

Walk of Faith

The Life of Abraham



Punchline

**Not all hills are worthy dying on when we
have a Savior who died on a hill for us**



Recap

- ❖ **Abram was called to go to a new land**
- ❖ **God made a promise to Abram**
- ❖ **Abram went in obedience to God**



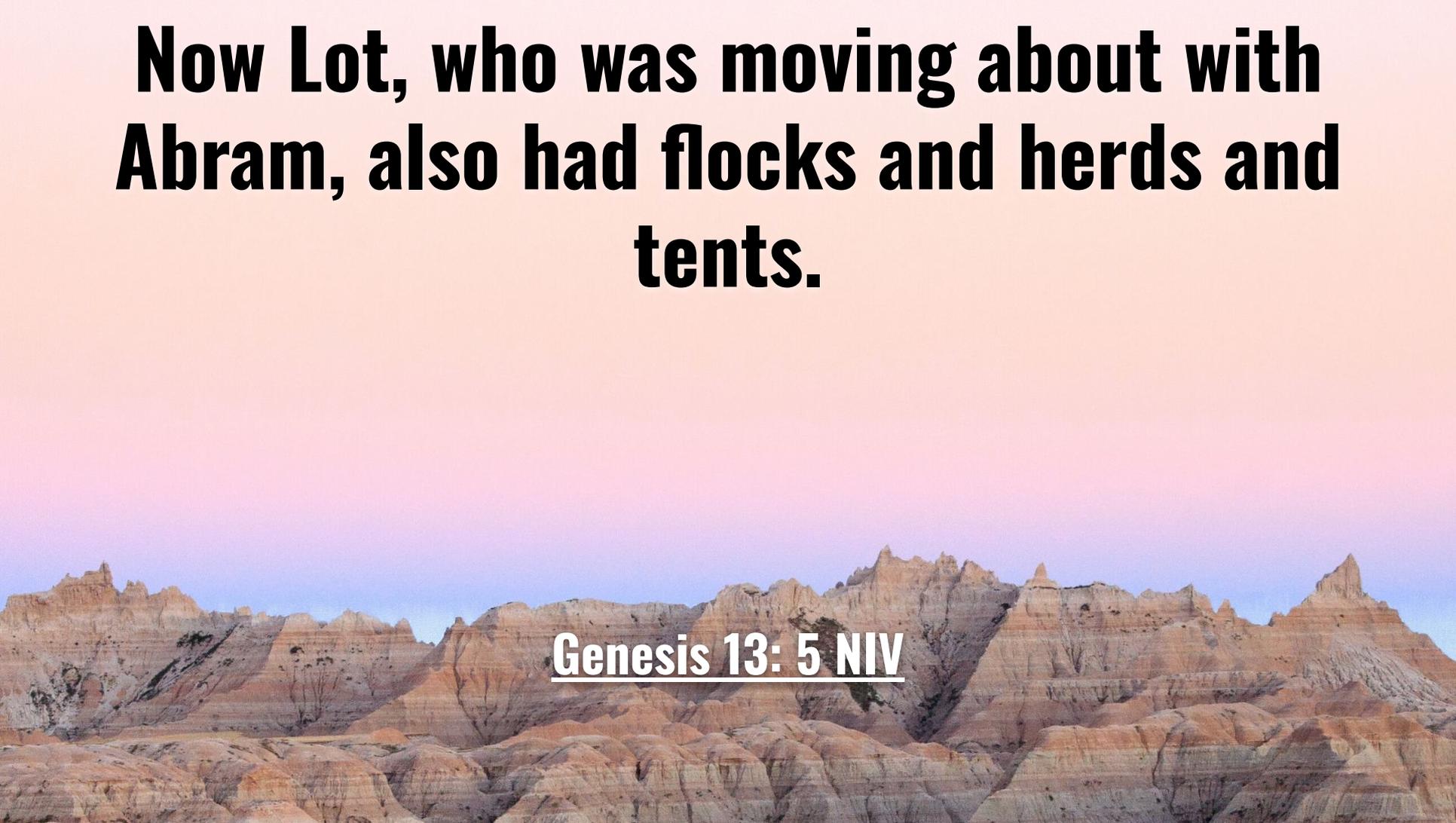
Recap

- ❖ **Famine hits and Abram goes to Egypt**
- ❖ **Pharoah takes Sarai into his harem as Abram's sister**
- ❖ **God intervenes and Pharaoh sends them away**



