



# Back to the *Beginning*

*Finding the Forever Character of God.*

A Walk through Genesis





# *Shadows of Glory*

Genesis 42



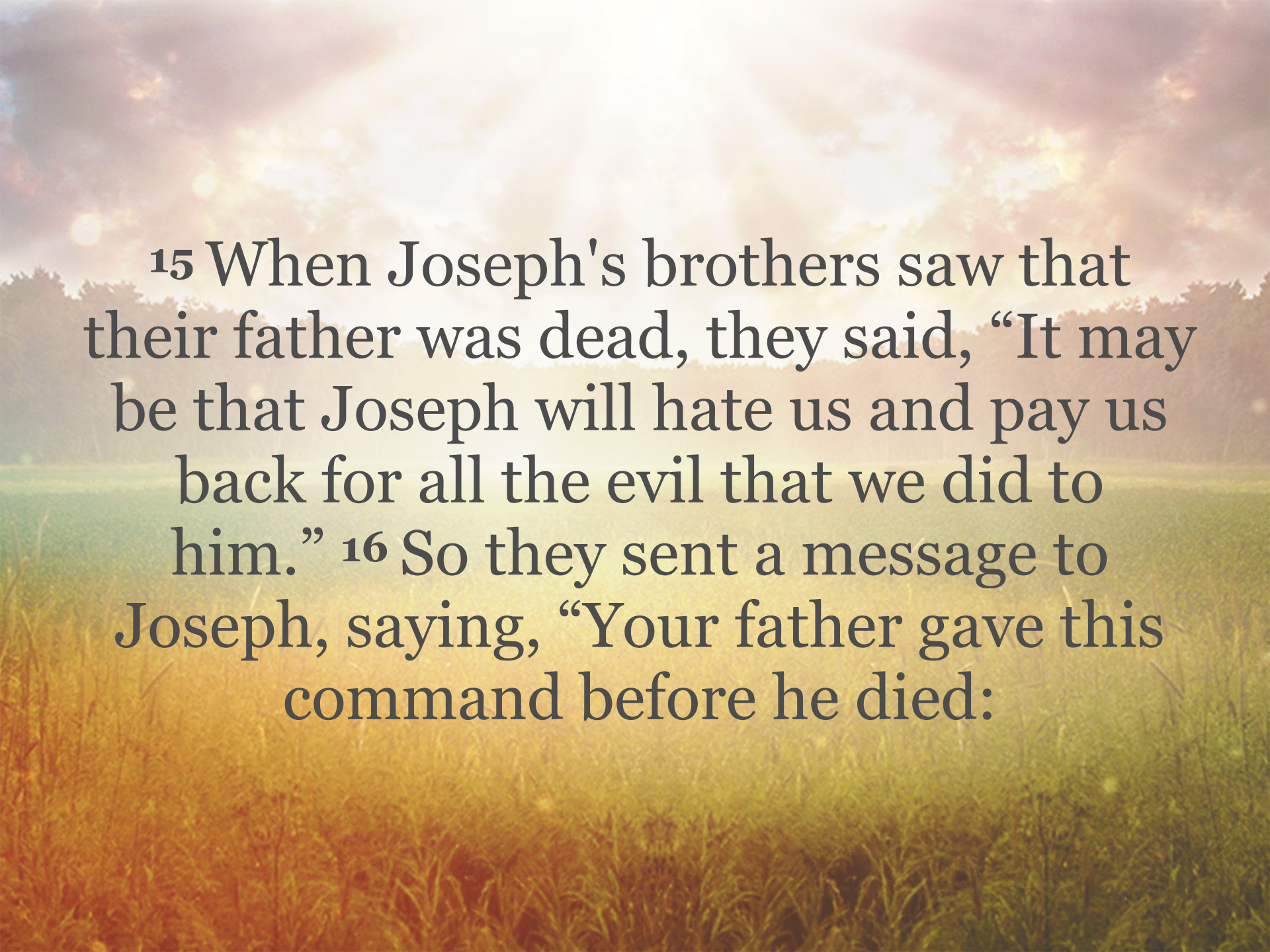


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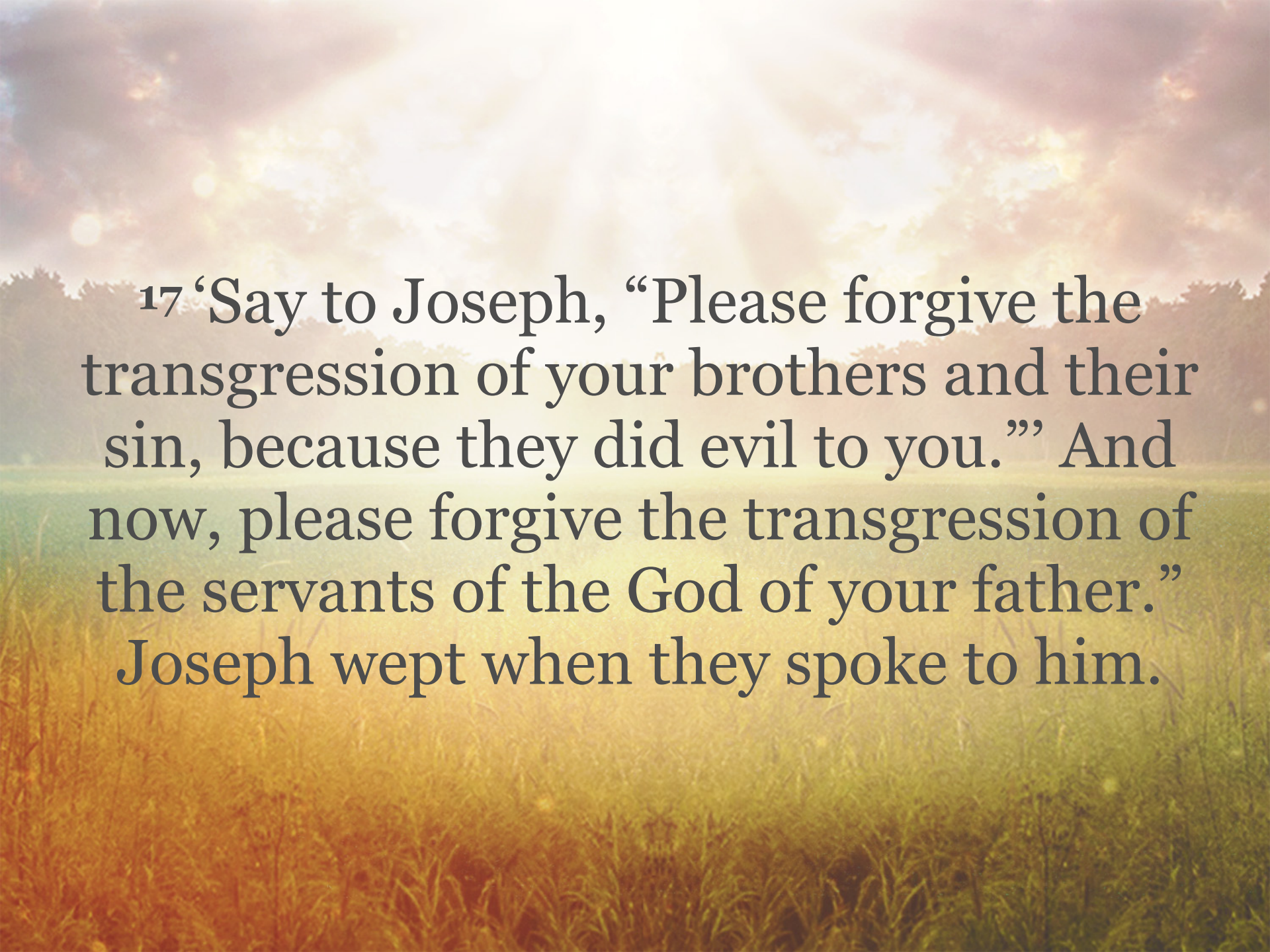






