



Not Forsaken

JUST LIKE DAD!

DECLARATION OF BIRTH

Birth Certificate

This is to Certify that 

Weighing _____ lbs. _____ oz. was born

on the _____ day of _____

to _____ and _____

In the year of _____.

Certificate provided by www.hookerwedding.com

Not Forsaken

JUST LIKE YOUR DAD!




Not Forsaken

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

BORN AGAIN

Not Forsaken



*Yet to all who **received** him (**Jesus**),
to those who **believed** in his **name**,
he gave the **right** (authority)
to become **children** (sons & daughters) of **God**
- children born not of **natural** (blood) **descent**,
nor of human **decision** or a husband's will,
born (reborn) of **God**.*

John 1: 12-13 NIV

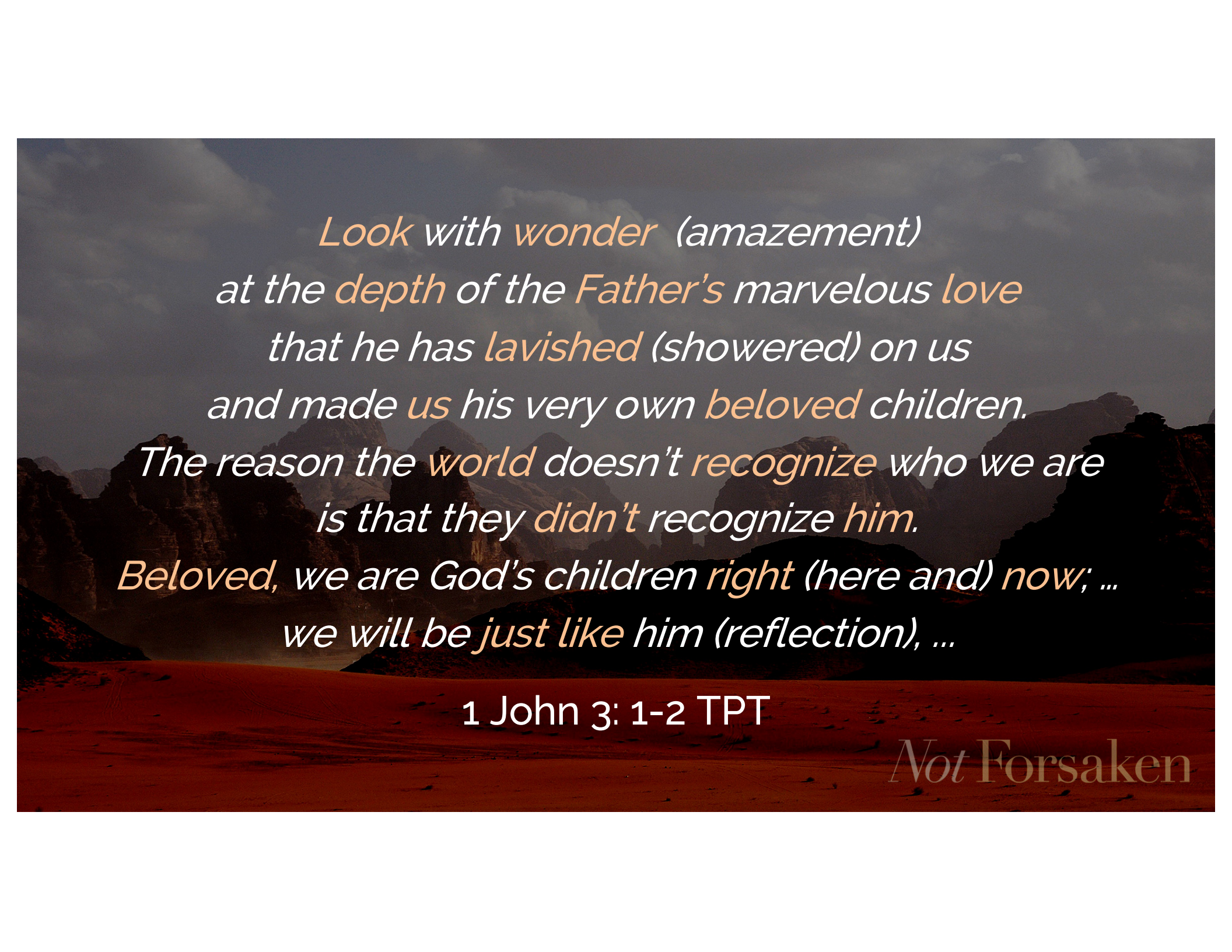
Not Forsaken

THE BIG HUG

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

Mark 1:11

Not Forsaken



*Look with wonder (amazement)
at the depth of the Father's marvelous love
that he has lavished (showered) on us
and made us his very own beloved children.
The reason the world doesn't recognize who we are
is that they didn't recognize him.
Beloved, we are God's children right (here and) now; ...
we will be just like him (reflection), ...*


1 John 3: 1-2 TPT

Not Forsaken



NO LONGER SLAVES!

