

A FAMILY
Christmas
IF YOU THINK YOURS IS TOUGH,
WAIT 'TIL YOU MEET GOD'S



¹ Now Sarai, Abram's wife, had borne him no children. But she had an Egyptian maidservant named Hagar; ² so she said to Abram, "The Lord has kept me from having children. Go, sleep with my maidservant; perhaps I can build a family through her." Abram agreed to what Sarai said. ³ So after Abram had been living in Canaan ten years, Sarai his wife took her Egyptian maidservant Hagar and gave her to her husband to be his wife. ...

Genesis 16:1-16

⁴ He slept with Hagar, and she conceived.
When she knew she was pregnant, she began to despise her mistress. ⁵ Then Sarai said to Abram, "You are responsible for the wrong I am suffering. I put my servant in your arms, and now that she knows she is pregnant, she despises me. May the Lord judge between you and me." ⁶ "Your servant is in your hands," Abram said. "Do with her whatever you think best."
Then Sarai mistreated Hagar; so she fled from her. ...

Genesis 16:1-16

⁷ The angel of the Lord found Hagar near a spring in the desert; it was the spring that is beside the road to Shur.
⁸ And he said, "Hagar, servant of Sarai, where have you come from, and where are you going?" "I'm running away from my mistress Sarai," she answered. ⁹ Then the angel of the Lord told her, "Go back to your mistress and submit to her." ¹⁰ The angel added, "I will so increase your descendants that they will be too numerous to count." ...

Genesis 16:1-16

¹¹ The angel of the Lord also said to her:
"You are now with child and you will have a son.
You shall name him Ishmael, for the Lord has heard of your
misery. ¹² He will be a wild donkey of a man; his hand will be
against everyone and everyone's hand against him, and he will
live in hostility toward all his brothers." ¹³ She gave this name
to the Lord who spoke to her: "You are the God who sees me,"
for she said, "I have now seen the One who sees me." ...

Genesis 16:1-16

¹⁴ That is why the well was called Beer Lahai Roi; it is still there, between Kadesh and Bered.

¹⁵ So Hagar bore Abram a son, and Abram gave the name Ishmael to the son she had borne. ¹⁶ Abram was eighty-six years old when Hagar bore him Ishmael.

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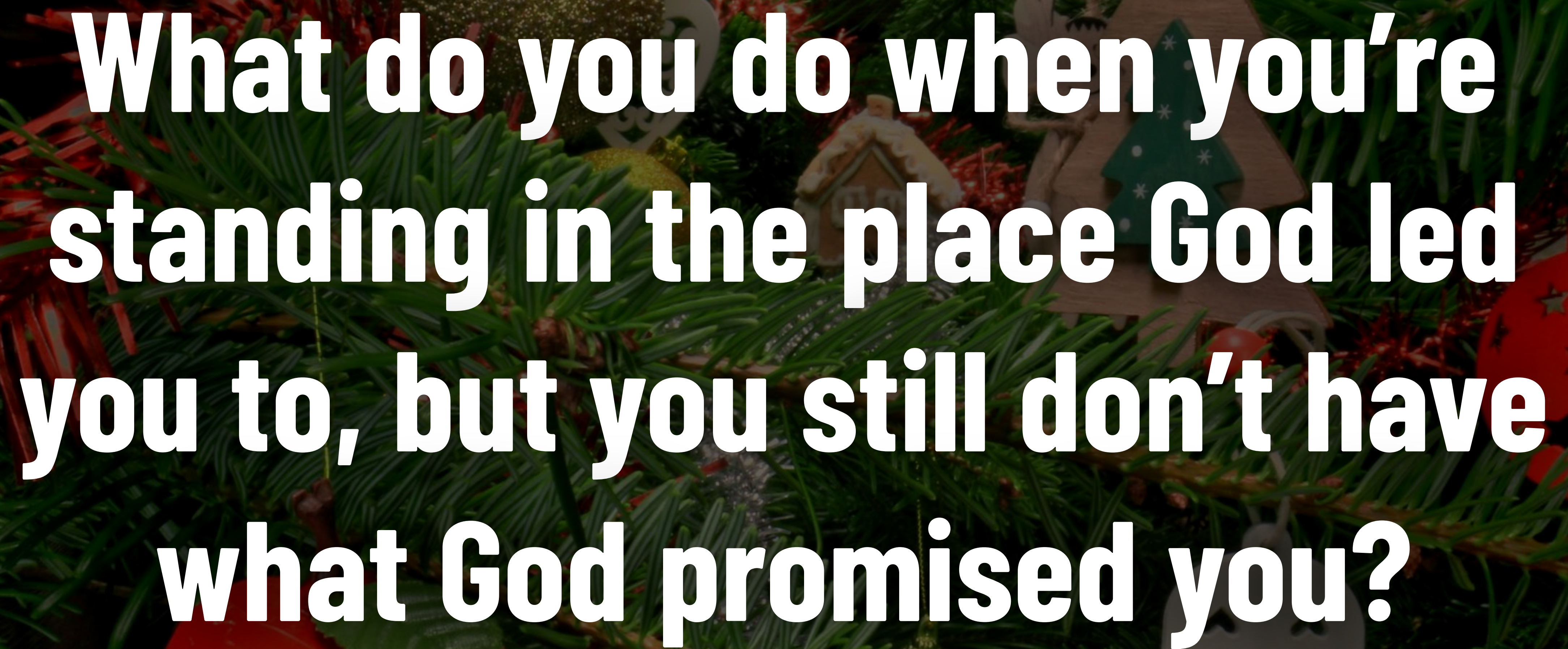


