

A lighthouse stands on a rocky cliff overlooking the ocean at dusk. The sky is a deep blue, and the water is dark with white foam from the waves crashing against the rocks. The lighthouse is illuminated from within, casting a warm glow. A stone walkway leads up to the lighthouse.

Faith that Mourns Sin

James 4:4-10

**How do I react to
conflict?**

James: **Keep the Faith**

- Stands the **Test** (1:2-12)
- Demands a **Change** of Heart (1:19-25)
- Loves **Impartially** (2:5-9)
- **Acts** (2:15-24)
- Tames the **Tongue** (3:6-10)
- Demonstrates **Wisdom** (3:13-18)
- **Mourns** Sin (4:4-10)

4 You **adulterous** people, don't you know that **friendship** with the **world** means enmity against God?

Therefore, anyone who chooses to be a friend of the world becomes an **enemy of God**.

5 Or do you think Scripture says without reason that he **jealously longs** for the **spirit** he has caused to dwell in us?

James 4:4-5 (NIV) (p.1/3)

6 But he gives us more **grace**.
That is why Scripture says:
“God **opposes** the **proud**
but shows **favor** to the **humble**.”

7 **Submit** yourselves, then, to God.
Resist the devil, and he will **flee** from you.

8 Come **near** to God
and he will come near to you.

James 4:6-8 (NIV) (p.2/3)

Wash your hands, you **sinners**, and
purify your hearts, you **double-minded**.

9 **Grieve**, mourn and wail.

Change your laughter to **mourning**
and your joy to **gloom**.

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

James 4:8-10 (NIV) (p.3/3)

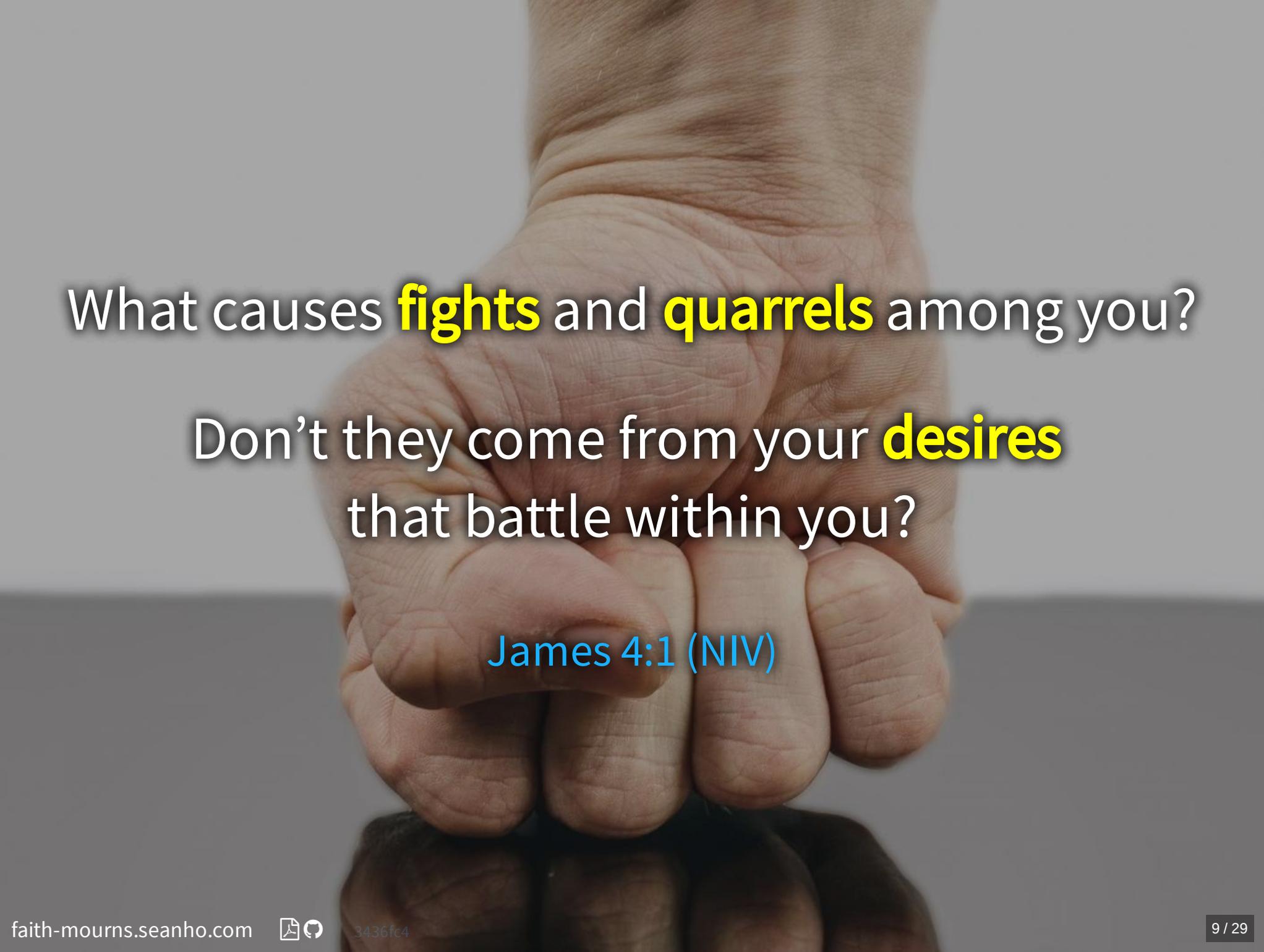
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(James 4b)

