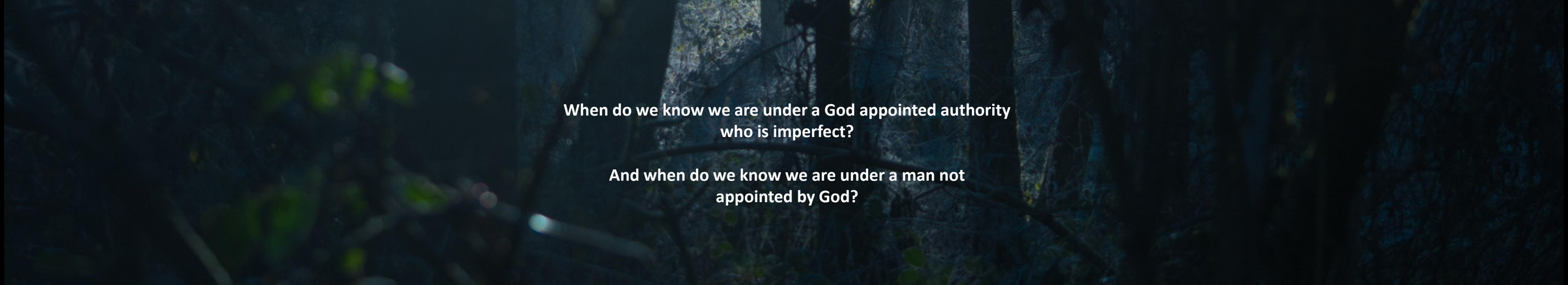
THE SPIRIT OF ABSALOM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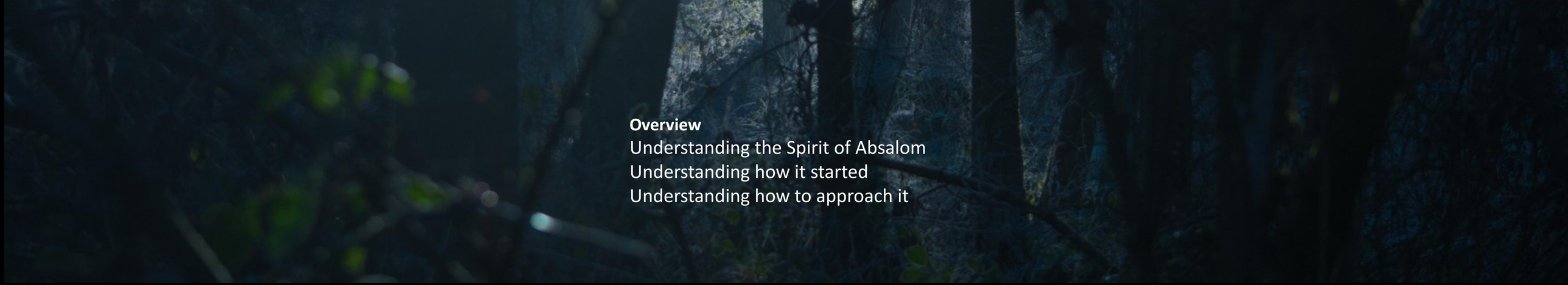

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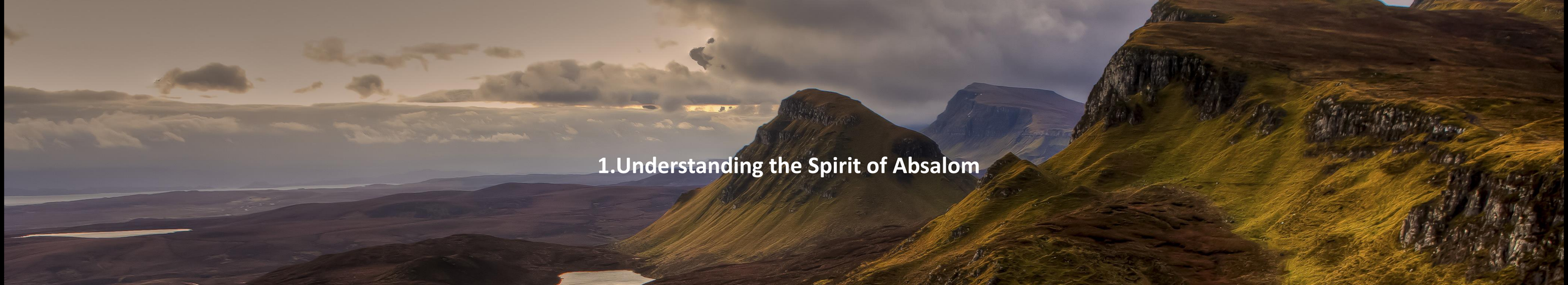

