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MEN OF VALOR
RECONCILING MEN TO GOD, THEIR FAMILIES, AND SOCIETY
A Ministry of Hope



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Men of Valor Covenant

*As a Man of Valor, I will seek to honor Christ—
living a life of respect for myself and others.*

*I will reject passivity and accept responsibility. I
will choose to lead courageously.*

I will be honest with myself, others, and God.

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It is a privilege for me to serve my family, my church, and my community.

I will expect the greater reward—God's reward.

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What Does It Mean to Be a Man?



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The Sacrifice of Isaac

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“[God told Abraham],
‘Take your son, your only son Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah, and offer him there as a burnt offering on one of the mountains of which I shall tell you.’”
(*Genesis 22:2*)

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Fundamental Drives in Men

“God said to them, ‘Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth and subdue it...’” (Genesis 1:28)

“God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to work it and keep it.” (Genesis 2:15)

Most men are driven to produce and provide.

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Corruption of the Male Design

“To the woman he said, ‘I will surely multiply your pain in childbearing. In pain you shall bring forth children. Your desire shall be contrary to your husband, but he shall rule over you.’”

(Genesis 3:16)

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Corruption of the Male Design

“To the man, God said... ‘Cursed is the ground because of you. In pain you shall eat of it all the days of your life. Thorns and thistles it shall bring forth for you. And you shall eat the plants of the field.

By the sweat of your face you shall eat bread, till you return to the ground, for out of it you were taken. For you are dust, and to dust you shall return.’” (Genesis 3:17-19)

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The Restoration of Man: a People, a Place, a Purpose



“The LORD said to Abram, ‘Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. And I will make of you a great nation.’”
(Genesis 12:1-3)

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The Restoration of Man: a People, a Place, a Purpose



“And I will bless you and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing...in you, all the families of the earth shall be blessed.”

(Genesis 12:1-3)

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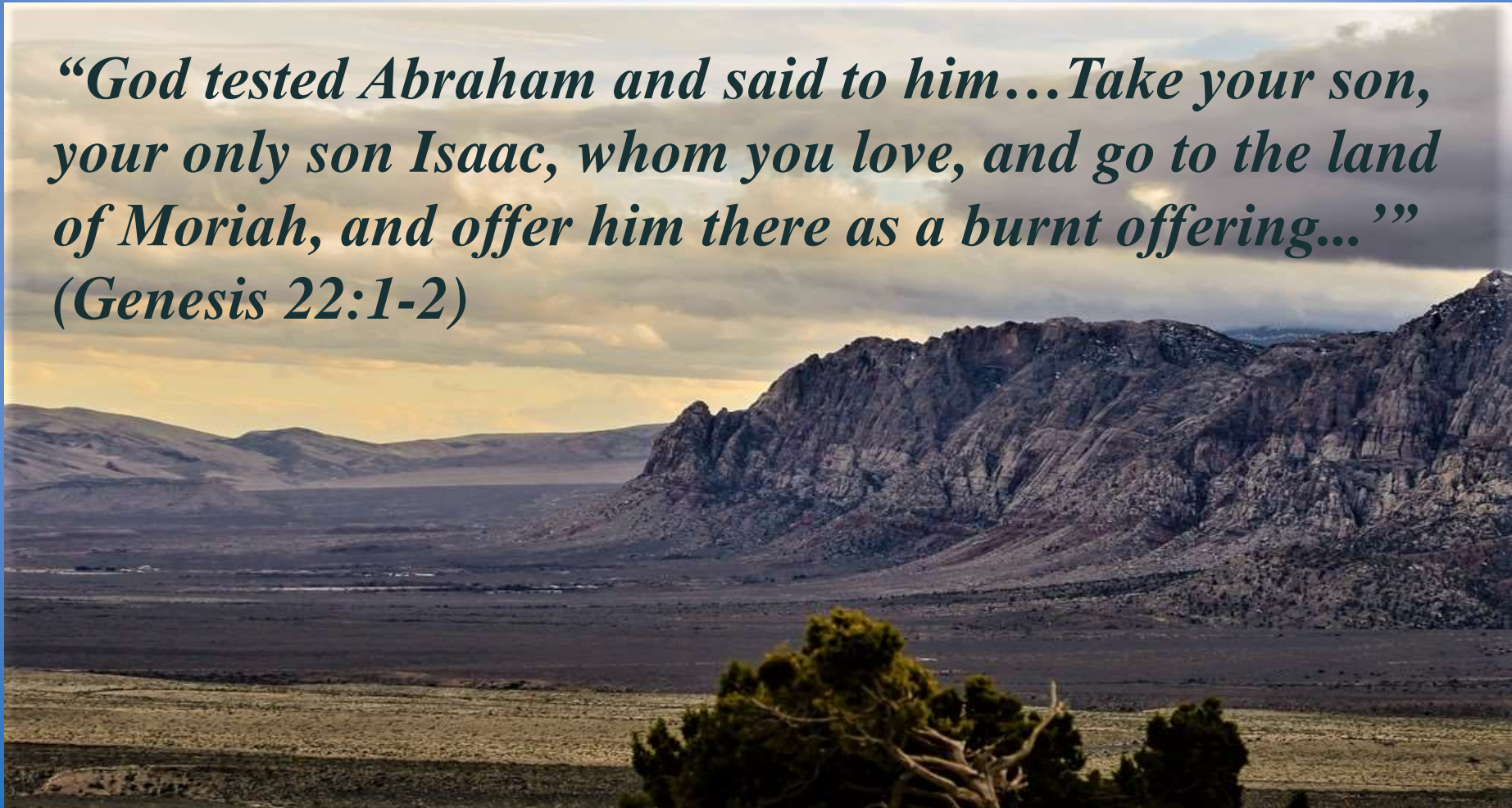


