

What On Earth  
Is God Doing? (15)





## Habakkuk 2:2-3

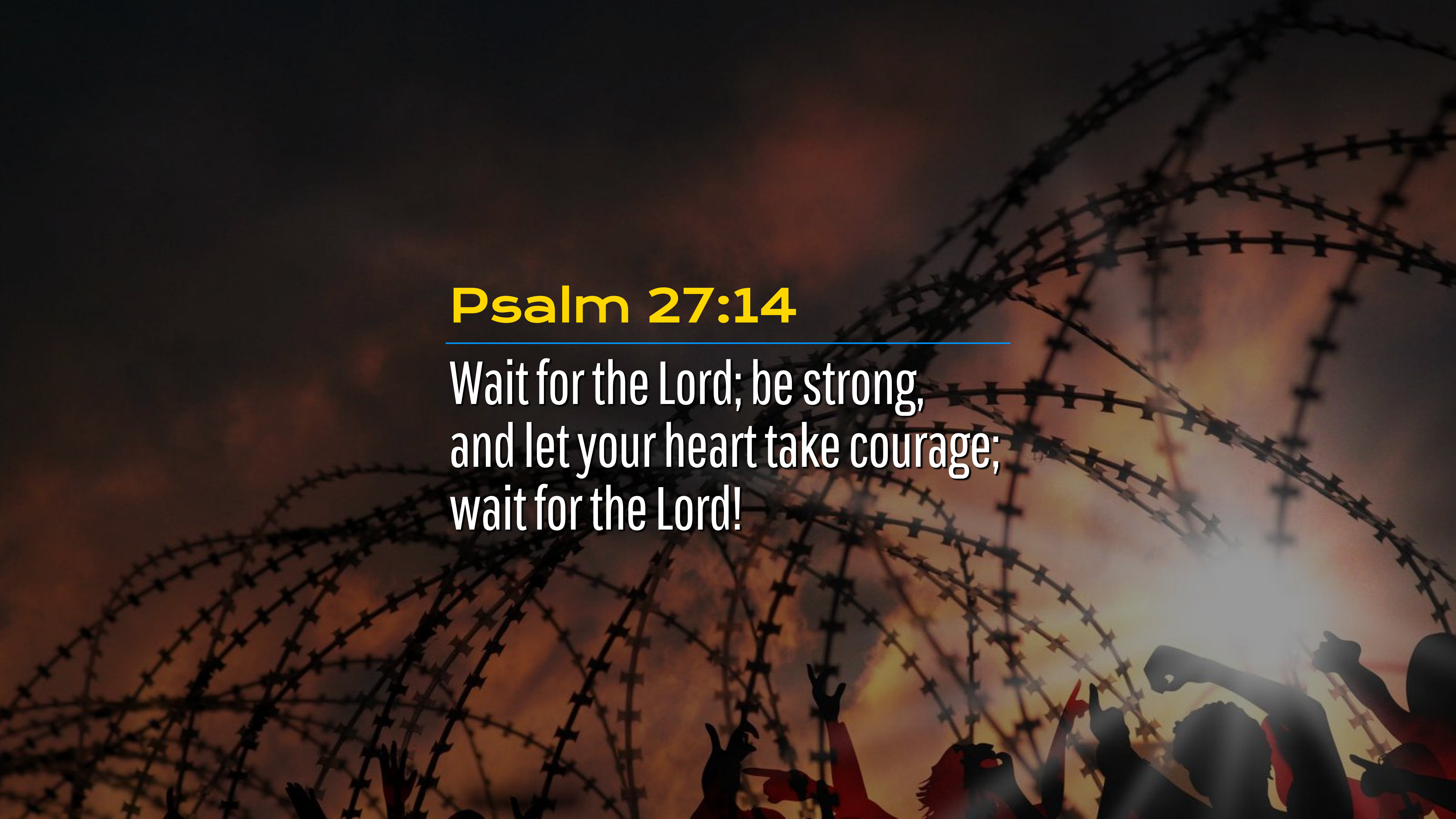
2. Write the vision; make it plain on tablets, so he may run who reads it.
3. For still the vision awaits its appointed time; it hastens to the end—it will not lie. If it seems slow, wait for it; it will surely come; it will not delay.



