

The life of *David*



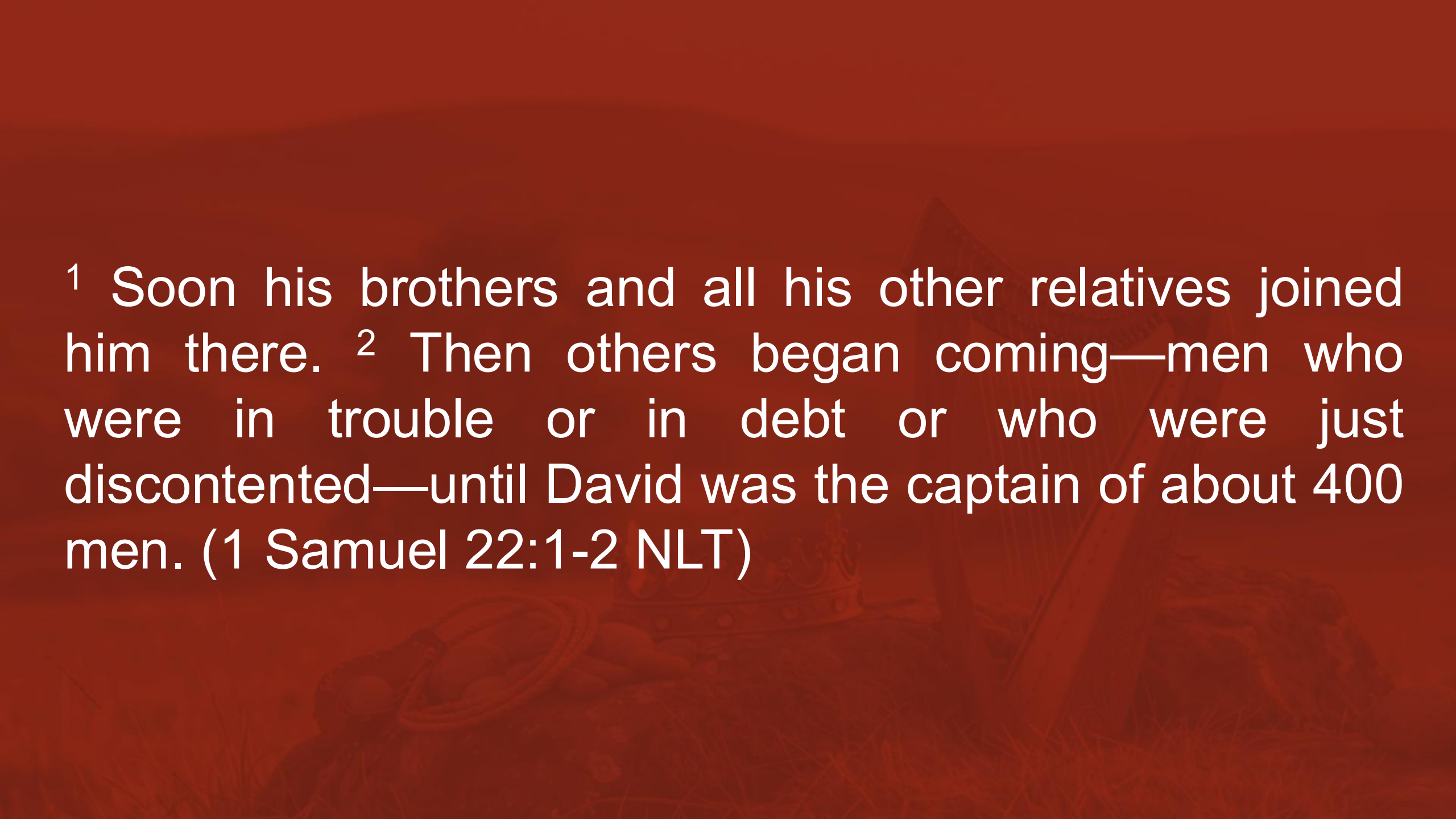
1 Samuel 26







¹⁸ Then the king said to Doeg, “You do it.” So Doeg the Edomite turned on them and killed them that day, eighty-five priests in all, still wearing their priestly garments. ¹⁹ Then he went to Nob, the town of the priests, and killed the priests’ families—men and women, children and babies—and all the cattle, donkeys, sheep, and goats. ²⁰ Only Abiathar, one of the sons of Ahimelech, escaped and fled to David. (1 Samuel 22:18-20 NLT)

