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Do you not know that in a race all the runners run, but only one gets the prize? Run in such a way as to get the prize. Everyone who competes in the games goes into strict training. They do it to get a crown that will not last, but we do it to get a crown that will last forever.

*1 Corinthians 9:24–27 (NIV)*

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Therefore I do not run like someone running aimlessly;  
I do not fight like a boxer beating the air. No, I strike a  
blow to my body and make it my slave so that after I  
have preached to others, I myself will not be  
disqualified for the prize.

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You are running a race.

“This, then, is how you should pray: “ ‘Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors.

*Matthew 6:9-13 (NIV)*

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And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from  
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but each person is tempted when they are dragged away by their own evil desire and enticed. Then, after desire has conceived, it gives birth to sin; and sin, when it is full-grown, gives birth to death.

*James 1:14-15 (NIV)*

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So the trouble is not with the law, for it is spiritual and good. The trouble is with me, for **I am all too human, a slave to sin.** I don't really understand myself, for I want to do what is right, but I don't do it. Instead, I do what I hate. But if I know that what I am doing is wrong, this shows that I agree that the law is good.

*Romans 7:14–25 (NLT)*

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So I am not the one doing wrong; it is sin living in me that does it. And I know that nothing good lives in me, that is, in my sinful nature. I want to do what is right, but I can't. I want to do what is good, but I don't. I don't want to do what is wrong, but I do it anyway.

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But if I do what I don't want to do, I am not really the one doing wrong; it is **sin living in me** that does it. I have discovered this principle of life—that when I want to do what is right, I inevitably do what is wrong.

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I love God's law with all my heart. But there is another power within me that is at war with my mind. This power makes me a slave to the **sin that is still within me**. Oh, what a miserable person I am!

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Who will free me from this life that is dominated by sin and death? Thank God! The answer is in Jesus Christ our Lord. So you see how it is: In my mind I really want to obey God's law, but **because of my sinful nature** I am a slave to sin.

*Romans 7:14–25 (NLT)*

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So, if you think you are standing firm, be careful that  
you don't fall!

*1 Corinthians 10:12–13 (NIV)*

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When the devil had finished all this tempting, he left  
him until an opportune time.

*Luke 4:13 (NIV)*

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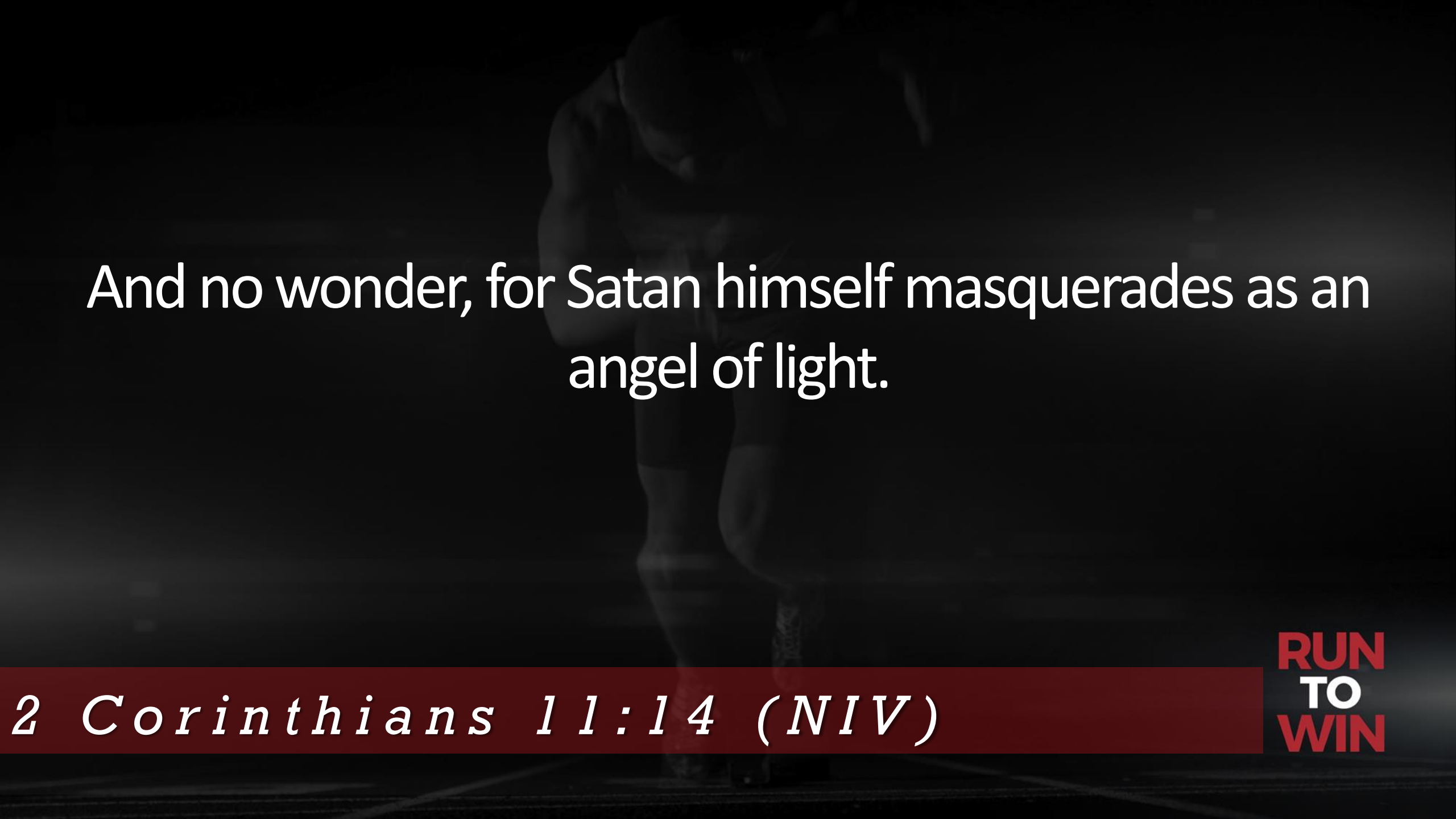
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God will tell you what you need to hear.

