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The Battle for Healing

05 - Your Healer

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“Pardon me, my lord,” Gideon replied, “but if the LORD is with us, why has all this happened to us? Where are all his wonders that our ancestors told us about when they said, ‘Did not the LORD bring us up out of Egypt?’ But now the LORD has abandoned us and given us into the hand of Midian” (Judges 6:13, NIV).




Theme: In the battle for healing God trains his mighty warriors.



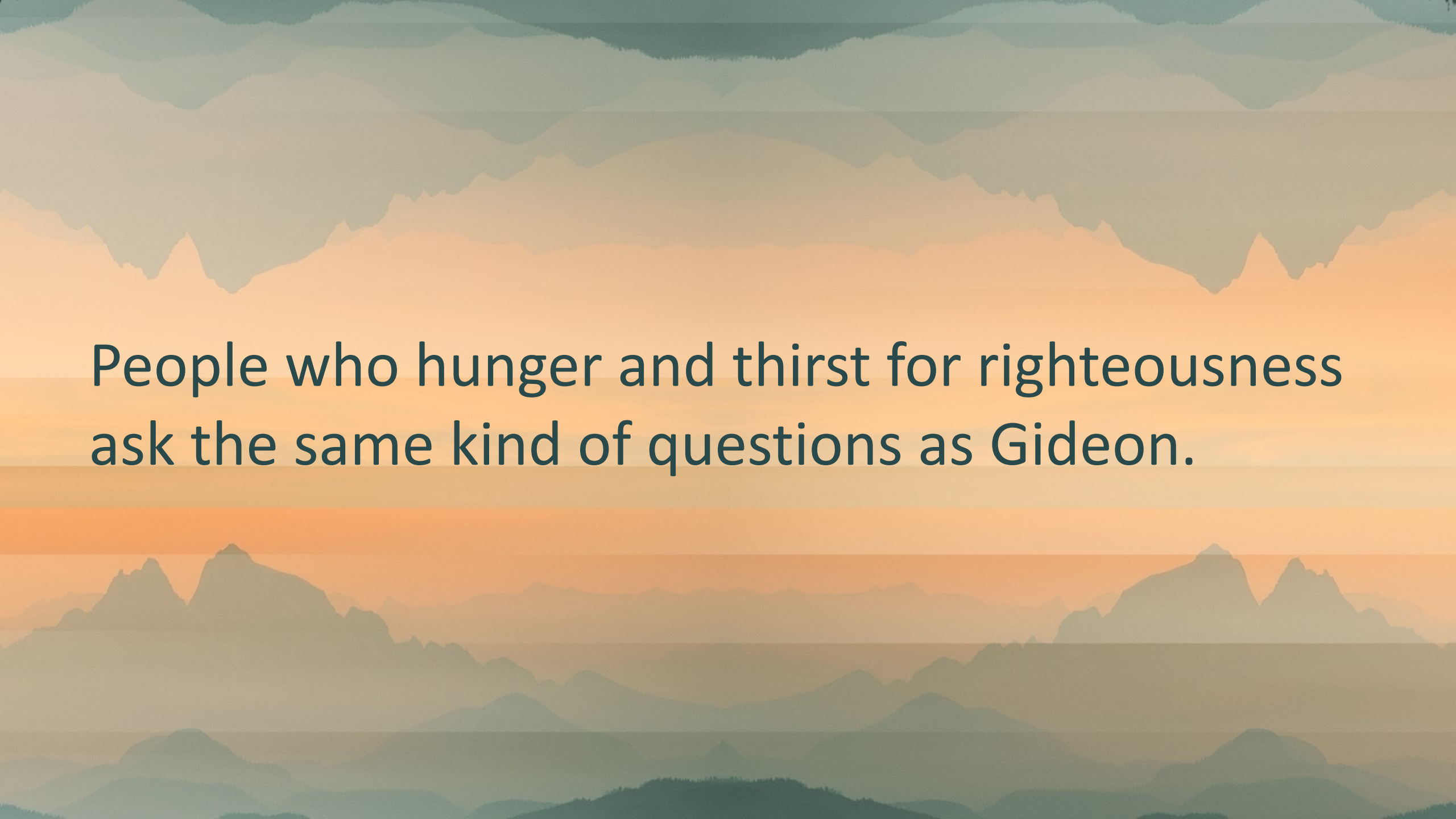
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HAPPY BIRTHDAY, CALEB!!!

