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Singleness in the End Times

1 Corinthians 7:25-35

Mika Matin. Tennessee, US

What does the Bible say to **singles**?

25 Now about **virgins**:

I have **no command** from the Lord,
but I give a **judgment** as one
who by the Lord's mercy is **trustworthy**.

1 Corinthians 7:25 (NIV) (p.1/8)

26 Because of the **present crisis**,
I think that it is good for a man
to **remain** as he is.

27 Are you **pledged** to a woman?
Do not seek to be **released**.

Are you **free** from such a commitment?
Do not **look** for a wife.

1 Corinthians 7:26-27 (NIV) (p.2/8)

28 But if you do **marry**, you have **not sinned**;
and if a virgin marries, she has not sinned.

But those who marry
will face **many troubles** in this life,
and I want to **spare** you this.

1 Corinthians 7:28 (NIV) (p.3/8)

29 What I mean, brothers and sisters,
is that the **time is short**.

From now on those who **have** wives
should live as if they **do not**;

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1 Corinthians 7:29-30 (NIV) (p.4/8)

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For this **world** in its present form
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1 Corinthians 7:30-31 (NIV) (p.5/8)

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An **unmarried man** is concerned about
the **Lord's** affairs —
how he can **please** the Lord.

33 But a **married man**
is concerned about the **affairs of this world** —
how he can please his **wife** —
34 and his interests are **divided**.

An **unmarried woman** or virgin
is concerned about the **Lord's affairs**:
Her aim is to be **devoted** to the Lord
in both **body** and **spirit**.

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how she can please her **husband**.

1 Corinthians 7:34 (NIV) (p.7/8)

35 I am saying this for your **own good**,
not to **restrict** you,
but that you may live in a **right** way
in **undivided devotion** to the Lord.

1 Corinthians 7:35 (NIV) (p.8/8)

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1 Corinthians 7:25 (NIV)

Aaron Burden

A person wearing a blue button-down shirt over a grey sweater and dark jeans is holding an open book. They are standing in a grassy field with trees in the background. The text is overlaid on the image.

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Cassidy Kelley, Cleveland, US



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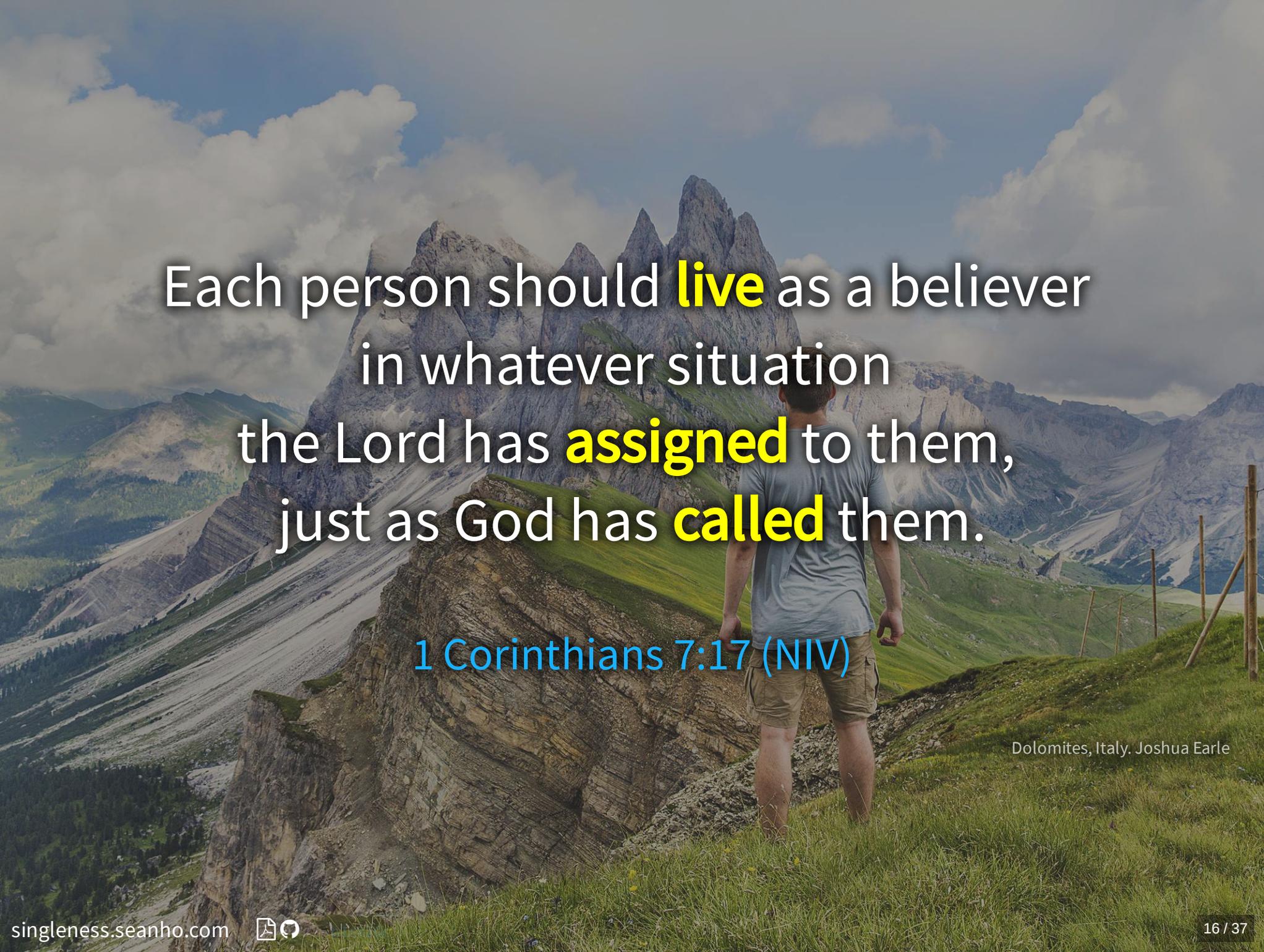
Ales Krivec

