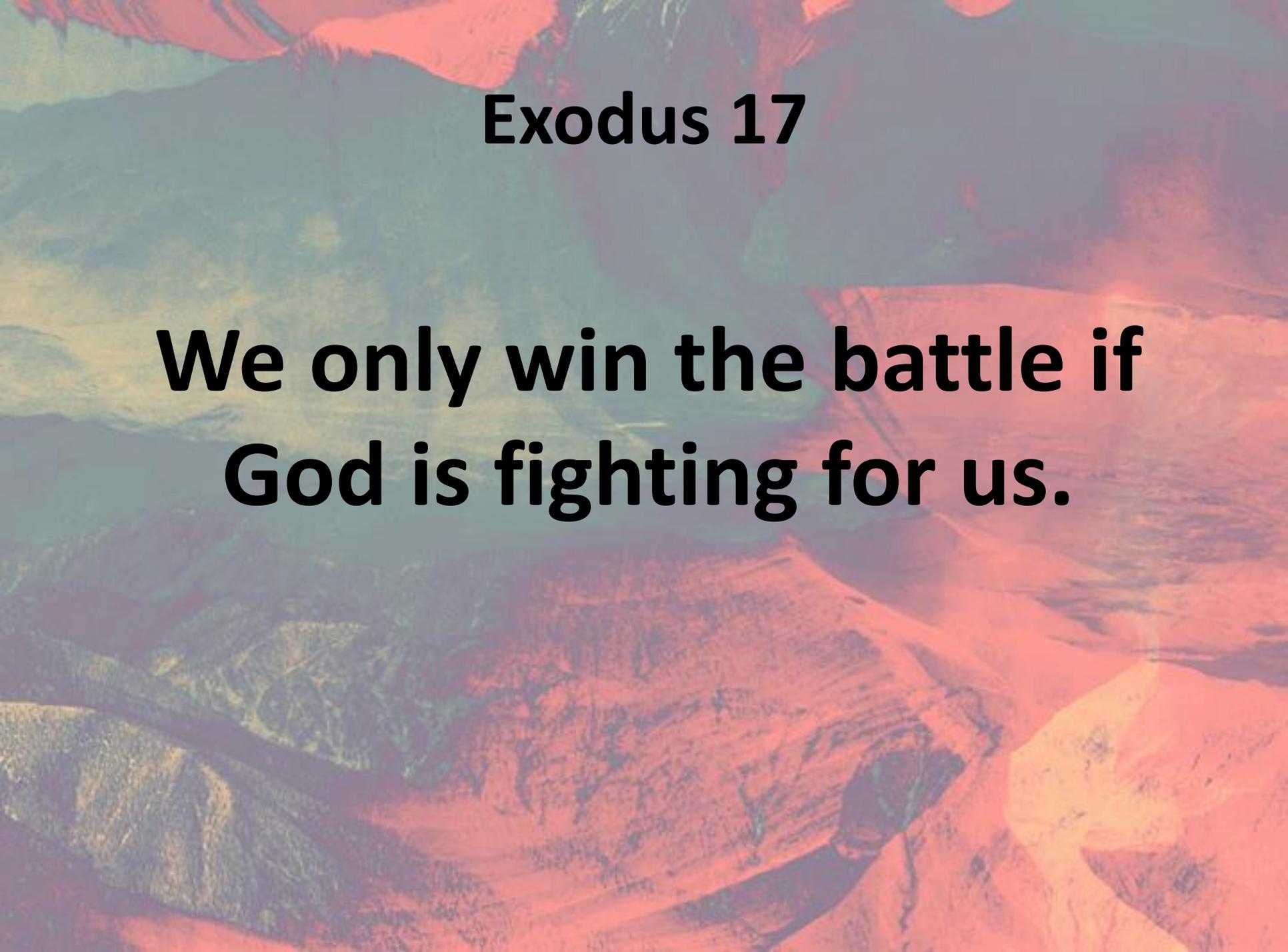




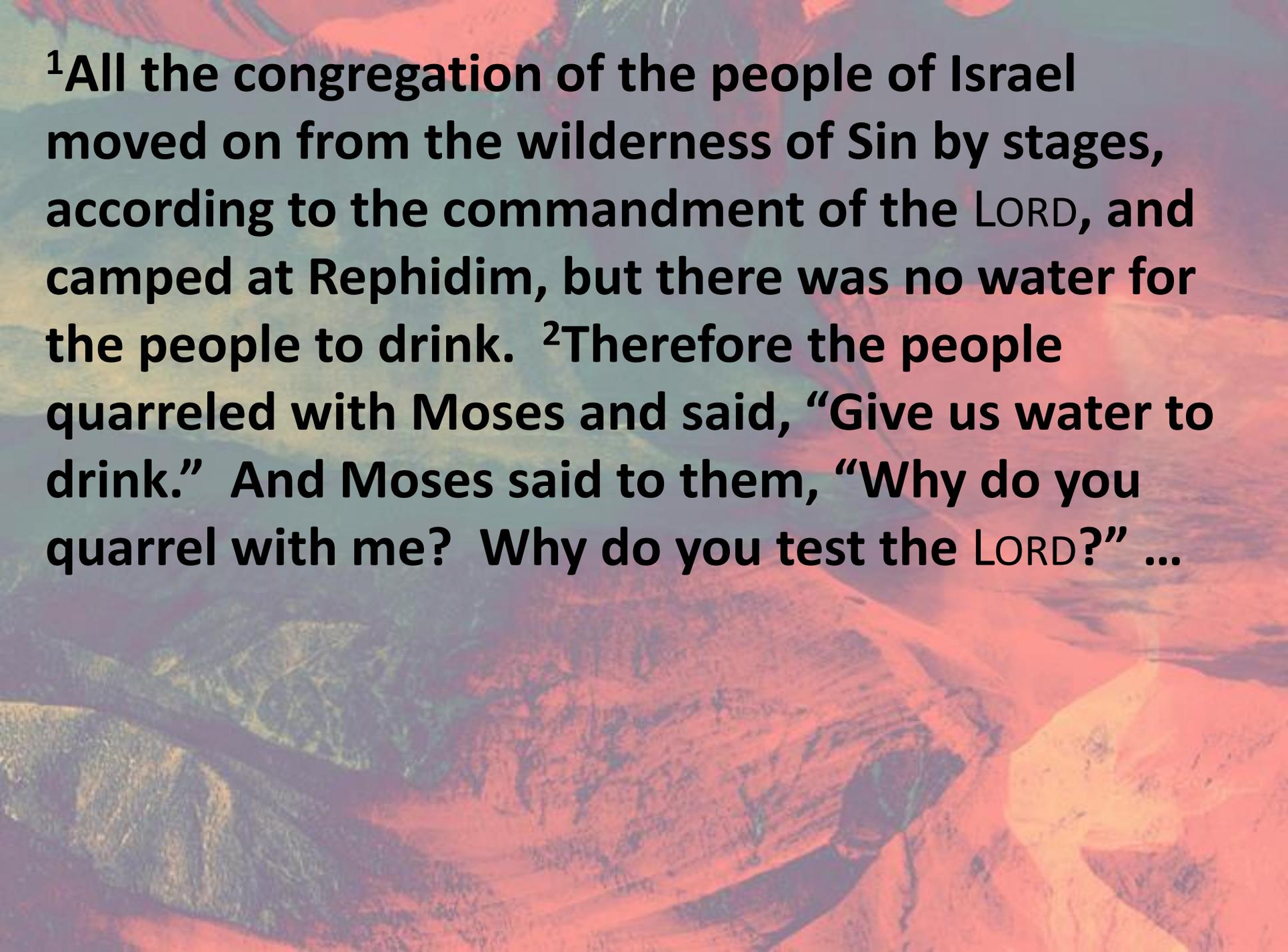
# EXODUS

GOD MAKES HIMSELF KNOWN

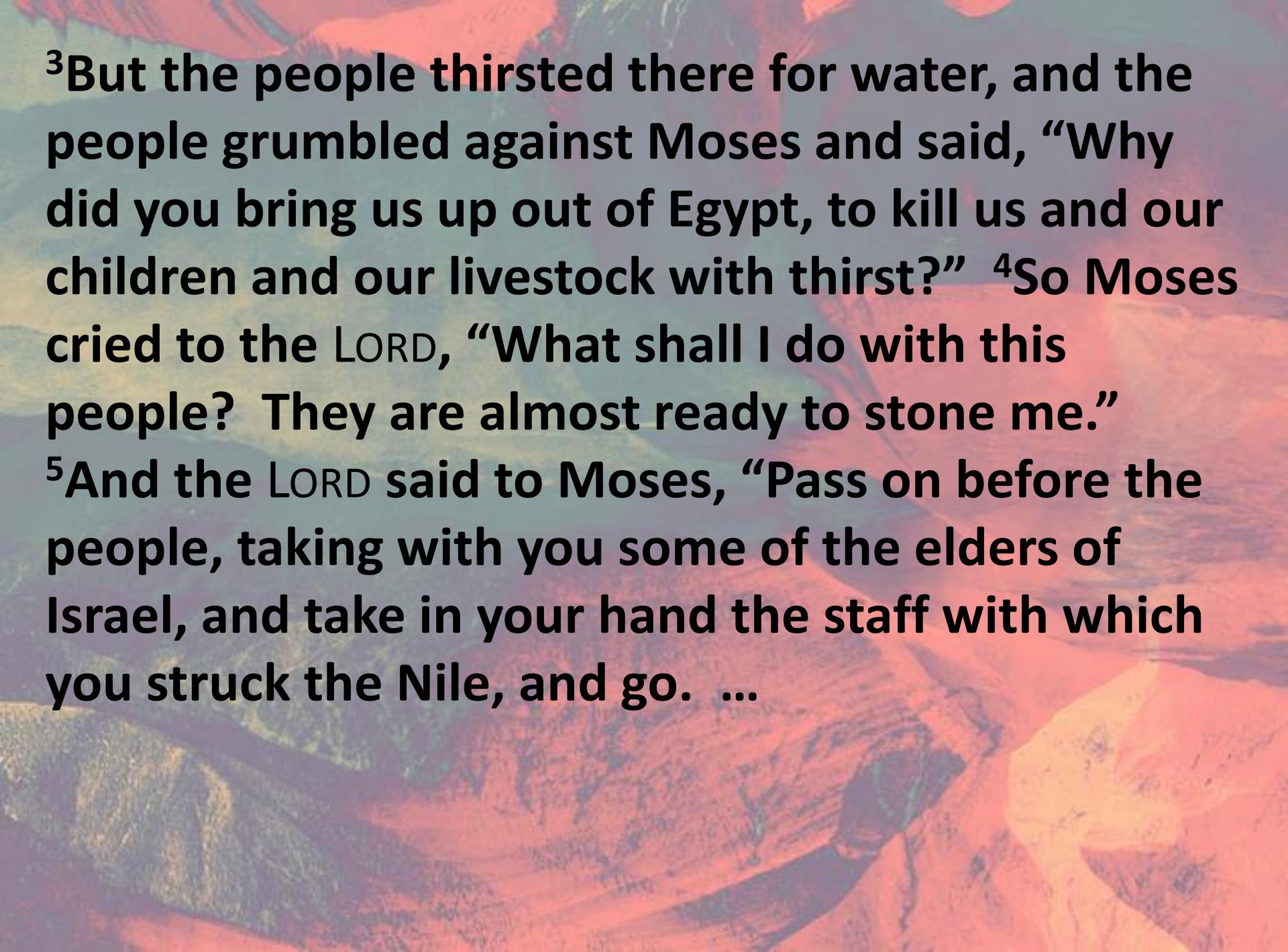
An aerial photograph of a desert landscape, likely the Sinai Peninsula, showing rolling red sand dunes and patches of green vegetation. The image is overlaid with a semi-transparent blue and purple gradient.

