

The Power of Covenant

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Covenant is one of the most theologically important words in the Bible, appearing more than 250 times in the Old Testament.

Truth:

Covenant is the foundation of our faith and epicenter of what we understand about our relationship with GOD,

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Believers do not understand
biblical covenant.

Truth:

Our concept of God and our faith

in

what He will do for us is directly

related to our understanding of

Truth:

GOD is a GOD of COVENANT.

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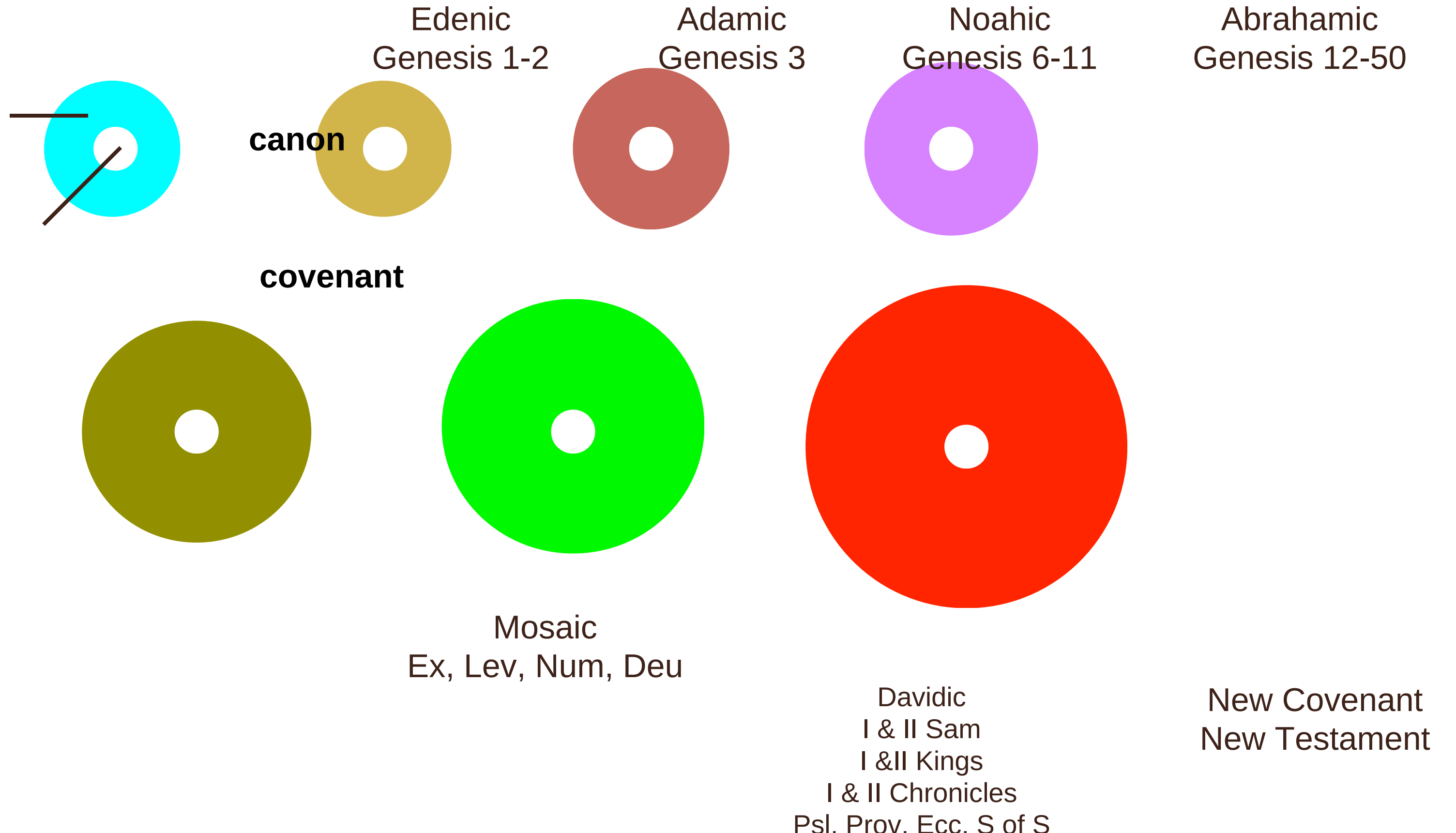
Everything God did, does, was
and is
is based on COVENANT.

