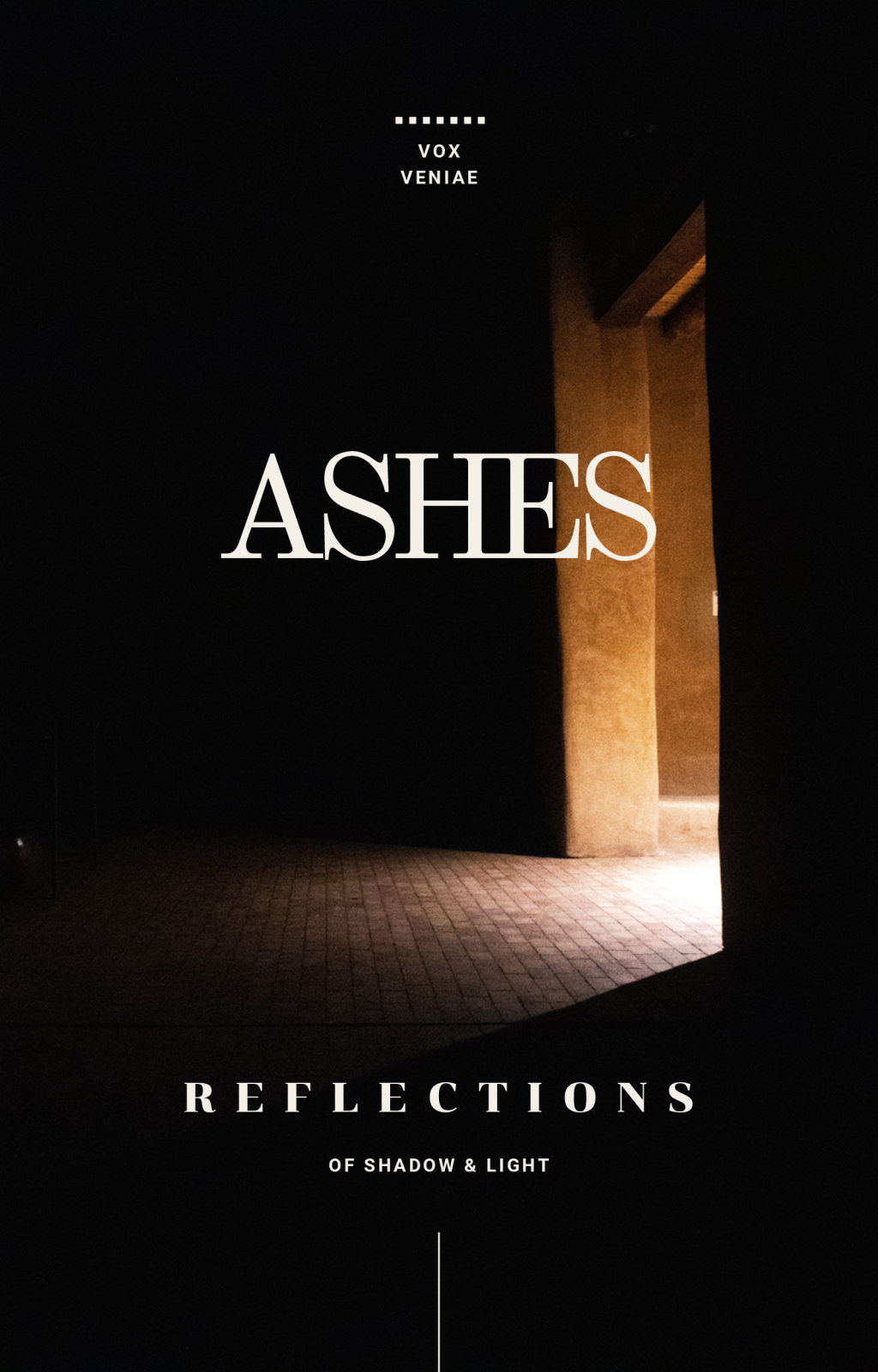
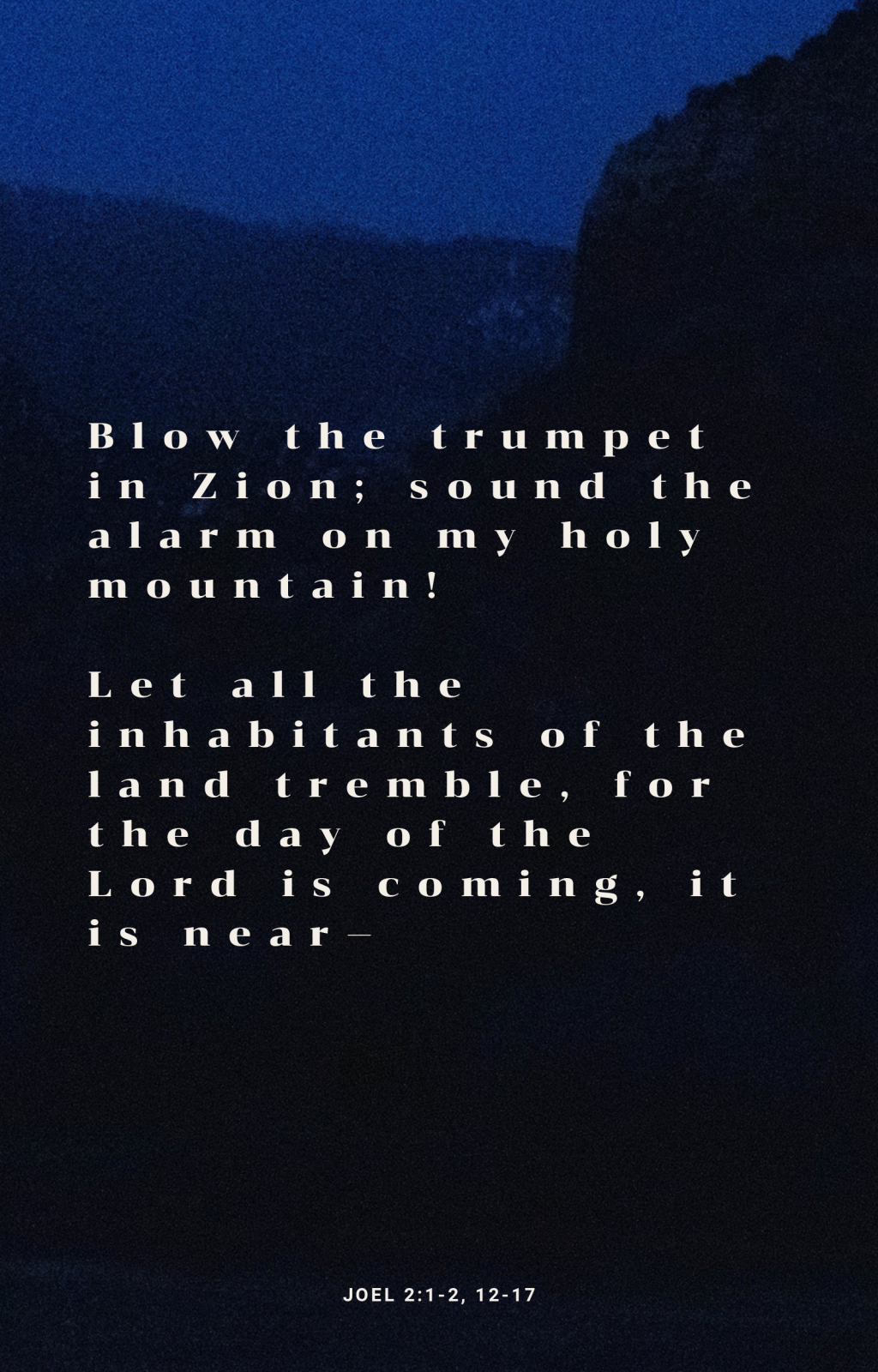

