

A low-angle, close-up shot of a person's legs from the knees down, standing on a paved city street. The person is wearing dark blue or black denim jeans and black high-top sneakers with light-colored soles. The background is heavily blurred, showing out-of-focus lights and structures, suggesting an urban environment at night or dusk. The overall mood is contemplative and cinematic.

CHOICES

THE MOMENTS THAT CHANGE LIVES



Joseph has 10 older brothers and is the son of Jacob Gen 37



Joseph tells on his older brothers and makes them angry Gen 37




Because Joseph is Jacob's favorite, he's given a special robe




He has a series of dreams which he tells his brothers and family.



One day Jacob tells Joseph to go find his brothers Gen 37

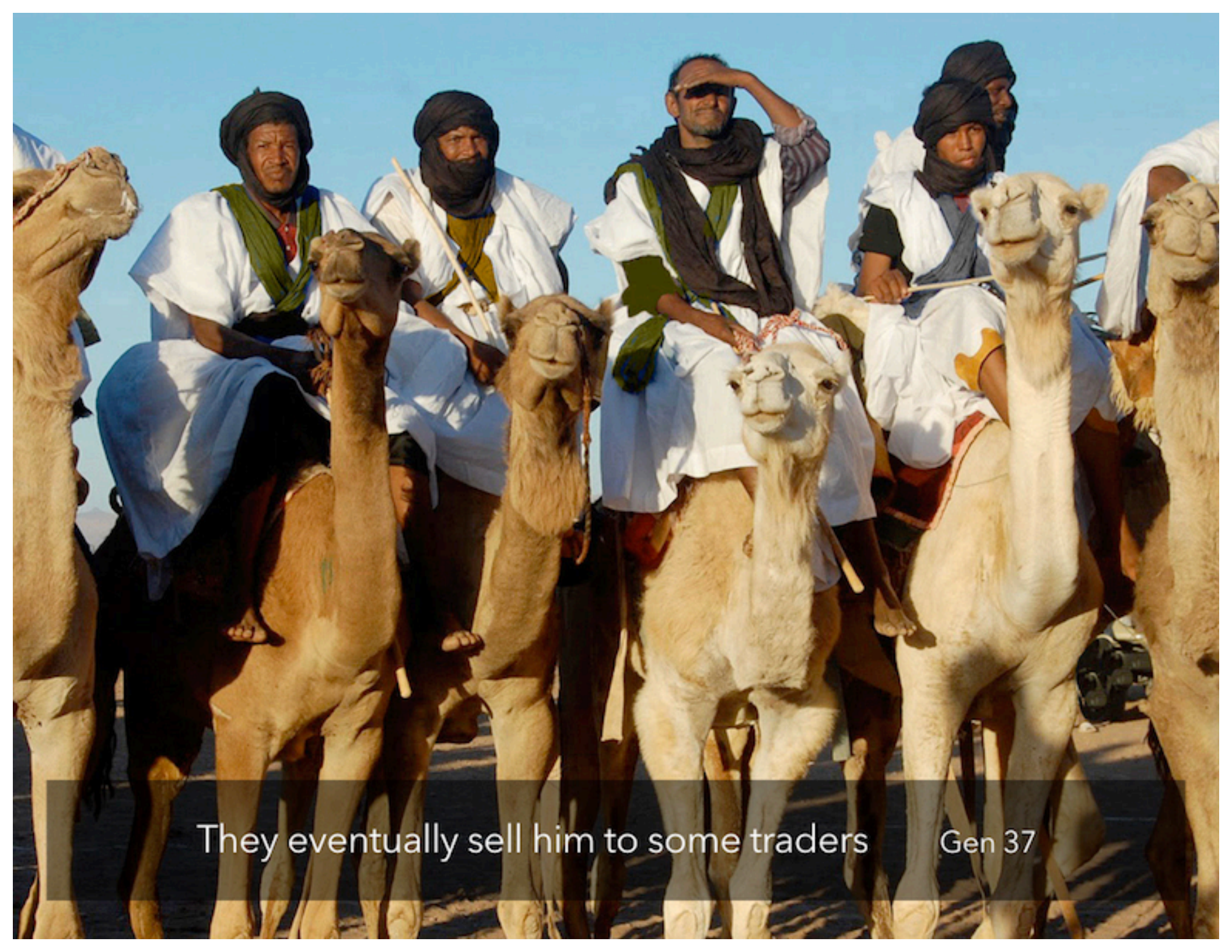


"Here comes the dreamer!" they said. "Come on, let's kill him and throw him into one of these cisterns. We can tell our father, 'A wild animal has eaten him.' Then we'll see what becomes of his dreams!" Gen 37.19-20



