LIFE IN THE WORD SERIES

BOLD AS A LION

(WHAT ARE YOU AFRAID OF?)

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LESSON TWO

THE FEAR OF MAN

(GIDEON'S FEAR)

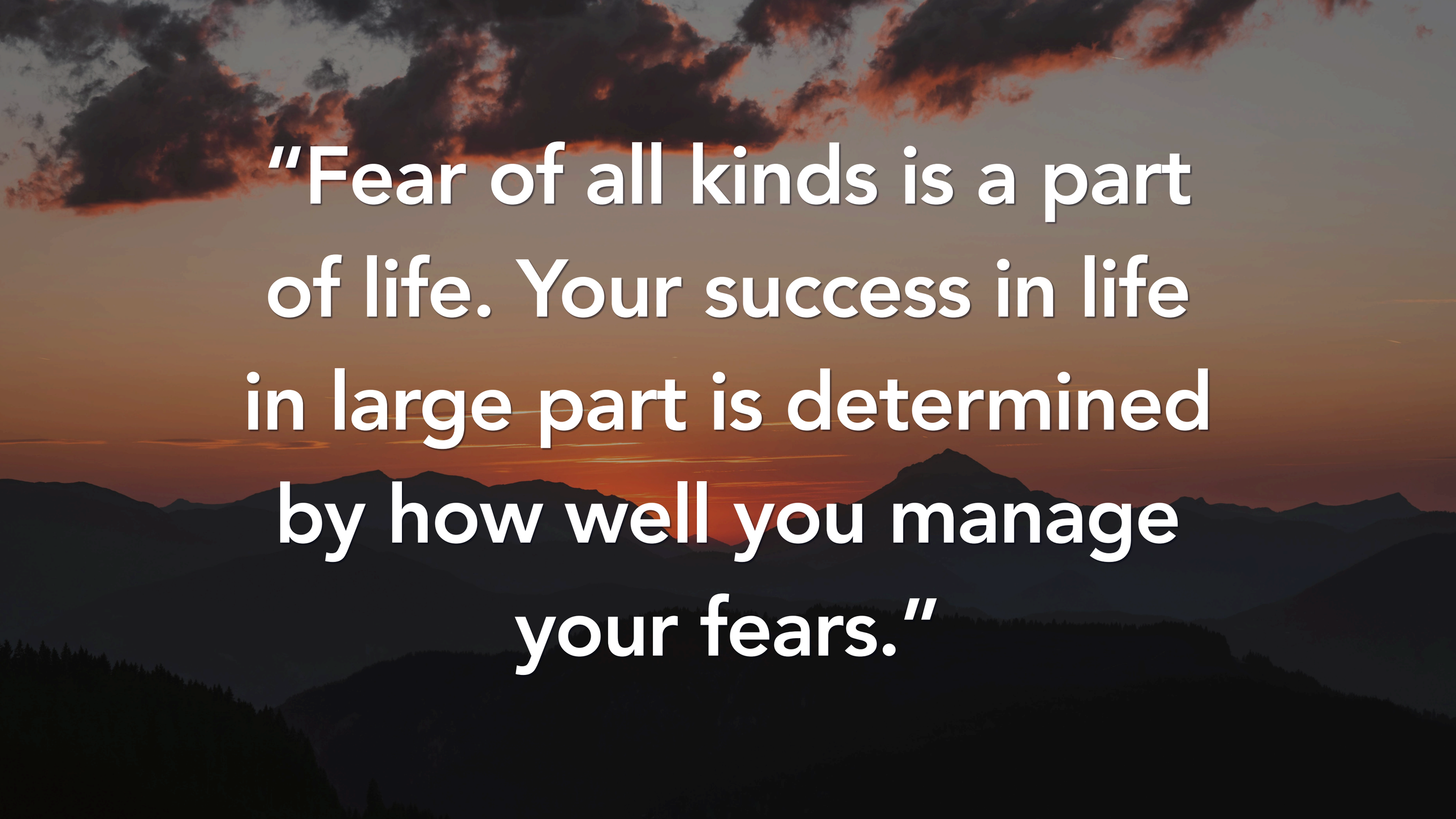
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PROVERBS 28:1

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

PSALM 118:6

The LORD is on my side; I will not fear. What can man do to me?


