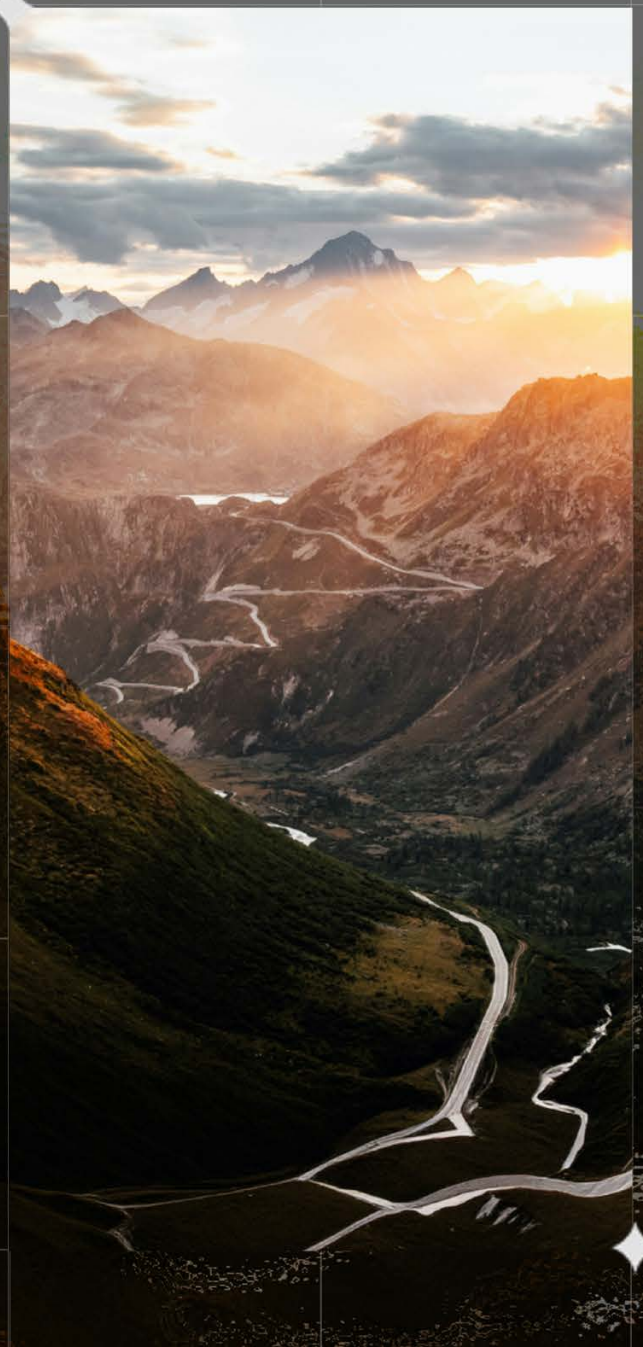


REFUSING TO SETTLE FOR LESS

NUMBERS 32:1-27

[1]The Reubenites and Gadites, who had **very large herds and flocks**, saw that the lands of Jazer and Gilead were **suitable for livestock**. [2]So they came to Moses and Eleazar the priest and to the leaders of the community, and said,... [5]...**"let this land be given to your servants as our possession. Do not make us cross the Jordan."**

NUMBERS 32:1-5



THE DRAWS OF SETTLING FOR LESS

NUMBERS 32:1-5


COMFORT
Just because it is good,
doesn’t mean it is God!


CONVENIENCE
Just because it is easy,
doesn’t mean it is yours!