“Sarah your wife shall bear you a son, and you shall call his name Isaac. I will establish my covenant with him as an everlasting covenant for his offspring after him.”
(Genesis 17:19)

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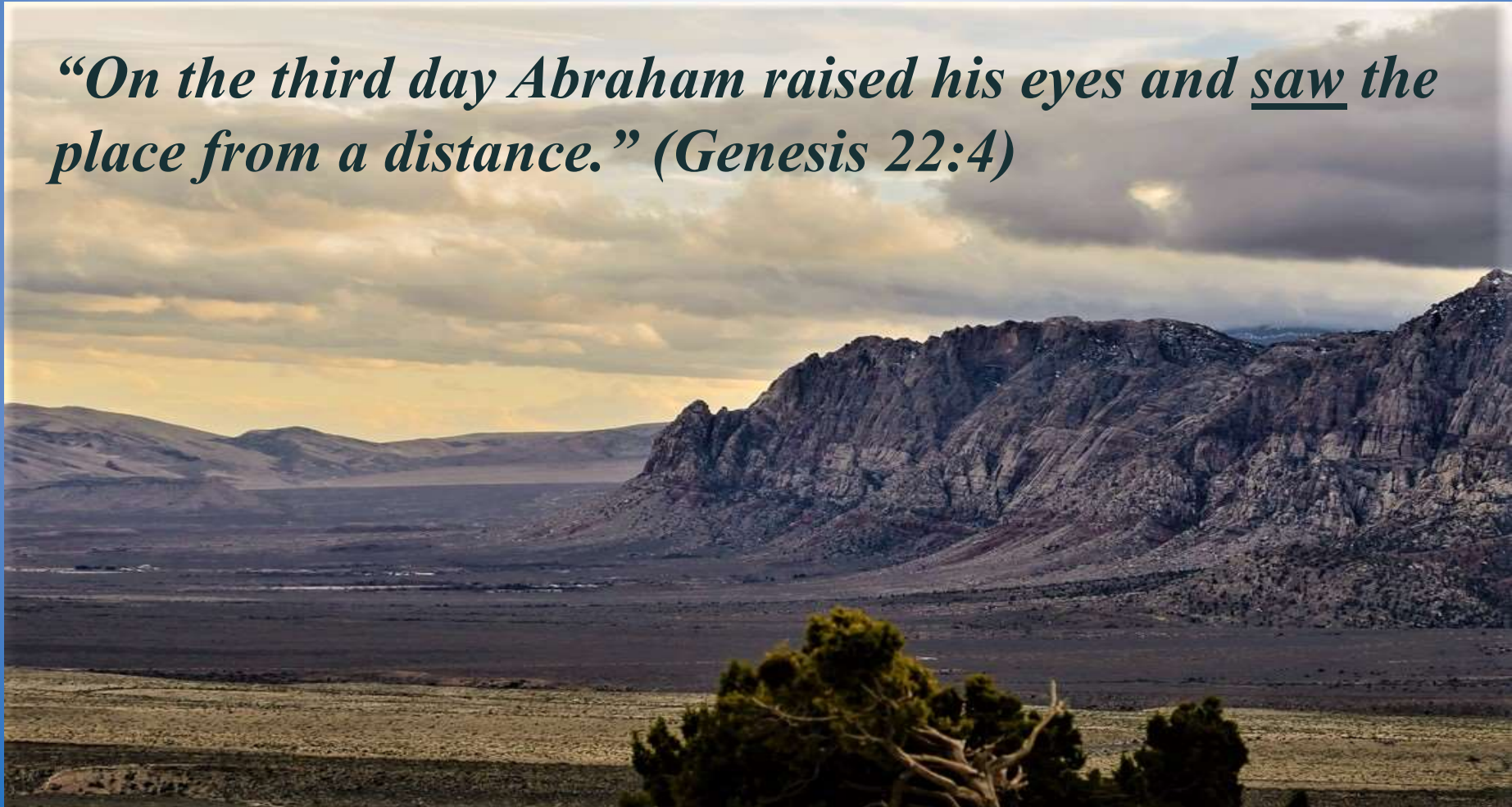
“God tested Abraham and said to him...Take your son, your only son Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah, and offer him there as a burnt offering...”
(Genesis 22:1-2)



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“On the third day Abraham raised his eyes and saw the place from a distance.” (Genesis 22:4)



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“God will see...”



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“God will see...”



“My father...Behold, the fire and the wood, but where is the lamb for a burnt offering?””

Abraham said, ‘God will provide for himself the lamb for a burnt offering, my son.’” (Genesis 22:7-8)

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“God will see...”



“God will provide.”

“God will see...”

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The Lord's Provision Is Seen!



“Abraham lifted up his eyes and looked, and behold, behind him was a ram, caught in a thicket by his horns. And Abraham went and took the ram and offered it up as a burnt offering instead of his son.” (Genesis 22:13)

