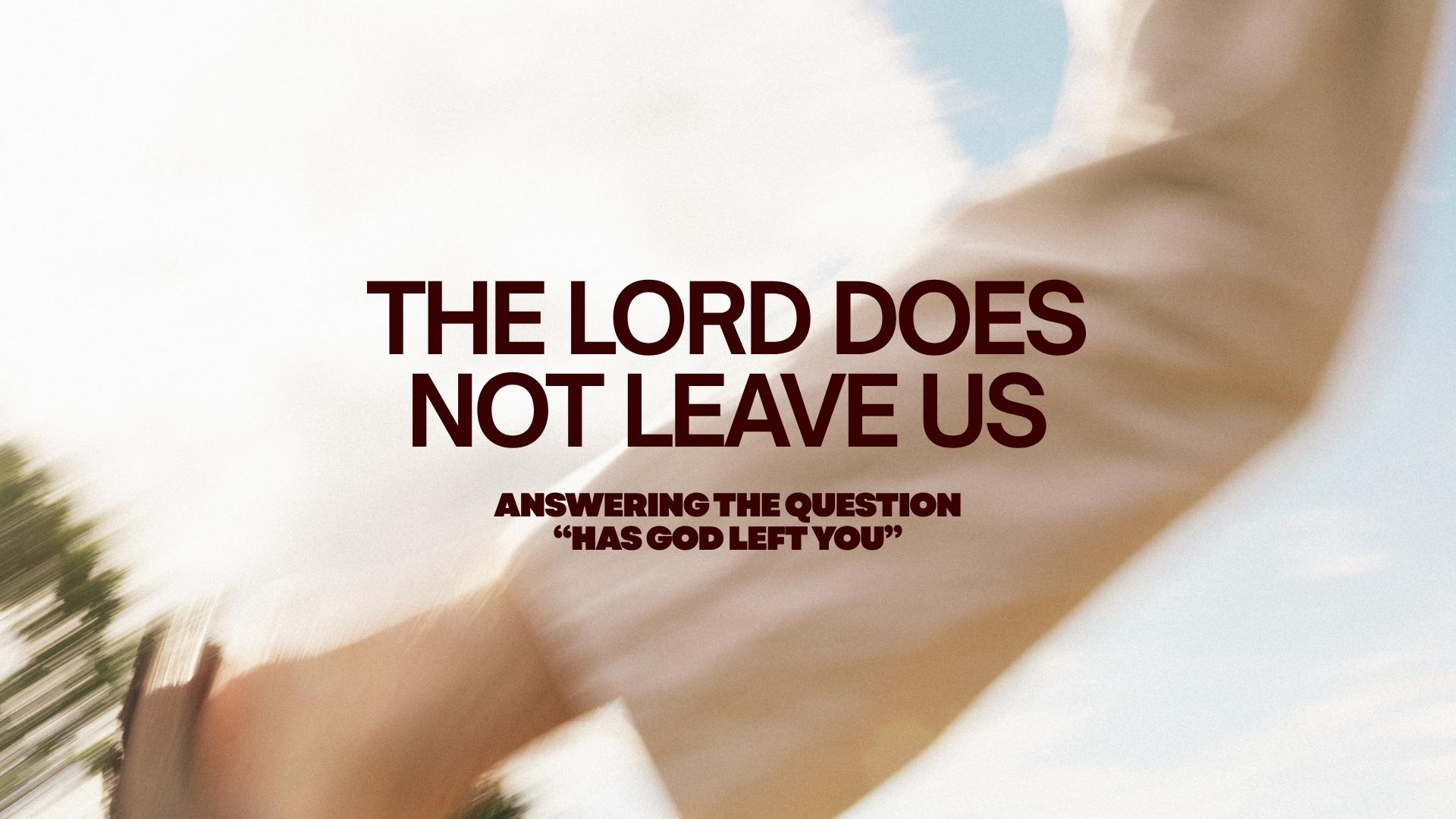


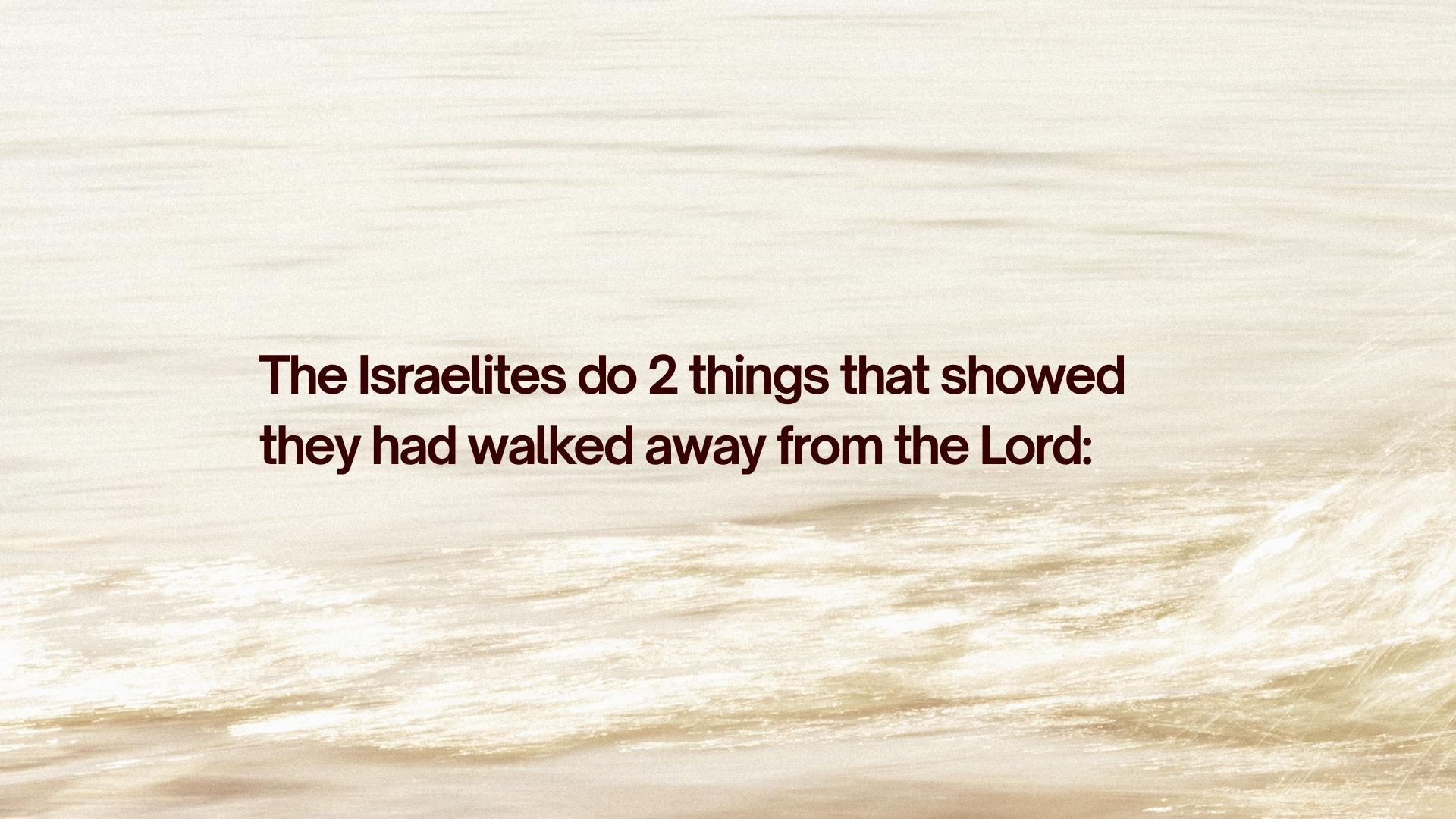


THE LORD DOES NOT LEAVE US

**ANSWERING THE QUESTION
“HAS GOD LEFT YOU”**



**HAS GOD LEFT
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Exodus 32:1 NIV When the people saw that Moses was so long in coming down from the mountain, they gathered around Aaron and said, “Come, make us gods[a] who will go before us. As for this fellow Moses who brought us up out of Egypt, we don’t know what has happened to him.”

Exodus 32:8 NIV: “ They have been quick to turn away from what I commanded them and have made themselves an idol cast in the shape of a calf. They have bowed down to it and sacrificed to it and have said, ‘These are your gods, Israel, who brought you up out of Egypt.’

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01) They made their own God

02) They began to run wild.