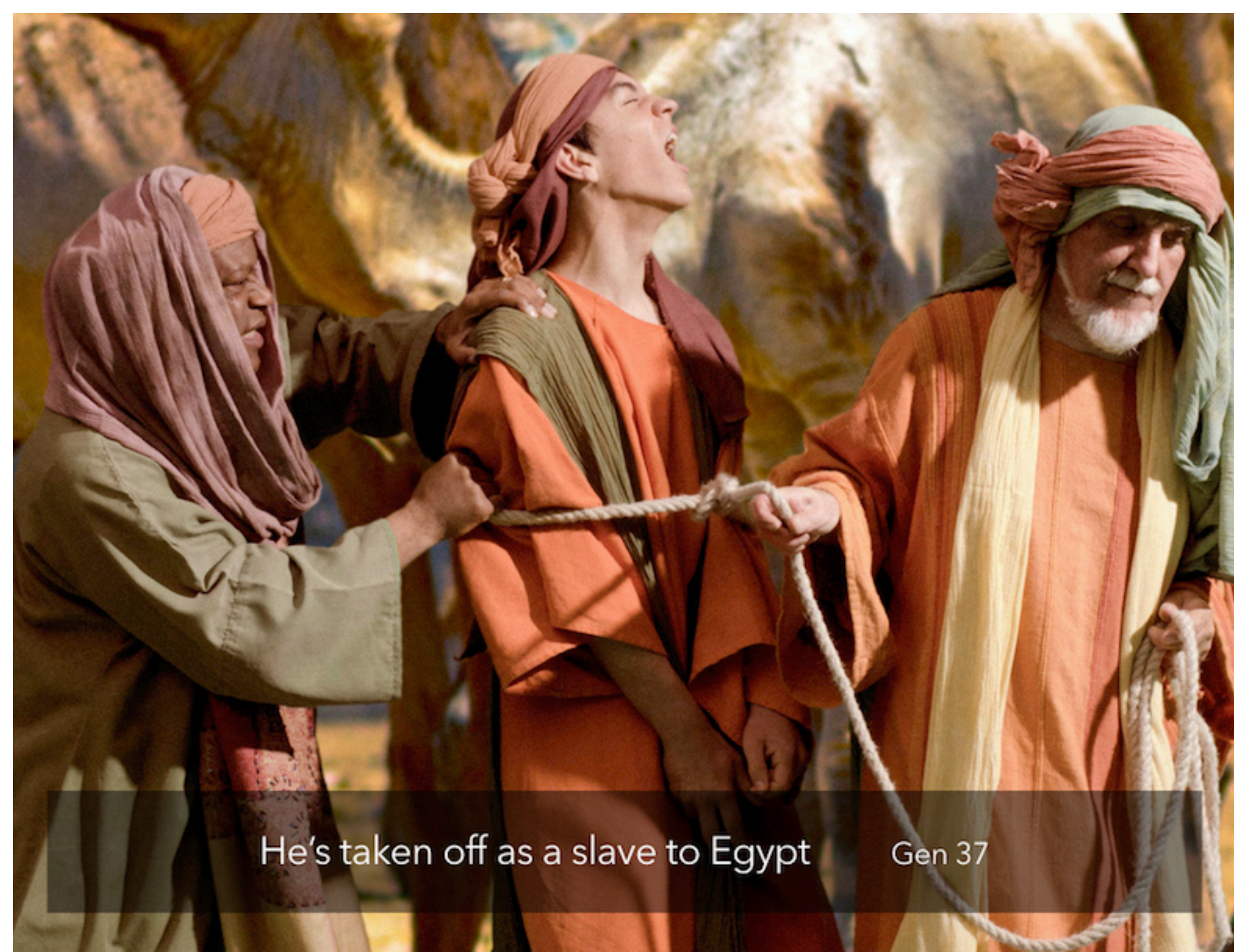
Joseph is thrown into a well he can't escape from

Gen 37

A group of men in traditional Middle Eastern attire, including white thobes and dark head coverings, are riding camels in a desert. The camels are light-colored and are standing in a line. The background is a clear blue sky. The men are looking towards the camera, and one man in the center is shielding his eyes from the sun.

They eventually sell him to some traders

Gen 37



He's taken off as a slave to Egypt

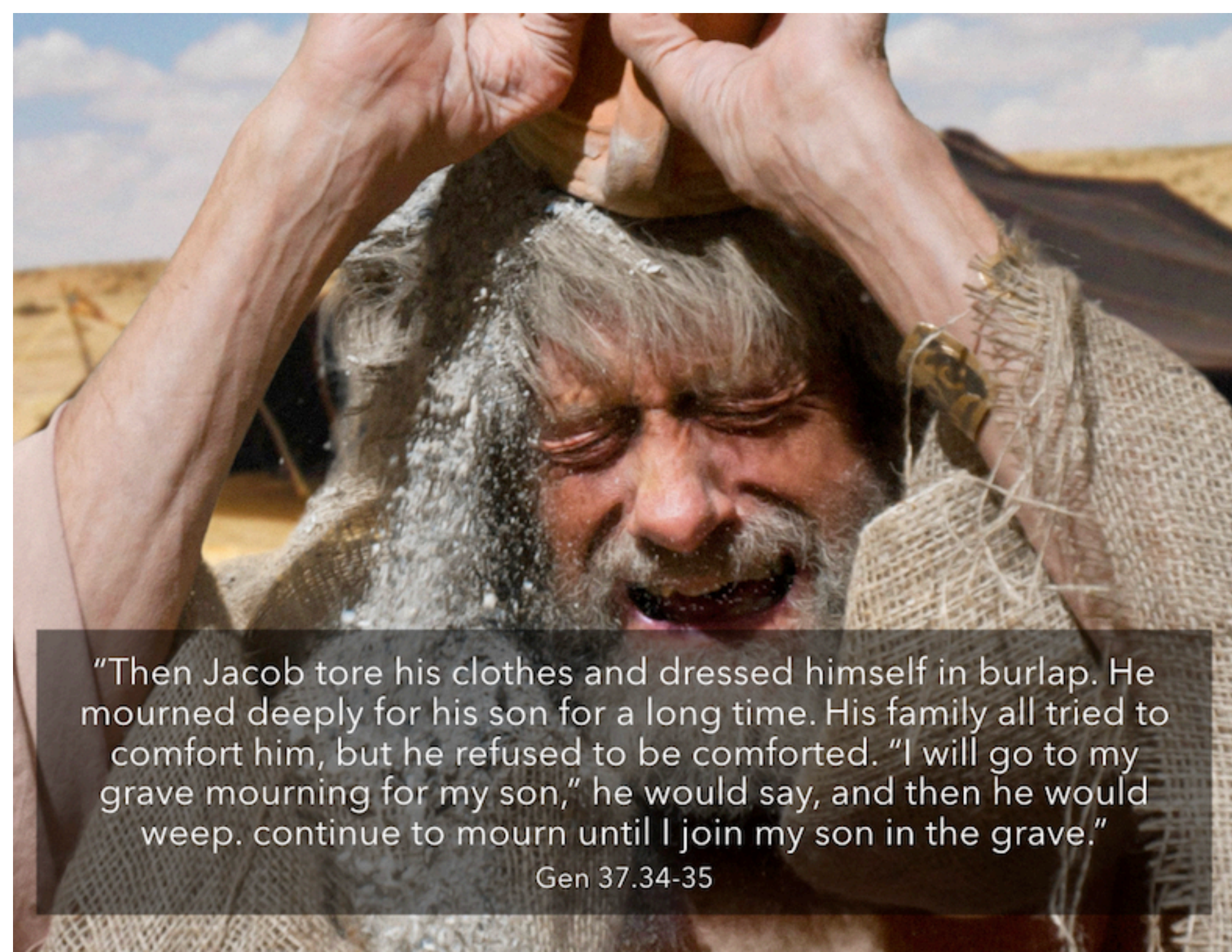
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They slay a goat and douse Joseph's robe in it Gen 37

