

The  
TIME






# Ephesians 5:15-17 ESV



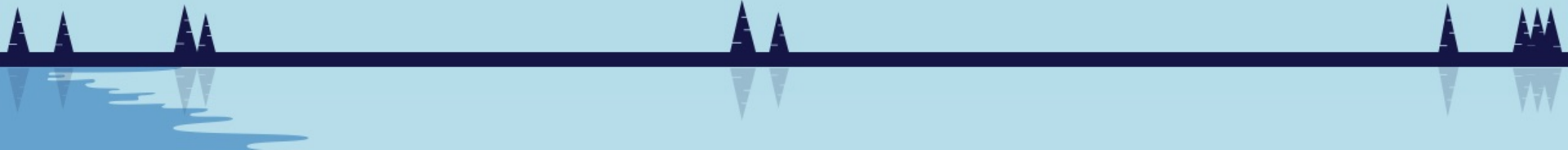


<sup>15</sup>Look carefully then how you walk, not as unwise but as wise,



<sup>16</sup>making the best use of the time, because the days are evil.



<sup>17</sup>Therefore do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is.

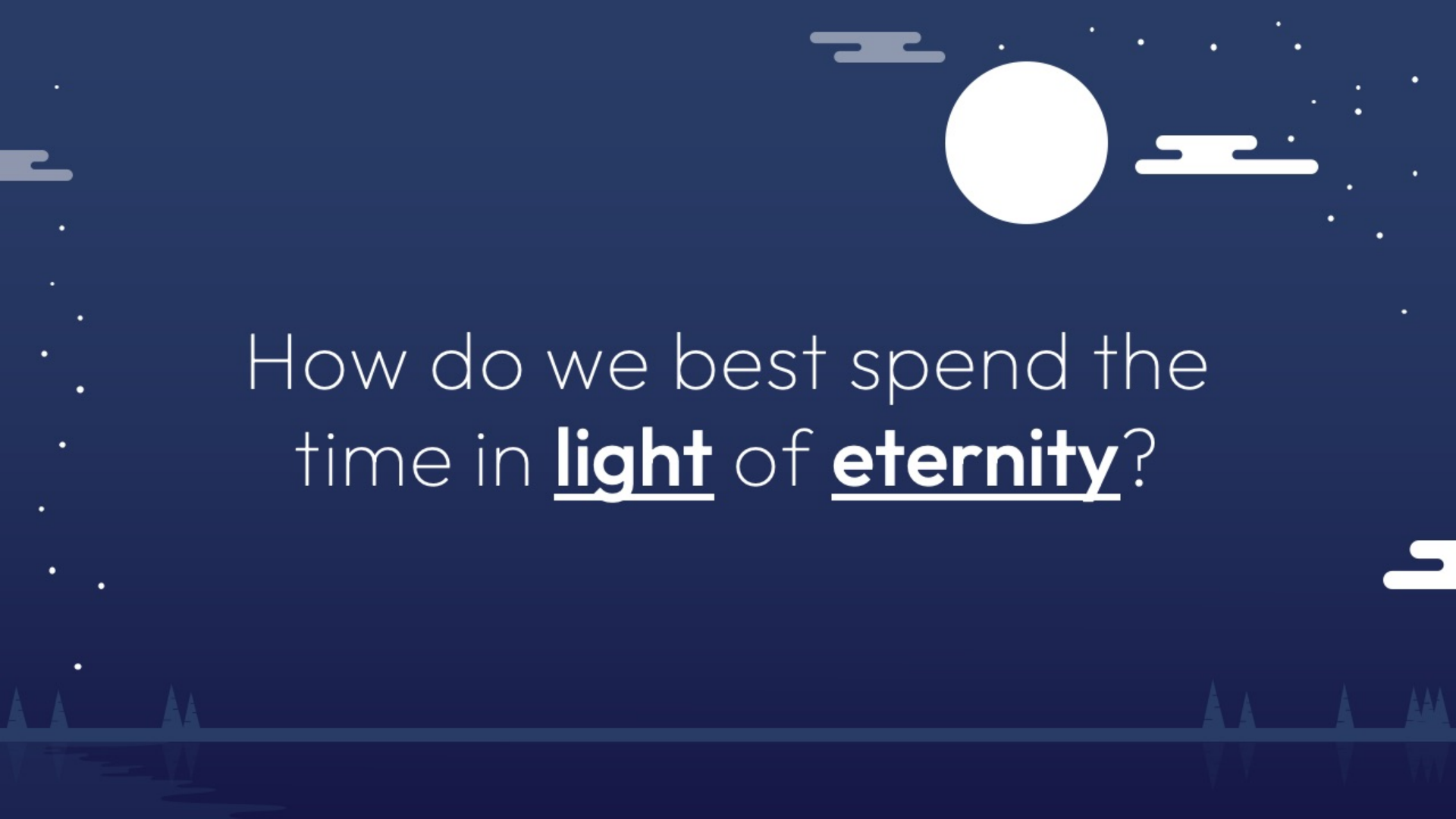


There were two ancient Greek words used for time.


