
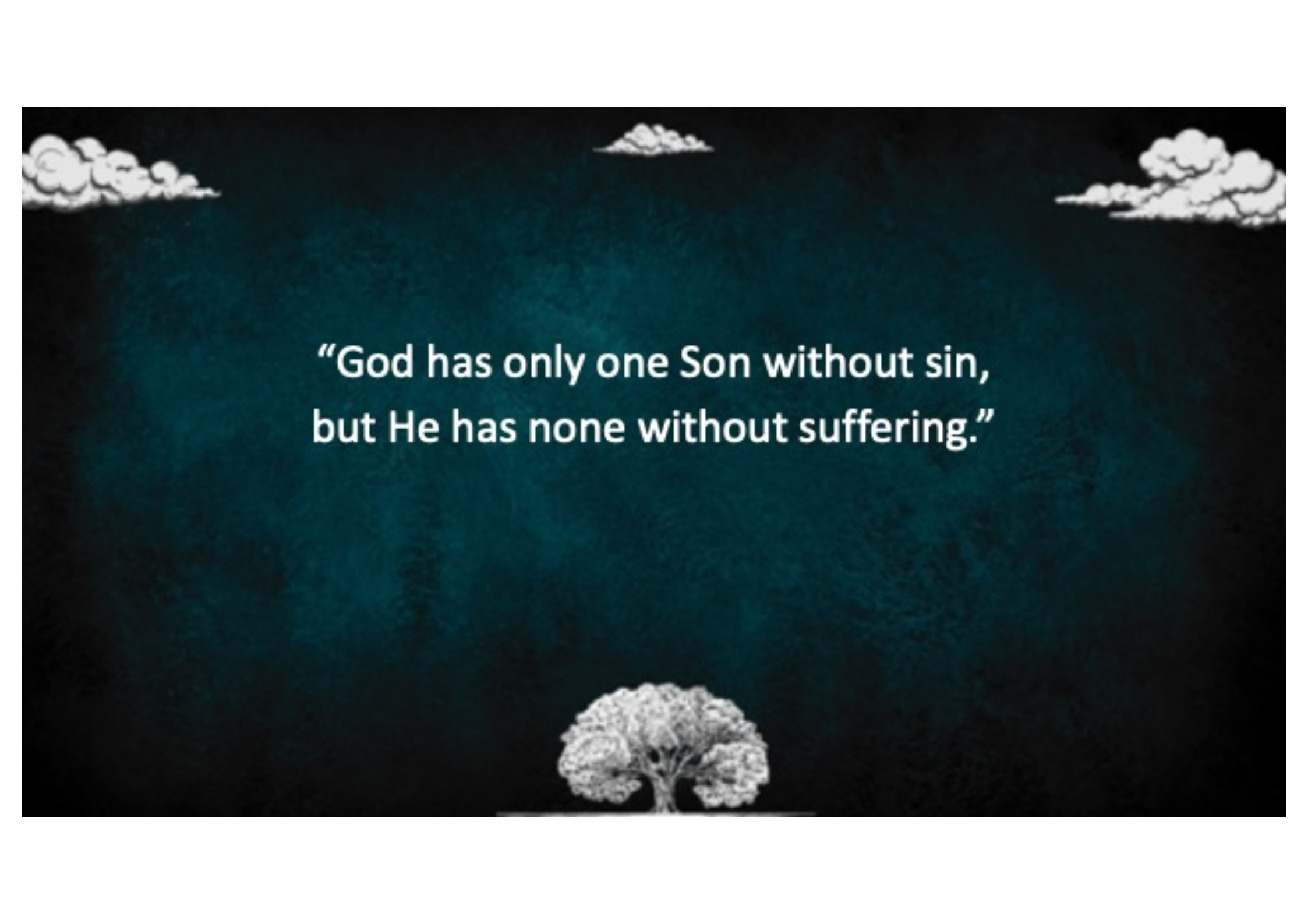


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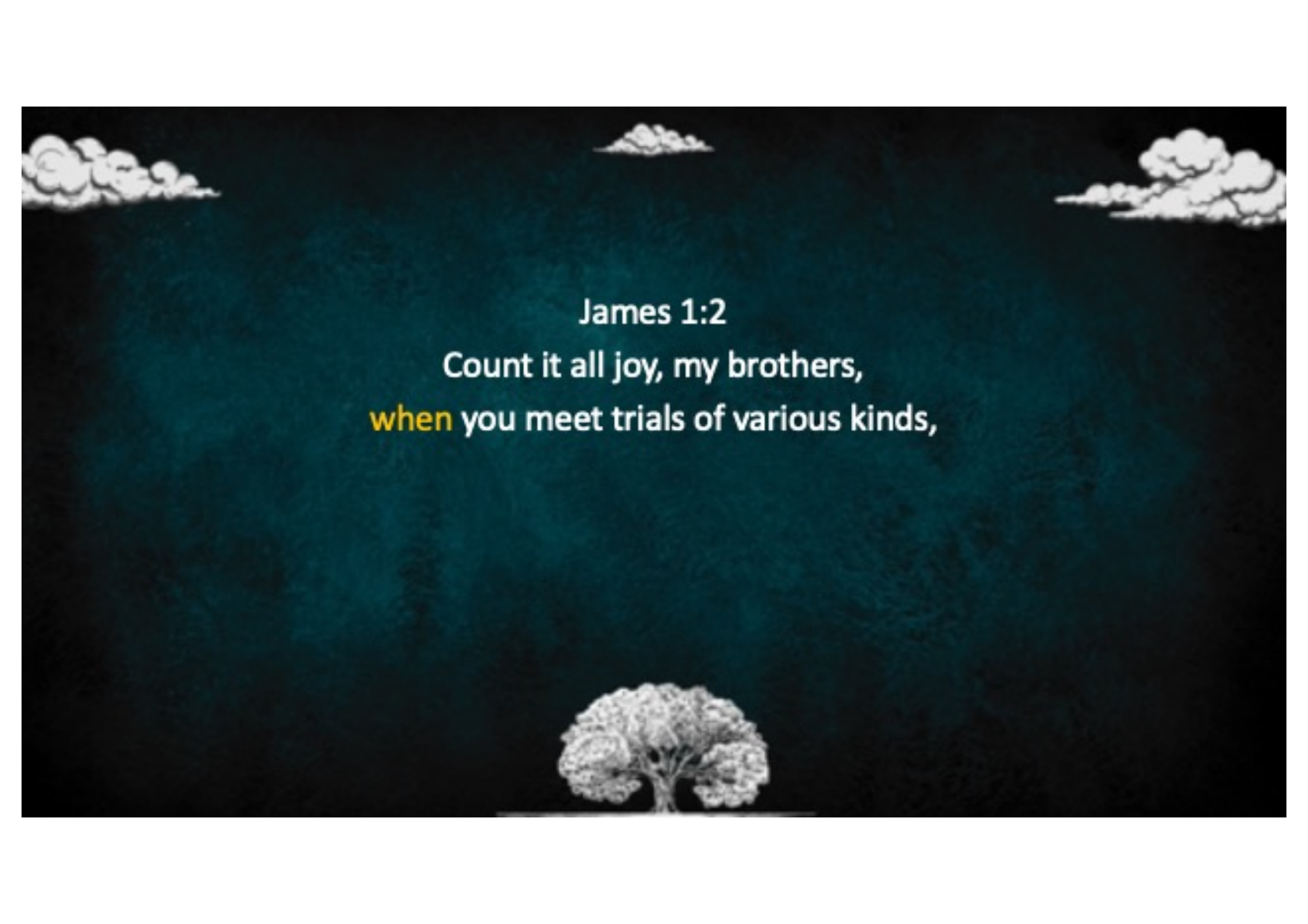


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James 1:2

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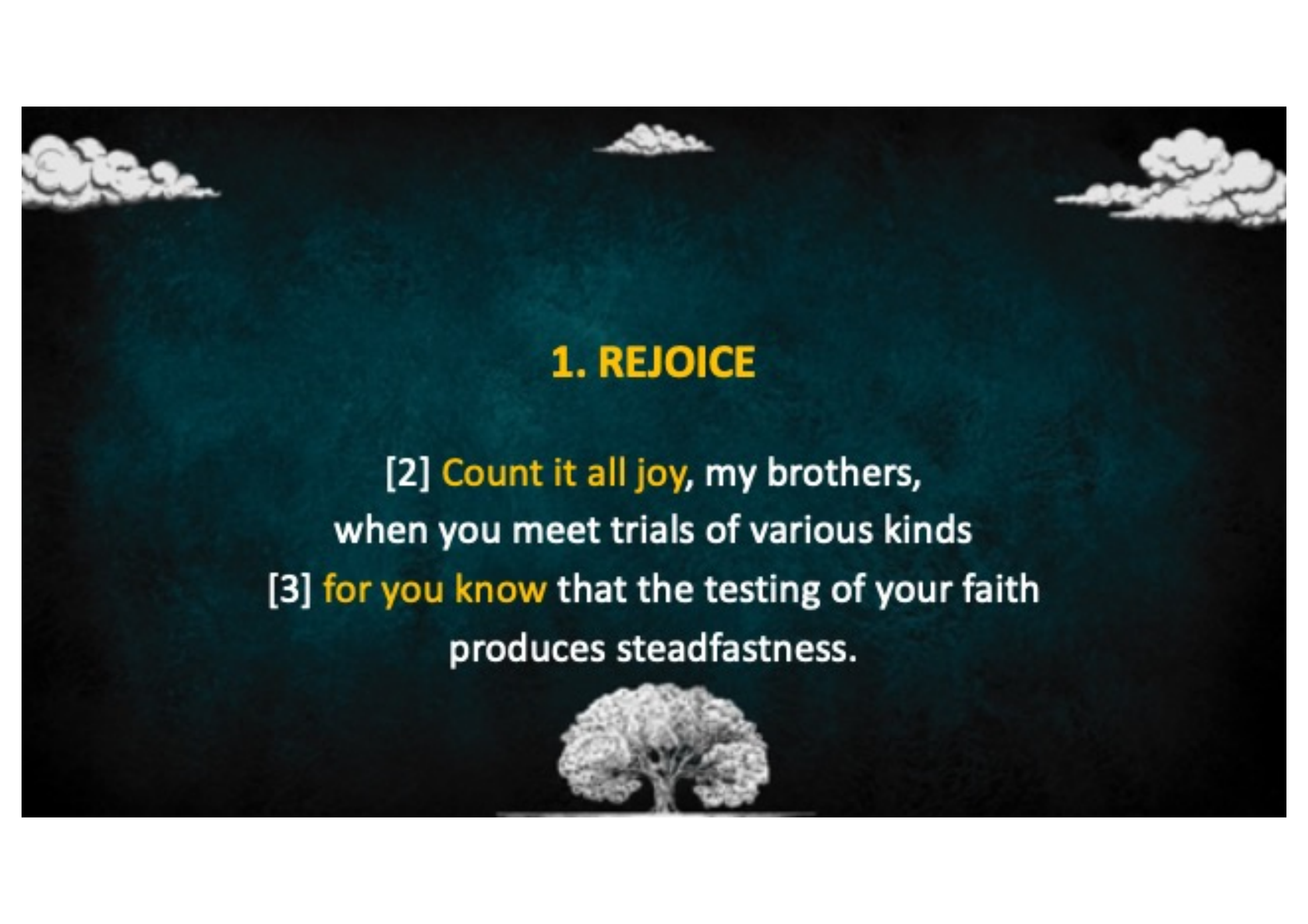
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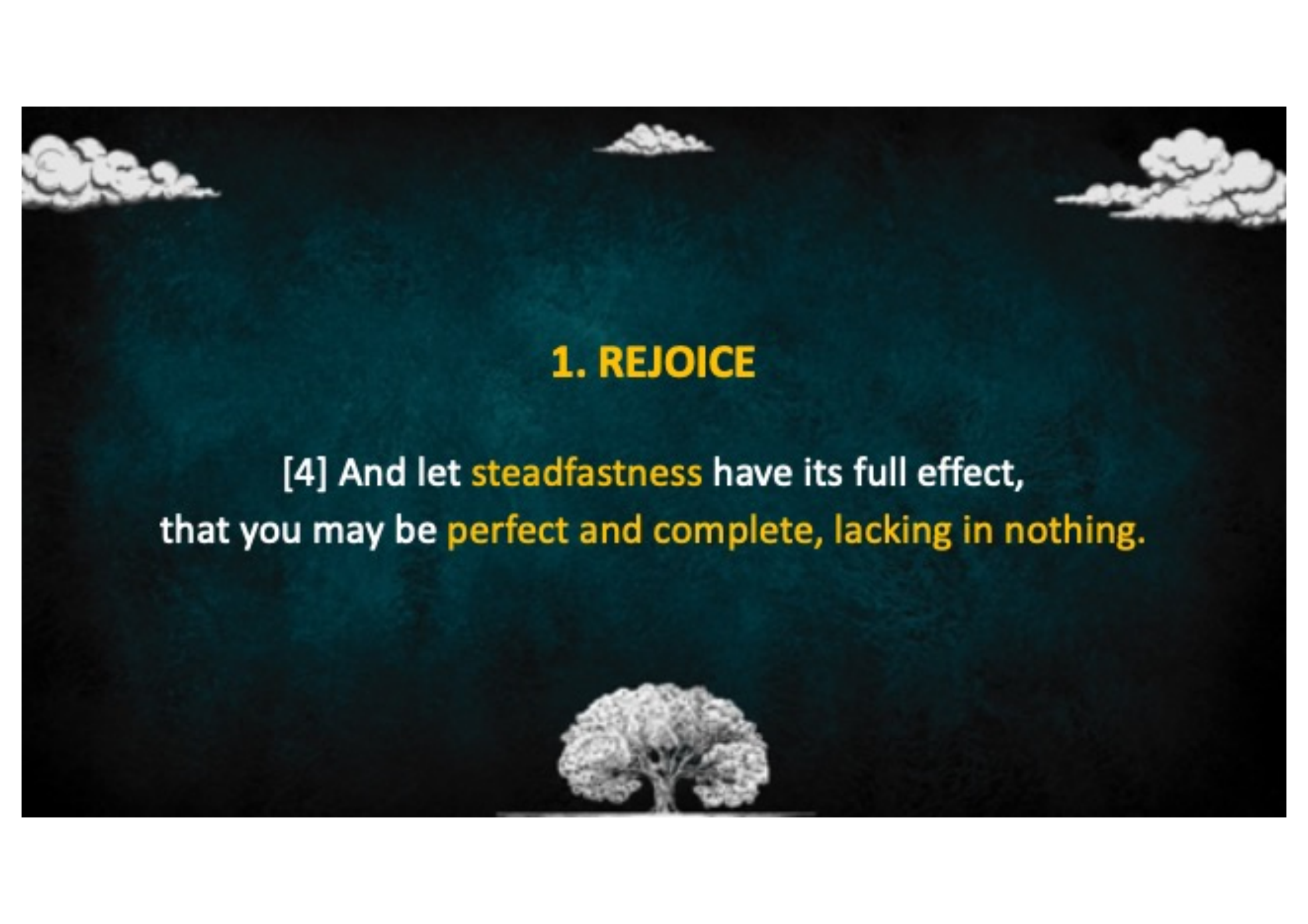
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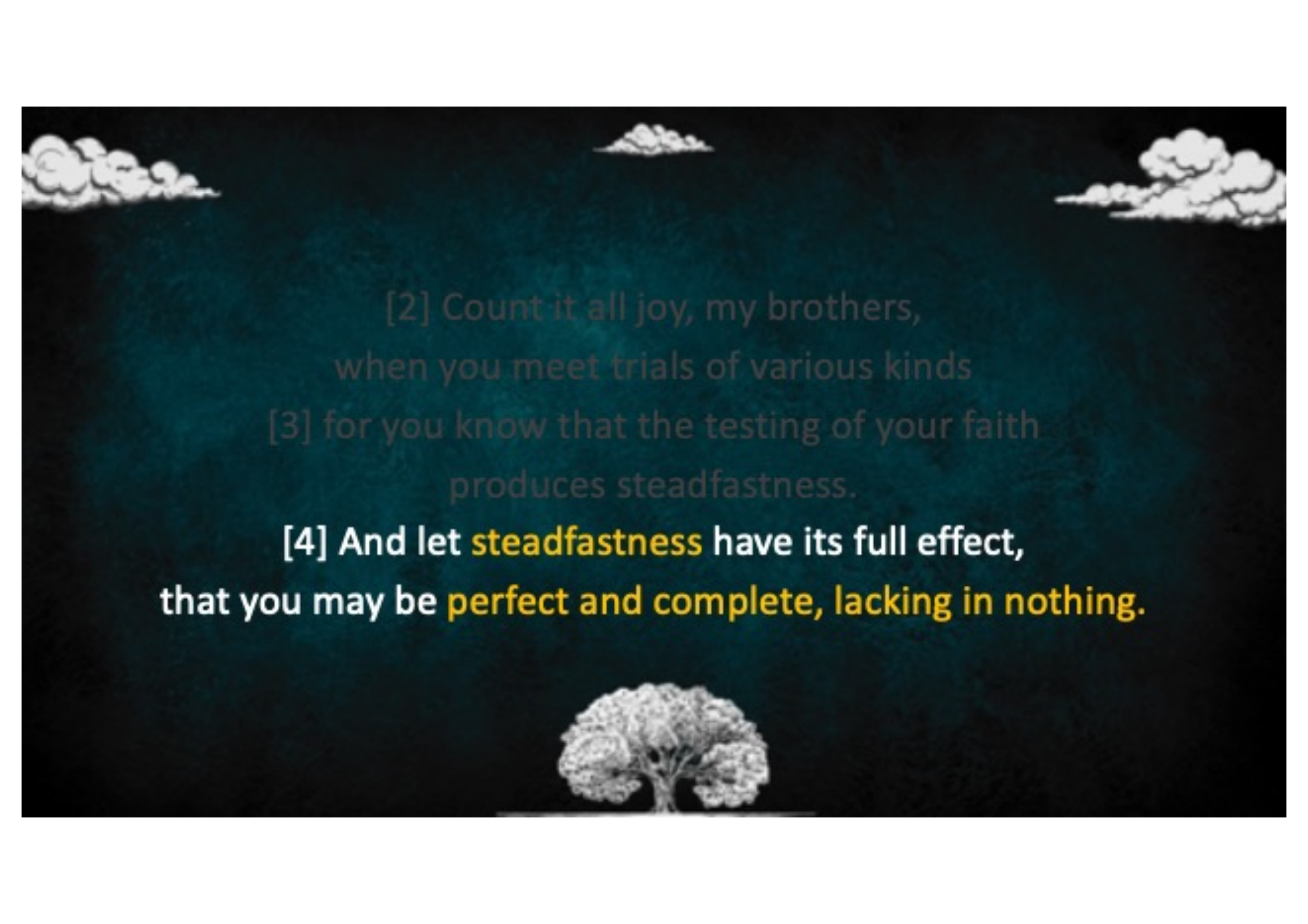
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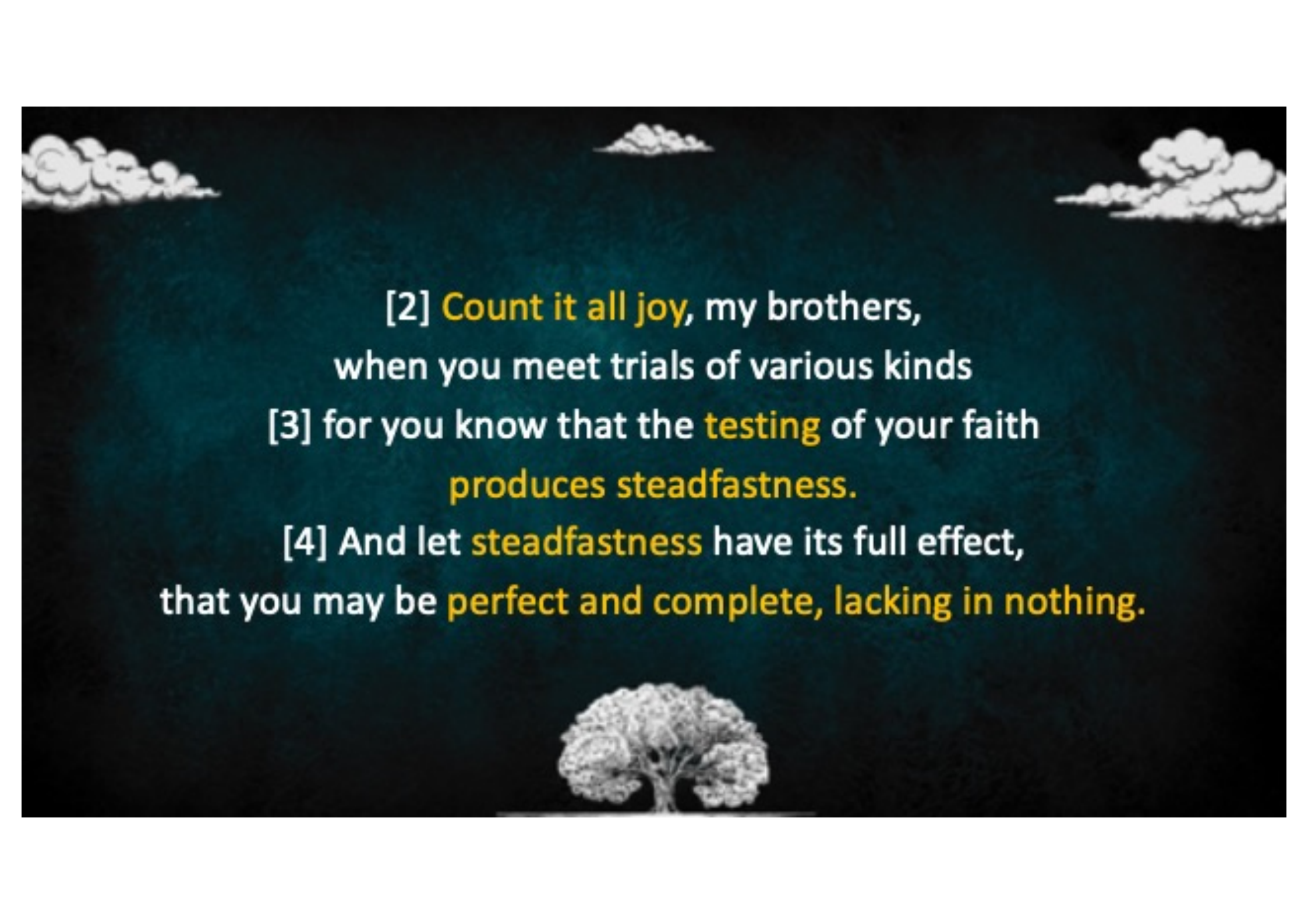


