

LESSON 18

Me? Stubborn?

May Life in the Word Series:
'From Such Turn Away'

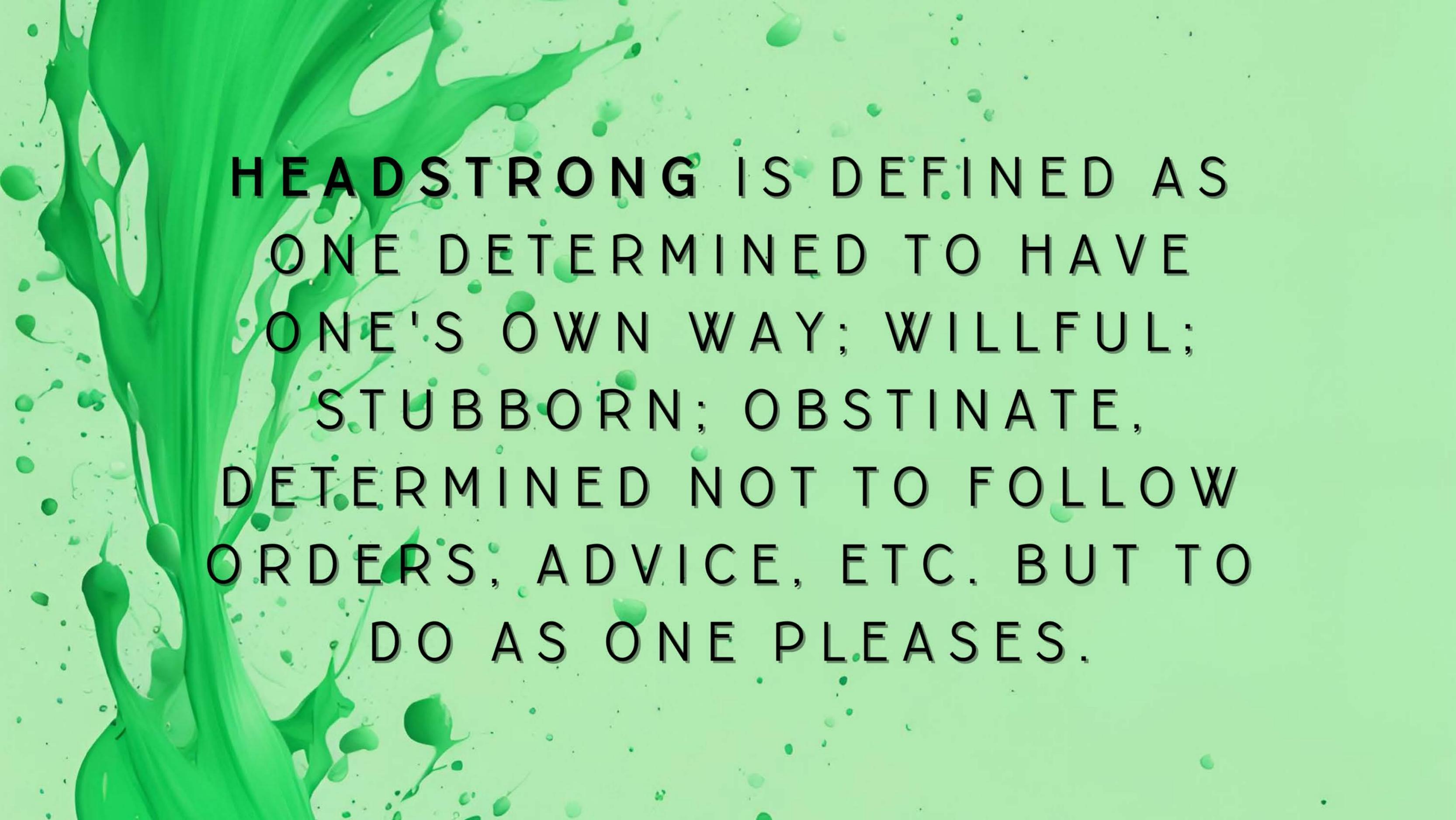
The background of the image is a vibrant green liquid splatter. The splatter originates from the top left and spreads across the frame, creating a dynamic, organic pattern. The liquid forms various shapes, including long, thin streaks and numerous small, circular droplets of varying sizes. The overall effect is one of movement and energy, with the green color being a bright, saturated shade.

FOUNDATION SCRIPTURE

II Timothy 3:1-5

But know this, that in the last days perilous times will come:
For men will be lovers of themselves, lovers of money,
boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents,
unthankful, unholy, unloving, unforgiving, slanderers,
without self-control, brutal, despisers of good, traitors,
headstrong, haughty, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers
of God, having a form of godliness but denying its power.
And from such people turn away!

II Timothy 3:1-5



**HEADSTRONG IS DEFINED AS
ONE DETERMINED TO HAVE
ONE'S OWN WAY; WILLFUL;
STUBBORN; OBSTINATE,
DETERMINED NOT TO FOLLOW
ORDERS, ADVICE, ETC. BUT TO
DO AS ONE PLEASES.**

The background is a vibrant green with dynamic white paint splatters and streaks, creating a sense of movement and energy. The splatters are scattered across the frame, with some larger, more defined shapes and many smaller, delicate droplets. The overall effect is artistic and modern.

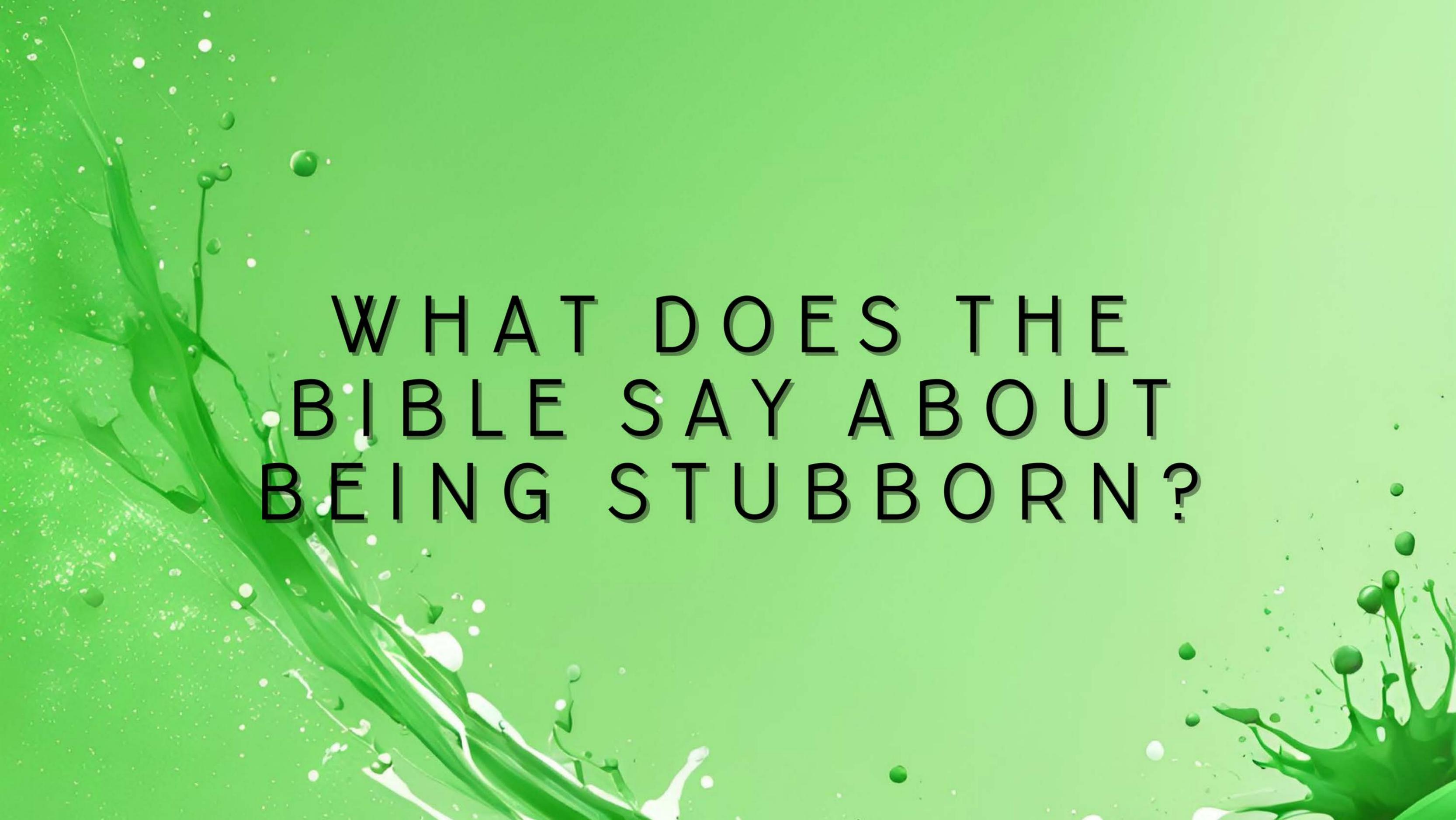
“STUBBORNNESS IS A SIGN OF
A CLOSED MIND.”

The background features vibrant green liquid splashes and droplets against a pale green backdrop. The splashes are most prominent in the top-left and bottom-right corners, with smaller droplets scattered throughout. The text is centered in the middle of the frame.

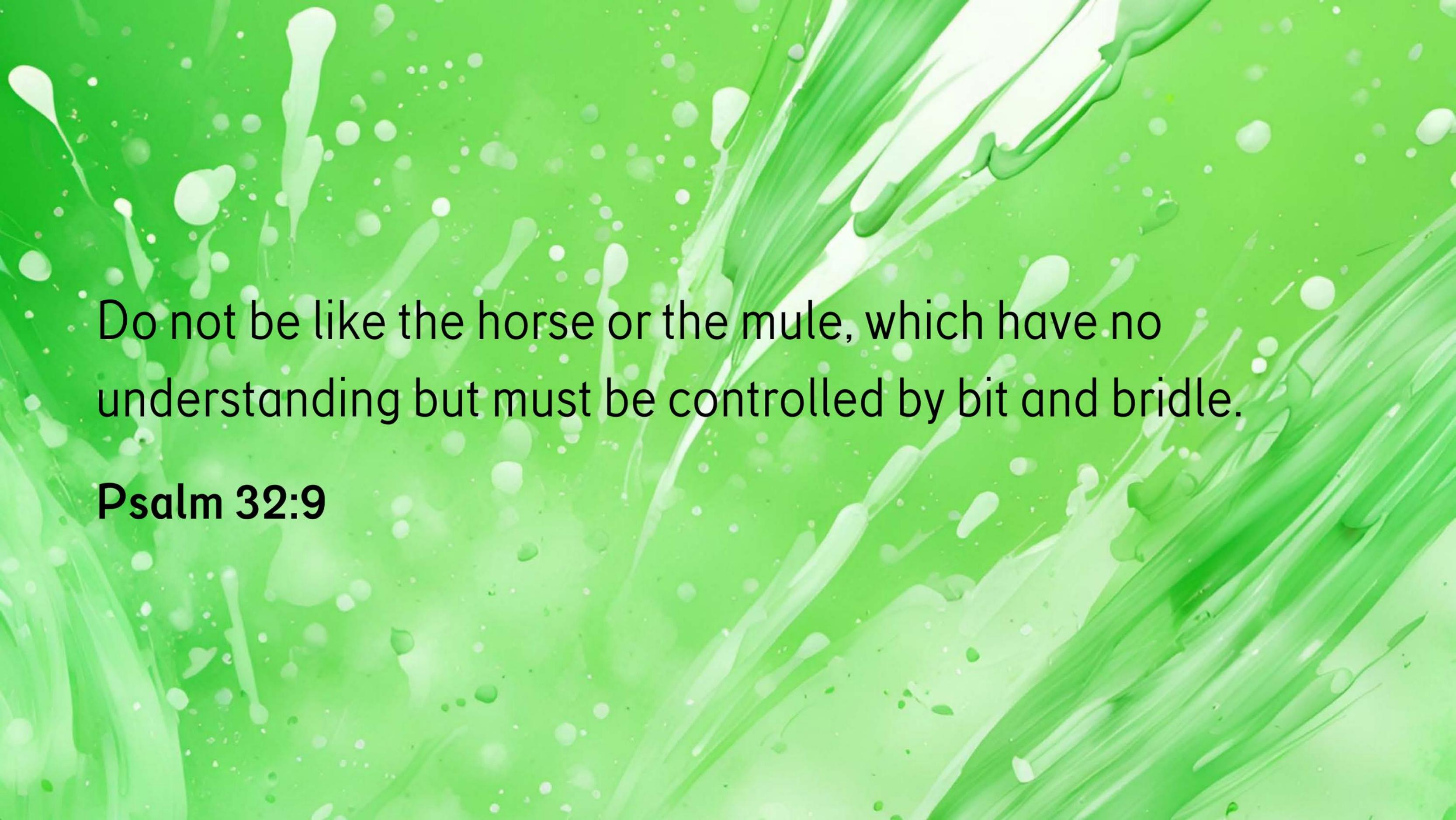
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Me? Stubborn?