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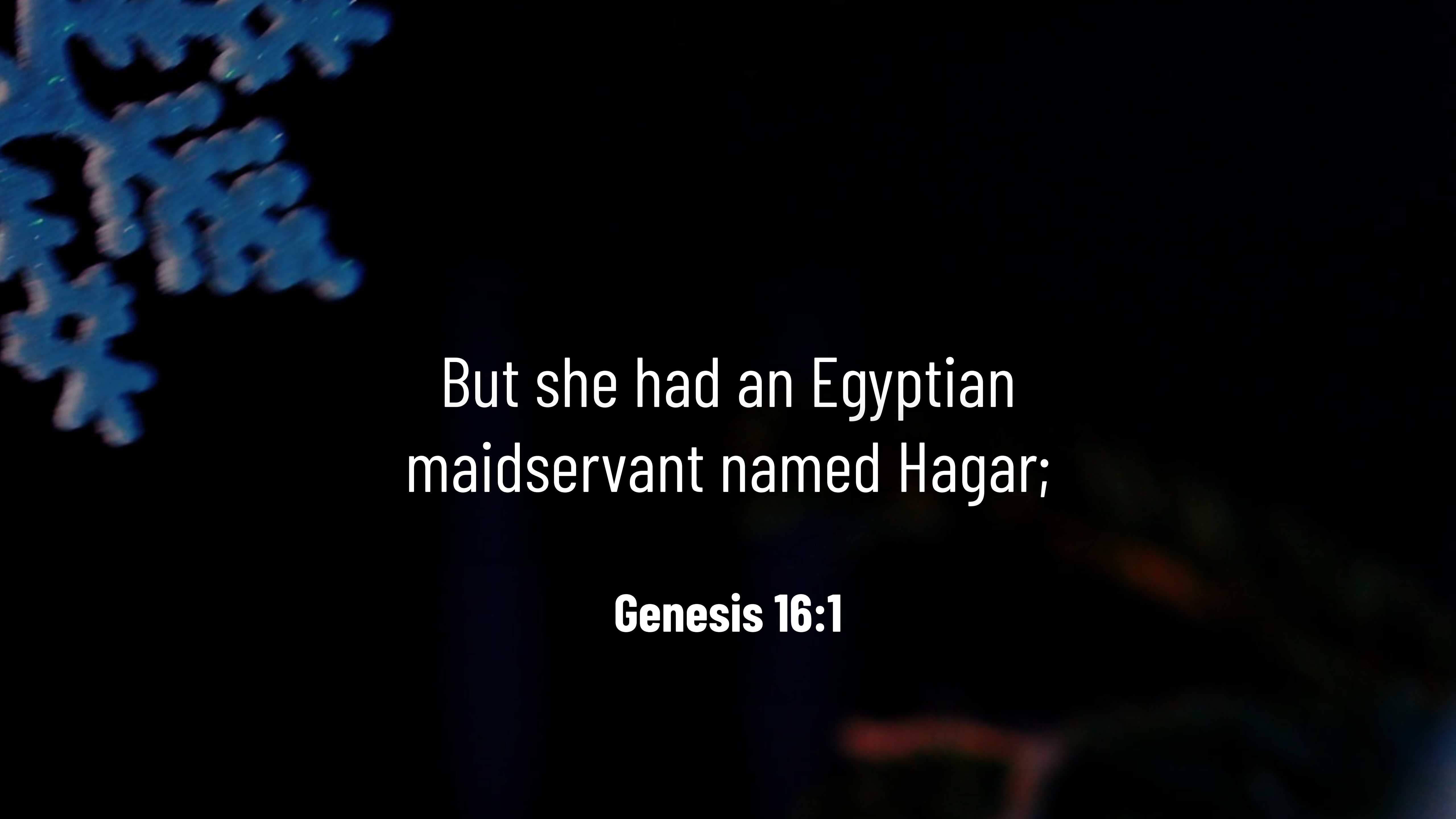
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**What do you do when you're
standing in the place God led
you to, but you still don't have
what God promised you?**



