


current sermon series

BATTLING UNBELIEF

A medieval knight in chainmail armor is shown from the chest up, holding a sword and a shield. The knight's right hand is on the hilt of a sword, and the left hand is on the edge of a shield. The background is a dark, textured surface, possibly a wall or a piece of fabric. The text 'BATTLING UNBELIEF' is overlaid in a large, white, serif font.



Hebrews 3:7-19

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and said, 'They always go astray in their heart; they have not known my ways.'

¹¹ As I swore in my wrath, 'They shall not enter my rest.'" ¹² Take care, brothers, lest there be in any of you an evil, unbelieving heart, leading you to fall away from the living God.

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¹³ But exhort one another every day, as long as it is called “today,” that none of you may be hardened by the deceitfulness of sin. ¹⁴ For we have come to share in Christ, if indeed we hold our original confidence firm to the end. ¹⁵ As it is said, “Today, if you hear his voice,

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do not harden your hearts as in the rebellion.”¹⁶ For who were those who heard and yet rebelled? Was it not all those who left Egypt led by Moses?¹⁷ And with whom was he provoked for forty years? Was it not with those who sinned, whose bodies fell in the wilderness?

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¹⁸ And to whom did he swear that they would not enter his rest, but to those who were disobedient? ¹⁹ So we see that they were unable to enter because of unbelief.



