

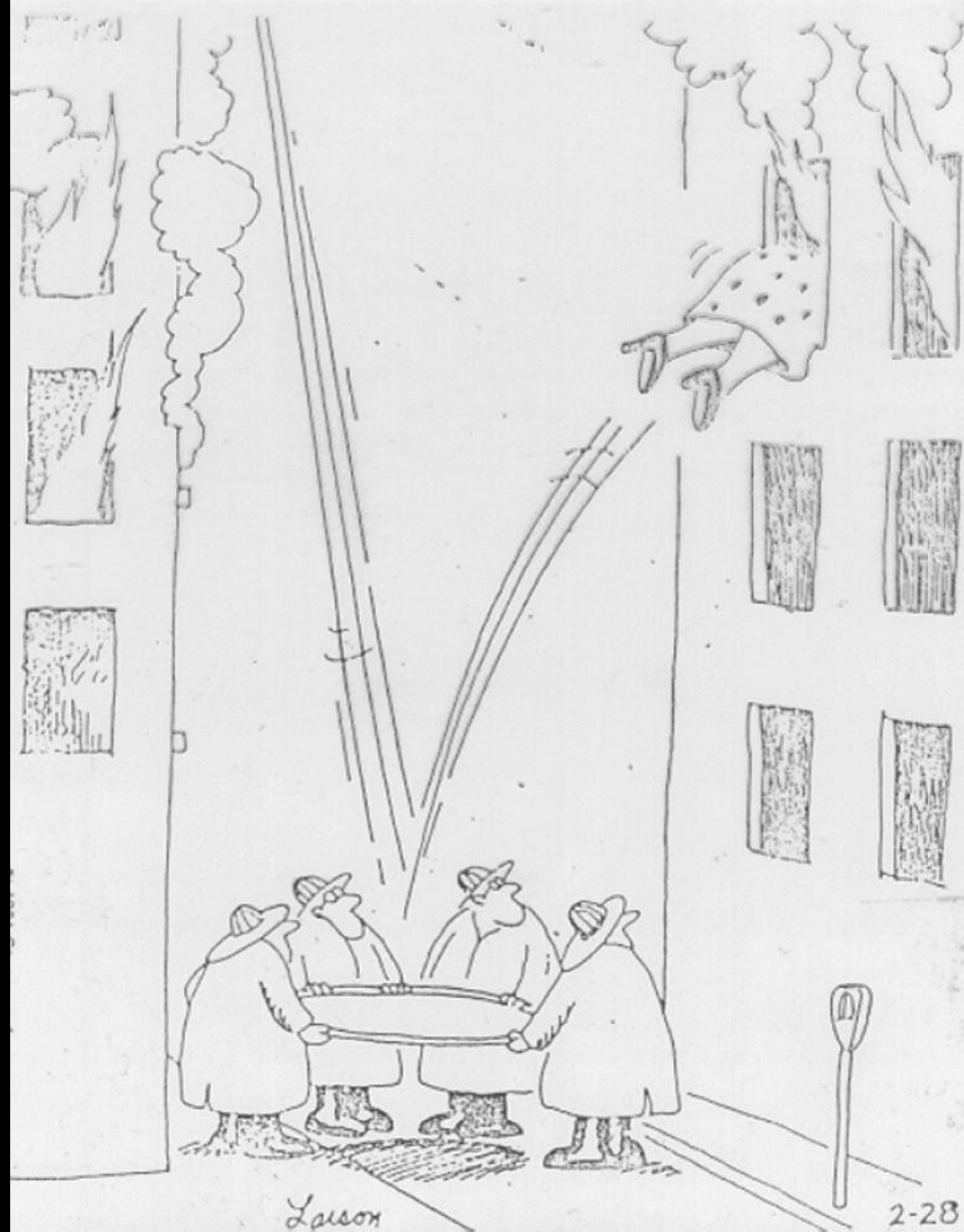
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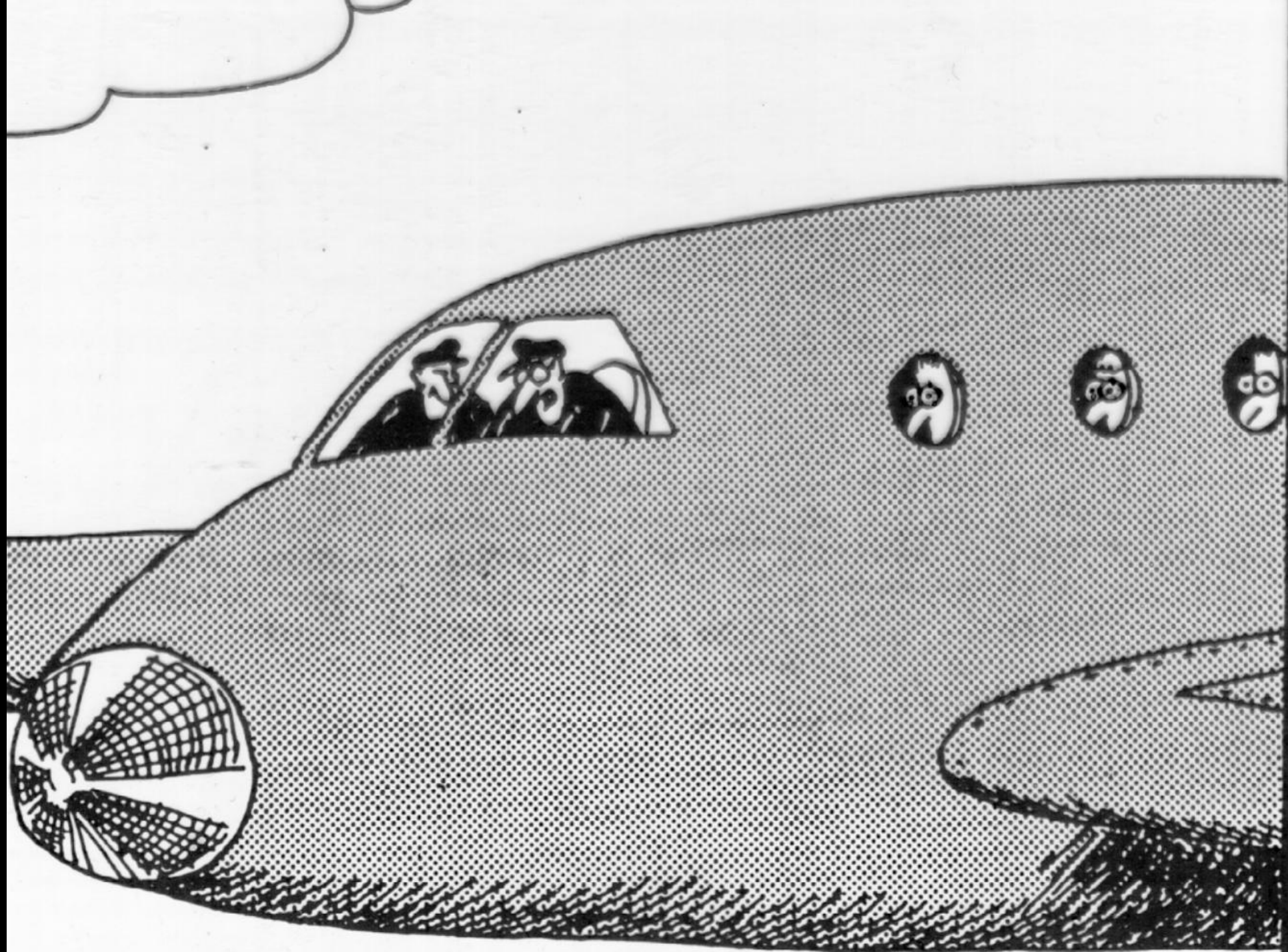
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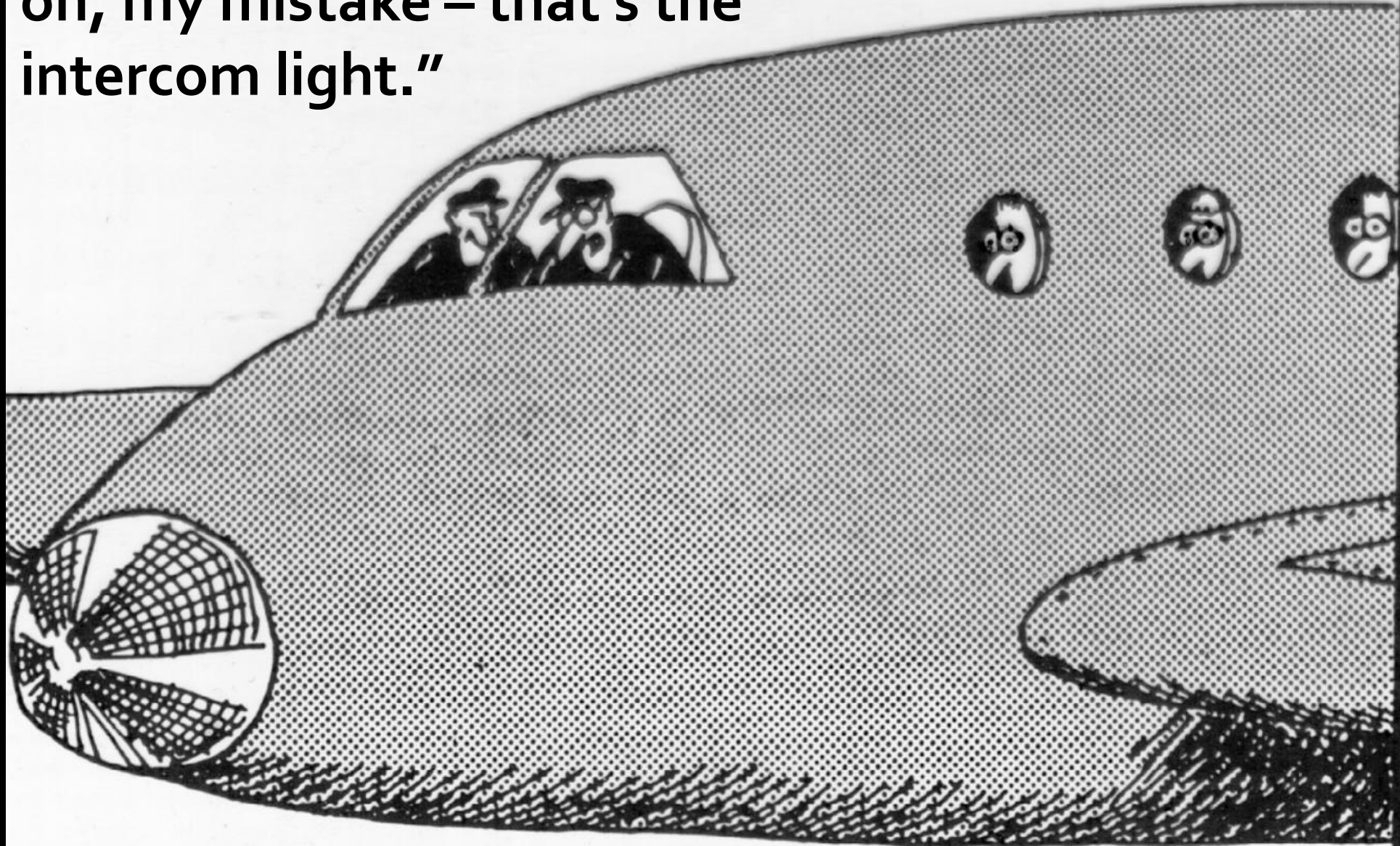
A coastal scene at sunset. On the left, a white, two-story house with a dark roof sits on wooden stilts atop a rocky cliff. The house has several windows and a chimney. The foreground is a sandy beach with wet sand reflecting the sunset. The ocean is visible in the distance, with waves breaking. The sky is filled with dark, dramatic clouds, and the sun is low on the horizon, creating a warm, golden glow. The text "How narrative works" is overlaid in the center in a large, white, sans-serif font.

