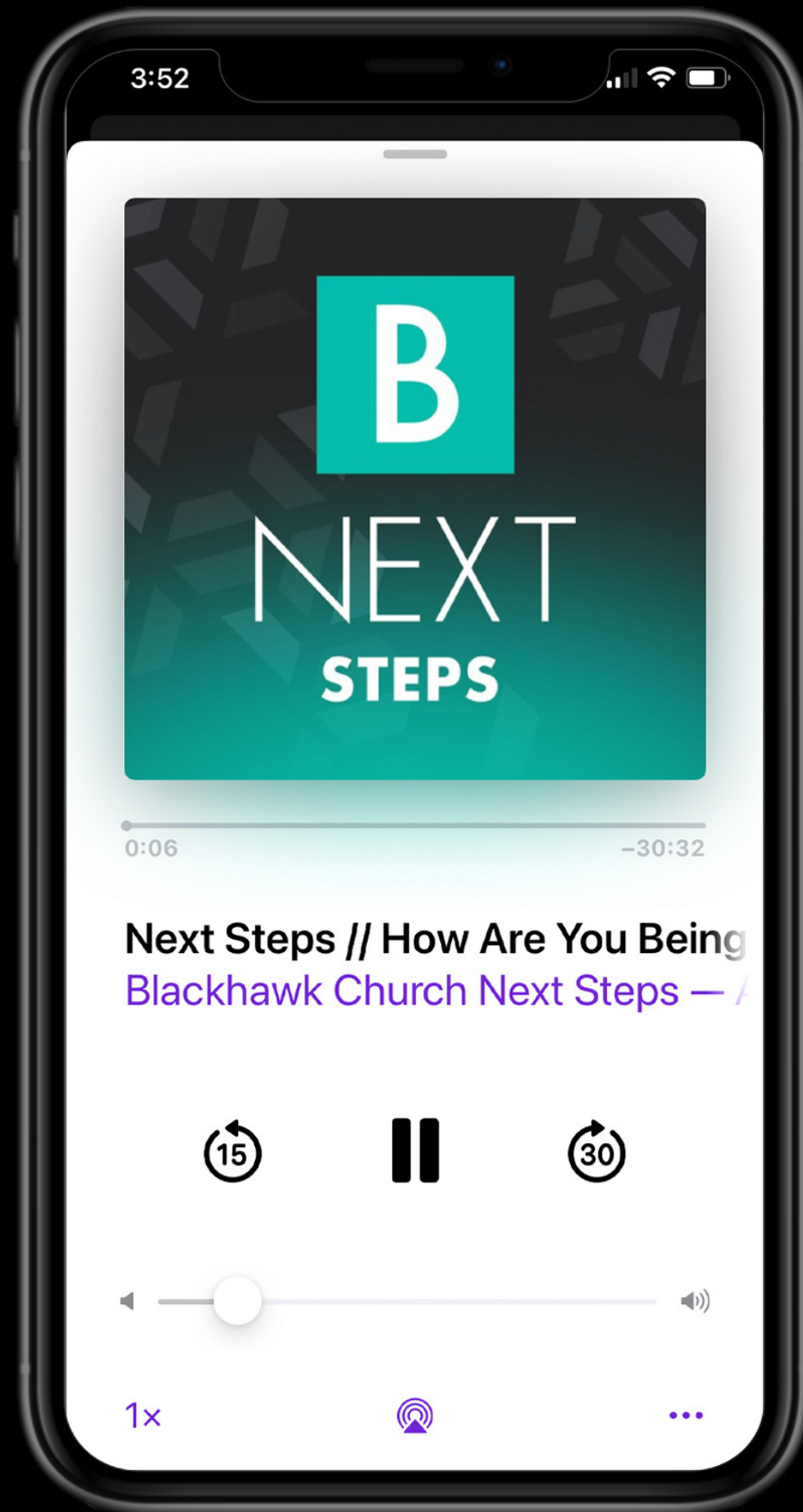


GOD'S plan for humanity

God has a plan for a harmonious world ruled
by humans in community with Him



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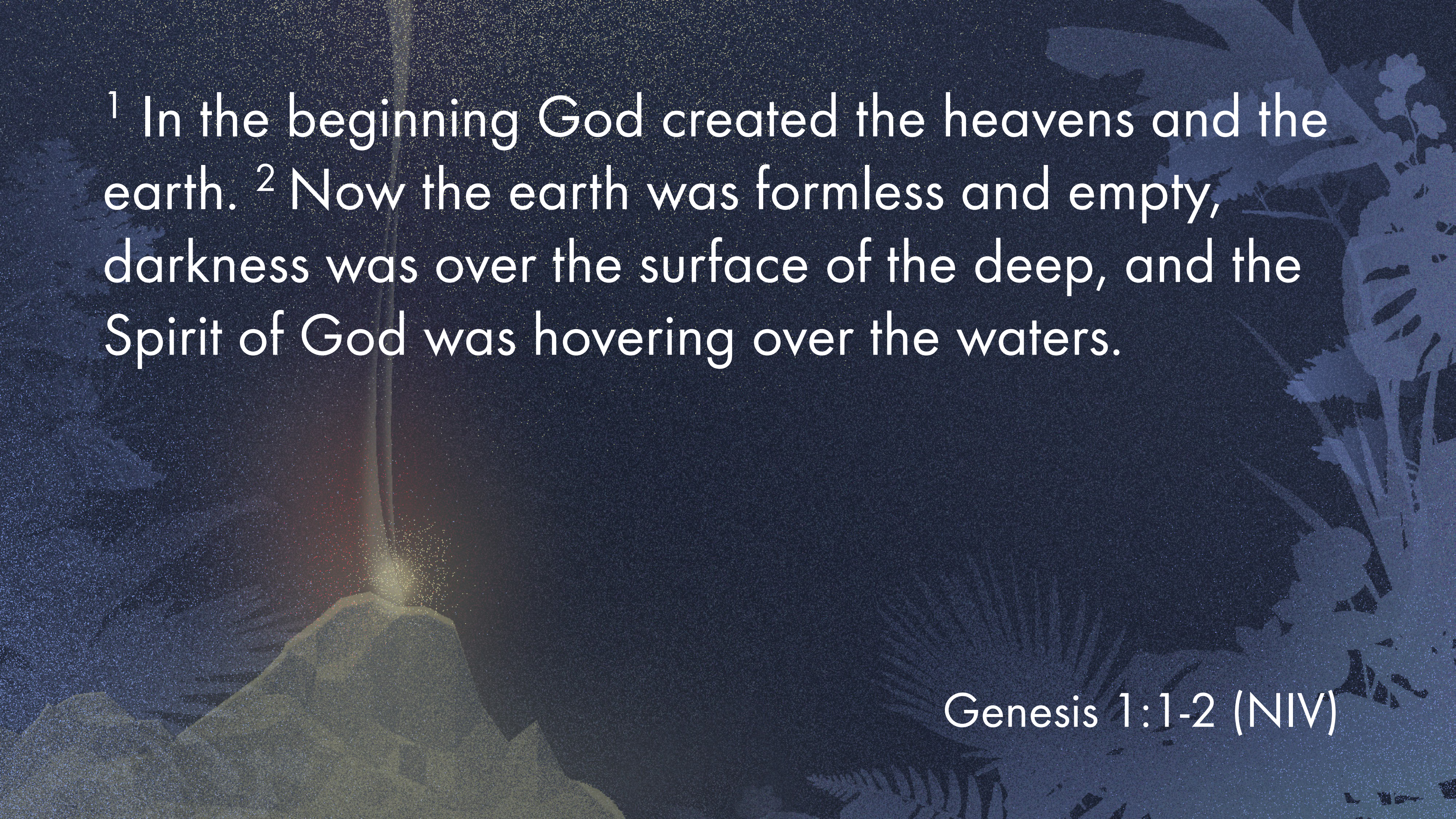
