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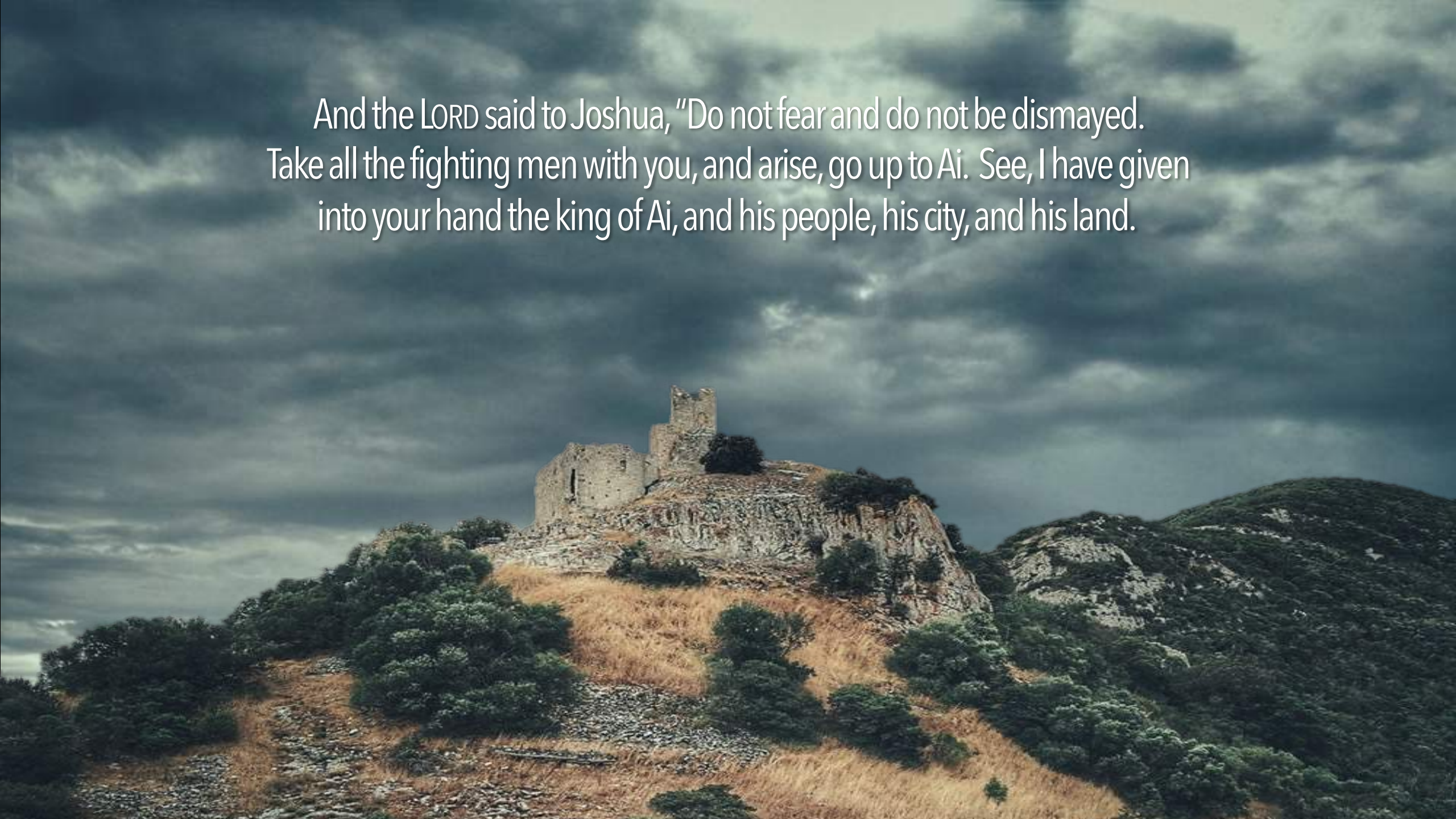
WALL OF VENGEANCE



RIPPLE EFFECT



And the LORD said to Joshua, "Do not fear and do not be dismayed.
Take all the fighting men with you, and arise, go up to Ai. See, I have given
into your hand the king of Ai, and his people, his city, and his land.