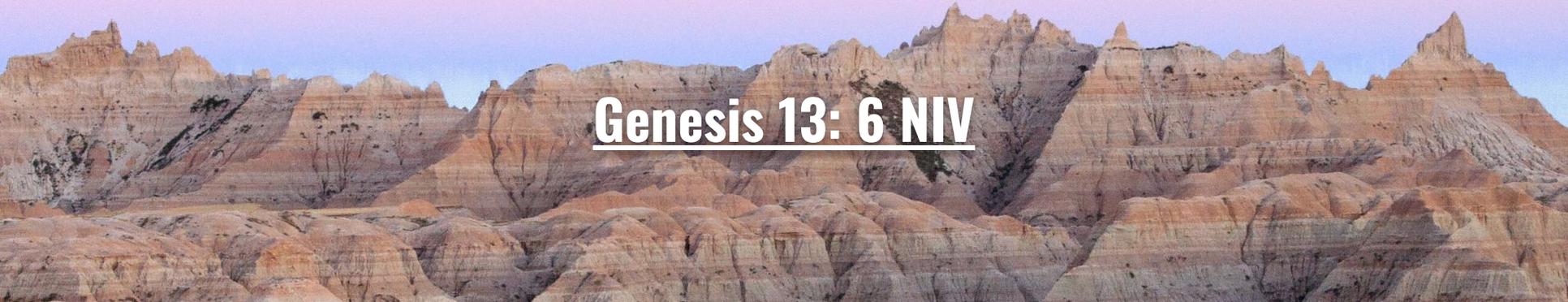
**Now Lot, who was moving about with
Abram, also had flocks and herds and
tents.**

Genesis 13: 5 NIV

The background of the image is a vast landscape of rugged, layered rock formations, likely a desert canyon. The rocks are in shades of orange, tan, and grey, showing distinct horizontal strata. The sky above is a soft gradient of pink and light blue, suggesting a sunrise or sunset. The overall scene is arid and dramatic.

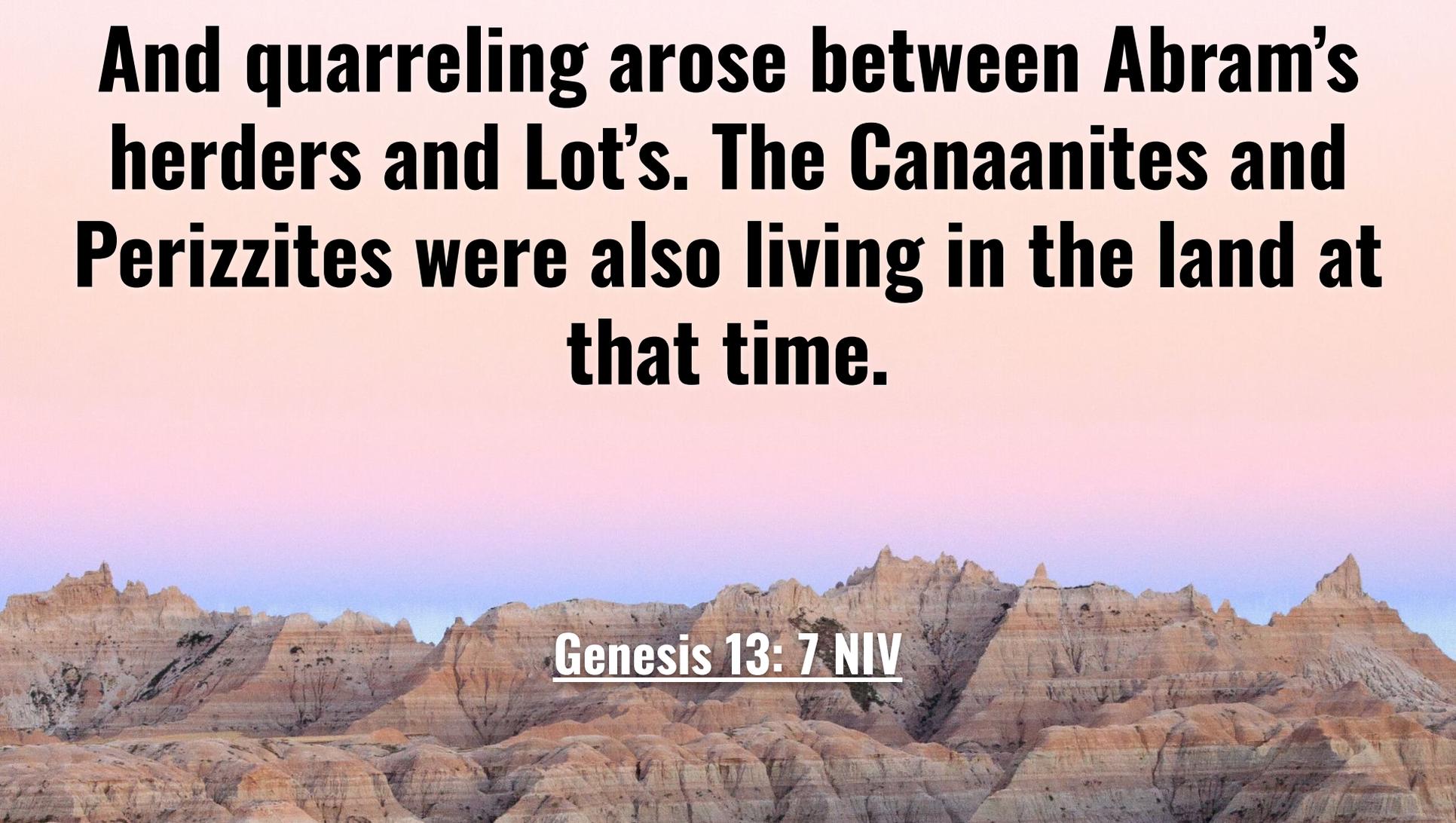
But the land could not support them while they stayed together, for their possessions were so great that they were not able to stay together.

