



**Now I'm found**  
*From Lost to Found*



Video  
**Wilson Foo**  
(Part 1)





A nativity scene is set inside a dark cave. In the center, a wooden manger with four legs holds a white cloth and a pile of straw. The cave's opening reveals a night sky filled with stars and a bright, glowing star. The landscape outside the cave is dark and hilly.

**Luke 2:10 (NIV)** But the angel said to them, “Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people.”



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2. Do not be afraid
3. Good News





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# 1. **Why believers backslide**

- The Conflict of Laws
- In the world but not of the world



# Deuteronomy 28

- Curses for Disobedience

- Blessings for Obedience





A person's hands are visible at the bottom left, holding a large, round, woven basket. The basket is filled with a bouquet of wheat stalks and white daisies with yellow centers. The background is a vast, golden field of wheat under a soft, hazy sky.

# Blessings for Obedience

## Deuteronomy 28:8 (NIV)

The Lord will send a blessing on your barns and on everything you put your hand to. The Lord your God will bless you in the land he is giving you.



# Blessings for Obedience

## Deuteronomy 28:12-13 (NIV)

**12** The Lord will open the heavens, the storehouse of his bounty, to send rain on your land in season and to bless all the work of your hands. You will lend to many nations but will borrow from none.

**13** The Lord will make you the head, not the tail. If you pay attention to the commands of the Lord your God that I give you this day and carefully follow them, you will always be at the top, never at the bottom.

