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Elizabeth: Unfulfilled Longing

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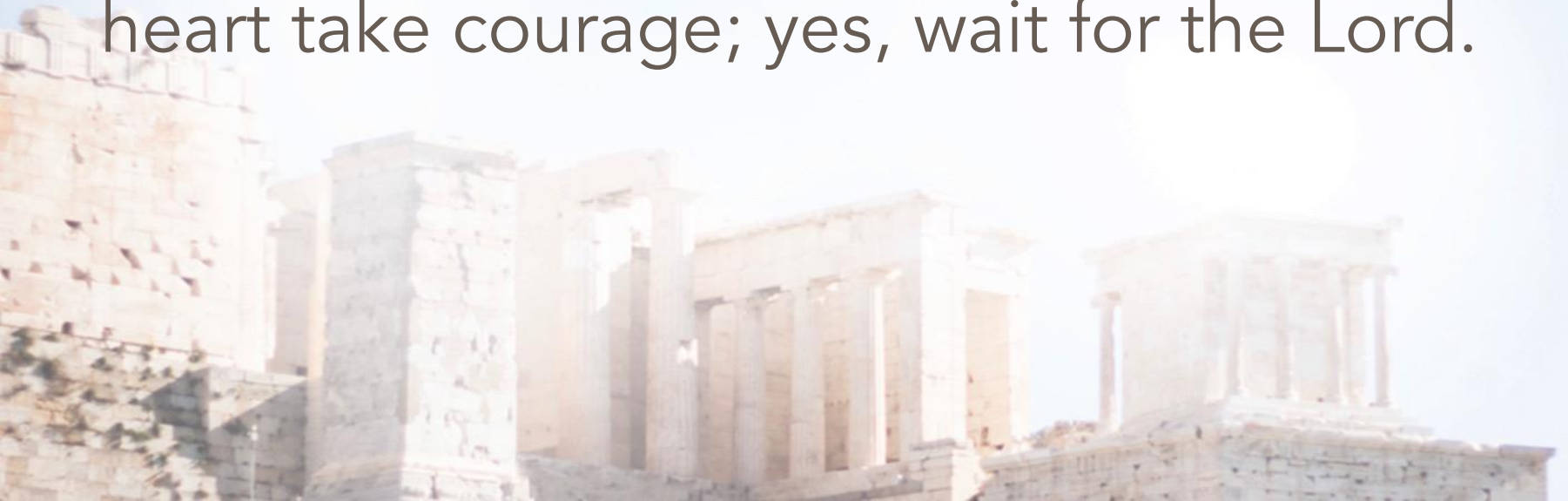
Waiting is one of God's primary tools for sanctification.



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Psalm 27:14

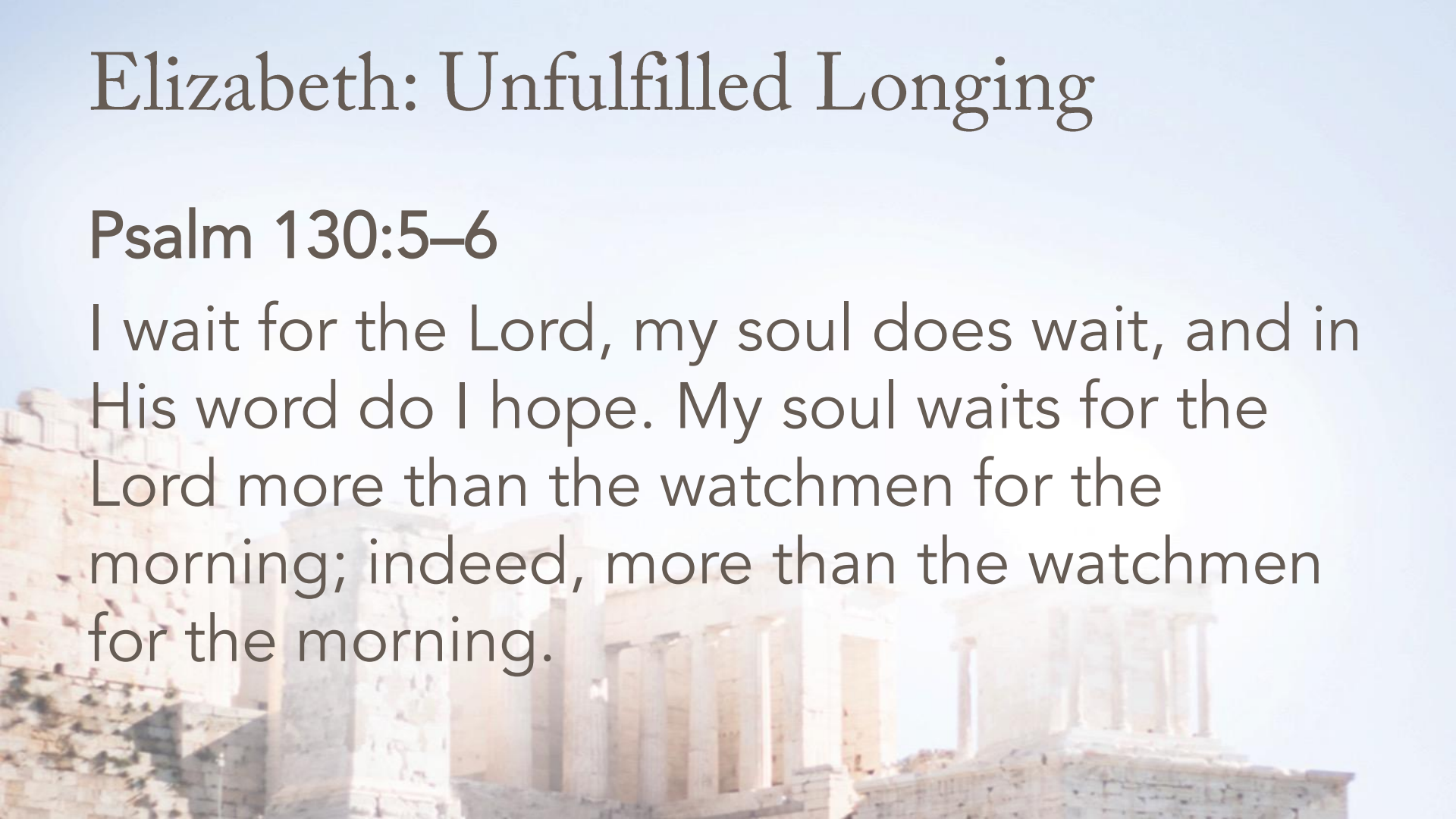
Wait for the Lord; be strong and let your heart take courage; yes, wait for the Lord.