And you shall do to Ai and its king as you did to Jericho and its king.
Only its spoil and its livestock you shall take as plunder for yourselves.
Lay an ambush against the city, behind it."



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JOSHUA 8:3-9

CANAAAN

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Joshua arose early in the morning and mustered the people and went up, he and the elders of Israel, before the people to Ai. And all the fighting men who were with him went up and drew near before the city and encamped on the north side of Ai, with a ravine between them and Ai.



He took about 5,000 men and set them in ambush between Bethel and Ai, to the west of the city. So they stationed the forces, the main encampment that was north of the city and its rear guard west of the city. But Joshua spent that night in the valley.



And as soon as the king of Ai saw this, he and all his people, the men of the city, hurried and went out early to the appointed place toward the Arabah to meet Israel in battle. But he did not know that there was an ambush against him behind the city.



And Joshua and all Israel pretended to be beaten before them and fled in the direction of the wilderness. So all the people who were in the city were called together to pursue them, and as they pursued Joshua they were drawn away from the city.



Not a man was left in Ai or Bethel who did not go out after Israel. They left the city open and pursued Israel.



Then the LORD said to Joshua, "Stretch out the javelin that is in your hand toward Ai, for I will give it into your hand." And Joshua stretched out the javelin that was in his hand toward the city.



And the men in the ambush rose quickly out of their place, and as soon as he had stretched out his hand, they ran and entered the city and captured it. And they hurried to set the city on fire.





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JOSHUA 8:20-29



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JOSHUA 8:20-29

YAWEH'S OWNERSHIP

"All the earth is mine."

EXODUS 19:5

YAHWEH'S JUSTICE

"The Rock, his work is perfect, for all his ways are justice. A God of faithfulness and without iniquity, just and upright is He."

DEUTERONOMY 32:4

YAHWEH'S HOLINESS

"For all have sinned and fallen short of the glory of God."

ROMANS 3:23

YAHWEH'S JUDGMENT

"Vengeance is mine, I will repay."

DEUTERONOMY 32:35



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ROMANS 12:17-21

1. REPAY NO ONE EVIL FOR EVIL

Repay no one evil for evil, but give thought to do what is honorable in the sight of all.

2. AS FAR AS IT IS BY YOU

If possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all.

3. NEVER AVENGE YOURSELF

Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave room for the wrath of God, for it is written, Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord.'

4. ON THE CONTRARY

On the contrary, 'If your enemy is hungry, feed him; if he is thirsty, give him something to drink; for by so doing you will heap burning coals on his head.' Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.



