A man in a red and blue plaid shirt is walking away from the camera on a sandy beach, carrying a young child on his back. The background shows a calm sea and a clear sky. The text is overlaid on the image.

The Father's Heart of Discipleship

1 Thessalonians 2:9-12

What is a **good**
father like?

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9 For you remember, brothers,
our **labor** and **toil**:

we worked **night** and **day**,
that we might not be a **burden** to any of you,
while we **proclaimed** to you the gospel of God.

1 Thessalonians 2:9 (ESV)

10 You are **witnesses**, and God also,
how **holy** and **righteous** and **blameless**
was our **conduct** toward you believers.

1 Thessalonians 2:10 (ESV)

11 For you know how,
like a **father** with his children,

12 we **exhorted** each one of you
and **encouraged** you and **charged** you

to **walk** in a manner worthy of God,
who **calls** you into his own kingdom and glory.

1 Thessalonians 2:11-12 (ESV)

A man in a red and blue plaid shirt is walking away from the camera on a sandy beach, carrying a young child on his back. The scene is set during sunset or sunrise, with a soft, golden light. The background shows the ocean and some distant buildings.

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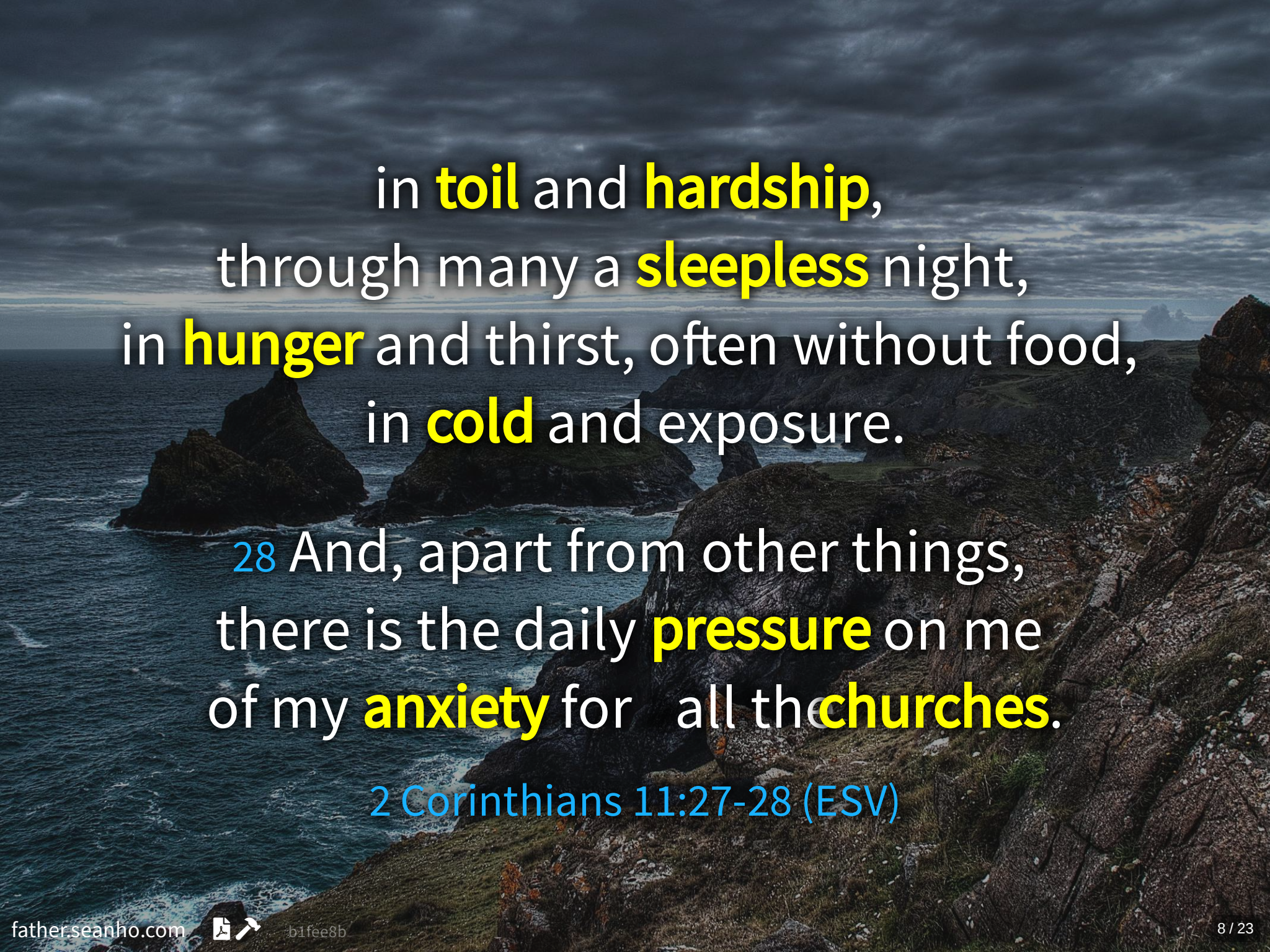
1. Fruitful **Labour** (v9)
2. Training for **Holiness** (v10)
3. The Father's **Comfort** (v11-12)

