

Resilience



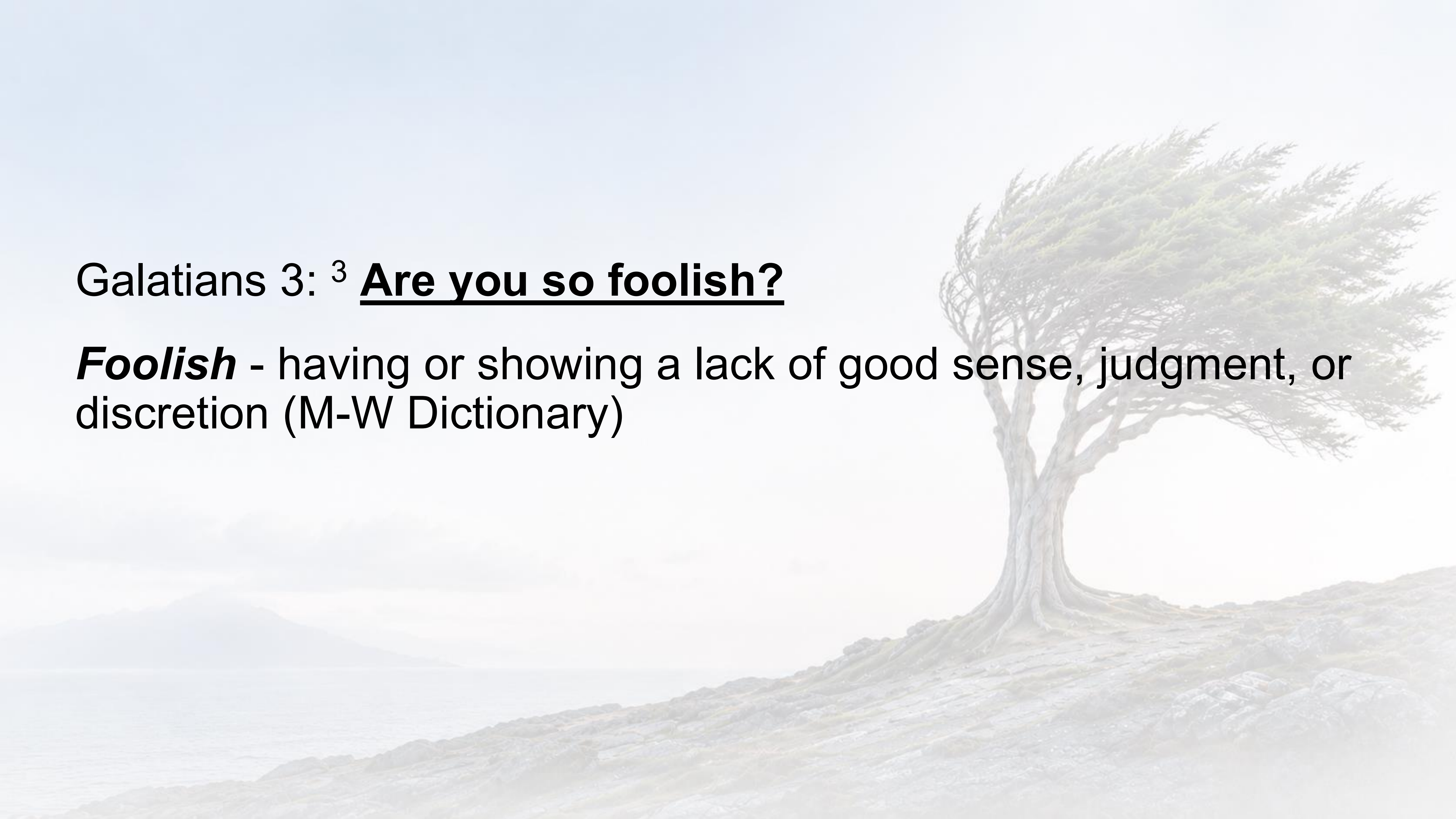
ATTACK ON MAN

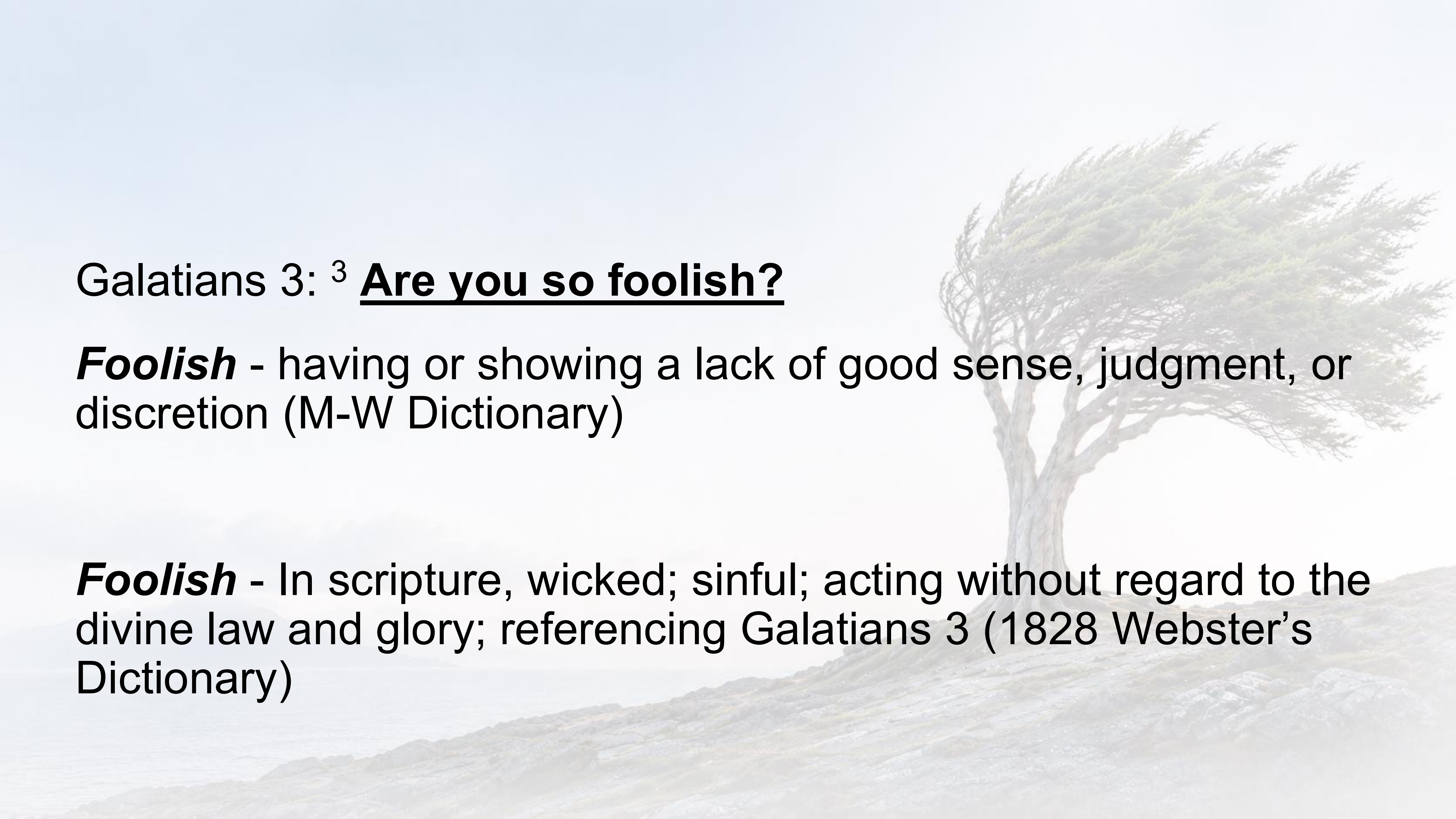
Genesis 1: ²⁷ So God created man in His own image; in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them. *[Dignity of Man (Humanism); Gender]*

