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A grayscale photograph of a lone, gnarled tree standing in a misty, open landscape. The tree's branches are sparse and appear to be blowing in the wind. The background is a soft, hazy expanse of land and sky. The text "Better Together" is centered over the tree in a bold, black, sans-serif font.

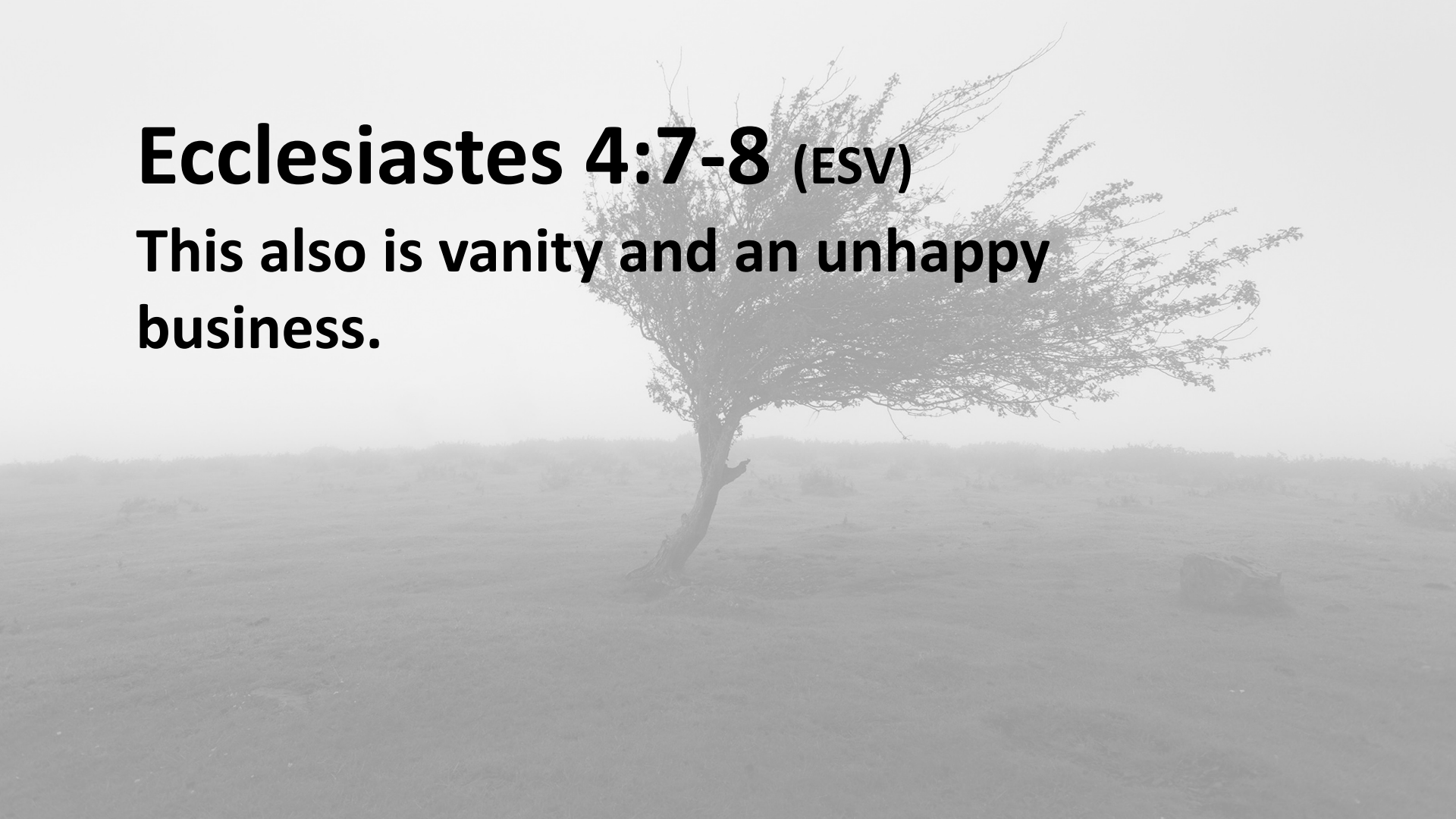
Better Together

Ecclesiastes 4:7-8 (ESV)

⁷ Again, I saw vanity under the sun: ⁸ one person who has no other, either son or brother, yet there is no end to all his toil, and his eyes are never satisfied with riches, so that he never asks, “For whom am I toiling and depriving myself of pleasure?”