**STUBBORN IS DEFINED AS HAVING
OR SHOWING PERSISTENT
DETERMINATION NOT TO CHANGE
ONE'S ATTITUDE OR POSITION ON
SOMETHING, DESPITE GOOD
ARGUMENTS OR REASONS TO DO SO.
DIFFICULT TO MOVE, REMOVE, OR
CURE, FIXED IN YOUR OWN OPINION,
HEAD-STRONG, STIFF-NECKED.**

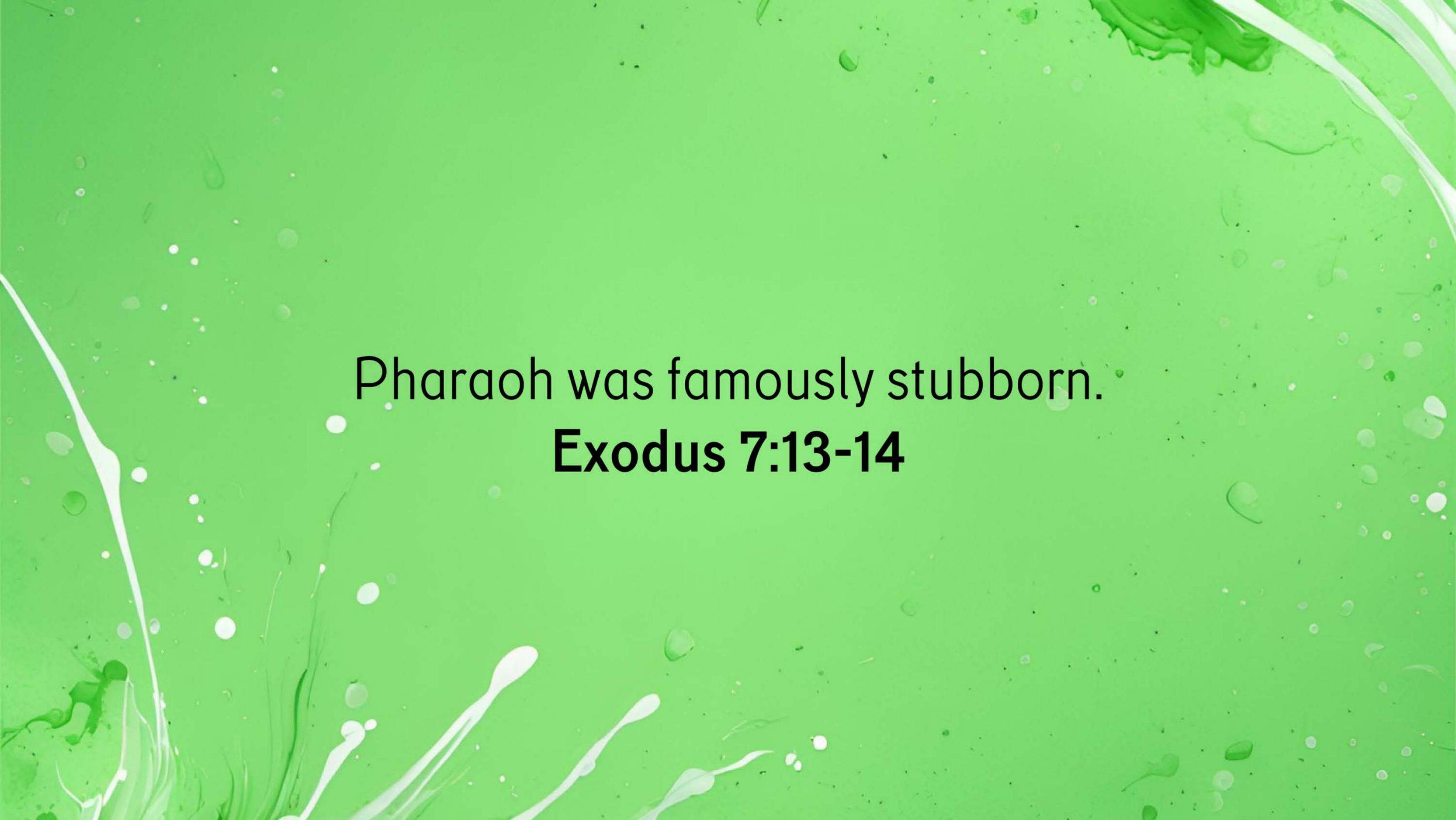
The background is a vibrant green with dynamic splashes and droplets of liquid, creating a sense of movement and freshness. The text is centered and rendered in a clean, black, sans-serif font with a subtle drop shadow.

WHAT DOES THE
BIBLE SAY ABOUT
BEING STUBBORN?

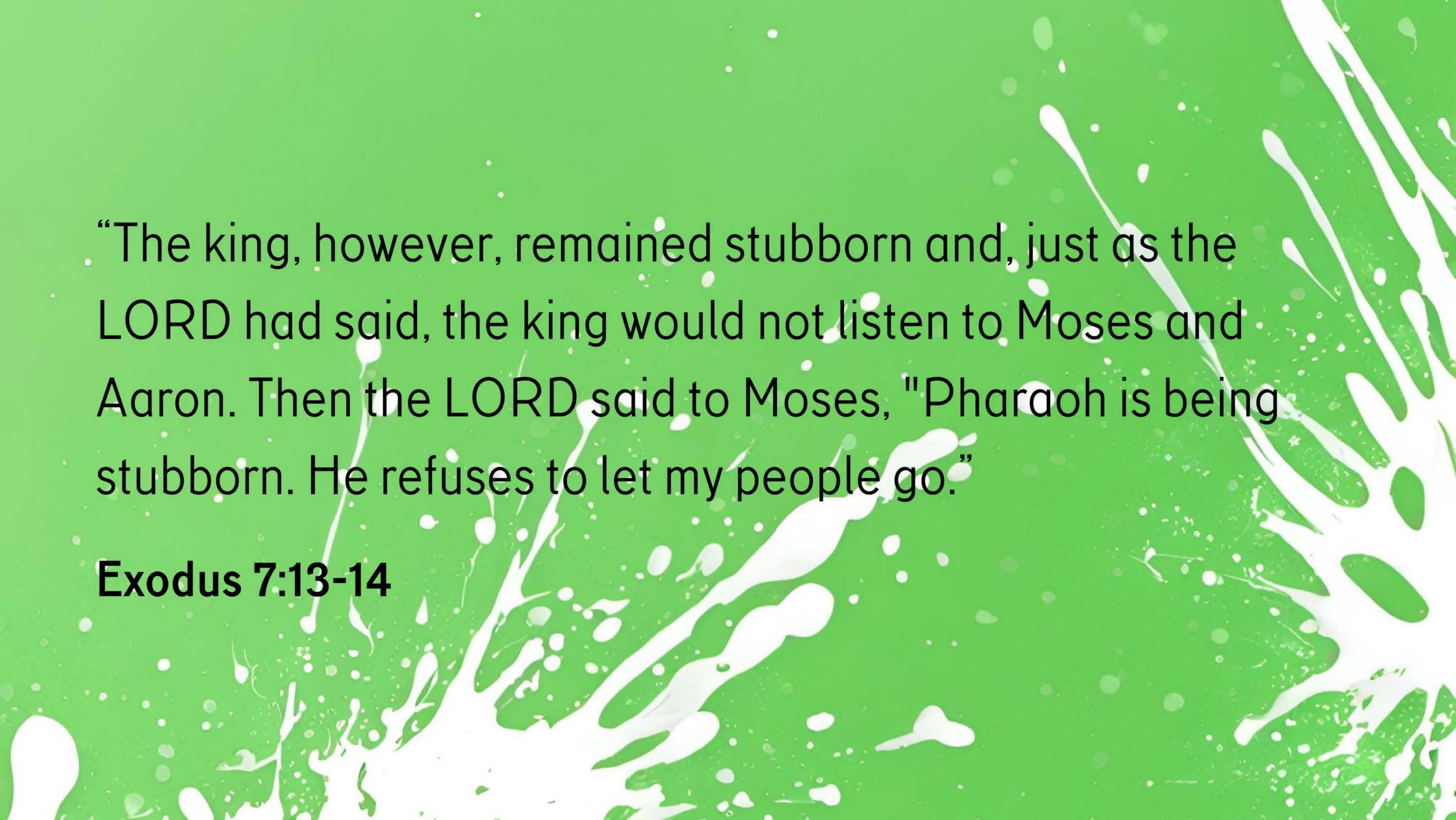


Do not be like the horse or the mule, which have no understanding but must be controlled by bit and bridle.

