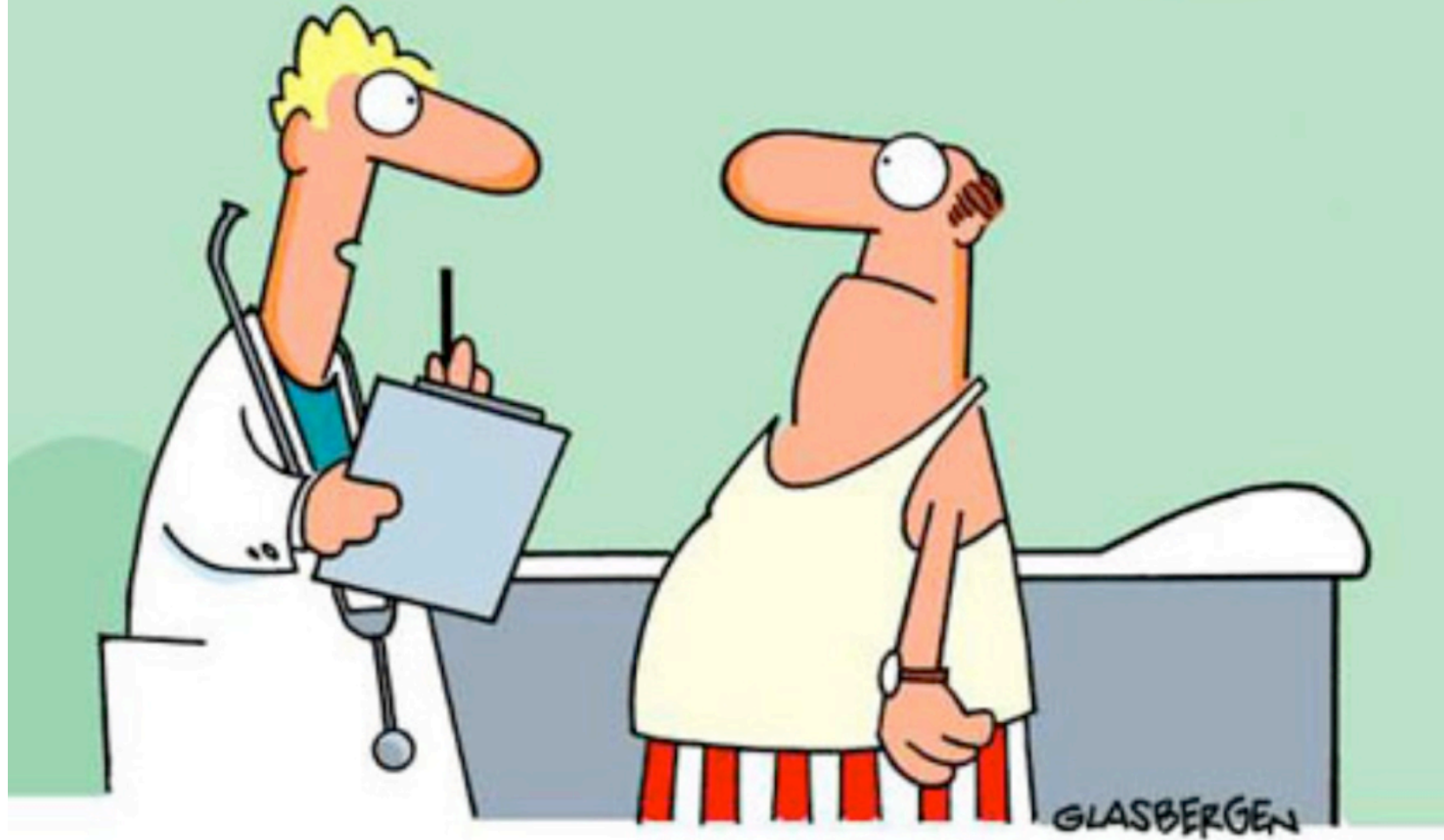


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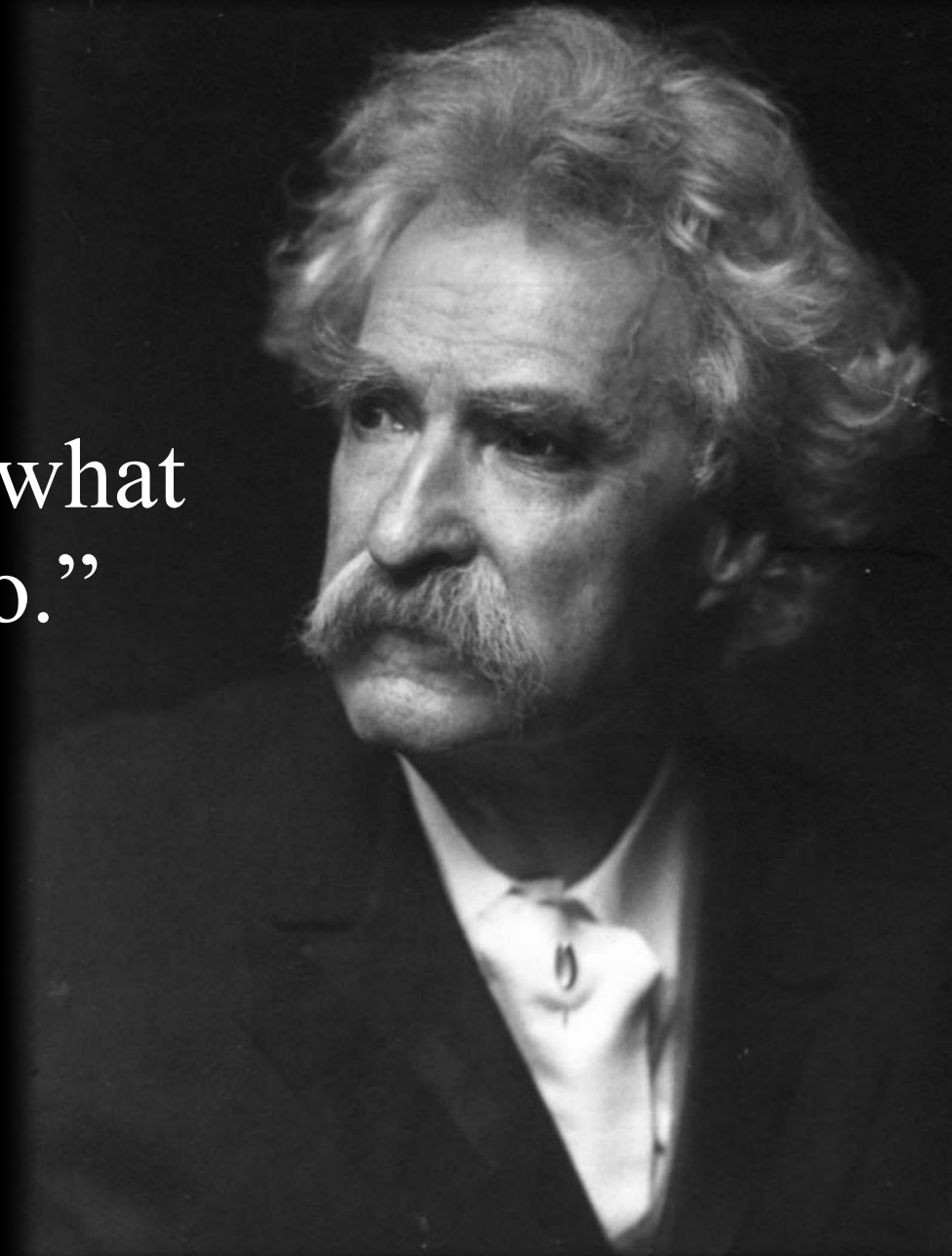
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Decisions, Decisions

