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²⁷ This is the account of Terah's family line. Terah became the father of Abram, Nahor and Haran. And Haran became the father of Lot. ²⁸ While his father Terah was still alive, Haran died in Ur of the Chaldeans, in the land of his birth. ²⁹ Abram and Nahor both married. The name of Abram's wife was Sarai, and the name of Nahor's wife was Milkah; she was the daughter of Haran, the father of both Milkah and Iskah. ³⁰ Now Sarai was childless because she was not able to conceive. ³¹ Terah took his son Abram, his grandson Lot son of Haran, and his daughter-in-law Sarai, the wife of his son Abram, and together they set out from Ur of the Chaldeans to go to Canaan. ...

Genesis 11:27-12:8

But when they came to Harran, they settled there.

³² Terah lived 205 years, and he died in Harran.

¹ The Lord had said to Abram, “Go from your country, your people and your father’s household to the land I will show you.

² “I will make you into a great nation, and I will bless you;

I will make your name great, and you will be a blessing.

³ I will bless those who bless you, and whoever curses you I will curse; and all peoples on earth will be blessed through you.” ...

Genesis 11:27-12:8

⁴ So Abram went, as the Lord had told him; and Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he set out from Harran. ⁵ He took his wife Sarai, his nephew Lot, all the possessions they had accumulated and the people they had acquired in Harran, and they set out for the land of Canaan, and they arrived there. 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. ...

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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.

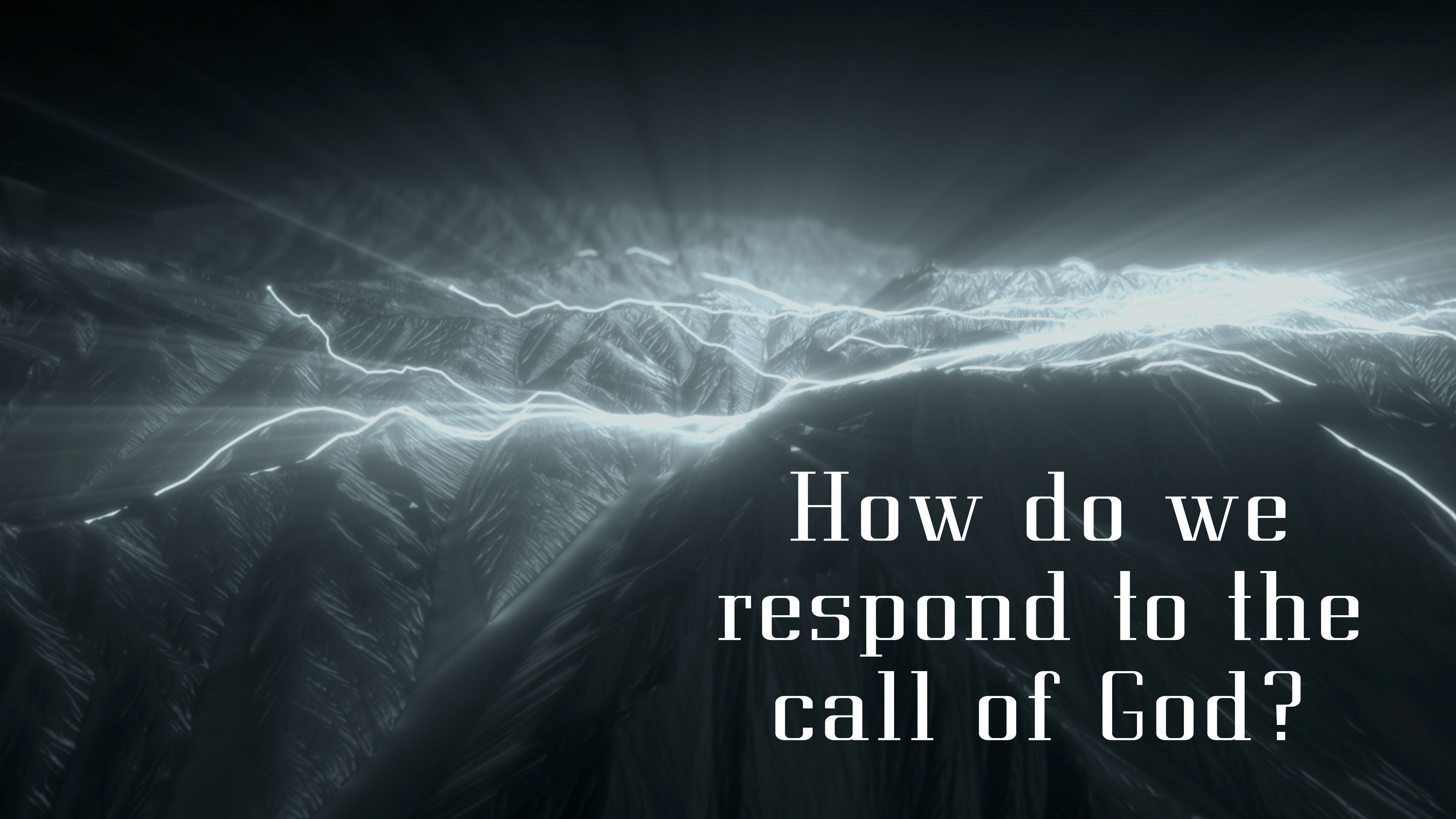
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Worship looks
like responding
to the call of God

The background of the image is a dark, stormy sky. Multiple bright, jagged lightning bolts are visible, striking down from the top of the frame. The lightning bolts are rendered in a bright, glowing white and yellow, contrasting sharply with the dark, greyish-blue background. The overall atmosphere is dramatic and intense.

