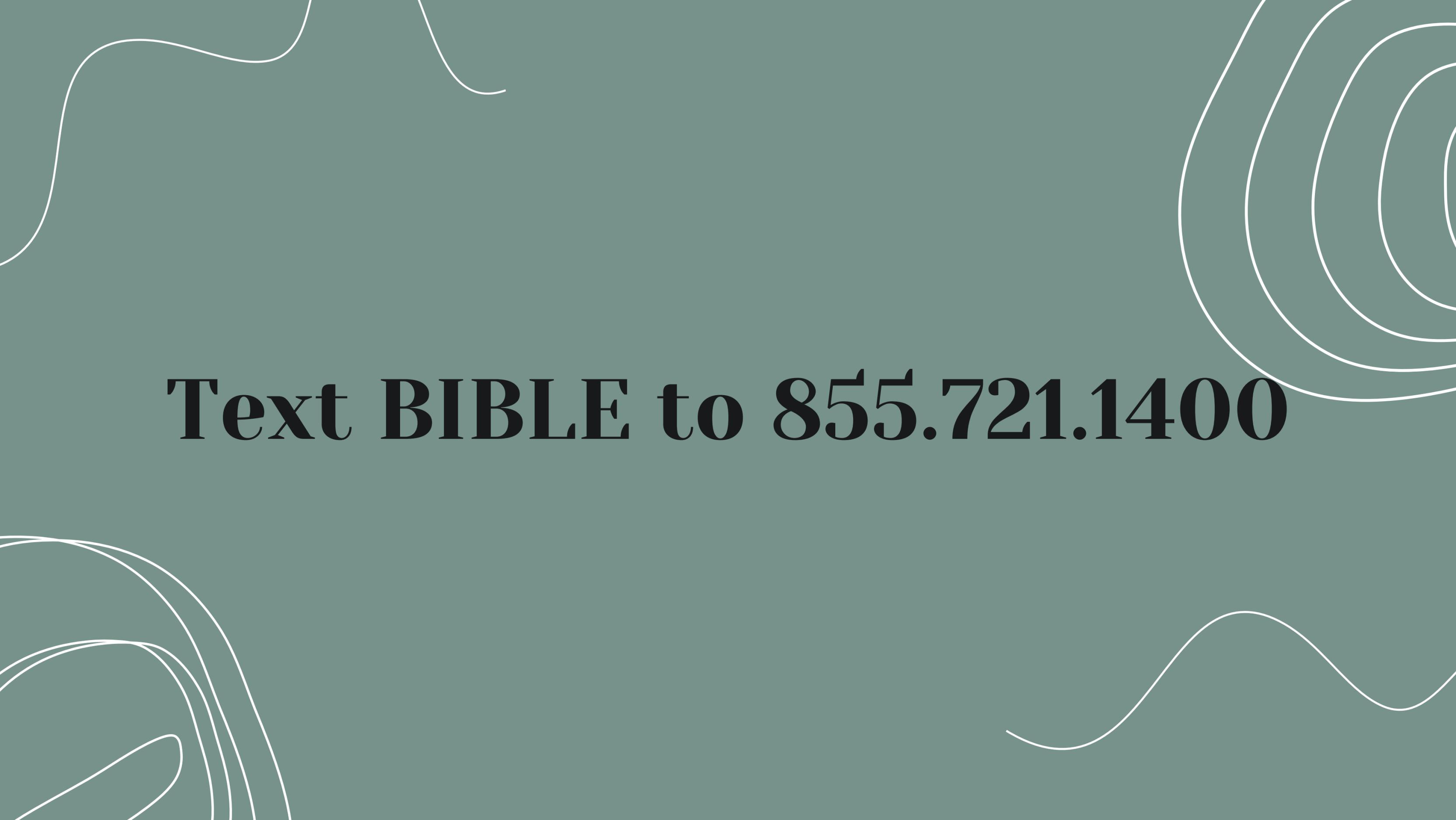




QUARTER 1: SHADOWS

# STEP INTO SCRIPTURE

WEEK 14:  
FROM PROMISE TO PATTERN



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# Bible Reading Plan





# **Table Leader Recognition**

# **Weekly Gatherings**

**30 MINUTES**

**Arrival, Fellowship, and Reading**

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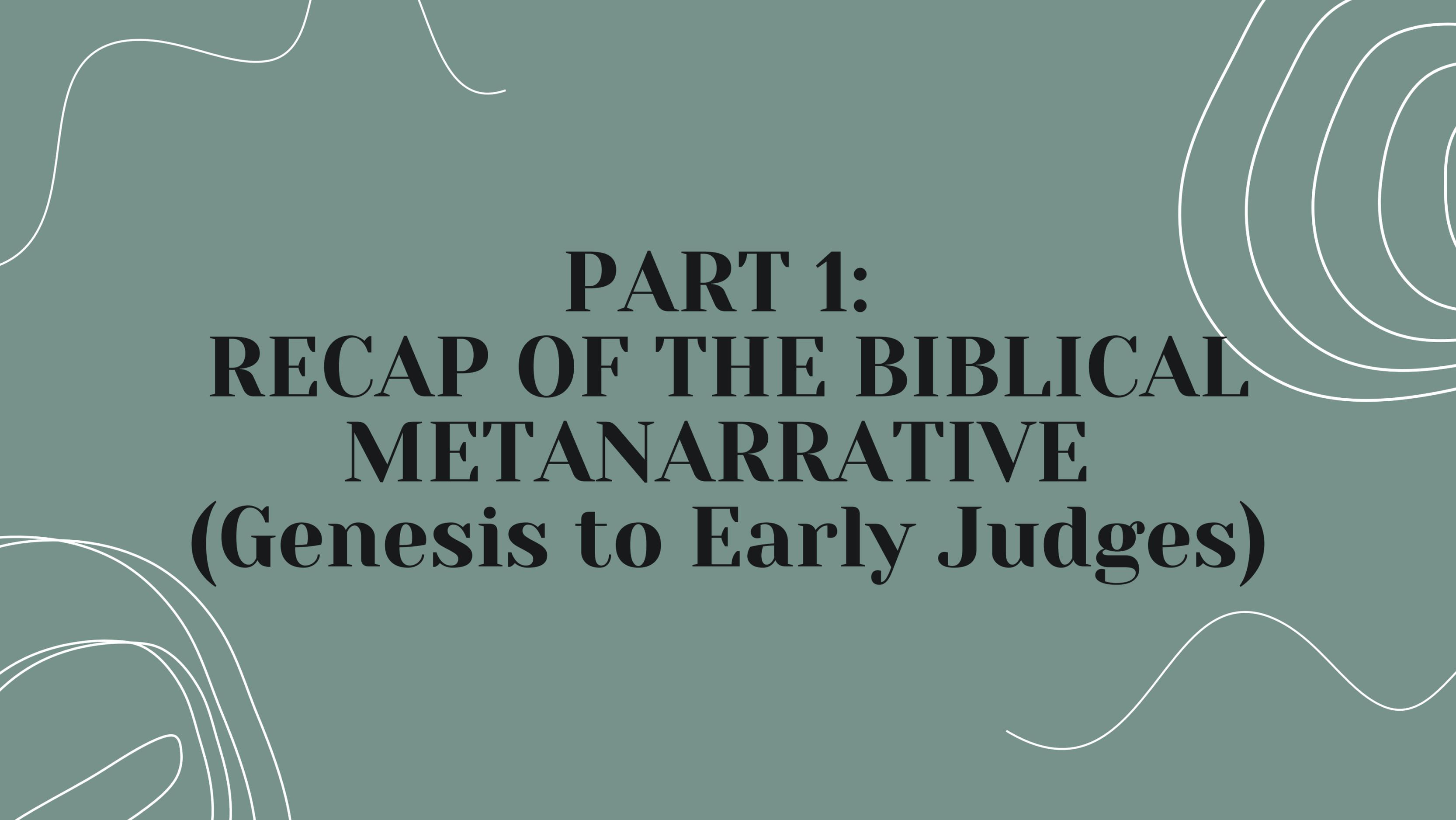
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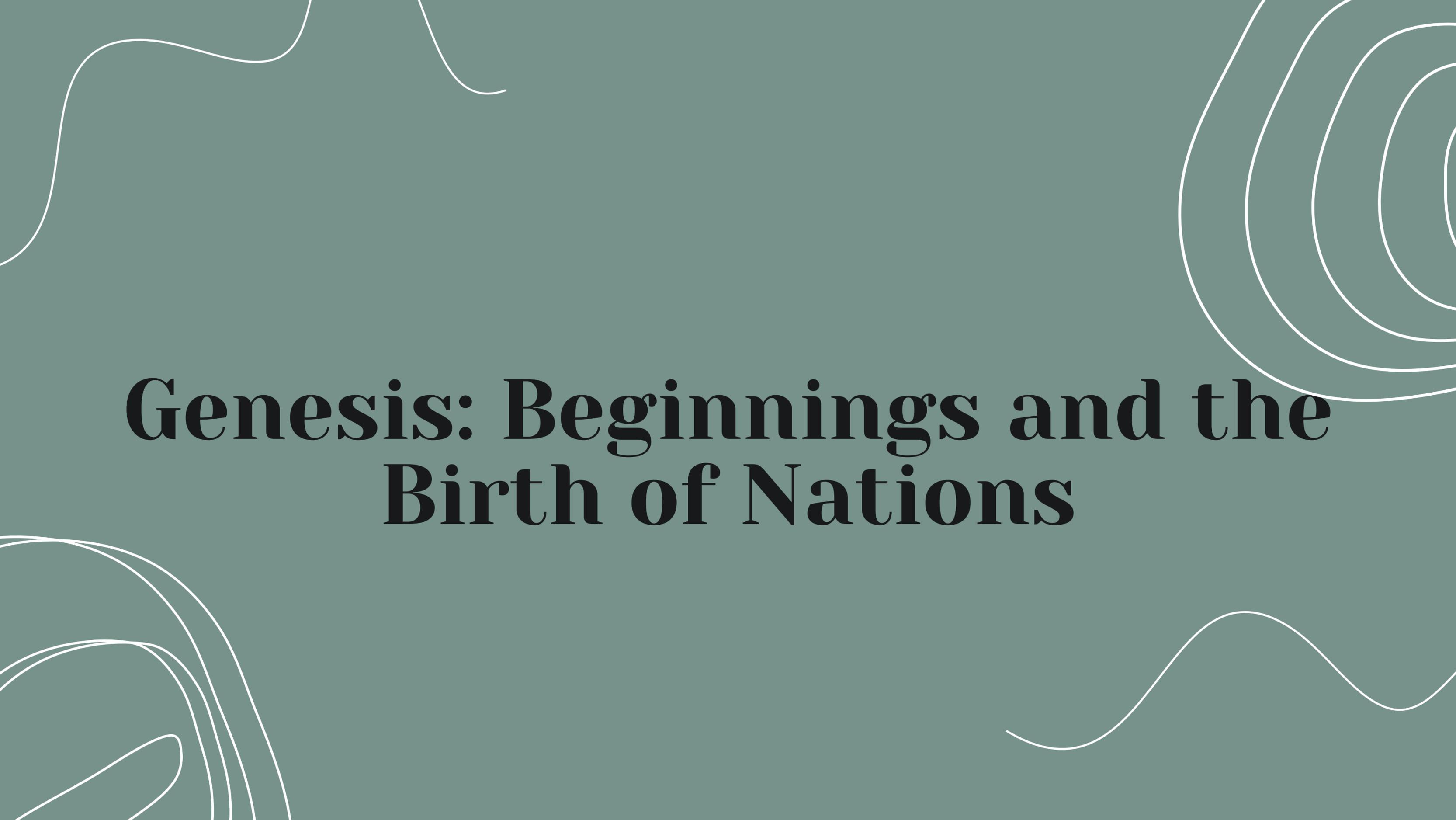
