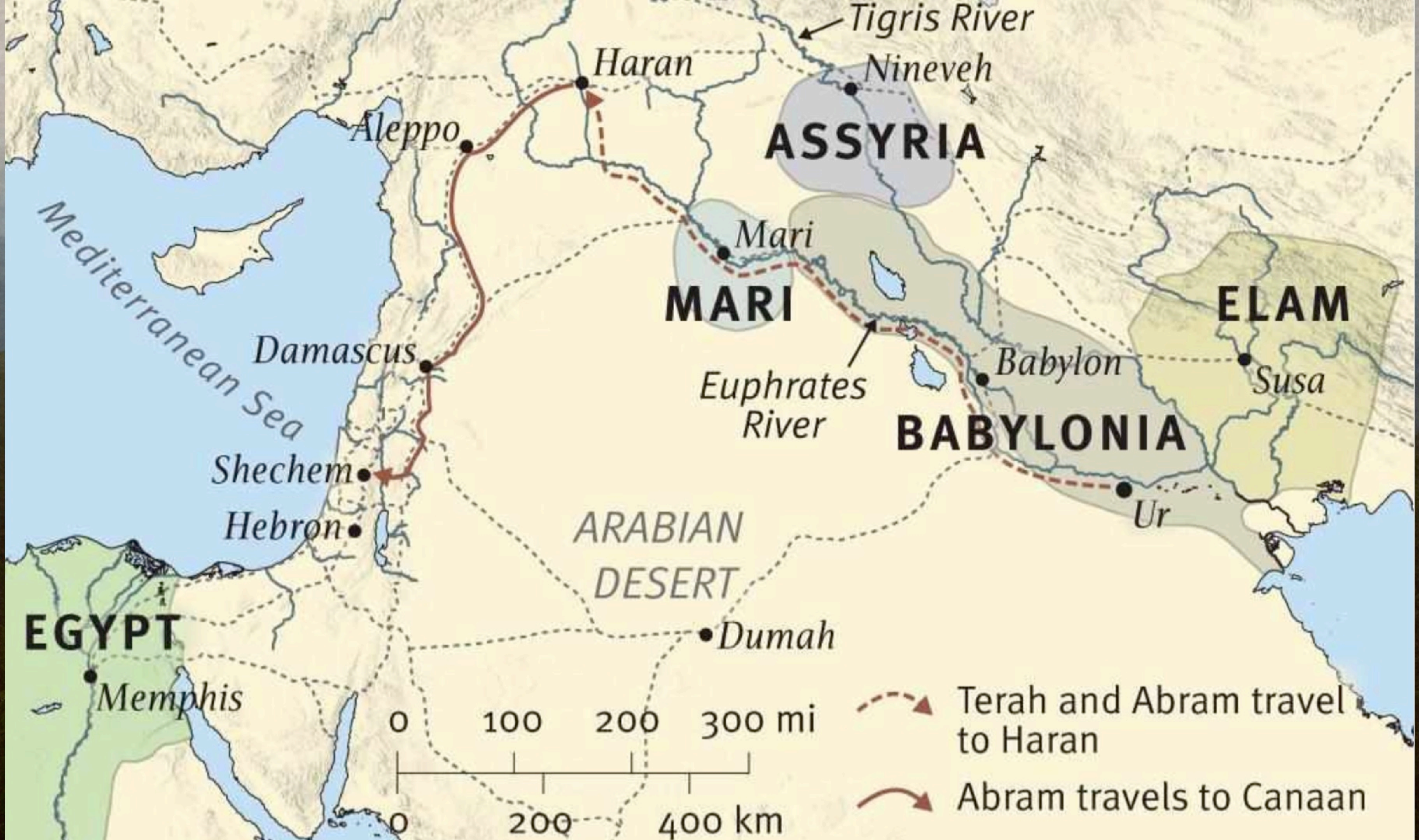




“It’s déjà vu all over again.”