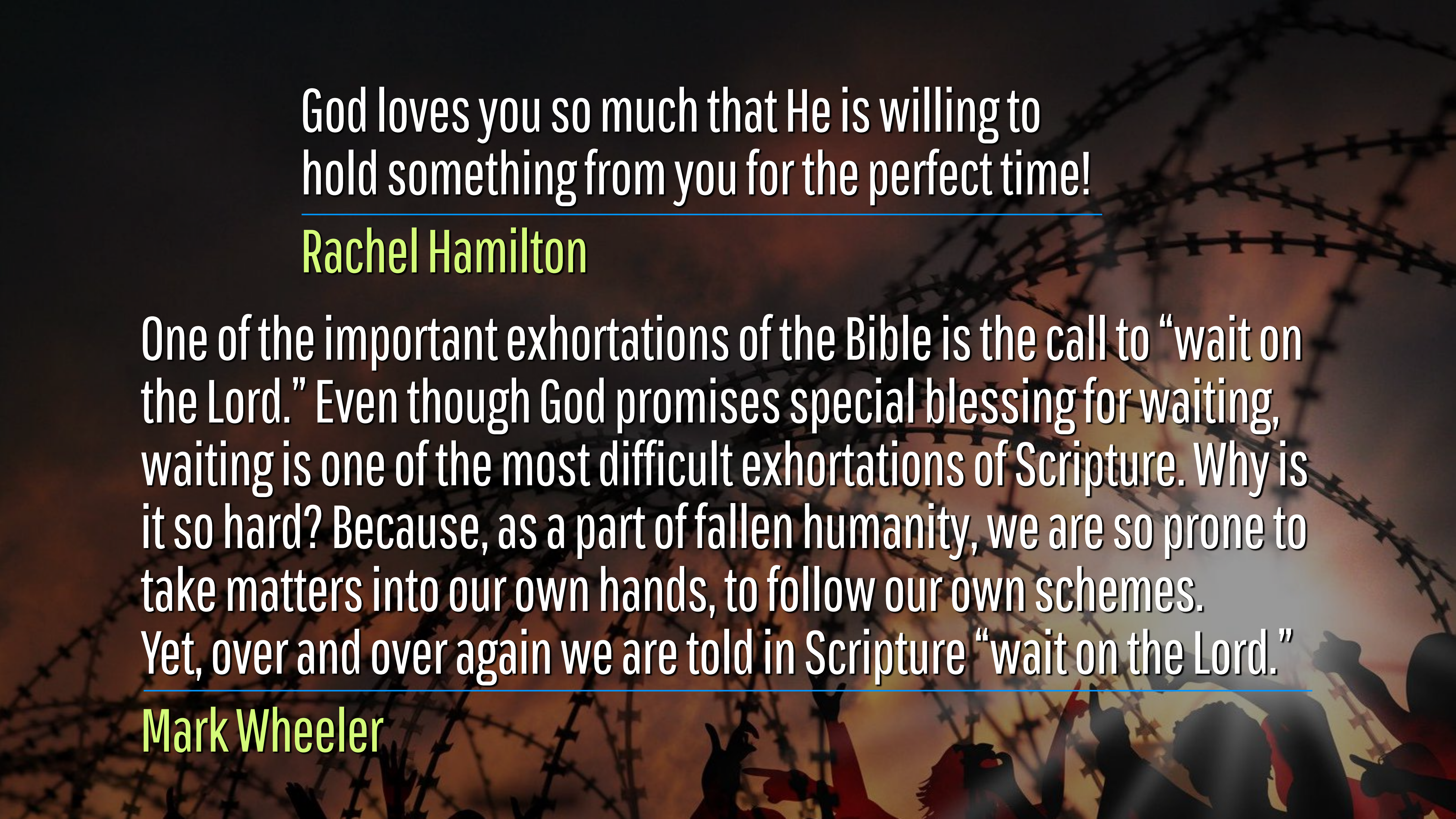
## Psalm 27:14

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Wait for the Lord; be strong,  
and let your heart take courage;  
wait for the Lord!





