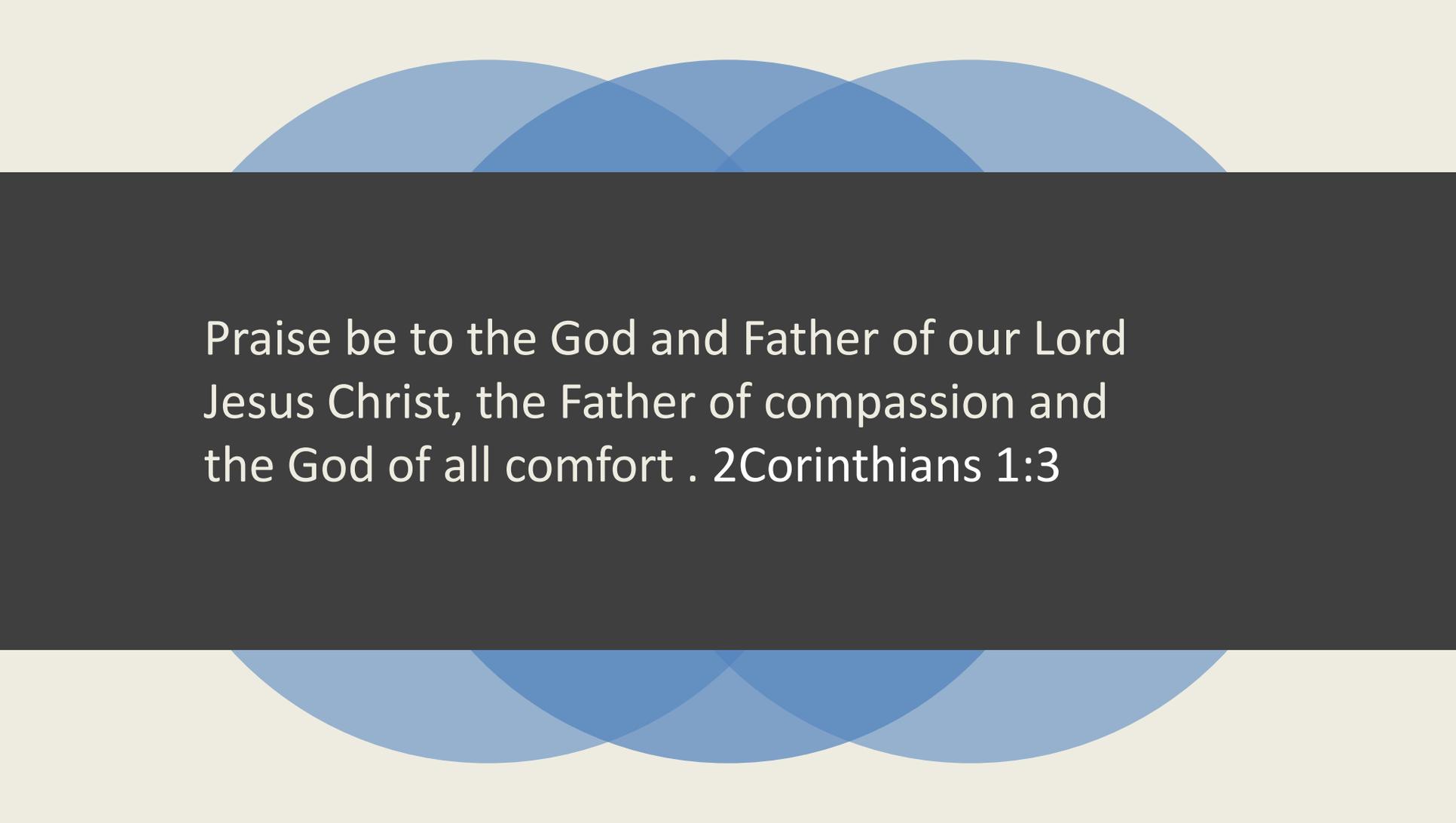




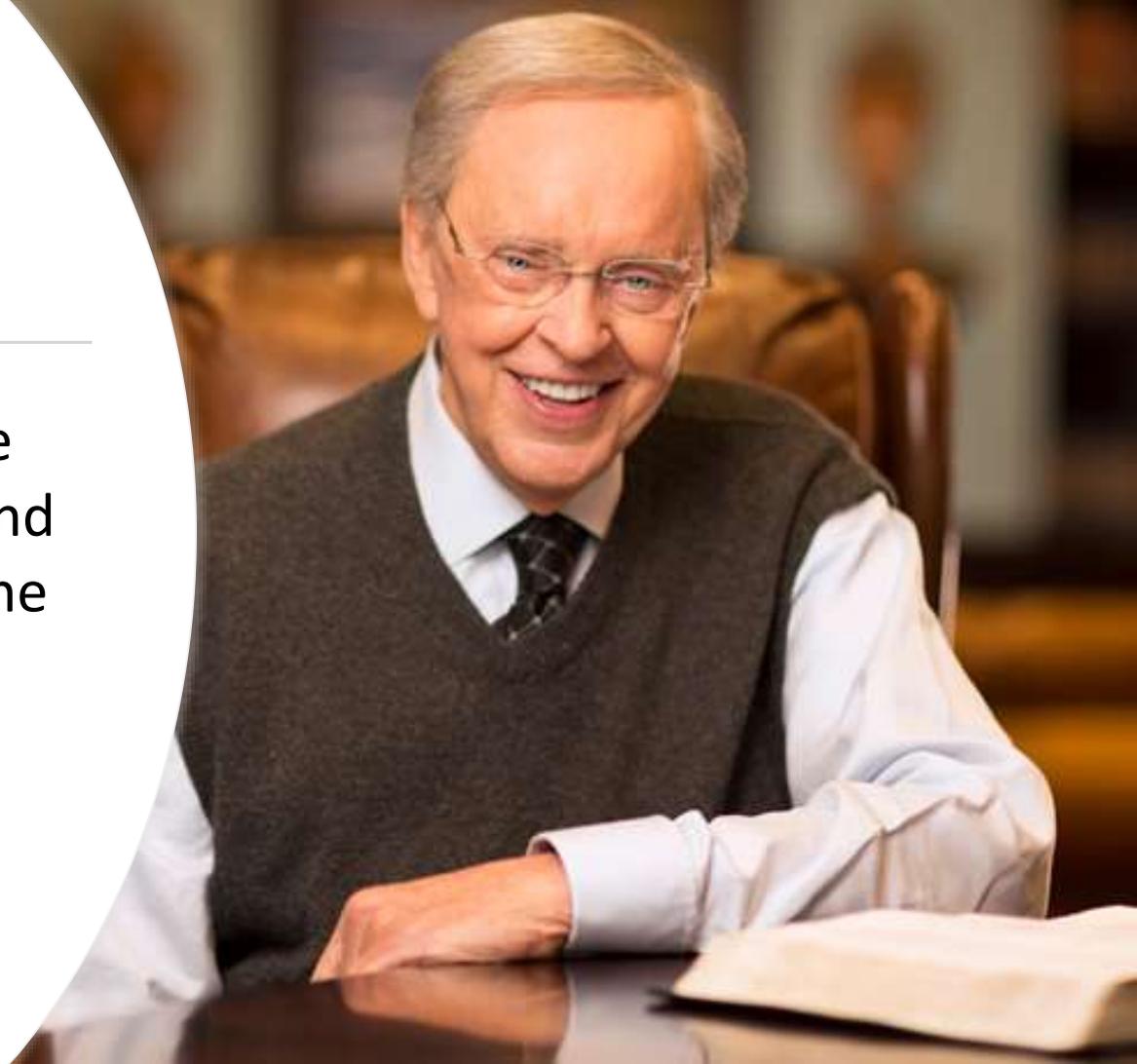
# Compassion



Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord  
Jesus Christ, the Father of compassion and  
the God of all comfort . 2Corinthians 1:3

