

A night sky with the Milky Way galaxy and a starburst, with the word 'IMAGINE' overlaid in large white letters. The background is a deep blue and purple night sky filled with stars and the Milky Way galaxy. A bright starburst is visible in the upper center. The word 'IMAGINE' is written in large, bold, white, sans-serif capital letters, centered horizontally and framed by two thin white horizontal lines above and below it. The bottom of the image shows a dark silhouette of a mountain range.

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**“For a child is born to us,
a son is given to us. The
government will rest on
his shoulders. And he will
be called: Wonderful
Counselor, Mighty God,
Everlasting Father,
Prince of Peace.”**

Isaiah 9:6-7 NLT

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“Shalom”

**contentment,
completeness, wholeness,
well-being and harmony**

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“And he will stand to lead his flock with the Lord’s strength, in the majesty of the name of the Lord his God. Then his people will live there undisturbed, for he will be highly honored around the world. And he will be the source of peace.”

Micah 5:4-5 NLT

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“This is the message of Good News for the people of Israel—that there is peace with God through Jesus Christ, who is Lord of all.”

Acts 10:36 NLT

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The webbing together of God, humans, and all creation in justice, fulfillment, and delight is what the Hebrew prophets call shalom. We call it peace but it means far more than mere peace of mind or a cease-fire between enemies.

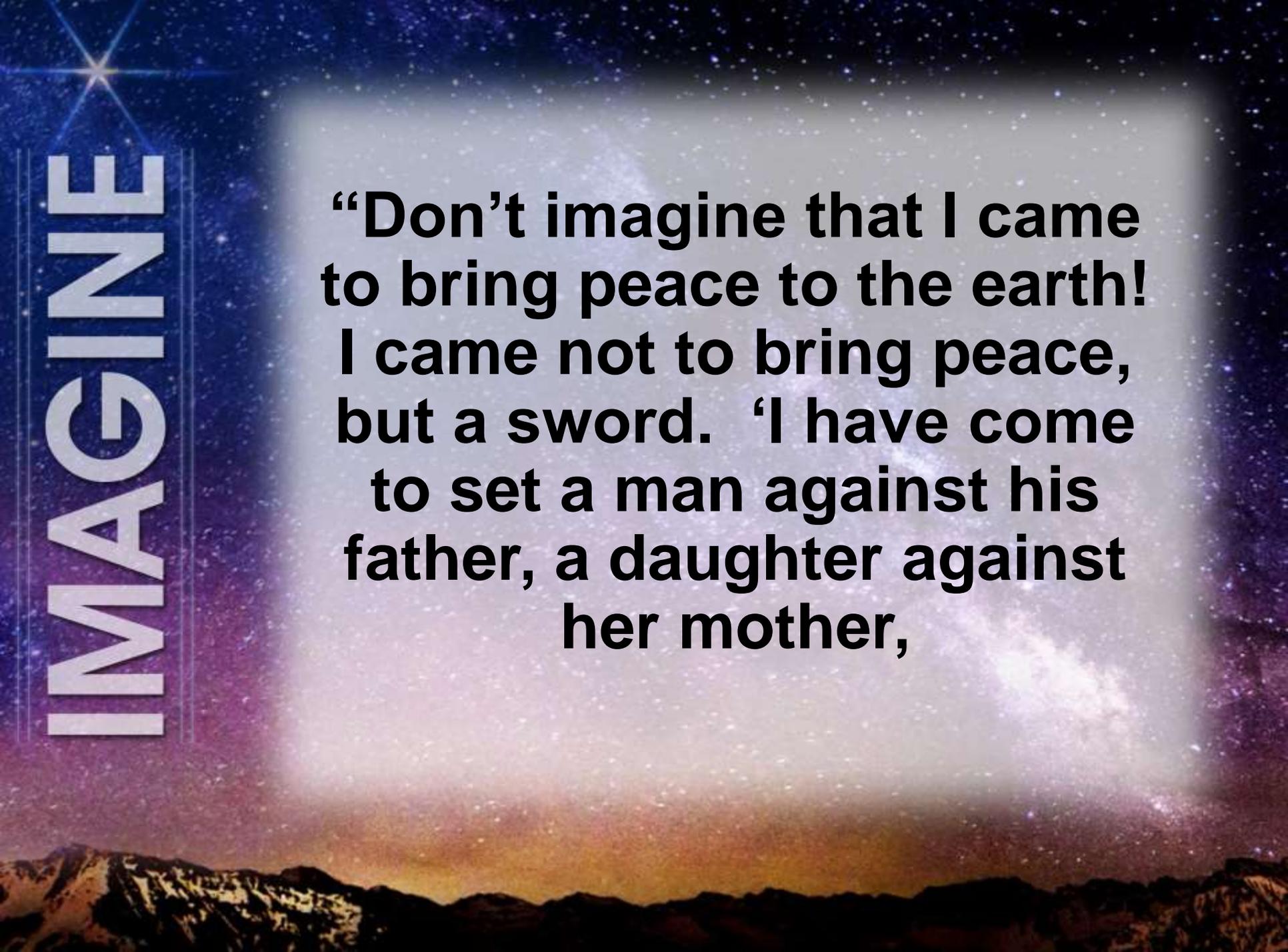
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In the Bible, shalom means universal flourishing, wholeness and delight – a rich state of affairs in which natural needs are satisfied and natural gifts fruitfully employed, a state of affairs that inspires joyful wonder

