

A LIFE OF GRATITUDE Psalm 116

I love the Lord, for he heard my voice; he heard my cry for mercy.

2 Because he turned his ear to me, I will call on him as long as I live.

3 The cords of death entangled me, the anguish of the grave came over me; I was overcome by distress and sorrow. 4 Then I called on

the name of the Lord: "Lord, save me!" 5 The Lord is gracious and righteous; our God is full of compassion. 6 The Lord protects the

unwary; when I was brought low, he saved me. 7 Return to your rest, my soul, for the Lord has been good to you. 8 For you, Lord,

have delivered me from death, my eyes from tears, my feet from stumbling, 9 that I may walk before the Lord in the land of the

living. 10 I trusted in the Lord when I said, "I am greatly afflicted"; 11 in my alarm I said, "Everyone is a liar." 12 What shall I return to the

Lord for all his goodness to me? 13 I will lift up the cup of salvation and call on the name of the Lord. 14 I will fulfill my vows to the

Lord in the presence of all his people. 15 Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his faithful servants. 16 Truly I am your servant,

Lord; I serve you just as my mother did; you have freed me from my chains. 17 I will sacrifice a thank offering to you and call on the name

of the Lord. 18 I will fulfill my vows to the Lord in the presence of all his people, 19 in the courts of the house of the Lord—

in your midst, Jerusalem.
Praise the Lord.

Faithful believers... • have a passionate love for the Lord.

APPLICATION

I love you, Lord because _____

PSALM 116:2-4 (NIV)

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over me; I was overcome by distress and sorrow.

4 Then I called on the name of the Lord: "Lord, save me!"

"Death stared me in the face, hell was hard on my heels.

Up against it, I didn't know which way to turn."

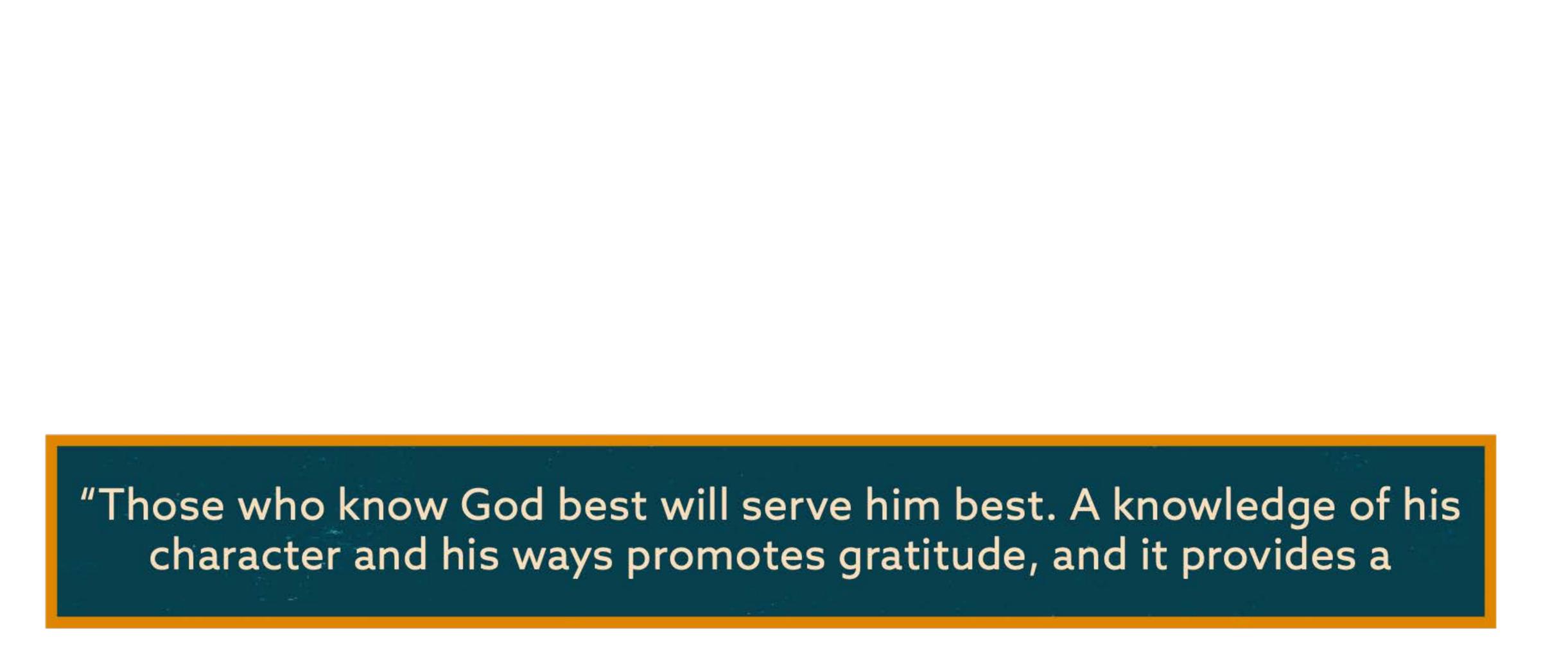
PSALM 116:5-7 (NIV)

