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REAL FAITH IN THE REAL WORLD

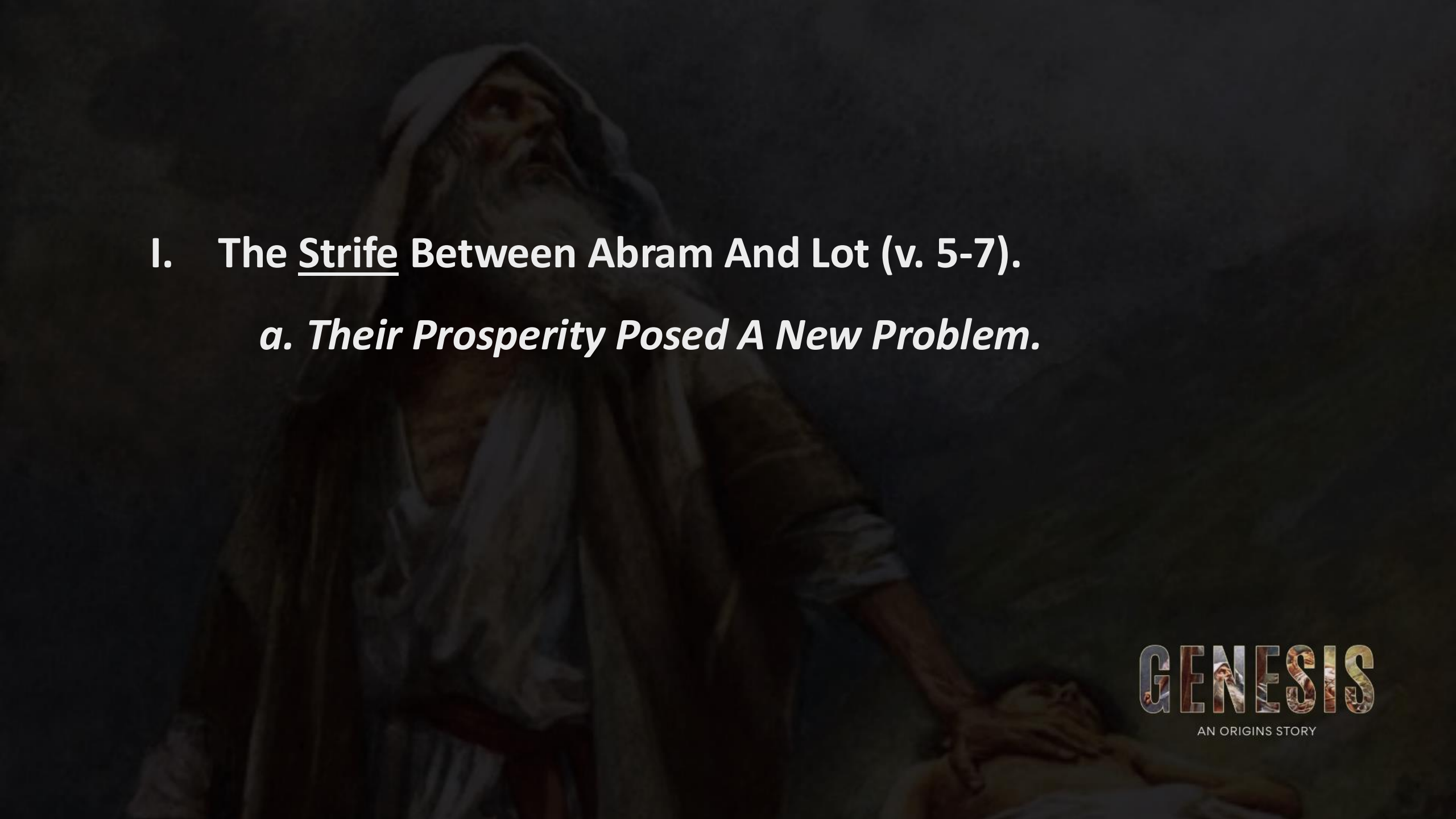
Genesis 13:5-18



I. *The Strife Between Abram And Lot (v. 5-7).*

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a. Their Prosperity Posed A New Problem.

