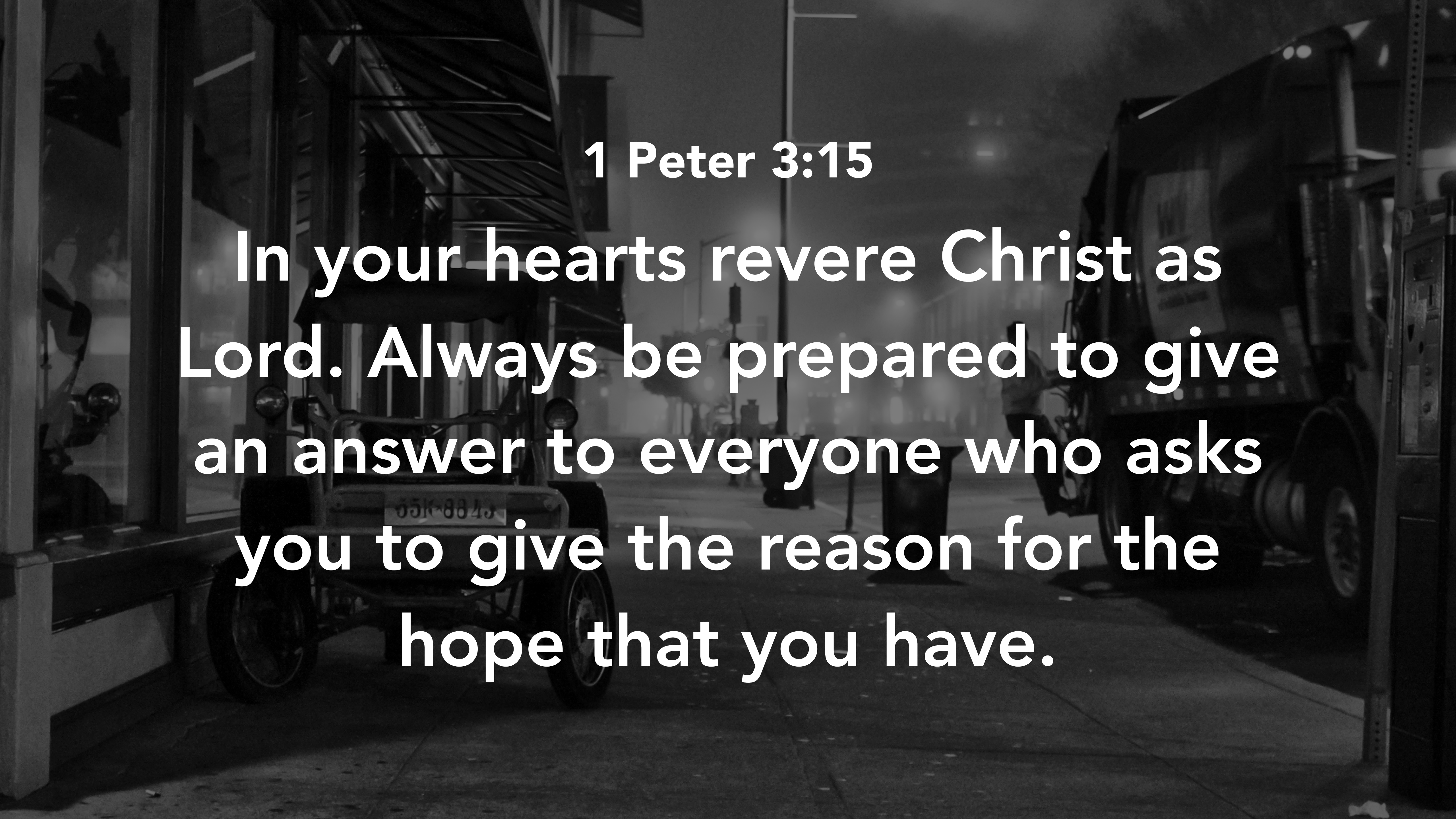


HOPE





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1 Peter 3:15

In your hearts revere Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have.



Do you have hope?



What's the opposite of
hope?