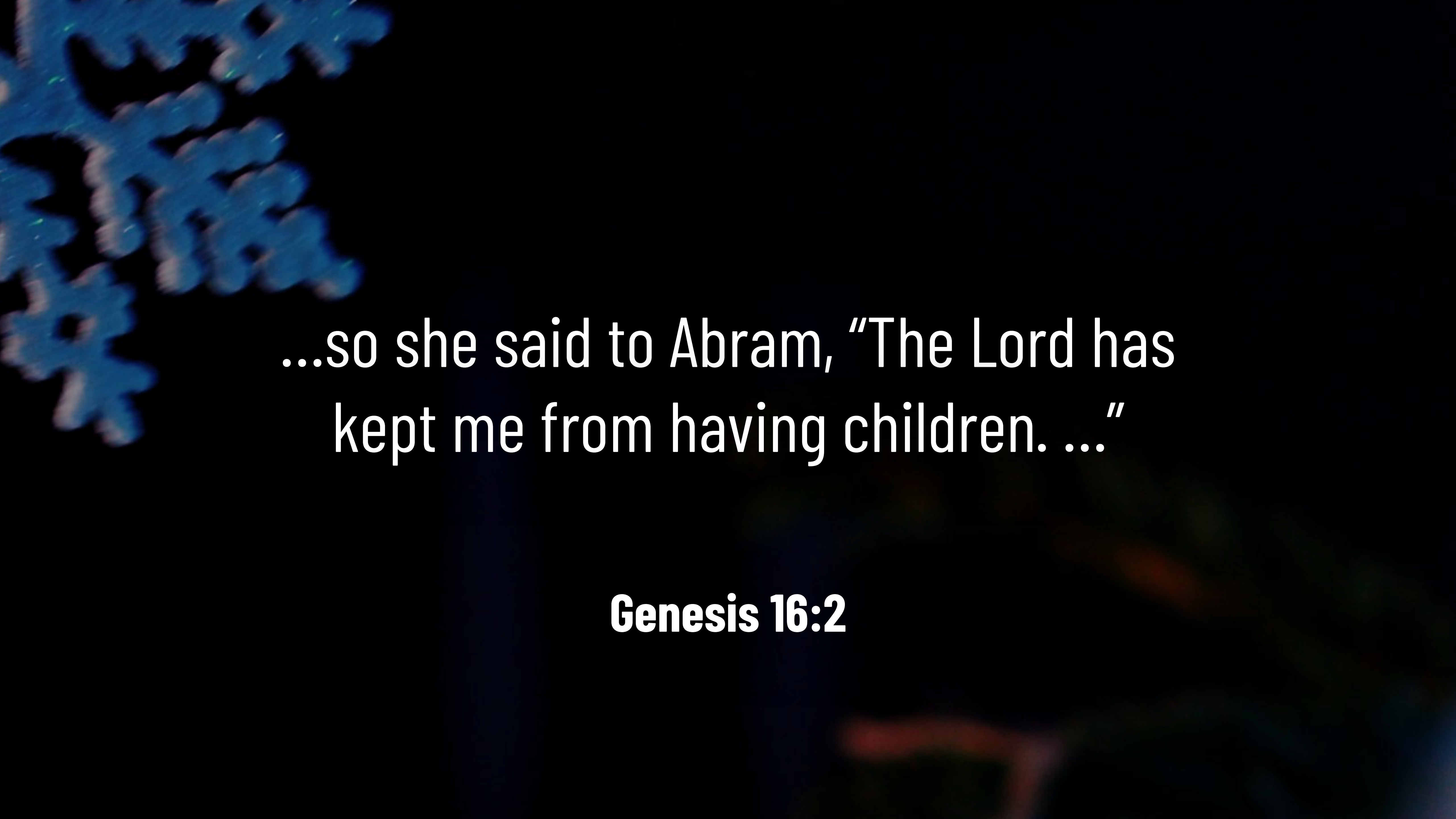
But she had an Egyptian
maidservant named Hagar;

Genesis 16:1

“When English Bibles call Hagar a ‘handmaid’ or ‘maidservant,’ it softens what’s really going on. Those words sound too polite. In the actual story, Hagar belongs to Sarah as her property, and everything that happens between them flows from that hard reality.”

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Genesis



...so she said to Abram, "The Lord has kept me from having children. ..."

Genesis 16:2



“Go, sleep with my maidservant; perhaps
I can build a family through her.”