Psalm 32:9

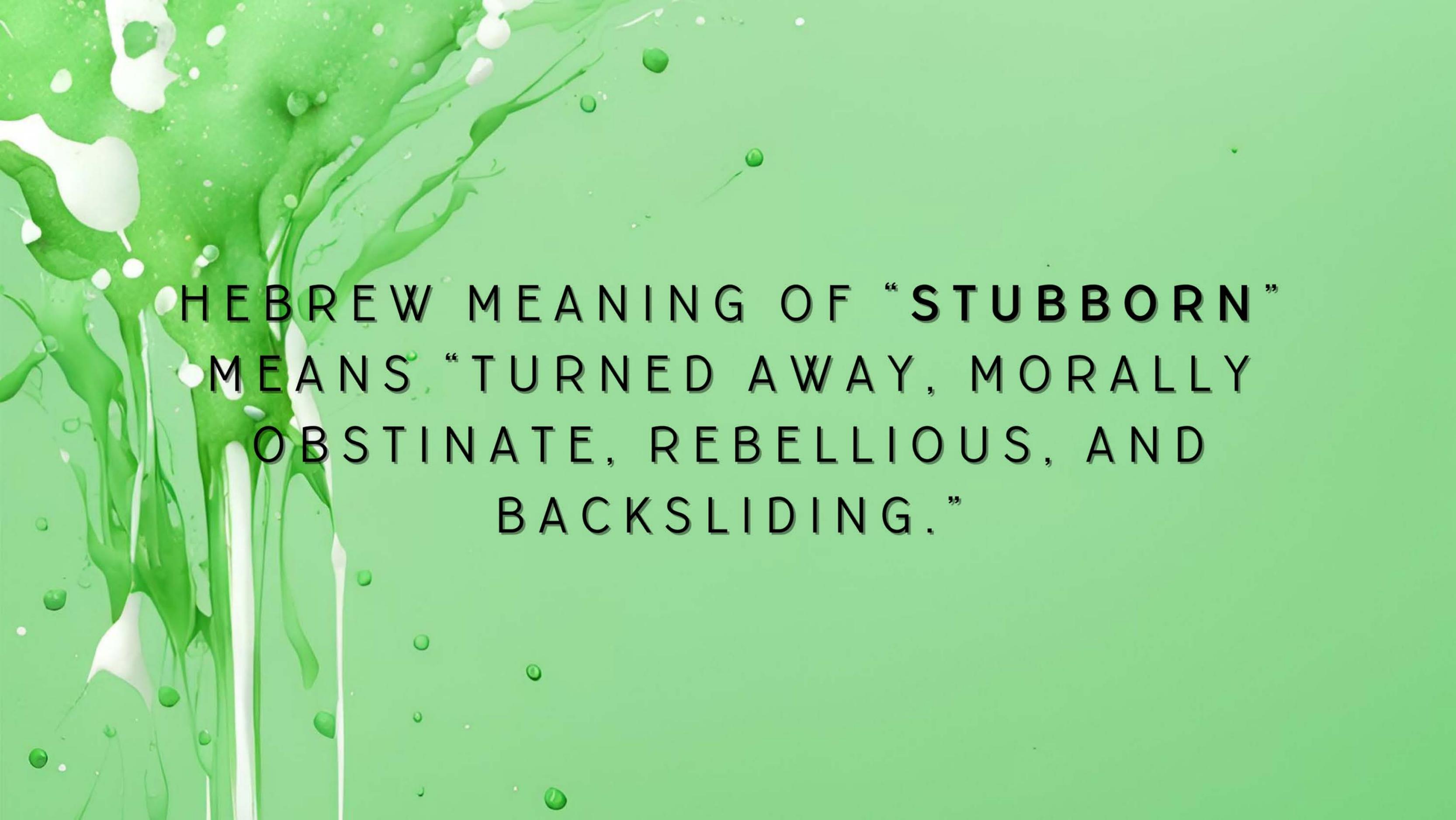


Pharaoh was famously stubborn.
Exodus 7:13-14

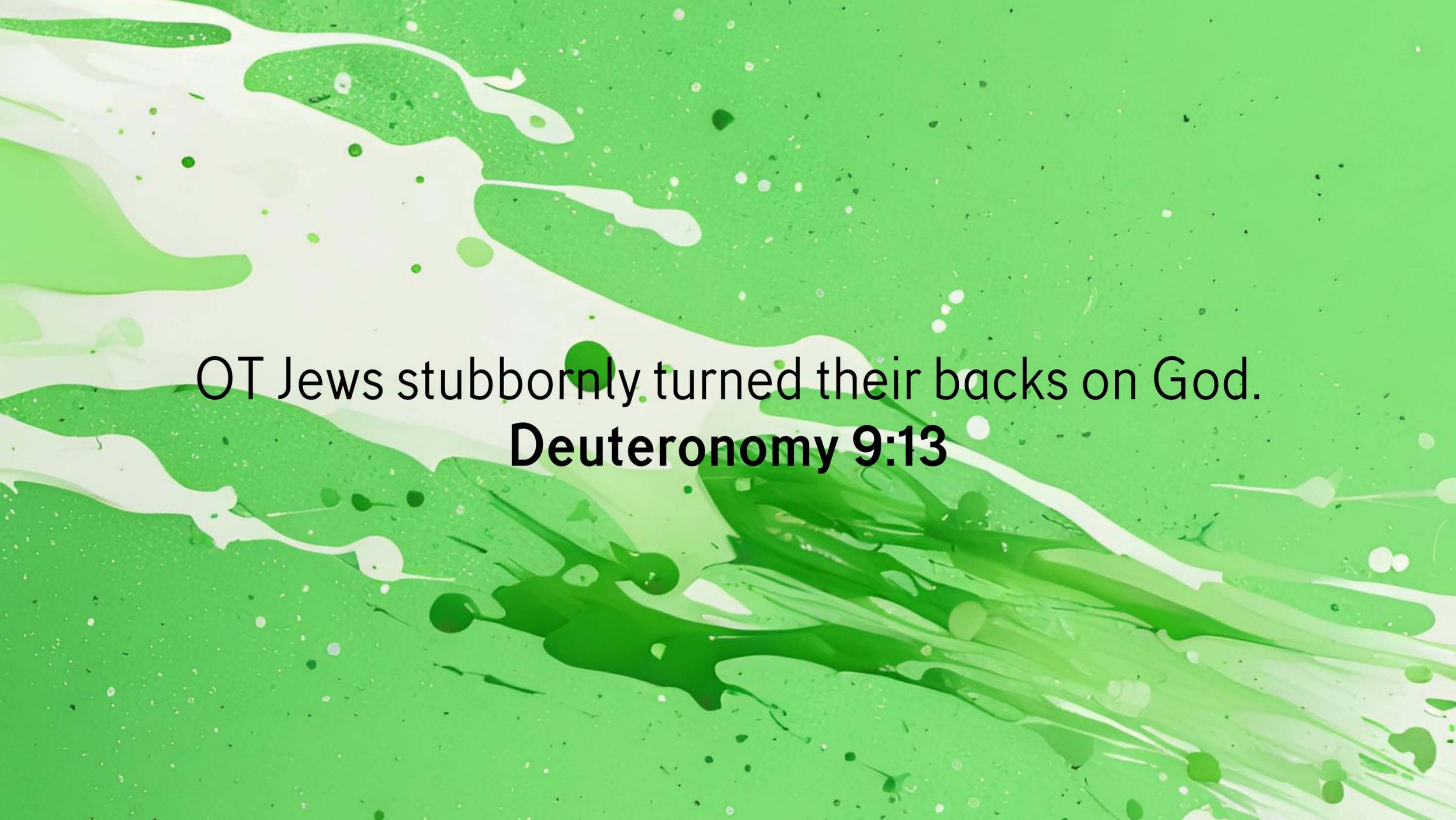


“The king, however, remained stubborn and, just as the LORD had said, the king would not listen to Moses and Aaron. Then the LORD said to Moses, “Pharaoh is being stubborn. He refuses to let my people go.”

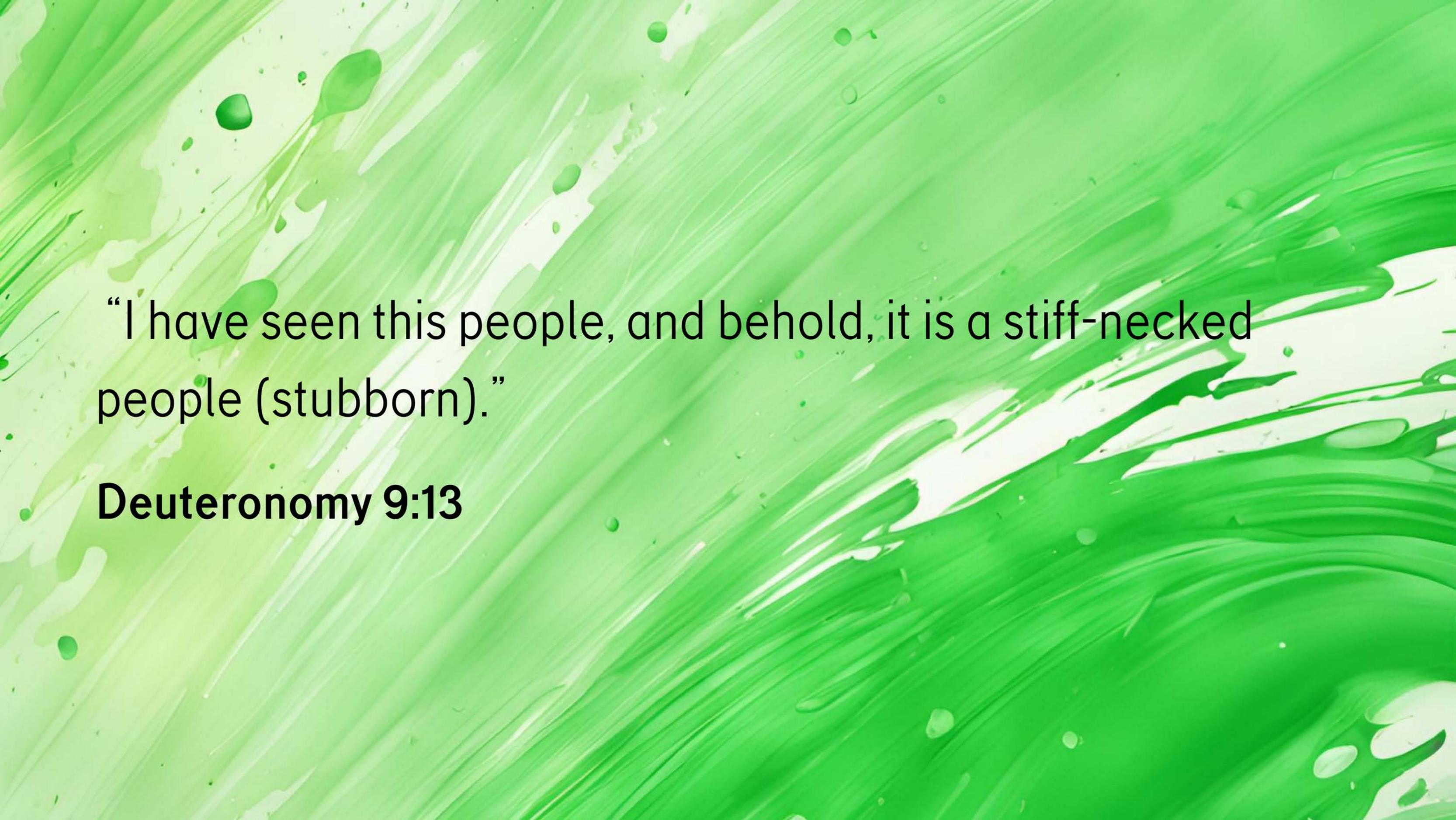
Exodus 7:13-14

The background features a light green gradient with abstract splashes of darker green and white liquid, creating a dynamic, organic feel. The text is centered in a bold, black, sans-serif font.

HEBREW MEANING OF “STUBBORN”
MEANS “TURNED AWAY, MORALLY
OBSTINATE, REBELLIOUS, AND
BACKSLIDING.”

The background is a vibrant, abstract composition of various shades of green and white. It features large, irregular white shapes that resemble splatters or brushstrokes against a green base. There are also smaller, scattered white dots and streaks, creating a textured, artistic effect. The overall aesthetic is modern and dynamic.

OT Jews stubbornly turned their backs on God.
Deuteronomy 9:13

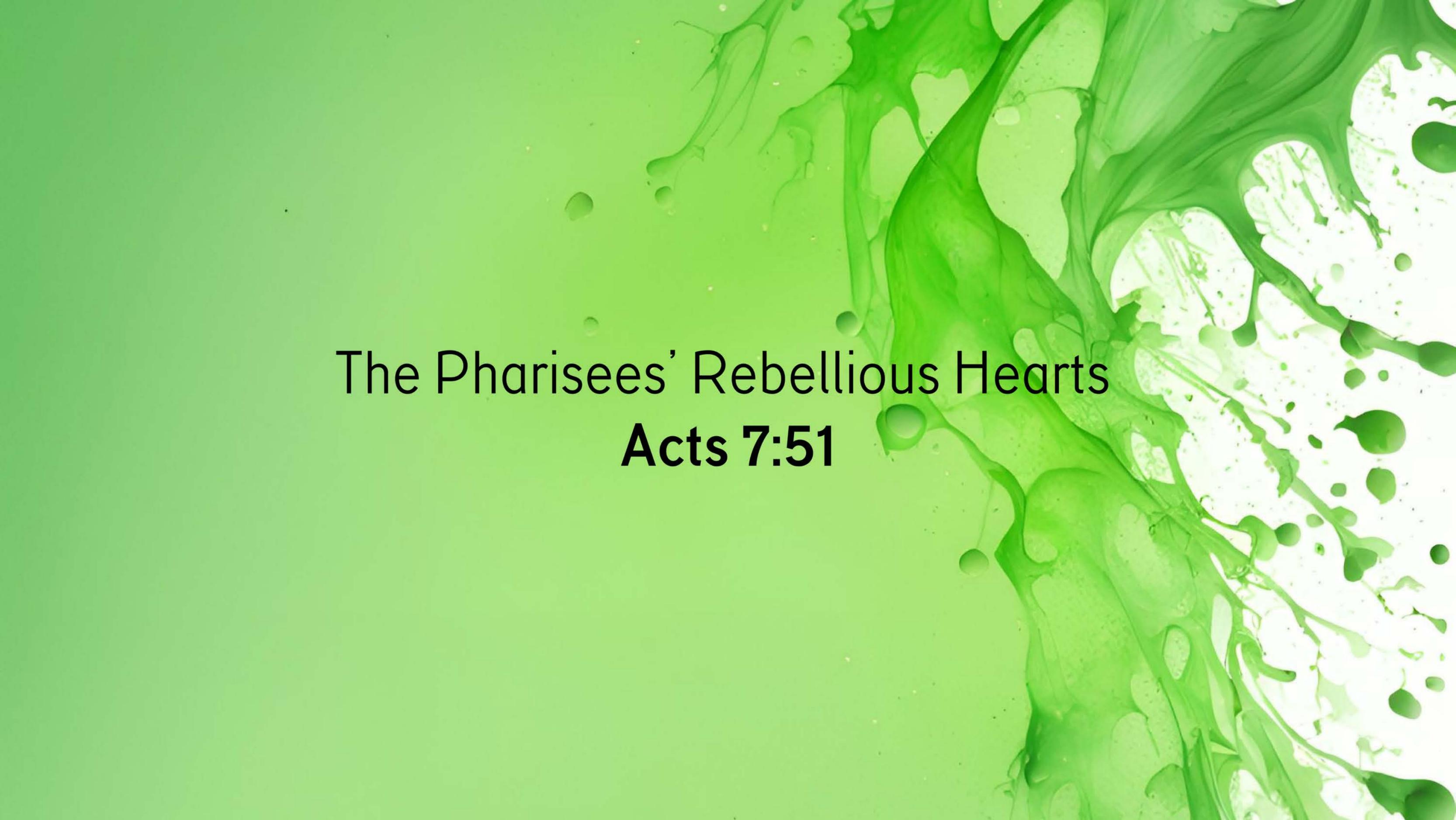
The background is a vibrant green with dynamic, expressive brushstrokes and splatters. The colors range from light, almost white-green to deep, saturated forest green. The strokes are mostly diagonal, creating a sense of movement and energy. There are several distinct splatters of varying sizes scattered across the composition.

