

TRUST



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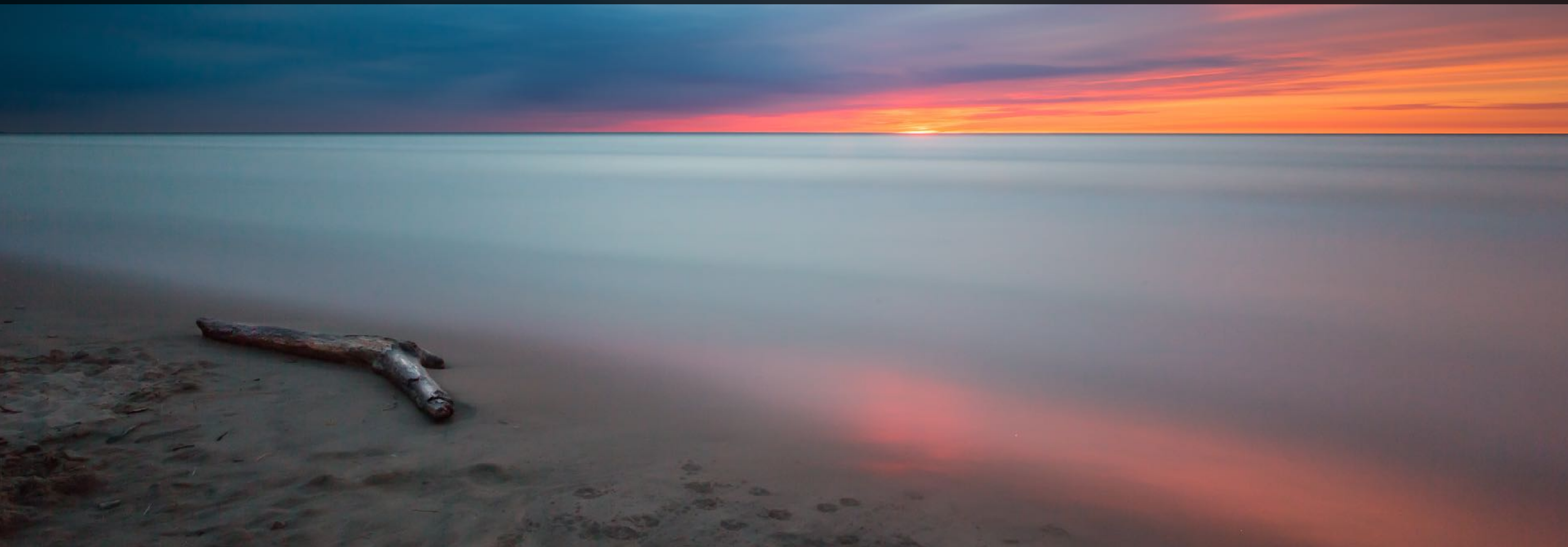
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In John 14:1, Jesus connects what happens in our hearts with trust. Without trust in God and him, our hearts are disturbed and agitated.



Trust gives tranquility to the troubled heart.



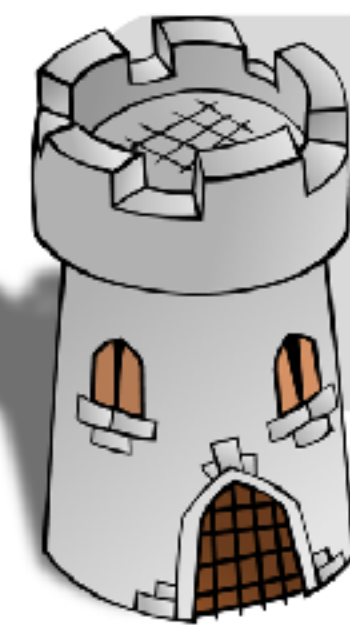
Jesus exhorts the disciples to trust during the Passion Week. It's the Last Supper and he's just finished washing his disciples' feet (John 13:5-20). Now he cleanses them with his words (John 15:3).



Jesus calls his disciples to trust in a very troubling time. He just told them he was leaving them and that someone would betray him. Seeming to make matters worse, he revealed that Peter would deny him. Then, ironically, he exhorts them not to be troubled. But it sure sounds troubling.

The timing of Jesus' words teaches us that trust is not based on easy circumstances but on God's incorruptible character.





