

# Faith

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## Mathew 17:17-20

*“<sup>17</sup> Then Jesus answered and said, O faithless and perverse generation, how long shall I be with you? How long shall I bear with you? Bring him here to Me.” <sup>18</sup> And Jesus rebuked the demon, and it came out of him; and the child was cured from that very hour.*

Why listen?



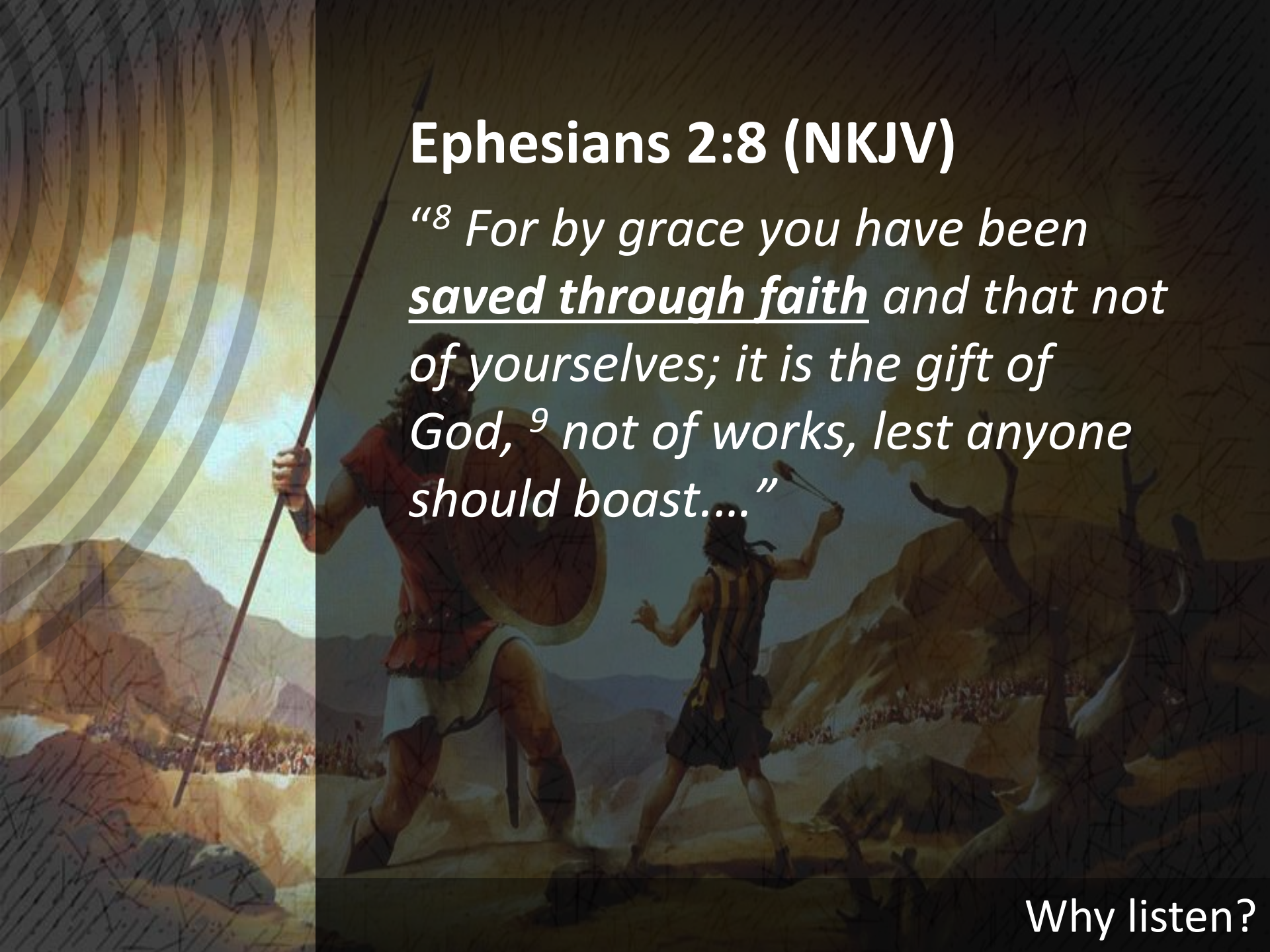
The background features a detailed illustration of Jesus, with long hair and a beard, wearing a red tunic and a brown sash. He holds a long wooden staff in his right hand. To his left, a large crowd of people is gathered in a valley, with mountains in the distance. The sky is filled with soft, golden light, suggesting a sunrise or sunset. The overall scene is set in a rugged, mountainous landscape.

## Mathew 17:17-20

*“<sup>19</sup> Then the disciples came to Jesus privately and said, “Why could we not cast it out?” <sup>20</sup> So Jesus said to them, “Because of your unbelief; for assuredly, I say to you, if you have faith as a mustard seed, you will say to this mountain, ‘Move from here to there,’ and it will move; and nothing will be impossible for you.”*