One had the idea simply of day upon day and hour upon hour.

The other had the idea of a definite portion of time, a time where something should happen.

It is the difference between time and the time. The idea here is of the time; it is a definite season of opportunity that Christians must redeem.



How do we best spend the  
time in light of eternity?

The background is a warm, orange-to-red gradient. There are several stylized, white, horizontal cloud shapes scattered across the sky. Numerous small, dark, V-shaped birds are depicted in flight, some in the upper right and others in the lower left. At the bottom of the image, there is a dark, horizontal line representing a horizon. Below this line, there are several dark, triangular shapes that look like trees or mountains, and their reflections are visible in the white space below the horizon line. The text is centered in the upper half of the image.

The first, fourth, eighth, eleventh, and twentieth step of redeeming the time.

# Mark 1:35-39 NLT

<sup>35</sup>Before daybreak the next morning, Jesus got up and went out to an isolated place to pray. <sup>36</sup>Later Simon and the others went out to find him. <sup>37</sup>When they found him, they said, "Everyone is looking for you."

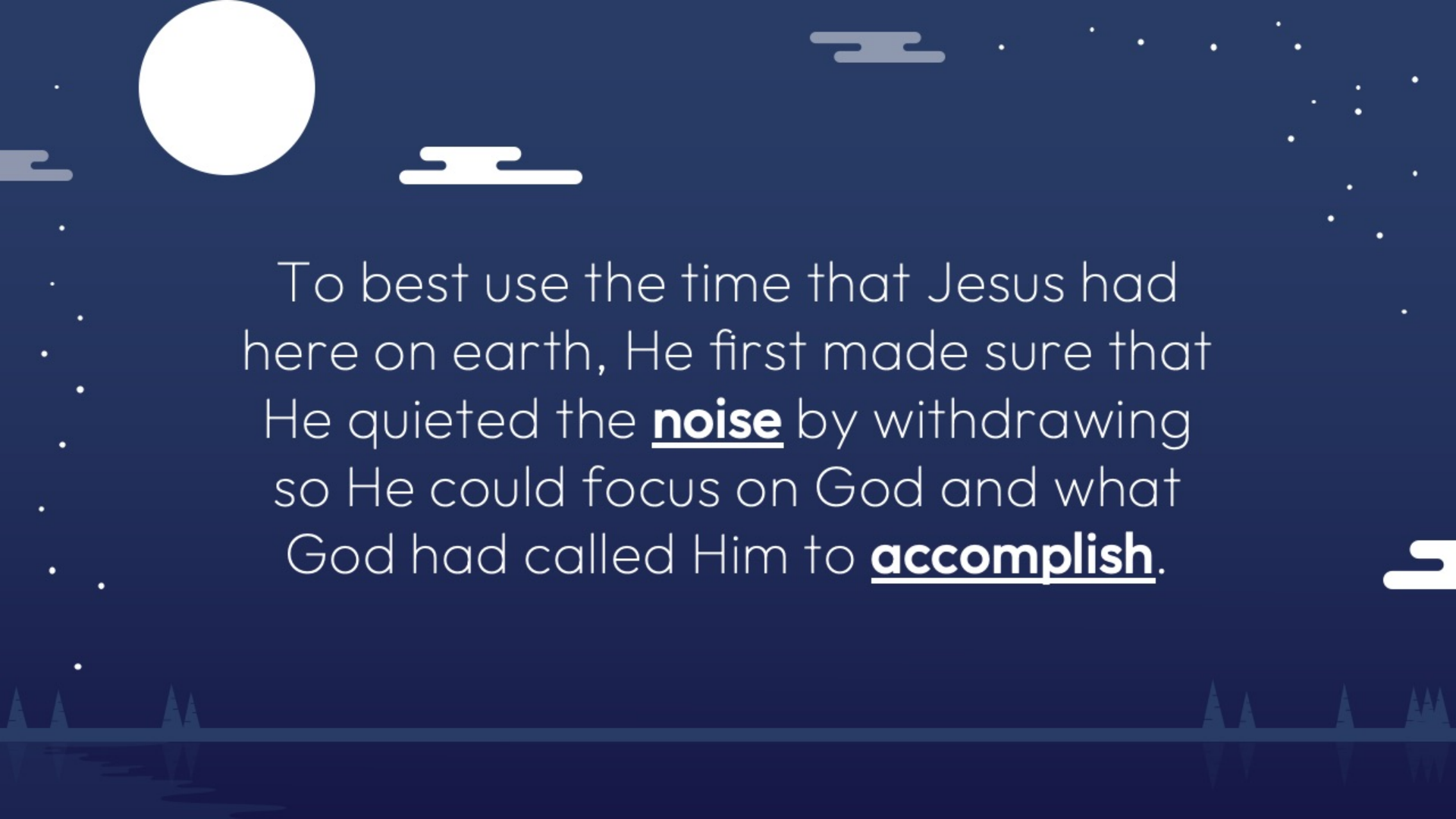
<sup>38</sup>But Jesus replied, "We must go on to other towns as well, and I will preach to them, too. That is why I came." <sup>39</sup>So he traveled throughout the region of Galilee, preaching in the synagogues and casting out demons.





