

1 Now there was a wealthy and influential man in Bethlehem named Boaz, who was a relative of Naomi's husband, Elimelech. 2 One day Ruth the Moabite said to Naomi, "Let me go out into the harvest fields to pick up the stalks of grain left behind by anyone who is kind enough to let me do it." Naomi replied, "All right, my daughter, go ahead."

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3 So Ruth went out to gather grain behind the harvesters. And as it happened, she found herself working in a field that belonged to Boaz, the relative of her father-in-law, Elimelech. 4 While she was there, Boaz arrived from Bethlehem and greeted the harvesters. "The Lord be with you!" he said. "The Lord bless you!" the harvesters replied. 5 Then Boaz asked his foreman, "Who is that young woman over there? Who does she belong to?"

RUTH 2:3-5 NLT

6 And the foreman replied, "She is the young woman from Moab who came back with Naomi. 7 She asked me this morning if she could gather grain behind the harvesters. She has been hard at work ever since, except for a few minutes' rest in the shelter."

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10 "If you are faithful in little things, you will be faithful in large ones. But if you are dishonest in little things, you won't be honest with greater responsibilities."

Luke 16:10 NLT

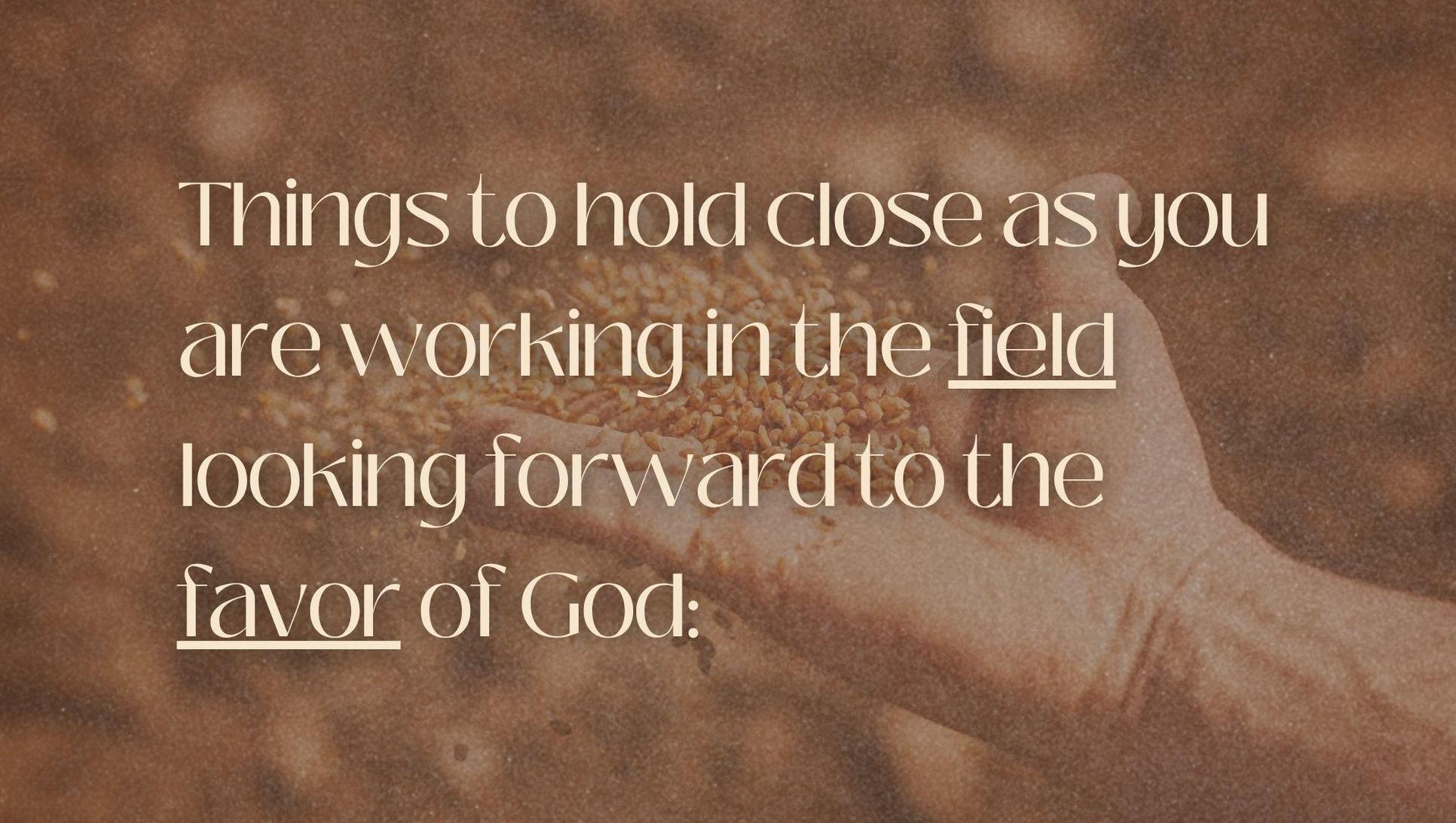
A field of golden wheat stalks under a soft, hazy sky. The text "God's favor" is overlaid in the center, with "favor" underlined.

