LIFE IN THE WORD SERIES

BOLD AS A LION

(Facing Your Fears)

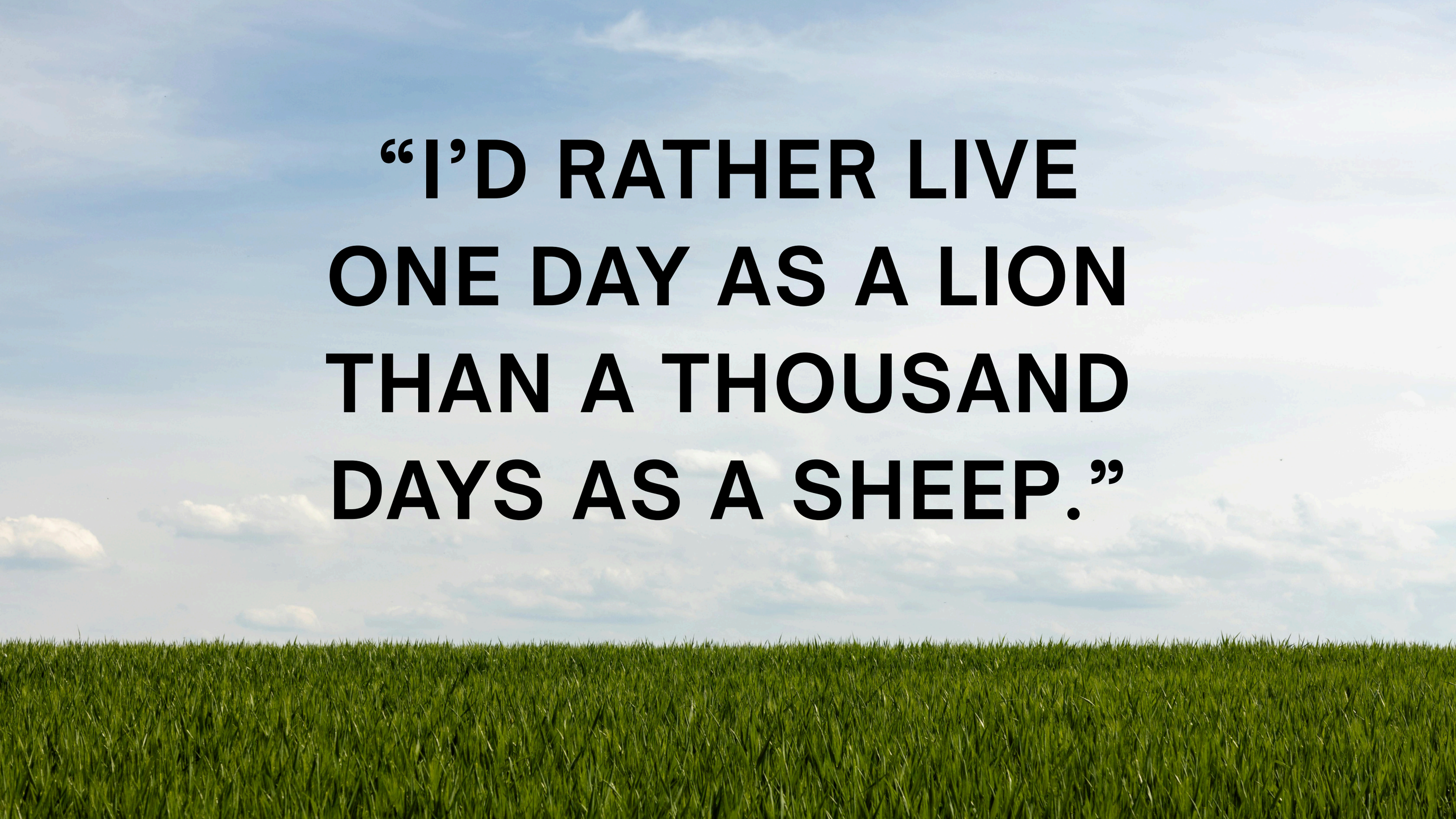
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LESSON 1:

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FOUNDATION SCRIPTURE:
PROVERBS 28:1