26 It is good for a man to **remain** as he is.

27 Do not **look** for a wife.

1 Corinthians 7:26,27 (NIV)

Jon Flobrant

A man in a grey t-shirt and khaki shorts stands on a grassy mountain ridge, looking out at a vast mountain range with jagged peaks under a cloudy sky. The scene is a high-altitude landscape with green grass in the foreground and rocky, layered mountain formations in the background.

Each person should **live** as a believer
in whatever situation
the Lord has **assigned** to them,
just as God has **called** them.

1 Corinthians 7:17 (NIV)

Dolomites, Italy. Joshua Earle



Each person should **remain** in the **situation** they were in when God **called** them.

1 Corinthians 7:20 (NIV)

Venray, Netherlands. Michael Coury

Am I pursuing God's
calling,
or simply a **change**
of circumstance?

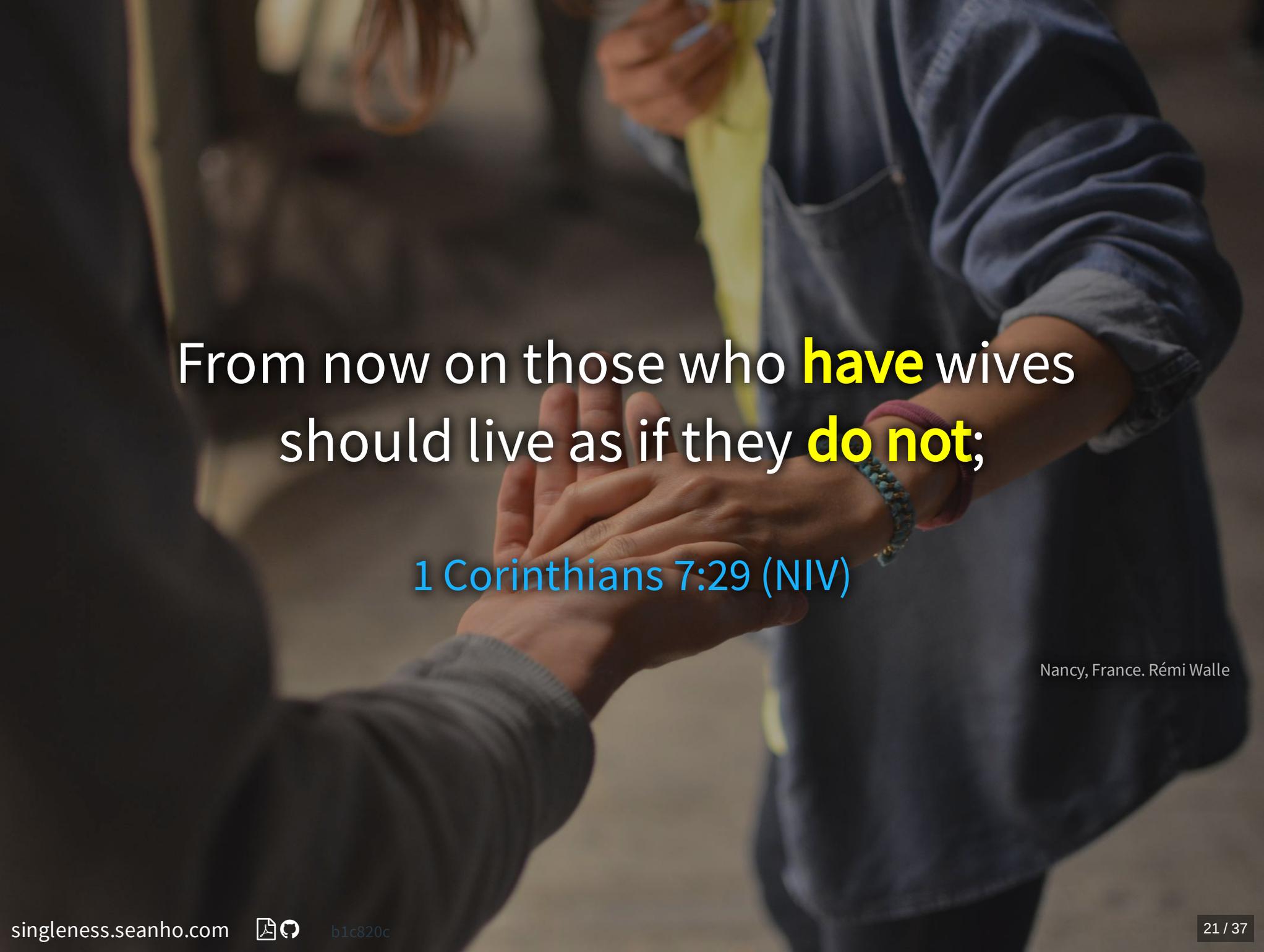
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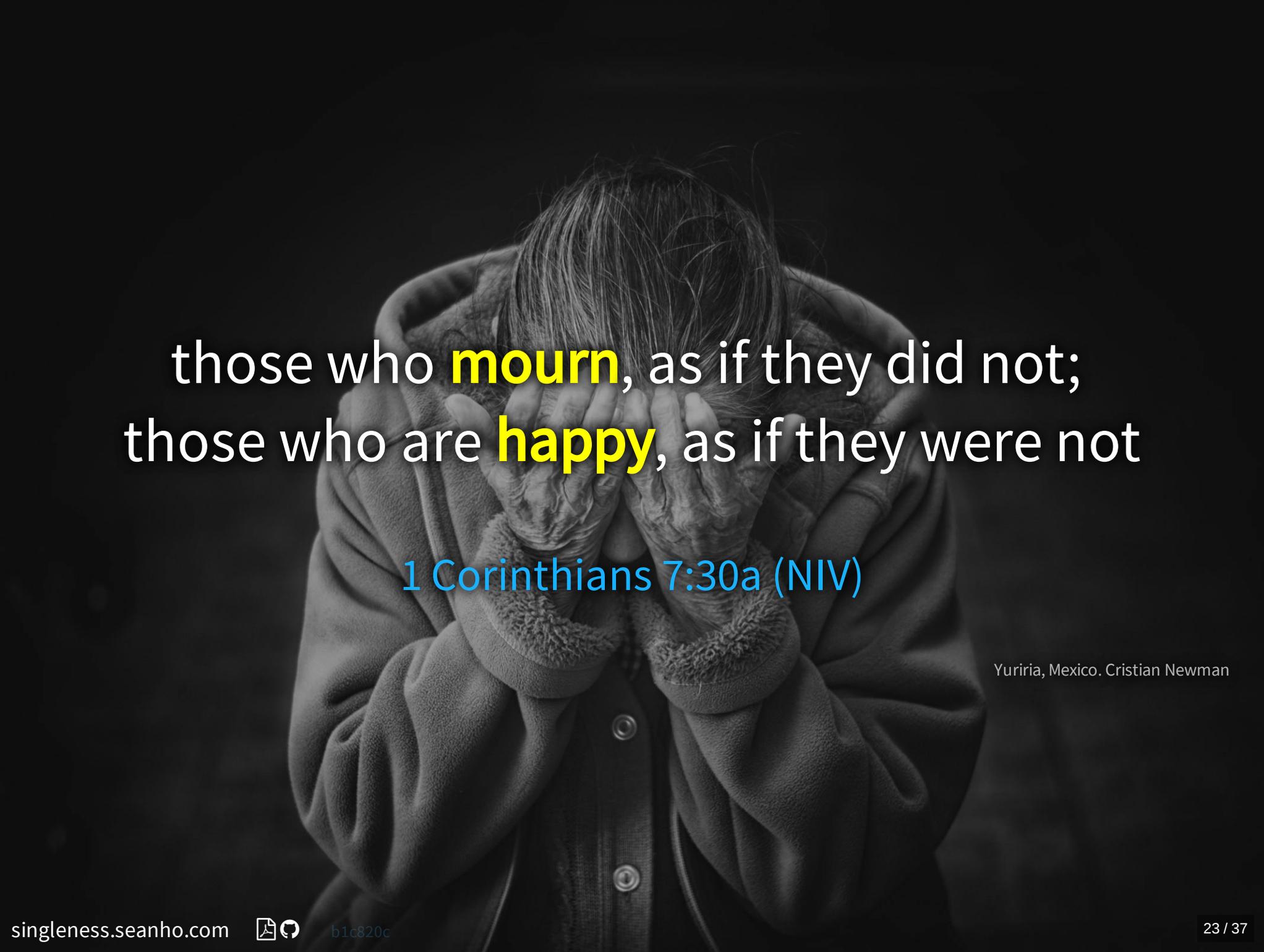
1 Corinthians 7:29 (NIV)