How do we
respond to the
call of God?



Understanding Why the Call Comes



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Understanding Why the Call Comes

The background features a dark, gradient surface with a complex, glowing pattern of white and light blue lines and dots. These elements form a large, abstract shape that resembles a stylized letter 'C' or a partial circle, with a bright, concentrated light source at its center. The lines radiate outwards, creating a sense of depth and movement.

Why does God
call Abraham?



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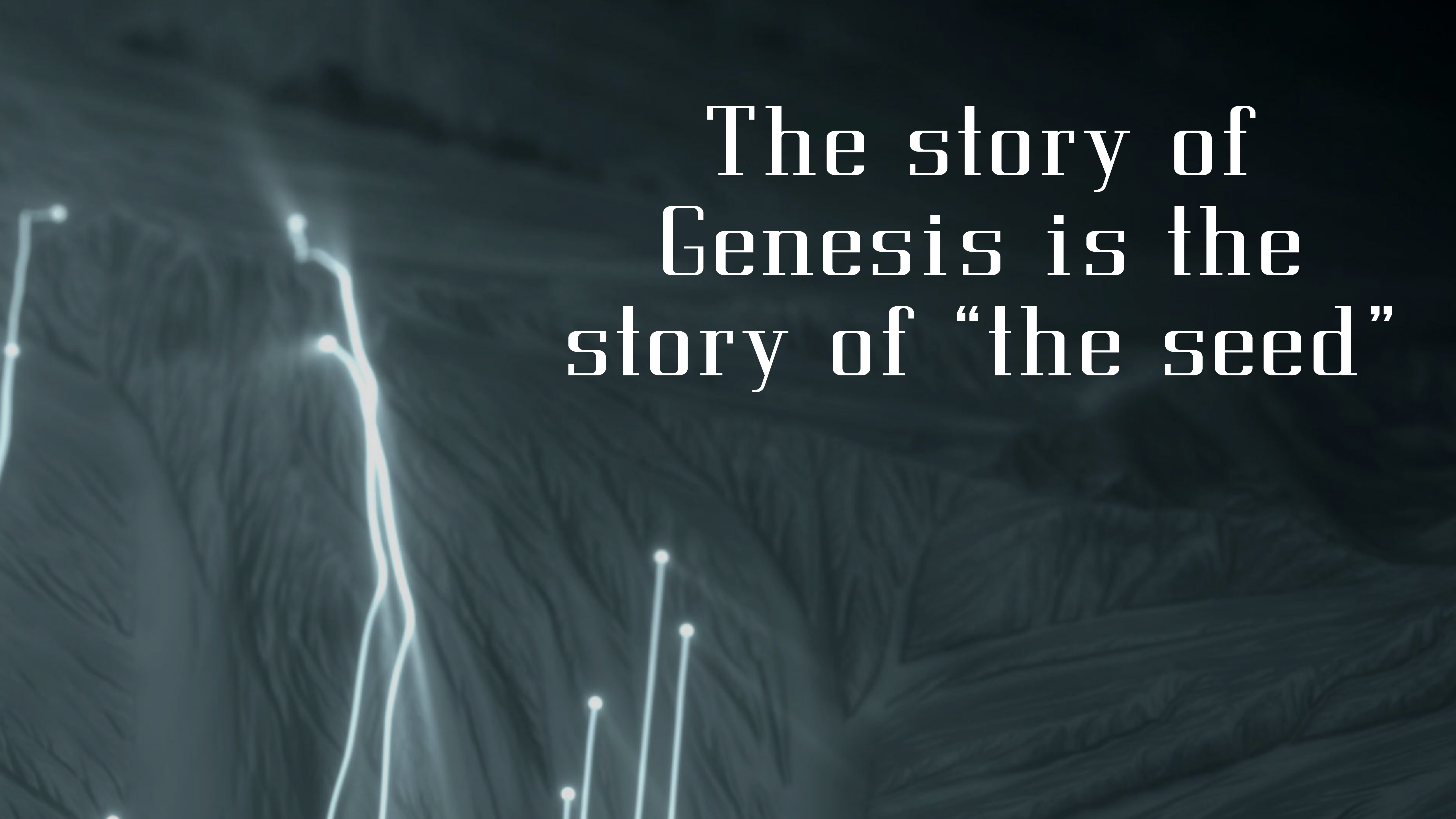
Genesis 11 : 27

Terah became the father of
Abram, Nahor and Haran.

