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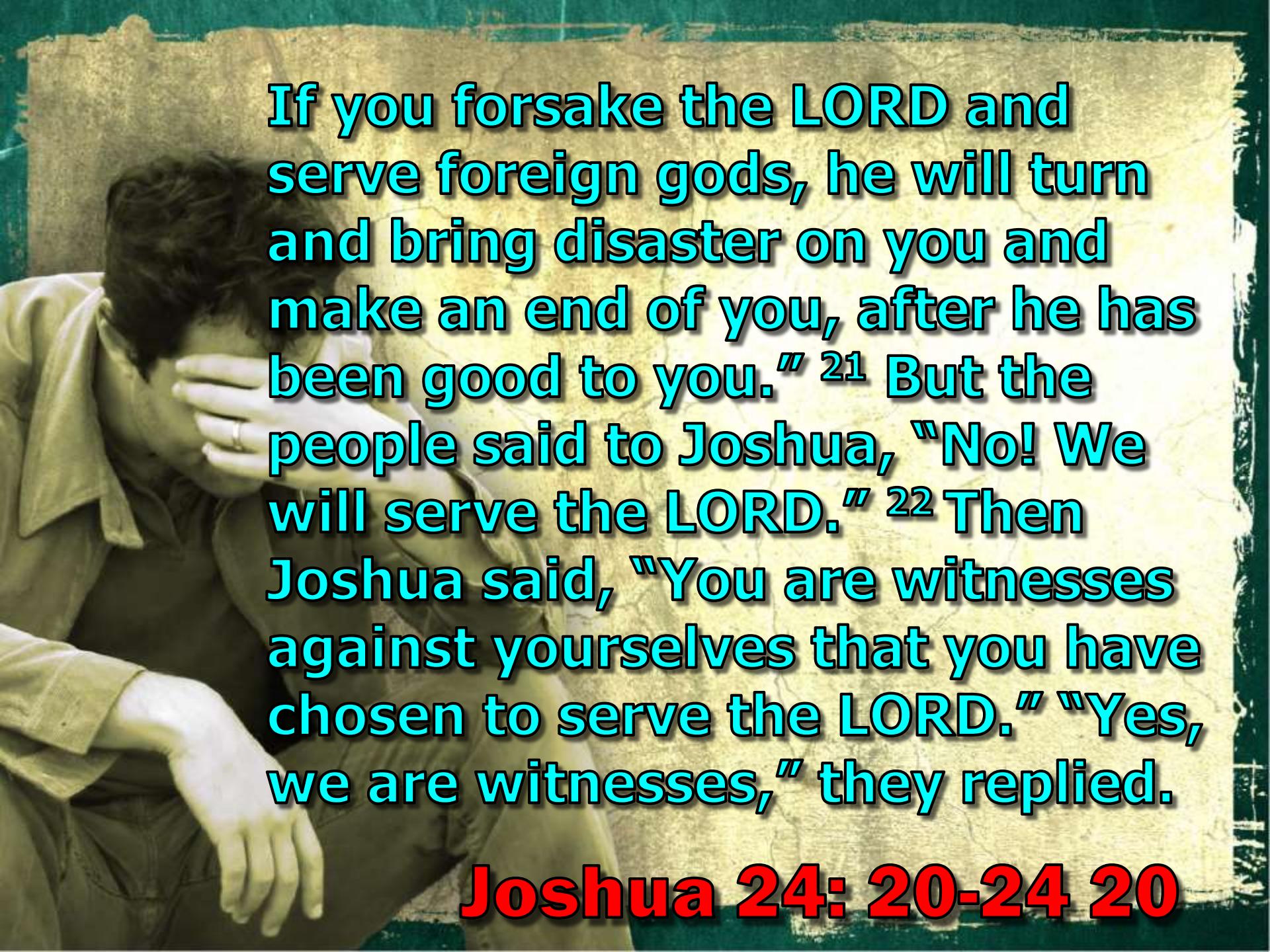