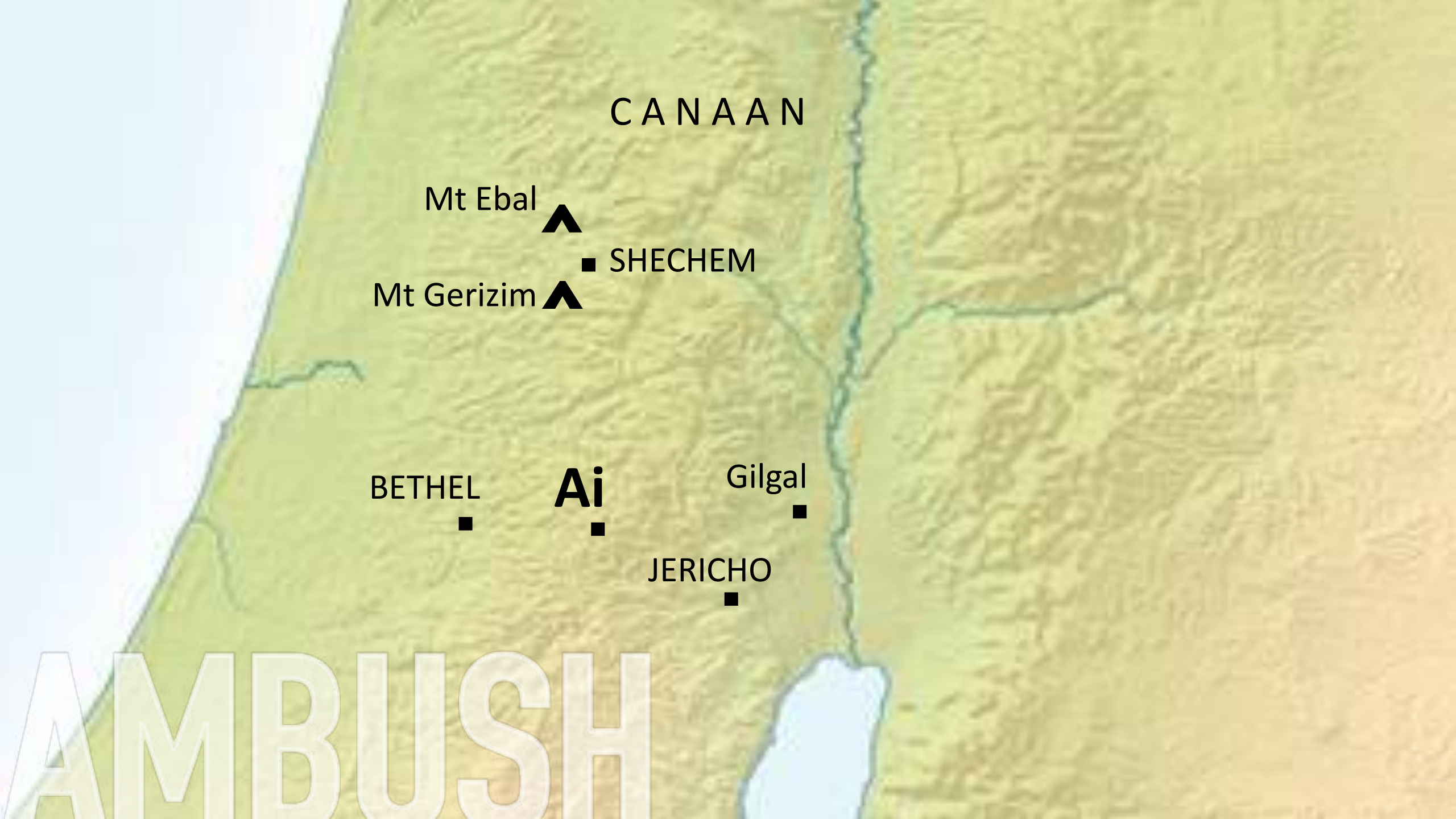
A wooden cart with large spoked wheels is positioned in a field of tall, dry grass. In the background, there are flames and thick smoke rising into the sky, suggesting a fire. The scene is dramatic and evocative.

MY CHILD

THE FLAMES CANNOT REACH US HERE
FOR WE ARE STANDING
WHERE THE FIRE HAS BEEN

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CANAA N

Mt Ebal



■ SHECHEM

Mt Gerizim



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At that time Joshua **built an altar to the LORD**, the God of Israel, on Mount Ebal, just as Moses the servant of the LORD had commanded the people of Israel, as it is written in the Book of the Law of Moses, "an altar of uncut stones, upon which no man has wielded an iron tool."



And they offered on it burnt offerings to the LORD and sacrificed peace offerings. And there, in the presence of the people of Israel, he wrote on the stones a **copy of the law of Moses**, which he had written.