CONSUMPTION
Material considerations began
shaping spiritual decisions

CONFIDENCE

Misplaced confidence in human wisdom
can cause us to miss God's greater purpose

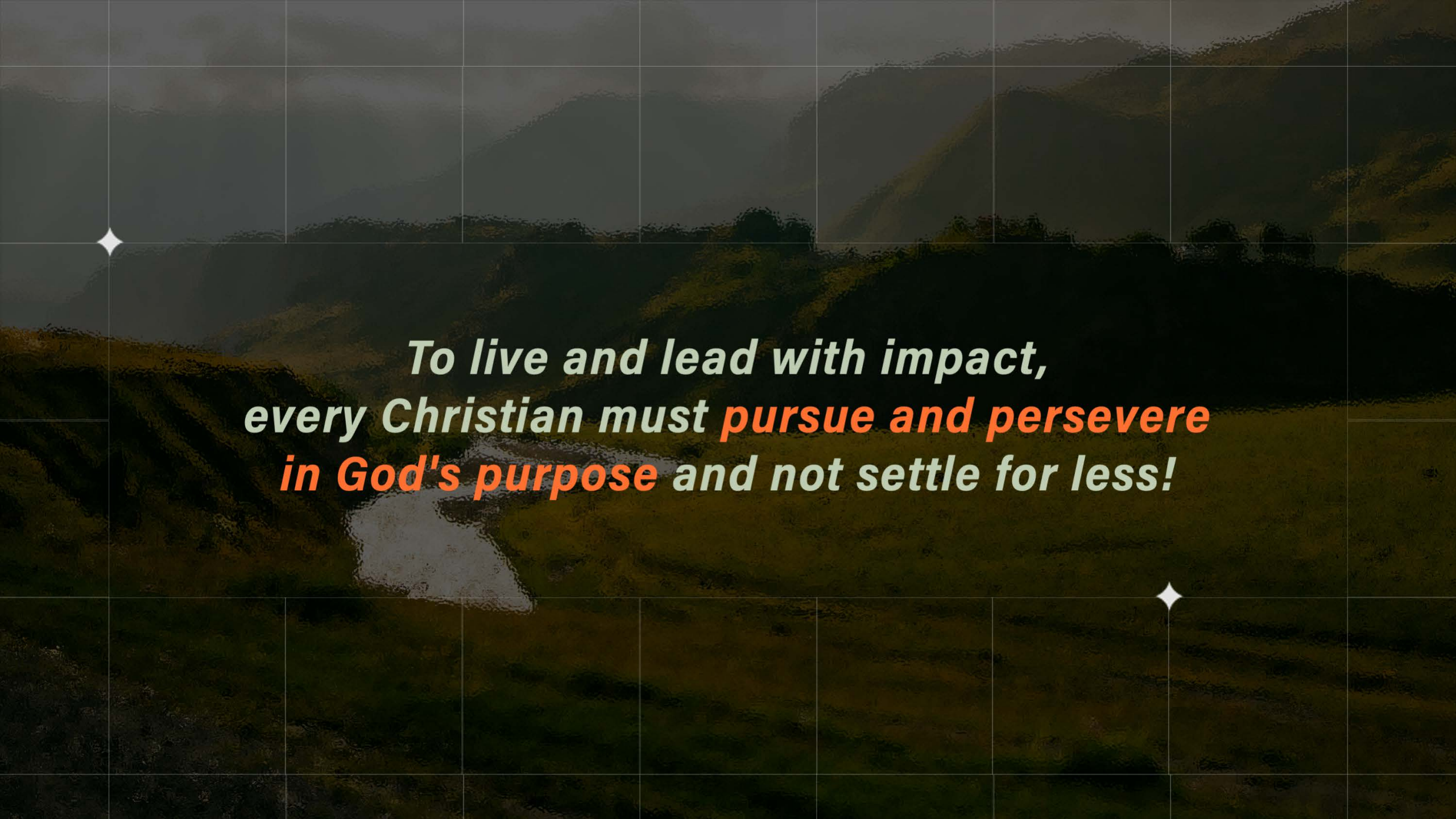
SURRENDER
AND NOT SETTLE



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WE OFTEN ASK	WE SHOULD BE ASKING
What is comfortable?	What is God's calling?
What is convenient?	What is my commitment?
What can I consume?	What is my contribution?
What am I confident of?	Where is my confidence?




To live and lead with impact,
every Christian must pursue and persevere
in God's purpose and not settle for less!



THE DANGERS OF SETTLING FOR LESS

NUMBERS 32:6-27

FALL OUT OF GOD'S PURPOSE

[11]...they have not followed me wholeheartedly,
[13]...**wander in the wilderness forty years**, until the whole generation of those who had done evil in his sight was gone.

