



THE FORTY

40 days of prayer + fasting + reflection | JOHN 15:17

The Spirit: Part 2

JOHN 16:19-24

Jesus saw that they wanted to ask...so he said to them, "Are you asking one another what I meant when I said, 'In a little while you will see me no more, and then after a little while you will see me'? Very truly I tell you, you will weep and mourn while the world rejoices. You will grieve, but your grief will turn to joy."

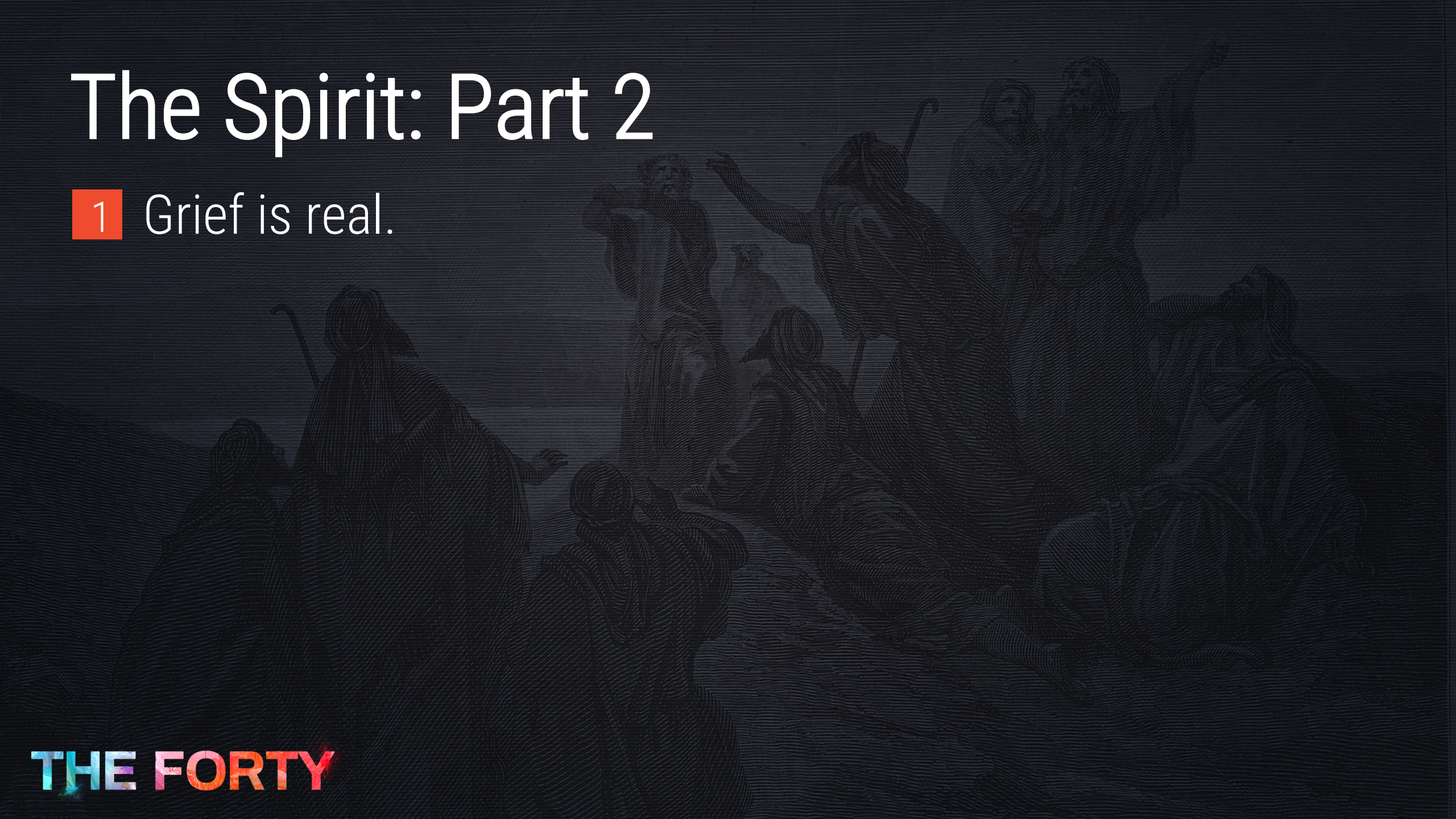
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A woman giving birth to a child has pain because her time has come; but when her baby is born she forgets the anguish because of her joy that a child is born into the world.

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1 Grief is real.



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JOHN 16:33

“I have told you these things, so that in me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world.”

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Grief is grief, and no matter how much you suck it up, push it down, bury it, try to forget it, lock it in a closet, or minimize it...you can't!...;it will blow out the side in myriad unhealthy ways...

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What makes you sad? Don't judge.

What makes you sad?

How will you engage it, feel it, express it, walk in it?

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2 Many will rejoice in Jesus' absence.

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MATTHEW 7:21

“Not everyone who says to me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ will enter the kingdom of heaven, but only the one who does the will of my Father who is in heaven.”

