

The Prayer of Faith

Mark 11:12-14, 20-25

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What kind of **prayer**
does God answer?

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The next day as they were leaving Bethany,
Jesus was hungry.

13 Seeing in the distance a fig tree in leaf,
he went to find out if it had any fruit.

Mark 11:12-13 (ESV) (p.1/5)

When he reached it,
he found nothing but leaves,
because it was not the season for figs.

14 Then he said to the tree,
“May no one ever eat fruit from you again.”

And his disciples heard him say it.

Mark 11:13-14 (ESV) (p.2/5)

20 As they passed by in the morning,
they saw the fig tree
withered away to its roots.

21 And Peter remembered
and said to him, “Rabbi, look!
The fig tree that you cursed has withered.”

Mark 11:20-21 (ESV) (p.3/5)

22 And Jesus answered them,
“Have faith in God.

23 Truly, I say to you,
whoever says to this mountain,
Be taken up and thrown into the sea,’

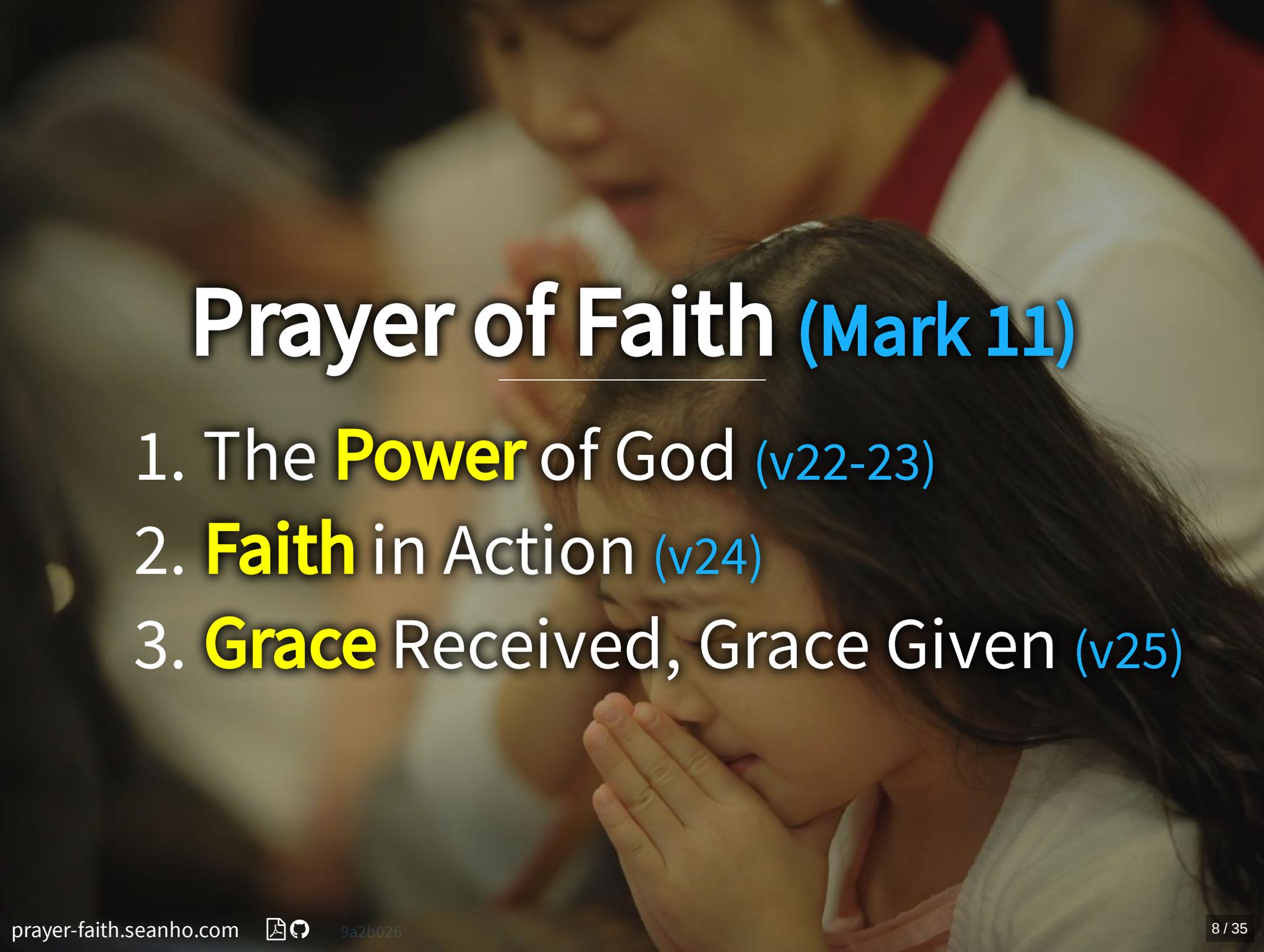
and does not doubt in his heart,
but believes that what he says
will come to pass, it will be done for him.

Mark 11:22-23 (ESV) (p.4/5)

24 Therefore I tell you,
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believe that you have received it,
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Mark 11:24-25 (ESV) (p.5/5)