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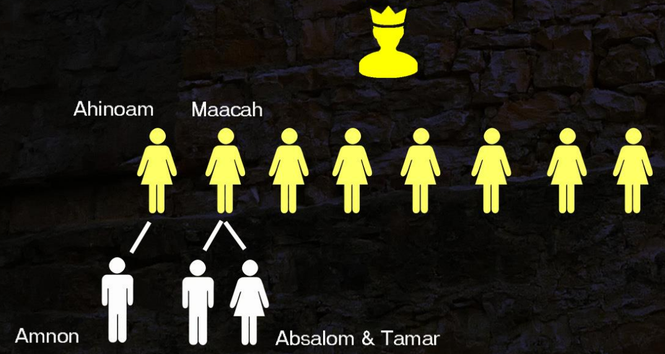
Ahinoam
Maacah
Amnon
Absalom & Tamar

2 Samuel 15

After this Absalom got himself a chariot and horses, and fifty men to run before him. 2 And Absalom used to rise early and stand beside the way of the gate. And when any man had a dispute to come before the king for judgment, Absalom would call to him...4 Then Absalom would say, “Oh that I were judge in the land! Then every man with a dispute or cause might come to me, and I would give him justice.”

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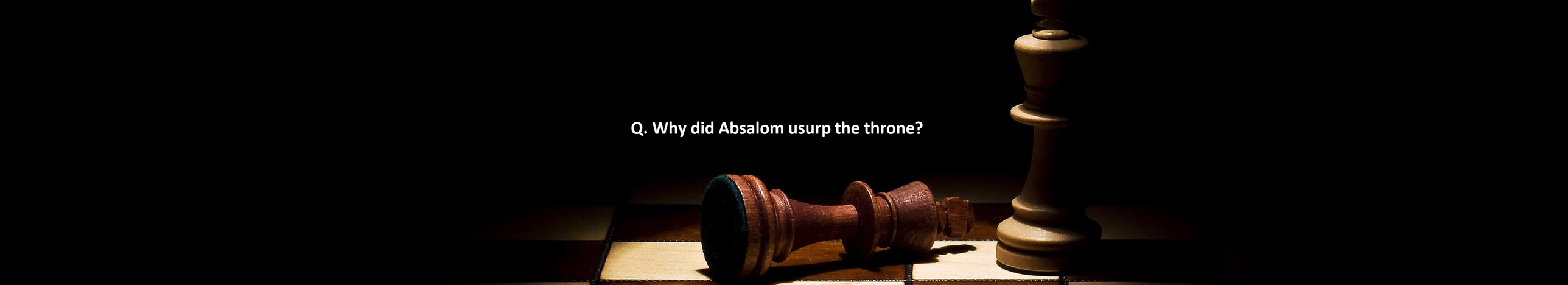
7 And at the end of four years Absalom said to the king, “Please let me go and pay my vow, which I have vowed to the Lord, in Hebron. …

9 The king said to him, “Go in peace.” So he arose and went to
Hebron. 10 But Absalom sent secret messengers throughout all
the tribes of Israel, saying, “As soon as you hear the sound of the
trumpet, then say, ‘Absalom is king at Hebron!’”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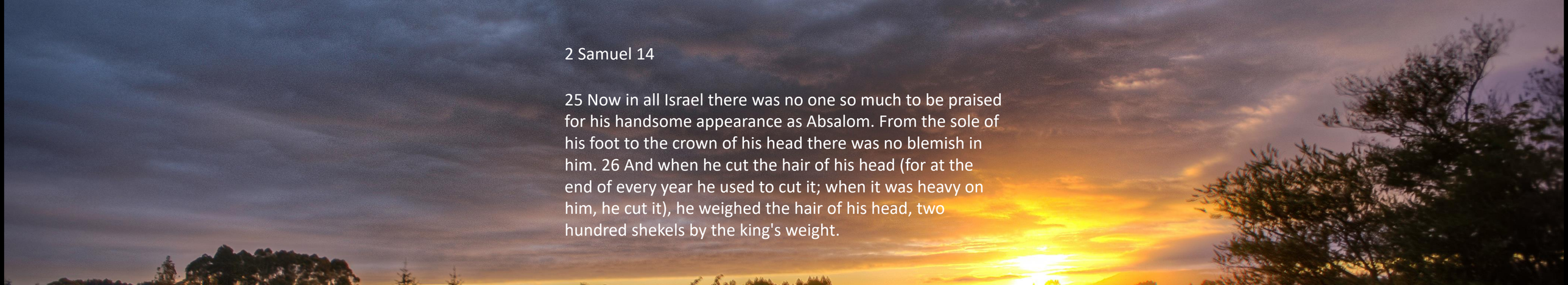

