



Redeeming the Weekends

Isaiah 58

**What are my
weekends for?**

Redeeming the Weekends (Is58)

1. Pretending → **Protecting** (v3-9a)
2. Pride → **Providence** (v9b-12)
3. Pleasure → **Praise** (v13-14)

A low-angle, rear-view shot of two people walking away on a paved path covered with fallen autumn leaves. The person on the left is wearing a dark jacket and blue jeans, while the person on the right is wearing blue jeans and dark shoes. The path leads towards a wooden fence and trees in the background.

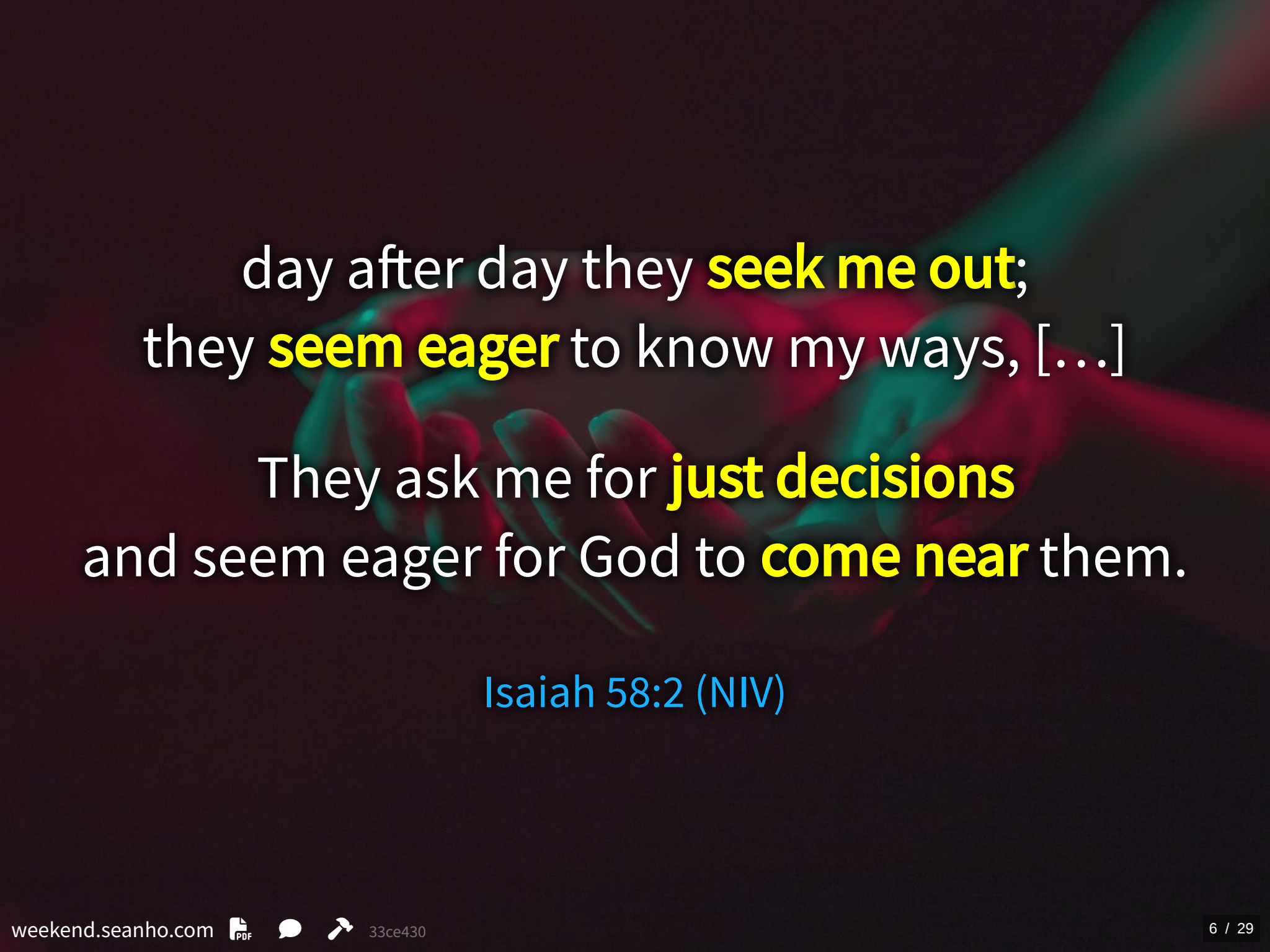
Declare to my people their **rebellion**
and to the descendants of Jacob their **sins**.