**By worshipping
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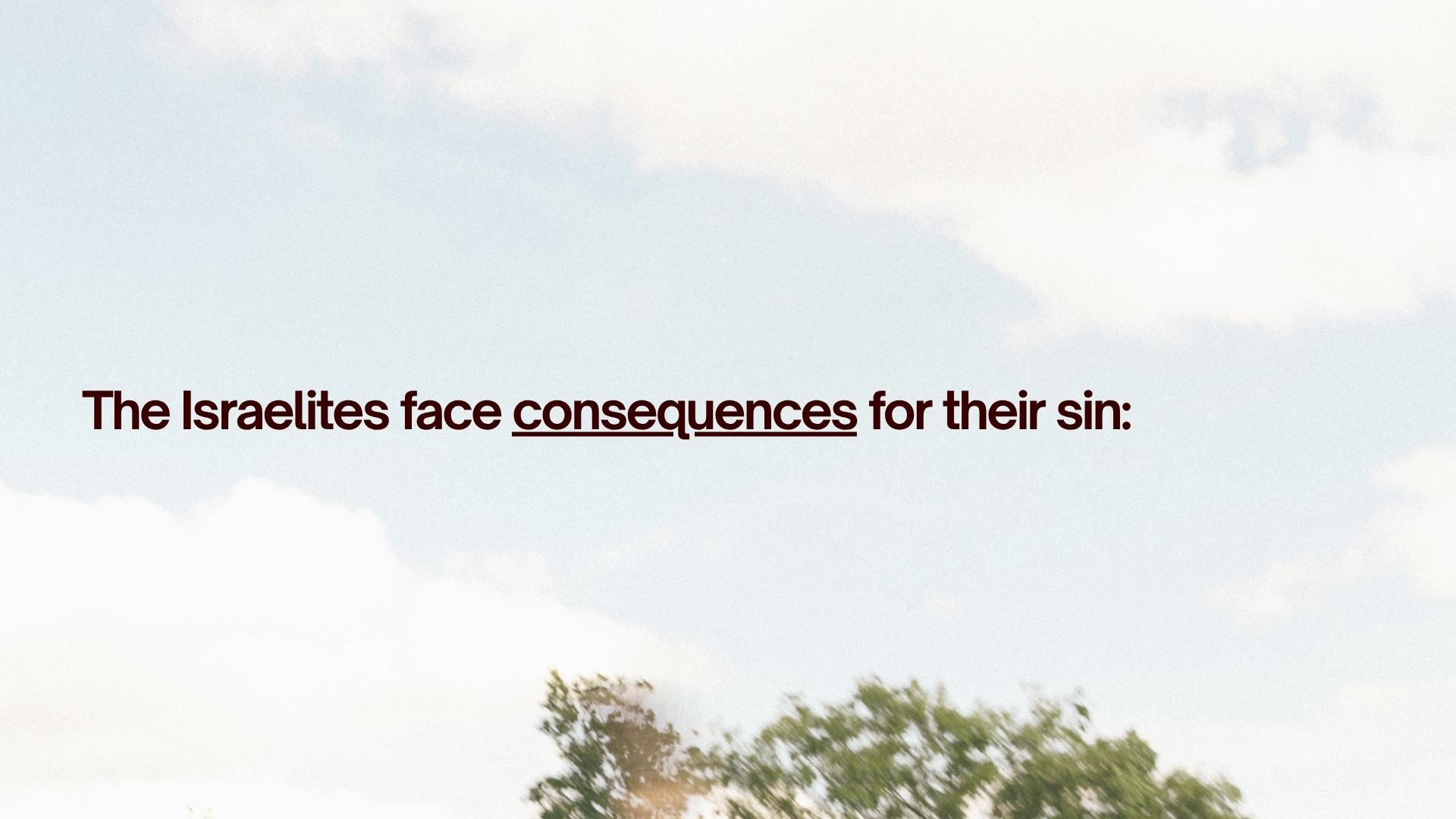


**The fruit of their rotten
heart may have been
displayed through the
calf, but the root was
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something other than
God would deliver
them.**



Sin leaves us in
broken promises





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1) God told them he wouldn't go with them

Then the Lord said to Moses, “Leave this place, you and the people you brought up out of Egypt, and go up to the land I promised on oath to Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, saying, ‘I will give it to your descendants.’ 2 I will send an angel before you and drive out the Canaanites, Amorites, Hittites, Perizzites, Hivites and Jebusites. 3 Go up to the land flowing with milk and honey. But I will not go with you, because you are a stiff-necked person and I might destroy you on the way.” Exodus 33:1-3 NIV

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2) People Died

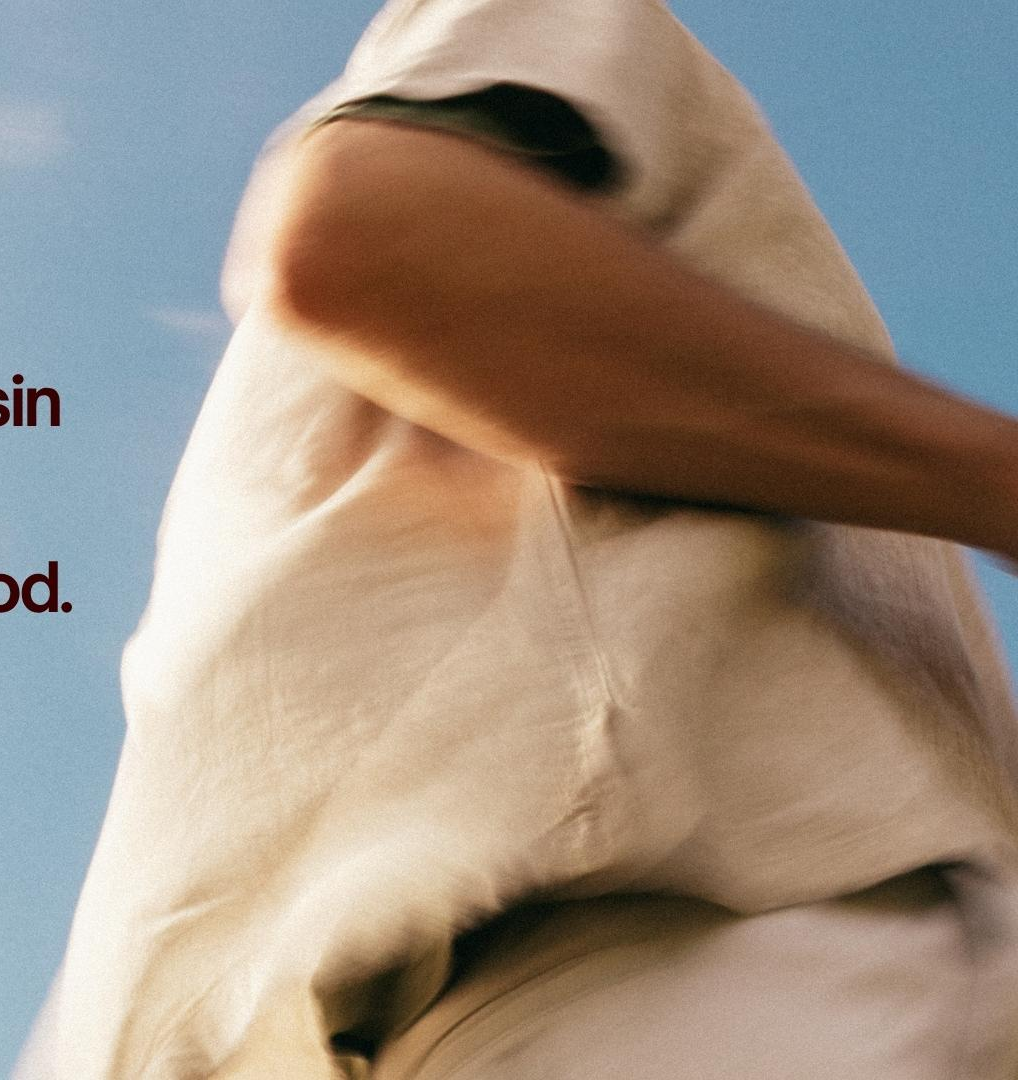
Then he said to them, “This is what the Lord, the God of Israel, says: ‘Each man strap a sword to his side. Go back and forth through the camp from one end to the other, each killing his brother and friend and neighbor.’” Exodus 32:27-28