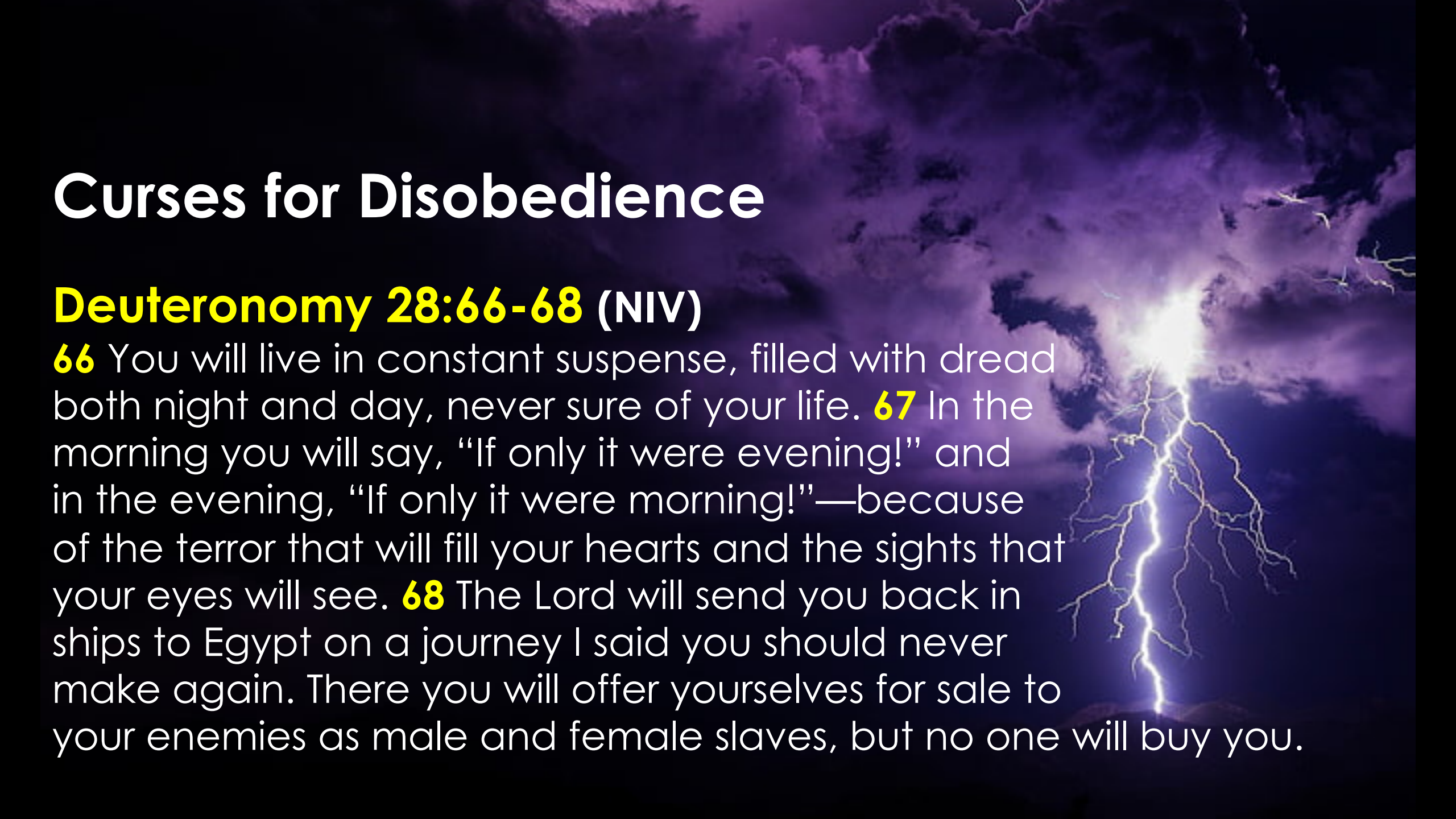




# Curses for Disobedience

## Deuteronomy 28:66-68 (NIV)

**66** You will live in constant suspense, filled with dread both night and day, never sure of your life. **67** In the morning you will say, “If only it were evening!” and in the evening, “If only it were morning!”—because of the terror that will fill your hearts and the sights that your eyes will see. **68** The Lord will send you back in ships to Egypt on a journey I said you should never make again. There you will offer yourselves for sale to your enemies as male and female slaves, but no one will buy you.







# The Conflict of Laws

- Choose the Law you wish to operate under
- Connecting Factors

# Choose Your Law

**Joshua 24:15 (NIV)** But if serving the Lord seems undesirable to you, then choose for yourselves this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your ancestors served beyond the Euphrates, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land you are living. But as for me and my household, we will serve the Lord."





# Connecting Factors

## Your

- work
- marriage
- finances
- education
- Values
- Relationships
- Responsibilities
- Priorities/goals/ambitions



Conflict arises when  
we fail to make our choice;  
or when our choice is ambiguous  
or when we have connecting factors  
to 2 systems of laws





