



KEEPING IT REAL

“Flourishing Faith
in a Secular World”
Breakout on Prayer

Psalm 50:15 Call upon Me in the day of trouble; I will deliver you, and you shall glorify Me.

Jeremiah 33:3 'Call to Me, and I will answer you, and show you great and mighty things, which you do not know.'

Matthew 7:7-11 "Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives, and he who seeks finds, and to him who knocks it will be opened. Or what man is there among you who, if his son asks for bread, will give him a stone? Or if he asks for a fish, will he give him a serpent? If you then, being evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father who is in heaven give good things to those who ask Him!



Philippians 4:6-7 Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God; and the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.

Hebrews 4:16 Let us therefore come boldly to the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

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Real stillness

Abiding and stillness

John 15:4-5, 7 **Abide** in Me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, unless it **abides** in the vine, neither can you, unless you **abide** in Me. I am the vine, you are the branches. He who **abides** in Me, and I in him, bears much fruit; for without Me you can do nothing.... If you **abide** in Me, and My words **abide** in you, you will ask what you desire, and it shall be done for you.

Psalm 46:10 **Be still**, and know that I am God; I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth!

Psalm 4:3-4 But know that the LORD has set apart for Himself him who is godly; The LORD will hear when I call to Him. Be angry, and do not sin. Meditate within your heart on your bed, and **be still**.

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Fighting for stillness

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1. "Slow down"
2. "Stop talking"
3. "Spend time connecting with Jesus/Father"


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Real conversation

Two-way communication

A close-up photograph of a hand holding a small, dark object, possibly a seed or a small stone, against a blurred background of green foliage. The lighting is soft and natural, highlighting the texture of the skin and the object.

Psalm 27:8 When You said, “Seek My face,” My heart
said to You, “Your face, LORD, I will seek.”

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Responding or ignoring?

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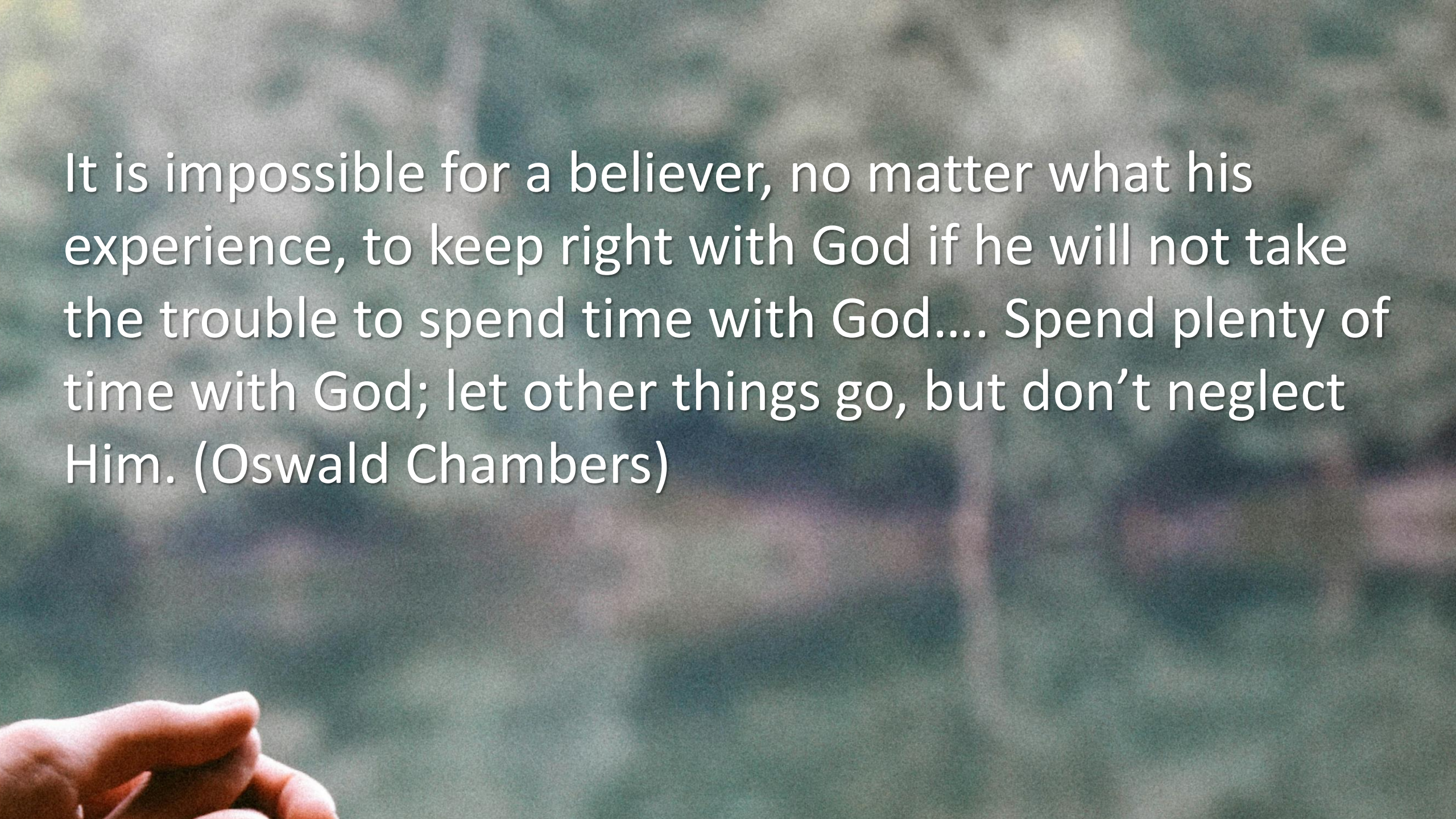