How narrative works



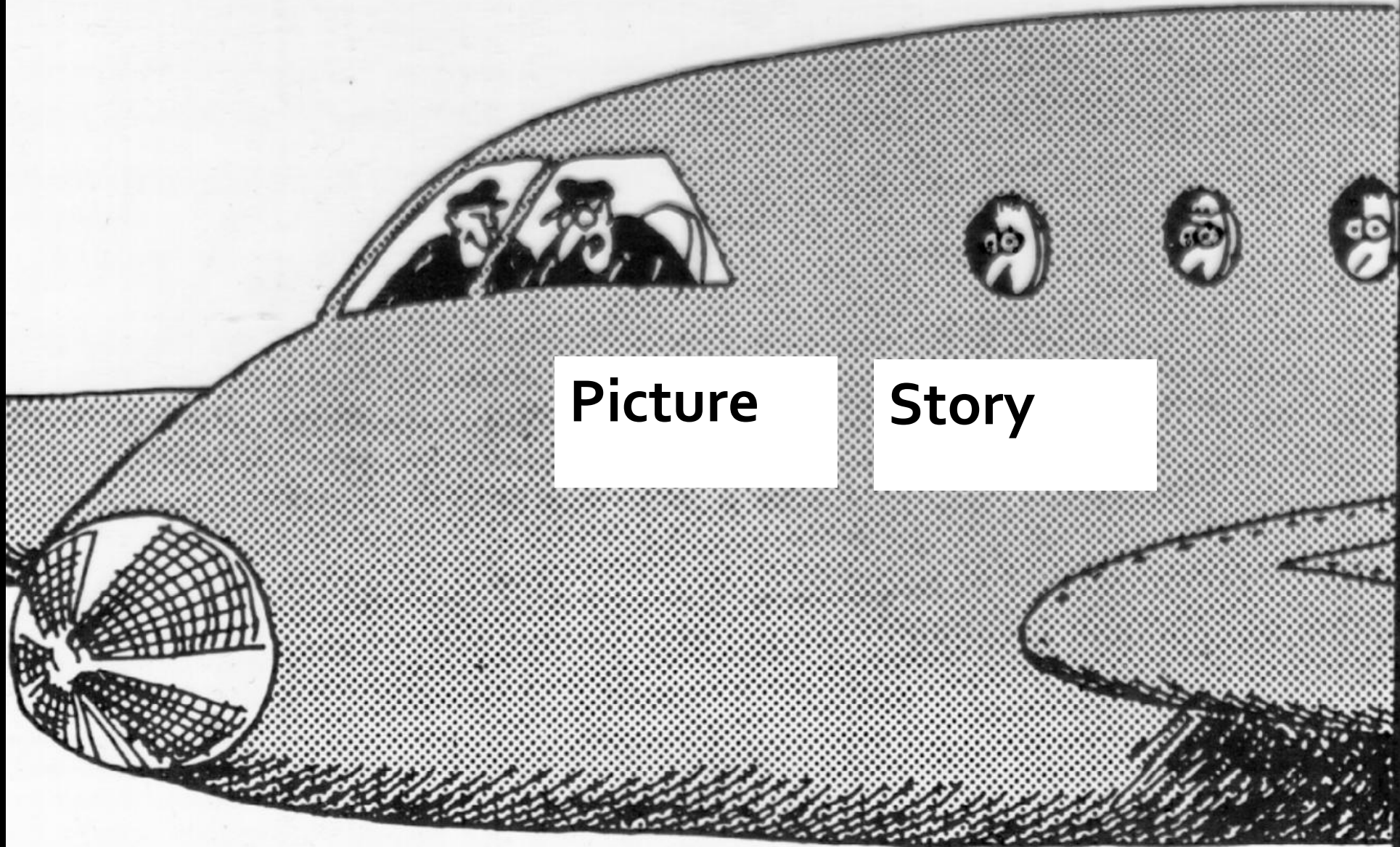


“The fuel light’s on, Frank! We’re all going to die!... We’re all going to die! ... Wait, wait ... oh, my mistake – that’s the intercom light.”



