



Shofar Christian Church

Commitment

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Commitment meaning:

1. Being dedicated to a cause, activity, etc

*Synonym: devotion, loyalty, faithfulness,
adherence*

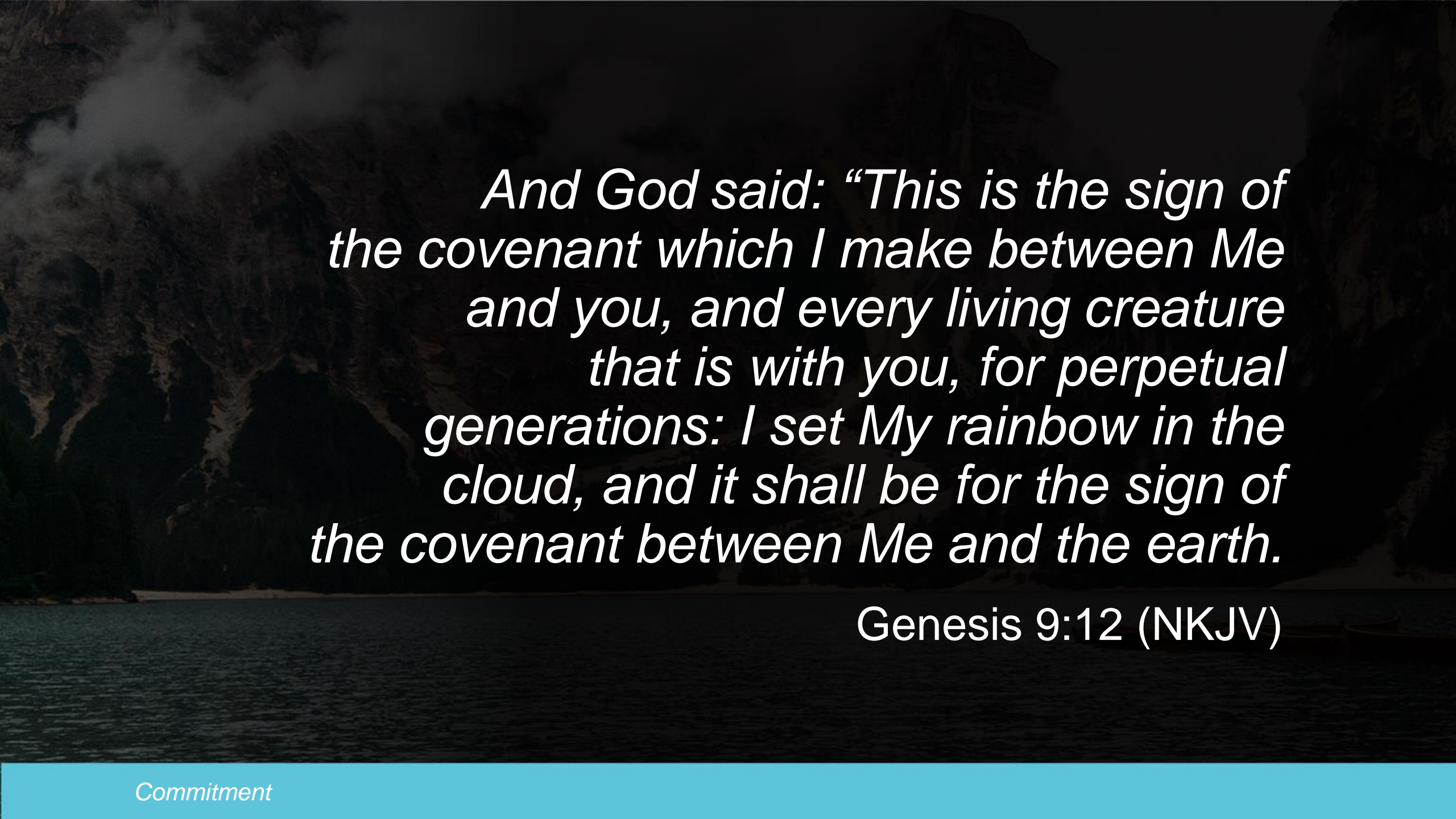
*2. An engagement or obligation that restricts
freedom of action*

*Synonym: responsibility, obligation, duty, liability,
burden, pressure*



Our generation is scared of commitment.

*We're always feeling FOMO
(Fear Of Missing Out) and we barely keep
small promises in fear of better options
coming along.*



And God said: “This is the sign of the covenant which I make between Me and you, and every living creature that is with you, for perpetual generations: I set My rainbow in the cloud, and it shall be for the sign of the covenant between Me and the earth.

Genesis 9:12 (NKJV)

⁴ And behold, the word of the LORD came to him, saying, “This one shall not be your heir, but one who will come from your own body shall be your heir.” ⁵ Then He brought him outside and said, “Look now toward heaven, and count the stars if you are able to number them.” And He said to him, “So shall your descendants be.”

Genesis 15:4-6 (NKJV)



⁶ And he believed in the LORD, and He accounted it to him for righteousness.

Genesis 15:4-6 (NKJV)

¹⁷ And it came to pass, when the sun went down and it was dark, that behold, there appeared a smoking oven and a burning torch that passed between those pieces. ¹⁸ On the same day the LORD made a covenant with Abram, saying: “To your descendants I have given this land, from the river of Egypt to the great river, the River Euphrates—

Genesis 15:17-18 (NKJV)

