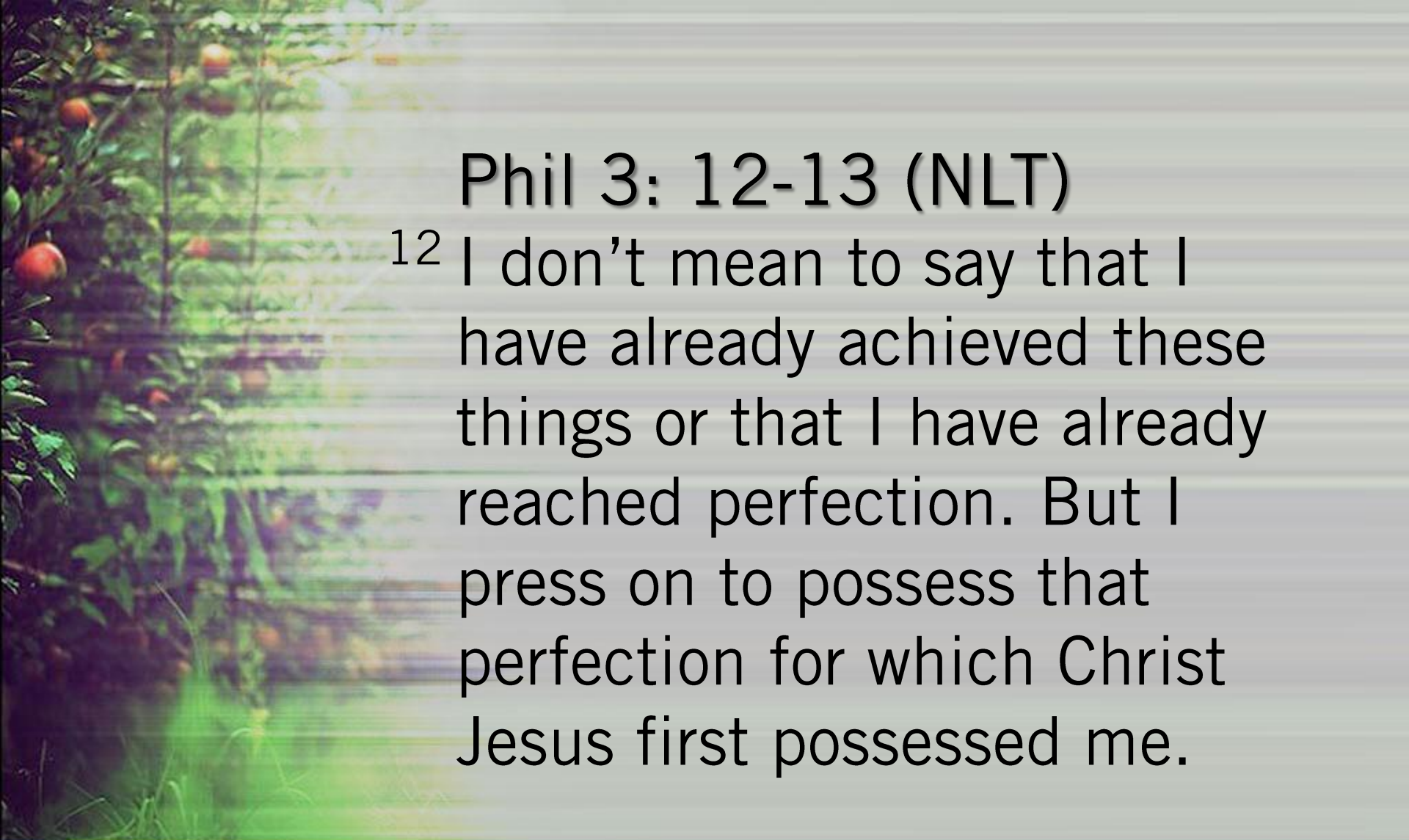


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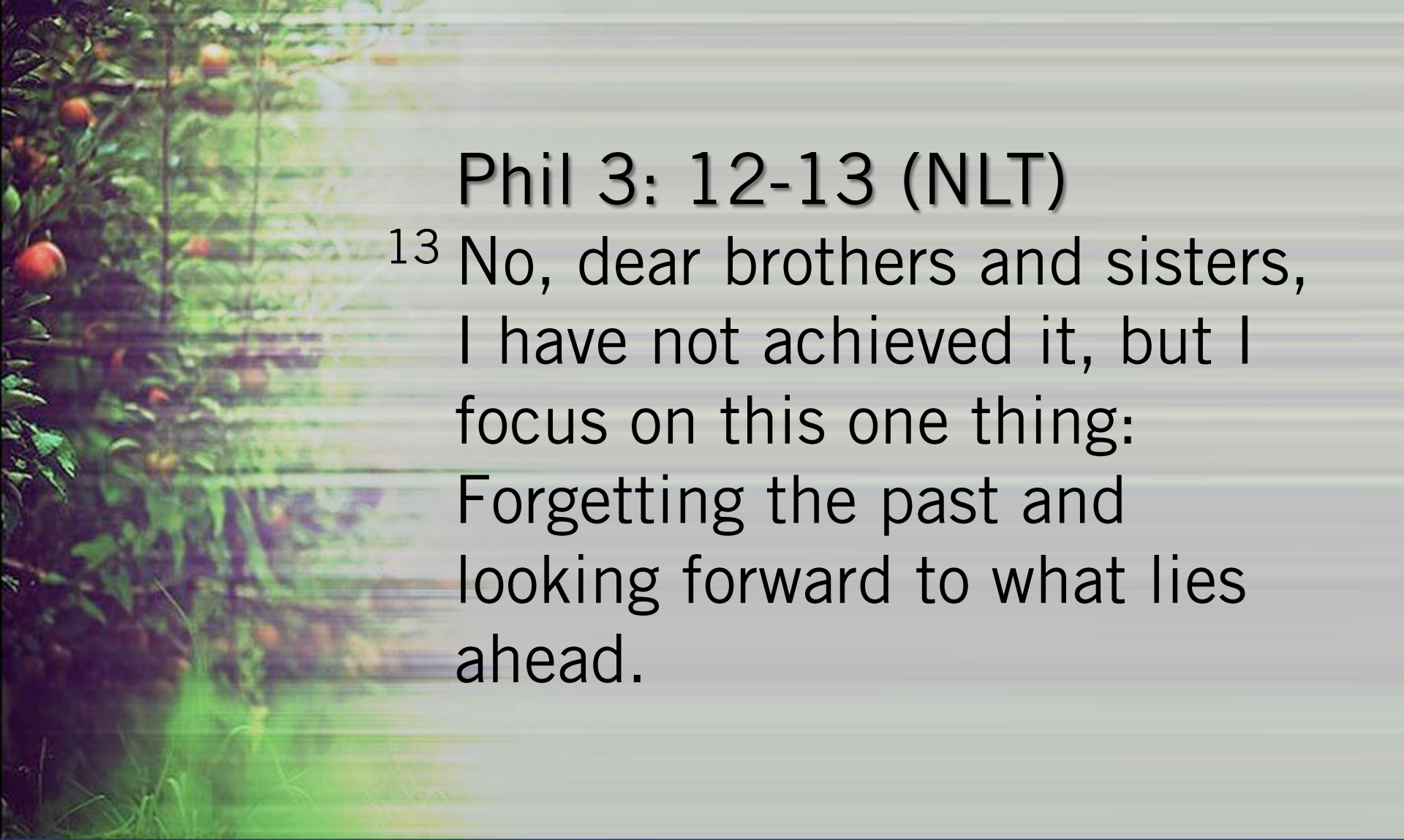
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## Phil 3: 12-13 (NLT)

<sup>12</sup> I don't mean to say that I have already achieved these things or that I have already reached perfection. But I press on to possess that perfection for which Christ Jesus first possessed me.

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## Phil 3: 12-13 (NLT)

<sup>13</sup> No, dear brothers and sisters,  
I have not achieved it, but I  
focus on this one thing:  
Forgetting the past and  
looking forward to what lies  
ahead.

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## Josh 5: 1-3 (NIV)

- 1 Now when all the Amorite kings west of the Jordan and all the Canaanite kings along the coast heard how the LORD had dried up the Jordan before the Israelites until they had crossed over,

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Josh 5: 1-3 (NIV)

their hearts melted in fear and they no longer had the courage to face the Israelites.

<sup>2</sup> At that time the LORD said to Joshua, “Make flint knives and circumcise the Israelites again.”