Not Forsaken



*But when the **right time** came,
God **sent** his **Son**, born of a woman, subject to the law.
God sent **him** to to **buy freedom** (redeem)
for us who were **slaves** to (under) the **law**,
so he could **adopt** us as his very **own** children.
And because **we** are **his** children,
God sent the **Spirit** of his Son into our **hearts**,
prompting us to call out, "**Abba, Father.**"
Now you are **no longer slaves** but God's own child. ...*

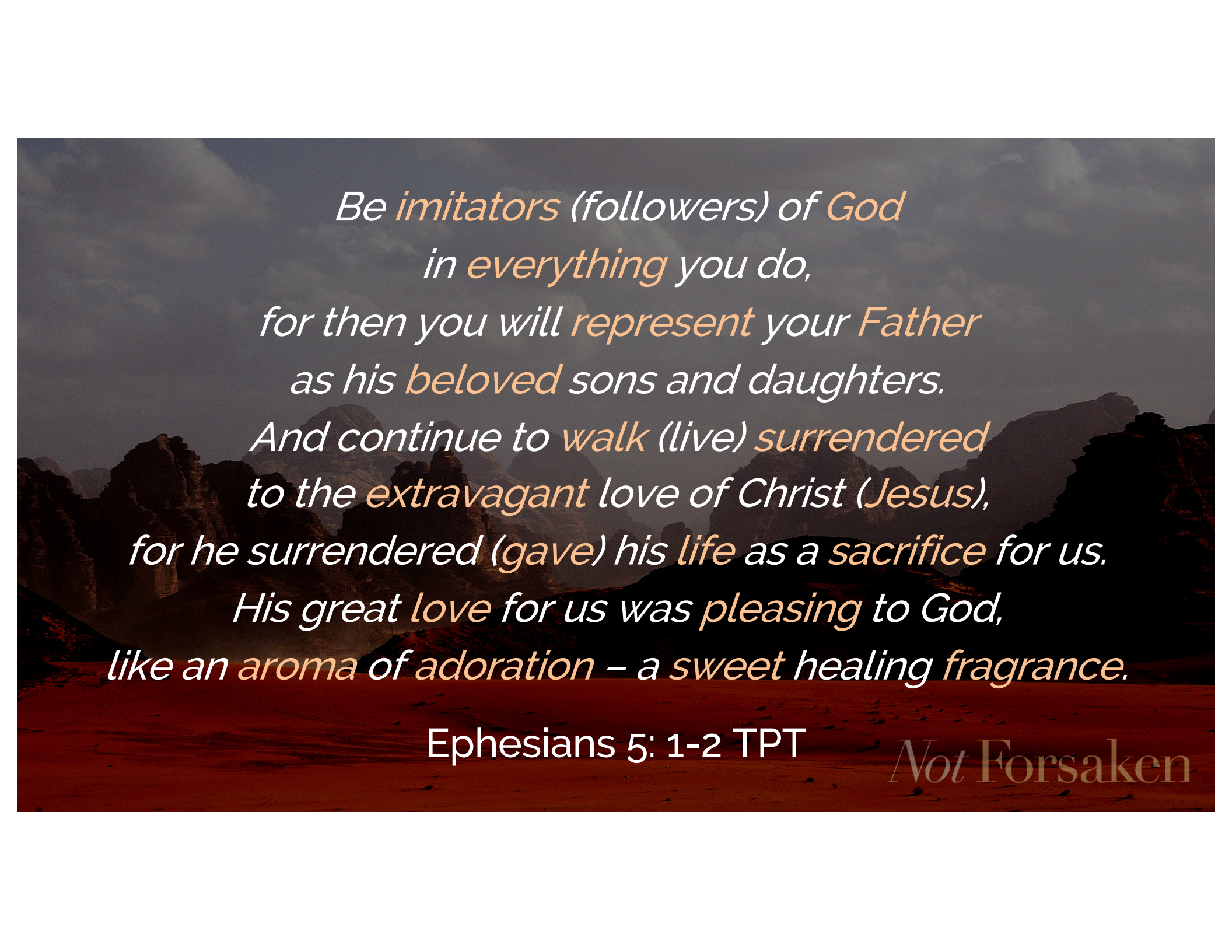
Galatians 4: 4-7 NLT

Not Forsaken



FOLLOW GOD'S EXAMPLE

Not Forsaken



*Be imitators (followers) of God
in everything you do,
for then you will represent your Father
as his beloved sons and daughters.
And continue to walk (live) surrendered
to the extravagant love of Christ (Jesus),
for he surrendered (gave) his life as a sacrifice for us.
His great love for us was pleasing to God,
like an aroma of adoration – a sweet healing fragrance.*

