

# OVERCOMING COMPLACENCY

*A six week study of Malachi*

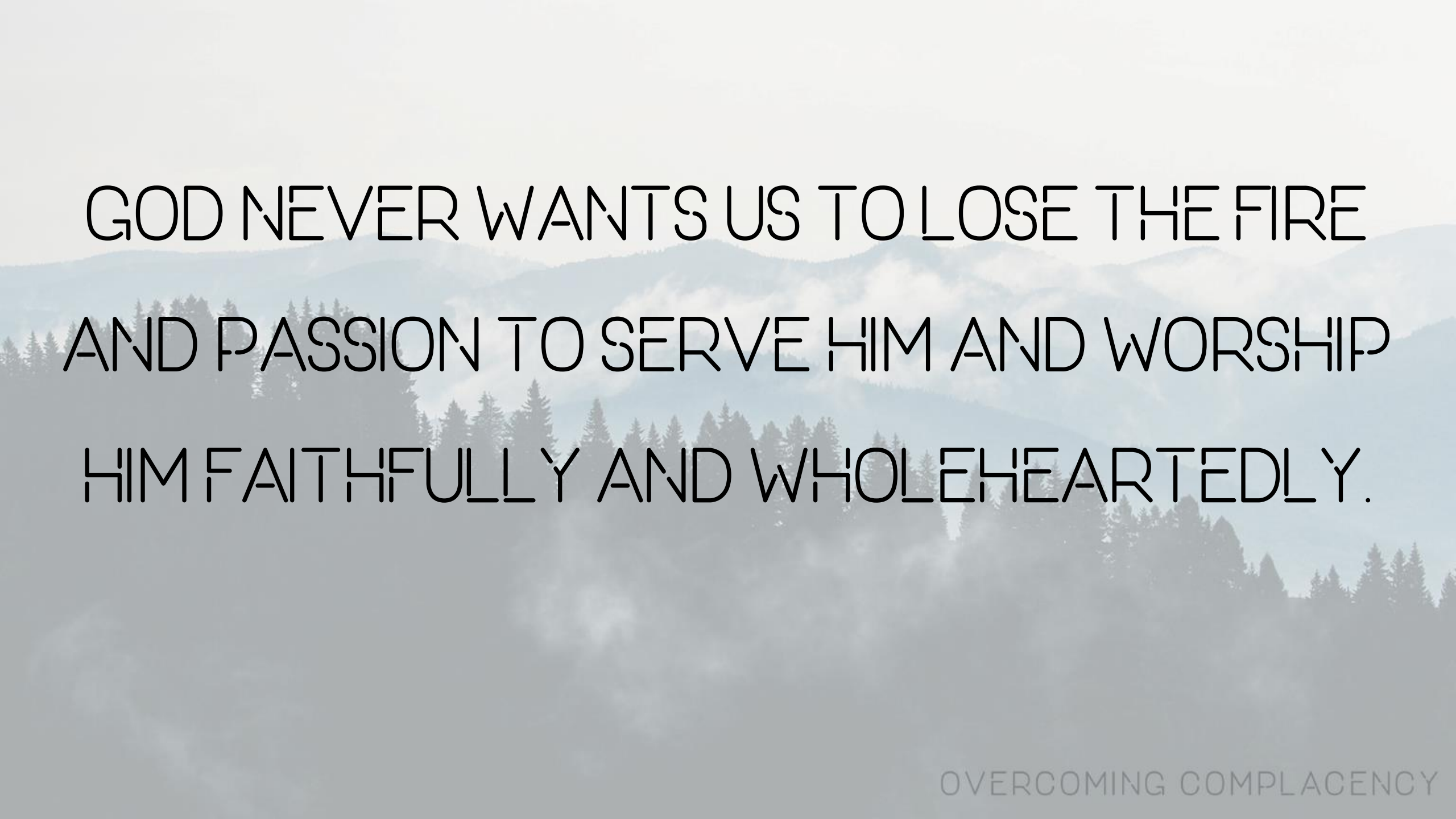


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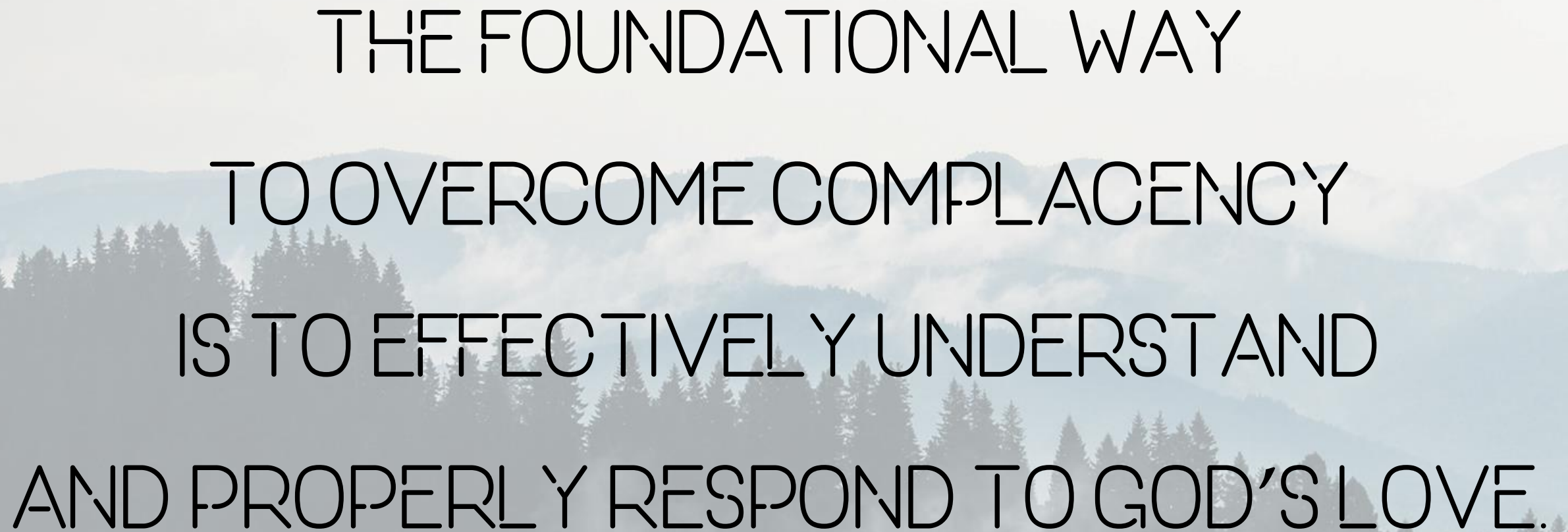
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## RESPOND TO GOD'S LOVE

MALACHI 1:1-5

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GOD NEVER WANTS US TO LOSE THE FIRE  
AND PASSION TO SERVE HIM AND WORSHIP  
HIM FAITHFULLY AND WHOLEHEARTEDLY.



THE FOUNDATIONAL WAY  
TO OVERCOME COMPLACENCY  
IS TO EFFECTIVELY UNDERSTAND  
AND PROPERLY RESPOND TO GOD'S LOVE.

**<sup>1</sup>A pronouncement: The word of the LORD to Israel through Malachi. <sup>2</sup> "I have loved you," says the LORD. Yet you ask, "How have you loved us?" "Wasn't Esau Jacob's brother?" This is the LORD's declaration. "Even so, I loved Jacob, <sup>3</sup>but I hated Esau. I turned his mountains into a wasteland, and gave his inheritance to the desert jackals."**

**<sup>4</sup>Though Edom says: "We have been devastated, but we will rebuild the ruins," the LORD of Armies says this: "They may build, but I will demolish. They will be called a wicked country and the people the LORD has cursed forever.**

**<sup>5</sup>Your own eyes will see this, and you yourselves will say, 'The LORD is great, even beyond the borders of Israel.'"**

**Malachi 1:1-5 (CSB)**



RESPOND TO GOD'S LOVE  
BY WORSHIPING FAITHFULLY  
AND WAITING EXPECTANTLY.

