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Beginning

Finding the Forever Character of God.

A Walk through Genesis



*The Lord was
There.*

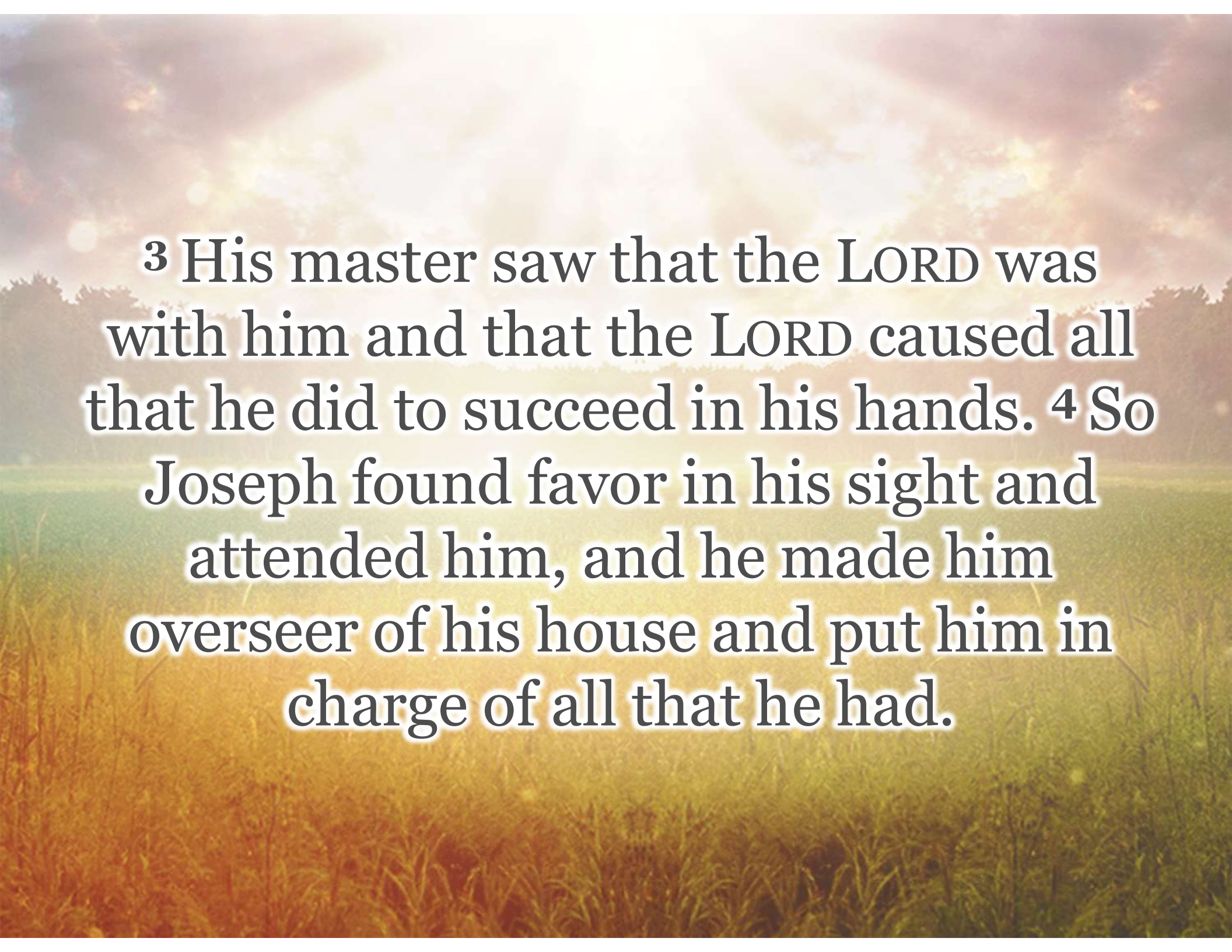
God's Presence in His Providence

Genesis 39

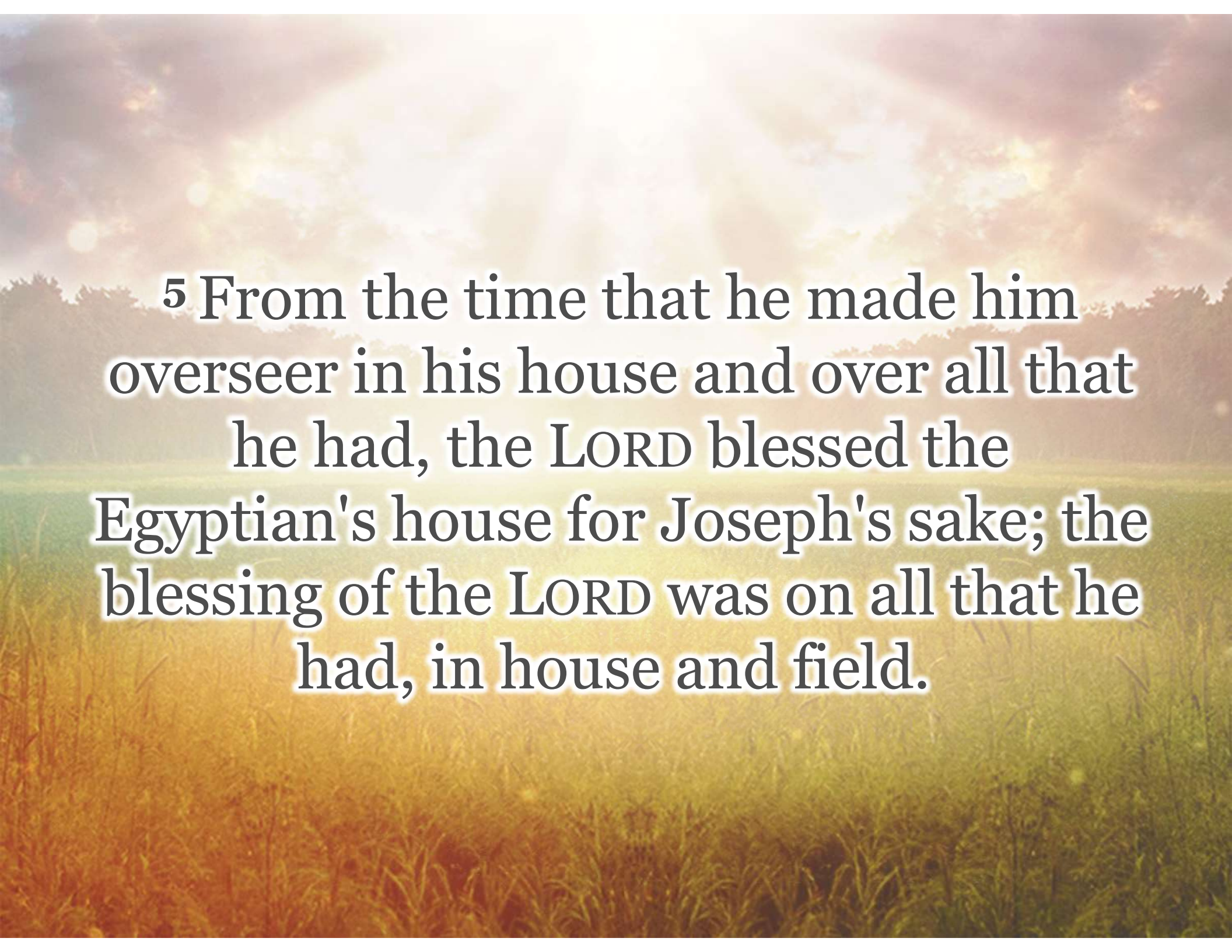
Heidelberg Catechism

God's providence is his almighty and ever present power, whereby, as with his hand, he still upholds heaven and earth and all creatures, and so governs them that leaf and blade, rain and drought, fruitful and barren years, food and drink, health and sickness, riches and poverty, indeed, all things, come to us not by chance but by his fatherly hand.

