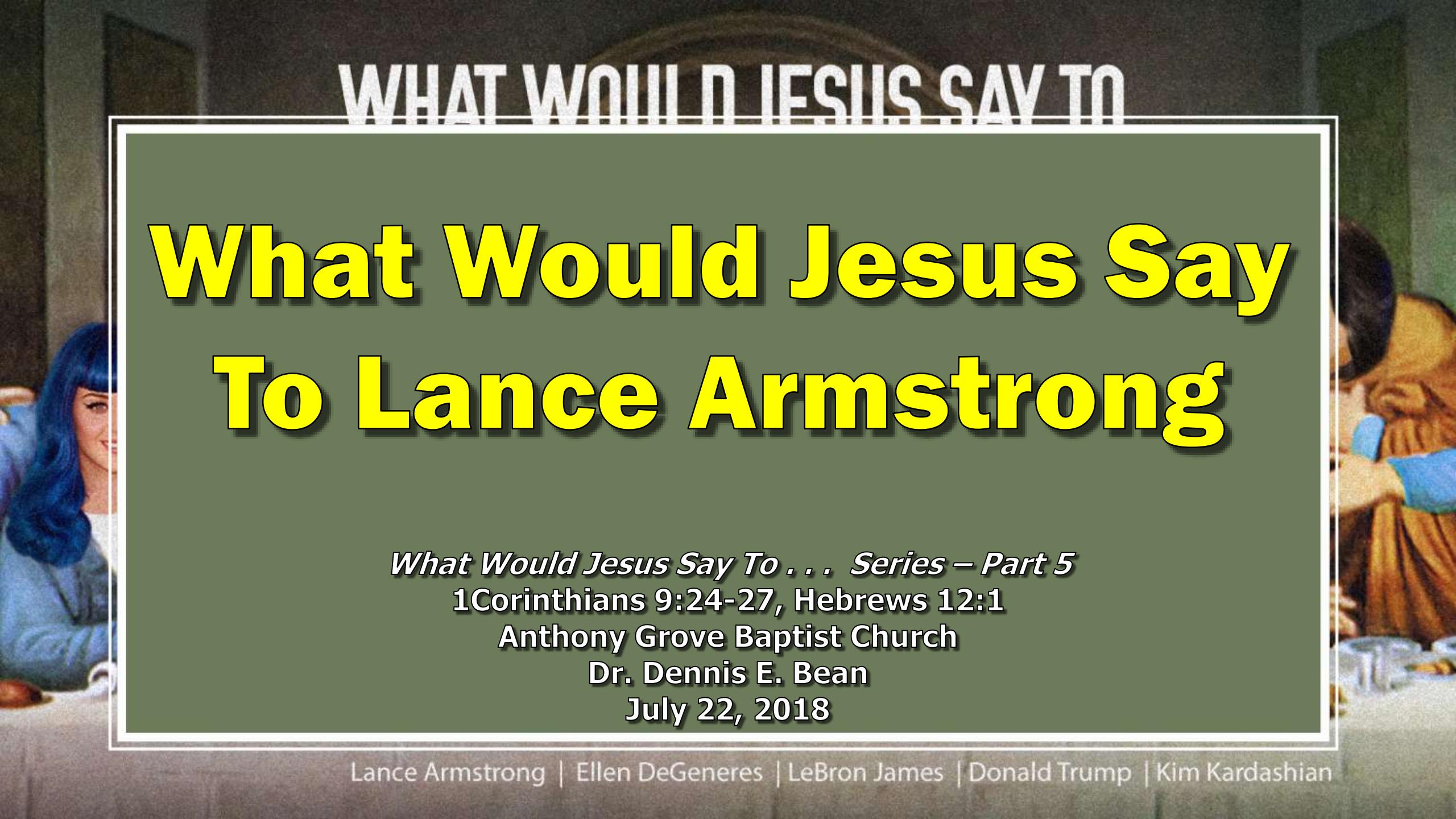


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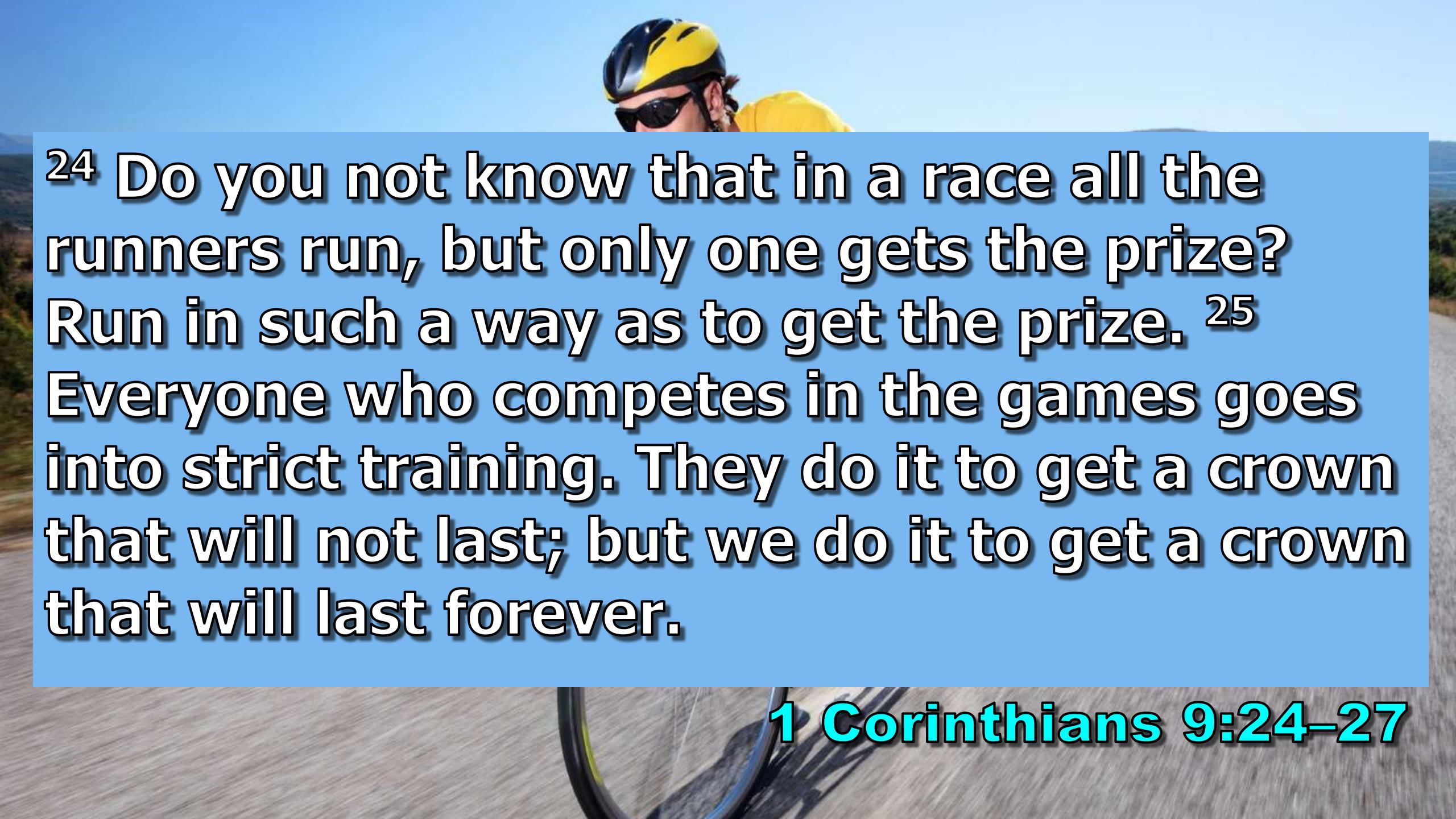
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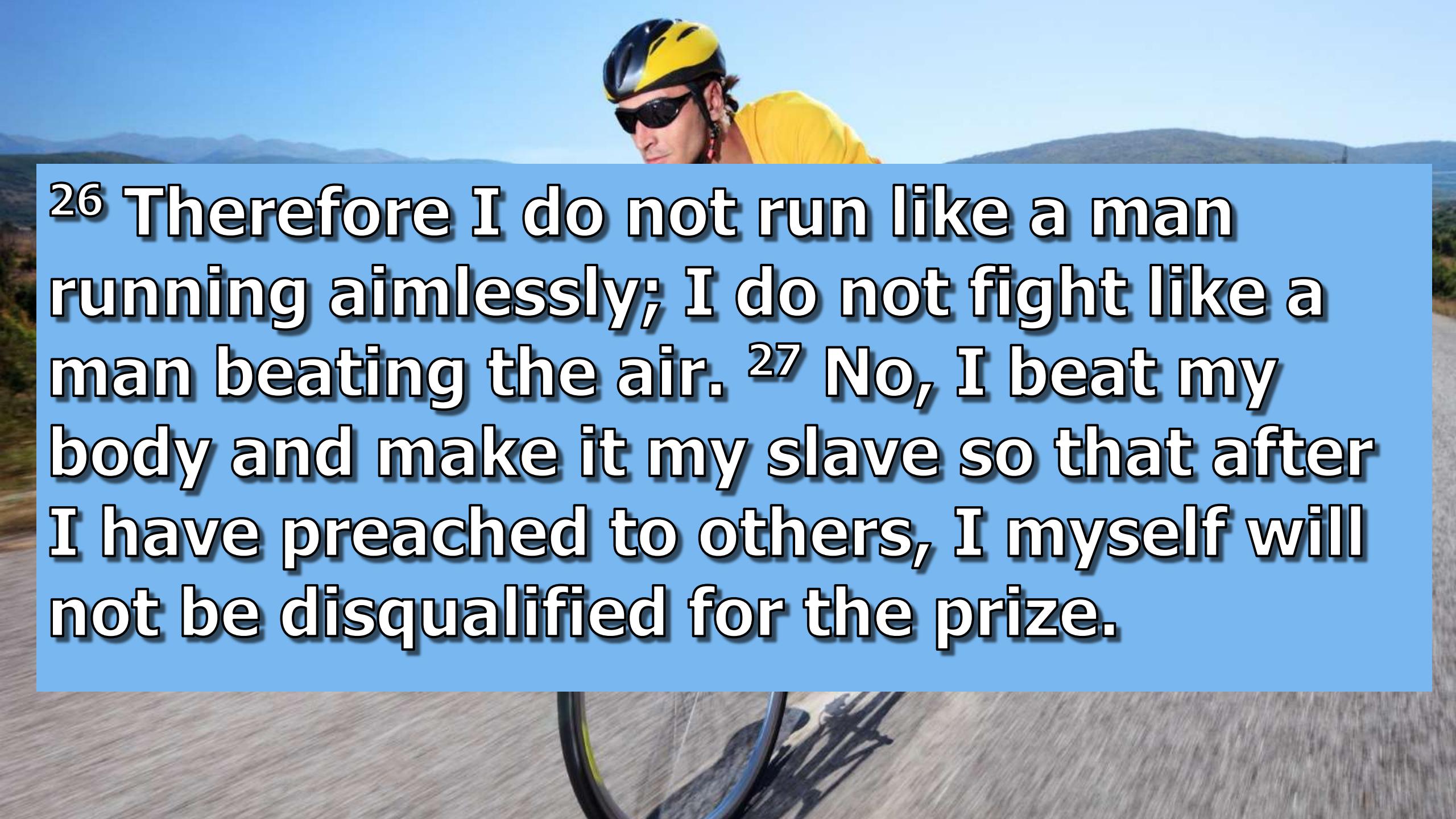
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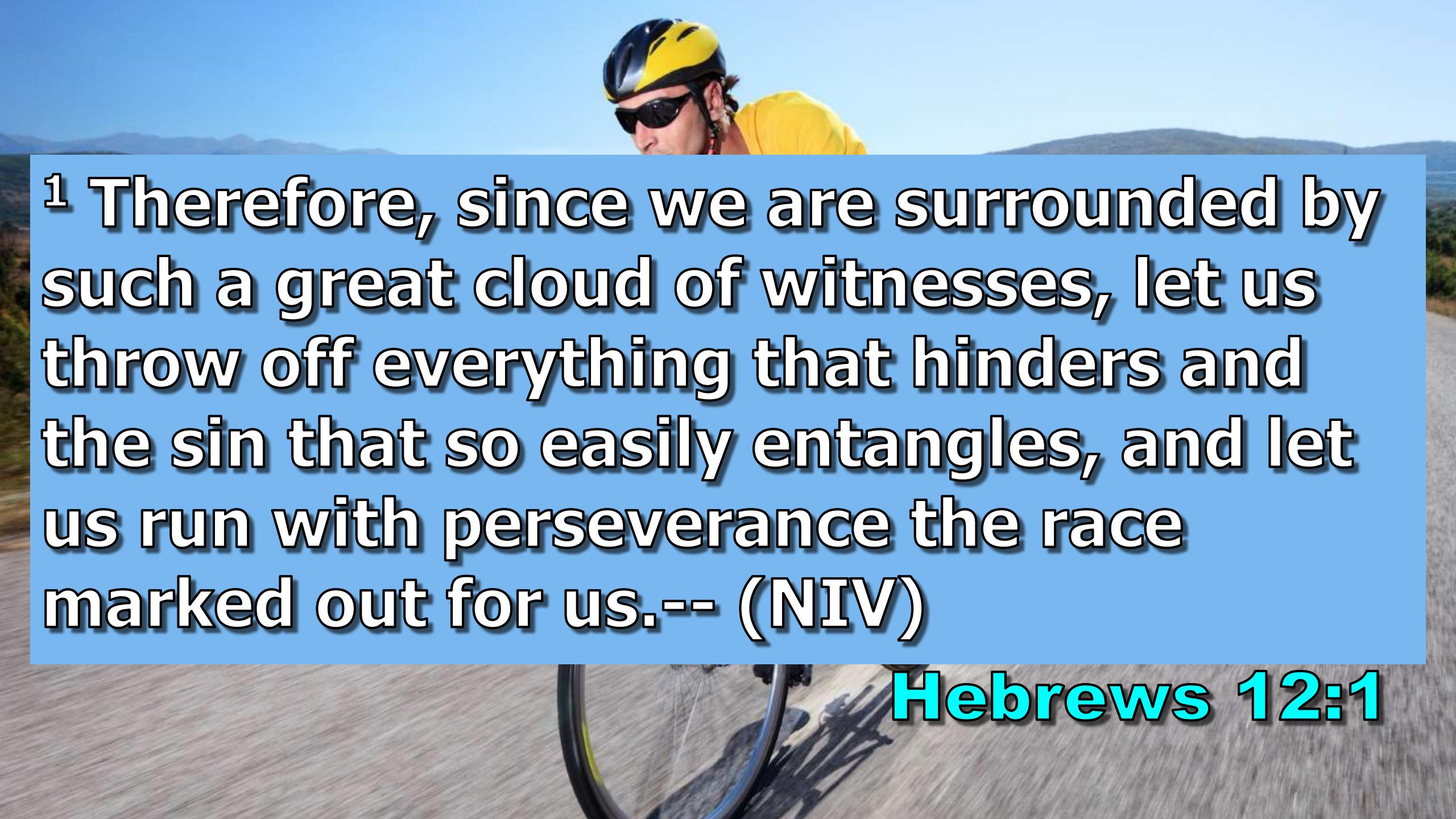


**24** Do you not know that in a race all the runners run, but only one gets the prize? Run in such a way as to get the prize. **25** Everyone who competes in the games goes into strict training. They do it to get a crown that will not last; but we do it to get a crown that will last forever.

