



HOUSE
OF MOURNING

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The heart of the wise is in the house of mourning,
but the heart of fools is in the house of mirth.

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Genesis 37:34-35

³⁴ Then Jacob tore his garments and put sackcloth on his loins and **mourned** for his son many days. ³⁵ All his sons and all his daughters rose up to comfort him, but he refused to be comforted and said, "No, I shall go down to Sheol to my son, **mourning**." Thus his father wept for him.

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Genesis 50:7-11

⁷ So Joseph went up to bury his father. With him went up all the servants of Pharaoh, the elders of his household, and all the elders of the land of Egypt, ⁸ as well as all the household of Joseph, his brothers, and his father's household... ⁹ And there went up with him both chariots and horsemen. It was a very great company.

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Genesis 50:7-11

¹⁰ When they came to the threshing floor of Atad... they lamented there with a very great and grievous lamentation, and he made a **mourning** for his father seven days. ¹¹ When the inhabitants of the land... saw the **mourning** on the threshing floor of Atad, they said, "This is a grievous **mourning** by the Egyptians." Therefore the place was named **Abel**-mizraim ["the mourning of Egypt"]...

The House of Feasting

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Ecclesiastes 7:20

Surely there is not a righteous man on earth who does good and never sins.

Romans 6:23

The wages of sin is death...

Hebrews 9:27

It is appointed for man to die once, and after that comes judgment...

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"Every funeral anticipates our own."

– Michael Eaton

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for a living dog is better than a dead lion.

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Psalm 90:10, 12

¹⁰ The years of our life are seventy, or even by reason of strength eighty; yet their span is but toil and trouble; they are soon gone, and we fly away... ¹² So teach us to number our days that we may get a heart of wisdom.

The Living Will Lay It to Heart

James 1:13-15

¹³ Come now, you who say, "Today or tomorrow we will go into such and such a town and spend a year there and trade and make a profit" – ¹⁴ yet you do not know what tomorrow will bring. What is your life? For you are a mist that appears for a little time and then vanishes. ¹⁵ Instead you ought to say, "If the Lord wills, we will live and do this or that."

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Ezra 7:27: Blessed be the LORD, the God of our fathers, who **put such a thing as this into the heart** of the king, to beautify the house of the LORD that is in Jerusalem...

1. All your days are planned by God.

Psalm 139:16

All my days were written in your book and planned before a single one of them began.

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Ephesians 2:10

For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.

2. Your life will soon be your legacy.

Proverbs 10:7

The memory of the righteous is a blessing,
but the name of the wicked will rot.

3. God's word and people's souls last forever.

1 Peter 1:24-25

"The grass withers, and the flower falls,
but the word of the Lord remains forever."

4. The man rich in friends is truly rich.

Philippians 1:3-4, 7-8

³ I thank my God in all my remembrance of you, ⁴ always in every prayer of mine for you all making my prayer with joy...