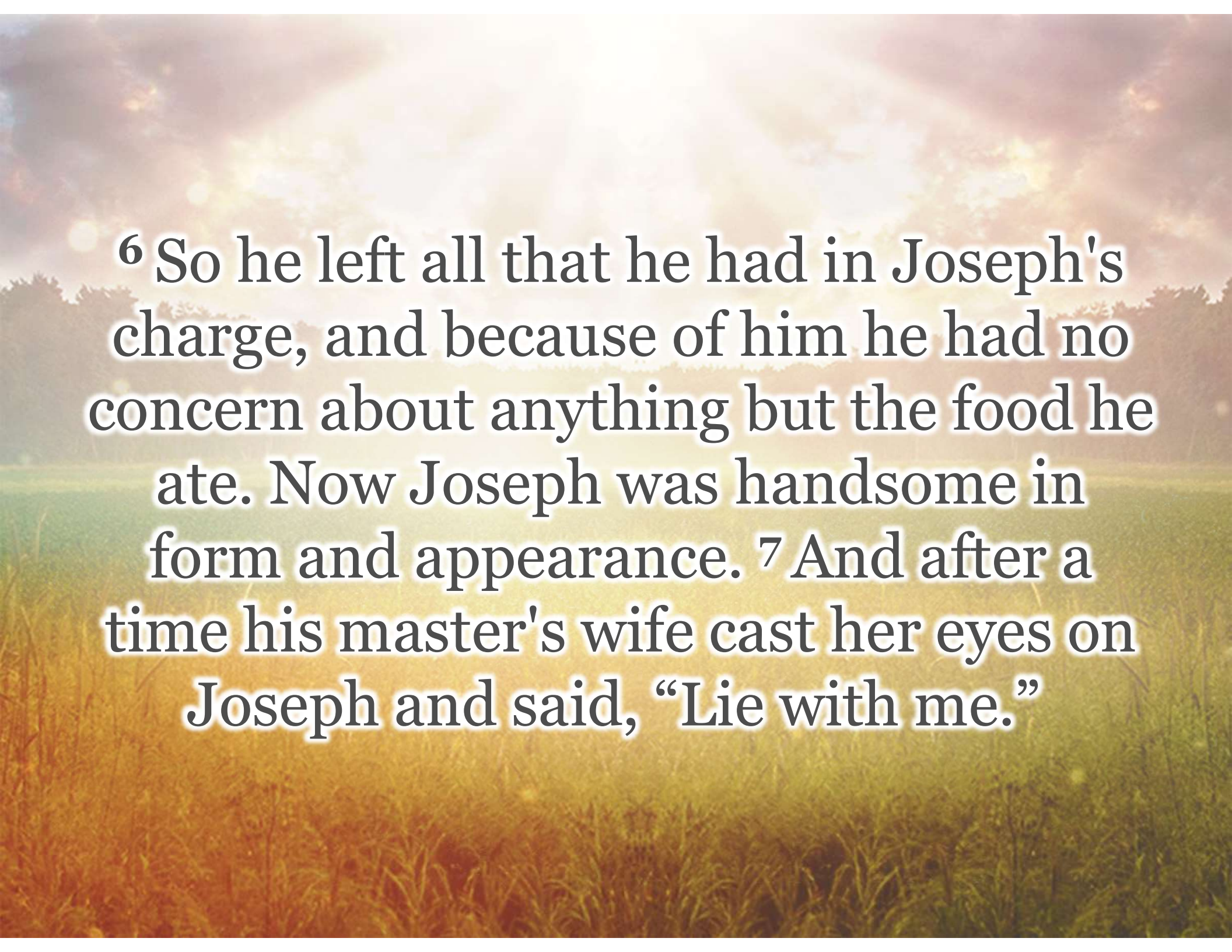
Now Joseph had been brought down to Egypt, and Potiphar, an officer of Pharaoh, the captain of the guard, an Egyptian, had bought him from the Ishmaelites who had brought him down there. ² The LORD was with Joseph, and he became a successful man, and he was in the house of his Egyptian master.



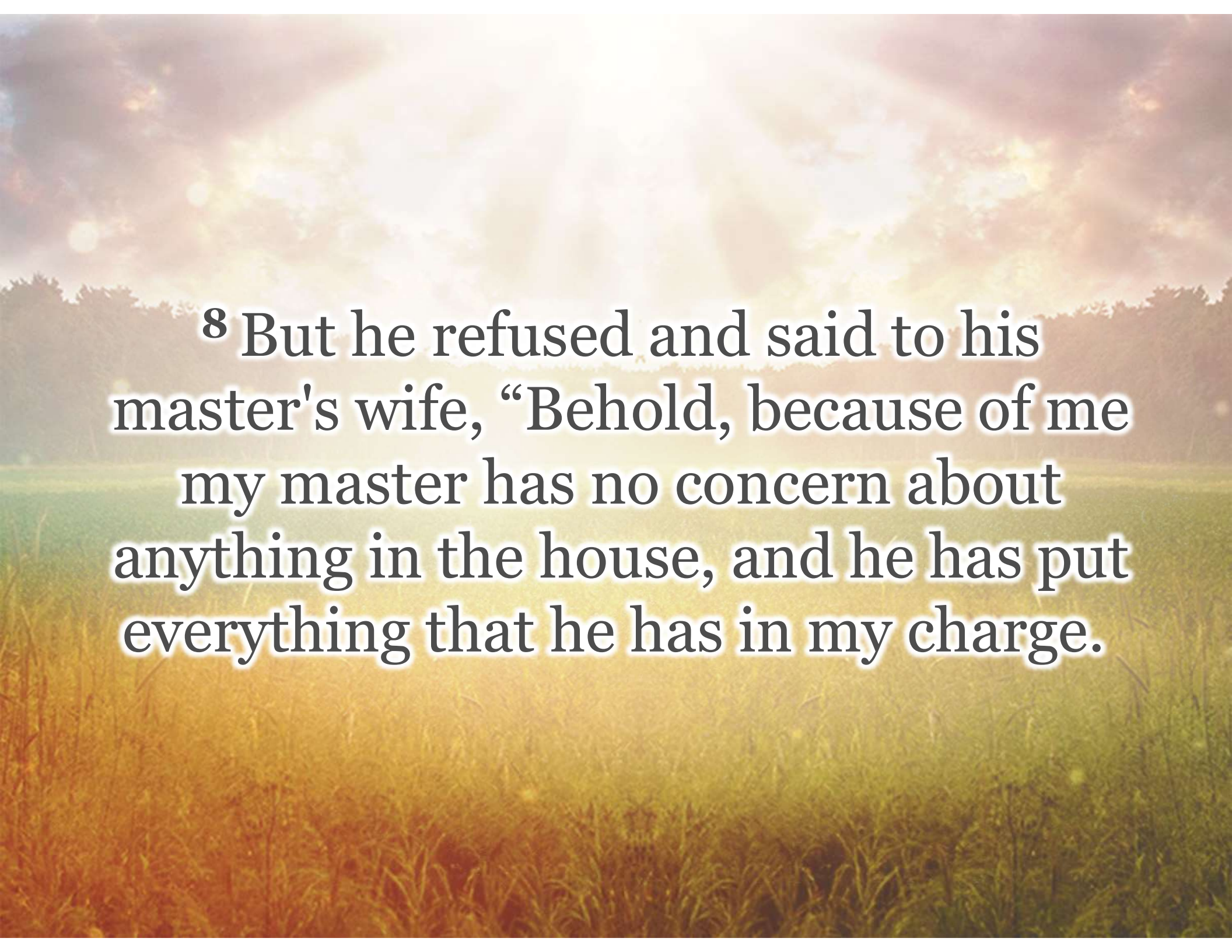
3 His master saw that the LORD was with him and that the LORD caused all that he did to succeed in his hands. 4 So Joseph found favor in his sight and attended him, and he made him overseer of his house and put him in charge of all that he had.

