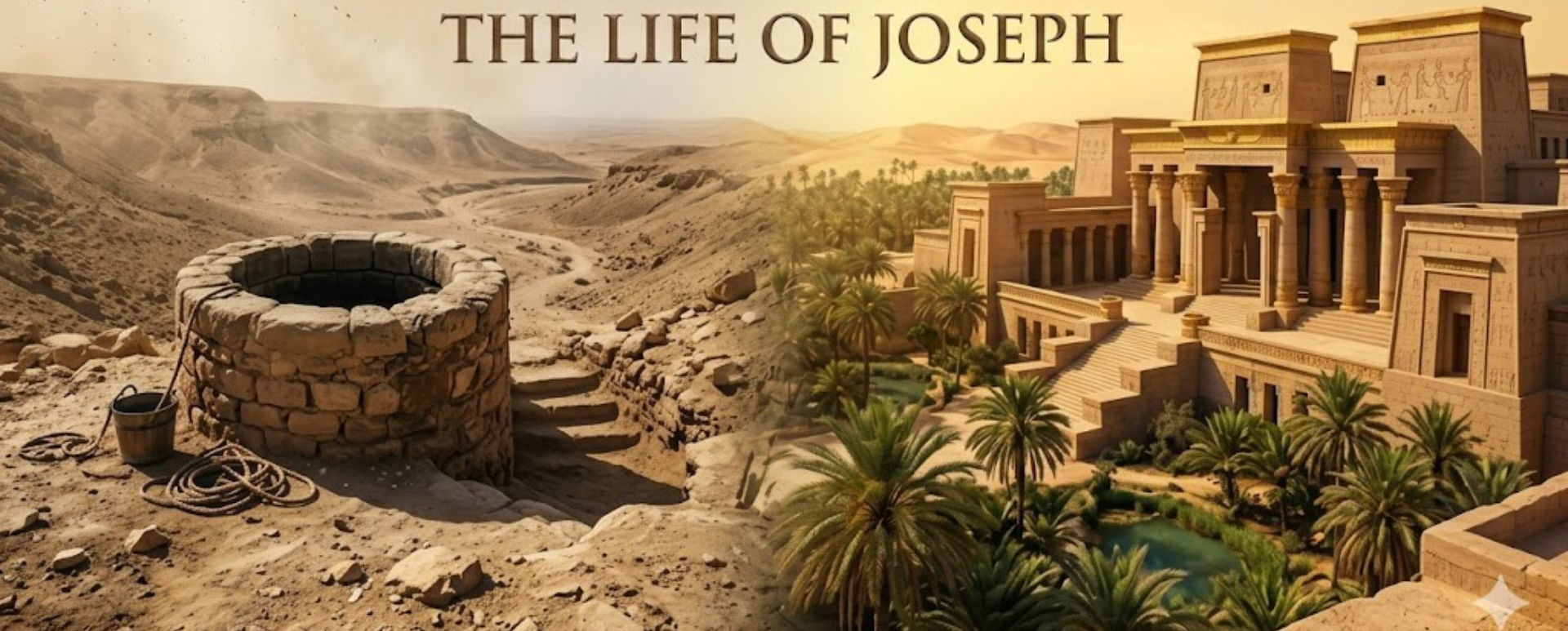


FROM PIT TO PALACE

THE LIFE OF JOSEPH



Punchline:

**God doesn't resurrect the past to
ridicule, but to lead to repentance
and restoration**

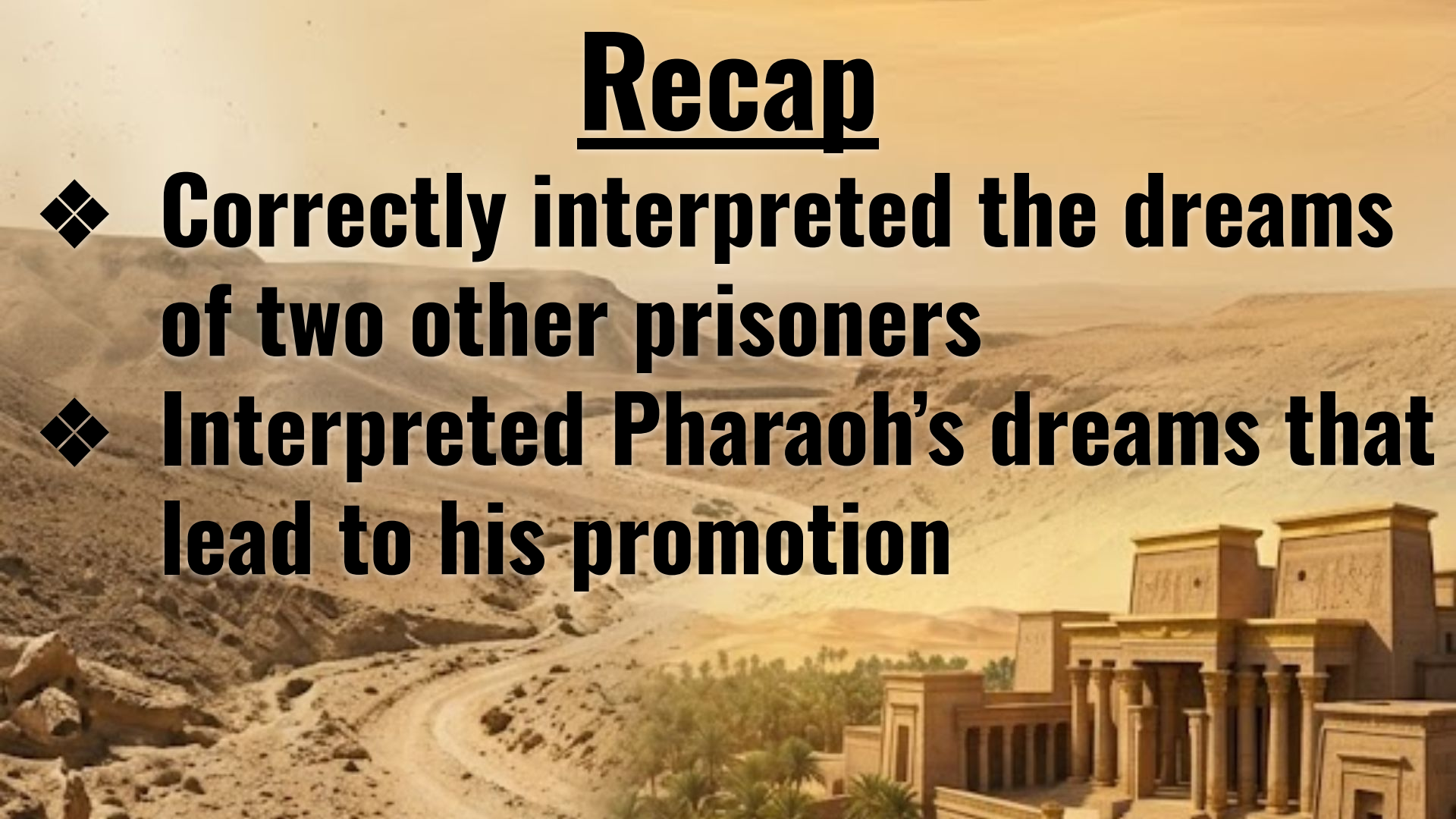


Recap

- ❖ **Favorite son of Jacob**
- ❖ **Brothers sold him to traders**
- ❖ **Became Potiphar's house manager**
- ❖ **Was eventually thrown in prison**

Recap

- ❖ **Correctly interpreted the dreams of two other prisoners**
- ❖ **Interpreted Pharaoh's dreams that lead to his promotion**



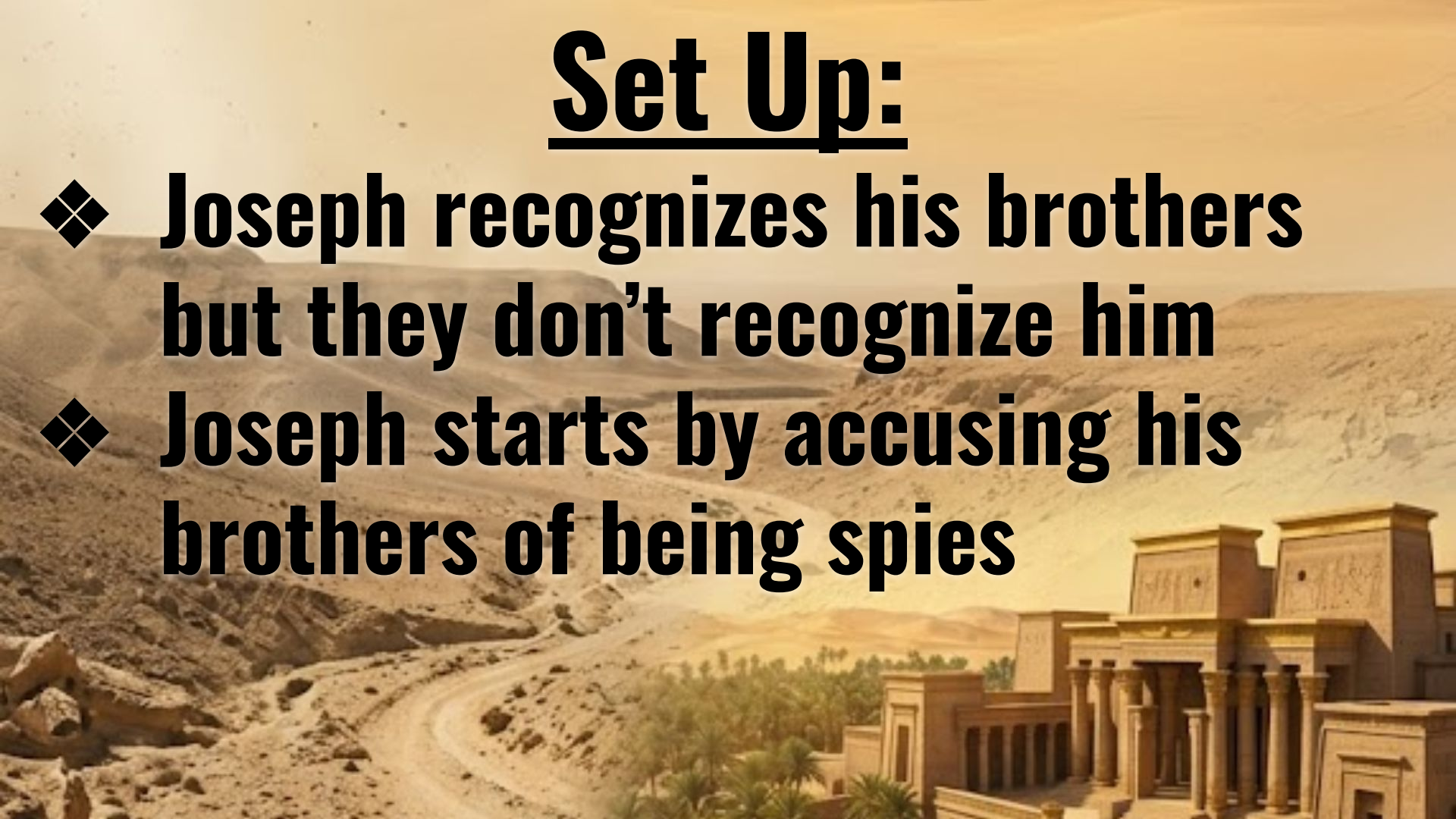
Set Up:

- ❖ **Joseph has stored up grain to be distributed**
- ❖ **His brothers come to buy grain**



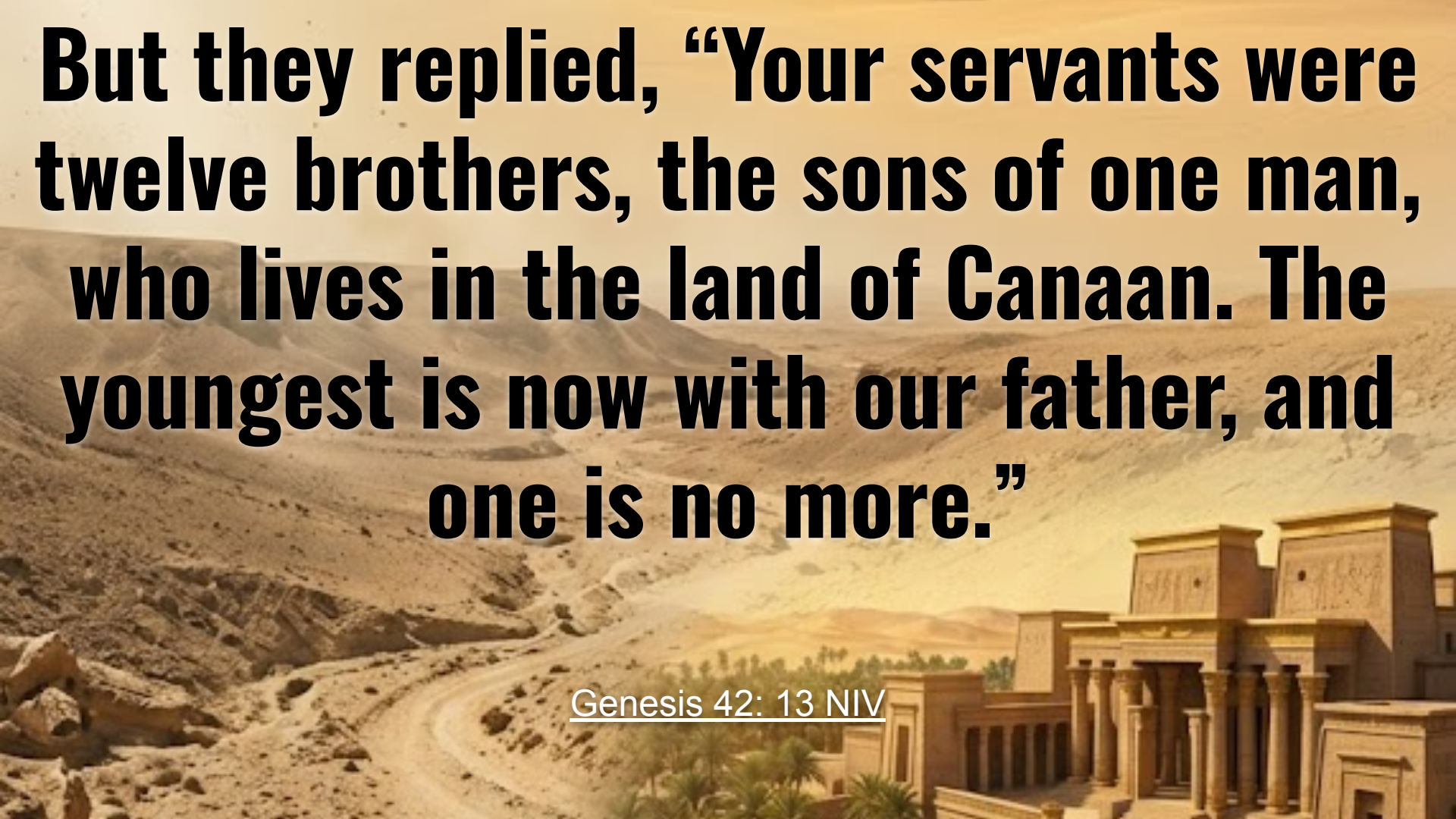
Set Up:

- ❖ **Joseph recognizes his brothers but they don't recognize him**
- ❖ **Joseph starts by accusing his brothers of being spies**



