

The First Sign of His Glory

John 2:1-11

Chloe Kim, 2018 US Olympic gold medalist, snowboarding
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What is the
path to glory?

Covenant: Creation to Christ

- The Gift of the **Law** (Ex 20, Dt 5)
- Unless the Lord **Builds** (Ps 127)
- Prepare the **Way** (Is 57)
- **Worship** in Word and Deed (Is 58)
- **The Path to Glory** (Lk 2)
- Christ's **Coronation** (Mk 15)

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1 On the third day there was a **wedding**
at **Cana** in Galilee,
and the **mother** of Jesus was there.

2 Jesus also was **invited** to the wedding
with his disciples.

John 2:1-2 (ESV) (p.1/6)

3 When the **wine** ran out,
the **mother** of Jesus said to him,
“They have **no wine.**”

4 And Jesus said to her,
“Woman, what does this **have to do** with me?
My **hour** has not yet come.”

5 His mother said to the **servants**,
“**Do** whatever he tells you.”

John 2:3-5 (ESV) (p.2/6)

6 Now there were six stone **water jars** there for the Jewish rites of **purification**, each holding twenty or thirty gallons.

7 Jesus said to the servants,
“**Fill** the jars with water.”

And they filled them up to the brim.

John 2:6-7 (ESV) (p.3/6)

8 And he said to them, “Now **draw** some out and take it to the **master** of the feast.”
So they took it.

9 When the master of the feast **tasted** the water now become **wine**, and did not **know** where it came from

(though the servants who had drawn the water knew),

John 2:8-9 (ESV) (p.4/6)

the master of the feast
called the **bridegroom** ¹⁰ and said to him,

“Everyone serves the **good** wine first,
and when people have drunk freely,
then the **poor** wine.

But you have kept the good wine until **now.**”

John 2:9-10 (ESV) (p.5/6)

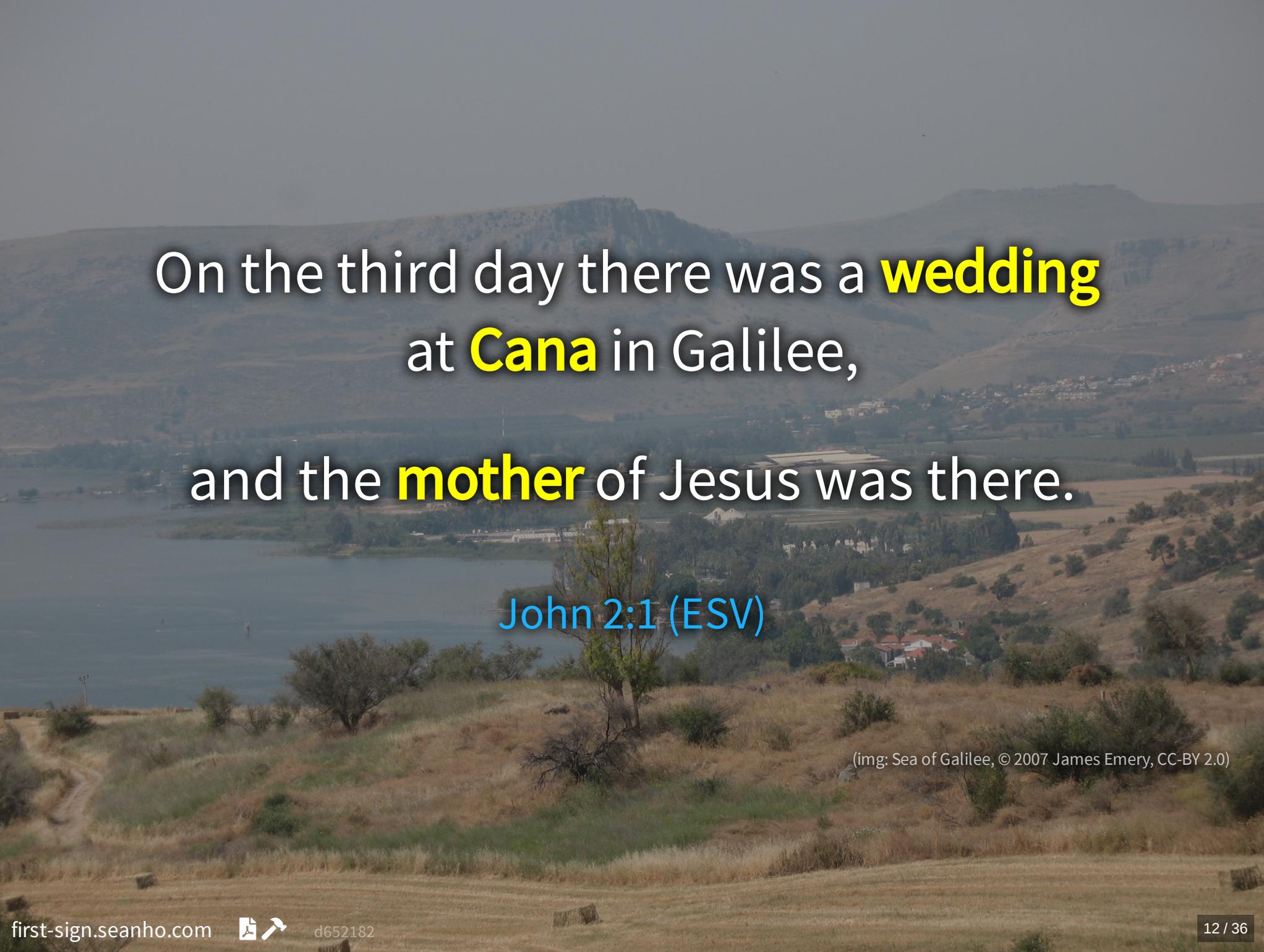
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And his disciples **believed** in him.