Genesis 2: ²⁴ Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and they shall become one flesh. *[Marriage]*

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A misty landscape with a gnarled tree on a rocky hill. The tree is on the right side of the image, leaning slightly to the left. The background shows a valley with a river or stream, and the sky is overcast. The overall tone is somber and reflective.

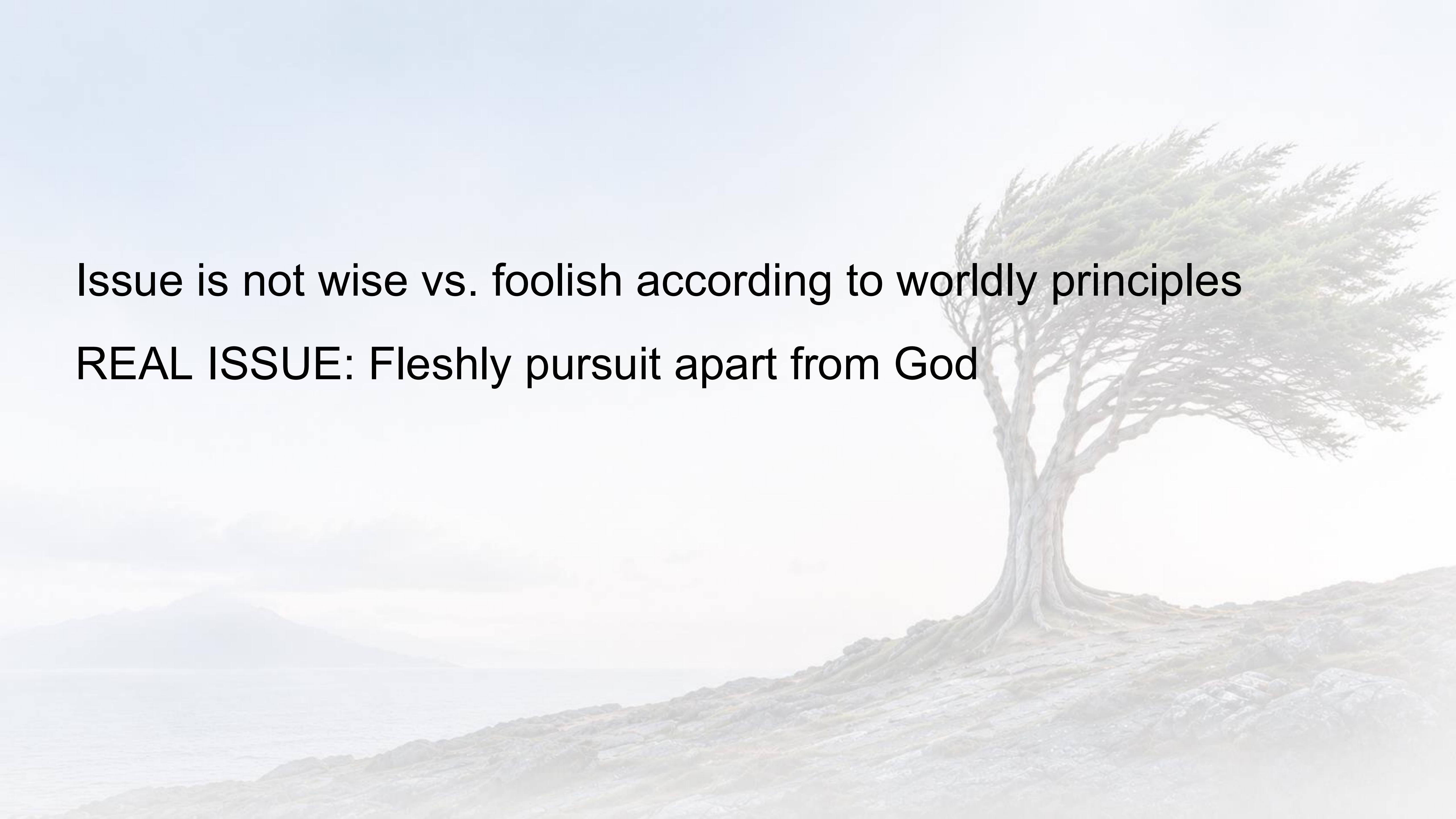
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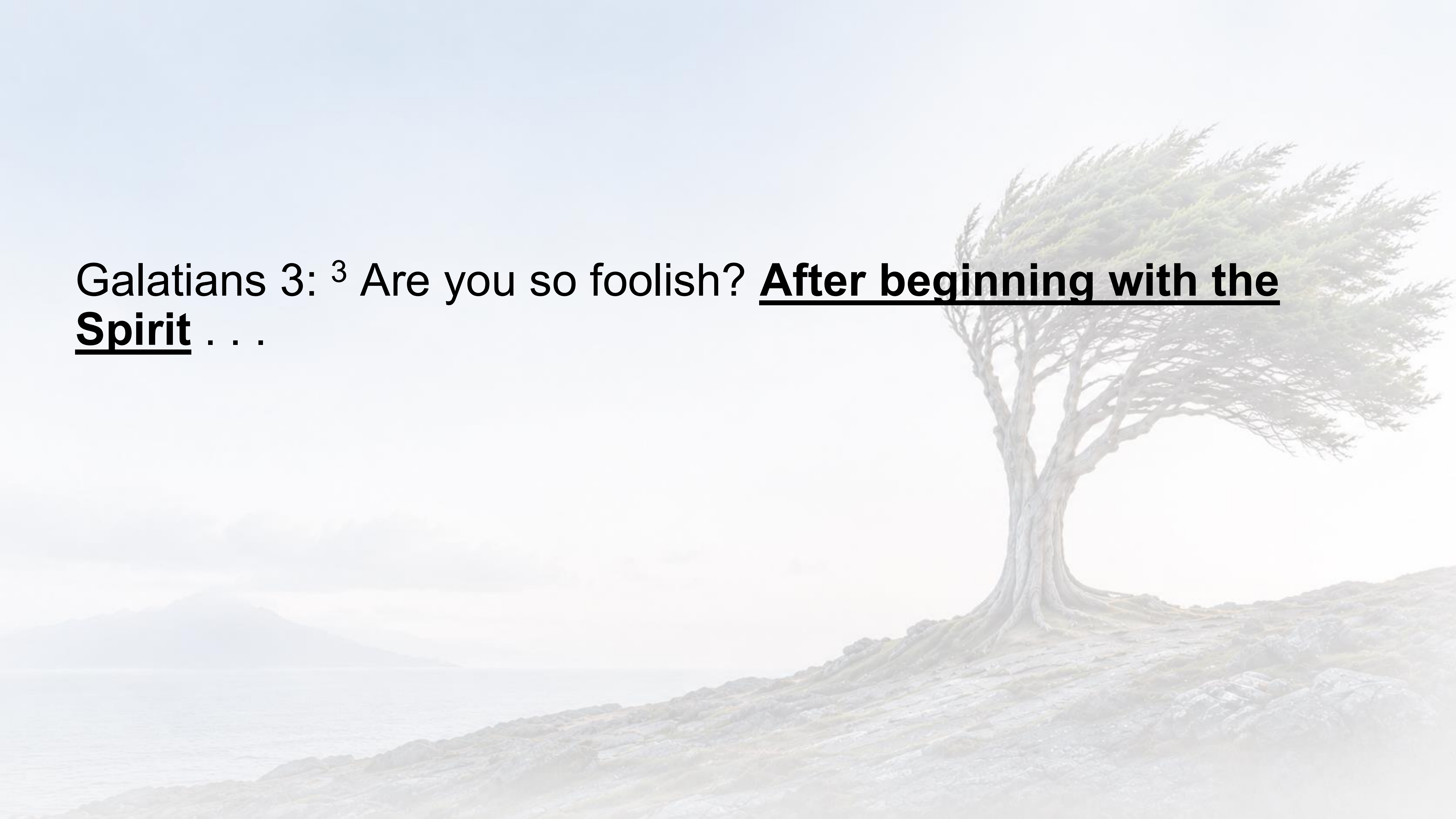
Foolish - In scripture, wicked; sinful; acting without regard to the divine law and glory; referencing Galatians 3 (1828 Webster's Dictionary)

