



# BRIDGES

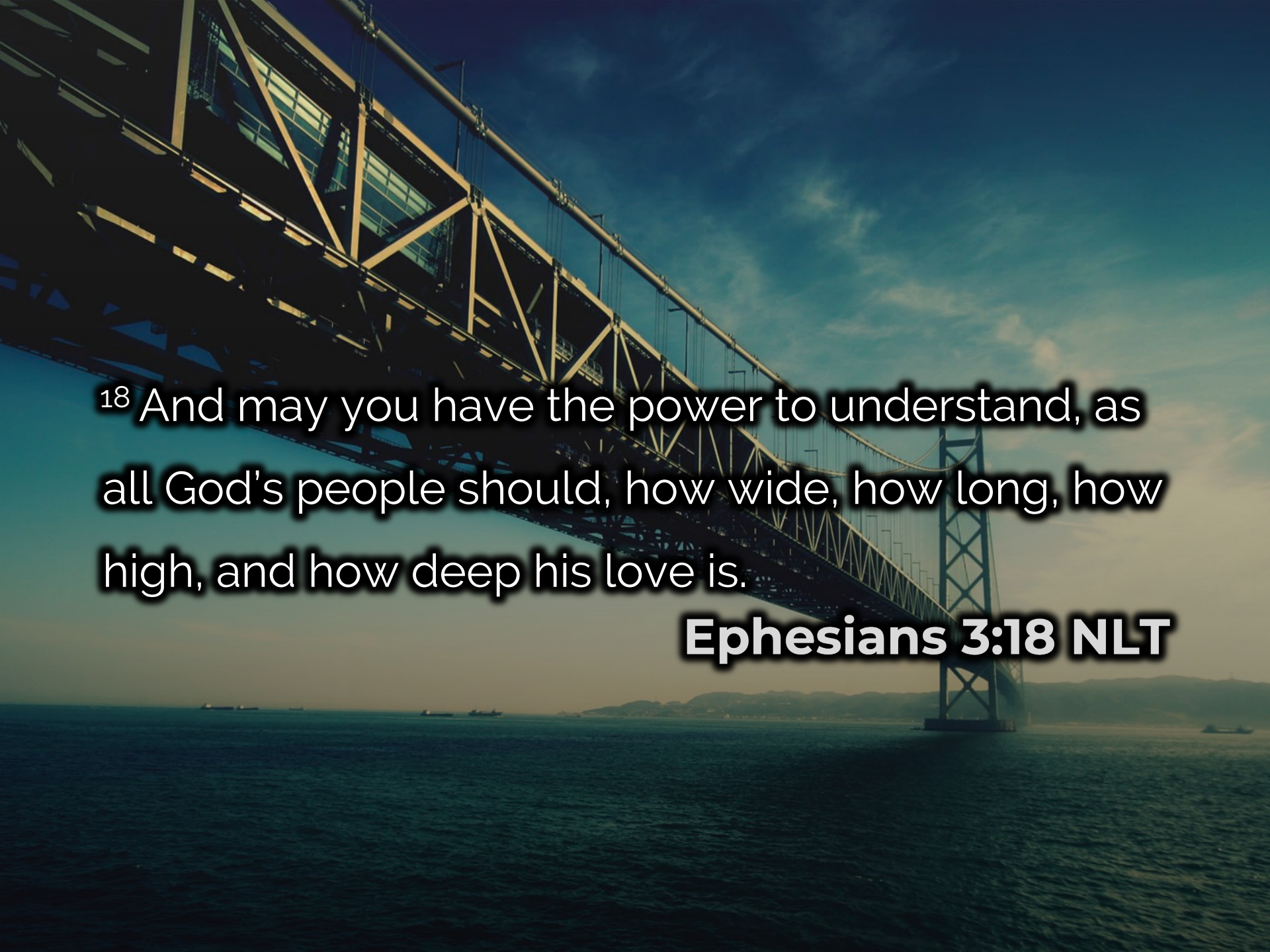
A large suspension bridge spans across a wide body of water. The bridge's steel structure, including the towers and cables, is prominent. The sky is a clear, bright blue, and the water below is a deep, calm blue. The overall scene is serene and majestic.

A bridge is constructed to overcome an

**OBSTACLE**

in your path from where you are to your

**DESTINATION.**

A large suspension bridge, likely the Tacoma Narrows Bridge, spans across a wide body of water. The bridge's steel structure is prominent, with its towers and suspension cables visible. The sky is a clear, bright blue with some light, wispy clouds. The water below is a deep blue, and the overall scene is captured from a low angle, looking up at the bridge's structure.

<sup>18</sup> And may you have the power to understand, as all God's people should, how wide, how long, how high, and how deep his love is.

**Ephesians 3:18 NLT**

A large suspension bridge, likely the Golden Gate Bridge, spans across a body of water under a blue sky with light clouds. The bridge's steel structure and suspension cables are prominent. The text 'Why is this bridge so HARD to cross?' is overlaid on the image, with 'HARD' in a large, blue, 3D-style font and underlined.