Isaiah 58:1 (NIV)



1. Pretending → Protecting

- Don't: Pursue **Appearance** of Humility (v2-5)
- Do: **Protect** the Oppressed (v6-7)
- Promise: **Protect** Us and **Answer** Our Cry (v8-9)



day after day they **seek me out**;
they **seem eager** to know my ways, [...]

They ask me for **just decisions**
and seem eager for God to **come near** them.

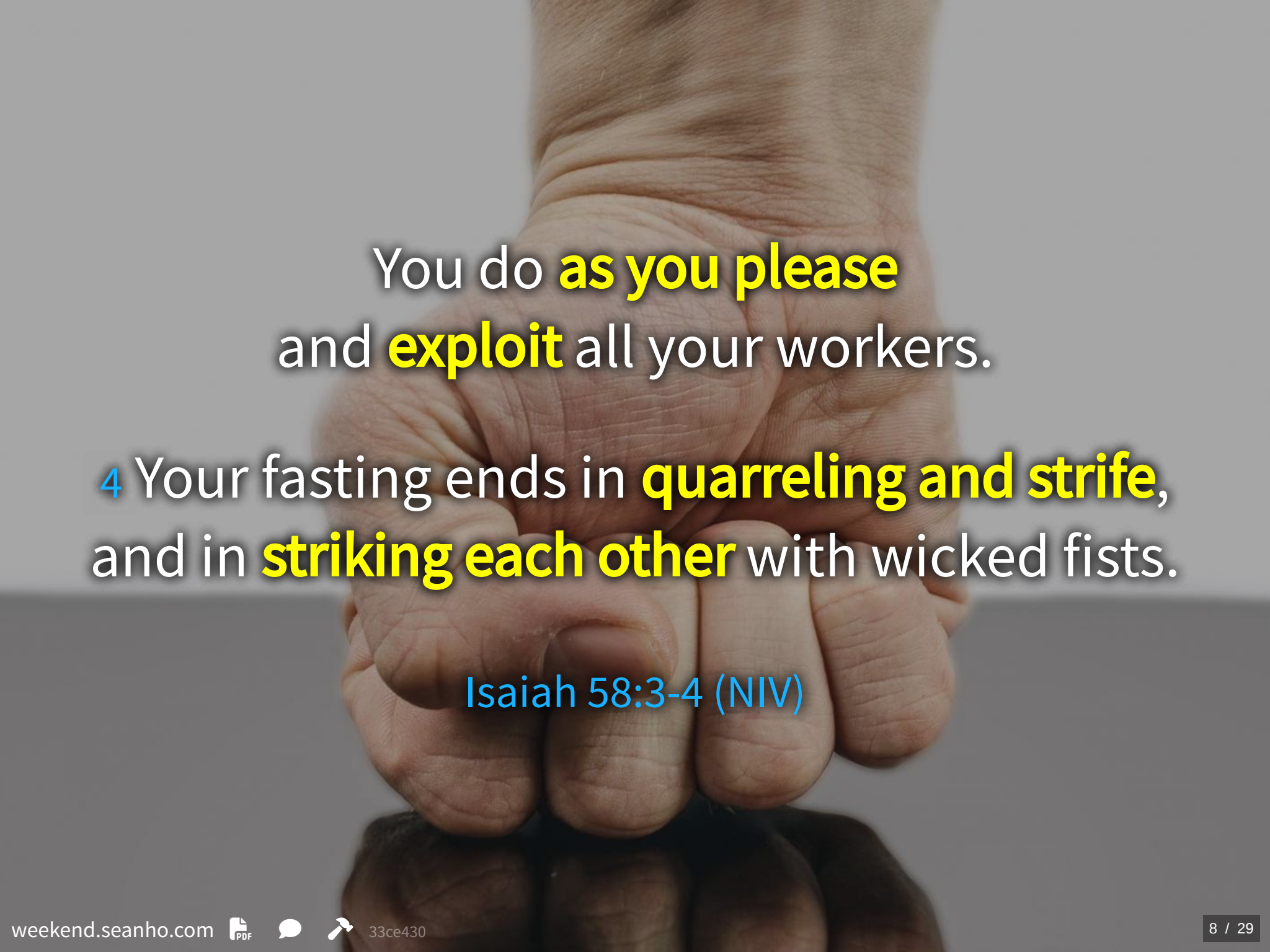
Isaiah 58:2 (NIV)

