

A winter scene featuring a log cabin on the left, snow-covered evergreen trees in the background, and a wooden fence in the foreground. The entire image has a light blue tint and a subtle snowfall effect. A white rectangular border frames the central text.

the heart comes home to

PEACE



Matthew 1:18-25
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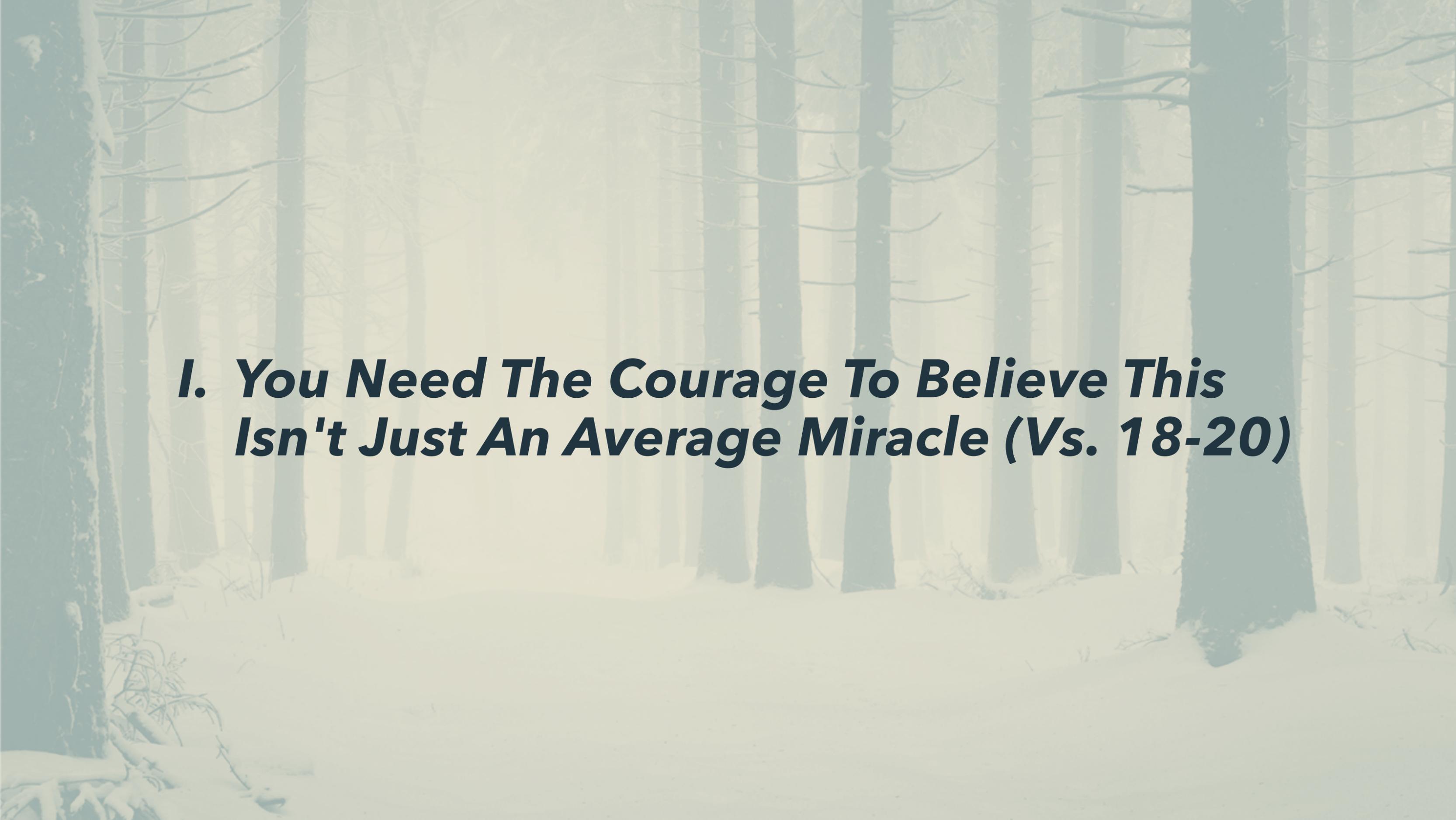


If you want to experience real peace in your life...