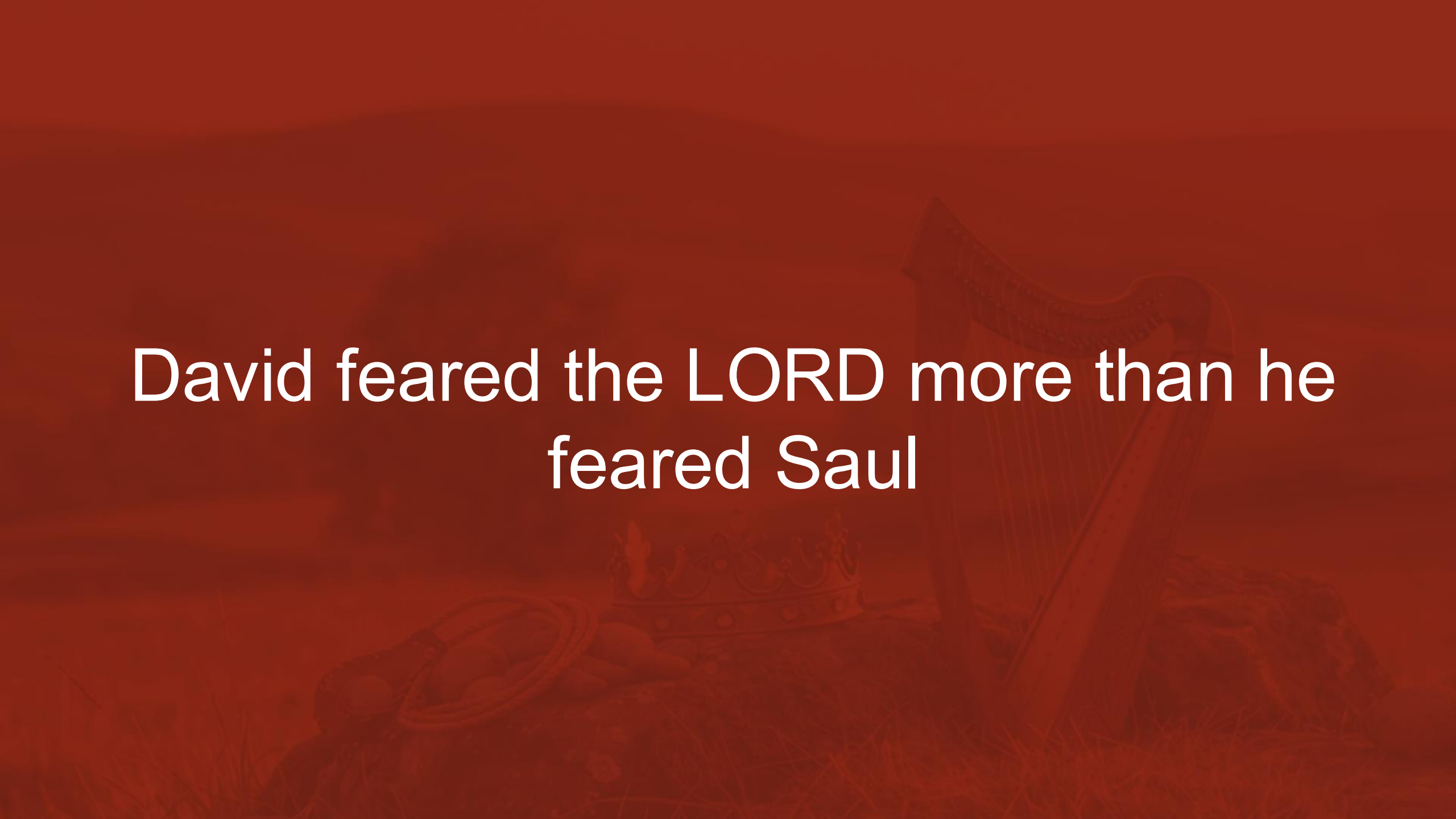


¹ Soon his brothers and all his other relatives joined him there. ² Then others began coming—men who were in trouble or in debt or who were just discontented—until David was the captain of about 400 men. (1 Samuel 22:1-2 NLT)

