

# Finding a Spouse in God's Steadfast Love

Genesis 24

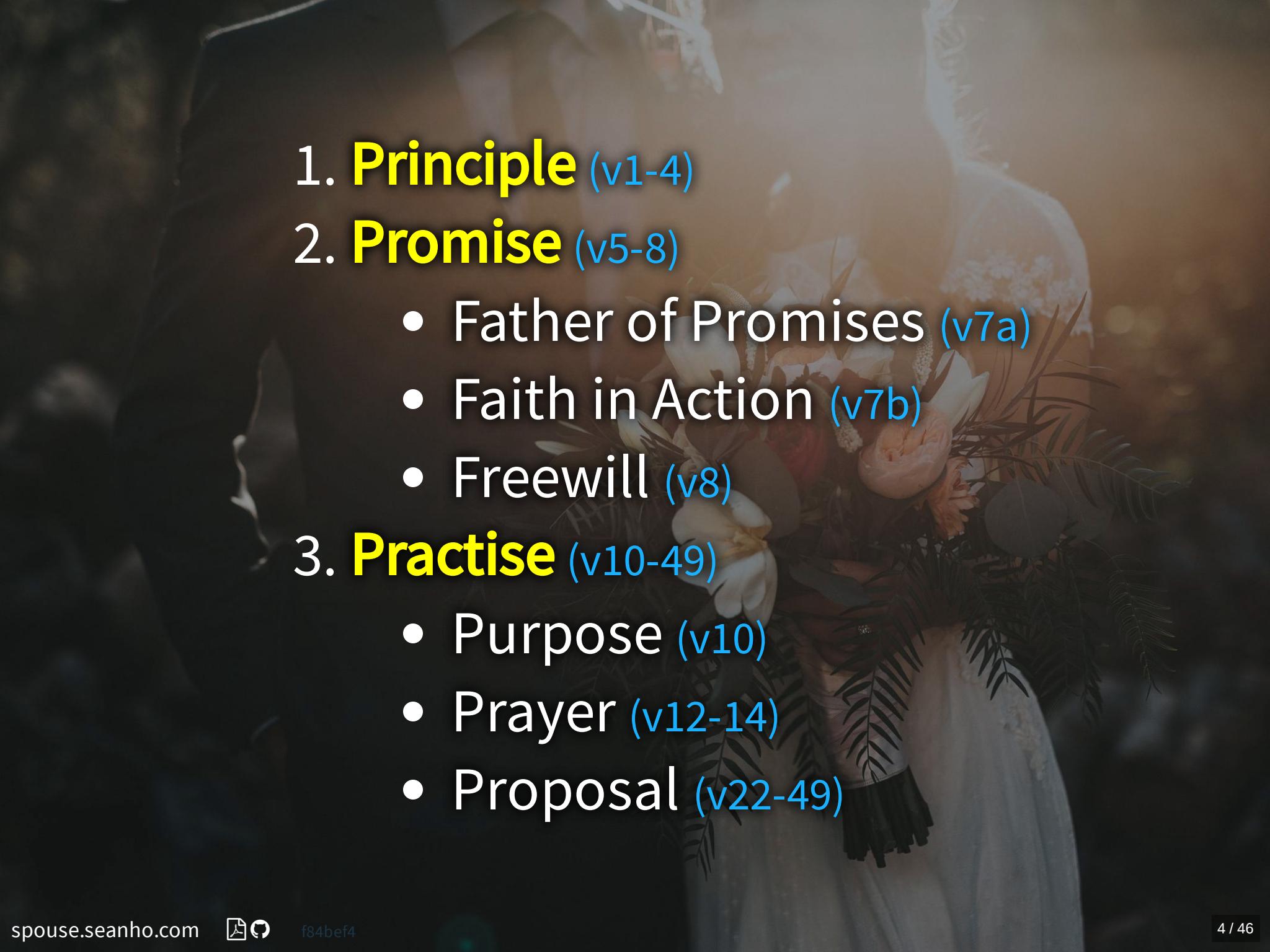
Nathan Dumlaو

How do I find a  
**spouse?**

# Biblical Examples of Finding a Spouse

- Adam ([Gen 2:18-25](#))
- Jacob ([Gen 28:1-5, 29:1-30](#))
- Ruth
- Hosea ([Hos 1-3](#))
- Samson ([Jdg 14-16](#))