God's favor

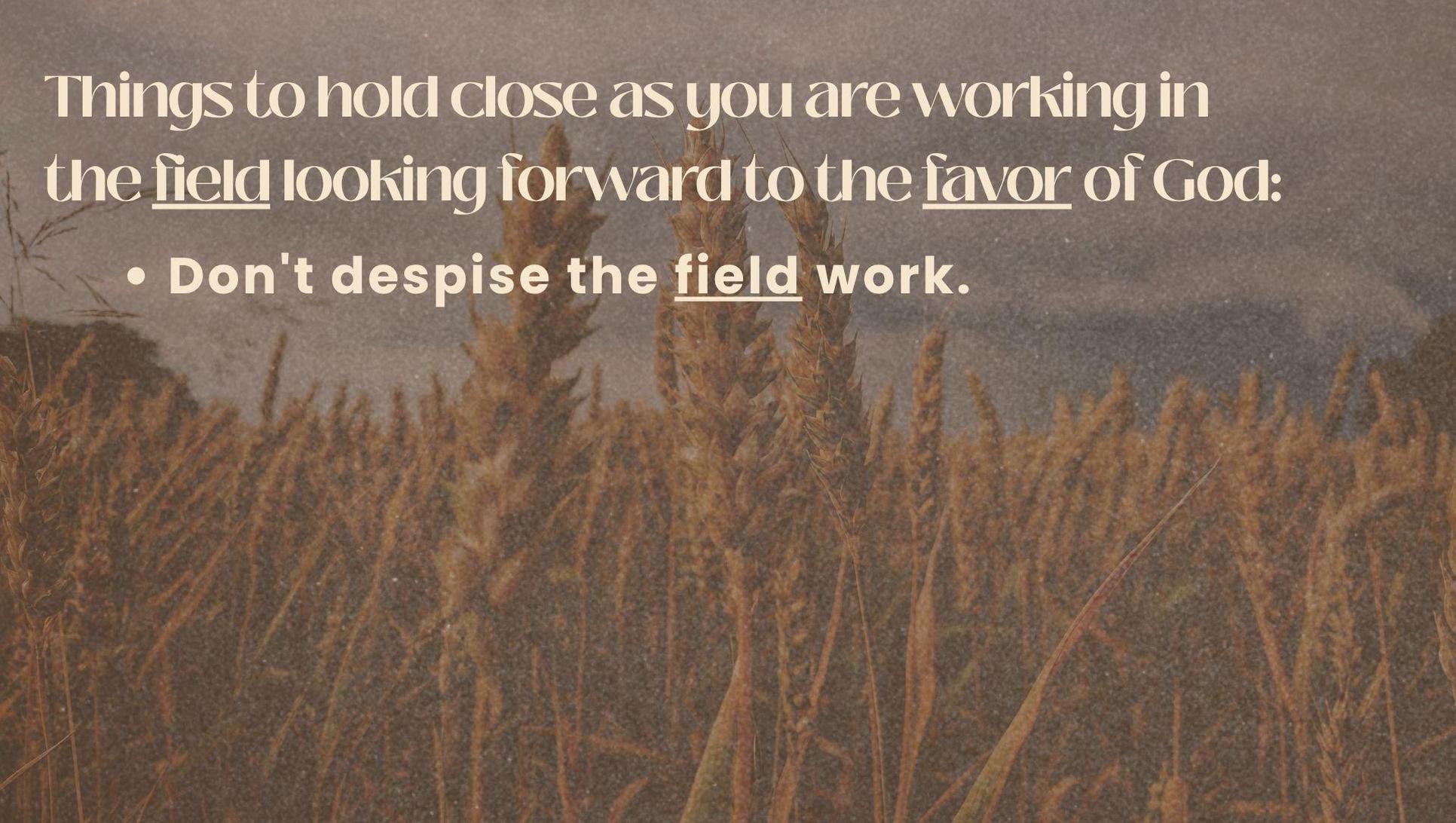
defined:

God's favor defined:

God's favor is often described as a divine kindness, approval, or blessing that flows from God to humanity. The term "favor" in Scripture conveys the idea of gracious acceptance, benevolent affection, and provision of blessings.