## Exodus 17

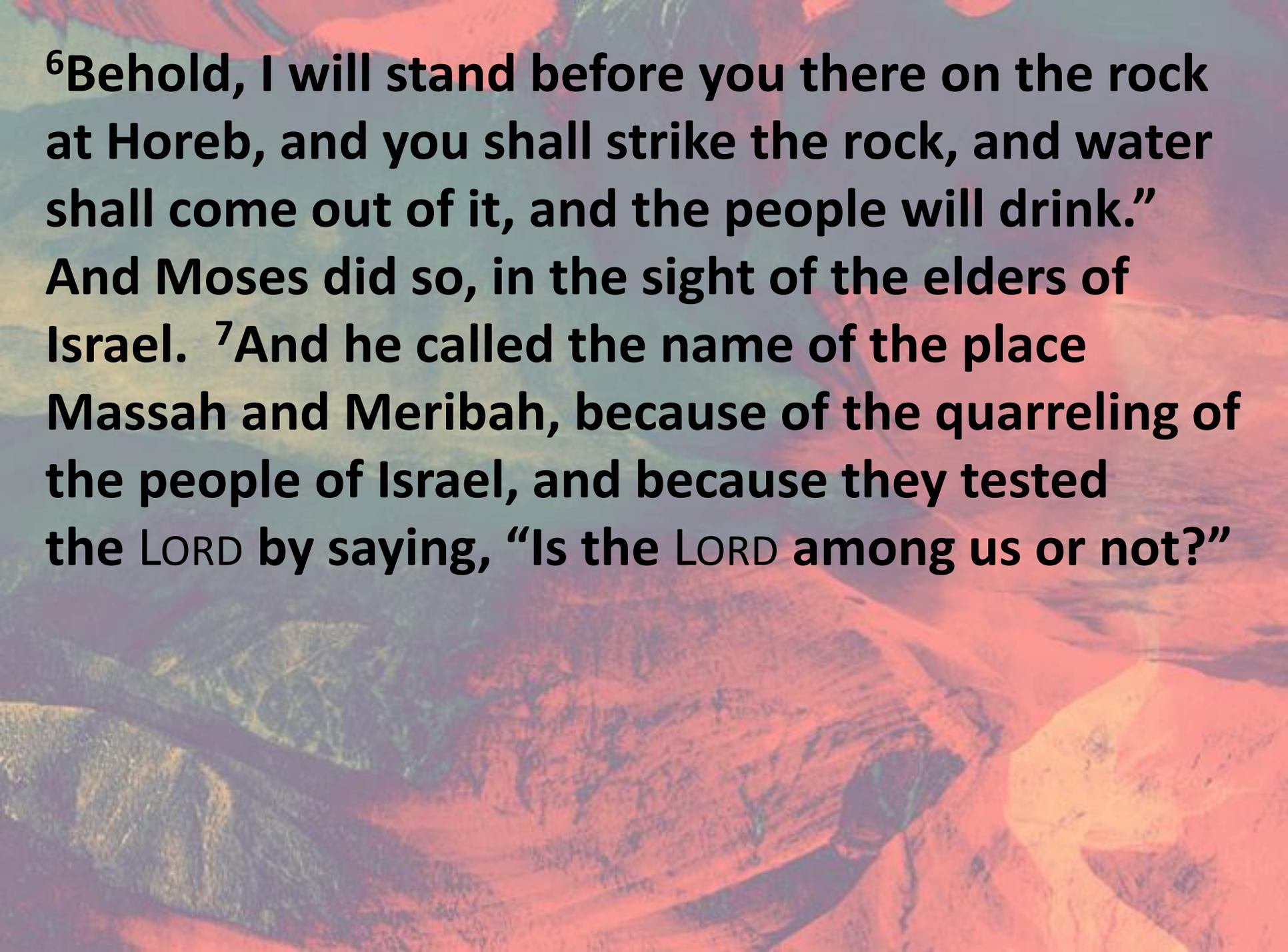
**We only win the battle if  
God is fighting for us.**

An aerial photograph of a desert landscape, likely the Sinai Peninsula, showing a winding road and a small settlement. The terrain is arid and rocky, with some sparse vegetation. The colors are warm, with shades of orange, red, and brown. The text is overlaid on the top half of the image.