2 Samuel 14

25 Now in all Israel there was no one so much to be praised for his handsome appearance as Absalom. From the sole of his foot to the crown of his head there was no blemish in him. 26 And when he cut the hair of his head (for at the end of every year he used to cut it; when it was heavy on him, he cut it), he weighed the hair of his head, two hundred shekels by the king's weight.

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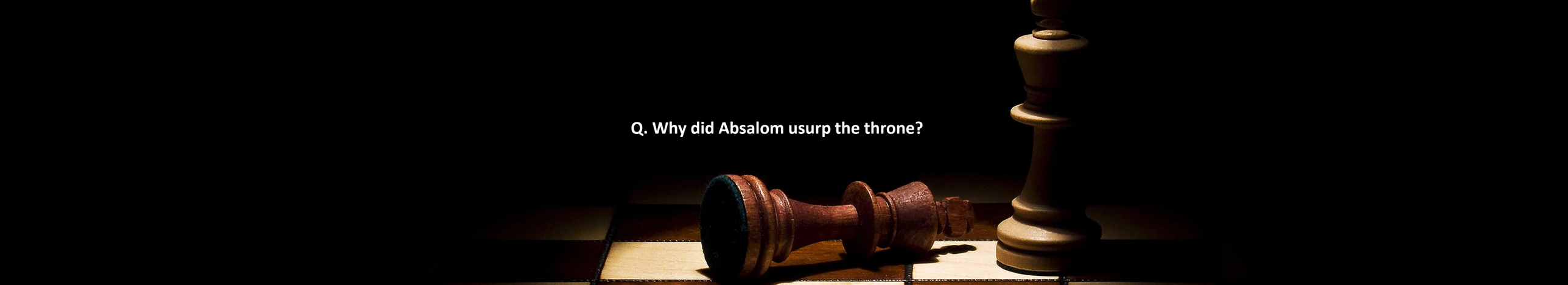
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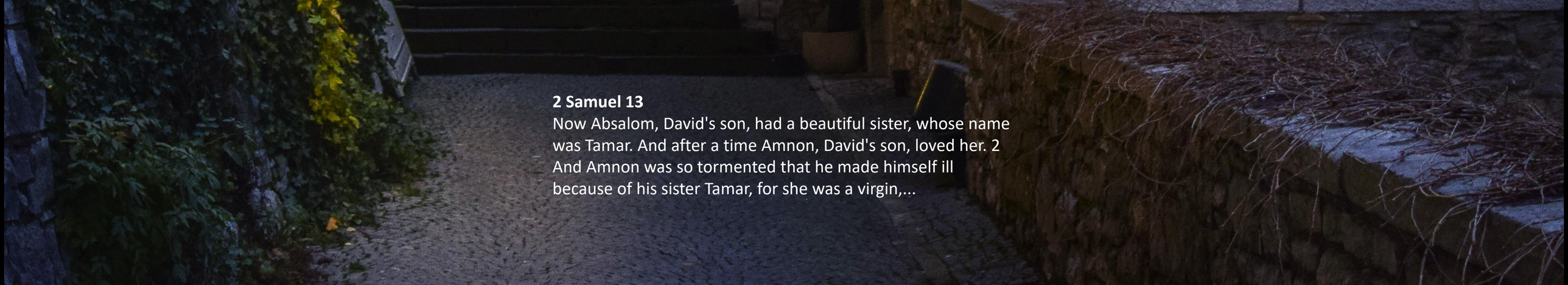
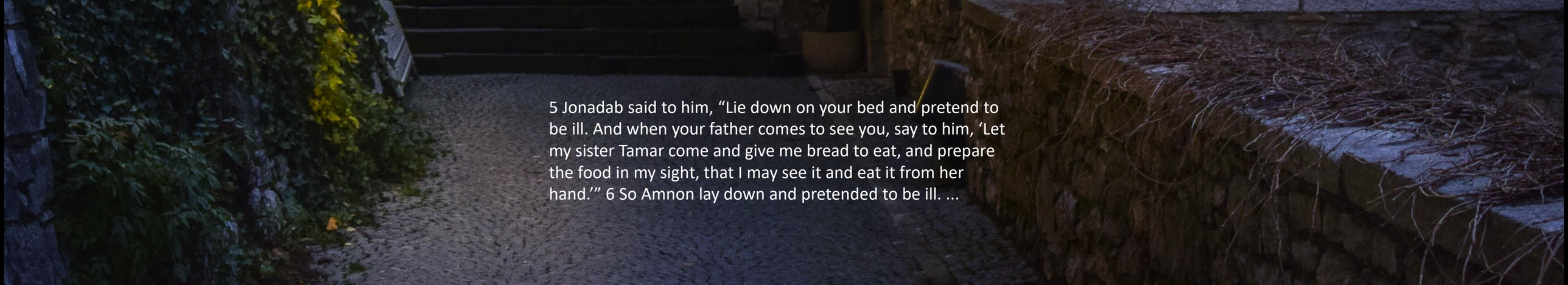
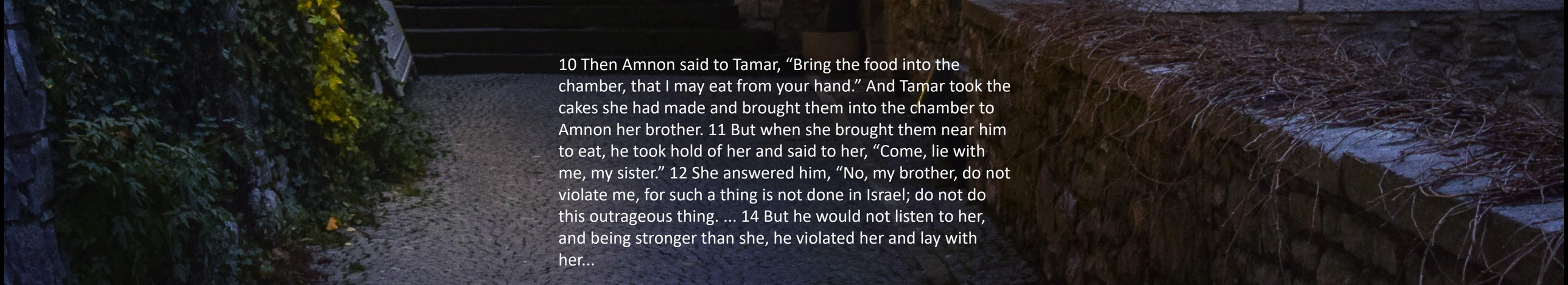


