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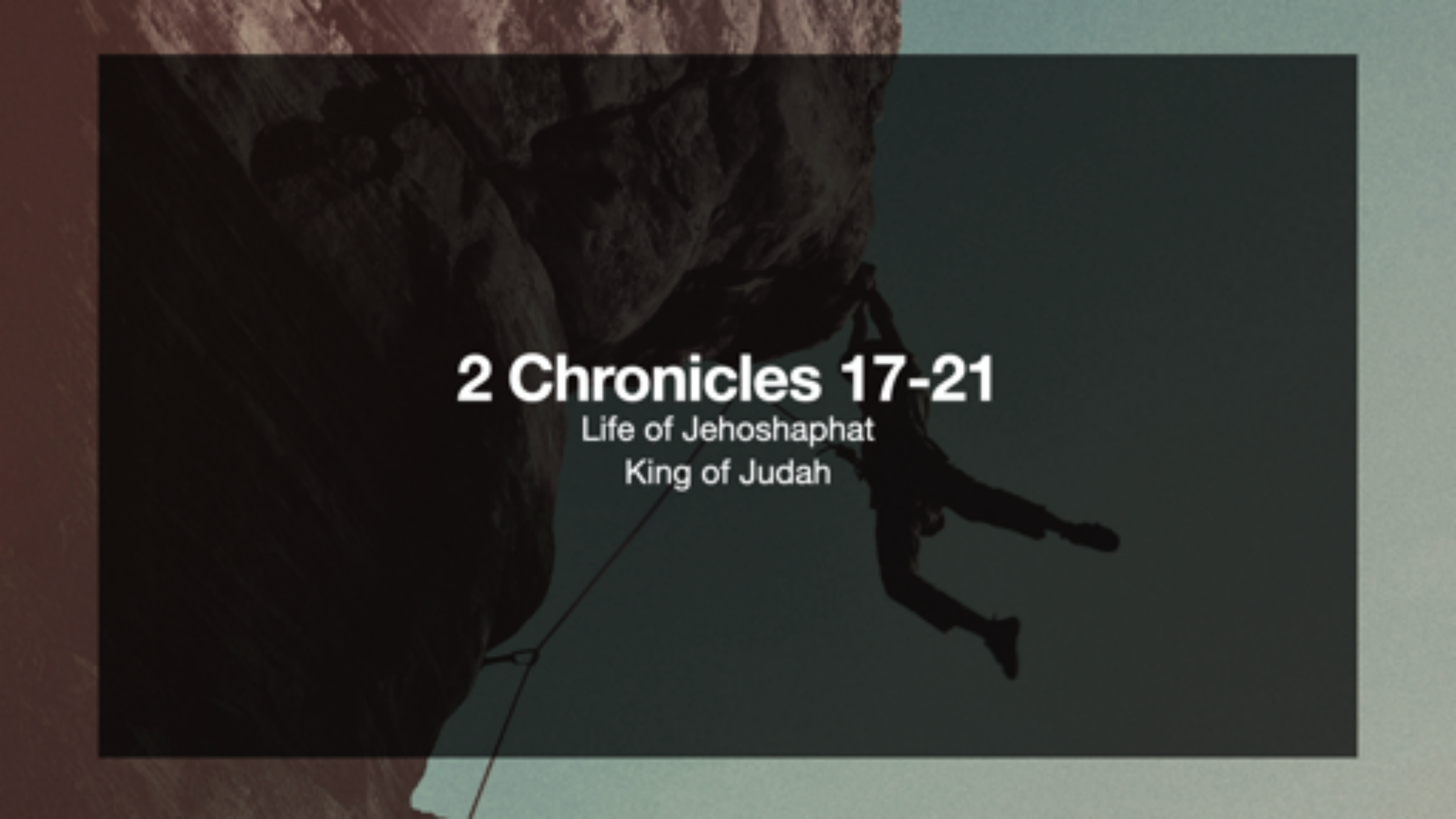
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**THRIVING**  
at your HEIGHTS