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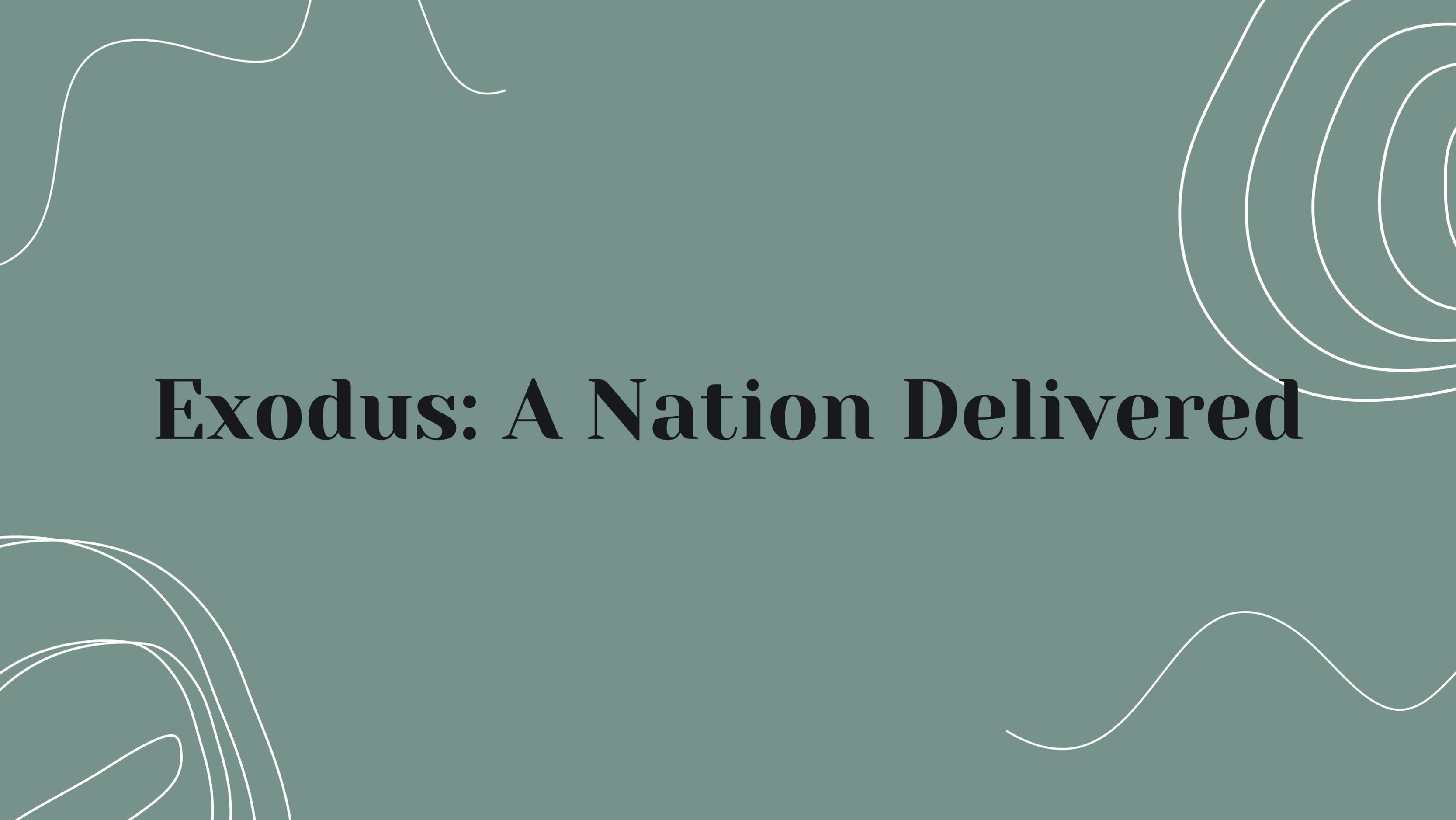
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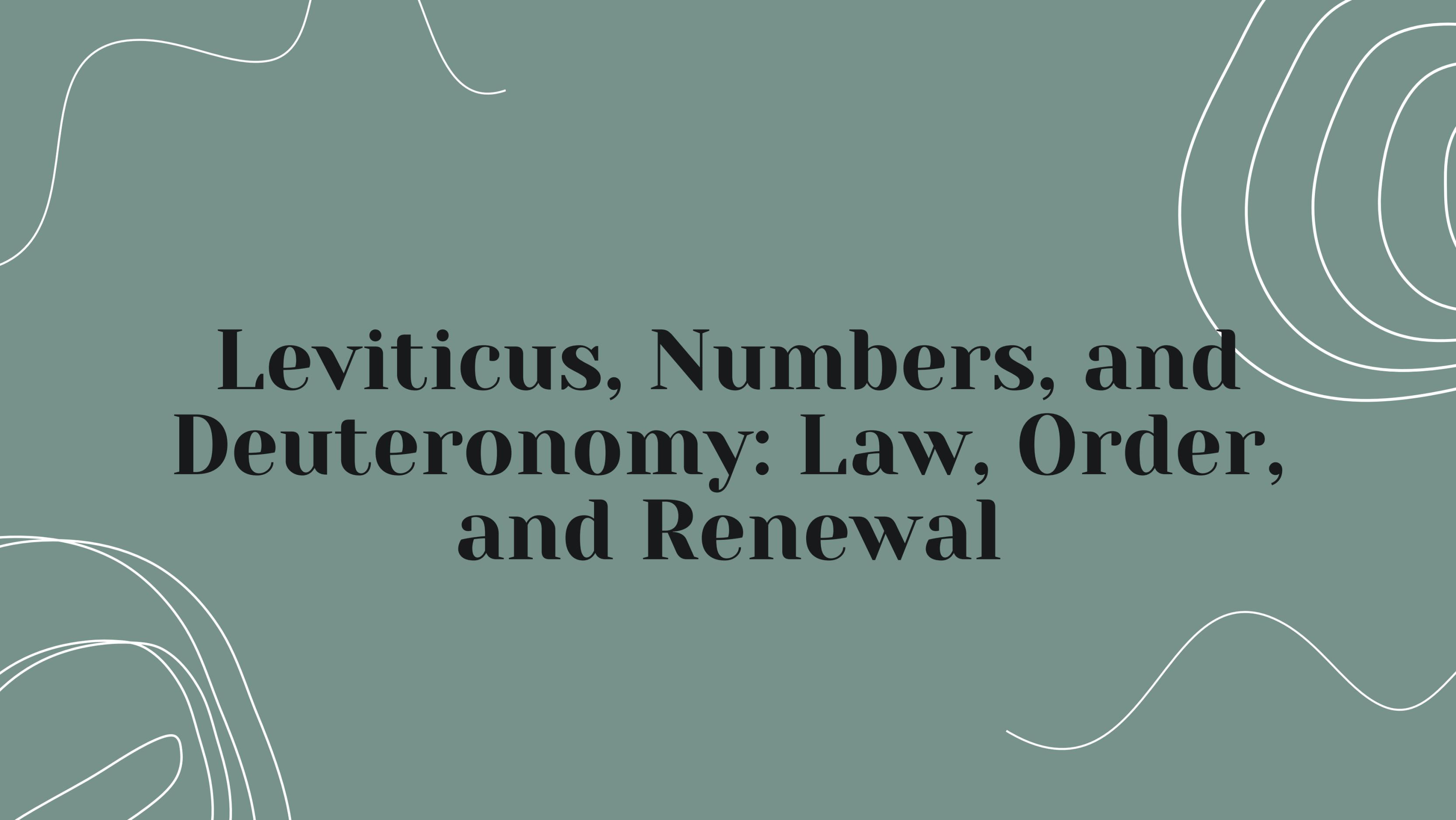
**PART 1:**  
**RECAP OF THE BIBLICAL**  
**METANARRATIVE**  
**(Genesis to Early Judges)**

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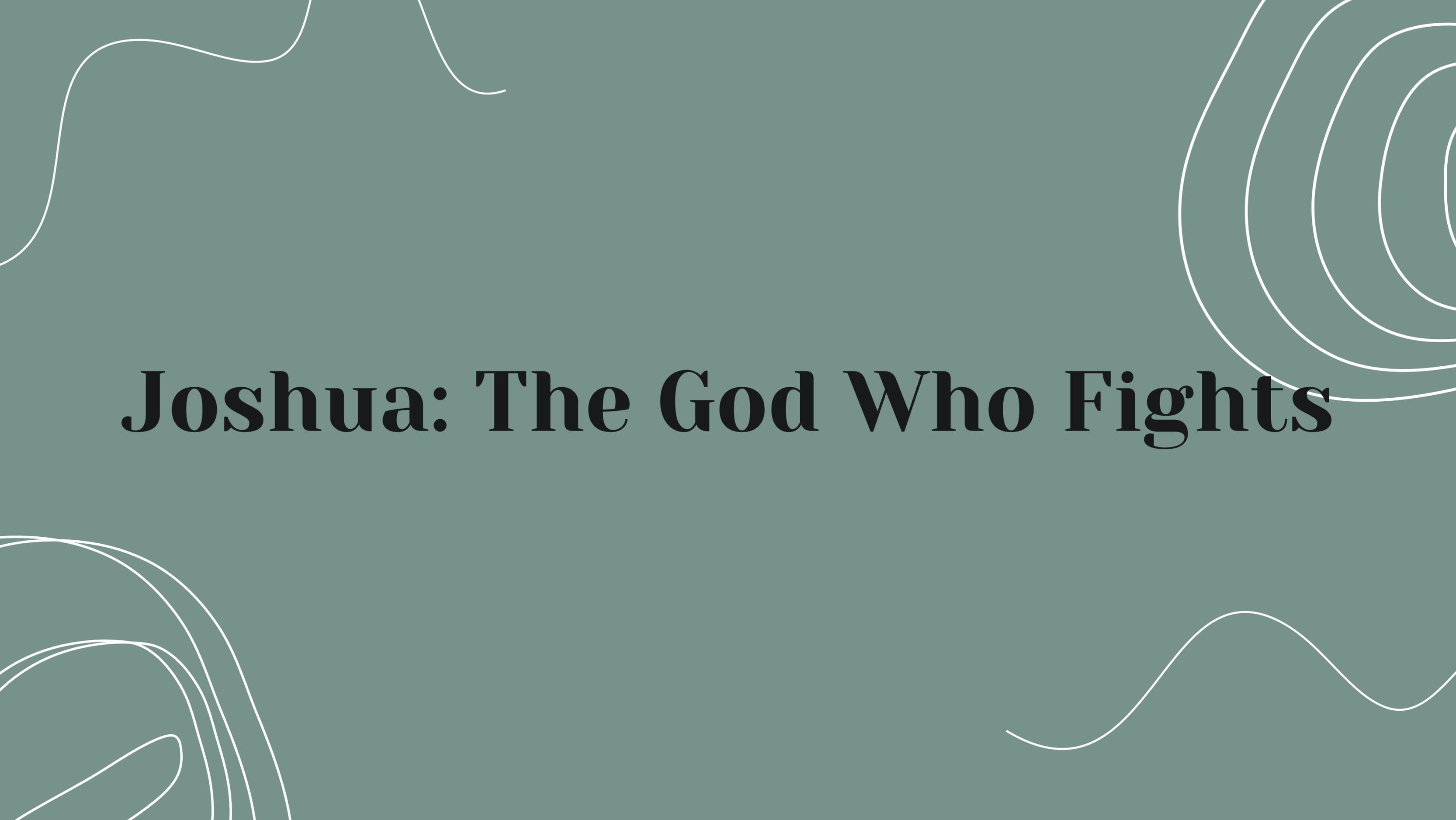
# **Genesis: Beginnings and the Birth of Nations**



