



# Faith that Stands the Test

James 1:2-12

What does it mean  
to have **faith**  
in Jesus?

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2 Consider it **pure joy**, my brothers and sisters,  
whenever you face **trials** of many kinds,  
3 because you know that the  
**testing** of your faith produces **perseverance**.

4 Let perseverance **finish** its work  
so that you may be **mature** and **complete**,  
not **lacking** anything.

James 1:2-4 (NIV) (p.1/6)

5 If any of you lacks **wisdom**,  
you should **ask God**, who gives **generously**  
to all without finding fault,  
and it will be **given** to you.

6 But when you ask,  
you must **believe** and not doubt,

James 1:5-6 (NIV) (p.2/6)

because the one who **doubts**  
is like a **wave** of the sea,  
**blown** and **tossed** by the wind.

7 That person should not expect  
to receive anything from the Lord.

8 Such a person is **double-minded**  
and **unstable** in all they do.

James 1:6-8 (NIV) (p.3/6)

9 Believers in **humble** circumstances ought to take **pride** in their **high** position.

10 But the **rich** should take pride in their **humiliation** — since they will pass away like a **wild flower**.

James 1:9-10 (NIV) (p.4/6)

11 For the sun rises with **scorching heat**  
and **withers** the plant;  
its **blossom** falls  
and its **beauty** is destroyed.

In the same way, the rich will **fade away**  
even while they go about their **business**.

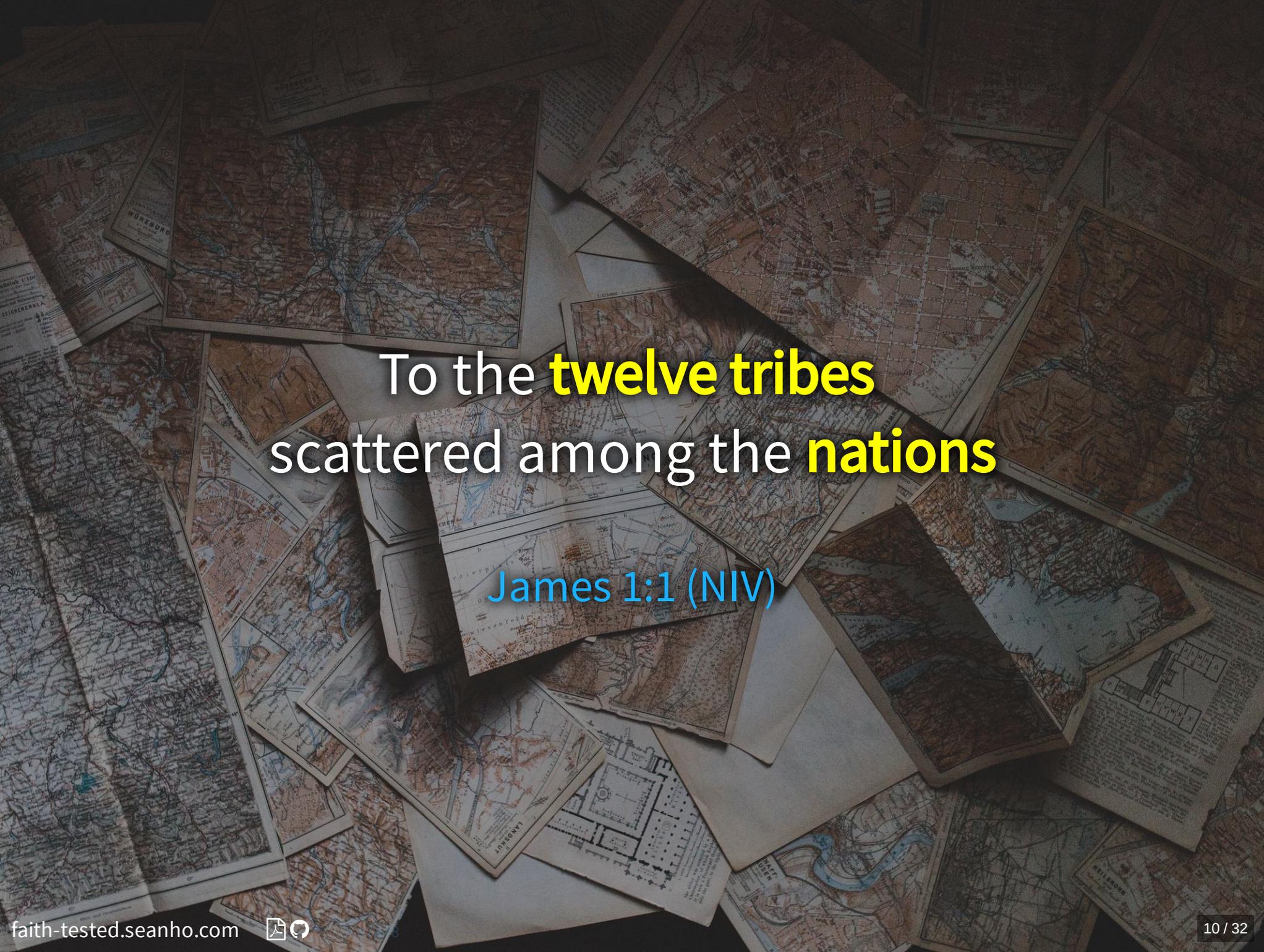
James 1:11 (NIV) (p.5/6)

12 Blessed is the one  
who **perseveres** under trial  
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James 1:12 (NIV) (p.6/6)

