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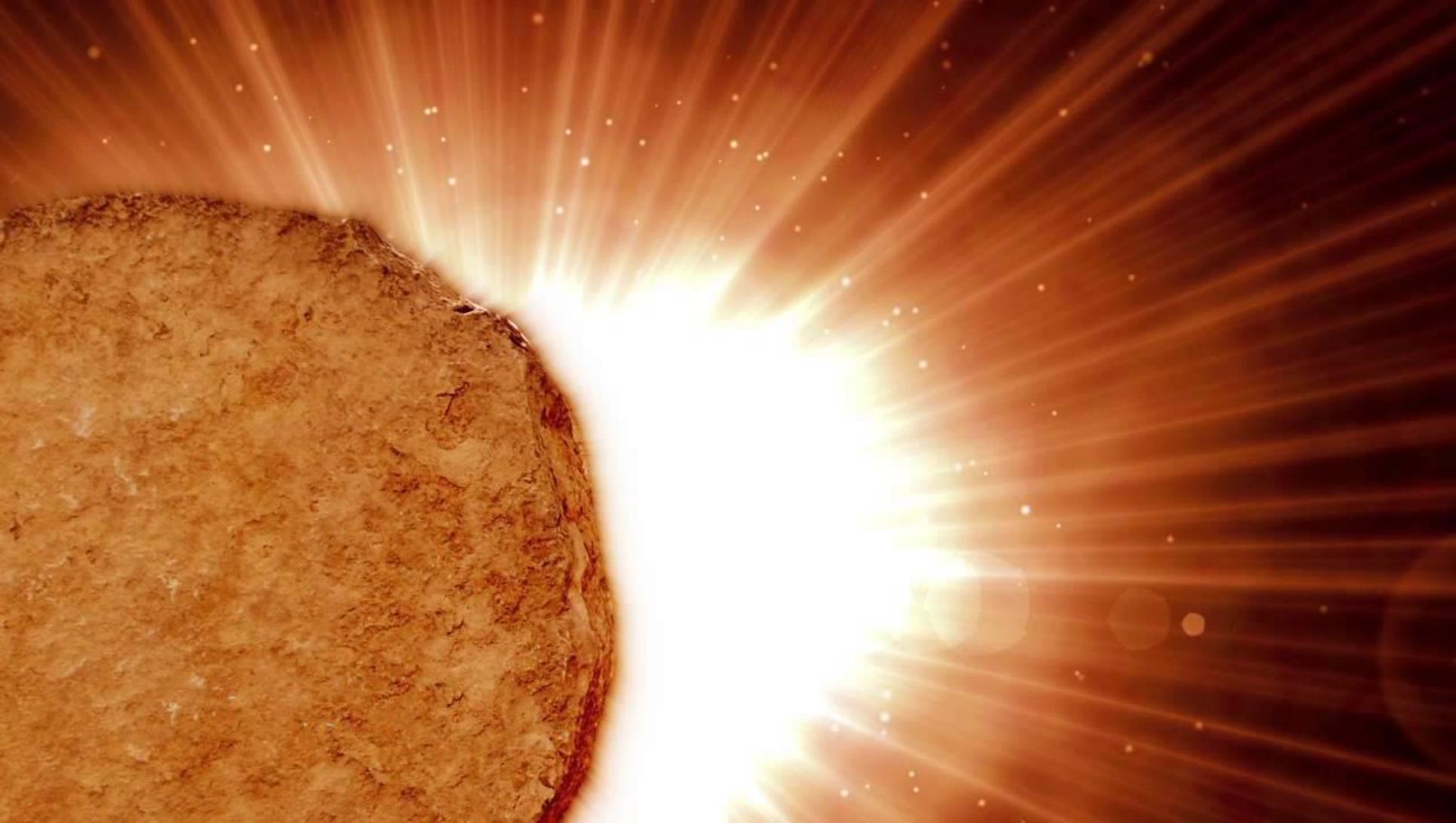
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- The LORD appointed a great fish “to swallow up” Jonah in **Jonah 1**.

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2 Corinthians 4:4-5, 7

⁴ In their case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God.

⁵ For what we proclaim is not ourselves, but Jesus Christ as Lord, with ourselves as your servants for Jesus' sake.

⁷ But we have this treasure in jars of clay, to show that the surpassing power belongs to God and not to us.

2 Corinthians 5:1-5

¹ For we know that if the tent that is our earthly home is destroyed, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens. ² For in this tent we groan, longing to put on our heavenly dwelling, ³ if indeed by putting it on we may not be found naked.

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⁵⁰ I tell you this, brothers: flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God, nor does the perishable inherit the imperishable. ⁵¹ Behold! I tell you a mystery. We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed, ⁵² in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised imperishable, and we shall be changed. ⁵³ For this perishable body must put on the imperishable, and this mortal body must put on immortality.

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Luke 8:14

14 “...they are choked by the cares and riches and pleasures of life...”

