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The Unexpectedness of God's Majesty

Psalm 8

RYAN MACDONALD

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PSALM 8 ESV

1 O Lord, our Lord,
how majestic is your name in all the earth!
You have set your glory above the heavens.

2 Out of the mouth of babies and infants,
you have established strength because of
your foes,
to still the enemy and the avenger.

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3 When I look at your heavens, the work of
your fingers,
the moon and the stars, which you have
set in place,

4 what is man that you are mindful of him,
and the son of man that you care for
him?

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5 Yet you have made him a little lower than the heavenly beings and crowned him with glory and honor.

6 You have given him dominion over the works of your hands; you have put all things under his feet,

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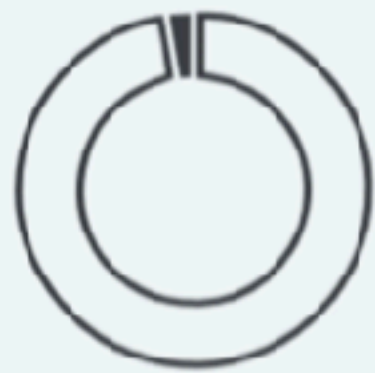
7 all sheep and oxen, and also the beasts of the field,

8 the birds of the heavens, and the fish of the sea, whatever passes along the paths of the seas.

9 O Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

Long Term Effects of Foster Care

EDUCATION



< **3%** of foster youth will earn a college degree.

PREGNANCY



71% of girls who age out of the foster care system will be pregnant by age 21.

SUBSTANCE ABUSE



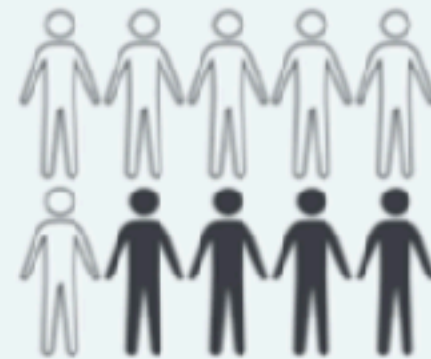
50% of children who age out of the foster care system will develop a substance dependence.

UNEMPLOYMENT



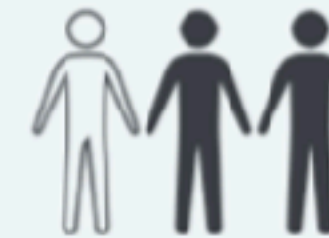
50% of foster youth who age out of the system will be unemployed by age 24.

TRAFFICKING



60% of the child sex trafficking victims recovered in FBI nationwide raids in 2013 were children from foster care.

HOMELESSNESS



33% of youth become homeless after aging out of the foster care system.