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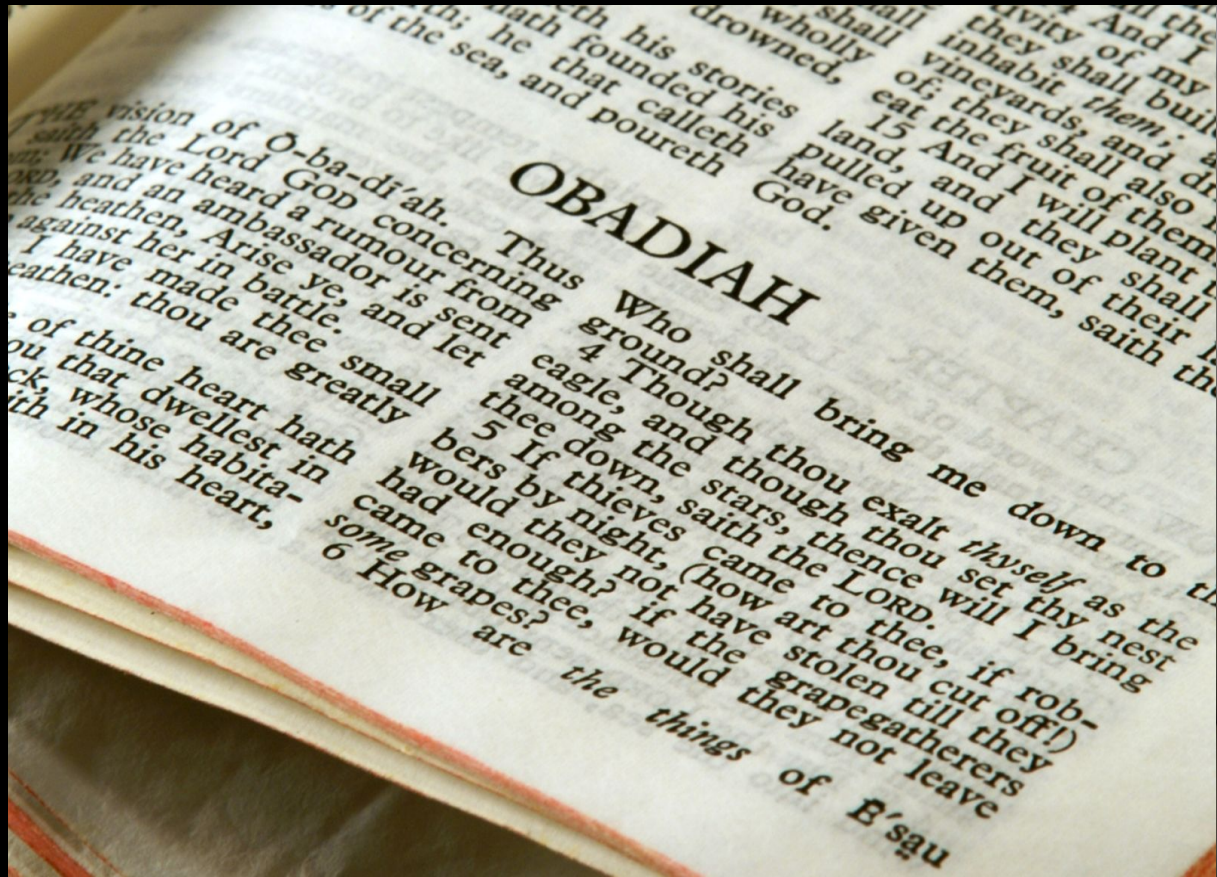
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# Do not be afraid

