



SOLOMON: the God pursuit

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ASSEMBLY



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“DON’T GO THERE”

1 KINGS 11

1 kings 11:1a-2

¹ King Solomon, however, loved many foreign women besides Pharaoh's daughter... ² They were from nations about which the Lord had told the Israelites, “You must not intermarry with them, because they will surely turn your hearts after their gods.”

Nevertheless, Solomon held fast to them in love.

1 kings 11:3-4

³ He had seven hundred wives of royal birth and three hundred concubines, and his wives led him astray. ⁴ As Solomon grew old, his wives turned his heart after other gods, and his heart was not fully devoted to the Lord his God, as the heart of David his father had been.

1 kings 11:7-8

7 On a hill east of Jerusalem, Solomon built a high place for Chemosh the detestable god of Moab, and for Molek the detestable god of the Ammonites.

8 He did the same for all his foreign wives, who burned incense and offered sacrifices to their gods.

1 kings 11:9

⁹ The Lord became angry with Solomon because his heart had turned away from the Lord, the God of Israel, who had appeared to him twice.



23 Above all else, guard your heart,
for everything you do flows from it.

proverbs 4:23

A dark, atmospheric illustration depicting a scene from a medieval or fantasy setting. In the center, a king with a long, dark beard and a crown sits on a large, ornate throne. He holds a long staff with a golden orb at the top. Behind him, a large, muscular knight in armor stands, looking towards the right. To the left, another figure, possibly a woman, is partially visible, looking down. The background features a grand castle with multiple towers and flags flying from the towers. The overall mood is somber and mysterious.

DON'T GO THERE



letting your spiritual habits drift

john 15:5-6

5 “I [Jesus] am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing. 6 If you do not remain in me, you are like a branch that is thrown away and withers; such branches are picked up, thrown into the fire and burned.”