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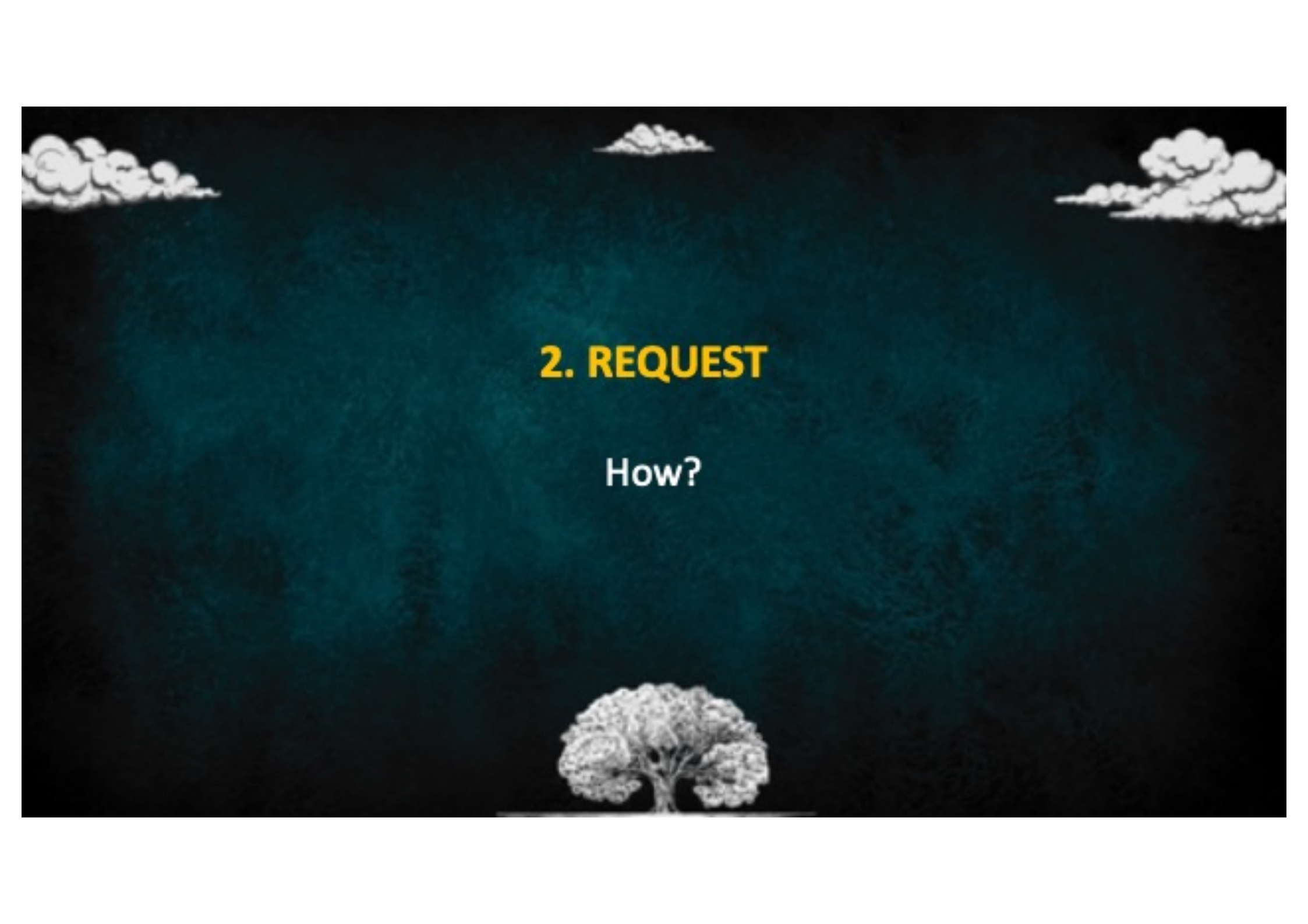
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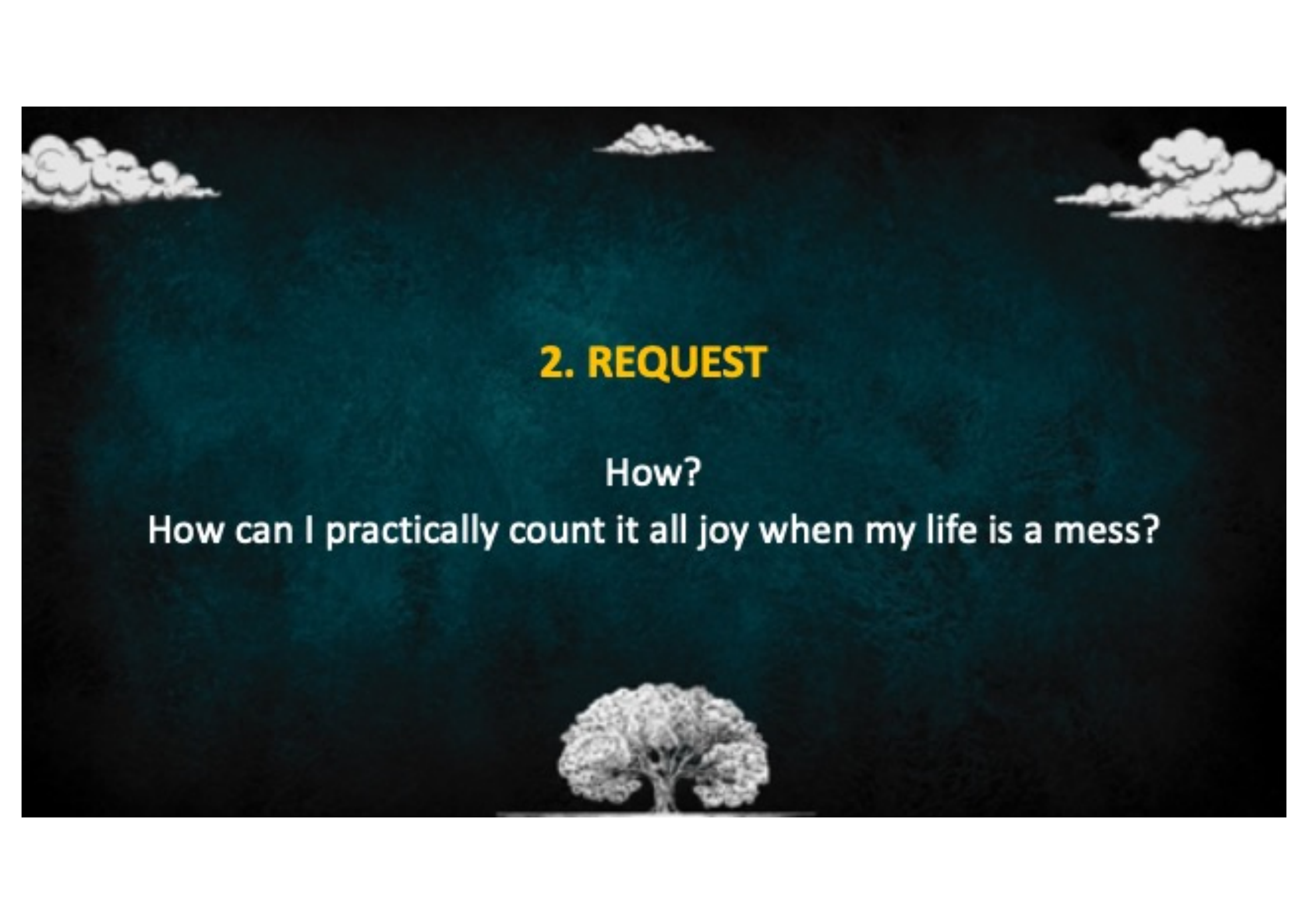
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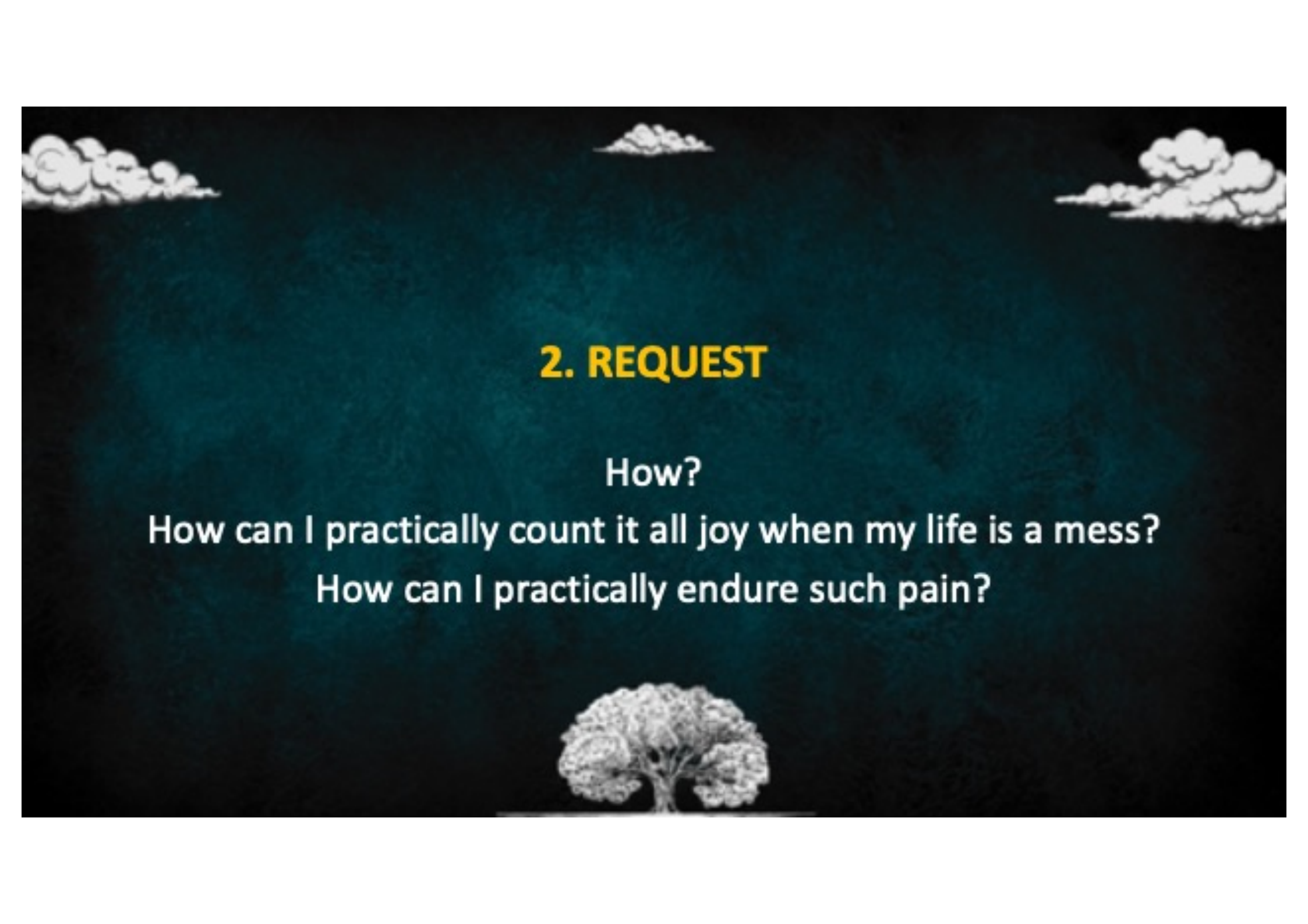
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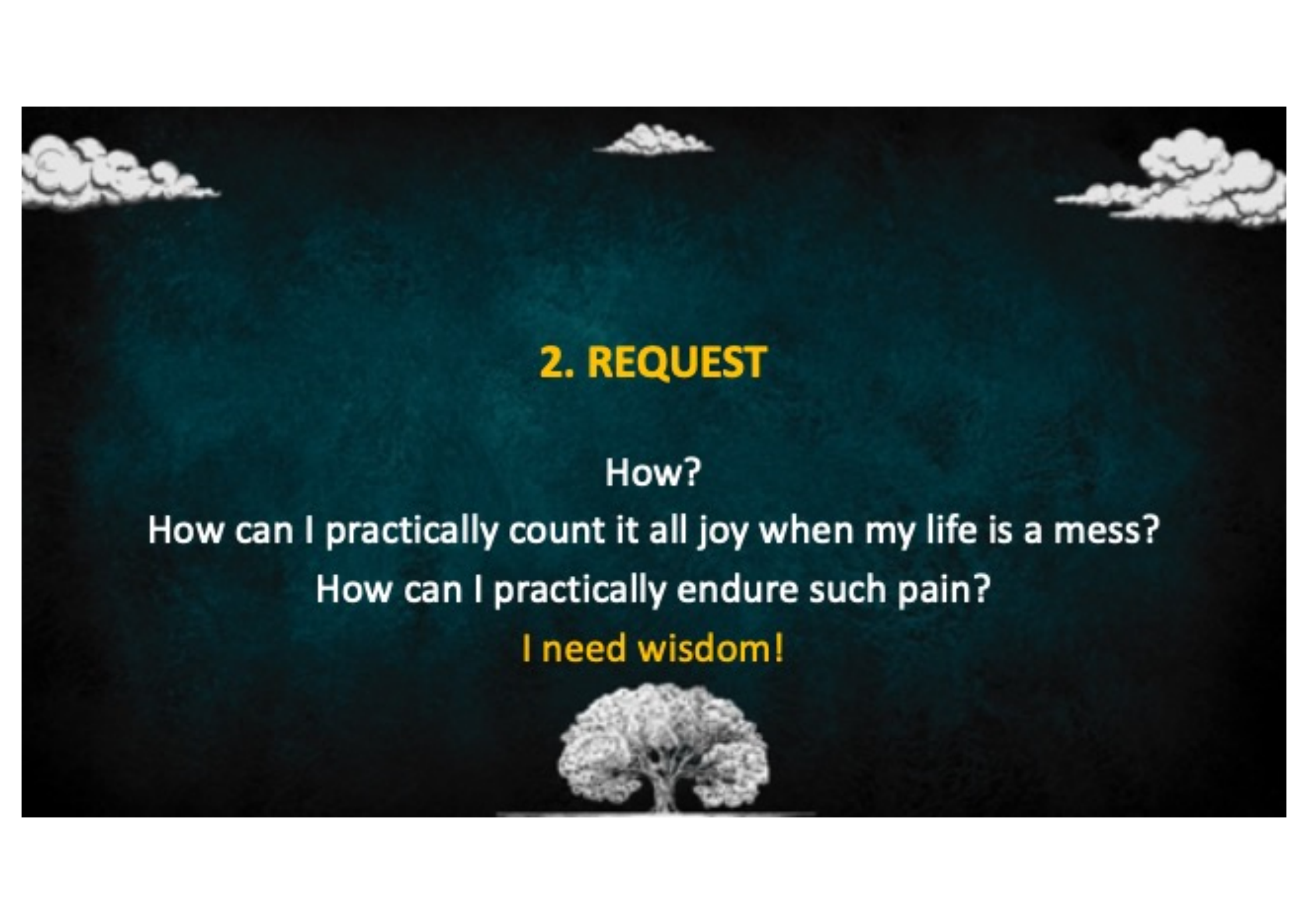


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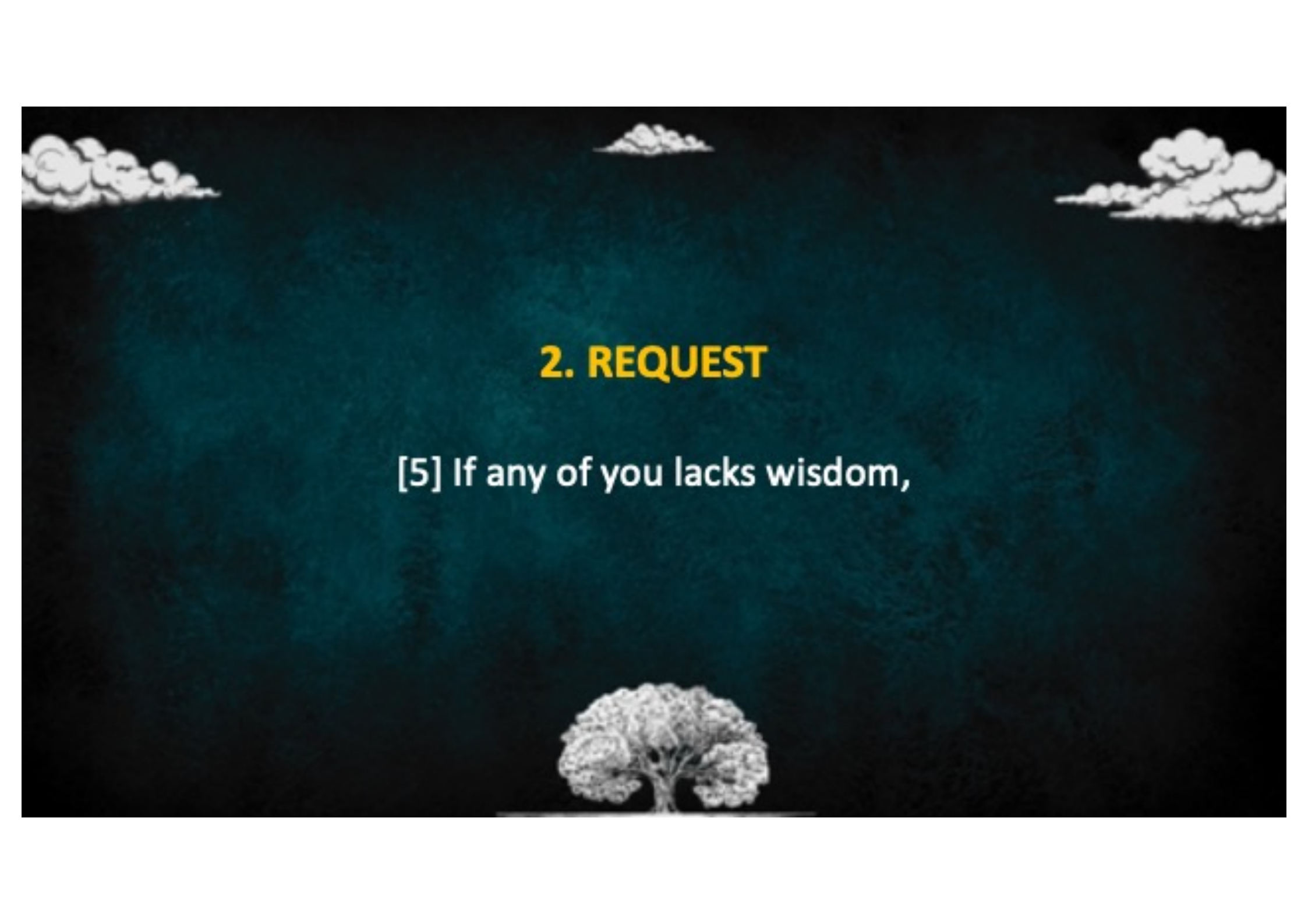
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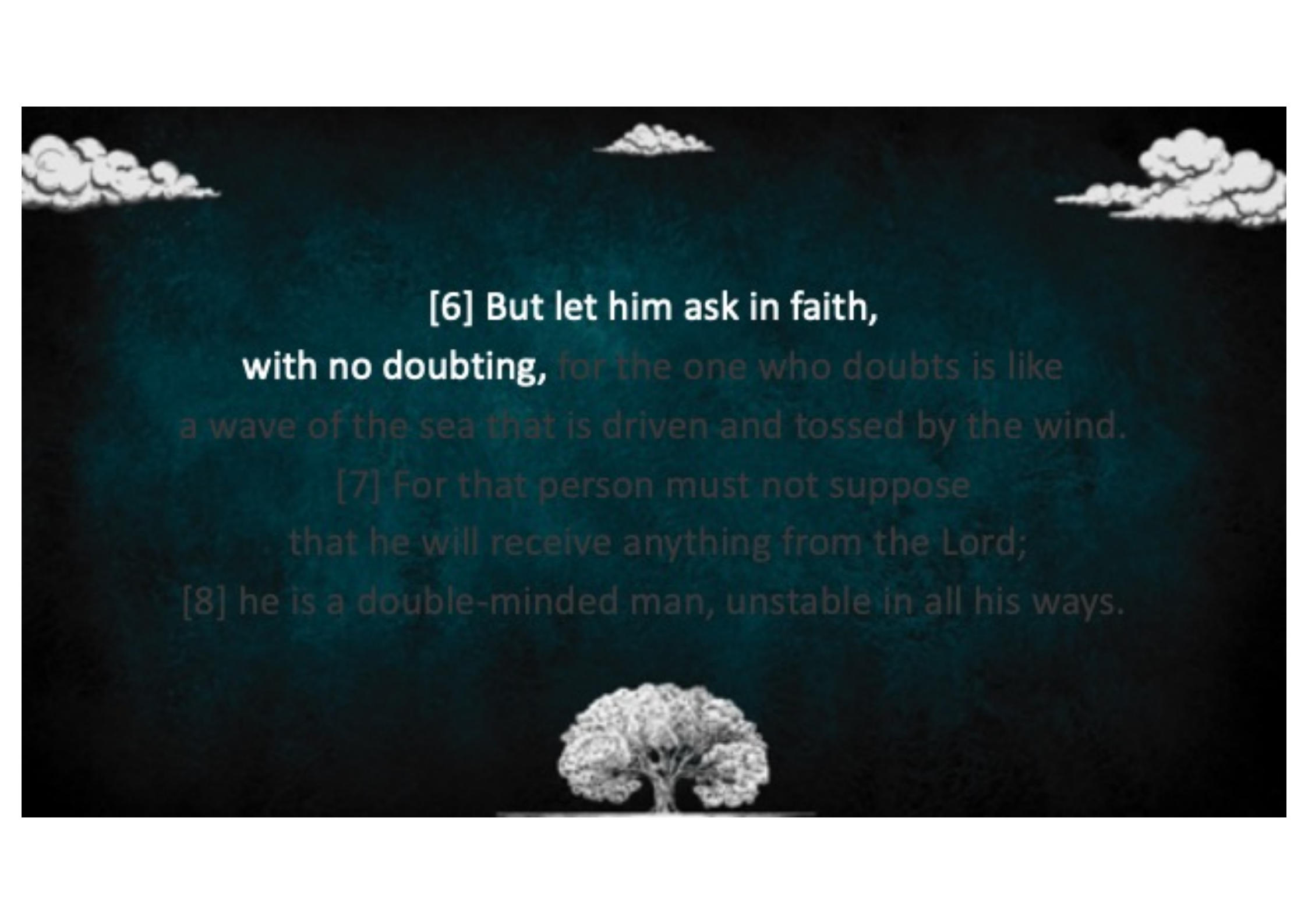