**1 Corinthians 9:24-27**



**26** Therefore I do not run like a man running aimlessly; I do not fight like a man beating the air. **27** No, I beat my body and make it my slave so that after I have preached to others, I myself will not be disqualified for the prize.



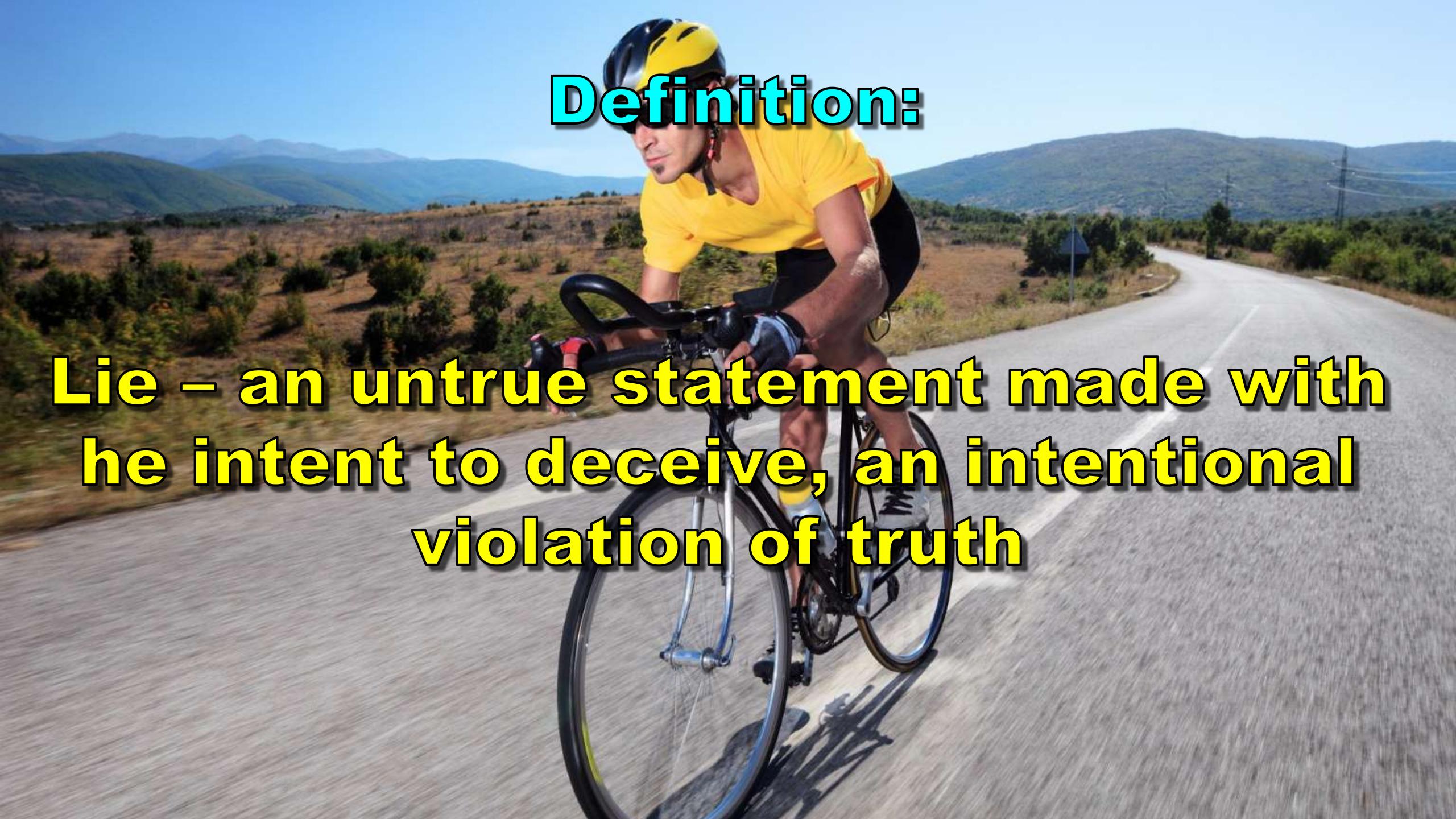
**1 Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles, and let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us.-- (NIV)**

**Hebrews 12:1**

A cyclist in a yellow jersey and helmet is riding a road bike on a paved road. The background shows rolling hills and mountains under a clear blue sky.

# Introduction:

A. One Word Description For Lance Is Deception.

A cyclist in a yellow shirt and helmet is riding a road bike on a paved road through a hilly landscape. The background shows rolling hills under a clear blue sky.

# **Definition:**

**Lie – an untrue statement made with  
the intent to deceive, an intentional  
violation of truth**

A professional cyclist in a bright yellow jersey and helmet is riding a road bike on a paved road. The background shows rolling hills and mountains under a clear blue sky.