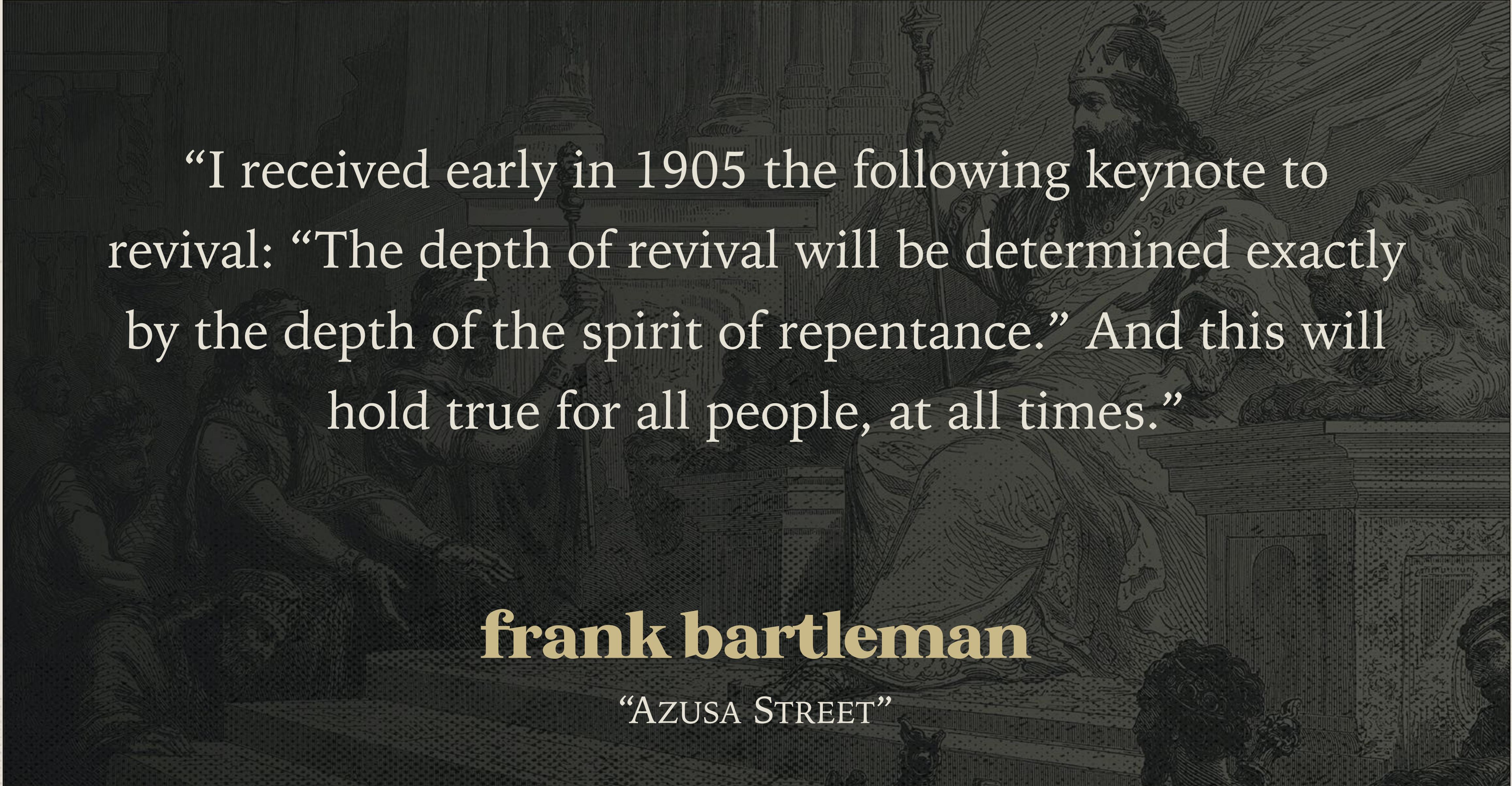


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WHERE DO I NEED TO REPENT FOR SPIRITUAL DRIFT?



“I received early in 1905 the following keynote to revival: “The depth of revival will be determined exactly by the depth of the spirit of repentance.” And this will hold true for all people, at all times.”

frank bartleman

“AZUSA STREET”

acts 3:19

19 Repent, then, and turn to God, so that your sins
may be wiped out, that times of refreshing may
come from the Lord



letting your affections wander



³ Solomon loved the Lord...

1 kings 3:3a (nlt)

¹ King Solomon, however, loved many foreign women...

1 kings 11:1a

hebrews 1:9

9 You [Jesus] have loved righteousness and hated wickedness; therefore God, your God, has set you above your companions by anointing you with the oil of joy.

1 john 2:15-16 (nlt)

15 Do not love this world nor the things it offers you, for when you love the world, you do not have the love of the Father in you.

1 john 2:15-16 (nlt)

16 For the world offers only a craving for physical pleasure, a craving for everything we see, and pride in our achievements and possessions. These are not from the Father, but are from this world.