Genesis 16:2

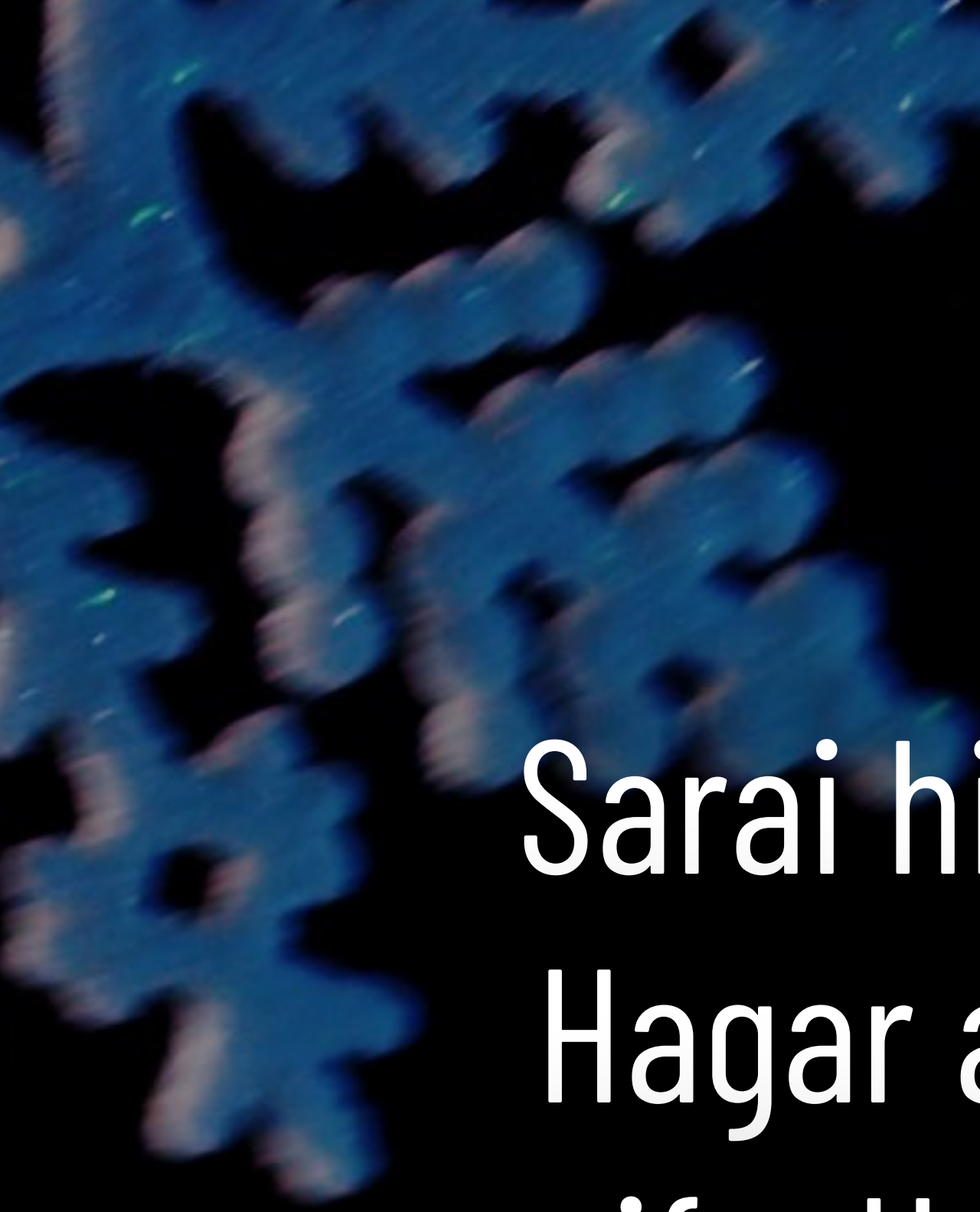


Unless the LORD builds the house,
the builders labor in vain.

