

Preparation

FOR THE PROMISED LAND



Preparation:

The act or operation of preparing or fitting for a particular purpose, use, service or condition;

Preparation is intended to prevent evil or secure good.

Joshua 1:10-11_(NKJV)

Then Joshua commanded the officers of the people, saying,
¹¹ “Pass through the camp and command the people, saying,
‘Prepare provisions for yourselves, for within three days you
will cross over this Jordan, to go in to possess the land which
the LORD your God is giving you to possess.’ ”

Joshua 1:6-9_(NKJV)

Be strong and of good courage, for to this people you shall divide as an inheritance the land which I swore to their fathers to give them. ⁷ Only be strong and very courageous, that you may observe to do according to all the law which Moses My servant commanded you; do not turn from it to the right hand or to the left, that you may prosper wherever you go. ⁸ This Book of the Law shall not depart from your mouth, but you shall meditate in it day and night, that you may observe to do according to all that is written in it. For then you will make your way prosperous, and then you will have good success. ⁹ Have I not commanded you? Be strong and of good courage; do not be afraid, nor be dismayed, for the LORD your God is with you wherever you go.”

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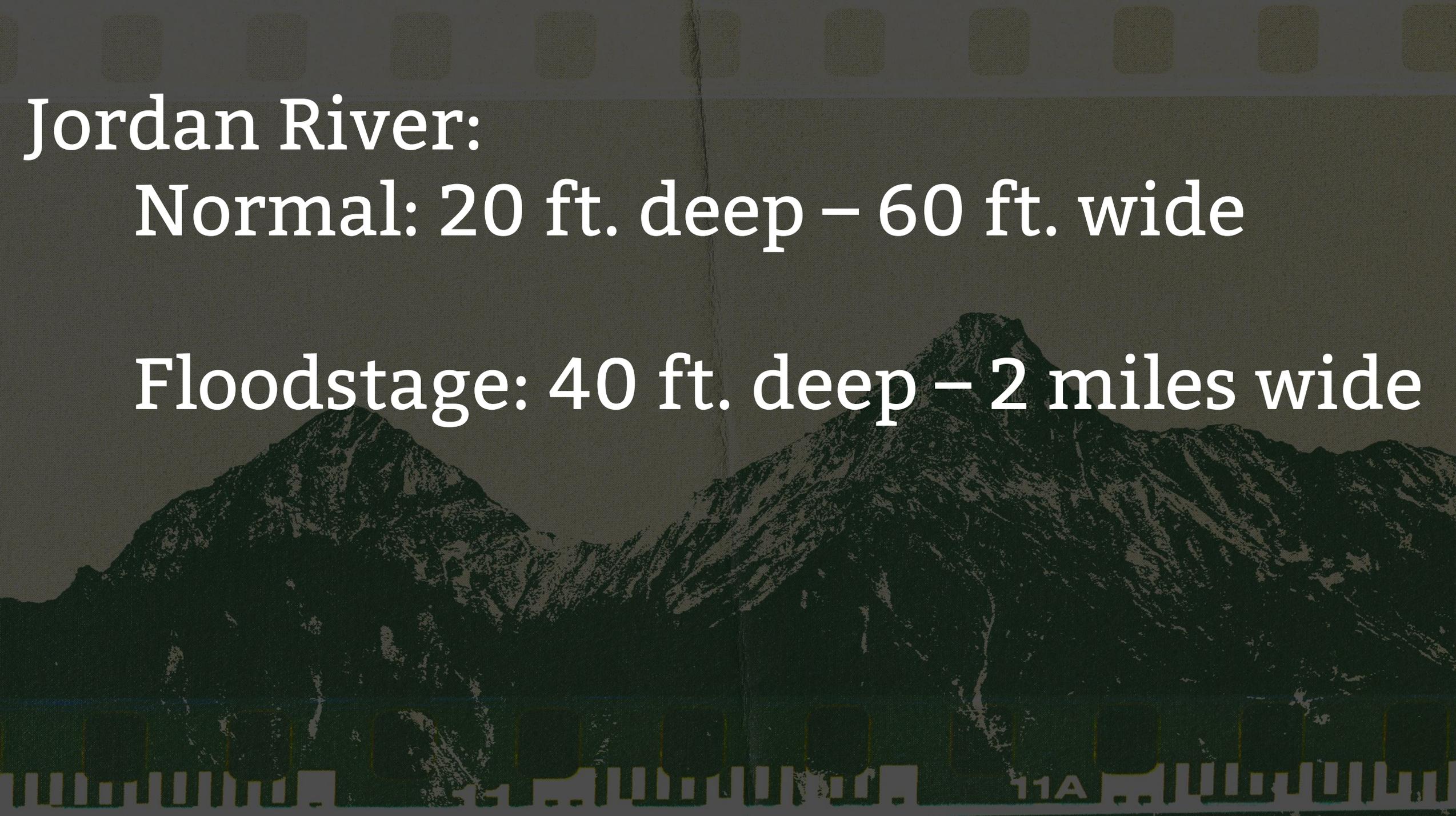
When you enter the promised land...