“Ruth Gleans in the Fields of Boaz”, Bible Panorama, 1891

A photograph of a bride and groom in a field of flowers. The bride is in the foreground, wearing a white dress and holding a bouquet of white flowers. The groom is behind her, wearing a dark suit. The background is filled with various flowers and foliage.

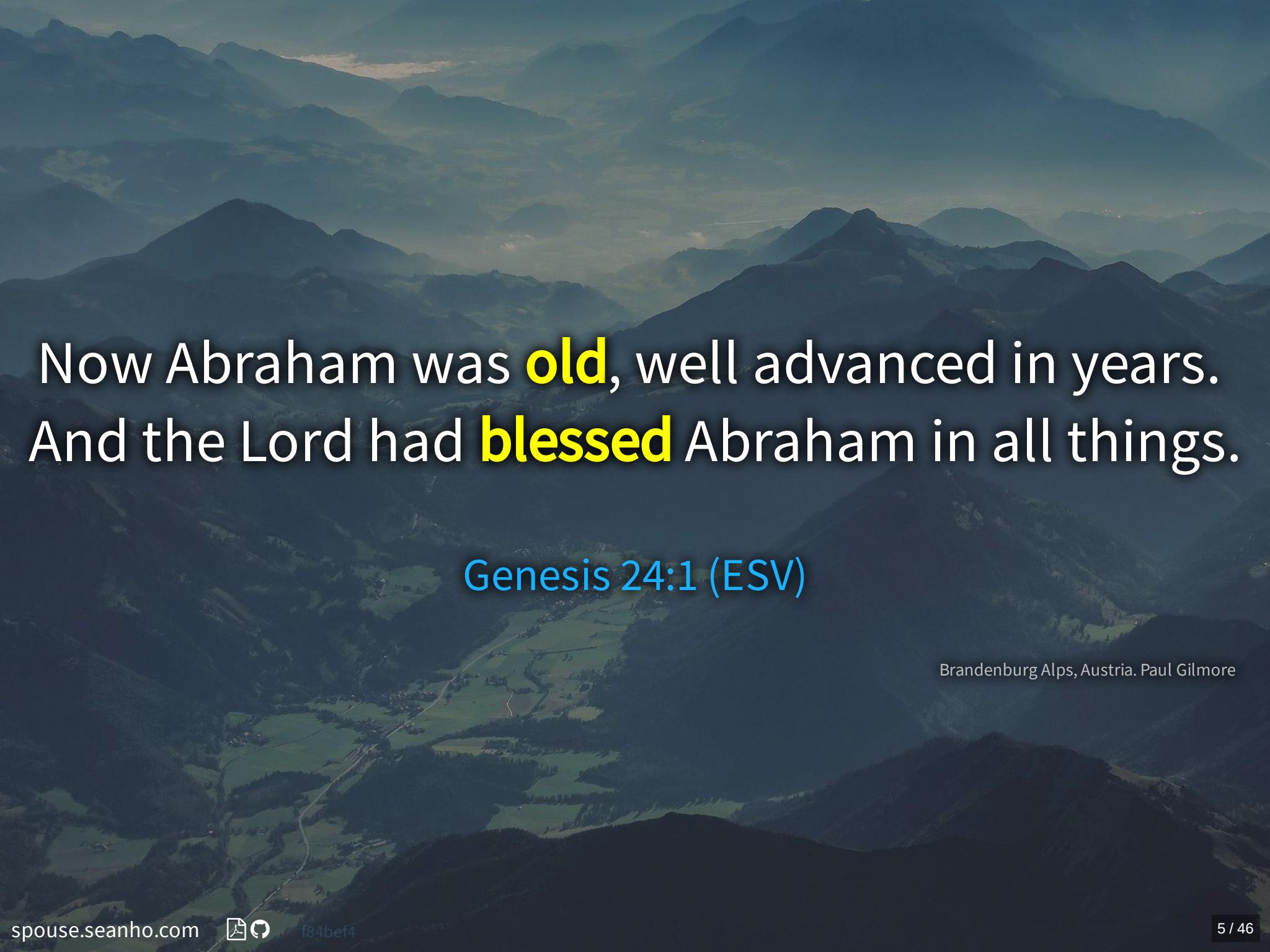
## 1. Principle (v1-4)