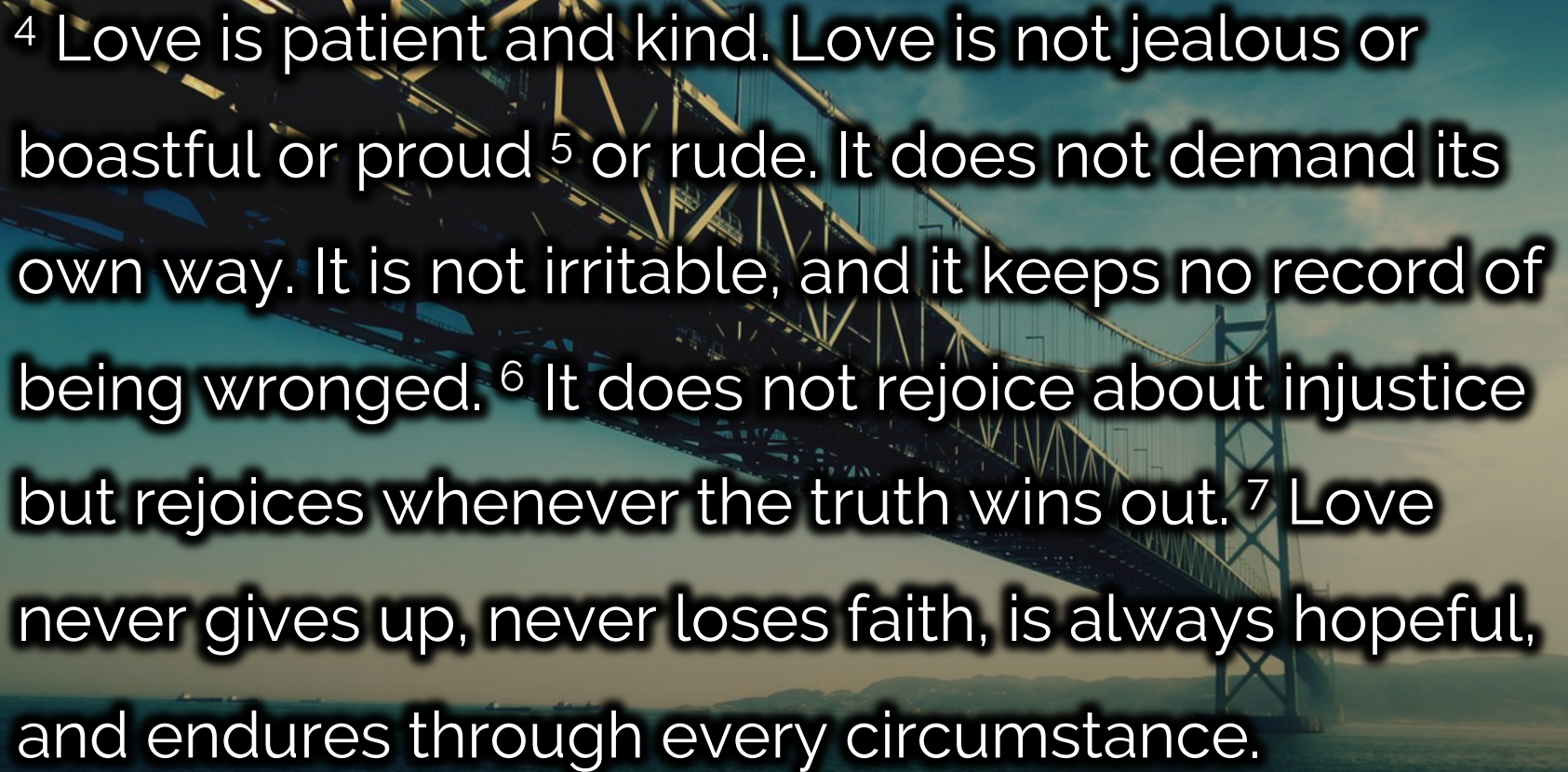
Why is this bridge so HARD to cross?

A large suspension bridge spans across a wide body of water under a sunset sky. The bridge's steel structure and suspension cables are prominent. The water is dark blue, and the sky transitions from a deep blue to a warm orange near the horizon. The bridge's towers are visible in the distance.

Why is this bridge so hard to cross?