Issue is not wise vs. foolish according to worldly principles

REAL ISSUE: Fleshly pursuit apart from God



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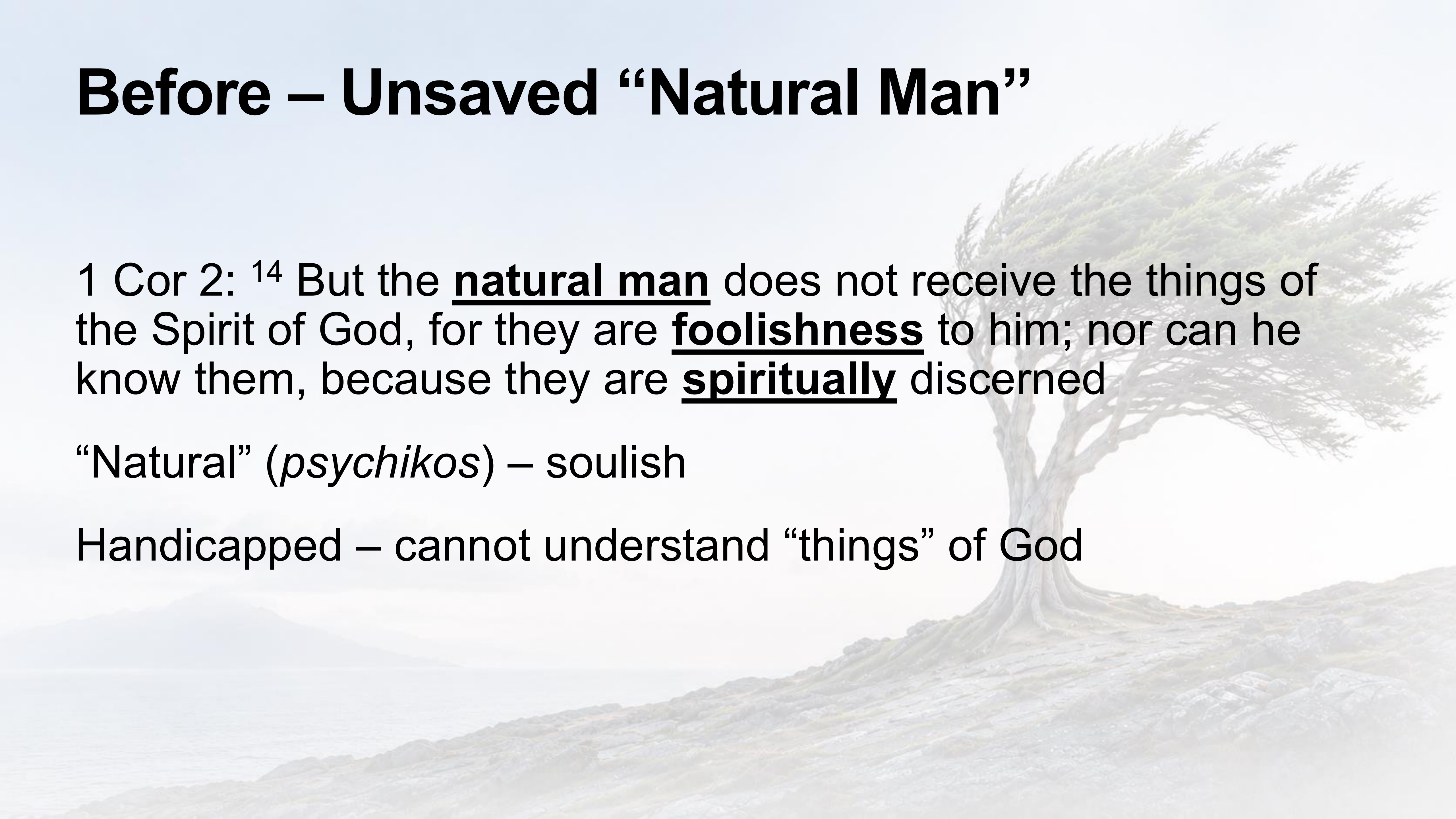