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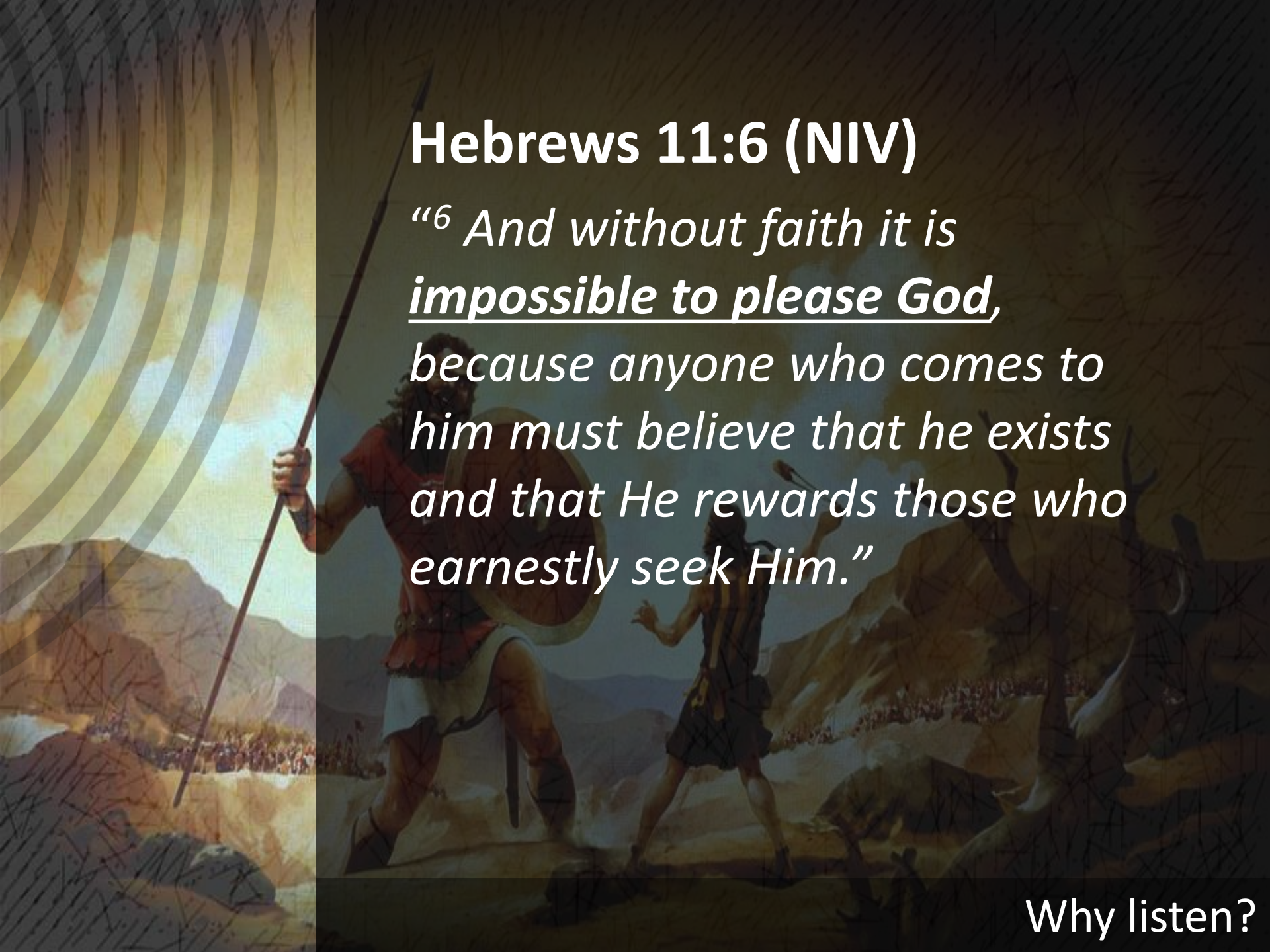


## Ephesians 2:8 (NKJV)

*“<sup>8</sup> For by grace you have been saved through faith and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God, <sup>9</sup> not of works, lest anyone should boast....”*

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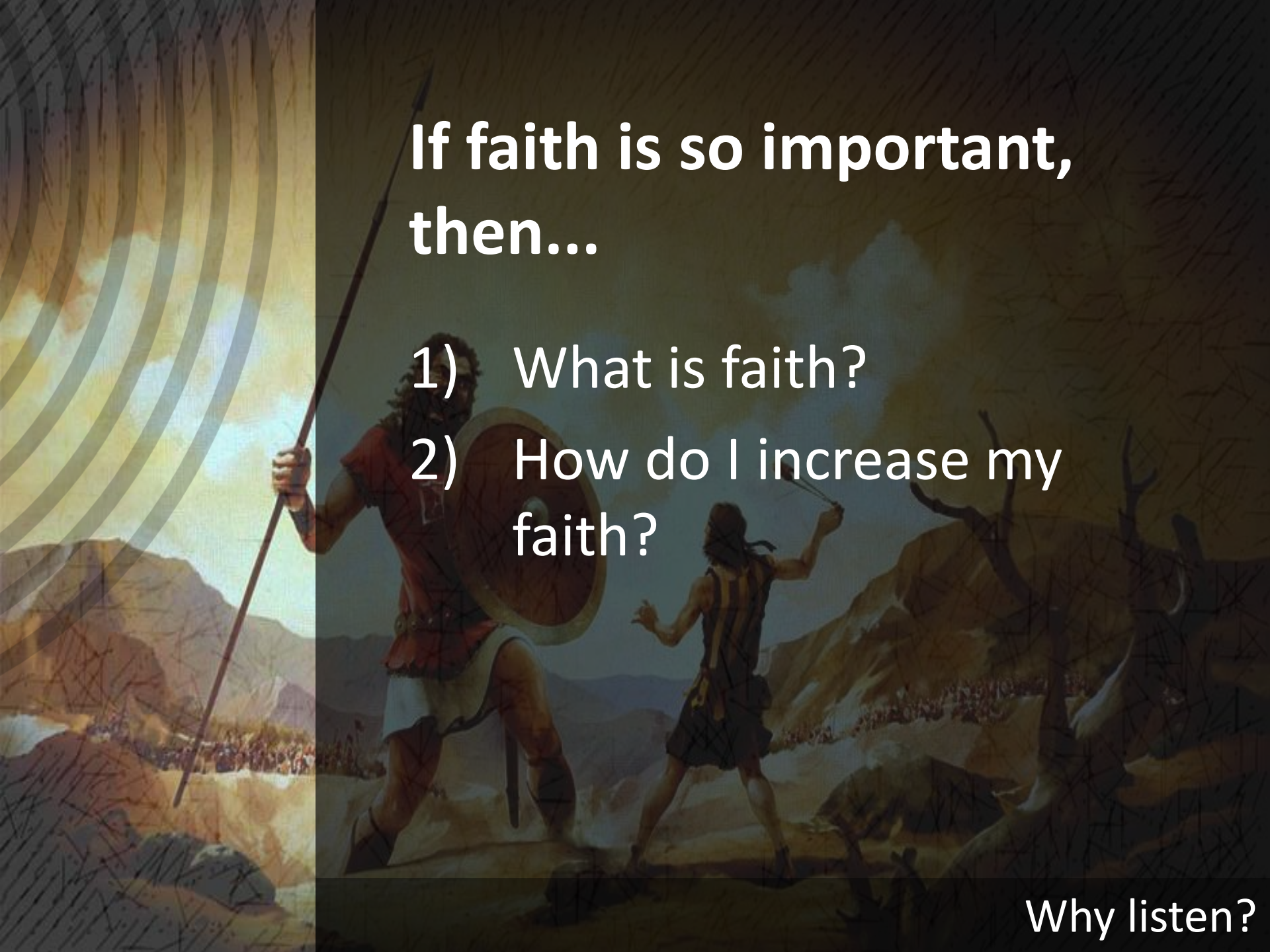




