



hope in exile

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Exile Living: Church Members

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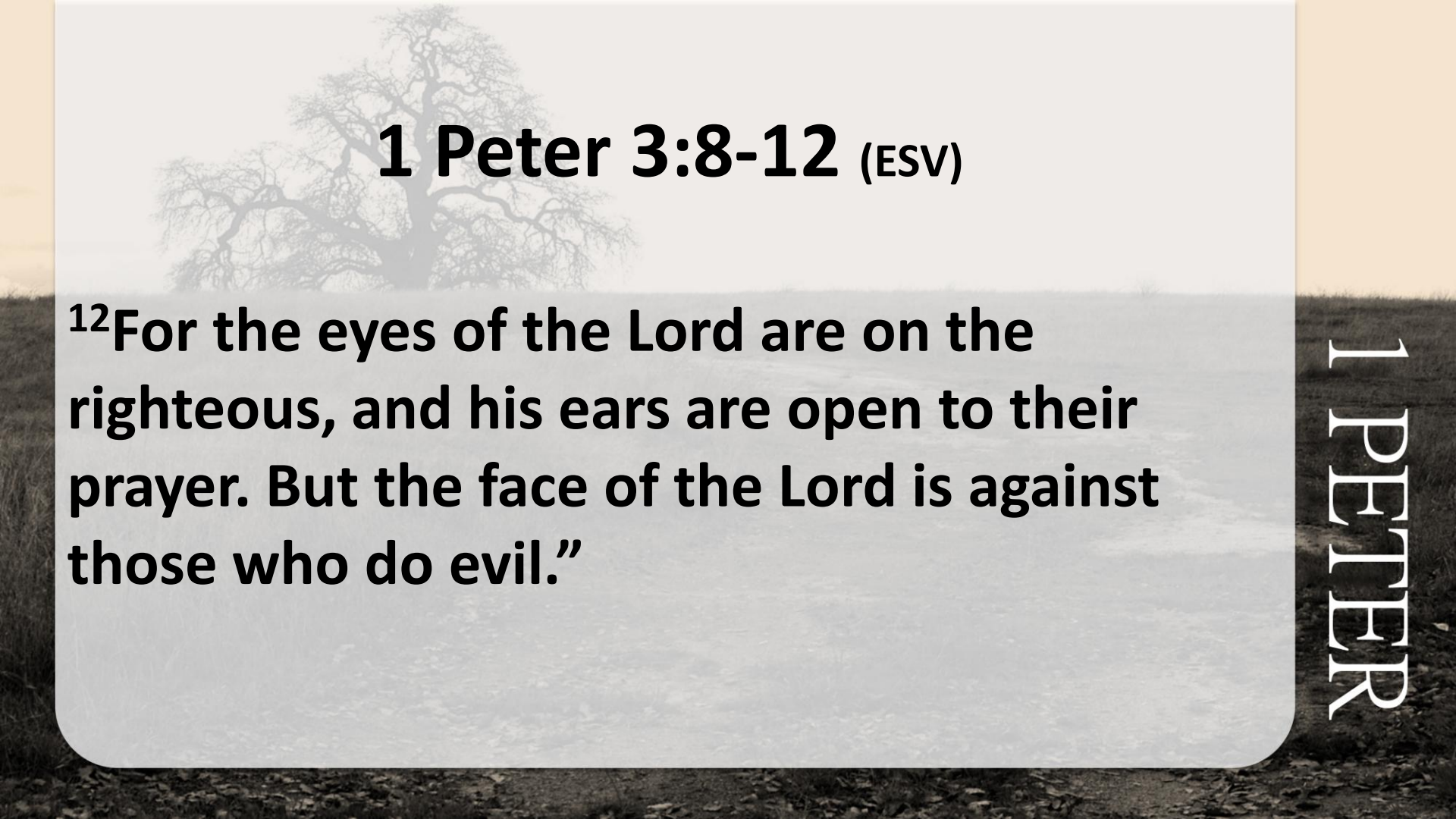
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1 Peter 3:8-12 (ESV)

Finally, all of you, have unity of mind, sympathy, brotherly love, a tender heart, and a humble mind. ⁹Do not repay evil for evil or reviling for reviling, but on the contrary, bless, for to this you were called, that you may obtain a blessing.

1 Peter 3:8-12 (ESV)

¹⁰For “Whoever desires to love life and see good days, let him keep his tongue from evil and his lips from speaking deceit; ¹¹let him turn away from evil and do good; let him seek peace and pursue it.

A large, leafless tree stands in a misty, overcast landscape. The tree is the central focus, with its intricate branches reaching out. The background is a soft, hazy expanse of sky and land, creating a serene and somewhat somber atmosphere. The overall color palette is muted, with greys, whites, and dark browns.