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5 From the time that he made him overseer in his house and over all that he had, the LORD blessed the Egyptian's house for Joseph's sake; the blessing of the LORD was on all that he had, in house and field.

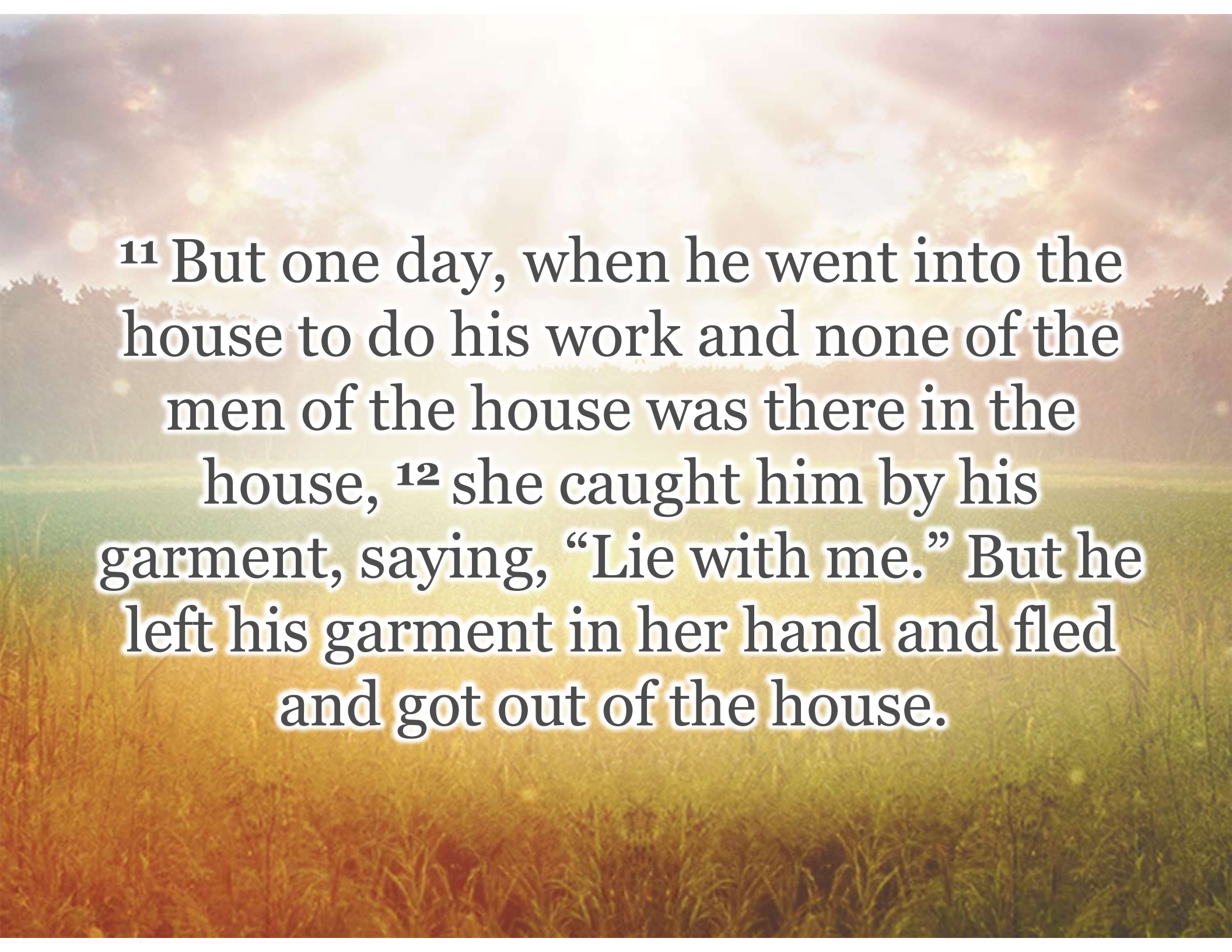
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⁶ So he left all that he had in Joseph's charge, and because of him he had no concern about anything but the food he ate. Now Joseph was handsome in form and appearance. ⁷ And after a time his master's wife cast her eyes on Joseph and said, "Lie with me."