2 Samuel 13

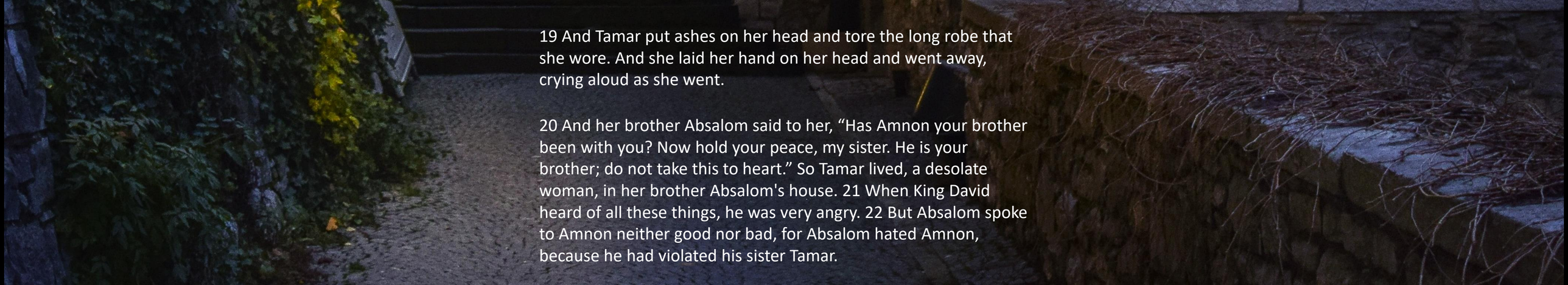
Now Absalom, David's son, had a beautiful sister, whose name was Tamar. And after a time Amnon, David's son, loved her. 2 And Amnon was so tormented that he made himself ill because of his sister Tamar, for she was a virgin,...