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Blow the trumpet in Zion; sound the alarm on my holy mountain!

Let all the inhabitants of the land tremble, for the day of the Lord is coming, it is near–

JOEL 2:1-2, 12-17

A day of darkness and gloom, a day of clouds and thick darkness!

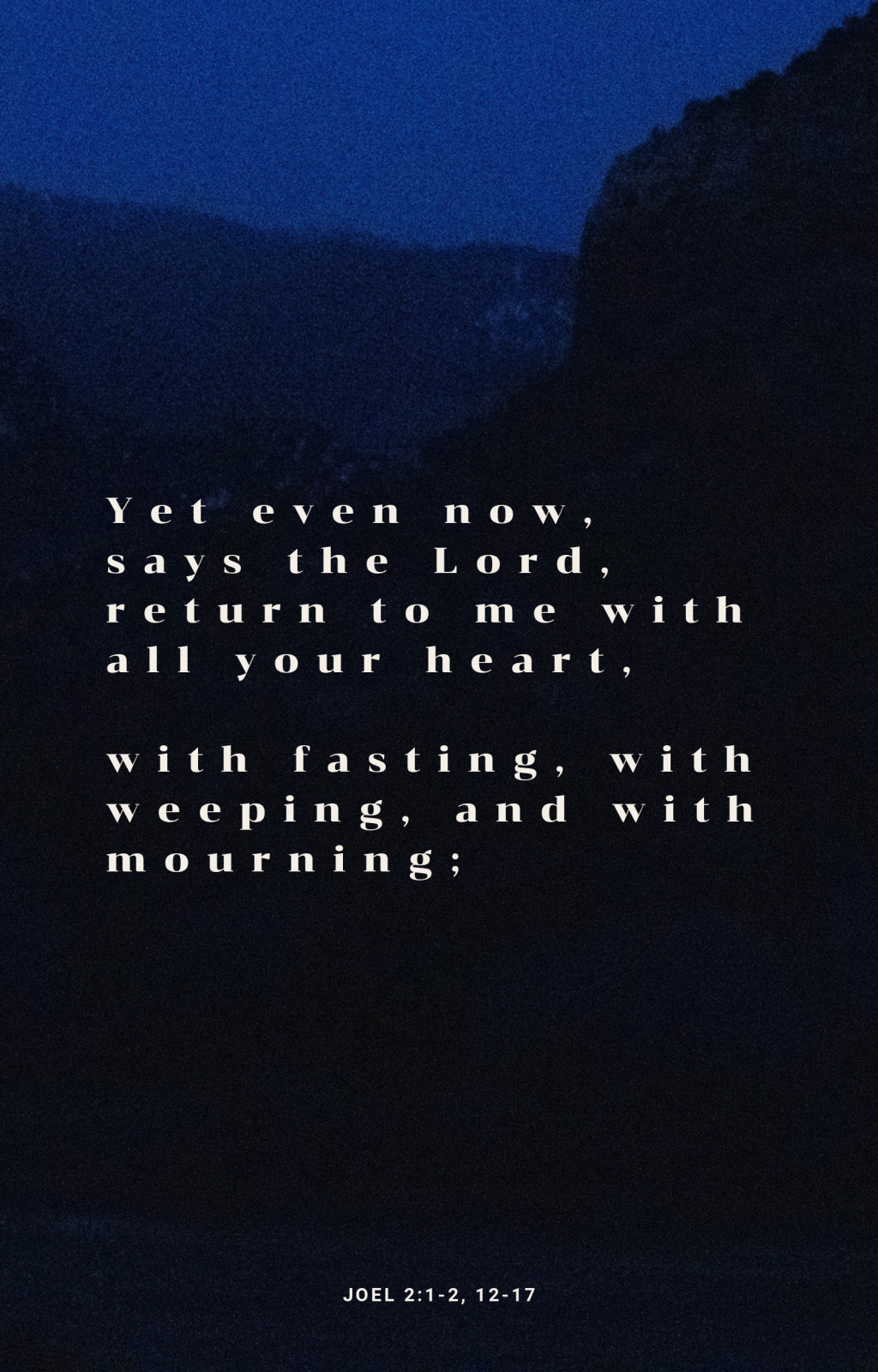
Like blackness spread upon the mountains a great and powerful army comes;