Caption

Truth



Picture

Story

Hannah's Song: The Caption Over the Whole Story

***"The Lord kills and makes alive;
He brings down to the grave and brings up.
The Lord makes poor and makes rich;
He brings low and lifts up..."***

'For by strength no man shall prevail.'"

- 1 Samuel 2:6-9



Hannah's Song: The Caption Over the Whole Story

“And the Lord said to Samuel, ‘Heed the voice of the people in all that they say to you; for they have not rejected you, but they have rejected Me, that I should not reign over them.’”

- 1 Samuel 8:7

“For man looks at the outward appearance, but the Lord looks at the heart.”

- 1 Samuel 16:7

David's Rise

Humility reflects God's Kingdom.

2 Samuel 1-9

“So David knew that the Lord had established him as king over Israel, and that He had exalted His kingdom for the sake of His people Israel.”

- 2 Samuel 5:12

“Then David danced before the Lord with all his might; and David was wearing a linen ephod.

- 2 Samuel 6:14

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The background image is a coastal scene during the "blue hour" of sunset or sunrise. On the left, a white, two-story house with a dark roof sits on a rocky outcrop. The foreground is a sandy beach with some shallow water reflecting the sky. The sky is filled with dark, dramatic clouds, with a bright, golden glow from the sun just below the horizon line.

The Davidic Covenant

Promise bigger than David.

2 Samuel 7

“When your days are fulfilled and you rest with your fathers, I will set up your seed after you, who will come from your body, and I will establish his kingdom.

He shall build a house for My name, and I will establish the throne of his kingdom forever. I will be his Father, and he shall be My son. If he commits iniquity, I will chasten him with the rod of men and with the blows of the sons of men...

**“But My mercy shall not depart from him,
as I took it from Saul, whom I removed from
before you. And your house and your kingdom
shall be established forever before you.
Your throne shall be established forever.”**

- 2 Samuel 7:12-16

David's Fall

The King's pride threatens the people.

