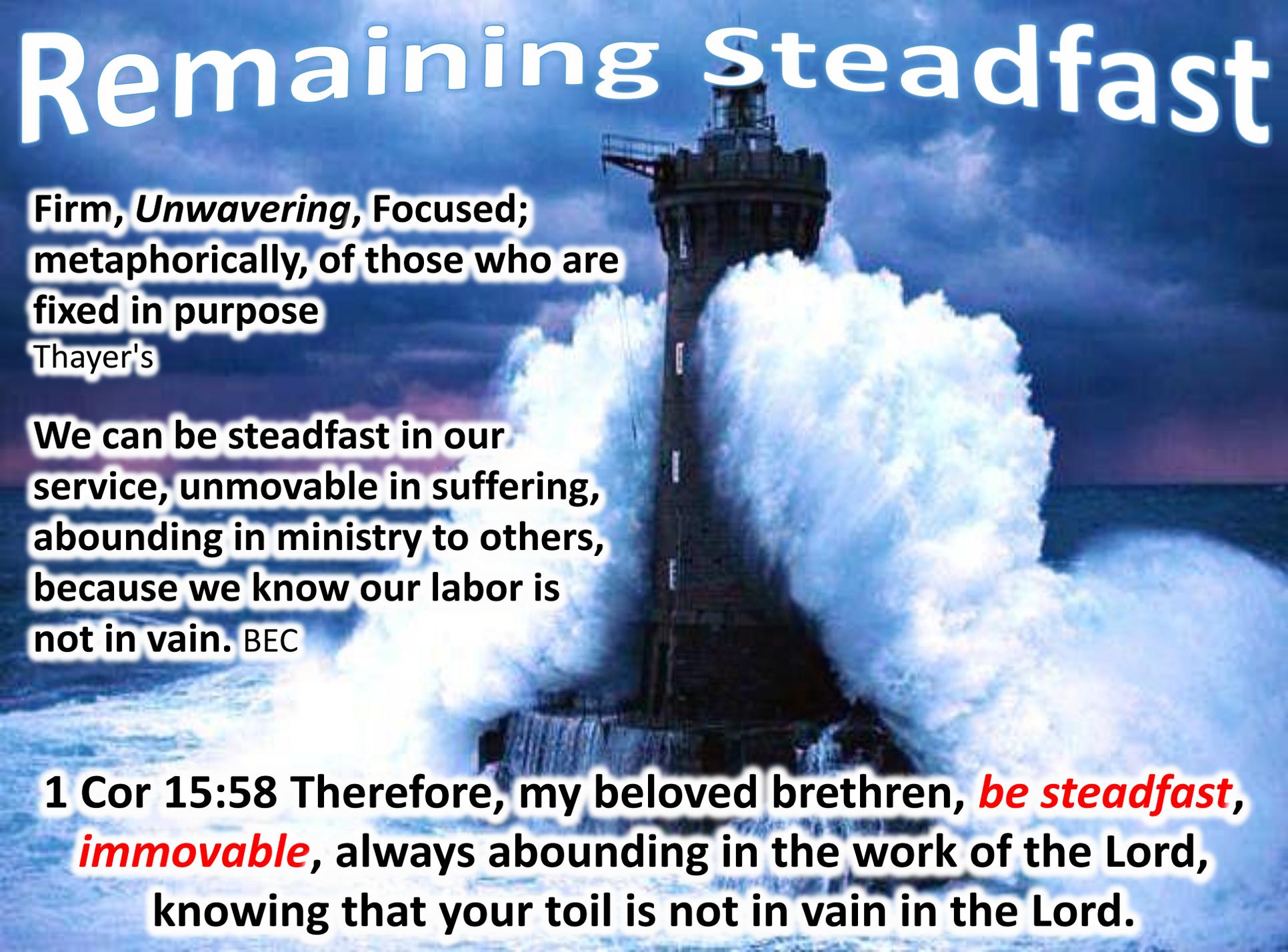


Remaining Steadfast

A tall, dark lighthouse stands on a rocky outcrop in the middle of a turbulent sea. Large, white-capped waves are crashing against the base of the lighthouse, creating a dramatic scene of nature's power. The sky is a deep, dark blue, suggesting a storm or late evening. The lighthouse has a lantern room at the top with a glass enclosure. The overall mood is one of resilience and steadfastness.

Firm, *Unwavering*, Focused;
metaphorically, of those who are
fixed in purpose

Thayer's

We can be steadfast in our
service, unmovable in suffering,
abounding in ministry to others,
because we know our labor is
not in vain. BEC

1 Cor 15:58 Therefore, my beloved brethren, *be steadfast,*
***immovable*, always abounding in the work of the Lord,**
knowing that your toil is not in vain in the Lord.

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Jesus is my Savior, I shall not be moved;

In His love and favor, I shall not be moved,

Just like a tree that's planted by the waters,

Lord, I shall not be moved.

