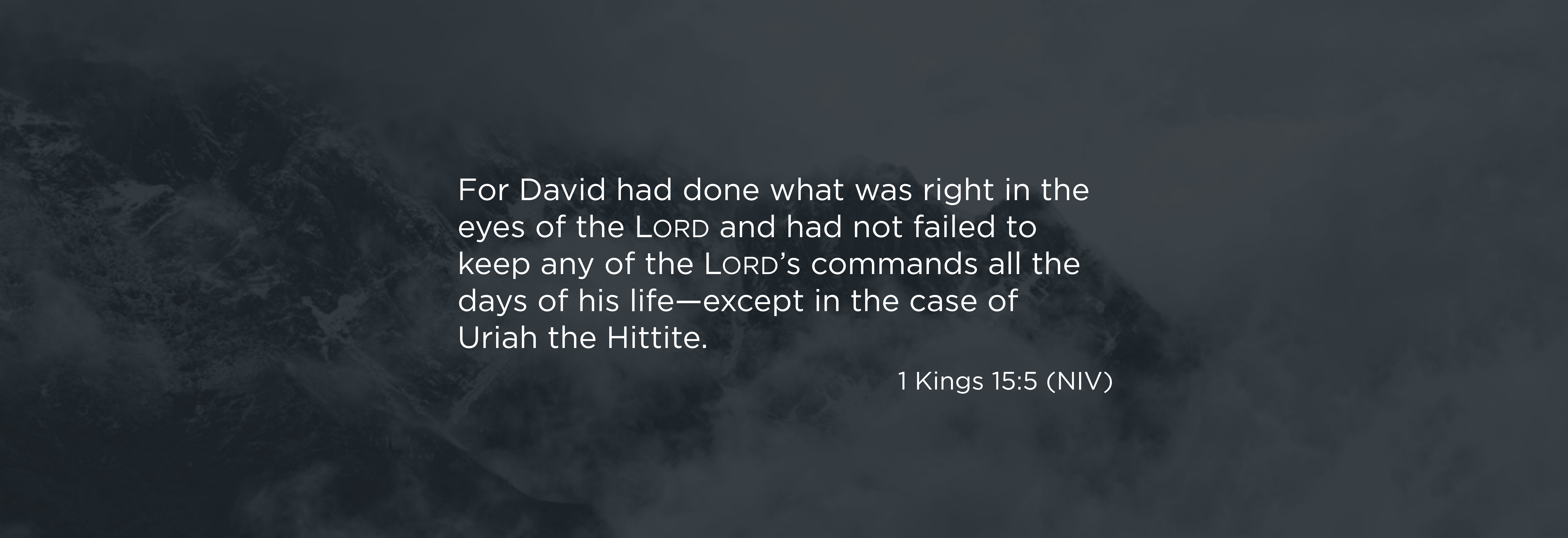




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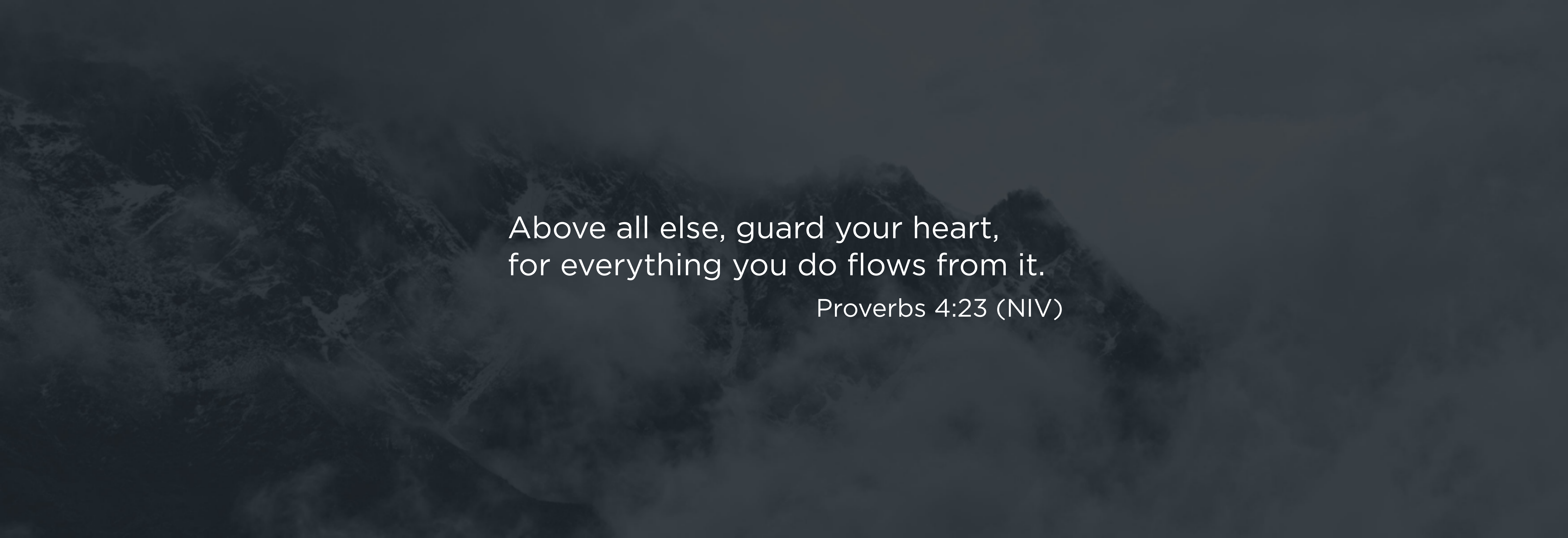