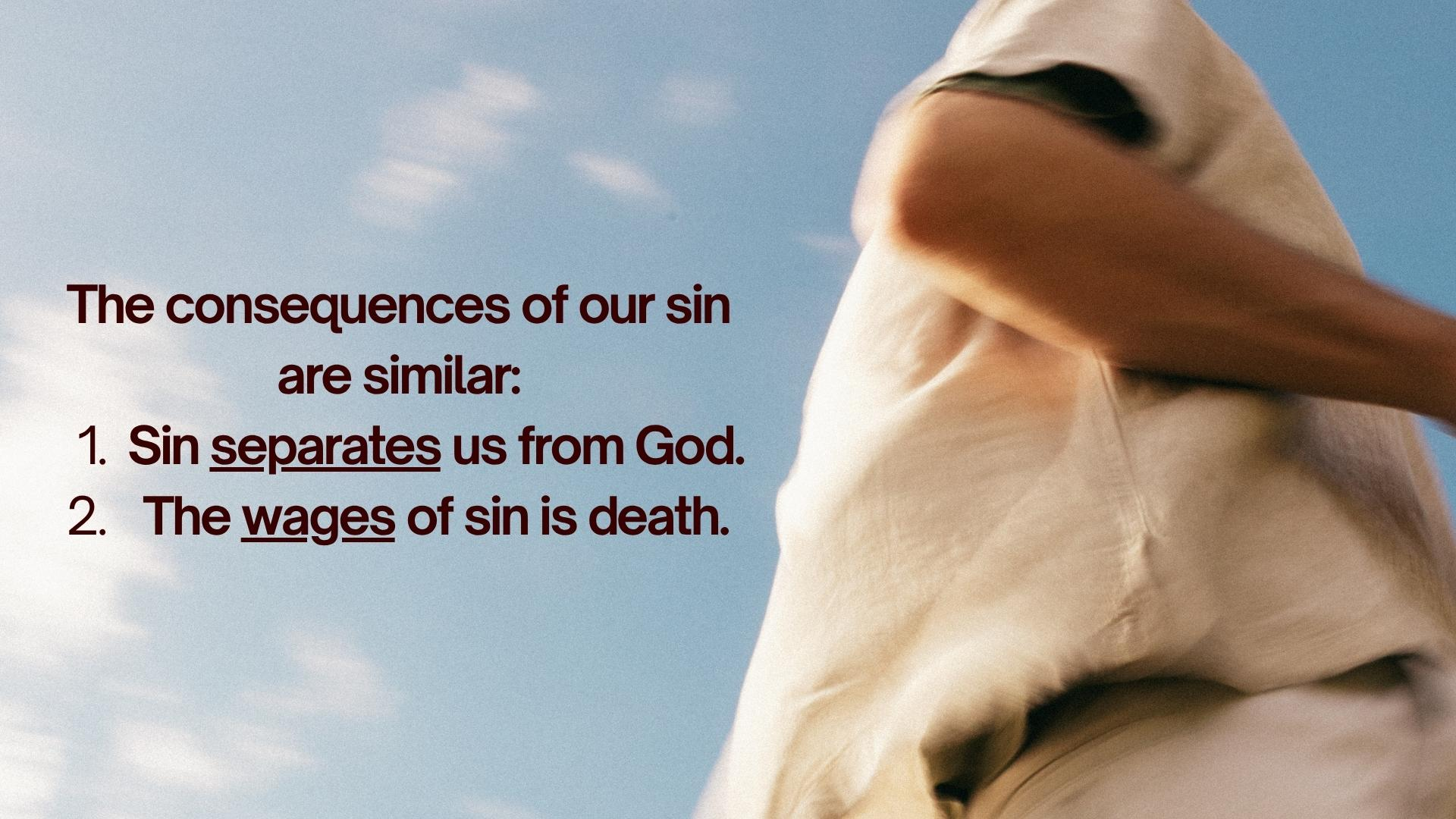
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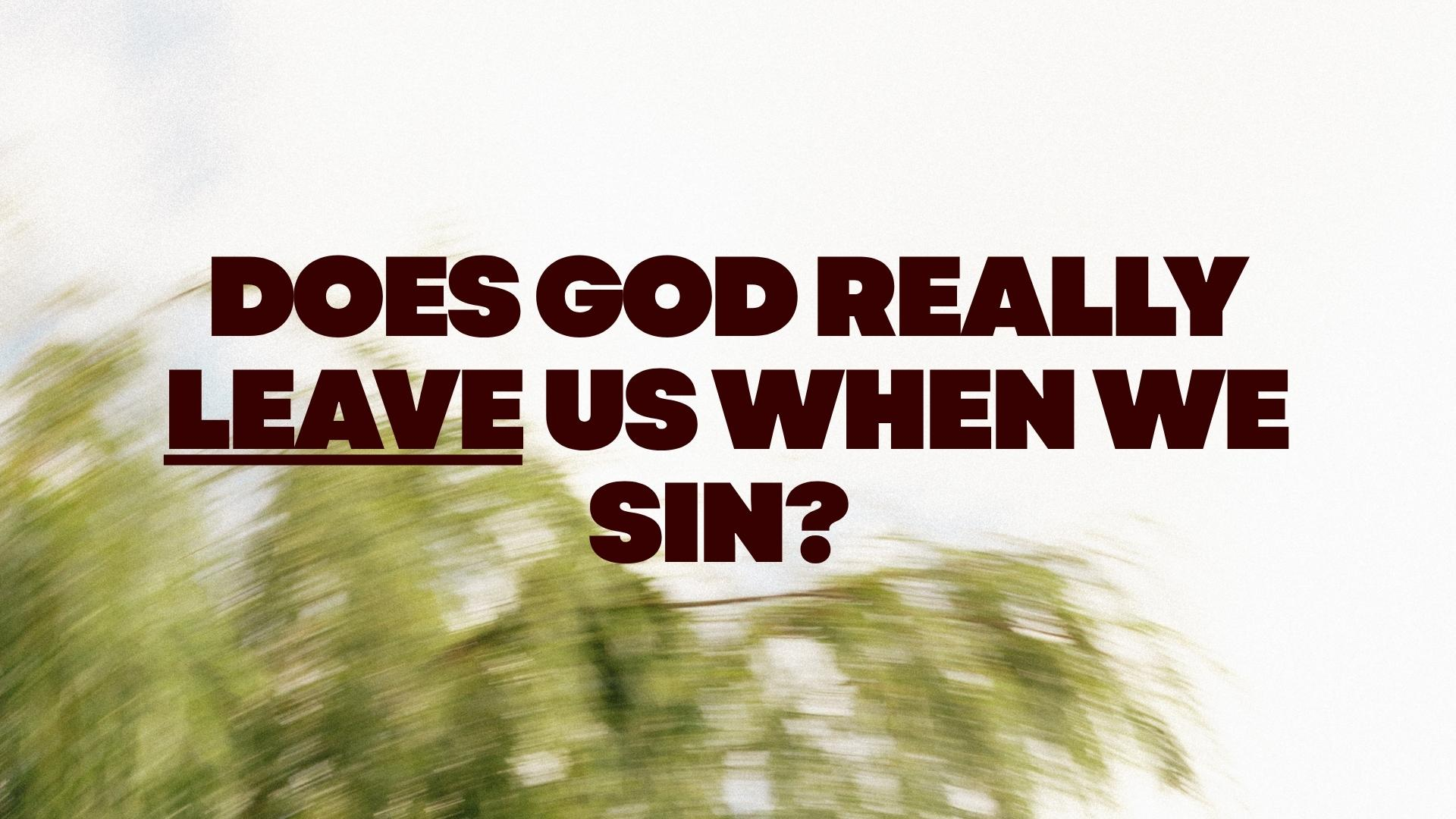