Truth:

Your Bible is a book of
covenants.



7 Primary Covenants



Truth:

Your relationship in Jesus is a
covenant.





Covenant

['kə-və-nənt]

A promise, agreement, or contract between two parties.





Generally speaking, we see a **covenant** is as a **contract**.



Contracts deal with the exchange of goods and/or services
and can be broken if the other party defaults.





My covenant **I will not break, nor
alter** the word that has gone out

Psalm 89:34 NKJV
of My lips.

break [*halal*]:

violate; dishonor; profane; defile;
pollute

Then the Angel of the Lord
came up from Gilgal to Bochim,
and said: “I led you up from
Egypt and brought you to the
land of which I swore to your
fathers; and I said, ‘I will never
break My covenant with you.’”

Judges 2:1 NKJV

break *[para]*:

frustrate; violate; make
ineffectual

This often-spoken
statement is false:

“God can do anything He
wants to do.”

AMAZING LOVE

THE STORY OF HOSEA



Hosea 1:2

...the Lord
began to
speak by
Hosea, the

He has given food to those who
fear Him; He will ever be mindful
Psalm 111:5 NKJV
(remember) of His covenant.

7 He is the Lord our God; His judgments are in all the earth.

8 He remembers His covenant forever, The word which He commanded, for a thousand generations

remember [*zakar*]:
recall; bring to mind

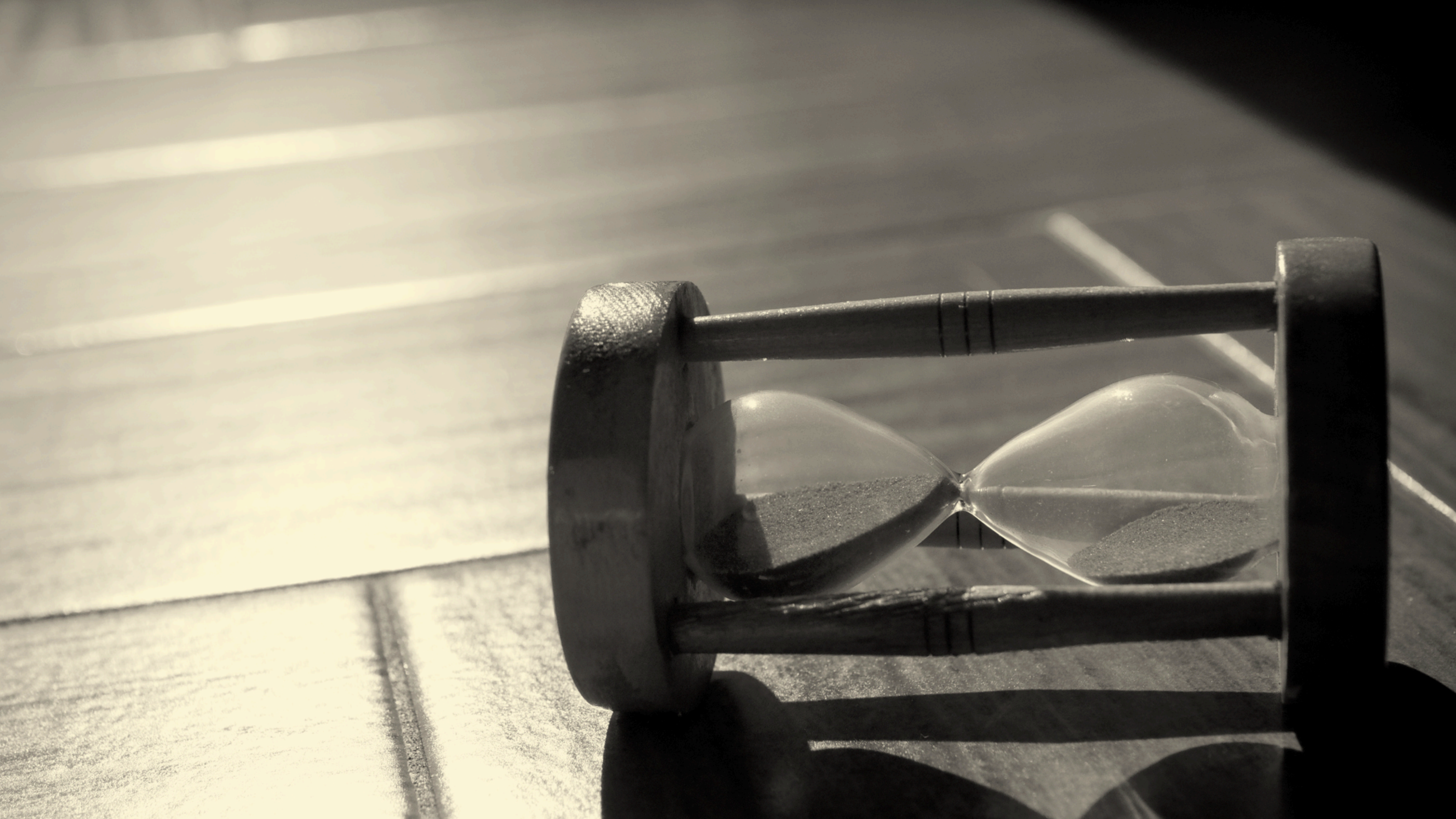
to mark; to mention

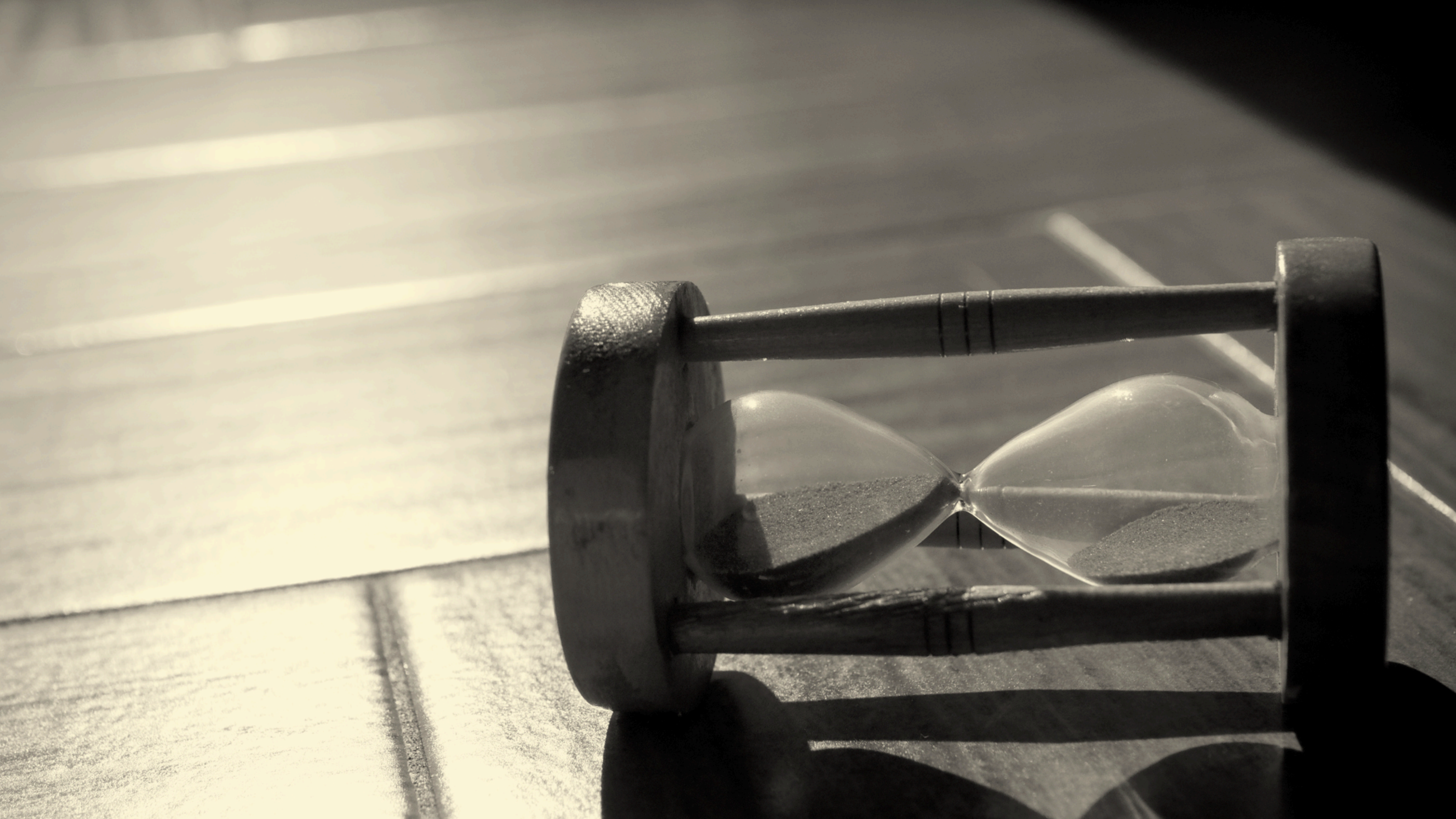
to recall and then act upon