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God loves you so much that He is willing to  
hold something from you for the perfect time!

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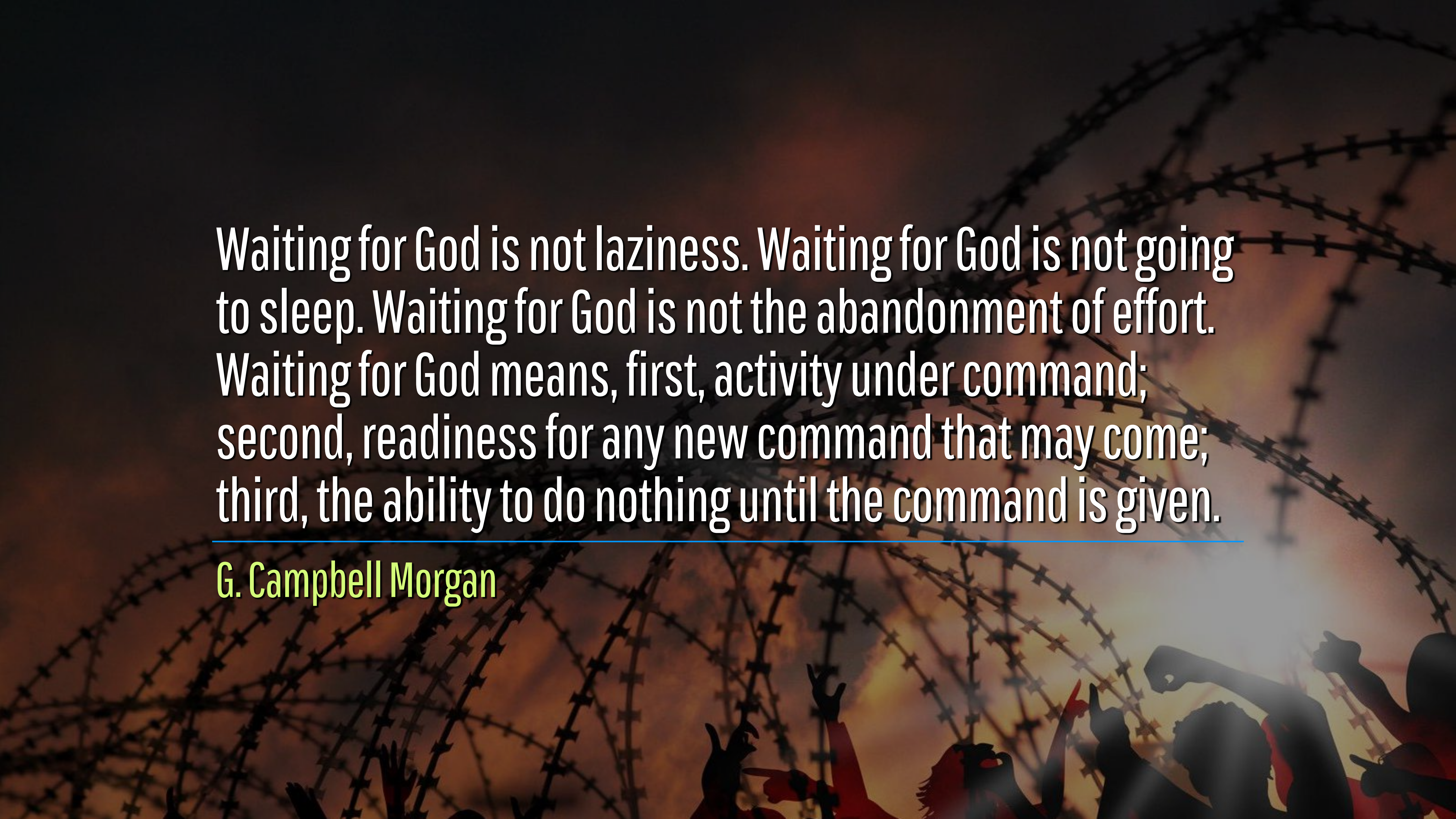
**Rachel Hamilton**