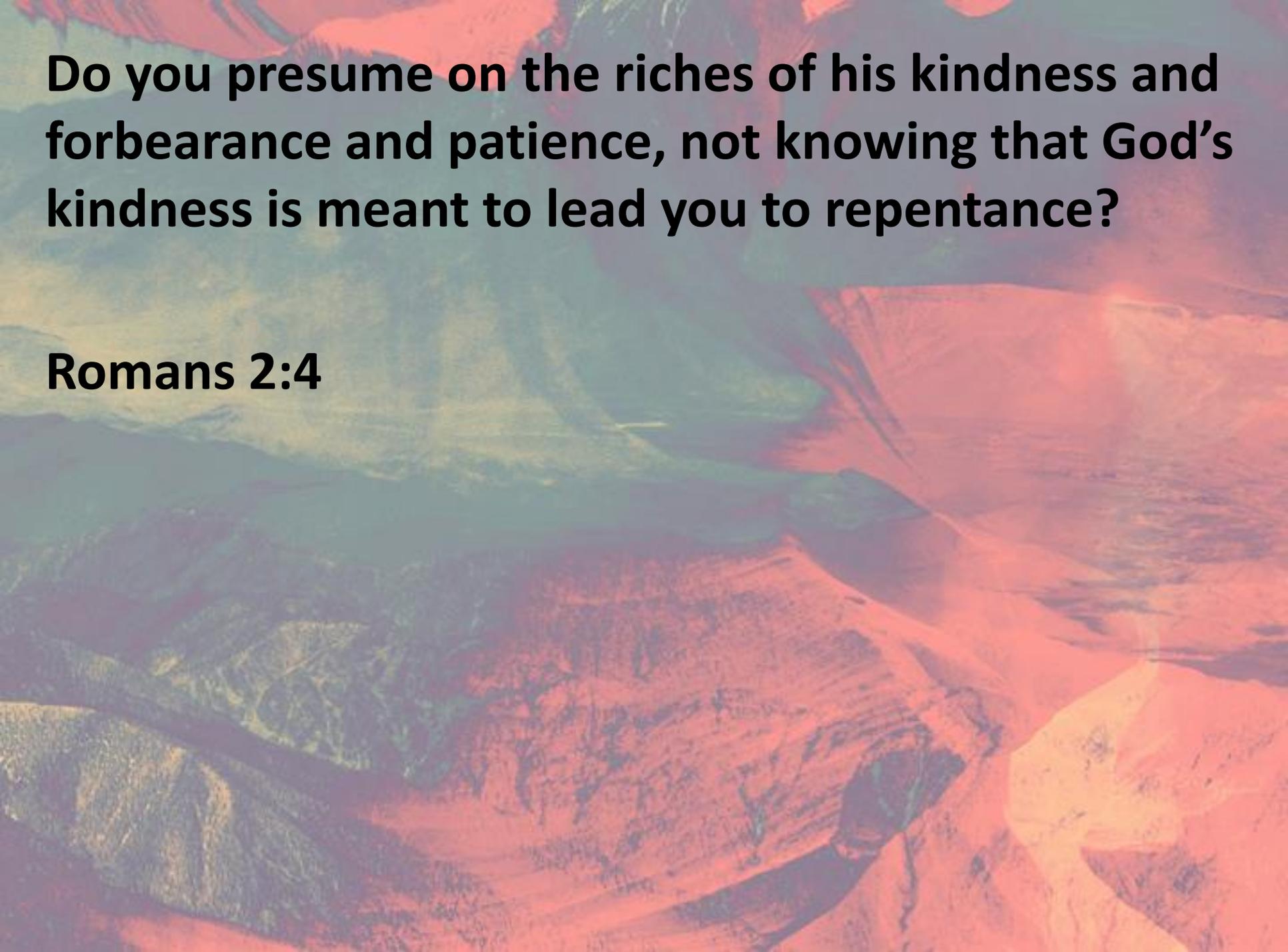
**<sup>1</sup>All the congregation of the people of Israel moved on from the wilderness of Sin by stages, according to the commandment of the LORD, and camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. <sup>2</sup>Therefore the people quarreled with Moses and said, “Give us water to drink.” And Moses said to them, “Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the LORD?” ...**



**<sup>3</sup>But the people thirsted there for water, and the people grumbled against Moses and said, “Why did you bring us up out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and our livestock with thirst?” <sup>4</sup>So Moses cried to the LORD, “What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me.” <sup>5</sup>And the LORD said to Moses, “Pass on before the people, taking with you some of the elders of Israel, and take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. ...**