you need the courage to believe this isn't just an average miracle

you need the courage to admit you need a savior

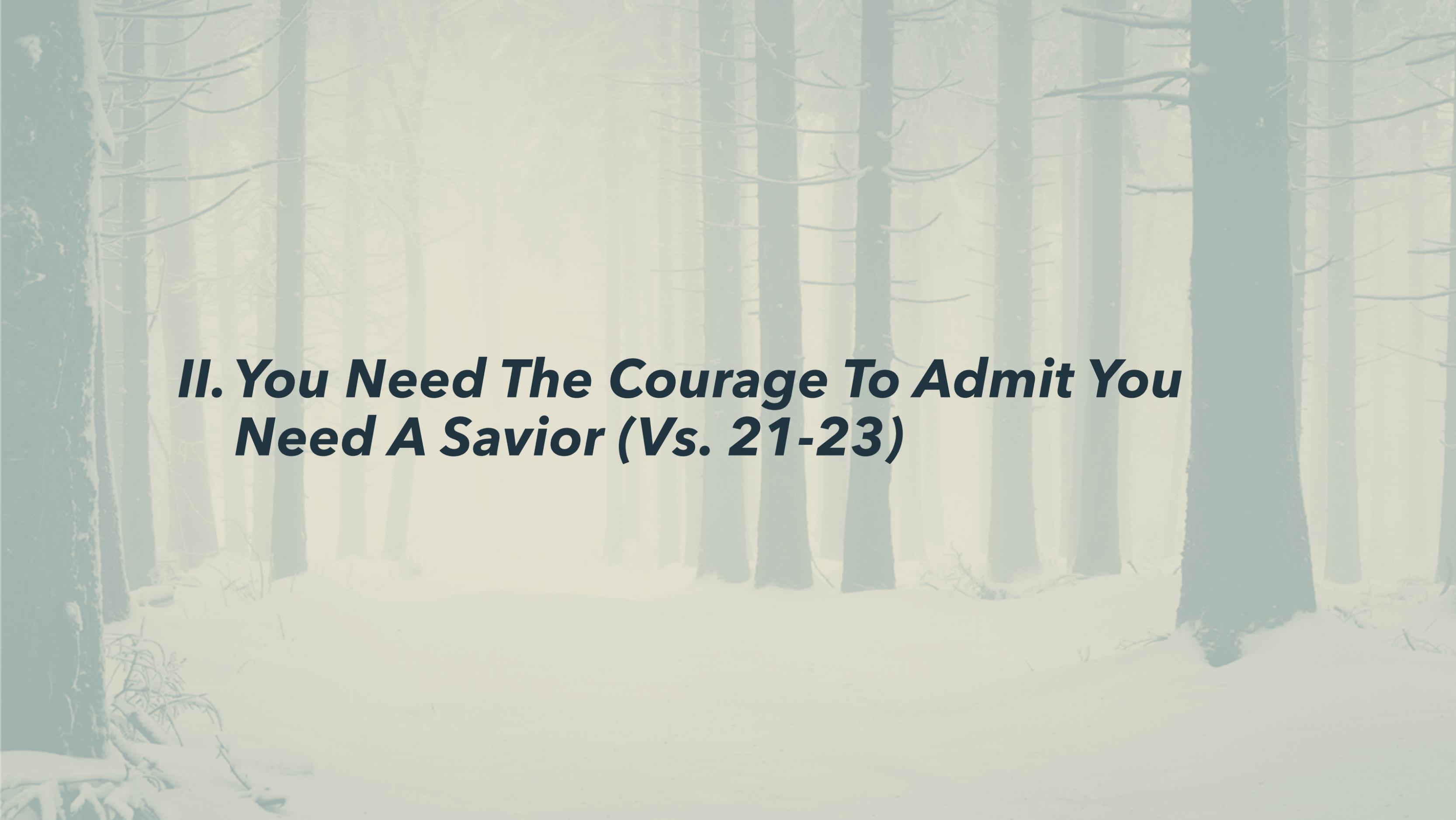
you need the courage to obey whatever God says

A misty, snow-covered forest with tall, thin trees. The scene is dimly lit, creating a serene and somewhat somber atmosphere. The ground is covered in a layer of snow, and the trees are bare, suggesting a winter setting. The overall tone is quiet and contemplative.