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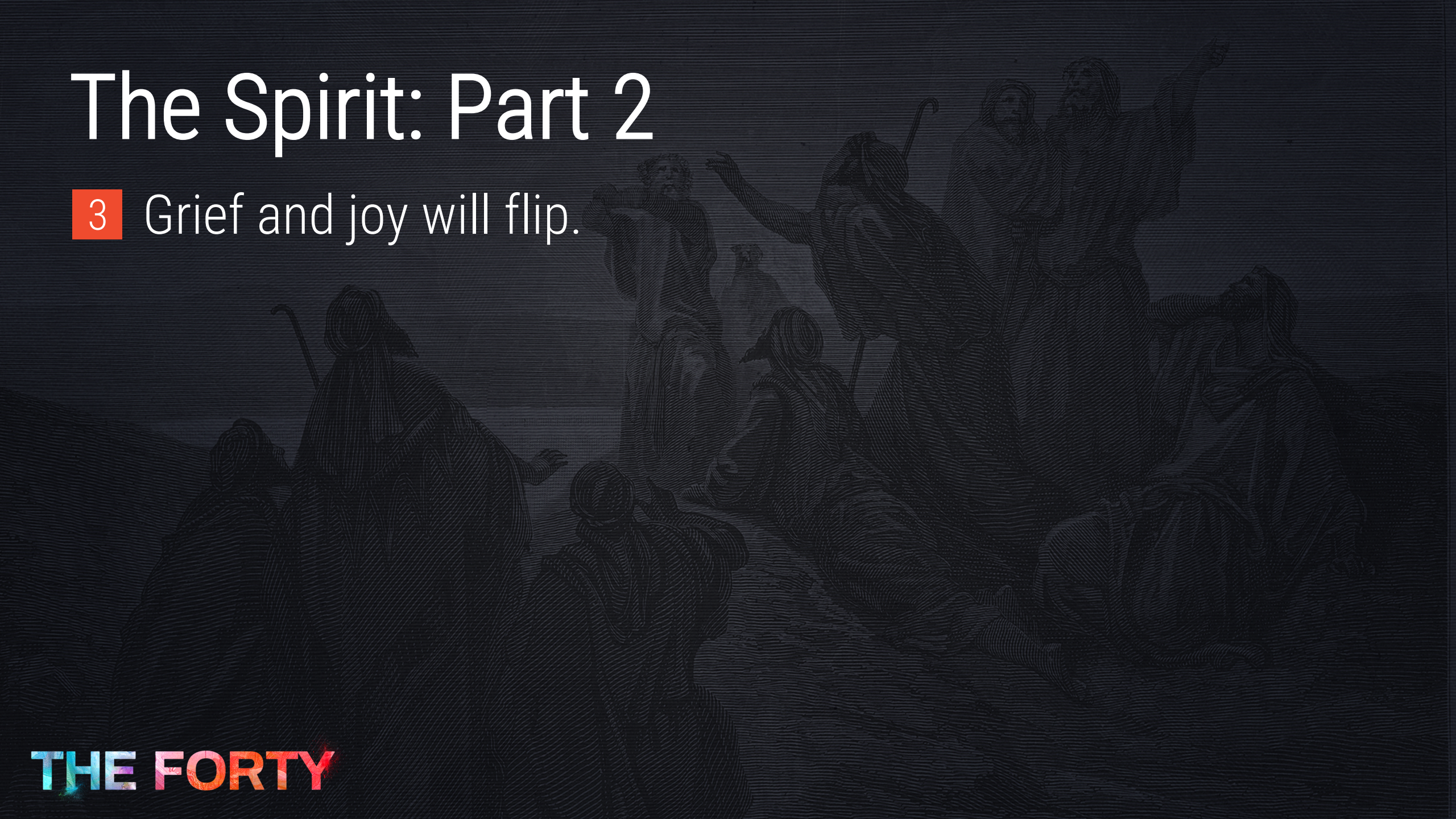
Jesus puts the father in **first** place.

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Jesus tells the whole truth.

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3 Grief and joy will flip.



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4 The believer can have perpetual joy!

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JOHN 16:22

So with you: Now is your time of grief, but I will see you again and you will rejoice, and no one will take away your joy.

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ECCLESIASTES 7

The wise man holds onto the one without letting go of the other...

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That true and lasting joy lives deepest within the context of an often painful and fading world.

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- Serve others even in the midst of social distance
- Pray for protection and enjoy the presence of God
- Let faith overcome fear and drive even more generosity

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JOHN 16:23

In that day you will no longer ask me anything. Very truly I tell you, my Father will give you whatever you ask in my name. Until now you have not asked for anything in my name. Ask and you will receive, and your joy will be complete.

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Seek God within the tensions of life, feel his presence, hear his voice, follow his way, and discover more deeply true inner peace, contentment, confidence...joy in the middle of all the grief, chaos, trouble, pain that this world might throw your way.