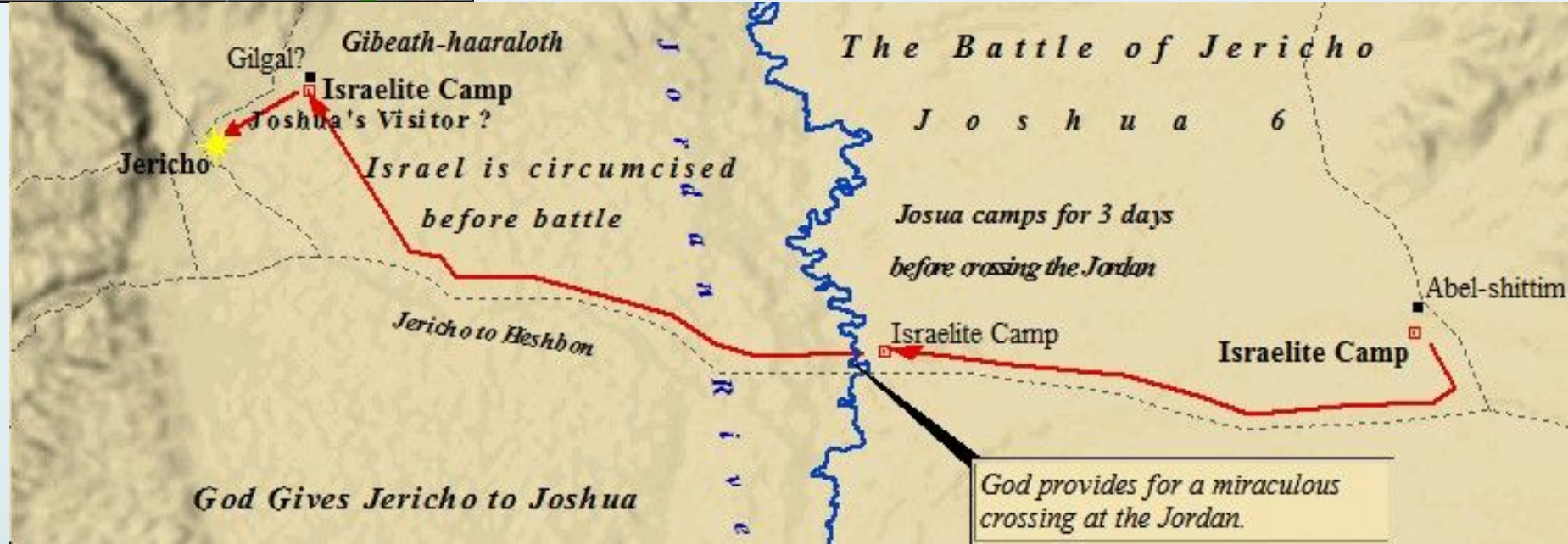


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God Gives Jericho to Joshua

Joshua 5:1-9 (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, their hearts melted in fear and they no longer had the courage to face the Israelites.

2 At that time the Lord said to Joshua, “Make flint knives and circumcise the Israelites again.”

3 So Joshua made flint knives and circumcised the Israelites at Gibeath Haaraloth.

4 Now this is why he did so: All those who came out of Egypt—all the men of military age—died in the wilderness on the way after leaving Egypt.

5 All the people that came out had been circumcised, but all the people born in the wilderness during the journey from Egypt had not.

6 The Israelites had moved about in the wilderness forty years until all the men who were of military age when they left Egypt had died, since they had not obeyed the Lord. For the Lord had sworn to them that they would not see the land he had solemnly promised their ancestors to give us, a land flowing with milk and honey.

7 So he raised up their sons in their place, and these were the ones Joshua circumcised. They were still uncircumcised because they had not been circumcised on the way.

8 And after the whole nation had been circumcised, they remained where they were in camp until they were healed.

9 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.