Nancy, France. Rémi Walle

A photograph showing the lower legs and feet of a person and a child walking away on a paved path. The path is covered with fallen autumn leaves. The person is wearing blue jeans and black shoes, and the child is wearing blue jeans and black shoes. The background shows a fence and trees with autumn foliage.

Anyone who loves their **father or mother**
more than me is not worthy of me;
anyone who loves their **son or daughter**
more than me is not worthy of me.
Whoever does not take up their **cross**
and **follow me** is not worthy of me.

Matthew 10:37-38 (NIV)



those who **mourn**, as if they did not;
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1 Corinthians 7:30a (NIV)

Yuriria, Mexico. Cristian Newman

A young child with a purple cap and a plaid shirt is sitting on a wooden bench outdoors. The child is holding an open book and laughing joyfully with their mouth wide open. The background is a soft-focus outdoor setting with trees and a building.

Is anyone among you in **trouble**?
Let them **pray**. Is anyone **happy**?
Let them sing **songs** of praise.

James 5:13 (NIV)

Ben White

The background of the slide features several stacks of coins of various colors (gold, silver, and copper) on a dark, reflective surface. The lighting is soft, creating a bokeh effect with blurred circles of light in the background.

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1 Corinthians 7:30b (NIV)



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1 Corinthians 7:31 (NIV)

Iceland. Davide Cantelli

Have I yielded my
relationships,
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authority?