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3. Good **Grief** (v9-10)

You **adulterous** people

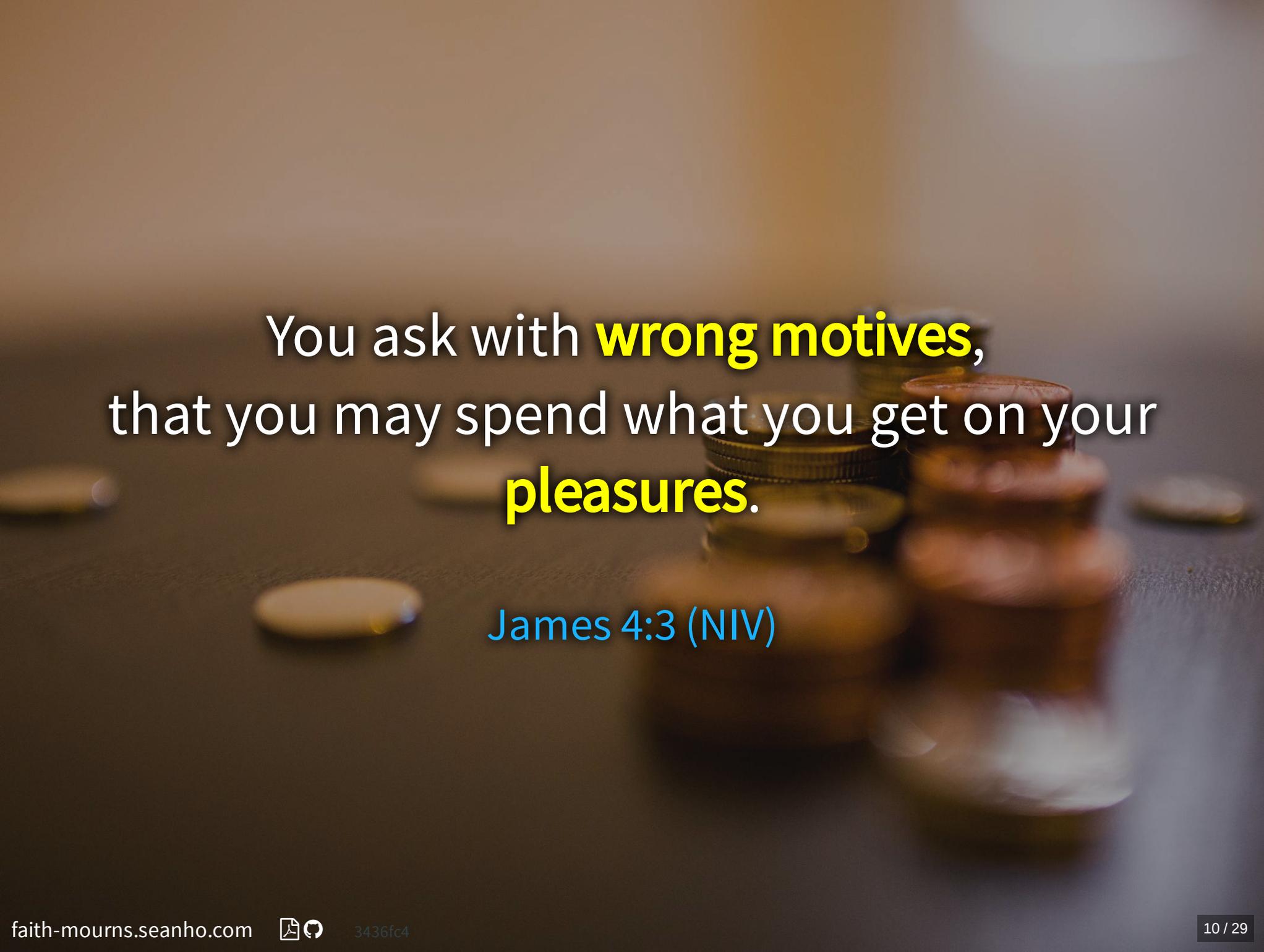
James 4:4 (NIV)



