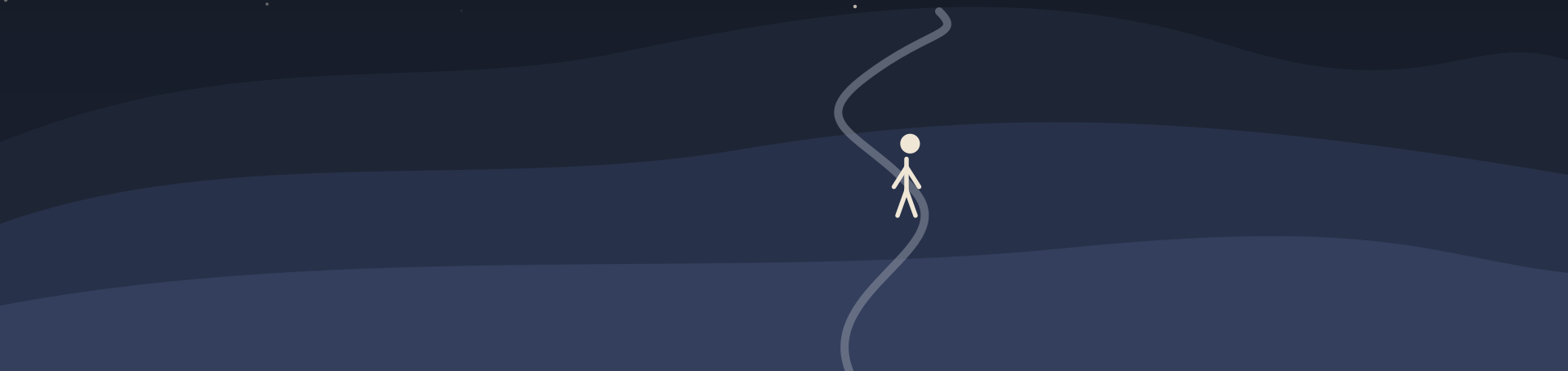
Not in Vain | 1 Corinthians 15:50-58

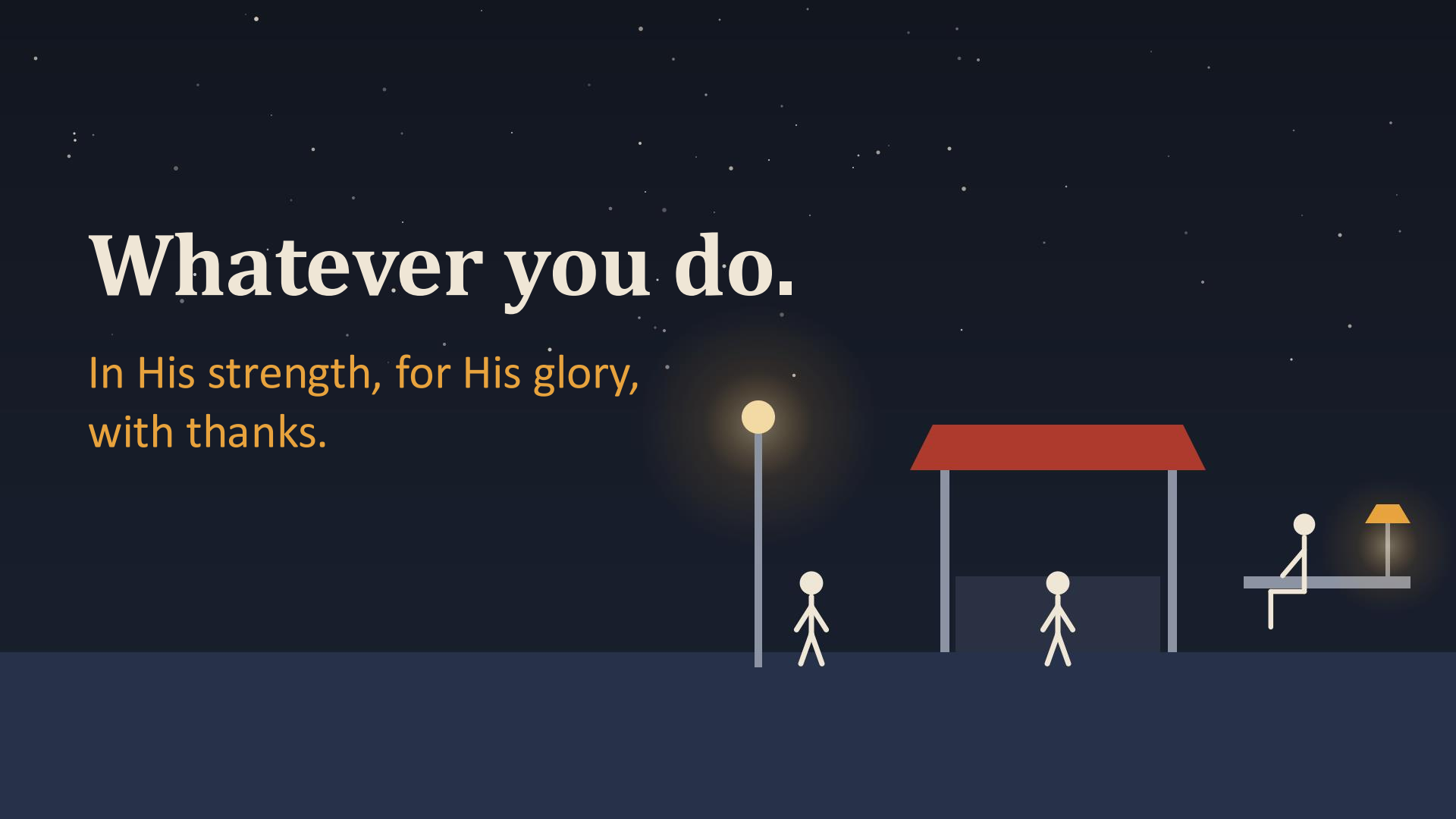
Why keep going?



