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“RESPONDING TO YOUR PAST”

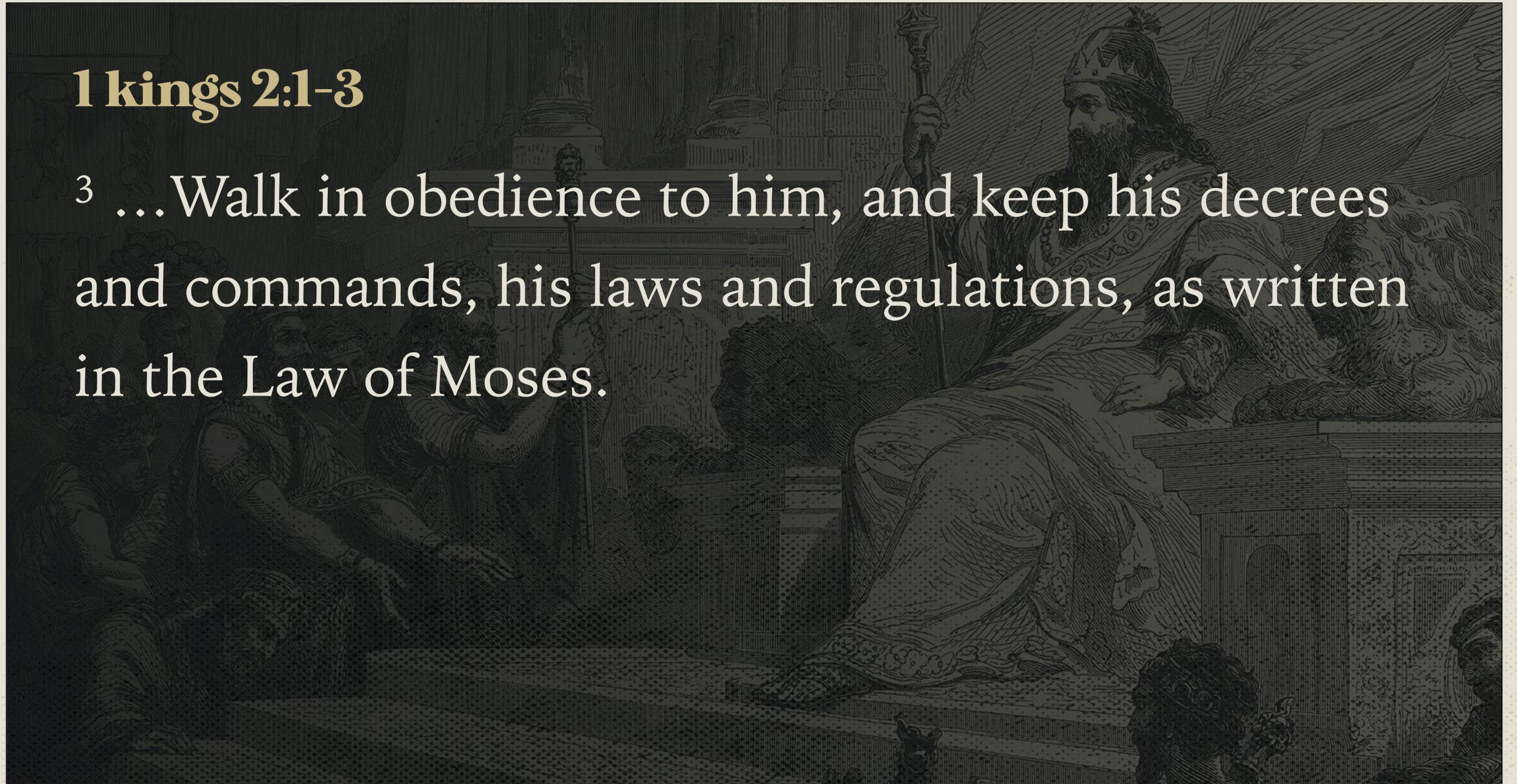
1 KINGS 2:1-10

1 kings 2:1-3

¹ When the time drew near for David to die, he gave a charge to Solomon his son. ² “I am about to go the way of all the earth,” he said. “So be strong, act like a man, ³ and observe what the Lord your God requires...

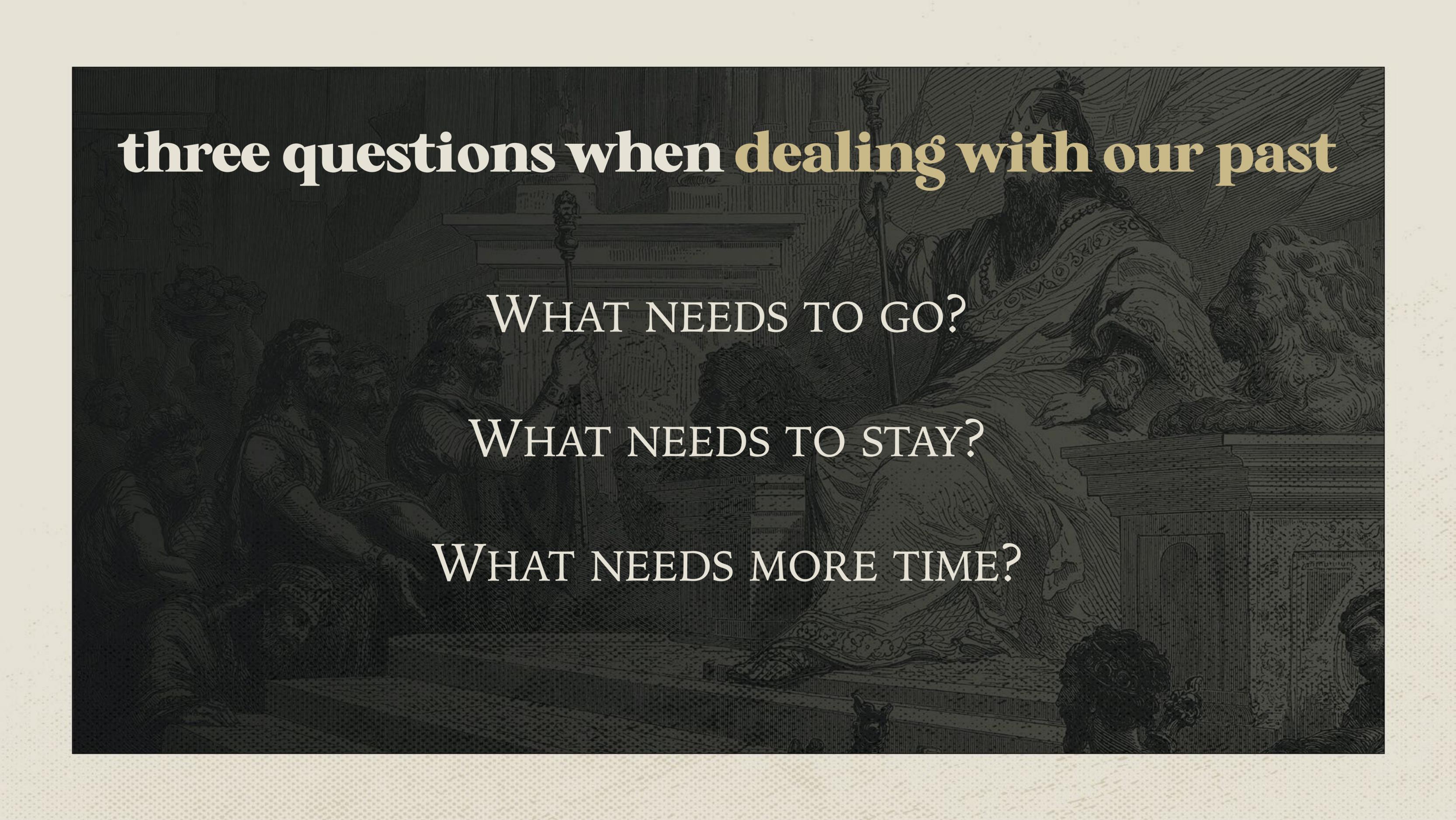
1 kings 2:1-3

³ ...Walk in obedience to him, and keep his decrees and commands, his laws and regulations, as written in the Law of Moses.





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WHAT NEEDS TO GO?

WHAT NEEDS TO STAY?

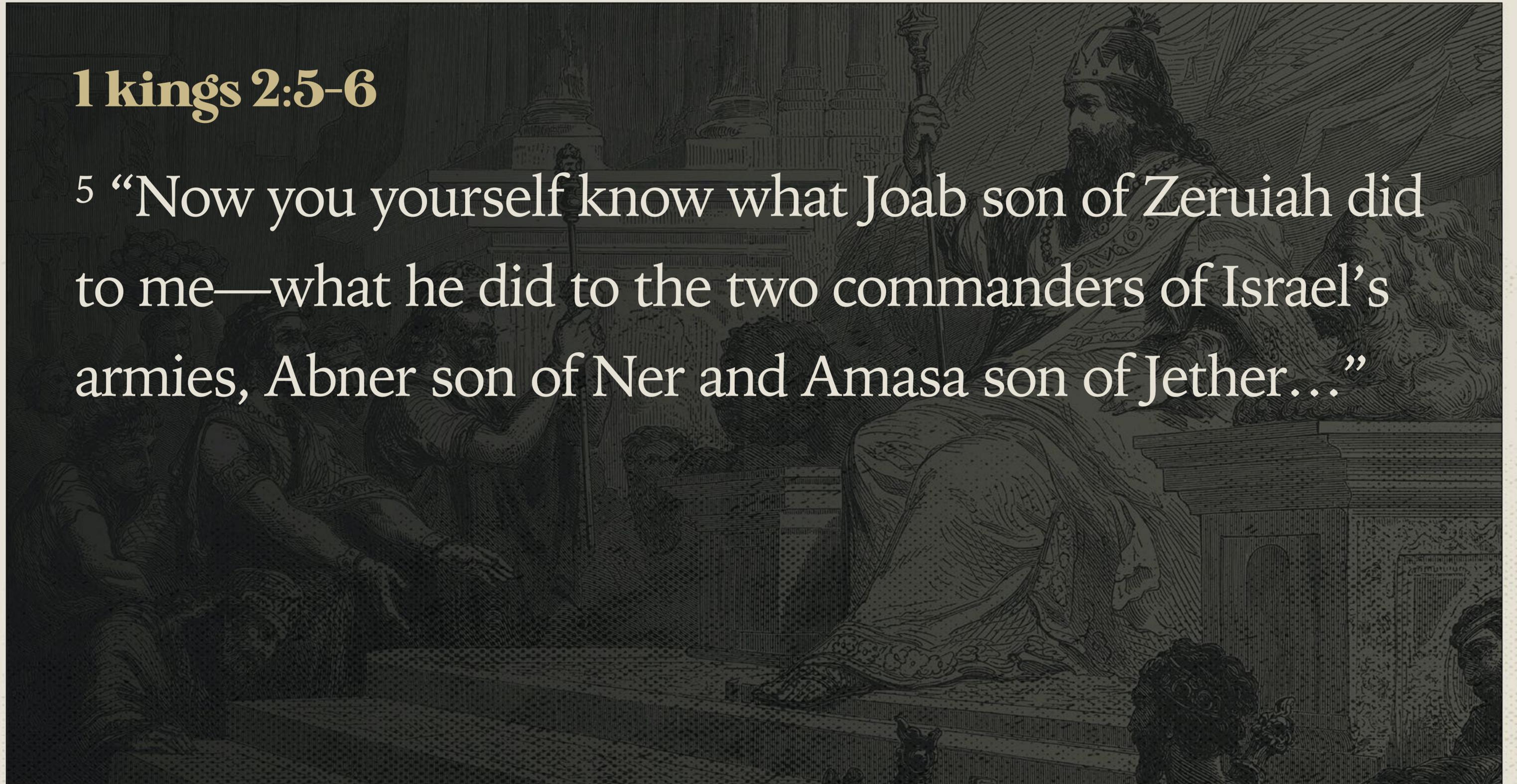
WHAT NEEDS MORE TIME?



what needs to go?