1. God reveals His majesty unexpectedly by establishing strength through babies. (vv.1-2)

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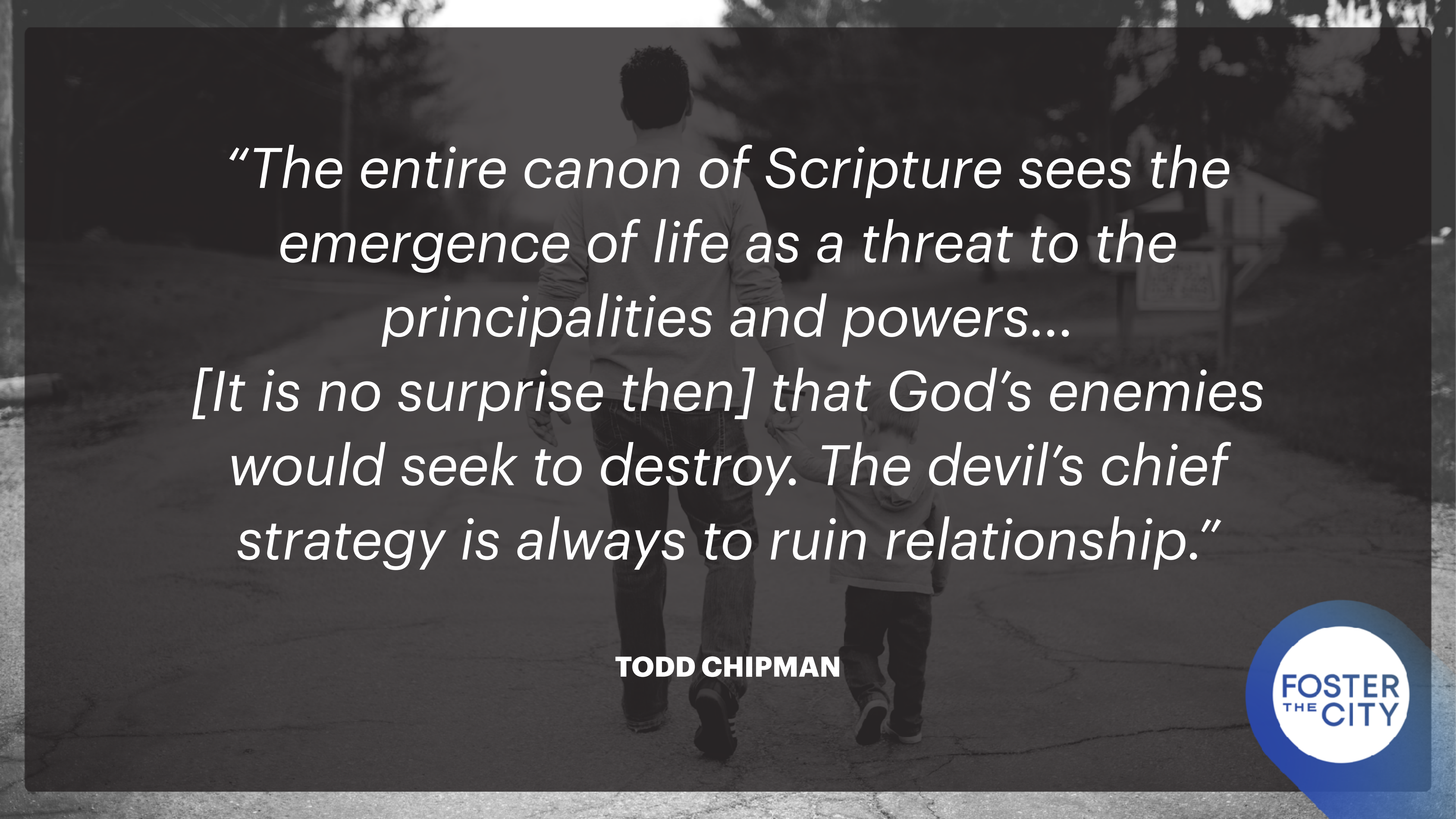
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Firstly, through a blessed lineage of miraculous fertility.

Secondly, through the unsuspecting war cries of babies.

