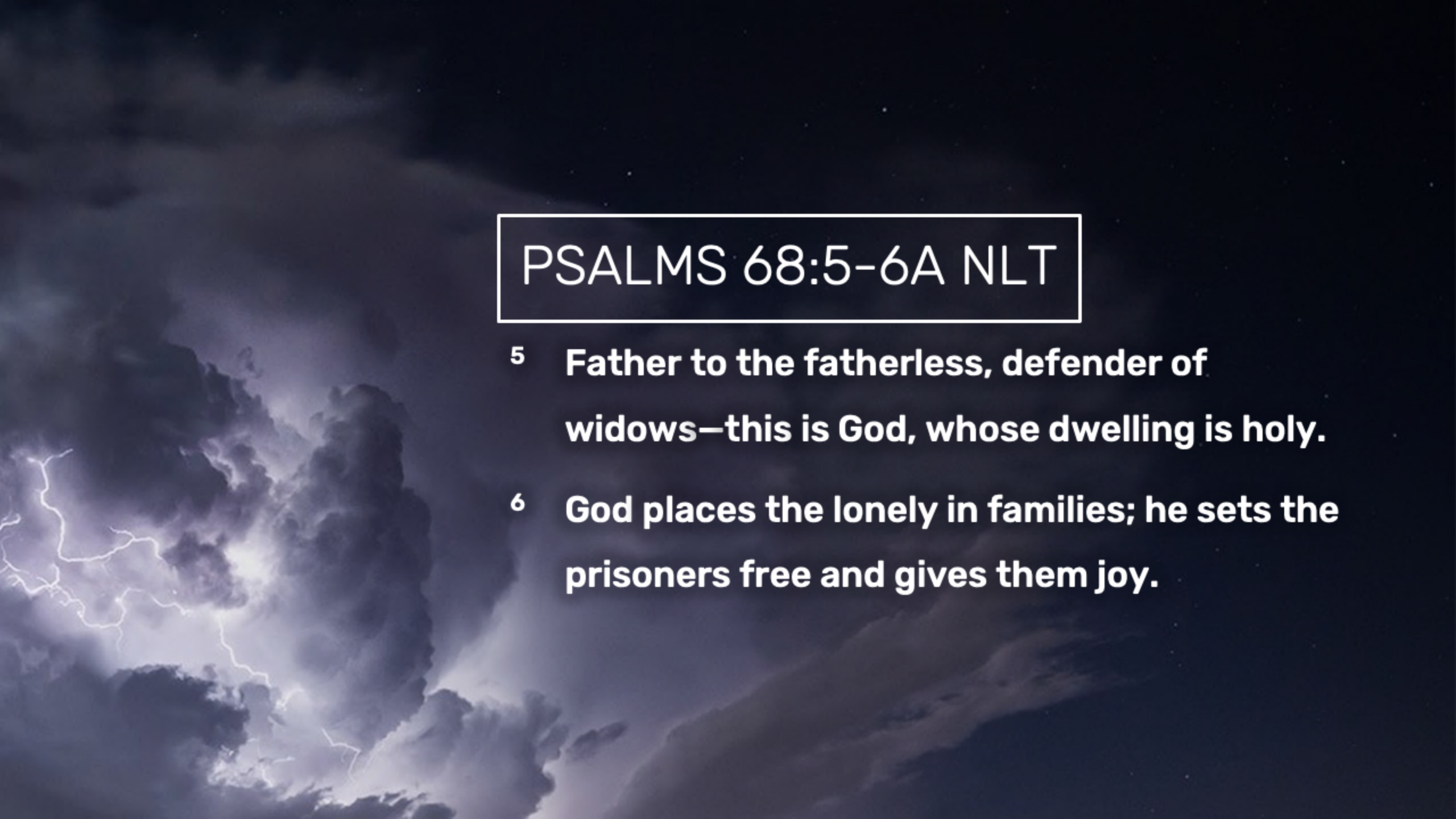




COURAGE

A dramatic landscape featuring a dirt road that recedes into the distance, flanked by a field of tall grass. The sky is dark and filled with heavy, stormy clouds, with several bright lightning bolts striking down. In the distance, a series of wind turbines are visible, each with a small red light at its top. The overall mood is one of intensity and resilience.

