



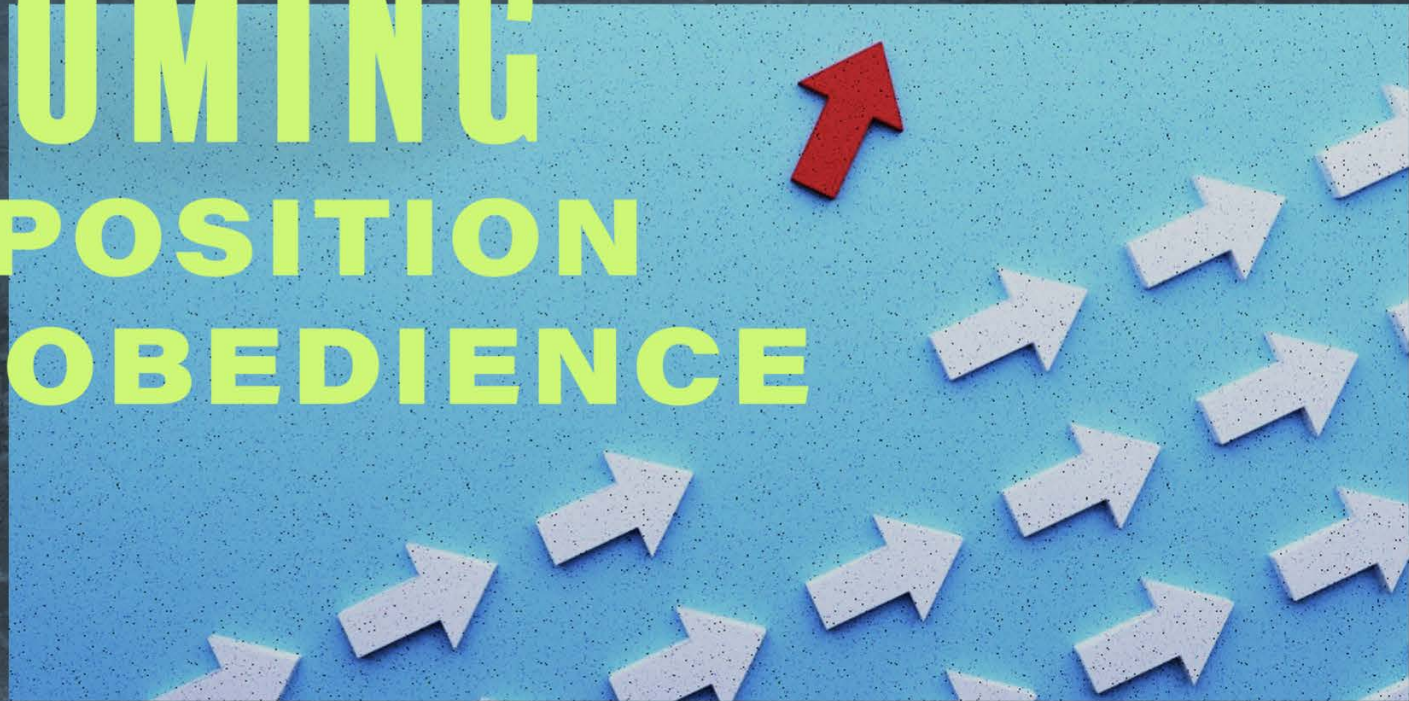
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**DON'T FALL
INTO THE TRAP!**

EXODUS
5:1 – 6:8

OVERCOMING THE OPPOSITION TO OBEDIENCE





RECOGNIZE PHARAOH'S TRAP

EXODUS 5:6-9

- **No raw materials provided**
- **They must go out to gather the straws**
- **Same quota of bricks expected**

PHARAOH'S TRAP

Slavery

Pharaoh said,
"Who is the Lord, that I should obey him and let Israel go?
I do not know the Lord and I will not let Israel go."