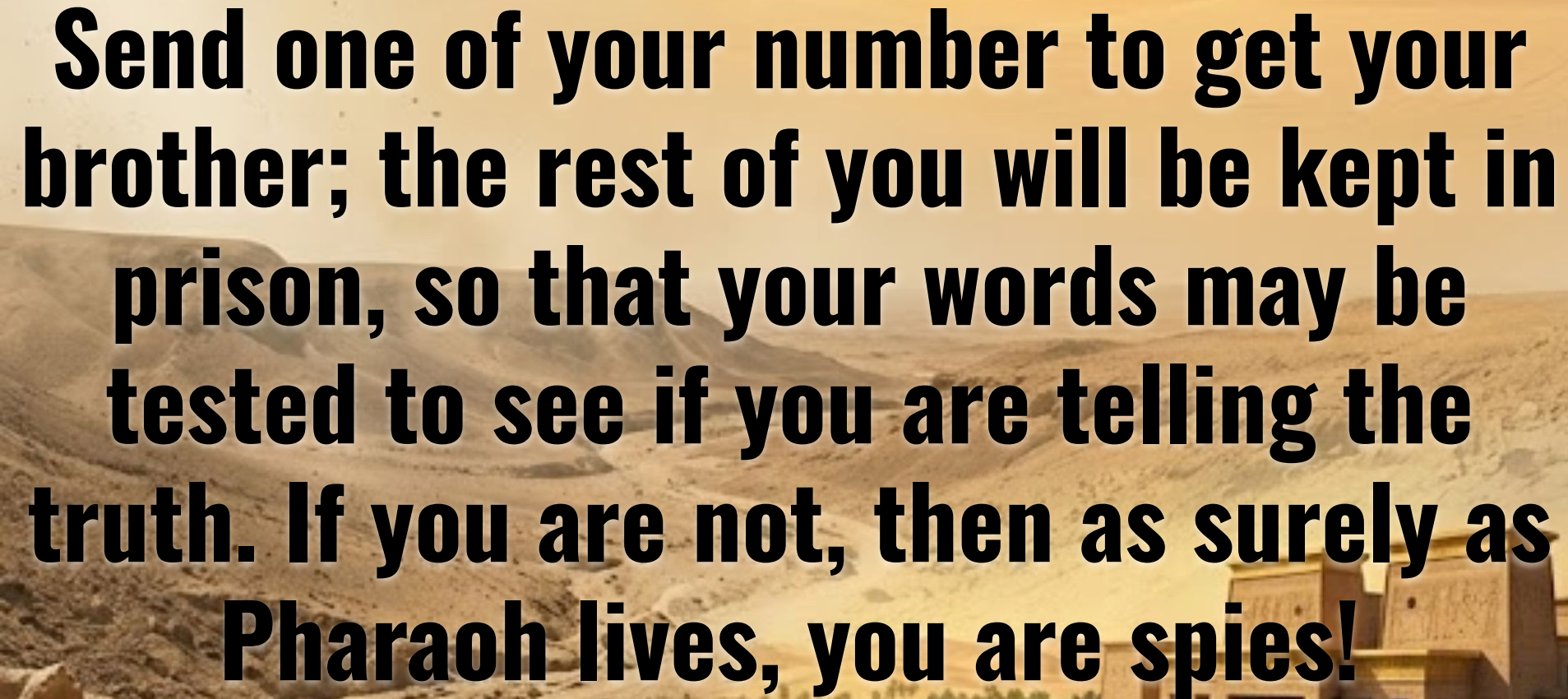
But they replied, “Your servants were twelve brothers, the sons of one man, who lives in the land of Canaan. The youngest is now with our father, and one is no more.”

Genesis 42: 13 NIV



Joseph said to them, “It is just as I told you: You are spies! And this is how you will be tested: As surely as Pharaoh lives, you will not leave this place unless your youngest brother comes here.

Genesis 42: 14-15 NIV

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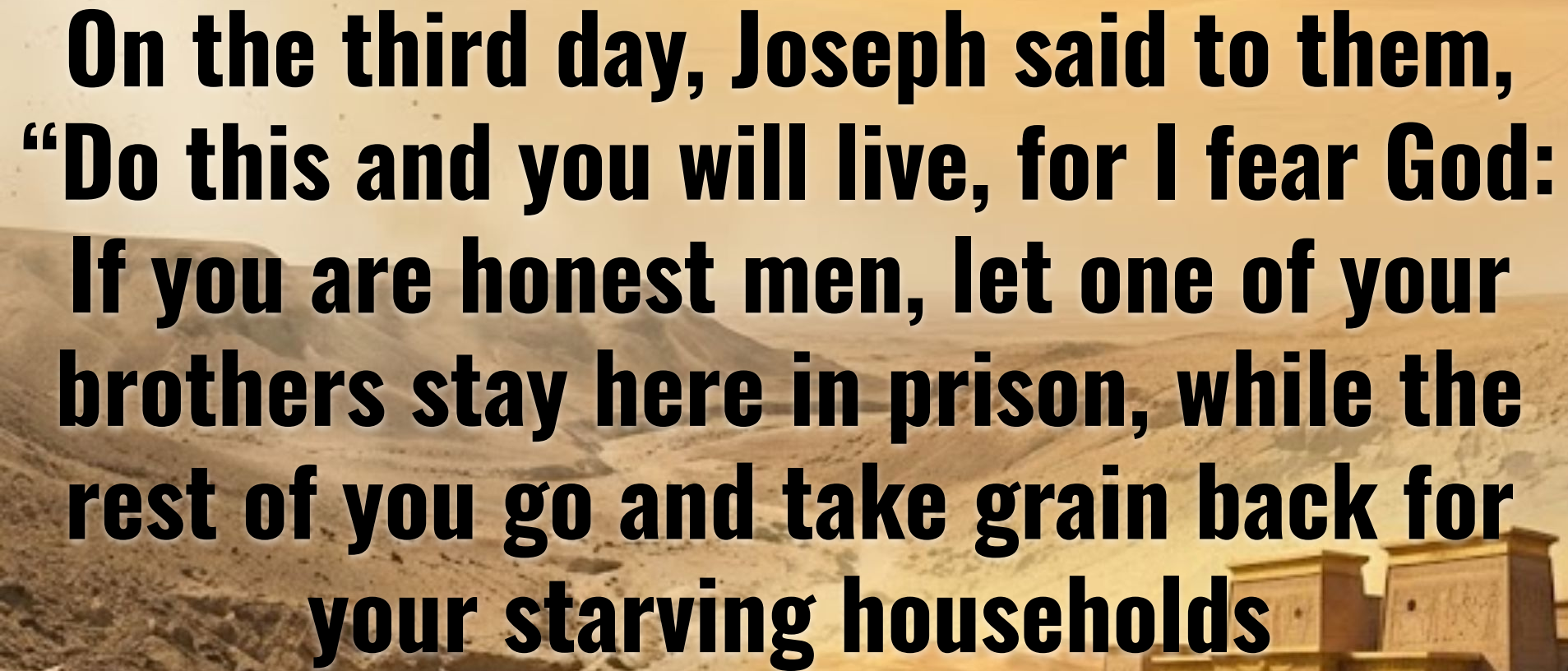
Send one of your number to get your brother; the rest of you will be kept in prison, so that your words may be tested to see if you are telling the truth. If you are not, then as surely as Pharaoh lives, you are spies!

Genesis 42: 16 NIV

**And he put them all in custody for
three days.**

Genesis 42: 17 NIV



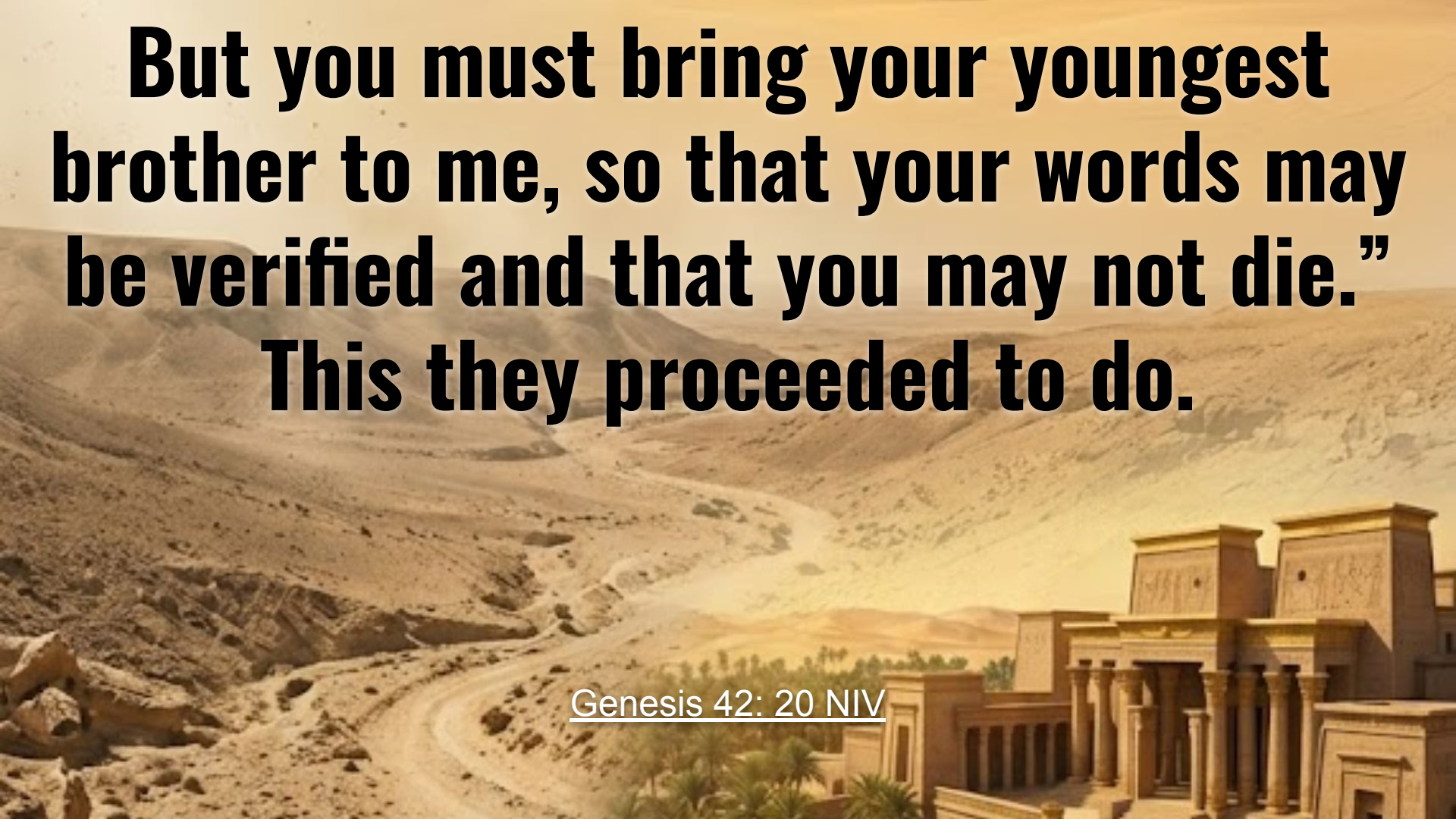


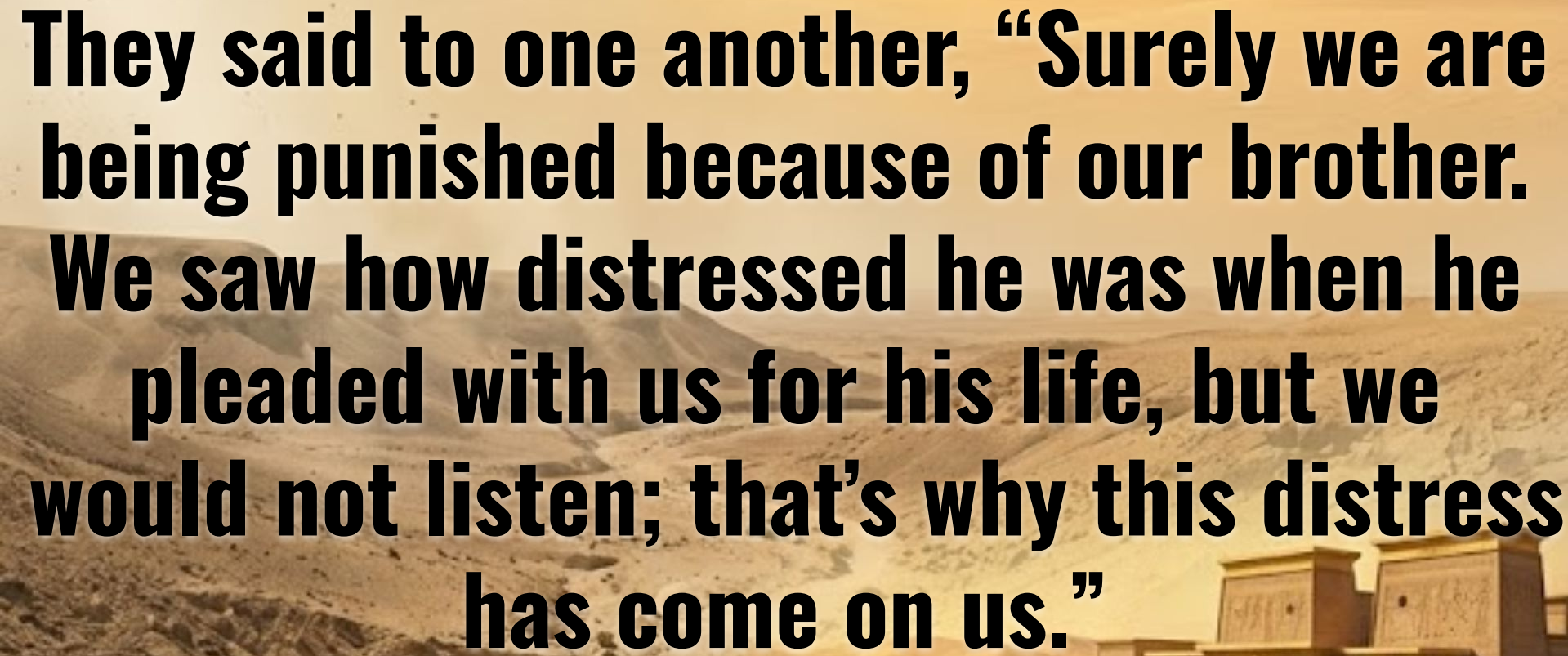
**On the third day, Joseph said to them,
“Do this and you will live, for I fear God:
If you are honest men, let one of your
brothers stay here in prison, while the
rest of you go and take grain back for
your starving households**

Genesis 42: 18-19 NIV

**But you must bring your youngest brother to me, so that your words may be verified and that you may not die.”
This they proceeded to do.**

Genesis 42: 20 NIV





They said to one another, “Surely we are being punished because of our brother. We saw how distressed he was when he pleaded with us for his life, but we would not listen; that’s why this distress has come on us.”