5 Jonadab said to him, “Lie down on your bed and pretend to be ill. And when your father comes to see you, say to him, ‘Let my sister Tamar come and give me bread to eat, and prepare the food in my sight, that I may see it and eat it from her hand.’” 6 So Amnon lay down and pretended to be ill. ...



10 Then Amnon said to Tamar, “Bring the food into the chamber, that I may eat from your hand.” And Tamar took the cakes she had made and brought them into the chamber to Amnon her brother. 11 But when she brought them near him to eat, he took hold of her and said to her, “Come, lie with me, my sister.” 12 She answered him, “No, my brother, do not violate me, for such a thing is not done in Israel; do not do this outrageous thing. ... 14 But he would not listen to her, and being stronger than she, he violated her and lay with her...



19 And Tamar put ashes on her head and tore the long robe that
she wore. And she laid her hand on her head and went away,
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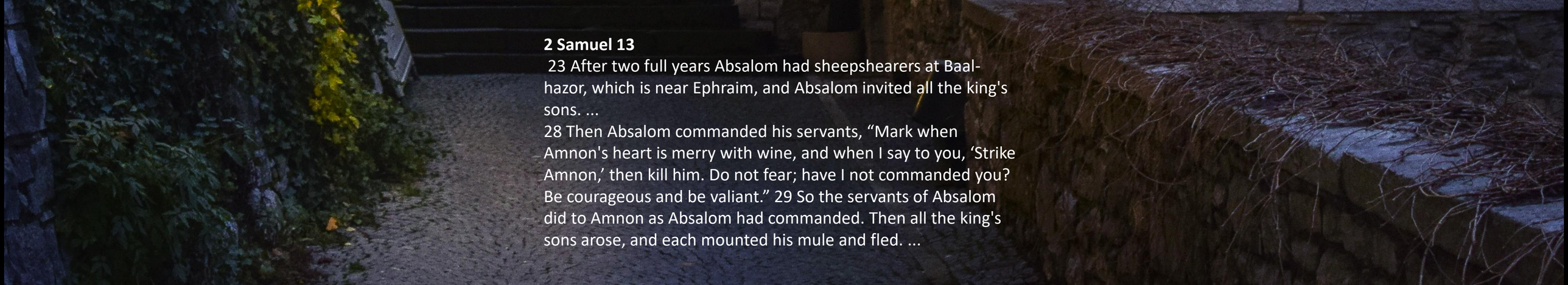
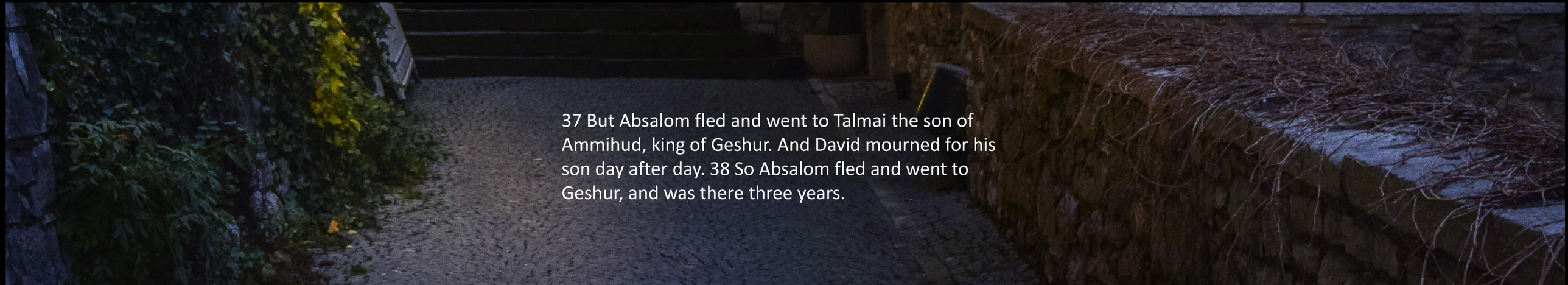


2 Samuel 13

23 After two full years Absalom had sheepshearers at Baal-hazor, which is near Ephraim, and Absalom invited all the king's sons. ...

28 Then Absalom commanded his servants, “Mark when Amnon's heart is merry with wine, and when I say to you, ‘Strike Amnon,’ then kill him. Do not fear; have I not commanded you? Be courageous and be valiant.” 29 So the servants of Absalom did to Amnon as Absalom had commanded. Then all the king's sons arose, and each mounted his mule and fled. ...