## 2. Promise (v5-8)

- Father of Promises (v7a)
- Faith in Action (v7b)
- Freewill (v8)

## 3. Practise (v10-49)

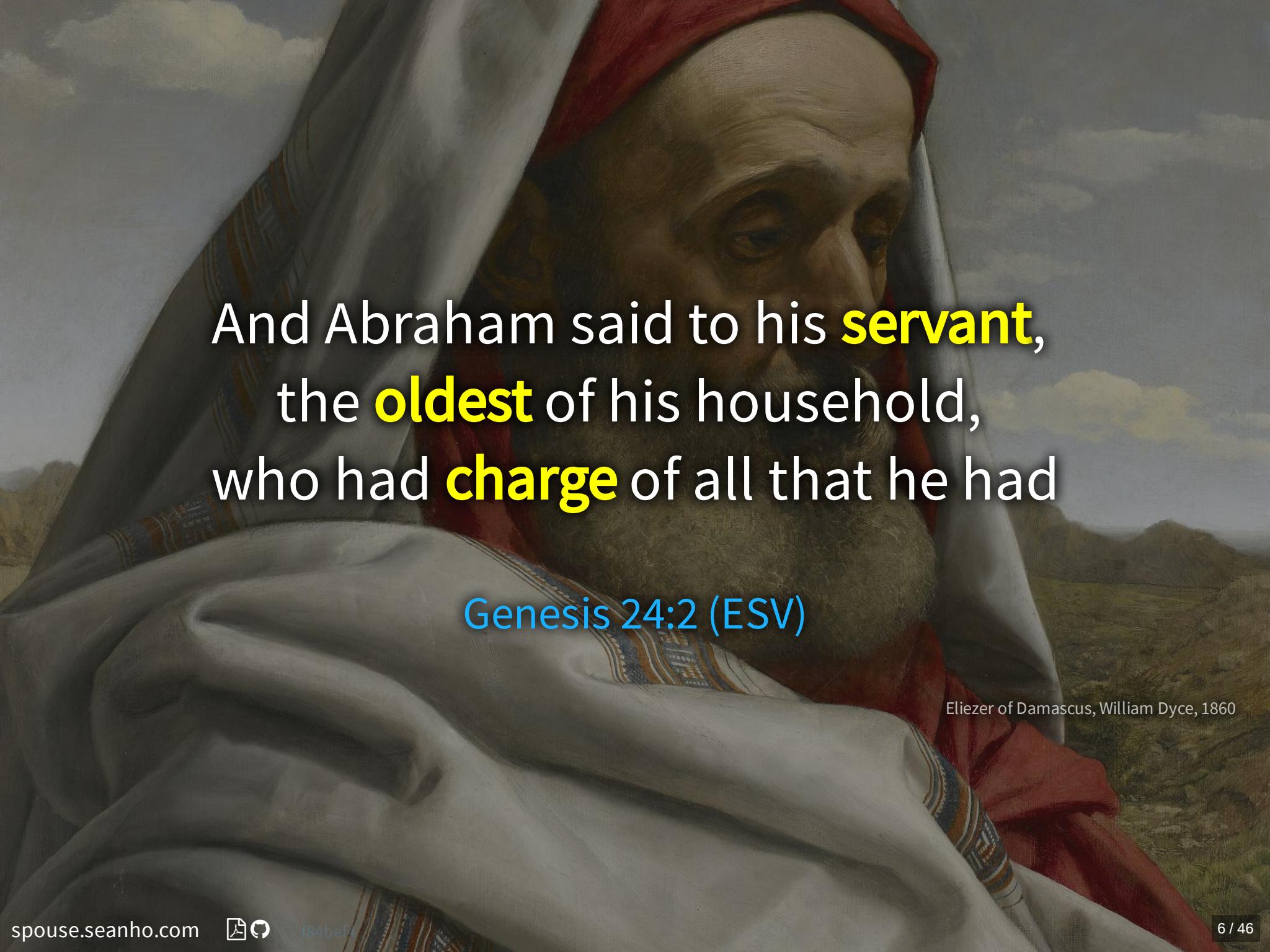
- Purpose (v10)
- Prayer (v12-14)
- Proposal (v22-49)