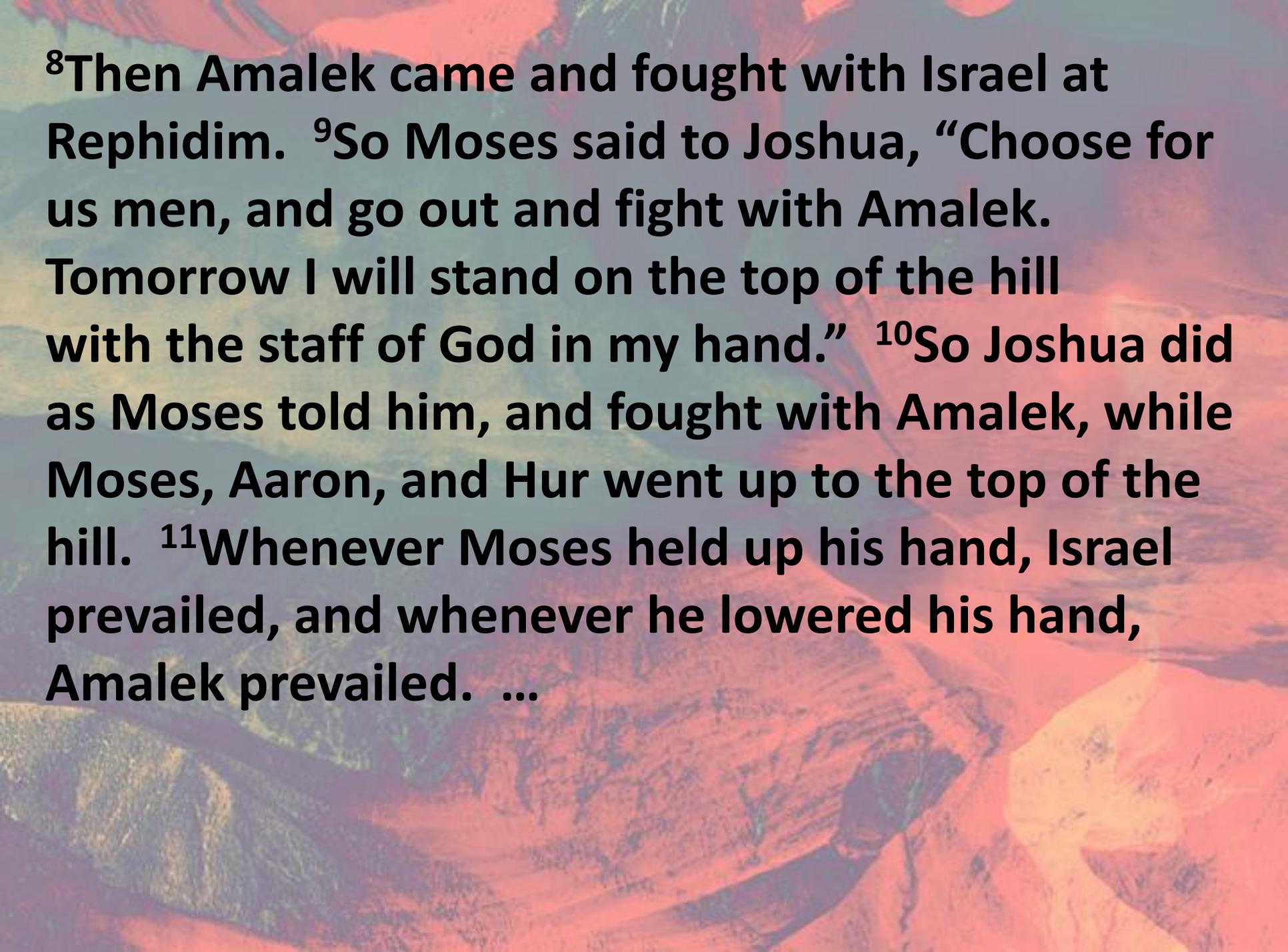


**<sup>6</sup>Behold, I will stand before you there on the rock at Horeb, and you shall strike the rock, and water shall come out of it, and the people will drink.”  
And Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. <sup>7</sup>And he called the name of the place Massah and Meribah, because of the quarreling of the people of Israel, and because they tested the LORD by saying, “Is the LORD among us or not?”**

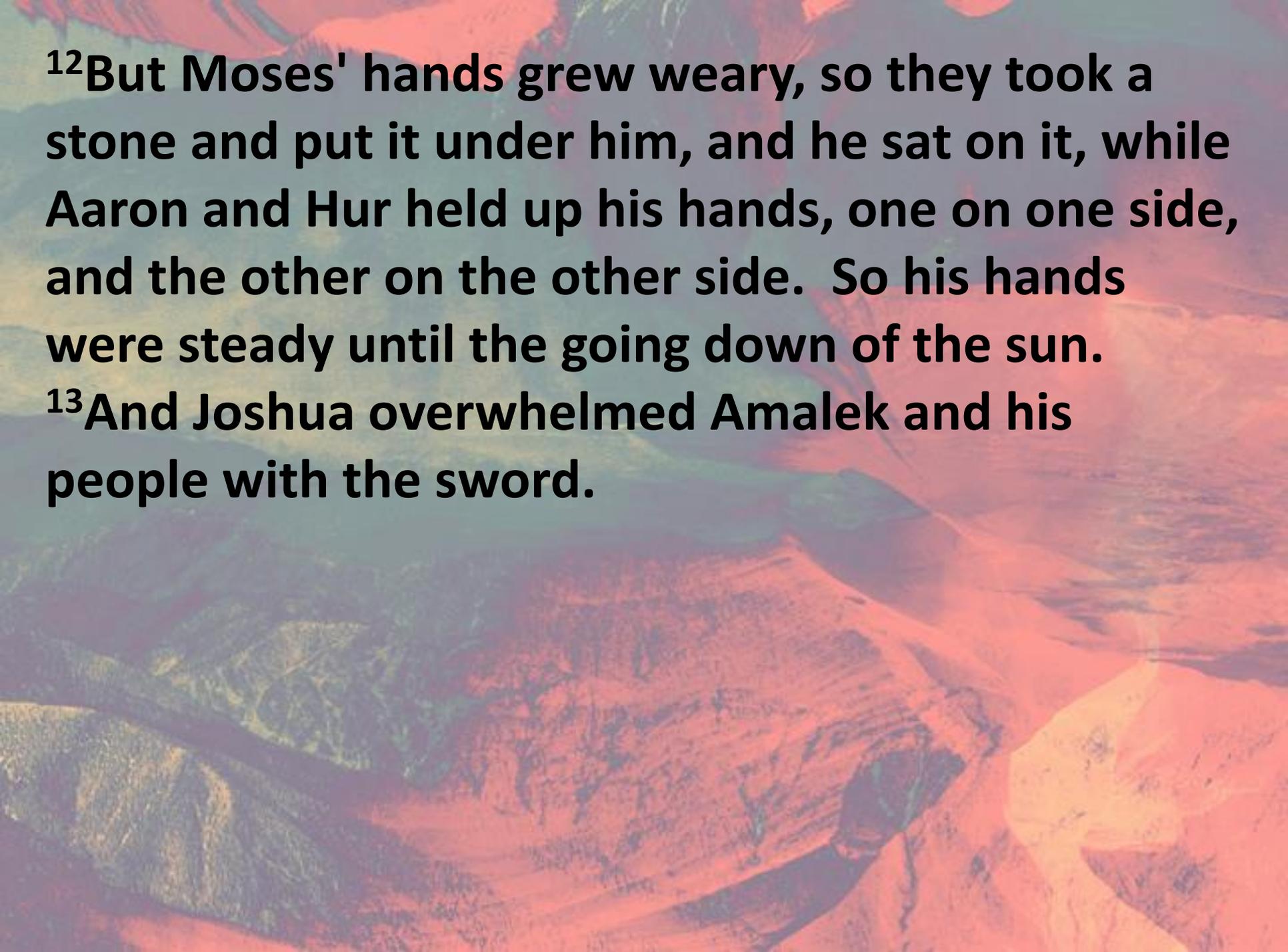
An aerial photograph of a desert canyon. The landscape is characterized by deep, winding canyons with reddish-brown sandstone walls. The floor of the canyons is a mix of red sand and patches of green vegetation. The lighting is bright, creating strong shadows and highlights on the sand dunes and canyon walls.