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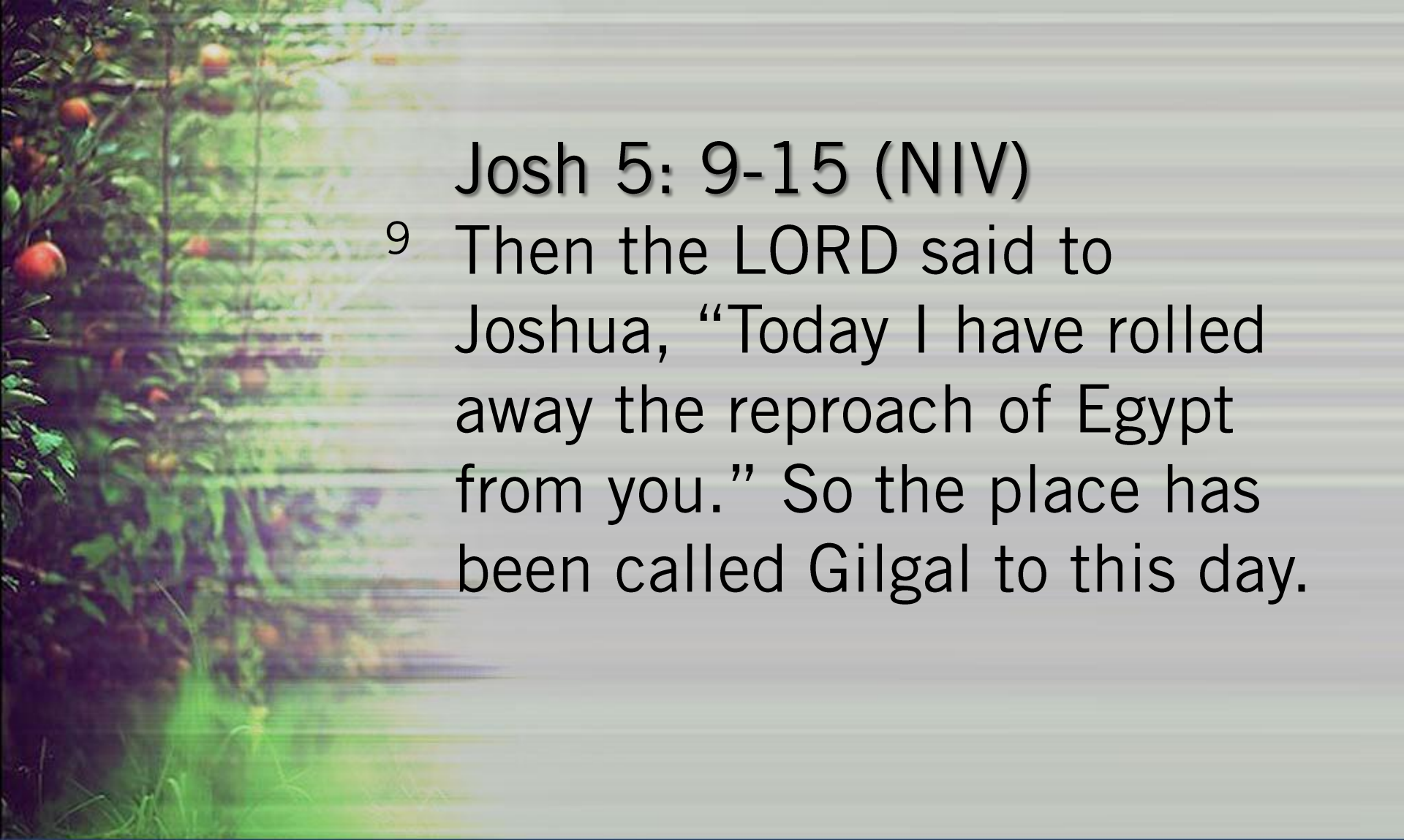
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## Josh 5: 1-3 (NIV)

- <sup>3</sup> So Joshua made flint knives and circumcised the Israelites at Gibeath Haaraloth.

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## Josh 5: 9-15 (NIV)

- <sup>9</sup> Then the LORD said to Joshua, “Today I have rolled away the reproach of Egypt from you.” So the place has been called Gilgal to this day.

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## Josh 5: 9-15 (NIV)

<sup>10</sup> On the evening of the fourteenth day of the month, while camped at Gilgal on the plains of Jericho, the Israelites celebrated the Passover.

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## Josh 5: 9-15 (NIV)

<sup>11</sup> The day after the Passover, that very day, they ate some of the produce of the land: unleavened bread and roasted grain.