## Hebrews 11:6 (NIV)

*“<sup>6</sup> And without faith it is impossible to please God, because anyone who comes to him must believe that he exists and that He rewards those who earnestly seek Him.”*

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**If faith is so important,  
then...**

- 1) What is faith?
- 2) How do I increase my faith?

**Why listen?**



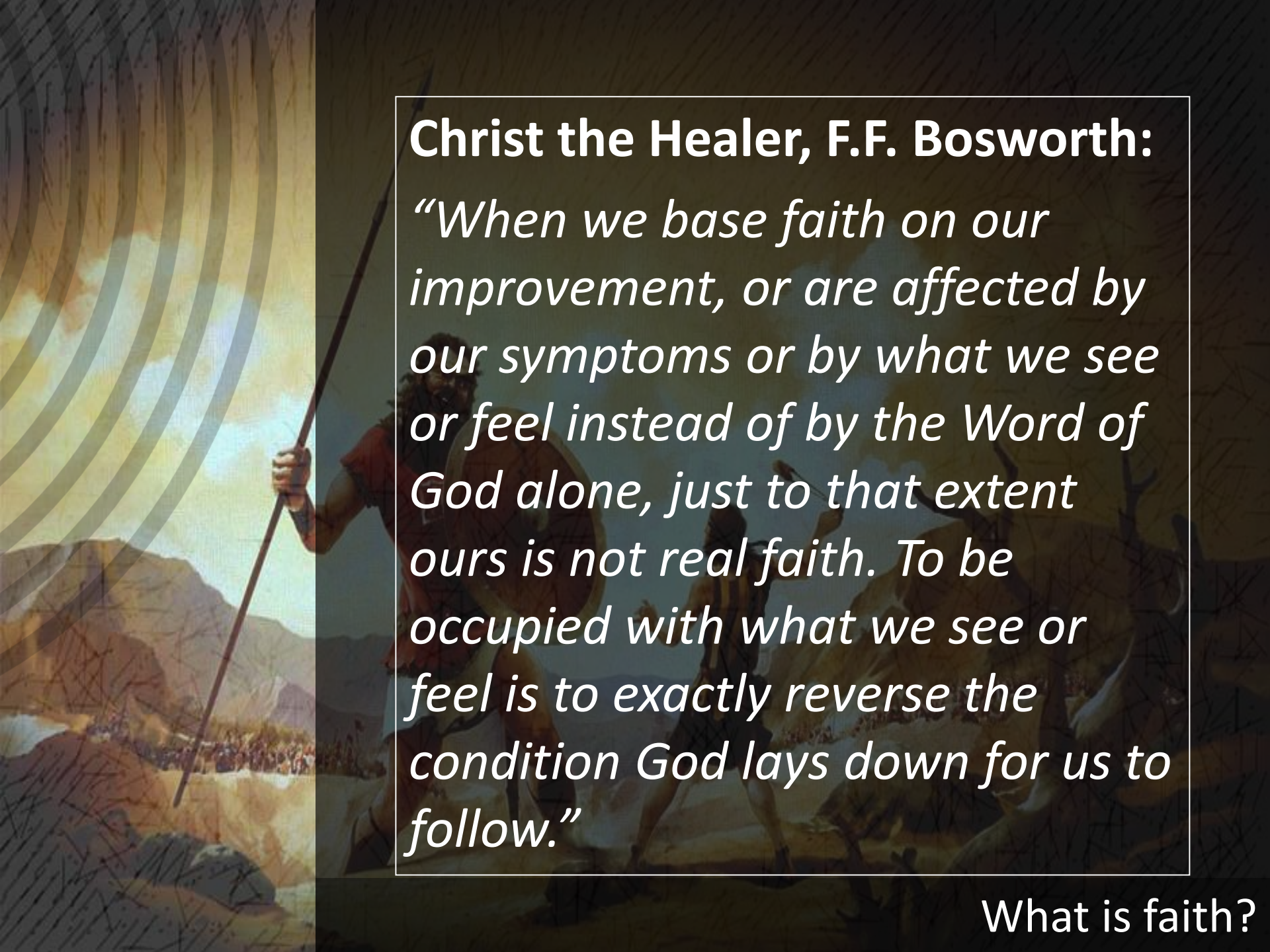


## Hebrews 11: 1 (NKJV)

*“<sup>1</sup> Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.”*

What is faith?





