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LIVING IN THE HOPE OF EASTER



Easter Was
the Day
Jesus
Proved He
Has **ALL**
Authority



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Love Reigns Over Our **PAST**



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Love Reigns Over Our **PRESENT**



“Simon says touch your nose.”

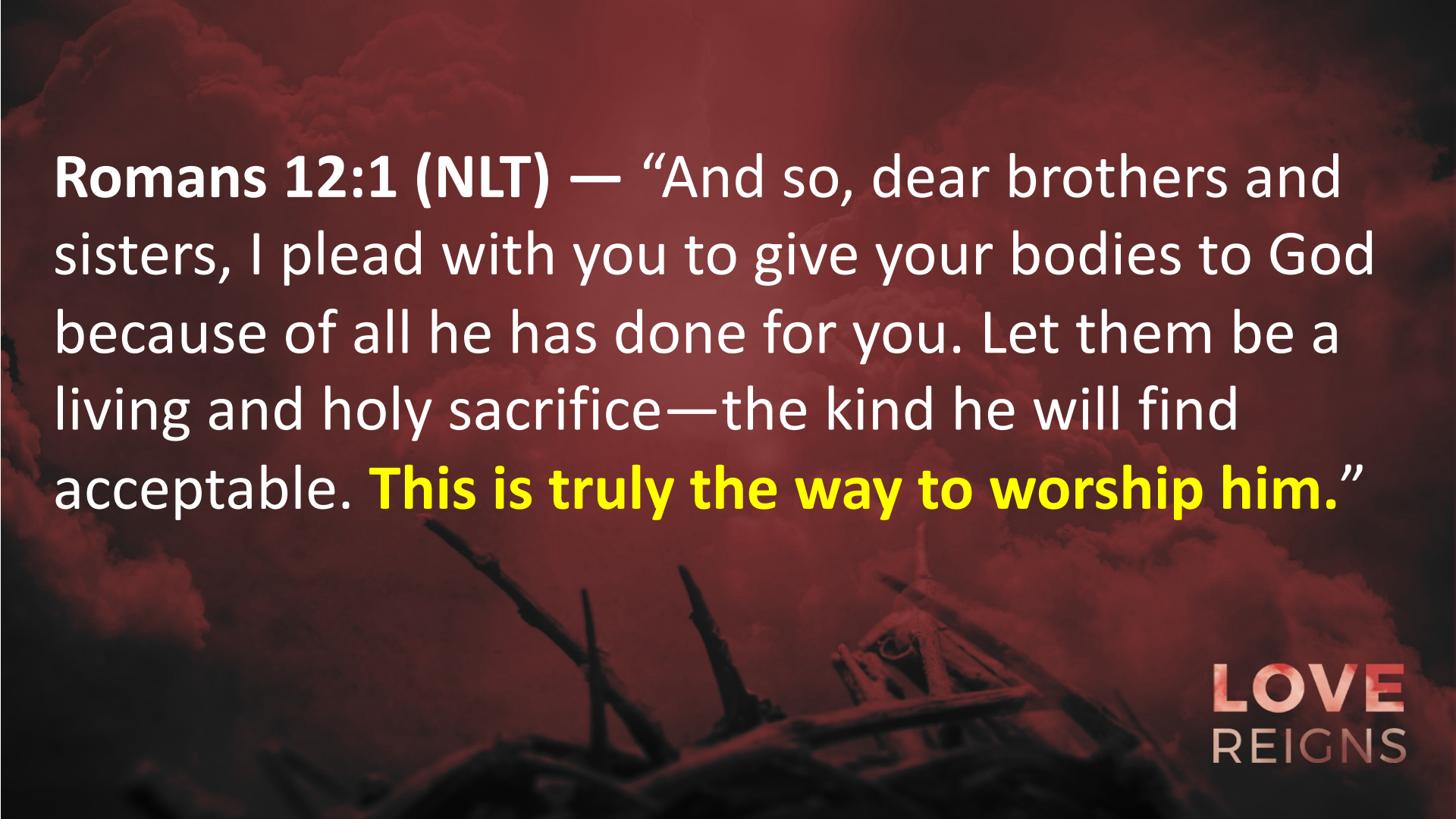


We Make Thousands of Decisions Each Day



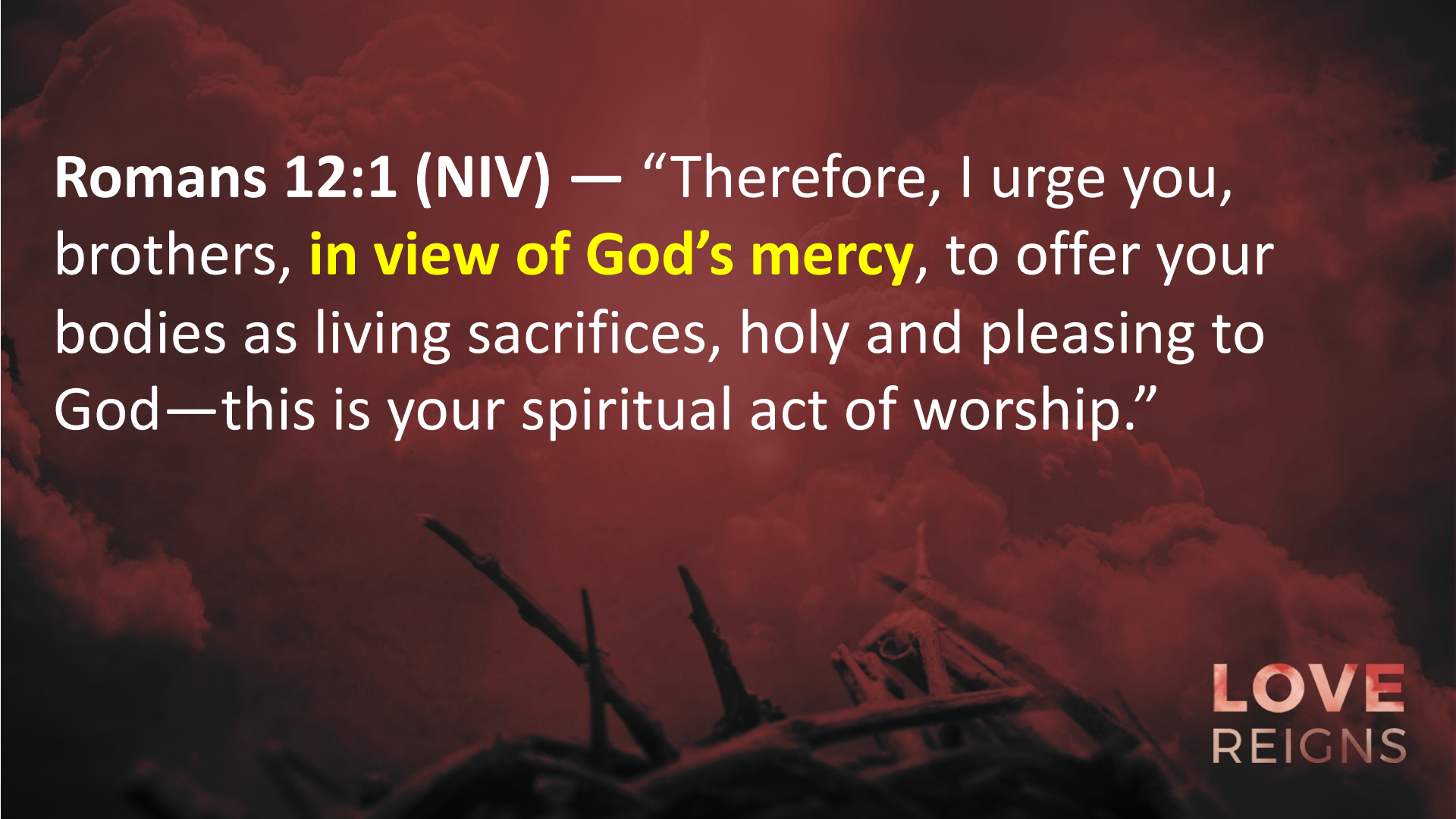
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My Choices Reveal Who Reigns in My Life



Romans 12:1 (NLT) — “And so, dear brothers and sisters, I plead with you to give your bodies to God because of all he has done for you. Let them be a living and holy sacrifice—the kind he will find acceptable. **This is truly the way to worship him.**”

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Romans 12:1 (NIV) — “Therefore, I urge you, brothers, **in view of God’s mercy**, to offer your bodies as living sacrifices, holy and pleasing to God—this is your spiritual act of worship.”