John 2:11 (ESV) (p.6/6)

First Sign of Glory (John 2a)

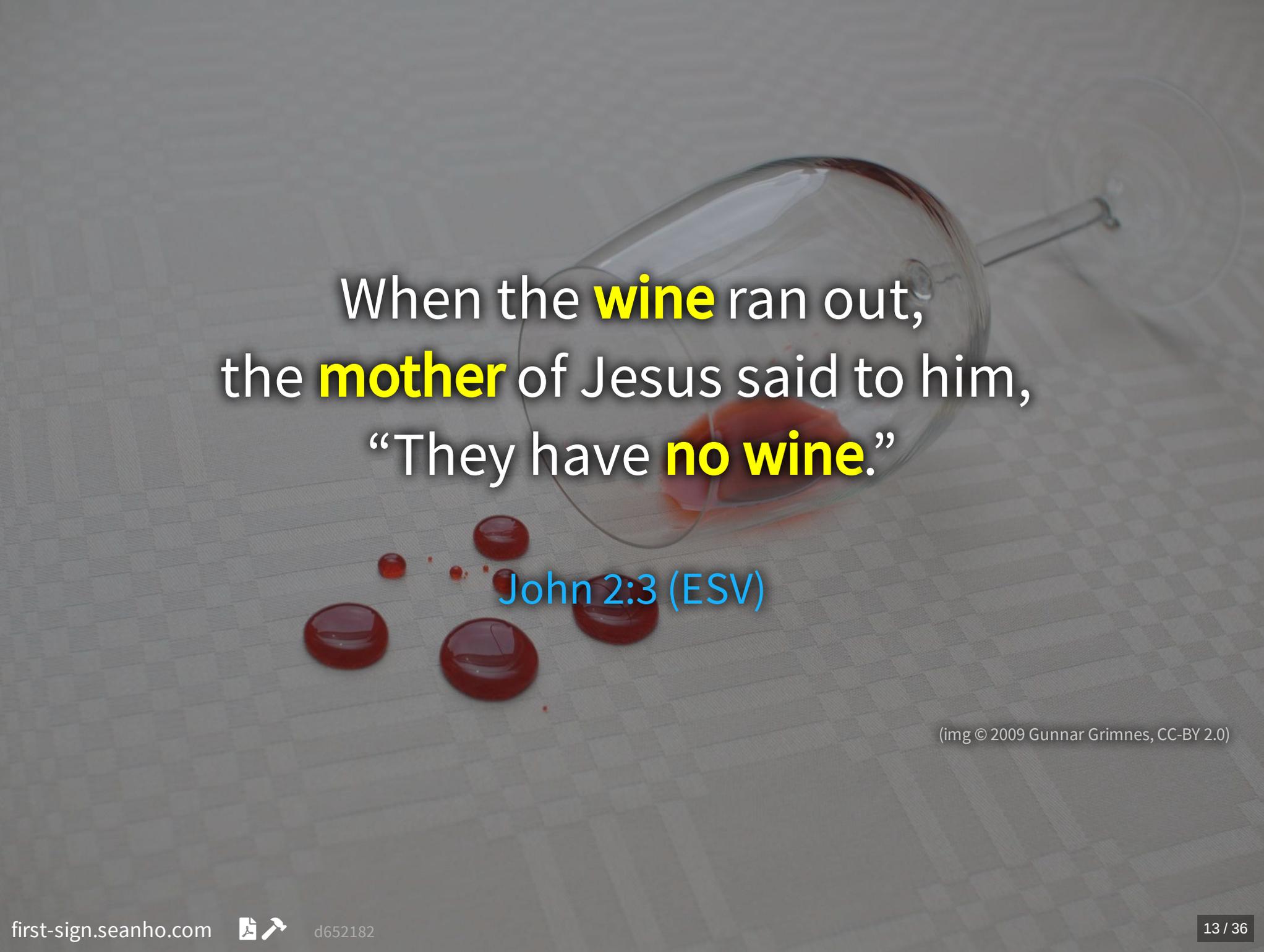
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John 2:1 (ESV)

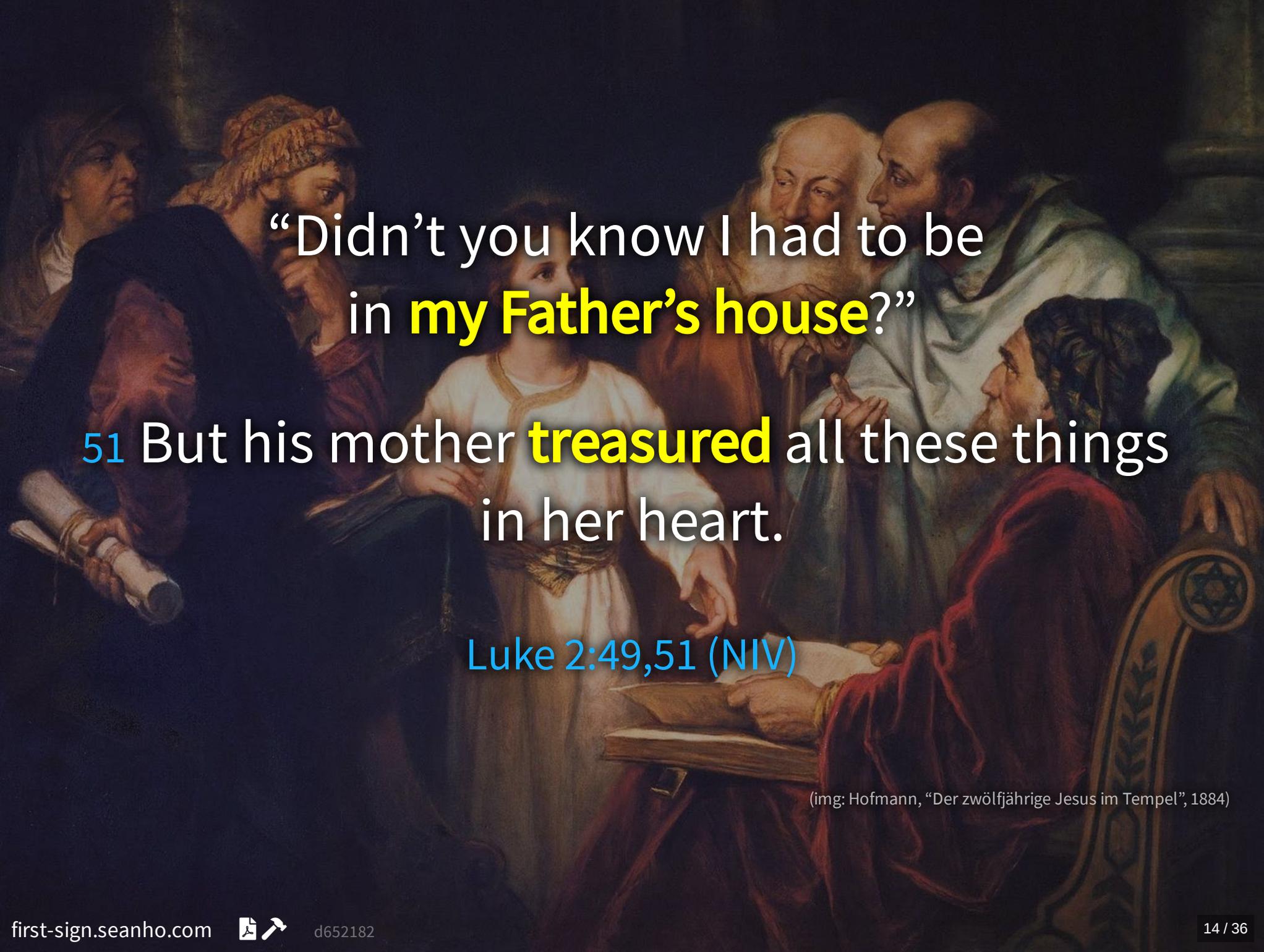
(img: Sea of Galilee, © 2007 James Emery, CC-BY 2.0)

A photograph of a broken wine glass lying on its side on a checkered tablecloth. The glass is shattered, with several large, dark red droplets of liquid spilled out onto the fabric. The background is a soft, out-of-focus grey.