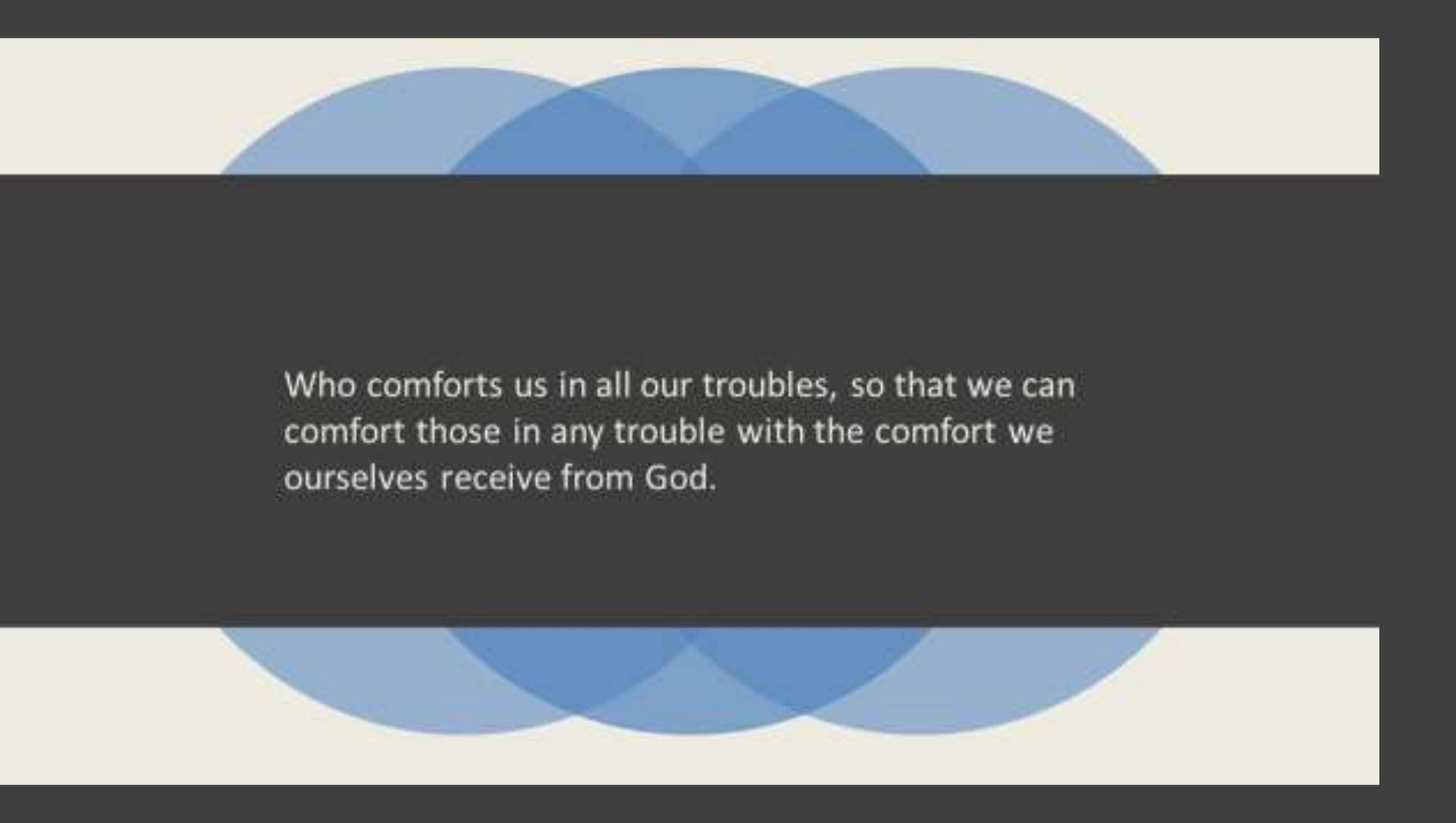
We can rest in the promise  
that God will comfort us and  
restore our soul, even in the  
darkest of valleys.

Dr Charles Stanley





# Purpose 4



Who comforts us in all our troubles, so that we can comfort those in any trouble with the comfort we ourselves receive from God.

We are all faced with a series of great opportunities brilliantly disguised as impossible situations.

Eric Johnson



Fruitfulness



For just as we share abundantly in the sufferings of Christ, so also our comfort abounds through Christ. If we are distressed, it is for your comfort and salvation; if we are comforted, it is for your comfort, which produces in you patient endurance of the same sufferings we suffer. And our hope for you is firm, because we know that just as you share in our sufferings, so also you share in our comfort.