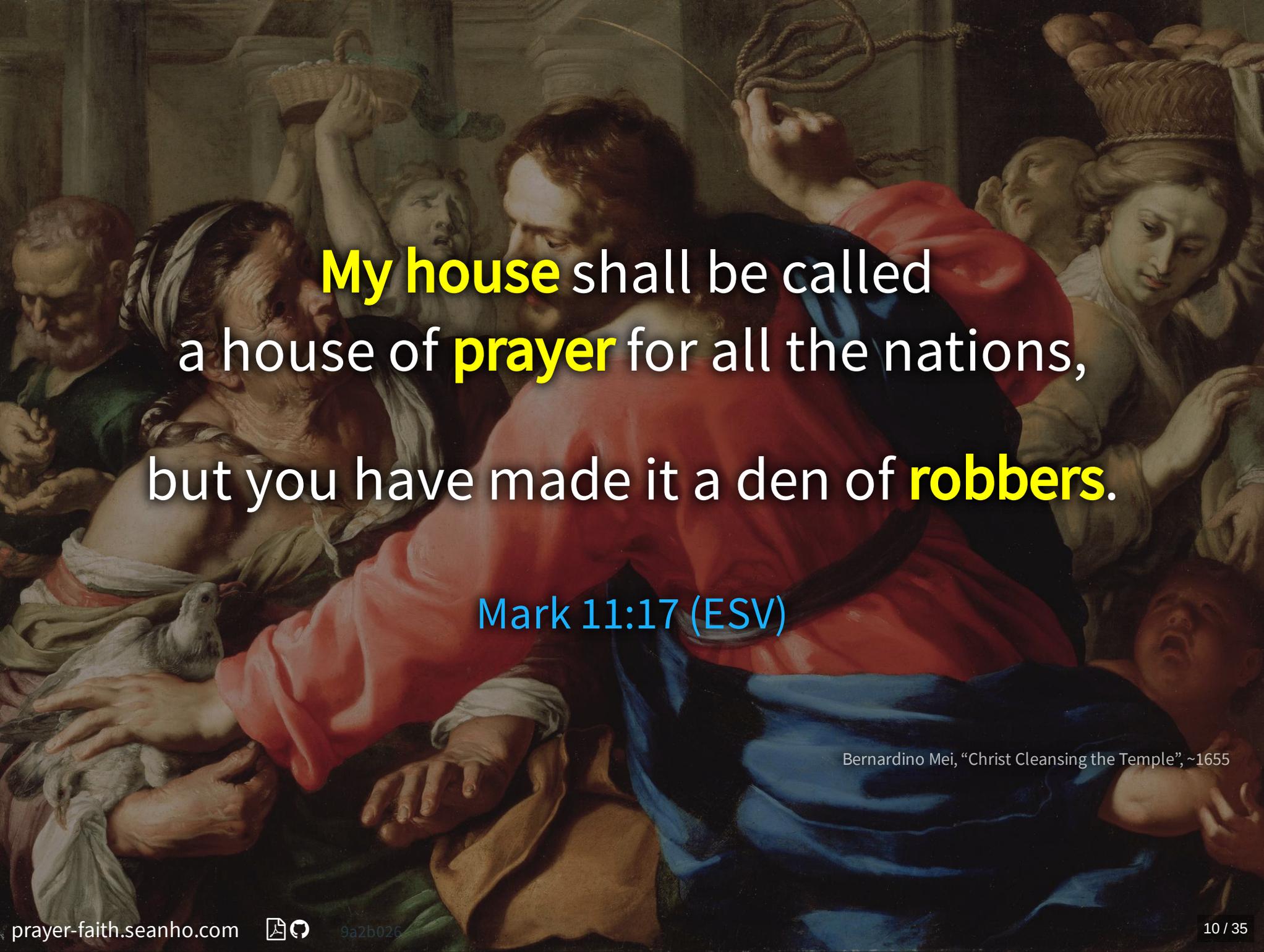


Prayer of Faith (Mark 11)

1. The **Power** of God (v22-23)
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Jesus' 3rd Passover (Mk11-12)

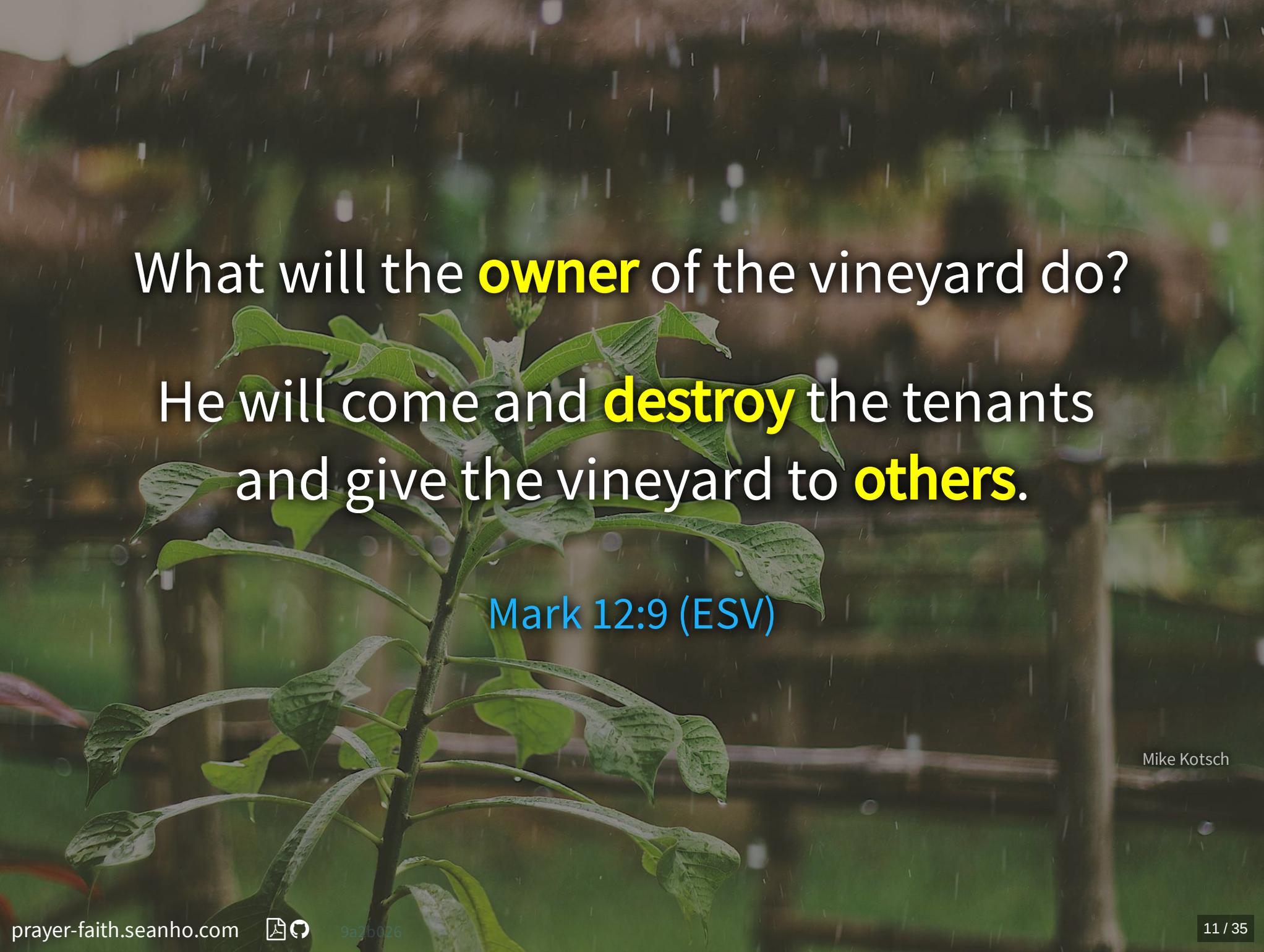
- With the **public**:
 - **Triumphal Entry** (11:1-11)
 - **Cleansing of the Temple** (11:15-19)
- With the **disciples**:
 - **Cursing of the Fig Tree** (11:12-14,20-25)
- With the **religious leaders**:
 - **Jesus' Authority** (11:27-33)
 - **Vineyard and Tenants** (12:1-12)
 - **Pharisees, Sadducees, Scribes** (12:13-38)

The background of the slide is a detailed Baroque painting by Bernardino Mei, titled 'Christ Cleansing the Temple' (c. 1655). It depicts Jesus Christ, with a halo and wearing a red and blue robe, in the center, overturning a table. He is surrounded by a crowd of people, including a man on the left holding a white dove, and a woman on the right with a basket on her head. The scene is set in a temple with classical architectural elements like columns and arches. The lighting is dramatic, highlighting Christ and the central action.