Psalm 127:1

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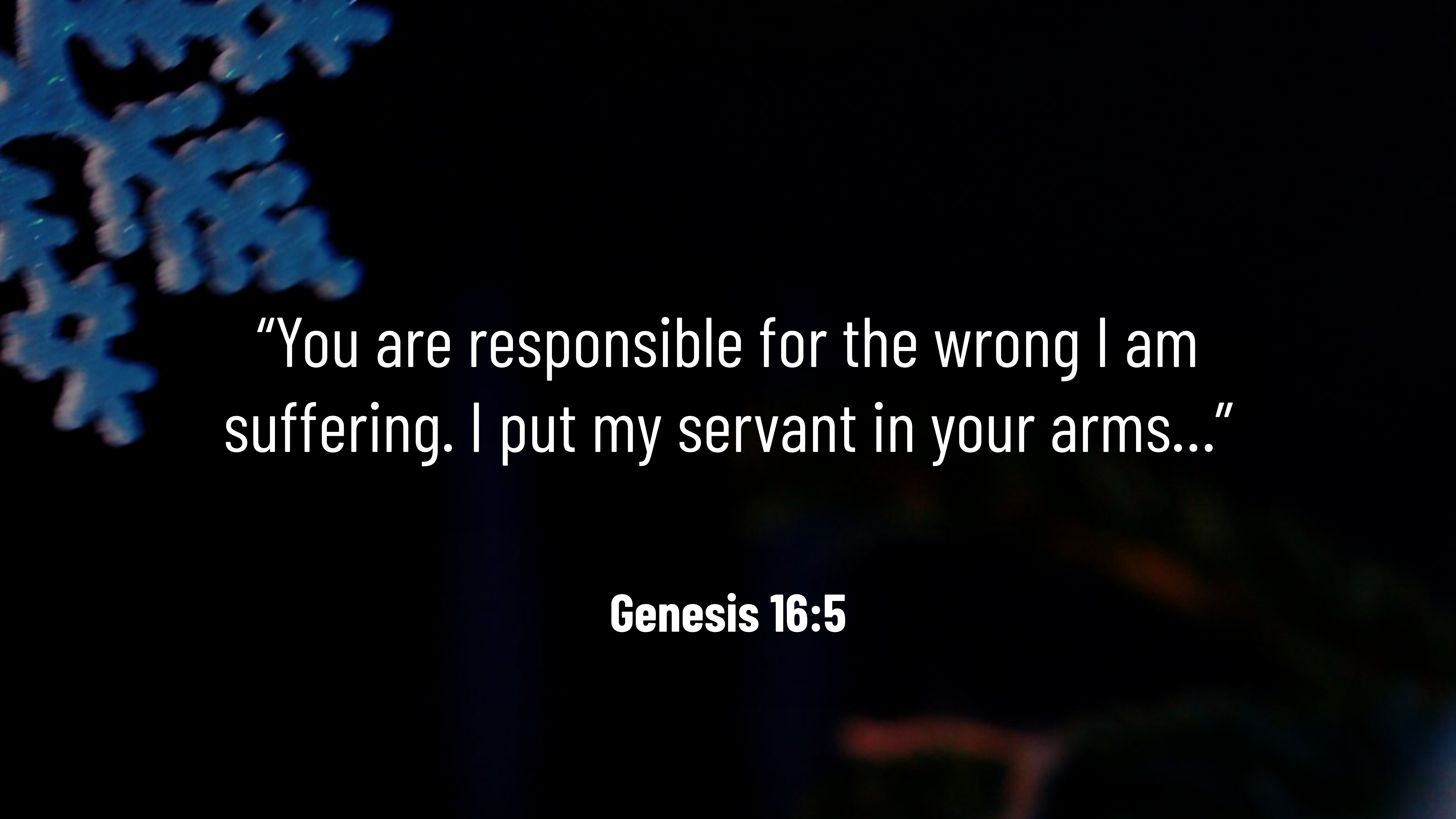


Sarai his wife took her Egyptian maidservant
Hagar and gave her to her husband to be his
wife. He slept with Hagar, and she conceived.

Genesis 16:3-4

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“You are responsible for the wrong I am suffering. I put my servant in your arms...”

Genesis 16:5



"I put my servant in your lap"

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2. Let's Meet Abraham



“Abram agreed to what Sarai said”

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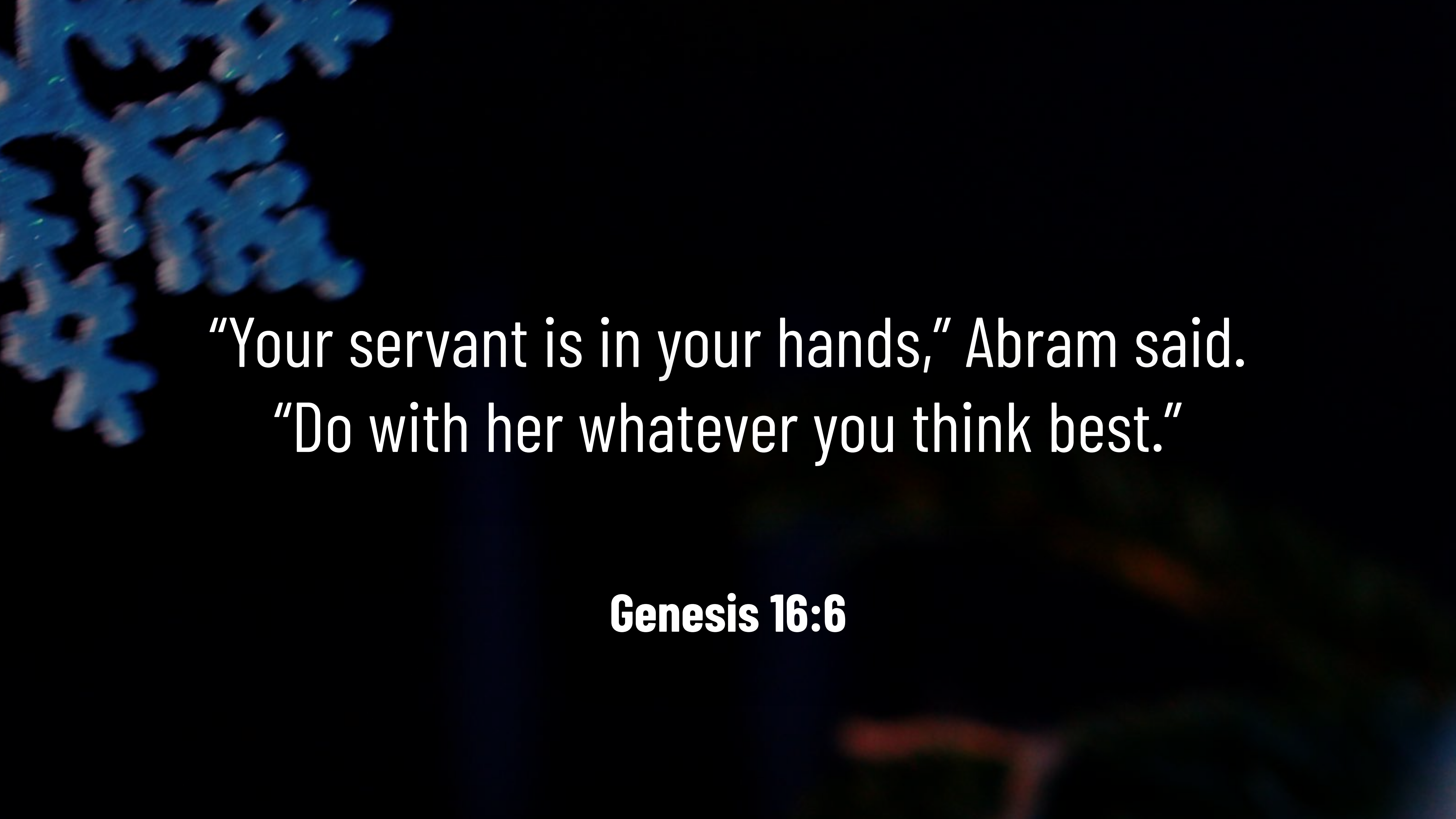


