

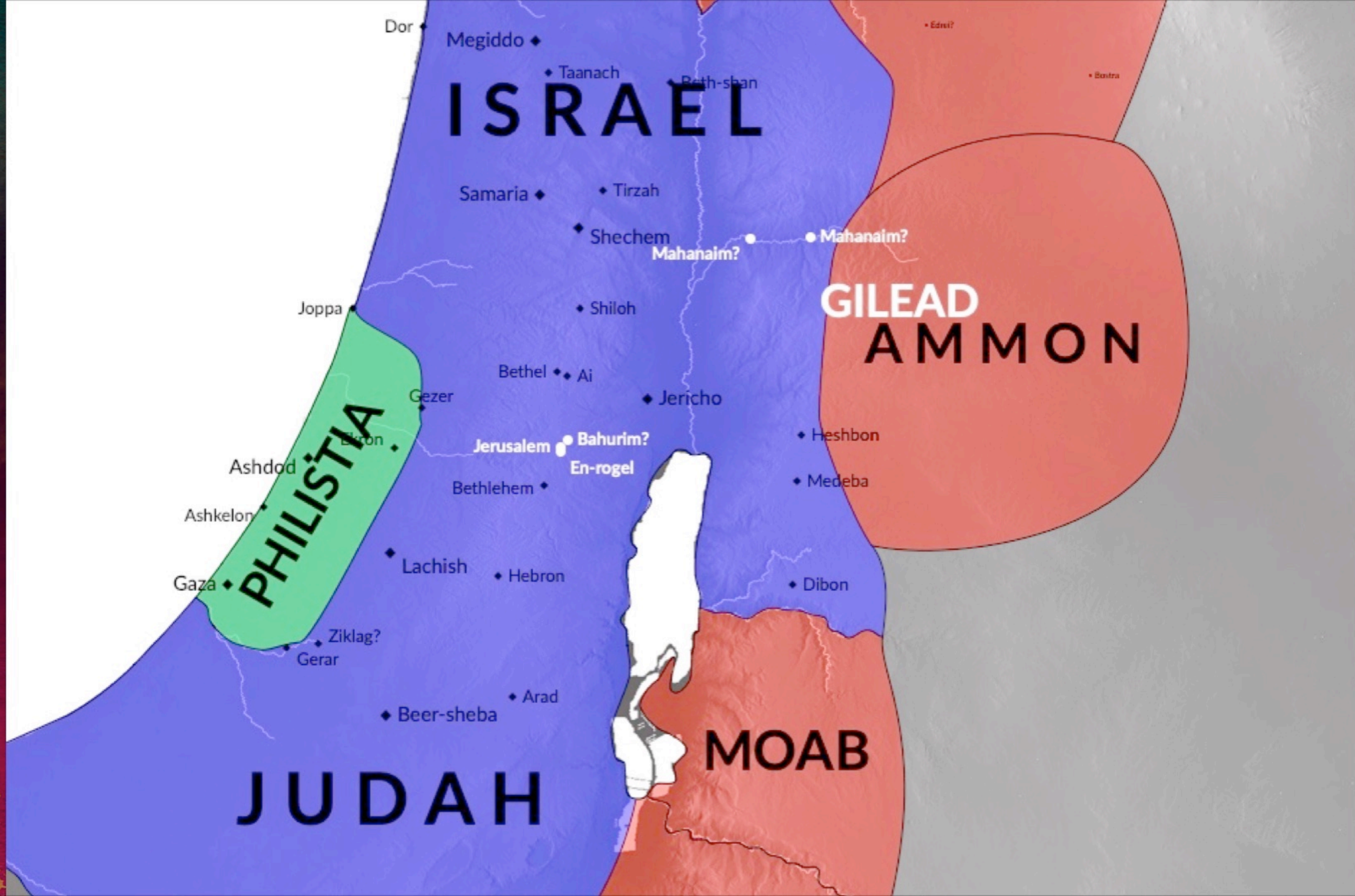


2 SAMUEL

THE STORY OF UNLIKELY REDEMPTION

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ISRAEL

PHILISTIA

GILEAD AMMON

MOAB

JUDAH

Megiddo

Taanach

Beth-schan

Samaria

Tirzah

Shechem

Mahanaim?

Mahanaim?

Shiloh

Bethel

Ai

Jericho

Gezer

Jerusalem

Bahurim?

En-rogel

Heshbon

Medeba

Bethlehem

Lachish

Hebron

Dibon

Gaza

Ziklag?

Gerar

Beer-sheba

Arad

Dor

Edrei?

Bostra

Ashdod

Ashkelon

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1. There are those who stand at odds with and are opposed to God, God's Word, God's will and God's ways.