A close-up photograph of a person's hand holding a large quantity of golden-brown wheat grains. The hand is positioned in the lower right quadrant, with the fingers slightly curled to support the weight of the grain. The background is a soft, out-of-focus brown, suggesting a field or a rustic setting. The lighting is warm and natural, highlighting the texture of the grain and the skin of the hand.

Things to hold close as you
are working in the field
looking forward to the
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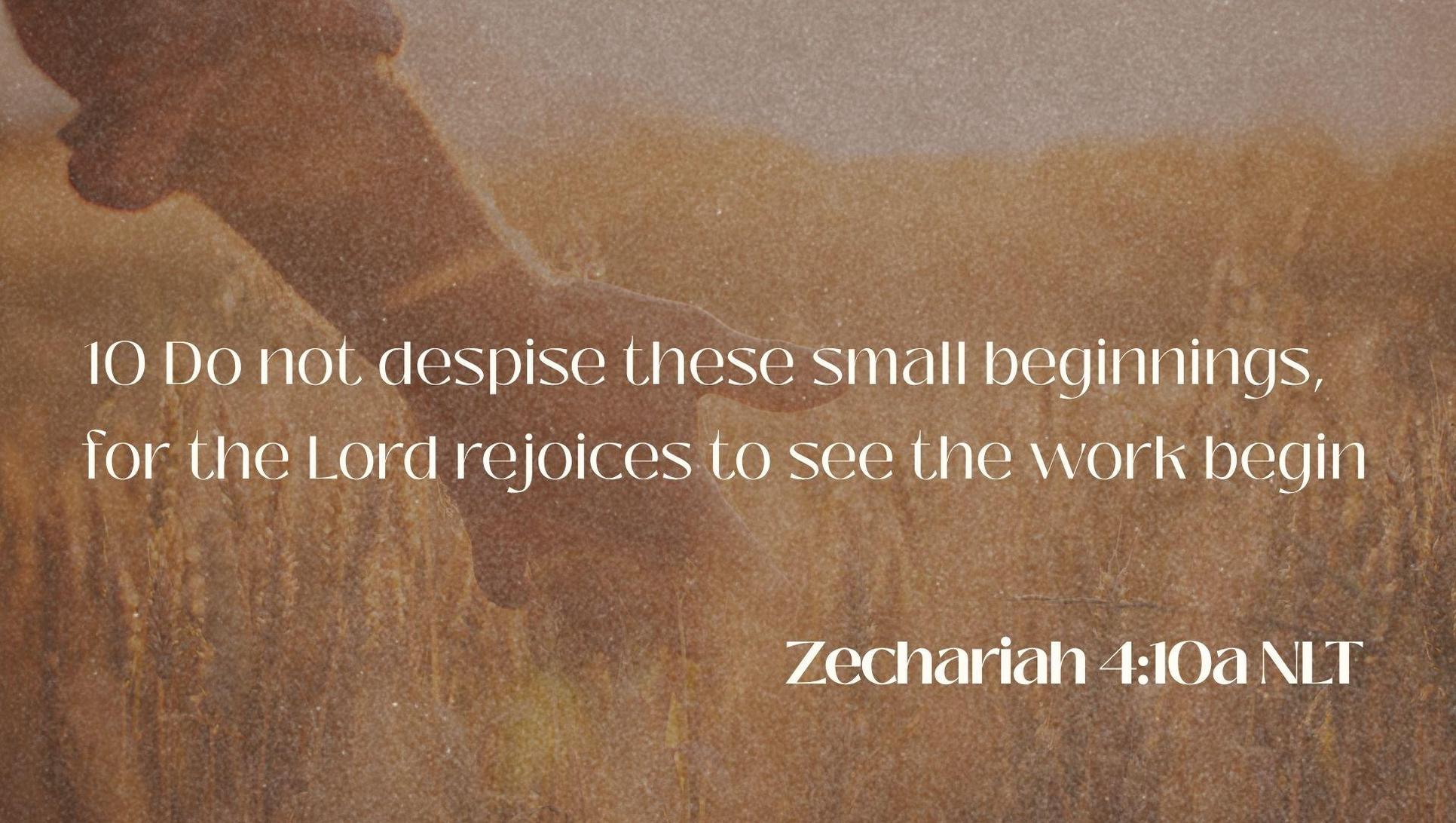
A photograph of a field of golden wheat stalks. The stalks are in the foreground and middle ground, with some in sharp focus and others blurred. The background is a dark, overcast sky. The overall tone is somber and contemplative.