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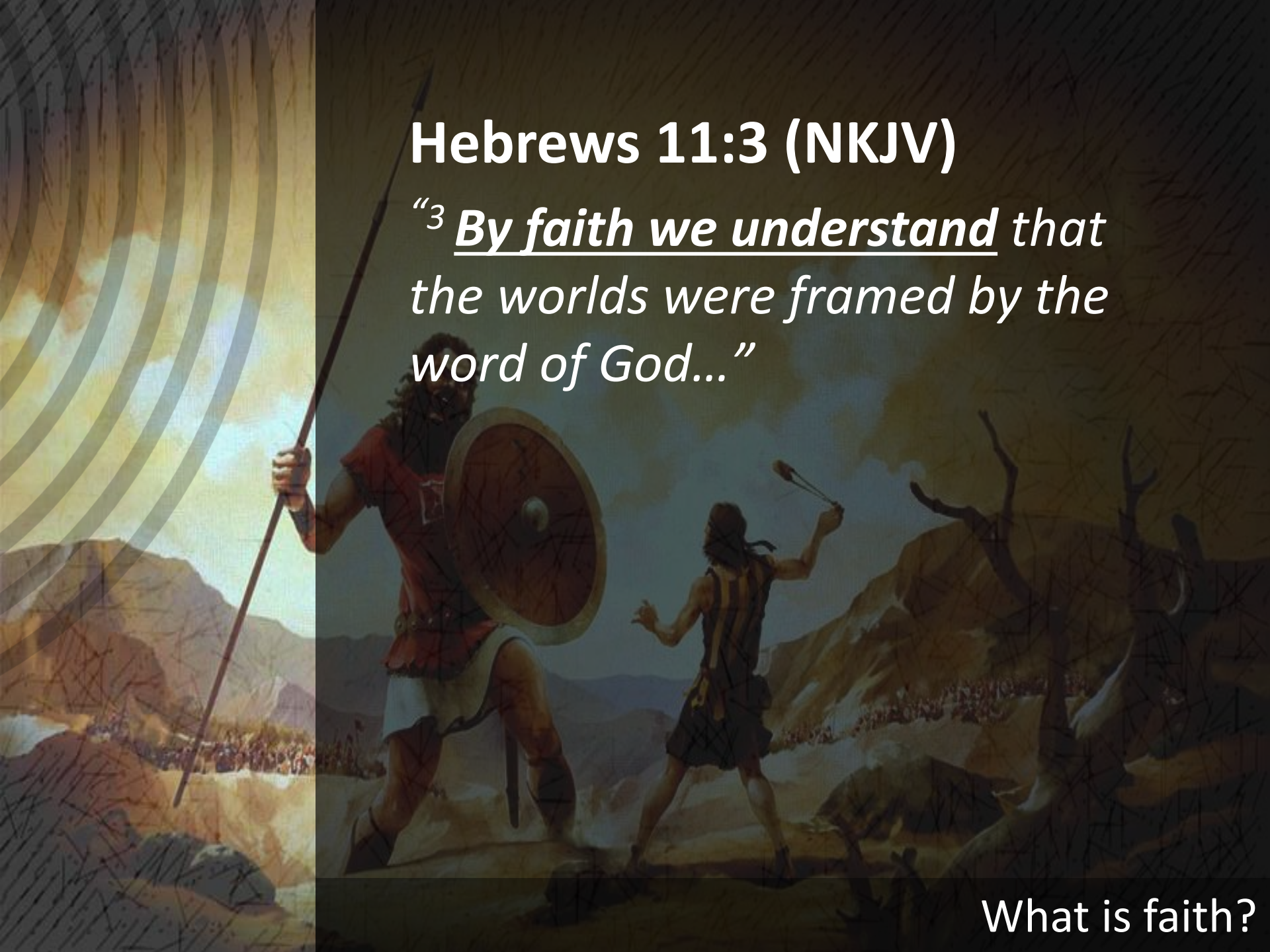
*“When we base faith on our improvement, or are affected by our symptoms or by what we see or feel instead of by the Word of God alone, just to that extent ours is not real faith. To be occupied with what we see or feel is to exactly reverse the condition God lays down for us to follow.”*

What is faith?



