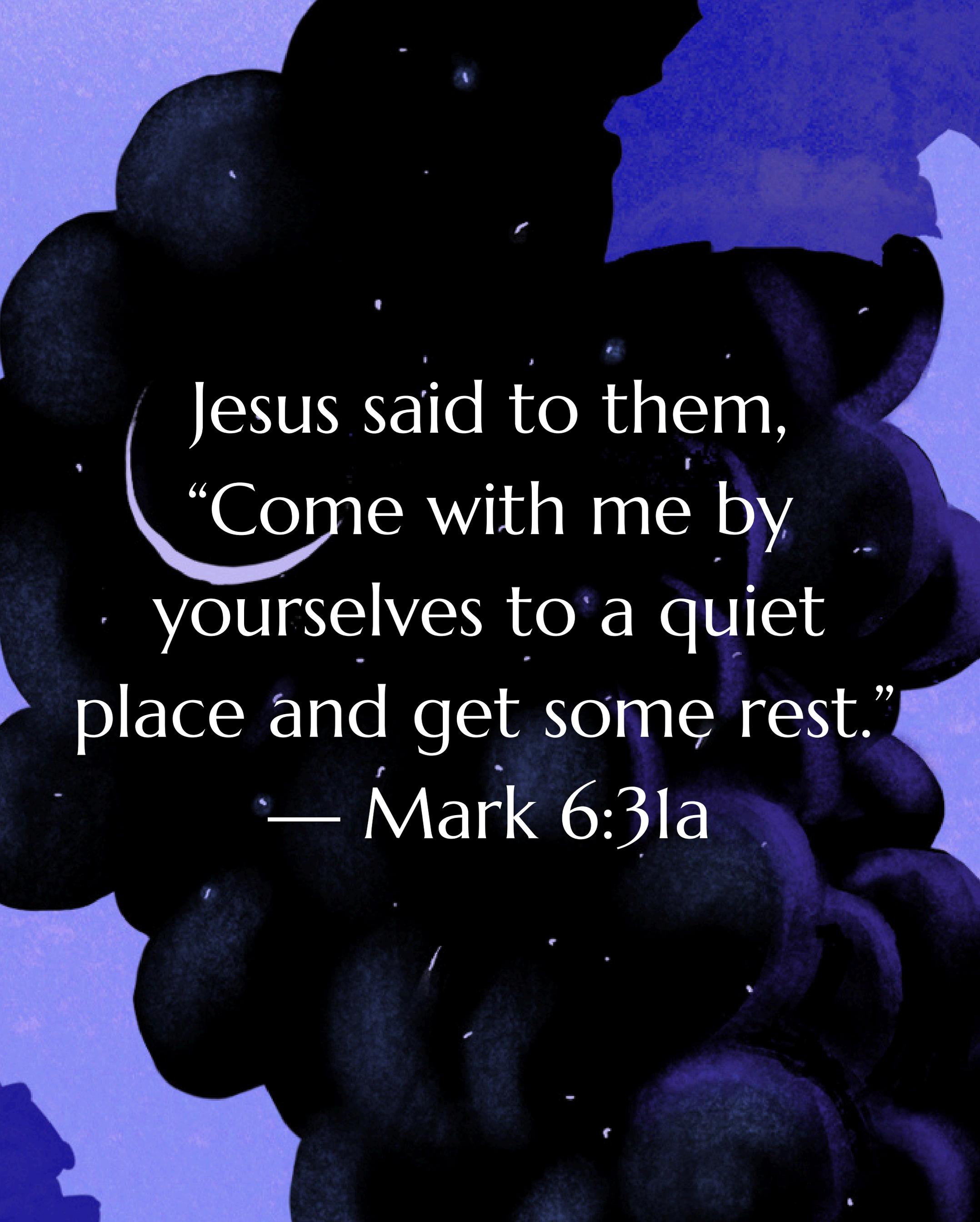


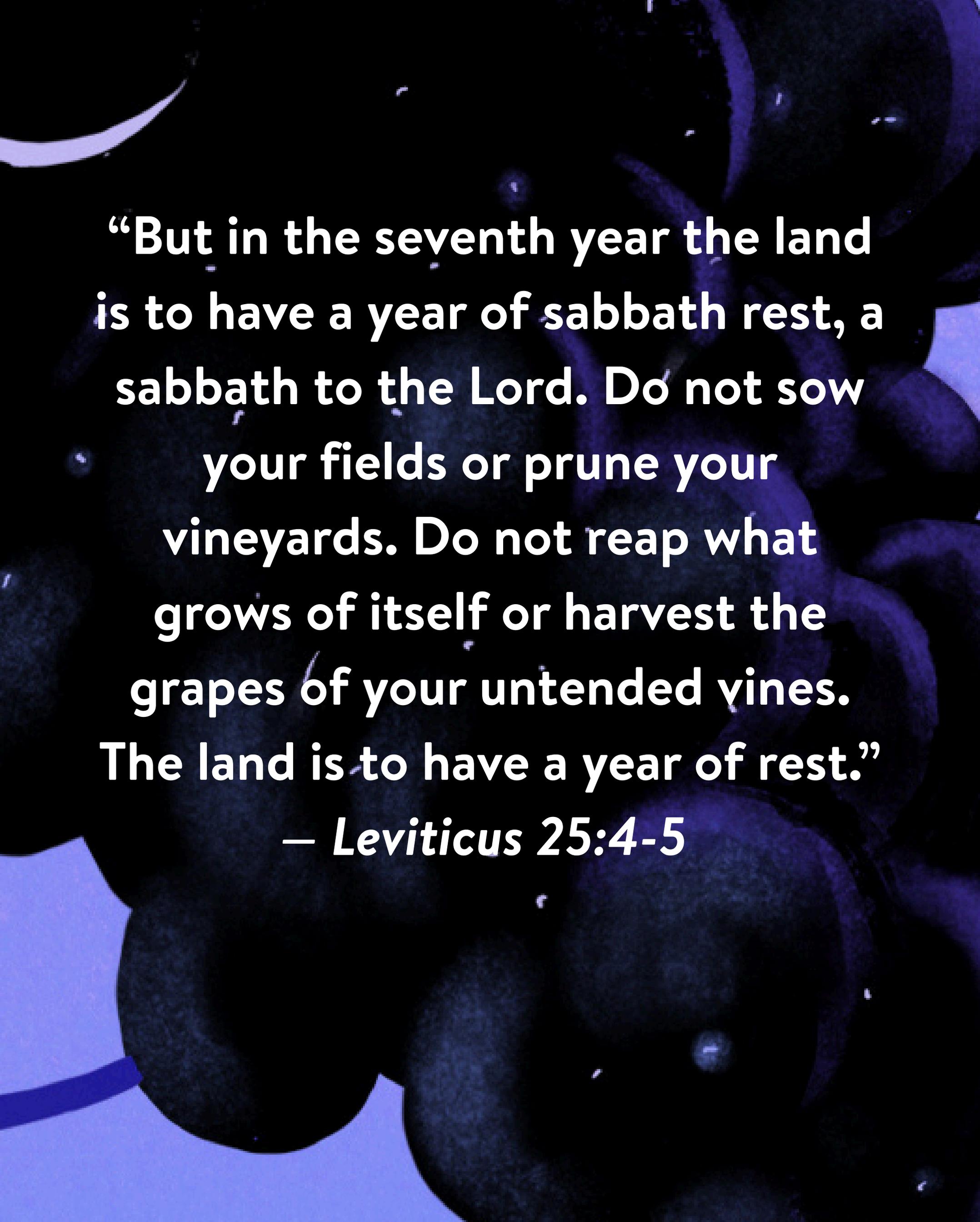
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AN INVITATION  
TO REST





Jesus said to them,  
“Come with me by  
yourselves to a quiet  
place and get some rest.”  
— Mark 6:31a

