

Grounded in Worship

Arjun & Neha, India

“When we are weak, we worship Him. When we are surrounded by problems, we worship God more.”

Heavenly Father, I worship you because...

Sovereign Lord, I praise you because...

Dear God, I thank you because...



Informed by Scripture & Recounting God's Sovereignty

Secret Believers, Afghanistan

“Have mercy on them, my God, have mercy on them, for in You they take refuge. They will take refuge in the shadow of your wings until the disaster has passed. We cry out to God Most High, to God, who vindicates us. He sends from heaven and saves, rebuking those who hotly pursue. God sends forth his love and his faithfulness. Your children in Afghanistan are in the midst of lions, forced to dwell among ravenous beasts. Men whose teeth are spears and arrows, whose tongues are sharp swords. Be exalted, O God, above the heavens; let Your glory be over all the earth.” (Based on Psalm 57)



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Romans 8:35-39

Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or danger, or sword? As it is written, "For your sake we are being killed all the day long; we are regarded as sheep to be slaughtered." No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.



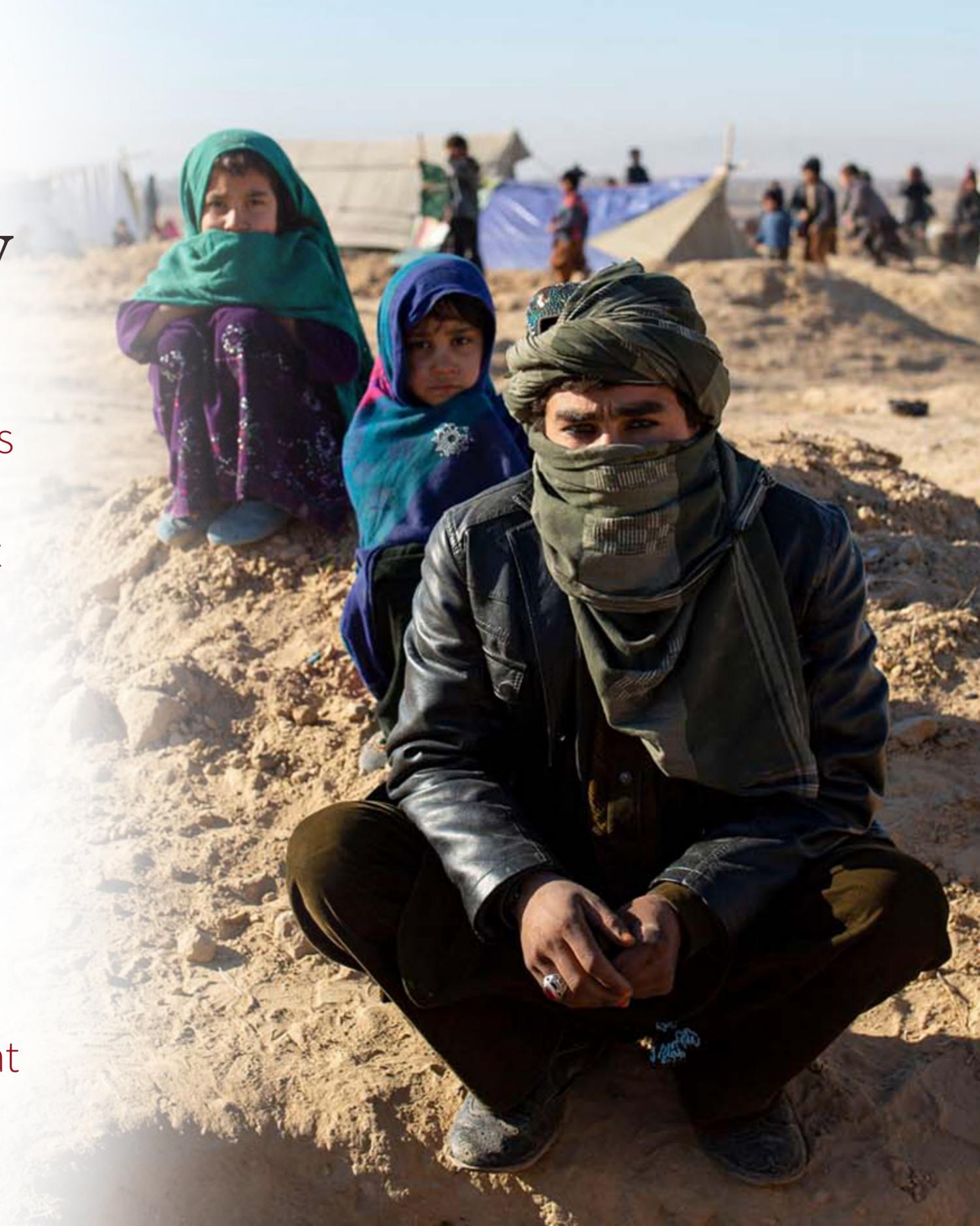
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James 1:2-4

Count it all joy, my brothers, when you meet trials of various kinds, for you know that the testing of your faith produces steadfastness. And let steadfastness have its full effect, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking in nothing.