My house shall be called
a house of **prayer** for all the nations,
but you have made it a den of **robbers**.

Mark 11:17 (ESV)

Bernardino Mei, "Christ Cleansing the Temple", ~1655



What will the **owner** of the vineyard do?

He will come and **destroy** the tenants
and give the vineyard to **others**.

Mark 12:9 (ESV)

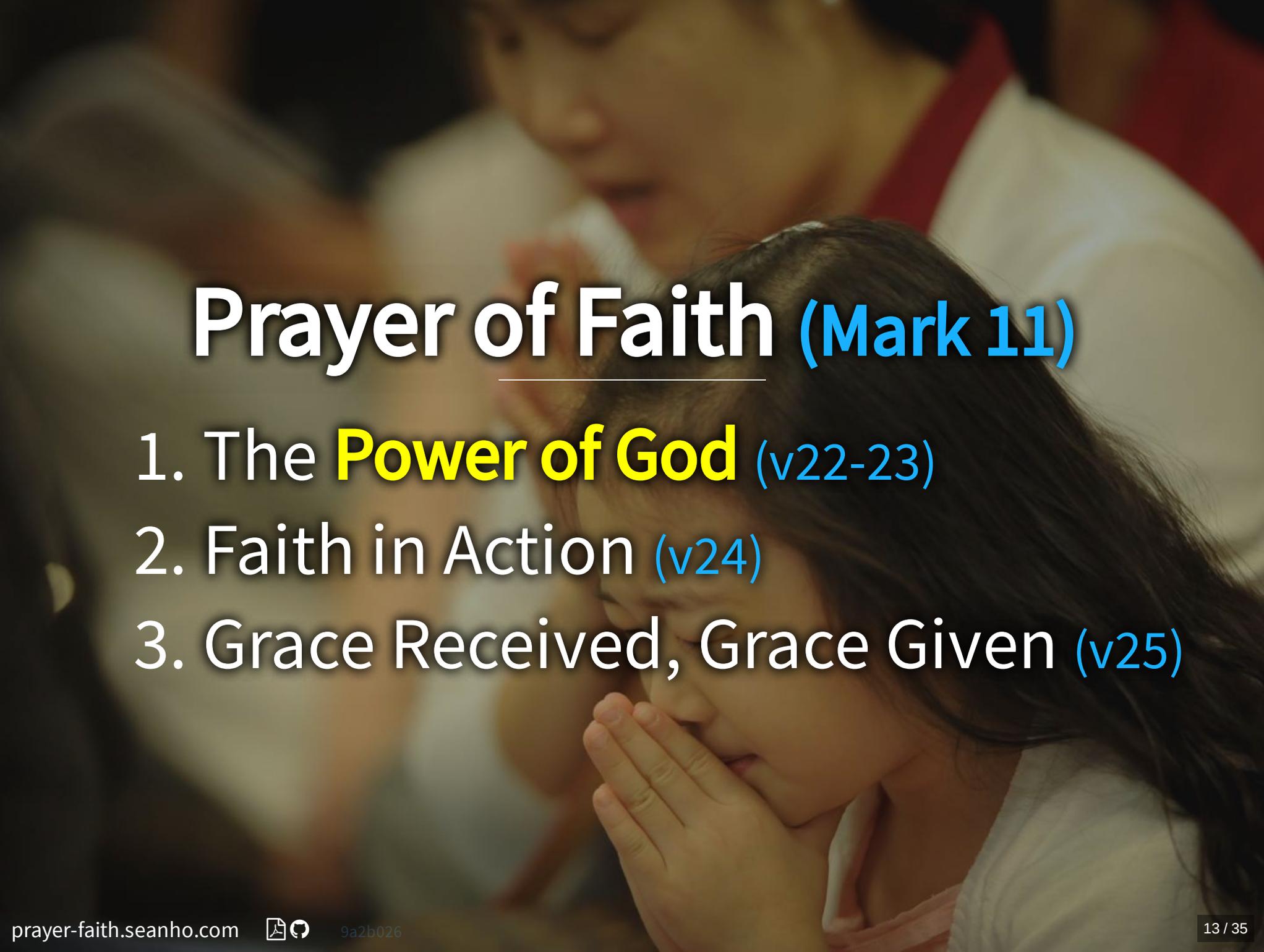
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Rabbi, look!
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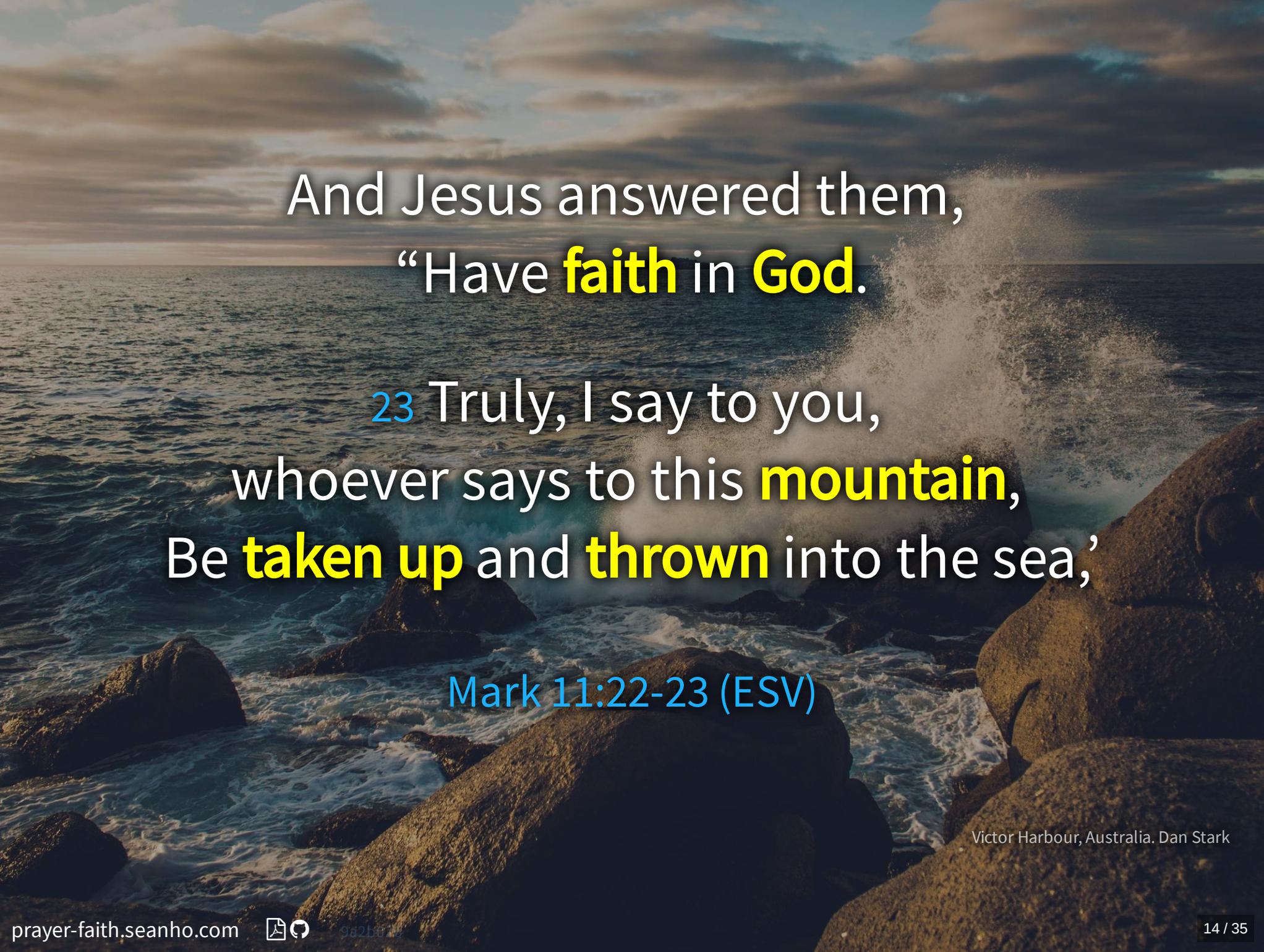
Mark 11:21 (ESV)

