

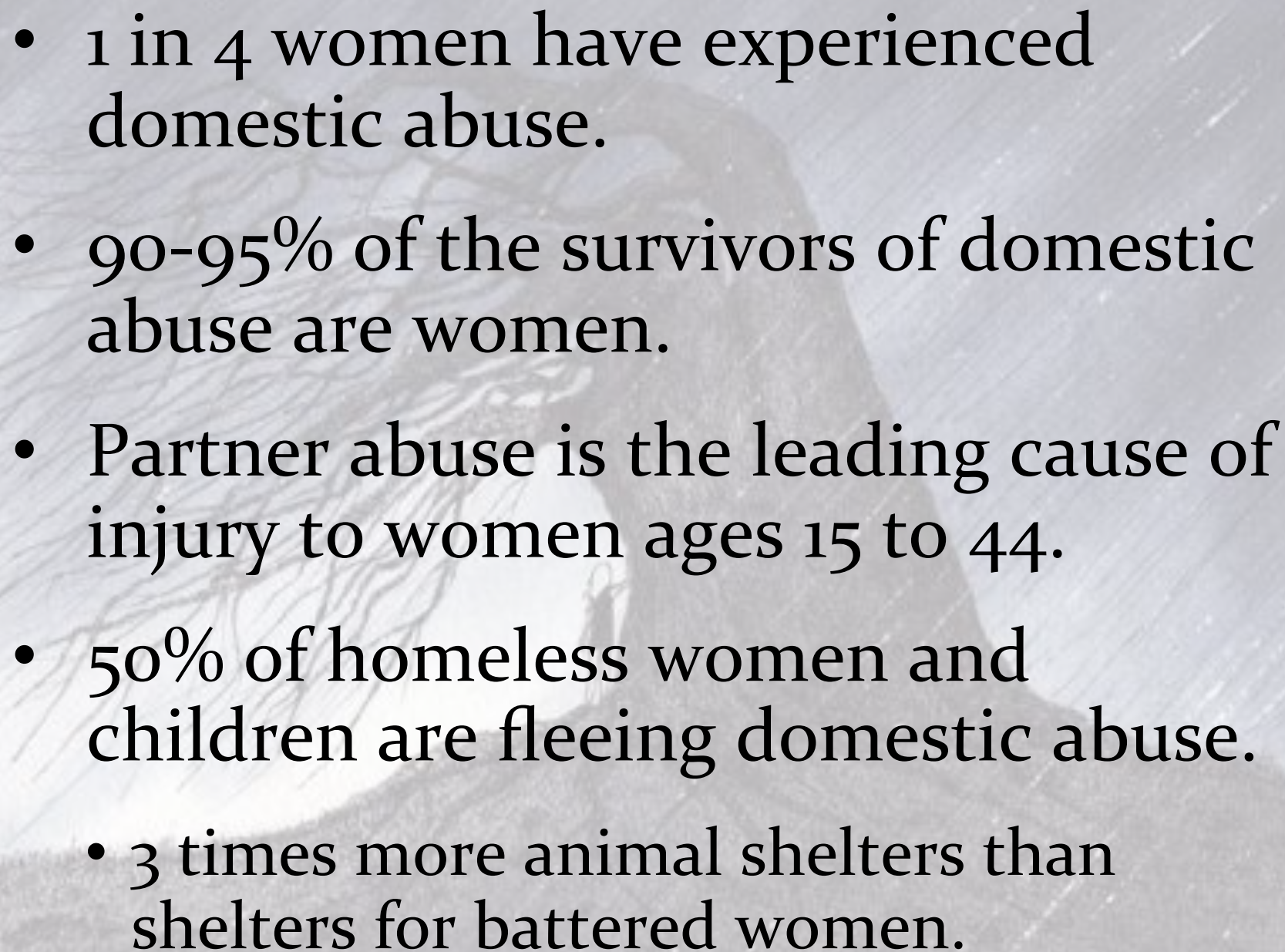


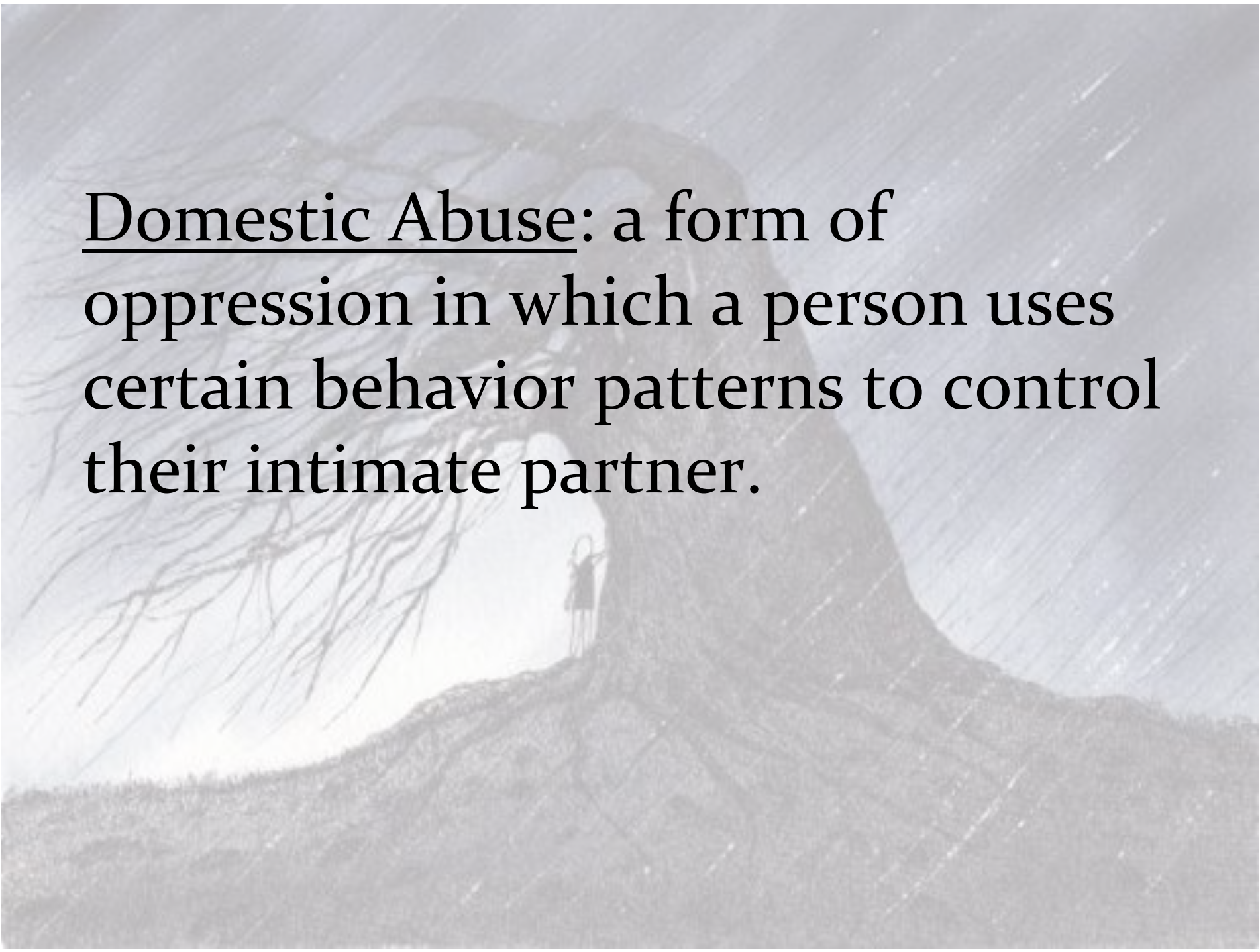
Domestic Abuse

Shepherding Survivors
to Freedom

the
Refuge

Adult Sunday School
Pastor Shane Waldron
Fall 2014

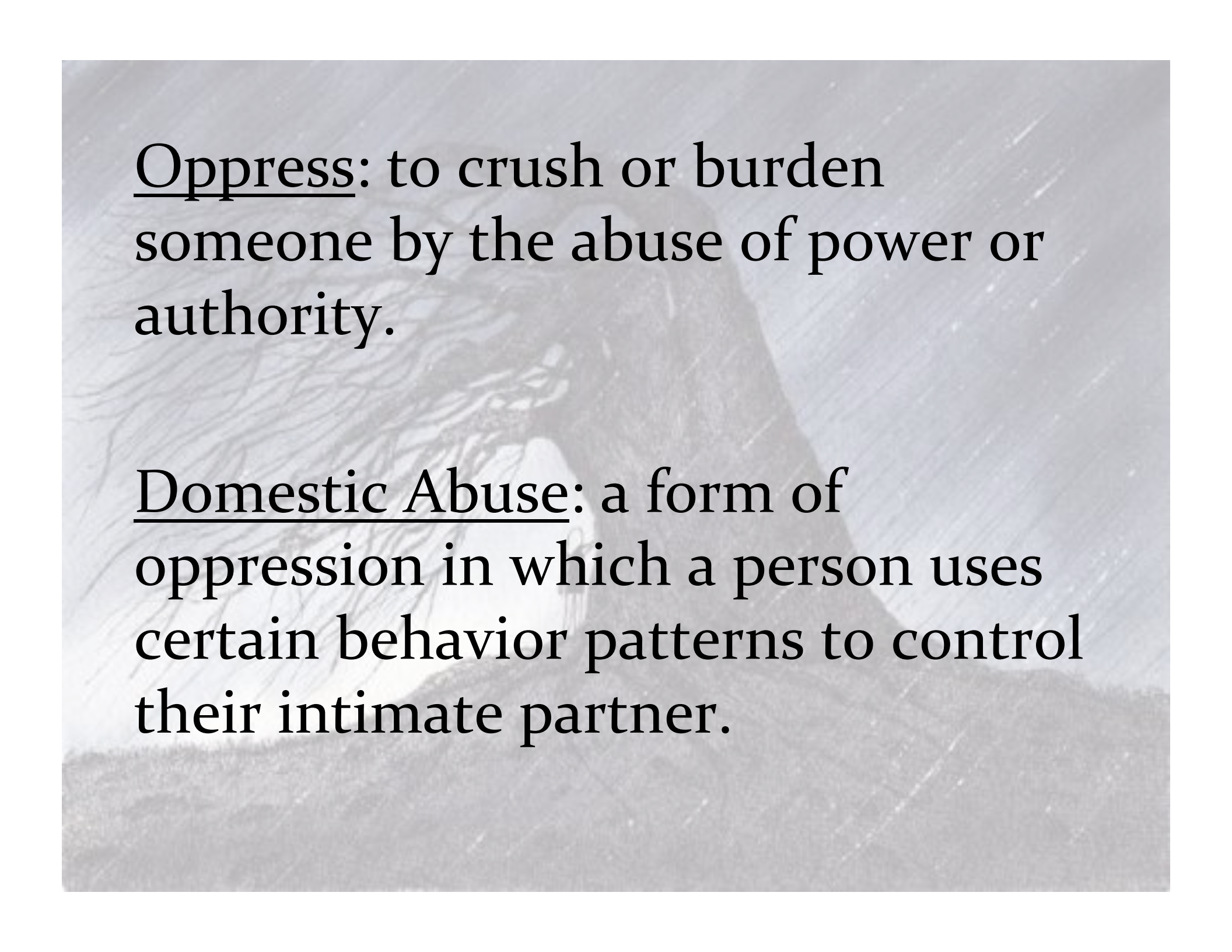
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- 1 in 4 women have experienced domestic abuse.
 - 90-95% of the survivors of domestic abuse are women.
 - Partner abuse is the leading cause of injury to women ages 15 to 44.
 - 50% of homeless women and children are fleeing domestic abuse.
 - 3 times more animal shelters than shelters for battered women.

A grayscale illustration of a large, gnarled tree with a person standing at its base, set against a background of falling rain. The tree's trunk is thick and textured, with many smaller branches extending outwards. A small figure of a person stands at the base of the tree, looking up. The background is a light gray with diagonal lines representing rain falling from the top right towards the bottom left.

Domestic Abuse: a form of oppression in which a person uses certain behavior patterns to control their intimate partner.

A grayscale image of a large, gnarled tree with a person standing at its base, set against a background of falling rain or snow. The text is overlaid on the image.