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¹²For the eyes of the Lord are on the righteous, and his ears are open to their prayer. But the face of the Lord is against those who do evil.”

1 Corinthians 6:9-11 (ESV)

Or do you not know that the unrighteous will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived: neither the sexually immoral, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor men who practice homosexuality,

1 Corinthians 6:9-11 (ESV)

¹⁰nor thieves, nor the greedy, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor swindlers will inherit the kingdom of God. ¹¹And such were some of you. But you were washed, you were sanctified,

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¹¹you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and by the Spirit of our God.

Galatians 5:19-24 (ESV)

**Now the works of the flesh are evident:
sexual immorality, impurity, sensuality,
²⁰idolatry, sorcery, enmity, strife, jealousy,
fits of anger, rivalries, dissensions, divisions,
²¹envy, drunkenness, orgies, and things like
these.**

Galatians 5:19-24 (ESV)

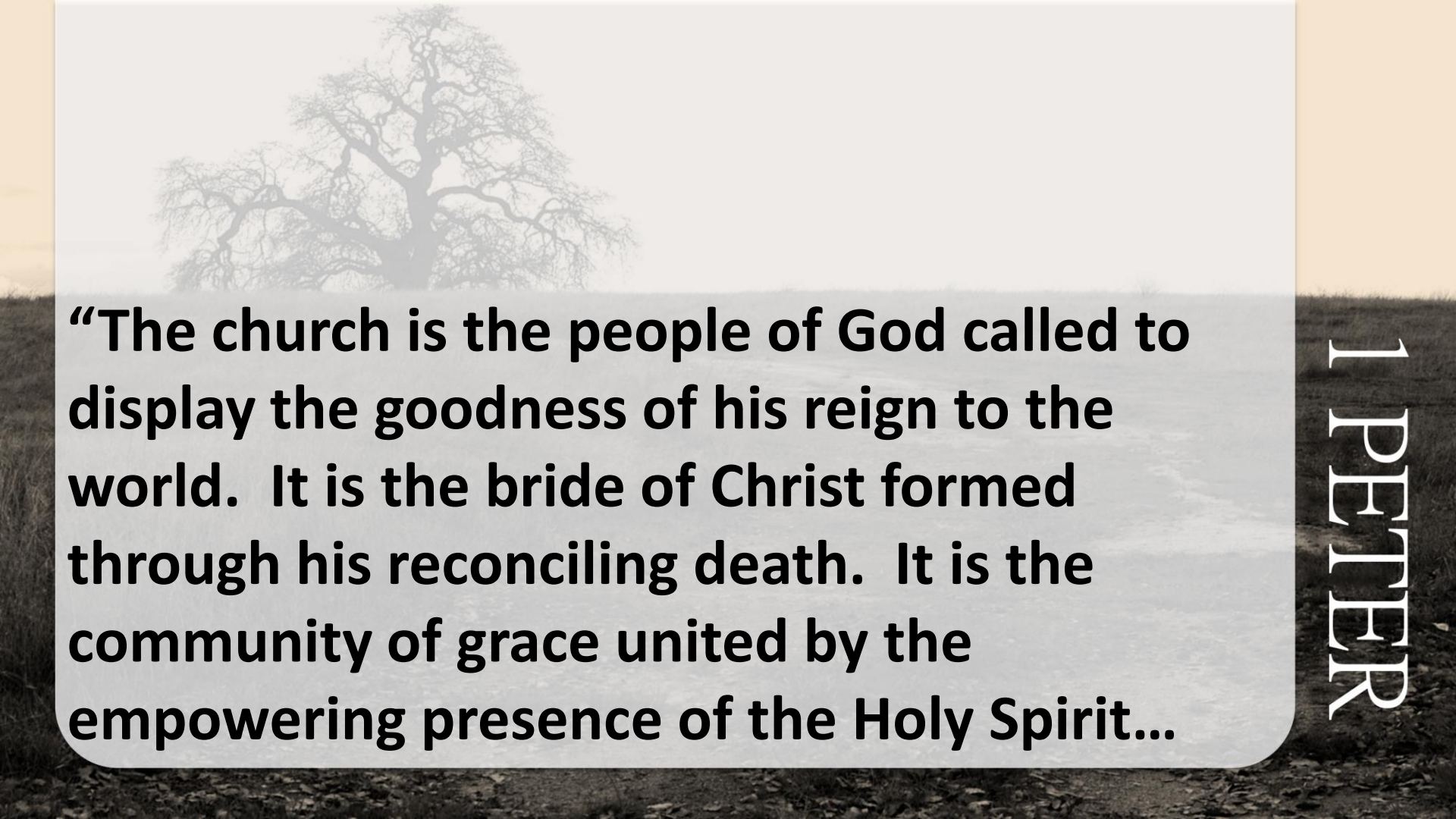
²¹I warn you, as I warned you before, that those who do such things will not inherit the kingdom of God. ²²But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, ²³gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law.