“I have seen this people, and behold, it is a stiff-necked
people (stubborn).”

Deuteronomy 9:13



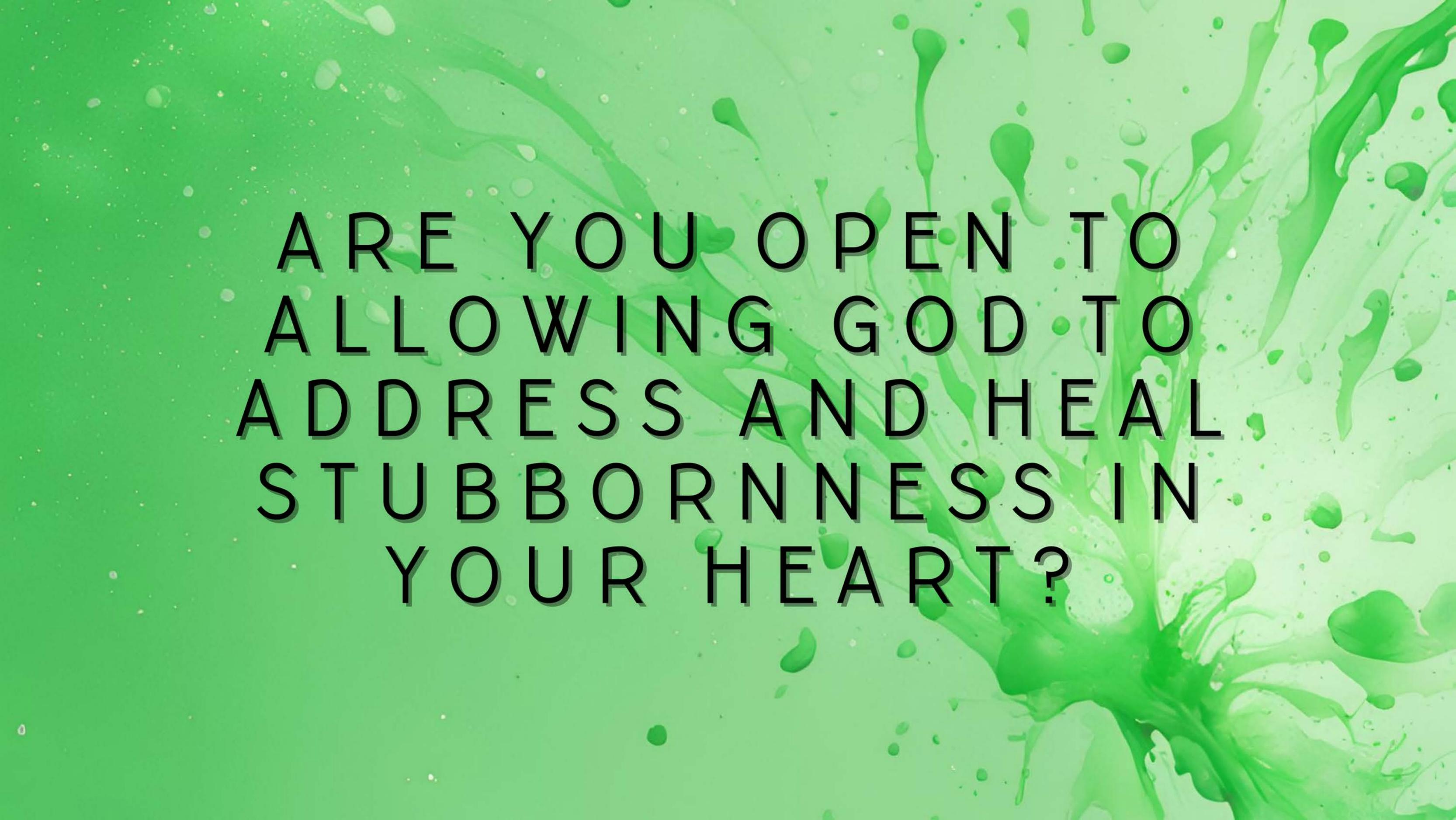
Punishment for a stubborn and rebellious son.
Deuteronomy 21:21



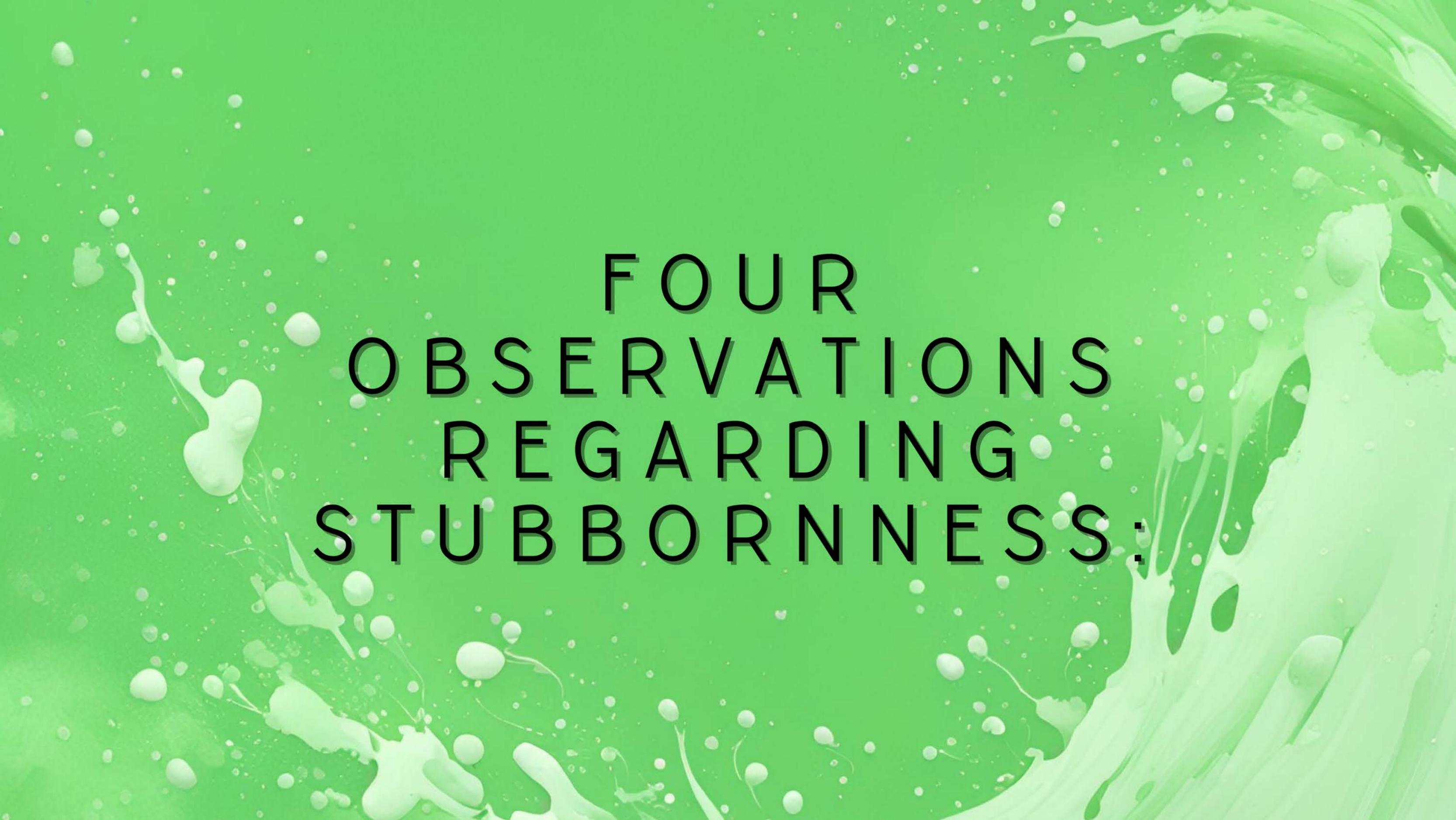
The Pharisees' Rebellious Hearts
Acts 7:51

But when some people became stubborn, refused to believe, and had nothing good to say in front of the crowd about the way [of Christ], he left them. He took his disciples and held daily discussions in the lecture hall of Tyrannus.

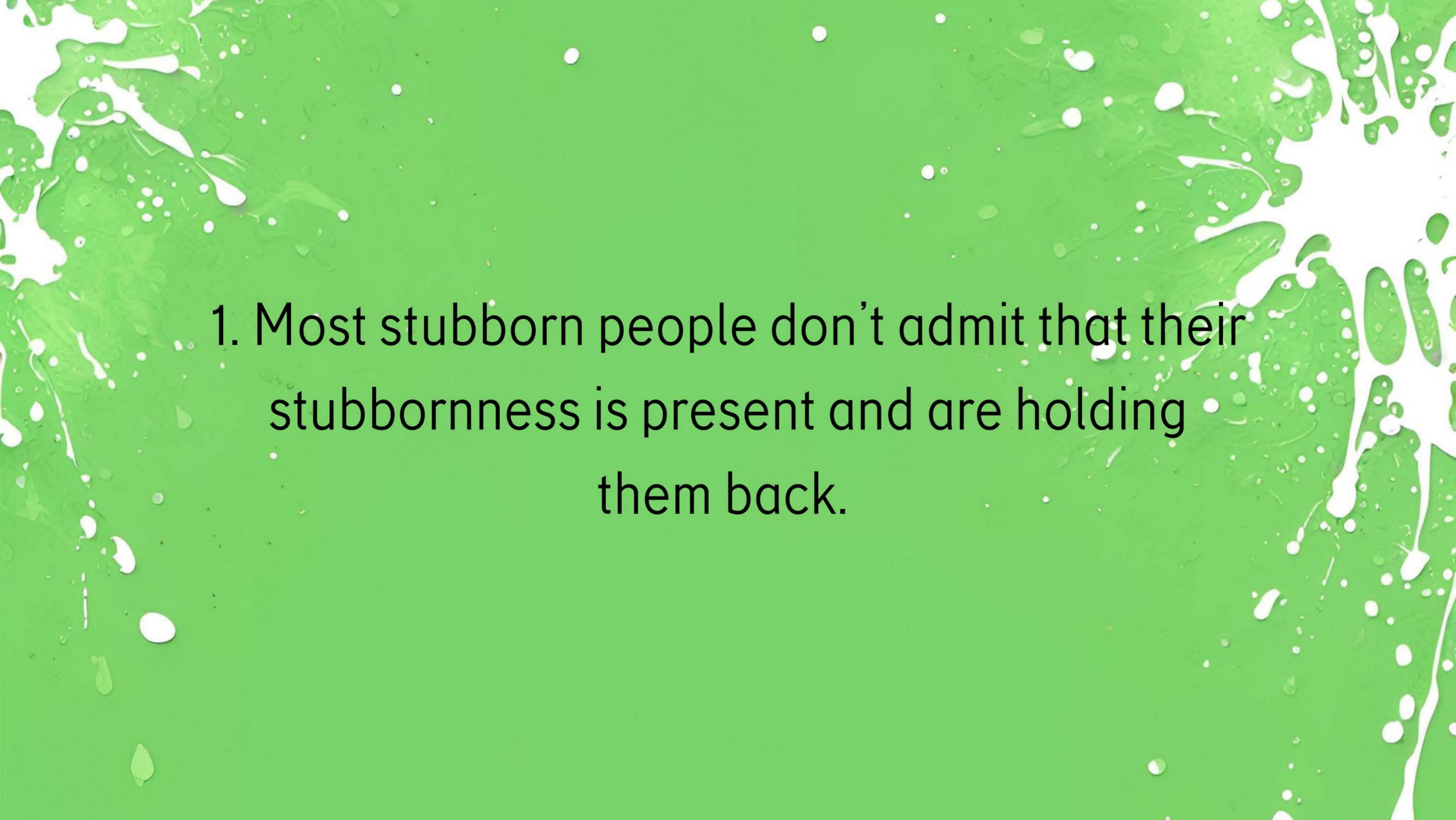
Acts 19:9

The background features a vibrant green color palette with dynamic splashes and droplets of varying shades, from light lime to deep forest green, creating a sense of movement and energy.