Before – Unsaved “Natural Man”

1 Cor 2: ¹⁴ But the natural man does not receive the things of the Spirit of God, for they are foolishness to him; nor can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned

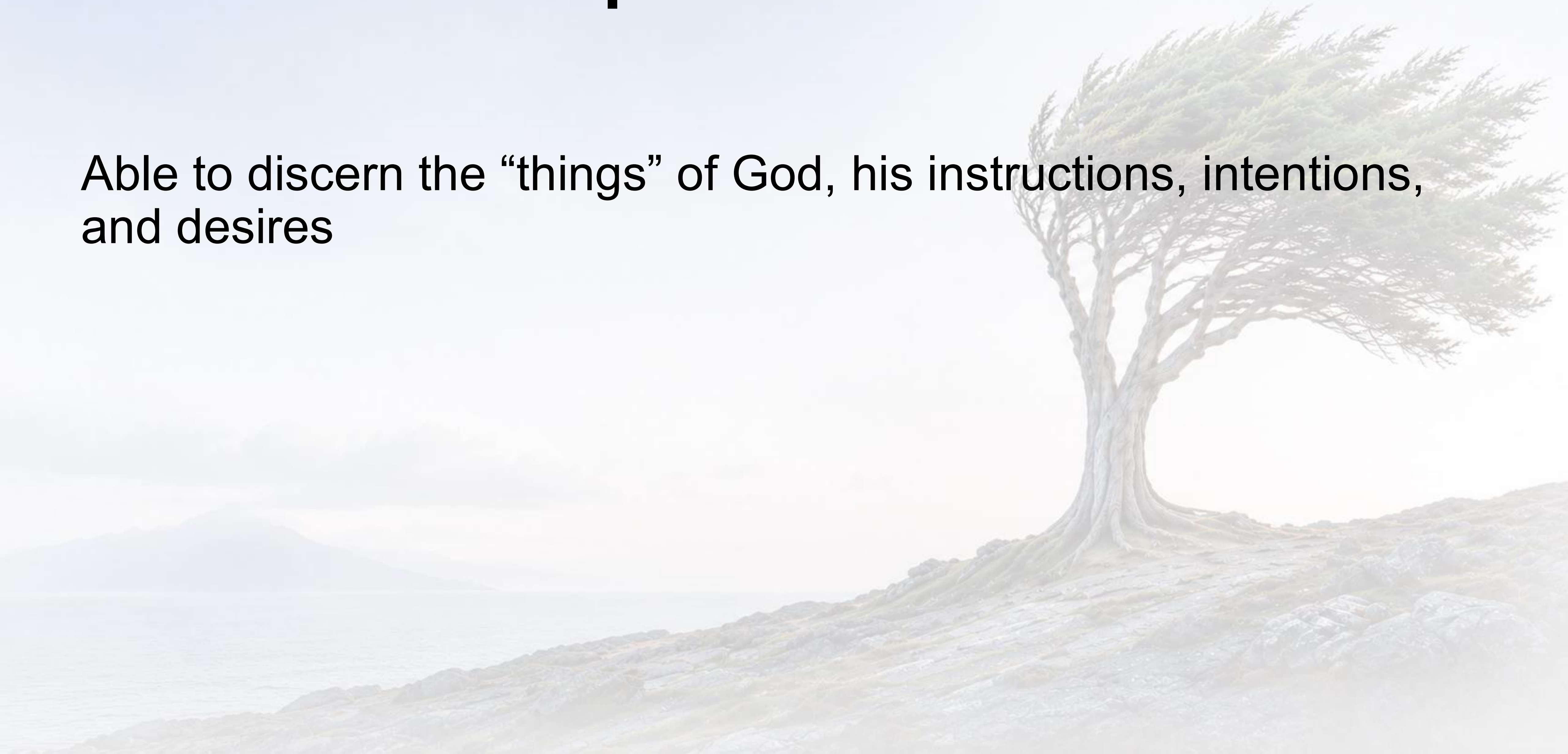
“Natural” (*psychikos*) – soulish

Handicapped – cannot understand “things” of God



After – Saved “Spiritual Man”

