




COURAGE



DEFINITION OF **COURAGE**:

The state or quality of mind or spirit that enables one to face danger or fear with self-possession, confidence, and resolution; bravery.

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PROVERBS 28:1 ESV


- 1 The wicked flee when no one pursues,
but the righteous are bold as a lion.**



The wicked run from **things**
but the righteous run towards **things**.

A dramatic landscape featuring a dirt road that recedes into the distance, flanked by green fields. The sky is dark and stormy, with lightning bolts visible. In the distance, several wind turbines are visible, each with a red light at the top. The overall mood is one of tension and challenge.

I. WHAT IS NECESSARY
TO **LIVE** A LIFE OF
COURAGE?

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ROMANS 3:10 NLT

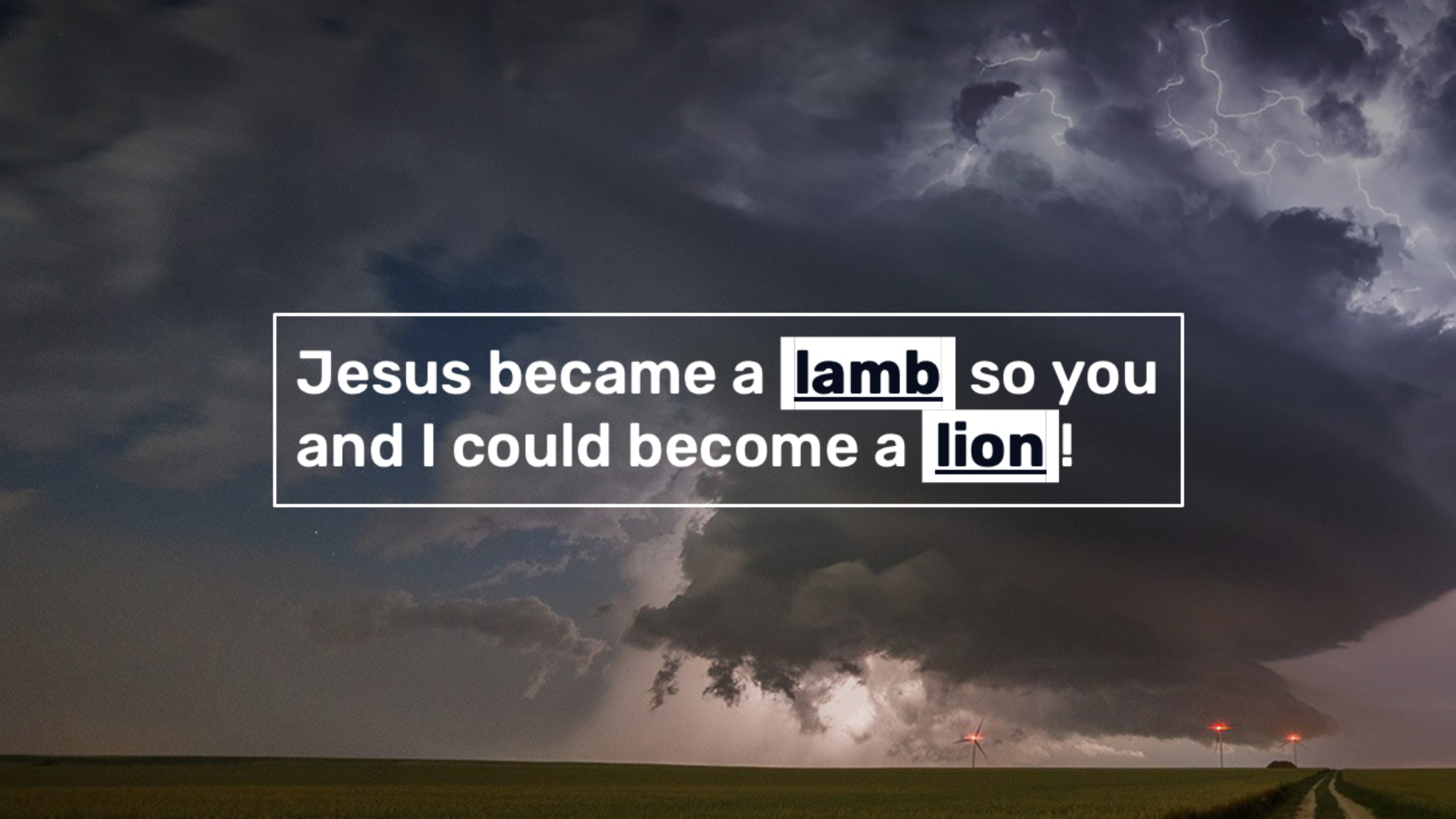
¹⁰ As the Scriptures say,

**“No one is righteous—
not even one.”**

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ROMANS 3:22 NIV

²² This righteousness is given through faith in Jesus Christ to all who believe.



Jesus became a **lamb** so you
and I could become a **lion**!

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II. COURAGEOUSLY
SECURING THE
PROMISES OF GOD.



Almost every promise of God
comes with **problems** that
can bring about pain.

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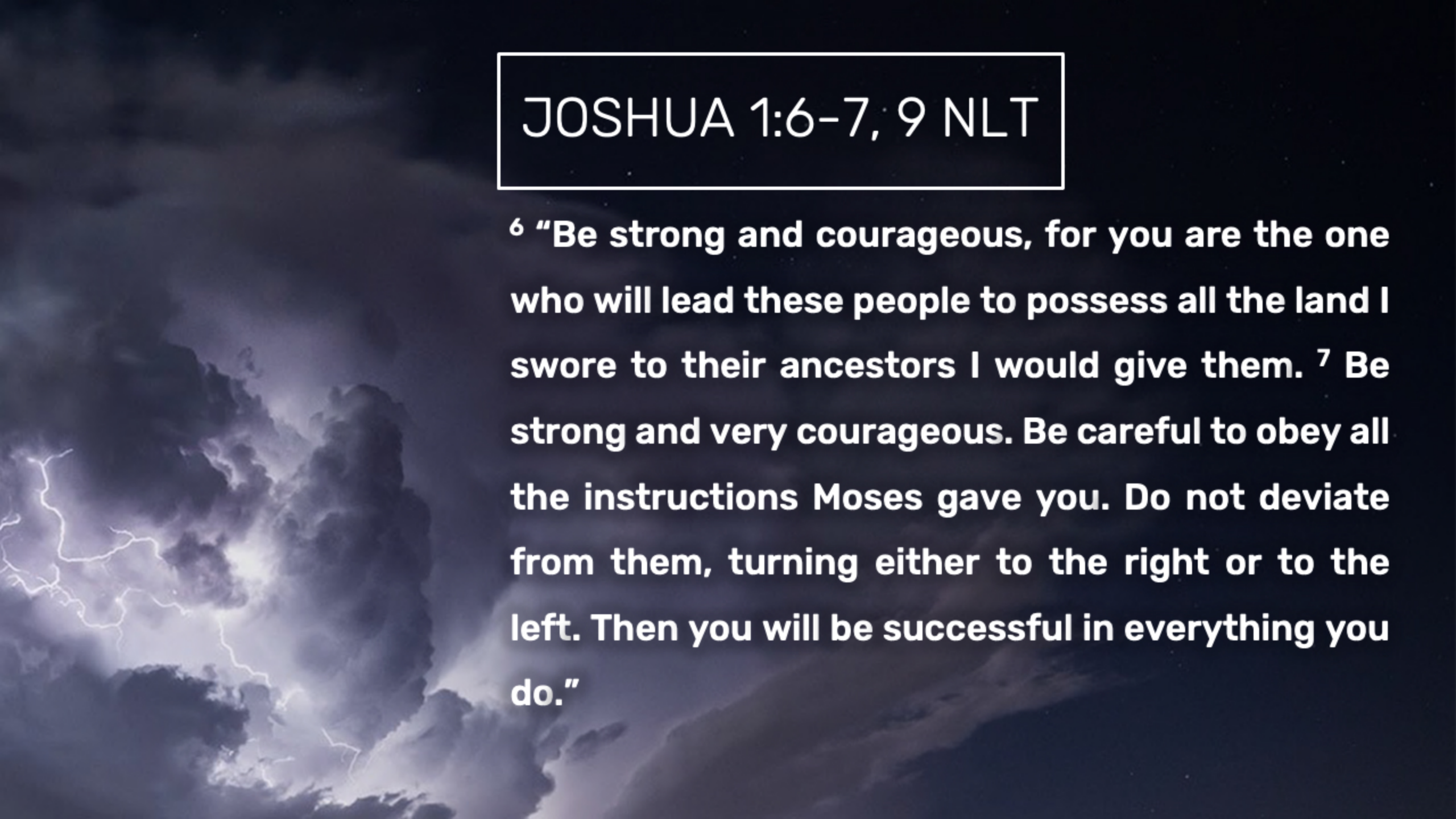
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- **Large fortified cities.**
- **Giants**
- **It was going to take a battle.**



