

Ehud

Life Lessons from Judges



Joshua brought the Israelites into the promised land, pledged to serve the Lord.

Joshua and his generation died.



The next generation worshipped idols, rejected God, and was handed over to the enemies.

Background of Judges

¹² Again the Israelites did evil in the eyes of the LORD, and because they did this evil the LORD gave Eglon king of Moab power over Israel. ¹³ Getting the Ammonites and Amalekites to join him, Eglon came and attacked Israel, and they took possession of the City of Palms. ¹⁴ *The Israelites were subject to Eglon king of Moab for **eighteen years.***

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¹⁵ Again the Israelites cried out to the LORD, and **he gave them a deliverer—Ehud**, a *left-handed* man, the son of Gera the Benjamite. The Israelites sent him with tribute to Eglon king of Moab. ¹⁶ Now Ehud had made a **double-edged sword** about a cubit long, which he strapped to his right thigh under his clothing.

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¹⁷ He presented the tribute to Eglon king of Moab, who was a very fat man. ¹⁸ After Ehud had presented the tribute, he sent on their way those who had carried it. ¹⁹ But on reaching the stone images near Gilgal he himself went back to Eglon and said, “Your Majesty, I have a secret message for you.” The king said to his attendants, “Leave us!” And they all left.

²⁰ Ehud then approached him while he was sitting alone in the upper room of his palace and said, “I have a message from God for you.” As the king rose from his seat,

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²¹ Ehud reached with his *left hand*, **drew the sword** from his right thigh and plunged it into the king's belly. ²² Even the handle sank in after the blade, and his bowels discharged. Ehud did not pull the sword out, and the fat closed in over it. ²³ Then Ehud went out to the porch; he shut the doors of the upper room behind him and locked them.

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²⁴ After he had gone, the servants came and found the doors of the upper room locked. They said, “He must be relieving himself in the inner room of the palace.” ²⁵ They waited to the point of embarrassment, but when he did not open the doors of the room, they took a key and unlocked them. There they saw their lord fallen to the floor, dead. ²⁶ While they waited, Ehud got away. He passed by the stone images and escaped to Seirah. ²⁷ When he arrived there, he blew a trumpet in the hill country of Ephraim, and the Israelites went down with him from the hills, with him leading them.

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Ehud: A Story about Deliverance

