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God's Heart

1st & 2nd Samuel

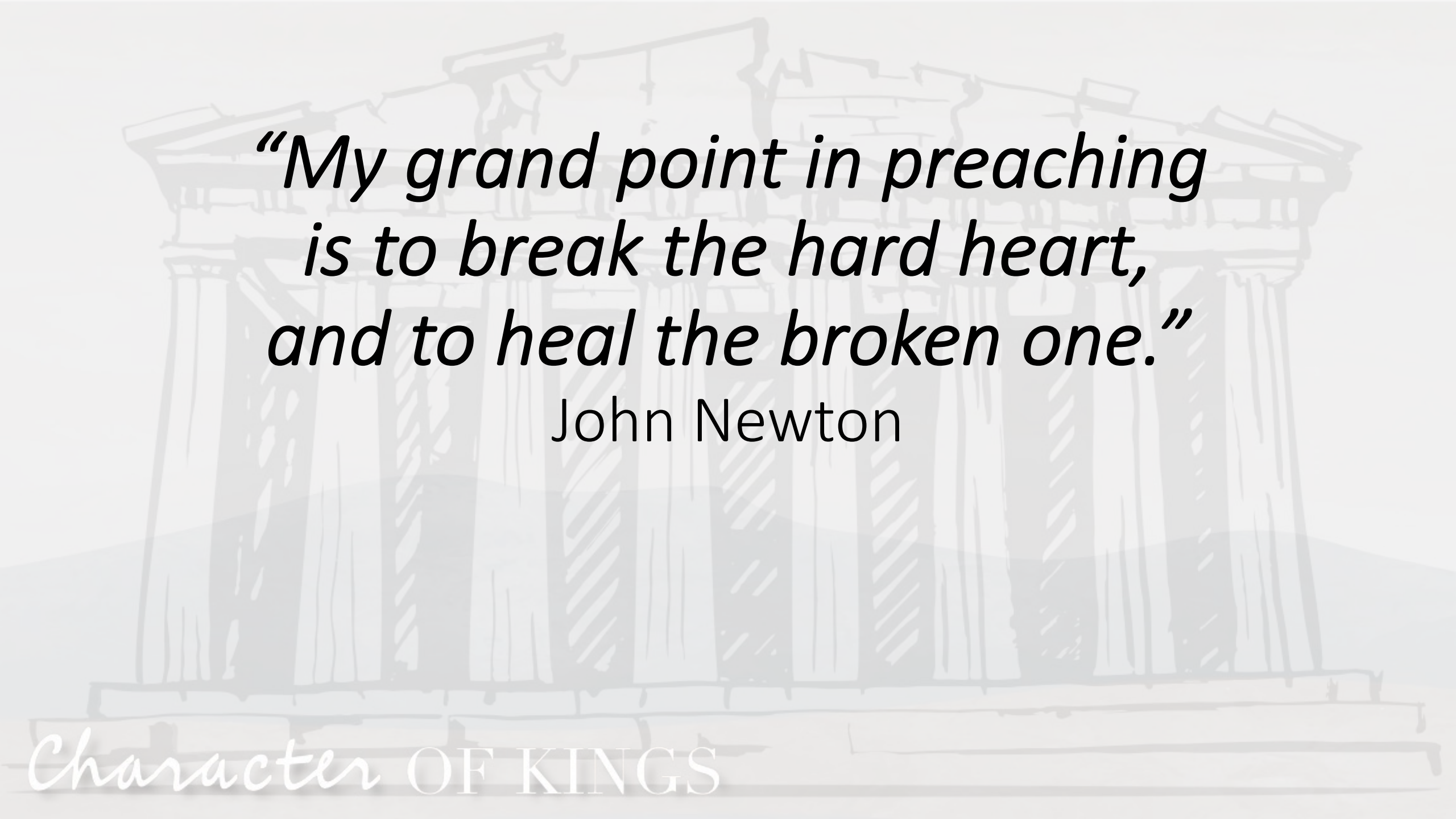
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“I HAVE FOUND DAVID the son of Jesse,
A MAN AFTER MY HEART”

Acts 13:22

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*“My grand point in preaching
is to break the hard heart,
and to heal the broken one.”*

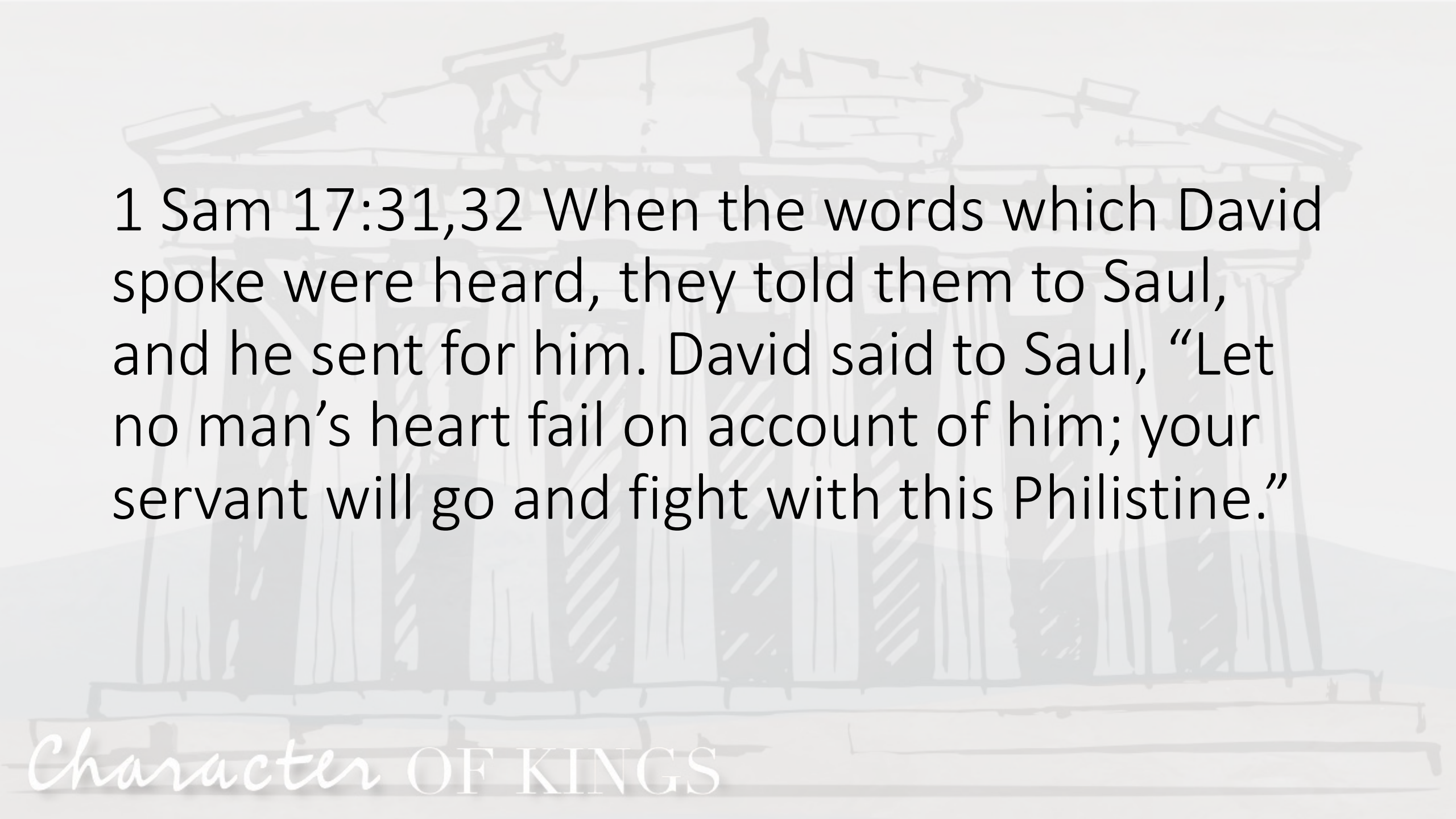
John Newton

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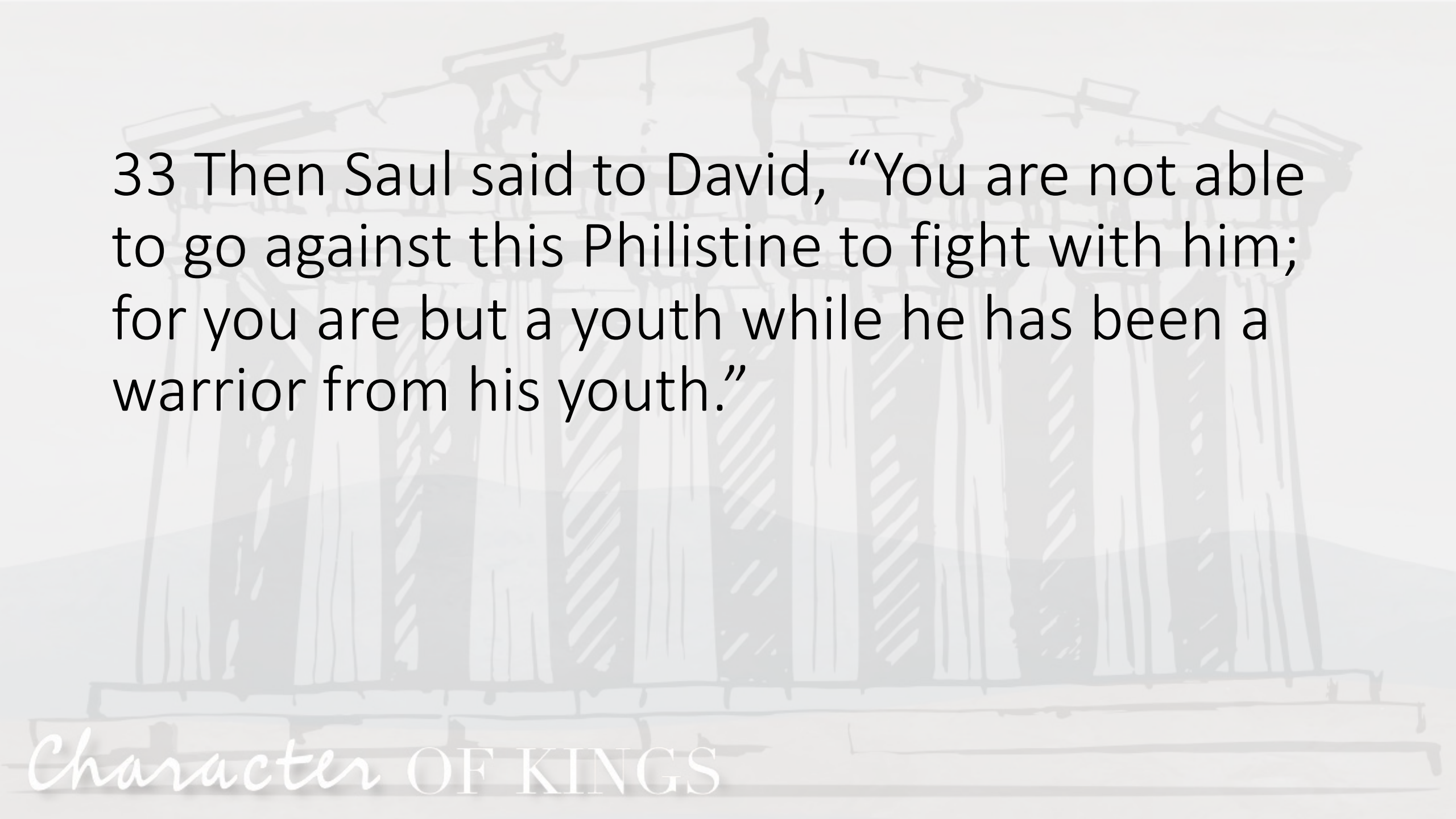
*“God can mend any heart –
just bring ALL the pieces!”*