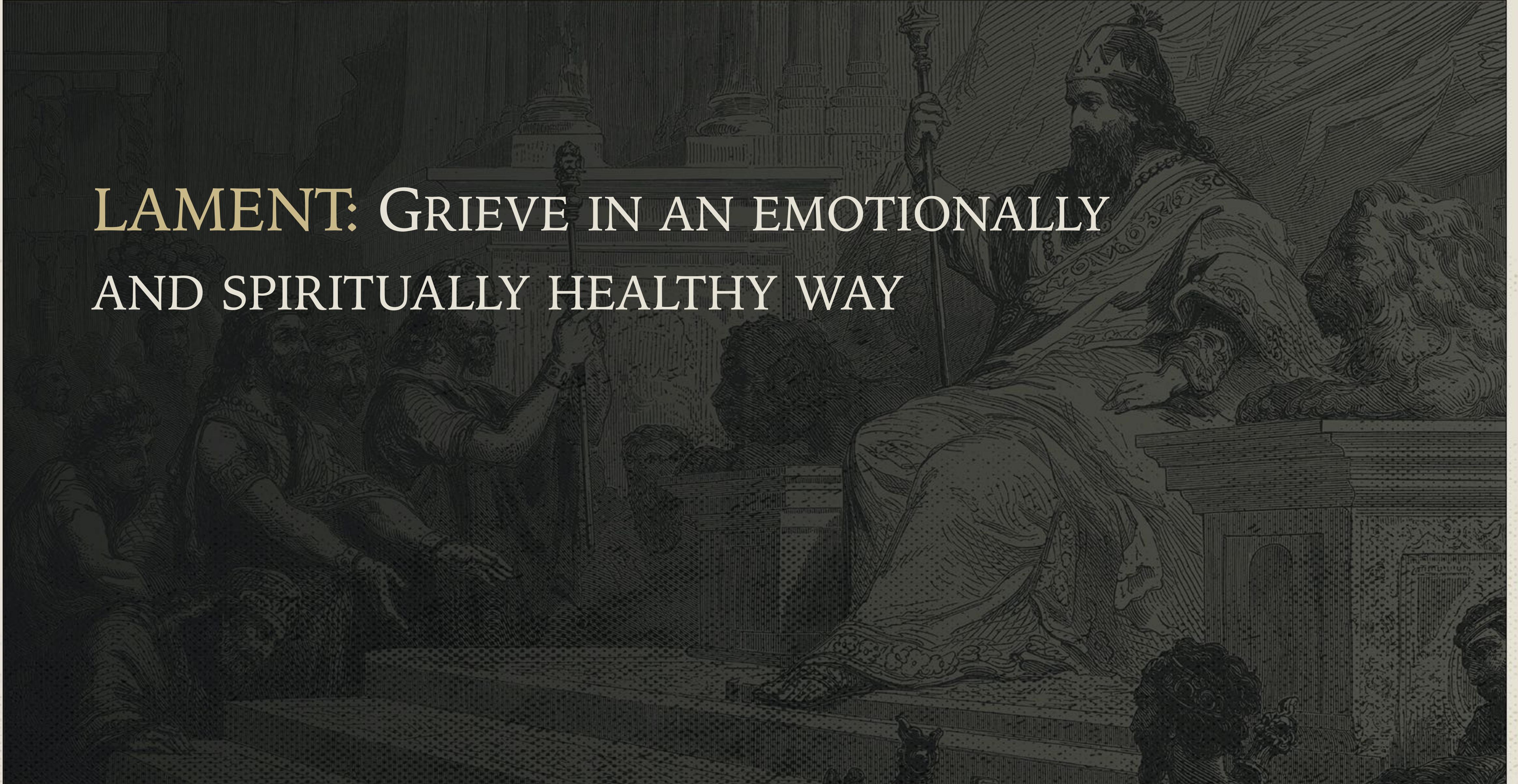
letting your pain deconstruct faith

ecclesiastes 2:17

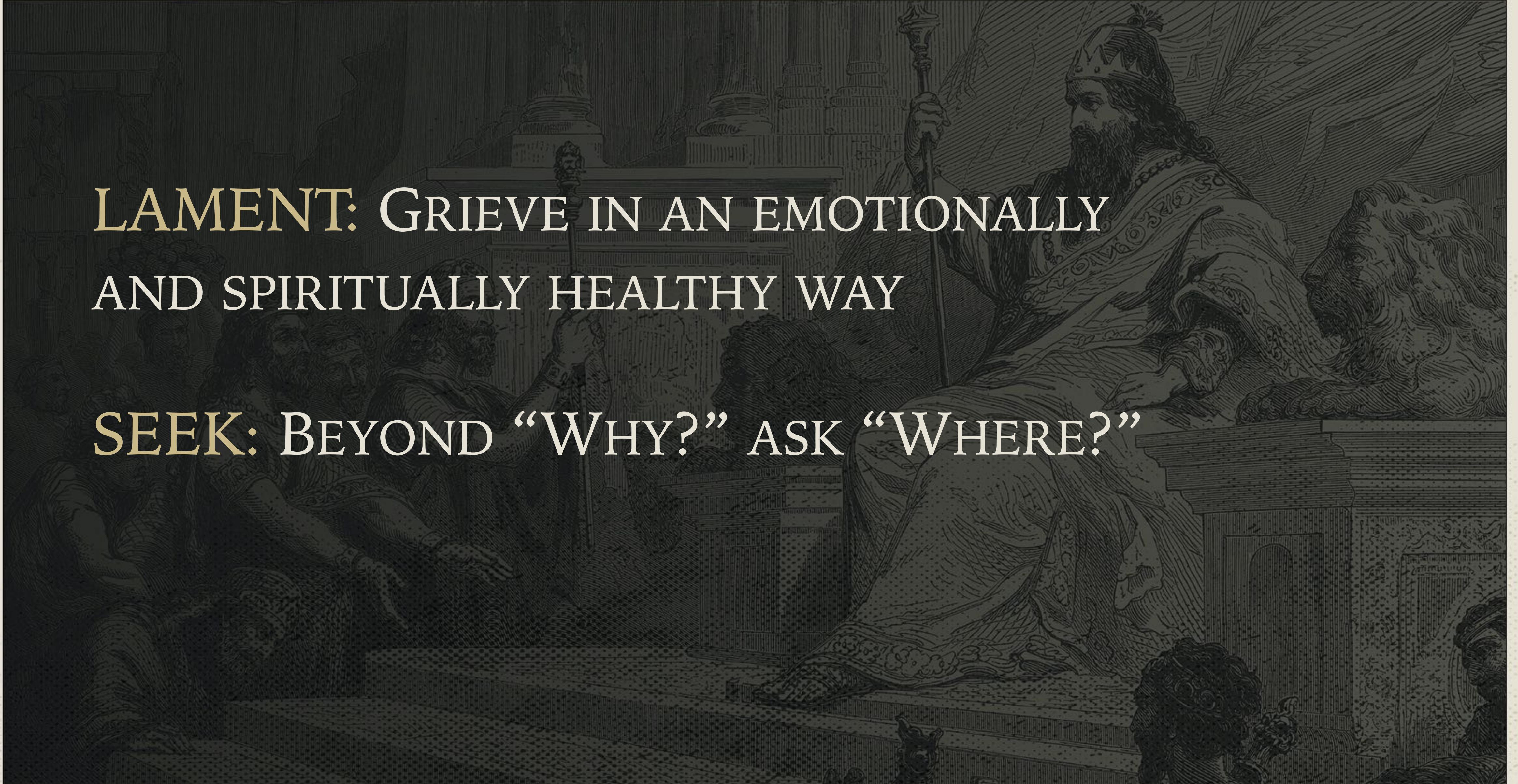
17 So I hated life, because the work that is done under the sun was grievous to me. All of it is meaningless, a chasing after the wind.

psalm 73:21-22 (nlt)

21 Then I [Asaph] realized that my heart was bitter,
and I was all torn up inside. 22 I was so foolish and
ignorant—I must have seemed like a senseless
animal to you.