Satan will tell you what you want to hear.

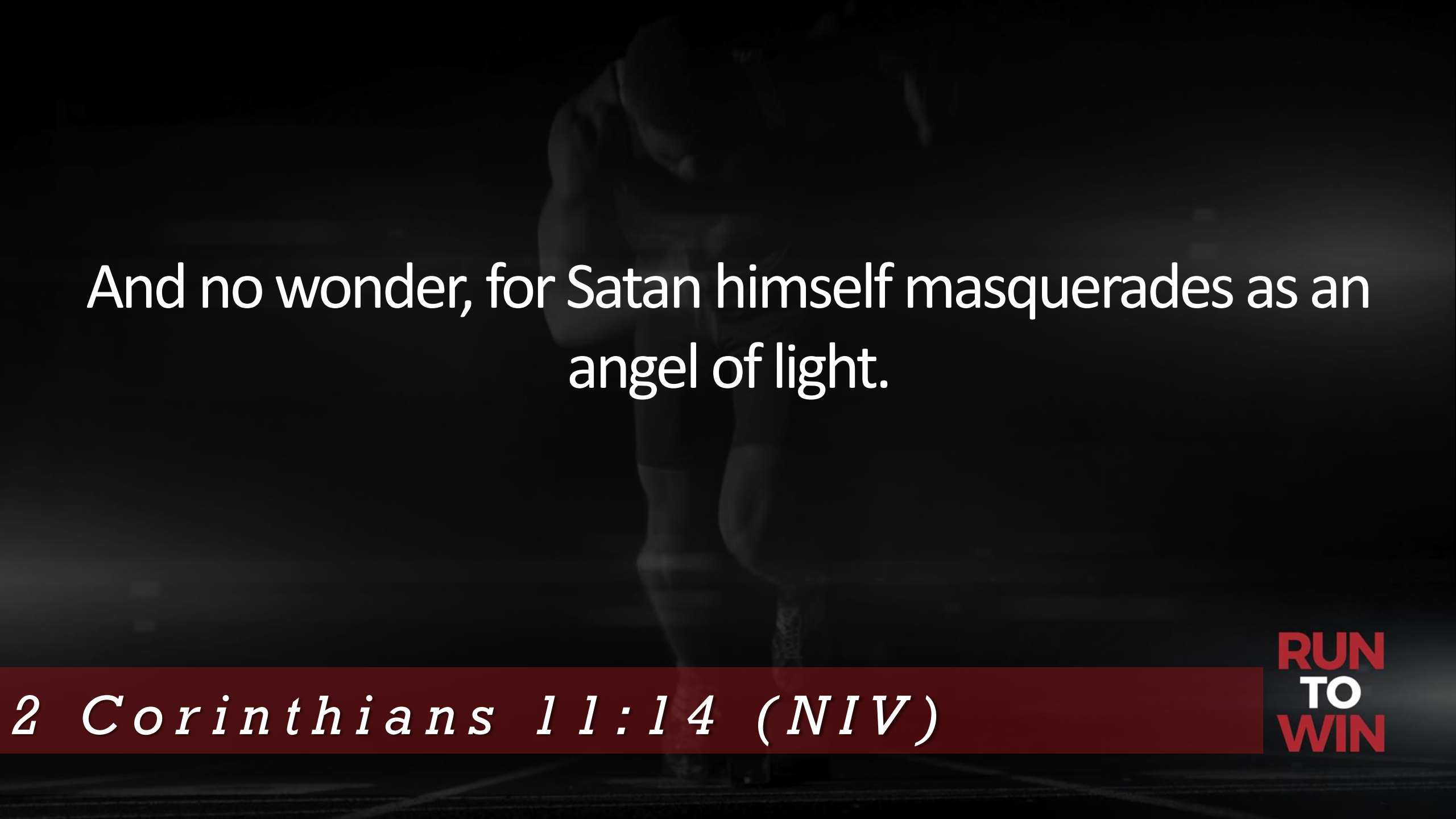




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*2 Corinthians 11:14 (NIV)*

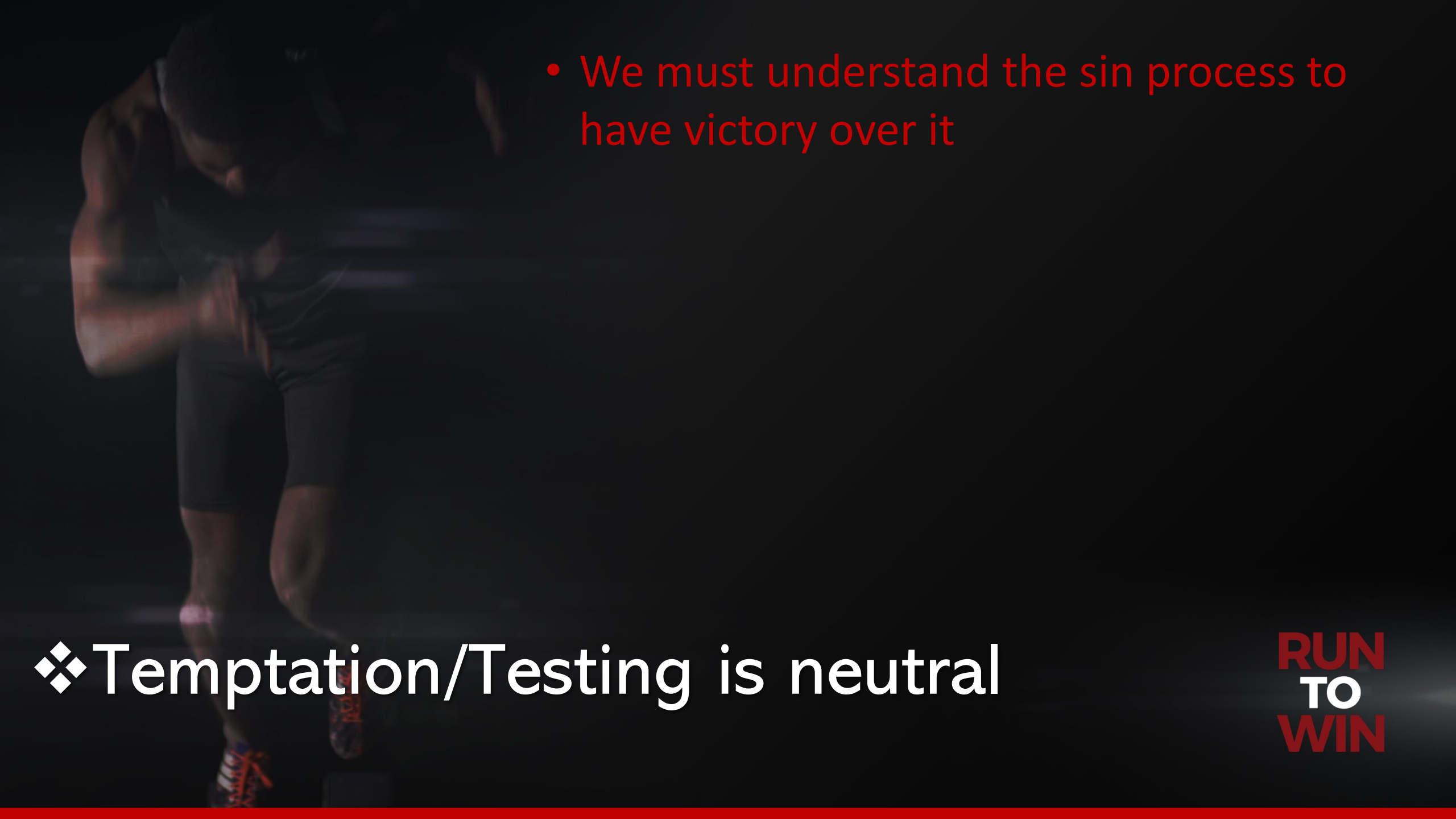
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Consider it pure joy, my brothers and sisters,  
whenever you face trials of many kinds, because you  
know that the testing of your faith produces  
perseverance. Let perseverance finish its work so that  
you may be mature and complete, not lacking  
anything.