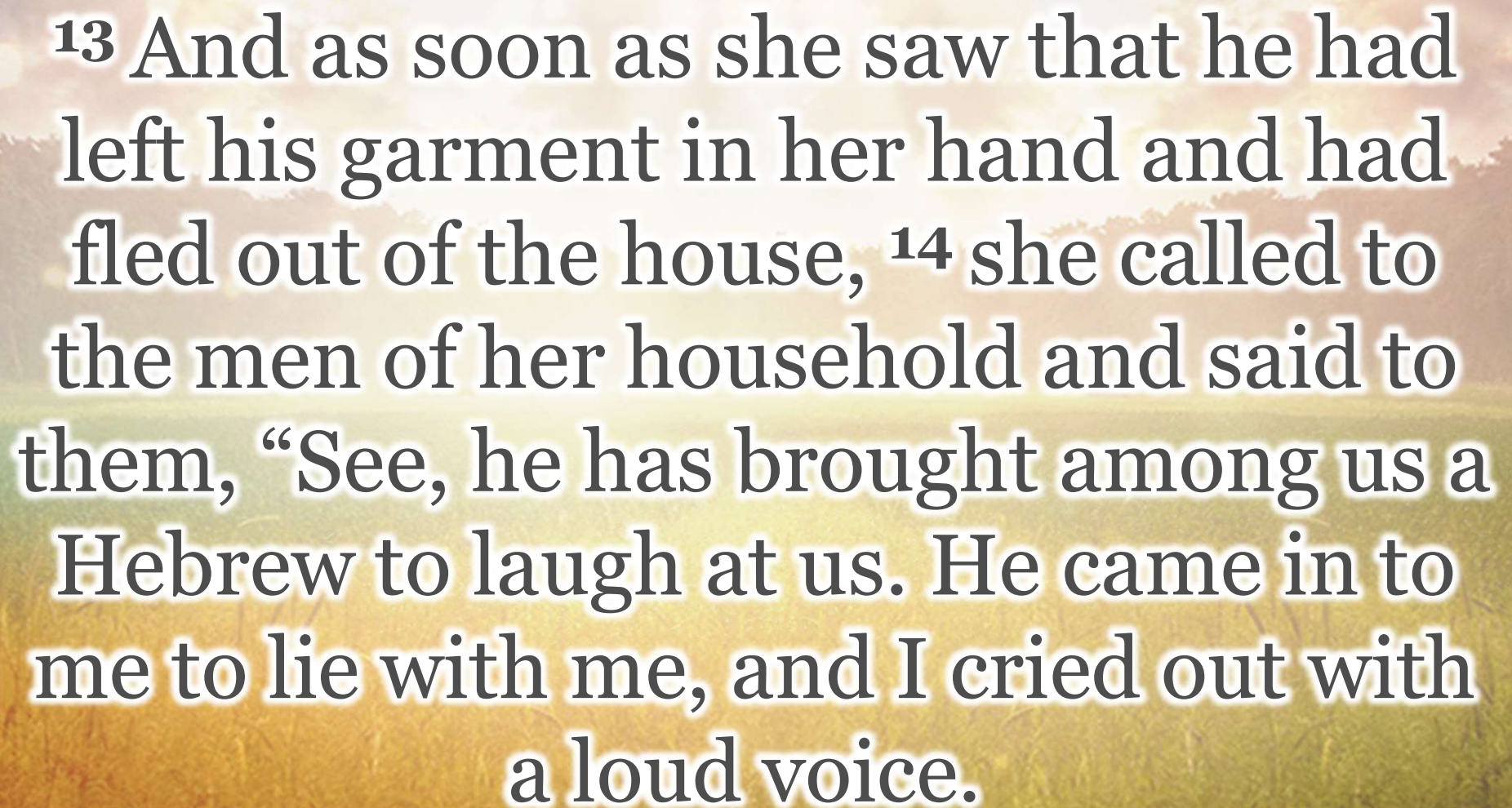


⁸ But he refused and said to his master's wife, "Behold, because of me my master has no concern about anything in the house, and he has put everything that he has in my charge."

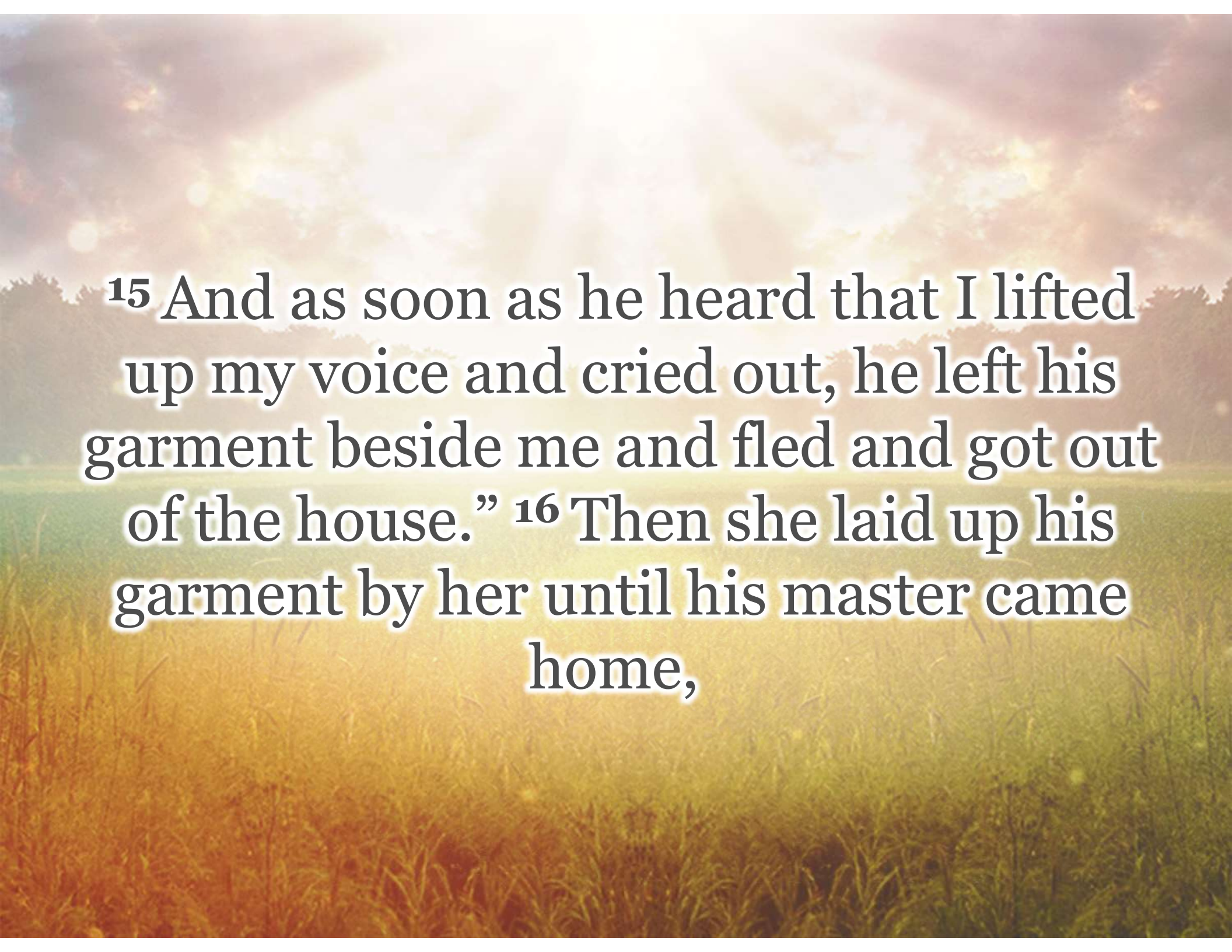
9 He is not greater in this house than I am, nor has he kept back anything from me except you, because you are his wife. How then can I do this great wickedness and sin against God?” 10 And as she spoke to Joseph day after day, he would not listen to her, to lie beside her or to be with her.