Always give yourselves fully to the work of the Lord, because you know that your labor in the Lord is not in vain. - 1 Corinthians 15:58b

Whatever you do.

In His strength, for His glory,
with thanks.



And if Christ has not been raised, our preaching is useless and so is your faith. - 1 Corinthians 15:14

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empty, like a jar with nothing inside

Is my life an empty jar?



If only for this life we have hope in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied. - 1 Corinthians 15:19

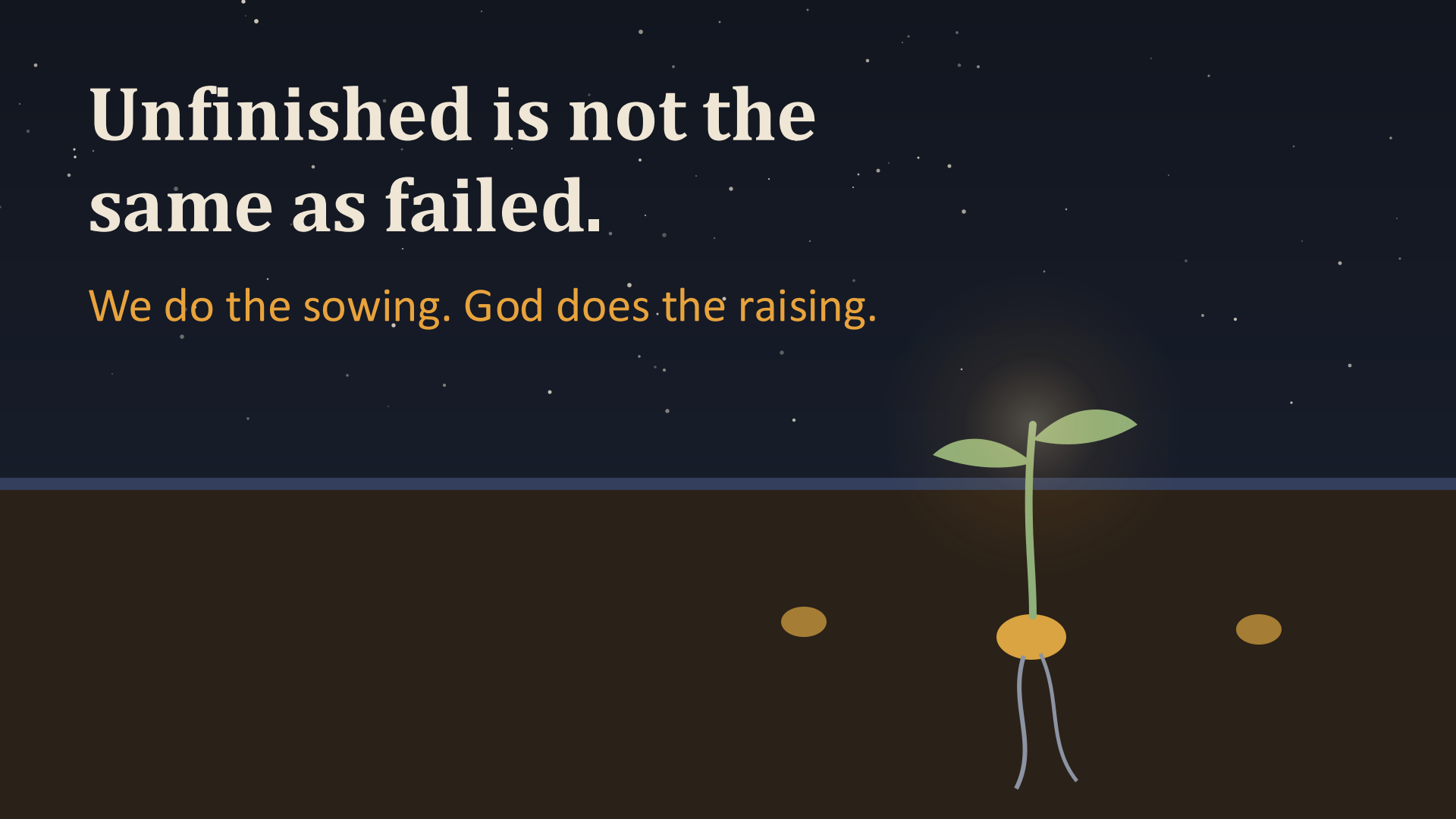
I declare to you, brothers and sisters, that flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God, nor does the perishable inherit the imperishable. - 1 Corinthians 15:50