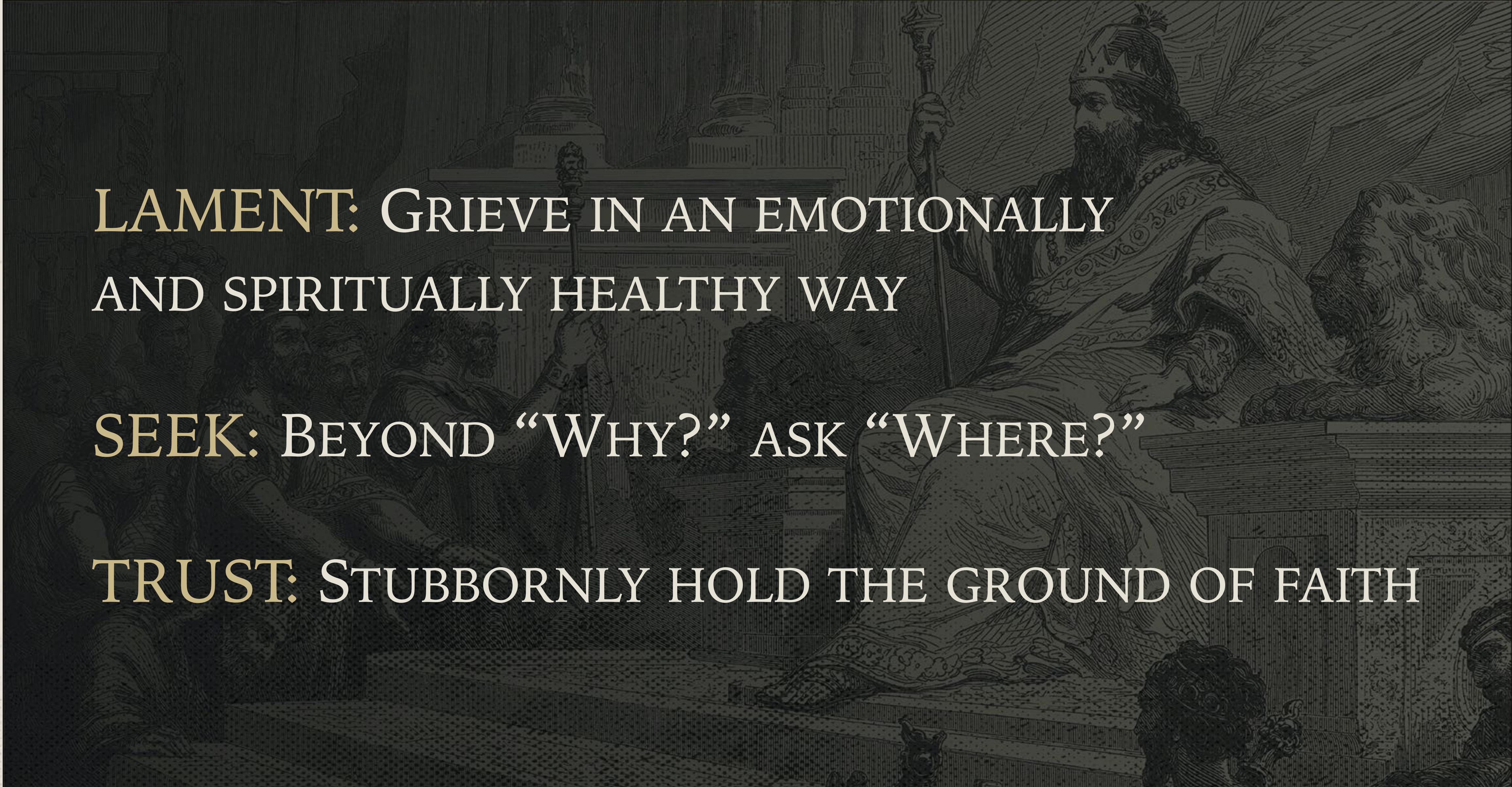


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