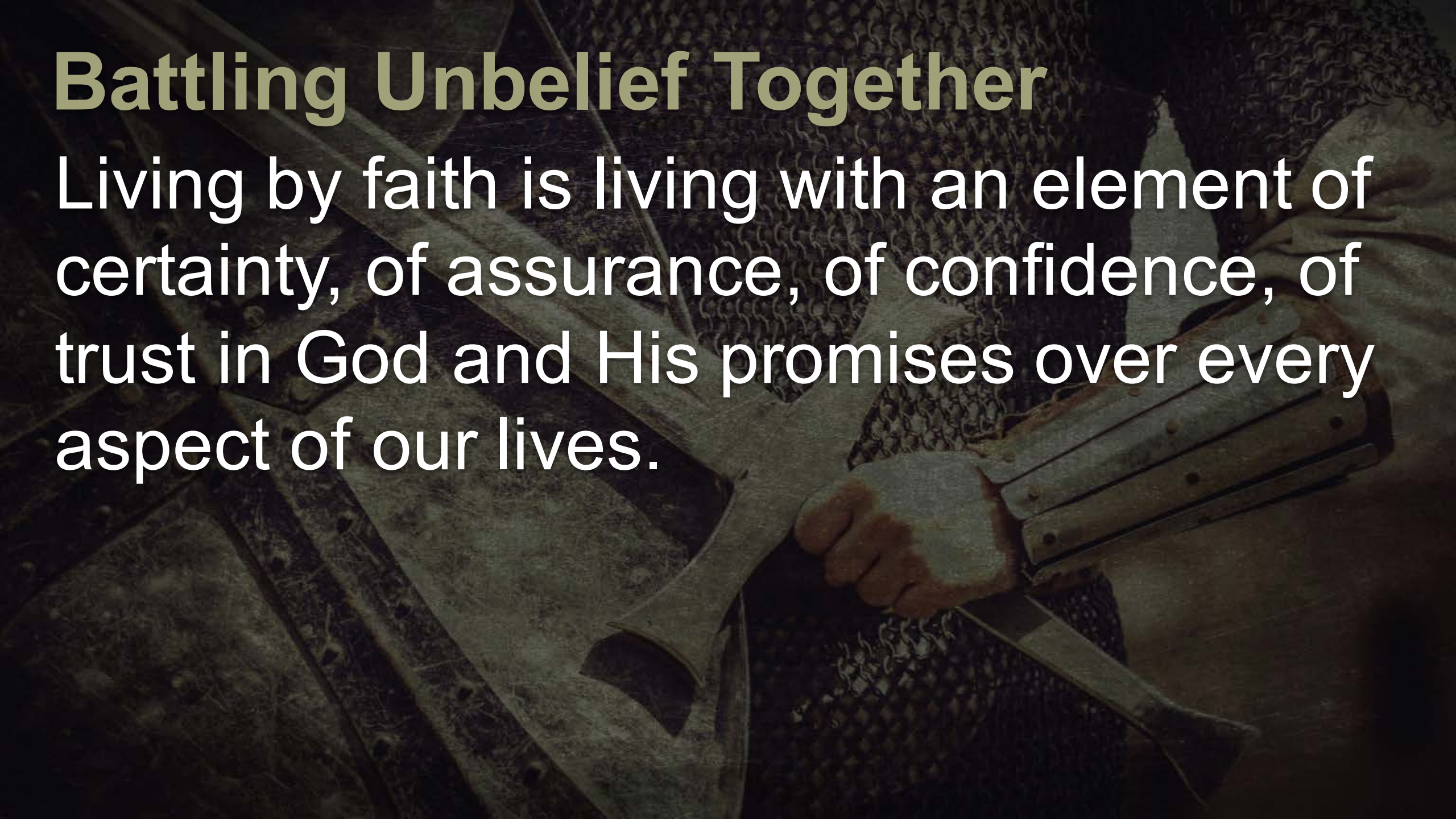


Battling Unbelief Together

God's desire and design for us is not just for us to *believe in Him*, but for us to *believe Him*.

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Living by faith is living with an element of certainty, of assurance, of confidence, of trust in God and His promises over every aspect of our lives.



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It is not unbelief in the form of atheism or agnosticism that we must battle, but it is unbelief that often manifests itself as control, anxiety, jealousy, lust, bitterness, impatience...



