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THE CLOUD
& THE FIRE
EXODUS 13:17-22

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Exodus 13:17-22





Exodus 1-12
God's Power

- God's faithfulness to the Israelites
- God's purpose for the Israelites
- God's punishment of sin
- God's authority

Exodus 13-19
God's Plan

- How will God provide for us?
- How should we relate to other people?
- How will God protect us?
- God's presence

Exodus 20-40
God's Love

- God's self-revelation
- God's relationship with us
- God's love for all things
- God's holiness

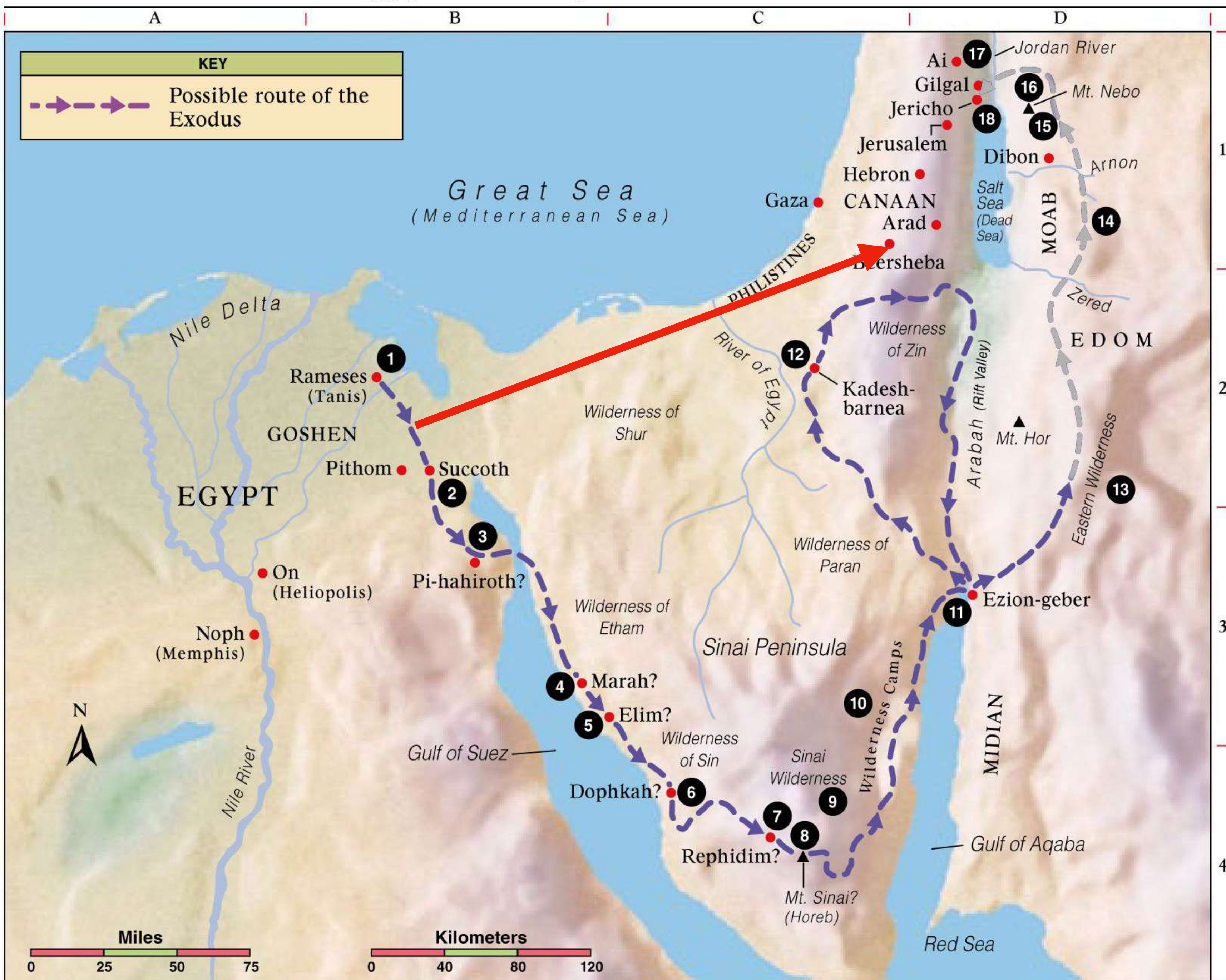
