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JAMES 4:11-17 (NIV)

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. 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?

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Boasting About Tomorrow

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. ¹⁷ If anyone, then, knows the good they ought to do and doesn't do it, it is sin for them.

STOP JUDGING

- Slander
 - Kinder words
- Gossip
 - Speaking will of others
- Criticism – Encouragement
 - Is this:
 - The right time
 - The right words
 - The right truth
 - The right person

STOP JUDGING

- Battling the inner judge
 - Am I kind to others when they aren't around?
 - _ How can I be more kind?
 - Am I tempted by gossip and judgement toward others?
 - _ How can I battle this temptation and who can help me?
 - How can I trust God more with his standards for others?

START TRUSTING

- Misplaced confidence
- Uncertain future
- Plans for tomorrow with a trusting confidence of God's leading

PROVERBS 16:9

⁹ In their hearts humans plan their course,
but the LORD establishes their steps. mind.'

DECISION MAKING

- Prayer & Study
- Trust
- Go to the wise
- Research
- Evaluate
- Discern
- Listen
- Prepare
- Step
- Calling



WE CAN DO BETTER



MATTHEW 22:34-40 (NIV)

The Greatest Commandment

³⁴ Hearing that Jesus had silenced the Sadducees, the Pharisees got together. ³⁵ One of them, an expert in the law, tested him with this question: ³⁶ "Teacher, which is the greatest commandment in the Law?"

³⁷ Jesus replied: "'Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.' ³⁸ This is the first and greatest commandment. ³⁹ And the second is like it: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.' ⁴⁰ All the Law and the Prophets hang on these two commandments."

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- Humility
- Trust
- Respect