Busyness





Active

Unavailable

Working

Buried

Hustling

Occupied

Overloaded

Snowed

Slaving

Swamped

Slammed

At it

Engaged

Diligent

In a meeting

On assignment

On duty

On the go

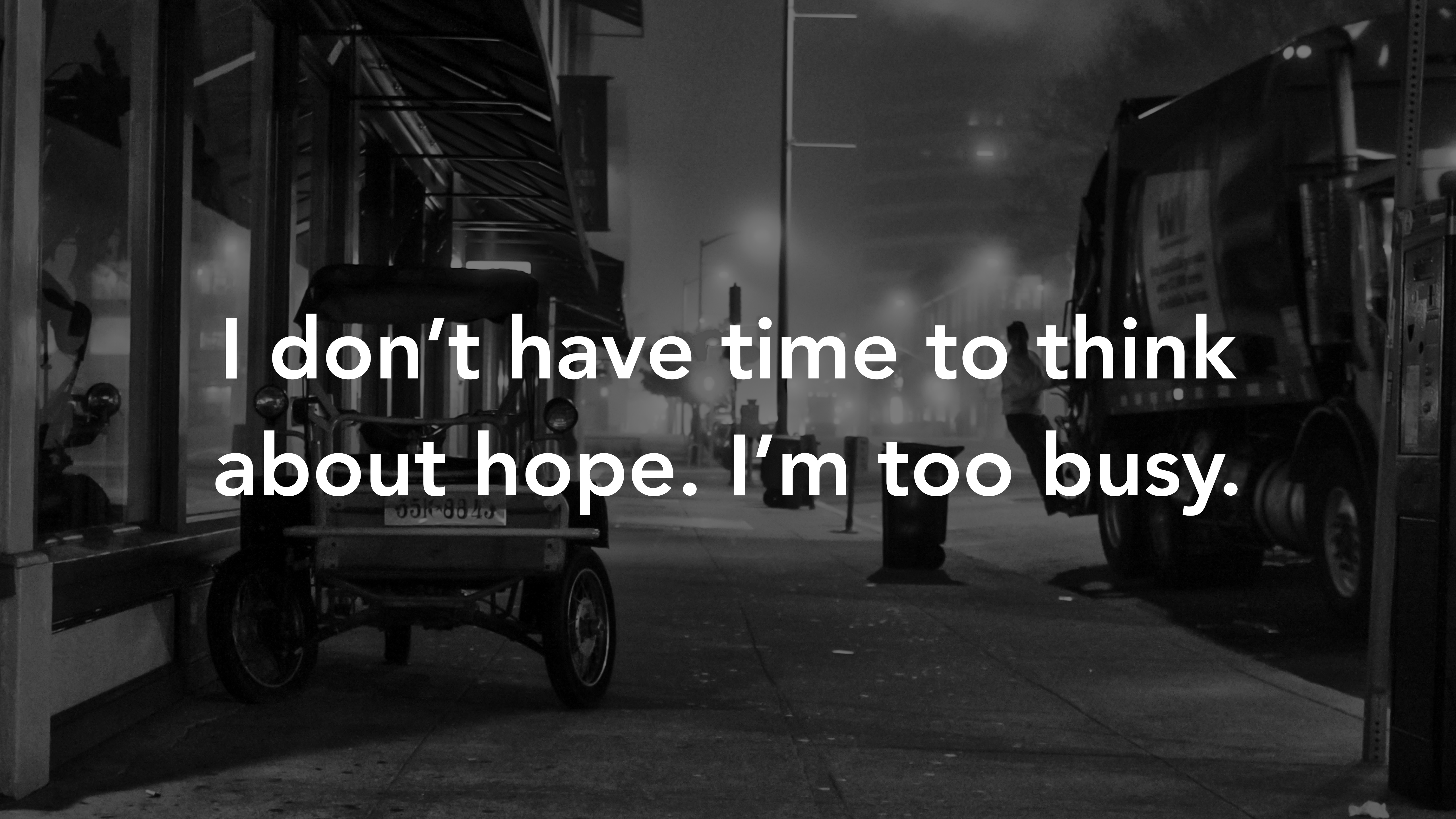
Up to my ears

Tied up

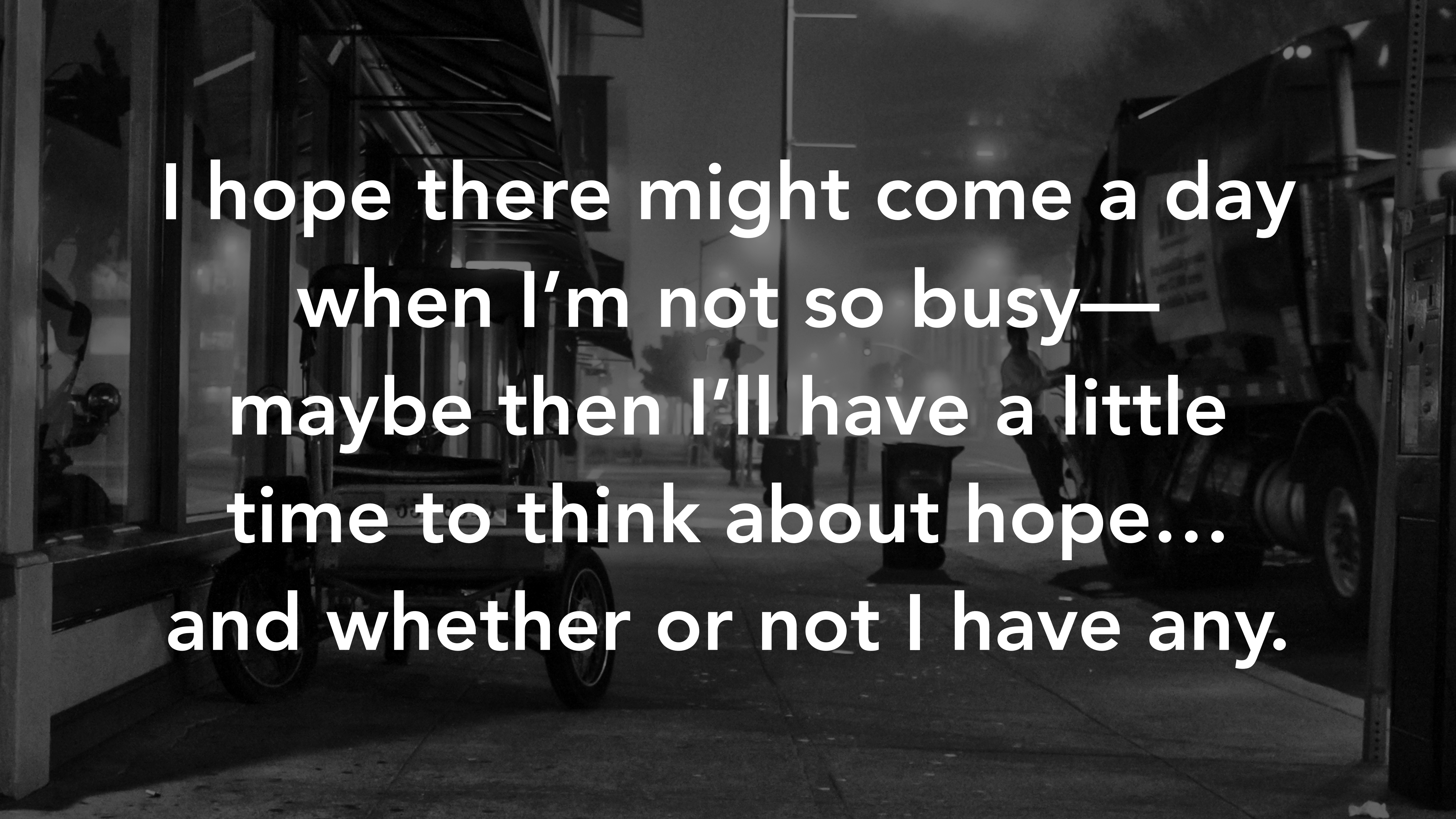
Overwhelmed



**“Missing Christmas just might be
the oldest Christmas tradition
that there is.”**



I don't have time to think
about hope. I'm too busy.



I hope there might come a day
when I'm not so busy—
maybe then I'll have a little
time to think about hope...
and whether or not I have any.