their like has never been from of old, nor will be again after them in ages to come.

JOEL 2:1-2, 12-17

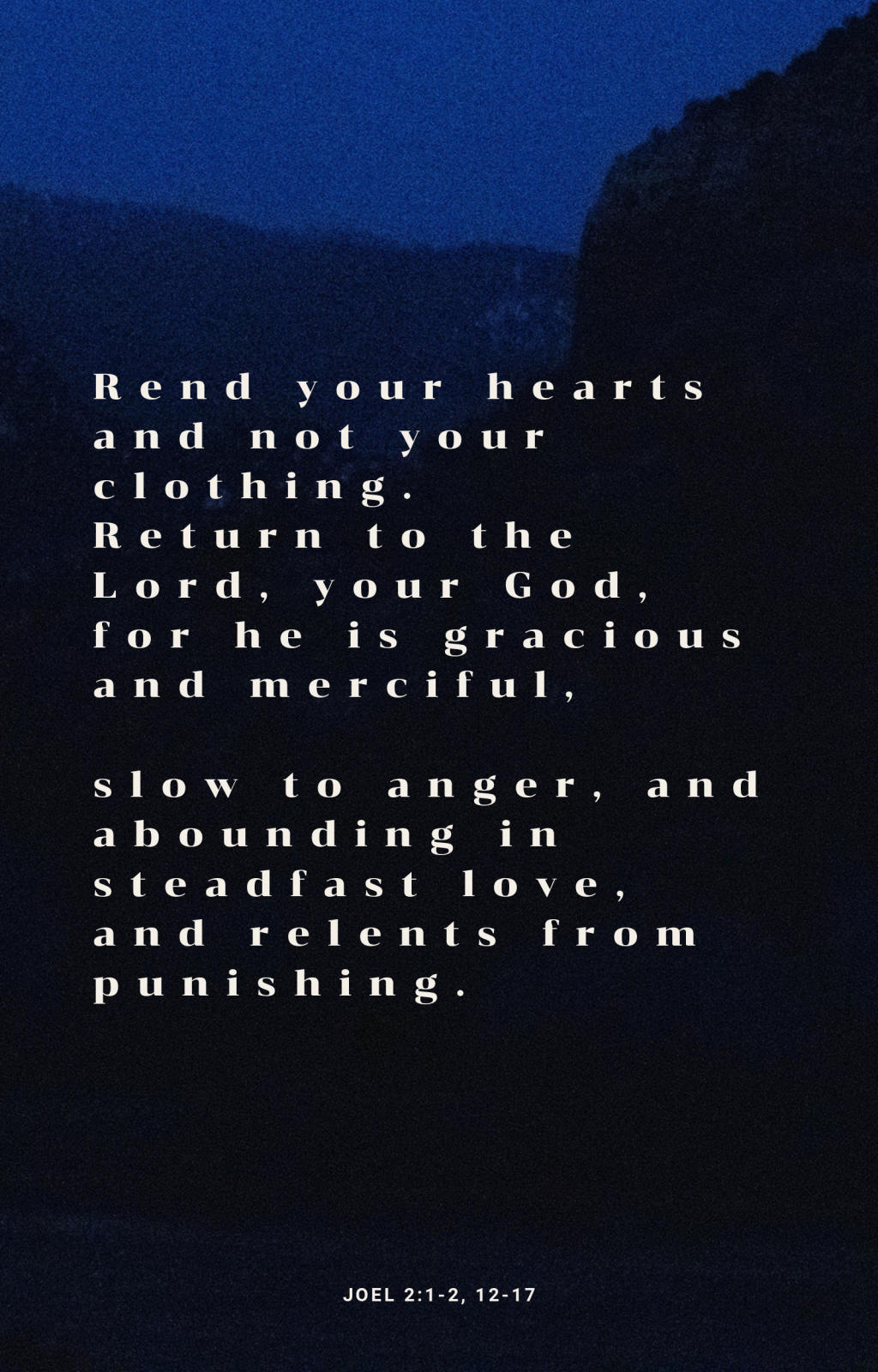
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ALTHOUGH DARKNESS IS NEEDED IN NATURE AS OFTEN AS LIGHT, IT IS OFTEN CAST AS AN ENEMY IN CHRISTIAN IMAGERY. HOW MIGHT SITTING IN THE COOL, PEACEFUL SHADOWS BRING YOU CLOSER TO YOUR CREATOR?