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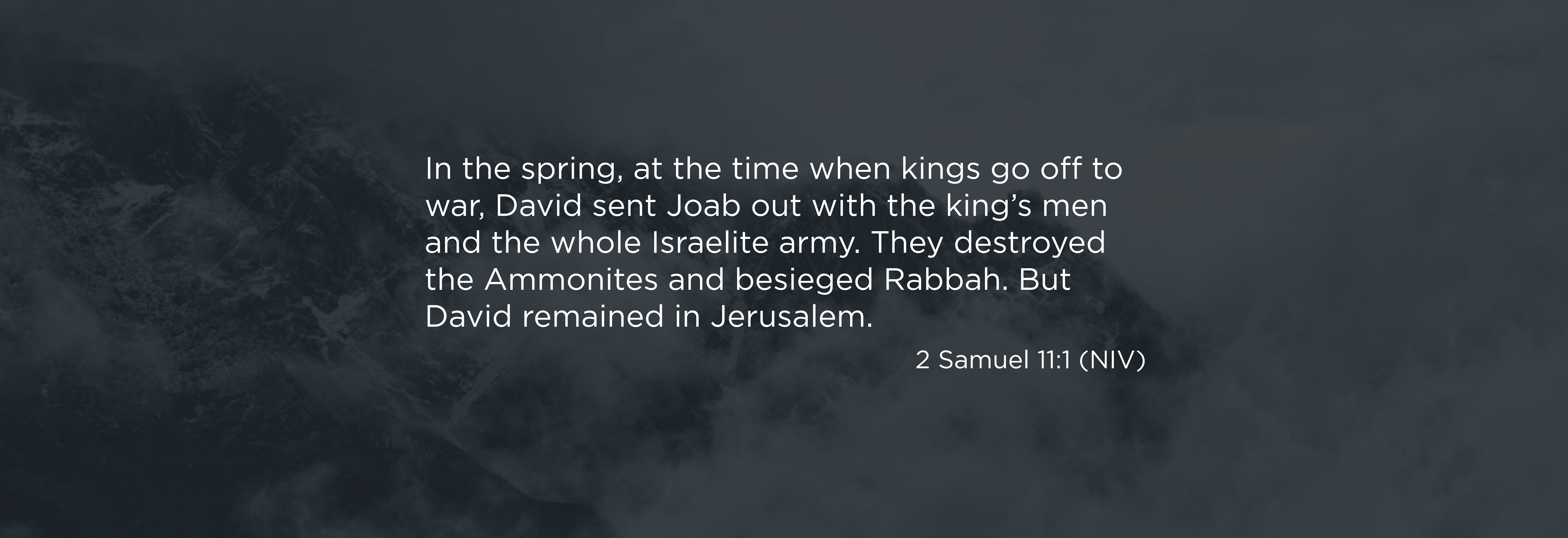


Above all else, guard your heart,
for everything you do flows from it.