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motivation to trust him and serve him in a way that come by no other means."

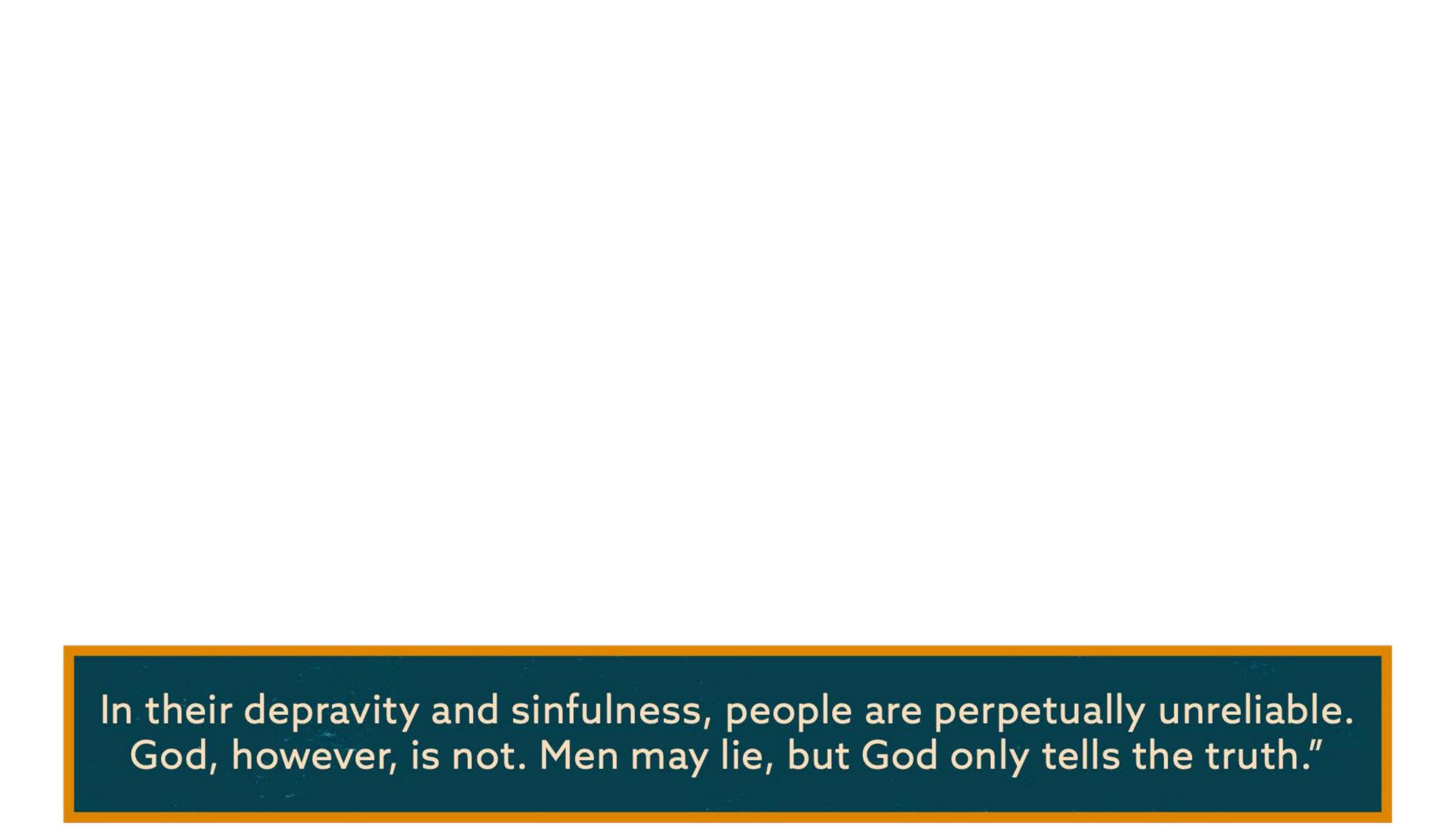
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"In contrast to the God he could trust in his suffering, he also saw another truth more clearly than ever and could shout in his alarm, "Everyone is a liar."