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# **2 Chronicles 17-21**

Life of Jehoshaphat  
King of Judah



# THE DIVIDED KINGDOM

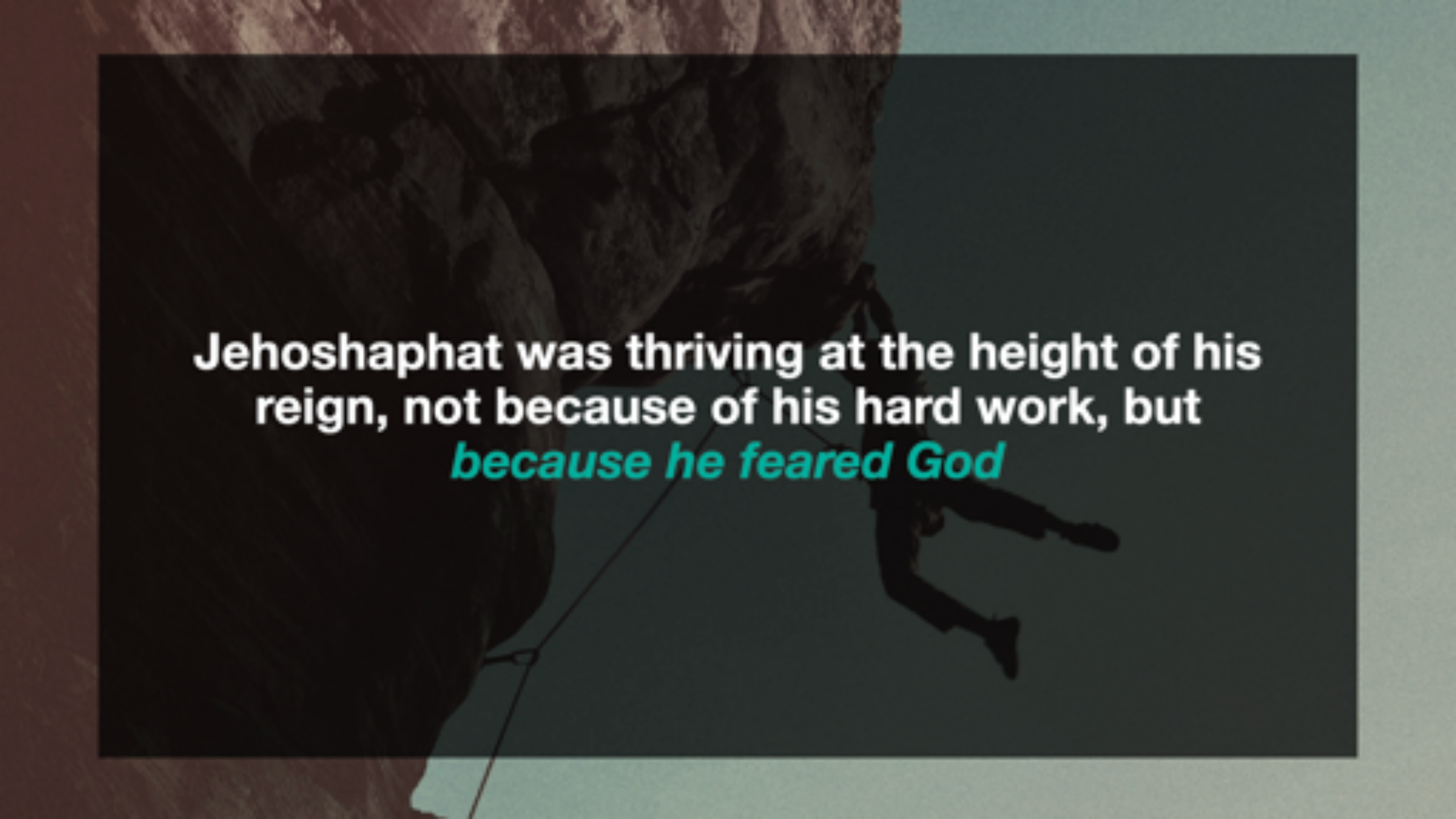




## 2 Chronicles 17:3-6

<sup>3</sup> The LORD was with Jehoshaphat because he followed the ways of his father David before him. He did not consult the Baals <sup>4</sup> but sought the God of his father and followed his commands rather than the practices of Israel. <sup>5</sup> The LORD established the kingdom under his control; and all Judah brought gifts to Jehoshaphat, so that he had great wealth and honor. <sup>6</sup> His heart was devoted to the ways of the LORD; furthermore, he removed the high places and the Asherah poles from Judah.



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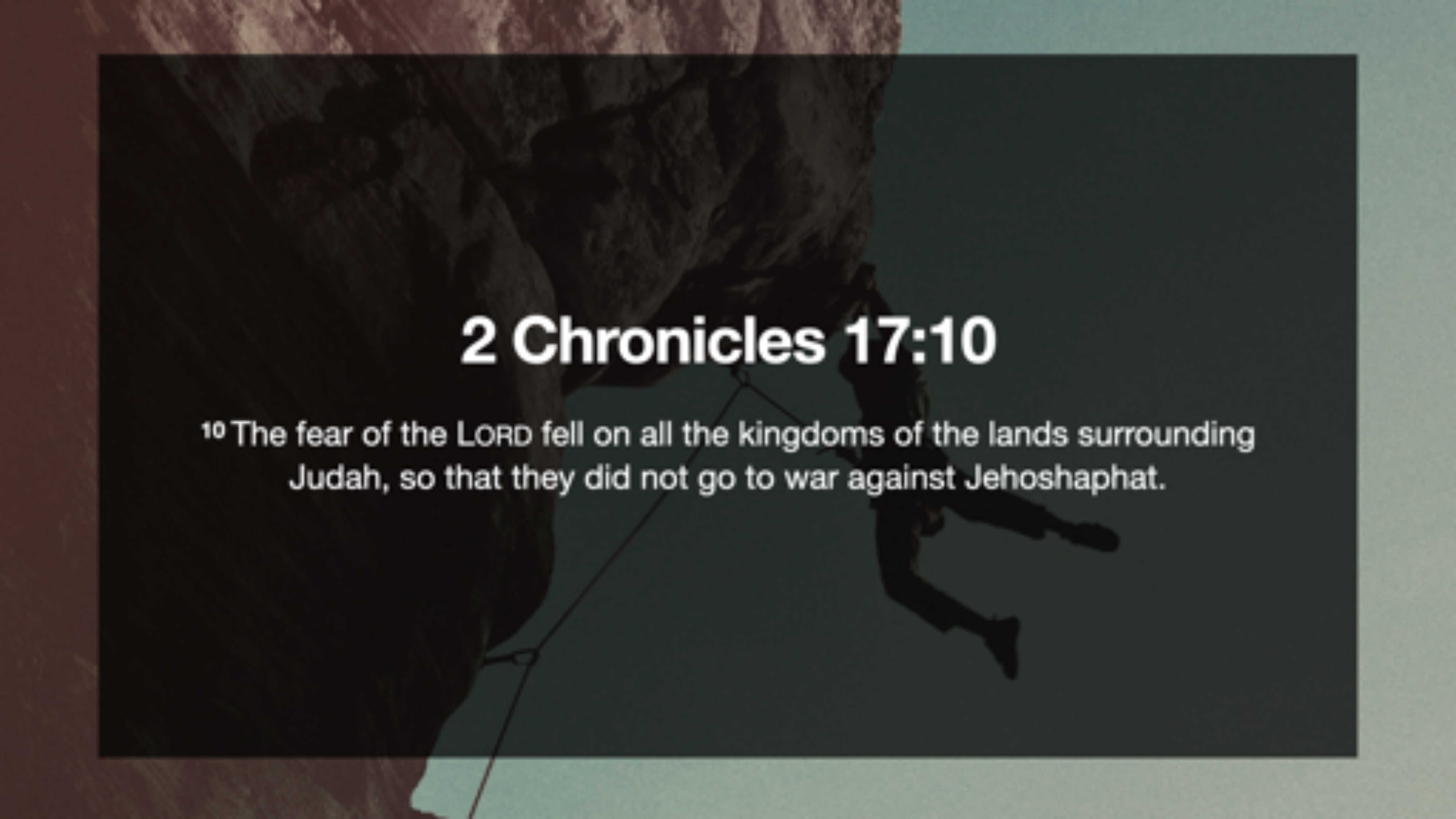
**Jehoshaphat was thriving at the height of his  
reign, not because of his hard work, but  
*because he feared God***