Proverbs 4:23 (NIV)

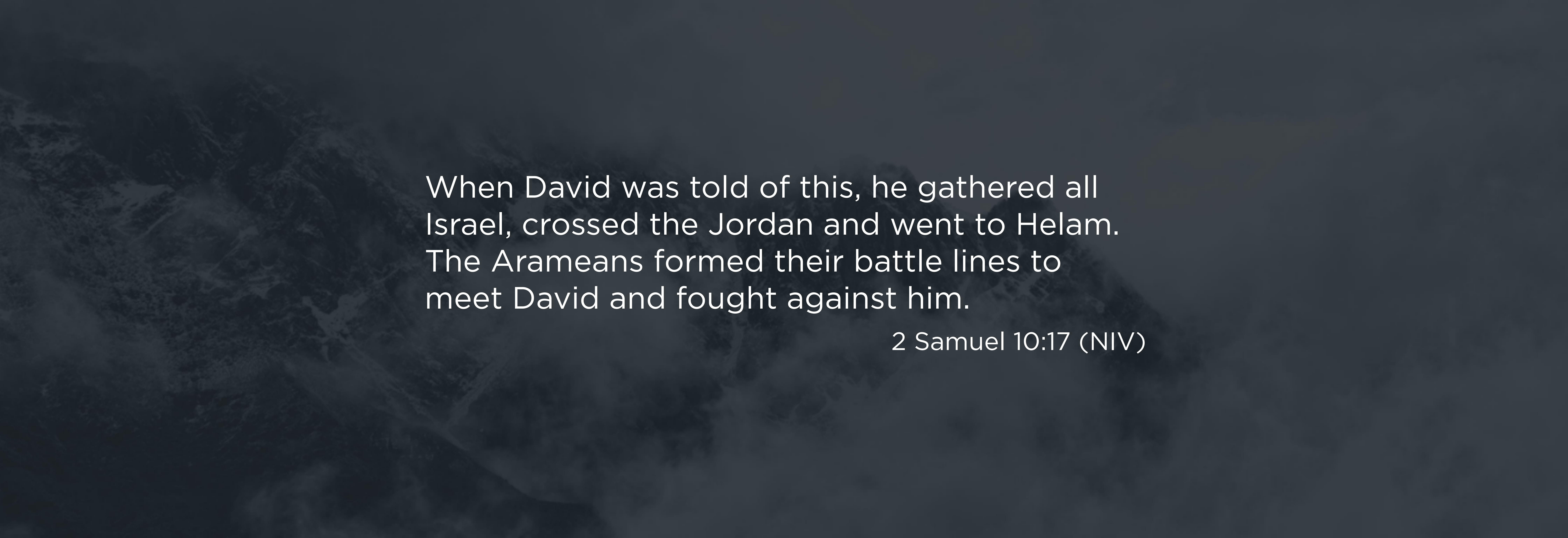
Unconfessed sin opens the door to more sin and consequence.

By grace, repentance opens the door to forgiveness.