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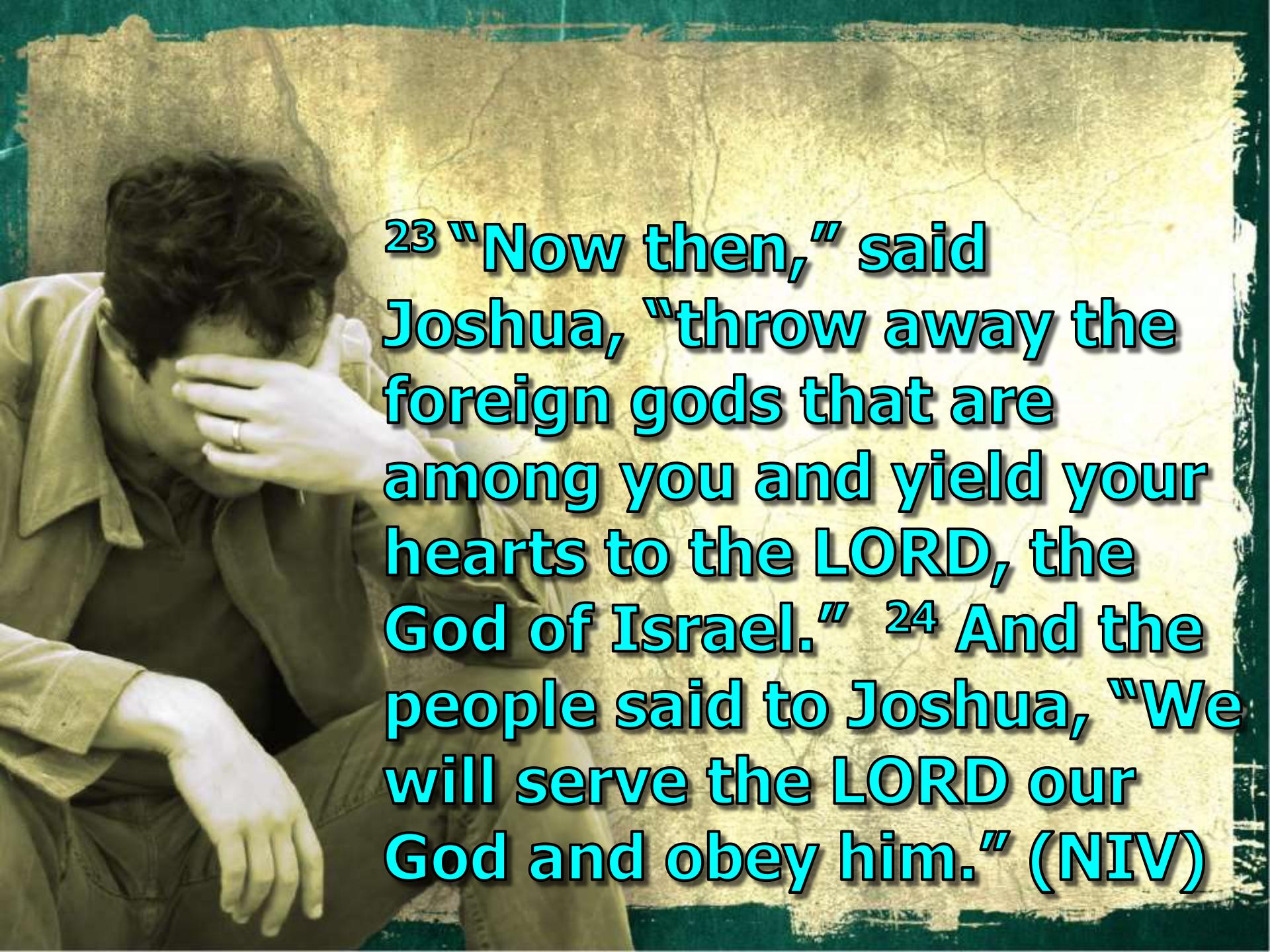