The background of the slide features a close-up, shallow depth-of-field photograph of several stacks of coins. The coins are stacked on a dark, reflective surface, and the lighting creates soft highlights and shadows, emphasizing their texture and metallic sheen. The stacks vary in height, with some being taller than others, and the focus is sharp on the middle ground stacks.

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our **labor** and **toil**:

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that we might not be a **burden** to any of you,


1 Thessalonians 2:9 (ESV)



in **toil** and **hardship**,
through many a **sleepless** night,
in **hunger** and thirst, often without food,
in **cold** and exposure.

28 And, apart from other things,
there is the daily **pressure** on me
of my **anxiety** for all the **churches**.

2 Corinthians 11:27-28 (ESV)

A person wearing a blue button-down shirt over a grey t-shirt and dark jeans is holding an open book in a grassy field. The person is wearing a watch on their left wrist and a ring on their left hand. The background is a bright, sunny outdoor setting with green grass and trees.

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1 Thessalonians 2:9 (ESV)



If I am to **live** in the flesh,
that means **fruitful labor** for me ...

25 Convinced of this, I know that I will **remain**
and **continue** with you all,
for your **progress** and **joy** in the faith

Philippians 1:22,25 (ESV)

Does my **labour**
proclaim the
gospel?

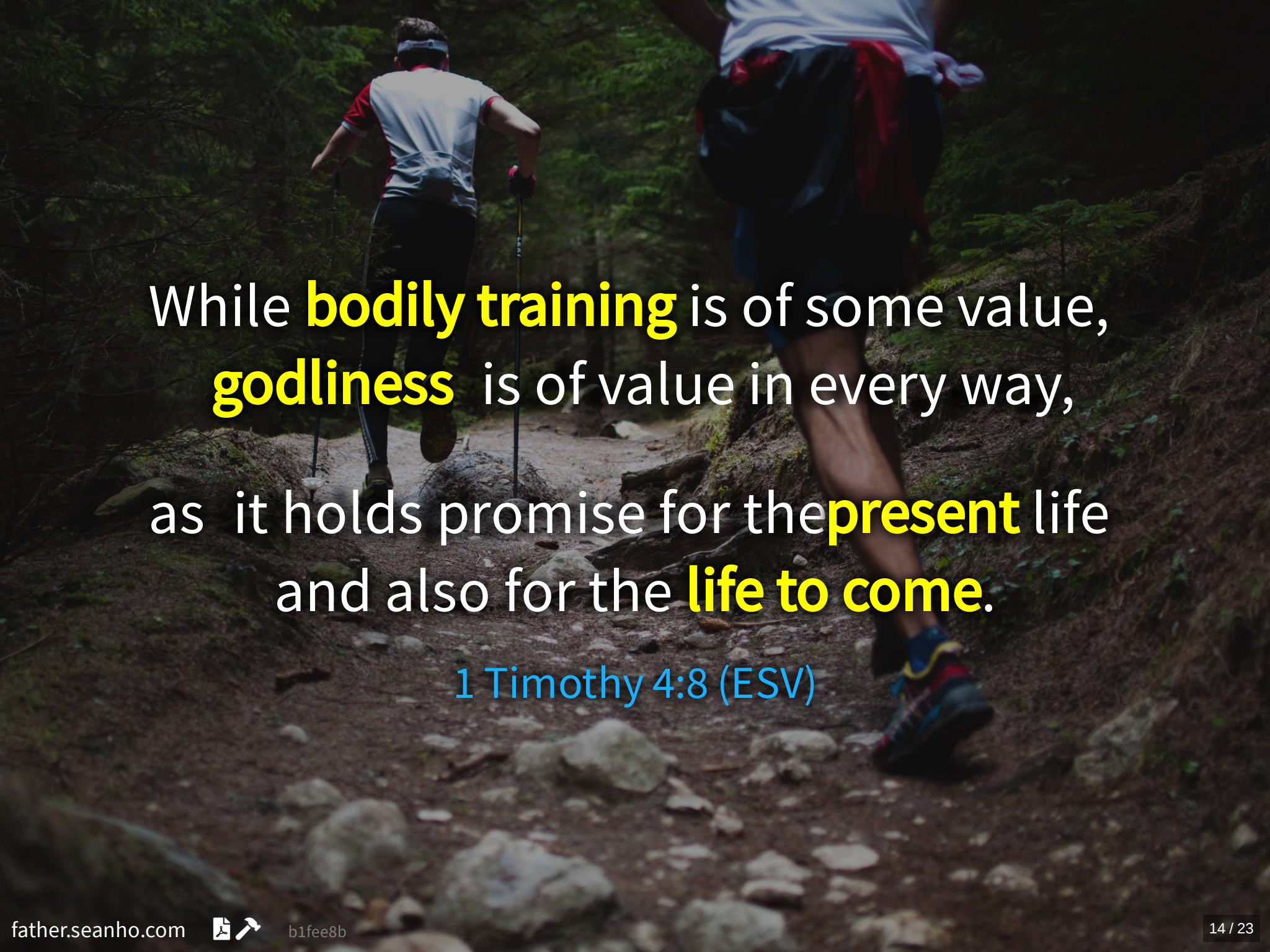
A man in a red and blue plaid shirt is walking away from the camera on a sandy beach, carrying a young child on his back. The scene is set during sunset or sunrise, with a soft, warm glow over the ocean and sky. The man is wearing dark pants and brown shoes. The child is wearing a dark jacket and light-colored pants. The background shows the ocean and some distant buildings under a hazy sky.

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1 Thessalonians 2:10 (ESV)

A photograph of two hikers on a rocky trail. The hiker in the foreground is wearing a white shirt with red accents and dark shorts, and is using trekking poles. The hiker in the background is wearing a white shirt and dark pants, also using trekking poles. The trail is rocky and surrounded by dense green foliage.

While **bodily training** is of some value,
godliness is of value in every way,
as it holds promise for the **present** life
and also for the **life to come**.