B. Lance Is A \_\_\_\_\_.

**Tremendous Athlete.**

C. Lance Is A \_\_\_\_\_.

**Compassionate  
Cancer Survivor**

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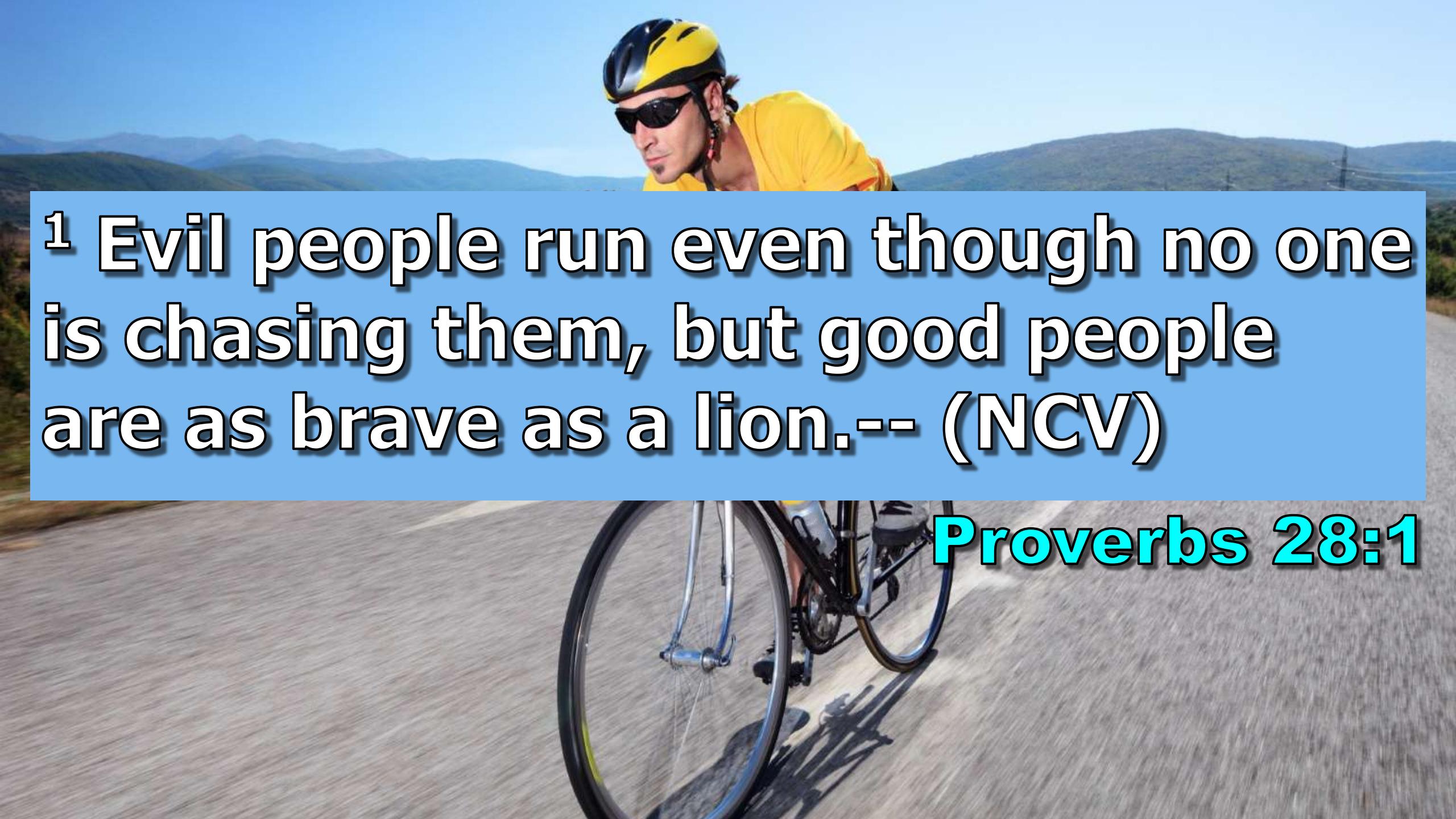
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# 1. You Cannot Run From Your Pain.

Psalm 55:6<sup>6</sup> I said, “Oh, that I had the wings of a dove! I would fly away and be at rest--- (NIV)



**1 Evil people run even though no one  
is chasing them, but good people  
are as brave as a lion.-- (NCV)**

**Proverbs 28:1**

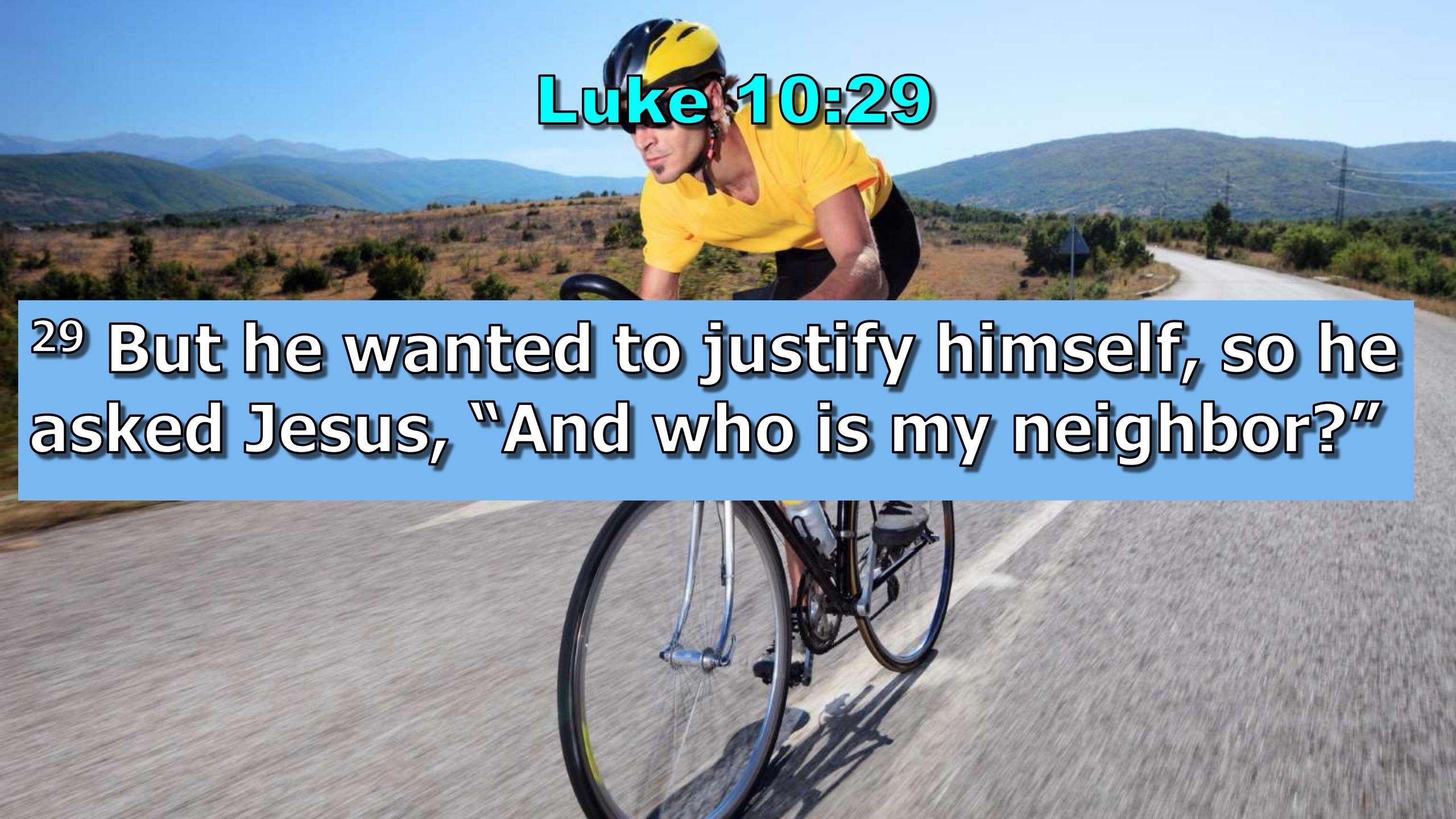
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**“Your past forms you,  
whether you like it or not.”**