1. Build memorials.



Joshua 4:5-7^(NKJV)

...and Joshua said to them: “Cross over before the ark of the LORD your God into the midst of the Jordan, and each one of you take up a stone on his shoulder, according to the number of the tribes of the children of Israel, ⁶ that this may be a sign among you when your children ask in time to come, saying, ‘What do these stones *mean* to you?’ ⁷ Then you shall answer them that the waters of the Jordan were cut off before the ark of the covenant of the LORD; when it crossed over the Jordan, the waters of the Jordan were cut off. And these stones shall be for a memorial to the children of Israel forever.”



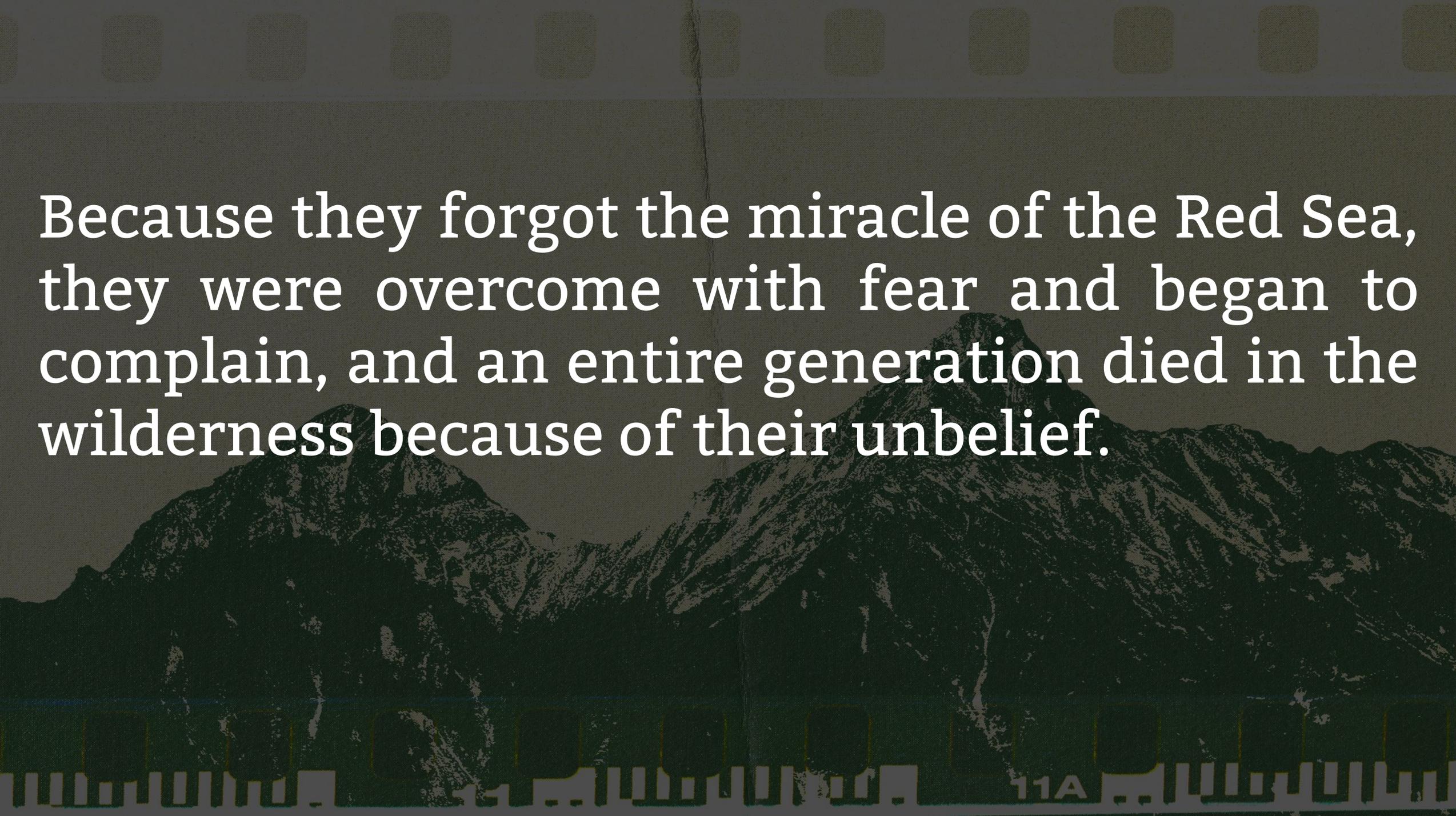
Jordan River:

Normal: 20 ft. deep – 60 ft. wide

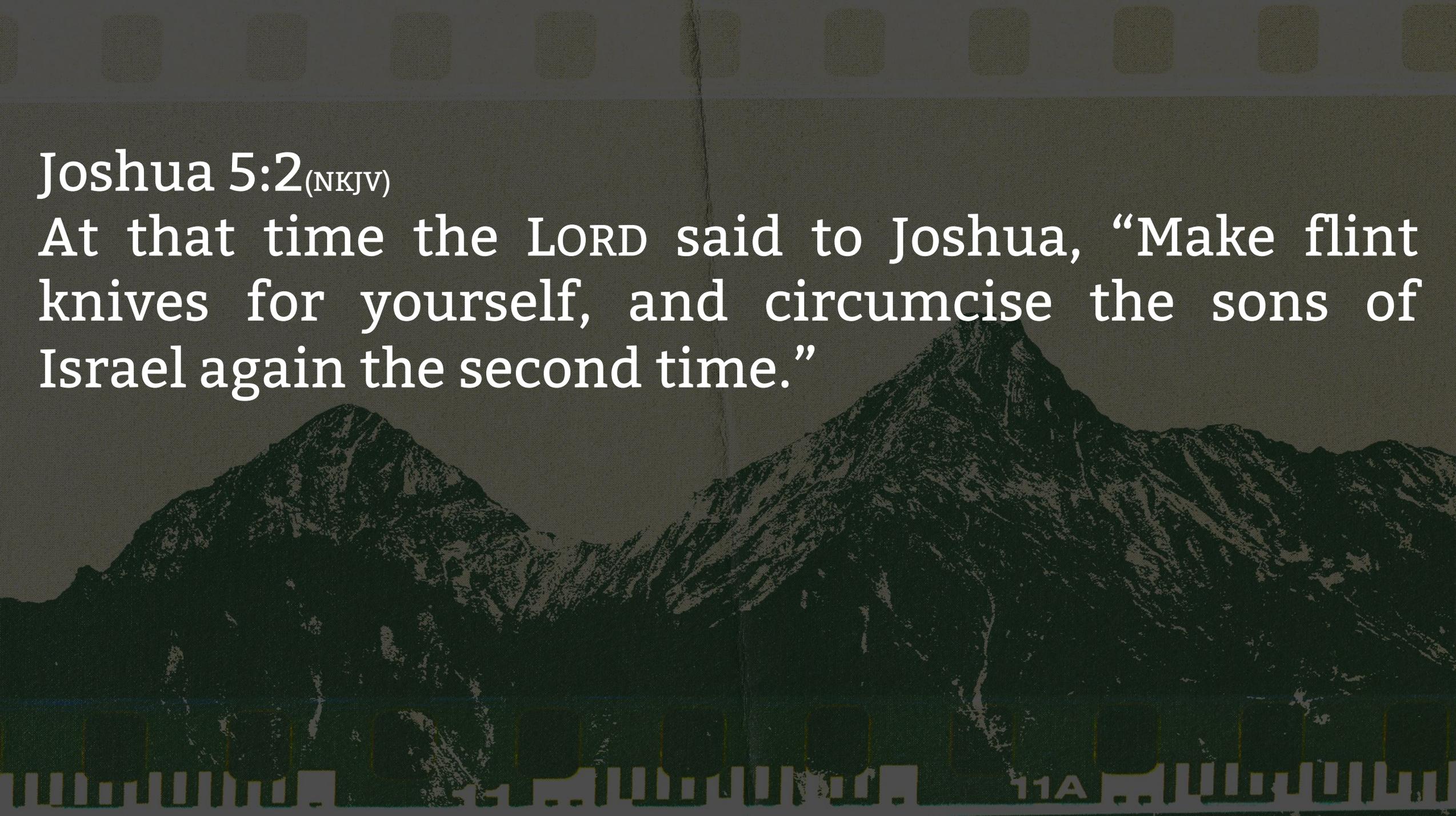
Floodstage: 40 ft. deep – 2 miles wide

Joshua 4:22-23^(NKJV)

then you shall let your children know, saying, 'Israel crossed over this Jordan on dry land'; ²³ for the LORD your God dried up the waters of the Jordan before you until you had crossed over, as