



Be
The
Change

1 Samuel 17:1-11 NIV

1 Now the Philistines gathered their forces for war and assembled at Socoh in Judah. They pitched camp at Ephes Dammim, between Socoh and Azekah. 2 Saul and the Israelites assembled and camped in the Valley of Elah and drew up their battle line to meet the Philistines. 3 The Philistines occupied one hill and the Israelites another, with the valley between them.

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4 A champion named Goliath, who was from Gath, came out of the Philistine camp. He was over nine feet tall. 5 He had a bronze helmet on his head and wore a coat of scale armor of bronze weighing five thousand shekels; 6 on his legs he wore bronze greaves, and a bronze javelin was slung on his back.

7 His spear shaft was like a weaver's rod, and its iron point weighed six hundred shekels. His shield bearer went ahead of him.

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8 Goliath stood and shouted to the ranks of Israel, "Why do you come out and line up for battle? Am I not a Philistine, and are you not the servants of Saul? Choose a man and have him come down to me. 9 If he is able to fight and kill me, we will become your subjects; but if I overcome him and kill him, you will become our subjects and serve us."

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10 Then the Philistine said, "This day I defy the ranks of Israel! Give me a man and let us fight each other." 11 On hearing the Philistine's words, Saul and all the Israelites were dismayed and terrified.