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Technology?



1 Corinthians 6:12

¹² “All things are lawful for me,” but not all things are helpful. “All things are lawful for me,” but I will not be dominated by anything.

Technology?



Busyness?



Ecclesiastes 2:11

11 Then I considered all that my hands had done and the toil I had expended in doing it, and behold, all was vanity and a striving after wind, and there was nothing to be gained under the sun.

Busyness?



Laziness?



Ecclesiastes 10:18

18 Through sloth the roof sinks in,
and through indolence the house leaks.

Laziness?



Other people?



1 Corinthians 15:33

33 Do not be deceived: “Bad company ruins good morals.”

Other people?



My own passions?



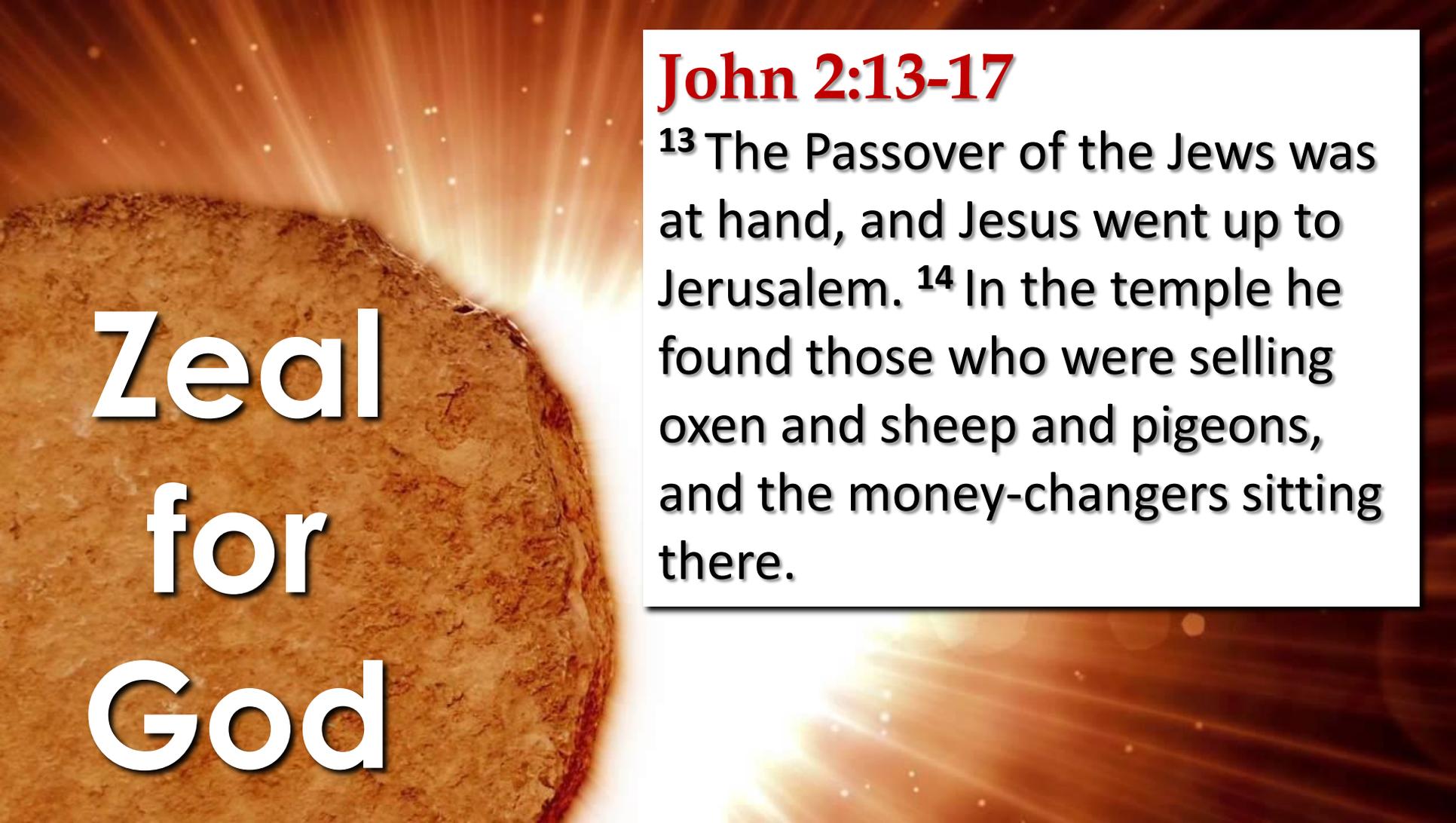
Philippians 3:18-19

¹⁸ For many, of whom I have often told you and now tell you even with tears, walk as enemies of the cross of Christ. **¹⁹** Their end is destruction, their god is their belly, and they glory in their shame, with minds set on earthly things.

My own passions?

