



HELP!
IS ON THE WAY

HALL OF FAITH JUDGES







HELL'S REBEL

MEL CHANCEY



REBEL CYCLE

GIDEON

BARAK

SAMSON

JEPHTHAH

JUDGES

Brought peace
through intervention



"In those days there was no king in Israel, and everyone did what was right in their own eyes." Judges 21:25



BARAK & DEBORAH



“And the people of Israel again did what was evil in the sight of the LORD.” Judges 4

THE
GOOD

CONFRONTED
WHAT NEEDED TO
BE CONFRONTED

THE
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SAID WHAT
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AND THE
UGLY

DID WHAT
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BE DONE

**BARAK
& DEBORAH**



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Judges 6:1

The people of Israel did what was evil **in the sight of the LORD**, and the LORD gave them into the hand of Midian **seven** years.



GIDEON
JUDGES 6-8



3
UNAPOLOGETIC
Not my problem!

4
SELF-RELIANT
Leave me alone!

2
STUBBORN
I do what I do!

5
DARING
Say I won't!

1
COMBATIVE
Don't tell me!

6
RECKLESS
Nothing will happen!

PRISON OF THEIR OWN MAKING
PRISON OF THEIR OWN MAKING

A photograph of a prison hallway with metal bars on both sides, receding into the distance. Overlaid on the hallway is a faint, hand-drawn map of Israel. The map labels several regions: 'JUDAH' in the center, 'REUBEN' to the east, 'BENJAMIN' to the north, 'SIMEON' to the south, and 'DAN' at the bottom. A line representing the Jordan River runs along the eastern side of the map. The text 'PRISON OF THEIR OWN MAKING' is written at the bottom of the map.