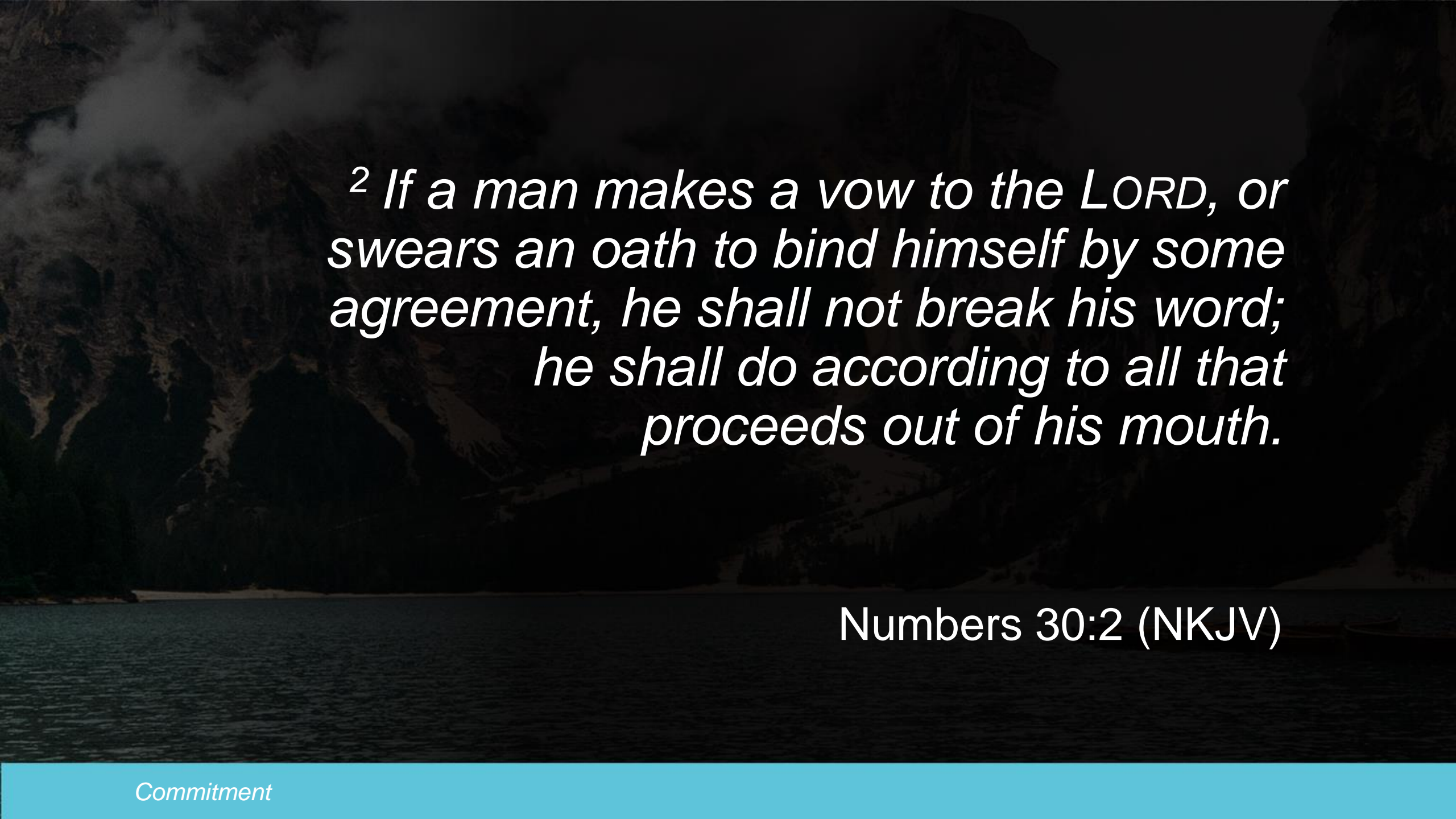
⁹ So He said to him, “Bring Me a three-year-old heifer, a three-year-old female goat, a three-year-old ram, a turtledove, and a young pigeon.” ¹⁰ Then he brought all these to Him and cut them in two, down the middle, and placed each piece opposite the other; but he did not cut the birds in two.

Genesis 15: 9-10 (NKJV)

The background of the slide is a dark, atmospheric photograph. In the foreground, there is a calm body of water, possibly a lake or a wide river, reflecting the dark sky. In the background, a large, dark mountain rises, its slopes covered in dense evergreen forests. The overall mood is somber and majestic, with a focus on the natural world's grandeur.

*For this is My blood of the new covenant, which
is shed for many for the remission of sins.*

Matthew 26:28 (NKJV)