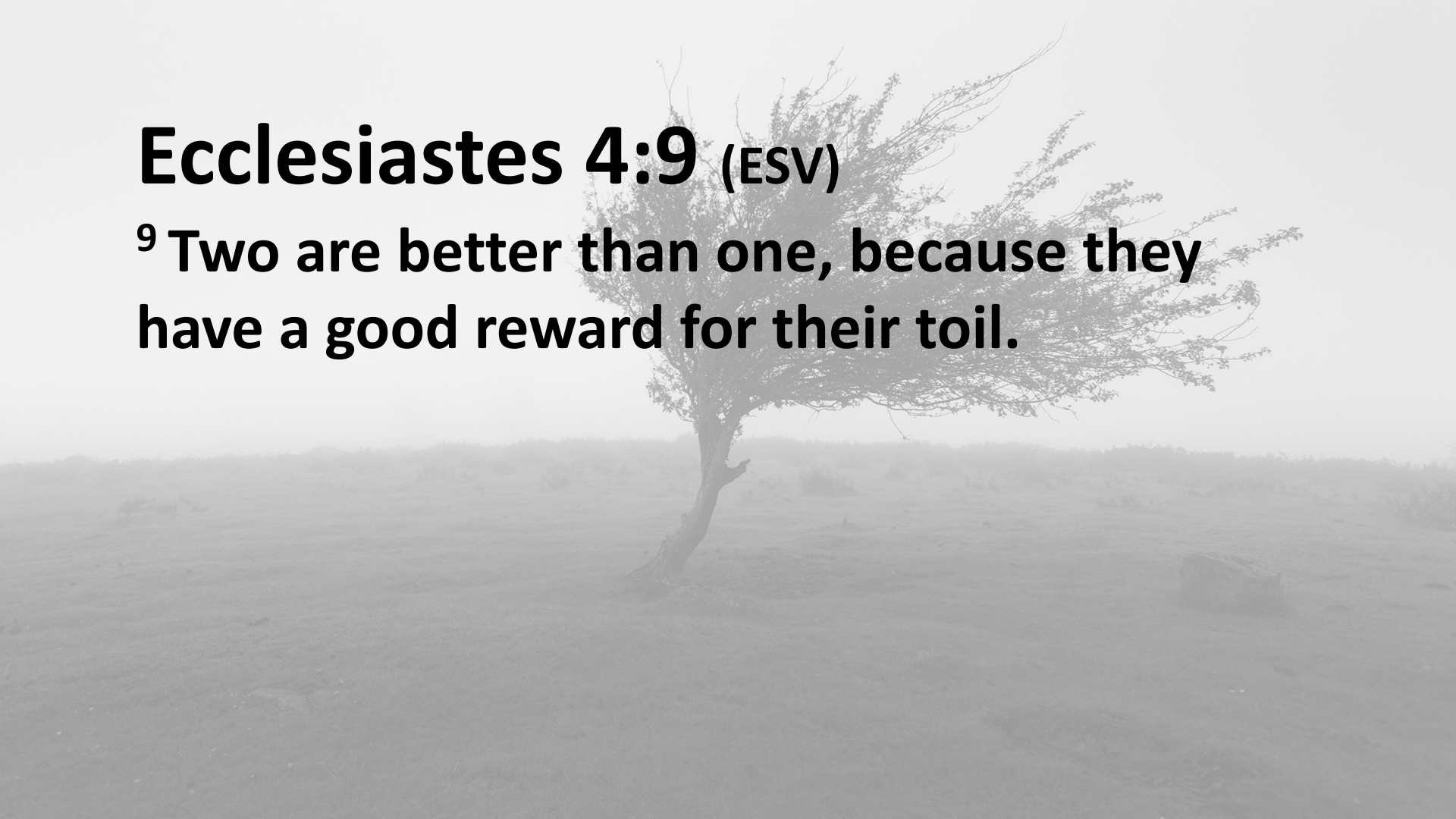
Ecclesiastes 4:7-8 (ESV)

This also is vanity and an unhappy business.



Ecclesiastes 4:9 (ESV)

⁹ Two are better than one, because they have a good reward for their toil.



A grayscale photograph of a lone, wind-swept tree in a desolate, open landscape. The tree is the central focus, with its branches leaning to the right. The ground is flat and sparsely vegetated, extending to a distant, hazy horizon. The overall mood is one of isolation and resilience.