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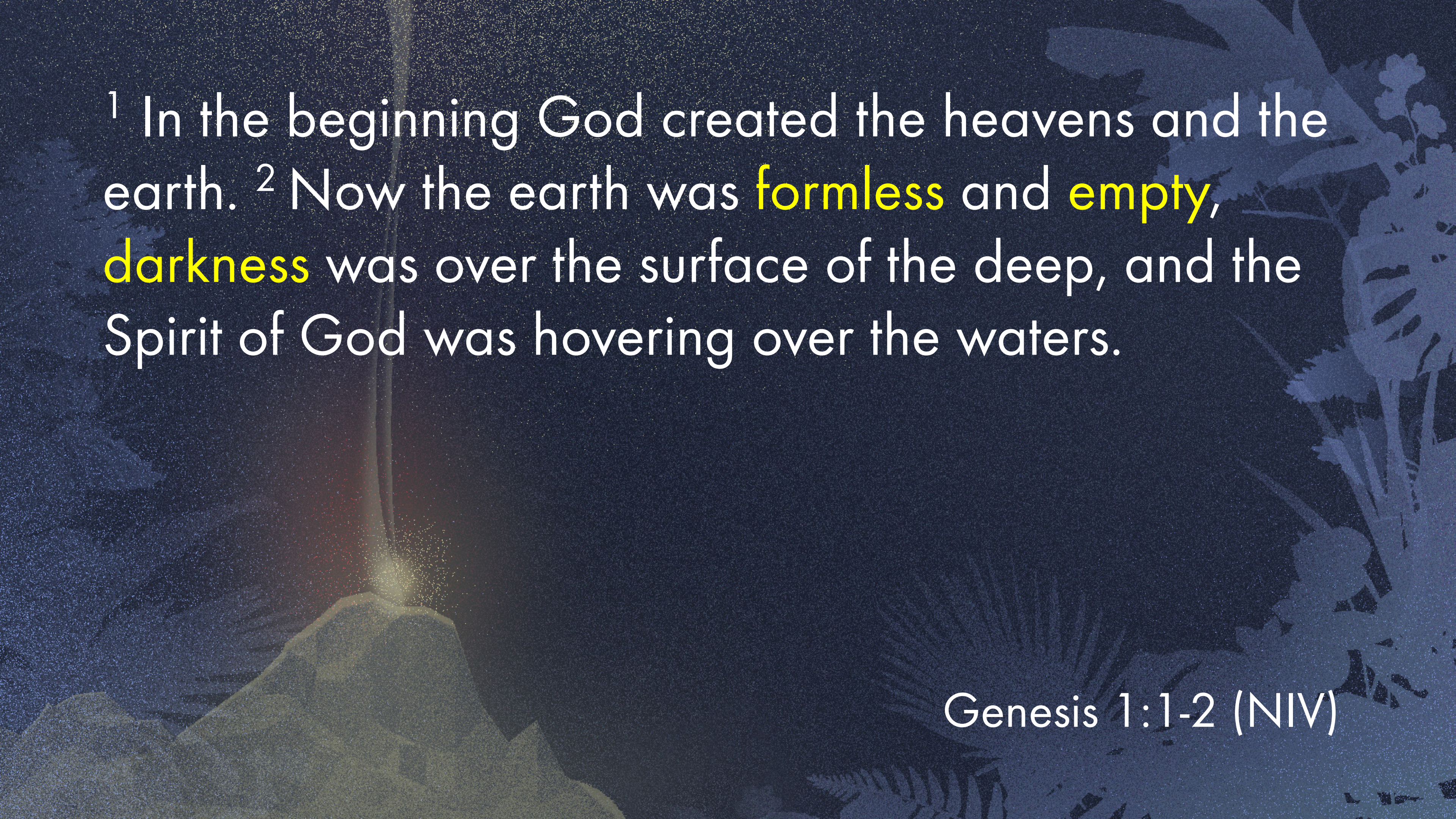
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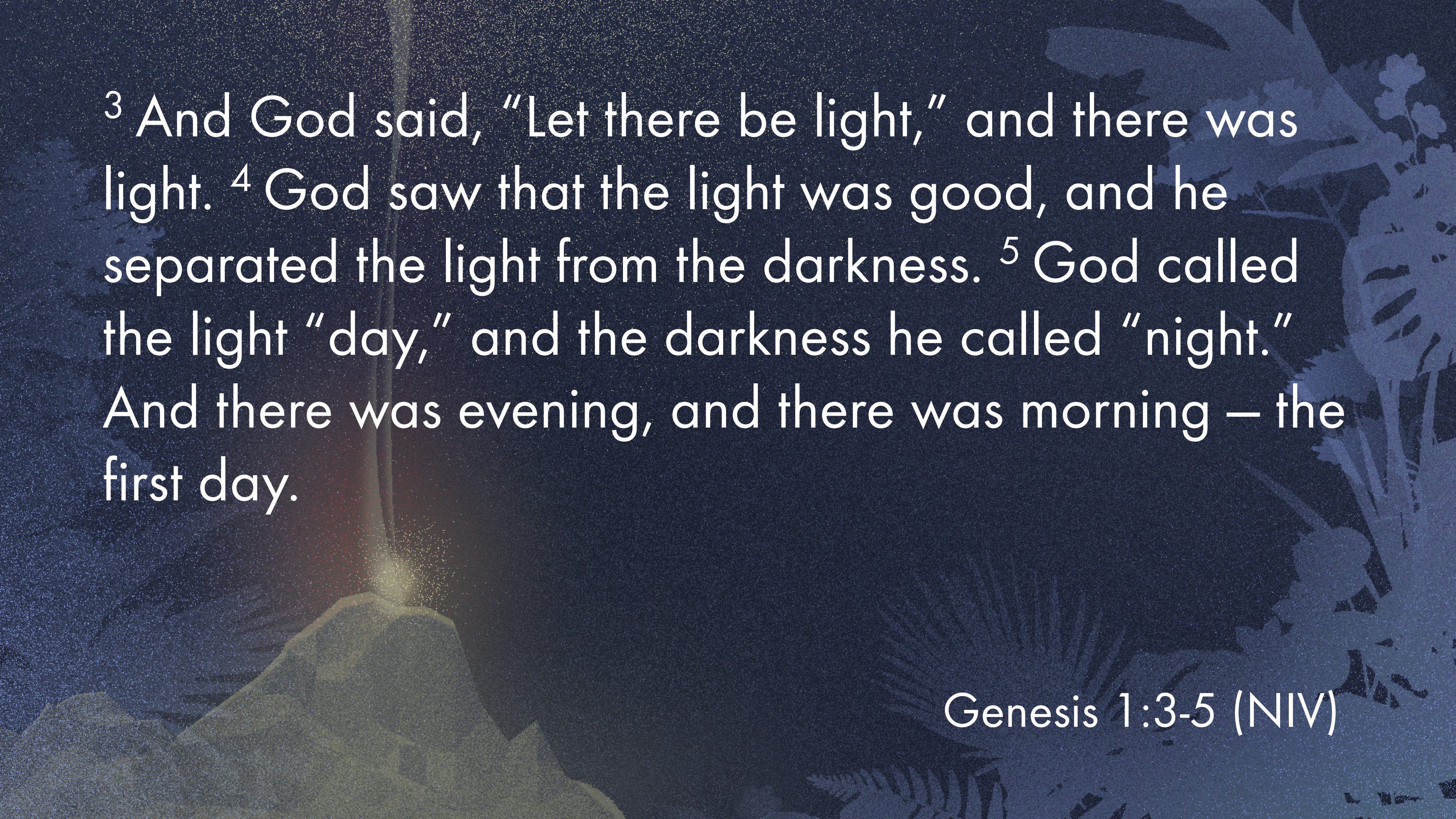
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³ And God said, "Let there be light," and there was light. ⁴ God saw that the light was good, and he separated the light from the darkness. ⁵ God called the light "day," and the darkness he called "night." And there was evening, and there was morning — the first day.