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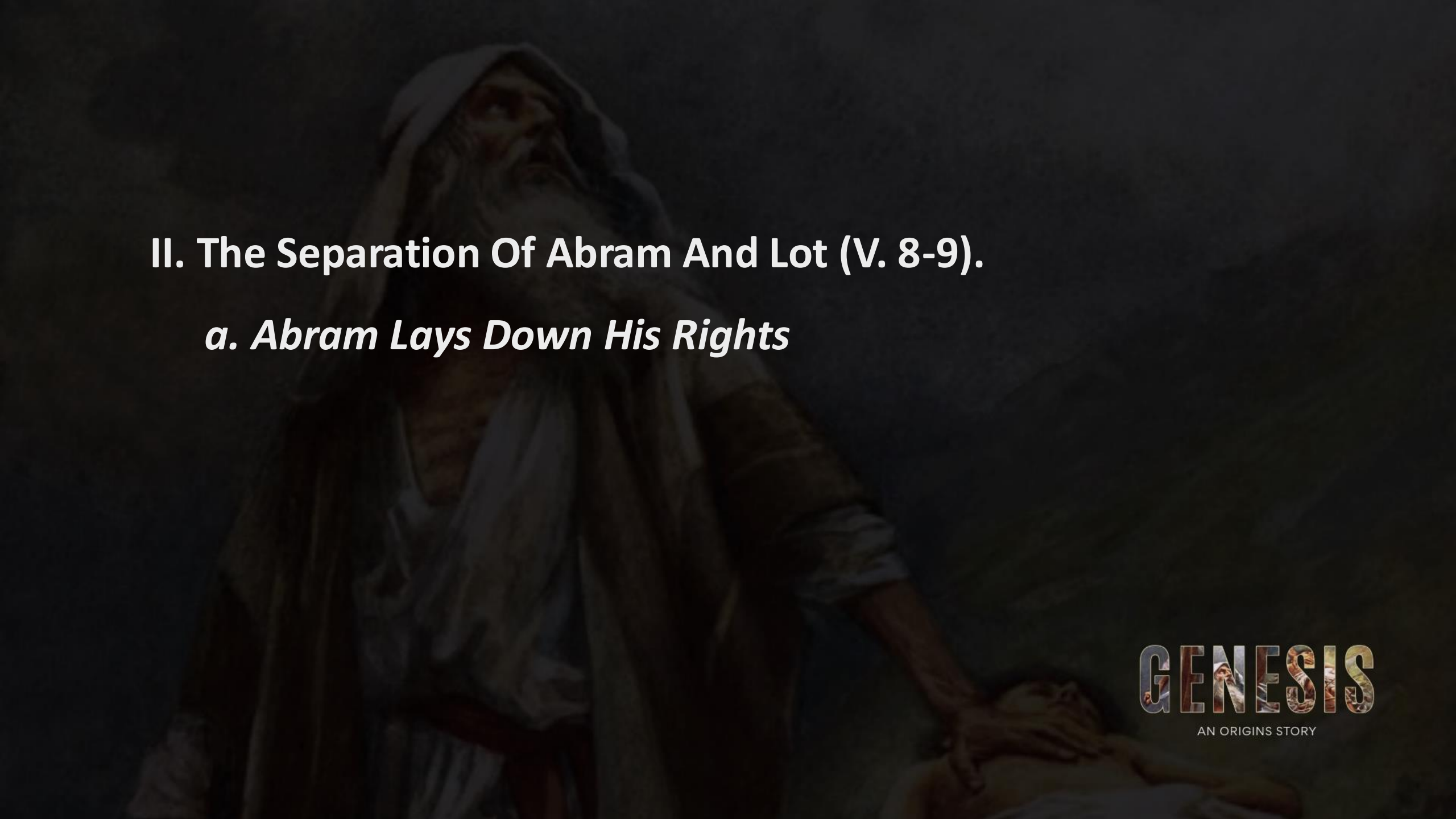
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II. The Separation Of Abram And Lot (V. 8-9).

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a. Abram Lays Down His Rights

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“Nowadays many of us live in increasingly litigious societies, particularly in the West. We need to pause and ask ourselves: do we always have to get our rights? Some people think so, with the result that both in families and in the Church brothers and sisters go to law with each other without any thought of the potential hurt and damage that is highly likely to ensure. Their wrangling usually only succeeds in undermining the credibility of the Church. Some of us have witnessed the tragedy of whole families tearing themselves to pieces over a disputed inheritance, or even over what they imagined their parents’ intentions were. A sense of unfairness, if allowed to become rancorous, can be deadly.”

- John Lennox,
Friend of God: The Inspiration of Abraham
In An Age of Doubt

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III. The Sight of Abram and Lot (v. 10-18).

