

A photograph of two young boys playing in a backyard pool. One boy, wearing a blue plaid shirt and brown pants, is jumping into the water with his arms outstretched. Another boy, shirtless and wearing blue shorts, is sitting in the water and smiling. The pool is surrounded by a wooden fence and green plants. The text "Play for the Glory of God" and "Matthew 11:28-30" is overlaid on the image.

# Play for the Glory of God


## Matthew 11:28-30



# Work for the Glory of God

1. Aspire to be a **fool**, not a professional
2. Work to train your **heart**
3. Toil for God's **kingdom**  
by resting in His **victory**





You have made us for **yourself**, O Lord,  
and our heart is **restless**  
until it **rests** in you.

Saint Augustine, **Confessions**  
(Lib 1,1-2,2.5,5: CSEL 33, 1-5)

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**Clear your calendar.**

**Wake up to Christ's return;  
Rest in His care.**



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1. Christian **Hedonism**
2. Calendar **Zero**
3. Active **Rest**





# 1. Christian Hedonism

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1. Made for His **Glory**

2. The Highest **Joy**





But now thus says the LORD,  
he who **created** you, O Jacob,  
he who **formed** you, O Israel:

“Fear not, for I have **redeemed** you;  
I have **called** you by name,  
you are **mine** ...

Isaiah 43:1 (ESV) (p.1/2)



Fear not, for I am **with** you; I will ...

Bring my **sons** from afar and  
my **daughters** from the end of the earth,  
everyone who is **called** by my **Name**,  
whom I **created** for my **glory**,  
whom I **formed** and made.”

Isaiah 43:5-7 (ESV) (p.2/2)