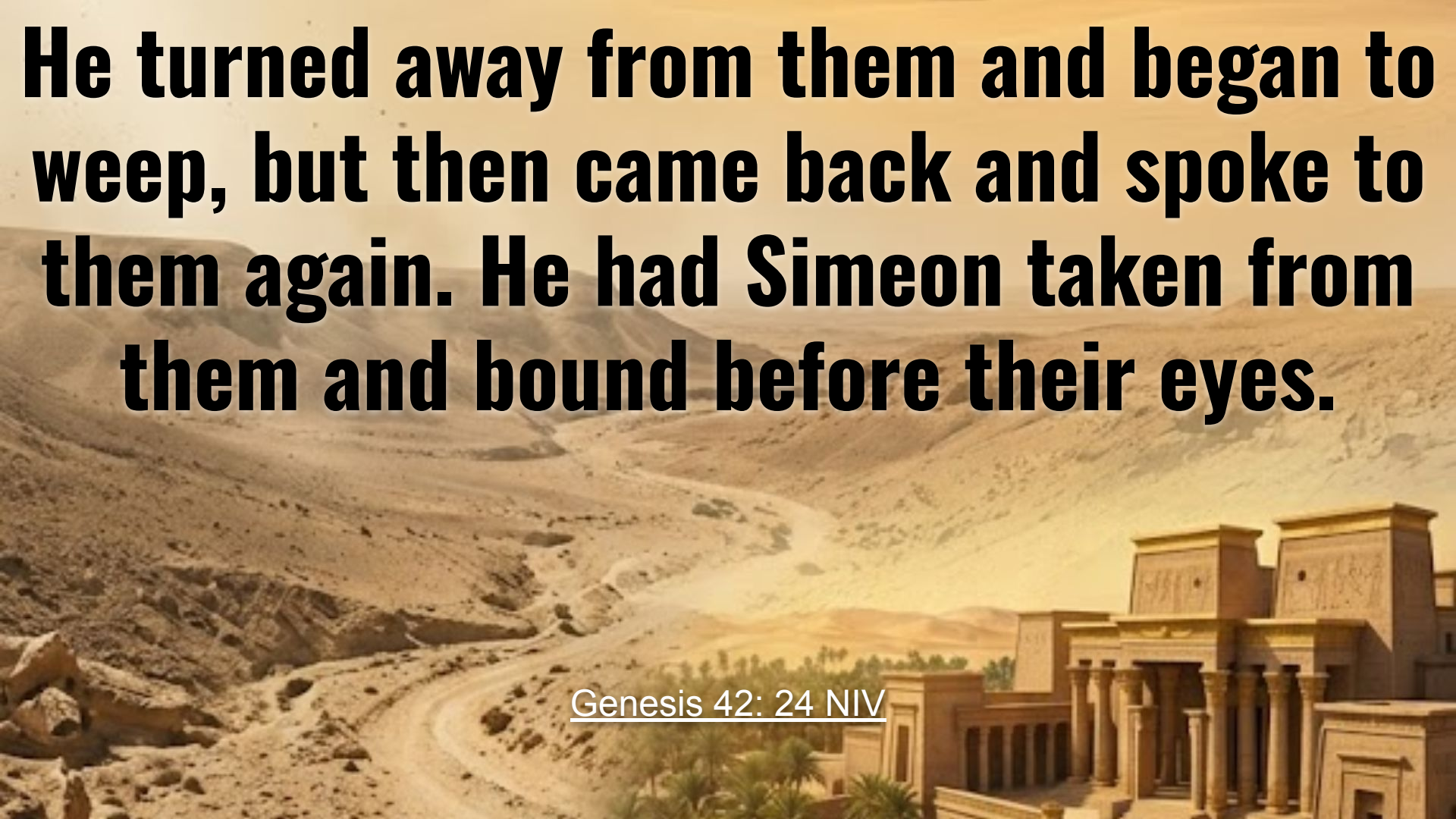
Genesis 42: 21 NIV

Reuben replied, “Didn’t I tell you not to sin against the boy? But you wouldn’t listen! Now we must give an accounting for his blood.” They did not realize that Joseph could understand them, since he was using an interpreter.

Genesis 42: 22-23 NIV

He turned away from them and began to weep, but then came back and spoke to them again. He had Simeon taken from them and bound before their eyes.

Genesis 42: 24 NIV

The background of the image is a vast, arid desert landscape. A dirt road winds through the center, leading towards a cluster of ancient Egyptian-style buildings on the right. The buildings feature hieroglyphs and columns. The sky is a warm, golden color, suggesting a sunrise or sunset. The overall scene is desolate and evocative of an ancient setting.

Joseph gave orders to fill their bags with grain, to put each man's silver back in his sack, and to give them provisions for their journey. After this was done for them, they loaded their grain on their donkeys and left.

Genesis 42: 25-26 NIV

The Past

- ❖ **The brothers plead their case**
- ❖ **Joseph - “One must stay while the others take back the grain.”**
- ❖ **Brothers feel this is payment for what they did to Joseph**



Inner Famine

- ❖ **Did something wrong but did nothing about it**
- ❖ **Creates a feeling of emptiness**
- ❖ **You are hungry for God but not satisfied by Him**

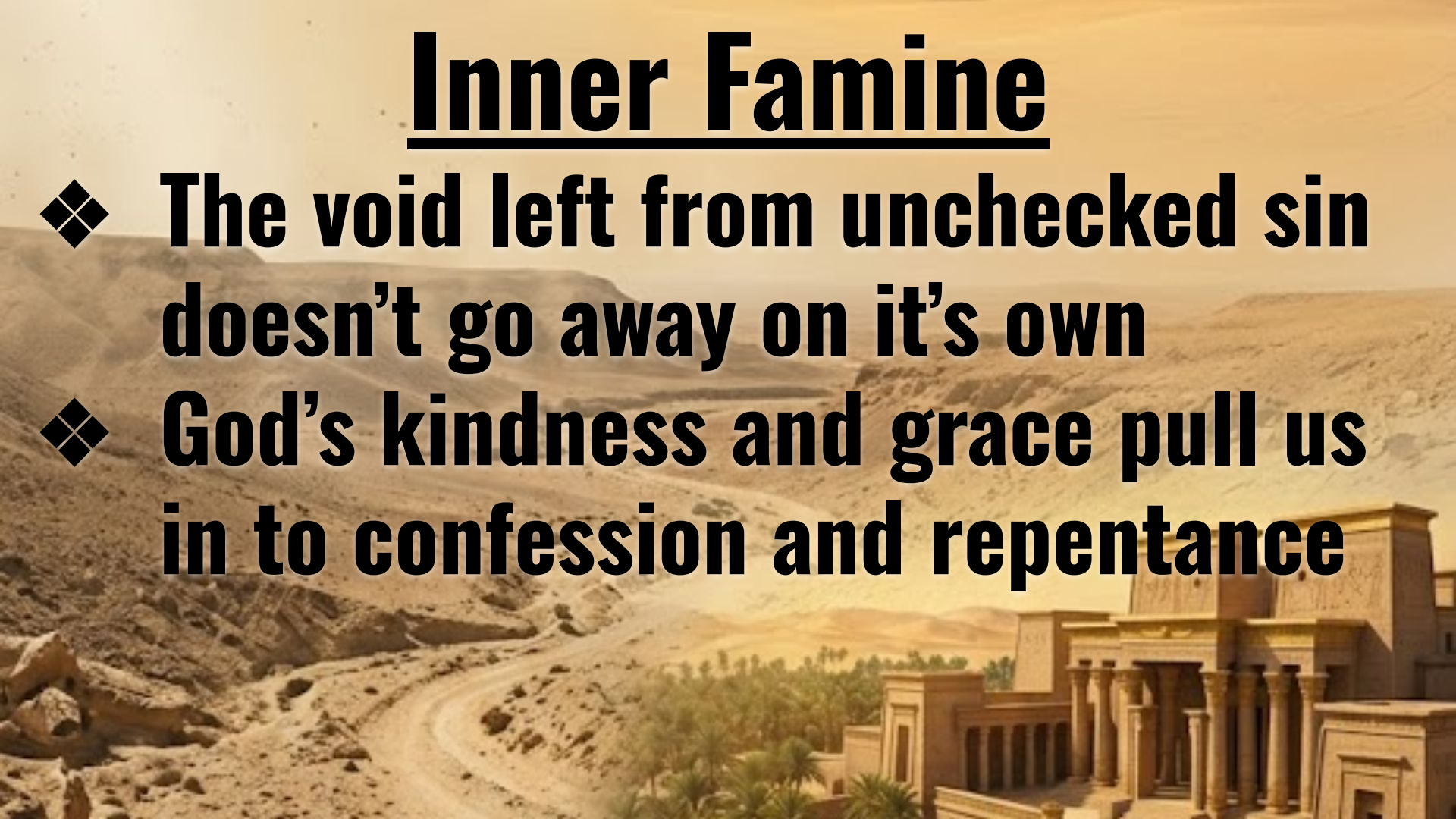
Inner Famine

- ❖ **Feel guilt, shame, or weakness**
 - **This is conviction from the Holy Spirit**



Inner Famine

- ❖ **The void left from unchecked sin doesn't go away on it's own**
- ❖ **God's kindness and grace pull us in to confession and repentance**



The In Between

- ❖ **Jacob sends Benjamin back with the others**
- ❖ **All is well and they have a nice meal that Joseph provides**

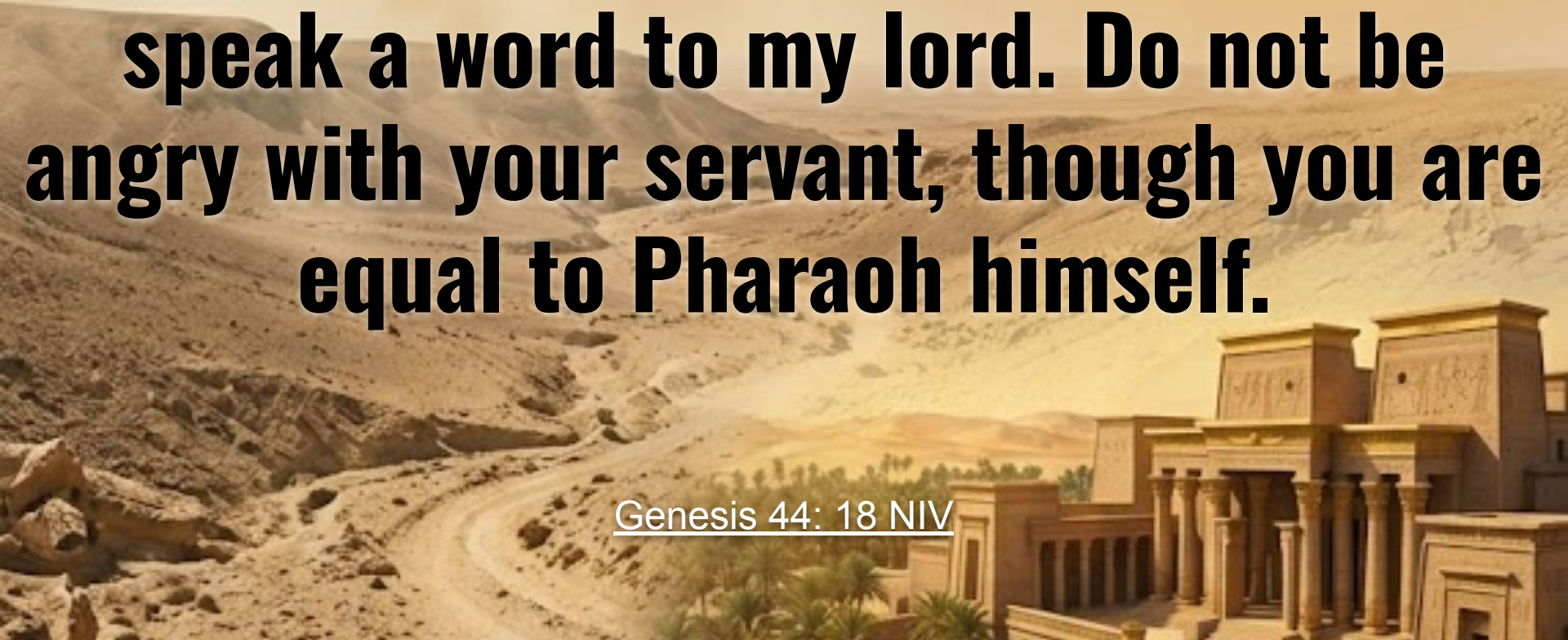


The In Between

- ❖ **Joseph hides his silver cup in Benjamin's sack**
- ❖ **When discovered Joseph says Benjamin must become Joseph's slave**

**Then Judah went up to him and said:
“Pardon your servant, my lord, let me
speak a word to my lord. Do not be
angry with your servant, though you are
equal to Pharaoh himself.**

Genesis 44: 18 NIV



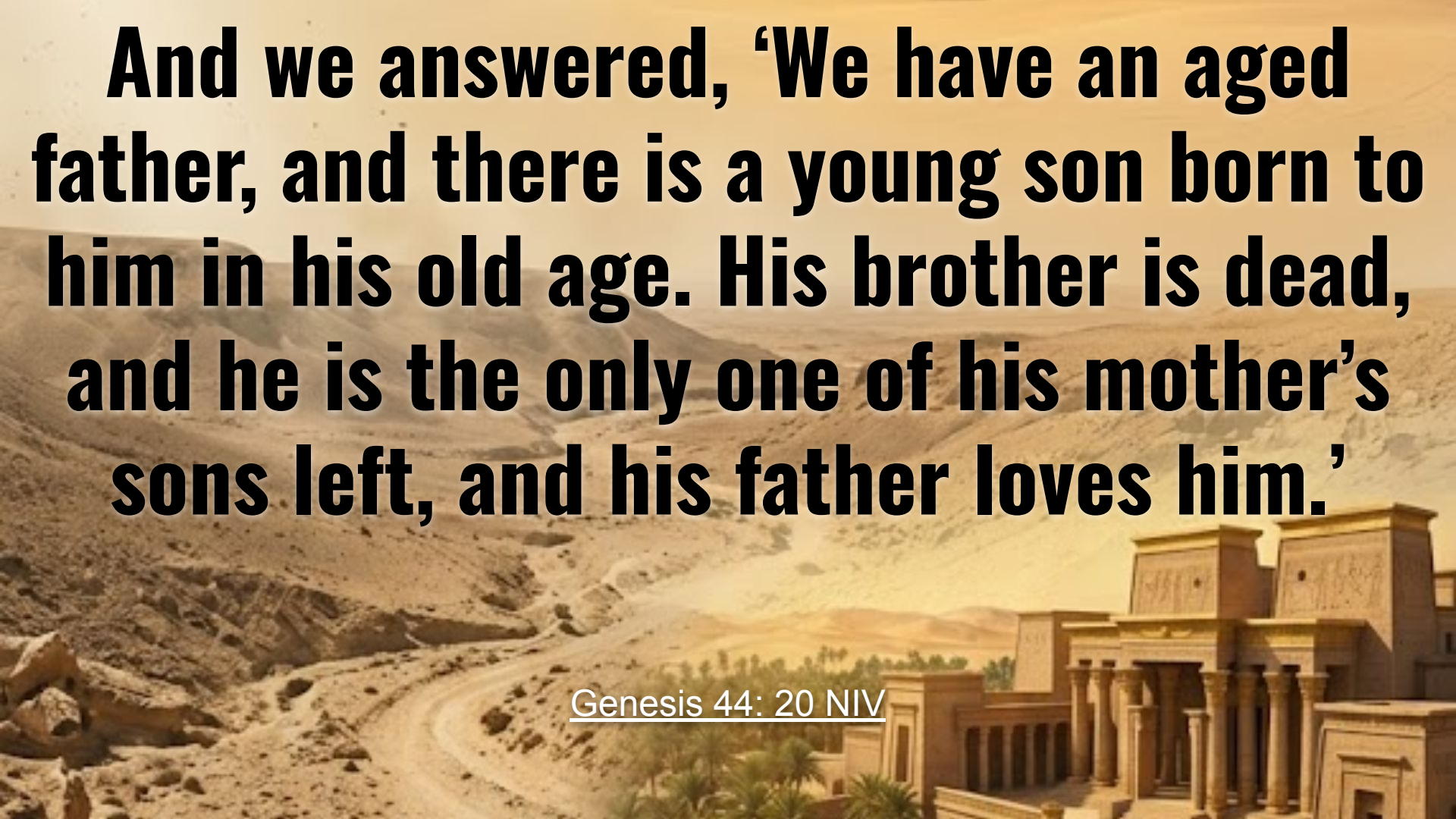
My lord asked his servants, ‘Do you have a father or a brother?’

Genesis 44: 19 NIV

A wide-angle photograph of a desert landscape. In the foreground, a dirt road curves through the sand. In the middle ground, a river winds through a valley. In the background, there are rolling hills and a large, ancient Egyptian temple complex with columns and hieroglyphs. The sky is a hazy, golden color, suggesting a sunset or sunrise.

