

MAJORING ON THE MINOR

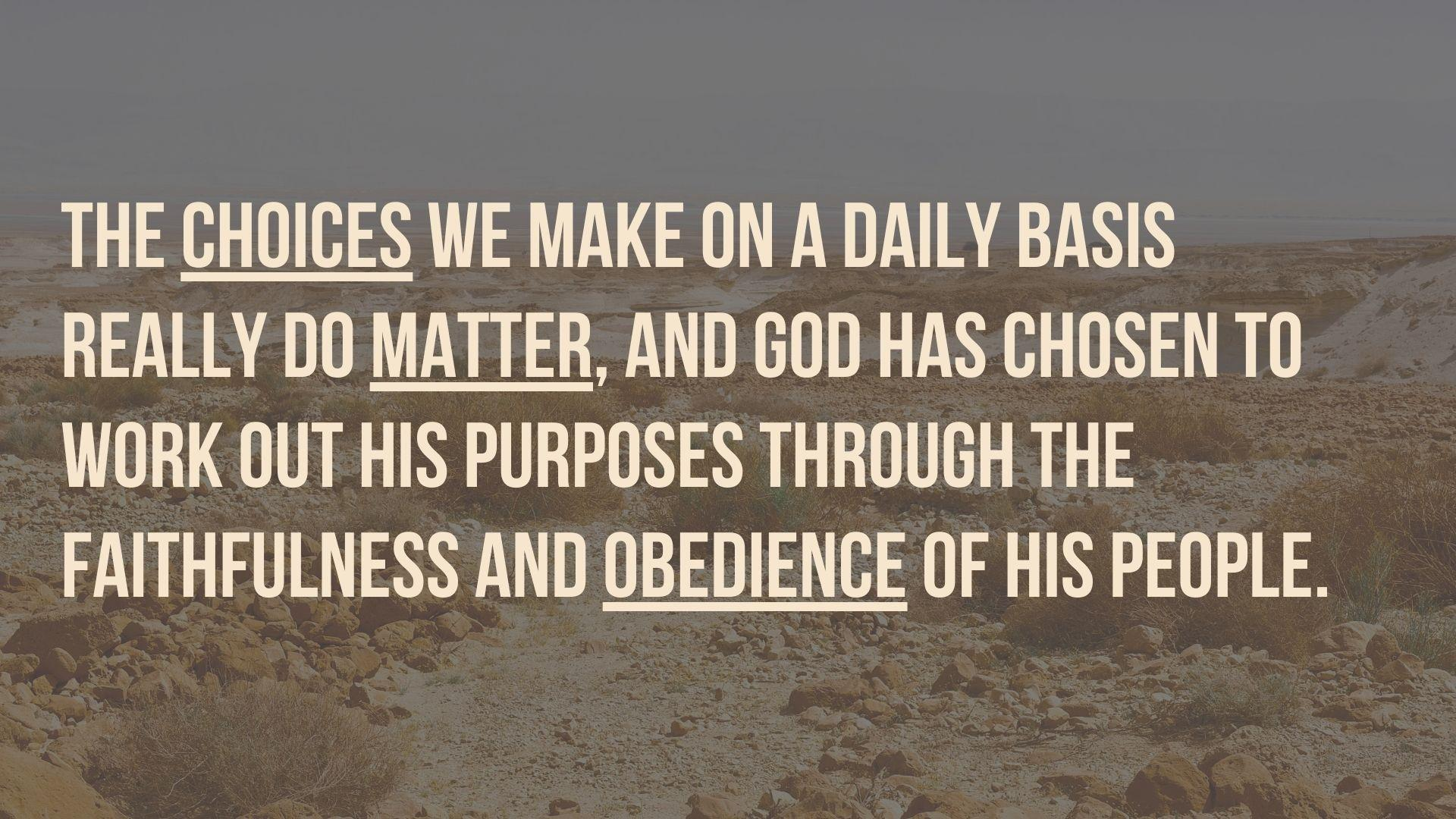
HAGGAI

HAGGAI 1:1 NLT

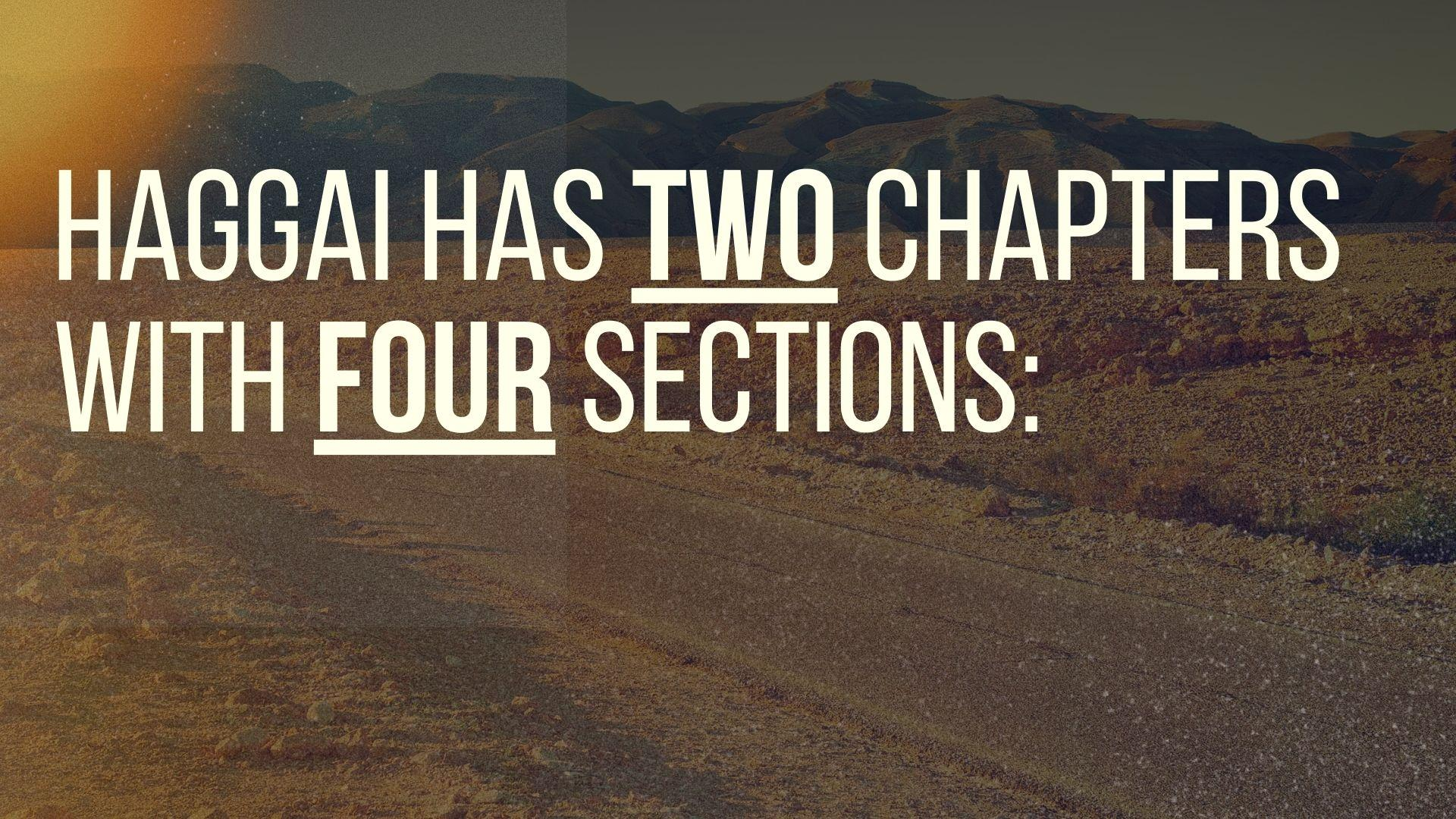
On August 29 of the second year of King Darius's reign, the Lord gave a message through the prophet Haggai to Zerubbabel son of Shealtiel, governor of Judah, and to Jeshua son of Jehozadak, the high priest.

A photograph of a desert landscape with rolling hills and a dirt road. A semi-transparent dark band is overlaid across the middle of the image, containing white text. The text is in a bold, sans-serif font. The word 'THEME' is underlined.

**LOOKING AT THE OVERARCHING
THEME OF HAGGAI.**

The background of the image is a photograph of a desert landscape. A dirt path with scattered rocks and sparse, dry vegetation leads from the foreground towards a body of water in the distance. The sky is a pale, hazy blue. The overall tone is warm and somewhat somber due to the muted colors of the desert.