## Luke 5:15-16 NLT

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To best use the time that Jesus had here on earth, He first made sure that He quieted the noise by withdrawing so He could focus on God and what God had called Him to accomplish.





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- We need to replace the time stealers with the time redeemers



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## Philippians 4:6-8 NLT

<sup>6</sup>Don't worry about anything; instead, pray about everything. Tell God what you need, and thank him for all he has done. <sup>7</sup>Then you will experience God's peace, which exceeds anything we can understand. His peace will guard your hearts and minds as you live in Christ Jesus.

<sup>8</sup>And now, dear brothers and sisters, one final thing. Fix your thoughts on what is true, and honorable, and right, and pure, and lovely, and admirable. Think about things that are excellent and worthy of praise.

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## 2 Corinthians 4:18 NIV

<sup>18</sup>So we fix our eyes not on what is seen, but on what is unseen, since what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal.



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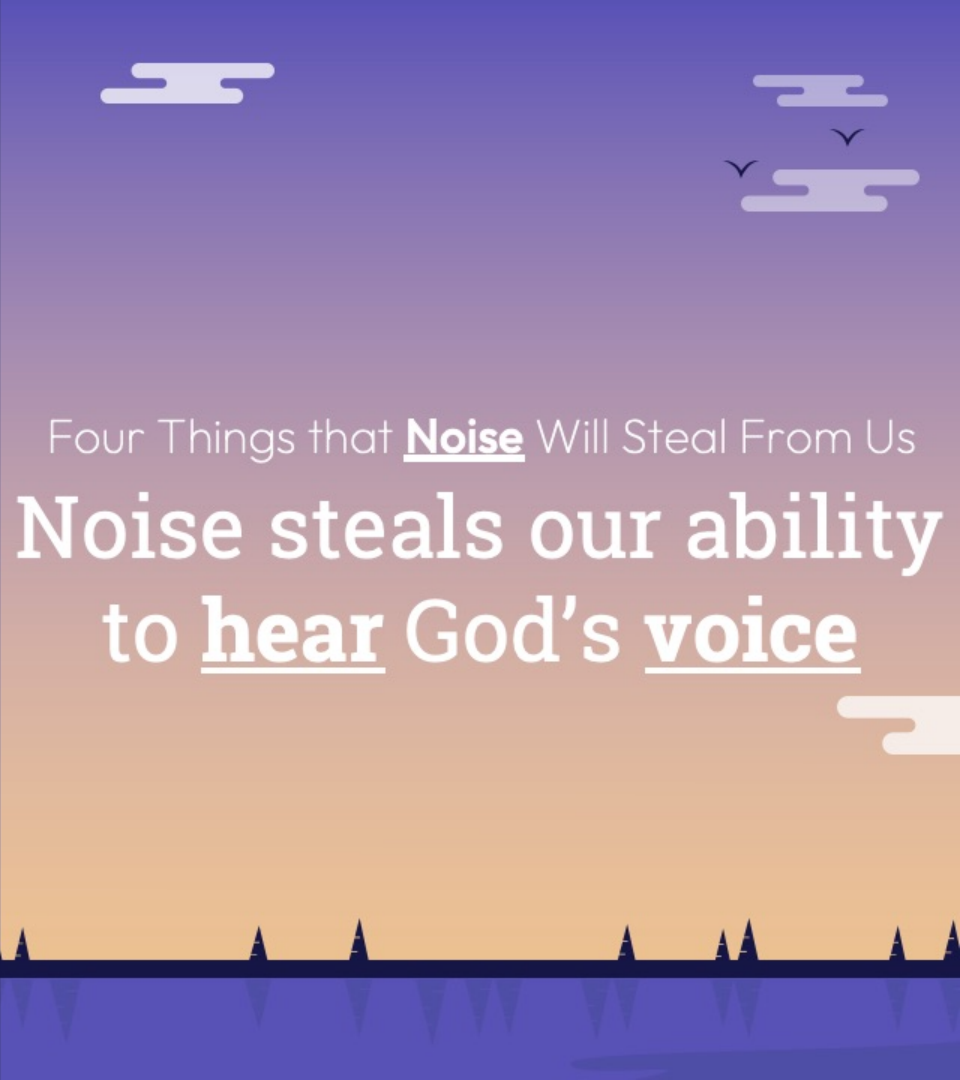
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# 1 Kings 19:11-13 NLT

<sup>11</sup>"Go out and stand before me on the mountain," the Lord told him. And as Elijah stood there, the Lord passed by, and a mighty windstorm hit the mountain. It was such a terrible blast that the rocks were torn loose, but the Lord was not in the wind. After the wind there was an earthquake, but the Lord was not in the earthquake. <sup>12</sup>And after the earthquake there was a fire, but the Lord was not in the fire. And after the fire there was the sound of a gentle whisper.