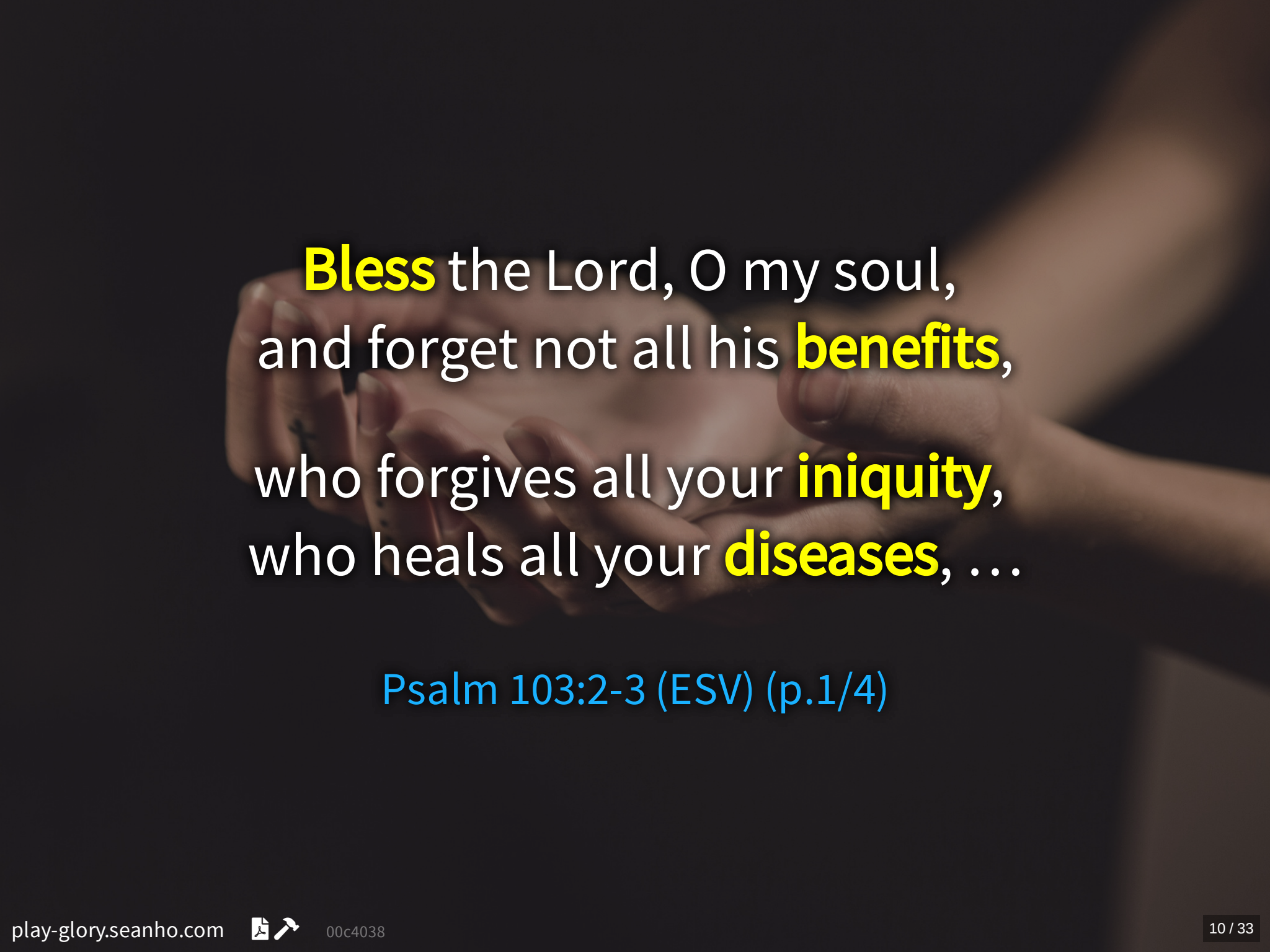




# 1. Christian Hedonism

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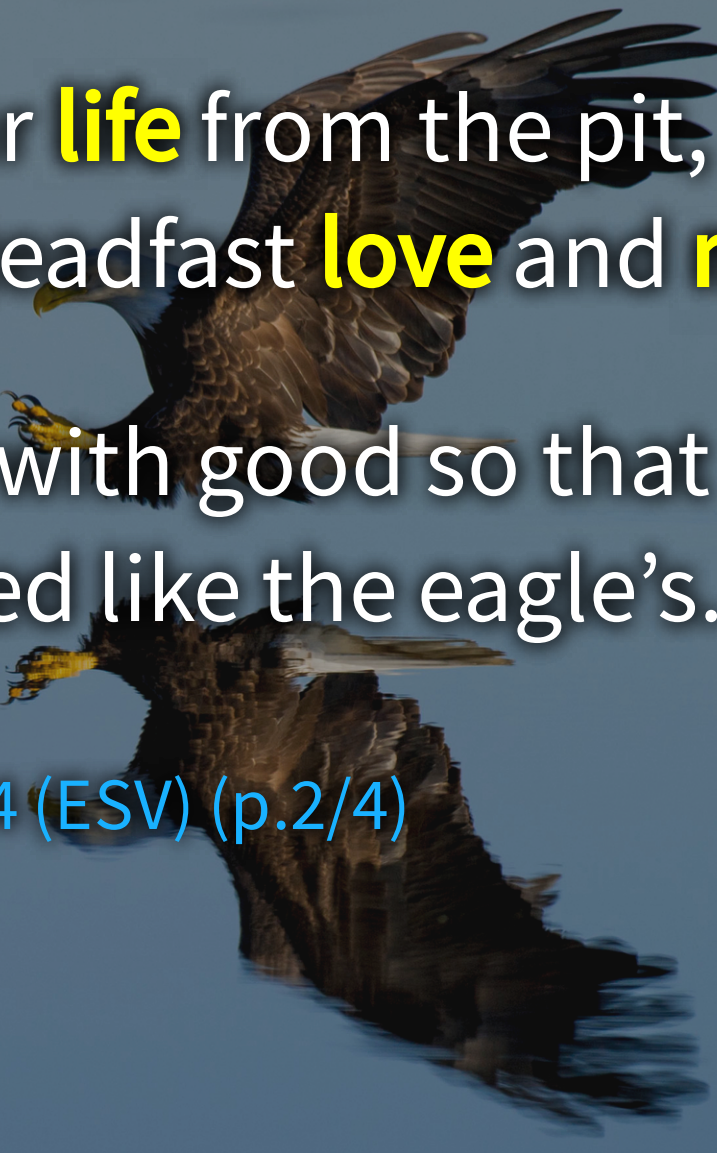
2. **The Highest Joy**



**Bless** the Lord, O my soul,  
and forget not all his **benefits**,  
who forgives all your **iniquity**,  
who heals all your **diseases**, ...

Psalm 103:2-3 (ESV) (p.1/4)




An eagle is shown in flight, its wings spread wide, flying over a body of water. The eagle's reflection is clearly visible in the calm water below. The background is a soft, hazy blue sky.

who redeems your **life** from the pit,  
who crowns you with steadfast **love** and **mercy**,  
who **satisfies** you with good so that  
your **youth** is renewed like the eagle's. ...