ARE YOU OPEN TO
ALLOWING GOD TO
ADDRESS AND HEAL
STUBBORNNESS IN
YOUR HEART?



FOUR
OBSERVATIONS
REGARDING
STUBBORNNESS:

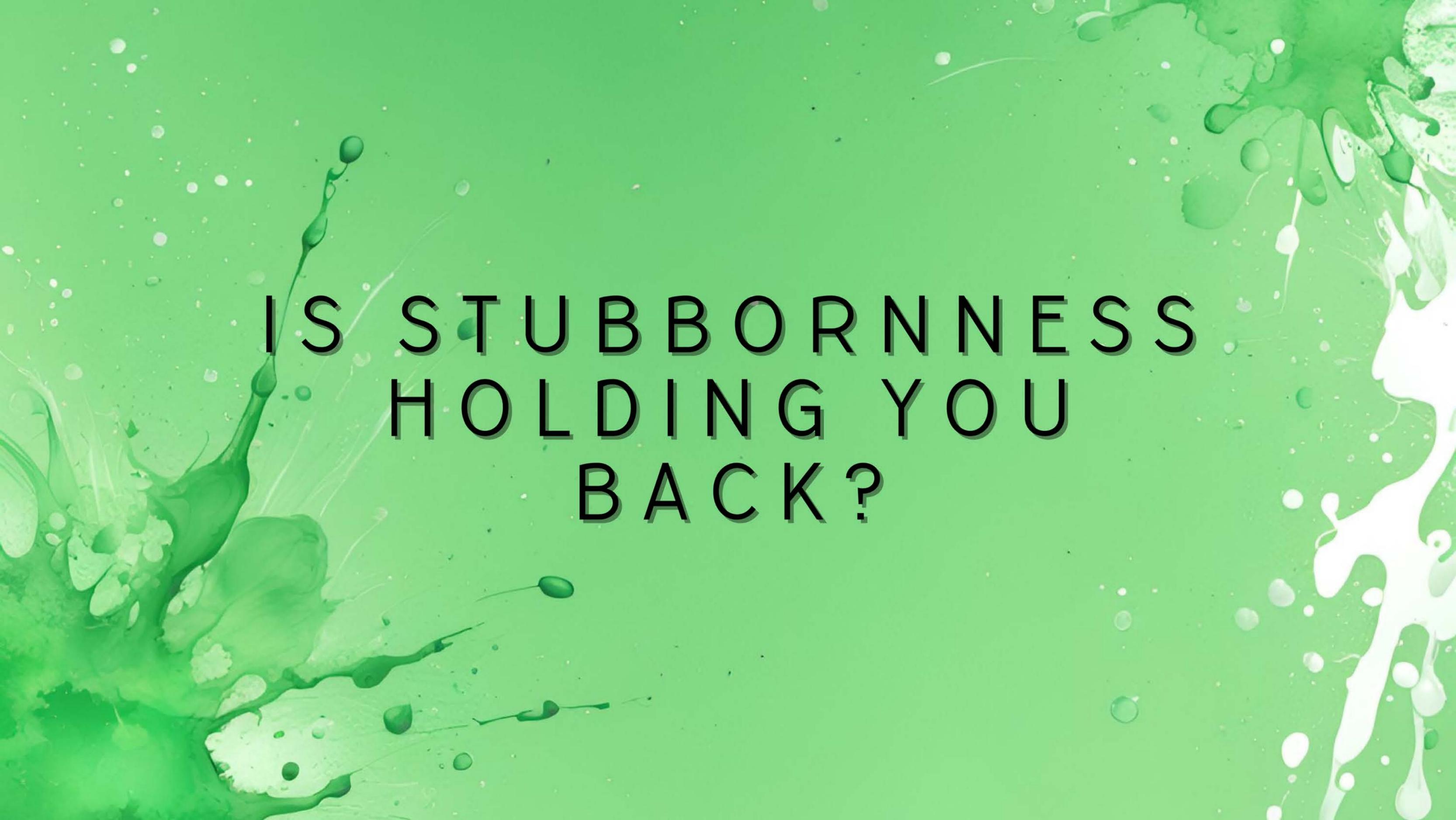


1. Most stubborn people don't admit that their stubbornness is present and are holding them back.

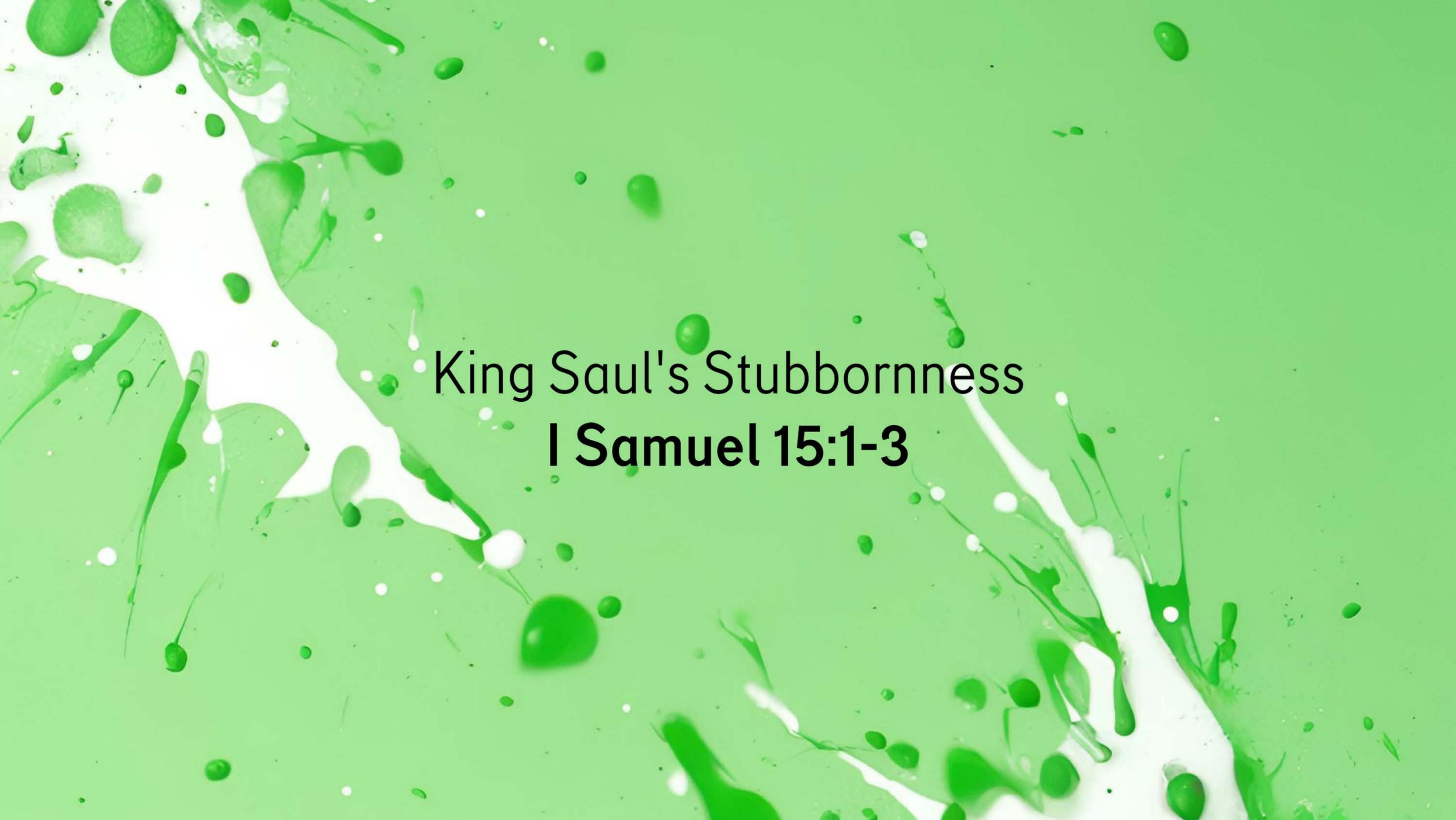
2. If we allow God to heal our stubbornness, He can use that stubborn place in a sanctified way, where we “stubbornly” refuse to quit and stay at the course that is before us.

3. Unhealed stubbornness will hold back your marriage, friendships, parenting and even your calling. Everything can be blocked from fruitfulness, simply because of a stubborn heart.

4. Your children will often repeat the patterns you lay out for them.



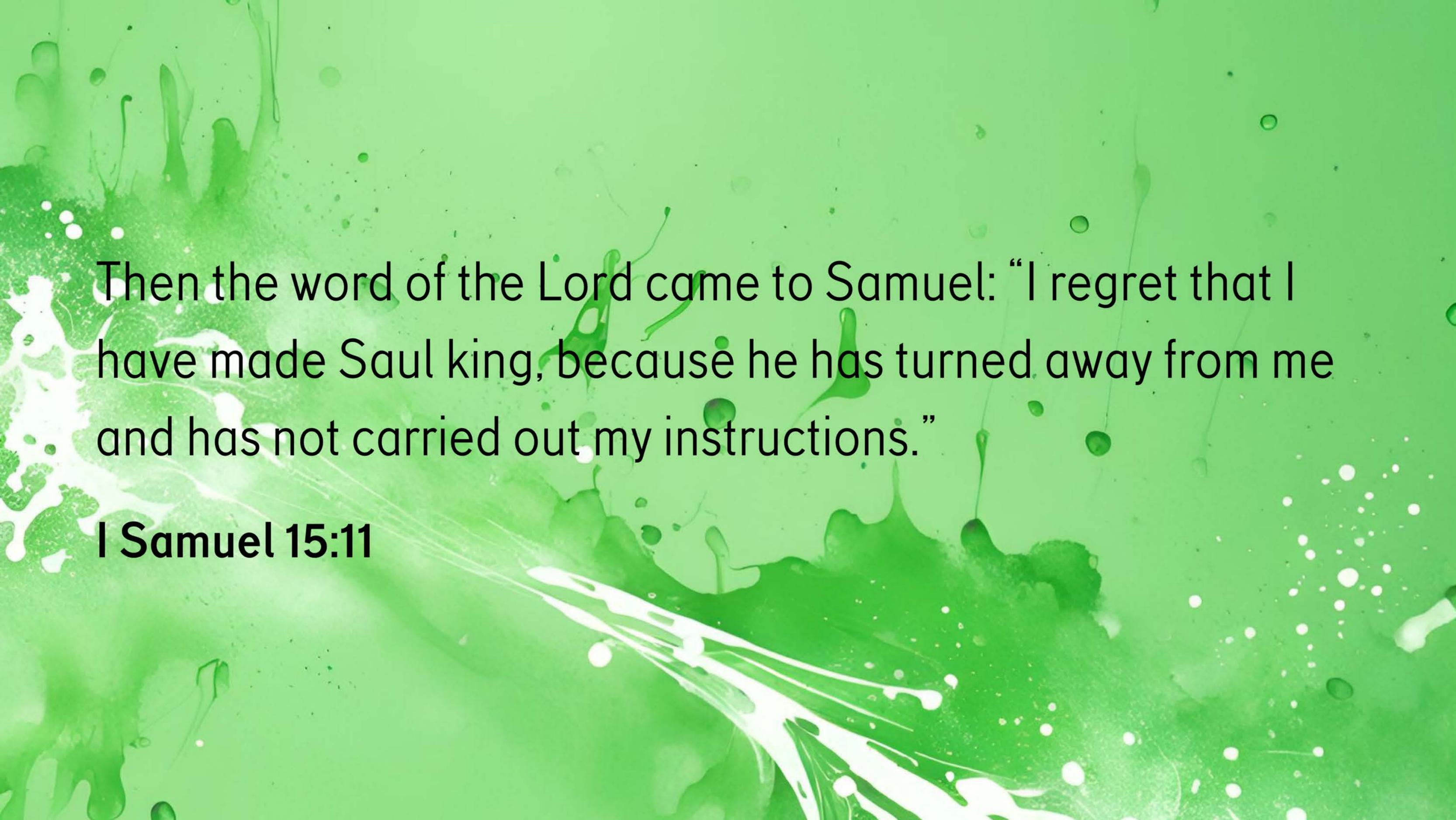
IS STUBBORNNESS
HOLDING YOU
BACK?