<sup>13</sup>When Elijah heard it, he wrapped his face in his cloak and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave.

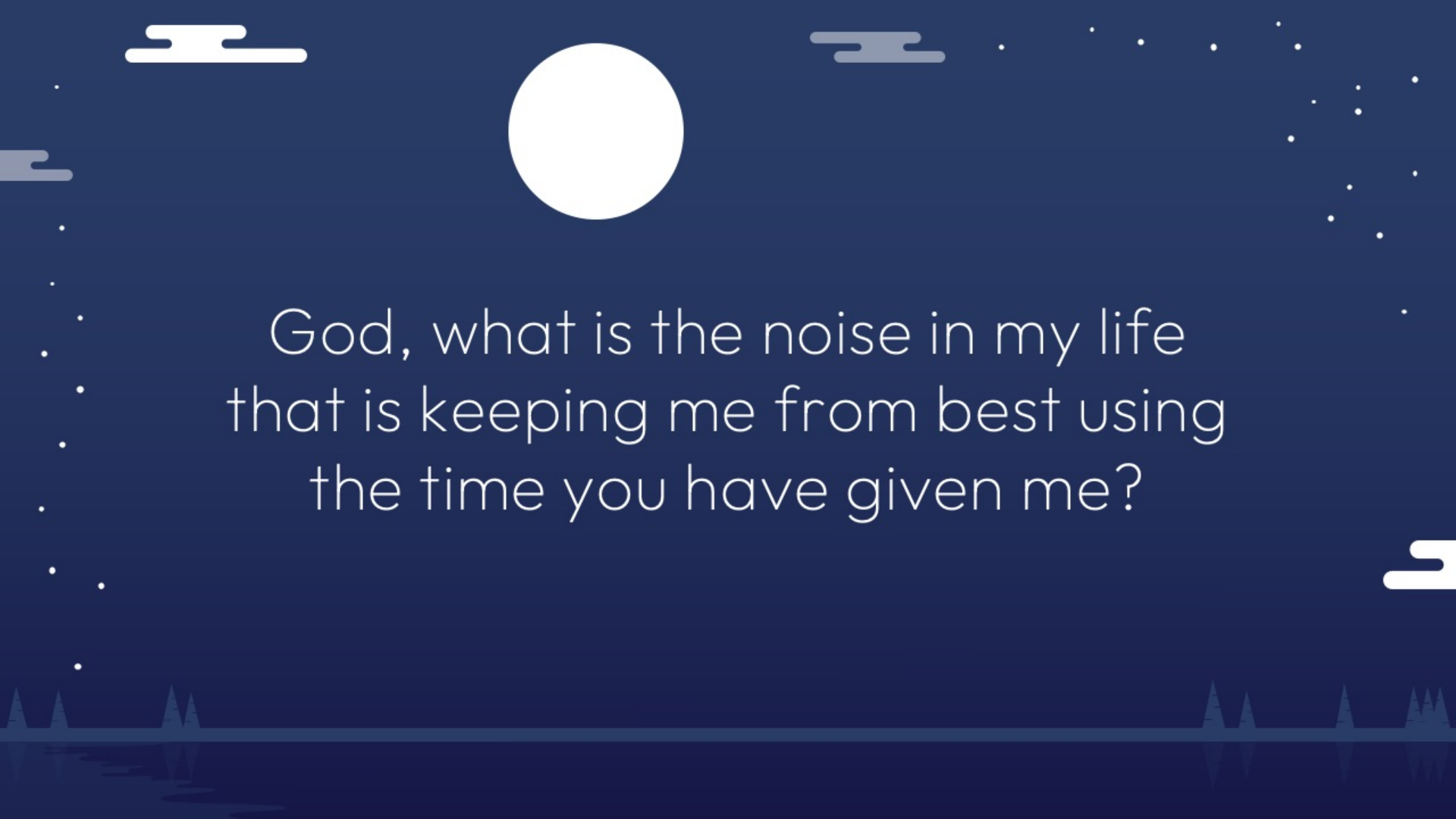


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God actually met Elijah in the quiet  
whisper of a voice, instead of the  
earth-shaking phenomenon  
and noise that had gone before.



God, what is the noise in my life  
that is keeping me from best using  
the time you have given me?