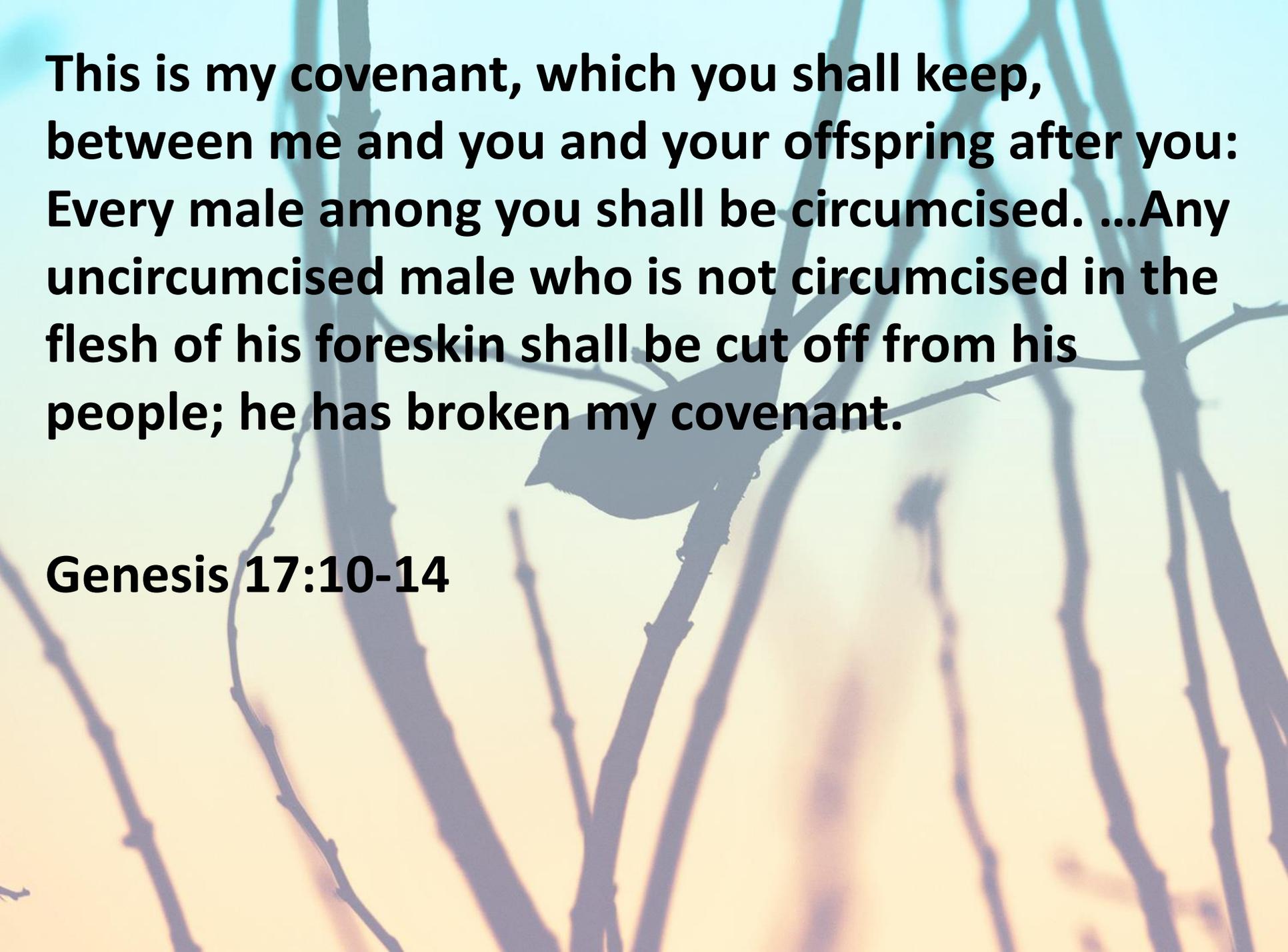


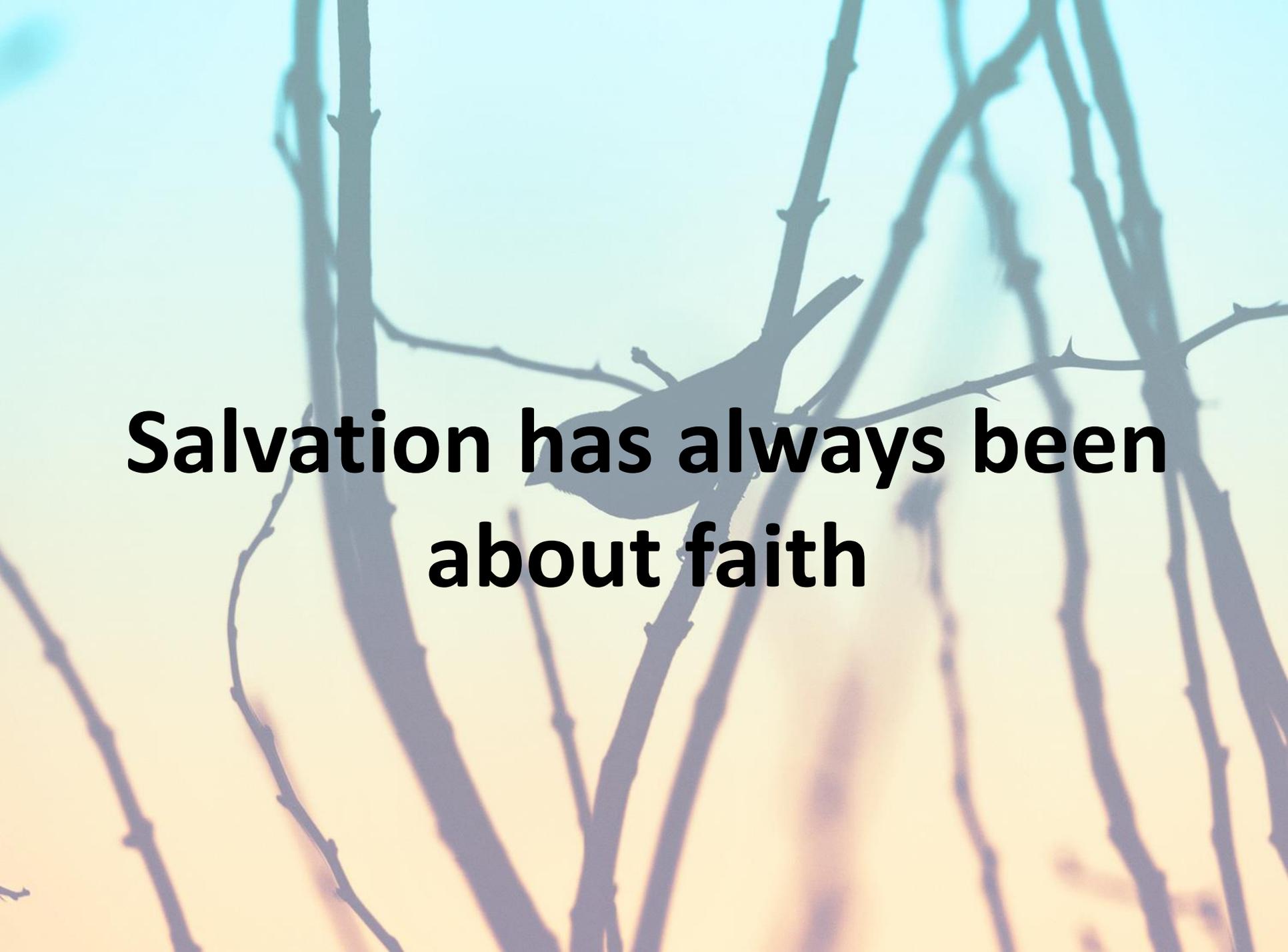
FREEDOM BY FAITH

A STUDY OF GALATIANS



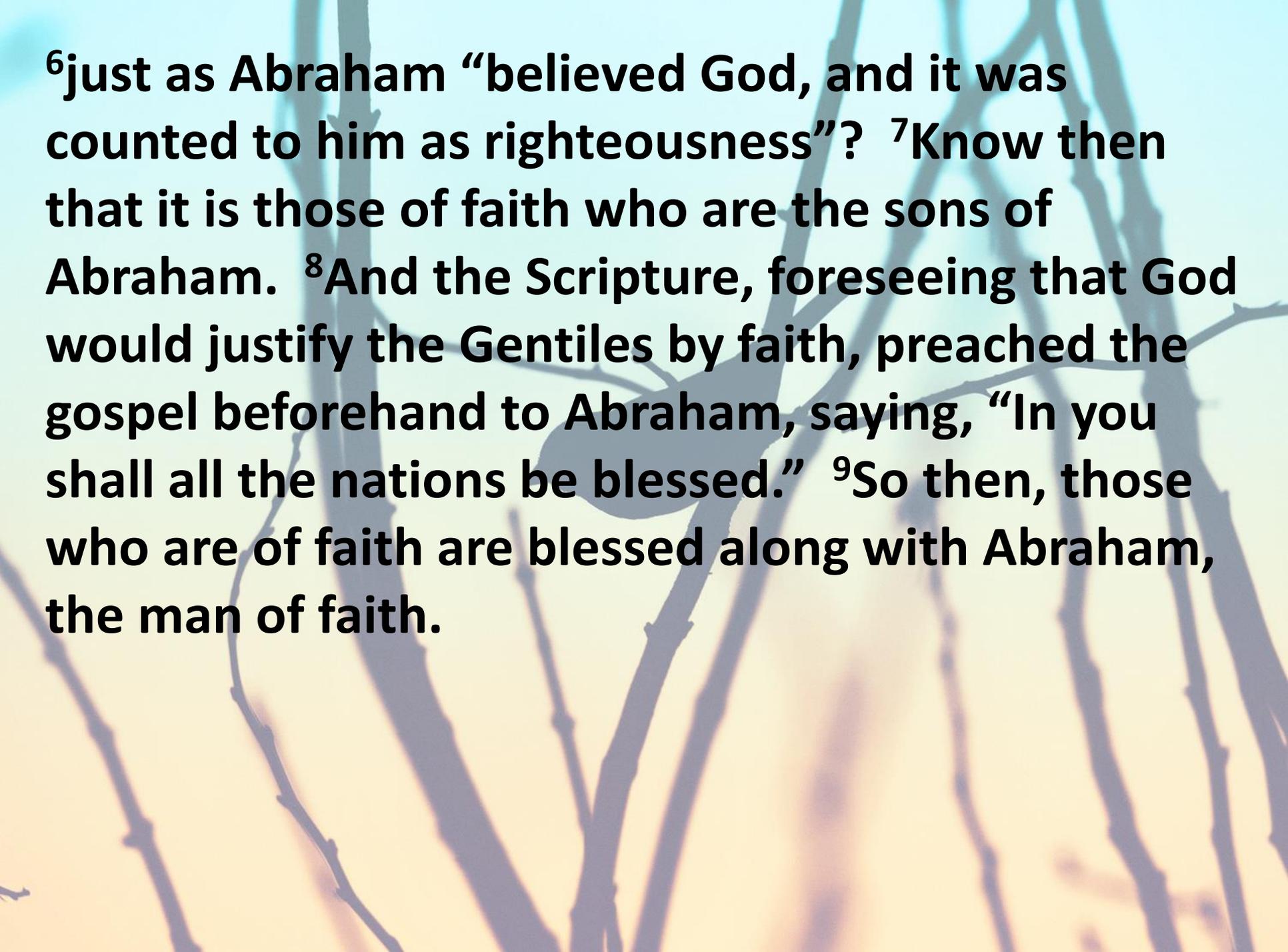
**This is my covenant, which you shall keep,
between me and you and your offspring after you:
Every male among you shall be circumcised. ...Any
uncircumcised male who is not circumcised in the
flesh of his foreskin shall be cut off from his
people; he has broken my covenant.**

Genesis 17:10-14

A silhouette of a bird perched on a branch against a soft, warm background. The background transitions from a pale blue at the top to a warm orange and yellow at the bottom, suggesting a sunrise or sunset. The branches are dark and thin, creating a delicate, web-like pattern. The bird is positioned in the center, facing right, with its wings slightly tucked.

