



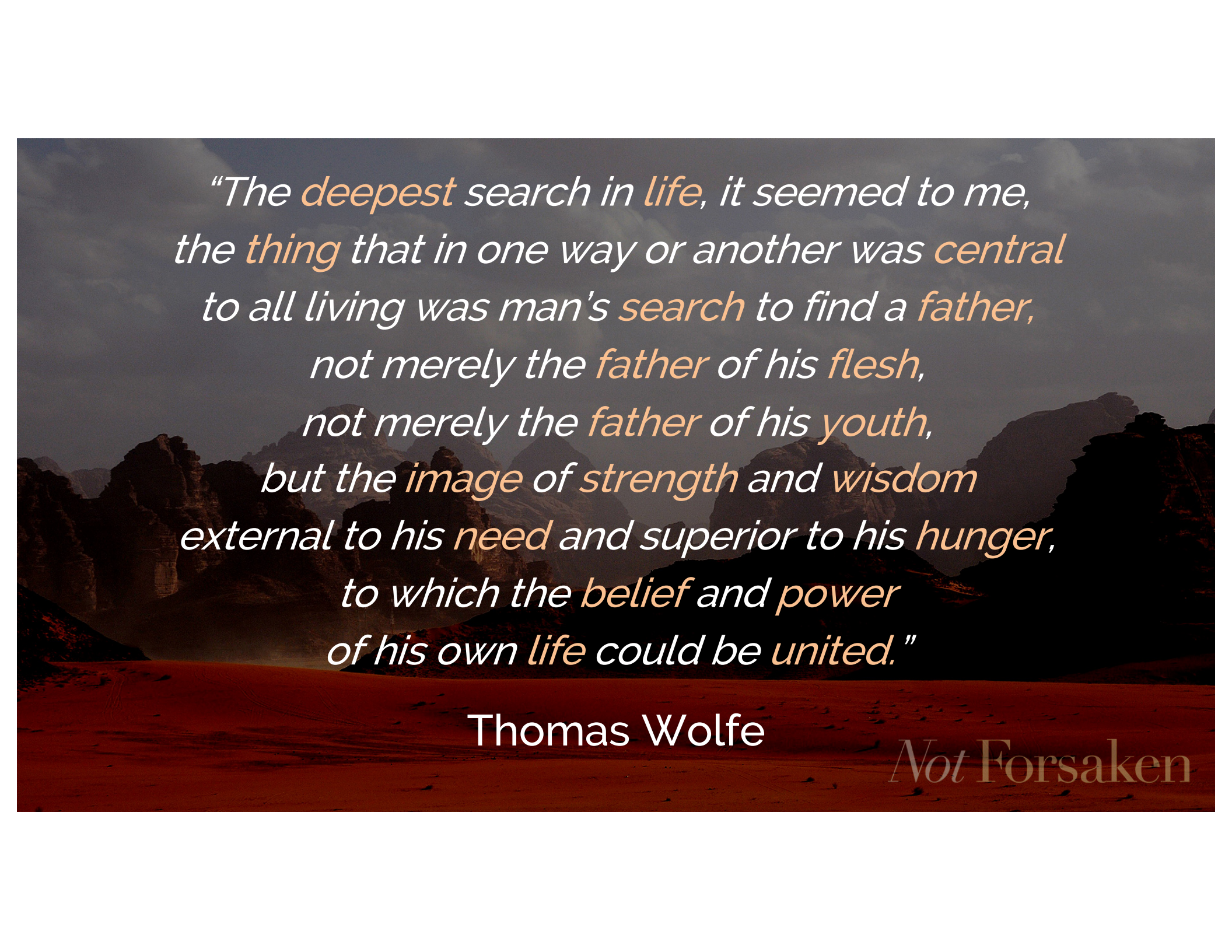
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THE UNIVERSAL CRAVING

WATCH ME DADDY!



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*“The **deepest** search in **life**, it seemed to me, the **thing** that in one way or another was **central** to all living was man’s **search** to find a **father**, not merely the **father** of his **flesh**, not merely the **father** of his **youth**, but the **image** of **strength** and **wisdom** external to his **need** and superior to his **hunger**, to which the **belief** and **power** of his own **life** could be united.”*

Thomas Wolfe


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THE BIG HUG

*"You are my Son the Beloved;
my favor rests on you"*

Mark 1:11

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“Tonight, about 40 percent of American children will go to sleep in homes in which their fathers do not live. Before they reach the age of eighteen, more than half of our nation’s children are likely to spend at least a significant portion of their childhoods living apart from their fathers. ... Fatherlessness is the most harmful demographic trend of this generation.”