## 2 Chronicles 17:7-9

<sup>7</sup> In the third year of his reign he sent his officials Ben-Hail, Obadiah, Zechariah, Nethanel and Micaiah to teach in the towns of Judah. <sup>8</sup> With them were certain Levites—Shemaiah, Nethaniah, Zebadiah, Asahel, Shemiramoth, Jehonathan, Adonijah, Tobijah and Tob-Adonijah—and the priests Elishama and Jehoram. <sup>9</sup> They taught throughout Judah, taking with them the Book of the Law of the LORD; they went around to all the towns of Judah and taught the people.

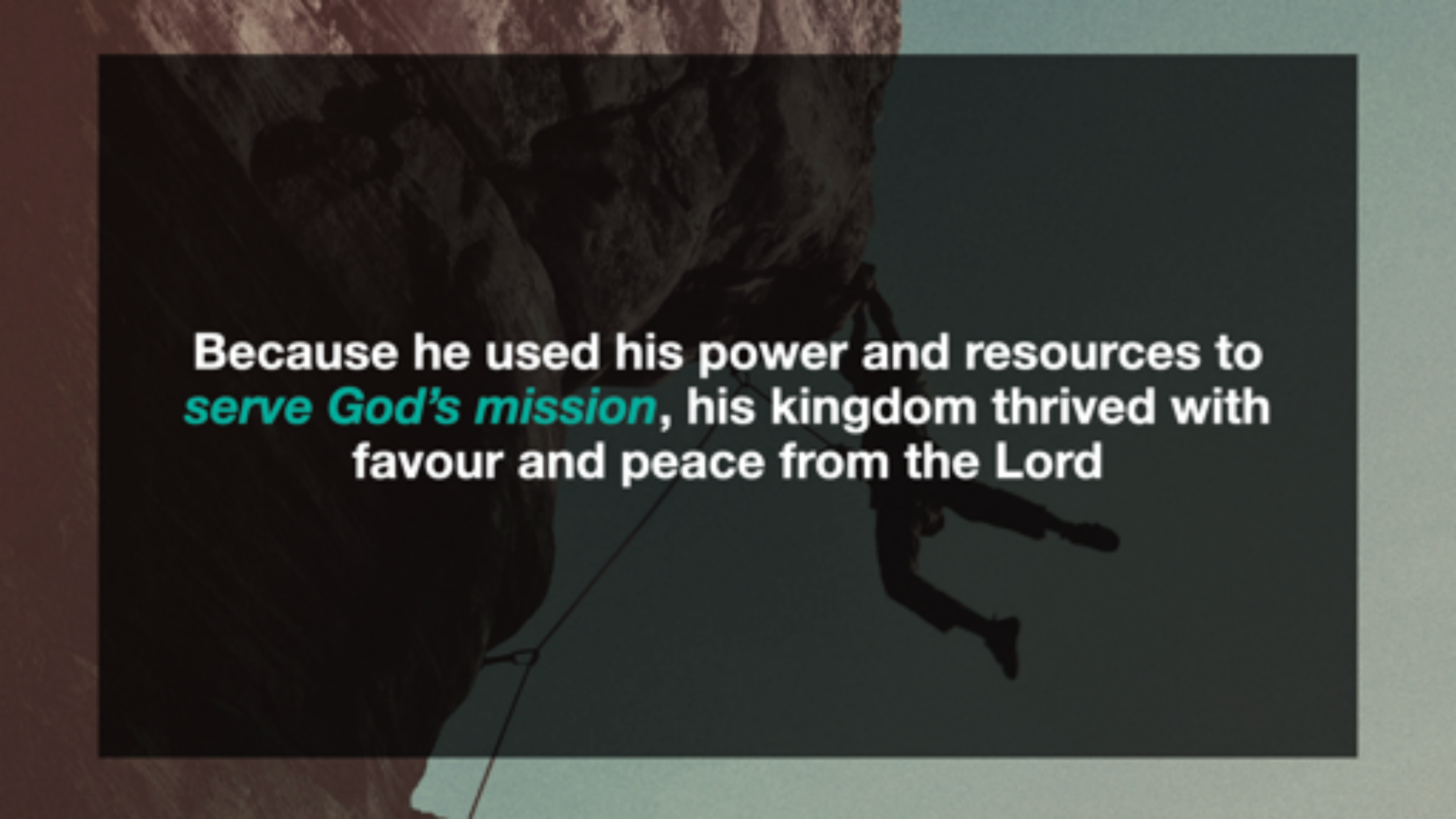


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## 2 Chronicles 17:10

<sup>10</sup> The fear of the LORD fell on all the kingdoms of the lands surrounding Judah, so that they did not go to war against Jehoshaphat.