A vibrant, golden-orange scene featuring a bright sun rising over a dark, rocky horizon. The sun's rays create a dramatic lens flare effect, filling the sky with warm, glowing light. The text 'Zeal for God' is prominently displayed in white, bold, sans-serif font on the left side of the image, set against the dark, textured rock.

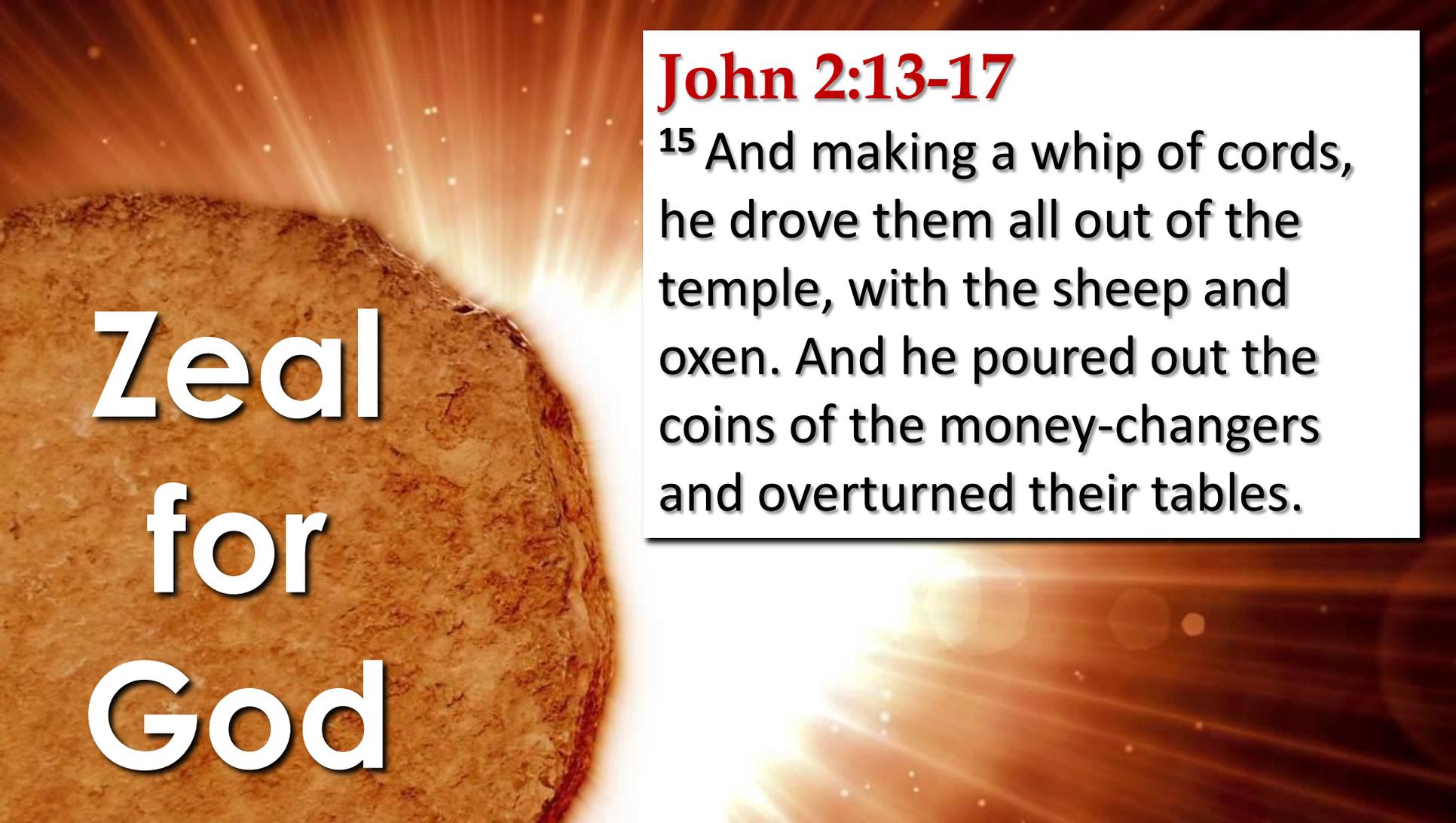
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John 2:13-17