EXODUS 5:2 NIV

PHARAOH'S TRAP

Slavery

Busyness

Make the work harder for the people
so that they keep working and pay no attention to lies."

EXODUS 5:9 NIV

PHARAOH'S TRAP

Slavery

Busyness

Intimidation

And Pharaoh's slave drivers beat the
Israelite overseers they had appointed, demanding,
"Why haven't you met your quota of bricks
yesterday or today, as before?"

EXODUS 5:14 NIV

PHARAOH'S TRAP

Slavery

Busyness

Intimidation

Division

²⁰...they found Moses and Aaron..., ²¹and they said,
"May the Lord look on you and judge you!

**You have made us obnoxious to Pharaoh and his officials
and have put a sword in their hand to kill us."**

EXODUS 5:20-21 NIV

RECOGNIZE AND RESIST PHARAOH'S TRAP

Slavery —→ **Reclaim your identity**

A child of God, distinguished by His presence and favor!

Busyness —→ **Review your busyness**

Are you motivated by God's pleasure or by human pressure?

Intimidation & hurts —→ **Release your fears & pains**

Division & Disobedience —→ **Resolve to obey**



REFUSE PHARAOH'S LIES

EXODUS 5:15-18

- Israelites appealed to Pharaoh
- Pharaoh said, *"Lazy, that's what you are – Lazy!"*
- Ordered them to get back to work

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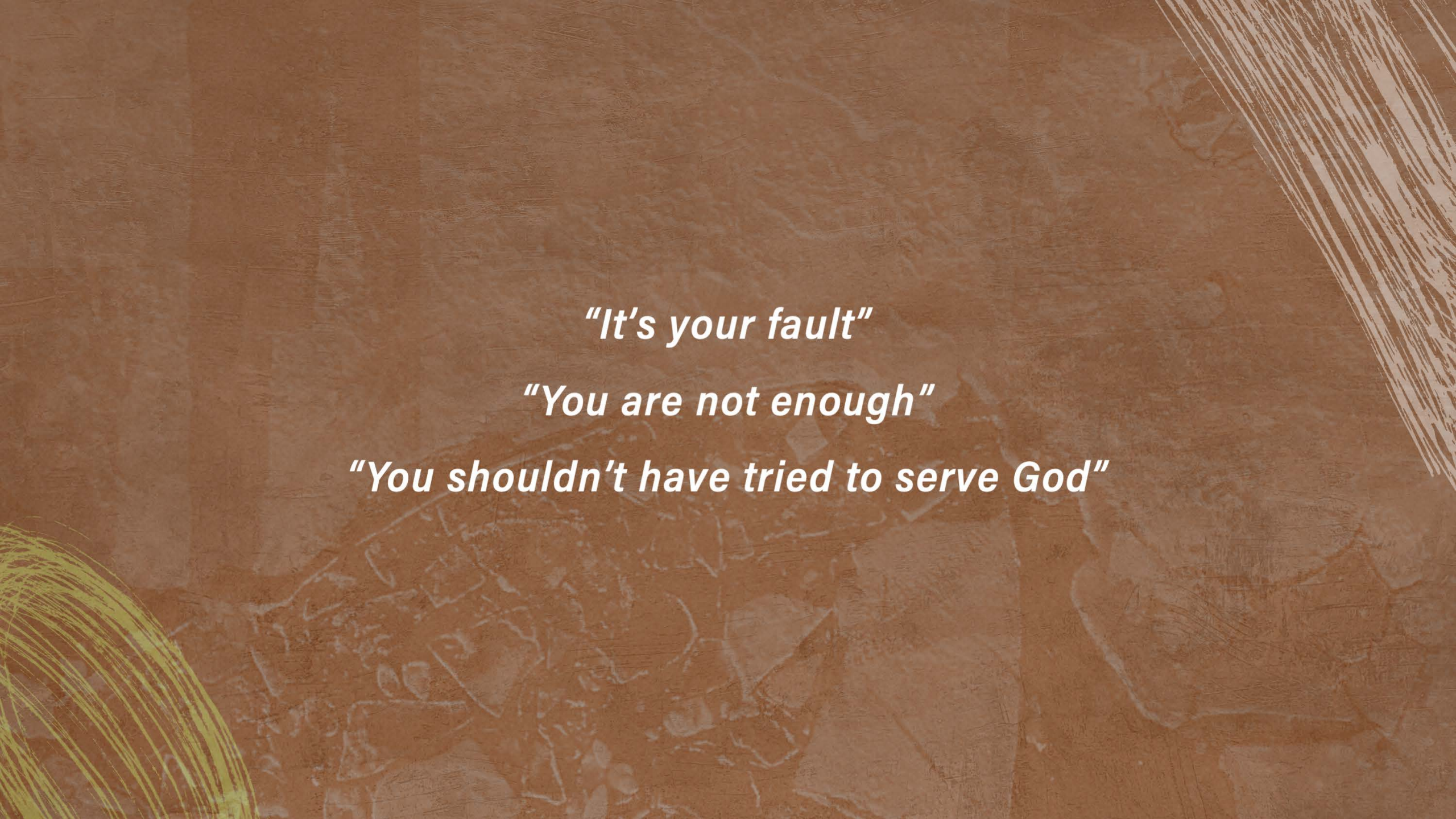
MGM's
MELODRAMA