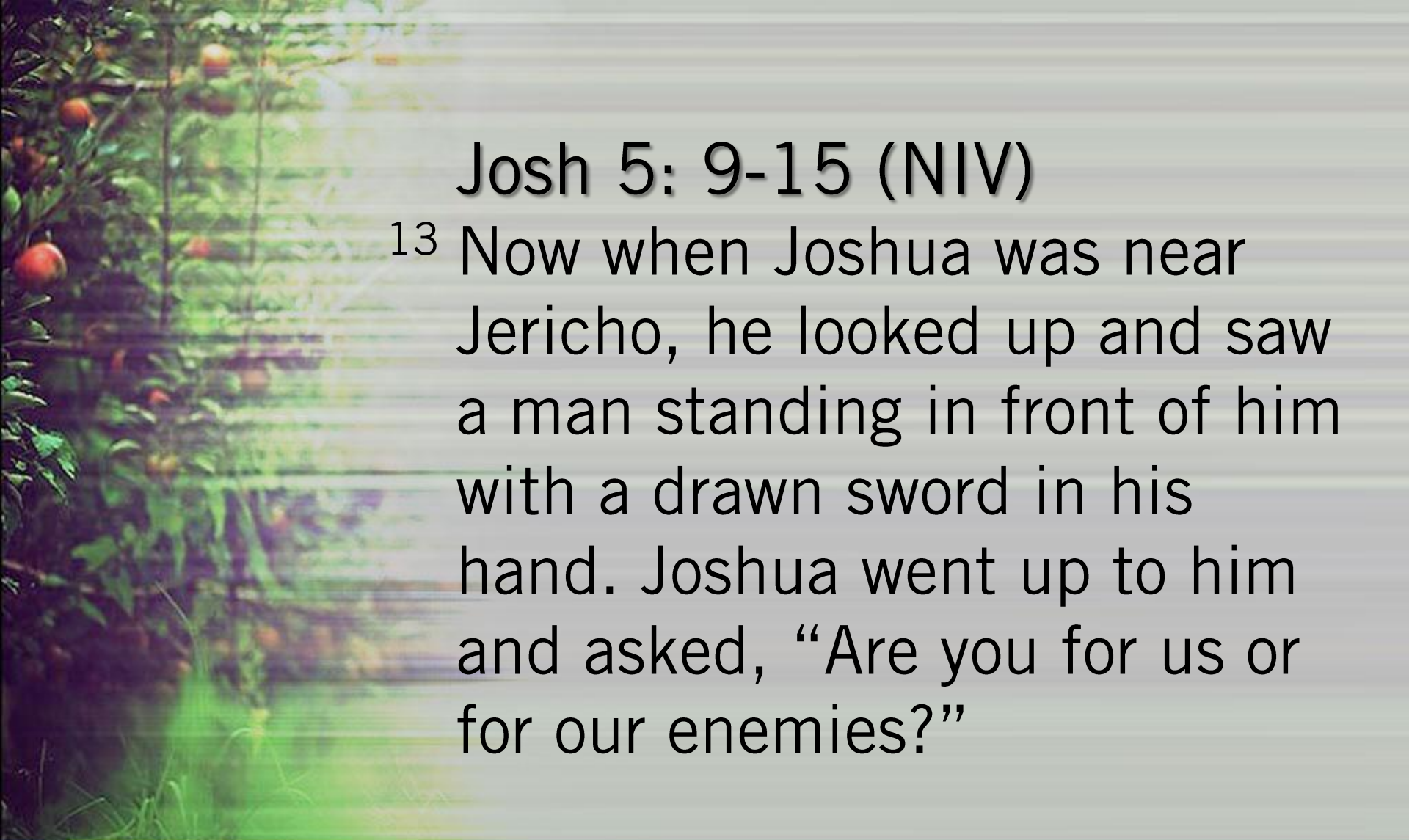
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## Josh 5: 9-15 (NIV)

<sup>12</sup> The manna stopped the day after they ate this food from the land; there was no longer any manna for the Israelites, but that year they ate the produce of Canaan.

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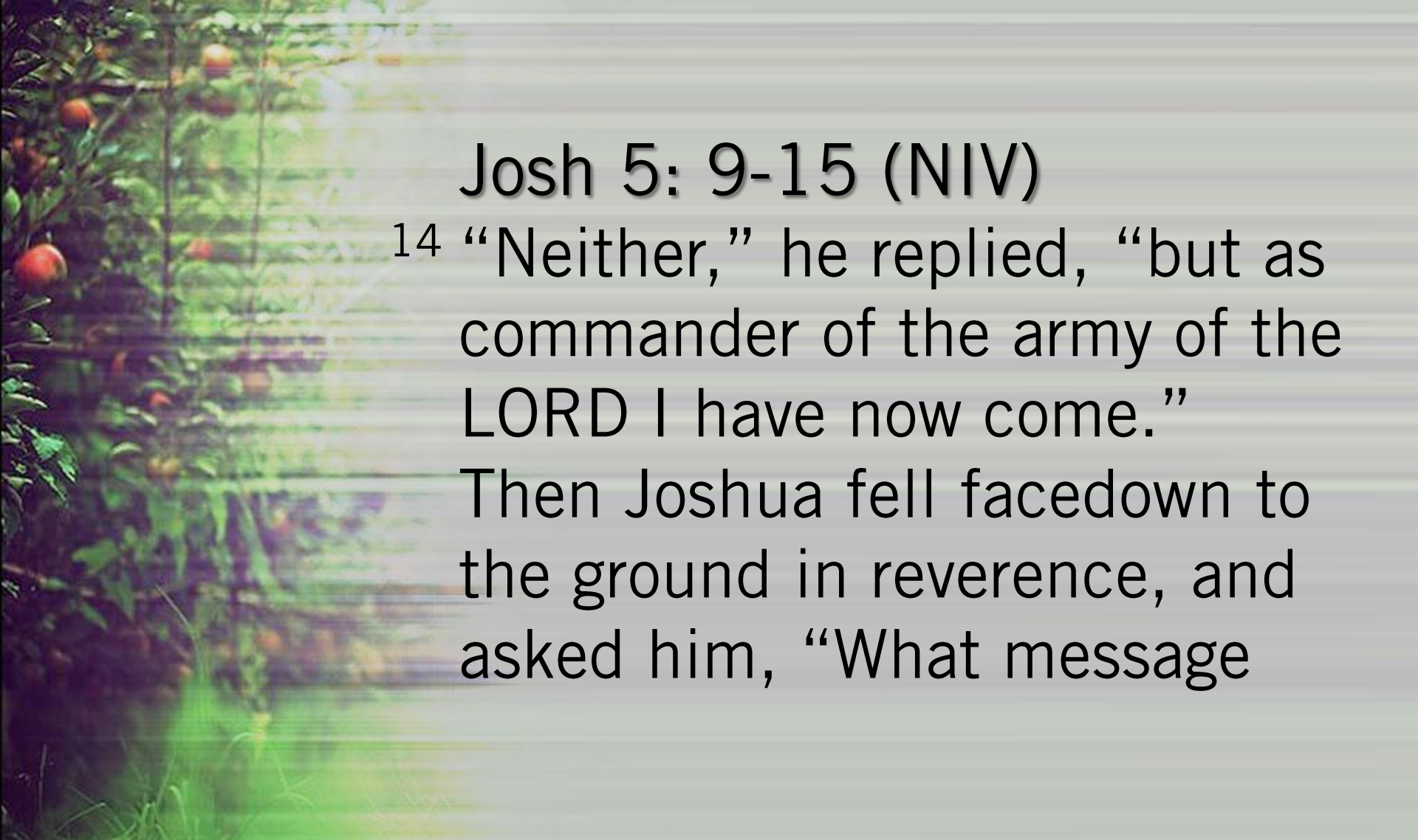