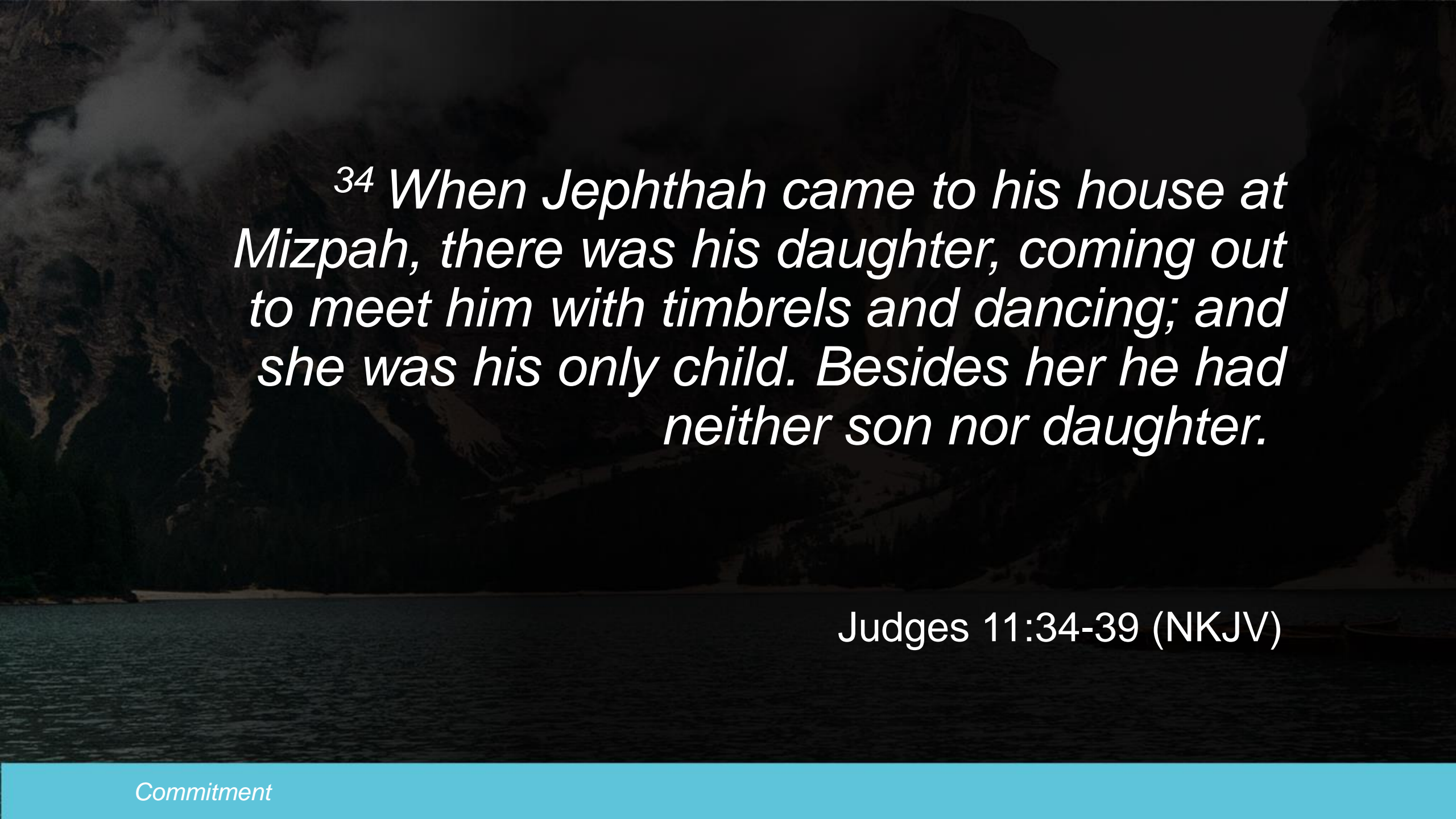


² If a man makes a vow to the LORD, or swears an oath to bind himself by some agreement, he shall not break his word; he shall do according to all that proceeds out of his mouth.

Numbers 30:2 (NKJV)

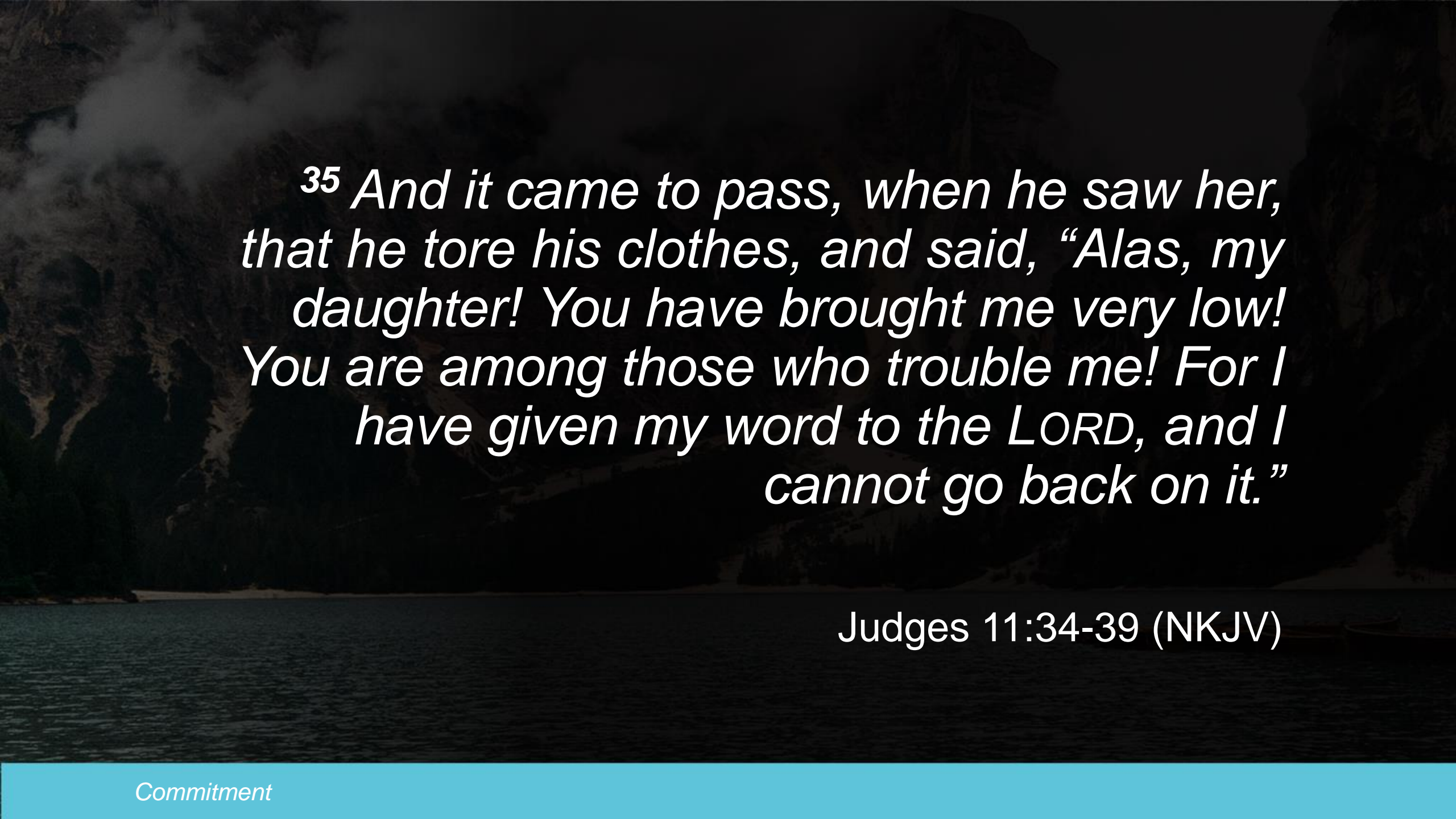
³⁰ And Jephthah made a vow to the LORD, and said, “If You will indeed deliver the people of Ammon into my hands, ³¹ then it will be that whatever comes out of the doors of my house to meet me, when I return in peace from the people of Ammon, shall surely be the LORD’s, and I will offer it up as a burnt offering.”