Genesis 1:3-5 (NIV)



What is God like?

He's immensely powerful.





He separates the sea and sky (day 2)

Creates plants and trees (day 3)

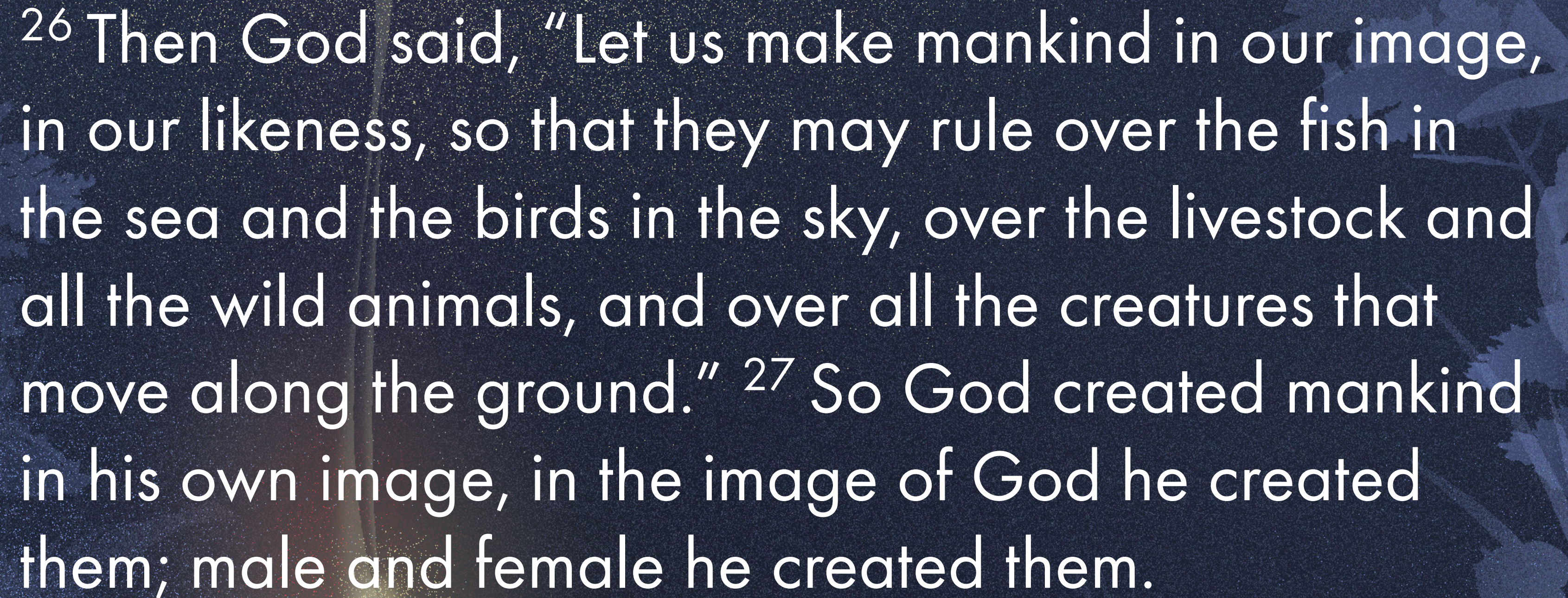
Puts lights in the sky to order time (day 4)

Fills his creation with living creatures (days 5 & 6)