JOSHUA 1:6-7, 9 NLT

⁶ “Be strong and courageous, for you are the one who will lead these people to possess all the land I swore to their ancestors I would give them. ⁷ Be strong and very courageous. Be careful to obey all the instructions Moses gave you. Do not deviate from them, turning either to the right or to the left. Then you will be successful in everything you do.”

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9 “This is my command—be strong and courageous! Do not be afraid or discouraged. For the Lord your God is with you wherever you go.”

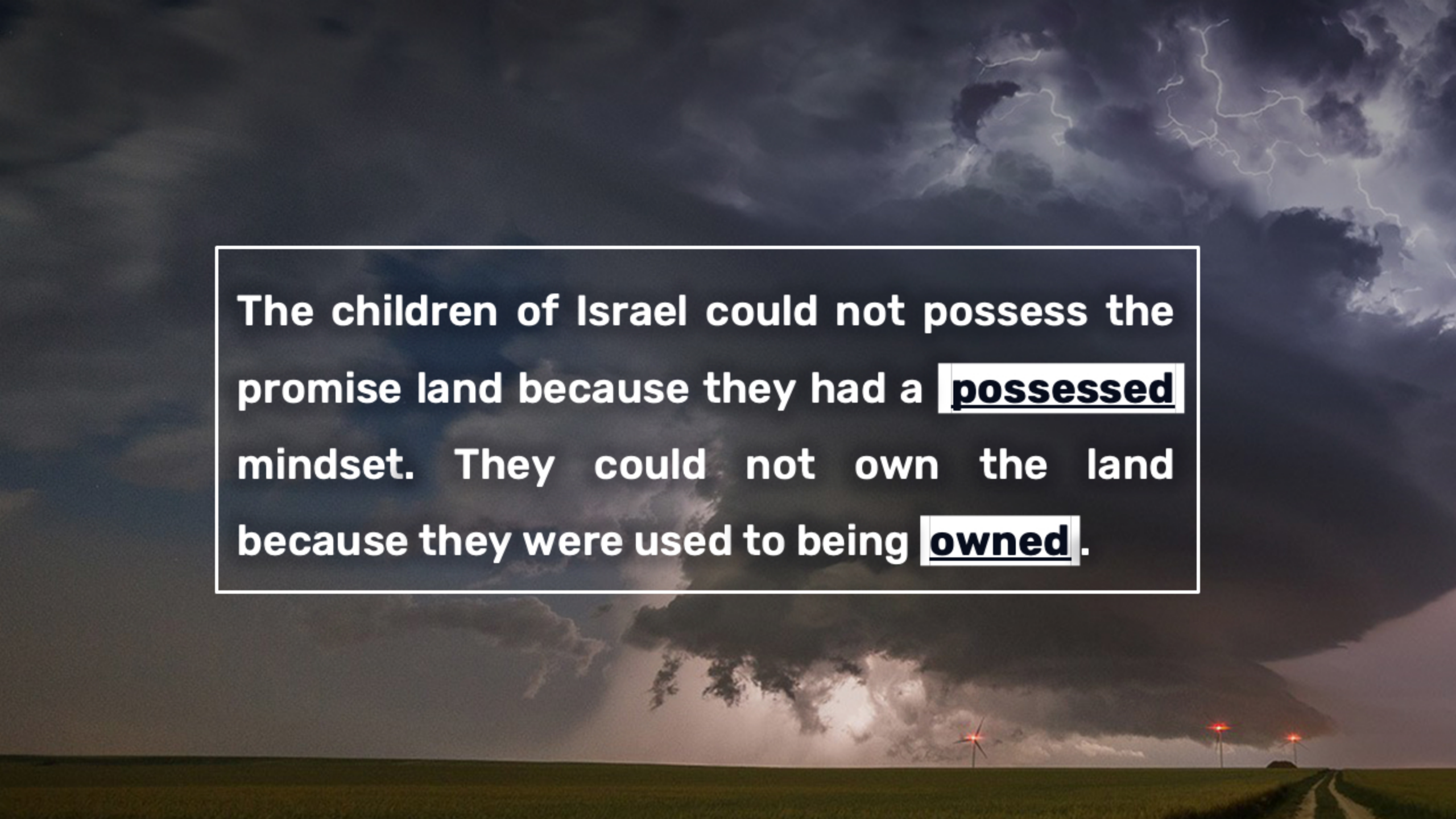
A dramatic landscape featuring a dirt road that recedes into the distance, flanked by green fields. In the background, several wind turbines are visible against a dark, stormy sky filled with heavy clouds and lightning bolts. The overall mood is one of challenge and forward progress.