Psalm 103:3-4 (ESV) (p.2/4)





For as high as the **heavens**  
are above the **earth**,  
so great is his **steadfast love**  
toward those who **fear him**;  
as far as the **east** is from the **west**,  
so far does he remove  
our **transgressions** from us. . . .

Psalm 103:11-12 (ESV) (p.3/4)



As a **father** shows compassion  
to his **children**,

so the Lord shows **compassion**  
to those who **fear him**.

For he **knows** our frame;  
he remembers that we are **dust**.

Psalm 103:13-14 (ESV) (p.4/4)



If we consider the unblushing **promises**  
of reward ... in the Gospels,  
it would seem that our Lord finds  
our **desires** not too strong, but **too weak**. ...

C.S. Lewis, “The Weight of Glory”, 1941 (p.1/3)






We are **half-hearted** creatures,  
fooling about with  
**drink** and **sex** and **ambition** ...

when **infinite joy** is offered us, ...

C.S. Lewis, "The Weight of Glory", 1941 (p.2/3)



A close-up photograph of a young boy with light brown hair, his face and chest covered in dark mud. He is holding a large, thick mud pie in his right hand, which is also covered in mud. The background is a soft, out-of-focus green, suggesting an outdoor setting. The text is overlaid on the image in white and yellow.

like an **ignorant child** who wants  
to go on making **mud pies** in a slum  
because he cannot **imagine** what is meant  
by the offer of a **holiday at sea**.  
We are far **too easily pleased**.

C.S. Lewis, "The Weight of Glory", 1941 (p.3/3)

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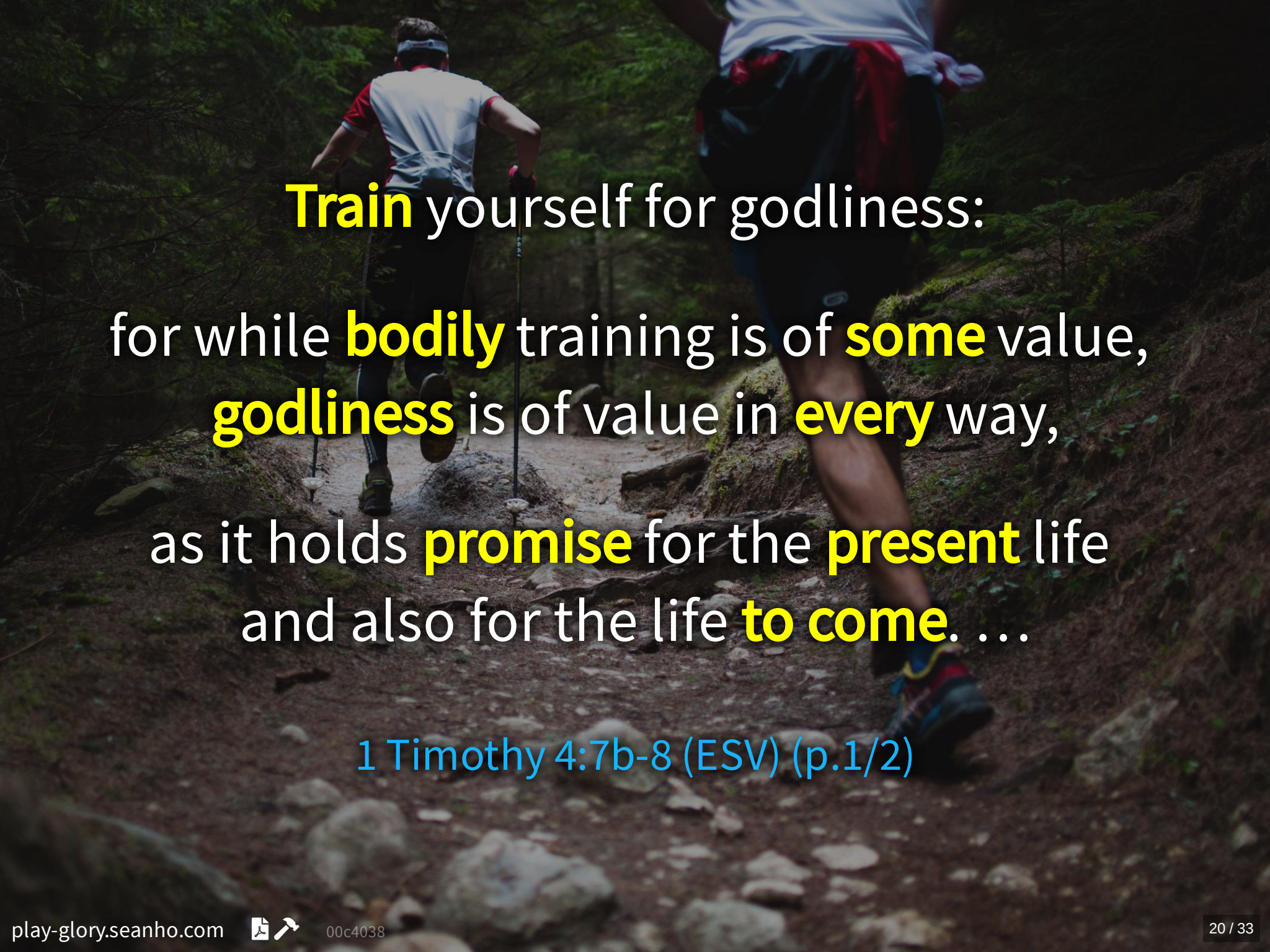
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2. **Calendar Zero**
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## 2. Calendar Zero