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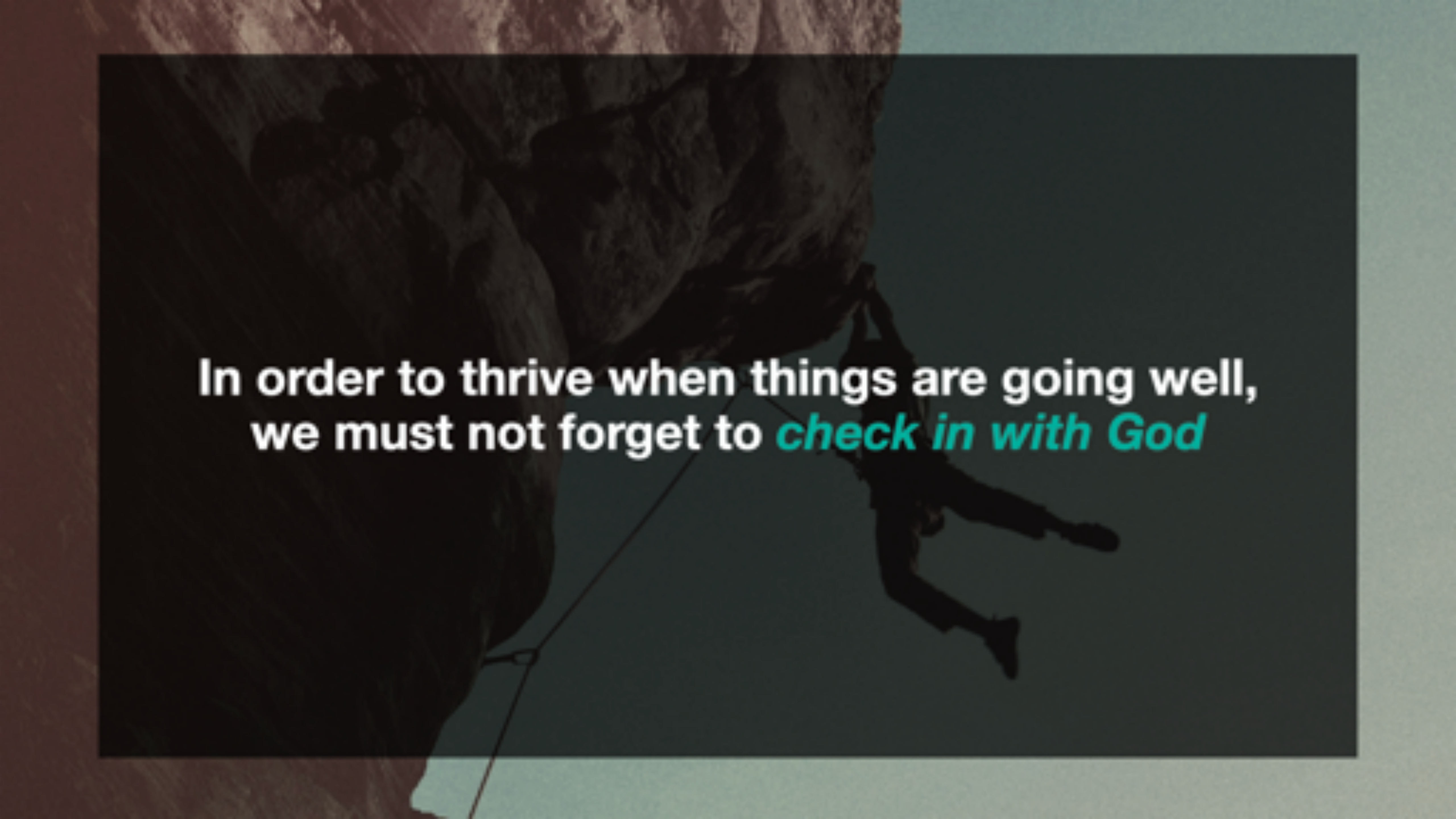
Because he used his power and resources to *serve God's mission*, his kingdom thrived with favour and peace from the Lord



## 1 Kings 16:29-33

<sup>29</sup> In the thirty-eighth year of Asa king of Judah, Ahab son of Omri became king of Israel, and he reigned in Samaria over Israel twenty-two years. <sup>30</sup> Ahab son of Omri did more evil in the eyes of the LORD than any of those before him. <sup>31</sup> He not only considered it trivial to commit the sins of Jeroboam son of Nebat, but he also married Jezebel daughter of Ethbaal king of the Sidonians, and began to serve Baal and worship him. <sup>32</sup> He set up an altar for Baal in the temple of Baal that he built in Samaria. <sup>33</sup> Ahab also made an Asherah pole and did more to arouse the anger of the LORD, the God of Israel, than did all the kings of Israel before him.