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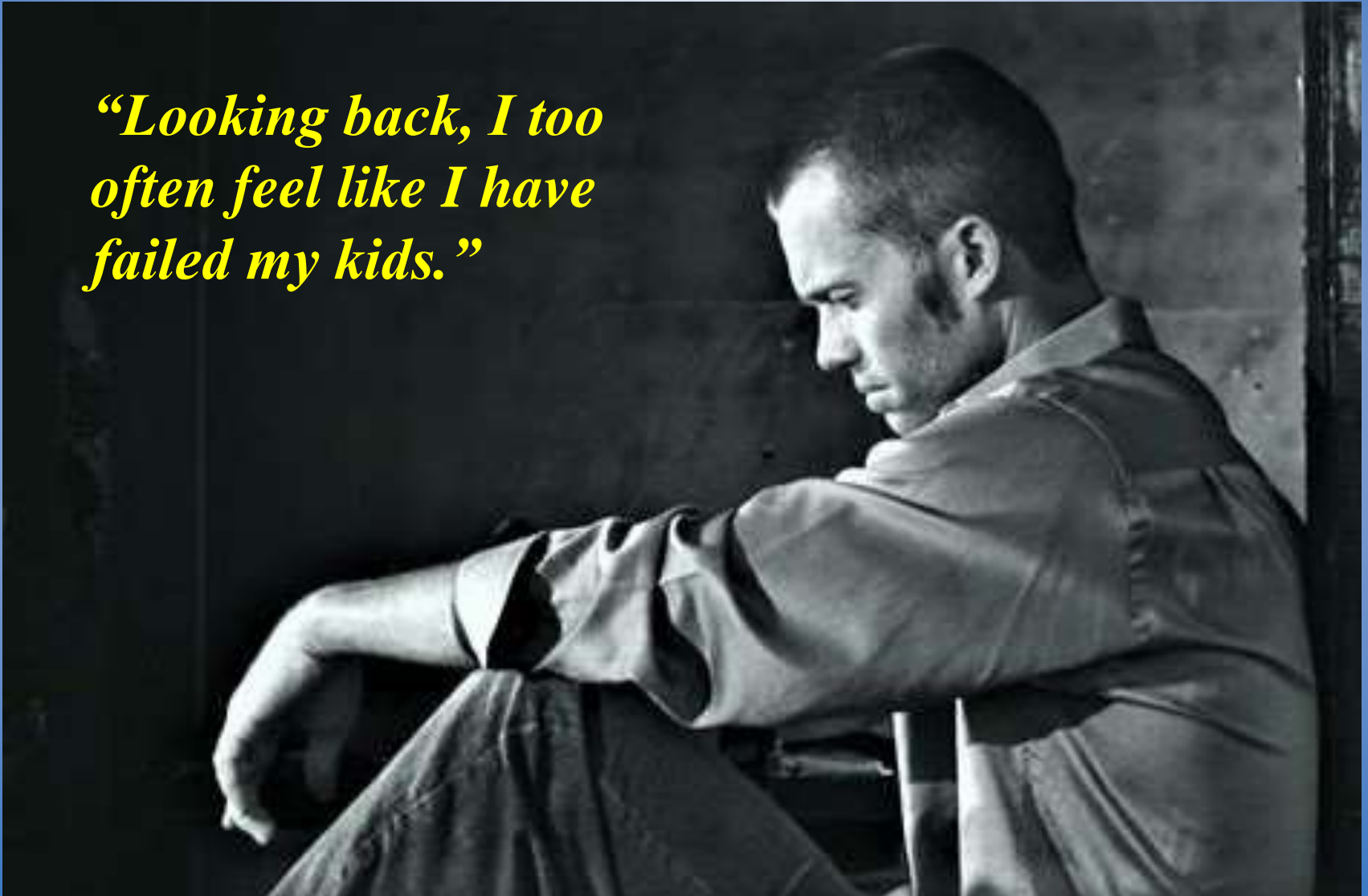
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“Abraham called the name of that place, ‘The LORD will provide [see].’ As it is said to this day, ‘On the mount of the LORD it shall be provided [seen].’” (Genesis 22:14)