Genesis 11 : 27

This is what the LORD, the God of Israel, says: 'Long ago your ancestors, including Terah the father of Abraham and Nahor, lived beyond the Euphrates River and worshiped other gods.'

Joshua 24 : 2



The story of
Genesis is the
story of “the seed”



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Now Sarai was childless because
she was not able to conceive.

Genesis 11 : 30

“The barrenness of Sarah is an effective metaphor for hopelessness. This text tells us there is no foreseeable future, there is no power to invent a future. The human race and human history have just hit a dead end.”

Walter Brueggemann



a. It means that unless God calls, humanity is lost



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“Resolved, not to talk about myself or feelings.
To think before speaking. To work seriously. To
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Interest myself more in others.”

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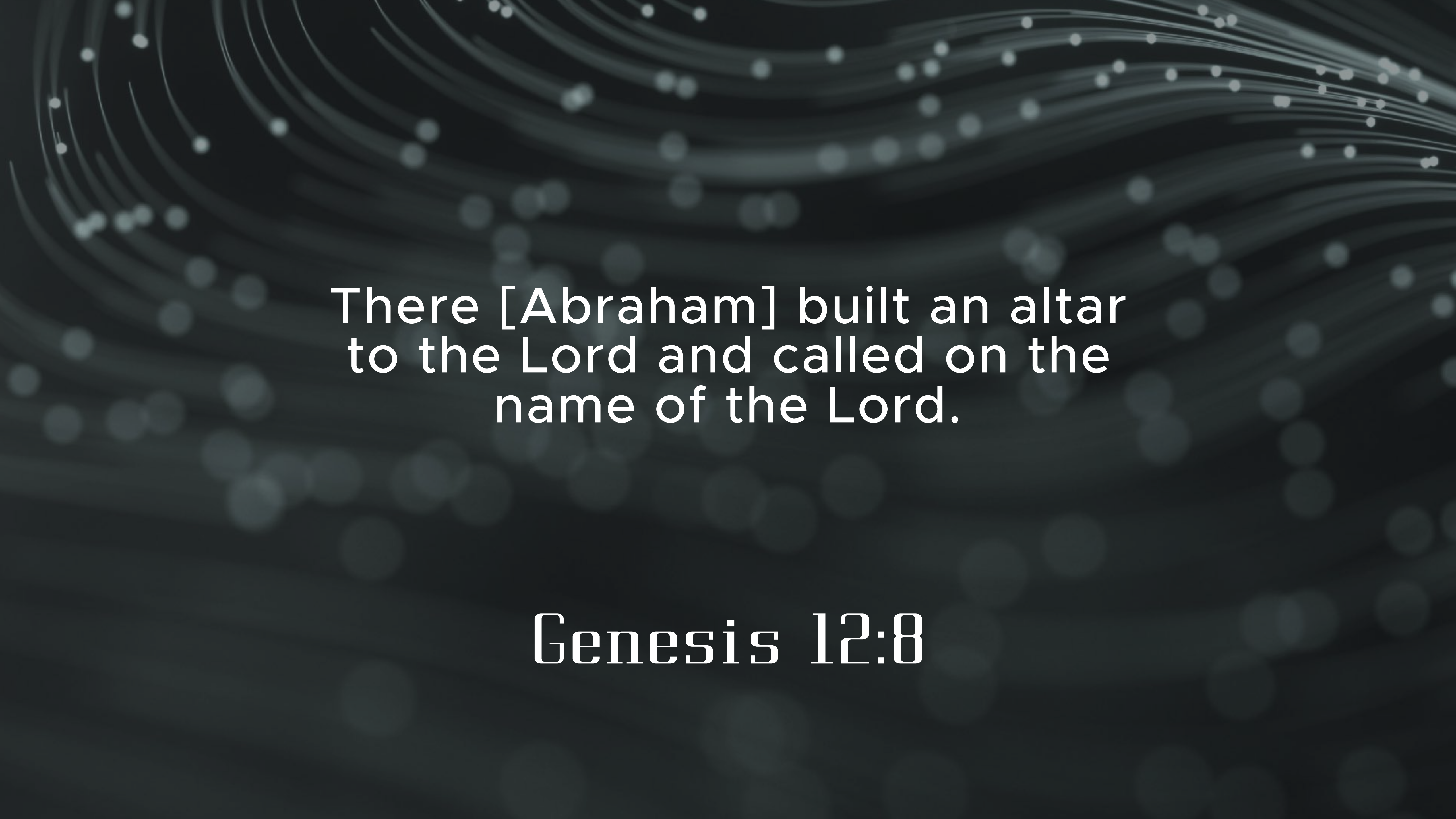
"I will try to make myself better in any way I possibly can ... I will lose weight, get new lenses, already got new haircut, good makeup, new clothes and accessories."

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a. It means that unless God calls, humanity is lost

b. Because God calls, we can have hope



There [Abraham] built an altar
to the Lord and called on the
name of the Lord.