A person is lying in bed, covered by a white blanket, reading a large, dark-colored Bible. The person's face is partially visible behind the open book. The background shows a wooden headboard. The text is overlaid on the image.

only a day for people
to **humble themselves?**

Is it only for **bowing one's head** like a reed
and for lying in **sackcloth and ashes?**

Isaiah 58:5 (NIV)



You do **as you please**
and **exploit** all your workers.

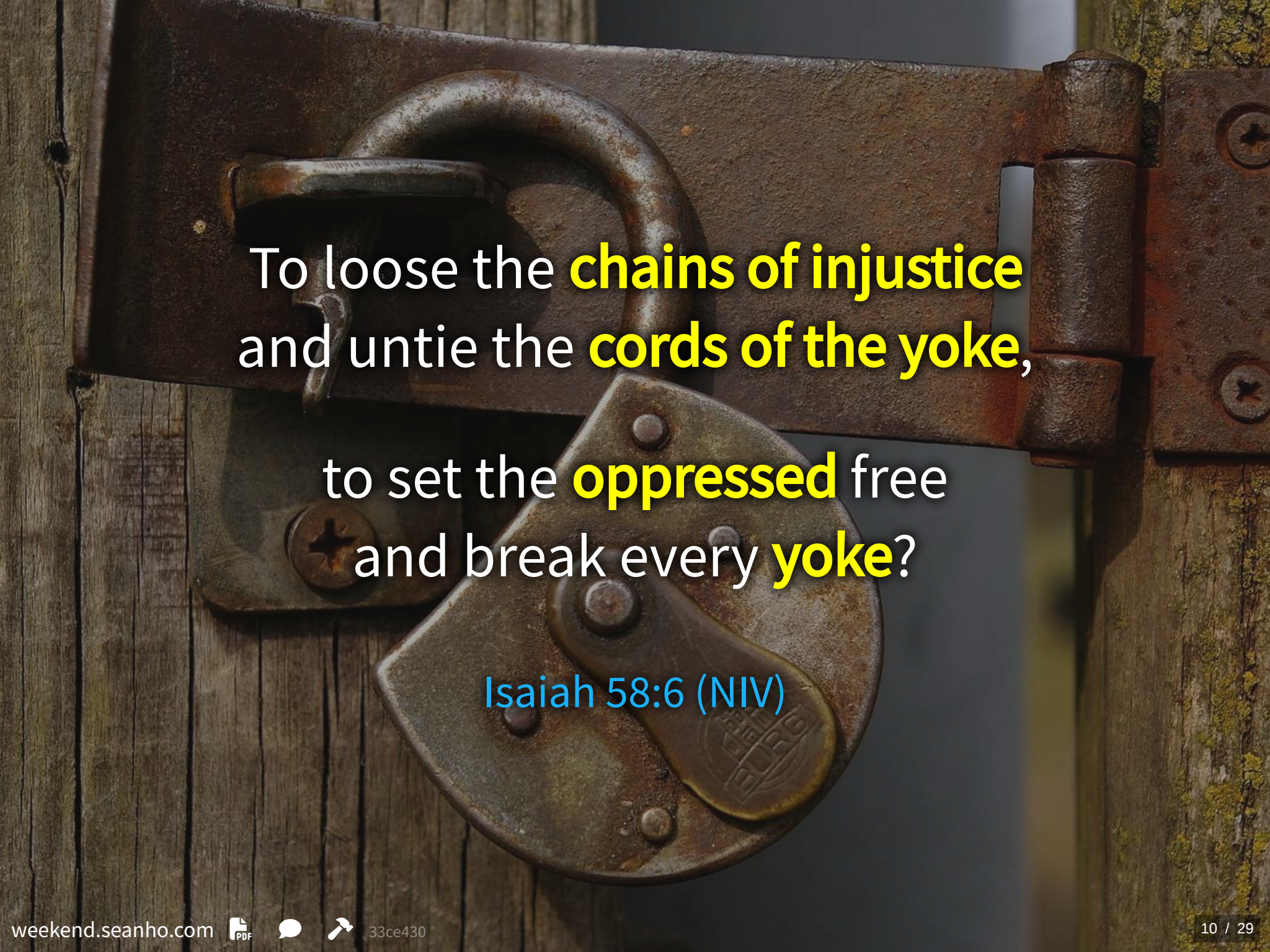
4 Your fasting ends in **quarreling and strife**,
and in **striking each other** with wicked fists.