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WHY

Acknowledge our need for deliverance

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HOW

God's deliverance comes through a deliverer

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WHO

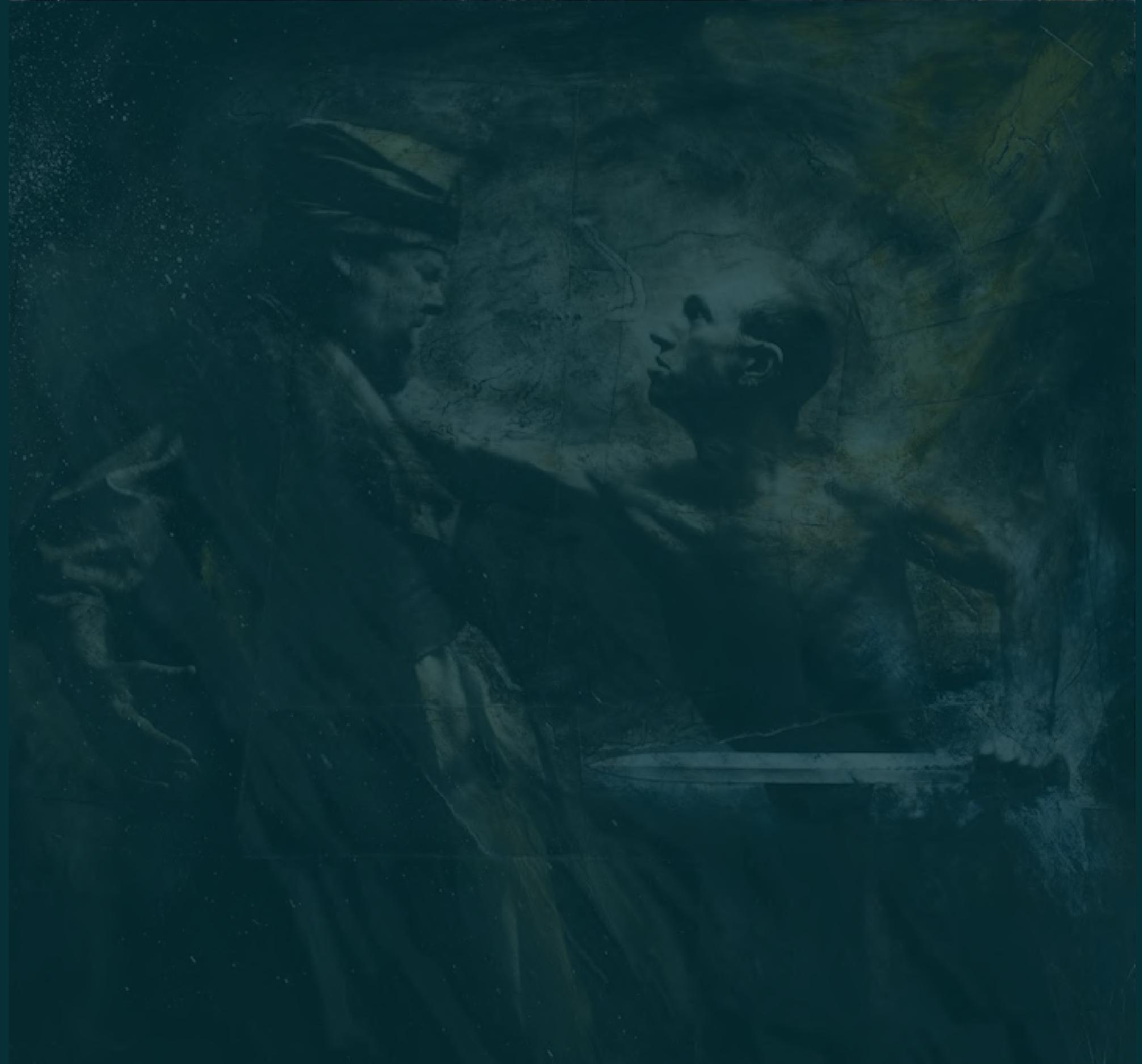
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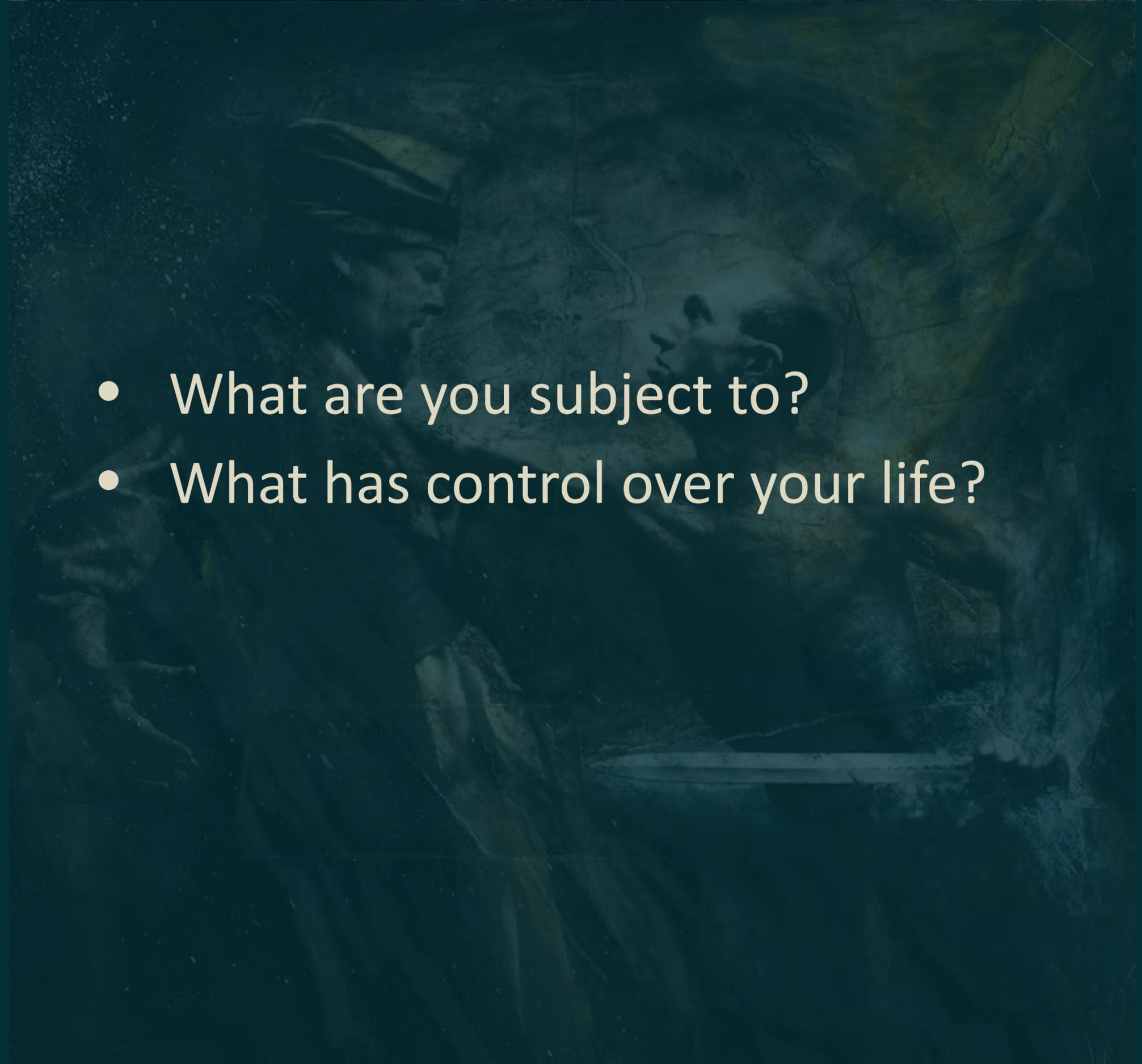
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1 WHY