Ps 16:8

**I have set the Lord
always before me:
because he is at my
right hand, I shall not
be moved.**

**“Nothing will shake me or
disturb me from my trust
and confidence in God.”**

Remaining Steadfast



Needed in every area of life:

- (1) Relationships
- (2) Education
- (3) Careers
- (4) Faith

Without it we come up short A LOT!

How many have struggle to succeed only to have given up because of *discouragement, fatigue, or distraction*; when if they had just held on they would have overcome and won the prize!

Ps 51:10 Create in me a clean heart, O God, And renew a *steadfast spirit within me.*

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STEADFAST

Col 1:23 If indeed you continue in the faith firmly *established and steadfast*, and not moved away from the hope of the gospel that you have heard,

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Acts 4:1-3 Arrested

4:5-7 Brought before Annas

4:8-12 Peter's Defense

4:13-18 Council's punishment

5:12-16 Christianity is booming

5:17-21 Arrested and Released

5:22-26 Brought to Council

5:27-28 Questioned

Acts 4:19

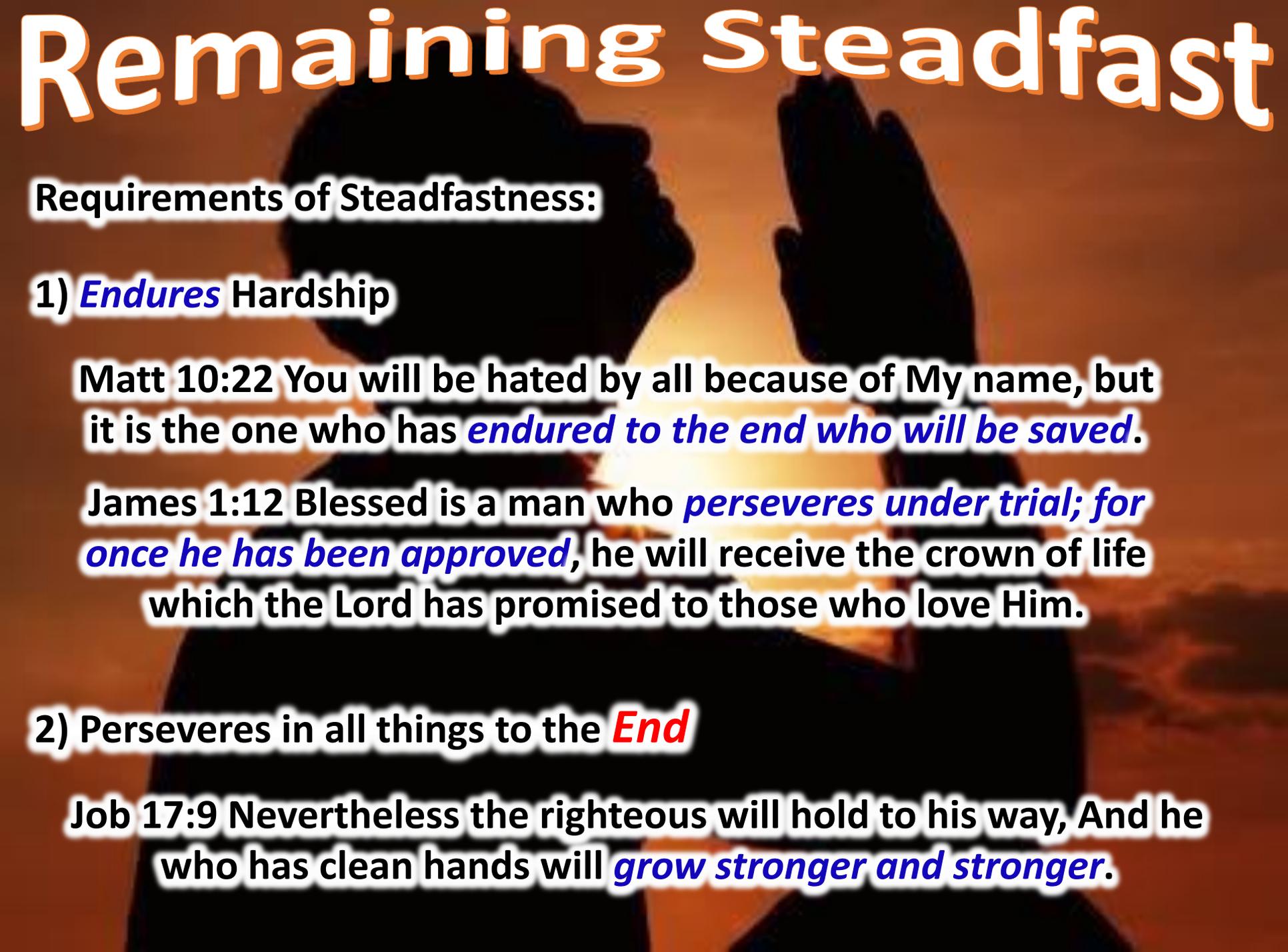
But Peter and John answered and said to them, "Whether it is right in the sight of God to give heed to you rather than to God, you be the judge;

Vs. 20 for we *cannot stop speaking about what we have seen and heard.*

Acts 5:29 But Peter and the apostles answered, "*We must obey God rather than men.*"

Remaining Steadfast: Peter and John

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The background of the slide features the silhouettes of a man and a woman in prayer. The man is on the left, and the woman is on the right, both with their hands raised. They are set against a warm, orange and yellow sunset sky. The overall tone is one of devotion and perseverance.