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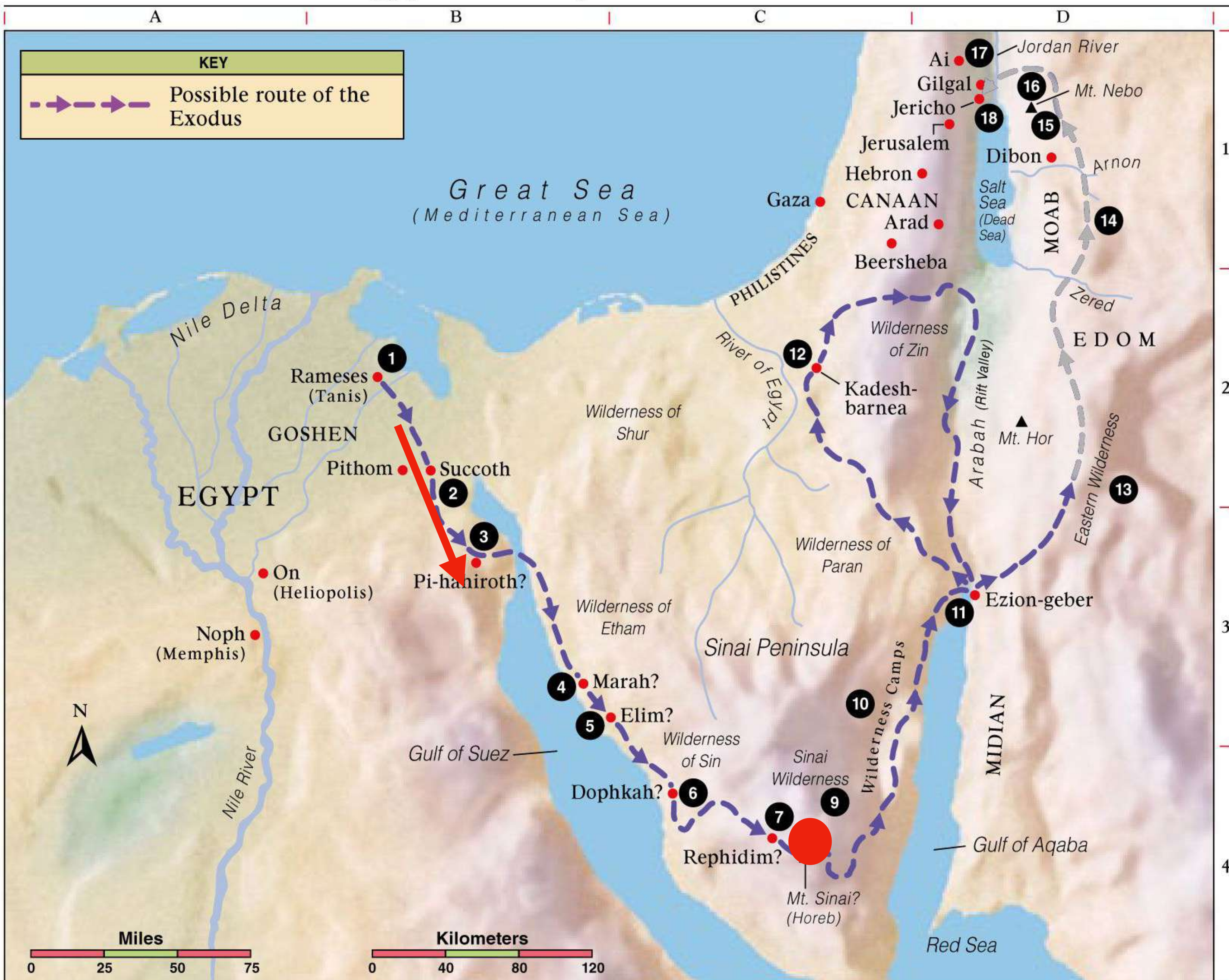
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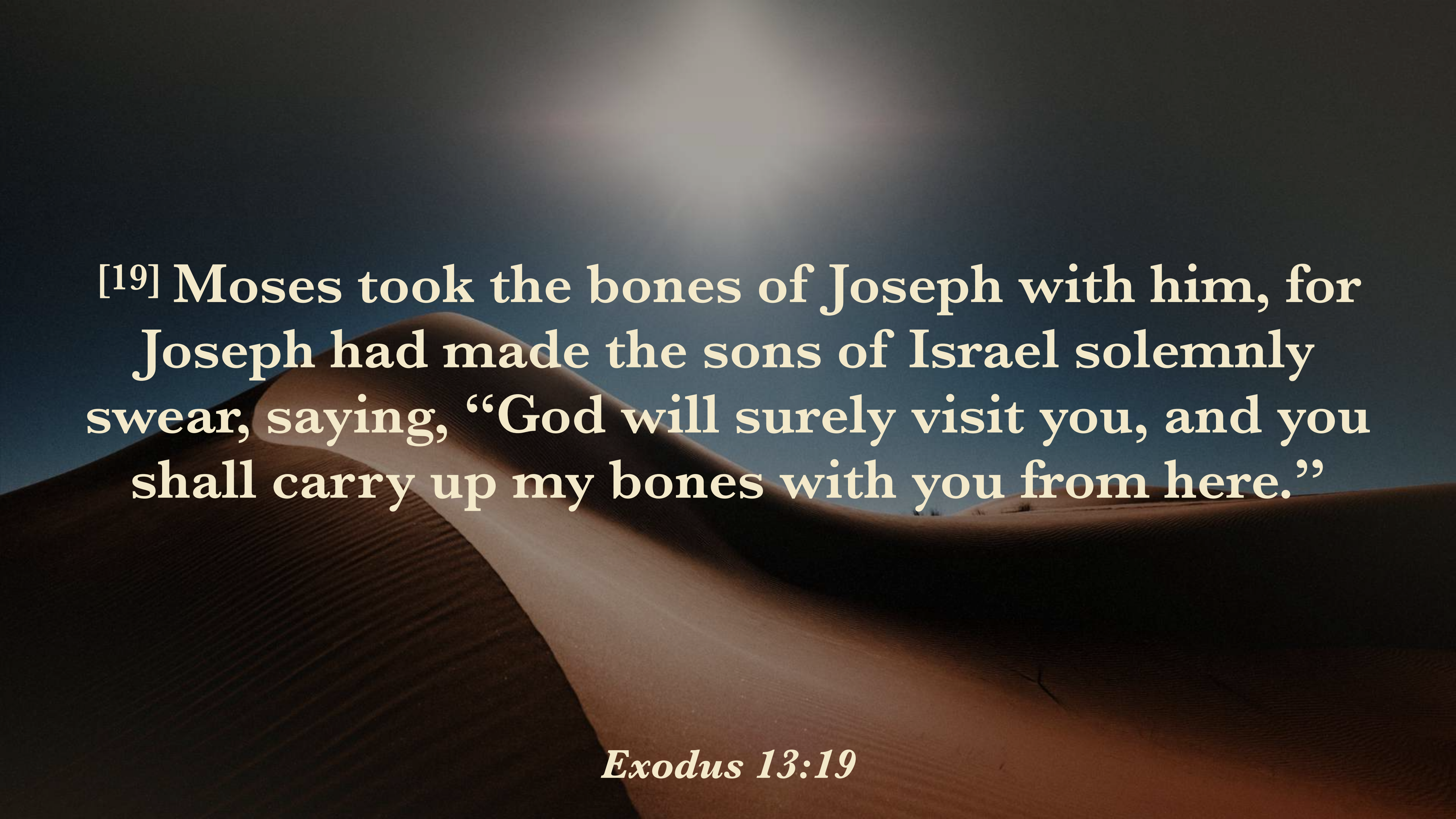
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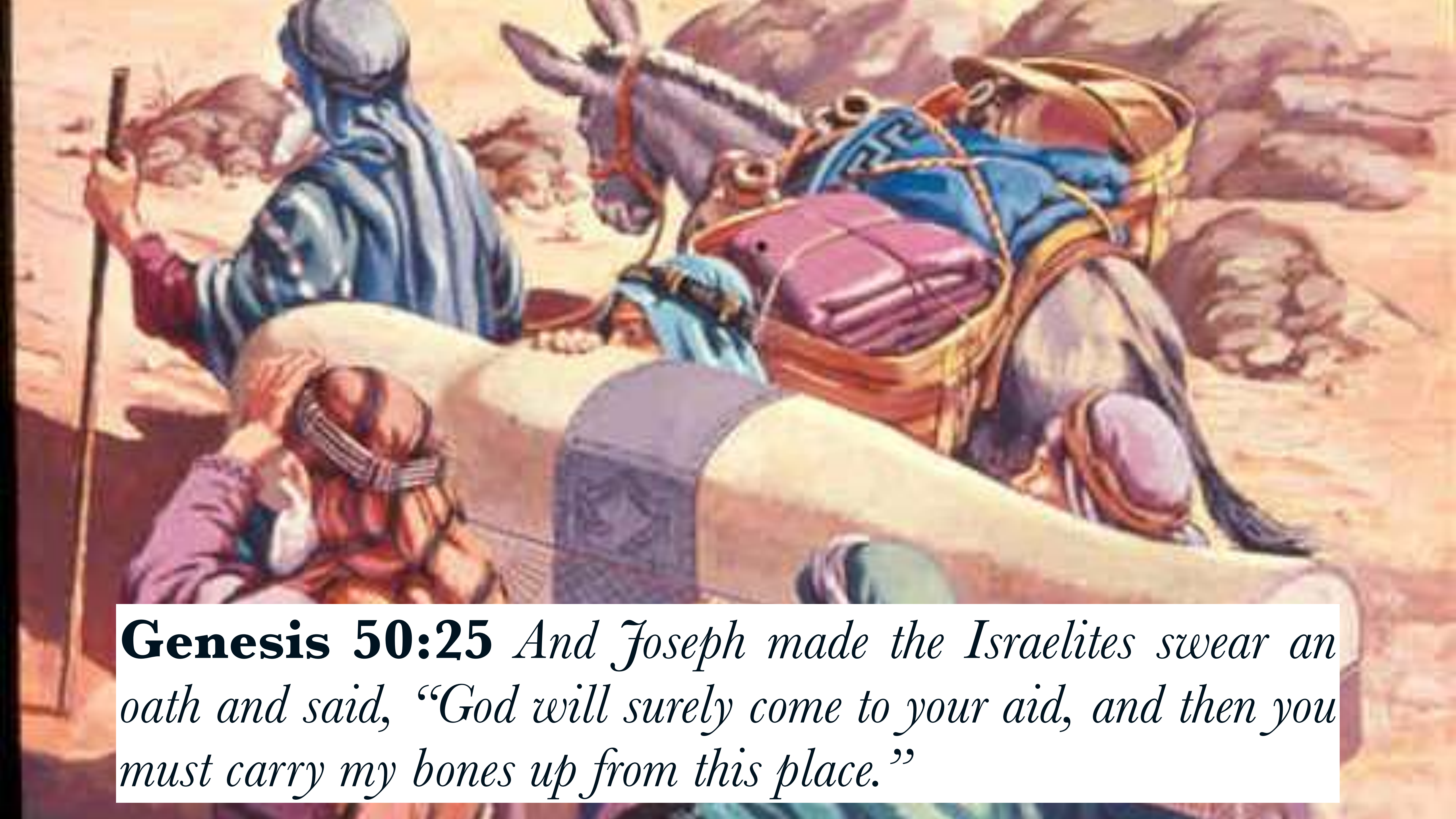