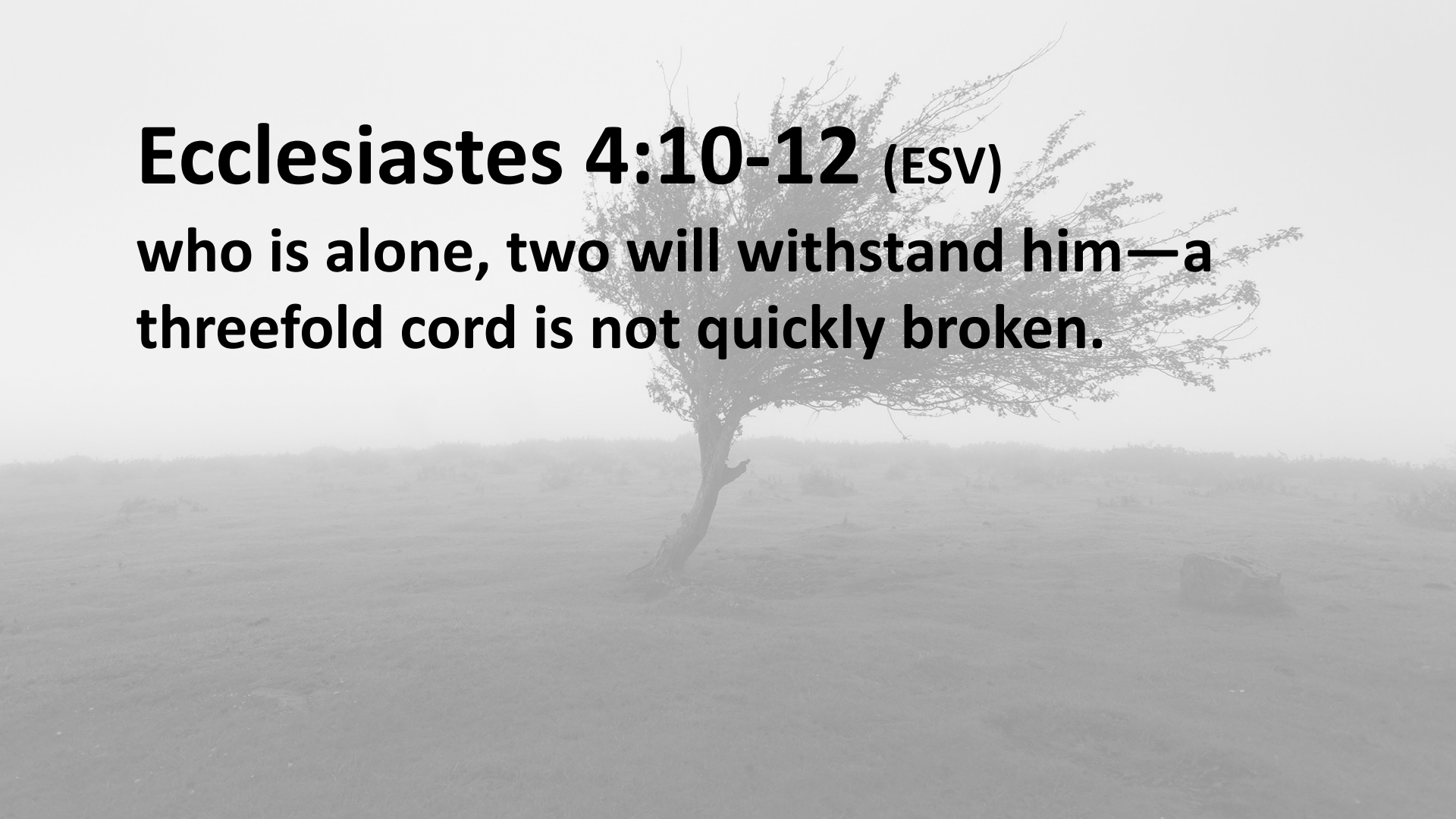
Companionship beats isolation.

Ecclesiastes 4:10-12 (ESV)

¹⁰ For if they fall, one will lift up his fellow. But woe to him who is alone when he falls and has not another to lift him up! ¹¹ Again, if two lie together, they keep warm, but how can one keep warm alone? ¹² And though a man might prevail against one

Ecclesiastes 4:10-12 (ESV)

**who is alone, two will withstand him—a
threefold cord is not quickly broken.**



A grayscale photograph of a lone, gnarled tree standing in a vast, flat, and desolate landscape. The tree is the central focus, with its branches reaching out across the frame. The background is a flat expanse of land stretching to a distant, hazy horizon under a pale sky. The overall mood is one of isolation and resilience.