Joshua 5:1

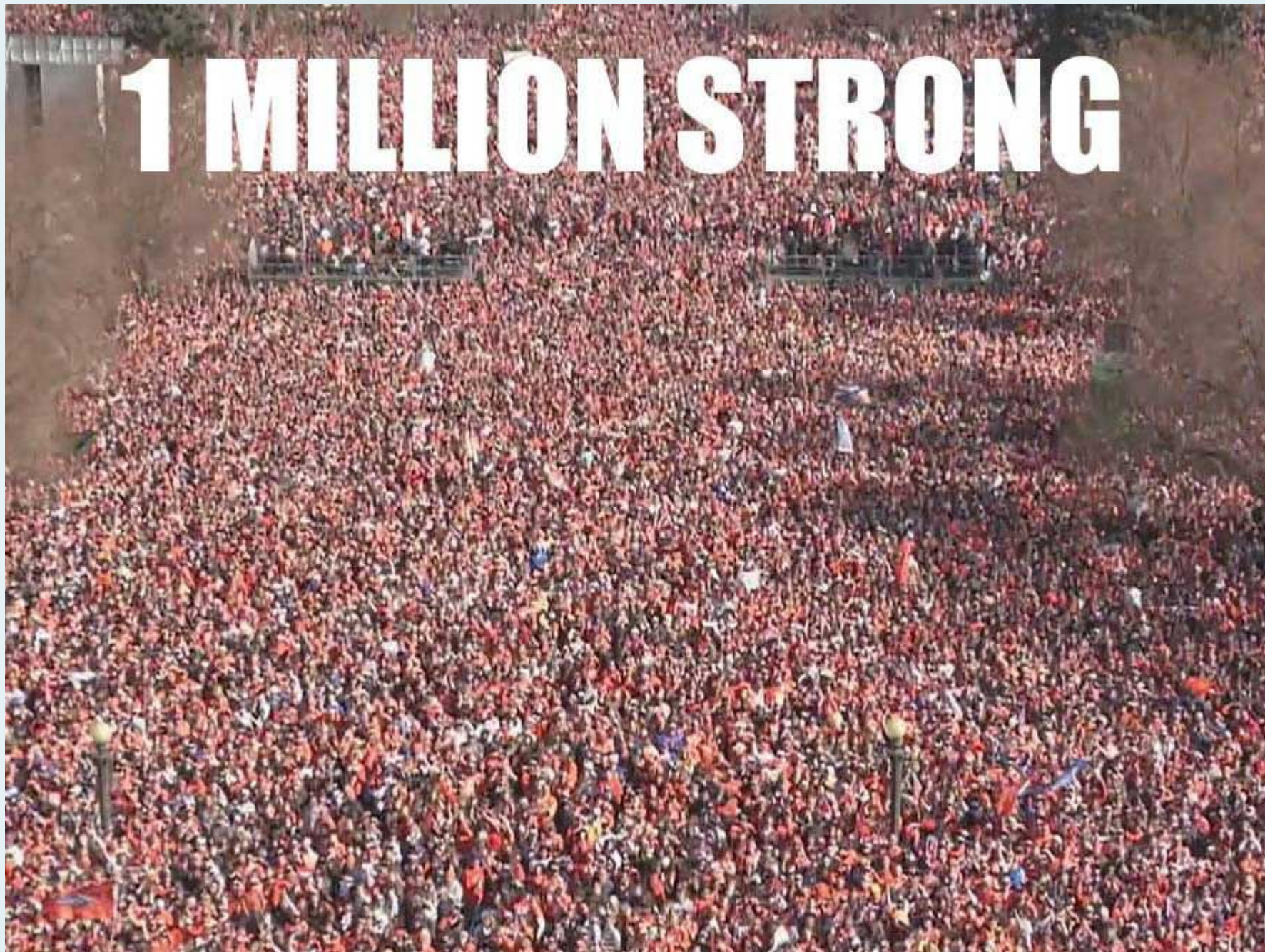
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Joshua 2:9-11

“I know that the Lord has given you this land and that a great fear of you has fallen on us, so that all who live in this country are melting in fear because of you. We have heard how the Lord dried up the water of the Red Sea for you when you came out of Egypt, and what you did to Sihon and Og, the two kings of the Amorites east of the Jordan, whom you completely destroyed. When we heard of it, our hearts melted in fear and everyone’s courage failed because of you, for the Lord your God is God in heaven above and on the earth below.”

AT THAT TIME THE LORD
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- JOSHUA 5:2



Joshua 5:4-5

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5 All the people that came out had been circumcised, but all the people born in the wilderness during the journey from Egypt had not.



**Why did the Israelites need
circumcision?**

THE LORD SAID TO ABRAM

Go out from **your** land,
your relatives, and
your father's house
to the land that

I WILL show **you**.

I WILL make **you** into a great nation,

I WILL bless **you**,

I WILL make **your** name great, and

you WILL be a blessing.

I WILL bless those who bless **you**,

I WILL curse those who treat **you**
with contempt, and
all the peoples on earth

WILL be blessed through **you**.