## Examples of



## Testimony #1 Wilson Foo





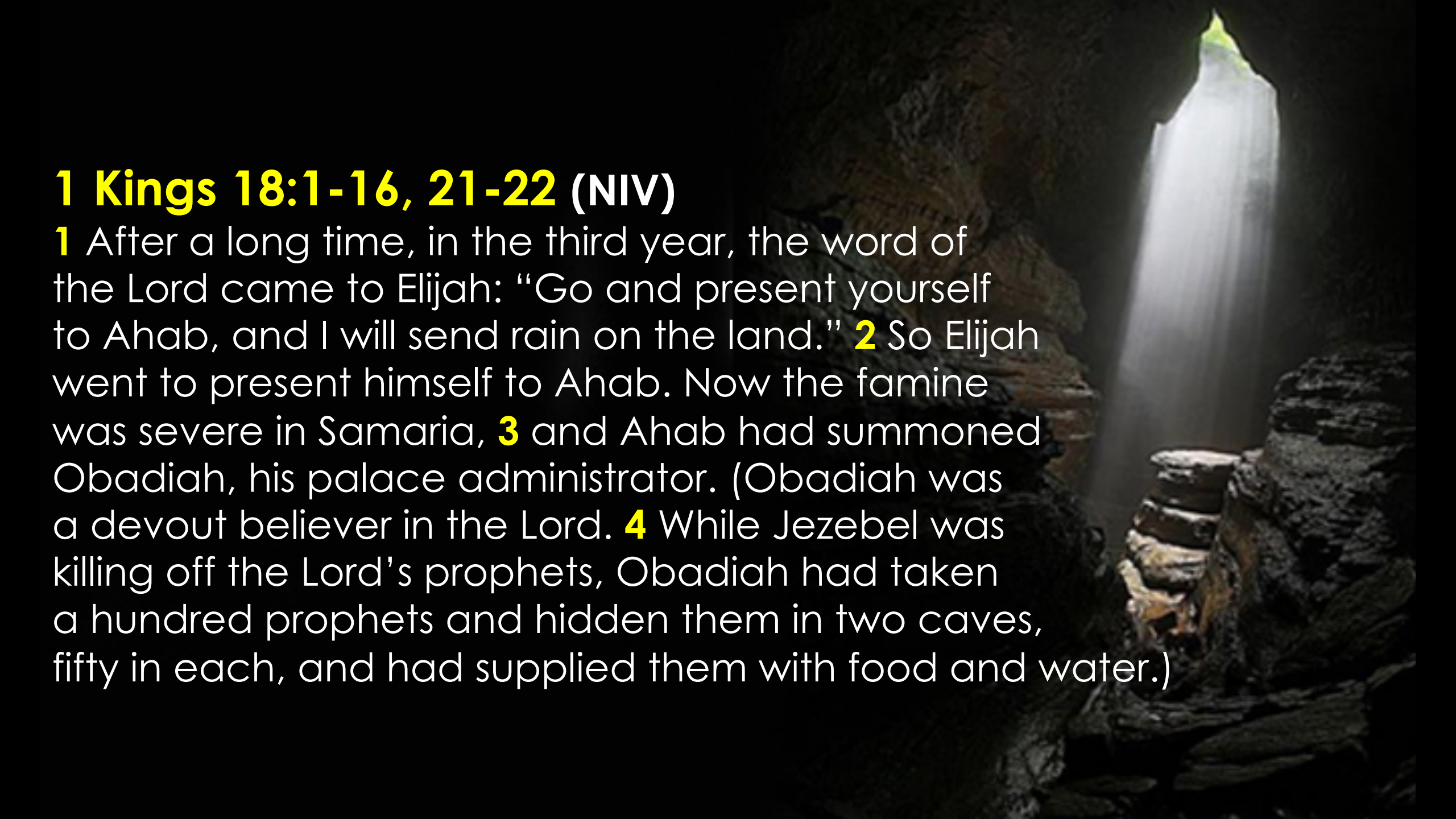






## 1 Kings 18:1-16, 21-22 (NIV)

**1** After a long time, in the third year, the word of the Lord came to Elijah: “Go and present yourself to Ahab, and I will send rain on the land.” **2** So Elijah went to present himself to Ahab. Now the famine was severe in Samaria, **3** and Ahab had summoned Obadiah, his palace administrator. (Obadiah was a devout believer in the Lord. **4** While Jezebel was killing off the Lord’s prophets, Obadiah had taken a hundred prophets and hidden them in two caves, fifty in each, and had supplied them with food and water.)





