

A landscape photograph featuring a large, gnarled, leafless tree on the left side. A dirt path or road winds through a field of tall grass and brush, leading towards the horizon. The sky is a pale, uniform color, suggesting an overcast day or a specific time of day like dawn or dusk. The overall mood is quiet and contemplative.

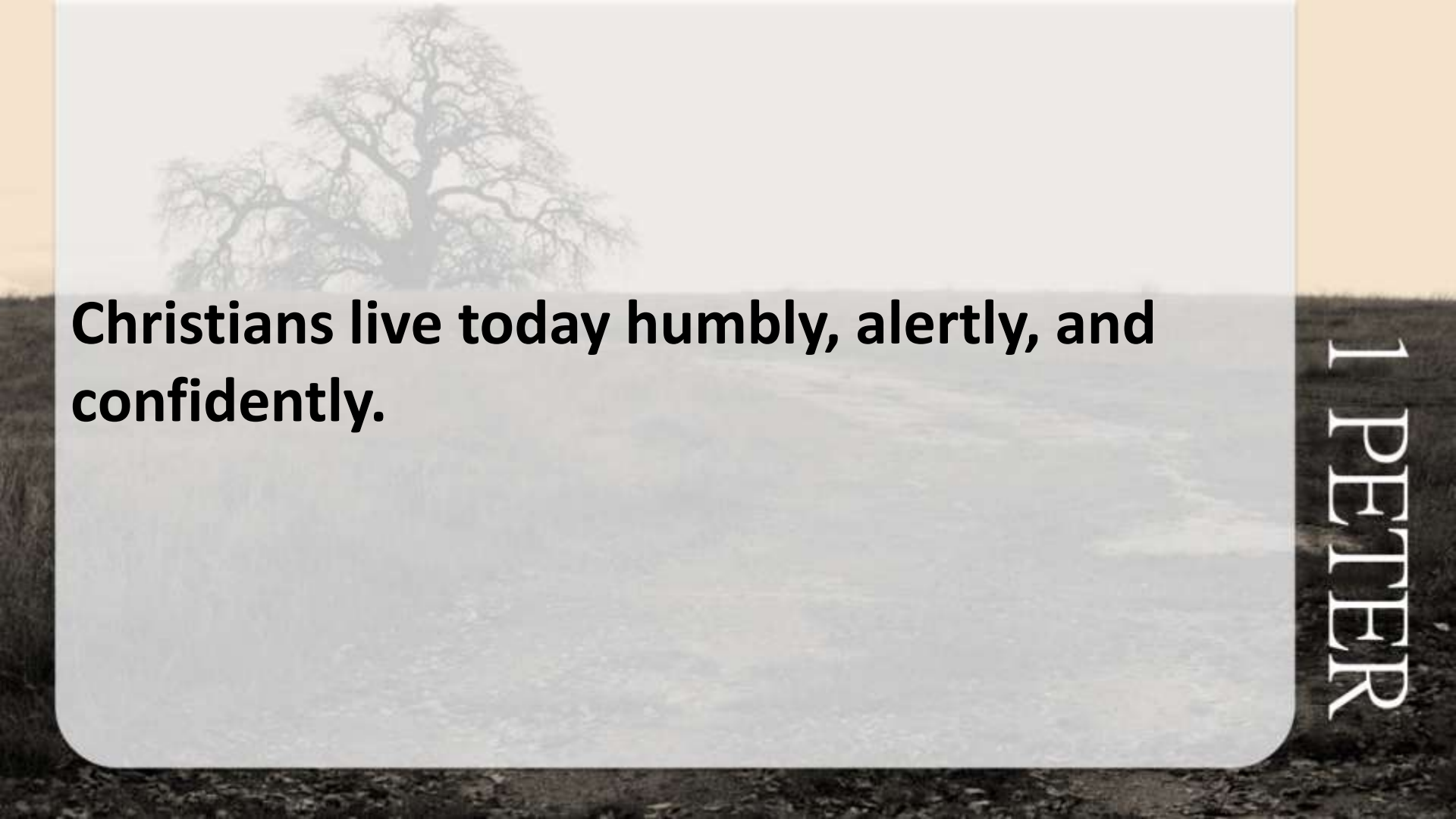
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Christians live today humbly, alertly, and confidently.

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1 Peter 5:5-14 (ESV)

Likewise, you who are younger, be subject to the elders. Clothe yourselves, all of you, with humility toward one another, for “God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble.”⁶ Humble yourselves, therefore, under the mighty hand of God so that at the

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⁶ proper time he may exalt you, ⁷ casting all your anxieties on him, because he cares for you. ⁸ Be sober-minded; be watchful. Your adversary the devil prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour.