Things to hold close as you are working in
the field looking forward to the favor of God:

- Don't despise the field work.

2 One day Ruth the Moabite said to Naomi, "Let me go out into the harvest fields to pick up the stalks of grain left behind by anyone who is kind enough to let me do it."

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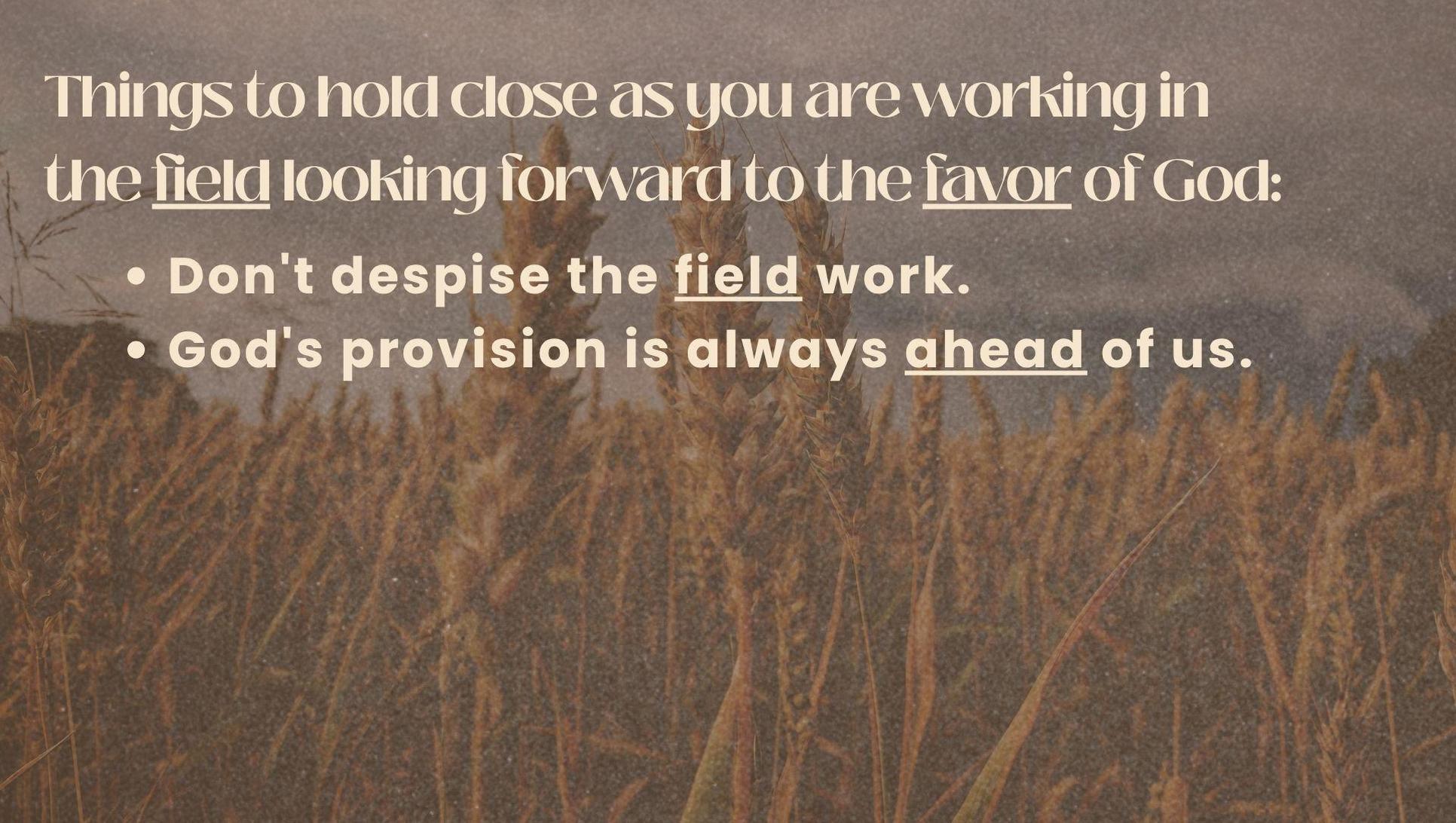
A hand with a dark skin tone is shown from the left, pointing its index finger towards the right. The background is a textured, mottled brown color, resembling aged parchment or a natural stone surface. The lighting is soft, highlighting the contours of the hand.