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Trust is putting your confidence in God and relying on him. As Proverbs 3:5 continues, Solomon says, "...and lean not on your own understanding" (NKJV). Your own understanding is like a decaying wall, but God's is a firm pillar.

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We place our trust on the solid ground of Yahweh's character. "The name [personality, character and nature] of the Lord is a strong tower; the righteous run to it and are safe" (Prov. 18:10, NKJV).

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Our Savior is Jesus Christ. He has proven himself by coming to us, dying on the cross and triumphantly rising from the dead. We have seen and testify that the Father has sent the Son to be the Savior of the world" (1 Jn 4:14, NASB).

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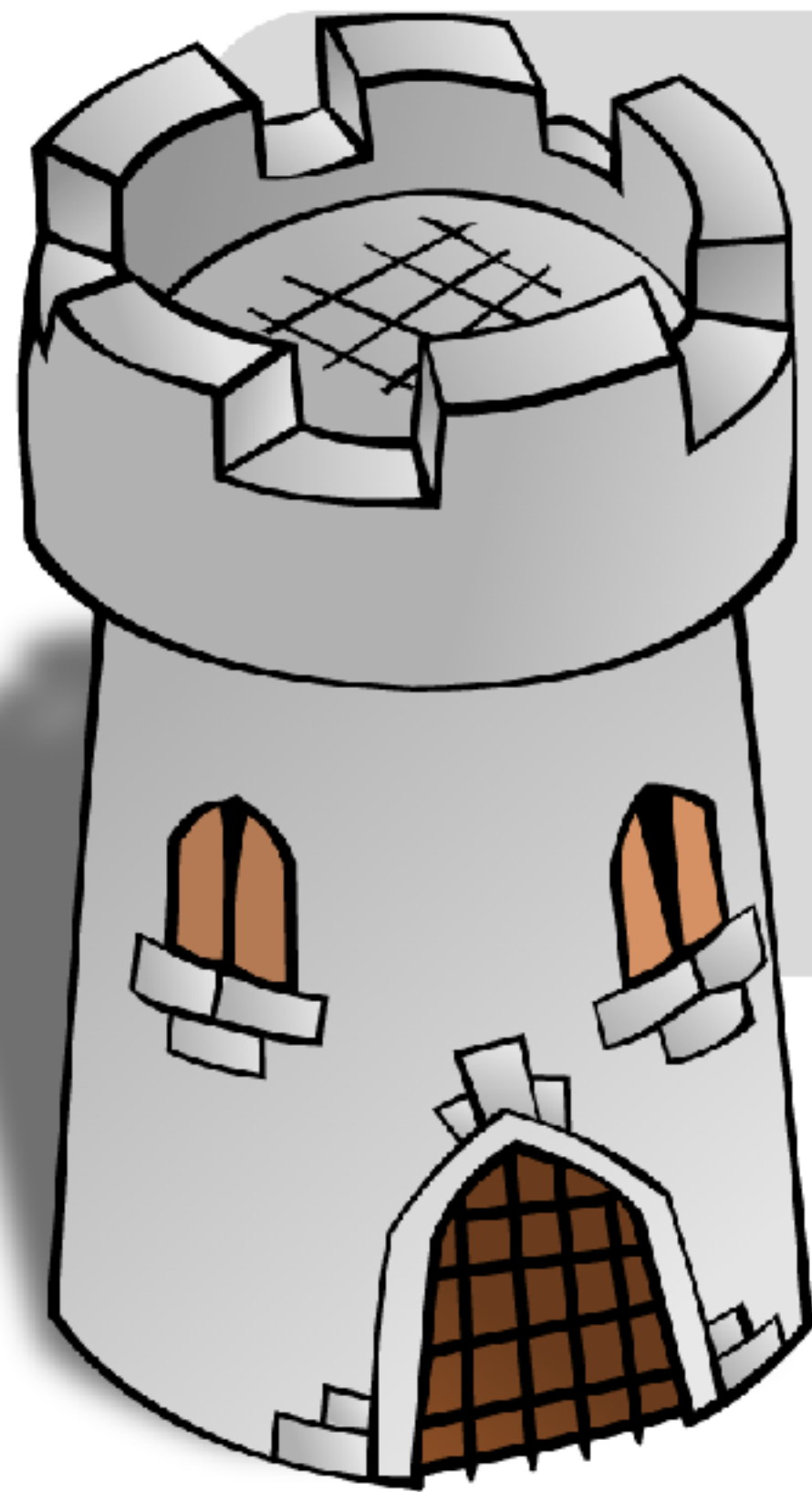
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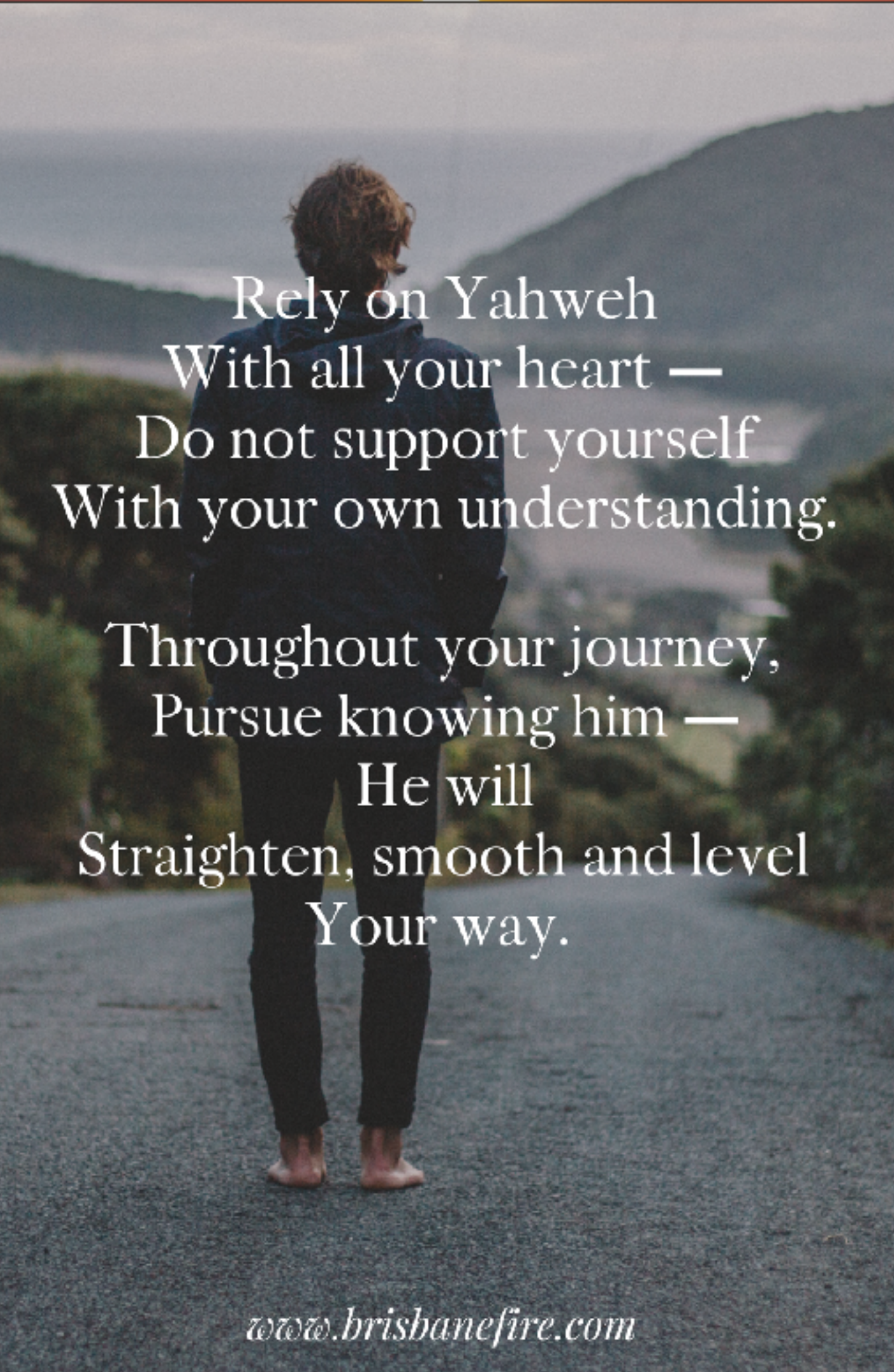
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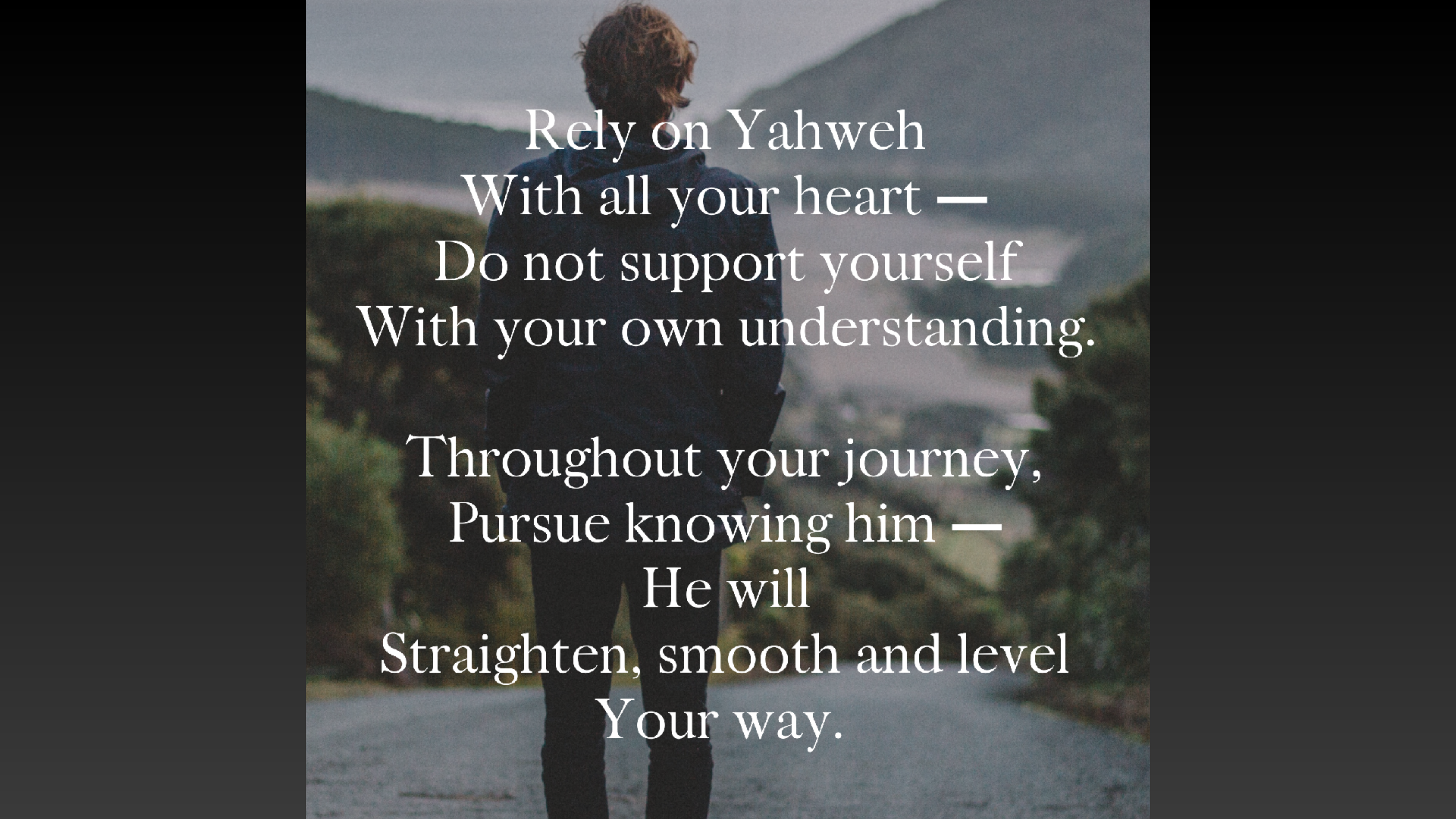
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Proverbs 3:5-6



Rely on Yahweh
With all your heart —
Do not support yourself
With your own understanding.

Throughout your journey,
Pursue knowing him —
He will
Straighten, smooth and level
Your way.

A person with long, curly hair, seen from behind, stands on a paved path. They are wearing a dark blue jacket and dark pants. The background shows a vast, hazy landscape with rolling hills and a valley. The lighting is soft, suggesting dawn or dusk. The text is overlaid on the image in a white, serif font.

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What happens when you trust God? And what happens when you don't? Jeremiah 17:5-8 gives us the answer.



Trust is scary because God is invisible and he leads us into the unknown. But it's worth it. Trust produces genuine and everlasting fruit.