1 kings 2:5-6

⁵ “Now you yourself know what Joab son of Zeruah did to me—what he did to the two commanders of Israel’s armies, Abner son of Ner and Amasa son of Jether...”



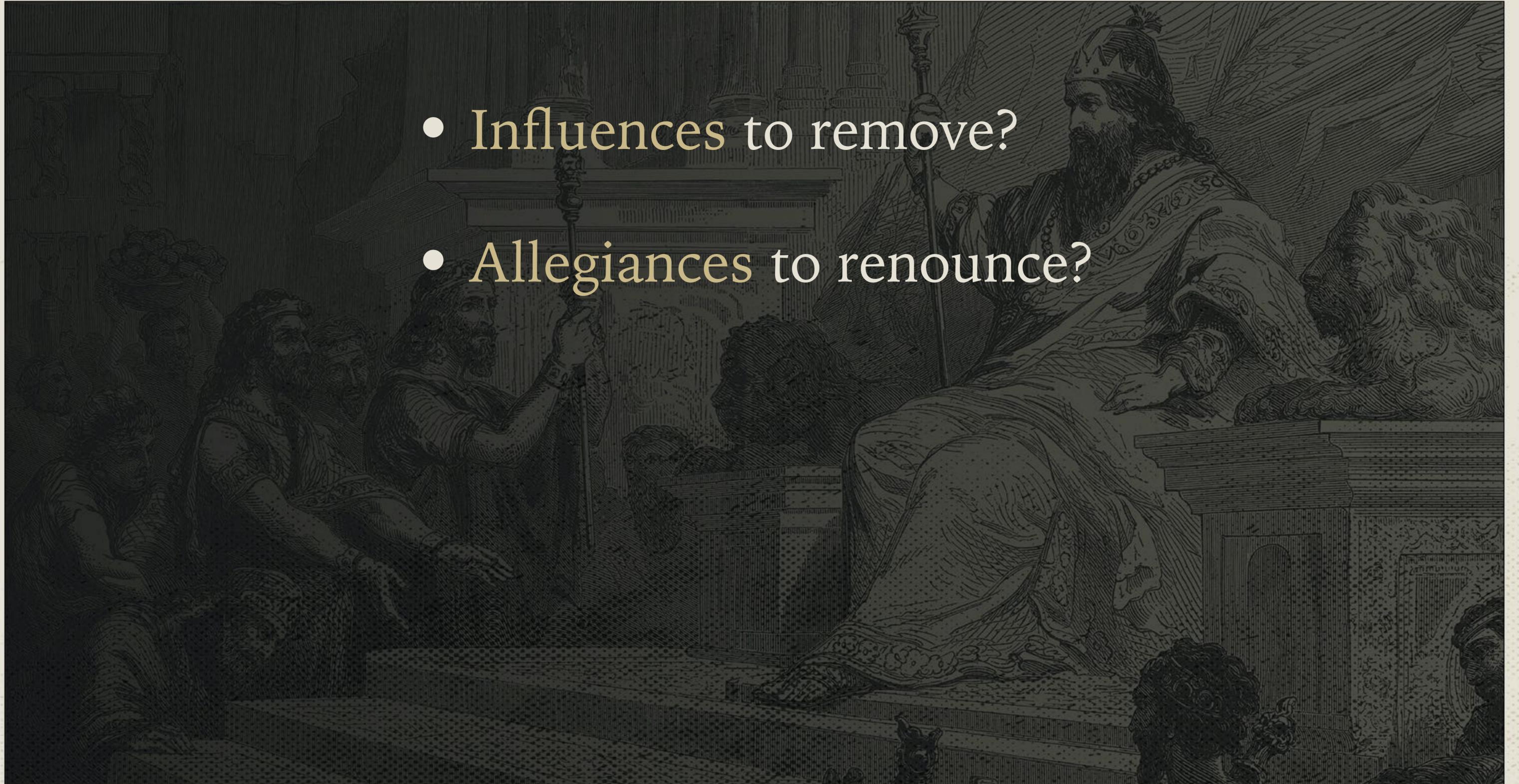
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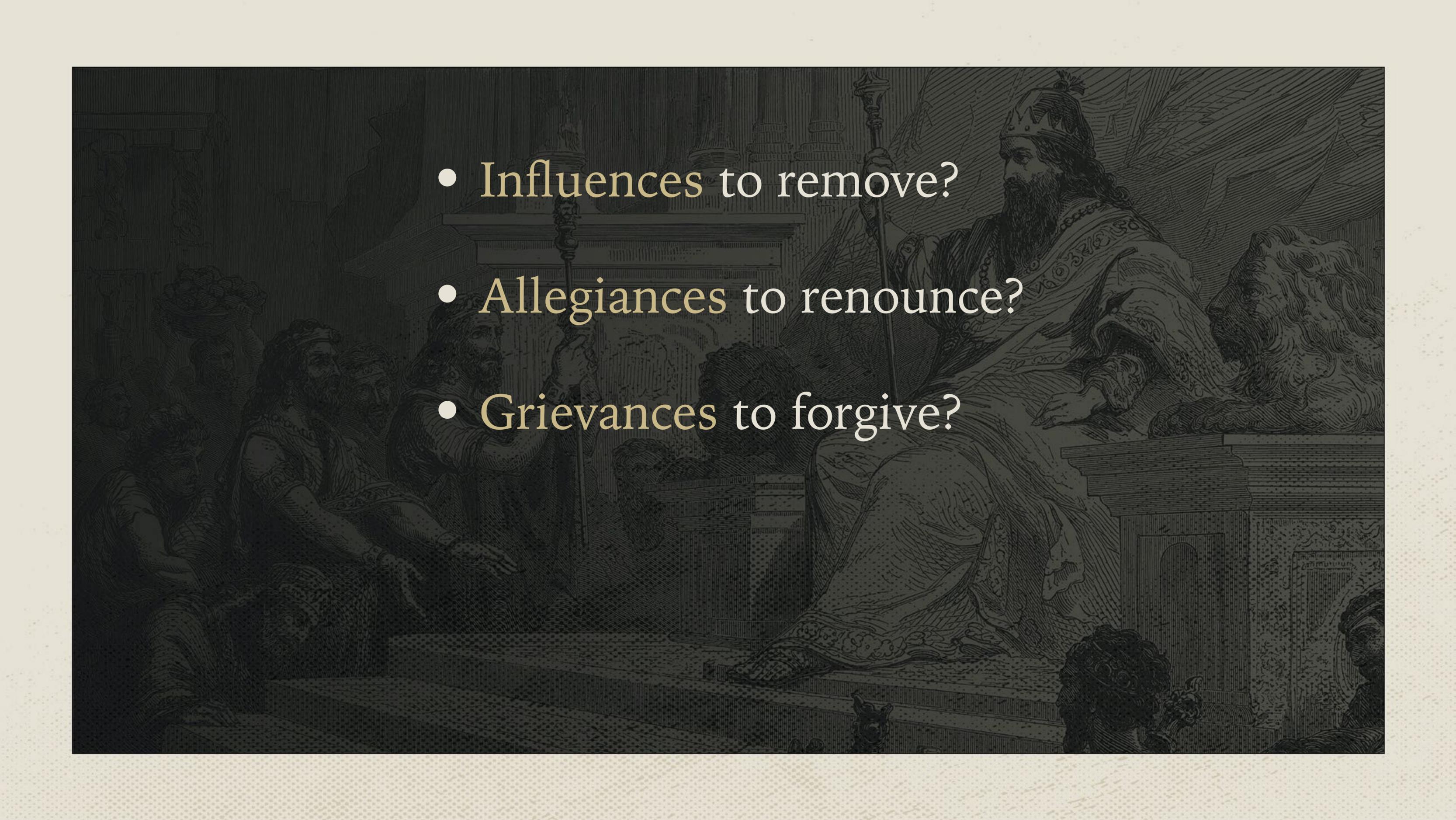
⁵ “...He killed them, shedding their blood in peacetime as if in battle, and with that blood he stained the belt around his waist and the sandals on his feet. ⁶ Deal with him according to your wisdom, but do not let his gray head go down to the grave in peace.

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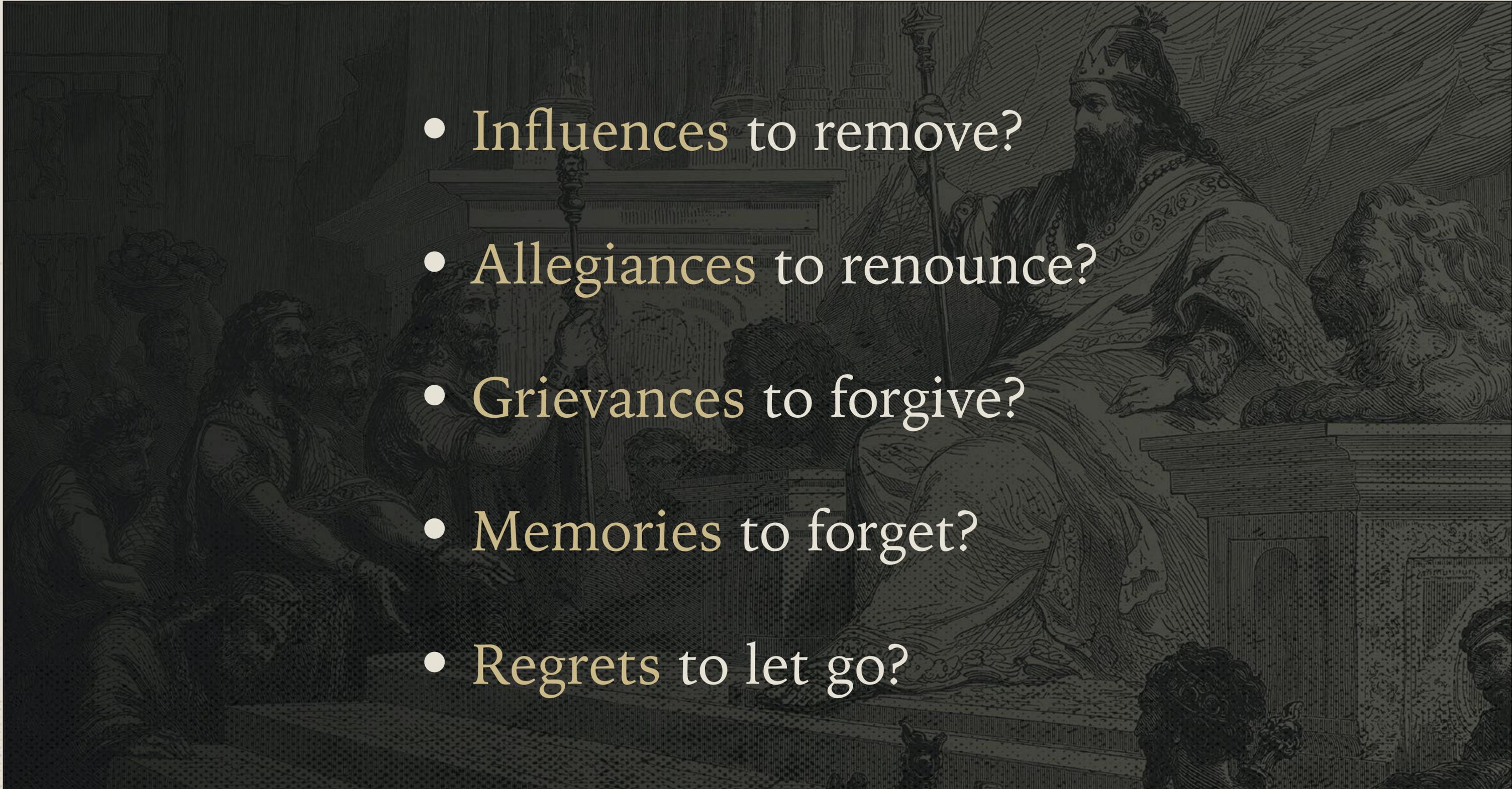