Battle of the valley of Elah

Azekah ●
Tell ez-Zakariyeh

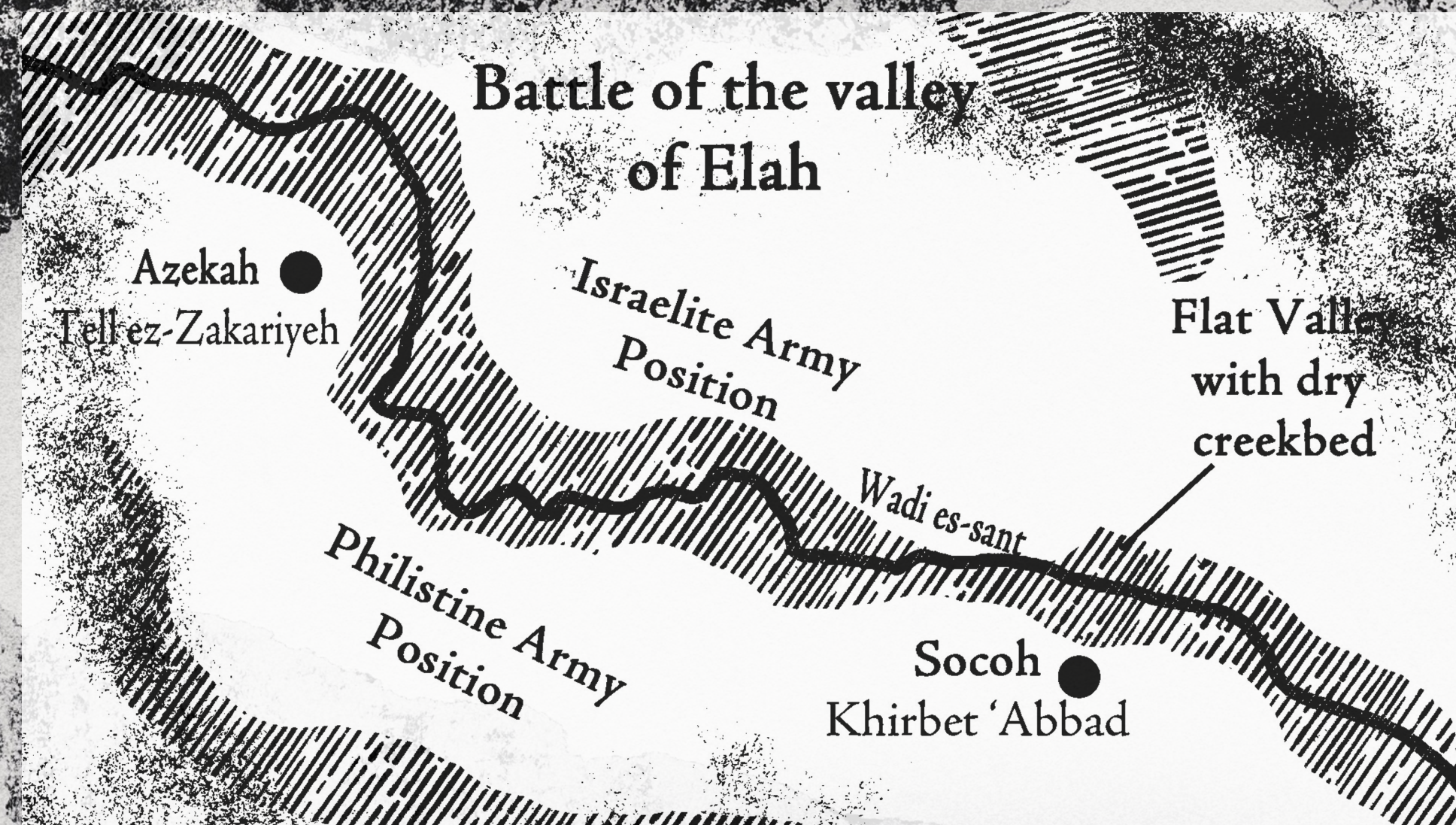
Israelite Army
Position

Flat Valley
with dry
creekbed

Wadi es-sant

Philistine Army
Position

Socoh ●
Khirbet 'Abbad



Vantage 1: The Philistines

Vantage 2: Goliath

Vantage 3: The Israelites

Vantage 4: King Saul

40 days of posturing...

RESULT: Stalemate!

Vantage 5: David

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20 Early in the morning David left the flock with a shepherd, loaded up and set out, as Jesse had directed. He reached the camp as the army was going out to its battle positions, shouting the war cry. 21 Israel and the Philistines were drawing up their lines facing each other. 22 David left his things with the keeper of supplies, ran to the battle lines and greeted his brothers.

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23 As he was talking with them, Goliath, the Philistine champion from Gath, stepped out from his lines and shouted his usual defiance, and David heard it. 24 When the Israelites saw the man, they all ran from him in great fear.