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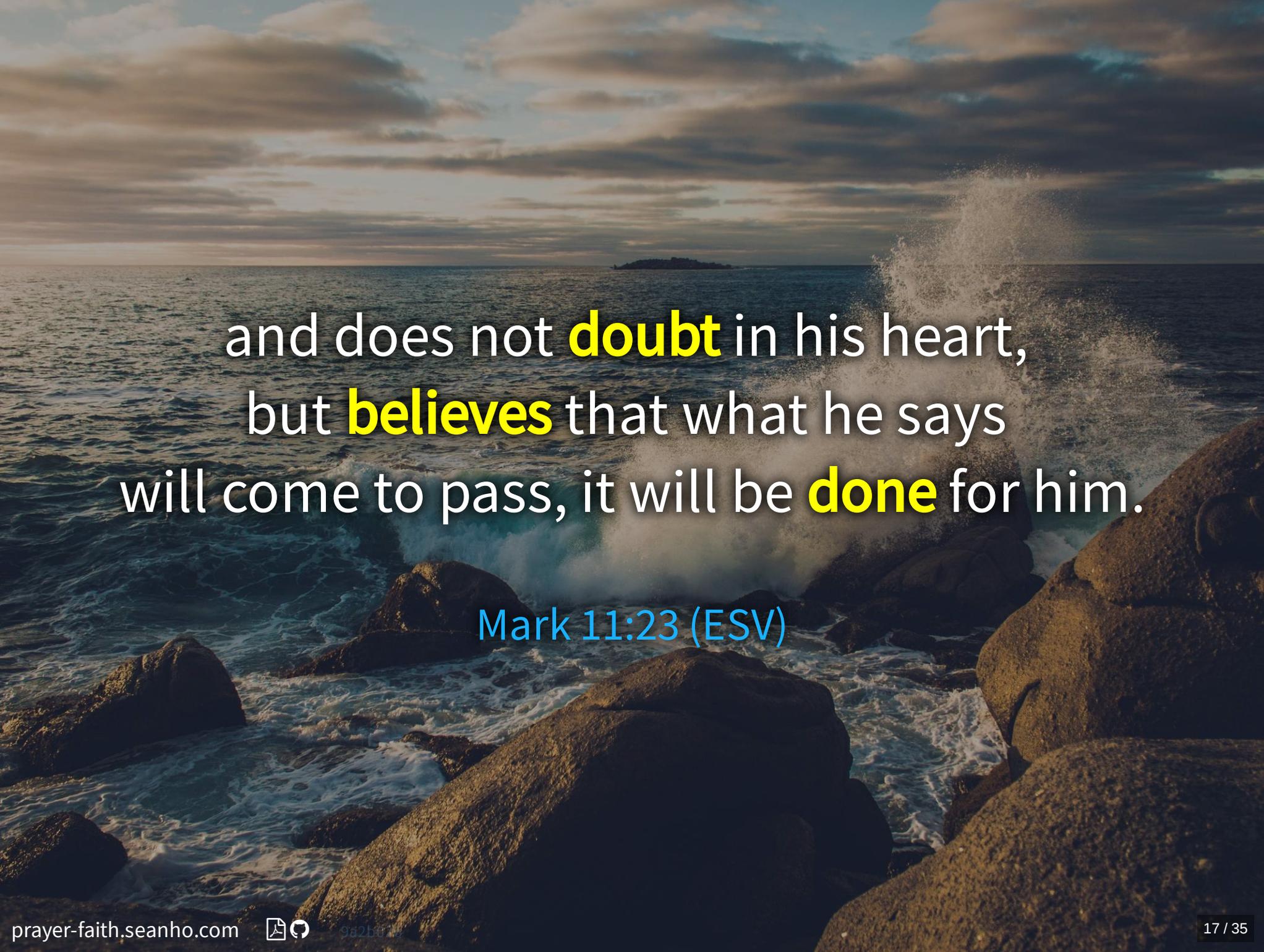
Victor Harbour, Australia. Dan Stark