1. **Exercise** is of Some Value
2. **Friends** of the Heart

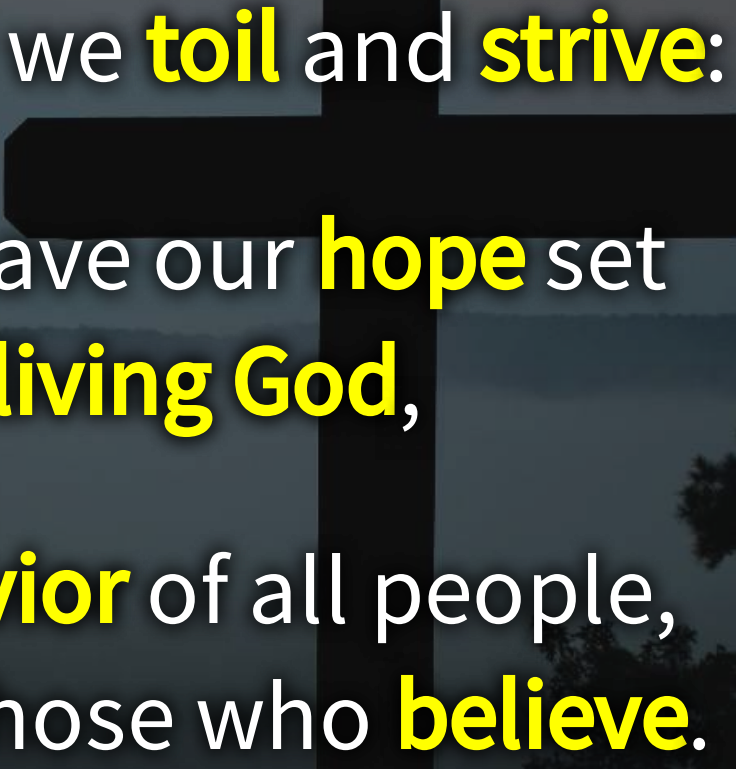


A photograph of two hikers on a forest trail. The hiker in the foreground is wearing a white shirt with red accents and dark shorts, using trekking poles. The hiker in the background is also wearing a white shirt with red accents and dark shorts. The trail is rocky and surrounded by dense green foliage.