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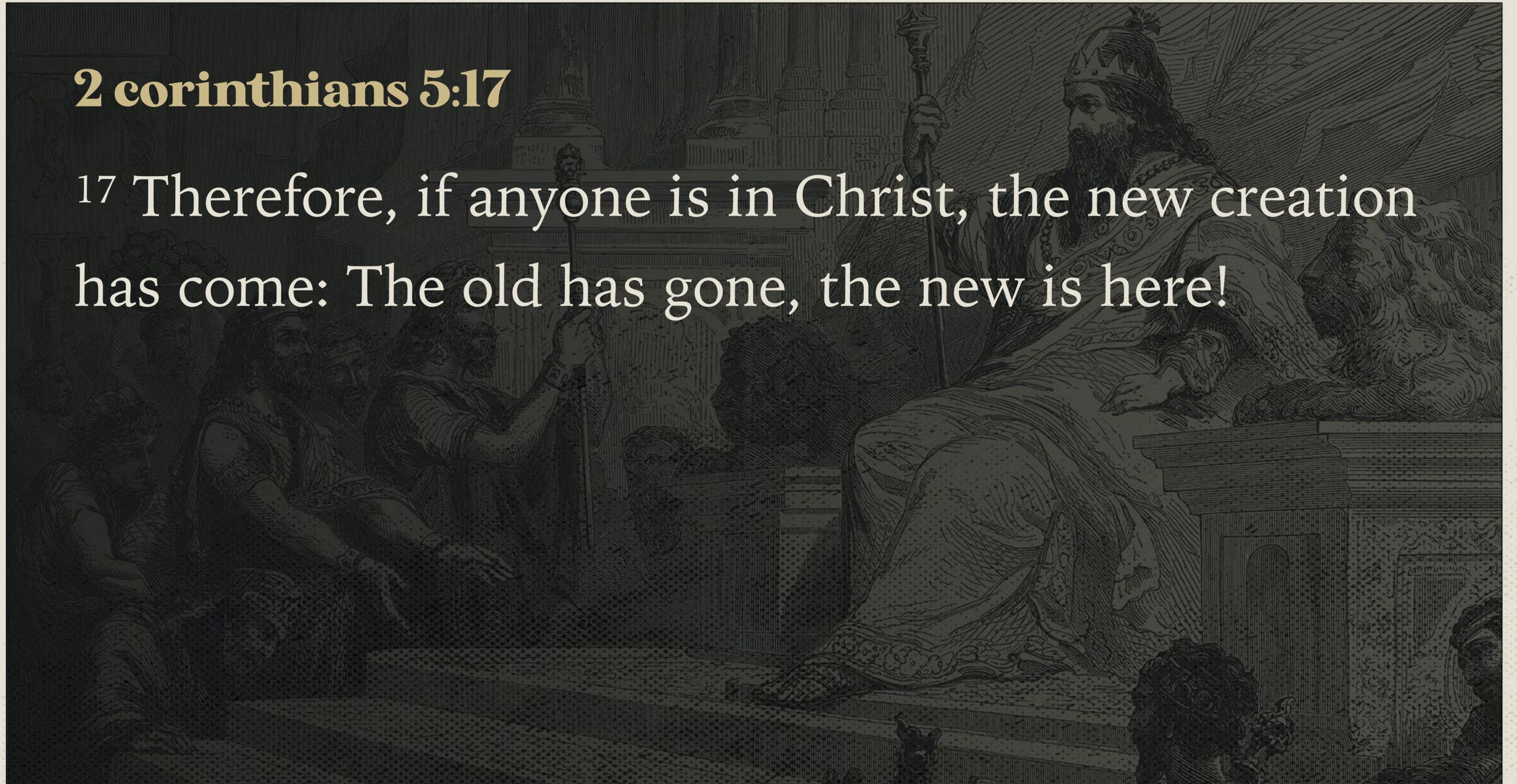
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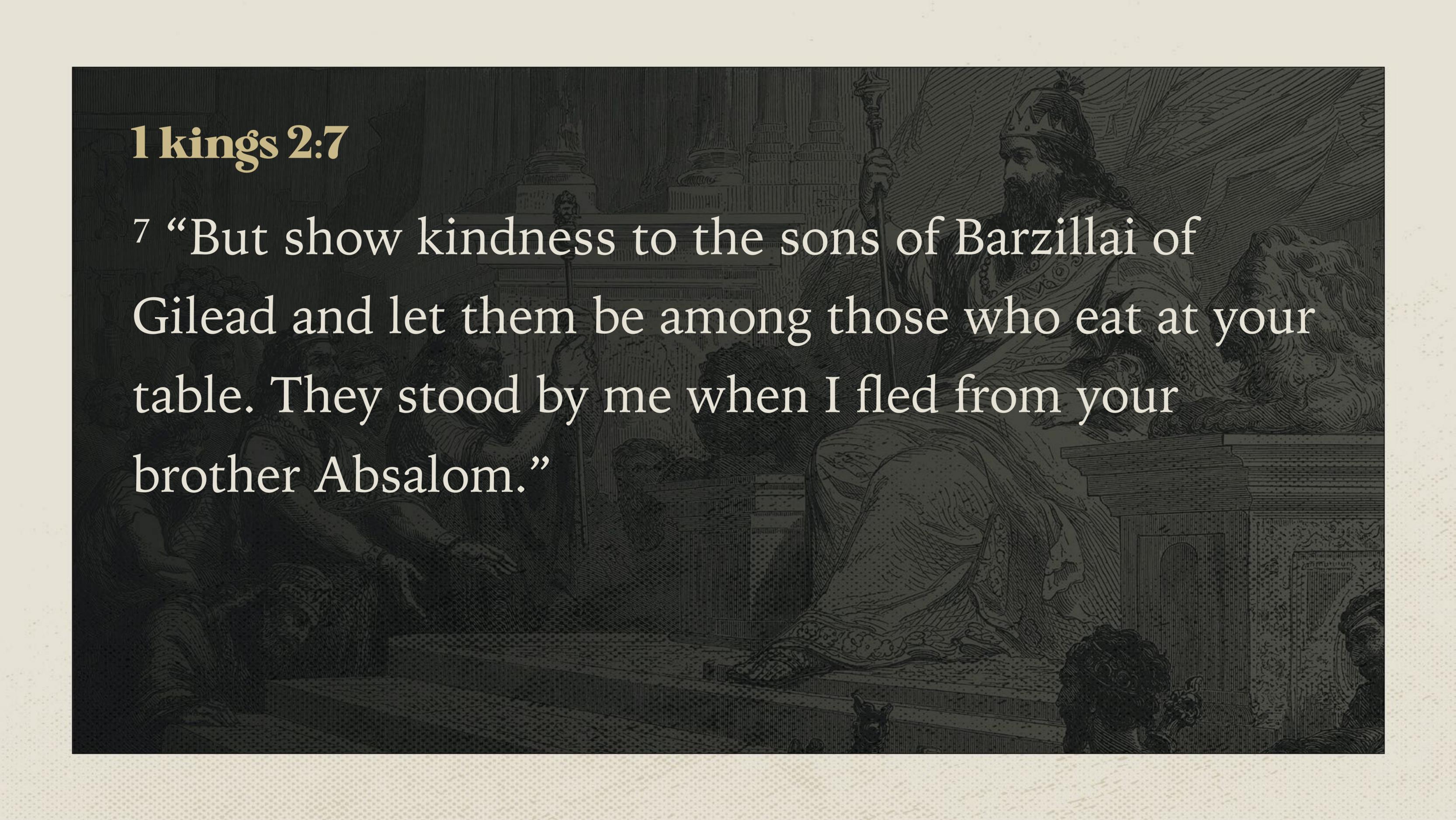
2 corinthians 5:17

17 Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here!





what needs to stay?