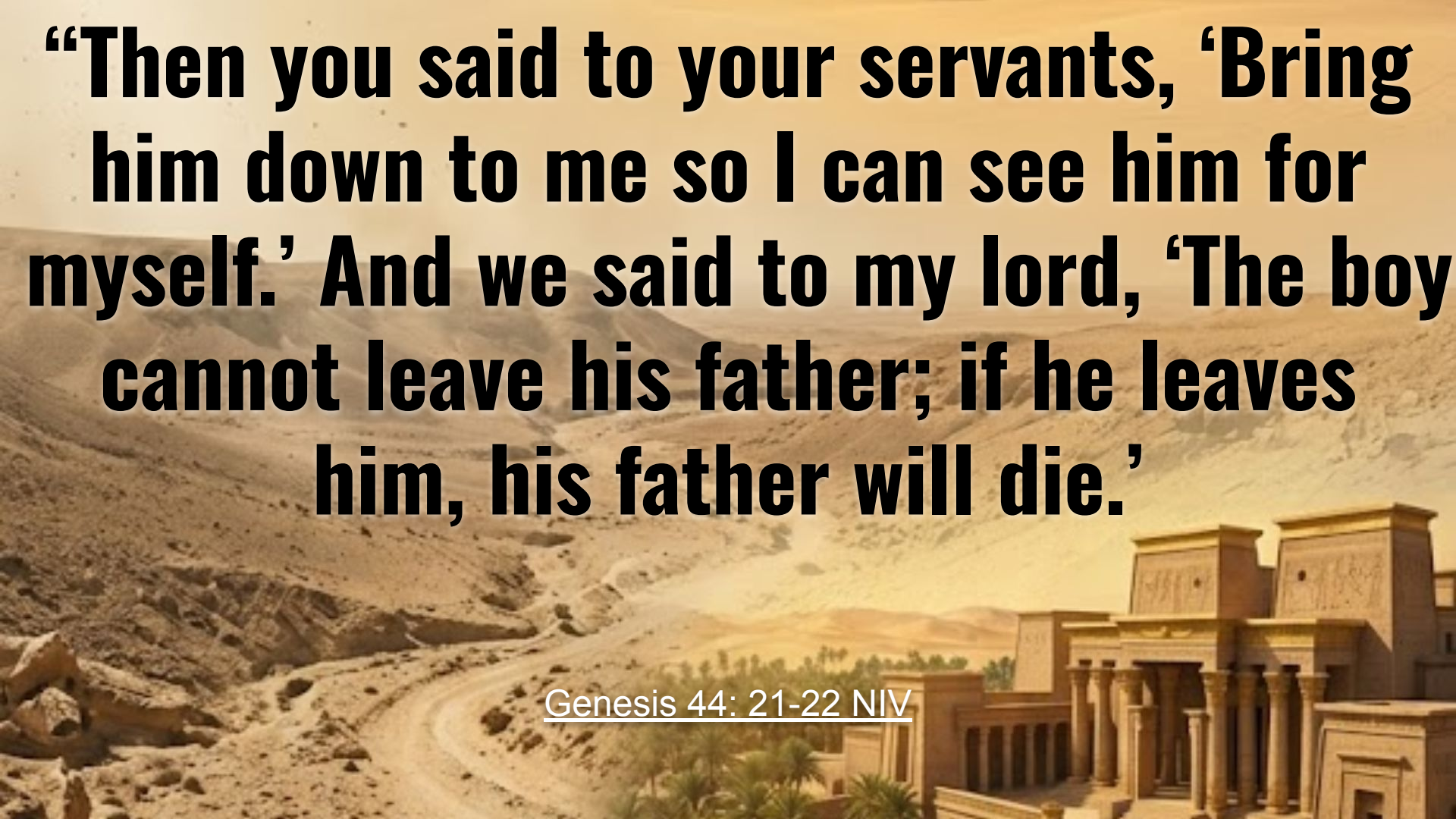
And we answered, ‘We have an aged father, and there is a young son born to him in his old age. His brother is dead, and he is the only one of his mother’s sons left, and his father loves him.’

Genesis 44: 20 NIV



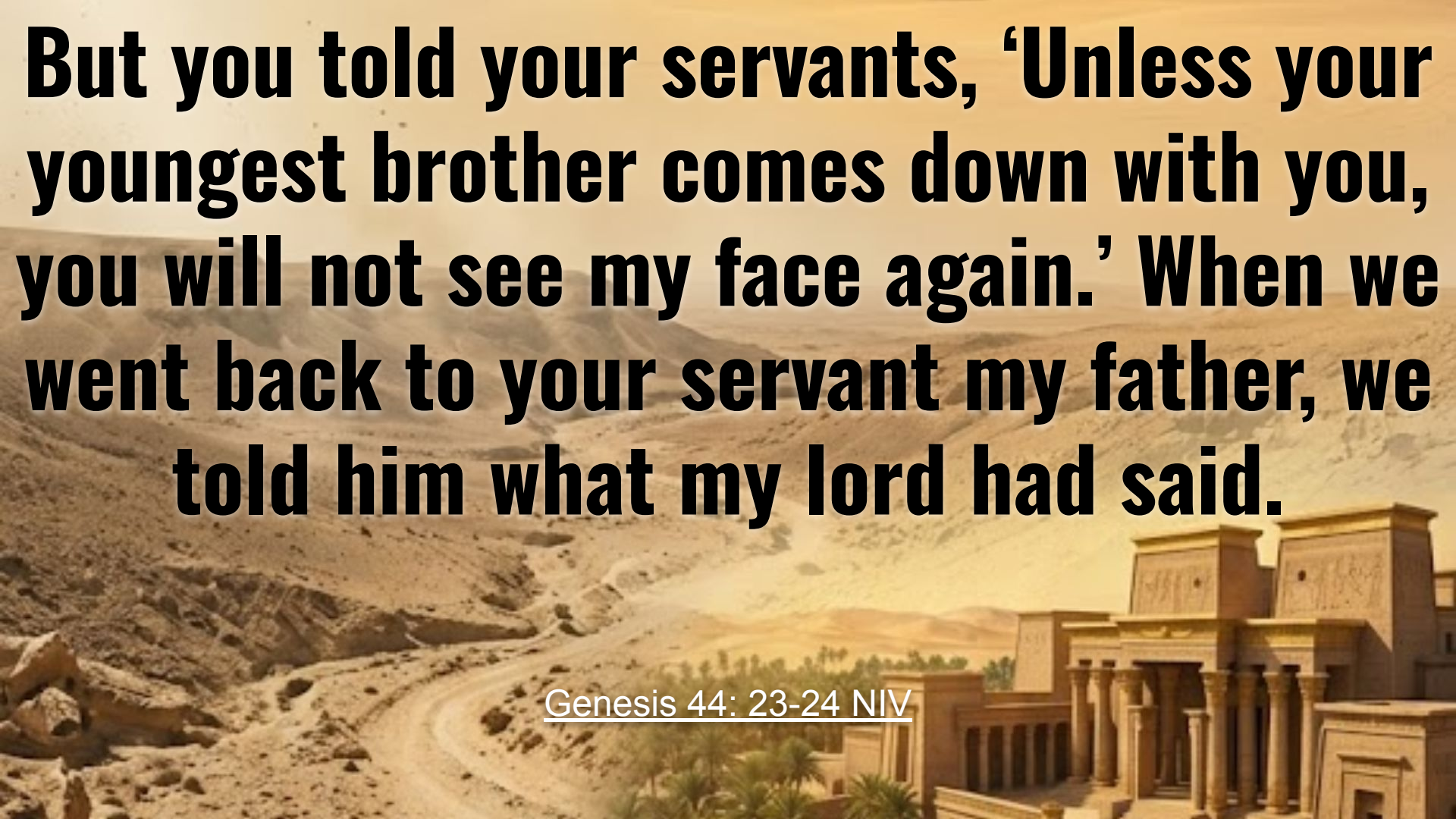
“Then you said to your servants, ‘Bring him down to me so I can see him for myself.’ And we said to my lord, ‘The boy cannot leave his father; if he leaves him, his father will die.’”

Genesis 44: 21-22 NIV



But you told your servants, ‘Unless your youngest brother comes down with you, you will not see my face again.’ When we went back to your servant my father, we told him what my lord had said.

Genesis 44: 23-24 NIV

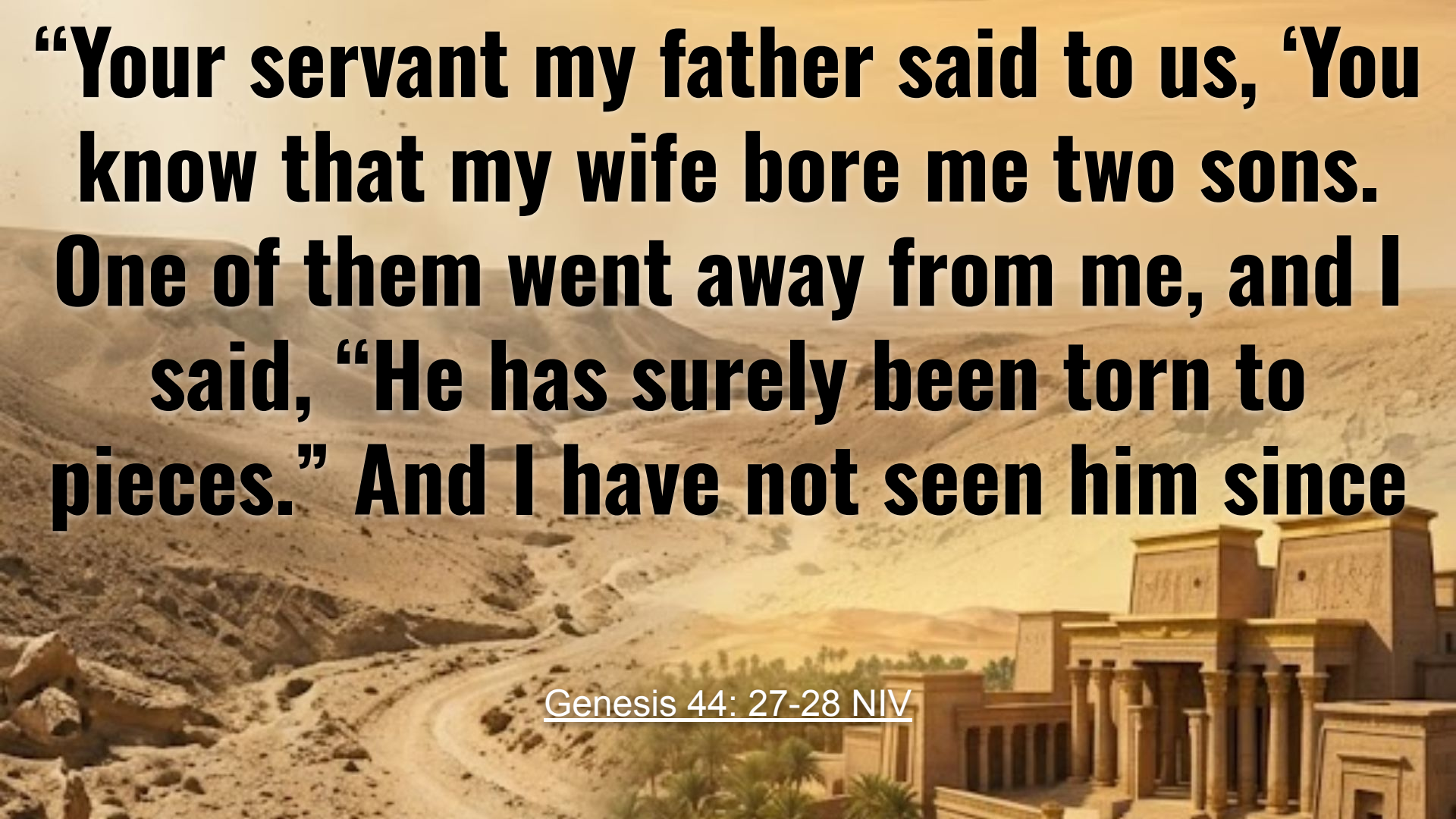


“Then our father said, ‘Go back and buy a little more food.’ But we said, ‘We cannot go down. Only if our youngest brother is with us will we go. We cannot see the man’s face unless our youngest brother is with us.’”

Genesis 44: 25-26 NIV

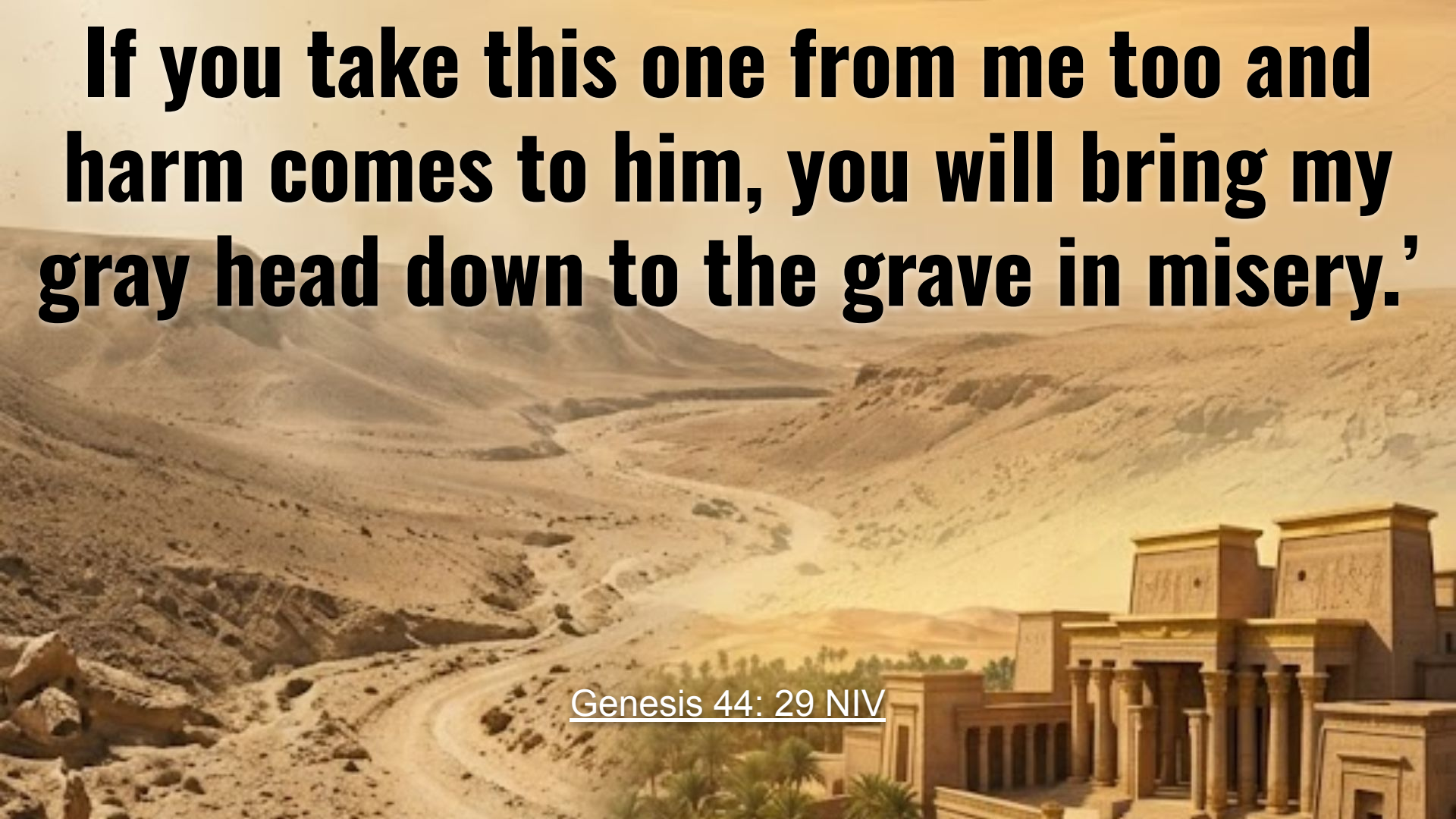
“Your servant my father said to us, ‘You know that my wife bore me two sons. One of them went away from me, and I said, ‘He has surely been torn to pieces.’” And I have not seen him since

