



COURAGE

A dramatic landscape featuring a dark, stormy sky with heavy, dark clouds and a bright lightning bolt striking down. Below the sky, a dirt road stretches from the foreground into the distance, flanked by green fields. In the background, several wind turbines are visible, each with a small red light on top. The overall mood is intense and atmospheric.

I. FIGHTING **FEAR**
WITH **FEAR**.

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2 TIMOTHY 1:7 NKJV

⁷ For God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power and of love and of a sound mind.

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THE MAIN GOAL OF THE **FEAR** OF THE LORD IS TO
TAKE ALL THE ATTENTION AND PUT IT ON **GOD**.

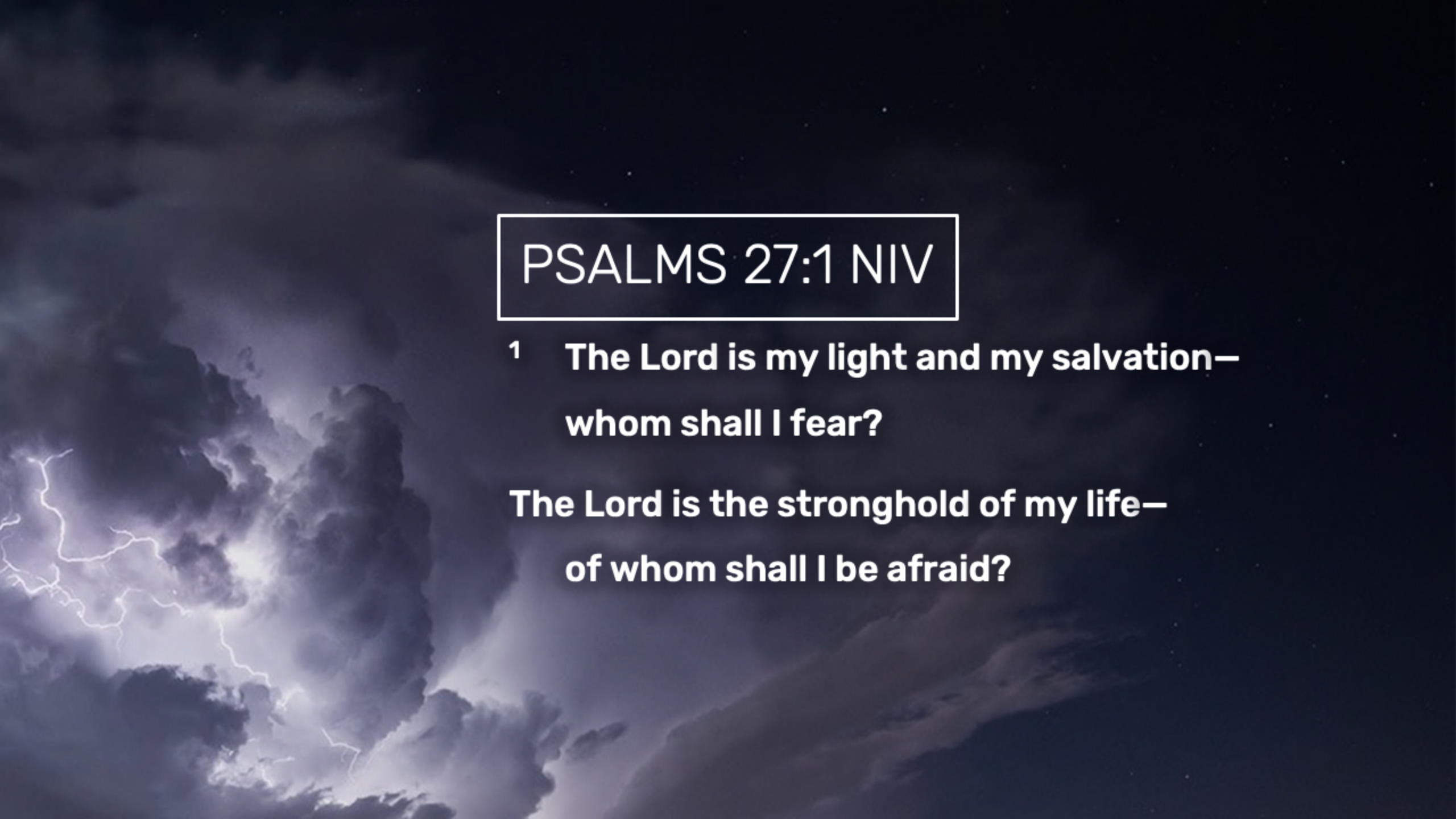
A dramatic landscape featuring a dirt road that recedes into the distance, flanked by a field of tall grass. In the background, several wind turbines are visible against a dark, stormy sky filled with heavy, dark clouds and bright lightning bolts. The overall atmosphere is one of tension and awe.

