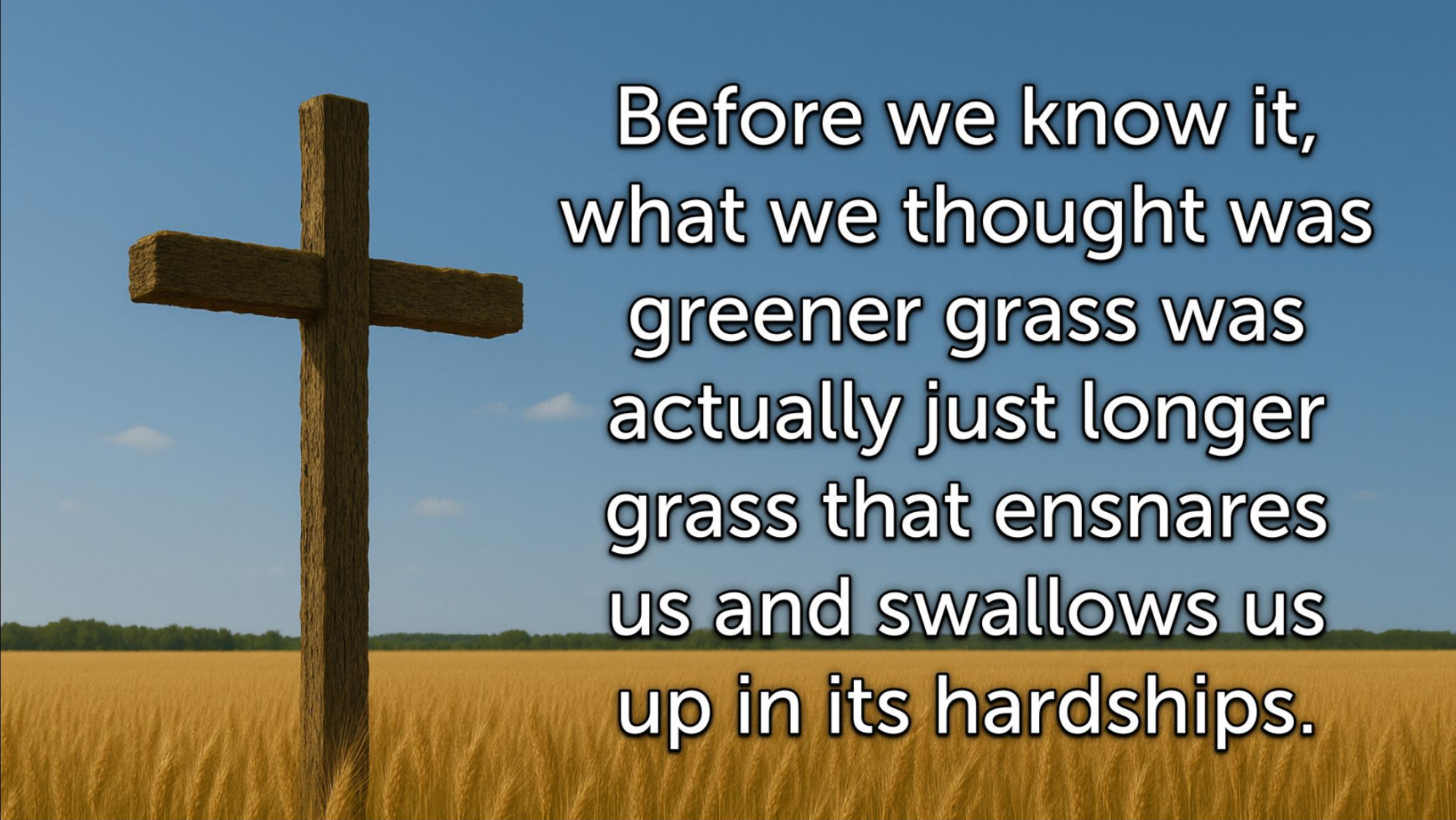