Genesis 44: 27-28 NIV



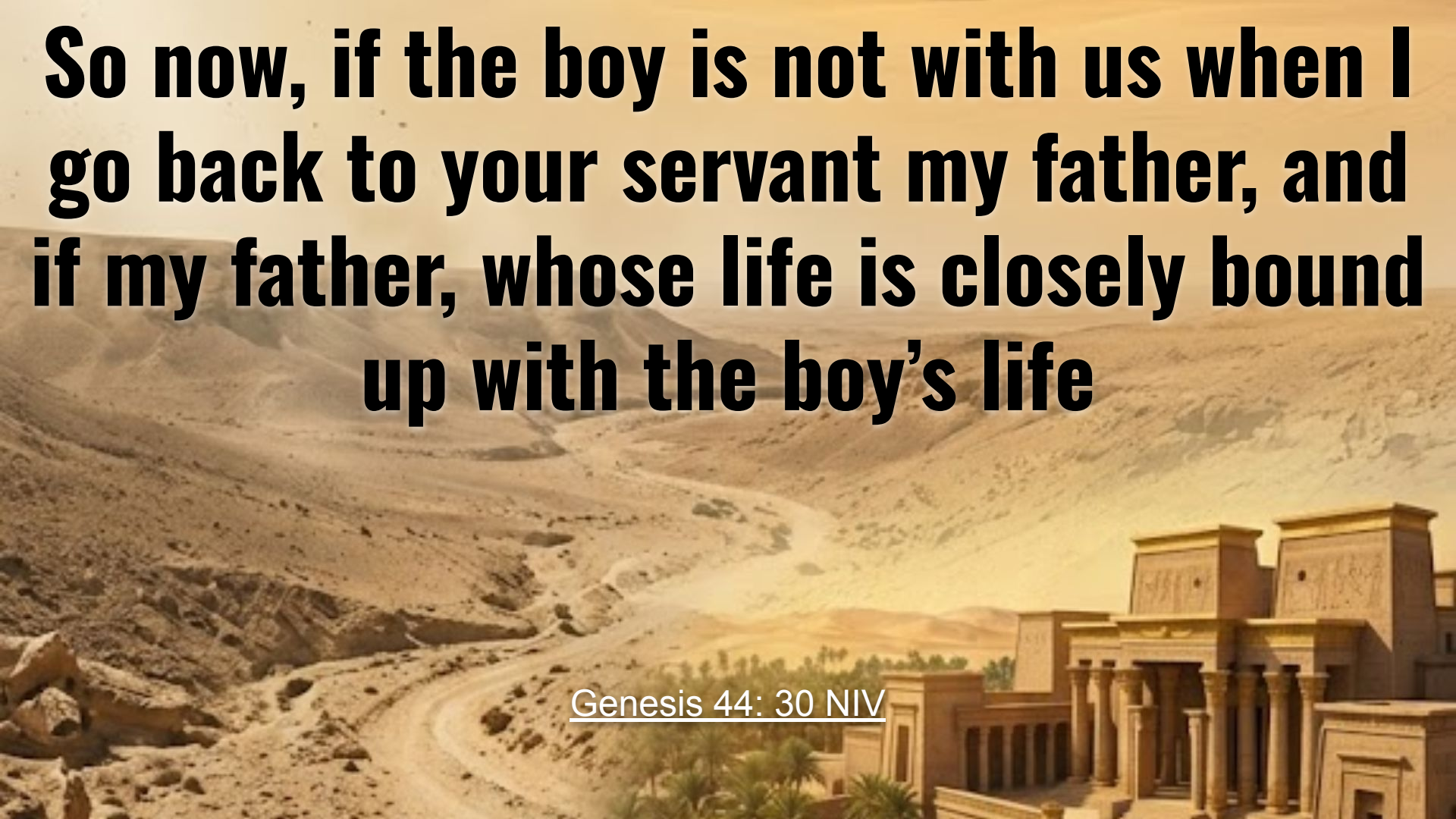
If you take this one from me too and harm comes to him, you will bring my gray head down to the grave in misery.'

Genesis 44: 29 NIV



So now, if the boy is not with us when I go back to your servant my father, and if my father, whose life is closely bound up with the boy's life

Genesis 44: 30 NIV



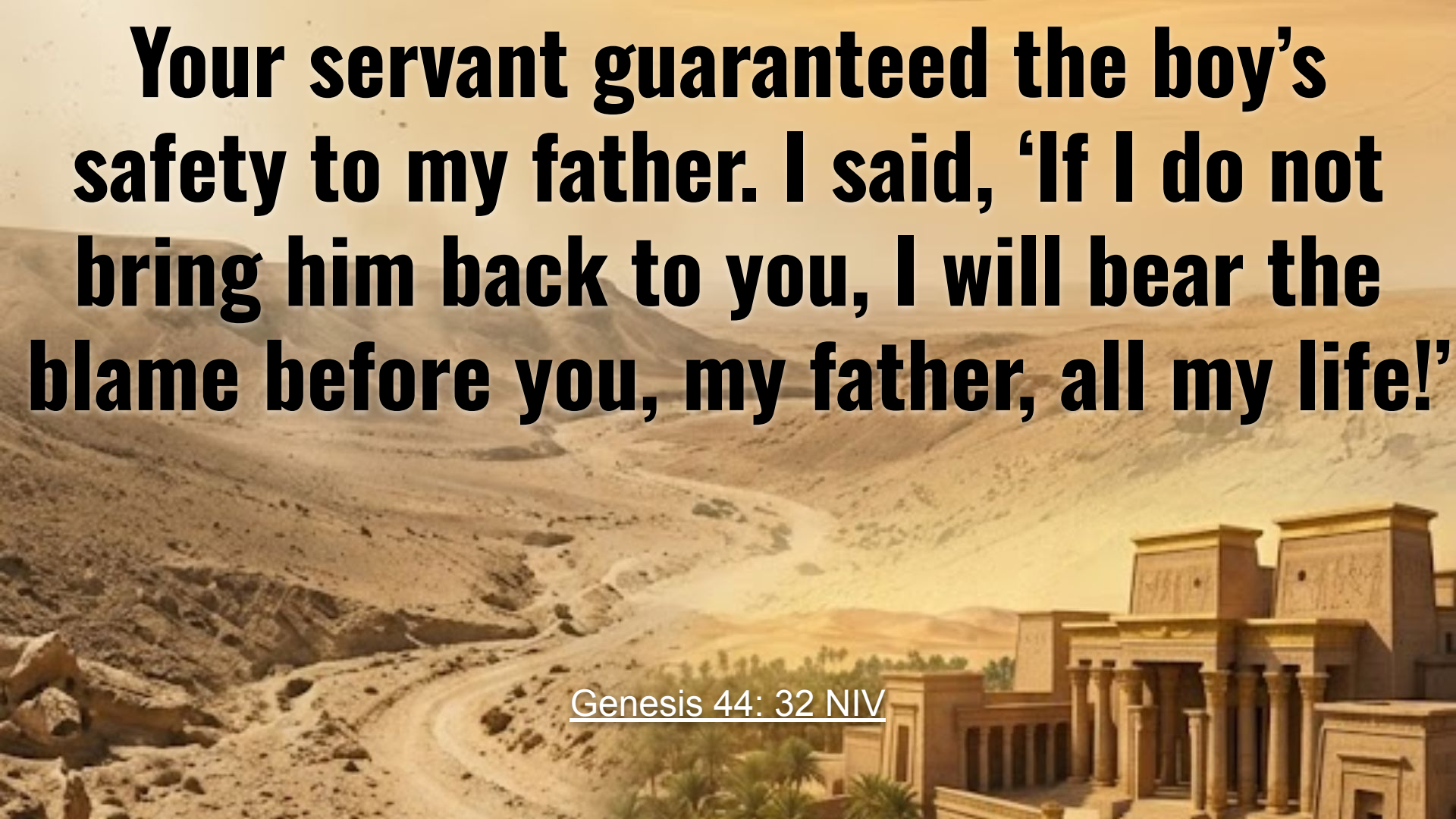
**Sees that the boy isn't there, he will die.
Your servants will bring the gray head
of our father down to the grave in
sorrow.**

Genesis 44: 31 NIV



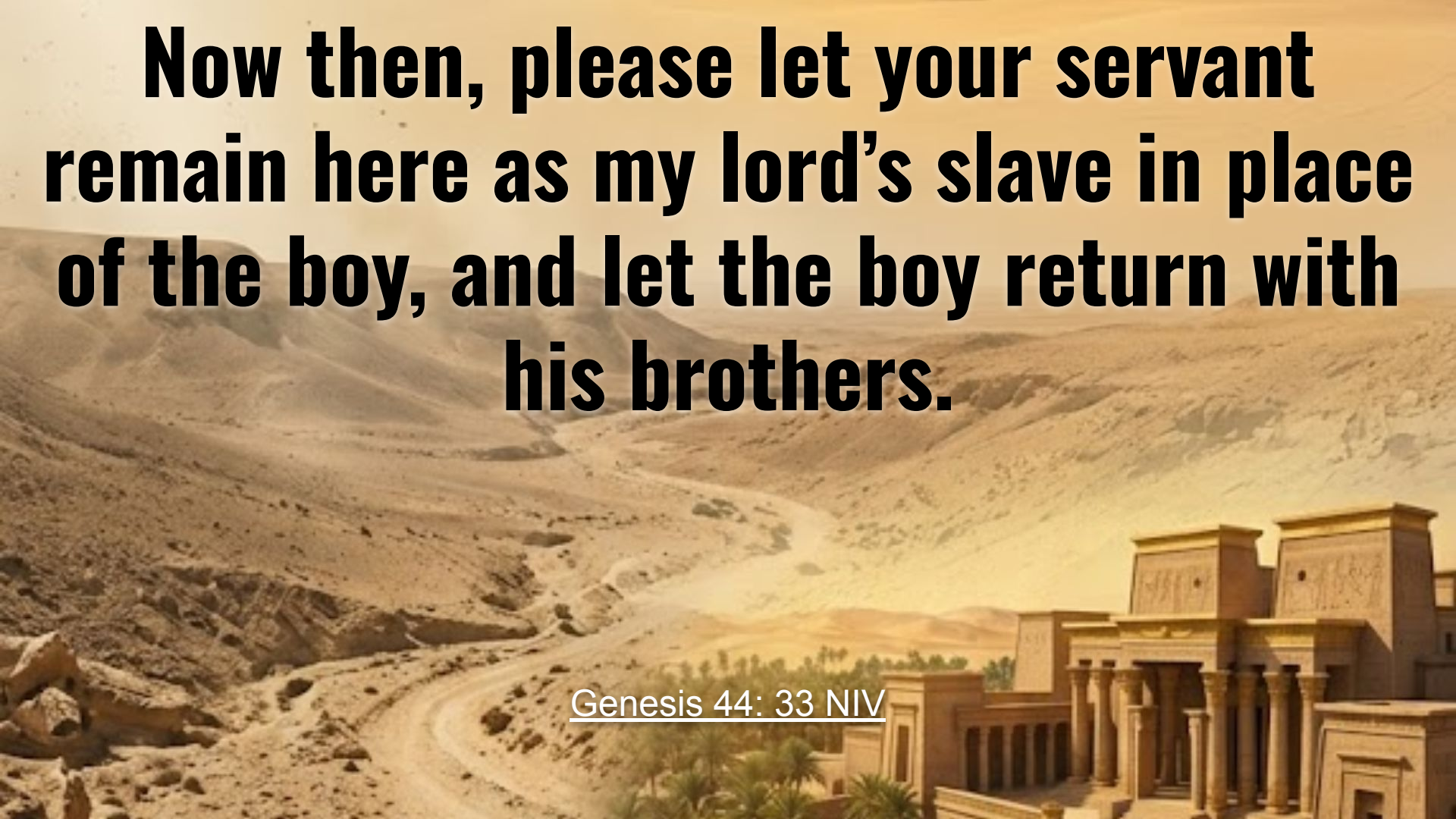
Your servant guaranteed the boy's safety to my father. I said, 'If I do not bring him back to you, I will bear the blame before you, my father, all my life!'

Genesis 44: 32 NIV



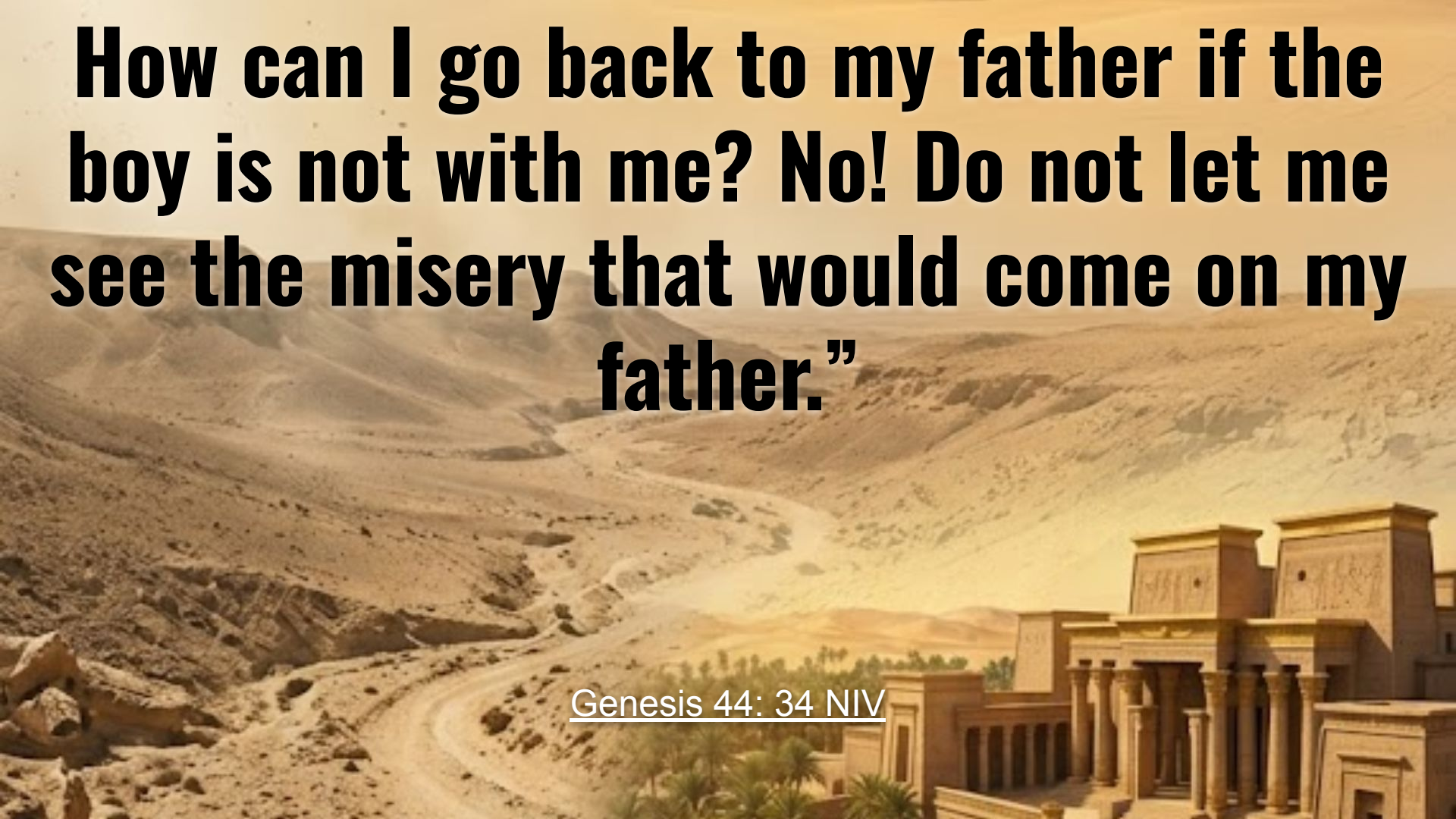
Now then, please let your servant remain here as my lord's slave in place of the boy, and let the boy return with his brothers.