## Josh 5: 9-15 (NIV)

<sup>13</sup> Now when Joshua was near Jericho, he looked up and saw a man standing in front of him with a drawn sword in his hand. Joshua went up to him and asked, “Are you for us or for our enemies?”

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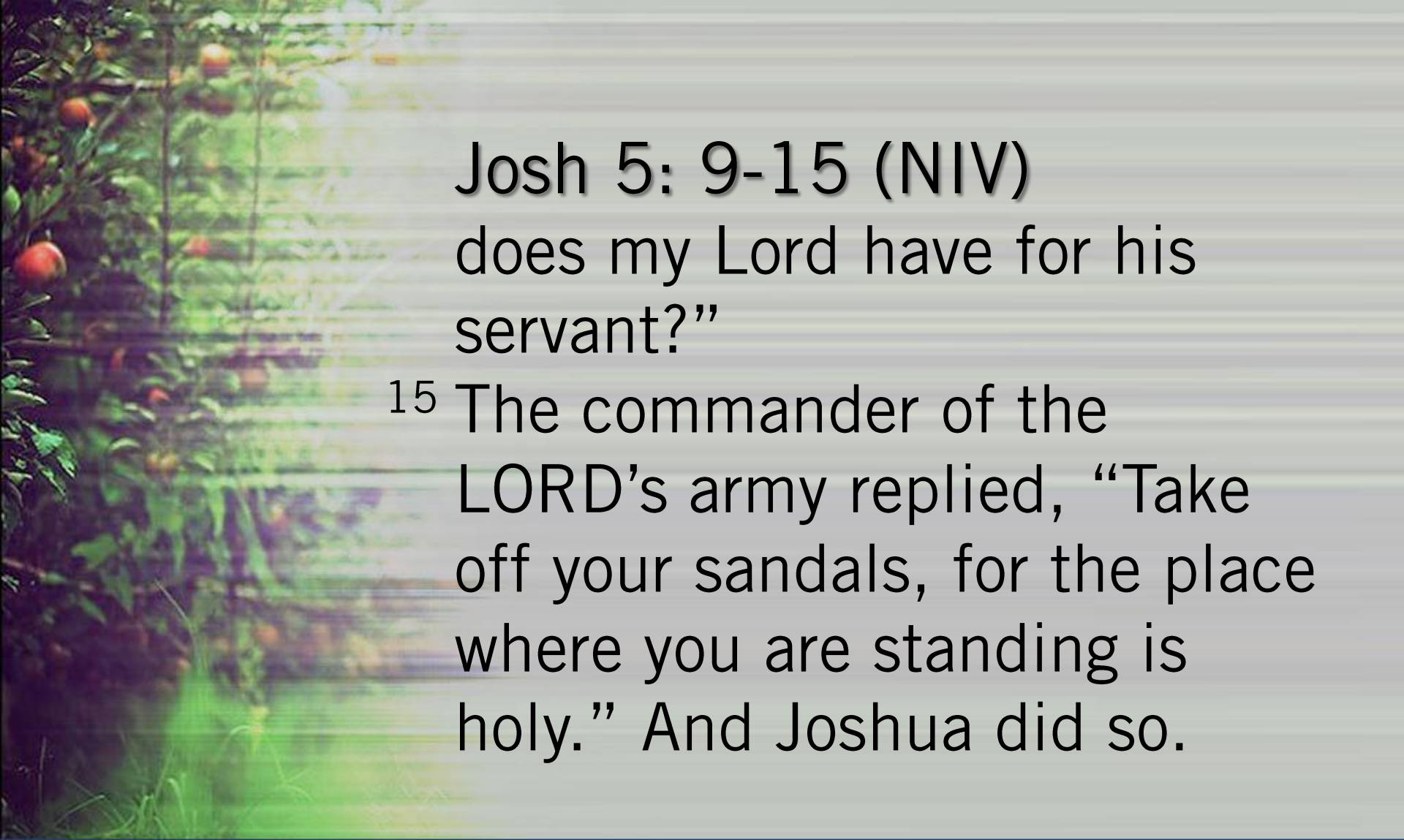