“God, I believe You will do
what I ask”

~~“God, I believe You will do
what **I ask**”~~

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“God, I believe You will do
what **You promised**”



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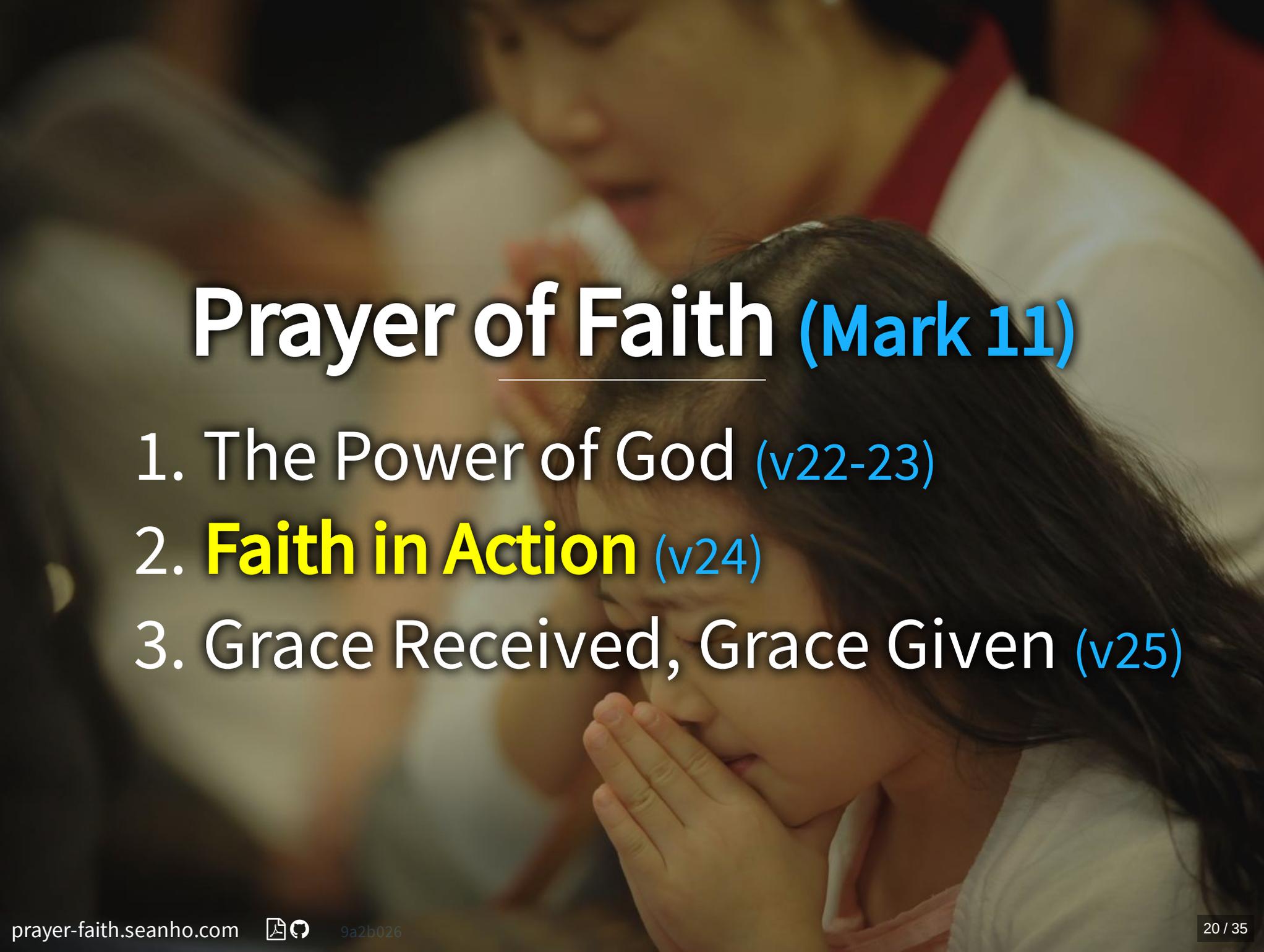
Mark 11:23 (ESV)

If any of you lacks **wisdom**, let him **ask God**,
who gives **generously** to all without reproach,
and it will be given him.

6 But let him ask in **faith**, with **no doubting**,
for the one who doubts is like a **wave** of the sea
that is driven and **tossed** by the wind.

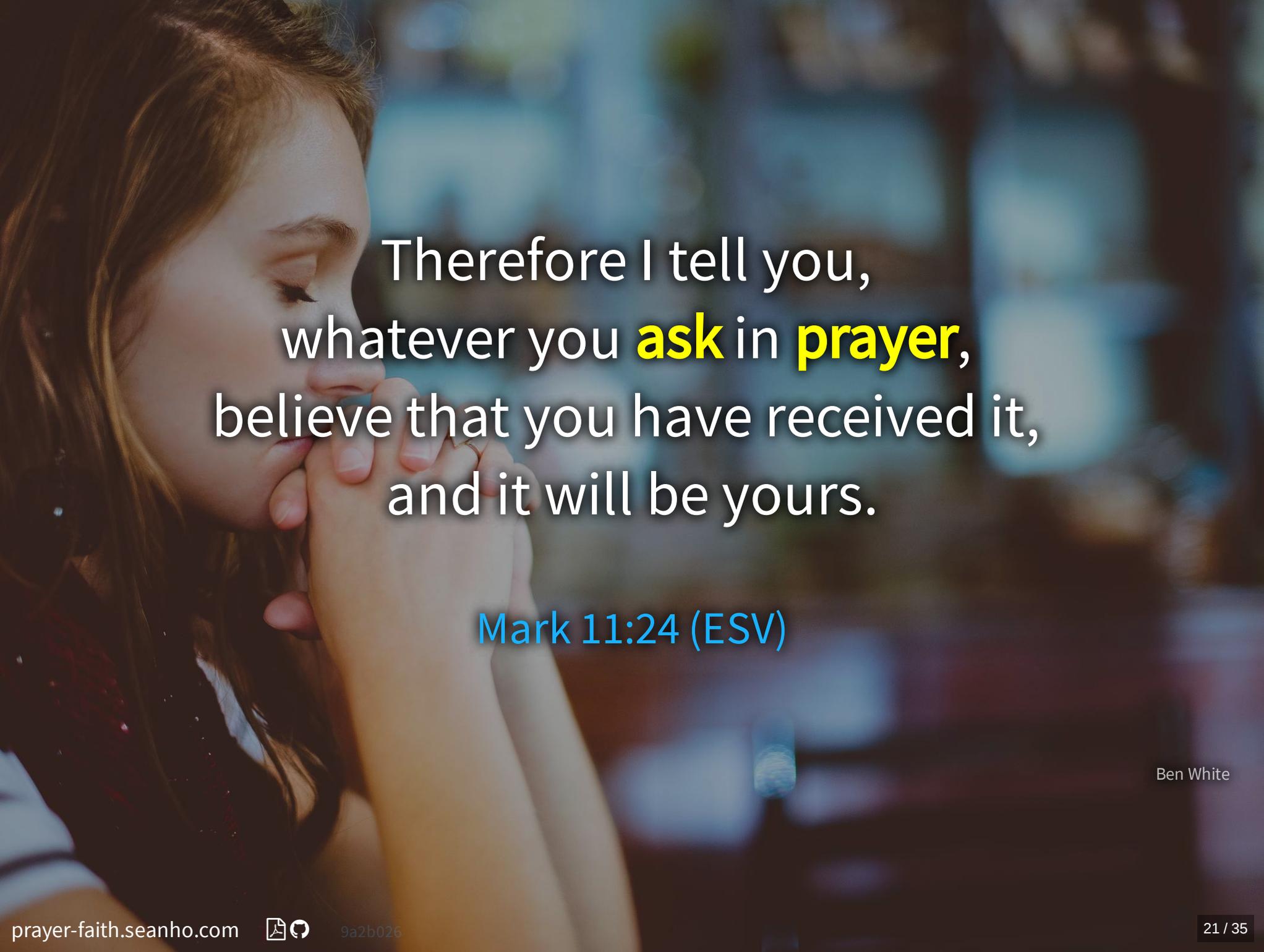
James 1:5-6 (ESV)