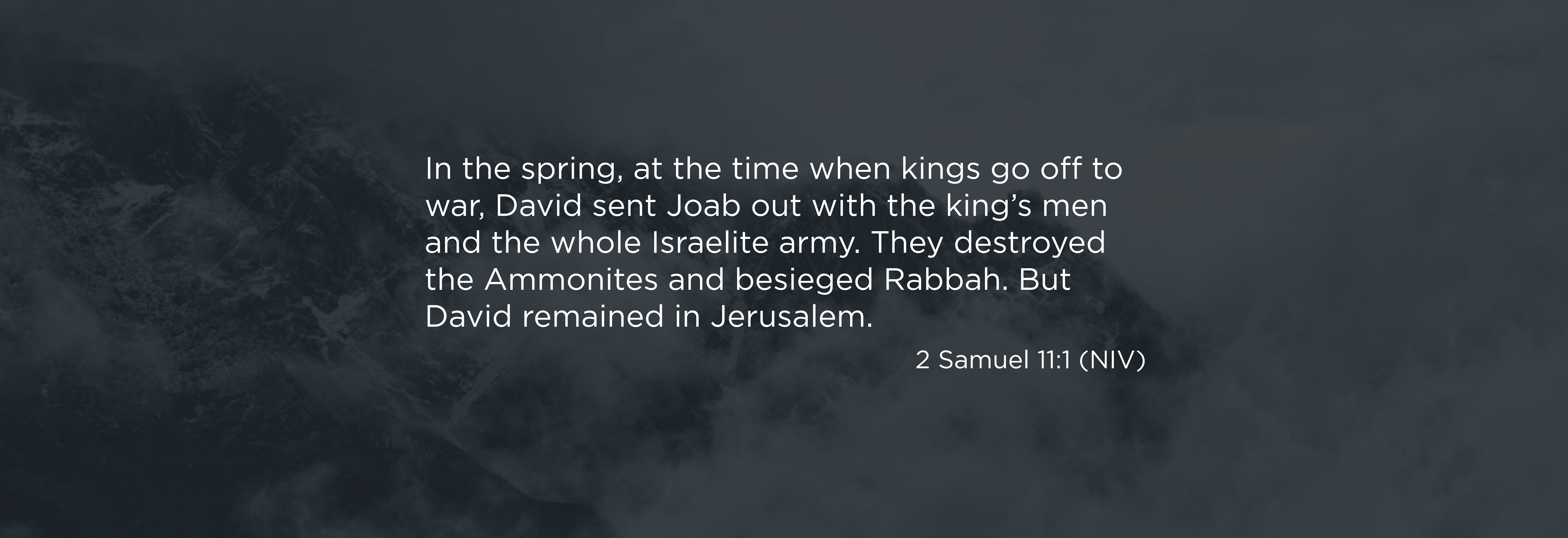
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When David was told of this, he gathered all Israel, crossed the Jordan and went to Helam. The Arameans formed their battle lines to meet David and fought against him.

2 Samuel 10:17 (NIV)



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King David

- “saw”
- “sent”
- “slept”

Eve

- “saw”
- “took”
- “ate”

New Testament Principle

When tempted, no one should say, “God is tempting me.” For God cannot be tempted by evil, nor does he tempt anyone; ¹⁴ but each person is tempted when they are dragged away by their own evil desire and enticed. ¹⁵ Then, after desire has conceived, it gives birth to sin; and sin, when it is full-grown, gives birth to death.

James 1:13-15 (NIV)

The Cover Up

- Plan A So David sent this word to Joab: “Send me Uriah the Hittite.” And Joab sent him to David. ⁷ When Uriah came to him, David asked him how Joab was, how the soldiers were and how the war was going. ⁸ Then David said to Uriah, “Go down to your house and wash your feet.” So Uriah left the palace, and a gift from the king was sent after him. ⁹ But Uriah slept at the entrance to the palace with all his master’s servants and did not go down to his house.

2 Samuel 11:6-9 (NIV)

The Cover Up

- Plan A “Go down to your house and wash your feet.”
2 Samuel 11:6-9 (NIV)
- Plan B Then David said to him, “Stay here one more day, and tomorrow I will send you back.” So Uriah remained in Jerusalem that day and the next. ¹³ At David’s invitation, he ate and drank with him, and David made him drunk. But in the evening Uriah went out to sleep on his mat among his master’s servants; he did not go home.
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- Plan B David made him drunk.
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- Plan C In the morning David wrote a letter to Joab and sent it with Uriah. ¹⁵ In it he wrote, “Put Uriah out in front where the fighting is fiercest. Then withdraw from him so he will be struck down and die.”
2 Samuel 11:14-15 (NIV)

David's Plan

- Plan A
“Go down to your house and wash your feet.”

Uriah's Response

But Uriah slept at the entrance to the palace
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2 Samuel 11:9 (NIV)

Uriah said to David, “The ark and Israel and Judah are staying in tents, and my commander Joab and my lord's men are camped in the open country. How could I go to my house to eat and drink and make love to my wife? As surely as you live, I will not do such a thing!”

2 Samuel 11:11 (NIV)

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- Plan A
“Go down to your house and wash your feet.”
- Plan B
David made him drunk.

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But Uriah slept at the entrance to the palace
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2 Samuel 11:9 (NIV)

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2 Samuel 11:13b (NIV)

David's Plan

- Plan A
“Go down to your house and wash your feet.”
- Plan B
David made him drunk.
- Plan C
David signs Uriah's death warrant.

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2 Samuel 11:9 (NIV)

...Uriah ...did not go home.

2 Samuel 11:13b (NIV)

“...Uriah the Hittite is dead.”