David Blanken-horn: Fatherless America (2015)

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FATHER **ABSENT** HOMES

- 5 times the average suicide rate.
- Increased rates of depression & suicide.
- 32 times the average incarceration rate.
- Decreased education & increased drop-outs.
- Lower average income levels.
- Increased rates of divorce & relational issues.
- Increased rates of substance abuse.

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*"No matter what has happened on this side of eternity between you and your dad (good, bad or ugly); you are **not forsaken** by God - your **Heavenly Father!**"*

Louie Giglio

*"My father and mother **abandoned** (forsake) me. I'm like an **orphan!** But you **took me in** and made me yours."*

Psalm 27: 10 TPT

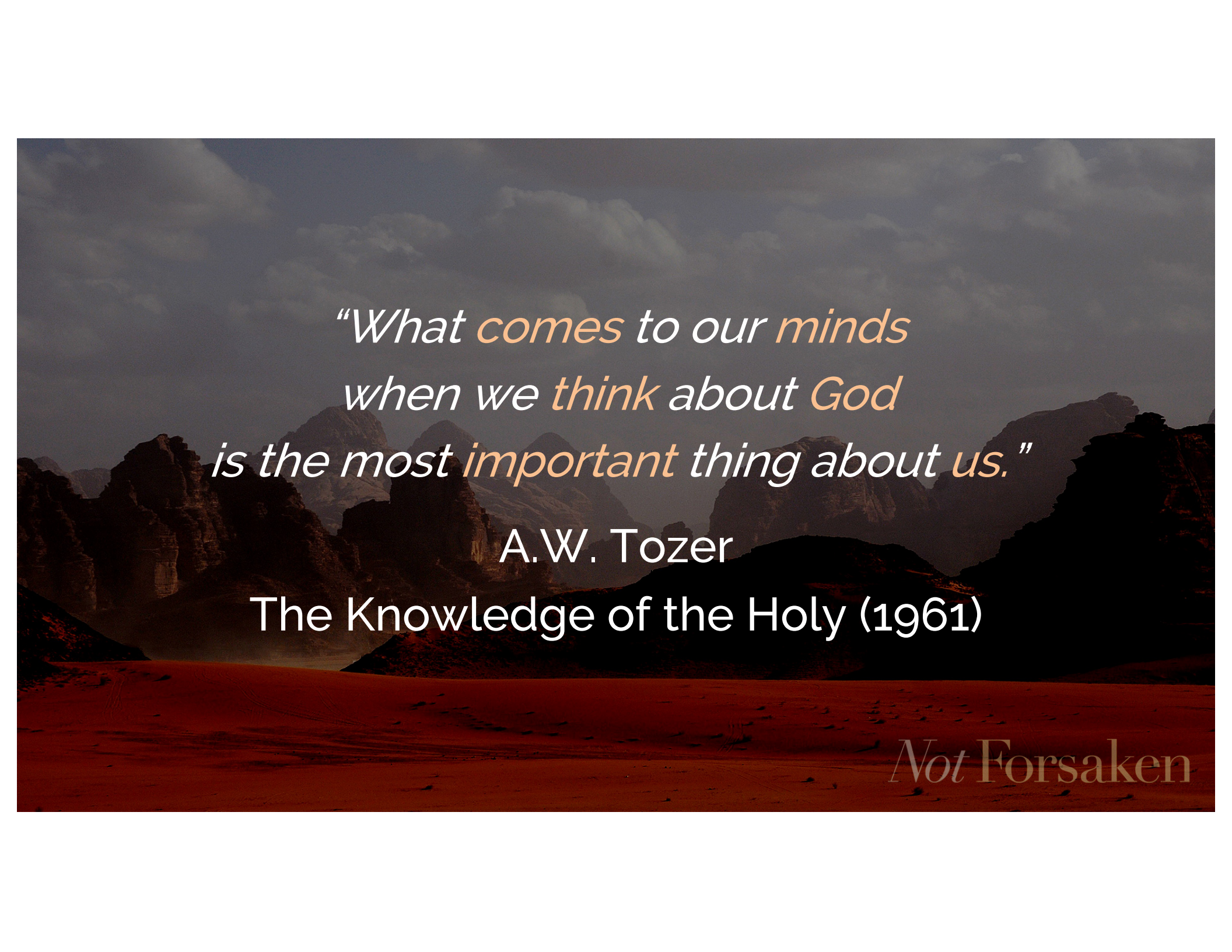
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*And, "I will be a **Father** to you,
and you will be my **sons** and **daughters**,
says the **Lord Almighty**."*

2 Corinthians 6:18 NIV

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*“What comes to our minds
when we think about God
is the most important thing about us.”*

A.W. Tozer

The Knowledge of the Holy (1961)

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A dramatic landscape featuring a vast, flat, reddish-brown desert floor in the foreground. In the middle ground, there are dark, jagged mountains and hills. The sky is filled with heavy, grey clouds, creating a somber and atmospheric mood. The overall color palette is dominated by dark tones and the vibrant red of the desert sand.