**- Lance Armstrong**

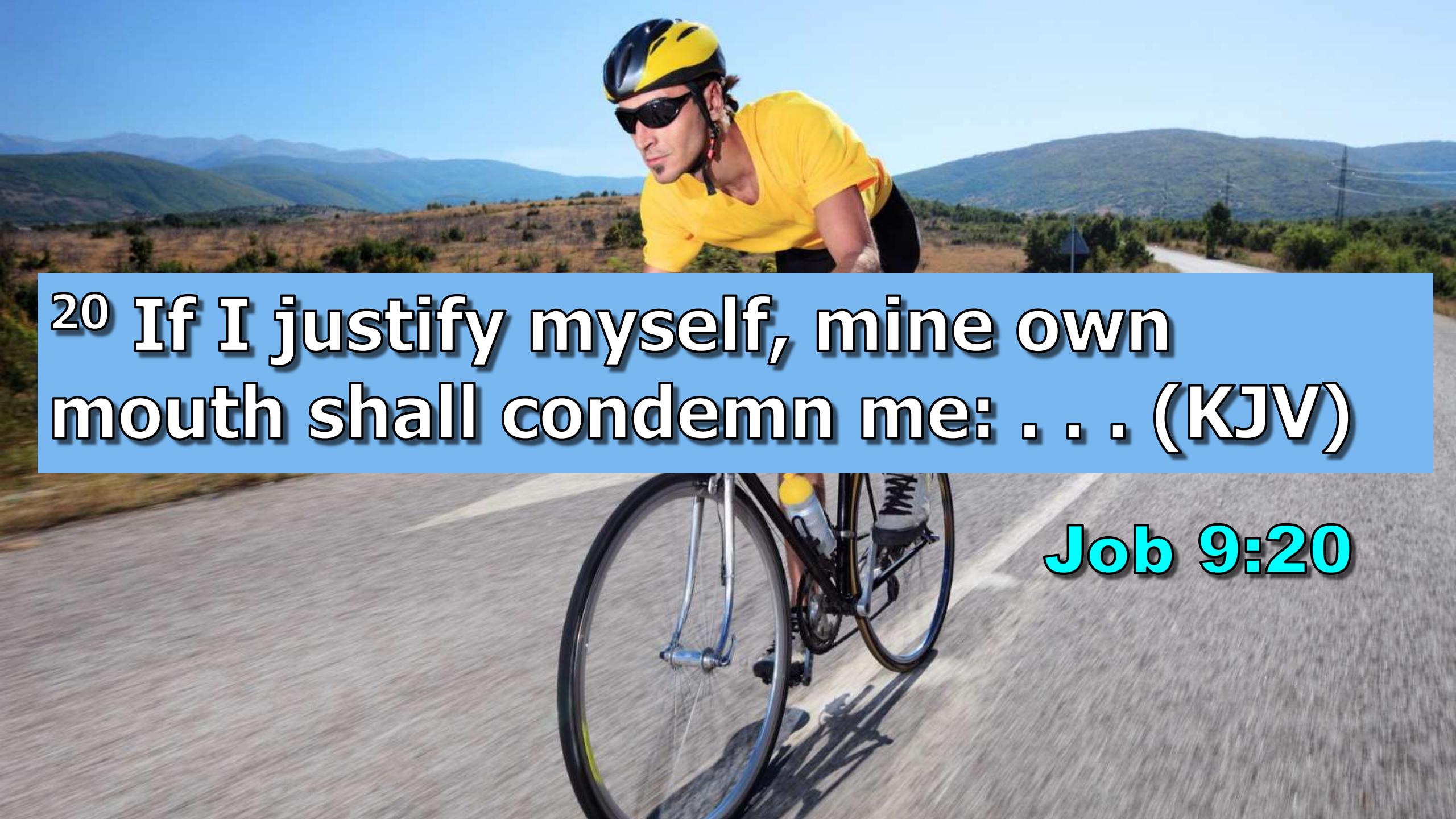
## **2. You Cannot Justify Your Sin.**

Luke 16:15<sup>15</sup> Jesus said to them, "You are the ones who justify yourselves in the eyes of men, but God knows your hearts. What is highly valued among men is detestable in God's sight.-- (NIV)



Luke 10:29

29 But he wanted to justify himself, so he asked Jesus, “And who is my neighbor?”



**20 If I justify myself, mine own  
mouth shall condemn me: . . . (KJV)**

**Job 9:20**

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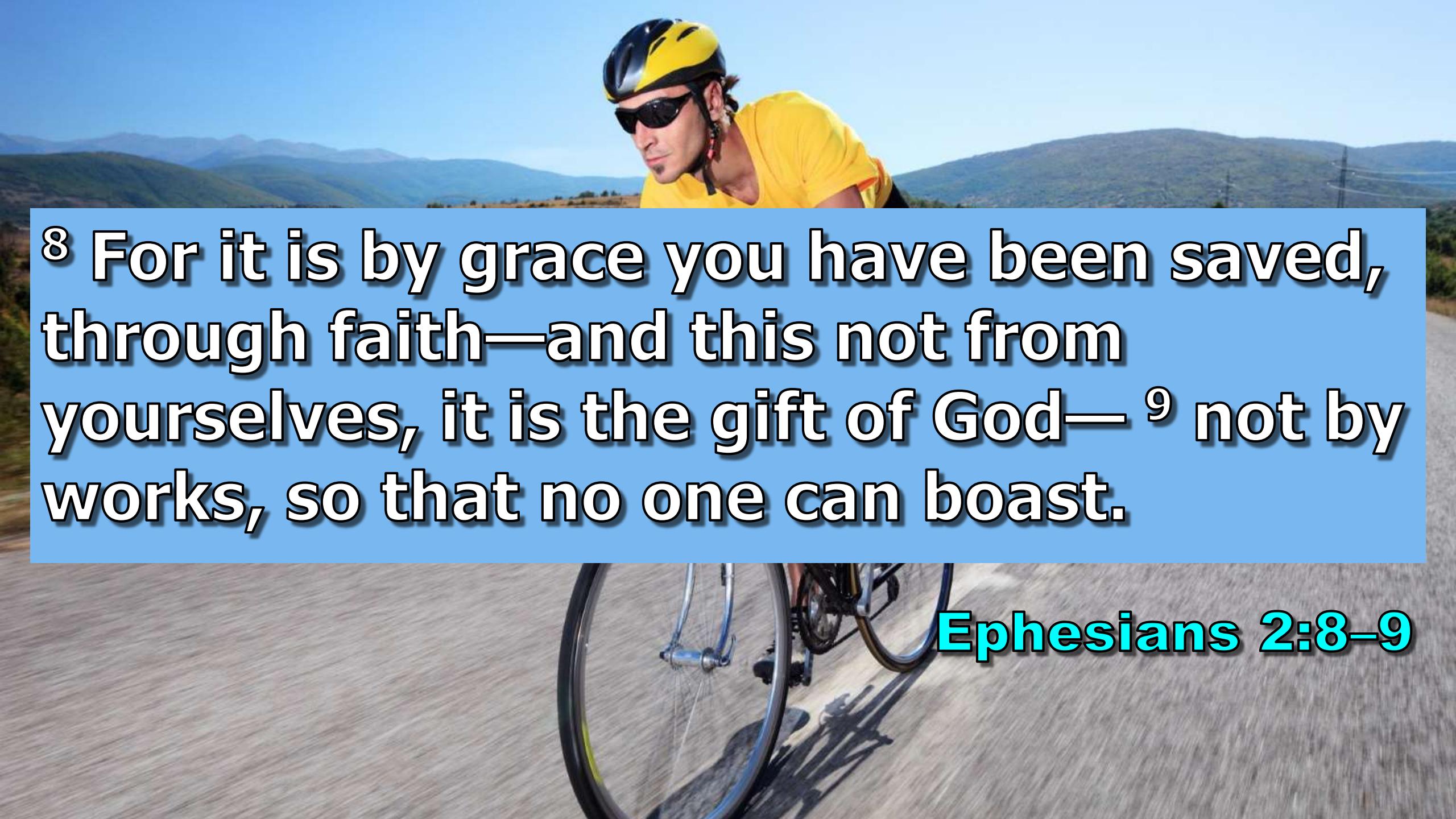
**"I didn't invent the culture,  
but I didn't try to stop the  
culture."**