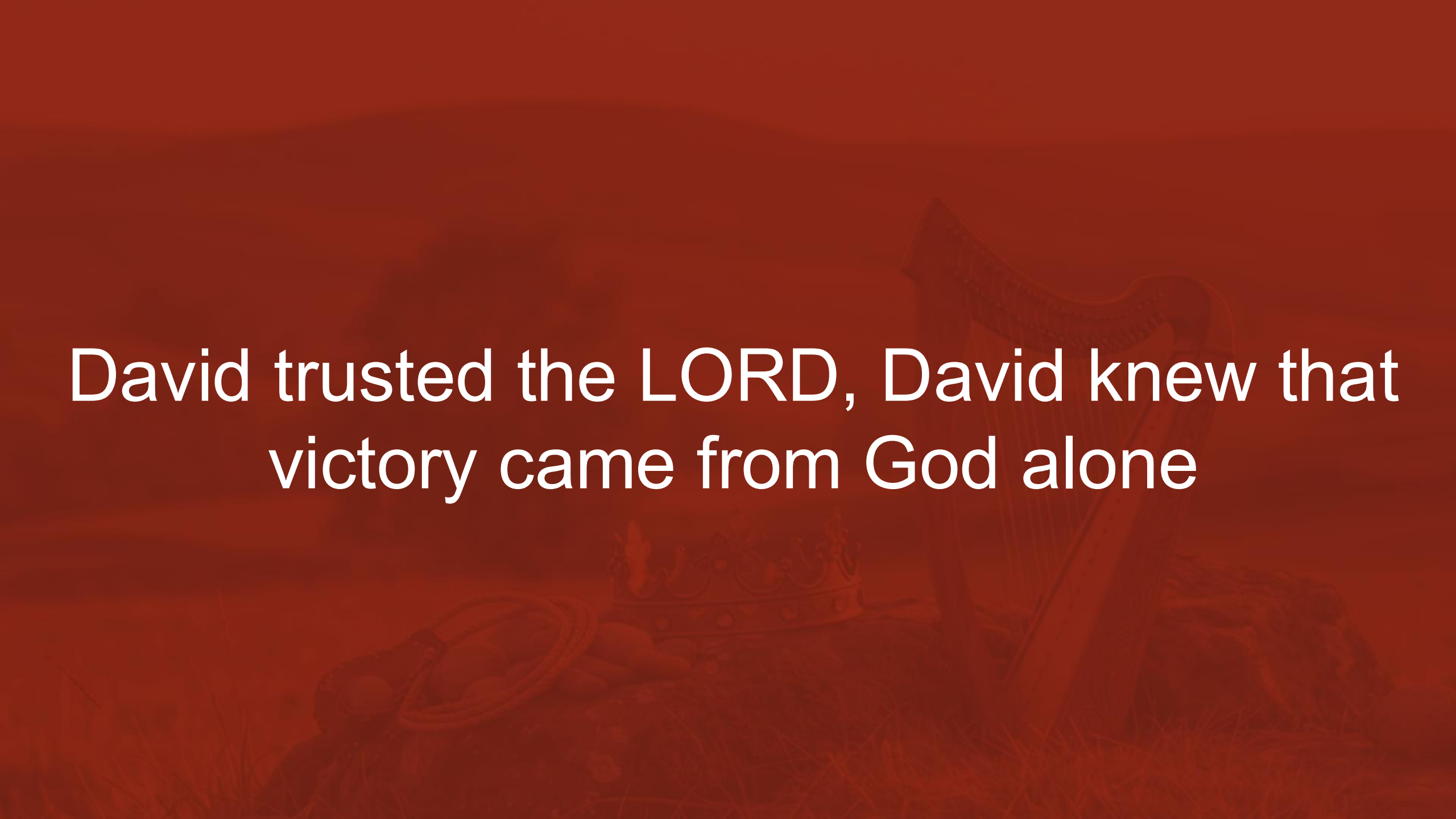
⁹ But David learned of Saul's plan and told Abiathar the priest to bring the ephod and ask the Lord what he should do. ¹⁰ Then David prayed, "O Lord, God of Israel, I have heard that Saul is planning to come and destroy Keilah because I am here. ¹¹ Will the leaders of Keilah betray me to him? And will Saul actually come as I have heard? O Lord, God of Israel, please tell me." And the Lord said, "He will come." ¹² Again David asked, "Will the leaders of Keilah betray me and my men to Saul?" And the Lord replied, "Yes, they will betray you." ¹³ So David and his men—about 600 of them now—left Keilah and began roaming the countryside. Word soon reached Saul that David had escaped, so he didn't go to Keilah after all. (1 Samuel 23:9-13 NLT)

