



REMEMBER

DEUTERONOMY 8

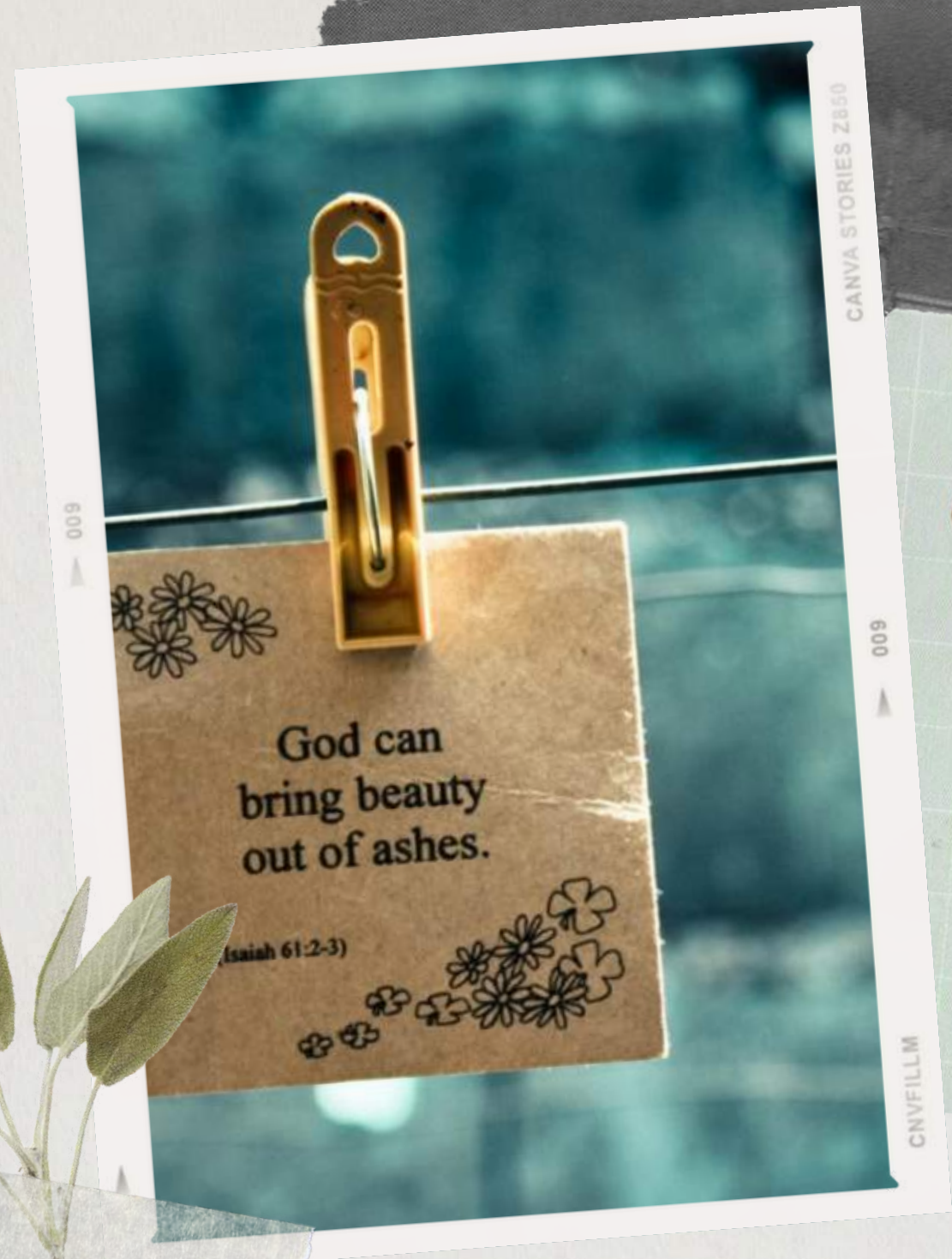
HOW HAS YOUR
YEAR BEEN?



YOUR ONE WORD?