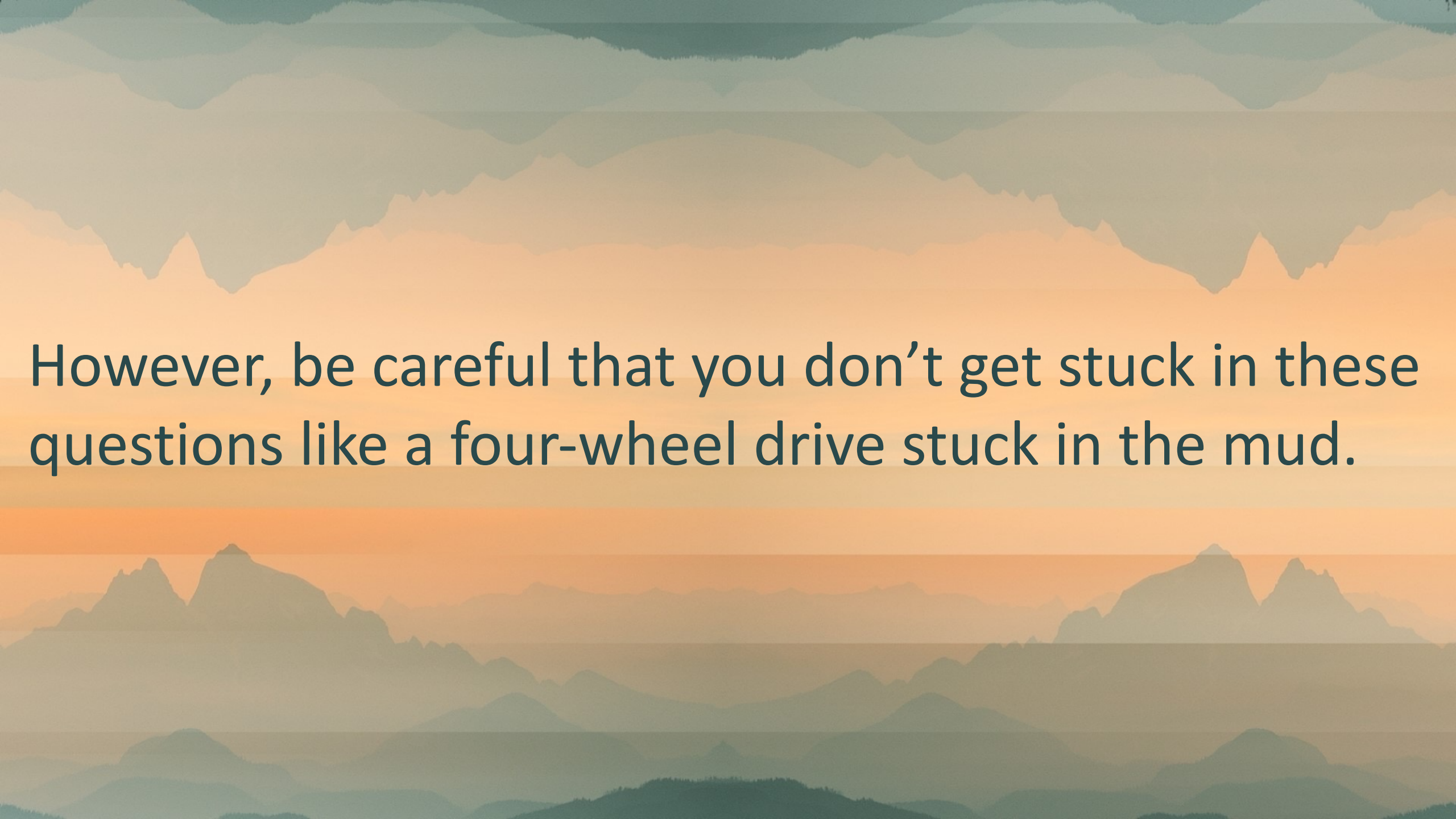




1) There's a battle for healing
(Judges 6:13-14).



People who hunger and thirst for righteousness
ask the same kind of questions as Gideon.



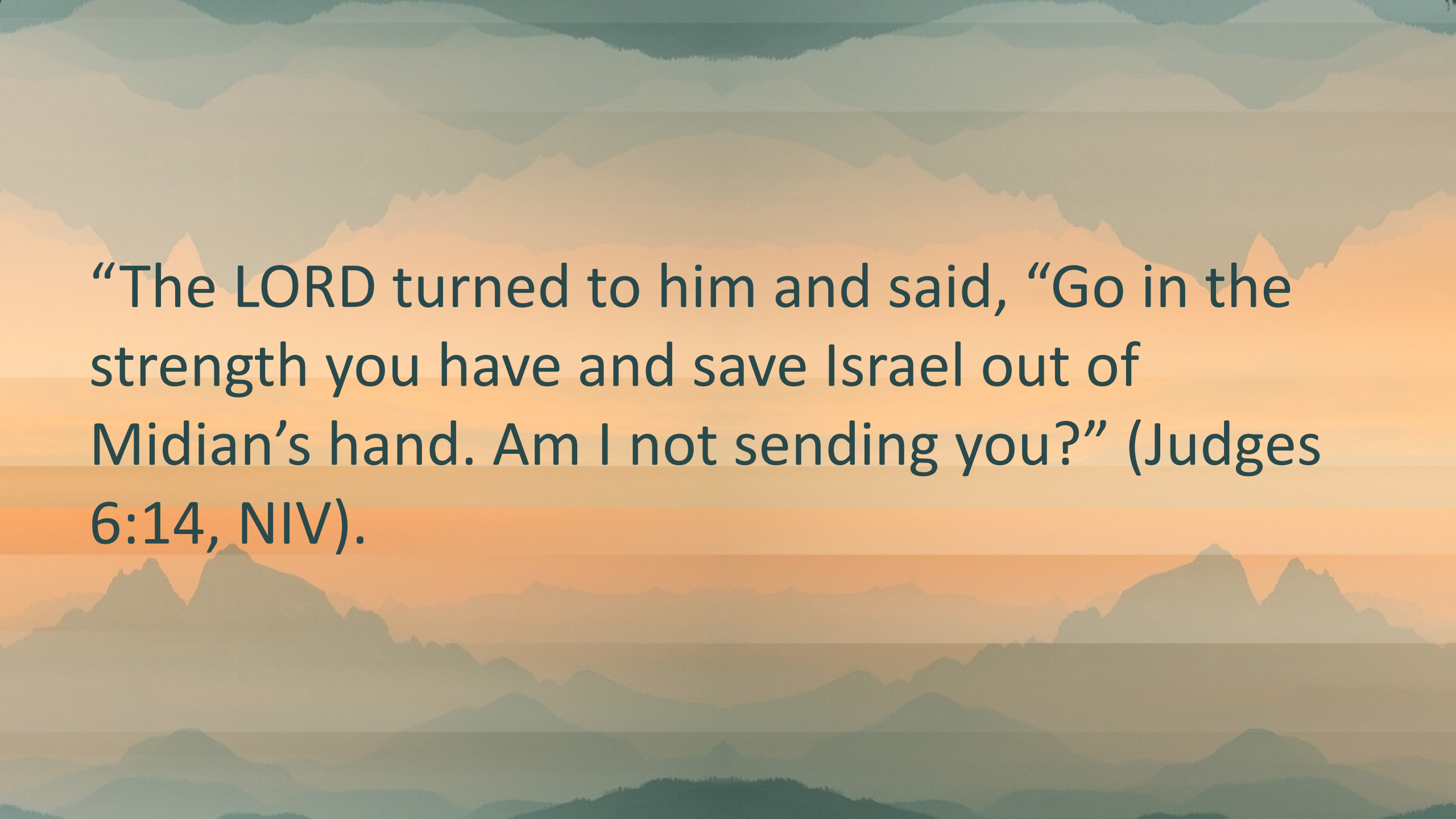
However, be careful that you don't get stuck in these questions like a four-wheel drive stuck in the mud.






