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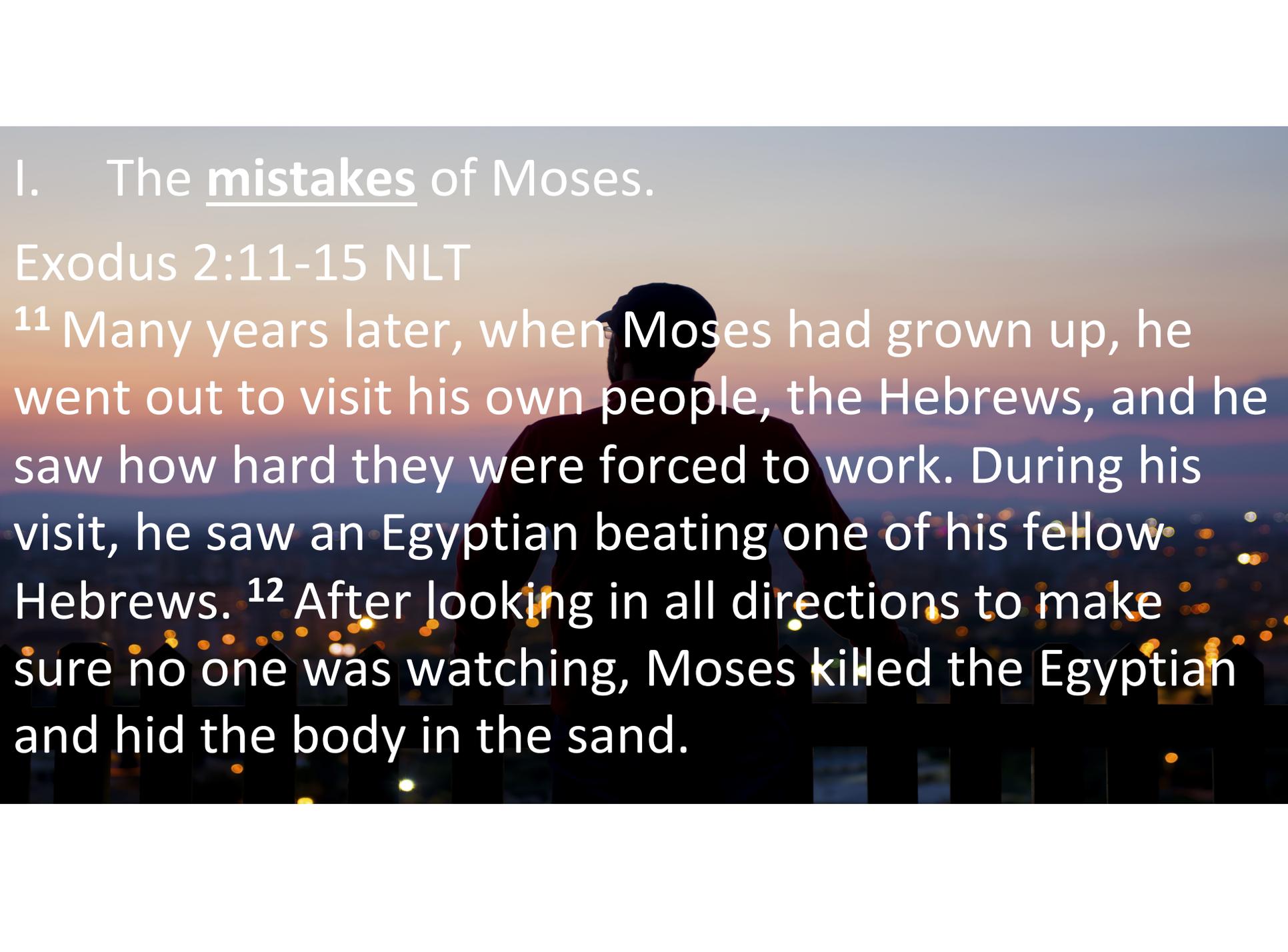
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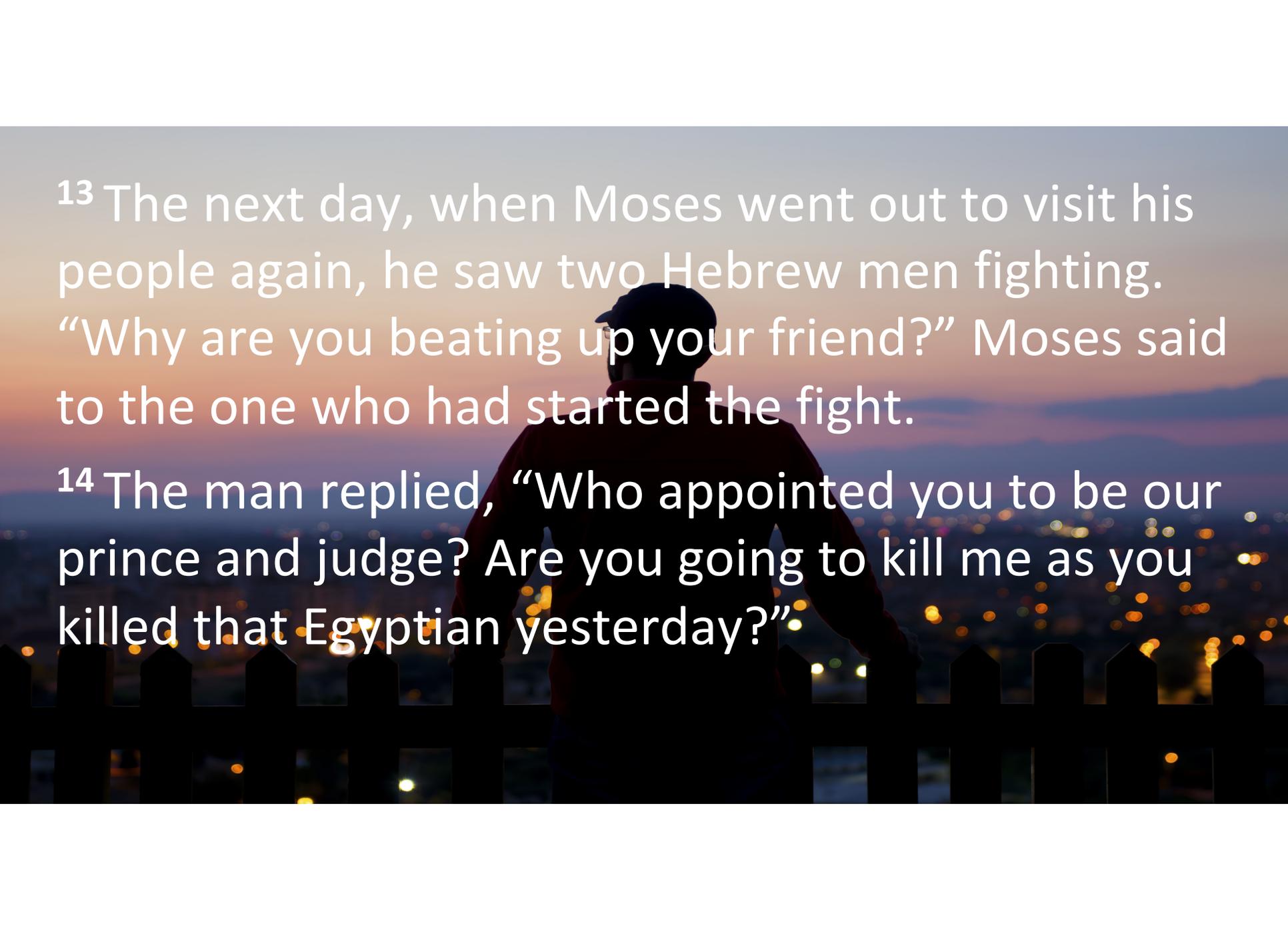
Week 4