The background of the slide is a scenic aerial photograph of the Brandenburg Alps in Austria. The image captures a vast, rugged mountain range with deep green valleys and patches of snow or ice clinging to the peaks. The lighting suggests either early morning or late afternoon, with long shadows and a warm glow on the exposed rock faces.

Now Abraham was **old**, well advanced in years.  
And the Lord had **blessed** Abraham in all things.

Genesis 24:1 (ESV)

Brandenburg Alps, Austria. Paul Gilmore



And Abraham said to his **servant**,  
the **oldest** of his household,  
who had **charge** of all that he had

Genesis 24:2 (ESV)

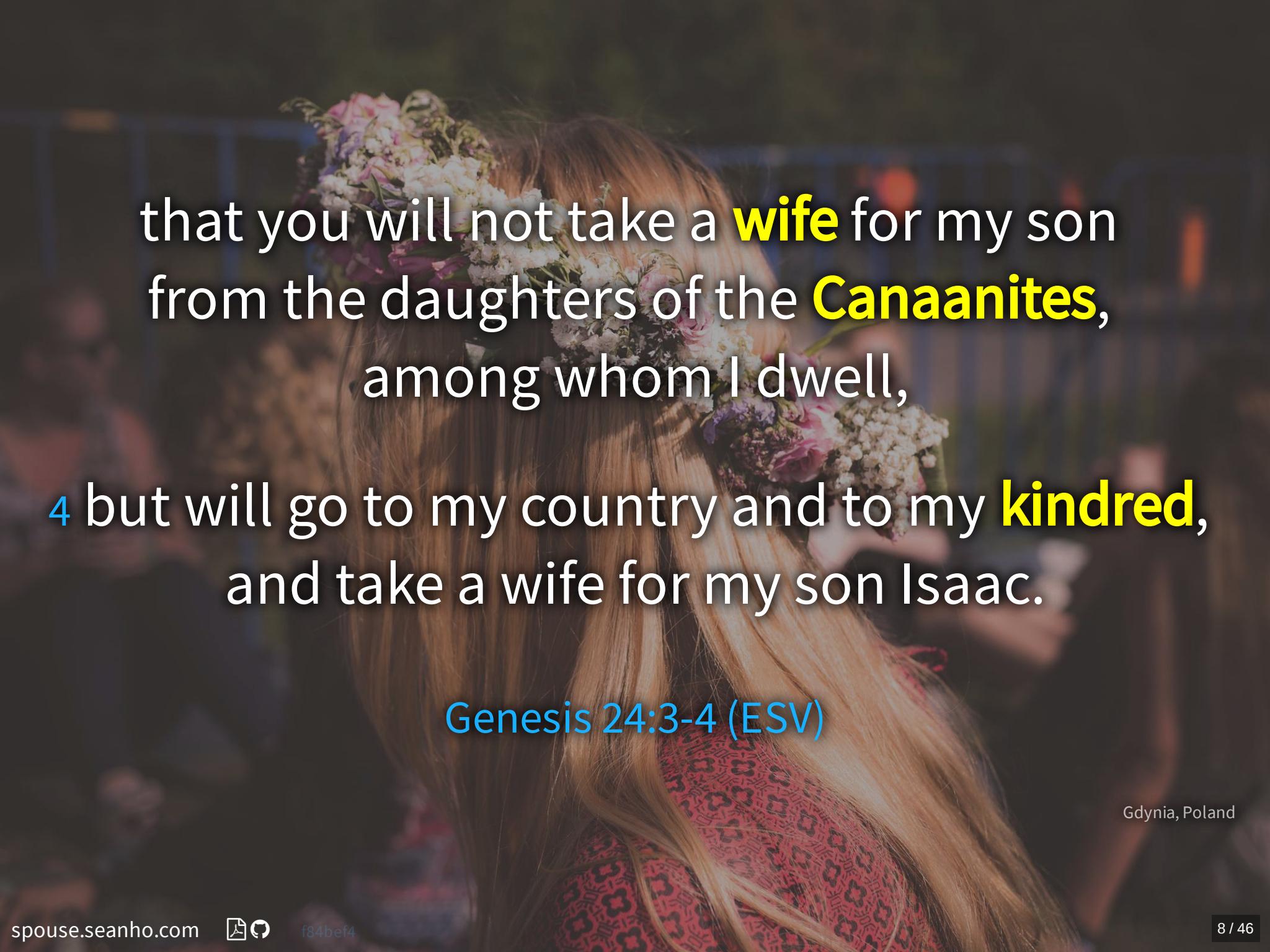
Eliezer of Damascus, William Dyce, 1860



Put your hand under my **thigh**,  
3 that I may make you **swear** by the Lord,  
the God of **heaven** and God of the **earth**,

Genesis 24:2-3 (ESV)

Isaac Blesses Jacob, Gustave Doré, 1866

A close-up photograph of a woman's face and hair. She has long, straight brown hair and is wearing a red patterned headband. She is holding a large, colorful bouquet of flowers behind her head. The background is dark and out of focus.

that you will not take a **wife** for my son  
from the daughters of the **Canaanites**,  
among whom I dwell,  
4 but will go to my country and to my **kindred**,  
and take a wife for my son Isaac.