When the **wine** ran out,
the **mother** of Jesus said to him,
“They have **no wine.**”

John 2:3 (ESV)

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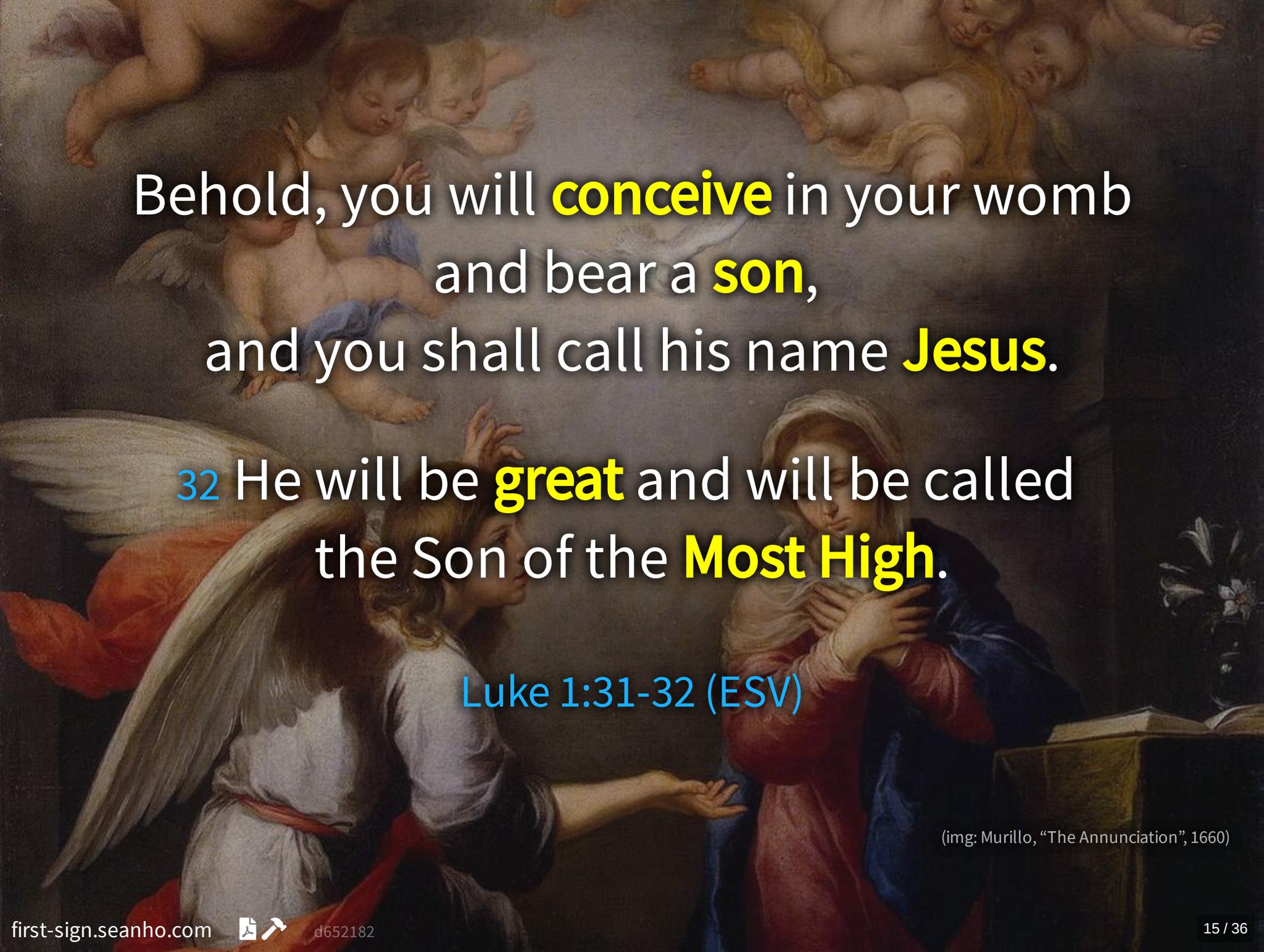


“Didn’t you know I had to be
in **my Father’s house?**”

51 But his mother **treasured** all these things
in her heart.

Luke 2:49,51 (NIV)

(img: Hofmann, “Der zwölfjährige Jesus im Tempel”, 1884)