*Strange
drama
of a
captive
sweetheart!*

Gaslight

DAME MAY WHITTY ANGELA LANSBURY BARBARA EVEREST

SCREEN PLAY BY FRED CONNELL, WALLIS BEER AND JOHN S. BAIRDSON. BASED UPON THE PLAY BY PATRIC HAMILTON.
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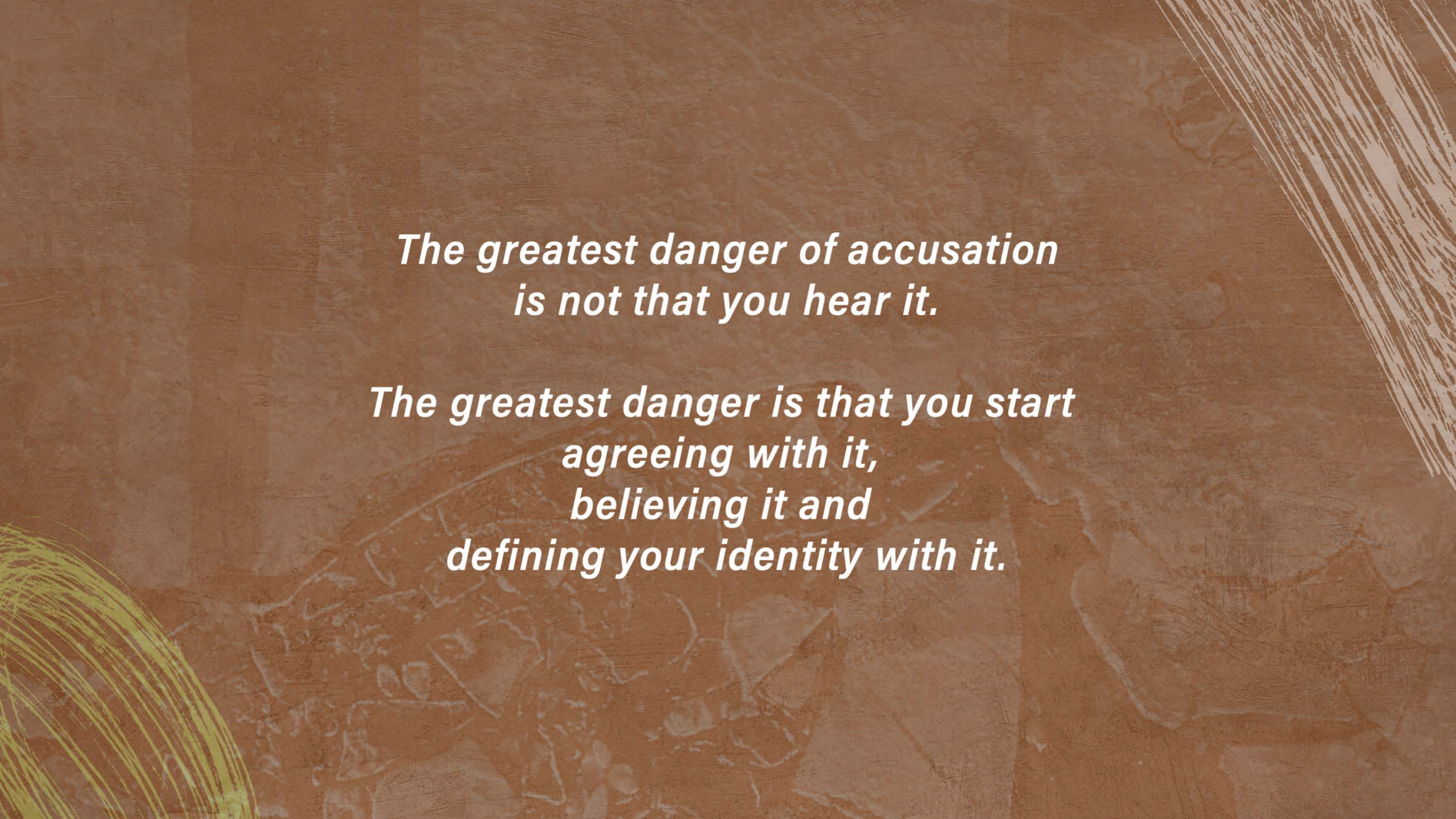
"It's your fault"