Genesis 12:1-3

Genesis 17:7-10

7 I will establish my covenant as **an everlasting covenant between me and you and your descendants** after you for the generations to come, to be your God and the God of your descendants after you.

8 The **whole land of Canaan**, where you now reside as a foreigner, I will **give as an everlasting possession** to you and your descendants after you; and I will be their God.”

9 Then God said to Abraham, “As for you, you **must keep my covenant**, you and your descendants after you for the generations to come.

10 This is my covenant with you and your descendants after you, **the covenant you are to keep: Every male among you shall be circumcised.**

Why circumcision & not some other symbol?

- Organ of reproduction
- Symbol of cutting away the flesh
- Outward sign of an inward change
- Hygiene

THE LORD YOUR GOD WILL CIRCUMCISE
YOUR HEARTS AND THE HEARTS OF YOUR
DESCENDANTS, AND YOU WILL LOVE HIM
WITH ALL YOUR HEART AND WITH ALL
YOUR SOUL, SO THAT YOU MAY LIVE.

- DEUTERONOMY 30:6

Genesis 17:13-14

13 Whether born in your household or bought with your money, they must be circumcised. My covenant in your flesh is to be an everlasting covenant.

14 Any uncircumcised male, who has not been circumcised in the flesh, will be cut off from his people; he has broken my covenant.”

**God MUST keep His
covenant**



What God CANNOT do?

- God cannot break His promise
- God cannot sin (Isaiah 59:2)
- God cannot lie (Heb 6:18)
- God cannot change
- God cannot improve, cannot be more powerful (Omnipotent)
- God cannot be surprised or learn anything new (Omniscient) (Ps 139:1-4; 1 John 3:20).
- God cannot forget.
- God cannot be tempted or tempt any man (James 1:13)
- God cannot die (Deut 32:39-40, Ps 90:2; 102:27)
- God cannot change the past
- God cannot force humans to love Him

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JOSHUA 5:3 NIV





CIRCUMCISION INSTRUMENTS SET



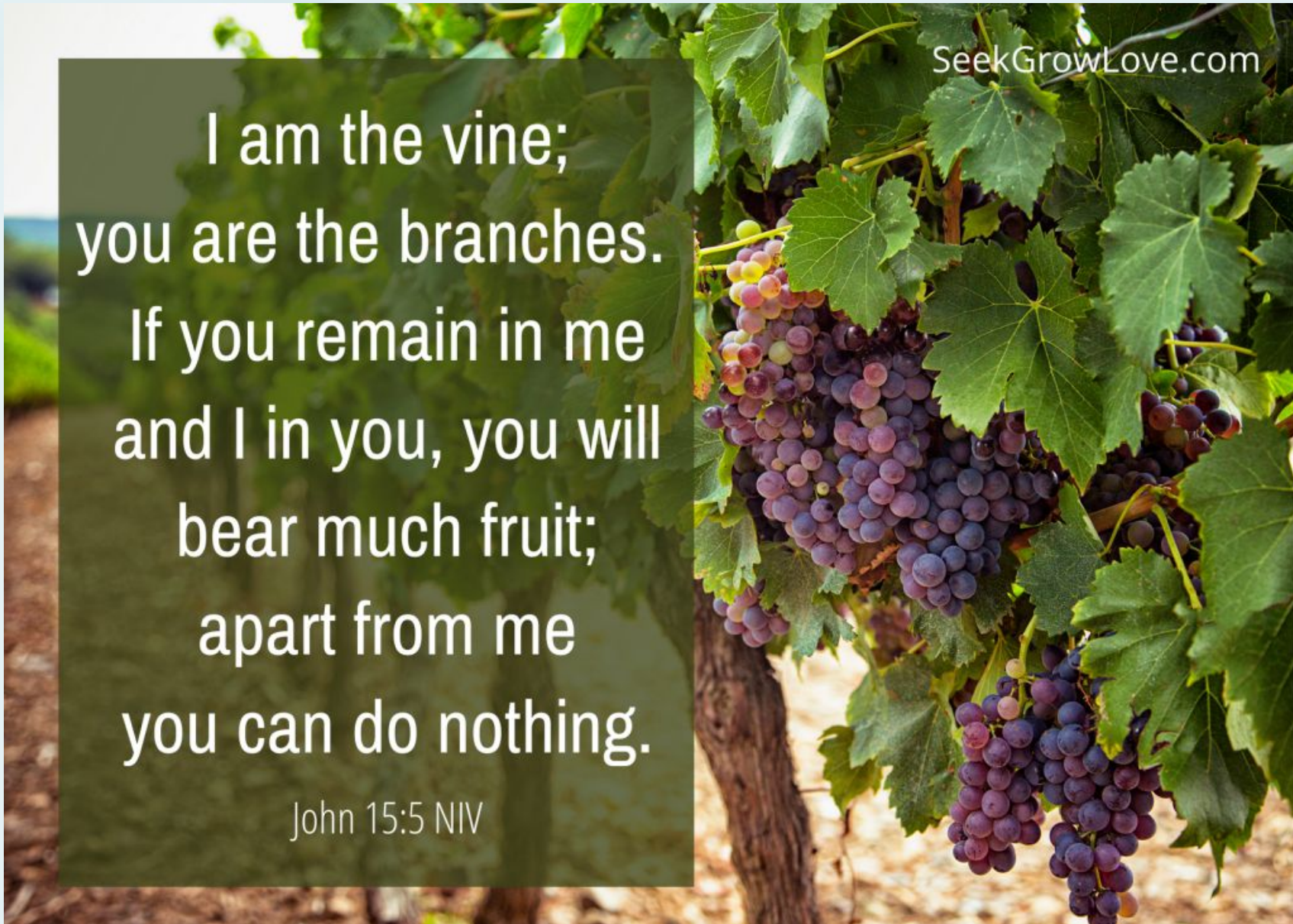
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Joshua 5-8