One of the important exhortations of the Bible is the call to “wait on the Lord.” Even though God promises special blessing for waiting, waiting is one of the most difficult exhortations of Scripture. Why is it so hard? Because, as a part of fallen humanity, we are so prone to take matters into our own hands, to follow our own schemes. Yet, over and over again we are told in Scripture “wait on the Lord.”

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**Mark Wheeler**





Waiting for God is not laziness. Waiting for God is not going to sleep. Waiting for God is not the abandonment of effort. Waiting for God means, first, activity under command; second, readiness for any new command that may come; third, the ability to do nothing until the command is given.

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G. Campbell Morgan





Waiting is spelled T-R-U-S-T.

Dave Sample

The Lord orders our stops as well as our steps.

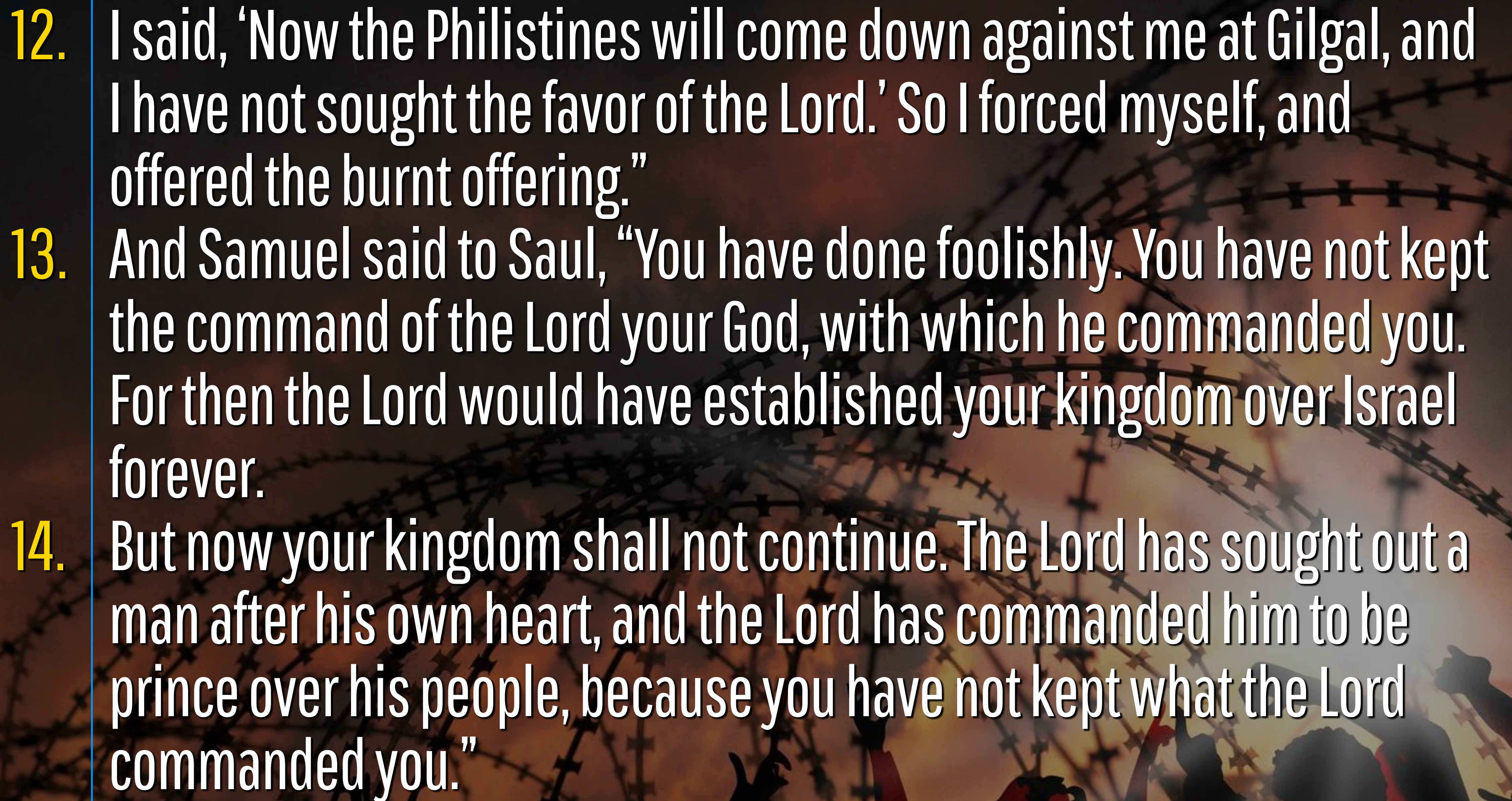
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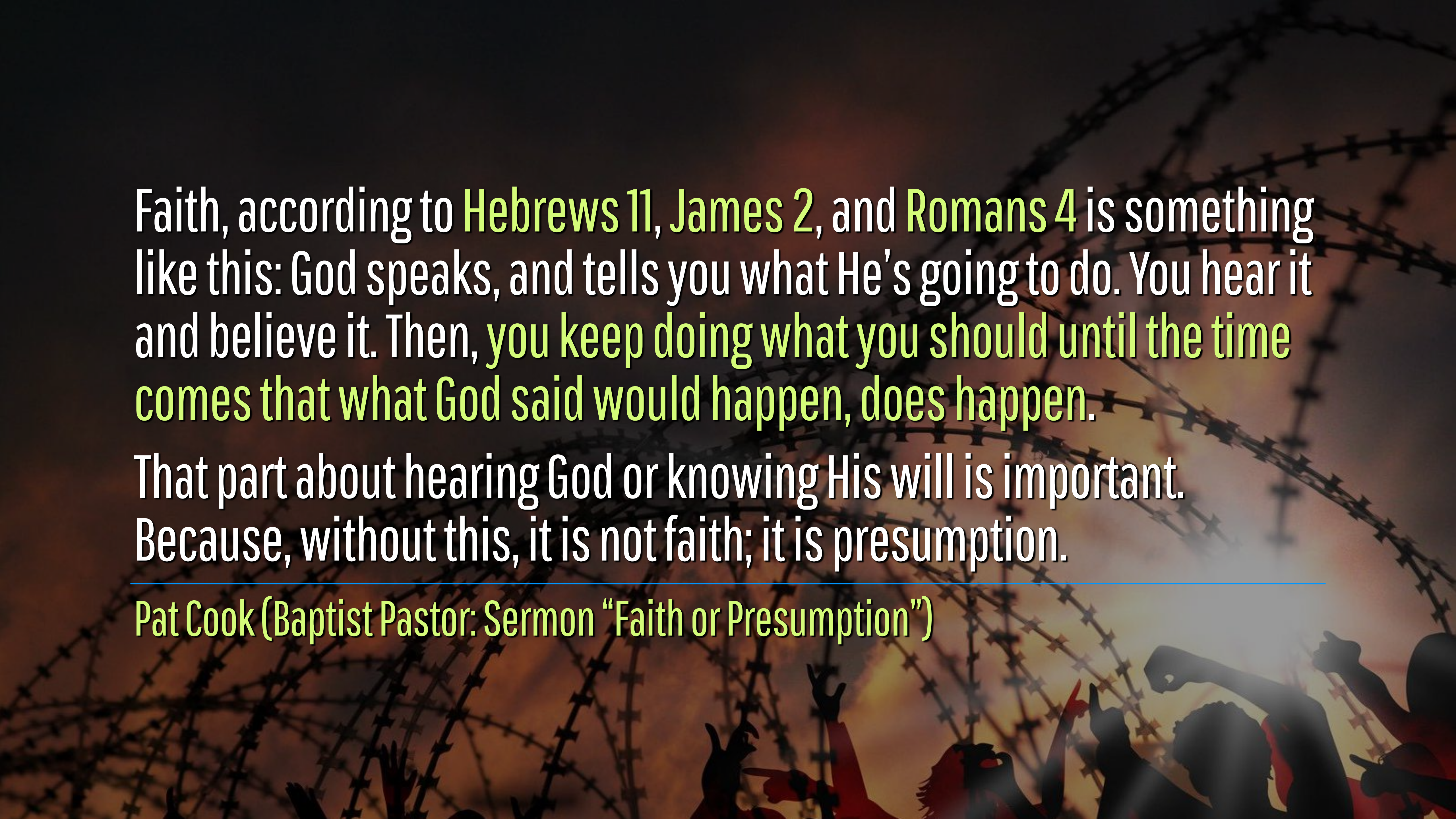
## 1 Samuel 13:8-14