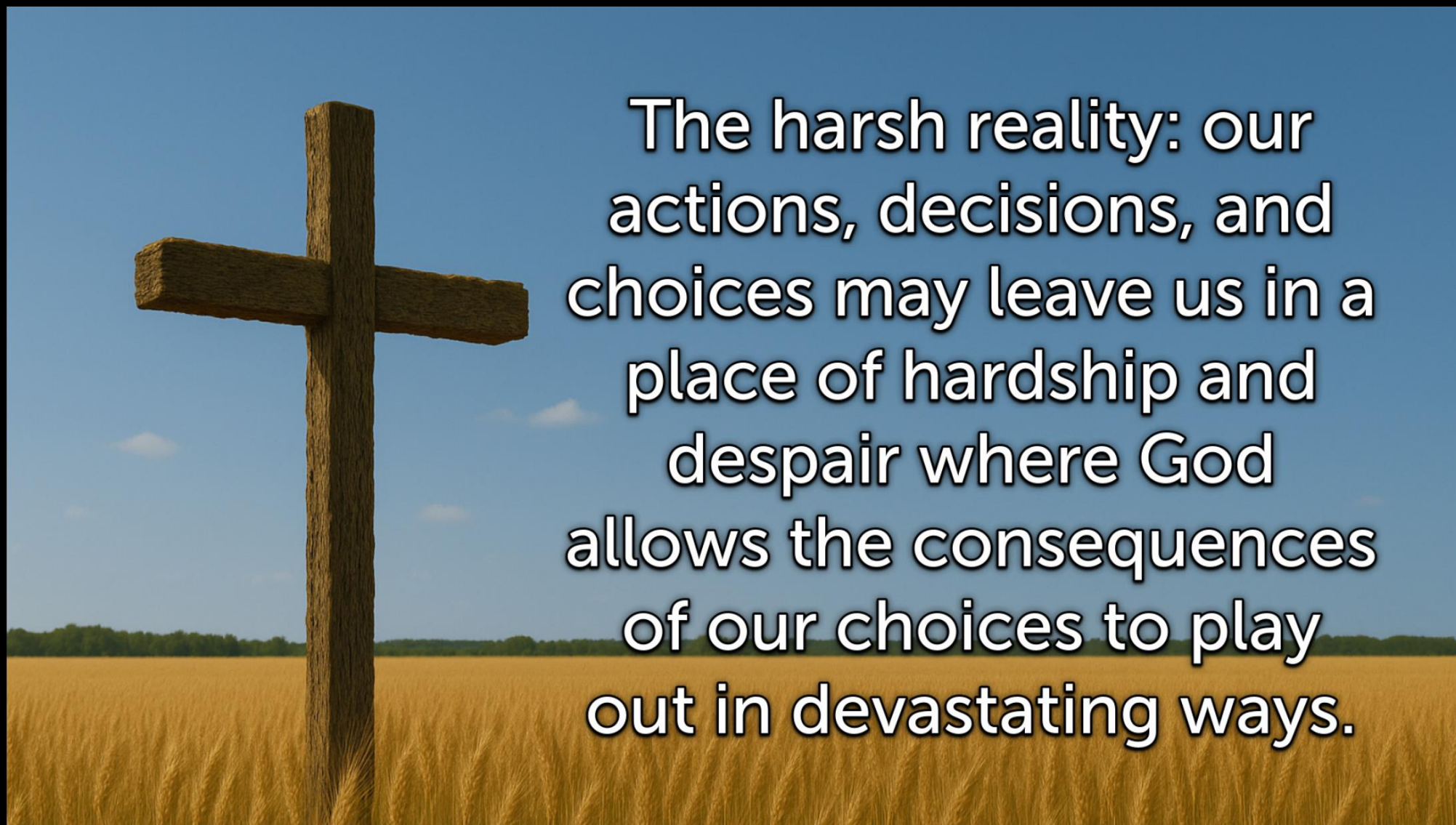