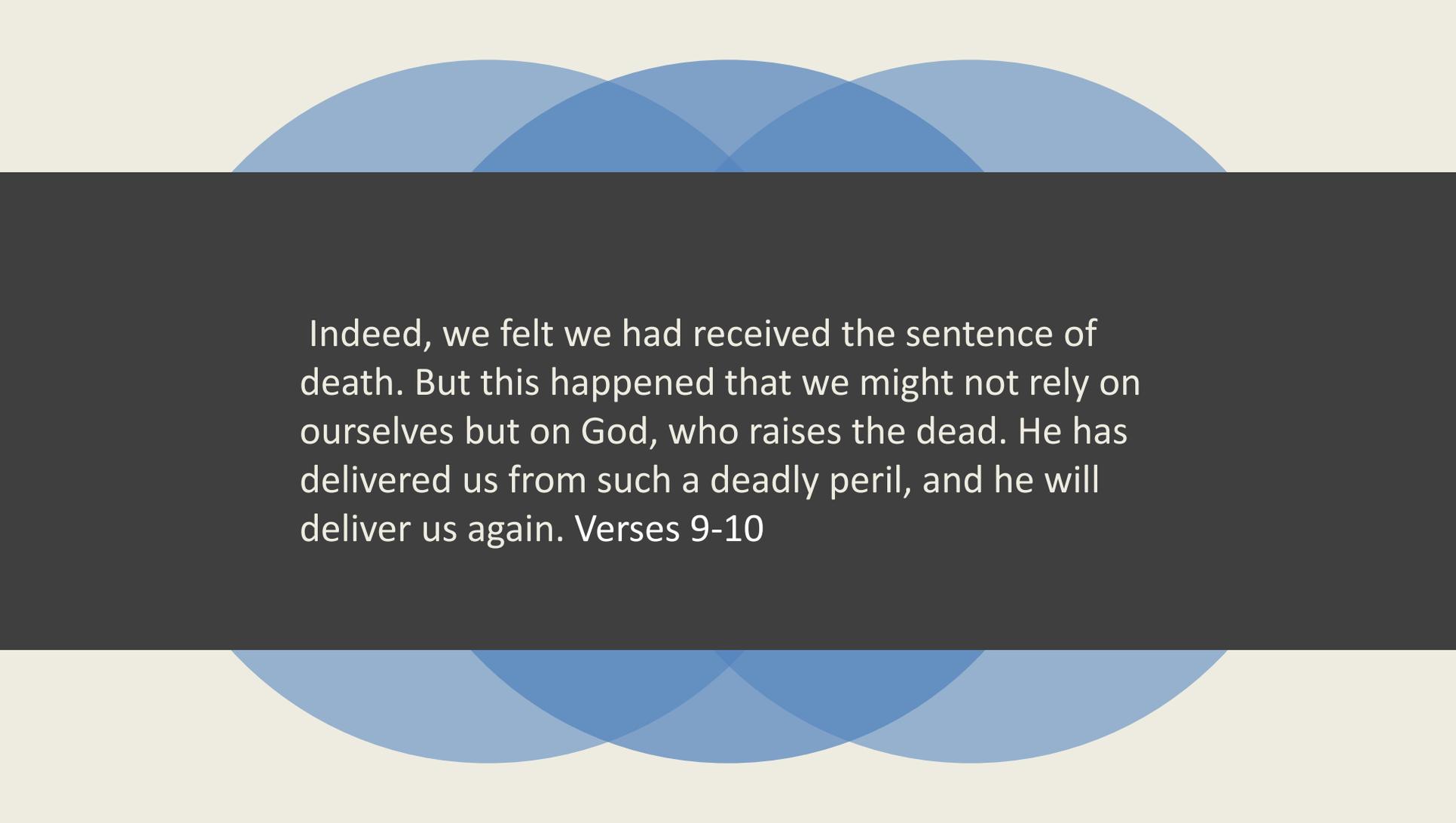
We do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about the troubles we experienced in the province of Asia. We were under great pressure, far beyond our ability to endure, so that we despaired of life itself. Verses 5-9



God doesn't give the  
hardest battles to his  
toughest soldiers; he  
creates the toughest  
soldiers through life's  
hardest battles.  
Heidi Baker



Dependency



Indeed, we felt we had received the sentence of death. But this happened that we might not rely on ourselves but on God, who raises the dead. He has delivered us from such a deadly peril, and he will deliver us again. Verses 9-10