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**<sup>6</sup>For you are a holy people belonging to the LORD your God. The LORD your God has chosen you to be his own possession out of all the peoples on the face of the earth. <sup>7</sup>"The LORD had his heart set on you and chose you, not because you were more numerous than all peoples, for you were the fewest of all peoples.**

**<sup>8</sup>But because the LORD loved you and kept the oath he swore to your fathers, he brought you out with a strong hand and redeemed you from the place of slavery, from the power of Pharaoh king of Egypt. <sup>9</sup>Know that the LORD your God is God, the faithful God who keeps his gracious covenant loyalty for a thousand generations with those who love him and keep his commands.**

**<sup>10</sup>But he directly pays back and destroys those who hate him. He will not hesitate to pay back directly the one who hates him. <sup>11</sup>So keep the command—the statutes and ordinances—that I am giving you to follow today.**

**Deuteronomy 7:6-11 (CSB)**



TOO OFTEN WE'RE OBLIVIOUS  
TO GOD'S OBVIOUS LOVE FOR US.



**<sup>8</sup>But God proves his own love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.**

**Romans 5:8 (CSB)**

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IN THE MIDST OF YOUR LOUSY  
CIRCUMSTANCES, REMEMBER  
GOD'S LOVING COVENANT.



DON'T ALLOW THE TRIALS AND STRUGGLES  
OF LIFE TO BLIND YOU FROM THE  
FAITHFULNESS OF GOD'S LOVING PRESENCE  
AND PURPOSE IN YOUR LIFE.

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