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I am the vine;
you are the branches.
If you remain in me
and I in you, you will
bear much fruit;
apart from me
you can do nothing.

John 15:5 NIV



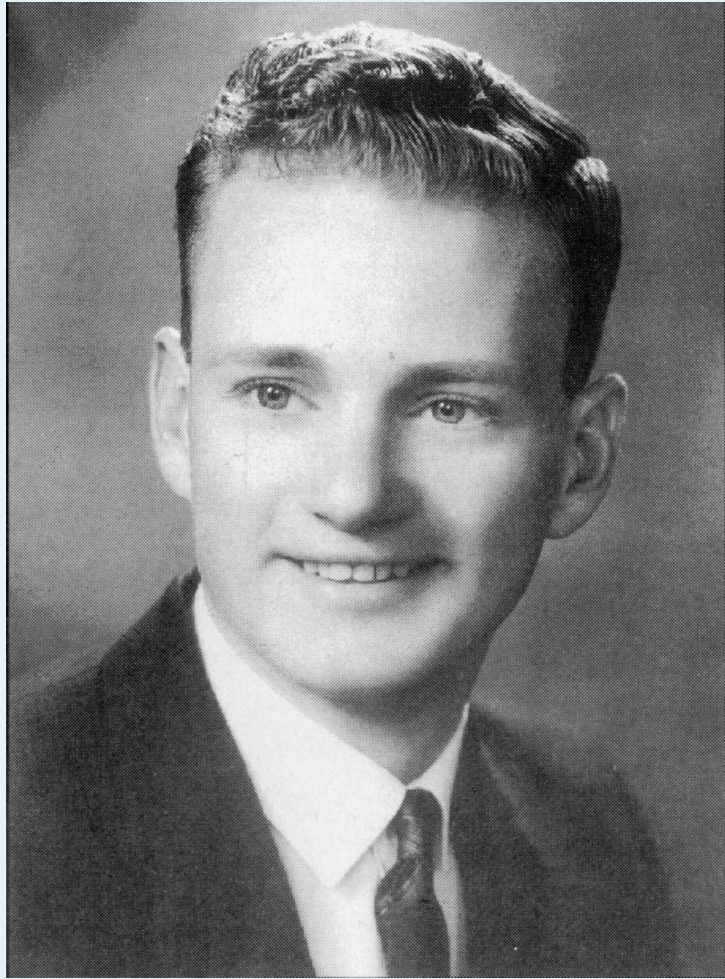


