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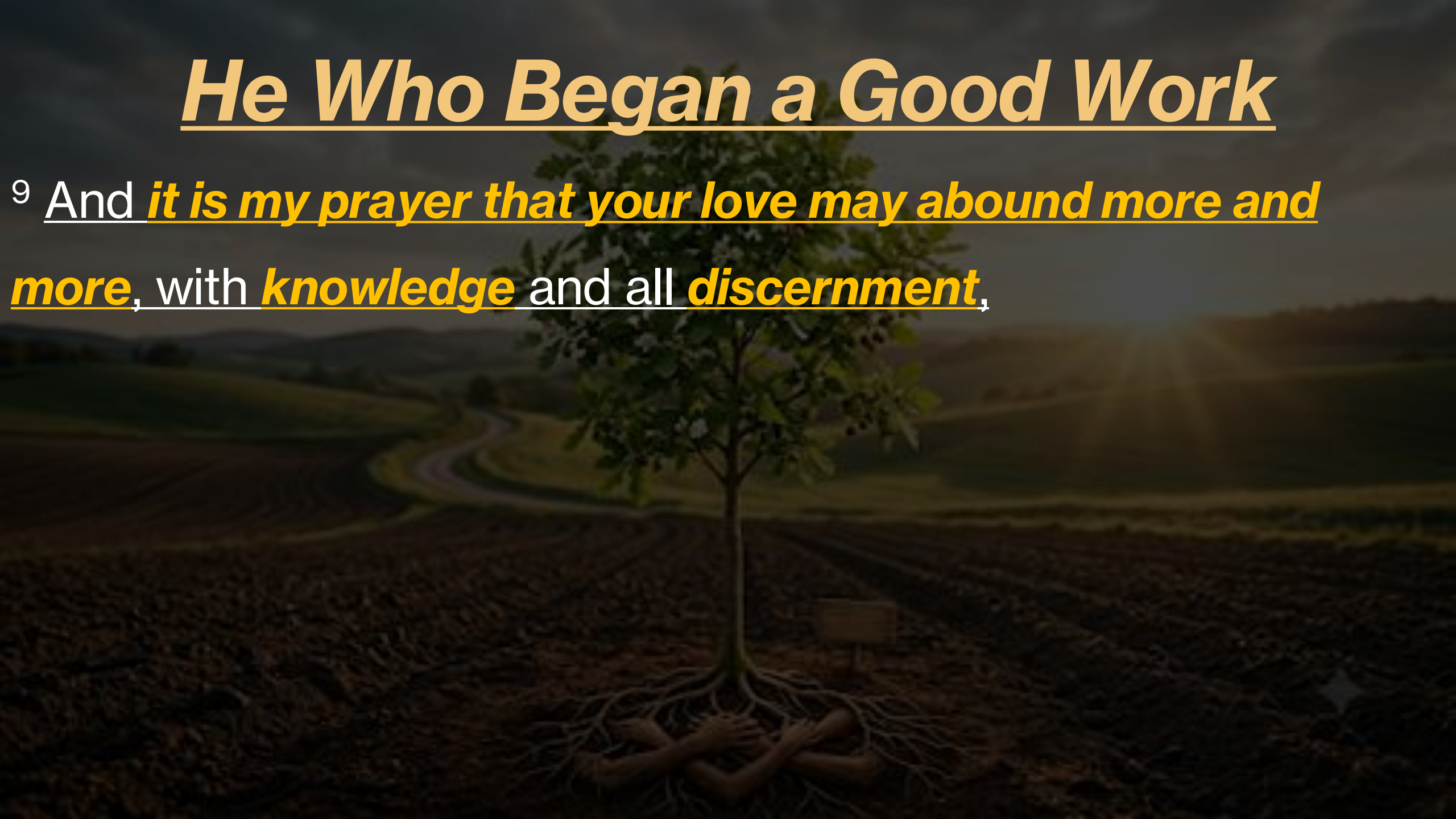
³ I thank my God in all my remembrance of you, ⁴ always in every prayer of mine for you all making my prayer with joy, ⁵ because of ***your partnership in the gospel*** from the first day until now. ⁶ And I am sure of this, that ***he who began a good work in you*** will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ.