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a. Lot Sees In The Jordan Valley The Garden Of The Lord

-- An Echo Of Eden.

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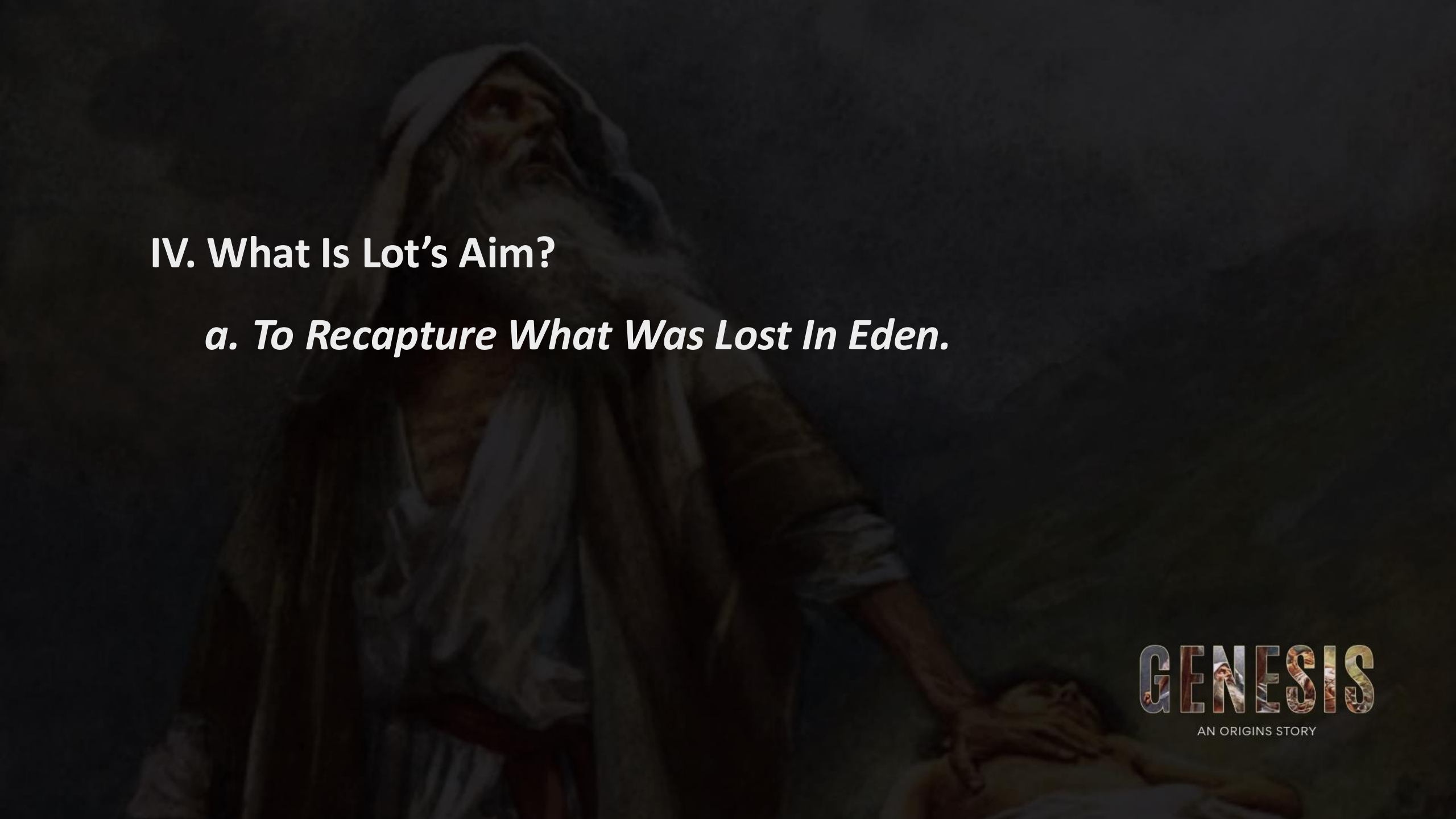
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IV. What Is Lot's Aim?

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IV. What Is Lot's Aim?

a. To Recapture What Was Lost In Eden.

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IV. What Is Lot's Aim?

- a. To Recapture What Was Lost In Eden.
- b. *What Was Lost? A Deep Understanding Of Who We Are.*

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V. What Is Abram's Aim?

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a. To Live Out The Call Of God On His Life.