God's power is capable of anything, but God's plan loves us in our weakness.

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Exodus 13:19



Genesis 50:25 *And Joseph made the Israelites swear an oath and said, “God will surely come to your aid, and then you must carry my bones up from this place.”*

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**God has given you a church to
comfort you with their testimony.**

Joshua 24:32

[32] As for the bones of Joseph, which the people of Israel brought up from Egypt, they buried them at Shechem, in the piece of land that Jacob bought from the sons of Hamor the father of Shechem for a hundred pieces of money. It became an inheritance of the descendants of Joseph.


John 4:23-25

[23] But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father is seeking such people to worship him. [24] God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth.” [25] The woman said to him, “I know that Messiah is coming (he who is called Christ). When he comes, he will tell us all things.”



John 4:26

[26] Jesus said to her, "I who speak to you am he."

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**Jesus has been working in your life
longer than you can imagine.**

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Exodus 13:20-22



In 2024, will you trust God's plan?

- **Will you trust that God's Word will guide you truer than all the news, social media, celebrities, and politicians in this world?**
- **Will you trust that God's Church, as broken as it is, is his hands and feet in a broken and chaotic world?**
- **Will you trust that God's Spirit is empowering you with love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self control?**
- **Will you trust that God's mission, to make disciples, is the purpose of your life?**
- **Will you trust that God's Son truly showed us the only good and beautiful way to live?**

In 2024, will you live by Jesus' example?



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**I am not the exception
to Jesus' example.**