I. IT TAKES COURAGE TO
FIND AND BE A PART
OF A **FAMILY**.



PSALMS 68:5-6A NLT

- 5 Father to the fatherless, defender of widows—this is God, whose dwelling is holy.**
- 6 God places the lonely in families; he sets the prisoners free and gives them joy.**



WHY DOES IT TAKE COURAGE TO FIND
AND BE A PART OF A **FAMILY**?

FEAR OF **CHANGE**.

A dramatic landscape featuring a dark, stormy sky with heavy, grey clouds and a bright lightning bolt striking down. Below the horizon, a long, straight dirt path or road stretches into the distance, flanked by dark, dense vegetation. The overall mood is one of tension and anticipation.

IT IS NOT THAT **CHANGE** ISN'T SCARY, IT IS
THAT **CHANGE** IS WORTH IT.



WHY DOES IT TAKE COURAGE TO FIND
AND BE A PART OF A **FAMILY**?

FEAR OF **REJECTION**.

A dramatic landscape featuring a dark, stormy sky with heavy, grey clouds and a bright lightning bolt striking down. Below the sky, a long, straight dirt path or road stretches from the foreground towards the horizon, flanked by dark, dense vegetation. In the distance, several wind turbines are visible against the horizon line. The overall mood is intense and atmospheric.

UNLESS YOU RISK BEING **REJECTED**, YOU
WILL NEVER BE ACCEPTED.




WHY DOES IT TAKE COURAGE TO FIND
AND BE A PART OF A **FAMILY**?

FEAR OF **HURT**.

A dramatic landscape featuring a dirt road that recedes into the distance, flanked by green fields. In the background, several wind turbines are visible against a dark, stormy sky filled with heavy, dark clouds and bright lightning bolts. The overall atmosphere is one of power and resilience.

II. A STORY OF A
FAMILY IN ACTION



MARK 2:1-5 NLT

¹ When Jesus returned to Capernaum several days later, the news spread quickly that he was back home. ² Soon the house where he was staying was so packed with visitors that there was no more room, even outside the door. While he was




MARK 2:1-5 NLT

preaching God's word to them, ³ four men arrived carrying a paralyzed man on a mat. ⁴ They couldn't bring him to Jesus because of the crowd, so they dug a hole through the roof above his head. Then they lowered the man on his mat, right down in front of Jesus. ⁵ Seeing their faith, Jesus said to the paralyzed man, "My child, your sins are forgiven."



WHO ARE YOU **CARRYING** OR
WHO IS **CARRYING** YOU TO JESUS?

A dramatic landscape featuring a dirt road that recedes into the distance, flanked by green fields. In the background, several wind turbines are visible against a dark, stormy sky filled with heavy, dark clouds and bright lightning bolts. The overall mood is somber and powerful.

III. WHY WE NEED TO FIND AND BE A PART OF A FAMILY?

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WE NEED FAMILY TO SHARE **JOY**.

PHILEMON 1:7 NIV

⁷ Your love has given me great joy and encouragement, because you, brother, have refreshed the hearts of the Lord's people.

WHY WE NEED TO FIND AND BE A PART OF A FAMILY?

WE NEED FAMILY TO GET **HEALING**.

JAMES 5:16 NLT

¹⁶ Confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed.

WHY WE NEED TO FIND AND BE A PART OF A FAMILY?

WE NEED FAMILY FOR **SAFETY**.

PROVERBS 11:14 ESV

¹⁴ **Where there is no guidance, a people falls, but
in an abundance of counselors there is safety.**

WHY WE NEED TO FIND AND BE A PART OF A FAMILY?

WE NEED FAMILY TO HELP US **GROW**.

PROVERBS 27:17 NLT

¹⁷ As iron sharpens iron,
so a friend sharpens a friend.