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Empire State Building Observation Deck



A close-up of a coin-operated binocular viewer in the foreground, with a city skyline (likely New York City) visible in the background. The viewer has a textured, metallic face with two circular lenses and a small sign that reads "CAMERA ONLY". The background is a hazy, golden-hour view of a city with many skyscrapers, including the Empire State Building.

**“In view of
God’s mercy”**

God's Mercy is the Lens

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- God has been merciful to us!

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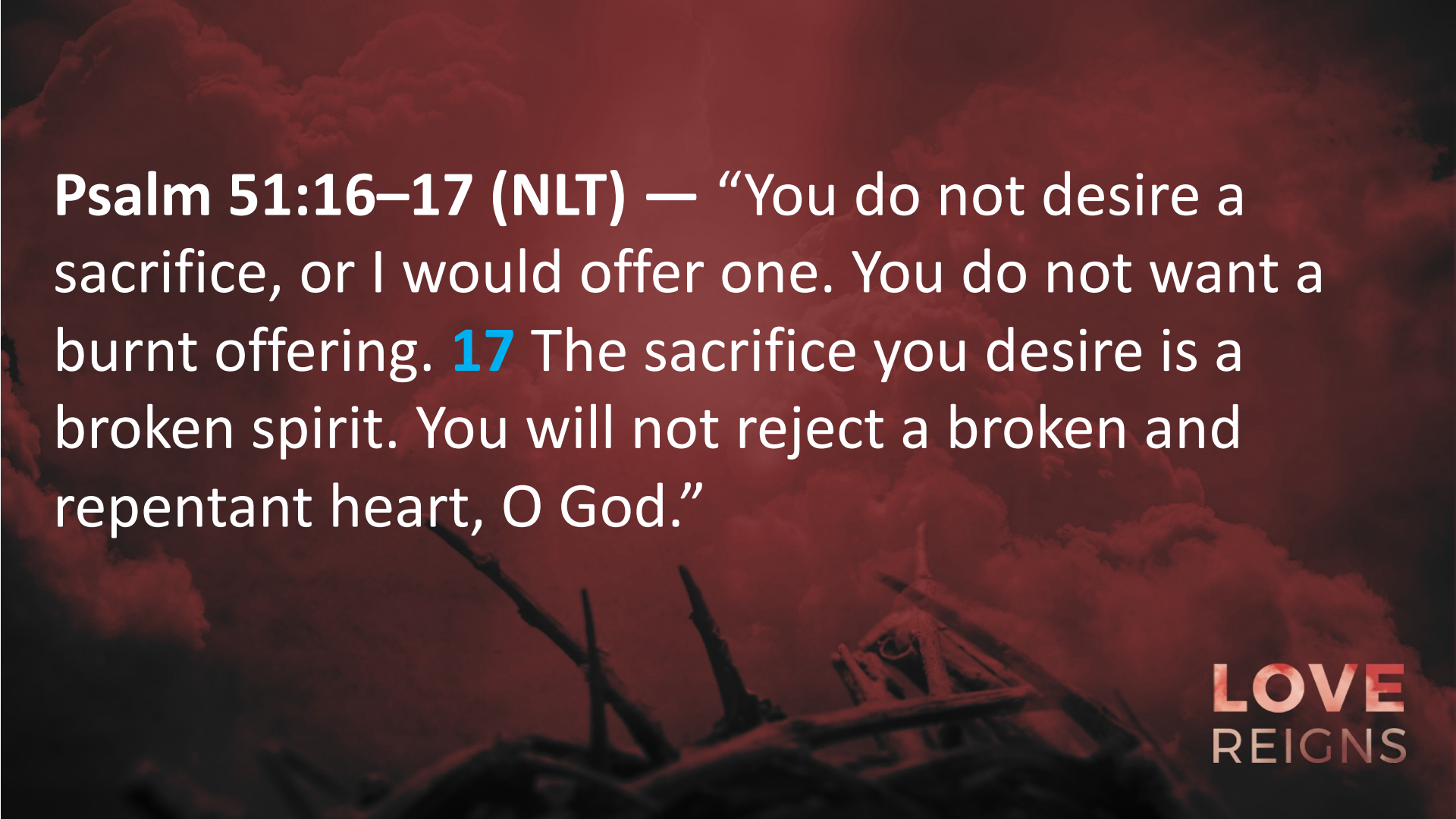
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- Move focus from what we **WANT** to be done for us, to what God has **ALREADY** done for us

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A Living Sacrifice...



