



# SUMMER IN THE PSALMS



A SUMMER SERIES AT *THE BRIDGE*



# HOPE UNDER HIS WINGS

*Psalm 91*



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## Psalm 91:1–16

Those who live in the shelter of the Most High will find rest in the shadow of the Almighty. This I declare about the Lord: He alone is my refuge, my fortress; he is my God, and I trust him. For he will rescue you from every trap and protect you from deadly disease. He will cover you with his feathers. He will shelter you with his wings.

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## Psalm 91:1–16

His faithful promises are your armor and protection. Do not be afraid of the terrors of the night, nor the arrow that flies in the day. Do not dread the disease that stalks in darkness, nor the disaster that strikes at midday. Though a thousand fall at your side, though ten thousand are dying around you, these evils will not touch you.

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## Psalm 91:1–16

Just open your eyes, and see how the wicked are punished. If you make the Lord your refuge, if you make the Most High your shelter, no evil will conquer you; no plague will come near your home. For he will order his angels to protect you wherever you go. They will hold you up with their hands so you won't even hurt your foot on a stone.

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## Psalm 91:1–16

You will trample upon lions and cobras; you will crush fierce lions and serpents under your feet! The Lord says, “I will rescue those who love me. I will protect those who trust in my name. When they call on me, I will answer; I will be with them in trouble. I will rescue and honour them. I will reward them with a long life and give them my salvation.”

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***Prosperity gospel:*** "If you trust in God, you will experience a life free from hardship and overflowing with material blessings."

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# John 16:33



In this life, you will experience trouble.



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# TWO TRUTHS ABOUT TRIALS:

1. Not all trials are a result of sin.

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## John 9:2–3

“Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?” Jesus answered, “Neither this man nor his parents sinned, but this happened so that the works of God might be displayed in him.”

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## TWO TRUTHS ABOUT TRIALS:

1. Not all trials are a result of personal sin.
- 2. Trials are NOT a sign of God's absence.**

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# Psalm 91:15

When they call on me, I will answer; **I will be with them** in trouble.

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“This is a statement of exact, minute providence, not a charm against adversity. What it does assure us is that nothing can touch God’s servant but by God’s leave.”

**—Derek Kidner**

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“God’s silence doesn’t mean His absence.”

