



LET THE
Psalms SPEAK





Father to the Fatherless



Psalm 10:14

You have been the helper of the fatherless

**Behold, children are a gift (blessing) from the
Lord; the fruit of the womb a reward.
Like arrows in the hand of a warrior are the
children of one's youth.**

A black and white silhouette of a shepherd standing on the left, facing a flock of sheep and lambs in a field. The shepherd is holding a staff. The flock is silhouetted against a lighter sky.

Psalm 127:3

I. God Values Children

- a. We must avoid seeing children as a nuisance, distraction or hurdle.



Like arrows in the hand of a warrior are the children of one's youth.

Blessed is the man who **fills** his quiver with them!

A dark silhouette of a shepherd with a crook, standing on the left, facing a flock of sheep and a lamb. The flock is silhouetted against a lighter sky.

Psalm 127

A black and white silhouette of a shepherd with a staff and a flock of sheep in a field under a cloudy sky.

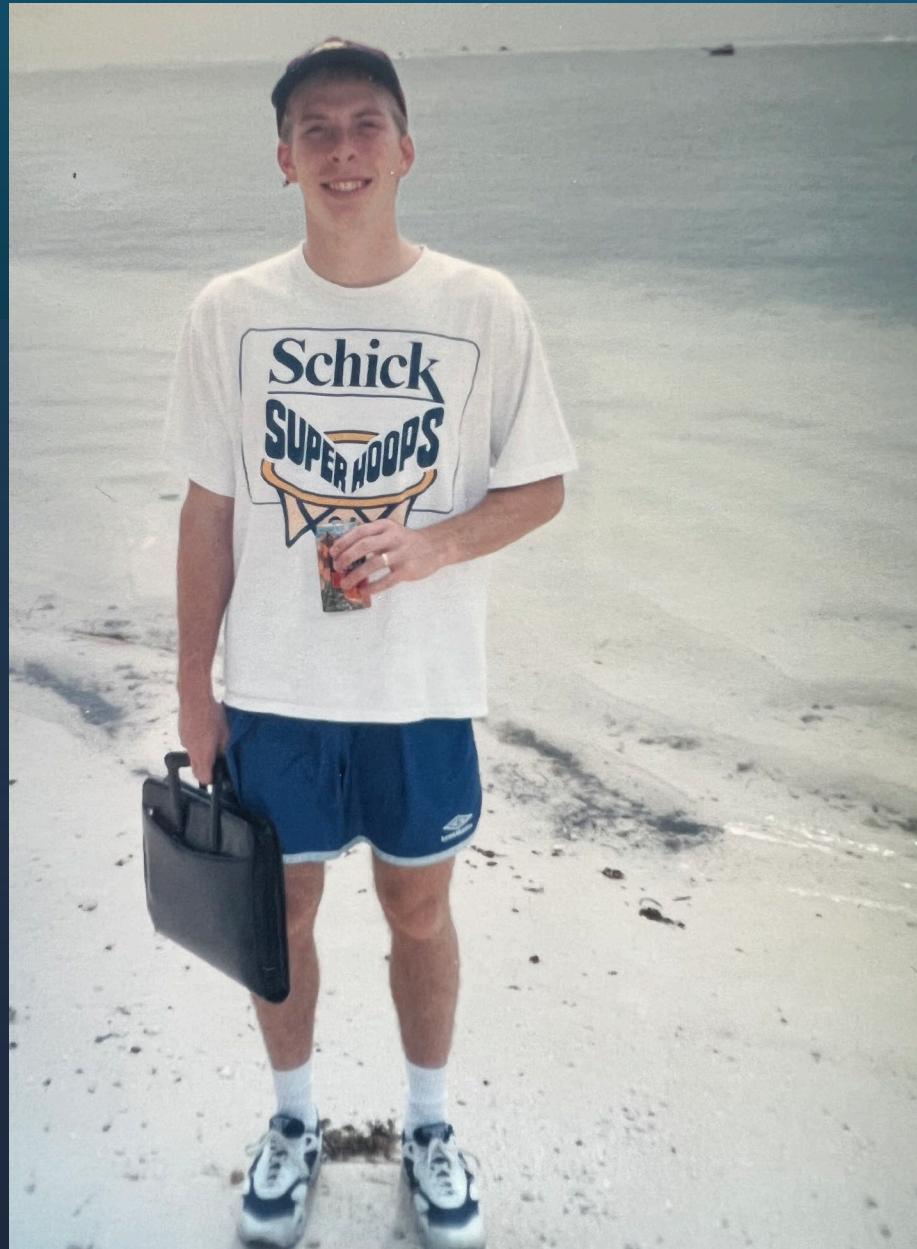
Go fill your quiver and be blessed!