The background is a vibrant green and white marbled pattern, resembling liquid paint splatters or a watercolor effect. The green is a bright, saturated shade, while the white is a clean, bright white. The splatters are of various sizes and shapes, creating a dynamic and textured appearance.

King Saul's Stubbornness
I Samuel 15:1-3

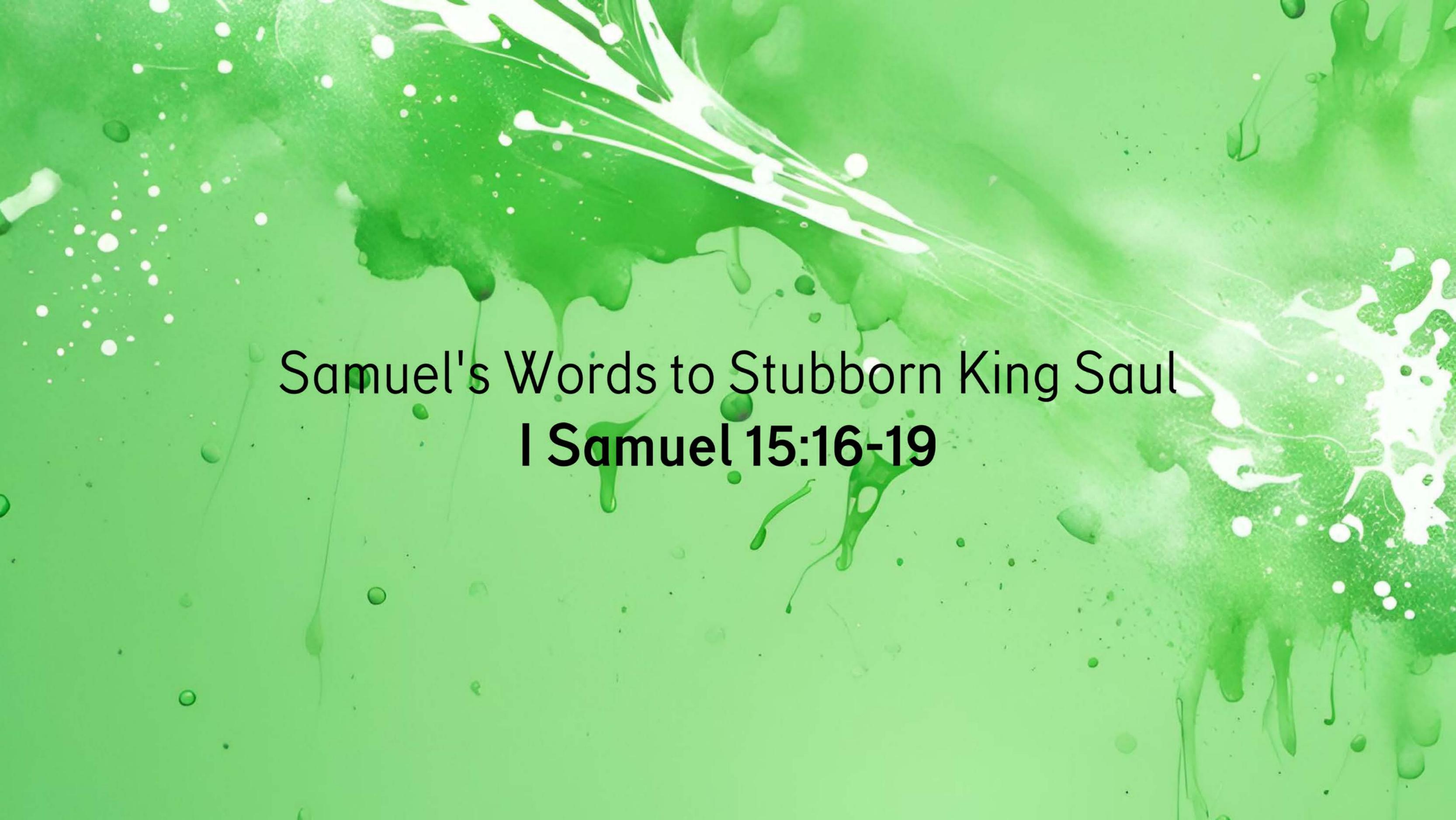
Samuel said to Saul, "I am the one the Lord sent to anoint you king over his people Israel; so, listen now to the message from the Lord. This is what the Lord Almighty says: 'I will punish the Amalekites for what they did to Israel when they waylaid them as they came up from Egypt. Now go, attack the Amalekites, and destroy all that belongs to them. Do not spare them; put to death men and women, children and infants, cattle and sheep, camels, and donkeys.'

1 Samuel 15:1-3

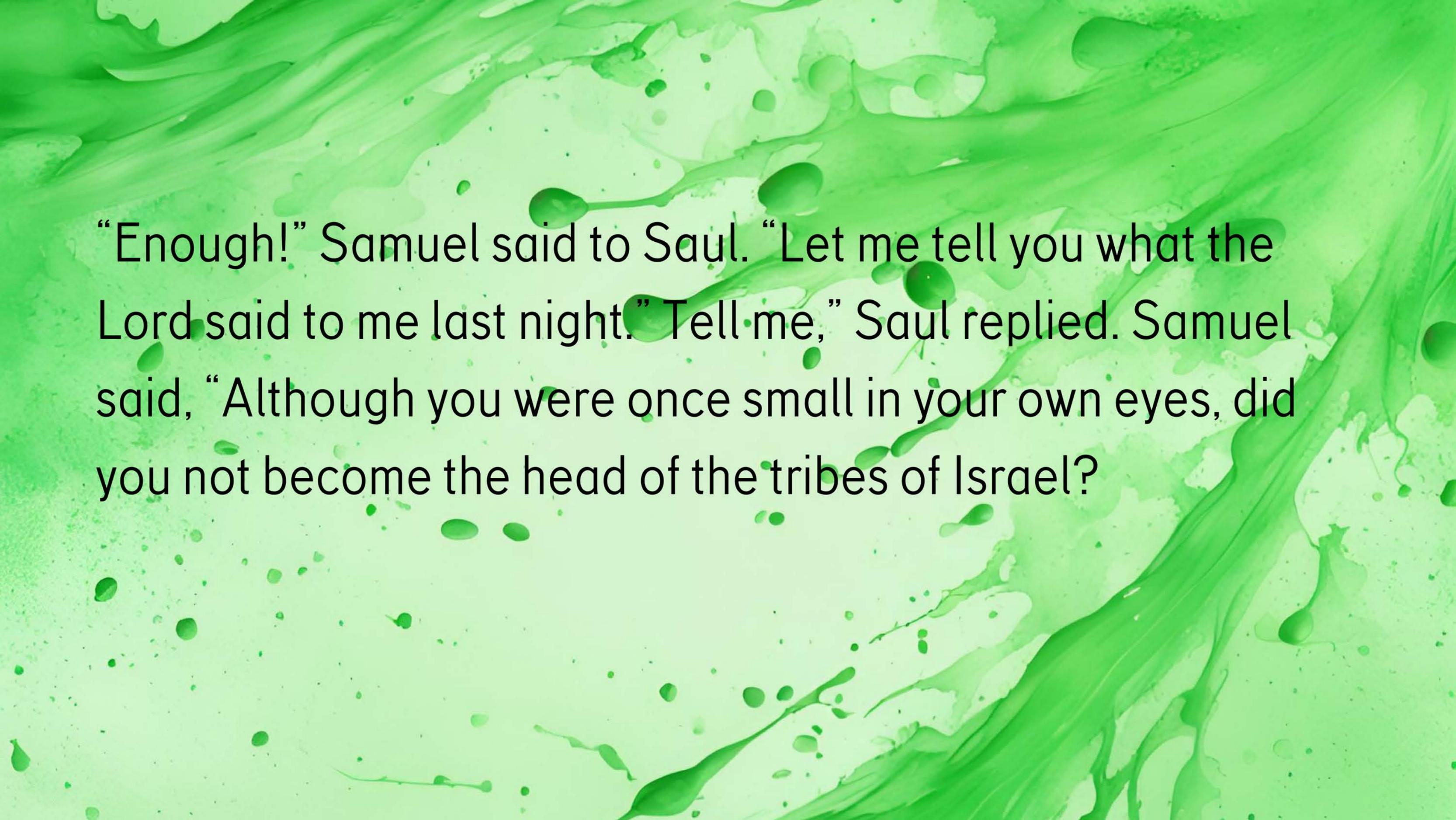
The background is a vibrant green with a marbled, watercolor-like texture. It features various shades of green, from light and airy to deep and saturated, interspersed with white splatters and streaks that create a dynamic, organic feel.

Then the word of the Lord came to Samuel: “I regret that I have made Saul king, because he has turned away from me and has not carried out my instructions.”