And all Israel, sojourner as well as native born, with their elders and officers and their judges, **stood on opposite sides of the ark** before the Levitical priests who carried the ark of the covenant of the LORD, half of them in front of Mount Gerizim and half of them in front of Mount Ebal. . .



MOUNT
GERIZIM

MOUNT
EBAL

THE ARK
SHECHEM





ARCHEOLOGY



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A woman wearing a blue hat and a patterned dress stands in the foreground on the left, looking towards a dark, abandoned room. The room features arched windows with bars, a metal cart with bottles, and a large metal safe. Sunlight streams in from the windows, illuminating the floor. The title "Wall of VENGEANCE" is overlaid in the center, with "Wall of" in a script font and "VENGEANCE" in a large, bold, sans-serif font.

Wall of VENGEANCE

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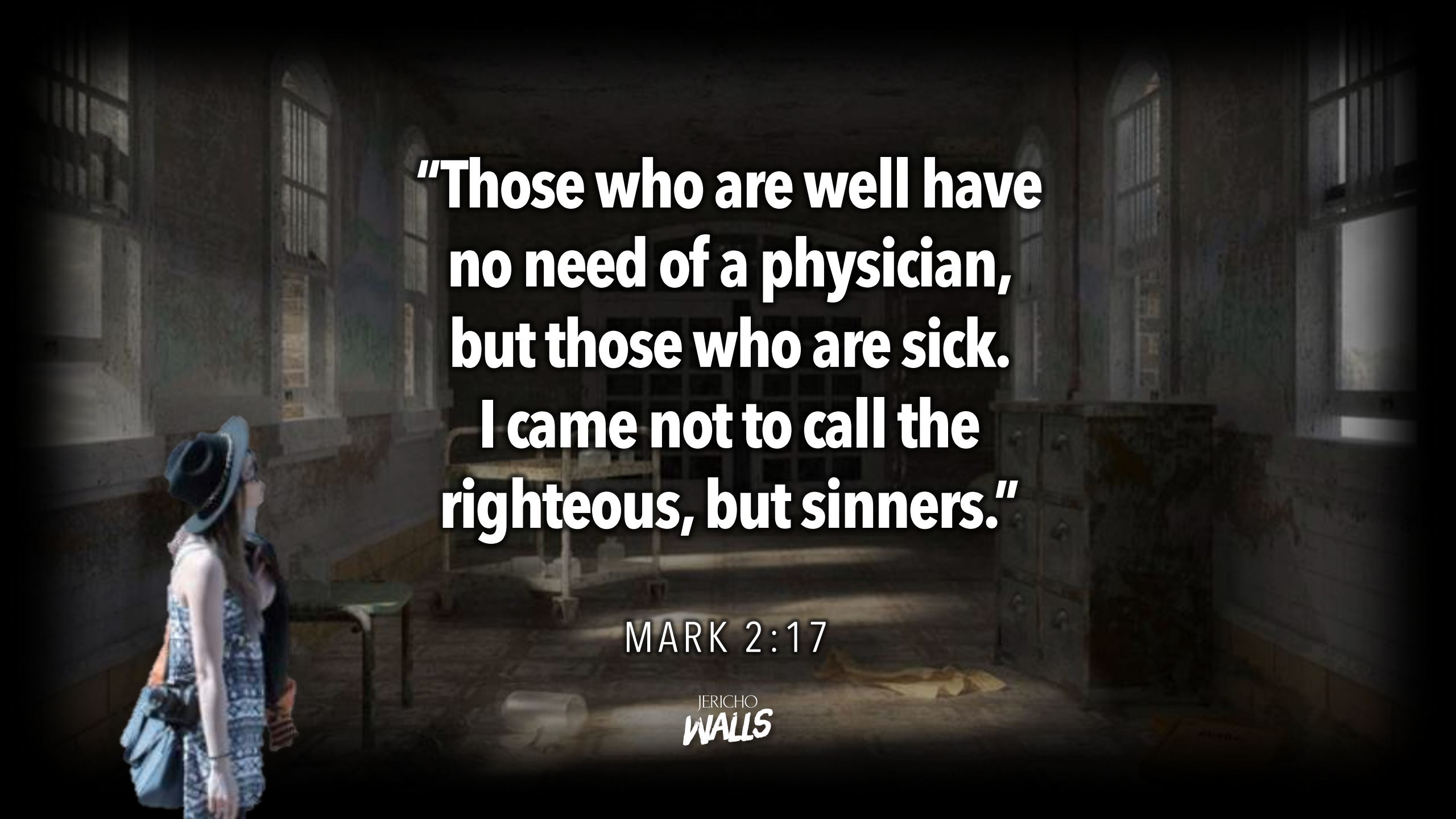
☐ **Abandonment** Cynical – Expectations of poor outcomes