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⁹ Resist him, firm in your faith, knowing that the same kinds of suffering are being experienced by your brotherhood throughout the world. ¹⁰ And after you have suffered a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in

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¹⁰ Christ, will himself restore, confirm, strengthen, and establish you. ¹¹ To him be the dominion forever and ever. Amen. ¹² By Silvanus, a faithful brother as I regard him, I have written briefly to you, exhorting and declaring that this is the true grace of God.

1 Peter 5:5-14 (ESV)

¹² Stand firm in it. ¹³ She who is at Babylon, who is likewise chosen, sends you greetings, and so does Mark, my son. ¹⁴ Greet one another with the kiss of love. Peace to all of you who are in Christ.

A large, leafless tree stands in a misty, overcast 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 light reflecting off the surface. The overall mood is quiet and contemplative.

Like Jesus, Christians live humbly.

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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 a flat, open field, and the overall atmosphere is serene and quiet. The image is overlaid with a semi-transparent white box containing text.

Humility is confidence properly placed.

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Like Jesus, Christians live alertly.

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A misty landscape with a large tree in the background and a path leading into the distance. The scene is hazy and atmospheric, with a soft light source on the left side, possibly the sun or moon, creating a glow. The foreground is dark and textured, possibly a field or a path. The overall mood is serene and contemplative.

Like Jesus, Christians live confidently.

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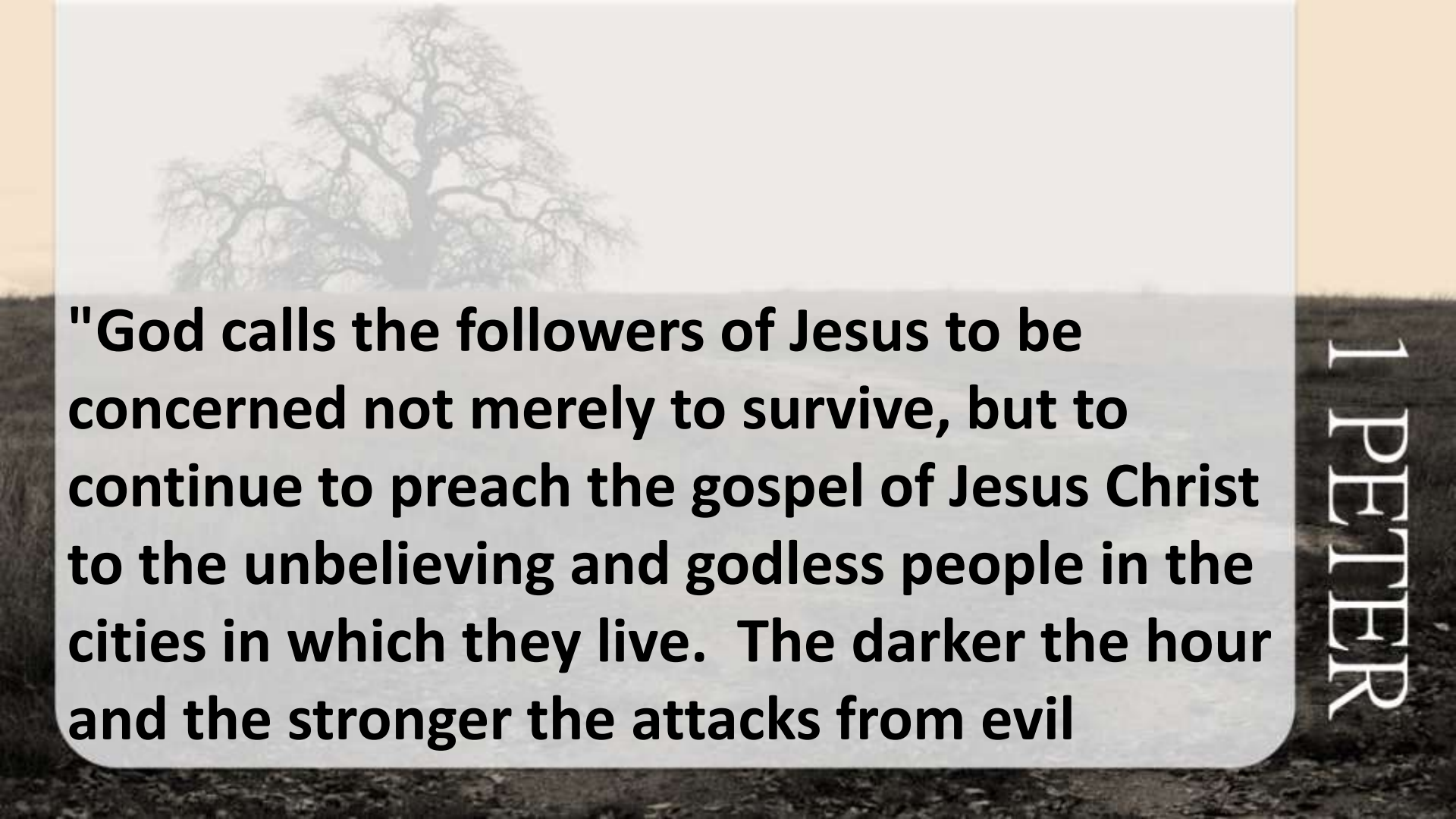
1 Peter 5:10-11 (ESV)

¹⁰ And after you have suffered a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, confirm, strengthen, and establish you. ¹¹ To him be the dominion forever and ever. Amen.