# **Exodus: A Nation Delivered**

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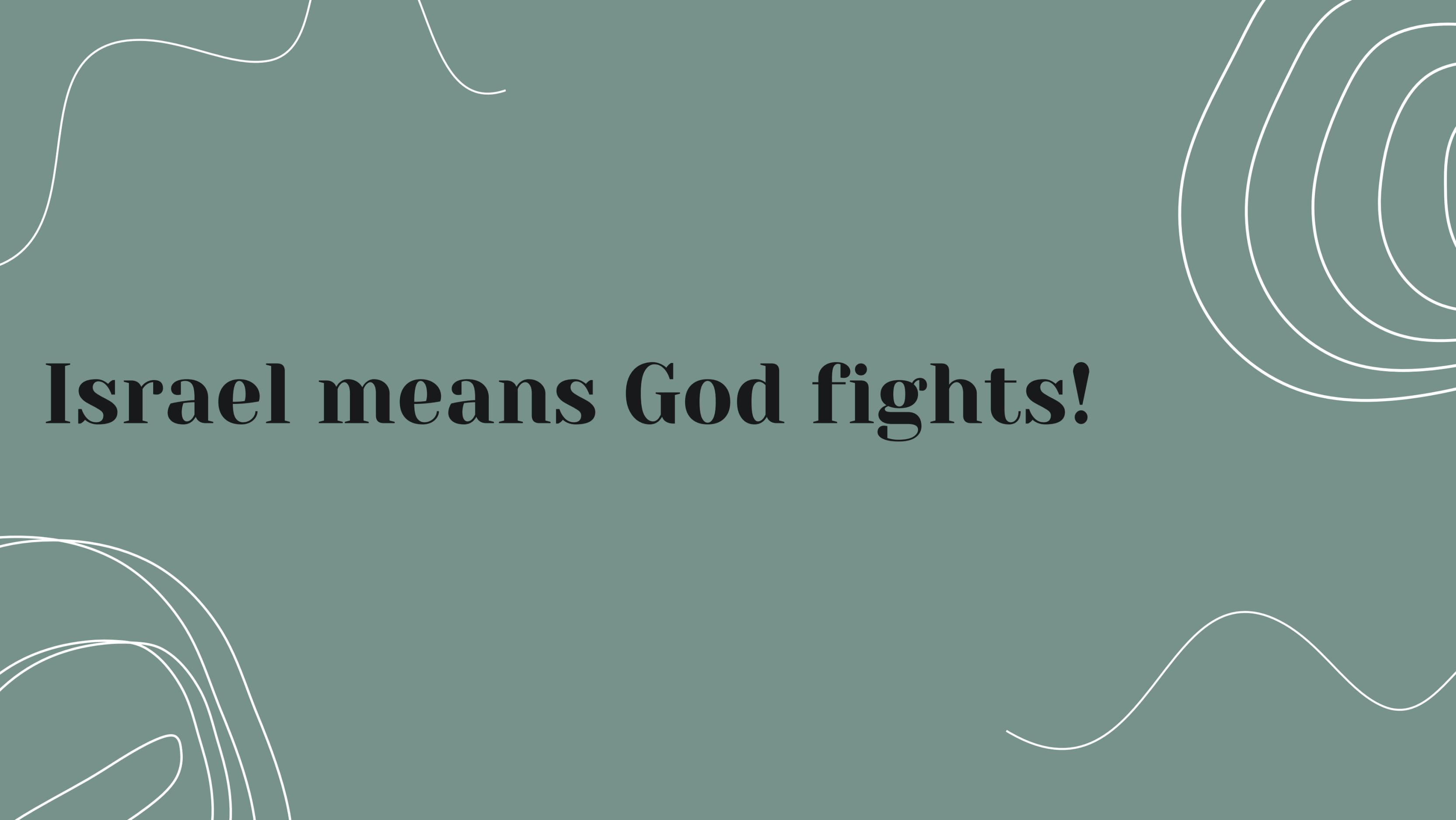
# **Leviticus, Numbers, and Deuteronomy: Law, Order, and Renewal**

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# **Joshua: The God Who Fights**

# **JOSHUA 10:40–42**

**1 Joshua subdued them from Kadesh Barnea to Gaza and from the whole region of Goshen to Gibeon. 42 All these kings and their lands Joshua conquered in one campaign, because the Lord, the God of Israel, fought for Israel.**

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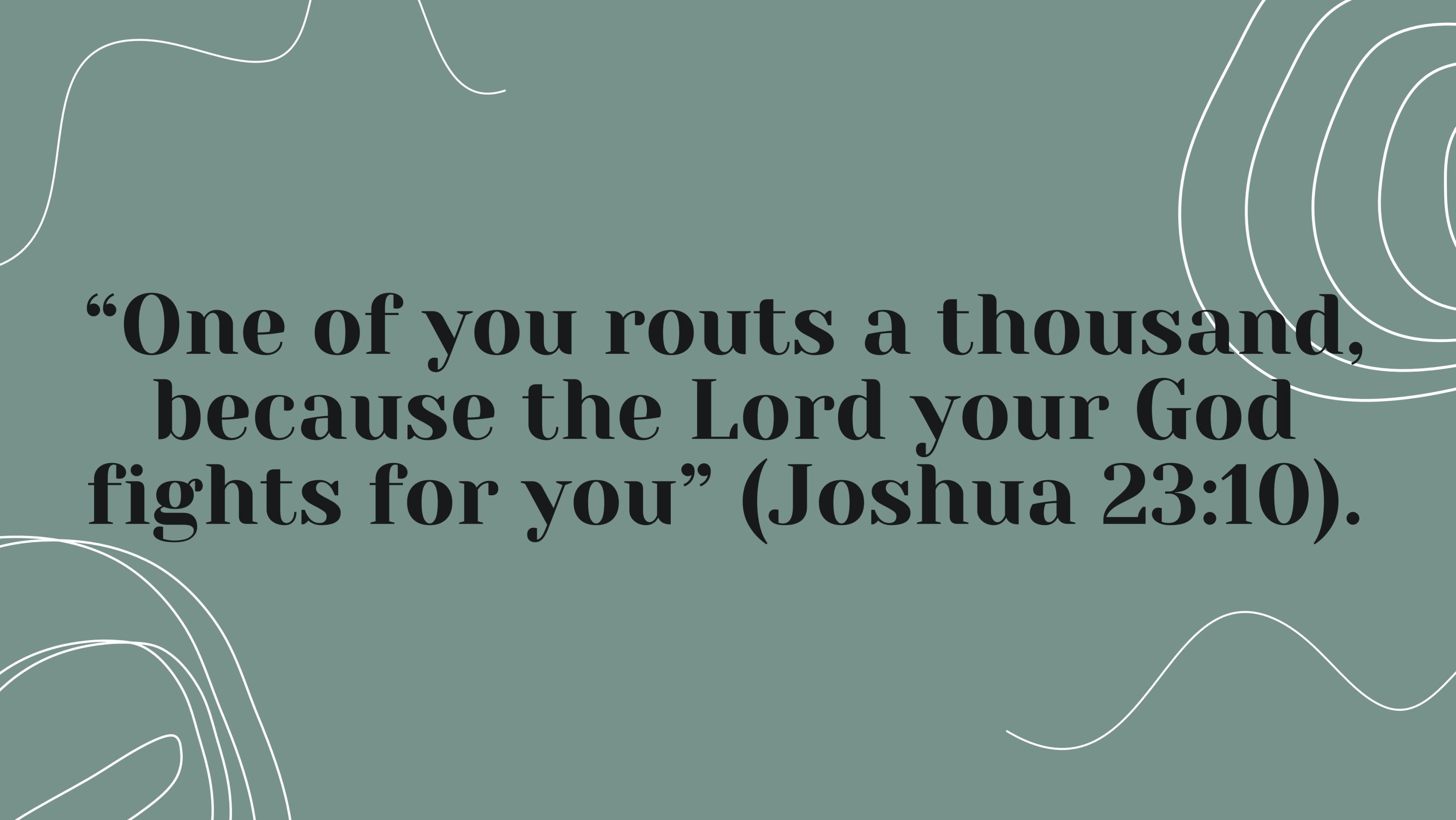
**Israel means God fights!**

# JOSHUA 11:23

**3 So Joshua took the entire land, just as the Lord had directed Moses, and he gave it as an inheritance to Israel according to their tribal divisions. Then the land had rest from war.**

# **GOD HAD KEPT HIS PROMISES:**

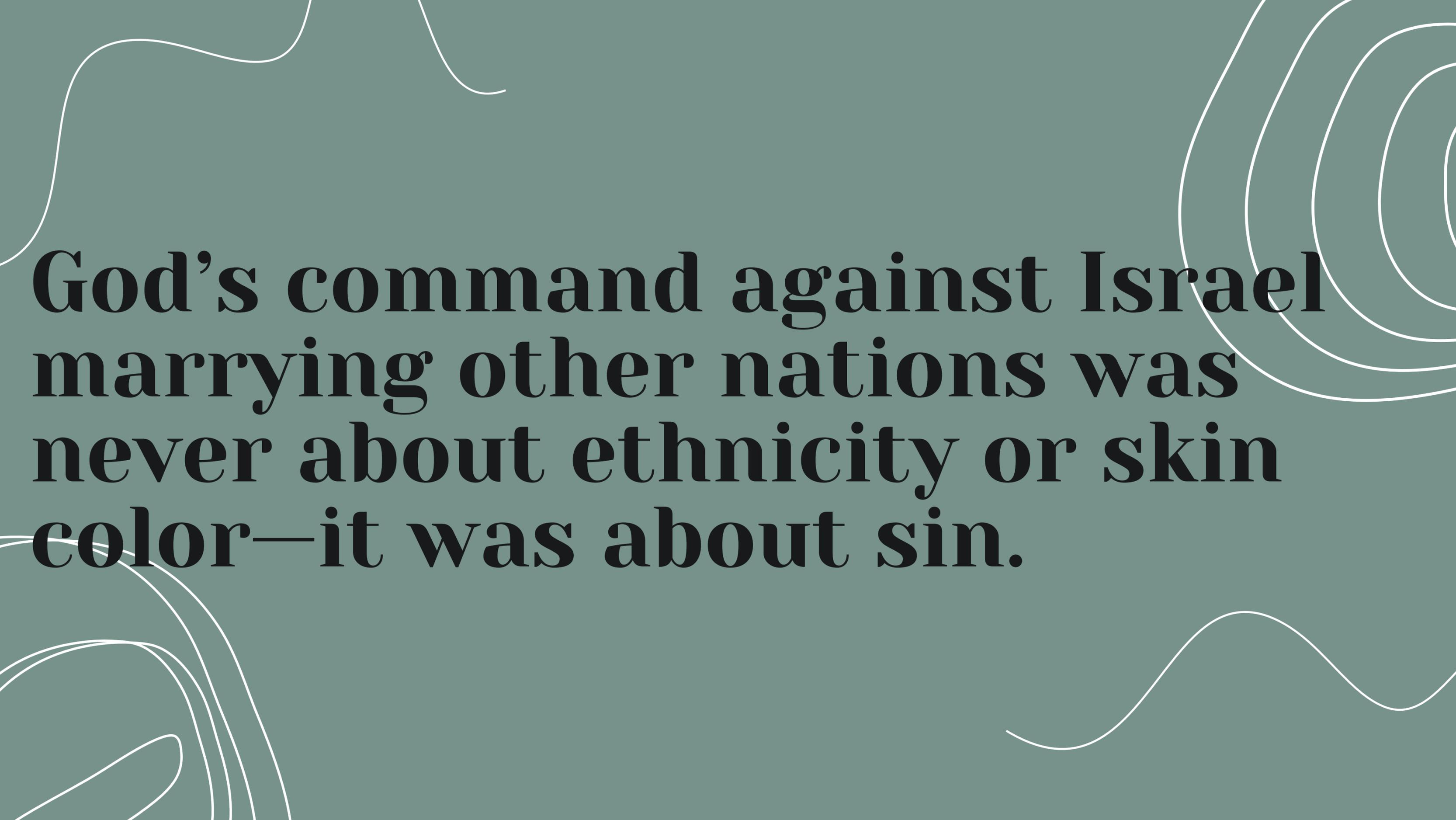
- **He made them a great nation.**
- **He gave them the land of Canaan.**
- **He began blessing the world through them.**