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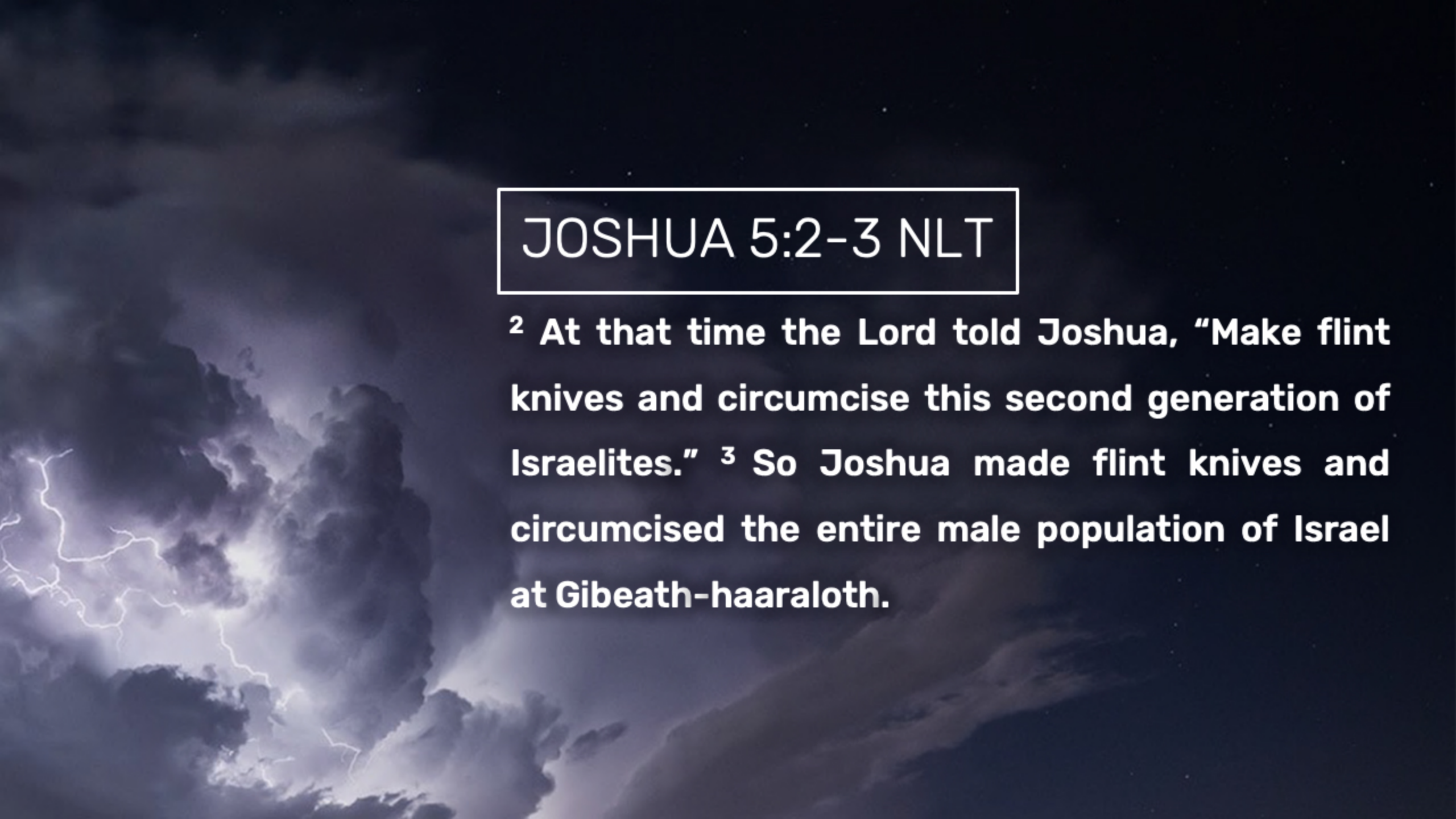