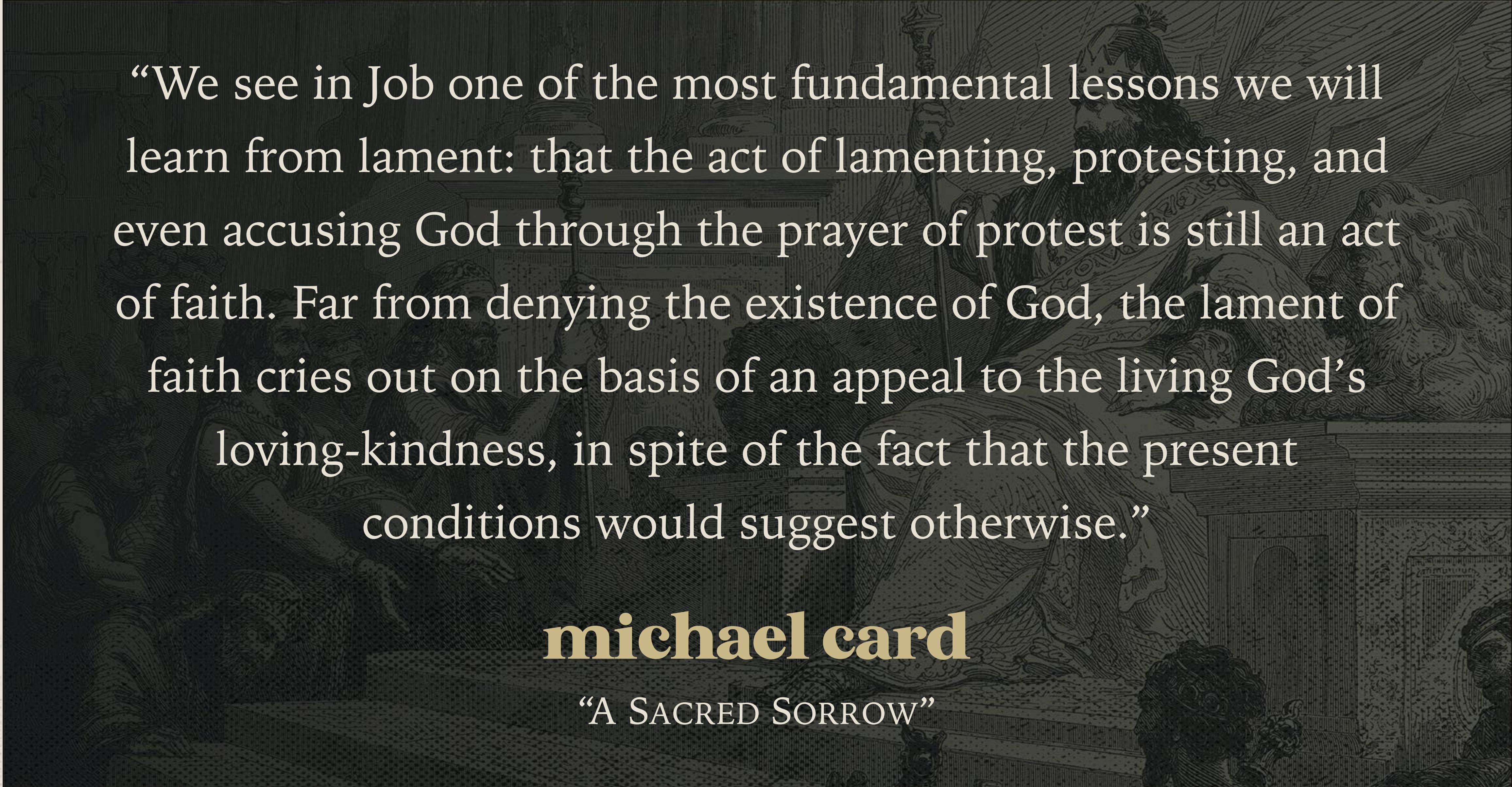
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