Luke 2:22-38



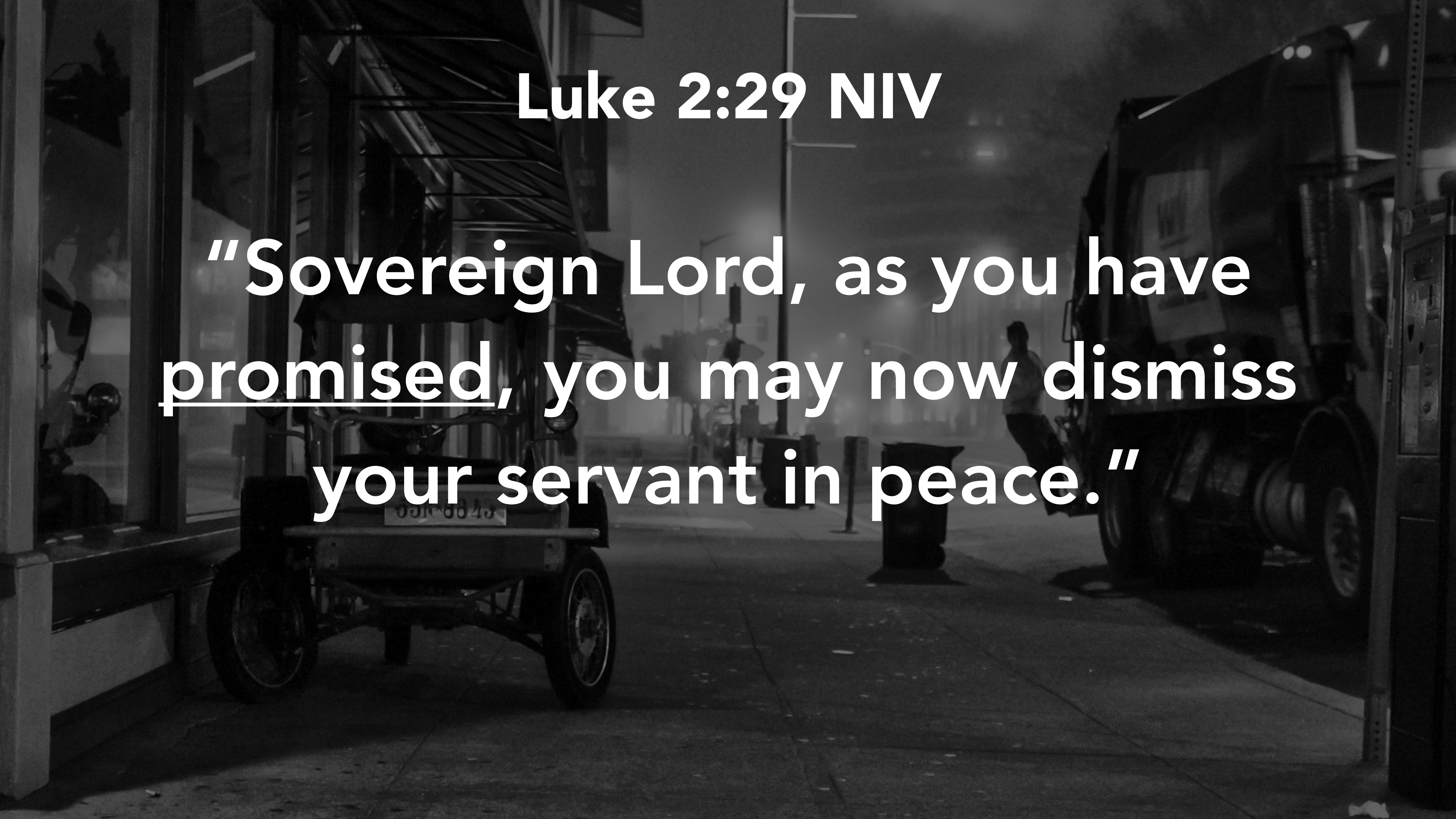
Simeon

- Good

- Prayerfully Expectant

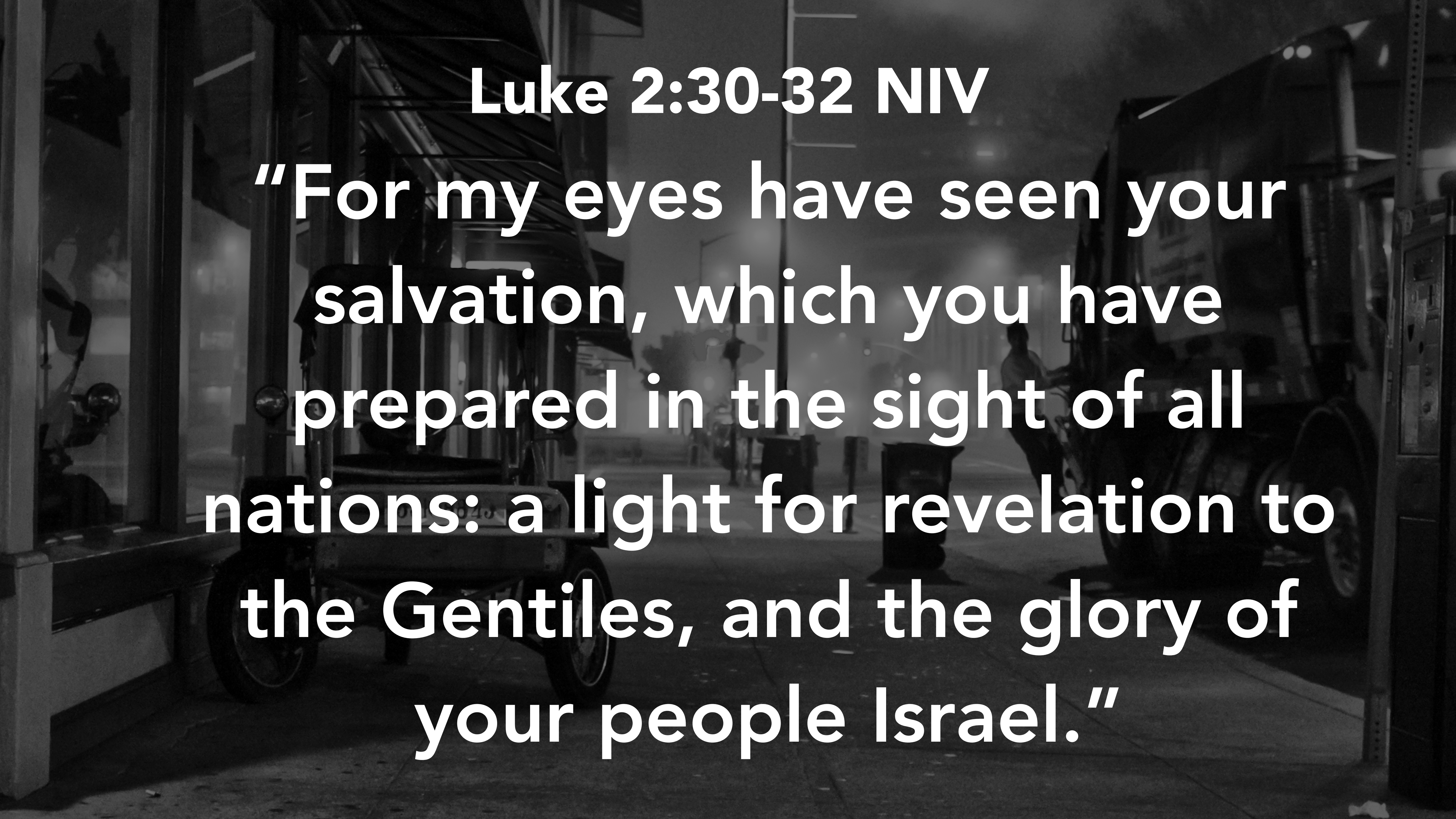
- Spiritual

- Nobody special



Luke 2:29 NIV

**“Sovereign Lord, as you have
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your servant in peace.”**



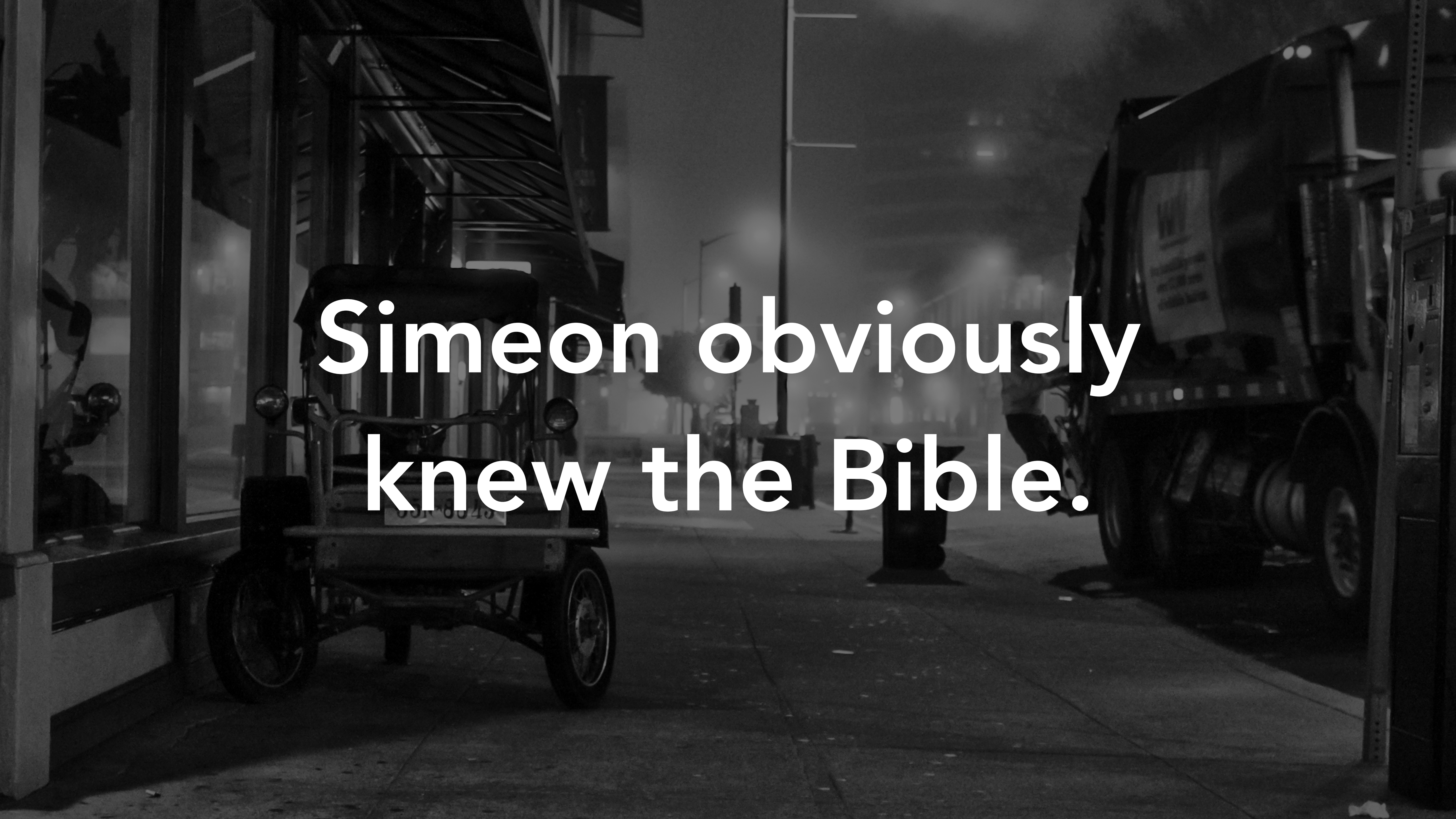
Luke 2:30-32 NIV

**"For my eyes have seen your
salvation, which you have
prepared in the sight of all
nations: a light for revelation to
the Gentiles, and the glory of
your people Israel."**