2 Samuel 10-20

**“In the spring of the year,
at the time when kings go out to battle...
David remained in Jerusalem.”**

- 2 Samuel 11:1

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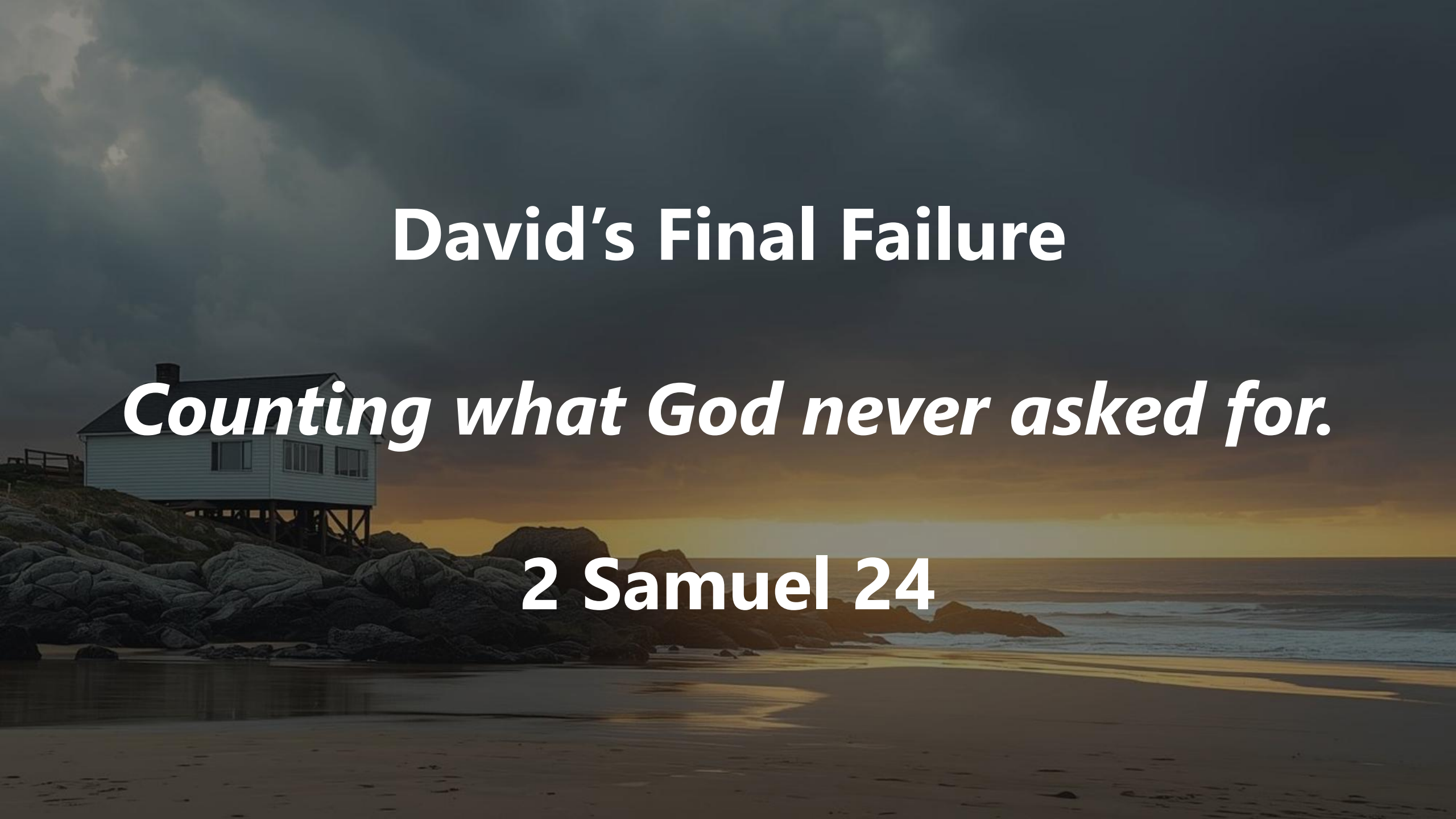
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David's Final Failure

Counting what God never asked for.

2 Samuel 24



**“And Joab said to the king,
‘Now may the Lord your God add to the people a
hundred times more than there are,
and may the eyes of my lord the king see it.
But why does my lord the king desire this thing?’”**

- 2 Samuel 24:3

A coastal scene at sunset or sunrise. In the foreground, a sandy beach is wet, reflecting the low sun. To the left, a small white house with a dark roof sits on a rocky outcrop. The sky is filled with dark, dramatic clouds, with a bright glow on the horizon where the sun is setting or rising. The overall mood is somber and reflective.

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2 Samuel 24

“And David’s heart condemned him after he had numbered the people. So David said to the Lord, ‘I have sinned greatly in what I have done; but now, I pray, O Lord, take away the iniquity of Your servant, for I have done very foolishly.’ Now when David arose in the morning, the word of the Lord came to the prophet Gad, David’s seer, saying, ‘Go and tell David, ‘Thus says the Lord: ‘I offer you three things; choose one of them for yourself, that I may do it to you.’”

“So Gad came to David and told him; and he said to him, ‘Shall seven years of famine come to you in your land? Or shall you flee three months before your enemies, while they pursue you? Or shall there be three days’ plague in your land? Now consider and see what answer I should take back to Him who sent me.’

“And David said to Gad, ‘I am in great distress. Please let us fall into the hand of the Lord, for His mercies are great; but do not let me fall into the hand of man.’