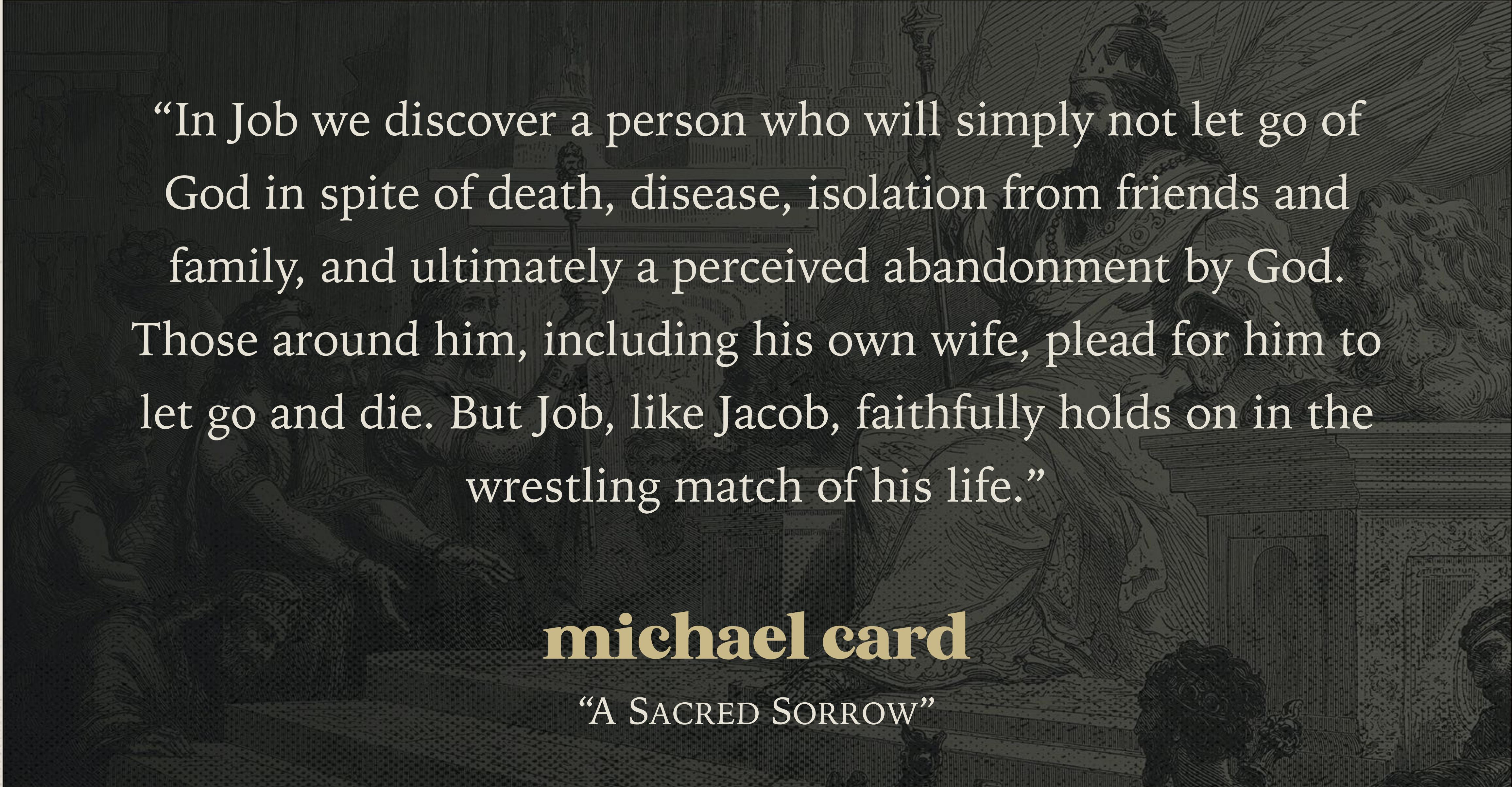
TRUST: STUBBORNLY HOLD THE GROUND OF FAITH