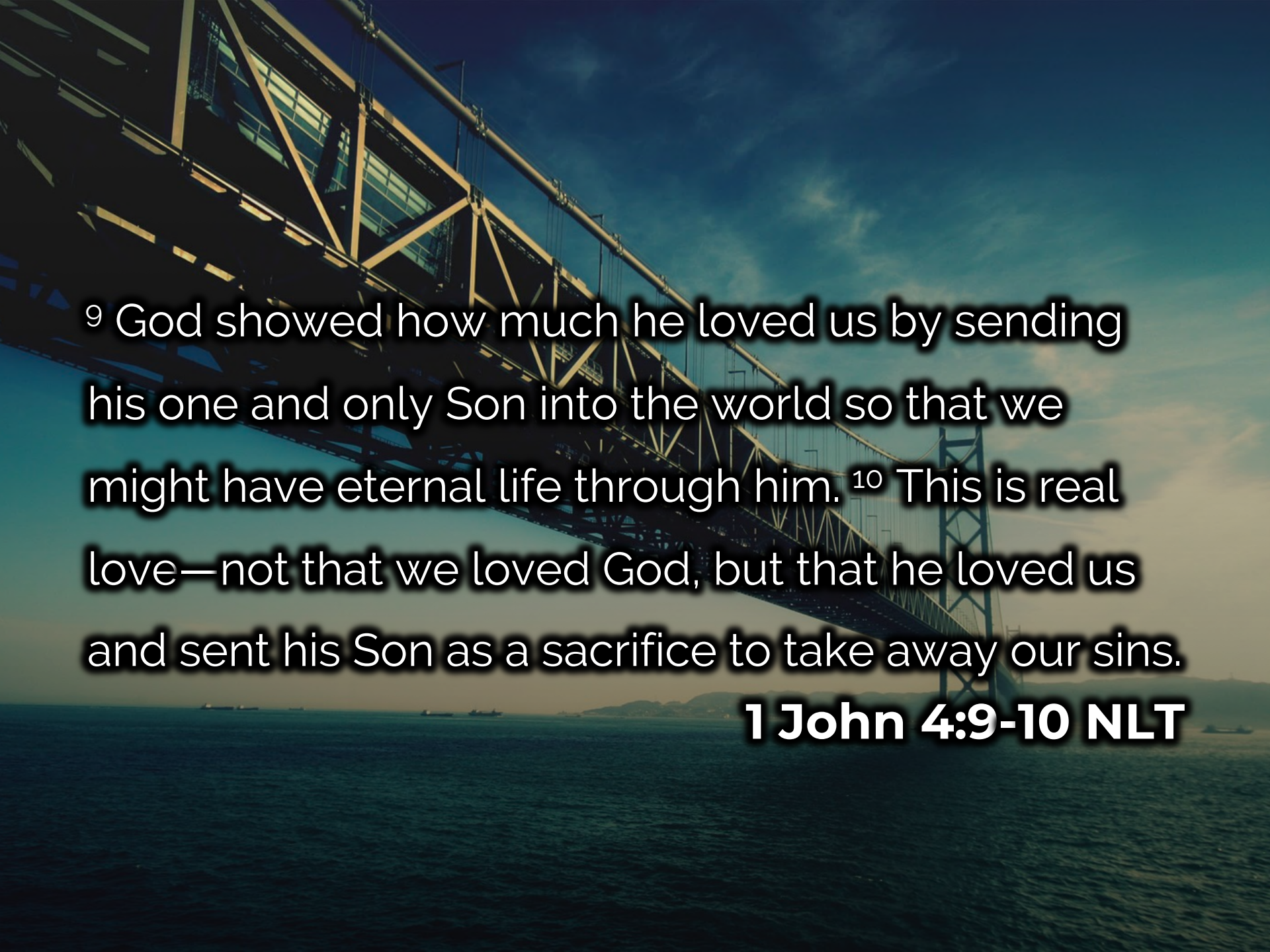
We assume all love is the

**SAME**

A photograph of a suspension bridge, likely the Golden Gate Bridge, spanning across a body of water. The sky is a deep blue, suggesting dusk or dawn. The bridge's steel structure and suspension cables are prominent, extending from the foreground into the distance. The water below is dark and calm.

<sup>4</sup> Love is patient and kind. Love is not jealous or boastful or proud <sup>5</sup> or rude. It does not demand its own way. It is not irritable, and it keeps no record of being wronged. <sup>6</sup> It does not rejoice about injustice but rejoices whenever the truth wins out. <sup>7</sup> Love never gives up, never loses faith, is always hopeful, and endures through every circumstance.

**1 Corinthians 13:4-7 NLT**

A photograph of a suspension bridge, likely the Golden Gate Bridge, spanning across a body of water. The sky is a deep blue with some light clouds, suggesting a sunset or sunrise. The bridge's steel structure is silhouetted against the sky. The water in the foreground is dark blue with some ripples.

<sup>9</sup> God showed how much he loved us by sending his one and only Son into the world so that we might have eternal life through him. <sup>10</sup> This is real love—not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as a sacrifice to take away our sins.

**1 John 4:9-10 NLT**

A large suspension bridge spans across a body of water under a sunset sky. The bridge's steel structure and cables are silhouetted against the bright, hazy light of the setting sun. The water below is dark and calm, with a few small boats visible in the distance. The overall mood is contemplative and serene.

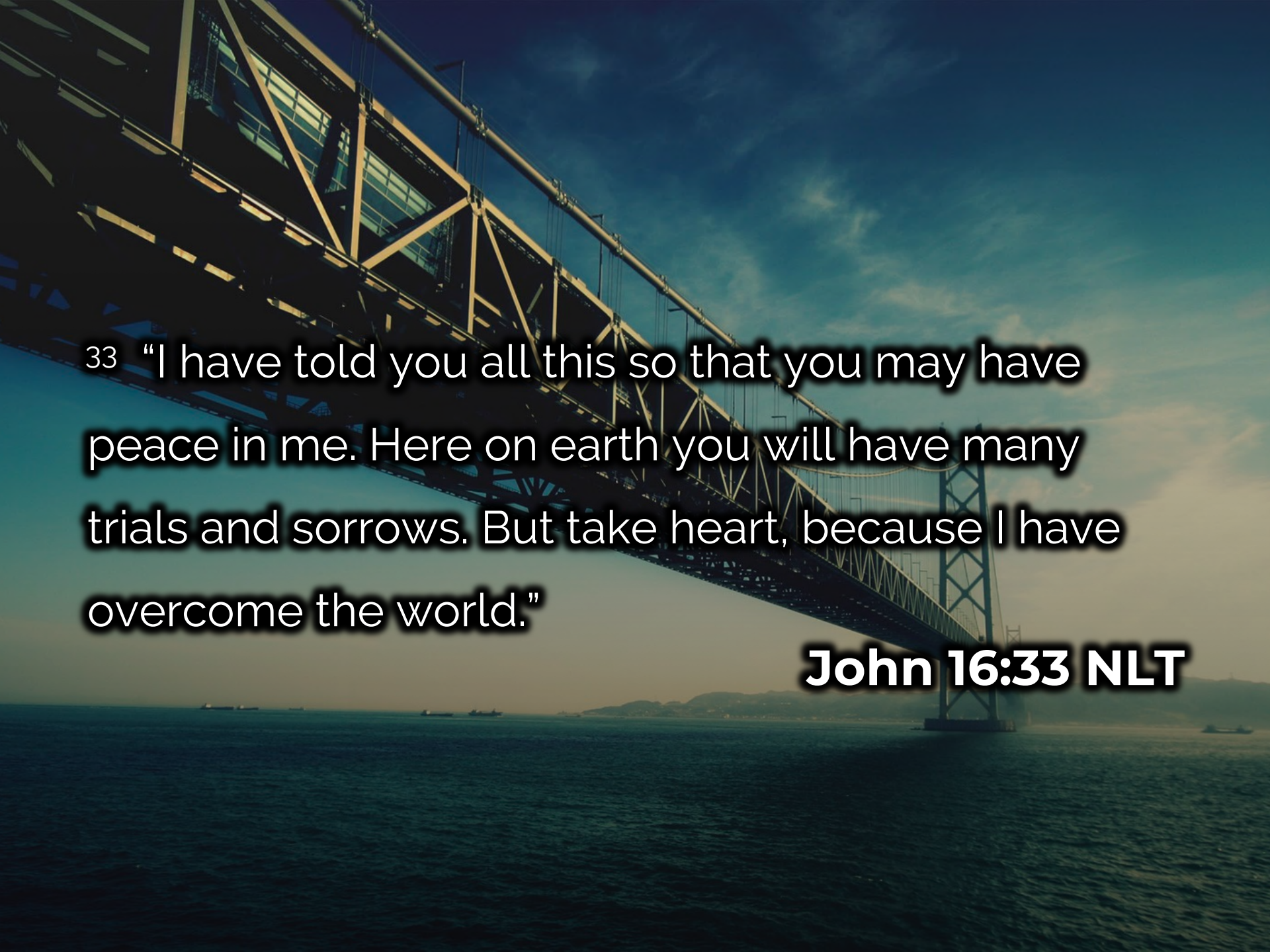
Why is this bridge so hard to cross?