Judges 11:30 (NKJV)



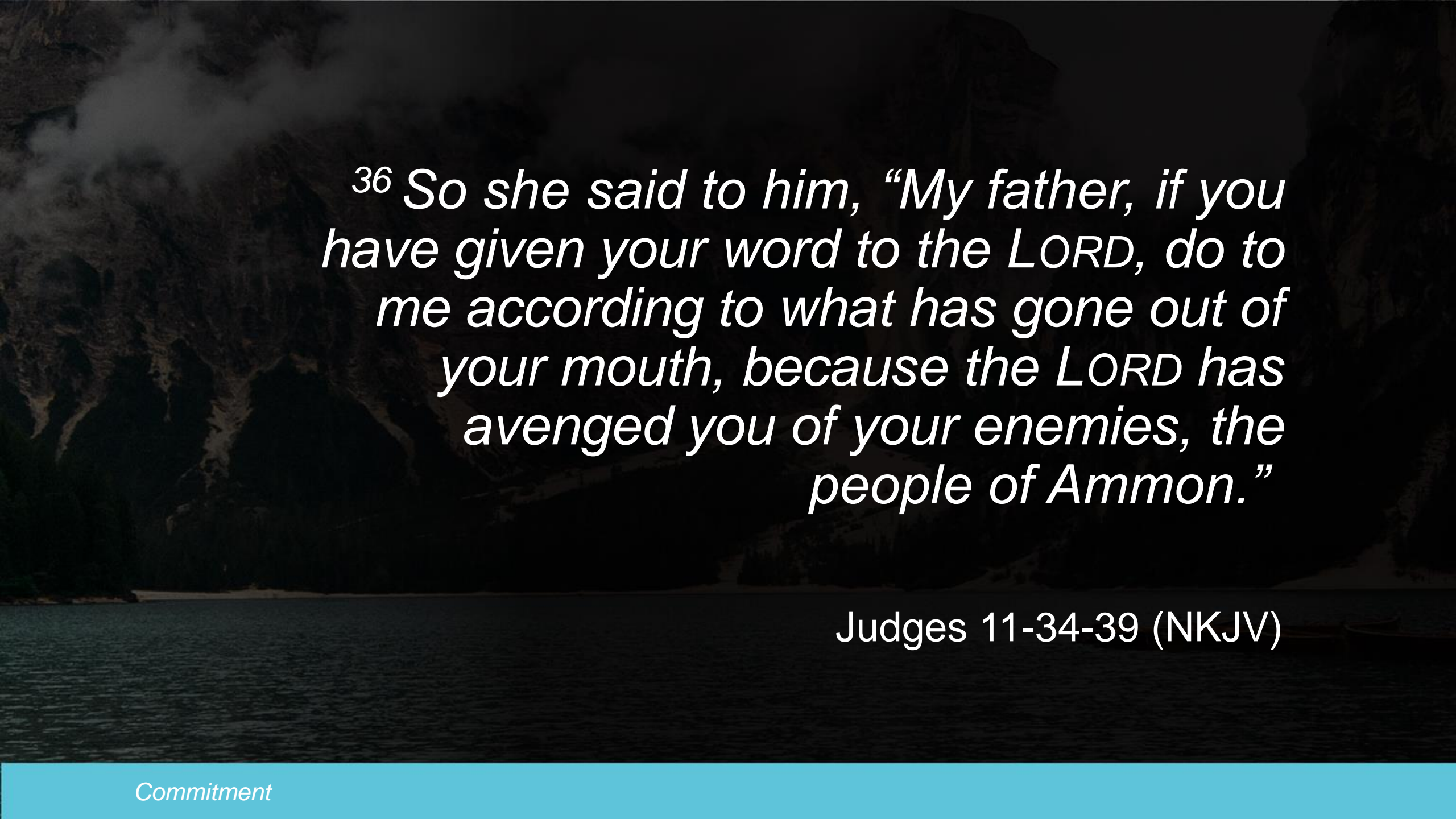
³⁴ When Jephthah came to his house at Mizpah, there was his daughter, coming out to meet him with timbrels and dancing; and she was his only child. Besides her he had neither son nor daughter.

Judges 11:34-39 (NKJV)