the LORD your God did to the Red Sea, which He dried up before us until we had crossed over,



Because they forgot the miracle of the Red Sea,
they were overcome with fear and began to
complain, and an entire generation died in the
wilderness because of their unbelief.



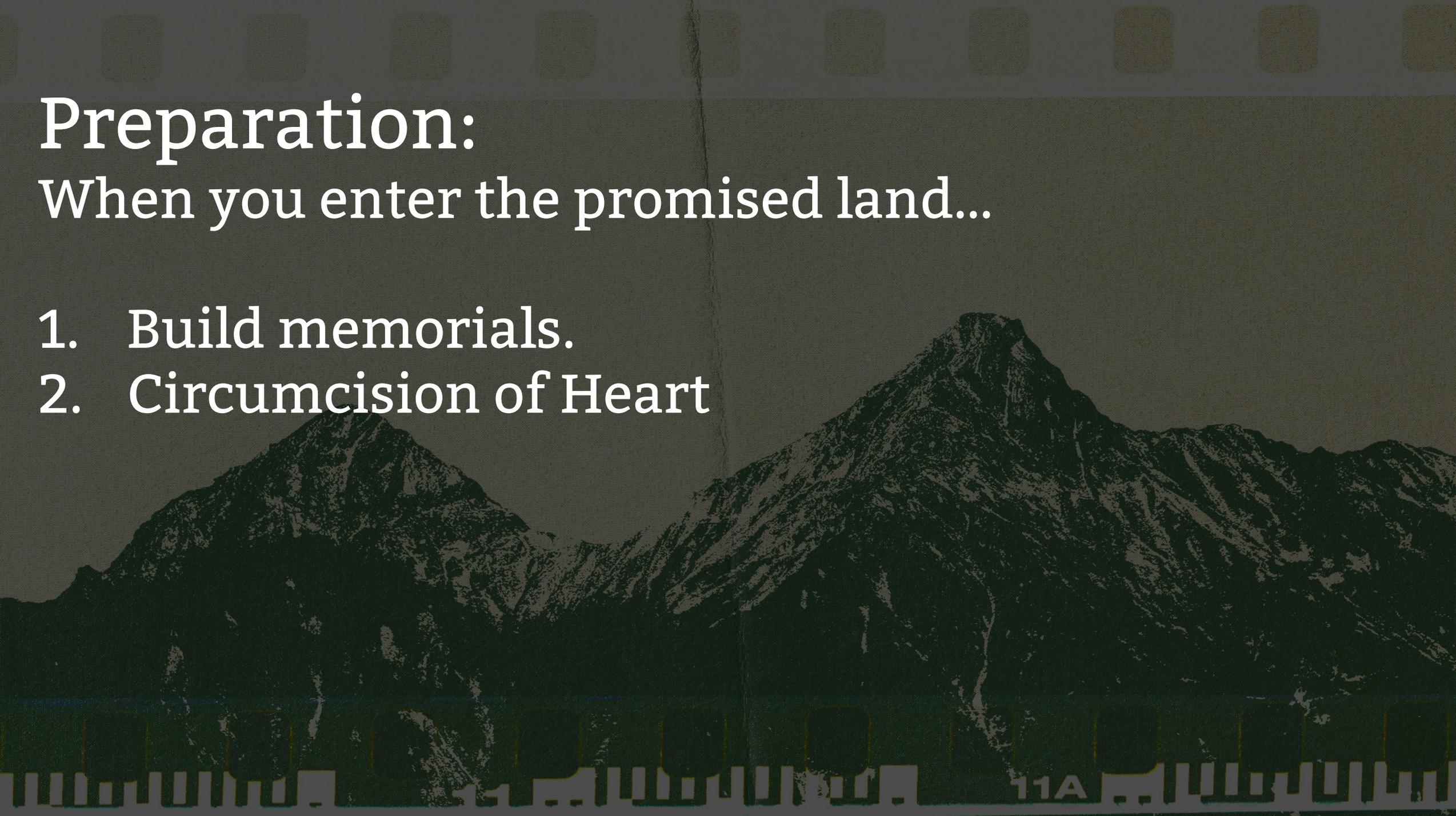
Joshua 5:2_(NKJV)