Sometimes God's paths for us are

**HARD**

to walk.



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33 "I have told you all this so that you may have peace in me. Here on earth you will have many trials and sorrows. But take heart, because I have overcome the world."

**John 16:33 NLT**


A large suspension bridge, likely the Akashi Kaikyo Bridge, spans across a wide body of water. The bridge's steel structure and suspension cables are prominent against a sky transitioning from blue to orange and yellow, suggesting sunset or sunrise. The water below is dark and calm. The bridge extends from the foreground towards the horizon, where a small island or headland is visible.

Why is this bridge so hard to cross?

It is so

**GREAT**

it is hard to fully grasp

A large suspension bridge, likely the Tacoma Narrows Bridge, spans across a wide body of water. The bridge's steel structure is prominent, with its towers and suspension cables clearly visible. The sky is a deep blue with some light, wispy clouds. The water below is a dark blue-grey color. The overall scene is serene and majestic.

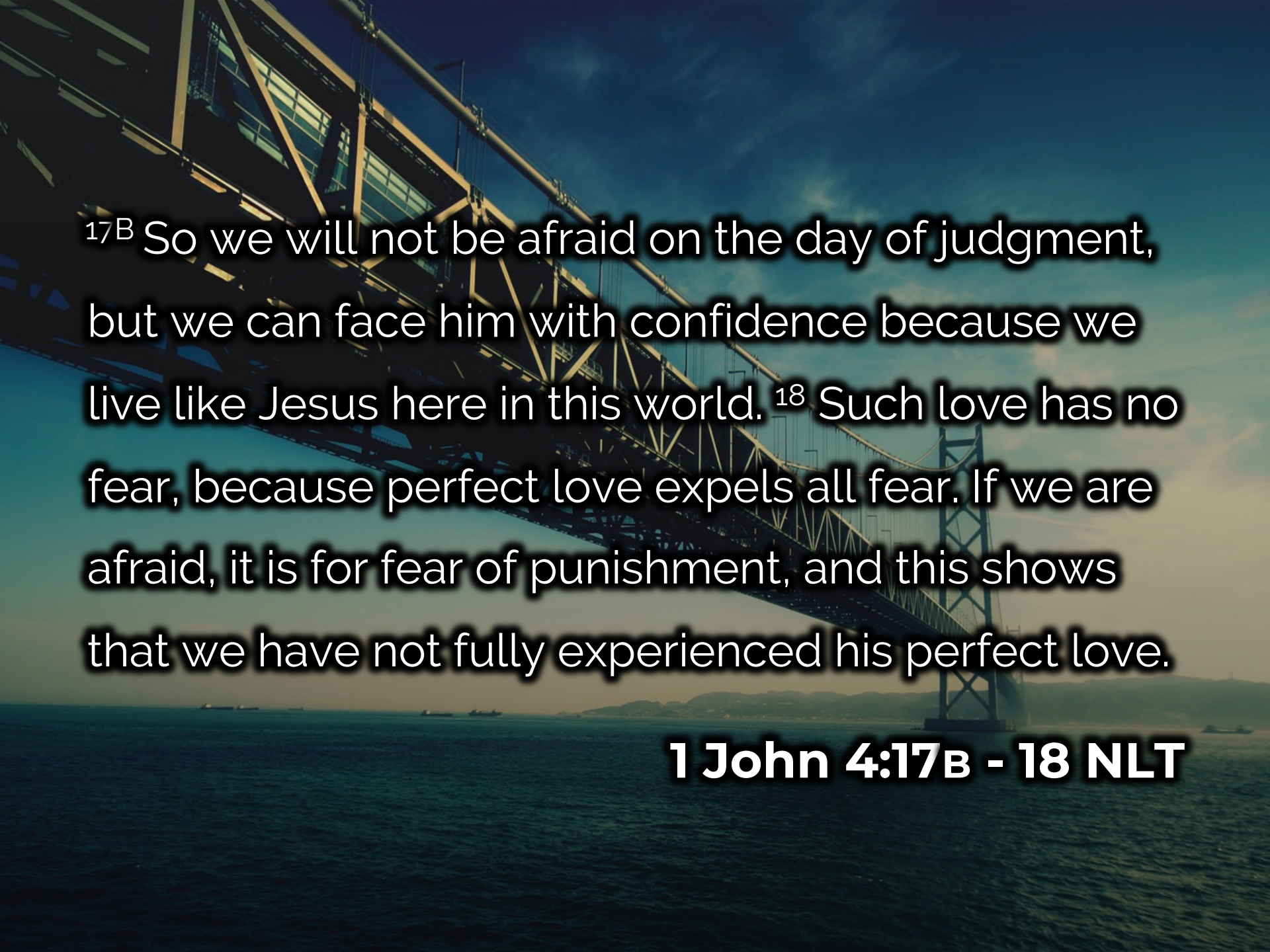
<sup>19</sup> May you experience the love of Christ, though it is too great to understand fully.

**Ephesians 3:19A NLT**

A large suspension bridge, likely the Tacoma Narrows Bridge, spans across a wide body of water. The bridge's steel structure is silhouetted against a sky transitioning from a deep blue to a lighter, hazy blue. The water below is dark and calm. The overall mood is serene yet slightly somber.