**-Lance Armstrong**

**3. Your Good Does Not Undo The Bad.**



**Proverbs 14:12<sup>12</sup> There is a way that seems right to a man, but in the end it leads to death.-- (NIV)**



**8 For it is by grace you have been saved,  
through faith—and this not from  
yourselves, it is the gift of God— 9 not by  
works, so that no one can boast.**

**Ephesians 2:8-9**

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*"If I did that, if I was good to my family, true to my friends, if I gave back to my community or to some cause, if I wasn't a liar, a cheat, or a thief, then I believed that should be enough."*

- Its Not About The Bike , pg. 117

#### **4. Nothing Is More Important Than Your Soul.**

**Matthew 16:26<sup>26</sup> What good will it be for a man if he gains the whole world, yet forfeits his soul? Or what can a man give in exchange for his soul?**

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**"Before my diagnosis, I was a competitor, but not a fierce competitor. Then I said I will do anything I need to survive. Then I brought that ruthless, win at all costs attitude into cycling."**

**-Lance Armstrong**

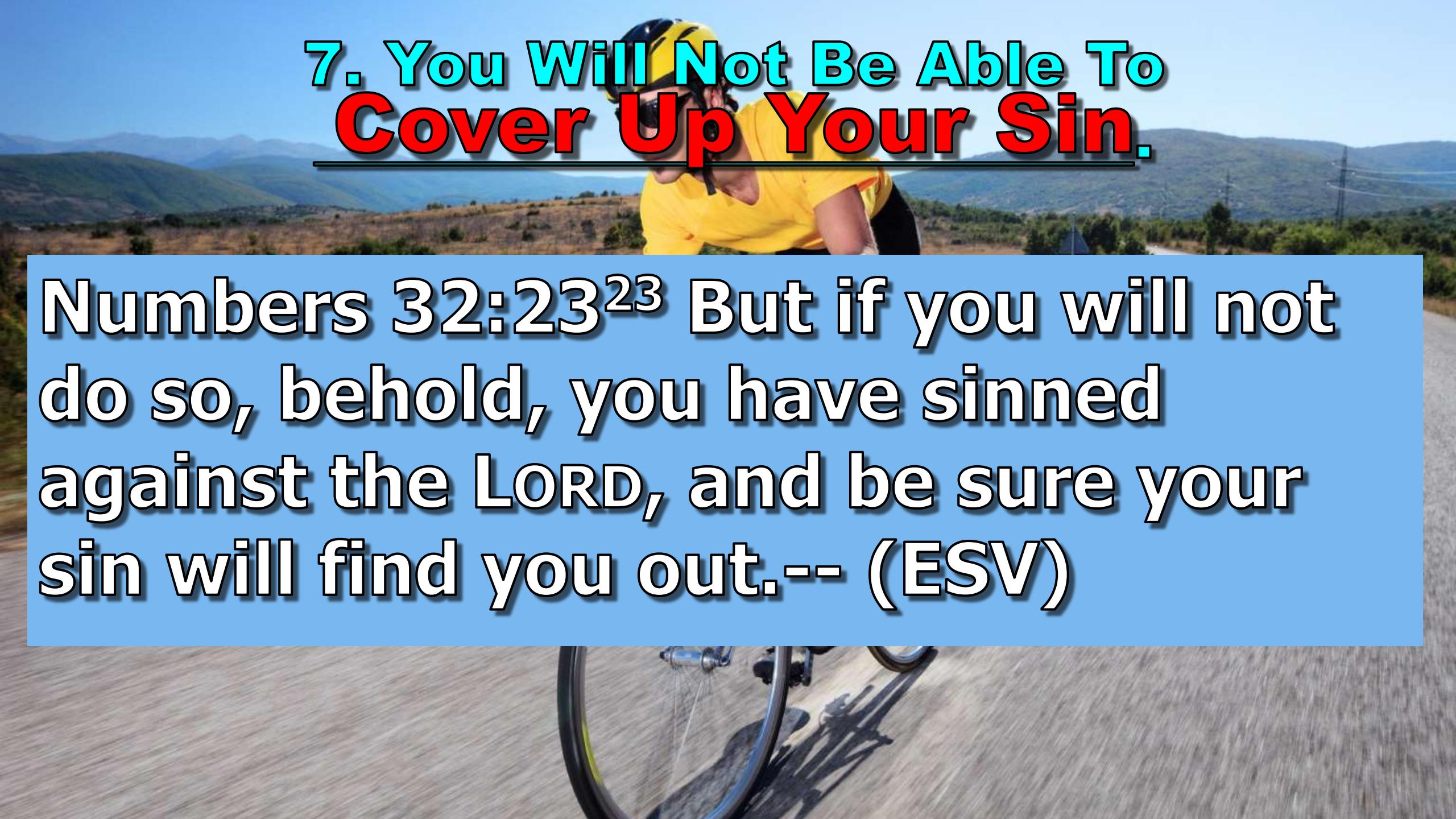
## **5. To Really Win You Must Play By The Rules.**

**1 Corinthians 9:24<sup>24</sup> Do you not know  
that in a race all the runners run, but  
only one gets the prize? Run in such a  
way as to get the prize.**



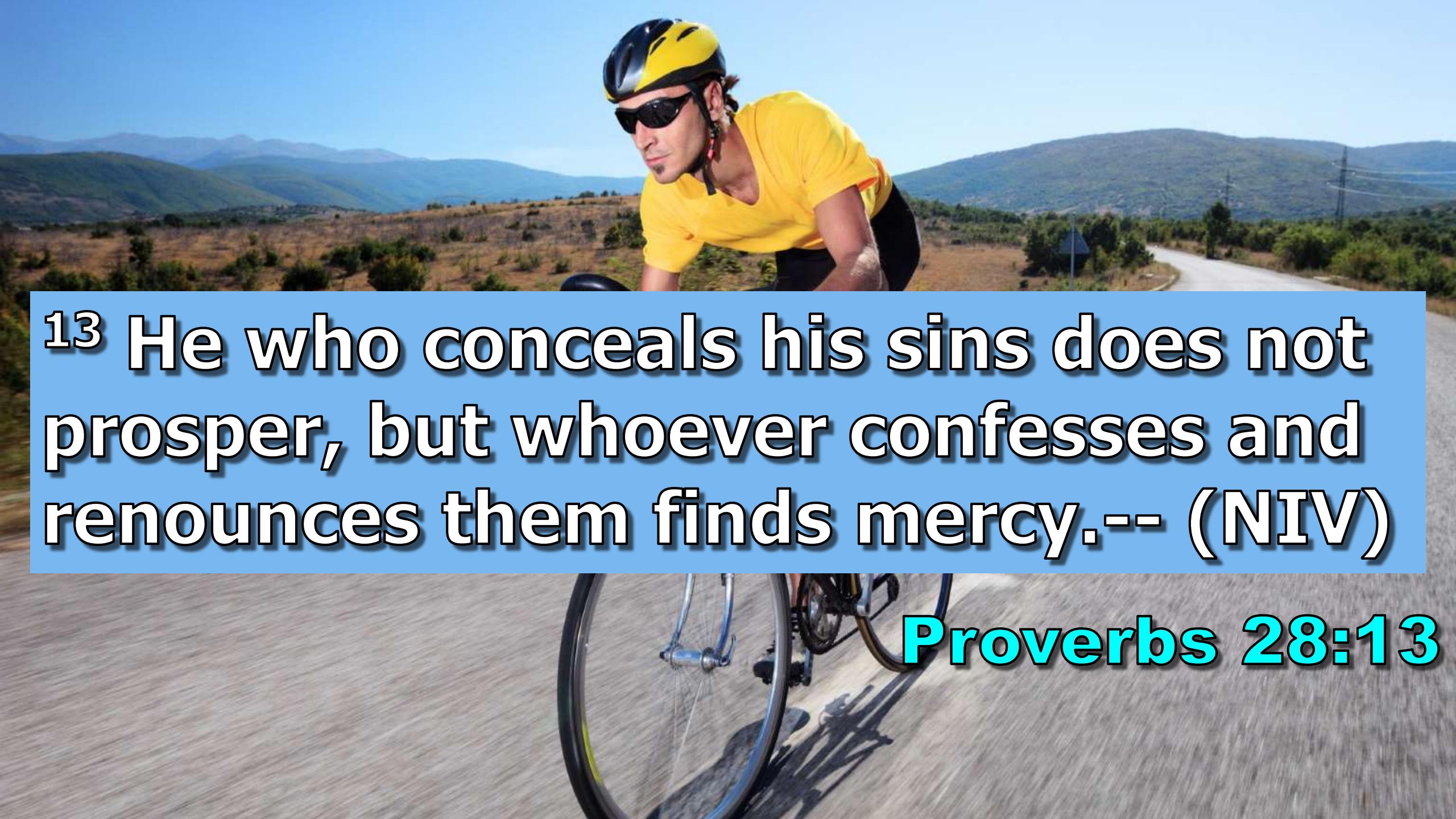
## 6. Don't Get Disqualified From Your Reward.