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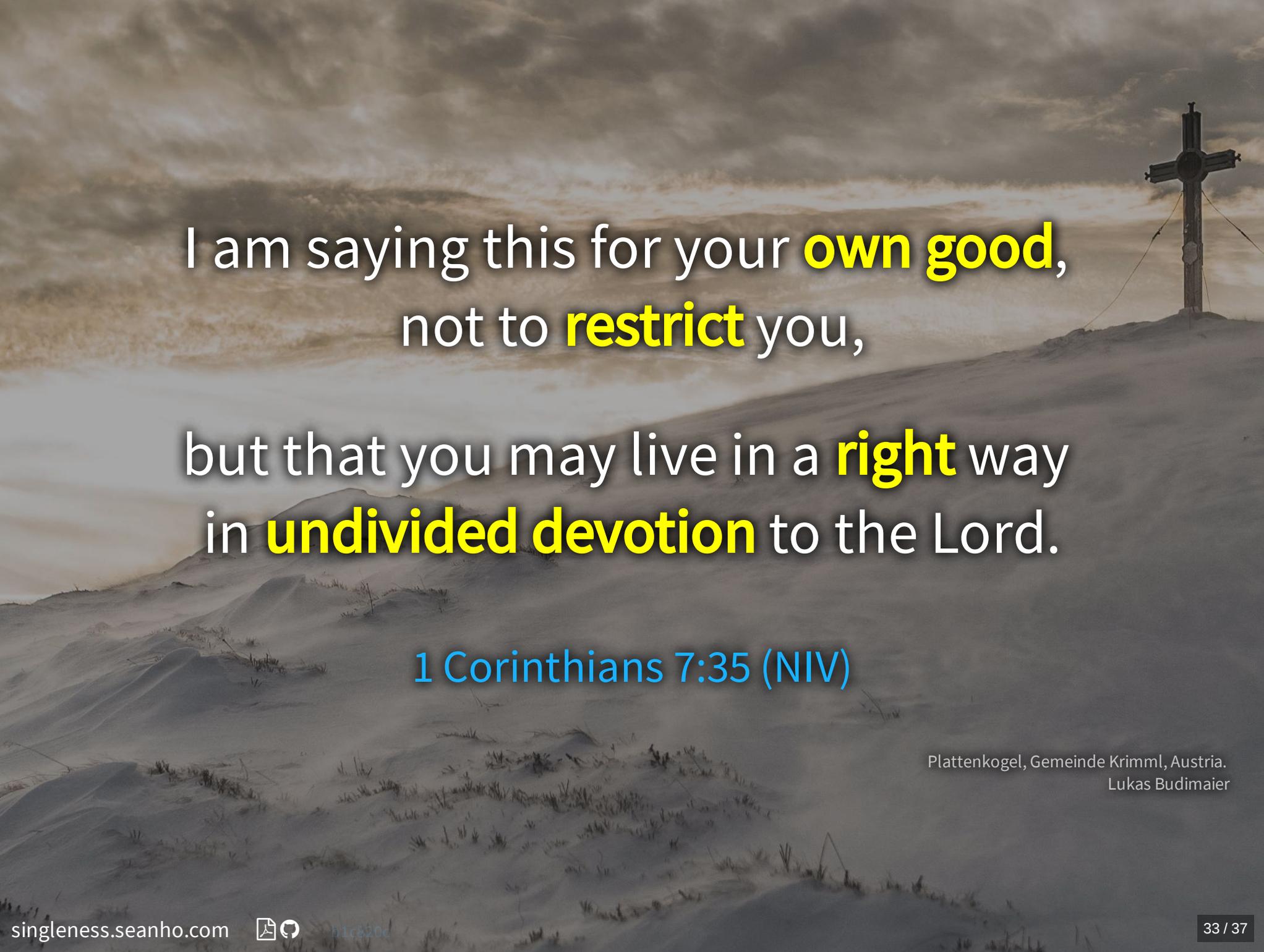
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A person wearing a dark t-shirt and a grey beanie stands in a field of tall, golden-brown grass. Their arms are outstretched horizontally to the sides. The background shows a line of trees under a warm, orange-hued sky, suggesting a sunset or sunrise. The overall mood is peaceful and open.

Live as people who are **free**, not using your freedom as a **cover-up** for evil, but living as **servants** of God.