What causes **fights** and **quarrels** among you?

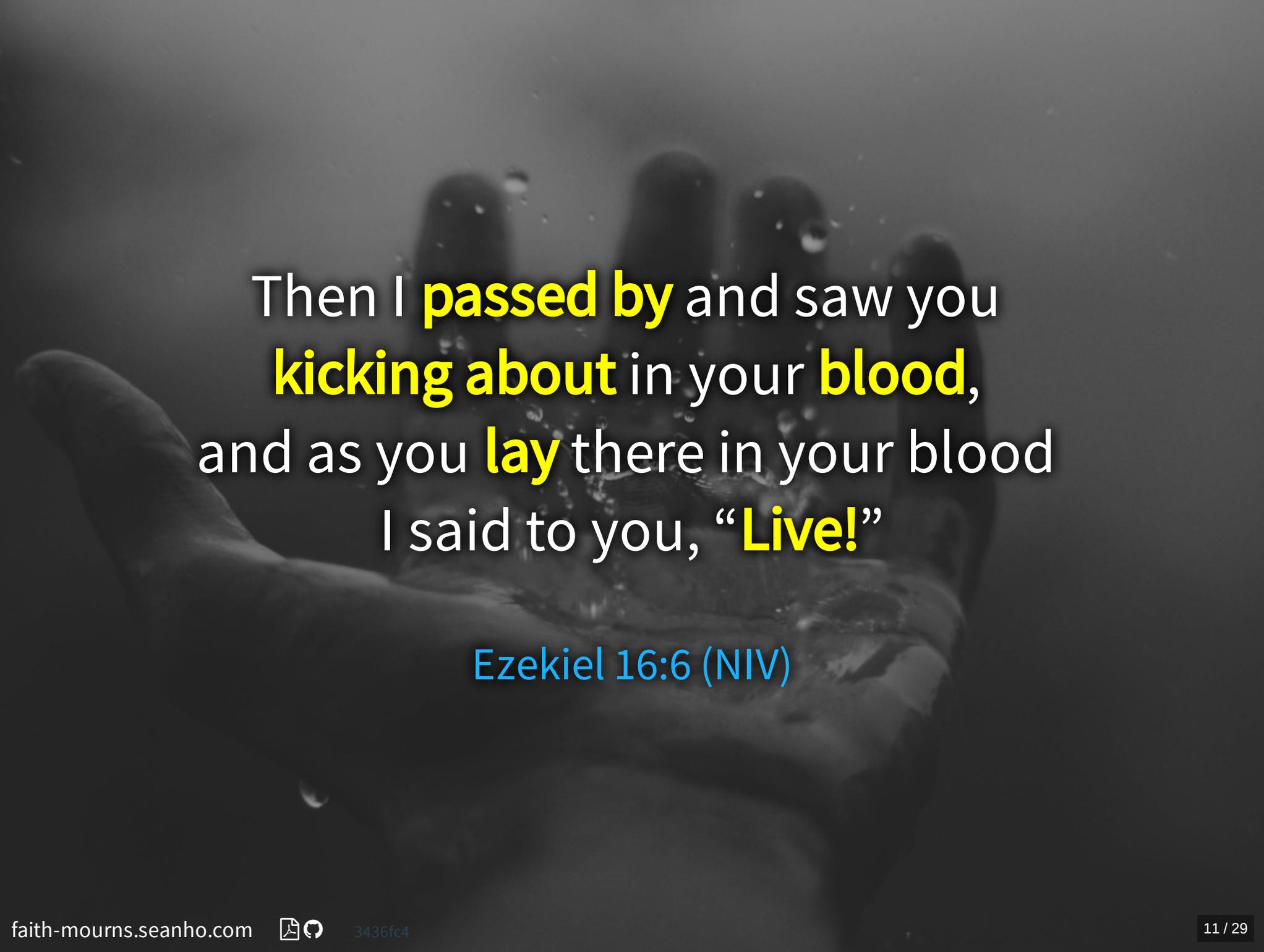
Don't they come from your **desires**
that battle within you?