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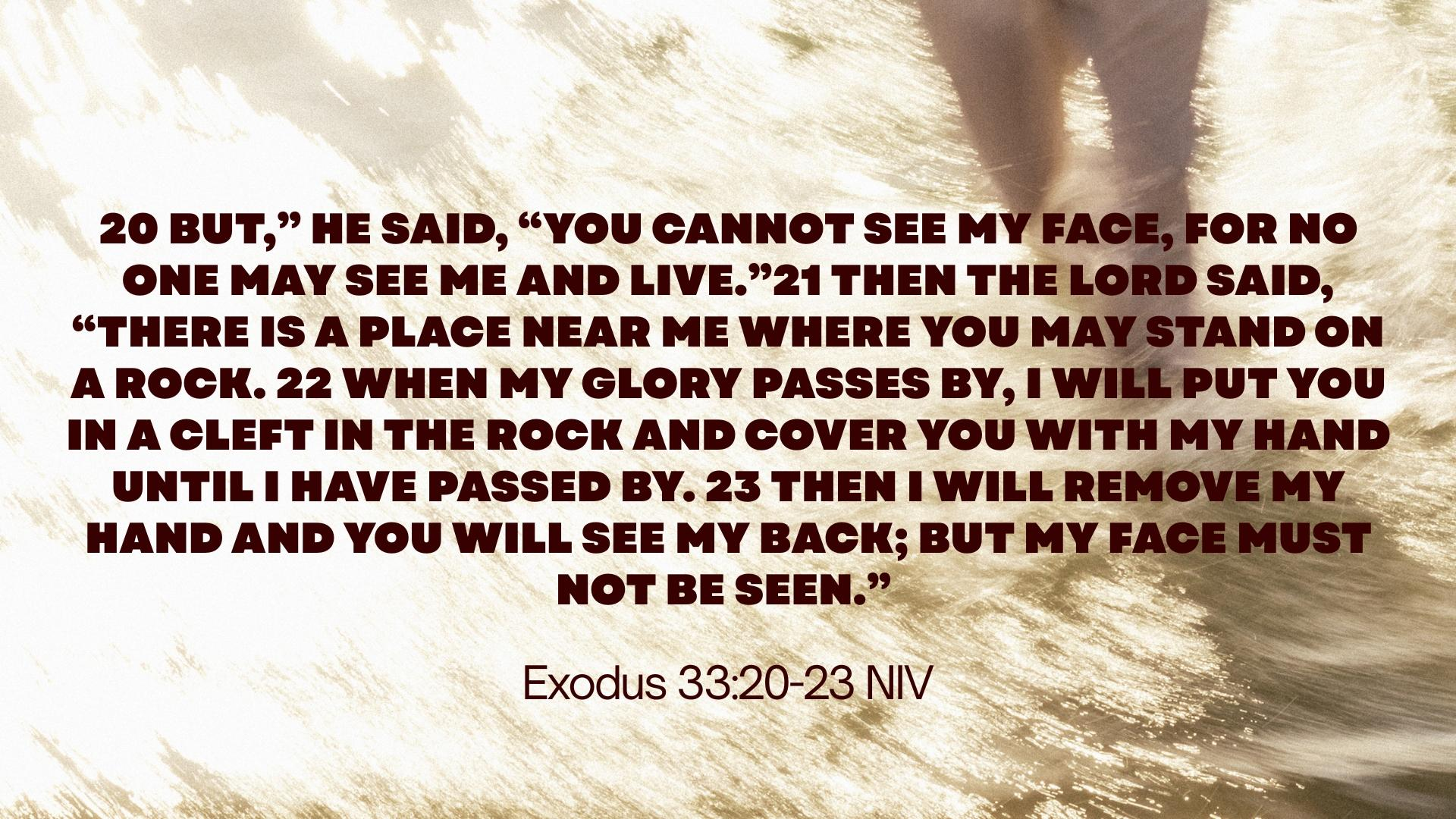
**DOES GOD REALLY
LEAVE US WHEN WE
SIN?**