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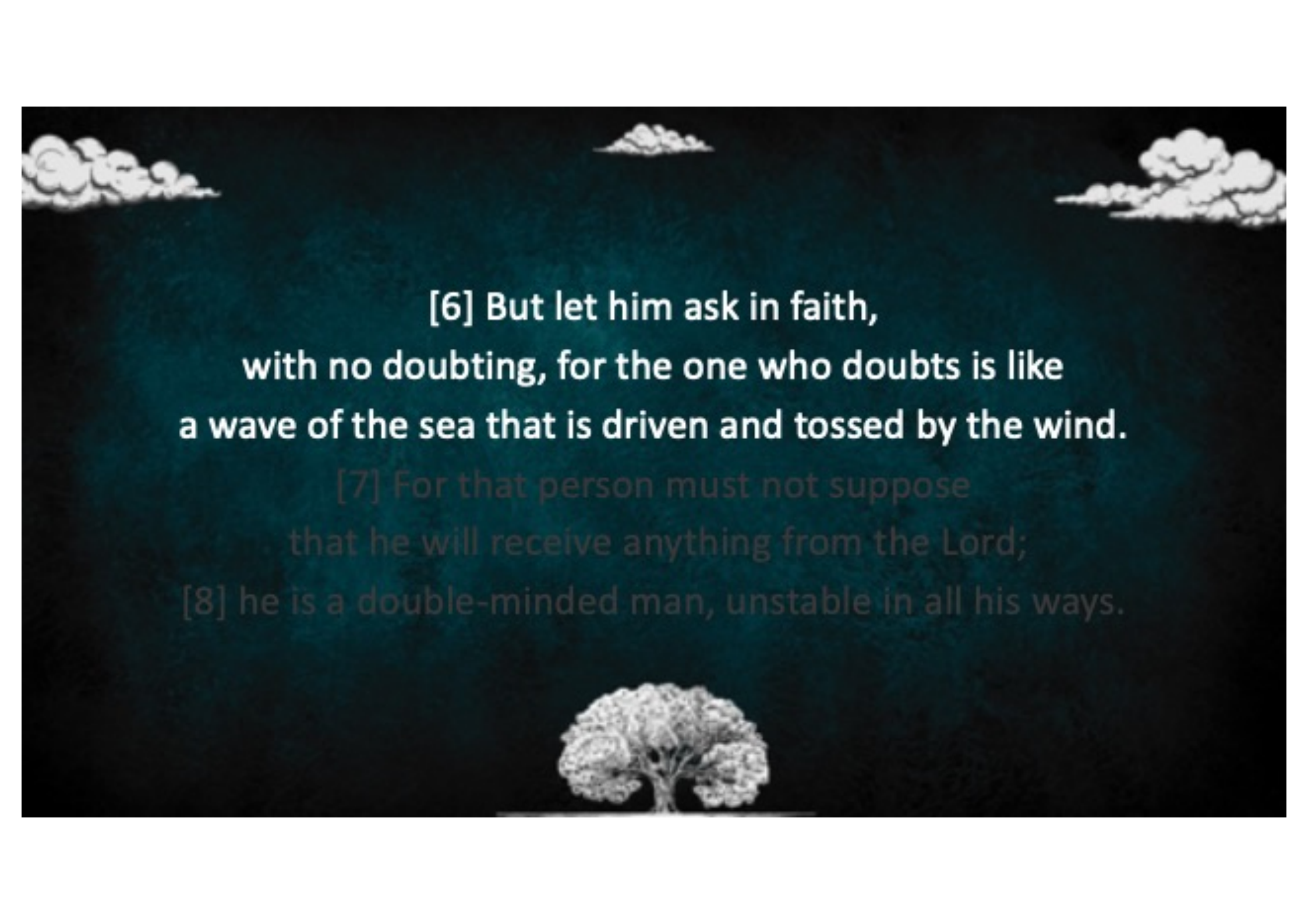
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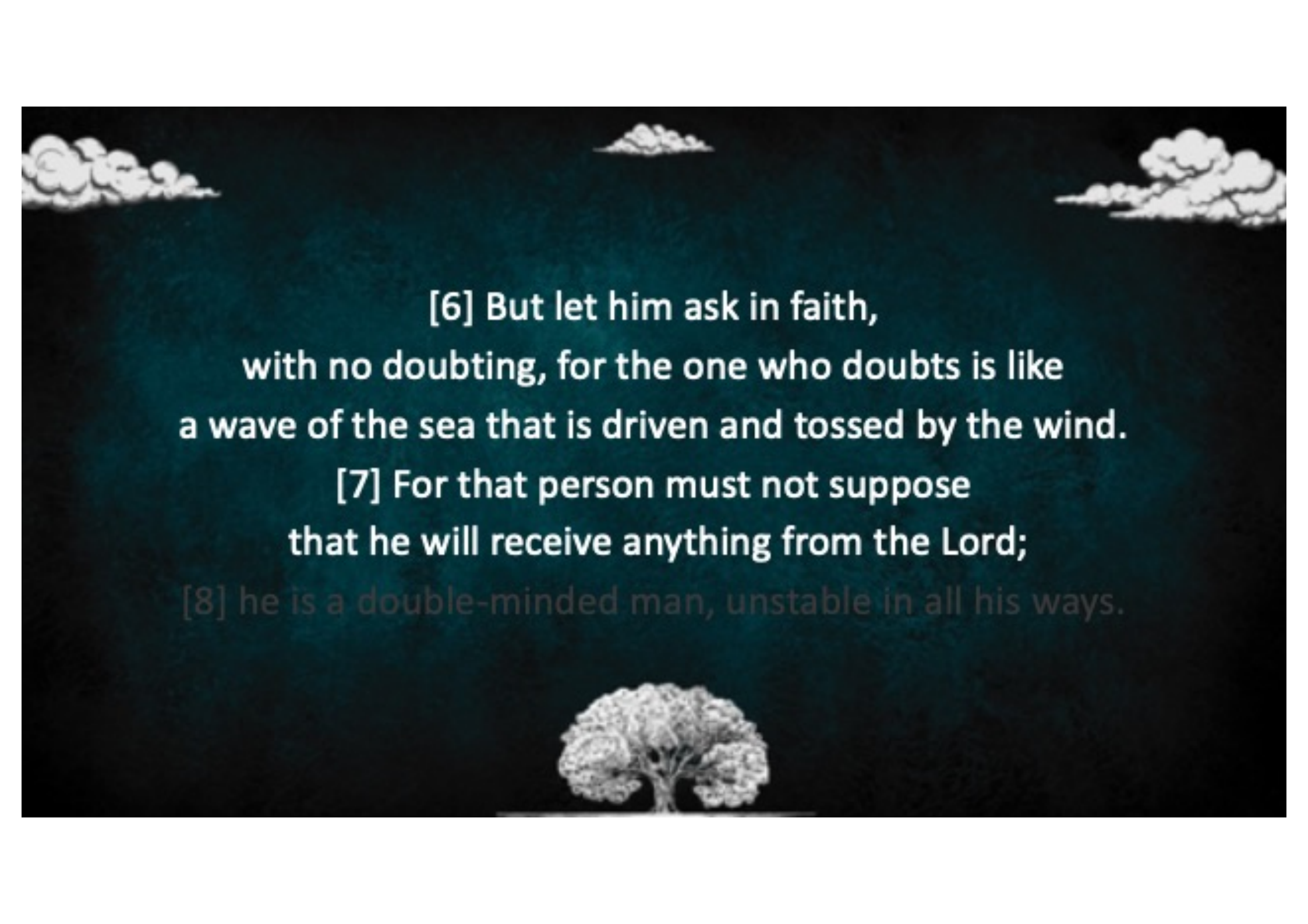
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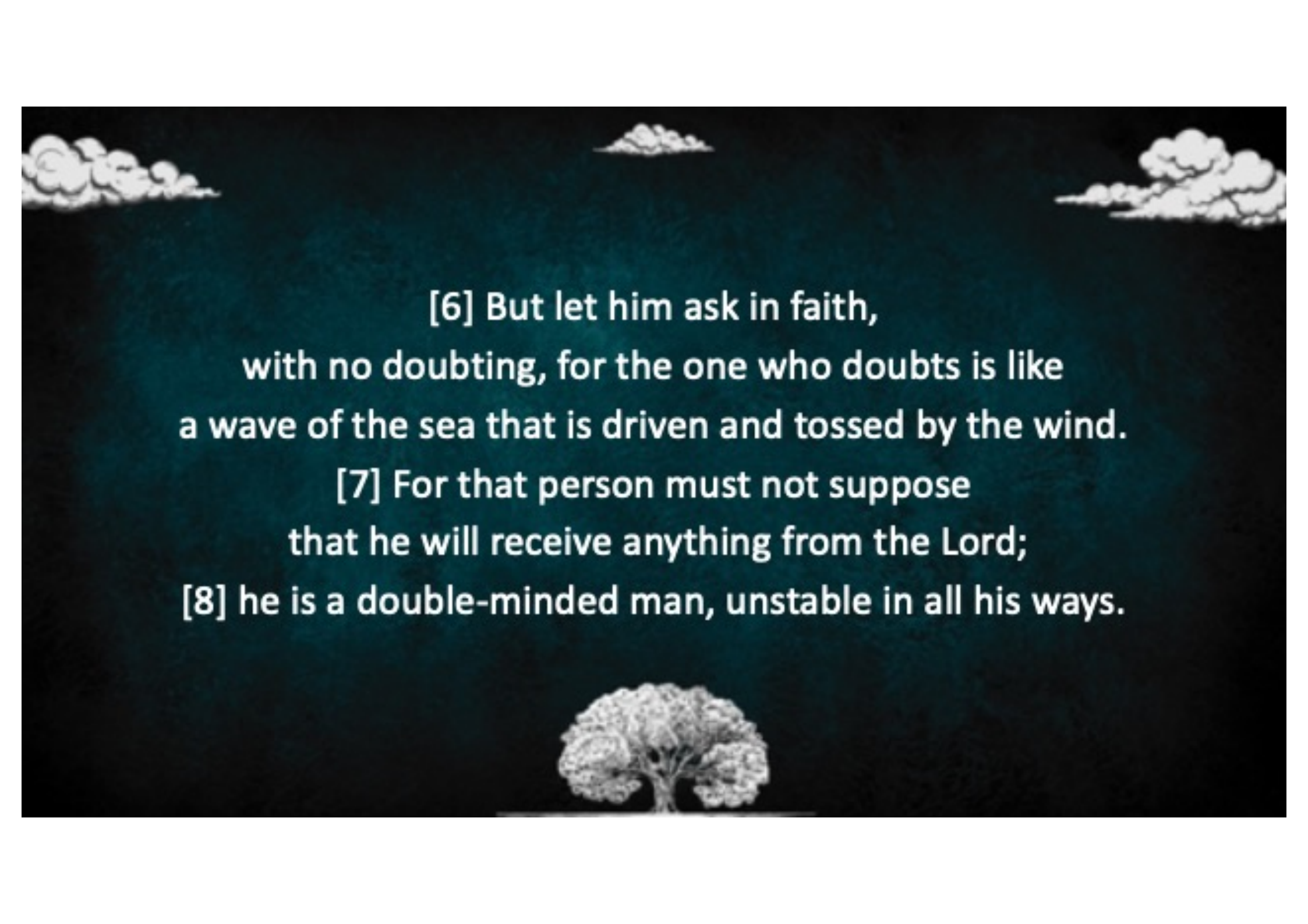
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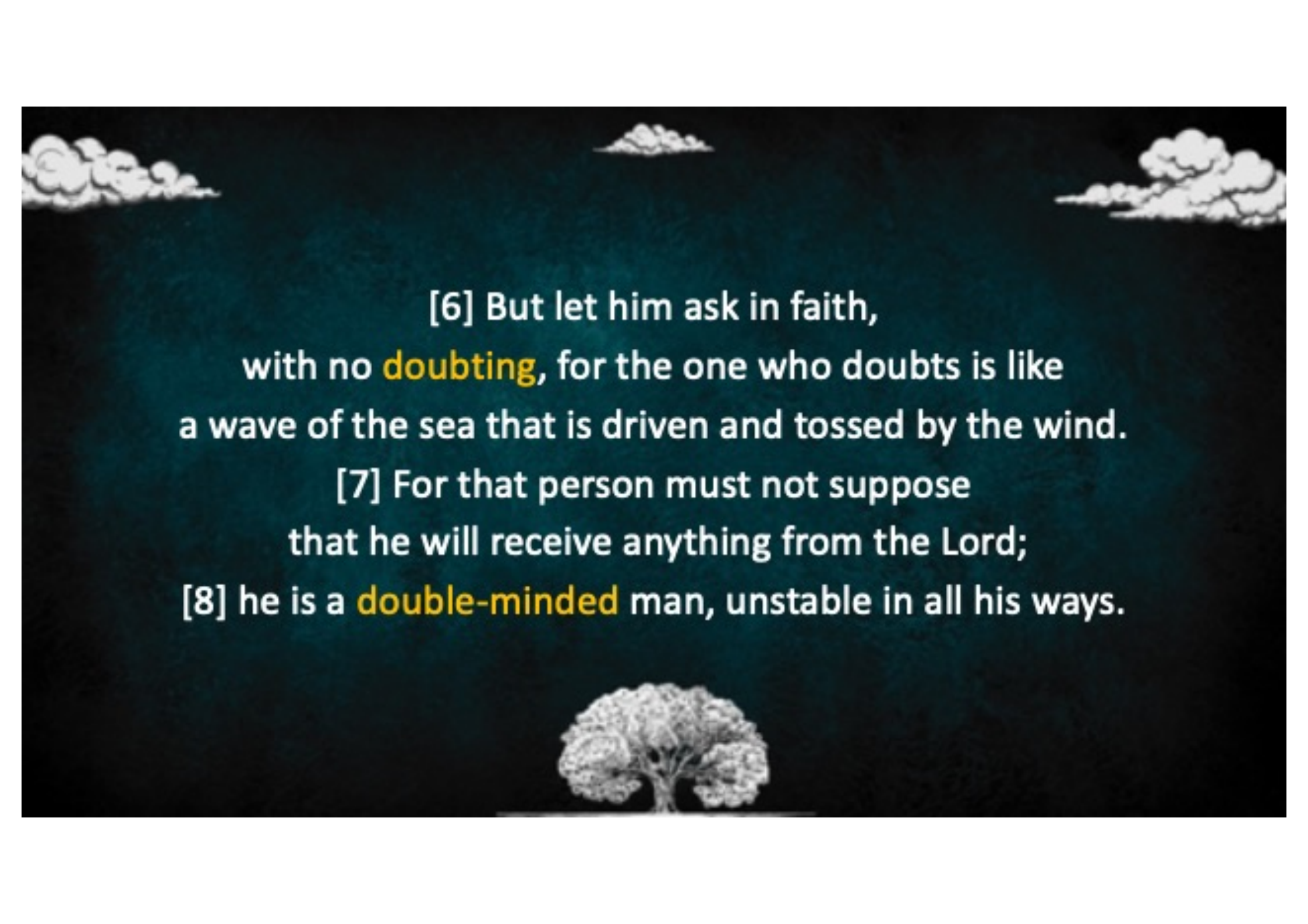
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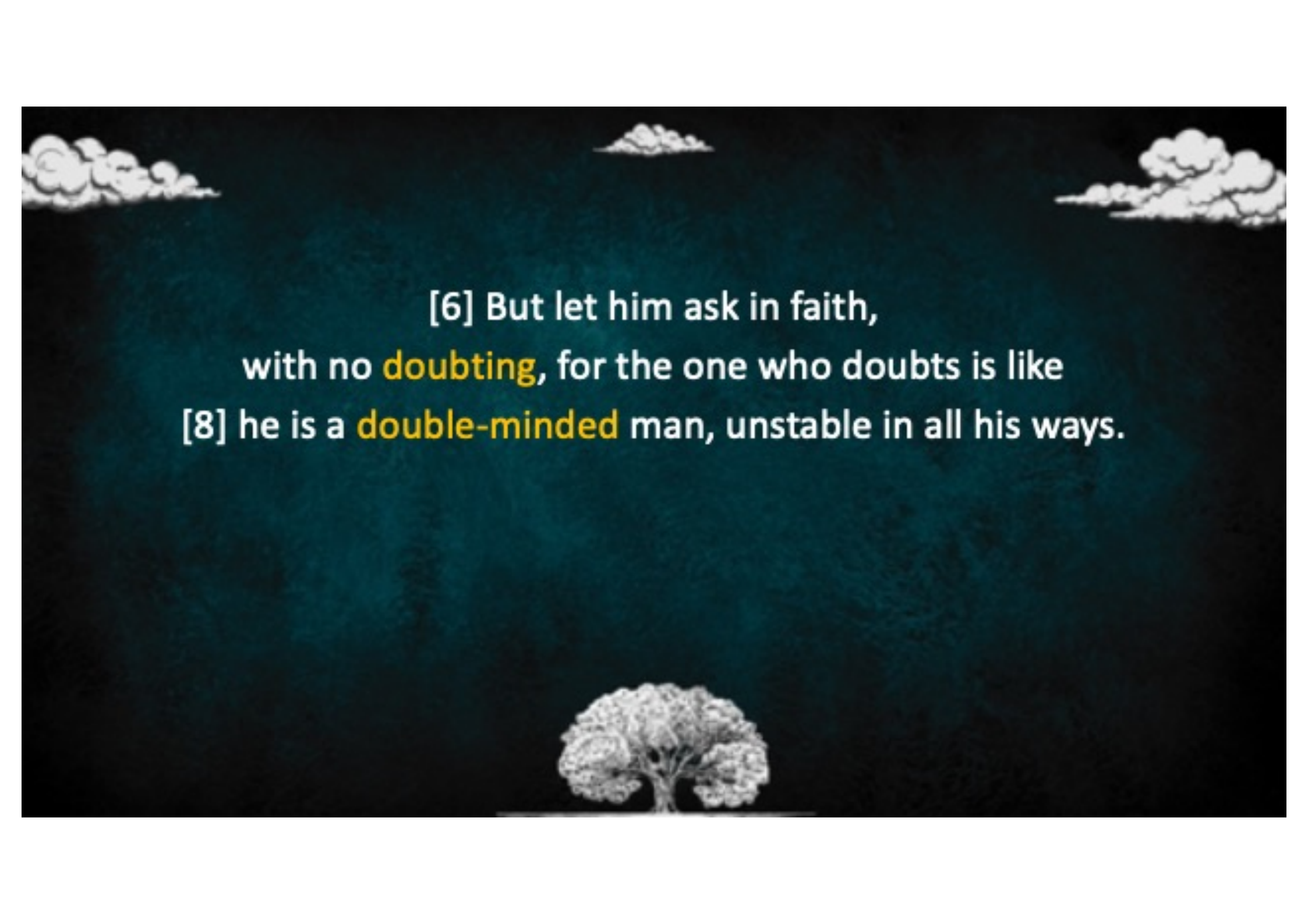
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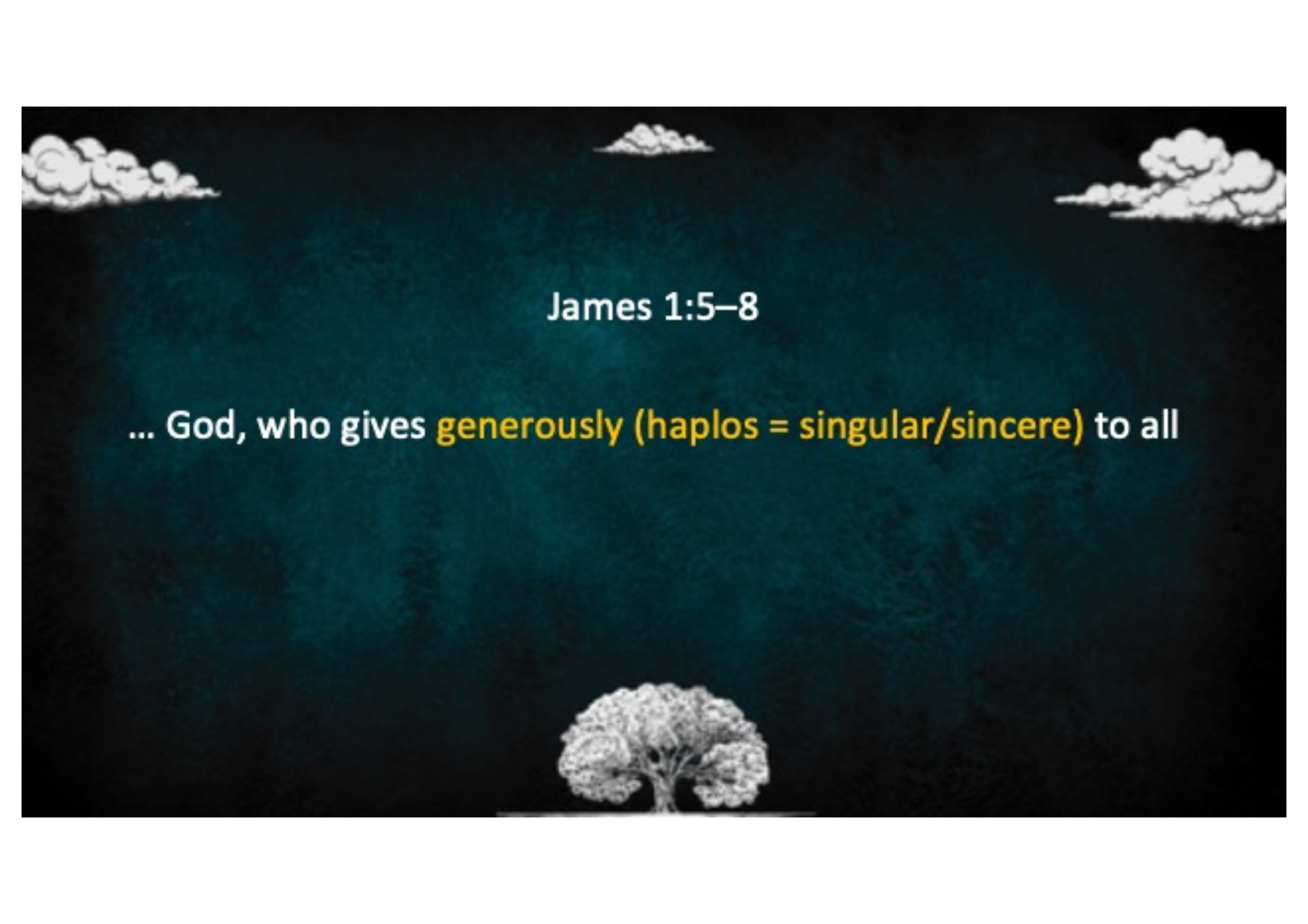


