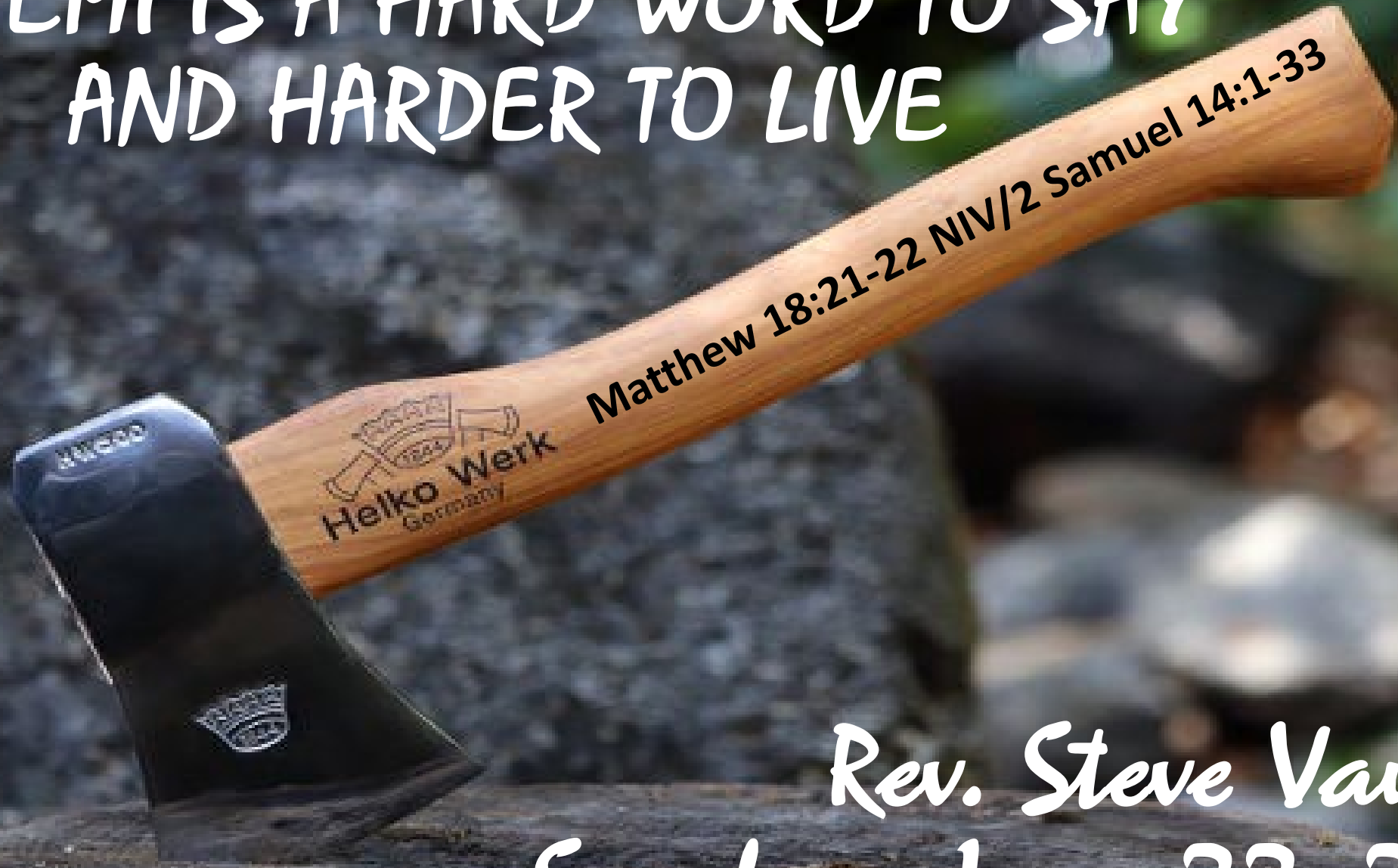


APHIEMI IS A HARD WORD TO SAY
AND HARDER TO LIVE



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As H W Beecher said:
*"Every man (or woman) should have a
fair-sized cemetery in which to bury the
faults of his friends."*



C H Spurgeon said it this way:

"Forgive and forget.

*When you bury a mad dog, don't leave
his tail above the ground."*

But there's no point in burying a tail or
a hatchet if you're going to put up a
marker on the site.



“Those who say they will forgive but can't totally forgive, simply bury the hatchet but leave the handle out in case of emergency use.”

- Pastor Kahuna -



The Greek word for forgiveness is:
Aphiemi



Then Peter came to Jesus and asked,
"Lord, how many times shall I forgive
my brother or sister who sins against
me? Up to seven times?" Jesus
answered, "I tell you, not seven times,
but seventy-seven times.