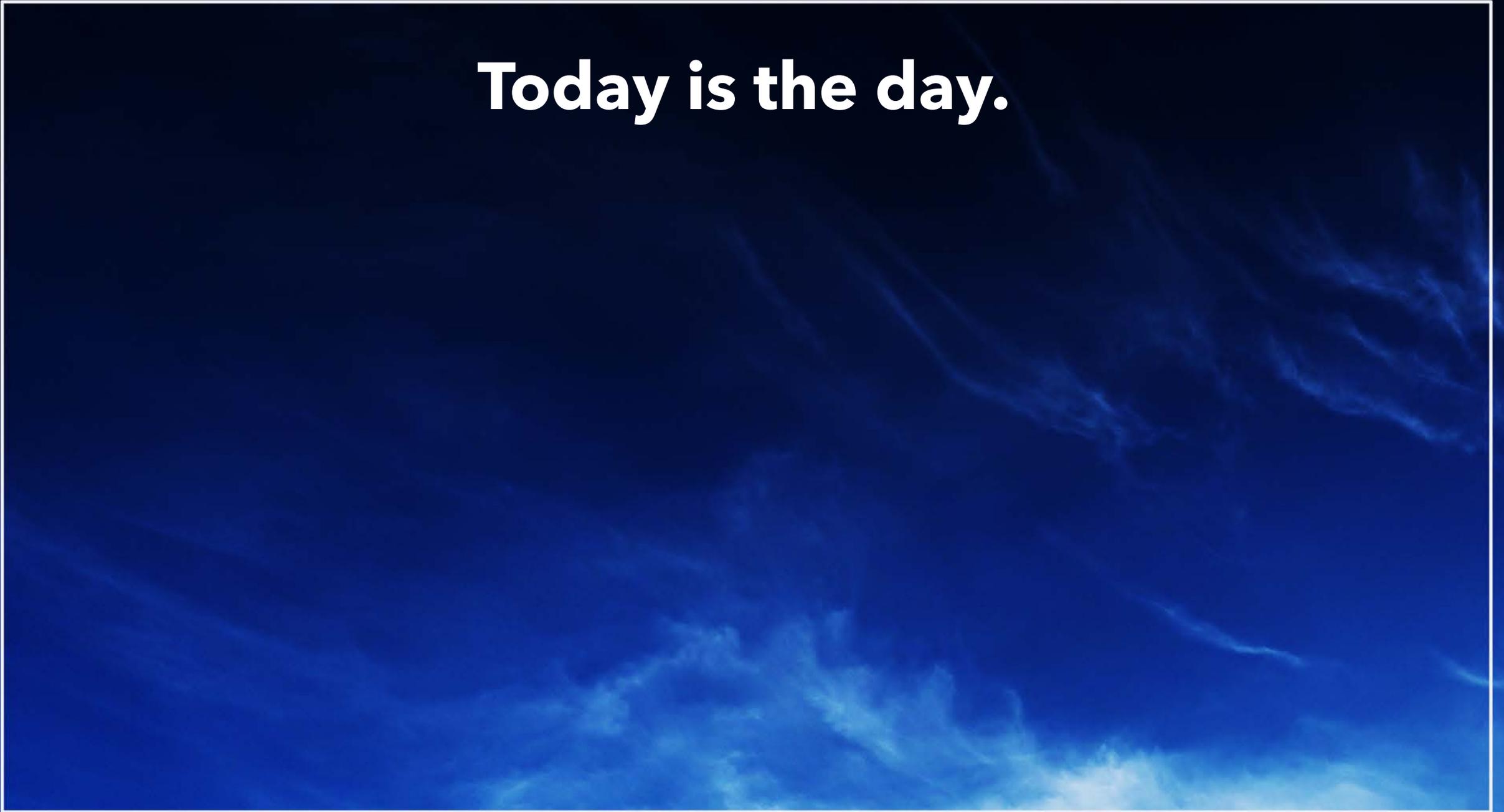
⁷ It is right for me to feel this way about you all, because I hold you in my heart... ⁸ For God is my witness, how I yearn for you all with the affection of Christ Jesus.

5. Hearing "Well done" is the ultimate goal.

Matthew 25:23

"His master said to him, 'Well done, good and faithful servant. You have been faithful over a little; I will set you over much. Enter into the joy of your master.'"

Today is the day.



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2 Corinthians 6:1-2

¹ We appeal to you not to receive the grace of God in vain.

² For he says, "IN A FAVORABLE TIME I LISTENED TO YOU, AND IN A DAY OF SALVATION I HAVE HELPED YOU." Behold, now is the favorable time; behold, now is the day of salvation.

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Hebrews 4:6

"Today, if you hear his voice, do not harden your hearts."

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James 4:17

So whoever knows the right thing to do and fails to do it,
for him it is sin.