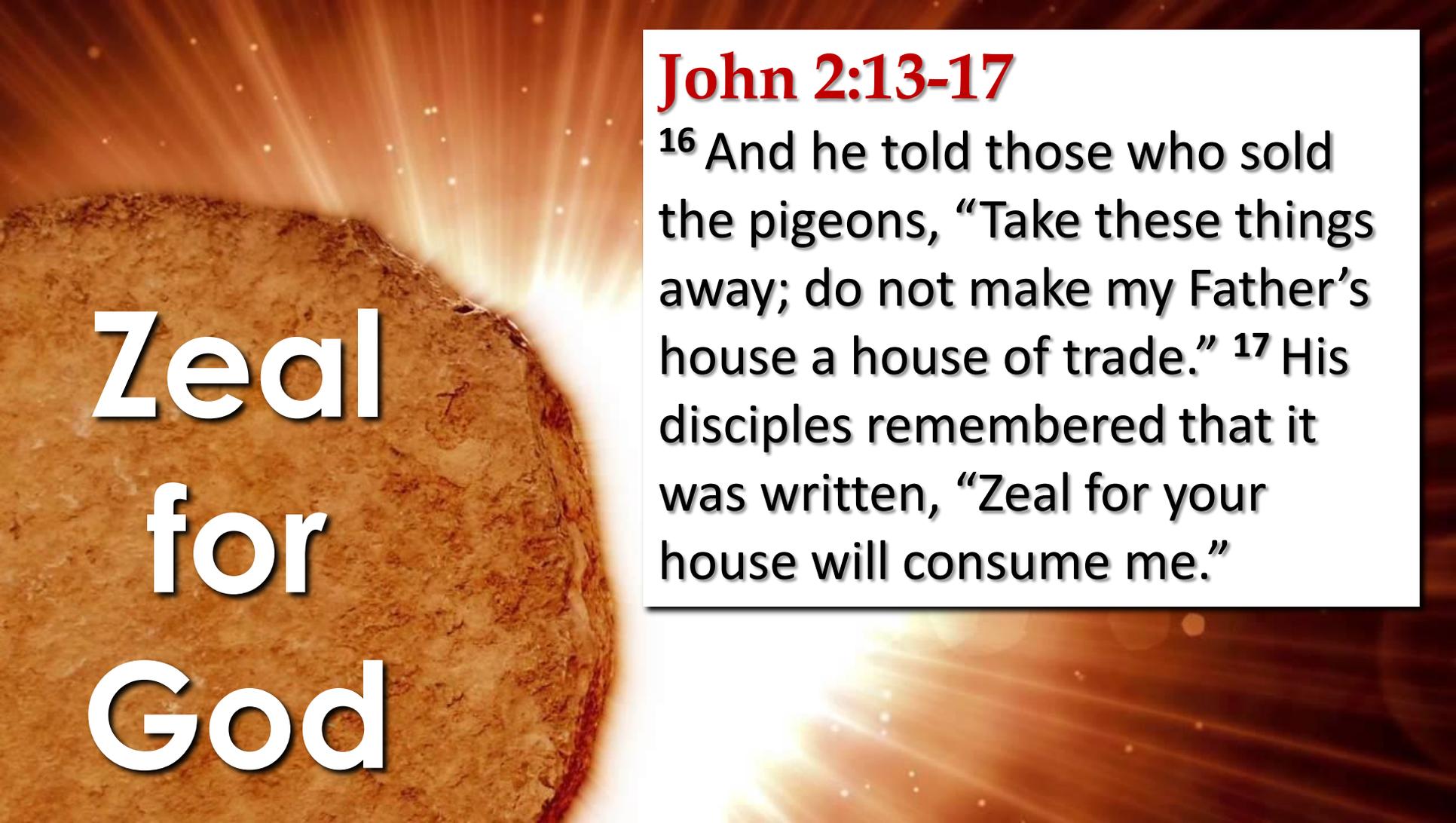
¹³ The Passover of the Jews was at hand, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. ¹⁴ In the temple he found those who were selling oxen and sheep and pigeons, and the money-changers sitting there.