James 4:1 (NIV)

The background of the slide features a close-up, shallow depth-of-field photograph of several stacks of coins on a dark, reflective surface. The coins are in various colors, including gold, silver, and copper. The lighting is soft, creating subtle highlights and shadows on the coins and the surface they rest on.

You ask with **wrong motives**,
that you may spend what you get on your
pleasures.

James 4:3 (NIV)



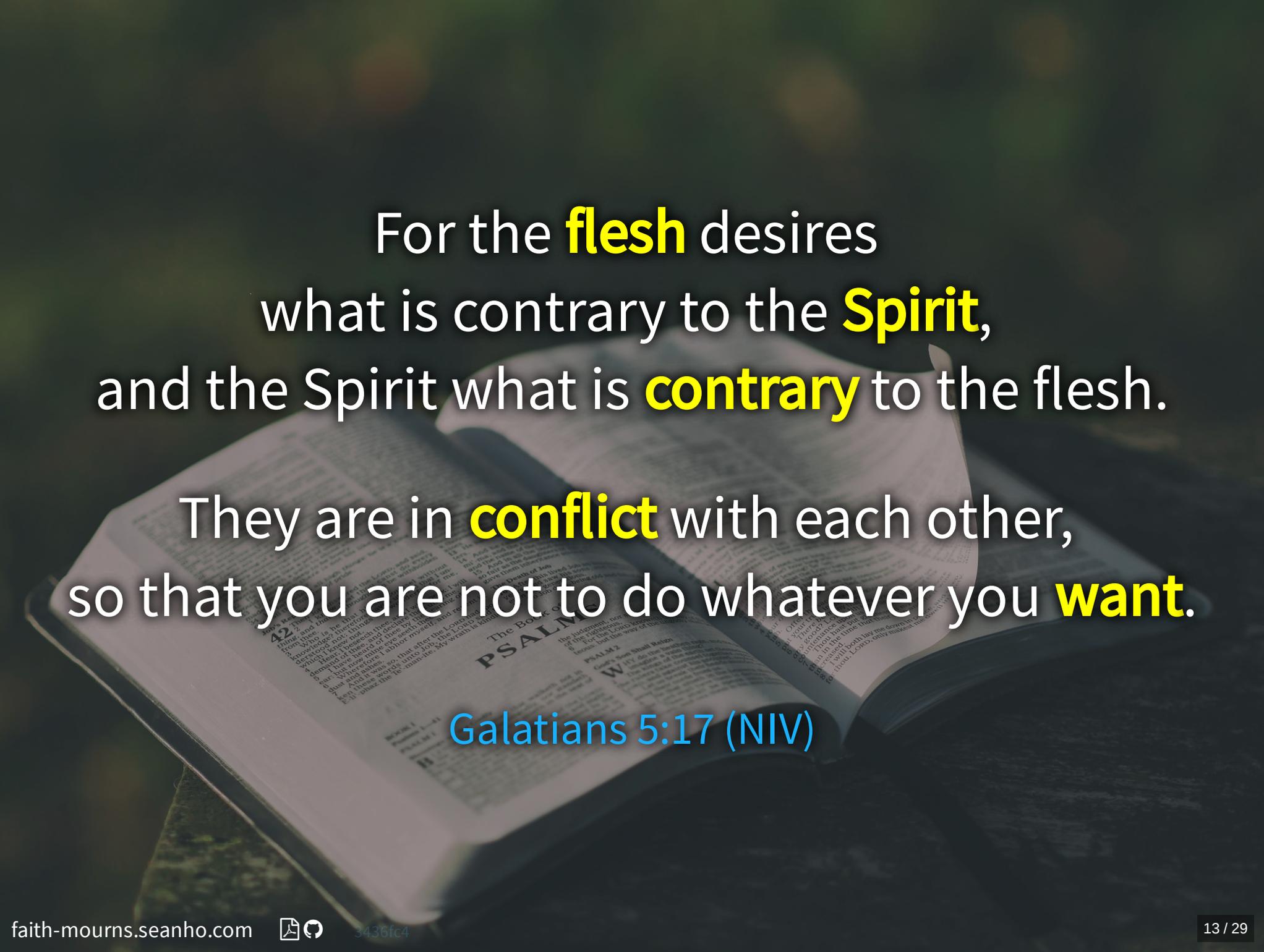
Then I **passed by** and saw you
kicking about in your **blood**,
and as you **lay** there in your blood
I said to you, “**Live!**”