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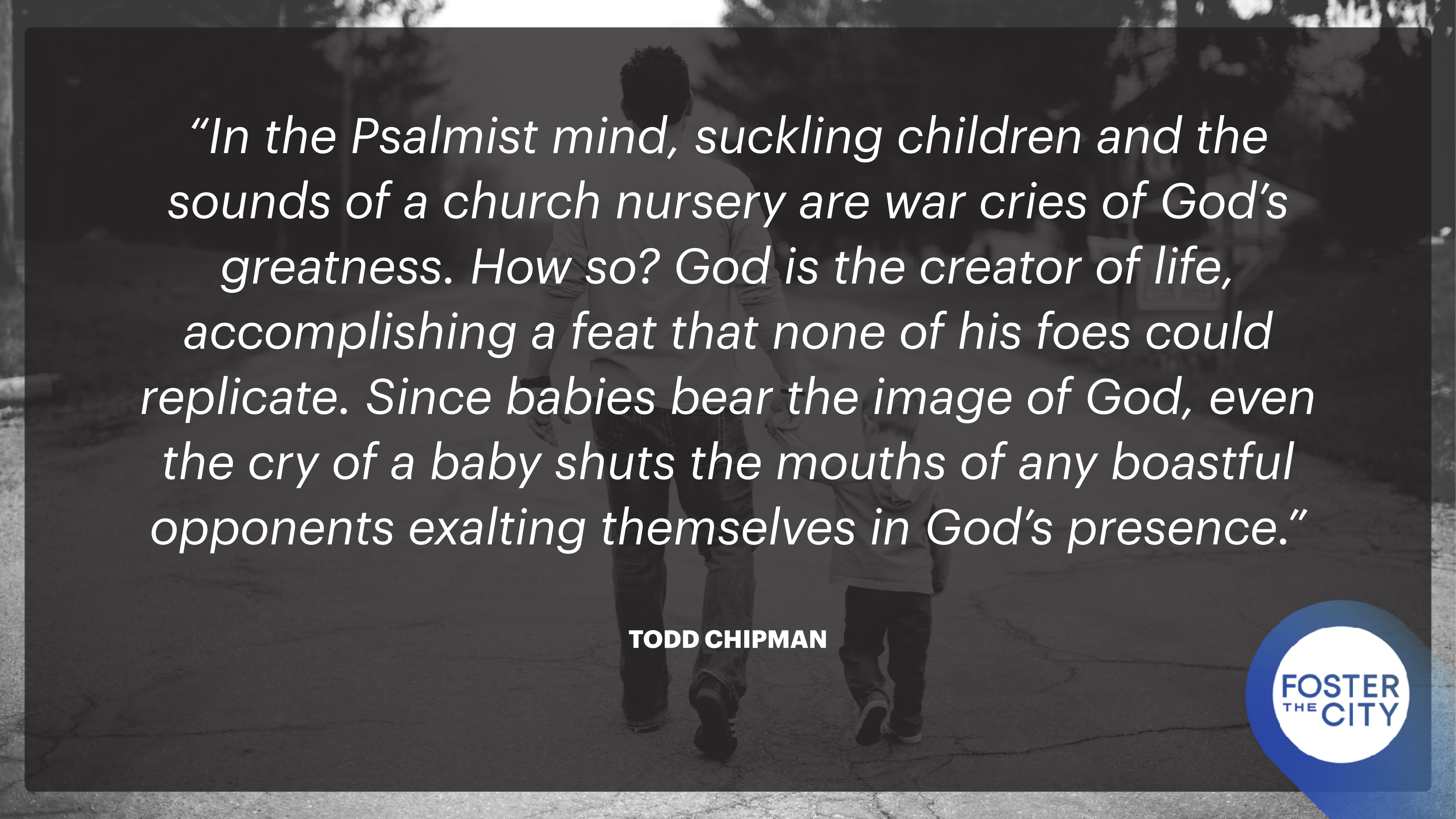
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“The entire canon of Scripture sees the emergence of life as a threat to the principalities and powers... [It is no surprise then] that God’s enemies would seek to destroy. The devil’s chief strategy is always to ruin relationship.”