APPLICATION QUESTION

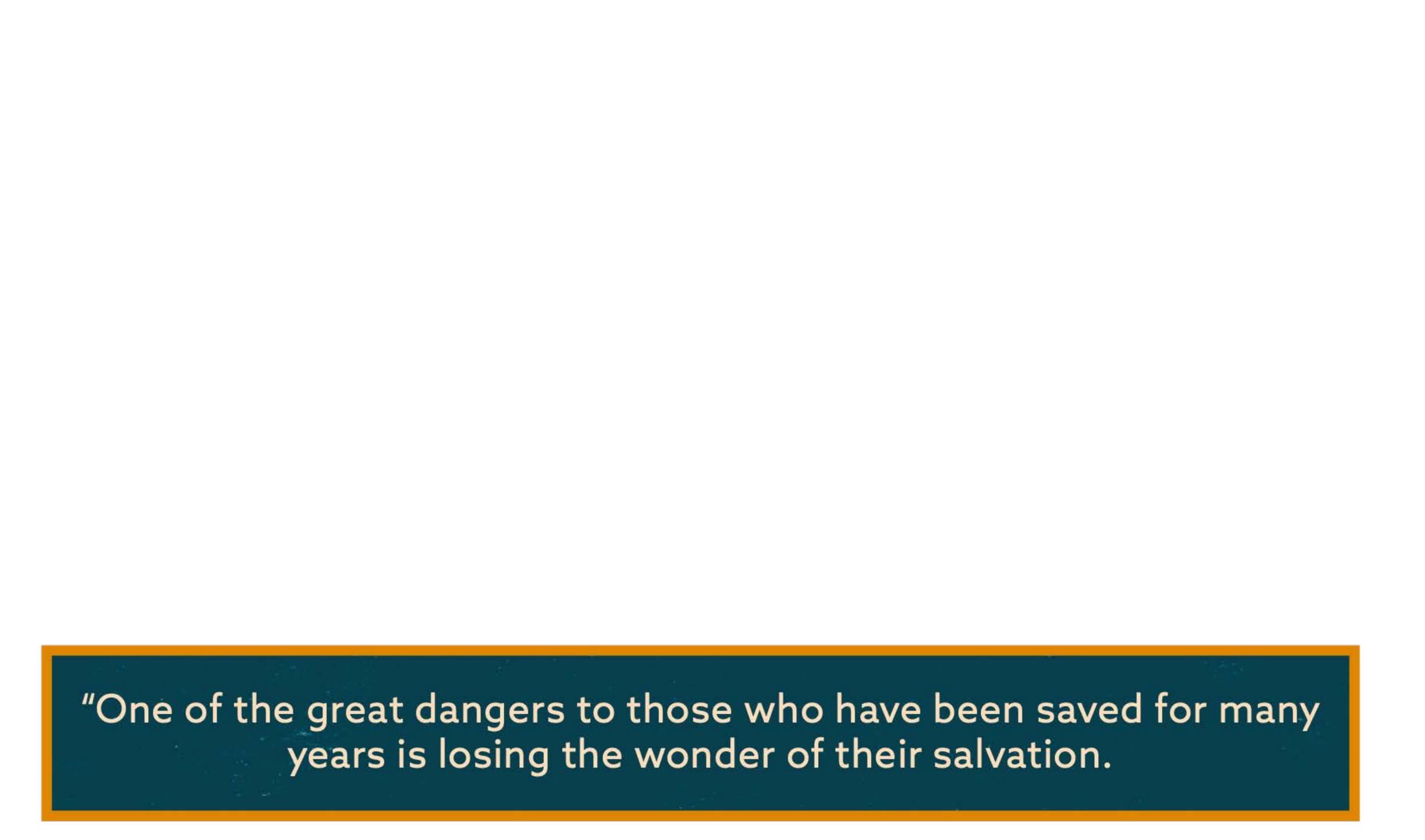
What hard thing in life have you gone through that if you were to reflect back, could find one thing to be thankful to God for?

PSALM 116:12-14 (NIV)

What shall I return to the Lord for all his goodness to me?