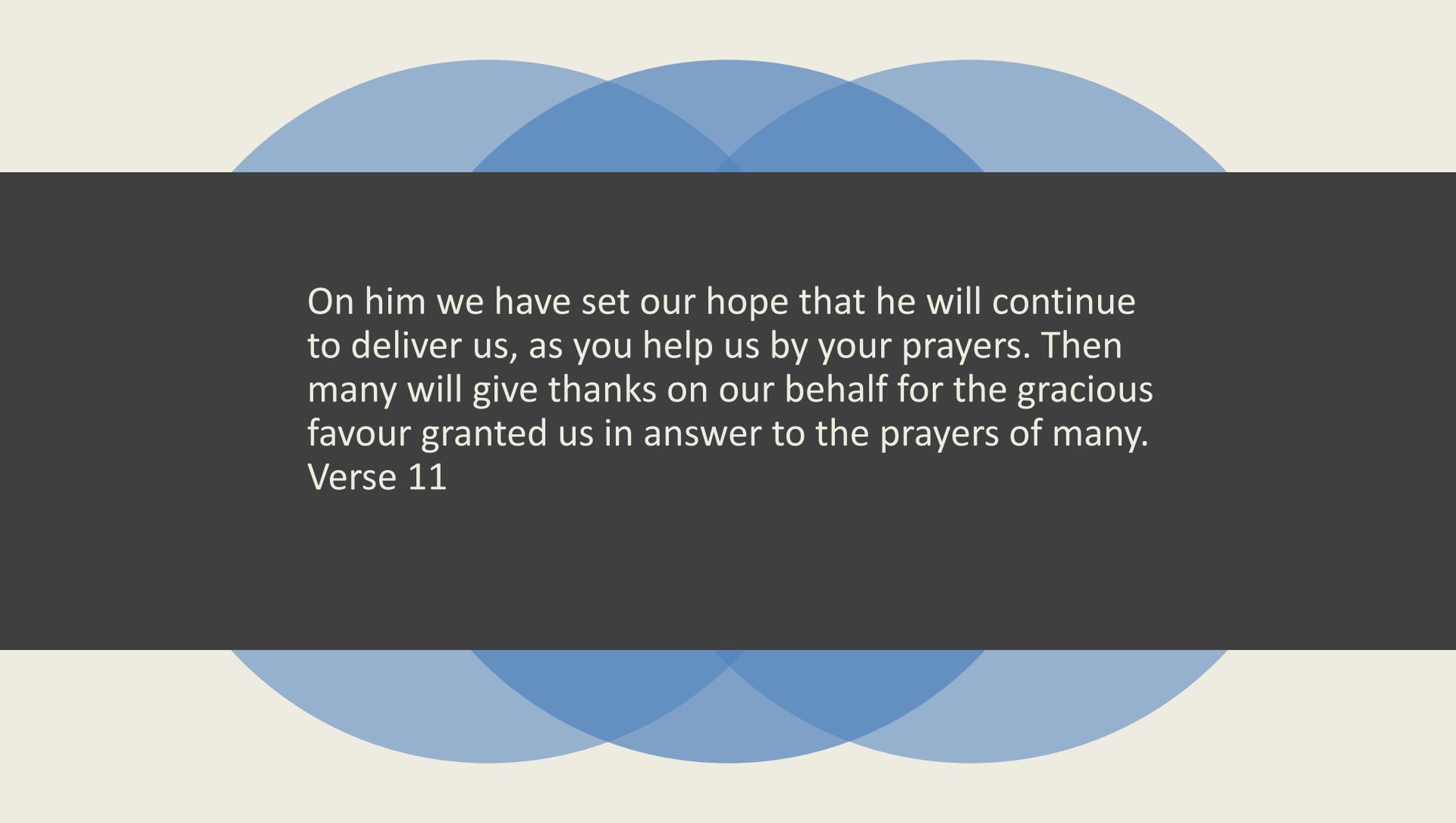


In coming to the end of ourselves, we can also come to the beginning of a vital relationship with God. Our struggles can lead us to grace and to a profound spiritual awakening.

Joyce Meyer



Intercession



On him we have set our hope that he will continue to deliver us, as you help us by your prayers. Then many will give thanks on our behalf for the gracious favour granted us in answer to the prayers of many.  
Verse 11

Satan tries to limit your prayers because he knows that your praying will limit him.

Max Lucado