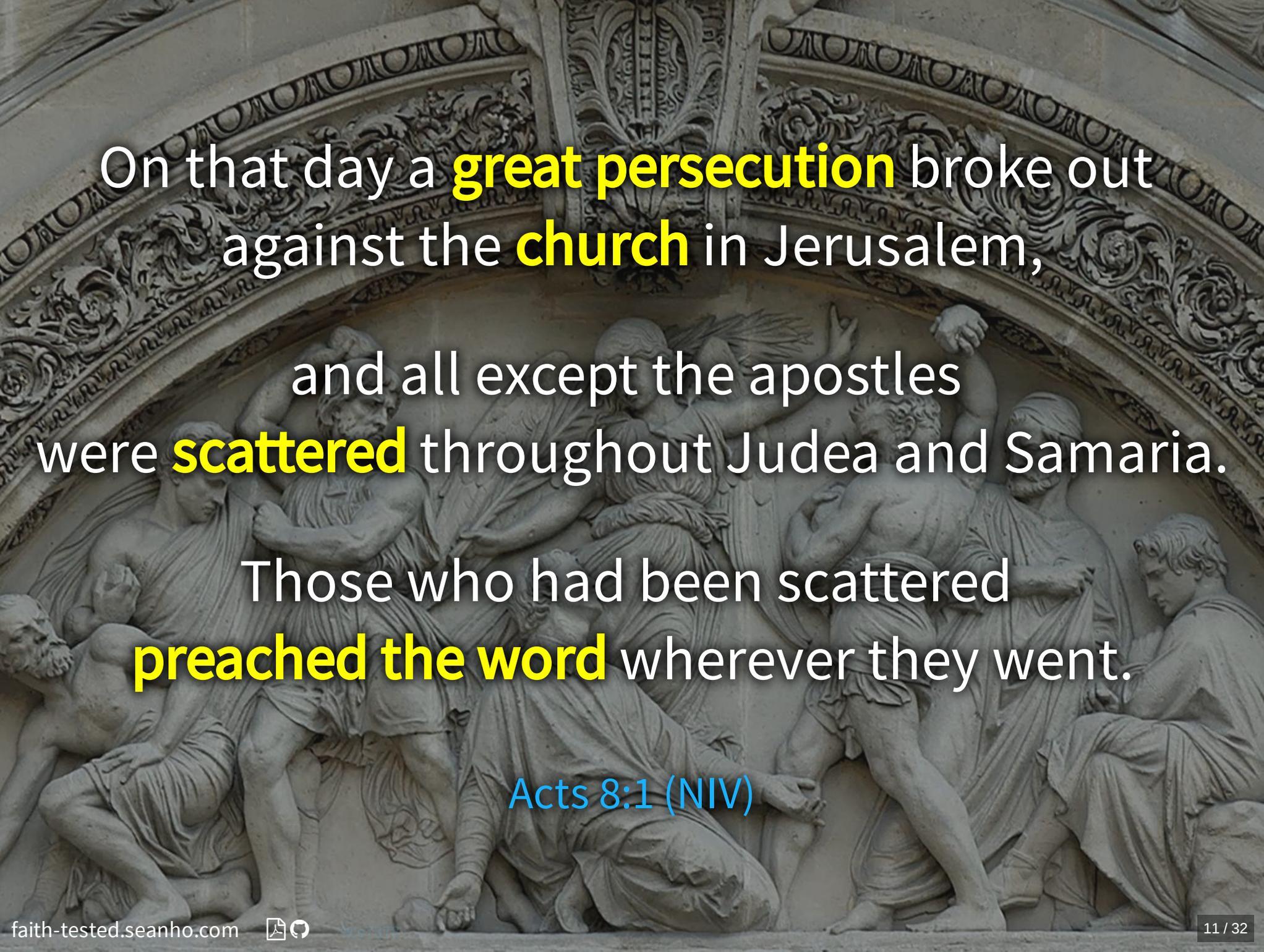
# Faith that Stands the Test

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2. **Wisdom** Given Generously (v5-8)
3. **Boasting** in Weakness (v9-12)



To the **twelve tribes**  
scattered among the **nations**

James 1:1 (NIV)



On that day a **great persecution** broke out  
against the **church** in Jerusalem,

and all except the apostles  
were **scattered** throughout Judea and Samaria.

Those who had been scattered  
**preached the word** wherever they went.

Acts 8:1 (NIV)



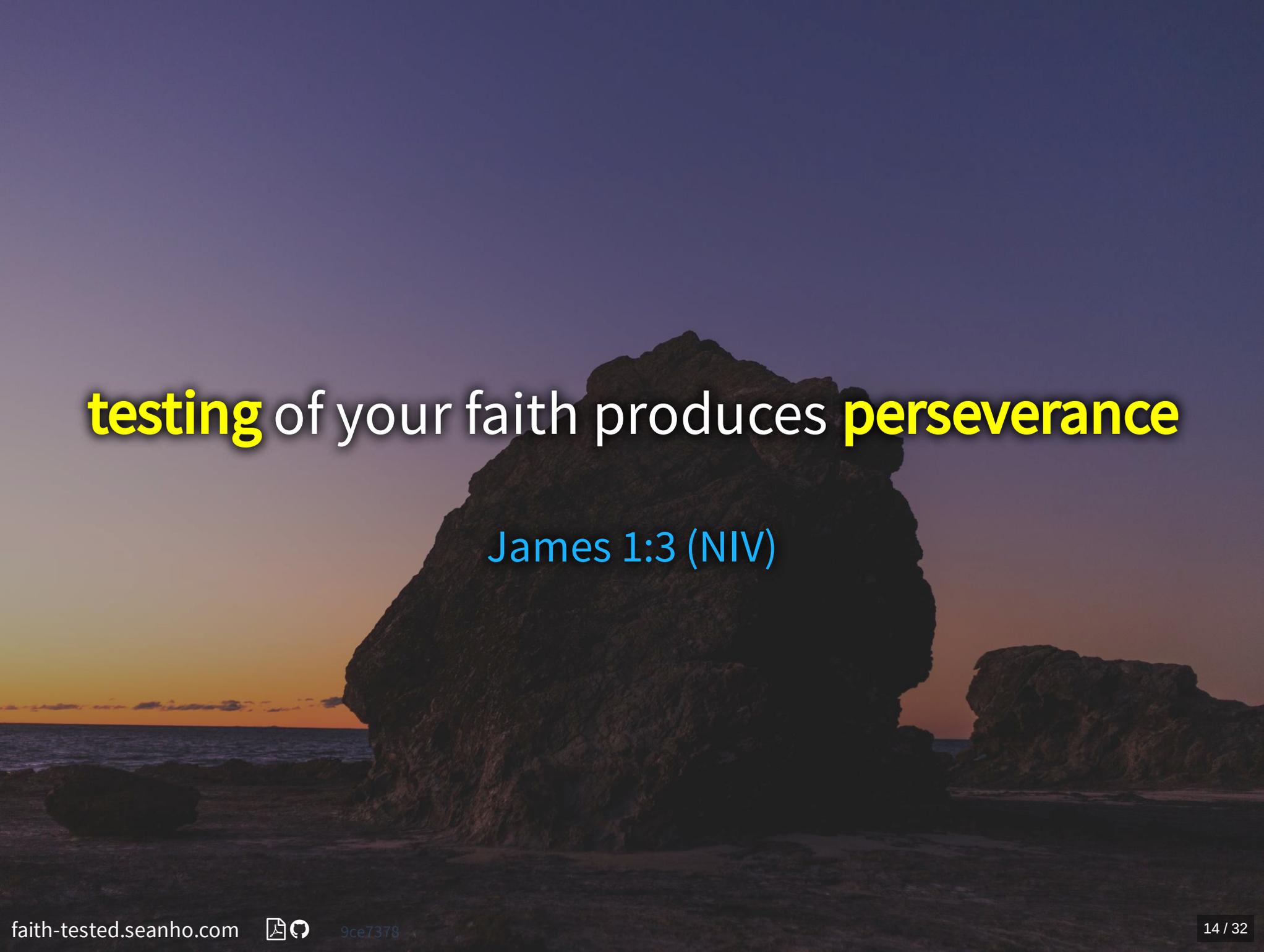
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James 1:2 (NIV)