Yet even now,
says the Lord,
return to me with
all your heart,
with fasting, with
weeping, and with
mourning;
JOEL 2:1-2, 12-17

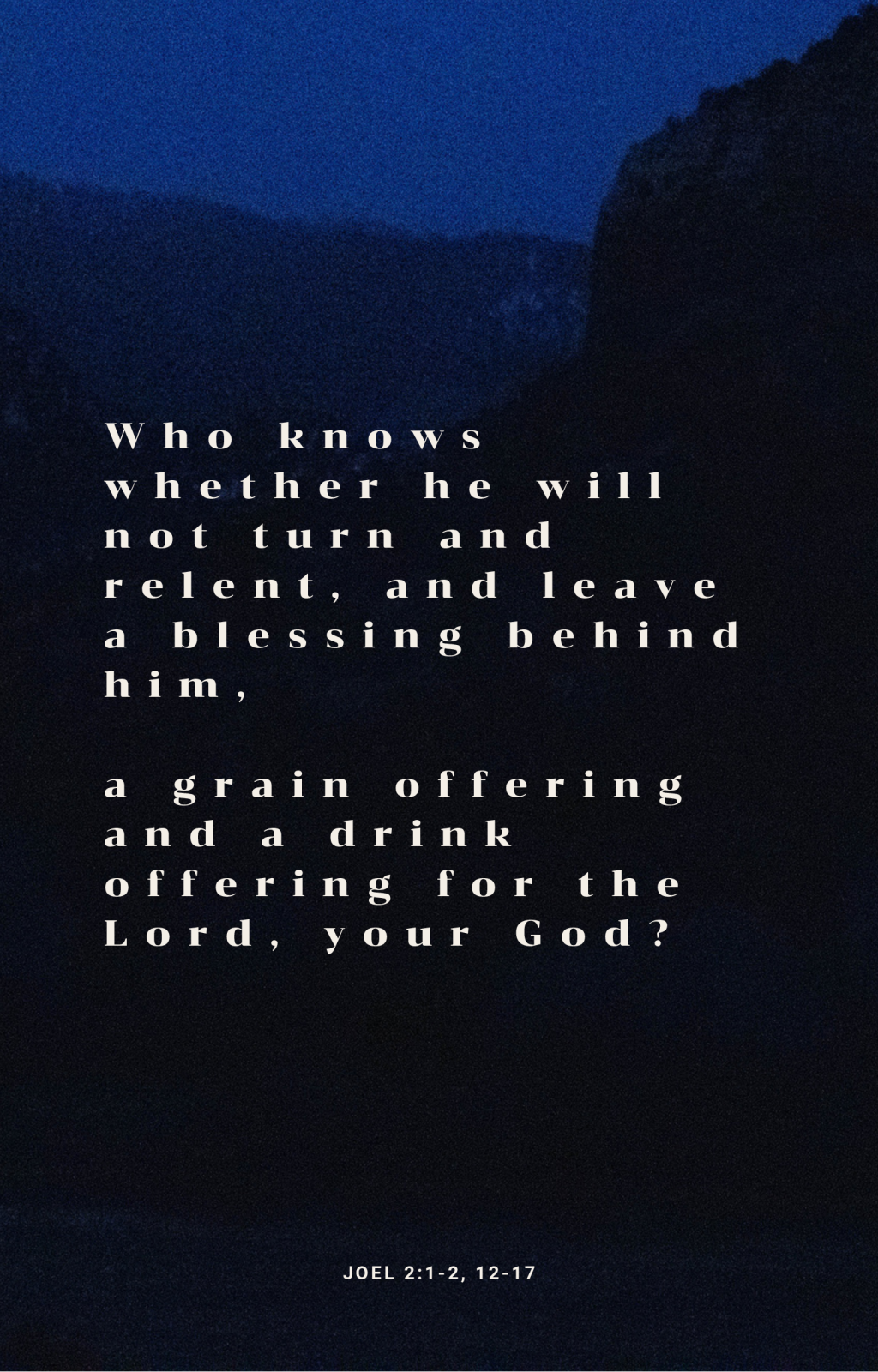
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WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO YOU TO "TURN YOUR HEART," TOWARDS SOMEONE?

