



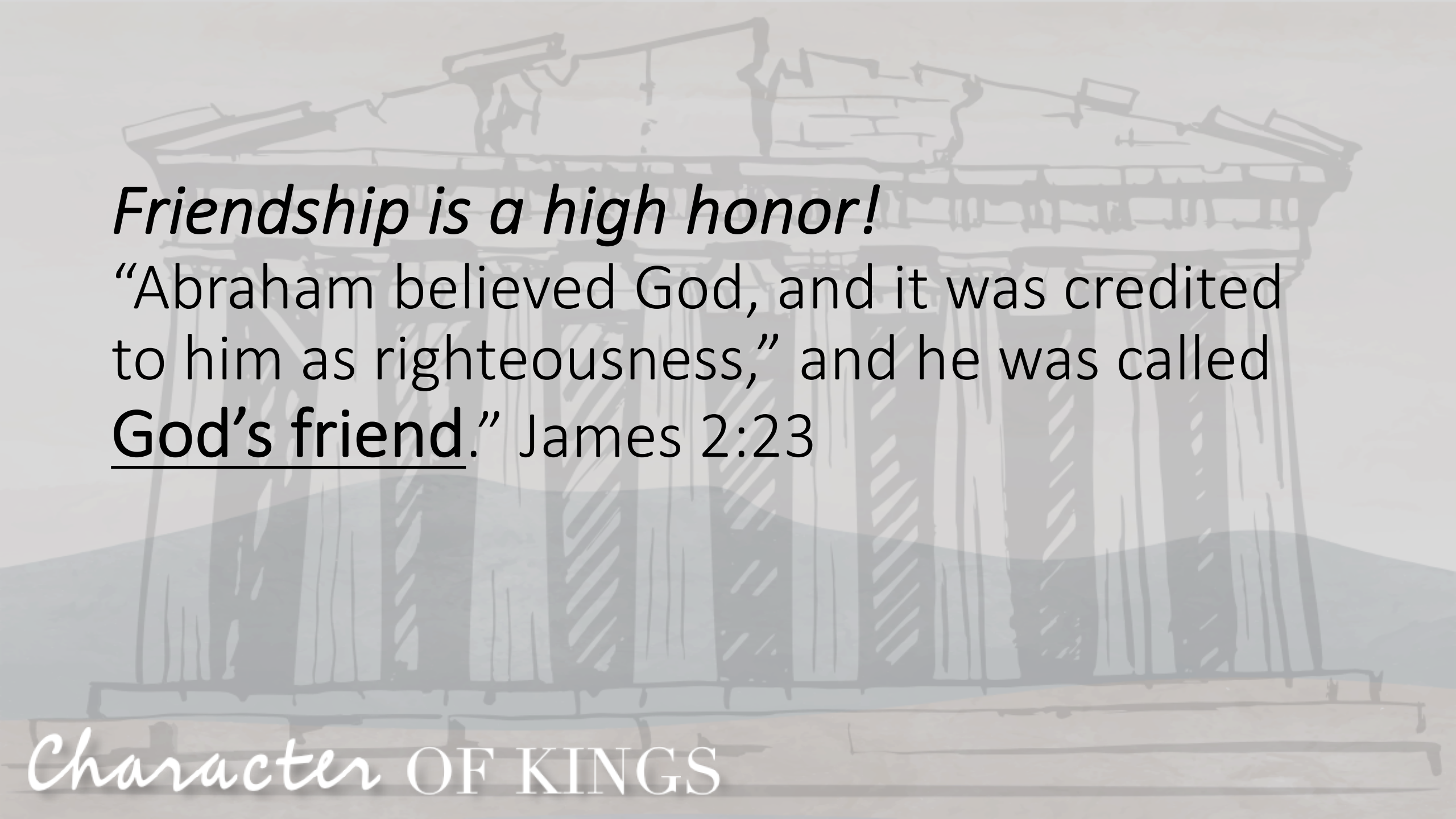
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Friends and Family

1 Samuel 18-20

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Friendship is a high honor!

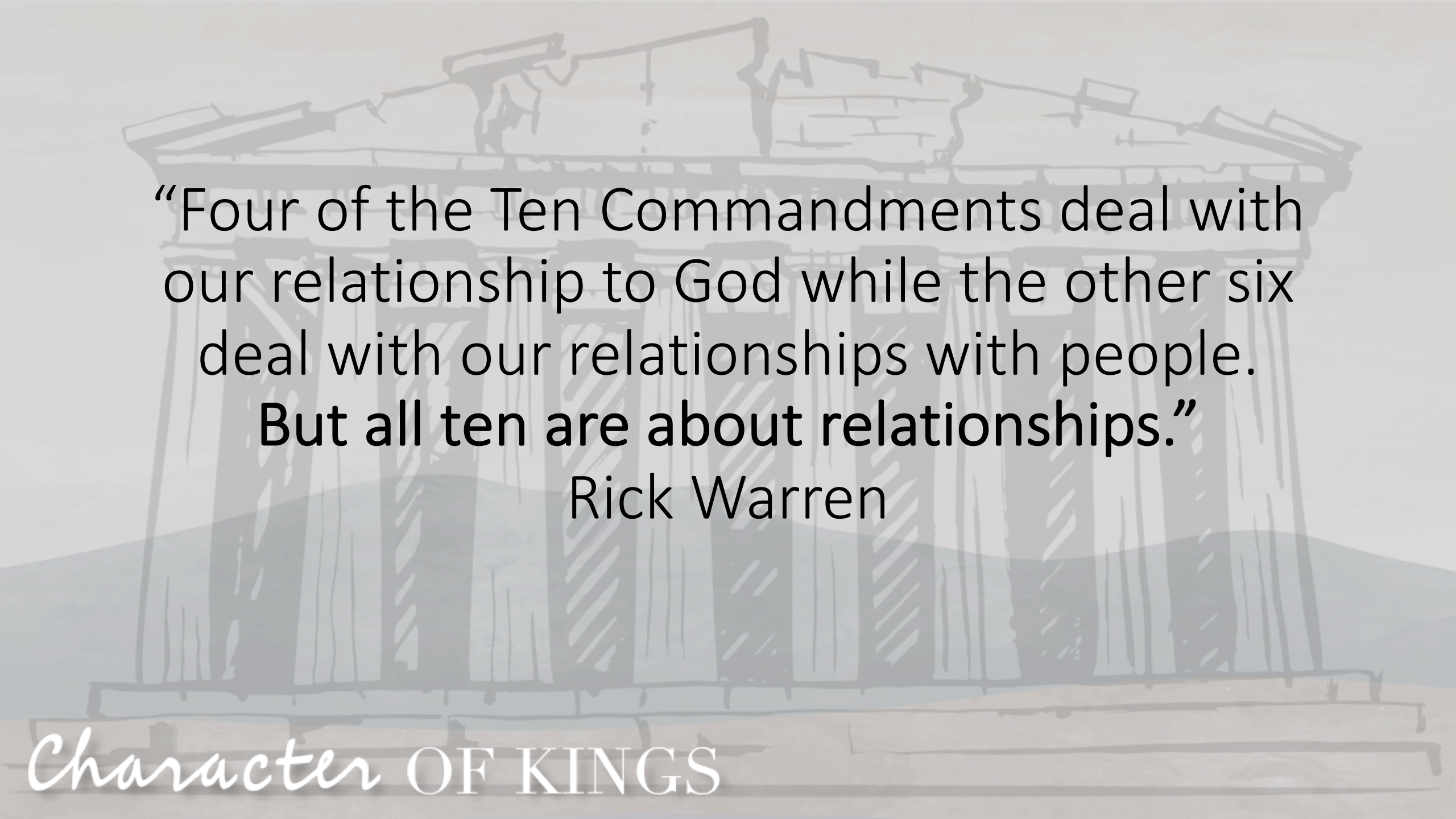
“Abraham believed God, and it was credited to him as righteousness,” and he was called God’s friend.” James 2:23

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*A sweet friendship
refreshes the soul*

Proverbs 27:9



“Four of the Ten Commandments deal with our relationship to God while the other six deal with our relationships with people.
But all ten are about relationships.”