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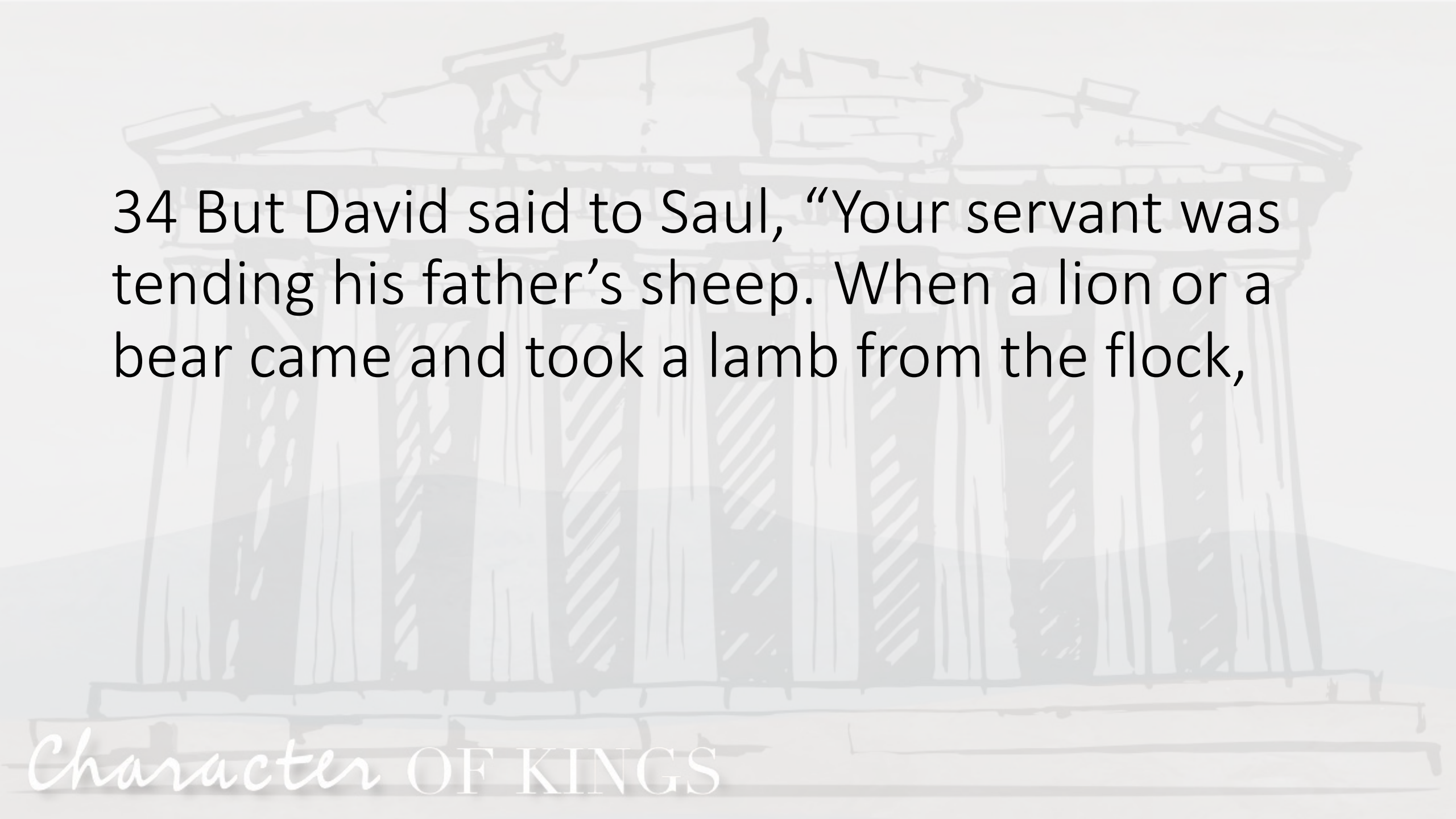
1 Sam 17:31,32 When the words which David spoke were heard, they told them to Saul, and he sent for him. David said to Saul, “Let no man’s heart fail on account of him; your servant will go and fight with this Philistine.”

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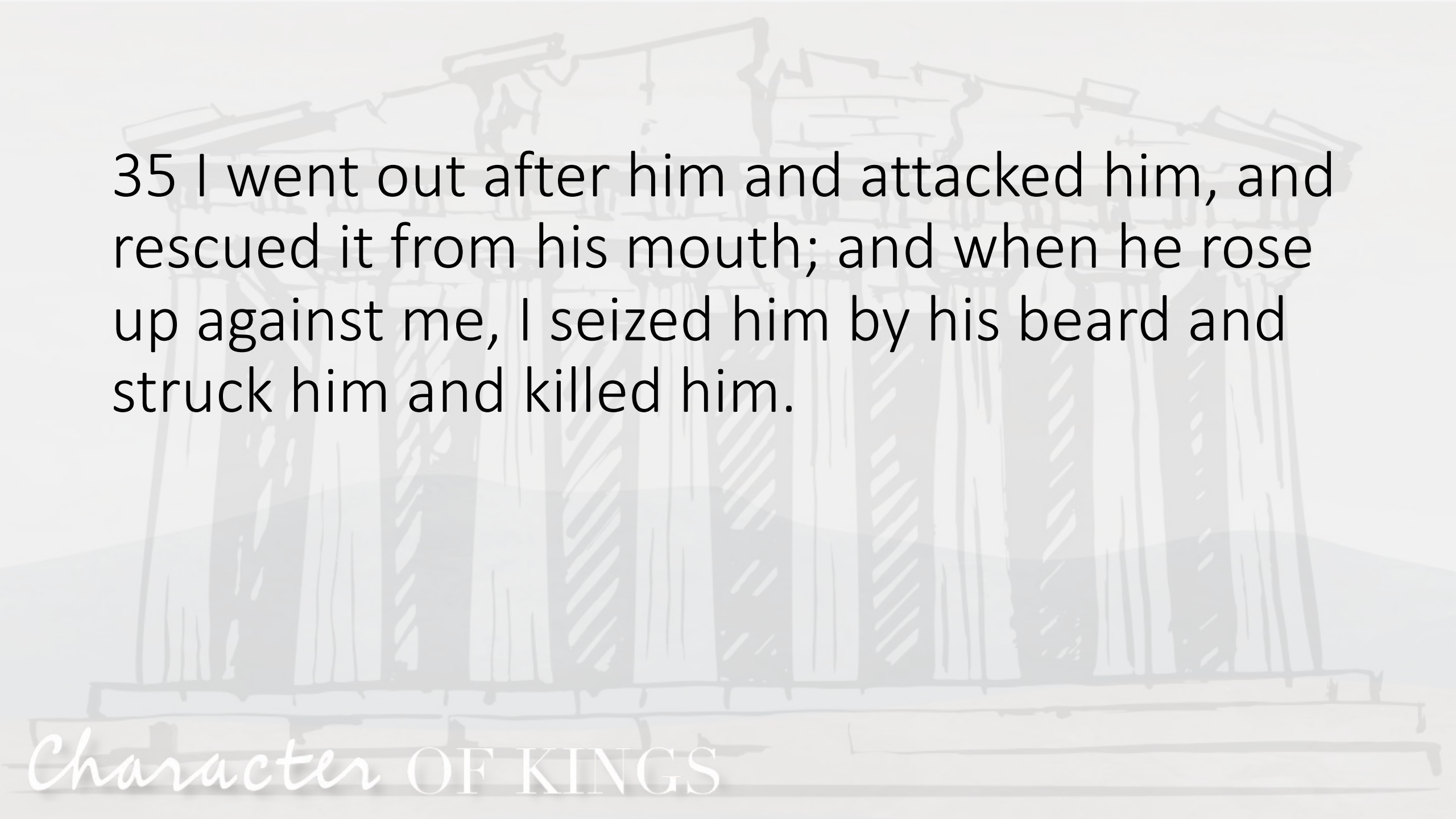
33 Then Saul said to David, “You are not able to go against this Philistine to fight with him; for you are but a youth while he has been a warrior from his youth.”

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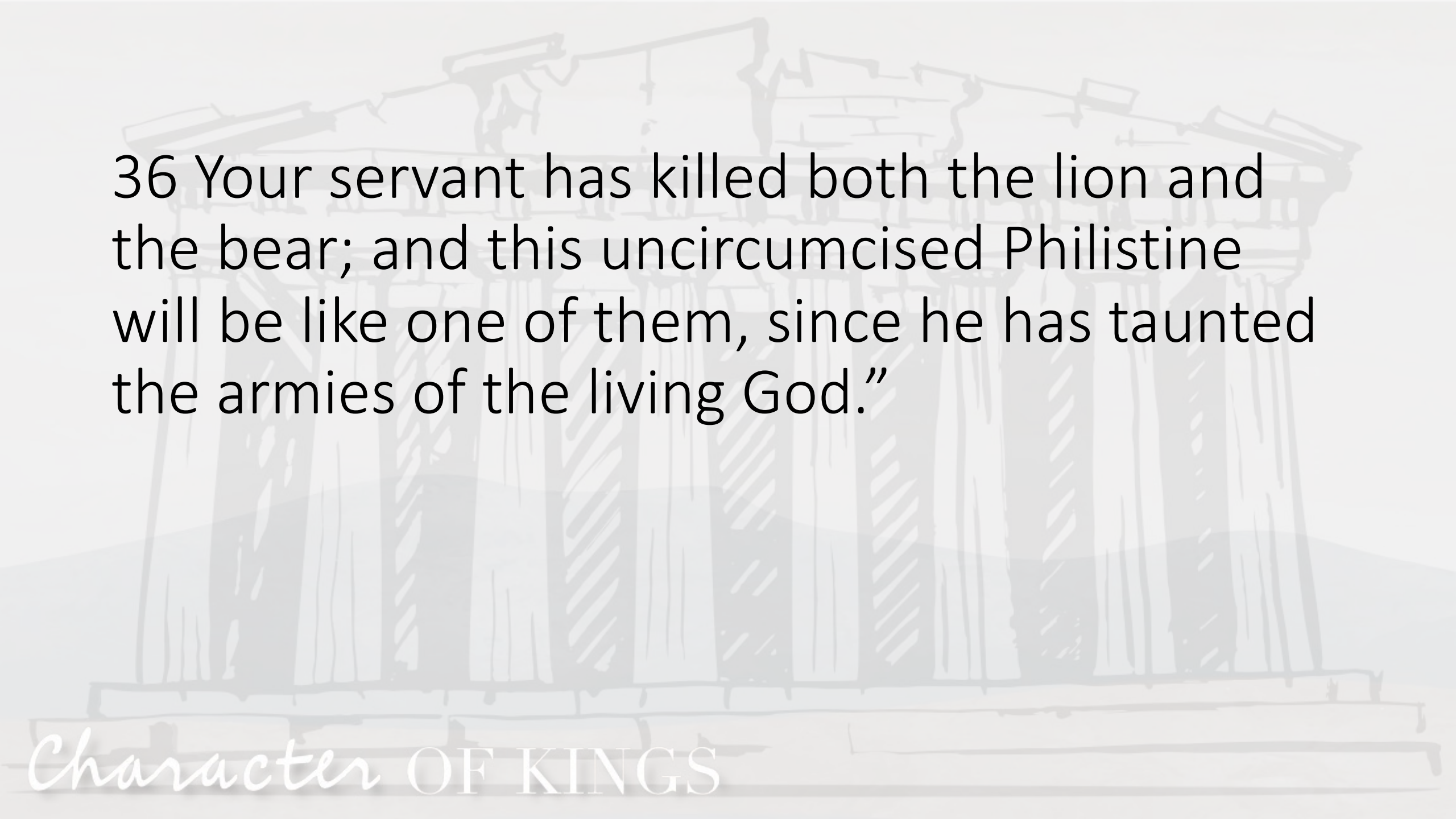
34 But David said to Saul, “Your servant was tending his father’s sheep. When a lion or a bear came and took a lamb from the flock,