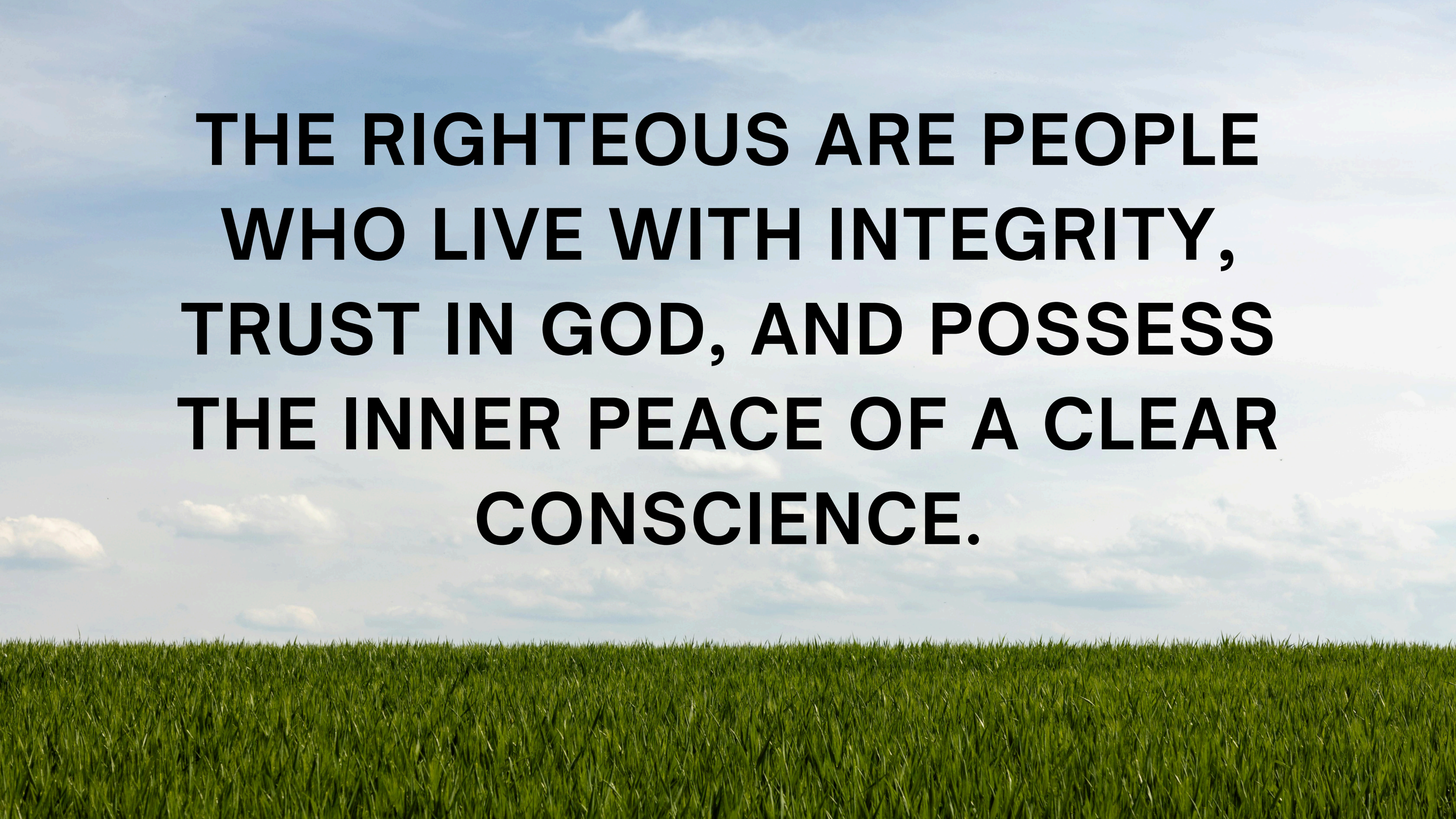
The wicked flee when no one pursues, but the righteous are bold as a lion.


“I’D RATHER LIVE
ONE DAY AS A LION
THAN A THOUSAND
DAYS AS A SHEEP.”

THE WICKED REFERS TO PEOPLE WHO LIVE IN MORAL REBELLION AGAINST GOD AND CARRY A HEAVY, INTERNAL BURDEN OF GUILT.

FOUR CHARACTERISTICS OF “THE WICKED”

1. Guilt-Driven Fear
2. Self-Imposed Terror
3. Rejection of Authority
4. Defensiveness


THE RIGHTEOUS ARE PEOPLE WHO LIVE WITH INTEGRITY, TRUST IN GOD, AND POSSESS THE INNER PEACE OF A CLEAR CONSCIENCE.

2 CORINTHIANS 5:21

God made Him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in Him we might become the righteousness of God.