**Train** yourself for godliness:  
for 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 4:7b-8 (ESV) (p.1/2)

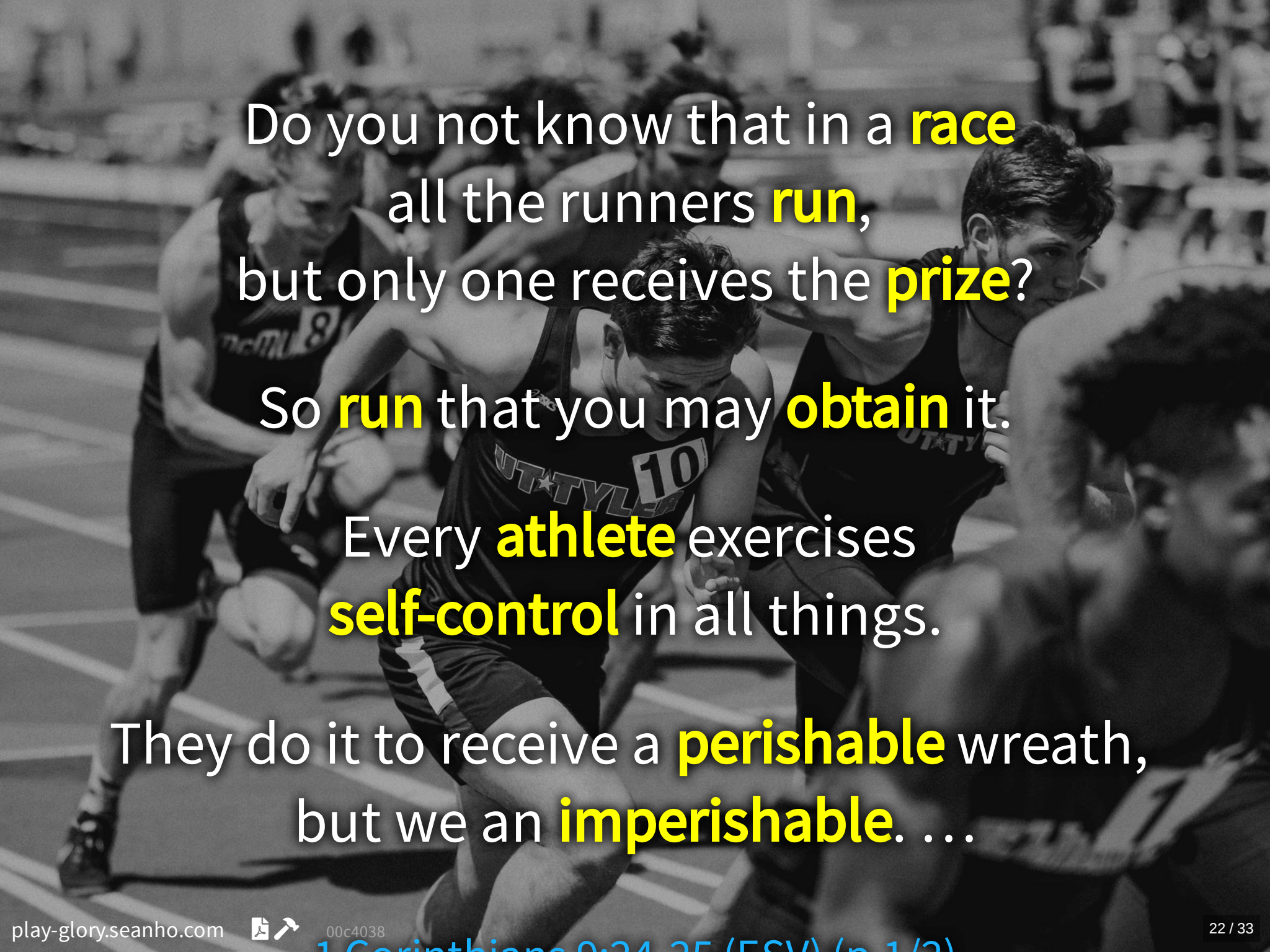




For to this end we **toil** and **strive**:  
because we have our **hope** set  
on the **living God**,  
who is the **Savior** of all people,  
especially of those who **believe**.

