



Faith That Is Humble

James 4:11-16

**Do I want to take
control of my life?**

James: **Keep the Faith**

- Stands the **Test** (1:2-12)
- Demands a **Change** of Heart (1:19-25)
- Loves **Impartially** (2:5-9)
- **Acts** (2:15-24)
- Tames the **Tongue** (3:6-10)
- Demonstrates **Wisdom** (3:13-18)
- **Mourns** Sin (4:4-10)
- Is **Humble** (4:11-16)



11 Brothers and sisters,
do not **slander** one another.

Anyone who **speaks against** a brother or sister
or **judges** them
speaks against the **law** and judges it.

When you **judge** the law, you are not **keeping** it,
but sitting in judgment on it.

James 4:11 (NIV) (p.1/4)

12 There is only one **Lawgiver** and **Judge**,
the one who is able to **save** and **destroy**.

But you -- **who are you** to judge your neighbor?

James 4:12 (NIV) (p.2/4)

13 Now listen, you who say,
“**Today** or tomorrow
we will **go** to this or that city,
spend a **year** there, carry on **business** and
make **money**.”

14 Why, you do not even know
what will happen **tomorrow**.

What is your **life**? You are a **mist** that appears
for a little while and then **vanishes**.

15 Instead, you ought to say,
“If it is the **Lord’s will**,
we will **live** and **do** this or that.”

16 As it is, you **boast** in your arrogant **schemes**.
All such boasting is **evil**.

James 4:15-16 (NIV) (p.4/4)

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1. Control Over **Others** (v11-12)
2. Control Over the **Future** (v13,16)
3. Control Over my own **Life** (v14-15)



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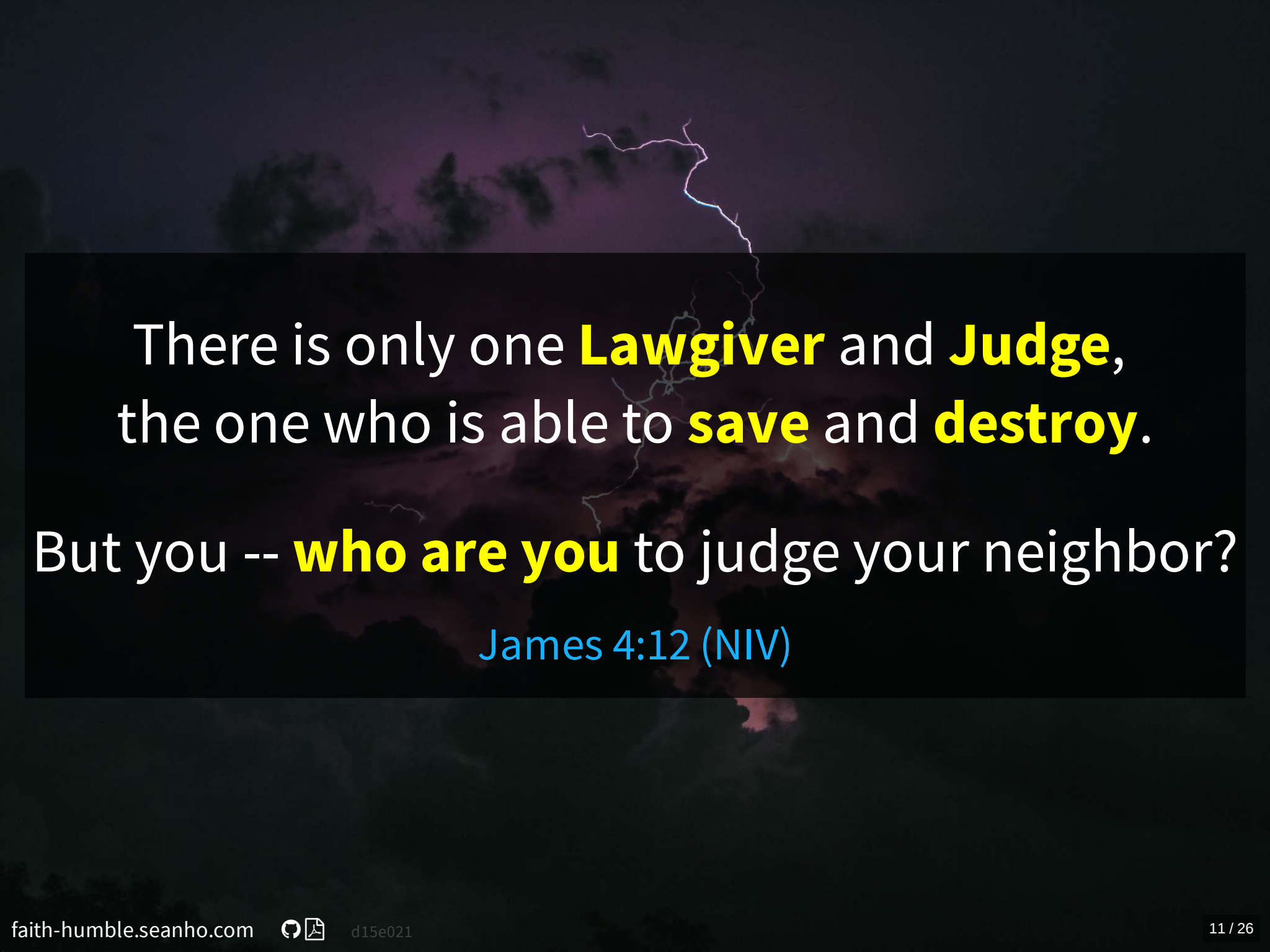
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James 4:11 (NIV)

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Who are you to pass **judgment**
on the **servant** of another?

