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Comments and Questions  
At the end of the teaching

# Man *and his* Life Journey

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# *A* **Man** *and his* **Life Journey**

***So teach us to  
number our days,  
That we may gain  
a heart of wisdom***

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# Stages of a Man's Life

## Spring

Young  
Manhood

12-18

Intentional  
transition

not adolescence

Boyhood

4-12

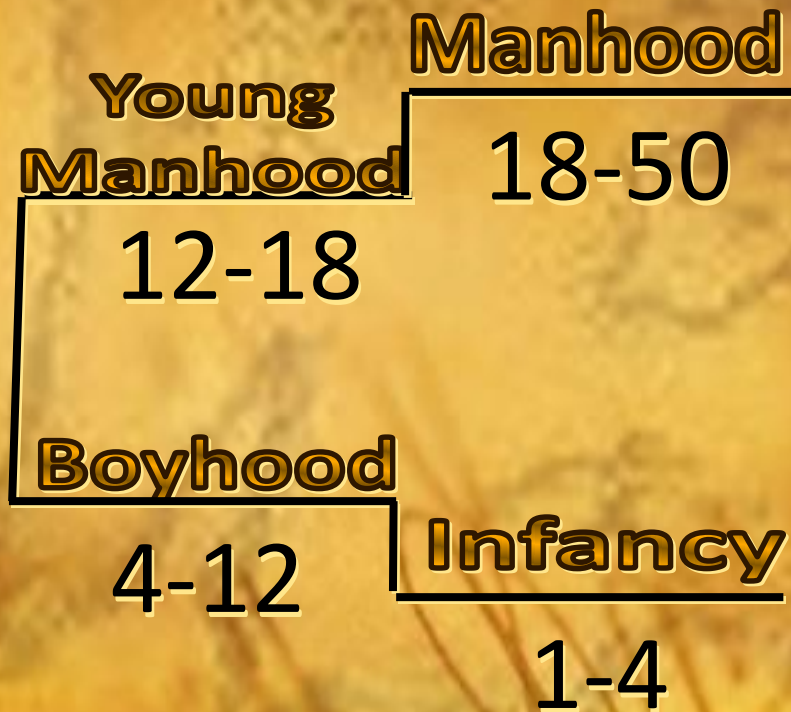
Infancy

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# Stages of a Man's Life

Spring Summer





# Manhood

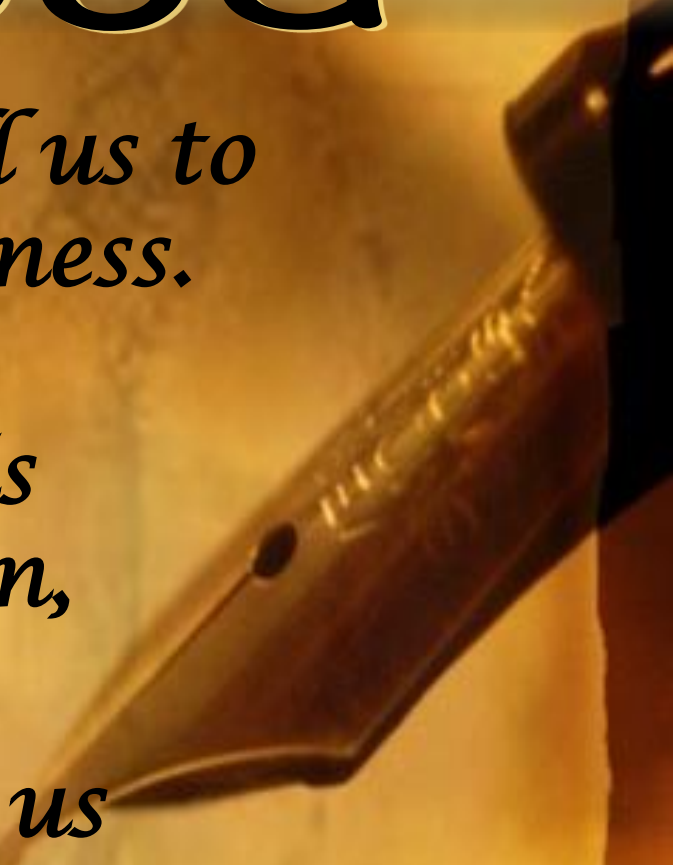
*1 Thessalonians 4:3-8*

God's will is for you to be holy and pure,  
so stay away from all sexual sin. Then each of you will  
control his own body and live in holiness and honor -  
not in lustful passion like the pagans  
who do not know God and his ways