## Josh 5: 9-15 (NIV)

<sup>14</sup> “Neither,” he replied, “but as commander of the army of the LORD I have now come.”

Then Joshua fell facedown to the ground in reverence, and asked him, “What message

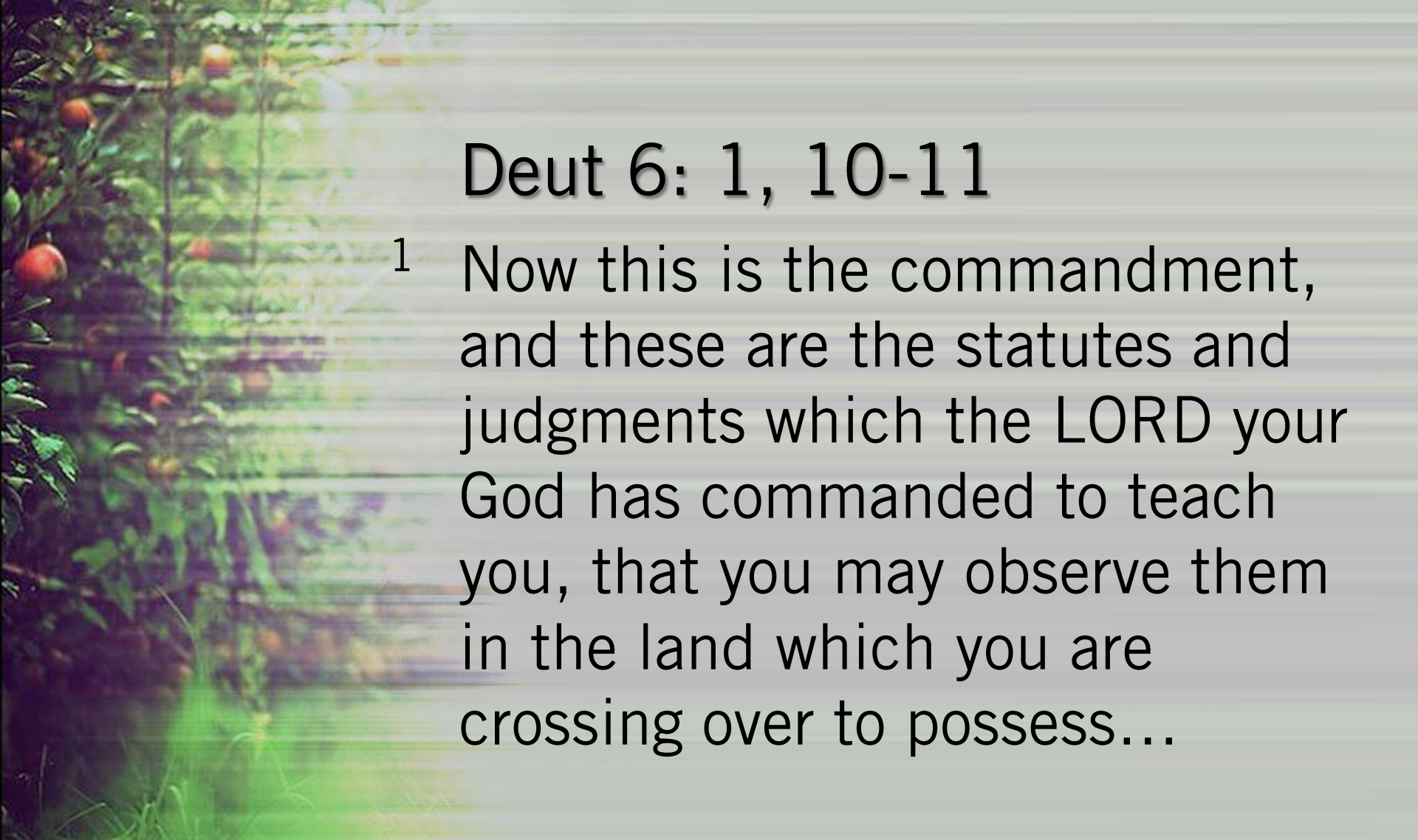
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Josh 5: 9-15 (NIV)  
does my Lord have for his  
servant?”