1 Corinthians 9:27<sup>27</sup> No, I beat my body and make it my slave so that after I have preached to others, I myself will not be disqualified for the prize.-- (NIV)



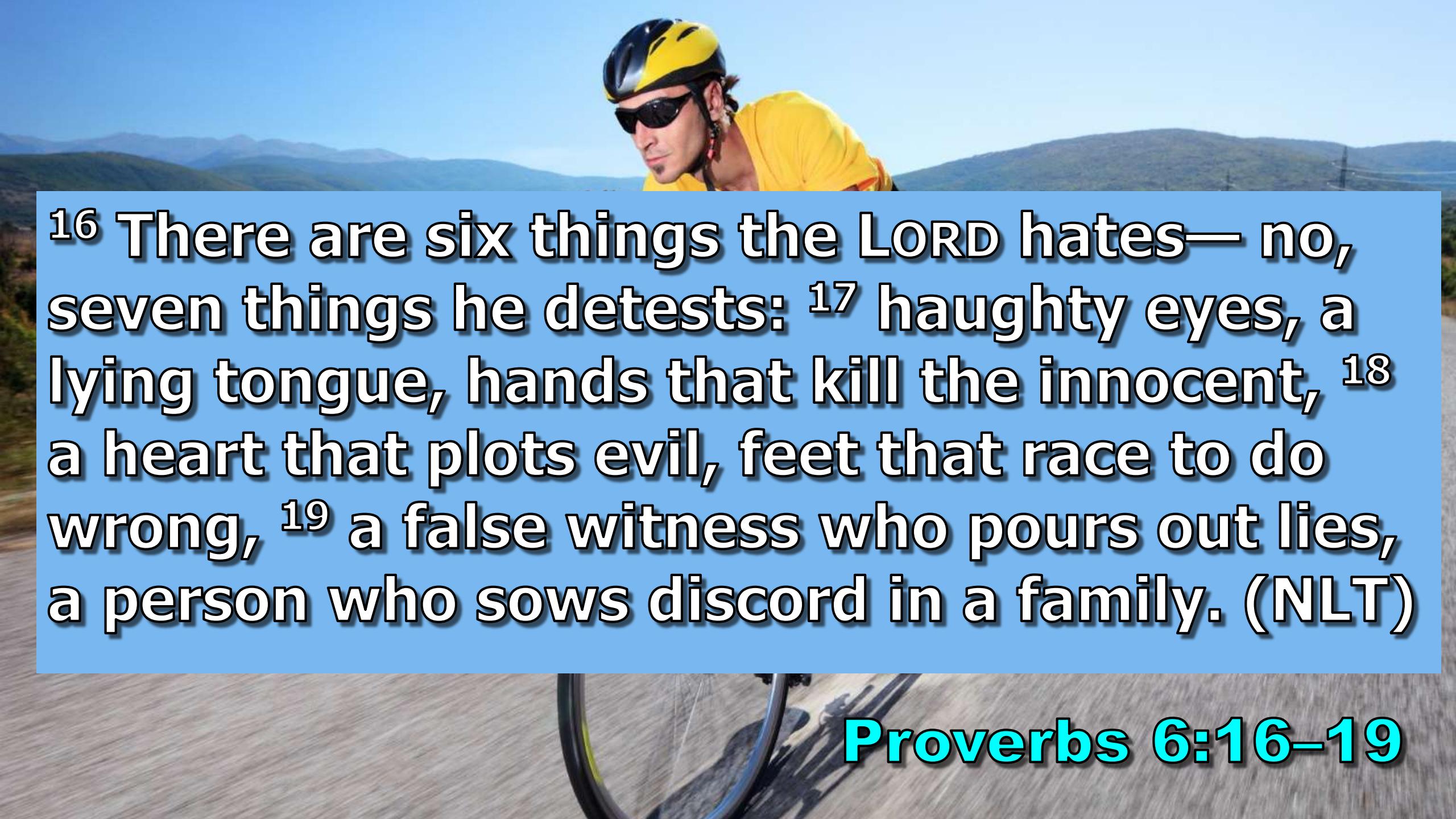
## **7. You Will Not Be Able To Cover Up Your Sin.**

**Numbers 32:23<sup>23</sup> But if you will not do so, behold, you have sinned against the LORD, and be sure your sin will find you out.-- (ESV)**



**13 He who conceals his sins does not prosper, but whoever confesses and renounces them finds mercy.-- (NIV)**

**Proverbs 28:13**



**16** There are six things the LORD hates— no, seven things he detests: **17** haughty eyes, a lying tongue, hands that kill the innocent, **18** a heart that plots evil, feet that race to do wrong, **19** a false witness who pours out lies, a person who sows discord in a family. (NLT)