Why is this bridge so hard to cross?

**FEAR**

A large suspension bridge, likely the Golden Gate Bridge, spans across a body of water. The scene is captured during sunset or sunrise, with a warm, golden light illuminating the sky and the bridge's structure. The water is dark blue, and the bridge's towers and cables are silhouetted against the bright sky. The overall mood is serene and majestic.

<sup>17B</sup> So we will not be afraid on the day of judgment, but we can face him with confidence because we live like Jesus here in this world. <sup>18</sup> Such love has no fear, because perfect love expels all fear. If we are afraid, it is for fear of punishment, and this shows that we have not fully experienced his perfect love.

**1 John 4:17B - 18 NLT**

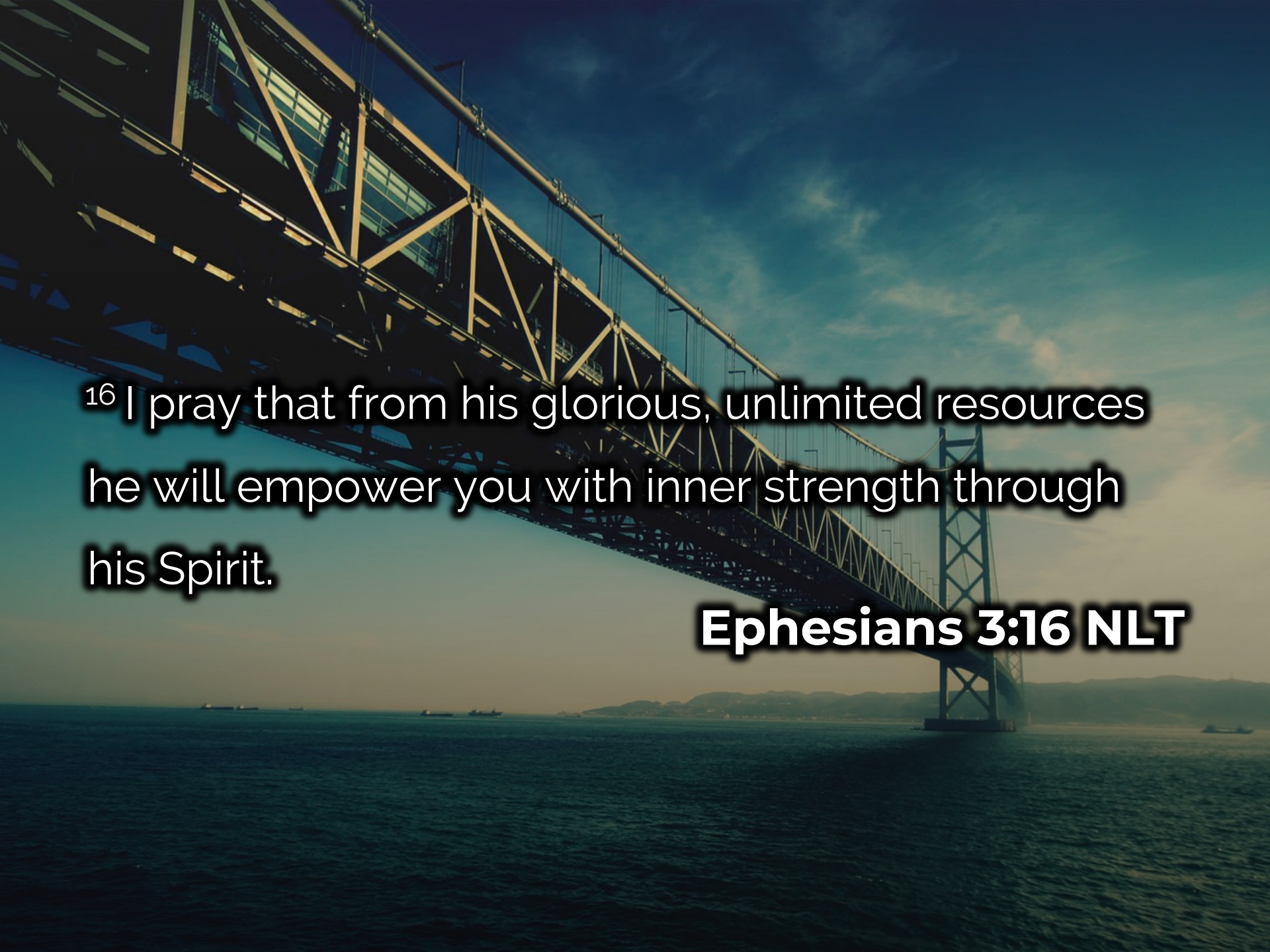


Why crossing this bridge is so  
**IMPORTANT**

A large suspension bridge, likely the Akashi Kaikyo Bridge, spans a wide body of water. The bridge's steel truss structure is prominent, and its suspension cables are visible. The sky is a clear, deep blue, and the water is a calm, dark blue. In the distance, a low mountain range is visible on the horizon. The overall scene is serene and majestic.

Why crossing this bridge is so important

It empowers us.

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<sup>16</sup> I pray that from his glorious, unlimited resources he will empower you with inner strength through his Spirit.


**Ephesians 3:16 NLT**





Why crossing this bridge is so important

It brings God  
**CLOSE**

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<sup>17</sup> Then Christ will make his home in your hearts as you trust in him. Your roots will grow down into God's love and keep you strong.

**Ephesians 3:17A NLT**

A large suspension bridge, likely the Mackinac Island Bridge, spans across a wide body of water. The bridge's steel structure is prominent, with cables supporting the deck. The sky is a clear, deep blue, and the water below is a calm, dark blue. In the distance, a low mountain range is visible on the horizon. The overall scene is serene and majestic.

Why crossing this bridge is so important

It gives us strong

**ROOTS**

A large suspension bridge with a complex steel truss structure spans across a wide body of water. The sky is a clear, deep blue with some light clouds. The bridge's towers and cables are visible, and the water below is a dark blue-green. The overall scene is serene and majestic.