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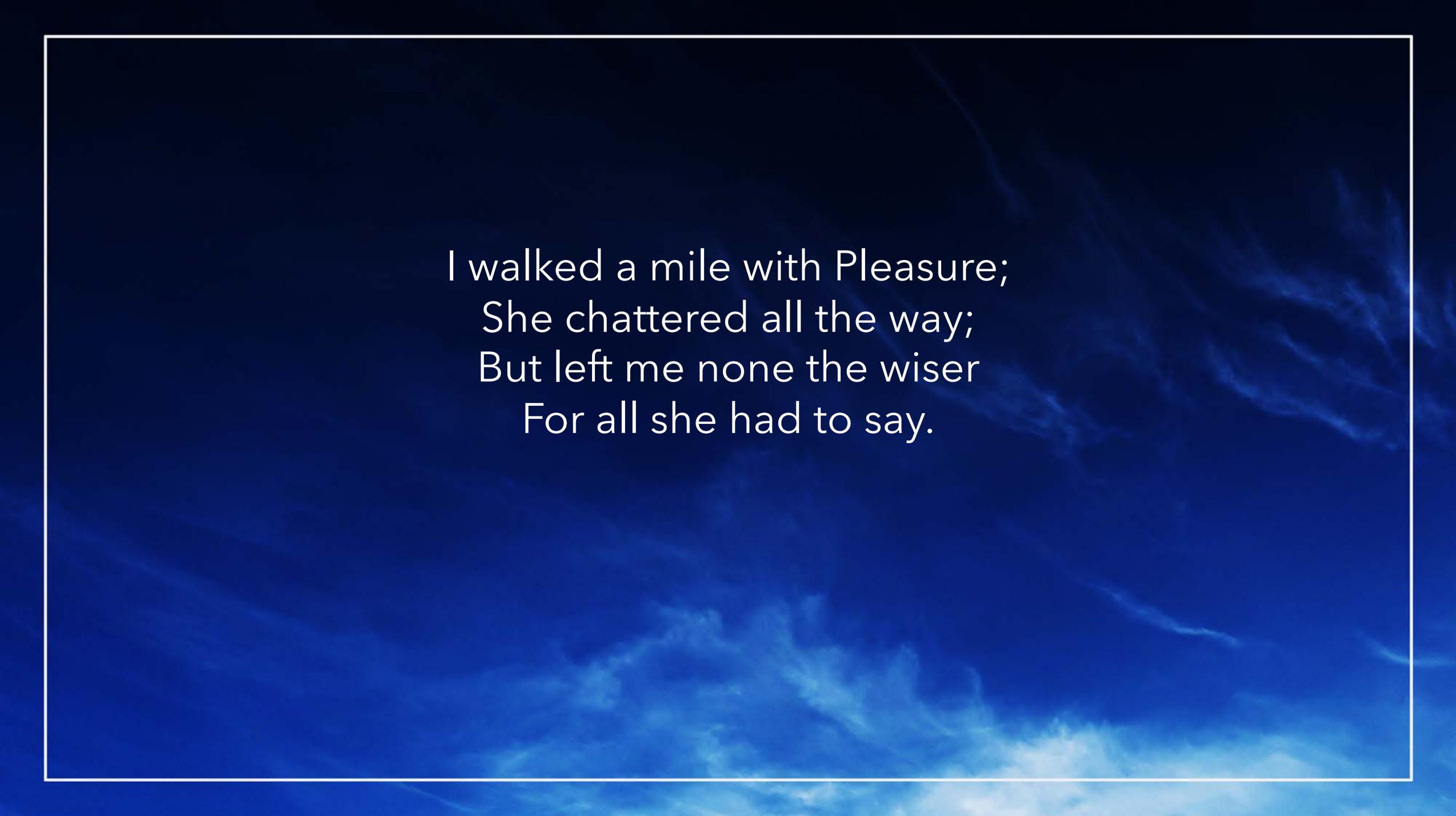
Psalm 32:6

Therefore let everyone who is godly offer prayer to you at a time when you may be found; surely in the rush of great waters, they shall not reach him.