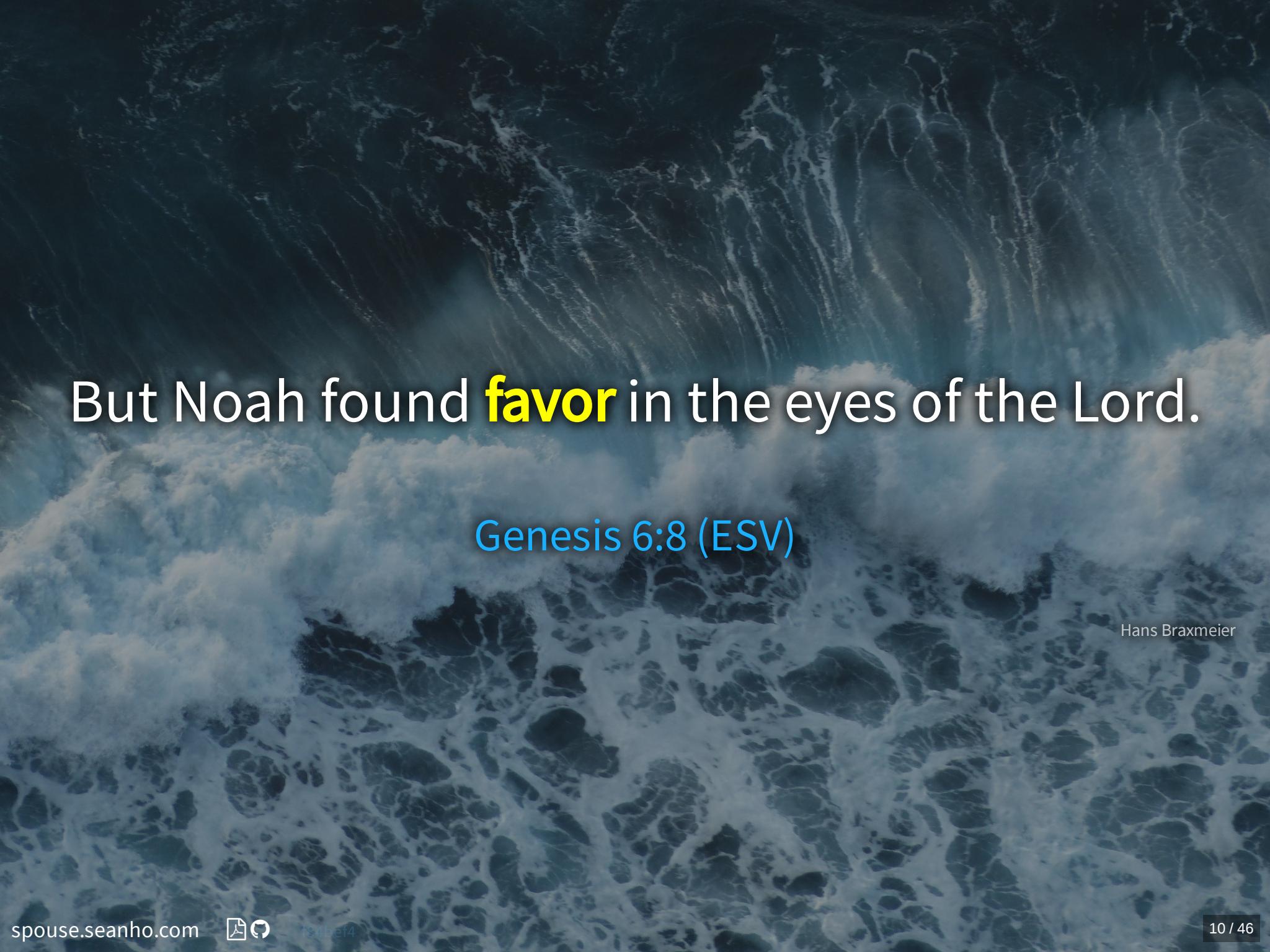
Genesis 24:3-4 (ESV)

Gdynia, Poland

When God **created** man,  
he made him in the **likeness** of God.

<b>Adam</b>	<b>130</b>	<b>Seth</b>	<b>105</b>
Enosh	90	Kenan	70
Mahalalel	65	Jared	162
Enoch	65	Methuselah	187
Lamech	182	<b>Noah</b>	

Genesis 5:1 (ESV)



But Noah found **favor** in the eyes of the Lord.

Genesis 6:8 (ESV)

Hans Braxmeier

“Cursed be Canaan;  
a **servant** of servants  
shall he be to his brothers”