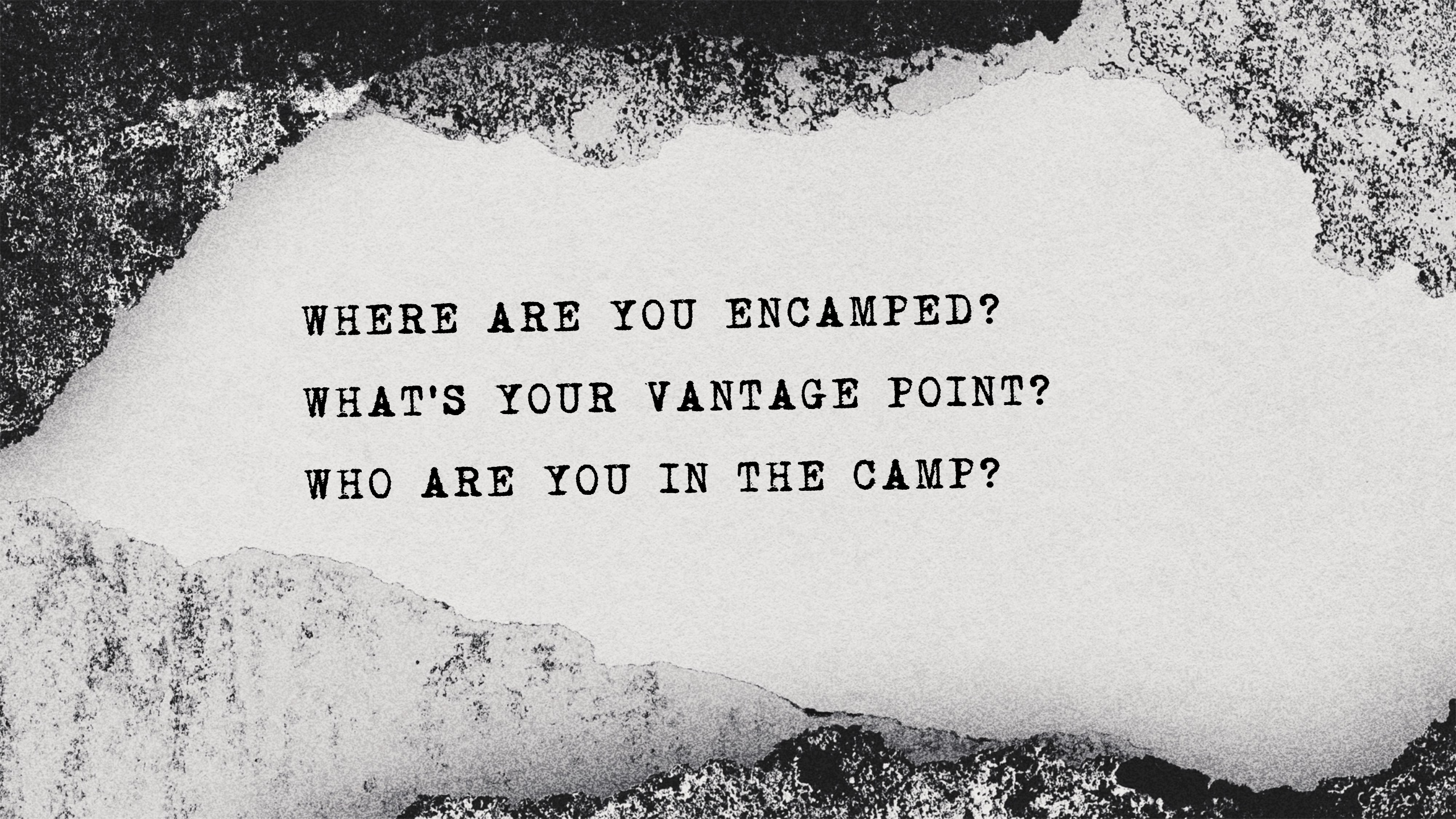
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25 Now the Israelites had been saying,
"Do you see how this man keeps coming out?
He comes out to defy Israel. The king will
give great wealth to the man who kills him.
He will also give him his daughter in marriage
and will exempt his father's family from taxes
in Israel."

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26 David asked the men standing near him, "What will be done for the man who kills this Philistine and removes this disgrace from Israel? Who is this uncircumcised Philistine that he should defy the armies of the living God?"

27 They repeated to him what they had been saying and told him, "This is what will be done for the man who kills him."



WHERE ARE YOU ENCAMPED?