Genesis 13: 6 NIV

A landscape of rugged, layered rock formations, likely a desert canyon, under a soft, pink and blue sky. The rock formations are composed of various shades of brown, tan, and grey, showing distinct horizontal strata. The sky transitions from a pale blue at the top to a soft pink near the horizon.

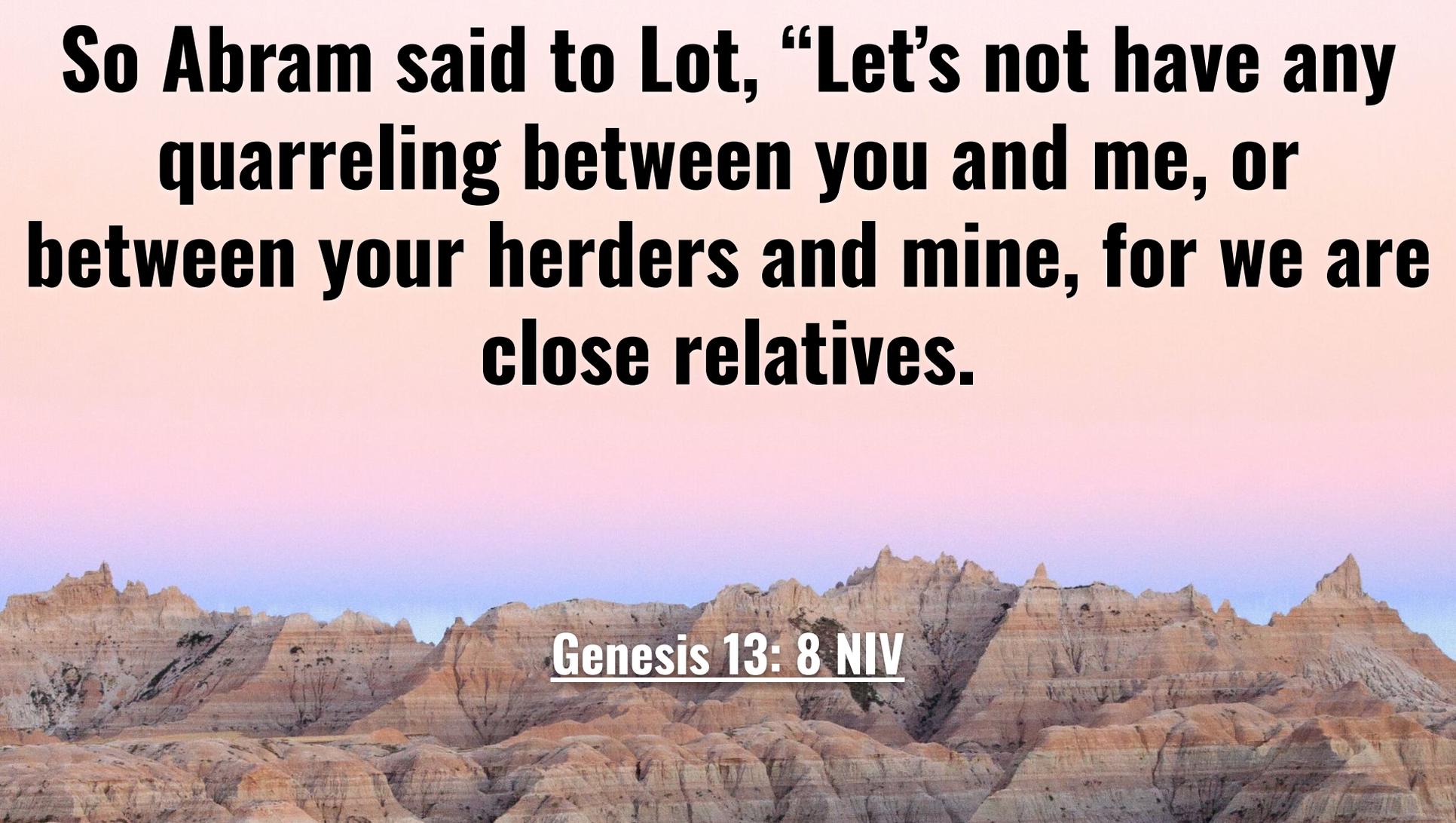
And quarreling arose between Abram's herders and Lot's. The Canaanites and Perizzites were also living in the land at that time.