Genesis 12:8

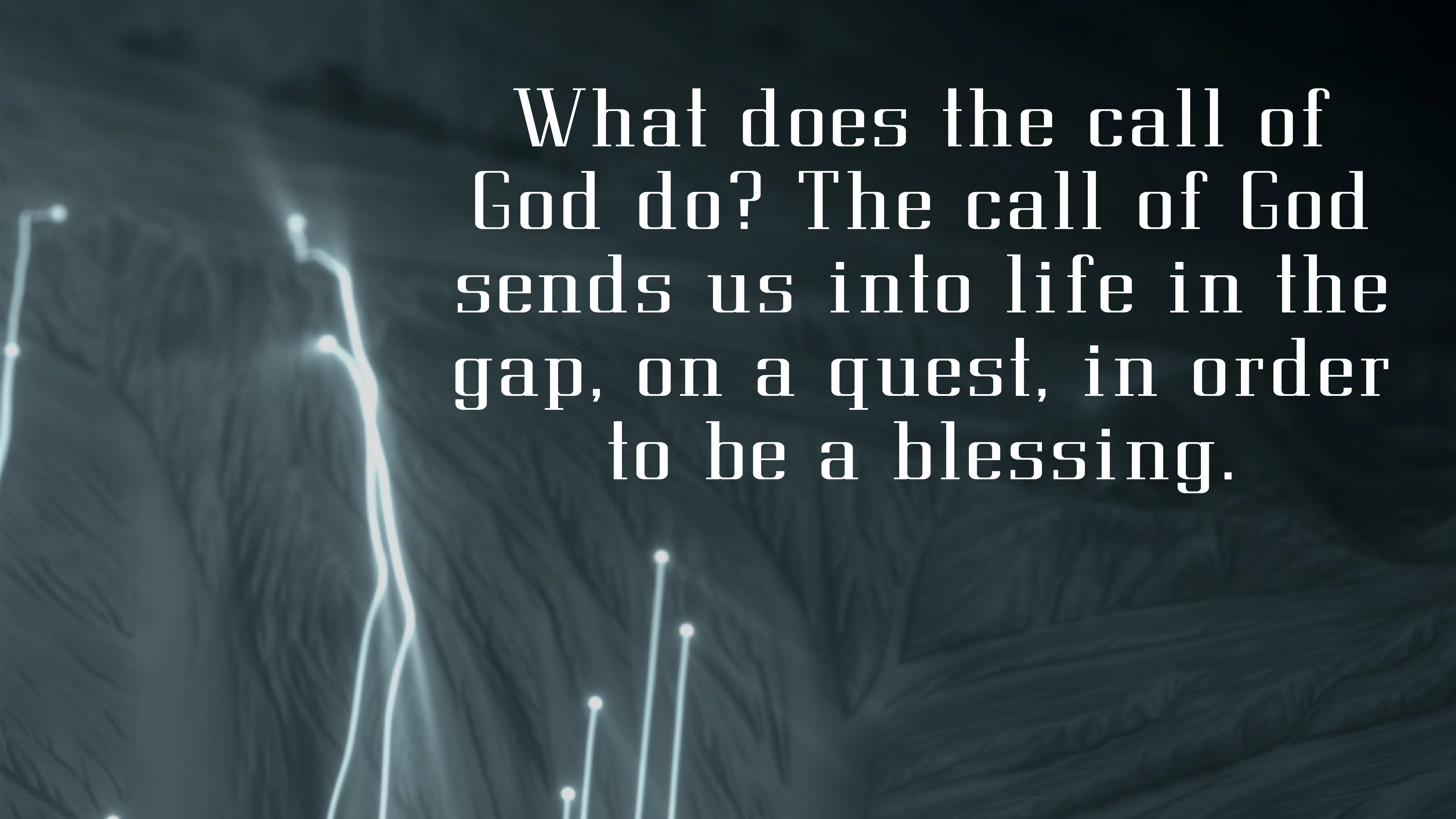


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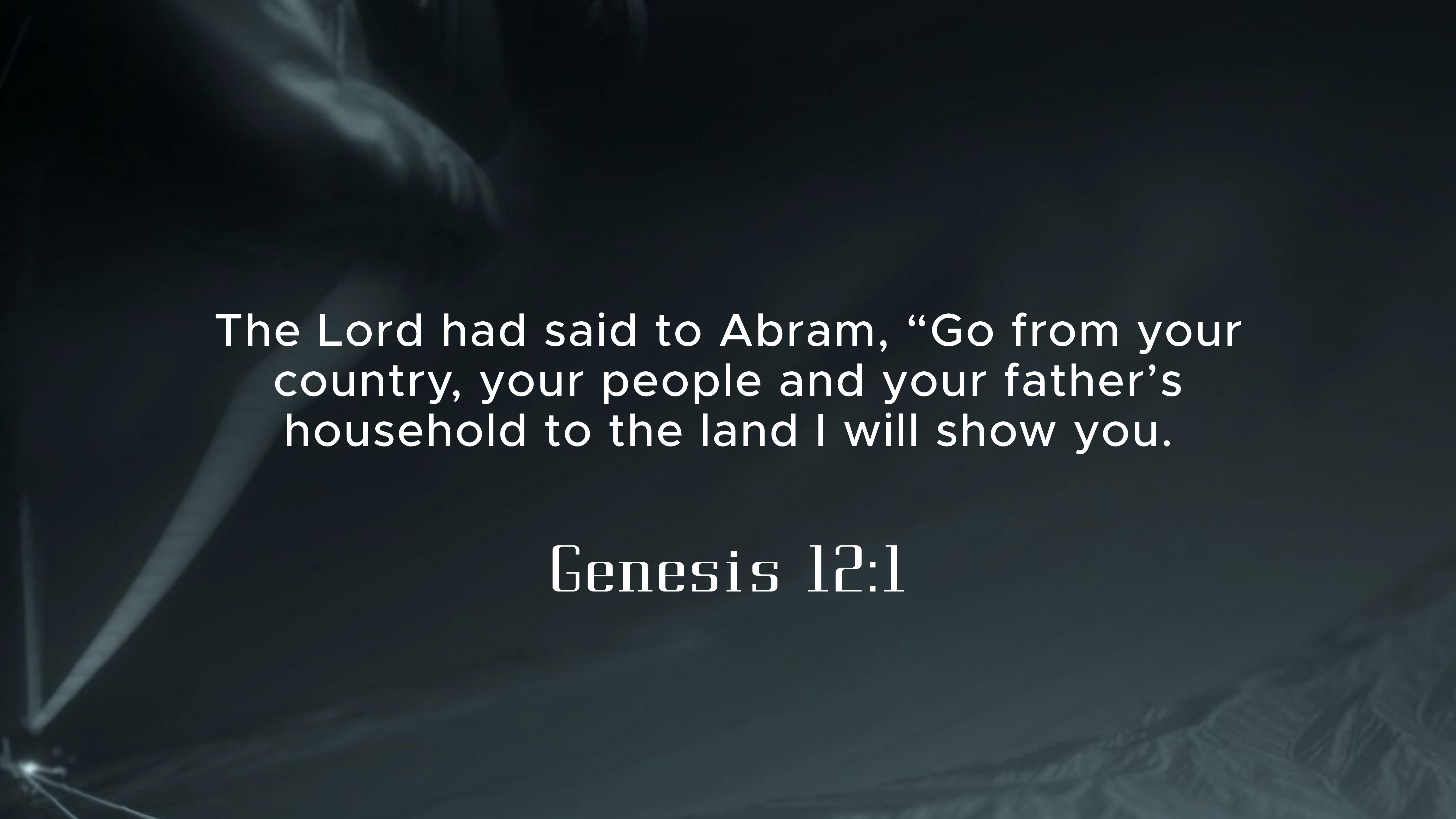
Wrestling with
What the Call Does



What does the call of
God do? The call of God
sends us into life in the
gap, on a quest, in order
to be a blessing.