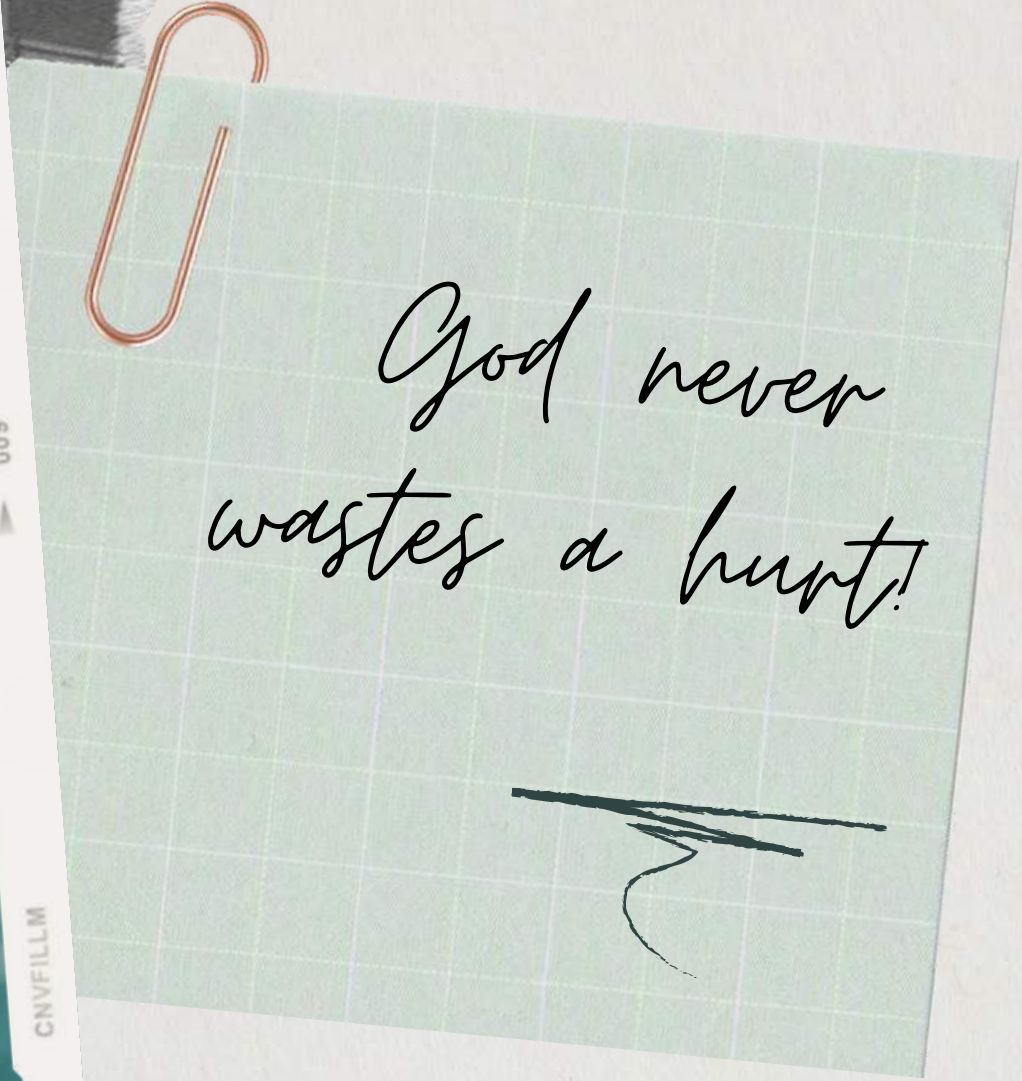
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