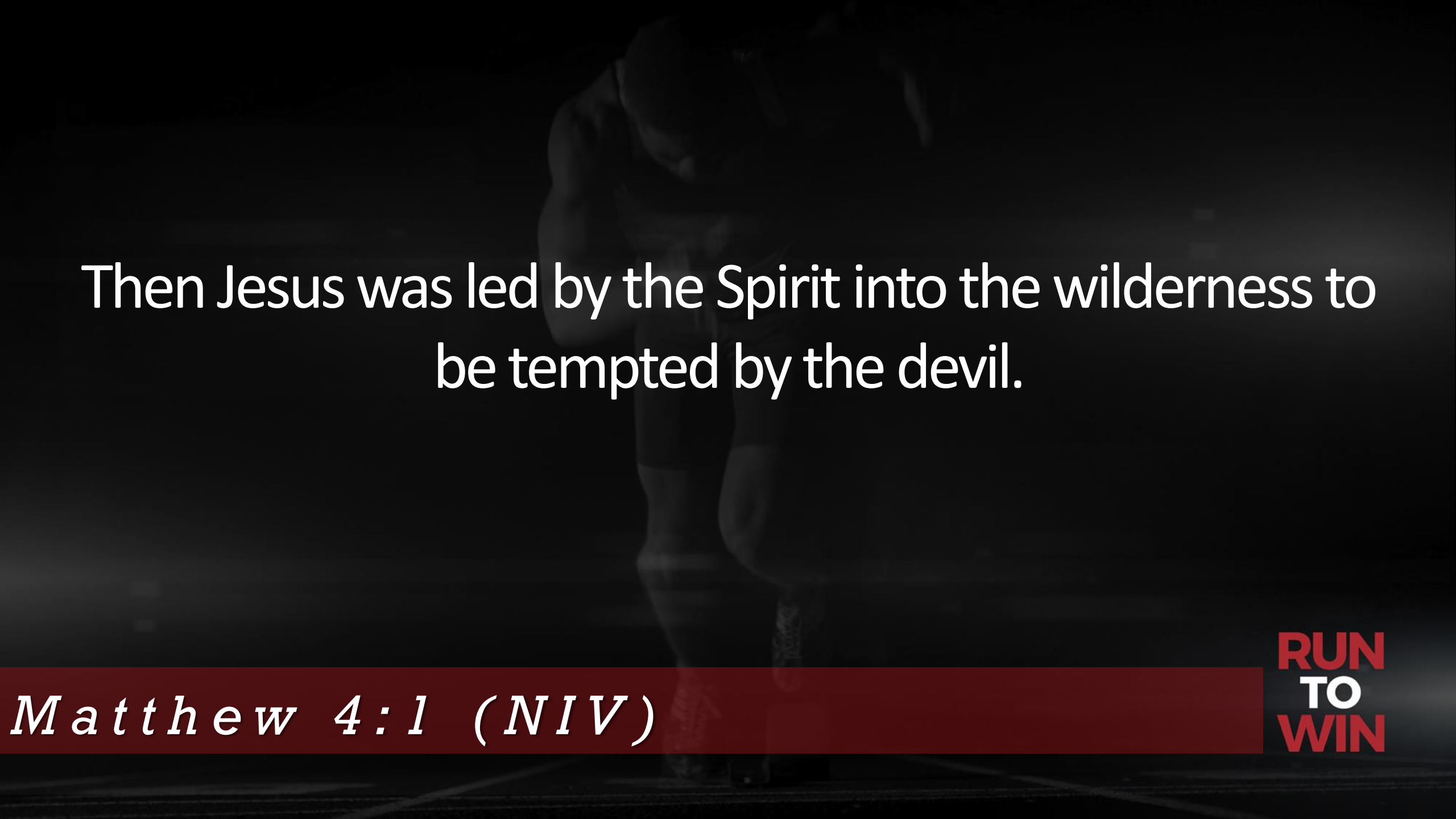
*James 1:2-4 (NIV)*

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❖ Lead us not into temptation