**Do you presume on the riches of his kindness and forbearance and patience, not knowing that God's kindness is meant to lead you to repentance?**

**Romans 2:4**

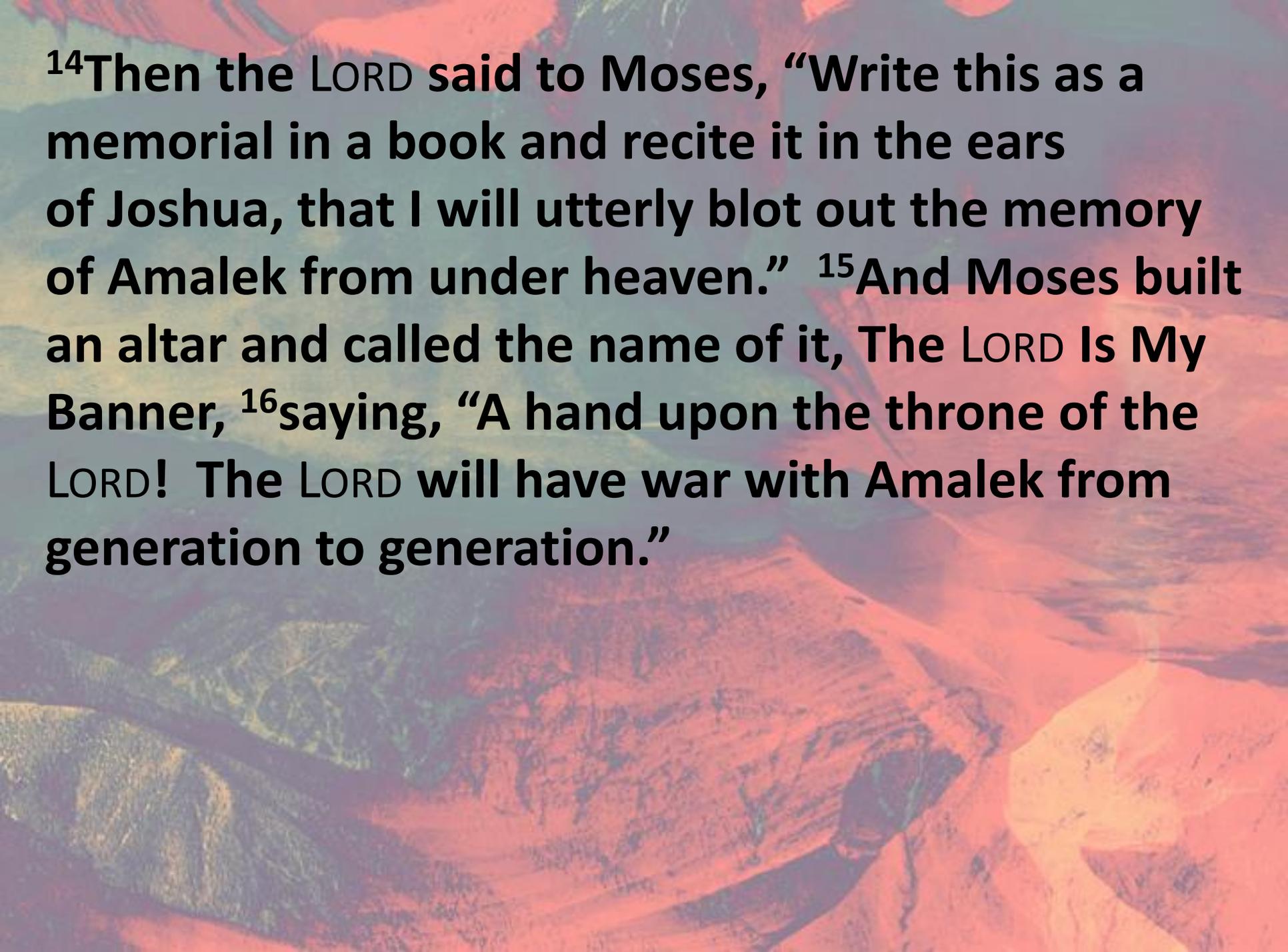


**<sup>8</sup>Then Amalek came and fought with Israel at Rephidim. <sup>9</sup>So Moses said to Joshua, “Choose for us men, and go out and fight with Amalek. Tomorrow I will stand on the top of the hill with the staff of God in my hand.” <sup>10</sup>So Joshua did as Moses told him, and fought with Amalek, while Moses, Aaron, and Hur went up to the top of the hill. <sup>11</sup>Whenever Moses held up his hand, Israel prevailed, and whenever he lowered his hand, Amalek prevailed. ...**

An aerial photograph of a desert canyon with a winding road. The canyon walls are reddish-brown, and the road is a light tan color. The sky is a pale blue. The text is overlaid on the top half of the image.

**<sup>12</sup>But Moses' hands grew weary, so they took a stone and put it under him, and he sat on it, while Aaron and Hur held up his hands, one on one side, and the other on the other side. So his hands were steady until the going down of the sun.