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⁷ It is right for me to feel this way about you all, because I hold you in my heart, for you are all ***partakers with me of grace***, both in my imprisonment and ***in the defense and confirmation of the gospel***. ⁸ For God is my witness, how I yearn for you all with the affection of Christ Jesus.

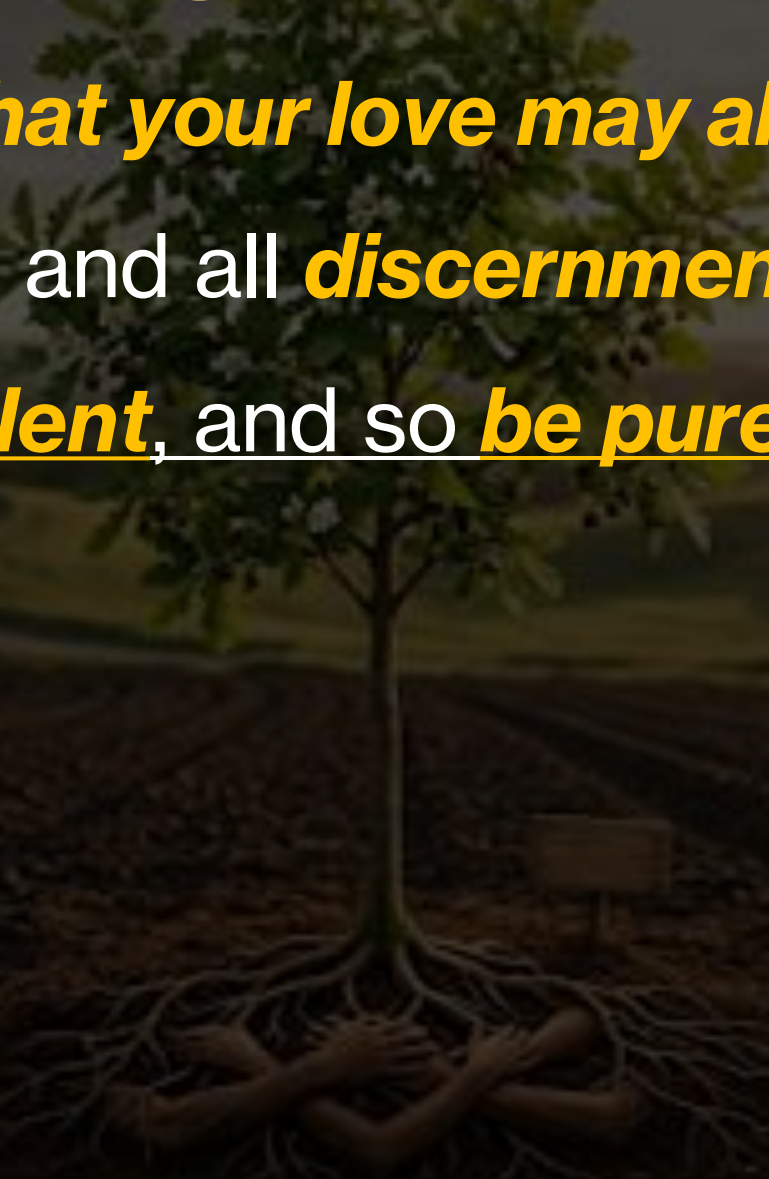
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A young tree with green leaves stands in a field. Its roots are visible and are shaped like two hands clasped together, symbolizing faith and support. The background is a dark, cloudy sky over a field.

As we move forward as church, let our love grow, our wisdom
deepen, our lives remain pure, and our fruit abound – all through
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