—**Timothy Keller**


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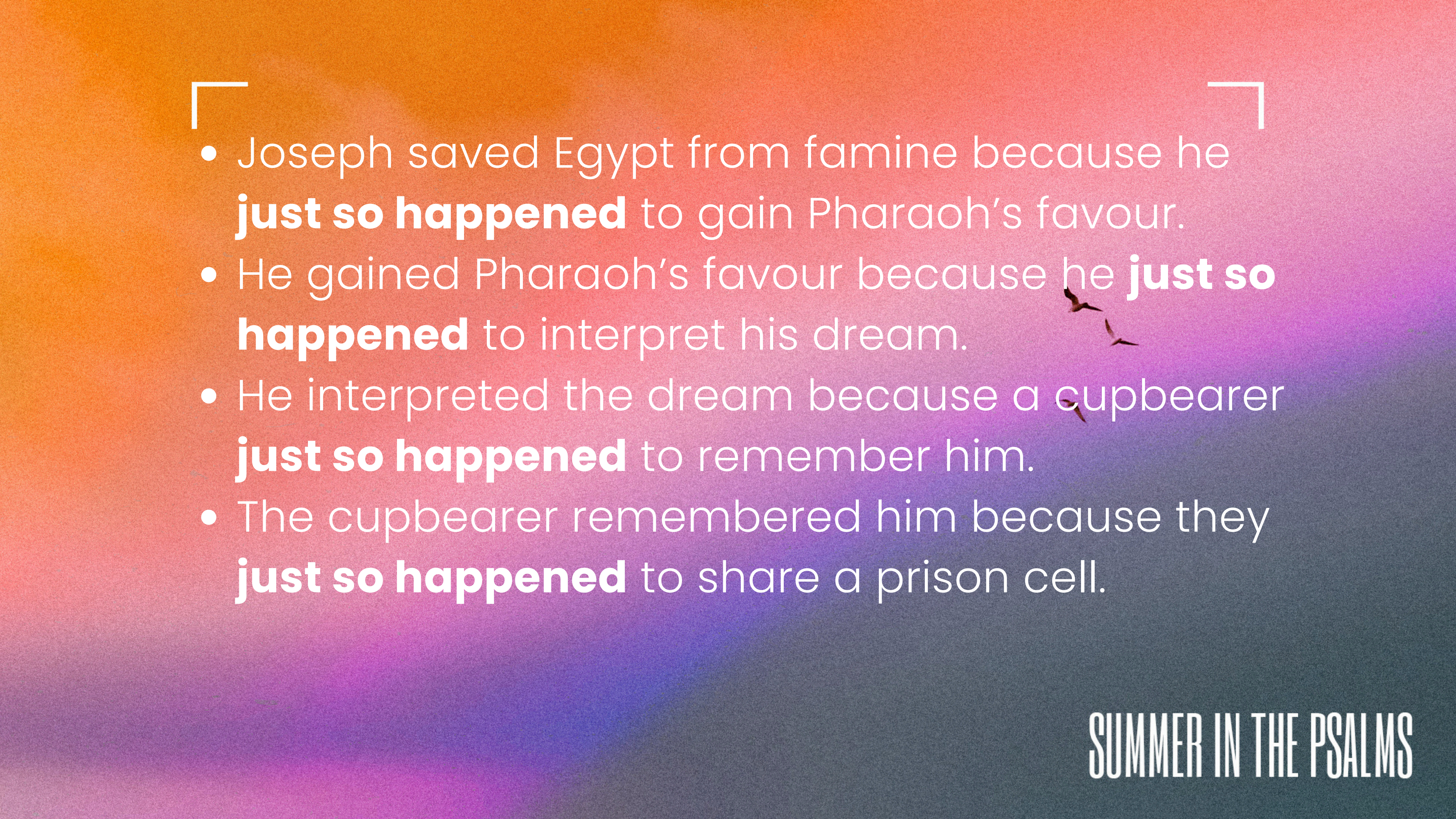
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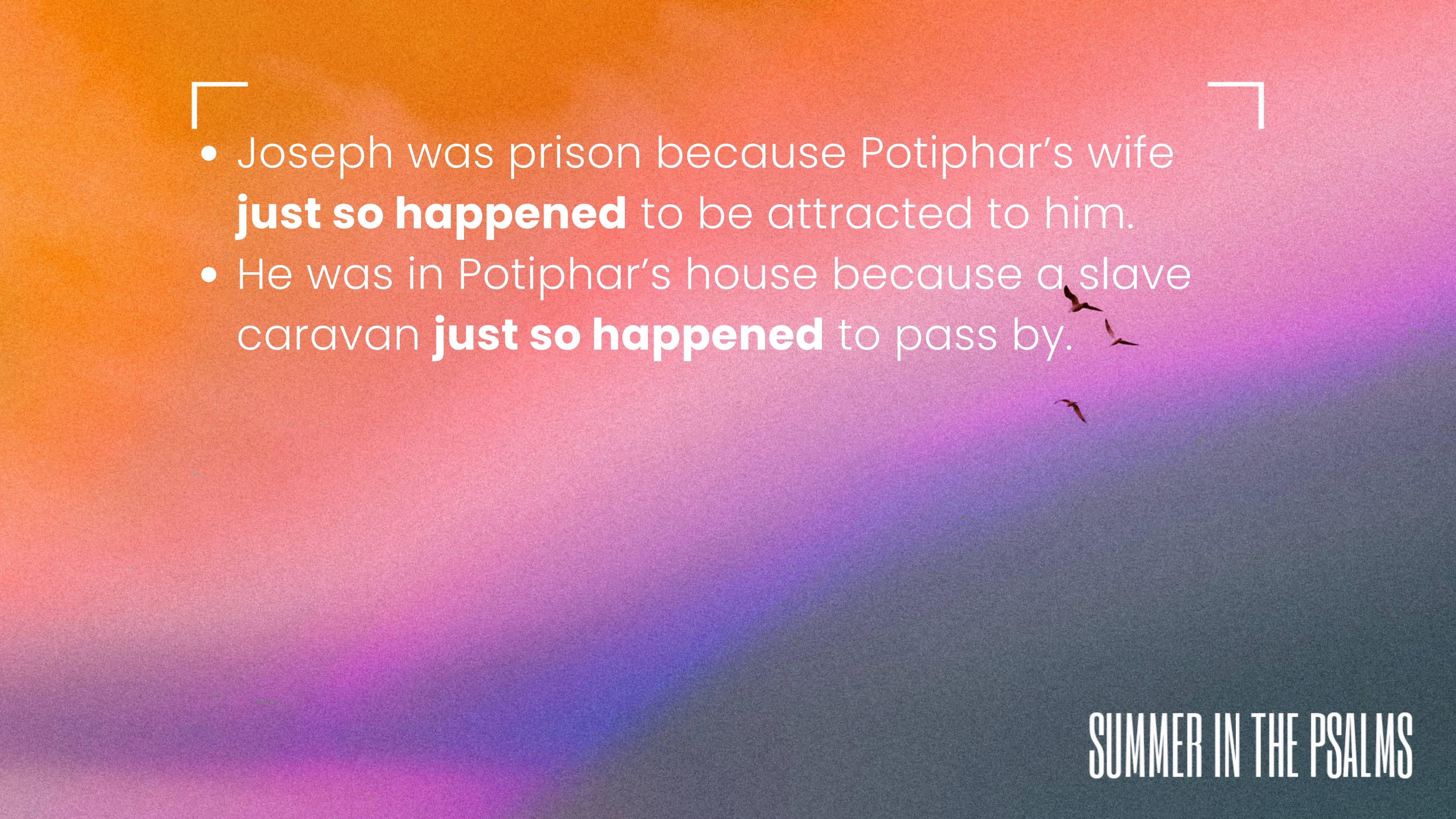
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  - And he was in that slave caravan because his brother **just so happened** to change his mind.