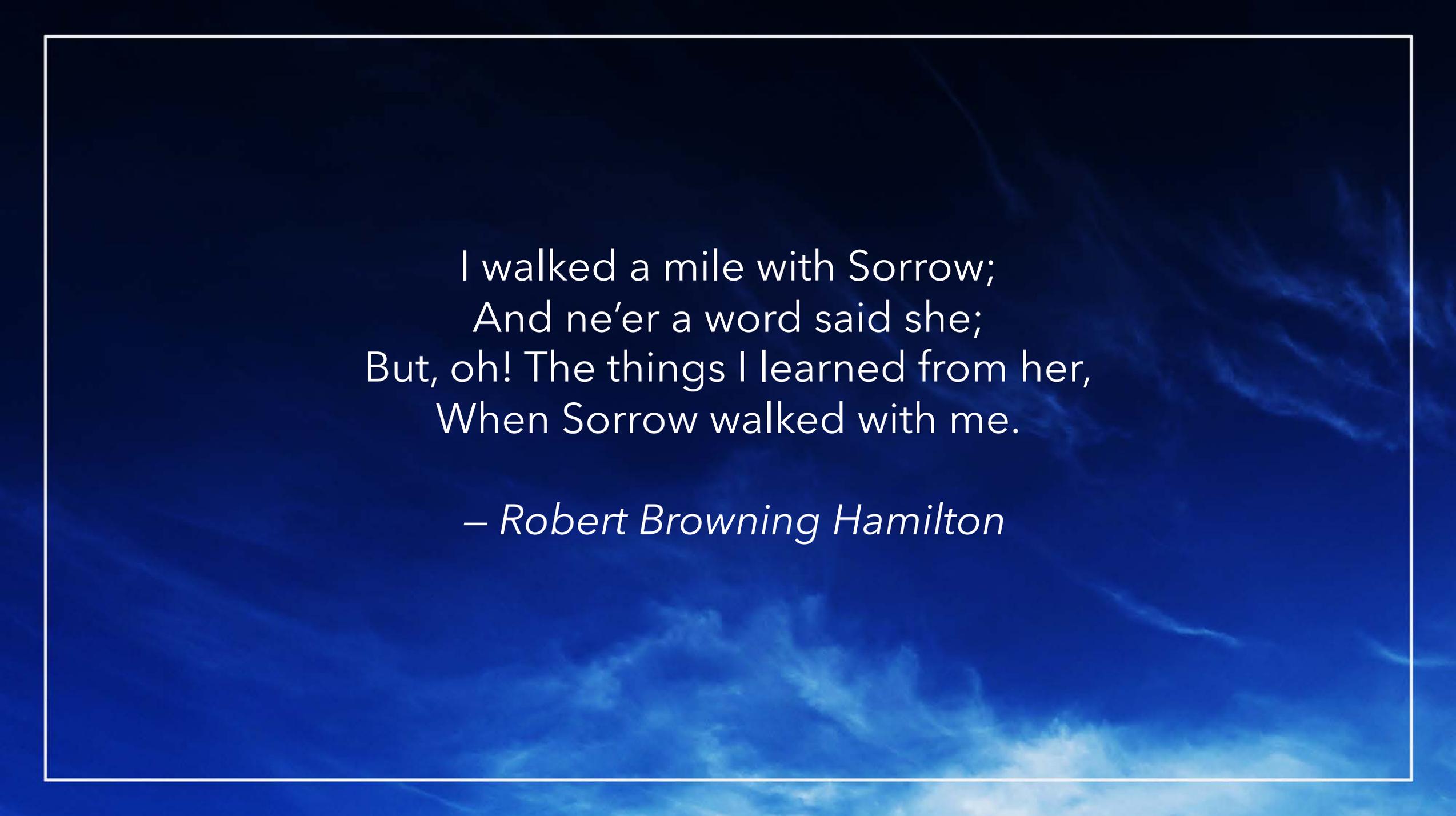
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Matthew 25:25-30

²⁵ "I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here, you have what is yours." ²⁶ But his master answered him... ²⁷ "You ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and at my coming I should have received what was my own with interest."



I walked a mile with Pleasure;
She chattered all the way;
But left me none the wiser
For all she had to say.



I walked a mile with Sorrow;
And ne'er a word said she;
But, oh! The things I learned from her,
When Sorrow walked with me.

– *Robert Browning Hamilton*



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