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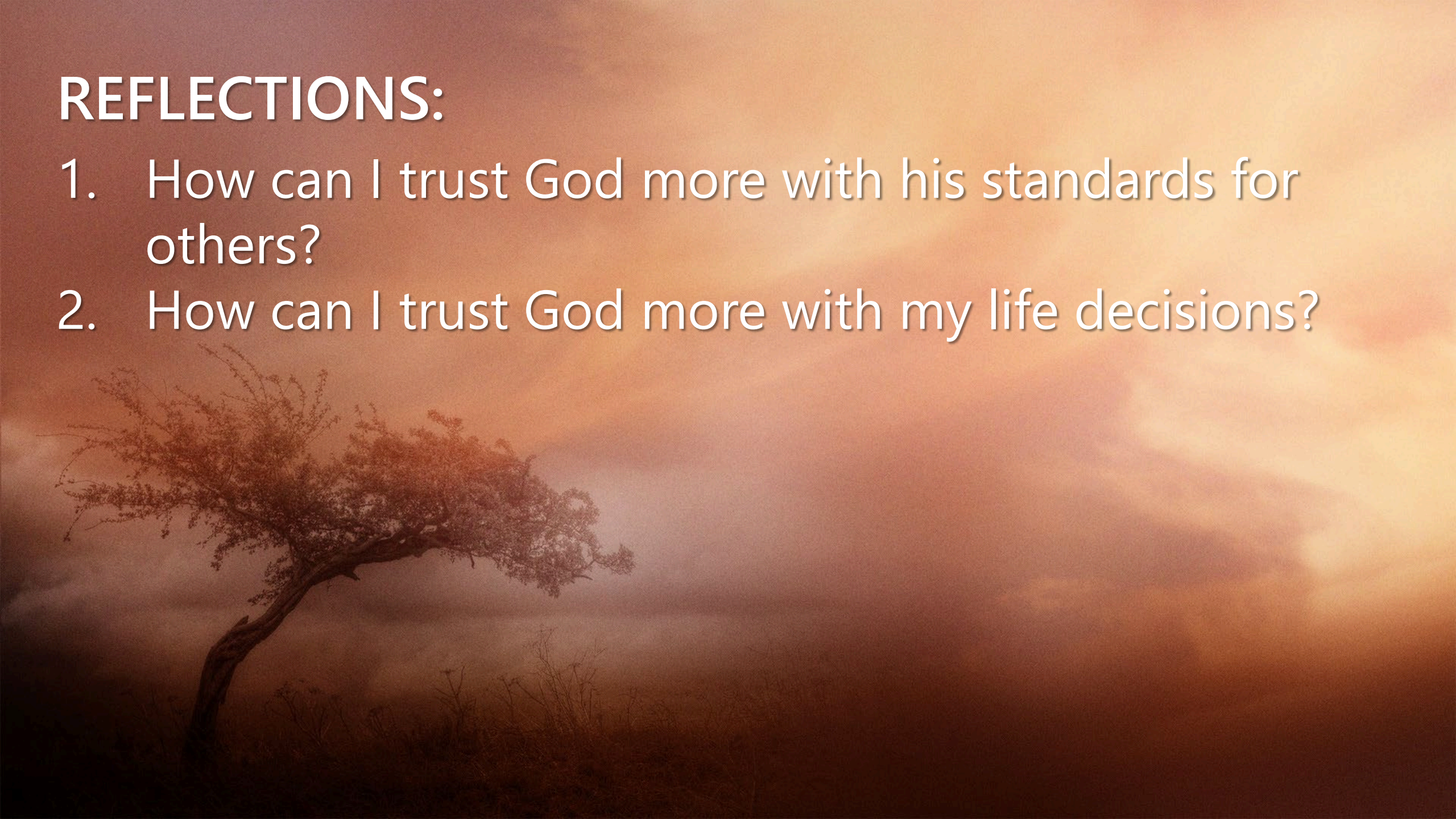
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