12 MOSES SAID TO THE LORD, “YOU HAVE BEEN TELLING ME, ‘LEAD THESE PEOPLE,’ BUT YOU HAVE NOT LET ME KNOW WHOM YOU WILL SEND WITH ME. YOU HAVE SAID, ‘I KNOW YOU BY NAME AND YOU HAVE FOUND FAVOR WITH ME.’ 13 IF YOU ARE PLEASED WITH ME, TEACH ME YOUR WAYS SO I MAY KNOW YOU AND CONTINUE TO FIND FAVOR WITH YOU. REMEMBER THAT THIS NATION IS YOUR PEOPLE.” 14 THE LORD REPLIED, “MY PRESENCE WILL GO WITH YOU, AND I WILL GIVE YOU REST.” 15 THEN MOSES SAID TO HIM, “IF YOUR PRESENCE DOES NOT GO WITH US, DO NOT SEND US UP FROM HERE.

Exodus 33:12-15 NIV

16 HOW WILL ANYONE KNOW THAT YOU ARE PLEASED WITH ME AND WITH YOUR PEOPLE UNLESS YOU GO WITH US? WHAT ELSE WILL DISTINGUISH ME AND YOUR PEOPLE FROM ALL THE OTHER PEOPLE ON THE FACE OF THE EARTH?”17 AND THE LORD SAID TO MOSES, “I WILL DO THE VERY THING YOU HAVE ASKED, BECAUSE I AM PLEASED WITH YOU AND I KNOW YOU BY NAME.”18 THEN MOSES SAID, “NOW SHOW ME YOUR GLORY.”19 AND THE LORD SAID, “I WILL CAUSE ALL MY GOODNESS TO PASS IN FRONT OF YOU, AND I WILL PROCLAIM MY NAME, THE LORD, IN YOUR PRESENCE. I WILL HAVE MERCY ON WHOM I WILL HAVE MERCY, AND I WILL HAVE COMPASSION ON WHOM I WILL HAVE COMPASSION.