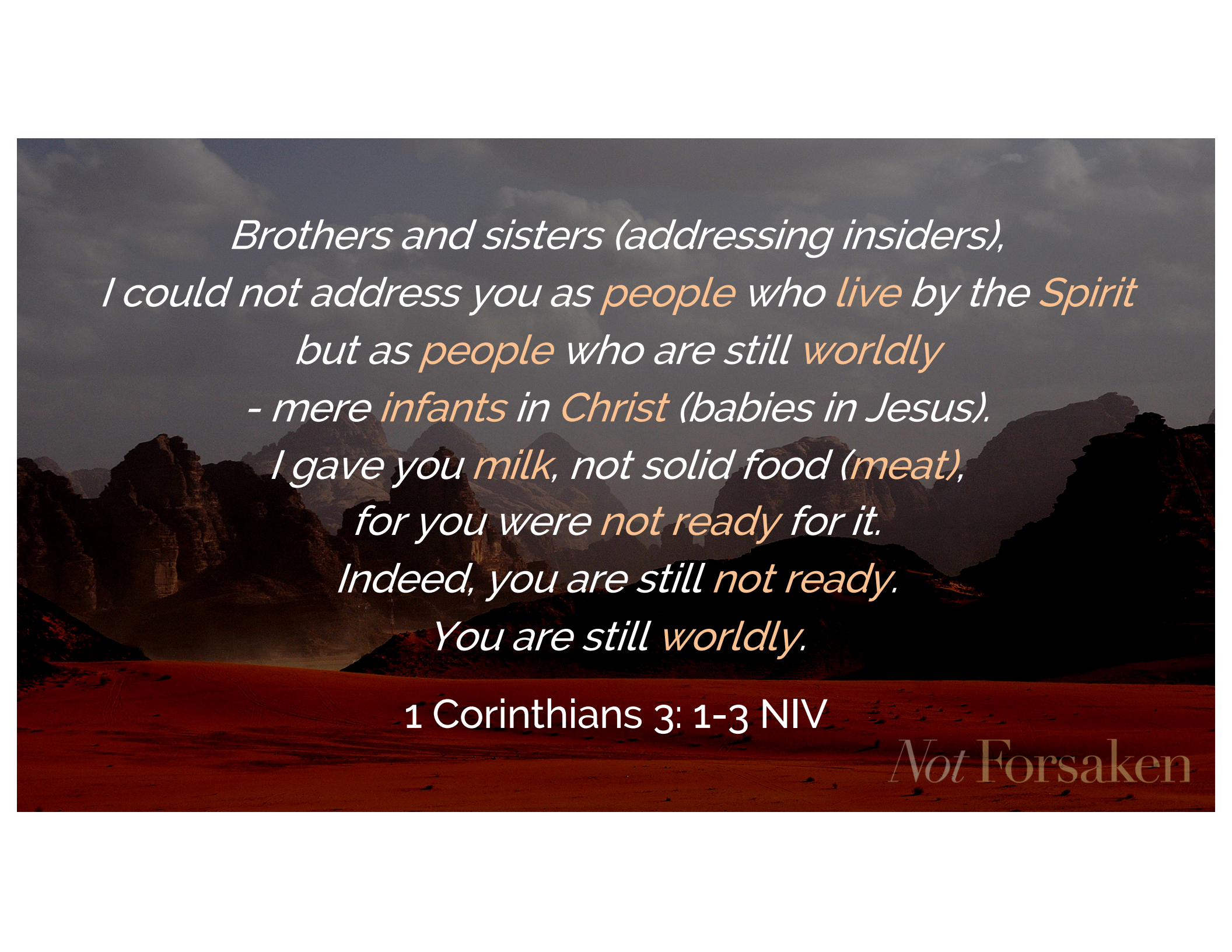
Ephesians 5: 1-2 TPT

Not Forsaken



YOU NEED TO GROW UP!

