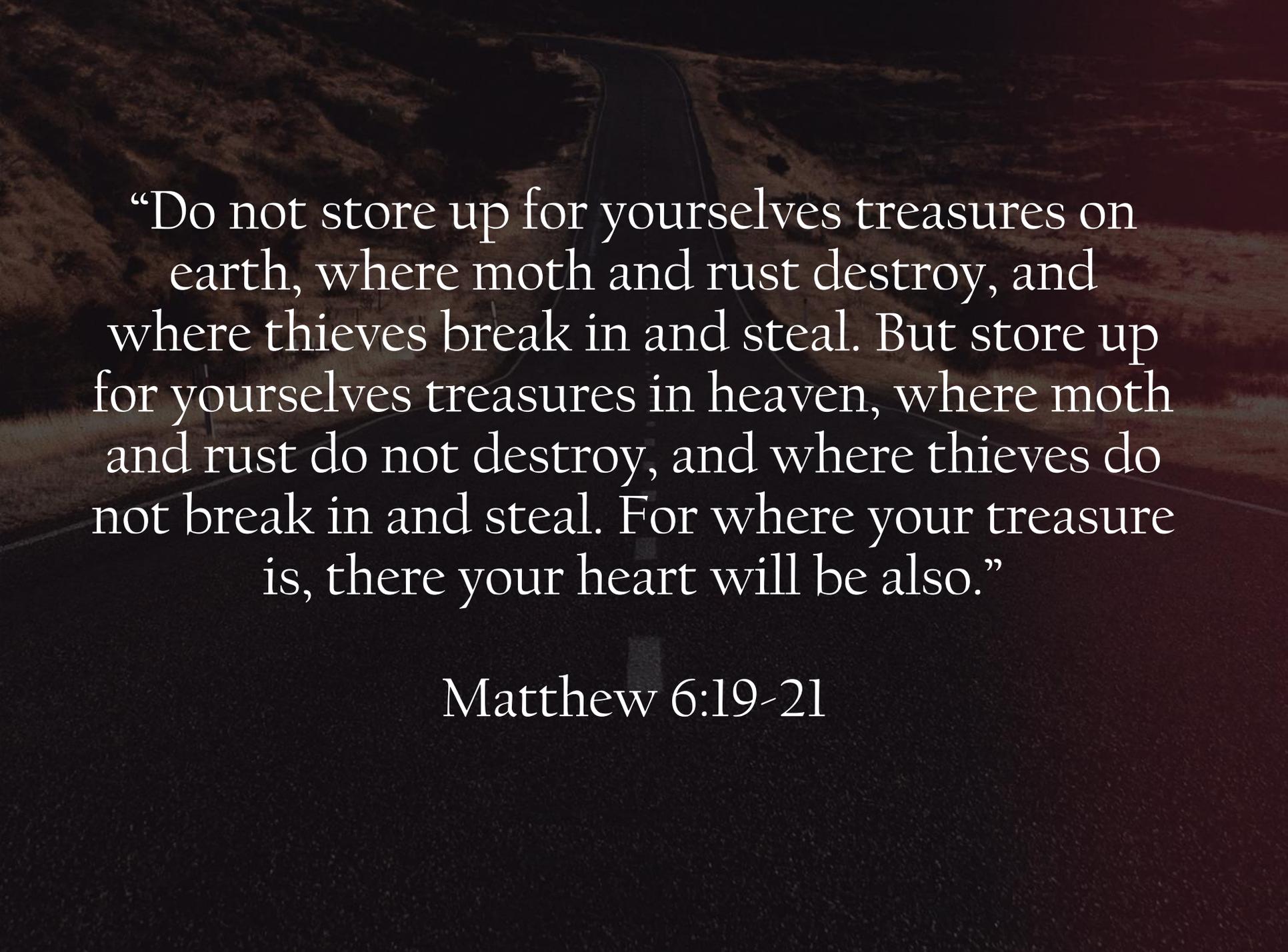
*“Where’s the Proof?”*

**How are you doing?**

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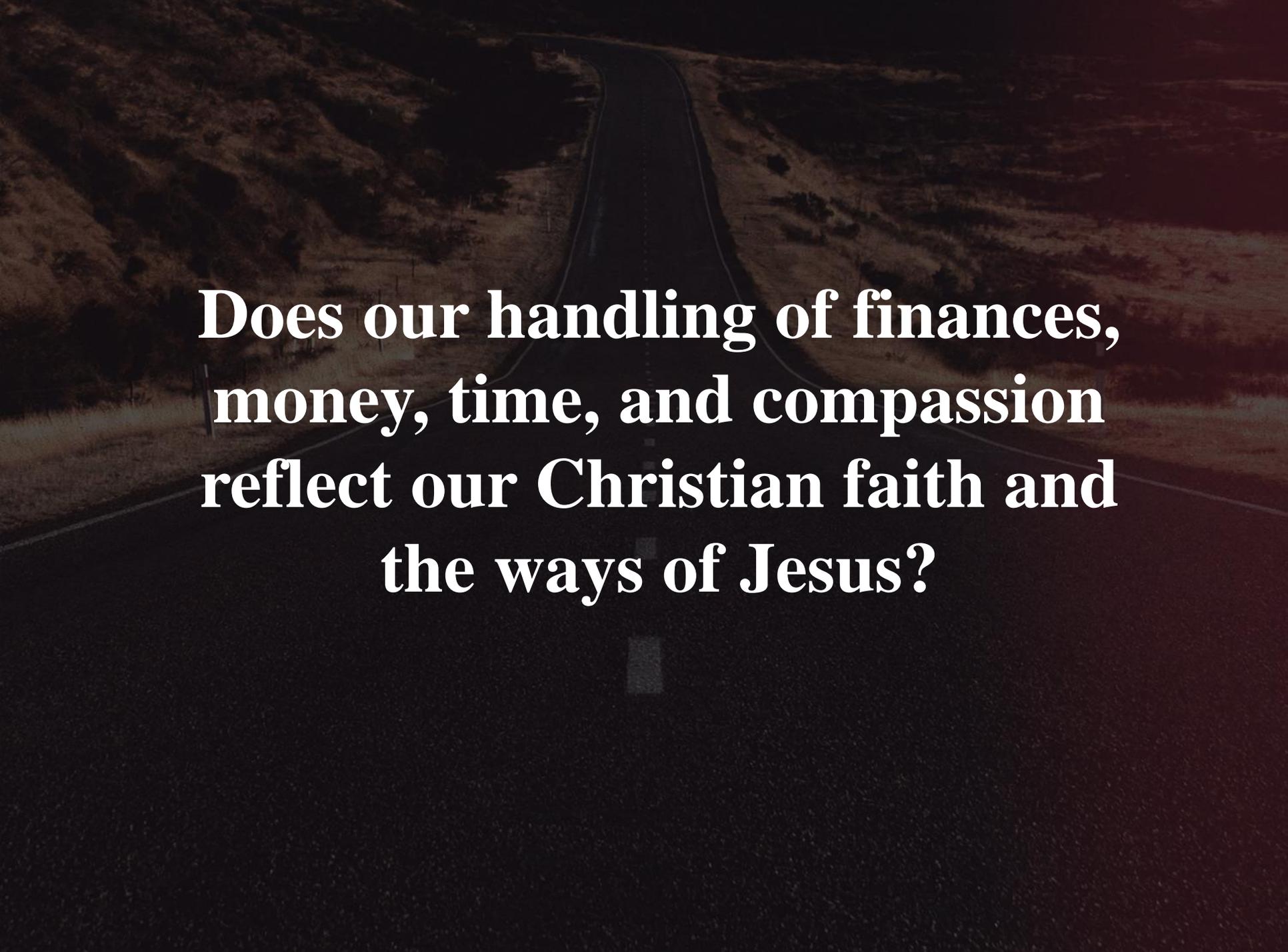
“Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy, and where thieves break in and steal. But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where moth and rust do not destroy, and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.”