Genesis 44: 33 NIV



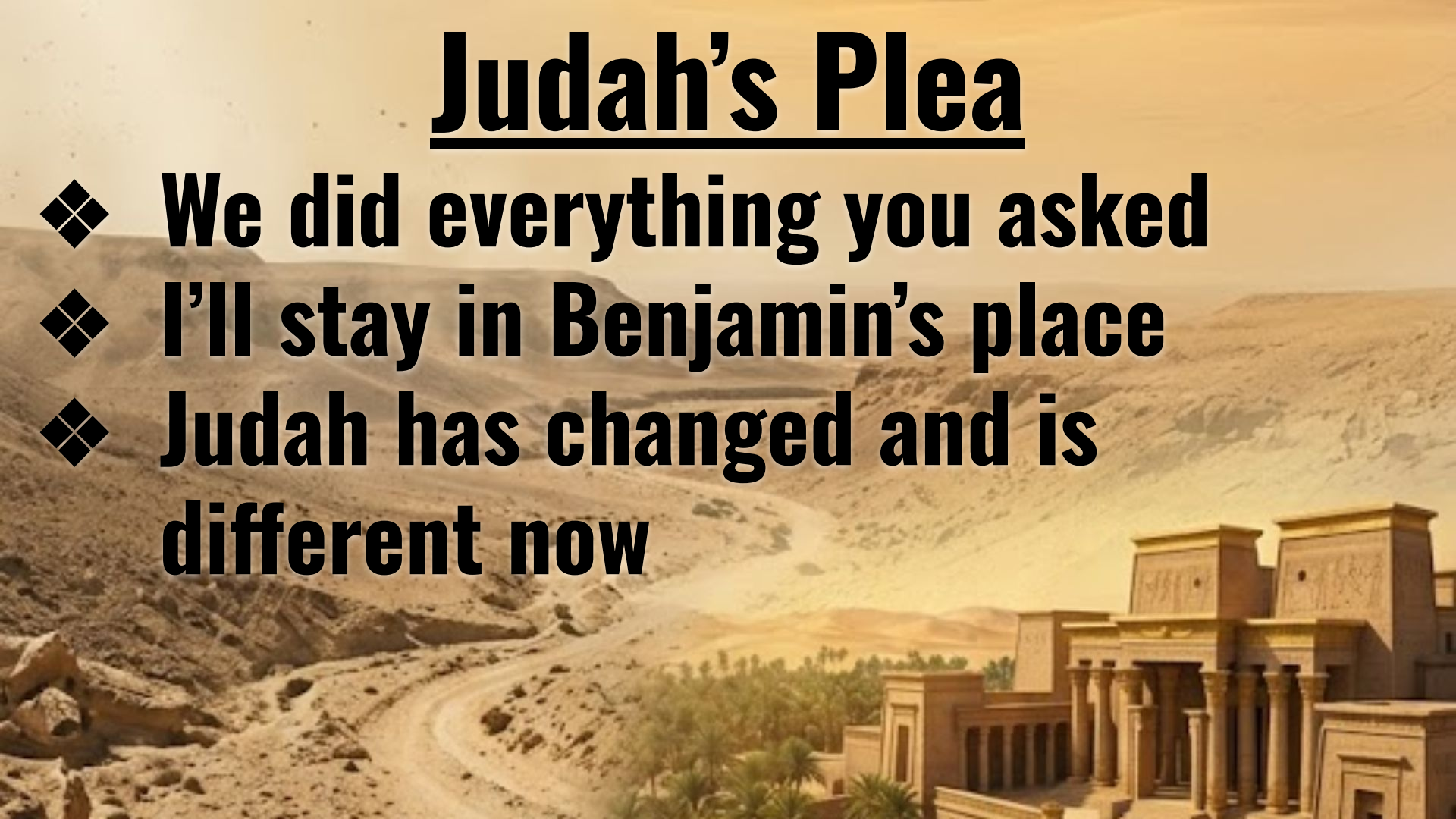
How can I go back to my father if the boy is not with me? No! Do not let me see the misery that would come on my father.”

Genesis 44: 34 NIV

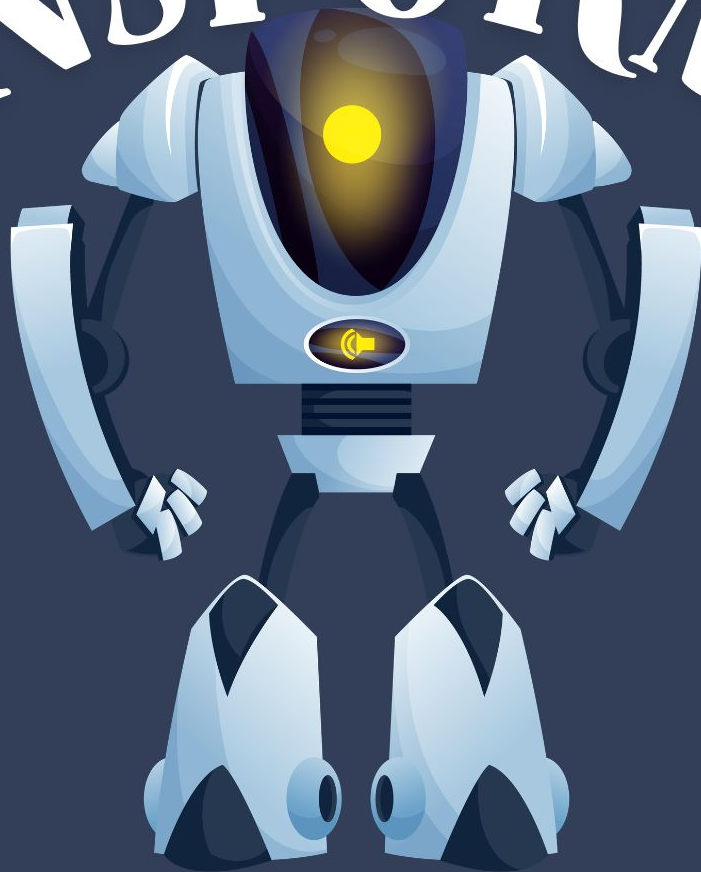


Judah's Plea

- ❖ **We did everything you asked**
- ❖ **I'll stay in Benjamin's place**
- ❖ **Judah has changed and is different now**



TRANSFORMERS



Transformation

❖ **Repentance brings us closer to Jesus and transforms us to be more like Him**



Transformation

- ❖ **Judah and Jesus showed sacrifice**
- ❖ **Sacrifice your own distractions to have a present presence with others**

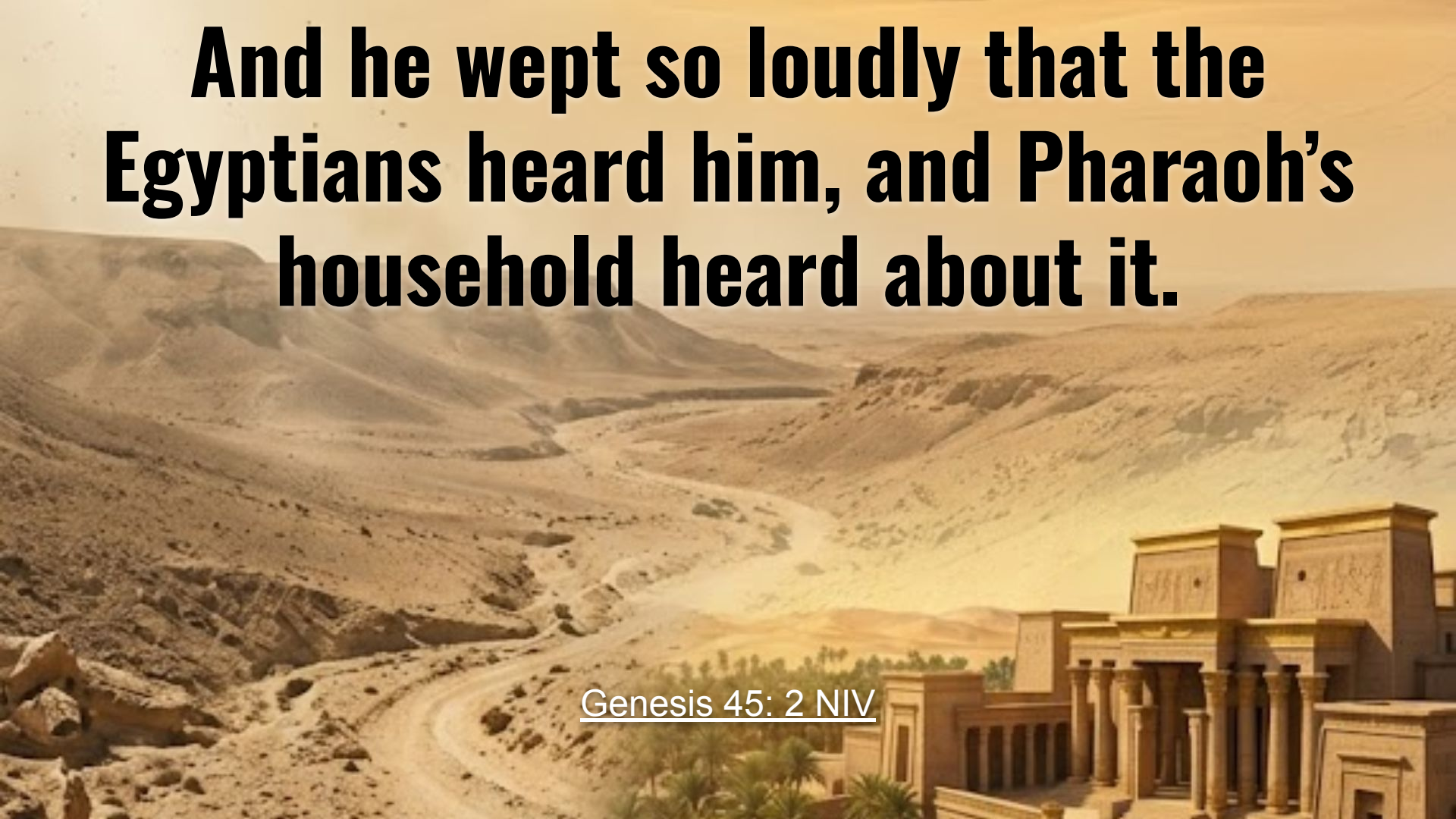


Then Joseph could no longer control himself before all his attendants, and he cried out, “Have everyone leave my presence!” So there was no one with Joseph when he made himself known to his brothers.

Genesis 45: 1 NIV

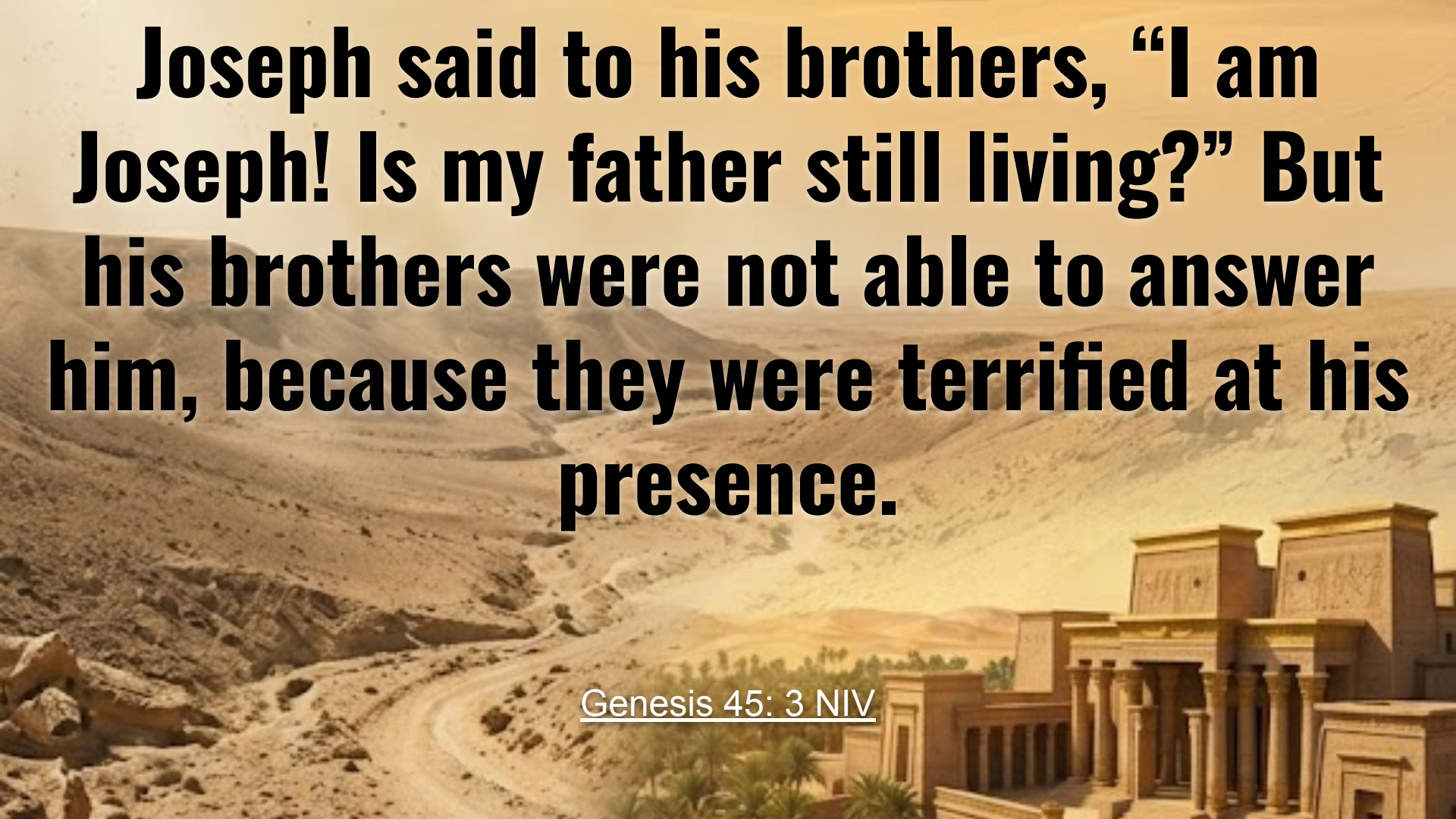
And he wept so loudly that the Egyptians heard him, and Pharaoh's household heard about it.

