



**Life in the Word Series:
The Fruits of Compromise
(Avoiding Shameful Situations)**

**“Spiritual death happens
one compromise at a
time.”**



“People don’t drift toward holiness, they drift toward compromise and call it tolerance, and drift toward disobedience and call it freedom.”

D.A. Carson





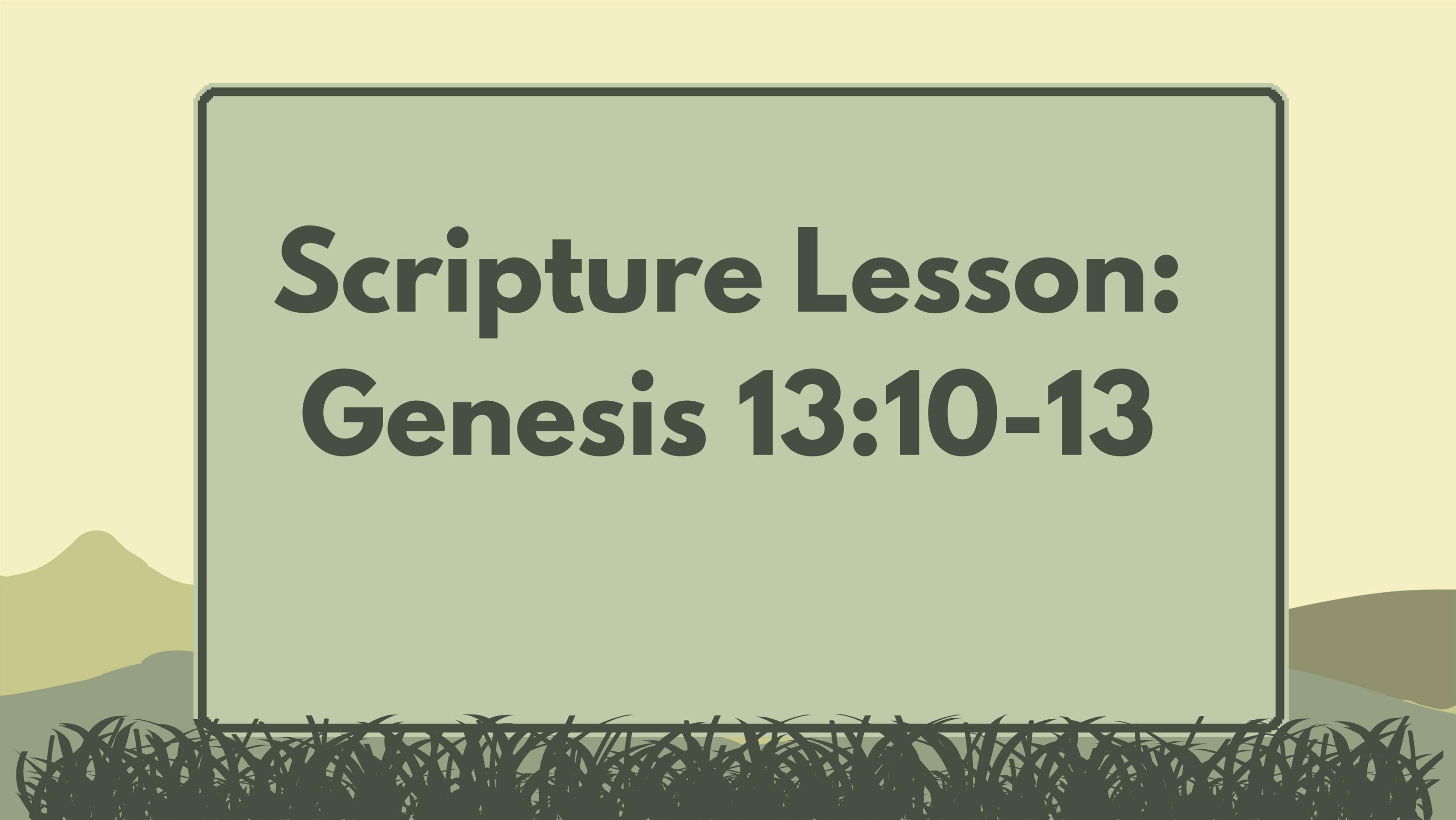
**Lesson Two:
The Tragic Tale of an
Empty Lot**