**Companionship beats isolation, so
invest in community.**

Ecclesiastes 4:13-16 (ESV)

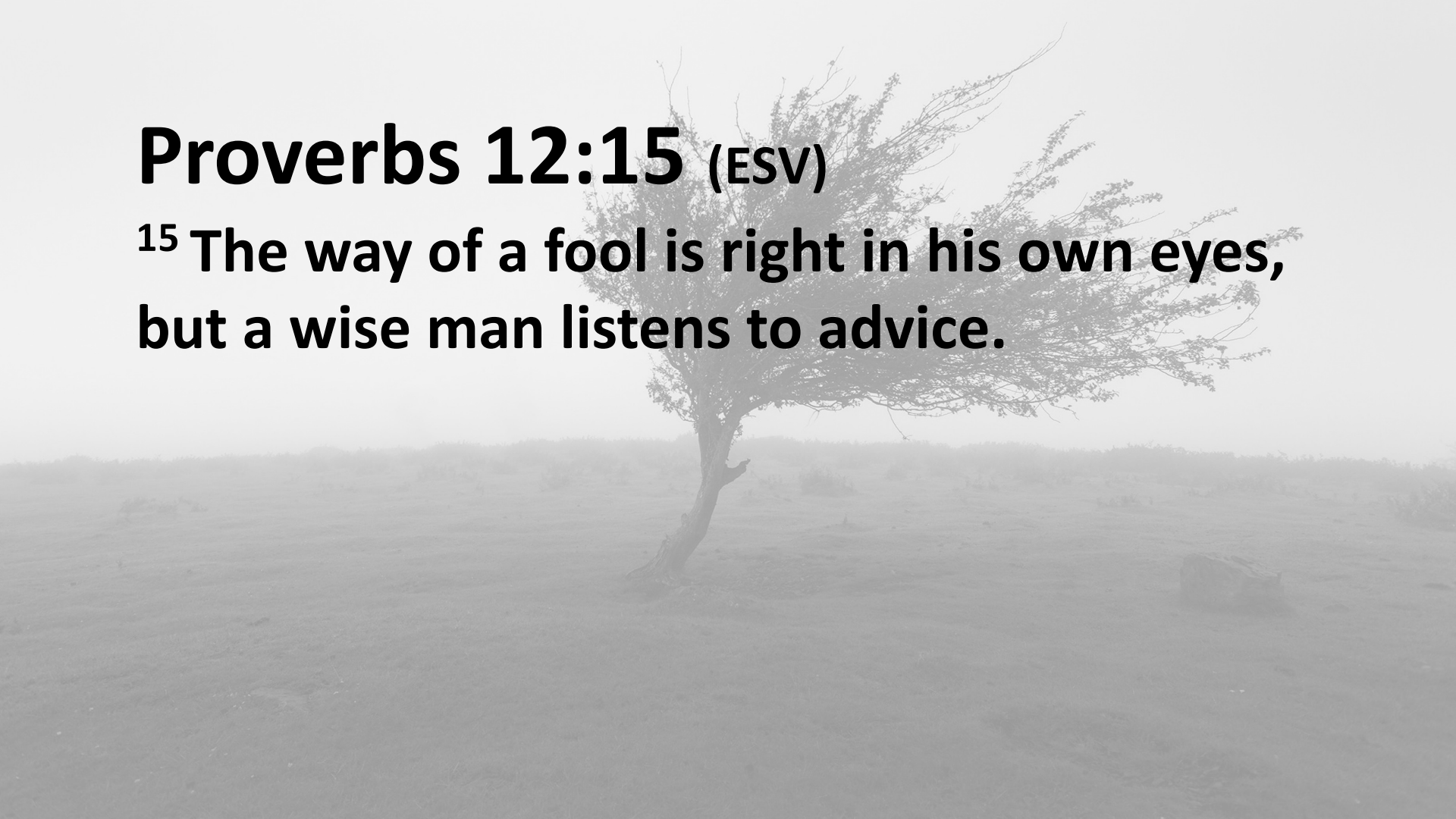
¹³ Better was a poor and wise youth than an old and foolish king who no longer knew how to take advice. ¹⁴ For he went from prison to the throne, though in his own kingdom he had been born poor. ¹⁵ I saw all the living who move about under the sun,

Ecclesiastes 4:13-16 (ESV)

along with that youth who was to stand in the king's place. ¹⁶ There was no end of all the people, all of whom he led. Yet those who come later will not rejoice in him. Surely this also is vanity and a striving after wind.