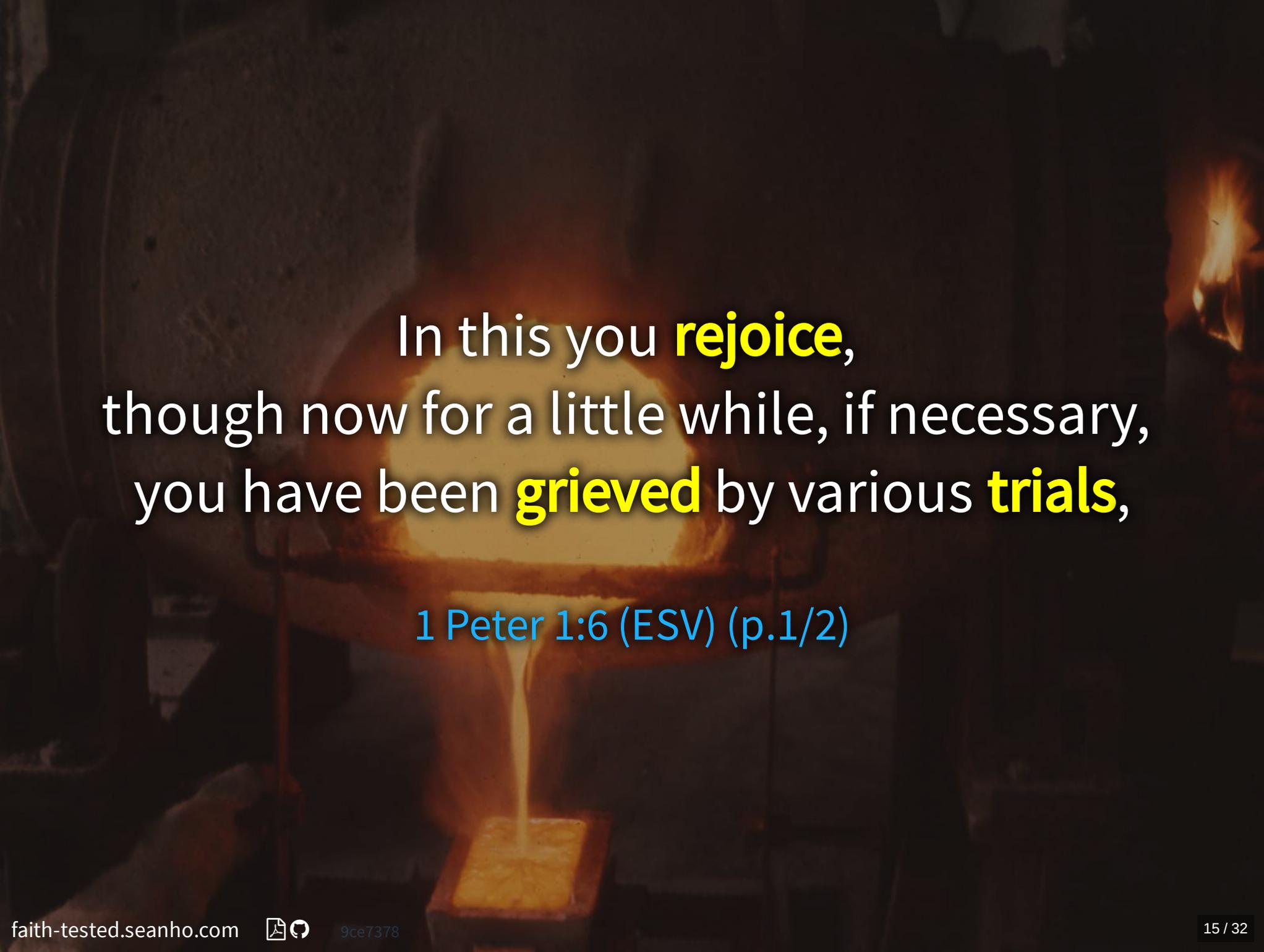
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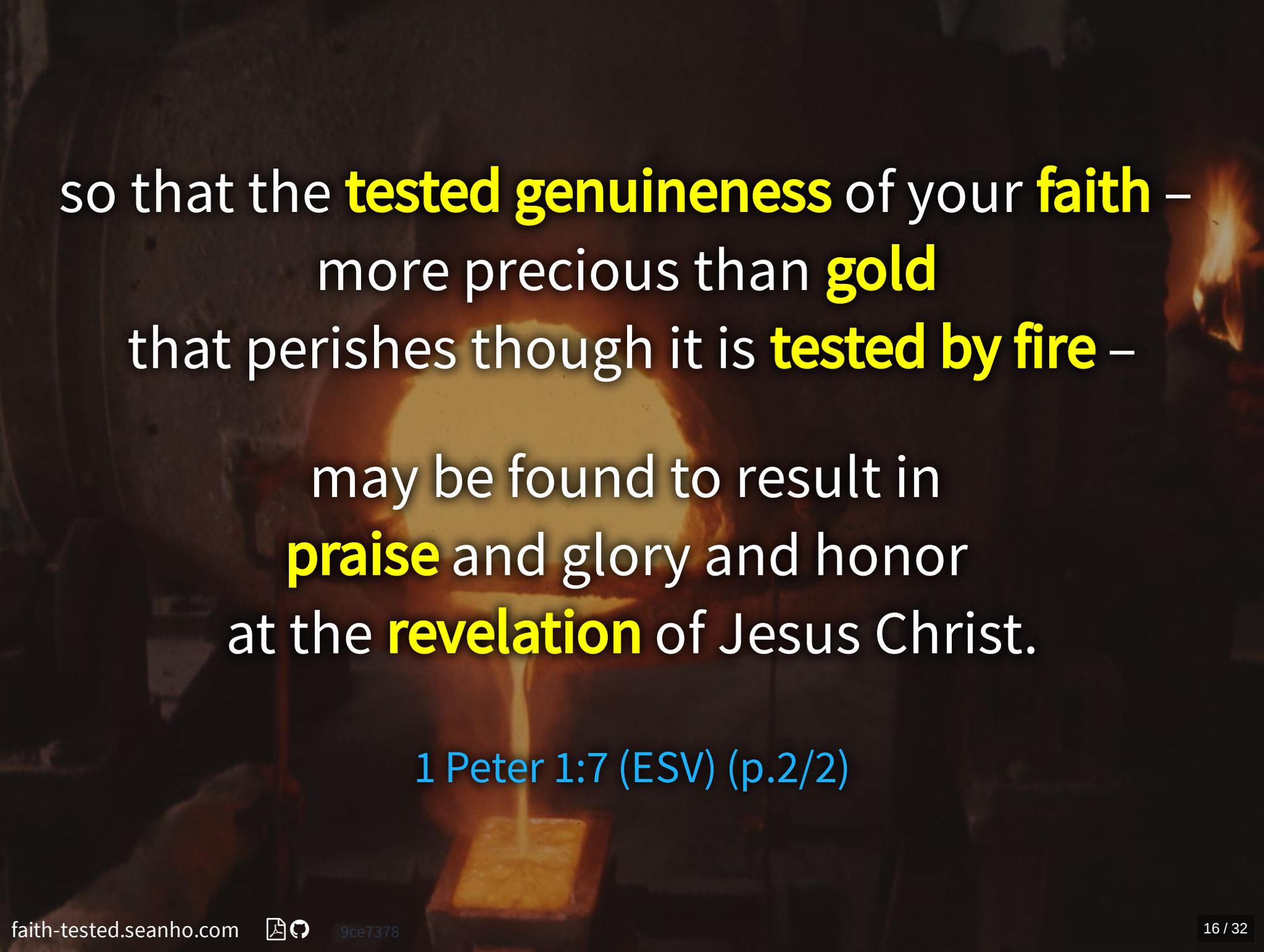
**testing** of your faith produces **perseverance**

