


# WALK THE WALK

A serious look at the the letter from James

A person is walking away from the camera down a long, dark tunnel. The tunnel is illuminated by a bright light at the far end, creating a strong silhouette of the person. The walls of the tunnel are made of concrete and have a wet, reflective surface. The floor is also wet and reflects the light from the end of the tunnel. The overall atmosphere is one of hope and journey.

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- 5 If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask God, who gives generously to all without reproach, and it will be given him.
- 6 But let him ask in faith, with no doubting, for the one who doubts is like a wave of the sea that is driven and tossed by the wind.
- 7 For that person must not suppose that he will receive anything from the Lord;
- 8 he is a double-minded man, unstable in all his ways.

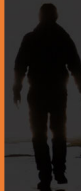
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- 12 Blessed is the man who remains steadfast under trial, for when he has stood the test he will receive the crown of life, which God has promised to those who love Him.
- 13 Let no one say when he is tempted, “I am being tempted by God”, for God cannot be tempted by evil, and He Himself tempts no one.
- 14 But each person is tempted when he is lured and enticed by his own desire.
- 15 Then desire when it has conceived gives birth to sin, and sin when it is fully grown brings forth death.

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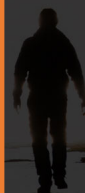
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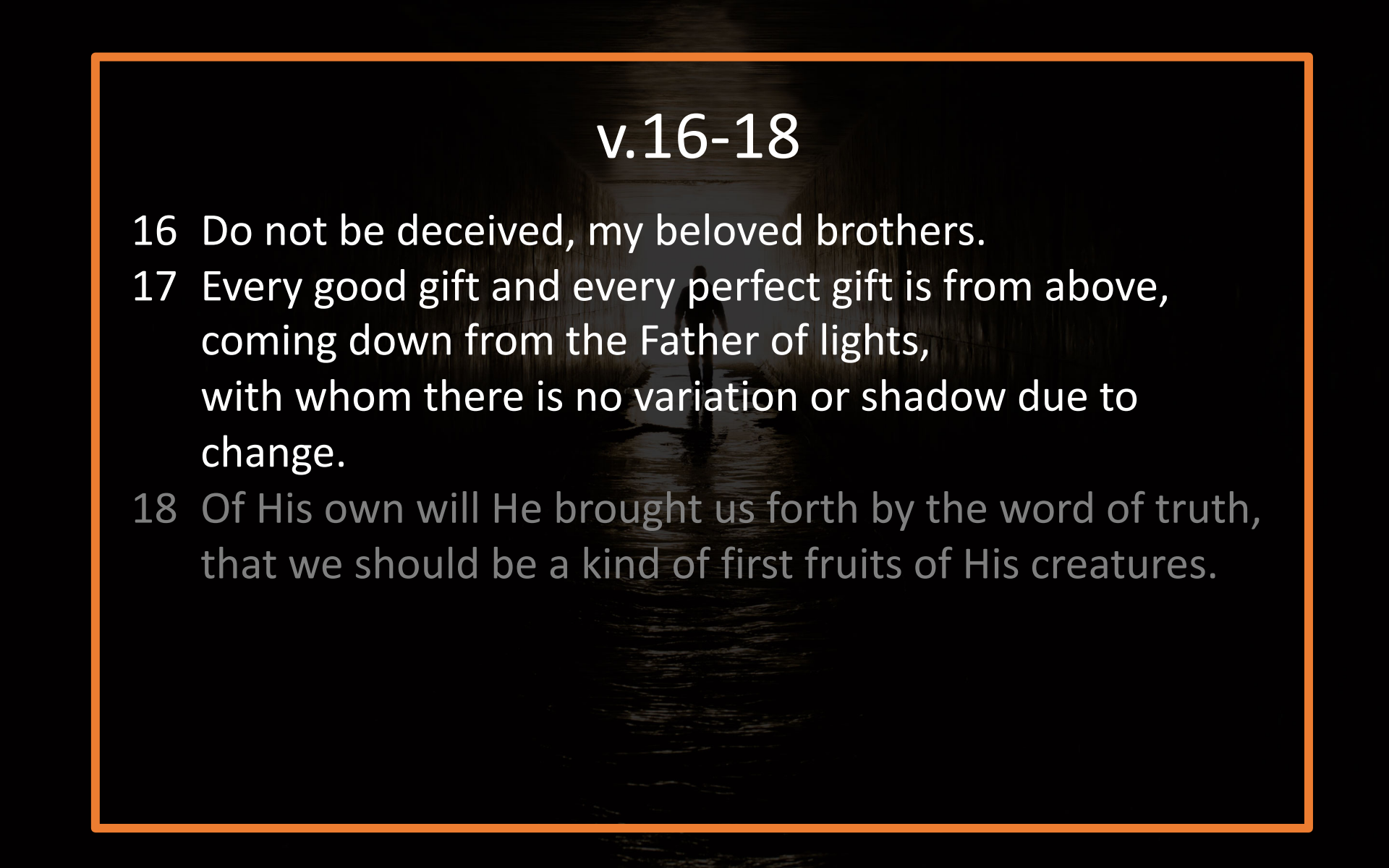
