




COURAGE

I. IT TAKES COURAGE
TO **TURN** AROUND.



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LUKE 2:41-42 NLT

⁴¹ Every year Jesus' parents went to Jerusalem for the Passover festival. ⁴² When Jesus was twelve years old, they attended the festival as usual.

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LUKE 2:43A NLT

⁴³ After the celebration was over, they started home to Nazareth, but Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem.

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LUKE 2:43B-45 NLT

His parents didn't miss him at first, ⁴⁴ because they assumed he was among the other travelers. But when he didn't show up that evening, they started looking for him among their relatives and friends.

⁴⁵ When they couldn't find him, they went back to Jerusalem to search for him there.

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LUKE 2:46-48 NLT

⁴⁶ Three days later they finally discovered him in the Temple, sitting among the religious teachers, listening to them and asking questions. ⁴⁷ All who heard him were amazed at his understanding and his answers.

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LUKE 2:46-48 NLT

⁴⁸ His parents didn't know what to think. "Son," his mother said to him, "why have you done this to us? Your father and I have been frantic, searching for you everywhere."

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LUKE 2:49-50 NLT

49 “But why did you need to search?” he asked. “Didn’t you know that I must be in my Father’s house?” **50** But they didn’t understand what he meant.

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IF YOU AND GOD ARE NOT **CLOSE**, JUST KNOW HE
WASN'T THE ONE THAT **MOVED**.

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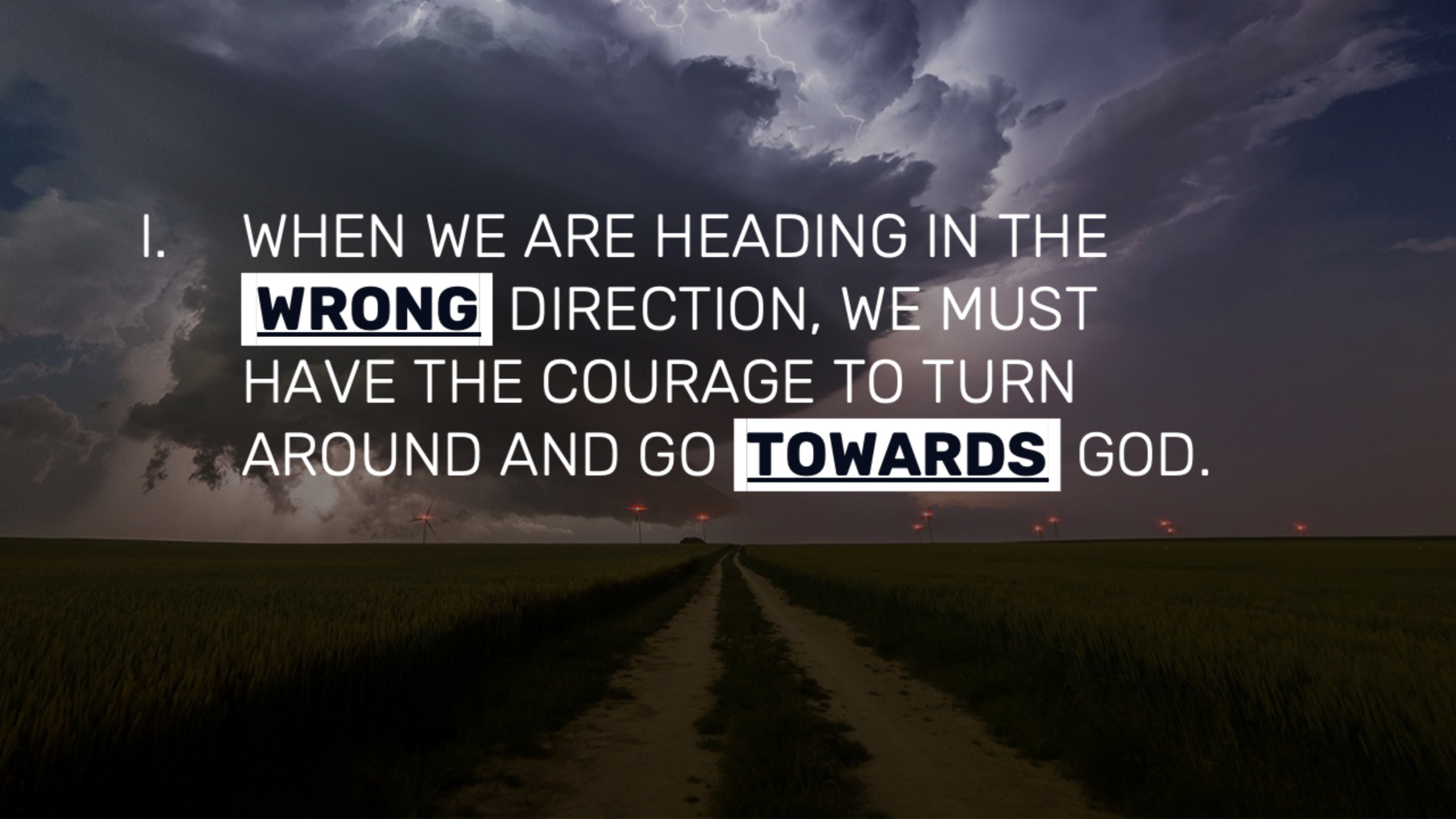
REVELATION 2:4-5B NLT

4 “But I have this complaint against you. You don’t love me or each other as you did at first! ⁵ Look how far you have fallen! Turn back to me and do the works you did at first.”

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REVELATION 3:3A NLT

³ Go back to what you heard and believed at first; hold to it firmly. Repent and turn to me again.