When healing takes time, God is teaching you how to war. Look at Judges 3:1-2.

Now these are the nations which the Lord left, to test Israel by them (that is, all who had not experienced any of the wars of Canaan; only in order that the generations of the sons of Israel might be taught war, those who had not experienced it formerly).



“The LORD turned to him and said, “Go in the strength you have and save Israel out of Midian’s hand. Am I not sending you?” (Judges 6:14, NIV).



Why art thou
wearing thy full
armour good Sir
Knight? Art thou
off to fight in
the crusades?

Nay fair
Lady. I'm
going to try
to give my
cat a pill.

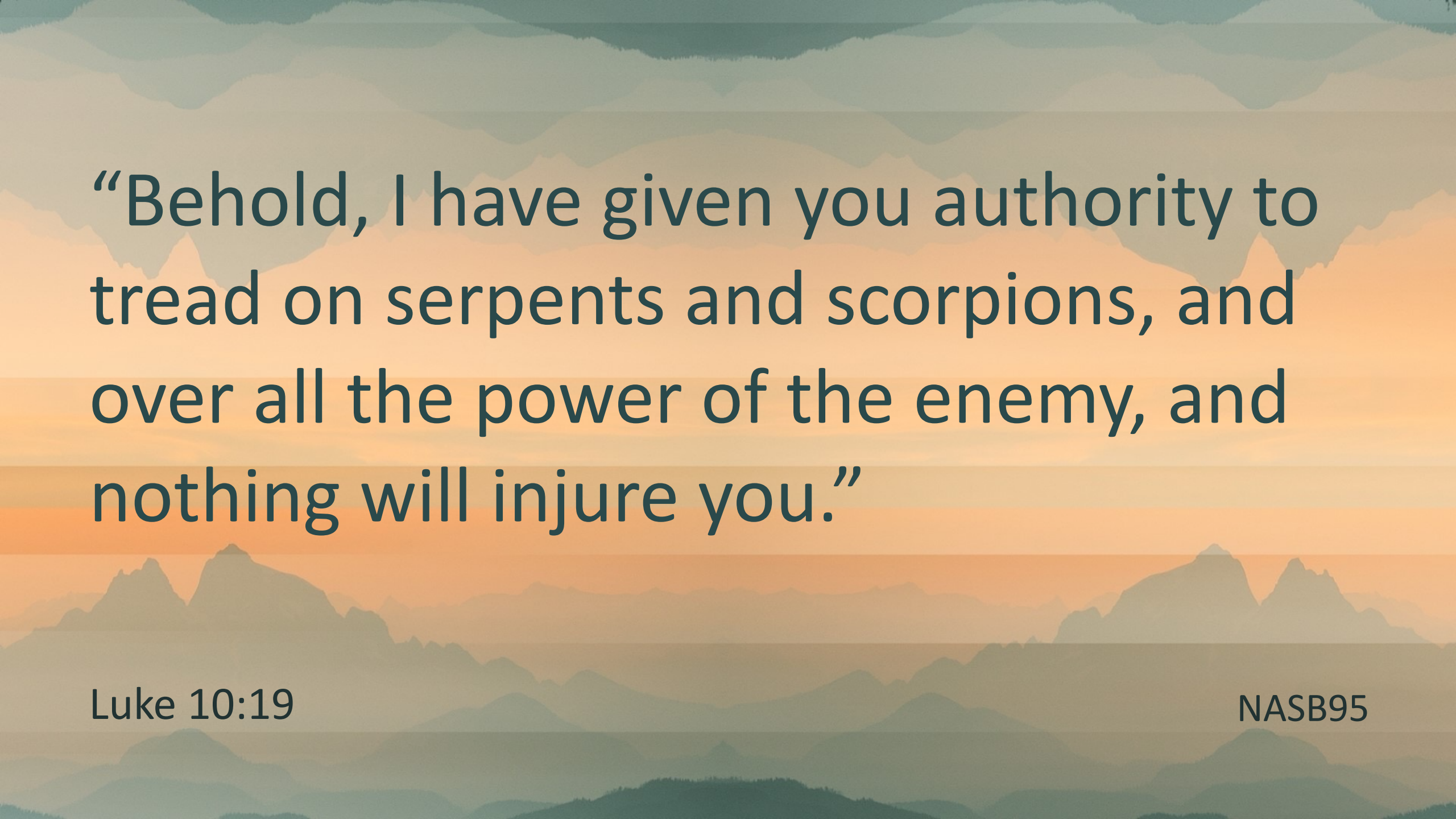


2) Jesus has given you authority over demons,
sickness and disease (Matthew 10:1).