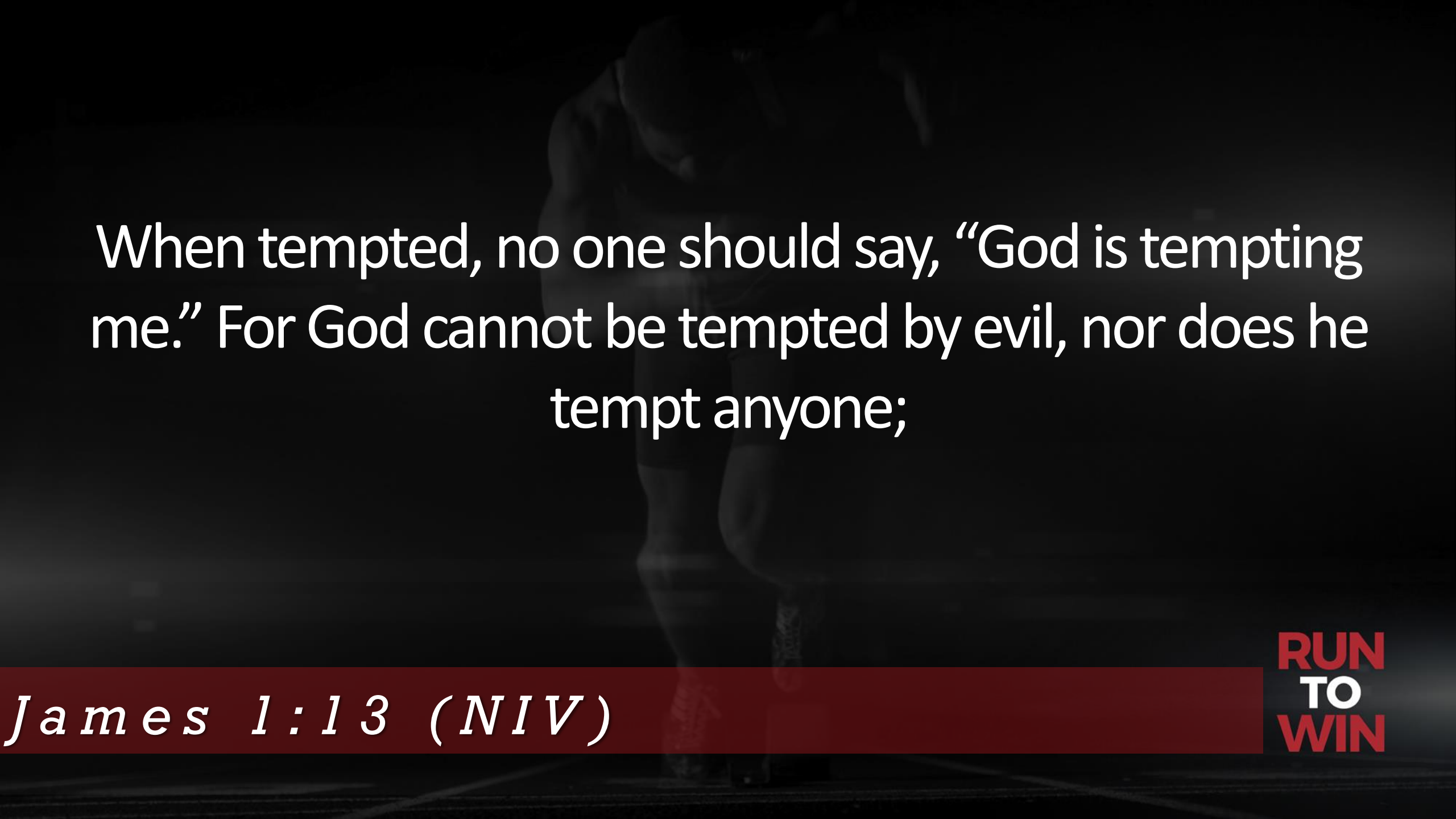
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Then Jesus was led by the Spirit into the wilderness to  
be tempted by the devil.

*Matthew 4:1 (NIV)*

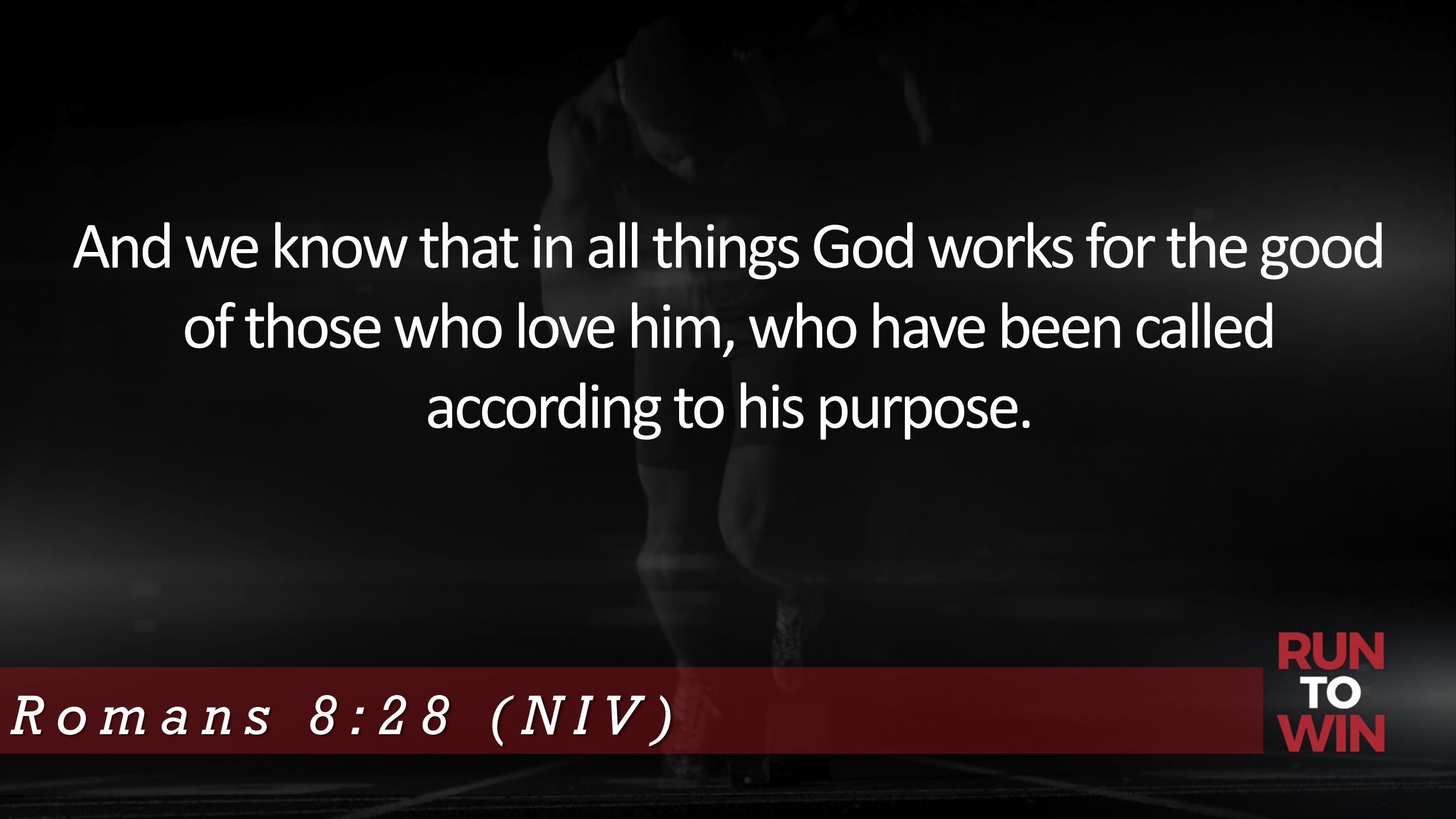
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When tempted, no one should say, “God is tempting me.” For God cannot be tempted by evil, nor does he tempt anyone;