Genesis 13

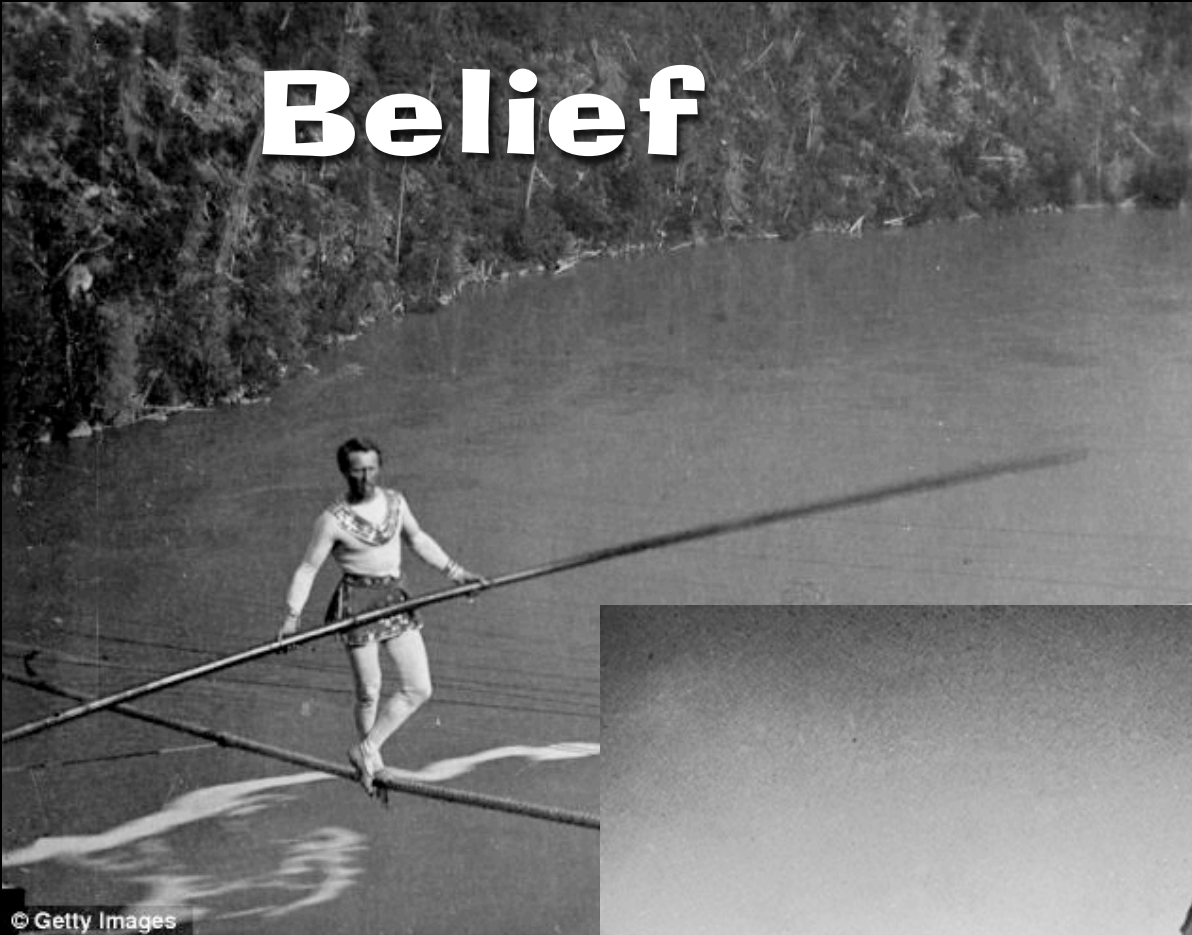


“Faith is believing what
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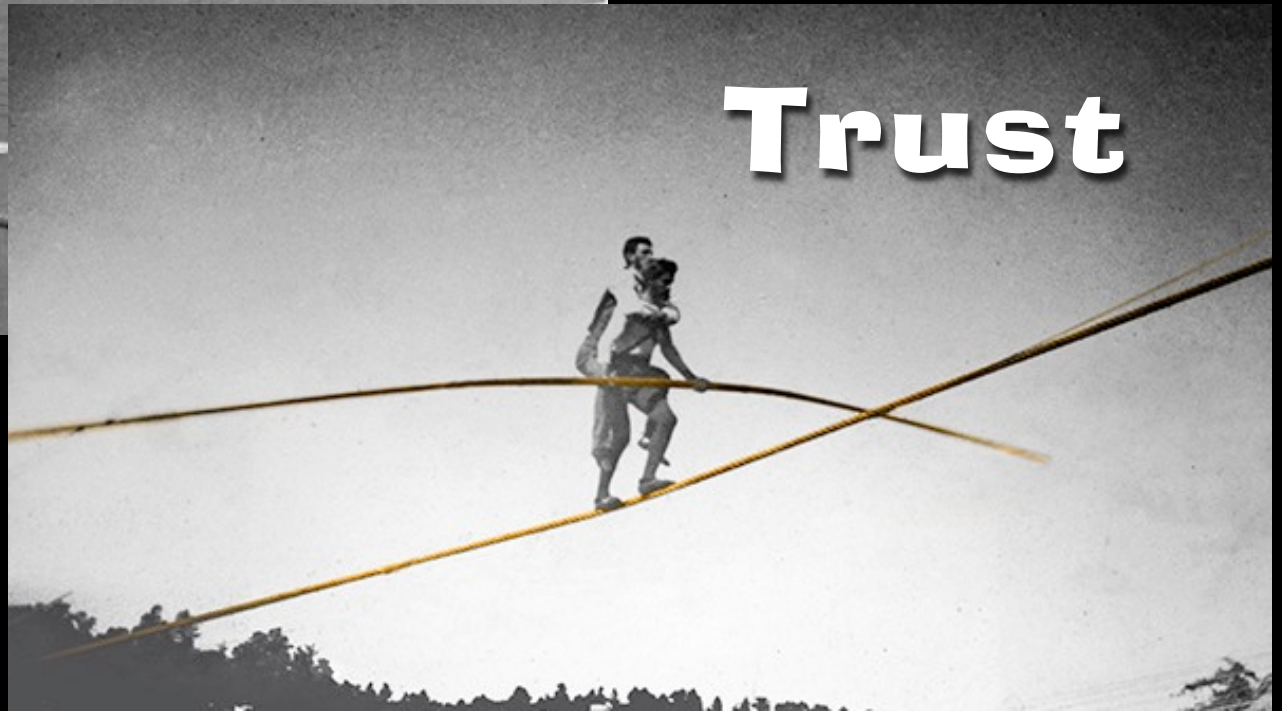
Belief

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Trust



Trust



⁸ By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to go out to a place that he was to receive as an inheritance. And he went, not knowing where he was going.