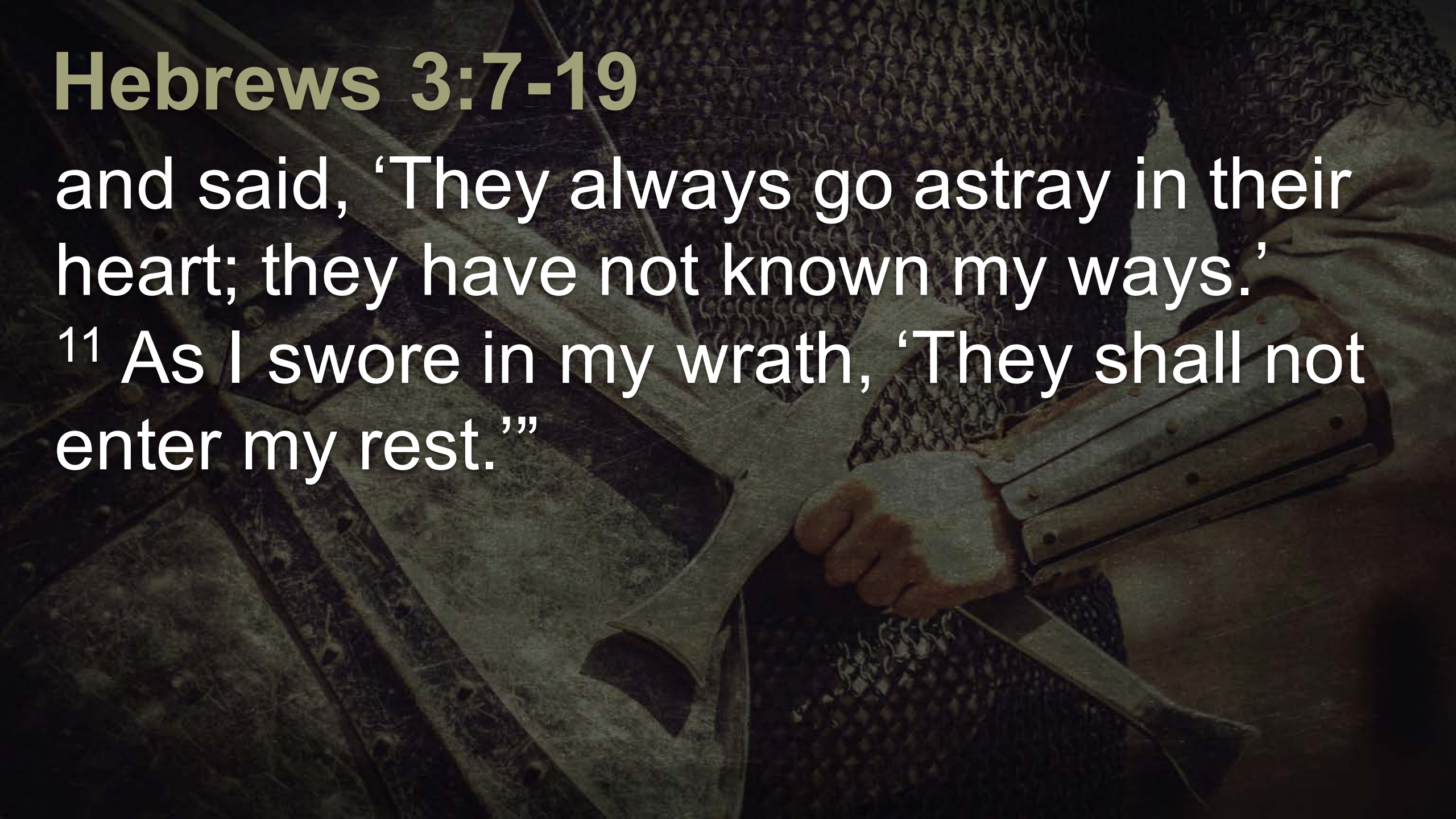
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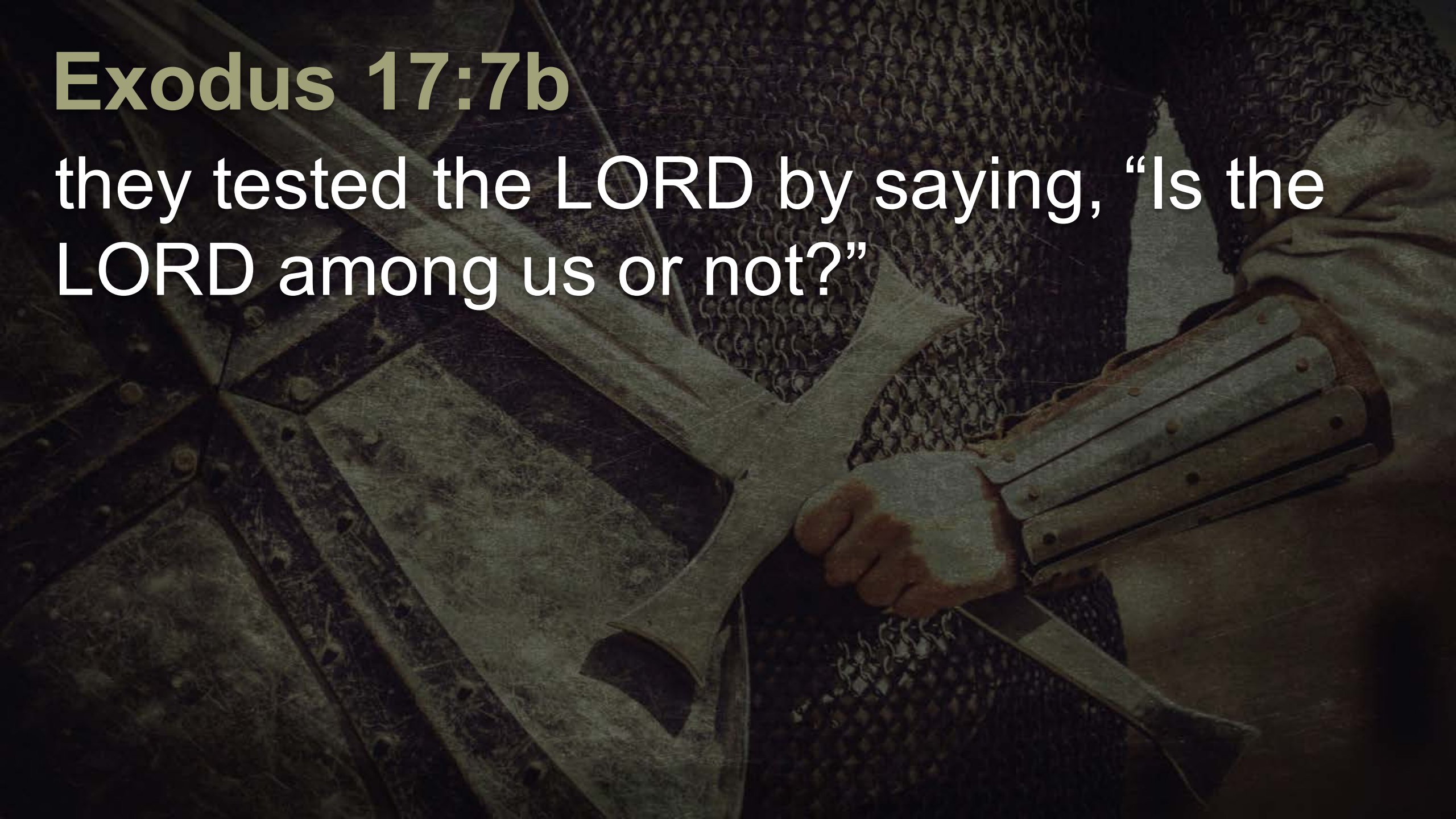