2 Samuel 11:24b (NIV)

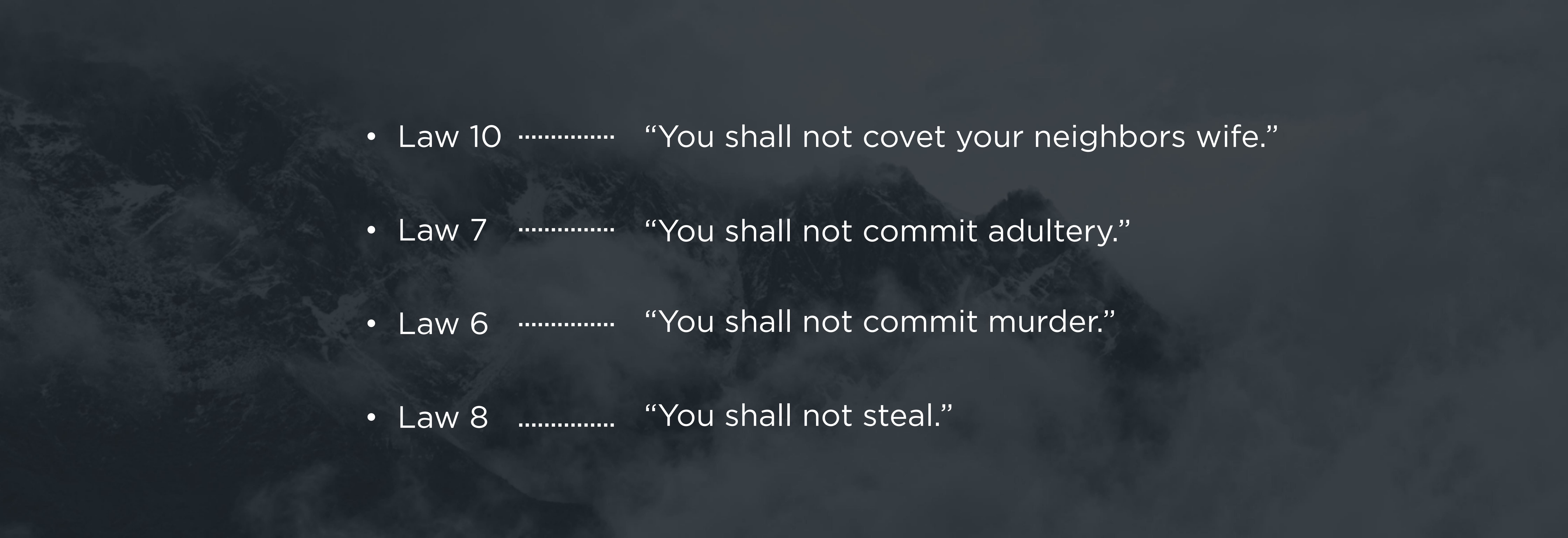


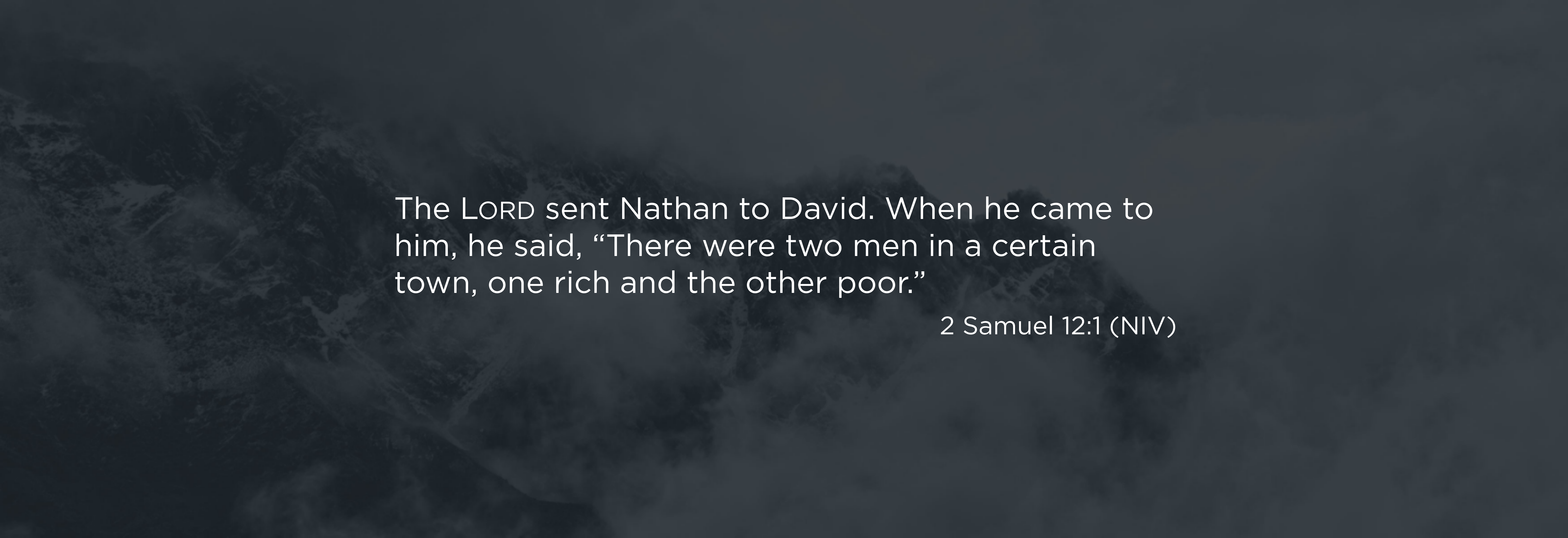
Anyone who strikes a person with a fatal blow is to be put to death.

