

Rejecting the Grasshopper Mentality

Numbers 13:33

Courageous Living
*“Land of the
Giants”*
Pt 3





God's Best was About to Come (1, 27)

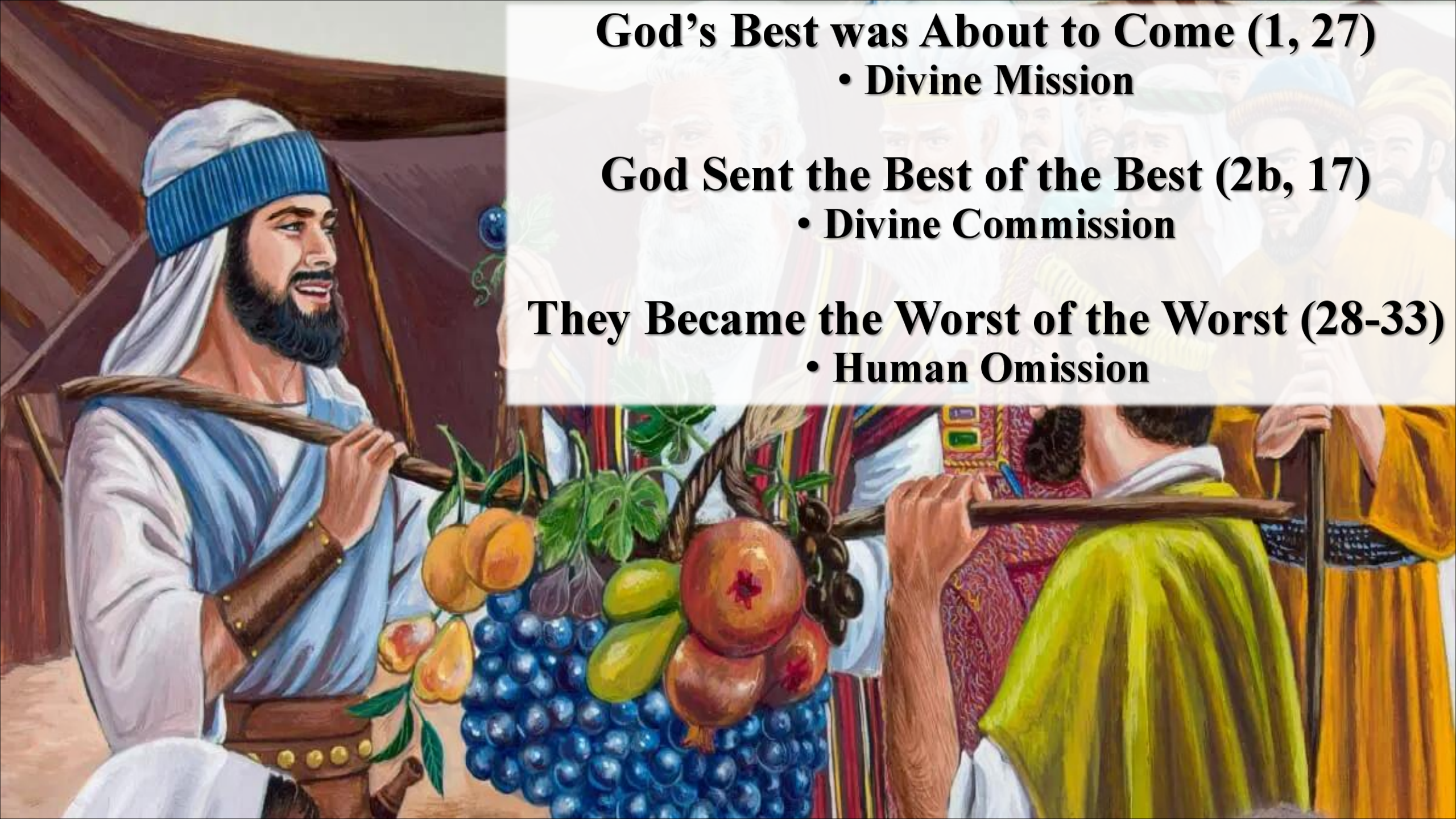
• **Divine Mission**

God Sent the Best of the Best (2b, 17)