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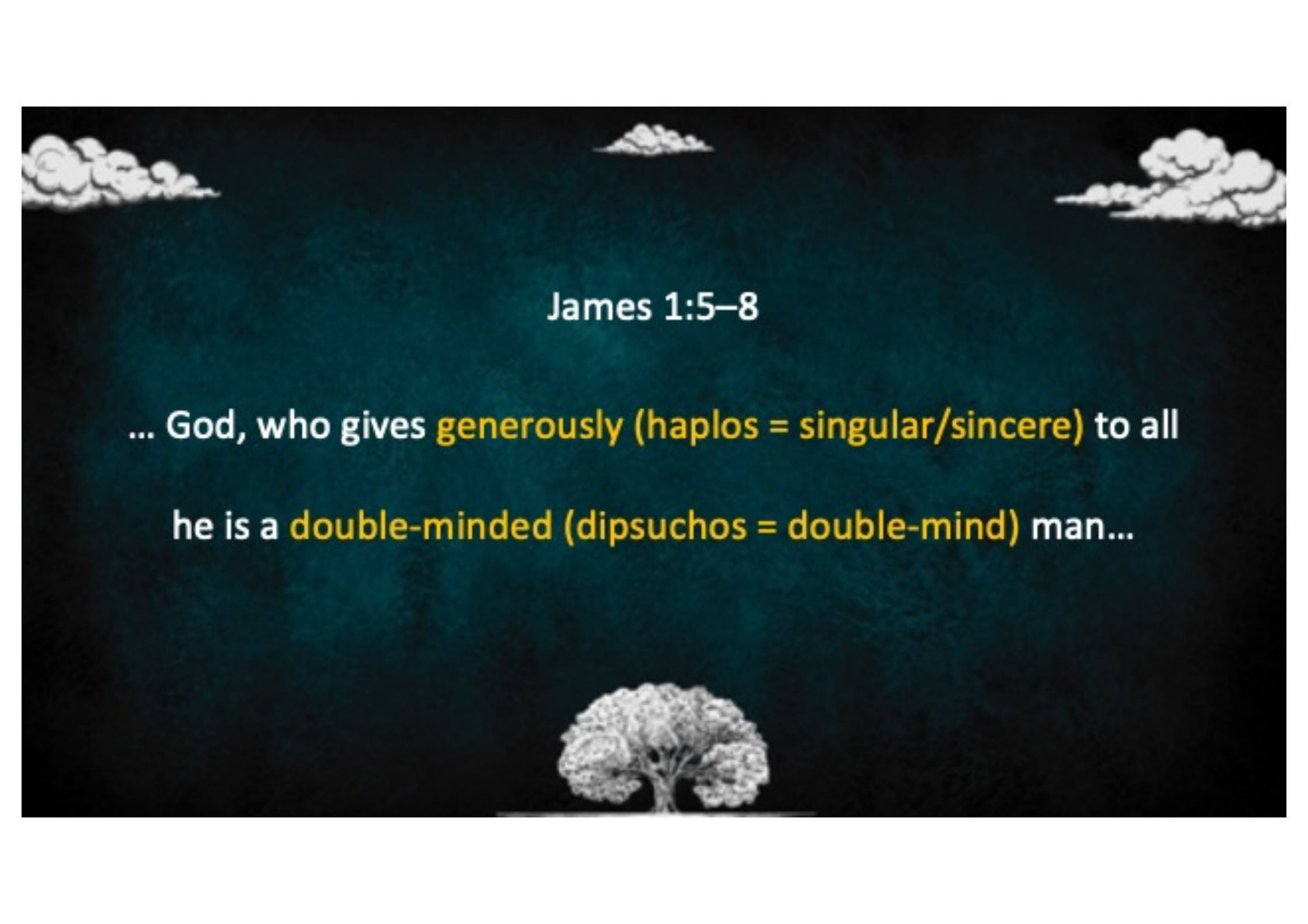
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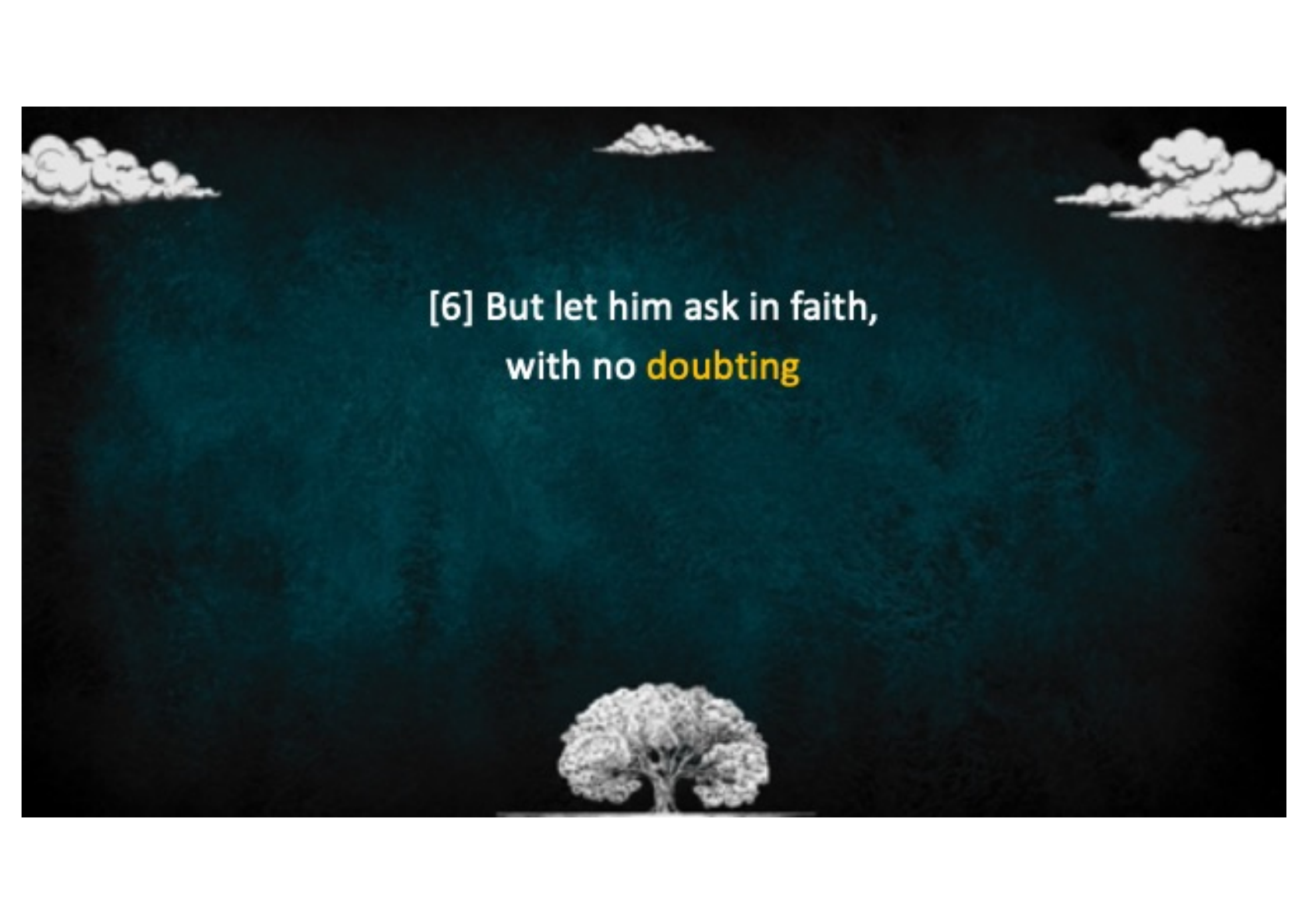
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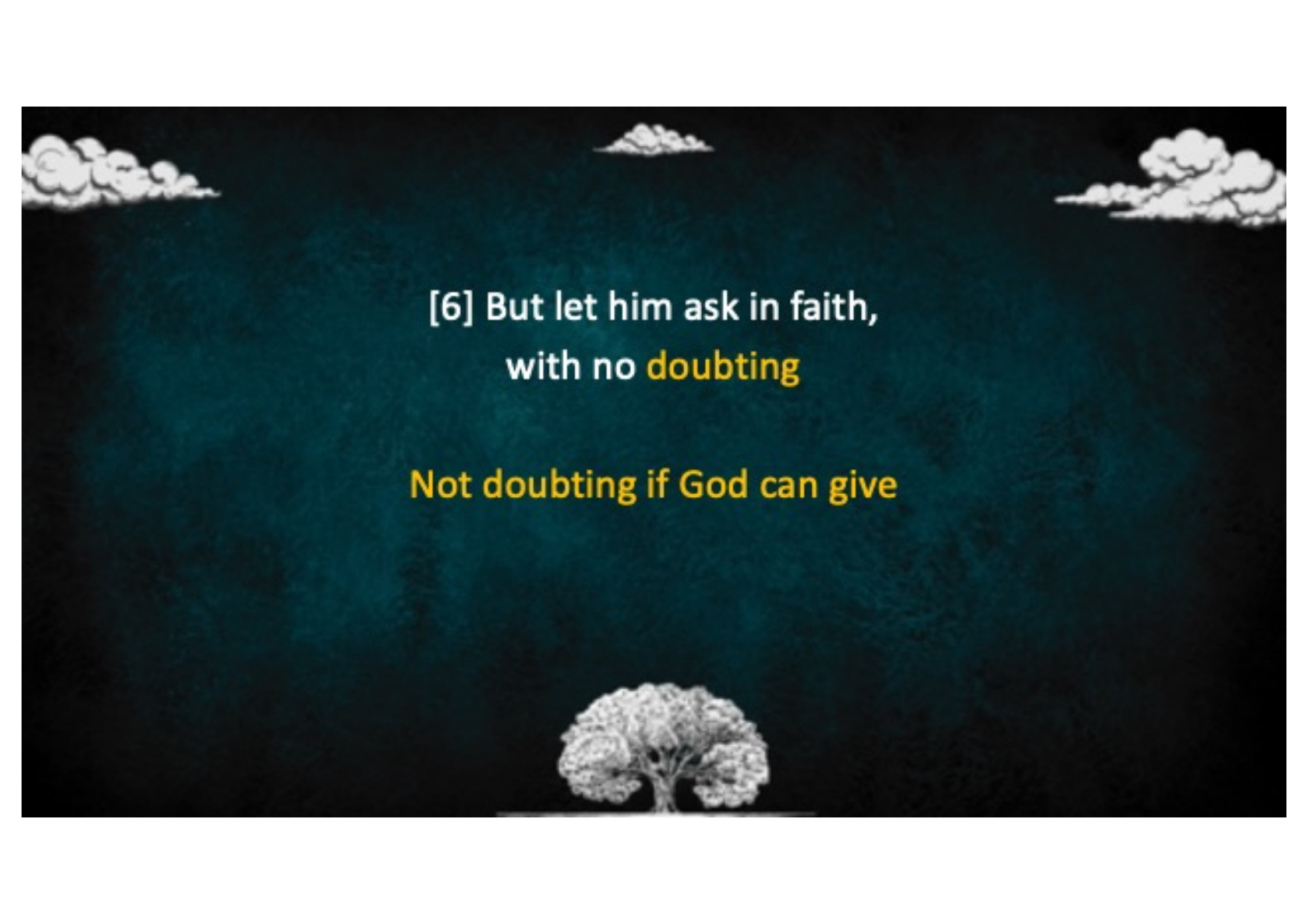


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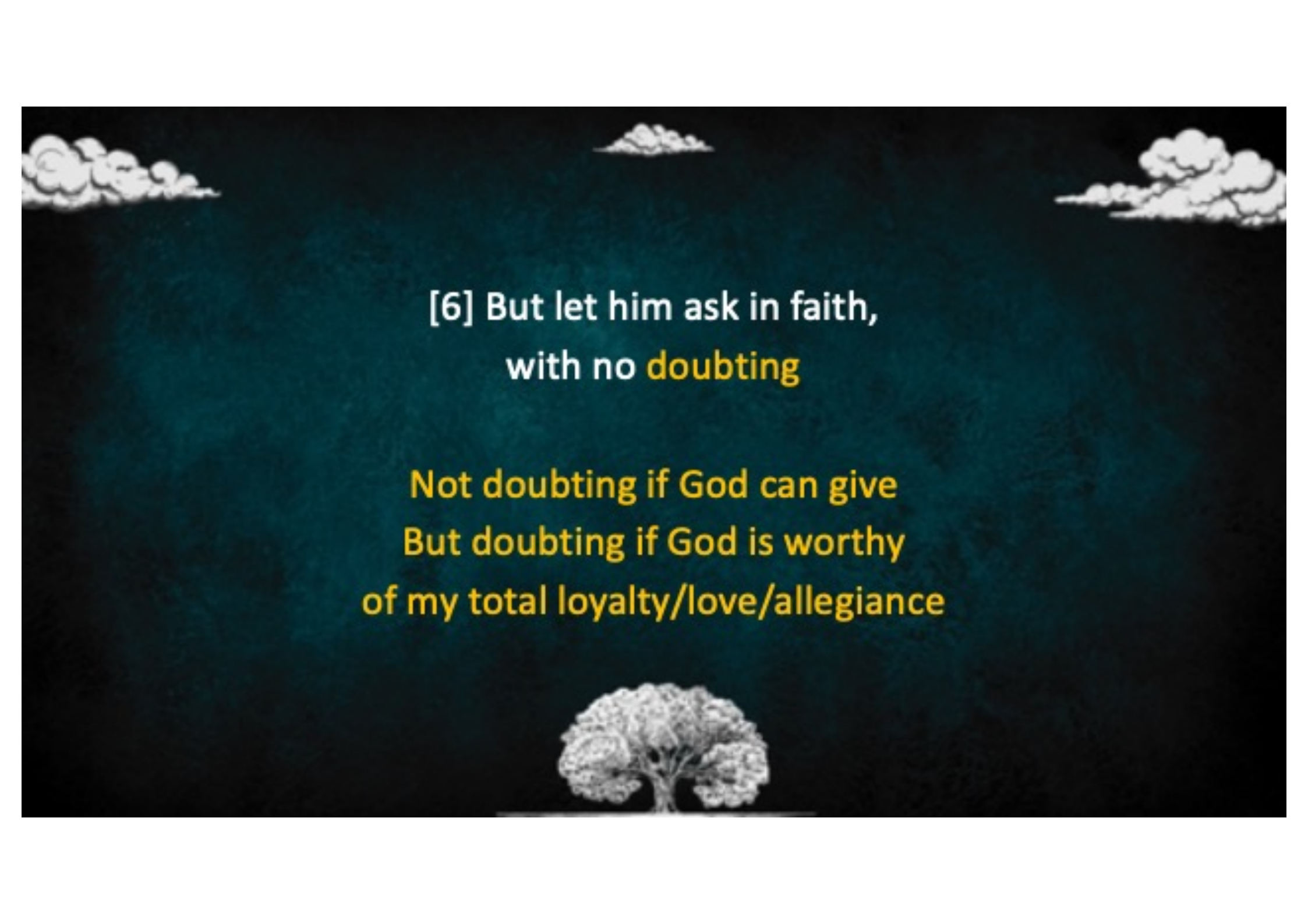
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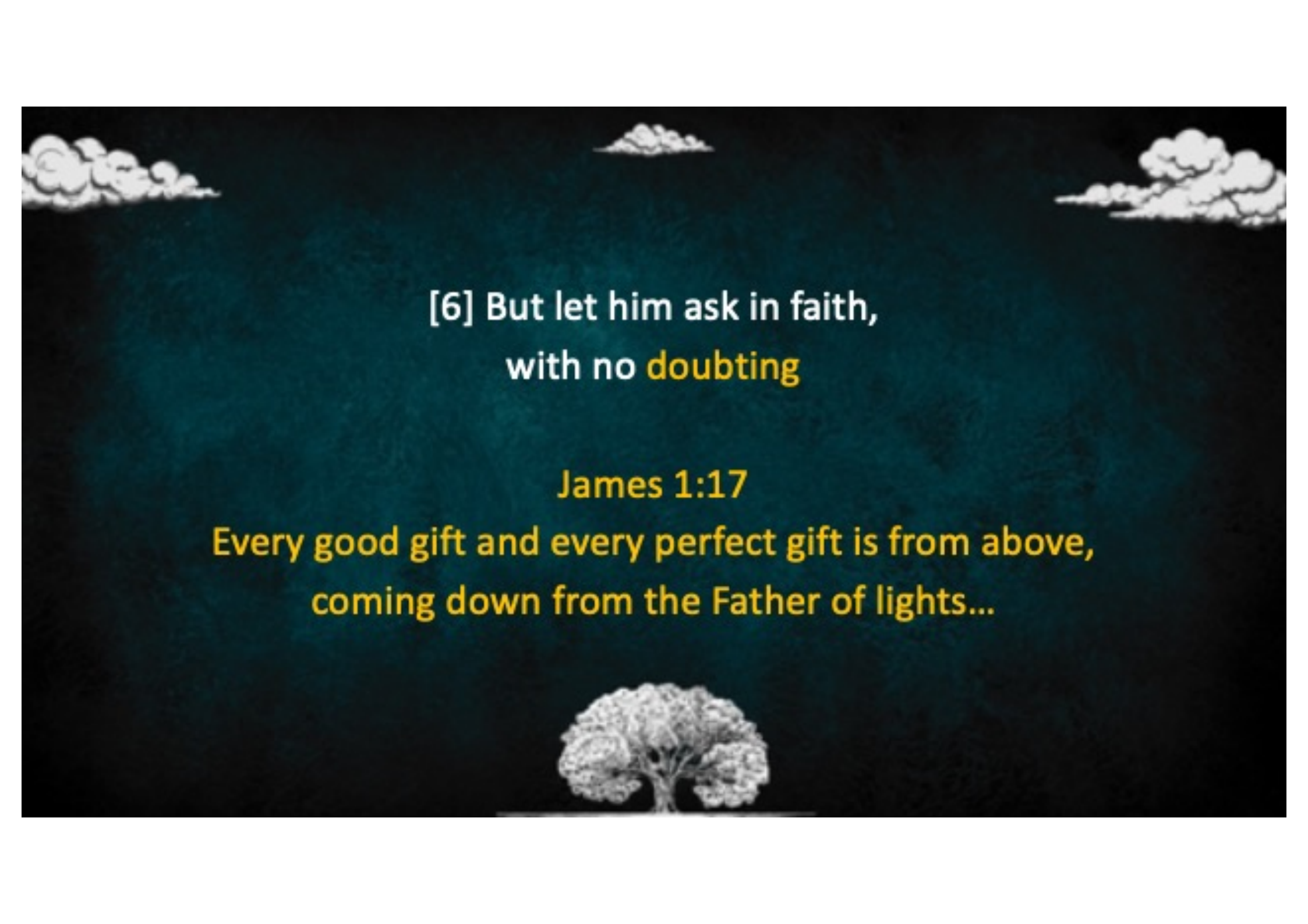
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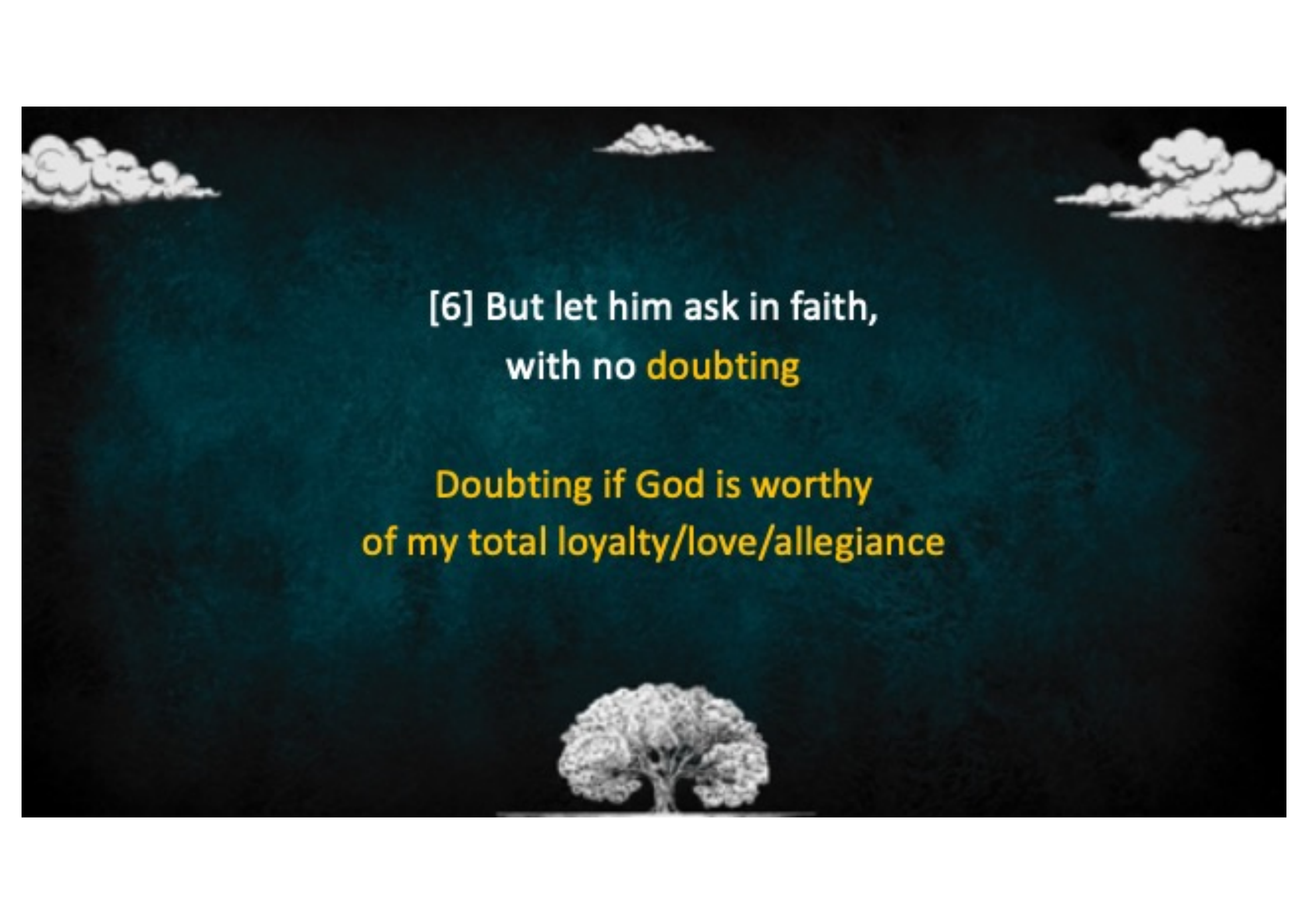
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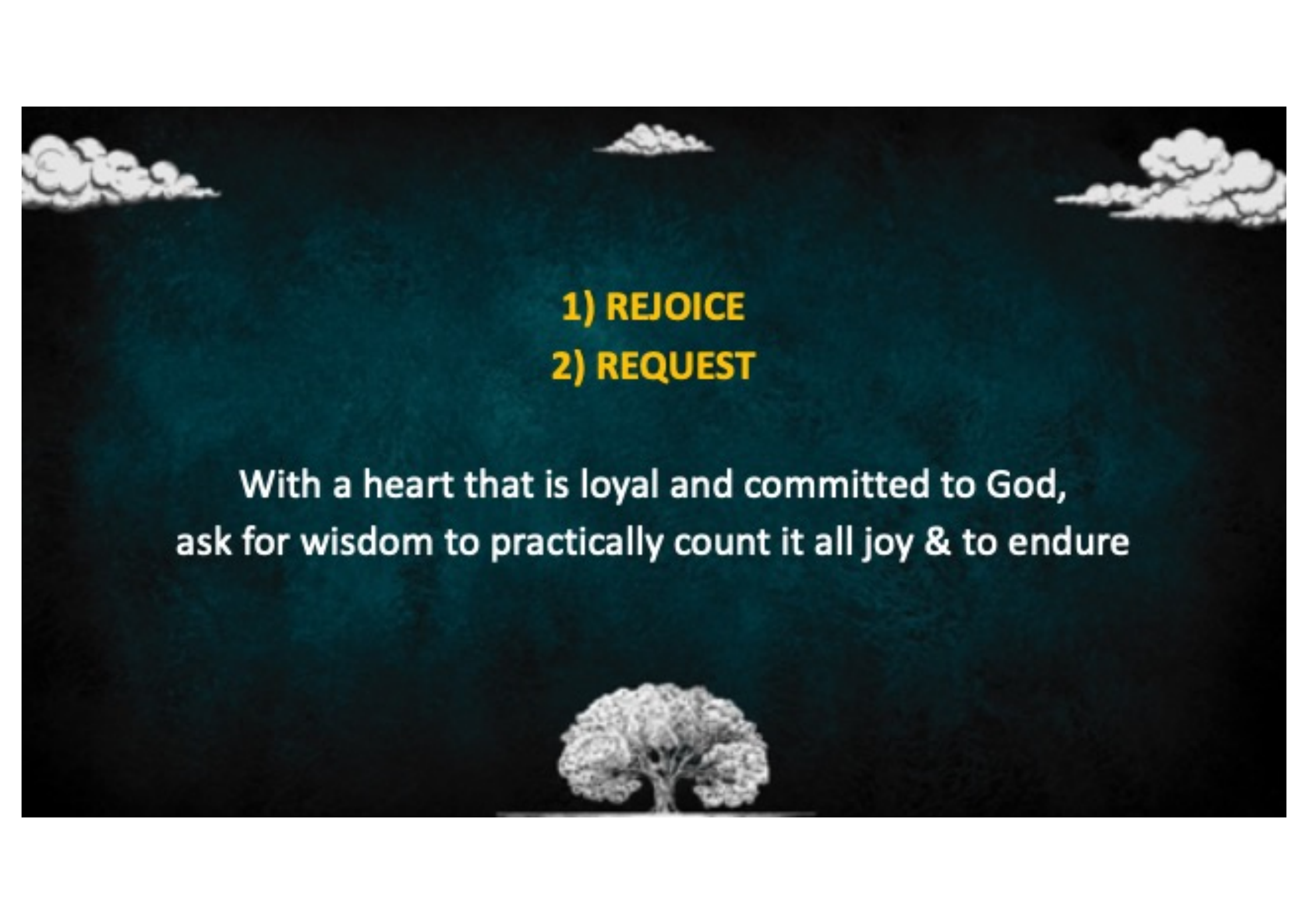