1 Samuel 26:7-25

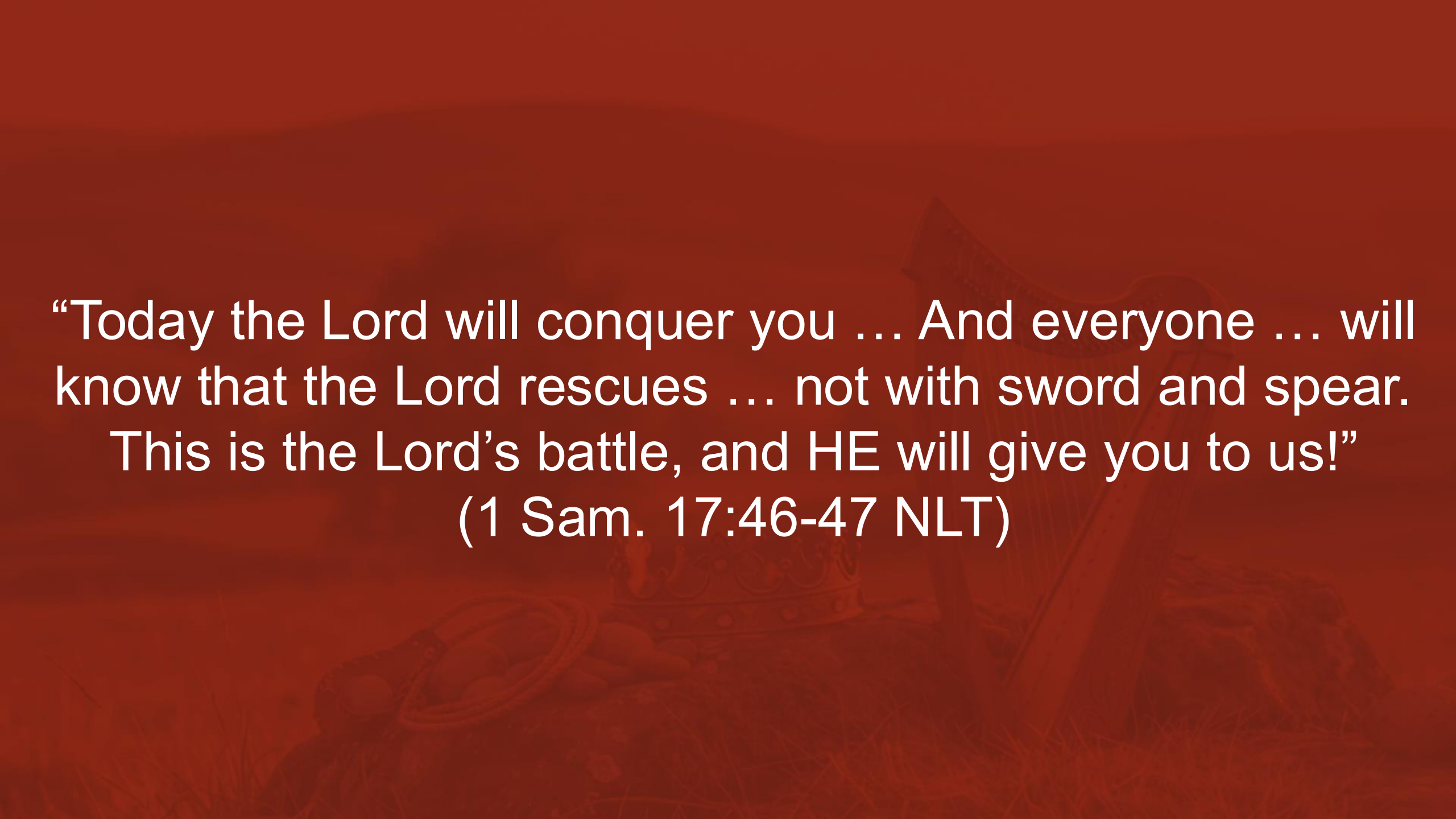


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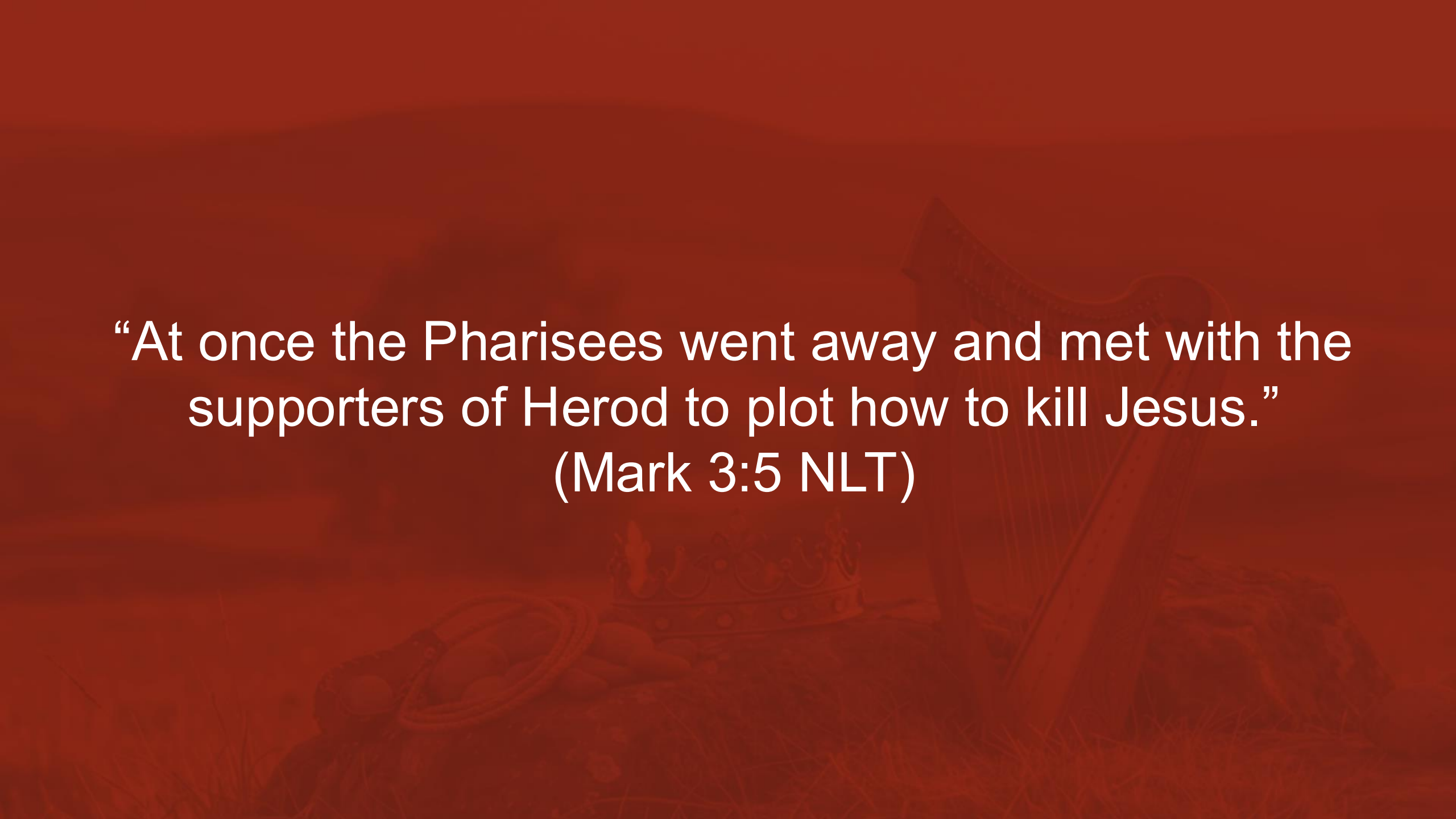
David feared the LORD more than he
feared Saul

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David trusted the LORD, David knew that
victory came from God alone



“Today the Lord will conquer you ... And everyone ... will know that the Lord rescues ... not with sword and spear. This is the Lord’s battle, and HE will give you to us!”
(1 Sam. 17:46-47 NLT)



“At once the Pharisees went away and met with the supporters of Herod to plot how to kill Jesus.”
(Mark 3:5 NLT)



¹⁴ Bless those who persecute you. Don't curse them; pray that God will bless them. ¹⁵ Be happy with those who are happy, and weep with those who weep. ¹⁶ Live in harmony with each other. Don't be too proud to enjoy the company of ordinary people. And don't think you know it all! ¹⁷ Never pay back evil with more evil. Do things in such a way that everyone can see you are honorable. ¹⁸ Do all that you can to live in peace with everyone.

¹⁹ Dear friends, never take revenge. Leave that to the righteous anger of God. For the Scriptures say, “I will take revenge; I will pay them back,” says the Lord. ²⁰ Instead, “If your enemies are hungry, feed them. If they are thirsty, give them something to drink. In doing this, you will heap burning coals of shame on their heads.” ²¹ Don’t let evil conquer you, but conquer evil by doing good. (Romans 12:14-21 NLT)



We don't need to take things
into our own hands when we're
secure in God's

“Violence is contagious. Violence begets violence.... Pick up the sword and die by the sword. You kill us and we’ll kill you. There is a contagion of violence in the world; it’s spreading like a disease. But grace is also contagious. An act of kindness inspires another act of kindness.... A single act of forgiveness can feel like it heals the world. Grace begets grace. Love rubs off on those who are loved” – Shane Claiborne

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Harming others will not
heal the hurt in us