James 1:3 (NIV)

A person is pouring molten metal from a ladle into a mold. The scene is dimly lit, with a bright flame visible in the background on the right. The text is overlaid on the image.

In this you **rejoice**,  
though now for a little while, if necessary,  
you have been **grieved** by various **trials**,

1 Peter 1:6 (ESV) (p.1/2)

A person is shown pouring molten gold from a ladle into a rectangular mold. The background is dark with a bright fire, suggesting a furnace or a forge. The text is overlaid on this image.

so that the **tested genuineness** of your **faith** –  
more precious than **gold**  
that perishes though it is **tested by fire** –  
may be found to result in  
**praise** and glory and honor  
at the **revelation** of Jesus Christ.

1 Peter 1:7 (ESV) (p.2/2)

Has my **faith**  
in Christ  
ever been **tested**?

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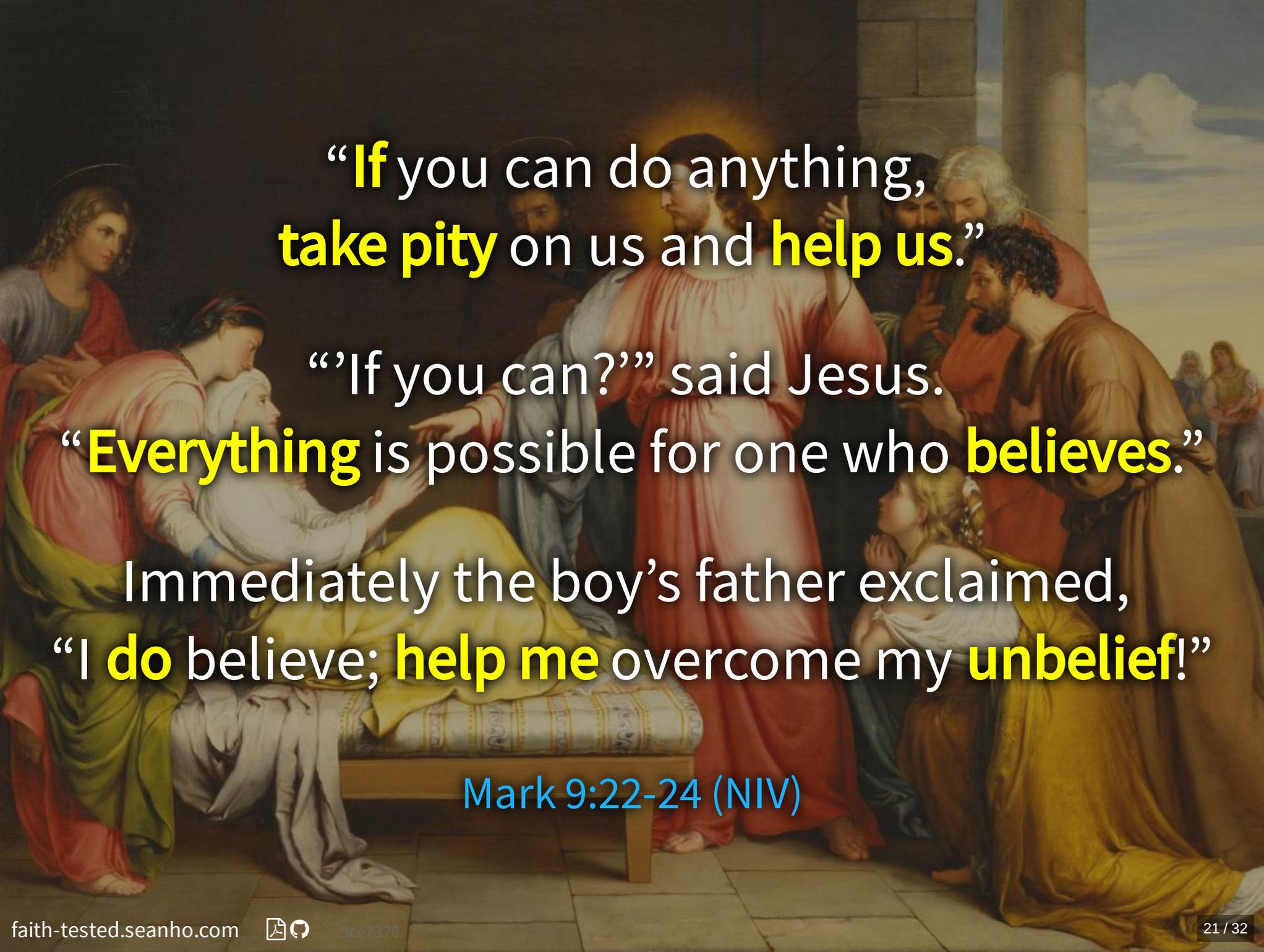
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James 1:6-7 (NIV)



“**If** you can do anything,  
**take pity** on us and **help us.**”

“If you can?” said Jesus.