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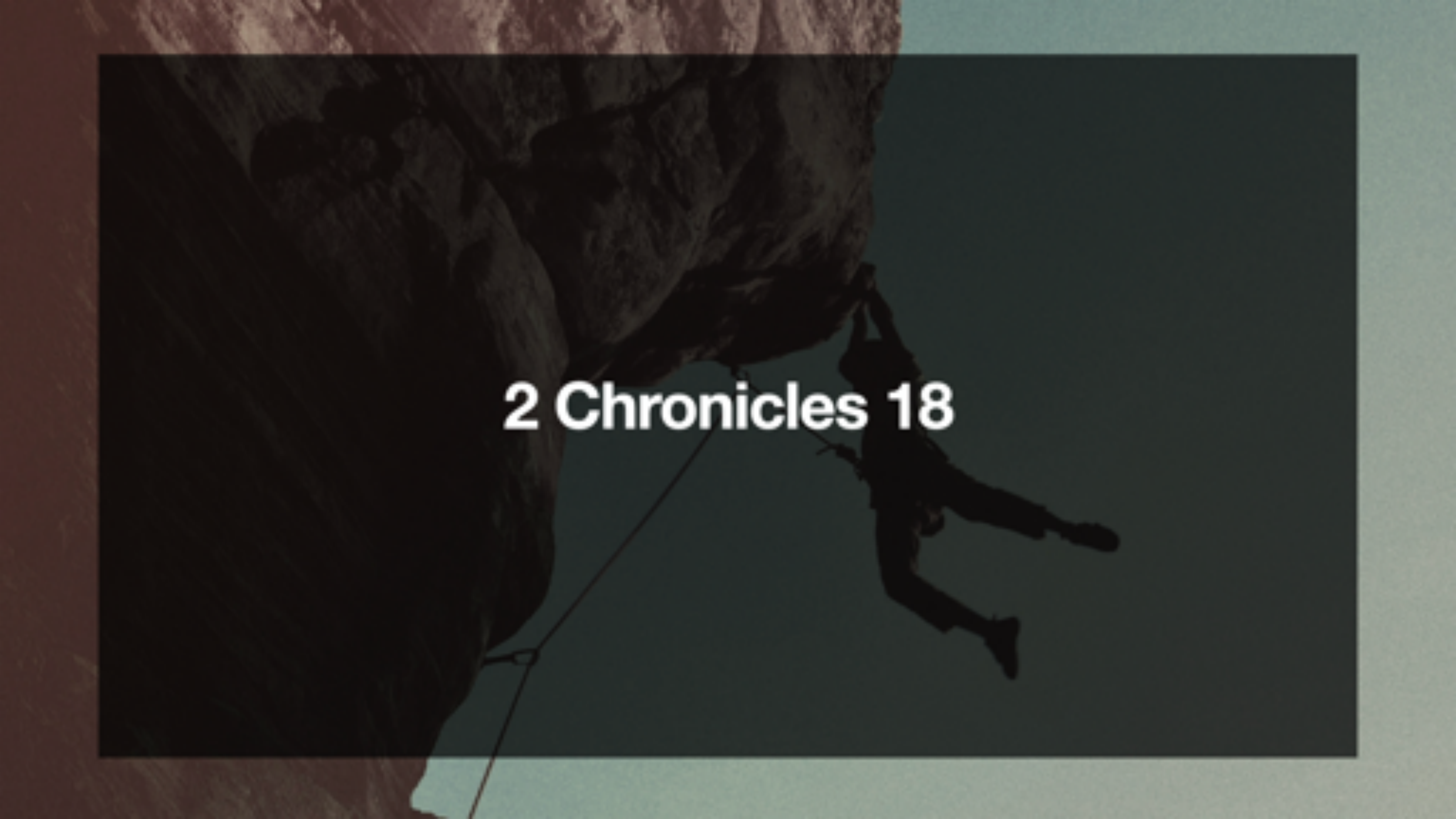