**AN EVIL MAN
SEEKS ONLY REBELLION
AND A CRUEL MESSENGER
WILL BE SENT AGAINST THEM.**

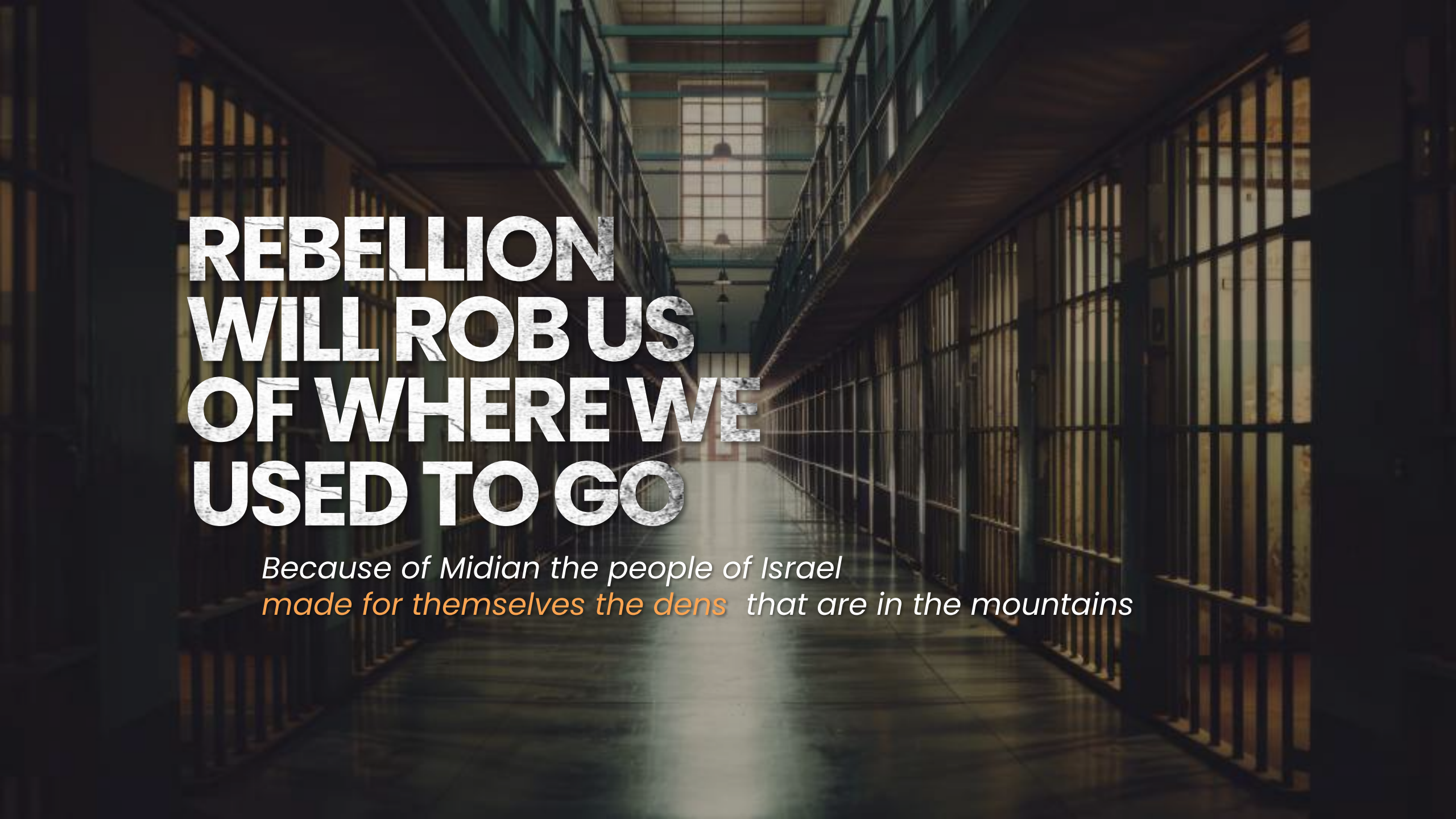
PROVERBS 17:11

PRISON OF THEIR OWN MAKING
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Judges 6

² And the hand of Midian overpowered Israel, and because of Midian the people of Israel *made for themselves the dens* that are in the mountains and the caves and the strongholds.





REBELLION WILL ROB US OF WHERE WE USED TO GO

*Because of Midian the people of Israel
made for themselves the dens that are in the mountains*