"You are not enough"

"You shouldn't have tried to serve God"



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*The greatest danger of accusation
is not that you hear it.*

*The greatest danger is that you start
agreeing with it,
believing it and
defining your identity with it.*

YOUR IDENTITY IS DETERMINED BY GOD'S TRUTH!

Pharaoh's Lies

You are Lazy

Slaves

Laborers

A nation's workforce

God's Truth

You are My People

Sons and Daughters

Worshipers

God's covenant people
with destiny and purpose

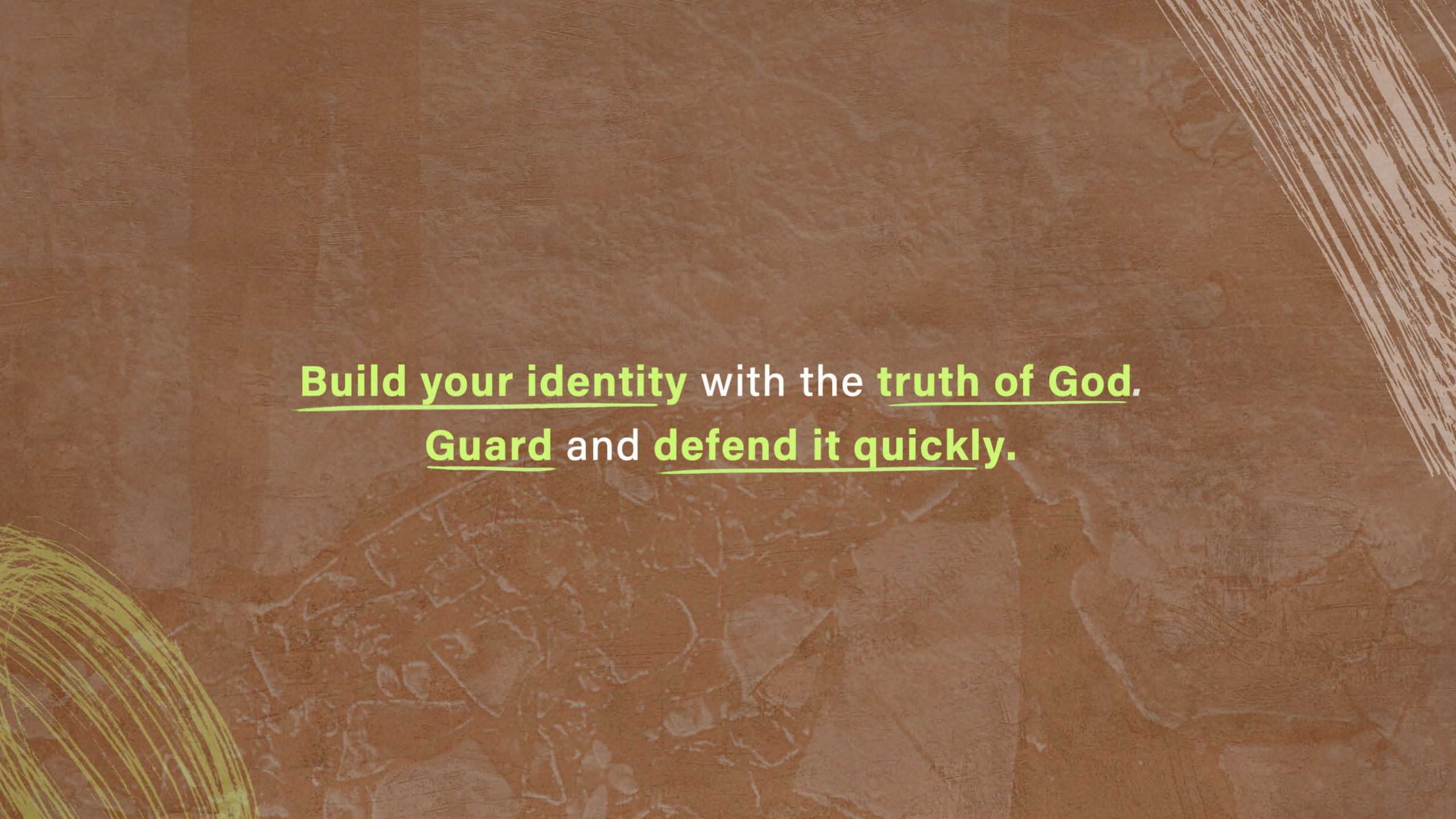
ASK: Is it the *voice of the enemy* or the *voice of God*?

We demolish arguments and every pretension that sets itself up
against the knowledge of God,
and we take captive every thought to make it obedient to Christ.