*The call of God sends
us into life in the gap*

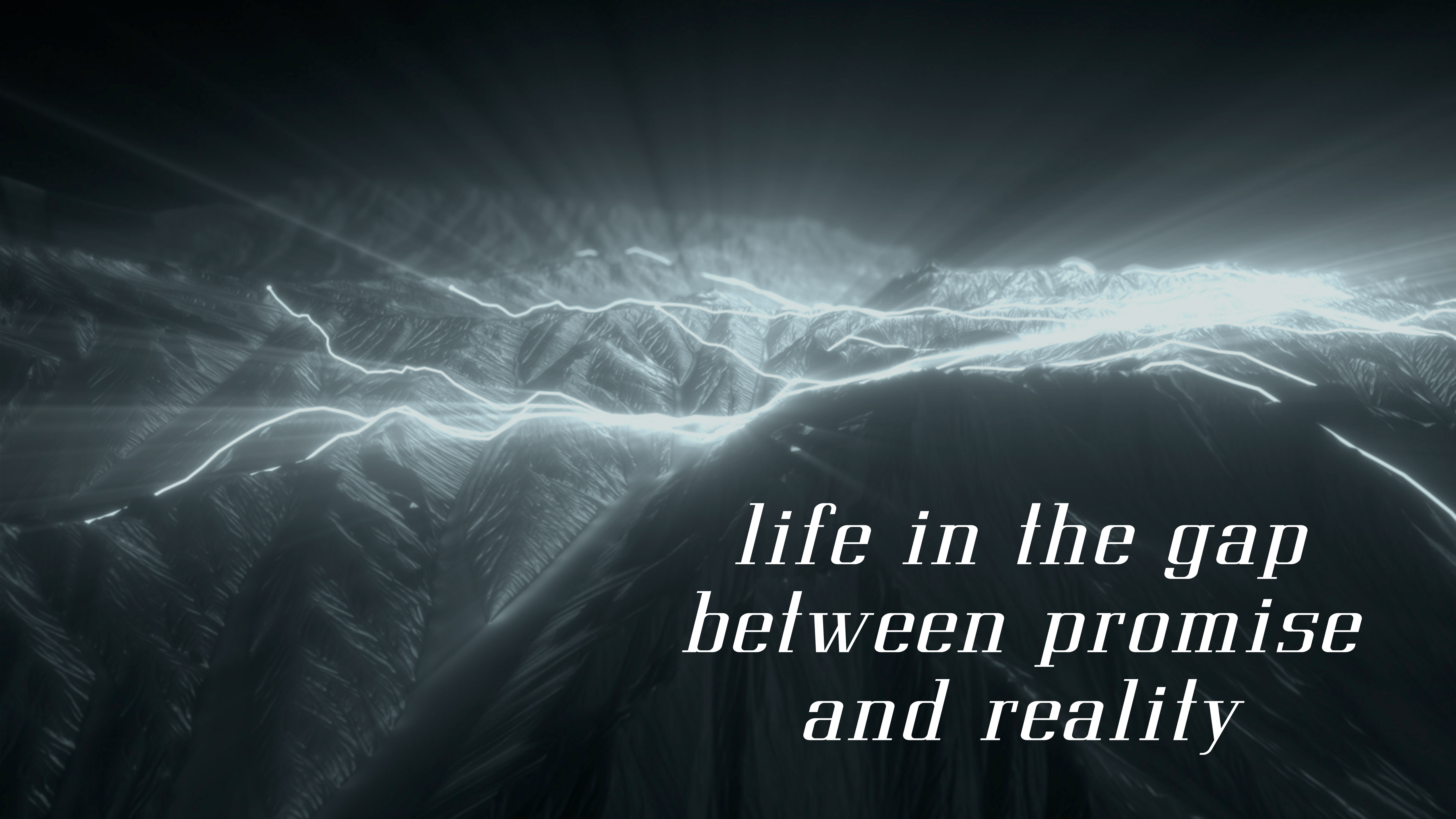


The Lord had said to Abram, “Go from your country, your people and your father’s household to the land I will show you.

Genesis 12:1

“The courage to break his cultural and familial ties and abandon the gods of his ancestors out of allegiance to a God of all families and all cultures was the original Abrahamic revolution...At the very core of Christian identity lies an all-encompassing change of loyalty, from a given culture with its gods to the God of all cultures. A response to a call from that God entails rearrangement of a whole network of allegiances... Departure is part and parcel of Christian identity.”