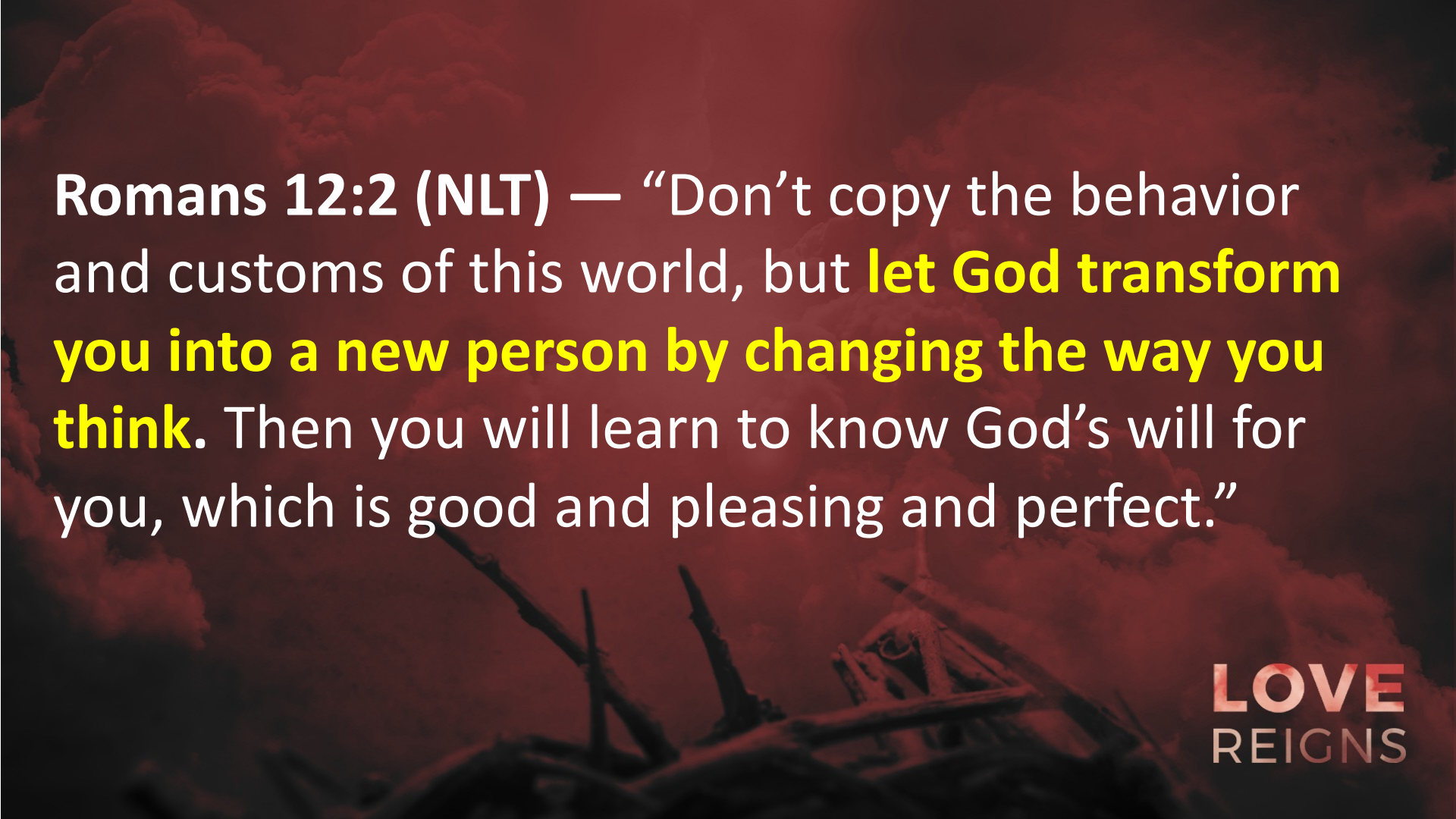


Psalm 51:16–17 (NLT) — “You do not desire a sacrifice, or I would offer one. You do not want a burnt offering. **17** The sacrifice you desire is a broken spirit. You will not reject a broken and repentant heart, O God.”