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²⁴And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires.

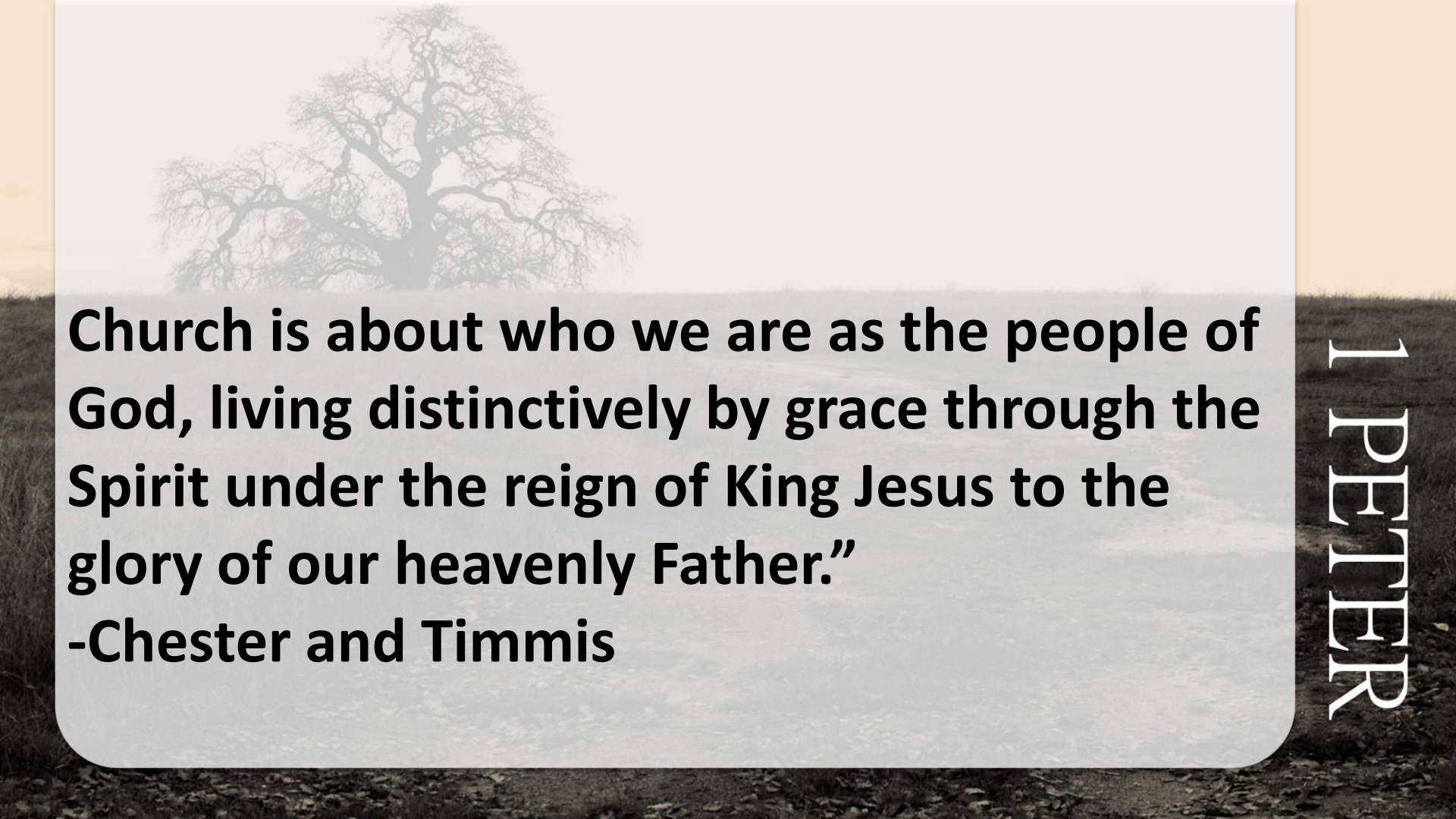
A landscape photograph showing a field of tall grass or reeds in the foreground, leading to a flat horizon. In the background, a large, leafless tree stands prominently against a pale, overcast sky. The entire image is partially covered by a semi-transparent white rectangle with rounded corners, which serves as a background for the text.

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A large, leafless tree stands in a misty, open landscape. The tree is the central focus, with its intricate branches reaching out against a pale, hazy sky. The ground is dark and appears to be a field or a path, with some low-lying vegetation visible in the foreground. The overall atmosphere is serene and somewhat somber due to the lack of leaves and the soft lighting.

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Church is about who we are as the people of God, living distinctively by grace through the Spirit under the reign of King Jesus to the glory of our heavenly Father.”

-Chester and Timmis

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