Genesis 45: 2 NIV



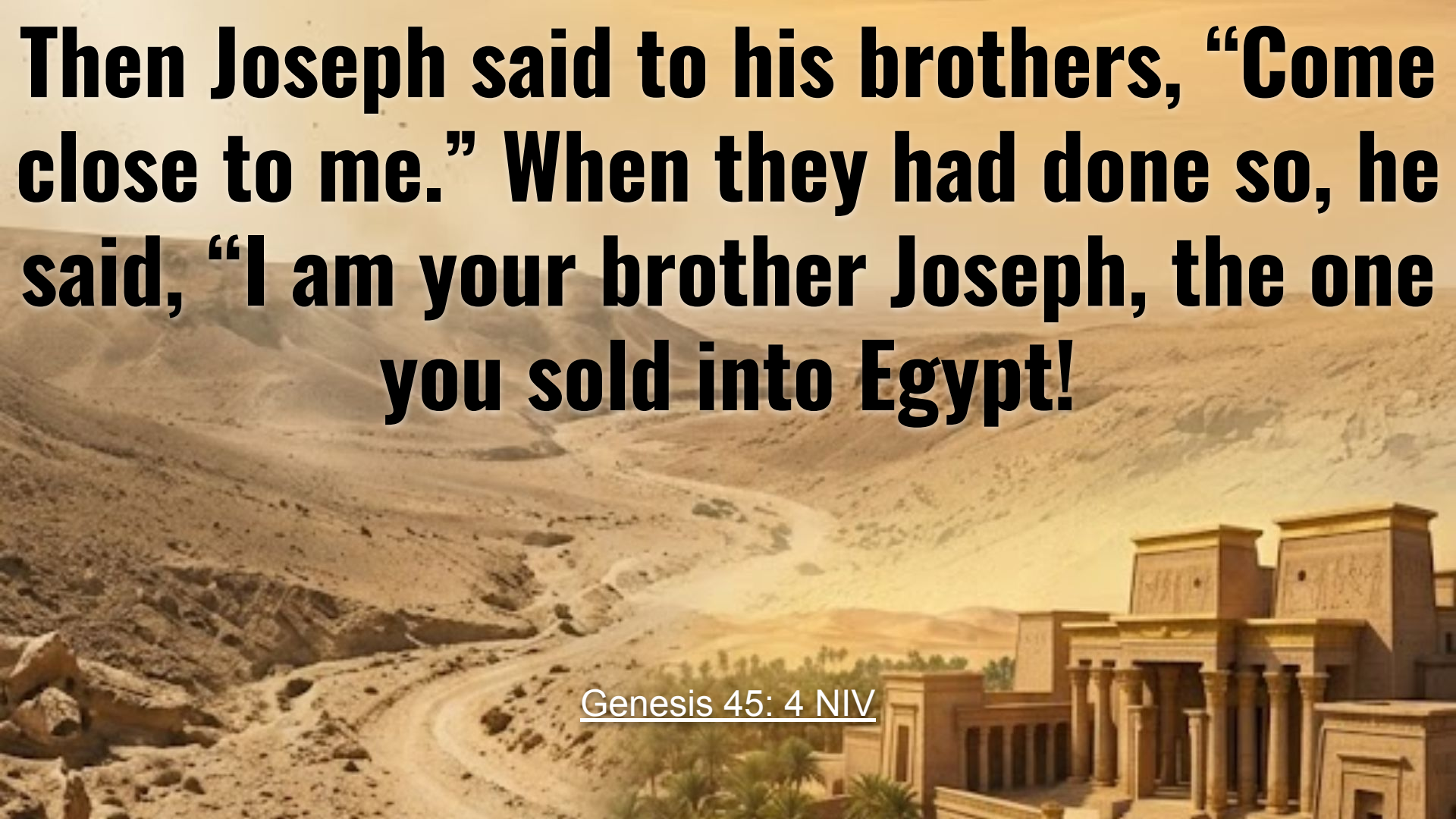
Joseph said to his brothers, “I am Joseph! Is my father still living?” But his brothers were not able to answer him, because they were terrified at his presence.

Genesis 45: 3 NIV



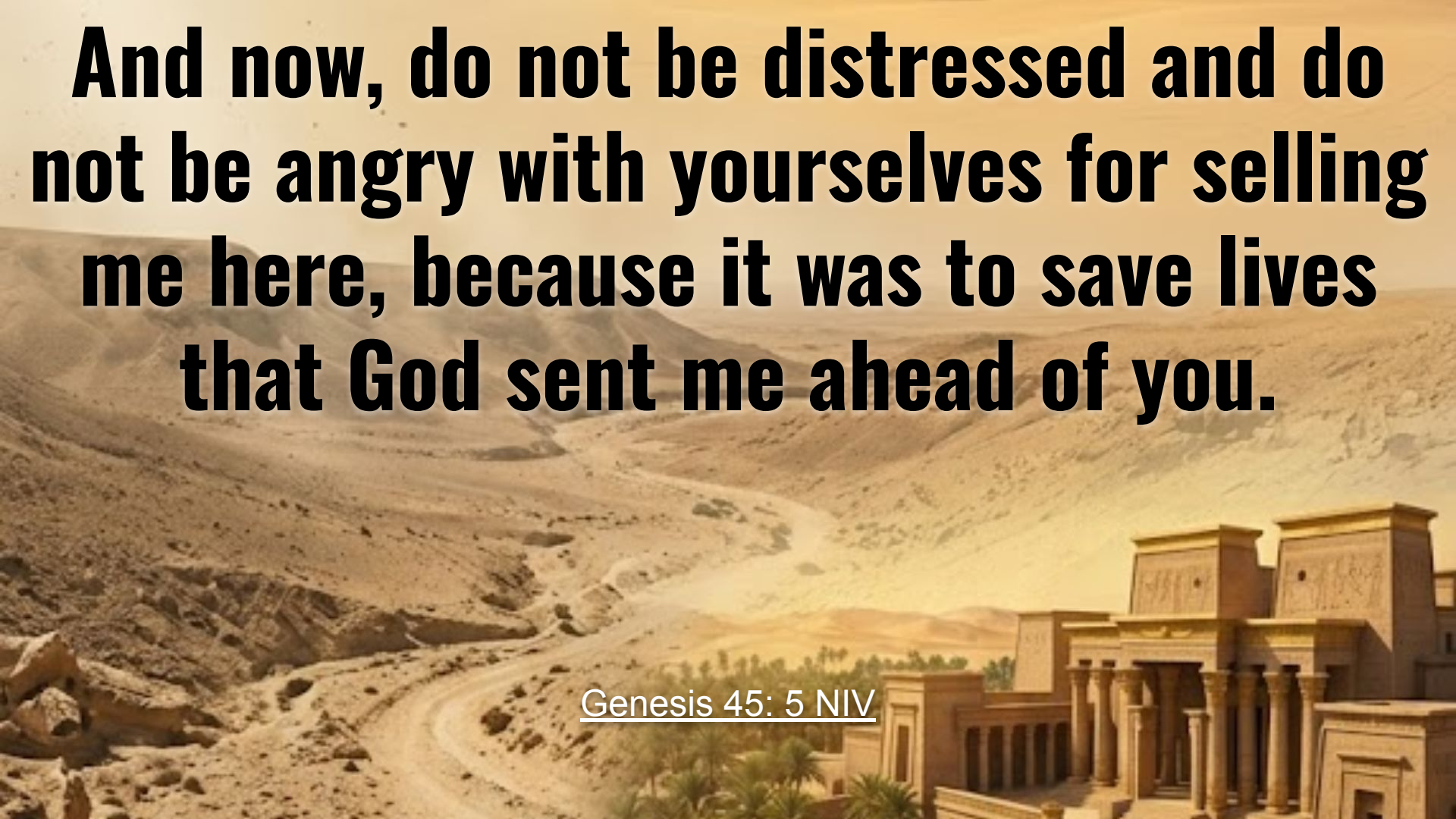
Then Joseph said to his brothers, “Come close to me.” When they had done so, he said, “I am your brother Joseph, the one you sold into Egypt!”

Genesis 45: 4 NIV



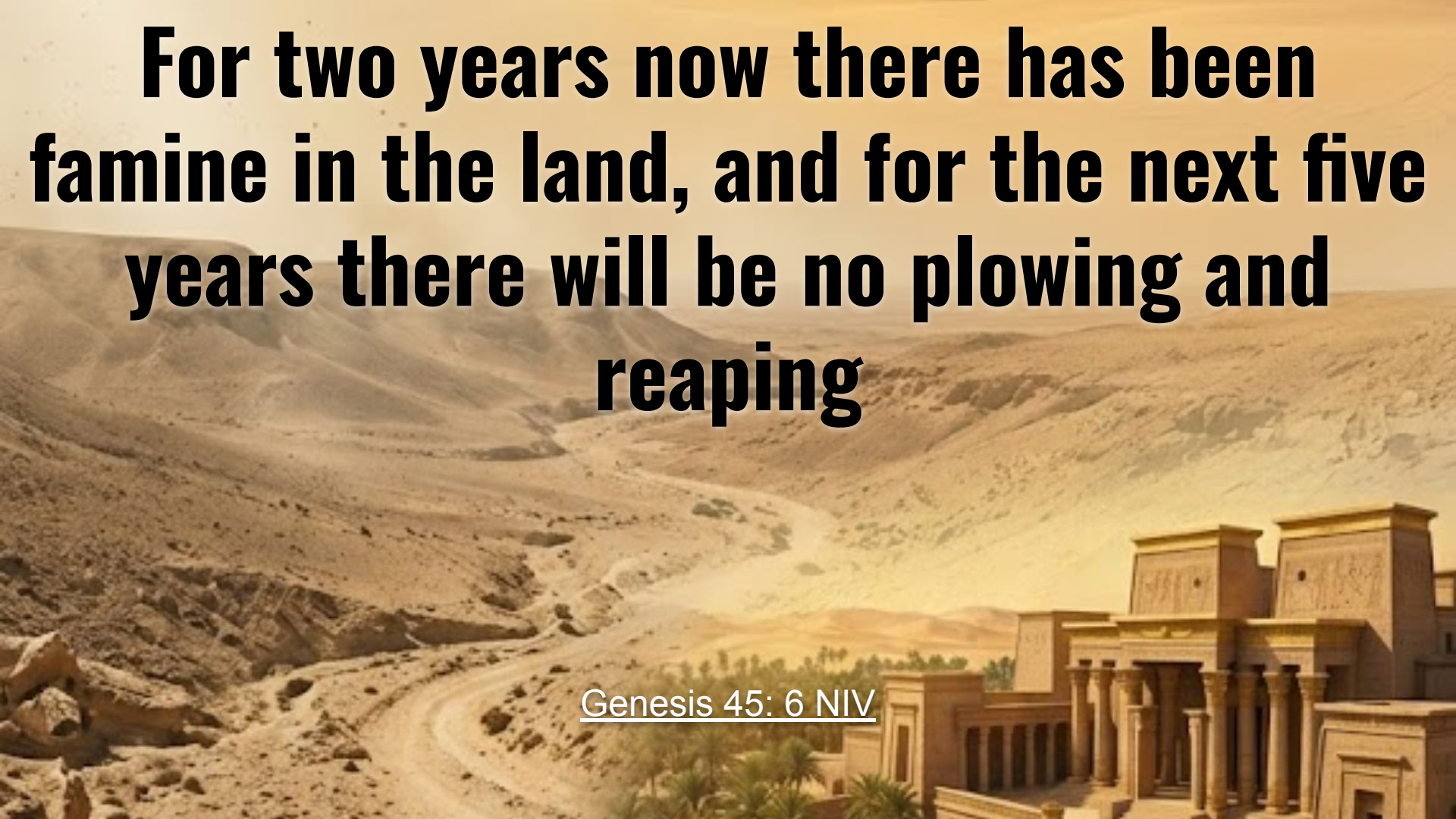
And now, do not be distressed and do not be angry with yourselves for selling me here, because it was to save lives that God sent me ahead of you.

Genesis 45: 5 NIV



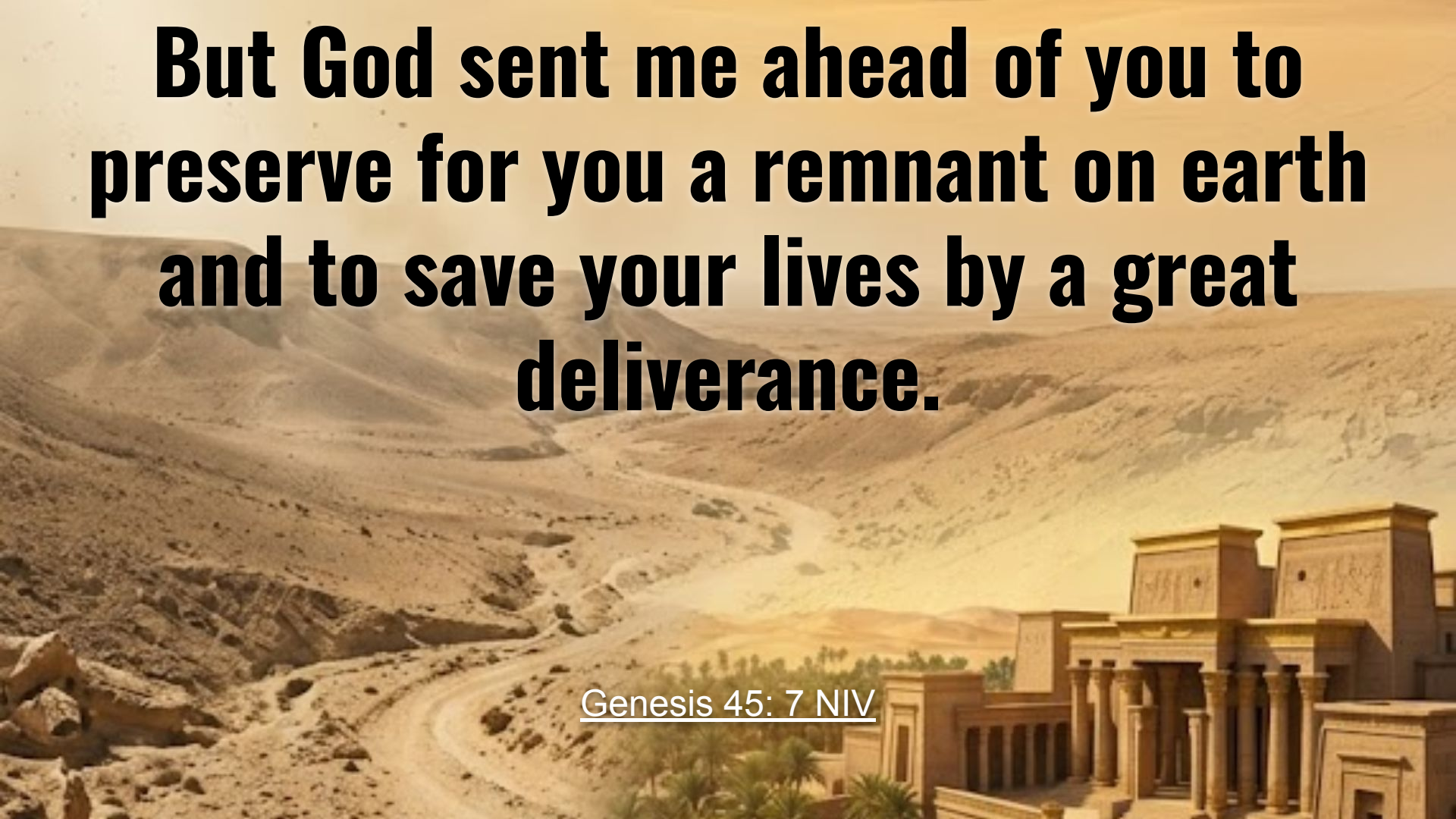
**For two years now there has been
famine in the land, and for the next five
years there will be no plowing and
reaping**