NUMBERS 32:11, 13

FALL BACK & HOLD OTHERS BACK

6 …“Should your fellow Israelites go to war
while you sit here?

7 Why do you **discourage the Israelites** from crossing
over into the land the Lord has given them?

NUMBERS 32:6-7

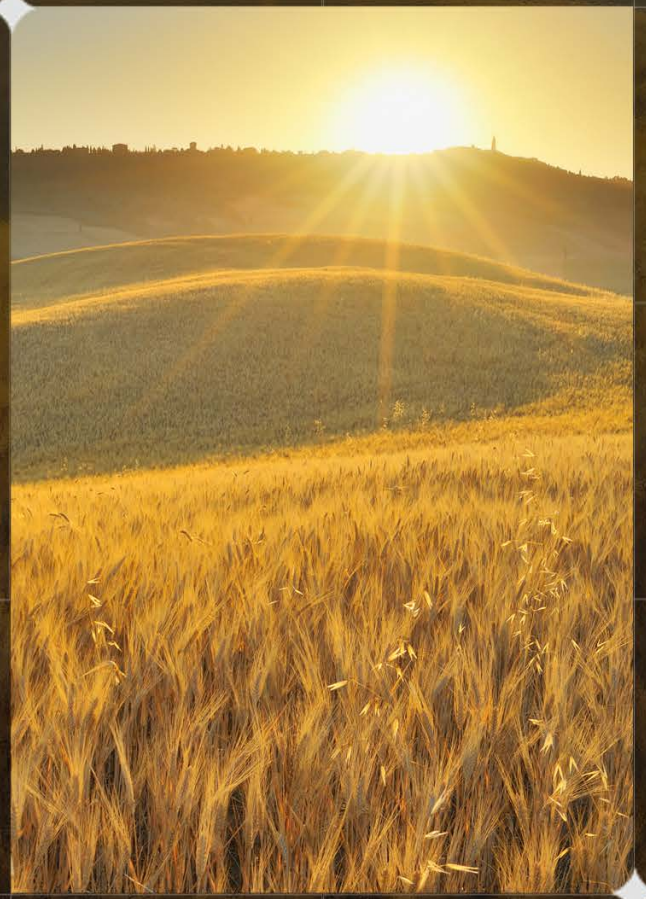
FALL INTO
THE SIN OF OMISSION

NUMBERS 32:23

SIN OF COMMISSION	SIN OF OMISSION
Doing what God forbids • Lying • Cheating • Stealing • Immorality etc	**Failing to do what God commands** • Failing to love • Failing to forgive • Failing to serve • Failing to obey • Failing to step into God's purpose

GOD GIVES VICTORY WHEN WE PURSUE HIS PURPOSE

The Israelites entered Canaan and received their allotted lands



7...Joshua and the Israelites conquered on the **west side of the Jordan**,...Joshua gave their lands as an inheritance to the tribes of Israel according to their tribal divisions. 8 The lands included the hill country, the western foothills, the Arabah, the mountain slopes, the wilderness and the Negev...?