<sup>17</sup>Your roots will grow down into God's love and keep you strong.

**Ephesians 3:17B NLT**

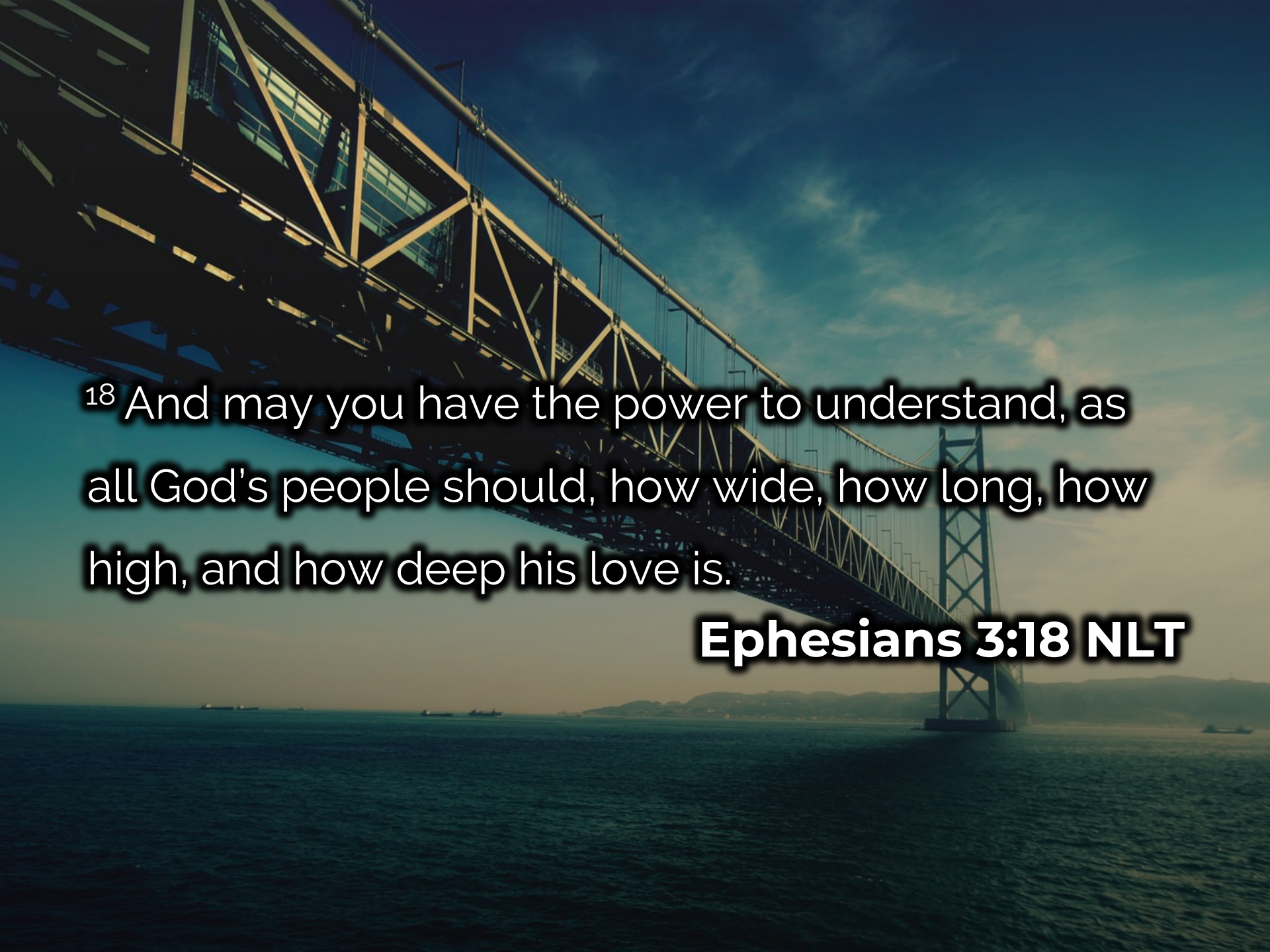
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Why crossing this bridge is so important

It helps us deal with

**ALL**

the roads we face

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**Ephesians 3:18 NLT**

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Why crossing this bridge is so important