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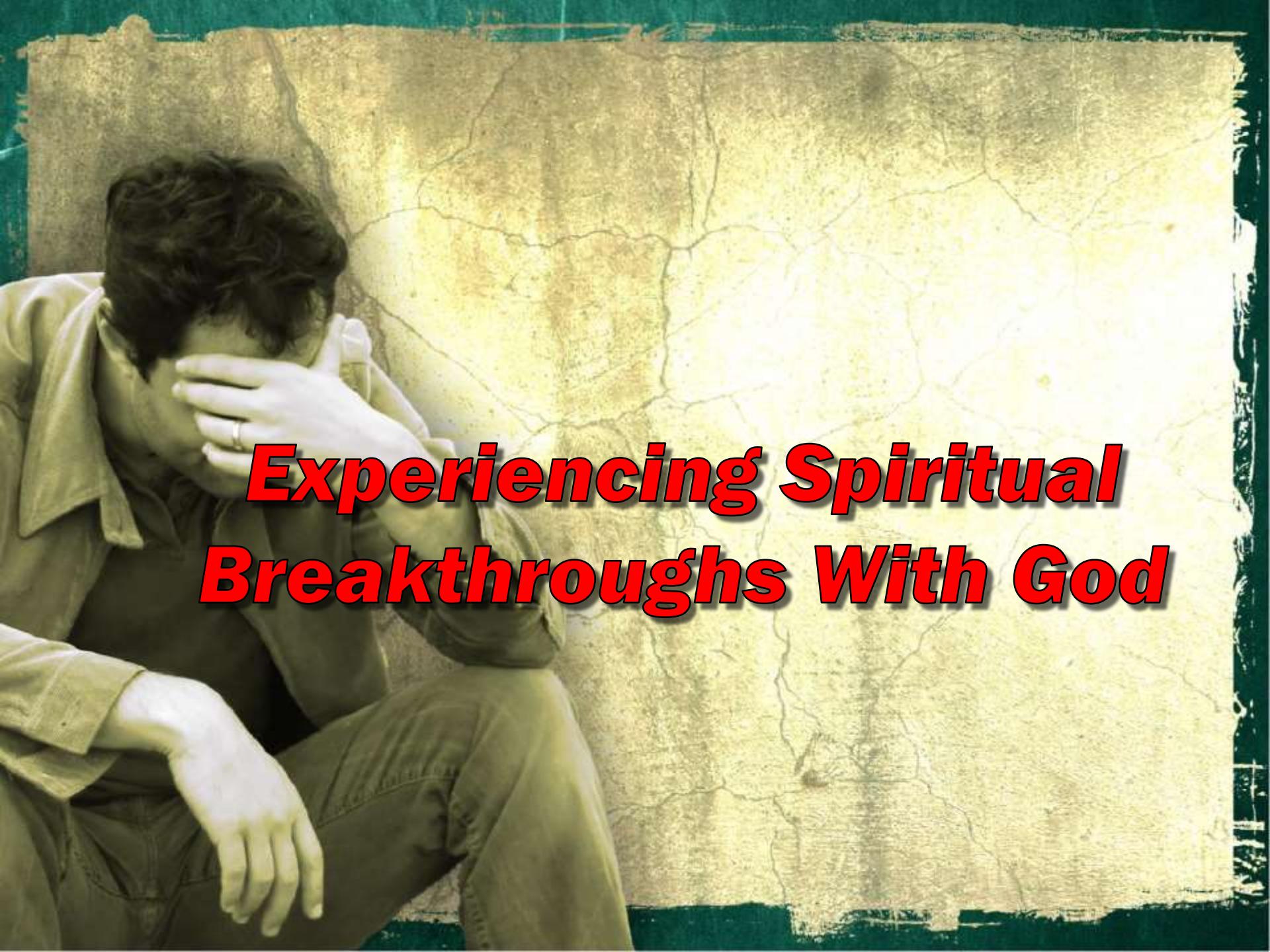