• **Divine Commission**

They Became the Worst of the Worst (28-33)

• **Human Omission**



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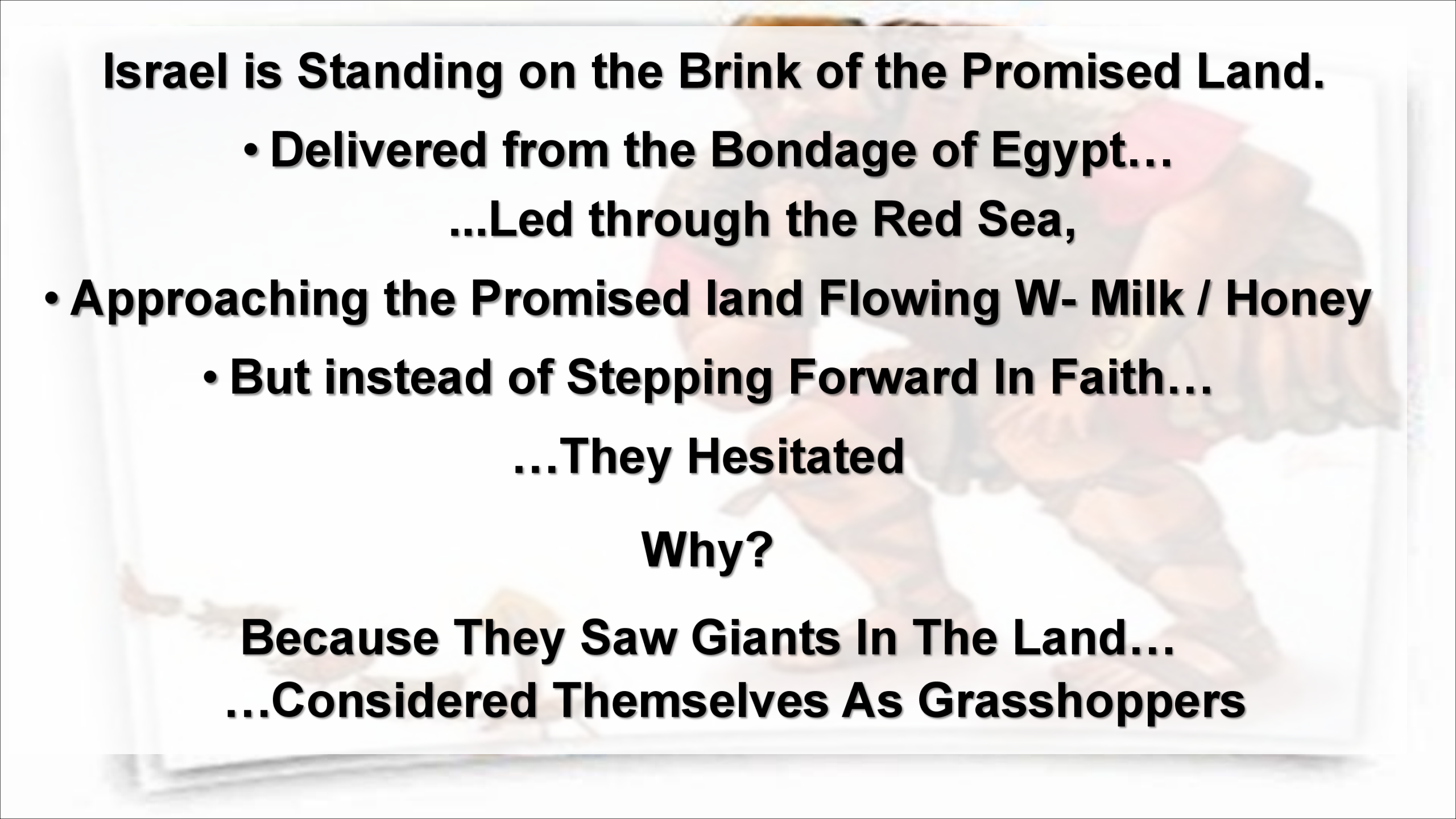
- **Self-Defeating**
- **Self-Limiting**
- **Perception**