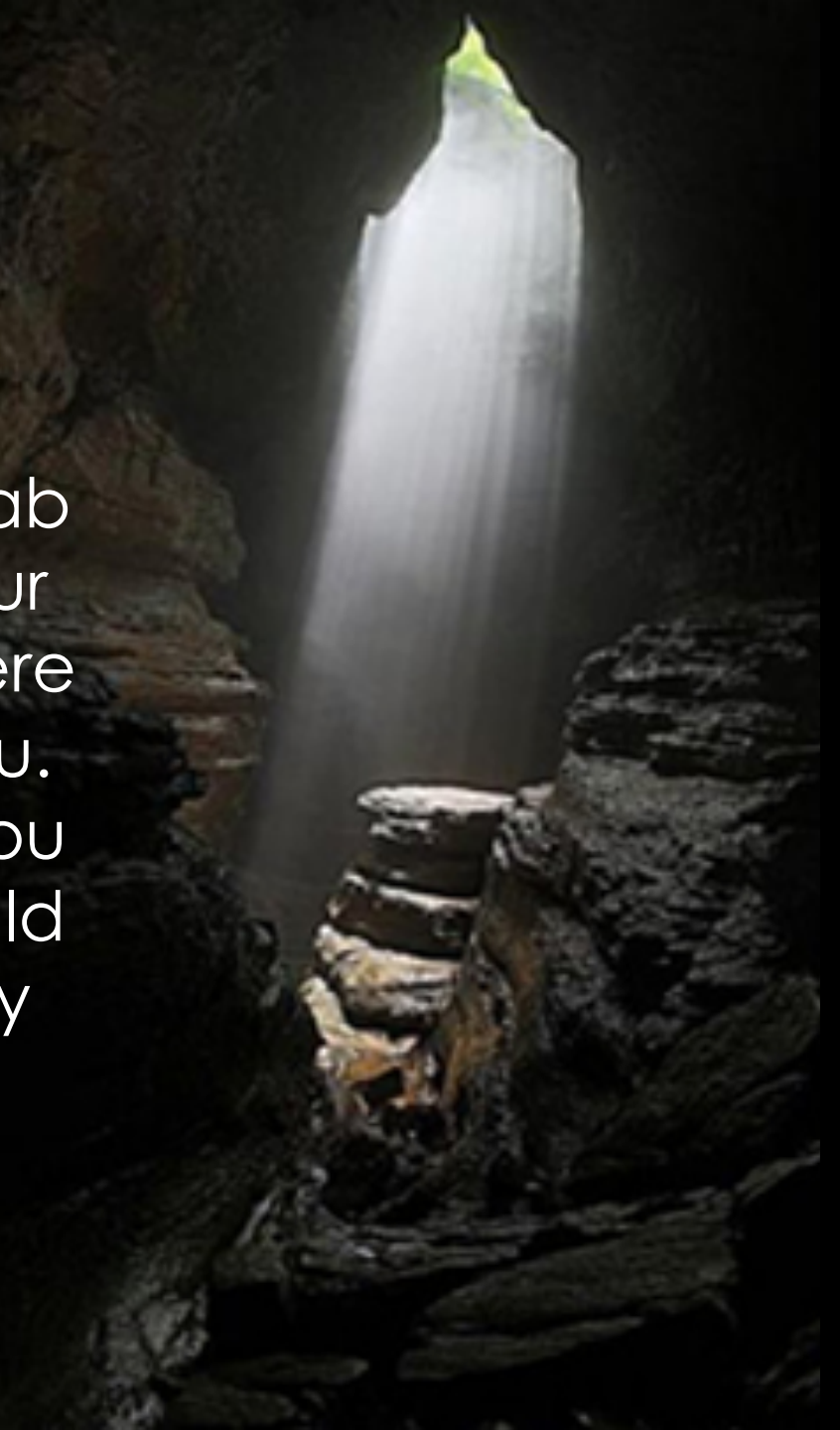
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**5** Ahab had said to Obadiah, “Go through the land to all the springs and valleys. Maybe we can find some grass to keep the horses and mules alive so we will not have to kill any of our animals.” **6** So they divided the land they were to cover, Ahab going in one direction and Obadiah in another. **7** As Obadiah was walking along, Elijah met him. Obadiah recognized him, bowed down to the ground, and said, “Is it really you, my lord Elijah?” **8** “Yes,” he replied. “Go tell your master, ‘Elijah is here.’”



## 1 Kings 18:1-16, 21-22 (NIV)

**9** “What have I done wrong,” asked Obadiah, “that you are handing your servant over to Ahab to be put to death? **10** As surely as the Lord your God lives, there is not a nation or kingdom where my master has not sent someone to look for you. And whenever a nation or kingdom claimed you were not there, he made them swear they could not find you. **11** But now you tell me to go to my master and say, ‘Elijah is here.’





## 1 Kings 18:1-16, 21-22 (NIV)

**12** I don't know where the Spirit of the Lord may carry you when I leave you. If I go and tell Ahab and he doesn't find you, he will kill me. Yet I your servant have worshiped the Lord since my youth.

**13** Haven't you heard, my lord, what I did while Jezebel was killing the prophets of the Lord? I hid a hundred of the Lord's prophets in two caves, fifty in each, and supplied them with food and water.