The children of Israel could not possess the promise land because they had a **possessed** mindset. They could not own the land because they were used to being **owned**.



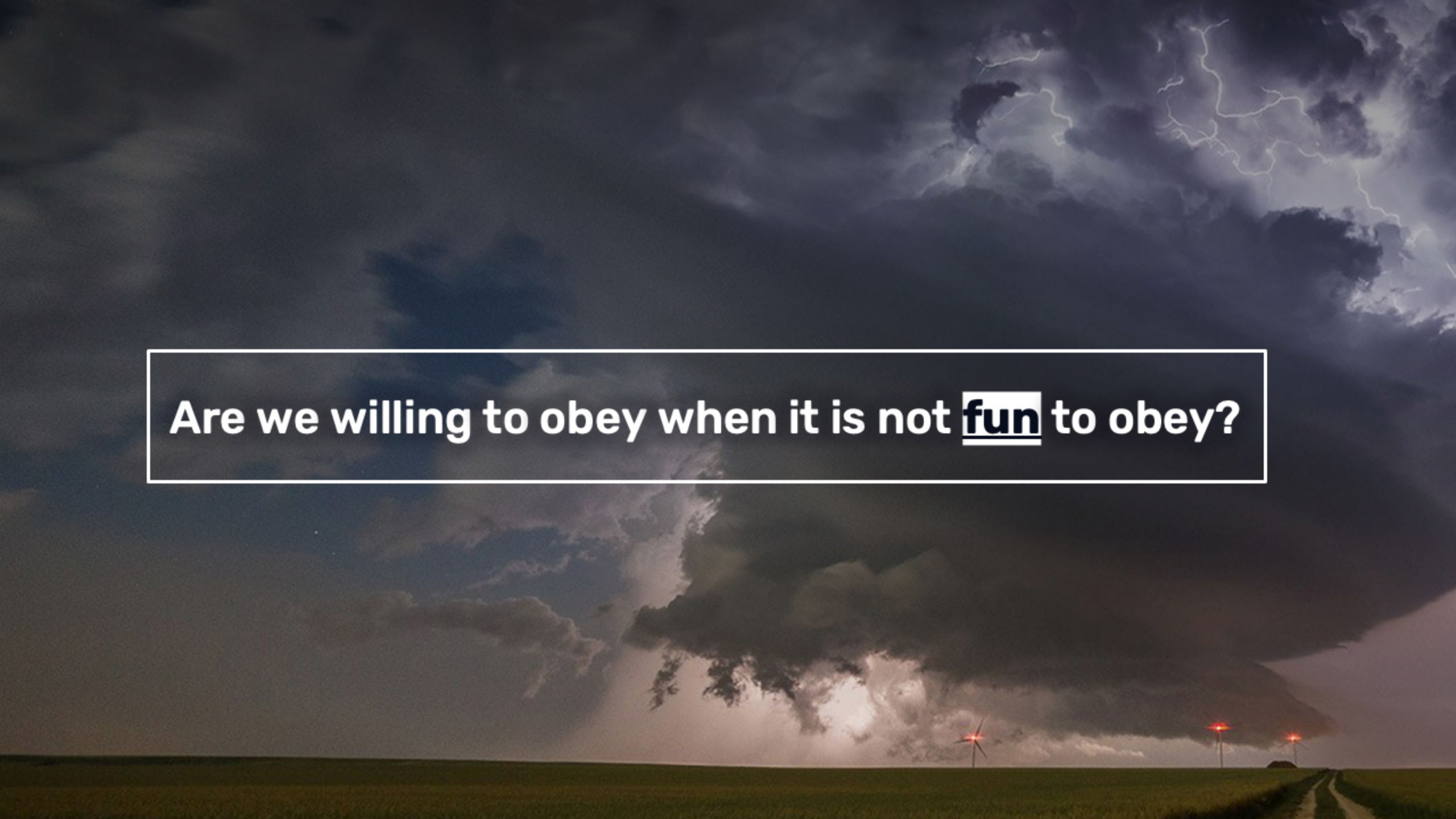
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IT TAKES COURAGE TO **OBEY** THE PLAN
THAT LEADS TO THE PROMISE LAND.



JOSHUA 5:2-3 NLT

² At that time the Lord told Joshua, “Make flint knives and circumcise this second generation of Israelites.” ³ So Joshua made flint knives and circumcised the entire male population of Israel at Gibeath-haaraloth.



Are we willing to obey when it is not fun to obey?

A dramatic landscape photograph featuring a dark, stormy sky with multiple bright lightning bolts striking down. Below the clouds, a green field stretches to the horizon, where several wind turbines are visible, their lights glowing. A dirt road leads from the bottom right towards the horizon. The overall mood is intense and powerful.

It is one thing to obey God when it **hurts** you, it's another when it **hurts** the people around you.

A dramatic landscape with a dark, stormy sky and a dirt road leading into the distance. The sky is filled with heavy, dark clouds, and a bright light source, possibly the sun or moon, is visible on the right side, creating a strong contrast and casting long shadows. The dirt road is the central focus, leading the viewer's eye into the distance. The overall mood is one of mystery and anticipation.

THREE **COURAGEOUS** STEPS WE NEED TO
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IT TAKES COURAGE TO **PRAISE**
GOD BEFORE THE PROMISE LAND
IS **SECURE**.



JOSHUA 6:1-5 NLT

¹ Now the gates of Jericho were tightly shut because the people were afraid of the Israelites. No one was allowed to go out or in. ² But the Lord said to Joshua, "I have given you Jericho, its king, and all its strong warriors. ³ You and your fighting men should march around