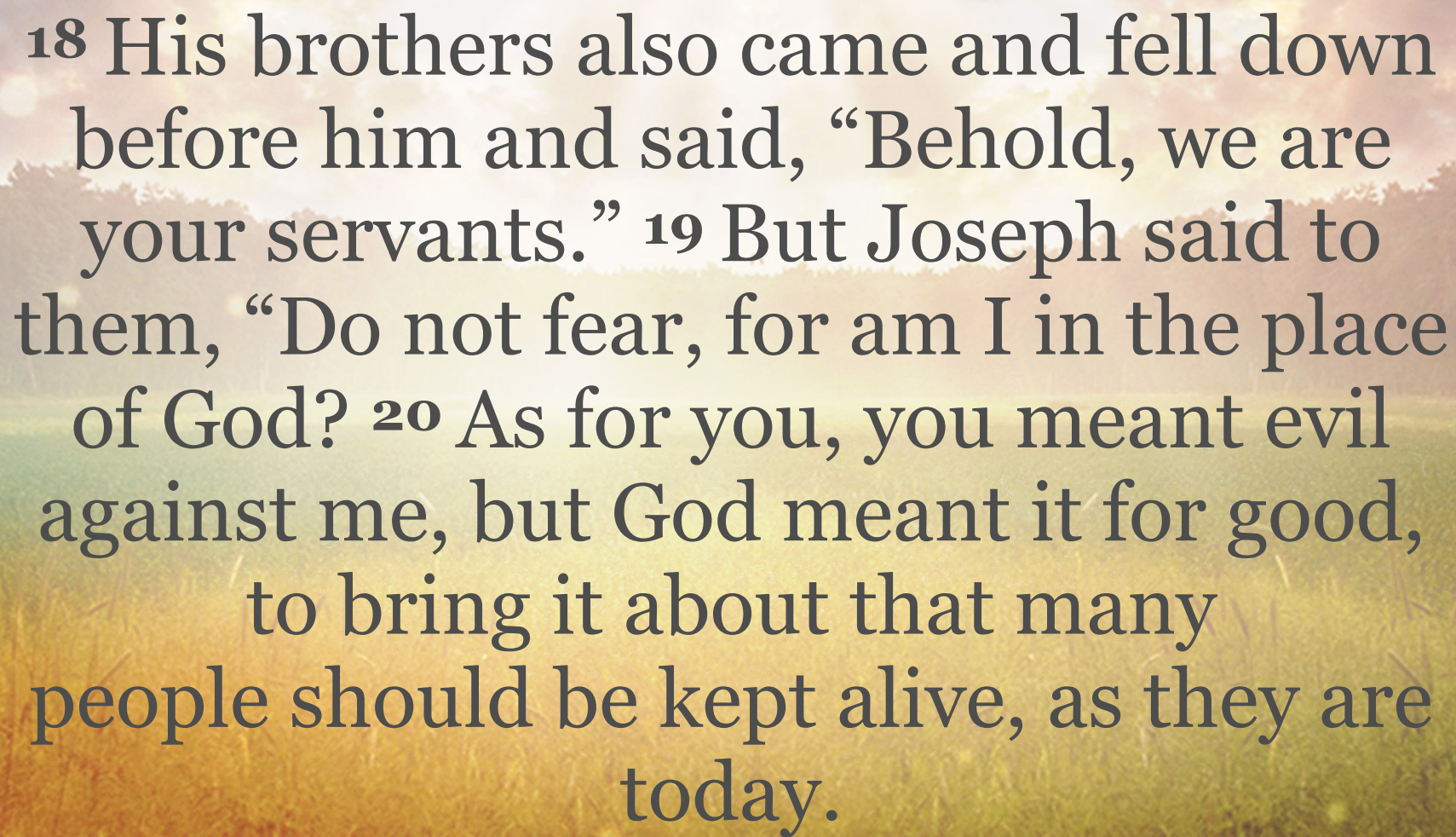
<sup>15</sup> When Joseph's brothers saw that their father was dead, they said, “It may be that Joseph will hate us and pay us back for all the evil that we did to him.” <sup>16</sup> So they sent a message to Joseph, saying, “Your father gave this command before he died:





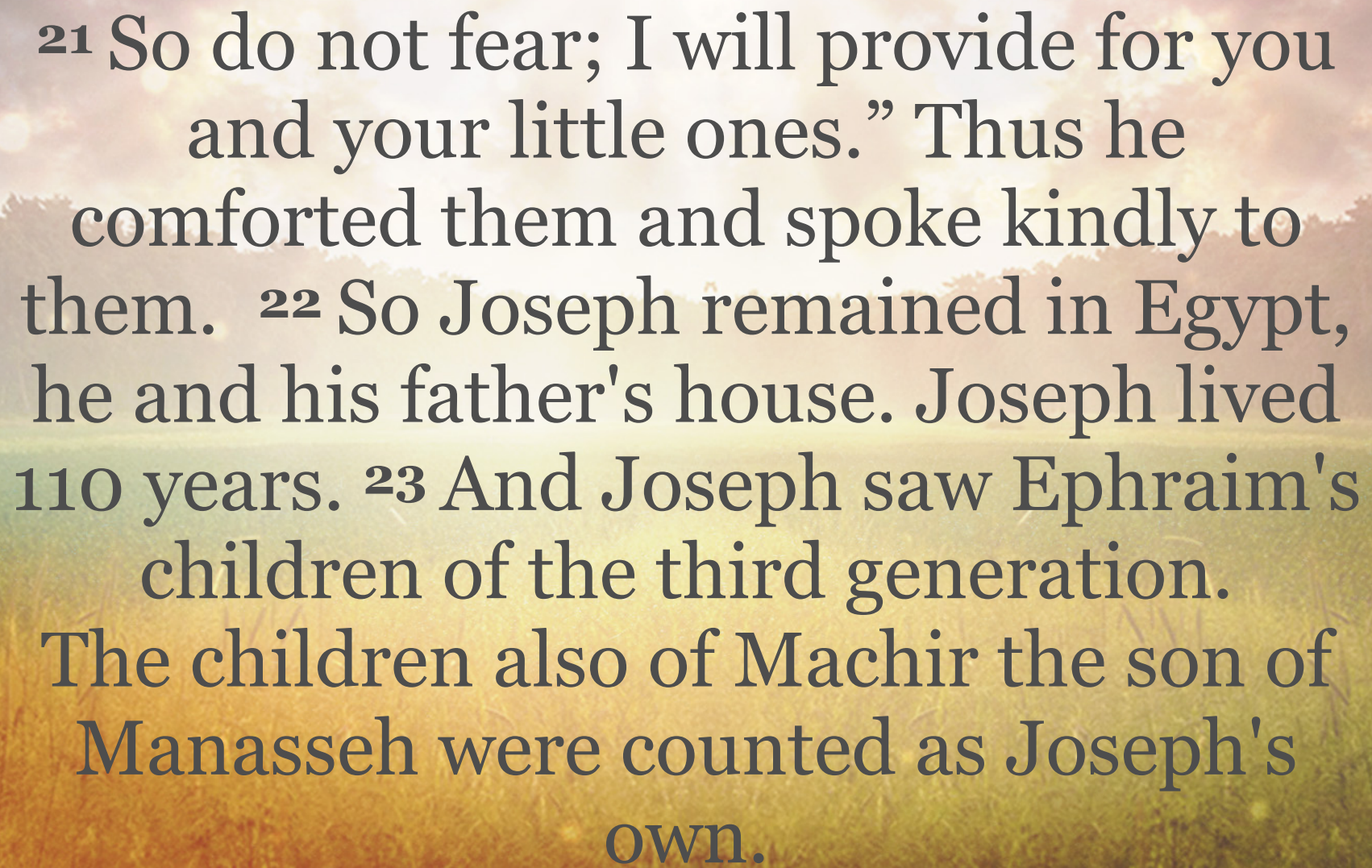
<sup>17</sup> ‘Say to Joseph, “Please forgive the transgression of your brothers and their sin, because they did evil to you.”” And now, please forgive the transgression of the servants of the God of your father.” Joseph wept when they spoke to him.