We Carry of Ourselves and Abilities



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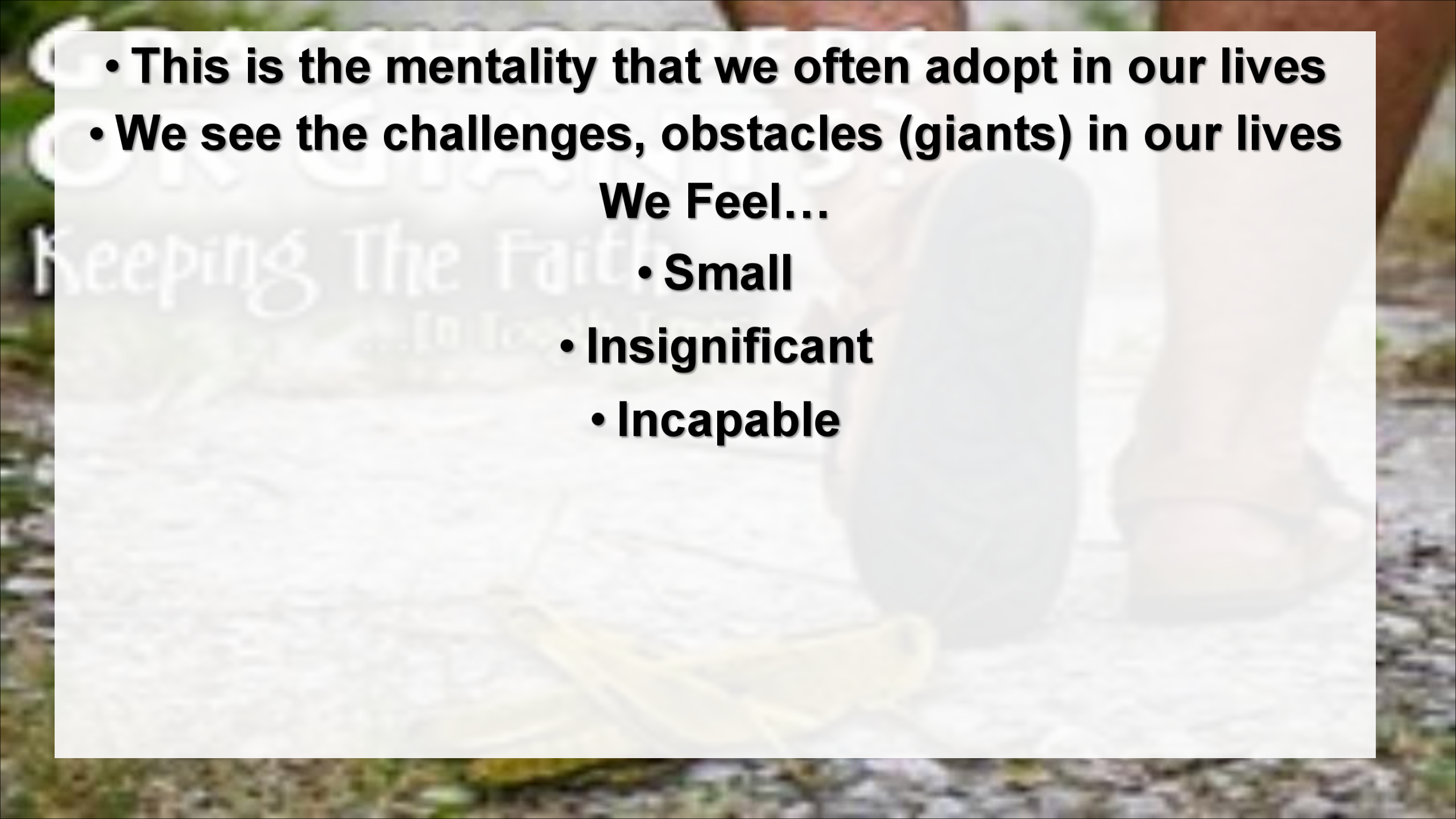
Because They Saw Giants In The Land...