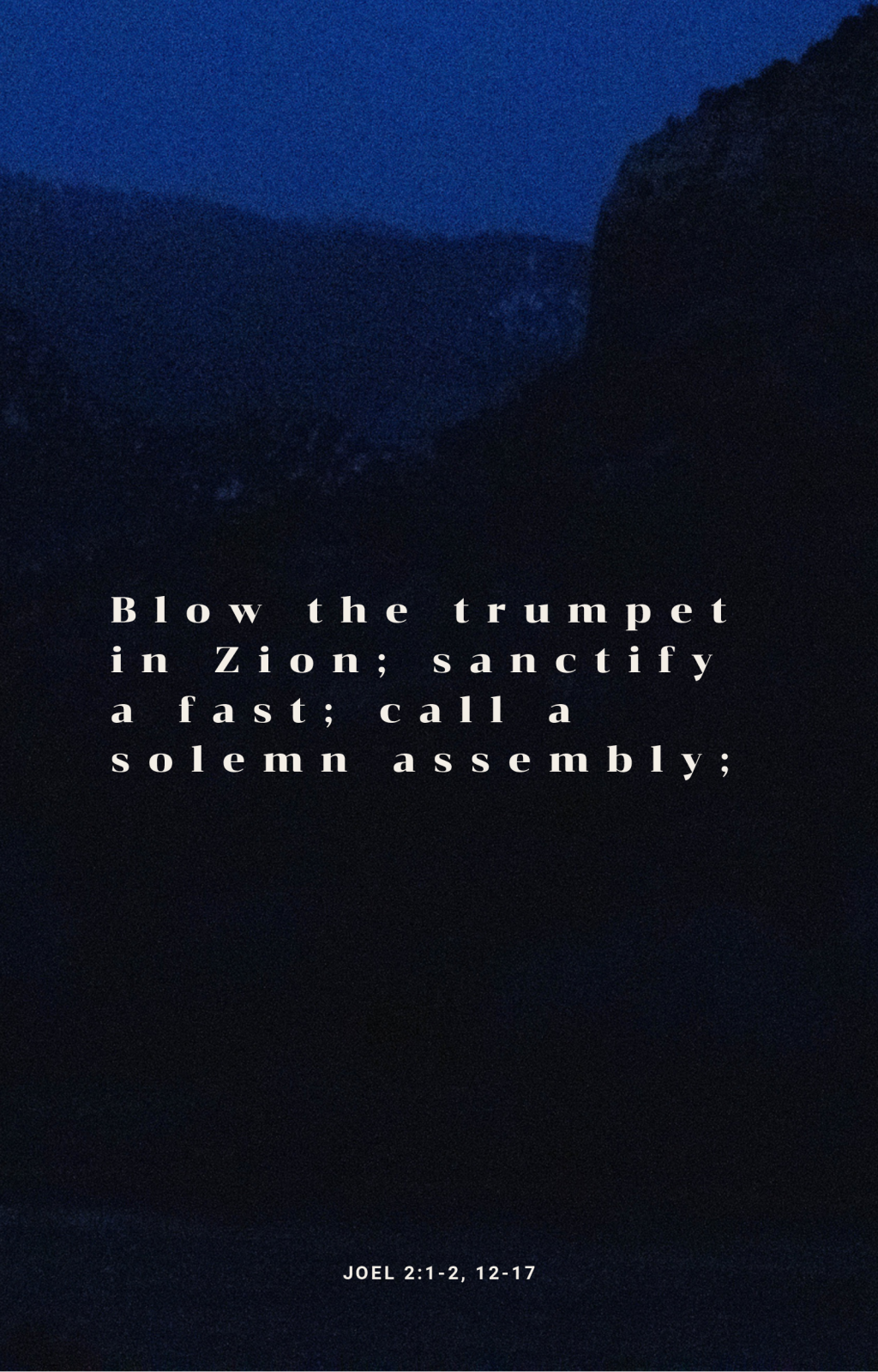

Rend your hearts
and not your
clothing.
Return to the
Lord, your God,
for he is gracious
and merciful,
slow to anger, and
abounding in
steadfast love,
and relents from
punishing.
JOEL 2:1-2, 12-17

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IN ANCIENT TIMES, SACRIFICES WERE TANGIBLE THINGS TO BE BURNED OR BROKEN OPEN ON AN ALTAR. THIS SACRIFICE WAS A GIFT TO GOD, BUT ALSO A GIFT TO THE SUPPLICANT. WHAT SACRIFICE ARE YOU FEELING CALLED TO OFFER IN THIS SEASON?