Able to discern the “things” of God, his instructions, intentions, and desires

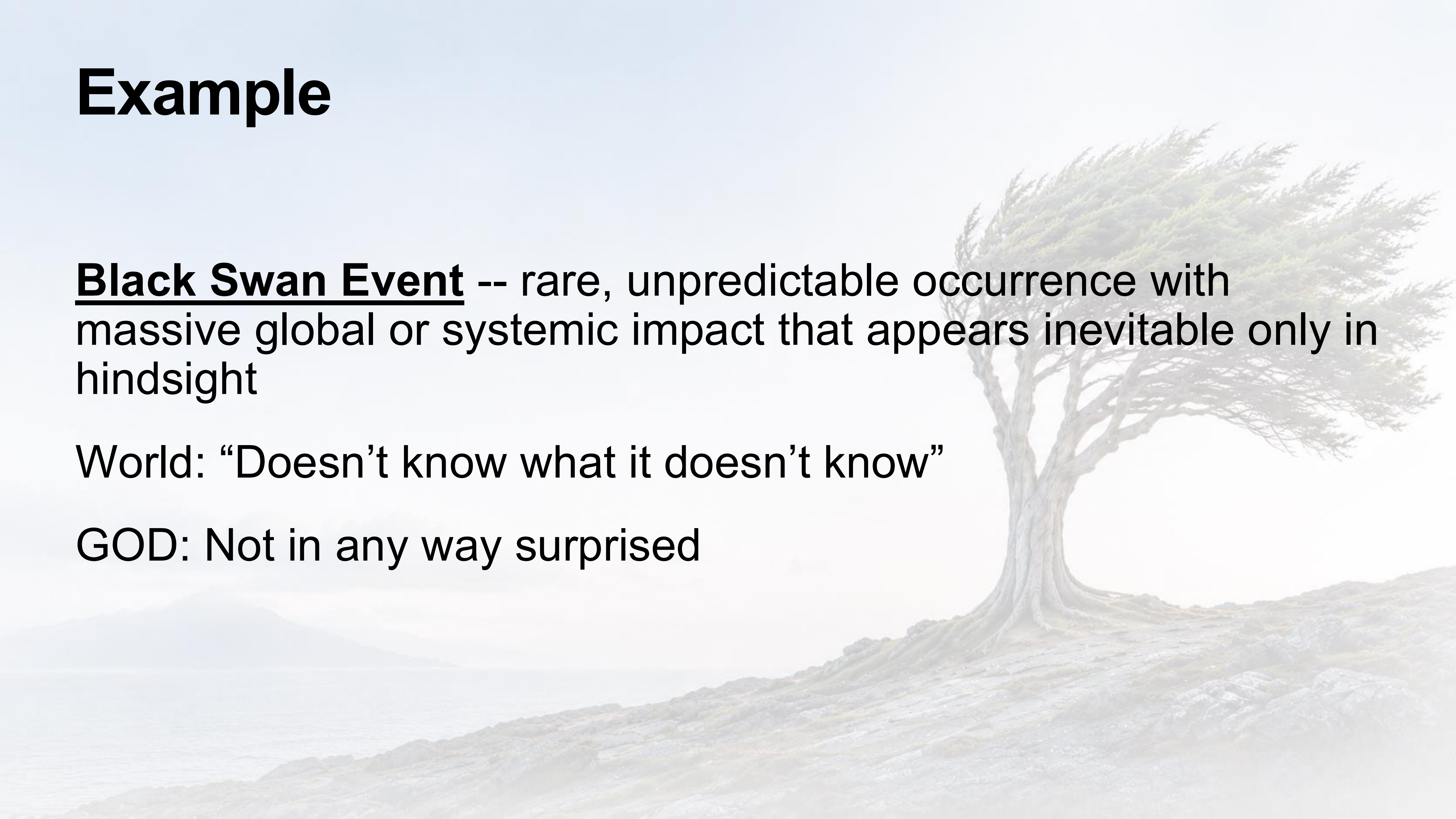


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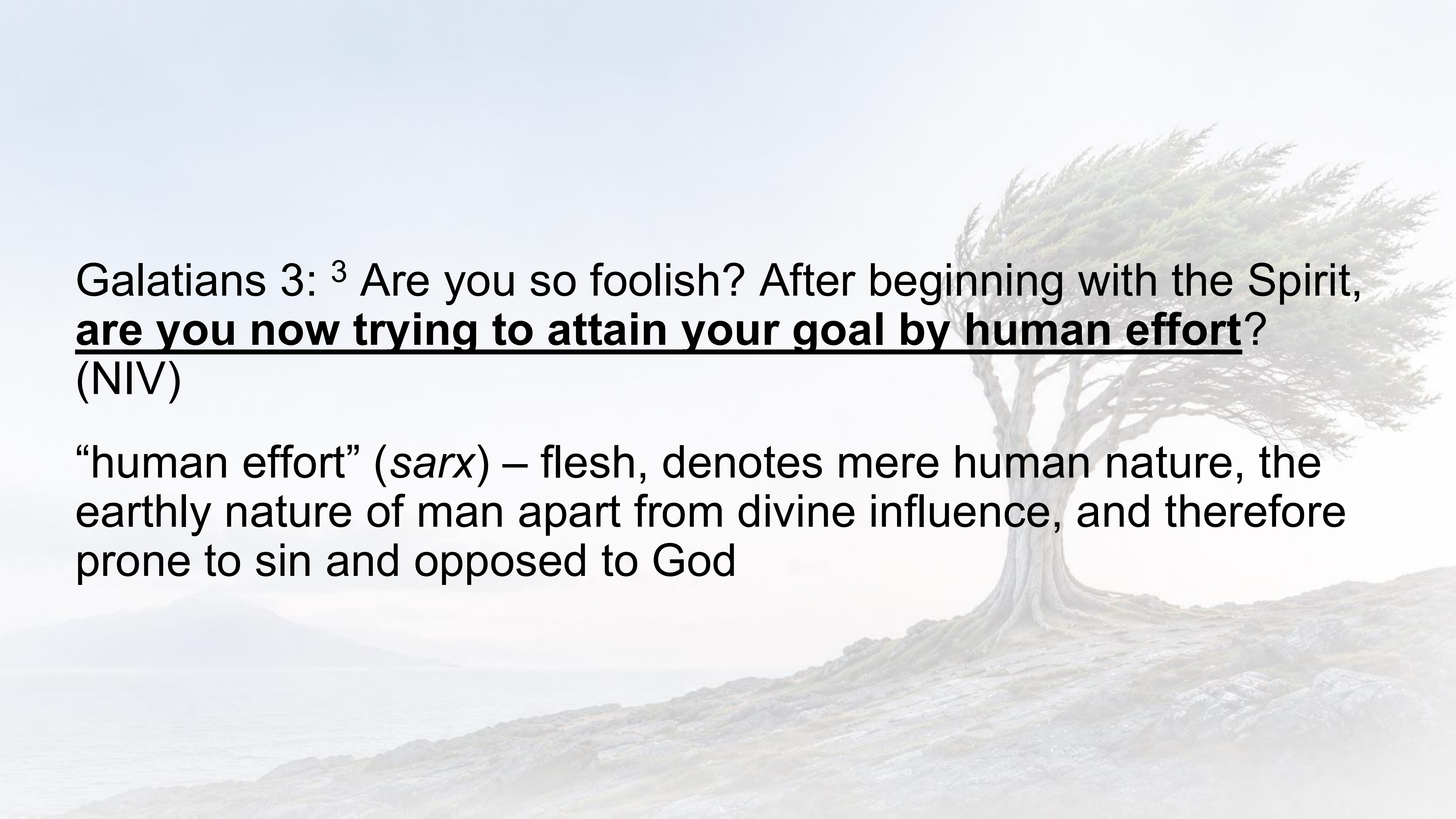
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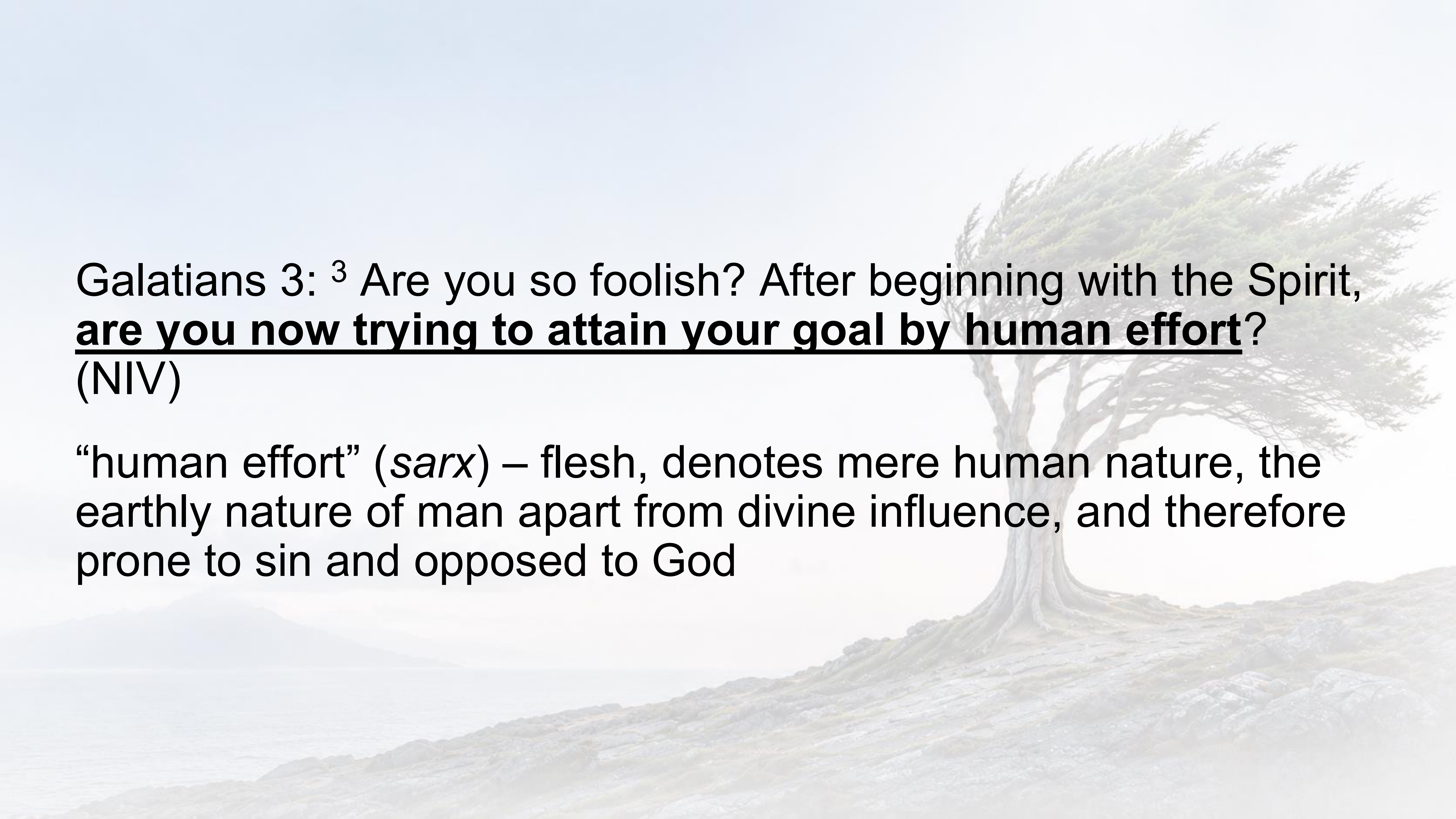
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1 Cor 1: 20 Where is the wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the disputer of this age? **Has not God made foolish the wisdom of this world?**