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**“One of you routs a thousand,  
because the Lord your God  
fights for you” (Joshua 23:10).**

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**PART 2:  
A CLARIFICATION ON  
INTERMARRIAGE, RACISM &  
GOD'S JUSTICE**

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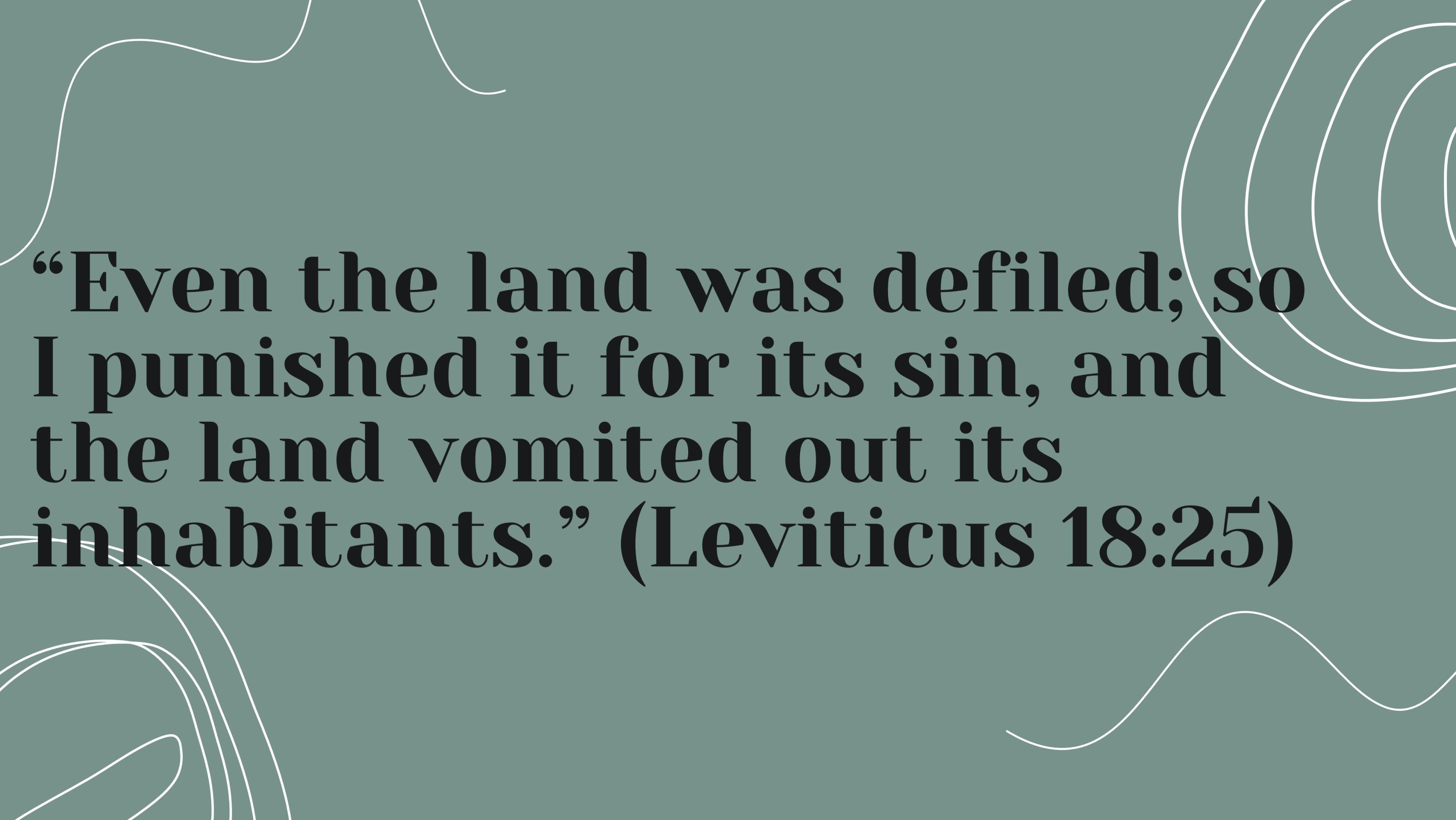
**God's command against Israel  
marrying other nations was  
never about ethnicity or skin  
color—it was about sin.**

# GENESIS 15:13–16

**“Know for certain that for four hundred years your descendants will be strangers in a country not their own... In the fourth generation your descendants will come back here, for the sin of the Amorites has not yet reached its full measure.”**

# **JOSHUA 2:10–11**

**10 We have heard how the Lord dried up the water of the Red Sea for you when you came out of Egypt, and what you did to Sihon and Og, the two kings of the Amorites east of the Jordan, whom you completely destroyed. 11 When we heard of it, our hearts melted in fear and everyone's courage failed because of you, for the Lord your God is God in heaven above and on the earth below.**

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**“Even the land was defiled; so I punished it for its sin, and the land vomited out its inhabitants.” (Leviticus 18:25)**

# DEUTERONOMY 20:17–18

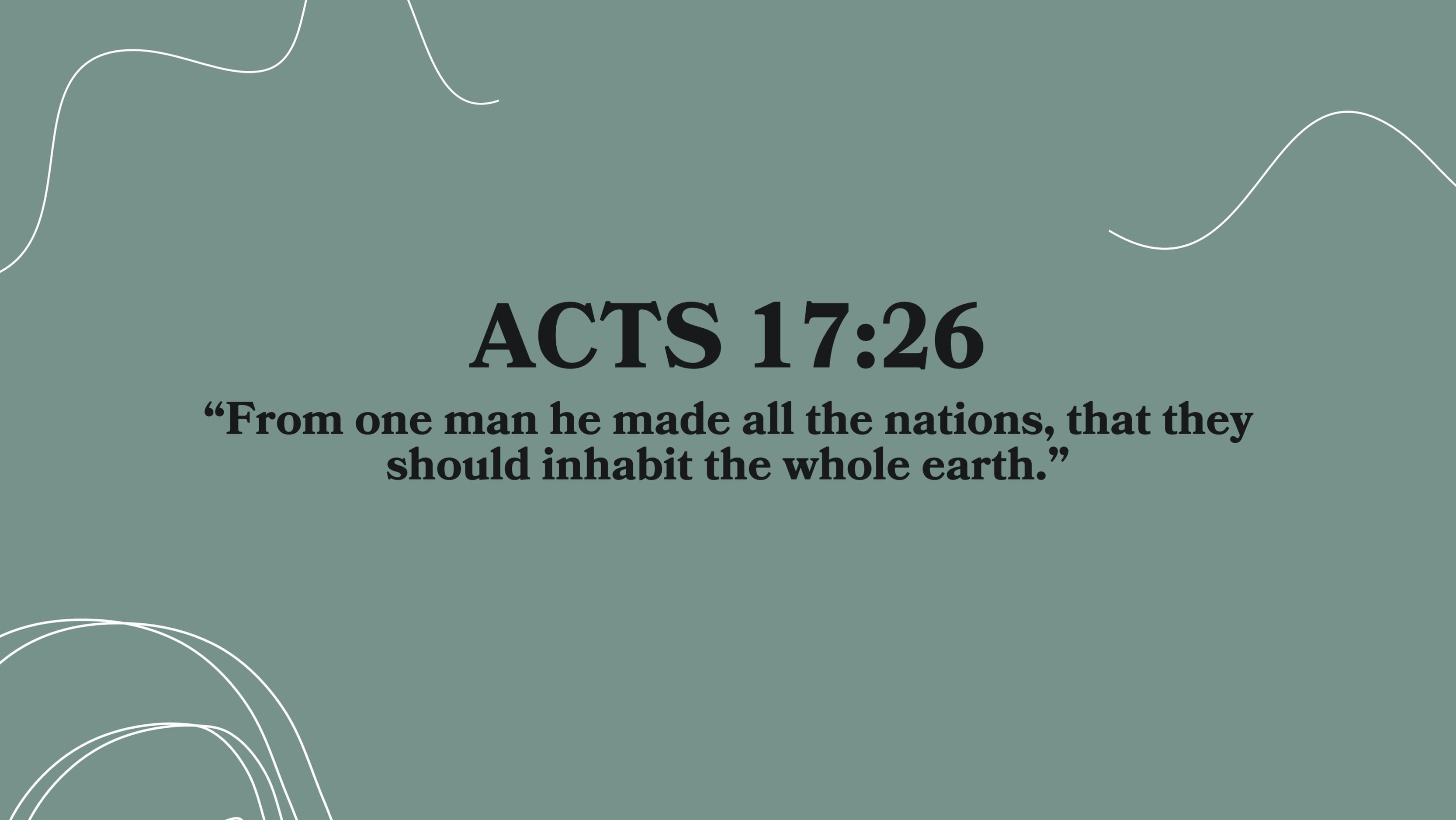
**17 Completely destroy them—the Hittites, Amorites, Canaanites, Perizzites, Hivites and Jebusites—as the Lord your God has commanded you. 18 Otherwise, they will teach you to follow all the detestable things they do in worshiping their gods, and you will sin against the Lord your God.**

# DEUTERONOMY 9:4–5

**4** After the Lord your God has driven them out before you, do not say to yourself, “The Lord has brought me here to take possession of this land because of my righteousness.” No, it is on account of the wickedness of these nations that the Lord is going to drive them out before you. **5** It is not because of your righteousness or your integrity that you are going in to take possession of their land; but on account of the wickedness of these nations, the Lord your God will drive them out before you, to accomplish what he swore to your fathers, to Abraham, Isaac and Jacob.