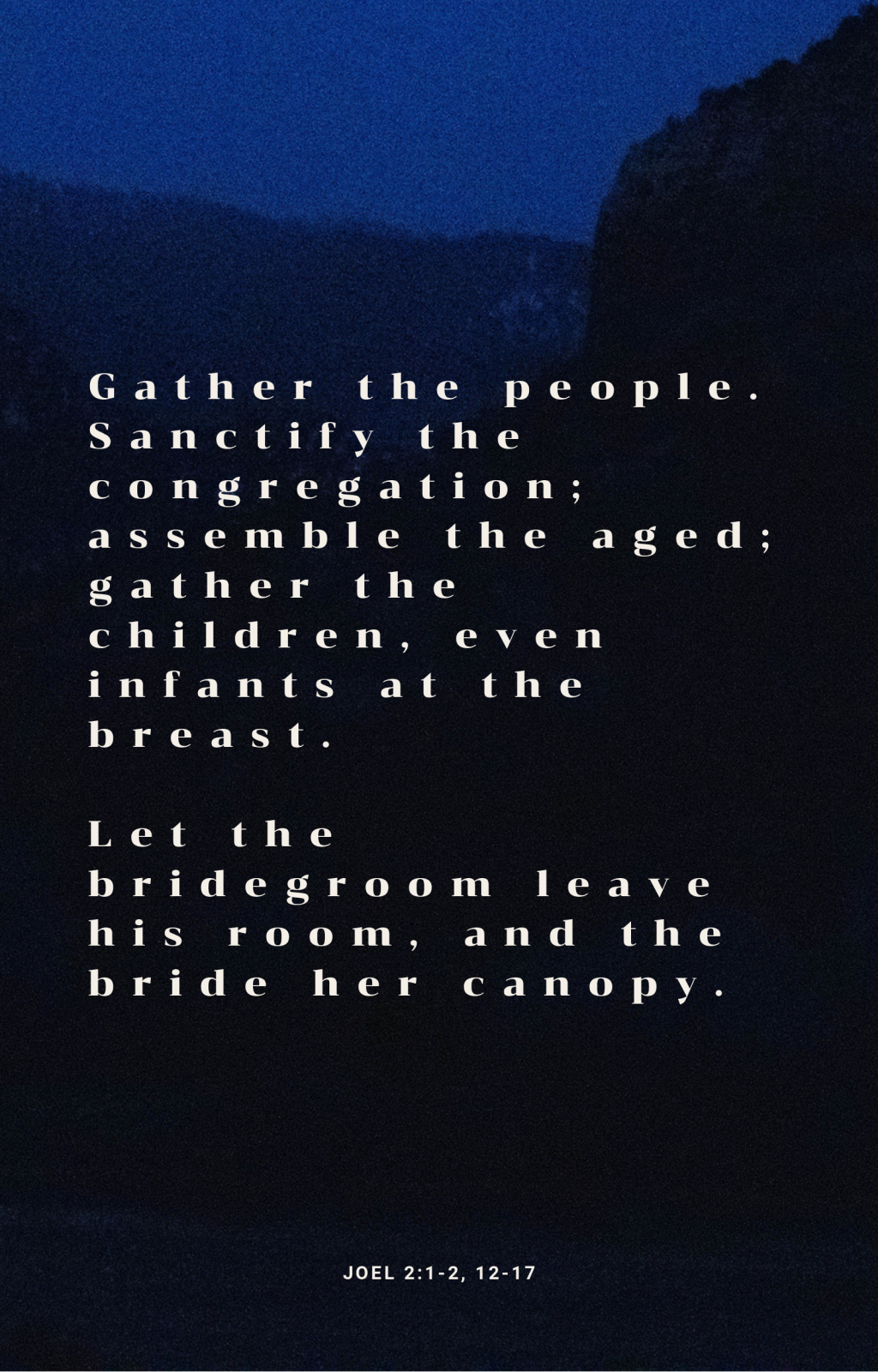

Who knows whether he will not turn and relent, and leave a blessing behind him,
a grain offering and a drink offering for the Lord, your God?
JOEL 2:1-2, 12-17