— *Yogi Berra*



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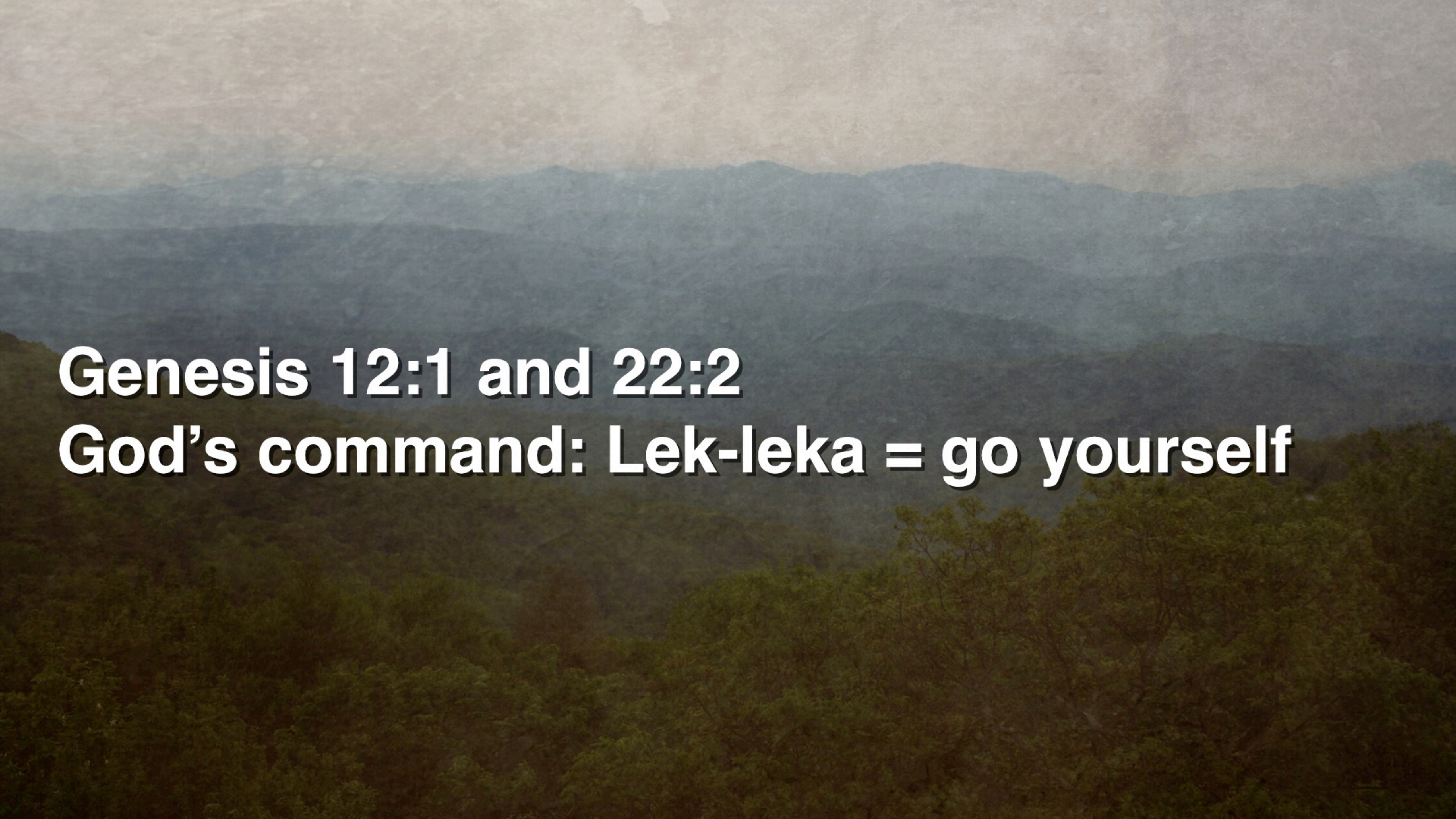
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— Terah and Abram travel to Haran

— Abram travels to Canaan

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A landscape photograph showing rolling hills and mountains in the distance under a cloudy sky. The foreground is filled with dense green trees.