⁹ By faith he went to live in the land of promise, as in a foreign land, living in tents with Isaac and Jacob, heirs with him of the same promise. ¹⁰ For he was looking forward to the city that has foundations, whose designer and builder is God.

Hebrews 11:8 – 10 ESV

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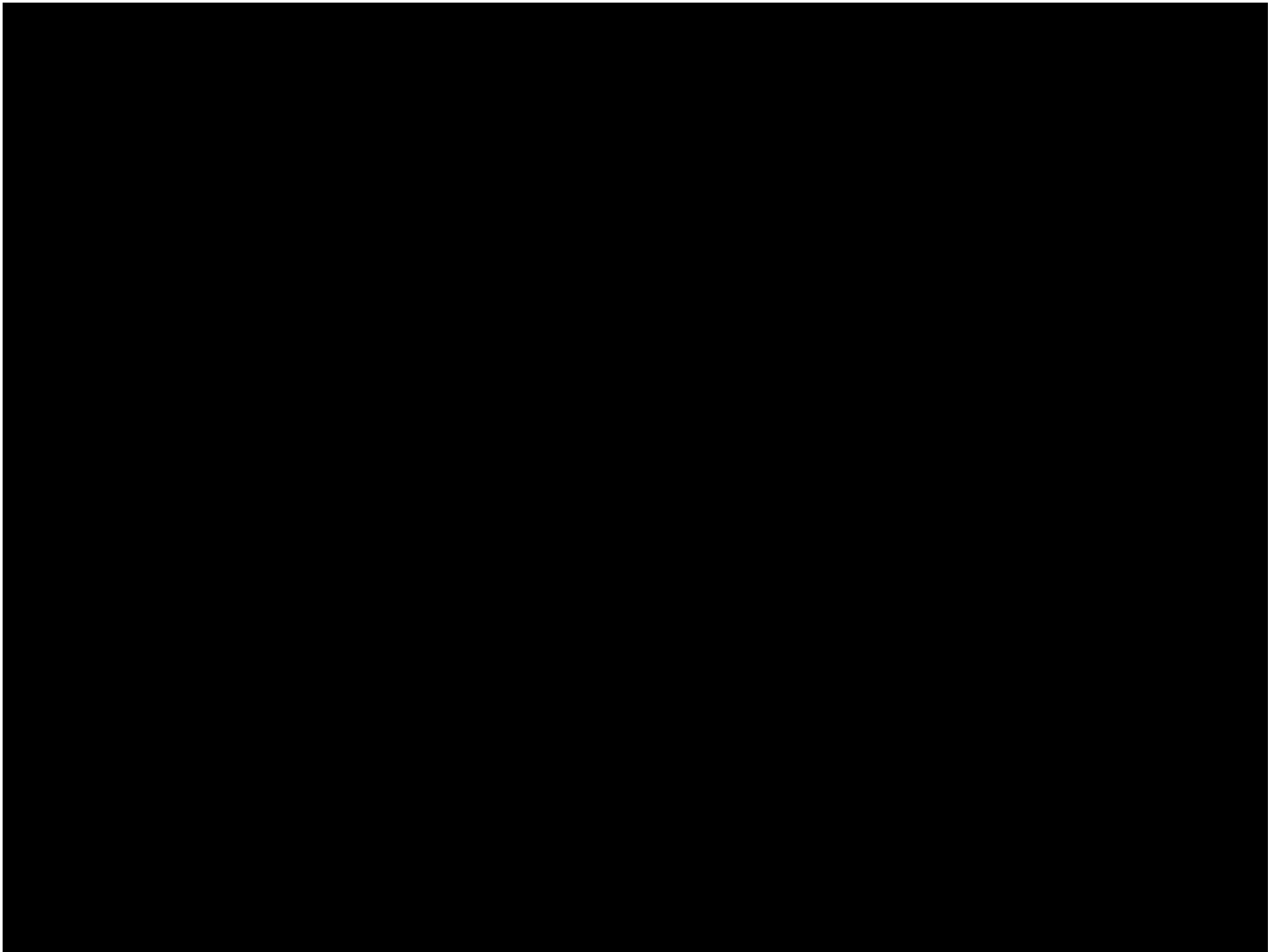
Romans 15:4 NIV