8. He waited seven days, the time appointed by Samuel. But Samuel did not come to Gilgal, and the people were scattering from him.
9. So Saul said, "Bring the burnt offering here to me, and the peace offerings." And he offered the burnt offering.
10. As soon as he had finished offering the burnt offering, behold, Samuel came. And Saul went out to meet him and greet him.
11. Samuel said, "What have you done?" And Saul said, "When I saw that the people were scattering from me, and that you did not come within the days appointed, and that the Philistines had mustered at Michmash,



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12. I said, 'Now the Philistines will come down against me at Gilgal, and I have not sought the favor of the Lord.' So I forced myself, and offered the burnt offering."
13. And Samuel said to Saul, "You have done foolishly. You have not kept the command of the Lord your God, with which he commanded you. For then the Lord would have established your kingdom over Israel forever.
14. But now your kingdom shall not continue. The Lord has sought out a man after his own heart, and the Lord has commanded him to be prince over his people, because you have not kept what the Lord commanded you."



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Faith, according to **Hebrews 11**, **James 2**, and **Romans 4** is something like this: God speaks, and tells you what He's going to do. You hear it and believe it. Then, **you keep doing what you should until the time comes that what God said would happen, does happen.**

That part about hearing God or knowing His will is important. Because, without this, it is not faith; it is presumption.

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**Pat Cook (Baptist Pastor: Sermon "Faith or Presumption")**