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## Romans 8:28

We know that in all things God works for the good of those who love Him, who have been called according to His purpose.

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# THE GOD THAT IS WITH US— TWO METAPHORS:

## 1. Military

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## Psalm 91:2

He alone is my **refuge**, my **fortress**; he is my  
God, and I trust him.

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## Psalm 91:11–12

For he will order his angels to protect you wherever you go. They will hold you up with their hands so you won't even hurt your foot on a stone.

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# Hebrews 1:14

Are not all angels ministering spirits sent to serve those who will inherit salvation?

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“God uses these mighty angels whom He has created, in order that they might minister unto us; those who follow Jesus...They do His will, they are ministering spirits; and their work is to minister to us, because we are the heirs of salvation...They are around and about us, though we do not see them... How foolish it is of us to neglect this teaching...”

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“The reason why we are so often in trouble, and why we become despondent, and why the devil defeats us, is that **we forget these things**. We forget that we are being ‘ministered unto’ by these angelic powers, these good angels created by God.”

—**Dr. Martyn Lloyd-Jones**

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# THE GOD THAT IS WITH US— TWO METAPHORS:

1. Military

**2. Mother bird**

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## Psalm 91:1,4

Those who live in the shelter of the Most High  
will find rest in the shadow of the Almighty....  
He will cover you with his feathers. He will  
shelter you with his wings.

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# THE GOD THAT IS WITH US— TWO METAPHORS:

1. Military = immediate protection
2. Mother bird = sacrificial protection

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## Psalm 91:14–16

The Lord says, 'I will rescue those who love me.  
I will protect those who trust in my name.  
When they call on me, I will answer; I will be  
with them in trouble. I will rescue and honour  
them. I will reward them with a long life and  
**give them my salvation.**

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## Matthew 23:37

Jerusalem, Jerusalem, you who kill the prophets and stone those sent to you, how often I have longed to gather your children together, as a hen gathers her chicks under her wings.