Psalm 127

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- a. We must avoid seeing children as a nuisance, distraction or hurdle.
- b. Blessing follows the trying











I. God Values Children

- a. We must avoid seeing children as a nuisance, distraction or hurdle.
- b. Blessing follows the trying
- c. Blessing recognizes the builder

Unless the Lord builds the house, those who
build it labor in vain...
Go fill your quiver and be blessed!

Psalm 127:1,5



Now as a concession, not a command, I say this, I wish that all were as I myself am. But each has his own gift from God, one of one kind and one of another.



1 Corinthians 7:6-7

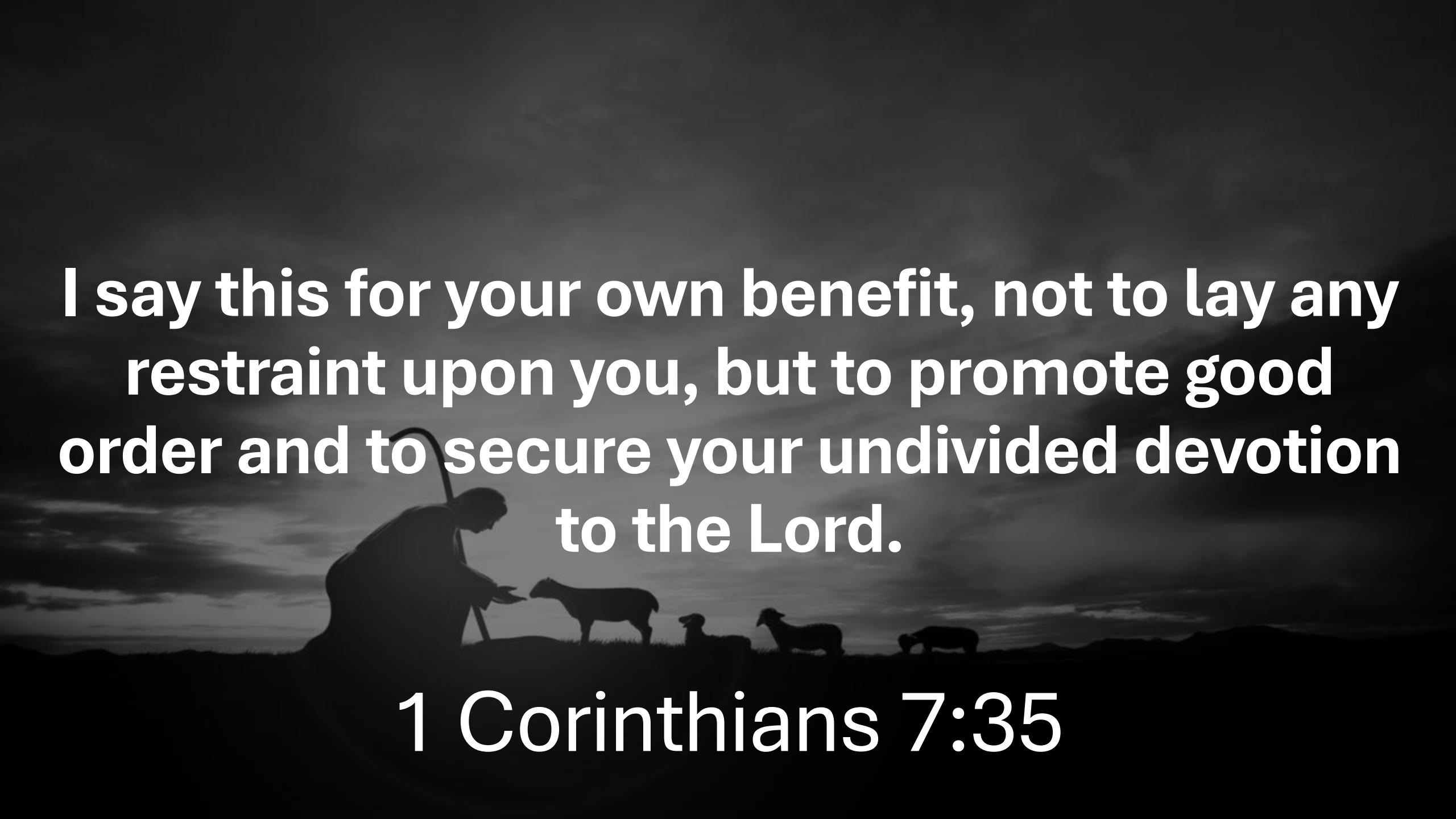
I want you to be free from anxieties. The unmarried man is anxious about the things of the Lord, how to please the Lord. But the married man is anxious about worldly things, how to please his wife, and his interests are divided.