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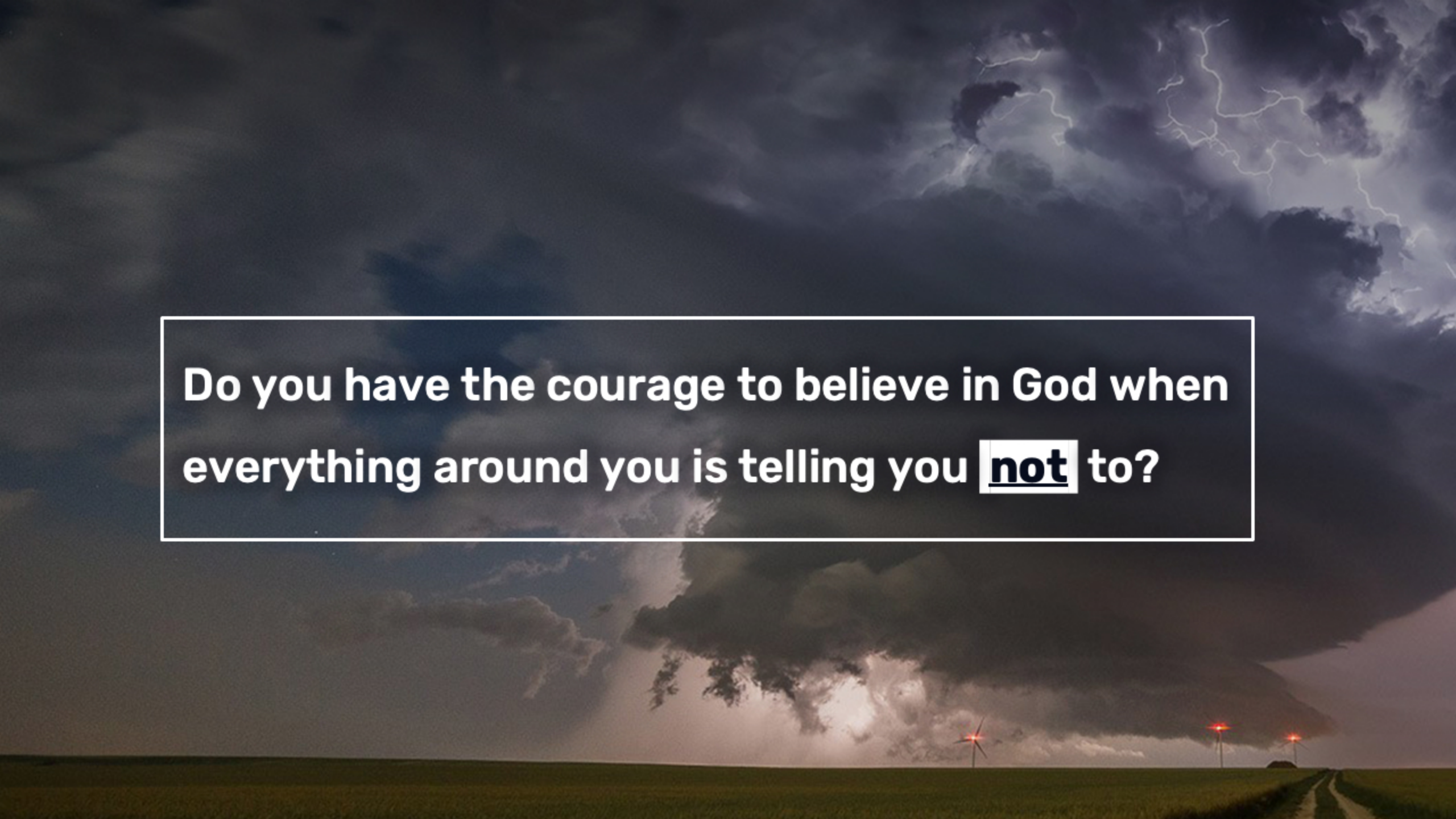
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the town once a day for six days. ⁴ Seven priests will walk ahead of the Ark, each carrying a ram's horn. On the seventh day you are to march around the town seven times, with the priests blowing the horns. ⁵ When you hear the priests give



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one long blast on the rams' horns, have all the people shout as loud as they can. Then the walls of the town will collapse, and the people can charge straight into the town."

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Do you have the courage to believe in God when everything around you is telling you **not** to?