1 Peter 2:16 (ESV)

Alex Woods

A wooden cross stands on a sand dune under a cloudy sky. The cross is made of dark wood and has a circular emblem on its vertical post. The background is a vast, hazy landscape of sand dunes.

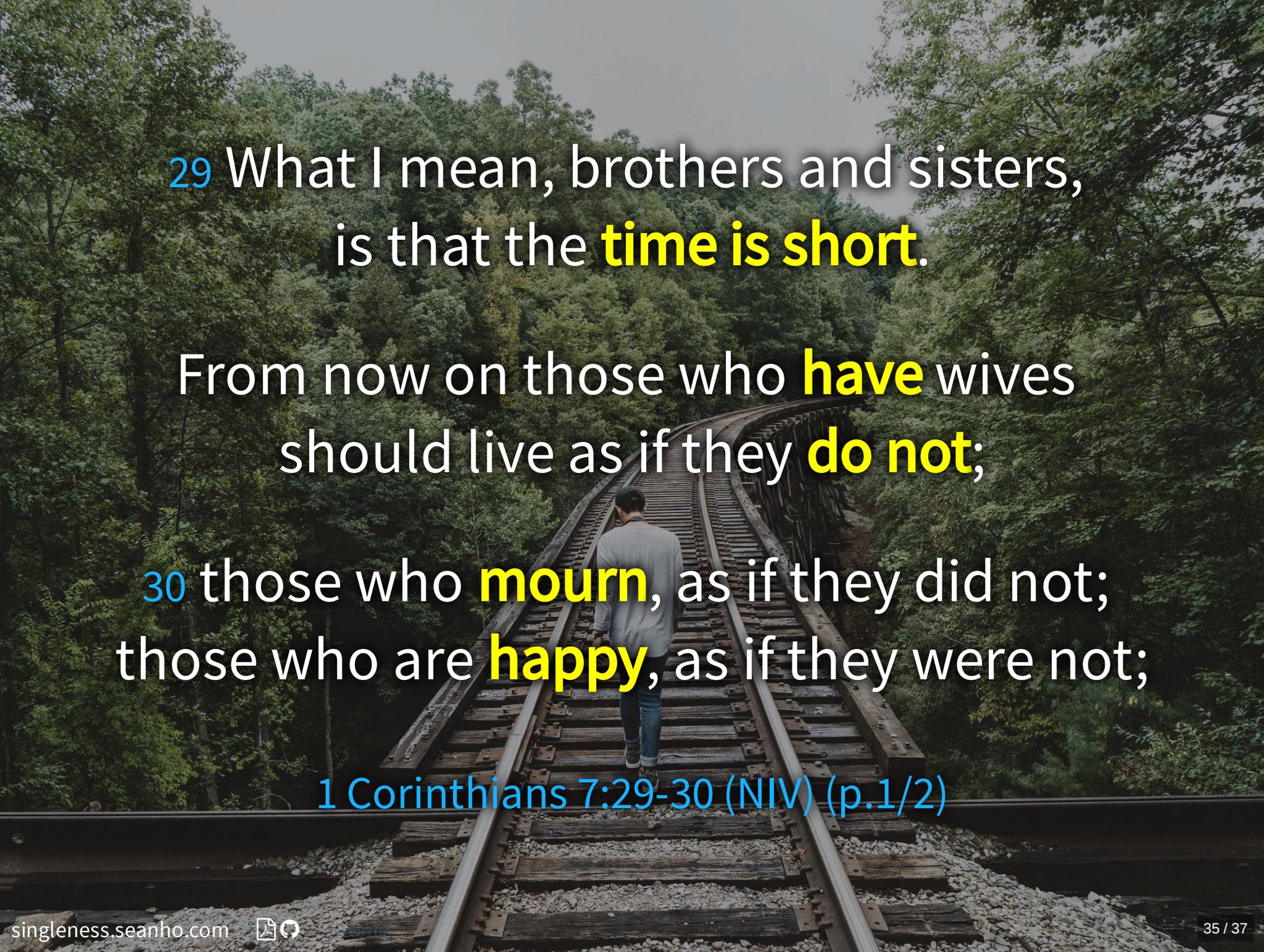
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1 Corinthians 7:35 (NIV)

Plattenkogel, Gemeinde Krimml, Austria.
Lukas Budimaier

Am I undistracted
in devotion to
Christ, holy in body
and spirit?