**Domestic Abuse is
a form of oppression.**

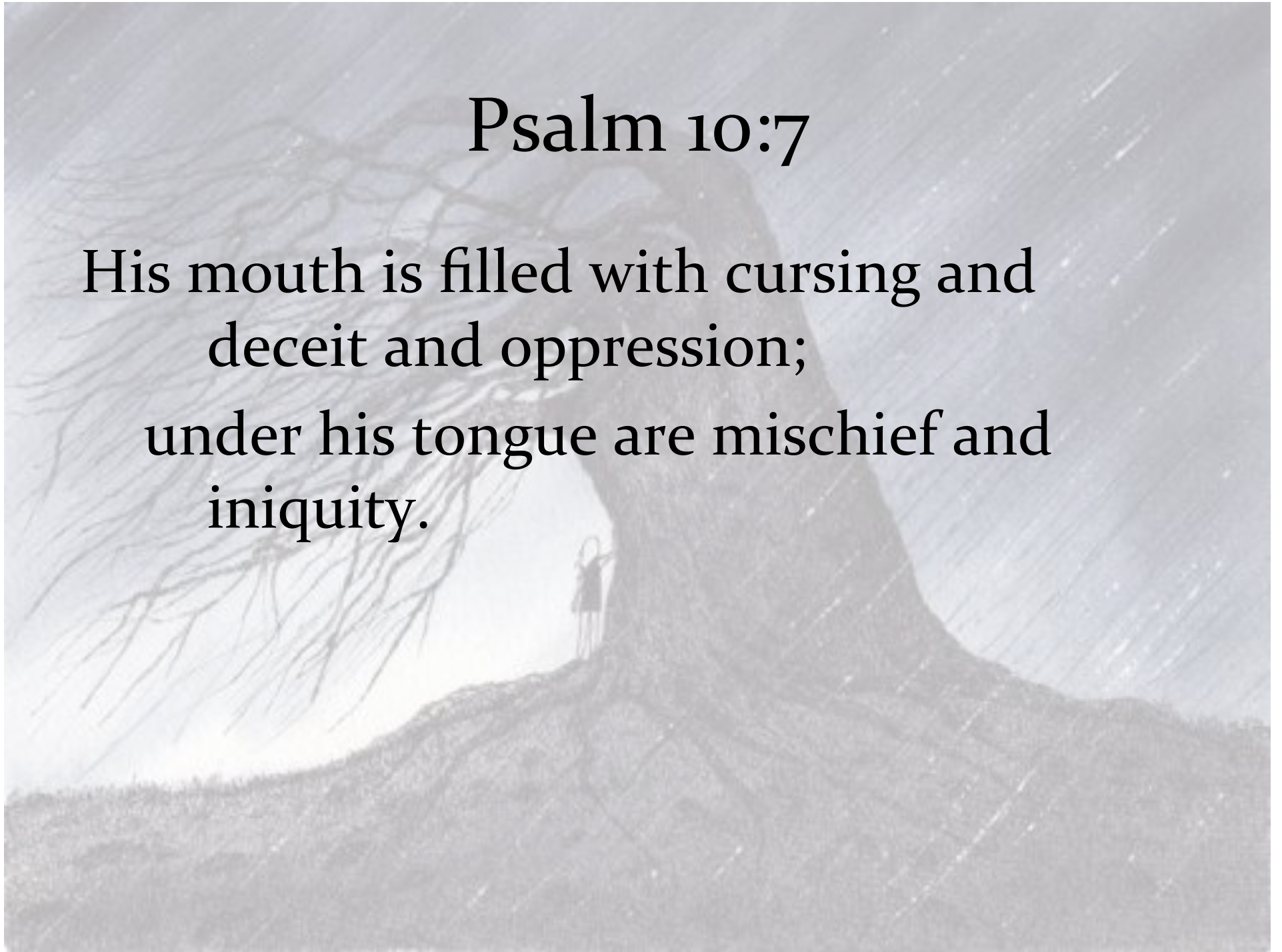


Oppress: to crush or burden someone by the abuse of power or authority.

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Psalm 10:7

His mouth is filled with cursing and
deceit and oppression;
under his tongue are mischief and
iniquity.