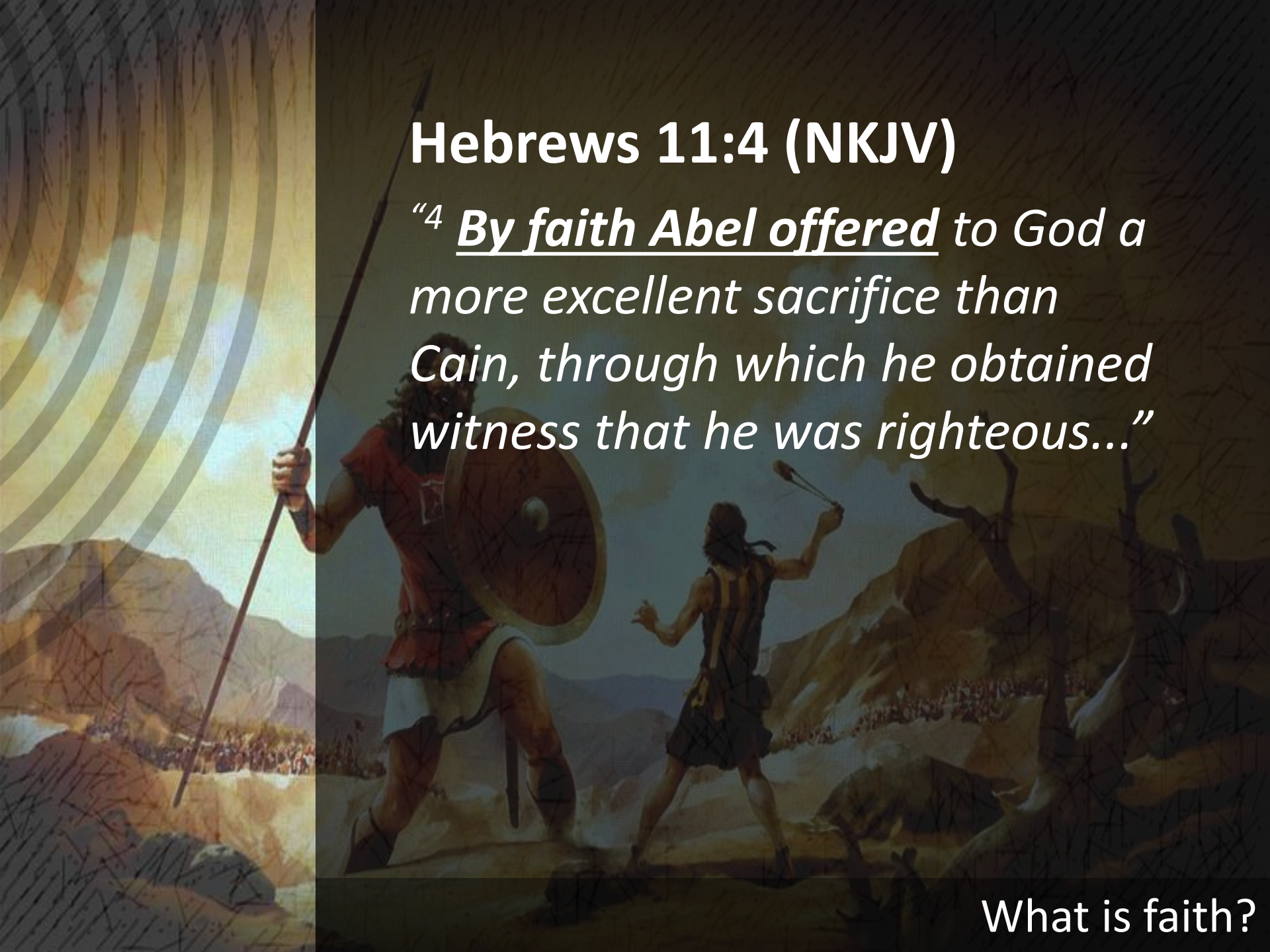
## Hebrews 11:3 (NKJV)

*“<sup>3</sup> By faith we understand that the worlds were framed by the word of God...”*



What is faith?



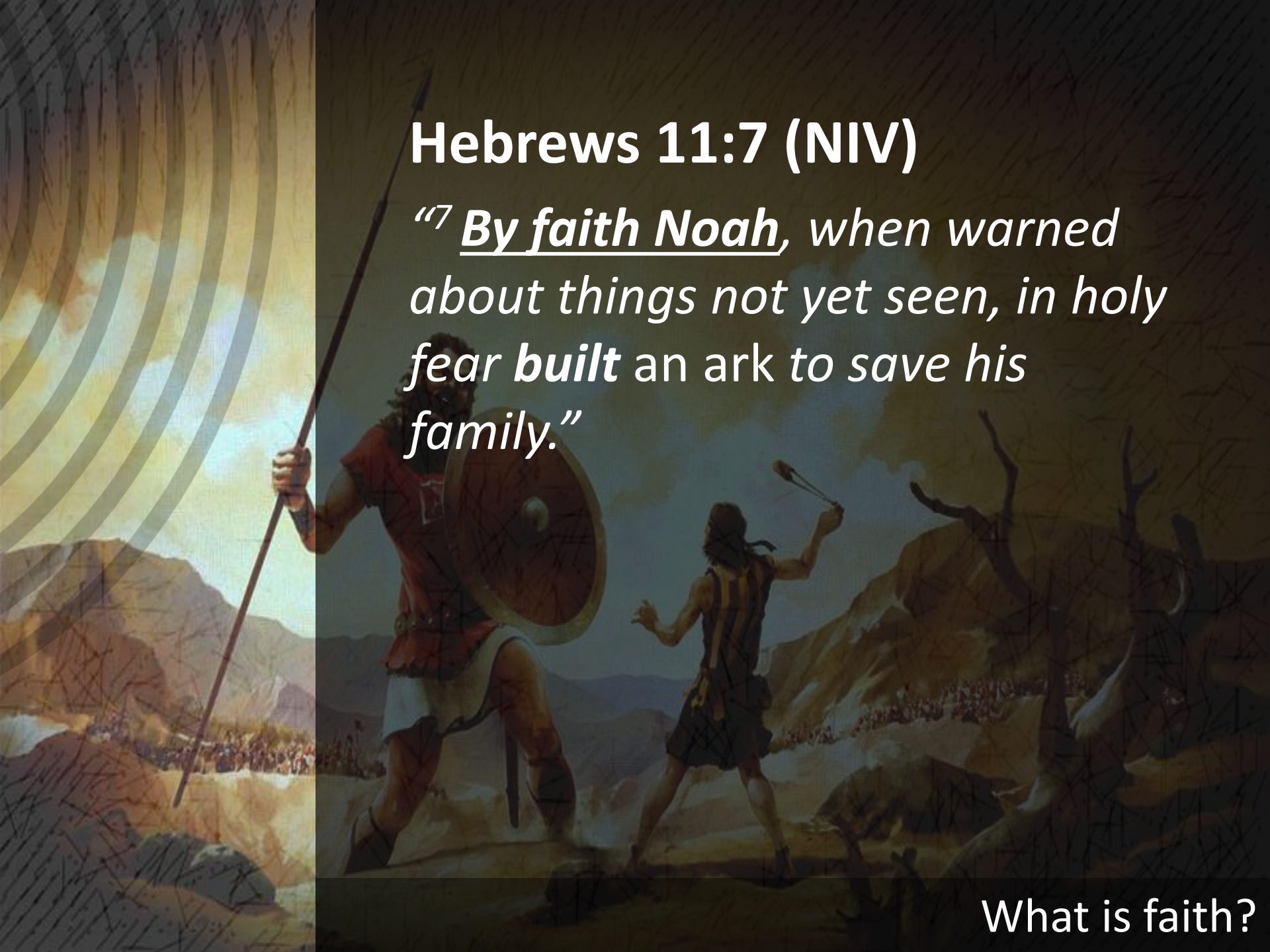


## Hebrews 11:4 (NKJV)

*“<sup>4</sup> By faith Abel offered to God a more excellent sacrifice than Cain, through which he obtained witness that he was righteous...”*

What is faith?



