

A vibrant sunset scene with a road leading towards the horizon. The sky is filled with fiery orange and red clouds, and the sun is low on the horizon, casting a warm glow. The road is paved and has a central crack. The text "Ready and Willing" is written in large, white, bold letters with a black outline, centered over the road.

Ready and Willing

1 Cor. 1:27-28, 2 Cor. 4:6-7

27 God has chosen the foolish things of the world to put to shame the wise, and God has chosen the weak things of the world to put to shame the things which are mighty; 28 and the base things of the world and the things which are despised God has chosen, and the things which are not, to bring to nothing the things that are.



1 Corinthians 1:27-28

⁶ For God, who said, “Let there be light in the darkness,” has made this light shine in our hearts so we could know the glory of God that is seen in the face of Jesus Christ. ⁷ We now have this light shining in our hearts, but we ourselves are like fragile clay jars containing this great treasure. This makes it clear that our great power is from God, not from ourselves.



2 Corinthians 4:6-7





9 And He said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for My strength is made perfect in weakness." Therefore most gladly I will rather boast in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me. 10 Therefore I take pleasure in infirmities, in reproaches, in needs, in persecutions, in distresses, for Christ's sake. For when I am weak, then I am strong.



2 Corinthians 12:9-10

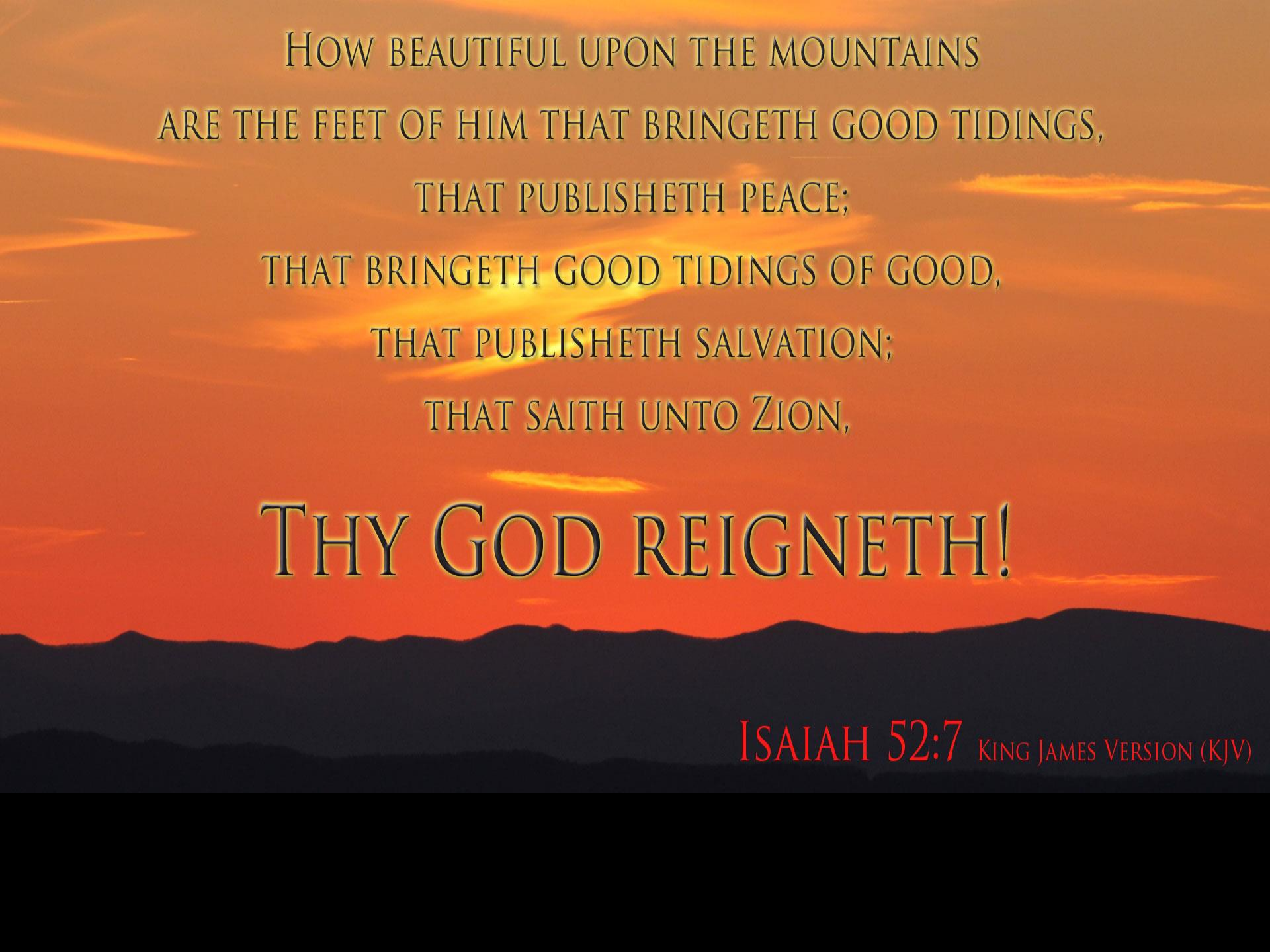
He told them to go and tell John what you have seen and heard. Tell him the blind see, the lame walk, the lepers are cured, the deaf hear, the dead are raised to life, and this good news is being told even to the poor.