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as its Creator and Savior opens doors and welcomes the creatures in whom he delights. Shalom, in other words, is the way things ought to be.”

**Cornelius Plantinga
“Not the Way It’s Supposed
to Be: A Breviary of Sin”**

The background of the slide is a night sky filled with stars and a faint Milky Way galaxy. In the top left corner, there is a bright starburst effect. At the bottom of the image, a dark silhouette of a mountain range is visible against the horizon. The word "IMAGINE" is written vertically on the left side in a large, white, sans-serif font, enclosed within a thin white rectangular border.

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“Don’t imagine that I came to bring peace to the earth! I came not to bring peace, but a sword. ‘I have come to set a man against his father, a daughter against her mother,

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**and a daughter-in-law
against her mother-in-law.
Your enemies will be right
in your own household!'**

Matthew 10: 34-36 NLT

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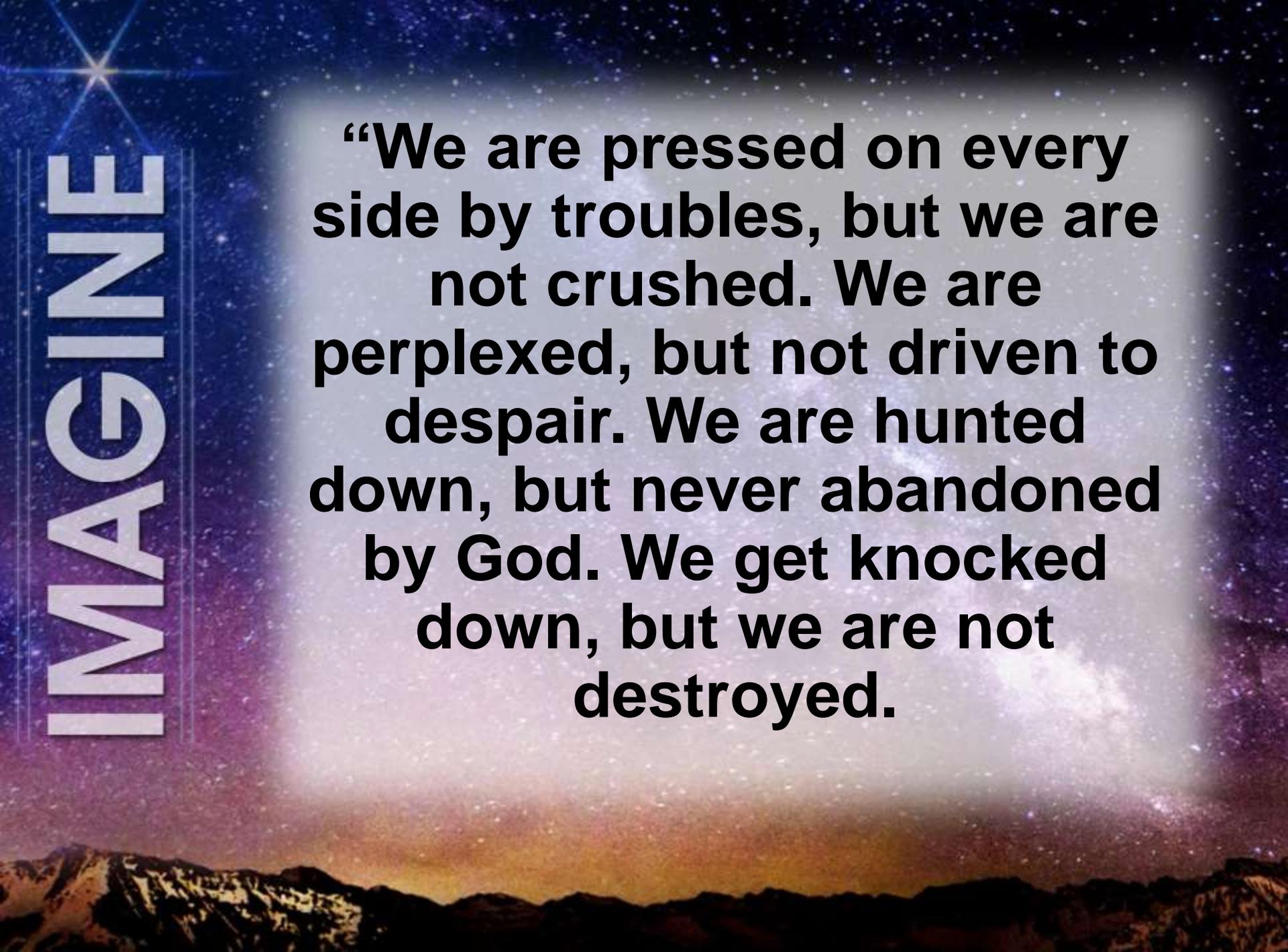
“I am leaving you with a gift—peace of mind and heart. And the peace I give is a gift the world cannot give. So don’t be troubled or afraid.”

John 14:27 NLT

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“I have told you these things, so that in me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world”

John 16:33 NLT



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“We are pressed on every side by troubles, but we are not crushed. We are perplexed, but not driven to despair. We are hunted down, but never abandoned by God. We get knocked down, but we are not destroyed.