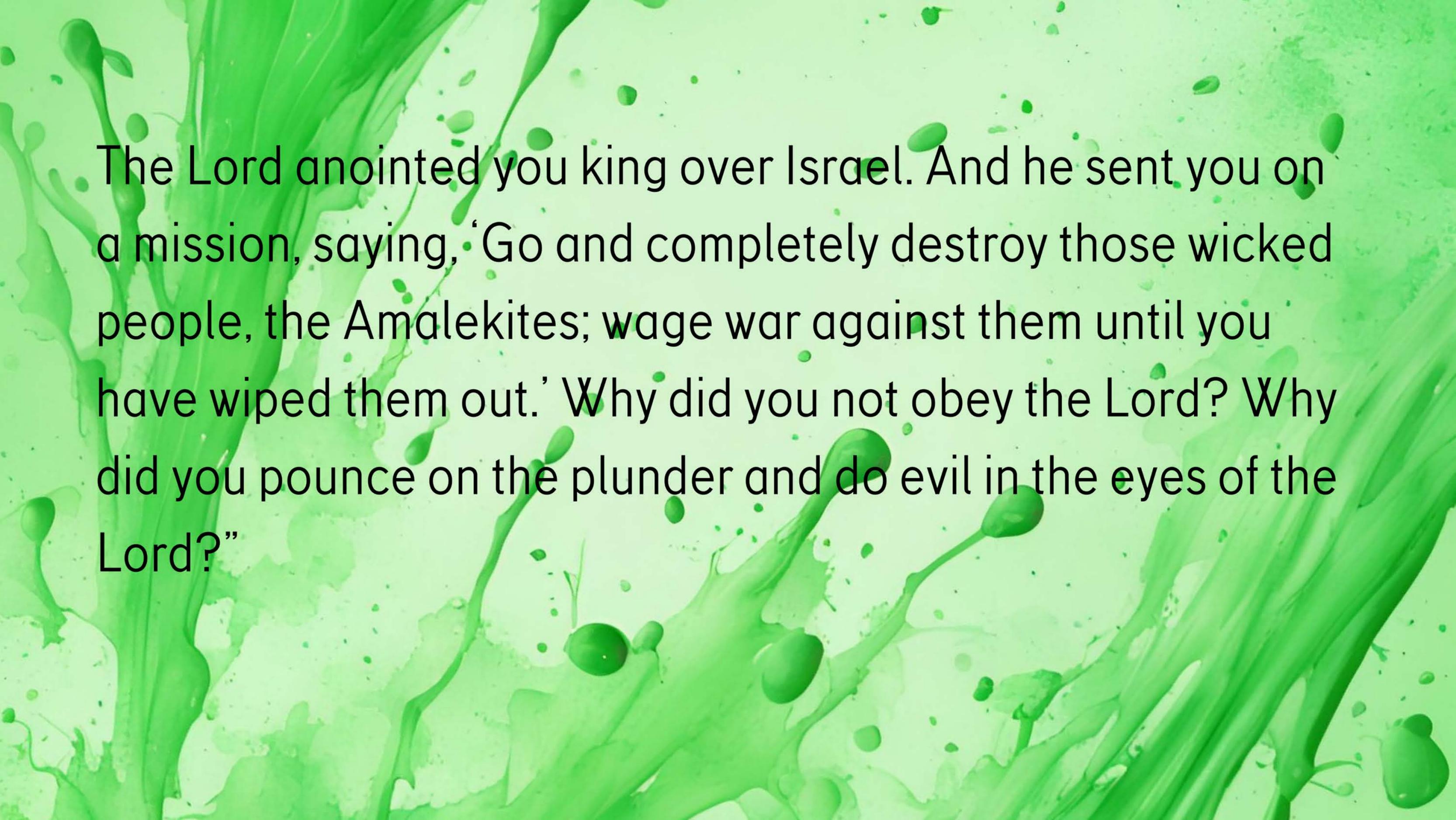
1 Samuel 15:11

The background is a vibrant green watercolor wash with white splatters and streaks, creating a textured, artistic effect. The text is centered in the middle of the image.

Samuel's Words to Stubborn King Saul
I Samuel 15:16-19

The background of the image is a vibrant green watercolor wash. It features soft, blended strokes of various shades of green, from light lime to deep forest green, creating a textured, organic feel. There are also some darker, more saturated green spots and splatters scattered throughout, particularly towards the bottom and right sides. The overall effect is artistic and serene.

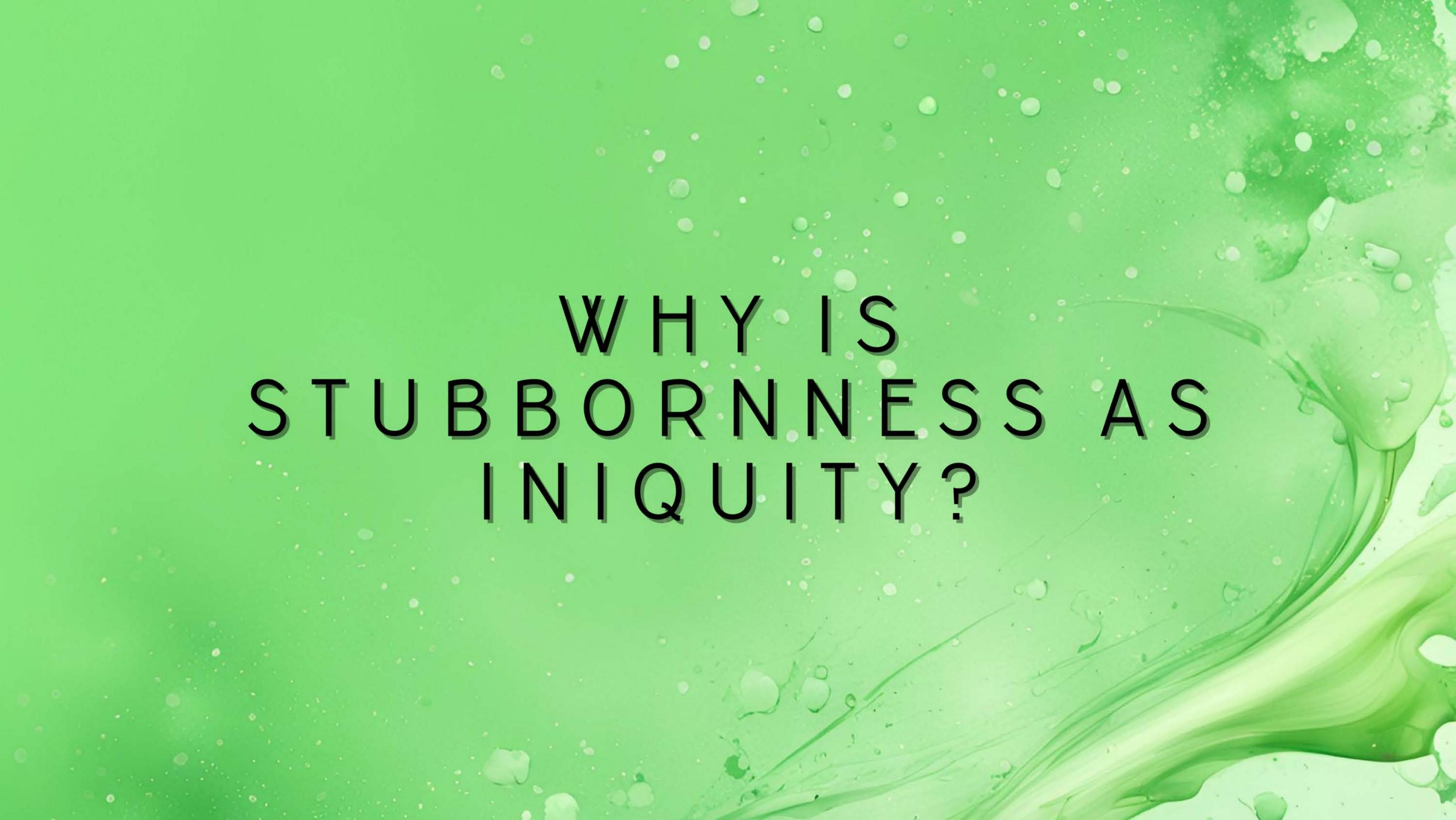
“Enough!” Samuel said to Saul. “Let me tell you what the Lord said to me last night.” Tell me,” Saul replied. Samuel said, “Although you were once small in your own eyes, did you not become the head of the tribes of Israel?”

The background of the image features a white surface with various splashes and streaks of a vibrant green liquid. The splashes are of different sizes and shapes, some appearing as thin, elongated lines and others as more rounded, droplet-like forms. The overall effect is dynamic and textured, with the green color being the dominant visual element.

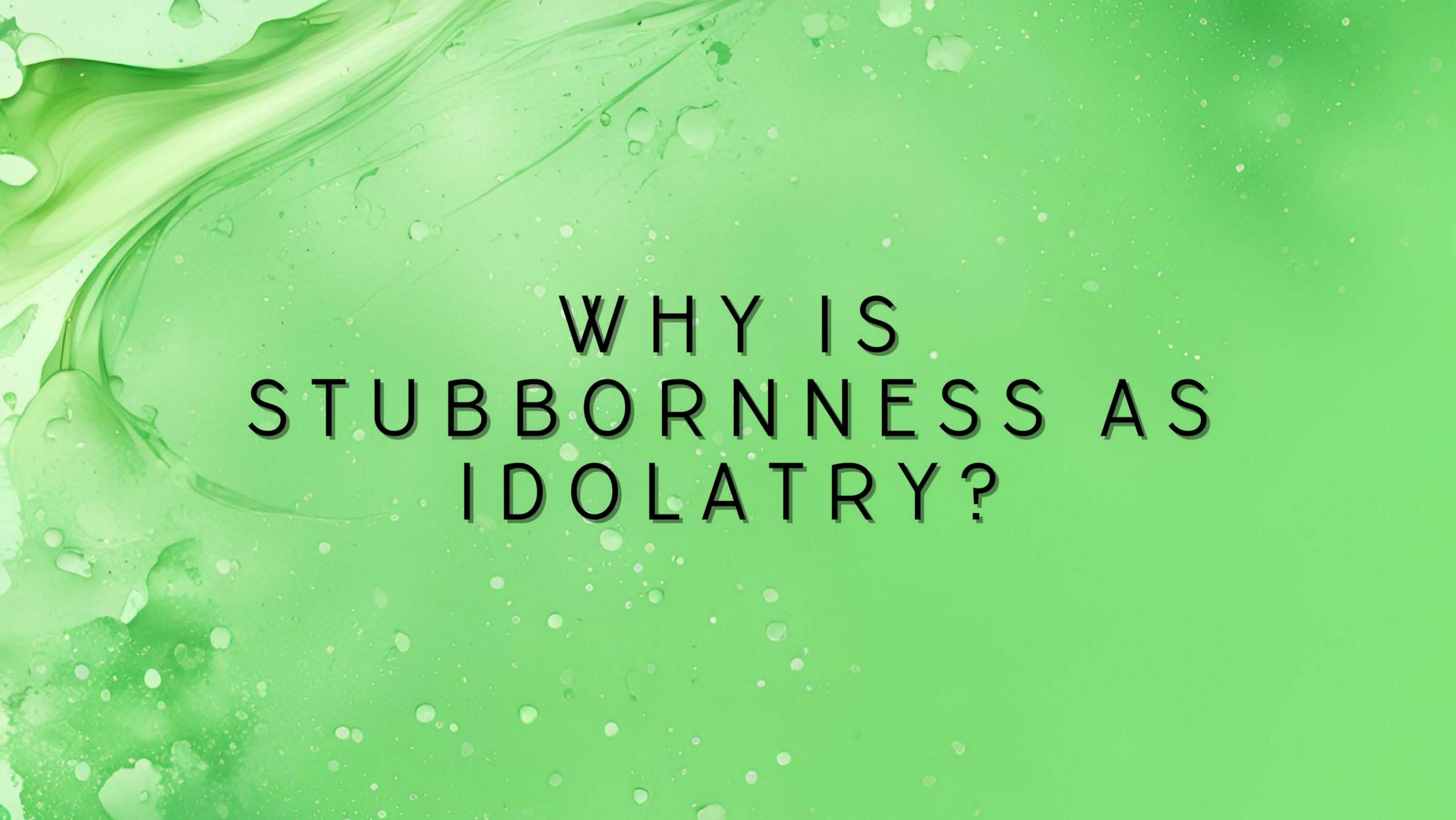
The Lord anointed you king over Israel. And he sent you on a mission, saying, ‘Go and completely destroy those wicked people, the Amalekites; wage war against them until you have wiped them out.’ Why did you not obey the Lord? Why did you pounce on the plunder and do evil in the eyes of the Lord?”

“For rebellion is like the sin of witchcraft, and arrogance like the evil of idolatry. Because you have rejected the word of the Lord, he has rejected you as king.” Then Saul said to Samuel, “I have sinned. I violated the Lord’s command and your instructions. I was afraid of the men and so I gave in to them.