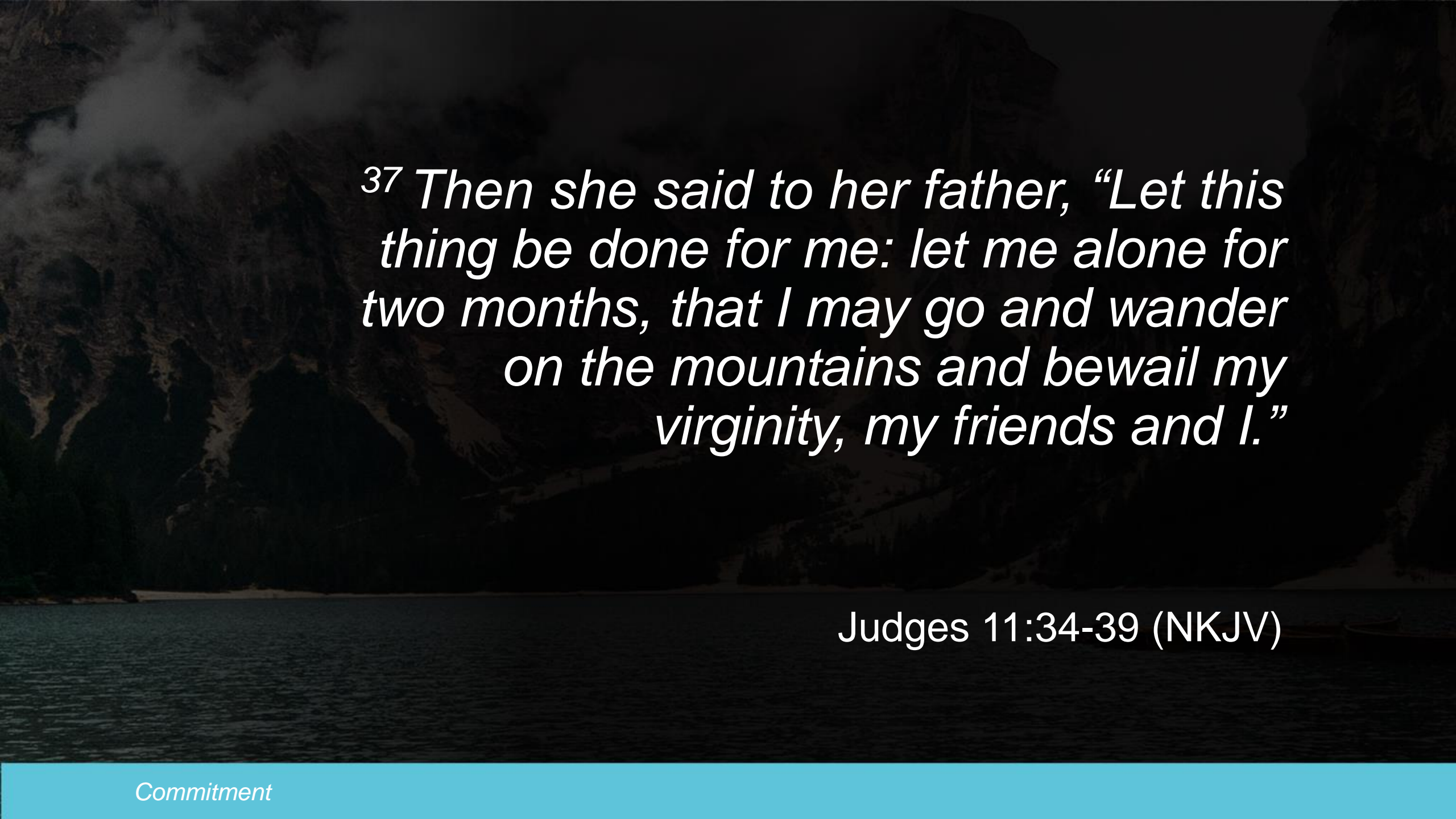
*³⁵ And it came to pass, when he saw her,
that he tore his clothes, and said, “Alas, my
daughter! You have brought me very low!
You are among those who trouble me! For I
have given my word to the LORD, and I
cannot go back on it.”*

Judges 11:34-39 (NKJV)



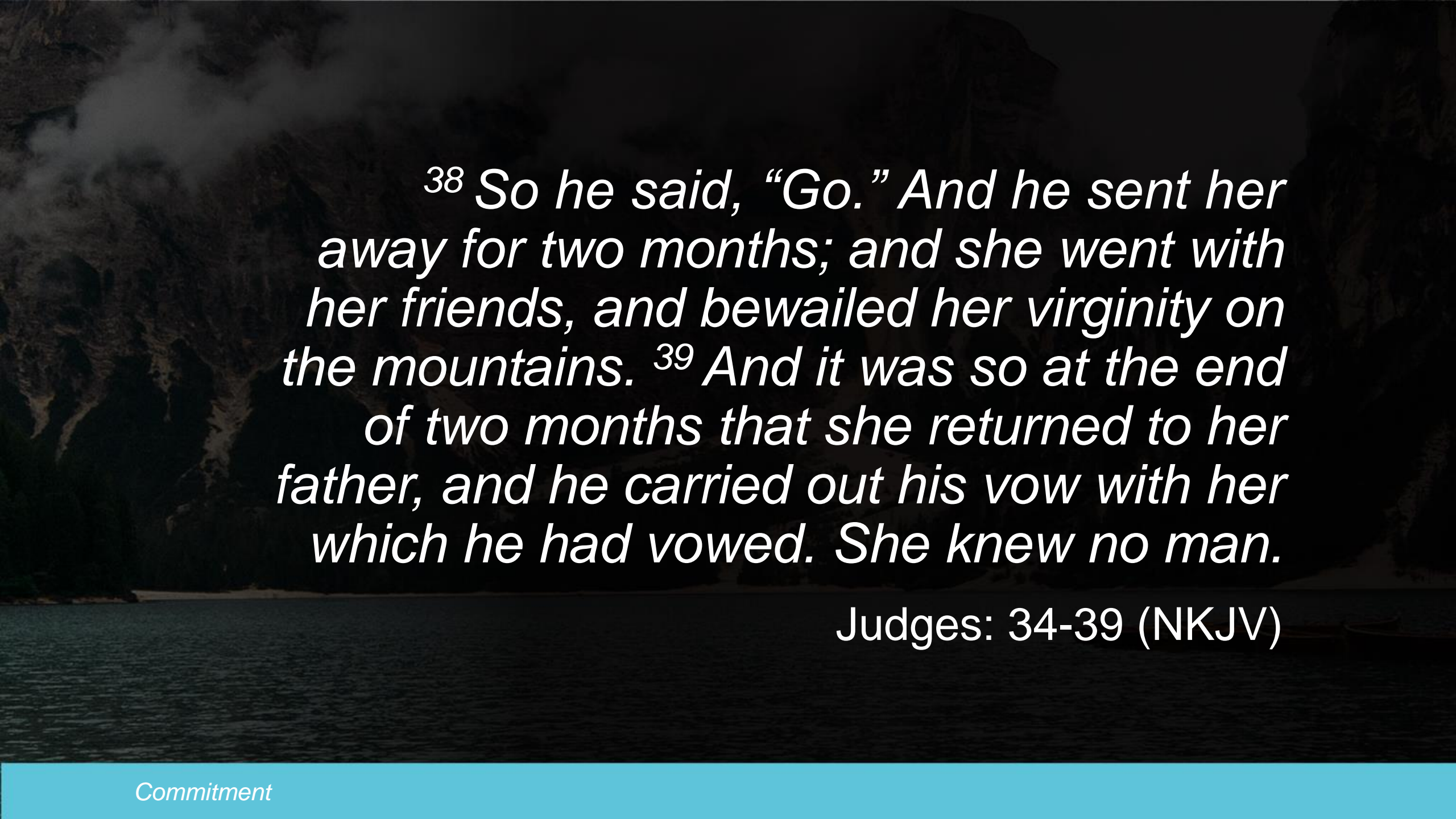
³⁶ So she said to him, “My father, if you have given your word to the LORD, do to me according to what has gone out of your mouth, because the LORD has avenged you of your enemies, the people of Ammon.”