***I. You Need The Courage To Believe This
Isn't Just An Average Miracle (Vs. 18-20)***

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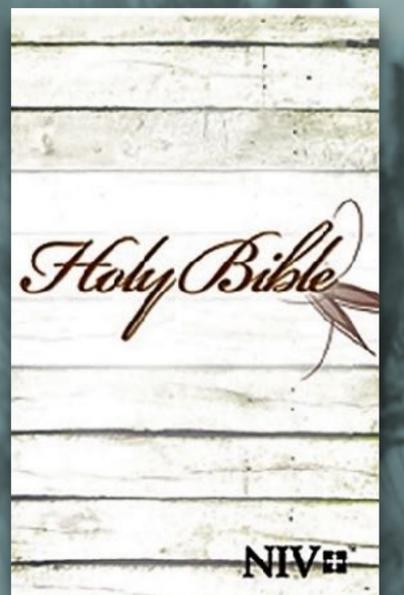
noun: a surprising and welcome event that is not explicable by natural or scientific laws and is therefore considered to be the work of a divine agency.

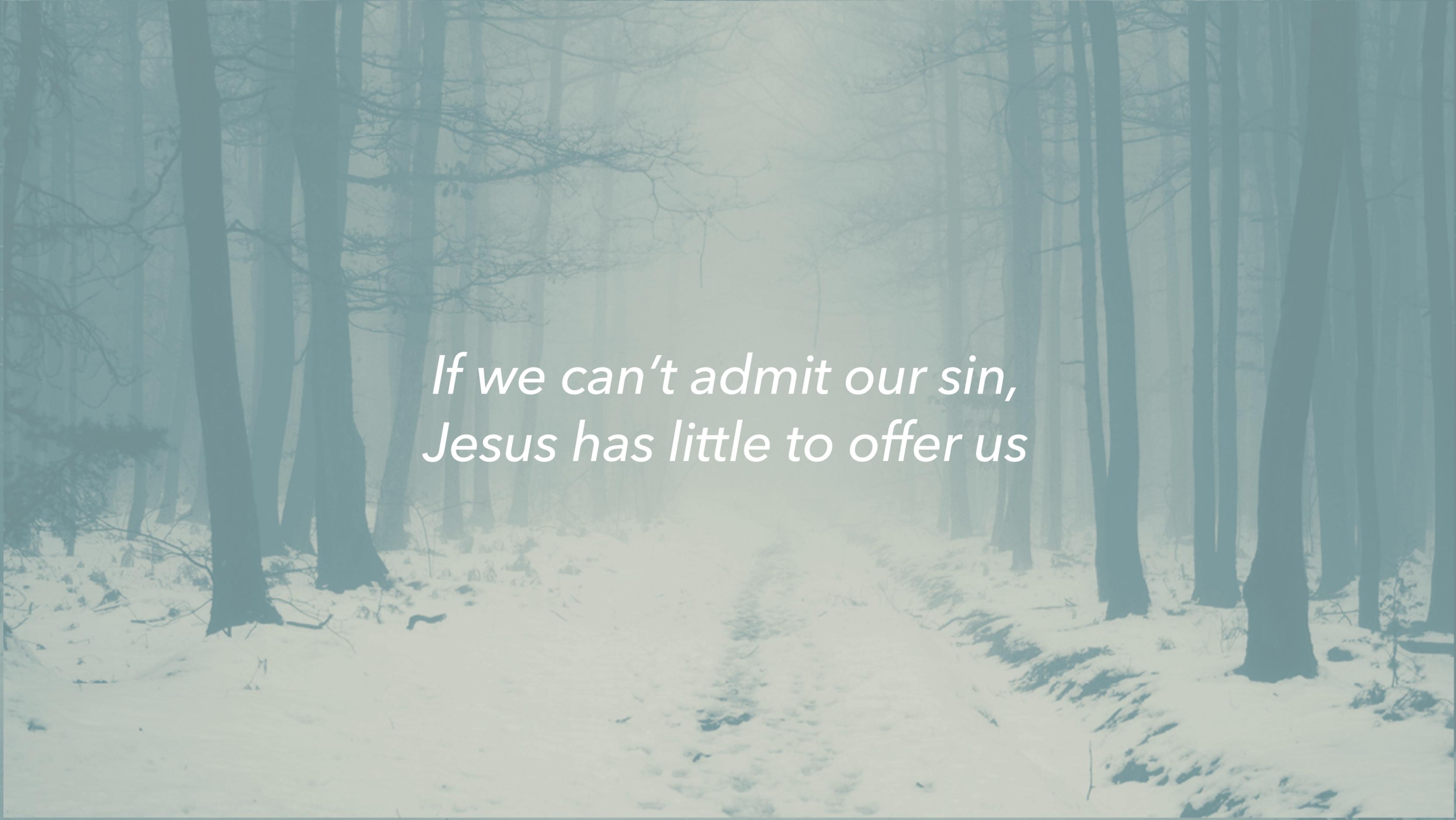


***II. You Need The Courage To Admit You
Need A Savior (Vs. 21-23)***

But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

Romans 5:8





*If we can't admit our sin,
Jesus has little to offer us*



*We struggle to admit that
we are less than perfect.*