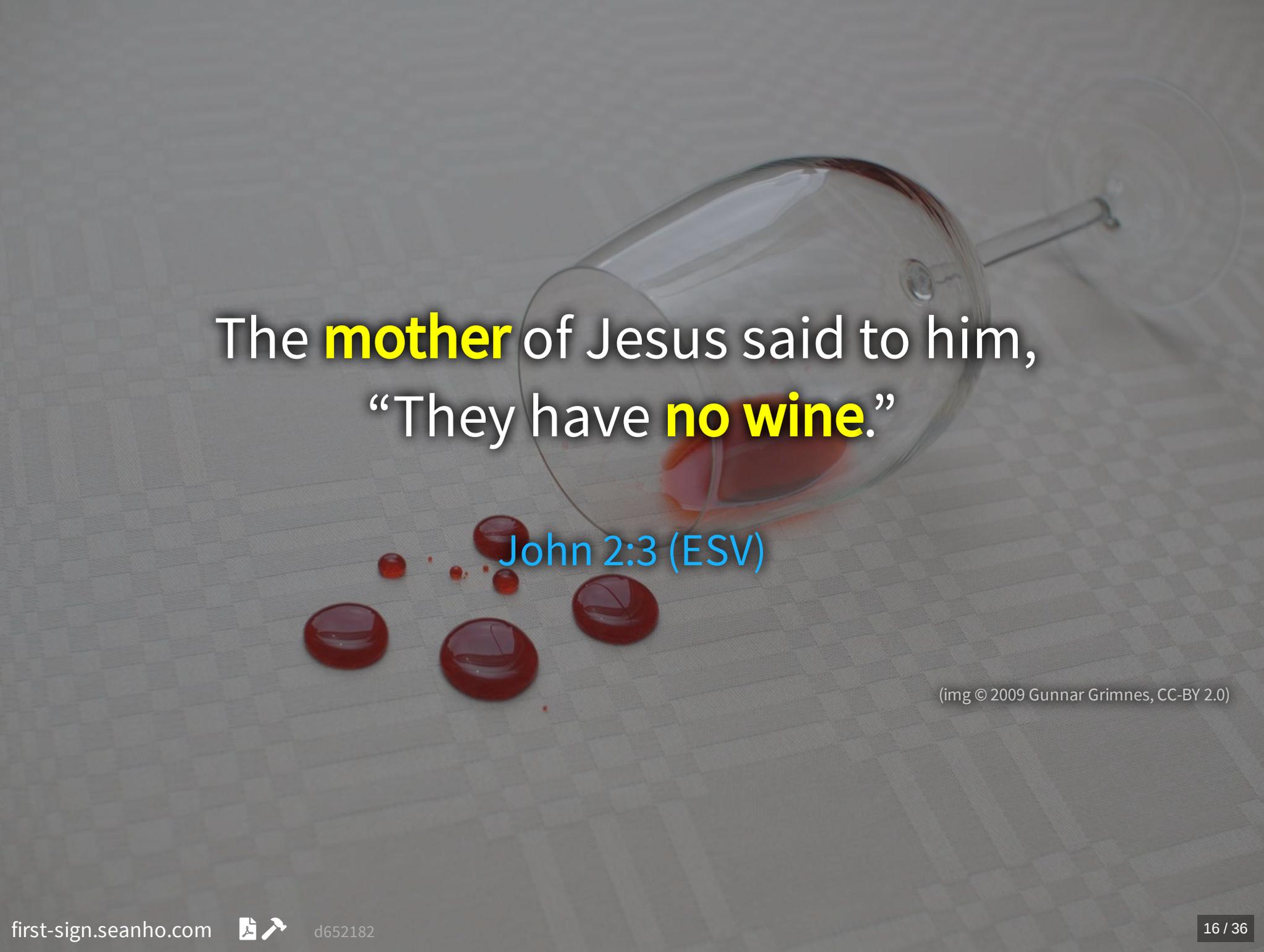
The background of the slide is a classical painting titled 'The Annunciation' by Juan del Piñero, dated 1660. It depicts the Virgin Mary seated on the right, wearing a red gown and a blue mantle, with her hands clasped in prayer. An angel with large white wings and a red sash stands on the left, gesturing towards Mary. The scene is filled with cherubs (putti) in the upper portion, some holding scrolls. The overall composition is dramatic, with strong contrasts of light and shadow.

Behold, you will **conceive** in your womb
and bear a **son**,
and you shall call his name **Jesus**.

32 He will be **great** and will be called
the Son of the **Most High**.

Luke 1:31-32 (ESV)

(img: Murillo, "The Annunciation", 1660)



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“They have **no wine.**”

John 2:3 (ESV)

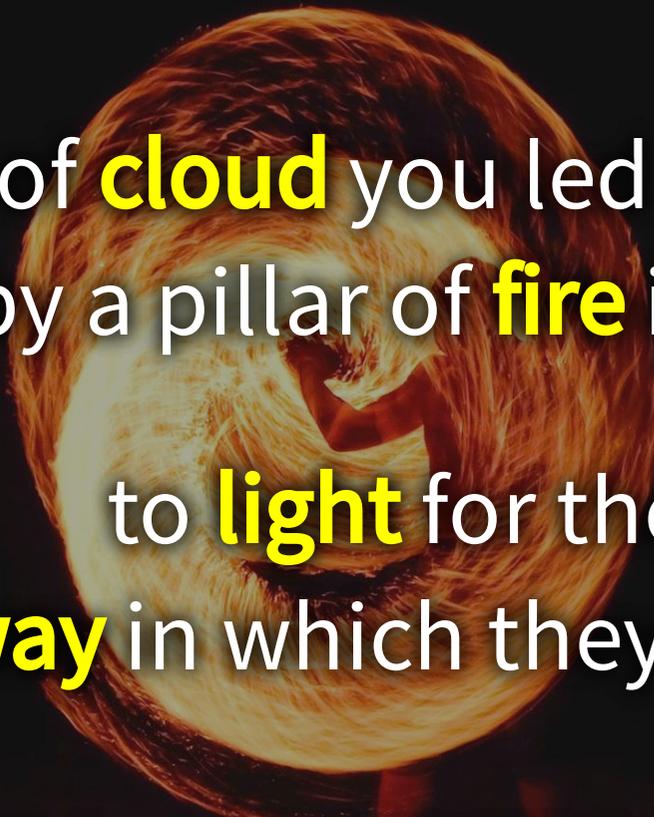
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The background of the slide is a painting titled "The Wedding at Cana" by Daniel Sarrabat. It depicts Jesus and his mother, Mary, seated at a table with other guests. Jesus is pointing towards the right, and Mary is looking towards him. In the foreground, a man is kneeling and filling a large silver vessel with water. The scene is set in a room with a large window in the background showing a landscape.

Jesus saith unto her,
Woman, what have **I** to do with **thee**?

John 2:4 (KJV)

(img: Daniel Sarrabat, "The Wedding at Cana")



By a pillar of **cloud** you led them in the day,
and by a pillar of **fire** in the night
to **light** for them
the **way** in which they should go.

Nehemiah 9:12 (ESV) (cf Ex13)

Do I address Jesus
as my servant
or my Saviour?