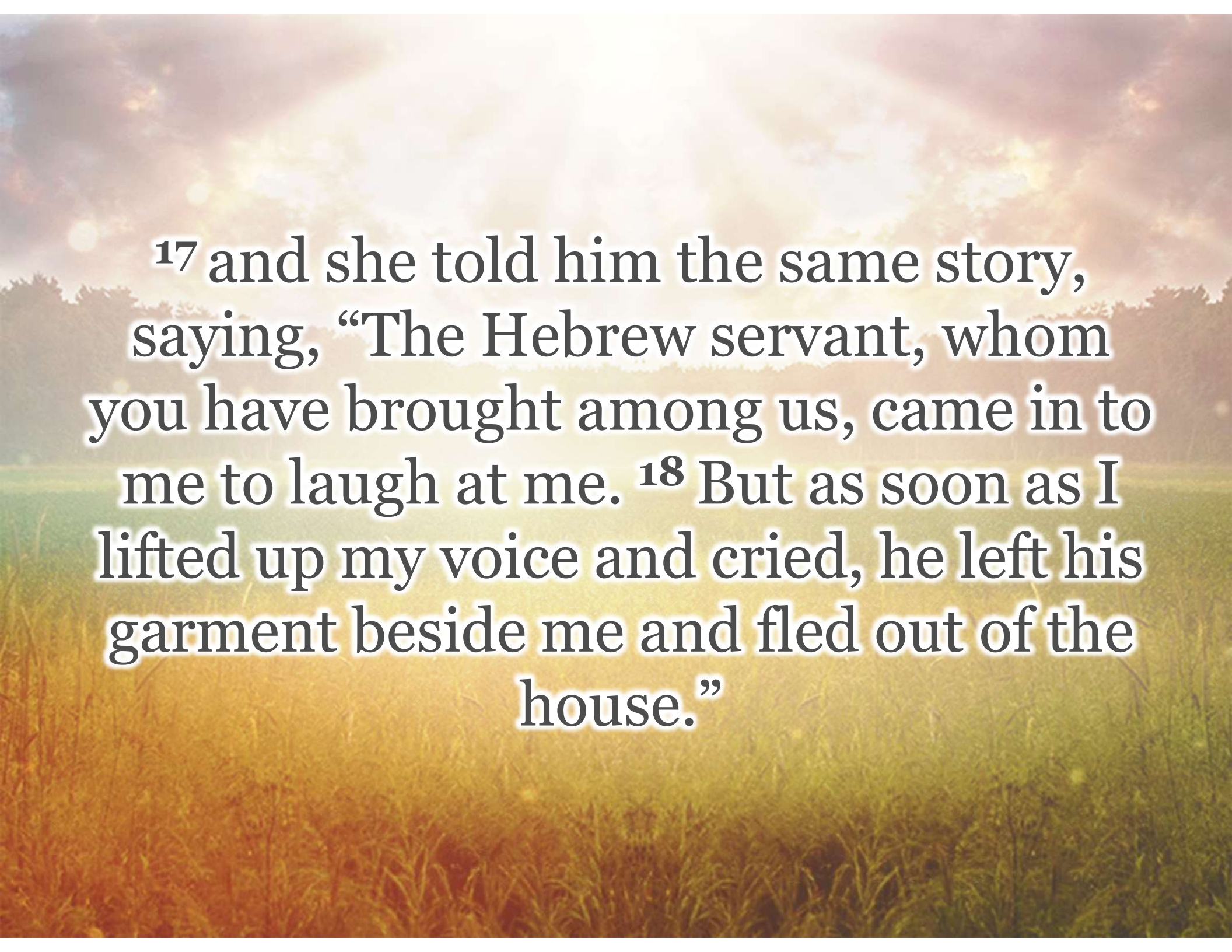
¹¹ But one day, when he went into the house to do his work and none of the men of the house was there in the house, ¹² she caught him by his garment, saying, “Lie with me.” But he left his garment in her hand and fled and got out of the house.

The background of the image is a soft-focus photograph of a sunset. The sun is low on the horizon, creating a warm, golden glow that fills the sky and reflects on the tops of the grass. The sky is filled with wispy, light-colored clouds. The foreground is dominated by tall, golden-brown grasses that are slightly out of focus, creating a sense of depth and texture. The overall mood is peaceful and serene.

13 And as soon as she saw that he had left his garment in her hand and had fled out of the house, **14** she called to the men of her household and said to them, “See, he has brought among us a Hebrew to laugh at us. He came in to me to lie with me, and I cried out with a loud voice.



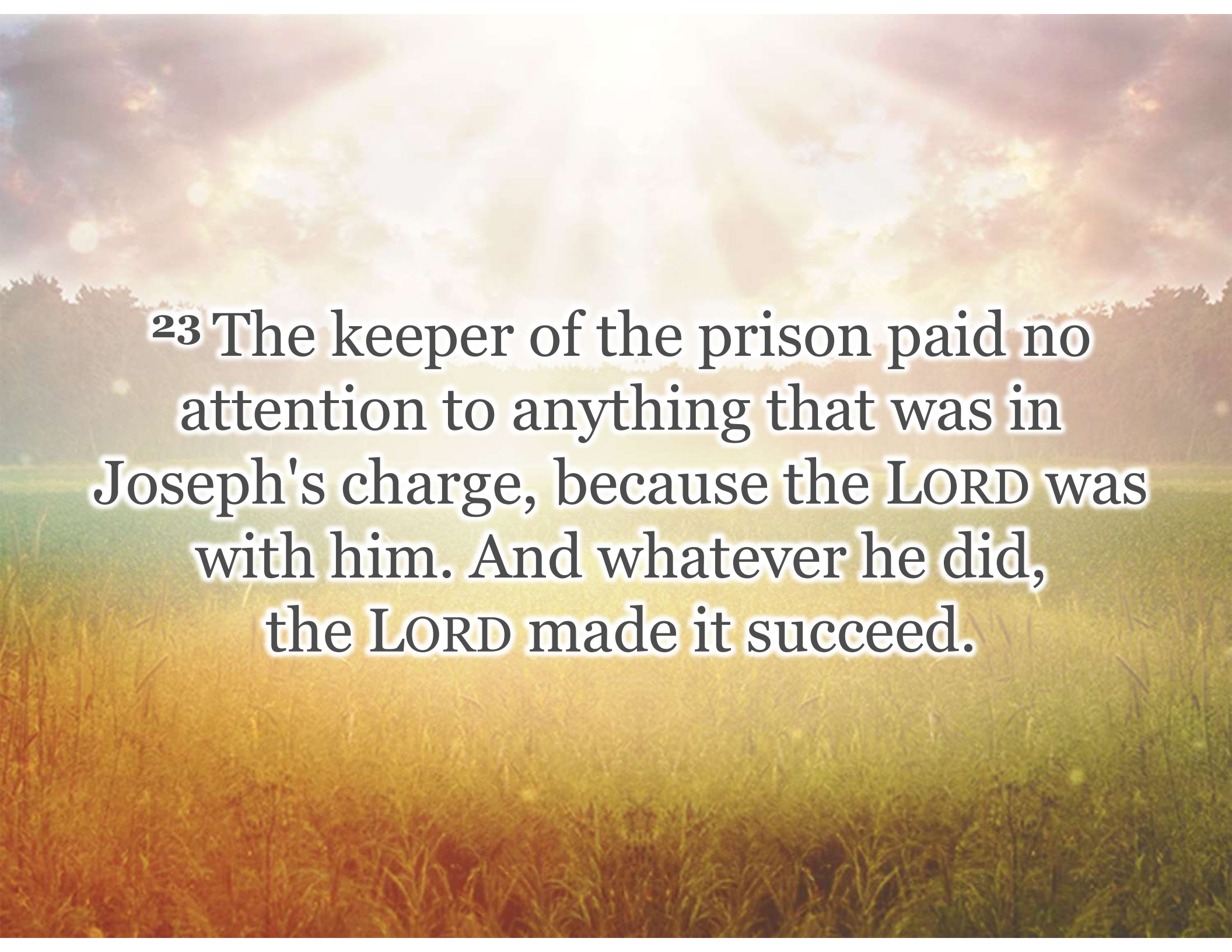
15 And as soon as he heard that I lifted up my voice and cried out, he left his garment beside me and fled and got out of the house.” **16** Then she laid up his garment by her until his master came home,