A black and white silhouette of a shepherd standing in a field, facing a flock of sheep. The shepherd is holding a staff and gesturing towards the animals. The flock is scattered across the horizon under a cloudy sky.

1 Corinthians 7:32-33

And the unmarried or betrothed woman is anxious about the things of the Lord, how to be holy in body and spirit. But the married woman is anxious about worldly things, how to please her husband.

1 Corinthians 7:34



I say this for your own benefit, not to lay any restraint upon you, but to promote good order and to secure your undivided devotion to the Lord.

1 Corinthians 7:35



**Unless the Lord builds the house, those who
build it labor in vain...
Go fill your quiver and be blessed!**

Psalm 127







Children are a blessing

For you created my inmost being; you
knit me together in my mother's womb. I
praise you because I am fearfully and
wonderfully made; your works are
wonderful, I know that full well.

A black and white silhouette of a shepherd standing on the left, holding a crook, with a flock of sheep and lambs silhouetted against a bright sky on the right.

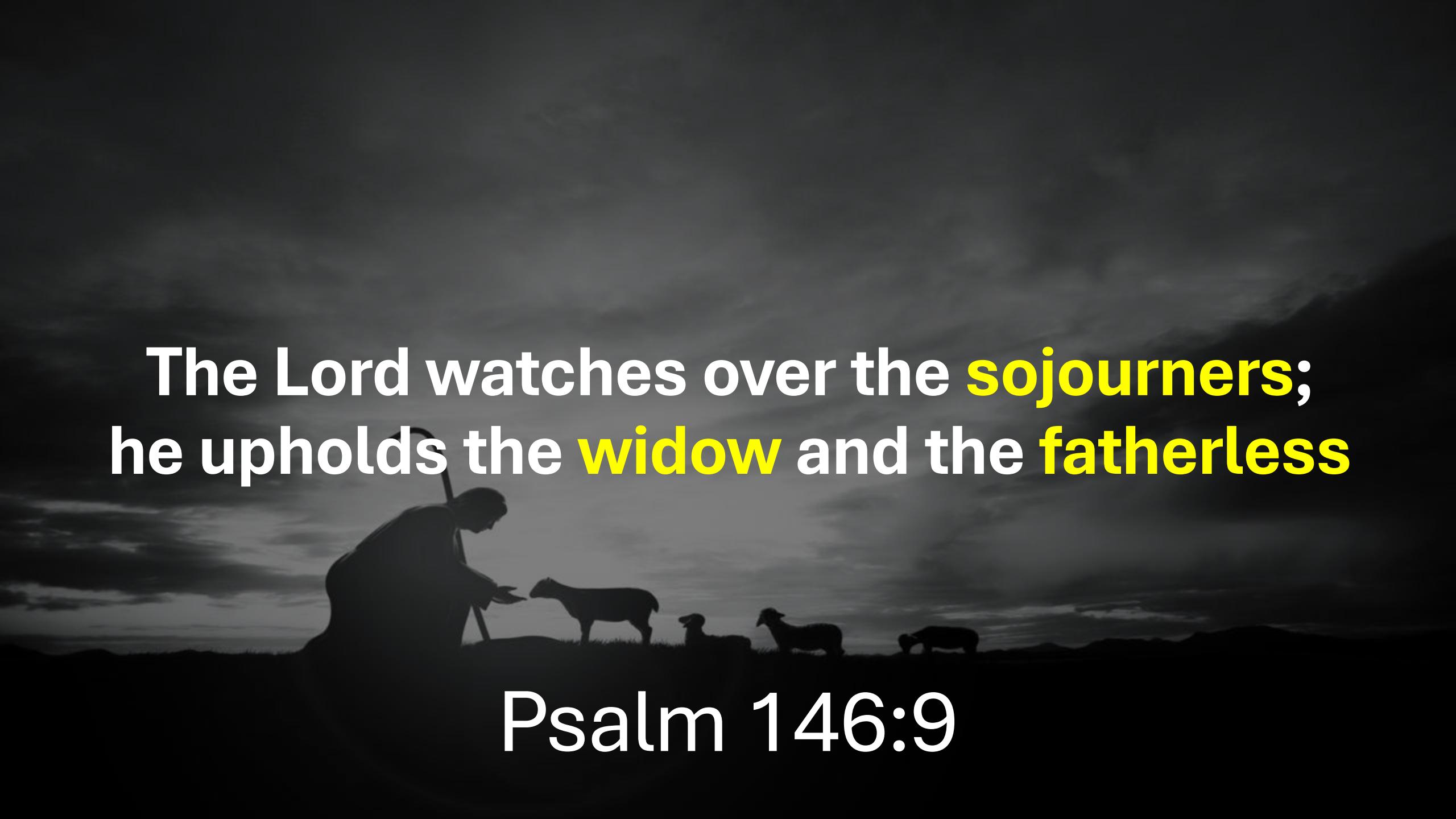
Psalm 139



II. We are to share God's awareness





A black and white silhouette of a shepherd with a staff and a flock of sheep in a field under a cloudy sky.

The Lord watches over the **sojourners**;
he upholds the **widow** and the **fatherless**

Psalm 146:9

But You have **seen**, for You observe trouble
and grief, To repay *it* by Your hand. The
helpless commits himself to You; You are the
helper of the fatherless.

A dark, silhouetted image of a shepherd standing on the left, facing a flock of sheep and lambs. The sheep are scattered across a grassy field under a dramatic, cloudy sky.