10 Do not despise these small beginnings,
for the Lord rejoices to see the work begin

Zechariah 4:10a NLT

What started out as a season of struggle and a time of humbling was actually God positioning her for something greater.



A close-up photograph of a field of golden wheat stalks. The stalks are in sharp focus in the foreground, showing their intricate structure and the texture of the grain. The background is a soft, hazy expanse of more wheat, creating a sense of depth and a warm, golden light. The overall mood is peaceful and contemplative.

Things to hold close as you are working in
the field looking forward to the favor of God:

- Don't despise the field work.
- God's provision is always ahead of us.

3 So Ruth went out to gather grain behind the harvesters. And as it happened, she found herself working in a field that belonged to Boaz, the relative of her father-in-law, Elimelech.

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9 “When you harvest the crops of your land, do not harvest the grain along the edges of your fields, and do not pick up what the harvesters drop. 10 It is the same with your grape crop—do not strip every last bunch of grapes from the vines, and do not pick up the grapes that fall to the ground. Leave them for the poor and the foreigners living among you. I am the Lord your God.”

Leviticus 19:9-10 NLT

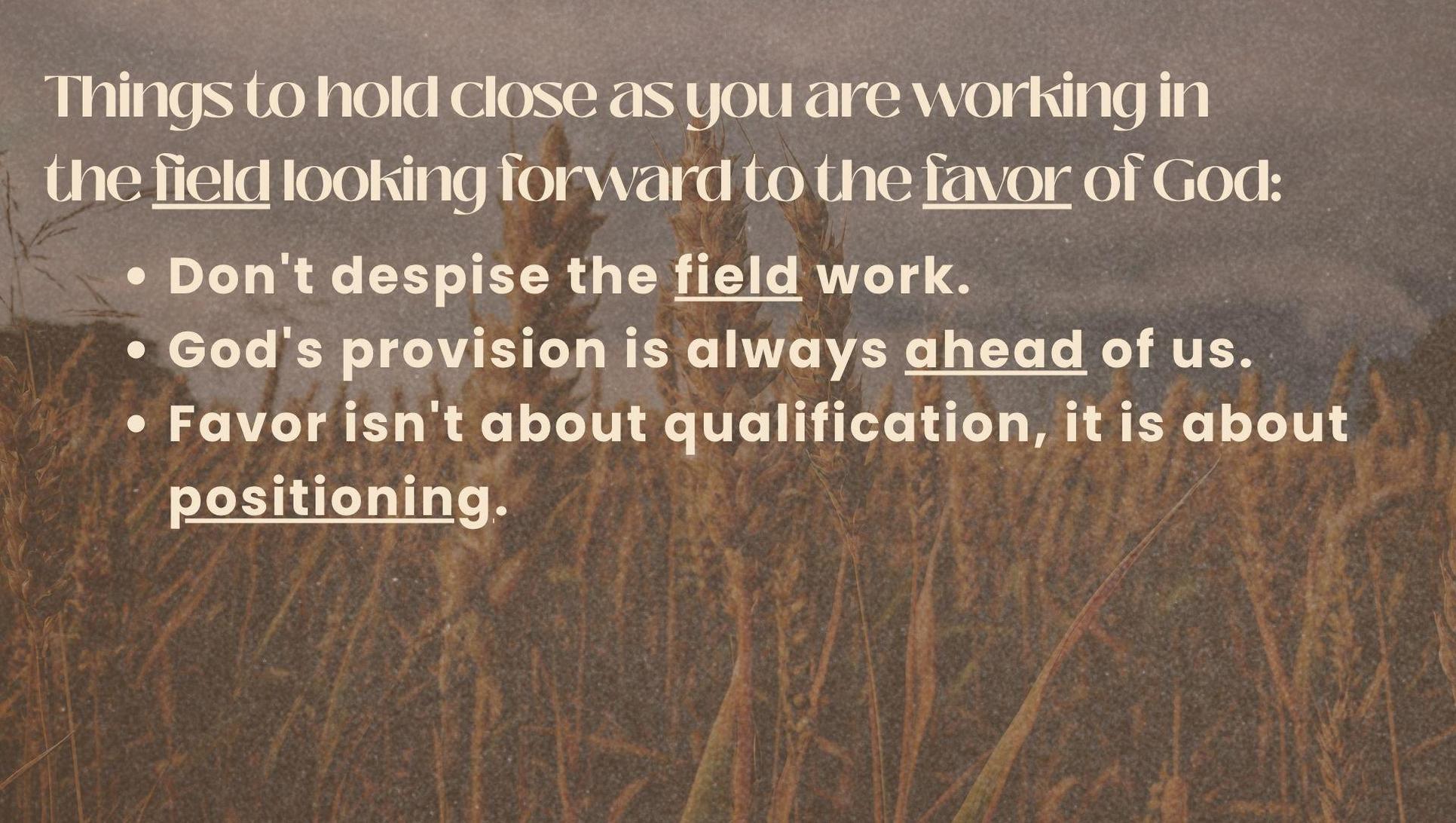


23 The Lord directs the steps of the
godly. He delights in every detail of their
lives.

Psalm 37:23 NLT