<sup>15</sup> The commander of the  
LORD’s army replied, “Take  
off your sandals, for the place  
where you are standing is  
holy.” And Joshua did so.

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## Deut 6: 1, 10-11

- 1 Now this is the commandment, and these are the statutes and judgments which the LORD your God has commanded to teach you, that you may observe them in the land which you are crossing over to possess...

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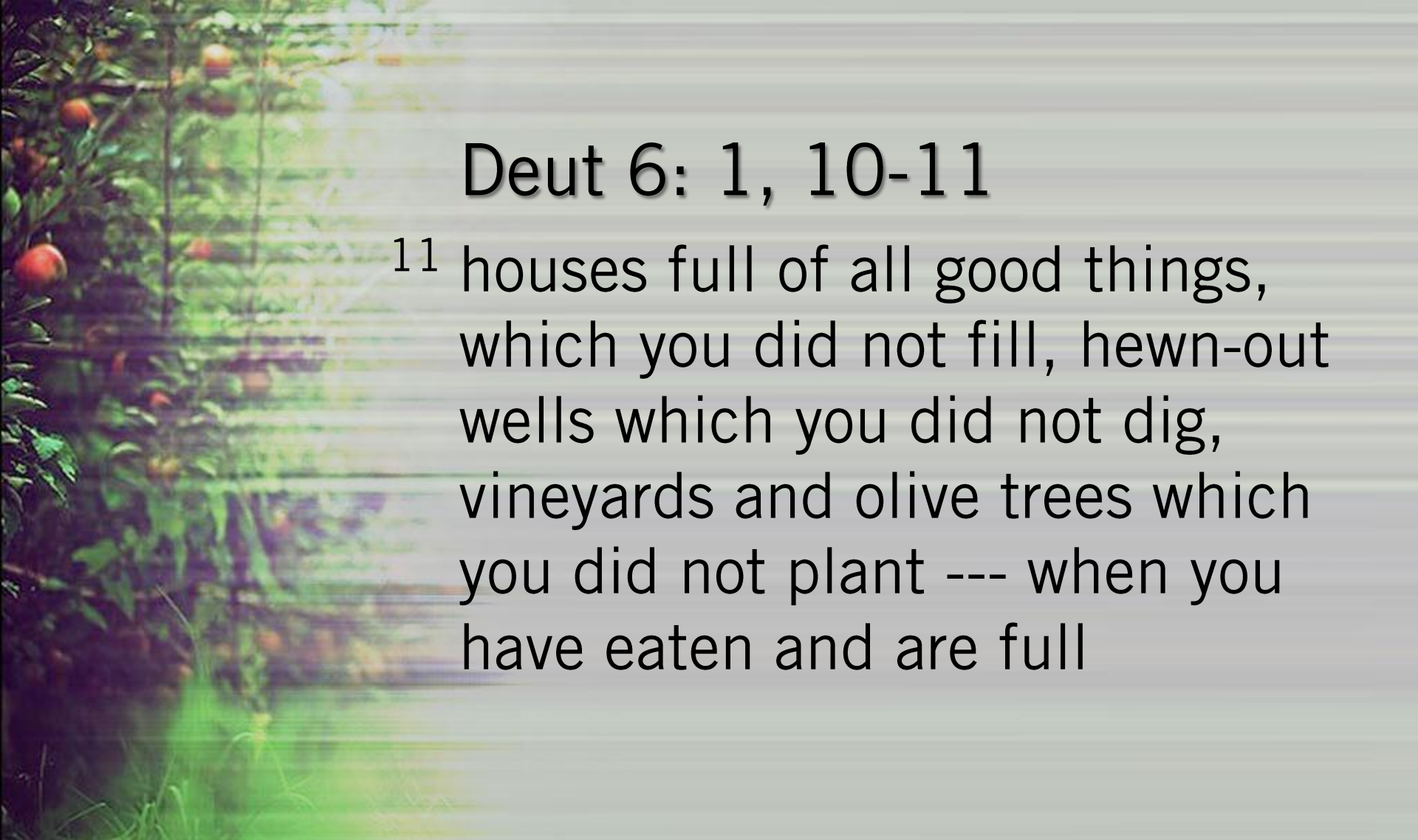




## Deut 6: 1, 10-11

<sup>10</sup> So it shall be, when the LORD your God brings you into the land of which He swore to your fathers, to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, to give you large and beautiful cities which you did not build

