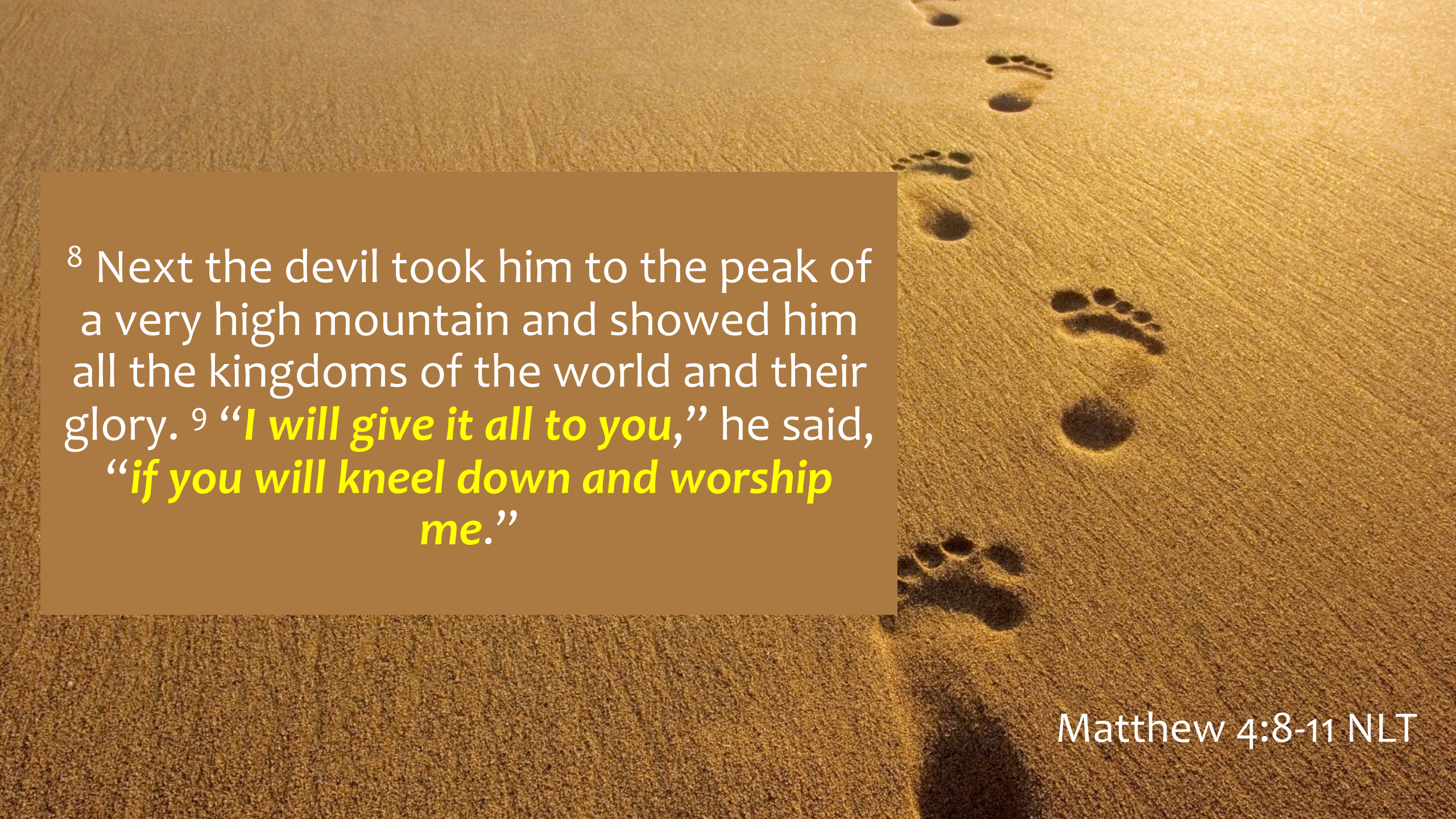


Seduction



A close-up photograph of golden sand with several footprints leading away from the viewer towards the top right. The footprints are dark and clearly defined against the light-colored sand. A semi-transparent brown rectangular box is overlaid on the left side of the image, containing white text.

⁸ Next the devil took him to the peak of a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory. ⁹ **“I will give it all to you,”** he said, **“if you will kneel down and worship me.”**

Matthew 4:8-11 NLT



Key Thought

The temptation to **temporarily compromise a value** for the sake of an **immediate reward**.

A close-up photograph of golden sand with several footprints. The footprints are arranged in a path that leads from the top right towards the bottom left, suggesting a journey or a path. The lighting is warm, highlighting the texture of the sand.