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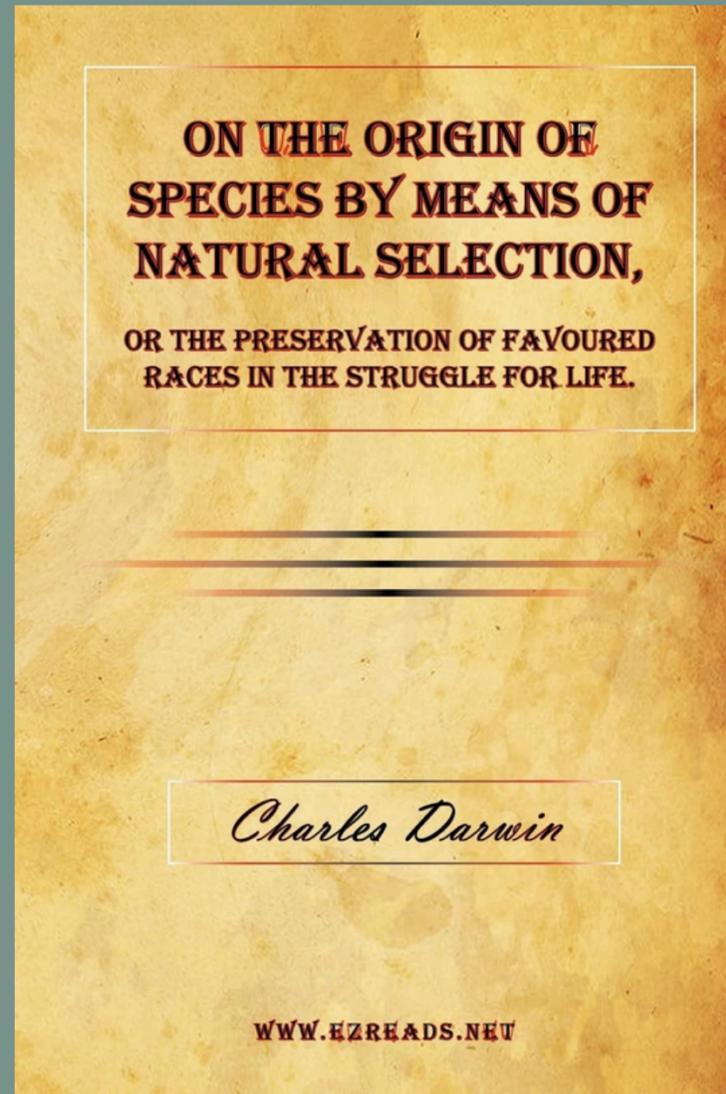
# **RACISM: A MODERN LIE**

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# **ACTS 17:26**

**“From one man he made all the nations, that they should inhabit the whole earth.”**

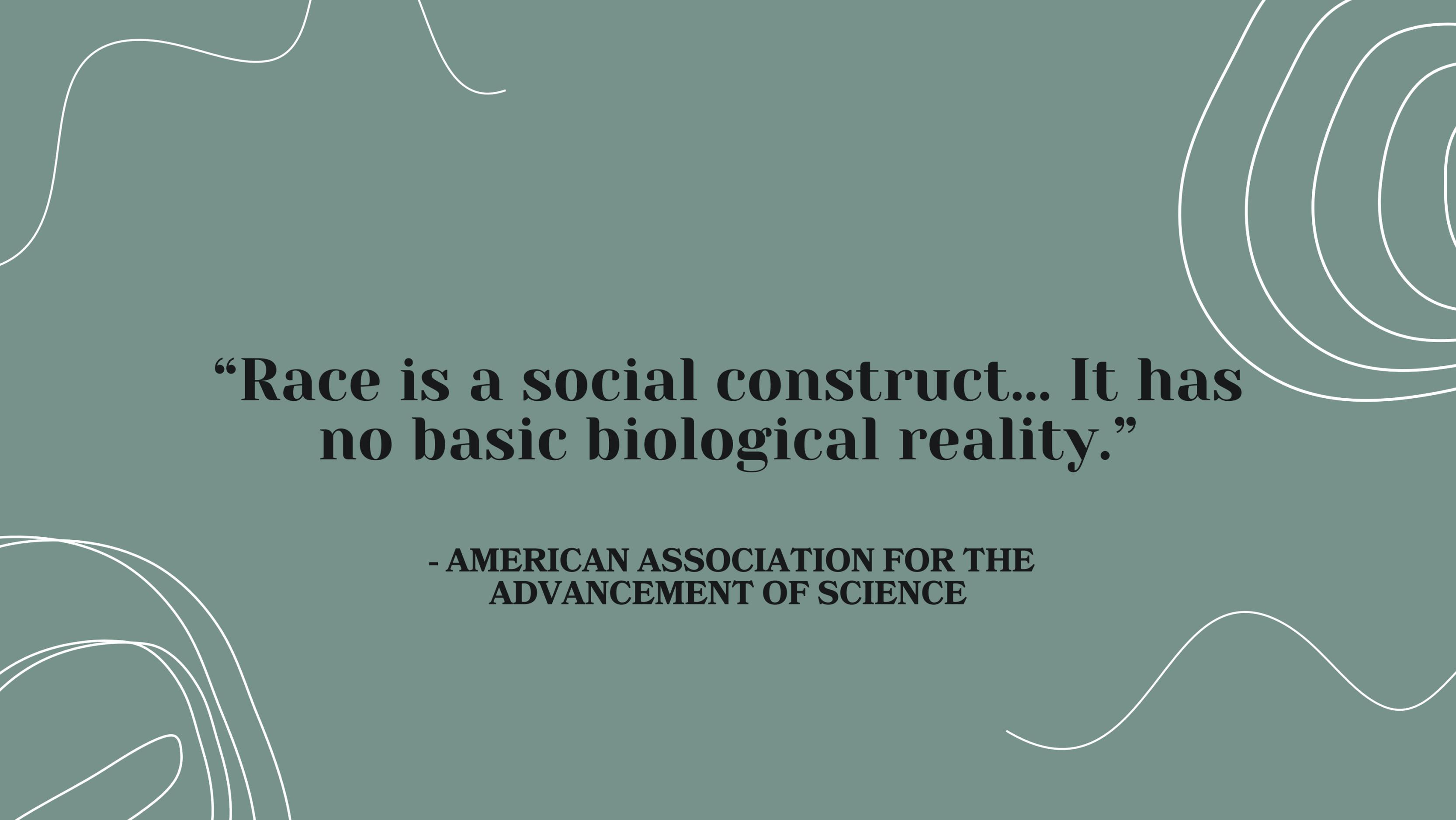
**Darwin's book, *On the Origin of Species*, had a subtitle most people ignore:**



**“The Preservation of Favoured Races in the Struggle for Life.”**

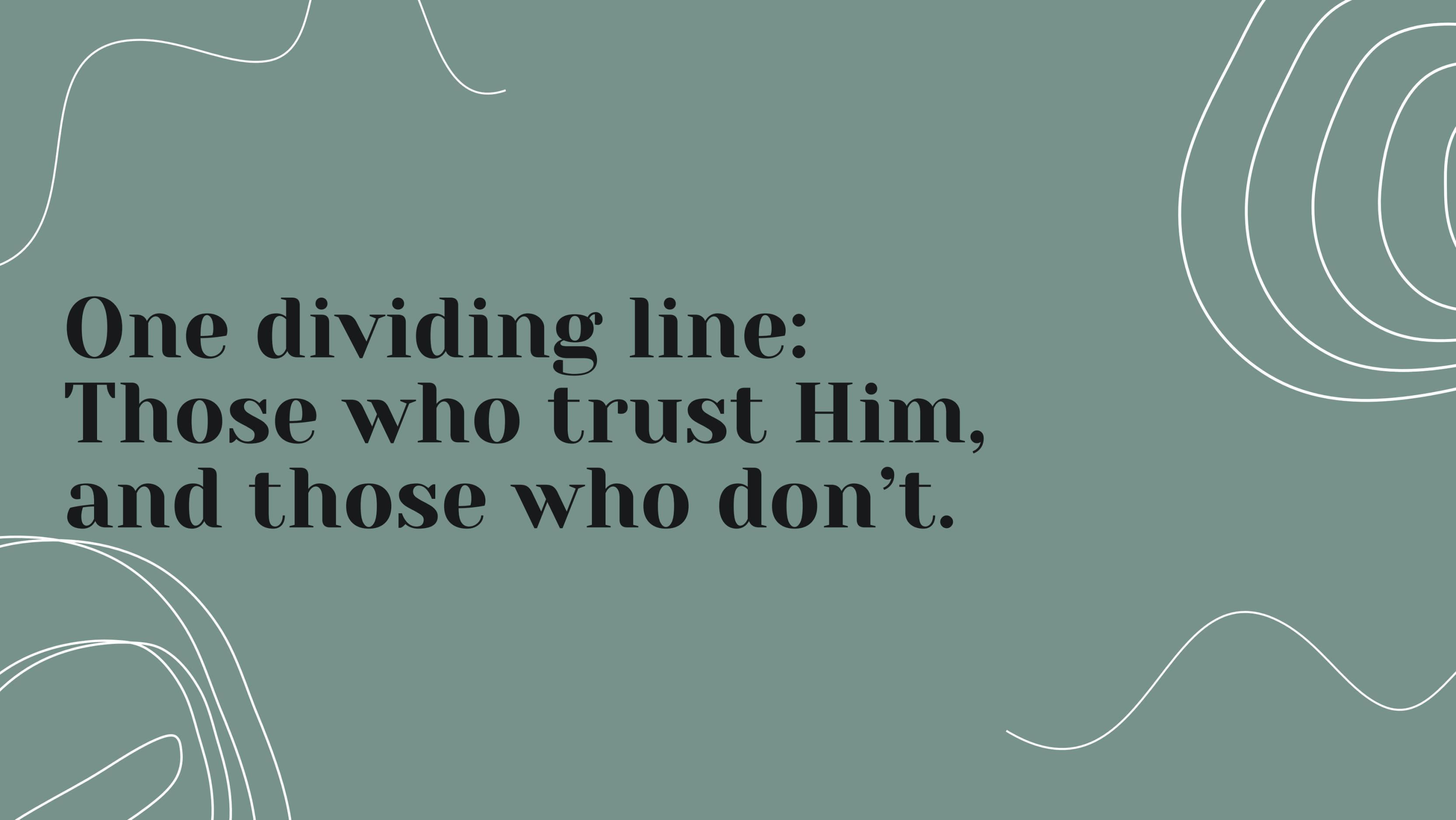
**“Biological arguments for racism may have been common before 1859, but they increased by orders of magnitude following the acceptance of evolutionary theory.”**

**- EVOLUTIONIST STEPHEN JAY GOULD**

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**“Race is a social construct... It has  
no basic biological reality.”**