*What comes to your mind
when you think about God?*

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YOUR VIEW OF GOD

- Grandpa God
- Cosmic Force God
- Concierge God
- Stained-Glass God
- Angry God
- Scorekeeper God
- Hipster/Buddy God
- Buffet God
- Me God
- No-God God

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PAUL IN ATHENS

*From one man he **made** all the **nations**,
that they should **inhabit** the whole **earth**;
and he **marked** out their appointed **times** in history and the
boundaries of their **lands**. God did this that they would
seek him and perhaps **reach out** for him
and though he is not far from any one of us.
'For in him we **live** and **move** and have **our being**.'
As some of your own poets have said,
'We are **his offspring**.'*

Acts 17: 26-28 NIV

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YOU HAVE WORTH.
YOU ARE KNOWN.
YOU HAVE MEANING.

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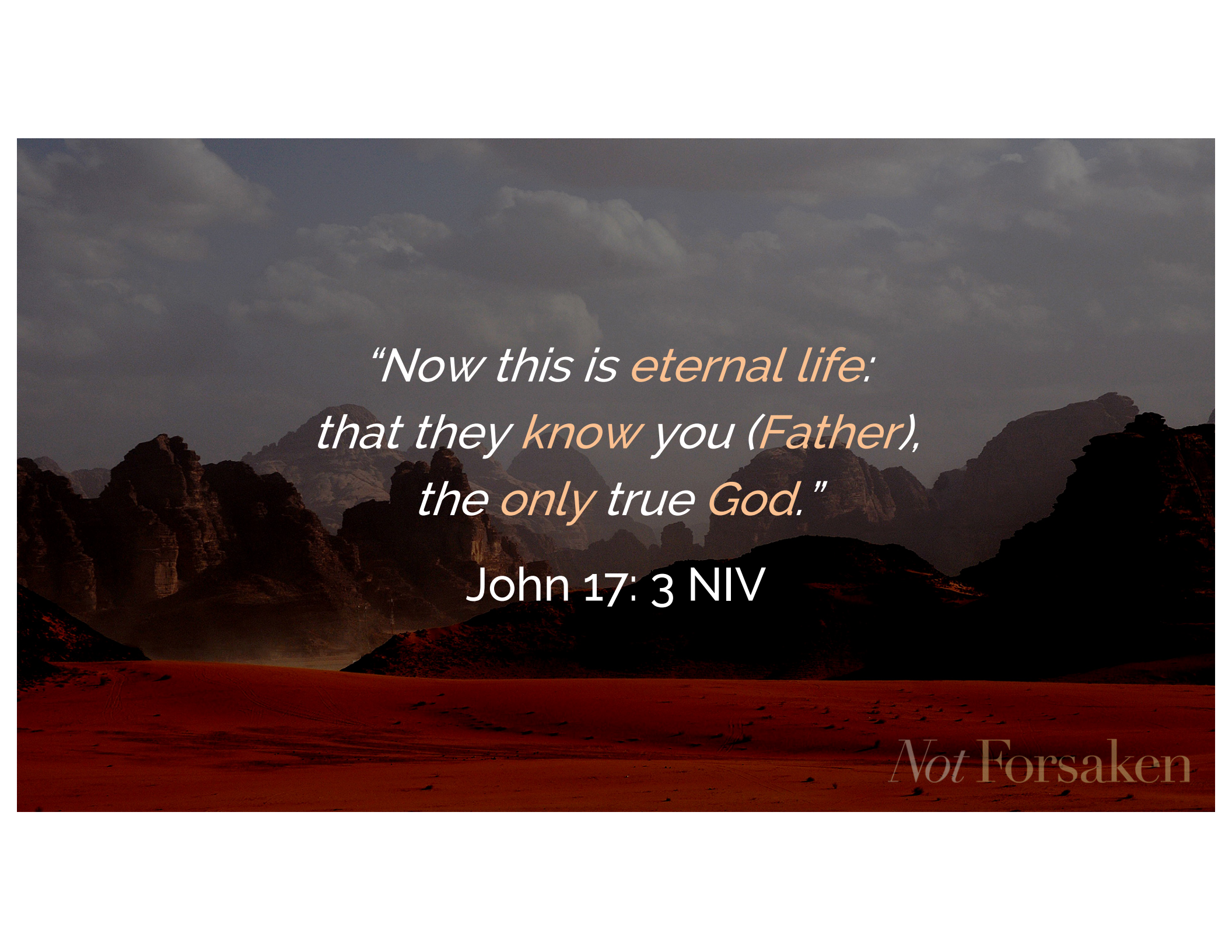
GOD CAN BE KNOWN