Have I doubted
God's **power** or
character to fulfill
His promises?



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Mark 11:24 (ESV)

Ben White

You do not **have**, because you do not **ask**.

3 You ask and do not **receive**,

because you ask **wrongly**,
to spend it on your **passions**.

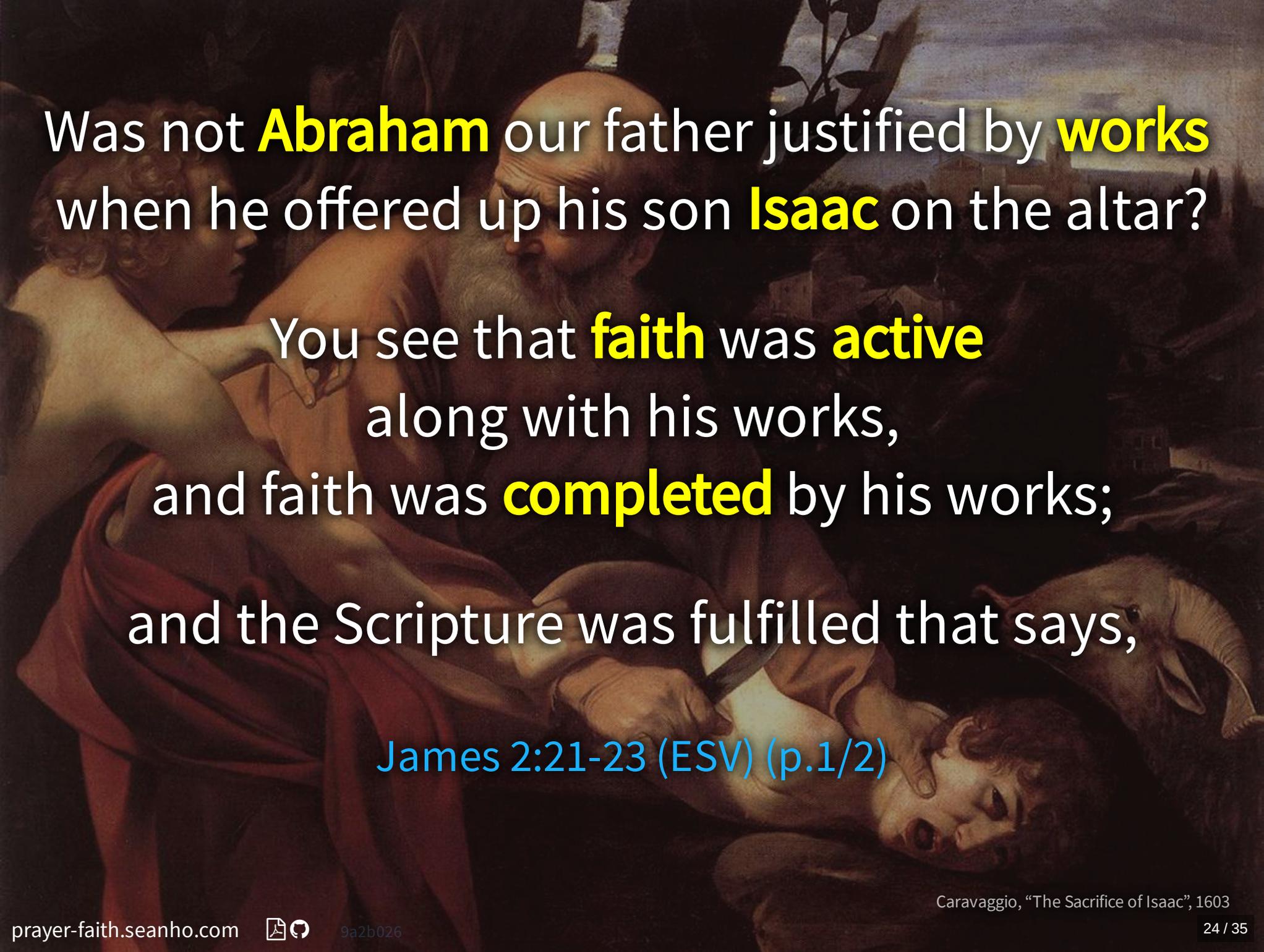
James 4:2-3 (ESV) (p.1/2)

Jon Flobrant

Submit yourselves therefore to God....