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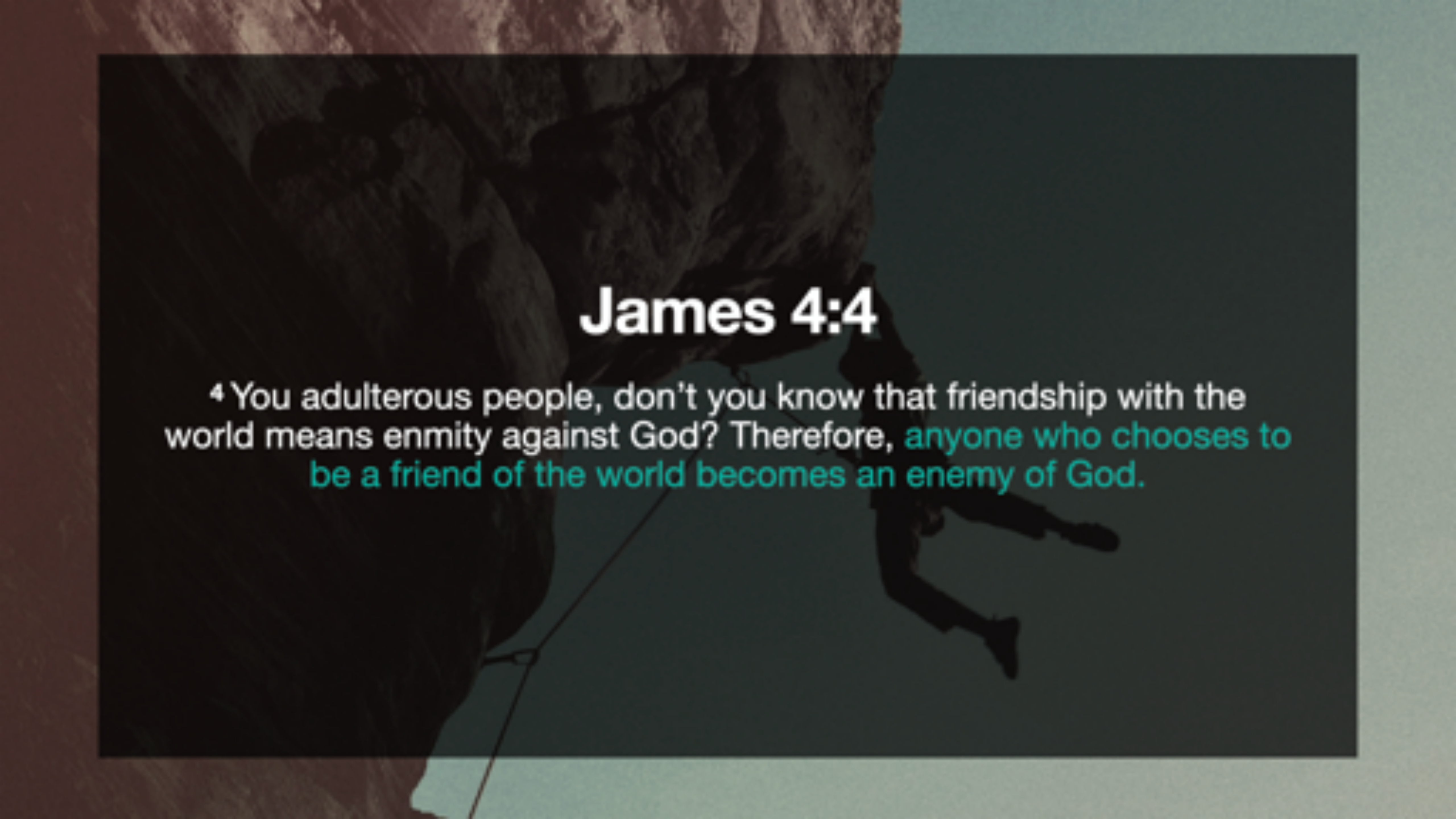
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## 2 Chronicles 18