It is before his own **master**
that he stands or falls.


And he will be **upheld**,
for the Lord is **able** to make him stand.

Romans 14:4 (ESV)

**How have I judged
others?**

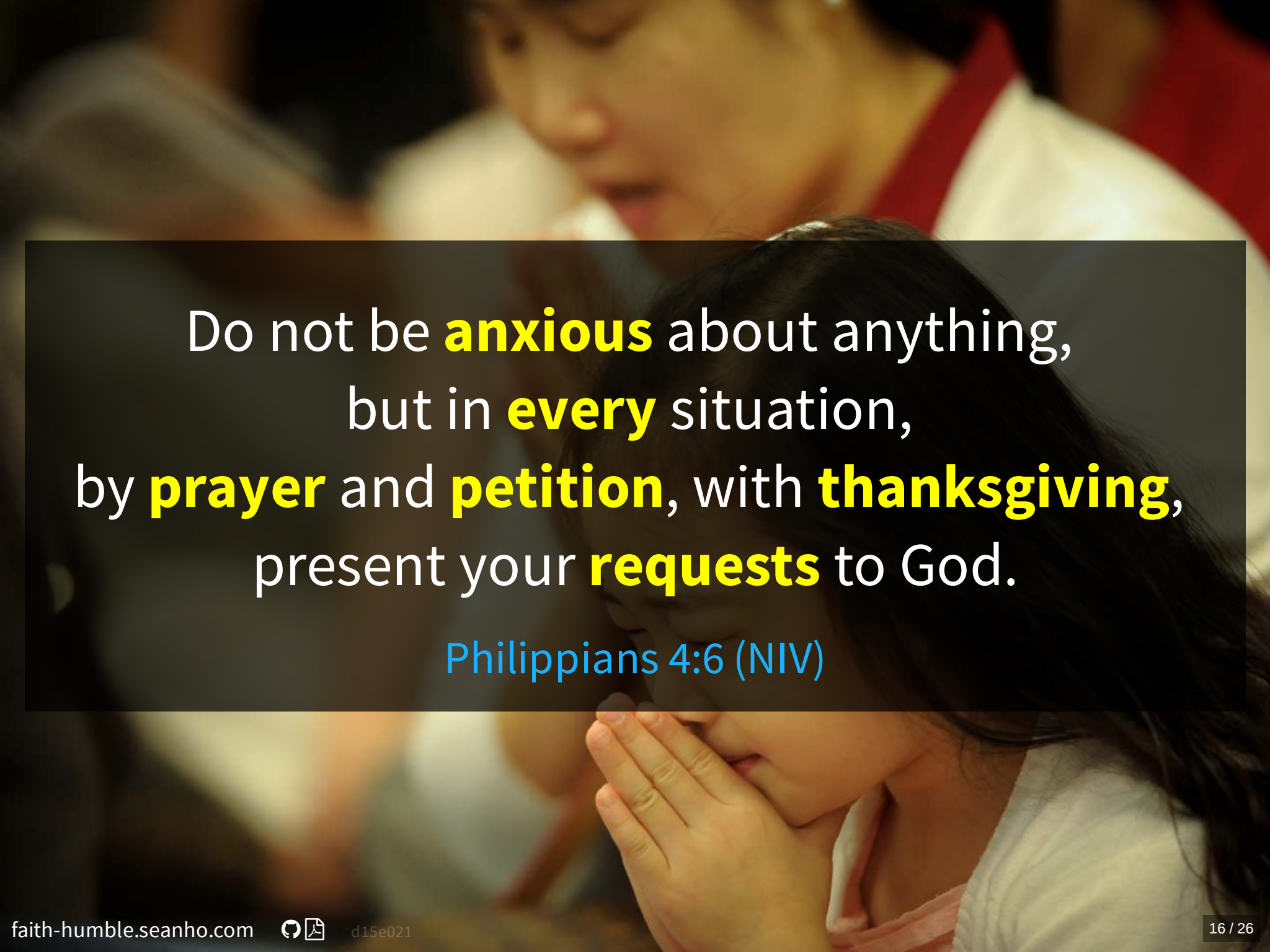
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James 4:13 (NIV)



Do not be **anxious** about anything,
but in **every** situation,
by **prayer** and **petition**, with **thanksgiving**,
present your **requests** to God.