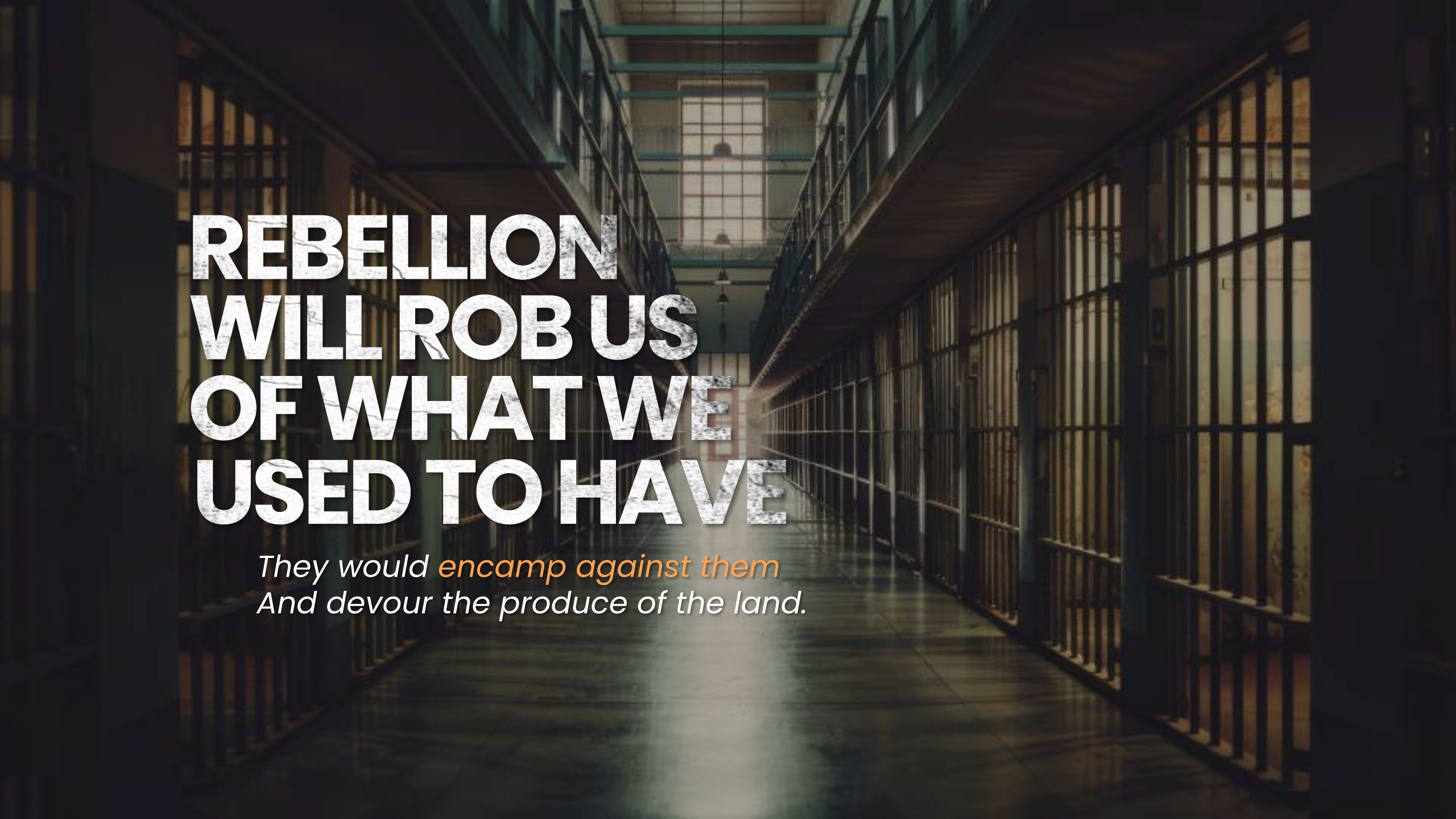
Judges 6

³ For whenever the Israelites planted crops,

The Midianites and the Amalekites and the people of the East **would come up against them.**

⁴ They would encamp against them and devour the produce of the land, as far as Gaza, and leave no sustenance in Israel and no sheep or ox or donkey.





REBELLION WILL ROB US OF WHAT WE USED TO HAVE

*They would **encamp** against them
And devour the produce of the land.*

Judges 6

⁵For they would come up with their livestock and their tents; they would come *like locusts in number*—both they and their camels could not be counted so that they laid waste the land as they came in.



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⁶And Israel was *brought very low* because of Midian.

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VERY LOW



Judges 6

⁷ When the people of Israel cried out to the LORD on account of the Midianites,

⁸ the LORD sent a prophet to the people of Israel. And he said to them, "Thus says the LORD, the God of Israel: *I led you up* from Egypt and brought you out of the house of slavery.



Judges 6

⁹ And *I delivered you* from the hand of the Egyptians and from the hand of all who oppressed you, and drove them out before you and gave you their land.

¹⁰ And I said to you, 'I am the LORD your God; you shall not fear the gods of the Amorites in whose land you dwell.' *But you have not obeyed my voice."*





REBELLION WILL ROB US OF WHO WE USED TO KNOW

*I led you up... I delivered you...
But you have not obeyed my voice.*



Judges 6

*"Now the angel of the LORD came and sat under the terebinth at Ophrah, which belonged to Joash the Abiezrite, while his son **Gideon** was beating out wheat in the winepress to hide it from the Midianites.*





FEAR WILL ROB US OF WHERE WE USED TO GO

*"Gideon was beating out wheat
in the winepress to hide it from the Midianites."*

Judges 6

¹² And the angel of the LORD appeared to him and said to him, "The LORD is with you, **O mighty man of valor.**"