1 Timothy 4:10 (ESV) (p.2/2)





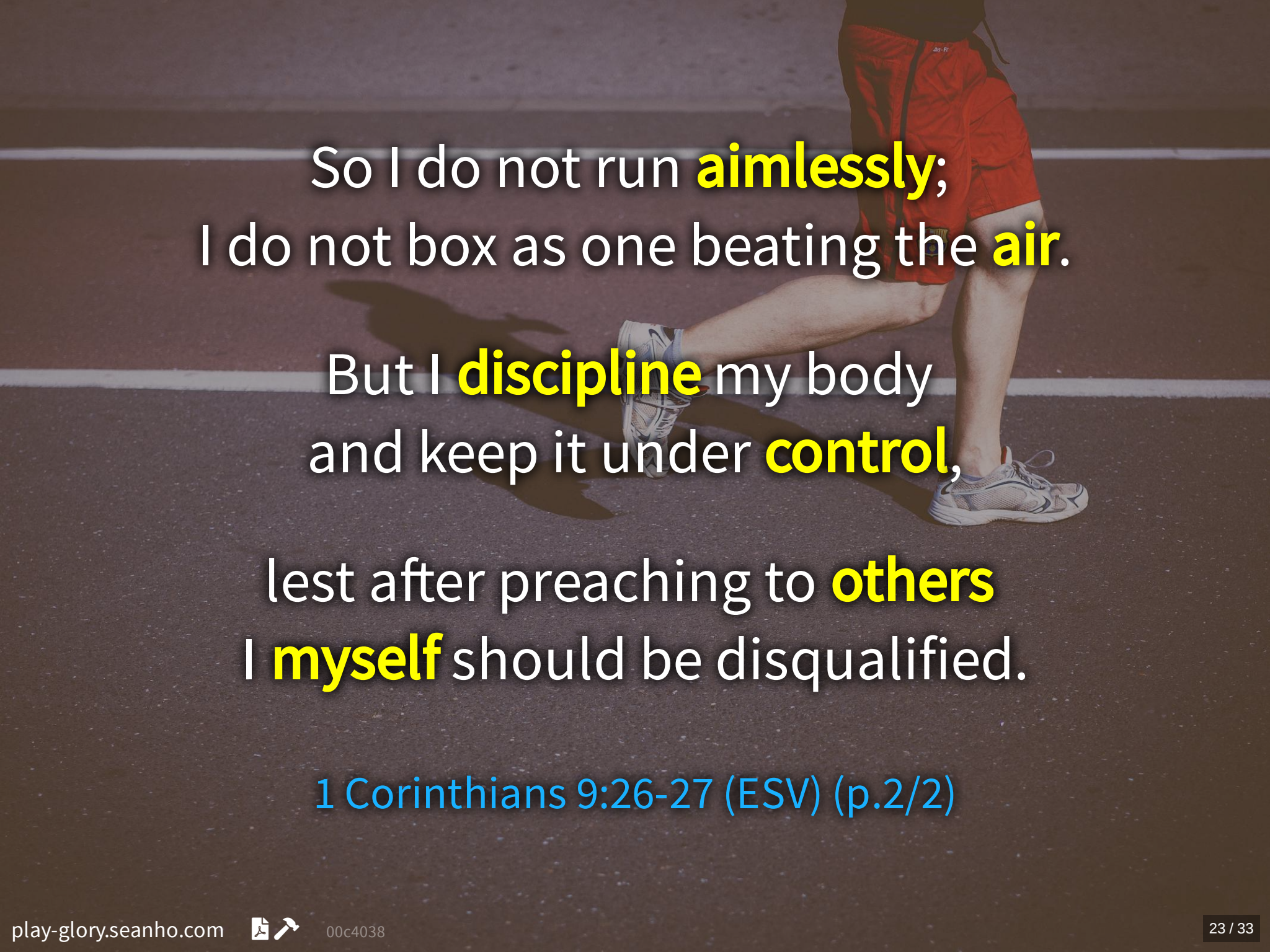
Do you not know that in a **race**  
all the runners **run**,  
but only one receives the **prize**?

So **run** that you may **obtain** it.

Every **athlete** exercises  
**self-control** in all things.

They do it to receive a **perishable** wreath,  
but we an **imperishable**. ...





So I do not run **aimlessly**;  
I do not box as one beating the **air**.

But I **discipline** my body  
and keep it under **control**,

lest after preaching to **others**  
I **myself** should be disqualified.