Ezekiel 16:6 (NIV)



anyone who chooses to be
a **friend** of the **world**
becomes an **enemy** of **God**.

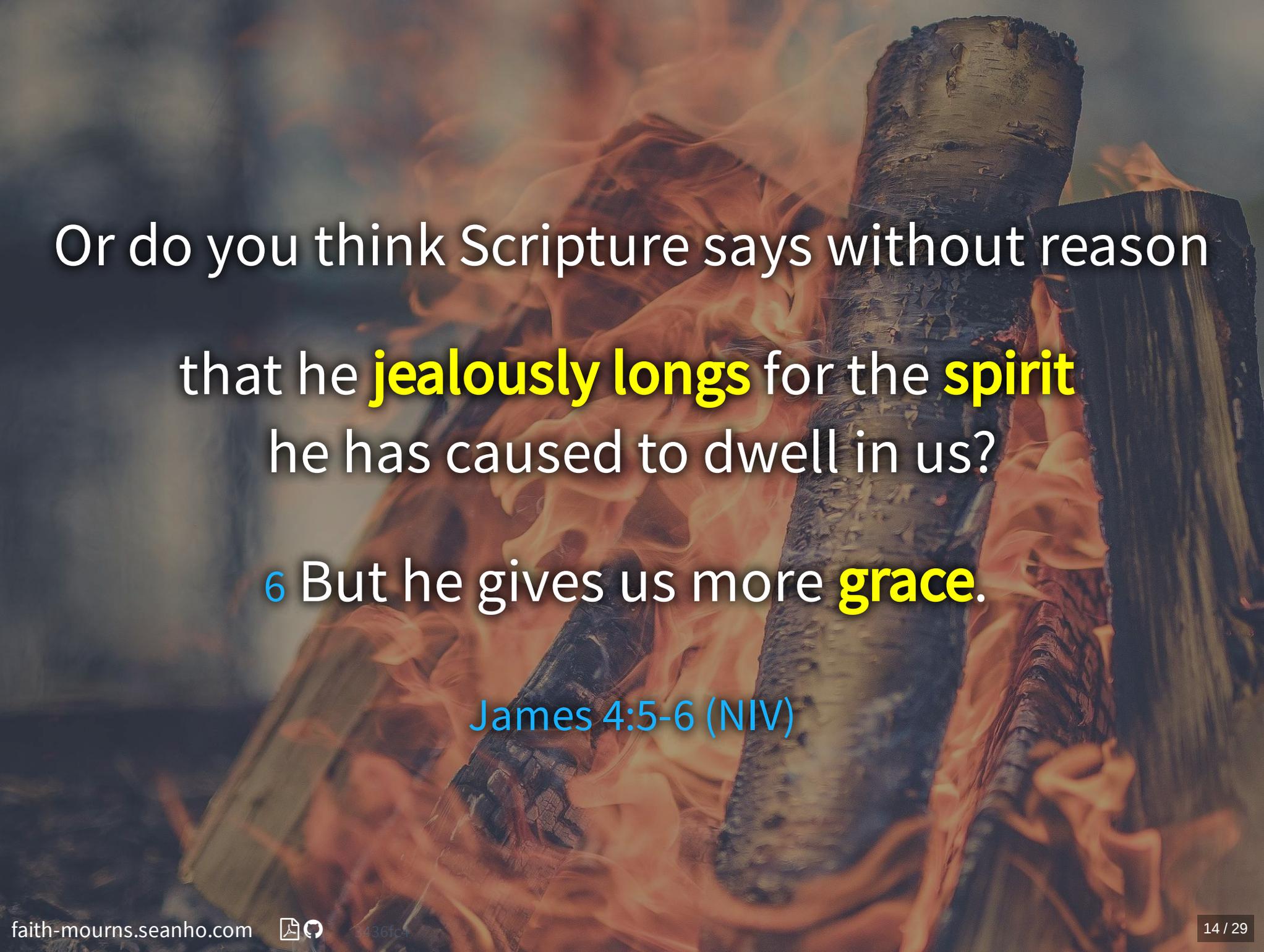
James 4:4 (NIV)

An open Bible is shown in the background, slightly out of focus. The pages are white with black text. The title 'The Book of PSALMS' is visible on the right page. The text overlaid on the Bible is in white and yellow. The word 'flesh' is in yellow, 'Spirit' is in yellow, and 'contrary' is in yellow. The word 'want' is in yellow. The rest of the text is in white.

For the **flesh** desires
what is contrary to the **Spirit**,
and the Spirit what is **contrary** to the flesh.

They are in **conflict** with each other,
so that you are not to do whatever you **want**.

Galatians 5:17 (NIV)



Or do you think Scripture says without reason
that he **jealously longs** for the **spirit**
he has caused to dwell in us?

6 But he gives us more **grace**.

James 4:5-6 (NIV)

What **quarrels**
have I had?

What selfish **desires**
of mine caused them?

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James 4:6 (NIV)

A person wearing a dark t-shirt and a grey beanie stands in a field of tall, golden-brown grass. Their arms are outstretched horizontally to the sides. The background shows a line of trees under a warm, orange-hued sky, suggesting a sunset or sunrise. The overall mood is peaceful and open.