Judges 11-34-39 (NKJV)



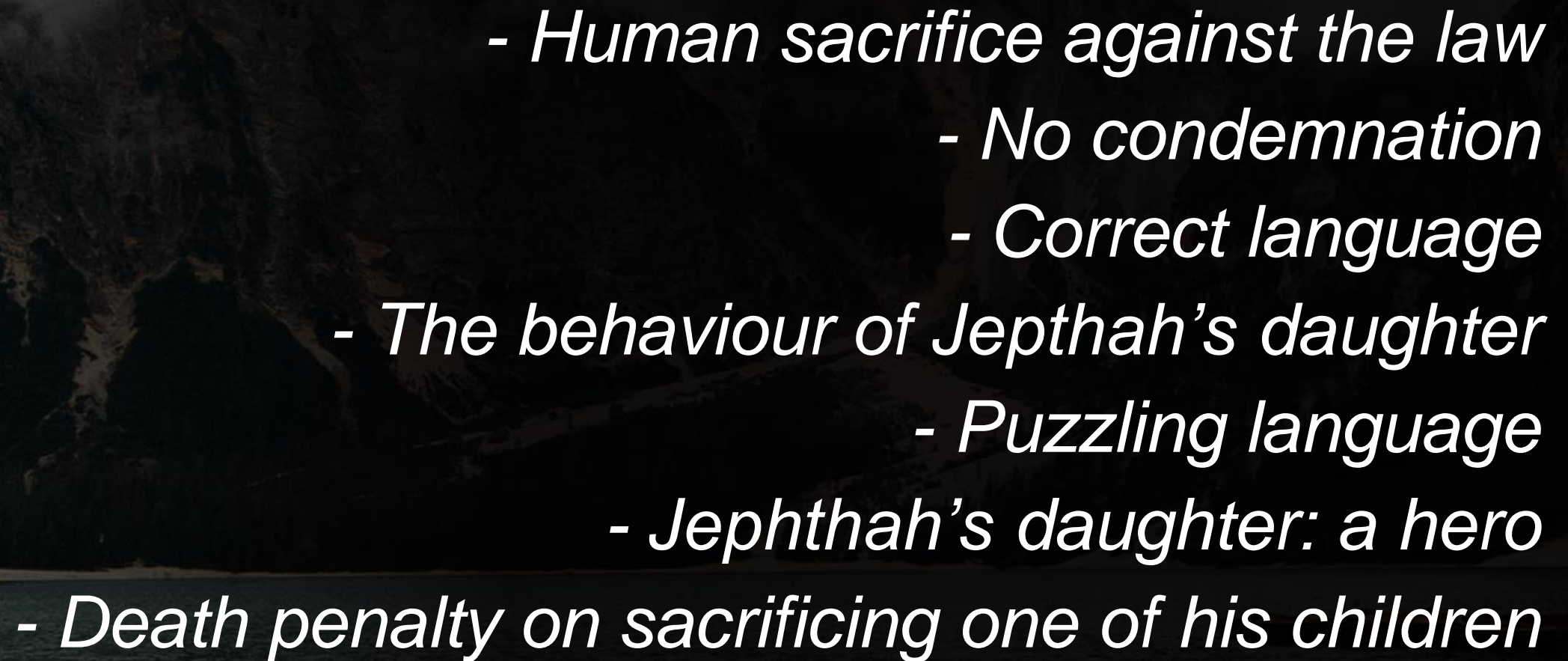
³⁷ Then she said to her father, “Let this thing be done for me: let me alone for two months, that I may go and wander on the mountains and bewail my virginity, my friends and I.”