1 Corinthians 9:26-27 (ESV) (p.2/2)

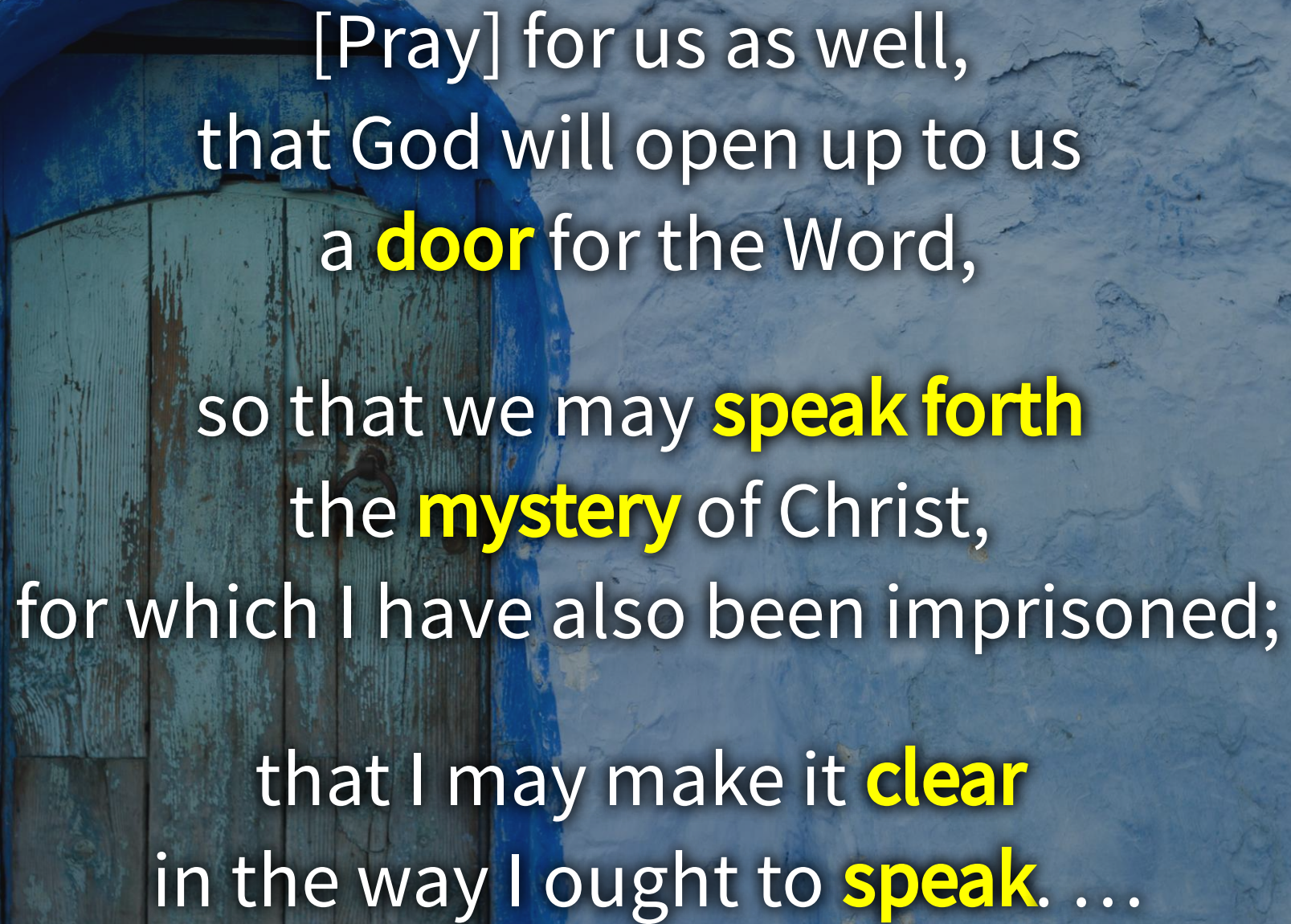


## 2. Calendar Zero

1. Exercise is of Some Value

2. **Friends of the Heart**





[Pray] for us as well,  
that God will open up to us  
a **door** for the Word,  
so that we may **speak forth**  
the **mystery** of Christ,  
for which I have also been imprisoned;  
that I may make it **clear**  
in the way I ought to **speak**. ...

Colossians 4:3-4 (NASB) (p.1/2)





Conduct yourselves  
with **wisdom** toward outsiders,  
making the most of the **opportunity**.

Let your speech always be with **grace**,  
as though **seasoned** with salt,

so that you will know  
how you should **respond** to each person.

Colossians 4:5-6 (NASB) (p.2/2)



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# 3. Active Rest

1. **Awake**, for the **Night** is Coming
2. **Rest**, for the **Sabbath** is Coming





For you are all **sons of light** and sons of day.

We are not of **night** nor of darkness;  
so then let us not **sleep** as others do,  
but let us be **alert** and **sober**.