37 But Absalom fled and went to Talmai the son of
Ammihud, king of Geshur. And David mourned for his
son day after day. 38 So Absalom fled and went to
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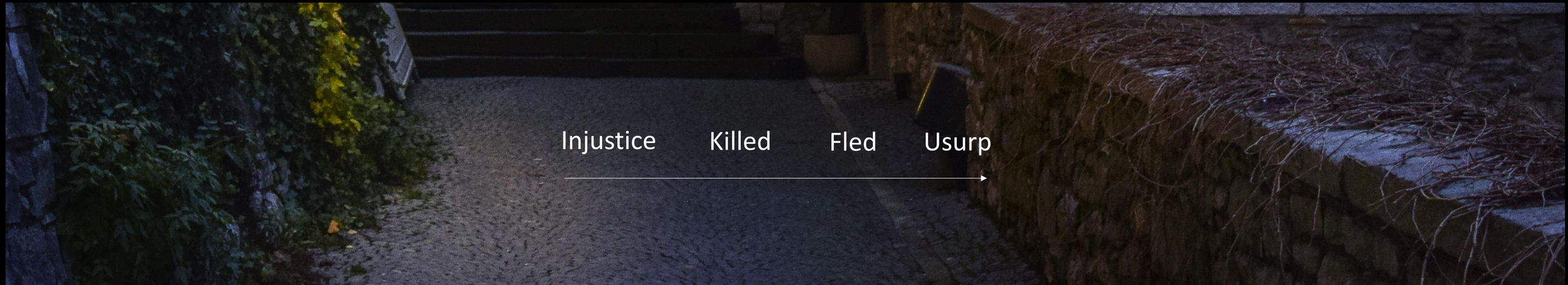
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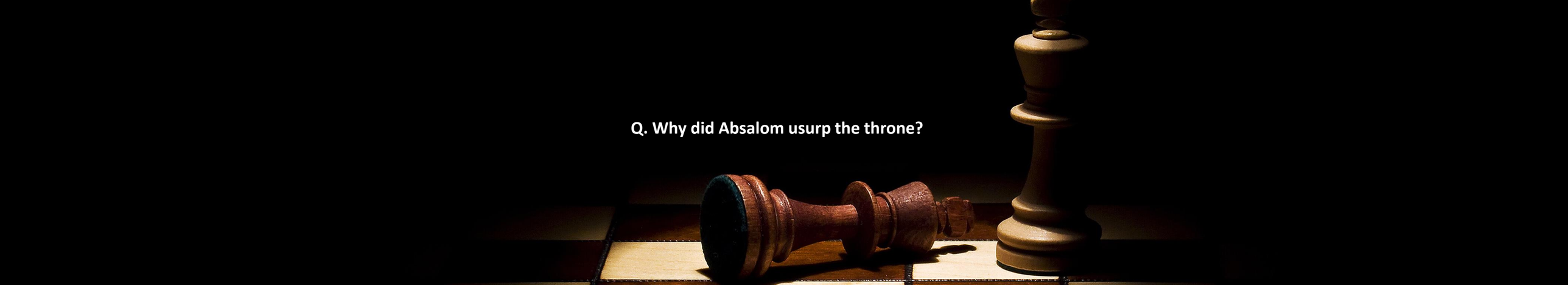
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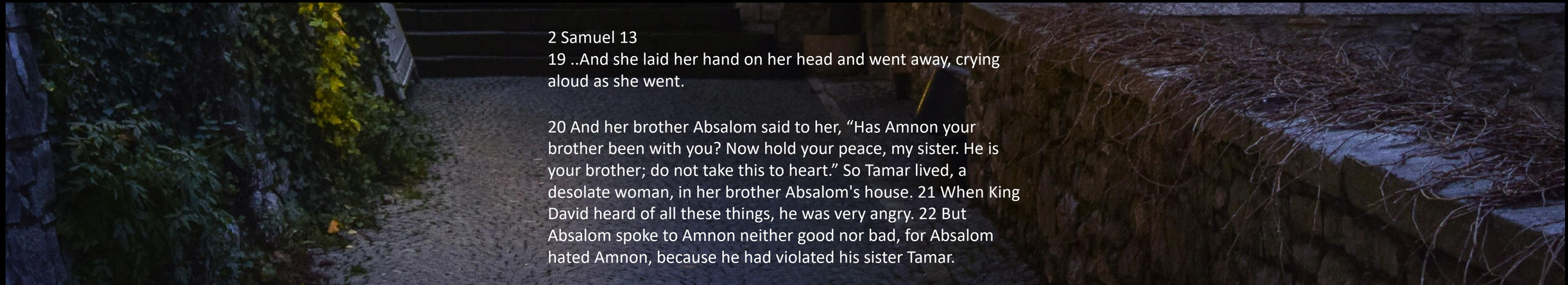