Four Dangers when Making Defining Moment Decisions:



1. The Danger of Deceiving Yourself.





Scripture Lesson: **Genesis 13:10-13**

**Lot looked around and saw that the whole plain of the Jordan toward Zoar was well watered, like the garden of the Lord, like the land of Egypt.
(This was before the Lord destroyed Sodom and Gomorrah.)**

So, Lot chose for himself the whole plain of the Jordan and set out toward the east. The two men parted company: Abram lived in the land of Canaan, while Lot lived among the cities of the plain and pitched his tents near Sodom.

**Now the people of Sodom
were wicked and were
sinning greatly against the
Lord.**

**II Peter 2:7-8, And delivered
righteous Lot, who was oppressed by
the filthy conduct of the wicked (for
that righteous man, dwelling among
them, tormented his righteous soul
from day to day by seeing and
hearing their lawless deeds**

**Can a person be a
Christian and still
have a defective
character?**

Character flaws are like weeds, they grow fastest when they are ignored and become increasingly difficult to pull out.



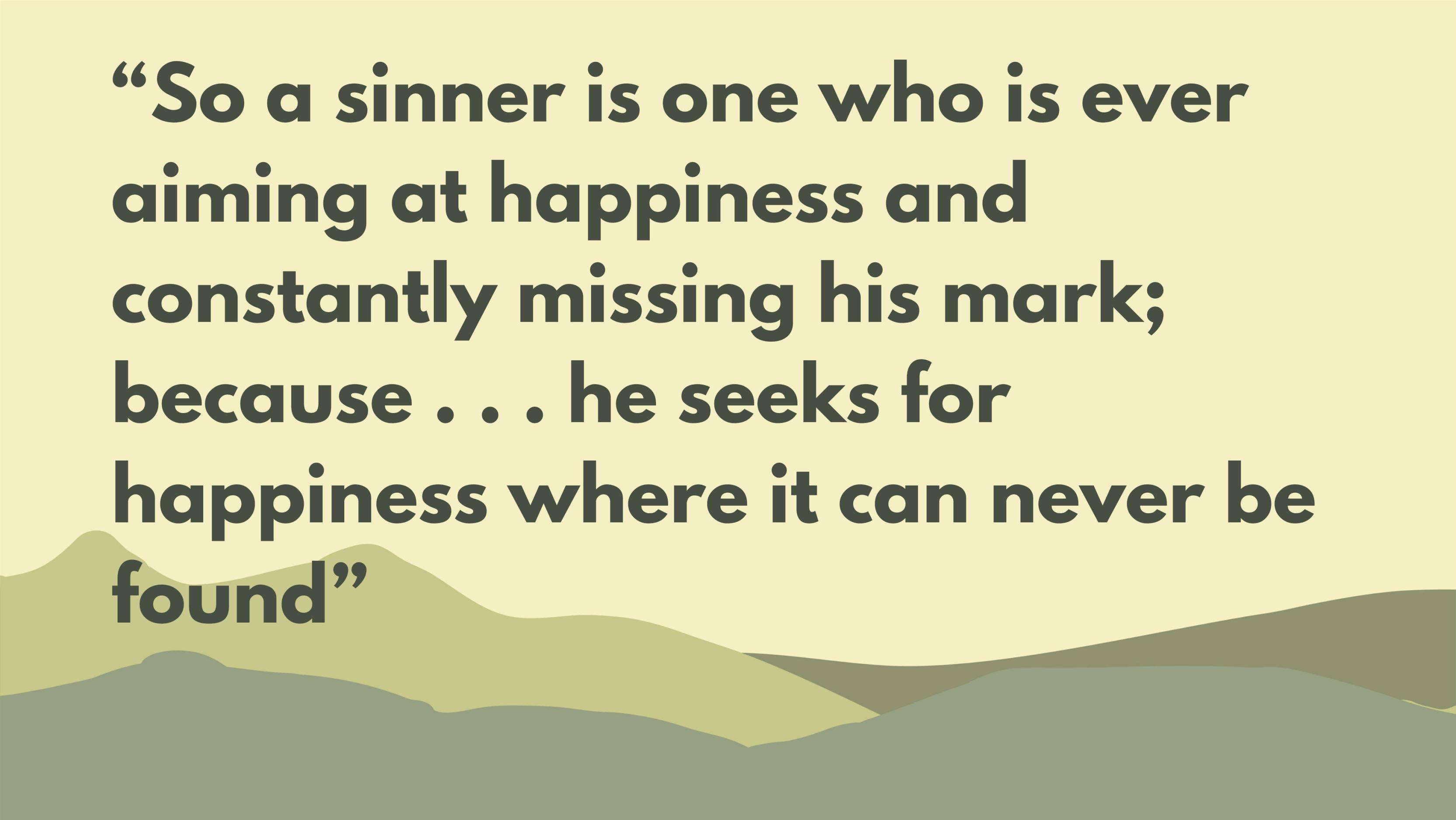


2. The Danger of Altering God's Price Tags.

Genesis 13:10, Lot lifted up his eyes and saw all the valley of the Jordan, that it was well watered everywhere— this was before the Lord destroyed Sodom and Gomorrah—like the garden of the Lord, like the land of Egypt as you go to Zoar.

1 John 2:16, For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh and the lust of the eyes and the boastful pride of life, is not from the Father, but is from the world.

“So a sinner is one who is ever aiming at happiness and constantly missing his mark; because . . . he seeks for happiness where it can never be found”