*James 1:13 (NIV)*

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And we know that in all things God works for the good  
of those who love him, who have been called  
according to his purpose.

*Romans 8:28 (NIV)*

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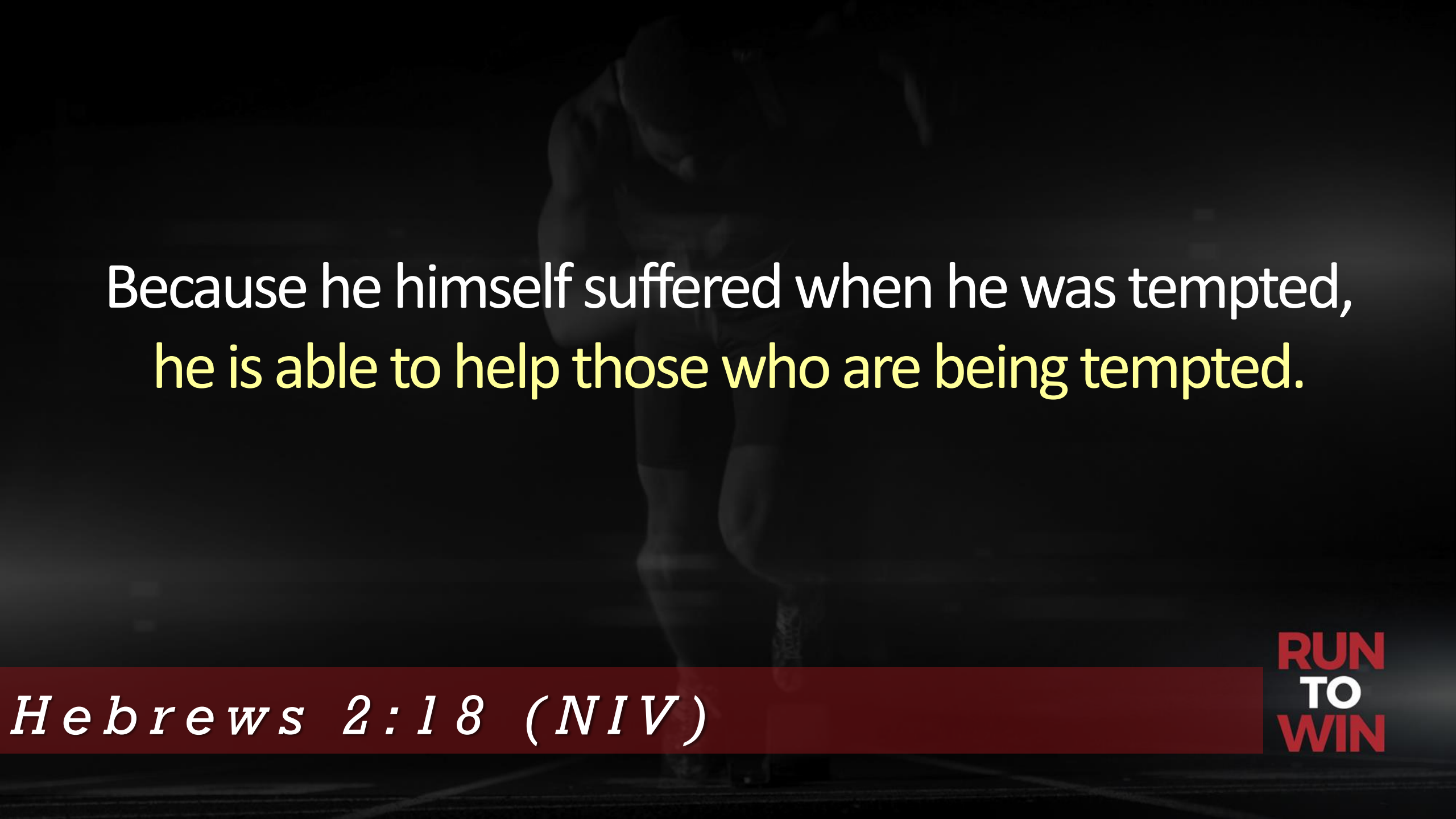
❖ Deliver us from the evil one