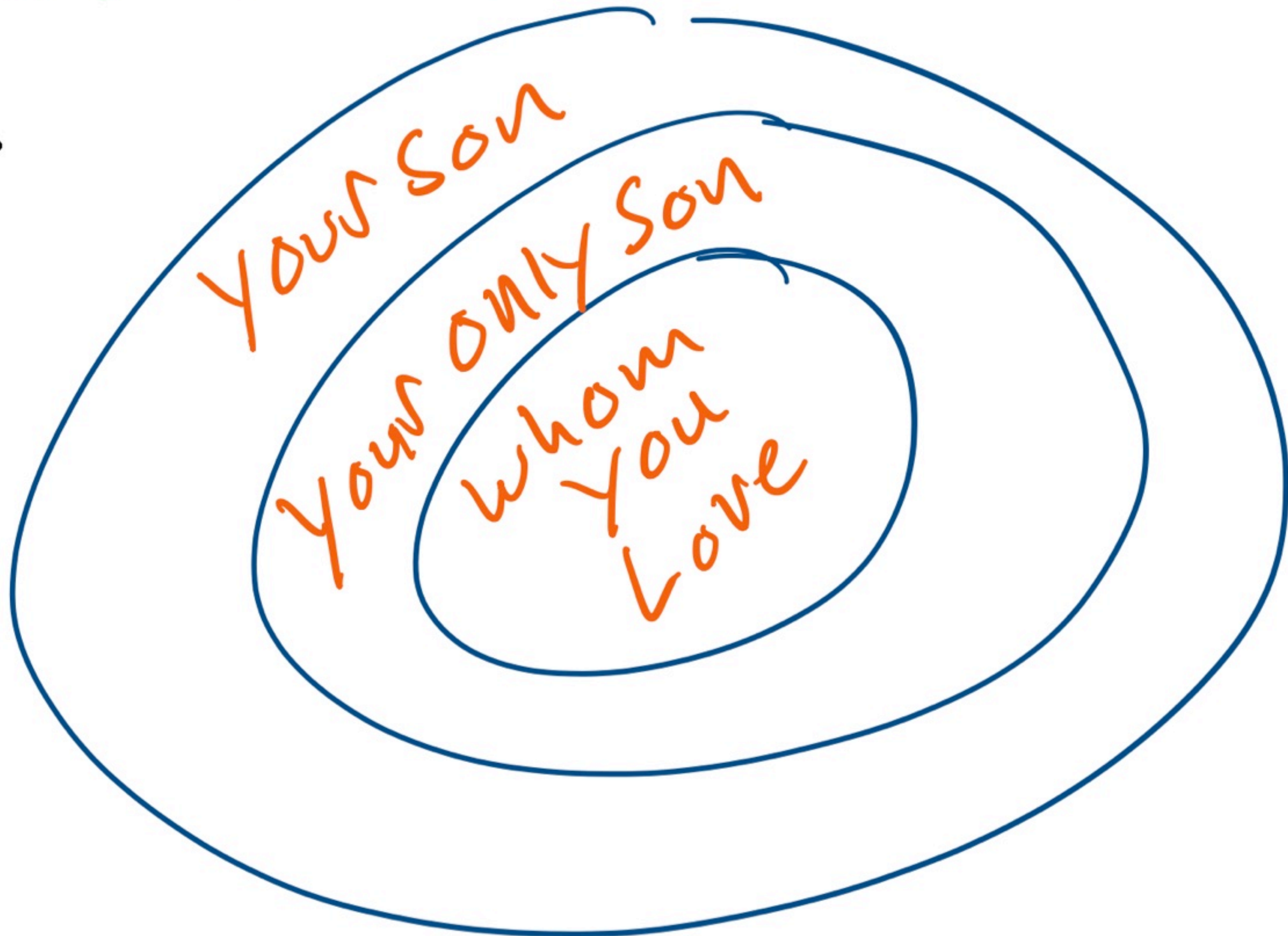
Genesis 12:1 and 22:2

God's command: Lek-leka = go yourself

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Genesis
22:2



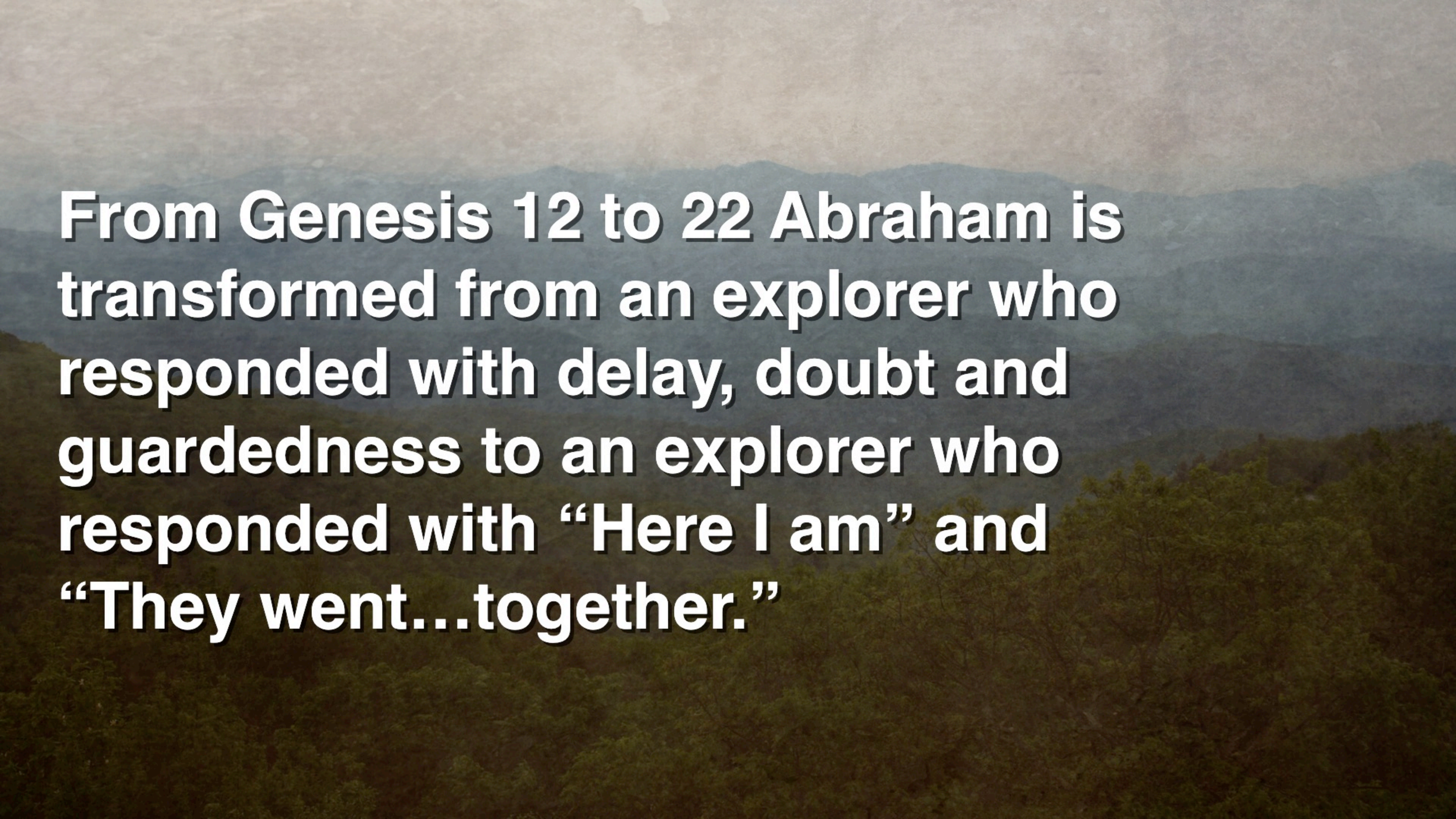
The Three Movements of Gen. 22:1-19

- **They begin with, “Here I am.”**
- **They end with, “So they went both of them together.”**

1. vv.1-6

2. vv.7-8

3. vv.9-19

A scenic landscape with rolling hills and mountains under a cloudy sky. The foreground is filled with dense green foliage, while the background shows layers of blue-toned mountains and hills. The sky is overcast with soft, grey clouds.