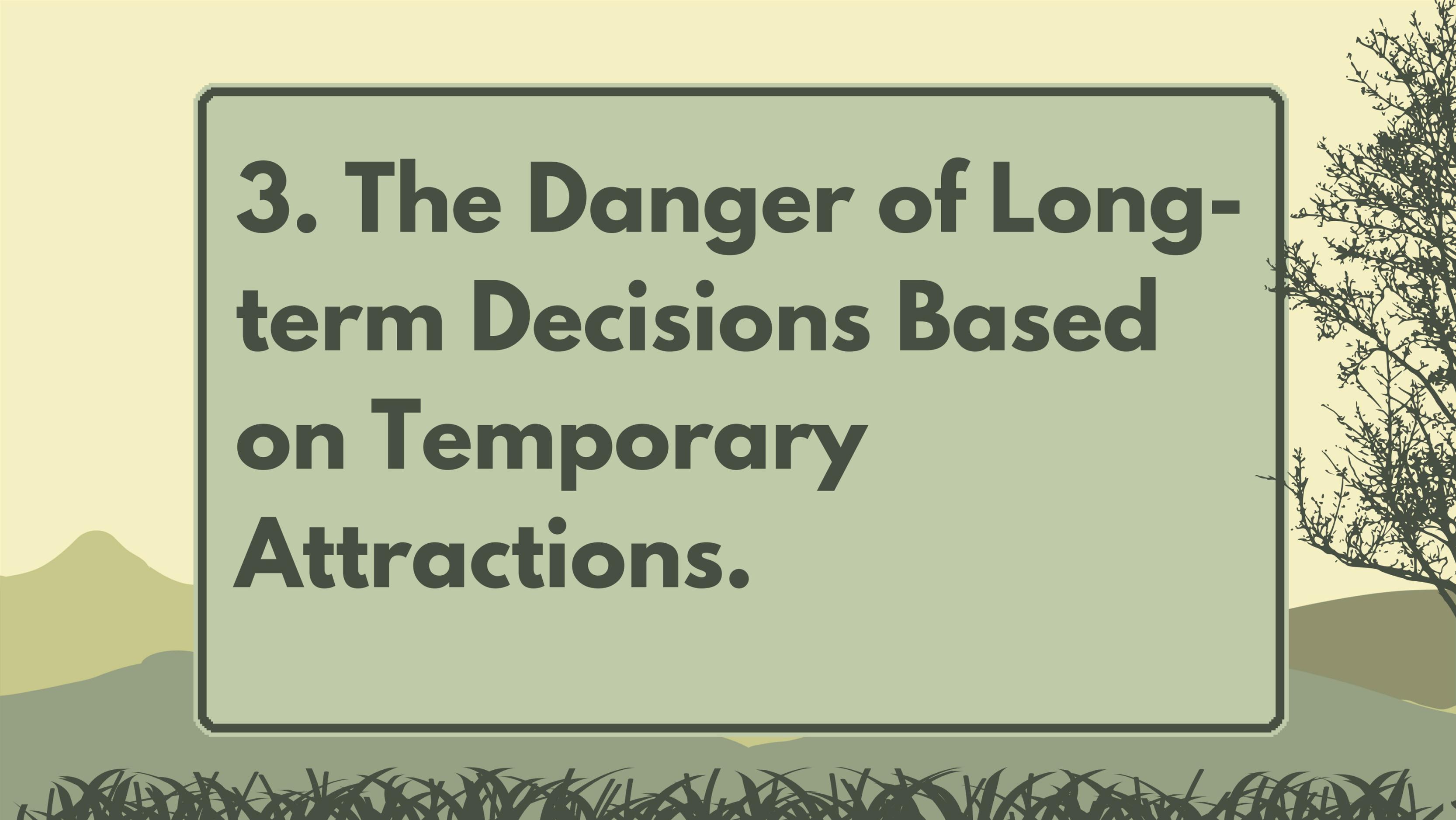
**God places the price tags
in life where they belong.
He tells us what is valuable
and what is worthless.**