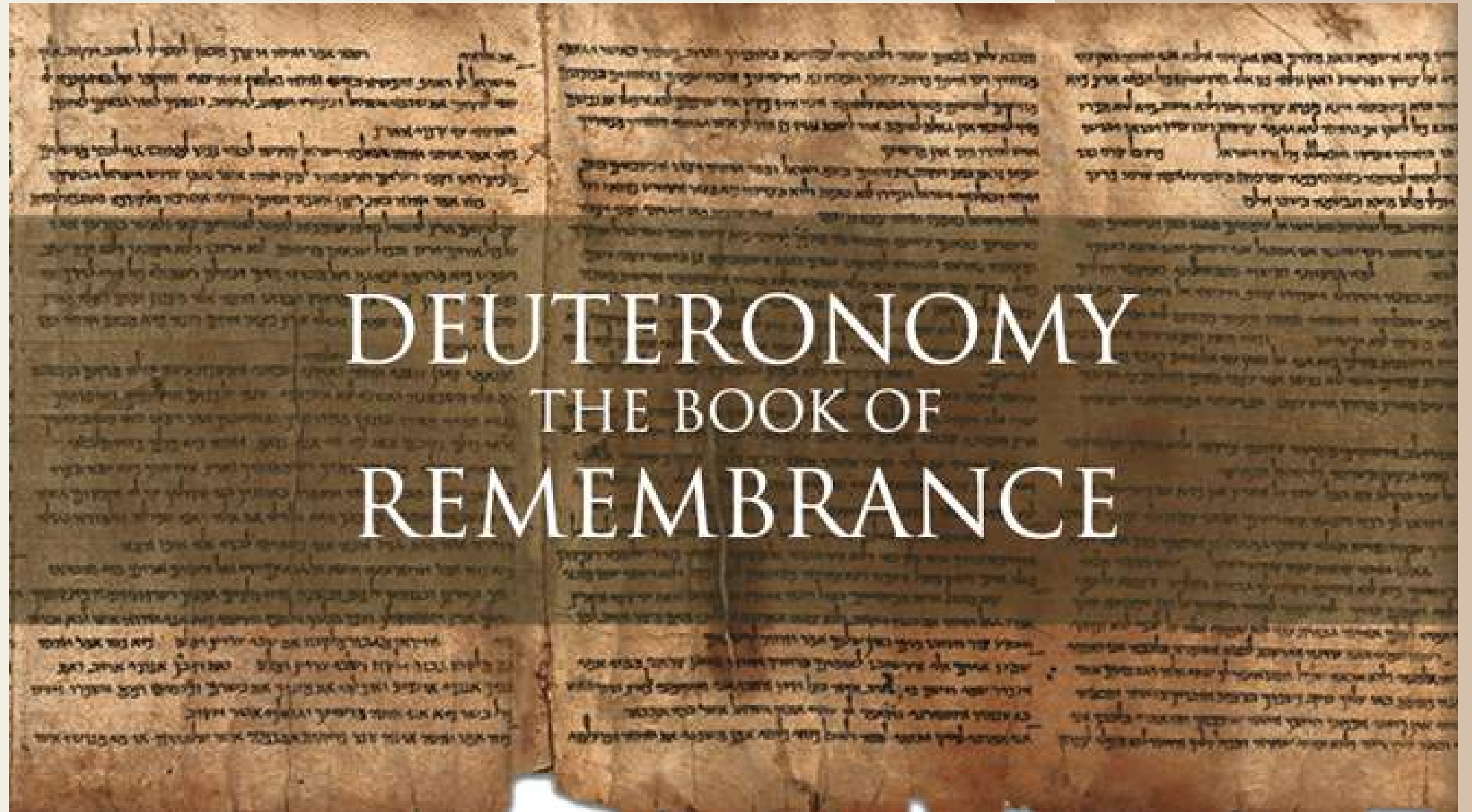
God can
bring beauty
out of ashes.