A photograph of a forest path in winter, covered in snow and mist. The scene is overlaid with a teal color filter. The path leads through tall, thin trees, creating a sense of depth and mystery. The text is centered in the middle of the image.

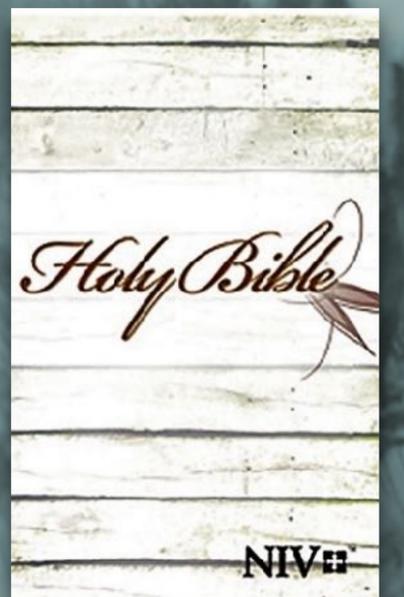
We live with the illusion of fullness

A misty forest scene with tall, thin trees and a path covered in snow. The text is overlaid in the center.

*We believe that we have accomplished
all this completely on our own!*

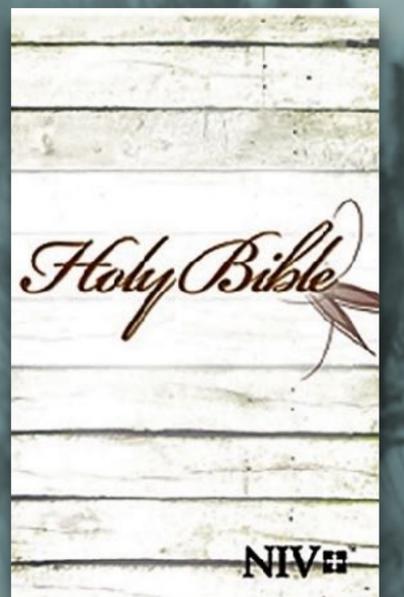
You may say to yourself, 'My power and the strength of my hands have produced this wealth for me.'

Deuteronomy 8:17



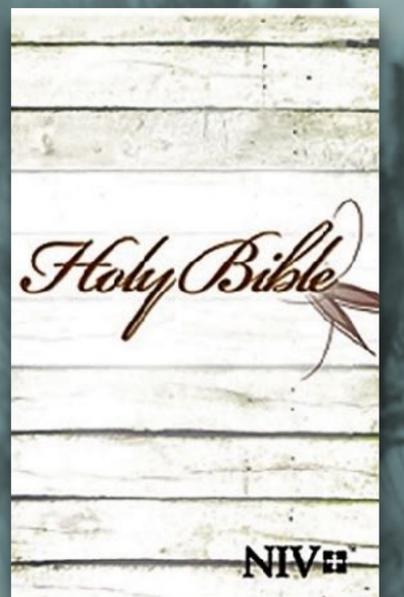
...just as the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.