Isaiah 49

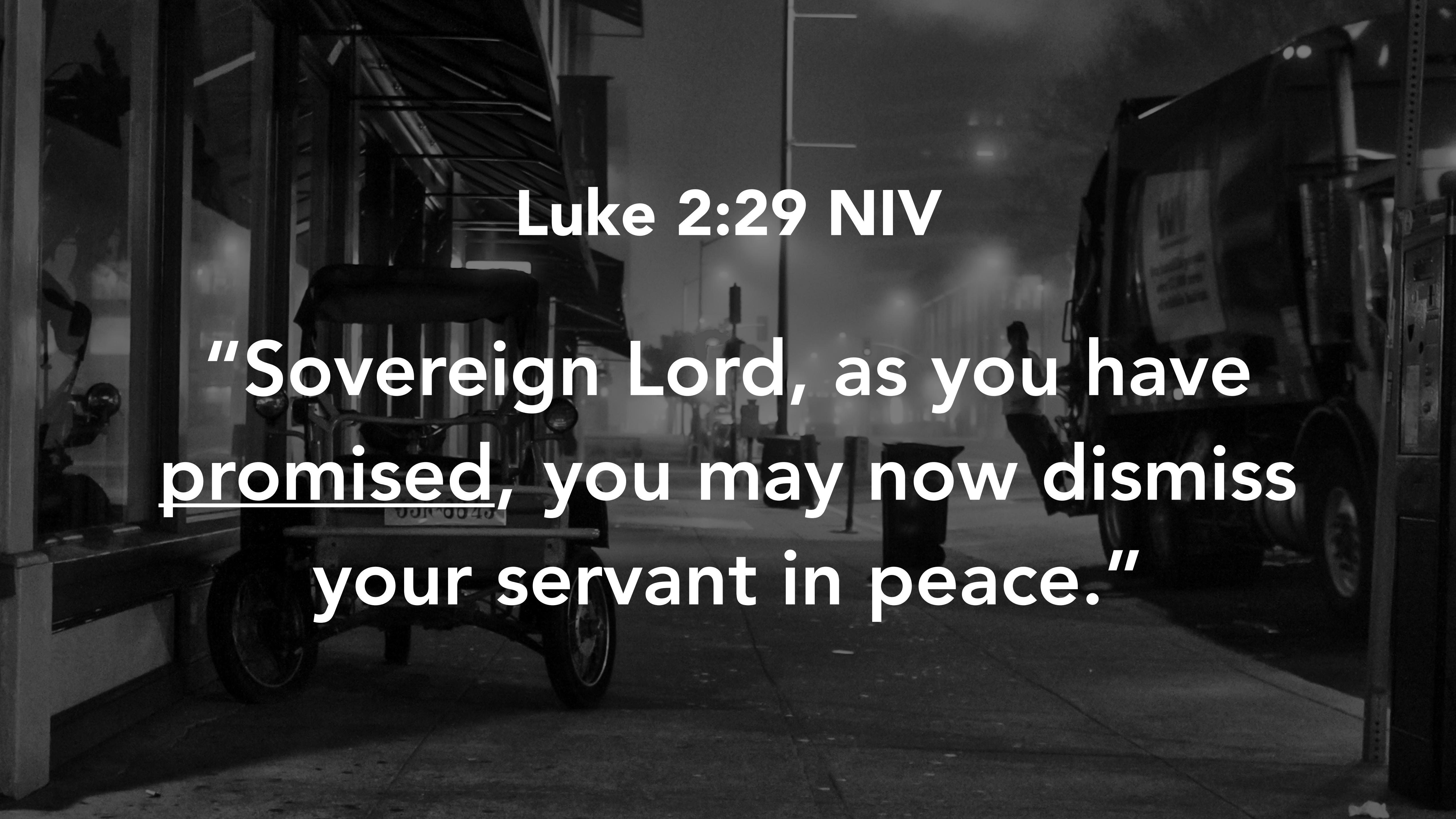
The Servant of the Lord



Simeon obviously
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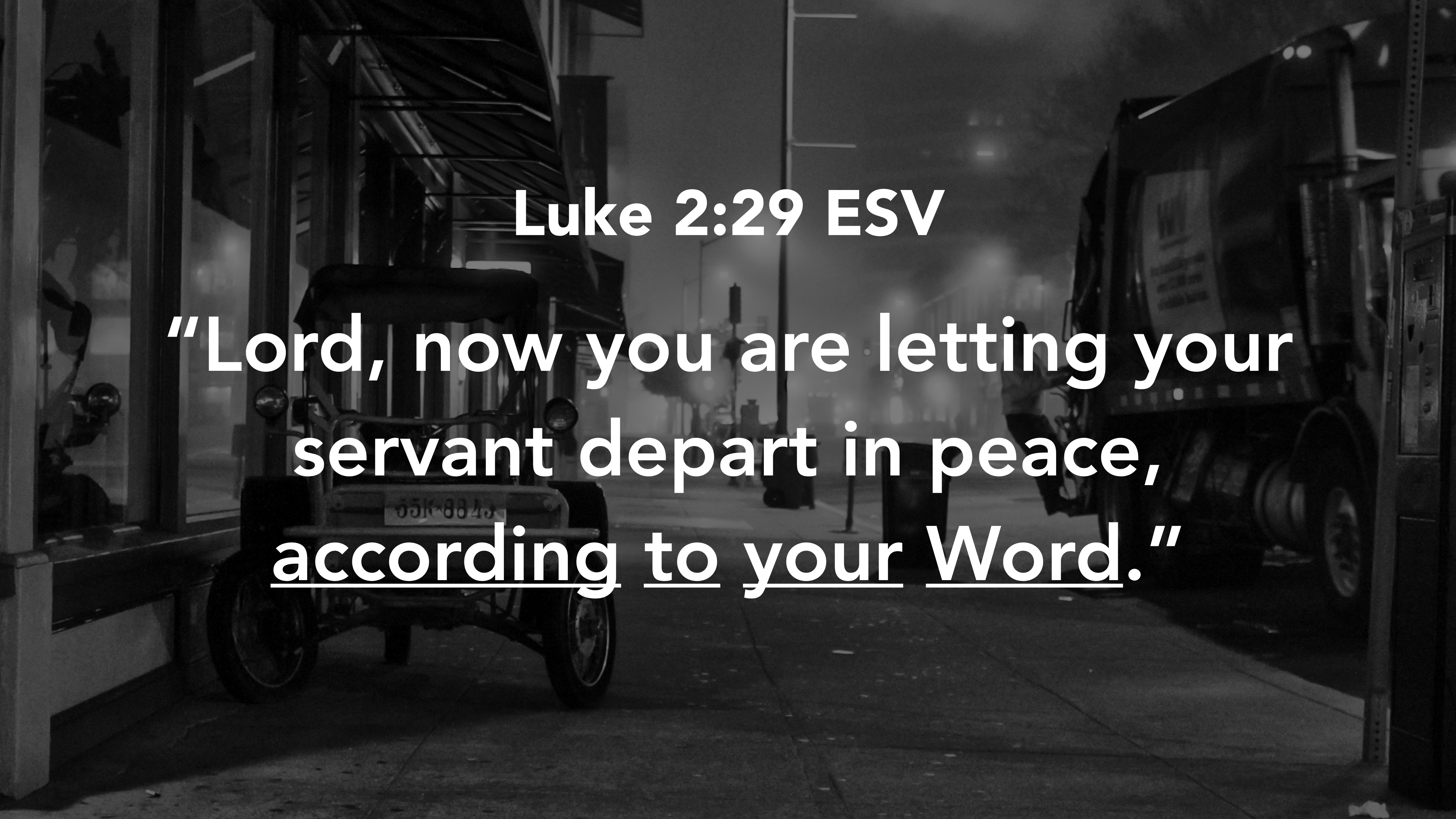
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But that's not all that's
happening here.

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Luke 2:29 ESV

“Lord, now you are letting your
servant depart in peace,
according to your Word.”