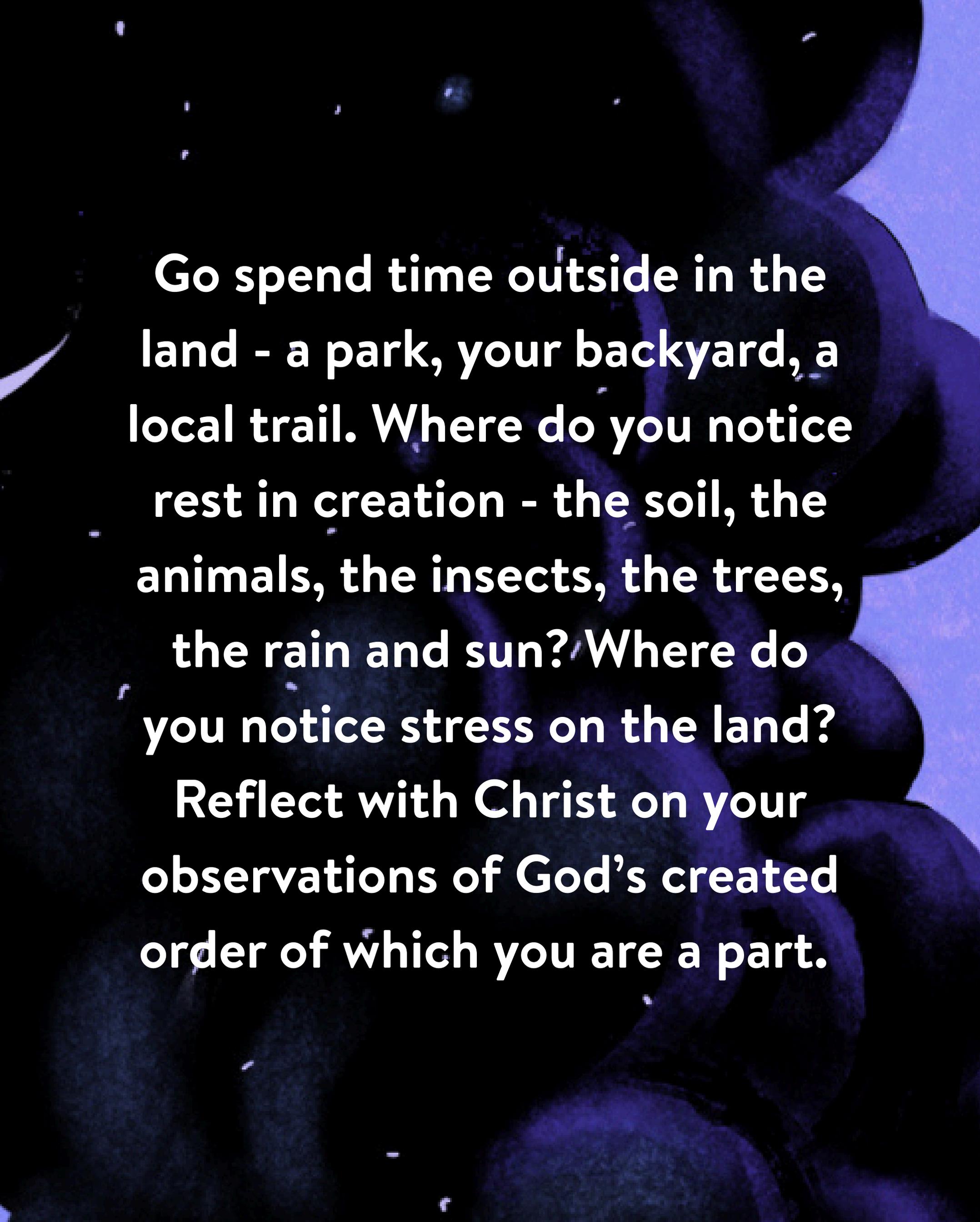


**“But in the seventh year the land is to have a year of sabbath rest, a sabbath to the Lord. Do not sow your fields or prune your vineyards. Do not reap what grows of itself or harvest the grapes of your untended vines. The land is to have a year of rest.”**

**— *Leviticus 25:4-5***

A bunch of dark purple grapes is the central focus, set against a solid blue background. A white crescent moon is positioned on the left side of the grape cluster. The grapes are rendered with some highlights, giving them a three-dimensional appearance. The word "Quiet." is written in a white, serif font across the middle of the grape bunch. There are also faint, darker blue shadows of the grape bunch and its leaves on the background, one above and one to the left of the main cluster.

Quiet.