**

**<sup>13</sup>And Joshua overwhelmed Amalek and his people with the sword.**



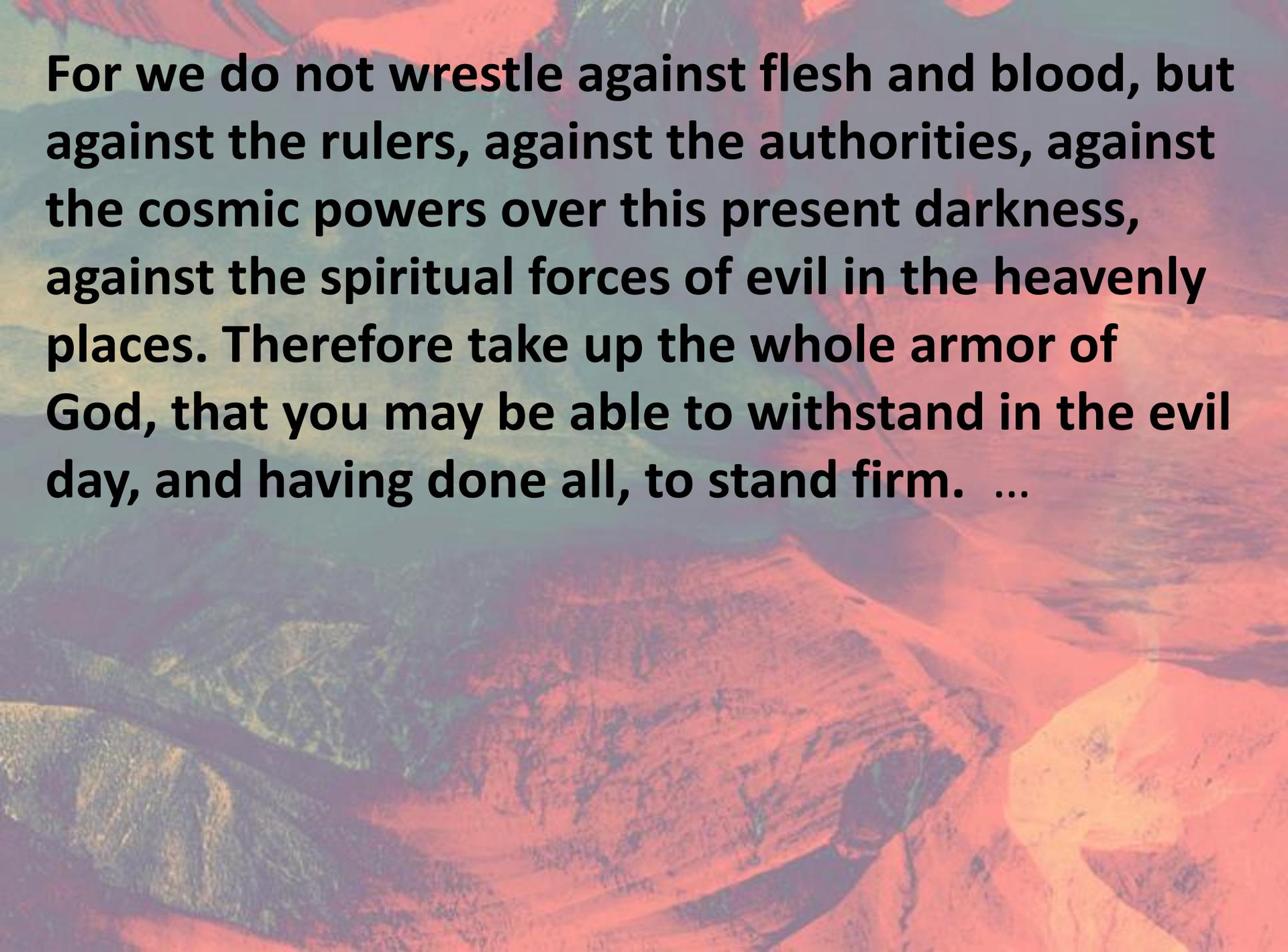
**<sup>14</sup>Then the LORD said to Moses, “Write this as a memorial in a book and recite it in the ears of Joshua, that I will utterly blot out the memory of Amalek from under heaven.” <sup>15</sup>And Moses built an altar and called the name of it, The LORD Is My Banner, <sup>16</sup>saying, “A hand upon the throne of the LORD! The LORD will have war with Amalek from generation to generation.”**

A close-up photograph of a hand holding a banner. The banner is primarily red with a white design, possibly a cross or a similar symbol. The hand is positioned in the lower right corner, gripping the edge of the banner. The background is a blurred, textured surface, likely the fabric of the banner or a similar material, showing various shades of red and white. The lighting is soft, highlighting the texture of the fabric and the grip of the hand.