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It wasn't about
the **SACRIFICE**
but the **HEART**
behind it.





Romans 12:2 (NLT) — “Don’t copy the behavior and customs of this world, but **let God transform you into a new person by changing the way you think.** Then you will learn to know God’s will for you, which is good and pleasing and perfect.”

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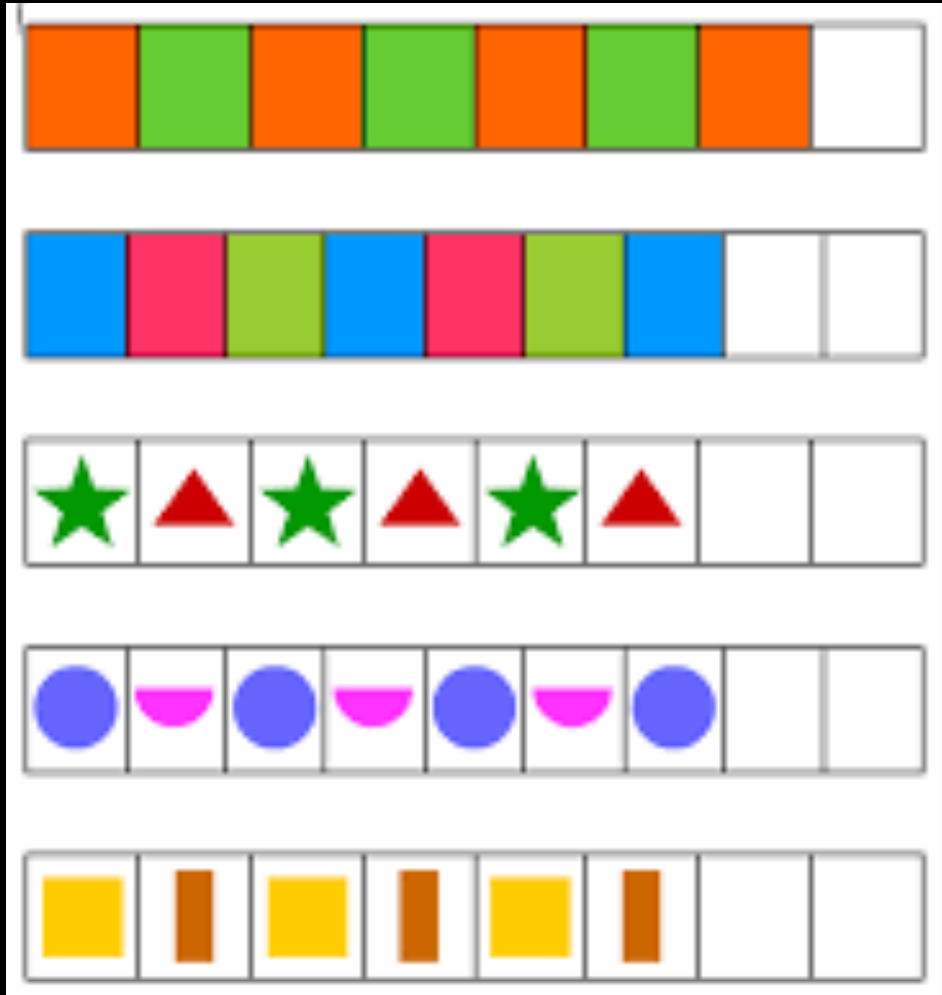
Changing Patterns Will Change Your Life

**What Should
Come Next?**



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Come Next?