**Proverbs 6:16–19**

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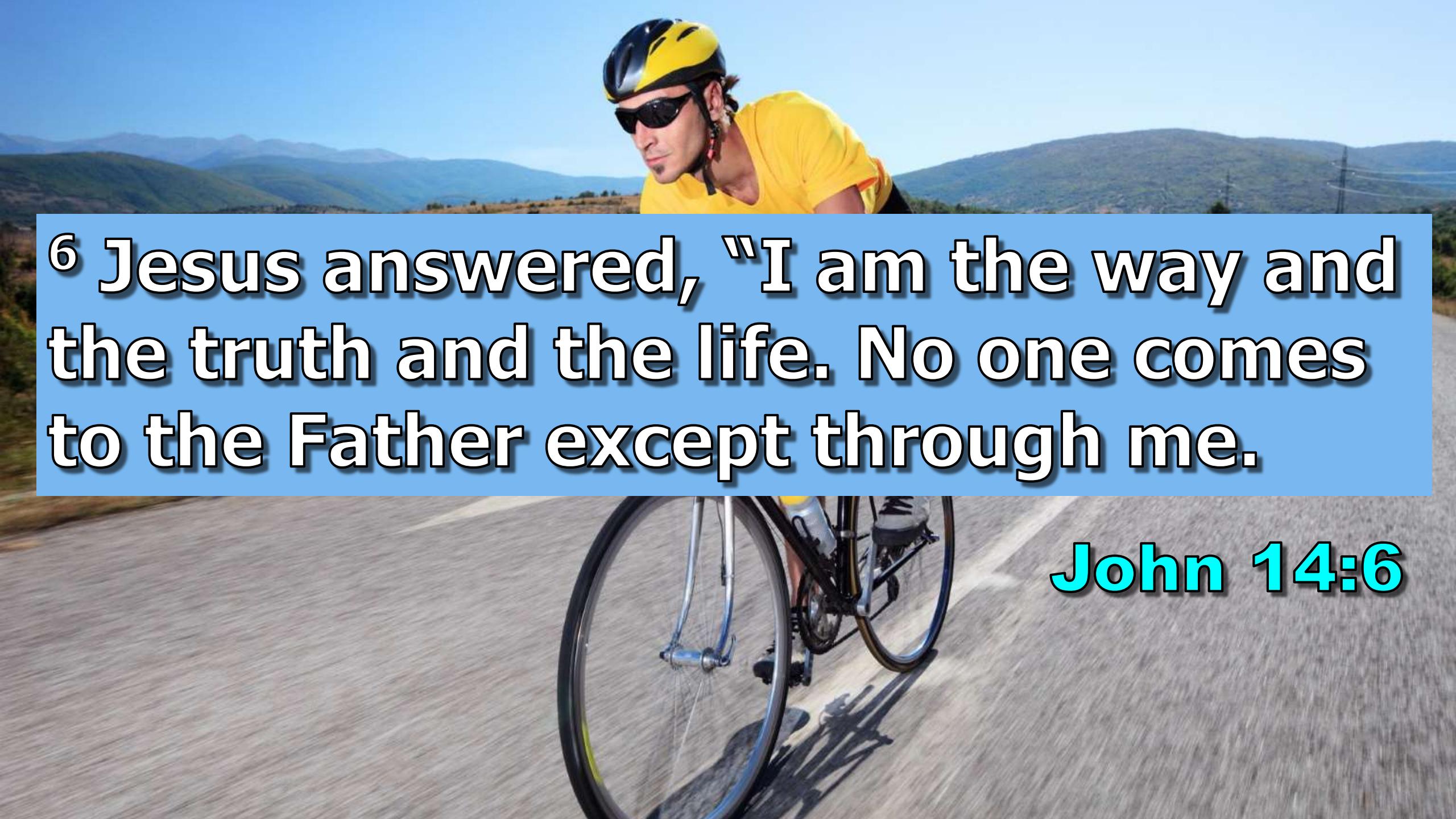
*Hi, I'm Lance Armstrong. And actually I  
am a liar and a cheat and a thief.*

**-Lance Armstrong  
(Oprah Winfrey Show)**



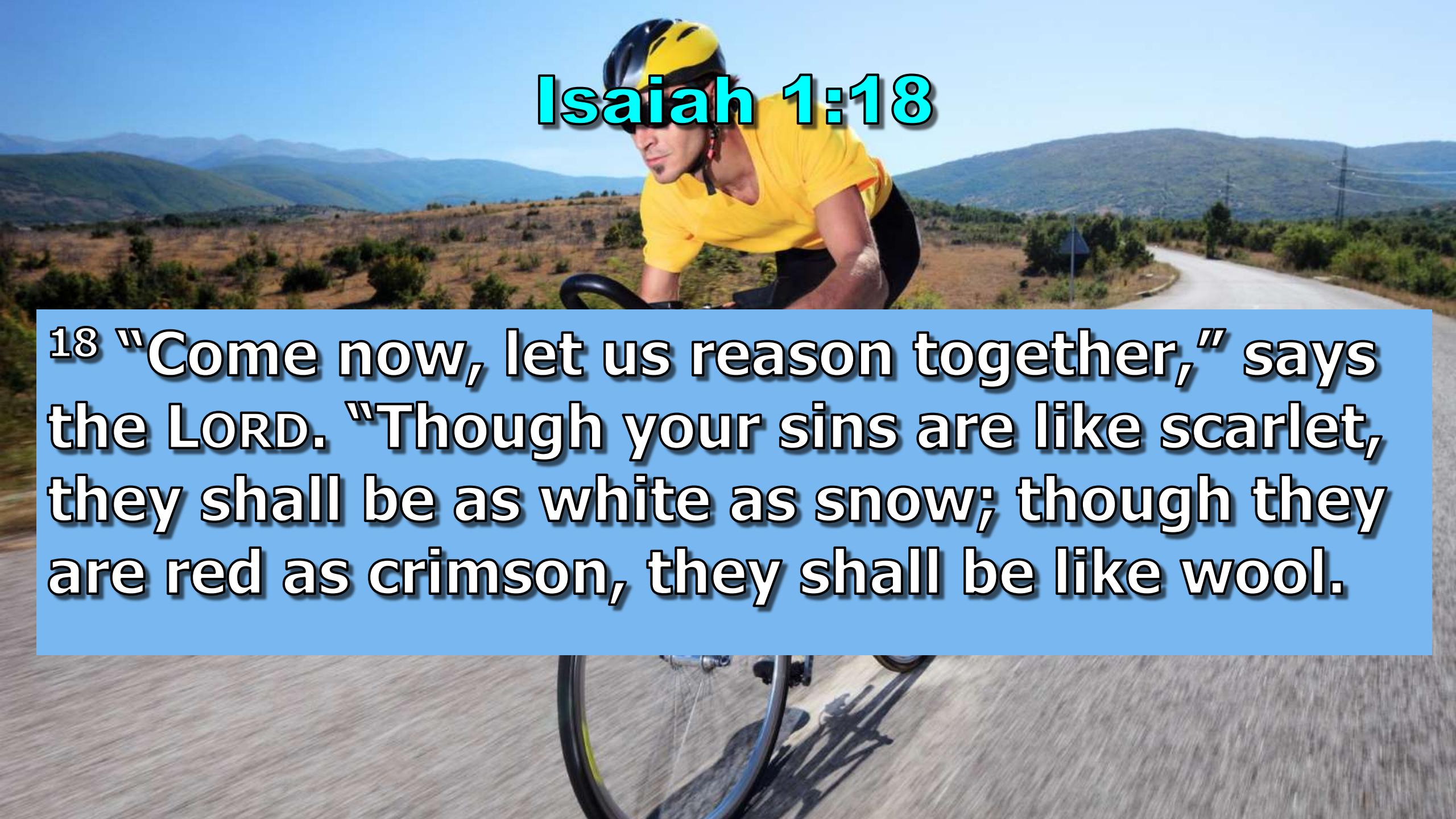
8. The Truth Will Set You Free.

John 8:32<sup>32</sup> Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.”-- (NIV)



**6 Jesus answered, “I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.**

**John 14:6**



# **Isaiah 1:18**

**18 "Come now, let us reason together," says the LORD. "Though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they are red as crimson, they shall be like wool.**

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