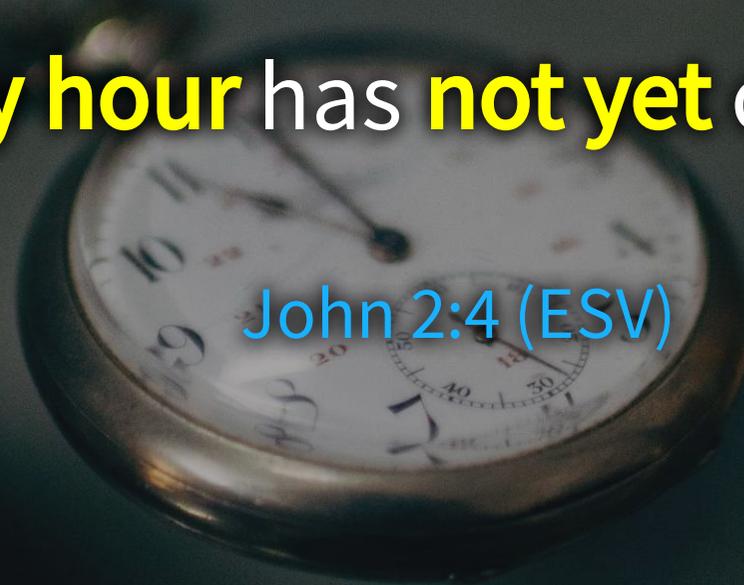
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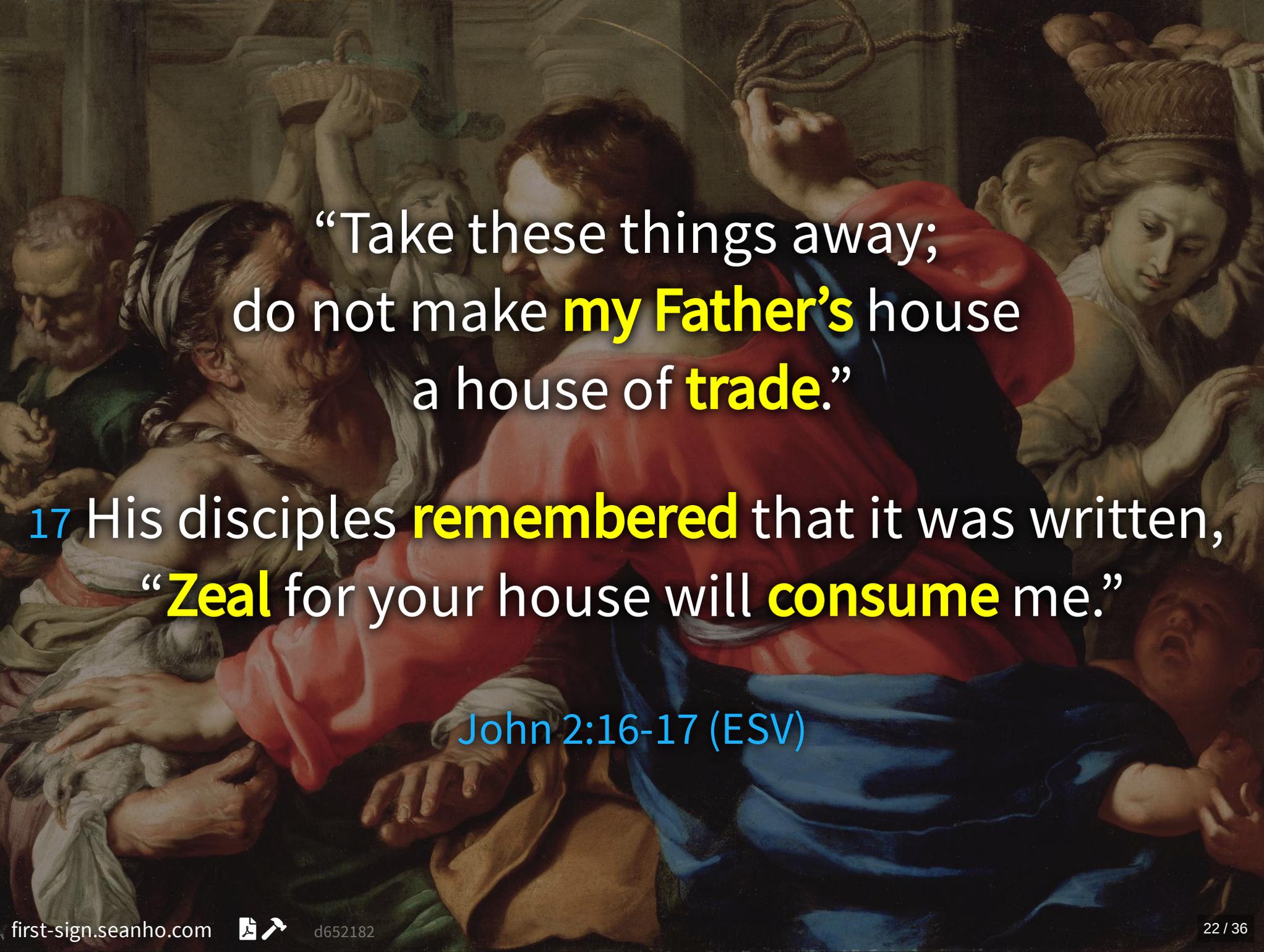
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John 2:4 (ESV)