Rick Warren

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Contrary Friendship

Saul despised David

Saul jealous of David

Saul feared David


Jonathan loved David – 1 Sam 18:3

“Jonathan was knit to the soul of David, and Jonathan loved him as himself.”

Michal loved David – 1 Sam 18:20

“Now Michal, Saul’s daughter, loved David.”

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Common Traits

Men of faith

Men of great courage

Men of battle

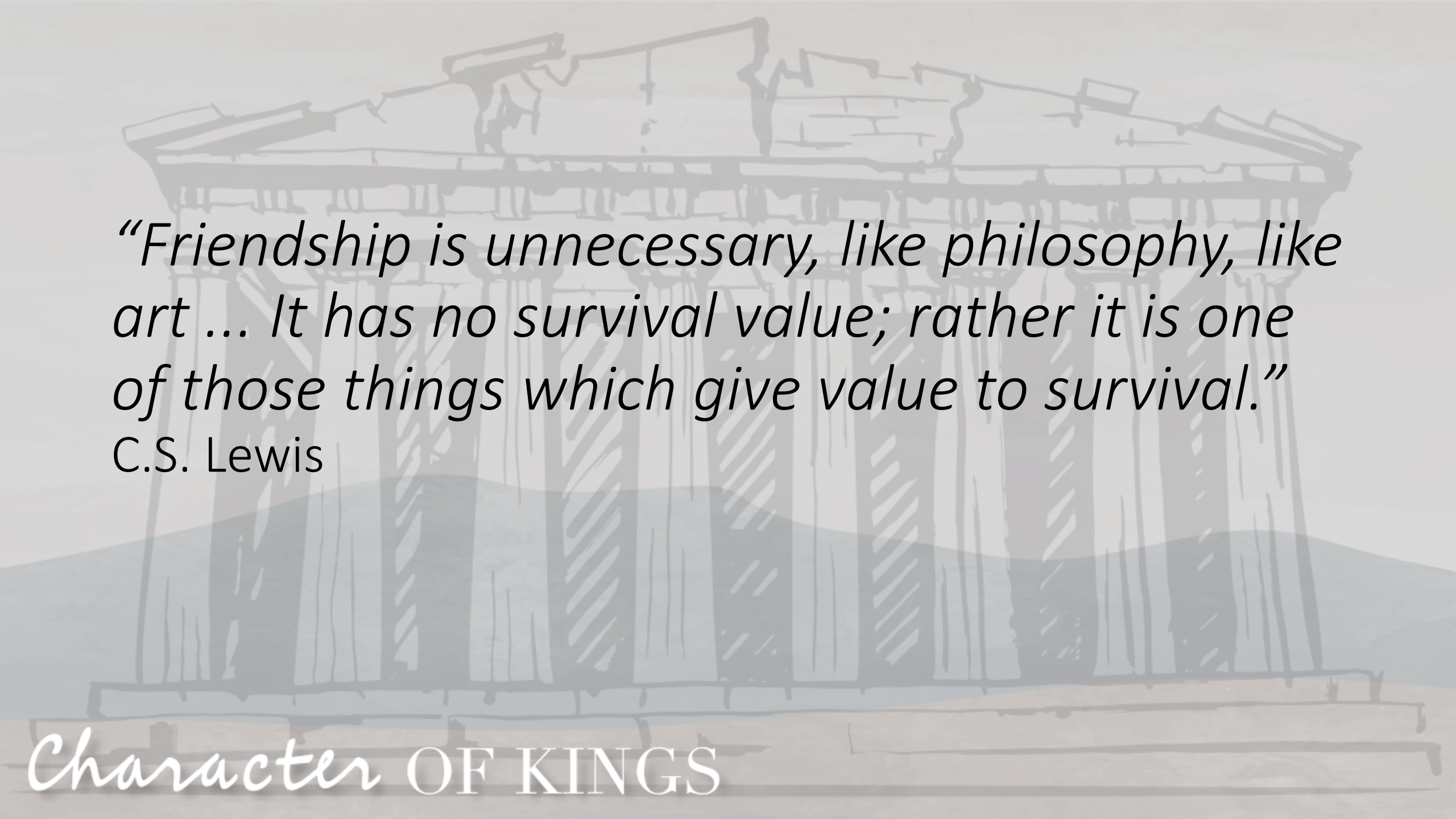
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Covenant Friendship

“Jonathan stripped himself of the robe that was on him and gave it to David, with his armor, including his sword and his bow and his belt.” 1 Sam 18:4

“Jonathan said to David, “Go in safety, inasmuch as we have sworn to each other in the name of the LORD, saying, ‘The LORD will be between me and you, and between my descendants and your descendants forever.’” 1 Sam 20:42