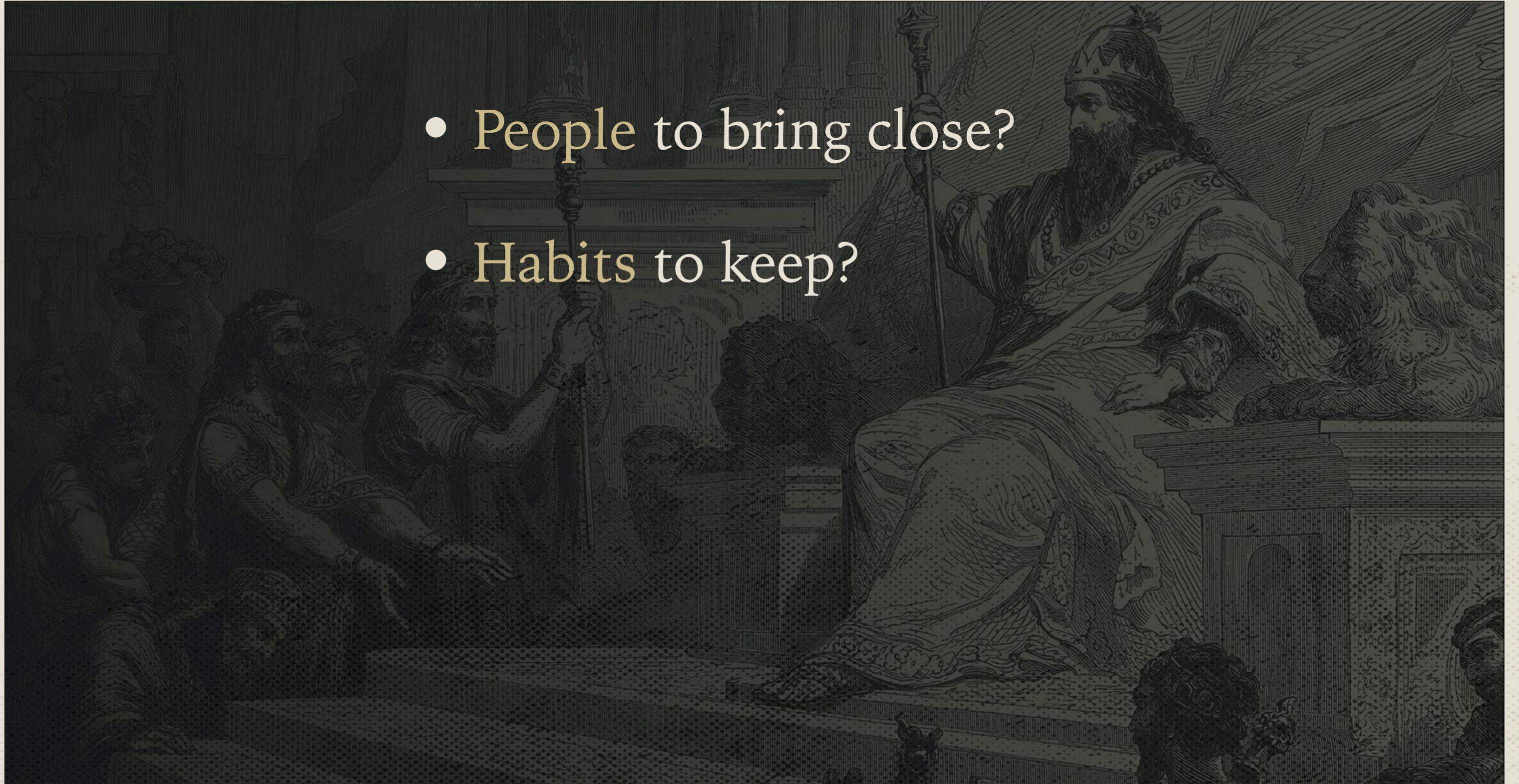
1 kings 2:7

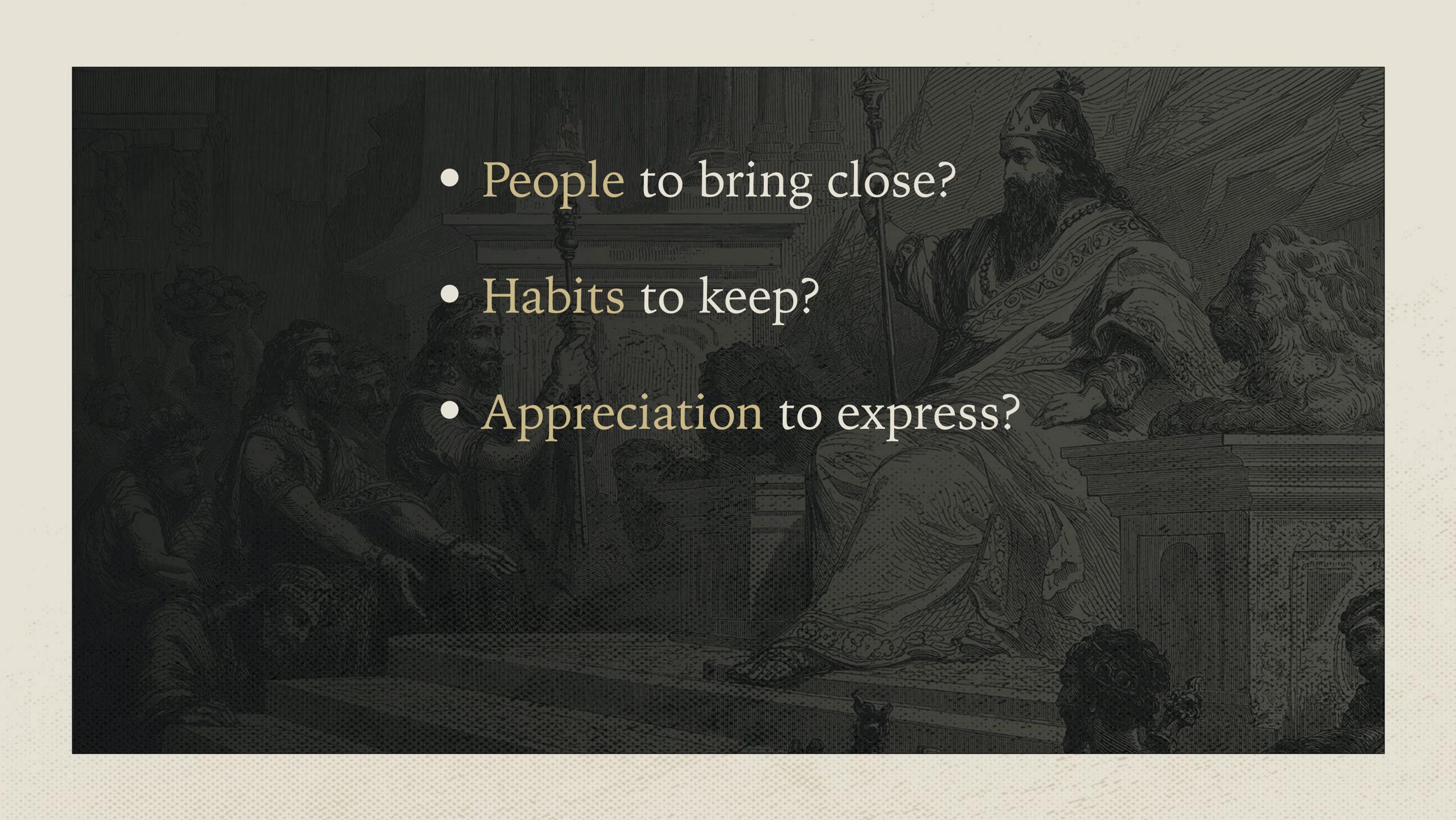
⁷ “But show kindness to the sons of Barzillai of Gilead and let them be among those who eat at your table. They stood by me when I fled from your brother Absalom.”

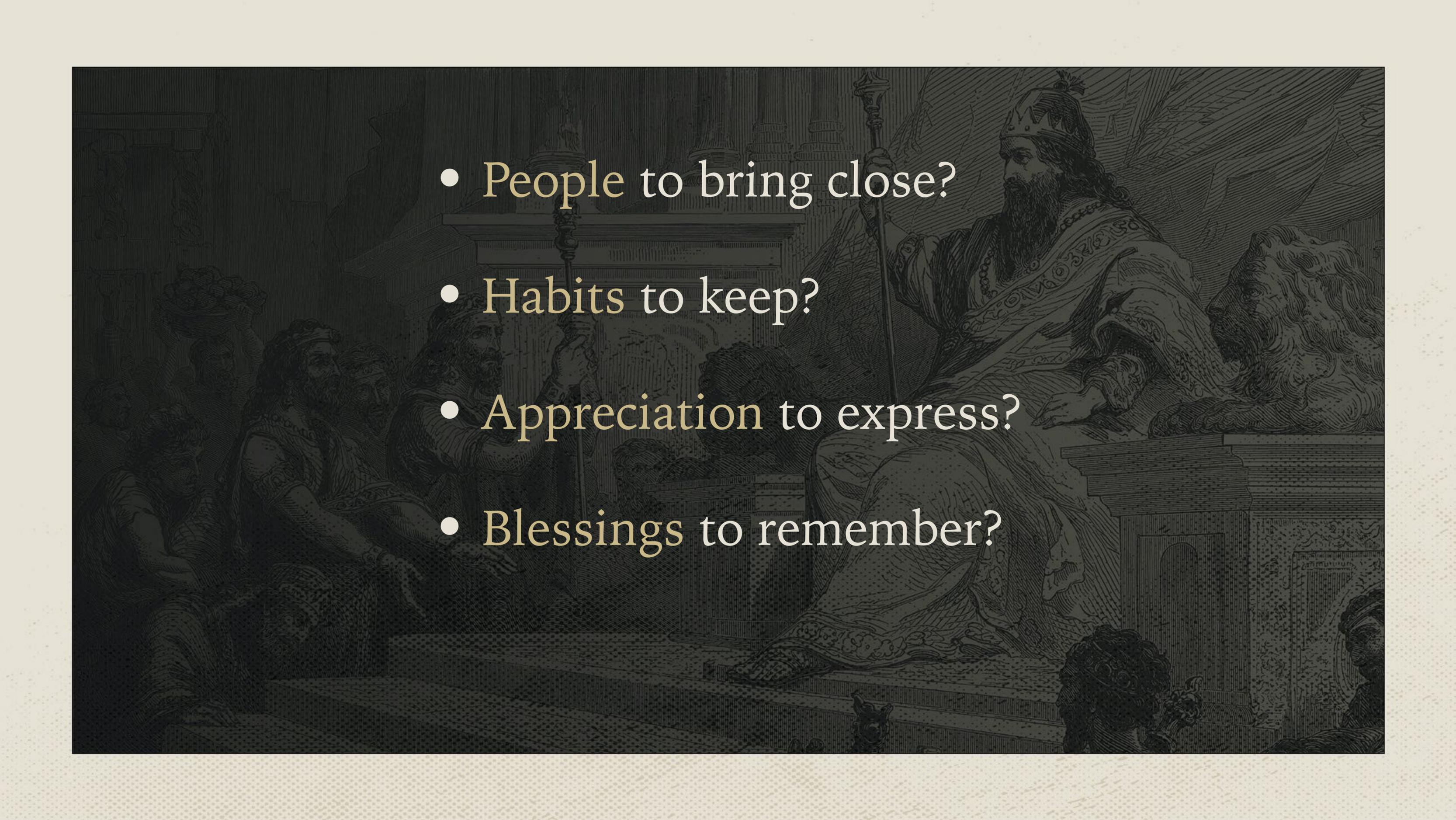
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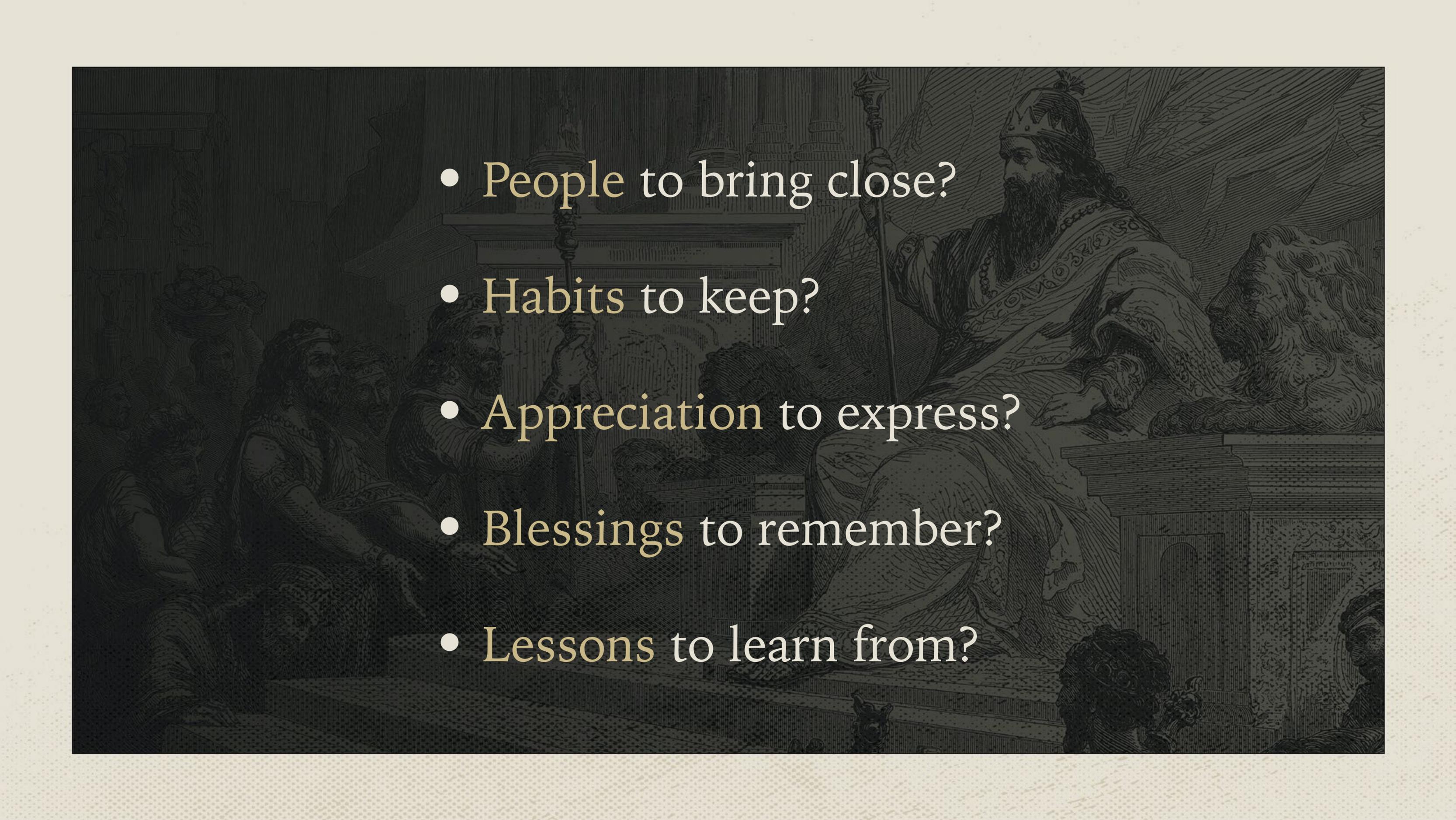