## 1 Kings 18:1-16, 21-22 (NIV)

**14** And now you tell me to go to my master and say, 'Elijah is here.' He will kill me!" **15** Elijah said, "As the Lord Almighty lives, whom I serve, I will surely present myself to Ahab today." **16** So Obadiah went to meet Ahab and told him, and Ahab went to meet Elijah.





## 1 Kings 18:1-16, 21-22 (NIV)

**21** Elijah went before the people and said, “How long will you waver between two opinions? If the Lord is God, follow him; but if Baal is God, follow him.” But the people said nothing.

**22** Then Elijah said to them, “I am the only one of the Lord’s prophets left, but Baal has four hundred and fifty prophets.



# Obadiah

- No lesser or greater
- Youth not a disadvantage
- Courage in the face of evil
- An Obadiah for every Jezebel





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# Overview

1. why believers backslide
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A magnifying glass with a dark green frame and a black handle is positioned over a piece of aged, yellowish paper. The word "RUTH" is printed in a black, serif font in the center of the paper. The magnifying glass's lens is focused on the word, making it appear larger and sharper than the surrounding paper. The background is a light-colored, textured surface.

RUTH





## Ruth 2:10-12 (NIV)

**10** At this, she bowed down with her face to the ground. She asked him, “Why have I found such favor in your eyes that you notice me—a foreigner?” **11** Boaz replied, “I’ve been told all about what you have done for your mother-in-law since the death of your husband—how you left your father and mother and your homeland and came to live with a people you did not know before. **12** May the Lord repay you for what you have done. May you be richly rewarded by the Lord, the God of Israel, under whose wings you have come to take refuge.”





## Ruth 2:15-18 (NIV)

**15** As she got up to glean, Boaz gave orders to his men, “Let her gather among the sheaves and don’t reprimand her. **16** Even pull out some stalks for her from the bundles and leave them for her to pick up, and don’t rebuke her.” **17** So Ruth gleaned in the field until evening. Then she threshed the barley she had gathered, and it amounted to about an ephah. **18** She carried it back to town, and her mother-in-law saw how much she had gathered. Ruth also brought out and gave her what she had left over after she had eaten enough.





# Why did Boaz allow Ruth to glean at his land?

- His love for her
- He is related to her



A person is shown from the side, holding a book. The scene is set against a sunset or sunrise background with a warm, golden glow. The person is wearing a dark sweater with a colorful, speckled pattern on the sleeve. The book is held in their right hand, and the pages are visible. The overall mood is contemplative and spiritual.

**The example of King David**

A man after God's  
own heart



A person wearing a dark sweater with a colorful speckled pattern is holding a thick, dark book. They are standing on a sandy beach at sunset, with the sun low on the horizon creating a warm, golden glow. The background shows the ocean and a hazy sky.