If you forsake the LORD and serve foreign gods, he will turn and bring disaster on you and make an end of you, after he has been good to you.”<sup>21</sup> But the people said to Joshua, “No! We will serve the LORD.”<sup>22</sup> Then Joshua said, “You are witnesses against yourselves that you have chosen to serve the LORD.” “Yes, we are witnesses,” they replied.

**Joshua 24: 20-24 20**

A man with dark hair and a beard is sitting on a chair, looking down with his hands covering his face. He appears to be in a state of distress or deep thought.

**23 "Now then," said Joshua, "throw away the foreign gods that are among you and yield your hearts to the LORD, the God of Israel." 24 And the people said to Joshua, "We will serve the LORD our God and obey him." (NIV)**

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# **1. I Will Serve God Above Myself.**

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**A. By Putting Jesus Christ First.**

**Joshua 24:22** <sup>22</sup> Then Joshua said, "You are witnesses against yourselves that you have chosen to serve the LORD." "Yes, we are witnesses," they replied. (NIV)

## B. By Finishing What You Started.

Judges 1:21 But the children of Benjamin did not drive out the Jebusites who inhabited Jerusalem; so the Jebusites dwell with the children of Benjamin in Jerusalem to this day.(NKJV)



## Luke 9:62

**62 Jesus replied, “No one who puts his hand to the plow and looks back is fit for service in the kingdom of God.” (NIV)**

## **2 Timothy 4:7**



**7 I have fought the good fight,  
I have finished the race, I  
have kept the faith. (NIV)**

## C. By Putting Away Idols.

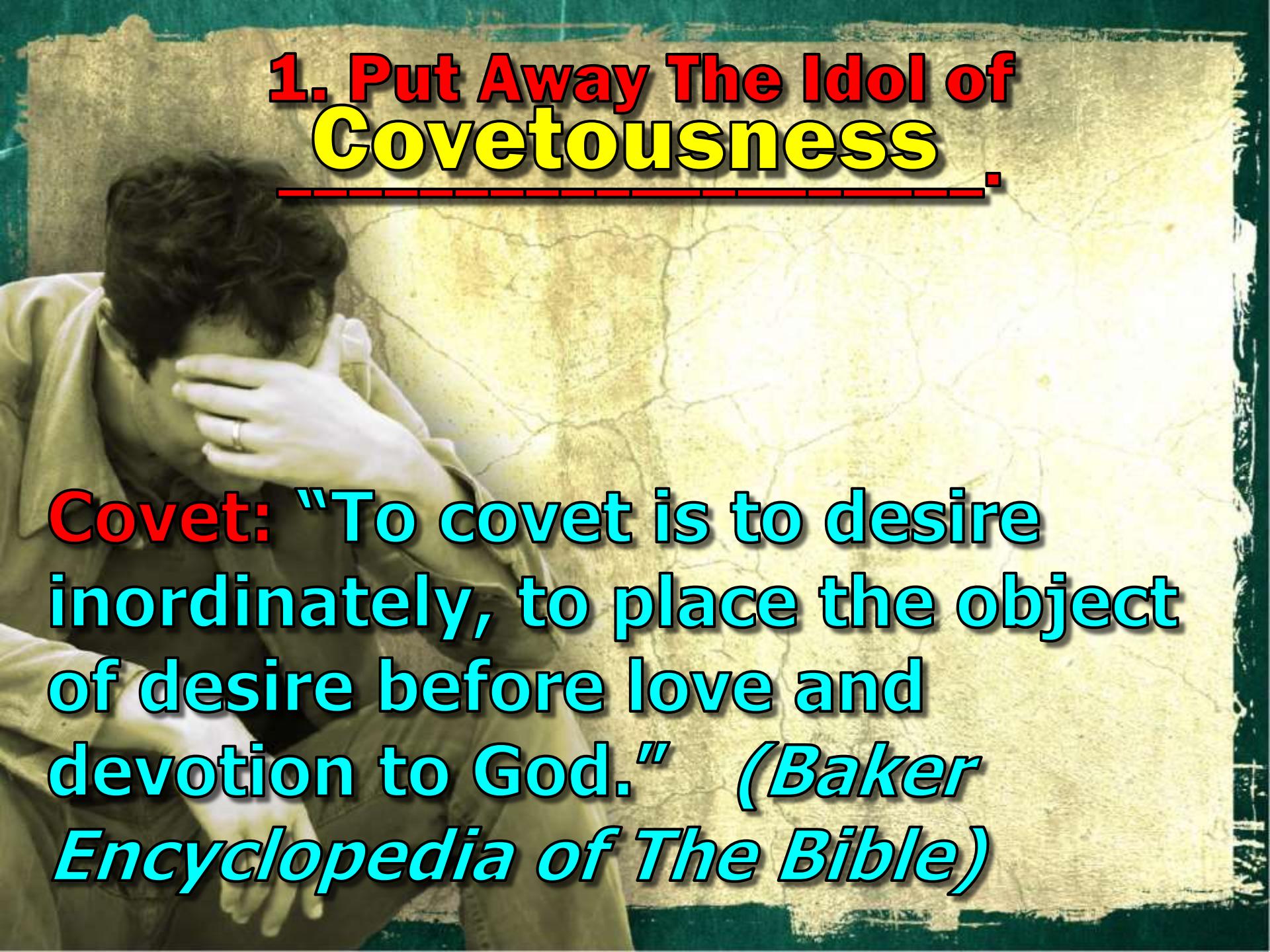
Judges 1:28 28 And it came to pass,  
when Israel was strong, that they  
put the Canaanites under tribute, but  
did not completely drive them out.