Judges 6

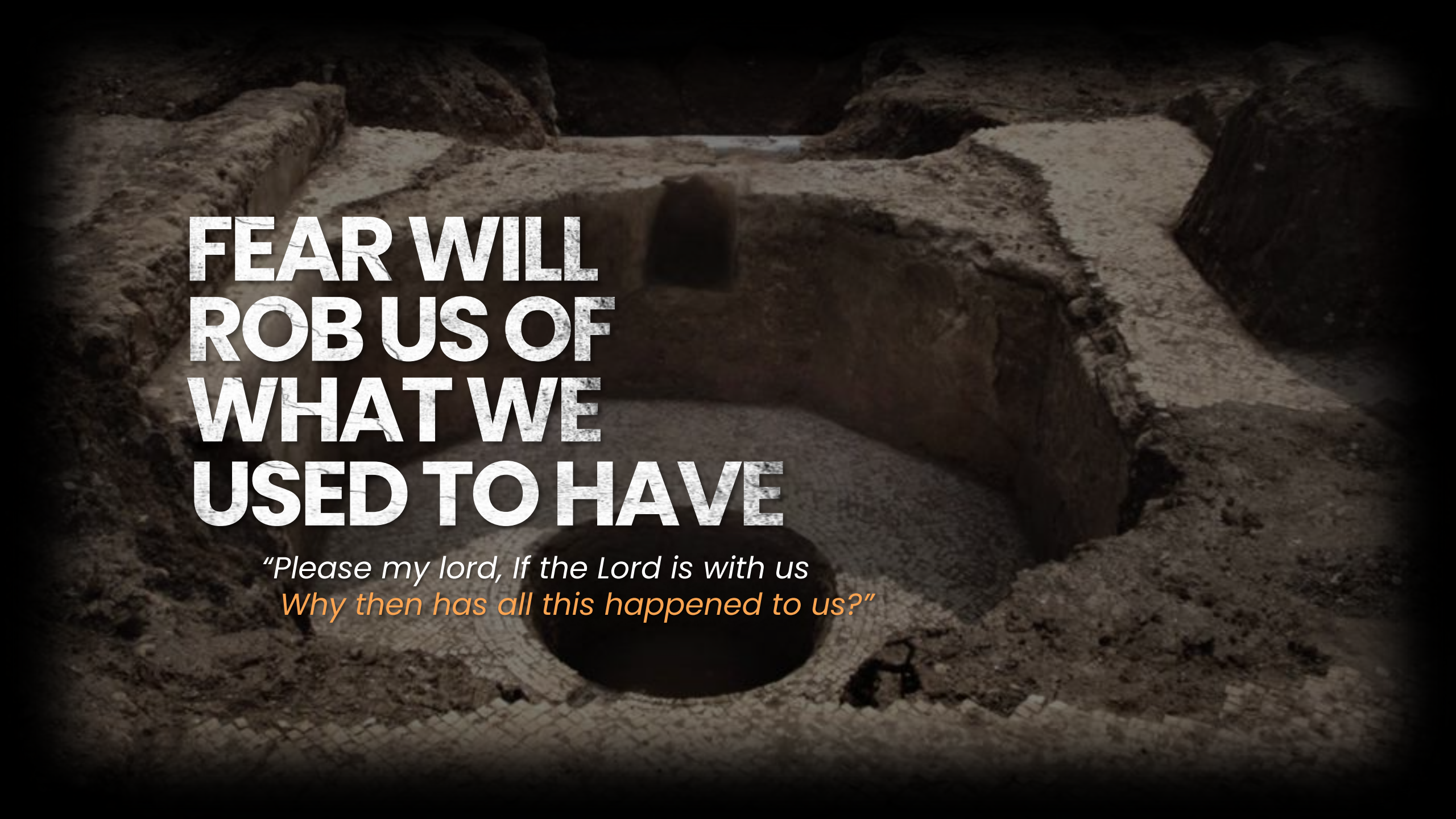
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¹³ And Gideon said to him, "Please, my lord, if the LORD is with us, why then has all this happened to us?

And where are all his wonderful deeds that our fathers recounted to us, saying, 'Did not the LORD bring us up from Egypt?'

But now **the LORD has forsaken us** and given us into the hand of Midian."





FEAR WILL ROB US OF WHAT WE USED TO HAVE

*"Please my lord, If the Lord is with us
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Judges 6

¹⁴ And the LORD turned to him and said, **"Go in this might of yours"** and save Israel from the hand of Midian; do not I send you?"