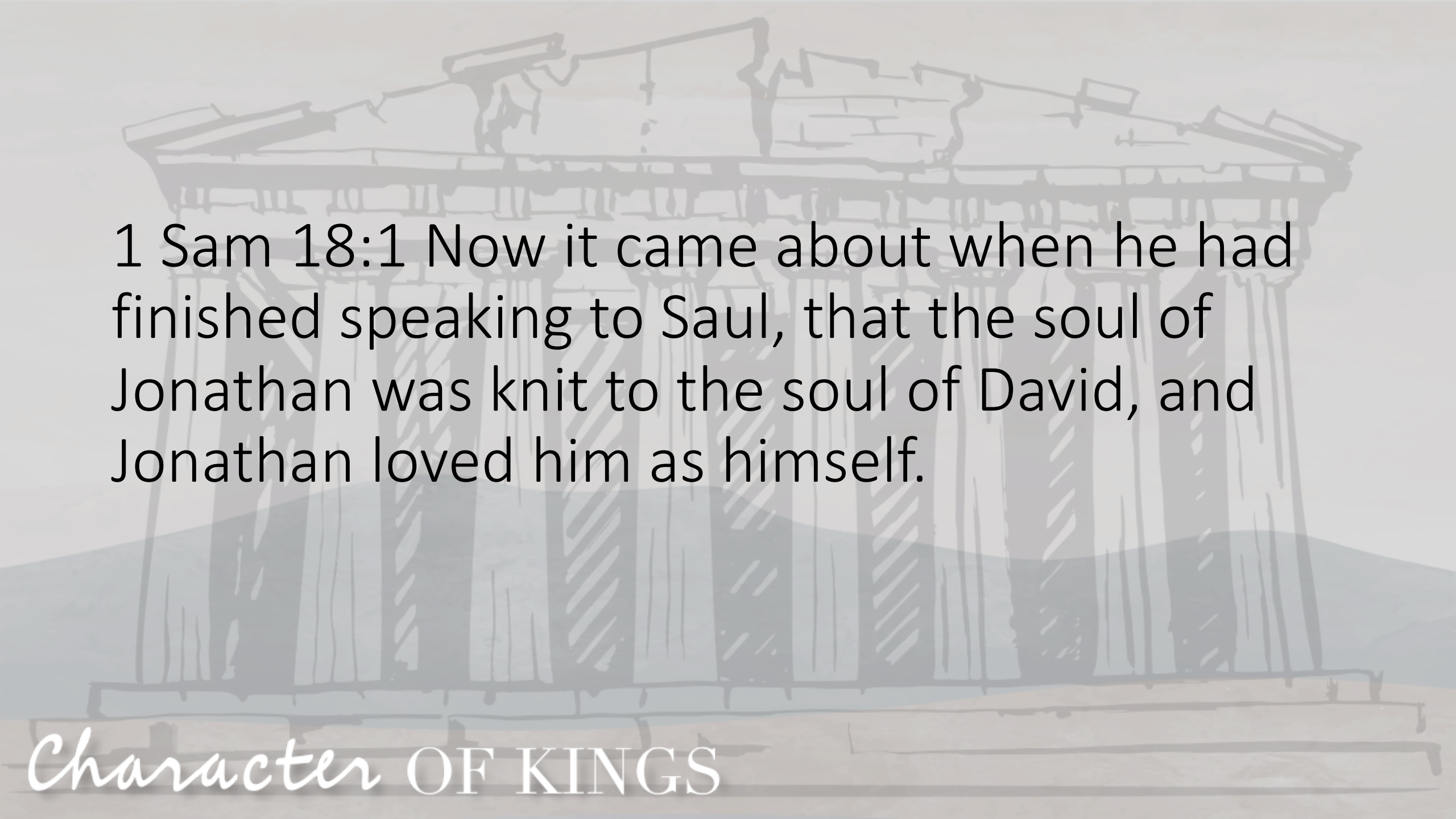
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“Friendship is unnecessary, like philosophy, like art ... It has no survival value; rather it is one of those things which give value to survival.”

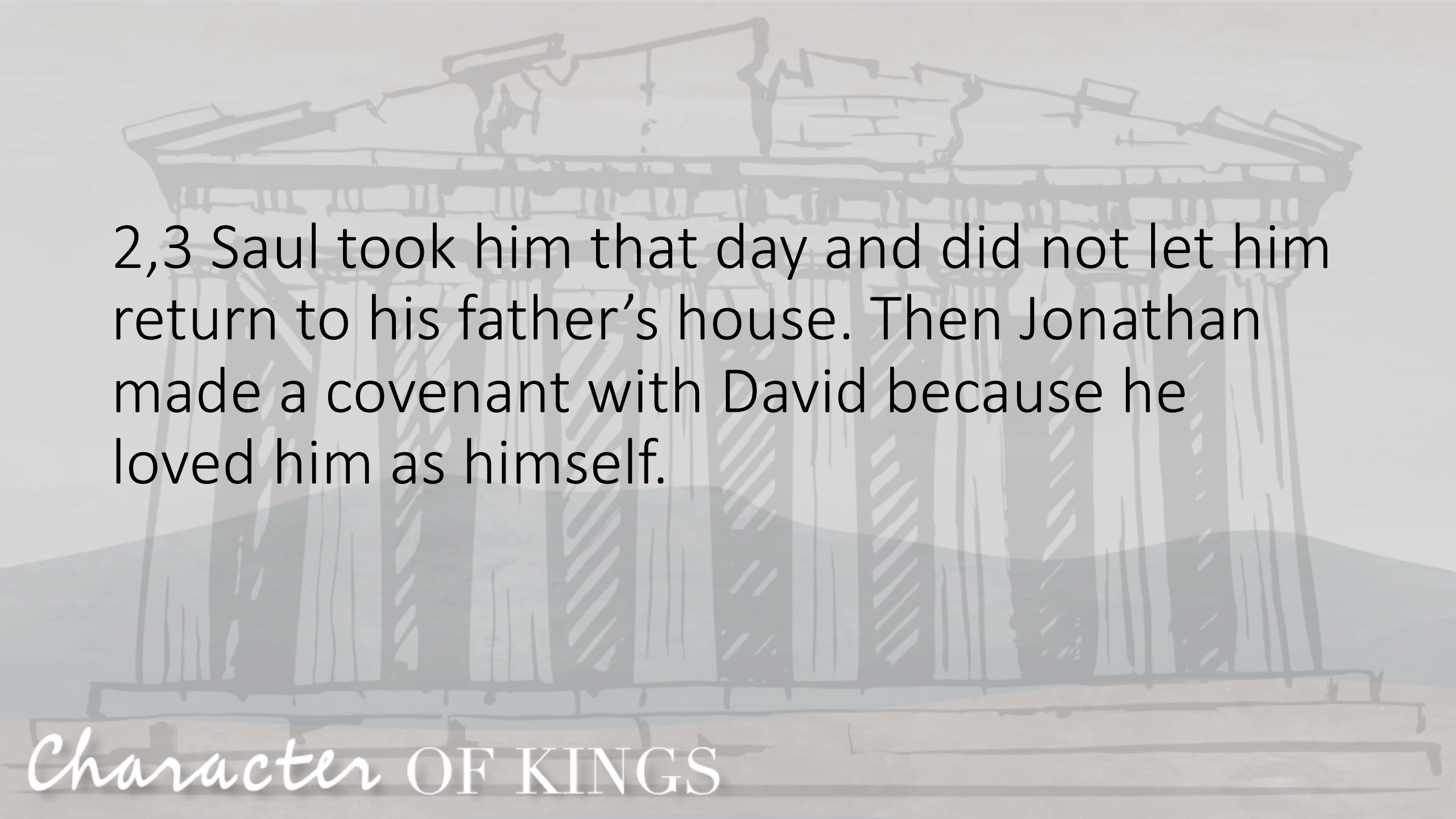
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2,3 Saul took him that day and did not let him return to his father's house. Then Jonathan made a covenant with David because he loved him as himself.