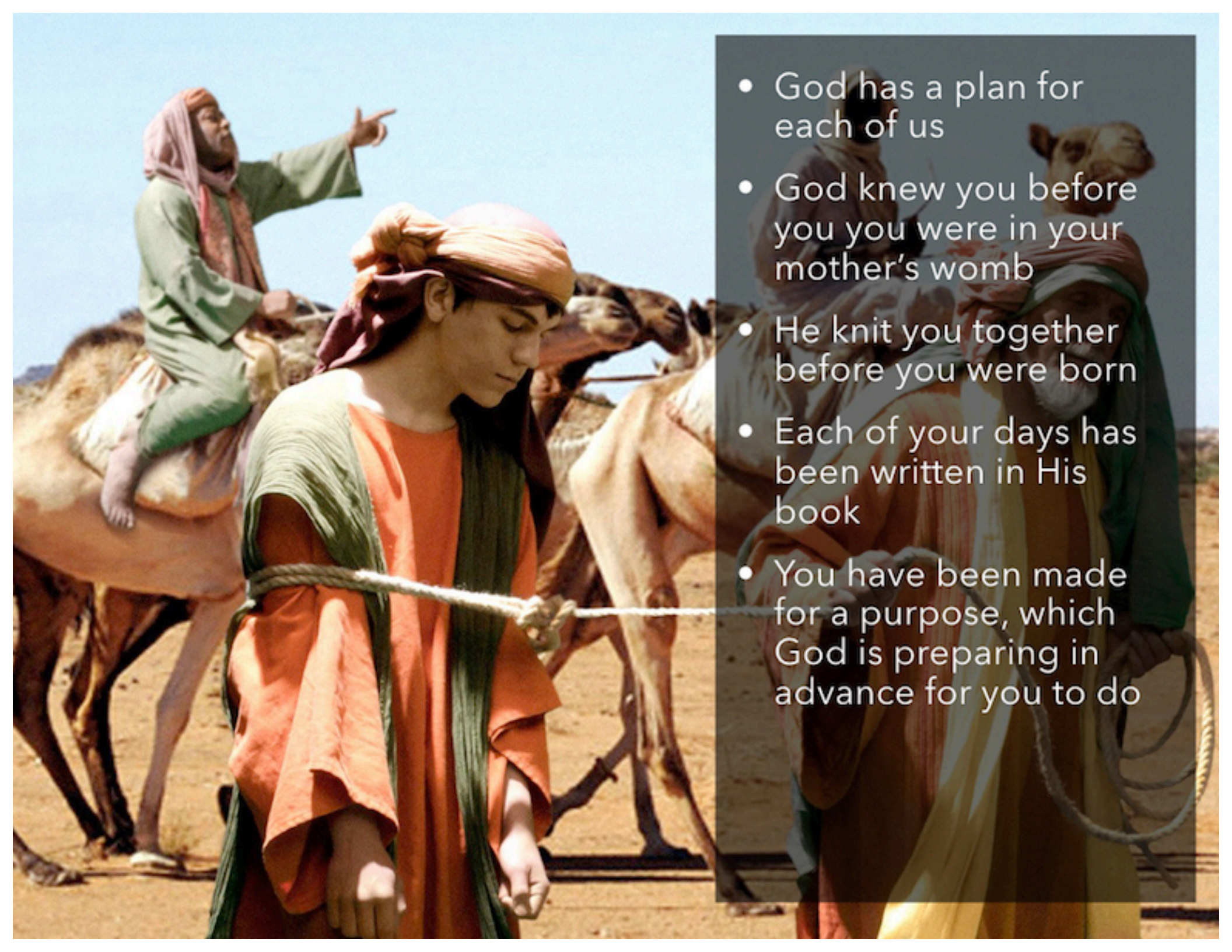



... So Jacob thinks he must have been killed by a wild animal
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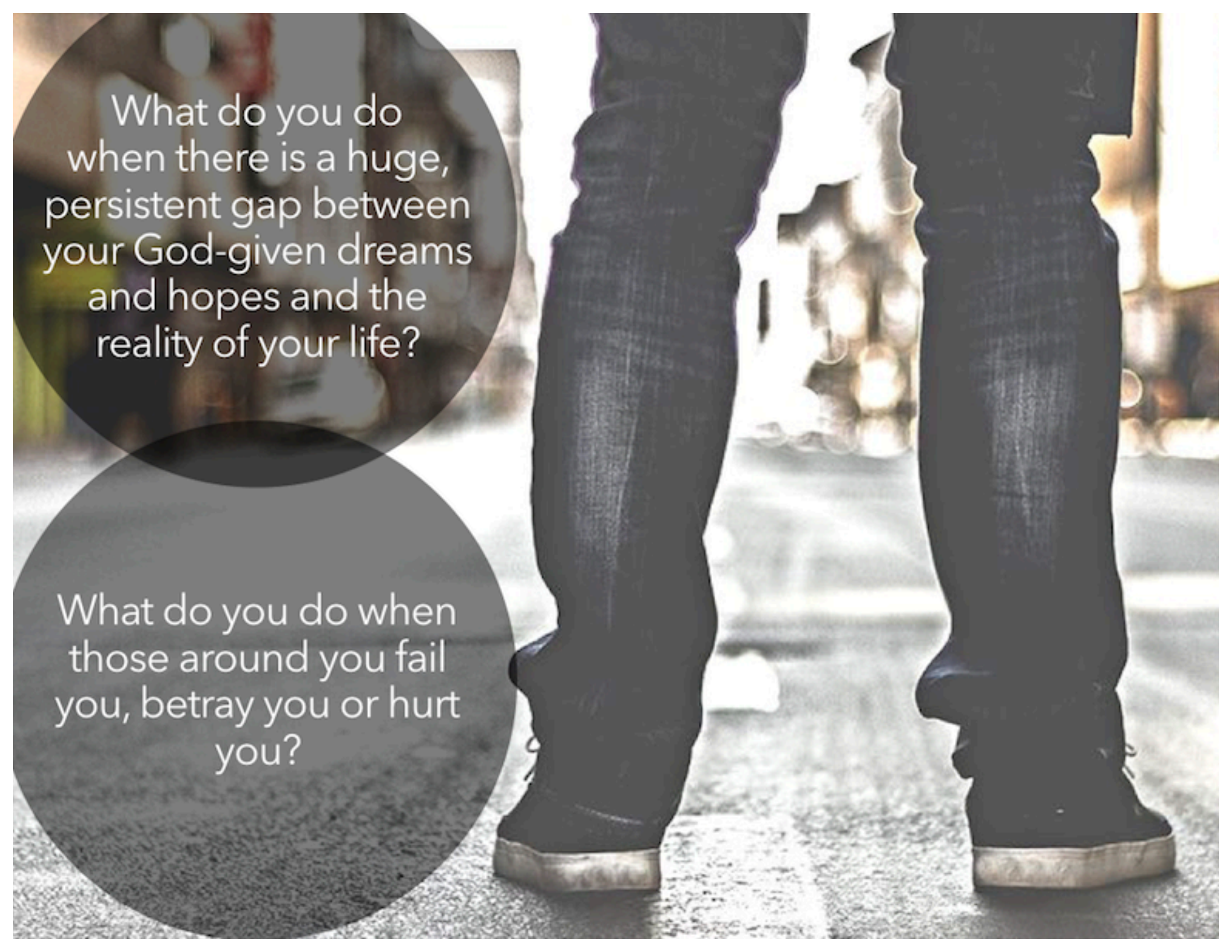
"Then Jacob tore his clothes and dressed himself in burlap. He mourned deeply for his son for a long time. His family all tried to comfort him, but he refused to be comforted. "I will go to my grave mourning for my son," he would say, and then he would weep. continue to mourn until I join my son in the grave."

Gen 37.34-35

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Trust is the essential heart posture of a follower of Jesus