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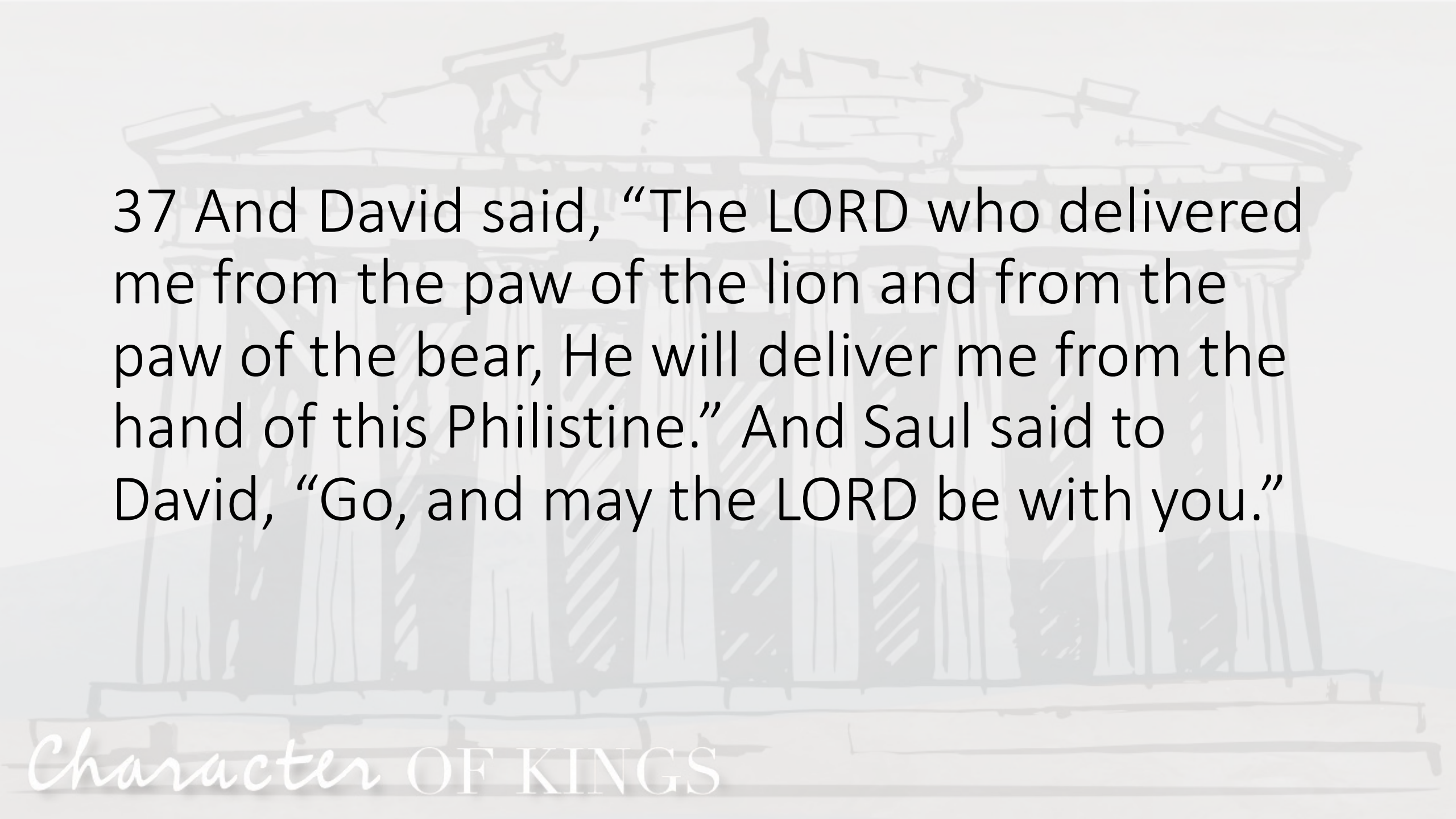
35 I went out after him and attacked him, and rescued it from his mouth; and when he rose up against me, I seized him by his beard and struck him and killed him.

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36 Your servant has killed both the lion and the bear; and this uncircumcised Philistine will be like one of them, since he has taunted the armies of the living God.”

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37 And David said, “The LORD who delivered me from the paw of the lion and from the paw of the bear, He will deliver me from the hand of this Philistine.” And Saul said to David, “Go, and may the LORD be with you.”

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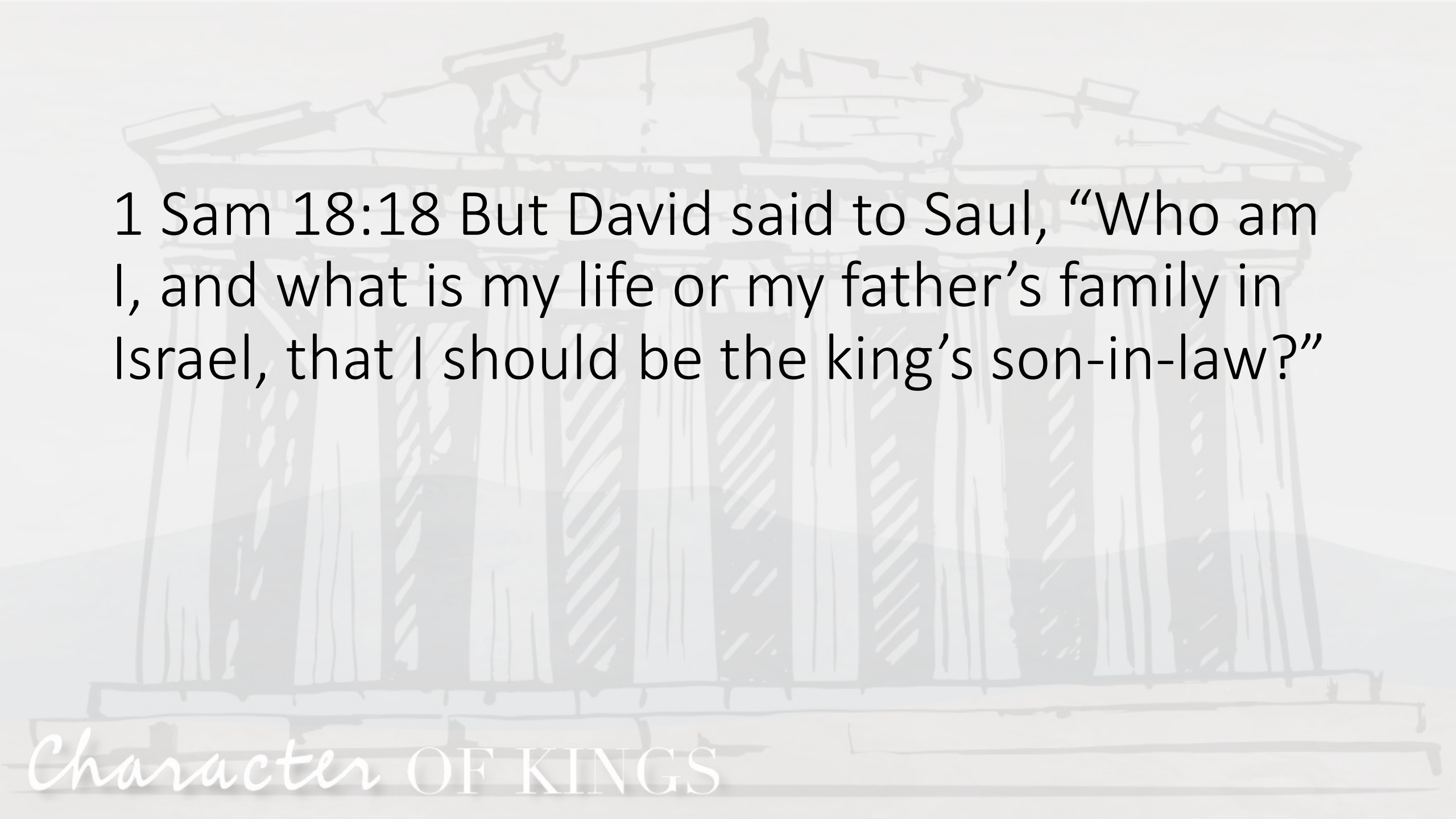
Trusting Heart 1 Sam 17

- David obeys his father to visit his brothers
- David is appalled at the fear and taunting
- David tells of God's protecting hand – bear & lion
- David believes the unbelievable – נֶצַל
- ***'nor do I count my life...' – 'if I perish...'***



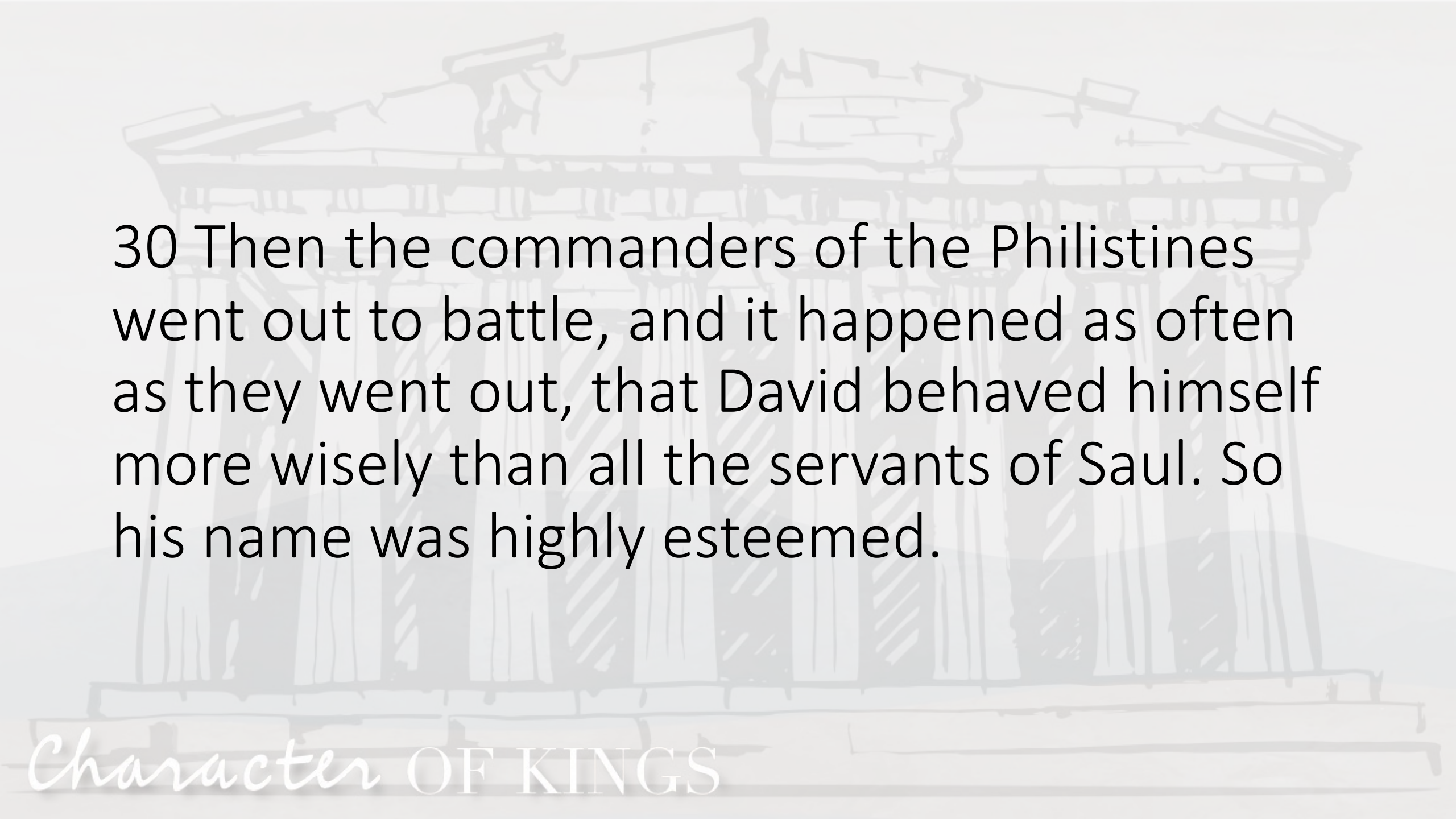
*“The only place to find God
is at the end of yourself!”*

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1 Sam 18:18 But David said to Saul, “Who am I, and what is my life or my father’s family in Israel, that I should be the king’s son-in-law?”

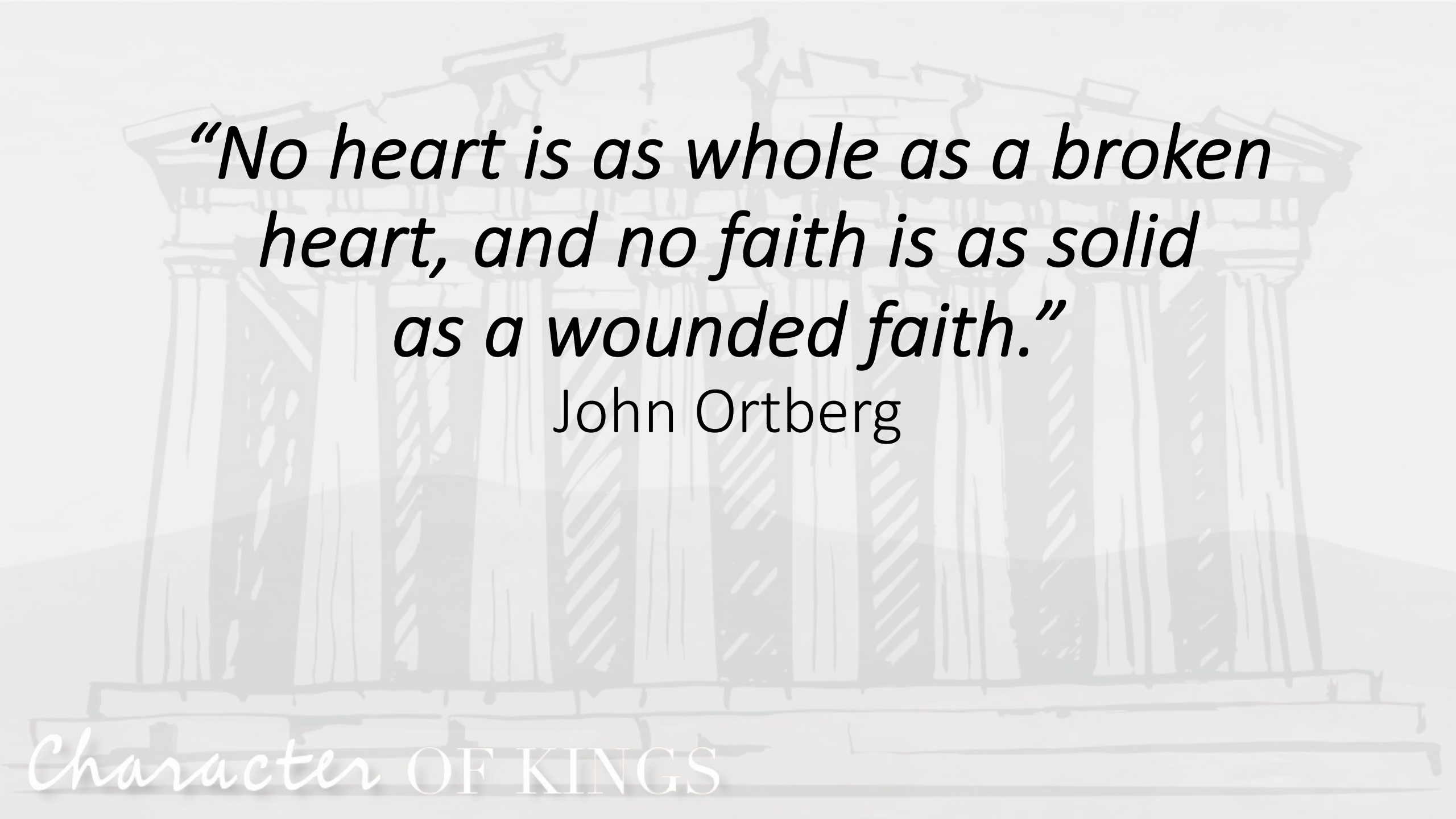
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30 Then the commanders of the Philistines went out to battle, and it happened as often as they went out, that David behaved himself more wisely than all the servants of Saul. So his name was highly esteemed.