¹⁰ “Get out of here, Satan,” Jesus told him. “For the Scriptures say,

‘You must worship the LORD your God and serve only him.’”

¹¹ Then the devil went away, and angels came and took care of Jesus.

Matthew 4:8-11 NLT

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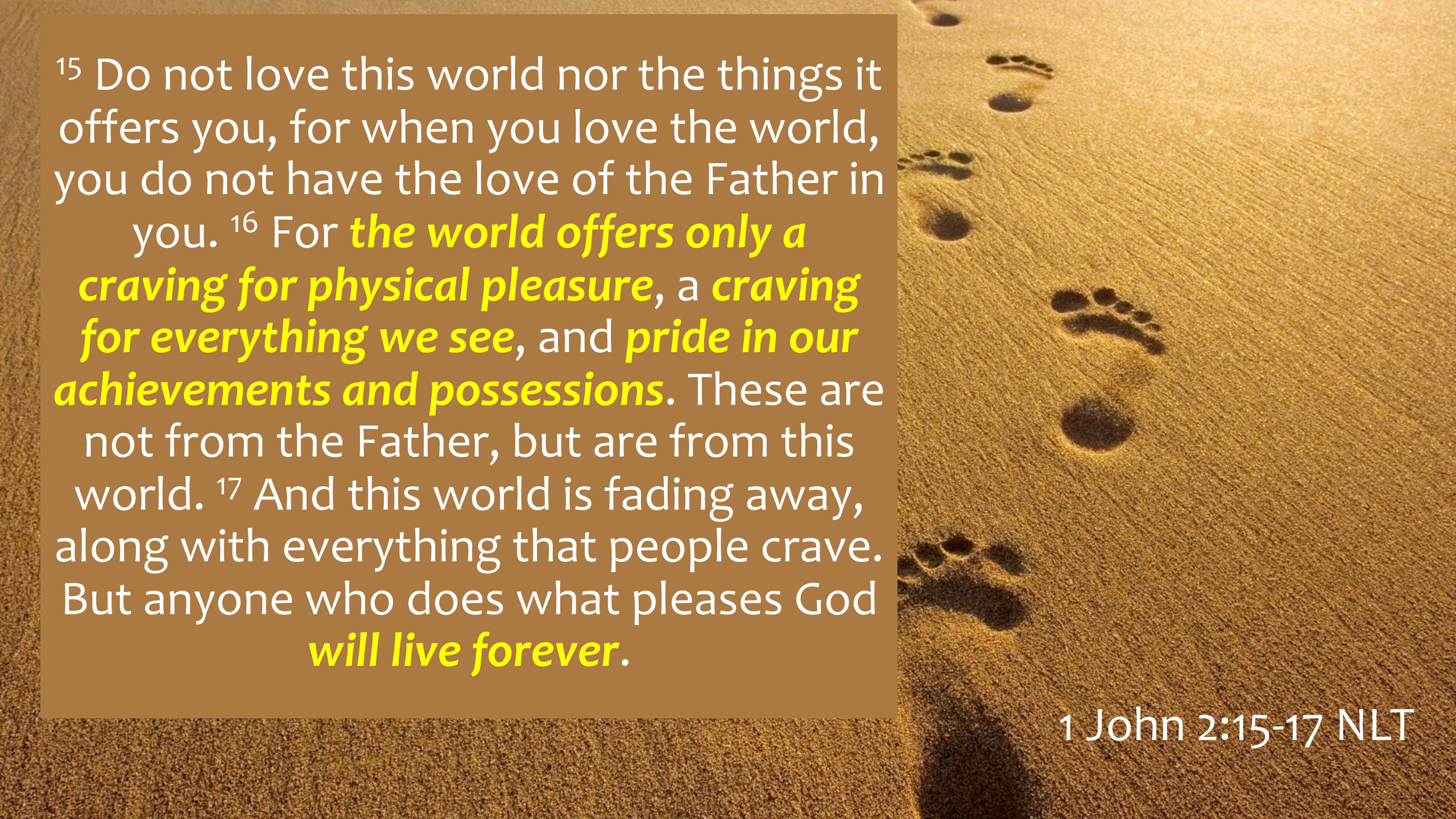
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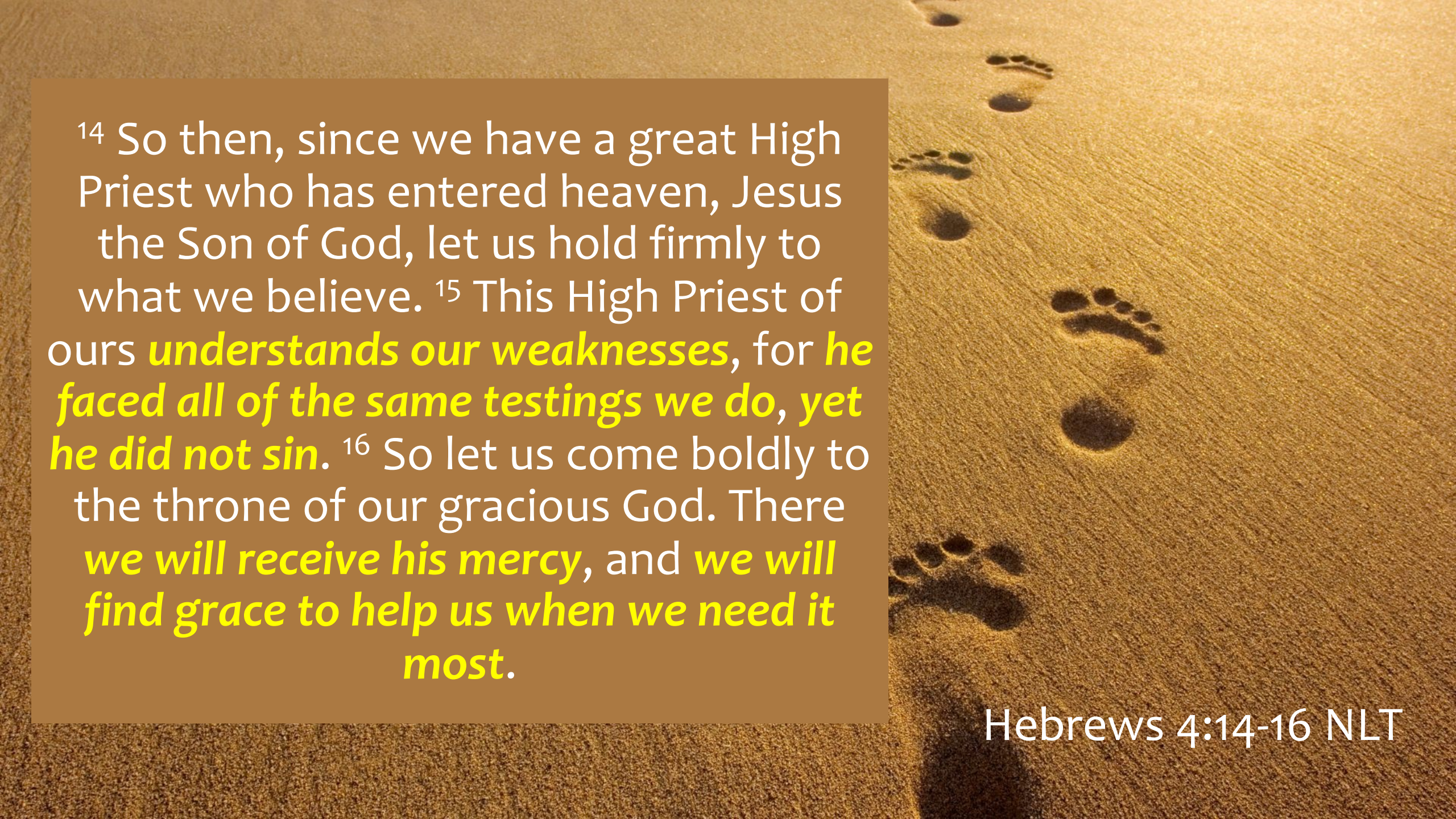
1. Our **Physical** Needs
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3. Our **Pride** and **Ego**



A close-up photograph of a sandy beach with several footprints in the sand, receding into the distance. The sand is a warm, golden-brown color, and the footprints are dark, suggesting they were made by a person walking barefoot. The lighting is soft, creating gentle shadows in the tracks.

¹⁵ Do not love this world nor the things it offers you, for when you love the world, you do not have the love of the Father in you. ¹⁶ For **the world offers only a craving for physical pleasure, a craving for everything we see, and pride in our achievements and possessions.** These are not from the Father, but are from this world. ¹⁷ And this world is fading away, along with everything that people crave. But anyone who does what pleases God **will live forever.**

1 John 2:15-17 NLT

A close-up photograph of golden sand with several footprints. The footprints are arranged in a path that leads from the bottom left towards the top right, receding into the distance. The lighting is warm, creating soft shadows and highlighting the texture of the sand.

¹⁴ So then, since we have a great High Priest who has entered heaven, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold firmly to what we believe. ¹⁵ This High Priest of ours ***understands our weaknesses, for he faced all of the same testings we do, yet he did not sin.*** ¹⁶ So let us come boldly to the throne of our gracious God. There ***we will receive his mercy, and we will find grace to help us when we need it most.***

Hebrews 4:14-16 NLT