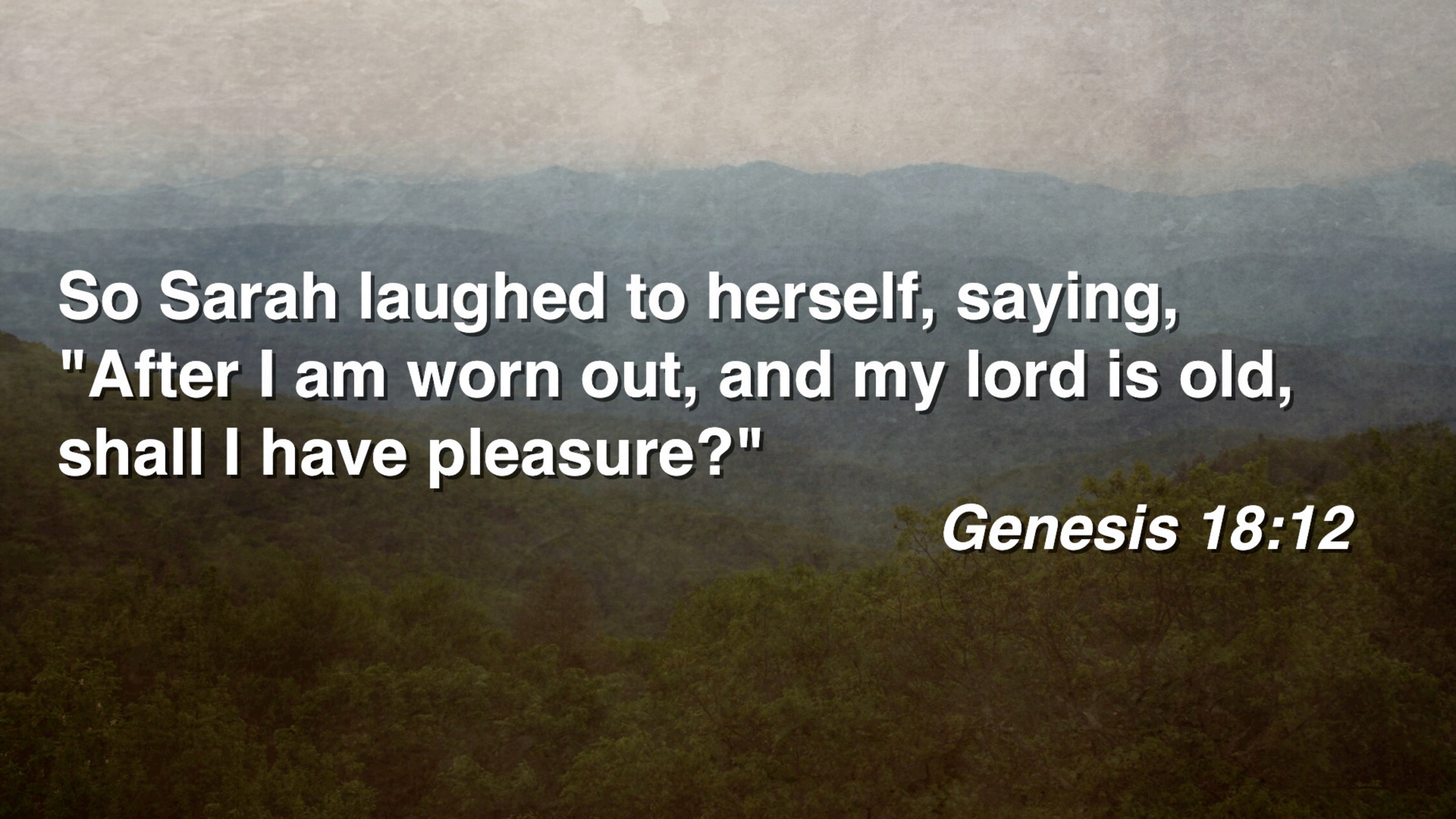
From Genesis 12 to 22 Abraham is transformed from an explorer who responded with delay, doubt and guardedness to an explorer who responded with “Here I am” and “They went...together.”



Three Lessons from Abraham's Response

—Gen. 22:1-19

**I. Abraham recognizes God's provision
and surrenders his plan—vv.1-6**



**So Sarah laughed to herself, saying,
"After I am worn out, and my lord is old,
shall I have pleasure?"**

Genesis 18:12

A landscape photograph showing rolling hills and mountains under a hazy, overcast sky. The foreground is filled with dense green trees, and the background consists of multiple layers of mountain ranges, creating a sense of depth. The text "Isaac = laughter" is overlaid on the left side of the image.

Isaac = laughter

A scenic view of a mountain range with a dense forest in the foreground. The mountains are layered, creating a sense of depth. The sky is a pale, hazy blue. The foreground is filled with lush green trees.