Humble Heart 1 Sam 18

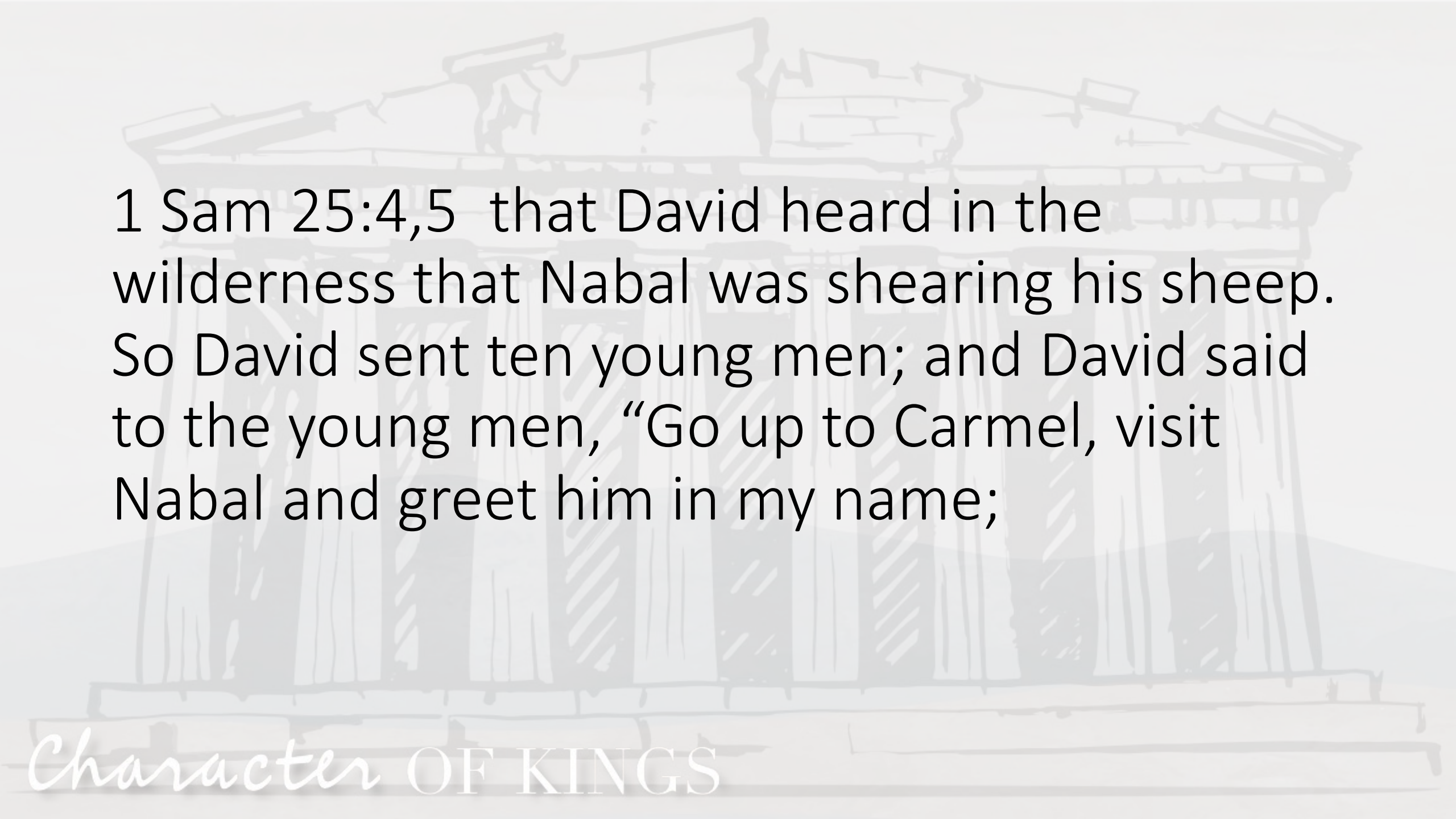
- David praised by the mobs
- Saul jealous to hatred
- Michal (Saul's daughter) loved David
- David replies humbly
- David lives humbly
- Israel recognized humility – יָקָר = 'prized'



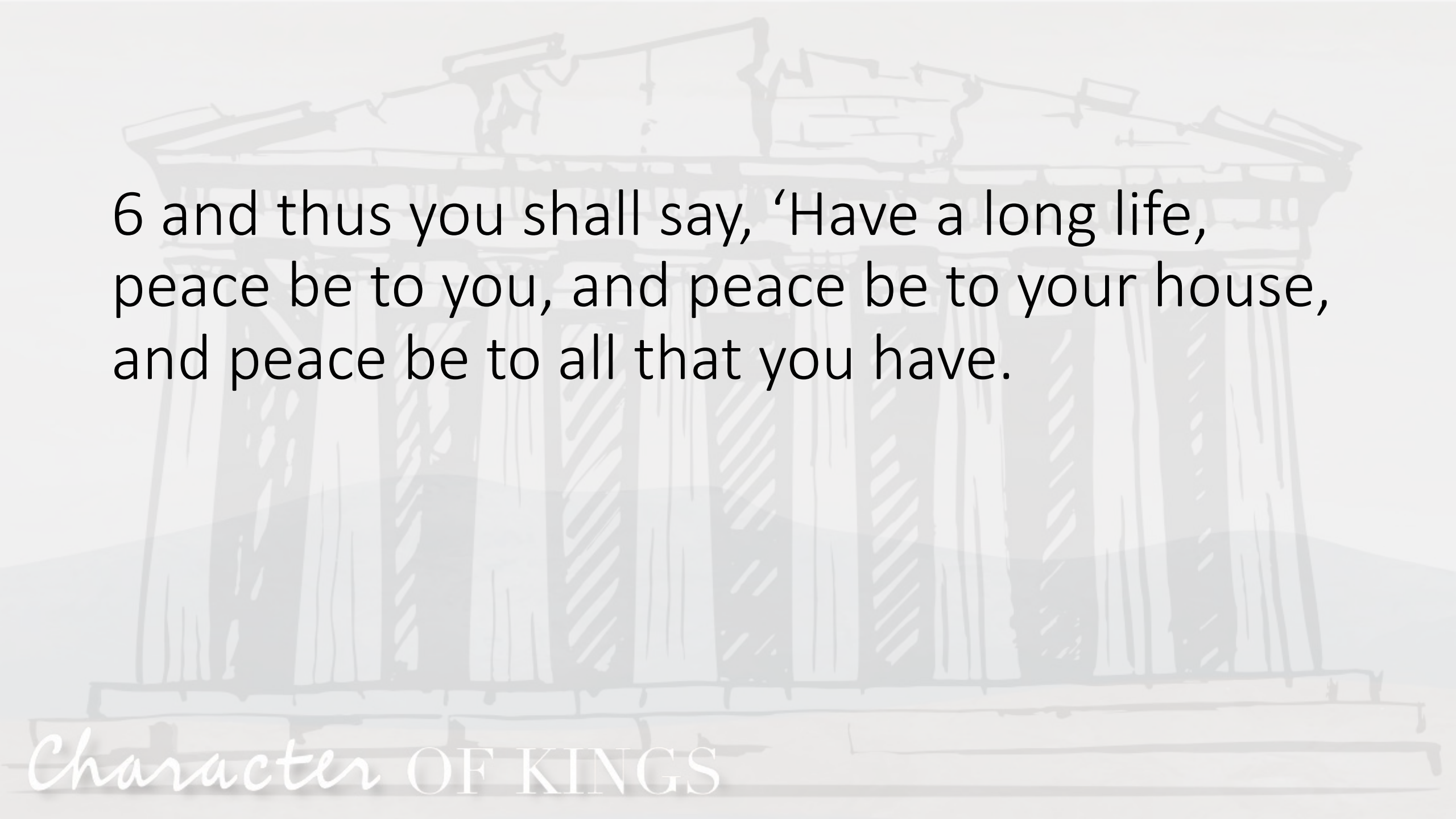
“No heart is as whole as a broken heart, and no faith is as solid as a wounded faith.”

John Ortberg

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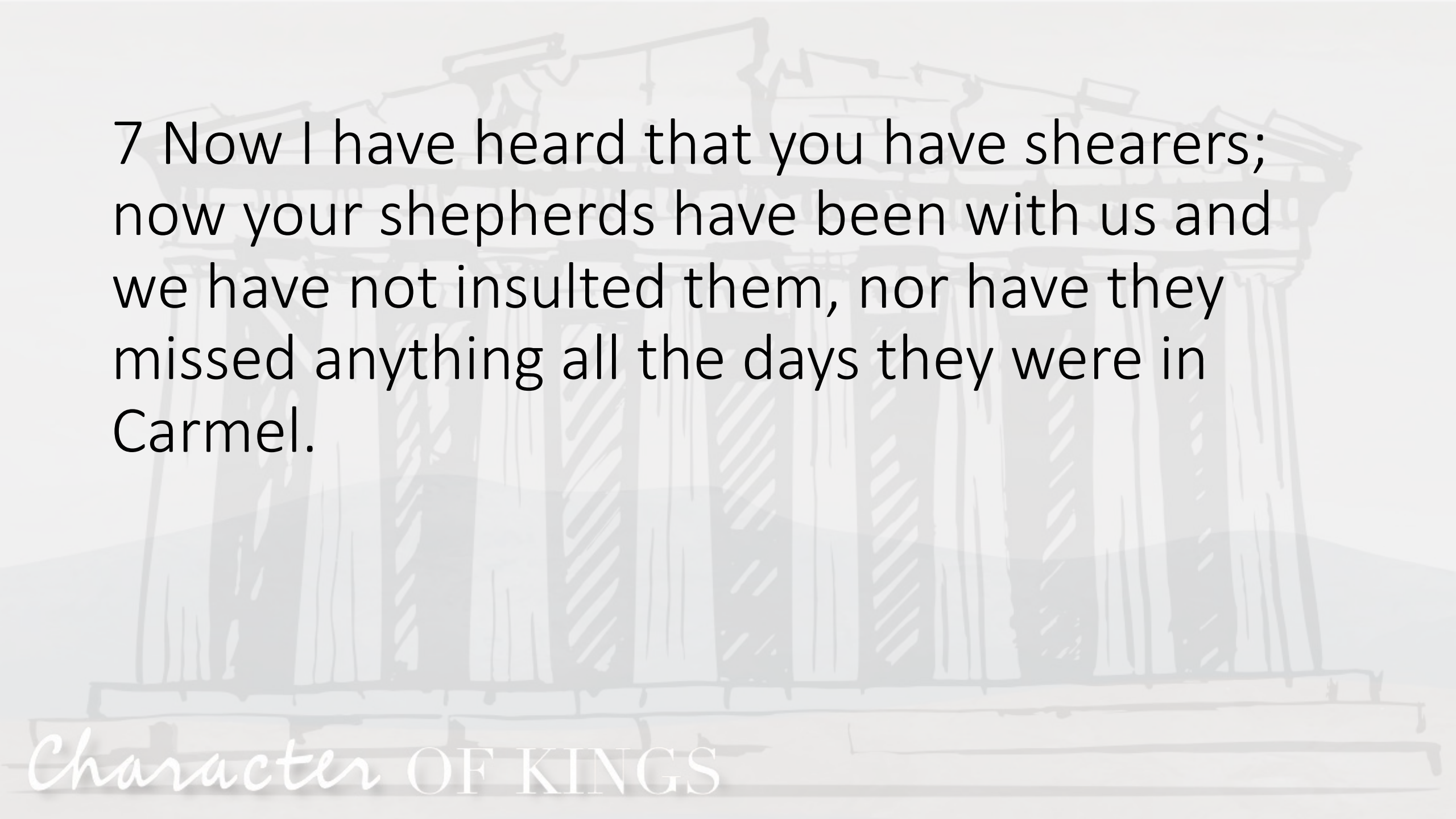


