

# **THE TRAJECTORY**

**Romans 5:1-11**

A faint, light-colored background image of an archer in a ready stance, aiming a bow. The archer is positioned on the right side of the frame, with the bow drawn and the arrow pointing towards the left. The background is a soft, hazy landscape with some distant trees and a light sky.

# Order/Events in **SPIRITUAL TRANSFORMATION**

Faith > Justification > Peace > Grace > Hope



**FAITH** – trigger

**JUSTIFICATION** – transaction

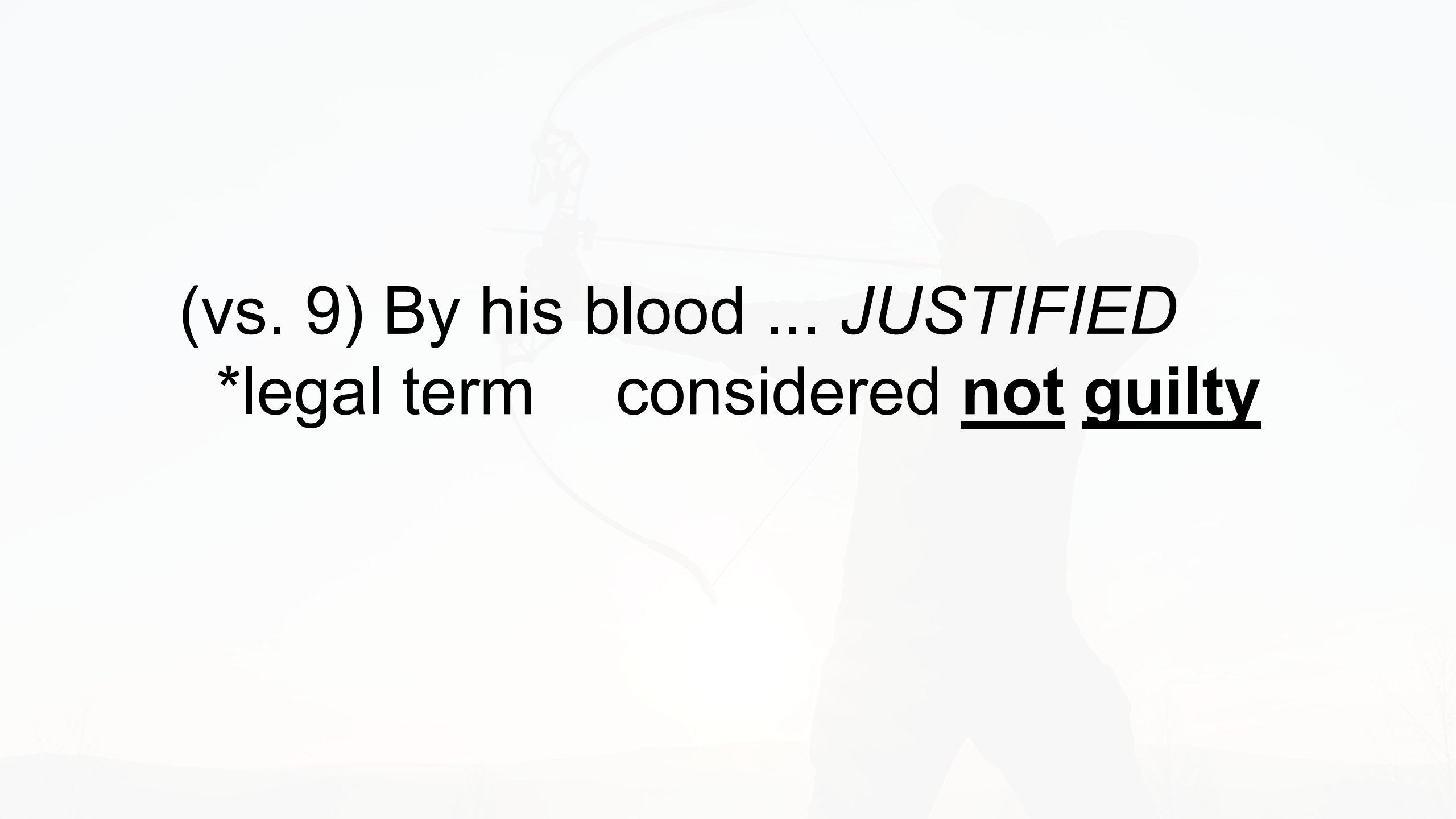
**PEACE** – tranquility

**GRACE** – triumph

**HOPE** - trajectory



# **THEOLOGY**



(vs. 9) By his blood ... *JUSTIFIED*  
\*legal term      considered **not guilty**