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Psalm 130:5–6

I wait for the Lord, my soul does wait, and in His word do I hope. My soul waits for the Lord more than the watchmen for the morning; indeed, more than the watchmen for the morning.



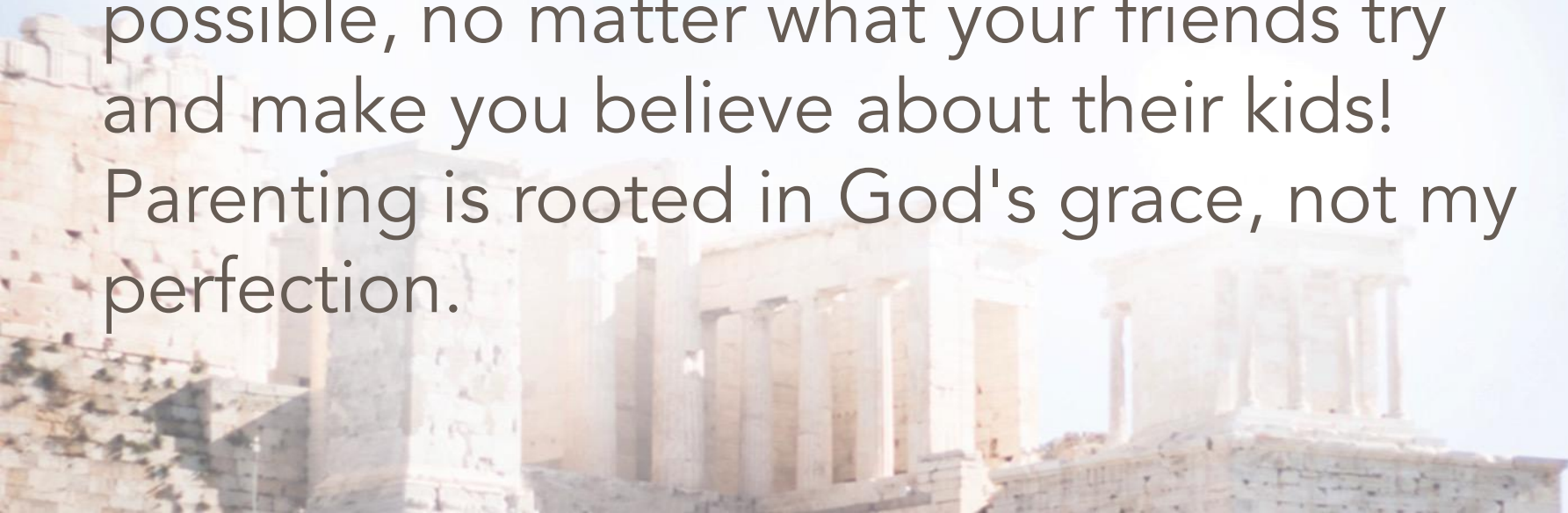
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Isaiah 54:1

"Shout for joy, O barren one, you who have borne no child; break forth into joyful shouting and cry aloud, you who have not travailed; for the sons of the desolate one will be more numerous than the sons of the married woman," says the Lord.

Mary: Overwhelming Responsibility

Relax!! It's not your job to create a perfect child or be a perfect parent. Neither is possible, no matter what your friends try and make you believe about their kids! Parenting is rooted in God's grace, not my perfection.



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Isaiah 49:15

“Can a woman forget her nursing child and have no compassion on the son of her womb? Even these may forget, but I will not forget you.”



Anna: Loss and Loneliness

Psalm 56:8

You have taken account of my wanderings;
put my tears in Your bottle. Are they not in
Your book?



Is your burden...

- Unfulfilled longing? WAIT
- Overwhelming responsibility? TRUST
- Loss and loneliness? REMEMBER



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