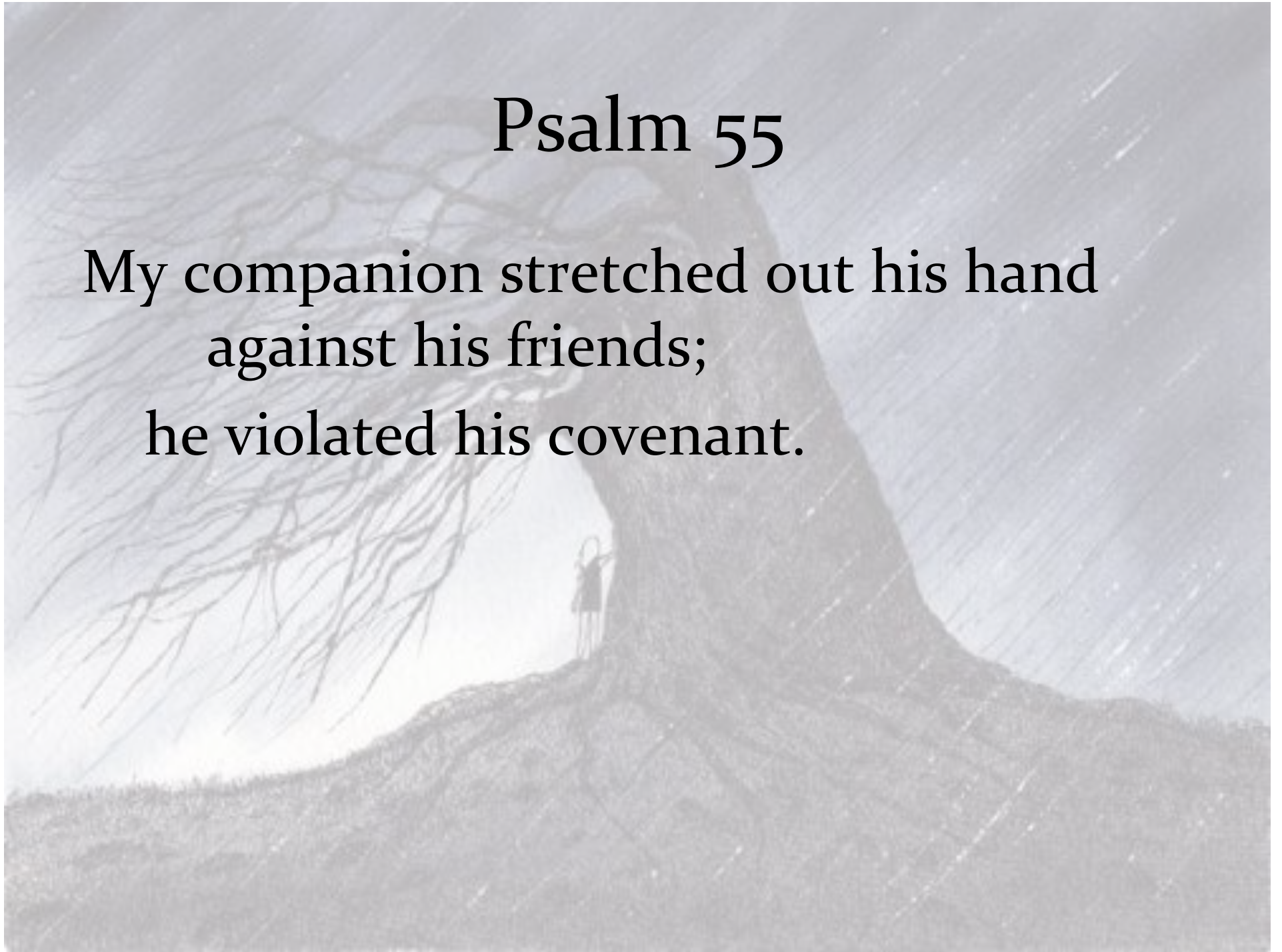


Psalm 55

...I am restless in my complaint and I moan,
because of the noise of the enemy,
because of the oppression of the wicked.
For they drop trouble upon me,
and in anger they bear a grudge against me.

Psalm 55

My companion stretched out his hand
against his friends;
he violated his covenant.





Psalm 55

For it is not an enemy who taunts me—
then I could bear it;