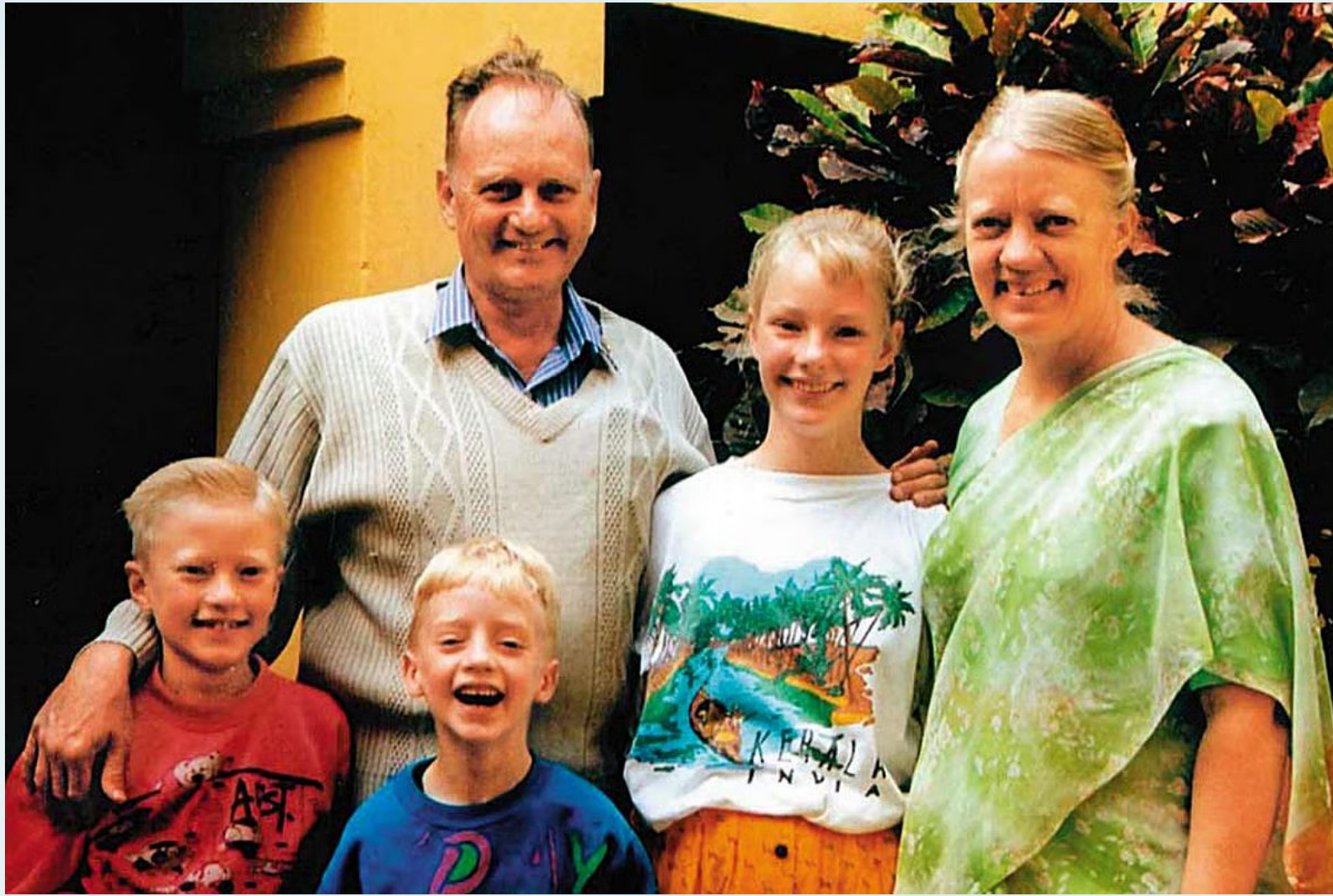
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But to you who are listening
I say: Love your enemies,
do good to those who hate you,
bless those who curse you,
pray for those who mistreat you.