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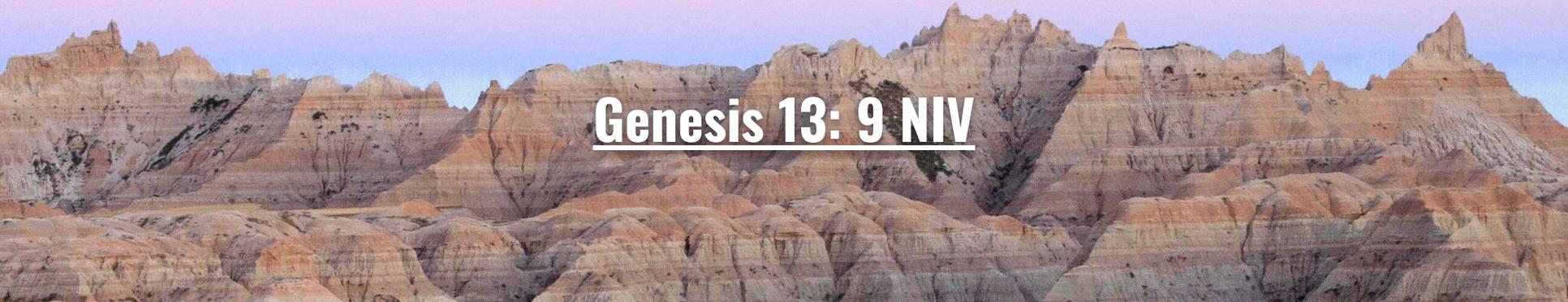
So Abram said to Lot, “Let’s not have any quarreling between you and me, or between your herders and mine, for we are close relatives.

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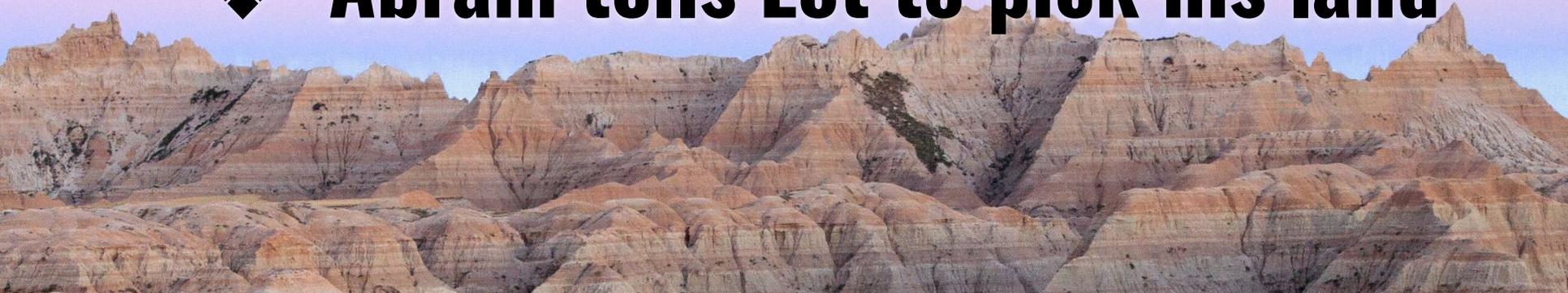
Is not the whole land before you? Let's part company. If you go to the left, I'll go to the right; if you go to the right, I'll go to the left."

Genesis 13: 9 NIV

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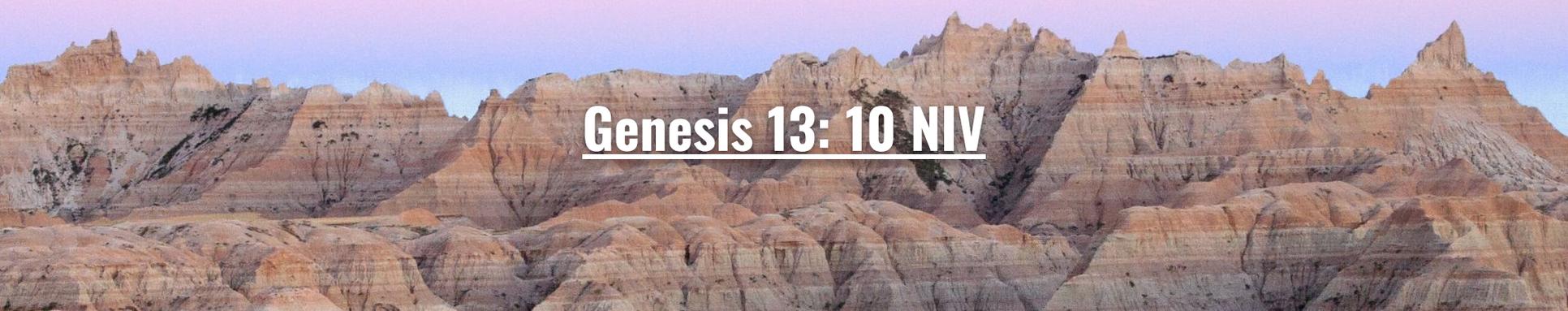
The Quarrel

- ❖ **Abram and Lot have flocks and herds**
- ❖ **The land could not support both men's flocks and herds**
- ❖ **Each man's camps started quarreling**
- ❖ **Abram tells Lot to pick his land**