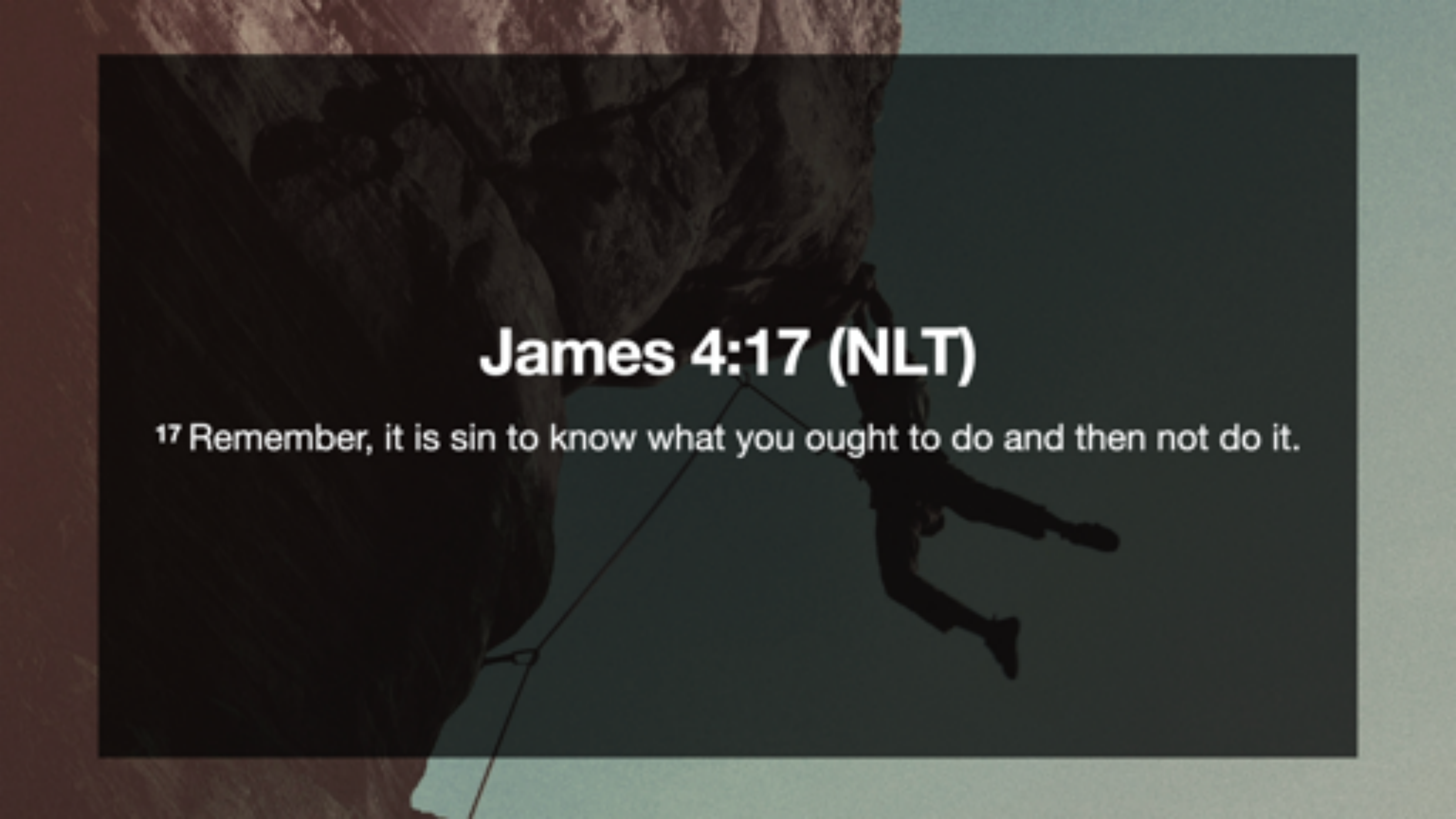


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## James 4:4

<sup>4</sup> You adulterous people, don't you know that friendship with the world means enmity against God? Therefore, **anyone who chooses to be a friend of the world becomes an enemy of God.**



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## **James 4:17 (NLT)**

**<sup>17</sup> Remember, it is sin to know what you ought to do and then not do it.**

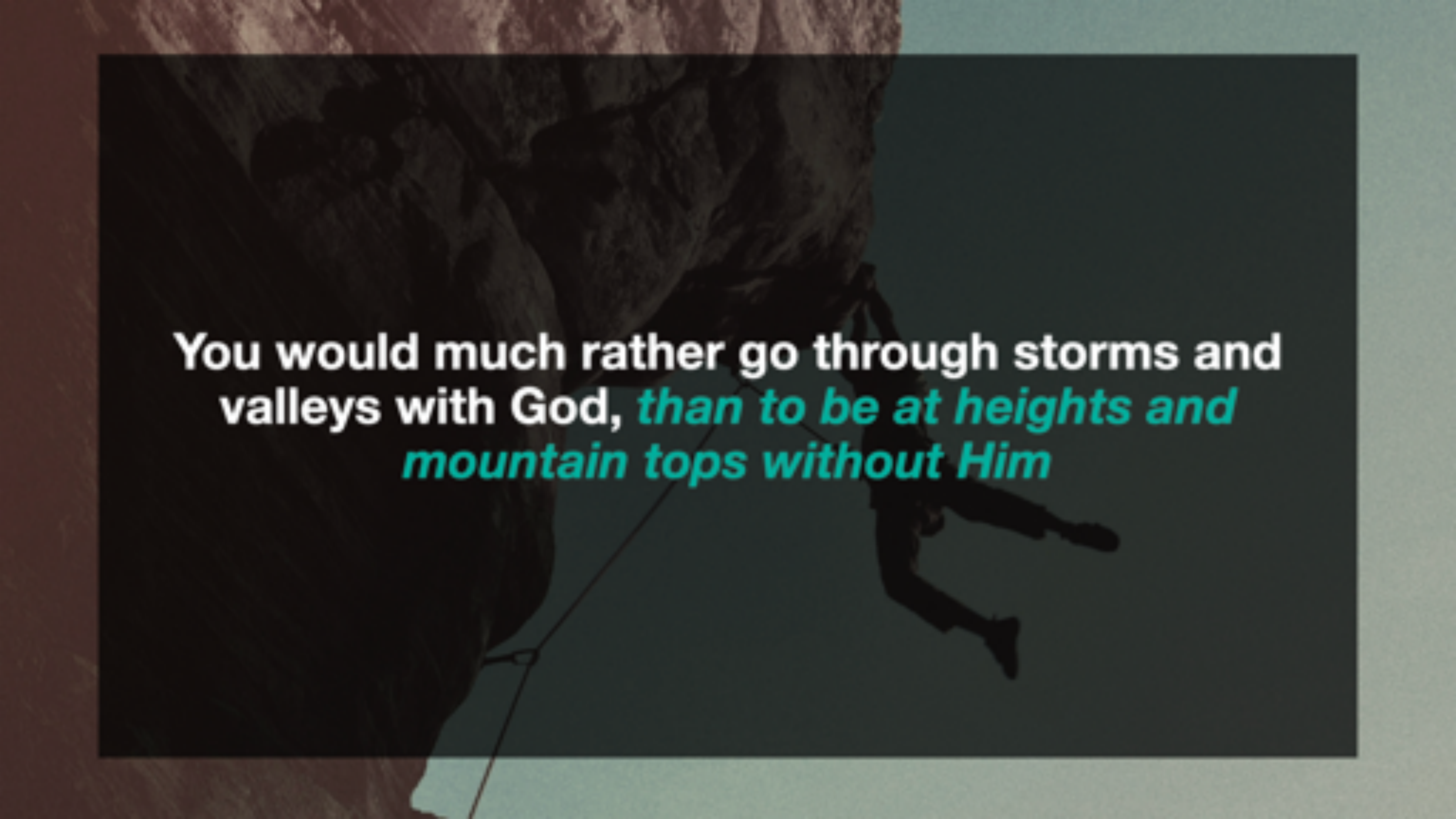


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You would much rather go through storms and  
valleys with God, *than to be at heights and  
mountain tops without Him*



## 2 Chronicles 20:5-6

<sup>5</sup> Then Jehoshaphat stood up in the assembly of Judah and Jerusalem at the temple of the LORD in the front of the new courtyard <sup>6</sup> and said:

“LORD, the God of our ancestors, are you not the God who is in heaven? You rule over all the kingdoms of the nations. **Power and might are in your hand**, and no one can withstand you.