Luke 2:29 Greek New Testament

"Now you dismiss the servant of You

“Νῦν ἀπολύεις τὸν δοῦλόν σου

Lord, according to the

Δέσποτα, κατὰ τὸ

Word of You, in peace.”

ῥῆμά σου, ἐν εἰρήνῃ.”

Luke 2:29 Greek New Testament

"Now you can dismiss your servant

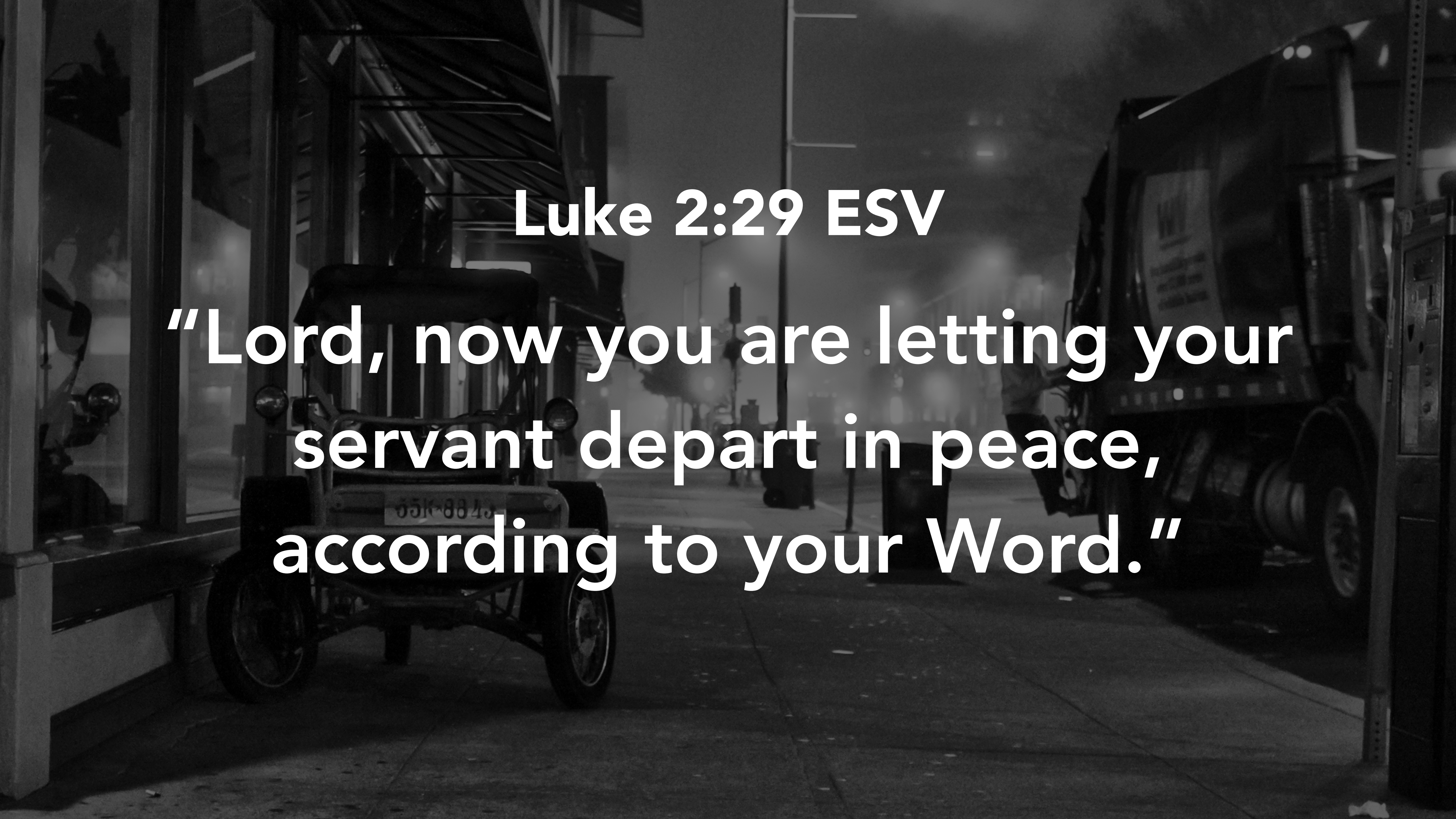
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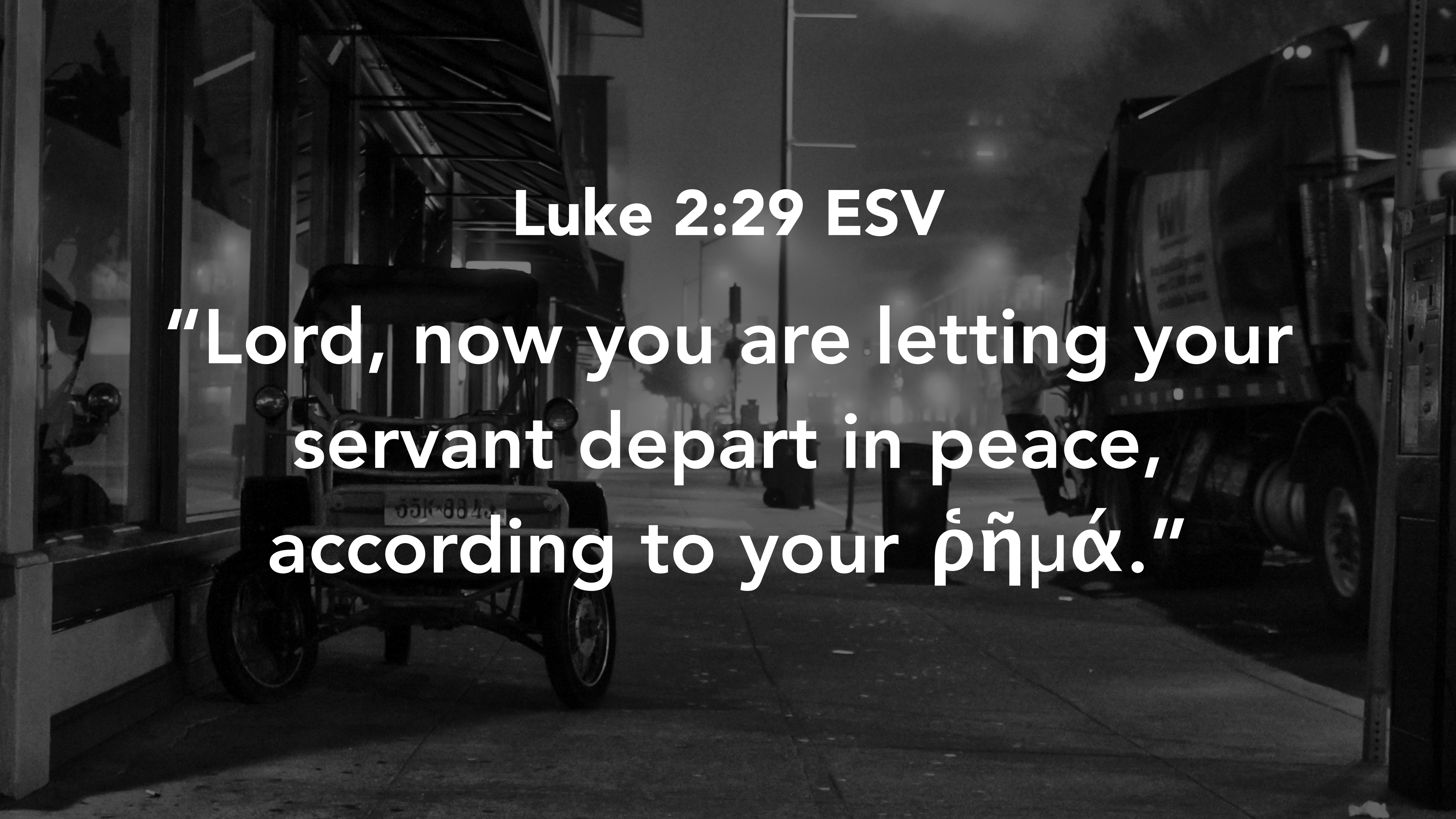
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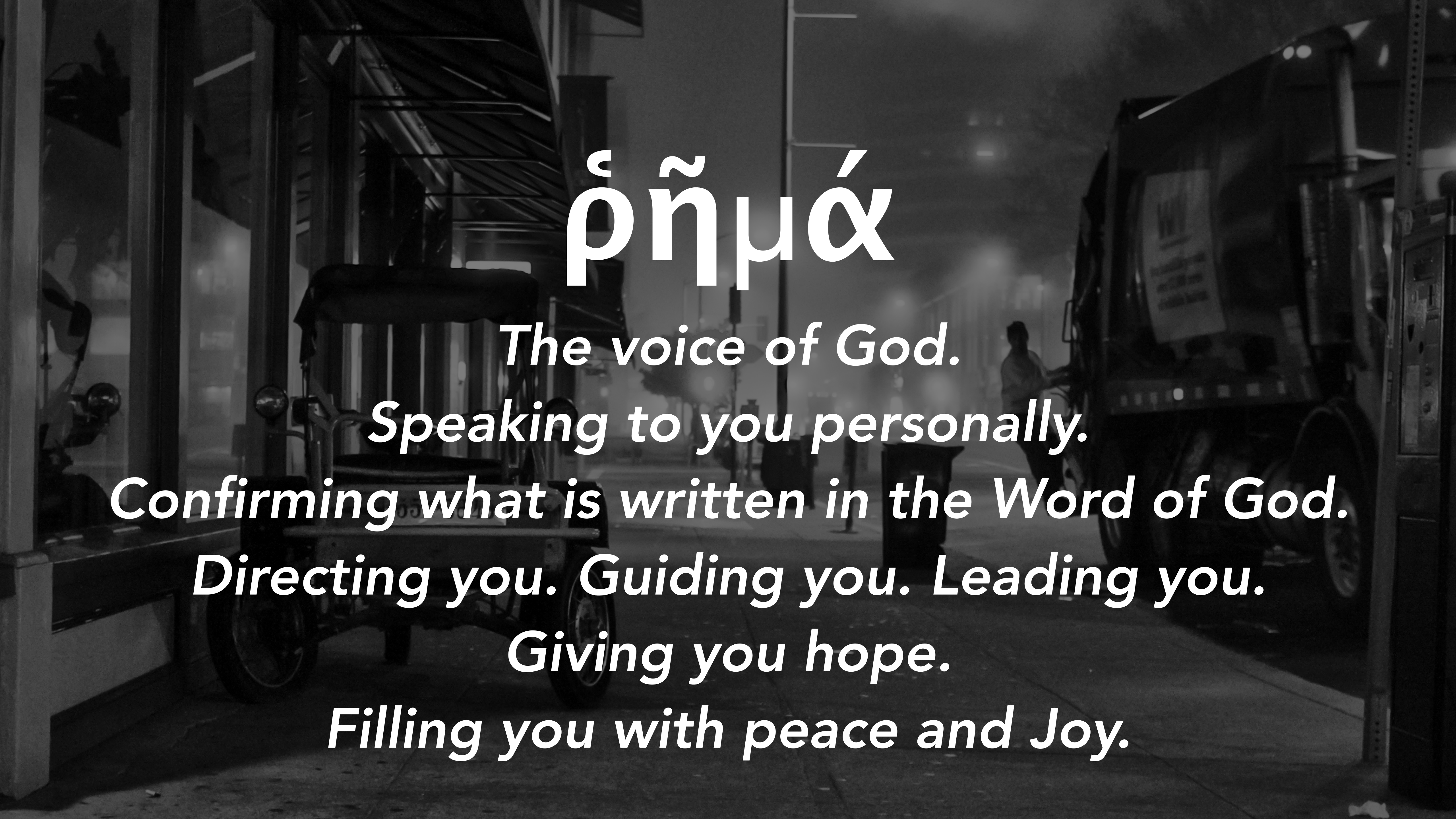
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ῥῆμα