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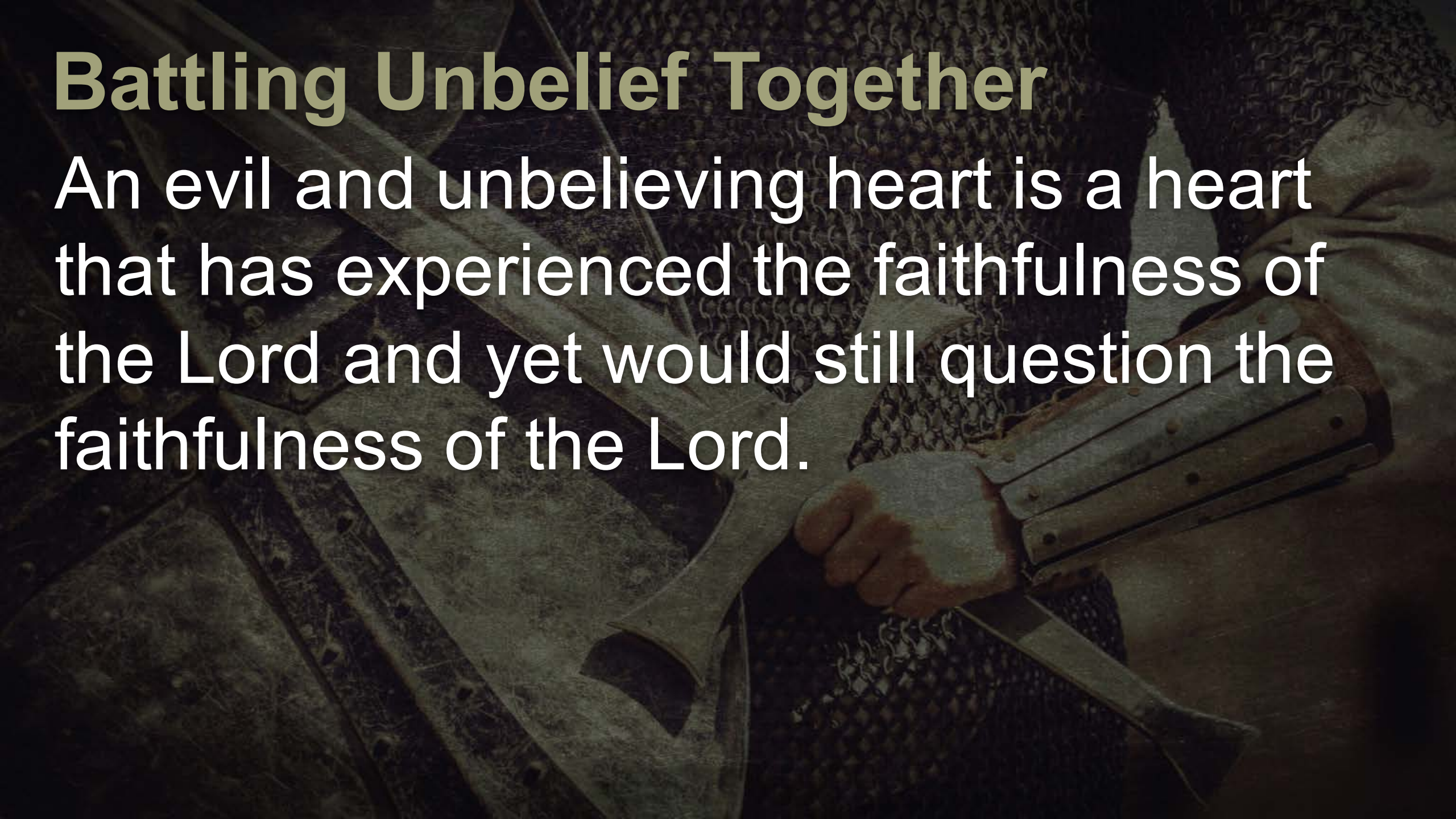
Exodus 17:7b