When we personally experience this love

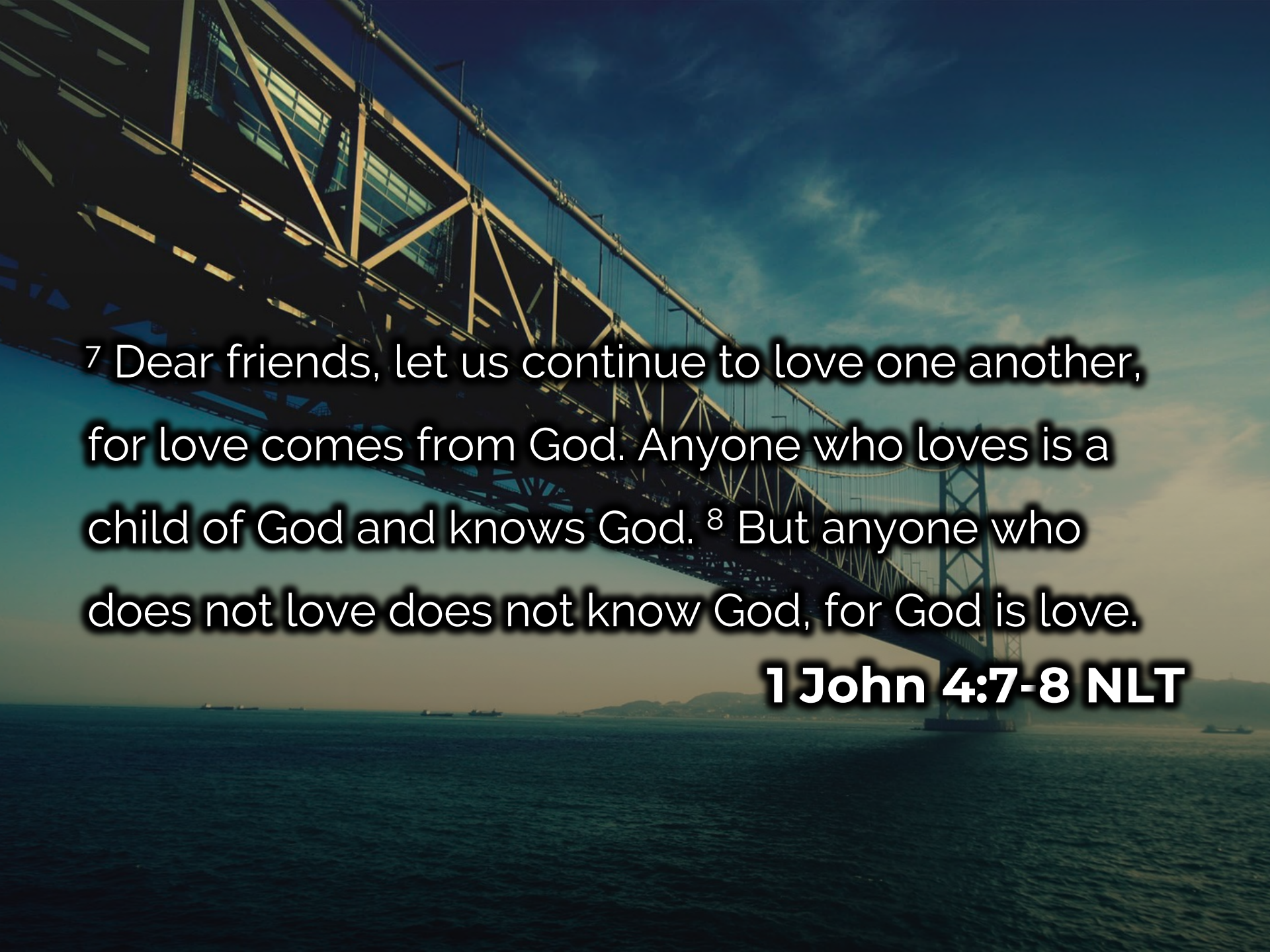
then we can **SHARE** it.

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<sup>19</sup> May you experience the love of Christ, though it is too great to understand fully.

**Ephesians 3:19A NLT**



A large suspension bridge spans across a body of water under a twilight sky. The bridge's steel structure and cables are silhouetted against the fading light. The water below is dark with gentle ripples. In the distance, a low-lying coastline is visible.

7 Dear friends, let us continue to love one another, for love comes from God. Anyone who loves is a child of God and knows God. 8 But anyone who does not love does not know God, for God is love.

**1 John 4:7-8 NLT**

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Why crossing this bridge is so important