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V. What Is Abram's Aim?

- a. To Live Out The Call Of God On His Life.
- b. *God's Call On His Life Became The Foundational Piece Of His Life.*

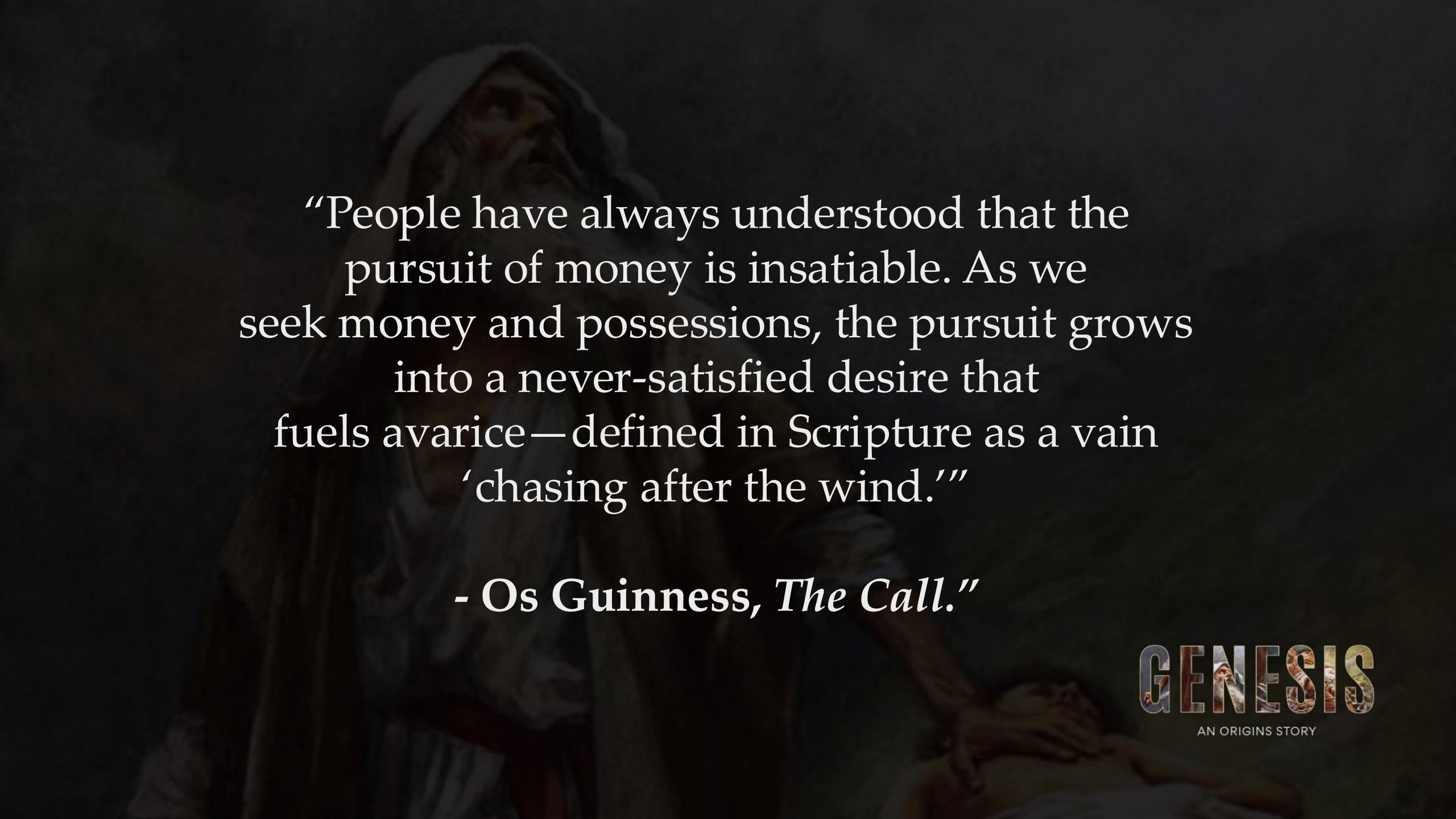
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i. Freed Him From Being Blinded By Wealth Or Status.

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“People have always understood that the pursuit of money is insatiable. As we seek money and possessions, the pursuit grows into a never-satisfied desire that fuels avarice—defined in Scripture as a vain ‘chasing after the wind.’”