“Abram ***hearkened*** to the voice of Sarai”

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“Your servant is in your hands,” Abram said.
“Do with her whatever you think best.”

Genesis 16:6



Sarai mistreated Hagar

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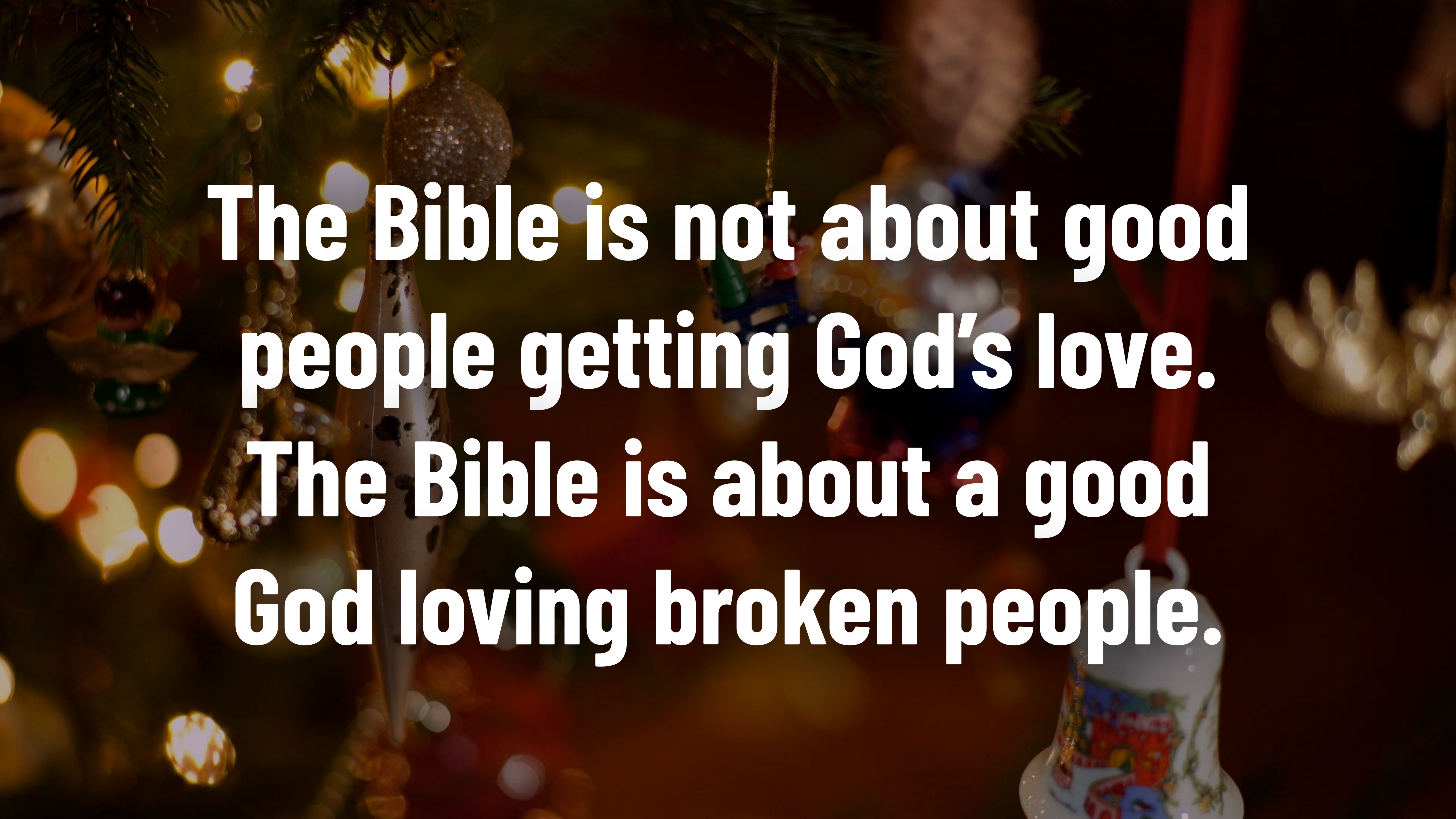