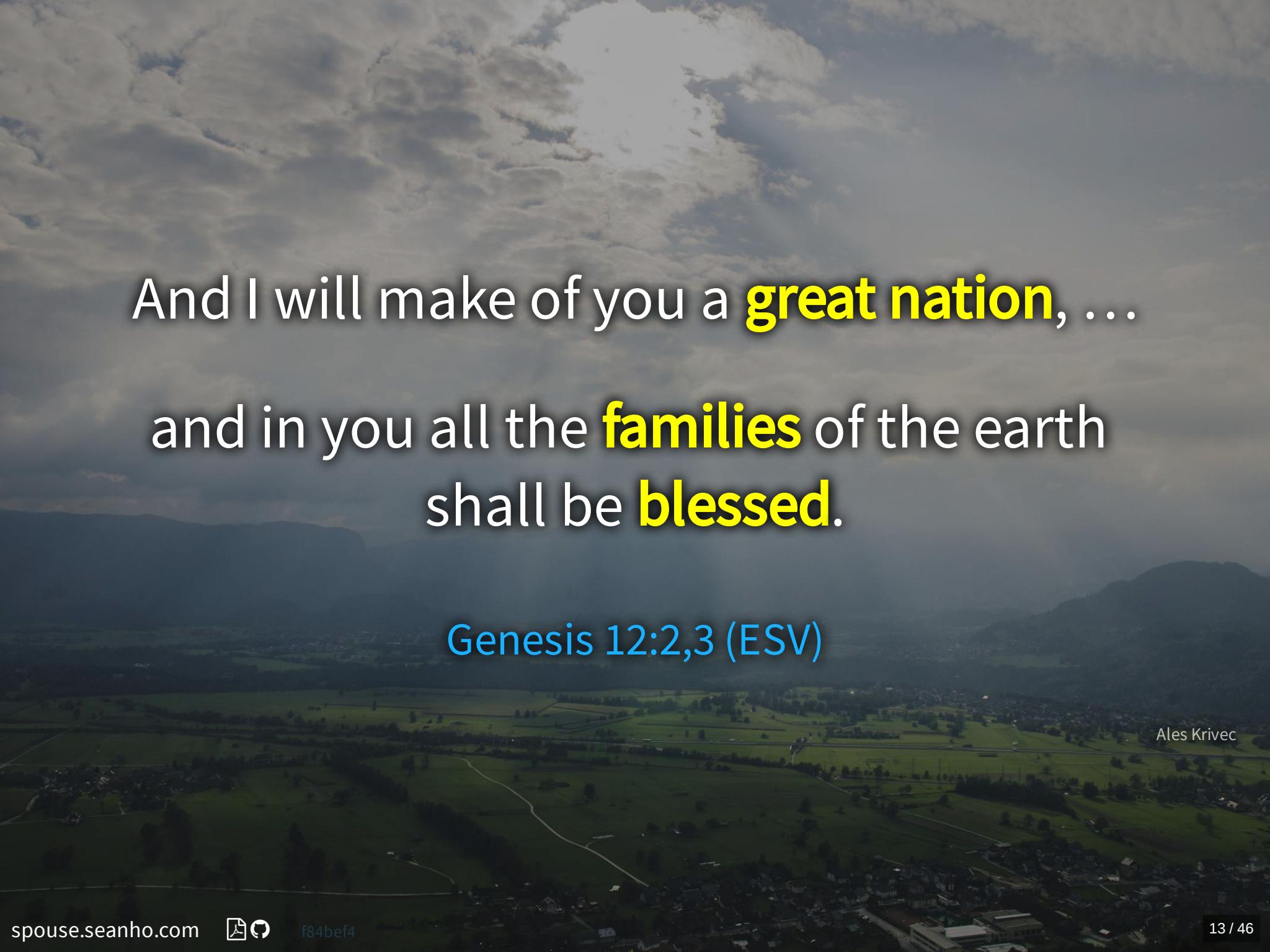
Genesis 9:25 (ESV)

Brad Helmink

Now the Lord said to **Abram**,  
“**Go** from your country and your kindred  
and your father’s house  
to the **land** that I will show you.”