2 CORINTHIANS 10:5 NIV

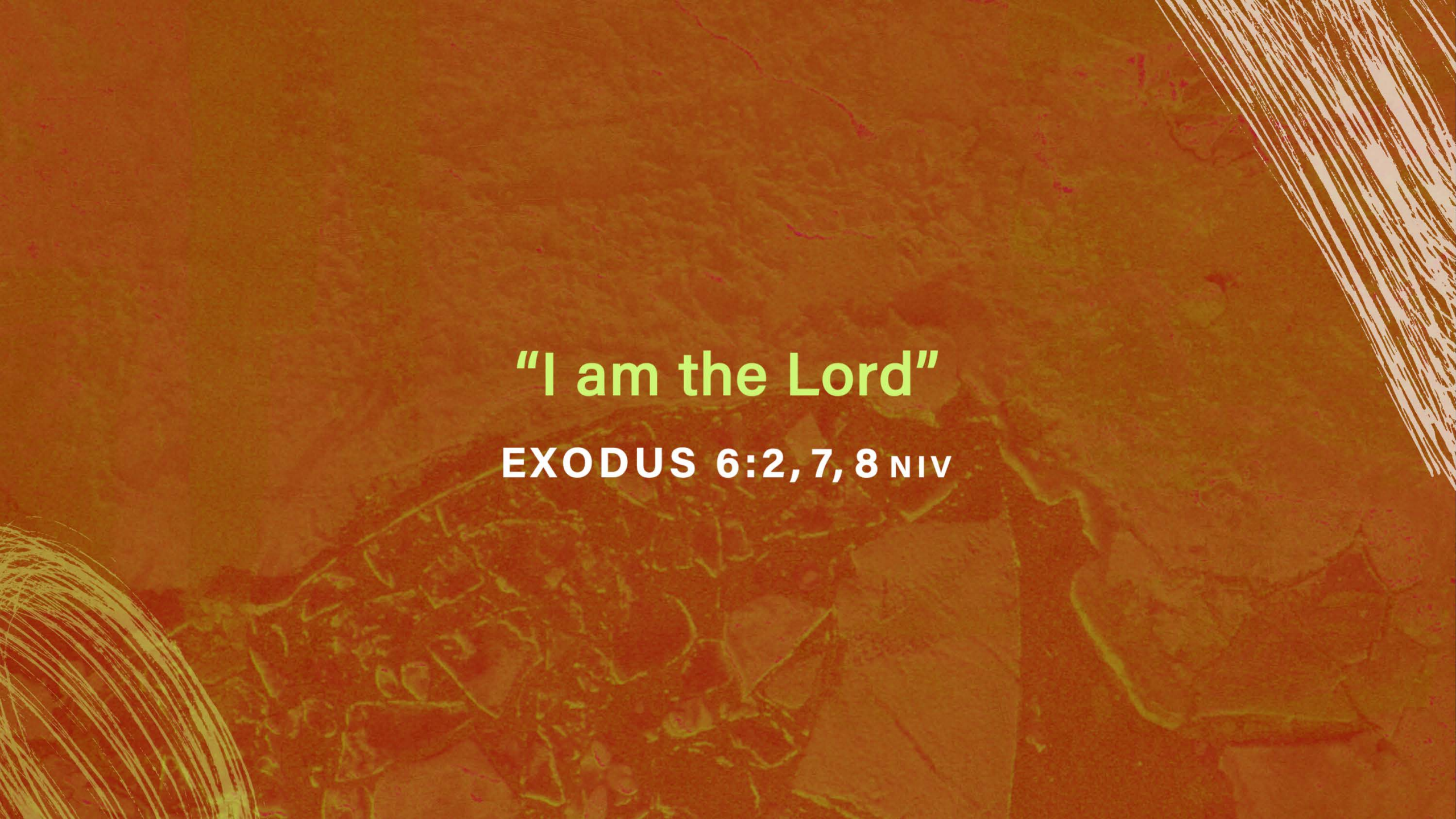
Finally, brothers and sisters,
whatever is true,
whatever is noble,
whatever is right,
whatever is pure,
whatever is lovely,
whatever is admirable
—if anything is excellent or praiseworthy—
think about such things.

PHILIPPIANS 4:8 NIV



Build your identity with the truth of God.
Guard and defend it quickly.

**RETURN TO GOD'S
PRESENCE & PROMISES**



“I am the Lord”

EXODUS 6:2, 7, 8 NIV

"I APPEARED, ESTABLISHED, AND HAVE..."

- **"I appeared** to Abraham, to Isaac and to Jacob..." v3
- **"I also established** my covenant with them..." v4
- **"I have heard** the groaning..." v5
- **"I have remembered** my covenant..." v5

GOD'S PRESENCE

"I WILL"