**Salvation has always been
about faith**

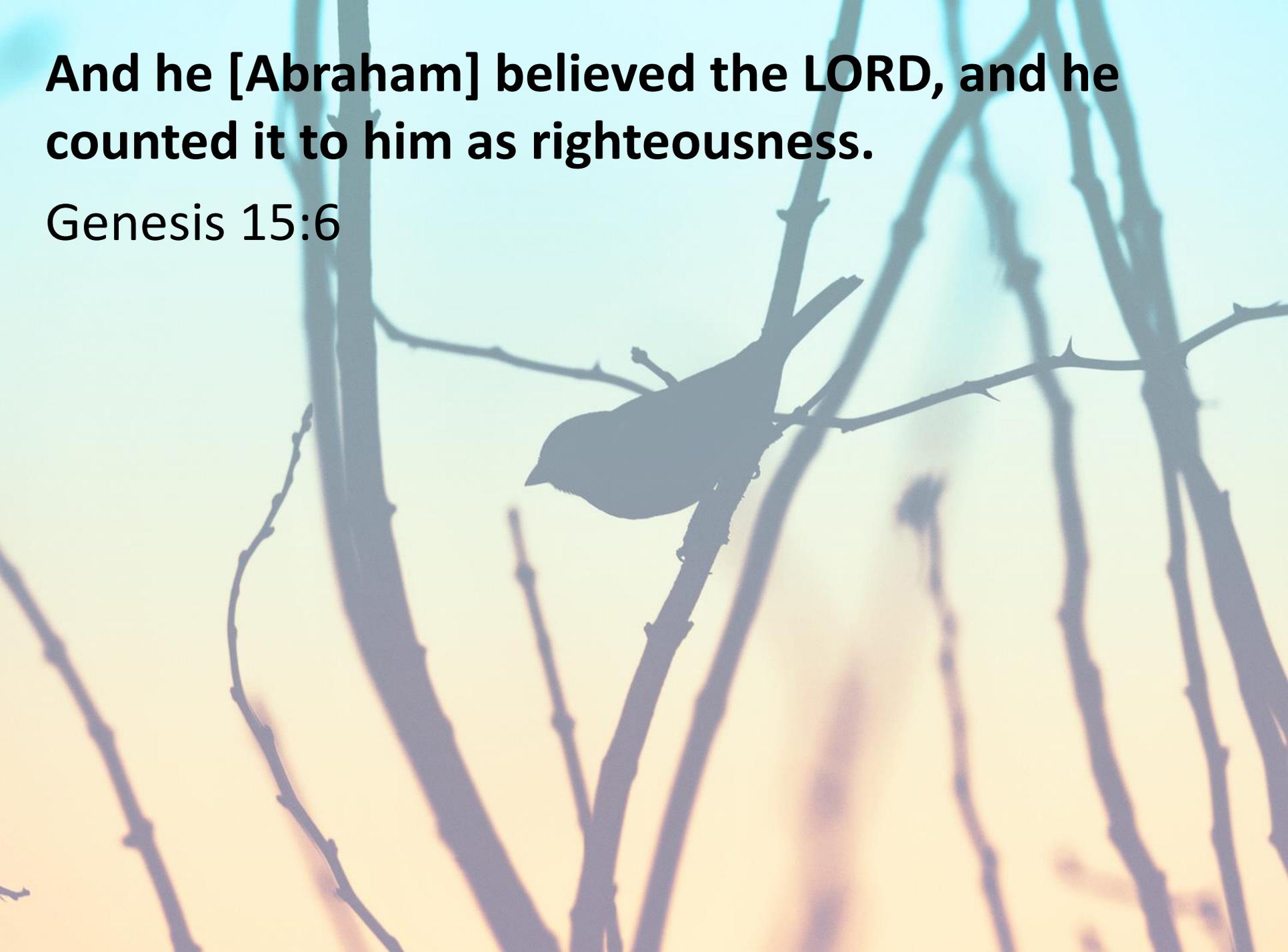
¹O foolish Galatians! Who has bewitched you? It was before your eyes that Jesus Christ was publicly portrayed as crucified. ²Let me ask you only this: Did you receive the Spirit by works of the law or by hearing with faith? ³Are you so foolish? Having begun by the Spirit, are you now being perfected by the flesh? ⁴Did you suffer so many things in vain—if indeed it was in vain? ⁵Does he who supplies the Spirit to you and works miracles among you do so by works of the law, or by hearing with faith—



⁶just as Abraham “believed God, and it was counted to him as righteousness”? ⁷Know then that it is those of faith who are the sons of Abraham. ⁸And the Scripture, foreseeing that God would justify the Gentiles by faith, preached the gospel beforehand to Abraham, saying, “In you shall all the nations be blessed.” ⁹So then, those who are of faith are blessed along with Abraham, the man of faith.