Matthew 18:21-22 NIV

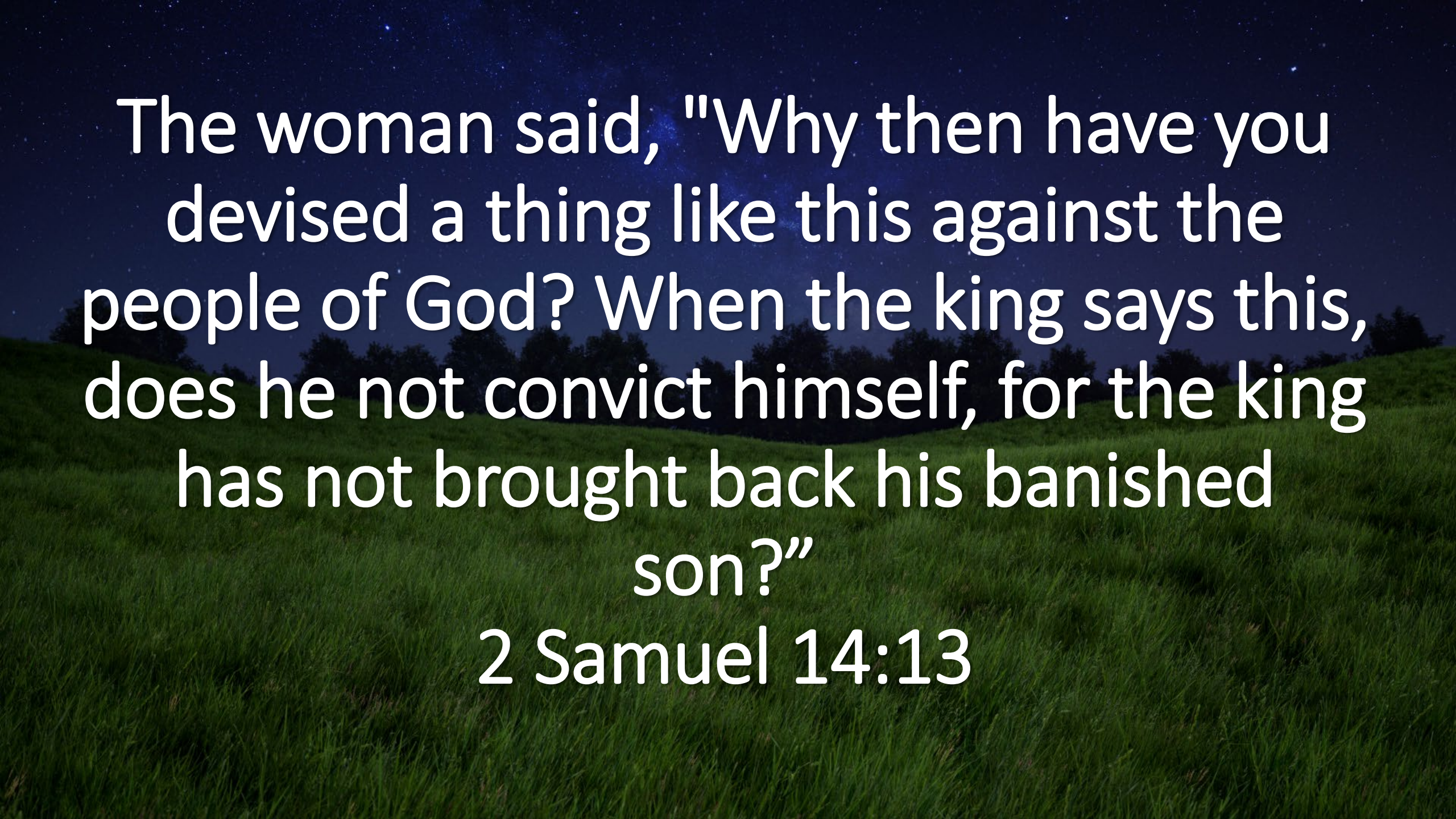


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APHIEMI MEANS THE BENEFITS ARE
NOT PRIMARILY THEIRS BUT OURS.



The background of the image is a night scene. The upper portion shows a dark blue sky filled with numerous small, bright stars. Below the sky, a dark silhouette of a treeline is visible. The lower portion of the image is a lush green field of tall grass, which appears to be illuminated by a soft light, possibly from the moon or a low light source, giving it a vibrant green hue.

The woman said, "Why then have you
devised a thing like this against the
people of God? When the king says this,
does he not convict himself, for the king
has not brought back his banished
son?"

2 Samuel 14:13

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I HAVE ALREADY FORGIVEN HIM OR
HER SEVERAL TIMES; WITH ME IT'S
THREE STRIKES AND YOU'RE OUT.



Jesus was saying that we
should stop counting and
just make forgiveness our
way of life.



APHIEMI MEANS HALF-WAY
FORGIVENESS MAY BE
WORSE THAN NO
FORGIVENESS AT ALL.



TO FORGIVE IS TO SET A
PRISONER FREE AND TO
DISCOVER THAT THE
PRISONER WAS YOU!





APHIEMI MEANS
TO LET IT GO



When they came to the place called the Skull, they crucified him there, along with the criminals—one on his right, the other on his left. Jesus said, "Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing." And they divided up his clothes by casting lots.

Luke 23:33-34 NIV