I. The mistakes of Moses.

Exodus 2:11-15 NLT

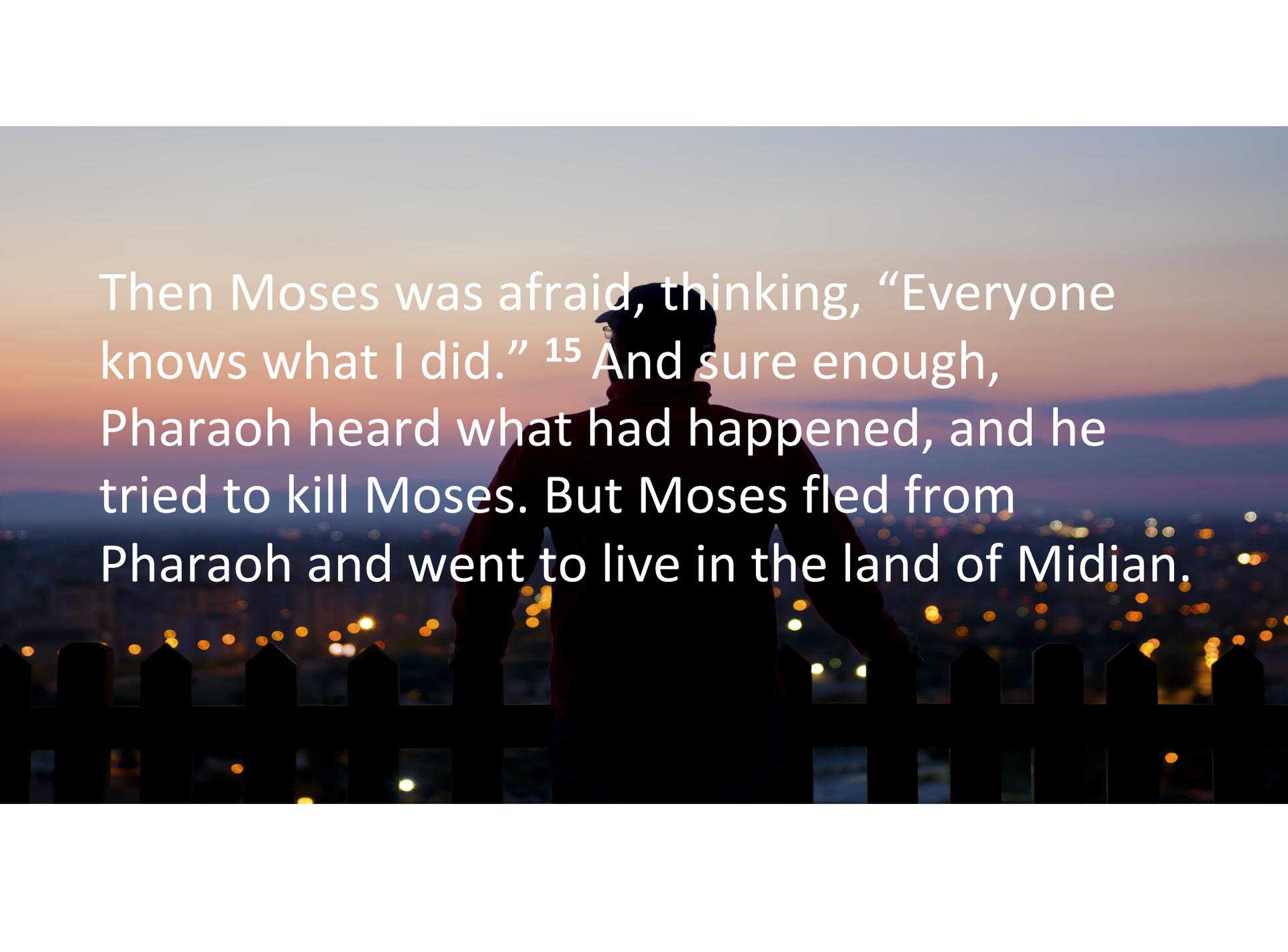
¹¹ Many years later, when Moses had grown up, he went out to visit his own people, the Hebrews, and he saw how hard they were forced to work. During his visit, he saw an Egyptian beating one of his fellow Hebrews. ¹² After looking in all directions to make sure no one was watching, Moses killed the Egyptian and hid the body in the sand.





¹³ The next day, when Moses went out to visit his people again, he saw two Hebrew men fighting. “Why are you beating up your friend?” Moses said to the one who had started the fight.

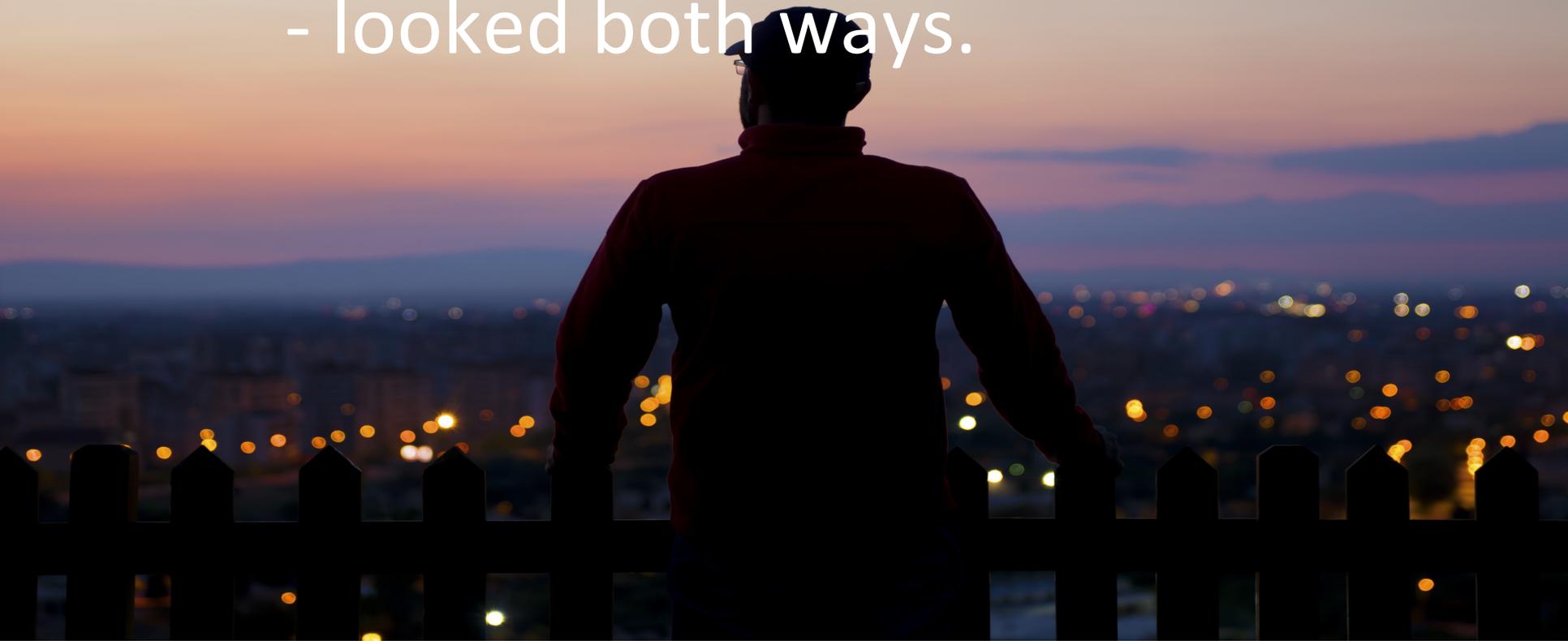
¹⁴ The man replied, “Who appointed you to be our prince and judge? Are you going to kill me as you killed that Egyptian yesterday?”

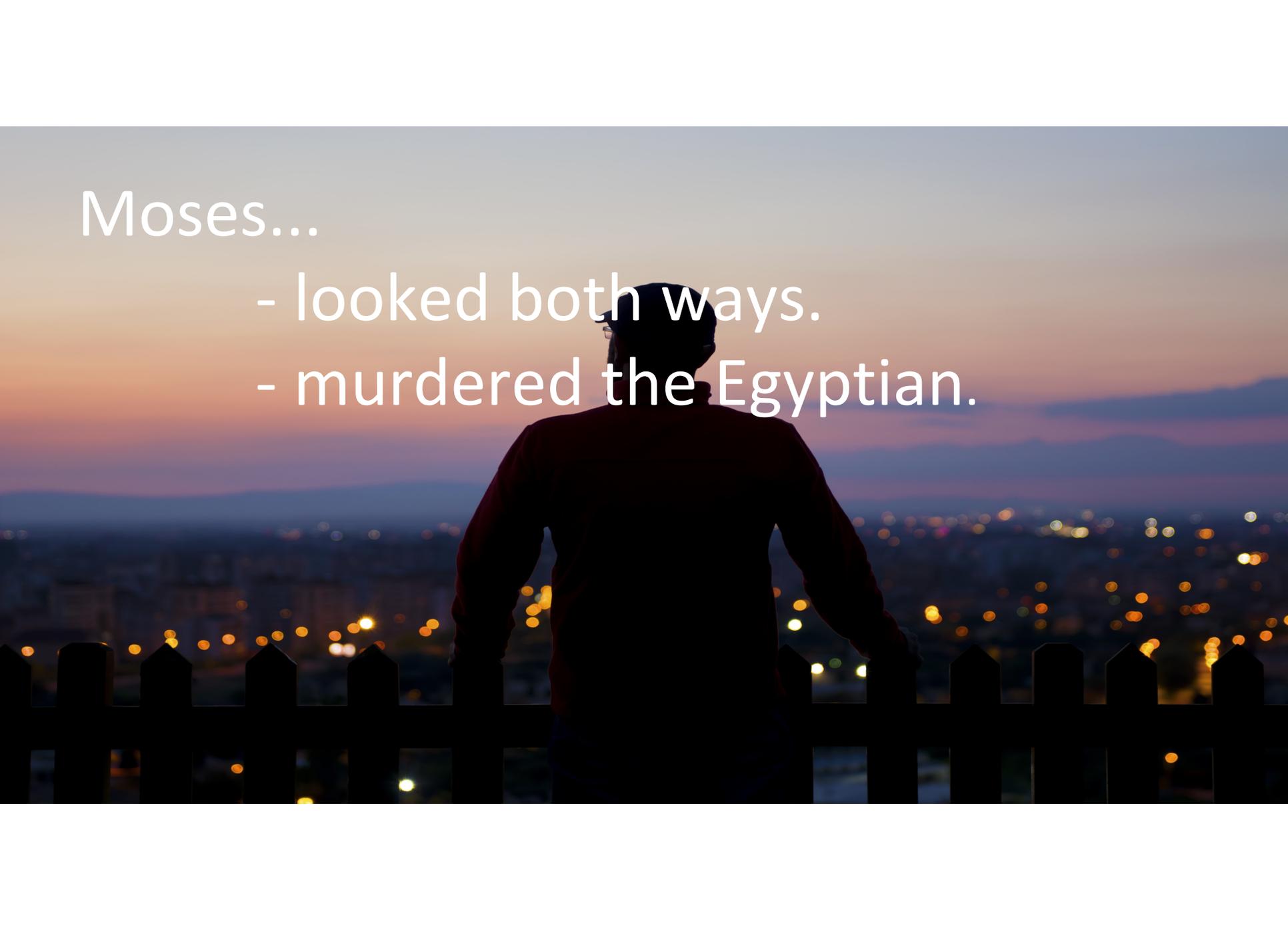


Then Moses was afraid, thinking, “Everyone knows what I did.”¹⁵ And sure enough, Pharaoh heard what had happened, and he tried to kill Moses. But Moses fled from Pharaoh and went to live in the land of Midian.