# 1 Samuel 15

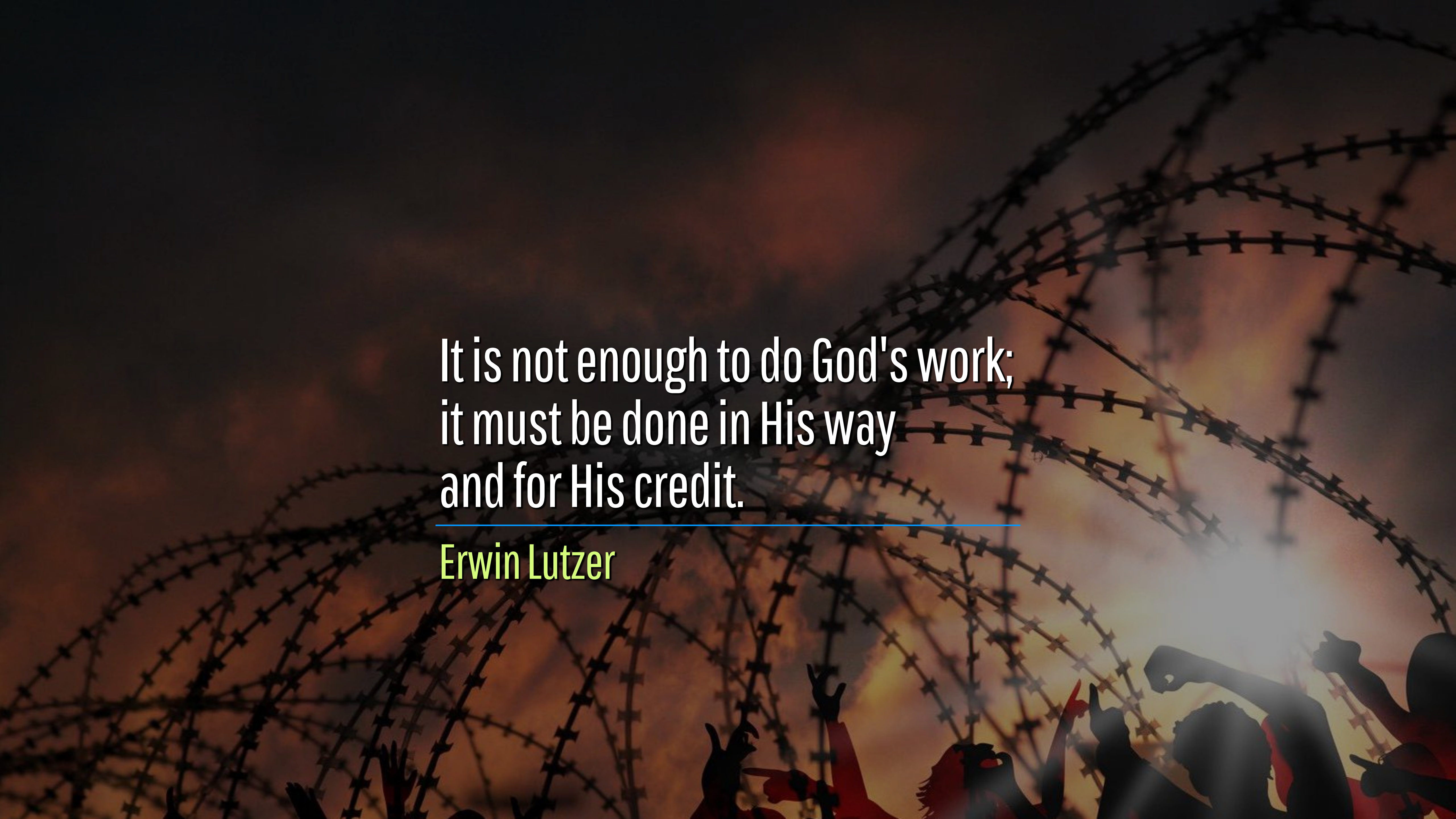
3. Do not spare them, but kill both man and woman, child and infant, ox and sheep, camel and donkey.
9. Saul and the people spared Agag and the best of the sheep and of the oxen and of the fattened calves and the lambs, and all that was good, and would not utterly destroy them.
13. Blessed be you to the Lord. I have performed the commandment of the Lord.
14. What then is this bleating of the sheep in my ears and the lowing of the oxen that I hear?"



## 1 Samuel 15:22-23

22. Has the Lord as great delight in burnt offerings and sacrifices, as in obeying the voice of the Lord? Behold, to obey is better than sacrifice, and to listen is better than the fat of rams.
23. For rebellion is as the sin of divination (witchcraft) and presumption is as iniquity and idolatry.





It is not enough to do God's work;  
it must be done in His way  
and for His credit.

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Erwin Lutzer





Obedience is my path and the results are God's.

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I don't see success as the goal.  
Obedience is the goal.

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Jerry B. Jenkins