Psalm 10:14

The Lord is king forever and ever; the nations perish from his land. O Lord, you hear the desire of the afflicted; you will strengthen their heart; you will **incline your ear** to do justice to the fatherless and the oppressed

A black and white silhouette of a shepherd standing on the left, facing a flock of sheep and a lamb in a field. The background shows a cloudy sky and distant hills.

Psalm 10:16-18

II. We are to share God's awareness

- a. Incline yourself to see, hear and listen







**Learn to do good; seek justice, correct
oppression; bring justice to the fatherless,
plead the widow's case.**

A black and white silhouette of a shepherd standing on the left, facing a flock of sheep. The sheep are scattered across a grassy field under a cloudy sky.

Isaiah 1:17-18

It shall be for the sojourner, the fatherless,
and the widow, that the Lord your God may
bless you in all the work of your hands.

Deut. 24:17-22

III. We are to share God's awareness

- a. Incline yourself to see, hear and listen
- b. Be confident in God's blessing







III. We are to share in God's action



Give **justice** to the weak and the fatherless;
maintain the right of the afflicted and the
destitute. Rescue the weak and the needy;
deliver them from the hand of the wicked.

A black and white silhouette of a shepherd standing in a field, holding a staff and looking down at a small lamb. Several other sheep are scattered across the horizon under a cloudy sky.

Psalm 82:2

III. We are to share in God's action

- a. We are to be a voice against
injustice



Give justice to the weak and the fatherless;
maintain the right of the afflicted and the
destitute. **Rescue** the weak and the needy;
deliver them from the hand of the wicked.