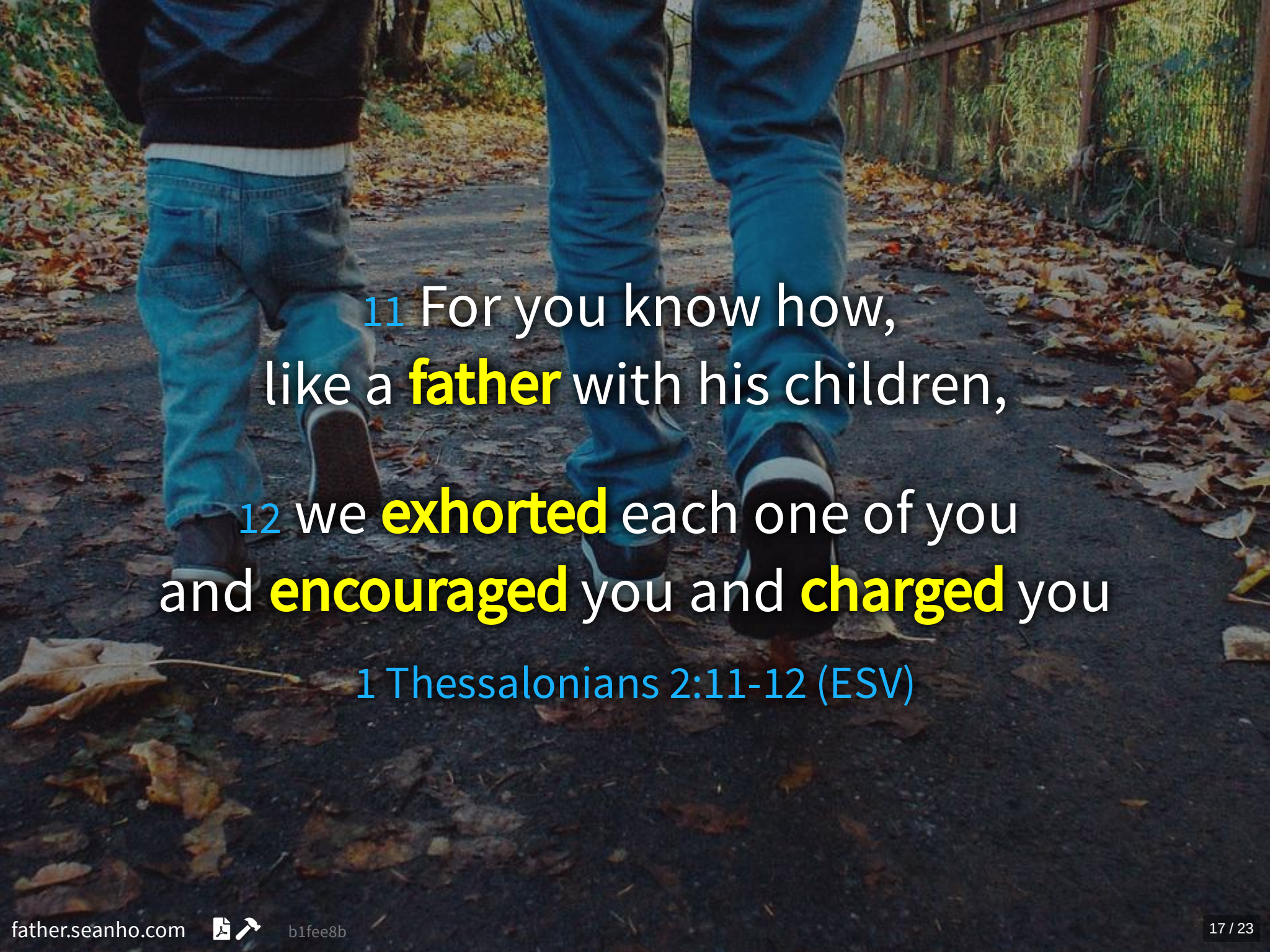
1 Timothy 4:8 (ESV)

Do I **train** that God
might make me
more **holy**?

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3. **The Father's Comfort** (v11-12)

A photograph showing the lower legs and feet of a person and a child walking away on a paved path. The path is covered with fallen autumn leaves. The person is wearing blue jeans and dark shoes with white soles. The child is wearing blue jeans and dark shoes with white soles. The background shows a fence and trees with autumn foliage.