Moses...

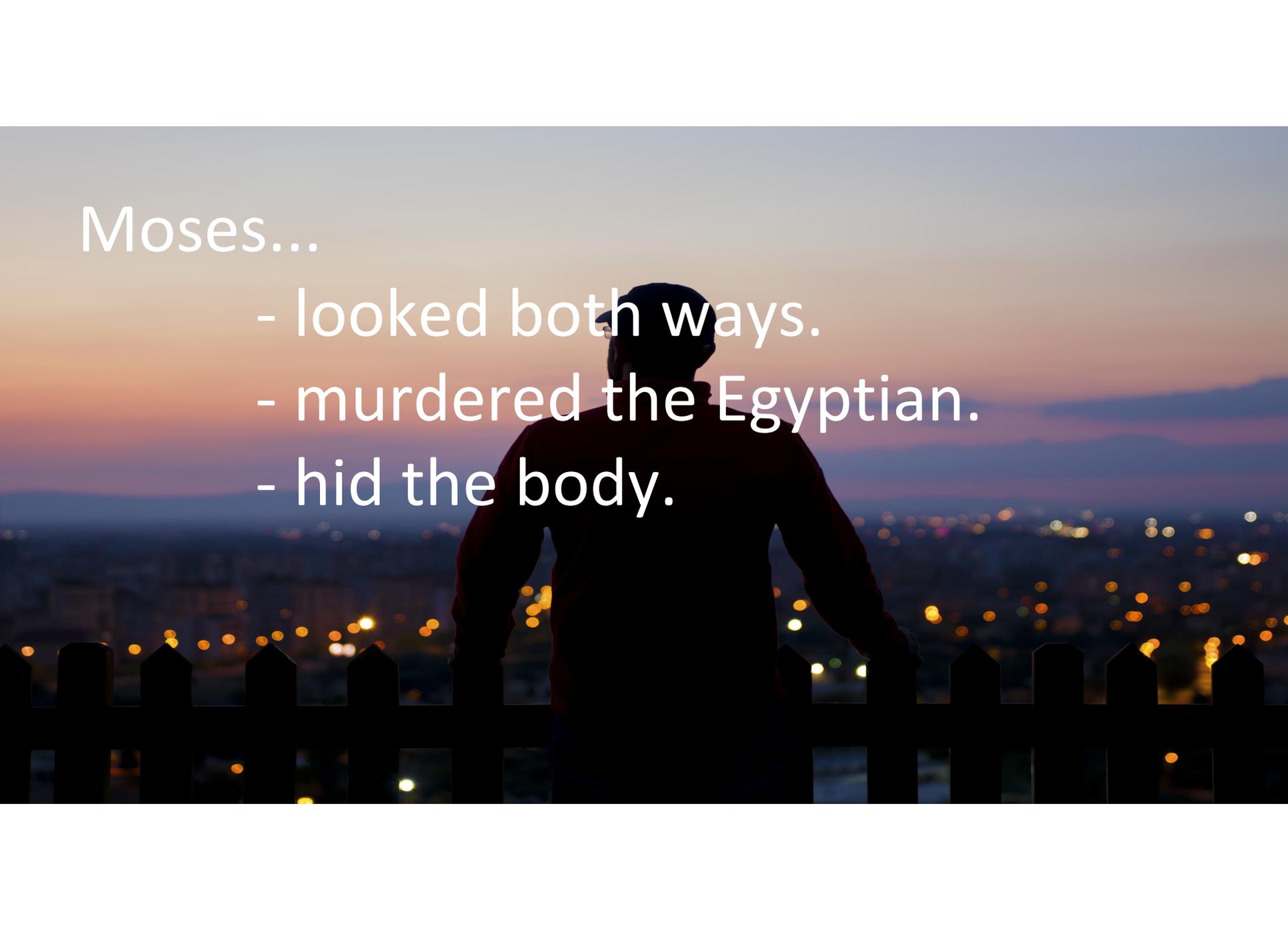
- looked both ways.





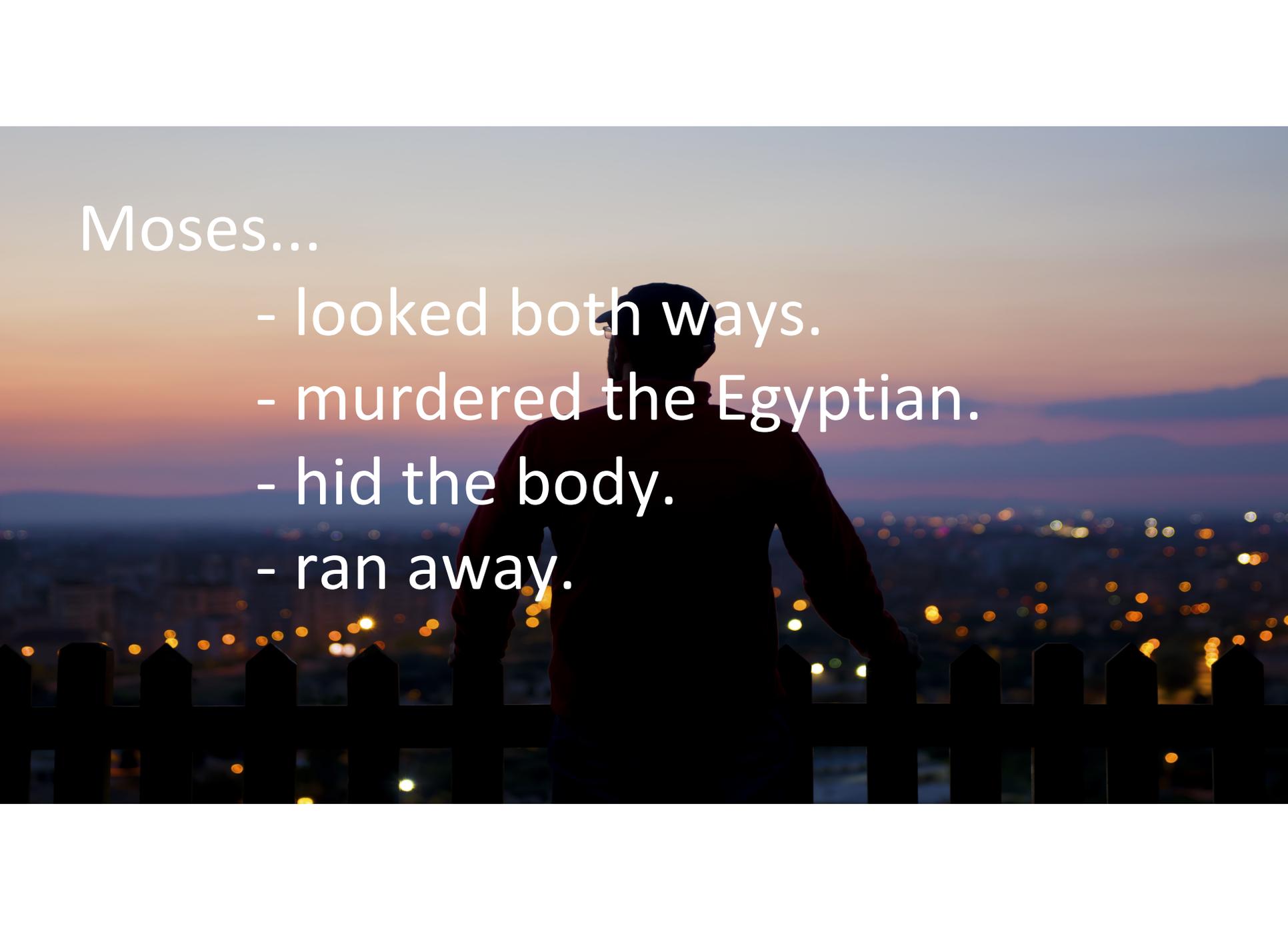
Moses...

- looked both ways.
- murdered the Egyptian.