His relationship with God marked by  
his responses at

A. His highest point

B. His lowest point



# Conclusion

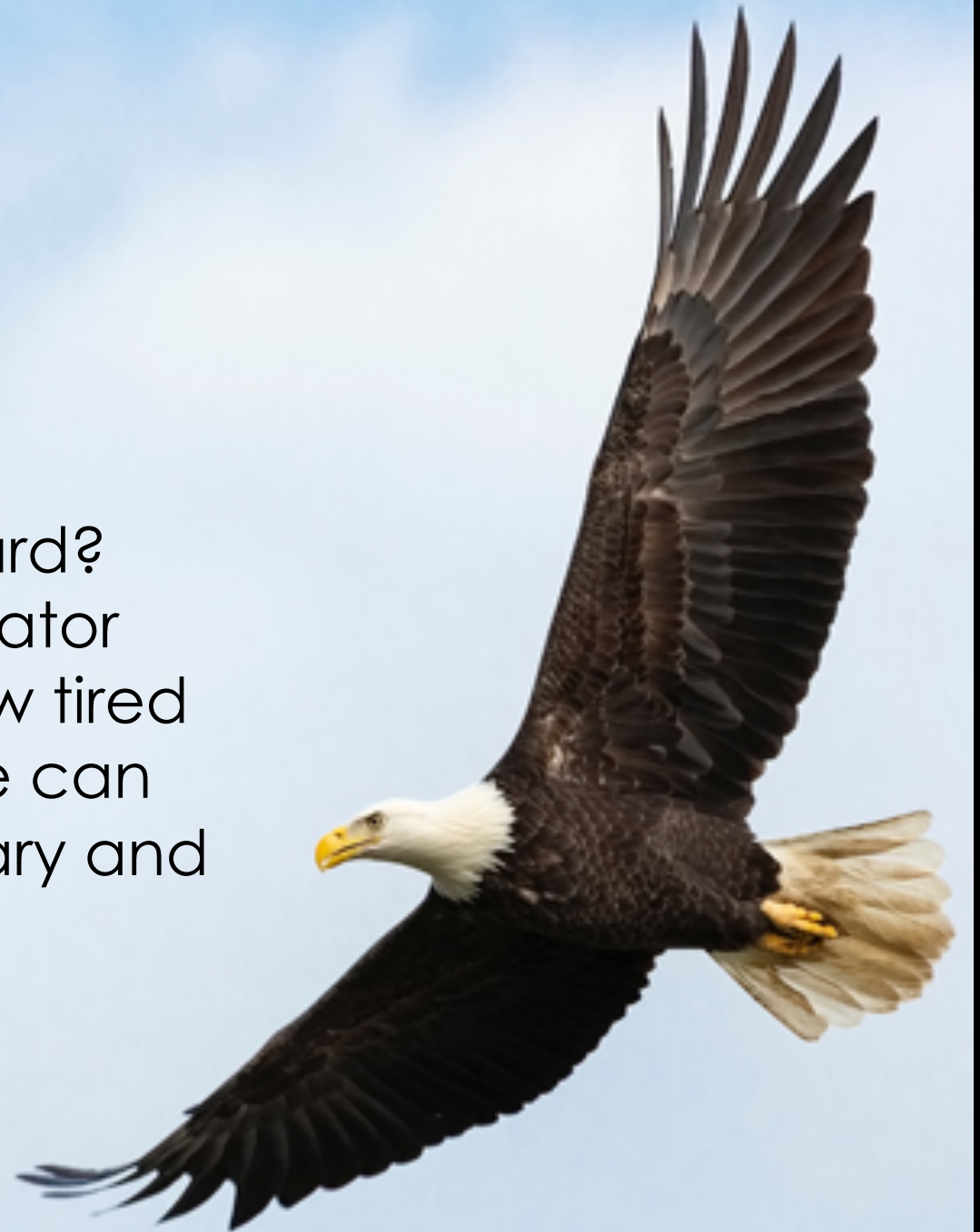
Have you chosen the system under which you will live your life?



# Conclusion

## Isaiah 40:28-31 (NIV)

**28** Do you not know? Have you not heard?  
The Lord is the everlasting God, the Creator  
of the ends of the earth. He will not grow tired  
or weary, and his understanding no one can  
fathom. **29** He gives strength to the weary and  
increases the power of the weak.