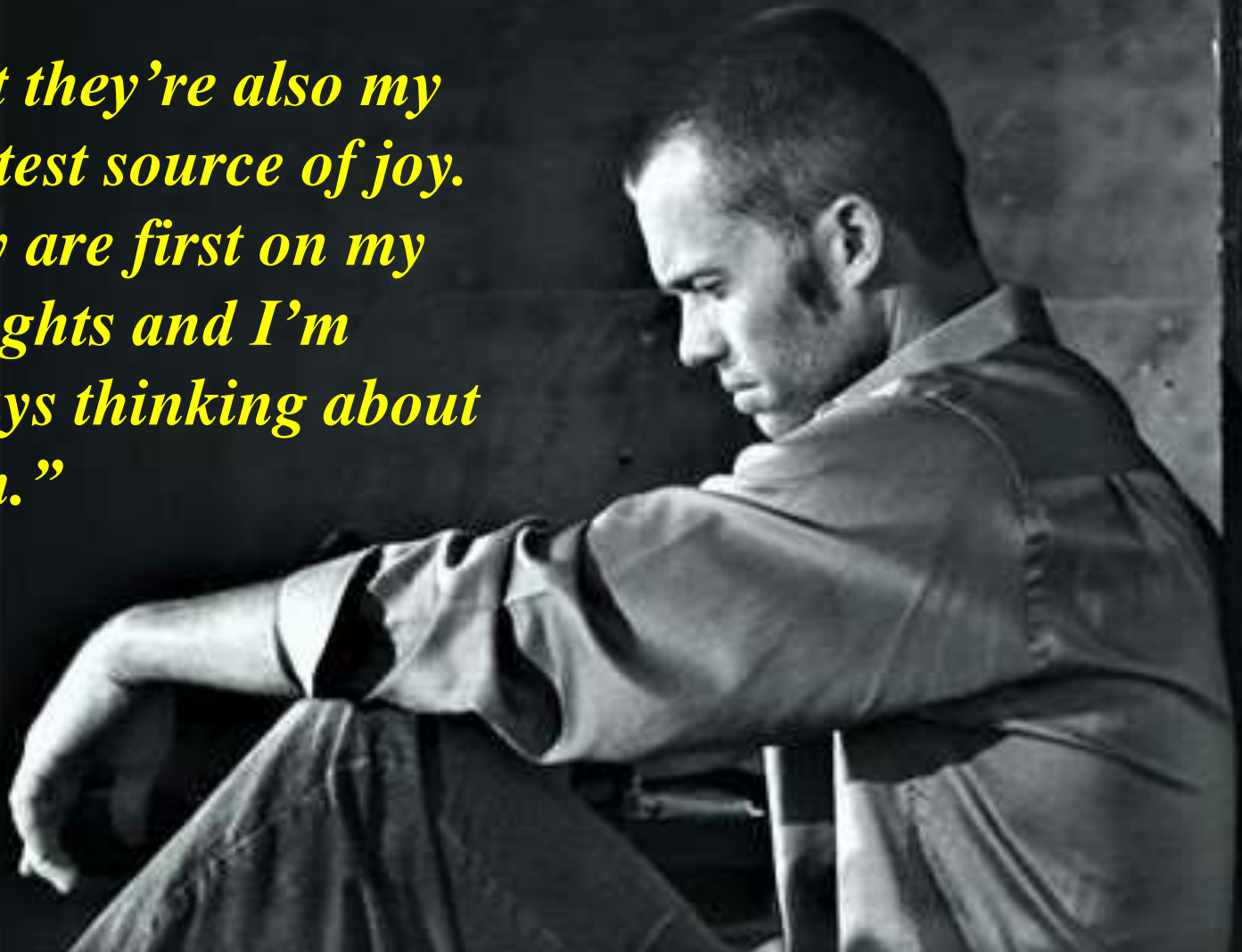
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“Looking back, I too often feel like I have failed my kids.”