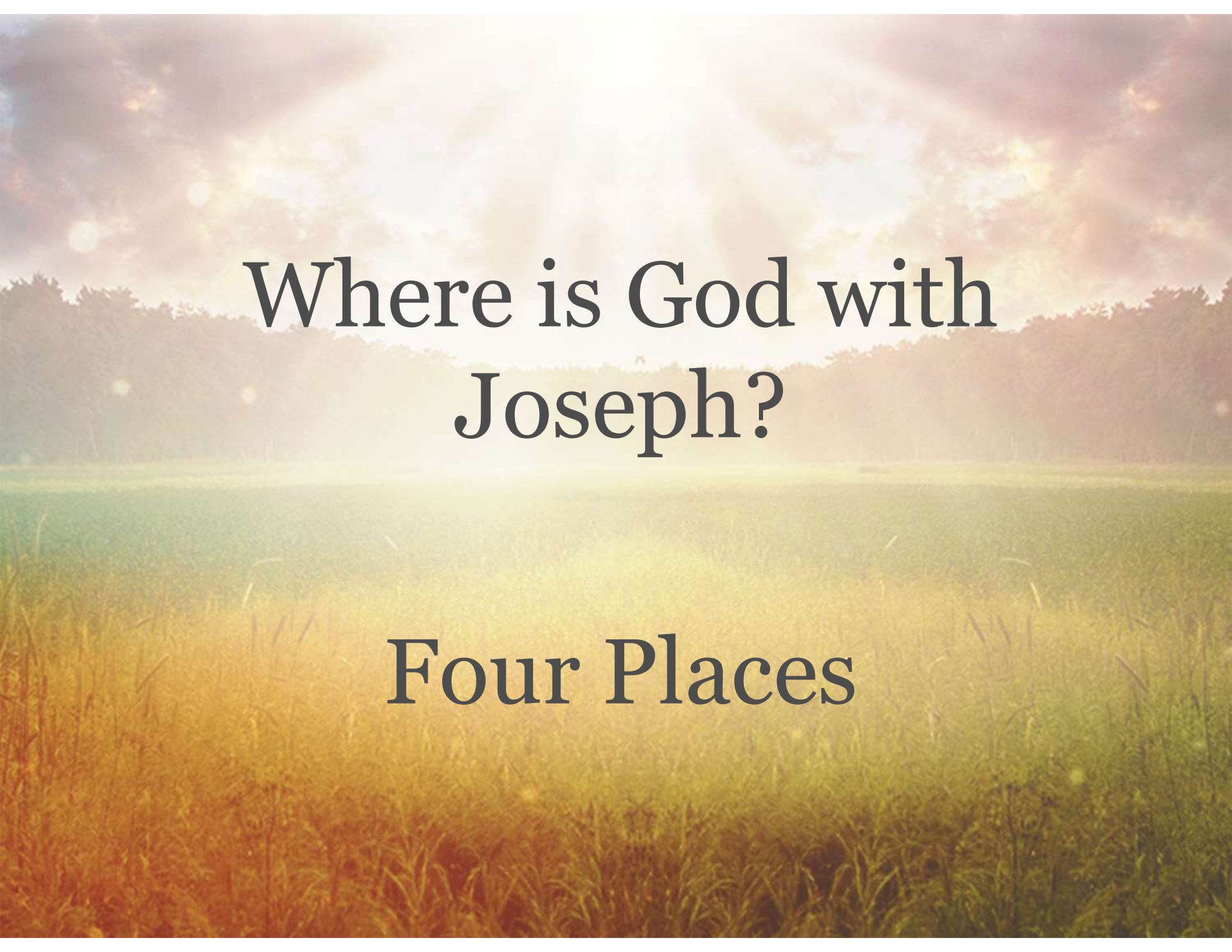
¹⁷ and she told him the same story, saying, “The Hebrew servant, whom you have brought among us, came in to me to laugh at me. ¹⁸ But as soon as I lifted up my voice and cried, he left his garment beside me and fled out of the house.”

19 As soon as his master heard the words that his wife spoke to him, “This is the way your servant treated me,” his anger was kindled. **20** And Joseph's master took him and put him into the prison, the place where the king's prisoners were confined, and he was there in prison.

21 But the LORD was with Joseph and showed him steadfast love and gave him favor in the sight of the keeper of the prison. **22** And the keeper of the prison put Joseph in charge of all the prisoners who were in the prison. Whatever was done there, he was the one who did it.



23 The keeper of the prison paid no attention to anything that was in Joseph's charge, because the LORD was with him. And whatever he did, the LORD made it succeed.



Where is God with Joseph?