Philippians 4:6 (NIV)



As it is, you **boast** in your **arrogant** schemes.
All such boasting is **evil**.

James 4:16 (NIV)

**Are my plans
for the future
predictions, or
petitions?**

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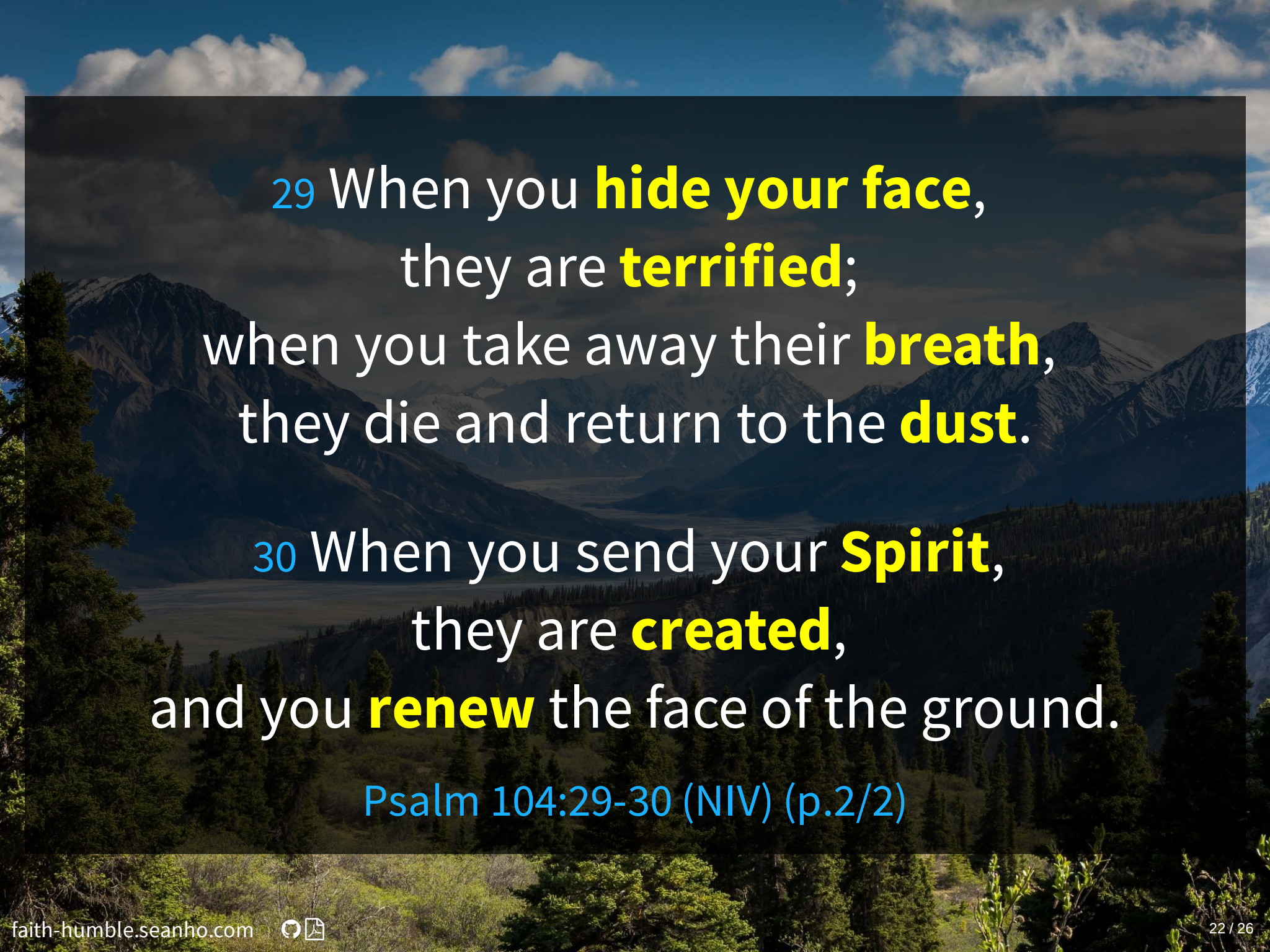
James 4:14 (NIV)

27 All creatures **look to you**
to give them their **food** at the proper time.

28 When you **give** it to them,
they **gather** it up;

when you **open your hand**,
they are **satisfied with good** things.


Psalm 104:27-28 (NIV) (p.1/2)



29 When you **hide your face**,
they are **terrified**;
when you take away their **breath**,
they die and return to the **dust**.

30 When you send your **Spirit**,
they are **created**,
and you **renew** the face of the ground.

Psalm 104:29-30 (NIV) (p.2/2)



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“If it is the **Lord’s will**,
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James 4:15 (NIV)

**Do I acknowledge
God's **grace**
in each **breath**
of life?**



Humble yourselves before the Lord,
and he will **lift** you up.

James 4:10 (NIV)