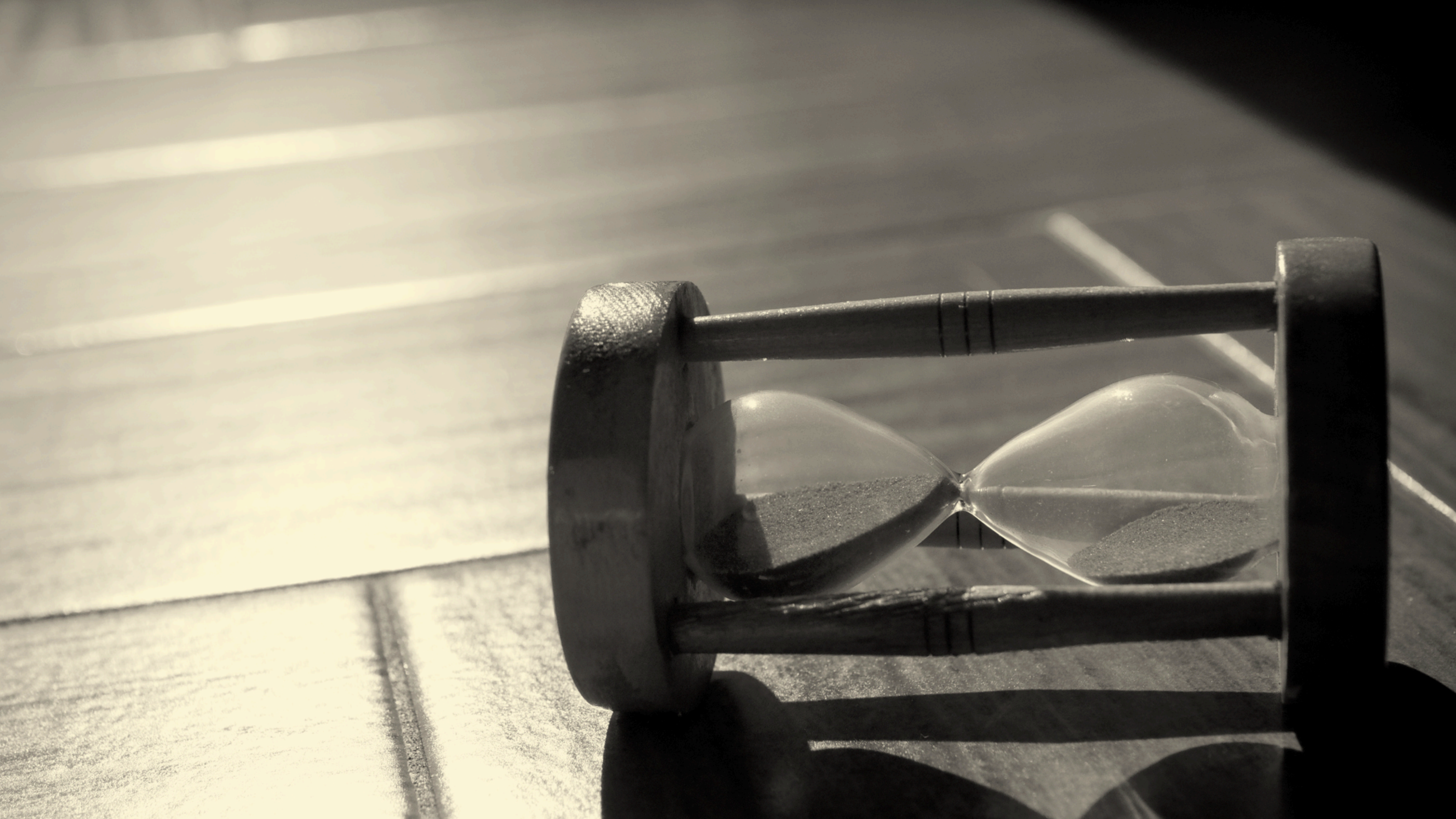


Therefore know that the Lord
your God, He is God, the faithful
God who Deuteronomy 7:9 NKJV **keeps covenant** and
mercy for a thousand
generations with those who love
Him and keep His

keeps [*samar*]:
guard; observe; give heed







GREEK: *diatheke*
testament

to order or **dispose** for oneself or
another

HEBREW: *beriyth / berith*
a compact; made by cutting

[compact: to join or pack closely

A working definition of COVENANT:

“A covenant is a binding, unbreakable obligation between two parties, based on unconditional love sealed by blood and sacred oath, that creates a relationship in which each party is bound by specific undertakings on each other’s behalf. The parties to the covenant place themselves under the penalty of divine retribution should they later attempt to avoid those undertakings. It is a relationship that can only be broken in death.”

continuing:

“The parties to the covenant place themselves under the penalty of divine retribution should they later attempt to avoid those undertakings. It is

“A covenant is far above a contract. It is the giving of one’s whole person and life to another and the wholehearted receiving of that other person and his or her life.”

The Power of the Blood Covenant, Malcolm Smith

“The preferred meaning of this Old Testament word is **bond**; a covenant refers to two or more parties **bound together.**”

With covenant, God **binds** Himself to
man.