A dark, moody background image showing a silhouette of a shepherd standing on the left, holding a staff and looking down at a small flock of sheep and lambs in a field. The scene is set against a dramatic, cloudy sky.

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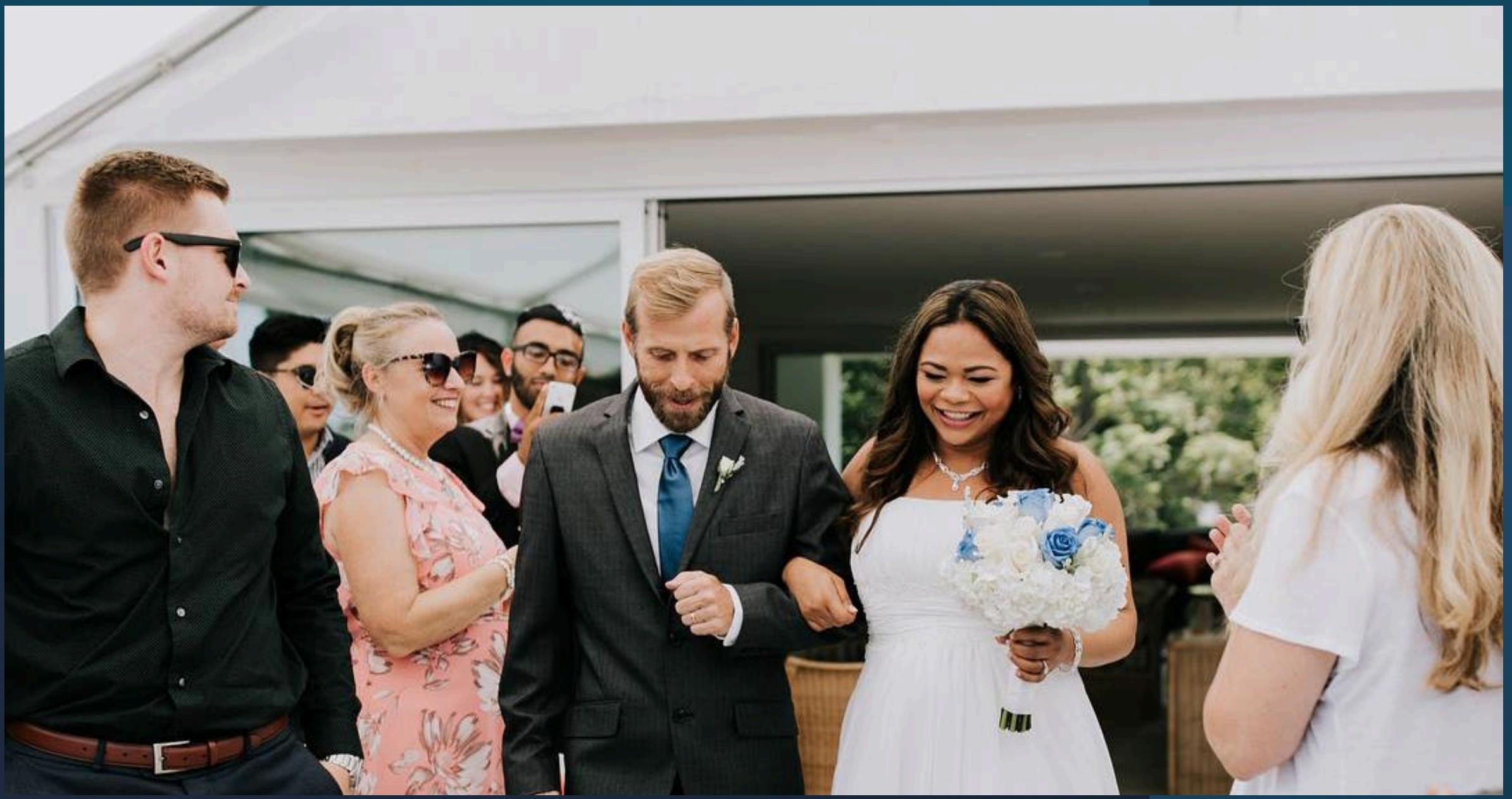
- a. We are to be a voice against injustice
- b. We are to use what influence we have to change their condition















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