...Considered Themselves As Grasshoppers

GRASSHOPPERS OR GIANTS?

Keeping The Faith....
...In Tough Times



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- **We look at our own abilities / strength...**
...we feel like grasshoppers.
 - **But this is not how God sees us...**
...it's not how He wants us to see ourselves.

I AM WHO
GOD

SEEN HIS CHILD
CHOSEN
OVERCOMER
NEVER ALONE
SAYS I AM
DESTINED
CREATED
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KNOW
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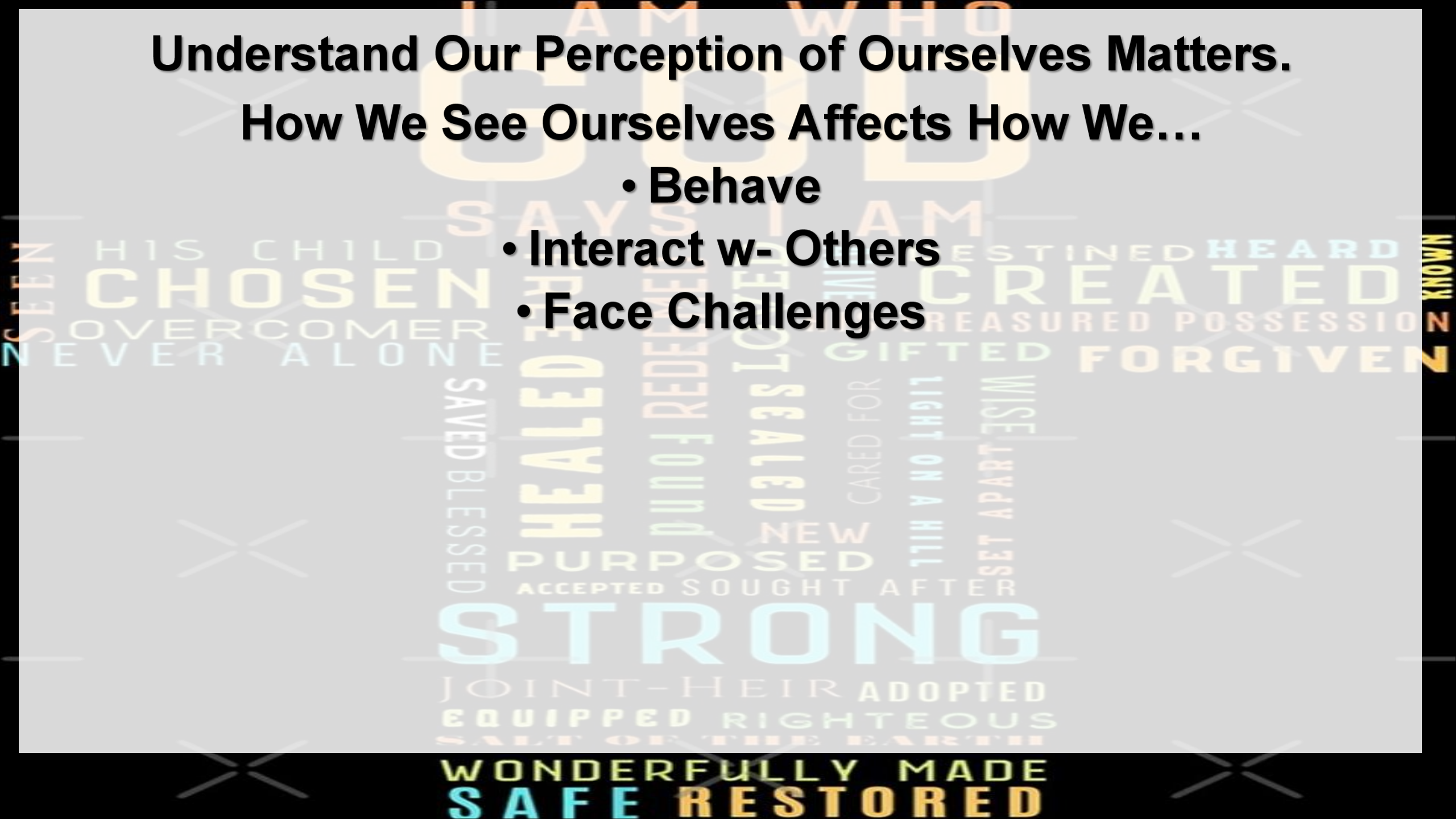
STRONG