“Fear of all kinds is a part of life. Your success in life in large part is determined by how well you manage your fears.”

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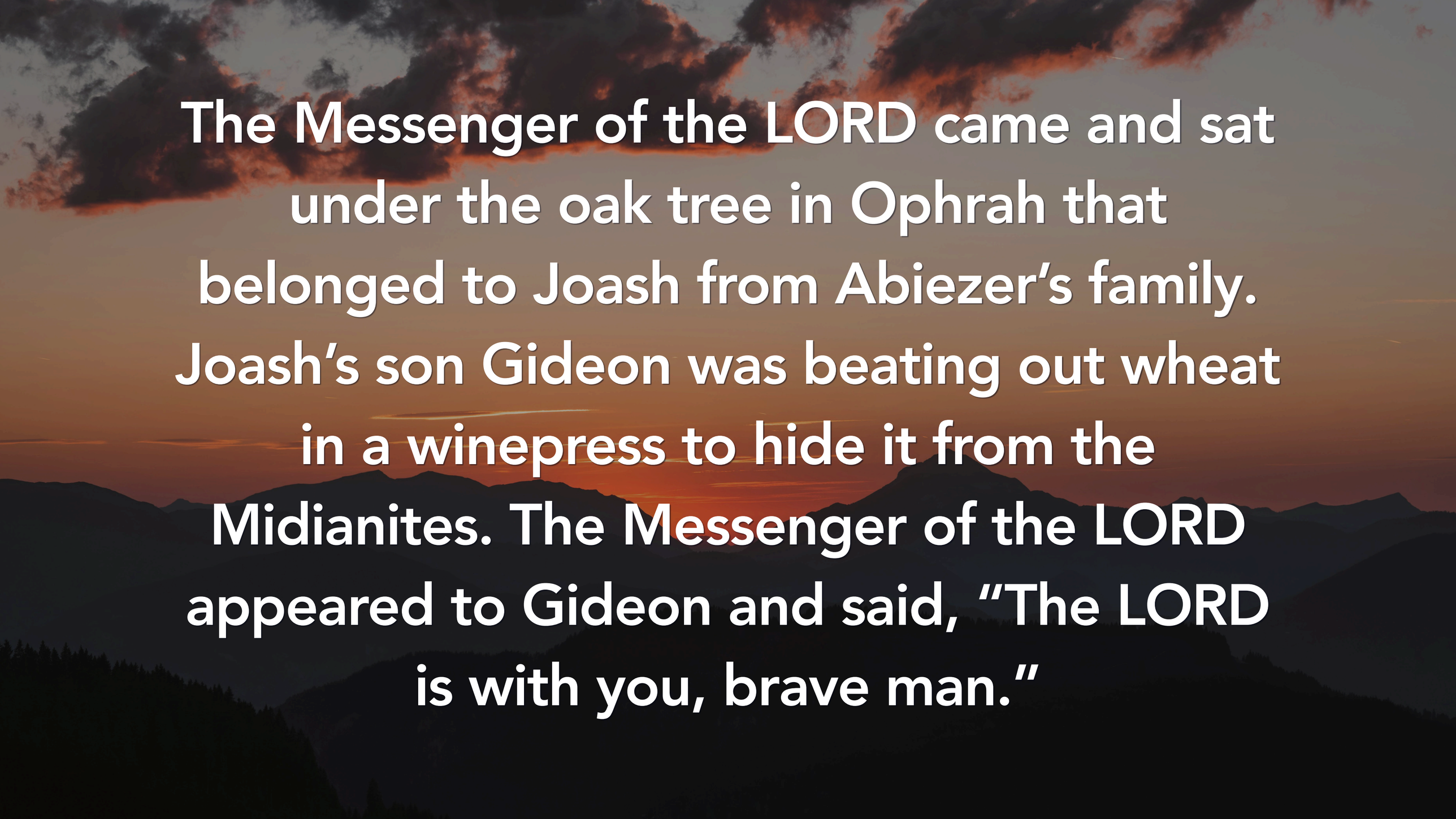
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SCRIPTURE LESSON:

Judges 6:11-12

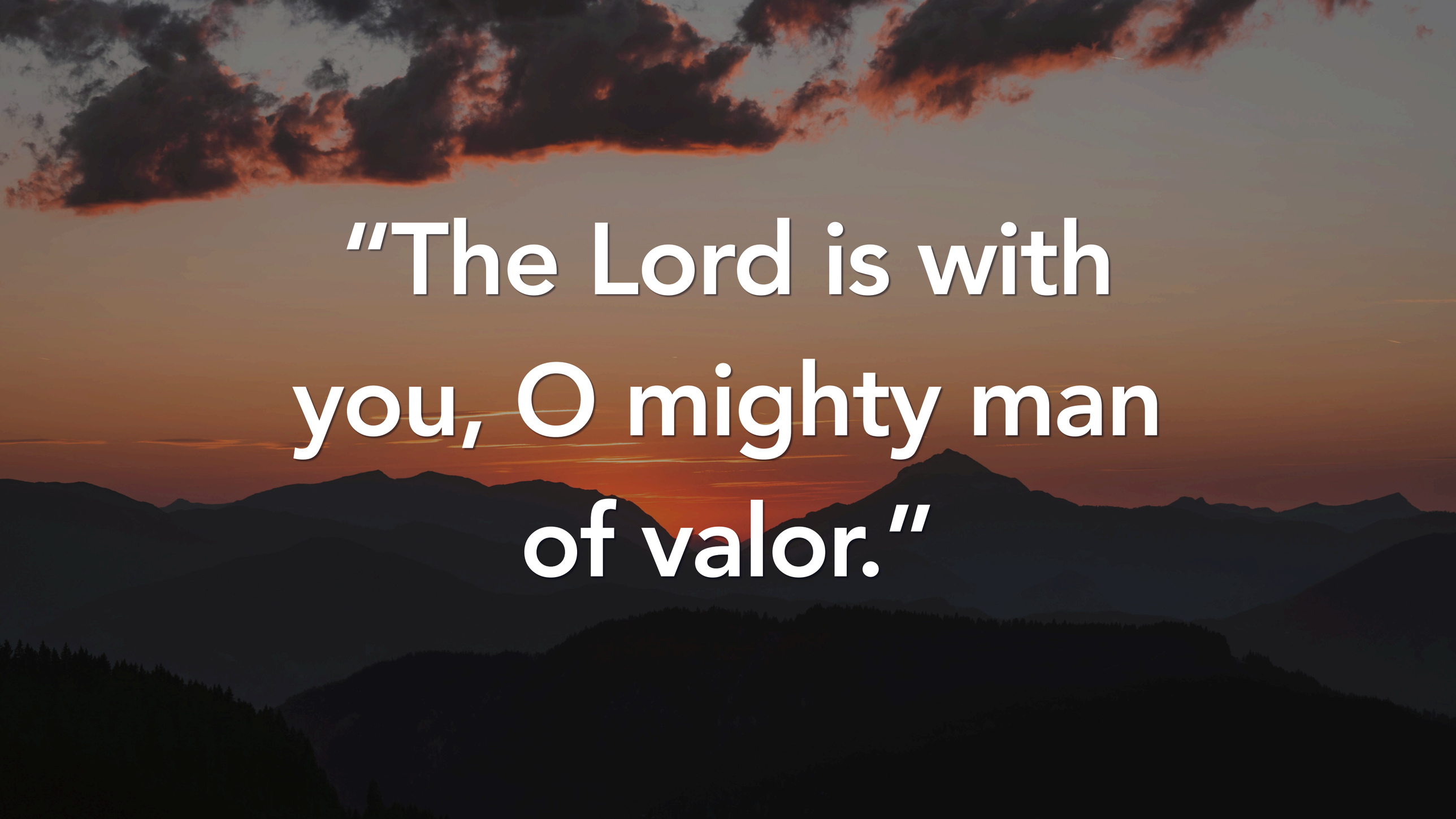

The Messenger of the LORD came and sat under the oak tree in Ophrah that belonged to Joash from Abiezer's family. Joash's son Gideon was beating out wheat in a winepress to hide it from the Midianites. The Messenger of the LORD appeared to Gideon and said, "The LORD is with you, brave man."