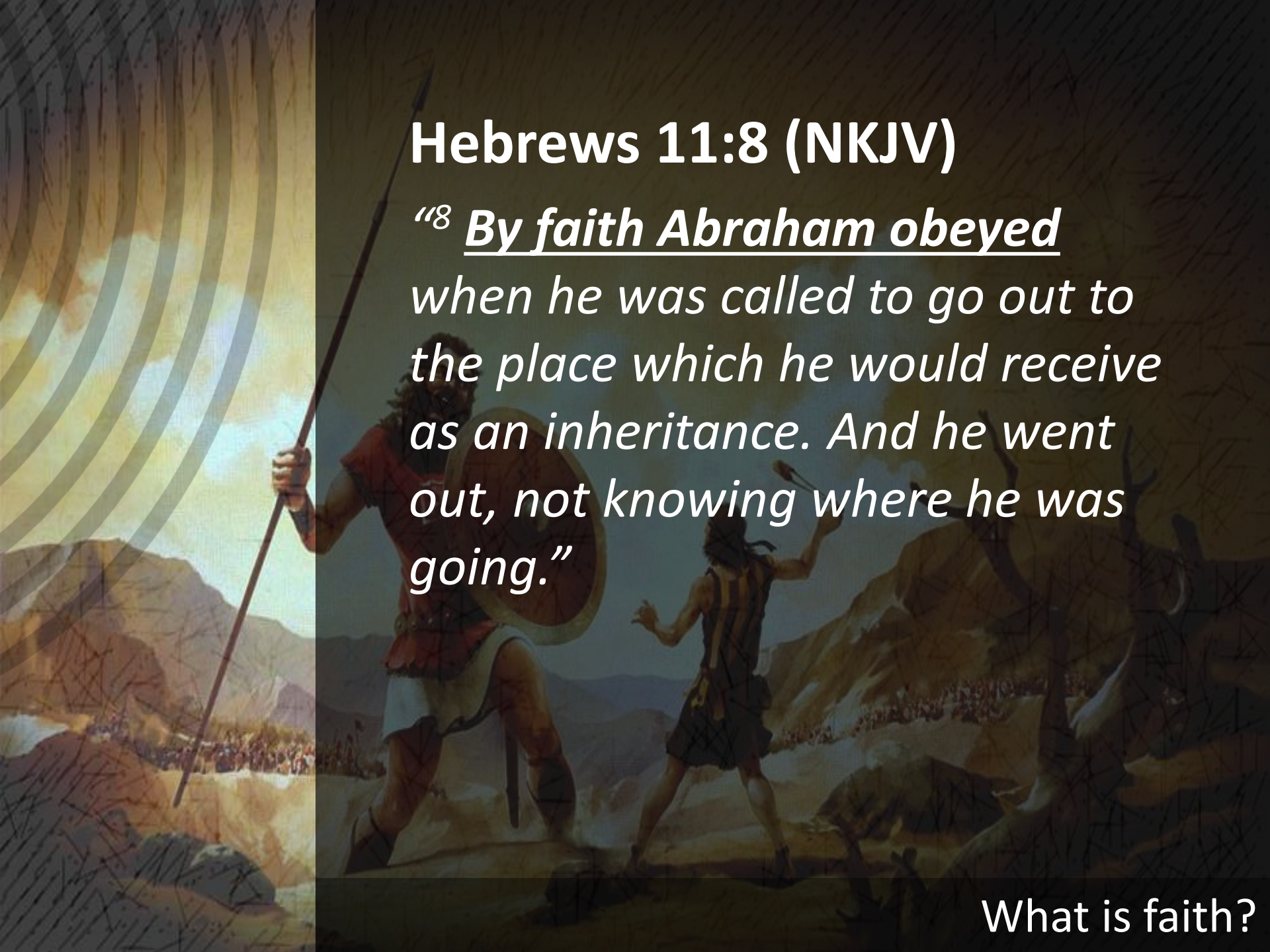


## Hebrews 11:7 (NIV)

*“7 By faith Noah, when warned about things not yet seen, in holy fear **built** an ark to save his family.”*

What is faith?