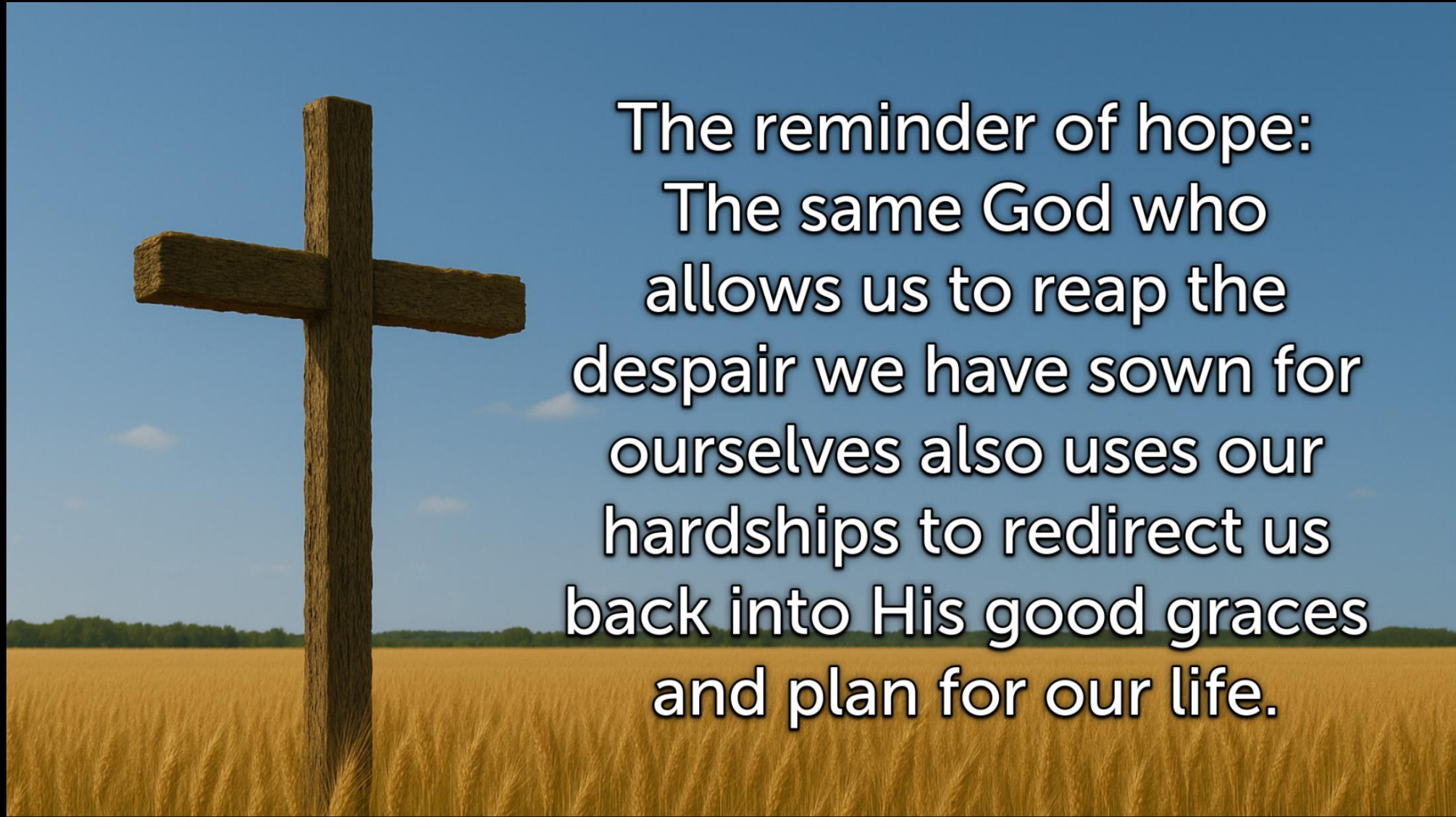
Faith In Hardship
Ruth 1

A wooden cross stands in a field of tall, golden-brown grass. The cross is made of two weathered wooden beams. In the background, there is a line of green trees under a clear blue sky with a few small white clouds. The text is overlaid on the right side of the image.

Before we know it,
what we thought was
greener grass was
actually just longer
grass that ensnares
us and swallows us
up in its hardships.