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(NIV)

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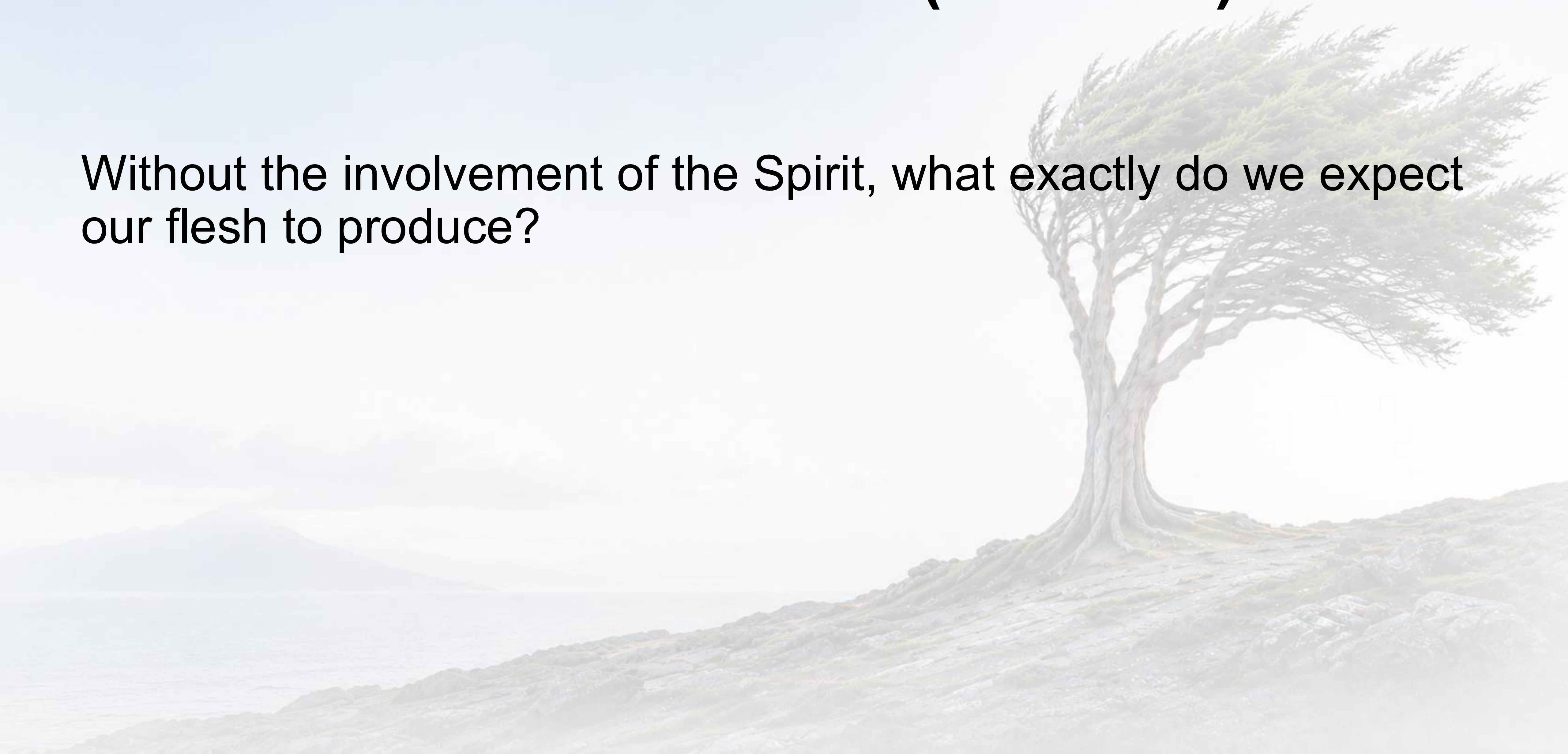