**THE CHOICES WE MAKE ON A DAILY BASIS
REALLY DO MATTER, AND GOD HAS CHOSEN TO
WORK OUT HIS PURPOSES THROUGH THE
FAITHFULNESS AND OBEDIENCE OF HIS PEOPLE.**

A desert landscape with a winding road and mountains in the background. The text is overlaid on the image.

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- SECTION 1 - ACCUSATION AND RESPONSE
HAGGAI 1:1-15

HAGGAI 1:3-4 NLT

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through the prophet Haggai:
4 “Why are you living in luxurious
houses while my house lies in ruins?”

HAGGAI HAS TWO CHAPTERS WITH FOUR SECTIONS:

- SECTION 2 - ADDRESSING SHATTERED EXPECTATIONS - HAGGAI 2:1-9

HAGGAI 2:3-5 NLT

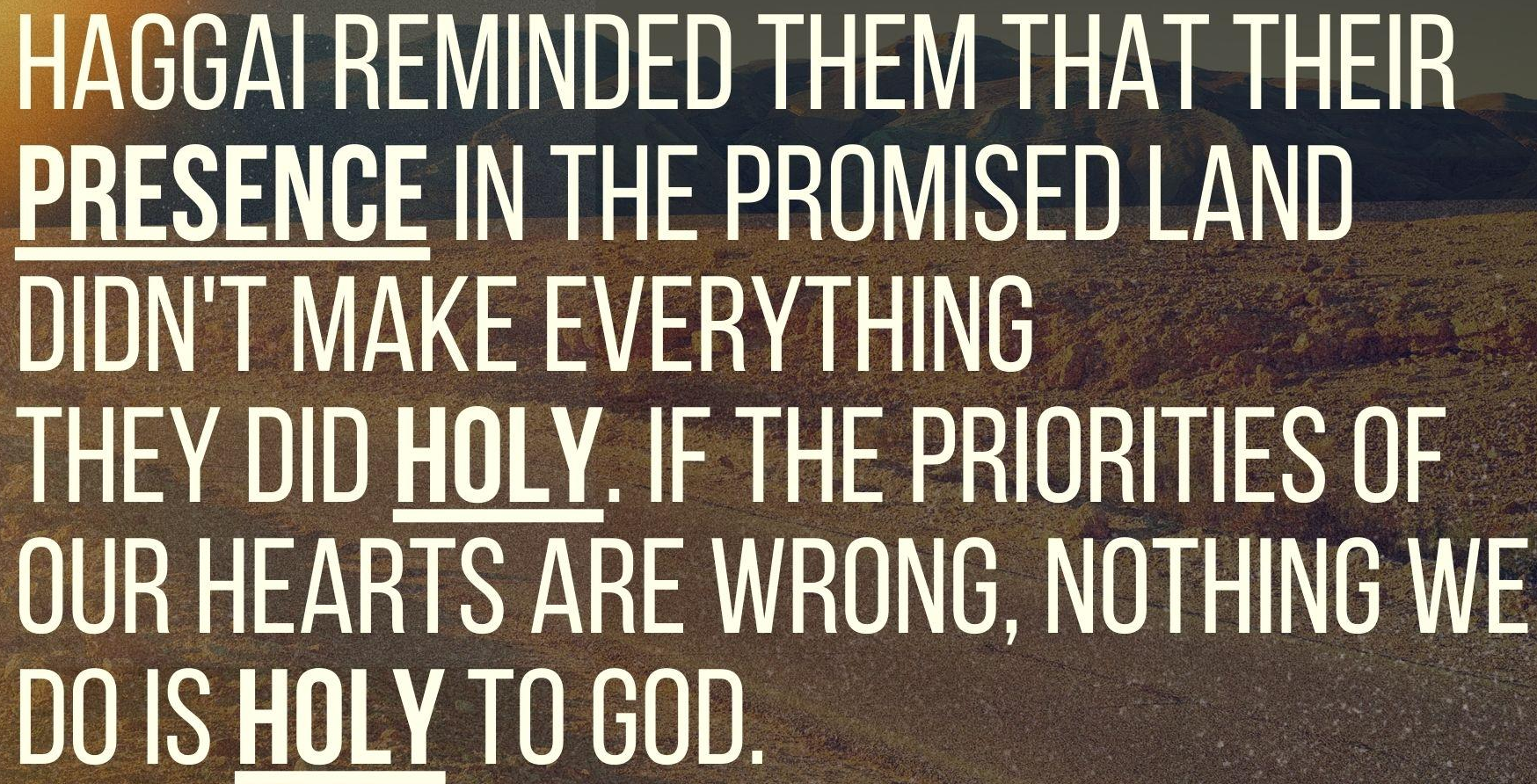
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HAGGAI HAS TWO CHAPTERS WITH FOUR SECTIONS:

- SECTION 3 - CALL TO COVENANT FAITHFULNESS
- HAGGAI 2:10-19

HAGGAI 2:14 NLT

14 Then Haggai responded, “That is how it is with this people and this nation, says the Lord. Everything they do and everything they offer is defiled by their sin.”



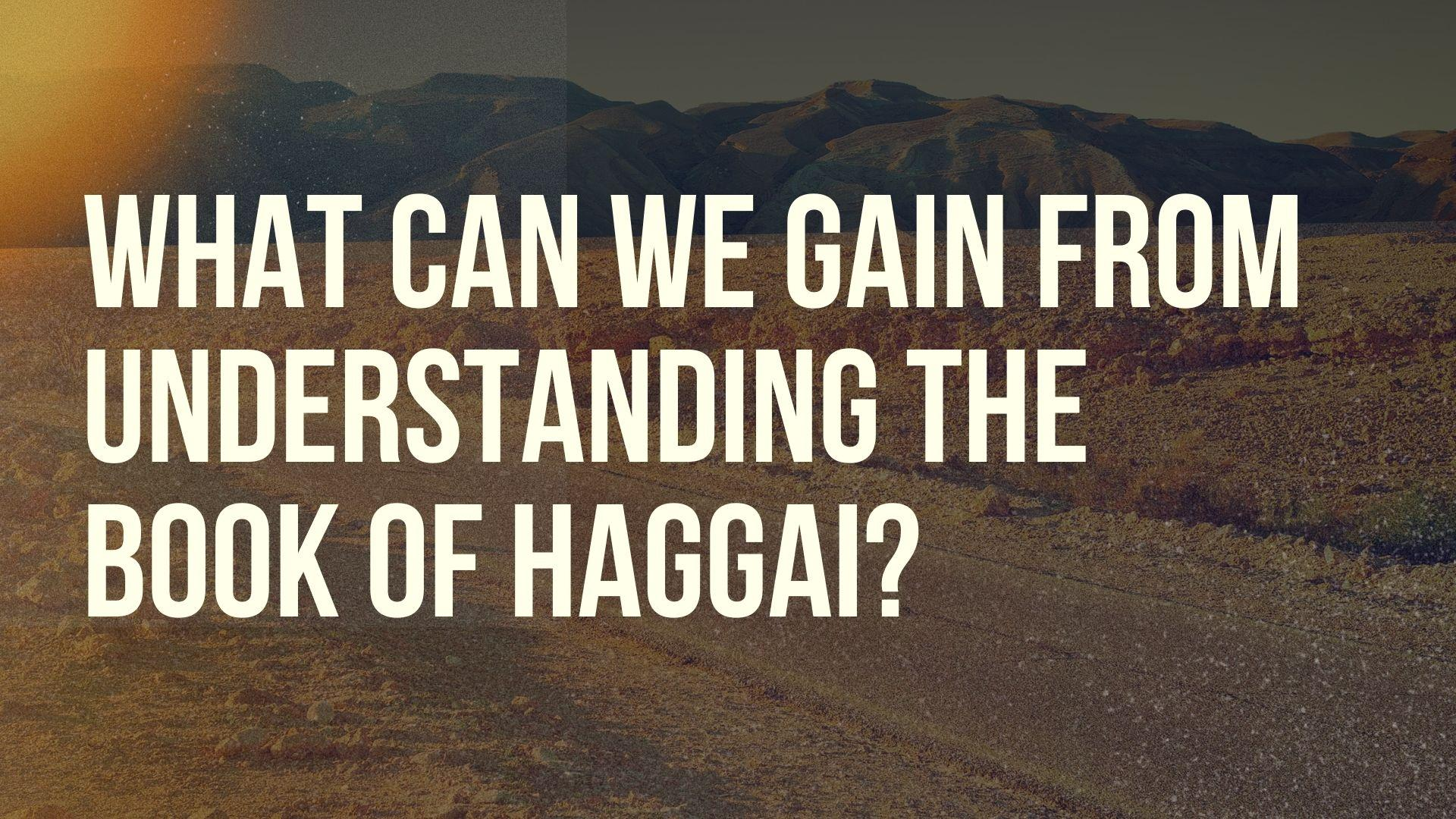
HAGGAI REMINDED THEM THAT THEIR
PRESENCE IN THE PROMISED LAND
DIDN'T MAKE EVERYTHING
THEY DID HOLY. IF THE PRIORITIES OF
OUR HEARTS ARE WRONG, NOTHING WE
DO IS HOLY TO GOD.