## **POSSIBILITIES**

- ✓ **No** charge ever brought
- ✓ Charged but **exonerated**
- ✓ Charged/Convicted/Penalized/Paid/**Finished**



(vs. 10) By his death ... *RECONCILED*

\*relational term      Friendship/fellowship **restored**

# **POSSIBILITIES**

- ✓ Removal of the **cause** of disagreement
- ✓ Decision to **overlook** the **cause** of disagreement





(vs. 10) By his life ... *SAVED*

\*agricultural term **prepared/preserved**  
for market or table



SAVED = no doubt or uncertainty  
about facing God's **final judgement**

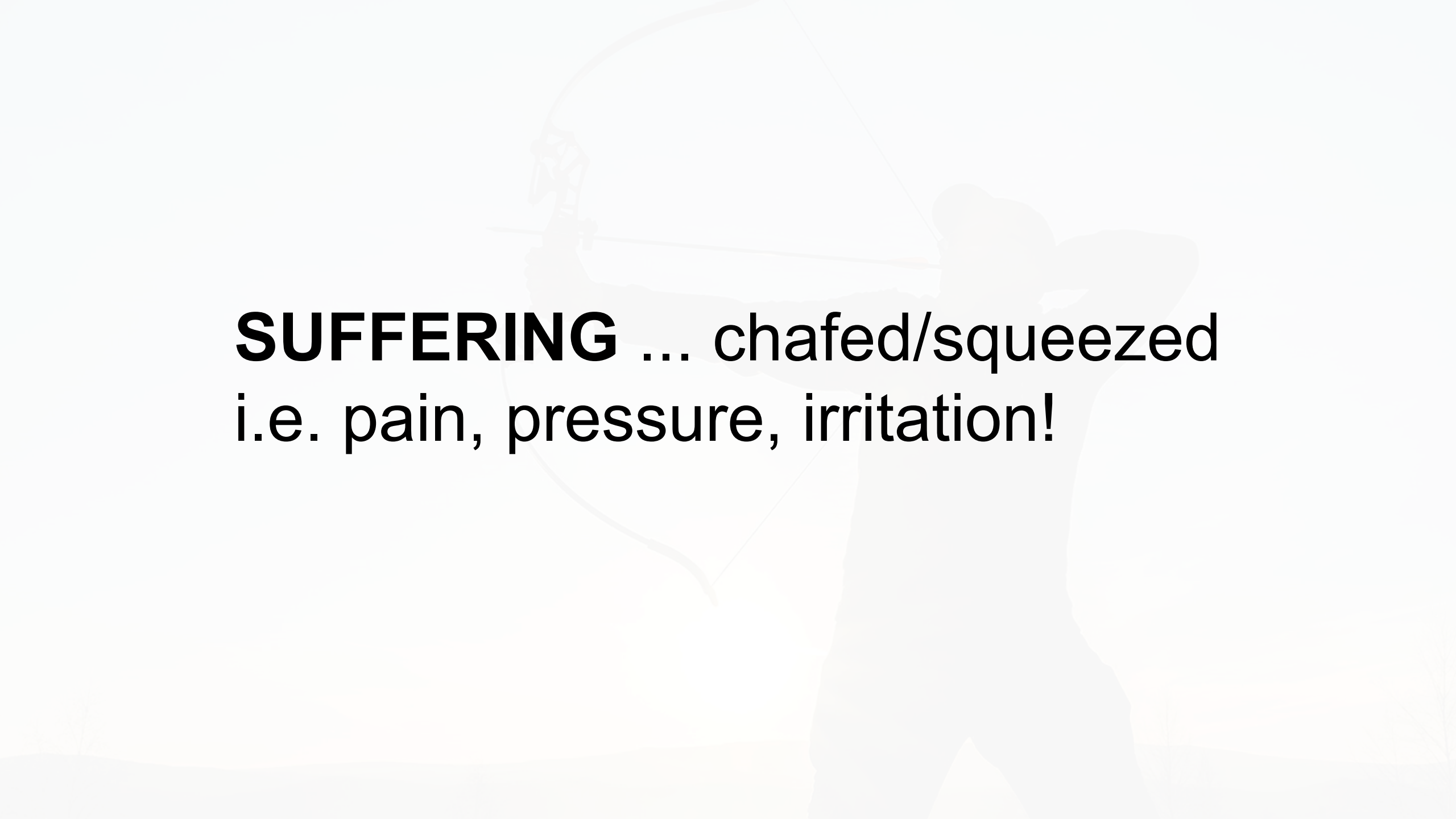
**POINT:** If God can accomplish the staggering task of changing the status of a sinner (wrath > grace), he can certainly accomplish the remainder of the process of taking a saint to heaven (grace > glory)