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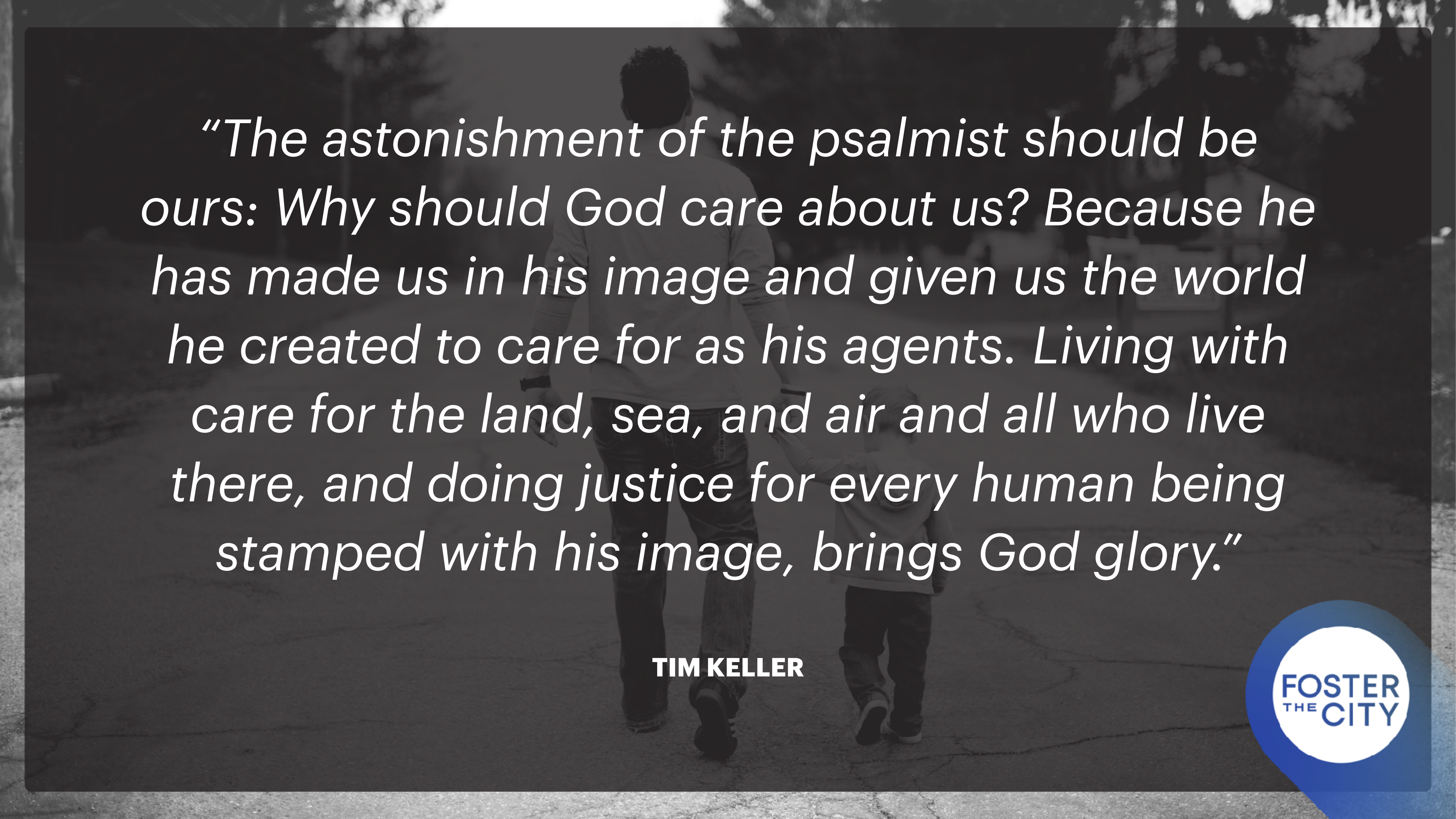
“In the Psalmist mind, suckling children and the sounds of a church nursery are war cries of God’s greatness. How so? God is the creator of life, accomplishing a feat that none of his foes could replicate. Since babies bear the image of God, even the cry of a baby shuts the mouths of any boastful opponents exalting themselves in God’s presence.”

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2. God reveals His majesty unexpectedly by appointing humanity to rule creation. (vv.3-8)

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“The astonishment of the psalmist should be ours: Why should God care about us? Because he has made us in his image and given us the world he created to care for as his agents. Living with care for the land, sea, and air and all who live there, and doing justice for every human being stamped with his image, brings God glory.”

TIM KELLER

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