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Friendship is a Gift

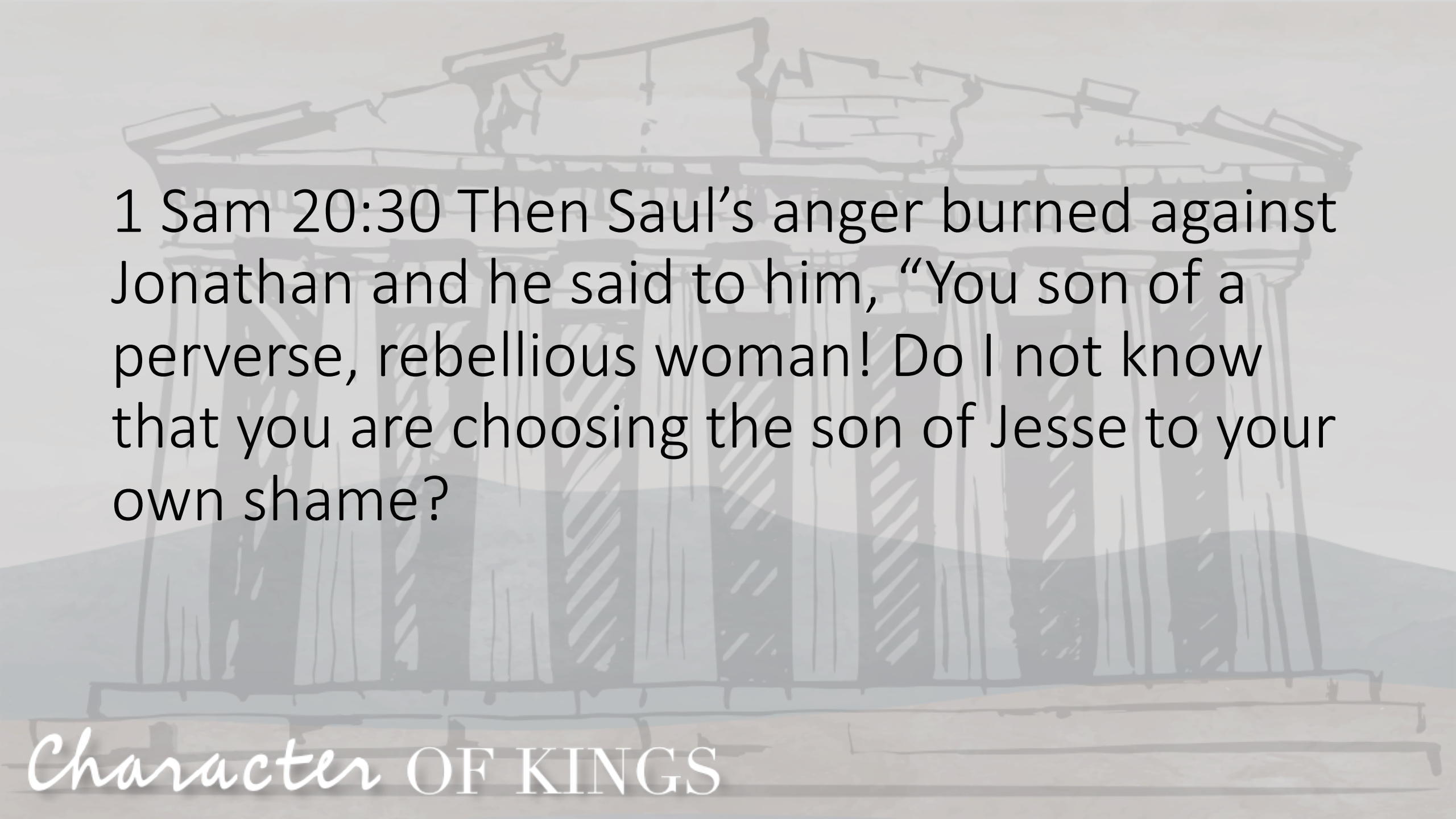
- Deserved = salary – Undeserved = grace!
- Disciples – John 15:13-15
- Divine – Abraham believed = ‘friend’
- Direction – draws you closer to God!

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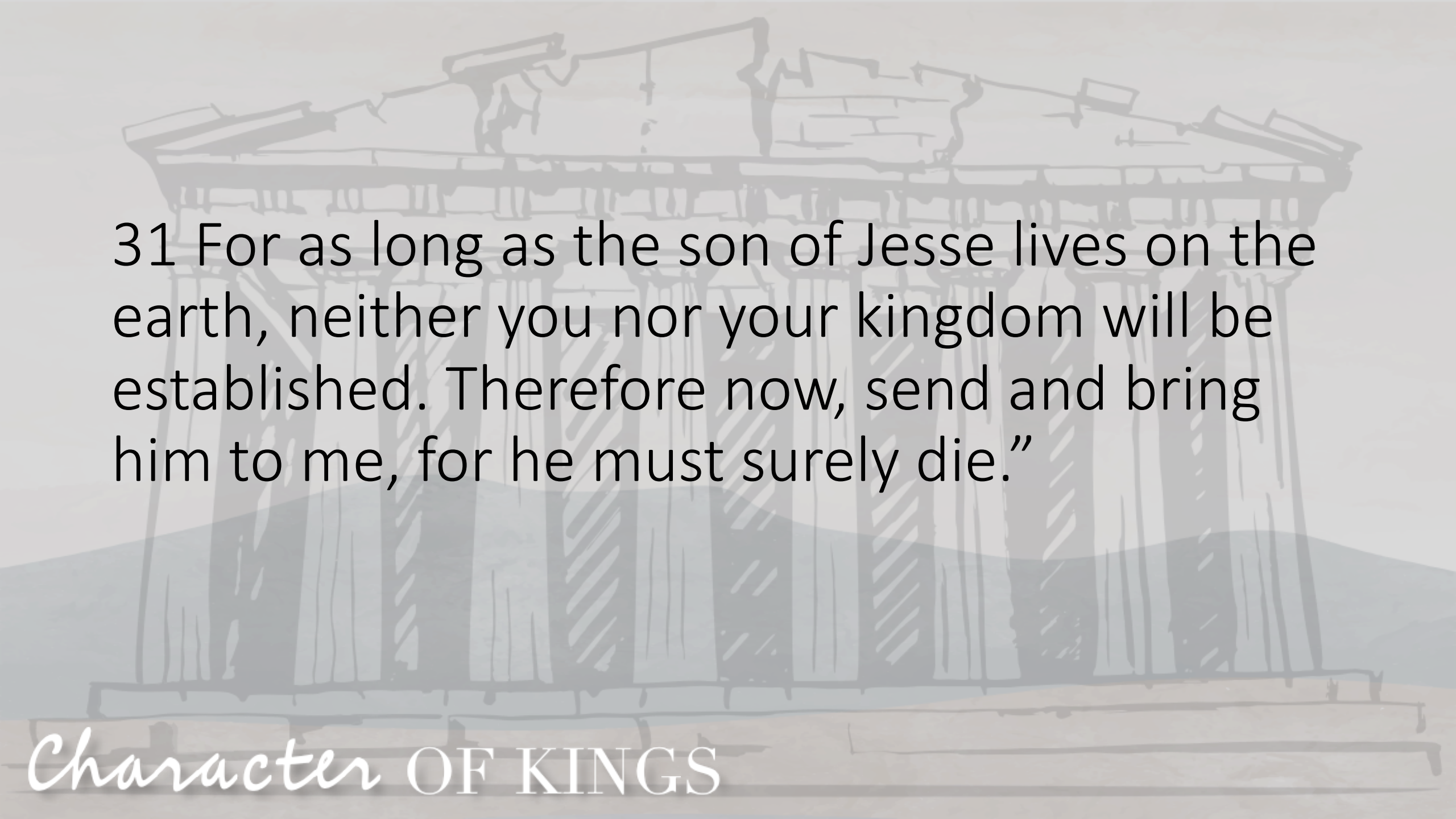
“Spiritual friendship is eagerly helping one another know, serve, love, and resemble God in deeper and deeper ways.” Tim Keller