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2. Circumcision of Heart



Romans 2:29_(NKJV)

...and circumcision *is that* of the heart, in the Spirit,
not in the letter; whose praise *is not* from men but
from God.

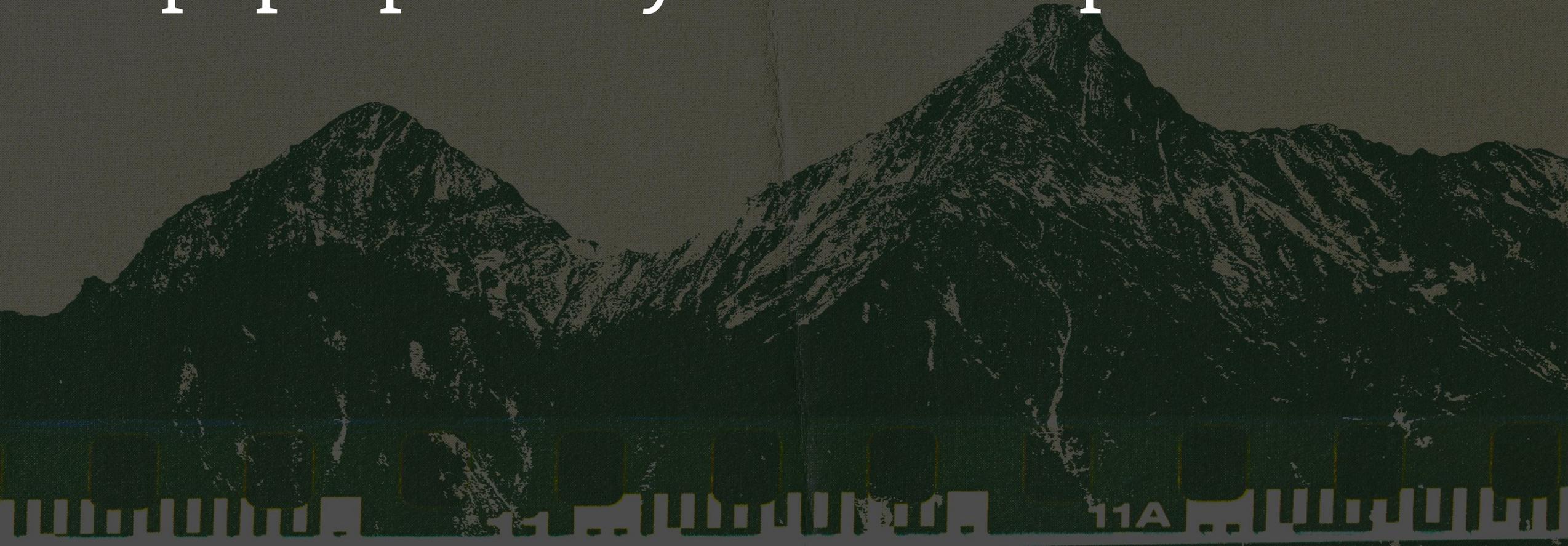
Pain is not the prerequisite for
entering the promised land...
PURITY IS!



Joshua 5:2^(NKJV)

At that time the LORD said to Joshua, “Make flint knives for yourself, and circumcise the sons of Israel again the second time.”