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# NEXT STEPS:

1. Respond to Jesus

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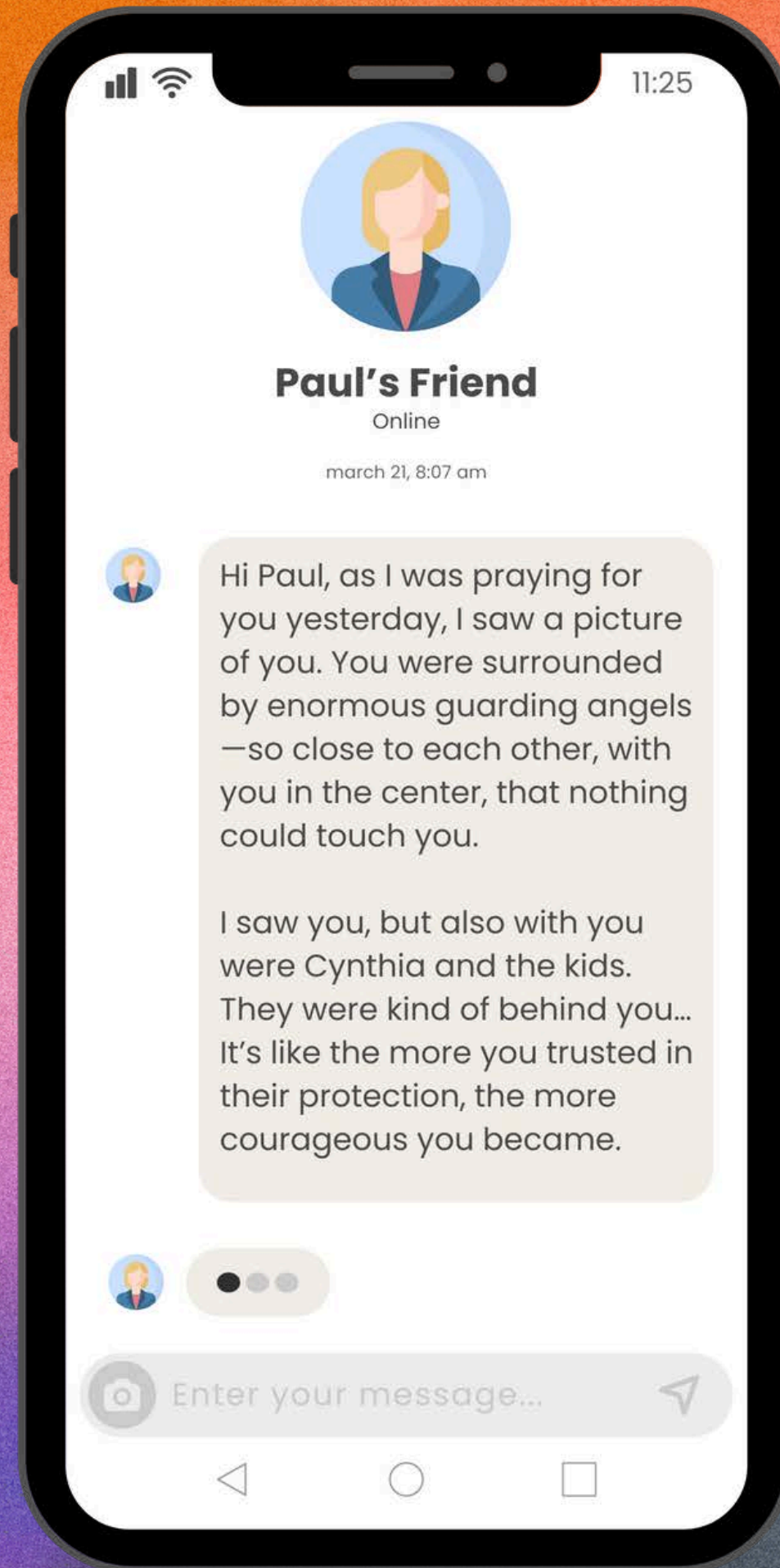
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2. **Embrace trust**

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## NEXT STEPS:

1. Respond to Jesus
2. Embrace trust
3. **Live daily in the security of His presence**

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11:25



**Paul's Friend**

Online

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Hi Paul, as I was praying for you yesterday, I saw a picture of you. You were surrounded by enormous guarding angels —so close to each other, with you in the center, that nothing could touch you.