1 Sam 25:4,5 that David heard in the wilderness that Nabal was shearing his sheep. So David sent ten young men; and David said to the young men, "Go up to Carmel, visit Nabal and greet him in my name;



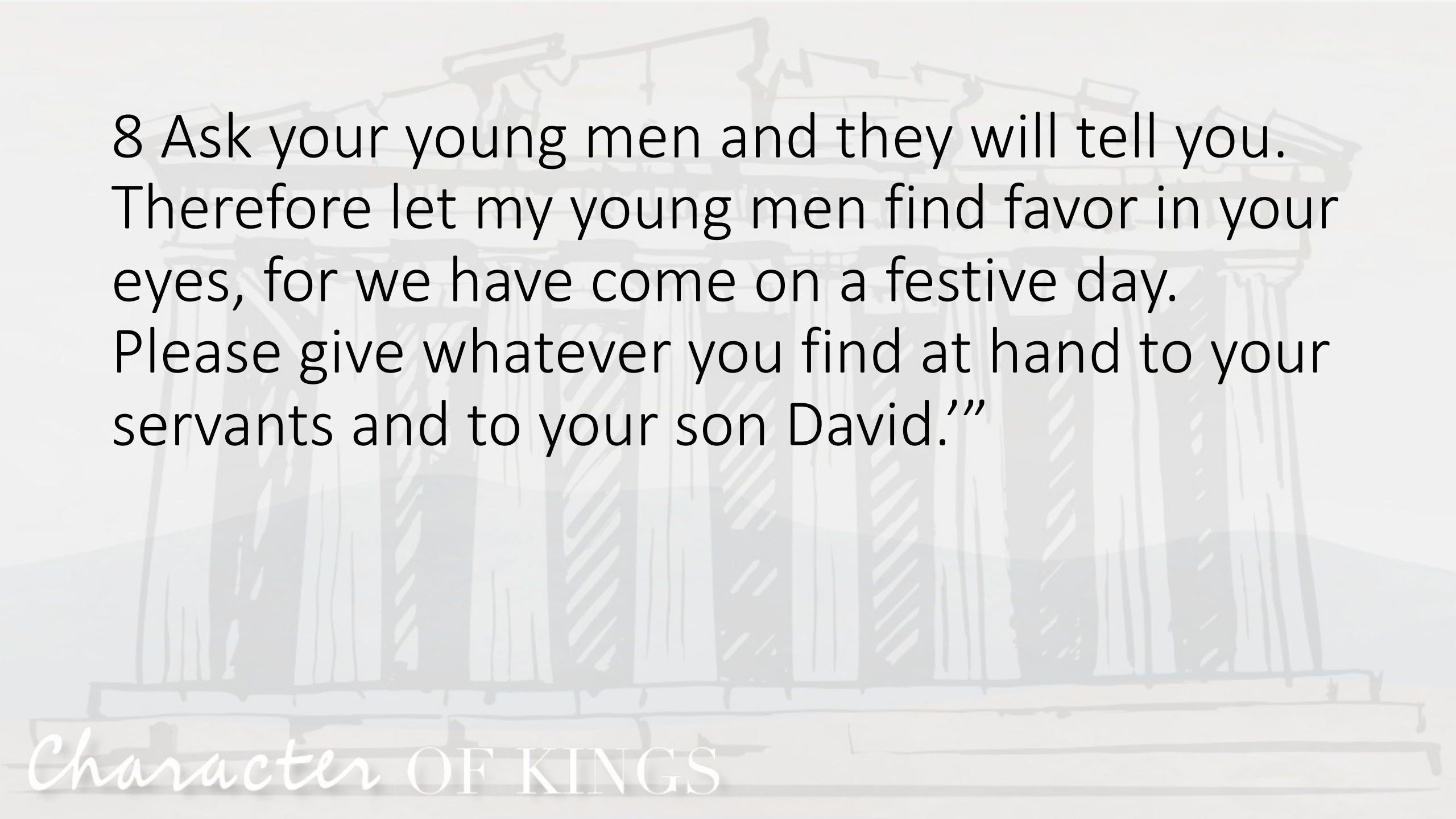
6 and thus you shall say, 'Have a long life,
peace be to you, and peace be to your house,
and peace be to all that you have.'

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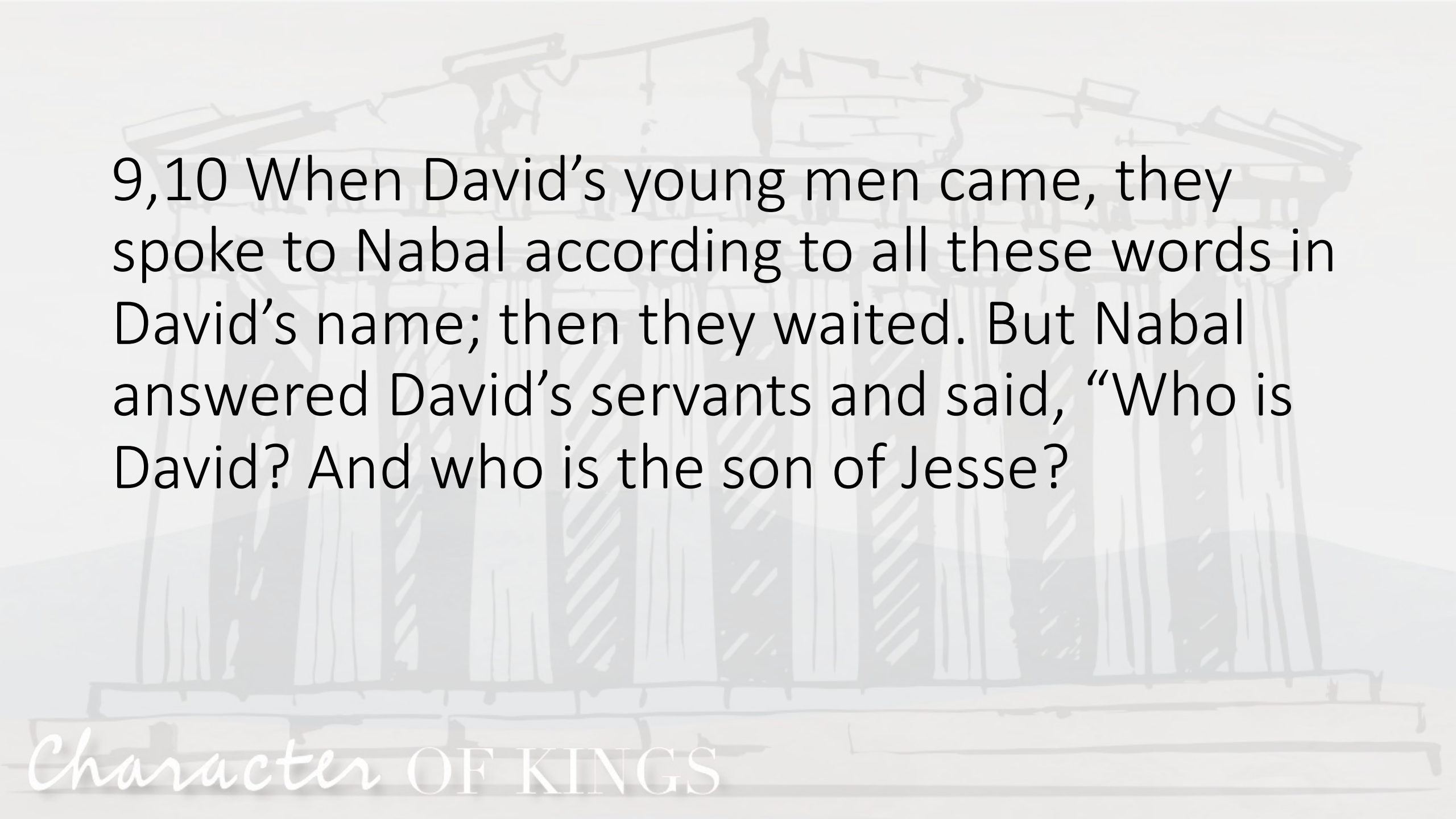
7 Now I have heard that you have shearers;
now your shepherds have been with us and
we have not insulted them, nor have they
missed anything all the days they were in
Carmel.

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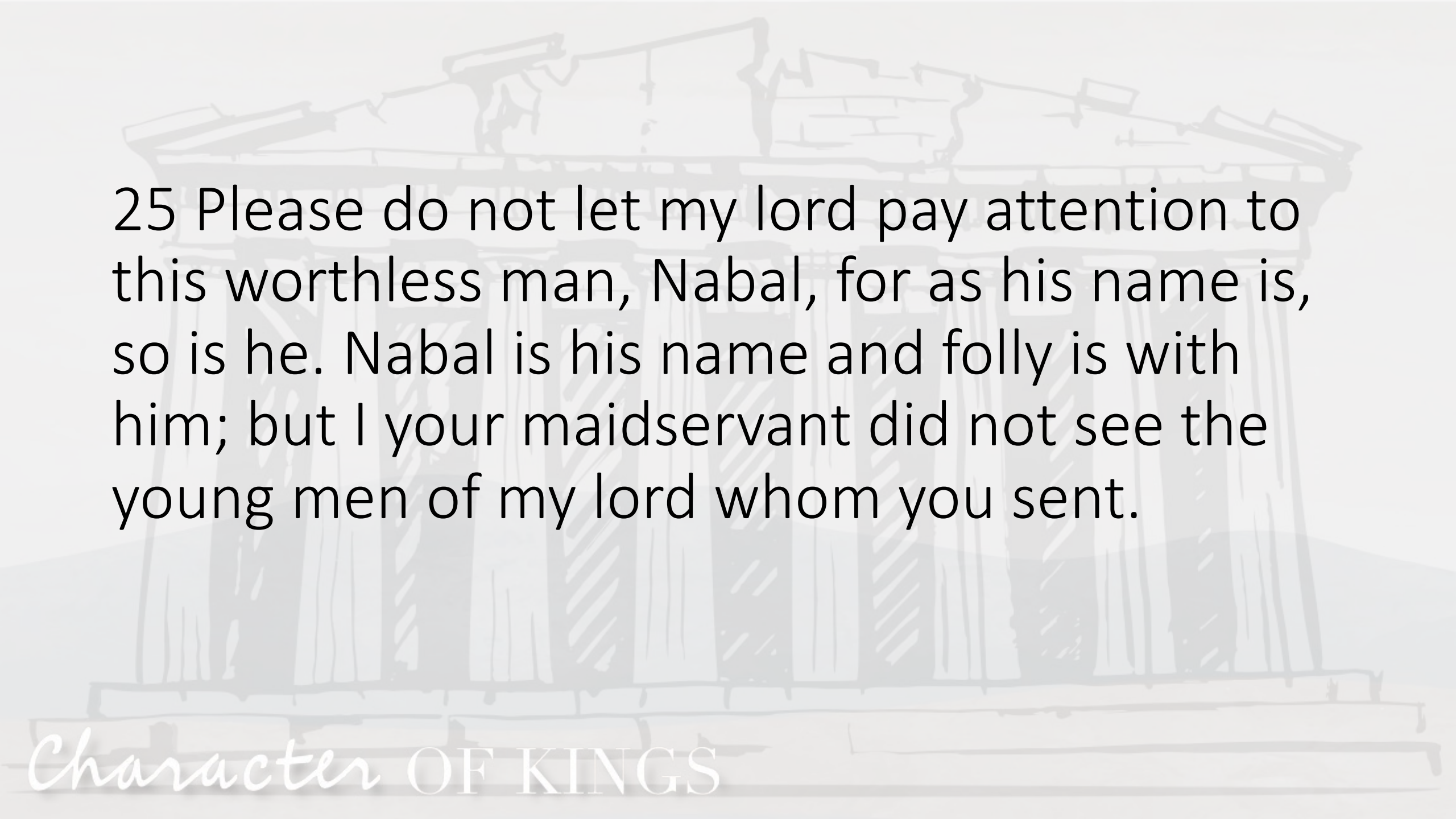
8 Ask your young men and they will tell you.
Therefore let my young men find favor in your
eyes, for we have come on a festive day.
Please give whatever you find at hand to your
servants and to your son David.””