“**Everything** is possible for one who **believes.**”

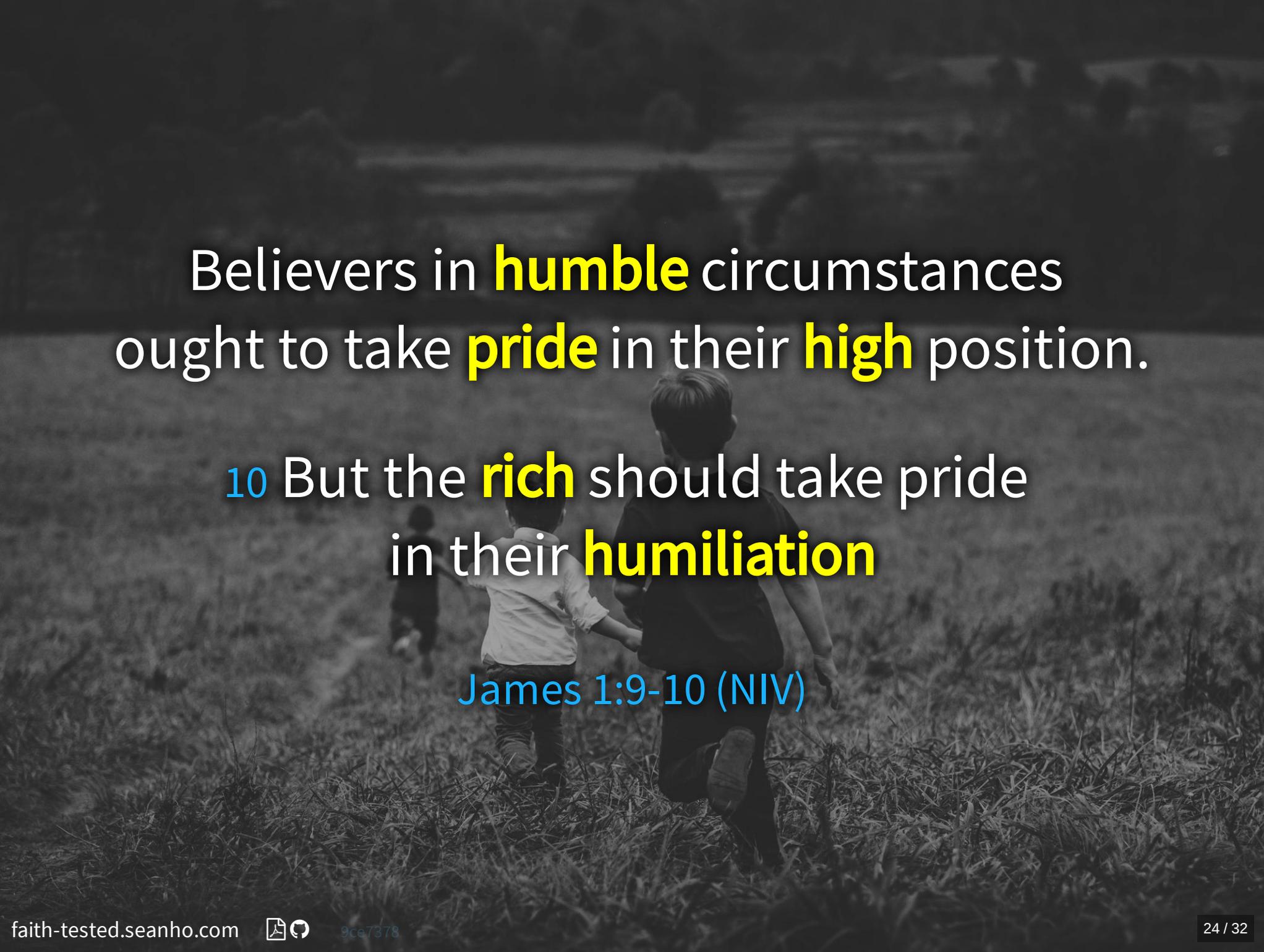
Immediately the boy’s father exclaimed,  
“I **do** believe; **help me** overcome my **unbelief!**”

Mark 9:22-24 (NIV)

Do I **believe** God  
is **generous**?