(NKJV)

Tribute = Money.

# **1. Put Away The Idol of Covetousness.**

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**Covet:** “To covet is to desire inordinately, to place the object of desire before love and devotion to God.” (*Baker Encyclopedia of The Bible*)

## Luke 12:15

15 And He said to them, "Take heed and beware of covetousness, for one's life does not consist in the abundance of the things he possesses."(NKJV)

## **Colossians 3:5**

**5 Mortify therefore your members which are upon the earth; fornication, uncleanness, inordinate affection, evil concupiscence, and covetousness, which is idolatry: (KJV)**

# **Matthew 6:24**

**24 "No one can serve two masters. Either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and Money. (NIV)**

# **1 Timothy 6:9-10**

**9 People who want to get rich fall into temptation and a trap and into many foolish and harmful desires that plunge men into ruin and destruction. 10 For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil. Some people, eager for money, have wandered from the faith and pierced themselves with many griefs. (NIV)**



# The Root Problem Is Lack of Faith.

**Matthew 6:33 33 But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well. (NIV)**

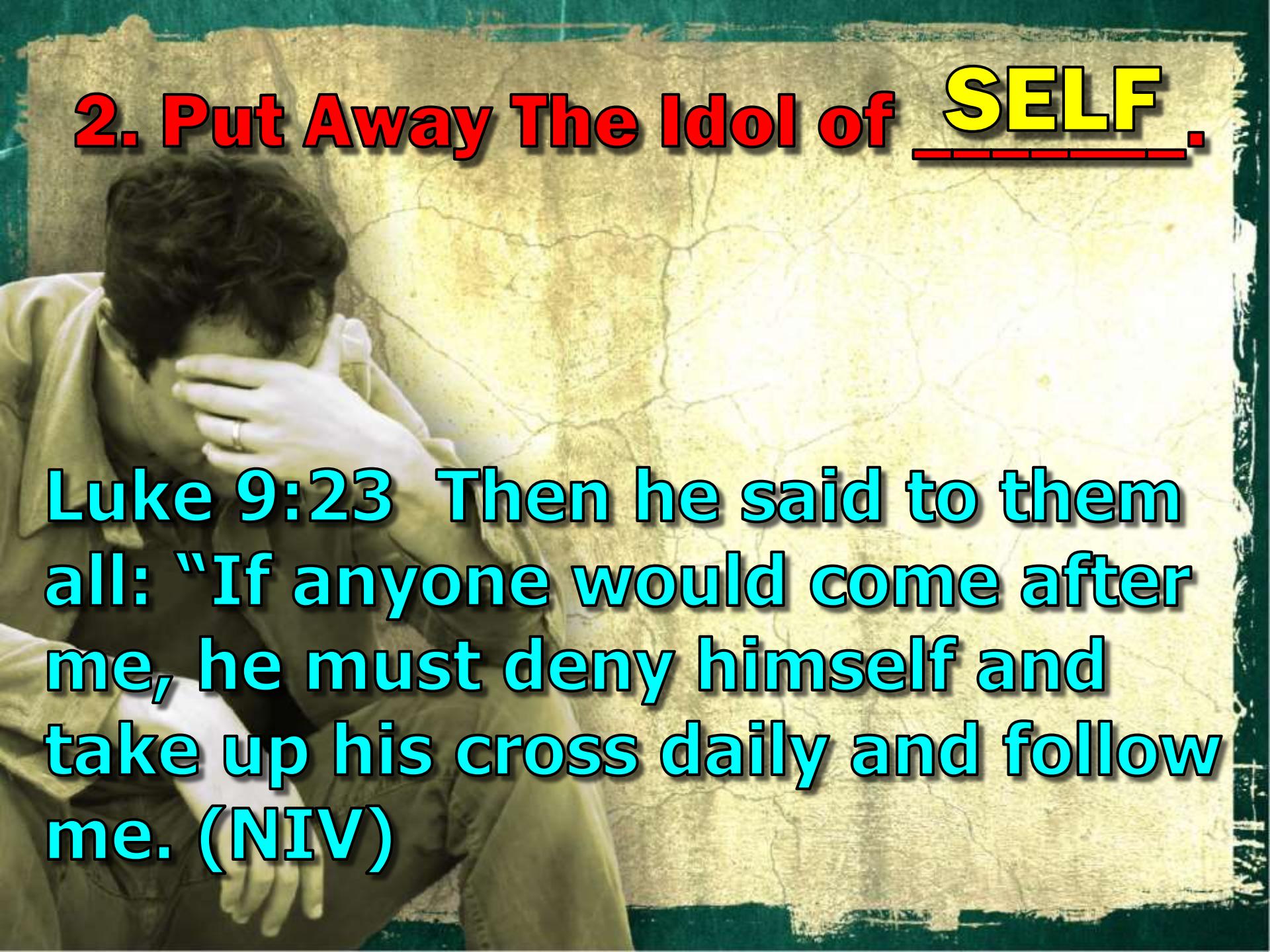


# The Remedy for the Problem Is Giving.

**Matthew 6:21** 21 For where  
your treasure is, there your  
heart will be also. (NIV)



## **2. Put Away The Idol of SELF.**



**Luke 9:23 Then he said to them all: "If anyone would come after me, he must deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me. (NIV)**

## **2. I Will Sanctify Myself To God's Holiness.**

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**Joshua 24:23 "Now then," said Joshua, "throw away the foreign gods that are among you and yield your hearts to the LORD, the God of Israel." (NIV)**