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9,10 When David's young men came, they spoke to Nabal according to all these words in David's name; then they waited. But Nabal answered David's servants and said, "Who is David? And who is the son of Jesse?"


23,24 When Abigail saw David, she hurried and dismounted from her donkey, and fell on her face before David and bowed herself to the ground. She fell at his feet and said, "On me alone, my lord, be the blame. And please let your maidservant speak to you and listen to the words of your maidservant."



25 Please do not let my lord pay attention to this worthless man, Nabal, for as his name is, so is he. Nabal is his name and folly is with him; but I your maidservant did not see the young men of my lord whom you sent.

32,33 Then David said to Abigail, “Blessed be the LORD God of Israel, who sent you this day to meet me, and blessed be your discernment, and blessed be you, who have kept me this day from bloodshed and from avenging myself by my own hand.

34 Nevertheless, as the LORD God of Israel lives, who has restrained me from harming you, unless you had come quickly to meet me, surely there would not have been left to Nabal until the morning light as much as one male.”

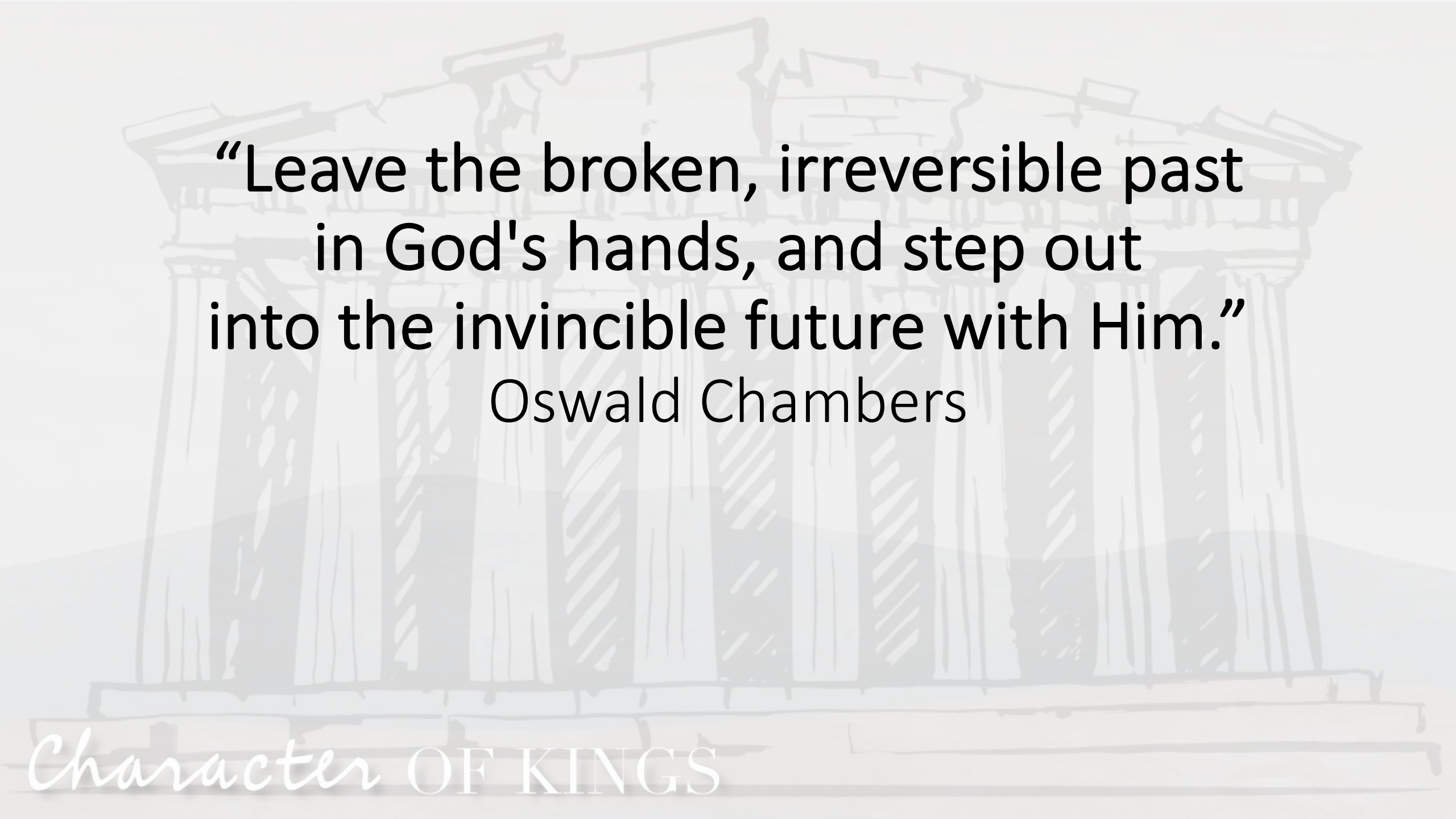


35 So David received from her hand what she had brought him and said to her, “Go up to your house in peace. See, I have listened to you and granted your request.”

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Merciful Heart 1 Sam 25

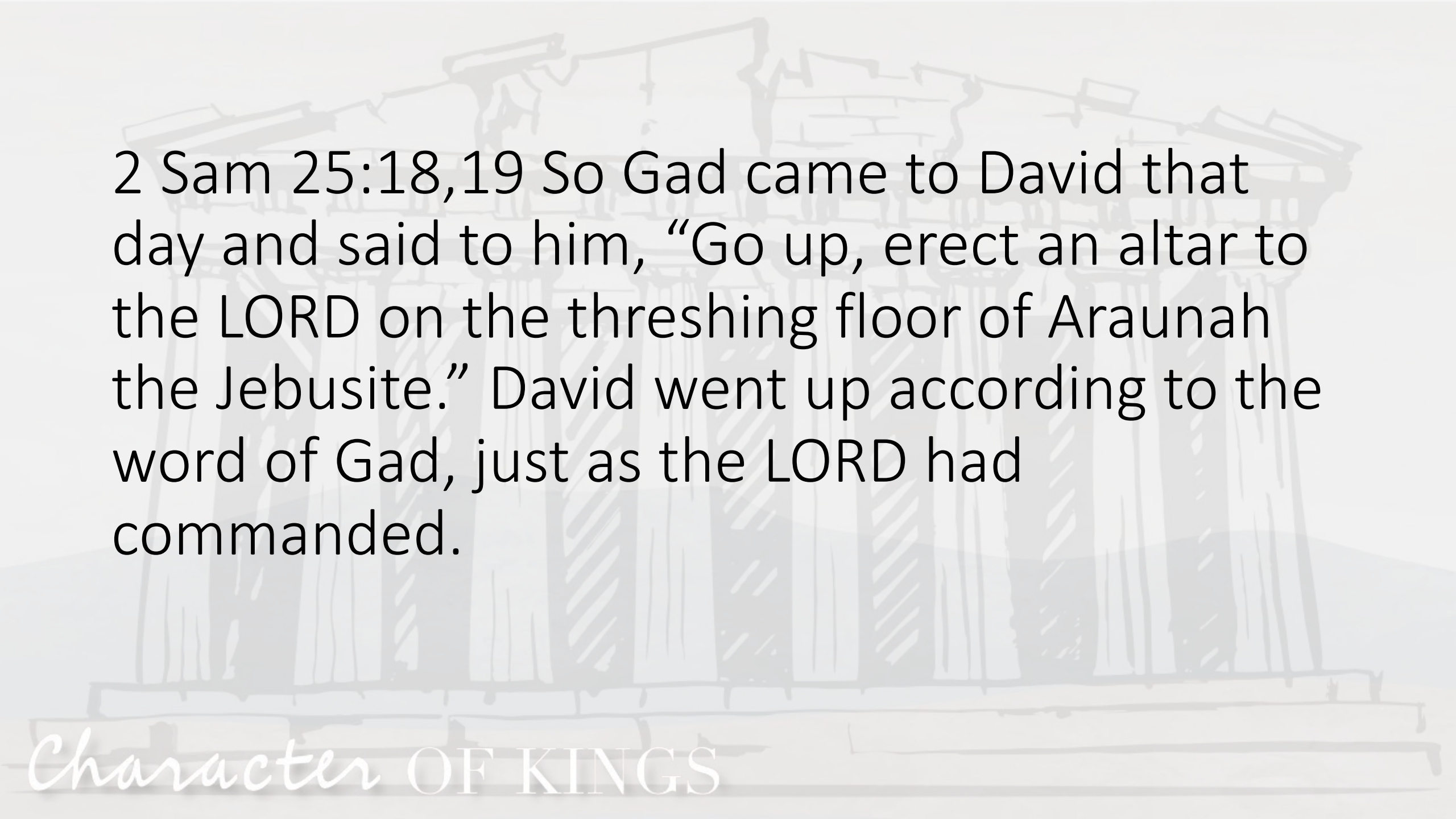
- David is protecting those ignored by Saul
- David is due for his labor
- David is content to ask for offering
- Nabal refuses any payment
- David's anger is met by Abigail
- David's anger is melted by mercy



“Leave the broken, irreversible past
in God's hands, and step out
into the invincible future with Him.”