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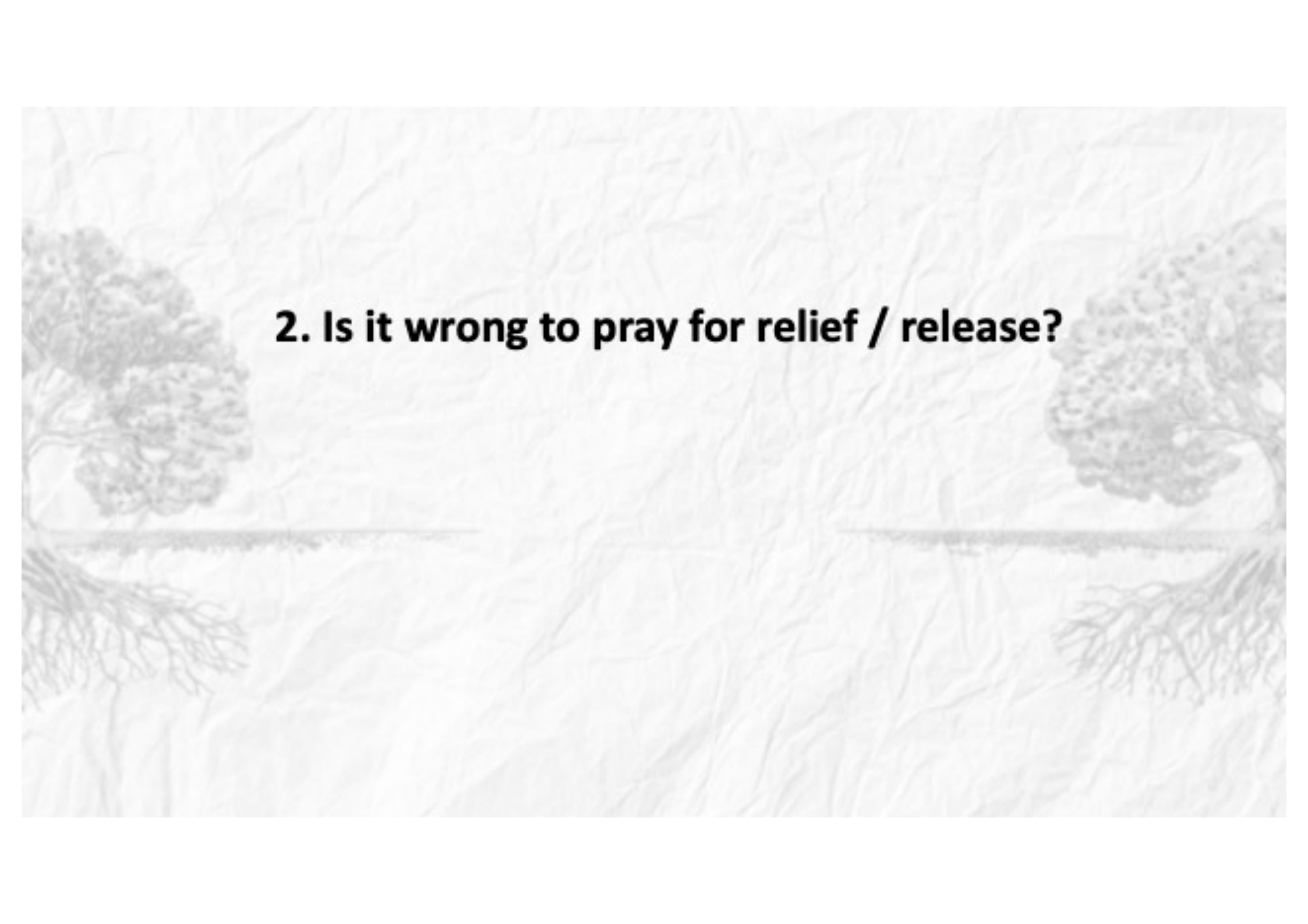


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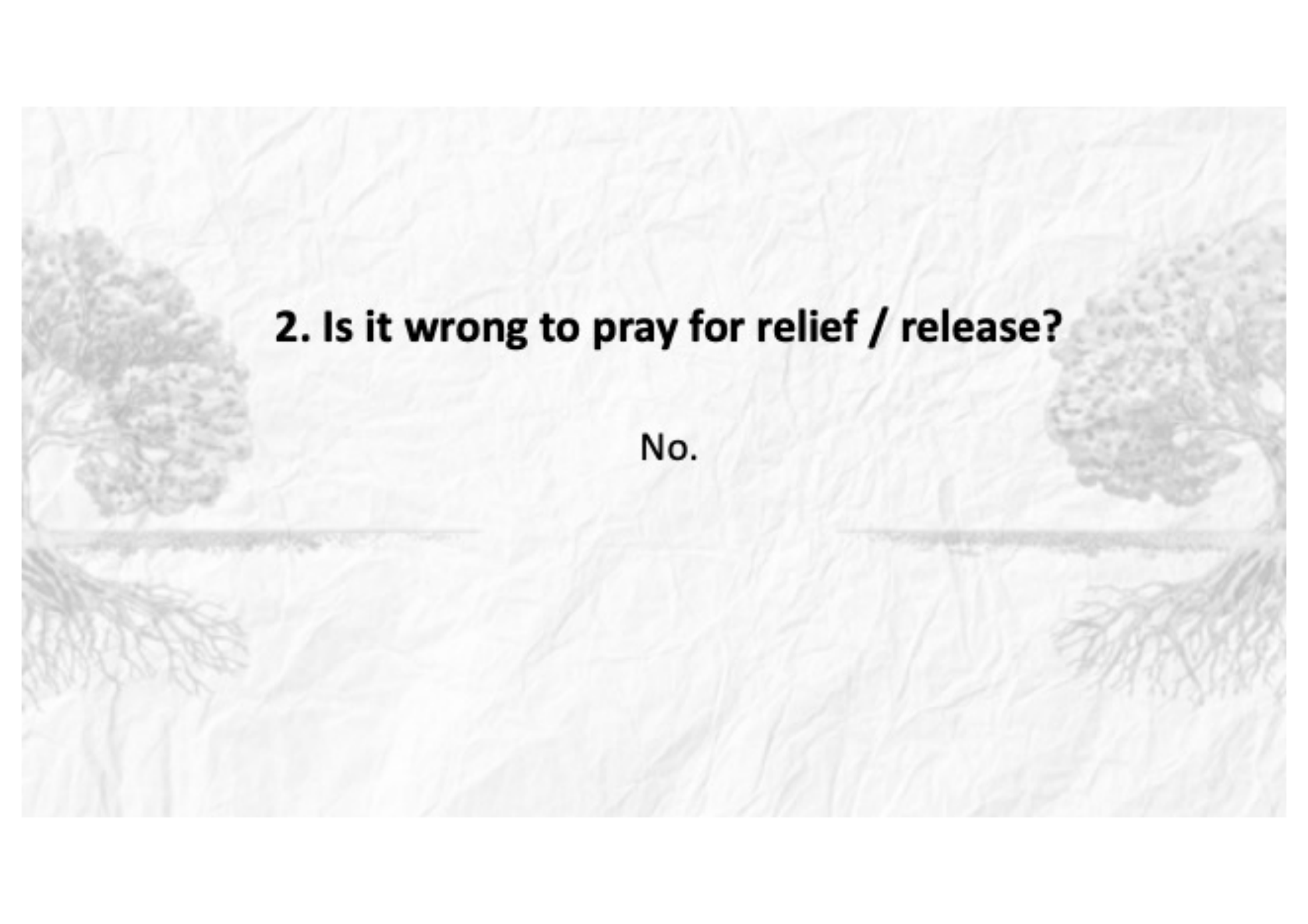


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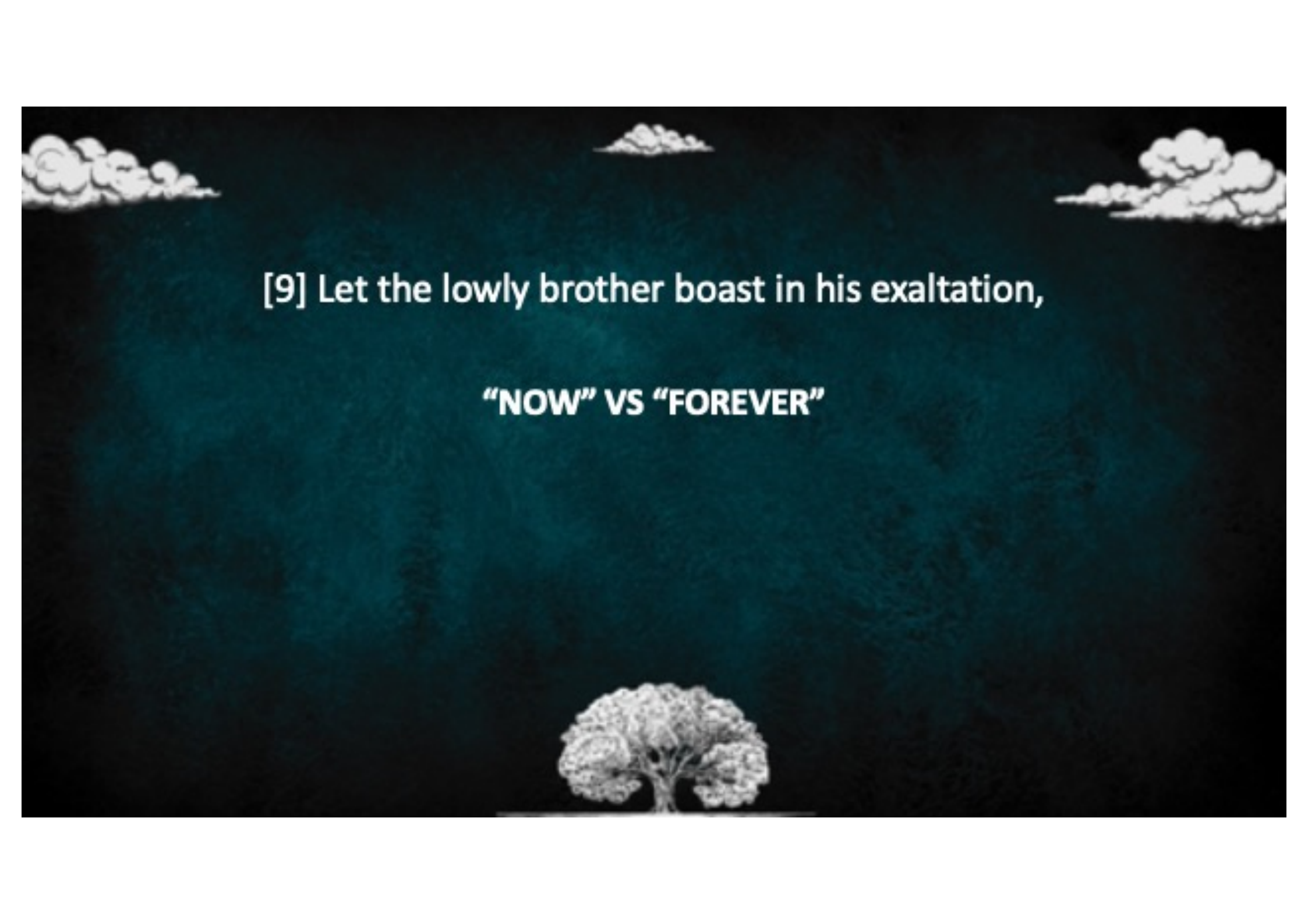
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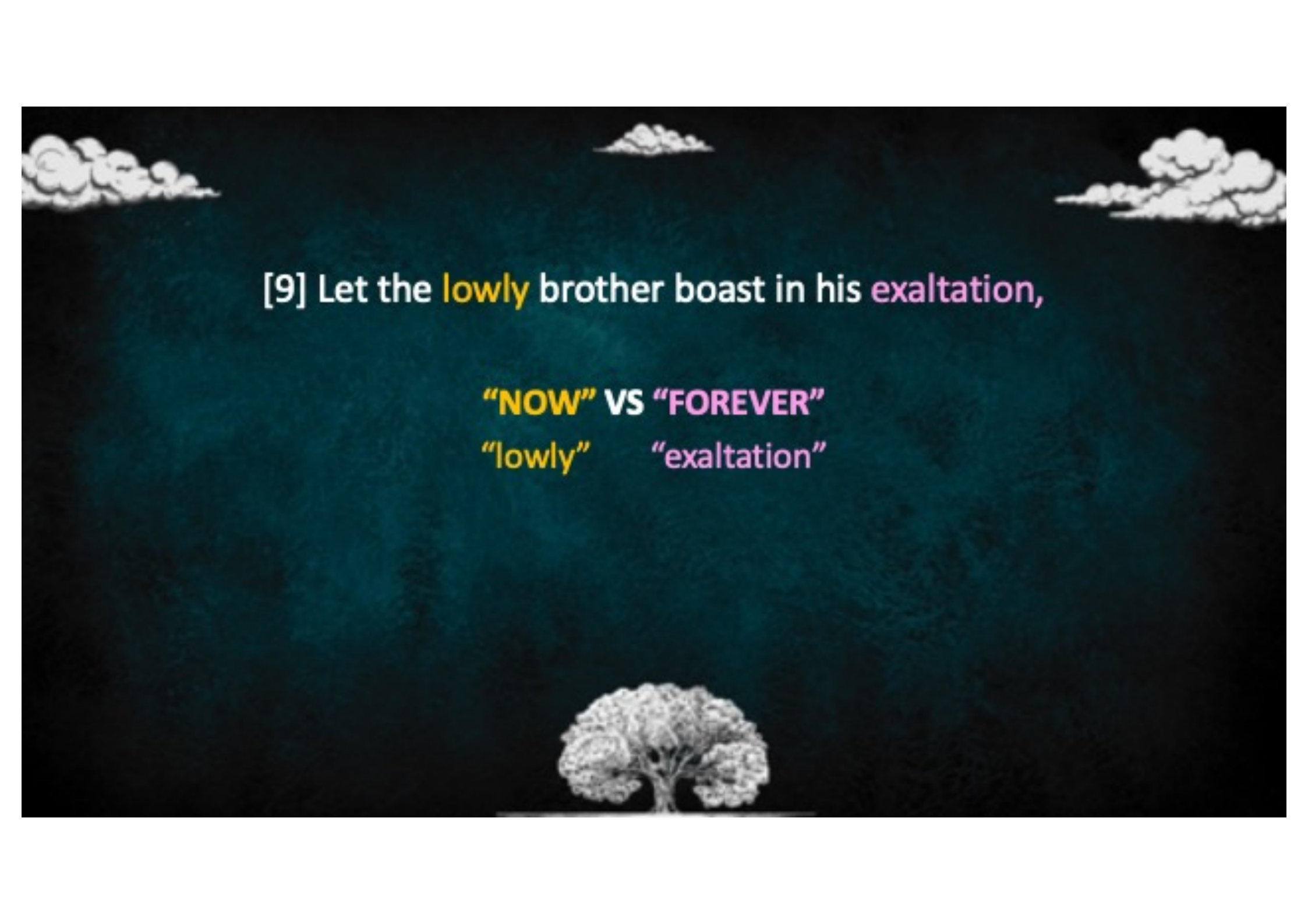
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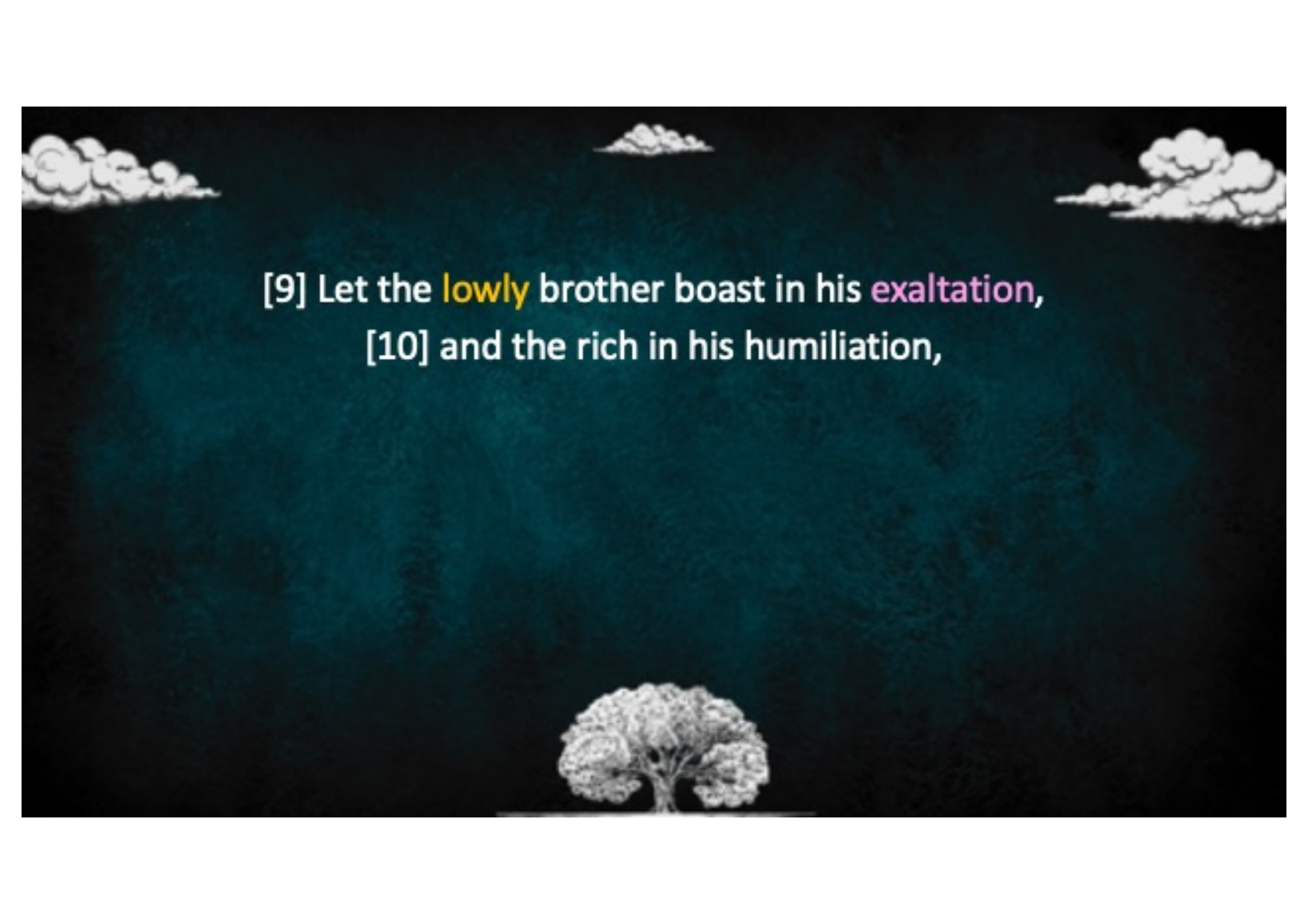
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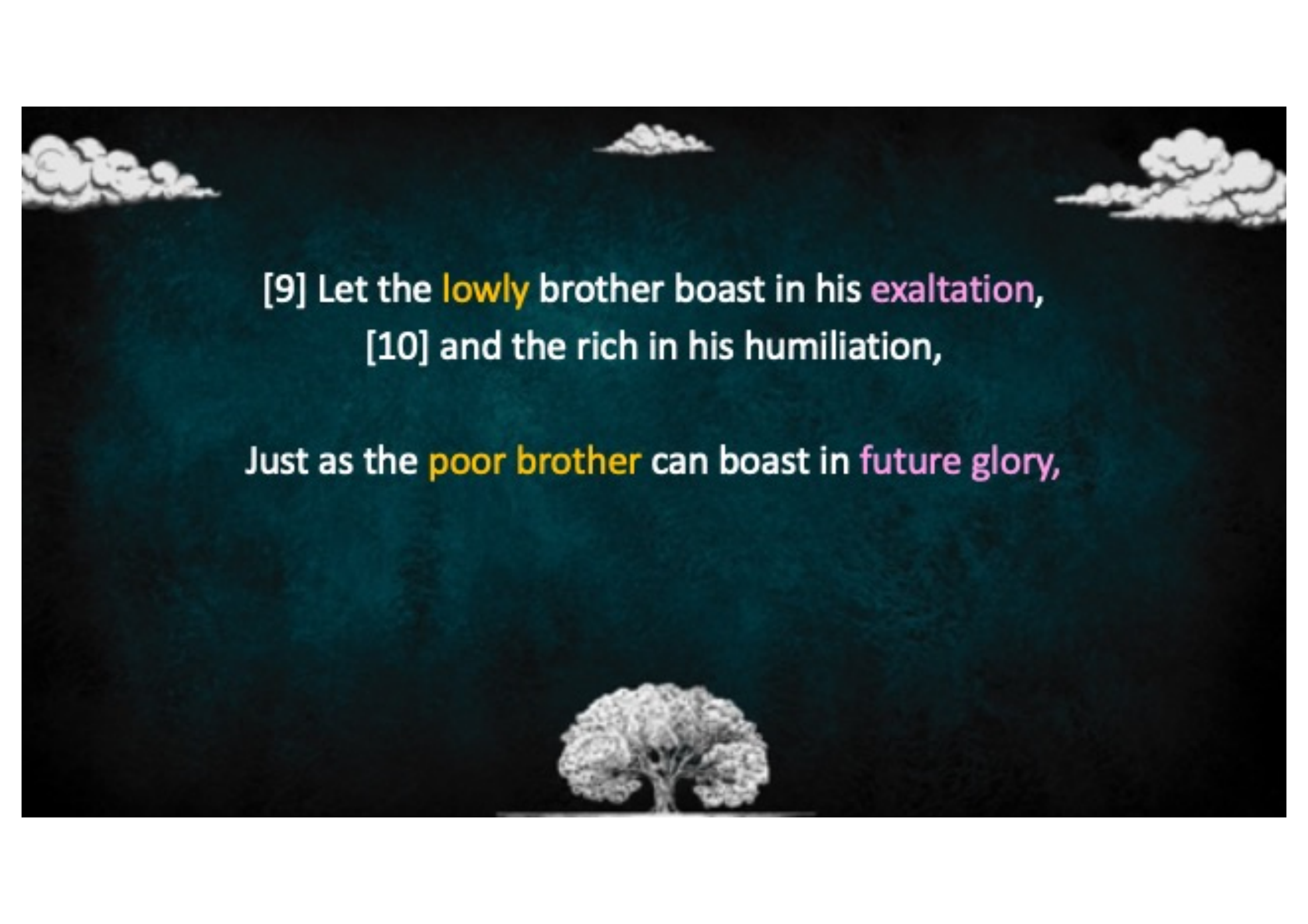