THREE CHARACTERISTICS OF “THE RIGHTEOUS”

1. People with integrity.
2. People with a clear conscience.
3. People who trust God.

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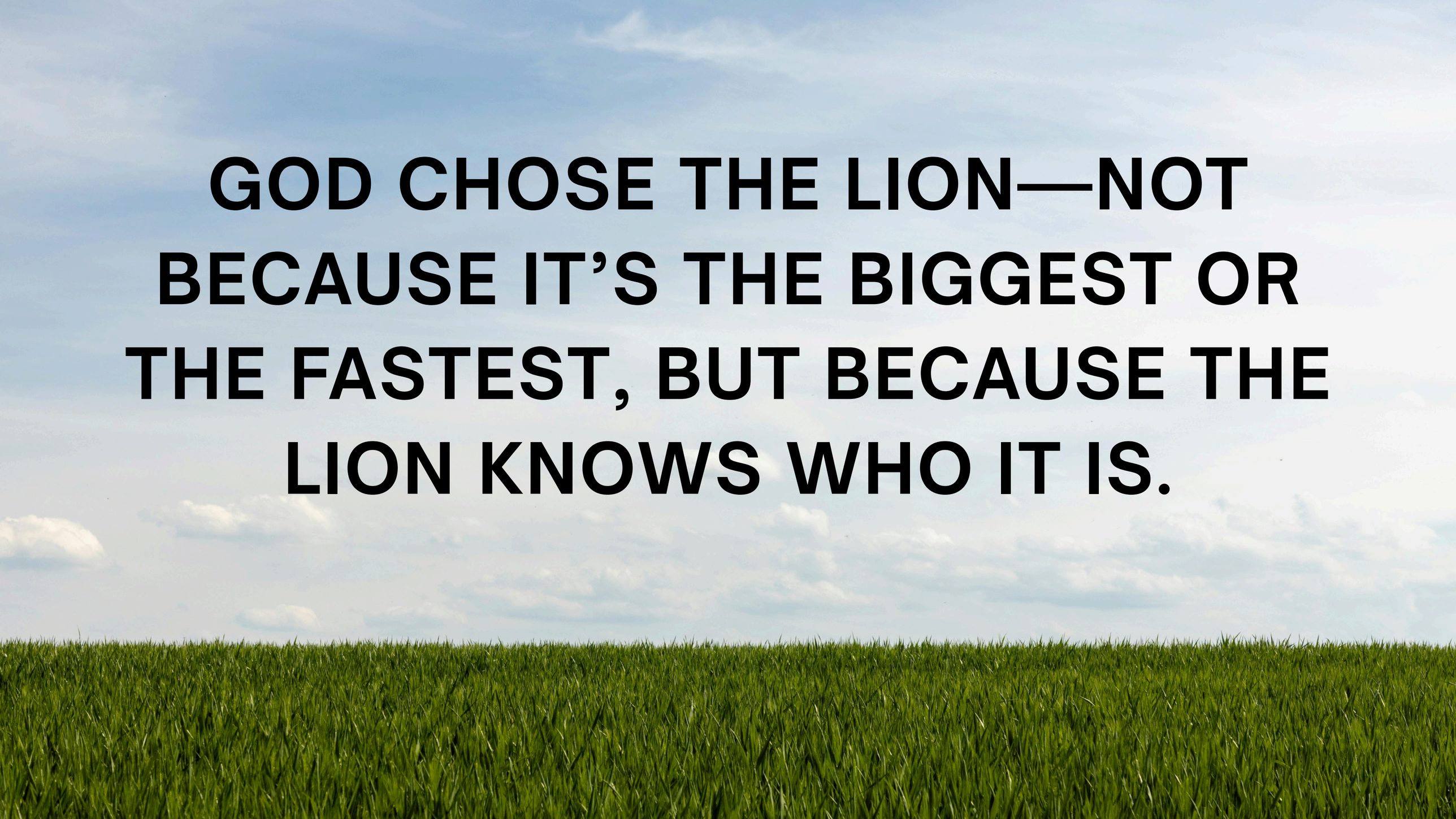
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THE NATURE OF THE BEAST

The lion has long been used as a symbol of courage, leadership and royalty.

REVELATION 5:5

But one of the twenty-four elders said to me, “Stop weeping! Look, the Lion of the tribe of Judah, the heir to David’s throne, has won the victory. He is worthy to open the scroll and its seven seals.”


GOD CHOSE THE LION—NOT BECAUSE IT’S THE BIGGEST OR THE FASTEST, BUT BECAUSE THE LION KNOWS WHO IT IS.