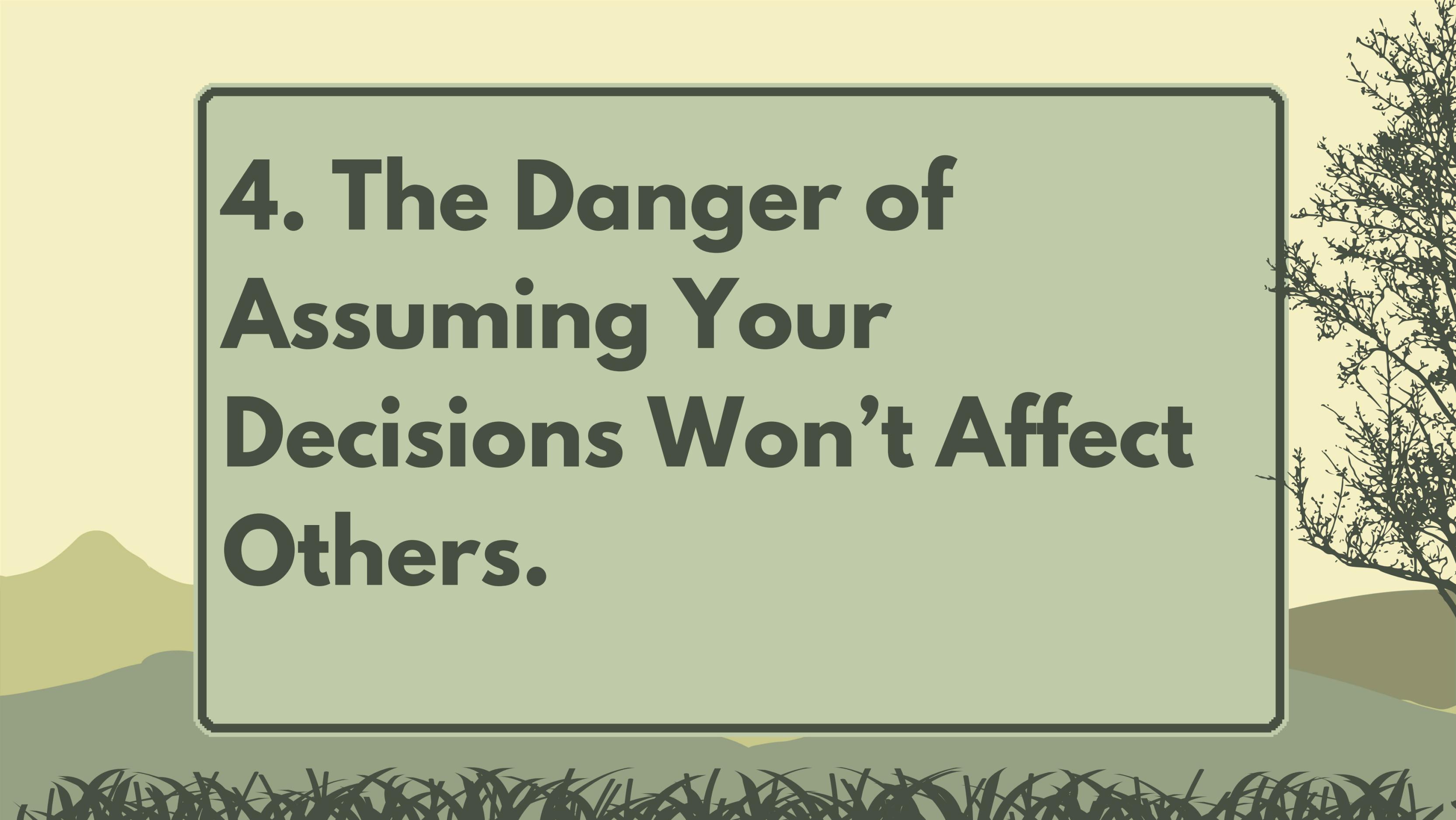
**“The world is full of Lots—
shallow, impulsive,
doomed to be revealed by
their choice.”**

F. B. Meyer





3. The Danger of Long-term Decisions Based on Temporary Attractions.



**4. The Danger of
Assuming Your
Decisions Won't Affect
Others.**

**Genesis 19:17, Escape for your
life! Do not look behind you,
and do not stay anywhere in
the valley; escape to the
mountains, or you will be swept
away.**