Requirements of Steadfastness:

1) *Endures* Hardship

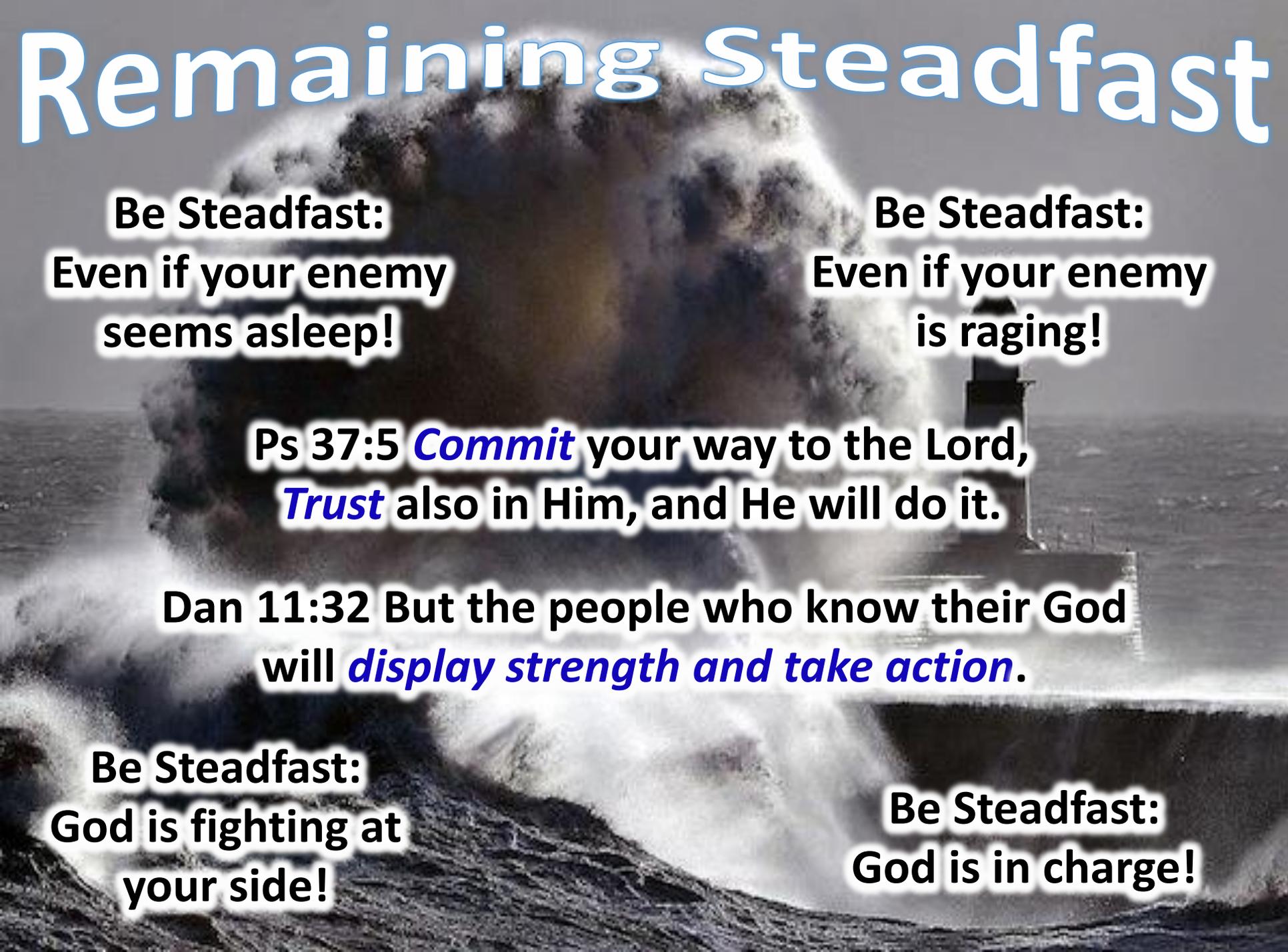
Matt 10:22 You will be hated by all because of My name, but it is the one who has *endured to the end who will be saved*.

James 1:12 Blessed is a man who *perseveres under trial; for once he has been approved*, he will receive the crown of life which the Lord has promised to those who love Him.

2) Perseveres in all things to the *End*

Job 17:9 Nevertheless the righteous will hold to his way, And he who has clean hands will *grow stronger and stronger*.

Remaining Steadfast



Be Steadfast:
Even if your enemy
seems asleep!

Be Steadfast:
Even if your enemy
is raging!

Ps 37:5 *Commit* your way to the Lord,
Trust also in Him, and He will do it.

Dan 11:32 But the people who know their God
will *display strength and take action*.

Be Steadfast:
God is fighting at
your side!

Be Steadfast:
God is in charge!