Jesus summoned His twelve disciples and gave them authority over unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to heal every kind of disease and every kind of sickness.

Matthew 10:1

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“Behold, I have given you authority to tread on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy, and nothing will injure you.”

Luke 10:19

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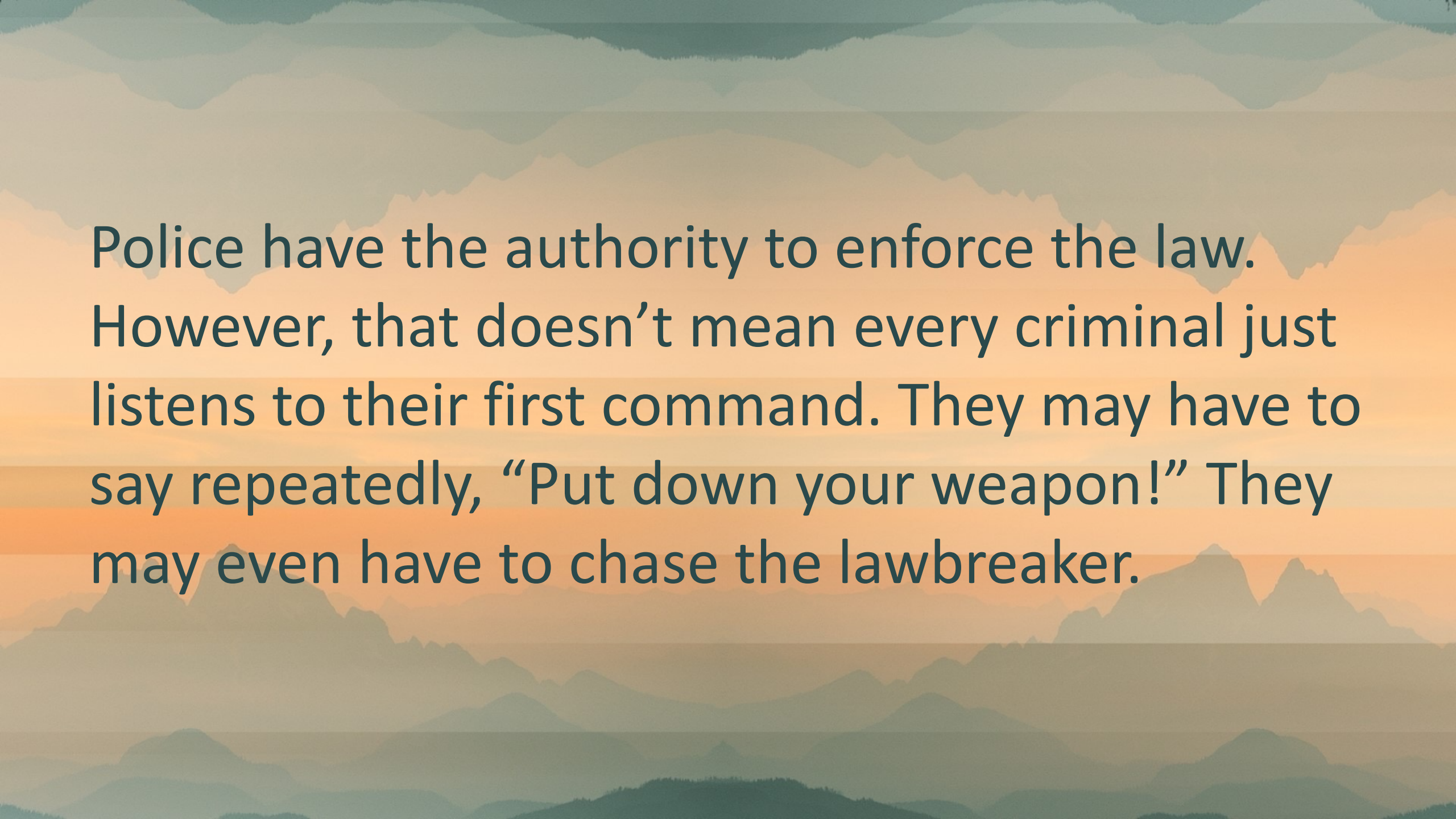
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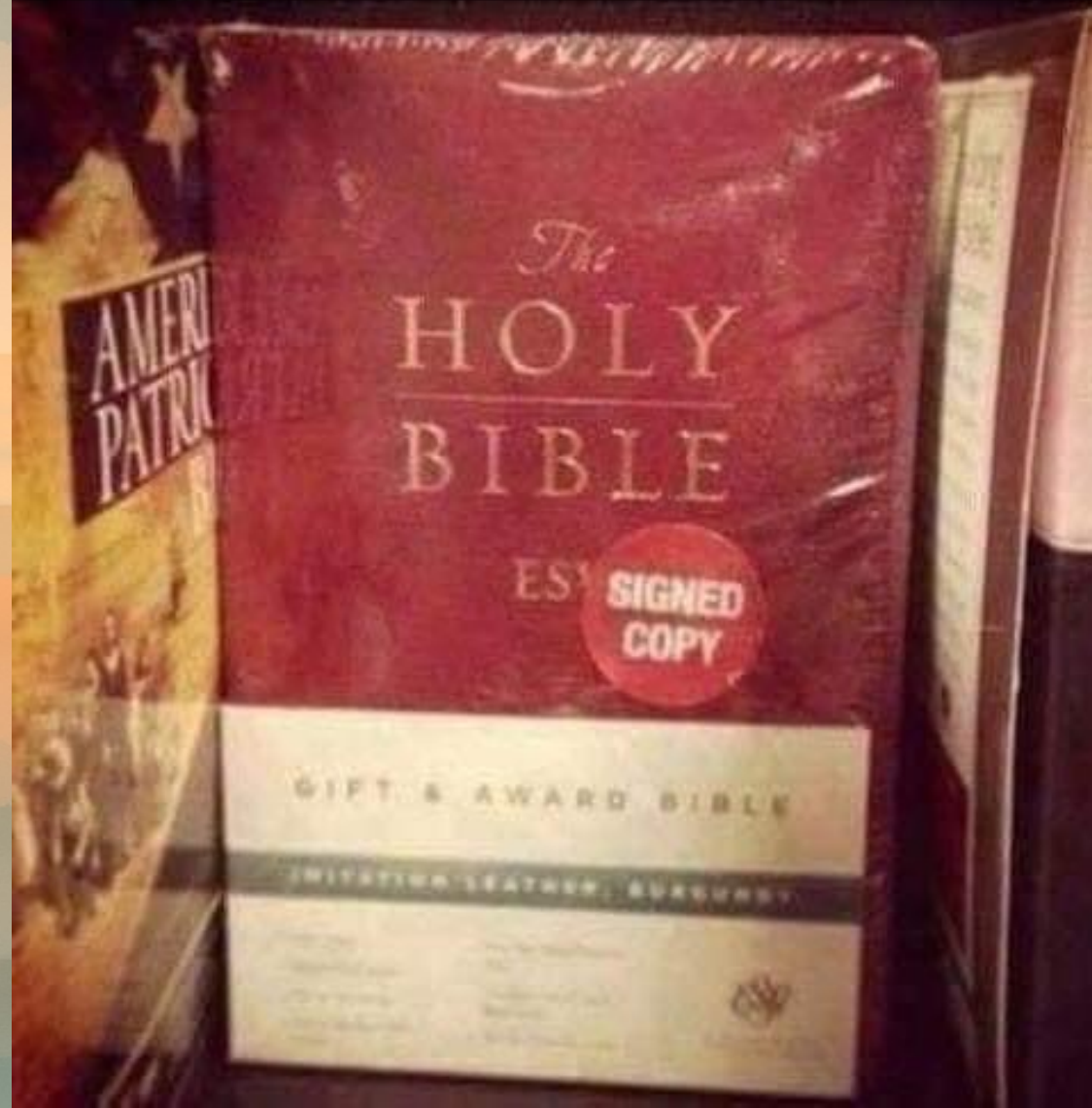