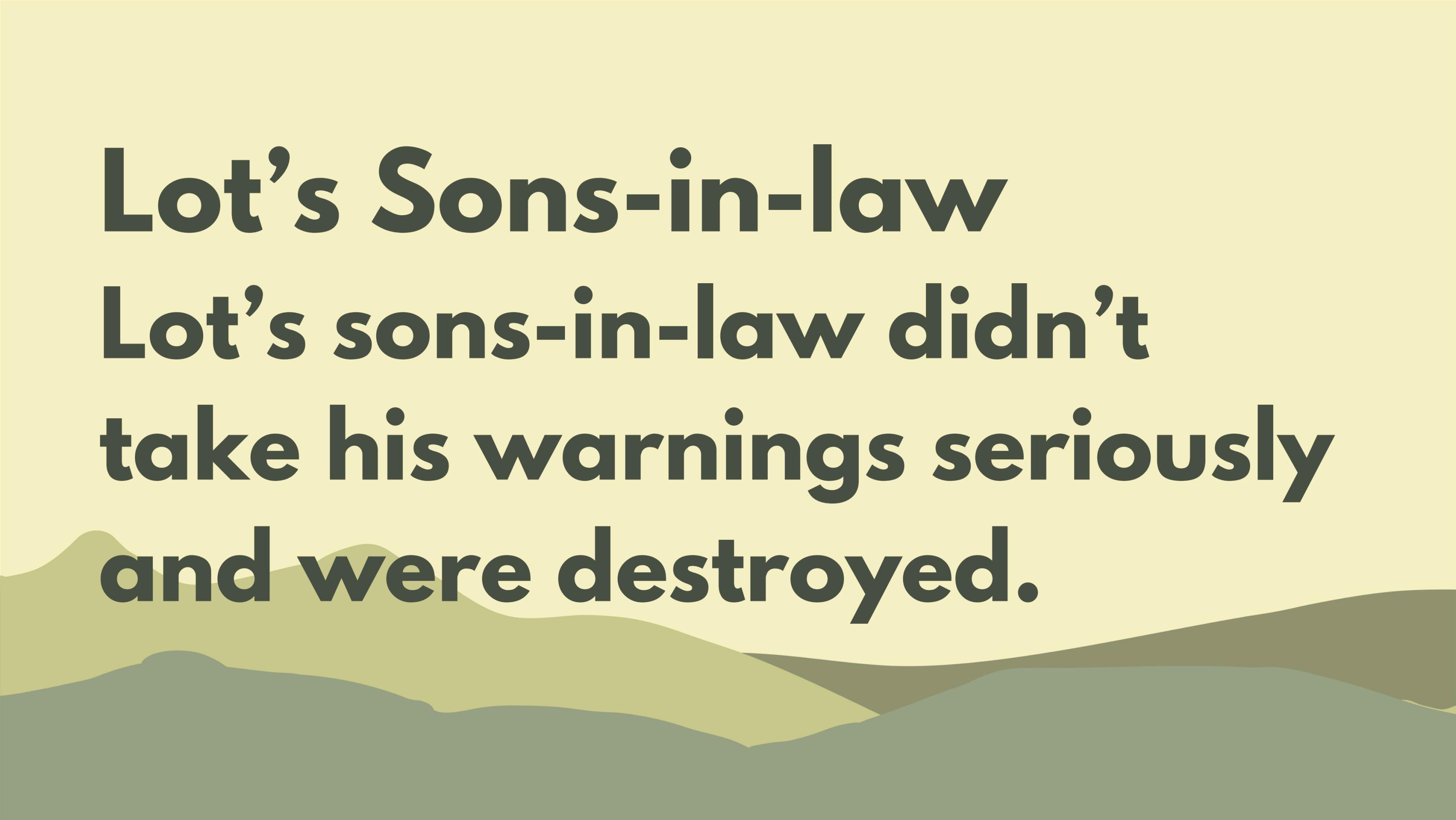


LOT'S WIFE

**Genesis 19:26, But his wife,
from behind him, looked back,
and she became a pillar of salt.**

Lot's Sons-in-law

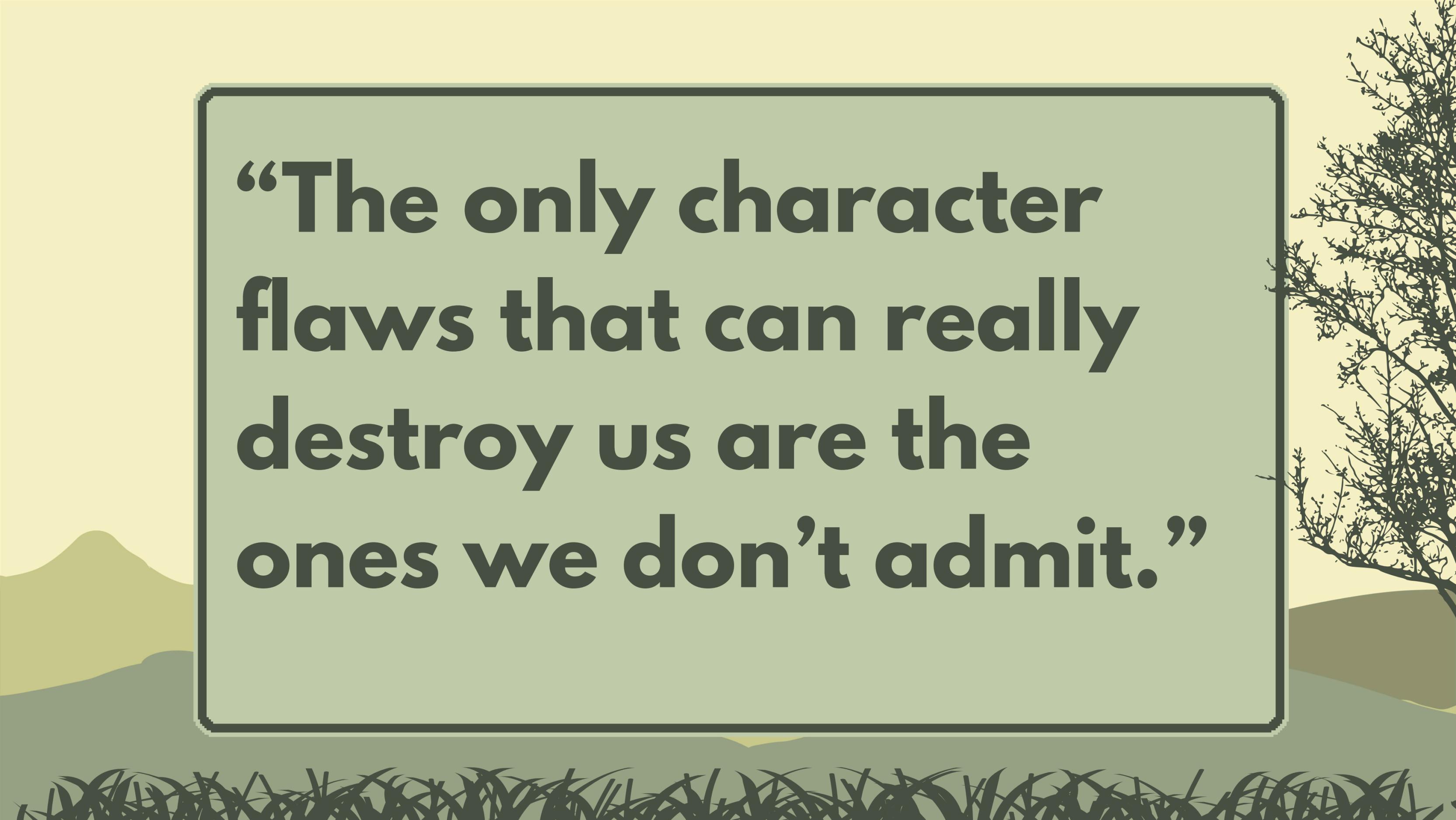
**Lot's sons-in-law didn't
take his warnings seriously
and were destroyed.**



Lot's Daughters

(Gen. 19:30-38) When Sodom and Gomorrah were annihilated, Lot took his daughters and hid in a cave with them. His daughters decided they wanted to have children, so they got their father drunk and slept with him

**Our values will affect
— or infect—those we
love.**



“The only character flaws that can really destroy us are the ones we don’t admit.”

Follow Up Chat Questions:

- 1. The sin of compromise is a slippery slope. How so?**
 - 2. We're often afraid to speak up or stand up for the truth. Why?**
 - 3. How is the heart of the Christian like a garden?**
 - 4. List the four dangers to beware of when making defining moment decisions.**
 - 5. What happened to Lot's wife, in-laws and daughters?**
 - 6. Why is it difficult to admit our character flaws?**
 - 7. What was your greatest takeaway from today's lesson?**
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