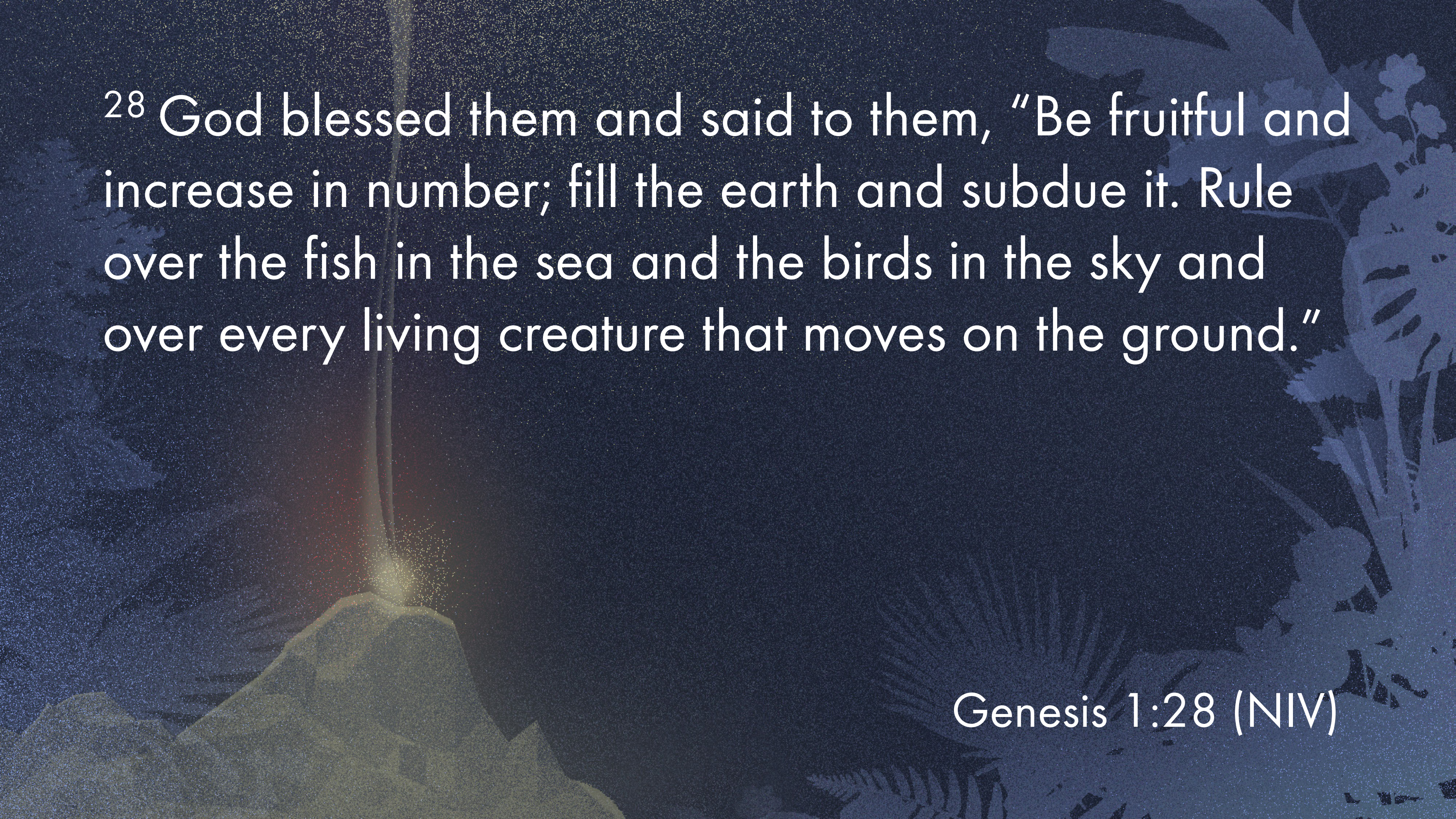
How is God at work in the world?

From the beginning of the Story to the end of the Story, God is actively at work bringing order out of chaos.



²⁶ Then God said, "Let us make mankind in our image, in our likeness, so that they may rule over the fish in the sea and the birds in the sky, over the livestock and all the wild animals, and over all the creatures that move along the ground." ²⁷ So God created mankind in his own image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them.

Genesis 1:26-27 (NIV)



28 God blessed them and said to them, "Be fruitful and increase in number; fill the earth and subdue it. Rule over the fish in the sea and the birds in the sky and over every living creature that moves on the ground."

Genesis 1:28 (NIV)

³¹ God saw all that he had made, and it was very good. And there was evening, and there was morning — the sixth day. ¹ Thus the heavens and the earth were completed in all their vast array. ² By the seventh day God had finished the work he had been doing; so on the seventh day he rested from all his work. ³ Then God blessed the seventh day and made it holy, because on it he rested from all the work of creating that he had done.

Genesis 1:31-2:3 (NIV)