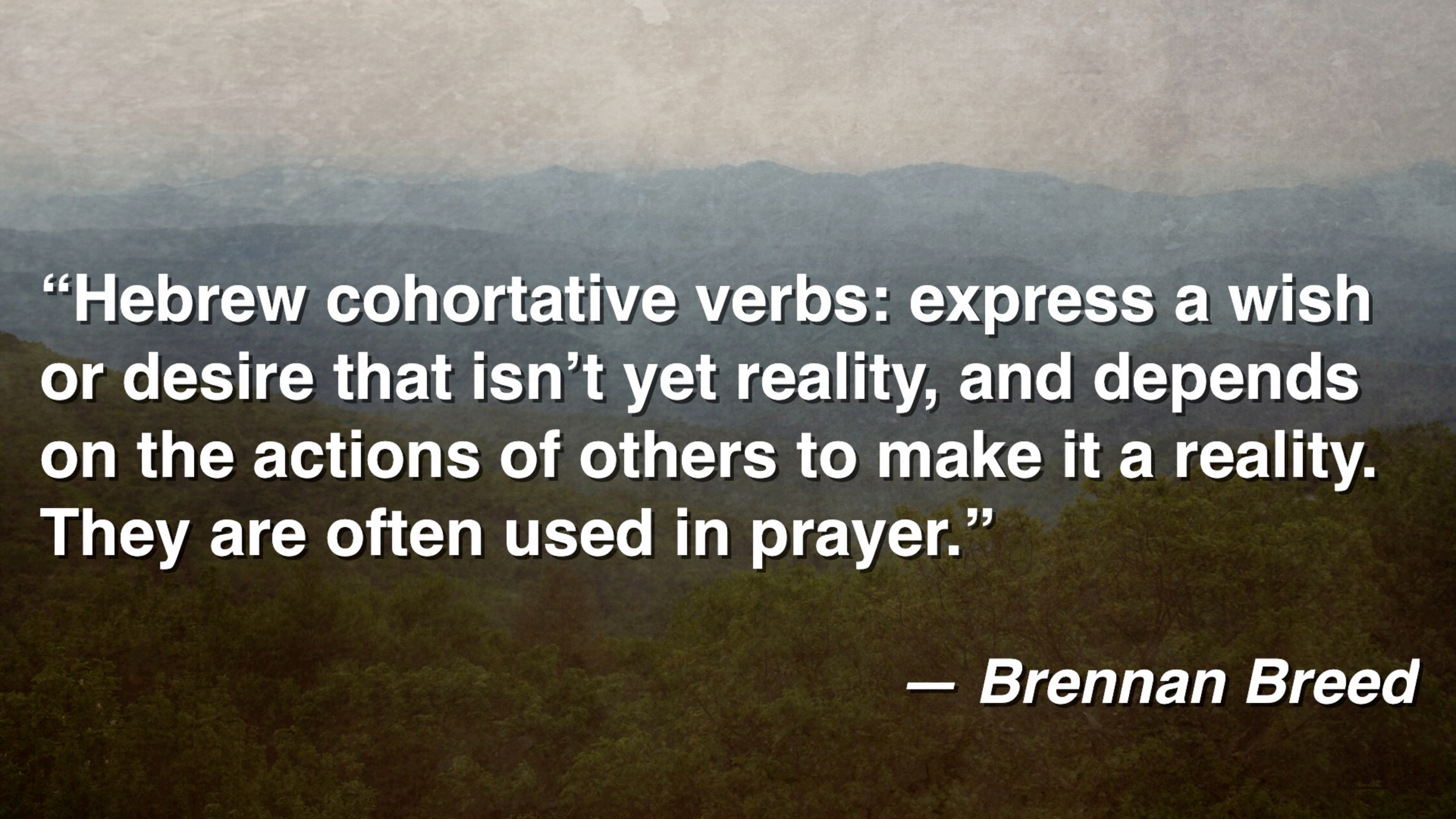
And Abraham said to God, "Oh that Ishmael might live before you!"

Genesis 17:18



Three Lessons from Abraham's Response **—Gen. 22:1-19**

- I. Abraham recognizes God's provision and surrenders his plan—vv.1-6**
- II. Abraham trusts the Provider, not the provision—vv.7-8**

A scenic landscape with rolling hills and mountains under a hazy sky. The foreground is filled with dense green foliage, while the background shows layers of blue-toned mountains and hills. The overall atmosphere is serene and slightly misty.