(Isaiah 61:2-3)



God never
wastes a hurt!

**REFLECTING ON
40 YEARS OF
WILDERNESS
LESSONS**



**DEUTERONOMY
THE BOOK OF
REMEMBRANCE**



REMEMBER THE LORD'S LEADING

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2 Remember how the Lord your God led you all the way in the wilderness these forty years, to humble and test you in order to know what was in your heart, whether or not you would keep his commands.





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15 He led you through the vast and dreadful wilderness, that thirsty and waterless land, with its venomous snakes and scorpions. He brought you water out of hard rock.



HAS GOD FORGOTTEN ABOUT ME?

FORSAKEN & FORGOTTEN?

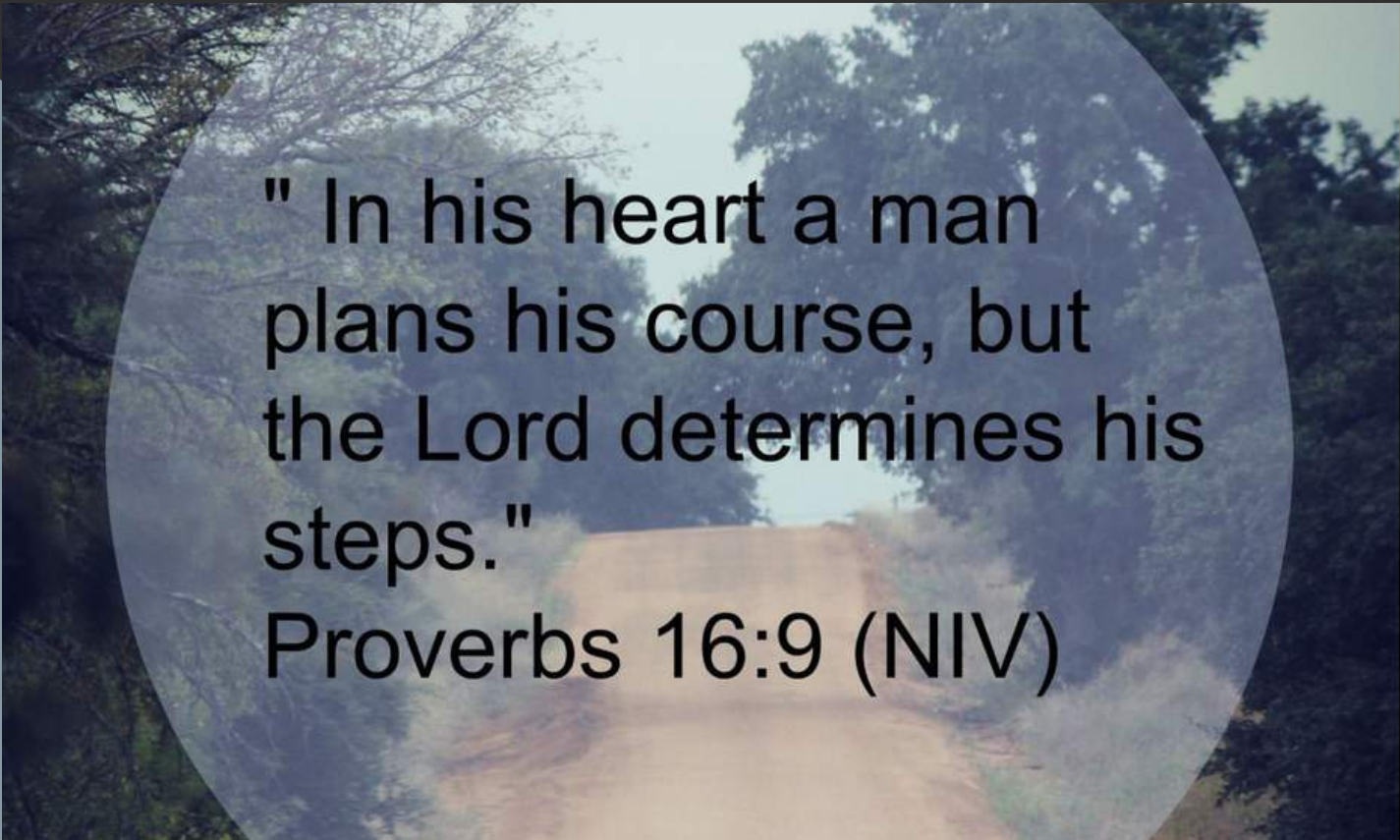
DIFFICULTIES

DIVINE INTERVENTION

A person is walking away from the camera across a vast, golden sand dune landscape under a dramatic, cloudy sky at sunset or sunrise. The person's footprints are visible in the sand.

I KNOW, O LORD, THAT A MAN'S
LIFE IS NOT HIS OWN; IT IS NOT
FOR MAN TO DIRECT HIS STEPS.

- JEREMIAH 10:23 -

A dirt road winds through a dense forest with tall trees and a canopy of green leaves. The scene is captured from a low angle, looking down the road.

" In his heart a man
plans his course, but
the Lord determines his
steps."