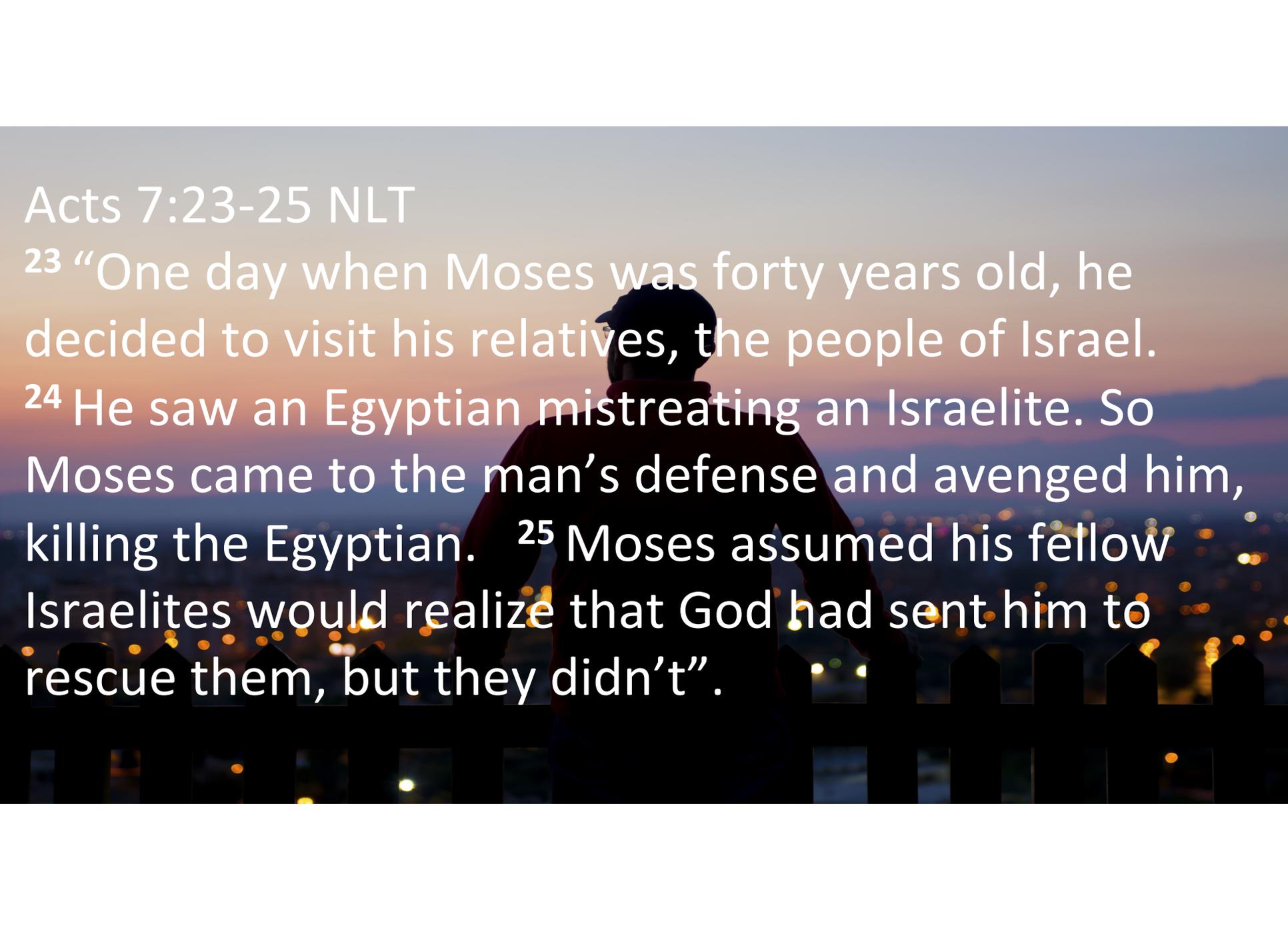
Moses...

- looked both ways.
- murdered the Egyptian.
- hid the body.

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Moses...

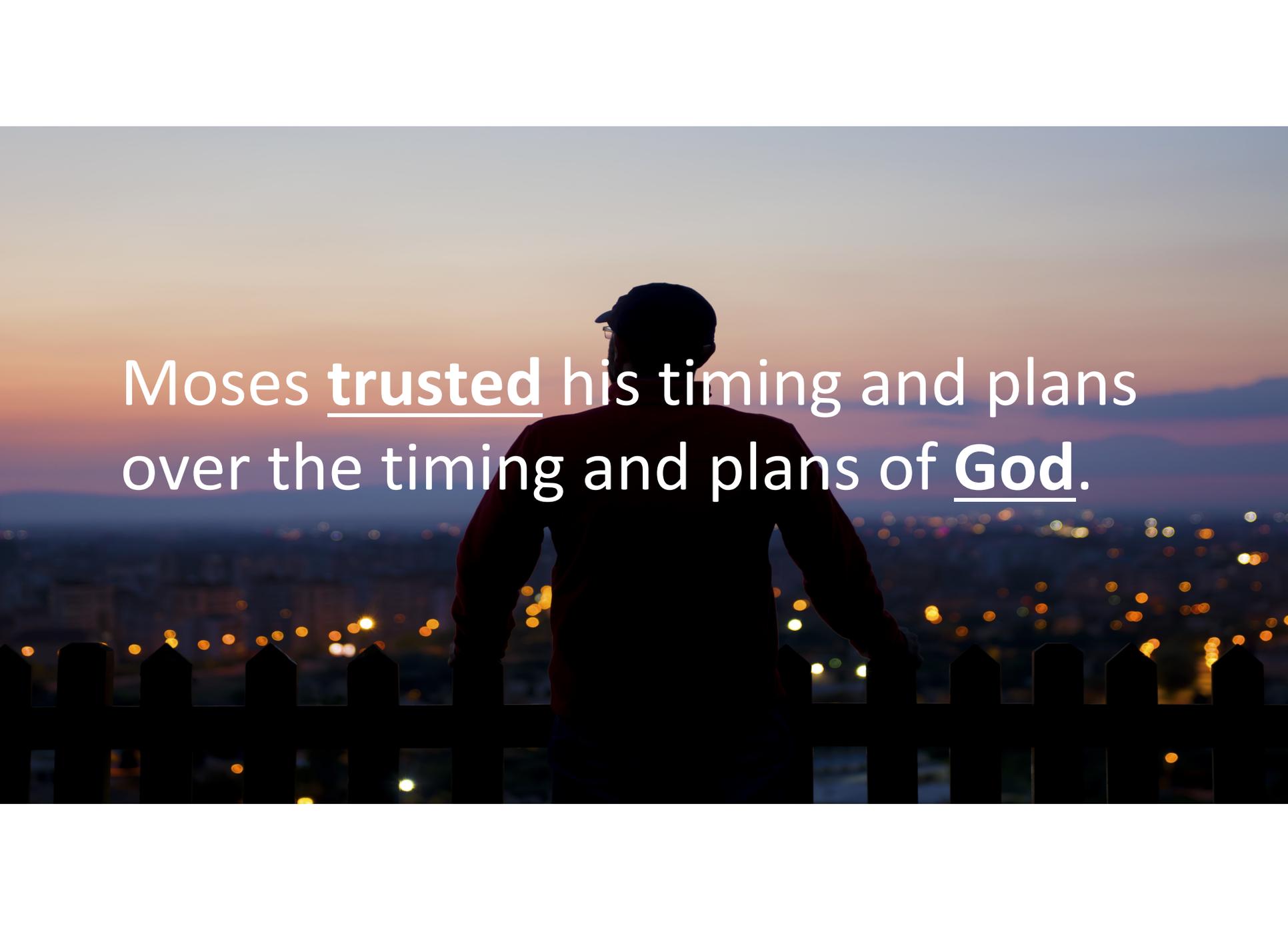
- looked both ways.
- murdered the Egyptian.
- hid the body.
- ran away.



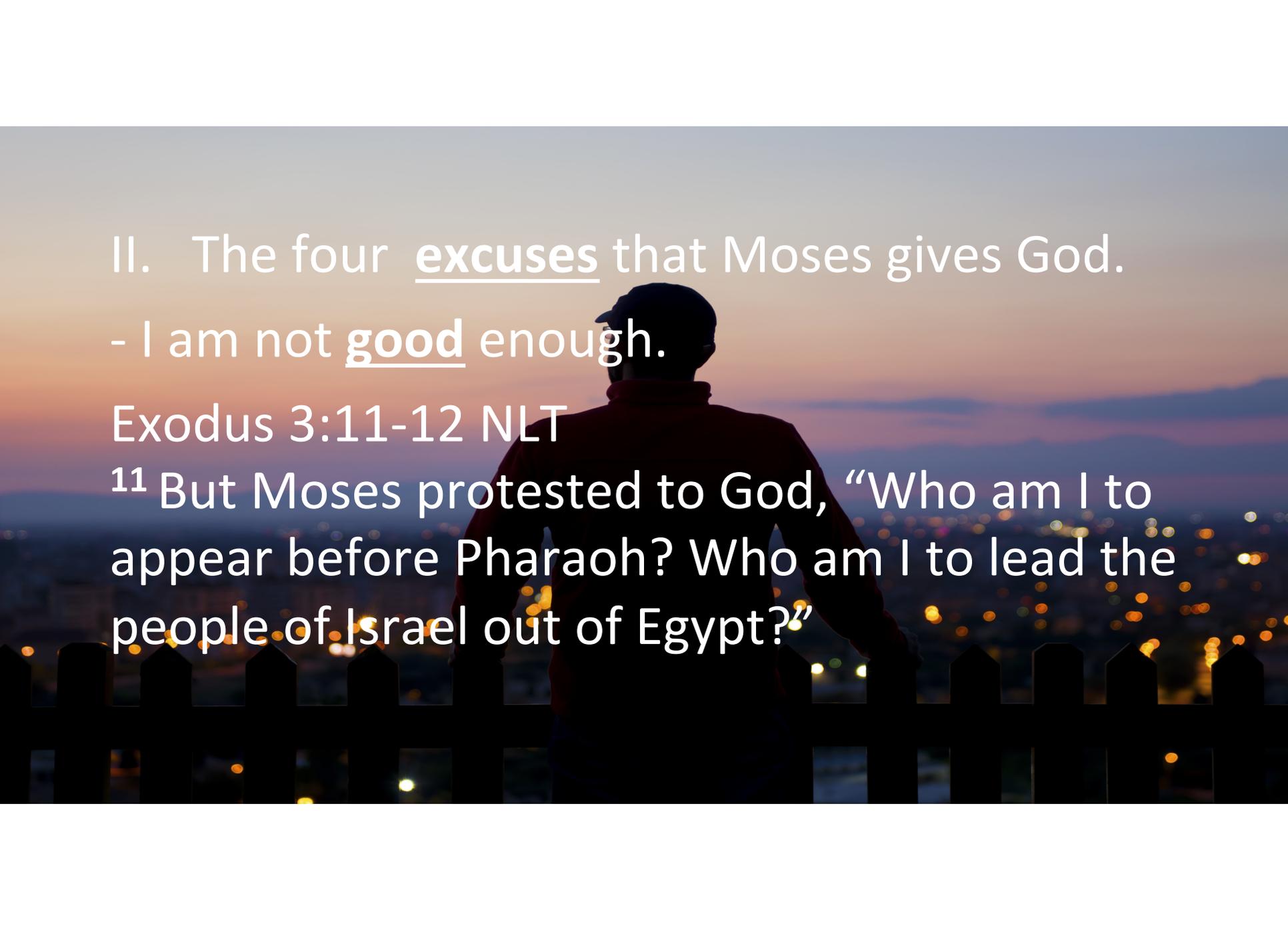
Acts 7:23-25 NLT

²³ “One day when Moses was forty years old, he decided to visit his relatives, the people of Israel.