HAGGAI HAS TWO CHAPTERS WITH FOUR SECTIONS:

- SECTION 4 - FUTURE HOPE OF GOD'S KINGDOM
HAGGAI 2:20-23

HAGGAI 2:23 NLT

23 “But when this happens, says the Lord of Heaven's Armies, I will honor you, Zerubbabel son of Shealtiel, my servant. I will make you like a signet ring on my finger, says the Lord, for I have chosen you. I, the Lord of Heaven's Armies, have spoken!”

A desert landscape with mountains in the background and a path leading into the distance. The text is overlaid on the left side of the image.

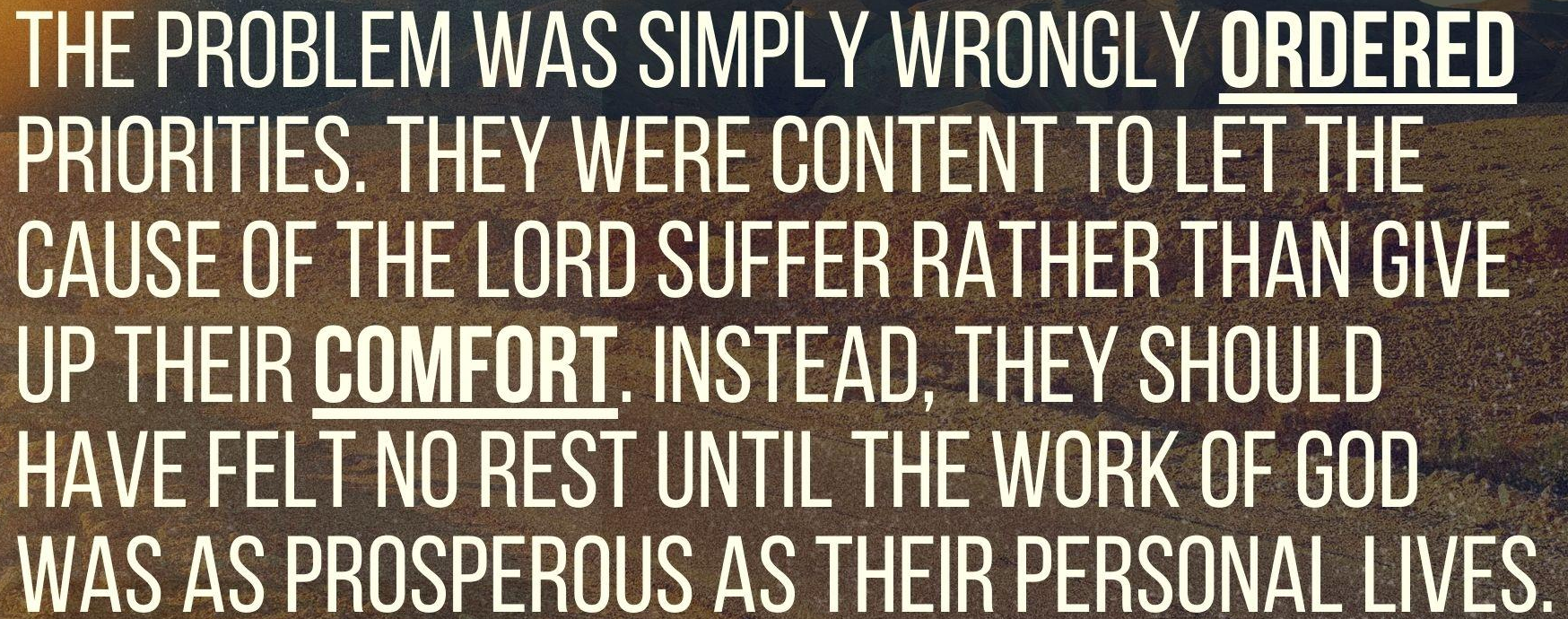
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- OUR PRIORITIES MATTER.