- Os Guinness, *The Call.*”

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i. Freed Him From being Blinded by Wealth or Status.

ii. Freed Him to Think Purposefully.

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ii. Freed Him to Think Purposefully.

iii. *Freed Him to Live Creatively.*

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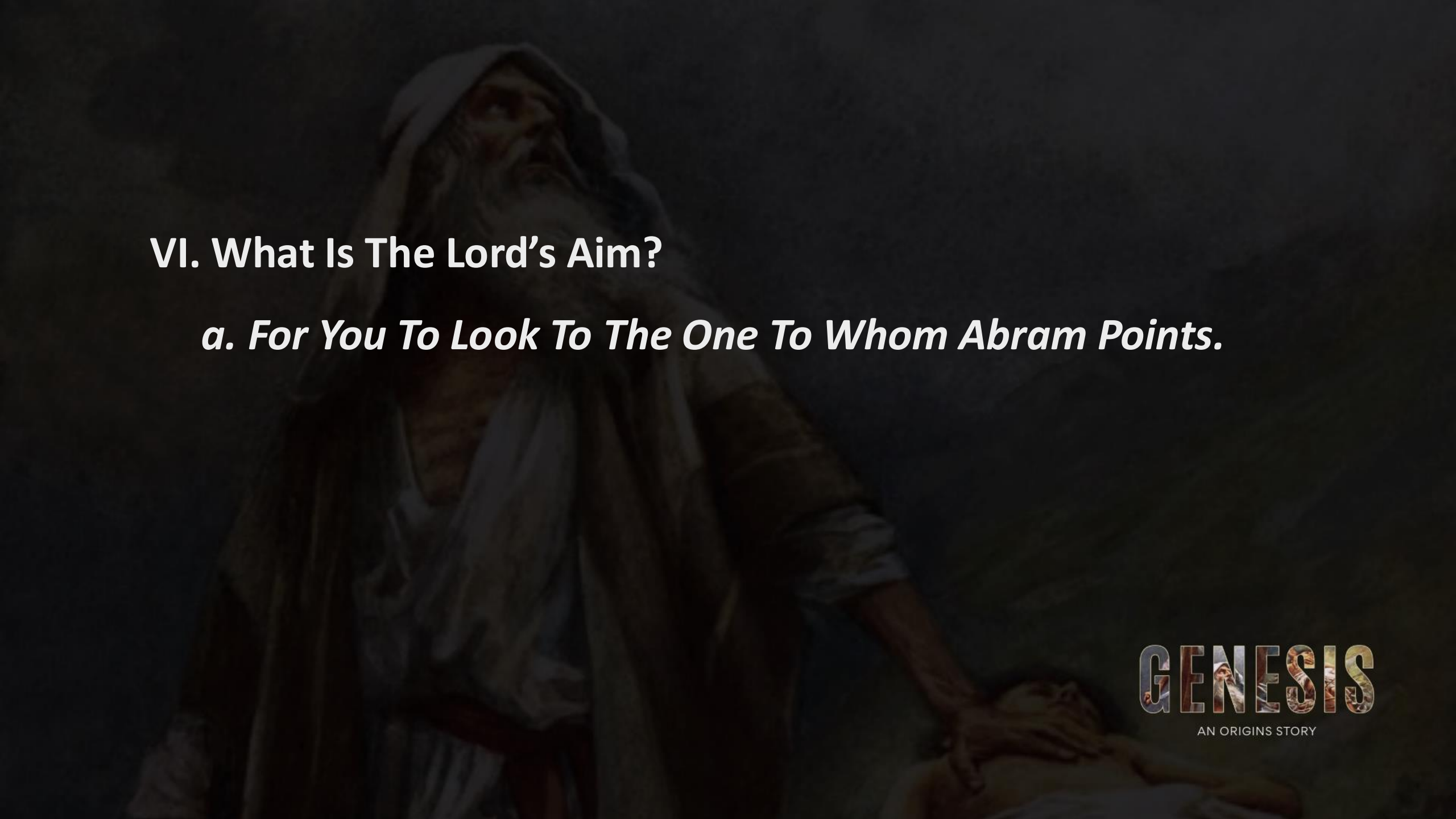
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VI. What Is The Lord's Aim?

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a. For You To Look To The One To Whom Abram Points.

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VI. What Is The Lord's Aim?

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*b. Jesus Christ Who Laid Aside His Rights To Enter Into
Relationship With You.*

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“Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. Therefore, God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.”

- Philippians 2:5-11

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