ENEMY > FRIEND is more difficult  
than FRIEND > COMPANION

We rejoice in the hope of the glory of God. Not only so, but we also rejoice in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces patience [perseverance], patience, character [maturity]; and character, hope. And ... hope does not disappoint us because ... (Romans 5:3-5)



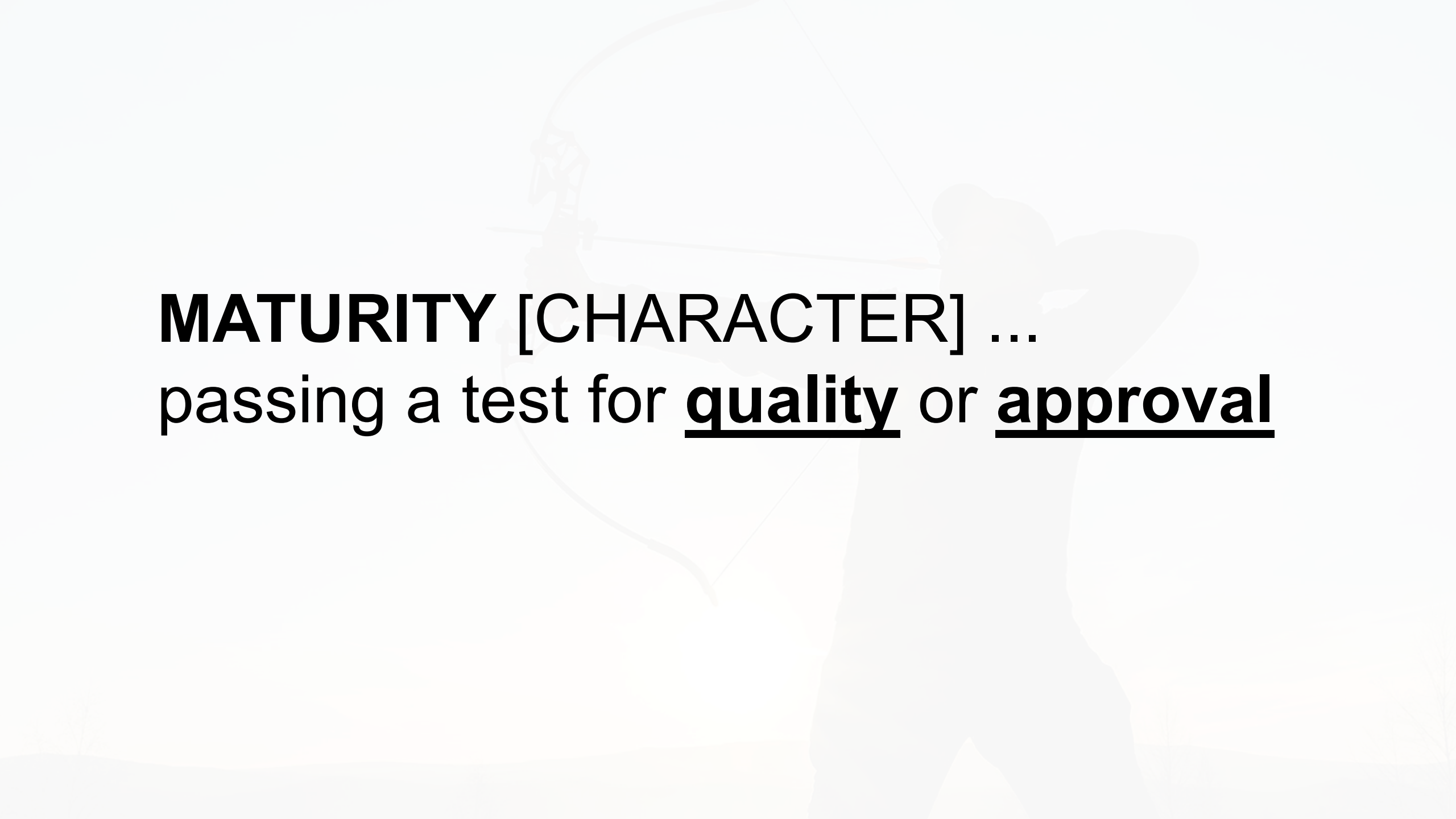


**SUFFERING ... chafed/squeezed**  
i.e. pain, pressure, irritation!

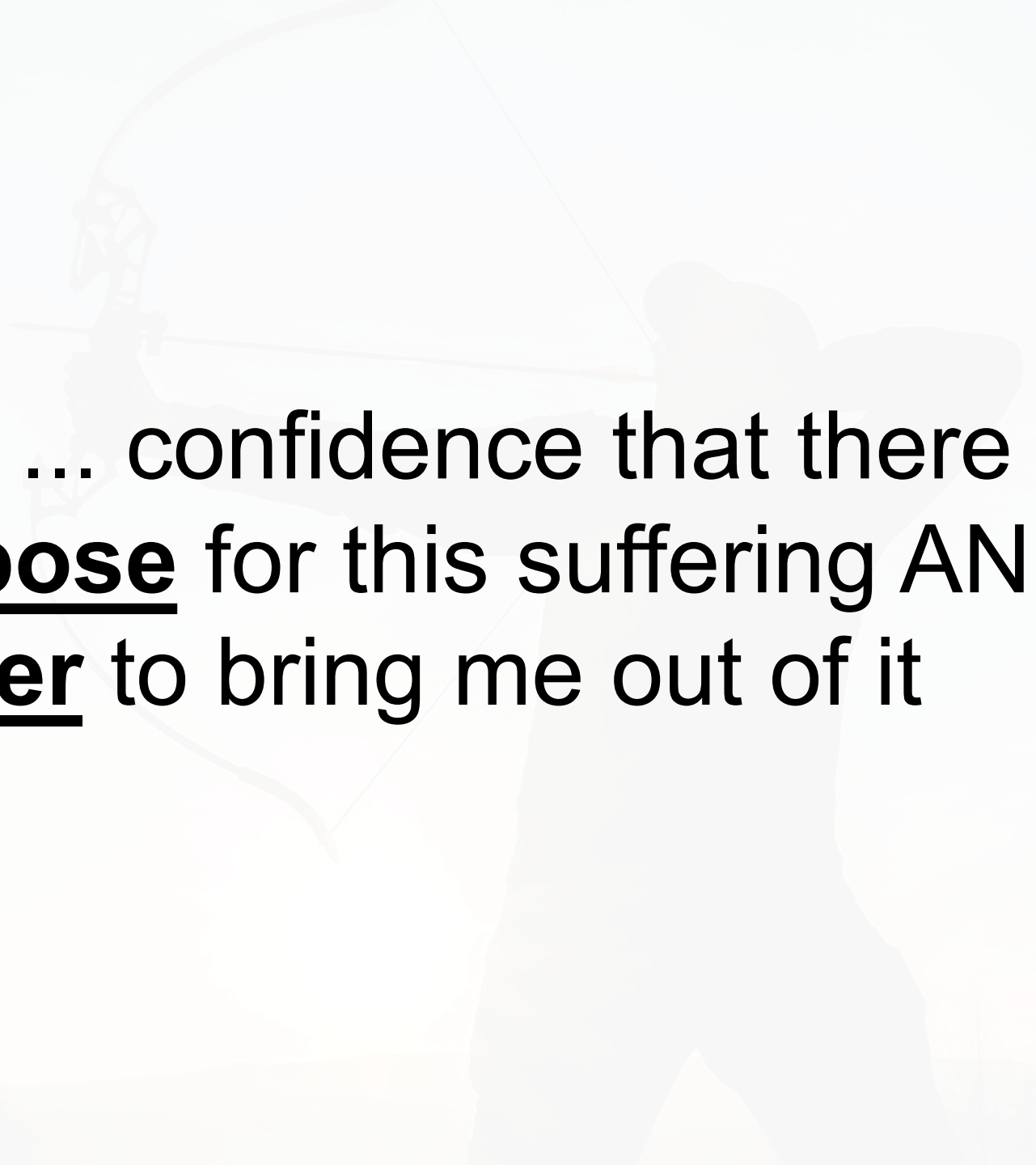
**PATIENCE ... acceptance of  
what you have to “remain under”**