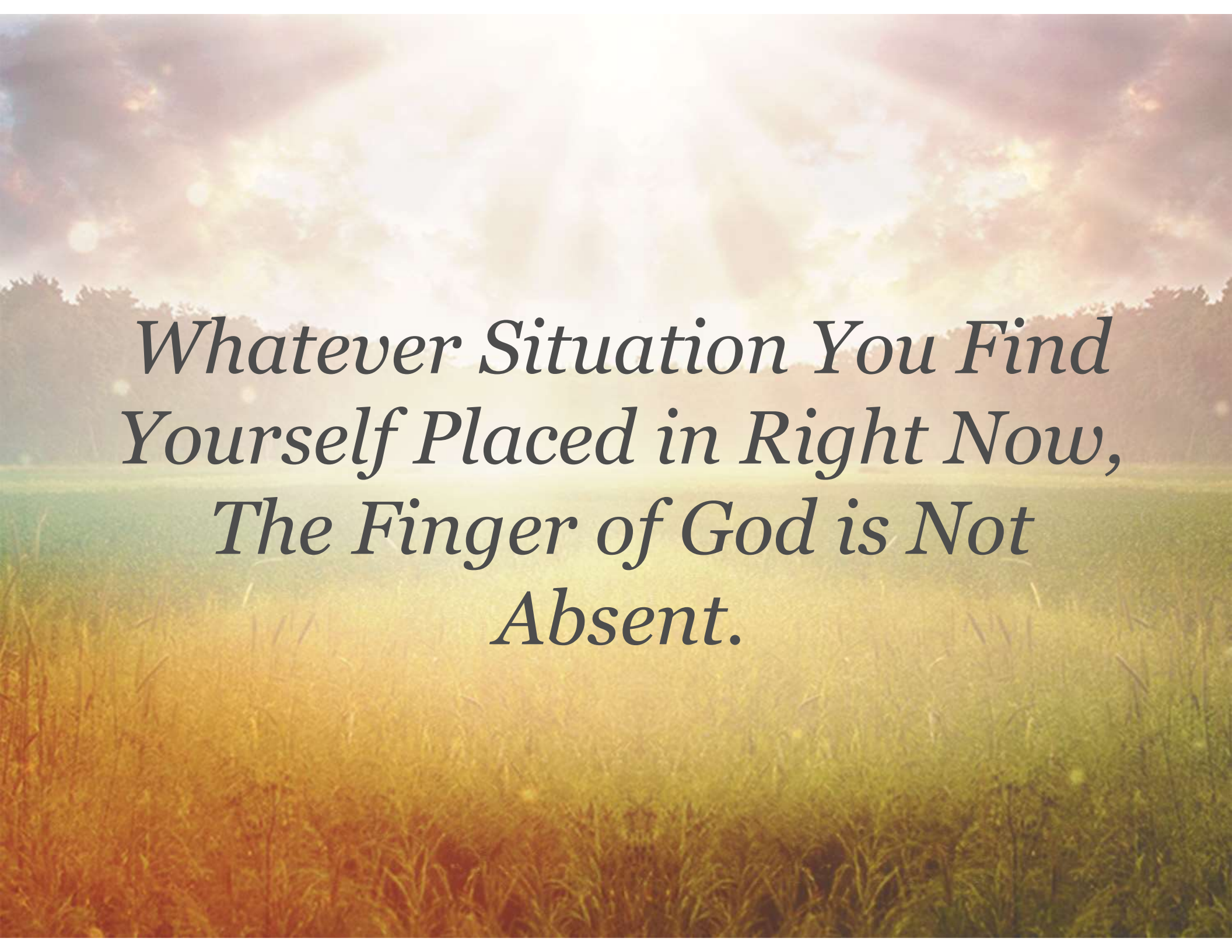
Four Places

The Lord is There in Joseph's Placement.

V.1 Now Joseph had been brought down to Egypt, and Potiphar, an officer of Pharaoh, the captain of the guard, an Egyptian, had bought him . . .

*The Lord
was There.*

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A serene landscape photograph featuring a field of tall, golden-brown grass in the foreground. The background shows a line of trees under a sky filled with soft, glowing clouds, suggesting a sunset or sunrise. The overall mood is peaceful and contemplative.

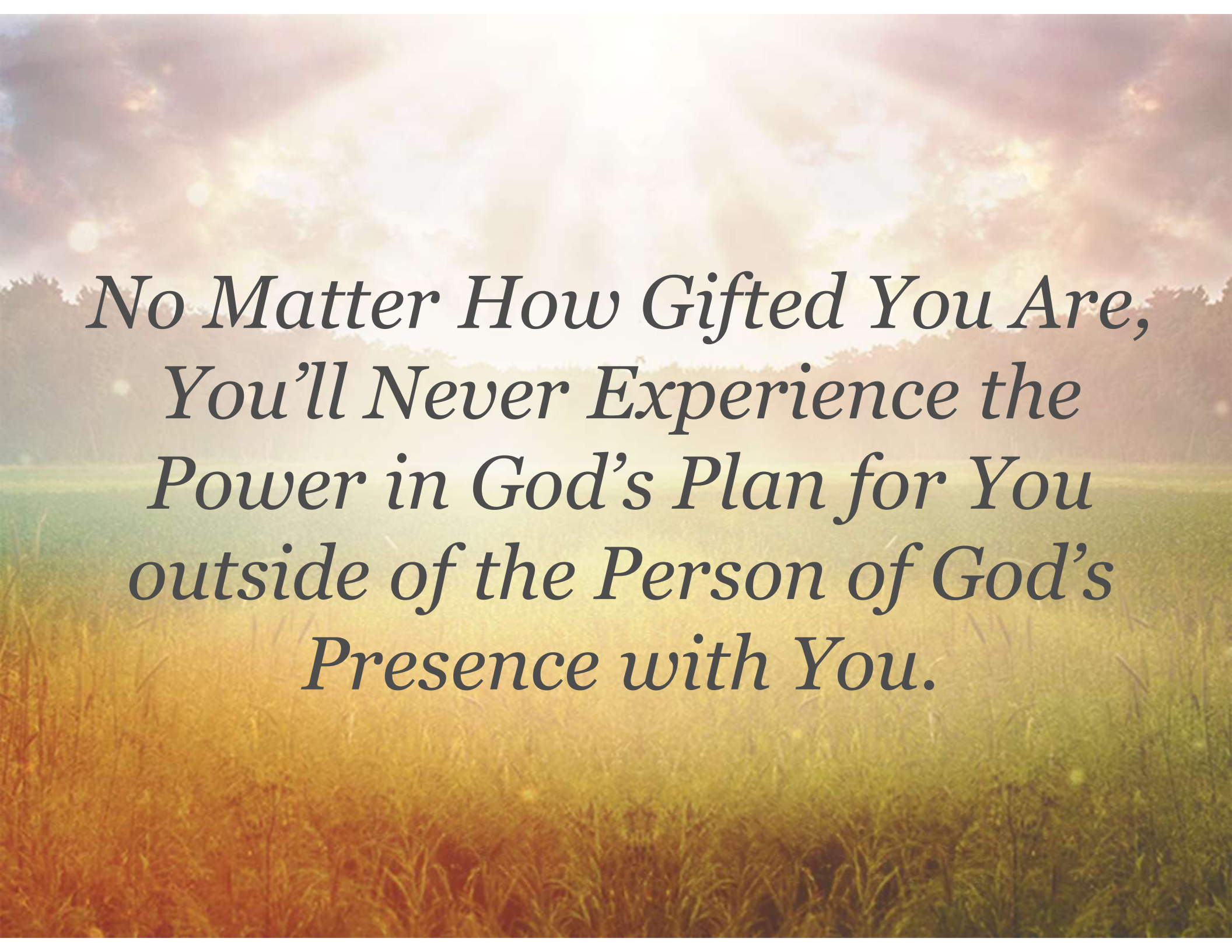
*Whatever Situation You Find
Yourself Placed in Right Now,
The Finger of God is Not
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The Lord is There in Joseph's Success.