# Manhood

*--- For God did not call us to  
uncleanness, but holiness.*

*Therefore  
he who rejects this  
does not reject man,  
but God,  
who has also given us  
His Holy Spirit.*

A fountain pen with a dark, textured barrel and a silver-colored nib is positioned diagonally on the right side of the image. The pen is resting on a piece of aged, yellowed paper with torn edges. The background is a warm, golden-brown color with a subtle gradient and some faint, darker spots, suggesting a textured surface like parchment or old paper.



# Manhood

Am I performing fulfilling work?

Am I a good provider?

Am I doing everything possible to help my children become responsible adults?

Am I building a strong, loving marriage?

Am I doing everything possible to introduce my family to faith in Christ?



# Manhood

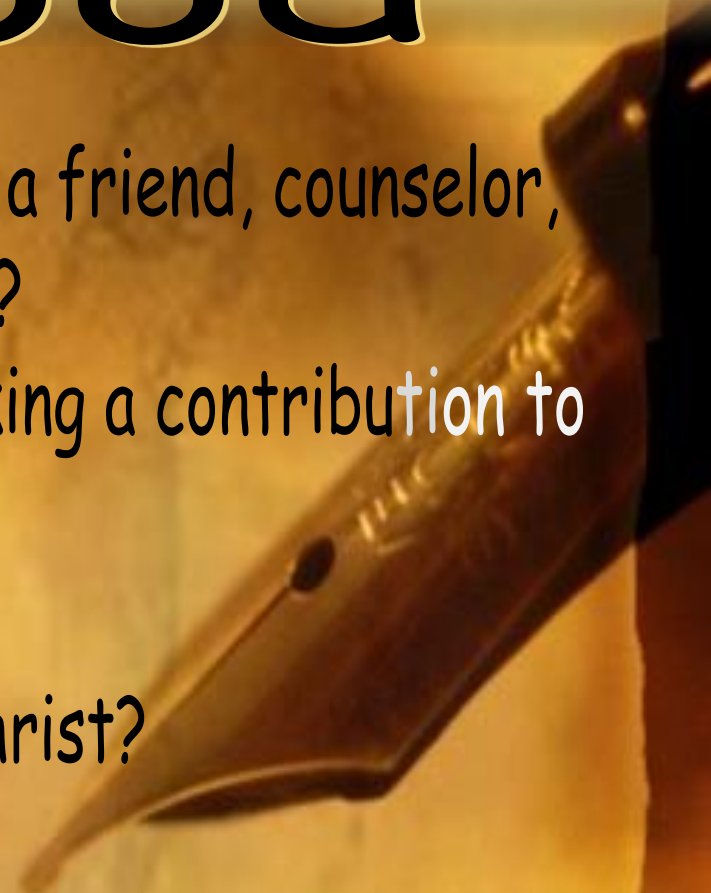
Am I investing in other people's lives as a friend, counselor, accountability partner and mentor?

Am I living a life of good deeds and making a contribution to my community?

Am I living a life of integrity?

Am I walking close to my Lord, Jesus Christ?

Will I go to heaven when I die?