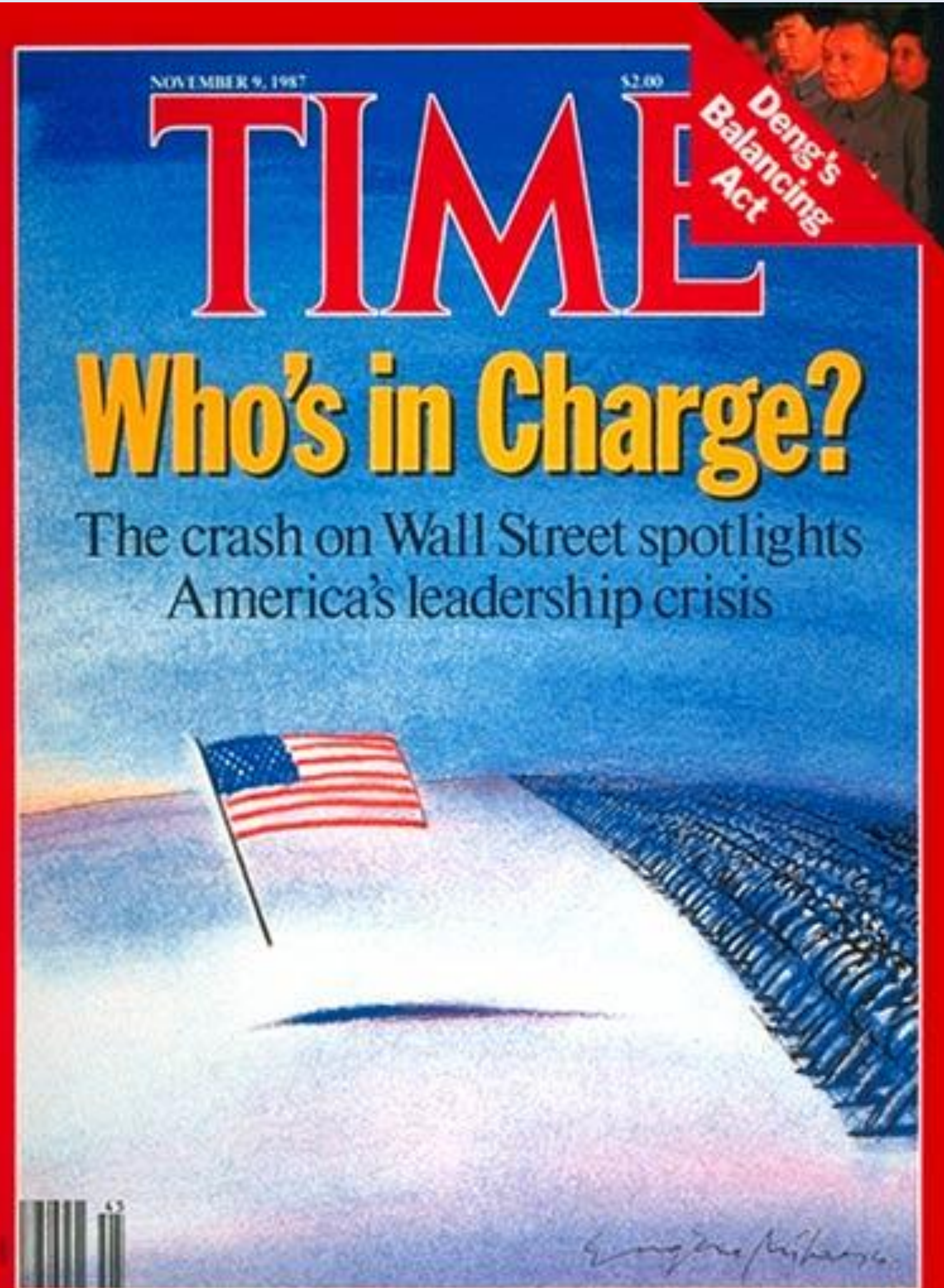
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Flesh Gives Birth to Flesh (John 3:6)