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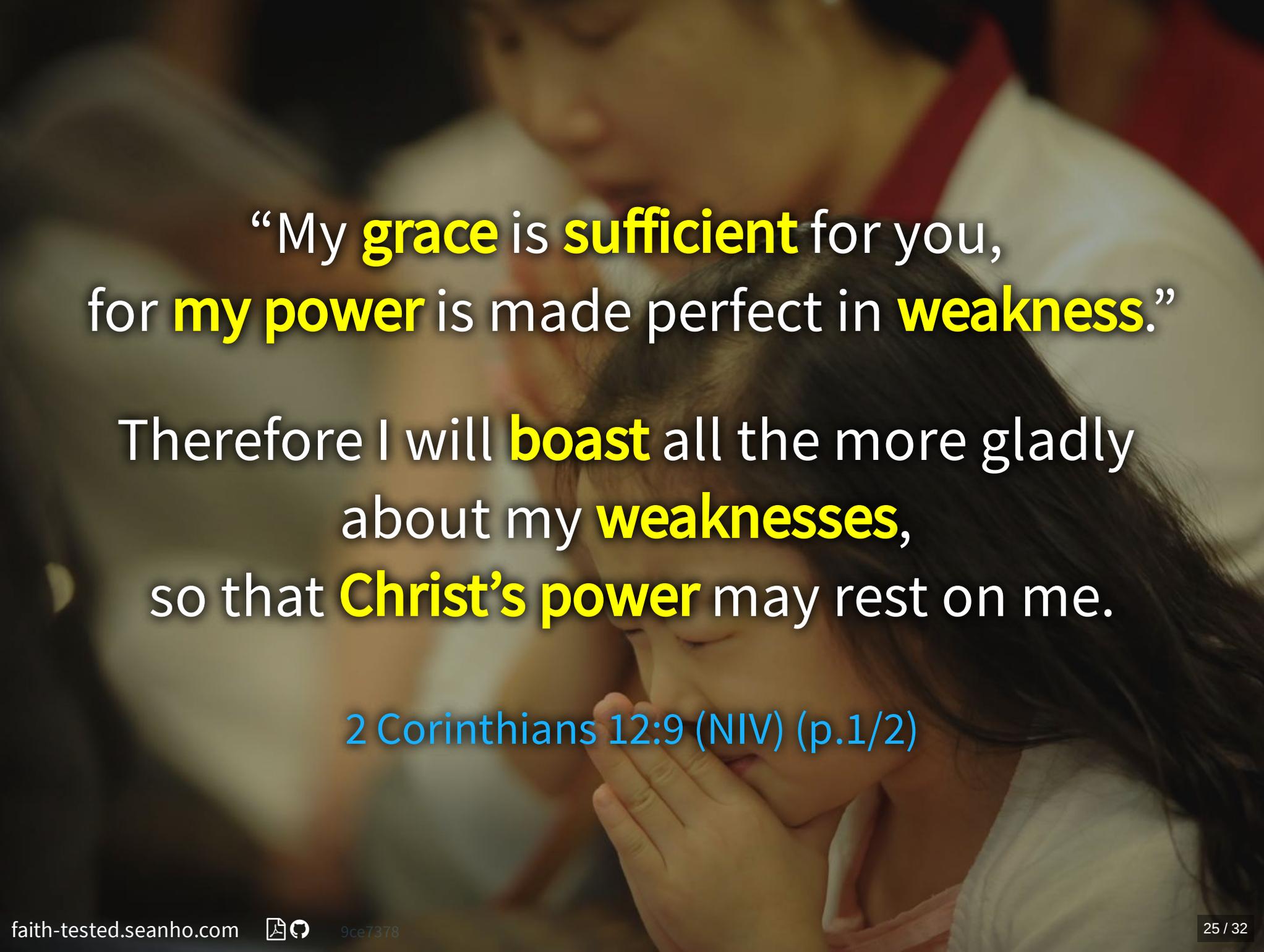
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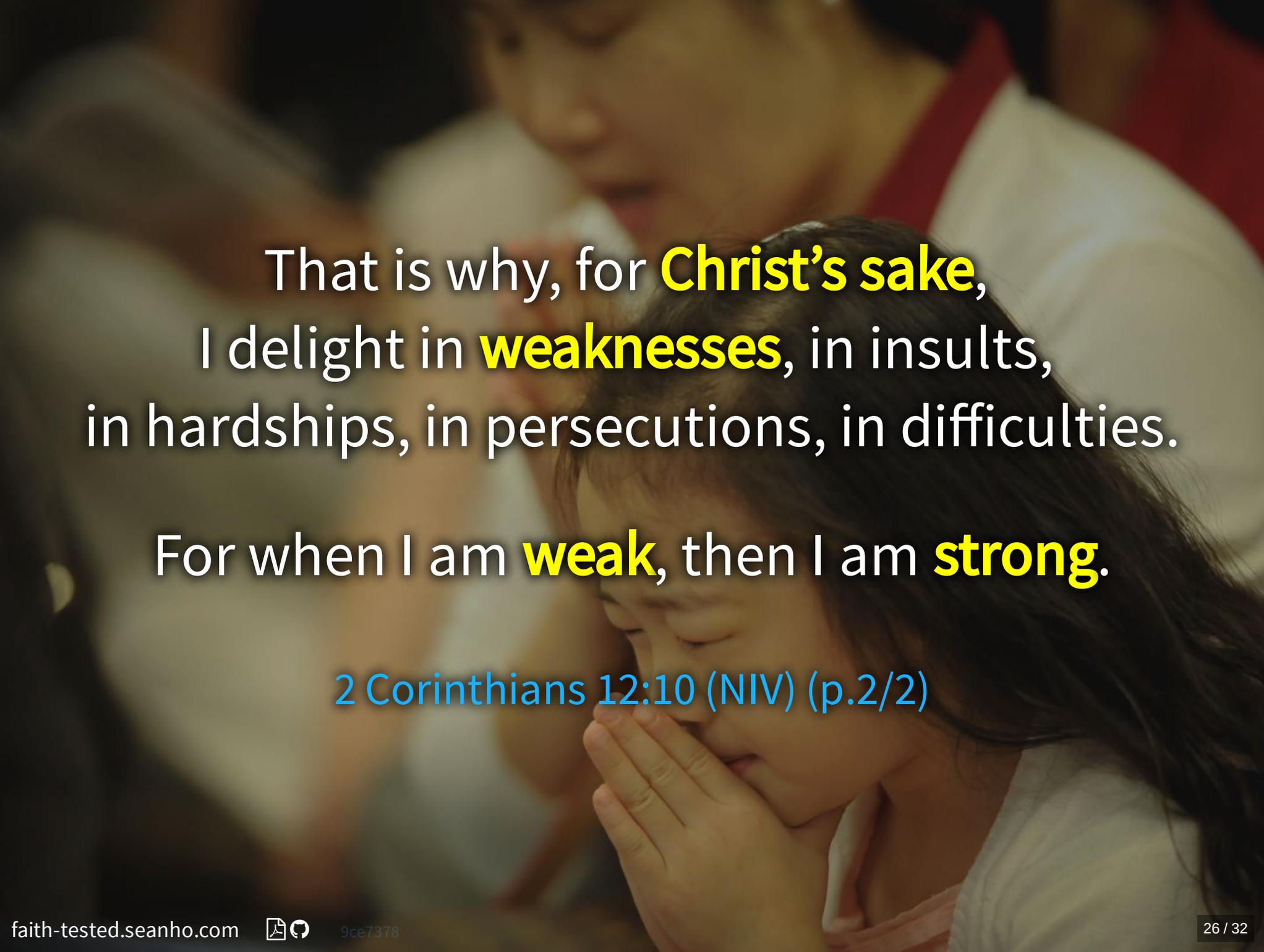
James 1:9-10 (NIV)



“My **grace** is **sufficient** for you,  
for **my power** is made perfect in **weakness**.”