# Manhood

*The glory of the young  
is their strength*

*Proverbs 20:29a*



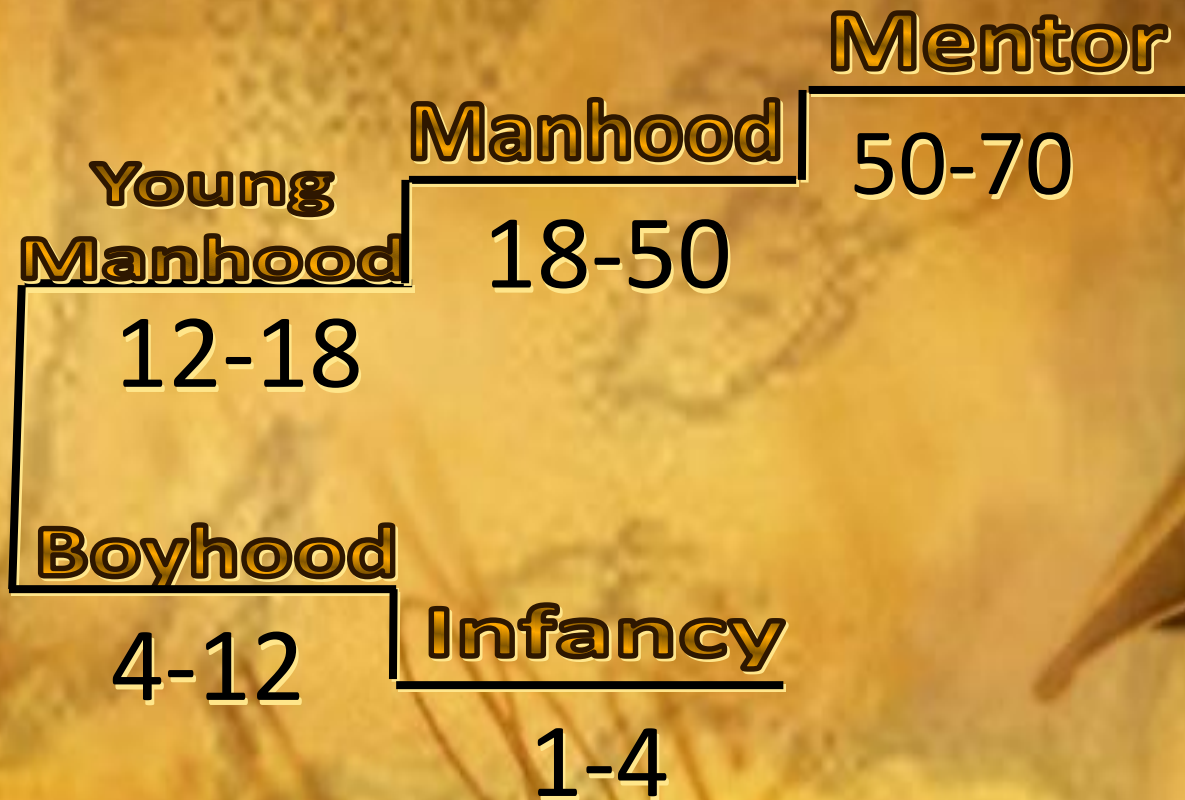


# Stages of a Man's Life

Spring

Summer

Fall





# Mentoring

*1 Thessalonians 2:8*

*We loved you so much that we shared with  
you not only God's Good News  
but our own lives too.*



# Mentoring

*1 Cor 4:15*

*For though you may have  
ten thousand  
instructors in Christ,  
yet  
you do not have  
Many fathers*