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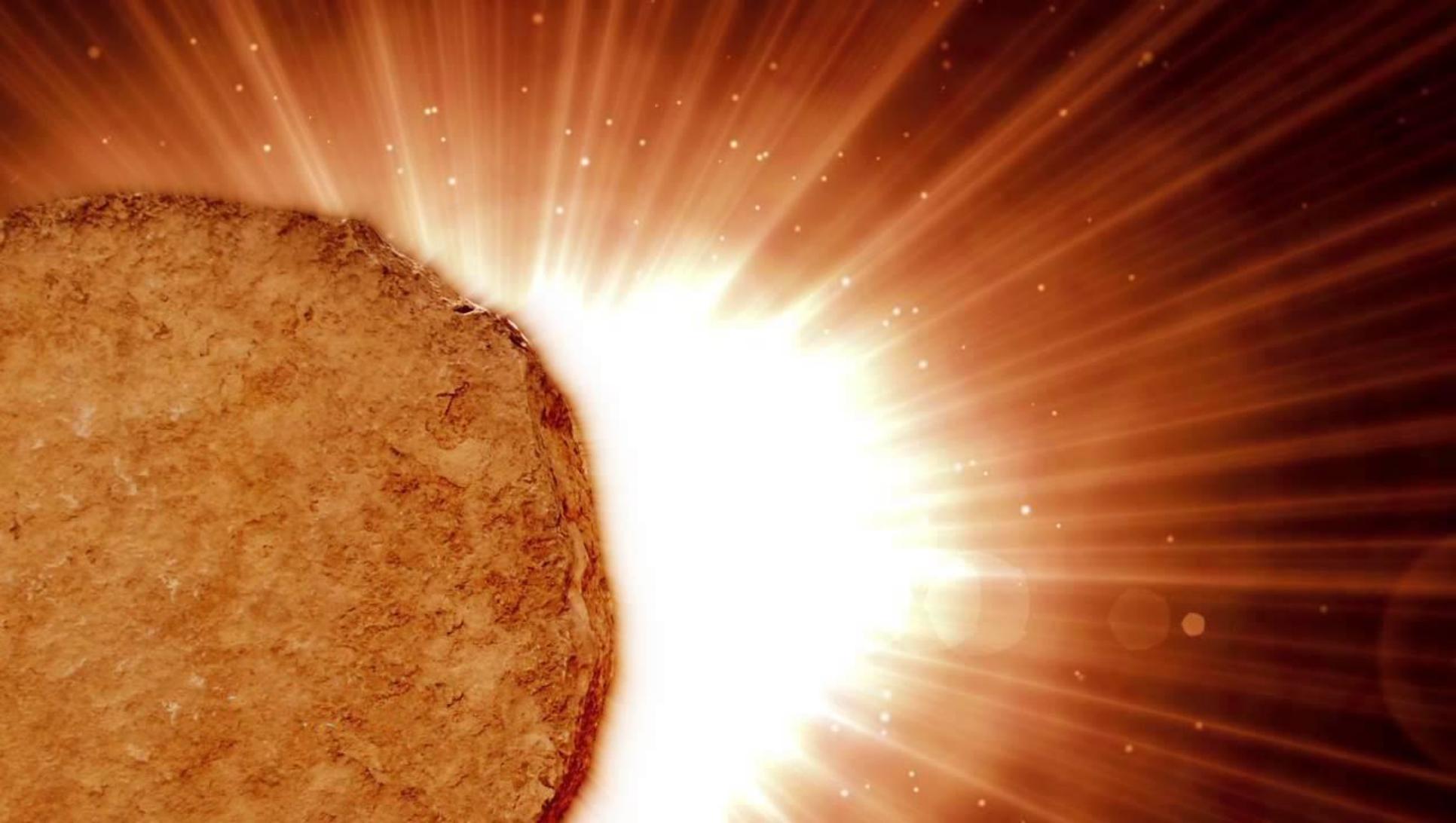
¹⁵ And making a whip of cords, he drove them all out of the temple, with the sheep and oxen. And he poured out the coins of the money-changers and overturned their tables.



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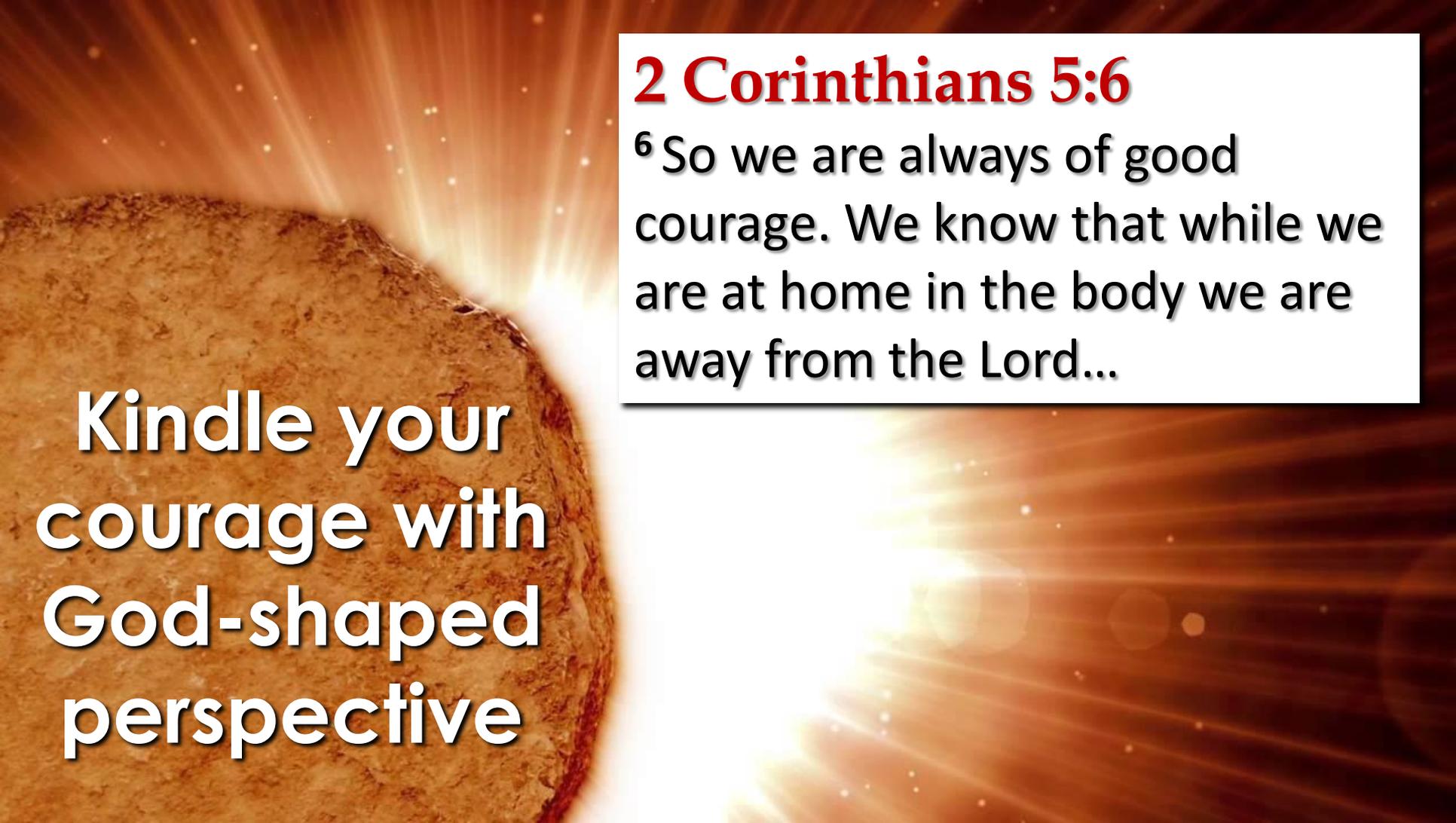
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¹⁶ And he told those who sold the pigeons, “Take these things away; do not make my Father’s house a house of trade.” ¹⁷ His disciples remembered that it was written, “Zeal for your house will consume me.”