A pair of hands is clasped in prayer, resting on an open Bible. The Bible is lying flat on a wooden surface. The text is overlaid on the image in a white, serif font. The words "season" and "next" are underlined.

If you are faithful in the season God has
you in right now, God will lead you to the
next one.

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Things to hold close as you are working in
the field looking forward to the favor of God:

- Don't despise the field work.
- God's provision is always ahead of us.
- Favor isn't about qualification, it is about positioning.



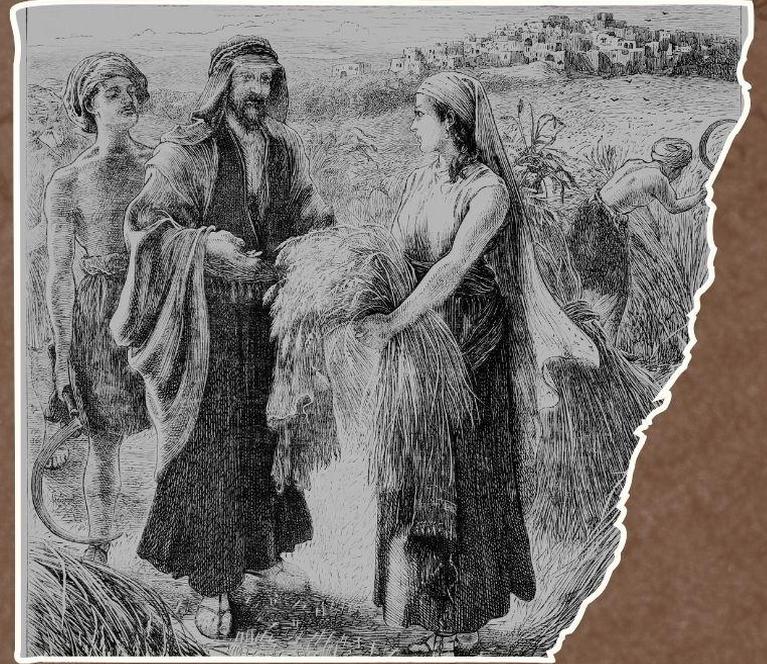
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27 Instead, God chose things the world considers foolish in order to shame those who think they are wise. And he chose things that are powerless to shame those who are powerful.

1 Corinthians 1:27 NLT

Favor isn't something
we achieve, it is
something we
receive from God.



Things to hold close as you are working in the field looking forward to the favor of God:

- Don't despise the field work.
- God's provision is always ahead of us.
- Favor isn't about qualification, it is about positioning.
- We need to be faithful in the field before favor finds us.

6 And the foreman replied, "She is the young woman from Moab who came back with Naomi. 7 She asked me this morning if she could gather grain behind the harvesters. She has been hard at work ever since, except for a few minutes' rest in the shelter."

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Favor finds us in
our faithfulness.

Are you being
faithful right now
in the field God
has placed you
in?