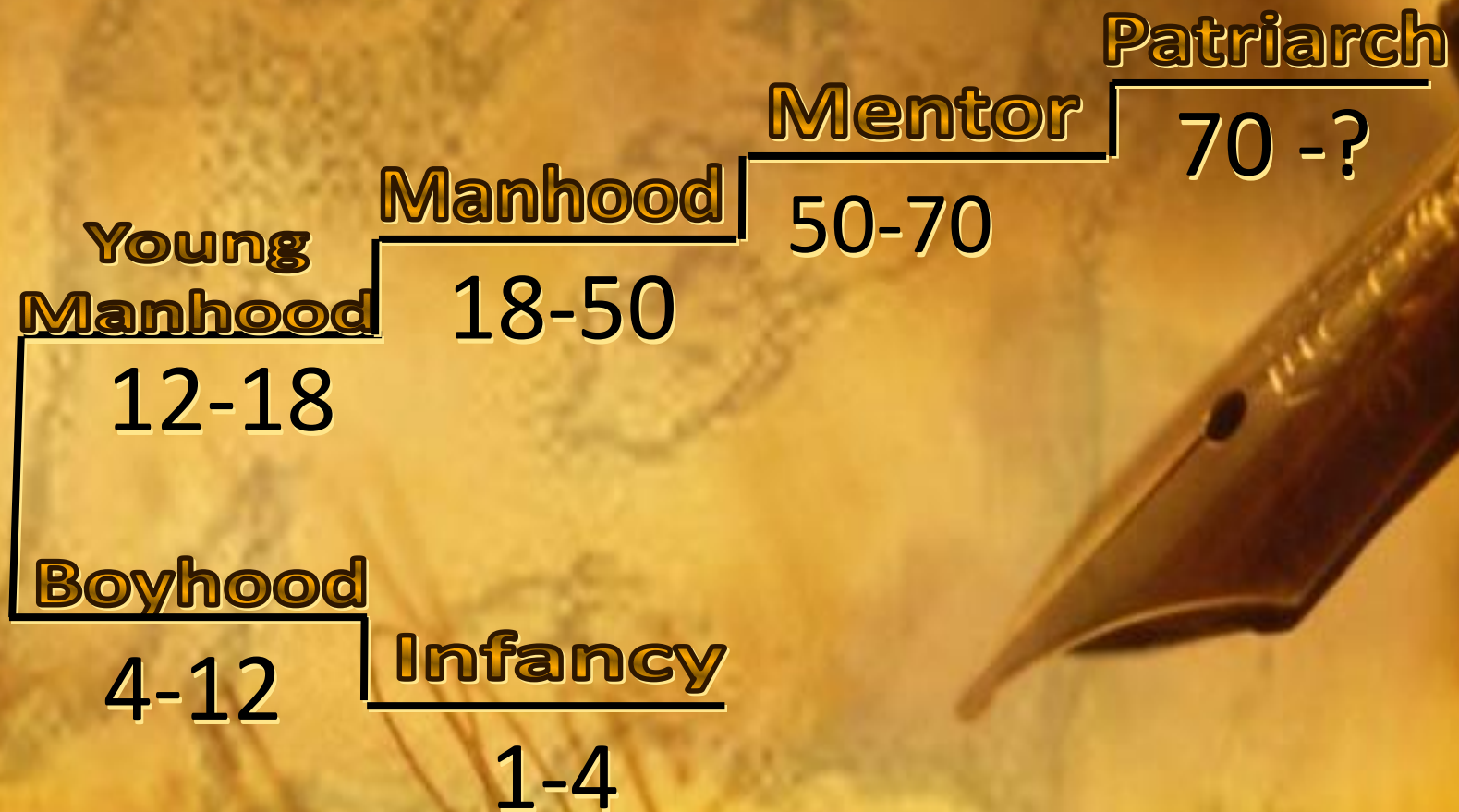
# Stages of a Man's Life

Spring

Summer

Fall

Winter





# Patriarch

*the gray hair of experience  
is the splendor of the old.*

*Proverbs 20:29b*

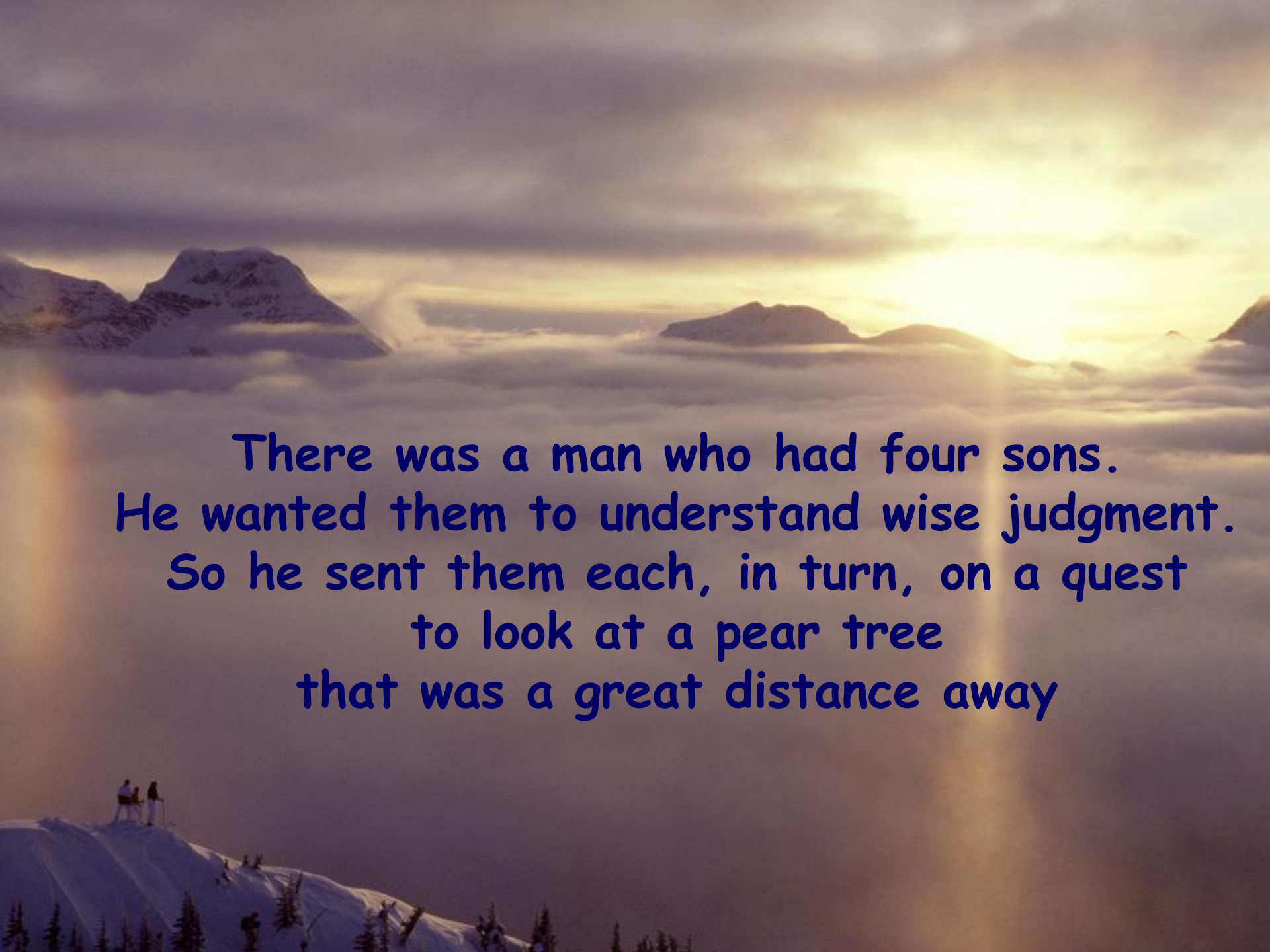


# *A* **Man** *and his* **Life Journey**

*Listen to counsel and  
receive instruction, That  
you may be wise in your  
latter days*


**Prov 19:20**

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There was a man who had four sons.  
He wanted them to understand wise judgment.  
So he sent them each, in turn, on a quest  
to look at a pear tree  
that was a great distance away





The first son went in the winter,  
the second in the spring,  
the third in summer  
the youngest in the fall