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ADOPTED
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WONDERFULLY MADE
SAFE RESTORED

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If we see ourselves as grasshoppers...

...we will act like grasshoppers

**We shy away from challenges,
feel overwhelmed by obstacles...**

...doubt our ability to make a difference.

Characteristics

of a

Grasshopper/Locust

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Canaanites Saw 12 People They Had Never Seen Before..

...What Did They See?

Strange Sight –

2 Giants/ 10 Grasshoppers

God's perspective of you
is not always what you see

...because greater is He
that is in you, than he
that is in the world.

1 John 4:4



IT'S TIME TO DREAM AGAIN!

This Is How God Sees Us:

- **His Beloved Children**
- **Heirs of His Kingdom**
- **More Than Conquerors**

We Will Act Accordingly

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We Will Face Challenges With Courage

We Will Overcome Obstacles With Faith

And We Will Make a Difference In the World Around Us

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omnipresent authority
multifaceted grace
mankind world
Savior source
things sovereign
days individually supreme
Holy Jesus earth humanity
man sacrifice message
list sent transformer
knowing personified
salvation lives universe
omniscient compassionate
powerful lover
beginning names
Omega exists purpose
intimately creation
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omnipotent righteousness
redeemer jealous
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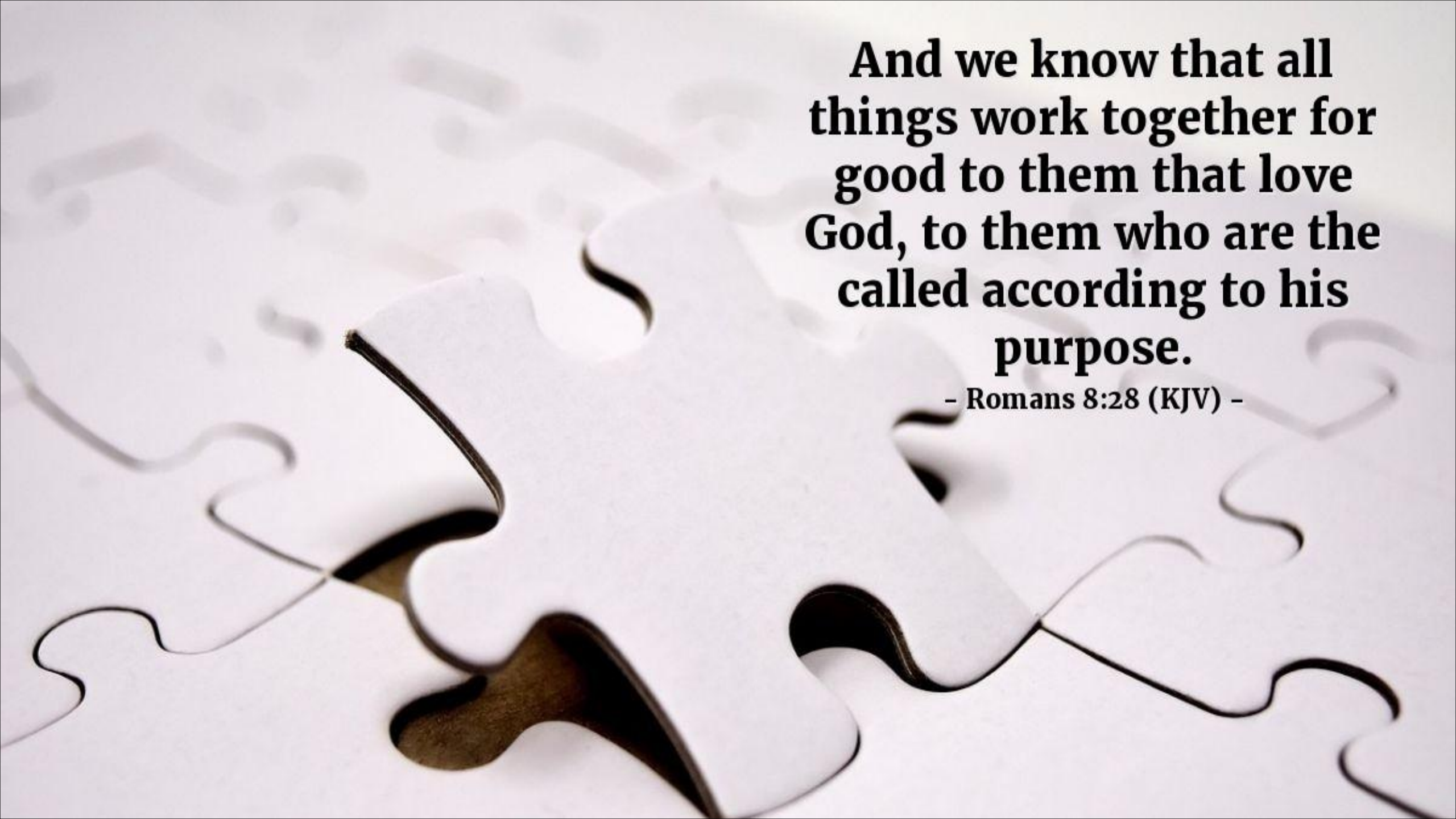
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 - Ever-Present Help In Times Of Need,
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 - Loved, Cherished, And Empowered.