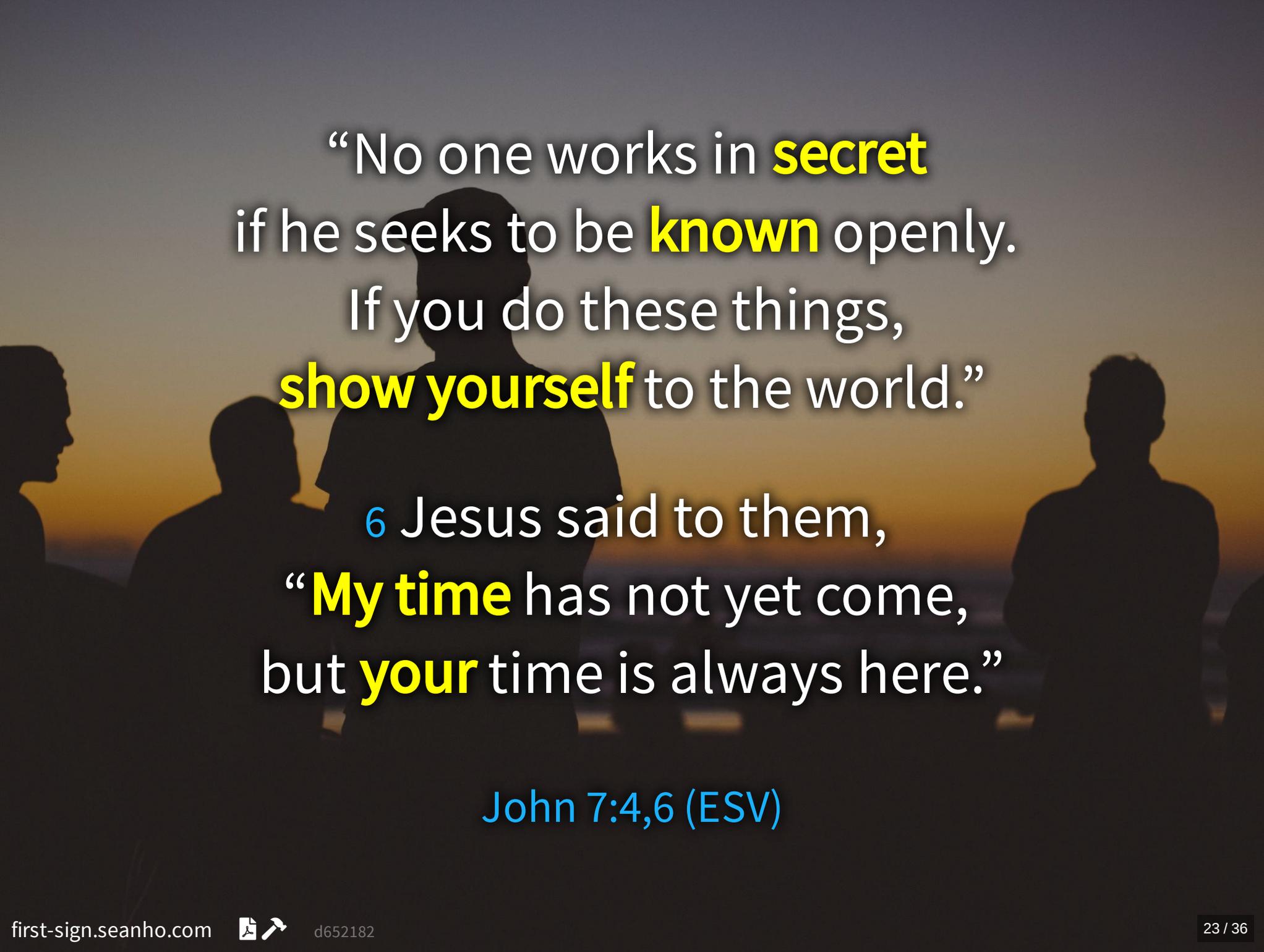




“Take these things away;
do not make **my Father’s** house
a house of **trade.**”

17 His disciples **remembered** that it was written,
“**Zeal** for your house will **consume** me.”

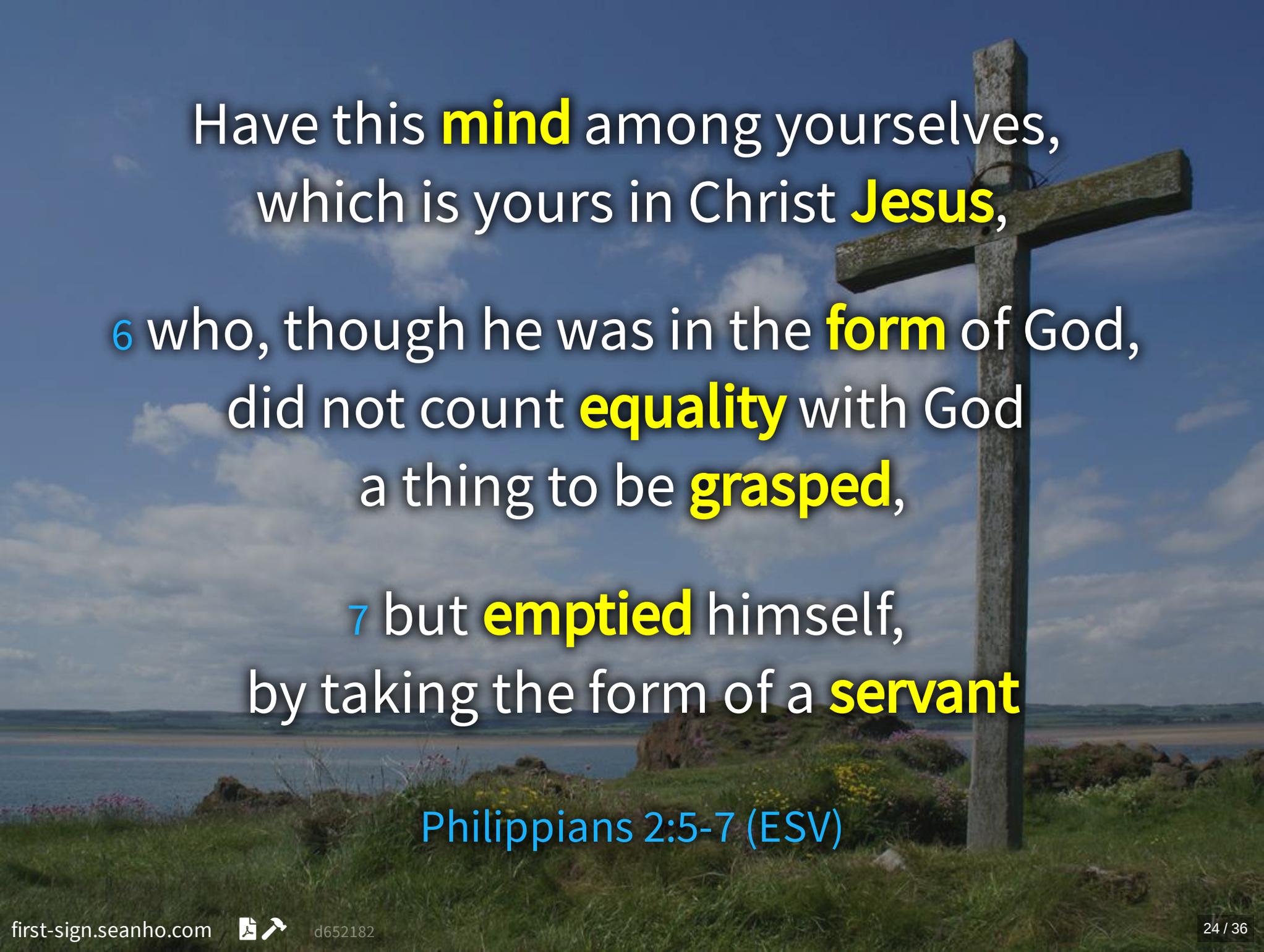
John 2:16-17 (ESV)

The background of the slide features silhouettes of several people standing against a warm, golden sunset sky. The silhouettes are dark against the lighter background, creating a contemplative and human atmosphere.

“No one works in **secret**
if he seeks to be **known** openly.
If you do these things,
show yourself to the world.”

6 Jesus said to them,
“**My time** has not yet come,
but **your** time is always here.”

John 7:4,6 (ESV)



Have this **mind** among yourselves,
which is yours in Christ **Jesus**,

6 who, though he was in the **form** of God,
did not count **equality** with God
a thing to be **grasped**,

7 but **emptied** himself,
by taking the form of a **servant**

Philippians 2:5-7 (ESV)



Humble yourselves before the Lord,
and he will **lift** you up.