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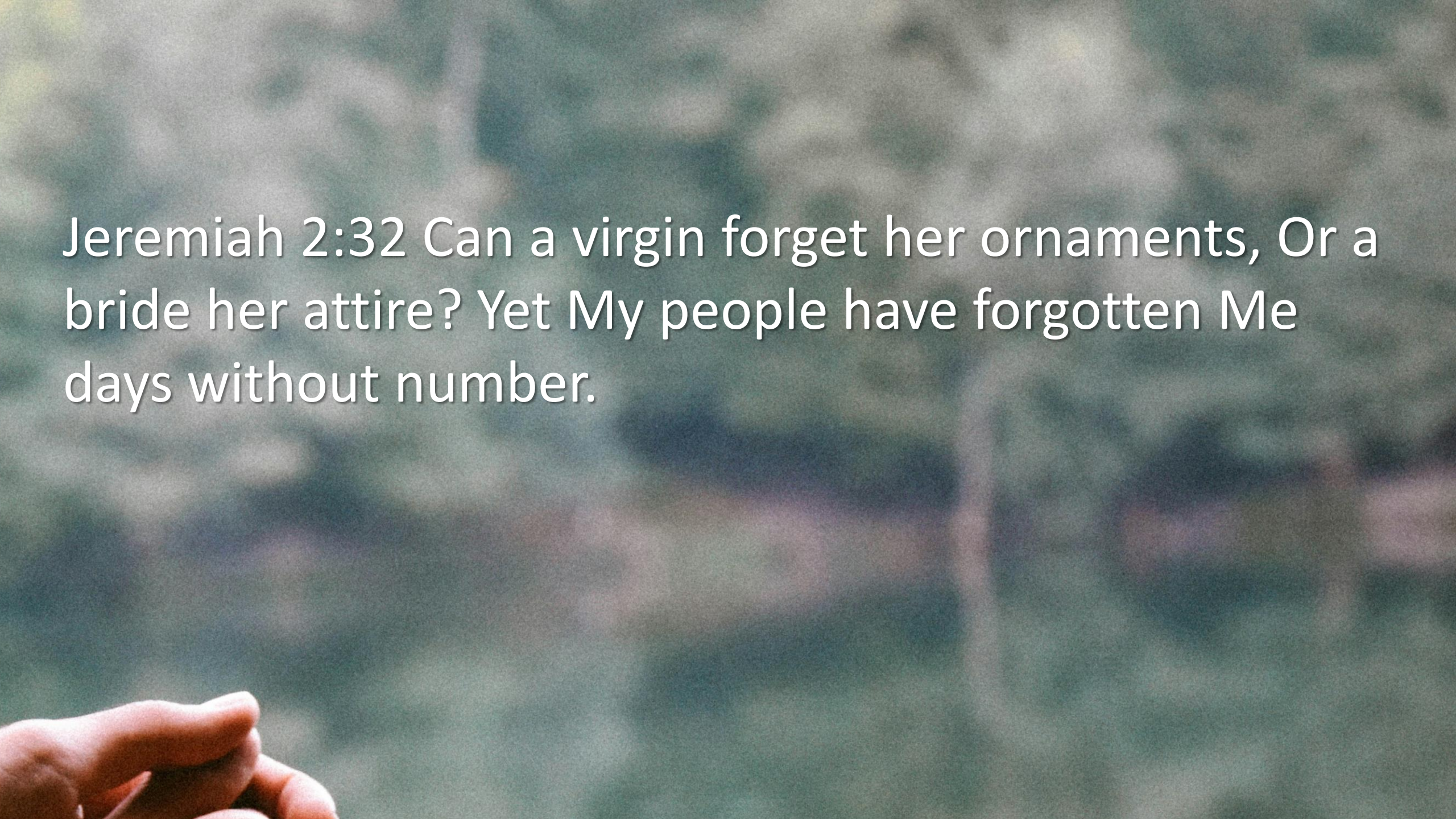
“Whoever starts the conversation controls the conversation.”

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Real connection

A close-up photograph of a hand holding a small, dark object, possibly a seed or a small stone, against a blurred green background. The hand is in the lower-left corner, and the object is held between the thumb and index finger. The background is a soft-focus green, suggesting an outdoor setting with foliage.

It is impossible for a believer, no matter what his experience, to keep right with God if he will not take the trouble to spend time with God.... Spend plenty of time with God; let other things go, but don't neglect Him. (Oswald Chambers)



Jeremiah 2:32 Can a virgin forget her ornaments, Or a bride her attire? Yet My people have forgotten Me days without number.



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