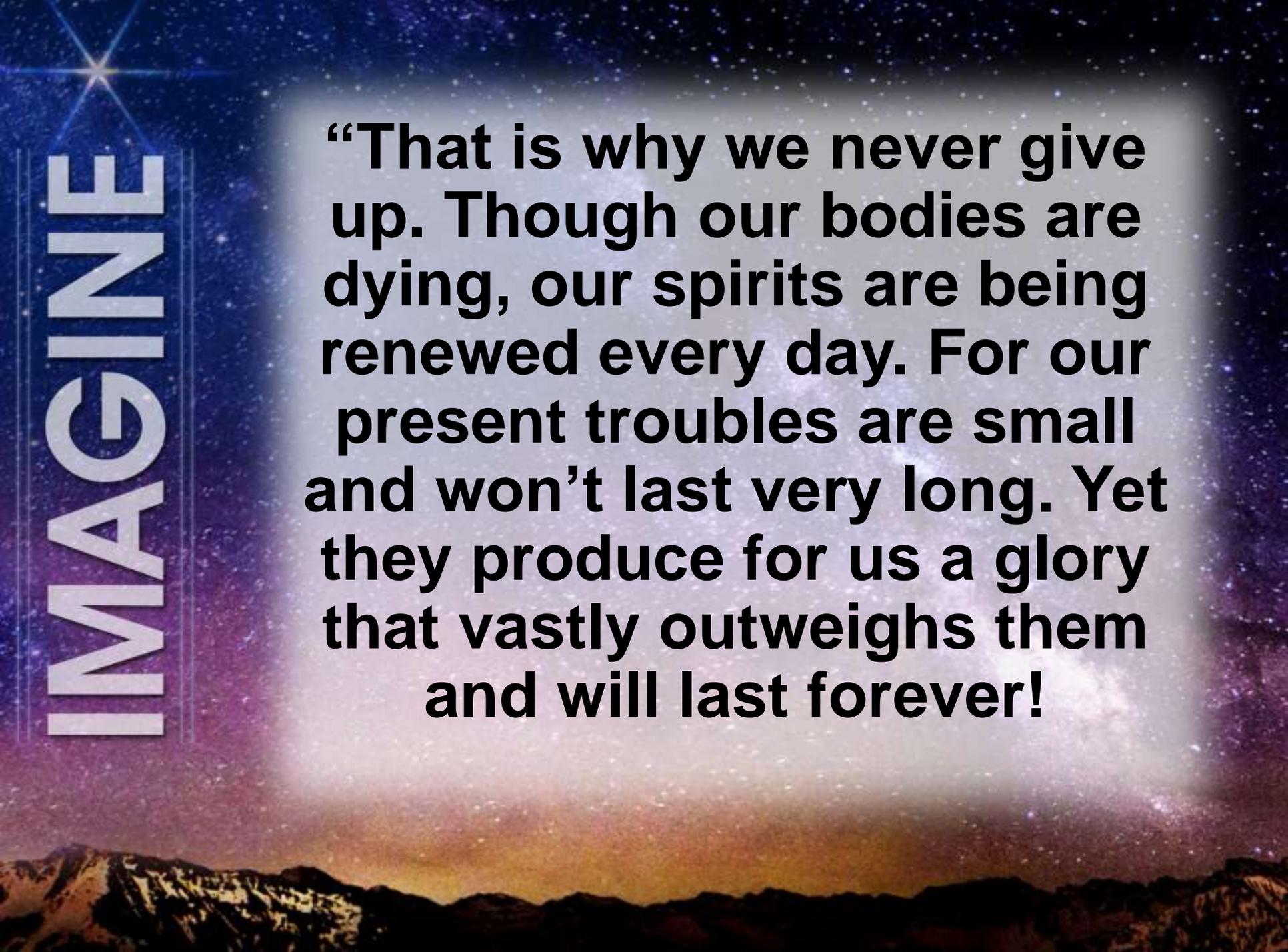
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Through suffering, our bodies continue to share in the death of Jesus so that the life of Jesus may also be seen in our bodies. Yes, we live under constant danger of death because we

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**serve Jesus, so that the life
of Jesus will be evident in
our dying bodies.”**