The lack of circumcision of heart
keeps people away from their promise.



There's too many Christians who have not cut back the flesh from the Spirit with the Word of God.



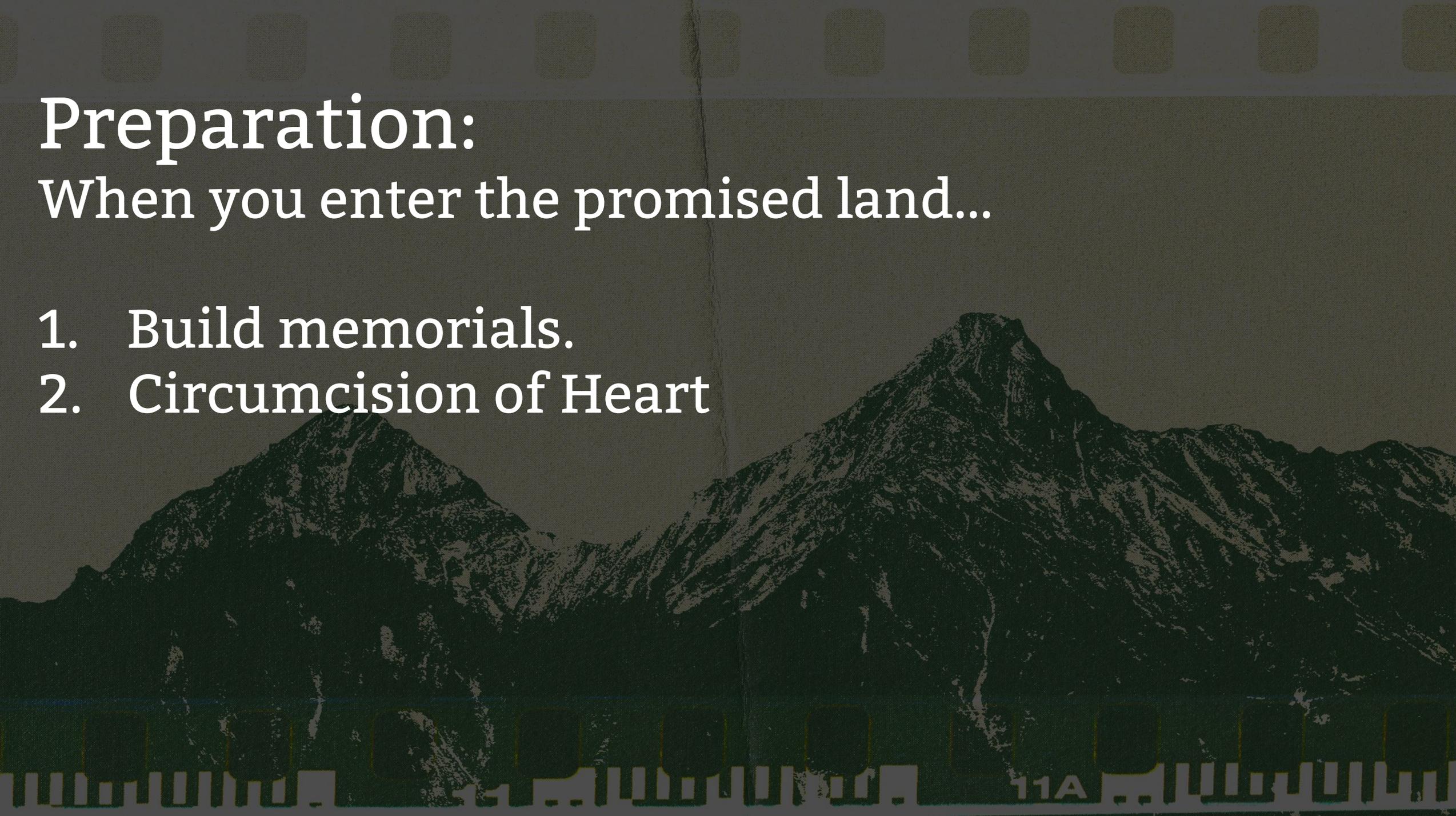
2 Corinthians 13:1 (NKJV)

“By the mouth of two or three witnesses every word shall be established.”

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