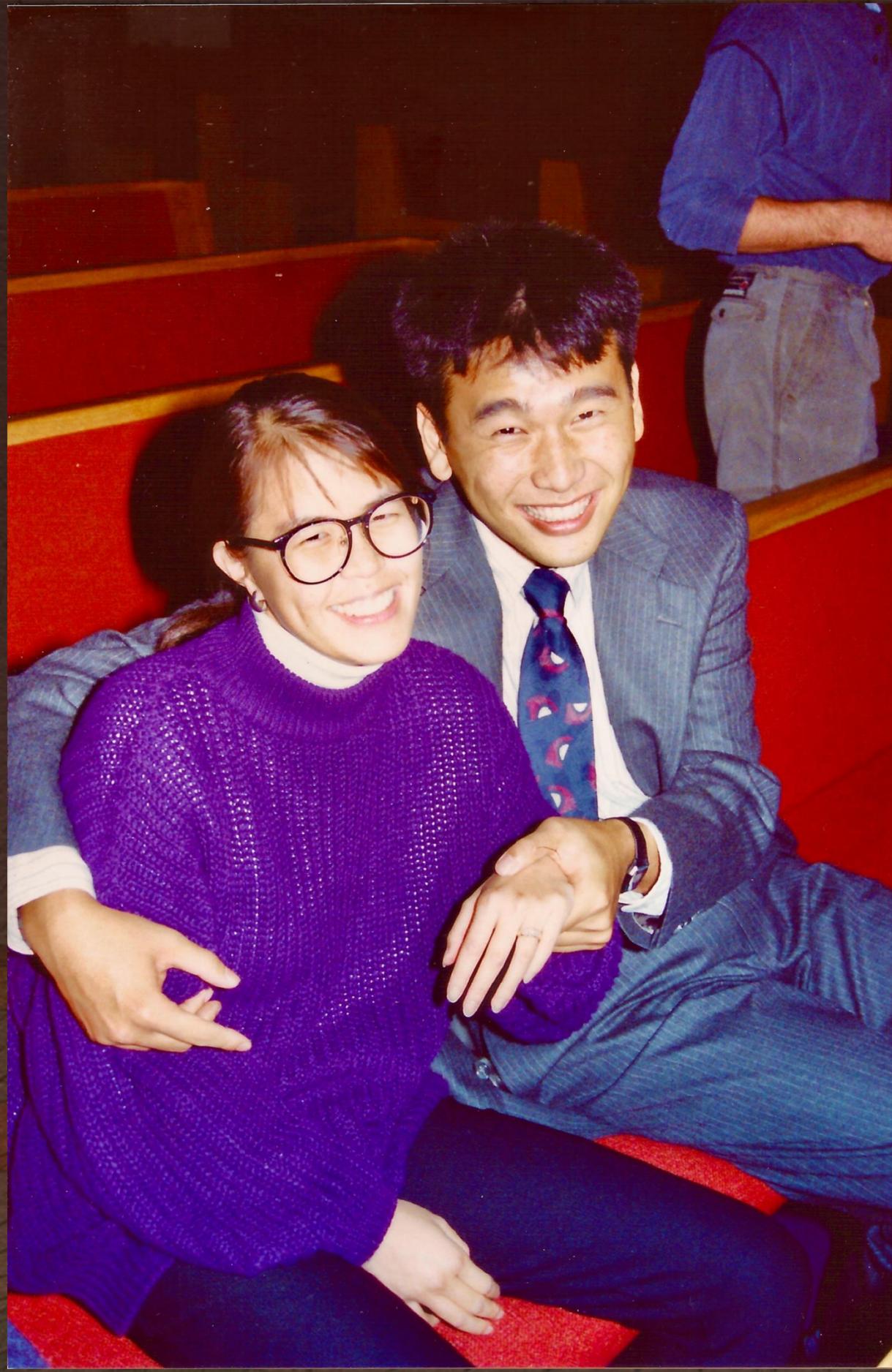




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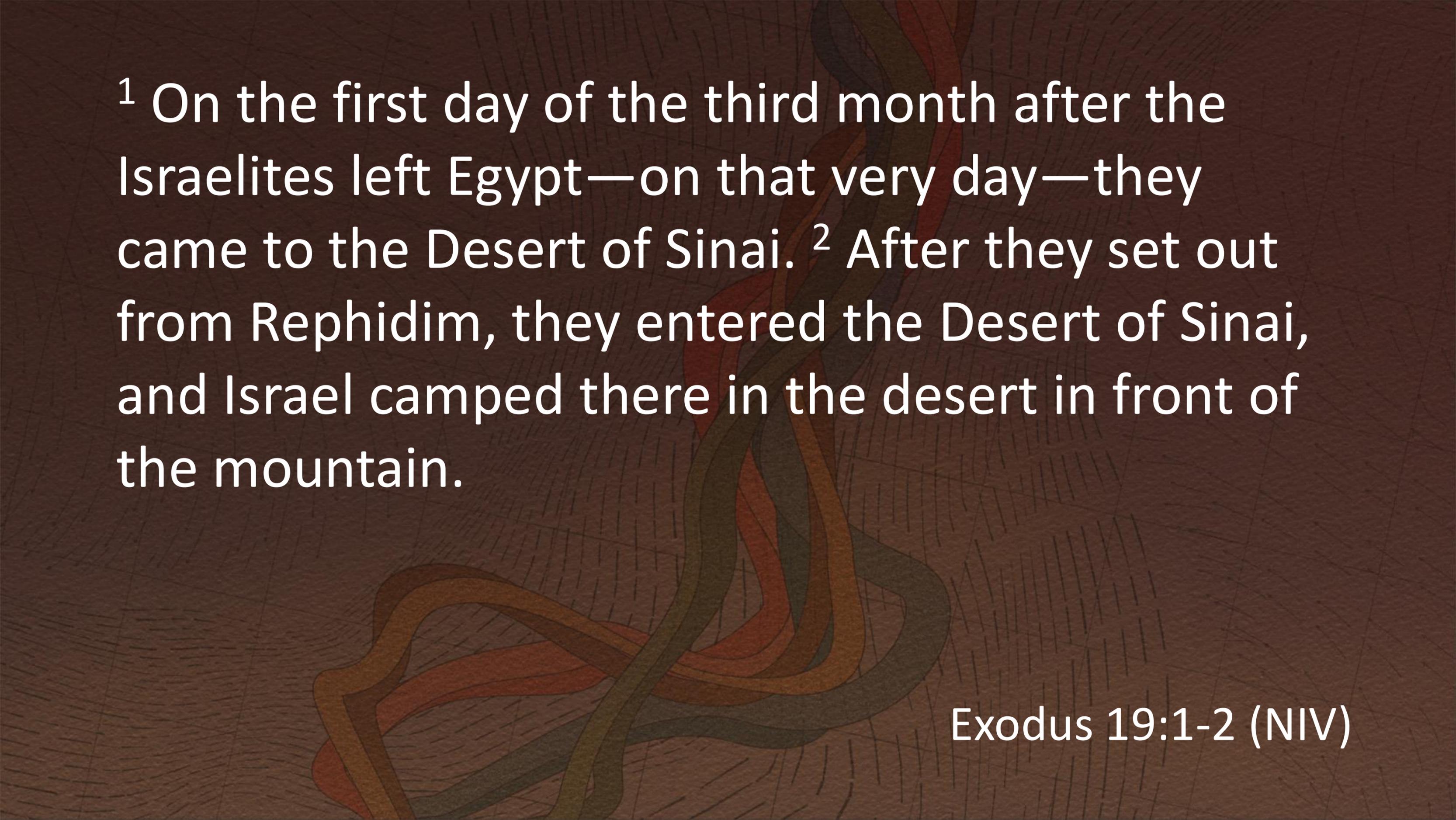
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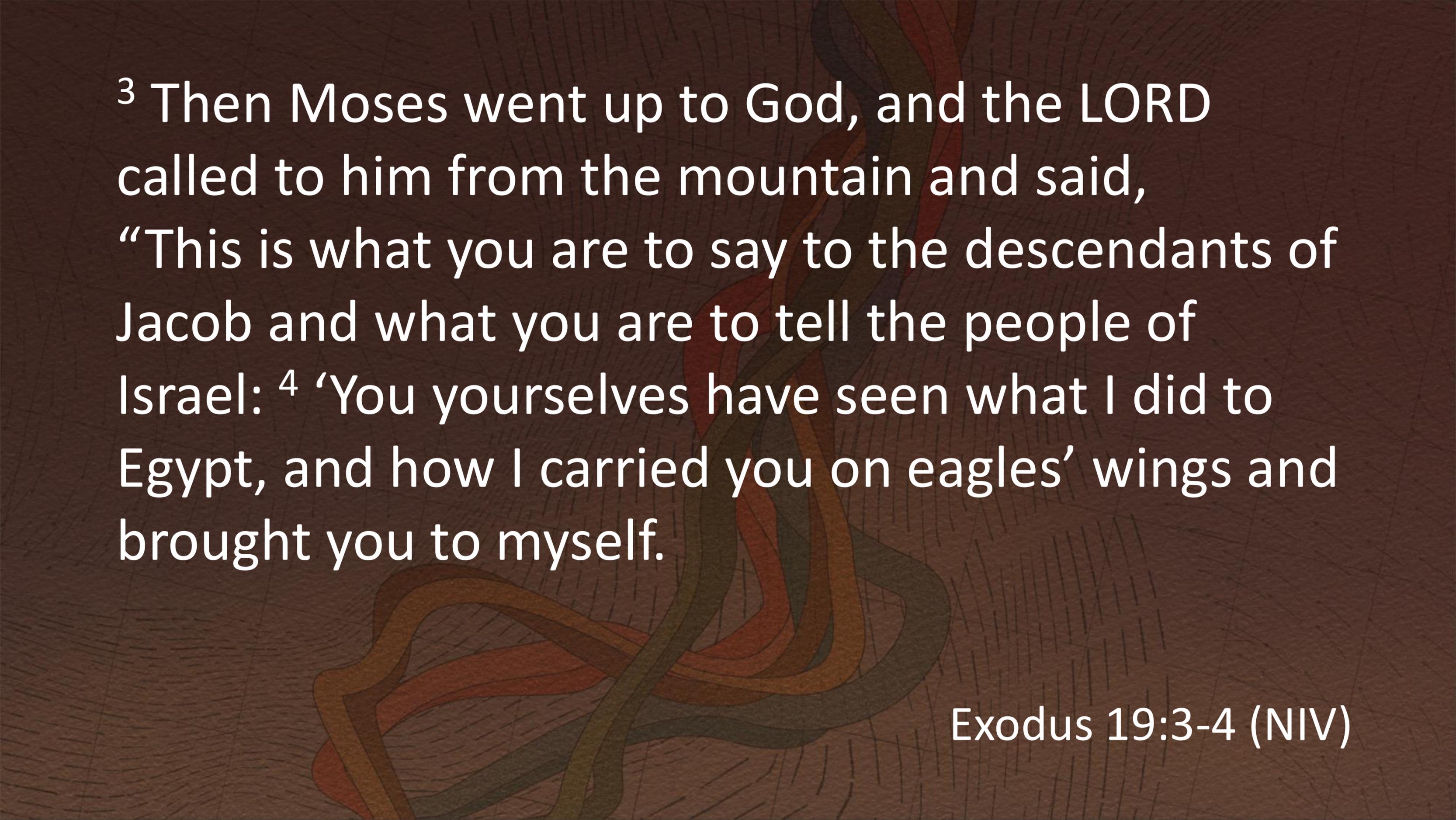
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¹ On the first day of the third month after the Israelites left Egypt—on that very day—they came to the Desert of Sinai. ² After they set out from Rephidim, they entered the Desert of Sinai, and Israel camped there in the desert in front of the mountain.