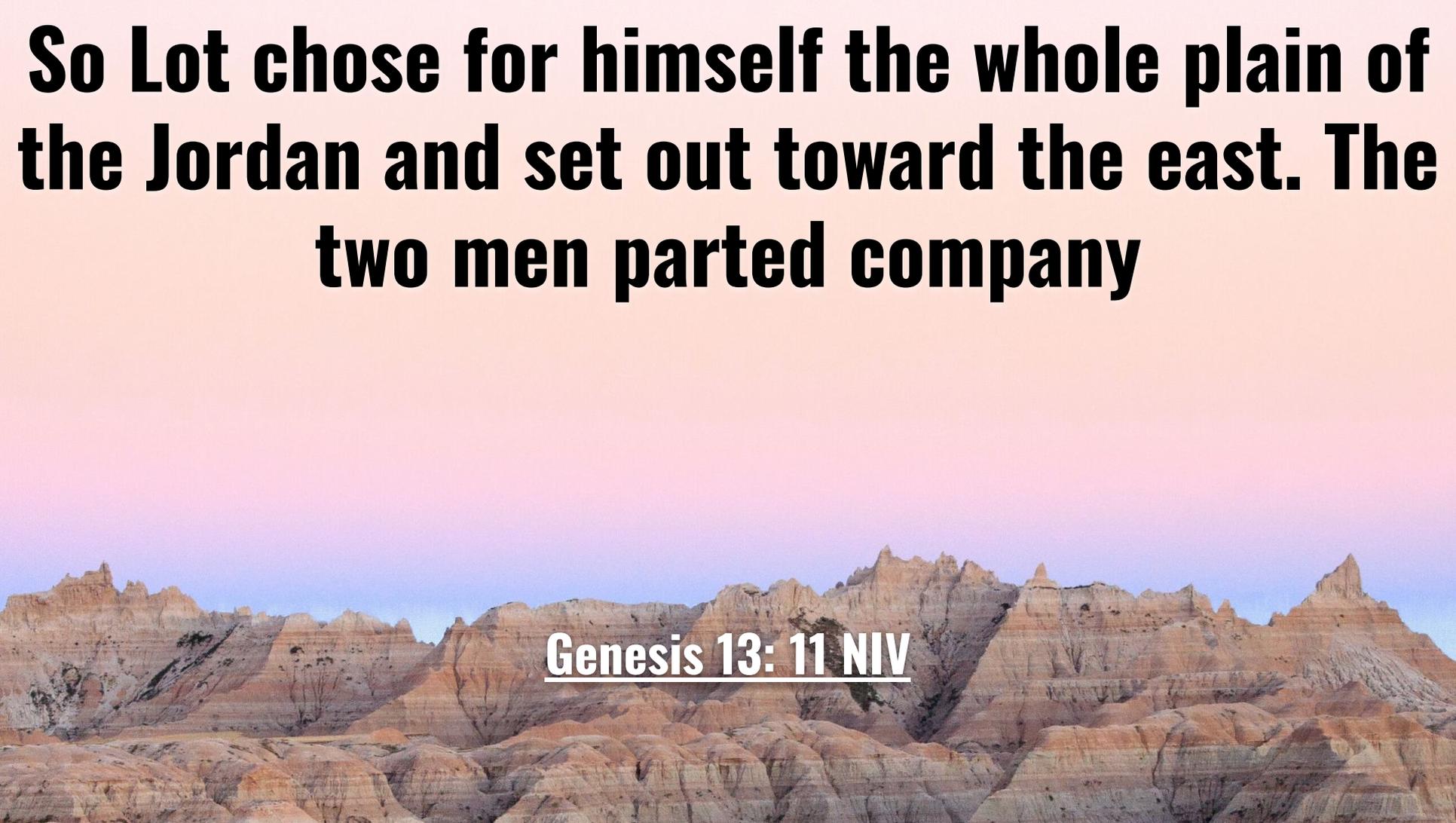
Lot looked around and saw that the whole plain of the Jordan toward Zoar was well watered, like the garden of the Lord, like the land of Egypt. (This was before the Lord destroyed Sodom and Gomorrah.)

Genesis 13: 10 NIV

A photograph of a rugged, rocky landscape, likely a desert or canyon. The rock formations are layered and eroded, with various shades of brown, tan, and grey. The sky is a clear, pale blue. The overall scene is arid and desolate.