Isaiah 58:3-4 (NIV)




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To loose the **chains of injustice**
and untie the **cords of the yoke**,
to set the **oppressed** free
and break every **yoke**?

Isaiah 58:6 (NIV)

A close-up photograph of two hands holding a small, round, reddish-brown ceramic bowl filled with several ripe red cherry tomatoes. The hand on the left is bare, while the hand on the right is wearing a light-colored, textured fabric glove with a blue polka-dot pattern. The background is a soft-focus green field with some yellow flowers. Overlaid on the image is a quote in white and yellow text.

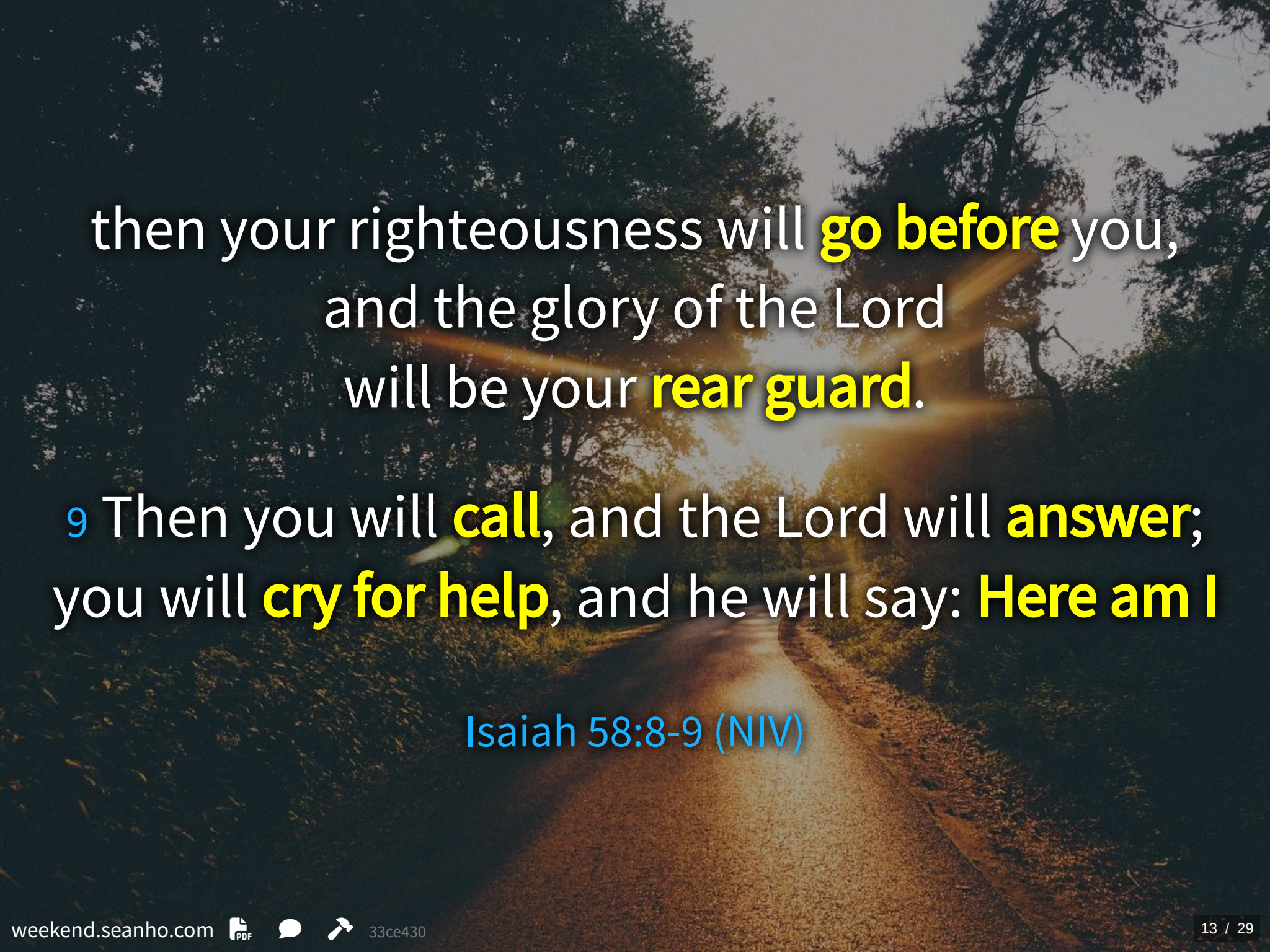
To **share your food** with the hungry
and to provide the poor wanderer with **shelter**
when you see the naked, to **clothe them**,
and not to turn away
from your own **flesh and blood**?