Exodus 19:1-2 (NIV)



³ Then Moses went up to God, and the LORD called to him from the mountain and said, “This is what you are to say to the descendants of Jacob and what you are to tell the people of Israel: ⁴ ‘You yourselves have seen what I did to Egypt, and how I carried you on eagles’ wings and brought you to myself.’”

Exodus 19:3-4 (NIV)

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Exodus 19:5-6 (NIV)

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b^erîṭ → **testamentum** → **testament**

Exodus 19:5-6 (NIV)

² “Go and proclaim in the hearing of Jerusalem:

“This is what the LORD says:

“ ‘I remember the devotion of your youth,
how as a **bride** you loved me
and followed me through the wilderness,
through a land not sown.

Jeremiah 2:2 (NIV)

³² It will not be like the **covenant**
I made with their ancestors
when I took them by the hand
to lead them out of Egypt,
because they broke my **covenant**,
though I was a **husband** to them,”
declares the LORD.

Jeremiah 31:32 (NIV)

³ Then Moses went up to God, and the LORD called to him from the mountain and said, “This is what you are to say to **the descendants of Jacob** and what you are to tell **the people of Israel**: ⁴ ‘You yourselves have seen what I did to Egypt, and how I carried you on eagles’ wings and brought you to myself.’”

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Exodus 19:5-6 (NIV)

⁷ So Moses went back and summoned the elders of the people and set before them all the words the LORD had commanded him to speak. ⁸ The people all responded together, “We will do everything the LORD has said.” So Moses brought their answer back to the LORD.

Exodus 19:7-8 (NIV)

⁹ The LORD said to Moses, “I am going to come to you in a dense cloud, so that the people will hear me speaking with you and will always put their trust in you.” Then Moses told the LORD what the people had said.

Exodus 19:9 (NIV)

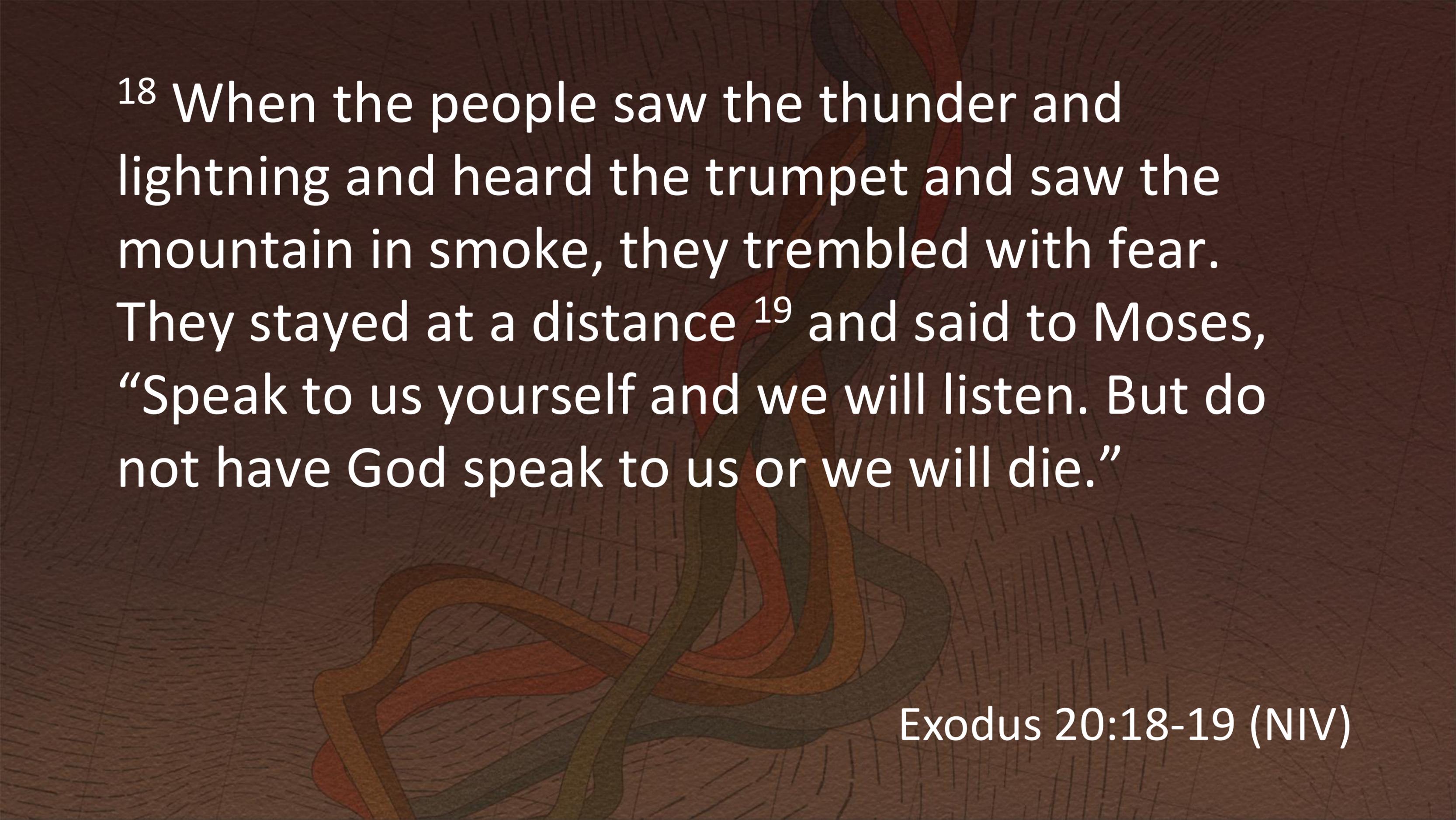
¹⁰ And the LORD said to Moses, “Go to the people and consecrate them today and tomorrow. Have them wash their clothes ¹¹ and be ready by the third day, because on that day the LORD will come down on Mount Sinai in the sight of all the people.