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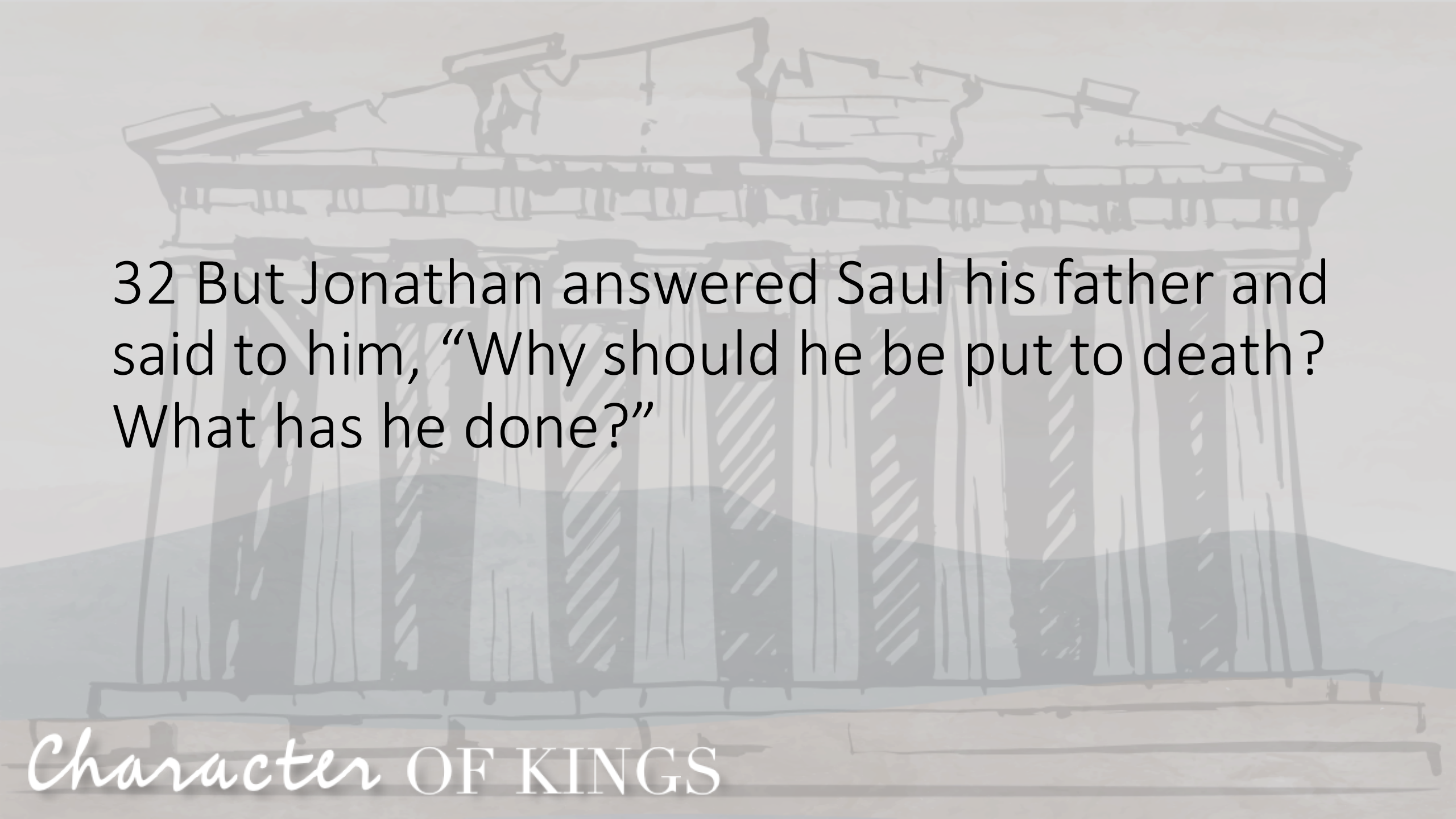
1 Sam 20:30 Then Saul's anger burned against Jonathan and he said to him, "You son of a perverse, rebellious woman! Do I not know that you are choosing the son of Jesse to your own shame?"

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31 For as long as the son of Jesse lives on the earth, neither you nor your kingdom will be established. Therefore now, send and bring him to me, for he must surely die.”

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32 But Jonathan answered Saul his father and said to him, “Why should he be put to death? What has he done?”

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Friendship is True

- David spared Saul in a cave – Ein Gedi
- David fled rather than fight Saul
- David loved Jonathan despite Saul's hatred
- Jonathan spared David by warning him (20:12)
- ***“A true friend loves at all times.”*** Prov 17:17

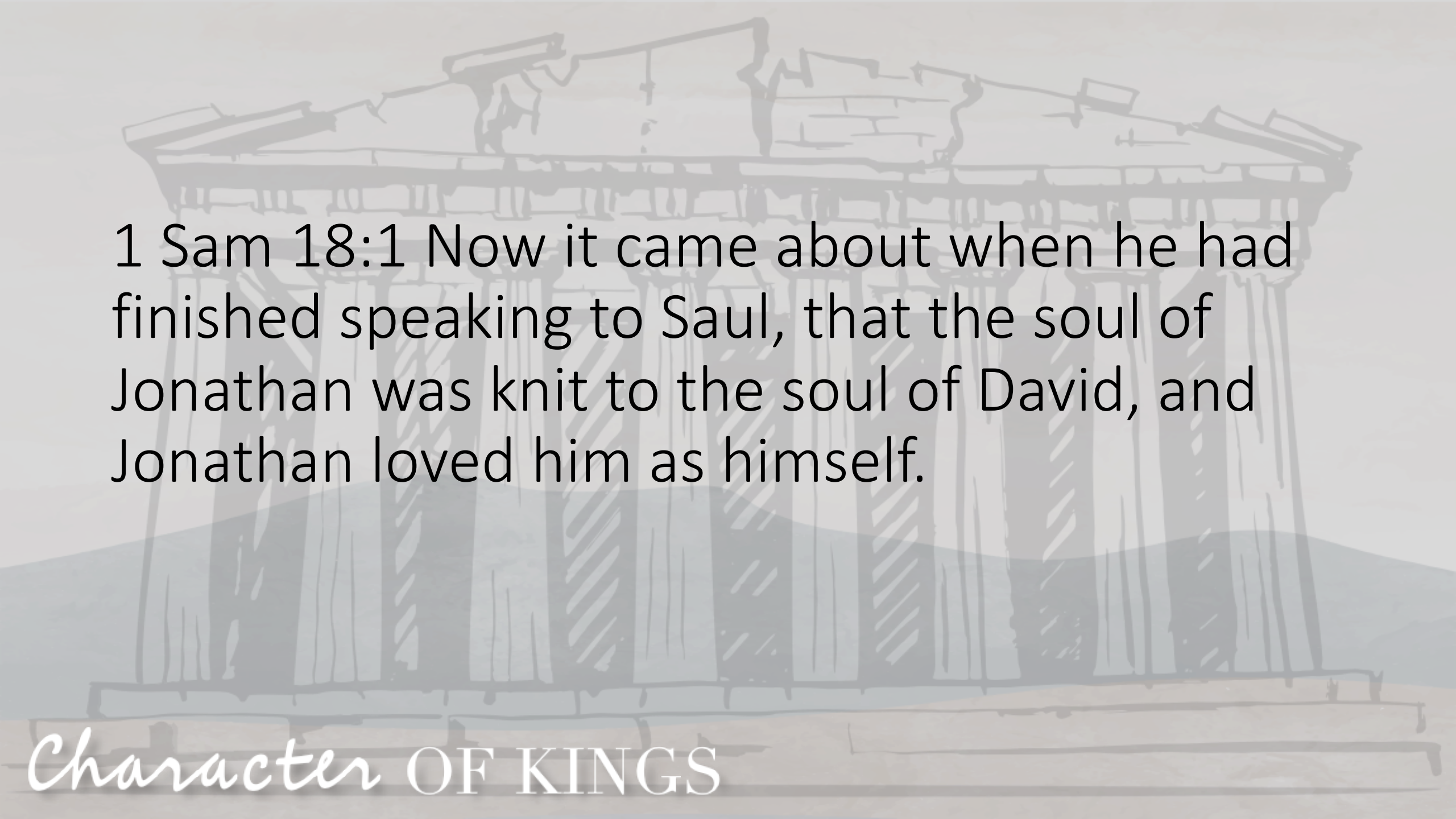
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“True friends face in the same direction,
toward common projects, interests, goals.”