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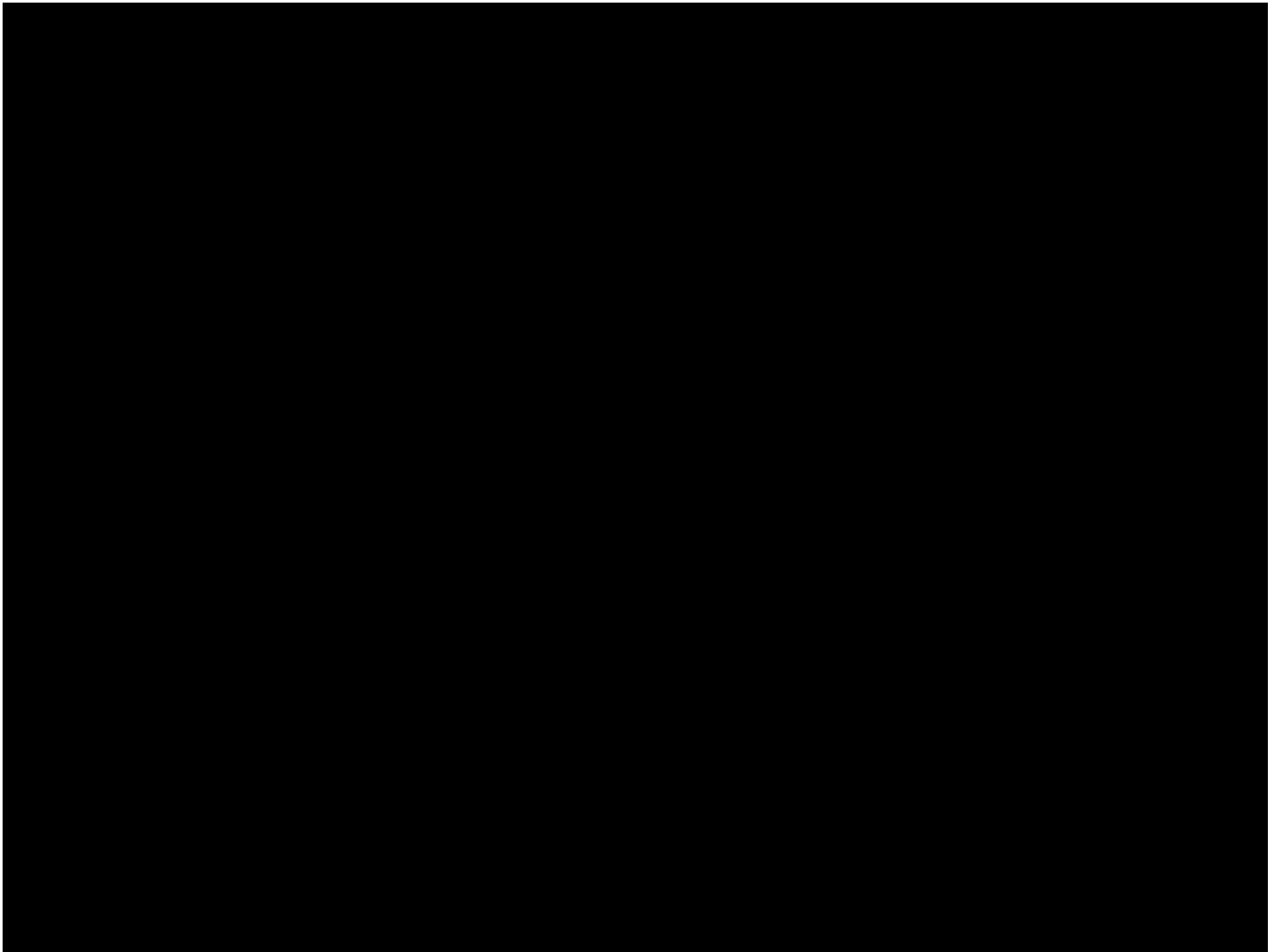


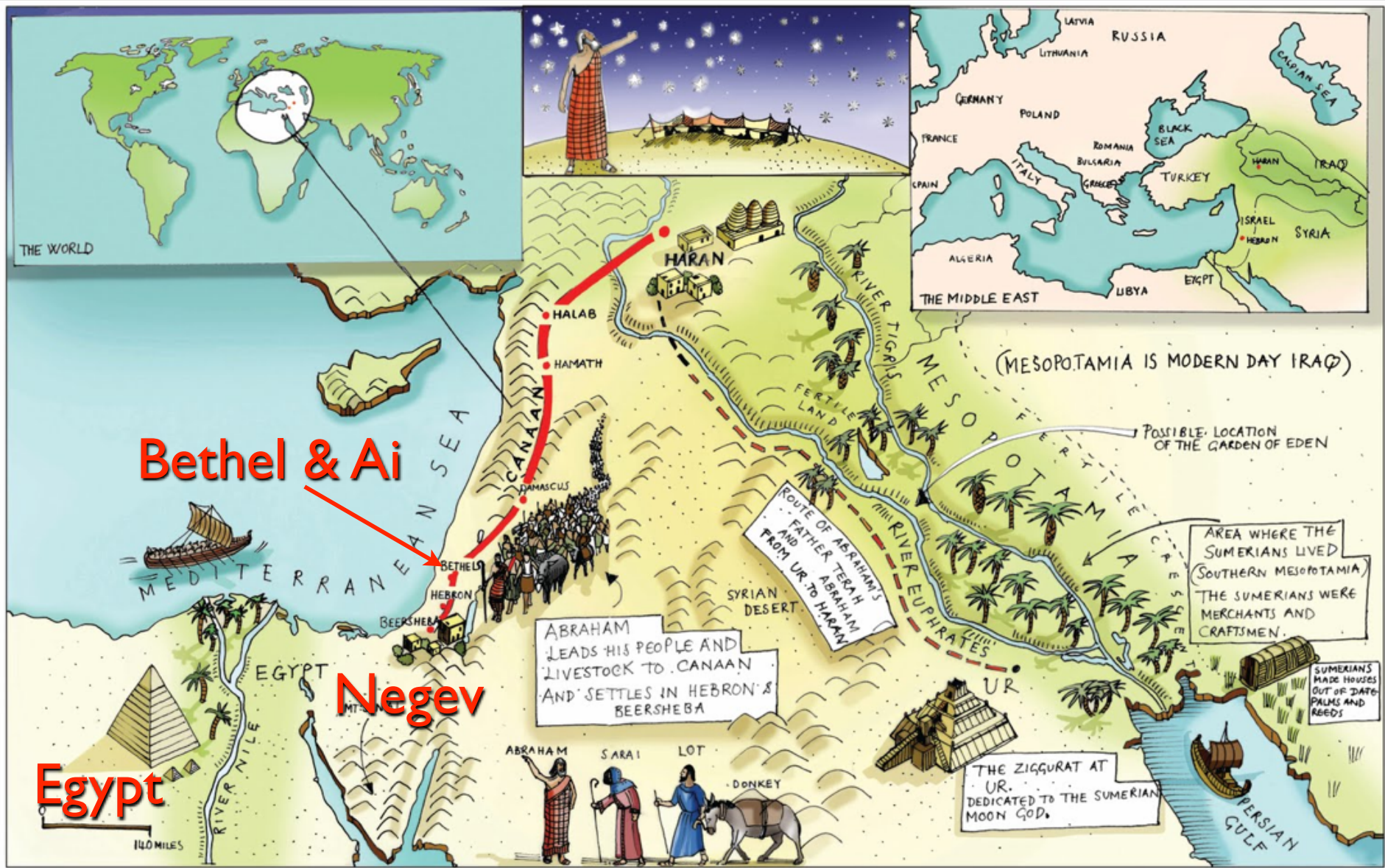
⁶ Abram traveled through the land as far as the site of the great tree of Moreh at Shechem. At that time the Canaanites were in the land. ⁷ The LORD appeared to Abram and said, “To your offspring I will give this land.” So he built an altar there to the LORD, who had appeared to him.