THE LION MINDSET:

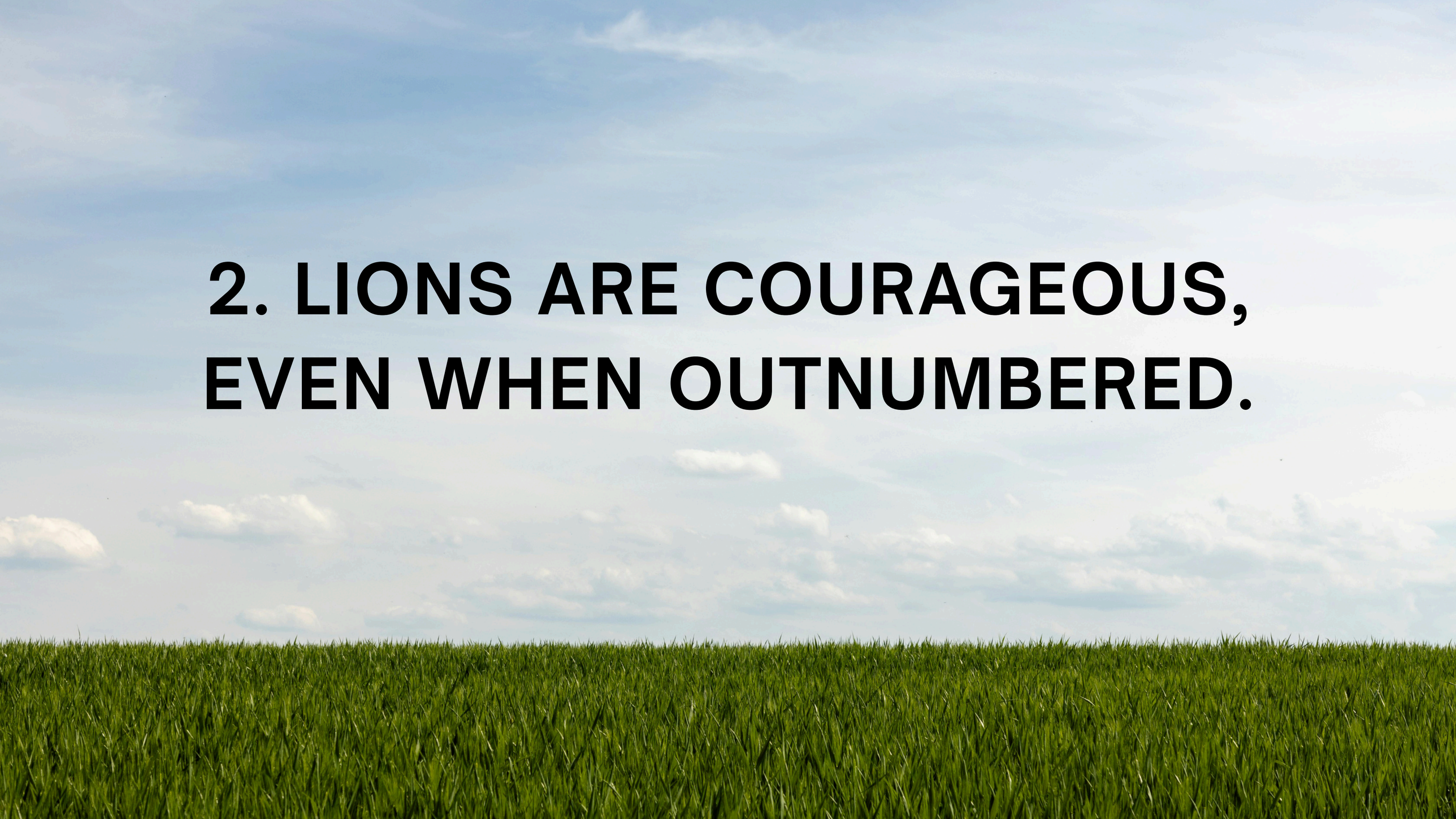
1. Fearlessness
2. Focus
3. Leadership

SEVEN SNAPSHOTS FROM THE LION THAT DEMONSTRATES RIGHTEOUS COURAGE:


1. LIONS WALK WITH CONFIDENCE
—NOT FEAR.

ISAIAH 30:15

In quietness and in trust shall be
your strength.


2. LIONS ARE COURAGEOUS,
EVEN WHEN OUTNUMBERED.

JOSHUA 1:9

“Be strong and courageous… for the Lord your God is with you.”

3. LIONS LEAD AND PROTECT THEIR PRIDE (FAMILY).

NEHEMIAH 4:14

Remember the Lord… and fight for your families.