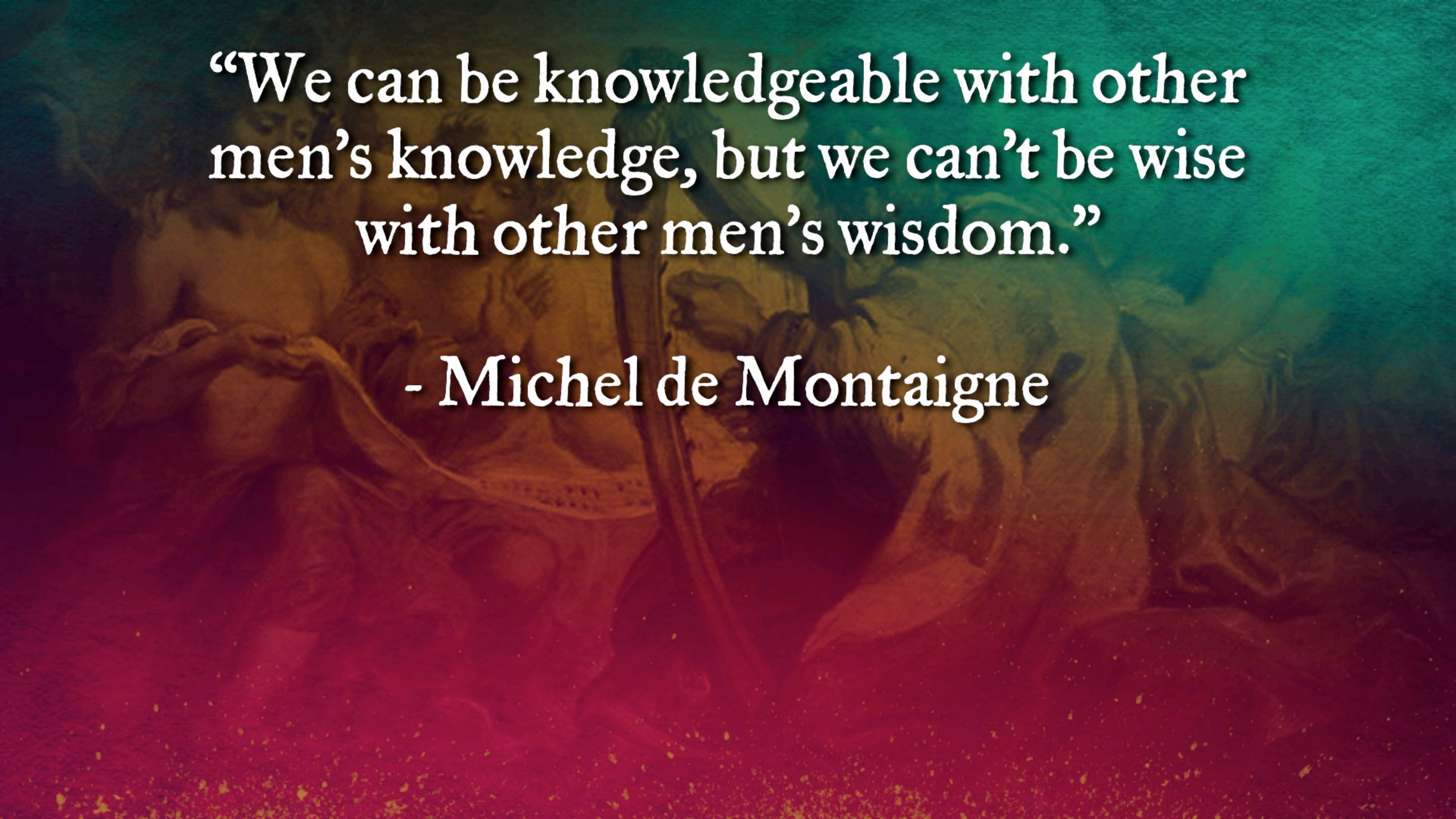


“Sir, my concern is not whether God is on our side; my concern is to be on God’s side, for God is always right.”

- Abraham Lincoln

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2. In this age of expressive individualism, opinions are copious and advice ubiquitous; wisdom, on the other hand, remains precious.




“We can be knowledgeable with other men’s knowledge, but we can’t be wise with other men’s wisdom.”

- Michel de Montaigne

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3. God's wisdom, God's kingdom and God's purposes will ultimately prevail.

A religious painting depicting a crucifixion. The scene is set against a background of a green-to-red gradient. The central figure is Jesus Christ on the cross, with his arms outstretched. To the left, another figure is crucified. To the right, a third figure is crucified. The figures are rendered in a classical style with detailed clothing and anatomical features. The overall mood is solemn and dramatic.

“Many are the plans of a man,
but it is the purpose of the LORD
that will stand.”

- *Proverbs 19:21*

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4. Trusting God's sovereignty leads to resting in God's providence.

“When we submit our lives to what we read in scripture, we find that we are not being led to see God in our stories but our stories in God’s. God is the larger context and plot in which our stories find themselves.”

- Eugene H. Peterson

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“Do we seek value from our own souls or from God calling us his beloved? Are we about unleashing ourselves or participating in the kingdom work of God? Are we living under the loving rule and reign of King Jesus instead of always endlessly (exhaustingly) creating an identity?”

- Ashley Hales

“More often than not that is the manner of God’s work. His scepter is unseen, his sovereignty hidden behind the conversations and decisions and activities and crises of our lives. We see only grocery lines and diaper changes and school assignments; but through and over and behind it all Yahweh rules.”

- Dale Ralph Davis