⁸ From there he went on toward the hills east of Bethel and pitched his tent, with Bethel on the west and Ai on the east. There he built an altar to the LORD and called on the name of the LORD.

Genesis 12:6 – 8, NIV







“very rich” = “heavy” Abram was “loaded”

Lot, who was traveling with Abram, had also become very wealthy with flocks of sheep and goats, herds of cattle, and many tents.

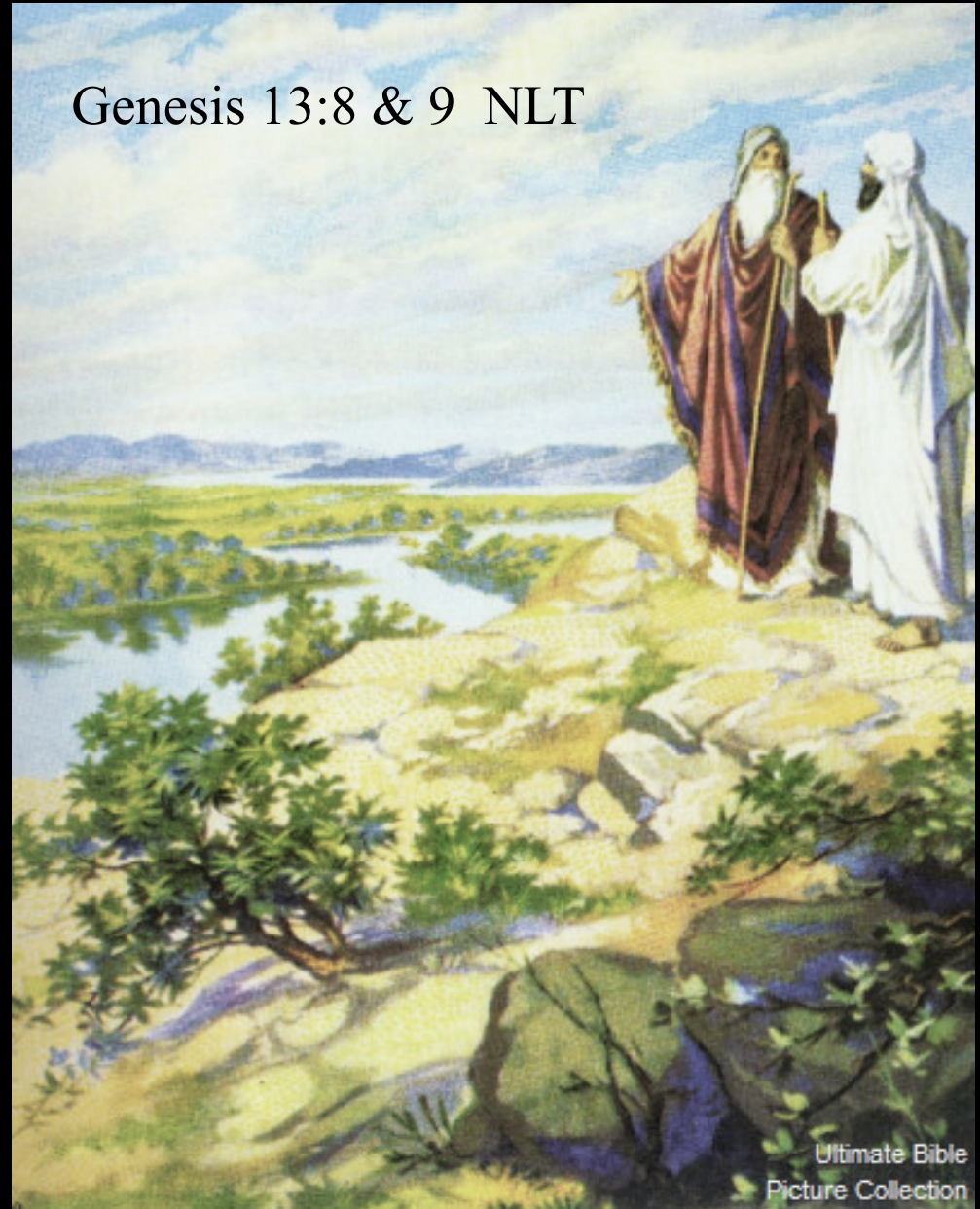
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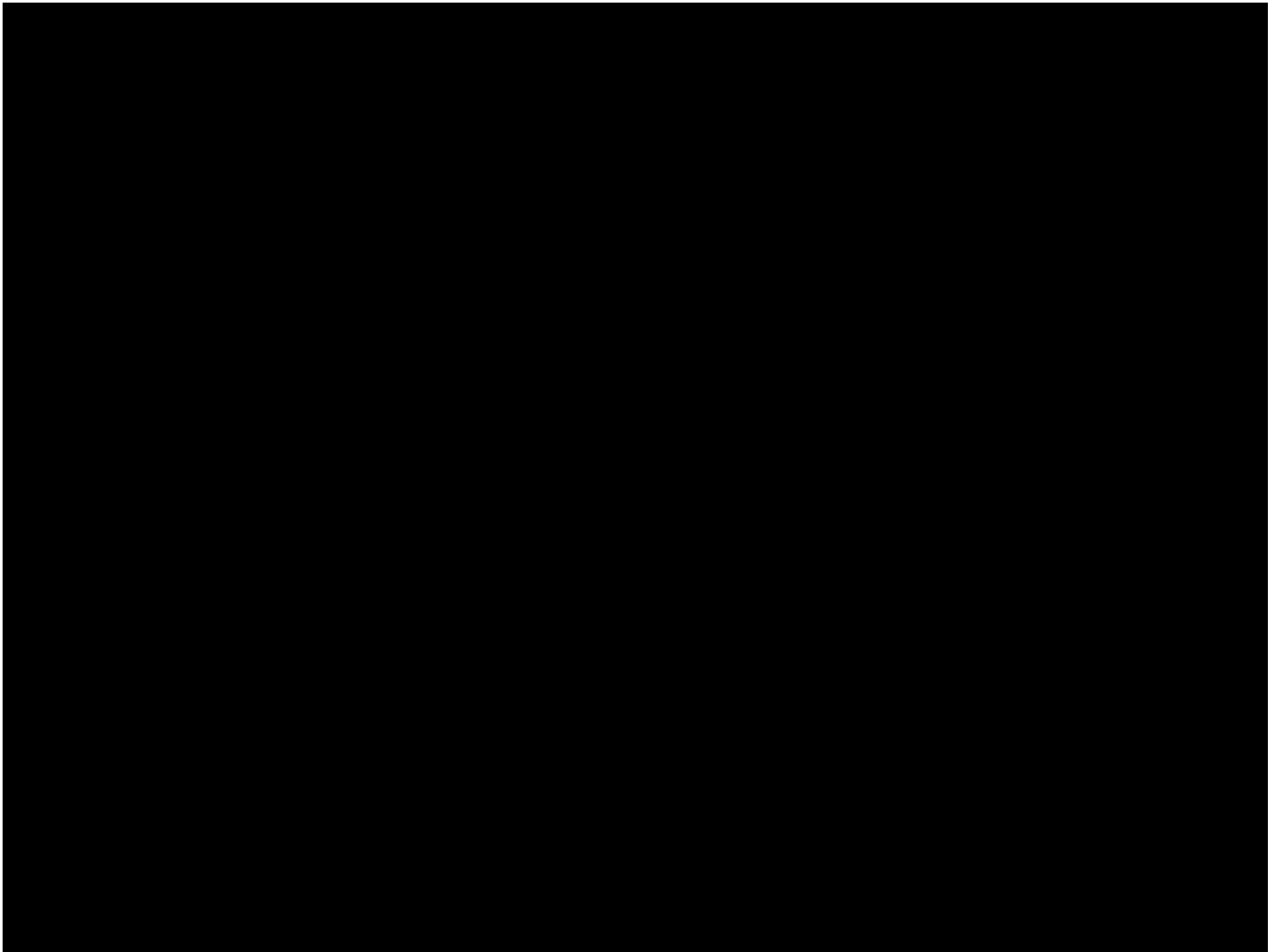
⁶ But the land could not support both Abram and Lot with all their flocks and herds living so close together. ⁷ So disputes broke out between the herdsmen of Abram and Lot. (At that time Canaanites and Perizzites were also living in the land.)