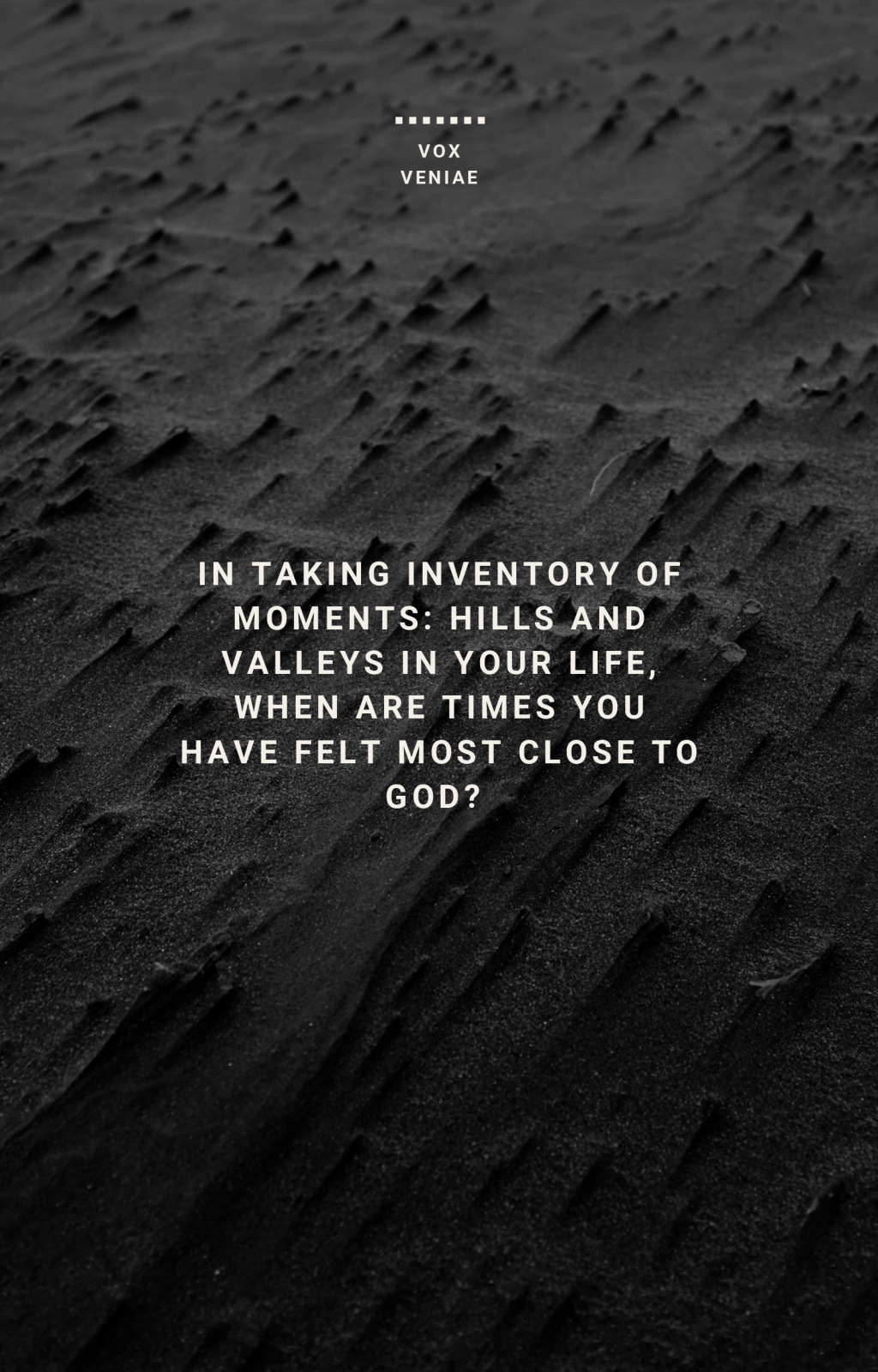

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WHAT BLESSING ARE YOU
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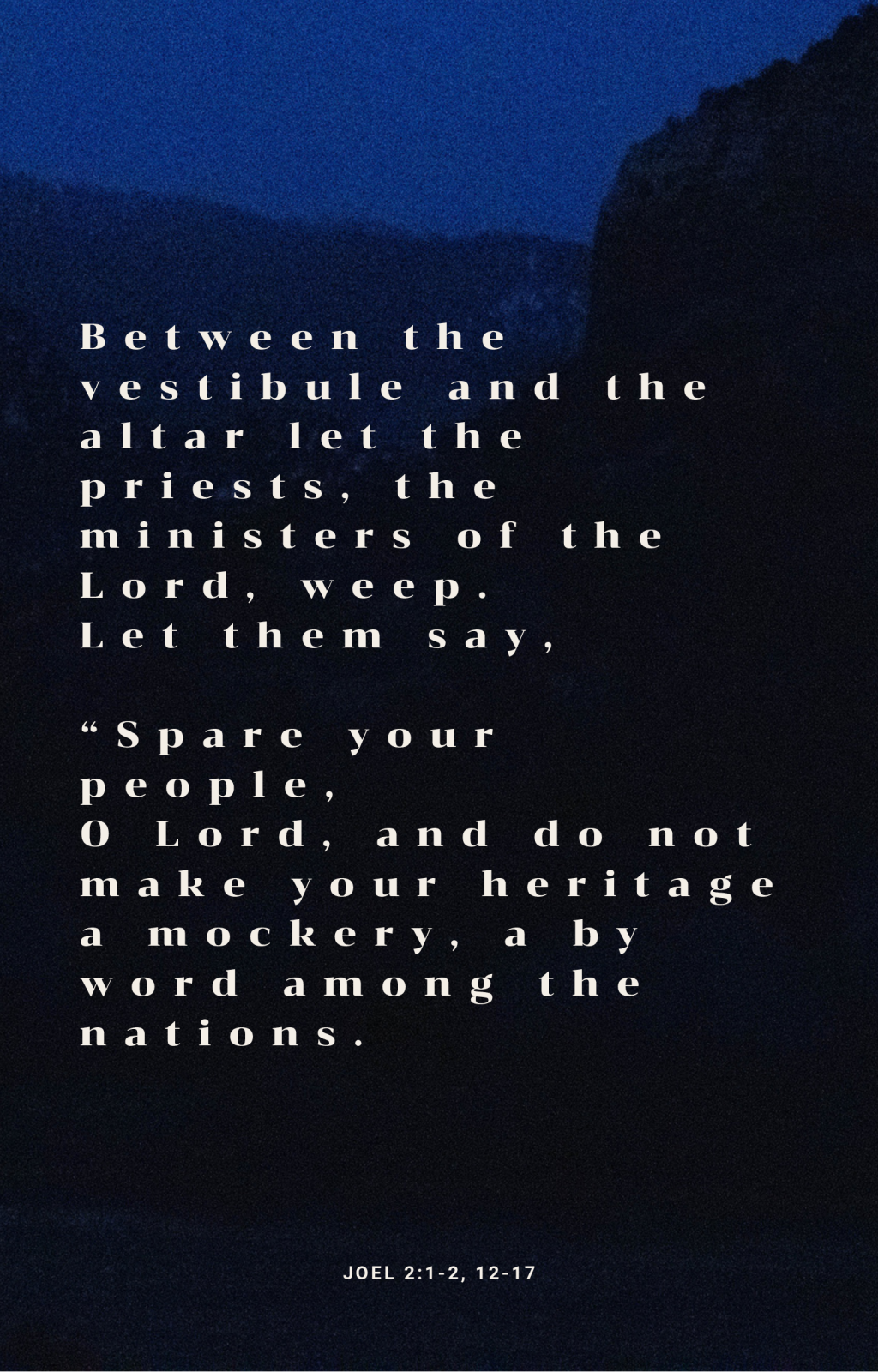

Blow the trumpet in Zion; sanctify a fast; call a solemn assembly;
JOEL 2:1-2, 12-17

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KNOWING GOD IS GRACIOUS AND MERCIFUL, HOW MIGHT YOU BRING TO AWARENESS THE FEARS AND FRAILTIES AT THE DEPTHS OF YOUR HEART, AS A WAY OF RETURNING TO THE LORD?