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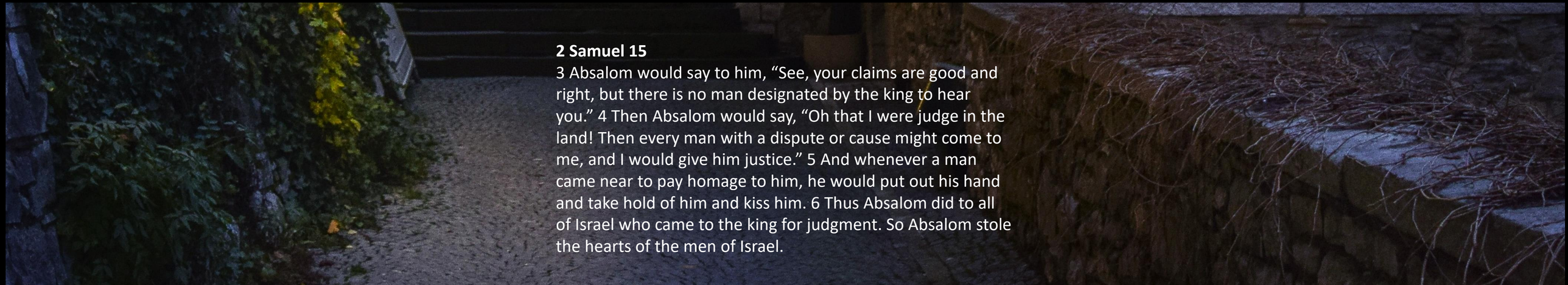

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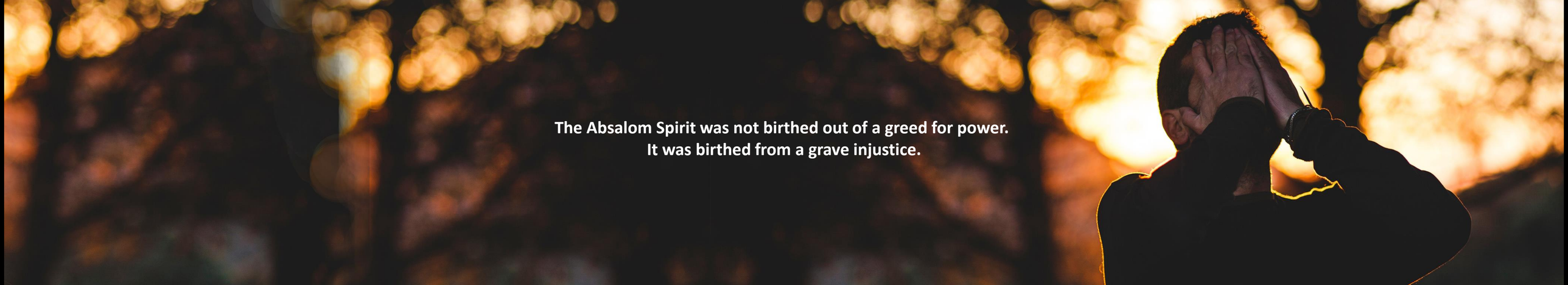

The Absalom Spirit was not birthed out of a greed for power.
It was birthed from a grave injustice.