Therefore I will **boast** all the more gladly  
about my **weaknesses**,  
so that **Christ's power** may rest on me.

2 Corinthians 12:9 (NIV) (p.1/2)



That is why, for **Christ's sake**,  
I delight in **weaknesses**, in insults,  
in hardships, in persecutions, in difficulties.

For when I am **weak**, then I am **strong**.

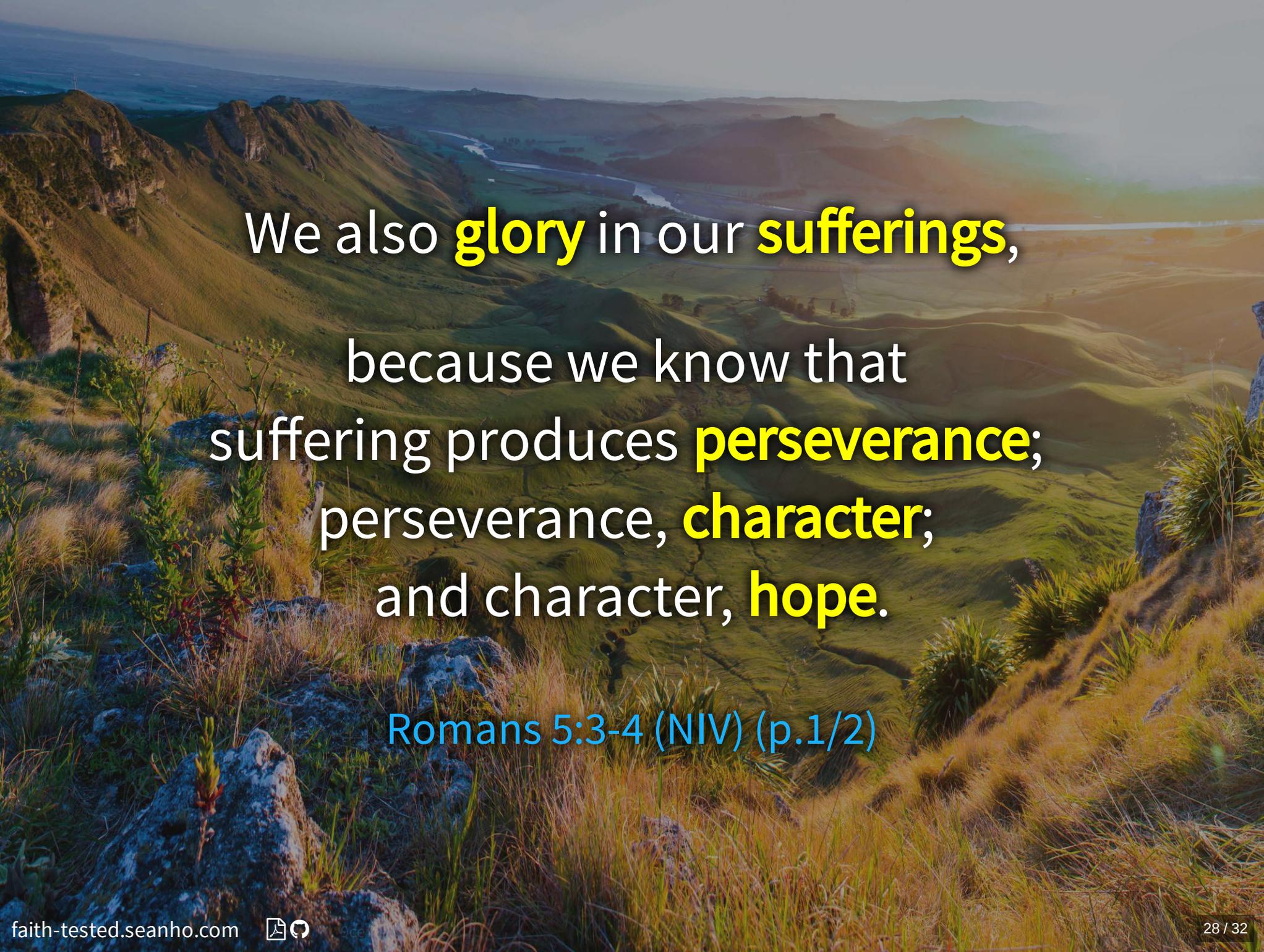
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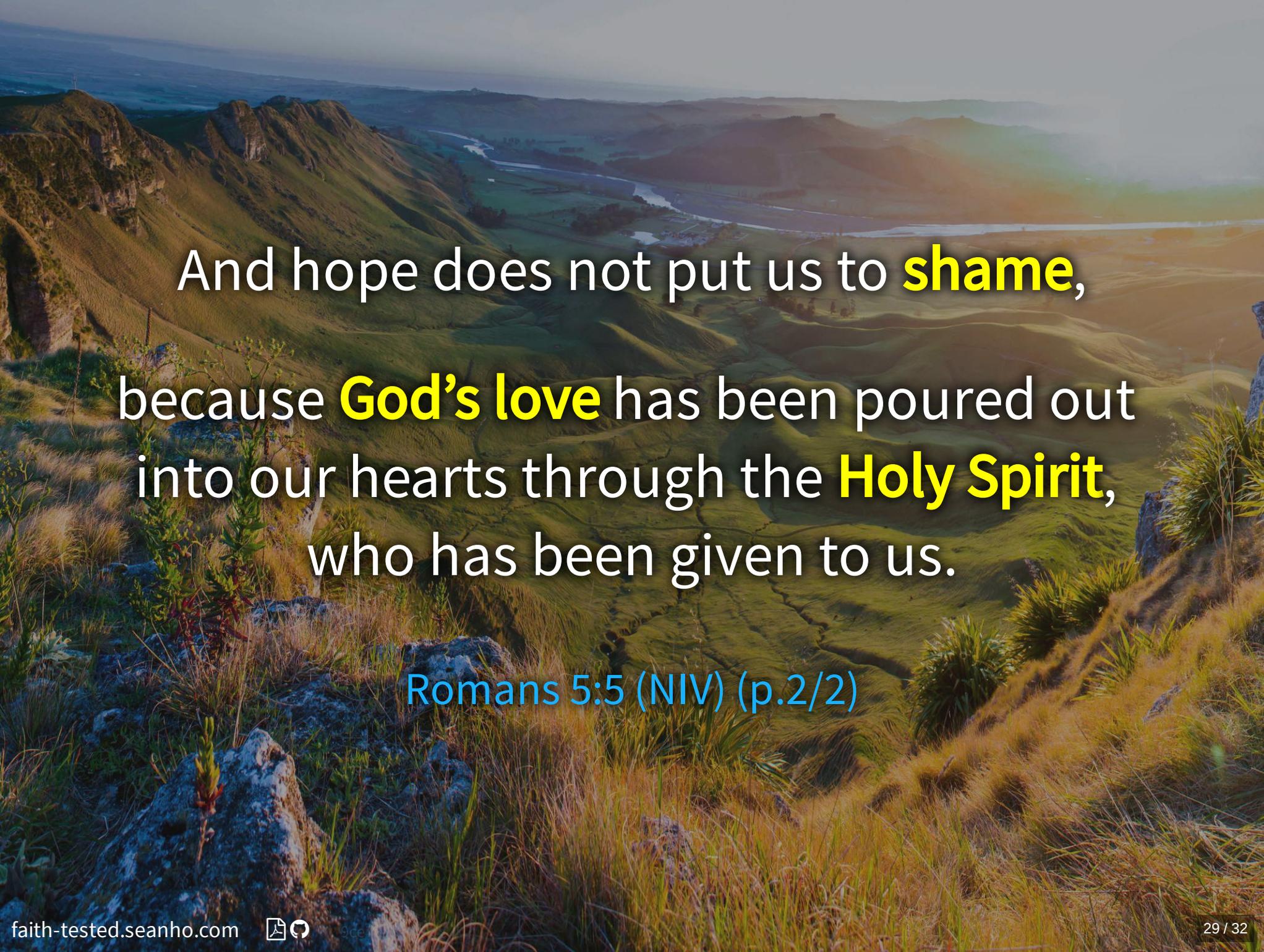
because, having **stood** the test,  
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James 1:12 (NIV)