²⁴ He saw an Egyptian mistreating an Israelite. So Moses came to the man’s defense and avenged him, killing the Egyptian. ²⁵ Moses assumed his fellow Israelites would realize that God had sent him to rescue them, but they didn’t”.

A silhouette of a man wearing a cap, standing on a balcony with a white picket fence. He is looking out over a city at night, with the city lights blurred in the background. The sky is a mix of orange and blue, suggesting dusk or dawn. The text is overlaid on the image in white, with some words underlined.

Moses trusted his timing and plans
over the timing and plans of God.

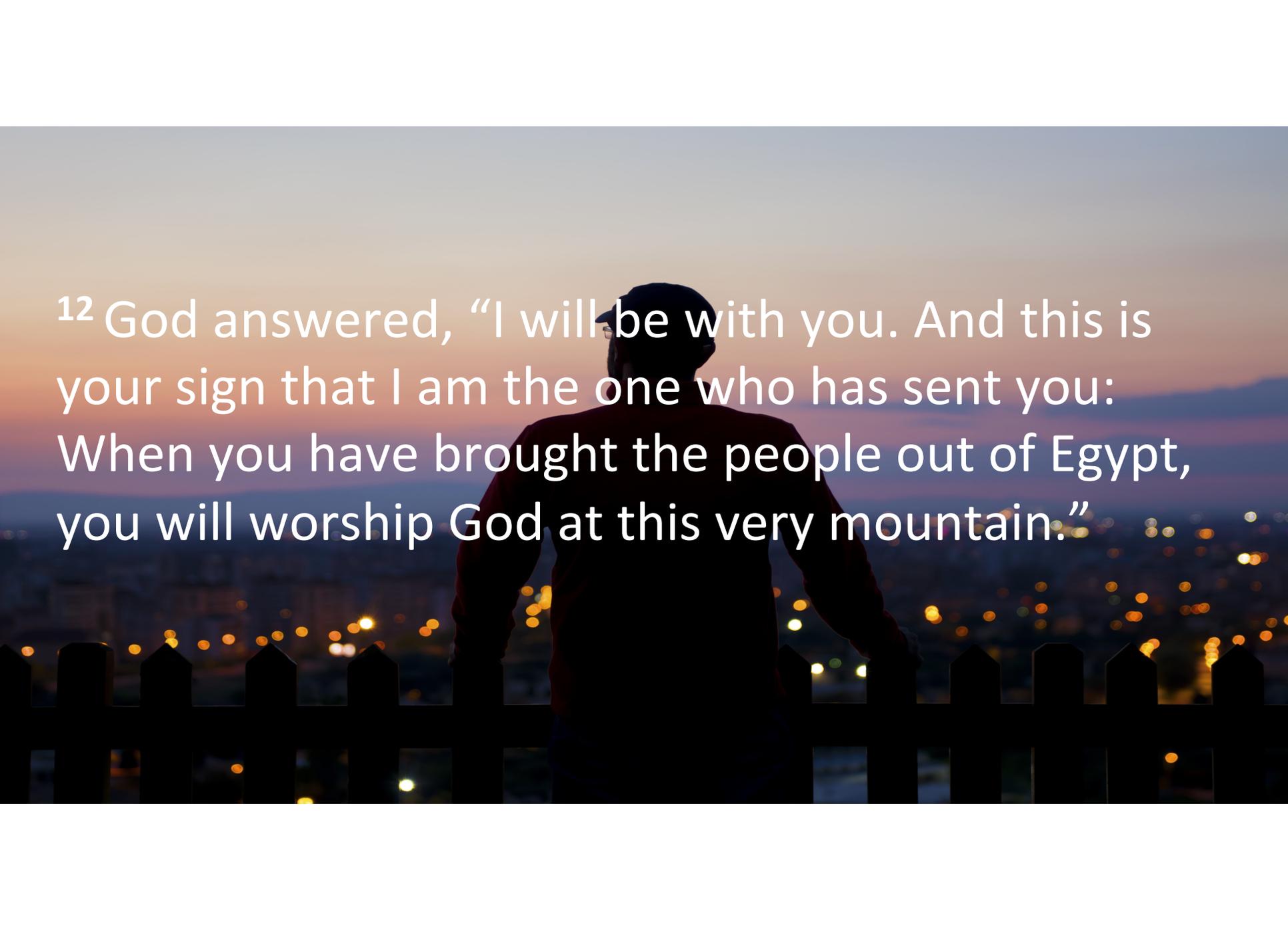


II. The four excuses that Moses gives God.

- I am not good enough.

Exodus 3:11-12 NLT

¹¹ But Moses protested to God, “Who am I to appear before Pharaoh? Who am I to lead the people of Israel out of Egypt?”