HAGGAI 1:3-4 NLT

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THE PROBLEM WAS SIMPLY WRONGLY ORDERED
PRIORITIES. THEY WERE CONTENT TO LET THE
CAUSE OF THE LORD SUFFER RATHER THAN GIVE
UP THEIR COMFORT. INSTEAD, THEY SHOULD
HAVE FELT NO REST UNTIL THE WORK OF GOD
WAS AS PROSPEROUS AS THEIR PERSONAL LIVES.

WHAT CAN WE GAIN FROM UNDERSTANDING THE BOOK OF ZEPHANIAH?

- OUR PRIORITIES MATTER.
- OUR WORK MATTERS.

HAGGAI 2:3-5 NLT

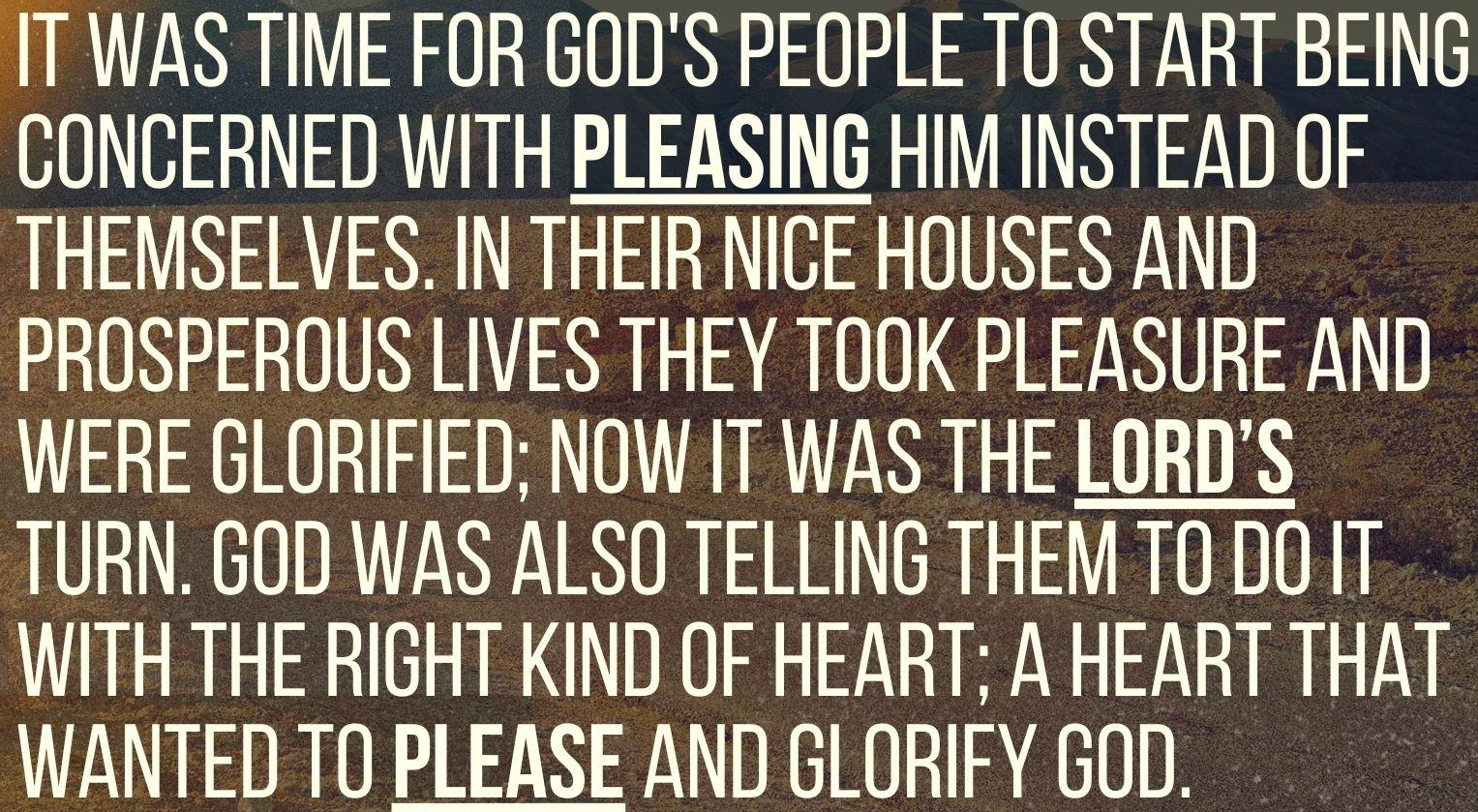
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- OUR WORK MATTERS.
- OUR HEARTS MATTER.