1 Thessalonians 5:5-6 (NASB)

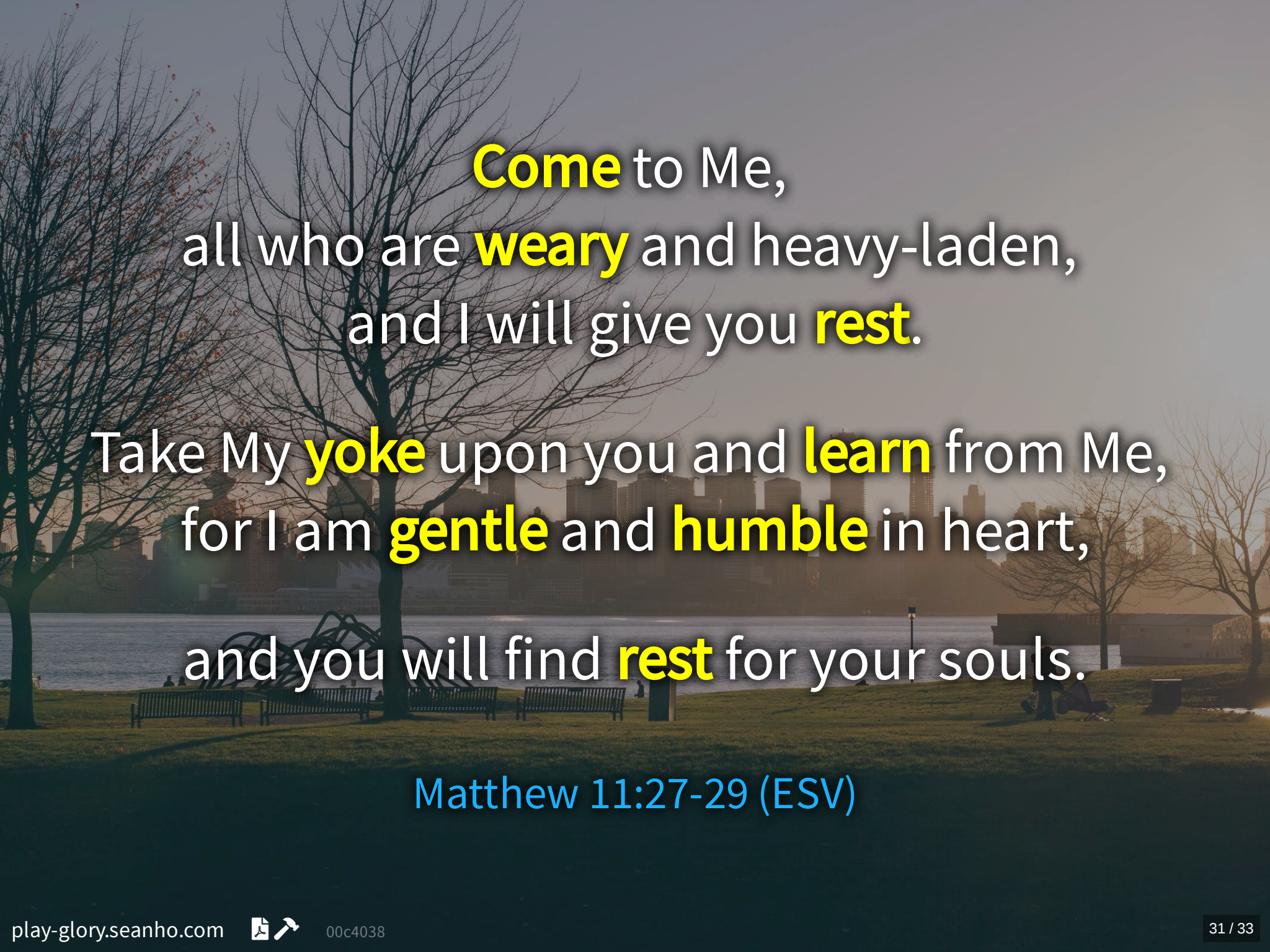


# 3. Active Rest

1. Awake, for the Night is Coming

2. **Rest, for the Sabbath is Coming**



A scenic view of a park with a city skyline in the background. The foreground shows a grassy area with several benches and a large, leafless tree. The middle ground features a body of water, and the background shows a city skyline with various buildings. The sky is overcast and grey.

**Come** to Me,  
all who are **weary** and heavy-laden,  
and I will give you **rest**.

Take My **yoke** upon you and **learn** from Me,  
for I am **gentle** and **humble** in heart,  
and you will find **rest** for your souls.

Matthew 11:27-29 (ESV)



So then, there remains  
a **Sabbath rest** for the people of God,  
for whoever has entered **God's rest**  
has also rested from **his works**  
as **God** did from his.

Let us therefore **strive** to enter that rest,  
so that no one may **fall**  
by the same sort of **disobedience**.

Hebrews 4:9-11 (ESV)



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