Sarai was abusive to Hagar

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**The Bible is not about good
people getting God's love.
The Bible is about a good
God loving broken people.**

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3. Let's Meet Hagar



So she [Hagar] fled from her [Sarai]

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The angel of the Lord found Hagar
near a spring in the desert

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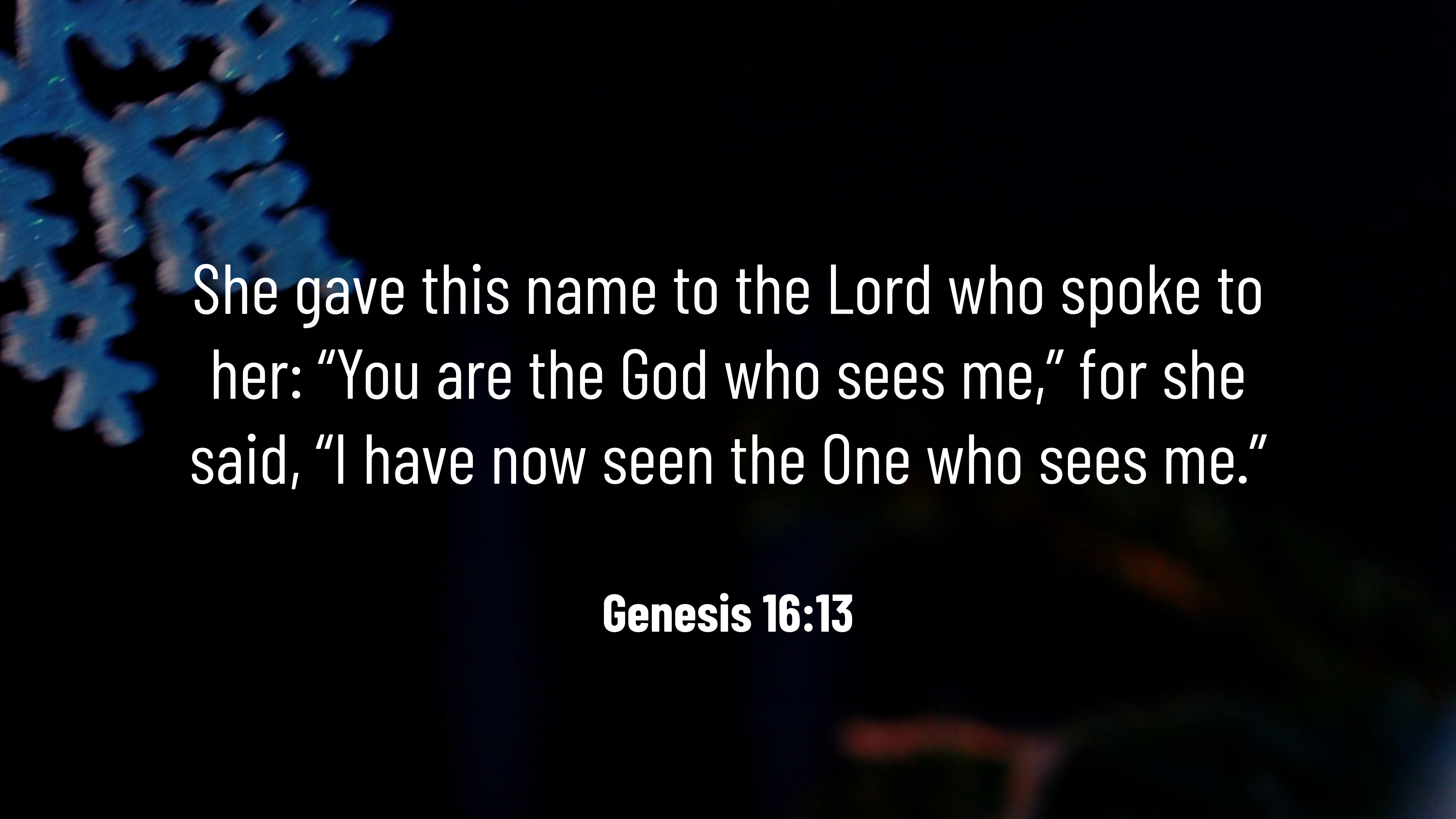