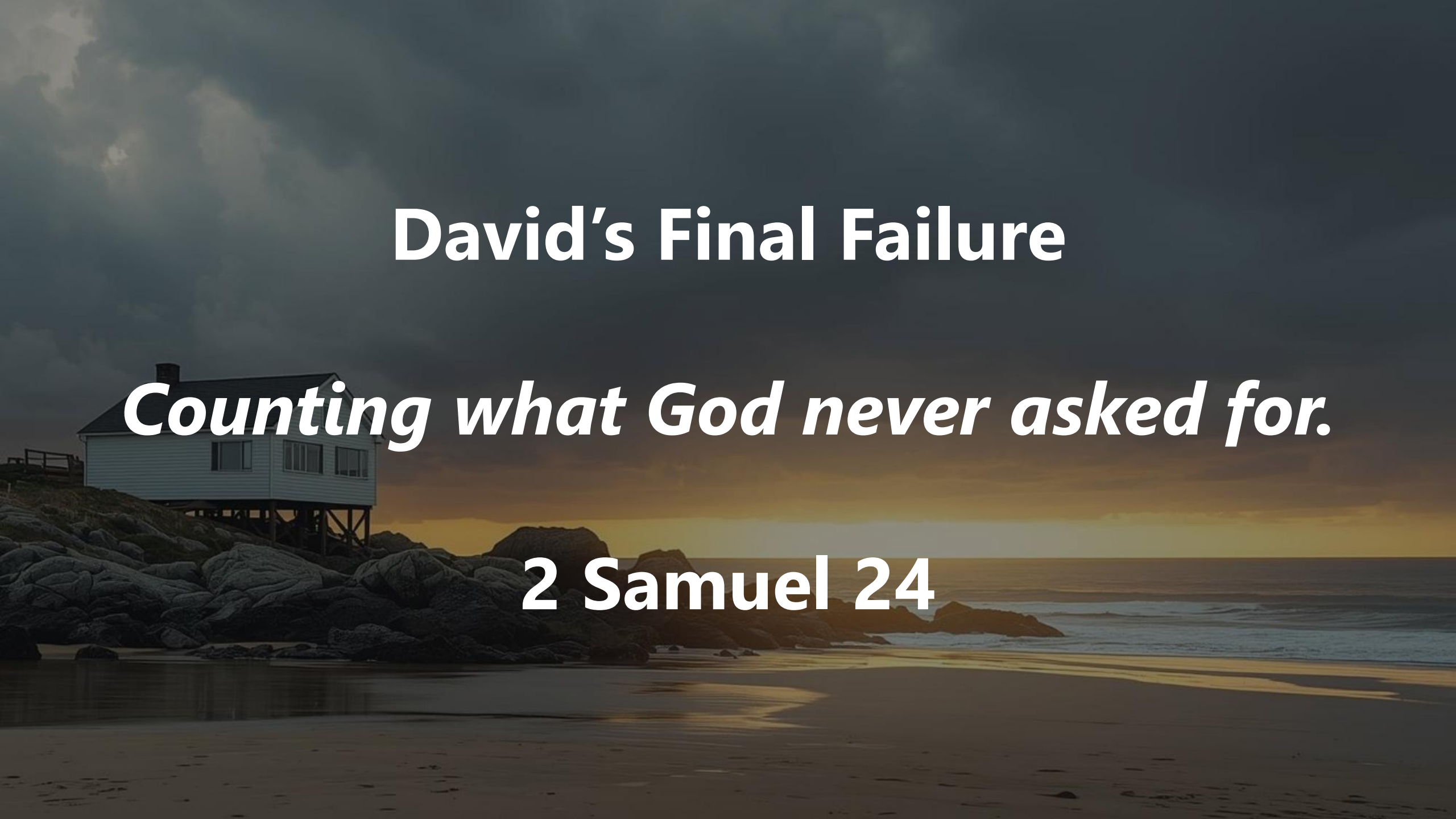
So the Lord sent a plague upon Israel from the morning till the appointed time. From Dan to Beersheba seventy thousand men of the people died.”

- 2 Samuel 24:10-15

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