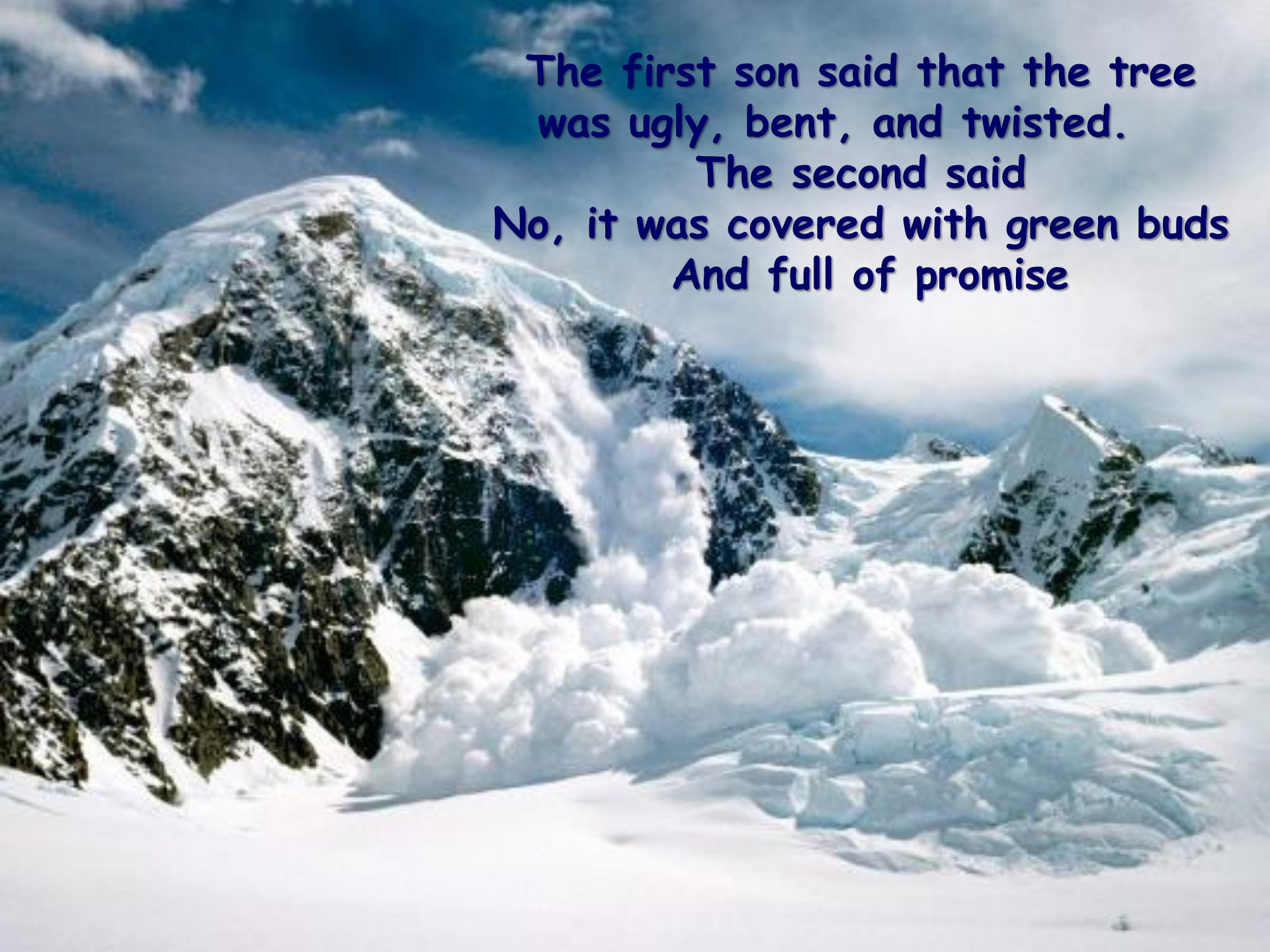
When they had all gone and returned,  
he called them together to describe  
what they had seen.





The first son said that the tree  
was ugly, bent, and twisted.

The second said  
No, it was covered with green buds  
And full of promise





The third son disagreed;

It was laden with blossoms that smelled so sweet,  
looked so graceful and was simply beautiful.

The last son disagreed with all of them; It was ripe,  
drooping with fruit, full of life and fulfillment.



