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"Church! Why would I ever go there? I was already feeling terrible about myself. They'd just make me feel worse."

A prostitute, as quoted by Philip Yancey





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- Strong admonitions...
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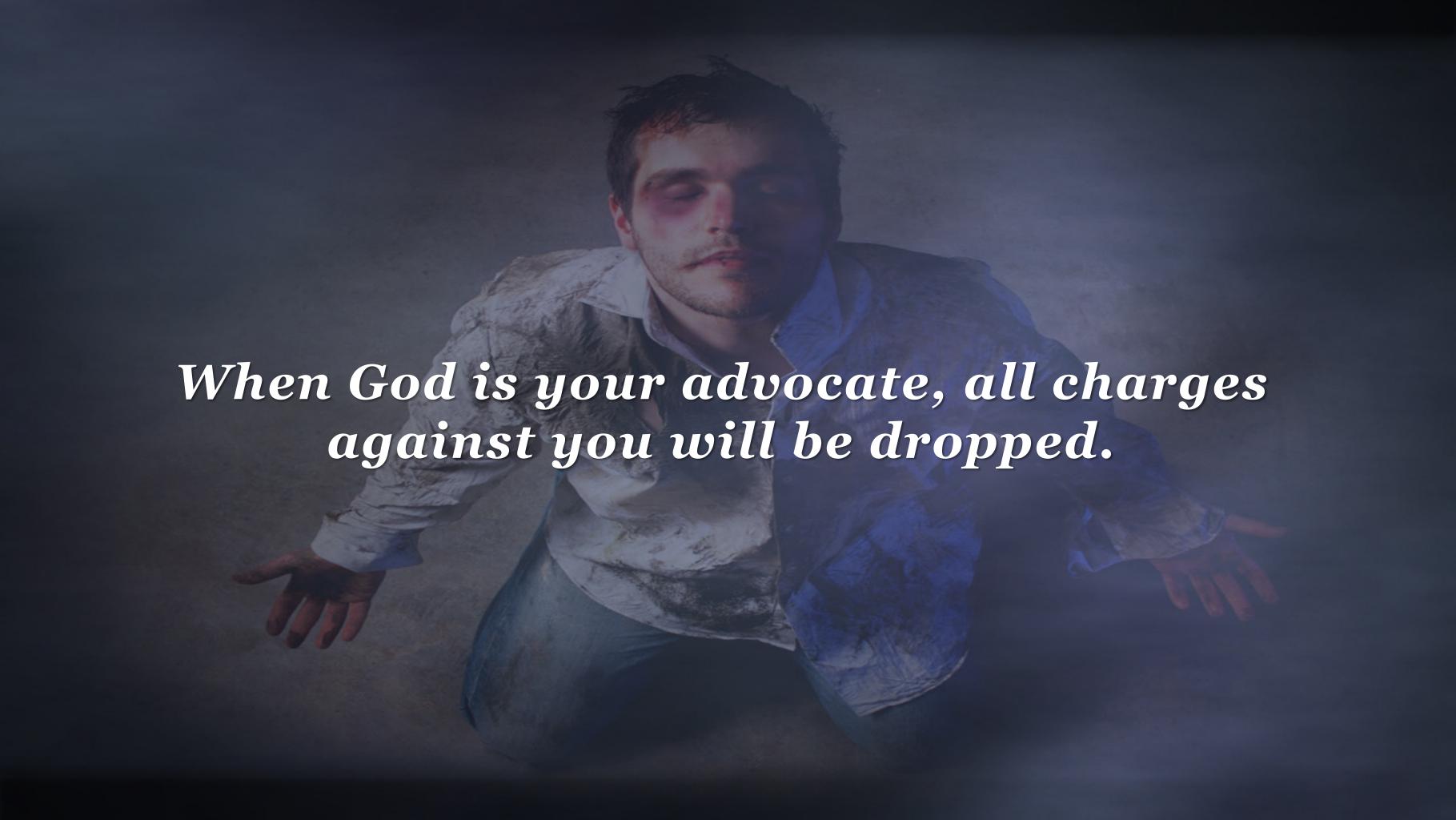
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"My dear children, I write this to you so that you will not sin. But if anybody does sin, we have one who speaks to the Father in our defense—Jesus Christ, the Righteous One. He is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not only for ours but also for the sins of the whole world." (1 John 2:1-2)











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God gives his people a new spiritual beauty, and his desire is that they live in that beauty.