Acknowledge
our need for
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- What are you subject to?
- What has control over your life?



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31 If God is for us, who can be against us?

37 No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us.

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For **the word of God is alive and active**. Sharper than any **double-edged sword**, it penetrates even to dividing soul and spirit, joints and marrow; it judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart.

Take the helmet of salvation and **the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.**

Ephesians 6:17



INfilling

Feed the Mind

Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the **renewing of your mind**. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will.

Then you will know the truth,
and the truth will **set you free.**

What am I feeding my body?









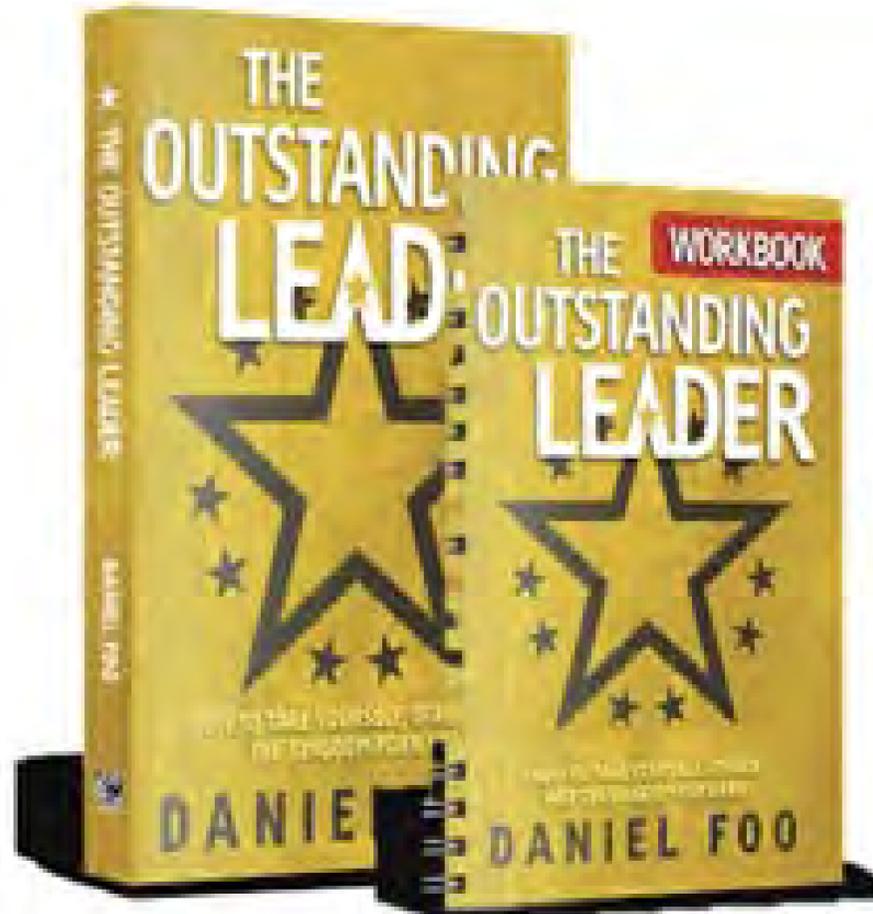




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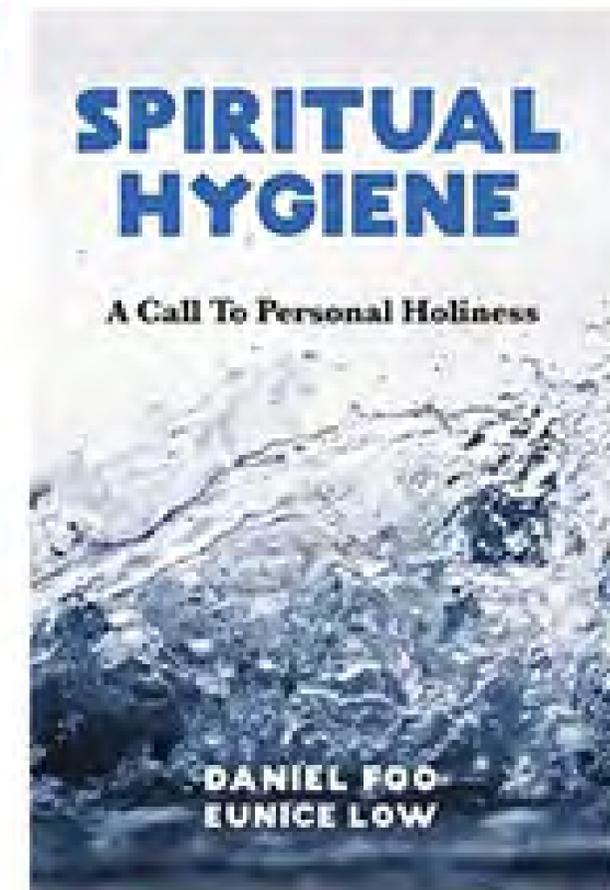
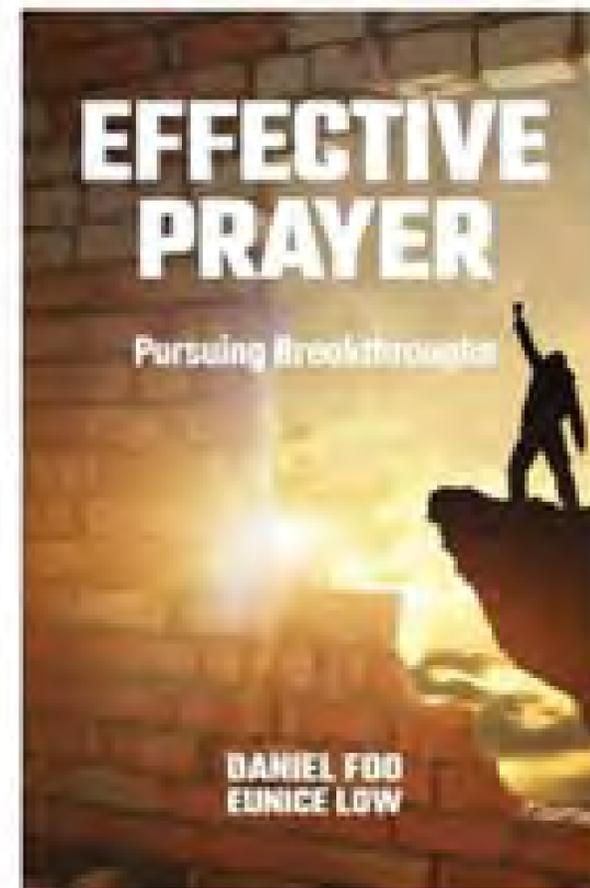
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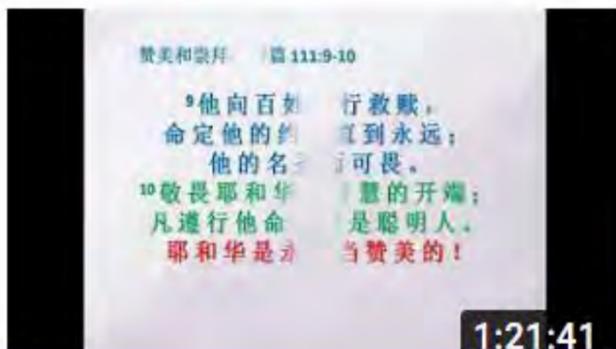
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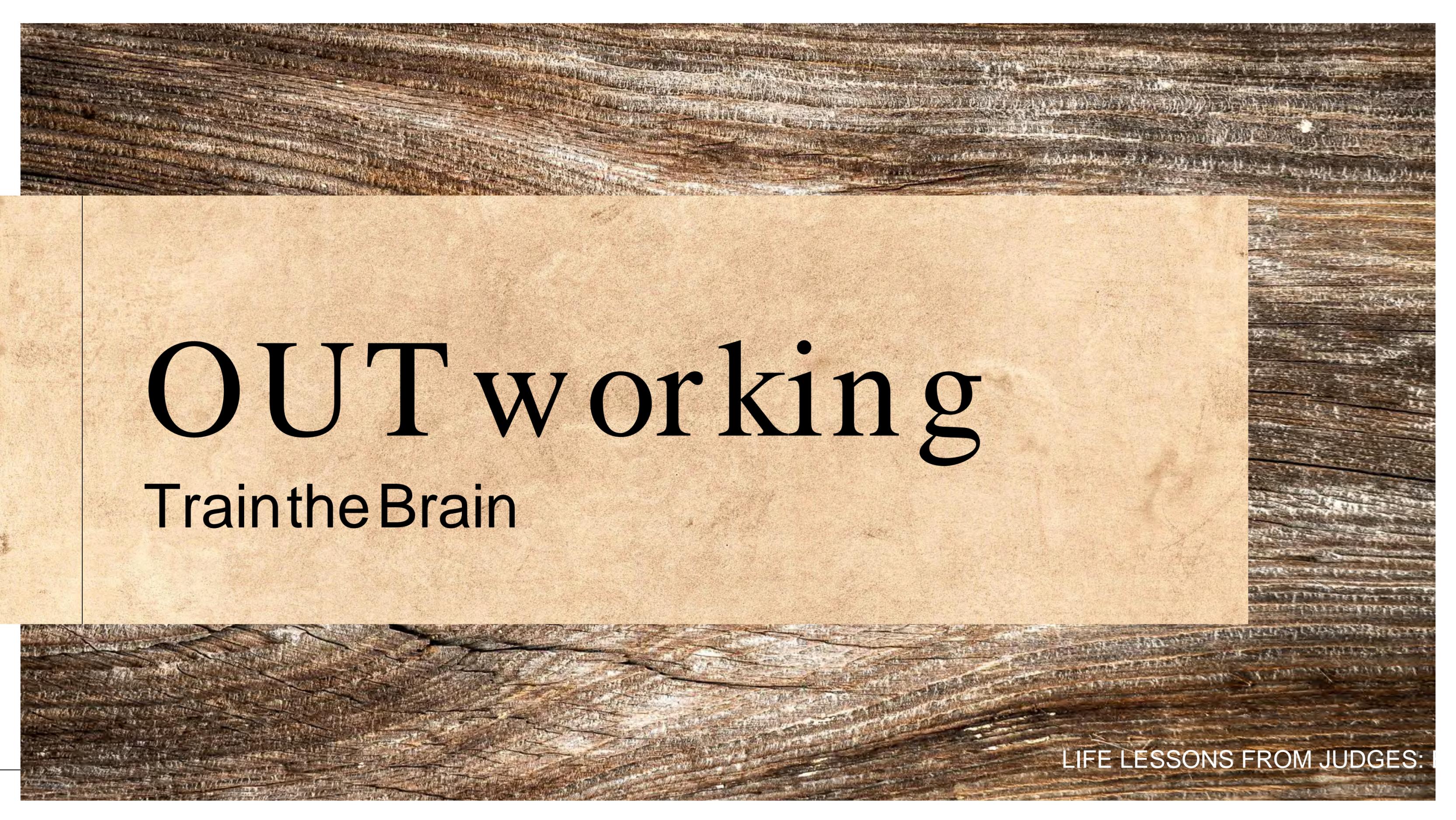
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Train the Brain