it is not an adversary who deals insolently
with me—

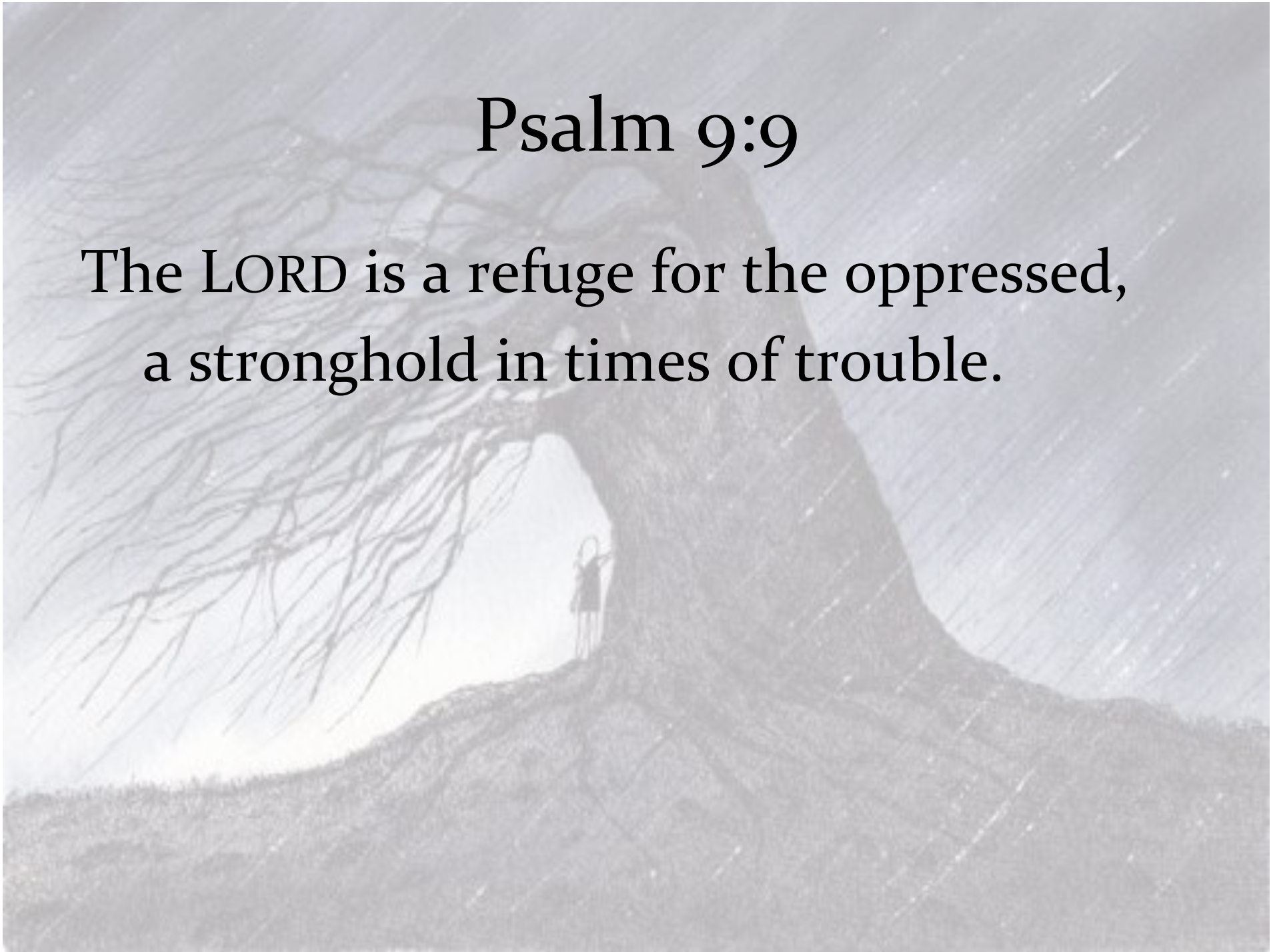
then I could hide from him.

But it is you, a man, my equal,

my companion, my familiar friend.