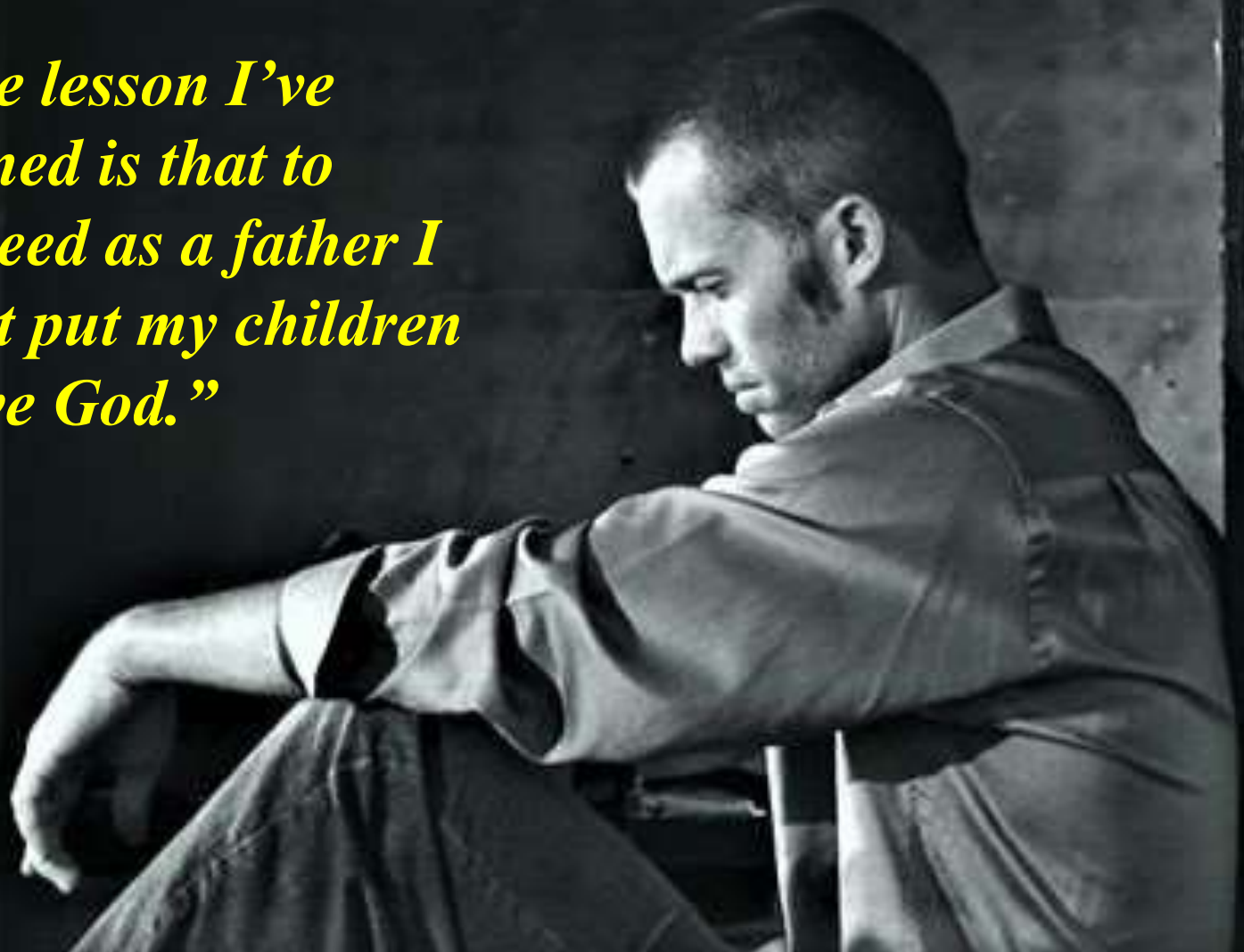
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“But they’re also my greatest source of joy. They are first on my thoughts and I’m always thinking about them.”



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“One lesson I’ve learned is that to succeed as a father I can’t put my children above God.”



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“IN you, all the families of the earth will be blessed.”

“The promise to Abraham and his offspring that he would be heir of the world did not come through the law [his own works] but through the righteousness of faith.” (Romans 4:13)

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“IN you, all the families of the earth will be blessed.”

- God wants us to ultimately trust his character as our provider, and trust in his vision for our future.
- To be the best man, father, provider, we must ultimately “see” or have faith in our *Father God* as our ultimate provider and redeemer...
- ...the one who saves us in spite of our failings, who has provided a substitutionary sacrifice for the consequences of our failures as men.

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God's Ultimate Provision



*“[Jesus said], ‘Your father Abraham rejoiced that he would see my day. He saw it and was glad.’”
(John 8:56)*

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God's Ultimate Provision



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Beyond This Dusty Frame

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“We are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.” (Ephesians 2:10)

“I am sure of this—that he who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ.” (Philippians 1:6)

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*“Because you have done this and have not withheld your son, your only son, I will surely bless you, and I will surely multiply your offspring as the stars of heaven and as the sand that is on the seashore.”
(Genesis 22:16-18)*

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“And your offspring shall possess the gate of his enemies, and in your offspring shall all the nations of the earth be blessed, because you have obeyed my voice.”

(Genesis 22:16-18)

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