**And we know that all
things work together for
good to them that love
God, to them who are the
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- Romans 8:28 (KJV) -

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Our Perception of Our Circumstances Matters

- **If we see circumstances as insurmountable, hopeless, as giants,**
- **then we will feel defeated, discouraged, and despairing.**
- **But if we see our Circumstances through the Lens of...**

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God's Promises...

- **as opportunities for growth, as stepping stones to victory,**
- **then we will feel hopeful, encouraged, and triumphant.**

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Romans 8:28 Amp

And we know [with great confidence] that God [who is deeply concerned about us] causes all things to work together [as a plan] for good for those who love God, to those who are called according to His plan *and* purpose.

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**“For I know the plans
I have for you,”
declares the LORD,
“plans to prosper you
and *not* to harm you,
plans to give you
hope and a future.”**

~Jeremiah 29:11~

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 - **as full of potential,**
- **as full of victory, then we will feel confident, courageous, and optimistic.**

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Understand Our Perception of Our Future Matters

- If we see our future as uncertain, as bleak, as full of giants,

- then we say, **I know what I'm doing.** **Optimistic.**

- If we see our future as certain, as bright, as full of hope,

I have it all planned out—
plans to take care of you,

not abandon you,

- as full of vision, we say, **plans to give you** **glorious, and**

the future you hope for.

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Focus on God,
not your problem.

Listen to God,
not your insecurities.

Rely on God,
not your own strength.

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How Do We Change Our Perception?

How Do We Reject The Grasshopper Mentality?

We do it by renewing our minds with the Word of God

We Do It By...

Meditating On His Promises

verses

Focusing On The Your Problems



MAN LOOKS AT IT
OUTWARD APPEARANCE
BUT THE LORD
LOOKS AT
THE HEART.
SAMUEL 16:7

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