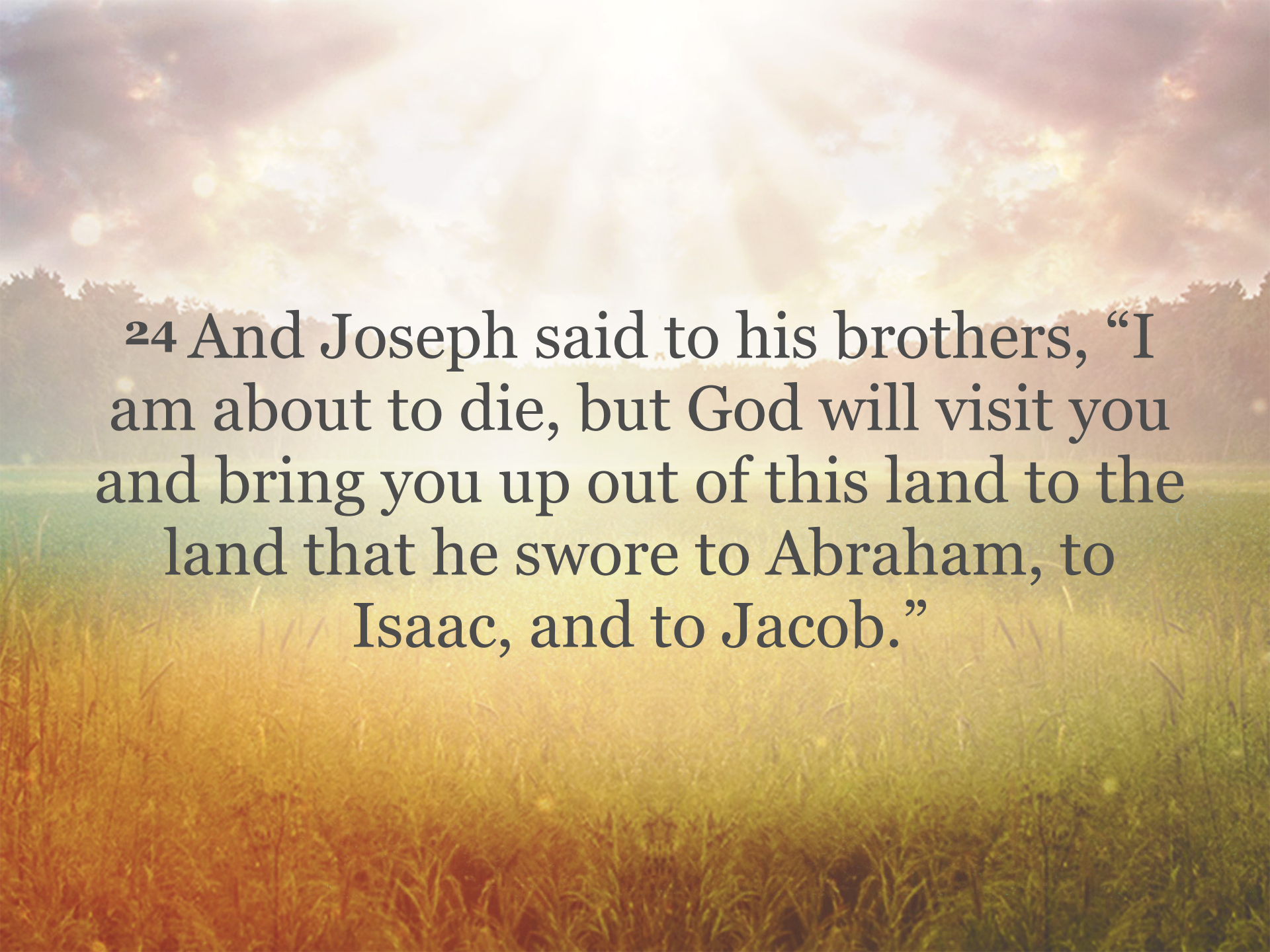
<sup>18</sup> His brothers also came and fell down before him and said, “Behold, we are your servants.” <sup>19</sup> But Joseph said to them, “Do not fear, for am I in the place of God? <sup>20</sup> As for you, you meant evil against me, but God meant it for good, to bring it about that many people should be kept alive, as they are today.