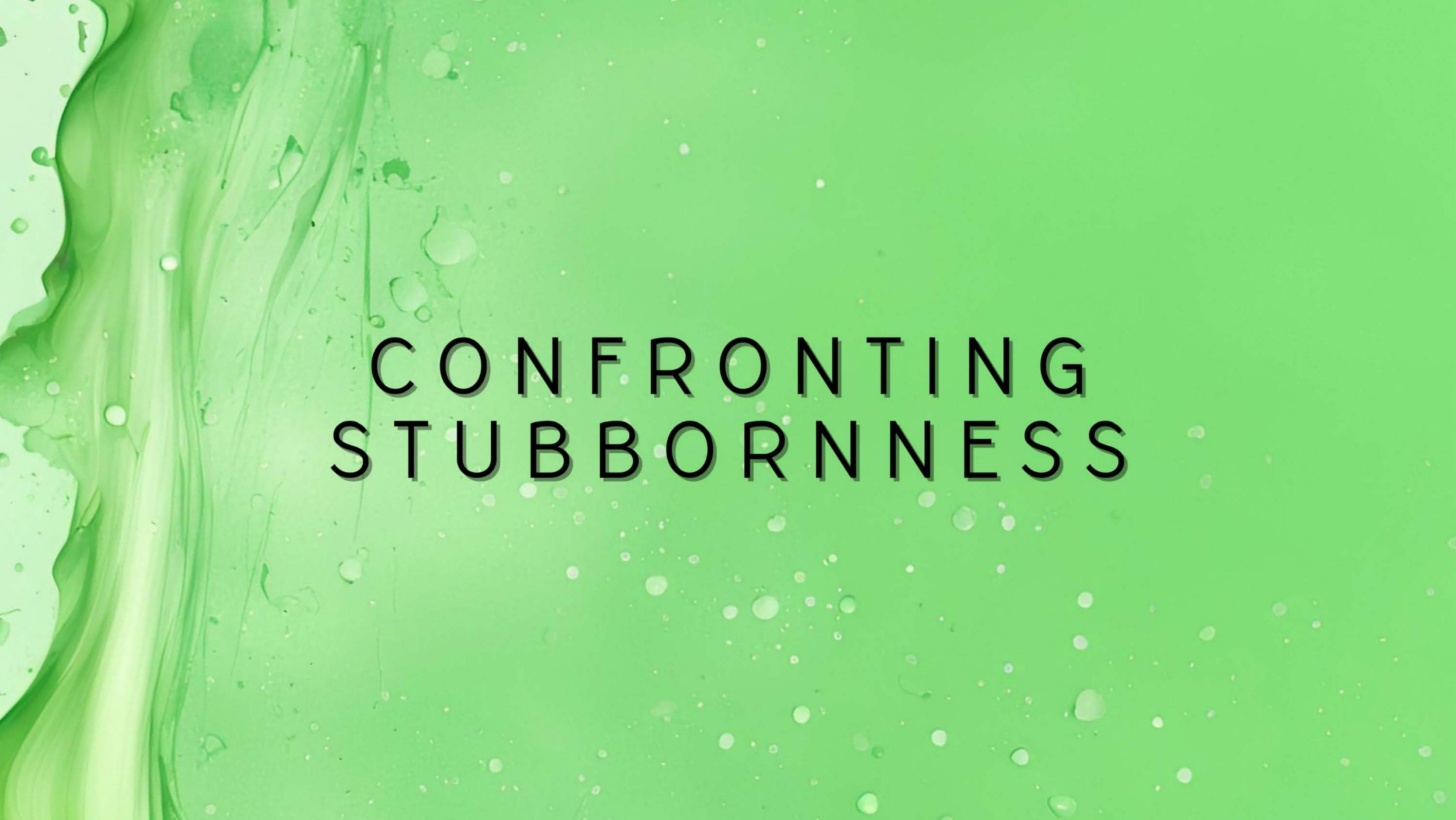
1 Samuel 15:23-24



WHY IS
STUBBORNNESS AS
INIQUITY?

The background is a vibrant green with a fluid, organic texture. It features swirling, ribbon-like patterns of varying shades of green, from light to dark, suggesting movement and depth. Scattered throughout are numerous small, white, circular bubbles or droplets, some of which are slightly out of focus, creating a sense of a liquid environment. The overall effect is one of dynamic, natural energy.

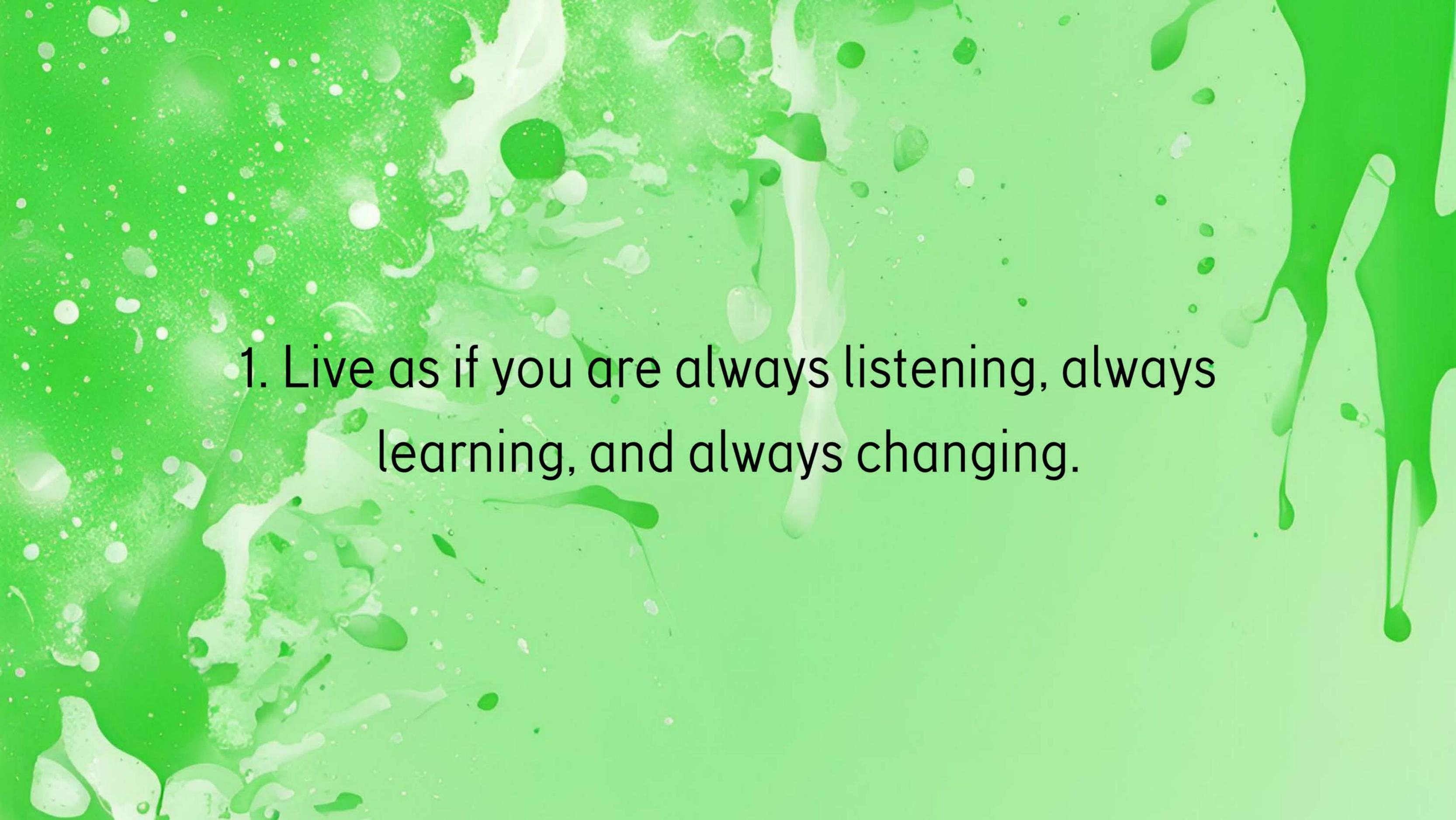
WHY IS
STUBBORNNESS AS
IDOLATRY?



CONFRONTING
STUBBORNNNESS



THREE WAYS TO
AVOID
STUBBORNNESS:



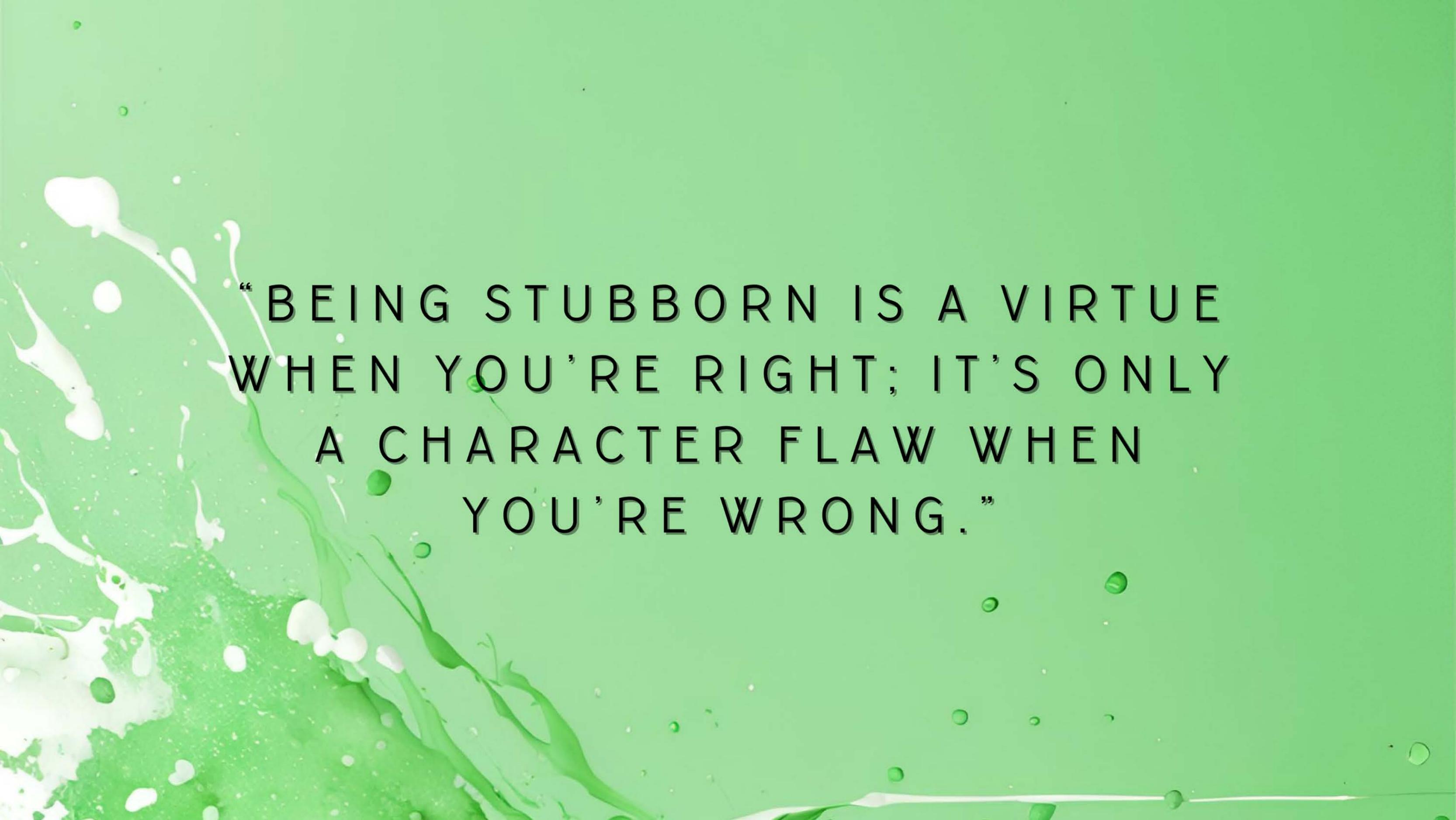
1. Live as if you are always listening, always learning, and always changing.



2. Be open to hearing God from others,
whoever God chooses.

3. If you find that a lot of people are trying to tell you the same thing, listen to them.

To break free of stubbornness, you must admit you have it and that it's holding you back

The image features a vibrant green background with dynamic white paint splatters and drips, primarily concentrated on the left side. The text is centered in a clean, black, sans-serif font. The quote reads: "BEING STUBBORN IS A VIRTUE WHEN YOU'RE RIGHT; IT'S ONLY A CHARACTER FLAW WHEN YOU'RE WRONG."

“BEING STUBBORN IS A VIRTUE
WHEN YOU’RE RIGHT; IT’S ONLY
A CHARACTER FLAW WHEN
YOU’RE WRONG.”

FOLLOW UP CHAT QUESTIONS:

1. What is your definition of headstrong?
2. Give an example of stubbornness in the Bible.
3. Can stubbornness be a good thing? How so?
4. In what way(s) was King Saul stubborn?
5. How would you define iniquity?
6. Why is stubbornness as idolatry?
7. In what way(s) does stubbornness affect relationships?
8. How can you apply this lesson to your spiritual walk?