Isaiah 58:7 (NIV)



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then your righteousness will **go before** you,
and the glory of the Lord
will be your **rear guard**.

9 Then you will **call**, and the Lord will **answer**;
you will **cry for help**, and he will say: **Here am I**

Isaiah 58:8-9 (NIV)

Do I care more about
appearing humble than
protecting the oppressed?

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2. **Pride → Providence** (v9b-12)
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2. Pride → Providence

- Don't: Presume **Superiority** (v9b)
- Do: **Provide** for the Needy (v10a)
- Promise: **Satisfy** Needs + **Restore**
(v10b-12)



If you do away with the **yoke of oppression**,
with the **pointing finger** and **malicious talk**,

Isaiah 58:9 (NIV)

A grayscale image of a hand held palm up, with water splashing from it. Inside the water, a small globe of the Earth is visible. The background is dark and textured.

if you **spend yourselves**
in behalf of the hungry
and **satisfy the needs** of the oppressed,

Isaiah 58:10 (NIV)



satisfy your needs in a sun-scorched land
and will **strengthen** your frame.

You will be like a **well-watered garden**,
like a **spring** whose waters never fail.

Isaiah 58:11 (NIV)

qinghill, Parit, Malaysia

A photograph of ancient stone ruins on a hillside, with a stone wall and steps in the foreground and a valley in the background. The text is overlaid on the image.

Your people will **rebuild** the ancient ruins
and will **raise up** the age-old foundations;
you will be called **Repairer** of Broken Walls,
Restorer of Streets with Dwellings.

Isaiah 58:12 (NIV)