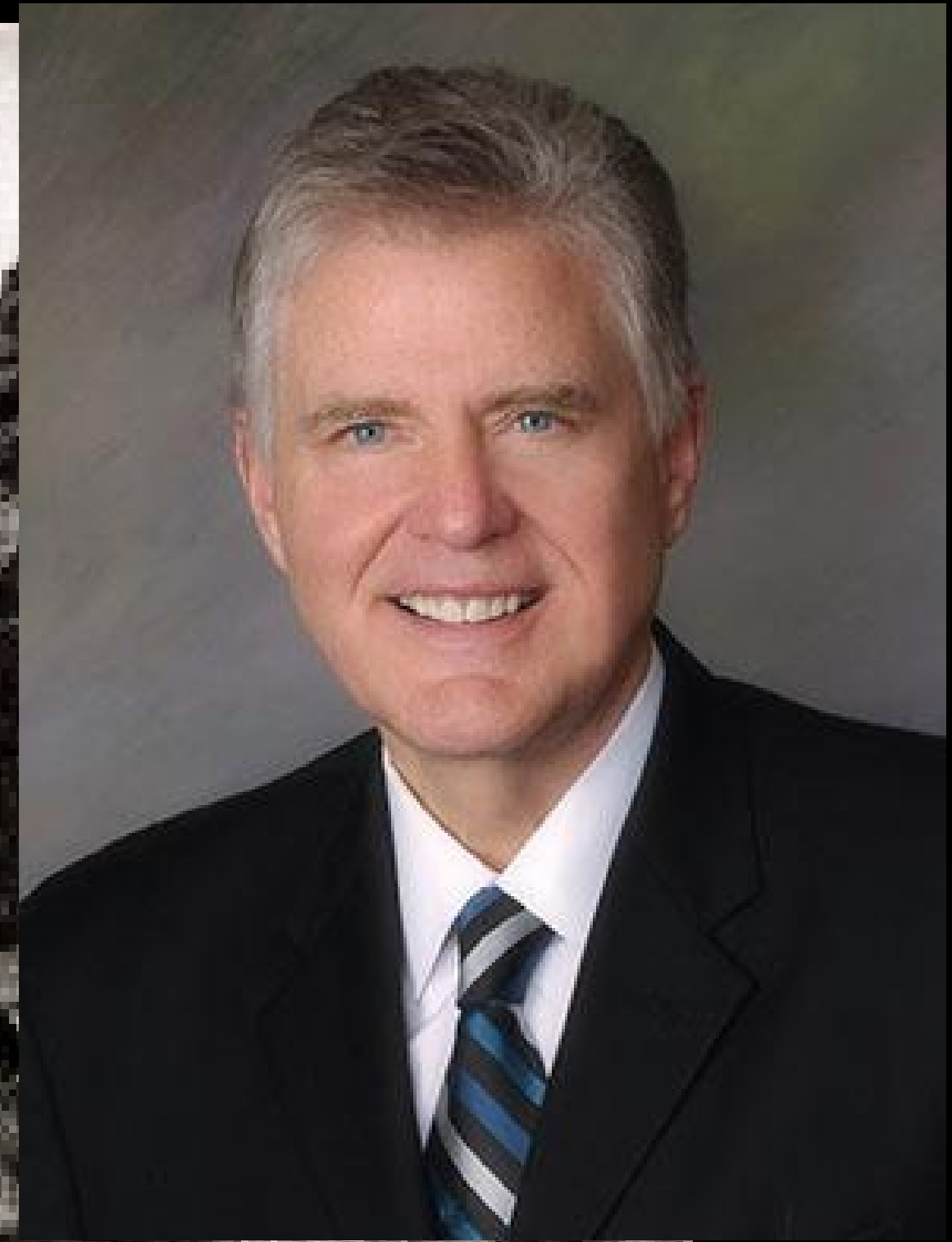
God chose to bind Himself to
man.

God said,
“I am **binding** Myself to you.”



“In the culture of
Abram, it was
common for tribal
chiefs or heads of
city-states to enter
into covenants or
alliances with one

James L. Garlow



Genesis 12:1-3

- 1 Now the Lord had said to Abram:
“Get out of your country, From your family
And from your father’s house, To a land
that I will show you.
- 2 I will make you a great nation; I will
bless you And make your name great; And
you shall be a blessing.
- 3 I will bless those who bless you, And I
will curse him who curses you;
**And in you all the families of the earth
shall be blessed.”**



Genesis 12:3

“...And in
you all the
families of





Both representatives walked to
and fro twice between the
pieces
in a figure-8

“May I suffer the same fate as these animals if I fail to keep my covenant with you.”

“I am putting a death threat on Myself if I do not keep this



For when God made a promise to Abraham,
because He could swear by no one greater,
He swore by Himself.
Hebrews 6:13



It came to
pass, when
the sun went
down and it
was dark that
behold, there
appeared
a smoking pot





Hebrews 13:5b, *The Amplified Bible*

...for He [God] Himself has said,
I will not in any way fail you {nor}
give you up {nor} leave you