But we have this treasure in jars of clay to show that this all-surpassing power is from God and not from us. - 2 Corinthians 4:7

The body that is sown is perishable, it is raised imperishable; it is sown in dishonor, it is raised in glory; it is sown in weakness, it is raised in power. - 1 Corinthians 15:42-43

Unfinished is not the same as failed.

We do the sowing. God does the raising.



Listen, I tell you a mystery: We will not all sleep, but we will all be changed, in a flash, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, the dead will be raised imperishable, and we will be changed. For the perishable must clothe itself with the imperishable, and the mortal with immortality. - 1 Cor 15:51-53

Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here; see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it into my side. Stop doubting and believe.”

- John 20:27

Keep going:

God will finish it.



When the perishable has been clothed with the imperishable, and the mortal with immortality, then the saying that is written will come true: "Death has been swallowed up in victory.“ "Where, O death, is your victory? Where, O death, is your sting?” - 1 Cor 15:54-55

The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law

- 1 Corinthians 15:56

But thanks be to God! He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. - 1 Corinthians 15:57

Keep going:

God will finish it,

death cannot empty it.

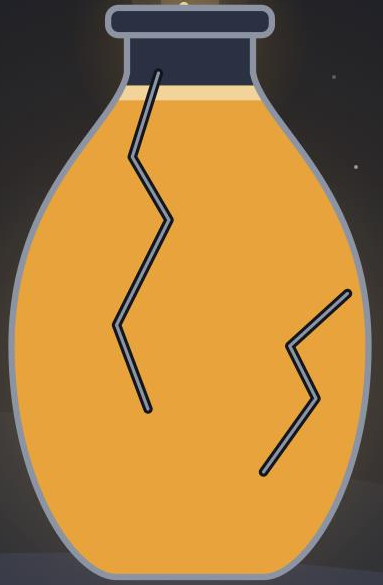


For I am the least of the apostles and do not even deserve to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace to me was not without effect. No, I worked harder than all of them, yet not I, but the grace of God that was with me. - 1 Cor 15:9-10

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Keep going:

God will finish it,
death cannot empty it,
and grace fills it.



Therefore, my dear brothers and sisters, stand firm. Let nothing move you. - 1 Corinthians 15:58a

The sun rose above him as he passed Peniel, and he was limping because of his hip.

- Genesis 32:31

Keep going:

God will finish it,
death cannot empty it,
and grace fills it.

So stand firm.



See, I have engraved you on the palms of my hands; your walls are ever before me. - Isaiah 49:16