Genesis 13:6 & 7



⁸ Finally Abram said to Lot, “Let’s not allow this conflict to come between us or our herdsman. After all, we are close relatives!
⁹ The whole countryside is open to you. Take your choice of any section of the land you want, and we will separate. If you want the land to the left, then I’ll take the land on the right. If you prefer the land on the right, then I’ll go to the left.”





For the *love* of money is the root of
all kinds of evil.



1 Timothy 6:10

And some people, craving money, have
wandered from the true faith and
pierced themselves with many sorrows.

¹⁰ Lot took a long look at the fertile plains of the Jordan Valley in the direction of Zoar. The whole area was well watered everywhere, like the garden of the LORD or the beautiful land of Egypt. (This was before the LORD destroyed Sodom and Gomorrah.)

¹¹ So Lot chose for himself all the Jordan Valley, and Lot journeyed east. Thus they separated from each other.

Genesis 13:10 & 11 NLT



So Abram settled in the land of Canaan, and Lot moved his tents to a place near Sodom and settled among the cities of the plain.

Genesis 13:12 NLT



he saw

he chose for himself

he journeyed there

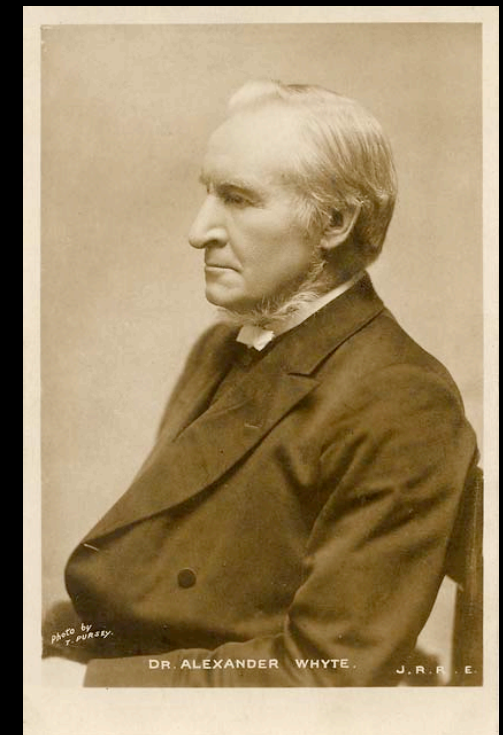
he settled

“In any given situation, what you are determines what you see, and what you see determines what you do.”

Haddon Robinson, *Leadership*



Lot stood up and looked out on the best land and the best water in all the country round, and drove his flocks down into it without a moment's hesitation, or a touch of remorse, or so much as a Thank you. Lot knew quite well both the name and the character of that city lying in the rain and sunshine below.