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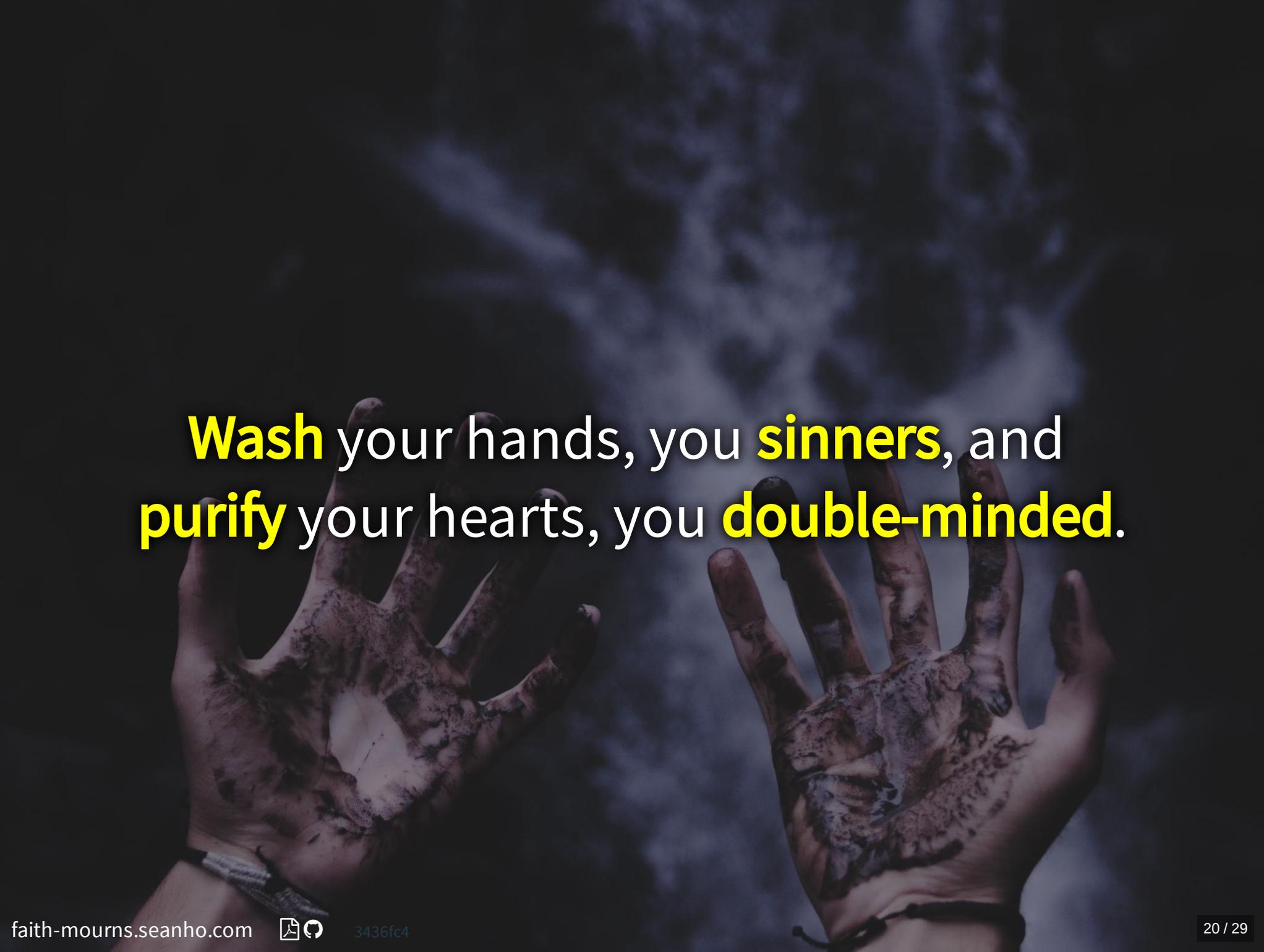
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James 4:7-8 (NIV)



My **sacrifice**, O God, is a **broken spirit**;
a broken and **contrite heart**
you, God, will not despise.

Psalm 51:17 (NIV)