A specific, spoken word. An utterance.



ῥῆμα

The voice of God.

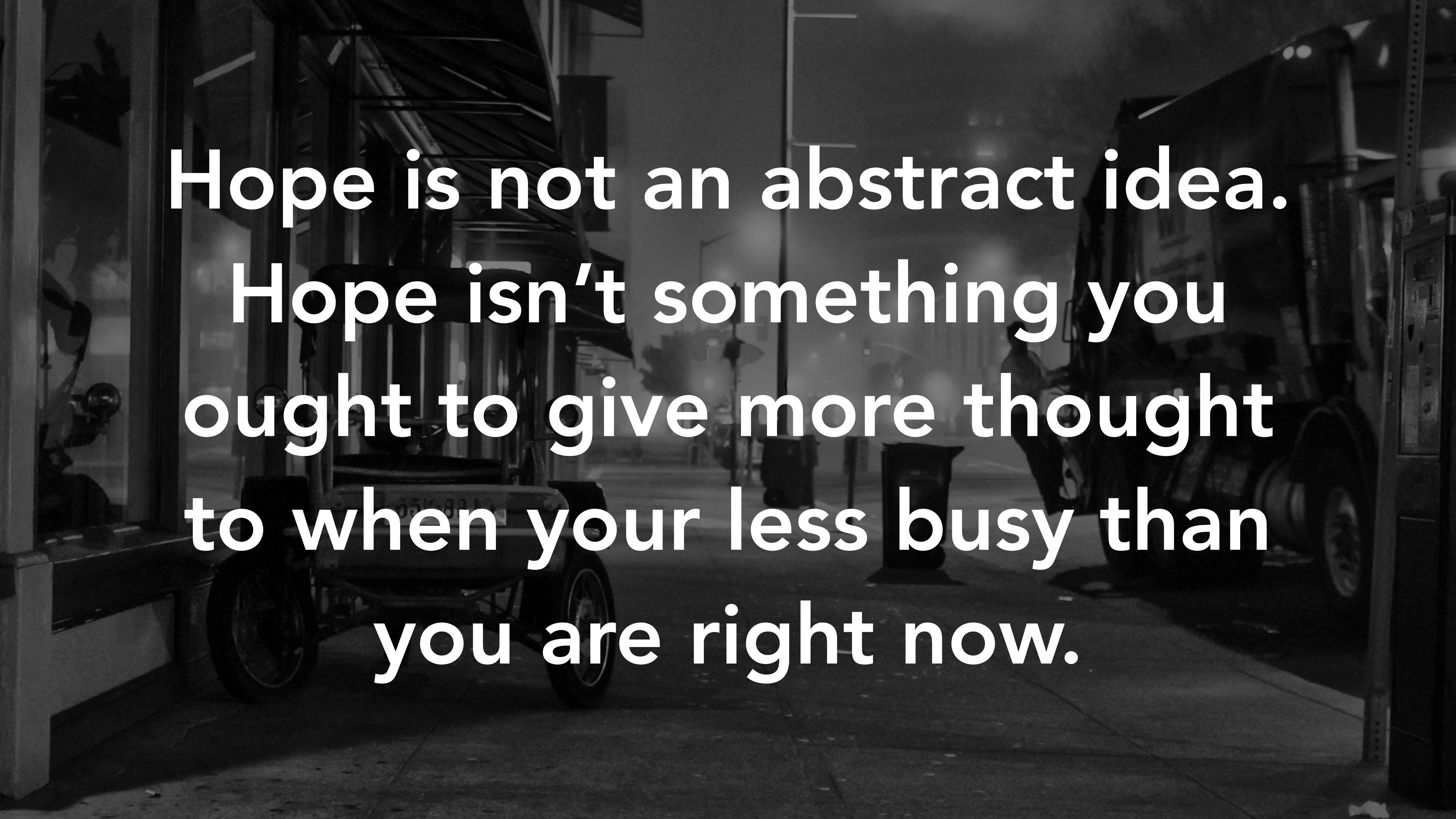
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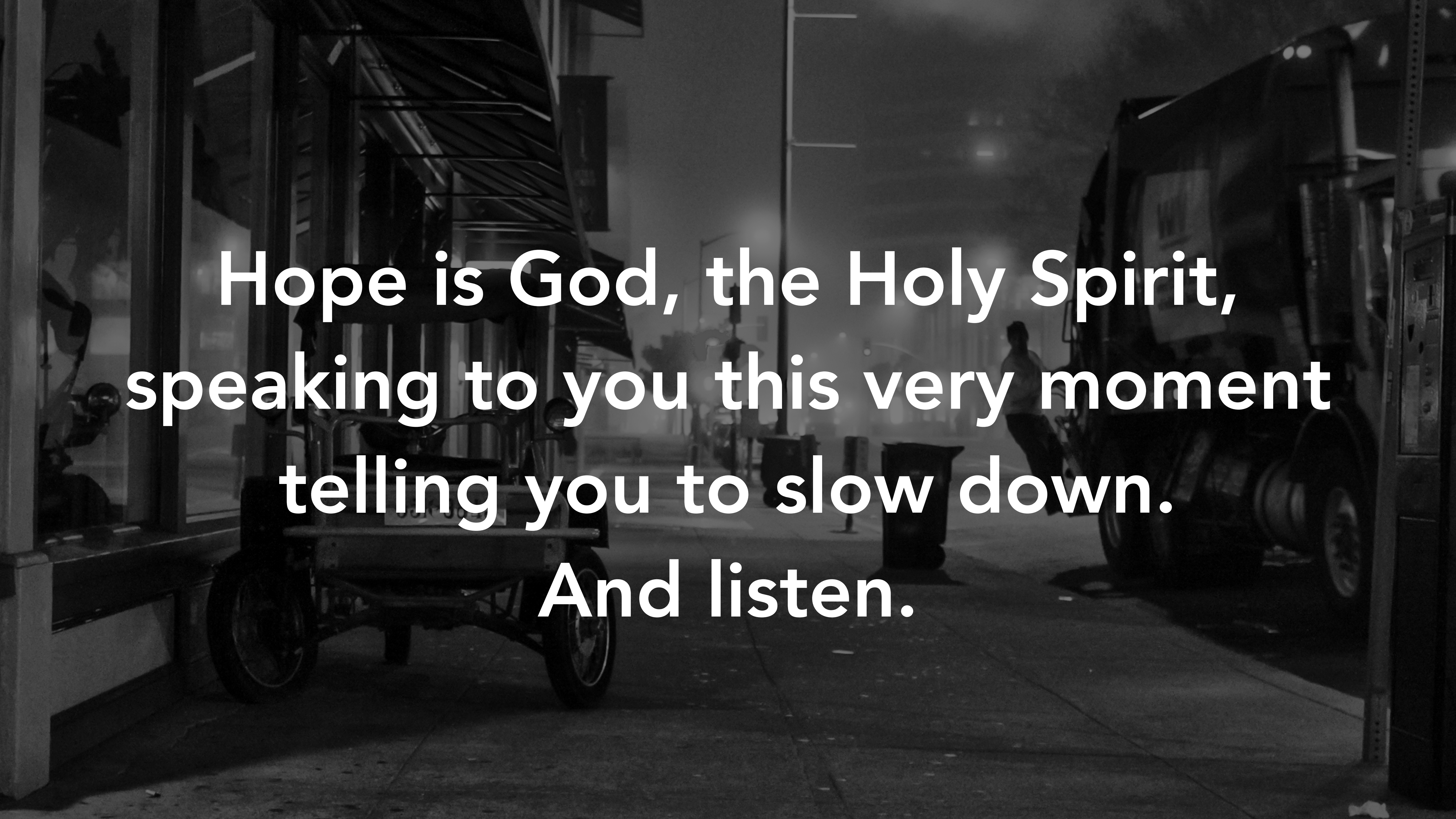
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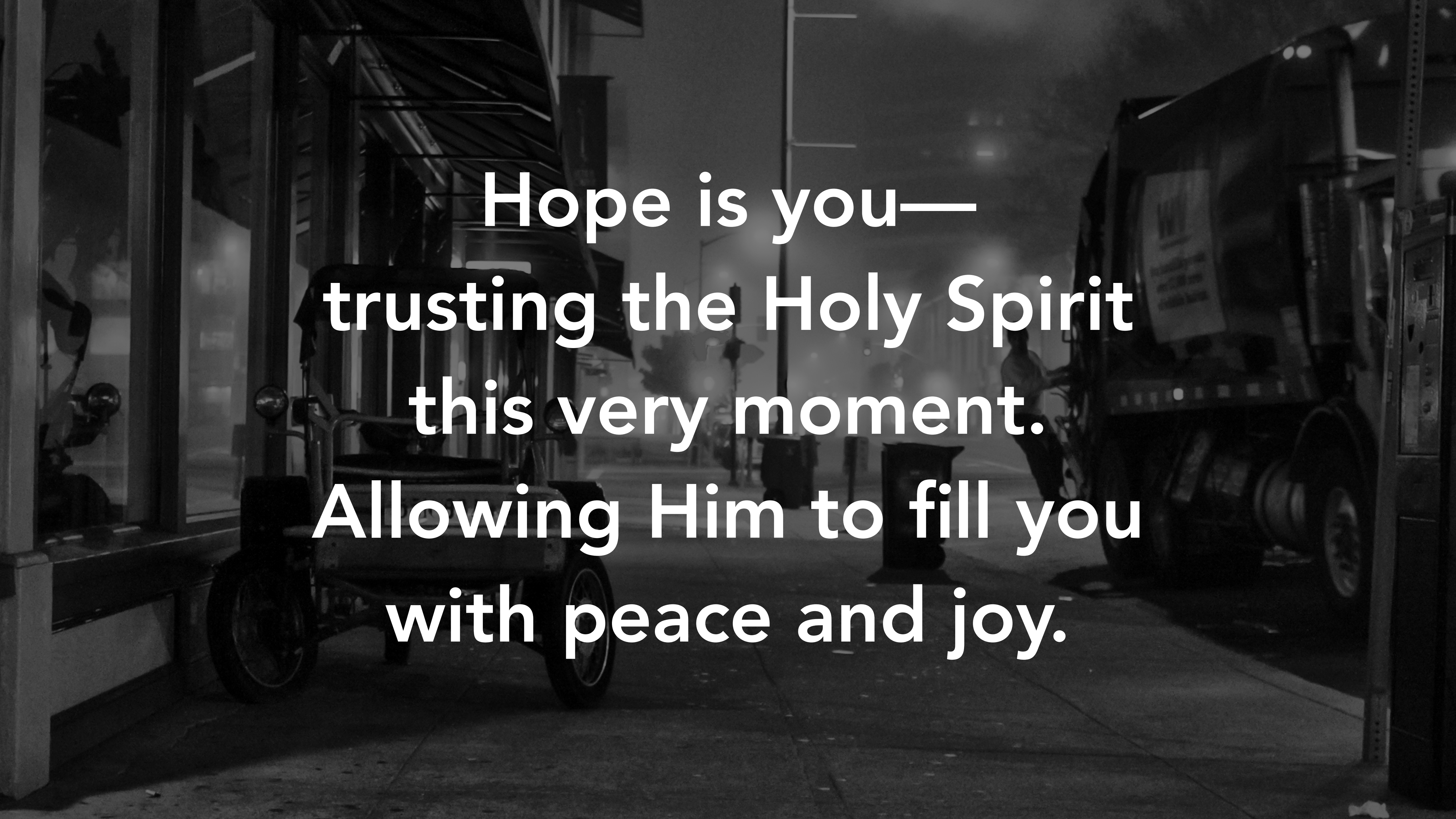
Filling you with peace and Joy.