## Hebrews 11:8 (NKJV)

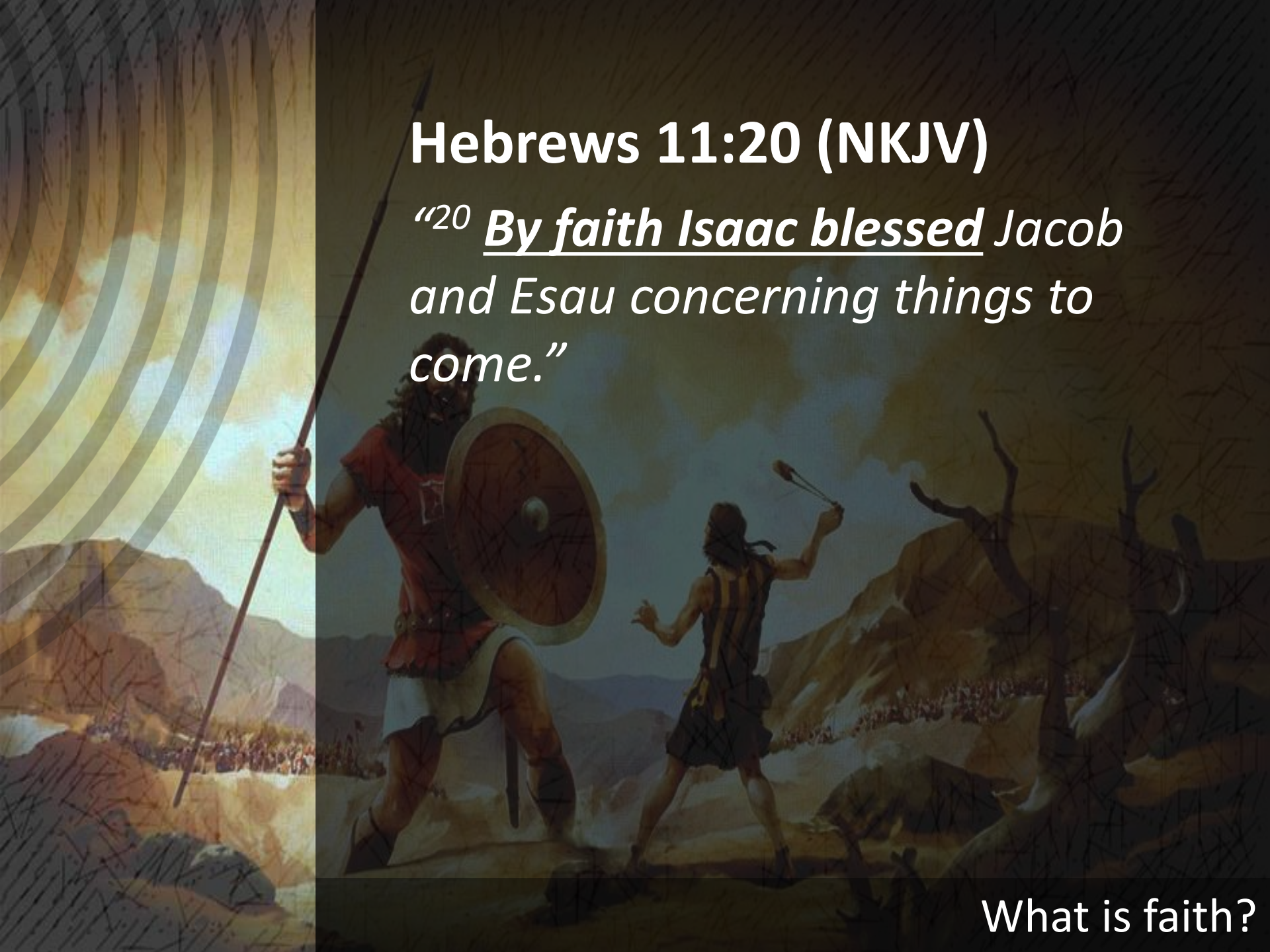
*“8 By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to go out to the place which he would receive as an inheritance. And he went out, not knowing where he was going.”*

What is faith?



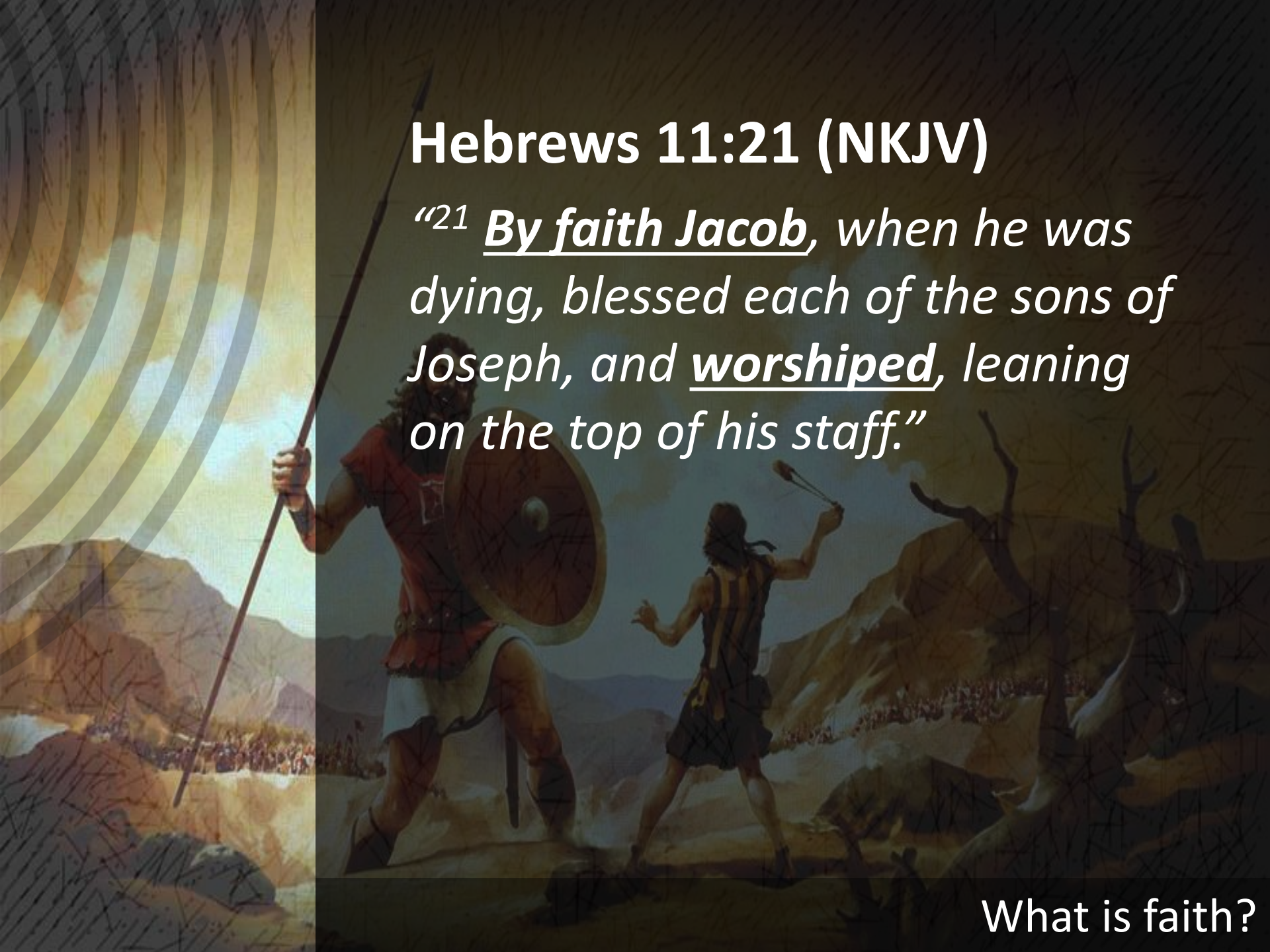
## Hebrews 11:20 (NKJV)