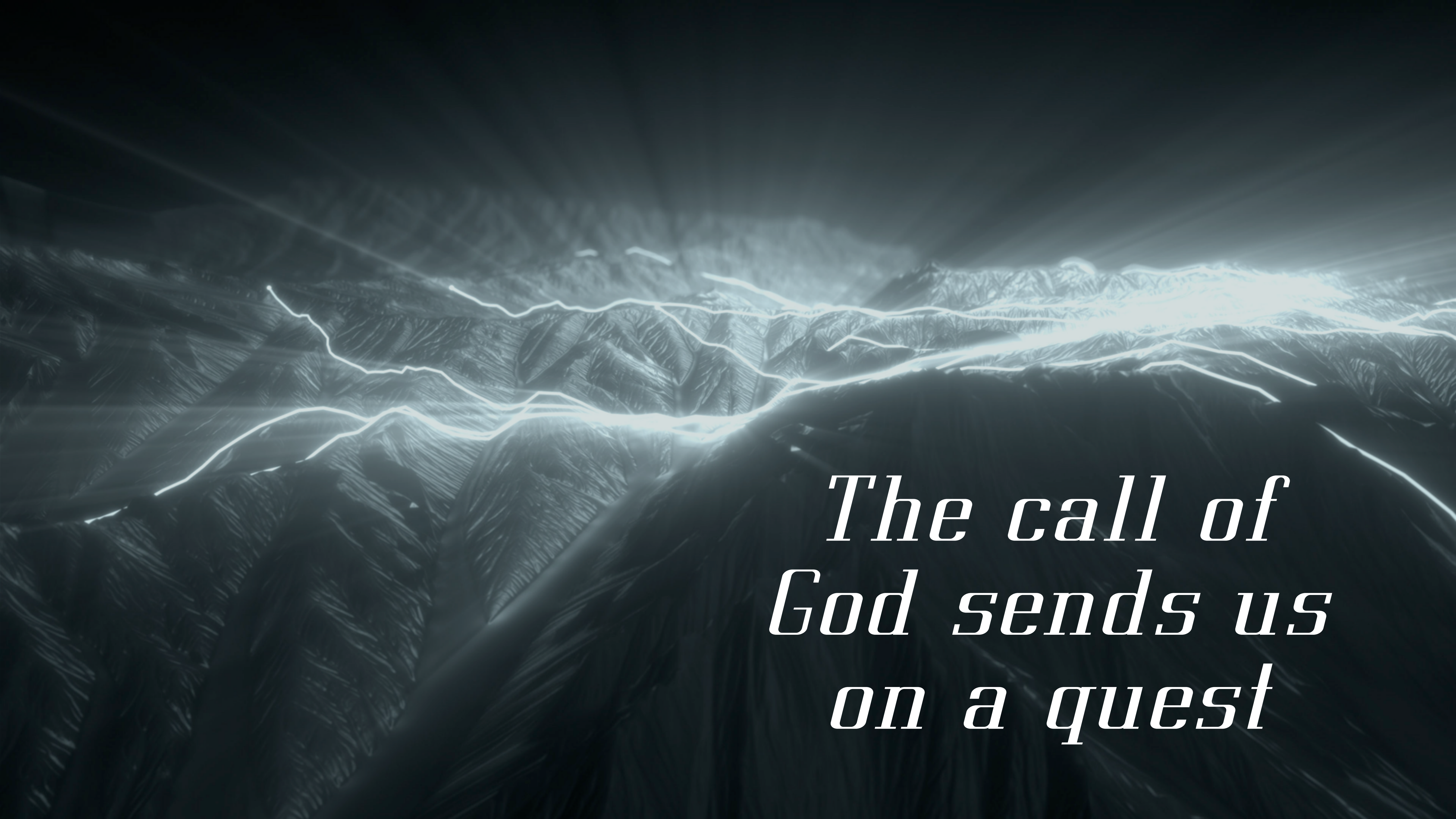
Miroslav Volf
Exclusion and Embrace



*life in the gap
between promise
and reality*



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A dramatic, dark landscape featuring jagged, rocky mountains under a stormy sky. Multiple bright, glowing lightning bolts strike across the mountain range, illuminating the scene with a blue-white light. The overall atmosphere is intense and mysterious.