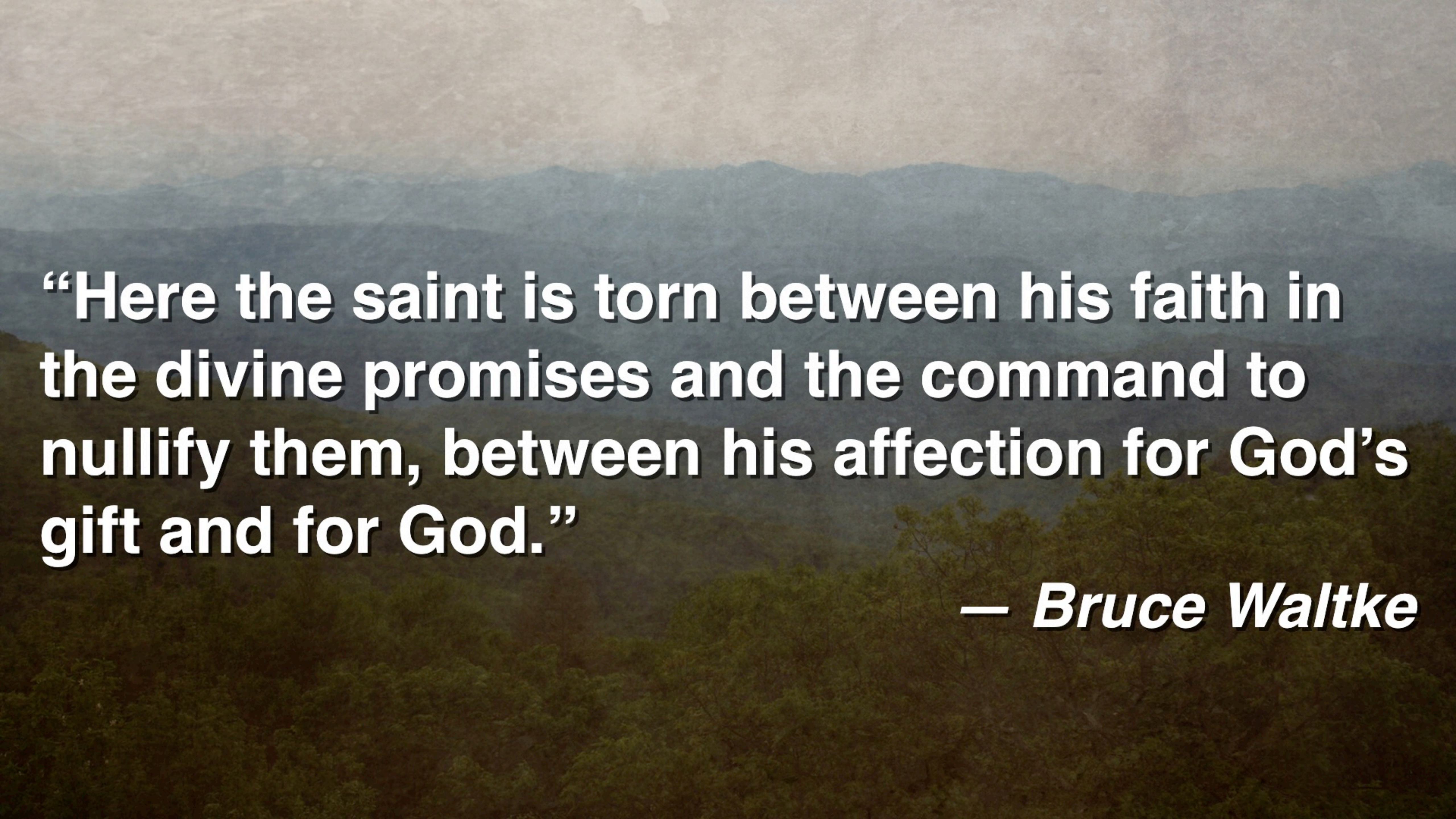
“Hebrew cohortative verbs: express a wish or desire that isn’t yet reality, and depends on the actions of others to make it a reality. They are often used in prayer.”