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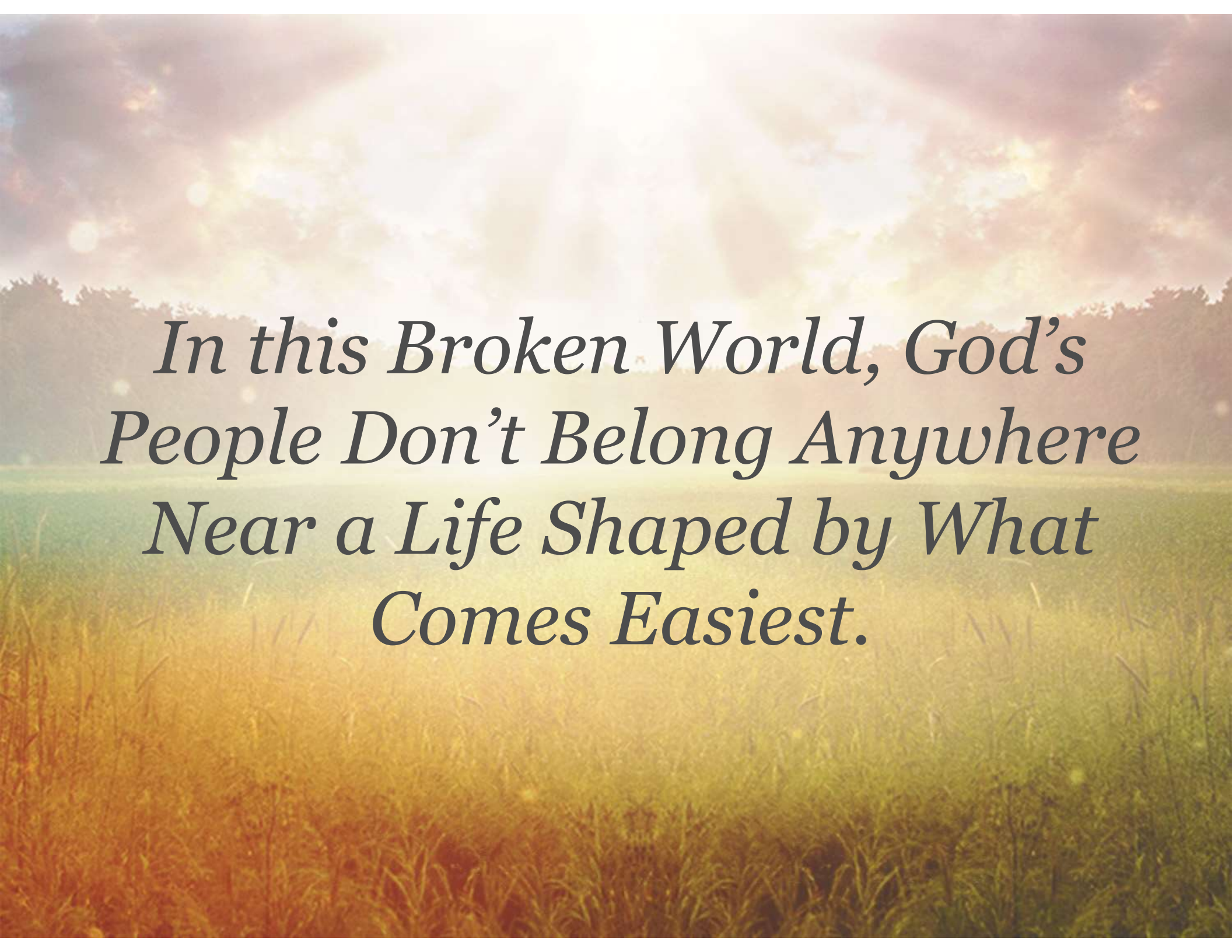
*No Matter How Gifted You Are,
You'll Never Experience the
Power in God's Plan for You
outside of the Person of God's
Presence with You.*

The Lord is There in Joseph's Integrity.

V.10 And as she spoke to
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*In this Broken World, God's
People Don't Belong Anywhere
Near a Life Shaped by What
Comes Easiest.*

The Lord is There in Joseph's Demise.

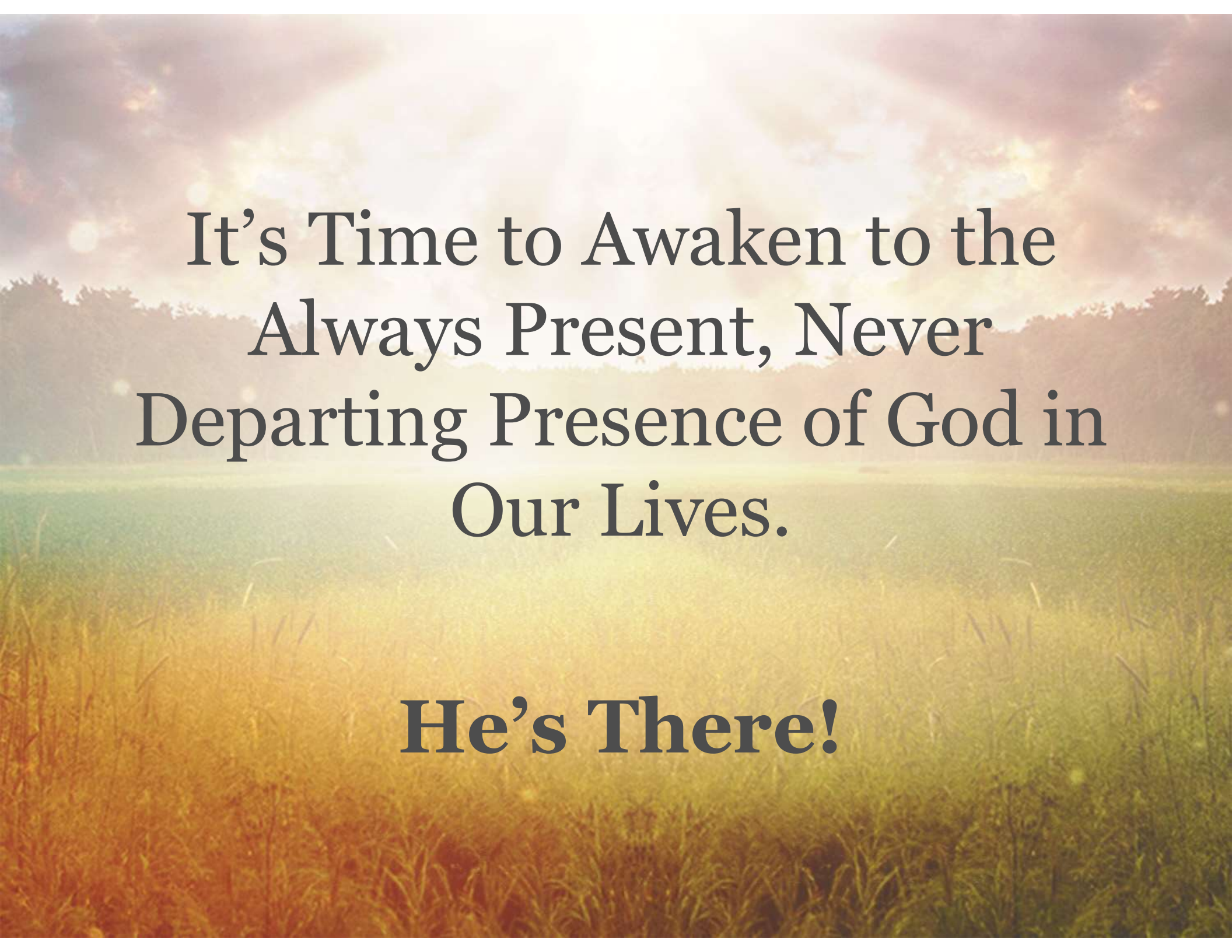
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*We Miss So Much When We
Believe the Lord is There Only
in the Spaces that Make Sense
to Us.*



It's Time to Awaken to the
Always Present, Never
Departing Presence of God in
Our Lives.

He's There!



What is Providence?

Sovereignty = God's Right and Power
to Do All That He Pleases.

What is Providence?

Providence = God's Exercise of that Right & Power Purposefully & According to His Character.

Providence is God's use of his power and his authority to bring about an ultimate purpose according to His Character.”

Two Main Themes

1. God's Purposeful Providence

1. Righteous Faithfulness while
Suffering Injustice

Key Verse

For Understanding the Life of Joseph

“... you meant evil against me, but God meant it for good.” - Genesis 50:20

“So it was not you who sent me here, but God.” - Genesis 45:8a