Genesis 45: 6 NIV



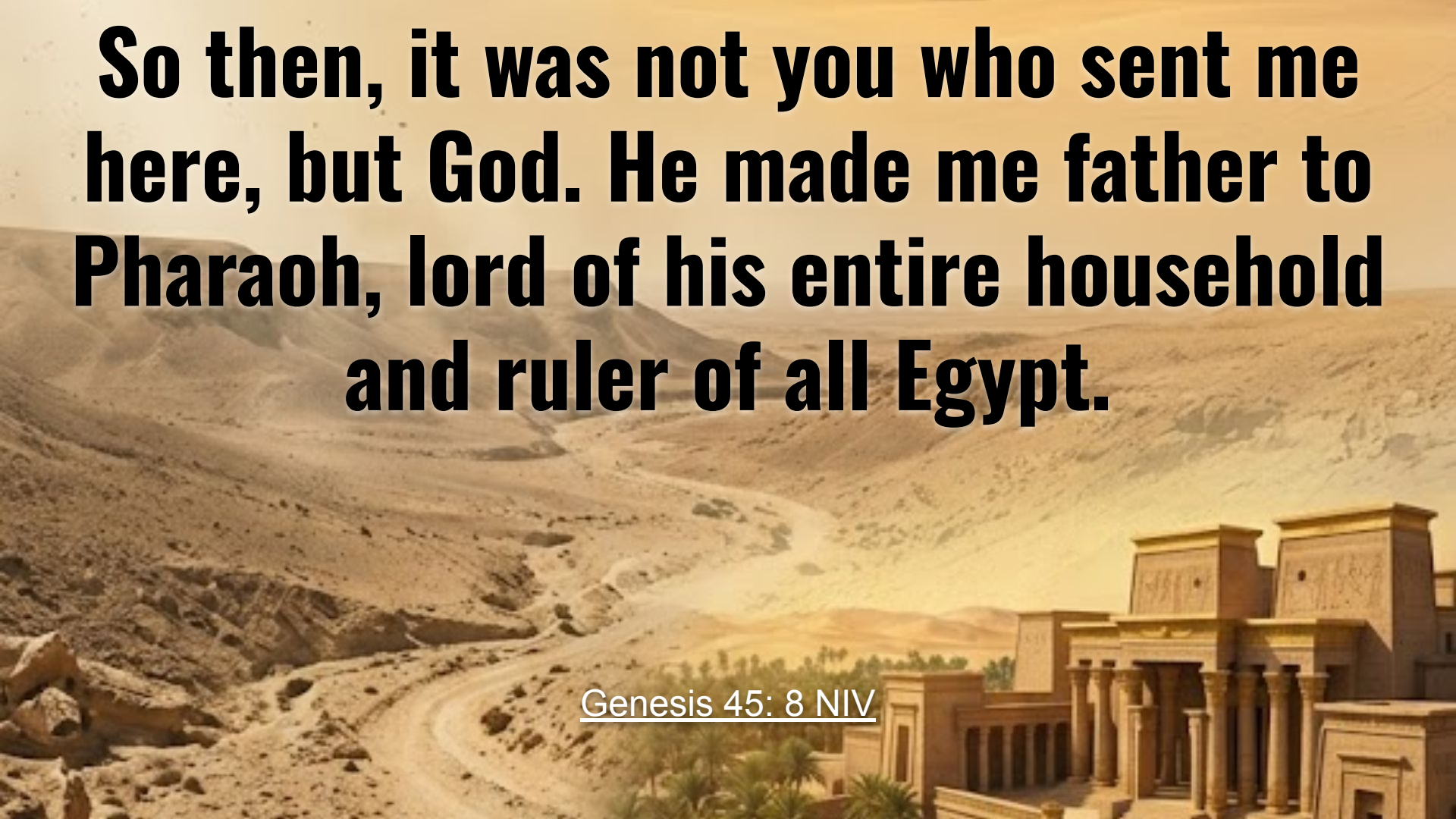
**But God sent me ahead of you to
preserve for you a remnant on earth
and to save your lives by a great
deliverance.**

Genesis 45: 7 NIV



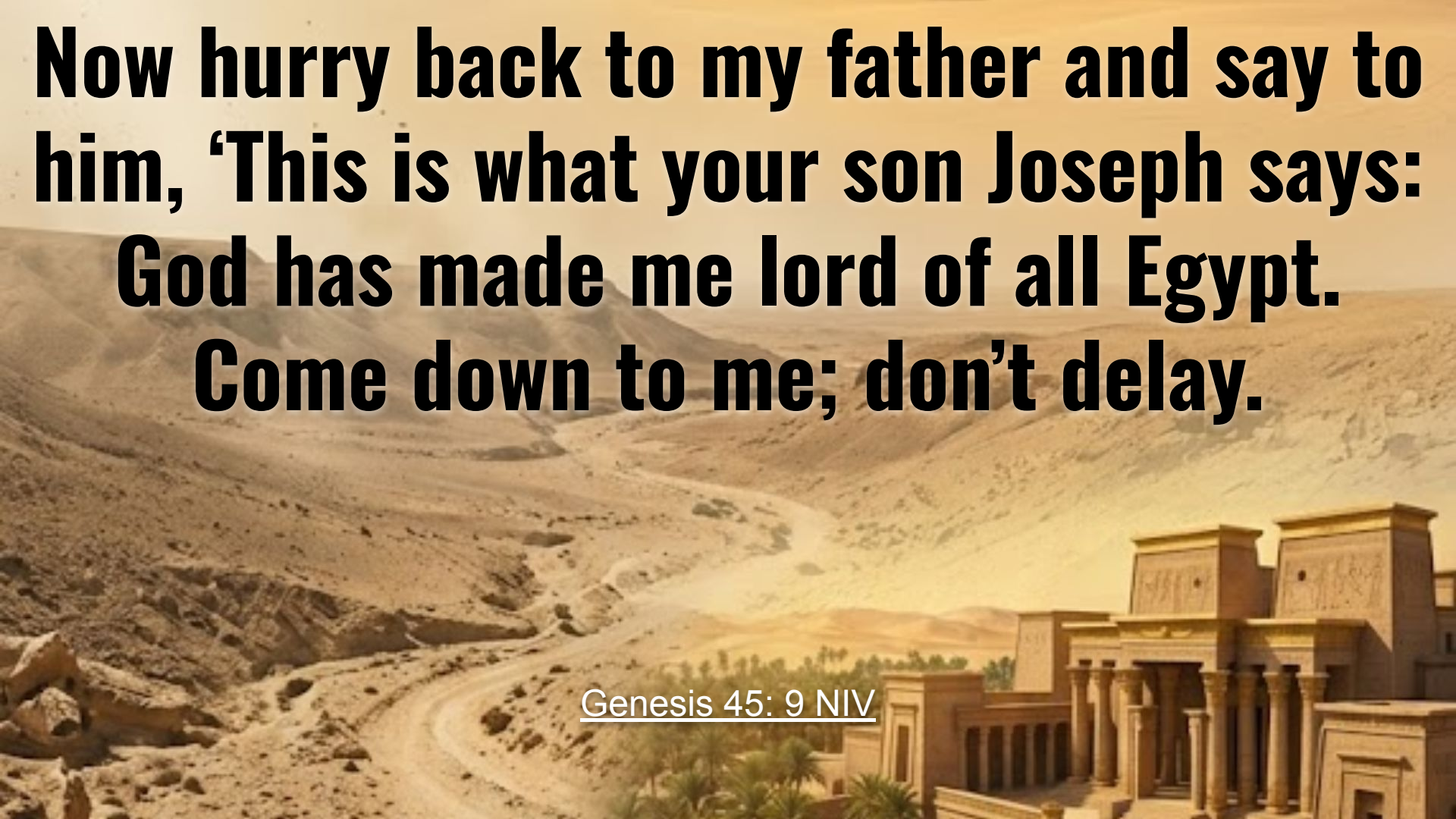
So then, it was not you who sent me here, but God. He made me father to Pharaoh, lord of his entire household and ruler of all Egypt.

Genesis 45: 8 NIV



Now hurry back to my father and say to him, 'This is what your son Joseph says: God has made me lord of all Egypt. Come down to me; don't delay.'

Genesis 45: 9 NIV



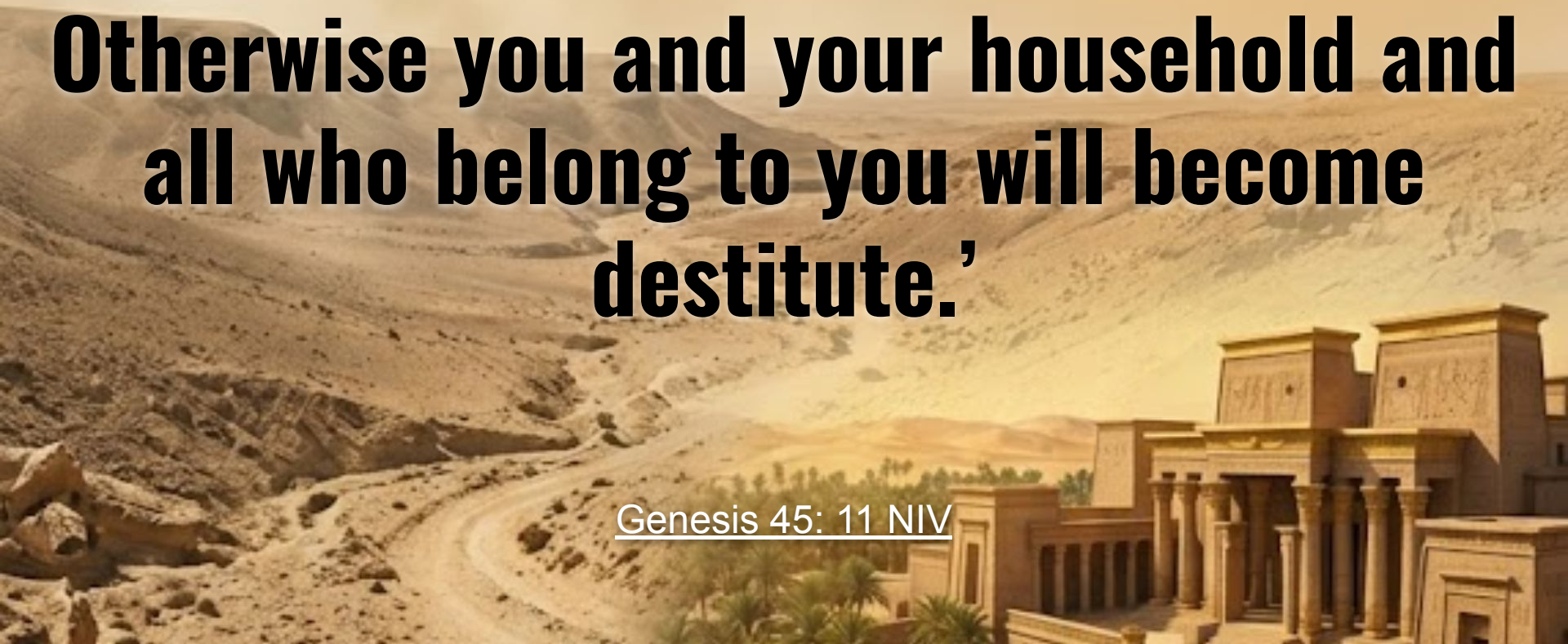
**You shall live in the region of Goshen
and be near me—you, your children and
grandchildren, your flocks and herds,
and all you have.**

Genesis 45: 10 NIV



I will provide for you there, because five years of famine are still to come. Otherwise you and your household and all who belong to you will become destitute.'

Genesis 45: 11 NIV



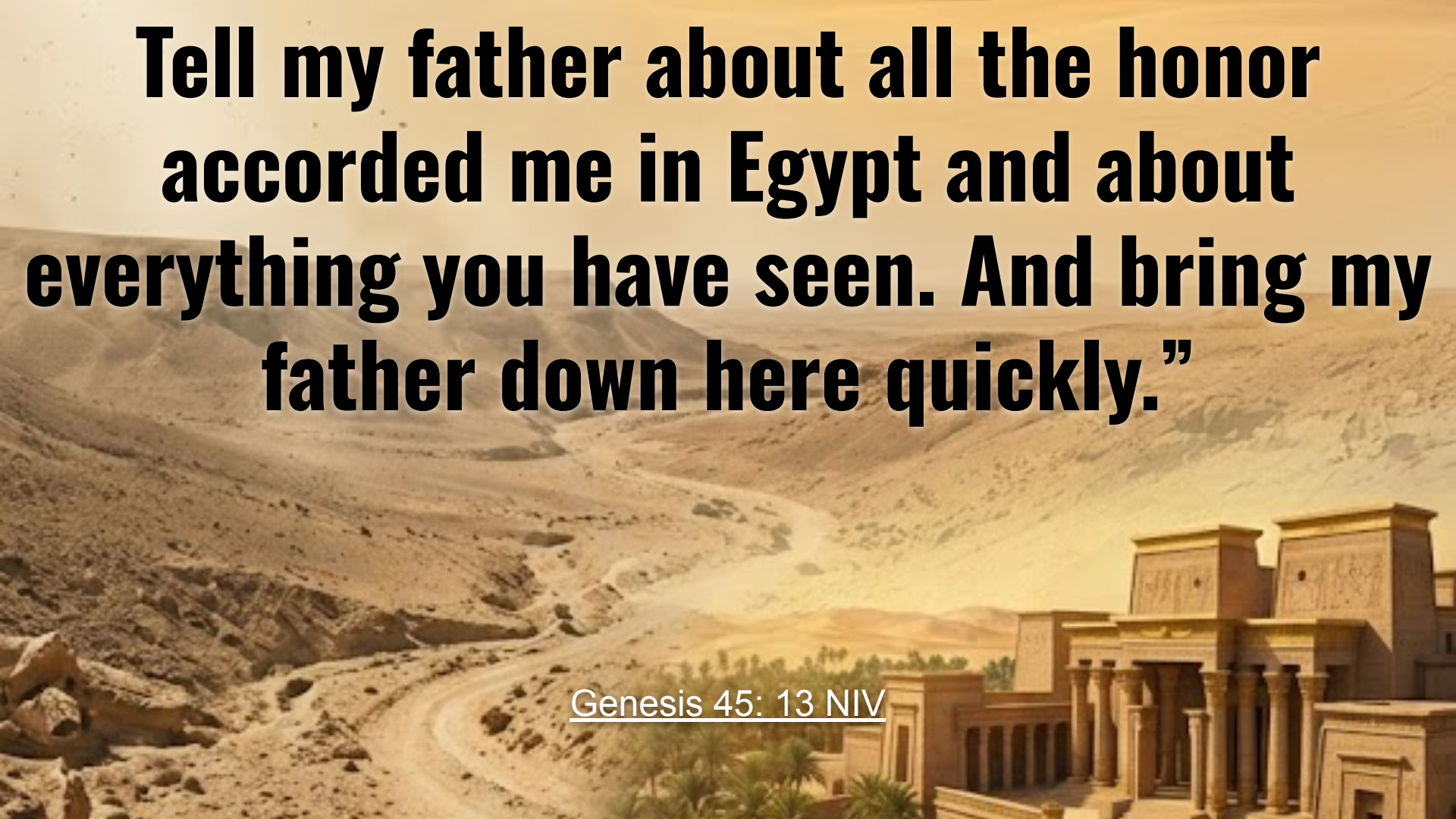
You can see for yourselves, and so can my brother Benjamin, that it is really I who am speaking to you.

Genesis 45: 12 NIV



**Tell my father about all the honor
accorded me in Egypt and about
everything you have seen. And bring my
father down here quickly.”**

Genesis 45: 13 NIV



Then he threw his arms around his brother Benjamin and wept, and Benjamin embraced him, weeping. And he kissed all his brothers and wept over them. Afterward his brothers talked with him.

Genesis 45: 14-15 NIV

Joseph Reveals Himself

- ❖ **Joseph hears Judah and is overcome with emotion**
- ❖ **He asks if Jacob is still alive**
- ❖ **Joseph invites the entire family to live near him**

Restarted



God Works It Out

- ❖ **God restores so we don't have to**
- ❖ **See how God worked out your pain or struggle for good**
- ❖ **Let that lead to forgiveness and grace not judgement and anger**

When The Past Comes Present

- ❖ Inner famine
- ❖ Transformation
- ❖ God works it out