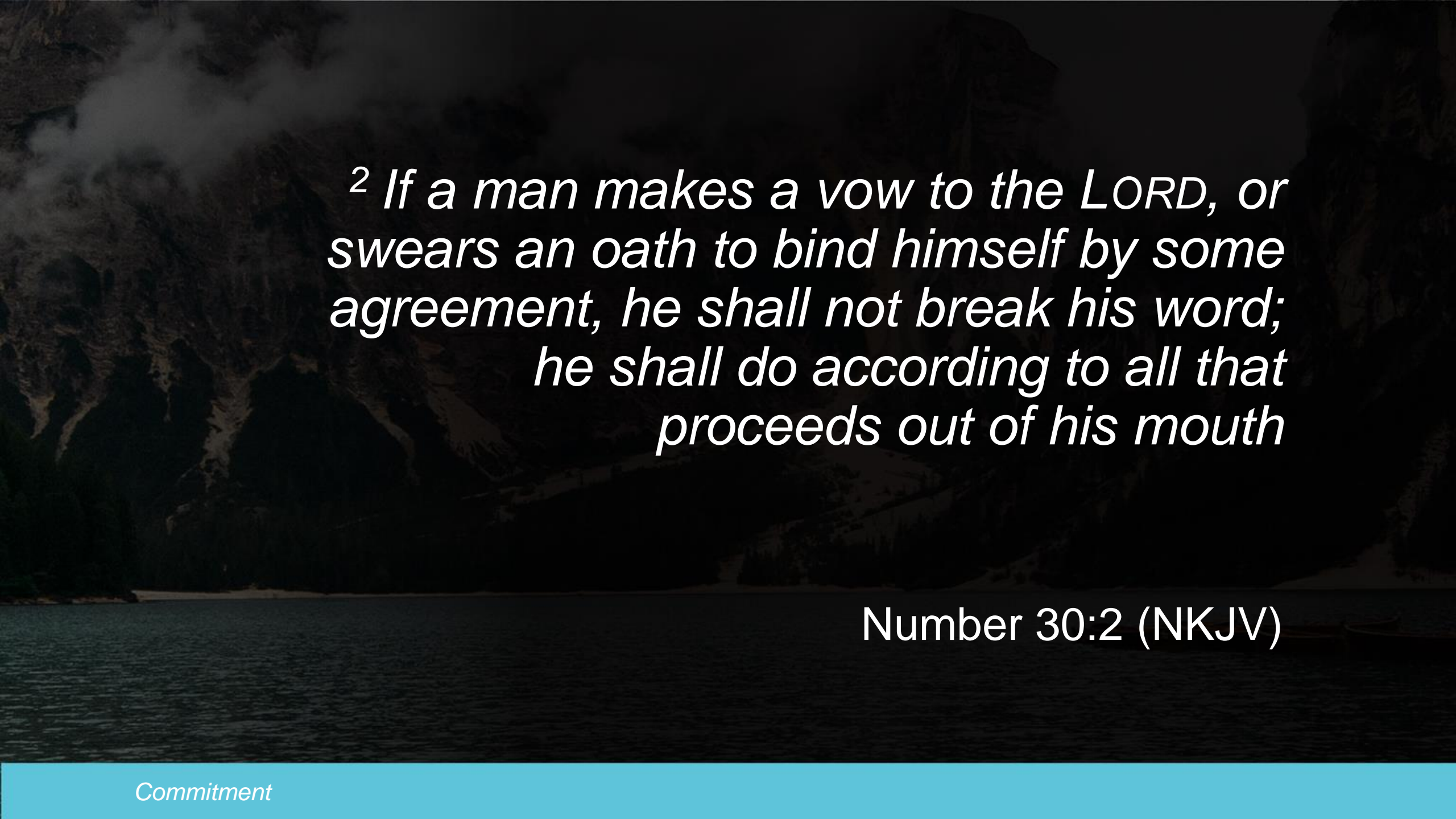
Judges 11:34-39 (NKJV)



³⁸ So he said, “Go.” And he sent her away for two months; and she went with her friends, and bewailed her virginity on the mountains. ³⁹ And it was so at the end of two months that she returned to her father, and he carried out his vow with her which he had vowed. She knew no man.

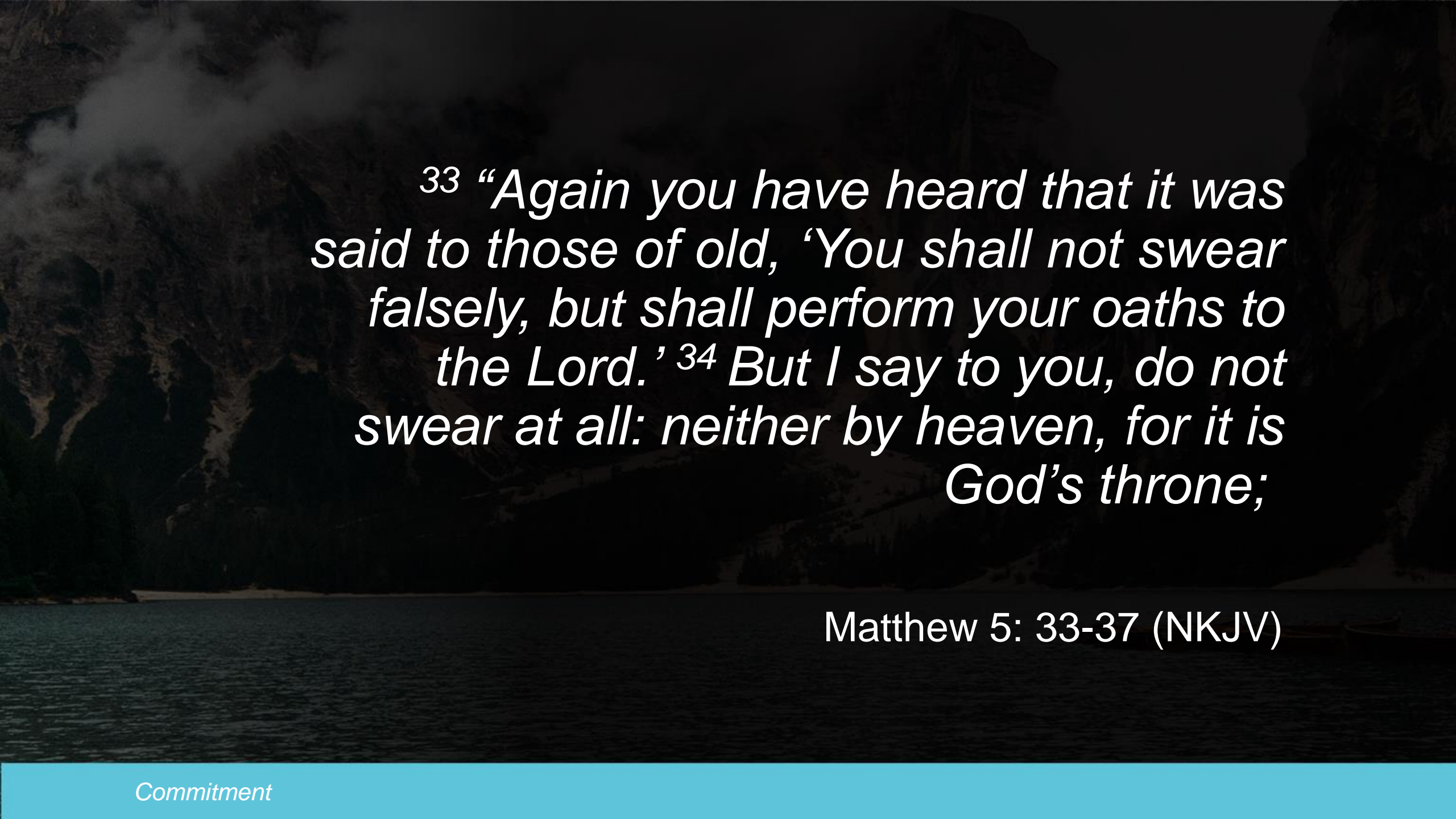
Judges: 34-39 (NKJV)