4. A LION’S ROAR DECLARES TERRITORY AND AUTHORITY.

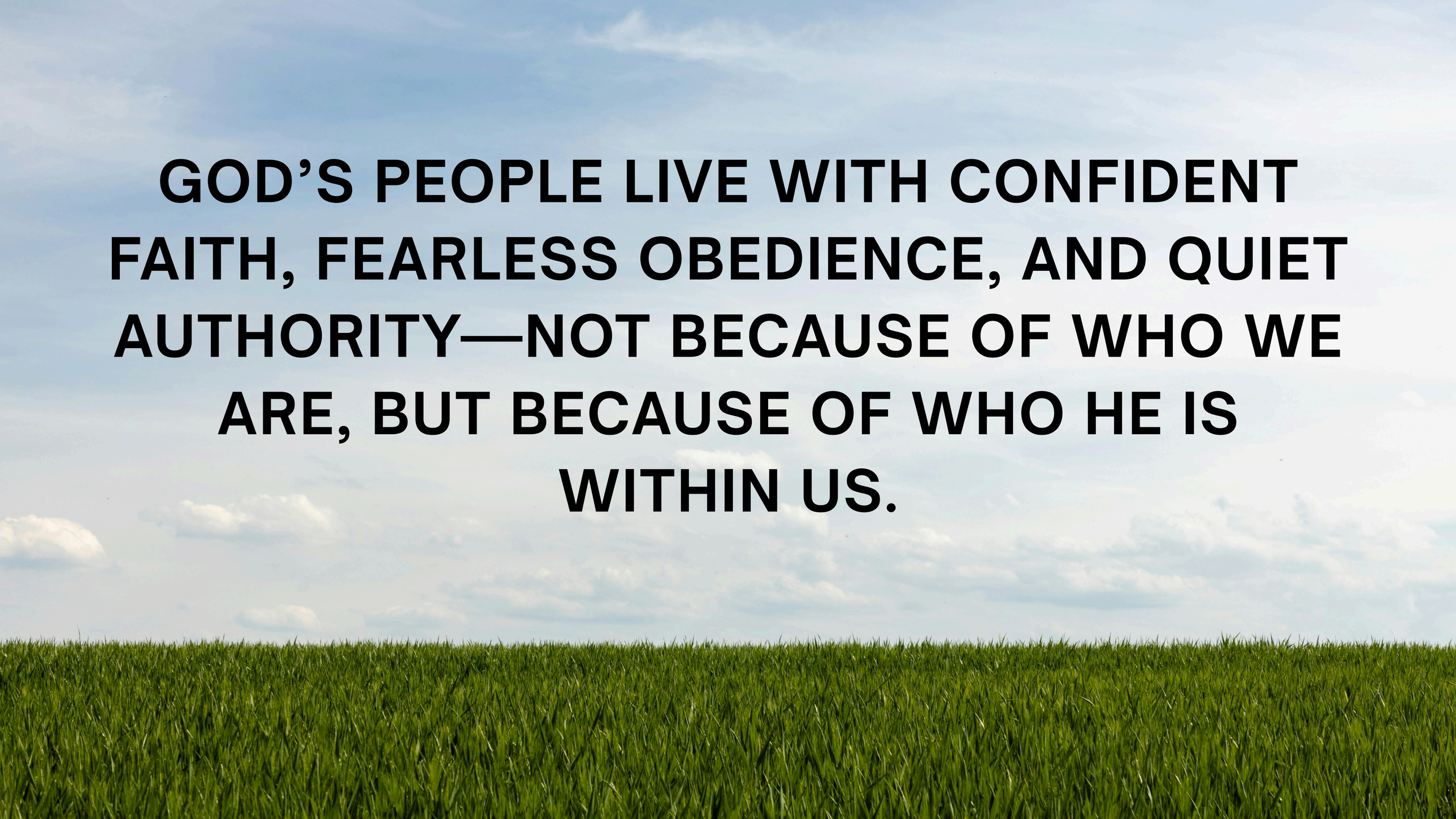
AMOS 3:8

“The lion has roared… The Sovereign Lord has spoken…”


5. LIONS REST IN CONFIDENCE.

6. LIONS MOVE IN UNITY AND STRENGTH.


7. LIONS DON’T HIDE THEIR ROAR.


GOD’S PEOPLE LIVE WITH CONFIDENT FAITH, FEARLESS OBEDIENCE, AND QUIET AUTHORITY—NOT BECAUSE OF WHO WE ARE, BUT BECAUSE OF WHO HE IS WITHIN US.


“YOU WERE MADE TO ROAR. WHEN YOUR SCARS BECOME YOUR STRENGTH AND YOUR PRAISE BECOME YOUR WAR CRY.”

FOLLOW UP CHAT QUESTIONS:

1. “My own sin makes the law into my enemy. So, it is with all disobedience. Explain.
2. How does one become righteous? Give a scripture reference.
3. Why do you think the righteous is compared to a lion?
4. What snapshot of the lion resonates most with you and why?
5. How can you apply this lesson to your Christian walk?