HAGGAI 1:8 NLT

Now go up into the hills, bring down timber, and rebuild my house. Then I will take pleasure in it and be honored, says the Lord.

A desert landscape with mountains in the background and a dark overlay for text.

IT WAS TIME FOR GOD'S PEOPLE TO START BEING
CONCERNED WITH PLEASING HIM INSTEAD OF
THEMSELVES. IN THEIR NICE HOUSES AND
PROSPEROUS LIVES THEY TOOK PLEASURE AND
WERE GLORIFIED; NOW IT WAS THE LORD'S
TURN. GOD WAS ALSO TELLING THEM TO DO IT
WITH THE RIGHT KIND OF HEART; A HEART THAT
WANTED TO PLEASE AND GLORIFY GOD.

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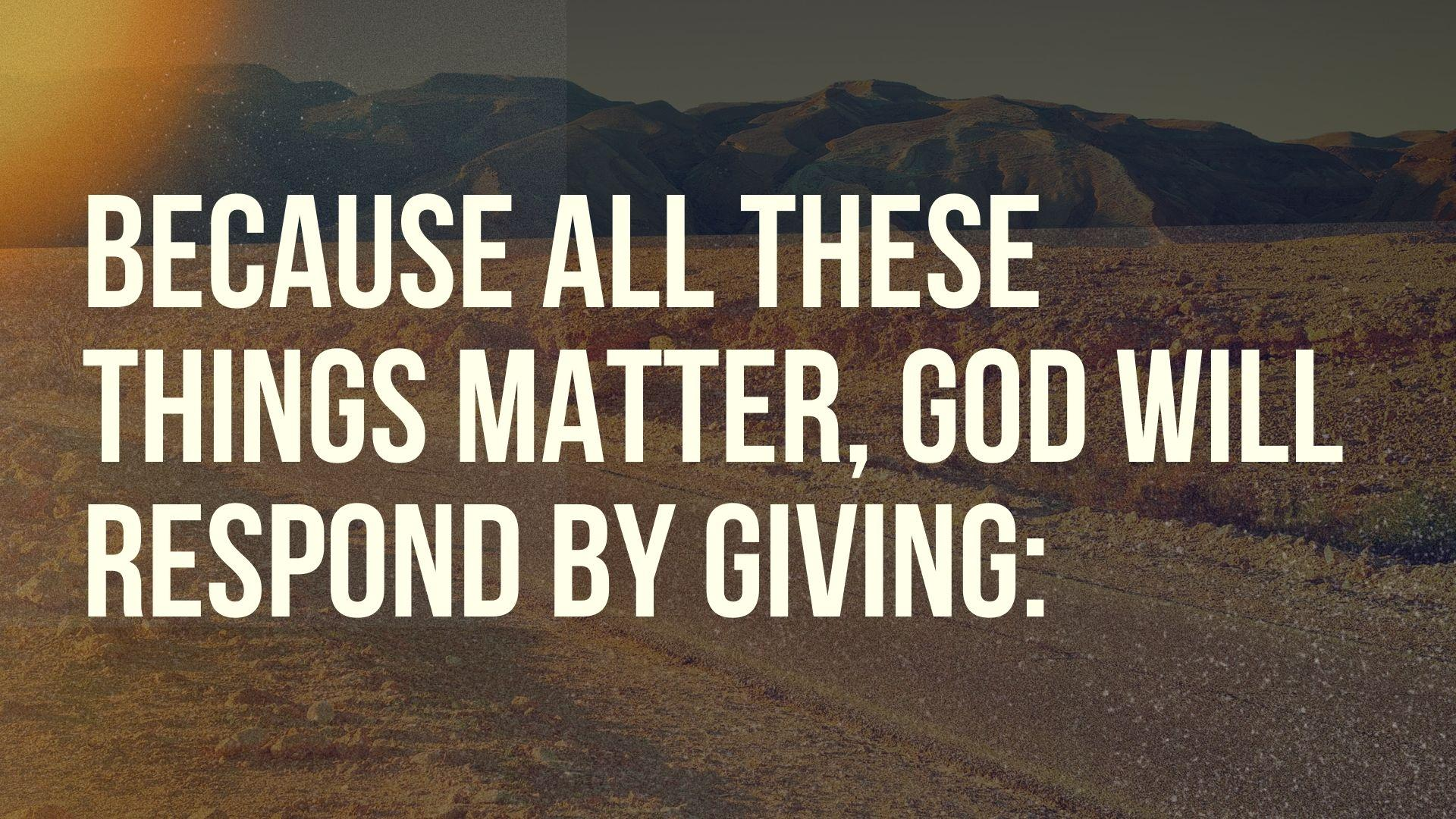
- OUR PRIORITIES MATTER.
- OUR WORK MATTERS.
- OUR HEARTS MATTER.
- OUR HUMBLE OBEDIENCE MATTERS.

