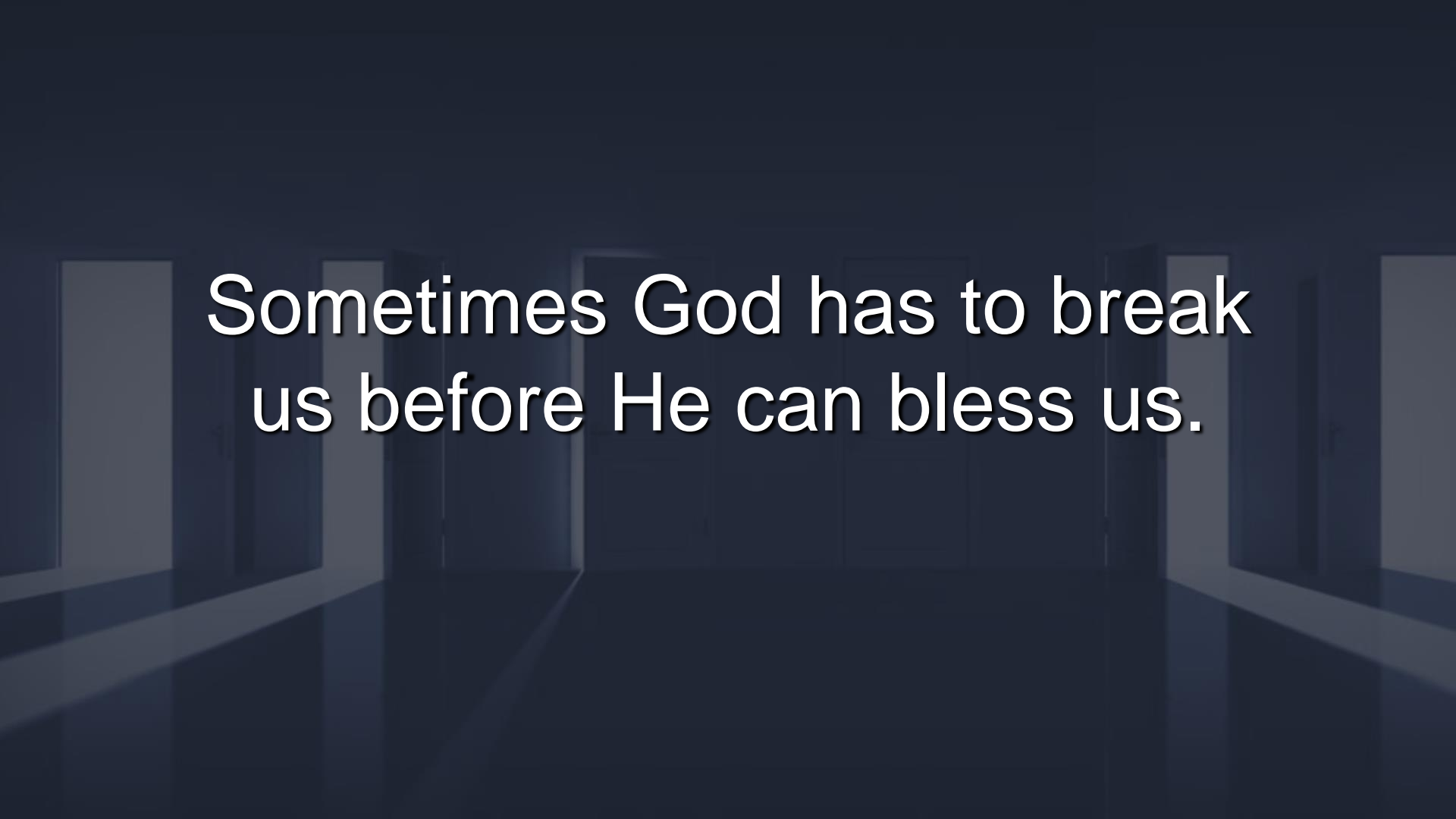


A dark, atmospheric hallway with several open doors. The doors are set into a dark wall, and bright light streams in from the open doorways, creating long, glowing paths on the dark floor. The overall mood is mysterious and inviting, suggesting hidden opportunities or paths forward.

open doors

*The Breaking before
the Blessing*

Genesis 32

A dark blue hallway with light-colored walls and floor, receding into the distance. The perspective is from the center of the hallway, looking down its length. The walls and floor are a deep, muted blue, while the ceiling and the light coming from the far end of the hallway are a lighter, almost white blue. The hallway is empty, with no doors or furniture visible.

Sometimes God has to break
us before He can bless us.

1. God prepares us for blessing by breaking us of our self-dependence.
 - A. God's breaking process reveals to us the power of our flesh.
 - B. God's breaking process reveals to us the power of our God.

1. God prepares us for blessing by breaking us of our self-dependence.
2. God blesses us as we cling to Him in our brokenness.

2. God blesses us as we cling to Him in our brokenness.
 - A. We won't cling to the Lord until we're broken.
 - B. Even in clinging, we're prone to use God, not to submit to Him.
 - C. Clinging to God in our brokenness is the key to power with God and with others.