*“<sup>20</sup> By faith Isaac blessed Jacob and Esau concerning things to come.”*



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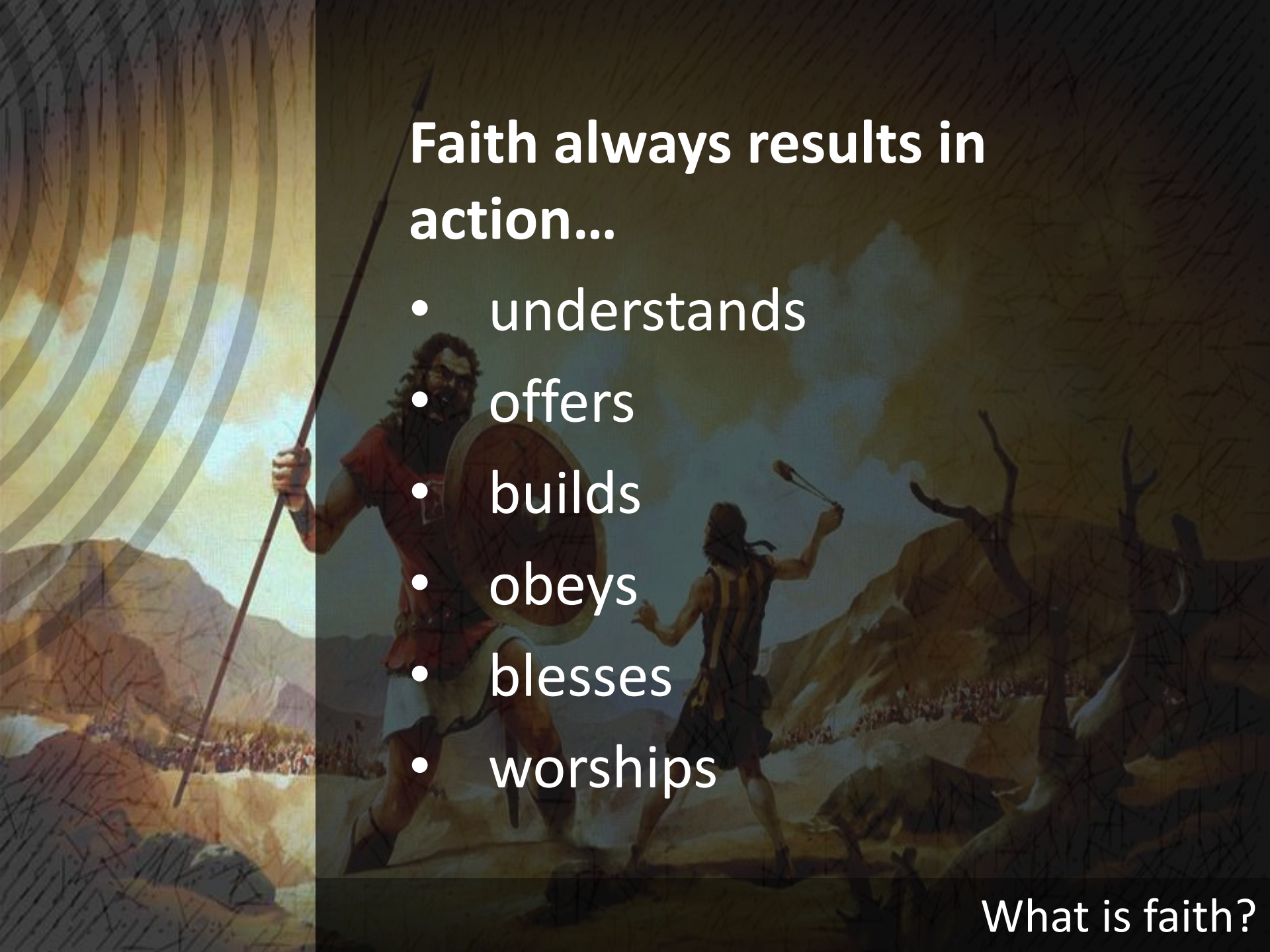


## Hebrews 11:21 (NKJV)

*“<sup>21</sup> By faith Jacob, when he was dying, blessed each of the sons of Joseph, and worshipped, leaning on the top of his staff.”*

What is faith?






## Faith always results in action...

- understands
- offers
- builds
- obeys
- blesses
- worships

What is faith?





## Romans 10: 17 (NKJV)

*“<sup>17</sup> So then faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.”*

How do I increase my faith?





# Training Ears to Hear

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