Exodus 33:16-19 NIV



**20 BUT,” HE SAID, “YOU CANNOT SEE MY FACE, FOR NO
ONE MAY SEE ME AND LIVE.”21 THEN THE LORD SAID,
“THERE IS A PLACE NEAR ME WHERE YOU MAY STAND ON
A ROCK. 22 WHEN MY GLORY PASSES BY, I WILL PUT YOU
IN A CLEFT IN THE ROCK AND COVER YOU WITH MY HAND
UNTIL I HAVE PASSED BY. 23 THEN I WILL REMOVE MY
HAND AND YOU WILL SEE MY BACK; BUT MY FACE MUST
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Exodus 33:20-23 NIV



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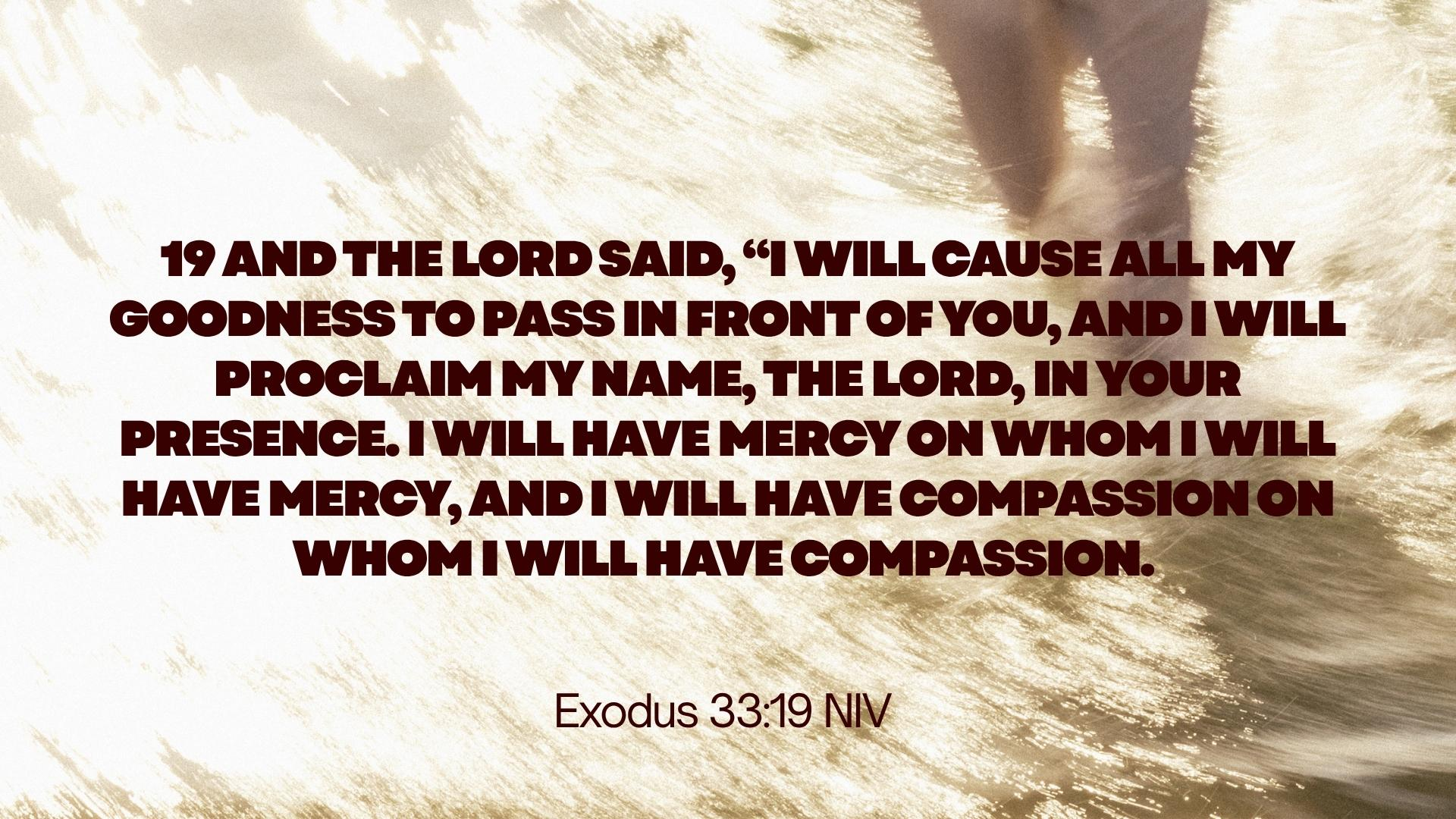
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**HOW DO WE LIVE
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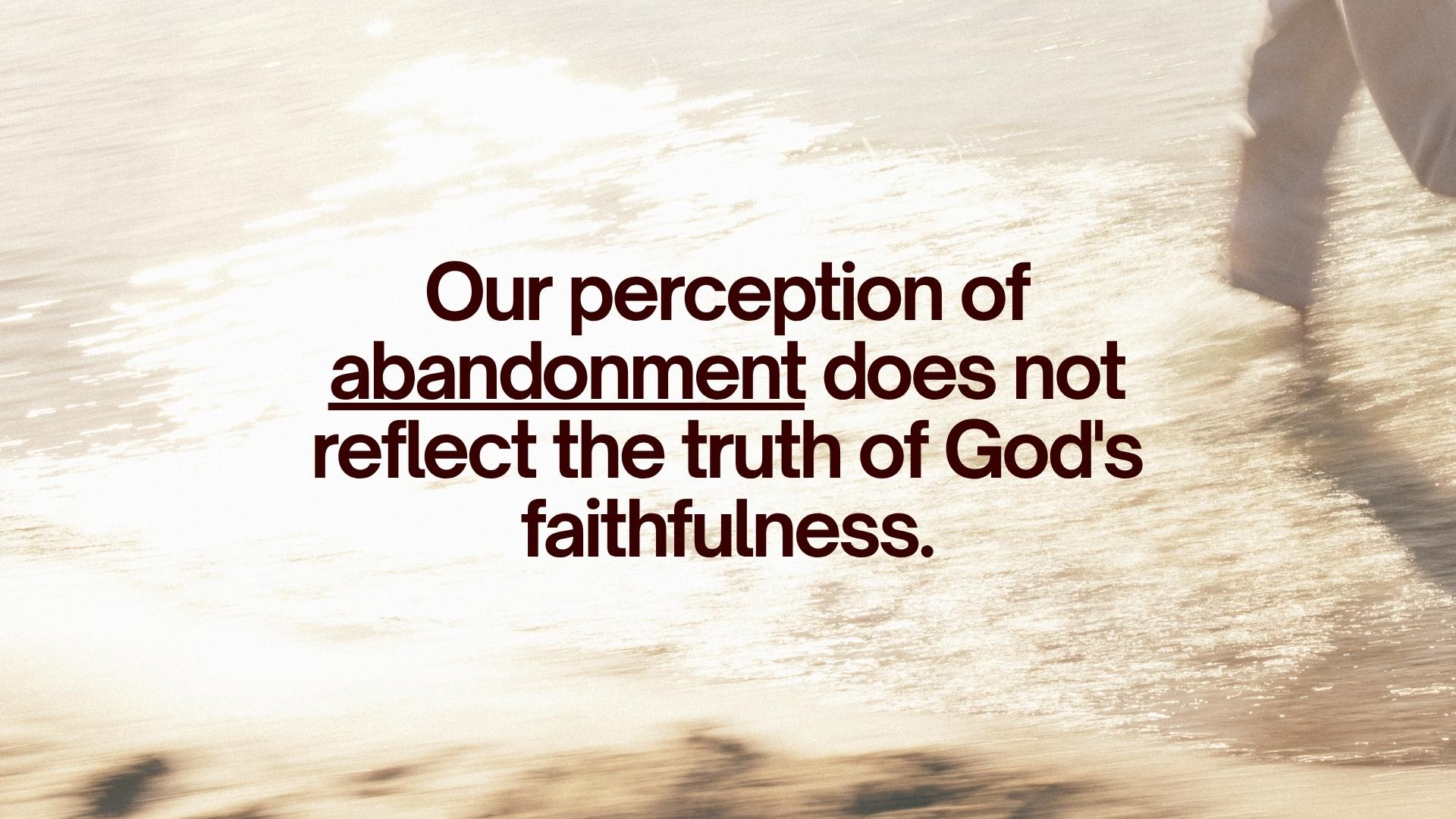
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**Our perception of
abandonment does not
reflect the truth of God's
faithfulness.**

**YOU HAVE SEARCHED ME, LORD, AND YOU KNOW ME 2 YOU
KNOW WHEN I SIT AND WHEN I RISE; YOU PERCEIVE MY
THOUGHTS FROM AFAR. 3 YOU DISCERN MY GOING OUT
AND MY LYING DOWN; YOU ARE FAMILIAR WITH ALL MY
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KNOW IT COMPLETELY. 5 YOU HEM ME IN BEHIND AND
BEFORE, AND YOU LAY YOUR HAND UPON ME. 6 SUCH
KNOWLEDGE IS TOO WONDERFUL FOR ME, TOO LOFTY FOR
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WHERE CAN I FLEE FROM YOUR PRESENCE? 8 IF I GO UP TO
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DEPTHS, YOU ARE THERE. 9 IF I RISE ON THE WINGS OF THE
DAWN, IF I SETTLE ON THE FAR SIDE OF THE SEA, 10 EVEN
THERE YOUR HAND WILL GUIDE ME, YOUR RIGHT HAND
WILL HOLD ME FAST.**

Psalm 139:1-10