2 Corinthians 4:16-18

So we do not lose heart. Though our outer self is wasting away, our inner self is being renewed day by day. For this light momentary affliction is preparing for us an eternal weight of glory beyond all comparison, as we look not to the things that are seen but to the things that are unseen. For the things that are seen are transient, but the things that are unseen are eternal.



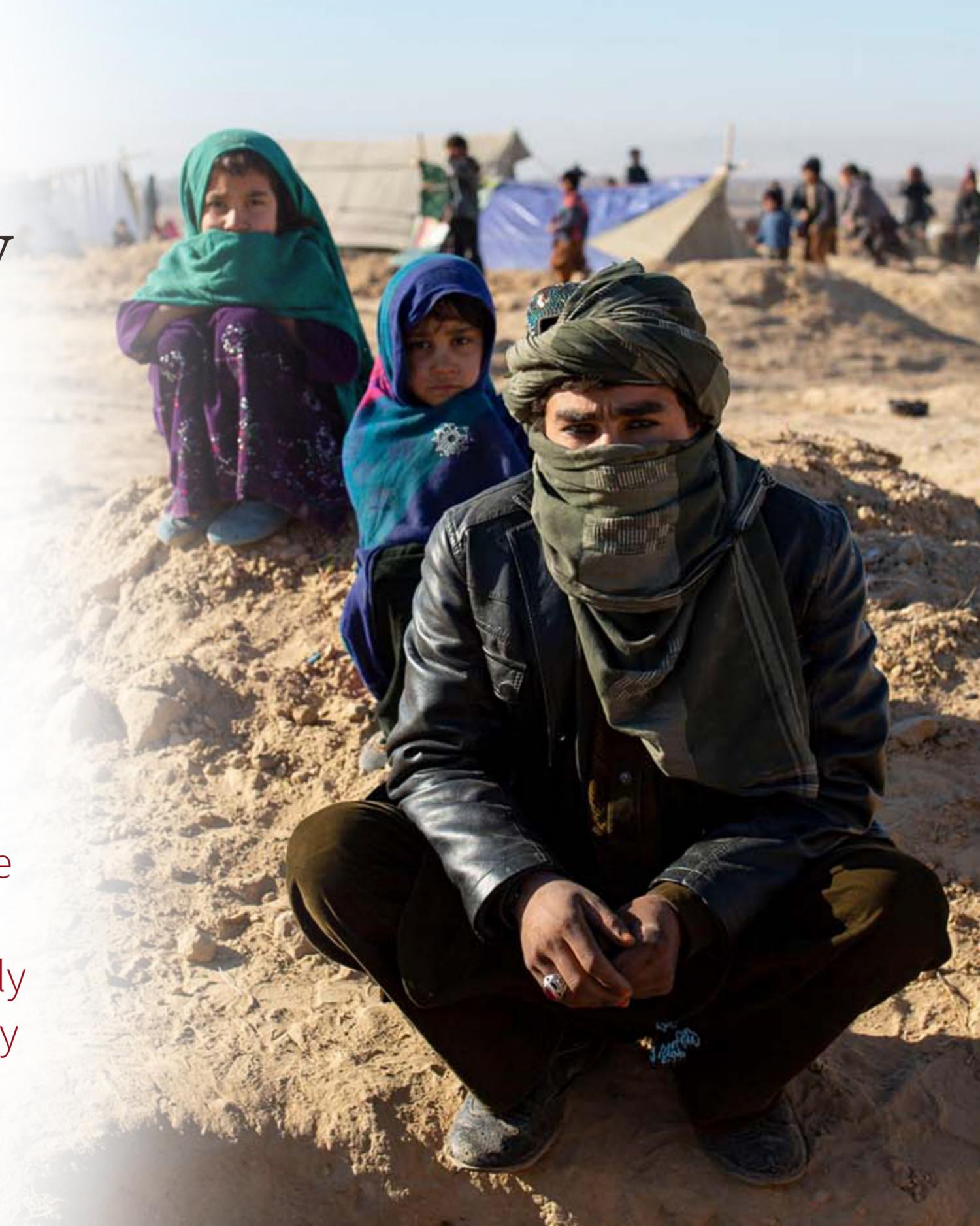
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Hebrews 4:16

Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

2 Corinthians 1:3-5

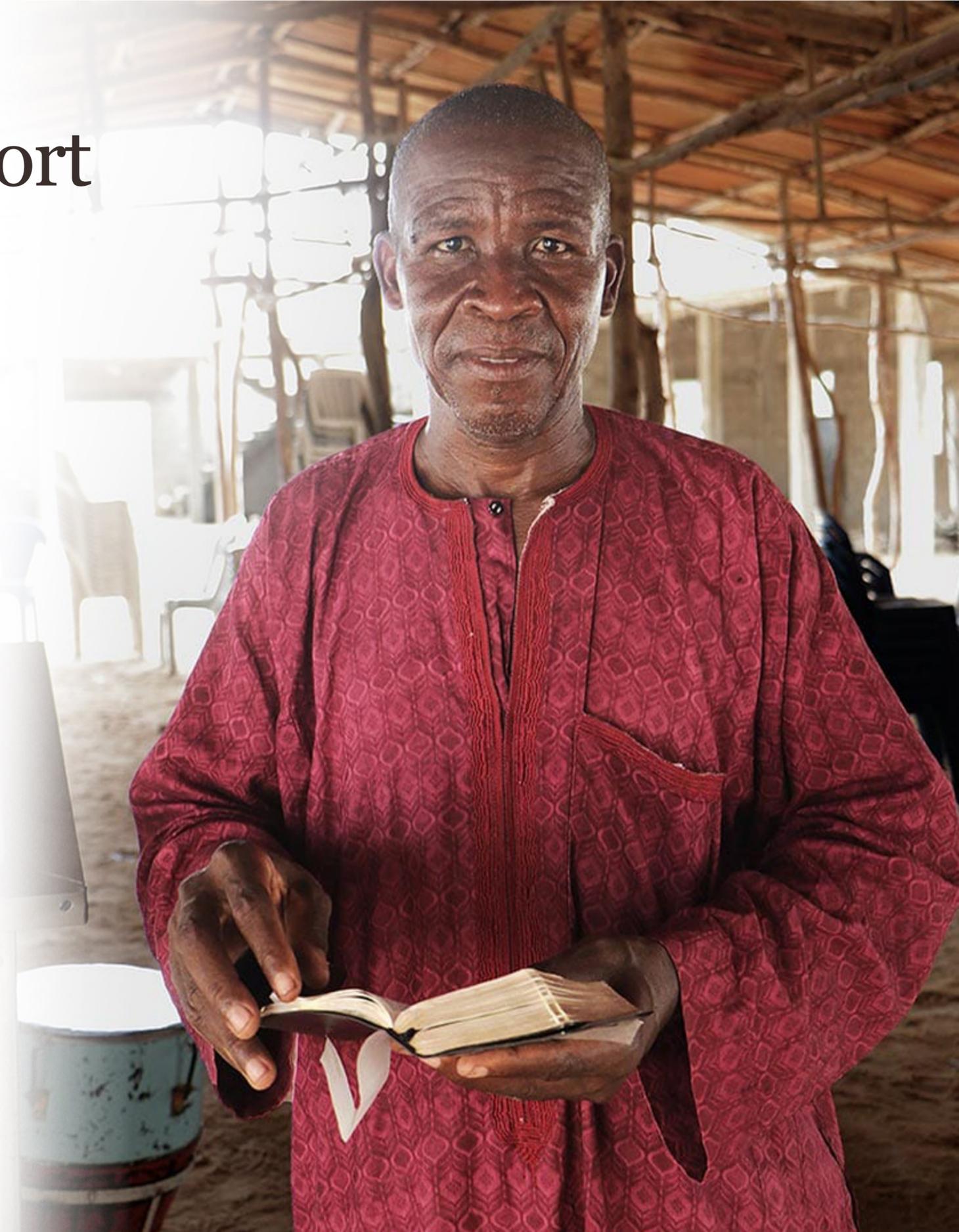
Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and God of all comfort, who comforts us in all our affliction, so that we may be able to comfort those who are in any affliction, with the comfort with which we ourselves are comforted by God. For as we share abundantly in Christ's sufferings, so through Christ we share abundantly in comfort too.