— *Brennan Breed*

**“O let us go! O let us worship!
O let us return!”**

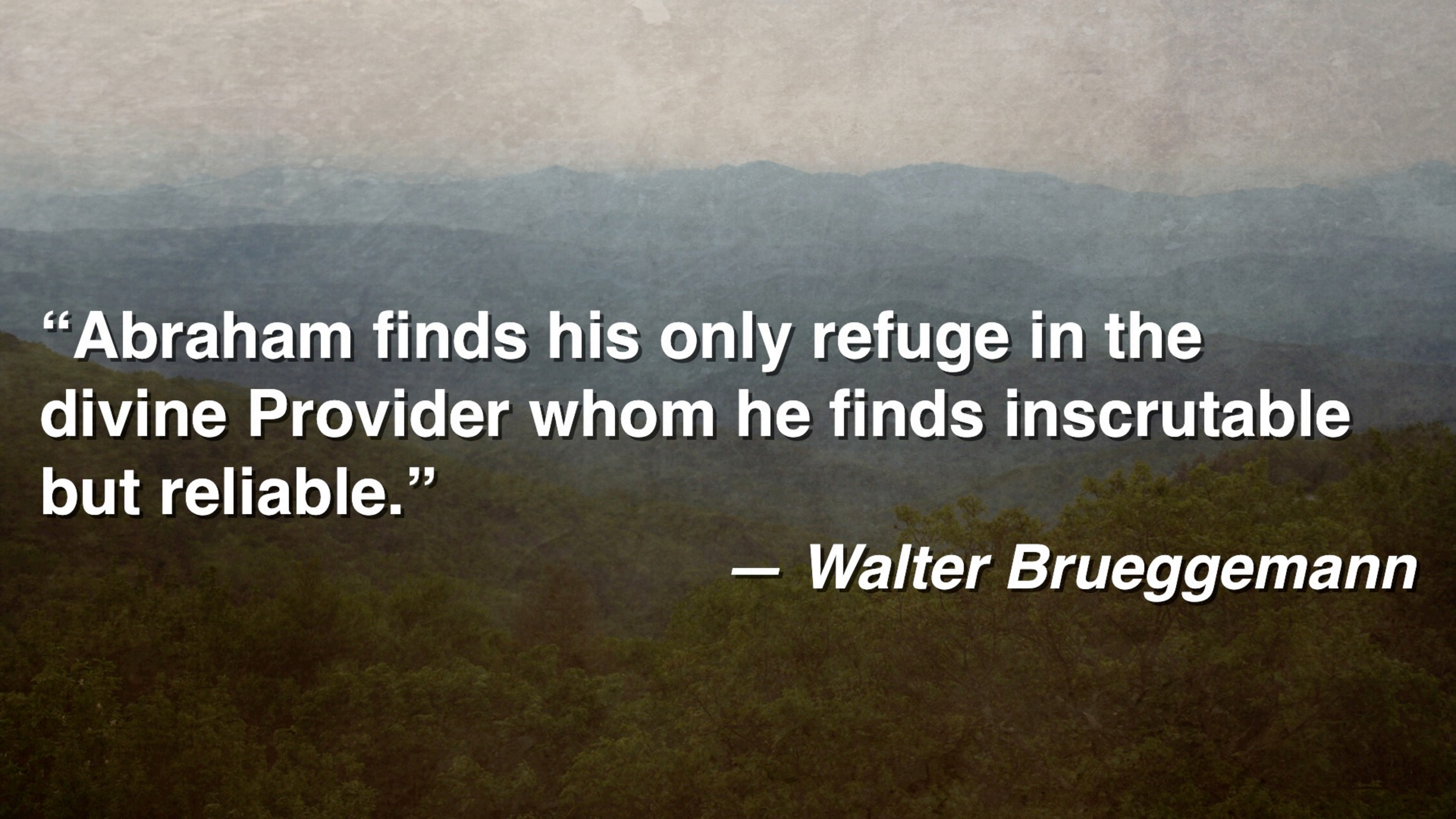
— *Genesis 22:5*

Carson Brisson translation



“Here the saint is torn between his faith in the divine promises and the command to nullify them, between his affection for God’s gift and for God.”

— *Bruce Waltke*



“Abraham finds his only refuge in the divine Provider whom he finds inscrutable but reliable.”

— *Walter Brueggemann*

Three Lessons from Abraham's Response

—Gen. 22:1-19

**I. Abraham recognizes God's provision
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**II. Abraham trusts the Provider, not the
provision—vv.7-8**

**III. Abraham foreshadows the Provider is
the Provision—vv.9-14**

The next day he saw Jesus coming toward him, and said, "Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!"

John 1:29

The next day again John was standing with two of his disciples, and he looked at Jesus as he walked by and said, "Behold, the Lamb of God!"

John 1:35-36



“Son” 13x in Genesis 22:1-19

¹⁷By faith Abraham, when he was tested, offered up Isaac, and he who had received the promises was in the act of offering up his only son, ¹⁸of whom it was said, "Through Isaac shall your offspring be named."

¹⁹He considered that God was able even to raise him from the dead, from which, figuratively speaking, he did receive him back.

Hebrews 11:17-19

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