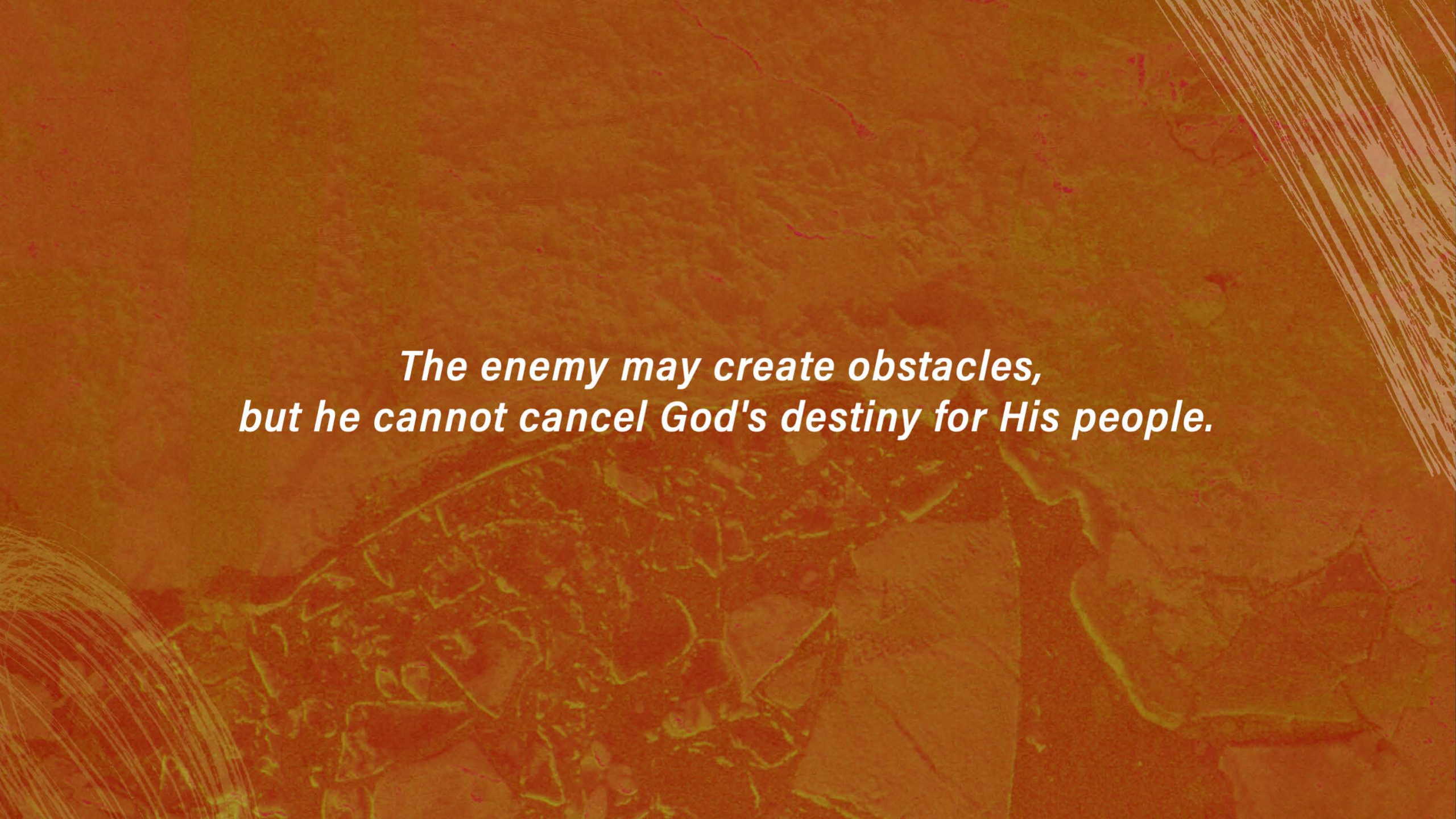
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- "I will give it to you as a possession..." v8

GOD'S PROMISES



*The enemy may create obstacles,
but he cannot cancel God's destiny for His people.*

***We are not called to live exhausted lives
trying to prove our worth.***

***We are called to receive His grace,
walk in His presence and promises,
and serve in the strength of His Spirit.***