A: A plan

B: A promise

C: A picture of his heart



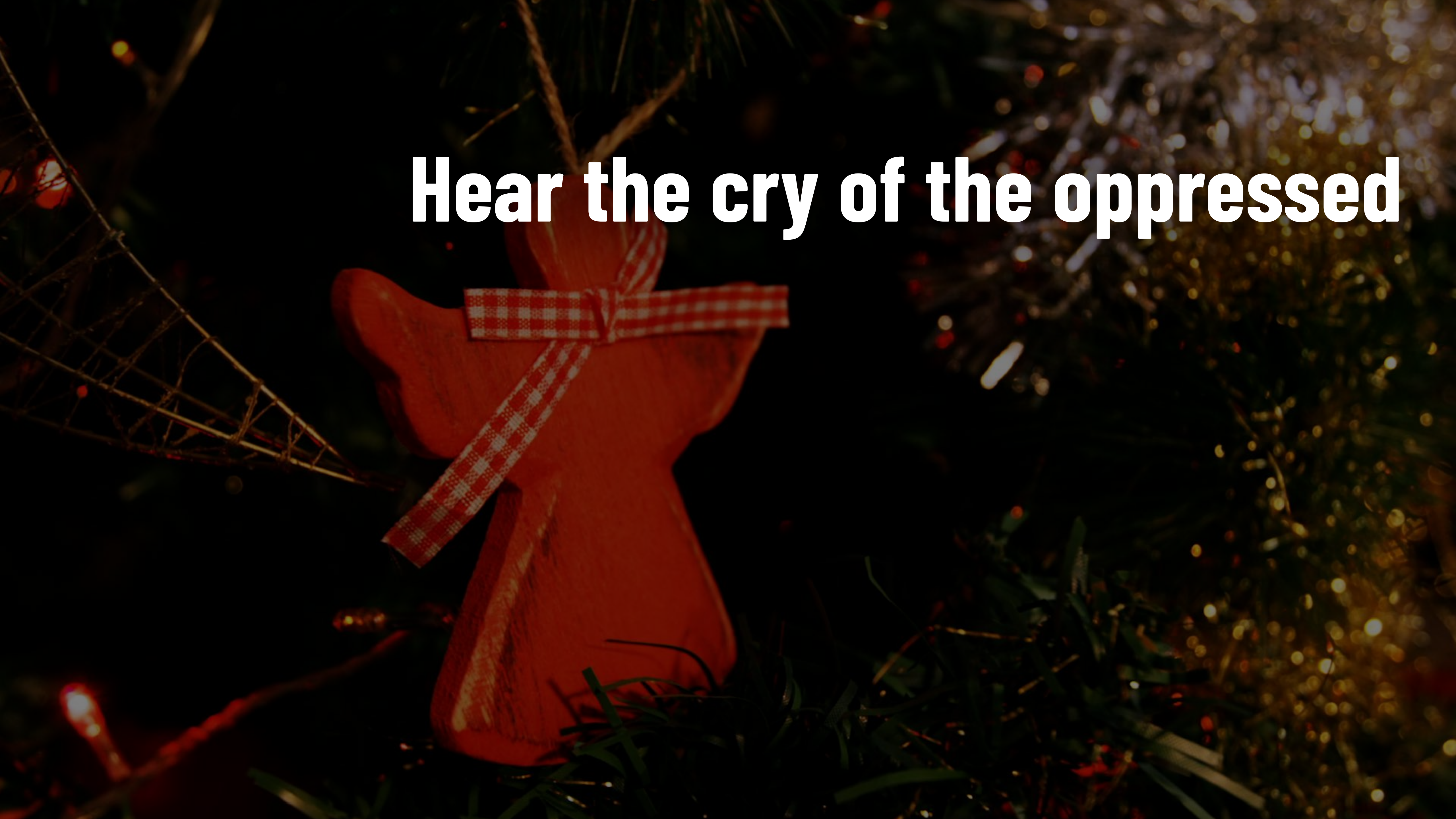
She gave this name to the Lord who spoke to her: "You are the God who sees me," for she said, "I have now seen the One who sees me."

Genesis 16:13

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Hear the cry of the oppressed





Hear the cry of the oppressed

Hear God's heart for you



Hear the cry of the oppressed

Hear God's heart for you

Go back and believe God again

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