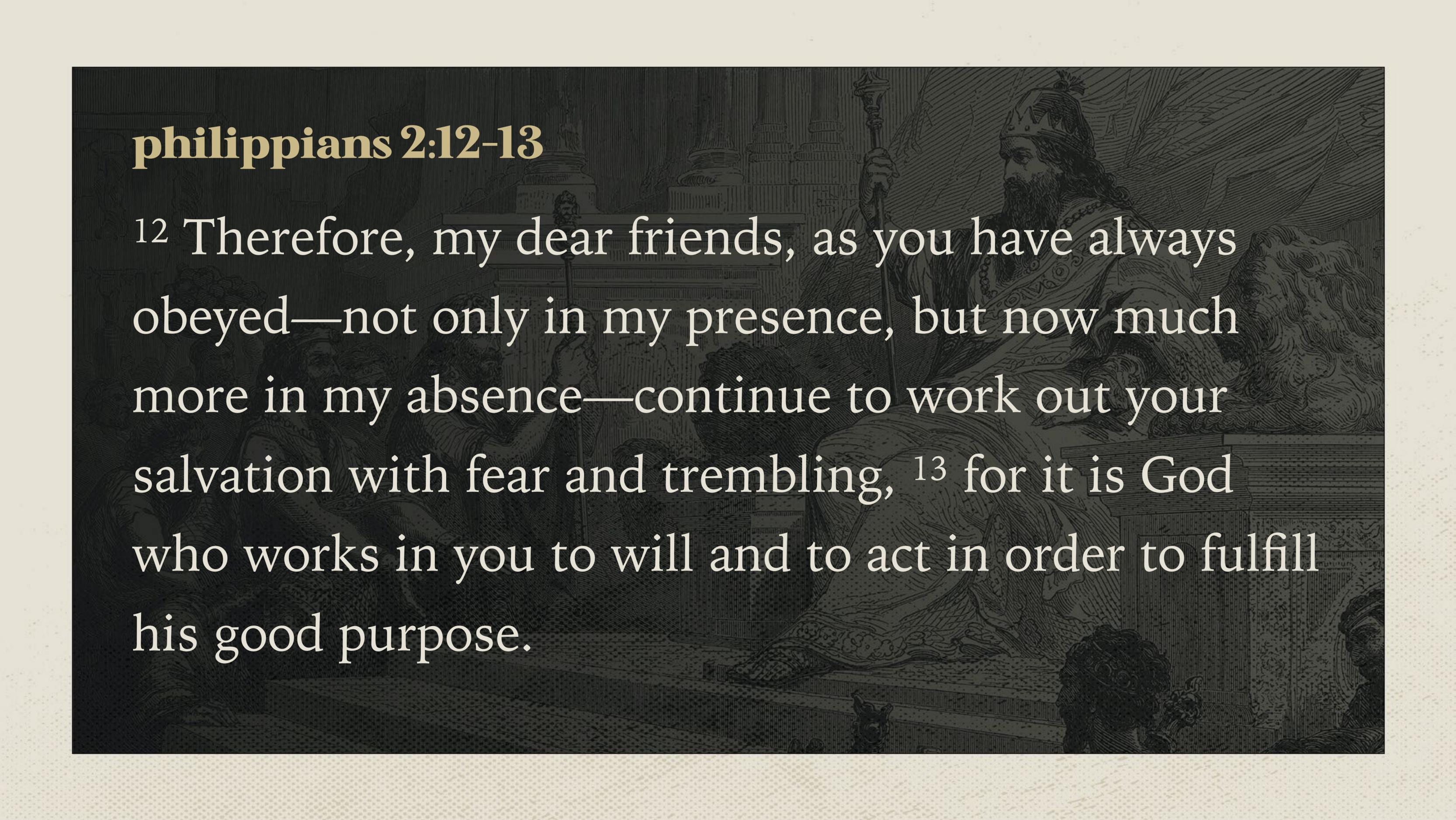
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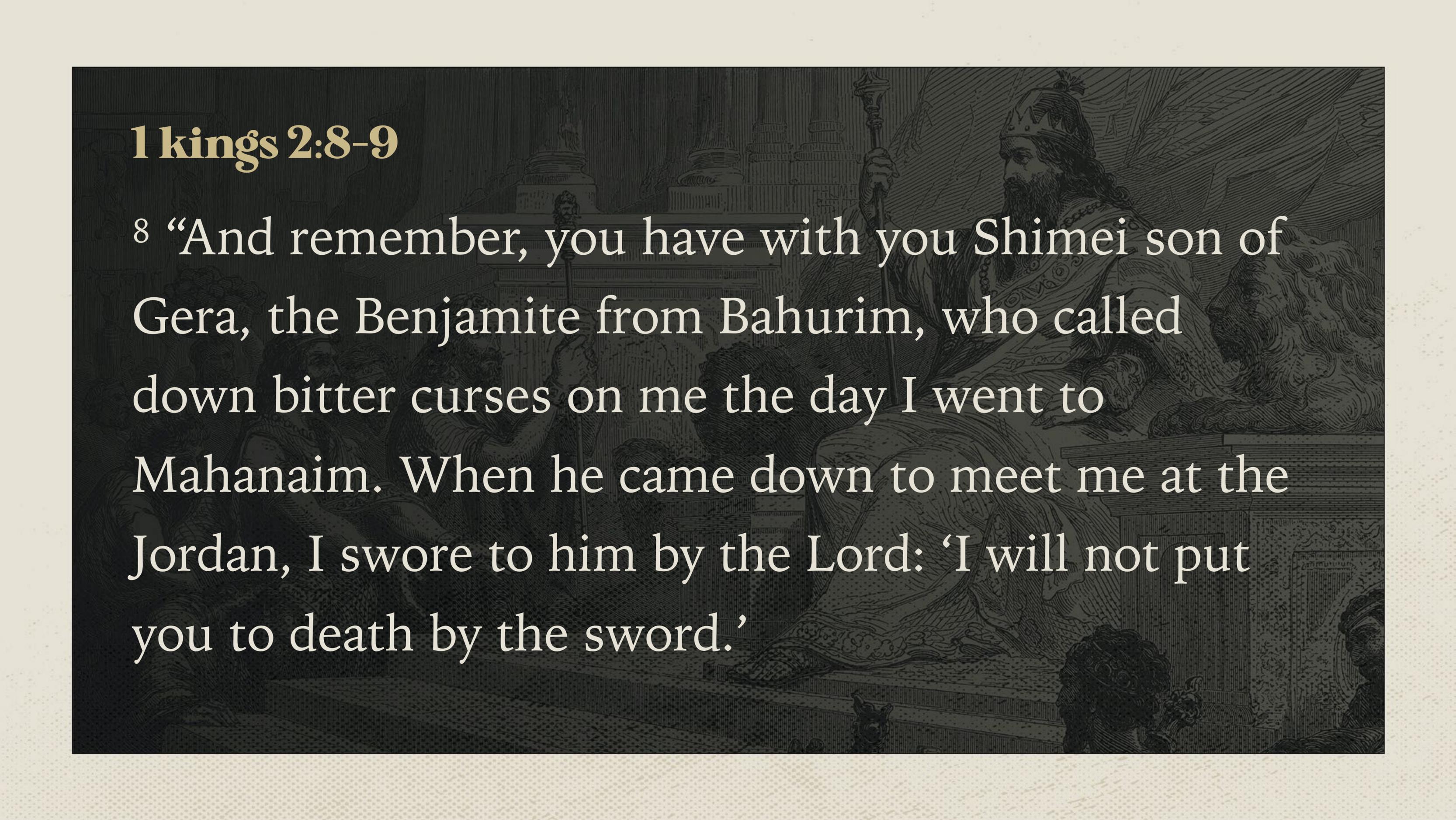


philippians 2:12-13

¹² Therefore, my dear friends, as you have always obeyed—not only in my presence, but now much more in my absence—continue to work out your salvation with fear and trembling, ¹³ for it is God who works in you to will and to act in order to fulfill his good purpose.



what needs more time?