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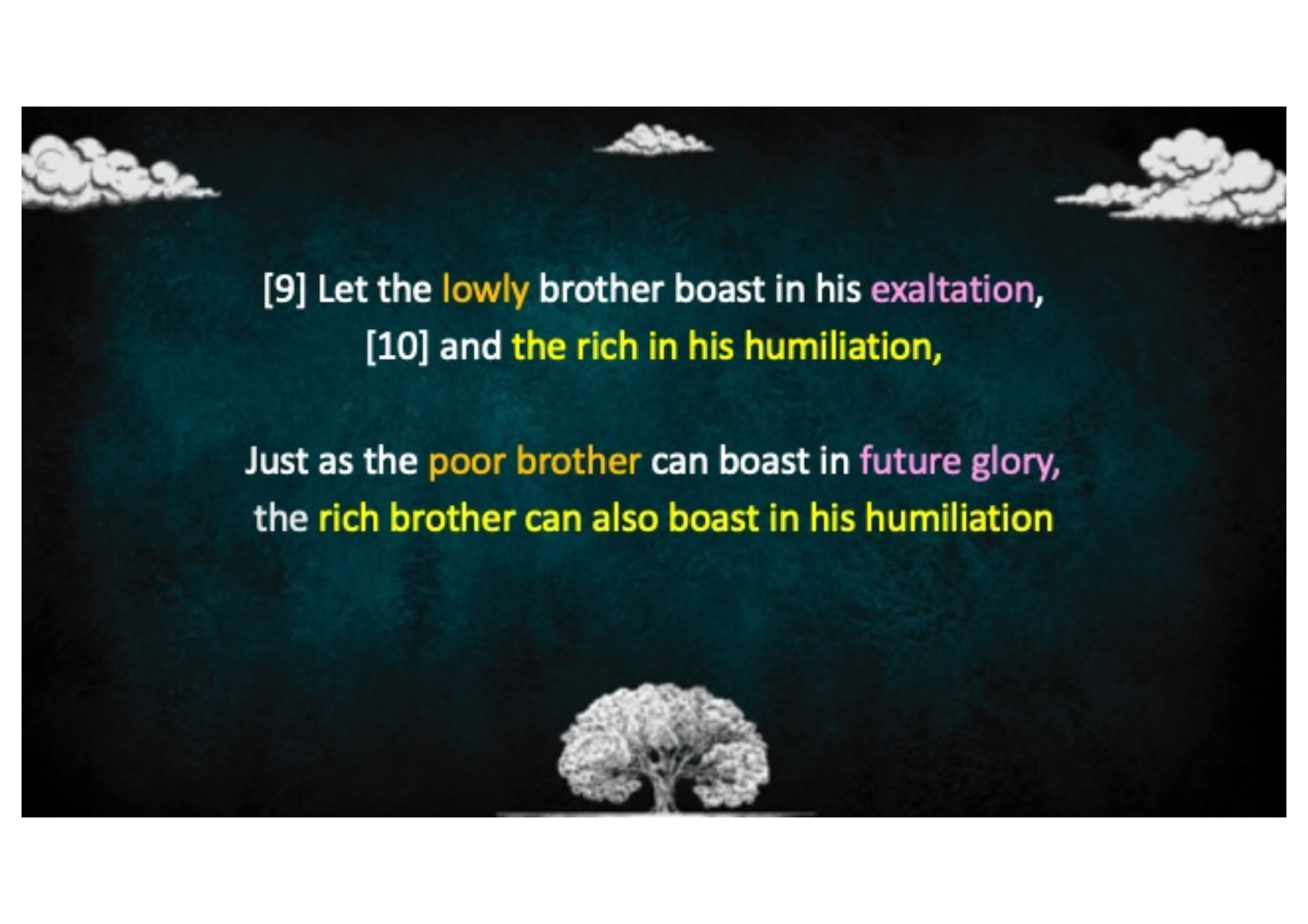


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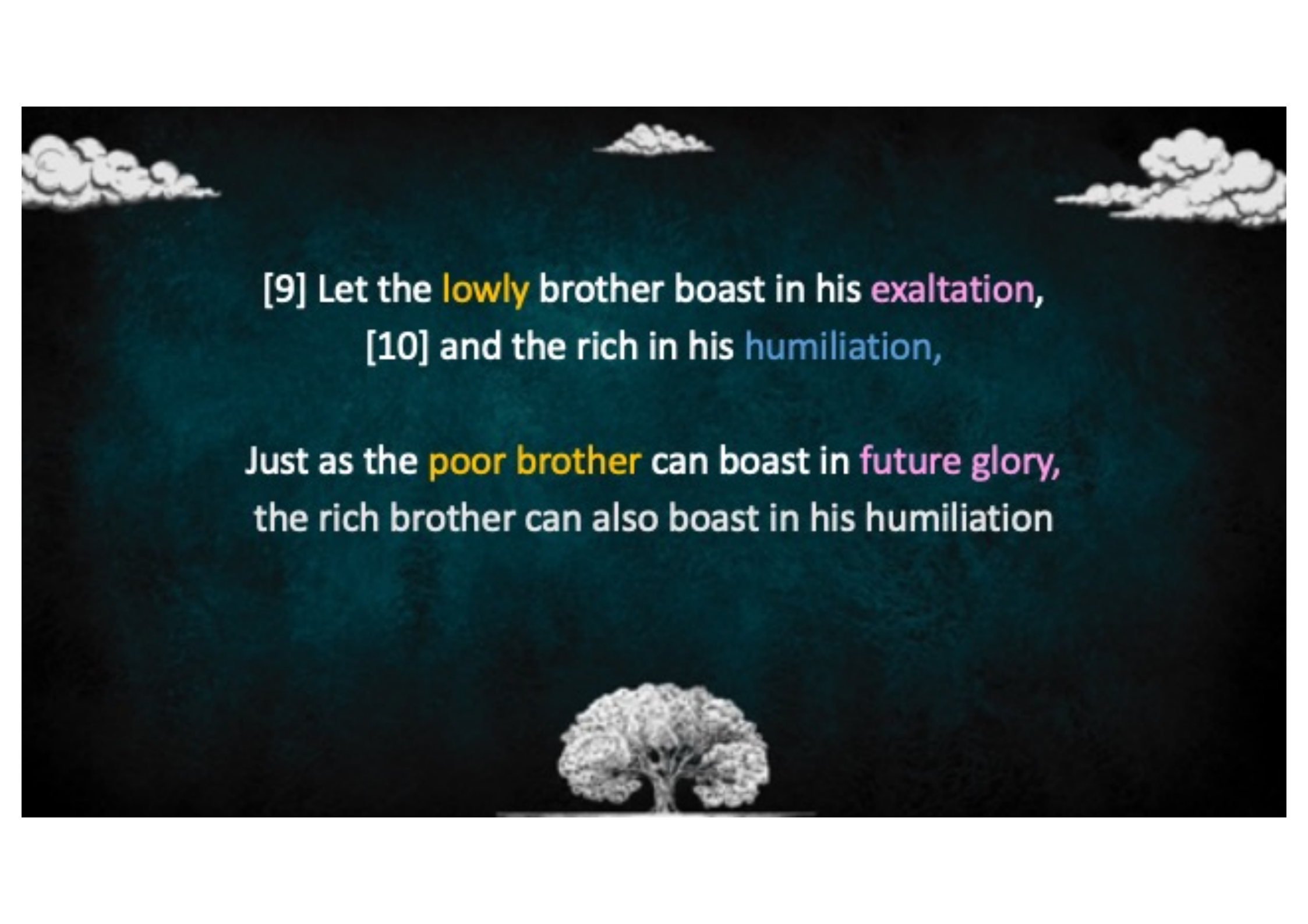
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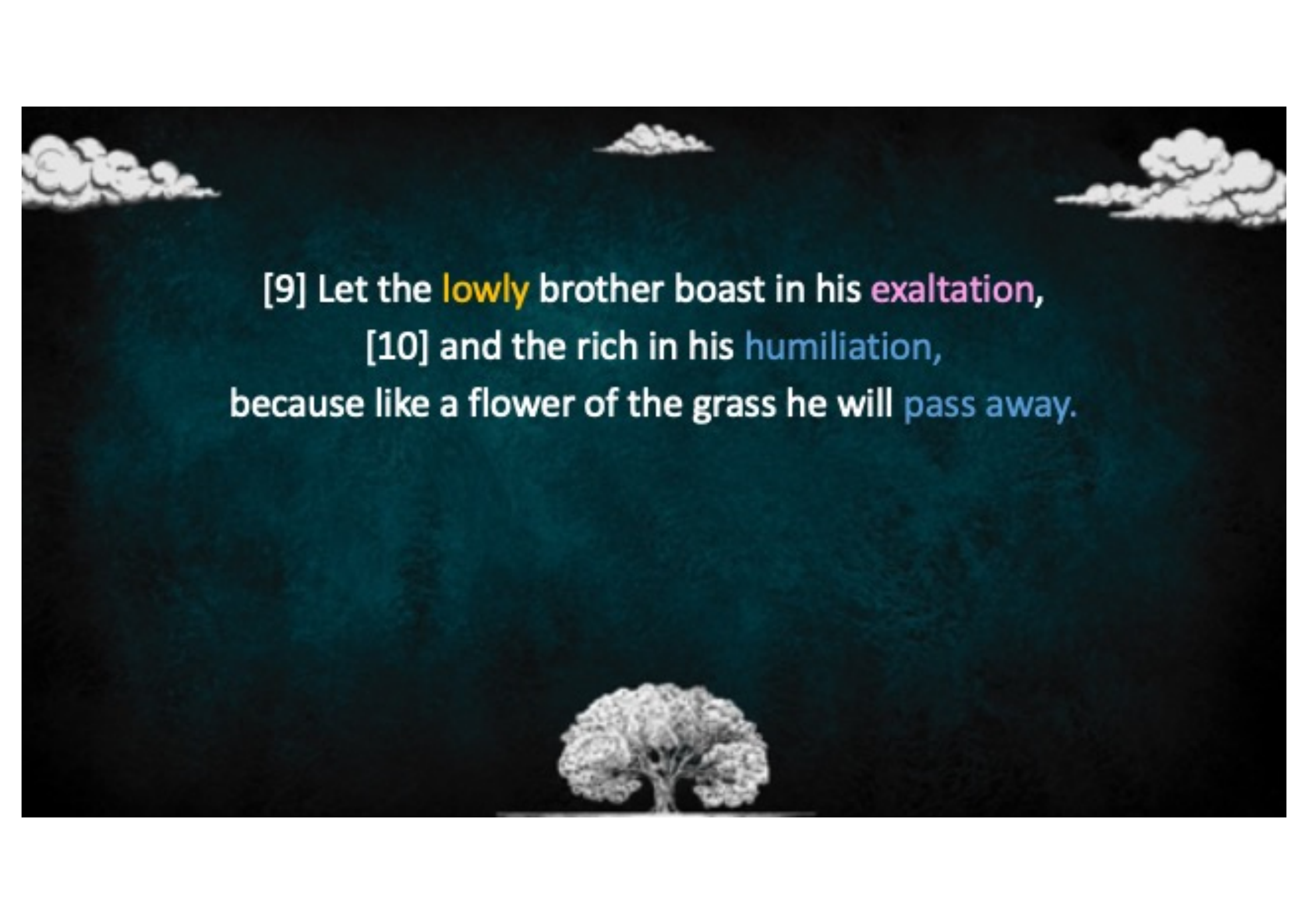
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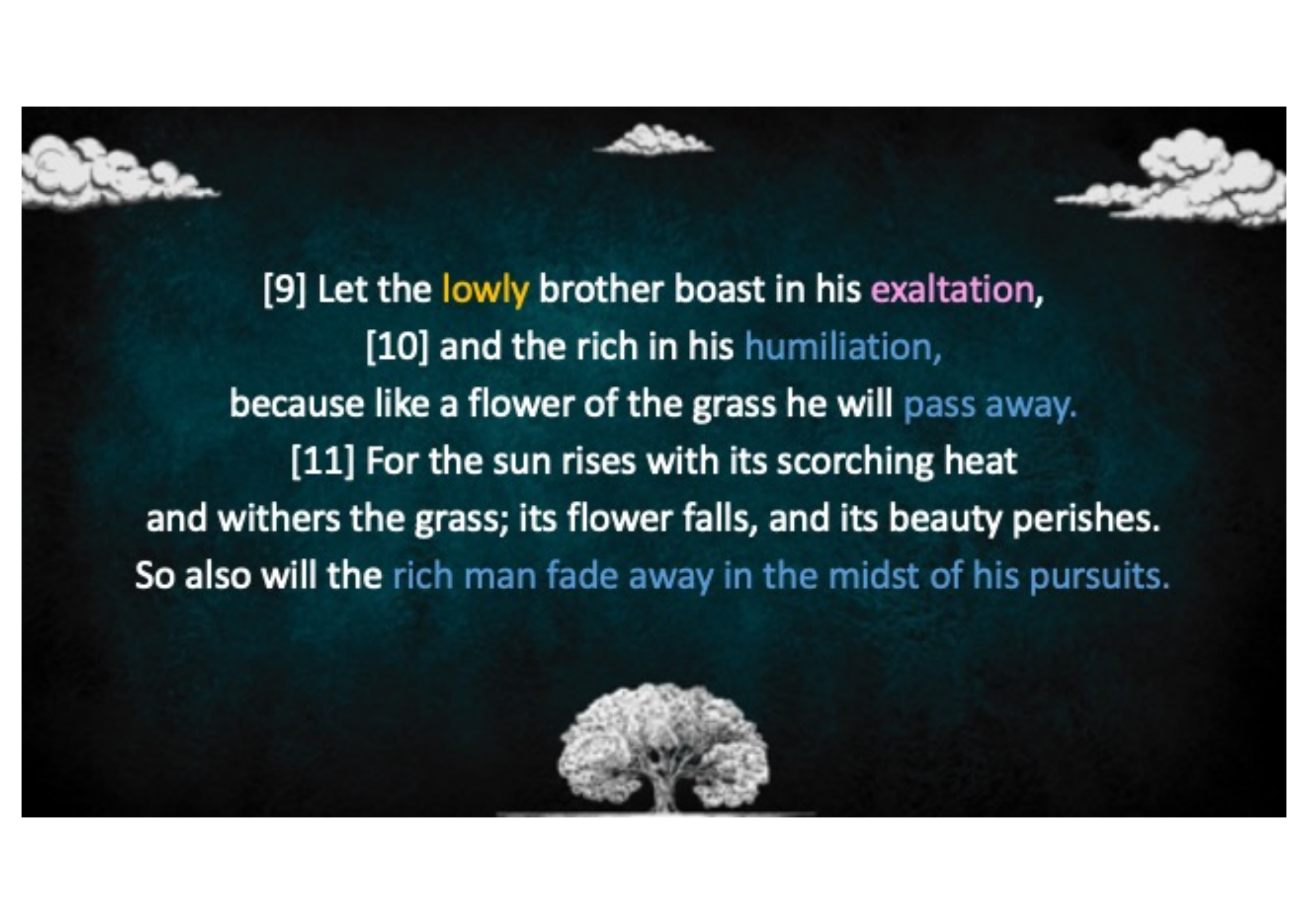


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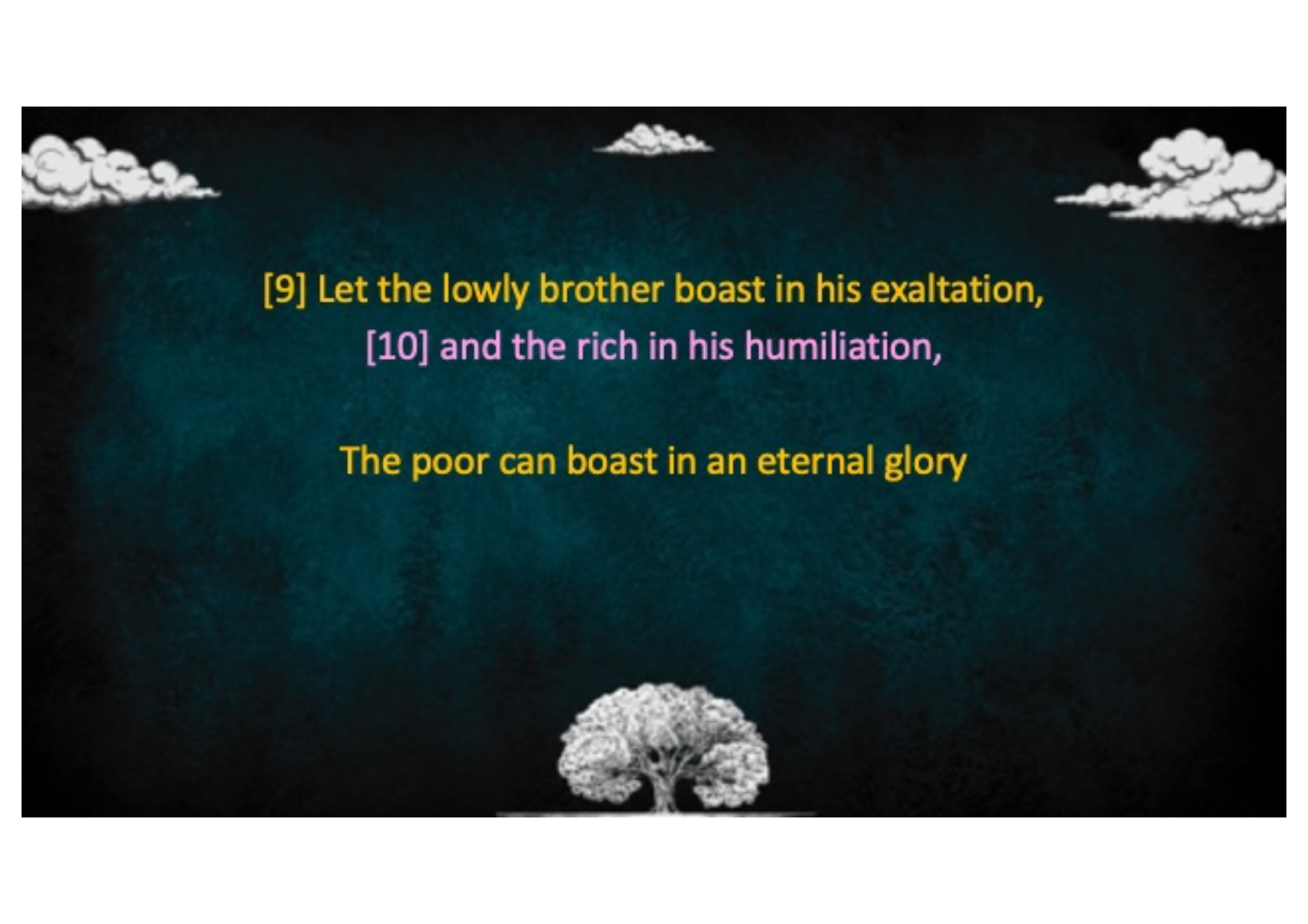
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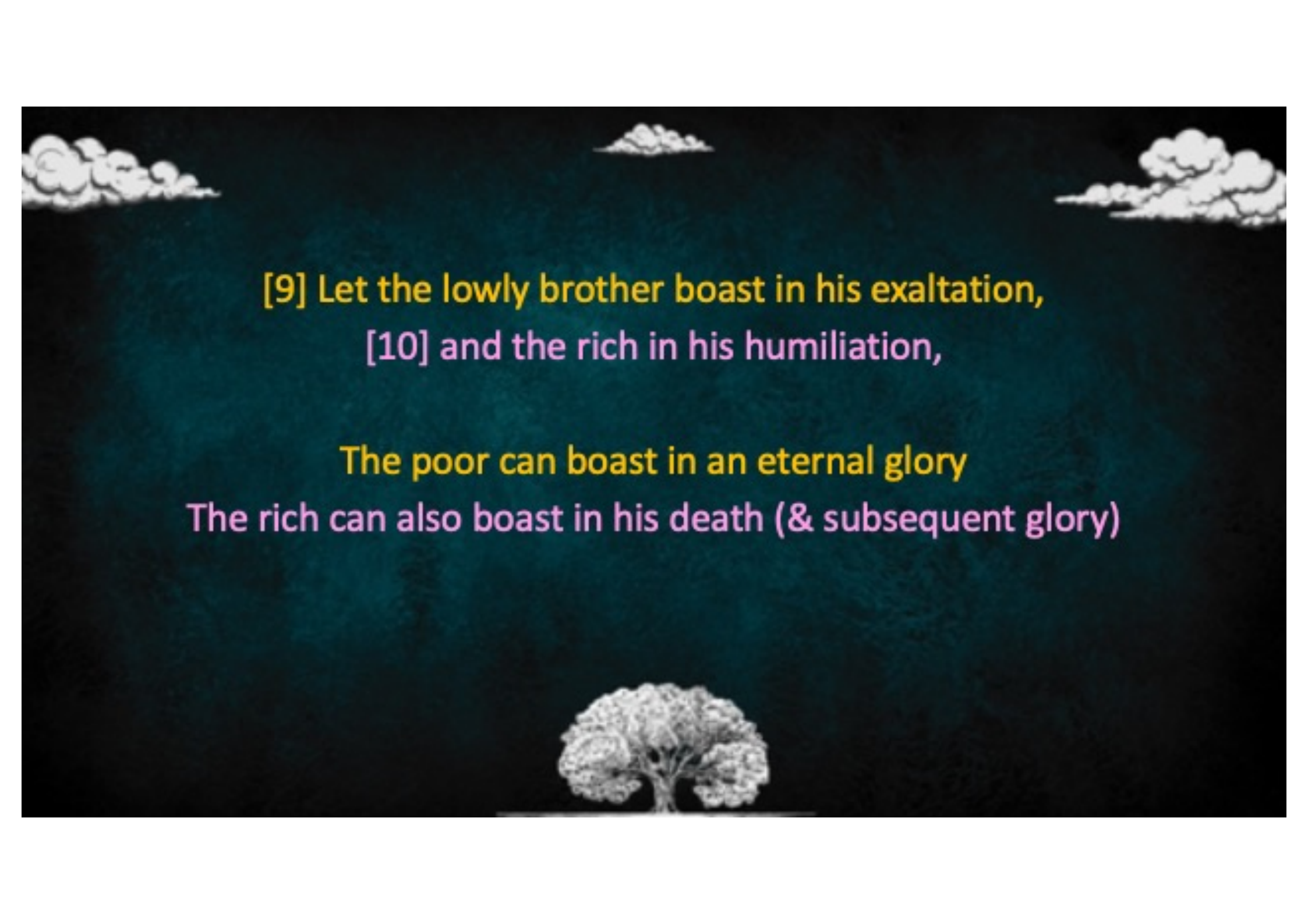