I. WHEN WE ARE HEADING IN THE **WRONG** DIRECTION, WE MUST HAVE THE COURAGE TO TURN AROUND AND GO **TOWARDS** GOD.

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2 CHRONICLES 7:14 NLT

¹⁴ Then if my people who are called by my name will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, I will hear from heaven and will forgive their sins and restore their land.

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ACTS 16:22-24 NLT

²² A mob quickly formed against Paul and Silas, and the city officials ordered them stripped and beaten with wooden rods. ²³ They were severely beaten, and

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ACTS 16:22-24 NLT

then they were thrown into prison. The jailer was ordered to make sure they didn't escape.²⁴ So the jailer put them into the inner dungeon and clamped their feet in the stocks.



ACTS 16:25-26 NLT

²⁵ Around midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the other prisoners were listening.

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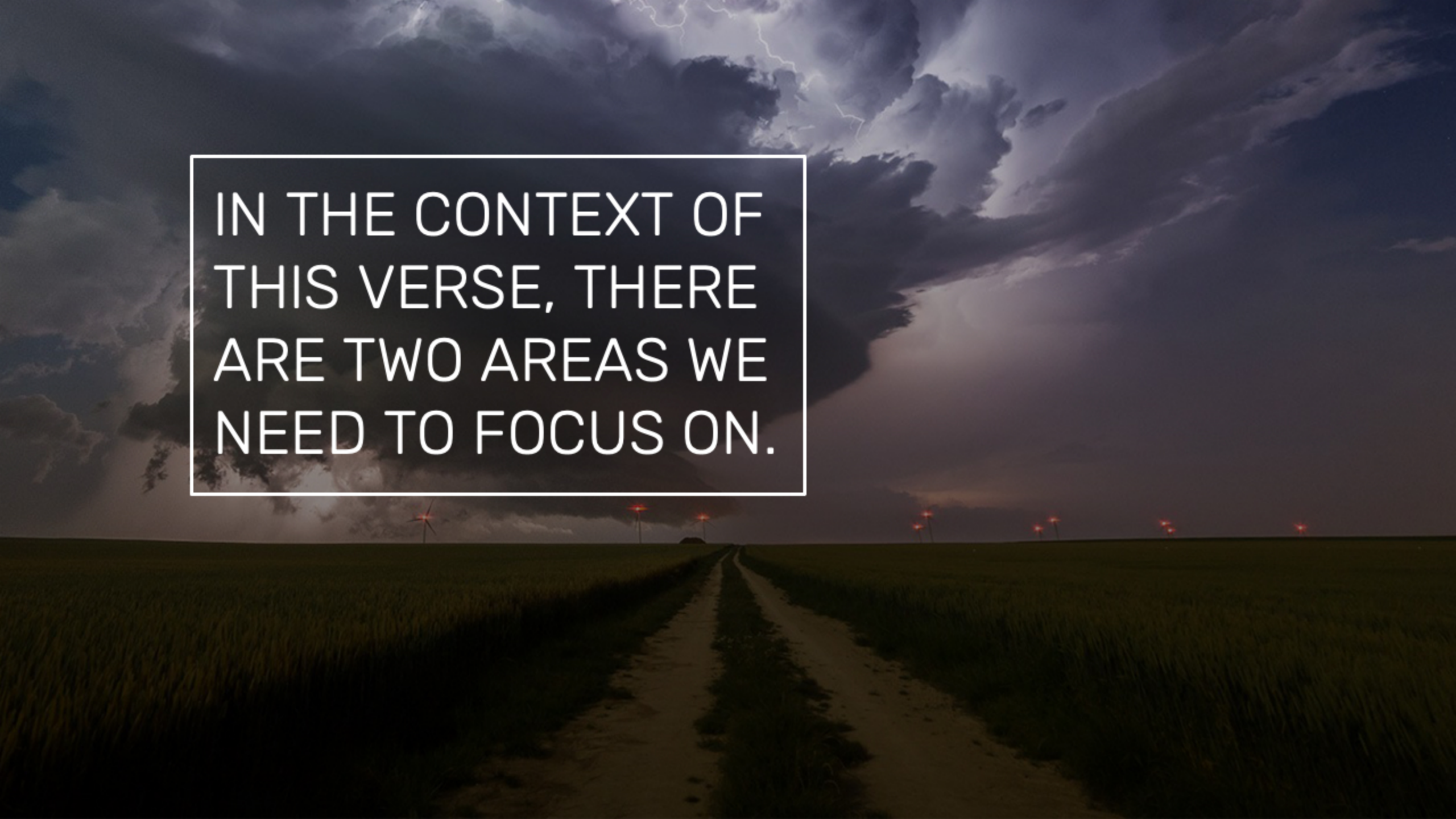
ACTS 16:25-26 NLT

²⁶ Suddenly, there was a massive earthquake, and the prison was shaken to its foundations. All the doors immediately flew open, and the chains of every prisoner fell off!

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JAMES 5:15B-16A NLT

And if you have committed any sins, you will be forgiven.

¹⁶ Confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed.

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DEUTERONOMY 30:19-20 NLT

¹⁹ "Today I have given you the choice between life and death,
between blessings and curses. Now I call on heaven and earth to
witness the choice you make. Oh, that you would choose life, so
that you and your descendants

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might live! ²⁰ You can make this choice by loving the Lord your God, obeying him, and committing yourself firmly to him. This is the key to your life. And if you love and obey the Lord, you will live long in the land the Lord swore to give your ancestors Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob.”



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JAMES 4:8 NLT

⁸ Come close to God, and God will come close to you.
Wash your hands, you sinners; purify your hearts, for
your loyalty is divided between God and the world.

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1 JOHN 1:9 TLB

⁹ But if we confess our sins to him, he can be depended on to forgive us and to cleanse us from every wrong. And it is perfectly proper for God to do this for us because Christ died to wash away our sins.