8 Draw **near** to God,
and he will draw **near** to you.

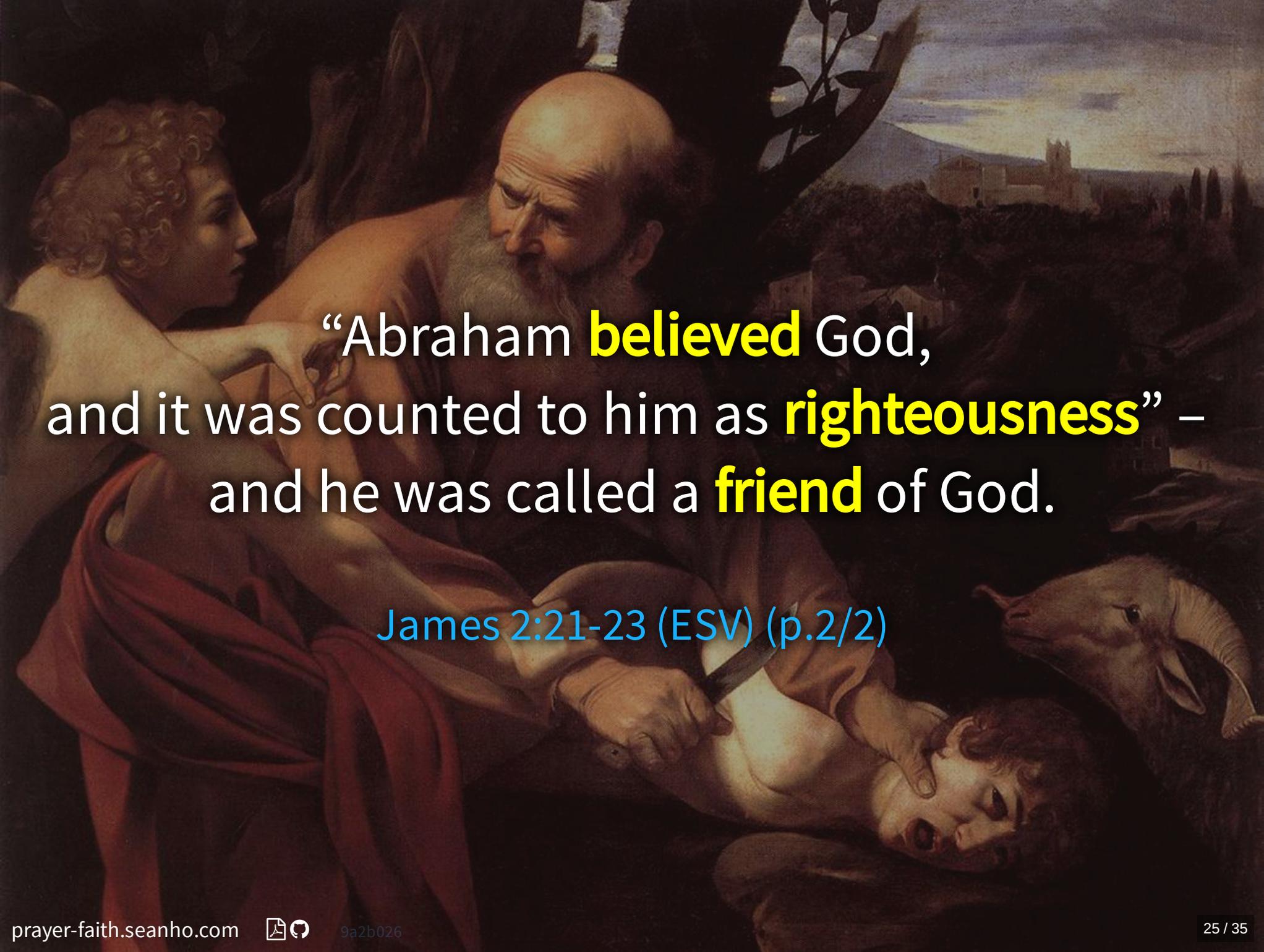
James 4:7,8 (ESV) (p.2/2)

The background of the slide is a reproduction of the painting 'The Sacrifice of Isaac' by the Italian Baroque painter Caravaggio. The painting depicts the biblical story of Isaac's sacrifice. An elderly Abraham with a long white beard is shown in the center, holding a knife to Isaac's chest. Isaac is lying on the ground, looking up at his father with a look of fear and pain. A young boy, likely Isaac, is being held by a man in a red robe on the left. In the background, a ram is visible, and a city is seen in the distance under a dramatic sky.

Was not **Abraham** our father justified by **works** when he offered up his son **Isaac** on the altar?

You see that **faith** was **active** along with his works, and faith was **completed** by his works; and the Scripture was fulfilled that says,

James 2:21-23 (ESV) (p.1/2)



“Abraham **believed** God,
and it was counted to him as **righteousness**” –
and he was called a **friend** of God.

James 2:21-23 (ESV) (p.2/2)

In my prayers, do I
submit to God?

In my faith, do I
obey Him?



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so that your **Father** also who is in heaven
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Mark 11:25 (ESV)

Milada Vigerova



Which is easier, to say to the paralytic,
‘Your sins are **forgiven**’;
or to say,
‘**Get up**, and pick up your pallet and **walk**’?

Mark 2:9 (ESV)

Nikolay Svishchev-Paola, “Beggar with a Lyra”, 1900

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will restore the one who is **sick**,
and the Lord will **raise** him up,
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they will be **forgiven** him.

James 5:15 (NASB) (p.1/2)