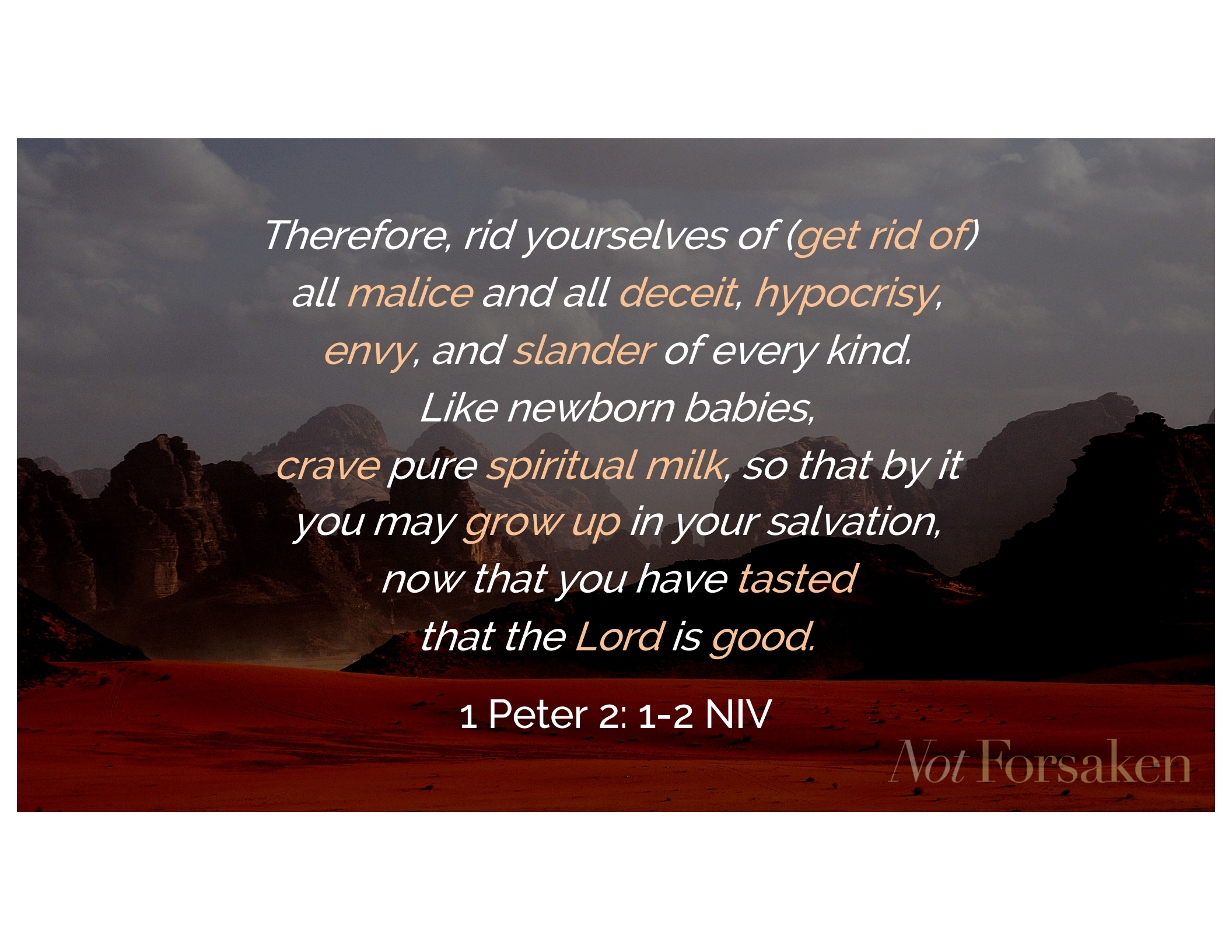
Not Forsaken



*Brothers and sisters (addressing insiders),
I could not address you as **people** who **live** by the **Spirit**
but as **people** who are still **worldly**
- mere **infants** in **Christ** (babies in Jesus).
I gave you **milk**, not solid food (**meat**),
for you were **not ready** for it.
Indeed, you are still **not ready**.
You are still **worldly**.*

1 Corinthians 3: 1-3 NIV

Not Forsaken



*Therefore, rid yourselves of (get rid of)
all malice and all deceit, hypocrisy,
envy, and slander of every kind.*

*Like newborn babies,
crave pure spiritual milk, so that by it
you may grow up in your salvation,
now that you have tasted
that the Lord is good.*

1 Peter 2: 1-2 NIV

Not Forsaken

3 SPIRITUAL MATURITY MARKERS

1. **We Awaken:** to **who** we are and **whose** we are.
 2. **We Accept:** responsibility to live “**just as**” lives.
 3. **We Adopt:** and **mirror** the behavior of **Jesus**.
-

“Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses ... Let us throw off everything that hinders ... And let us run with perseverance the race ... fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith.”

Hebrews 12: 1-2a

Not Forsaken



YOU ARE HIS “**BELOVED**”

*“You are a **uniquely** designed,
wonderfully created,
dearly loved (**beloved**)
son or daughter
of a **perfect Father.**”*

*“God the **Father** has spanned
heaven and earth to **reach you!**”*

Louie Giglio (Not Forsaken)

Not Forsaken