- **Wide View:** God reveals himself in **Creation**.
 - **Deep View:** God reveals himself in **Scripture**.
 - **Intimate View:** God reveals himself in **Jesus**.
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*“The number one **image** of God
that **Jesus paints** for us is this:
God is a Father.”*

Louie Giglio

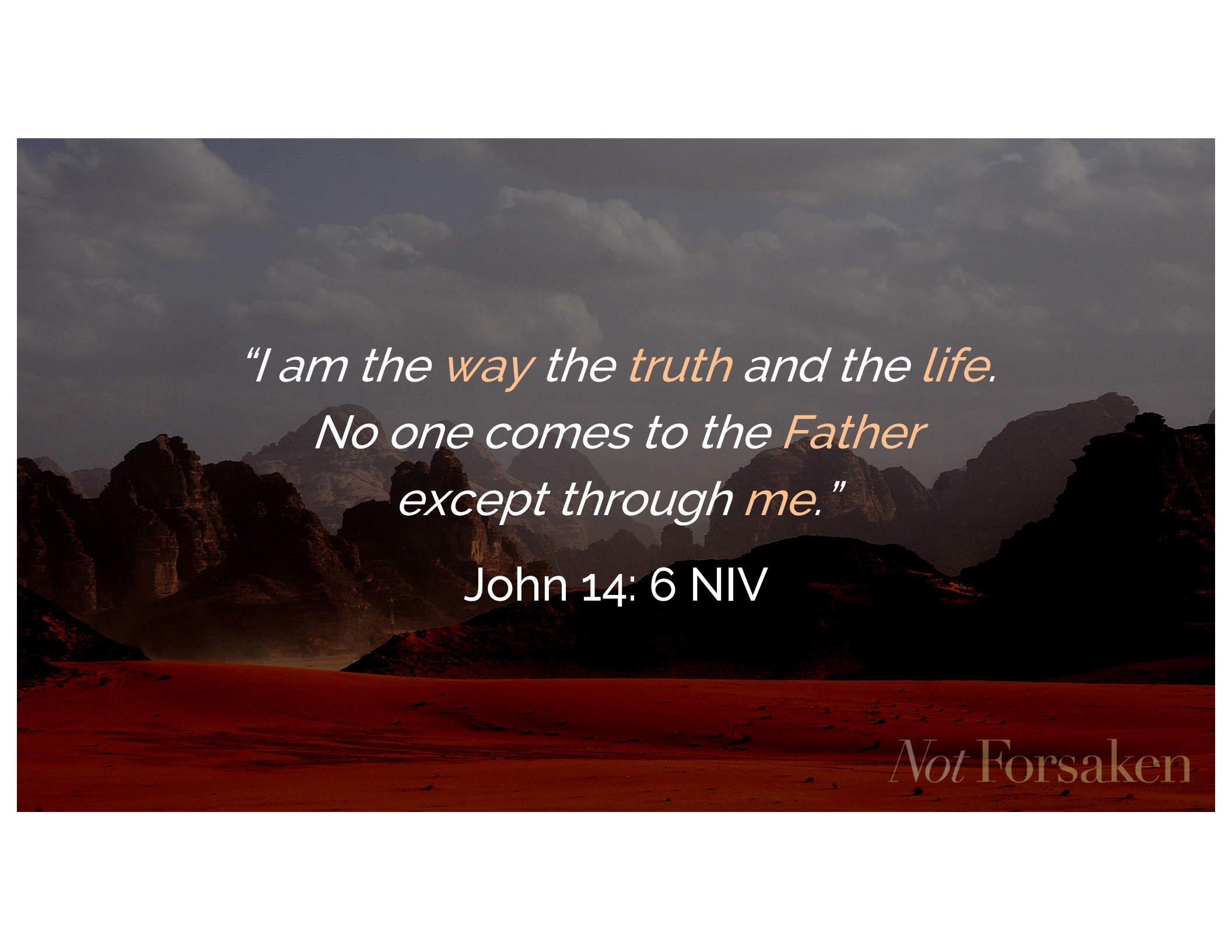
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*“Now this is eternal life:
that they know you (Father),
the only true God.”*

John 17: 3 NIV

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*"I am the **way** the **truth** and the **life**.
No one comes to the **Father**
except through **me**."*

John 14: 6 NIV

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