Exodus 19:10-11 (NIV)



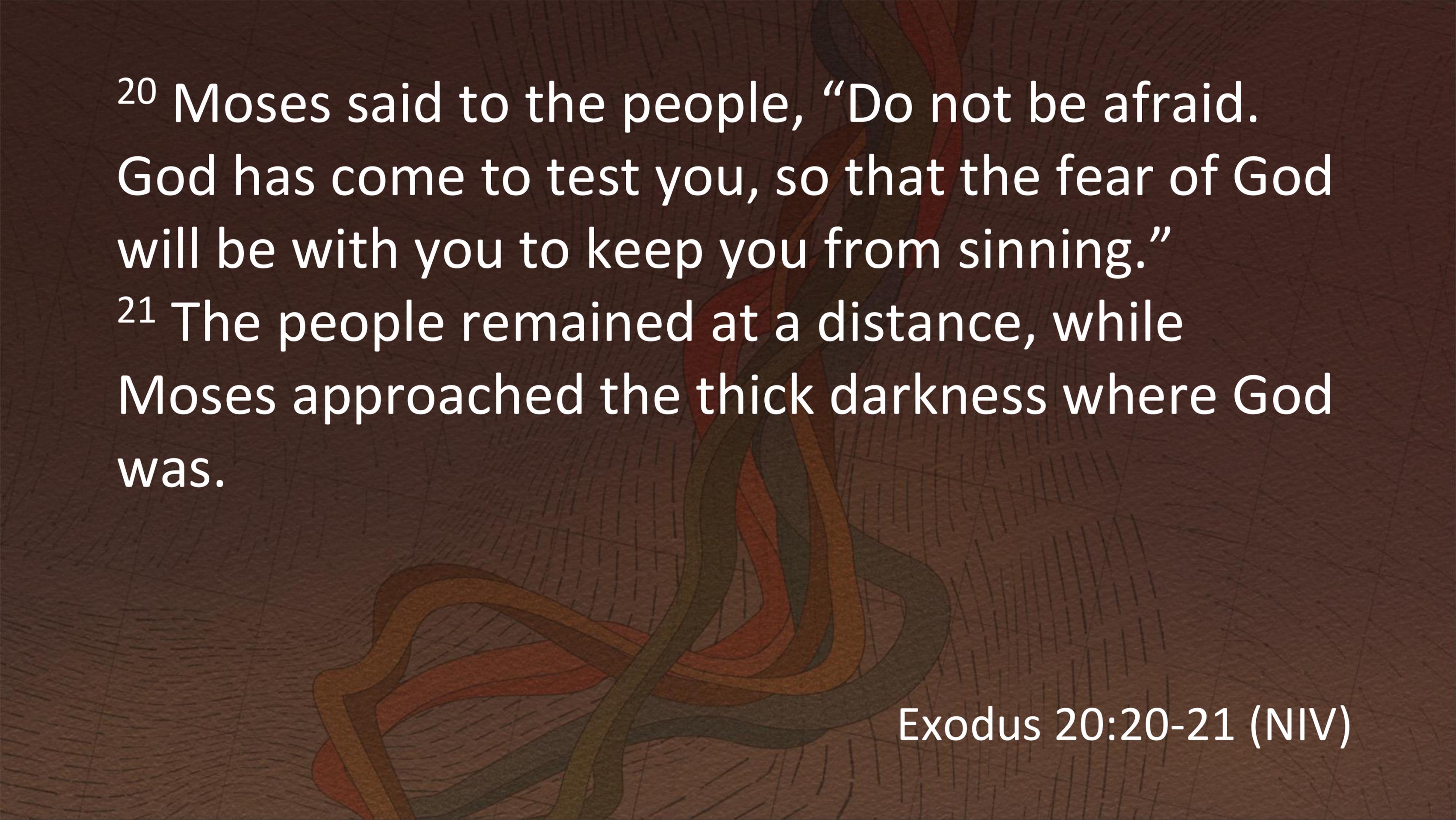
¹² Put limits for the people around the mountain and tell them, ‘Be careful that you do not approach the mountain or touch the foot of it. Whoever touches the mountain is to be put to death. ¹³ They are to be stoned or shot with arrows; not a hand is to be laid on them. No person or animal shall be permitted to live.’ Only when the ram’s horn sounds a long blast may they approach the mountain.”