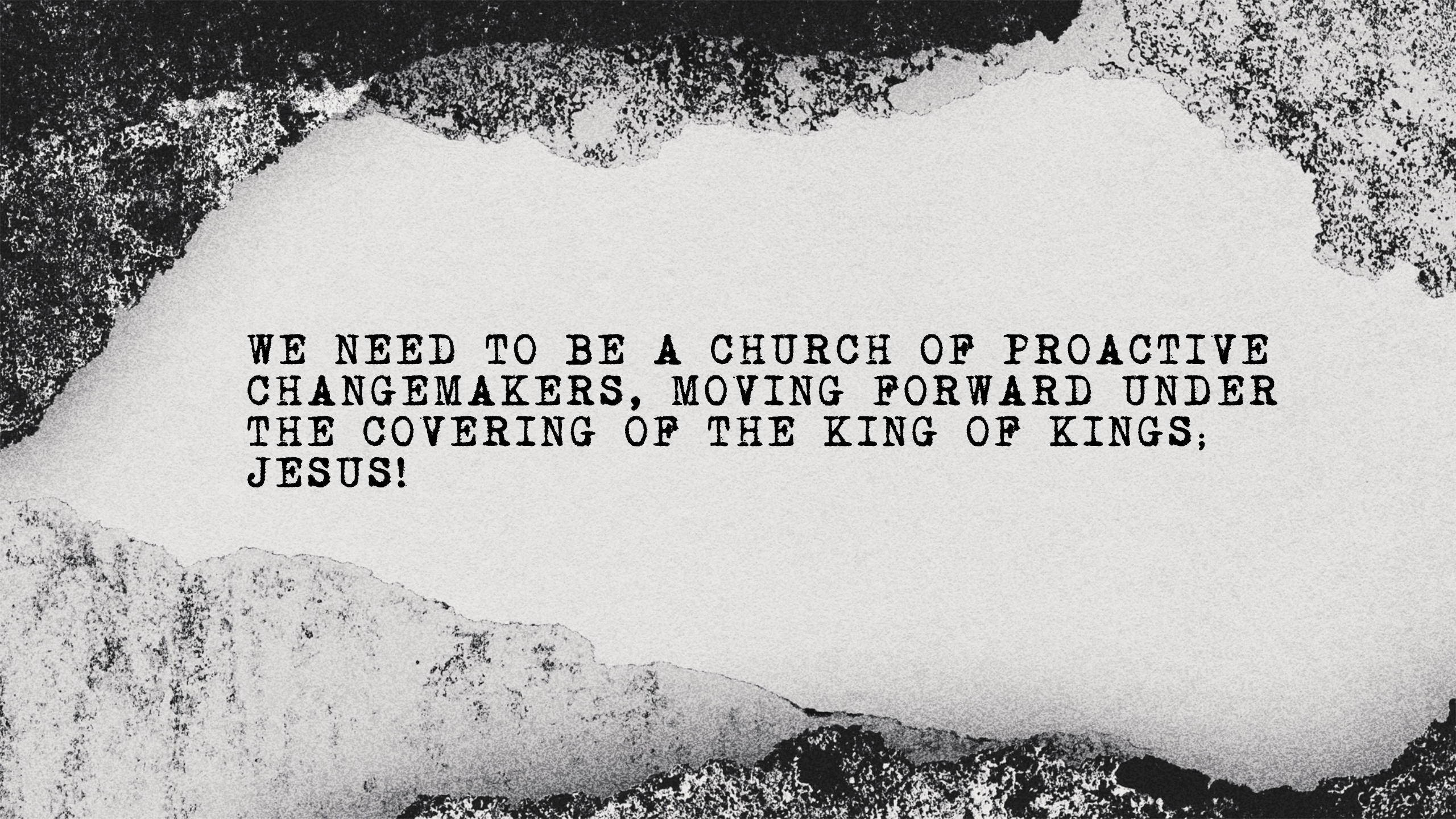
WHAT'S YOUR VANTAGE POINT?

WHO ARE YOU IN THE CAMP?

'...how would you be missed if you left this place? What would change?

Basically, what difference does your presence here make? Or, as my youth pastor once asked me, what would your church (and the worldwide church) look like if everyone was as committed as you are? If everyone gave and served and prayed exactly like you, would the church be healthy and empowered? Or would it be weak and listless?'

F. Chan: Forgotten God: Reversing Our Tragic Neglect of the Holy Spirit (Cook: Colorado, 2009), p 91



WE NEED TO BE A CHURCH OF PROACTIVE
CHANGEMAKERS, MOVING FORWARD UNDER
THE COVERING OF THE KING OF KINGS;
JESUS!

TO "BE THE CHANGE" TAKES FAITH,
OBEDIENCE, AND ACTION!!!



SOMETIMES TO "BE THE CHANGE" MEANS
GETTING OUT OF OUR OWN WAY!!!

WE NEED TO STEP OUT TO STEP IN!

CHAMPION

"one who fights on behalf of another or others, one who undertakes to defend a cause."

Hebrews 12:1-2 NLT

1 Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a huge crowd of witnesses to the life of faith, let us strip off every weight that slows us down, especially the sin that so easily trips us up. And let us run with endurance the race God has set before us. 2 We do this by keeping our eyes on Jesus, the champion who initiates and perfects our faith. Because of the joy awaiting him, he endured the cross, disregarding its shame. Now he is seated in the place of honor beside God's throne.