Once You Know
the **Pattern**, What
Comes Next
Should Be
Obvious



If We Pay Attention to Our Patterns:

- We can **ANTICIPATE** what comes next
- We can **CHANGE** them

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To Anticipate Patterns:

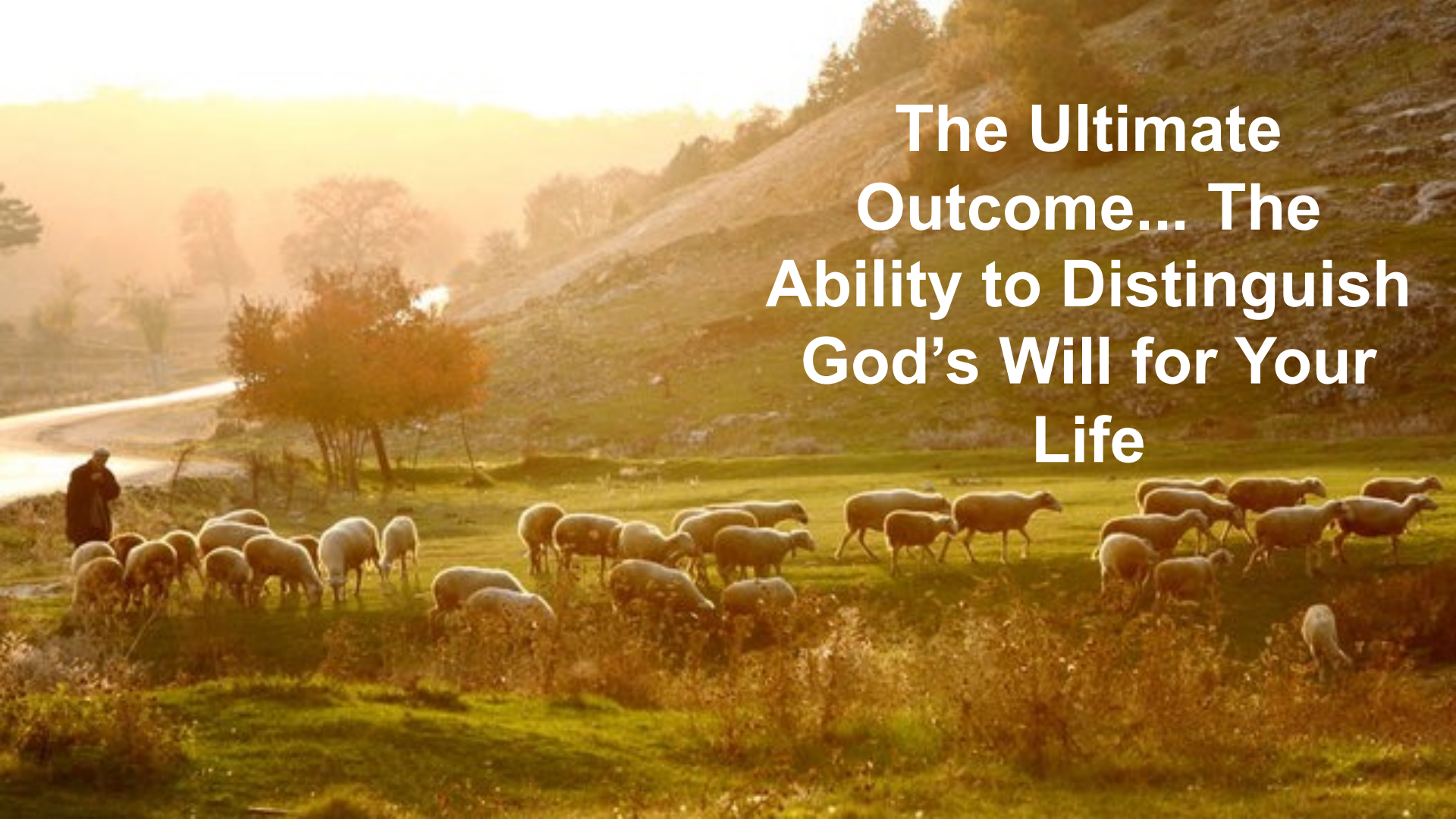
- Change Your **PERSPECTIVE**

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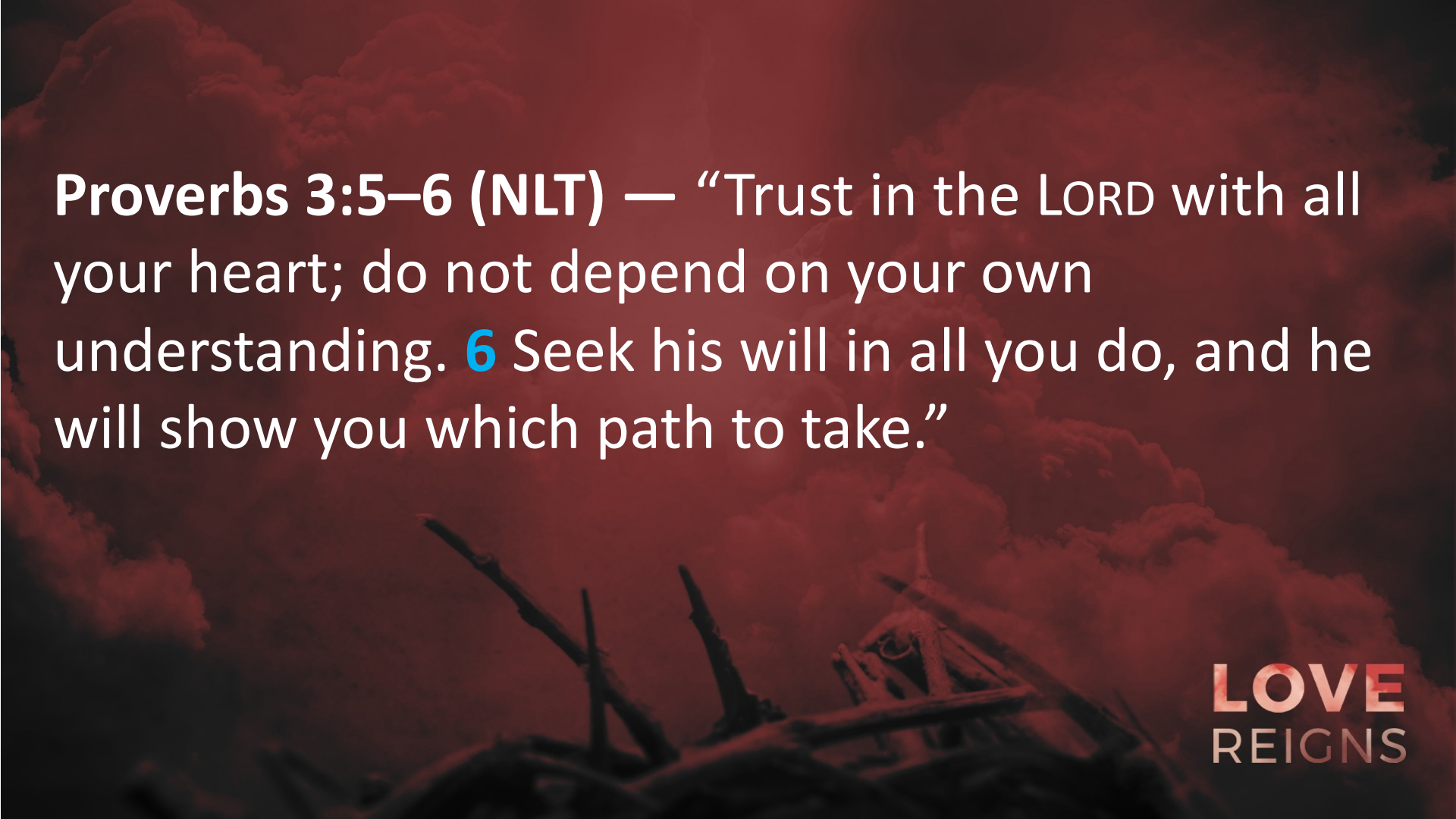
The background of the image is a dramatic sky with a bright sunburst effect in the center. The sun is partially obscured by clouds, creating a lens flare. In the foreground, the mast and rigging of a ship are visible, suggesting a nautical theme. The overall color palette is warm, with oranges, yellows, and browns.

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Trade YOUR Will for GOD'S Will

A shepherd in a dark coat stands on the left, herding a flock of sheep across a grassy field. The scene is bathed in the warm, golden light of sunrise or sunset, with a hazy background of rolling hills and trees. The text is overlaid on the right side of the image.

The Ultimate Outcome... The Ability to Distinguish God's Will for Your Life



Proverbs 3:5–6 (NLT) — “Trust in the LORD with all your heart; do not depend on your own understanding. **6** Seek his will in all you do, and he will show you which path to take.”

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Being a Parent Isn't Always Fun and Games





Trust is Hard to **TEACH**, and Even Harder to **LEARN**



Let God's Word Become Your Plumb Line



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