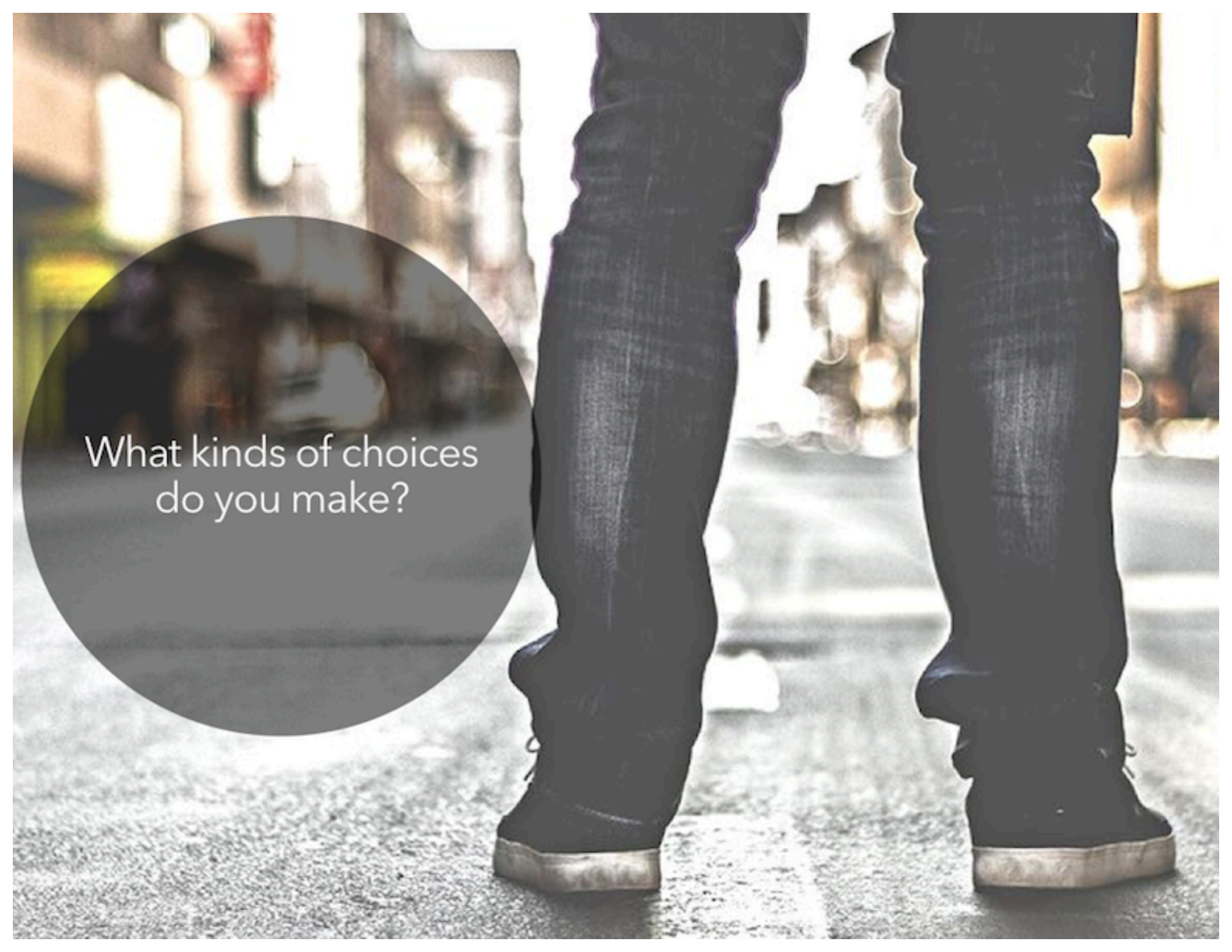


What do you do
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What do you do when
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A photograph of a person's legs from the knees down, wearing dark blue jeans and black sneakers with white soles. They are standing on a grey asphalt surface. The background is a blurred city street with warm, golden light from streetlights or buildings, creating a bokeh effect. A large, dark grey diamond shape is overlaid on the left side of the image, containing white text.

God-
given
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present reality is
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the story