Exodus 19:12-13 (NIV)



¹⁸ When the people saw the thunder and lightning and heard the trumpet and saw the mountain in smoke, they trembled with fear. They stayed at a distance ¹⁹ and said to Moses, “Speak to us yourself and we will listen. But do not have God speak to us or we will die.”

Exodus 20:18-19 (NIV)

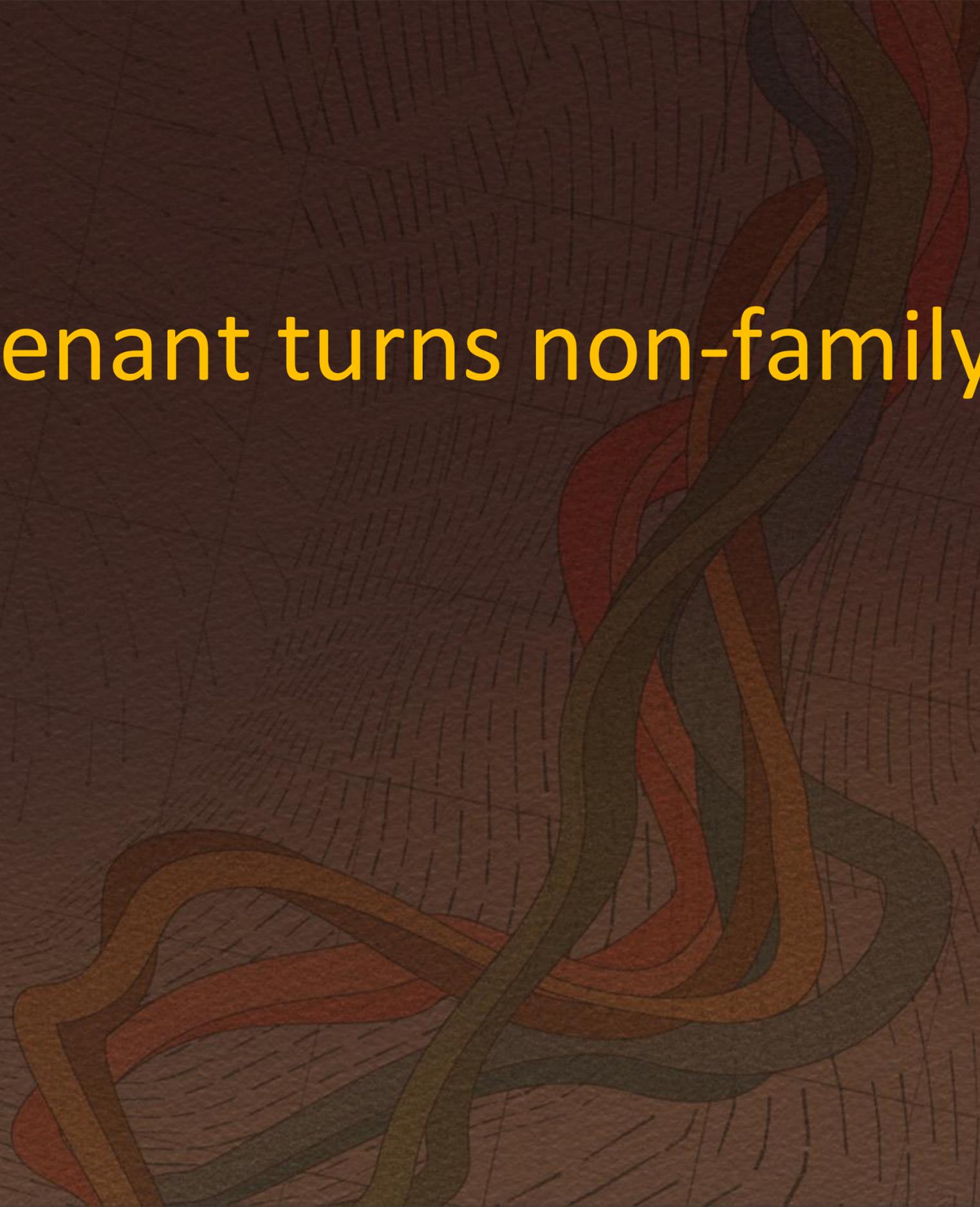


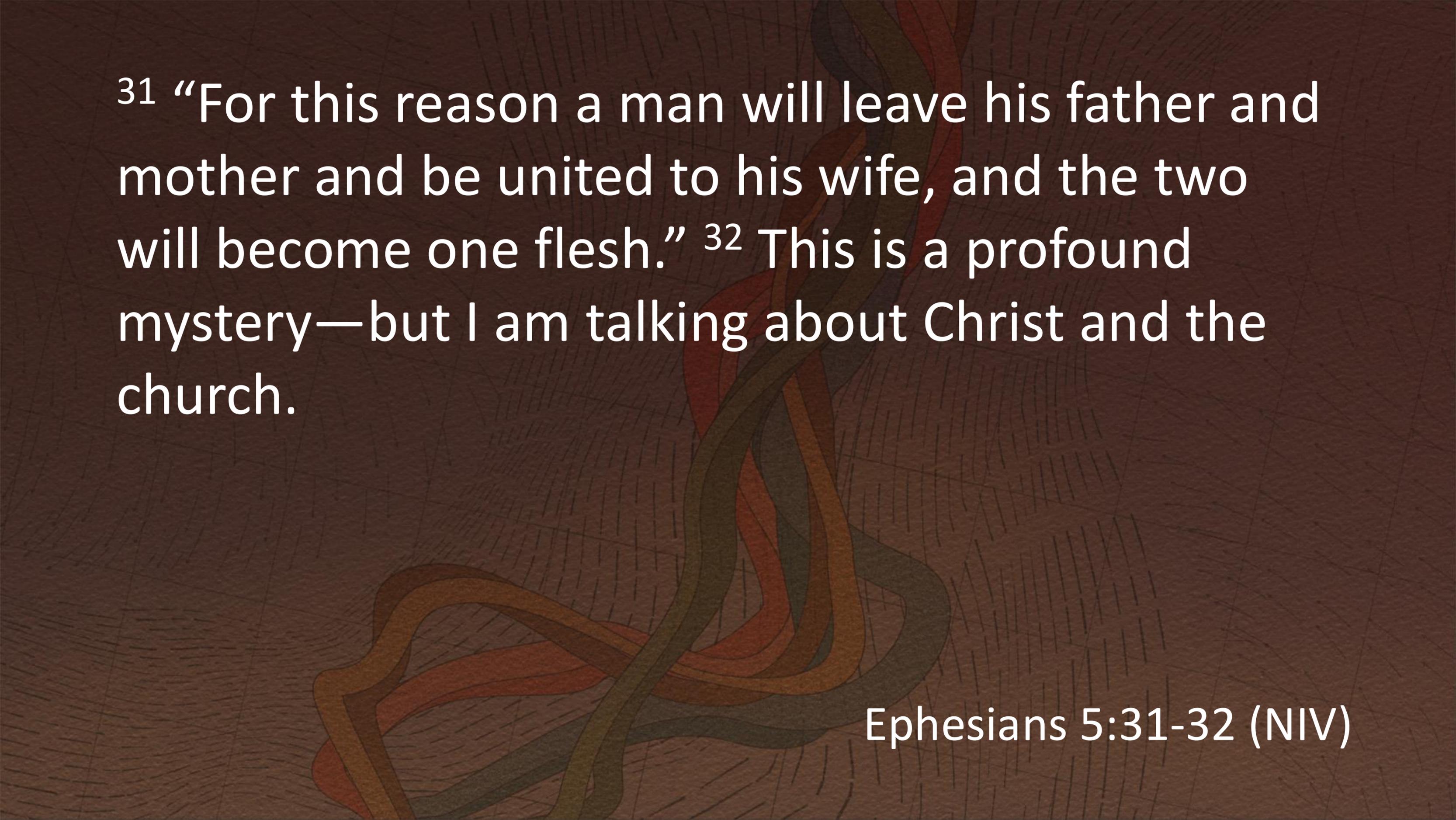
²⁰ Moses said to the people, “Do not be afraid. God has come to test you, so that the fear of God will be with you to keep you from sinning.”

²¹ The people remained at a distance, while Moses approached the thick darkness where God was.

Exodus 20:20-21 (NIV)