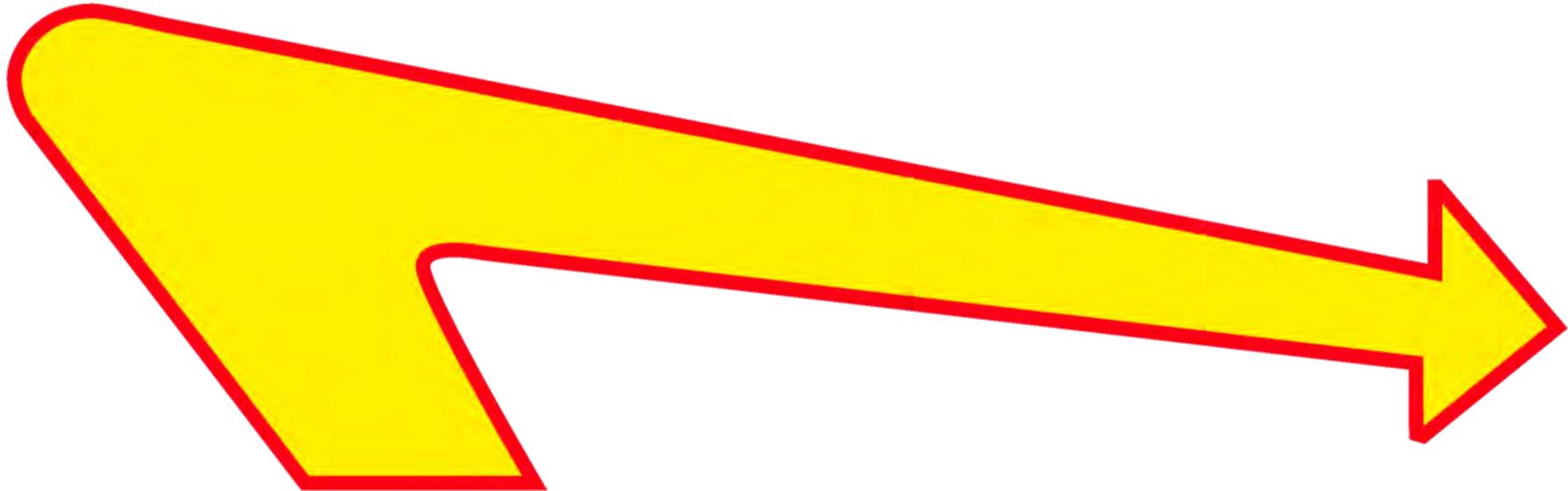


Replace the
thought

Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable—if anything is excellent or praiseworthy—**think about such things.**

²² You were taught, with regard to your former way of life, to put off your old self, which is being corrupted by its deceitful desires; ²³ to be made new in the **attitude of your minds**; ²⁴ and to put on the new self, created to be like God in true righteousness and holiness.

⁵ Those who live according to the flesh have their minds set on what the flesh desires; but those who live in accord with the Spirit have their minds set on what the Spirit desires. ⁶ The mind governed by the flesh is death, but the mind governed by the Spirit is life and peace.



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The One Another s

- Encourage and build each other up (1 Thessalonians 5:11)
- Confess your sins to one another and pray for each other so that you will be healed (James 5:16)
- Speak to one another with psalms, hymns and spiritual songs (Ephesians 5:19)