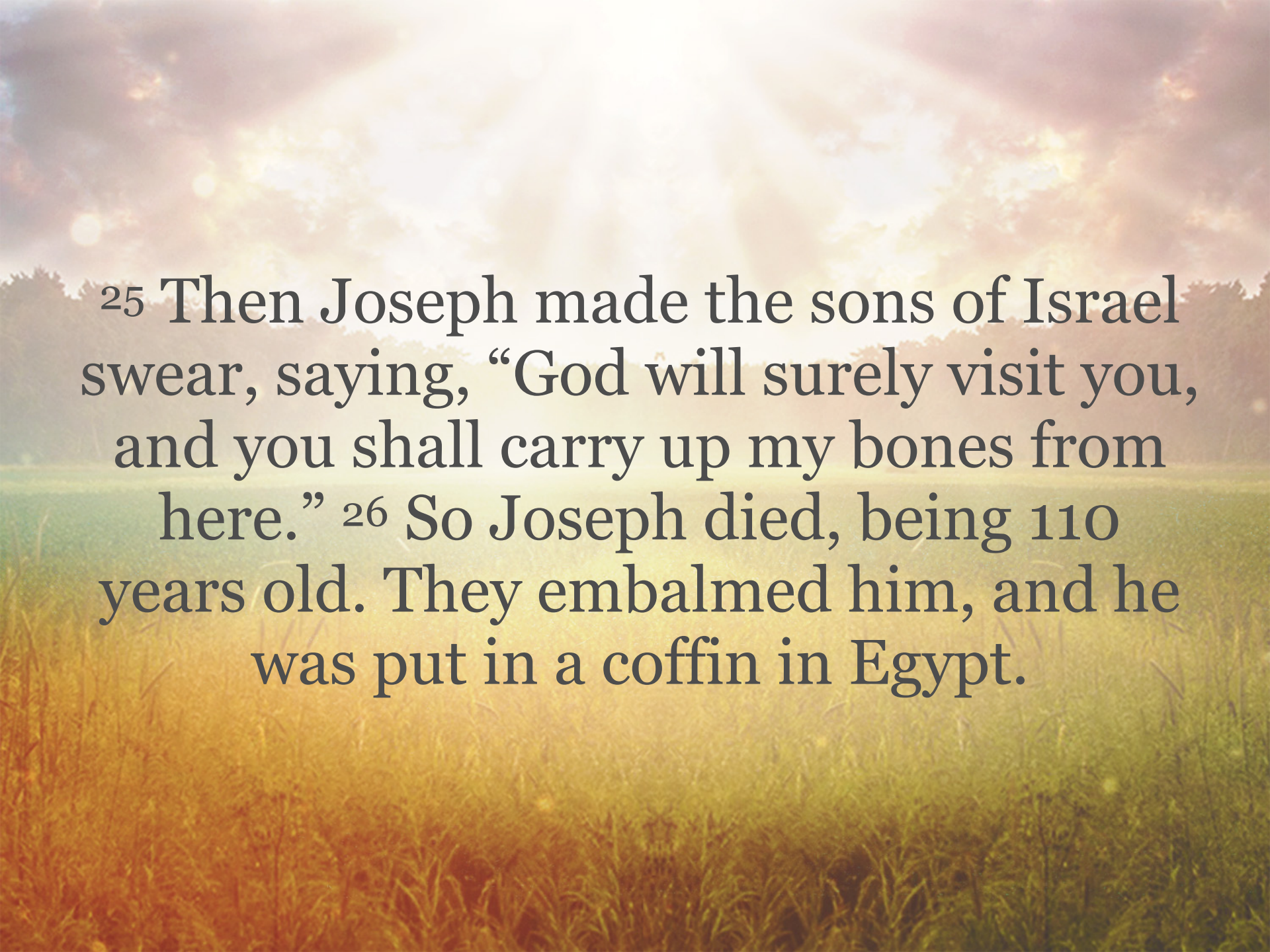
<sup>21</sup> So do not fear; I will provide for you and your little ones.” Thus he comforted them and spoke kindly to them. <sup>22</sup> So Joseph remained in Egypt, he and his father's house. Joseph lived 110 years. <sup>23</sup> And Joseph saw Ephraim's children of the third generation. The children also of Machir the son of Manasseh were counted as Joseph's own.