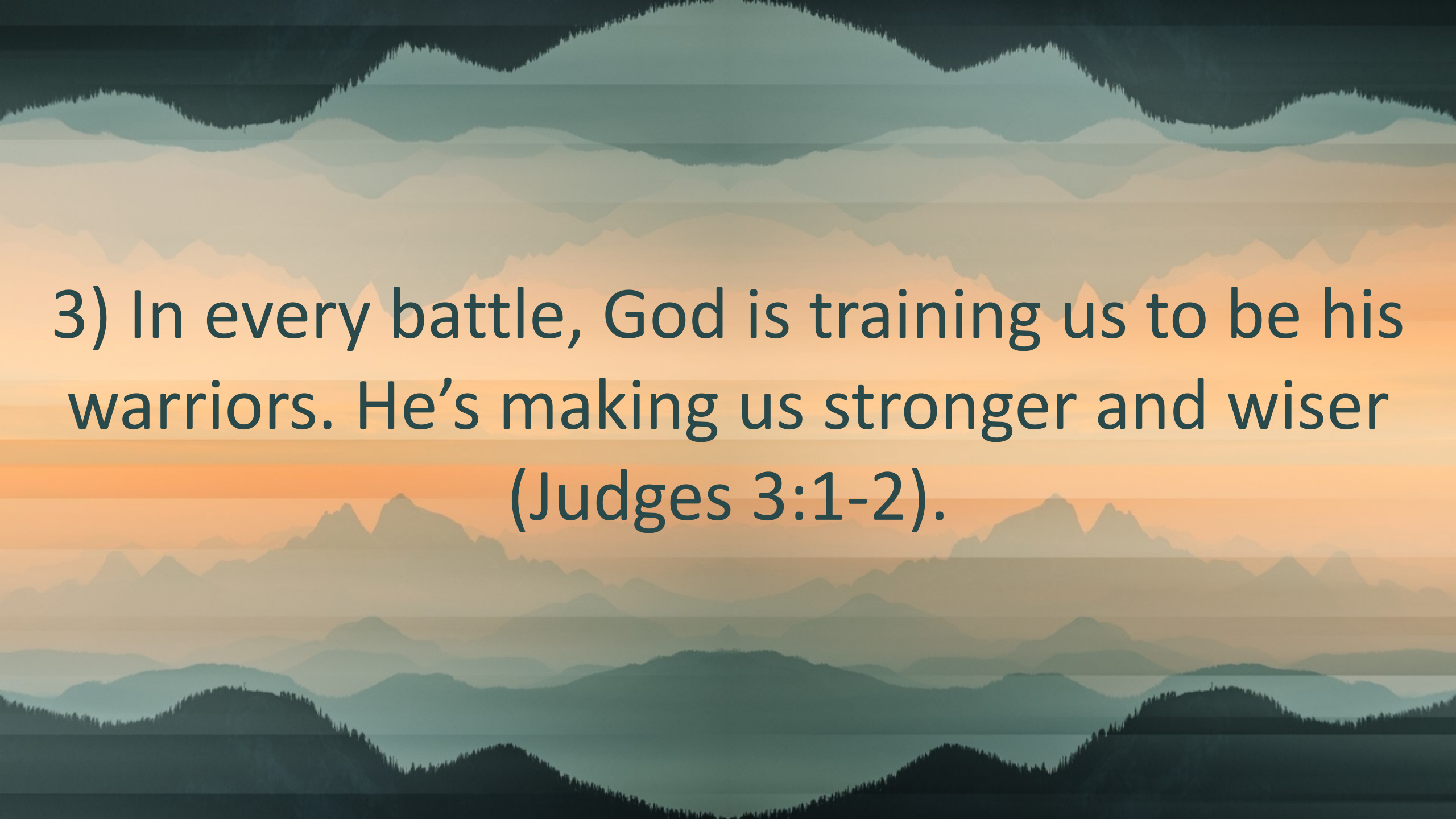




Police have the authority to enforce the law. However, that doesn't mean every criminal just listens to their first command. They may have to say repeatedly, "Put down your weapon!" They may even have to chase the lawbreaker.

Not sure how they pulled that off...





3) In every battle, God is training us to be his warriors. He's making us stronger and wiser (Judges 3:1-2).

Now in Joppa there was a disciple named Tabitha (which translated in Greek is called Dorcas); this woman was abounding with deeds of kindness and charity which she continually did. And it happened at that time that she fell sick and died; and when they had washed her body, they laid it in an upper room. Since Lydda was near Joppa, the disciples, having heard that Peter was there, sent two men to him, imploring him, “Do not delay in coming to us.” So Peter arose and went with them. When he arrived, they brought him into the upper room; and all the widows stood beside him, weeping and showing all the tunics and garments that Dorcas used to make while she was with them. But Peter sent them all out and knelt down and prayed, and turning to the body, he said, “Tabitha, arise.” And she opened her eyes, and when she saw Peter, she sat up. And he gave her his hand and raised her up; and calling the saints and widows, he presented her alive. It became known all over Joppa, and many believed in the Lord. And Peter stayed many days in Joppa with a tanner named Simon.

For this reason many among you are weak and sick, and a number sleep.

1 Corinthians 11:30

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I beg of you, brethren, become as I am, for I also have become as you are. You have done me no wrong; but you know that it was because of a bodily illness that I preached the gospel to you the first time; and that which was a trial to you in my bodily condition you did not despise or loathe, but you received me as an angel of God, as Christ Jesus Himself.

Galatians 4:12–14

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But I thought it necessary to send to you Epaphroditus, my brother and fellow worker and fellow soldier, who is also your messenger and minister to my need; because he was longing for you all and was distressed because you had heard that he was sick. For indeed he was sick to the point of death, but God had mercy on him, and not on him only but also on me, so that I would not have sorrow upon sorrow.

Philippians 2:25–27

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No longer drink water exclusively, but use a little wine for the sake of your stomach and your frequent ailments.

1 Timothy 5:23

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Erastus remained at Corinth, but
Trophimus I left sick at Miletus.