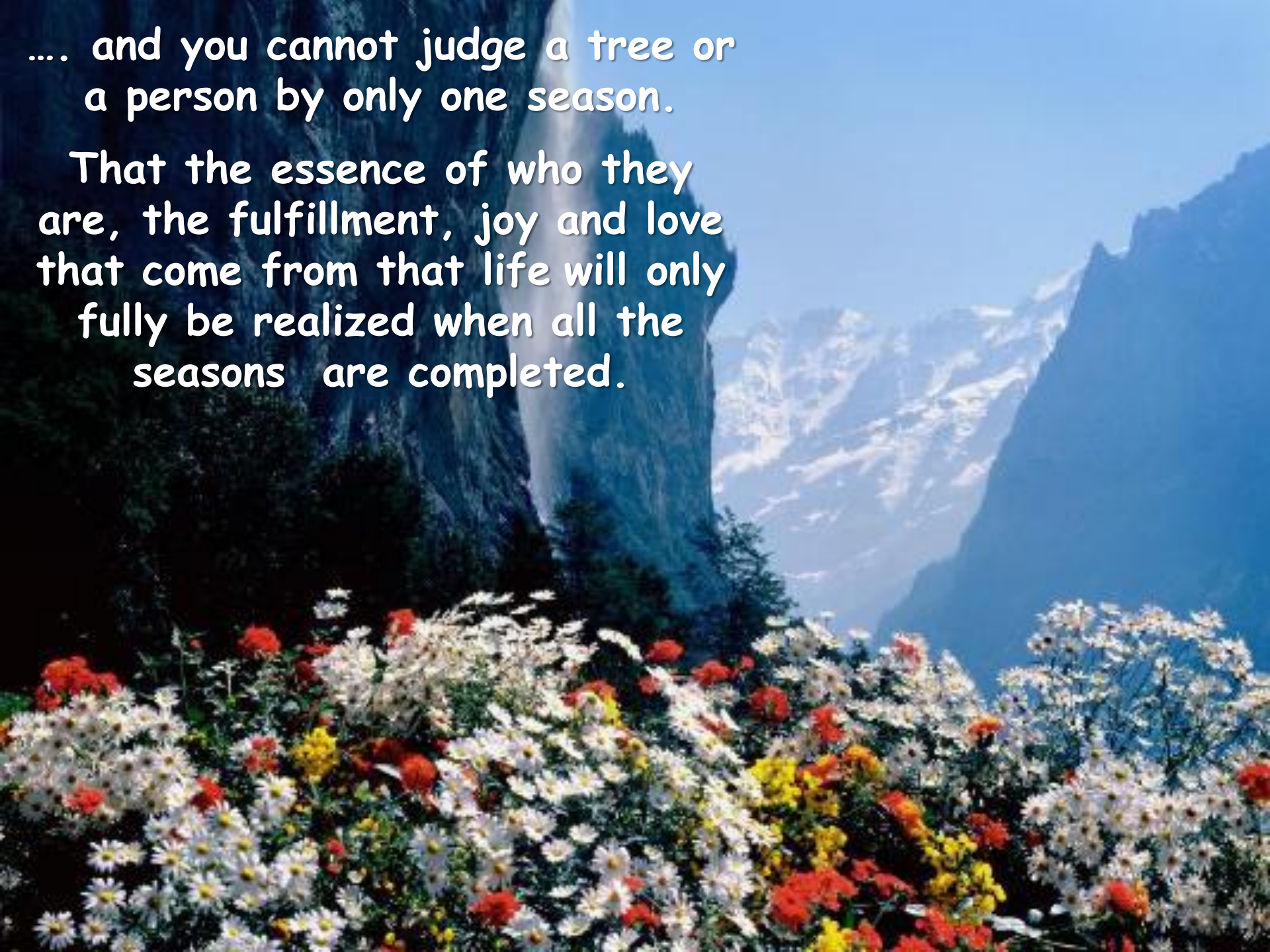
Father then explained that  
they each were right  
but had seen but one season  
in the tree's life....





.... and you cannot judge a tree or  
a person by only one season.

That the essence of who they  
are, the fulfillment, joy and love  
that come from that life will only  
fully be realized when all the  
seasons are completed.





**Without this vision you will miss**

- the promise of your spring**
- the beauty of your summer**
- the color of your fall**
- the fulfillment of your winter**





Don't judge life by one difficult season  
or  
let it rob the joy of all the rest.