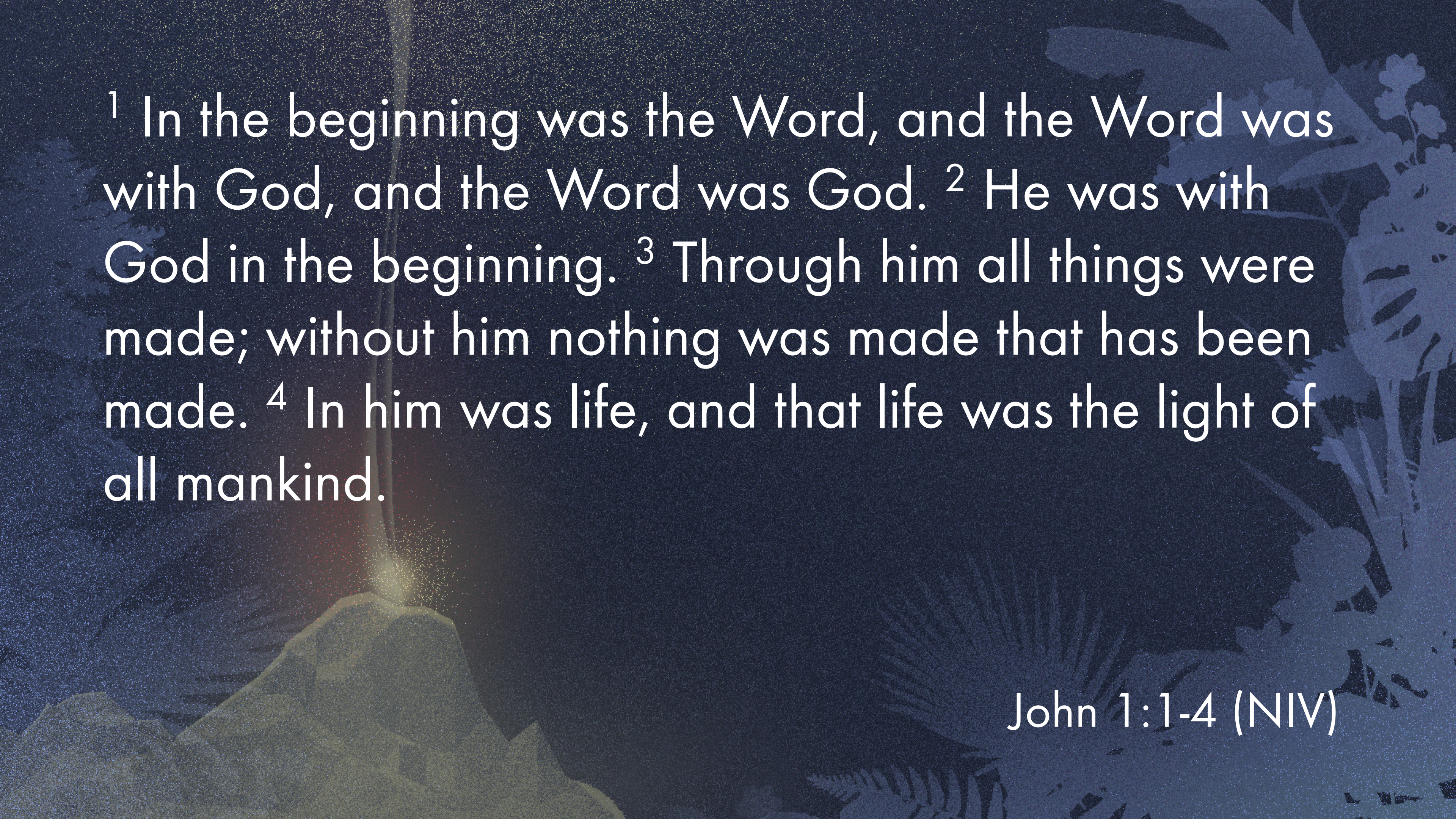
What is the purpose of creation?

Creation serves as God's temple,
the place where He dwells.



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¹ In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ² He was with God in the beginning. ³ Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made. ⁴ In him was life, and that life was the light of all mankind.

John 1:1-4 (NIV)



⁵ The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness
has not overcome it.

John 1:5 (NIV)