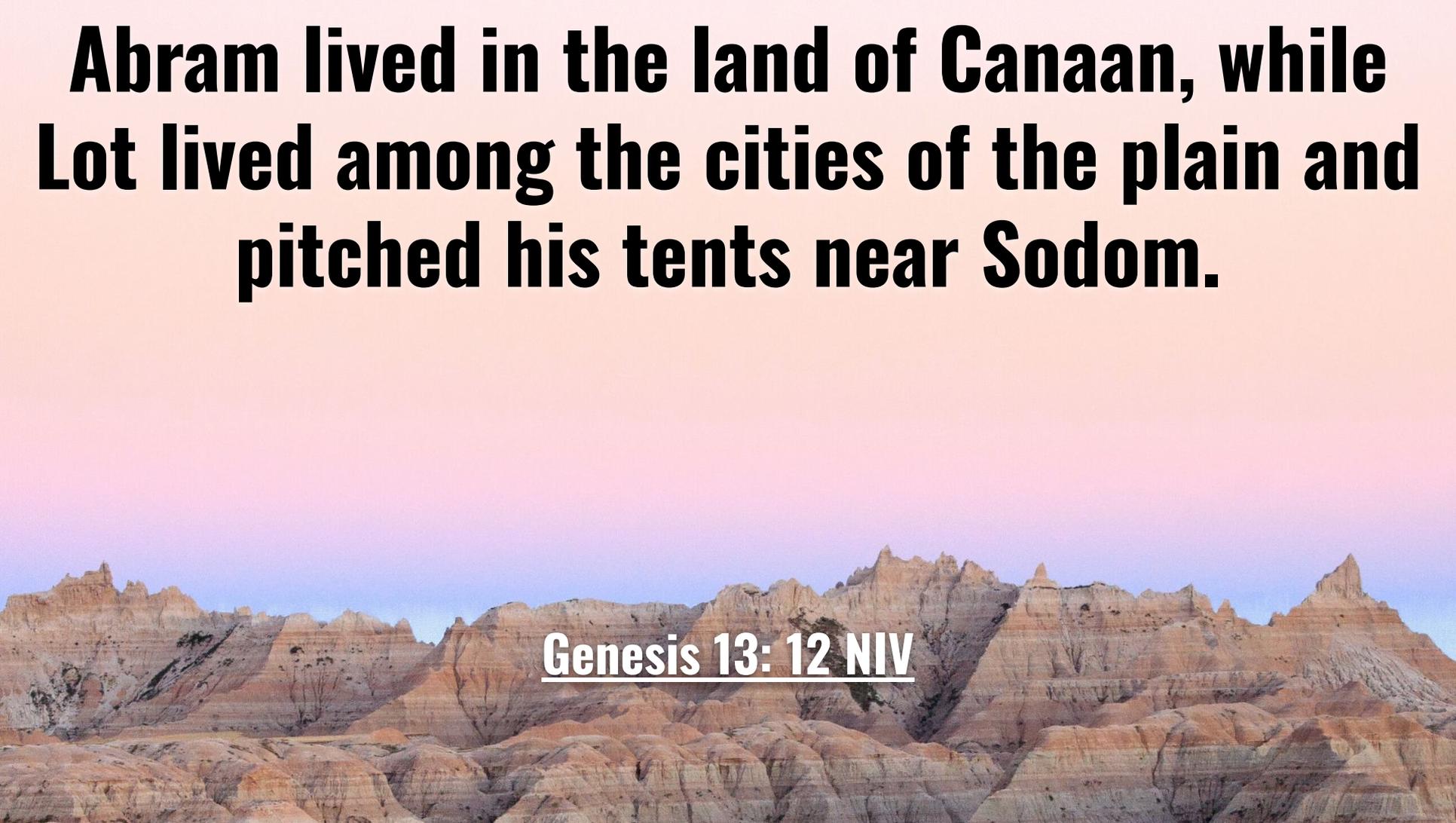
So Lot chose for himself the whole plain of the Jordan and set out toward the east. The two men parted company

Genesis 13: 11 NIV

A landscape of rugged, layered rock formations, likely a desert canyon or badlands, under a soft, pink and blue sky. The rock is a mix of tan, brown, and grey, showing distinct horizontal strata. The sky transitions from a pale blue at the horizon to a soft pink at the top.

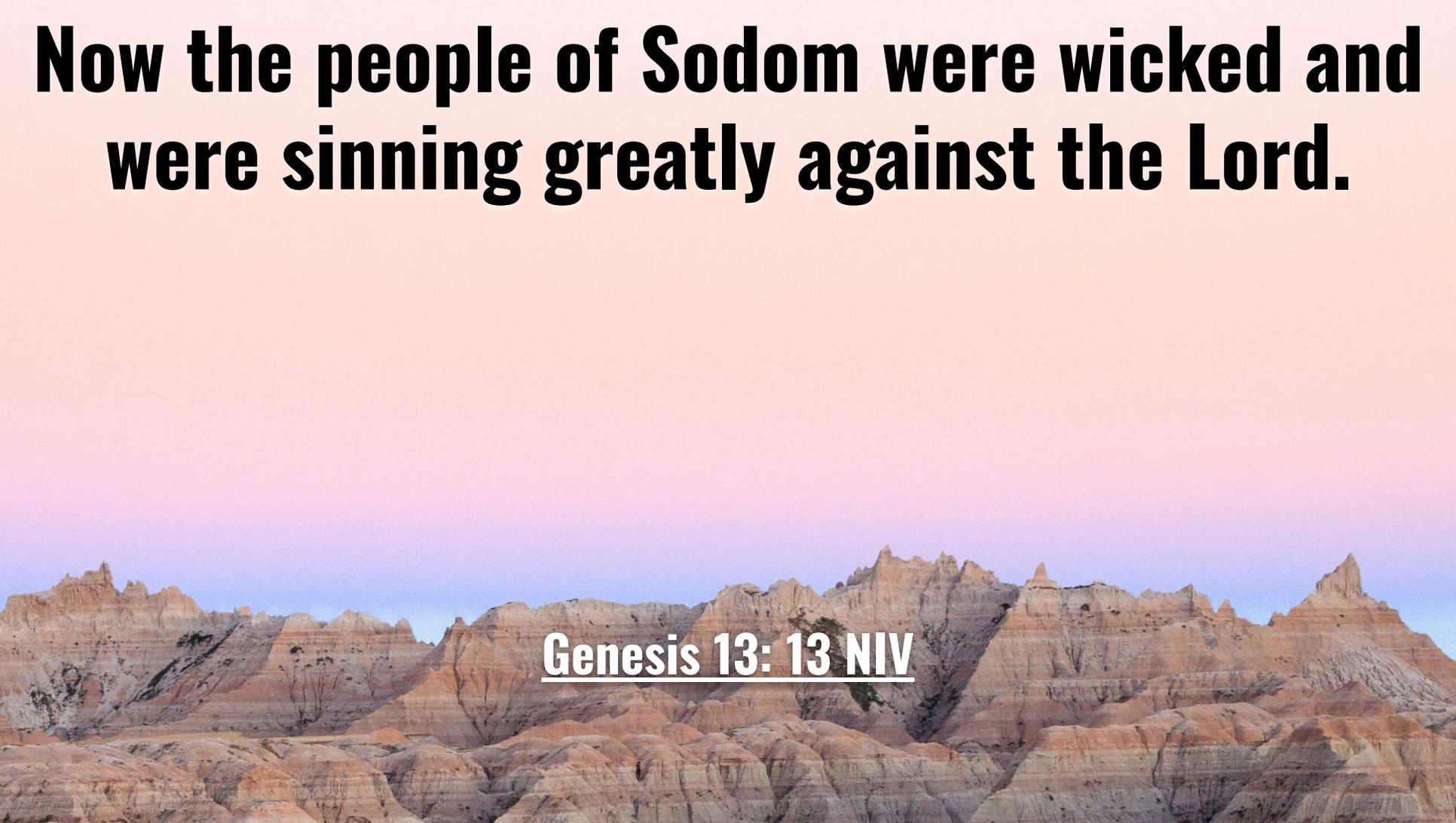
Abram lived in the land of Canaan, while Lot lived among the cities of the plain and pitched his tents near Sodom.