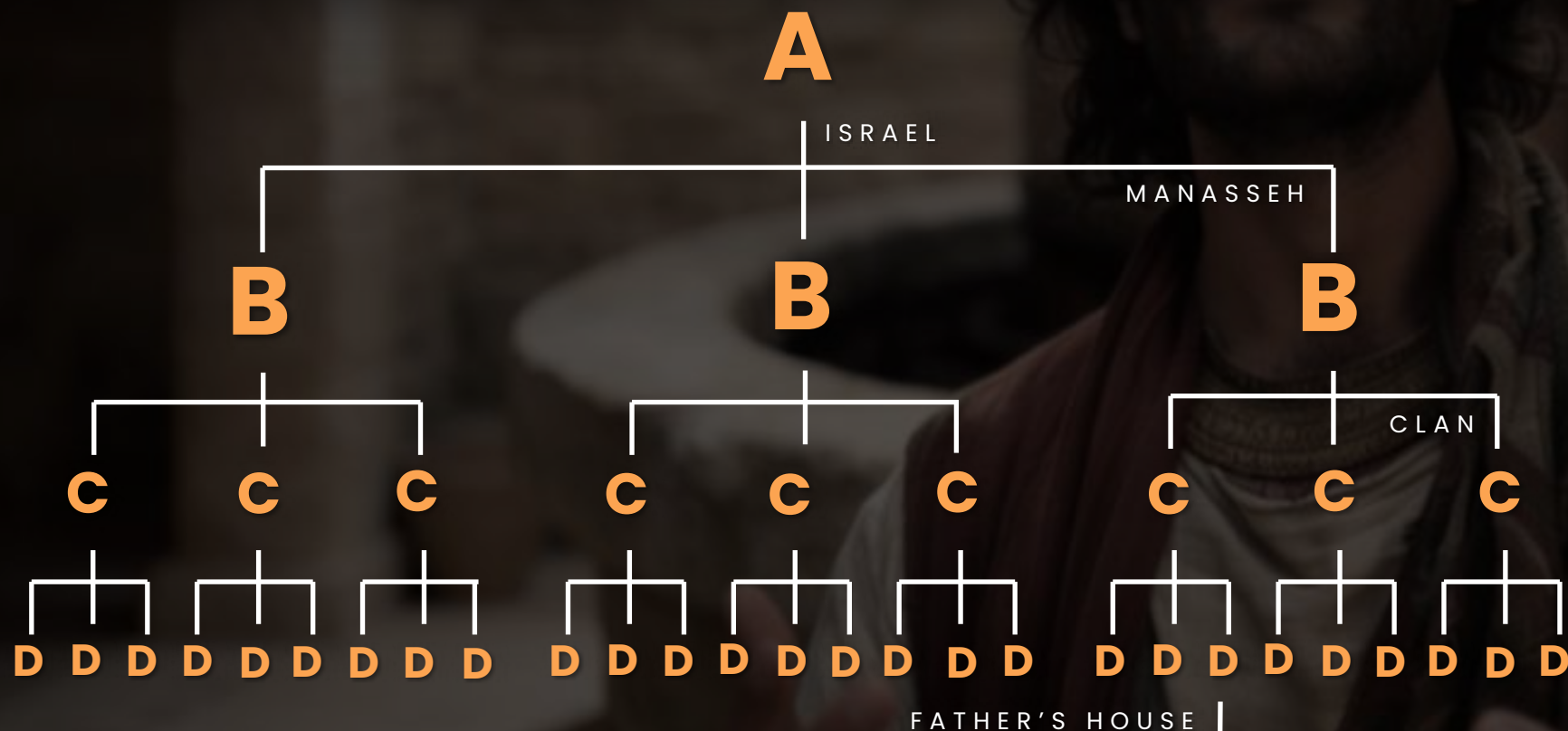


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CLASS SYSTEM IN ANCIENT ISRAEL