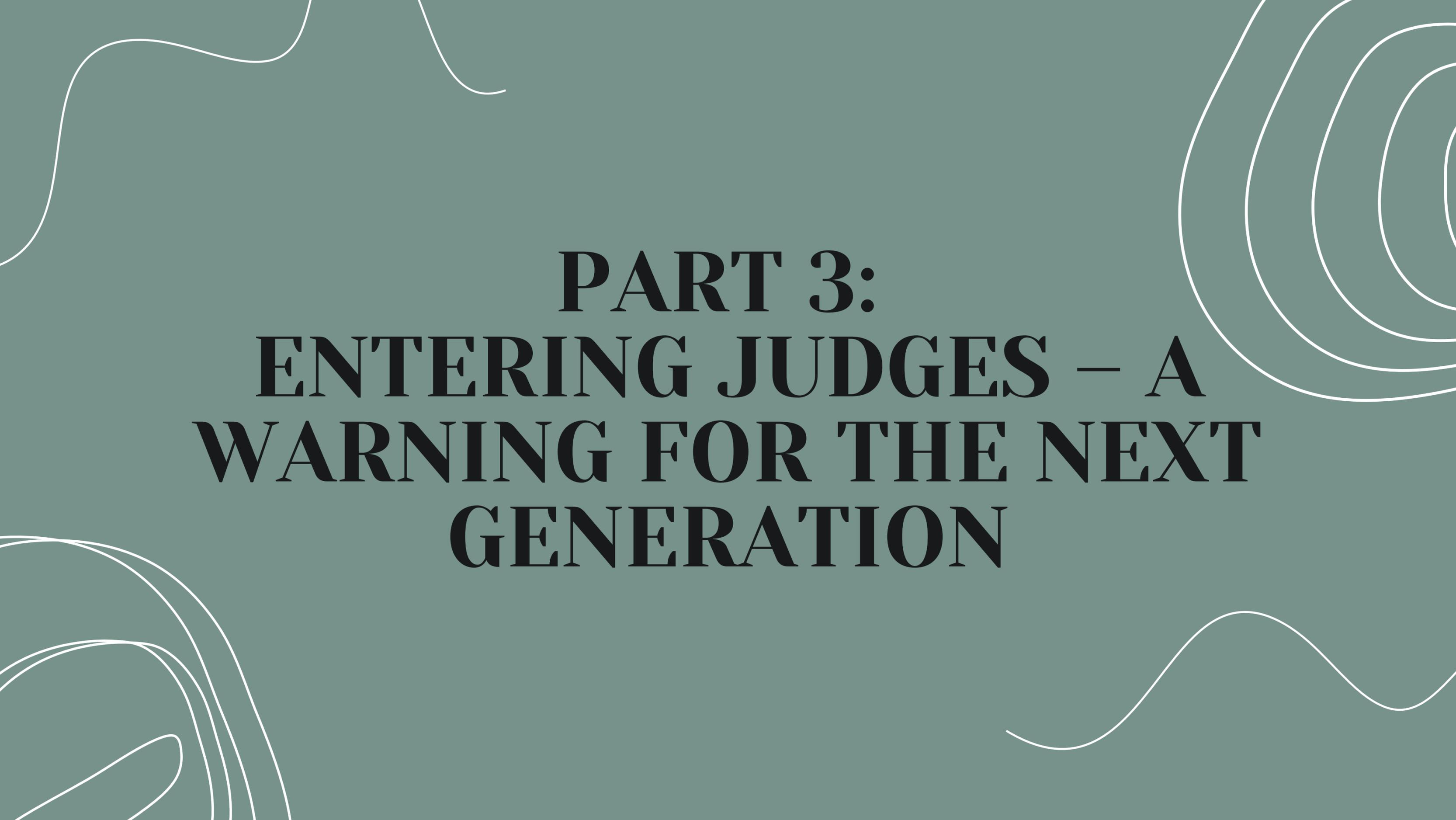
**- AMERICAN ASSOCIATION FOR THE  
ADVANCEMENT OF SCIENCE**

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**One dividing line:  
Those who trust Him,  
and those who don't.**

# **JOSHUA 24:15**

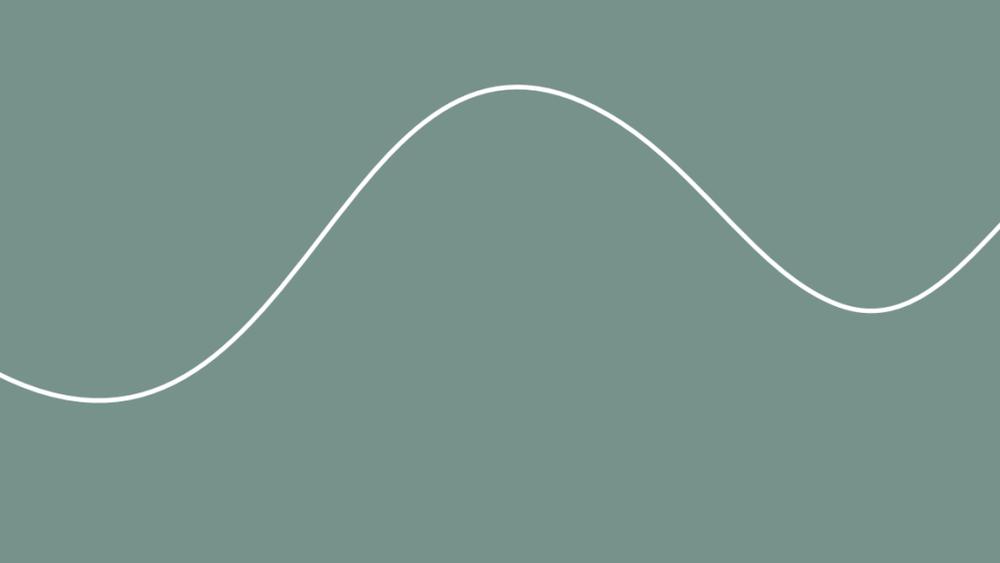
**“Choose for yourselves this day whom you will serve... But as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord.”**

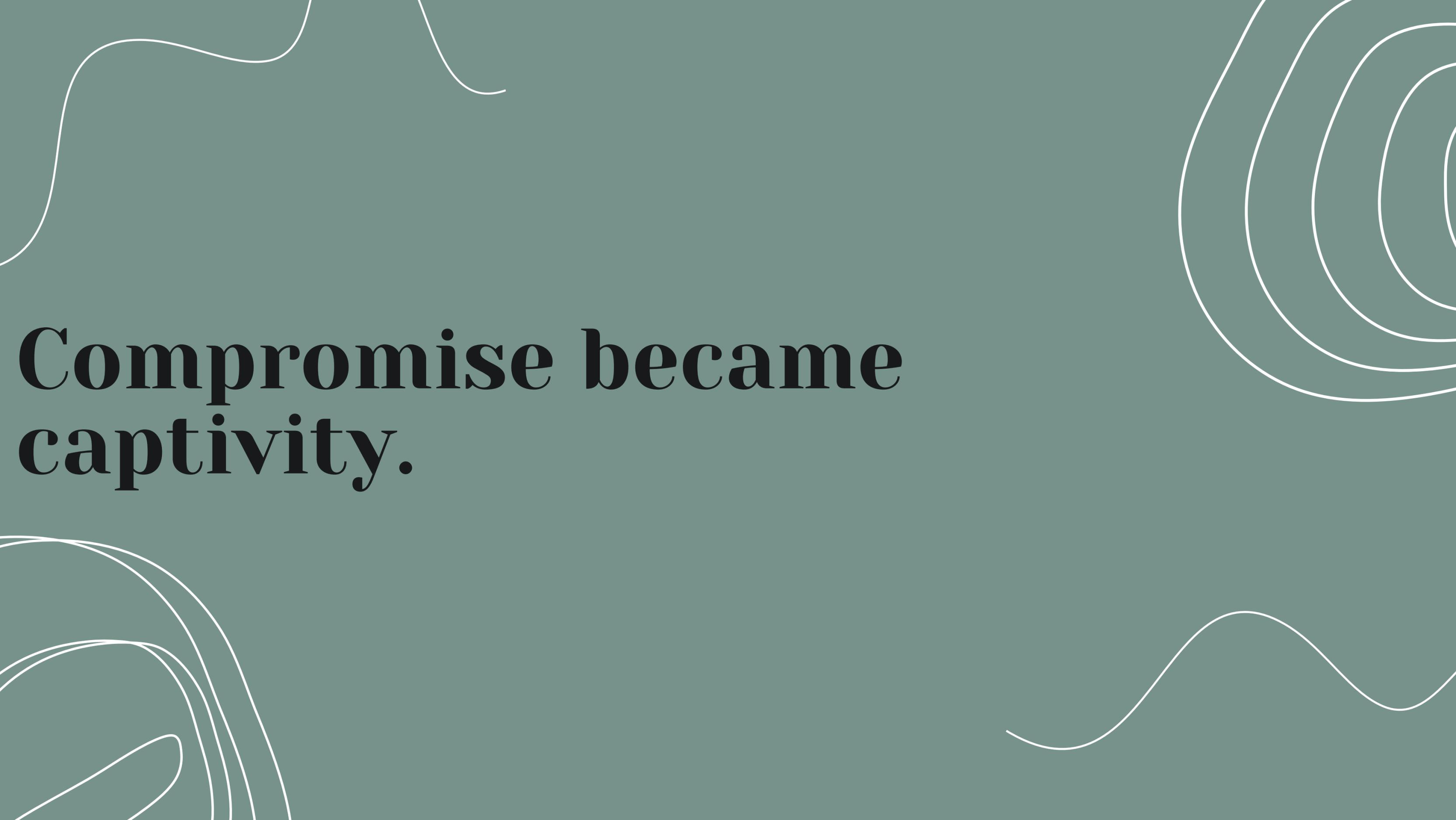
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**PART 3:  
ENTERING JUDGES – A  
WARNING FOR THE NEXT  
GENERATION**