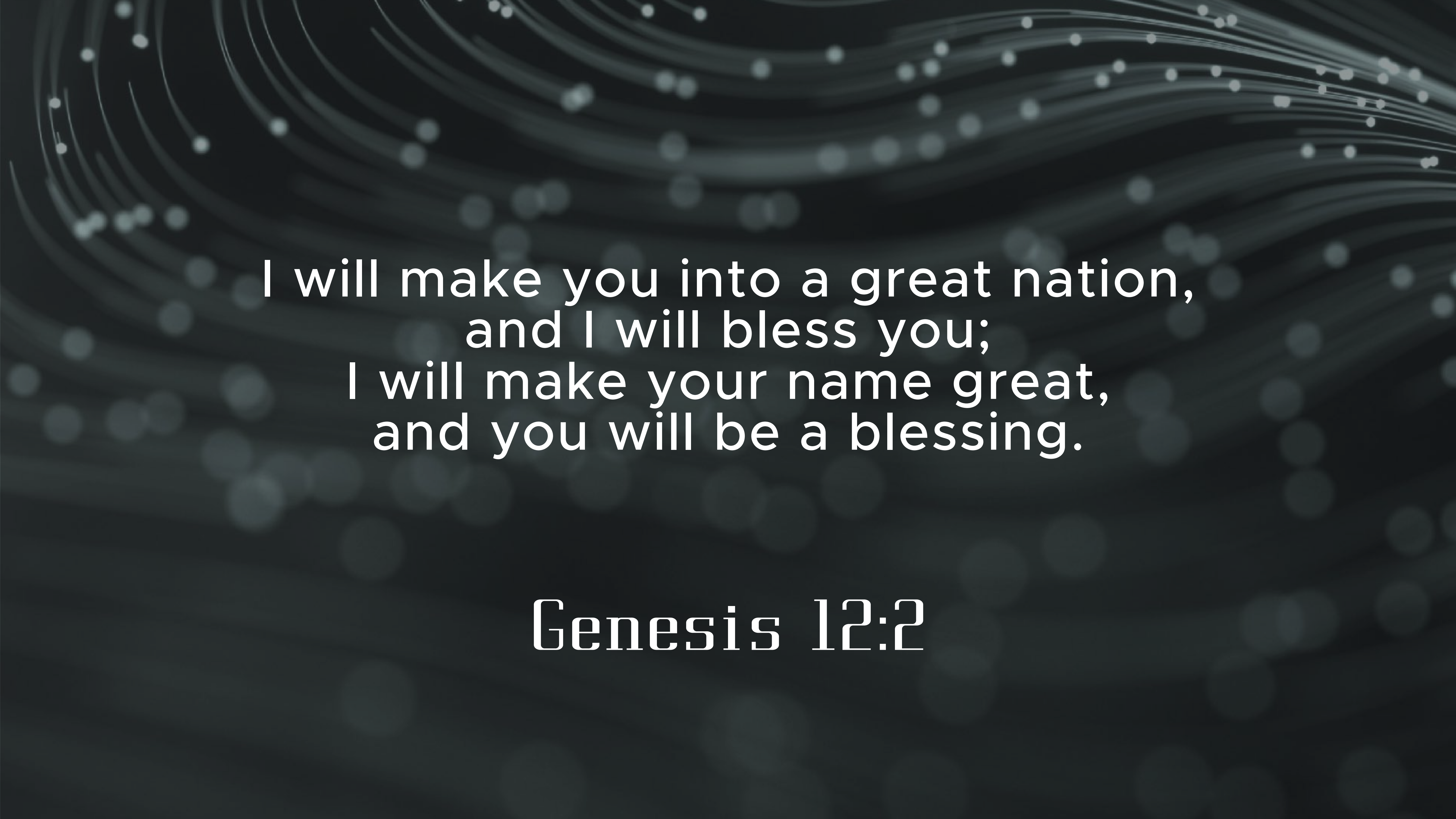
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*The call of God
calls us to be
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I will make you into a great nation,
and I will bless you;
I will make your name great,
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Genesis 12:2