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Genesis 15:6



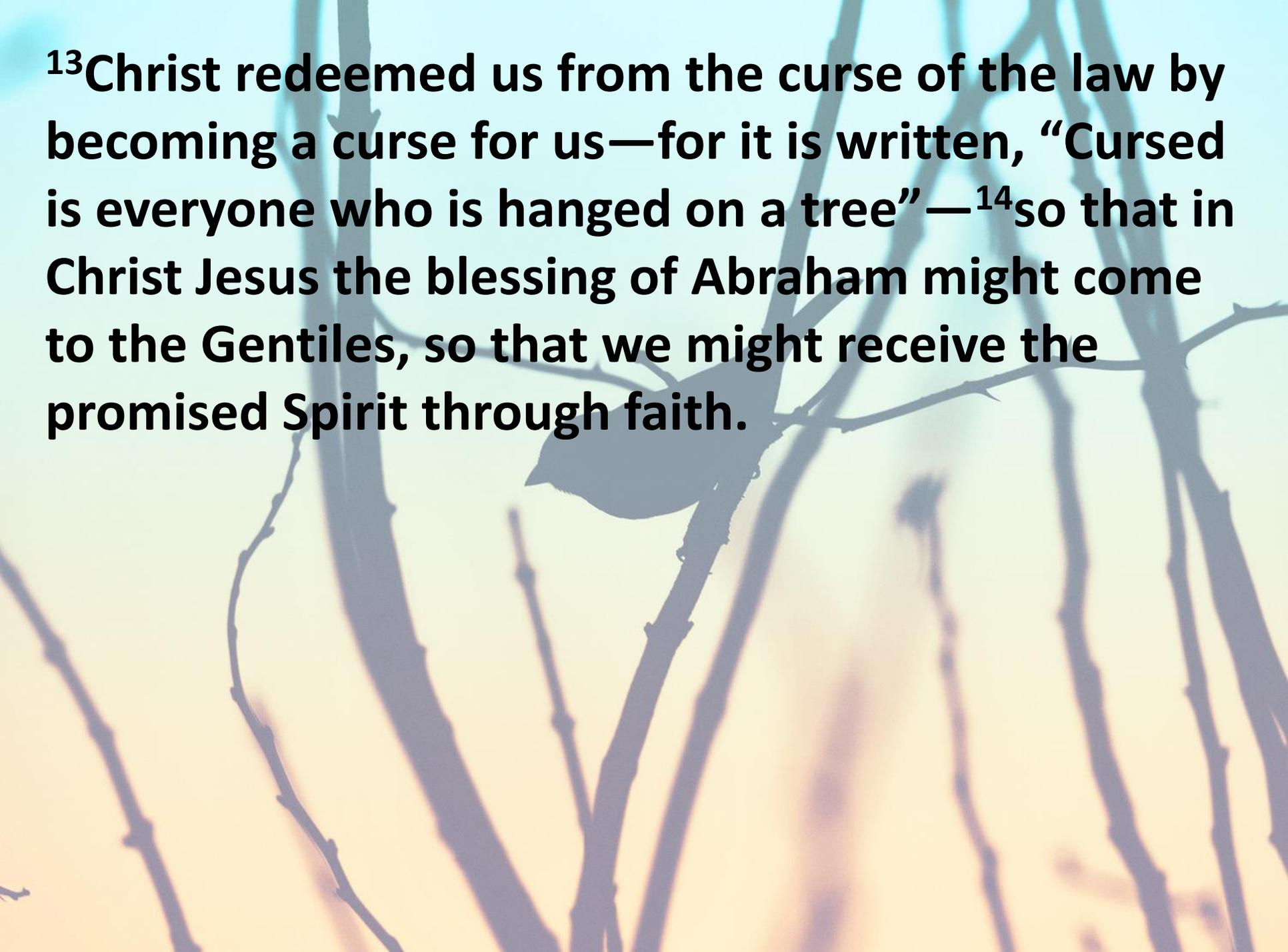
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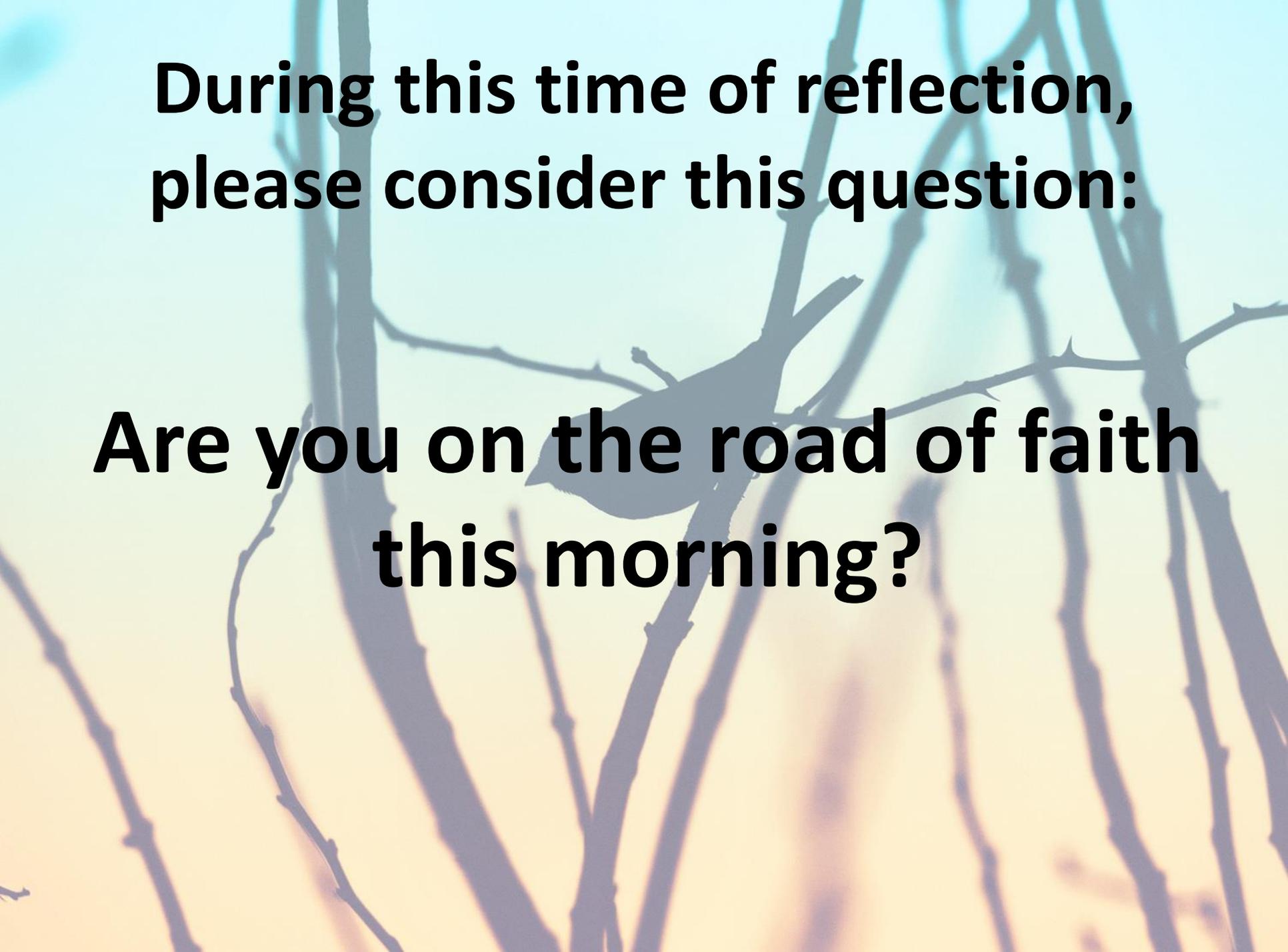
By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to go out to a place that he was to receive as an inheritance. And he went out, not knowing where he was going. By faith he went to live in the land of promise, as in a foreign land, living in tents with Isaac and Jacob, heirs with him of the same promise. For he was looking forward to the city that has foundations, whose designer and builder is God.

Hebrews 11:8-10

¹⁰For all who rely on works of the law are under a curse; for it is written, “Cursed be everyone who does not abide by all things written in the Book of the Law, and do them.” ¹¹Now it is evident that no one is justified before God by the law, for “The righteous shall live by faith.” ¹²But the law is not of faith, rather “The one who does them shall live by them.” ...

The background of the slide features a soft, warm sunset sky transitioning from light blue at the top to a pale orange and yellow at the bottom. Silhouetted against this sky are several thin, dark tree branches that crisscross the frame. In the center-right area, a single dark silhouette of a bird is perched on a branch, facing left. The overall mood is serene and contemplative.

¹³Christ redeemed us from the curse of the law by becoming a curse for us—for it is written, “Cursed is everyone who is hanged on a tree”—¹⁴so that in Christ Jesus the blessing of Abraham might come to the Gentiles, so that we might receive the promised Spirit through faith.



**During this time of reflection,
please consider this question:**

**Are you on the road of faith
this morning?**