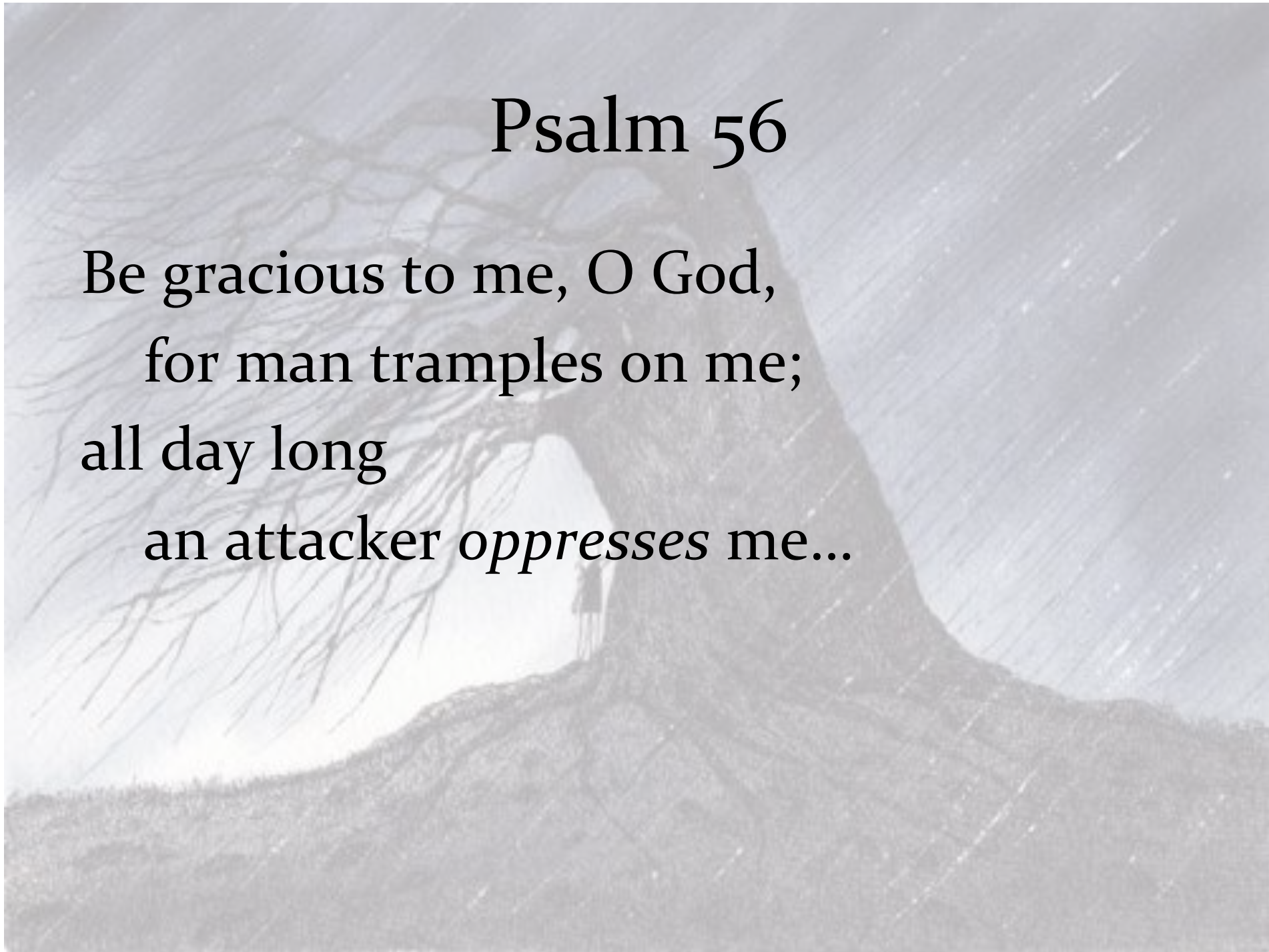
Psalm 9:9

The LORD is a refuge for the oppressed,
a stronghold in times of trouble.



Psalm 56

Be gracious to me, O God,
for man tramples on me;
all day long
an attacker *oppresses* me...



Psalm 56

...You have kept count of my tossings;
put my tears in your bottle.

Are they not in your book?

Then my enemies will turn back
in the day when I call.

This I know, that God is for me.

Deuteronomy 26:6-8

And the Egyptians treated us harshly and humiliated us and laid on us hard labor. Then we cried to the Lord, the God of our fathers, and the Lord heard our voice and saw our affliction, our toil, and our oppression. And the Lord brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm.

Luke 4:17-21

And the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written,
“The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,
because he has anointed me to proclaim
good news to the poor.

Luke 4:17-21

He has sent me to proclaim liberty to the captives and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor."...And he began to say to them, "Today this Scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing."

A grayscale image of a large, gnarled tree with a person standing at its base, set against a starry night sky. The tree's trunk is thick and textured, with many smaller branches extending outwards. A small figure of a person is visible at the base of the tree, looking up. The background is a dark sky filled with numerous bright stars, creating a sense of vastness and wonder.

**God is always on the
side of the oppressed.**

Isaiah 58:6-7

Is not this the fast that I choose:
to loose the bonds of wickedness,
to undo the straps of the yoke,
to let the oppressed go free,
and to break every yoke?

Is it not to share your bread with the hungry
and bring the homeless poor into your
house;

when you see the naked, to cover him,
and not to hide yourself from your own
flesh?



the Refuge

Mission Statement:

Helping survivors of domestic abuse
find redemption from oppression.



HEAL

Hear the cries of the oppressed

Establish safety

Apply the gospel

Lead in developing new patterns