Proverbs 16:9 (NIV)

THE LORD CAN BE
TRUSTED
COMPLETELY



REMEMBER
The Lord
Has His Purpose


2 Remember how the Lord your God led you all the way in the wilderness these forty years, to humble and test you in order to know what was in your heart, whether or not you would keep his commands. 3 He humbled you, causing you to hunger and then feeding you with manna, which neither you nor your ancestors had known, to teach you that man does not live on bread alone but on every word that comes from the mouth of the Lord. *(Deuteronomy 8)*

REMEMBER THE LORD'S TESTING

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2 ... to humble and test you in order to know what was in your heart, whether or not you would keep his commands.





THE HEART IS
DECEITFUL
ABOVE ALL THINGS
AND BEYOND
CURE. WHO CAN
UNDERSTAND IT?

JEREMIAH 17:9

Proverbs 17

3 The crucible for silver and the furnace for gold, but the Lord tests the heart.

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Deuteronomy 8



**Remember
The Lord's Teaching**



BEHOLD,
I AM ABOUT
TO RAIN BREAD FROM
HEAVEN FOR YOU
- EXODUS 16:4

EXODUS 16

4 Then the Lord said to Moses, “I will rain down bread from heaven for you. The people are to go out each day and gather enough for that day. In this way I will test them and see whether they will follow my instructions. 5 On the sixth day they are to prepare what they bring in, and that is to be twice as much as they gather on the other days.”

THE CENTRALITY OF
GOD'S WORD

Moses' Call

FOLLOW

1 Be careful to follow every command I am giving you today, so that you may live and increase and may enter and possess the land that the Lord promised on oath to your ancestors.

OBEY

6 Observe the commands of the Lord your God, walking in obedience to him and revering him.

DO NOT FORGET

11 Be careful that you do not forget the Lord your God, failing to observe his commands, his laws and his decrees that I am giving you this day.

GOD IS MORE CONCERNED WITH YOUR CHARACTER THAN YOUR COMFORT

God disciplines us for our good, in order that we may share in his holiness. 11 No discipline seems pleasant at the time, but painful. Later on, however, it produces a harvest of righteousness and peace for those who have been trained by it. (Hebrews 12)





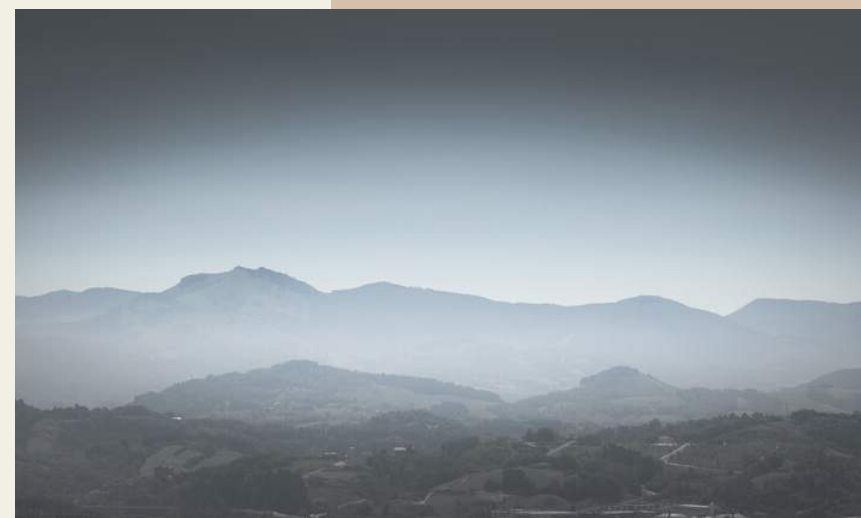
For Our Ultimate Benefit

16 He gave you manna to eat in the wilderness, something your ancestors had never known, to humble and test you so that in the end it might go well with you.

(Deuteronomy 8)

12 Otherwise, when you eat and are satisfied, when you build fine houses and settle down, 13 and when your herds and flocks grow large and your silver and gold increase and all you have is multiplied, 14 then your heart will become proud and you will forget the Lord your God, who brought you out of Egypt, out of the land of slavery. (Deuteronomy 8)





PRIDE

17 You may say to yourself, 'My power and the strength of my hands have produced this wealth for me.'

FORGETTING THE LORD

18 But remember the Lord your God, for it is he who gives you the ability to produce wealth, and so confirms his covenant, which he swore to your ancestors, as it is today.