**God was faithful, but  
Israel was not.**

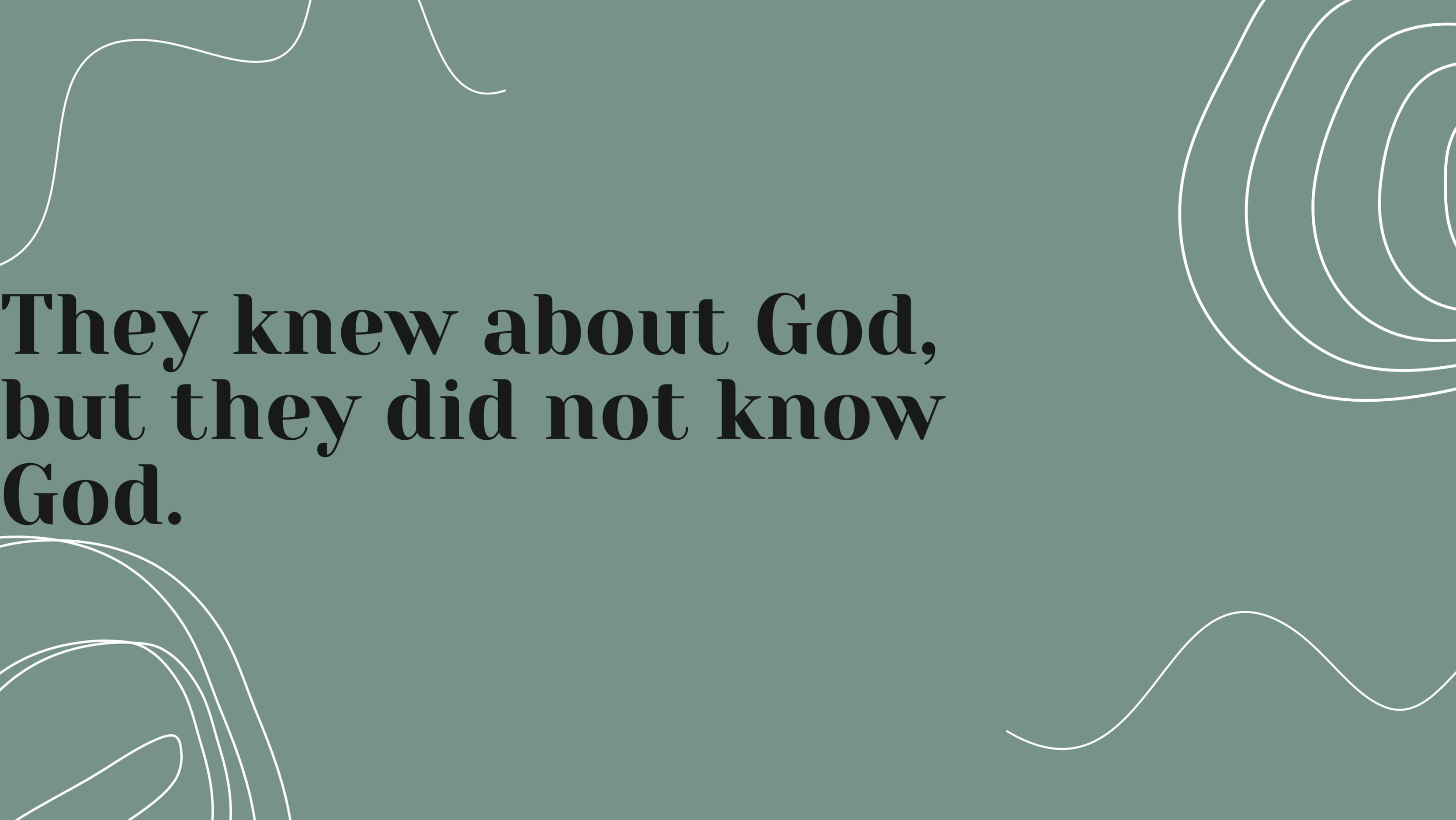


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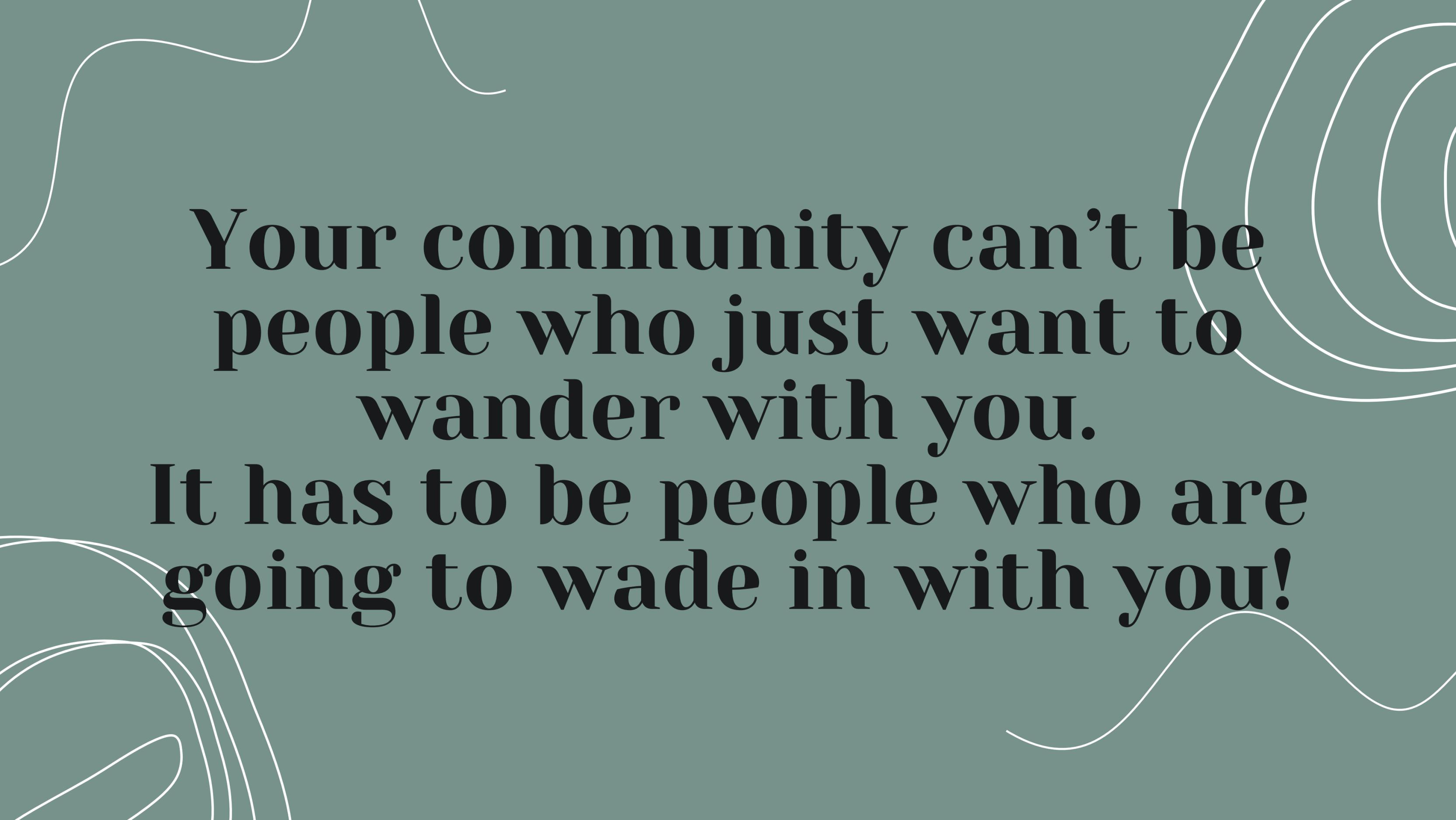
**Compromise became  
captivity.**

# JUDGES 2:10

**“After that whole generation had been gathered to their ancestors, another generation grew up who knew neither the Lord nor what He had done for Israel.”**

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**They knew about God,  
but they did not know  
God.**

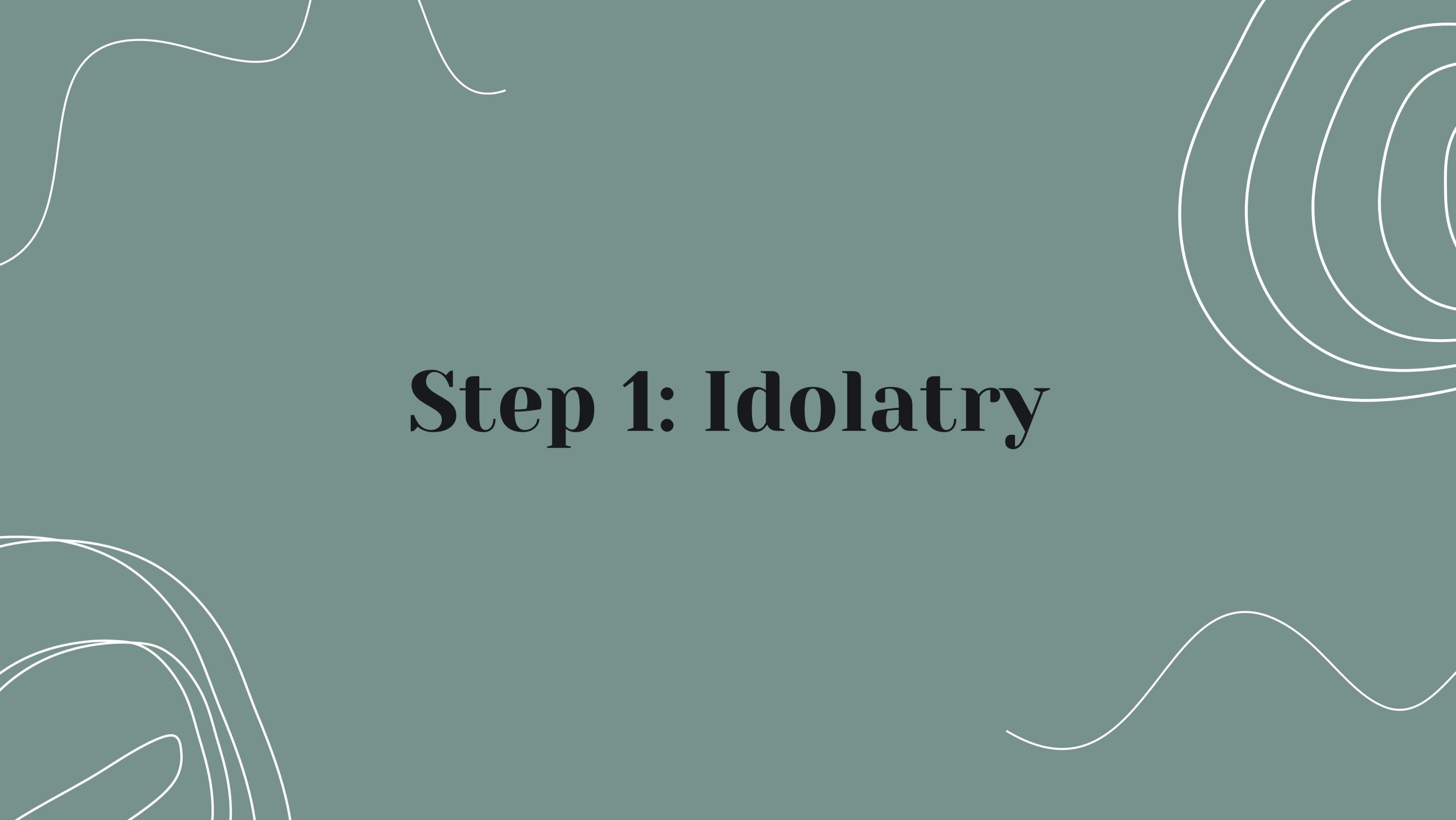
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**Your community can't be  
people who just want to  
wander with you.**

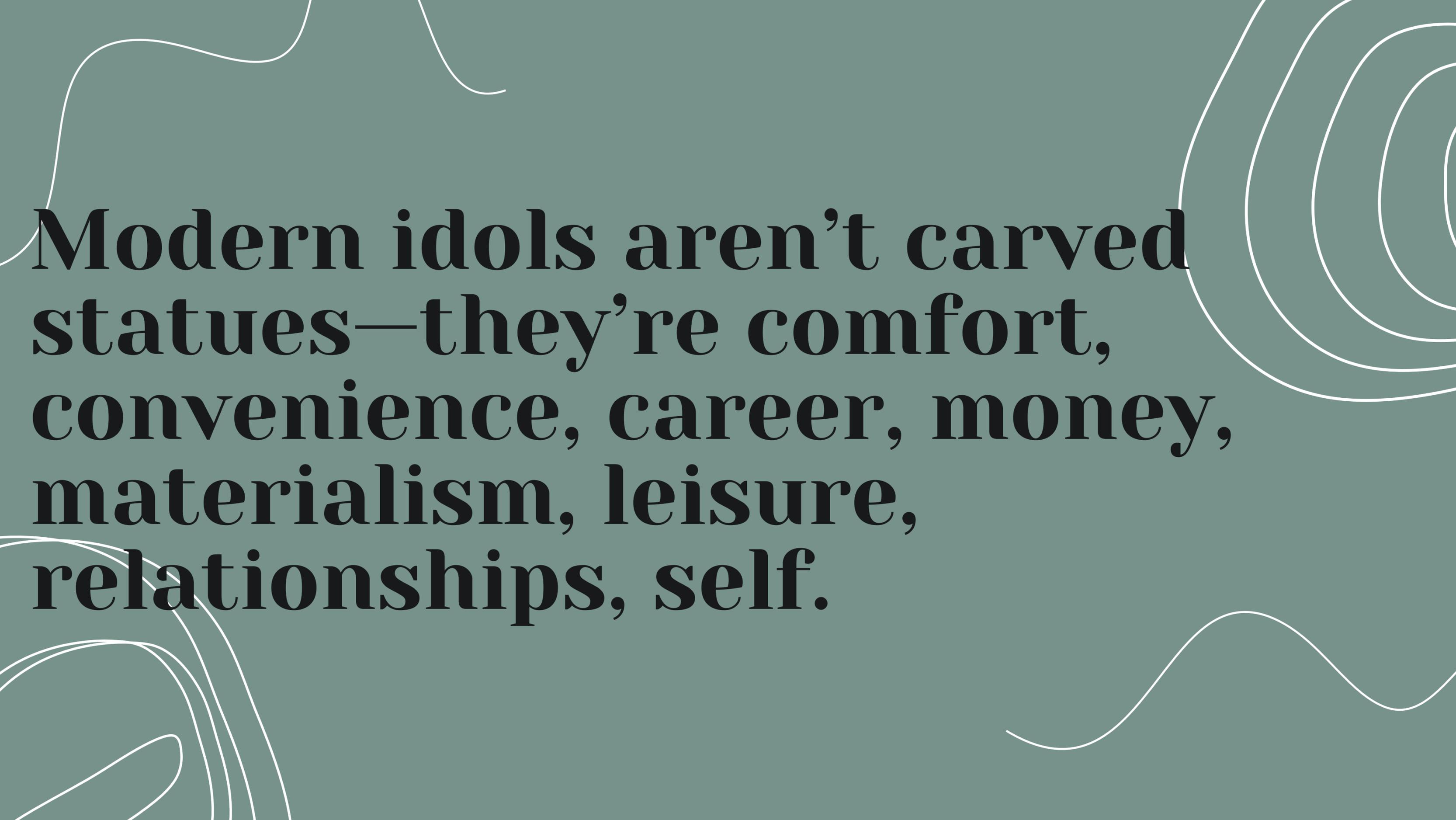
**It has to be people who are  
going to wade in with you!**