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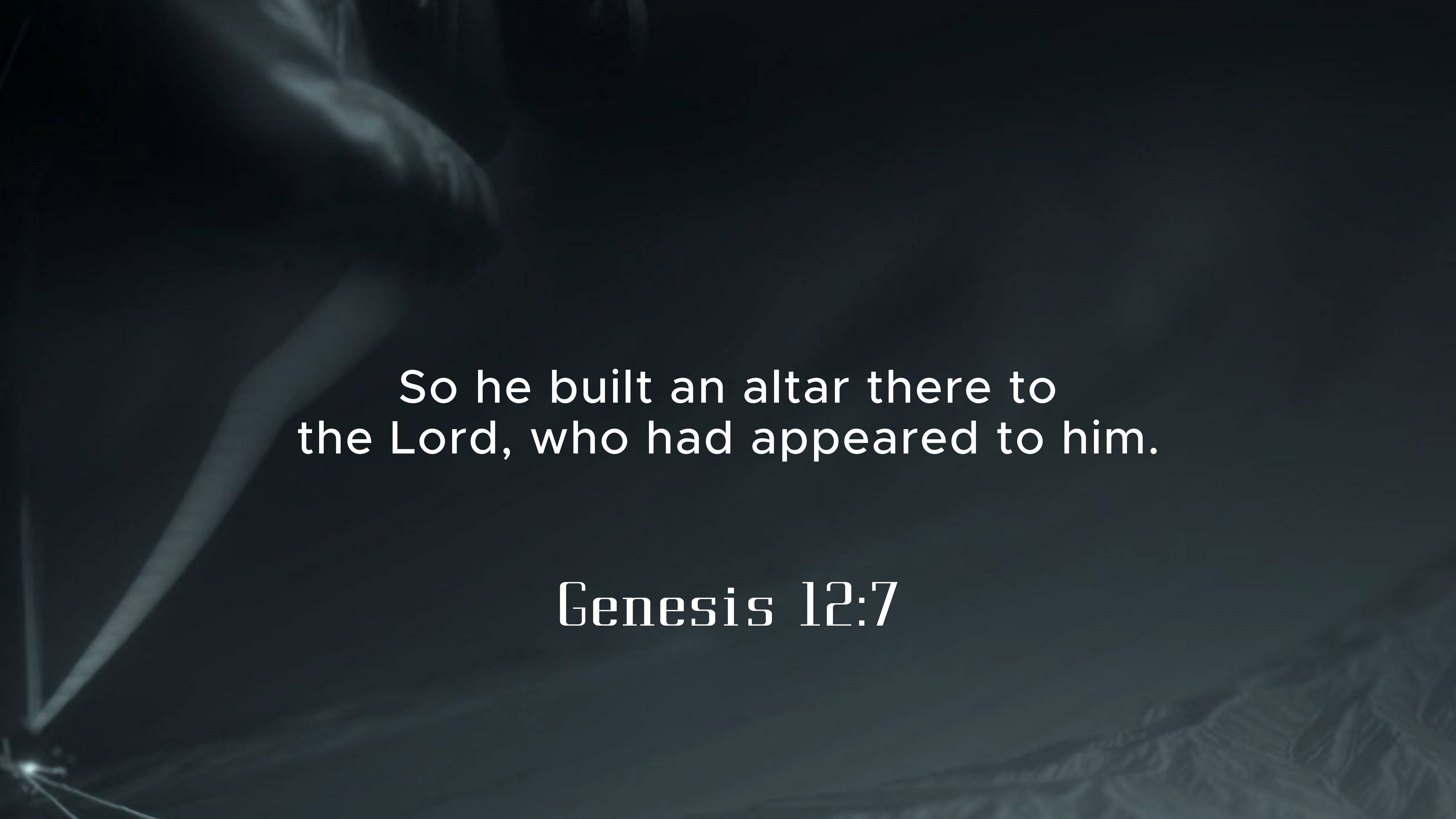
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So he built an altar there to
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Genesis 12:7

A glowing sphere with intricate, swirling patterns of light and particles, resembling a complex fractal or a microscopic view of a crystal structure. The patterns are composed of fine, interconnected lines and dots, creating a sense of depth and movement. The overall appearance is that of a complex, organic form, possibly representing a biological structure or a mathematical fractal. The sphere is set against a dark background, which makes the glowing patterns stand out prominently.

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