James 4:10 (NIV)

Do I seek to be
known by men,
or to **submit**
to God?

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John 2:5 (ESV)

(img: Gaetano Gandolfi, “The Marriage at Cana”, 1766)

“Though I neither fear **God** nor respect **man**,
5 yet because this widow keeps **bothering** me,
I will give her **justice**,
so that she will not beat me down
by her **continual** coming.”

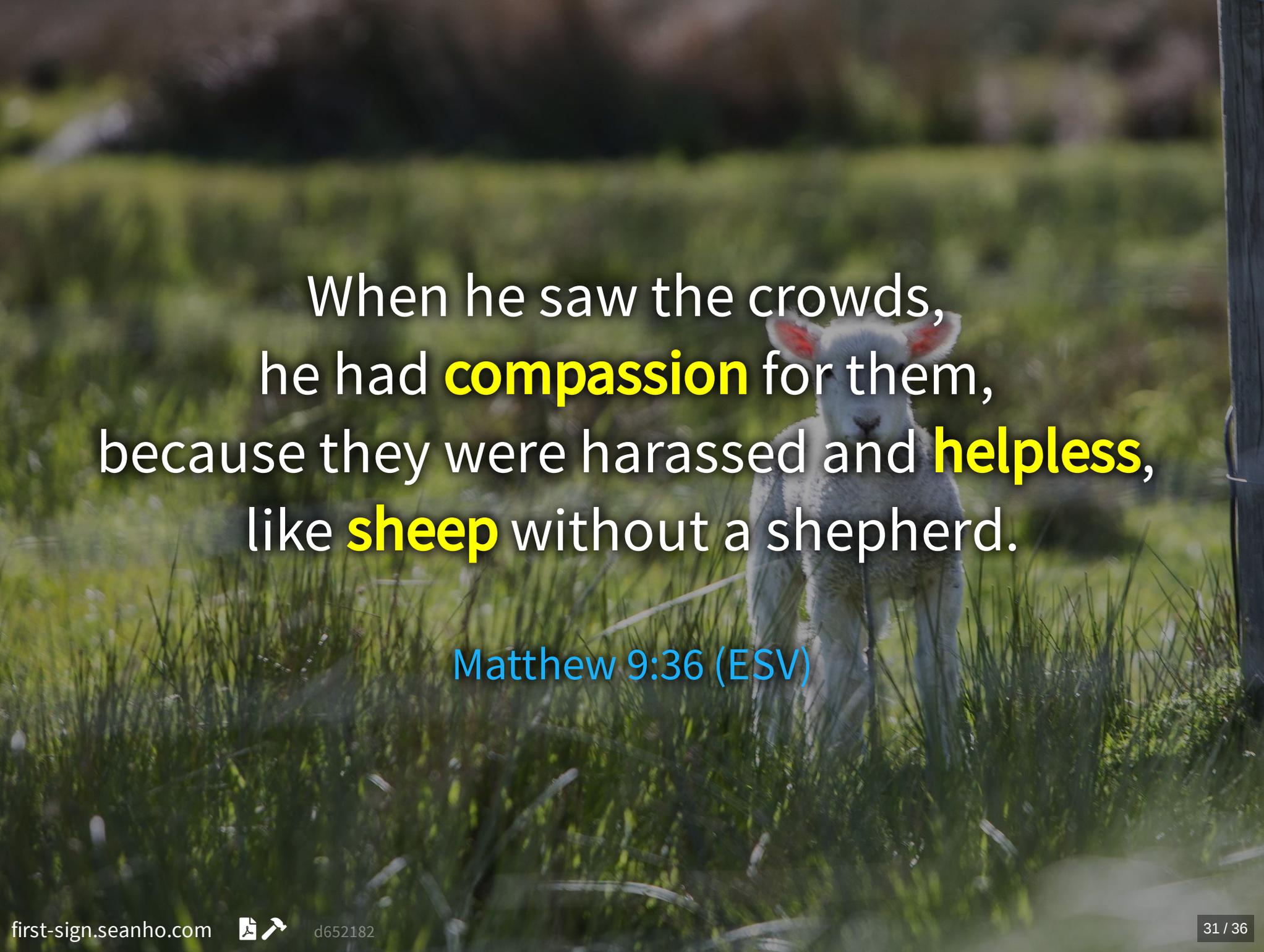
Luke 18:4-5 (ESV) (p.1/2)

Hear what the **unrighteous** judge says.

7 And will not God give **justice**
to his **elect**, who **cry** to him day and night?

Will he **delay** long over them?

Luke 18:6-7 (ESV) (p.2/2)

A white lamb stands in a field of tall green grass, looking towards the camera. The background is a blurred green field. The text is overlaid on the image.