THE DANGERS OF PROSPERITY

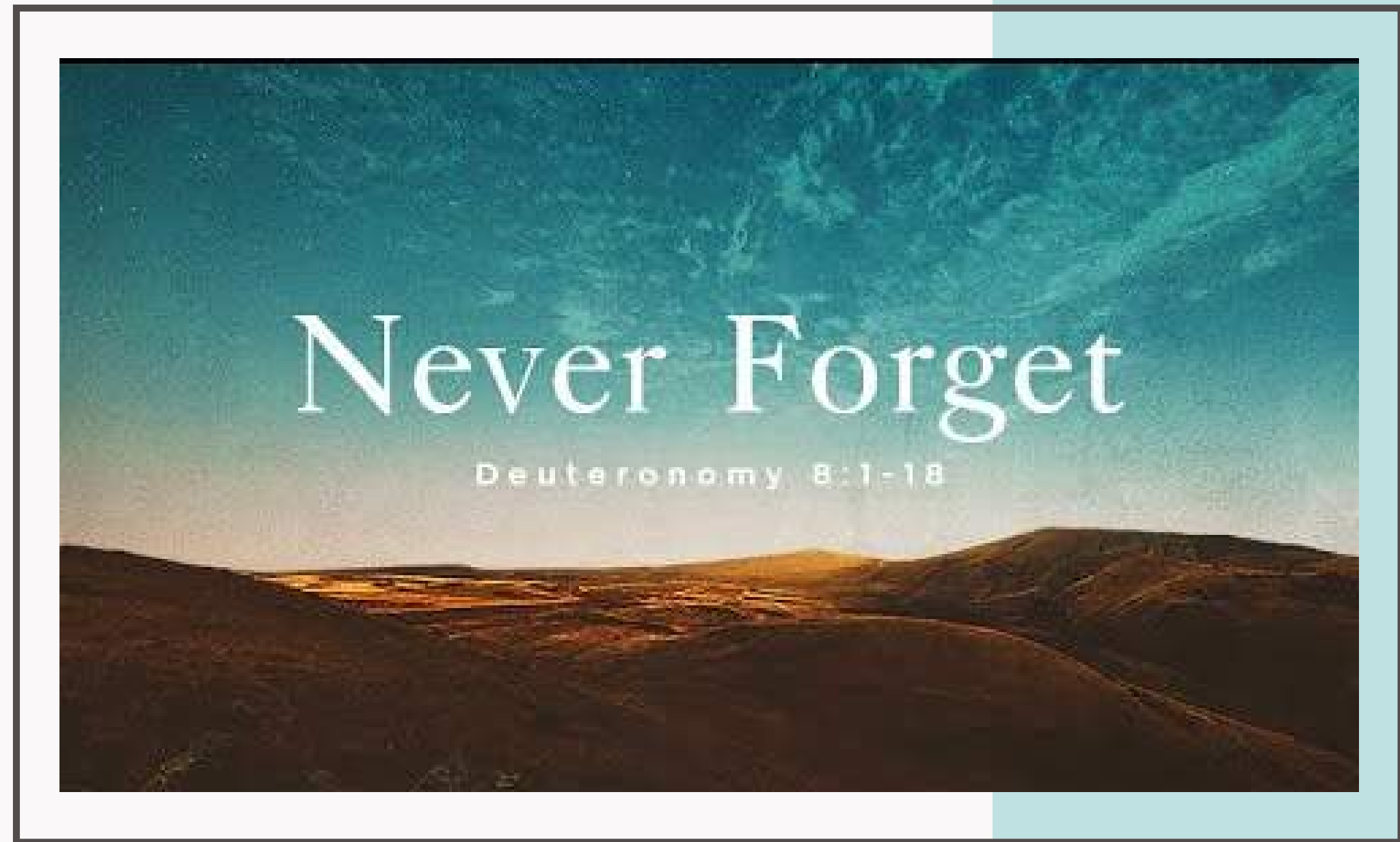


THE BEST PROTECTION

10 When you have eaten and are satisfied, praise the Lord your God for the good land he has given you.

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19 If you ever forget the Lord your God and follow other gods and worship and bow down to them, I testify against you today that you will surely be destroyed. 20 Like the nations the Lord destroyed before you, so you will be destroyed for not obeying the Lord your God.





Reflecting on your
journey is navigating
the past with
tomorrow in mind.