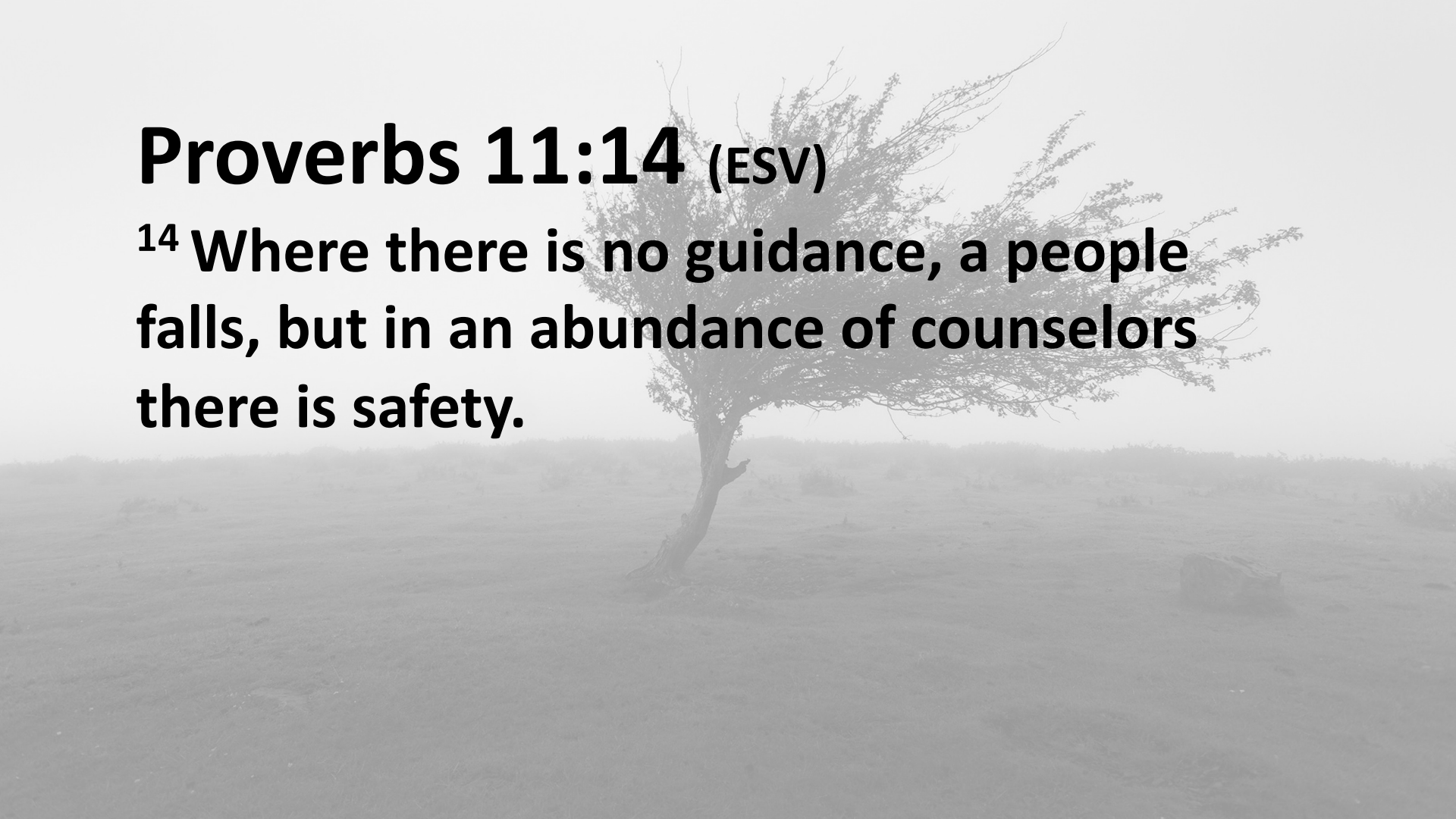
Proverbs 12:15 (ESV)

**¹⁵ The way of a fool is right in his own eyes,
but a wise man listens to advice.**



Proverbs 11:14 (ESV)

¹⁴ Where there is no guidance, a people falls, but in an abundance of counselors there is safety.



A grayscale background image of a tree in a field. The tree is the central focus, with its branches spreading out. The ground is a flat, open field, and the sky is a uniform light gray. The overall tone is somber and contemplative.

**Since companionship beats isolation,
invest in community without
becoming convinced that it will be
without flaws.**

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