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# **Idolatry: The Beginning of the Downward Spiral**

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# **Step 1: Idolatry**

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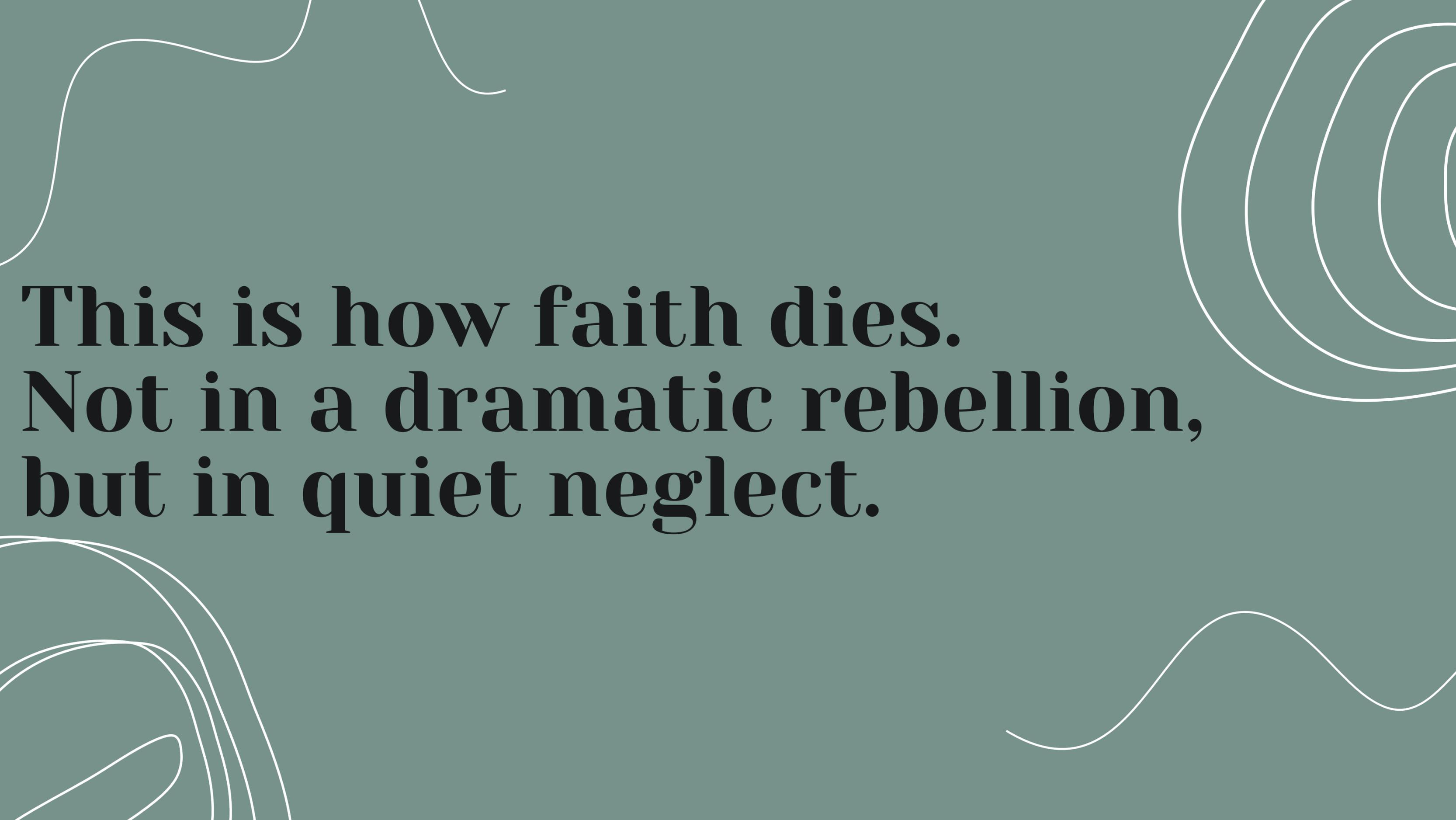
**Modern idols aren't carved  
statues—they're comfort,  
convenience, career, money,  
materialism, leisure,  
relationships, self.**



# **Step 2: *W*aning Faith**



# **Step 3: Loss of Love for the Lord**

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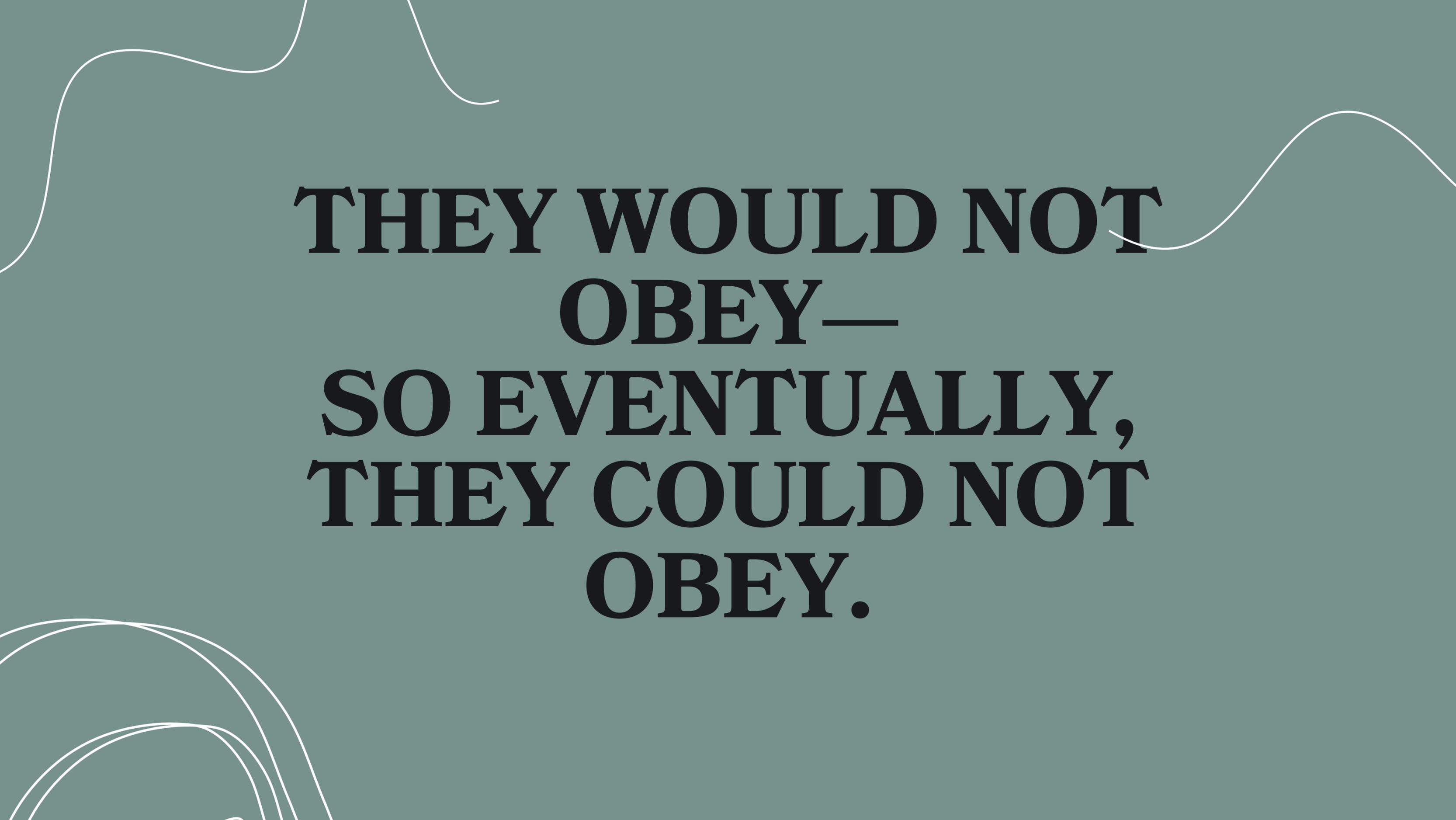
**This is how faith dies.  
Not in a dramatic rebellion,  
but in quiet neglect.**

# 2 PETER 1:5–8

**“For this very reason, make every effort to add to your faith goodness; and to goodness, knowledge; and to knowledge, self-control; and to self-control, perseverance; and to perseverance, godliness; and to godliness, mutual affection; and to mutual affection, love. For if you possess these qualities in increasing measure, they will keep you from being ineffective and unproductive in your knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.”**

# **THE CYCLE OF SIN BEGINS**

- 1. Rebellion**
- 2. Oppression**
- 3. Repentance**
- 4. Deliverance**
- 5. Peace**
- 6. Repeat.**

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**THEY WOULD NOT  
OBEY—  
SO EVENTUALLY,  
THEY COULD NOT  
OBEY.**

# JUDGES 2:15

**15 Whenever Israel went out to fight, the hand of the Lord was against them to defeat them, just as he had sworn to them. They were in great distress.**

# HEBREWS 11:32–34

**32 And what more shall I say? I do not have time to tell about Gideon, Barak, Samson and Jephthah, about David and Samuel and the prophets, 33 who through faith conquered kingdoms, administered justice, and gained what was promised; who shut the mouths of lions, 34 quenched the fury of the flames, and escaped the edge of the sword; whose weakness was turned to strength; and who became powerful in battle and routed foreign armies.**

# **1 CORINTHIANS 1:27–28**

**27 But God chose the foolish things of the world to shame the wise; God chose the weak things of the world to shame the strong. 28 God chose the lowly things of this world and the despised things—and the things that are not—to nullify the things that are,**