## 2 Chronicles 20:12-13

<sup>12</sup> Our God, will you not judge them? For we have no power to face this vast army that is attacking us. We do not know what to do, **but our eyes are on you.**"

<sup>13</sup> All the men of Judah, with their wives and children and little ones, stood there before the LORD.

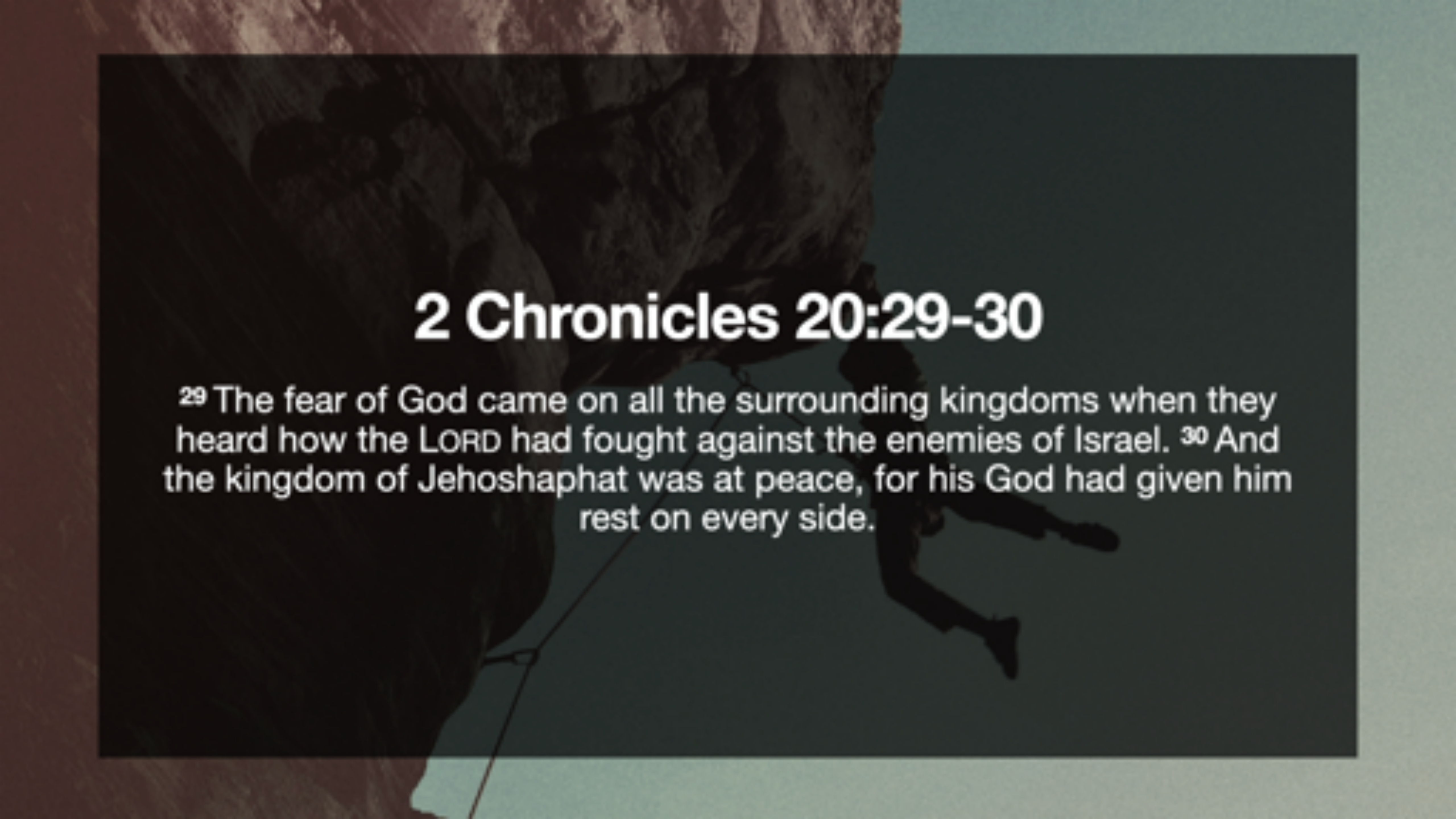


## 2 Chronicles 20:14-17

<sup>14</sup> Then the Spirit of the LORD came on Jahaziel son of Zechariah, the son of Benaiah, the son of Jeiel, the son of Mattaniah, a Levite and descendant of Asaph, as he stood in the assembly.

<sup>15</sup> He said: "Listen, King Jehoshaphat and all who live in Judah and Jerusalem! This is what the LORD says to you: 'Do not be afraid or discouraged because of this vast army. For the battle is not yours, but God's.' <sup>16</sup> Tomorrow march down against them. They will be climbing up by the Pass of Ziz, and you will find them at the end of the gorge in the Desert of Jeruel. <sup>17</sup> You will not have to fight this battle. Take up your positions; stand firm and see the deliverance the LORD will give you, Judah and Jerusalem. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged. Go out to face them tomorrow, and the LORD will be with you.'"



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## 2 Chronicles 20:29-30

<sup>29</sup> The fear of God came on all the surrounding kingdoms when they heard how the LORD had fought against the enemies of Israel. <sup>30</sup> And the kingdom of Jehoshaphat was at peace, for his God had given him rest on every side.