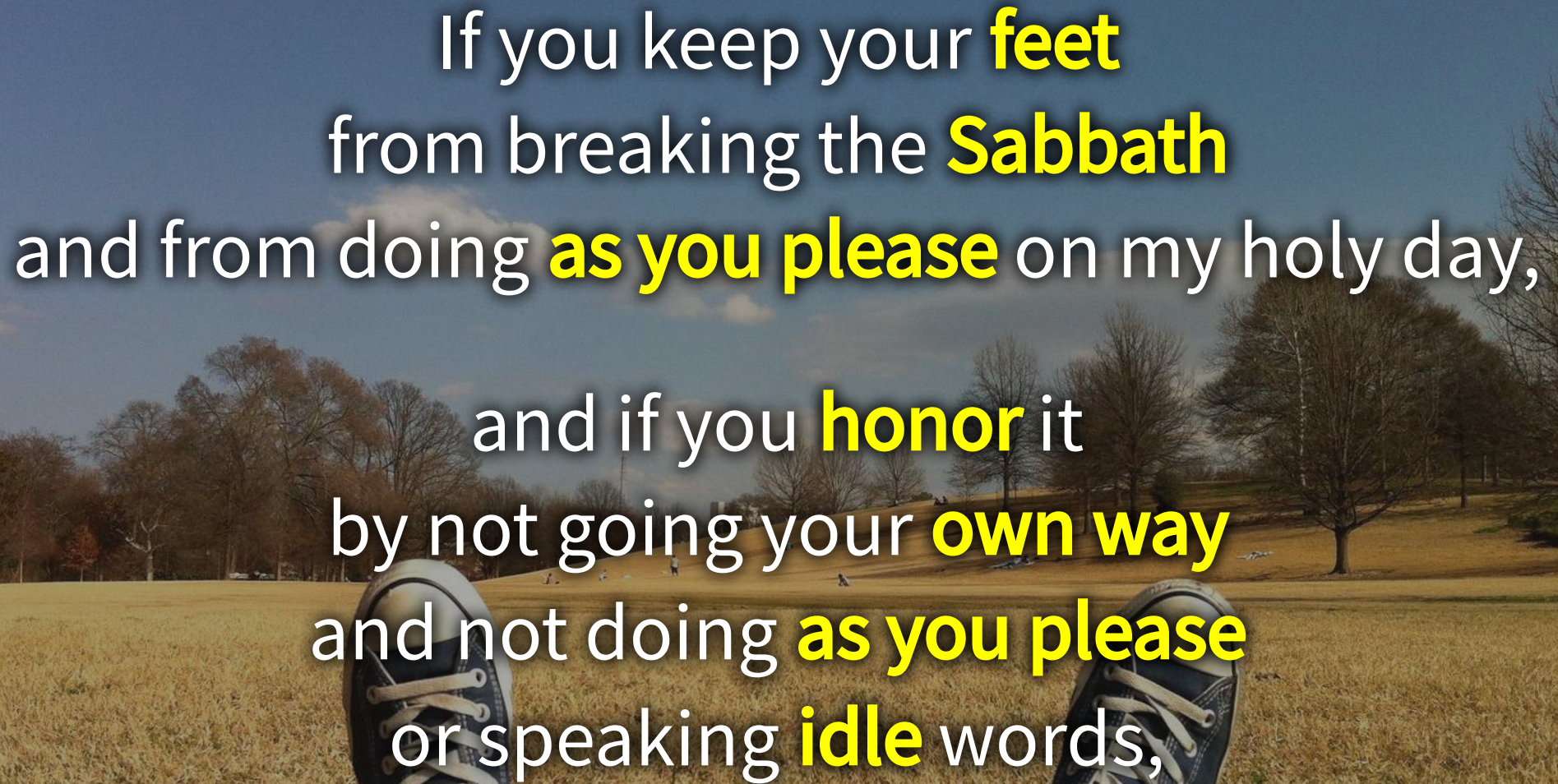
Do I care more about
justifying myself than
providing for the needy?

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- **Don't:** Do as We **Pleasure** on Sabbath (v13)
- **Do:** Consider Its **Joy** and **Gravity** (v13b)
- **Promise:** Be Our **Joy** and **Triumph** (v14)



If you keep your **feet**
from breaking the **Sabbath**
and from doing **as you please** on my holy day,