A low-angle, close-up shot of a person's legs from the knees down, standing on a city street at night. The person is wearing dark blue denim jeans and black sneakers with white soles. The background is a blurred city street with warm, yellowish light from streetlights or buildings, creating a bokeh effect. A large, semi-transparent dark gray circle is overlaid on the left side of the image, containing the text "What kinds of choices do you make?".

What kinds of choices
do you make?



Joseph is acquired by Potiphar, one of Pharaoh's officials in
Egypt Gen 39.1

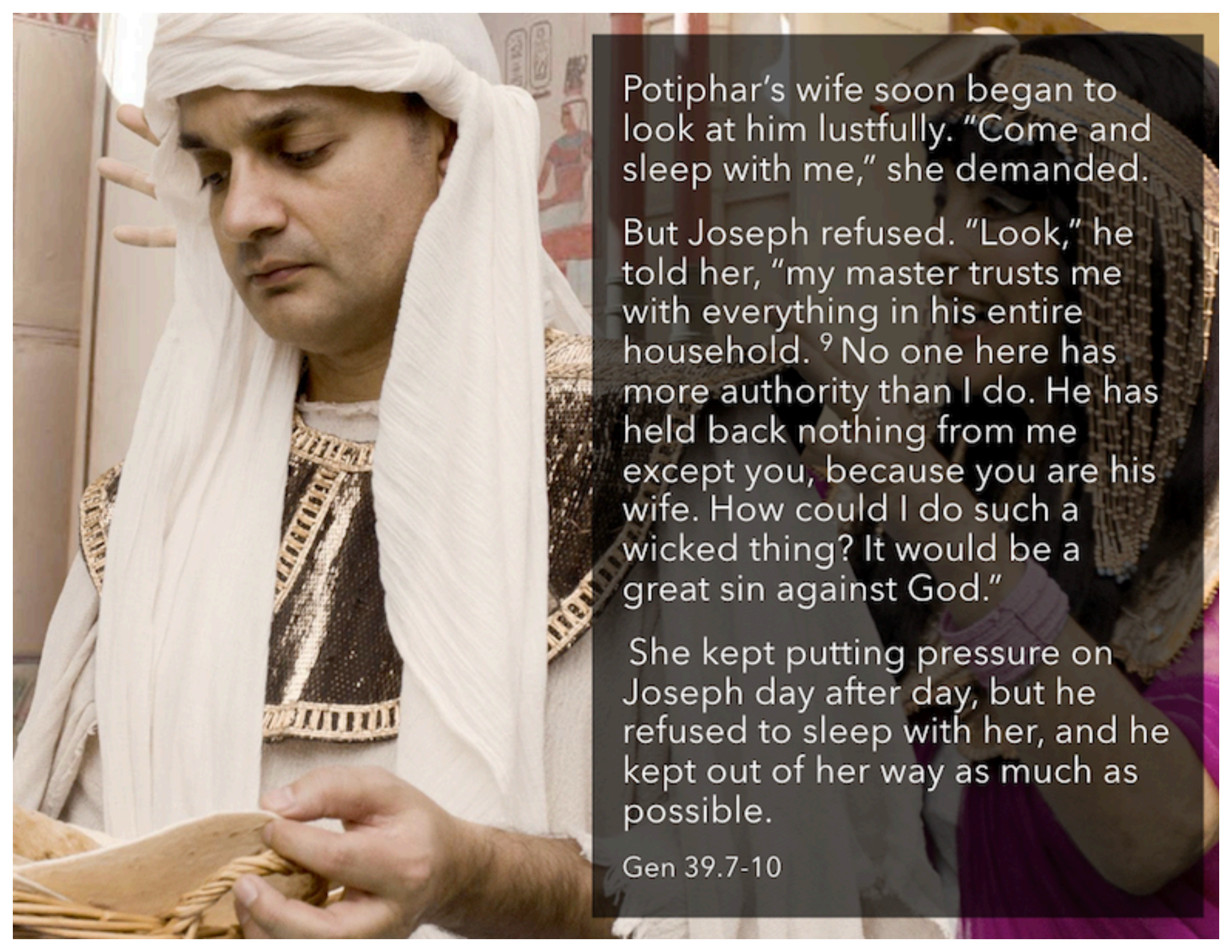


Joseph excels in his work and Potiphar eventually leaves everything in Joseph's care Gen 39.6