HAGGAI 1:12 NLT

12 Then Zerubbabel son of Shealtiel, and Jeshua son of Jehozadak, the high priest, and the whole remnant of God's people began to obey the message from the Lord their God. When they heard the words of the prophet Haggai, whom the Lord their God had sent, the people feared the Lord.

HAGGAI 1:13-14 NLT

13 Then Haggai, the Lord's messenger, gave the people this message from the Lord: "I am with you, says the Lord!" So the Lord sparked the enthusiasm of Zerubbabel son of Shealtiel, governor of Judah, and the enthusiasm of Jeshua son of Jehozadak, the high priest, and the enthusiasm of the whole remnant of God's people. They began to work on the house of their God, the Lord of Heaven's Armies.



**BECAUSE ALL THESE
THINGS MATTER, GOD WILL
RESPOND BY GIVING:**

A photograph of a desert landscape. In the foreground, a paved road curves through a dry, rocky terrain. The middle ground shows more of the desert floor with sparse vegetation. In the background, there are dark, rugged mountains under a hazy sky. The overall color palette is warm, with browns, tans, and muted blues.

**BECAUSE ALL THESE THINGS MATTER, GOD WILL
RESPOND BY GIVING:**

- **HIS PRESENCE**

A photograph of a desert landscape. In the foreground, a dark, gravelly road curves from the bottom left towards the center. The middle ground is a vast, arid plain with sparse, low-lying vegetation. In the background, a range of rugged, dark mountains stretches across the horizon under a hazy sky. The overall color palette is dominated by earthy tones like browns, tans, and greys.

**BECAUSE ALL THESE THINGS MATTER, GOD WILL
RESPOND BY GIVING:**

- **HIS PRESENCE**
- **HIS ENCOURAGEMENT**

A desert landscape with a winding road and mountains in the background. The scene is captured in a warm, golden-hour light, with the road curving through the arid terrain towards distant, hazy mountains. The overall mood is one of vastness and journey.

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BECAUSE ALL THESE THINGS MATTER, GOD WILL RESPOND BY GIVING:

- HIS PRESENCE
- HIS ENCOURAGEMENT
- HIS EMPOWERMENT
- HIS SUPPORT

A desert landscape with a winding road and mountains in the background. The text is overlaid on the top left of the image.

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- **HIS PRESENCE**
- **HIS ENCOURAGEMENT**
- **HIS EMPOWERMENT**
- **HIS SUPPORT**
- **HIS BLESSINGS**

HAGGAI 2:19 NLT

19 “I am giving you a promise now while the seed is still in the barn. You have not yet harvested your grain, and your grapevines, fig trees, pomegranates, and olive trees have not yet produced their crops. But from this day onward I will bless you.”