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GIDEON

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Judges 6

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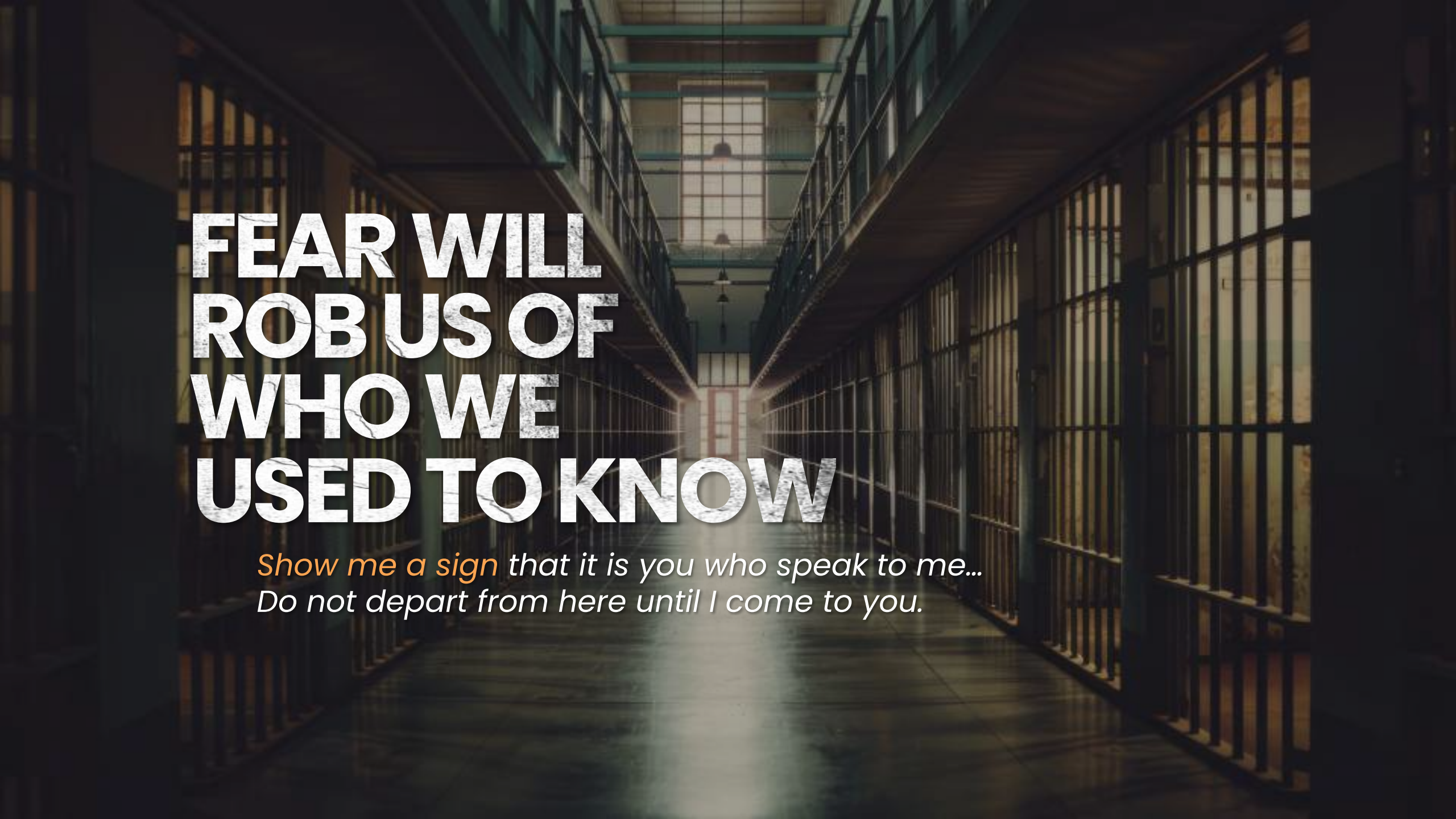
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¹⁷ And he said to him, "If now
I have found favor in your eyes,
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it is you who speak with me.

¹⁸ Please do not depart from here
until I come to you and bring out my
present and set it before you."