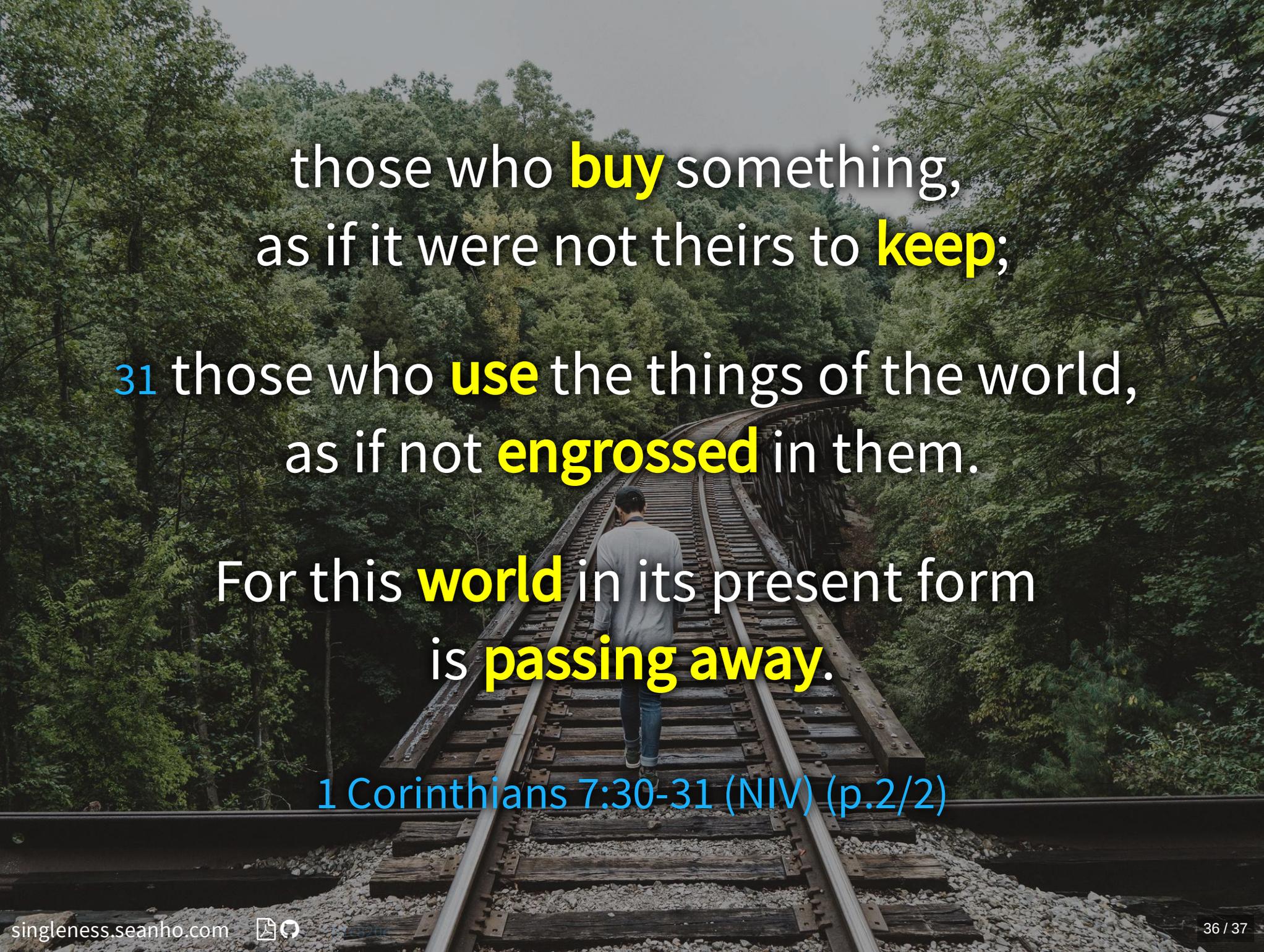
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