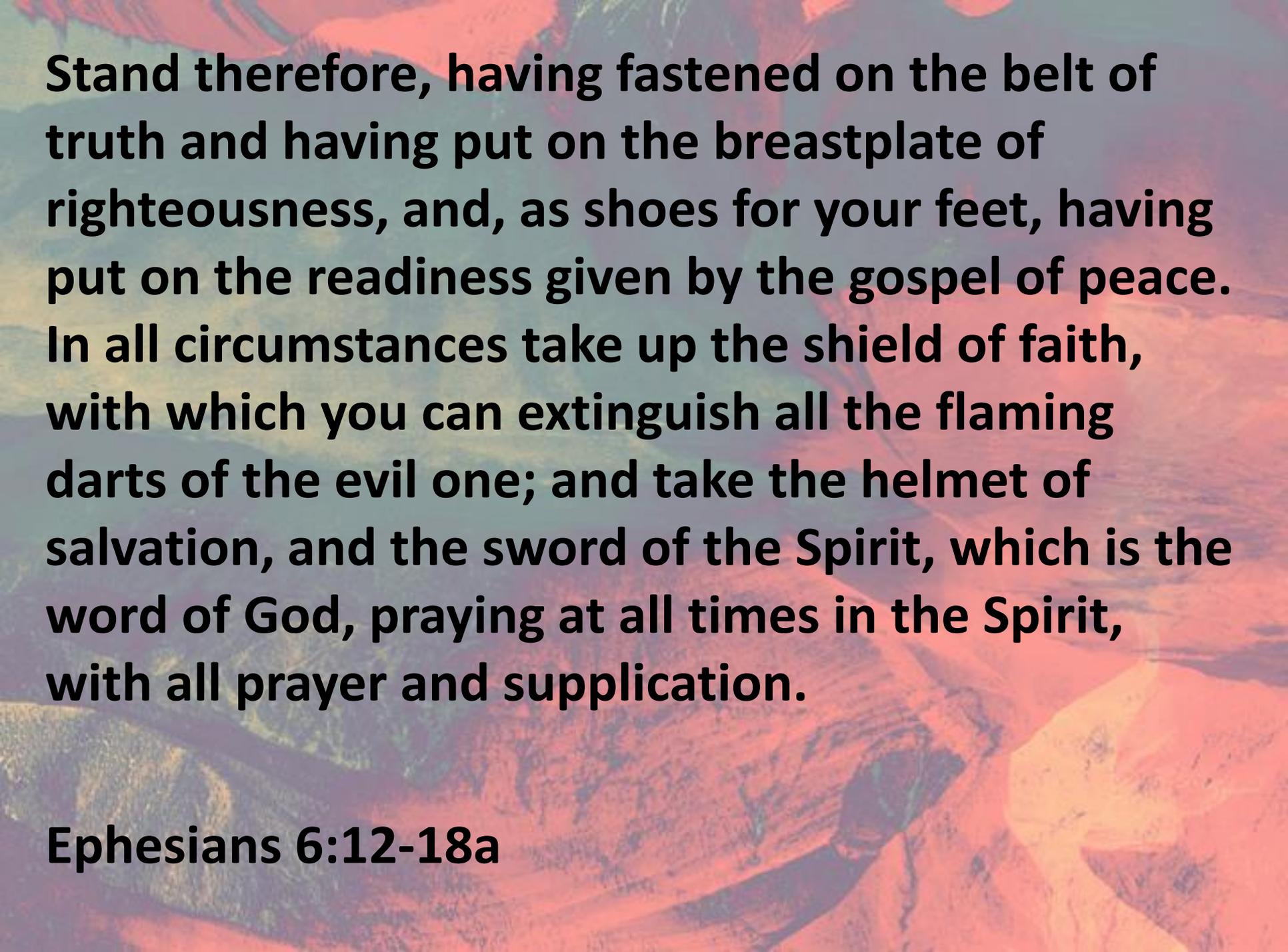
**Are you living under the  
Lord's Banner?**

**And you, who were dead in your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made alive together with him, having forgiven us all our trespasses, by canceling the record of debt that stood against us with its legal demands. This he set aside, nailing it to the cross. He disarmed the rulers and authorities and put them to open shame, by triumphing over them in him.**

**Colossians 2:13-15**



**For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers over this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand firm. ...**



**Stand therefore, having fastened on the belt of truth and having put on the breastplate of righteousness, and, as shoes for your feet, having put on the readiness given by the gospel of peace. In all circumstances take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming darts of the evil one; and take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God, praying at all times in the Spirit, with all prayer and supplication.**

**Ephesians 6:12-18a**



**During this time of reflection,  
please consider this question:**

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Lord's Banner**