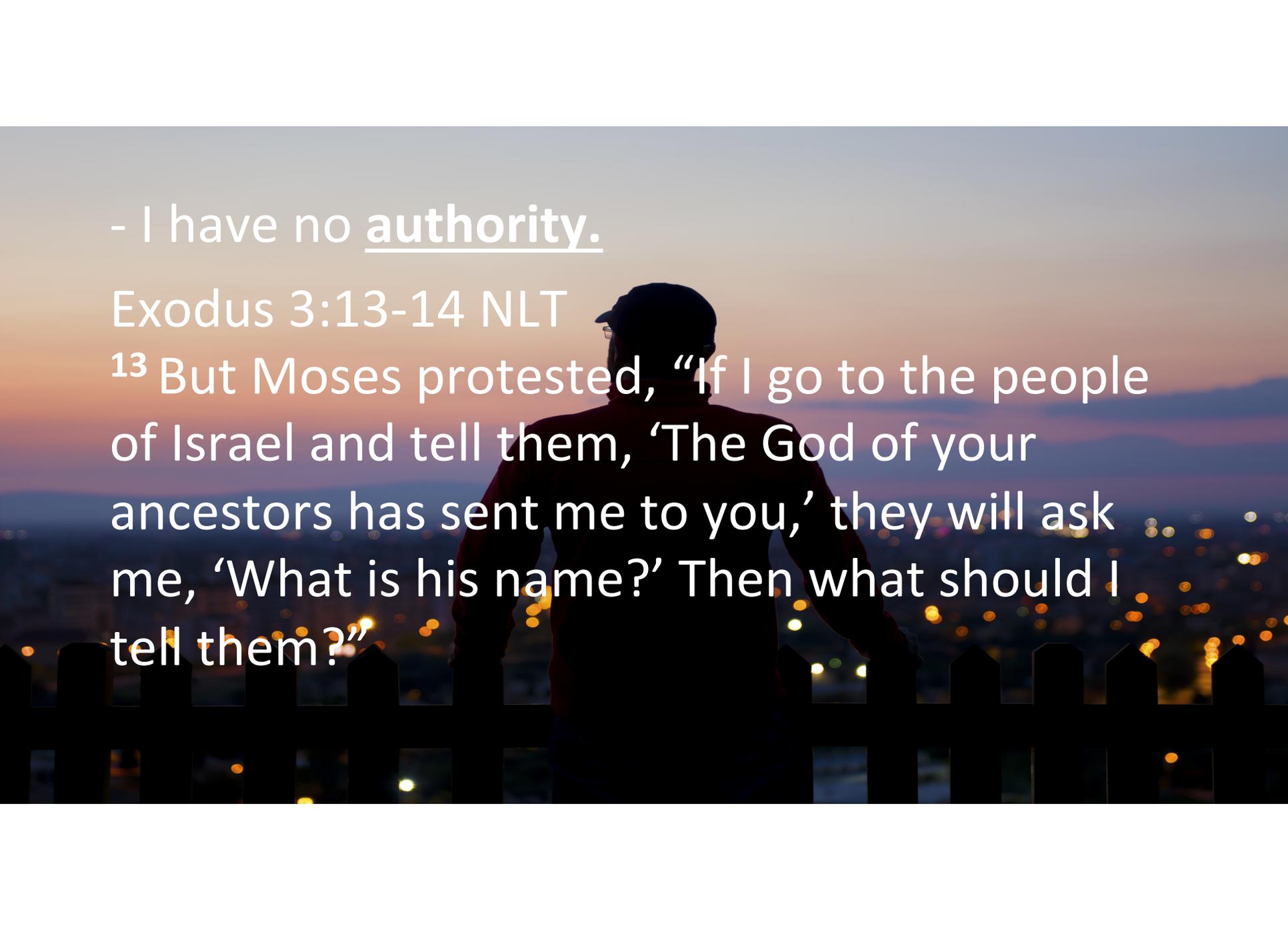


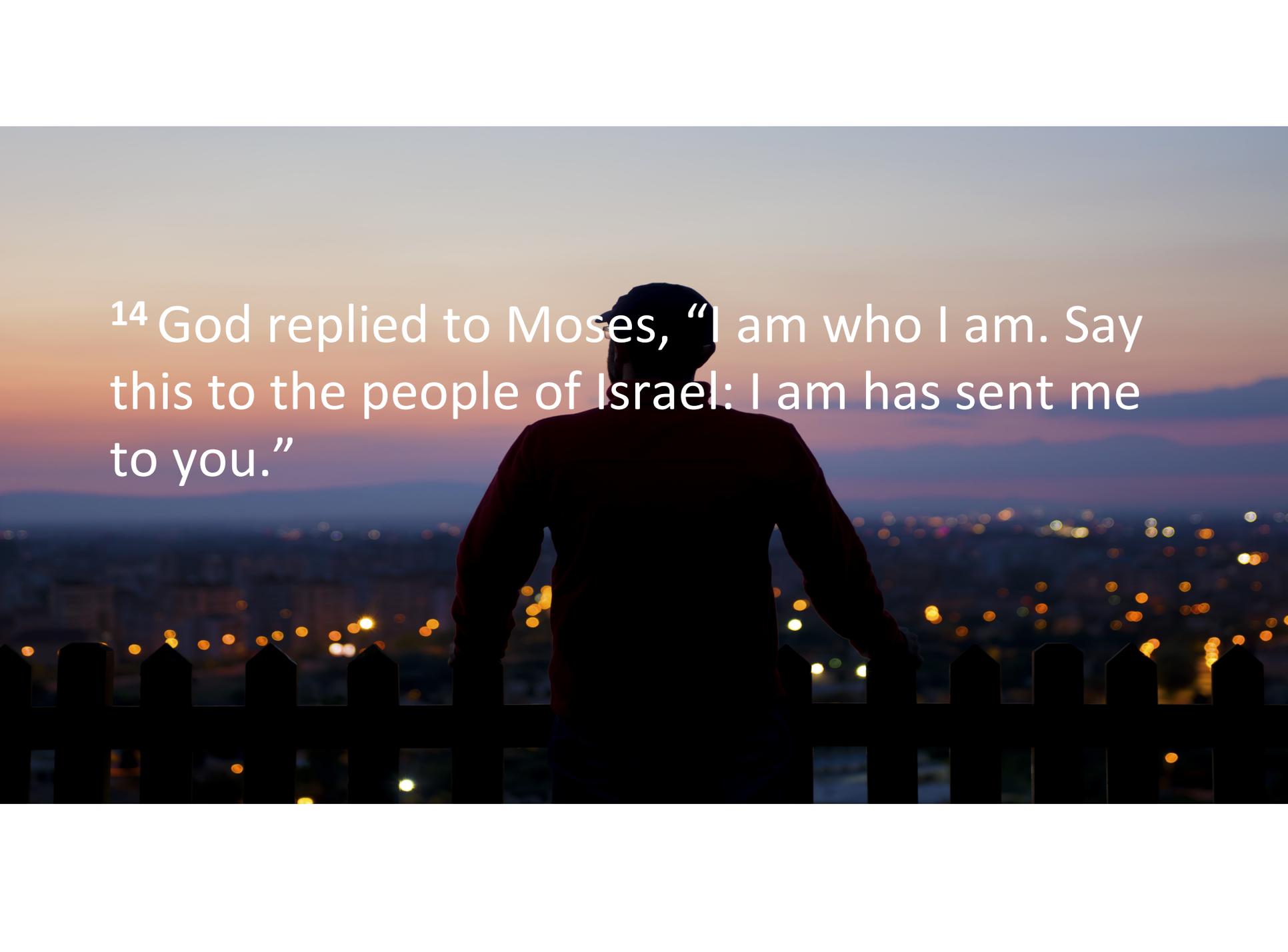
¹² God answered, “I will be with you. And this is your sign that I am the one who has sent you: When you have brought the people out of Egypt, you will worship God at this very mountain.”

- I have no authority.

Exodus 3:13-14 NLT

¹³ But Moses protested, “If I go to the people of Israel and tell them, ‘The God of your ancestors has sent me to you,’ they will ask me, ‘What is his name?’ Then what should I tell them?”





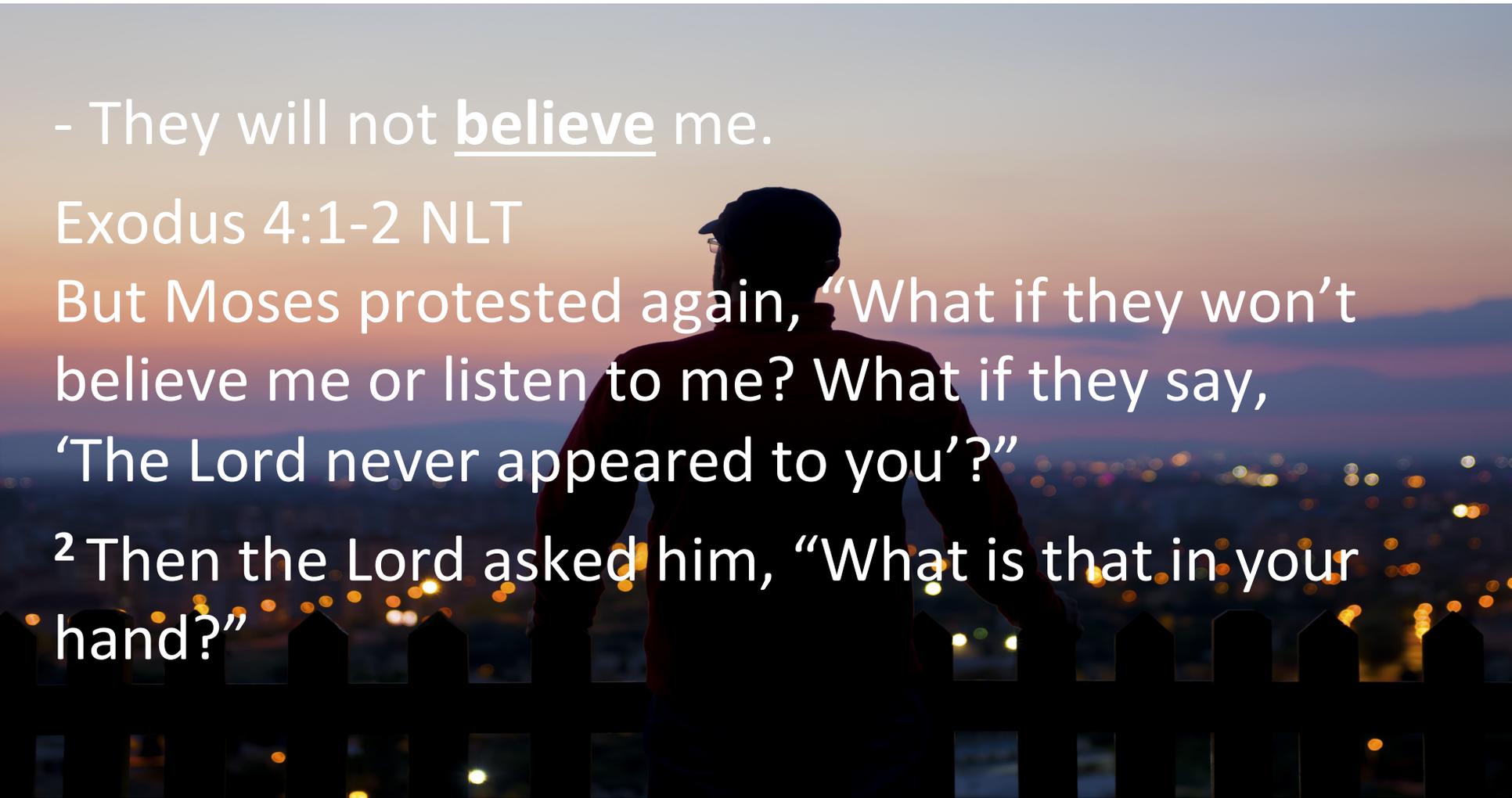
¹⁴ God replied to Moses, “I am who I am. Say this to the people of Israel: I am has sent me to you.”

- They will not believe me.

Exodus 4:1-2 NLT

But Moses protested again, “What if they won’t believe me or listen to me? What if they say, ‘The Lord never appeared to you’?”