# **2 Corinthians 7:1**



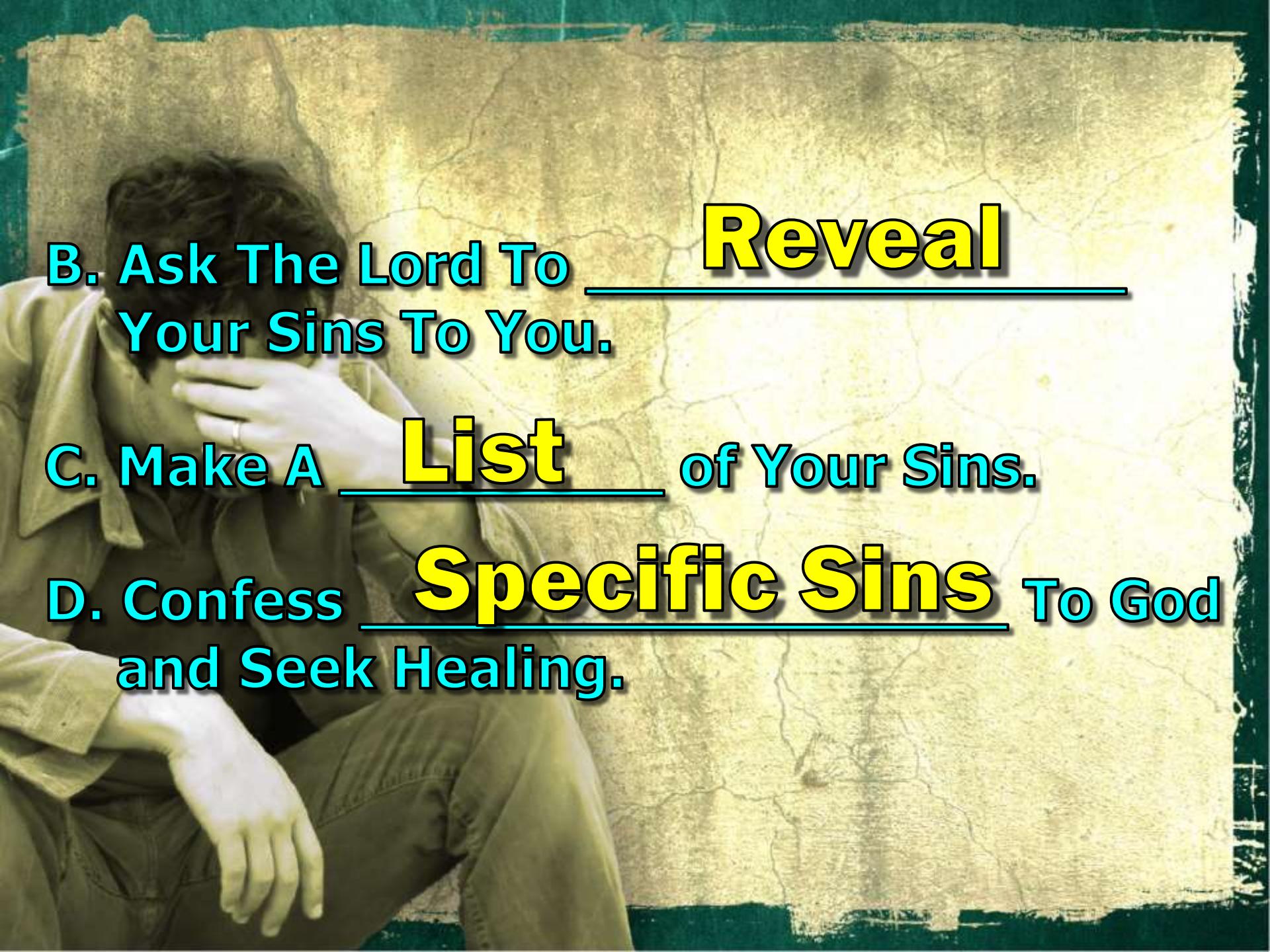
**Therefore, having these promises,  
beloved, let us cleanse ourselves  
from all filthiness of the flesh and  
spirit, perfecting holiness in the  
fear of God. (NKJV)**

## **A. Rid Yourself of ALL Known Sins**

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**1 John 1:9 If we confess our sins,  
he is faithful and just and will  
forgive us our sins and purify us  
from all unrighteousness. (NIV)**