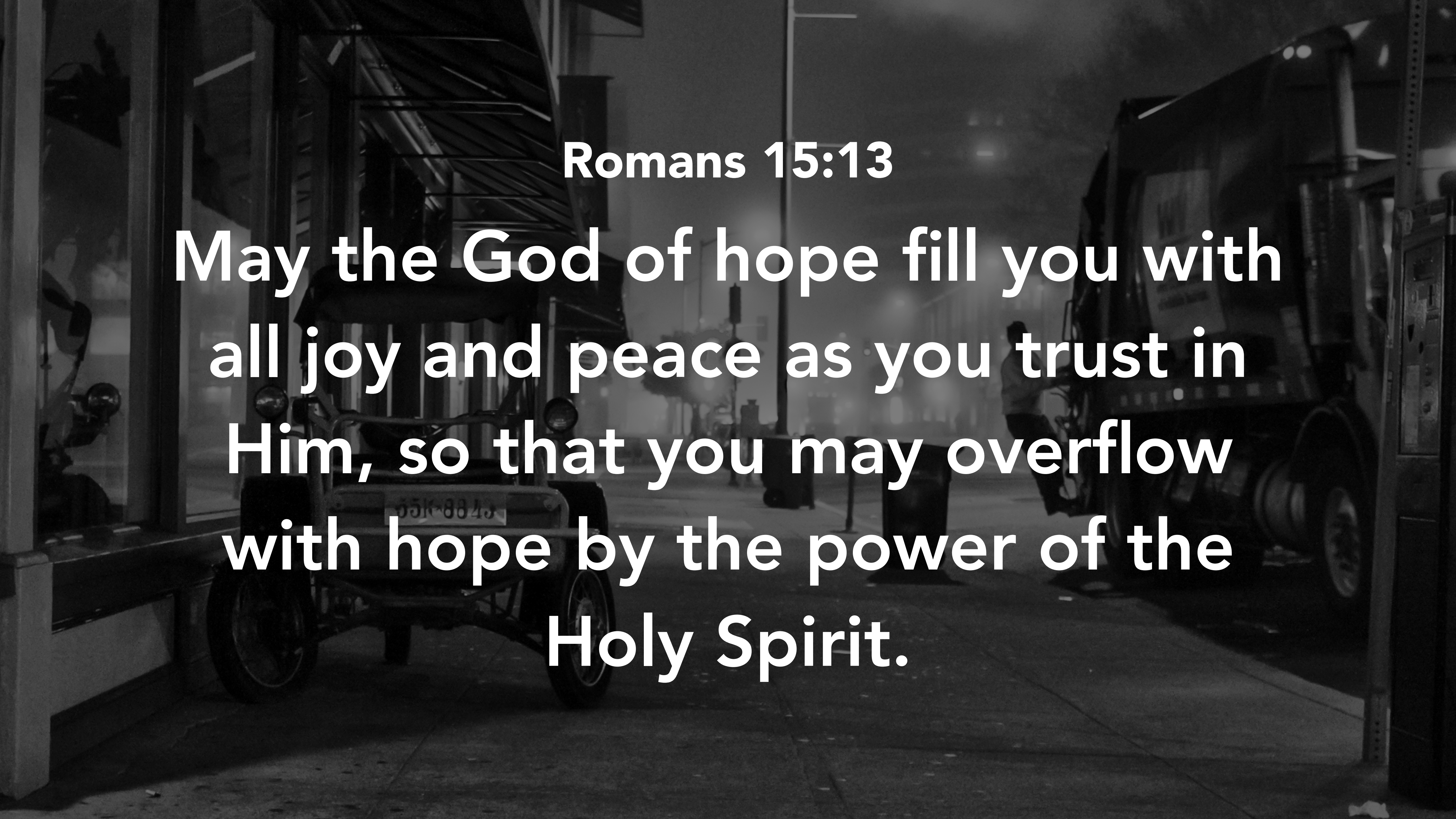
Hope is not an abstract idea.
Hope isn't something you
ought to give more thought
to when your less busy than
you are right now.



Hope is God, the Holy Spirit,
speaking to you this very moment
telling you to slow down.
And listen.



Hope is you—
trusting the Holy Spirit
this very moment.
Allowing Him to fill you
with peace and joy.



Romans 15:13

May the God of hope fill you with
all joy and peace as you trust in
Him, so that you may overflow
with hope by the power of the
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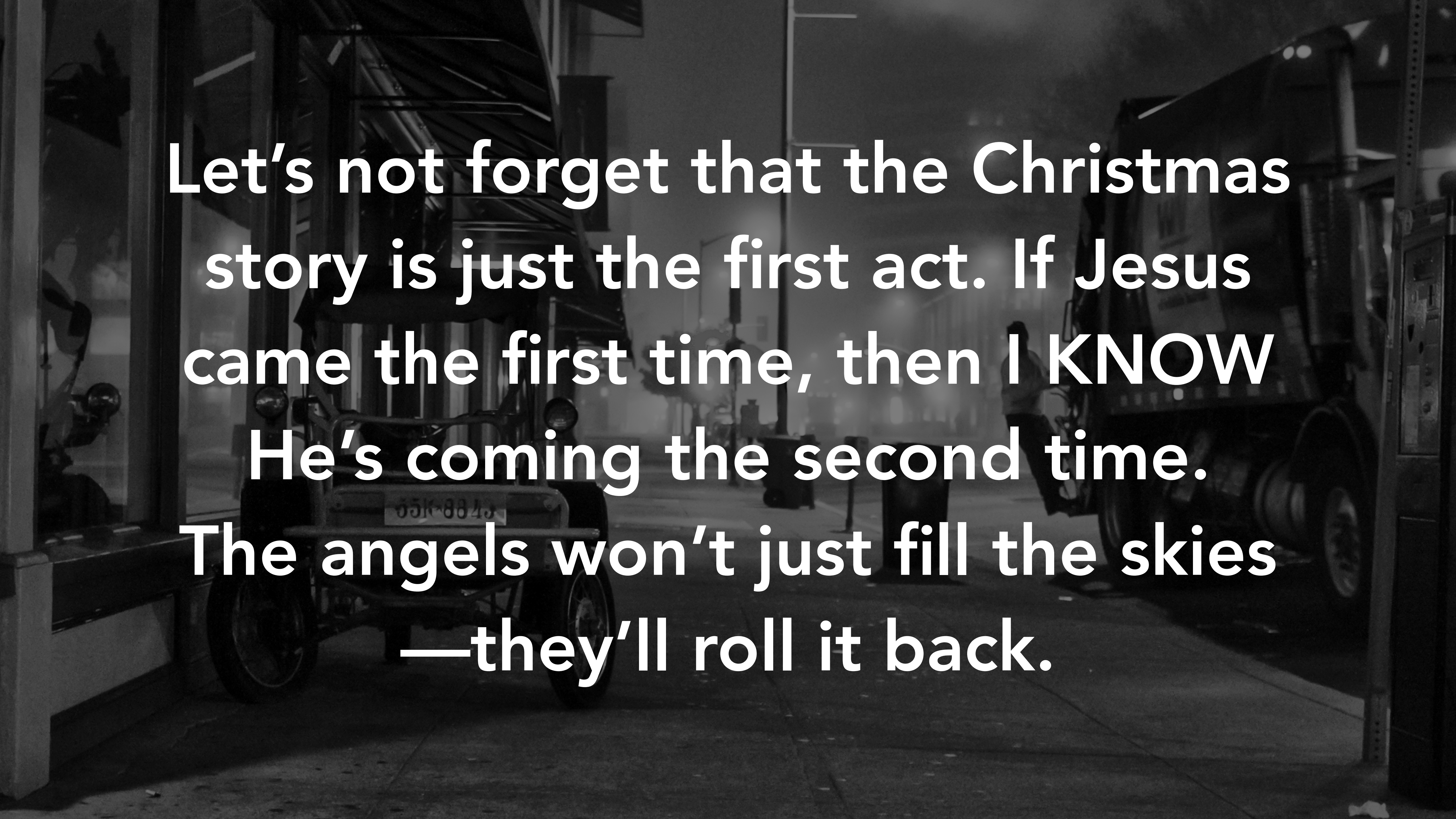
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Let's not forget that the Christmas story is just the first act. If Jesus came the first time, then I **KNOW** He's coming the second time. The angels won't just fill the skies —they'll roll it back.



HOPE