☐ **Rejection** Unlovable – Feelings of inferiority

☐ **Betrayal** Distrust – Fear of being hurt again

☐ **Humiliation** Jealous – Slandorous thoughts of others


☐ **Injustice** Powerless – Smoldering desires of Vengeance

A woman wearing a blue hat and a patterned dress stands in the foreground on the left, looking towards the right. The room is dark and appears to be an abandoned hospital or institutional building. There are arched windows with bars, a metal cabinet with many drawers, and a gurney in the background. The floor is dirty and has some papers on it.

**"Those who are well have
no need of a physician,
but those who are sick.
I came not to call the
righteous, but sinners."**

MARK 2:17

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**"Let all bitterness and wrath
and anger and clamor and
slander be put away from you,
along with all malice."**

EPHESIANS 4:31

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☐ **BITTERNESS**

Harboring Resentment and keeping record of wrongs

☐ **WRATH**

Outbursts of suppressed irritation and frustrations

☐ **ANGER**

Hostile emotions of annoyance and displeasure

☐ **CLAMOR**

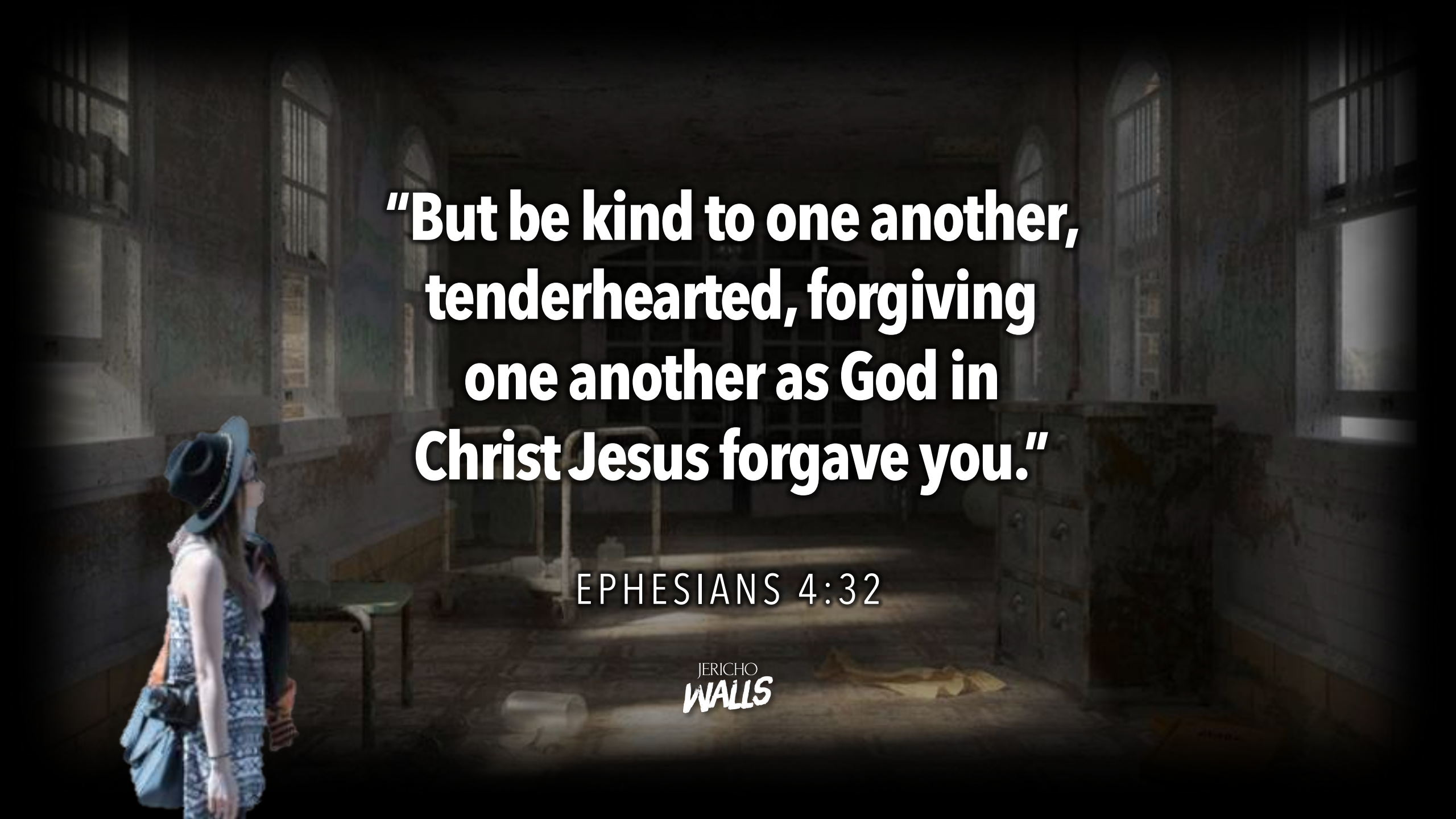
"brawling" – or shouting

☐ **SLANDER**

Words meant to degrade or hurt someone

☐ **MALICE**

Smoldering vengeance and desire to retaliate



**"But be kind to one another,
tenderhearted, forgiving