Luke 6:27-28





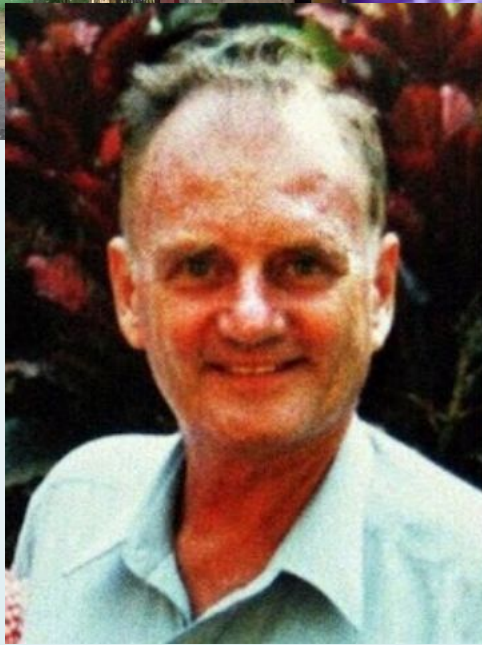


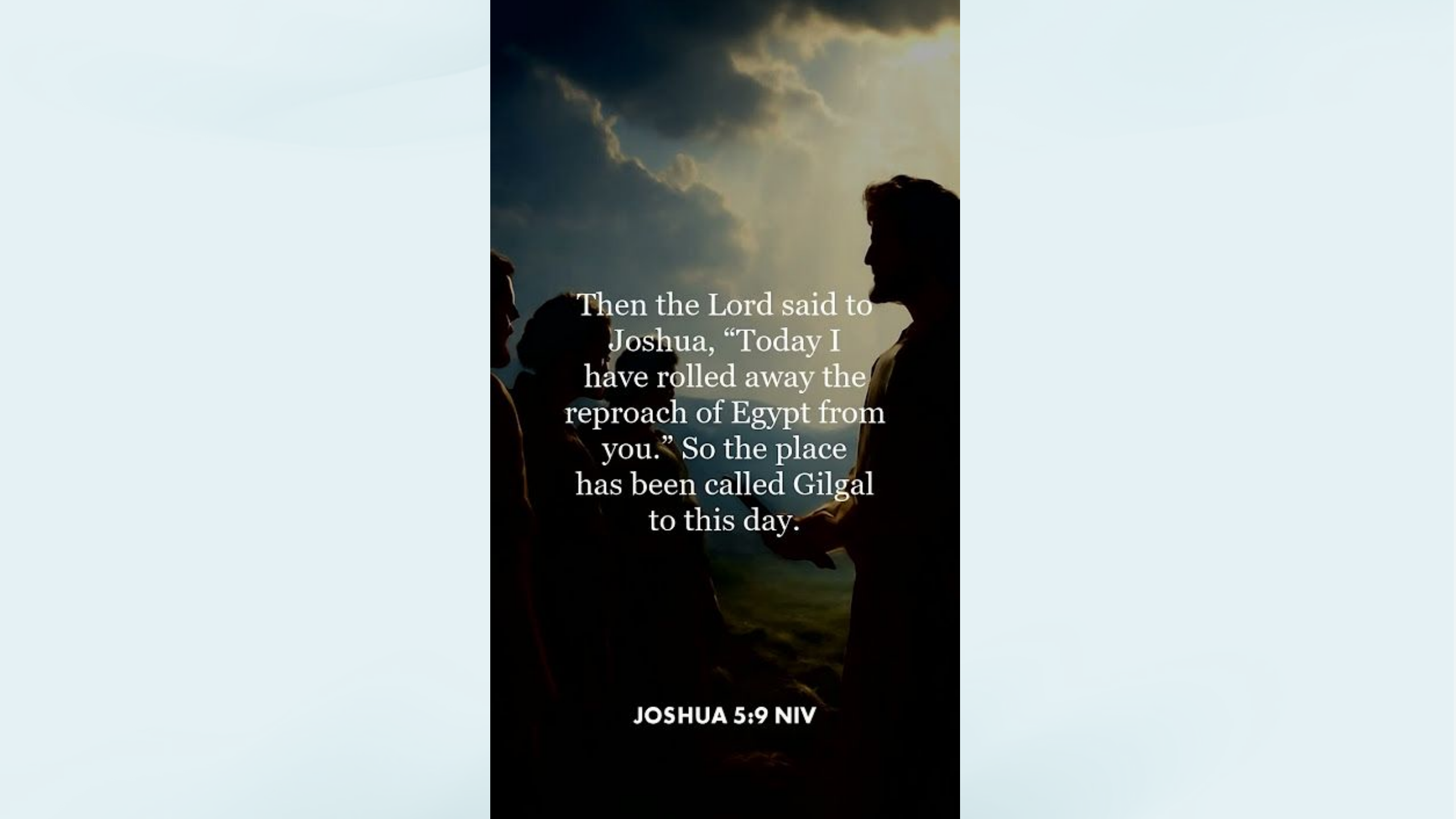










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JOSHUA 5:9 NIV



SEASON OF NEWNESS

In our journey of CROSSING OVER, we must have...

RADICAL OBEDIENCE

- **Faith. Know. Listen.**
- **Cut away the flesh (weak & sin-prone). No trust in the flesh.**
- **Trust in God & in Him alone, even if we do not understand.**

SEASON OF NEWNESS

- **New generation, new land.**
- **Past has been rolled away. Unburden ourselves.**