Prioritizing Kingdom Over Comfort & Calling On Divine Power

Rev. Marcus Abana, Nigeria

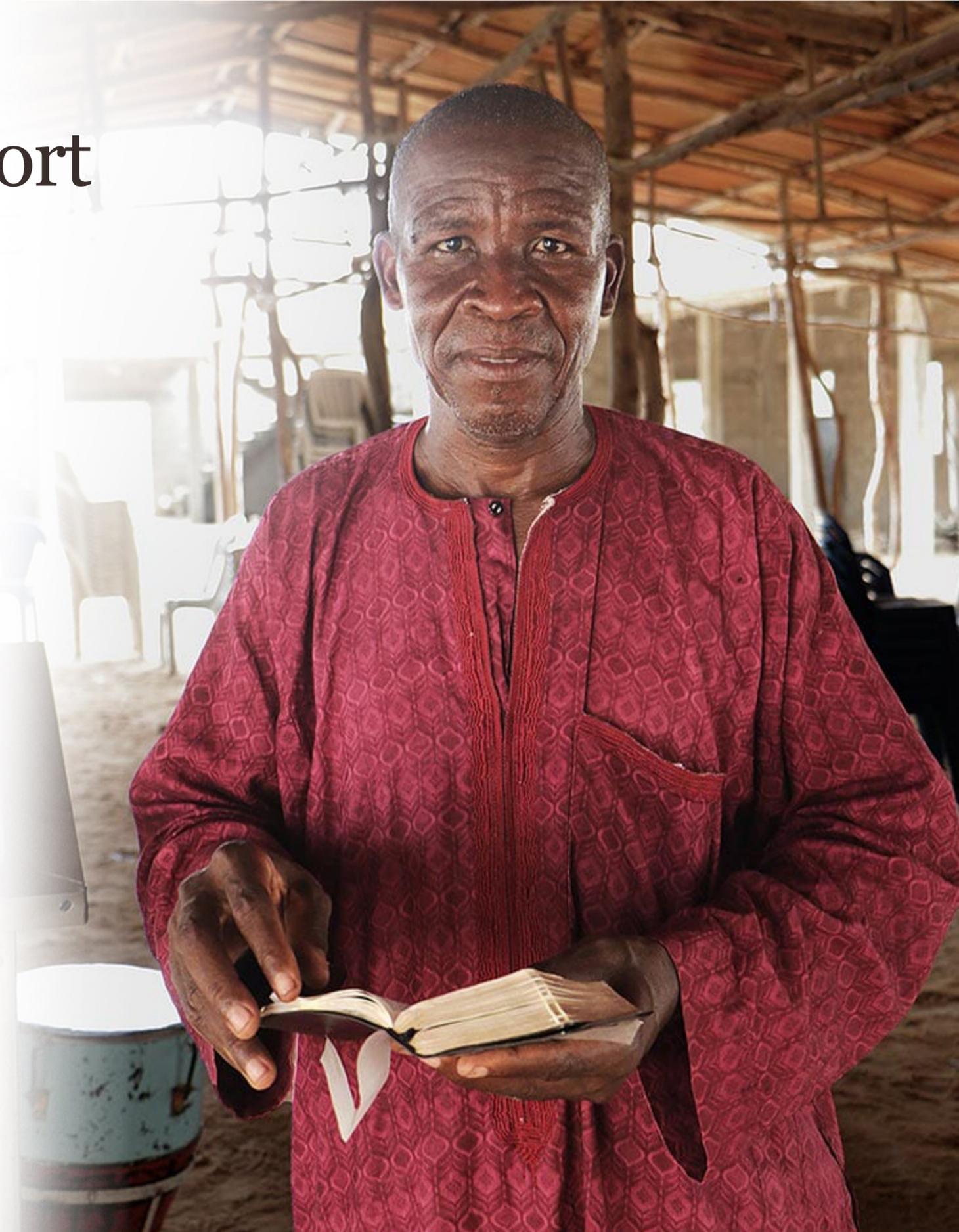
“...anywhere persecution arises, the gospel is being spread more and more. Before Boko Haram attacked, we were weak, but after this we have become very strong in the faith. We do not pray that God will take away the hardship, but that God would give us the grace to be able to stand. The Bible tells us that whoever endures to the end will receive a crown of righteousness. This is the message I want to send to Christians around the world today.”



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- Pray that persecuted Christians will find peace and strength to remain faithful in the sufficiency of God's grace, even in their weaknesses (2 Corinthians 12:9)
- Pray that God would use persecution to advance his kingdom and build his church (Matthew 16:18)
- Pray that God would empower persecuted Christians to love their enemies in supernatural ways that point them to the truth about Jesus (Matthew 5:43-45)





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