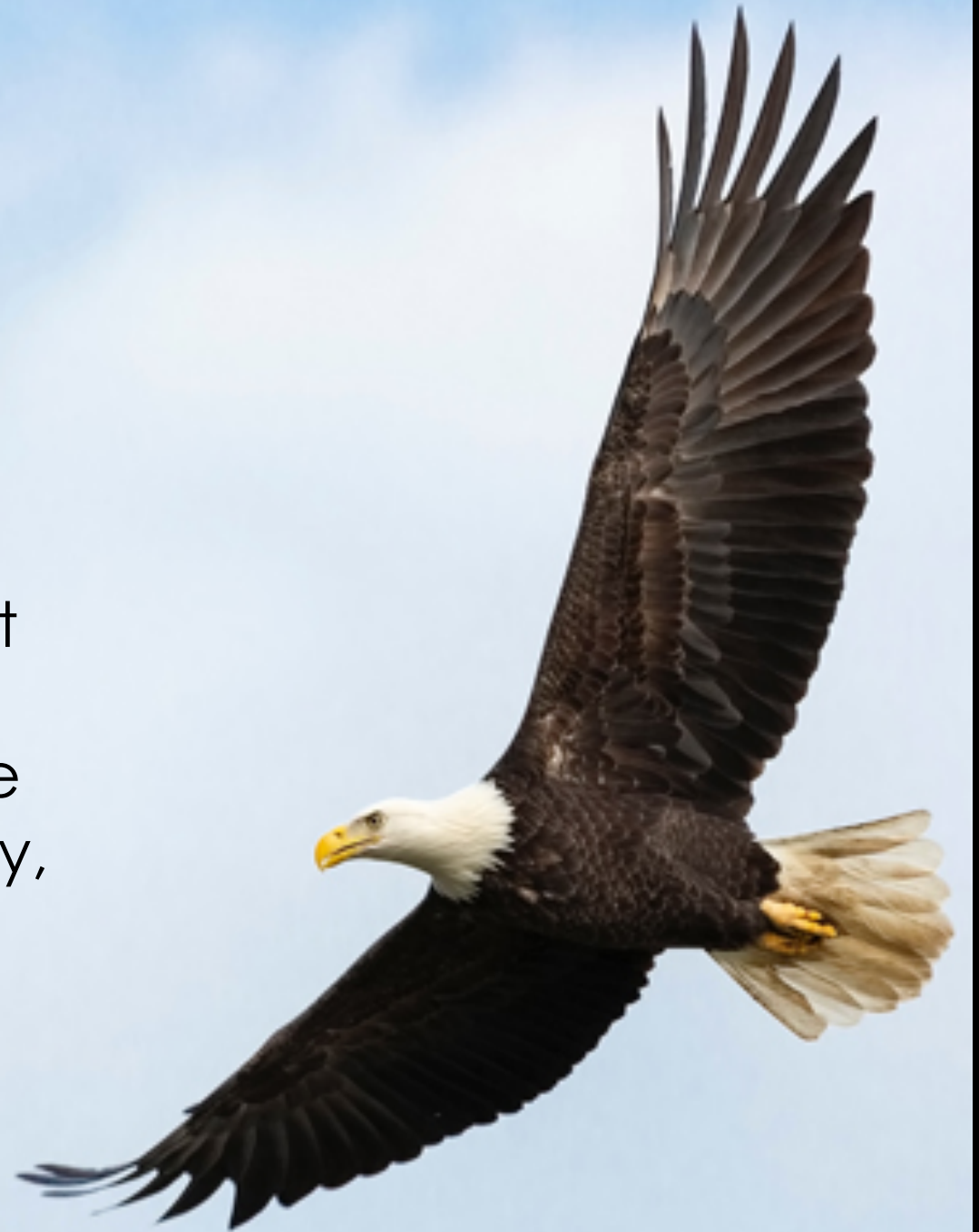




# Conclusion

## Isaiah 40:28-31 (NIV)

**30** Even youths grow tired and weary,  
and young men stumble and fall; **31** but  
those who hope in the Lord will renew  
their strength. They will soar on wings like  
eagles; they will run and not grow weary,  
they will walk and not be faint.





# Conclusion

## Qavah

Intertwining as many areas  
of our lives with God as  
possible.



A person is sitting on a rocky cliff, looking out over a vast sea of clouds. The sun is setting in the distance, creating a warm, golden glow across the sky and the clouds. The person is wearing a dark jacket and shorts. The clouds are thick and white, filling the lower two-thirds of the image. The sky is a mix of blue and orange, with some wispy clouds near the horizon.

Conclusion

What are the  
connecting factors  
with God?



## Testimony #2