FEAR WILL ROB US OF WHO WE USED TO KNOW

*Show me a sign that it is you who speak to me...
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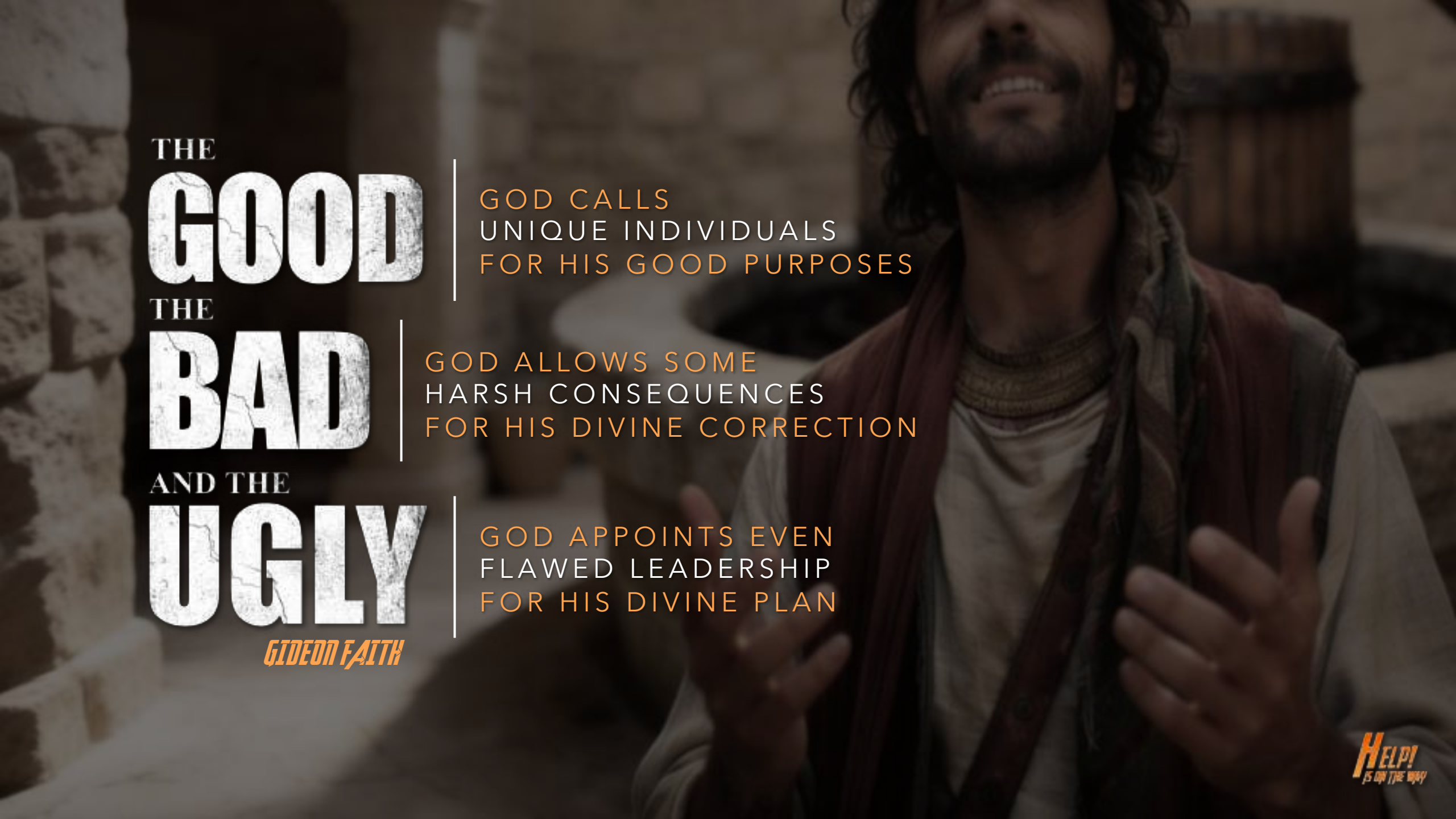
AND THE LORD SAID,
"I WILL STAY"

JUDGES 6:19-23

Judges 6

²⁴ Then Gideon built an altar there to the LORD and called it, **The LORD Is Peace.** To this day it still stands at Ophrah, which belongs to the Abiezrites.





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**"Now faith is the assurance
of things hoped for,
The evidence of
things not seen."**

HEBREWS 11:1

**"A prudent see danger
and take refuge,
But the simple keep going
and pay the penalty."**

PROVERBS 22:3

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Faith > Fear

Gideon Lessons

- ☐ Fear wants to hide, it will rob us of where we used to go
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Wisdom > Folly

Gideon Lessons

- ☐ Folly wants to doubt, it operates on self-confidence
- ☒ Wisdom wants to trust, it operates on God-confidence
- ☐ Folly is prideful, it seeks rebellion
- ☒ Wisdom is humble, it seeks obedience
- ☐ Folly is ignorantly, it sees themselves as people see them
- ☒ Wisdom is informed, it sees themselves as God sees them



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But I am still feeling unsure?

"I will stay until you return."



**DO
YOU
TRUST
ME?**

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