Matthew 11:4-5



**“Go ye therefore, and teach all nations”
(Matt 28:19a KJV).**



HOW BEAUTIFUL UPON THE MOUNTAINS
ARE THE FEET OF HIM THAT BRINGETH GOOD TIDINGS,
THAT PUBLISHETH PEACE;
THAT BRINGETH GOOD TIDINGS OF GOOD,
THAT PUBLISHETH SALVATION;
THAT SAITH UNTO ZION,

THY GOD REIGNETH!

ISAIAH 52:7 KING JAMES VERSION (KJV)

EXCUSES

1. People feel unworthy or unqualified!



Then the woman left her water pot and went into the city and told the men, come see a man which told me everything that I ever did. "Is not this the Christ?" Then they went out to see him." John 4:28-30

I once was blind, but now I see

John 9:1-41

24 So they again called the man who was blind, and said to him, "Give God the glory! We know that this Man is a sinner." **25** He answered and said, "Whether He is a sinner *or not* I do not know. One thing I know: that though I was blind, now I see."



John 9:24-25

26 Then they said to him again, "What did He do to you? How did He open your eyes?" **27** He answered them, "I told you already, and you did not listen. Why do you want to hear *it* again? Do you also want to become His disciples?" **28** Then they reviled him and said, "You are His disciple, but we are Moses' disciples."



John 9:26-28

29 We know that God spoke to Moses; *as for this fellow, we do not know where He is from.*" 30 The man answered and said to them, "Why, this is a marvelous thing, that you do not know where He is from; yet He has opened my eyes! 31 Now we know that God does not hear sinners; but if anyone is a worshiper of God and does His will, He hears him.



John 9:29-31

32 Since the world began it has been unheard of that anyone opened the eyes of one who was born blind. **33** If this Man were not from God, He could do nothing." **34** They answered and said to him, "You were completely born in sins, and are you teaching us?" And they cast him out.



John 9:32-34

EXCUSES

2. I'm afraid of how people might respond

EXCUSES



NO EXCUSES



EXCUSES

3. I'm afraid I won't be able to answer an unbeliever's questions.

15 Through thick and thin, keep your hearts at attention, in adoration before Christ, your Master.

Be ready and willing to speak up and tell anyone who asks why you're living the way you are, and always with the utmost courtesy.