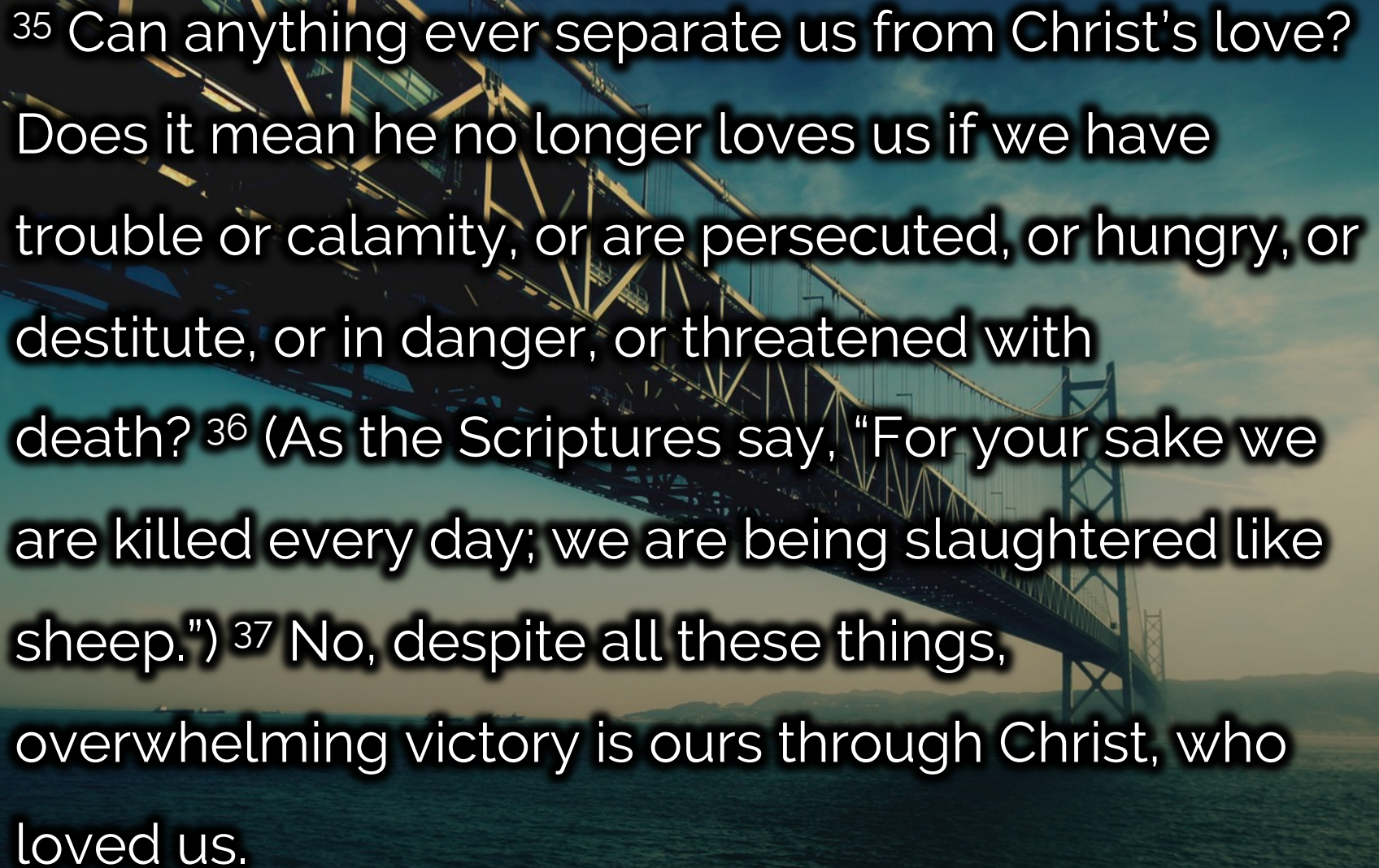
It helps us

**MATURE**

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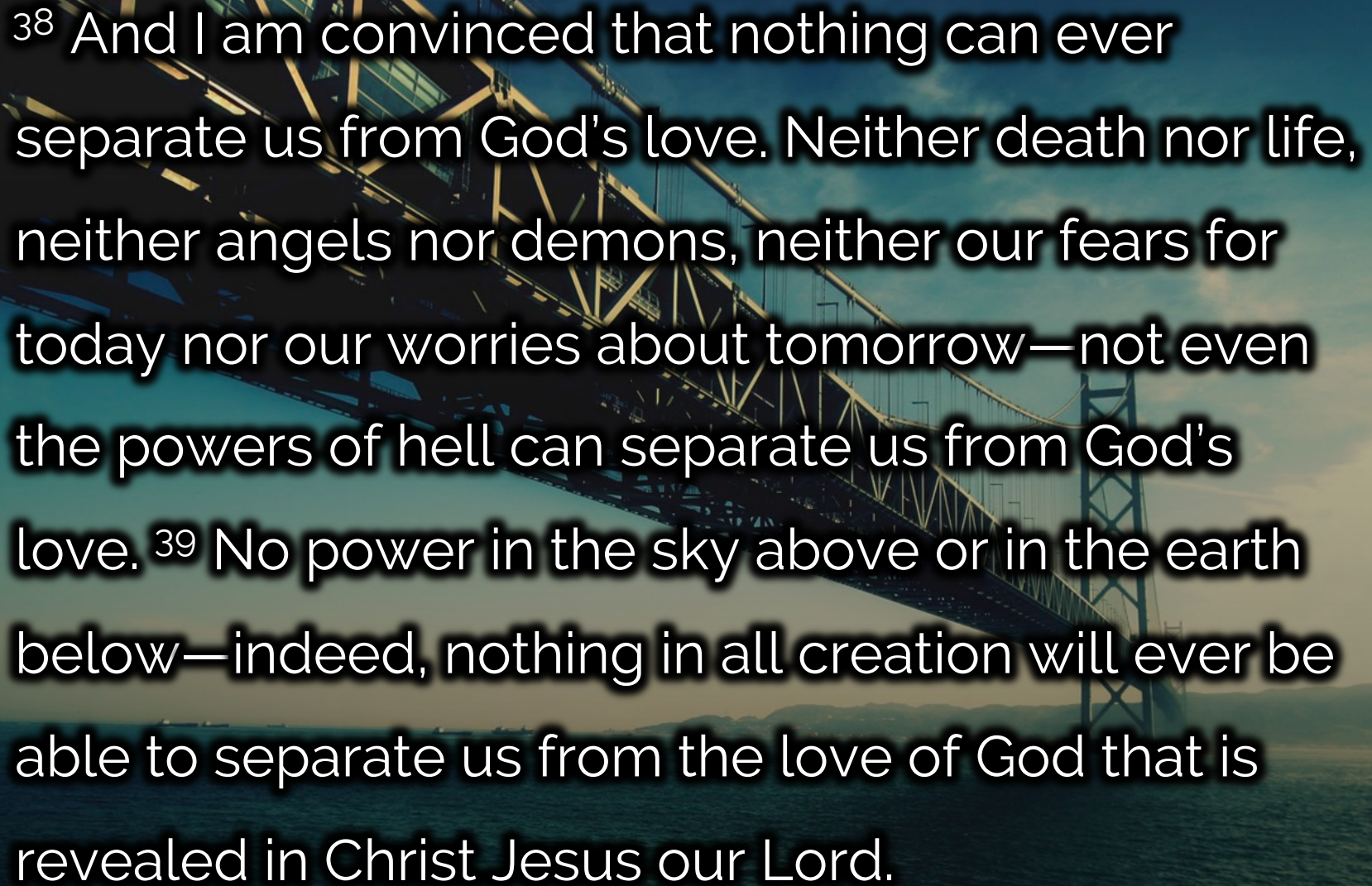
<sup>19</sup>Then you will be made complete with all the fullness of life and power that comes from God.

**Ephesians 3:19B NLT**

A large suspension bridge, likely the Golden Gate Bridge, is shown from a low angle, extending from the foreground into the distance over a body of water. The sky is a mix of blue and orange, suggesting a sunset or sunrise. The bridge's steel structure and cables are prominent against the sky.

<sup>35</sup> Can anything ever separate us from Christ's love? Does it mean he no longer loves us if we have trouble or calamity, or are persecuted, or hungry, or destitute, or in danger, or threatened with death? <sup>36</sup> (As the Scriptures say, "For your sake we are killed every day; we are being slaughtered like sheep.") <sup>37</sup> No, despite all these things, overwhelming victory is ours through Christ, who loved us.

**Romans 8:35-39 NLT**

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<sup>38</sup> And I am convinced that nothing can ever separate us from God's love. Neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither our fears for today nor our worries about tomorrow—not even the powers of hell can separate us from God's love. <sup>39</sup> No power in the sky above or in the earth below—indeed, nothing in all creation will ever be able to separate us from the love of God that is revealed in Christ Jesus our Lord.

**Romans 8:35-39 NLT**