“We see in Job one of the most fundamental lessons we will learn from lament: that the act of lamenting, protesting, and even accusing God through the prayer of protest is still an act of faith. Far from denying the existence of God, the lament of faith cries out on the basis of an appeal to the living God’s loving-kindness, in spite of the fact that the present conditions would suggest otherwise.”

michael card

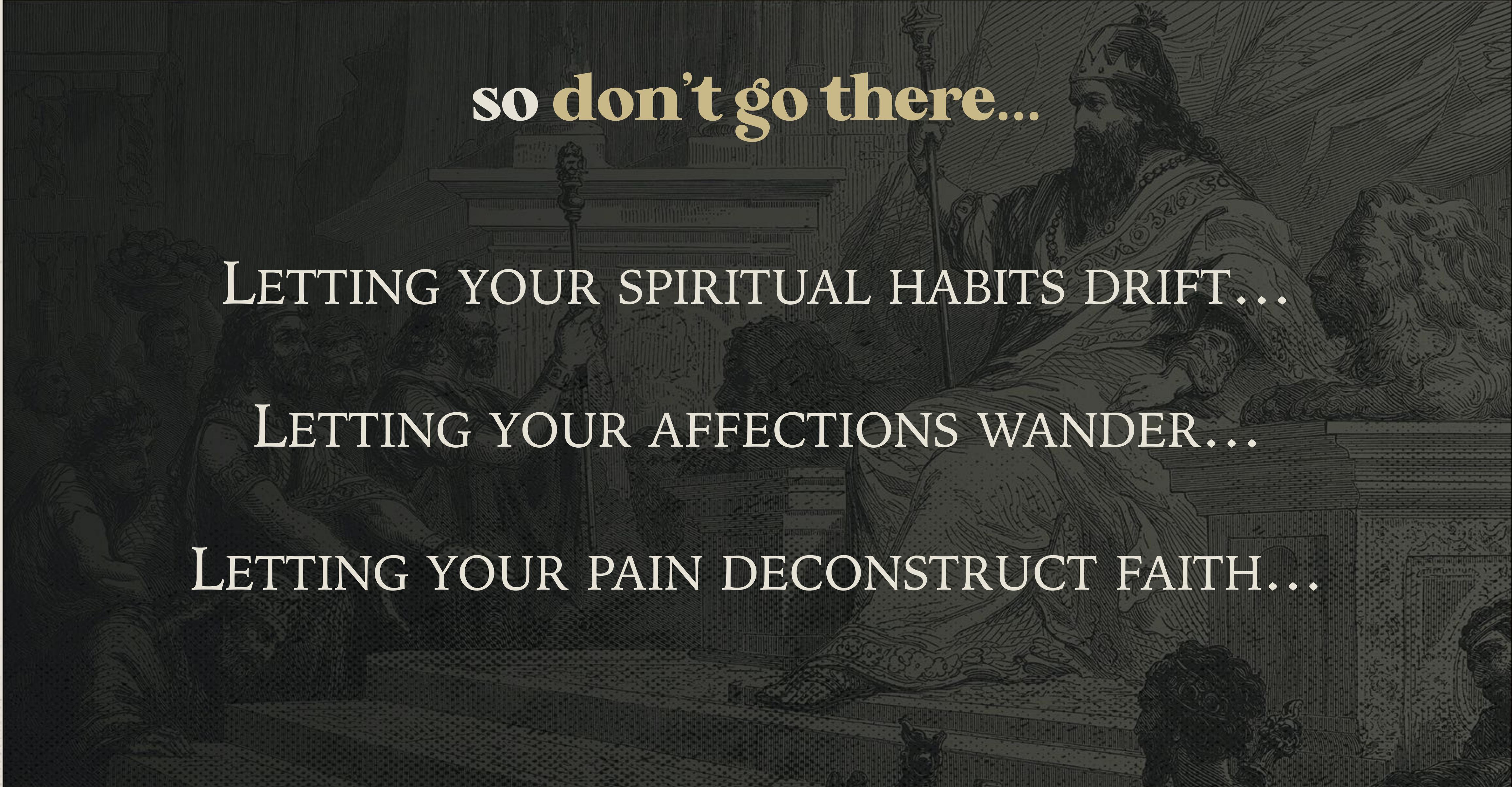
“A SACRED SORROW”



“In Job we discover a person who will simply not let go of God in spite of death, disease, isolation from friends and family, and ultimately a perceived abandonment by God. Those around him, including his own wife, plead for him to let go and die. But Job, like Jacob, faithfully holds on in the wrestling match of his life.”

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so don't go there...

LETTING YOUR SPIRITUAL HABITS DRIFT...

LETTING YOUR AFFECTIONS WANDER...

LETTING YOUR PAIN DECONSTRUCT FAITH...

colossians 3:1-3

1 Since, then, you have been raised with Christ, set your hearts on things above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. 2 Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things. 3 For you died, and your life is now hidden with Christ in God.