Gather the people.
Sanctify the congregation;
assemble the aged;
gather the children, even infants at the breast.
Let the bridegroom leave his room, and the bride her canopy.
JOEL 2:1-2, 12-17


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IN TAKING INVENTORY OF MOMENTS: HILLS AND VALLEYS IN YOUR LIFE, WHEN ARE TIMES YOU HAVE FELT MOST CLOSE TO GOD?

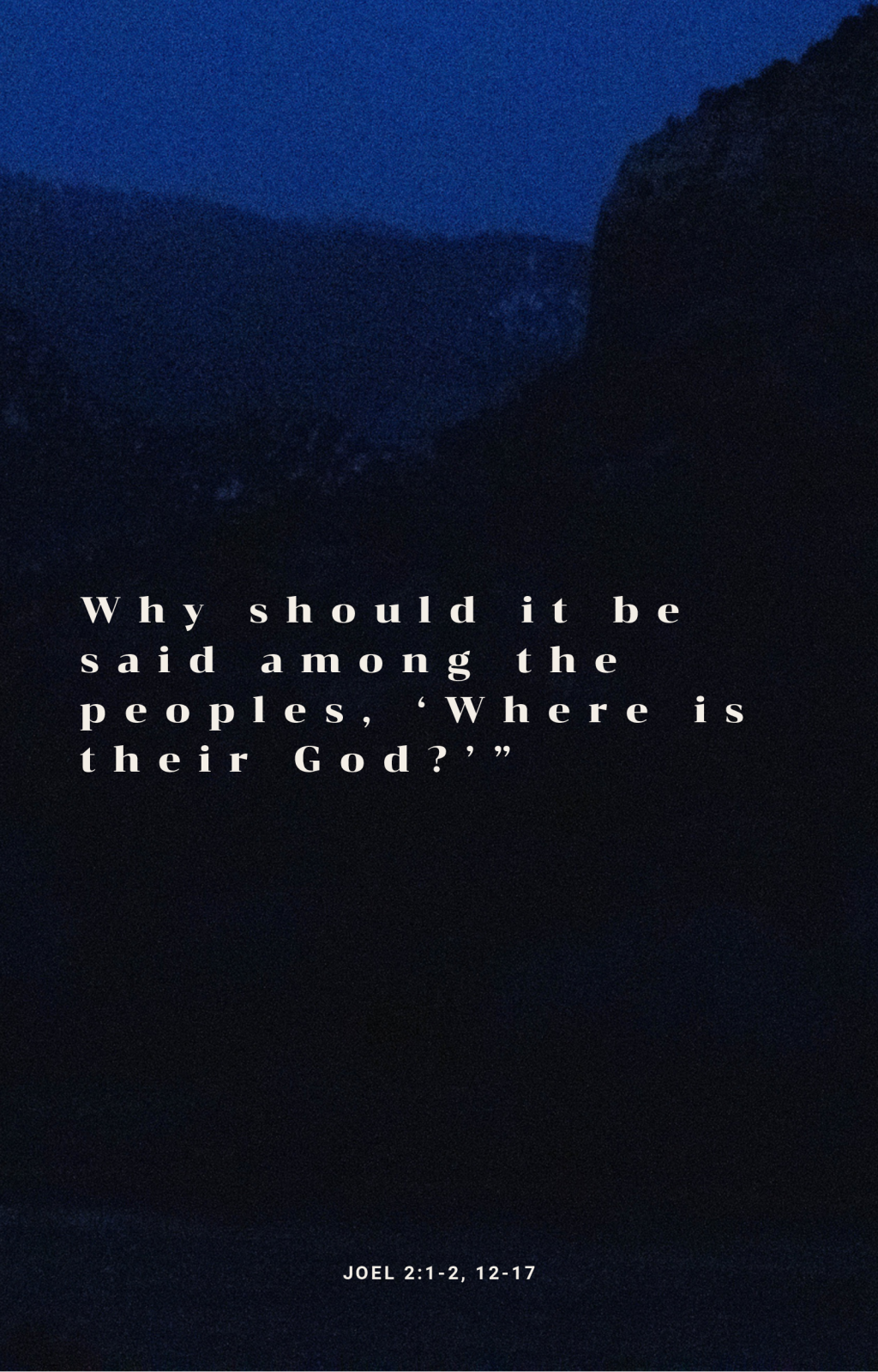


Between the vestibule and the altar let the priests, the ministers of the Lord, weep. Let them say,

“Spare your people,
O Lord, and do not make your heritage a mockery, a by word among the nations.

JOEL 2:1-2, 12-17


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THINKING CREATIVELY, WHAT MIGHT IT LOOK LIKE TO CONSECRATE SOME PIECE OF YOURSELF TO GOD'S EMBODIED PRESENCE?


Why should it be said among the peoples, ‘Where is their God?’”
JOEL 2:1-2, 12-17

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SHARE A TIME YOU WERE REALLY SCARED



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HOW DO YOU THINK YOU LOVE SOMEONE “WITH ALL OF YOUR HEART?”



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WHERE DO YOU THINK GOD LIVES?