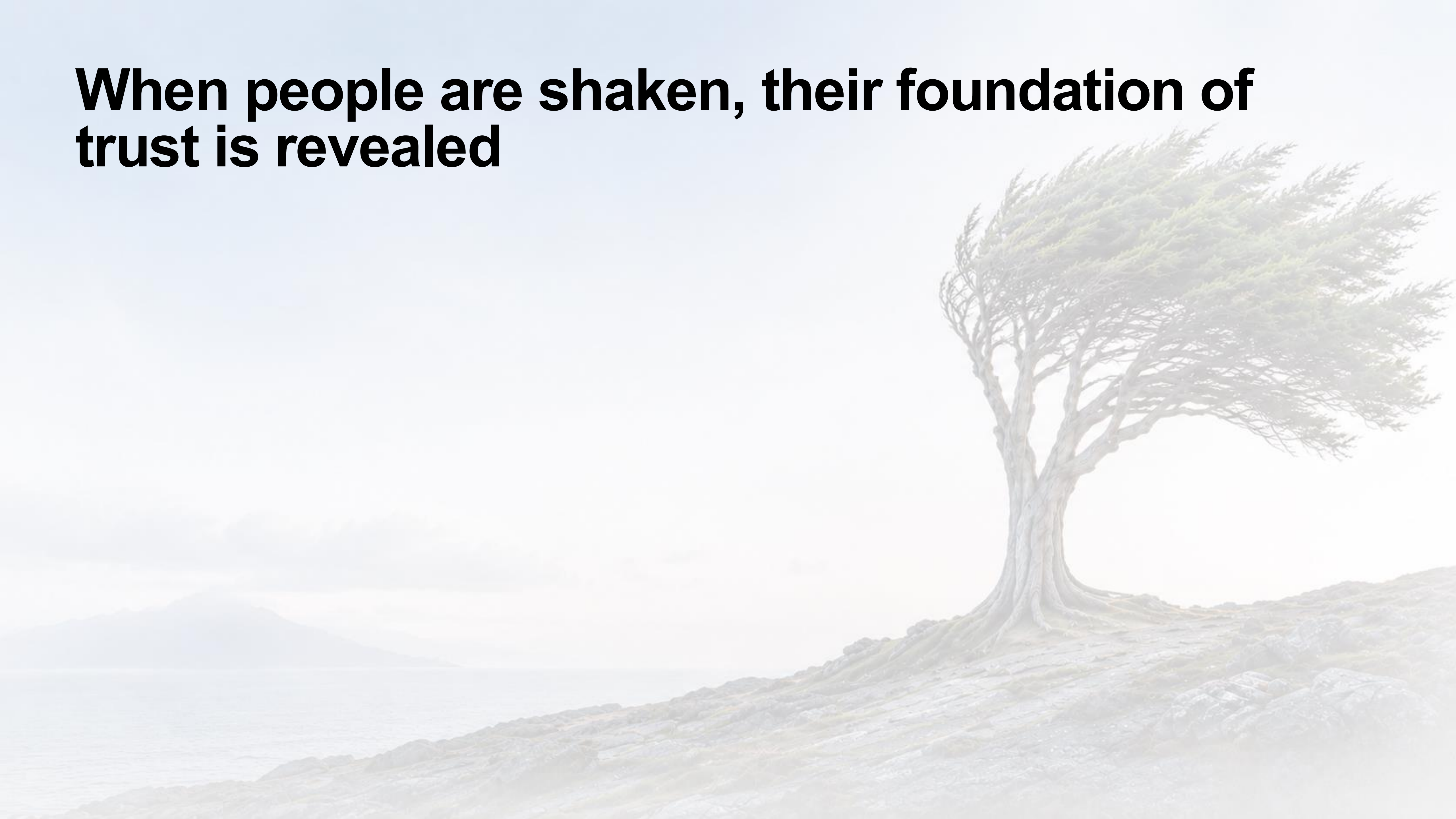
Without the involvement of the Spirit, what exactly do we expect our flesh to produce?





“The nation calls for leadership, and there is no one home.”

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People can put their trust in:

- Government
- Movements (political, religious, etc.)
- Churches
- Leaders



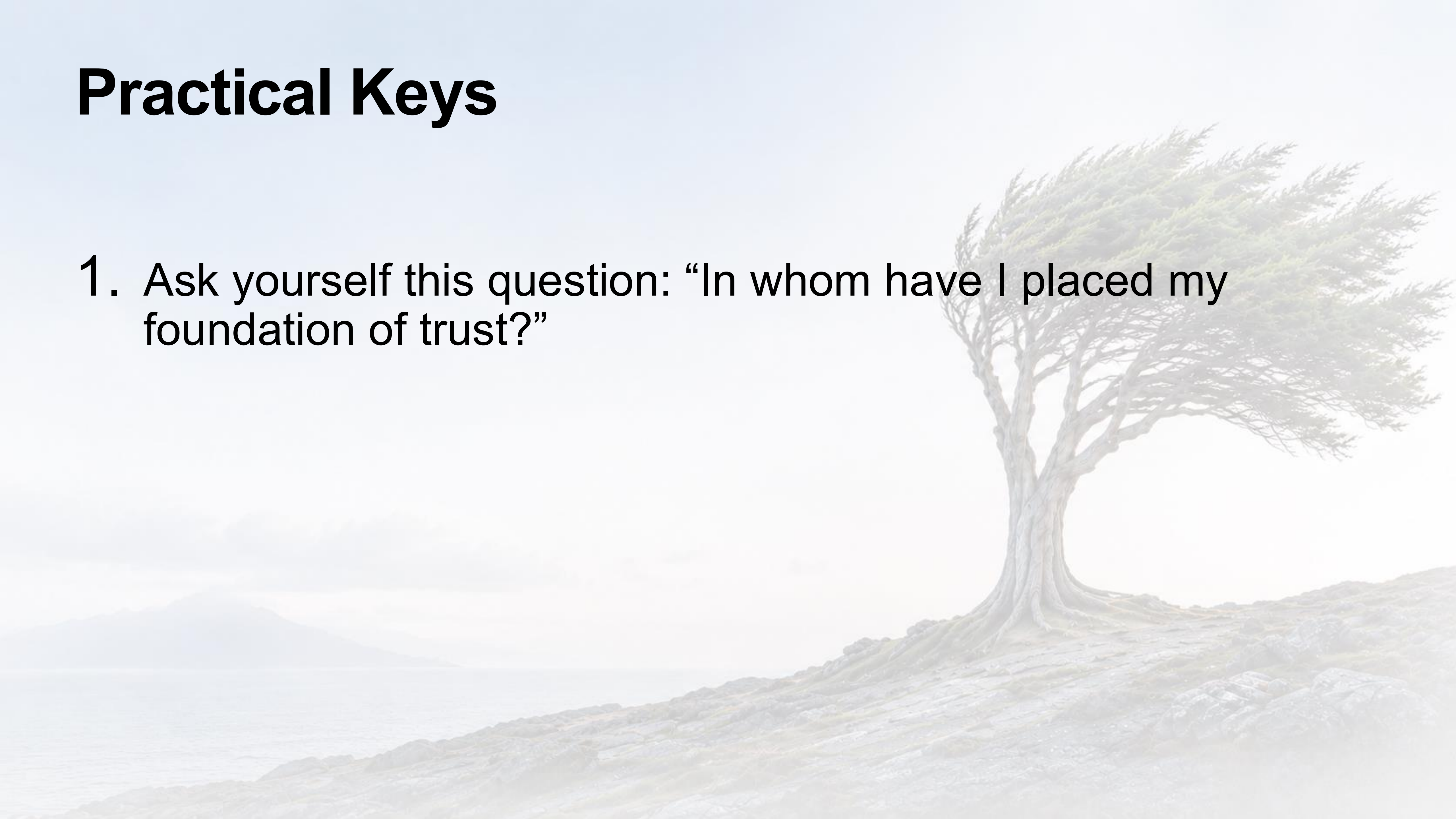
Recognize the rise of the MEDIATOR

Colossians 2: ¹⁹ They have lost connection with the head, from whom the whole body, supported and held together by its ligaments and sinews, grows as God causes it to grow.

- Instead of having “the mind of Christ” (1 Cor 2:16b), we have necessarily been connected to “another” for stability and direction

Practical Keys

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2. Proverbs 16: ³ Commit your works to the Lord, And your thoughts will be established.