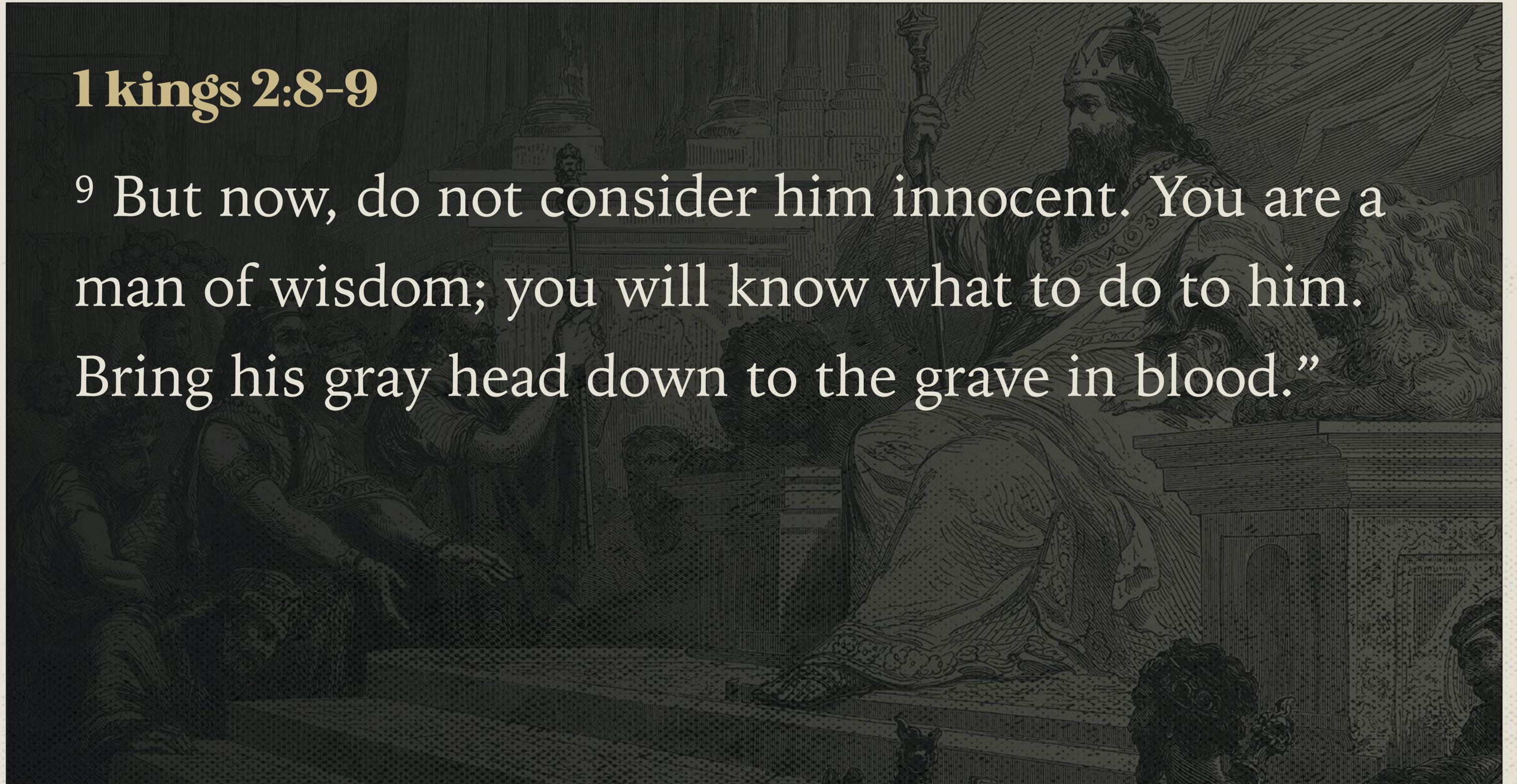


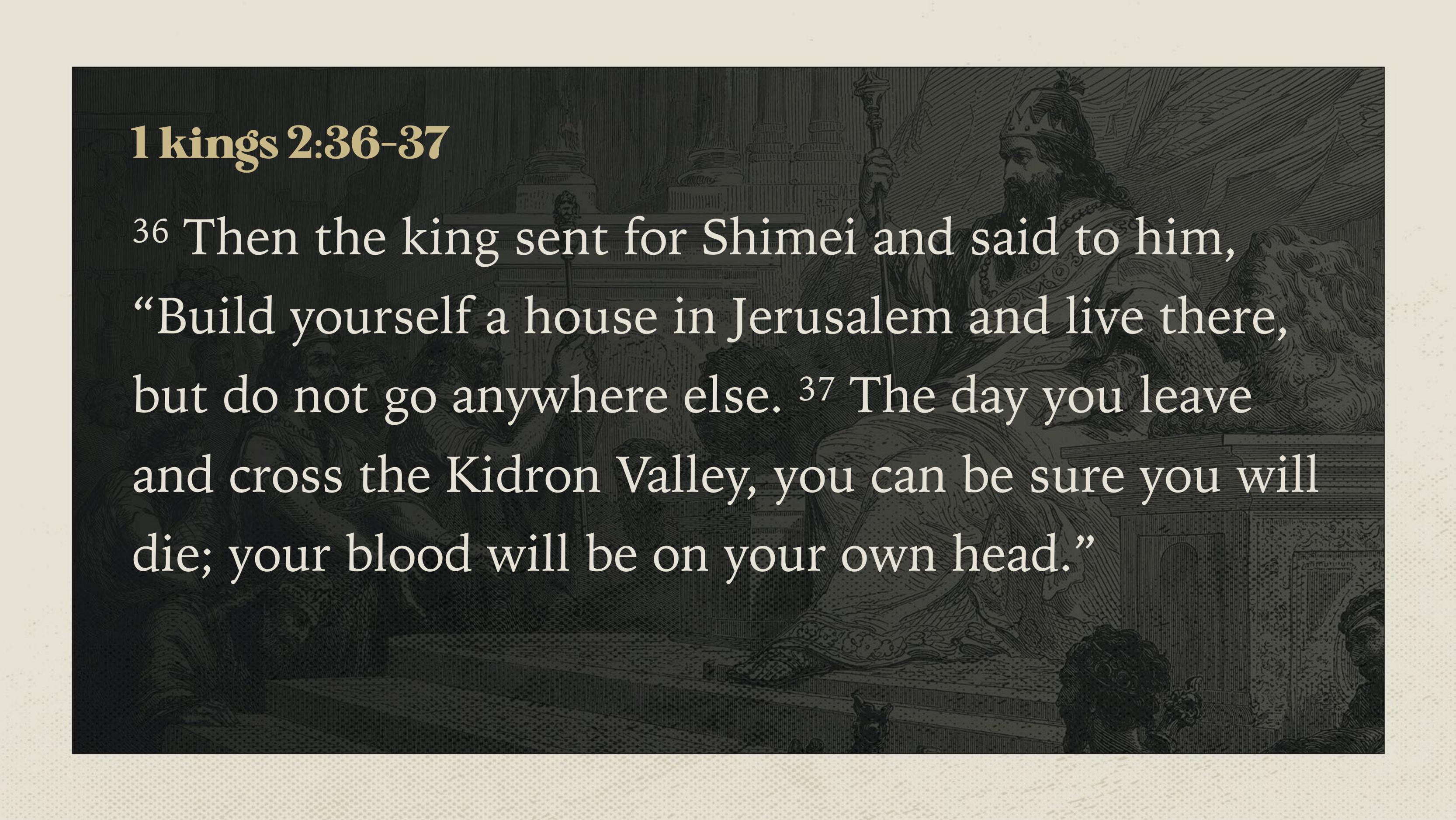
1 kings 2:8-9

⁸ “And remember, you have with you Shimei son of Gera, the Benjamite from Bahurim, who called down bitter curses on me the day I went to Mahanaim. When he came down to meet me at the Jordan, I swore to him by the Lord: ‘I will not put you to death by the sword.’”

1 kings 2:8-9

⁹ But now, do not consider him innocent. You are a man of wisdom; you will know what to do to him. Bring his gray head down to the grave in blood.”





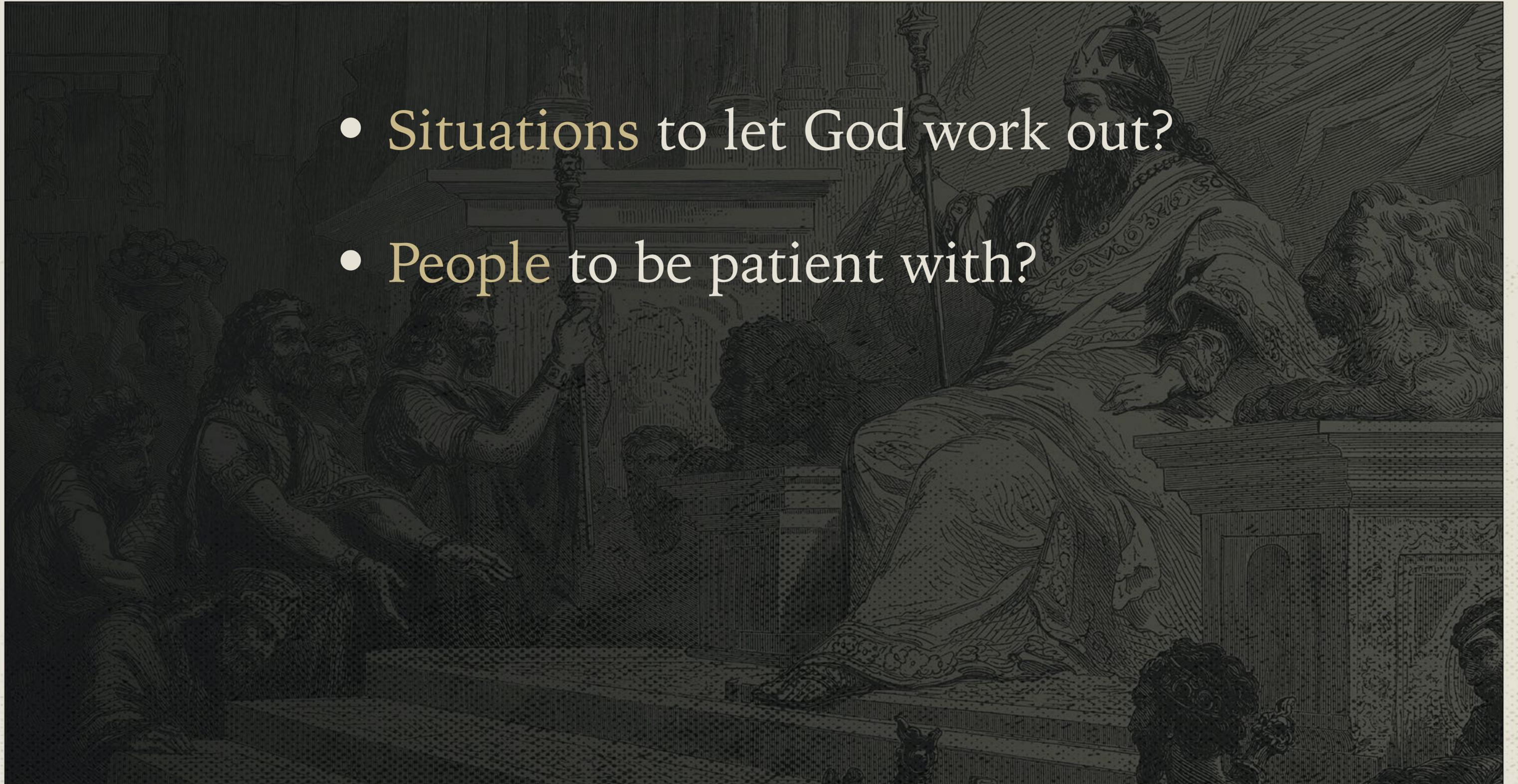
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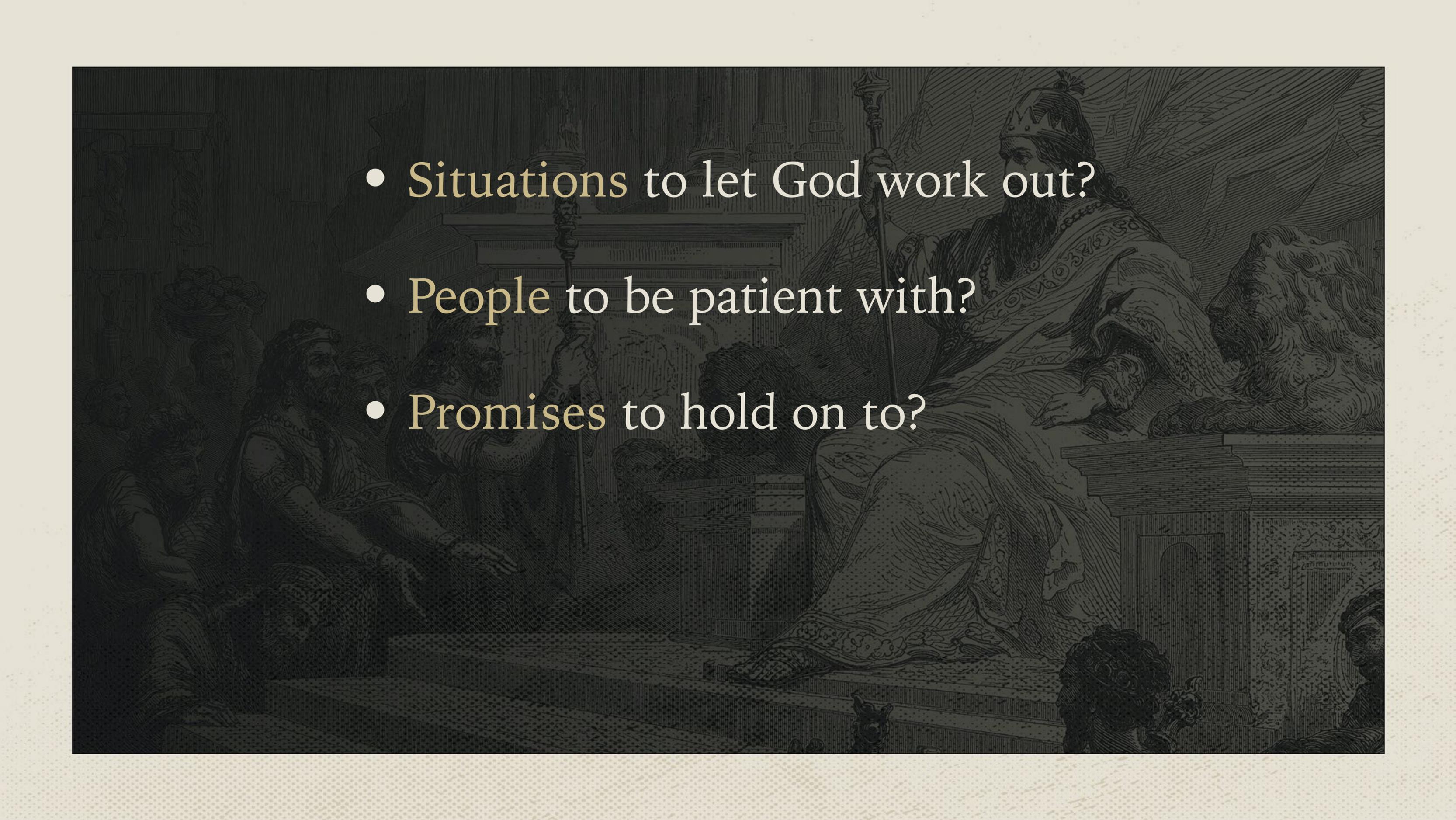
³⁶ Then the king sent for Shimei and said to him, “Build yourself a house in Jerusalem and live there, but do not go anywhere else. ³⁷ The day you leave and cross the Kidron Valley, you can be sure you will die; your blood will be on your own head.”