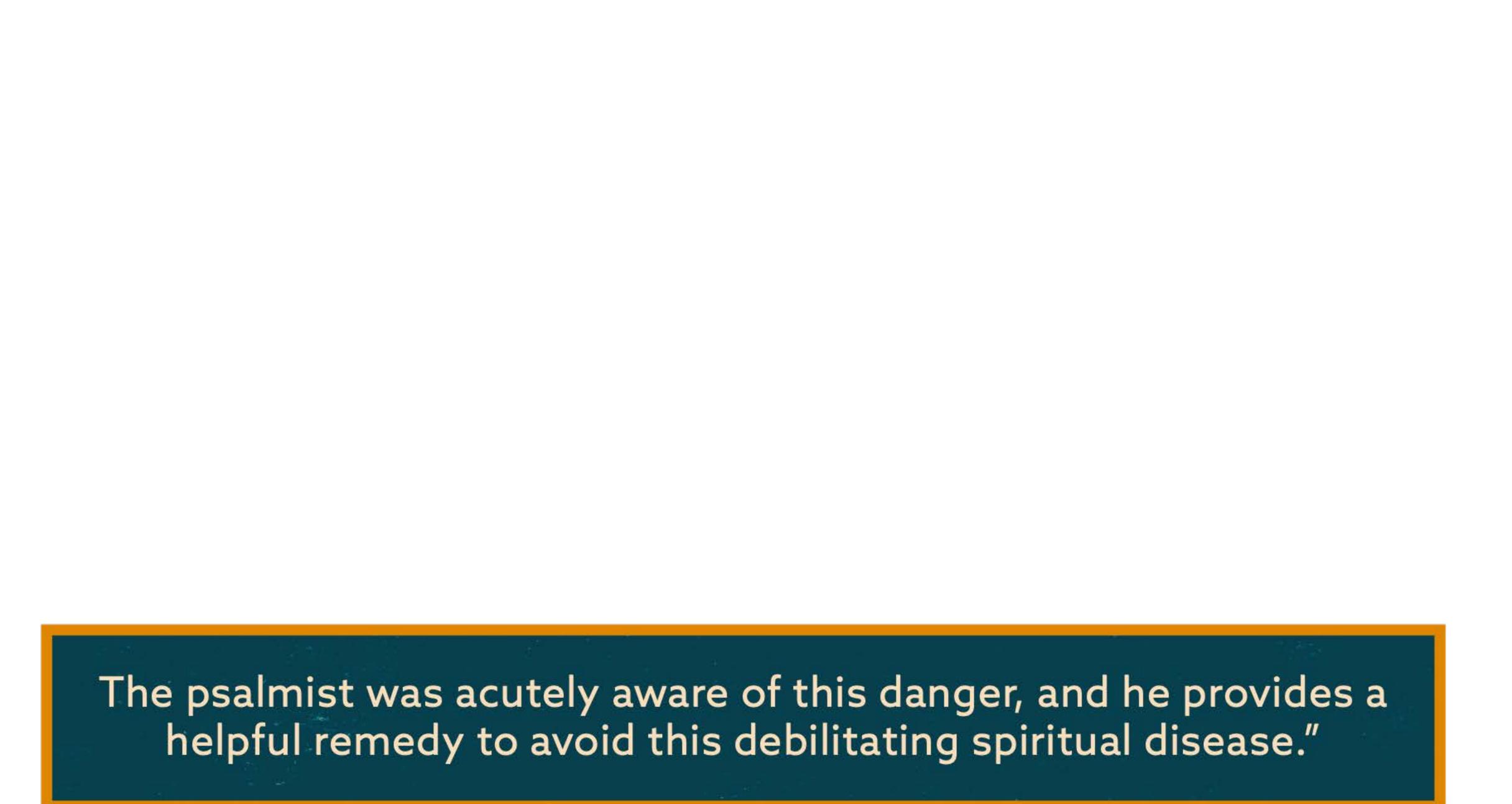
13 I will lift up the cup of salvation and call on the name of the Lord.

PSALM 116:12-14 (NIV)
14 I will fulfill my vows to the Lord in the presence of all his people.



We can take for granted what Jesus did for us on the cross, how he bore in his body the wrath of God in our place.

It becomes a common thing.



APPLICATION QUESTIONS

Have you, in any way, lost the wonder of your salvation?

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What has God done in your life that you need to remember today to reignite this wonder?

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