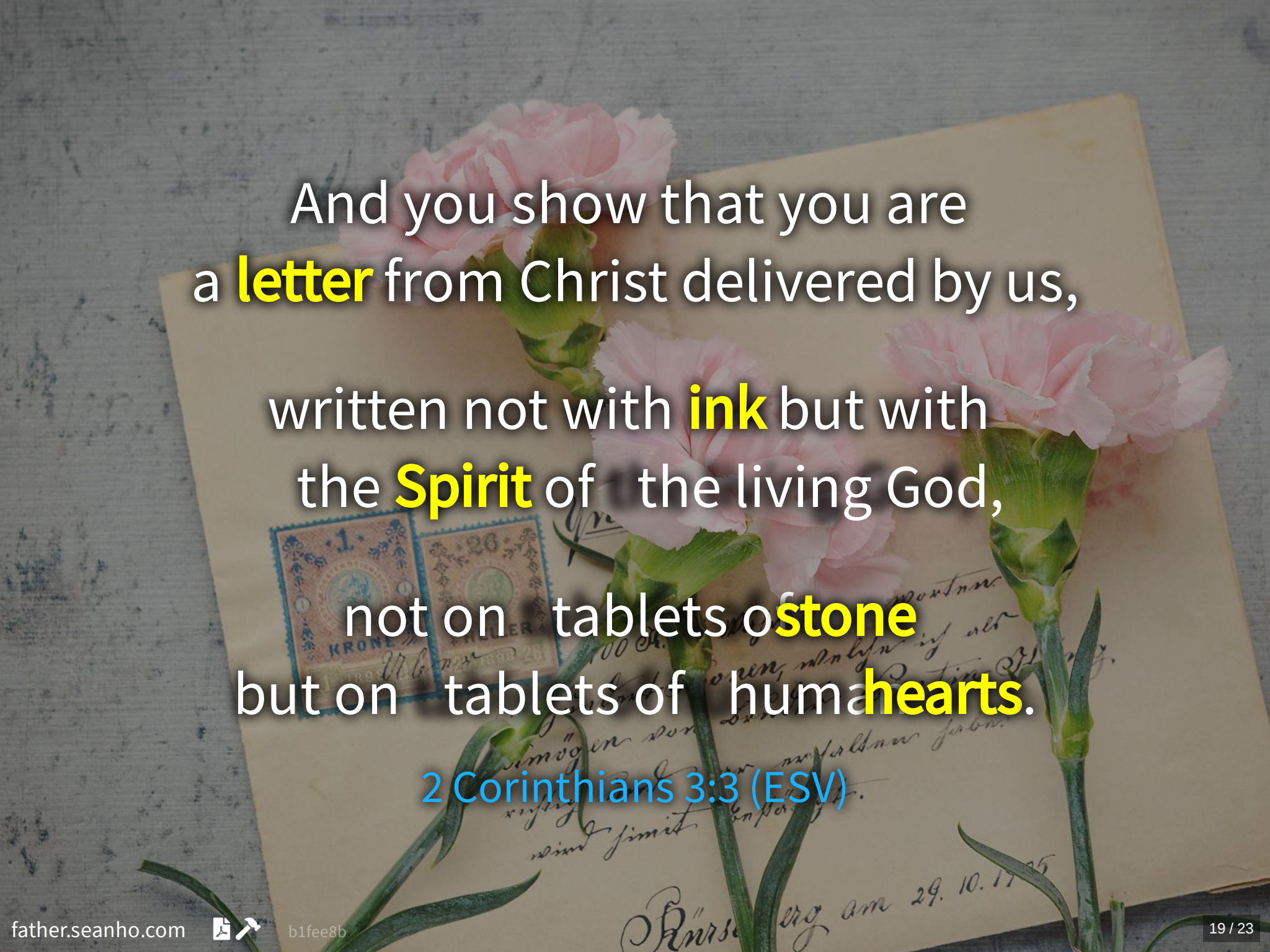
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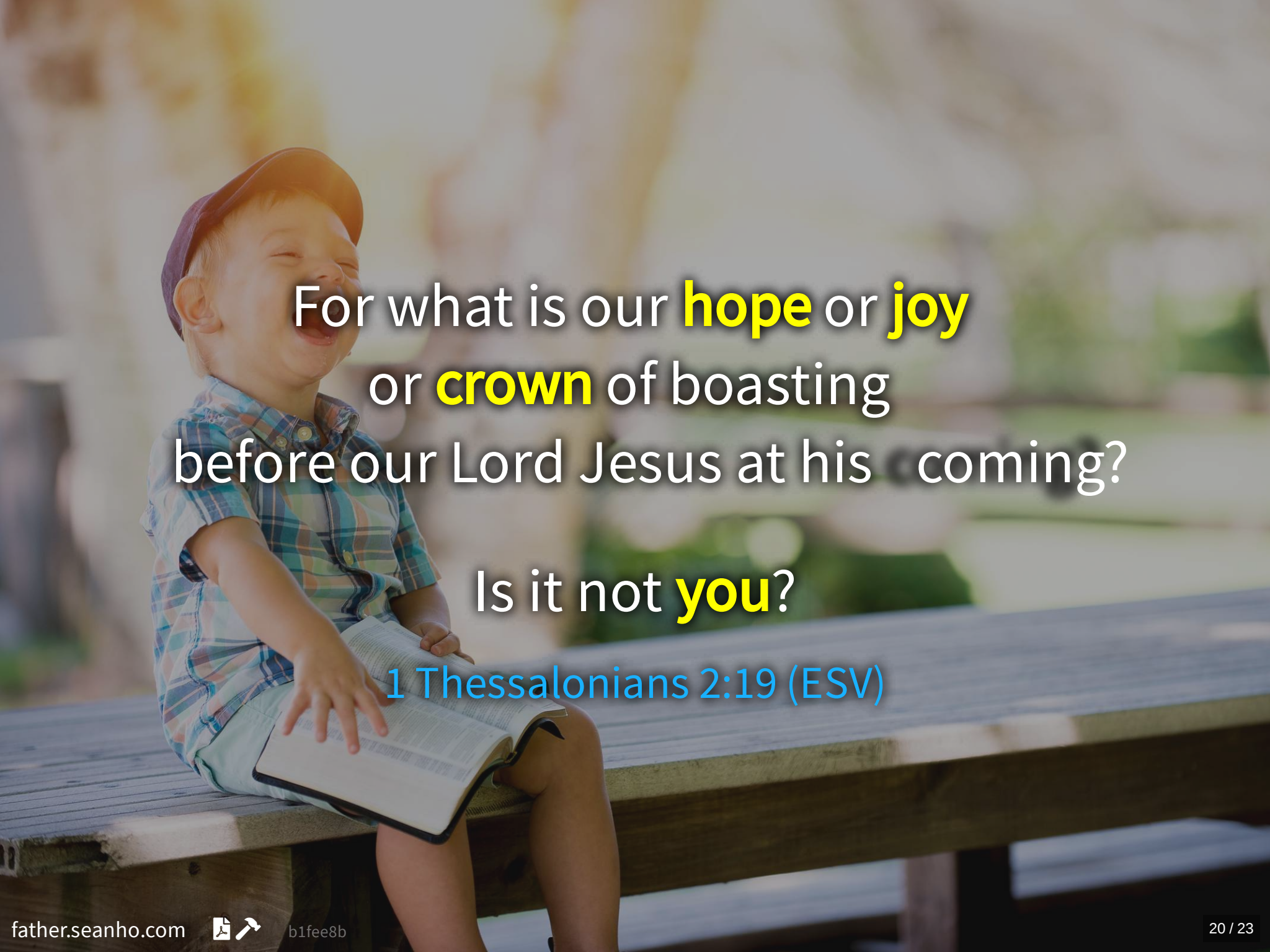
to **walk** in a manner worthy of God,
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1 Thessalonians 2:12 (ESV)