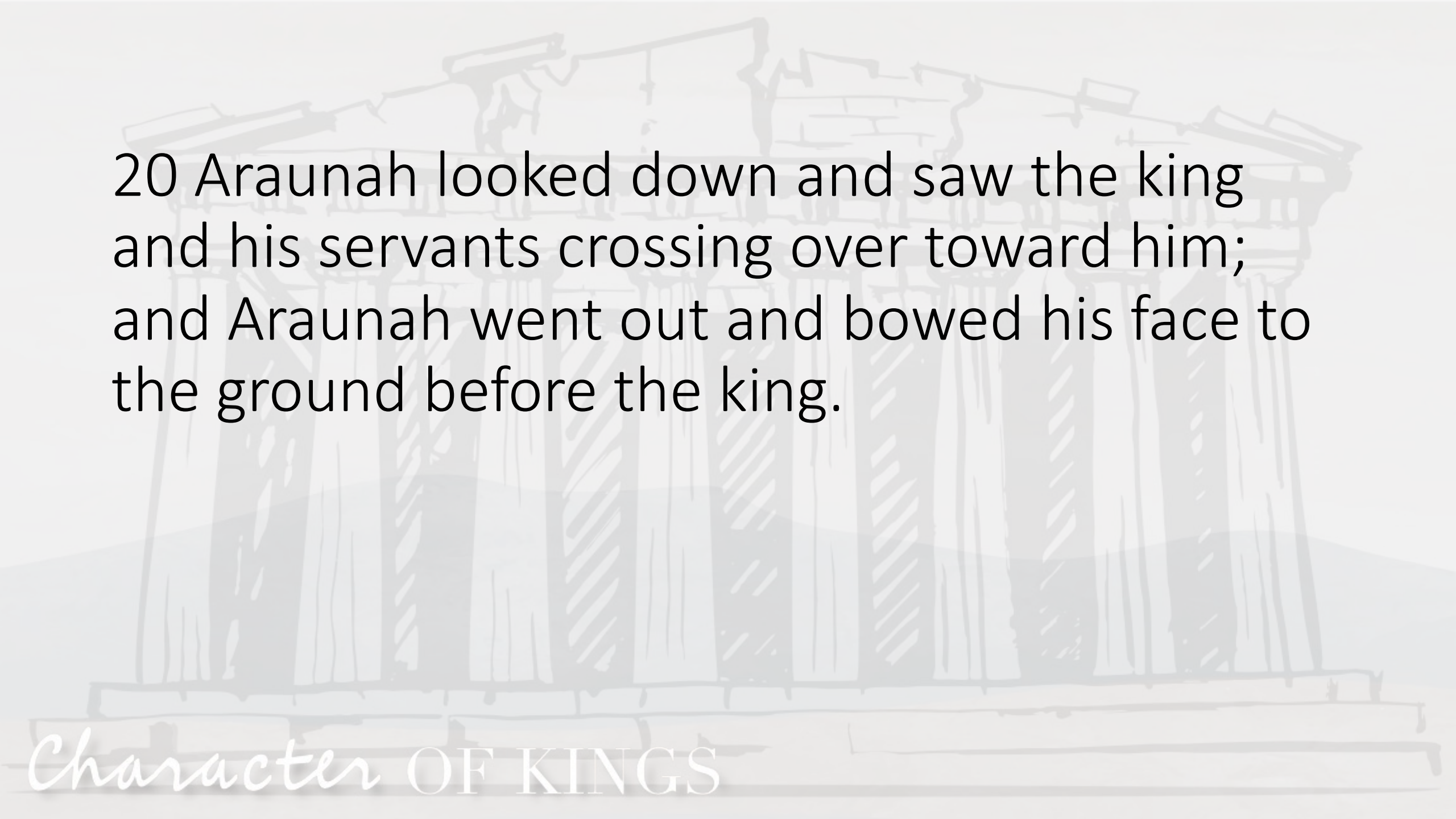
Oswald Chambers

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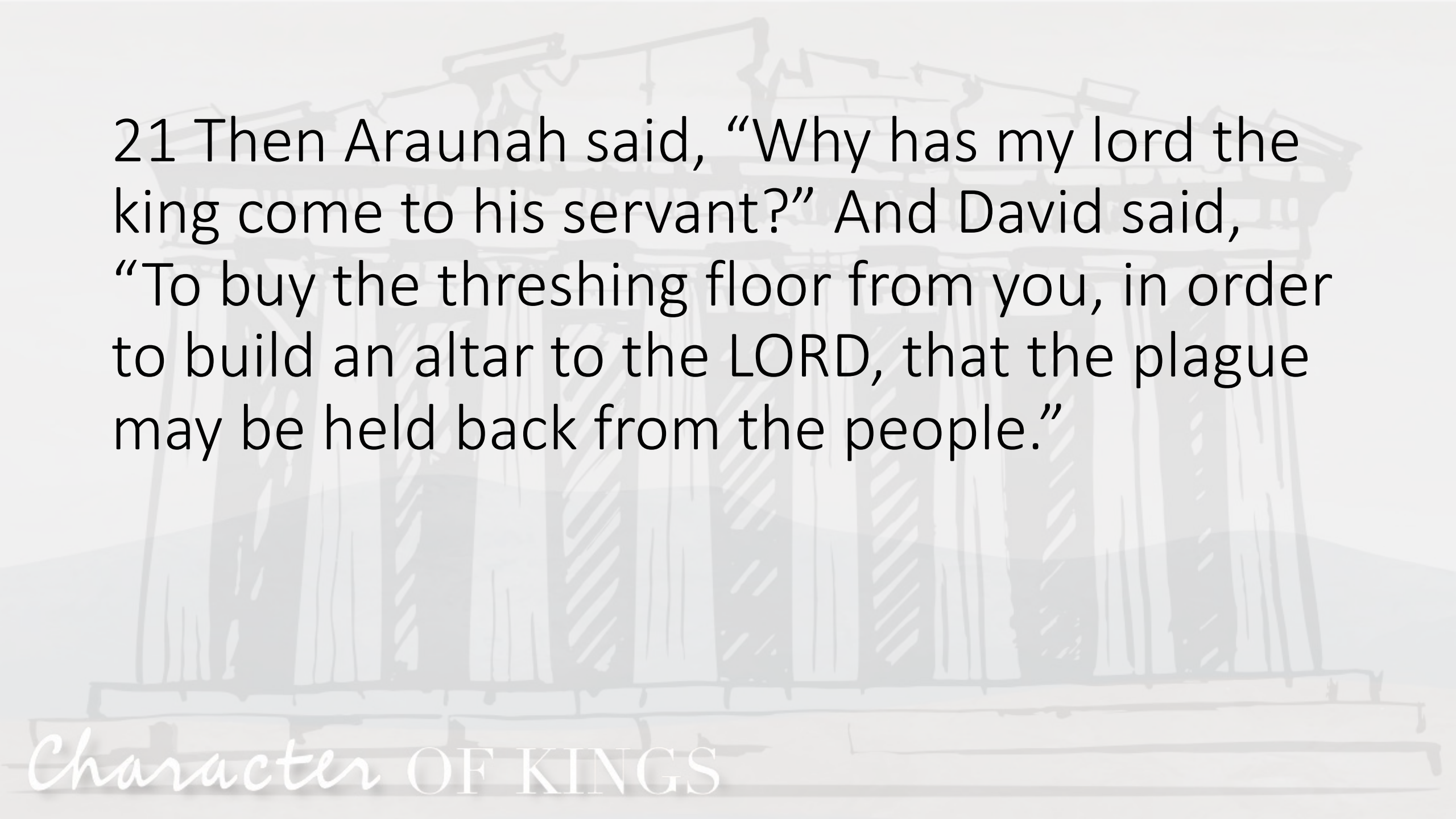
2 Sam 25:18,19 So Gad came to David that day and said to him, “Go up, erect an altar to the LORD on the threshing floor of Araunah the Jebusite.” David went up according to the word of Gad, just as the LORD had commanded.

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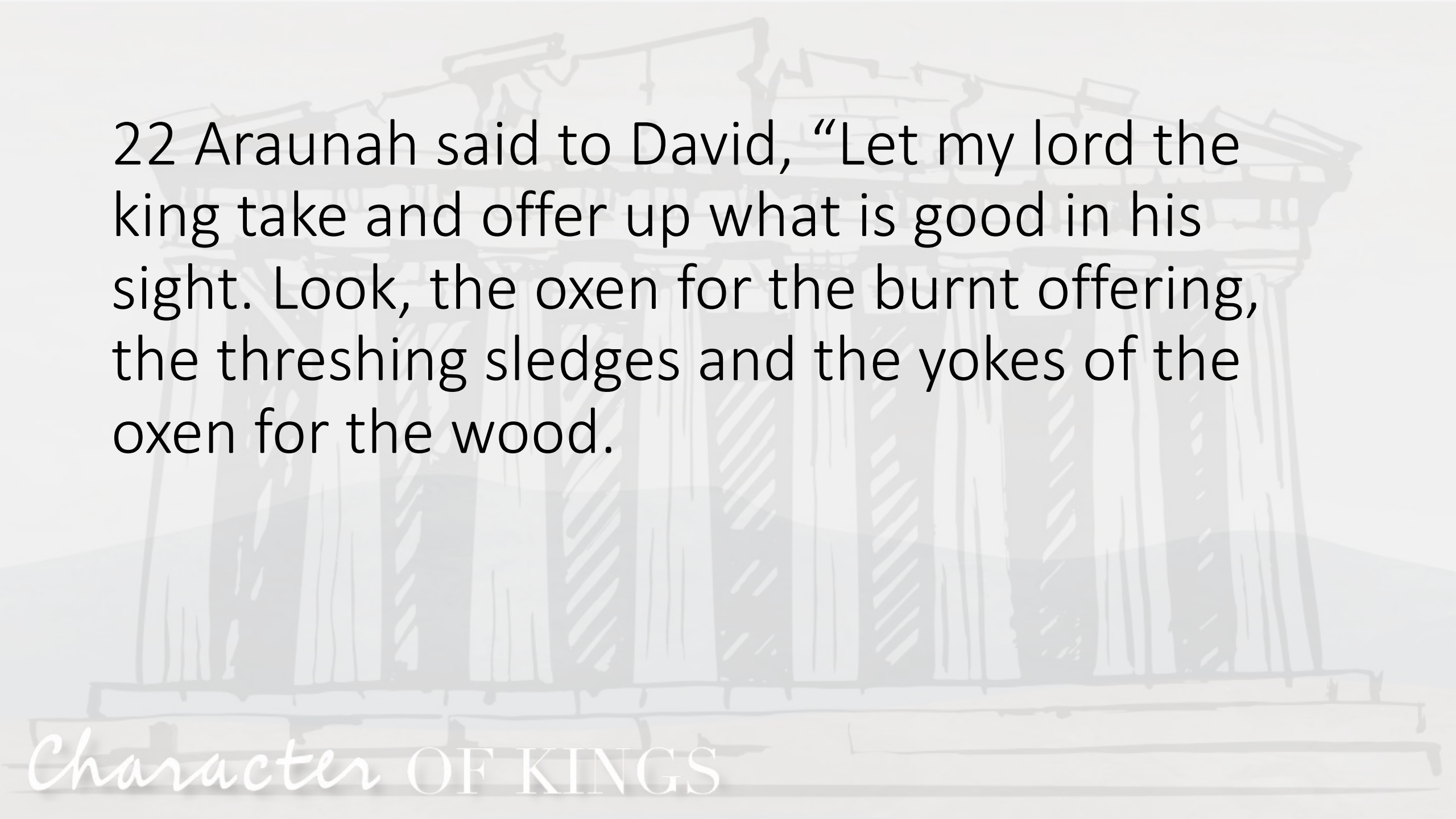
20 Araunah looked down and saw the king and his servants crossing over toward him; and Araunah went out and bowed his face to the ground before the king.

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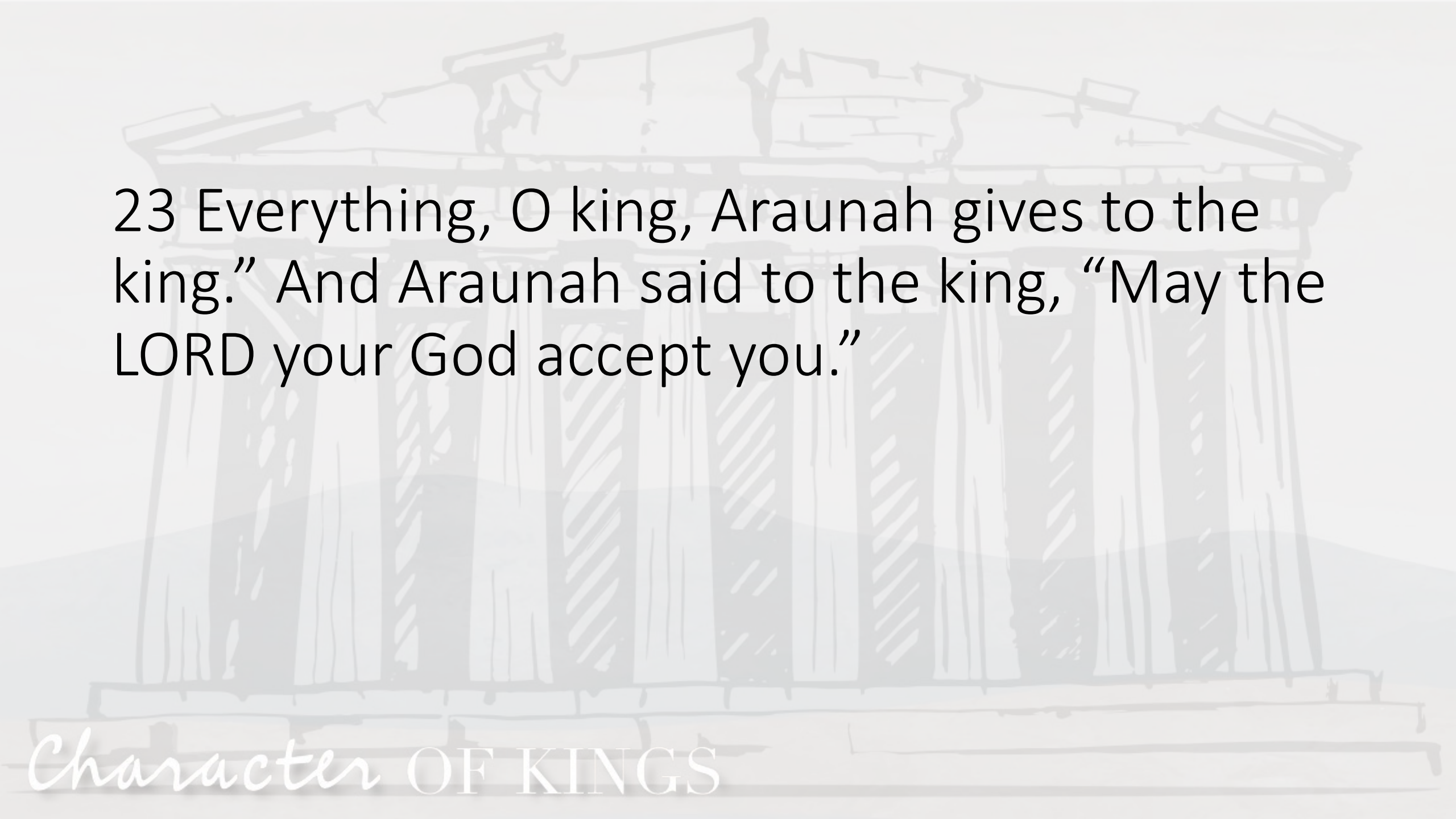
21 Then Araunah said, “Why has my lord the king come to his servant?” And David said, “To buy the threshing floor from you, in order to build an altar to the LORD, that the plague may be held back from the people.”