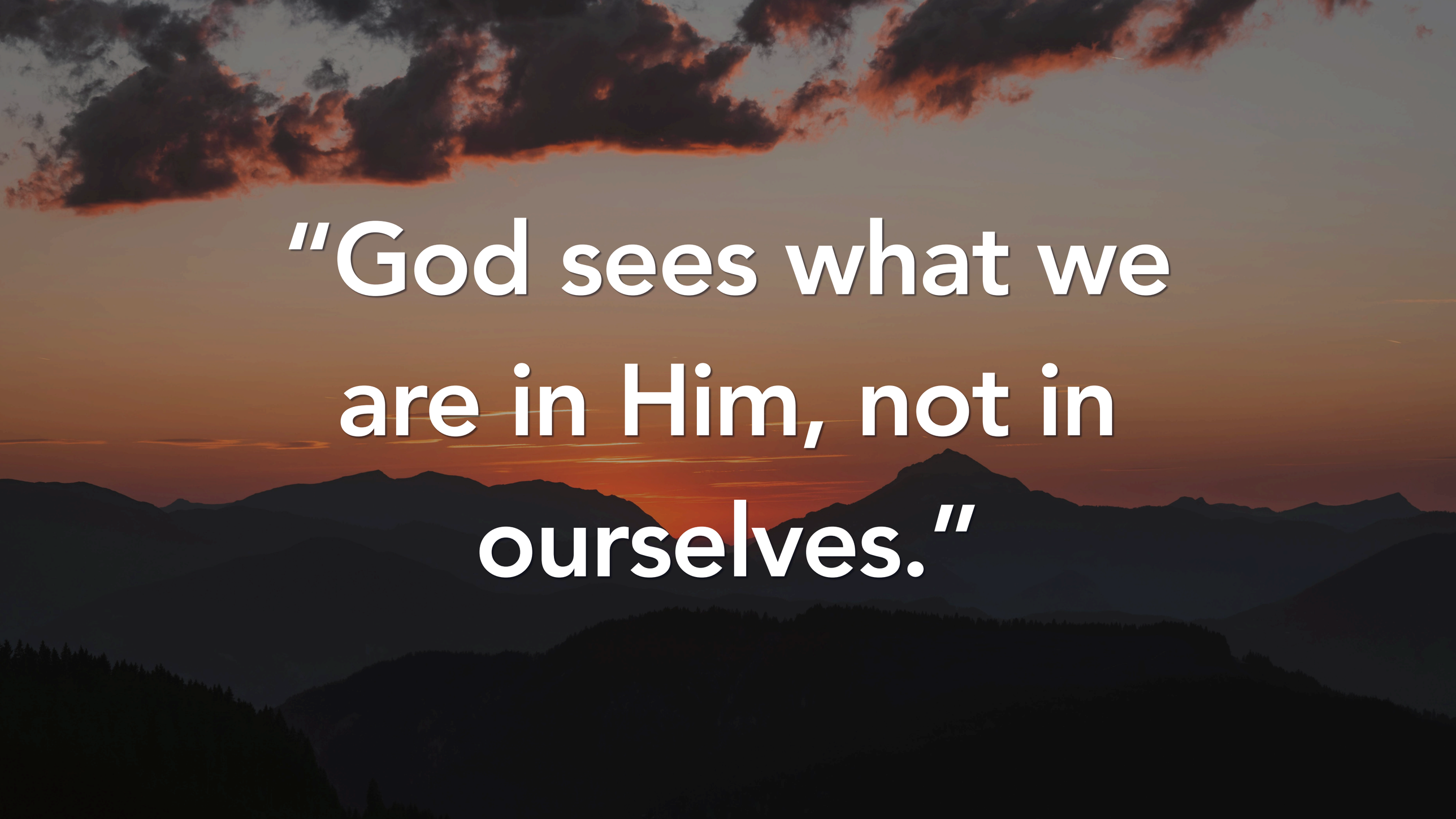
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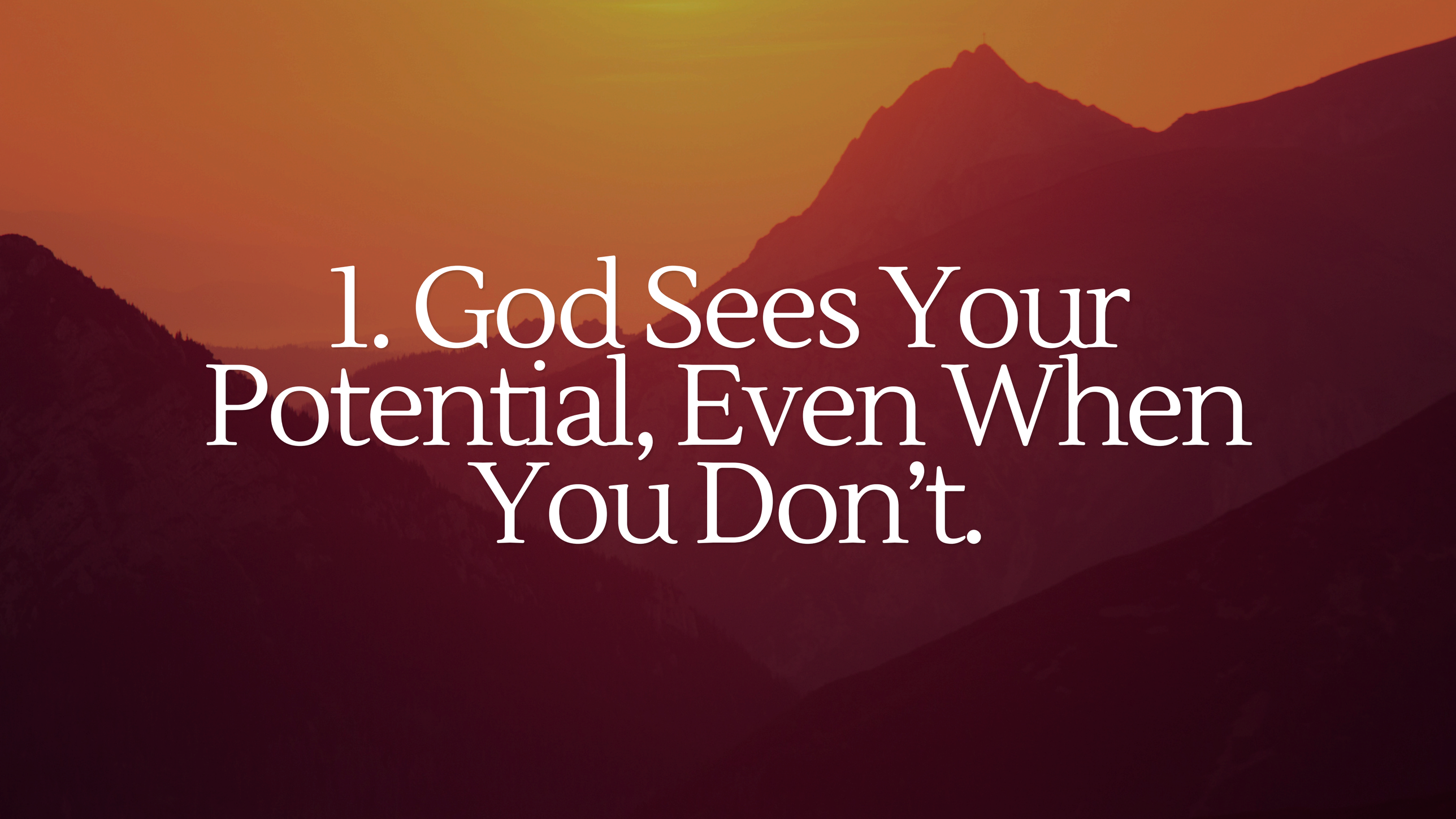
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“The Lord is with
you, O mighty man
of valor.”