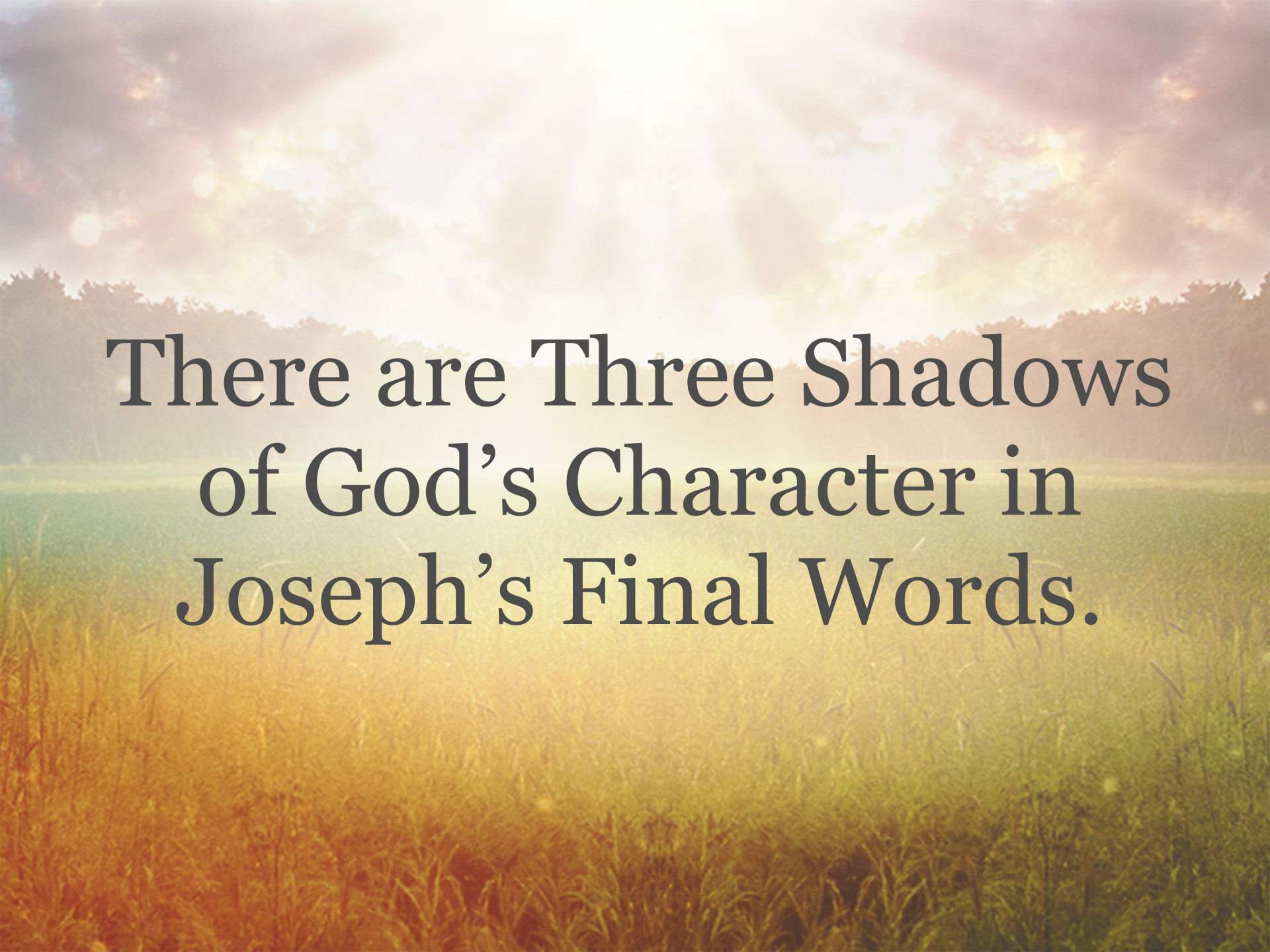
<sup>24</sup> And Joseph said to his brothers, “I am about to die, but God will visit you and bring you up out of this land to the land that he swore to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob.”





<sup>25</sup> Then Joseph made the sons of Israel swear, saying, “God will surely visit you, and you shall carry up my bones from here.” <sup>26</sup> So Joseph died, being 110 years old. They embalmed him, and he was put in a coffin in Egypt.





There are Three Shadows  
of God's Character in  
Joseph's Final Words.



# Joseph Leaves us a Shadow of God's Holiness.

V.19 But Joseph said to  
them, “Do not fear, for am  
I in the place of God?

*Healing  
at Last*

Genesis 42



## Remember these names of God?

- **El Shaddai** = God of the Mountains  
= God Almighty
- **El Elyon** = God Most High
- **El Roi** = The God Who Sees
- **El Olam** = God Everlasting
- **Jehovah Jireh** = God Will Provide



The background of the image is a soft-focus landscape. The upper half shows a bright, hazy sky with warm, golden light filtering through, suggesting a sunrise or sunset. The lower half shows a field of tall, golden-brown grass, possibly a meadow or a field of wildflowers, with some greenery still visible. The overall tone is peaceful and inspirational.

In a World that Constantly Tempts Us  
to Step into the Place of God, We Must  
Fight to Remember His Holiness.

God is Better at Being God  
than We Are.