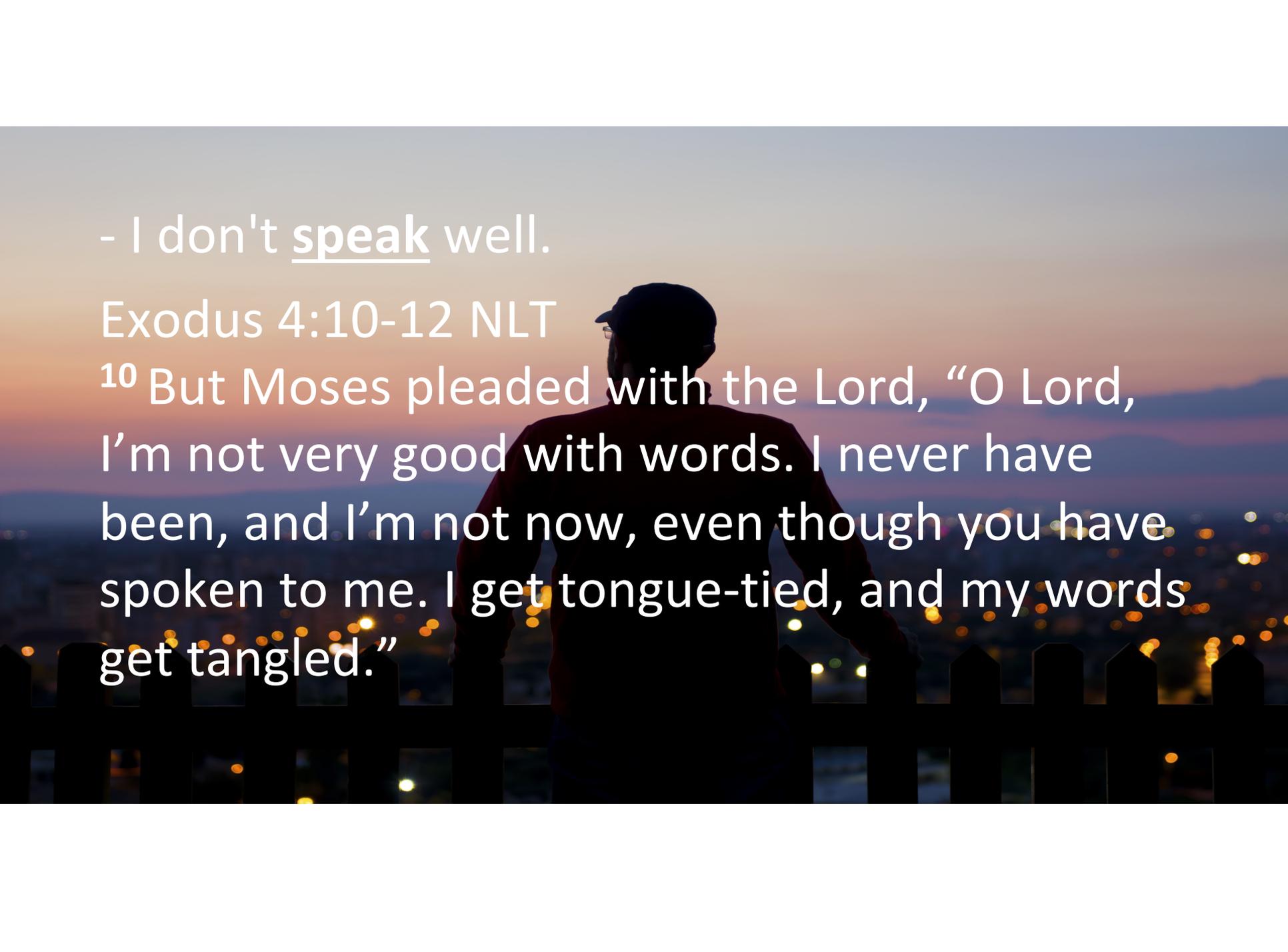
² Then the Lord asked him, “What is that in your hand?”

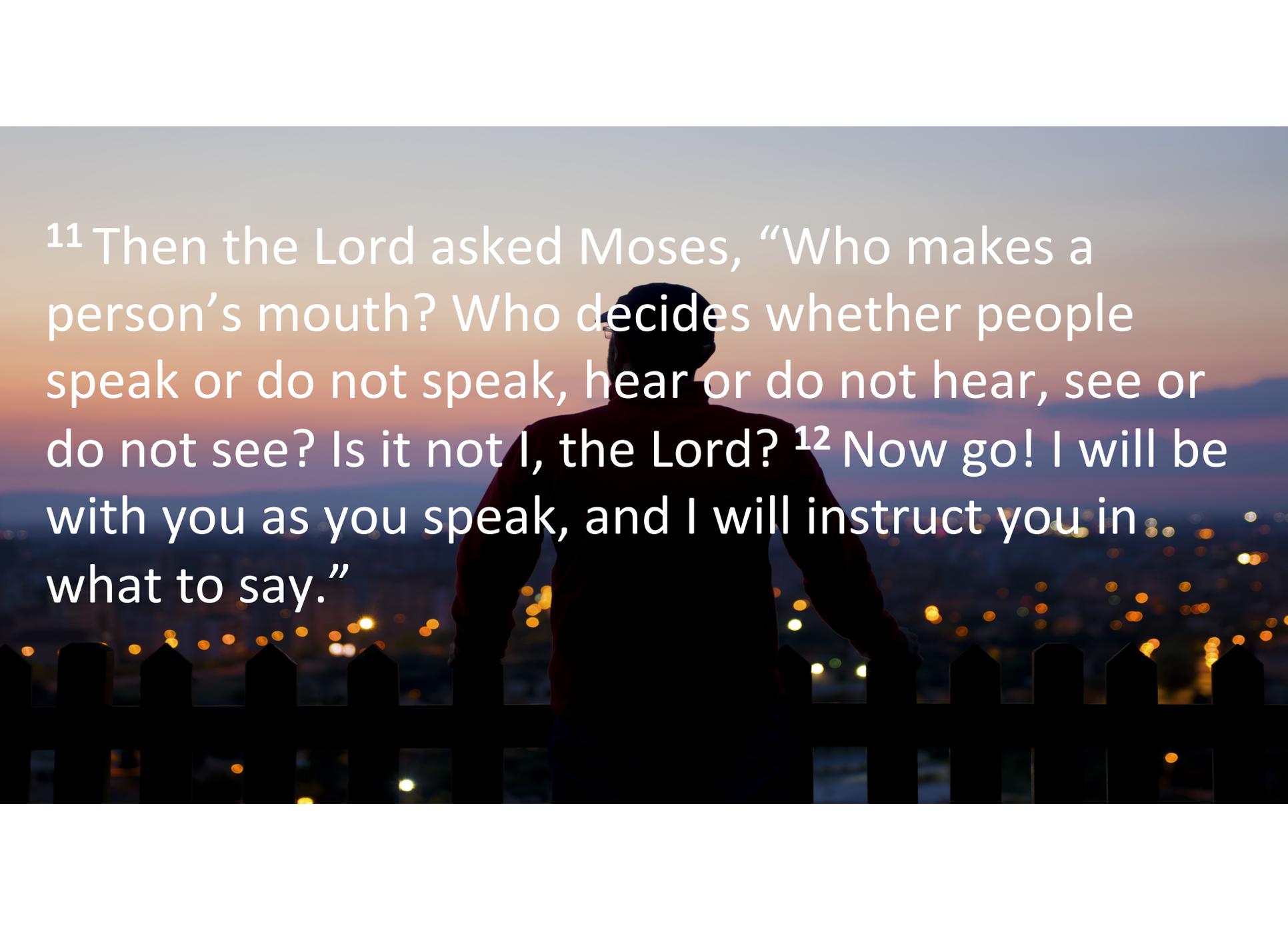


- I don't speak well.

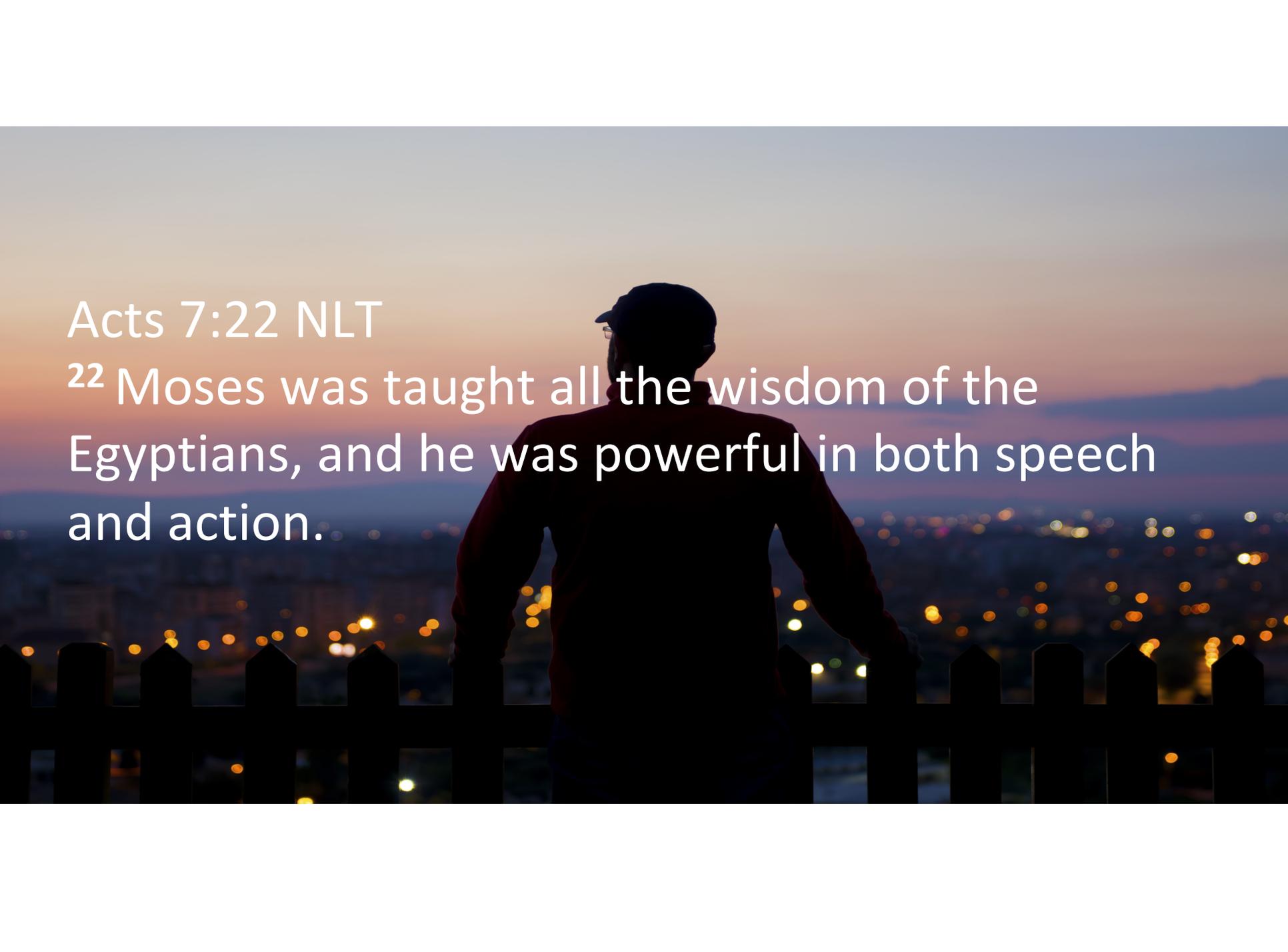
Exodus 4:10-12 NLT

¹⁰ But Moses pleaded with the Lord, “O Lord, I’m not very good with words. I never have been, and I’m not now, even though you have spoken to me. I get tongue-tied, and my words get tangled.”