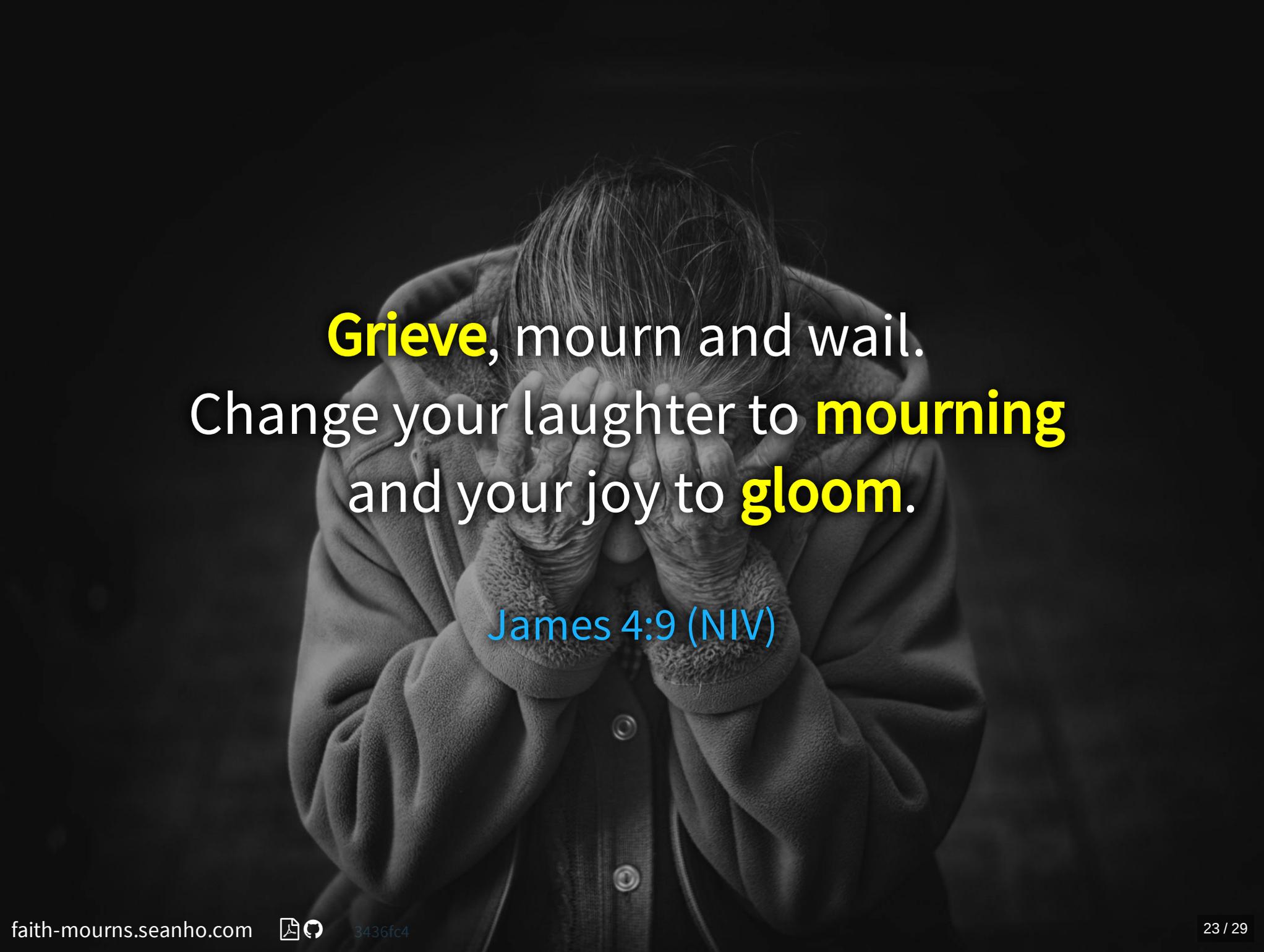
Wash your hands, you **sinner**s, and
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Have I been
proud before God
and unwilling to
submit to Him?

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James 4:9 (NIV)

Godly sorrow brings **repentance**
that leads to **salvation** and leaves **no regret**,
but worldly sorrow brings **death**.

2 Corinthians 7:10 (NIV)

Look! God's **dwelling place**
is now **among** the people,
and he will **dwell** with them.

They will be **his people**,
and God himself will be **with them**
and be **their God**.

Revelation 21:3 (NIV) (p.1/2)

He will wipe every **tear** from their eyes.
There will be no more **death**
or **mourning** or crying or pain,
for the old **order** of things has passed away.

Revelation 21:4 (NIV) (p.2/2)

Has my **sorrow** over
sin

led to **repentance,**
or to **regret?**



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and he will **lift** you up.

James 4:10 (NIV)