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For we do not have a high priest who is unable to empathize with our weaknesses, but **we have one who has been tempted in every way, just as we are—yet he did not sin.** Let us then approach God's throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need.

*Hebrews 4:15–16 (NIV)*

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Because he himself suffered when he was tempted,  
he is able to help those who are being tempted.

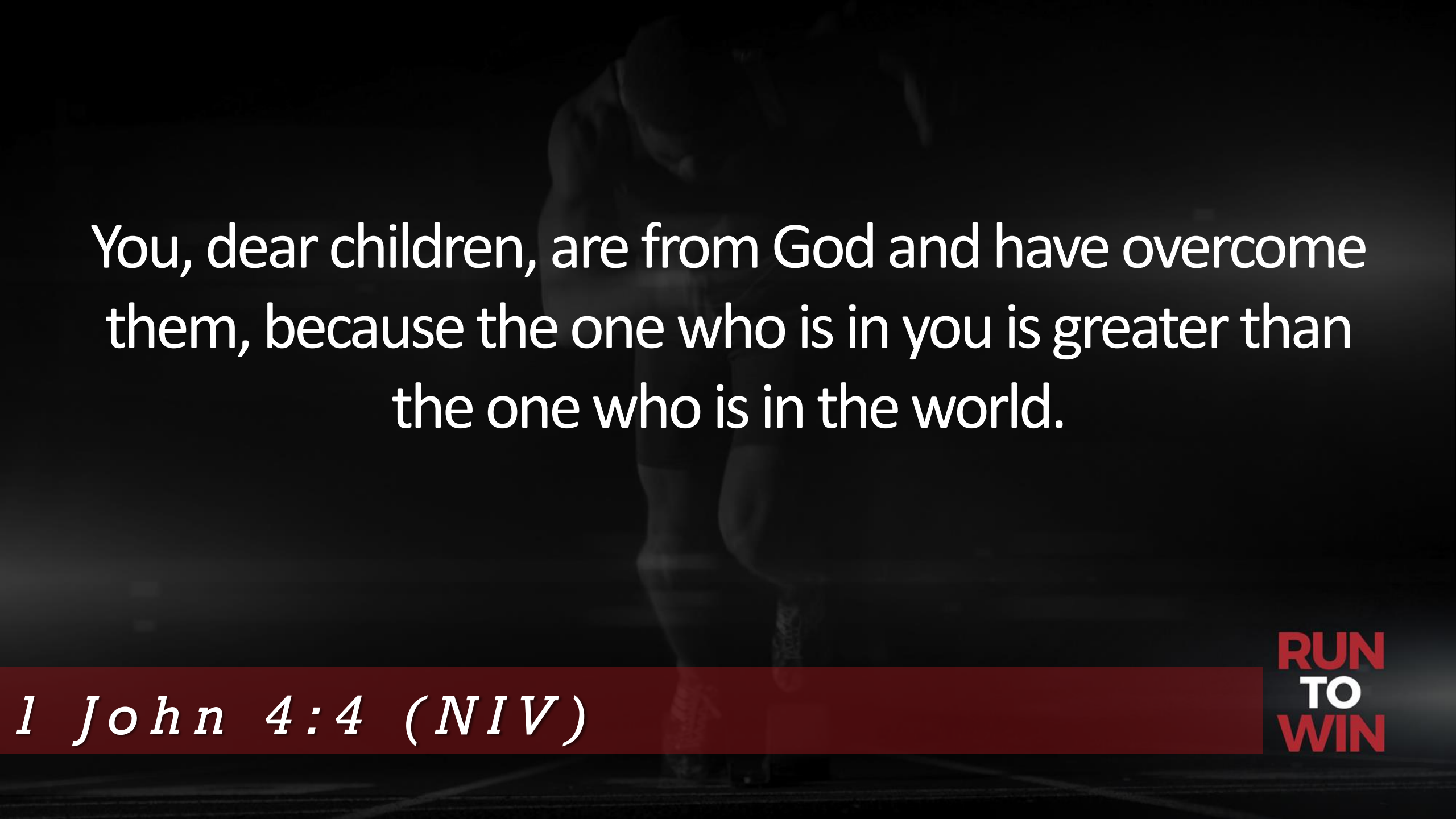
*Hebrews 2:18 (NIV)*

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No temptation has overtaken you except what is common to mankind. And God is faithful; he will not let you be tempted beyond what you can bear. But when you are tempted, he will also provide a way out so that you can endure it.