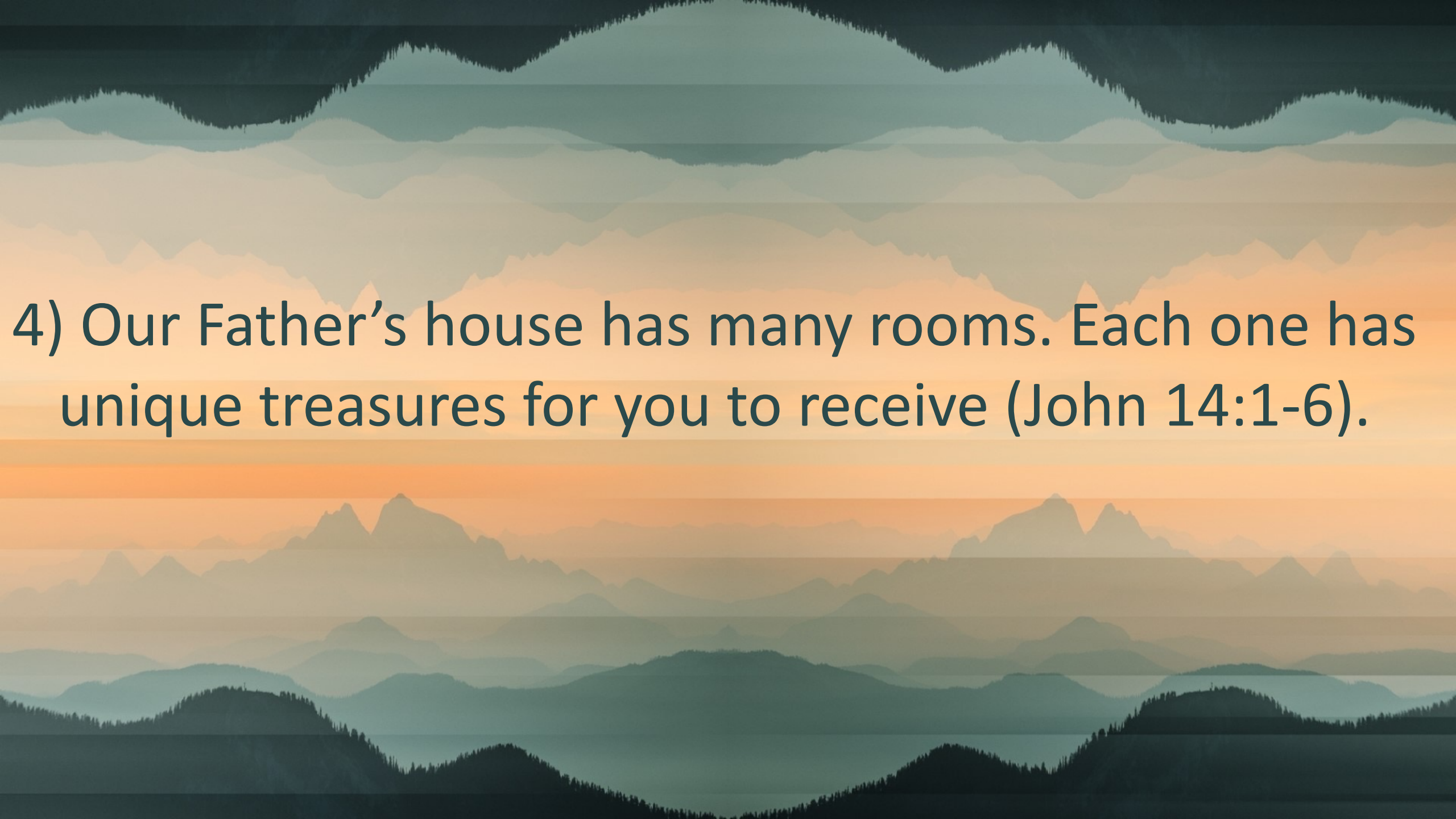
2 Timothy 4:20

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HEY PAL, YOU WANNA
TELL US WHERE YOU'RE