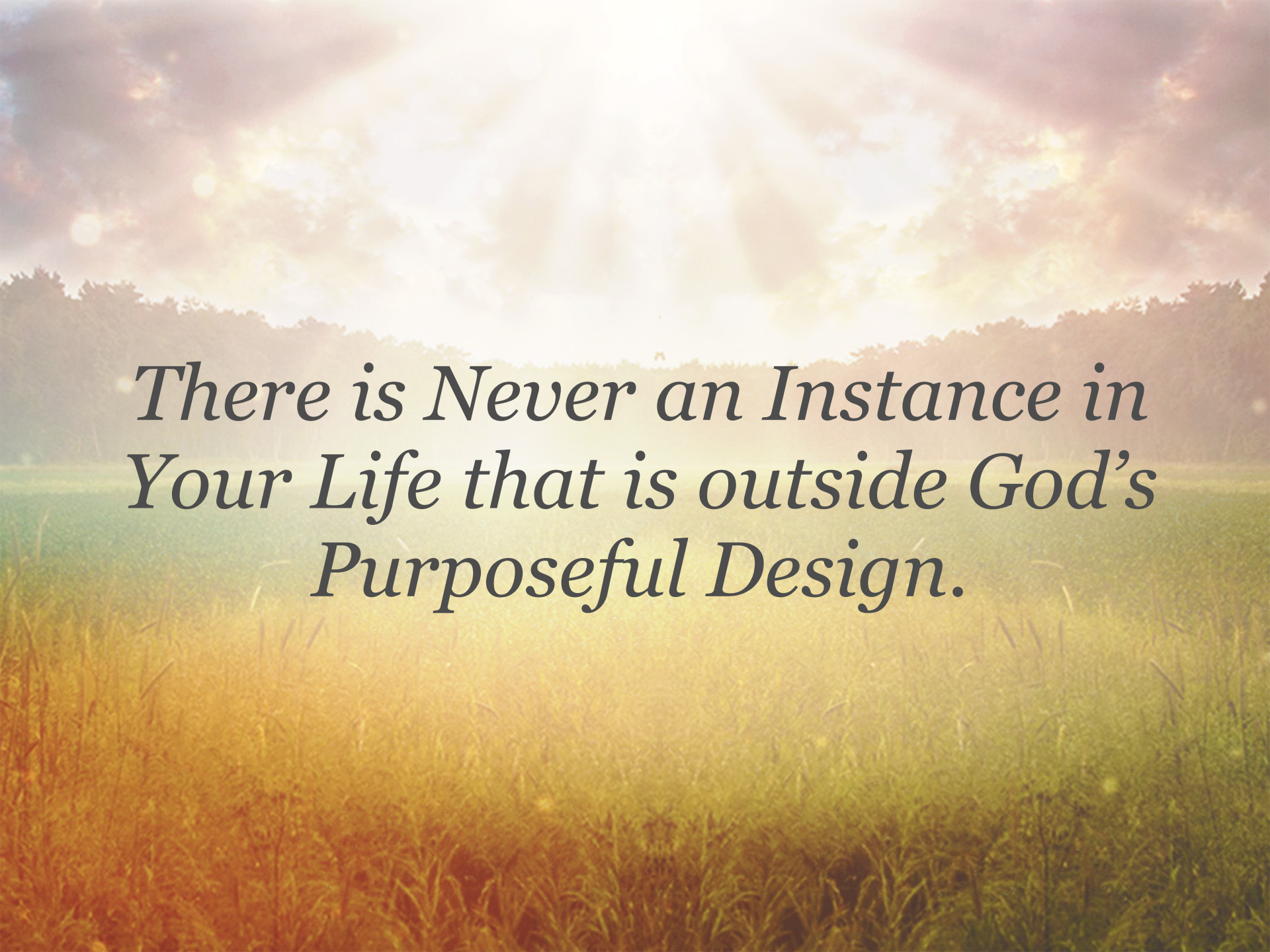
# Joseph Leaves us with a Shadow of God's Providence.

V.20 As for you, you  
meant evil against me,  
but God meant it for good

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*There is Never an Instance in  
Your Life that is outside God's  
Purposeful Design.*



# Joseph Leaves Us a Shadow of God's Faithfulness.

V.25 Then Joseph made the  
sons of Israel swear, saying,  
“God will surely visit you,  
and you shall carry up my  
bones from here.”

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# *God is a Promise Keeper!*

- ***Romans 11:29*** *For the gifts and calling of God are irrevocable.*
- ***Hebrews 10:23*** *Let us hold fast to the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who promised is faithful.*
- ***Numbers 23:19*** *God is not man, that he should lie, or a son of man, that he should change his mind. Has he said, and will he not do it? Or has he spoken, and will he not fulfill it?*





*Even When Life Gives Us No  
Point of Reference for what  
Faithfulness Looks Like . . .*

*Still, God Never Fails!*



The background of the image is a soft-focus photograph of a landscape during the 'golden hour' of a sunset or sunrise. The sky is filled with warm, glowing light and scattered clouds. A dark silhouette of a tree line is visible on the horizon. The foreground is dominated by a field of tall, golden-brown grass that is slightly out of focus, creating a sense of depth and tranquility.

Genesis Leaves Us with a  
Shadow of a Very Real Savior.

**How Will You Make it Real?**