A misty landscape with a large tree silhouette in the background and a path leading into the distance. The scene is hazy and atmospheric, with a path leading towards a horizon line. A large, leafless tree is visible in the upper left quadrant, its branches silhouetted against the light sky. The overall tone is somber and contemplative.

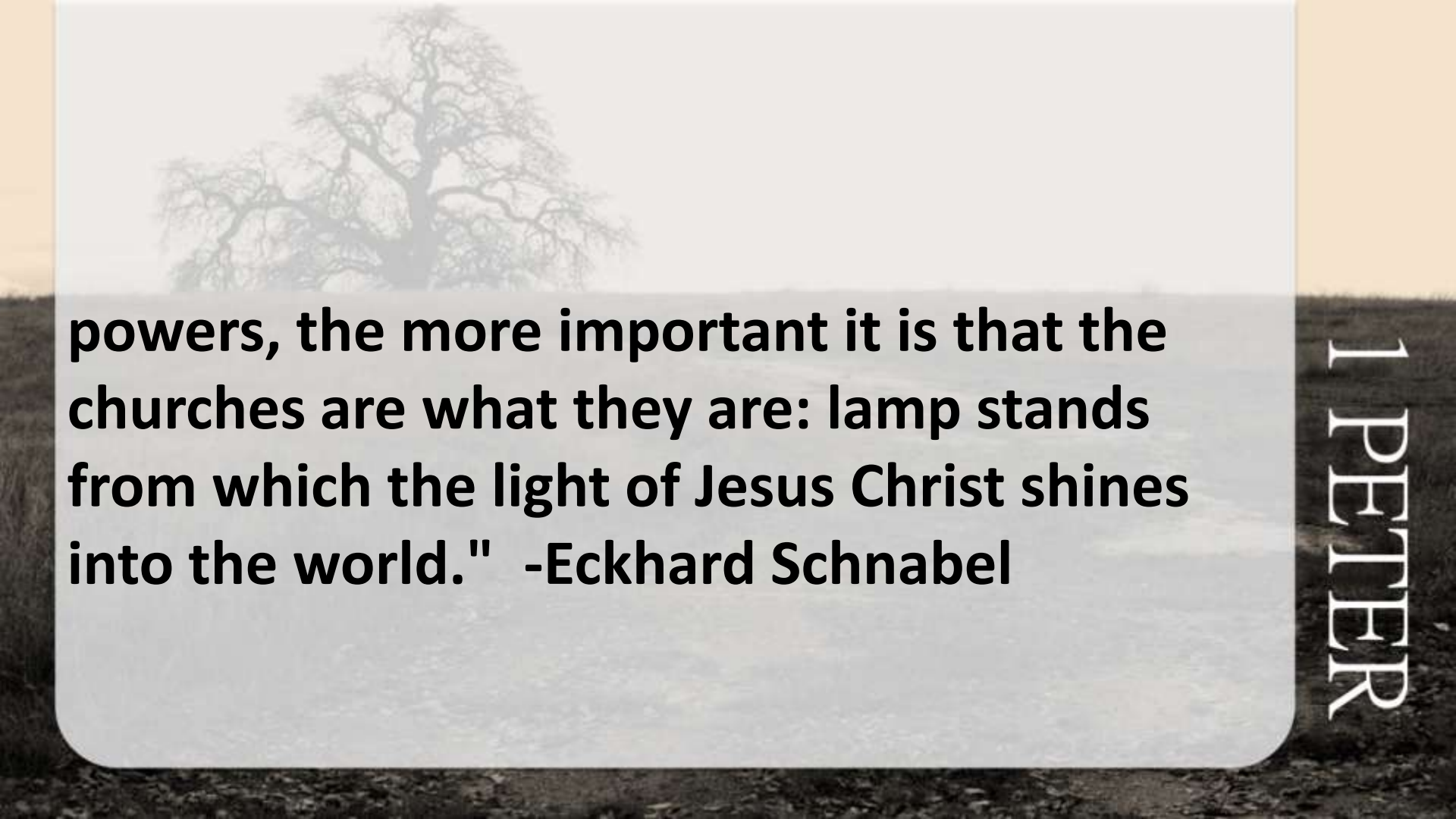
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"God calls the followers of Jesus to be concerned not merely to survive, but to continue to preach the gospel of Jesus Christ to the unbelieving and godless people in the cities in which they live. The darker the hour and the stronger the attacks from evil

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powers, the more important it is that the churches are what they are: lamp stands from which the light of Jesus Christ shines into the world." -Eckhard Schnabel

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