**Kindle your
courage with
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2 Corinthians 5:6

⁶So we are always of good courage. We know that while we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord...



**Walk the
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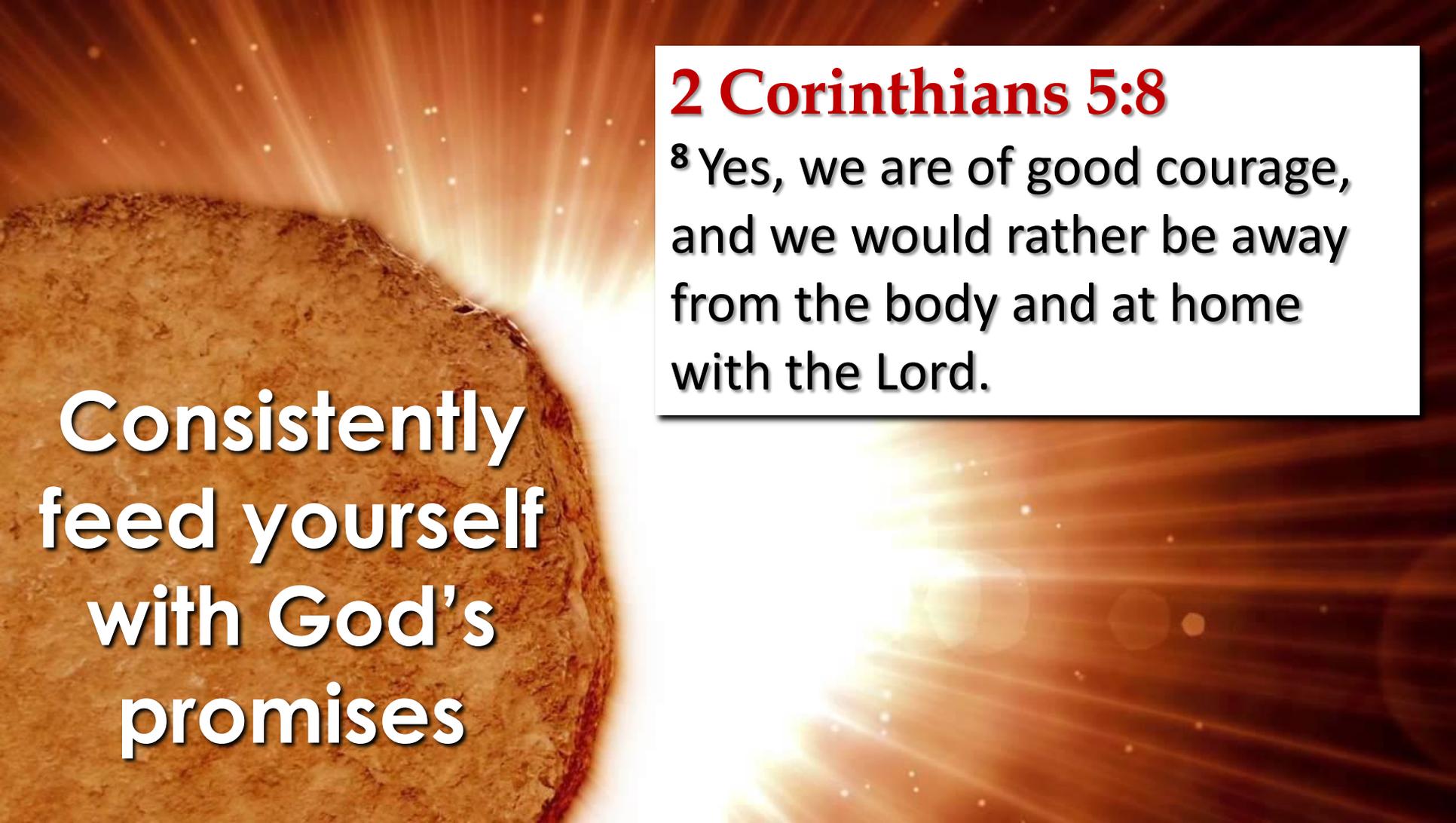
2 Corinthians 5:7