**Go spend time outside in the land - a park, your backyard, a local trail. Where do you notice rest in creation - the soil, the animals, the insects, the trees, the rain and sun? Where do you notice stress on the land?**

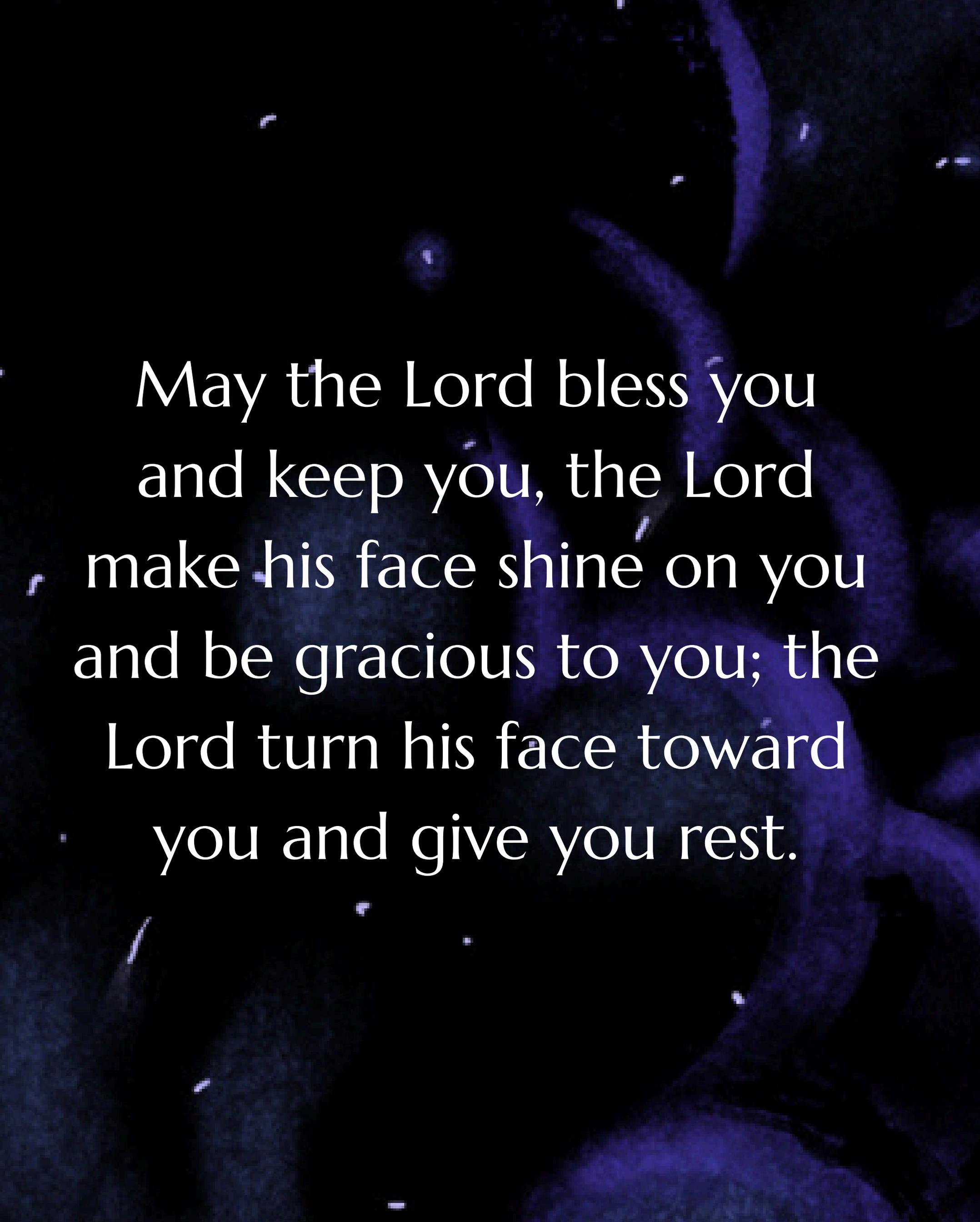
**Reflect with Christ on your observations of God's created order of which you are a part.**

**God of Shalom, help us find our place in the order of things. Show us we are not so high that we are above the patterns of rest You have woven into creation, and we are not so low that we find ourselves without a work to do alongside of You. Draw us into Your rhythm of rest that You have planted into the created order. Help us rest so that we might extend Your restoration to a people and land that are exhausted with overuse.**

***Amen.***



Quiet.



May the Lord bless you  
and keep you, the Lord  
make his face shine on you  
and be gracious to you; the  
Lord turn his face toward  
you and give you rest.