Exodus 21:12 (NIV)

If a man commits adultery with another man's wife—with the wife of his neighbor—both the adulterer and the adulteress are to be put to death.

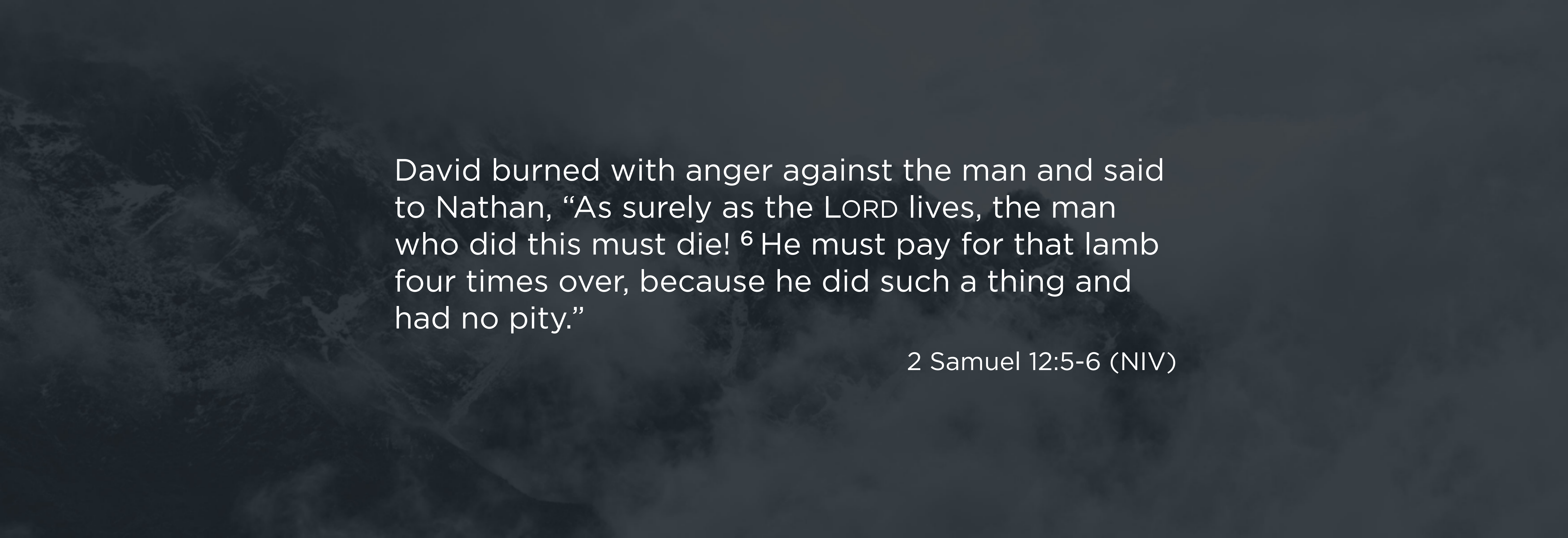
Leviticus 20:10 (NIV)

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- Law 10 “You shall not covet your neighbors wife.”
 - Law 7 “You shall not commit adultery.”
 - Law 6 “You shall not commit murder.”
 - Law 8 “You shall not steal.”