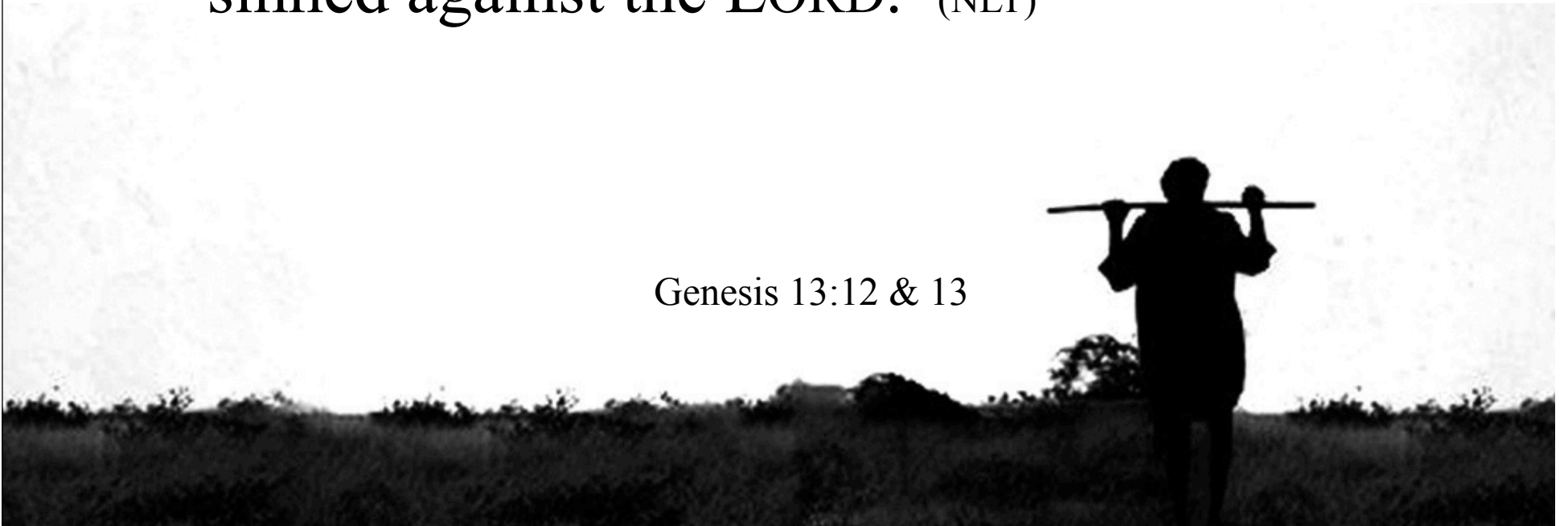


Abraham, Chuck Swindoll, p 94

¹² Lot settled among the cities of the valley and moved his tent as far as Sodom. (ESV)

¹³ But the people of this area were extremely wicked and constantly sinned against the LORD. (NLT)

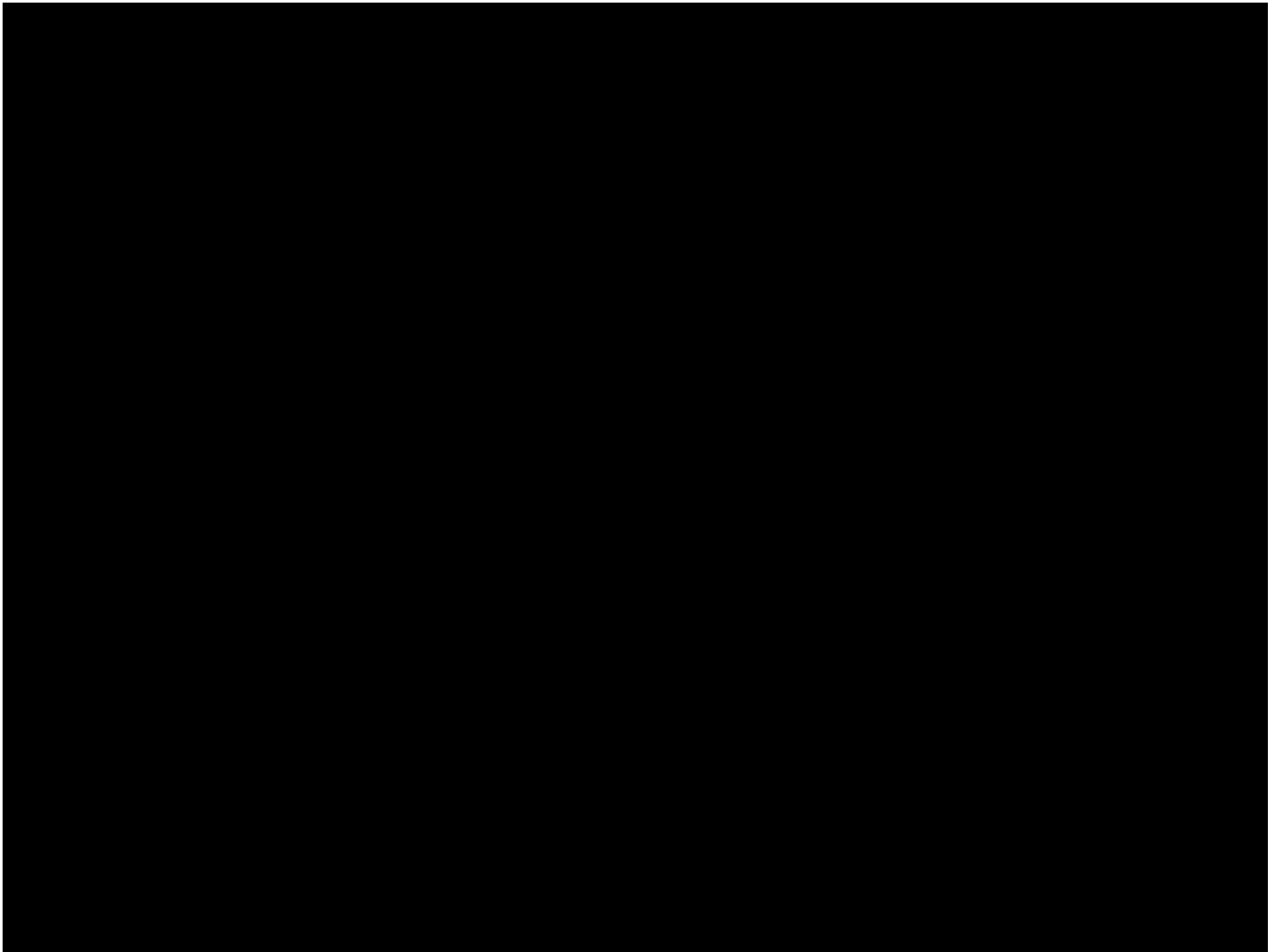
Genesis 13:12 & 13



The two angels came to Sodom
in the evening, and Lot was
sitting in the gate of Sodom.