Matthew 6:19-21

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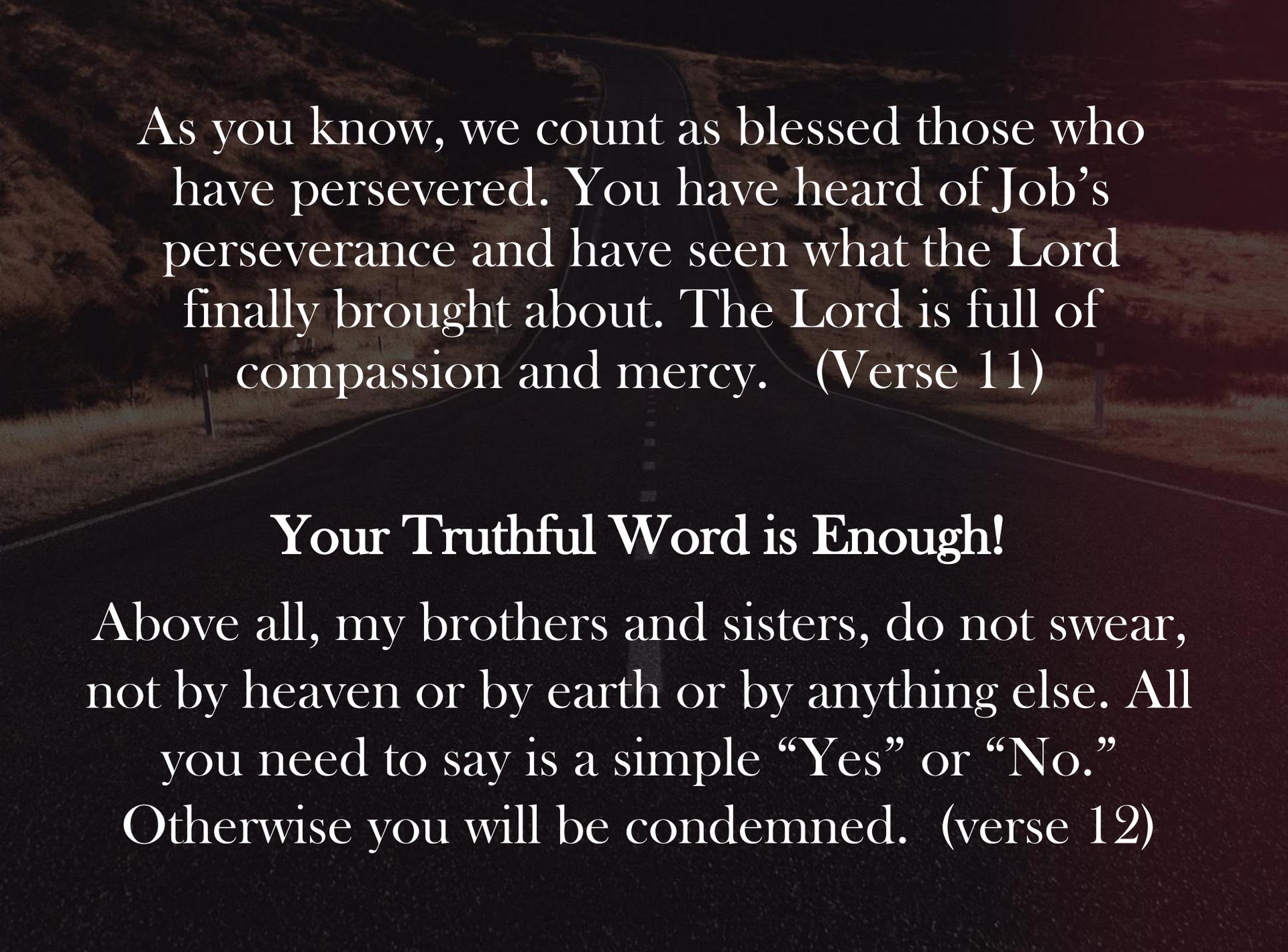


**Does our handling of finances,  
money, time, and compassion  
reflect our Christian faith and  
the ways of Jesus?**

# *Practice Patience in Suffering!*

Be patient, then, brothers and sisters, until the Lord's coming. See how the farmer waits for the land to yield its valuable crop, patiently waiting for the autumn and spring rains. You too, be patient and stand firm, because the Lord's coming is near. Don't grumble against one another, brothers and sisters, or you will be judged. The Judge is standing at the door! Brothers and sisters, as an example of patience in the face of suffering, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord. As you know, we count as blessed those who have persevered. You have heard of Job's perseverance and have seen what the Lord finally brought about. The Lord is full of compassion and mercy.

Verses 7-11



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## **Your Truthful Word is Enough!**

Above all, my brothers and sisters, do not swear, not by heaven or by earth or by anything else. All you need to say is a simple "Yes" or "No." Otherwise you will be condemned. (verse 12)

# *Pray In All Circumstances!*

Is anyone among you in trouble? Let them pray. Is anyone happy? Let them sing songs of praise. Is anyone among you sick? Let them call the elders of the church to pray over them and anoint them with oil in the name of the Lord. And the prayer offered in faith will make the sick person well; the Lord will raise them up. If they have sinned, they will be forgiven. Therefore confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person is powerful and effective.

Elijah was a human being, even as we are. He prayed earnestly that it would not rain, and it did not rain on the land for three and a half years. Again he prayed, and the heavens gave rain, and the earth produced its crops.