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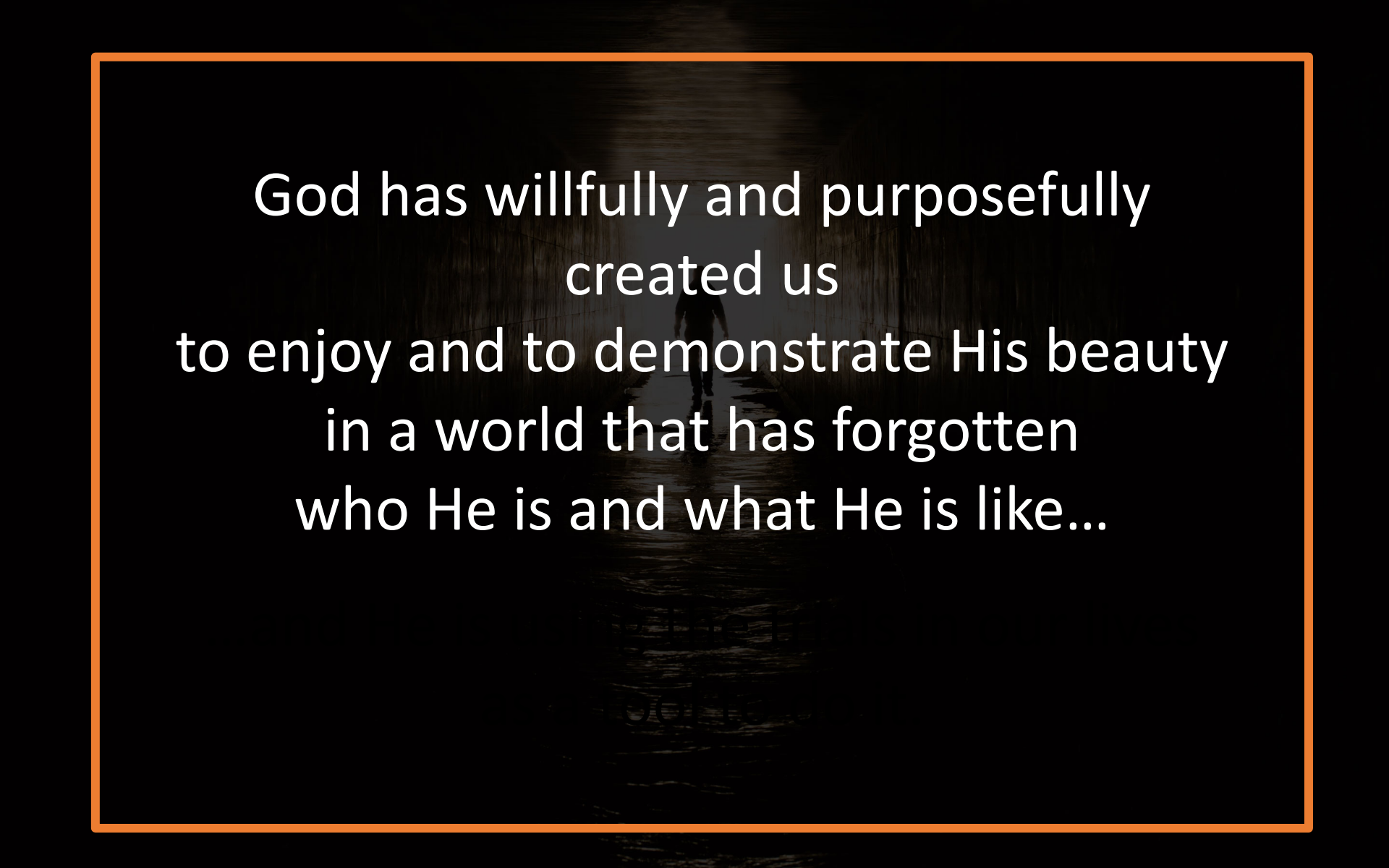
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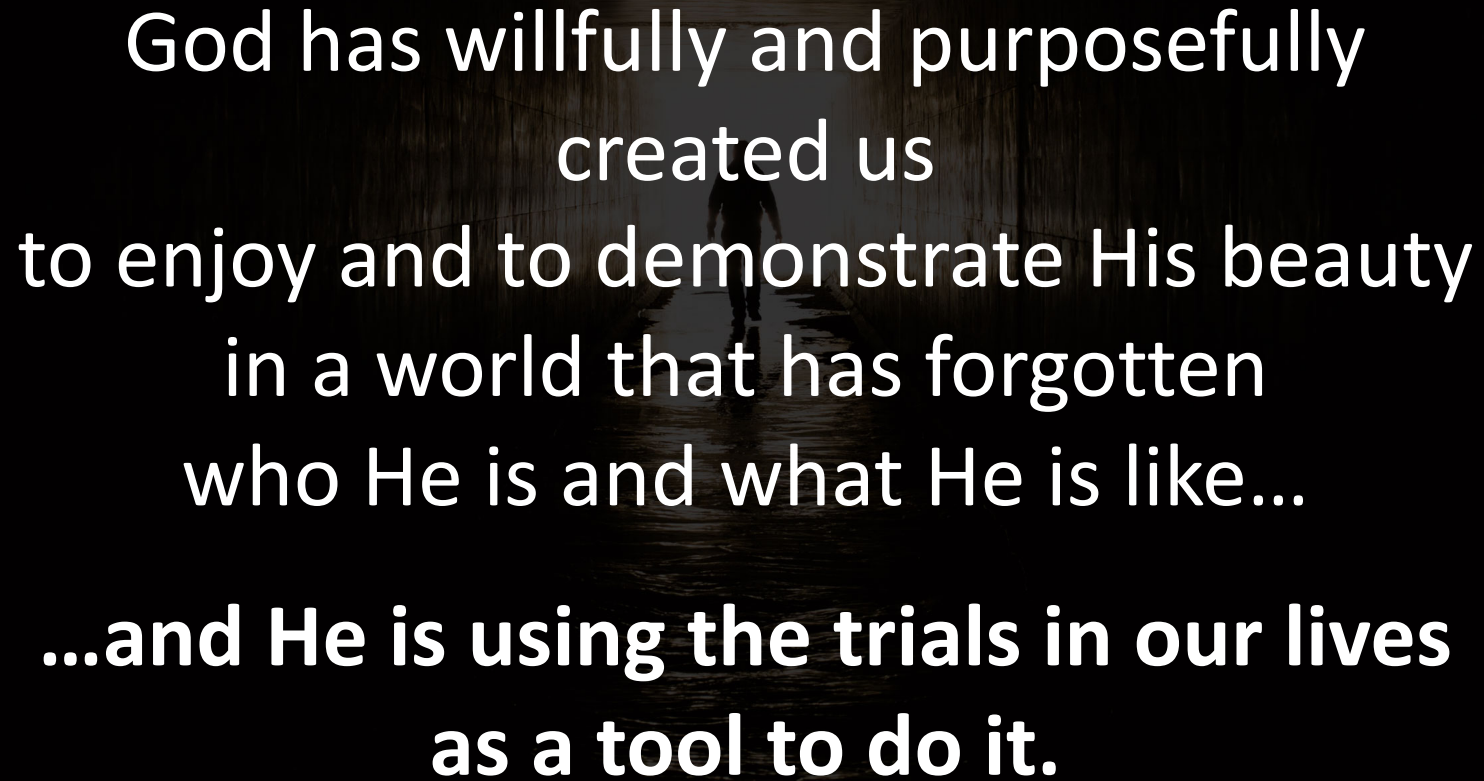
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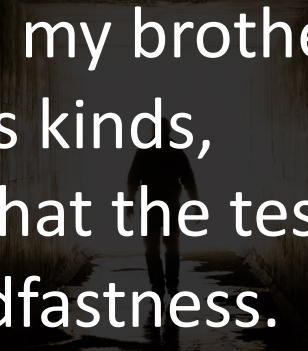
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**...and He is using the trials in our lives  
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- A person is walking away from the viewer down a narrow, misty path in a dark forest. The path is illuminated by a light source from the distance, creating a strong contrast with the surrounding shadows. The person's silhouette is visible against the lighter path. The overall atmosphere is mysterious and contemplative.
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