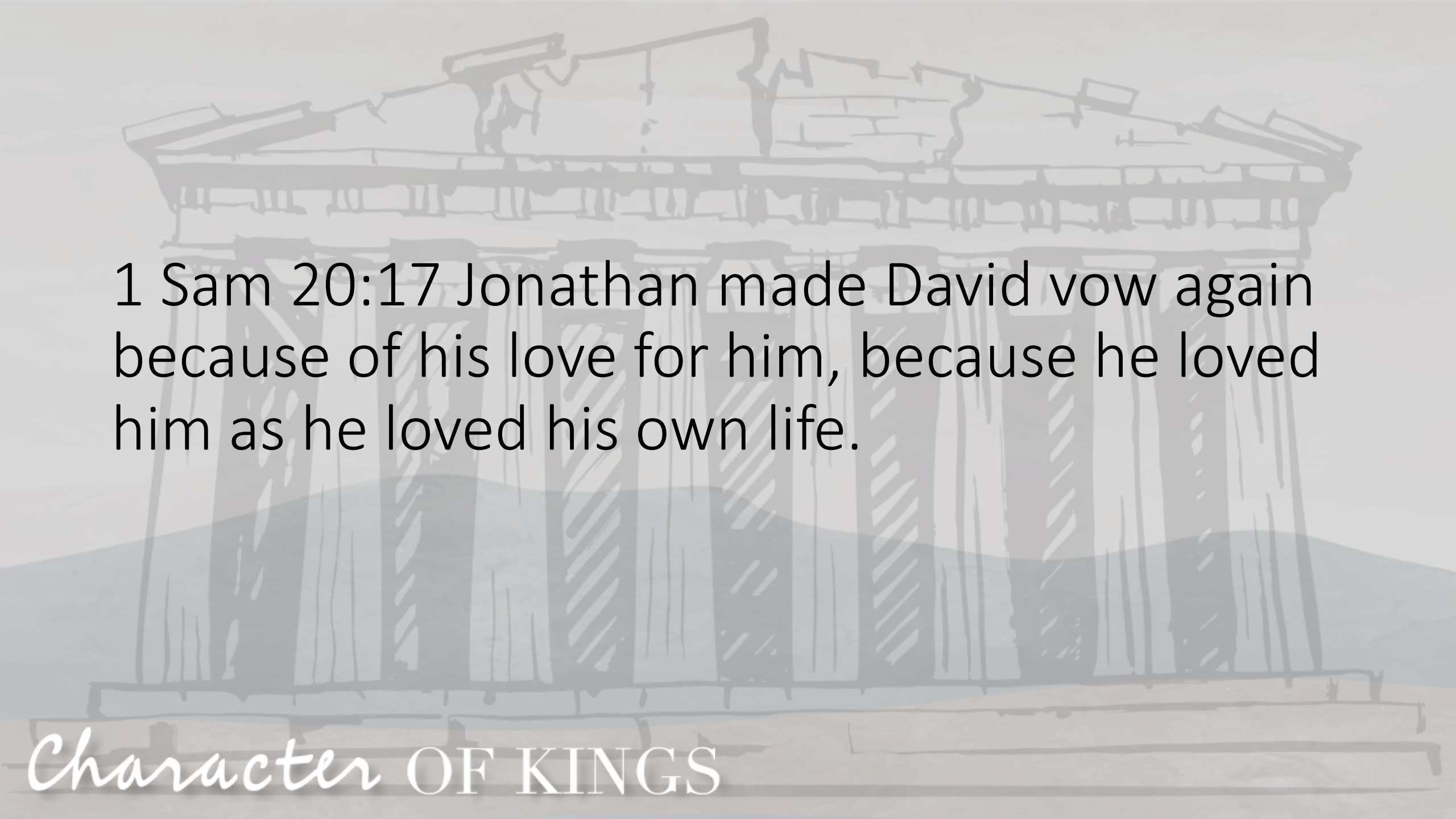
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1 Sam 20:17 Jonathan made David vow again
because of his love for him, because he loved
him as he loved his own life.

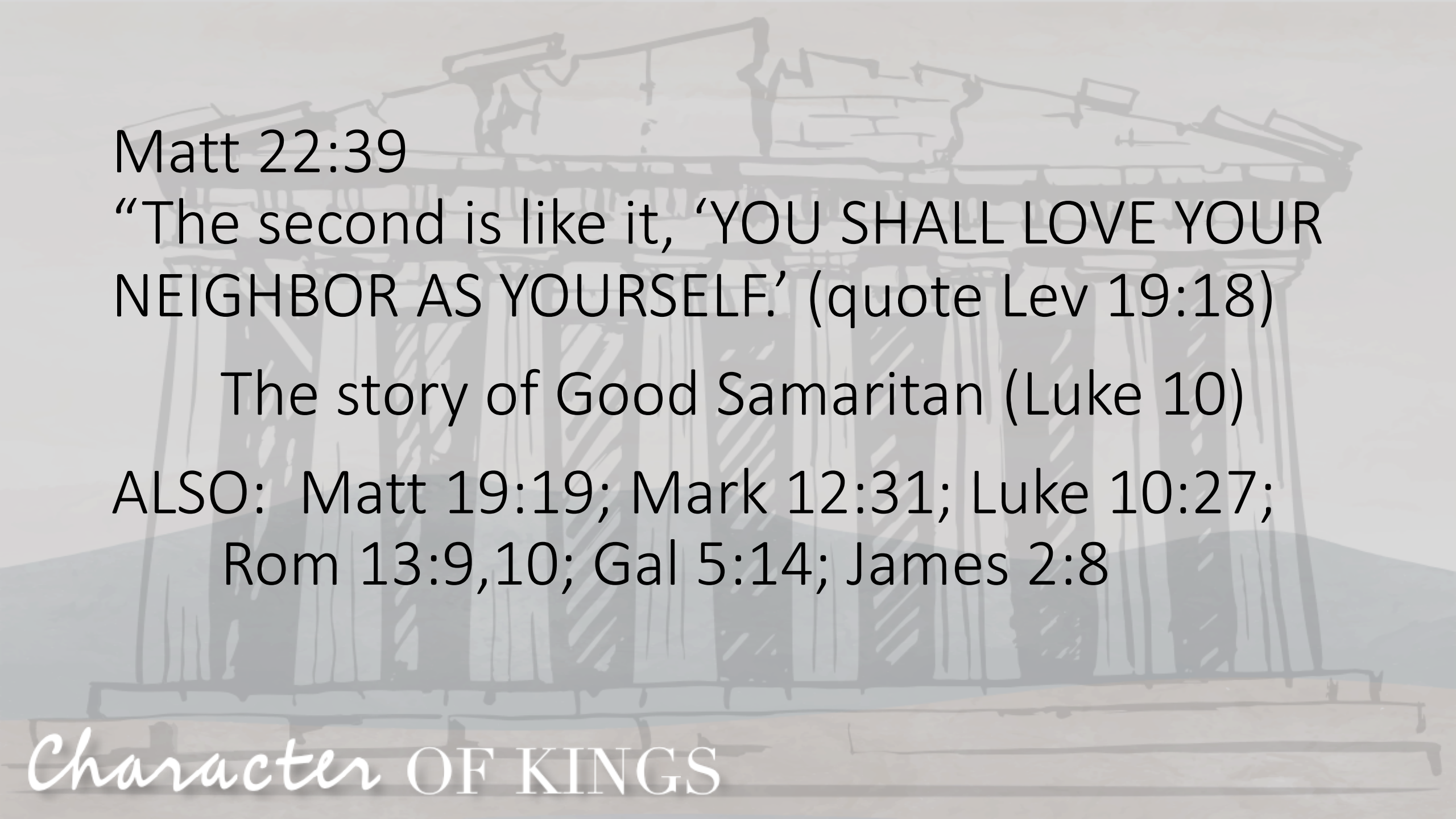
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John 15:13