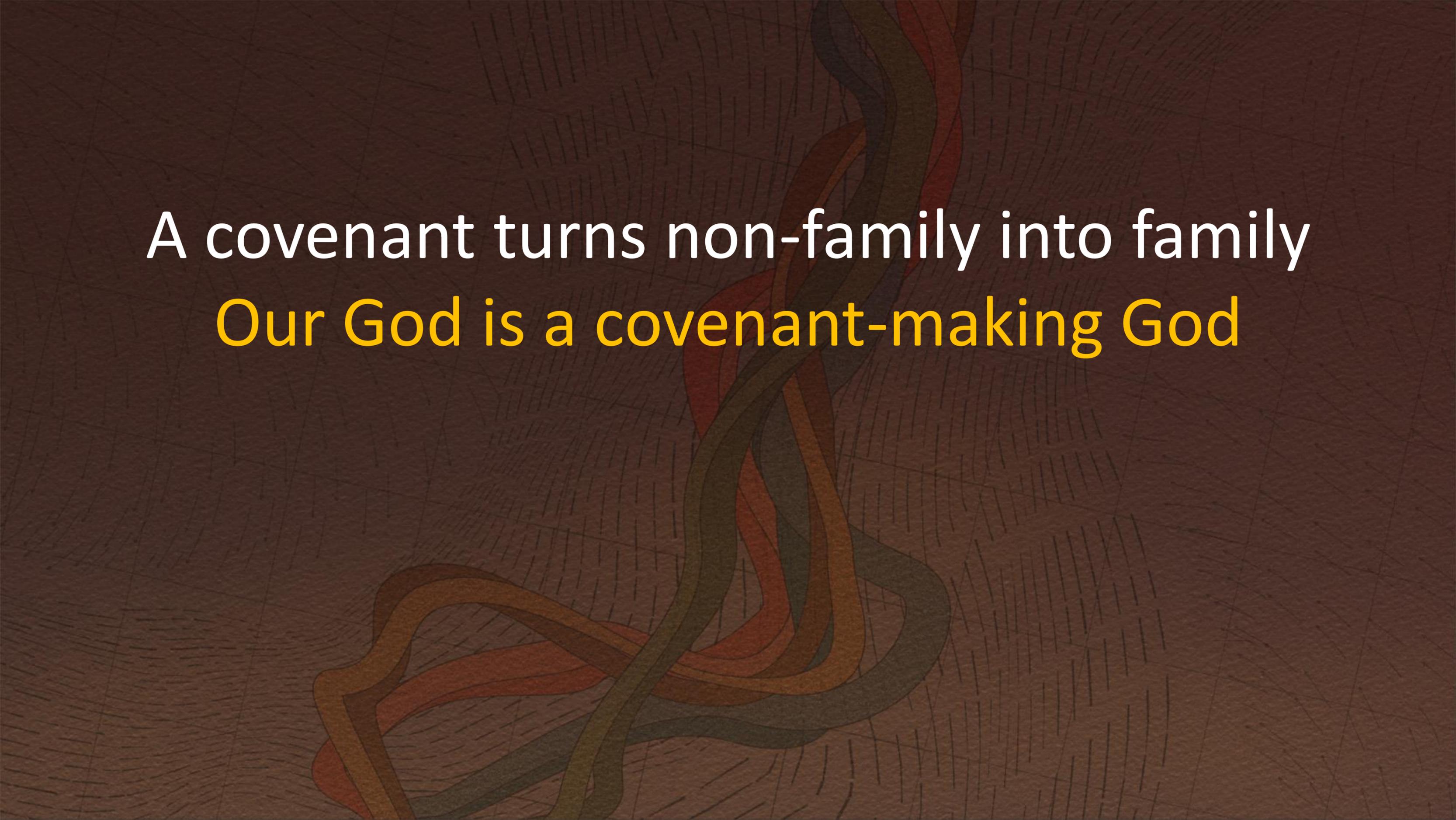
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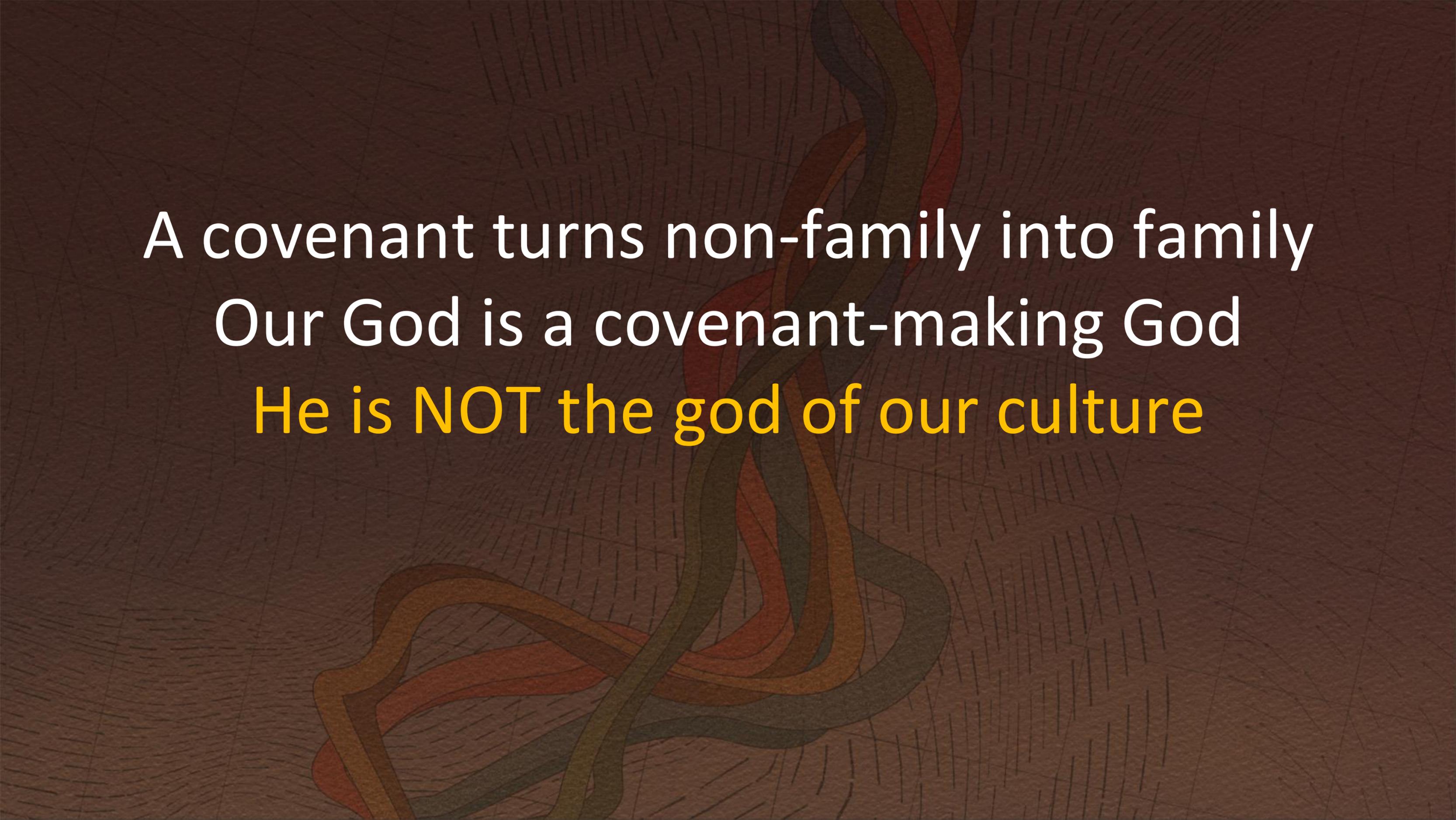