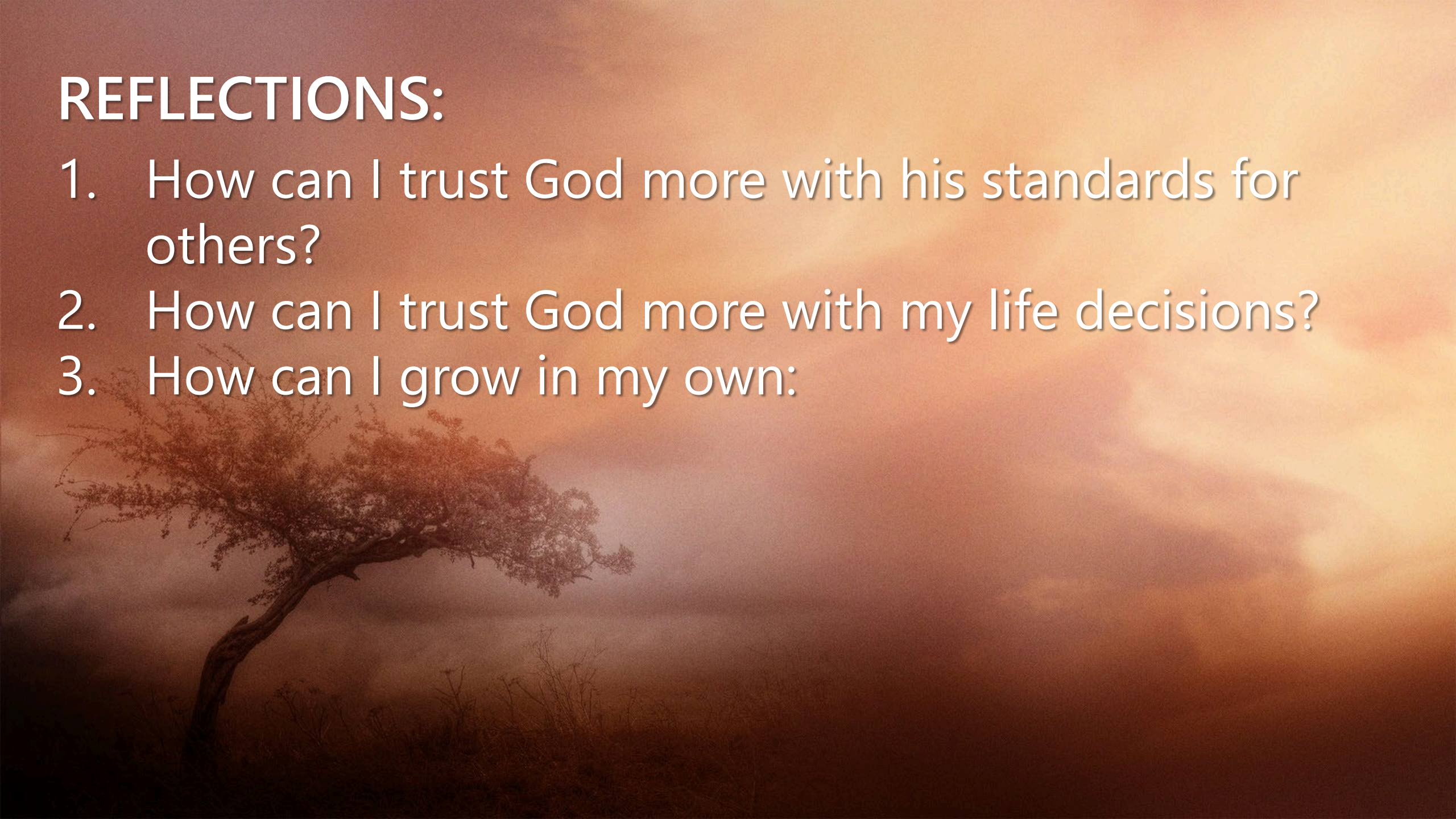
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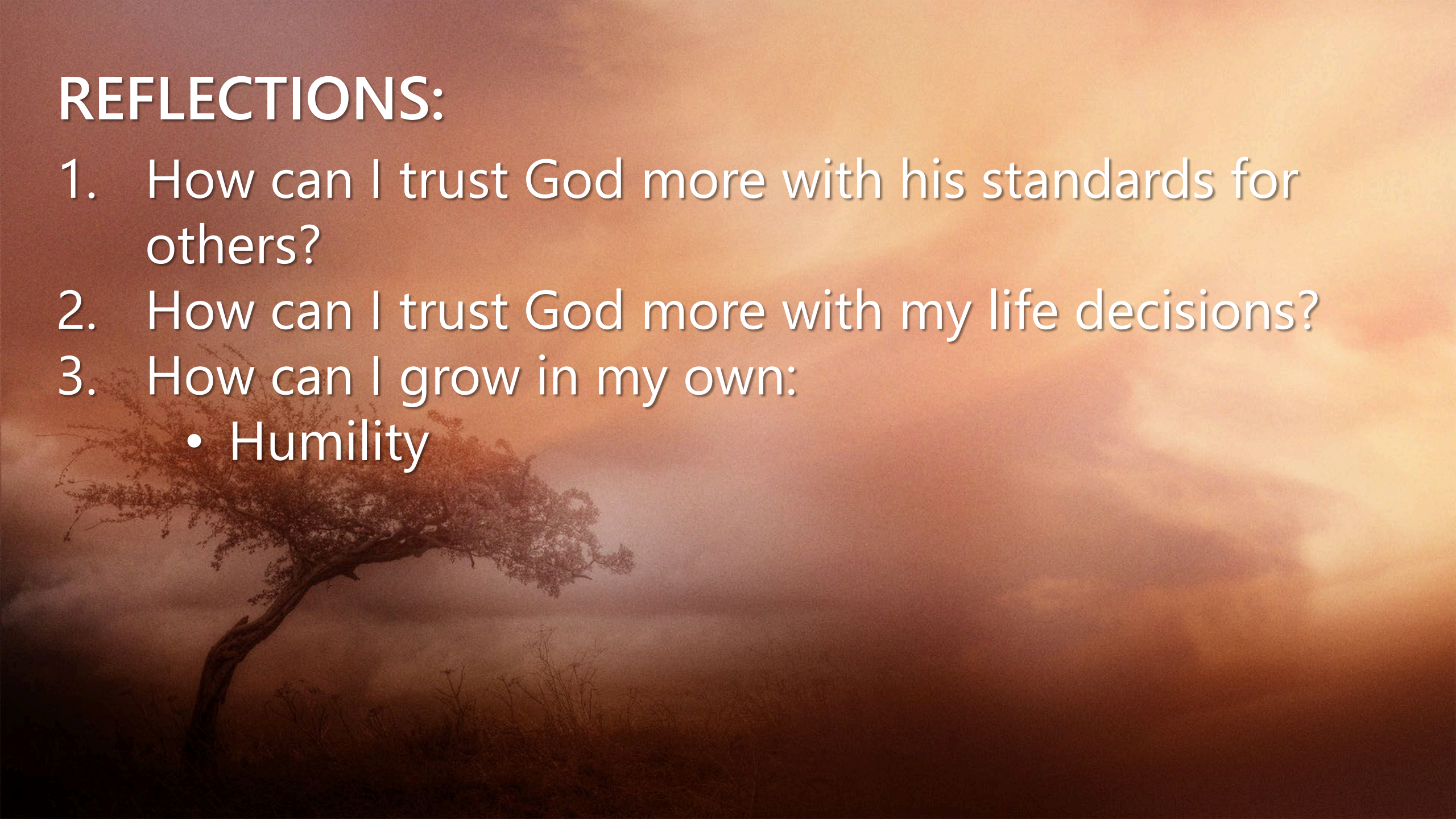