Potiphar's wife takes a liking to Joseph and begins to hit on him

Gen 37


A man in a white head covering and a woman in a purple dress, both in ancient Egyptian attire, are looking down at a basket. The man is on the left, and the woman is on the right. The background is a wall with hieroglyphs.

Potiphar's wife soon began to look at him lustfully. "Come and sleep with me," she demanded.

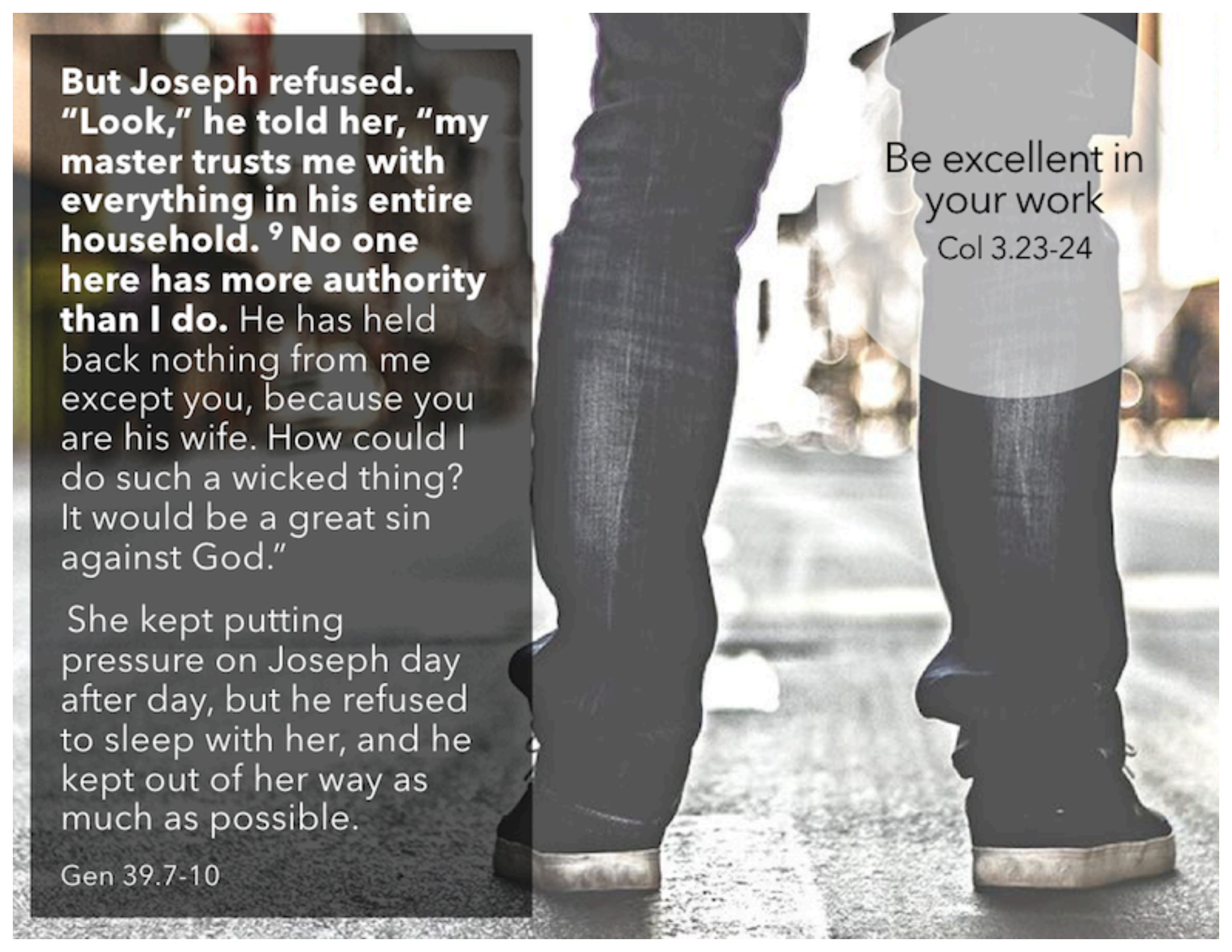
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Gen 39.7-10