"God sees what we
are in Him, not in
ourselves."

FIVE POWERFUL LESSONS FROM GIDEON:

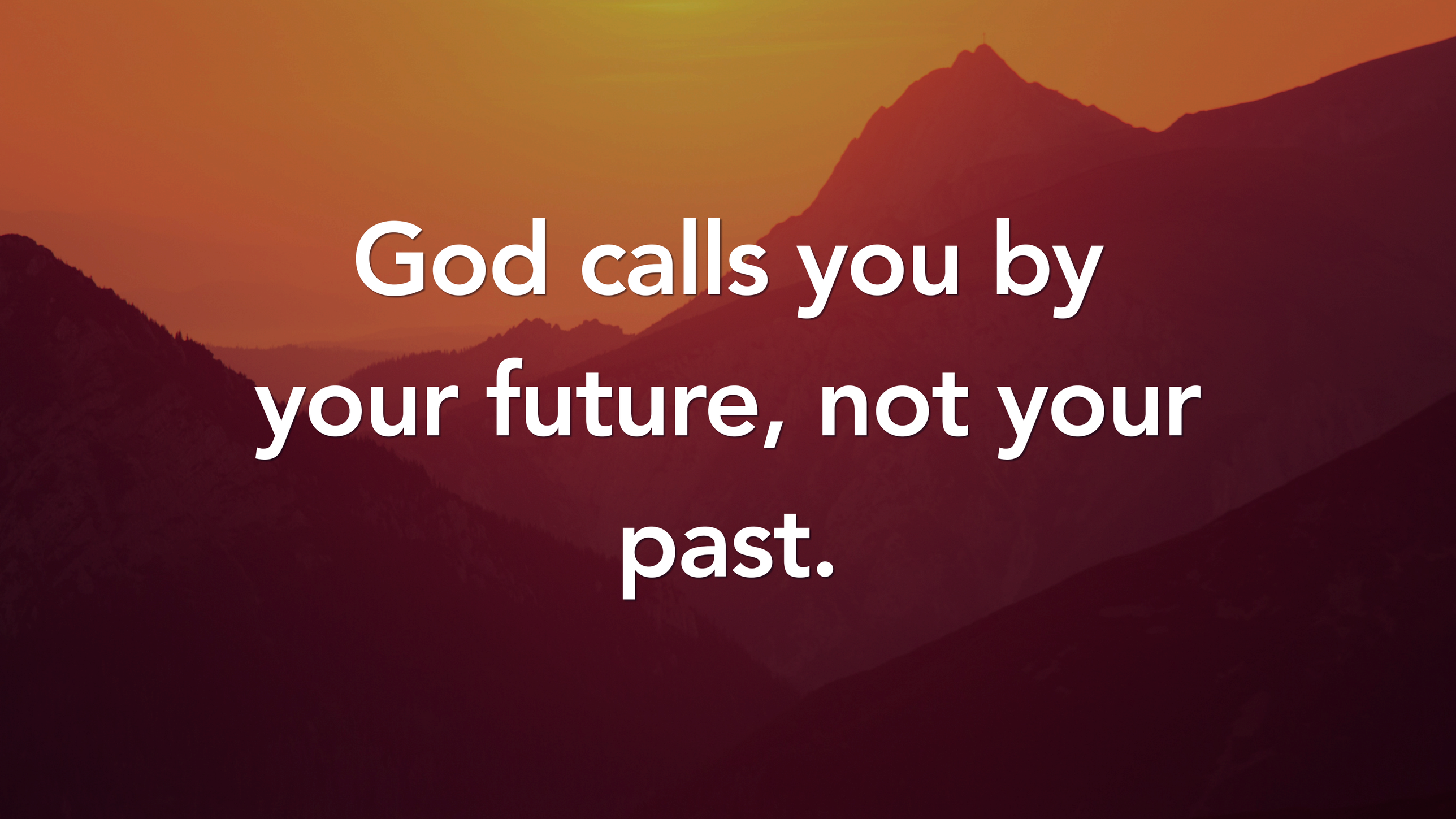

1. God Sees Your Potential, Even When You Don’t.

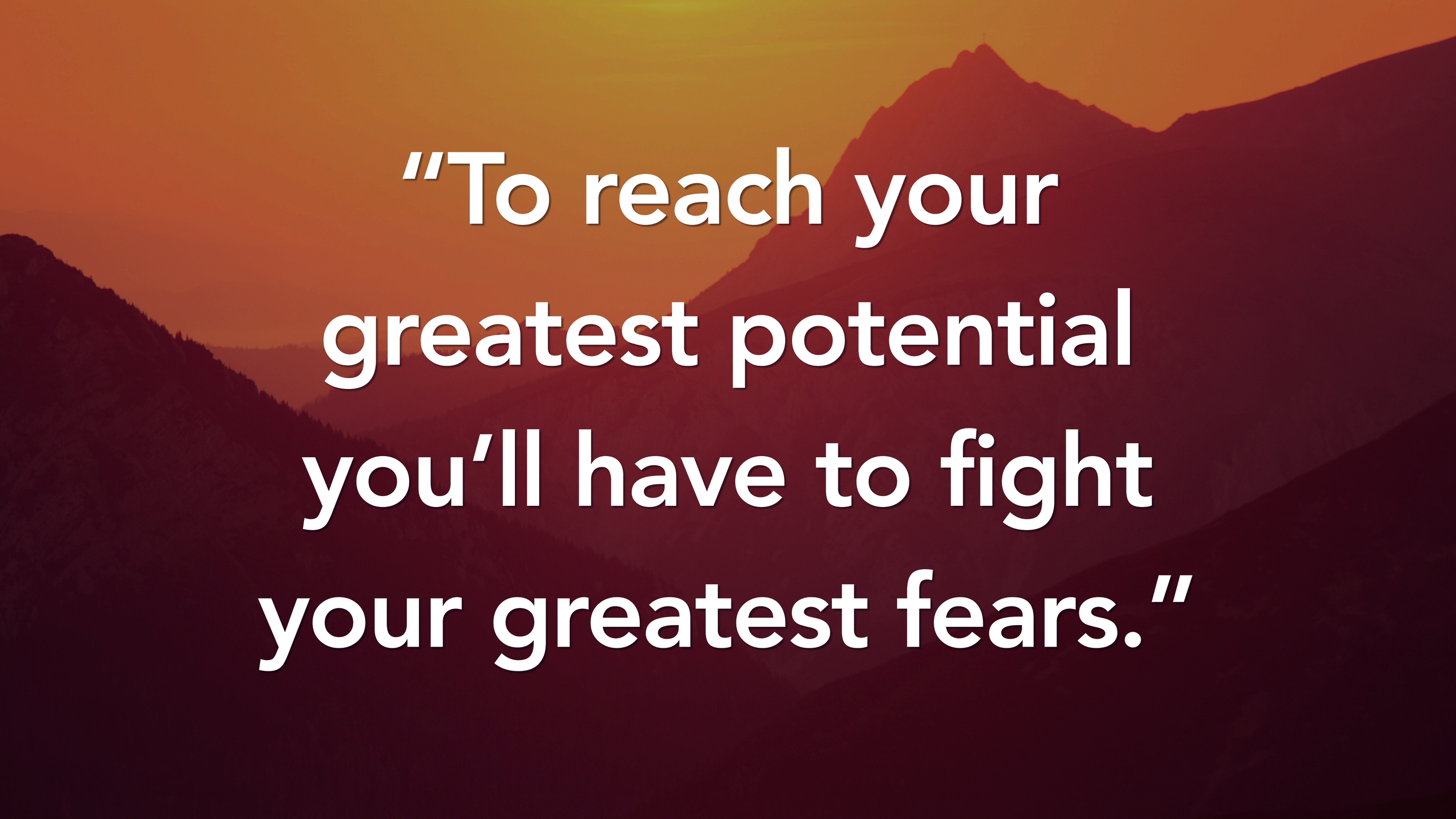
JUDGES 6:15

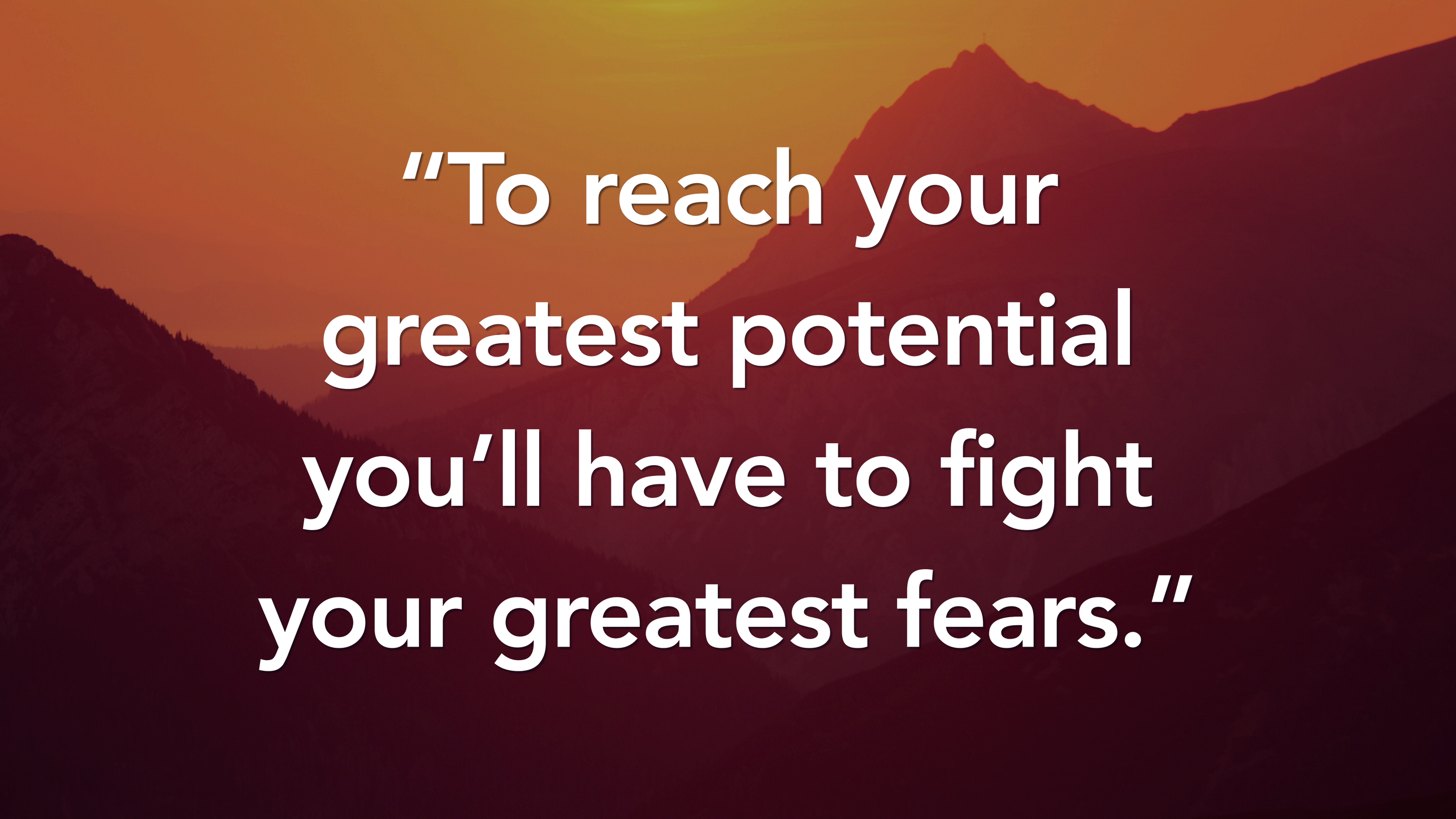
"Please, Lord, how can I save Israel? … I am the least in my father's house."

“It’s not enough to just have potential. You also need to know what to do with it.”

Potential is “having the capacity to develop into something in the future; qualities or abilities that may be developed and lead to future success or future.


God calls you by
your future, not your
past.


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2. Obedience Comes Before the Big Victories.

JUDGES 6:25-27

Gideon's Obedience

3. God is Patient with Your Fears and Doubts.

JUDGES 6:36-37

Gideon Requested Signs

4. Faith is Taking the Next Step—Even When Afraid.

Courage isn't the absence of fear—it's trusting God enough to act anyway.

5. God’s Strength is Greater Than Your Weakness.

JUDGES 6:16

"But I will be with you, and you shall strike the Midianites as one man."

Four Practical Steps to Strengthen Your Faith:

1. Know Your Identity in Christ
2. Let Go of Fear
3. Step Forward in Faith
4. Seek Encouragement

A Prayer for Courage and Faith

Lord, I confess that, like Gideon, I often feel weak, afraid, and unsure of my calling. But today, I choose to trust You. Help me to see myself as You see me. Give me the courage to obey, even when I'm afraid. Strengthen my faith and remind me that You are with me in every step. In Jesus' name, Amen.

Follow Up Chat Questions:

1. Where does your courage come from?
2. How do you see yourself in the light of Scripture? Explain.
3. Has anyone noticed a potential in you that you were not willing to explore?
4. Which life lesson from Gideon resonated most with you?