Genesis 13: 12 NIV

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**Now the people of Sodom were wicked and
were sinning greatly against the Lord.**

Genesis 13: 13 NIV

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Lot's Decision

- ❖ **Plain of the Jordan is well watered**
- ❖ **It's close to Sodom and Gomorrah**
- ❖ **Lot chooses this area anyway**



The Lord said to Abram after Lot had parted from him, “Look around from where you are, to the north and south, to the east and west

Genesis 13: 14 NIV

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**All the land that you see I will give to you
and your offspring forever.**

Genesis 13: 15 NIV

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**I will make your offspring like the dust of
the earth, so that if anyone could count
the dust, then your offspring could be
counted**

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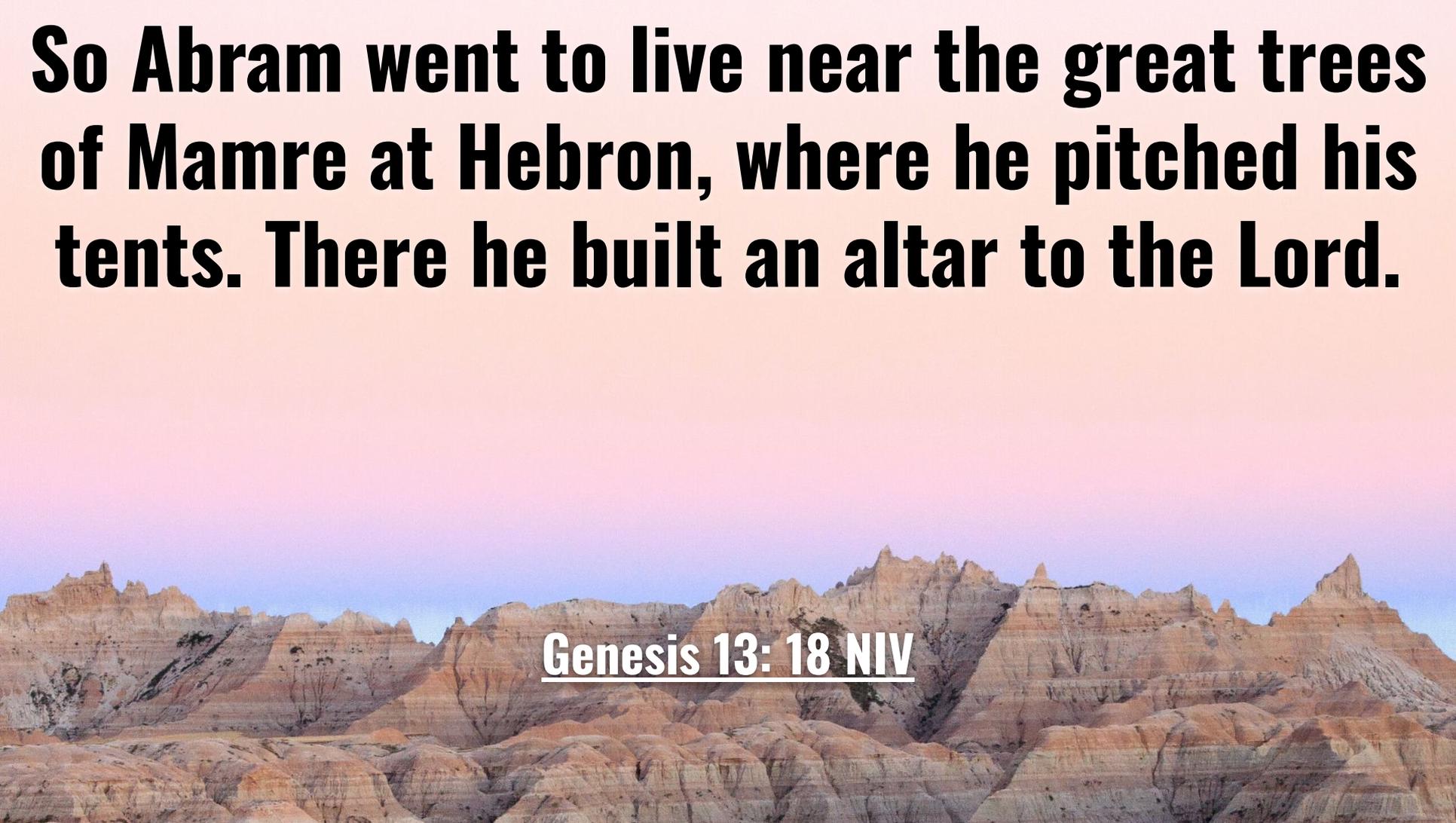
**Go, walk through the length and breadth of
the land, for I am giving it to you.”**