Verses 13-18

*There is not in the world a kind of life more sweet and delightful, than that of a continual conversation with God; those only can comprehend it who practice and experience it.*

*I cannot imagine how religious persons can live satisfied without the practice of the presence of GOD. For my part I keep myself retired with Him in the depth of centre of my soul as much as I can; and while I am so with Him I fear nothing; but the least turning from Him is insupportable.*

Quotes of Brother Lawrence (1614 – 1691)

# *Importance of Salvation & Restoration!*

My brothers and sisters, if one of you should wander from the truth and someone should bring that person back, remember this:  
Whoever turns a sinner from the error of their way will save them from death and cover over a multitude of sins.

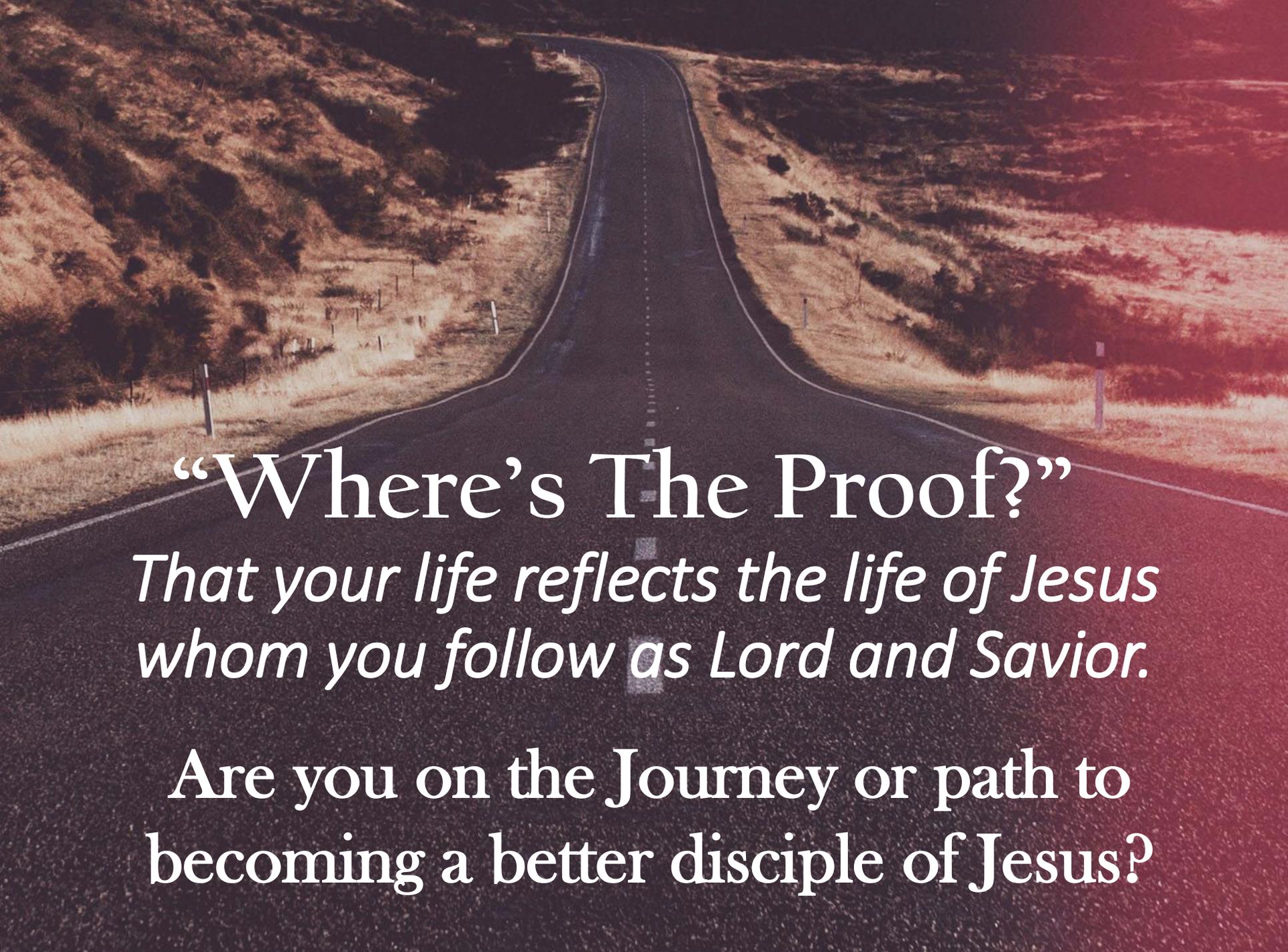
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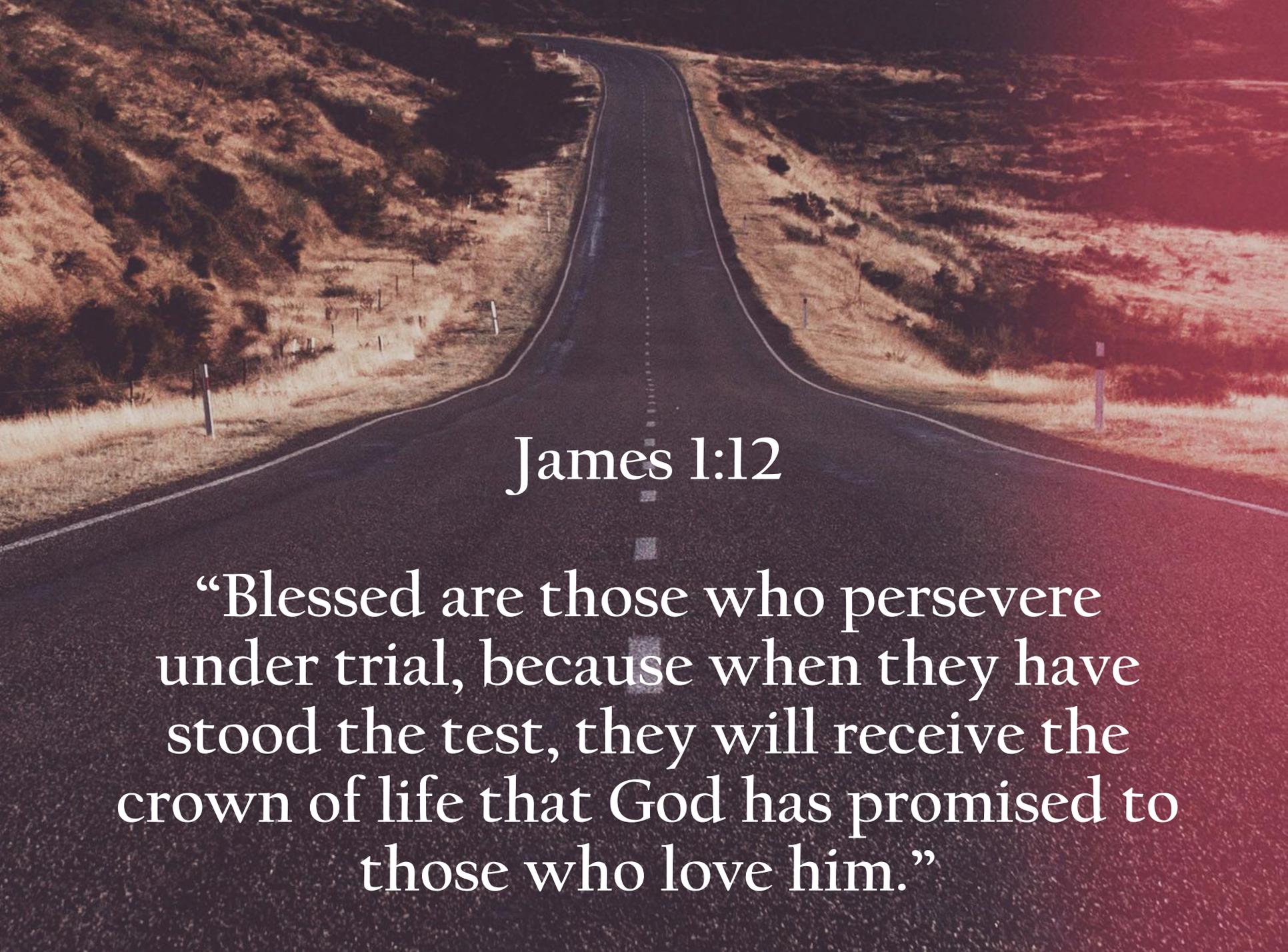
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A long, straight road stretches into the distance through a hilly, dry landscape under a red sky. The road is dark asphalt with a dashed white line down the center. The hills are covered in dry, brownish vegetation. The sky is a deep, dark red, suggesting a sunset or sunrise. The overall mood is contemplative and dramatic.

“Where’s The Proof?”

*That your life reflects the life of Jesus  
whom you follow as Lord and Savior.*

Are you on the Journey or path to  
becoming a better disciple of Jesus?

A long, straight asphalt road stretches from the foreground into the distance, curving slightly to the right. The road is flanked by dry, hilly terrain with sparse vegetation. The sky is a deep, dark red, suggesting a sunset or sunrise. The overall mood is contemplative and serene.

## James 1:12

“Blessed are those who persevere under trial, because when they have stood the test, they will receive the crown of life that God has promised to those who love him.”