**\*A nail exemplifies patience ...  
The harder you hit it the deeper  
you drive it**

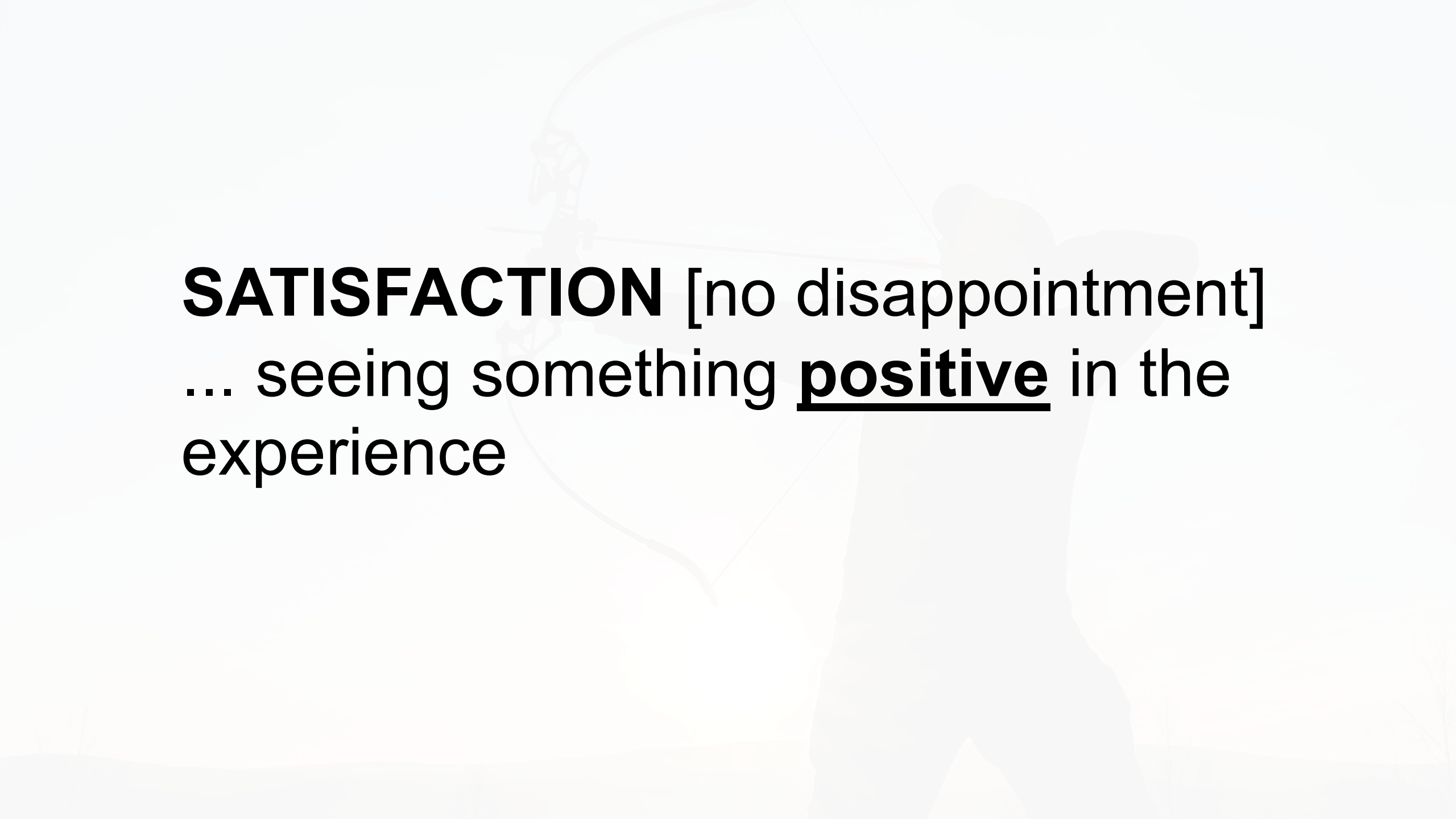




**MATURITY [CHARACTER] ...**  
passing a test for **quality** or **approval**



**HOPE ... confidence that there is  
a purpose for this suffering AND  
a power to bring me out of it**

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**SATISFACTION** [no disappointment]  
... seeing something **positive** in the  
experience