³¹ “For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and the two will become one flesh.” ³² This is a profound mystery—but I am talking about Christ and the church.

Ephesians 5:31-32 (NIV)



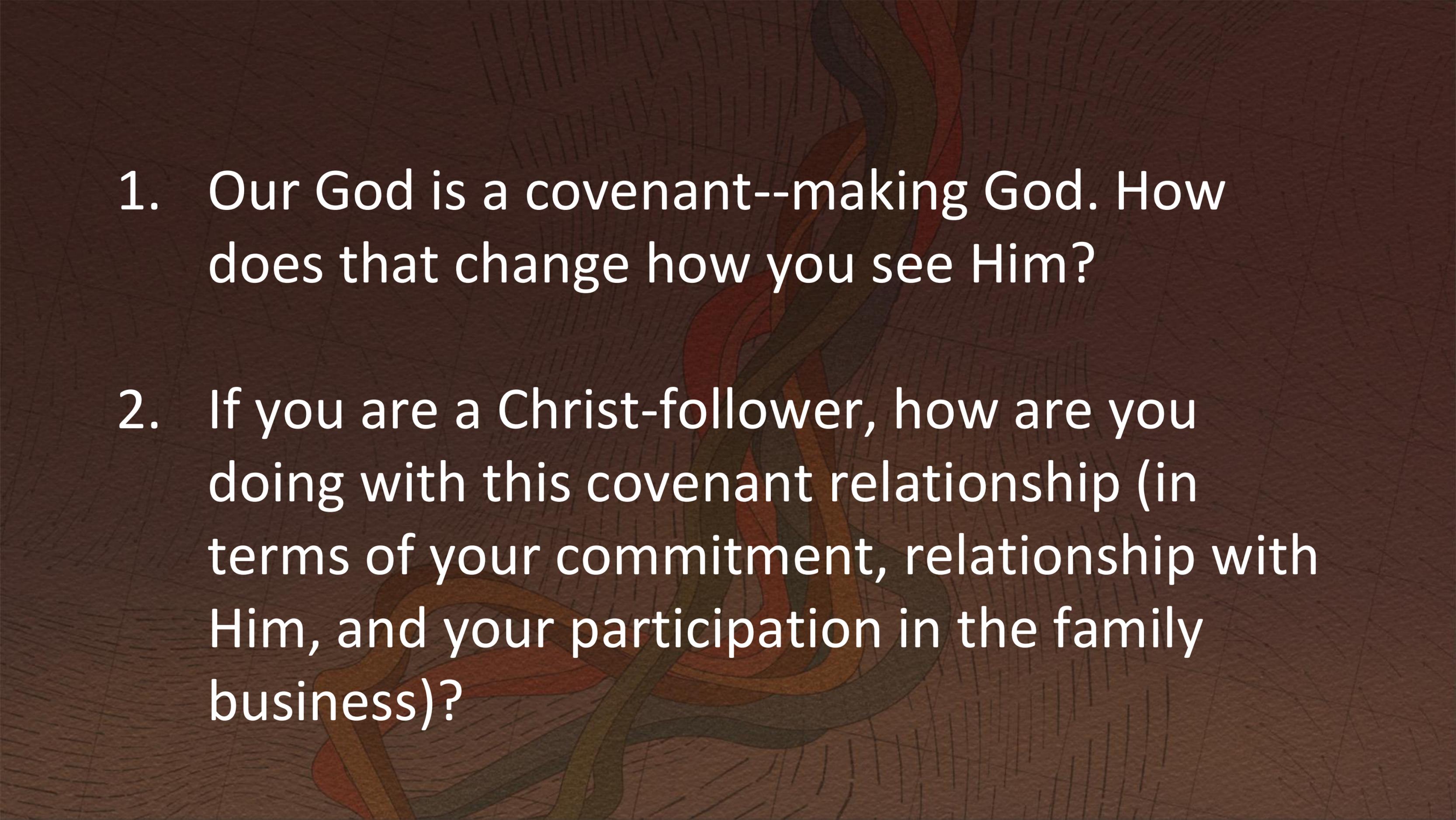
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- An **angry** god who is out to punish me
- A **distant** god who doesn't care about me
- A **nitpicking** god who demands that I follow
the rules

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1. Our God is a covenant--making God. How does that change how you see Him?
 2. If you are a Christ-follower, how are you doing with this covenant relationship (in terms of your commitment, relationship with Him, and your participation in the family business)?