GETTING THE EGGS?!







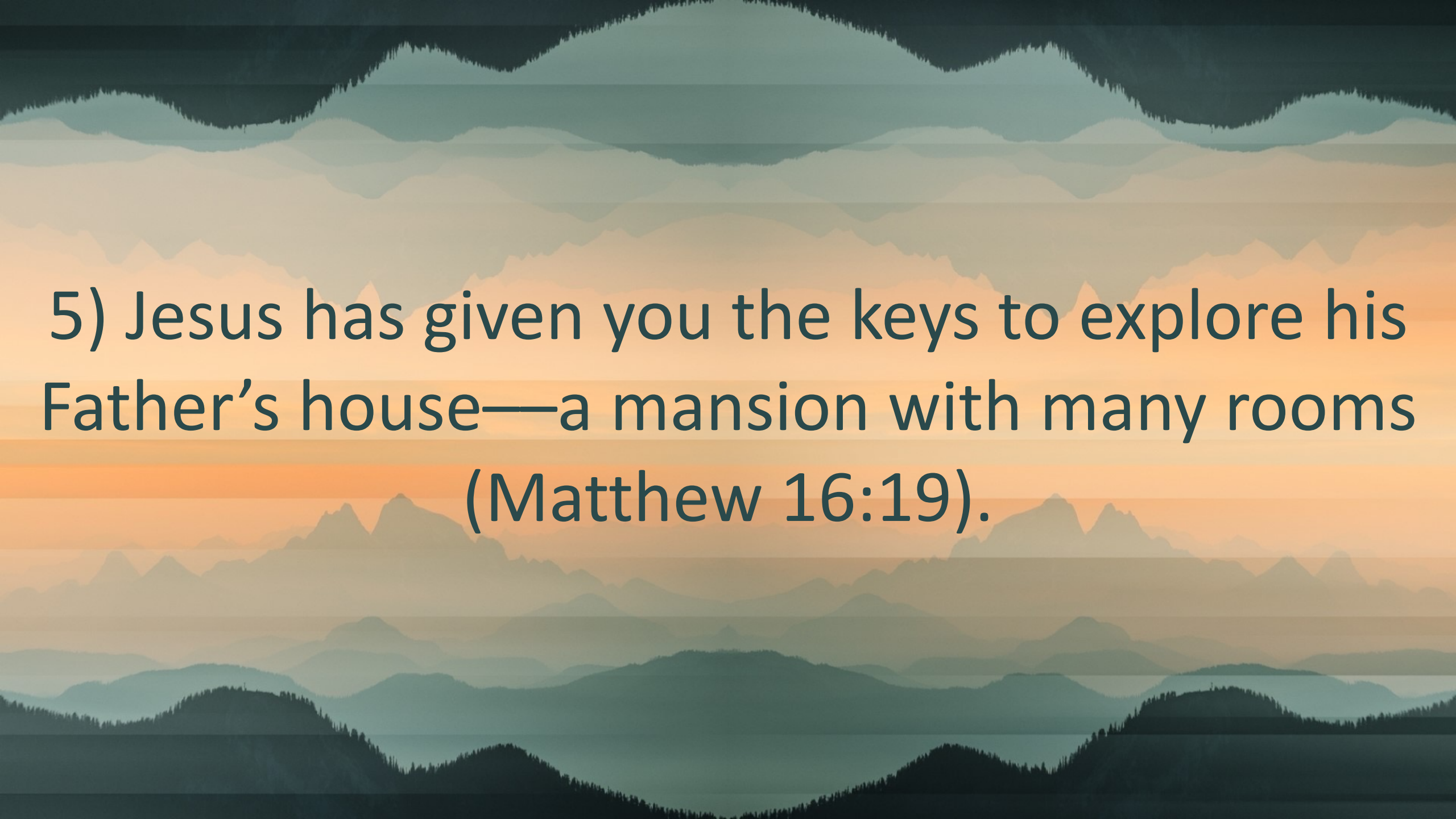
4) Our Father's house has many rooms. Each one has unique treasures for you to receive (John 14:1-6).