Brokenness is accepting  
God's healing  
for our wounds

*and...*

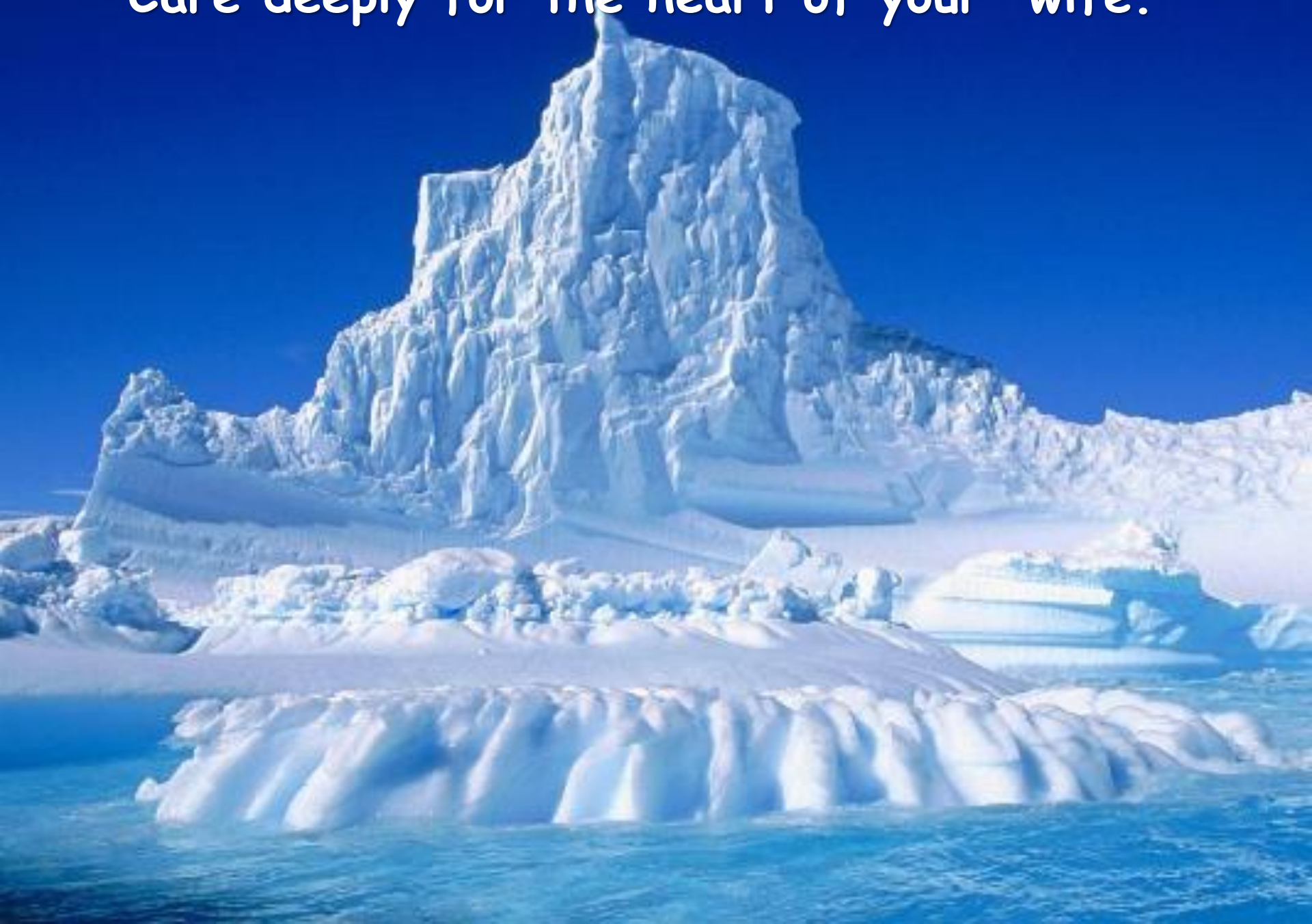






Healed Men Heal Others

Care deeply for the heart of your wife.





**Bless her with your words of  
appreciation and approval**







**Lead her  
with the humility  
that comes by walking  
humbly with your LORD**

# Reject passivity

Everyone who competes in the games  
goes into strict training

1 Cor 9:25



# Accept responsibility

They do it to get a crown  
that will not last;  
we do it to get a crown  
that will last forever

1 Cor 9:25





Therefore I do not run like a man running aimlessly; I do not fight like a man beating the air. No, I beat my body and make it my slave

1 Cor 9:26

Lead courageously



A serene winter forest scene with a stream and snow-covered trees. The image has a soft, ethereal quality with a blue and white color palette. The text is overlaid on the upper left and center of the image.

# Expect God's greater reward

...so that after I have preached to  
others, I myself will  
not be disqualified  
for the prize

1 Cor 9:27



A serene winter landscape featuring a calm body of water, possibly a pond or a slow-moving stream, which perfectly reflects the bright, golden light of a low sun. The sun is positioned in the upper center of the frame, creating a strong lens flare and illuminating the scene with a warm, golden glow. The surrounding trees are bare and their branches are heavily laden with a thick layer of white snow. The water's surface is still, acting as a clear mirror for the sun and the snowy branches above. The overall atmosphere is peaceful and contemplative, with the high contrast between the dark, snow-laden trees and the brilliant light of the sun.

# Go!

Be on the alert,  
stand firm in the faith,  
act like men, be strong

and all that you do,  
let it be done in love.

1 Cor 16:13-14



Thank you for being part of

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