We also **glory** in our **sufferings**,  
because we know that  
suffering produces **perseverance**;  
perseverance, **character**;  
and character, **hope**.

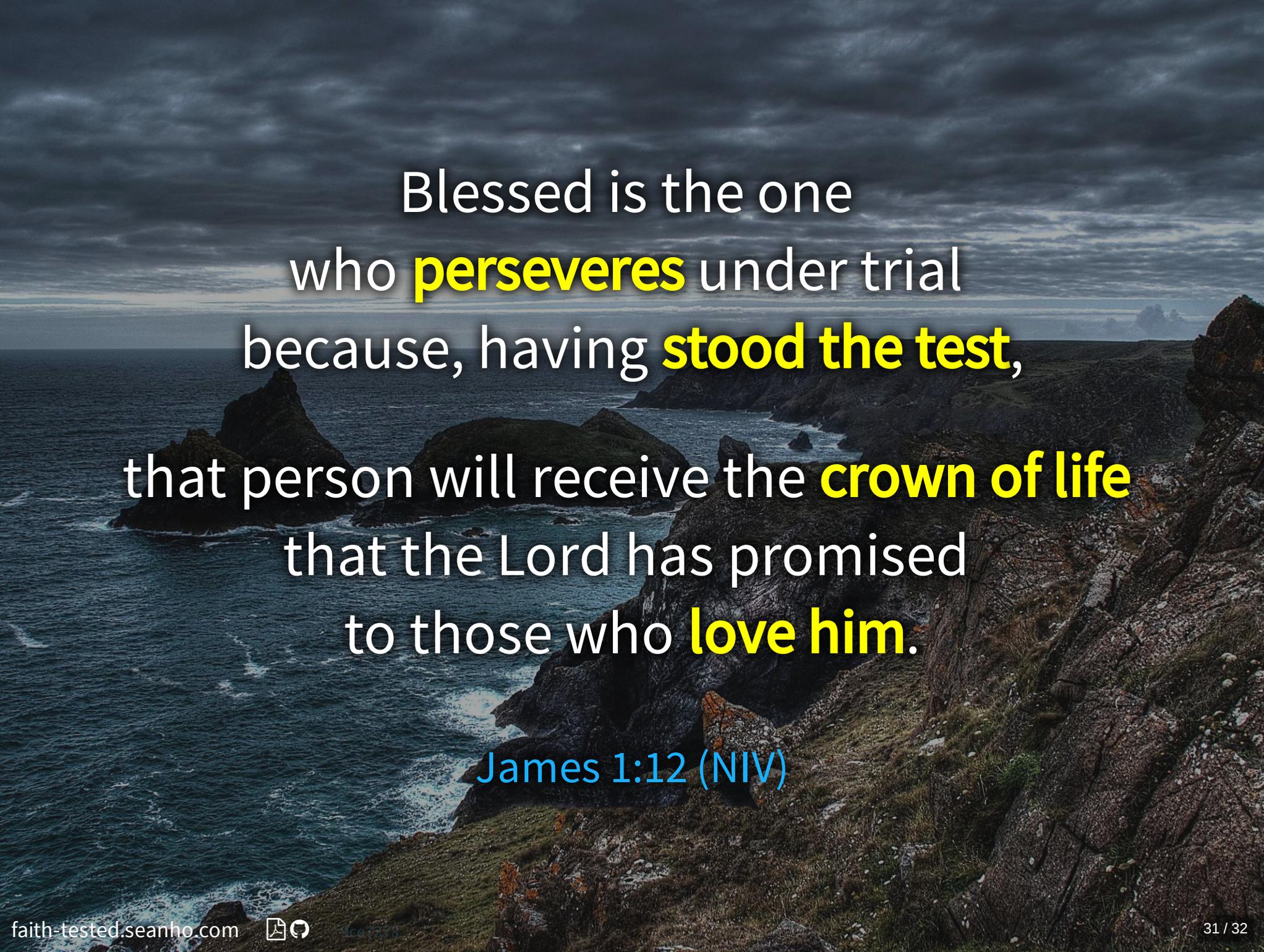
Romans 5:3-4 (NIV) (p.1/2)



And hope does not put us to **shame**,  
because **God's love** has been poured out  
into our hearts through the **Holy Spirit**,  
who has been given to us.

Romans 5:5 (NIV) (p.2/2)

Do I **boast** in my  
own **weaknesses**?



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