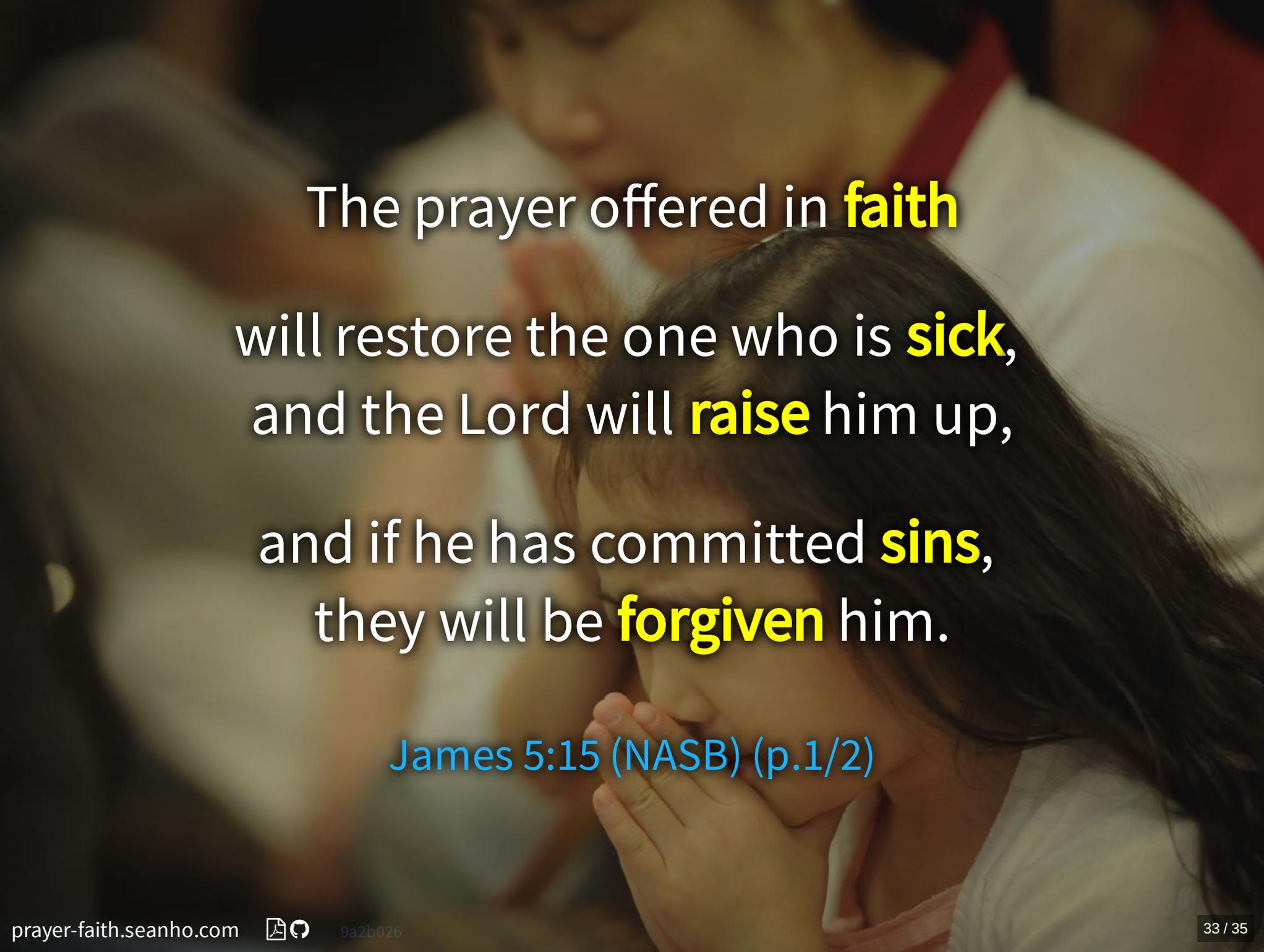
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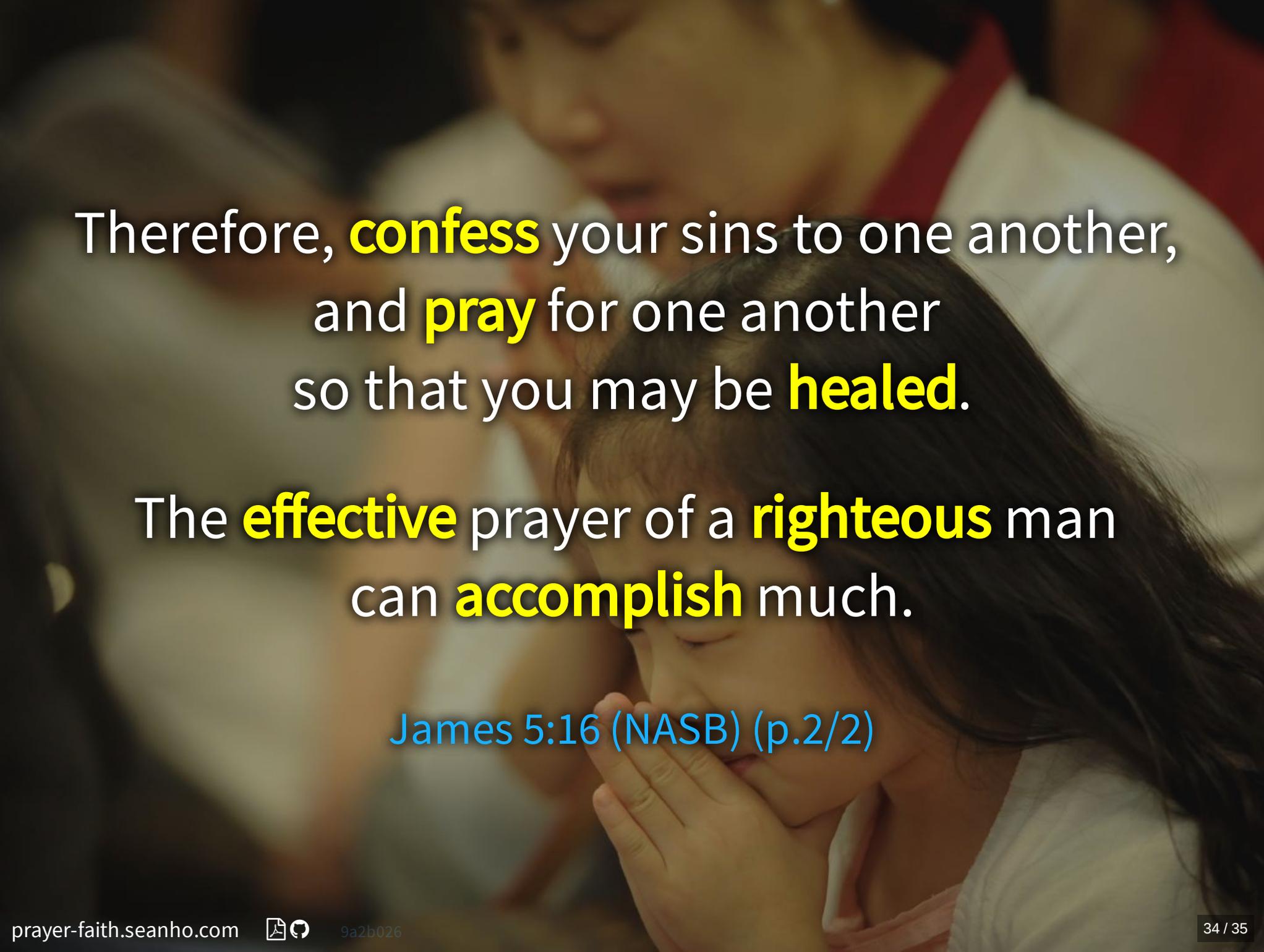
What **grace** has God
shown **me**?

What **grace** will I
show to **others**?



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