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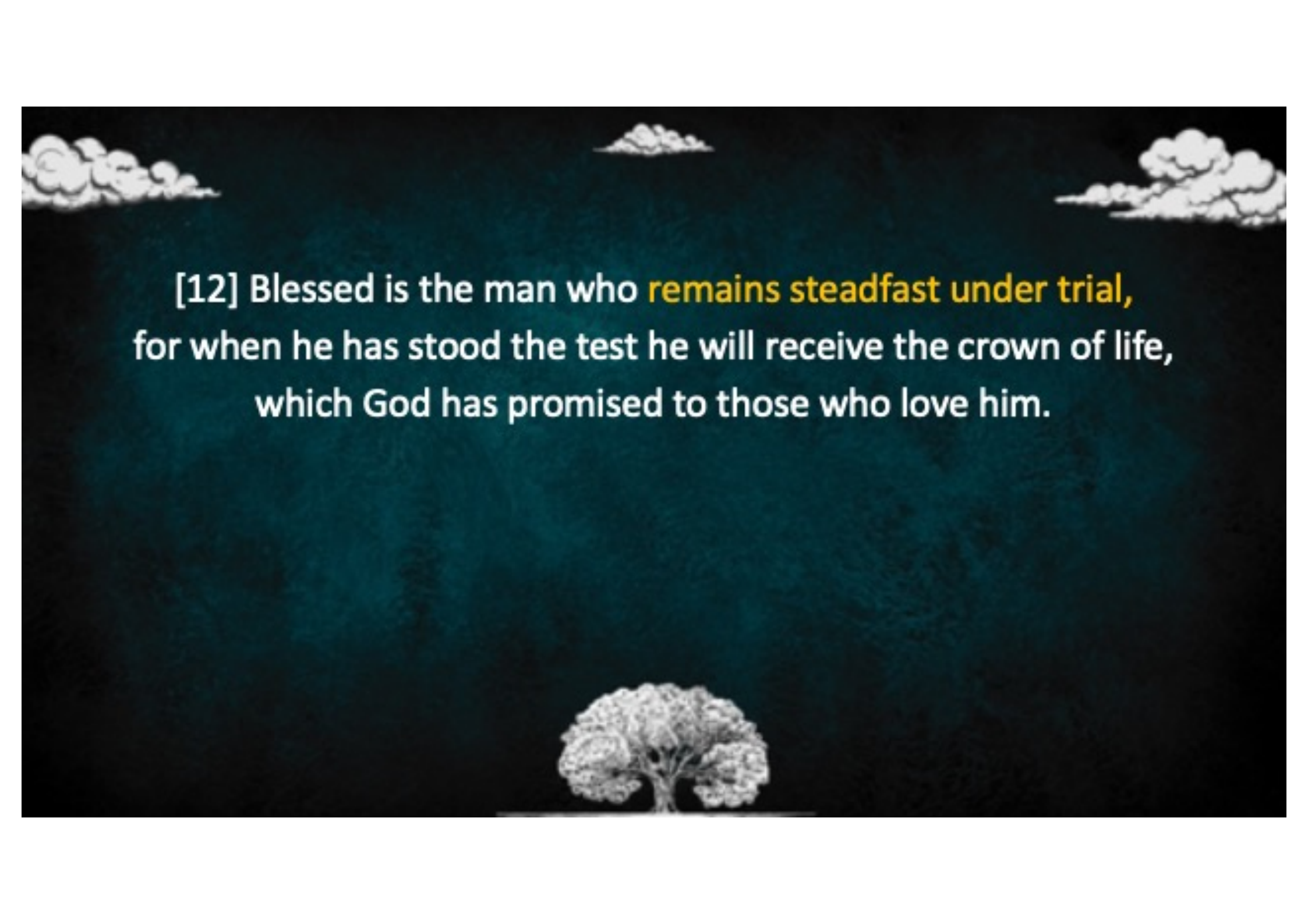
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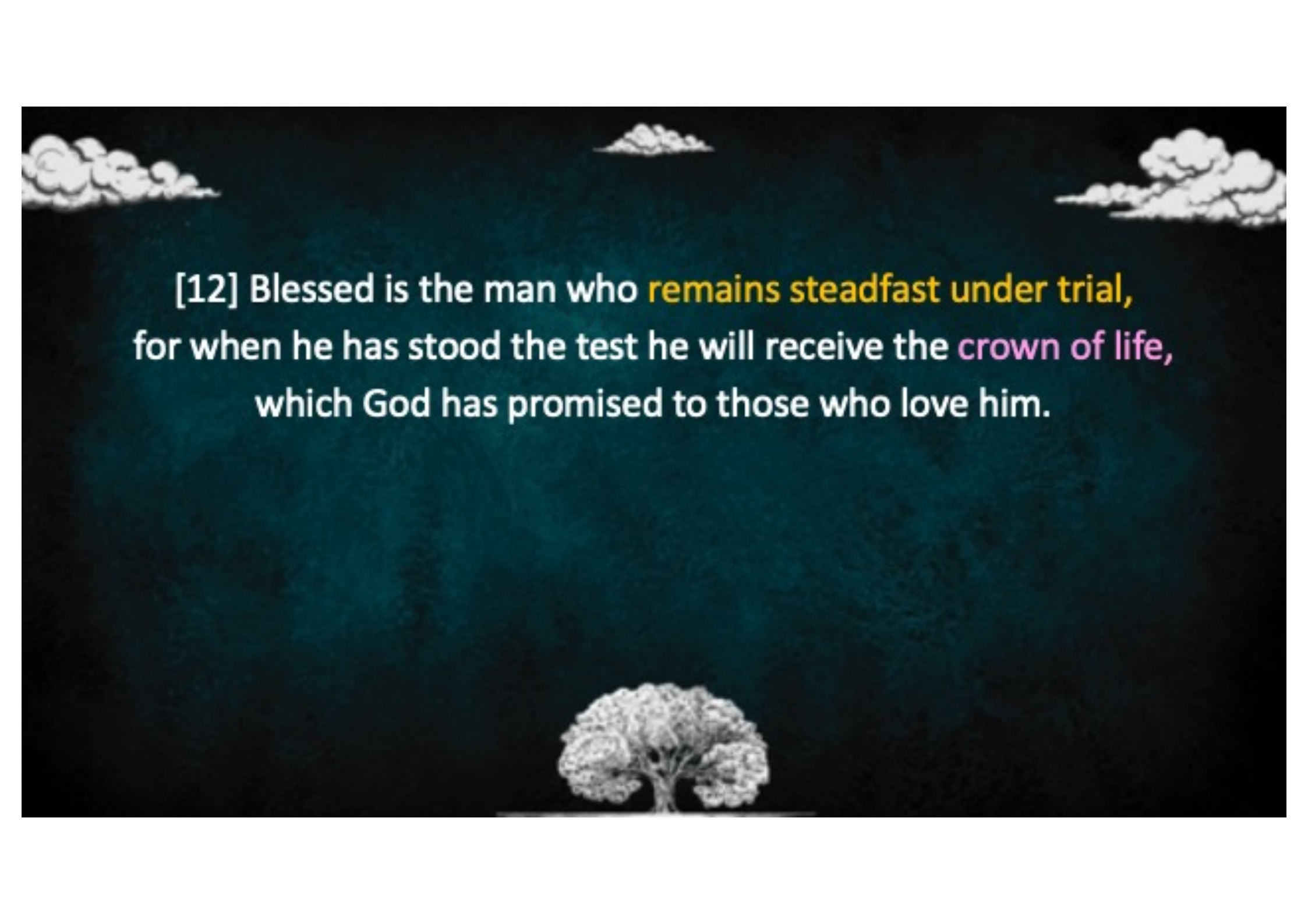
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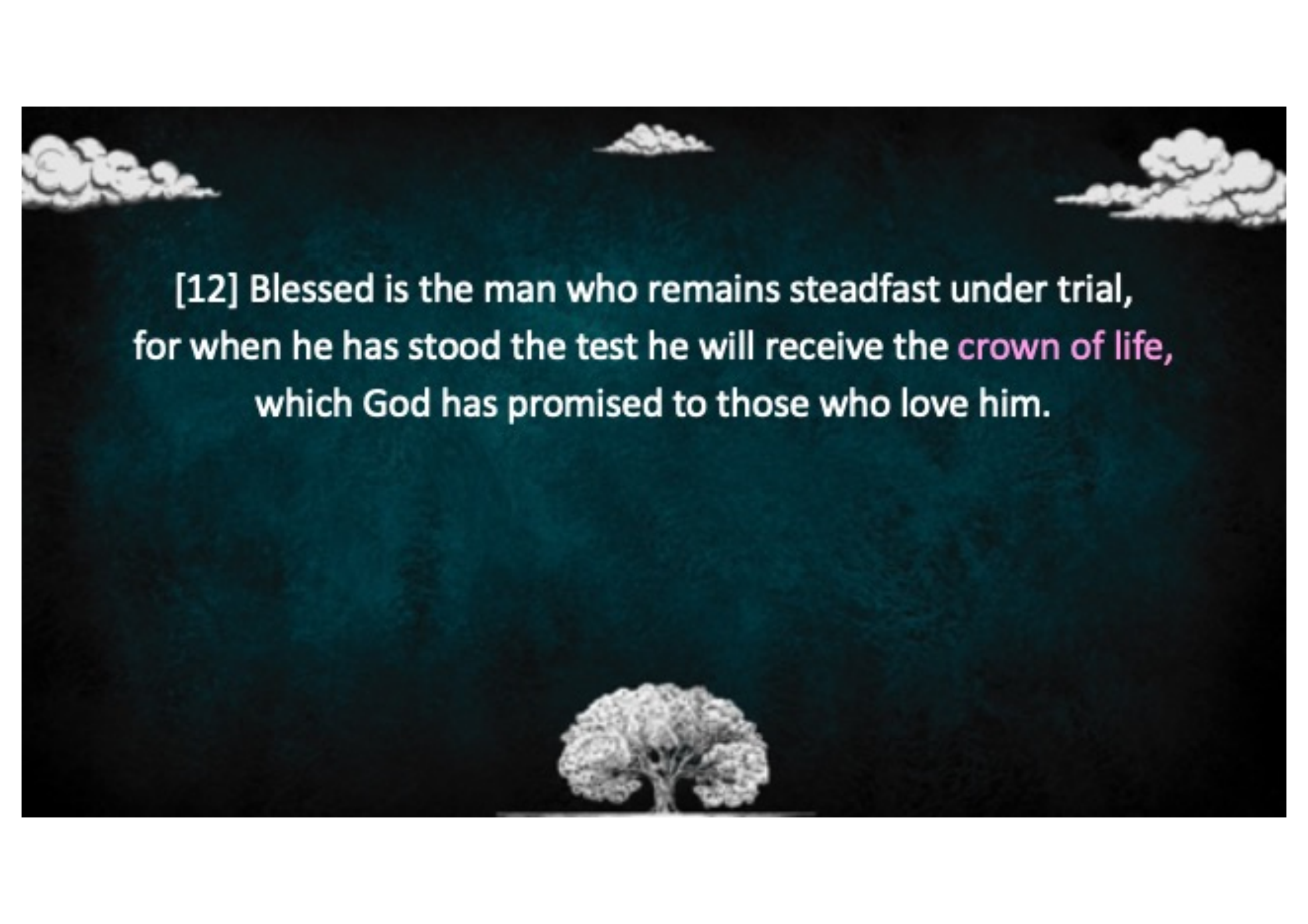
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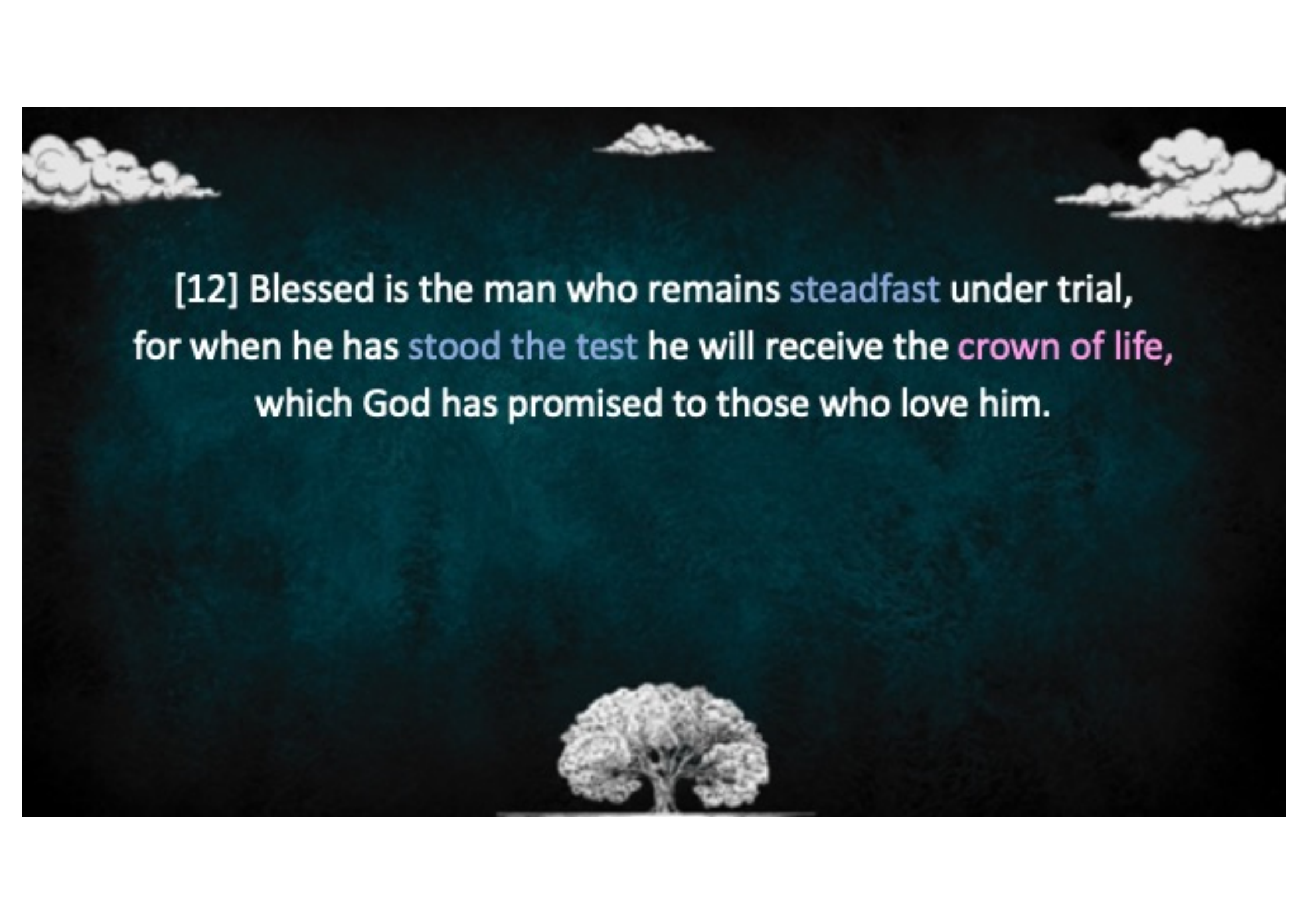
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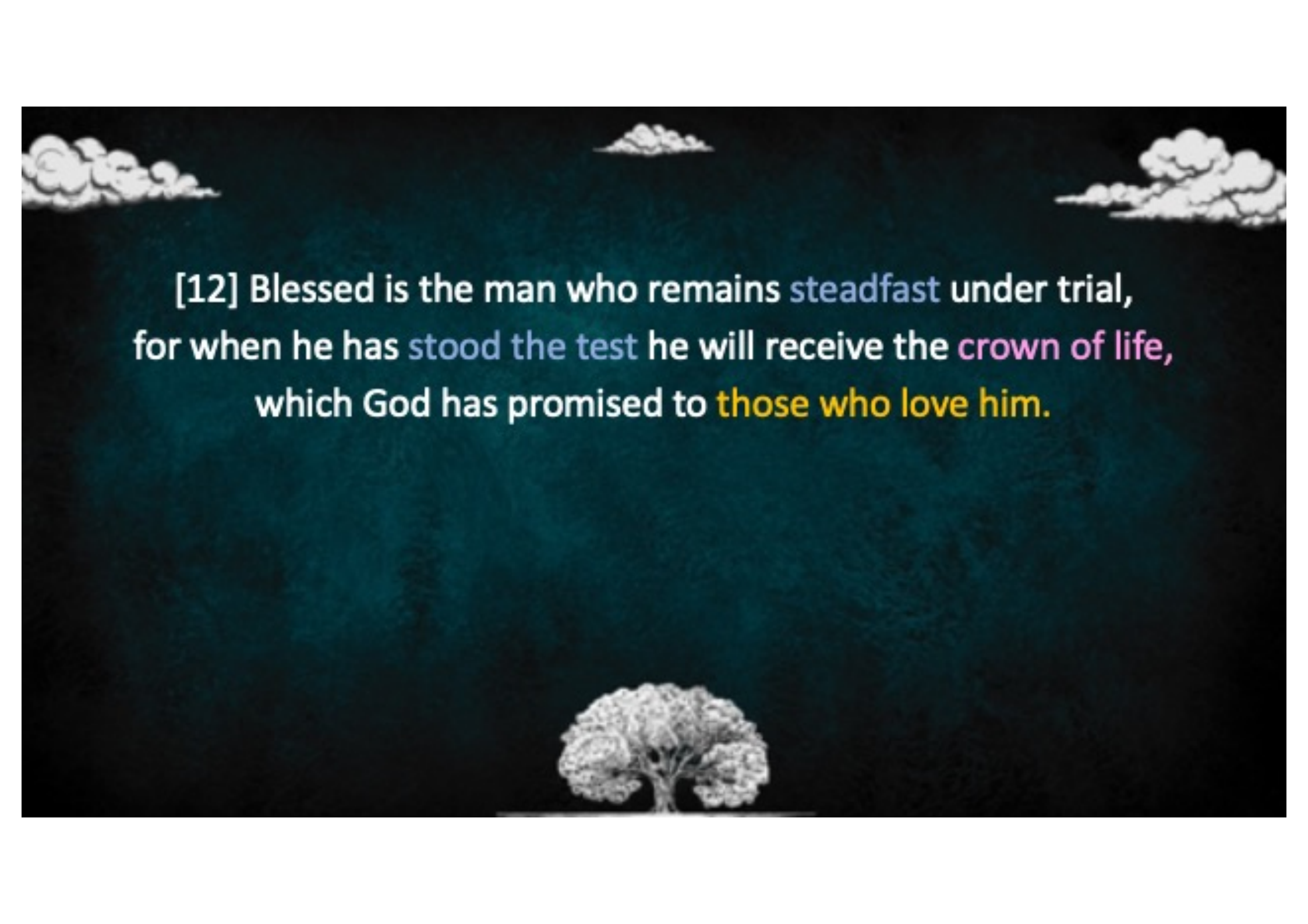





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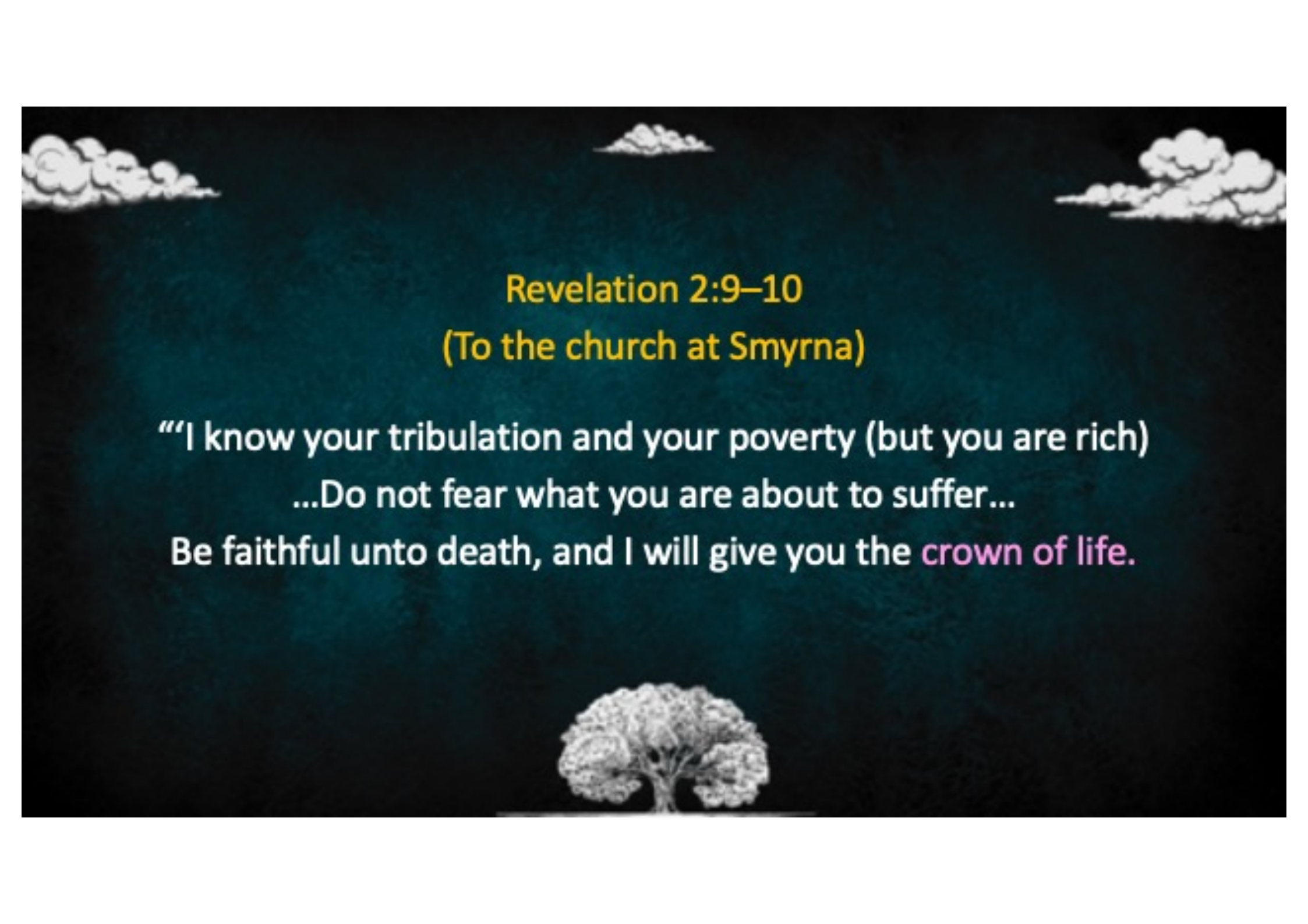