A vintage letter with pink carnations and postage stamps. The letter is on aged, yellowed paper with handwritten text in cursive. Two postage stamps are visible: one for 1 Krone and another for 20 Heller. The carnations are in various stages of bloom, with some fully open and others as buds. The background is a textured, light-colored surface.

And you show that you are
a **letter** from Christ delivered by us,
written not with **ink** but with
the **Spirit** of the living God,
not on tablets of **stone**
but on tablets of **human hearts**.

2 Corinthians 3:3 (ESV)

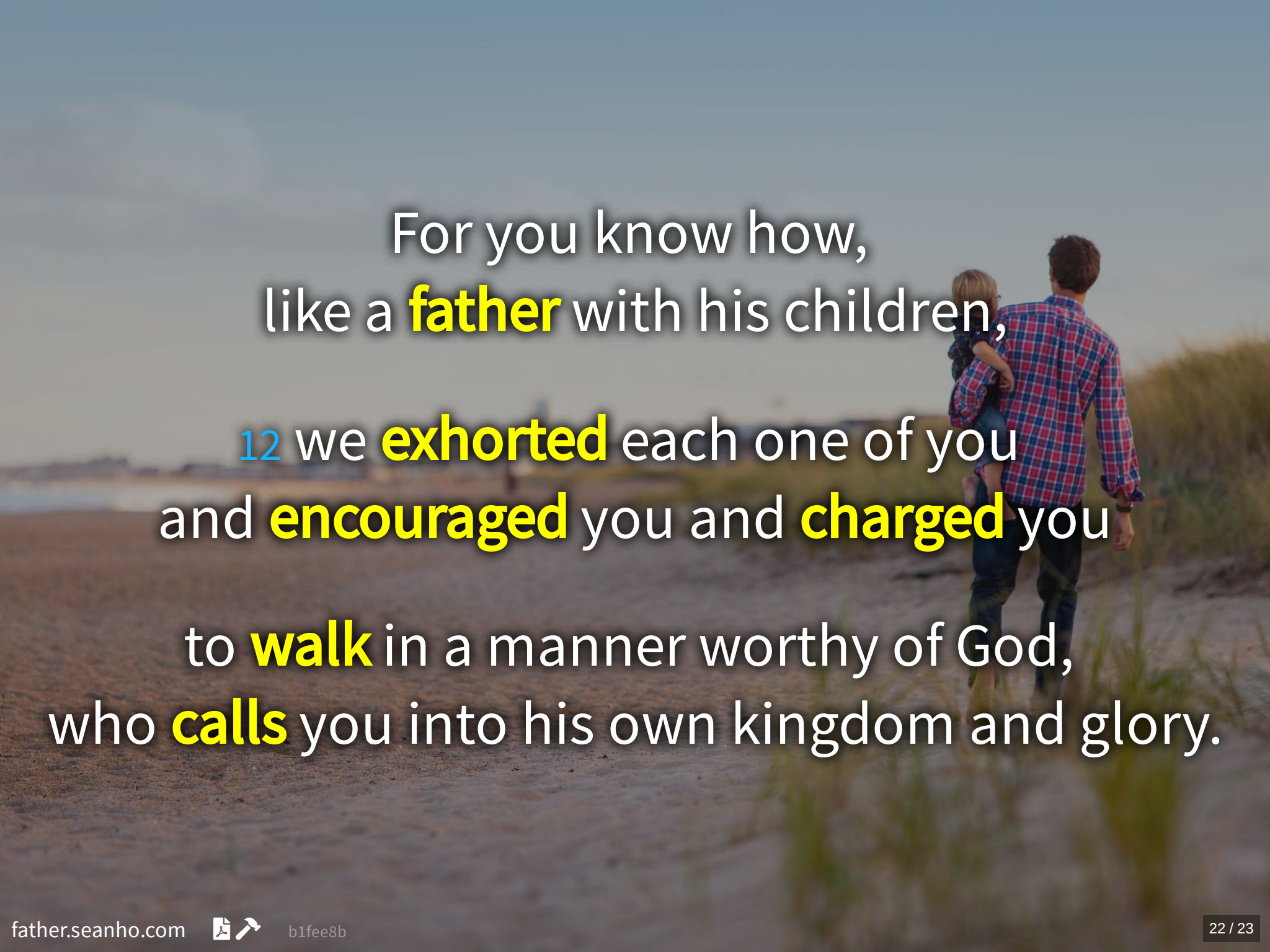
A young child with a purple cap and a plaid shirt is sitting on a wooden bench, laughing joyfully. The child is holding an open book on their lap. The background is a blurred outdoor setting with greenery and a stone wall.

For what is our **hope** or **joy**
or **crown** of boasting
before our Lord Jesus at his coming?

Is it not **you**?

1 Thessalonians 2:19 (ESV)

Do I **encourage,**
comfort, and **testify**
to my children in
the Lord?

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