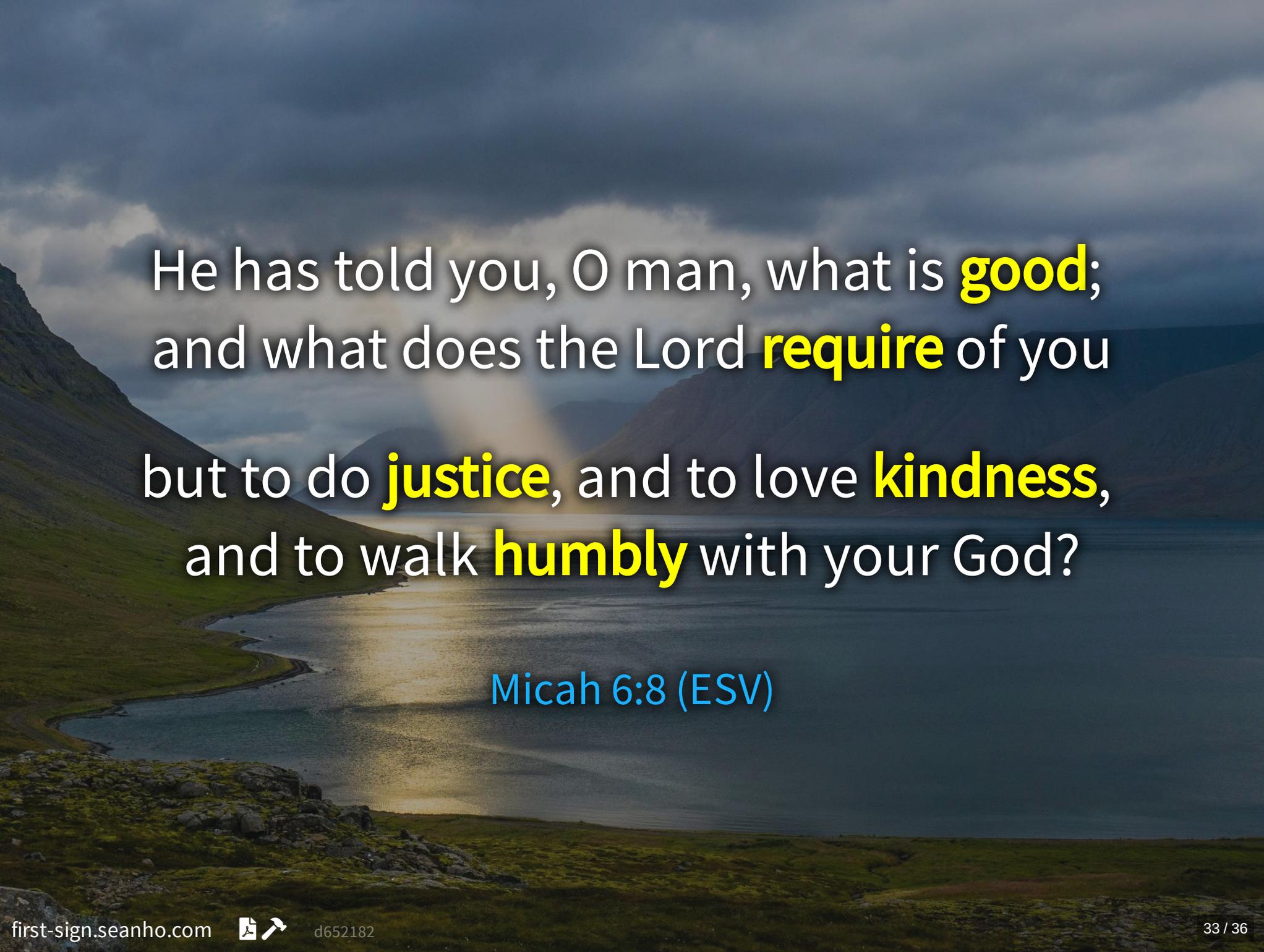
When he saw the crowds,
he had **compassion** for them,
because they were harassed and **helpless**,
like **sheep** without a shepherd.

Matthew 9:36 (ESV)

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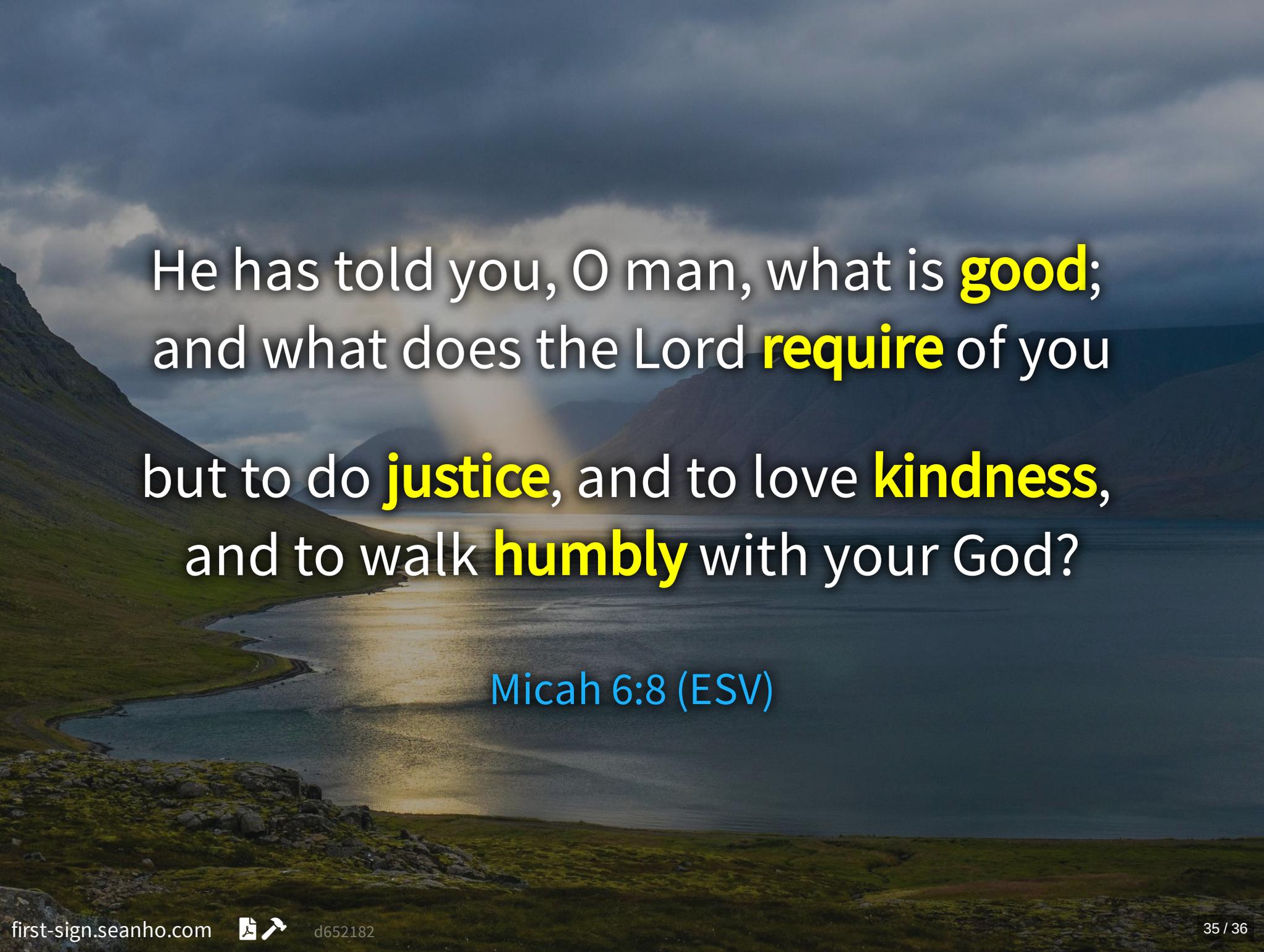
John 2:11 (ESV)



He has told you, O man, what is **good**;
and what does the Lord **require** of you
but to do **justice**, and to love **kindness**,
and to walk **humbly** with your God?

Micah 6:8 (ESV)

Am I **eager** to show
mercy to others?



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