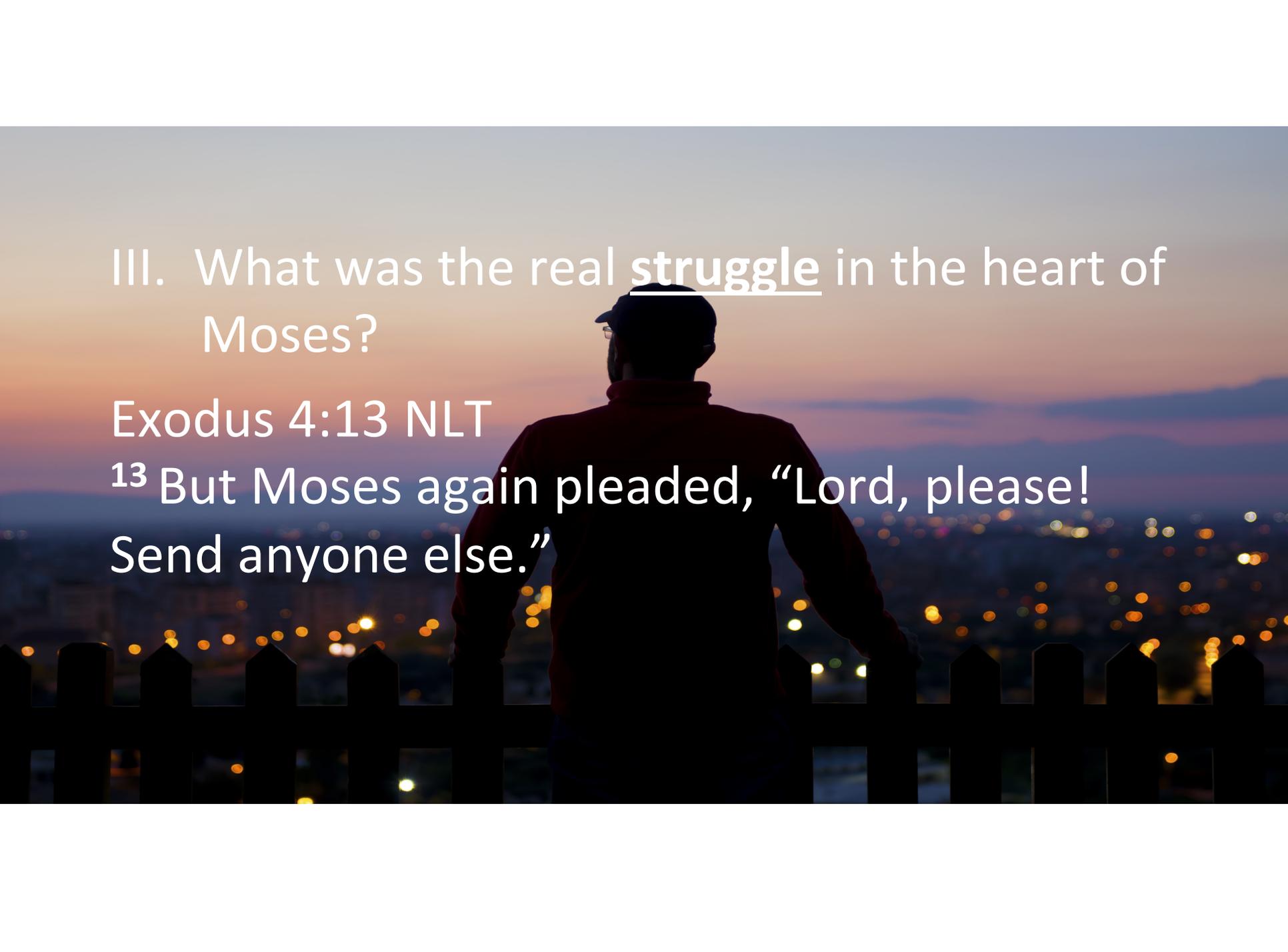
A silhouette of a person standing on a fence, looking out over a city at night with bokeh lights.

¹¹ Then the Lord asked Moses, “Who makes a person’s mouth? Who decides whether people speak or do not speak, hear or do not hear, see or do not see? Is it not I, the Lord? ¹² Now go! I will be with you as you speak, and I will instruct you in what to say.”



Acts 7:22 NLT

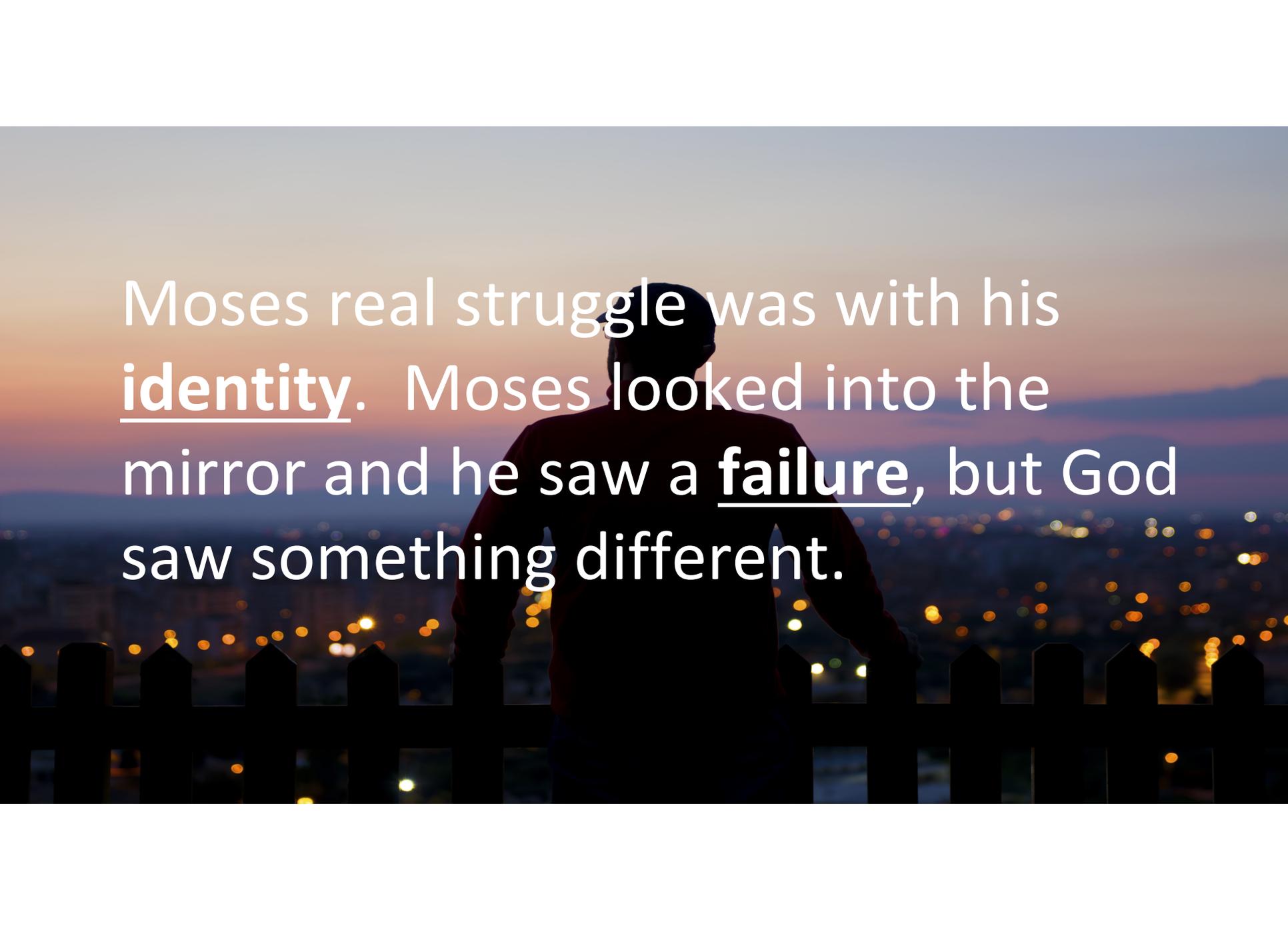
²² Moses was taught all the wisdom of the Egyptians, and he was powerful in both speech and action.



III. What was the real struggle in the heart of Moses?

Exodus 4:13 NLT

¹³ But Moses again pleaded, “Lord, please! Send anyone else.”

A silhouette of a person standing on a balcony with a city skyline at night in the background. The person is facing away from the camera, looking out over the city lights. The text is overlaid on the image in white, with some words underlined.

Moses real struggle was with his identity. Moses looked into the mirror and he saw a failure, but God saw something different.