Genesis 19:1 ESV





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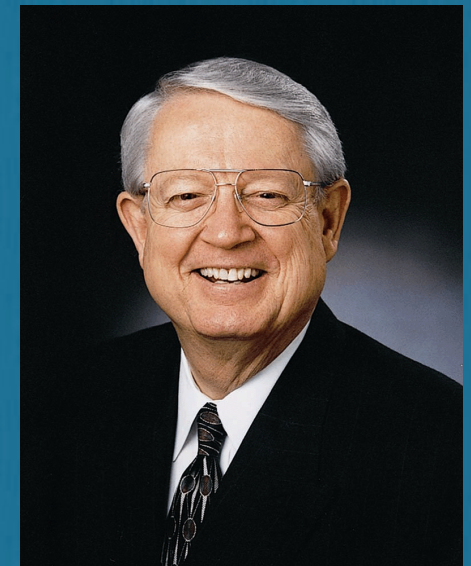
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— *Charles R. Swindoll*



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Forget about pleasing only yourself.

Don't be selfish; don't try to impress others. Be humble, thinking of others as better than yourselves. Don't look out only for your own interests, but take an interest in others, too.

— *Philippians 2:3-4*

¹⁴ After Lot had gone, the LORD said to Abram, “Look as far as you can see in every direction—north and south, east and west. ¹⁵ I am giving all this land, as far as you can see, to you and your descendants as a permanent possession. ¹⁶ And I will give you so many descendants that, like the dust of the earth, they cannot be counted! ¹⁷ Go and walk through the land in every direction, for I am giving it to you.”

¹⁸ So Abram moved his camp to Hebron and settled near the oak grove belonging to Mamre. There he built another altar to the LORD.

Genesis 13:14 - 18 NLT

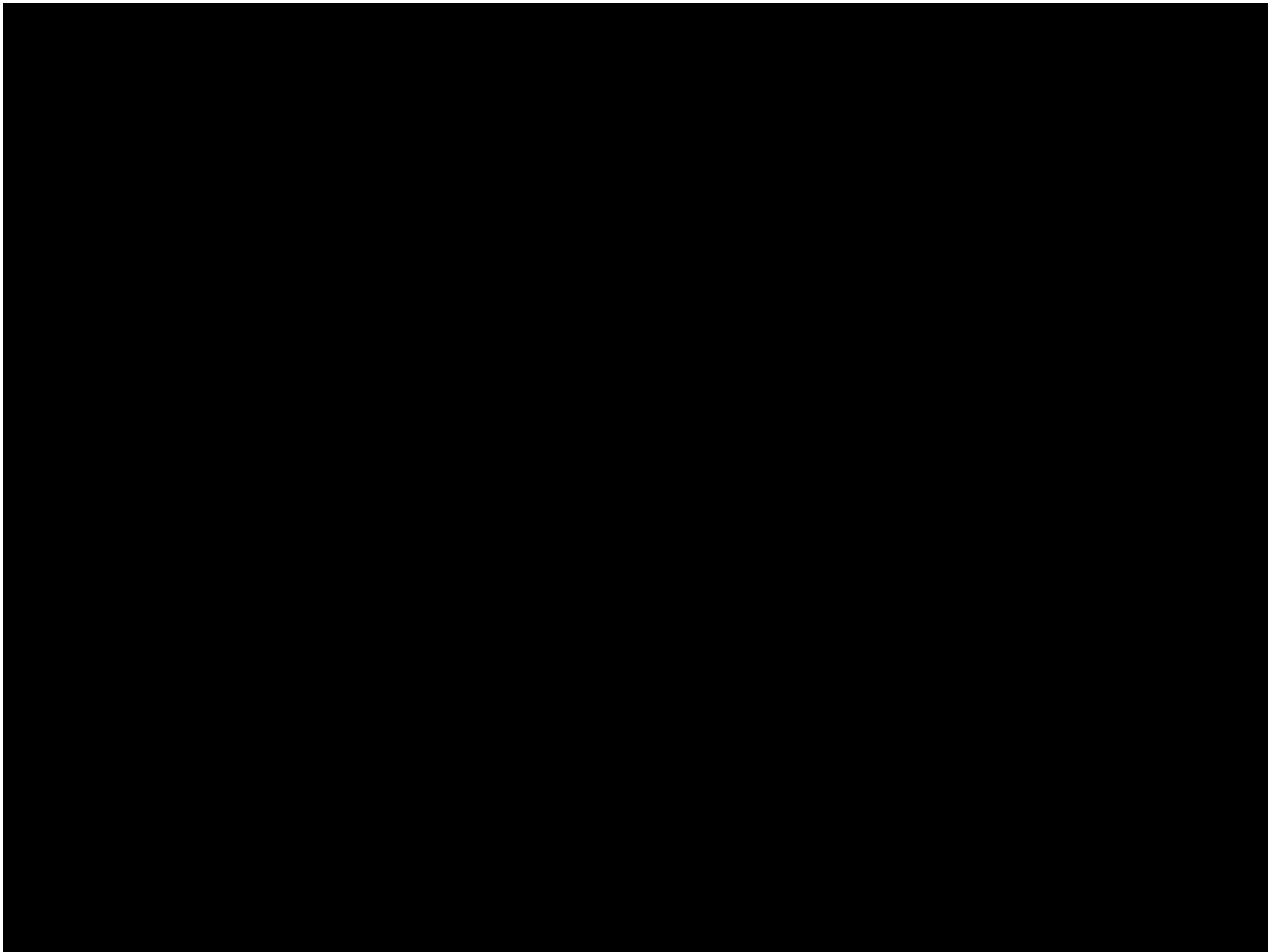


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“ . . . progress means getting nearer to the place where you want to be. And if you have taken a wrong turning, then to go forward does not get you any nearer. If you are on the wrong road, progress means doing an about-turn and walking back to the right road . . .

We have all seen this when doing arithmetic. When I have started a sum the wrong way, the sooner I admit this and go back and start again, the faster I shall get on.”

C. S. Lewis. Mere Christianity