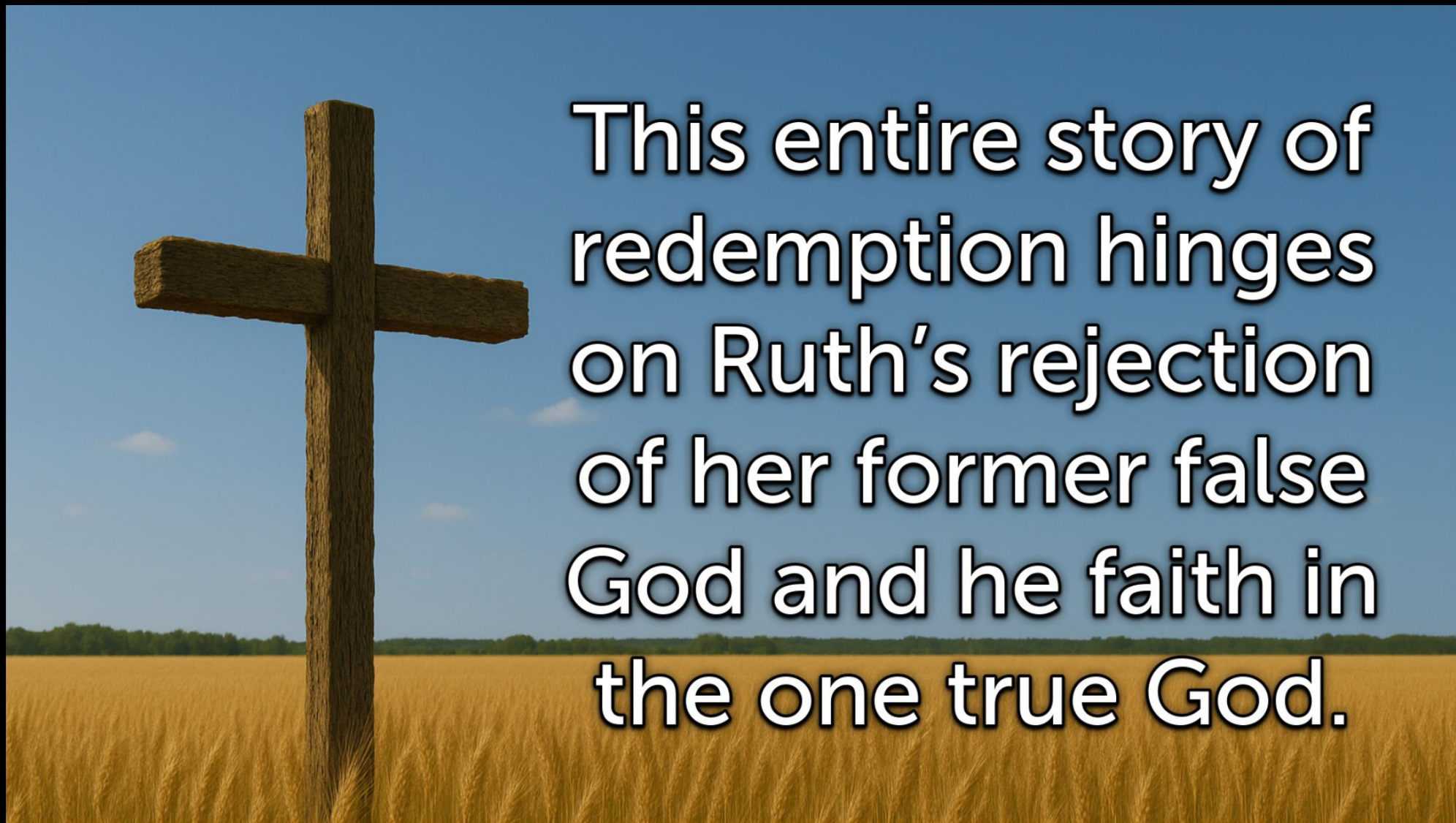


The harsh reality: our actions, decisions, and choices may leave us in a place of hardship and despair where God allows the consequences of our choices to play out in devastating ways.



The reminder of hope:
The same God who
allows us to reap the
despair we have sown for
ourselves also uses our
hardships to redirect us
back into His good graces
and plan for our life.





This entire story of redemption hinges on Ruth's rejection of her former false God and her faith in the one true God.

A simple wooden cross stands in a field of tall, golden wheat. The cross is made of two weathered wooden beams. The background shows a clear blue sky with a few wispy clouds and a distant line of green trees.

Even though Naomi
never saw that being
grandma to Obed
would put her in the
genealogy of Jesus,
her hope is the same
as ours: it is in a Son.



God responds to
our hardship with
redeeming hope
when we respond
to our hardship
with faith.