Matthew 20:28



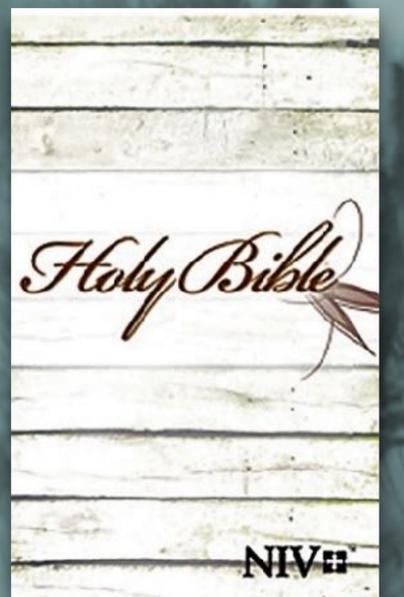
²⁷ Then he took a cup, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you. ²⁸ This is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins.

Matthew 26:27-28



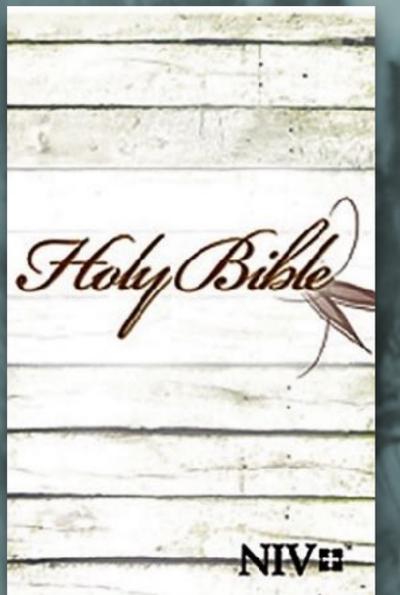
...where he stayed until the death of Herod. And so was fulfilled what the Lord had said through the prophet: "Out of Egypt I called my son."

Matthew 2:15



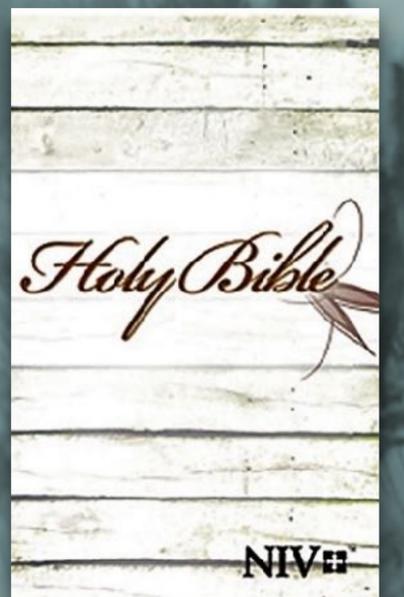
Then what was said through the prophet
Jeremiah was fulfilled:

Matthew 2:17



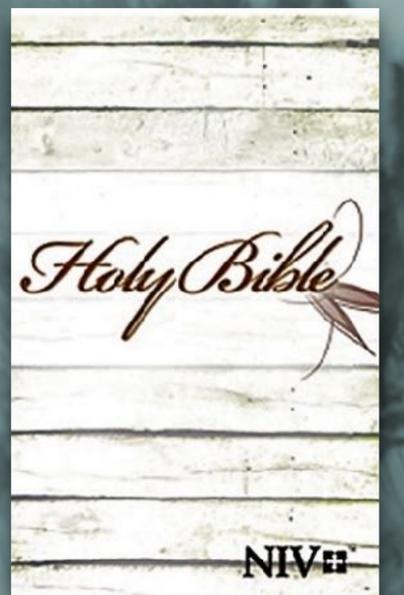
and he went and lived in a town called Nazareth.
So was fulfilled what was said through the
prophets, that he would be called a Nazarene.

Matthew 2:23



Then what was spoken by Jeremiah the prophet was fulfilled: “They took the thirty pieces of silver, the price set on him by the people of Israel,…”

Matthew 27:9



A misty, teal-tinted forest scene with snow on the ground and bare trees. The text "Immanuel: the with-us God" is centered in white, italicized font.

Immanuel: the with-us God

III. You Need The Courage To Obey Whatever God Says (Vs. 24-25)

- A. Righteousness and compassion go hand in hand
- B. Peace comes through obedience
 - *Don't shrink back*
 - *He was willing to share the shame*
 - *He was willing to practice self-control*
- C. Making promises you cannot keep