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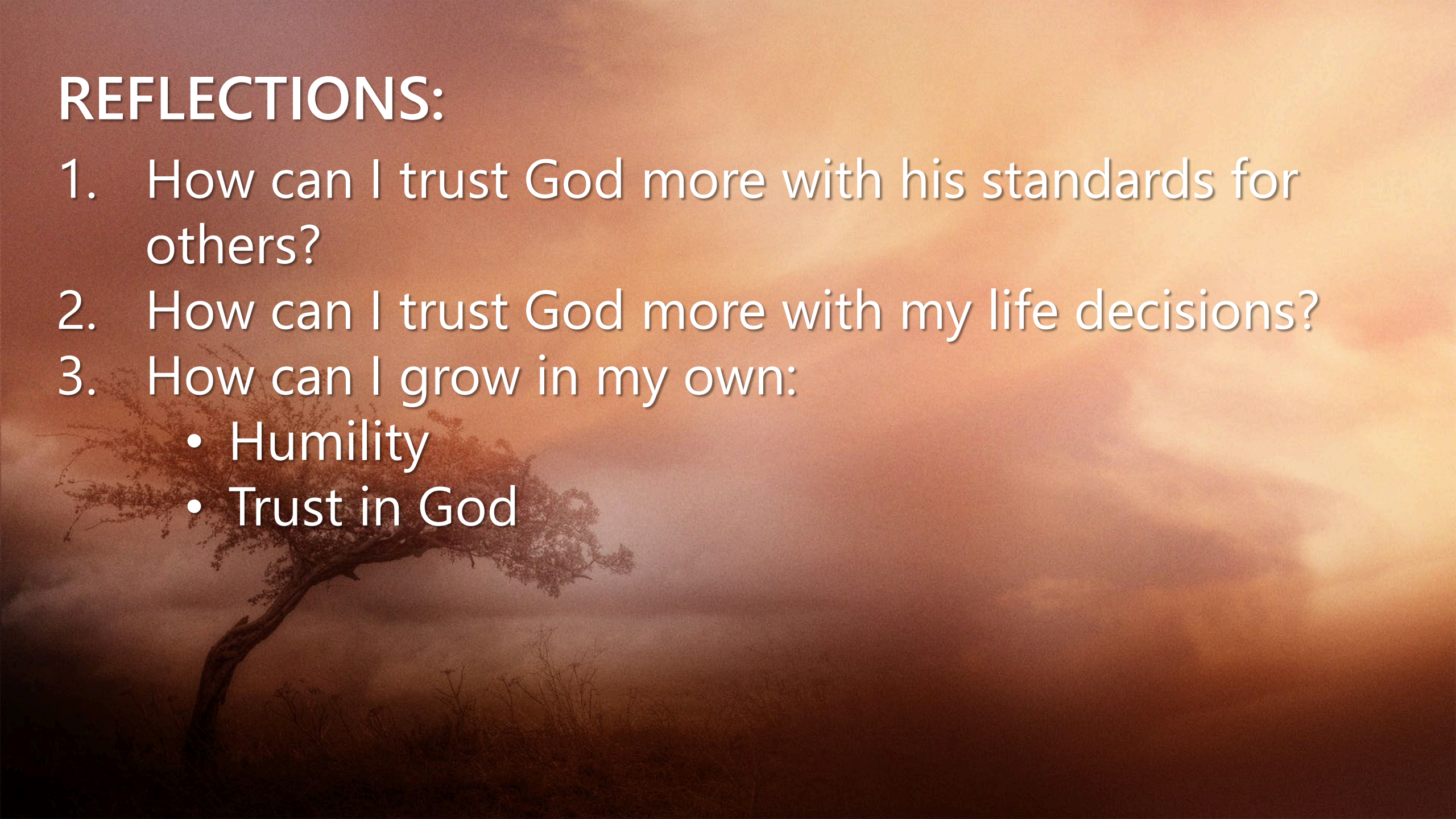
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