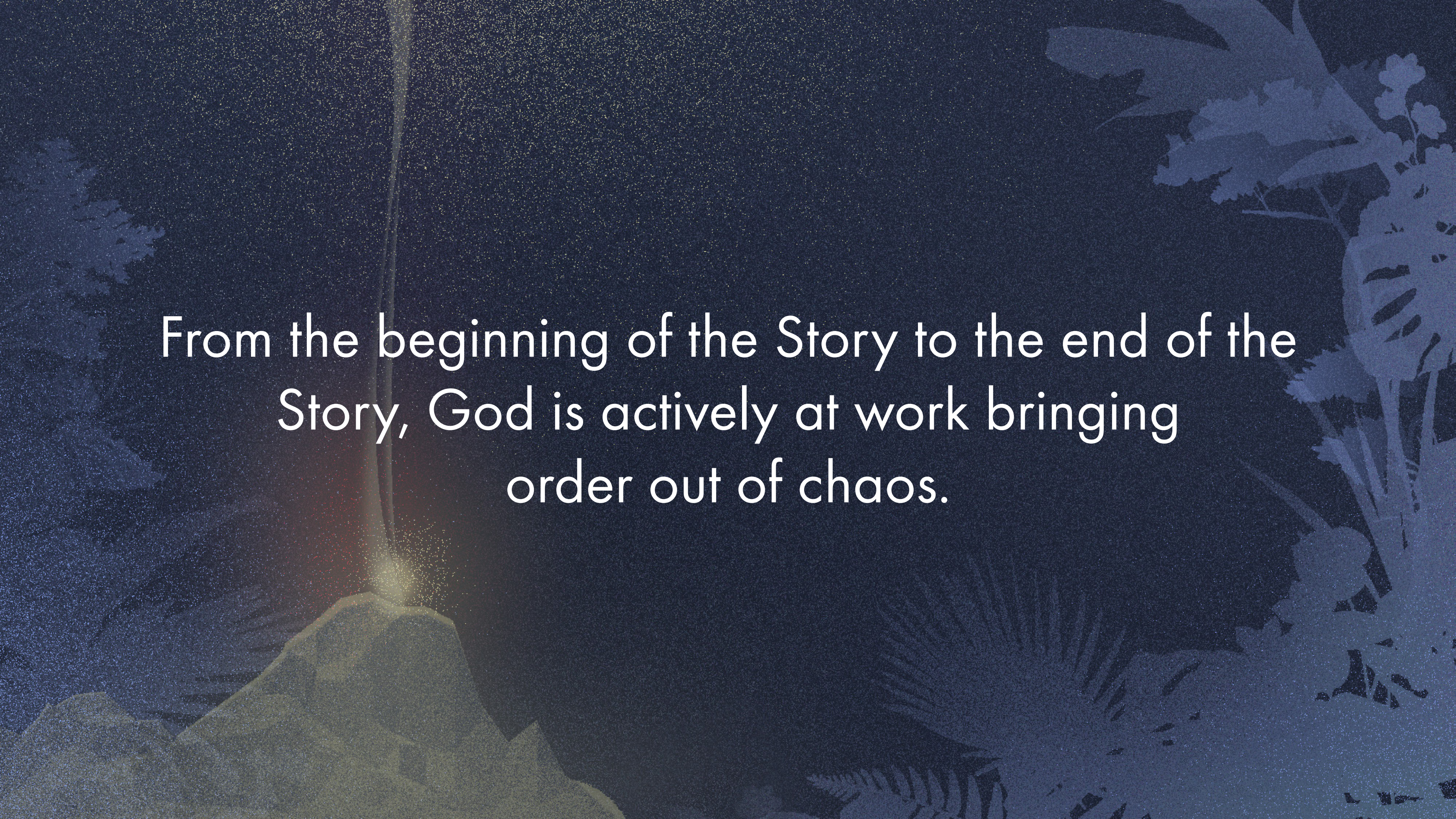


¹⁴ The Word became flesh and made his dwelling
among us.