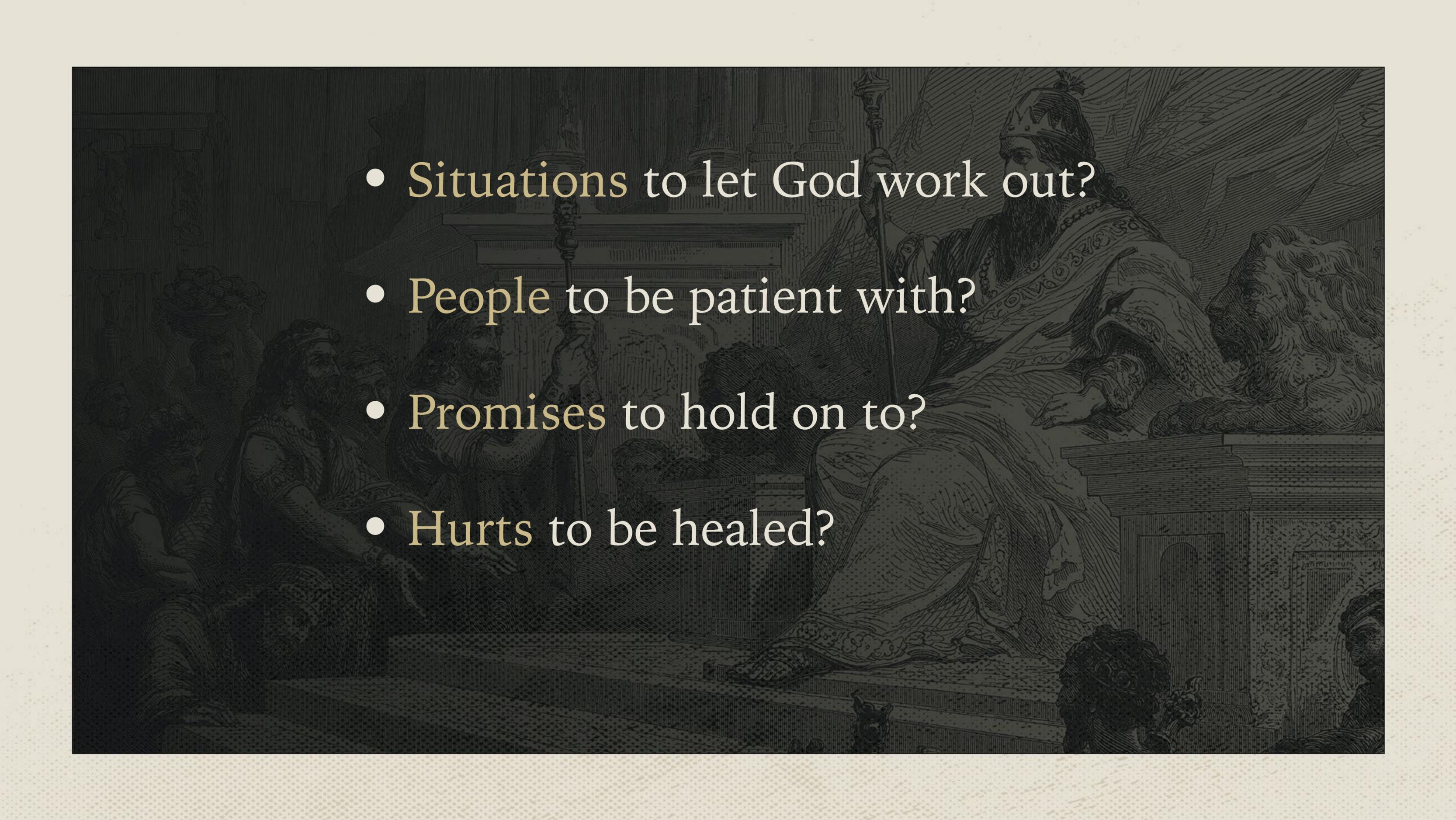
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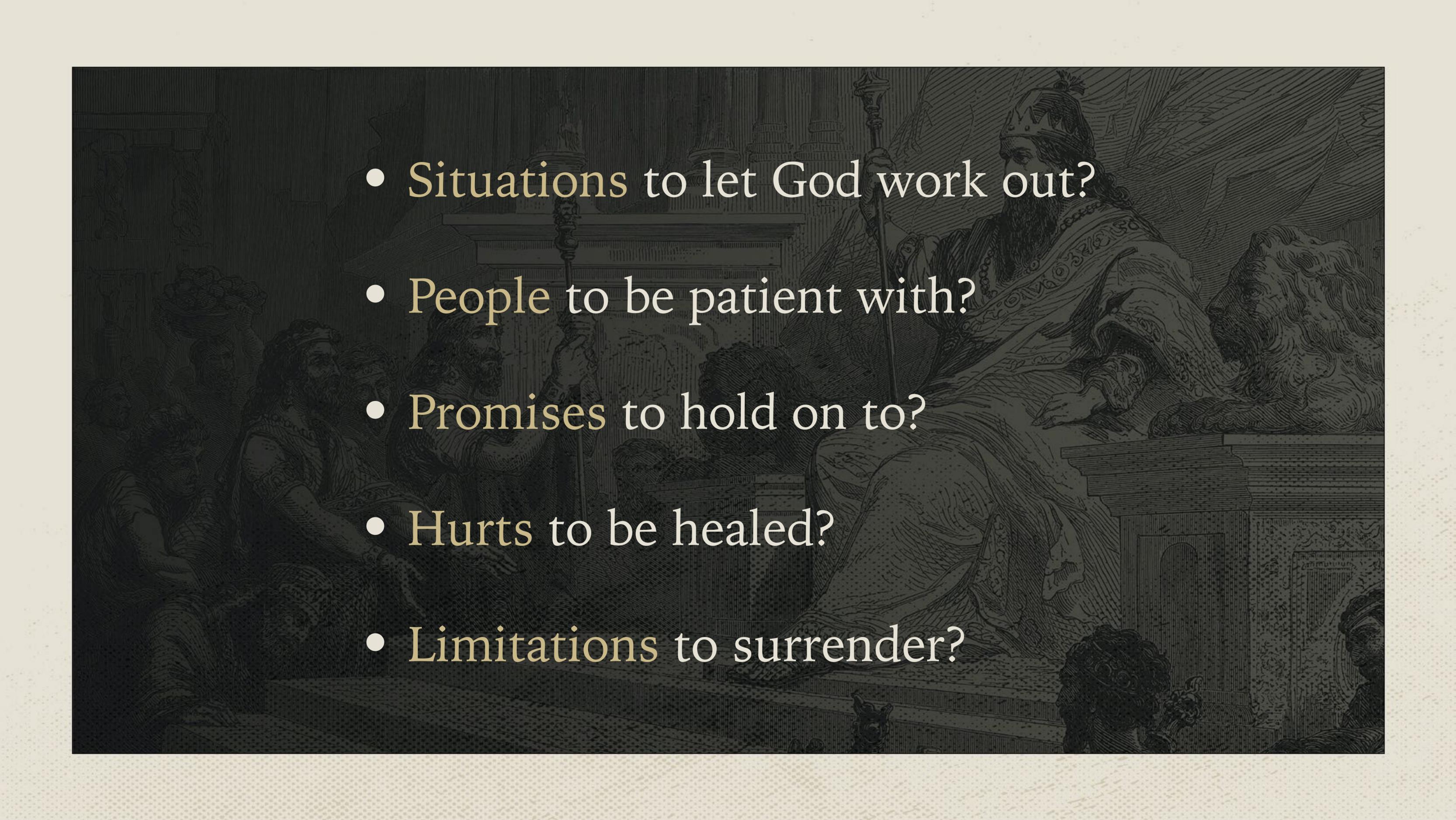