Believers live in both joy and humility, for they are "burning sticks snatched from the fire."

God doesn't hold your past against you because he held it against his Son on the cross.

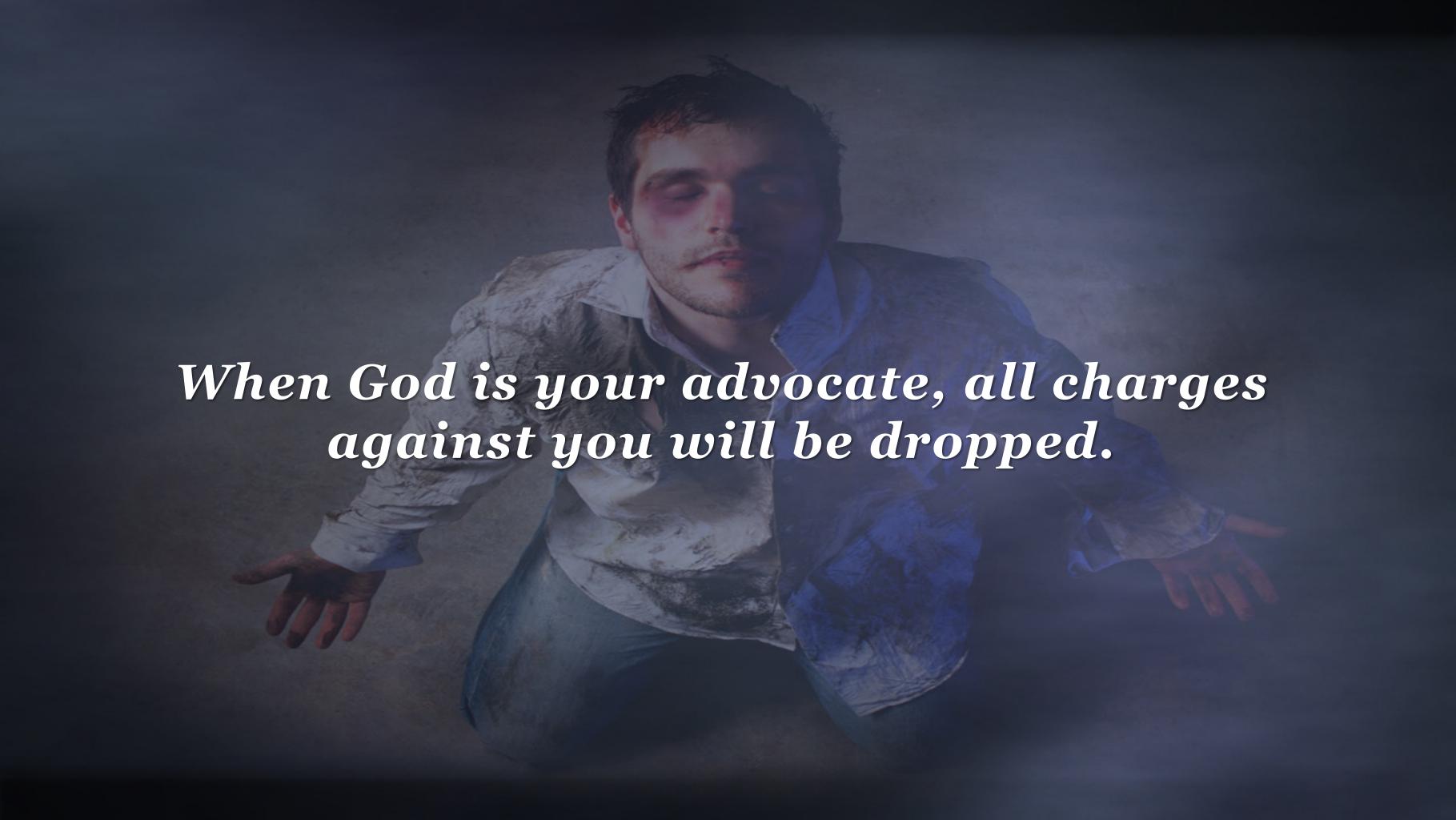


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