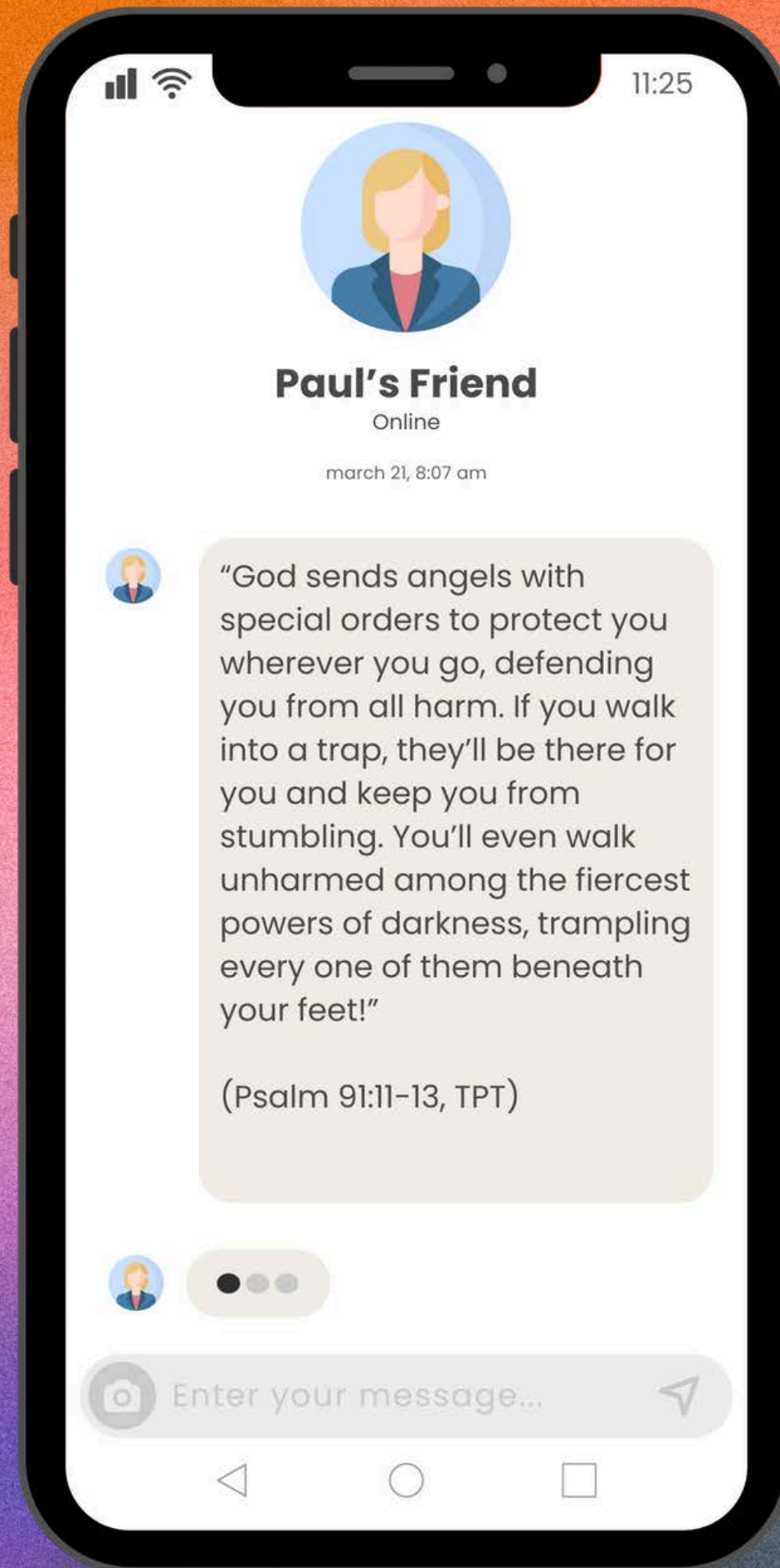
I saw you, but also with you were Cynthia and the kids. They were kind of behind you... It's like the more you trusted in their protection, the more courageous you became.



 Enter your message... 



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