they tested the LORD by saying, “Is the LORD among us or not?”



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An evil and unbelieving heart is a heart that has experienced the faithfulness of the Lord and yet would still question the faithfulness of the Lord.





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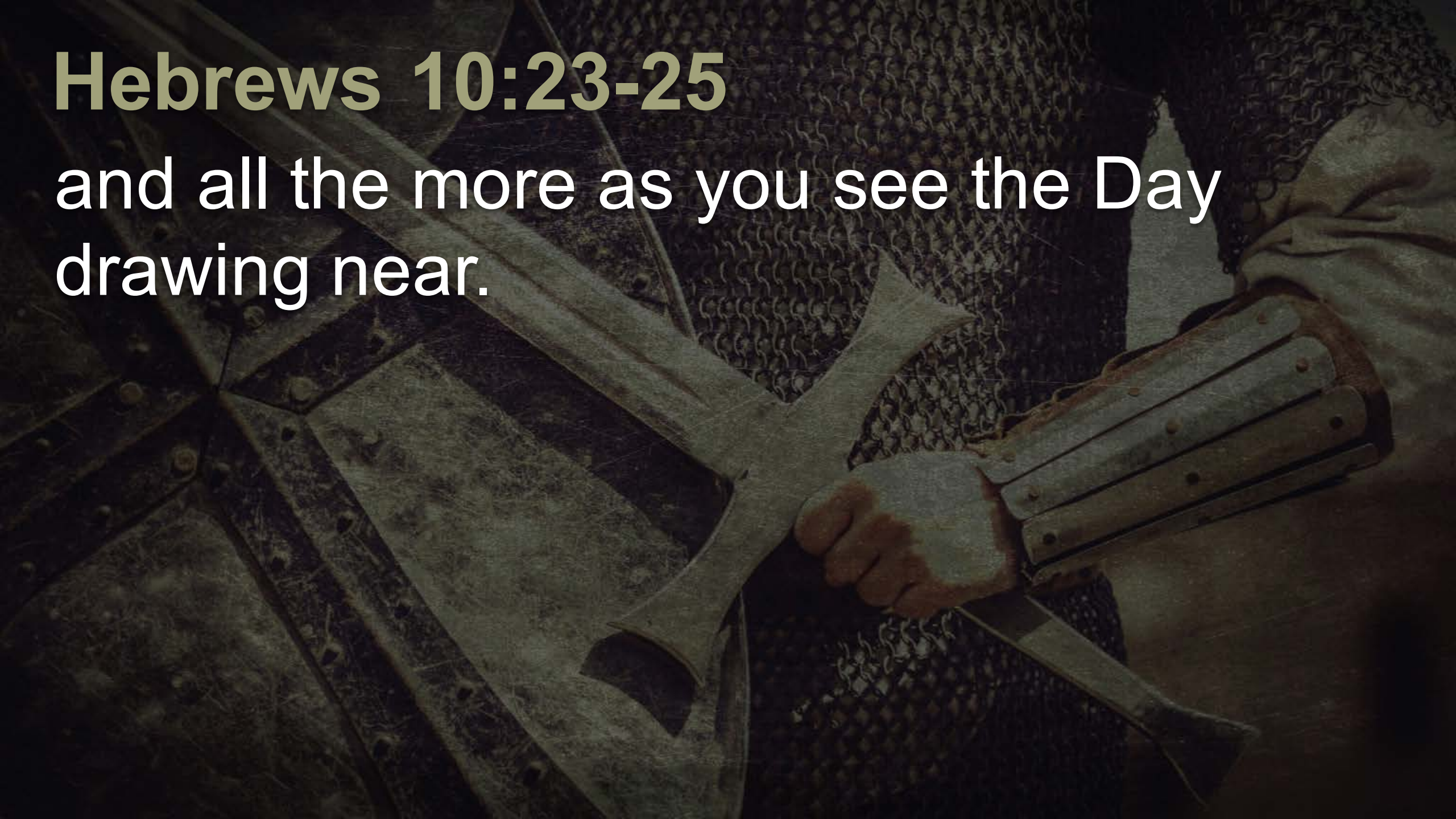
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Hebrews 10:23-25

Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who promised is faithful. ²⁴ And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, ²⁵ not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another,

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and all the more as you see the Day
drawing near.





A medieval knight in chainmail armor, holding a sword. The knight is wearing a chainmail coif and a tunic. The sword is held in a firm grip, and the knight's arm is visible in a wooden gauntlet. The background is dark and textured, suggesting a battlefield or a workshop.

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Urgency of our meeting together

Substance of our meeting together

Frequency of our meeting together

Ends of our meeting together

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We are meeting so that when we leave, we will have more power to love, more resources to love, more motivation to love, more wisdom to love and do good works, so that people will see our good works, as Jesus said, and give glory to our Father in heaven.