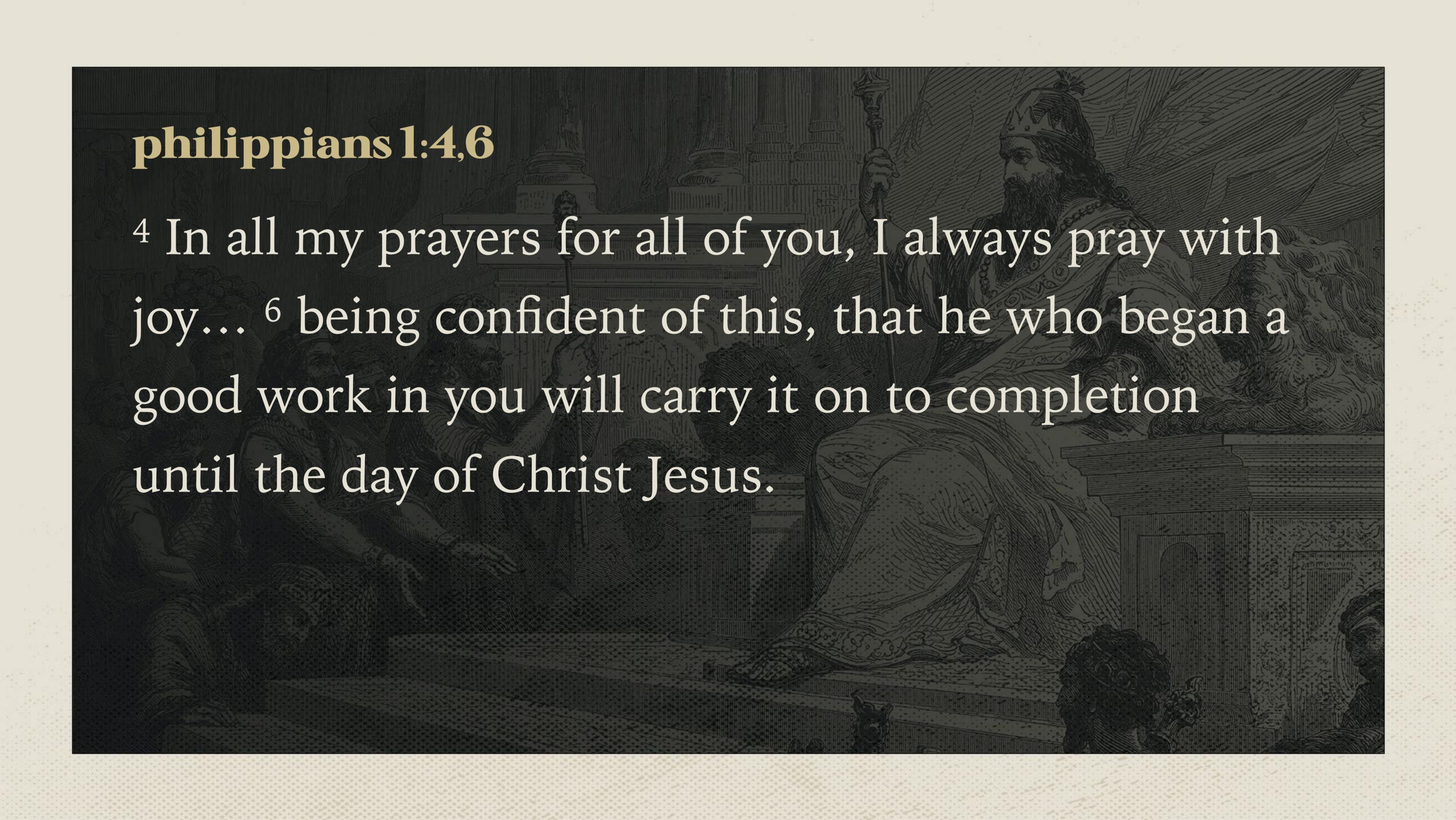
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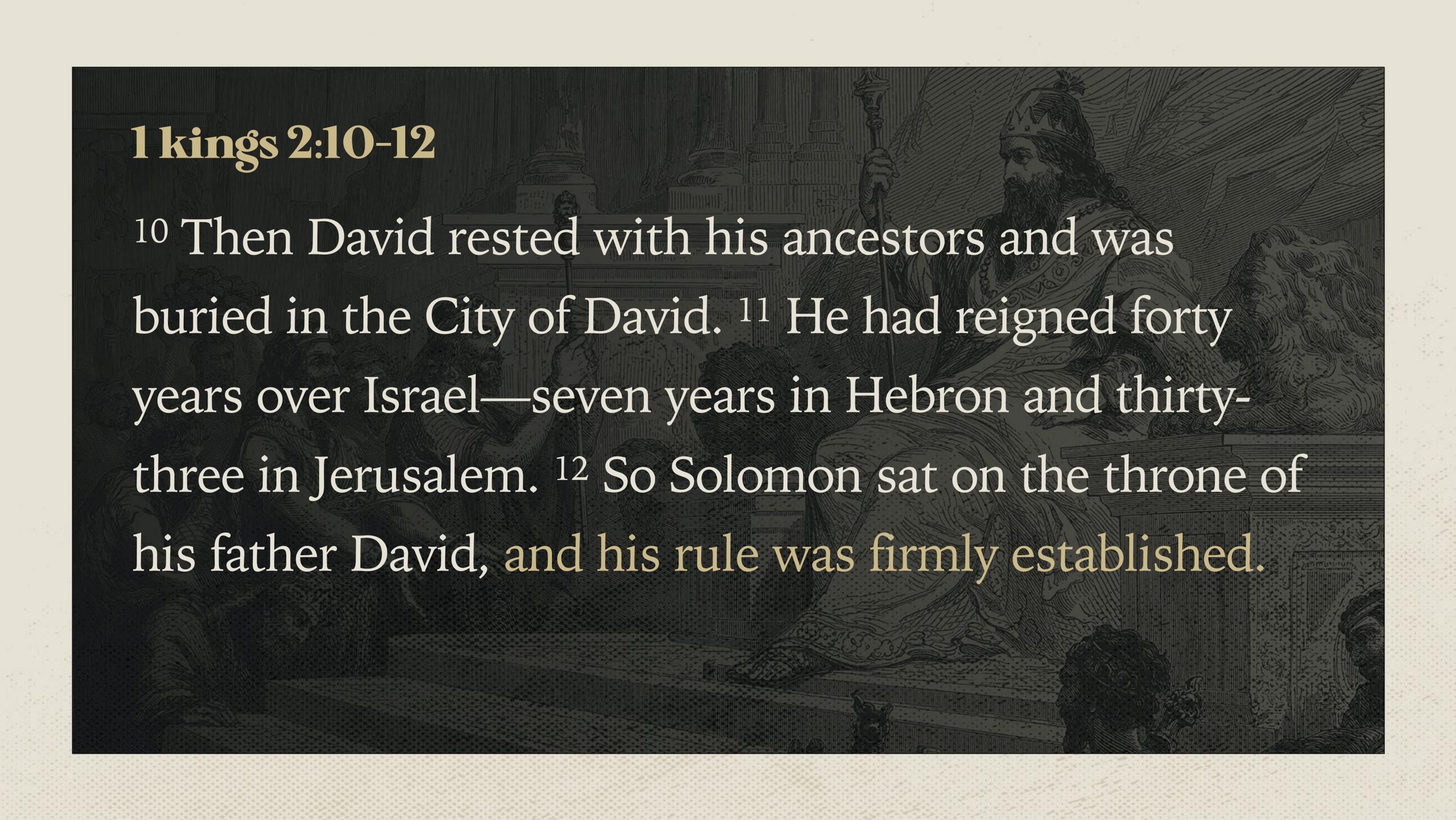
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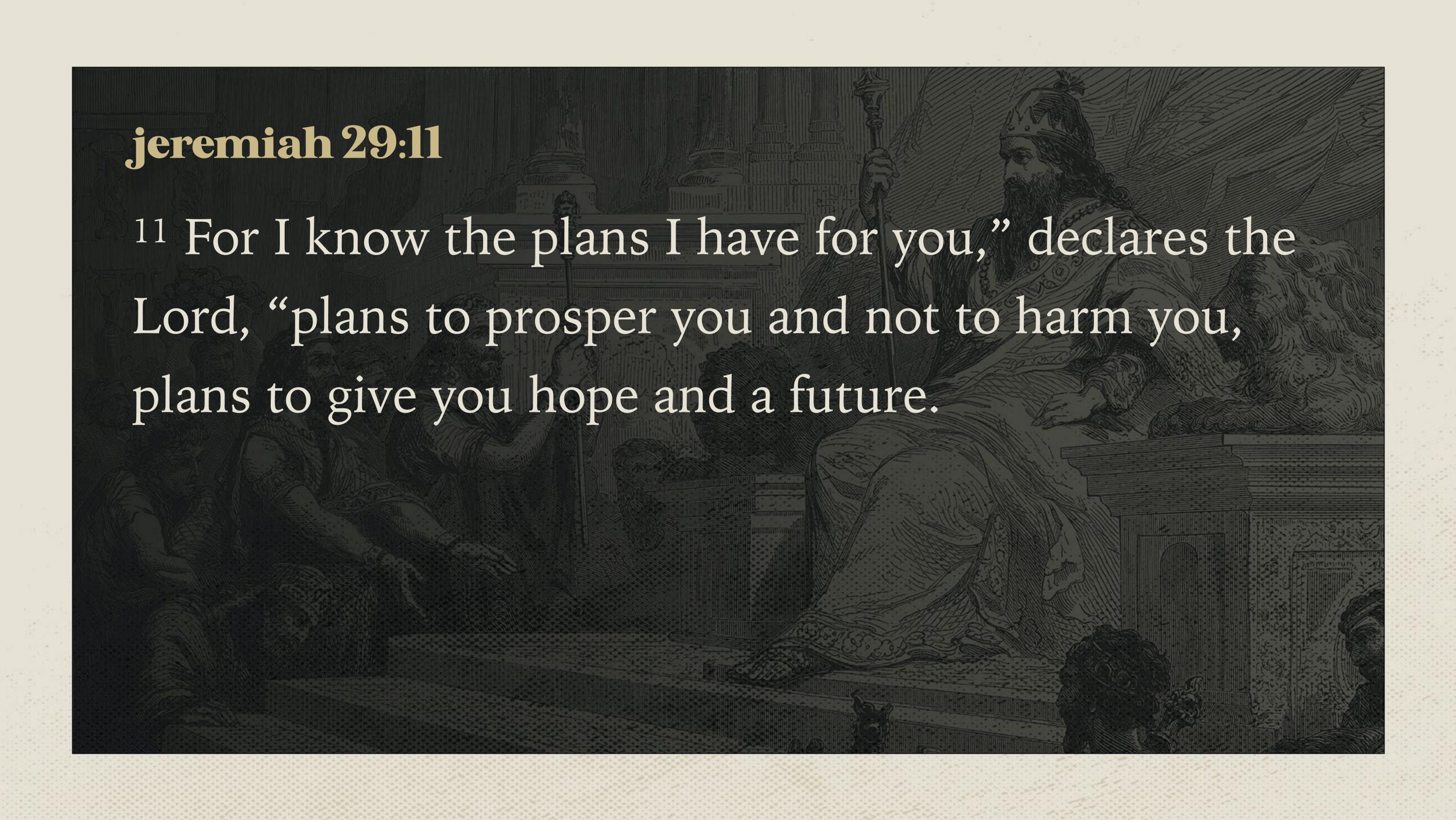
philippians 1:4,6

⁴ In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy... ⁶ being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus.



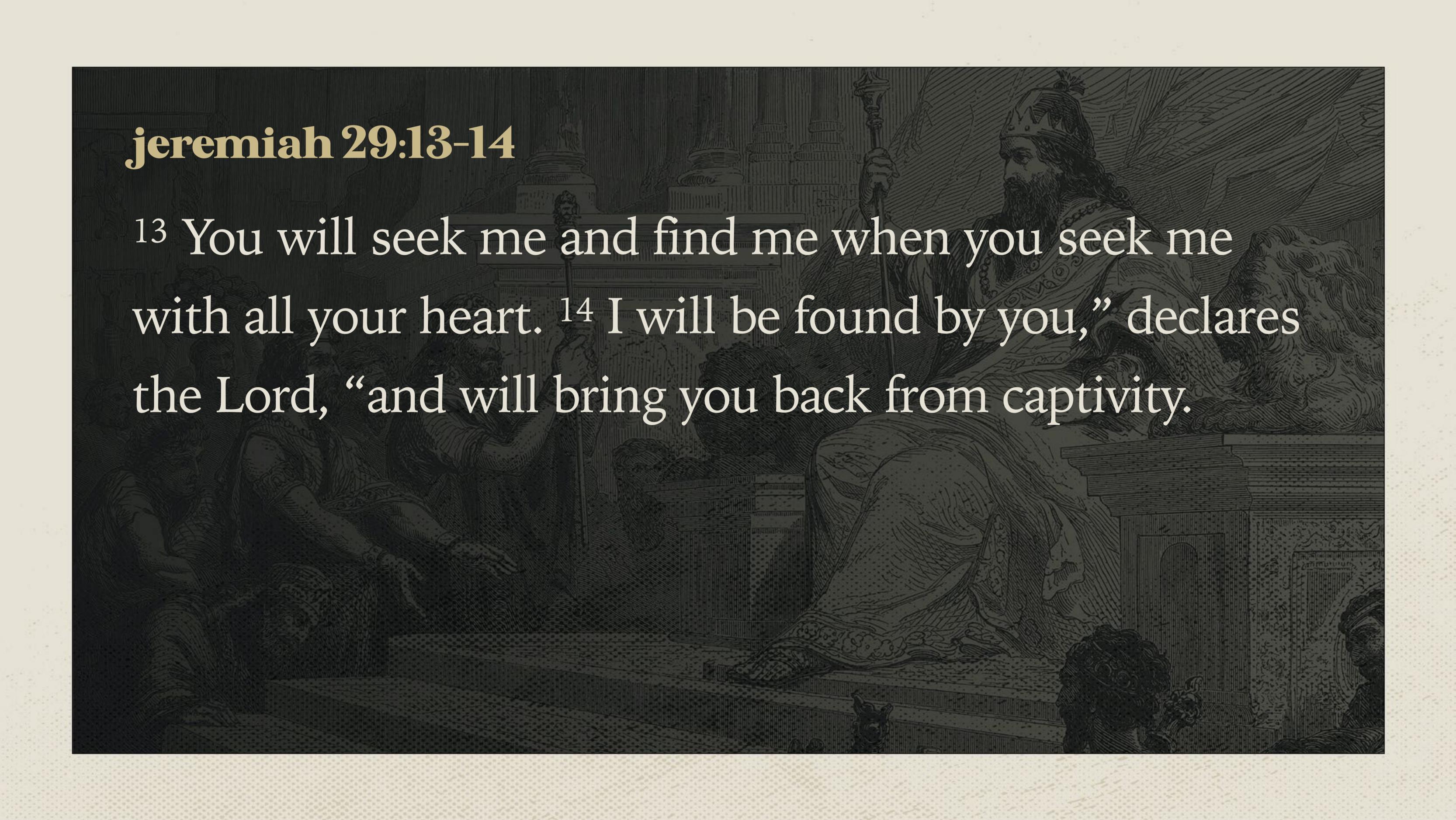
1 kings 2:10-12

¹⁰ Then David rested with his ancestors and was buried in the City of David. ¹¹ He had reigned forty years over Israel—seven years in Hebron and thirty-three in Jerusalem. ¹² So Solomon sat on the throne of his father David, and his rule was firmly established.



jeremiah 29:11

¹¹ For I know the plans I have for you,” declares the Lord, “plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.



jeremiah 29:13-14

¹³ You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart. ¹⁴ I will be found by you,” declares the Lord, “and will bring you back from captivity.