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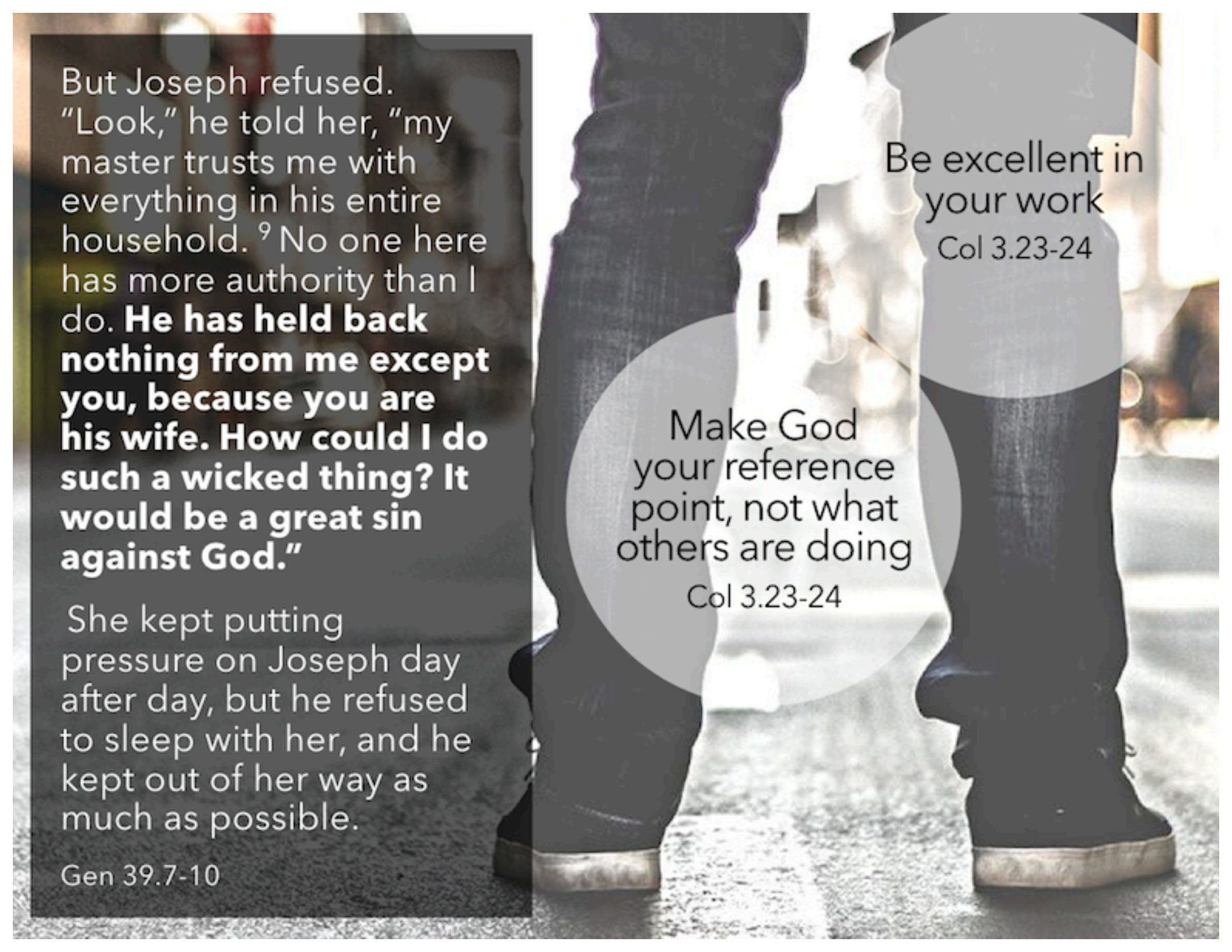
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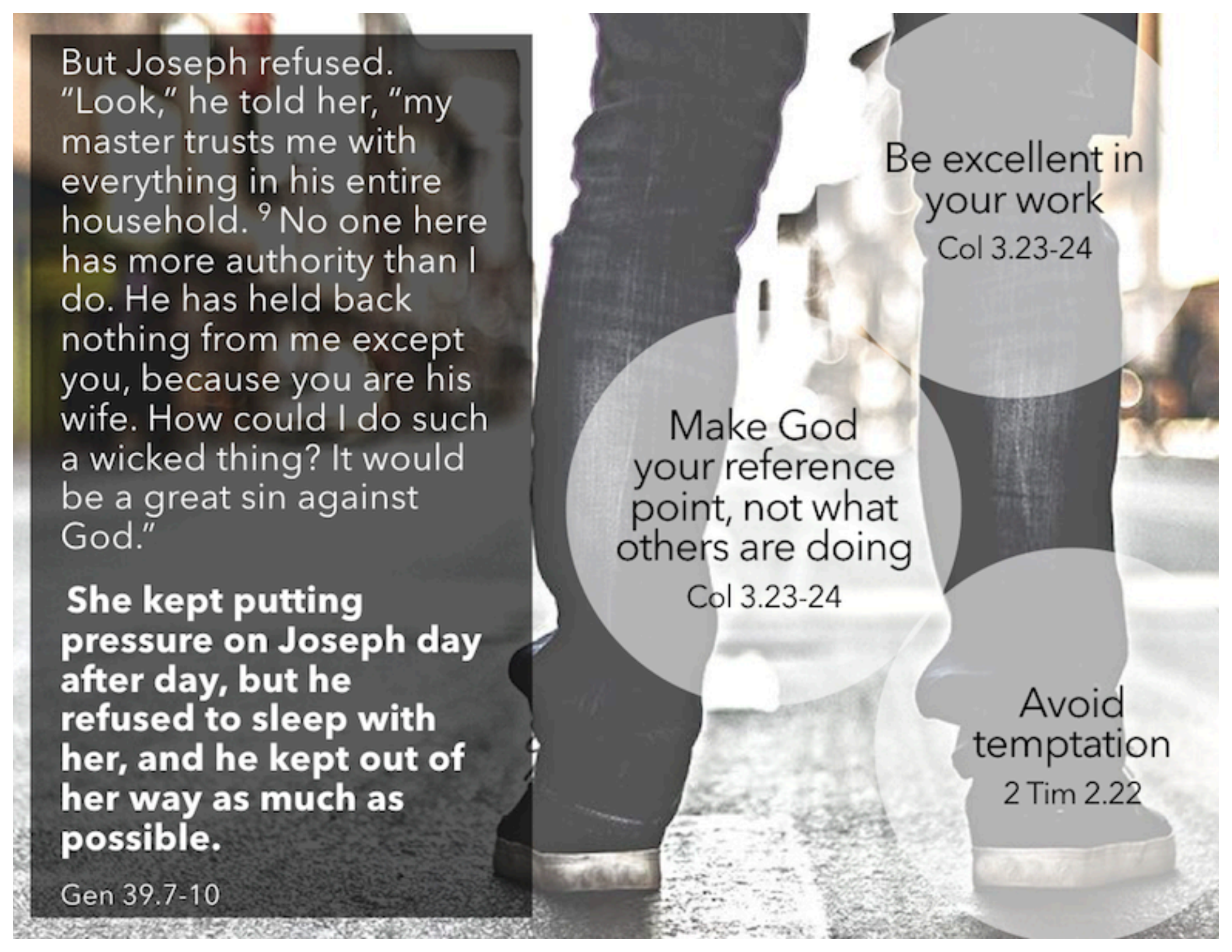
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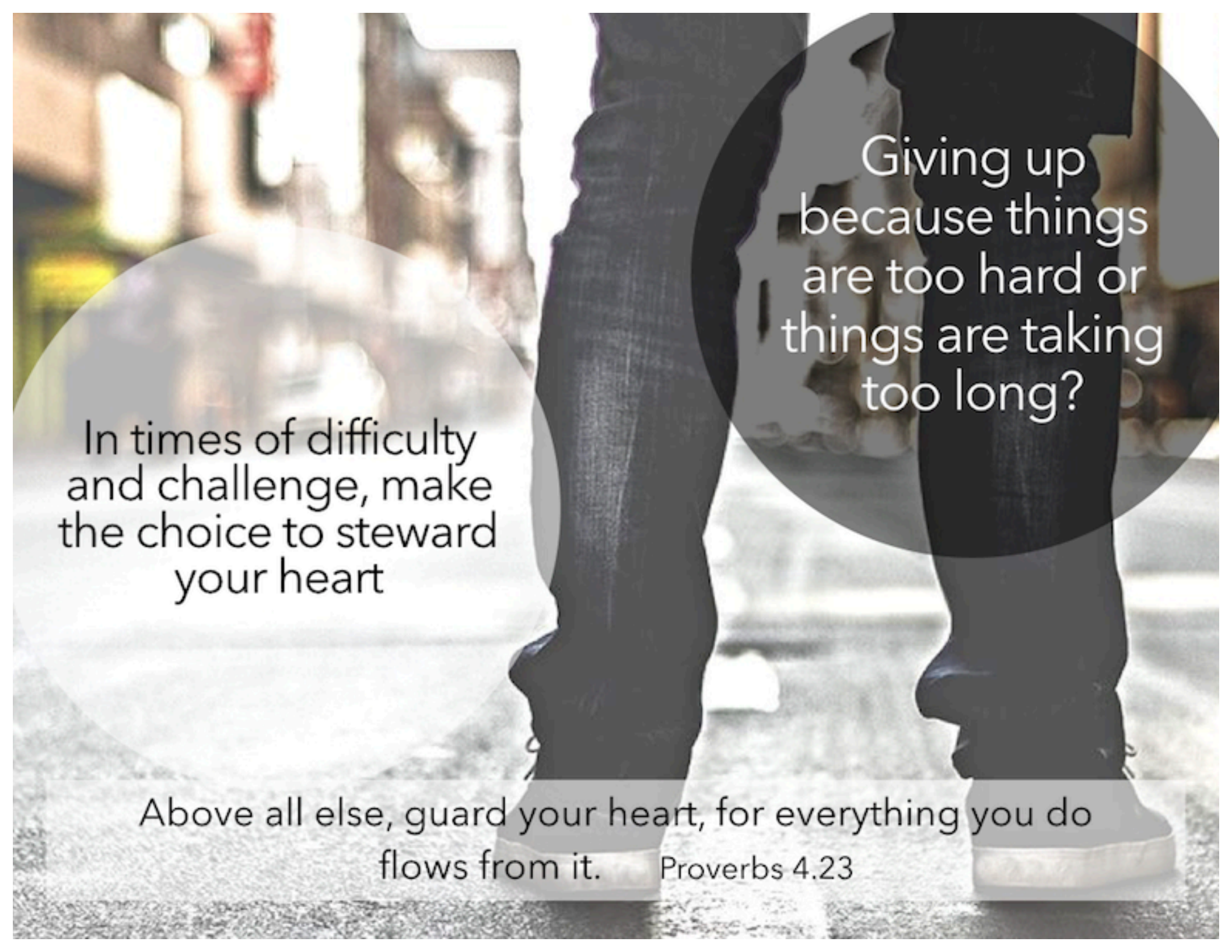
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2 Tim 2.22



Potiphar's wife frames Joseph when he runs away Gen 39.11-18




Joseph is thrown into prison Gen 39.19-20



In times of difficulty
and challenge, make
the choice to steward
your heart

Giving up
because things
are too hard or
things are taking
too long?

Above all else, guard your heart, for everything you do
flows from it. Proverbs 4.23




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A person is walking on a city street, their legs and feet visible. The background is a blurred city scene with lights and buildings. Overlaid on the image are four semi-transparent circles, each containing a different piece of text. The circles are arranged in a cluster, with the top circle being the largest and the bottom circle being the smallest. The text is in a simple, black, sans-serif font.

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prayer +
support for
the rough
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I've been
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I need
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I am facing
temptation
and need
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turn from it

Pray for my
illness

I need
Jesus in
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