⁷ ...for we walk by faith, not by sight.

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**Consistently
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2 Corinthians 5:8

**⁸Yes, we are of good courage,
and we would rather be away
from the body and at home
with the Lord.**

The background features a vibrant, warm color palette of oranges and yellows. On the right side, a bright, glowing light source creates a lens flare effect with radiating lines and soft, out-of-focus circles. On the left side, there is a textured, brown, circular shape that resembles a piece of aged parchment or a stone. The text "Aim carefully" is overlaid on this textured shape.

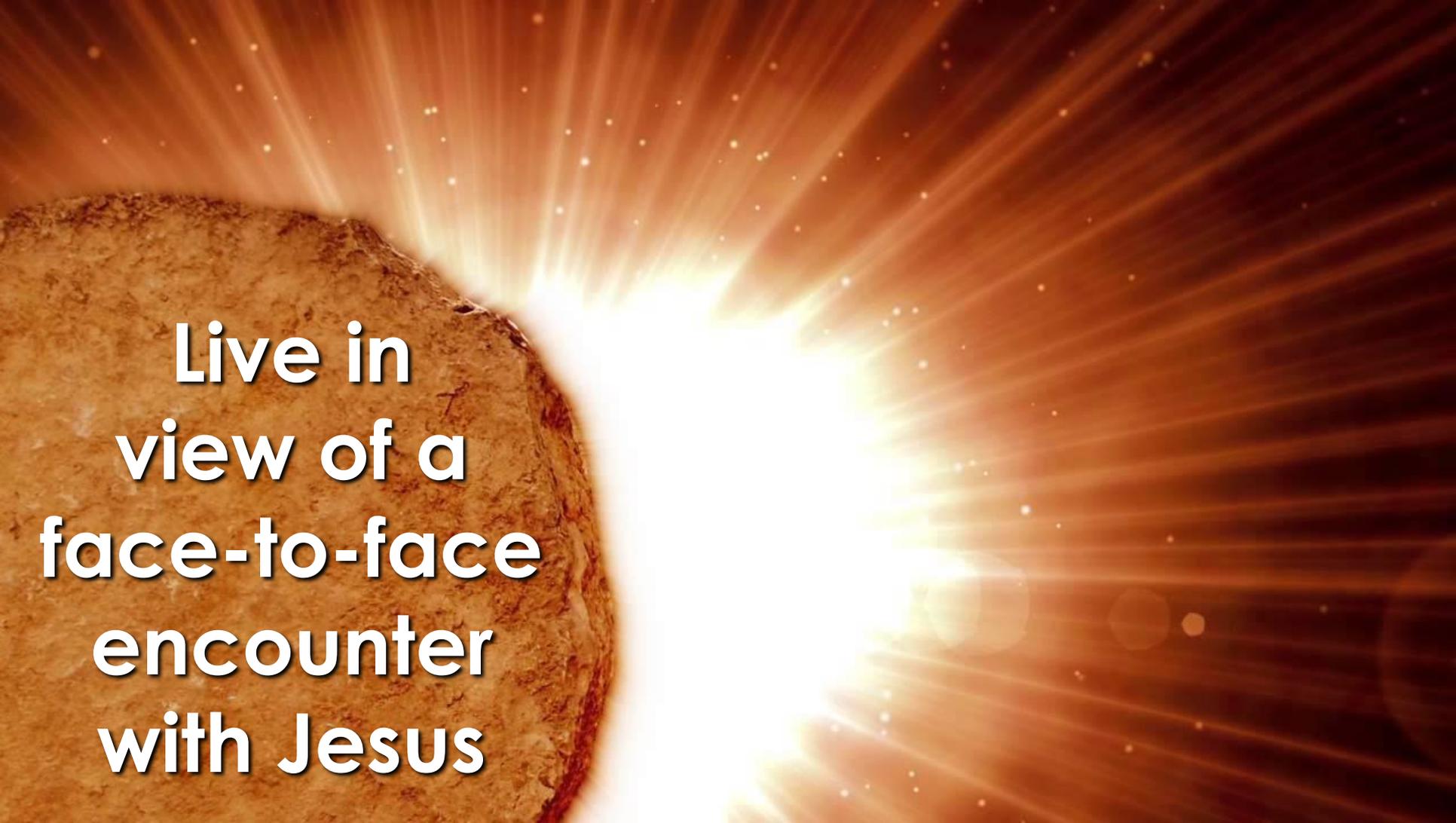
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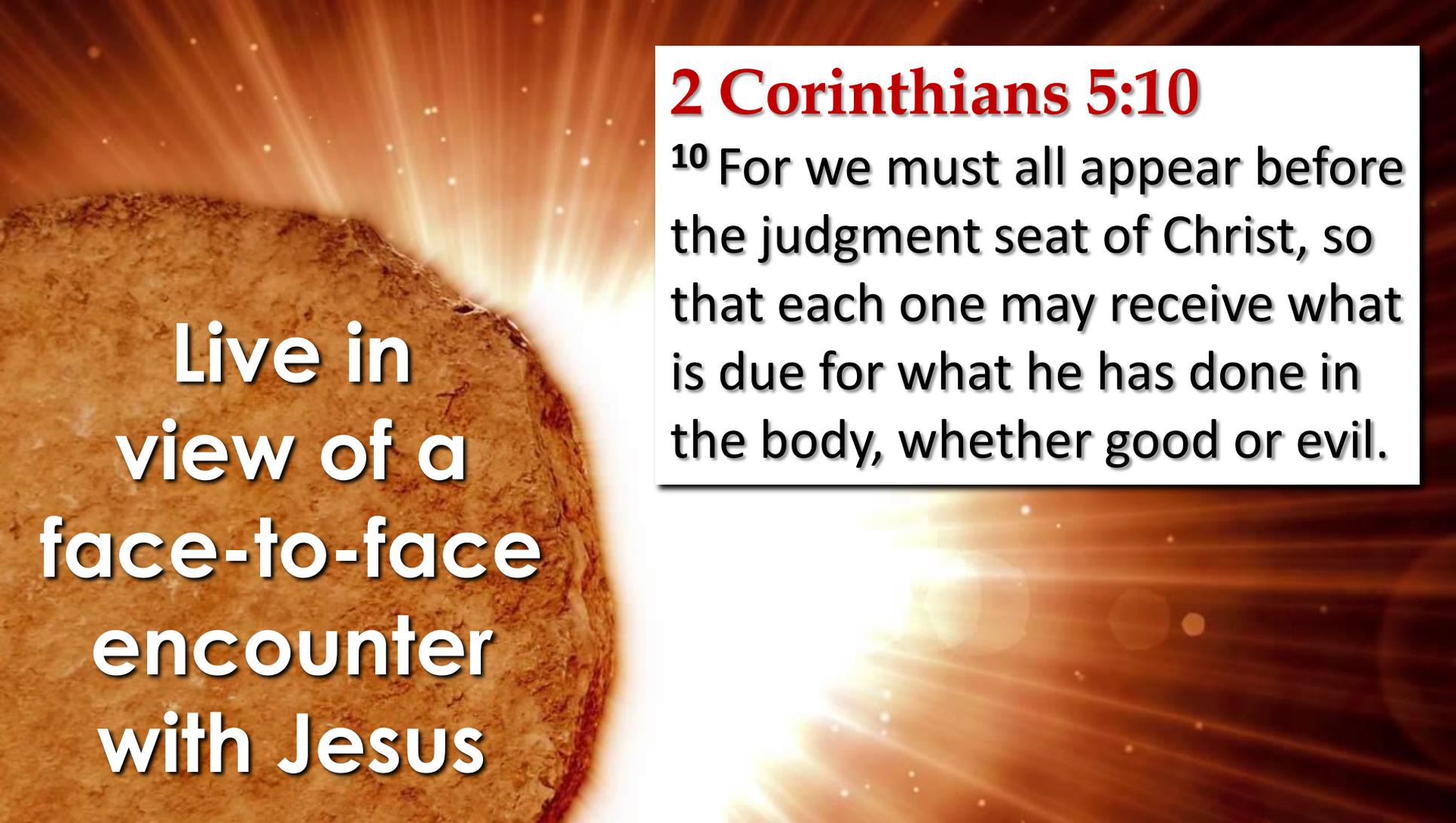
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2 Corinthians 5:9

⁹ So whether we are at home or away, we make it our aim to please him.



**Live in
view of a
face-to-face
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2 Corinthians 5:10

¹⁰ For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each one may receive what is due for what he has done in the body, whether good or evil.

A vibrant, golden-orange scene featuring a bright sun rising over a dark, rocky horizon. The sun is positioned on the left side, with its rays of light radiating across the sky. The background is filled with a warm, glowing light, and there are several lens flare effects and small, sparkling particles scattered throughout. The overall atmosphere is one of hope and inspiration.

**Humbly
work to
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2 Corinthians 5:11

¹¹ Therefore, knowing the fear of the Lord, we persuade others.