one another as God in
Christ Jesus forgave you."**

EPHESIANS 4:32

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☐ **KIND**


Choosing to be gracious, Sensitive, Respectful

☐ **TENDERHEARTED**

Choosing to be Compassionate, Sympathetic, Affectionate

☐ **FORGIVING**

Choosing to let an offense go and offer grace



**HOLDING A GRUDGE
DOESN'T MAKE YOU STRONG
IT MAKES YOU BITTER
FORGIVING DOESN'T MAKE YOU WEAK
IT SETS YOU FREE**

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WHAT IT IS NOT

- ☐ **REMOVAL**
OF THE OFFENSE
- ☐ **RETRACTING**
OF THE HURT
- ☐ **RETURNING**
OF ALL TRUST
- ☐ **RESTORING**
OF FELLOWSHIP
- ☐ **RELINQUISHING**
OF THE HURT

WHAT IT IS



Forgiveness

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Forgiveness

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WHAT IT IS

- ☐ **REMOVAL**
OF THE RECORD
- ☐ **RETRACTING**
OF RESENTMENT
- ☐ **RETURNING**
OF NO EVIL
- ☐ **RESTORING**
OF FREEDOM
- ☐ **RELINQUISHING**
OF VENGEANCE



Vengeance

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WE HAVE TRULY BEGUN TO DOUSE THE
SMOLDERING FIRE OF VENGEANCE WHEN WE

☐ **REGAIN**

THE REASON TO FORGIVE

☐ **RELEASE**

THE DESIRE FOR VENGEANCE

☐ **REFUSE**

THE TEMPTATION TO SLANDER

☐ **RENEW**

THE ABILITY TO BLESS THEM

☐ **REBUILD**

THE SAFER BOUNDARIES



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