1 Peter 3:15 The Message

**41 Now as He drew Jerusalem,
He saw the city and wept over it,**



Luke 19:41

Compassion

affinity kindheartedness softheartedness largeheartedness kindness kindliness
warmheartedness regret charity humanity commiseration bigheartedness sensitivity altruism
benevolence feeling mercy largess ruth philanthropy generosity pity understanding
benignity humaneness sympathy magnanimity goodwill empathy condolence rapport

"sorrow for the trouble of another with the urge to help".

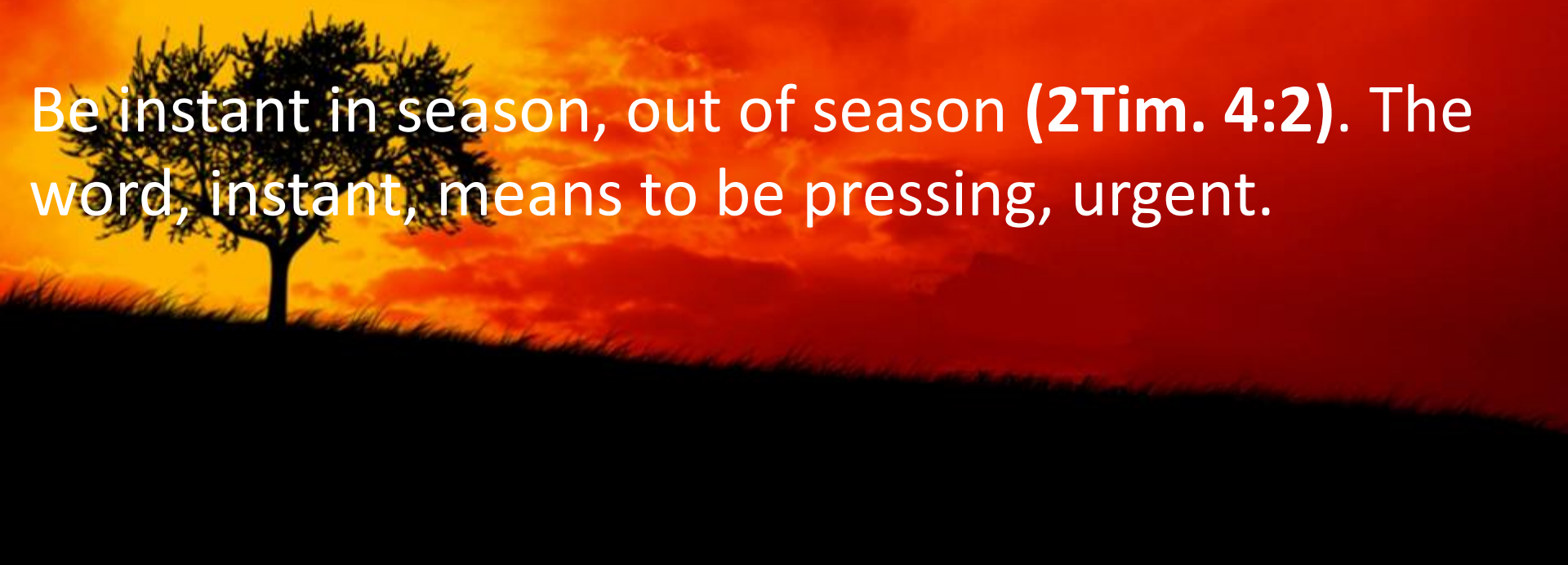
4. I can always do it tomorrow.

PROCRASTINATION



"I must be about my Father's business" (Luke 2:49). In **John 9:4**, He said that he must work "while it is day, the night cometh, when no man can work". He even instructed his disciples to not waste precious time with tedious salutations (**Luke 10:4**). We are to redeem the time (**Eph. 5:16**). We must make use of those precious moments that others throw away.

Be instant in season, out of season (**2Tim. 4:2**). The word, instant, means to be pressing, urgent.



"Lift up your eyes, and look on the fields; for they are white already to harvest." (John 4:35).