“Greater love has no one than this, that one lay down his life for his friends.”

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Matt 22:39

“The second is like it, ‘YOU SHALL LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR AS YOURSELF.’ (quote Lev 19:18)

The story of Good Samaritan (Luke 10)

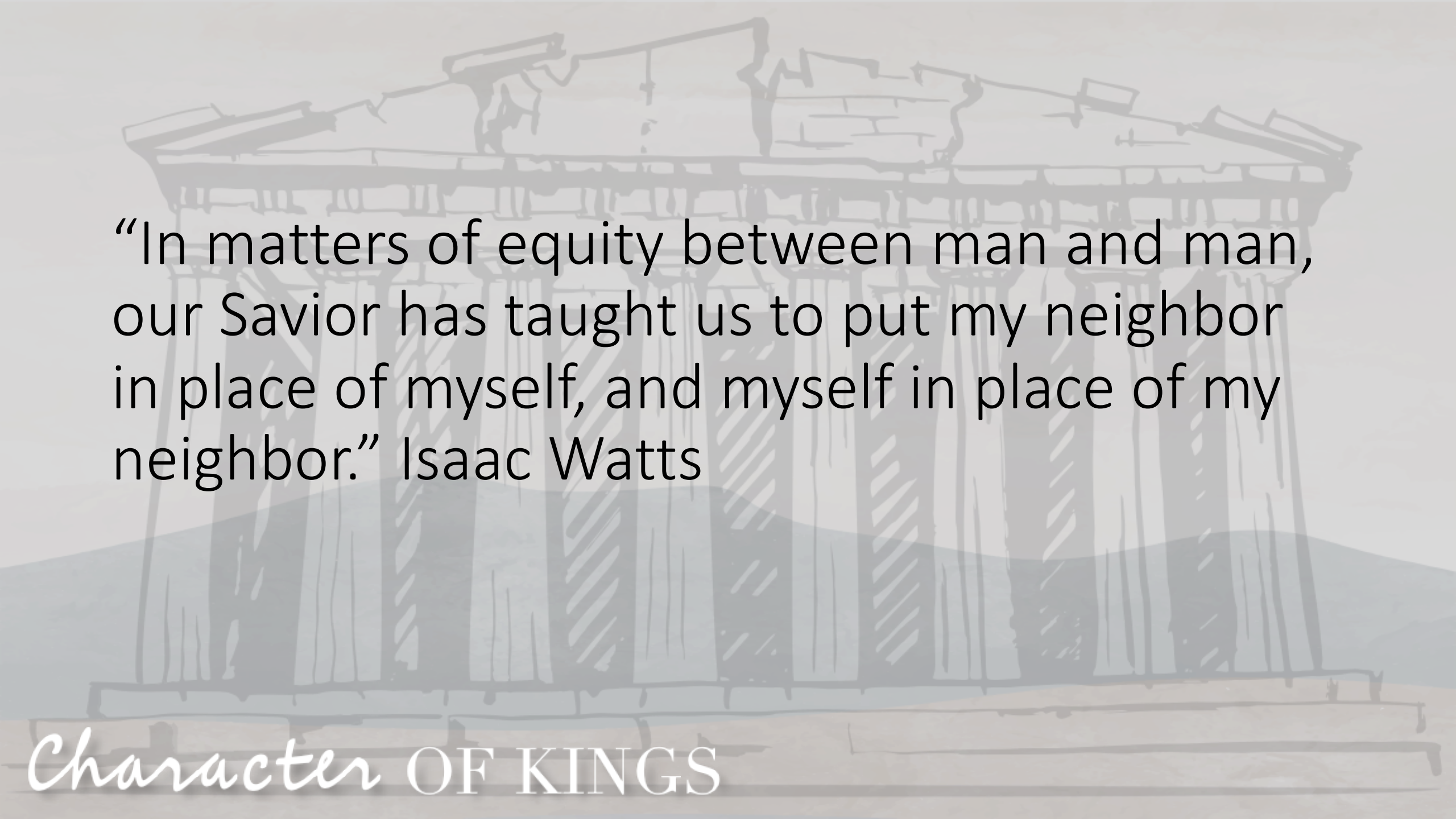
ALSO: Matt 19:19; Mark 12:31; Luke 10:27;
Rom 13:9,10; Gal 5:14; James 2:8