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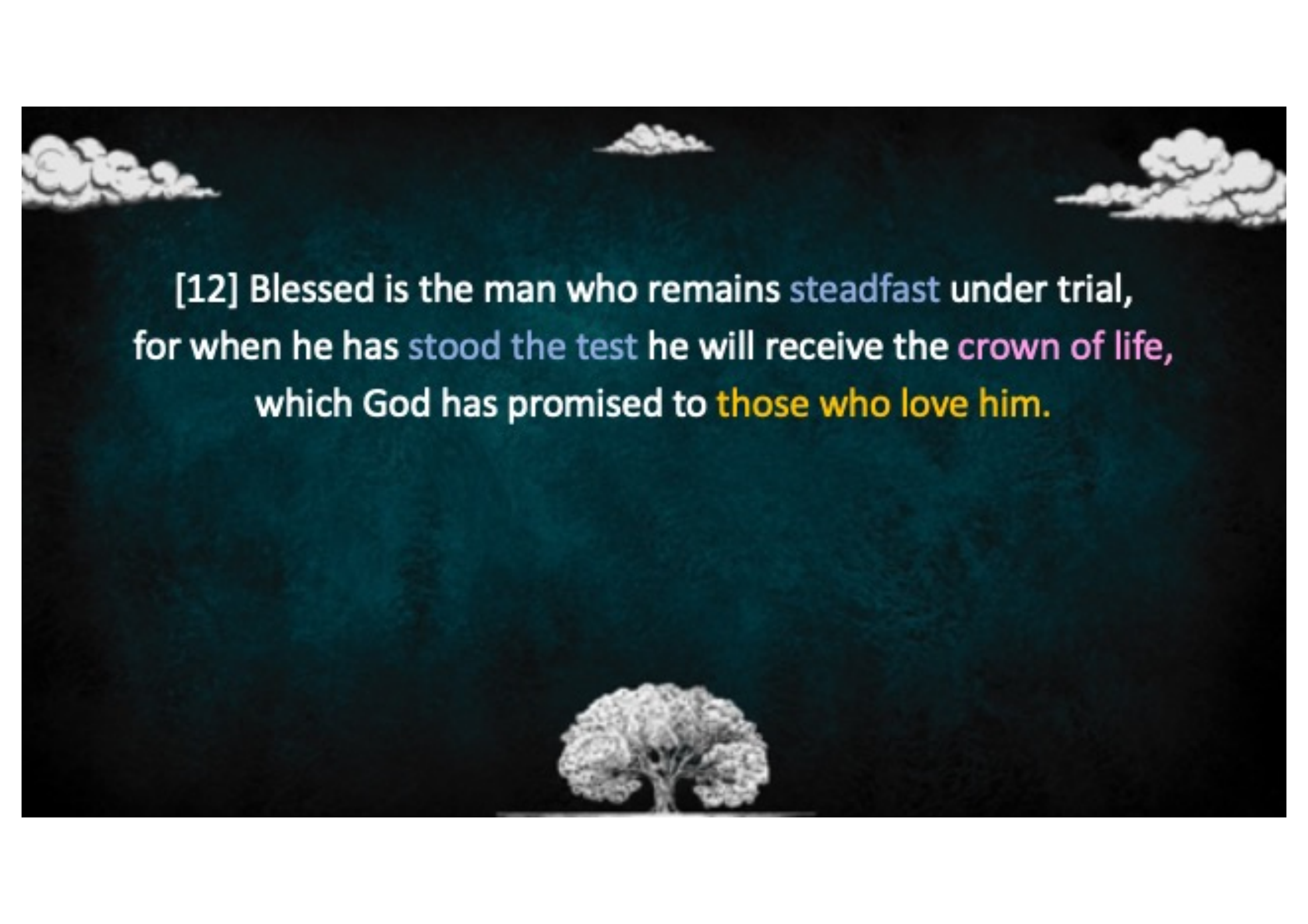
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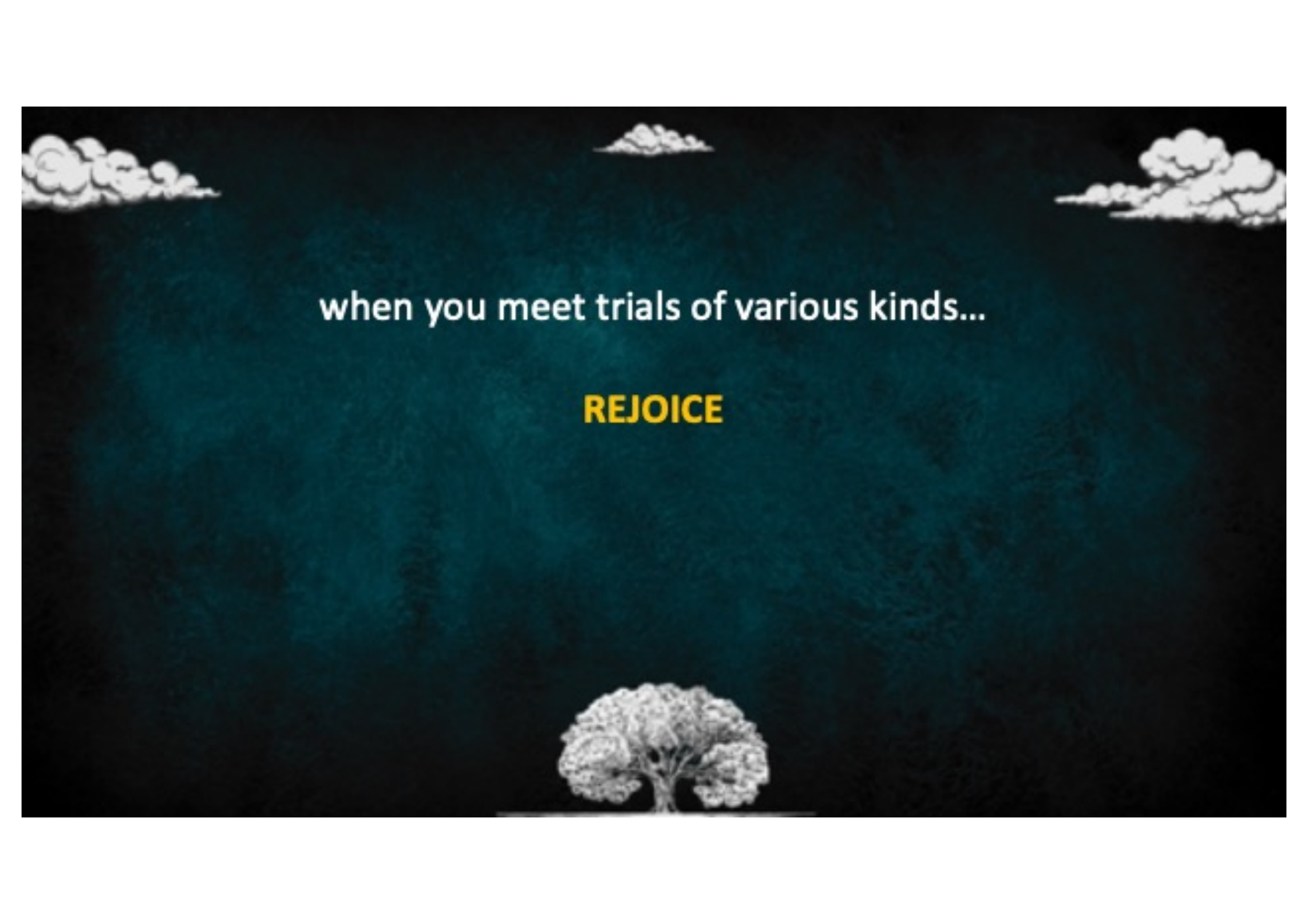
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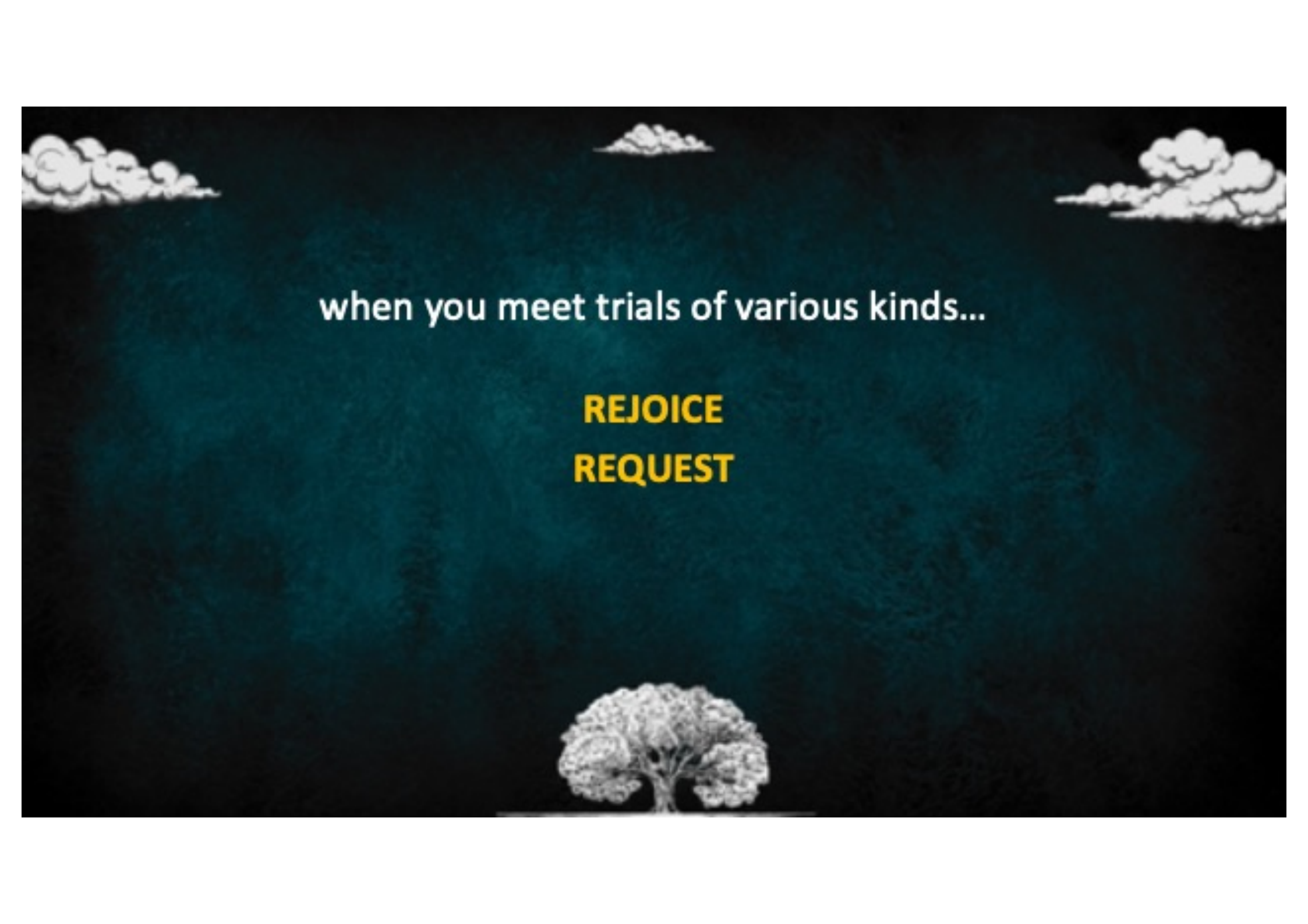
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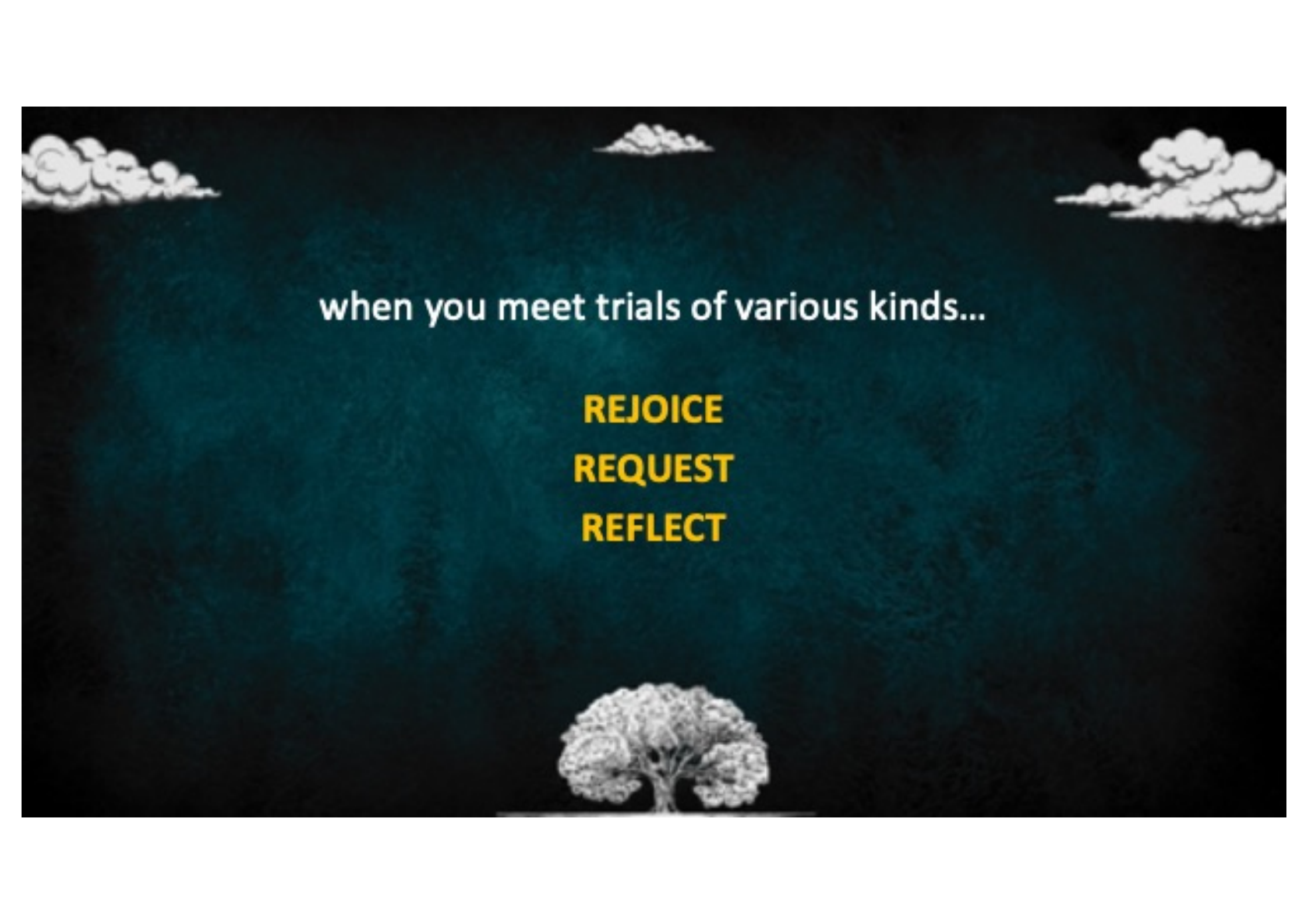
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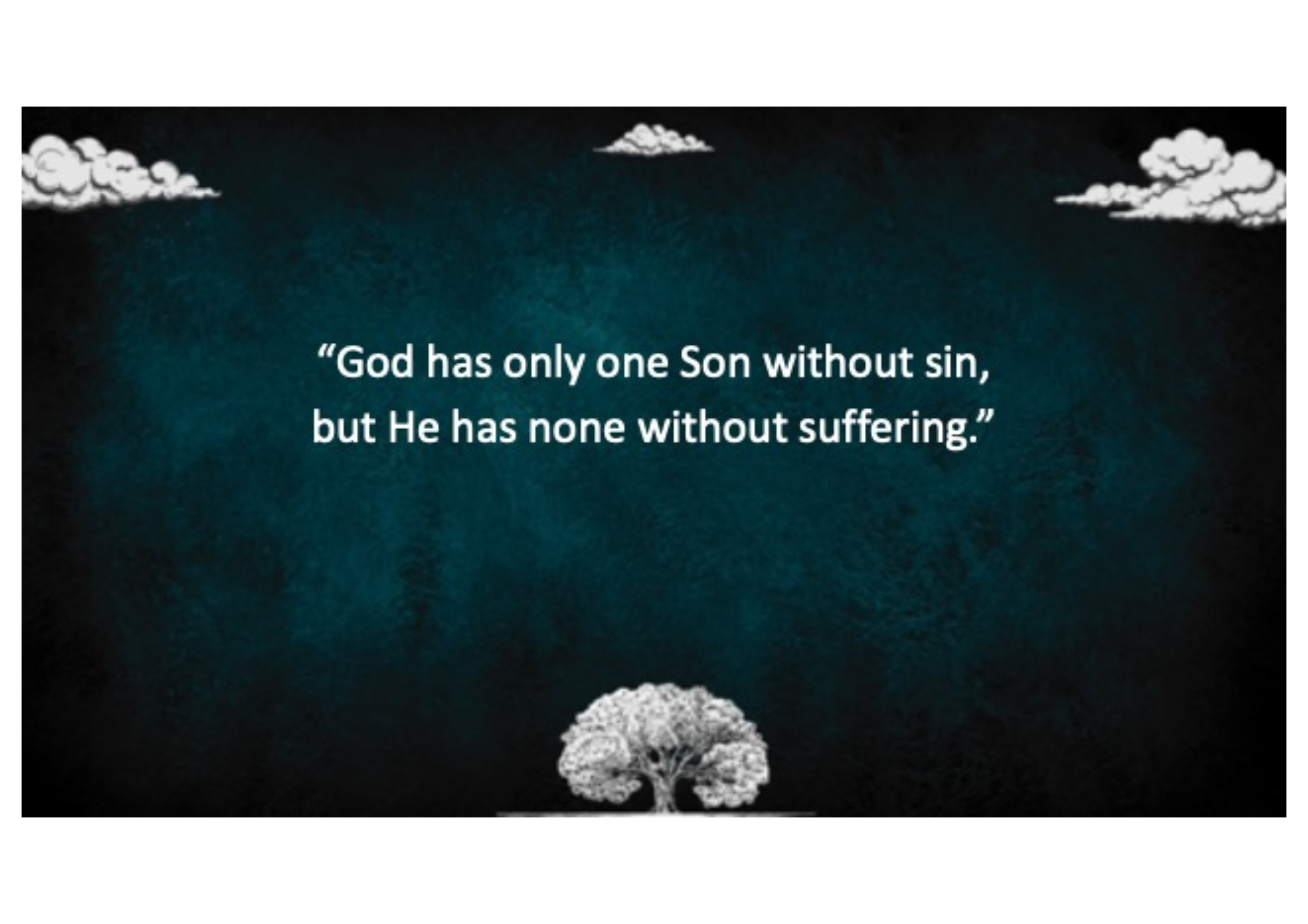


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“God has only one Son without sin,
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