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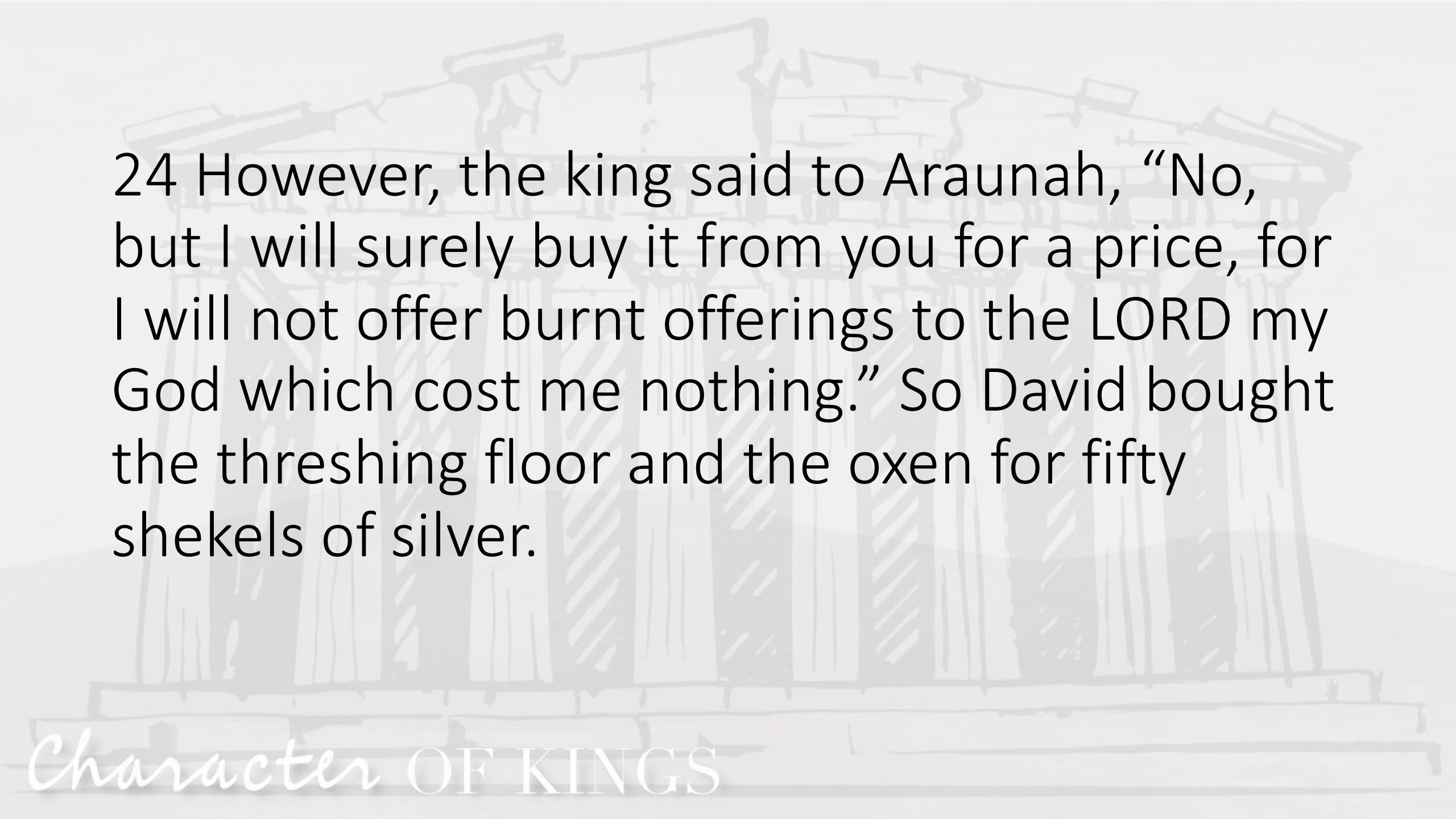
22 Araunah said to David, “Let my lord the king take and offer up what is good in his sight. Look, the oxen for the burnt offering, the threshing sledges and the yokes of the oxen for the wood.

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23 Everything, O king, Araunah gives to the king.” And Araunah said to the king, “May the LORD your God accept you.”

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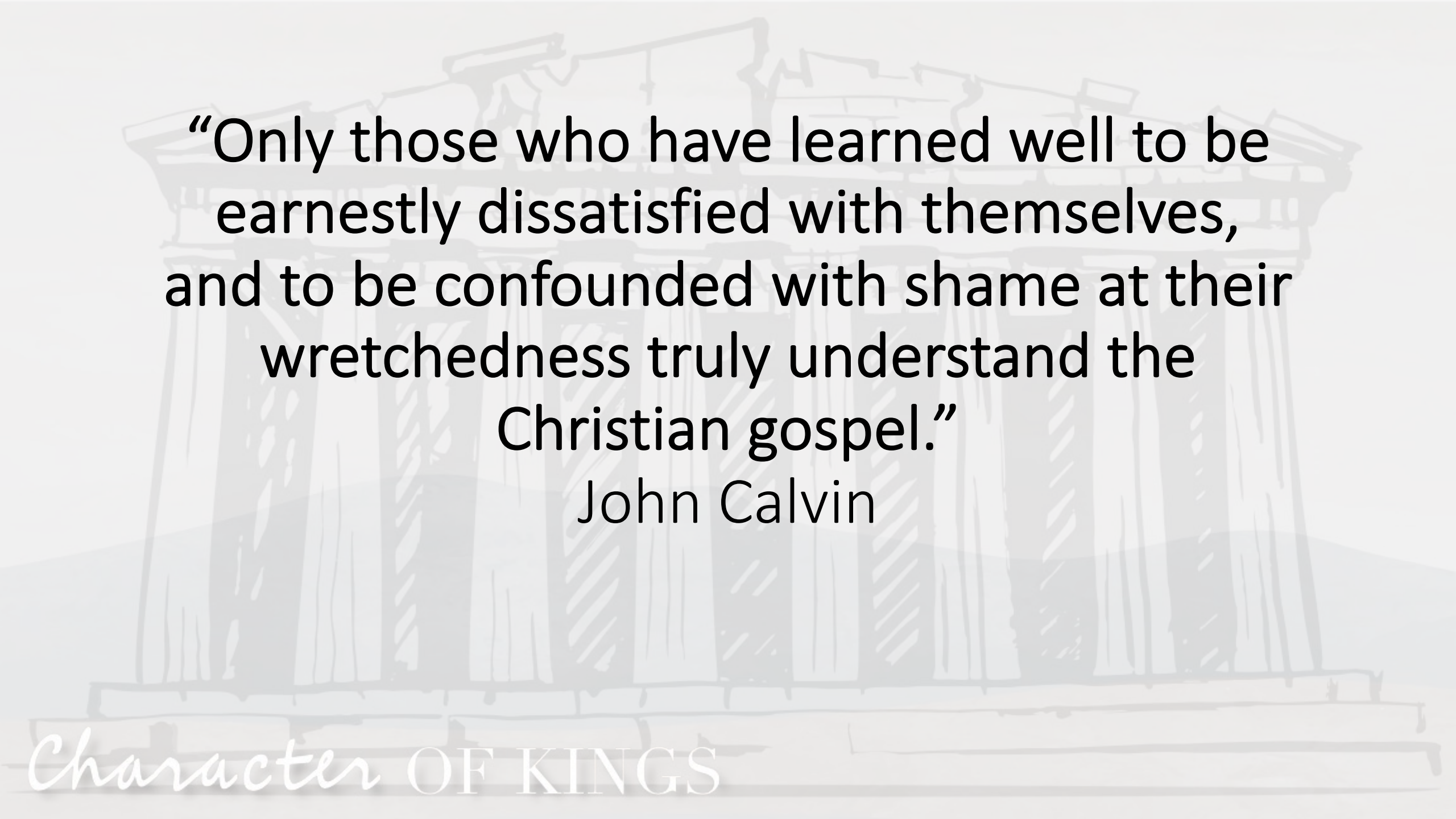
A faint, light-colored illustration in the background shows a threshing floor. An ox is pulling a wooden threshing sled across the floor. A man is standing near the sled, and another man is visible in the distance. The scene is set in a rural, agricultural environment.

24 However, the king said to Araunah, “No, but I will surely buy it from you for a price, for I will not offer burnt offerings to the LORD my God which cost me nothing.” So David bought the threshing floor and the oxen for fifty shekels of silver.

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Servants Heart 2 Sam 24

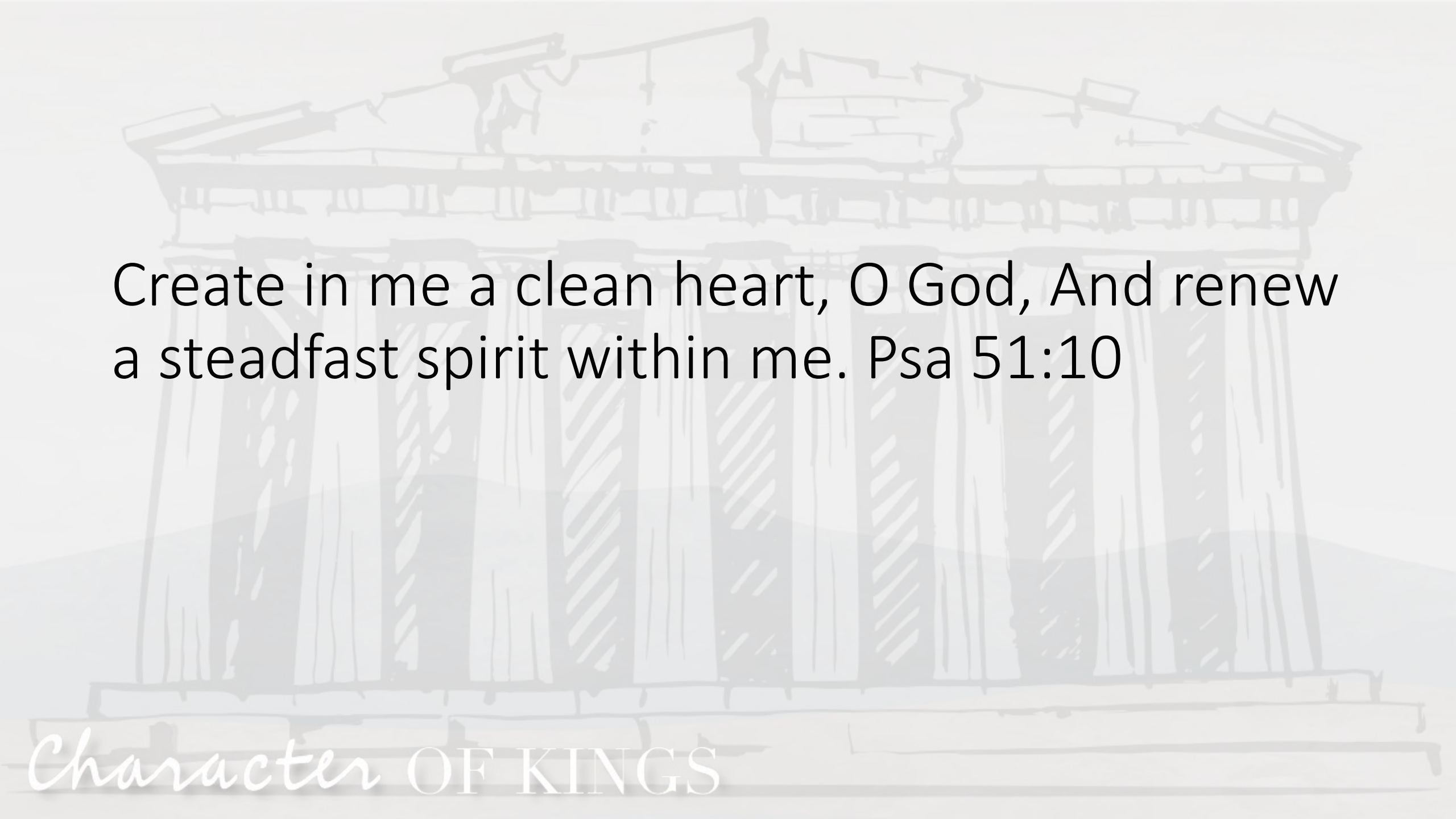
- Offering to the Lord
- Servant serving the people he loves
- Araunah offers everything (another servant)
- David's reply – *'I will not offer what costs nothing'*



“Only those who have learned well to be earnestly dissatisfied with themselves, and to be confounded with shame at their wretchedness truly understand the Christian gospel.”


John Calvin

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Create in me a clean heart, O God, And renew
a steadfast spirit within me. Psa 51:10

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The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit;
A broken and a contrite heart, O God, You will
not despise. Psalm 51:17

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Then You will delight in righteous sacrifices
Psalm 51:19

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God's Heart Psalm 51

- Clean Heart vs 10
- Broken Heart vs 17
- God's Heart is God's Delight!

“God uses broken things. It takes broken soil to produce a crop, broken clouds to give rain, broken grain to give bread, broken bread to give strength. It is the broken alabaster box that gives forth perfume. It is Peter, weeping bitterly, who returns to greater power than ever.” Vance Havner

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“God is looking for broken men who have judged themselves in the light of the cross of Christ. When He wants anything done, He takes up men who have come to the end of themselves, whose confidence is not in themselves, but in God.” Harry Ironside

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