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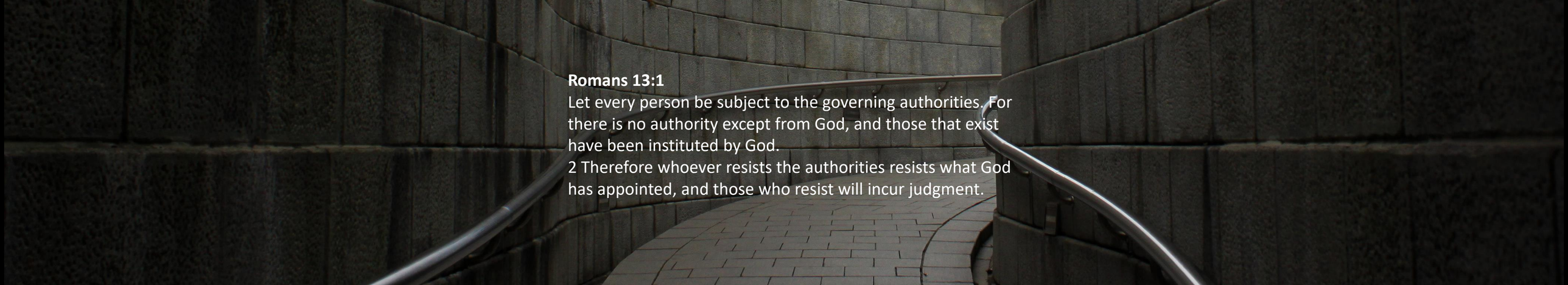
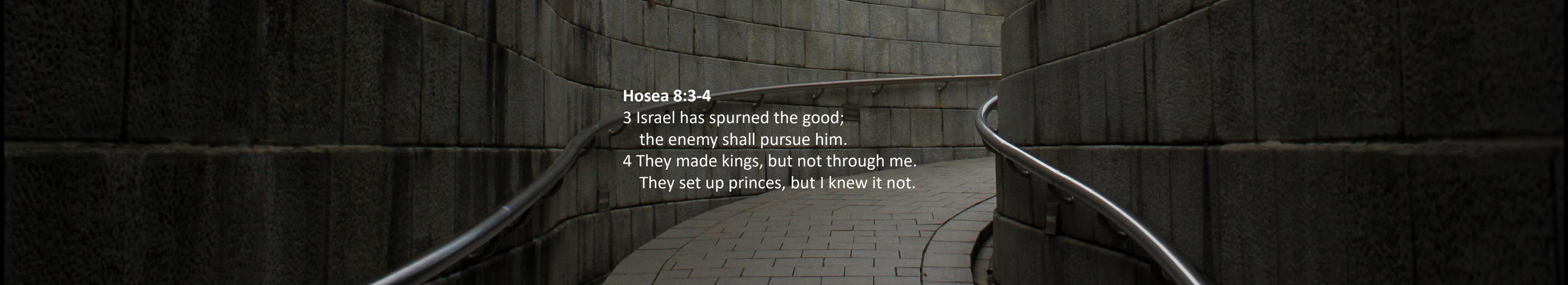
3.Understanding how to approach it

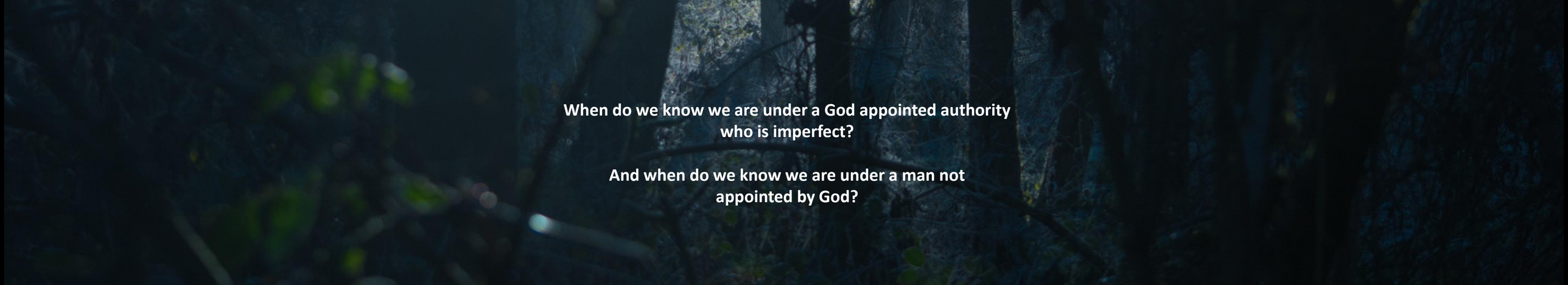


Romans 13:1
Let every person be subject to the governing authorities. For there is no authority except from God, and those that exist have been instituted by God.
2 Therefore whoever resists the authorities resists what God has appointed, and those who resist will incur judgment.



Hosea 8:3-4

3 Israel has spurned the good;
the enemy shall pursue him.
4 They made kings, but not through me.
They set up princes, but I knew it not.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