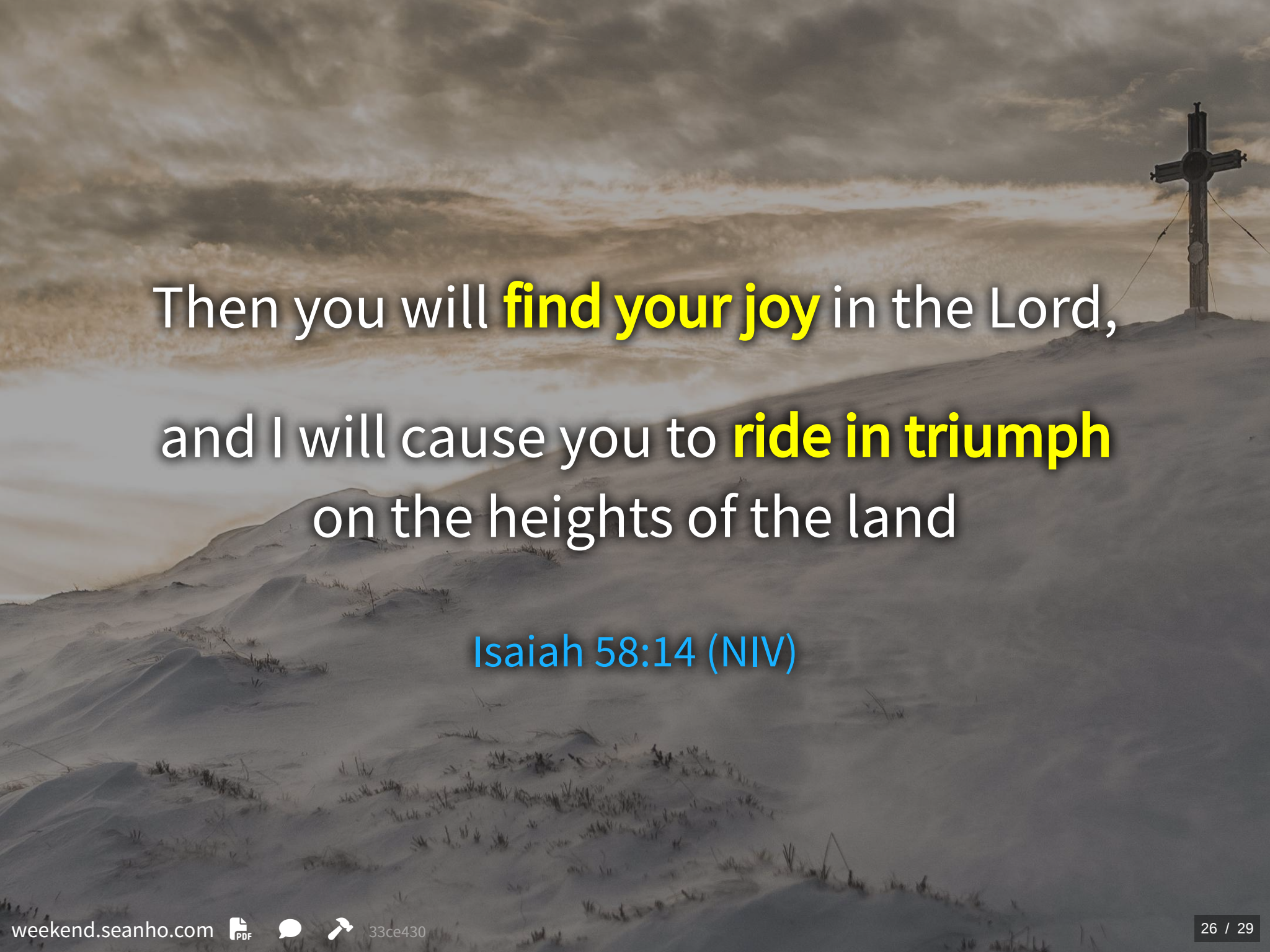
and if you **honor** it
by not going your **own way**
and not doing **as you please**
or speaking **idle** words,

Isaiah 58:13b (NIV)

A hand is holding a large, light-colored feather with dark brown and white patterns. The feather is positioned diagonally across the frame. The background is a clear, deep blue sky. The text is overlaid on the feather and sky.

if you call the Sabbath a **delight**
and the Lord's holy day **honorable**,

Isaiah 58:13 (NIV)



Then you will **find your joy** in the Lord,
and I will cause you to **ride in triumph**
on the heights of the land

Isaiah 58:14 (NIV)



Delight yourself in the LORD,
and he will give you the **desires** of your heart.

5 Commit your way to the LORD;
trust in him, and he will act.

Psalm 37:4-5 (ESV)

Do I care more about
my own **plans** than
declaring God's **glory**?