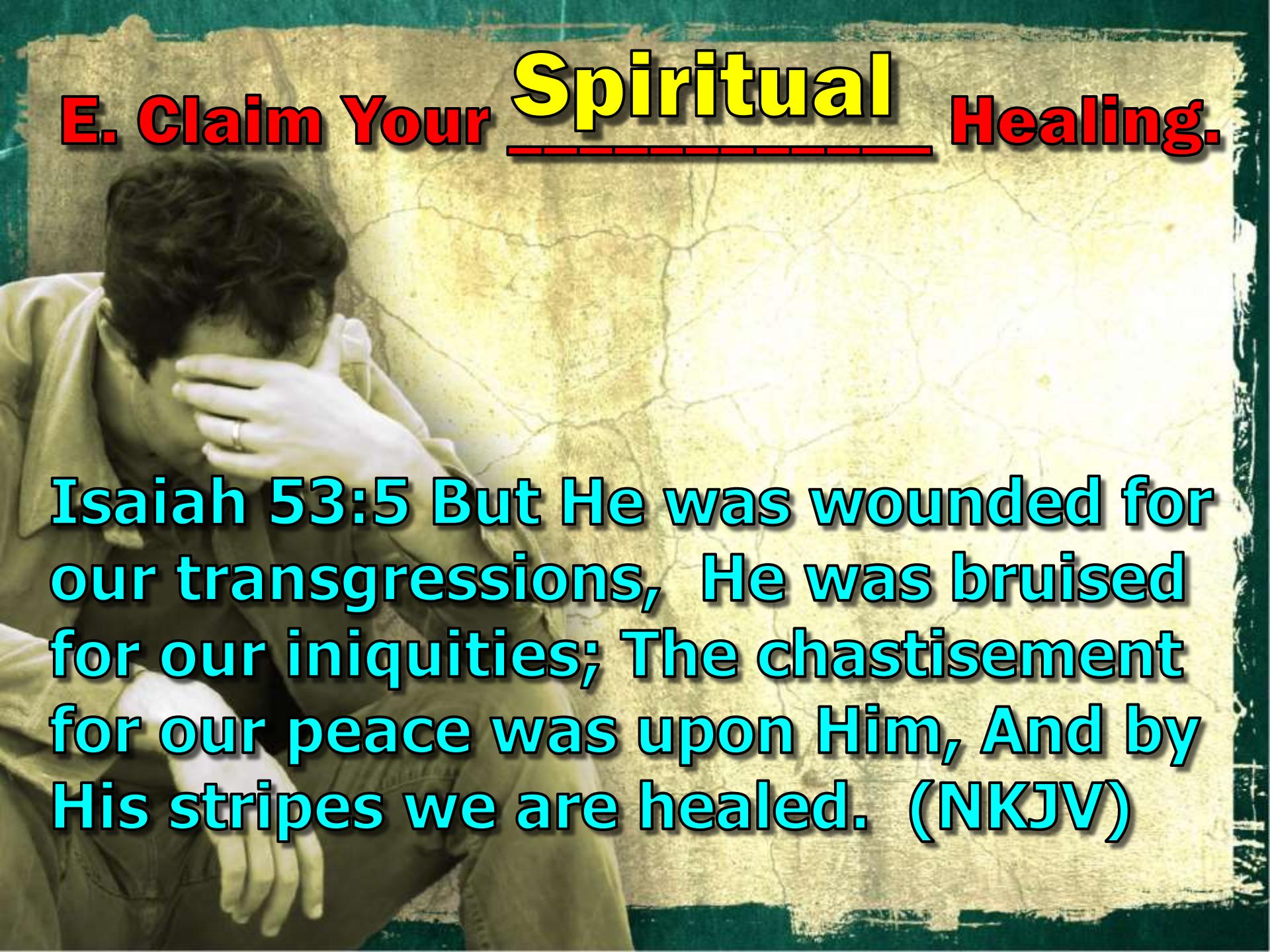
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B. Ask The Lord To Reveal  
Your Sins To You.

C. Make A List of Your Sins.

D. Confess Specific Sins To God  
and Seek Healing.

## E. Claim Your Spiritual Healing.



**Isaiah 53:5 But He was wounded for our transgressions, He was bruised for our iniquities; The chastisement for our peace was upon Him, And by His stripes we are healed. (NKJV)**

**F. Burn Your List.**

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**Isaiah 43:25** <sup>25</sup> "I, even I, am he who blots out your transgressions, for my own sake, and remembers your sins no more. (NIV)



**YES, I Want A Spiritual Breakthrough!**

**With God's help I will put away the idols in my life and I will Sanctify myself to God's Holiness by making a sin account which I will confess and claim God's healing.**

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