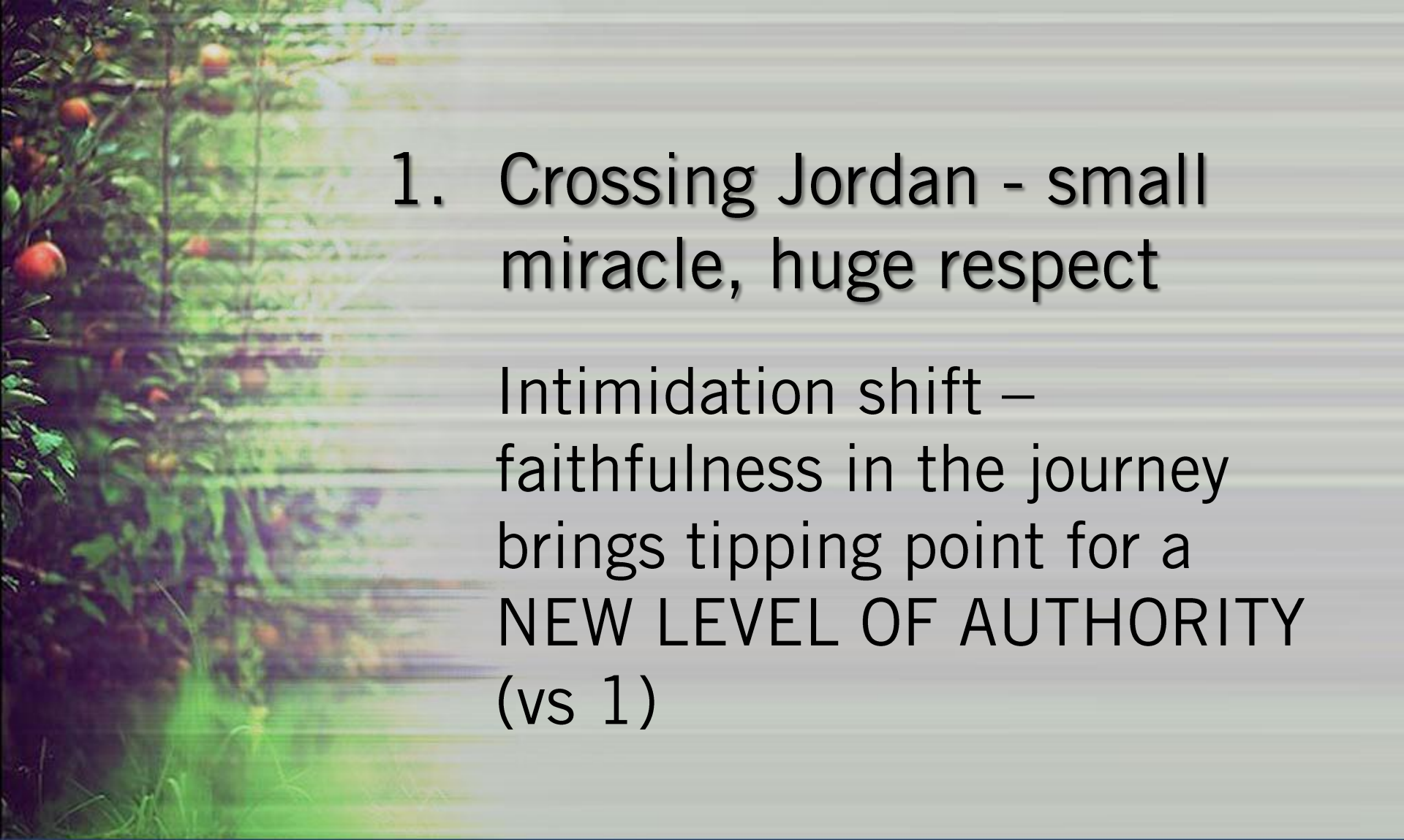
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## Deut 6: 1, 10-11

<sup>11</sup> houses full of all good things,  
which you did not fill, hewn-out  
wells which you did not dig,  
vineyards and olive trees which  
you did not plant --- when you  
have eaten and are full

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# 1. Crossing Jordan - small miracle, huge respect

Intimidation shift –  
faithfulness in the journey  
brings tipping point for a  
**NEW LEVEL OF AUTHORITY**  
(vs 1)

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## 2. Gilgal – full circle

Circumcision means new covenant of inner deliverance (Egypt-out-of-the-slave)  
Breaks the vicious cycle of Karma/ déjà vu curse  
(vs 2-3, 9)

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### 3. Passover of change – new grace for a new season

From slavery to stewardship.

Possession, NOT survival is the new issue

(vs 10-12)

Our fields, food, wells and cities

(Deut 6: 1, 10-11)

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#### 4. Encounter of the 'New CHRIST'

Hercules lived! After  
Tabernacle - new levels, new  
devils (vs 13)

New maturity – new thinking/  
perspective (no more silly  
questions, vs 13-14)

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#### 4. Encounter of the 'New CHRIST'

New worship through military obedience

Holy ground – HIS conquest of new territory

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