This week, I dreamed of a house with many rooms. And in this dream, a man gave me an ancient keychain with many keys, and I heard him say, “I have given you the keys.” Then a verse of Scripture came to me. It’s when Jesus said to Peter, “I have given you the keys of the Kingdom of heaven” (Matt. 16:19). And when he gave me the keys, I first saw one key and then many (as often happens in dreams).









5) Jesus has given you the keys to explore his Father's house—a mansion with many rooms (Matthew 16:19).

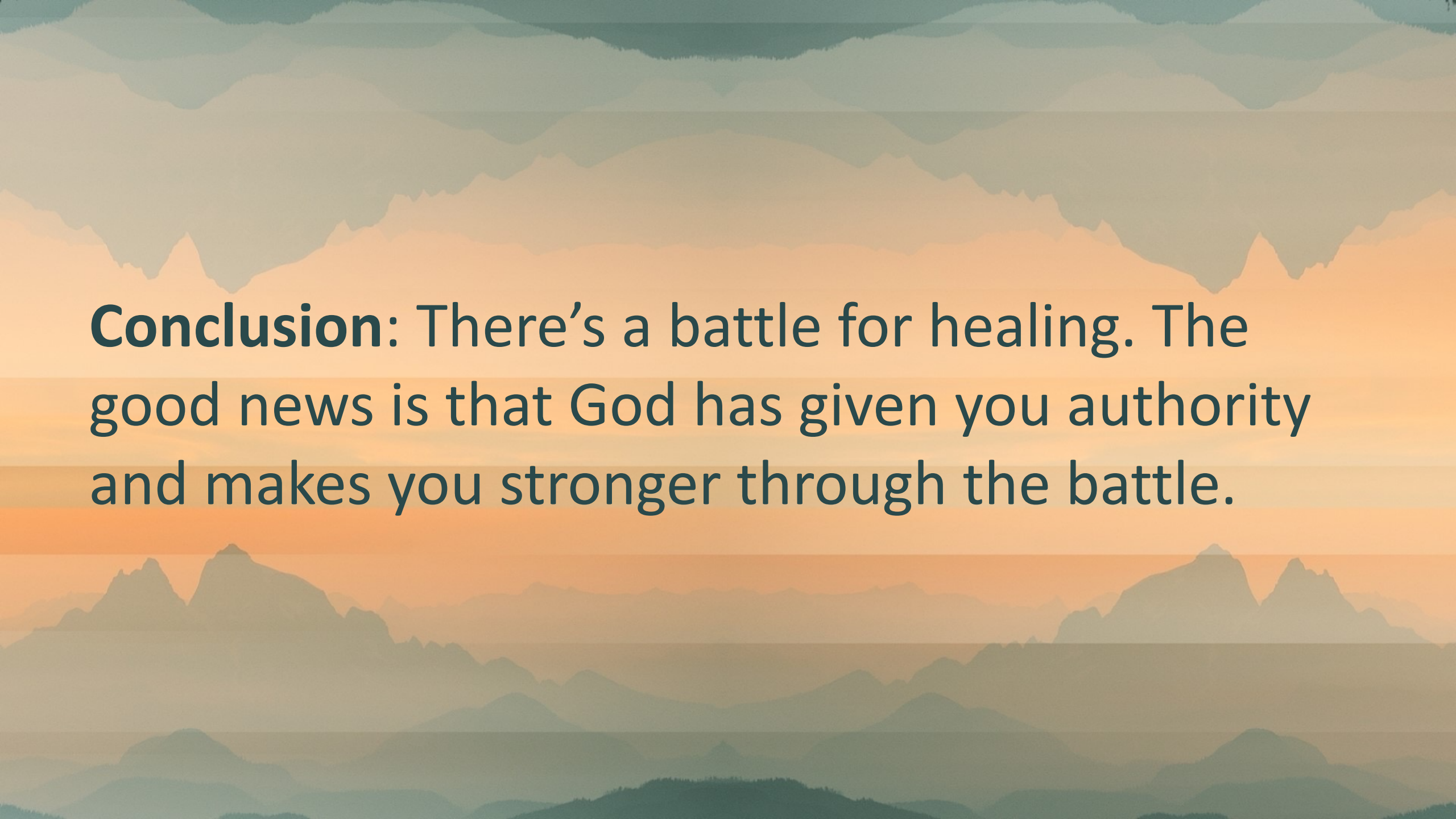


“I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven; and whatever you bind on earth shall have been bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall have been loosed in heaven.”

Matthew 16:19

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Conclusion: There's a battle for healing. The good news is that God has given you authority and makes you stronger through the battle.