2 Corinthians 4:8-11 NLT



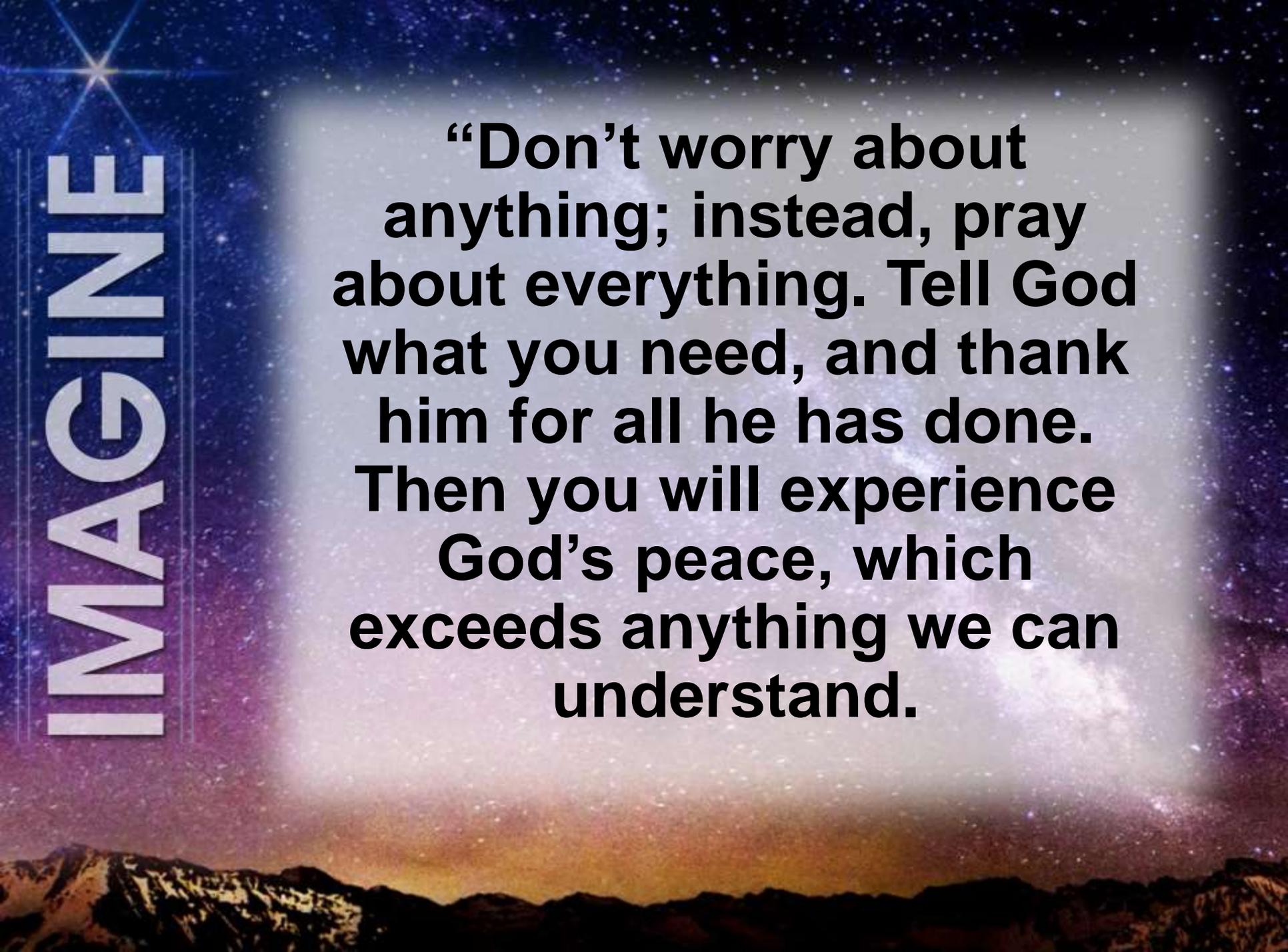
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“That is why we never give up. Though our bodies are dying, our spirits are being renewed every day. For our present troubles are small and won’t last very long. Yet they produce for us a glory that vastly outweighs them and will last forever!

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So we don't look at the troubles we can see now; rather, we fix our gaze on things that cannot be seen. For the things we see now will soon be gone, but the things we cannot see will last forever."

2 Corinthians 4:16-18 NLT



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“Don’t worry about anything; instead, pray about everything. Tell God what you need, and thank him for all he has done. Then you will experience God’s peace, which exceeds anything we can understand.

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His peace will guard your hearts and minds as you live in Christ Jesus.”

Philippians 4:6-7 NLT

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