JOSHUA 12:7-24

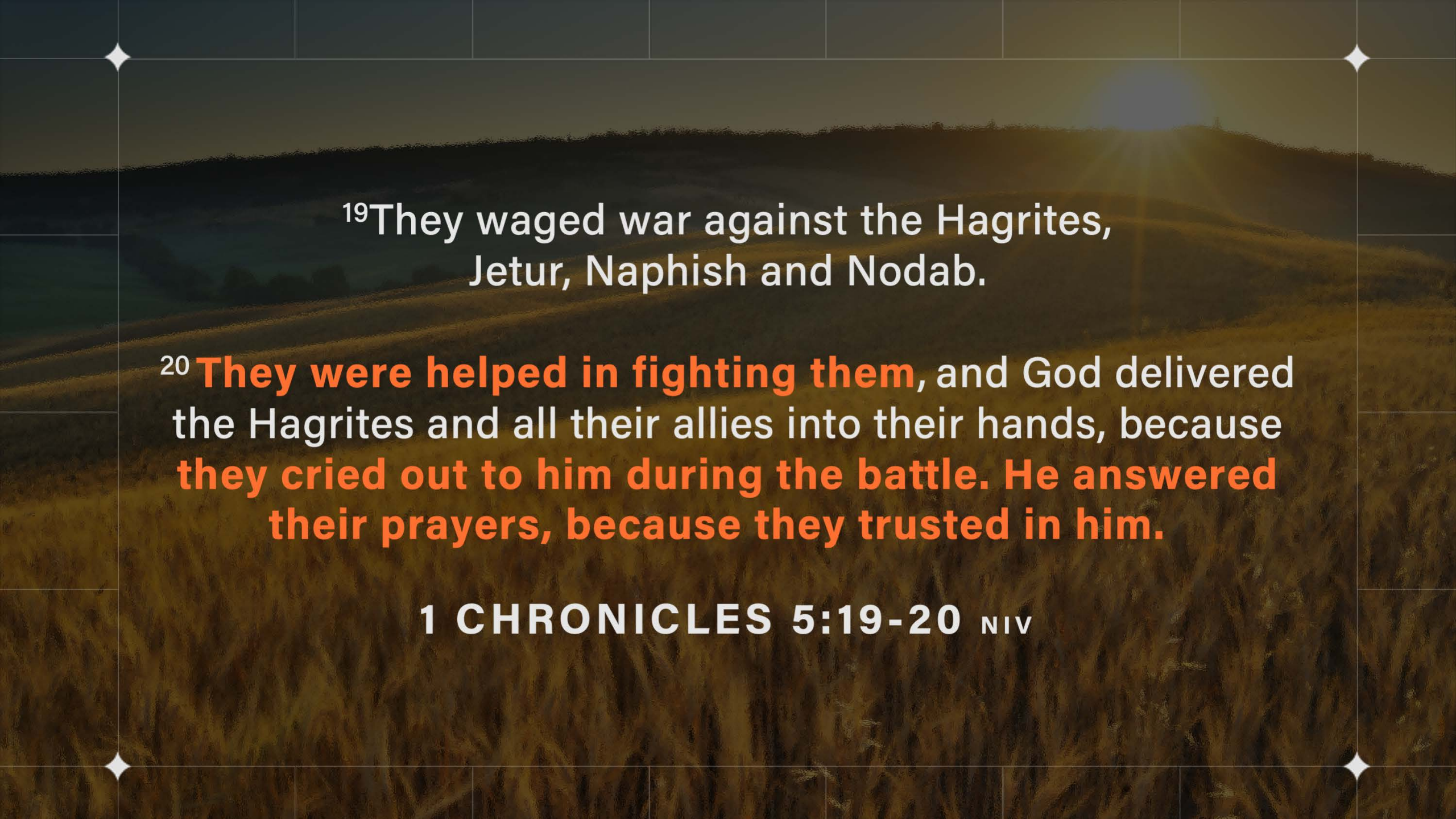
These were the kings:

Jericho	Ai	Jerusalem	Hebron	Jarmuth	Lachish
Eglon	Gezer	Debir	Geder	Hormah	Arad
Libnah	Adullam	Makkedah	Bethel	Tappuah	Hepher
Aphek	Lasharon	Madon	Hazor	Shimron Meron	Askhaph
Taanach	Megiddo	Kedesh	Jokneam	Dor	Goyim

...Tirzah, thirty-one kings in all.

[1]Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us **throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles**. And let us **run with perseverance the race marked out for us,** [2]**fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith...**