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Friendship is Loving

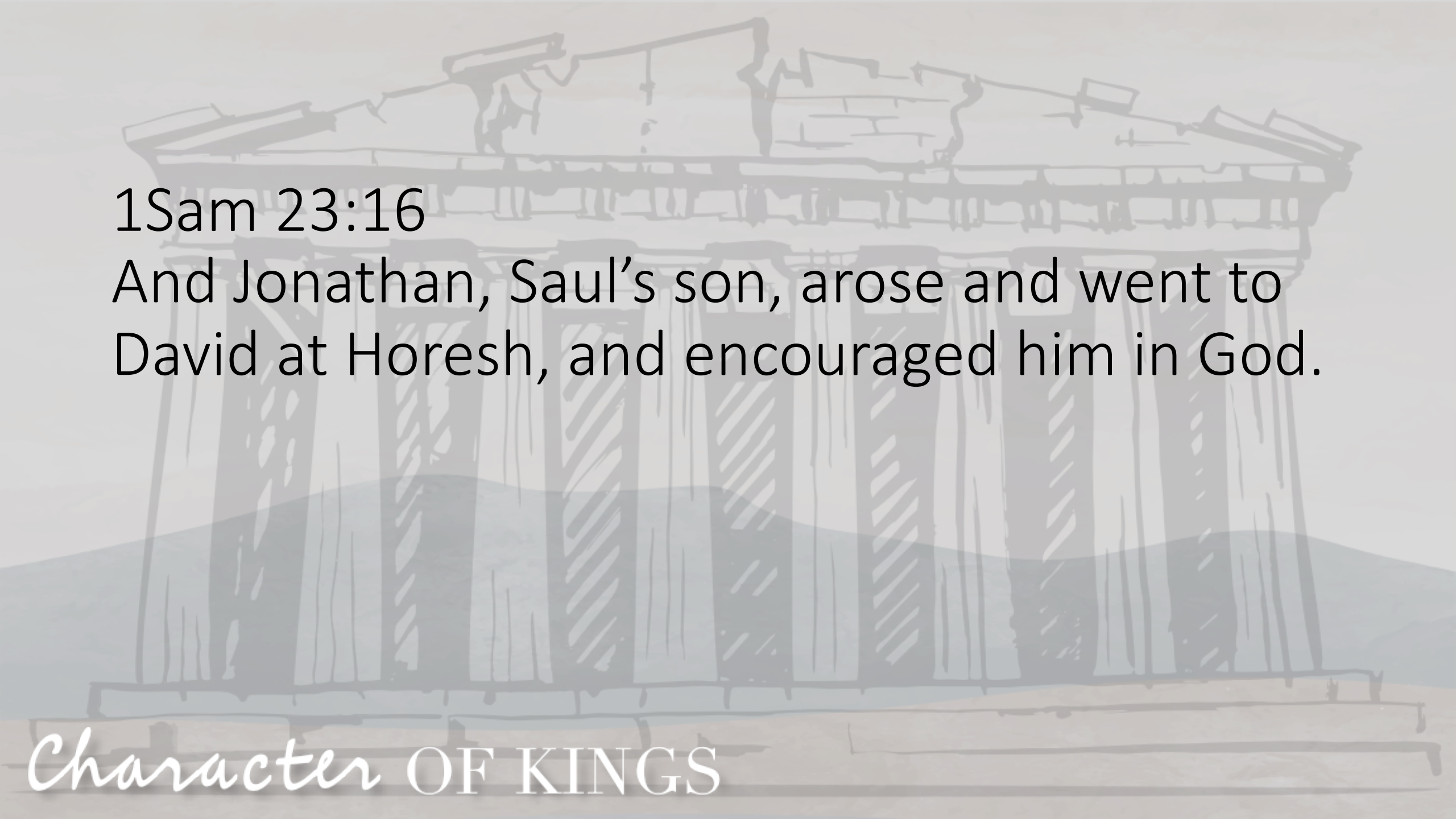
- Unconditional – no terms
- Unilateral – even if it is all one sided
- Sacrificial – at any cost!

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“In matters of equity between man and man,
our Savior has taught us to put my neighbor
in place of myself, and myself in place of my
neighbor.” Isaac Watts

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1Sam 23:16

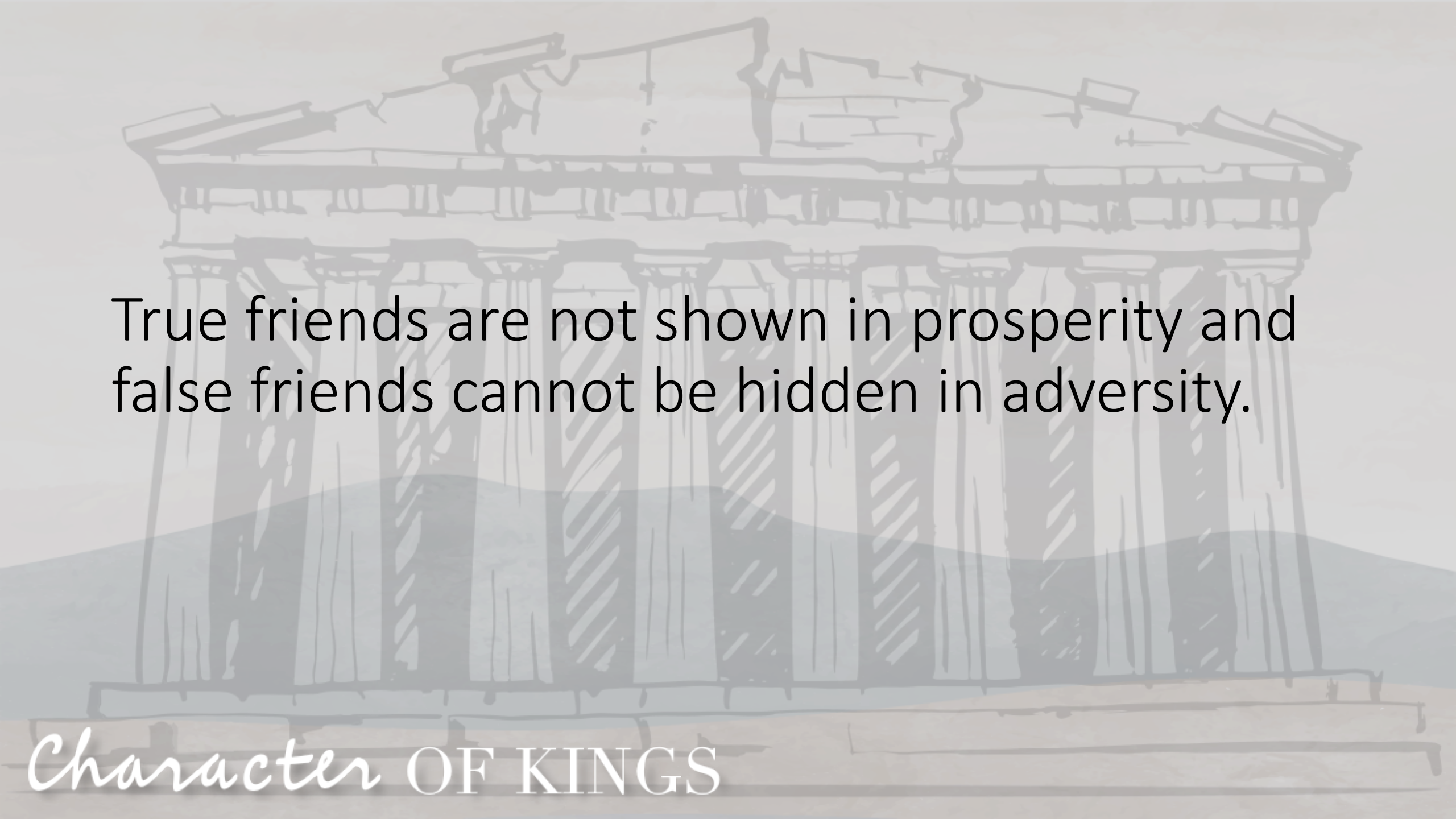
And Jonathan, Saul's son, arose and went to David at Horesh, and encouraged him in God.

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Friendship is Strengthening

- ‘to strengthen, prevail, harden, be strong, become strong, be courageous, be firm, grow firm, be resolute’ (BDB)
- How are you ‘strengthening’ your friends?
- How are your friends ‘strengthening’ you?

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True friends are not shown in prosperity and
false friends cannot be hidden in adversity.

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Friends and Family

- God chooses family
- We choose friends
 - Gift we give each other
 - True and Faithful
 - Biblical Love - SELFLESS LIVING!
 - Strengthening friends: bi-directional!

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“It the best to be with those in time, that we hope to be within eternity.” Thomas Fuller

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