Genesis 13: 17 NIV

A wide-angle photograph of a rugged, arid landscape. The foreground and middle ground are dominated by layered, reddish-brown rock formations with sharp peaks and deep crevices. The sky above is a soft gradient of pink and light blue, suggesting a sunrise or sunset. The overall scene is desolate and majestic.

So Abram went to live near the great trees of Mamre at Hebron, where he pitched his tents. There he built an altar to the Lord.

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God Renews His Promise

- ❖ **“The land you see I will give you and your offspring forever.”**
- ❖ **Abram had faith and confidence in God**
- ❖ **Conflict could have derailed Abram but it didn't**



Unnecessary Conflict

- ❖ **We don't need to pick fights**
- ❖ **Jesus called us to be in unity**
- ❖ **Disagreements don't need to cause division**



Unnecessary Conflict

- ❖ **We need a united church**
 - **Stand united in faith together against the dark things of the world**
 - **Stand united in faith for the poor and the downtrodden**



Midwest
Nice!!



Action Over Avoidance

- ❖ **If you're directly involved in conflict**
 - **An honest, two way conversation**
 - **Pray to start the conversation**
- ❖ **Might be a person to help others with their conflict**



IT'S THE



PRINCIPLE

Peace Over Principle

- ❖ Abram gave up a need to be right
- ❖ Stood on peace to get resolution
- ❖ We're called to stand on WHAT'S right not being right



GIVE UP
CONTROL???

Confidence Over Control

- ❖ **Let's us see the bigger picture**
- ❖ **Let someone else dictate more than we do**



Confidence Over Control

- ❖ Navigate conflict WHILE walking in faith
- ❖ Our control is temporal while God's is eternal





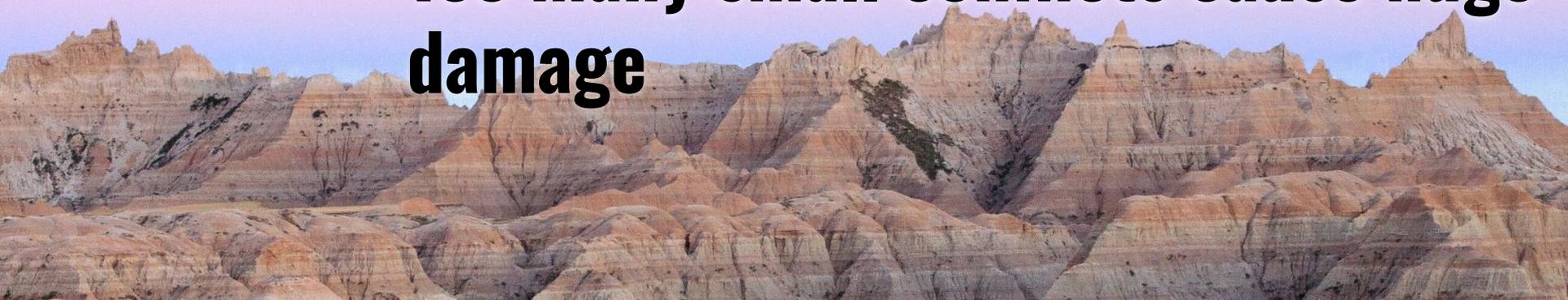
Relationship Over Reward

❖ With God

➤ In conflict are you acting in a way that reflects God?

❖ With others

➤ Too many small conflicts cause huge damage



Faith In The Midst of Conflict

- ❖ **Avoid unnecessary conflict**
- ❖ **Action over avoidance**
- ❖ **Peace over principle**
- ❖ **Confidence over control**
- ❖ **Relationships over reward**