*1 Corinthians 10:13 (NIV)*

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You, dear children, are from God and have overcome them, because the one who is in you is greater than the one who is in the world.

*1 John 4:4 (NIV)*

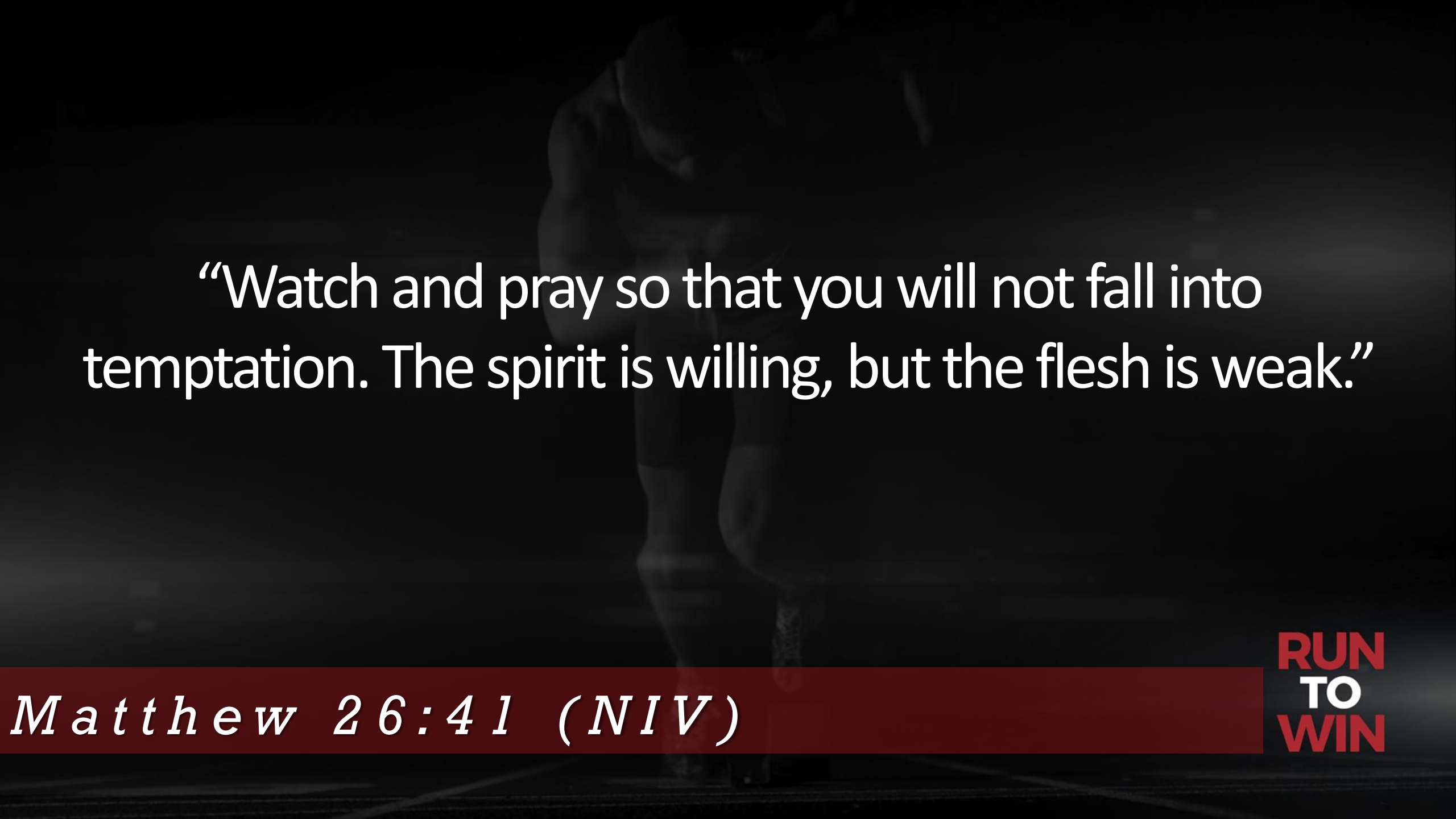
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Submit yourselves, then, to God. Resist the devil, and  
he will flee from you.

*James 4:7 (NIV)*


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“Watch and pray so that you will not fall into temptation. The spirit is willing, but the flesh is weak.”

*Matthew 26:41 (NIV)*


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