The LORD sent Nathan to David. When he came to him, he said, “There were two men in a certain town, one rich and the other poor.”

2 Samuel 12:1 (NIV)



David burned with anger against the man and said to Nathan, “As surely as the LORD lives, the man who did this must die! ⁶ He must pay for that lamb four times over, because he did such a thing and had no pity.”

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2 Samuel 12:5-6 (NIV)

Then Nathan said to David,
“**You are the man!...**”

2 Samuel 12:7a (NIV)

Then Nathan said to David, “You are the man! This is what the LORD, the God of Israel, says: ‘I anointed you king over Israel, and I delivered you from the hand of Saul. ⁸ I gave your master’s house to you, and your master’s wives into your arms. I gave you all Israel and Judah. And if all this had been too little, I would have given you even more.’”

2 Samuel 12:7-8 (NIV)

The Charge

“Why did you despise the word of the LORD by doing what is evil in his eyes? You struck down Uriah the Hittite with the sword and took his wife to be your own. You killed him with the sword of the Ammonites.”

2 Samuel 12:9 (NIV)

The Consequence

“Now, therefore, the sword will never depart from your house, because you despised me and took the wife of Uriah the Hittite to be your own.’ ¹¹ This is what the LORD says: ‘Out of your own household I am going to bring calamity on you. Before your very eyes I will take your wives and give them to one who is close to you, and he will sleep with your wives in broad daylight. ¹² You did it in secret, but I will do this thing in broad daylight before all Israel.’”

2 Samuel 12:10-12 (NIV)

The Consequence

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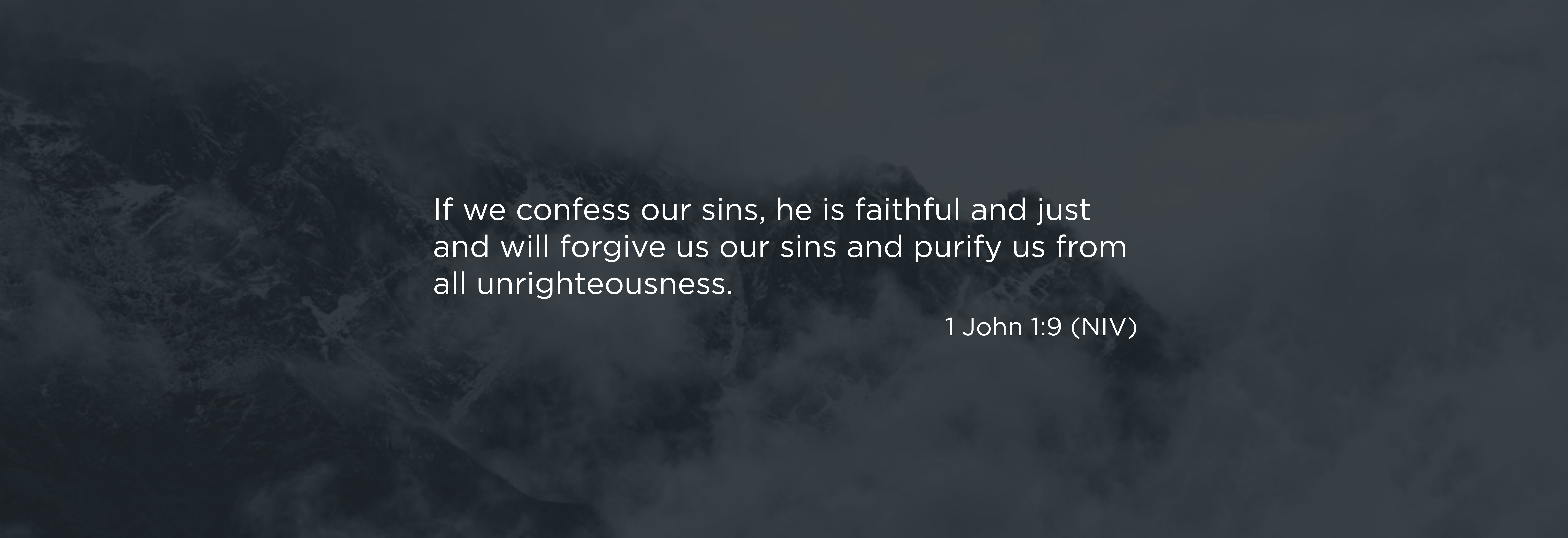
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2 Samuel 12:13a (NIV)