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- *Human sacrifice against the law*
 - *No condemnation*
 - *Correct language*
 - *The behaviour of Jephthah's daughter*
 - *Puzzling language*
 - *Jephthah's daughter: a hero*
 - *Death penalty on sacrificing one of his children*



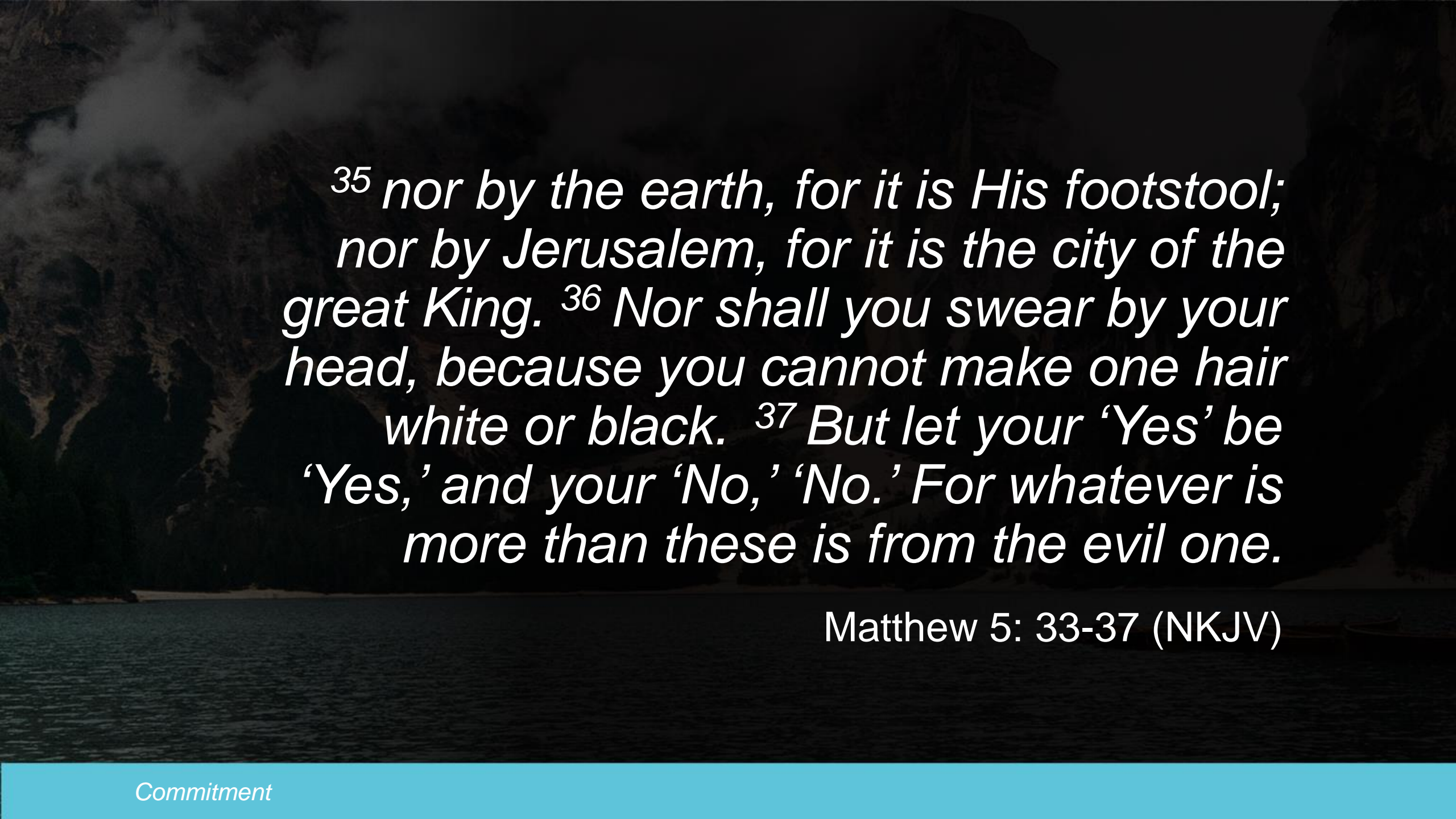
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Number 30:2 (NKJV)



³³ “Again you have heard that it was said to those of old, ‘You shall not swear falsely, but shall perform your oaths to the Lord.’ ³⁴ But I say to you, do not swear at all: neither by heaven, for it is God’s throne;

Matthew 5: 33-37 (NKJV)



*³⁵ nor by the earth, for it is His footstool;
nor by Jerusalem, for it is the city of the
great King. ³⁶ Nor shall you swear by your
head, because you cannot make one hair
white or black. ³⁷ But let your 'Yes' be
'Yes,' and your 'No,' 'No.' For whatever is
more than these is from the evil one.*

Matthew 5: 33-37 (NKJV)