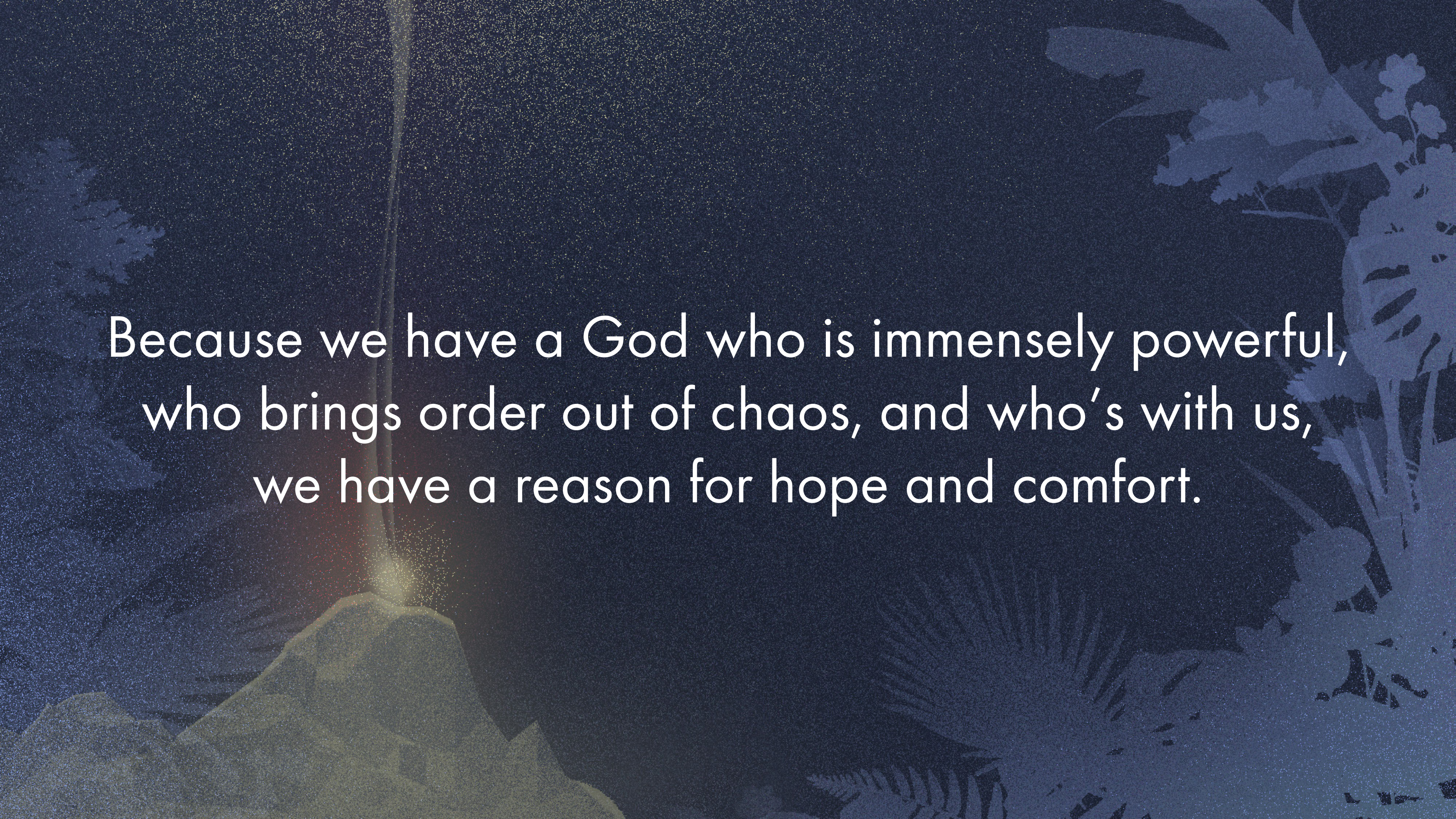
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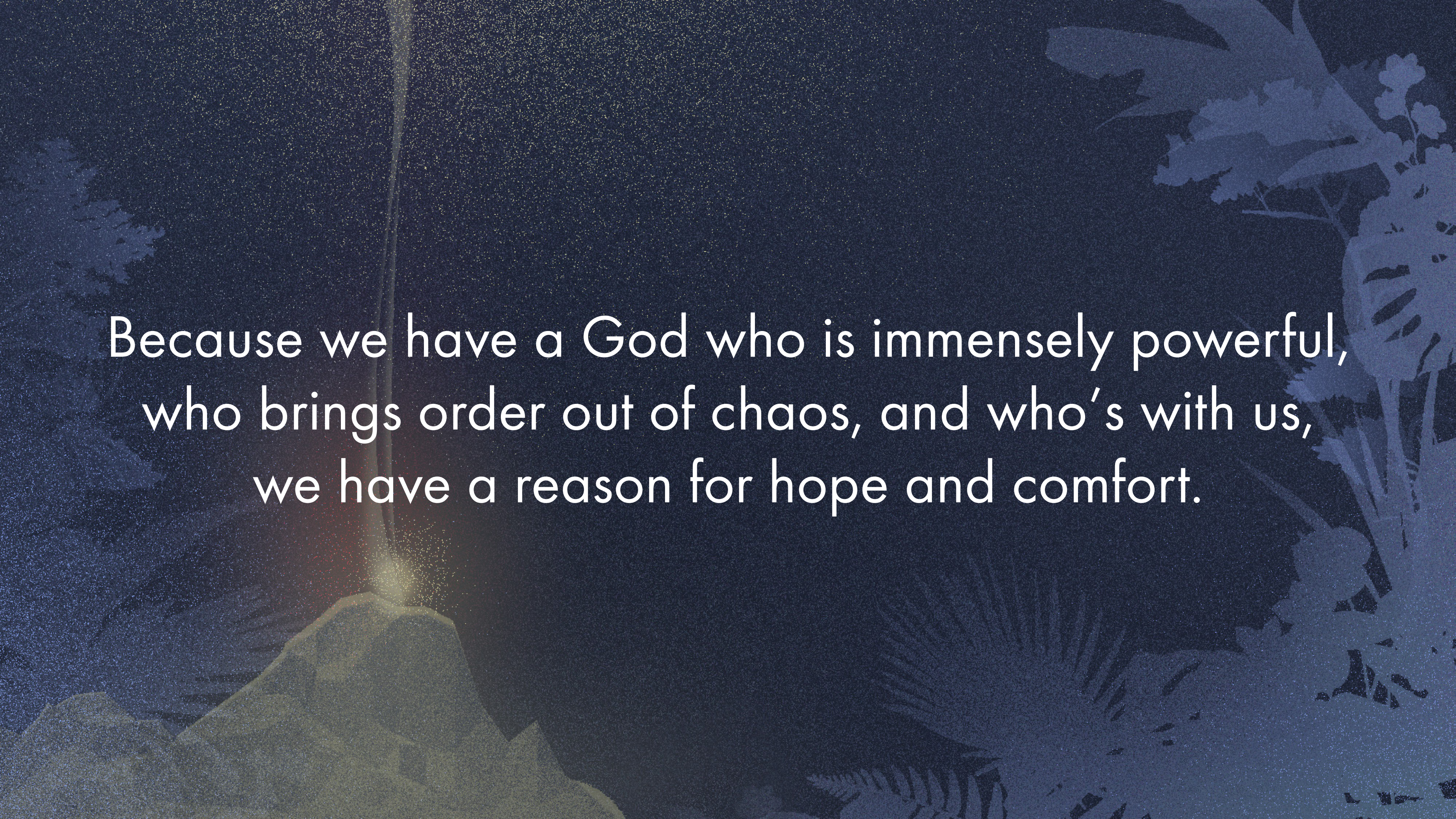
God not only **separates** darkness and light to keep chaos and disorder at bay, but the light **invades** the darkness and overcomes it.

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