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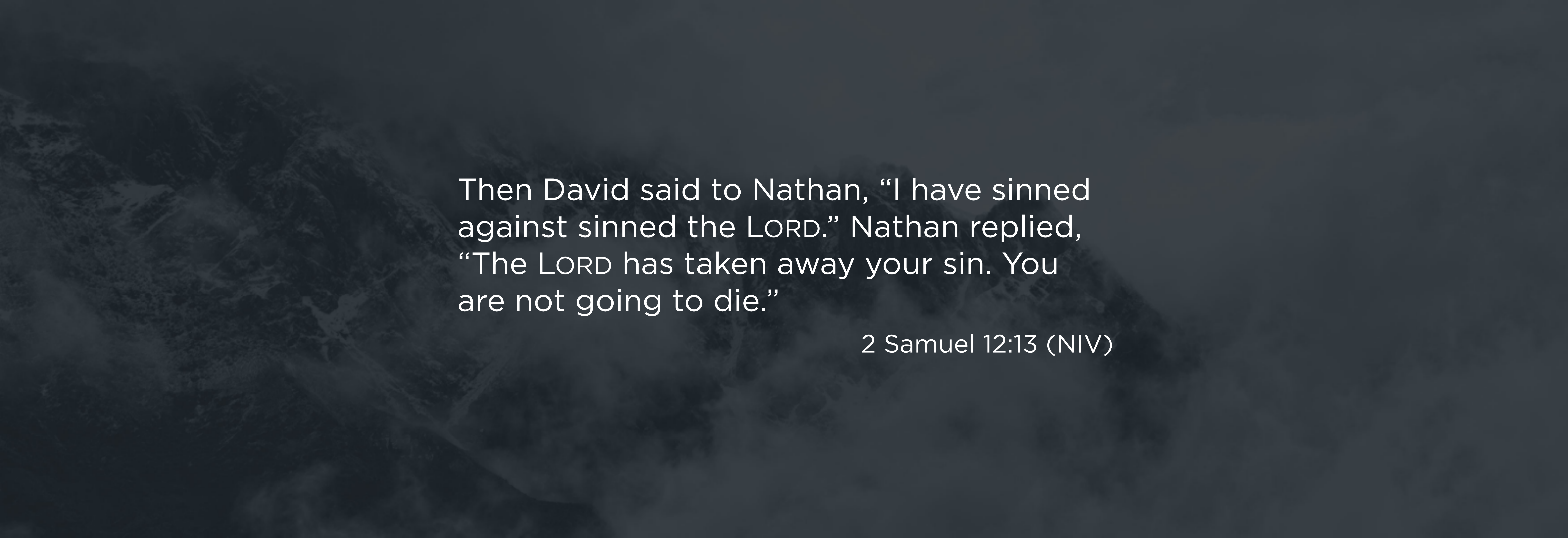
Blessed is the one whose transgressions are forgiven, whose sins are covered. ² Blessed is the one whose sin the LORD does not count against them and in whose spirit is no deceit. ³ When I kept silent, my bones wasted away through my groaning all day long. ⁴ For day and night your hand was heavy on me; my strength was sapped as in the heat of summer. ⁵ Then I acknowledged my sin to you and did not cover up my iniquity. I said, “I will confess my transgressions to the LORD.” And you forgave the guilt of my sin.

Psalms 32:1-5 (NIV)



If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just
and will forgive us our sins and purify us from
all unrighteousness.

1 John 1:9 (NIV)



Then David said to Nathan, “I have sinned
against the LORD.” Nathan replied,
“The LORD has taken away your sin. You
are not going to die.”

2 Samuel 12:13 (NIV)

Takeaways

- We all have an asterisk*.
- We all need an editor (Nathan).
- There is no hidden sin, God knows what we think and do. “Your sin will find you out.” (Numbers 32:23 NIV)
- God graciously responds to our confession but there may still be consequences to our sin.
- “Above all else guard your heart, for everything you do flows from it.” (Proverbs 4:23 NIV)



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