II. IT TAKES COURAGE TO
HAVE THE **FEAR** OF
THE LORD.

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PROVERBS 9:10 NLT

¹⁰ Fear of the Lord is the foundation of wisdom. Knowledge of the Holy One results in good judgment.




PSALMS 27:1 NIV

**¹ The Lord is my light and my salvation—
whom shall I fear?**

**The Lord is the stronghold of my life—
of whom shall I be afraid?**



When I **fear** the Lord I have
nothing else to **fear**.

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MATTHEW 10:28 NLT

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IT BRINGS MY MINDSET FROM
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ACTS 9:31 NLT

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IT BRINGS **PEACE** AND MAKES ME STRONG.


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ECCLESIASTES 12:13 NLT

¹³ That's the whole story. Here now is my final conclusion: Fear God and obey his commands, for this is everyone's duty.

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III. HOW DO WE DEVELOP
A **FEAR** OF THE LORD?




ISAIAH 40:12A NLT

¹² Who else has held the oceans in his hand? Who has measured off the heavens with his fingers?


A dramatic landscape featuring a dirt road that recedes into the distance, flanked by green fields. The sky is dark and stormy, with large, dark clouds and bright lightning bolts striking down. In the distance, several wind turbines are visible, their lights glowing against the dark sky.

PRINCIPLE:

**Fear God by making God
the biggest and the first.**

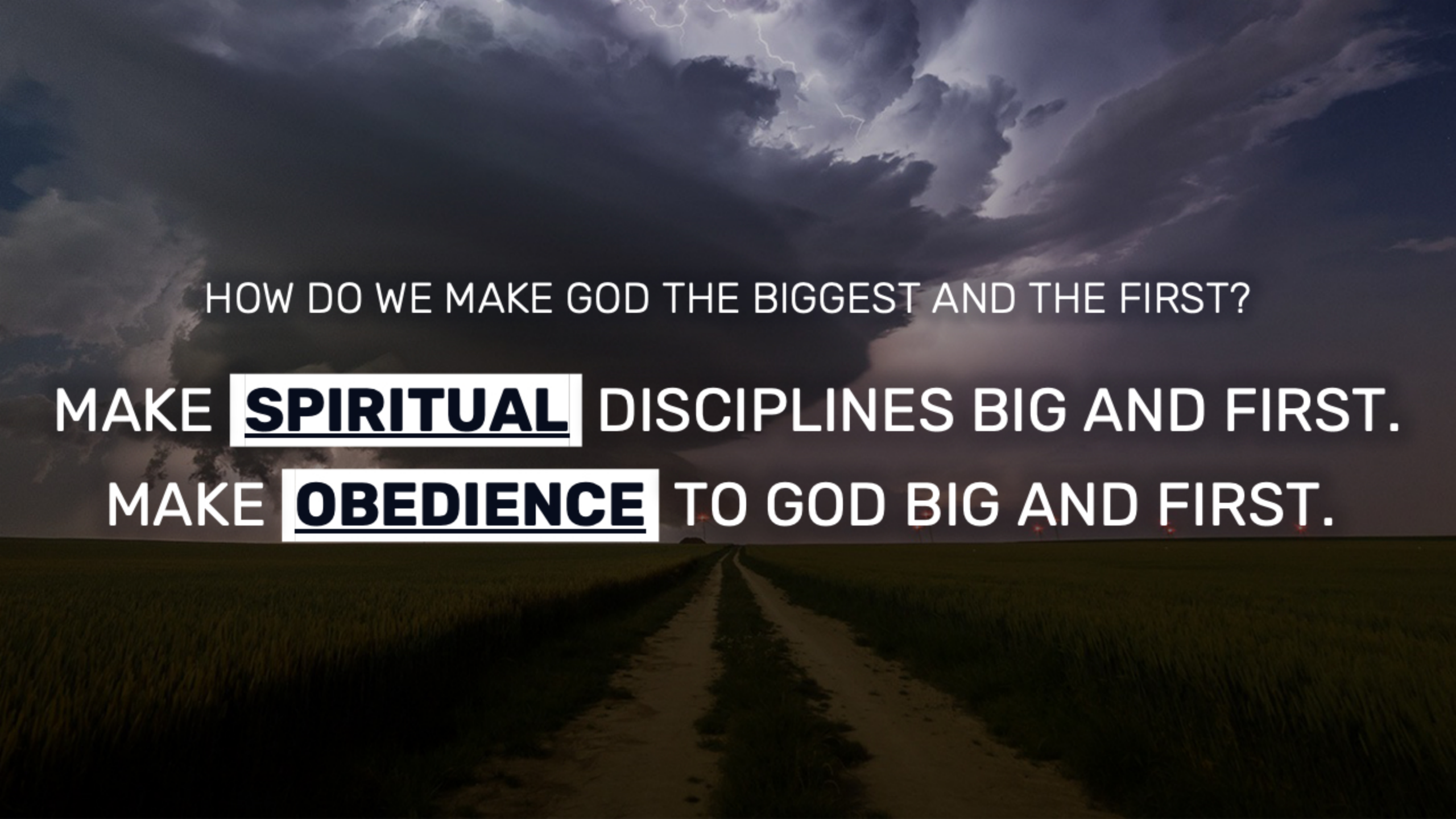
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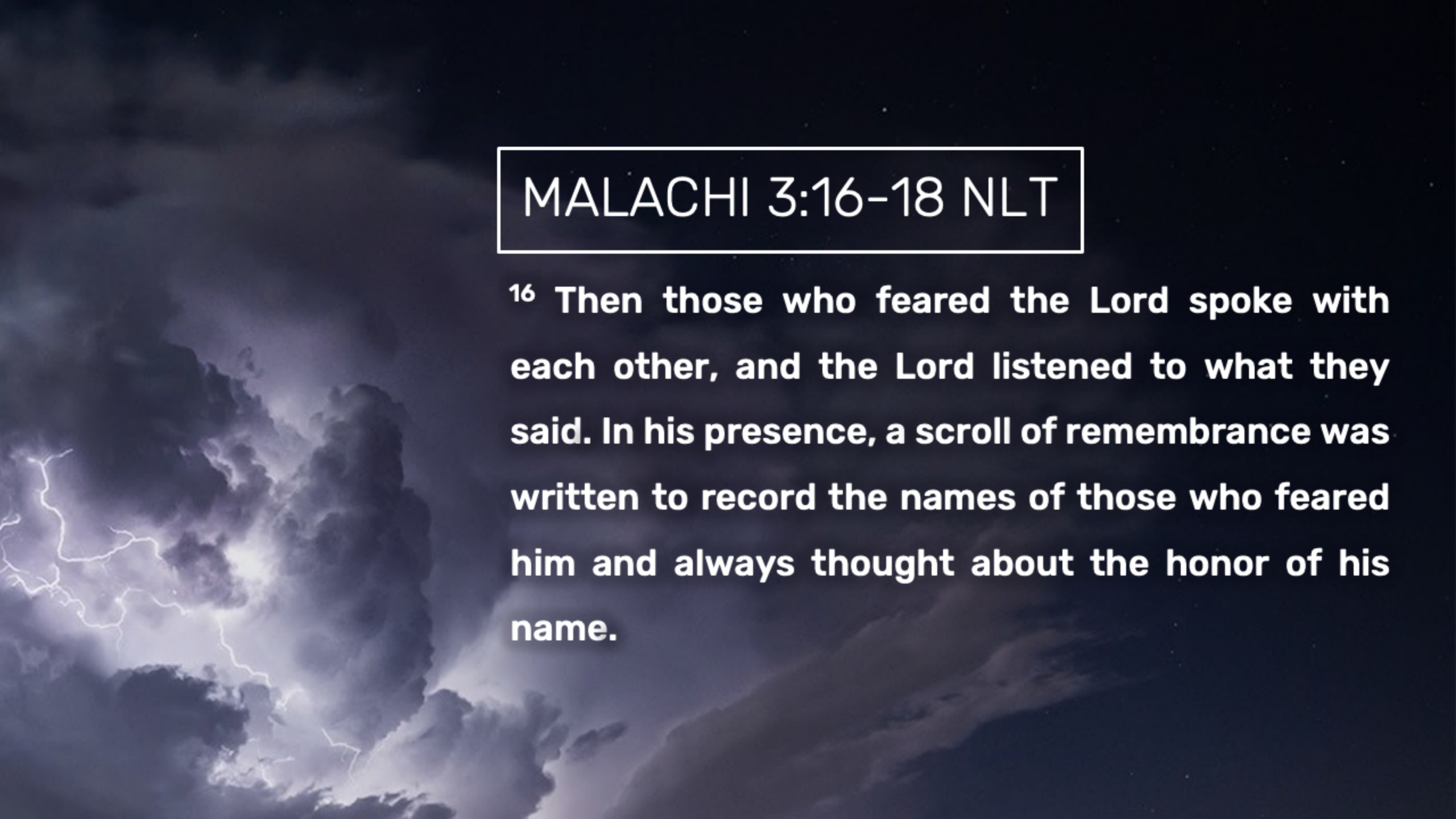
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MAKE **CHURCH** LIFE BIG AND FIRST.

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A dramatic, dark sky with heavy, grey clouds and bright, jagged lightning bolts striking down. The overall tone is somber and powerful, serving as a background for the text.

MALACHI 3:16-18 NLT

¹⁶ Then those who feared the Lord spoke with each other, and the Lord listened to what they said. In his presence, a scroll of remembrance was written to record the names of those who feared him and always thought about the honor of his name.

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¹⁷ “They will be my people,” says the Lord of Heaven’s Armies. “On the day when I act in judgment, they will be my own special treasure. I will spare them as a father spares an obedient child. ¹⁸ Then you will again see the difference between the righteous and the wicked, between those who serve God and those who do not.”