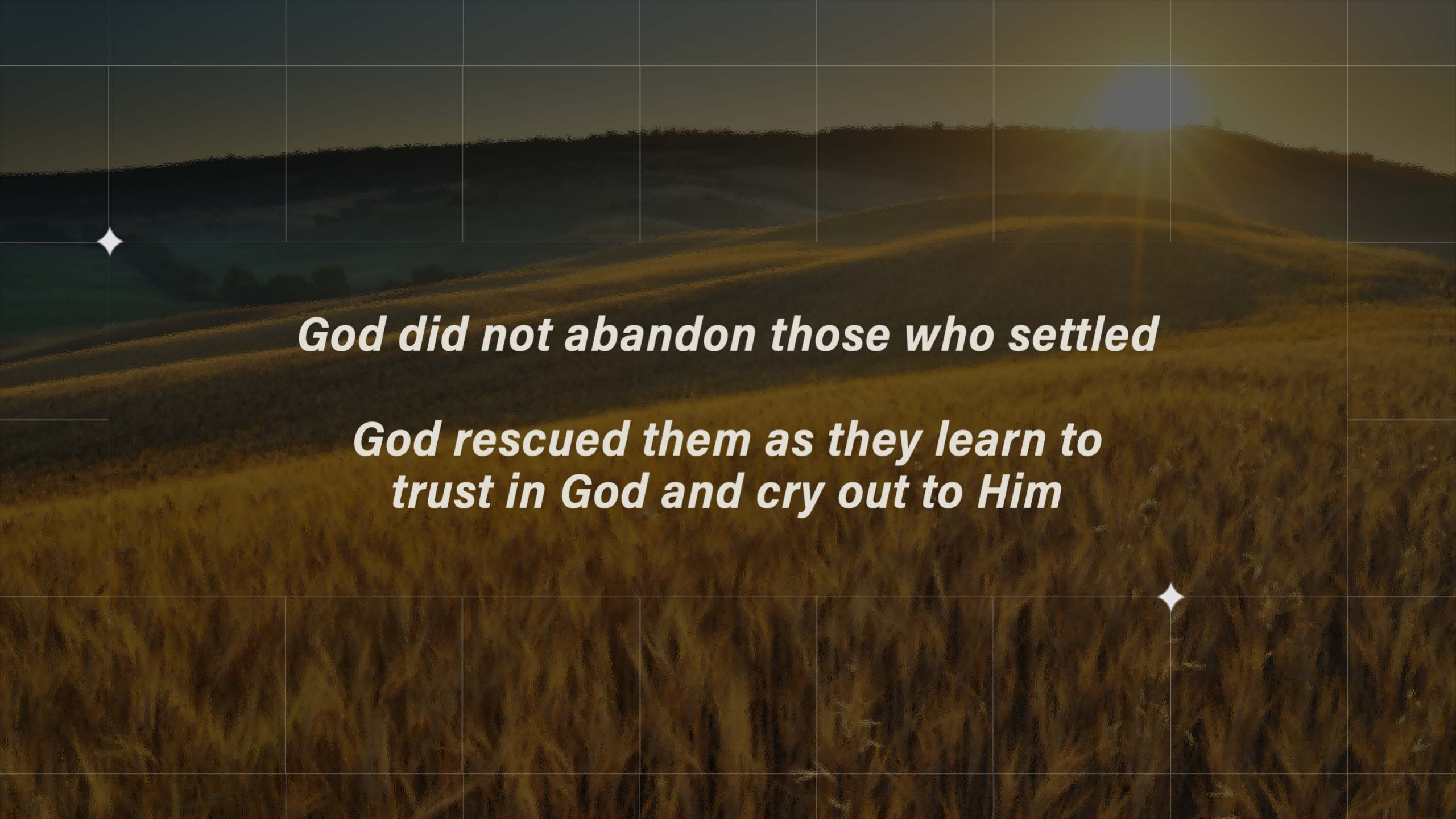
HEBREWS 12:1-2



19 They waged war against the Hagrites,
Jetur, Naphish and Nodab.

20 **They were helped in fighting them**, and God delivered
the Hagrites and all their allies into their hands, because
**they cried out to him during the battle. He answered
their prayers, because they trusted in him.**

1 CHRONICLES 5:19-20 NIV


God did not abandon those who settled
God rescued them as they learn to
trust in God and cry out to Him

THE DRAWS

Comfort, convenience,
consumption, confidence



THE DANGERS

Fall out of God's purpose
Fall back and hold others back
Fall into sin

REFUSE TO SETTLE FOR LESS

NUMBERS 32:1-27