Noah	500	Shem	100	Arpachshad	35
Shelah	30	Eber	34	Peleg	30
Reu	32	Serug	30	Nahor	29
Terah	70	<b>Abram</b>			

Genesis 12:1, 11:10-26 (ESV)

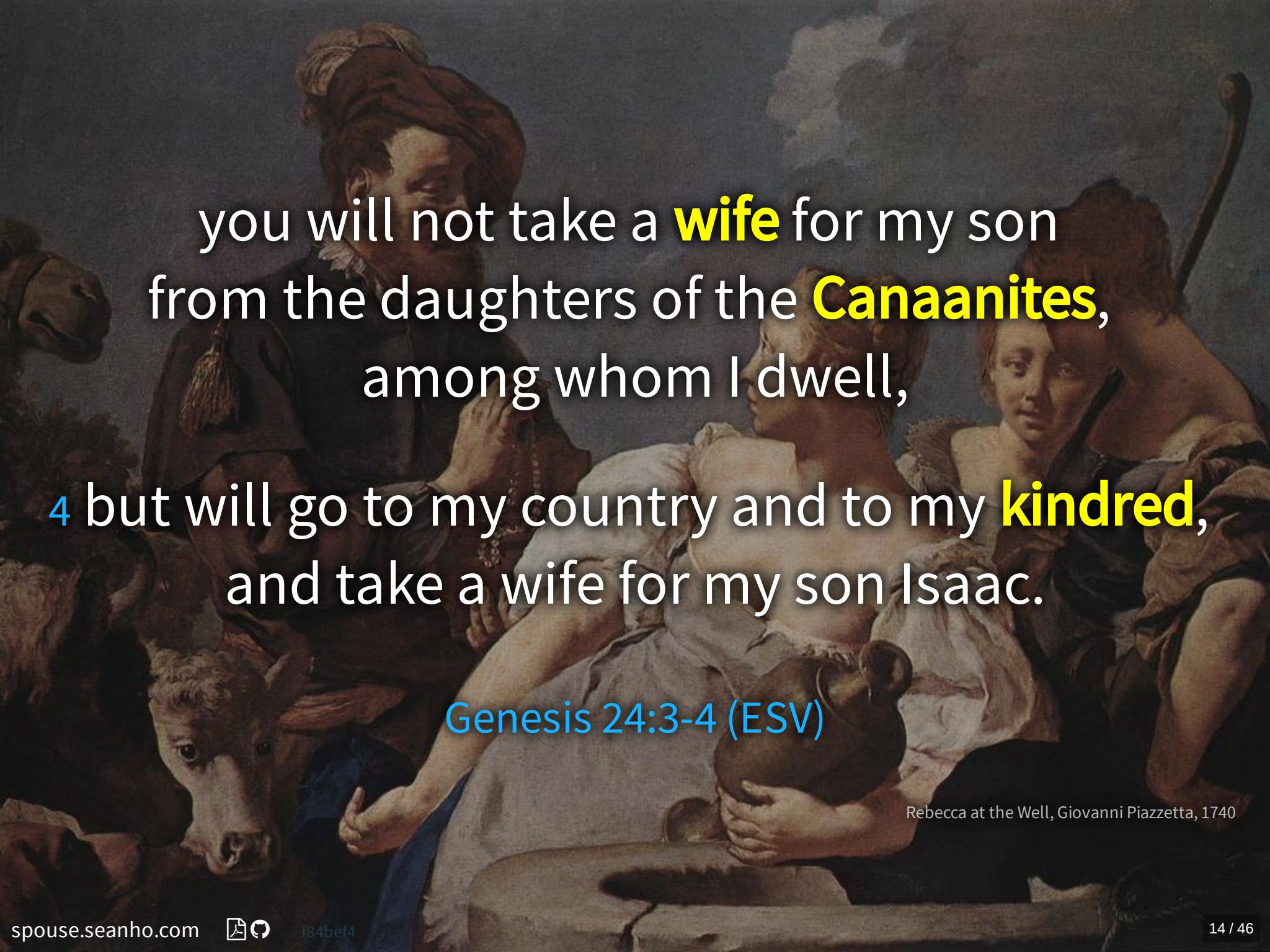


And I will make of you a **great nation**, ...

and in you all the **families** of the earth  
shall be **blessed**.

Genesis 12:2,3 (ESV)

Ales Krivec

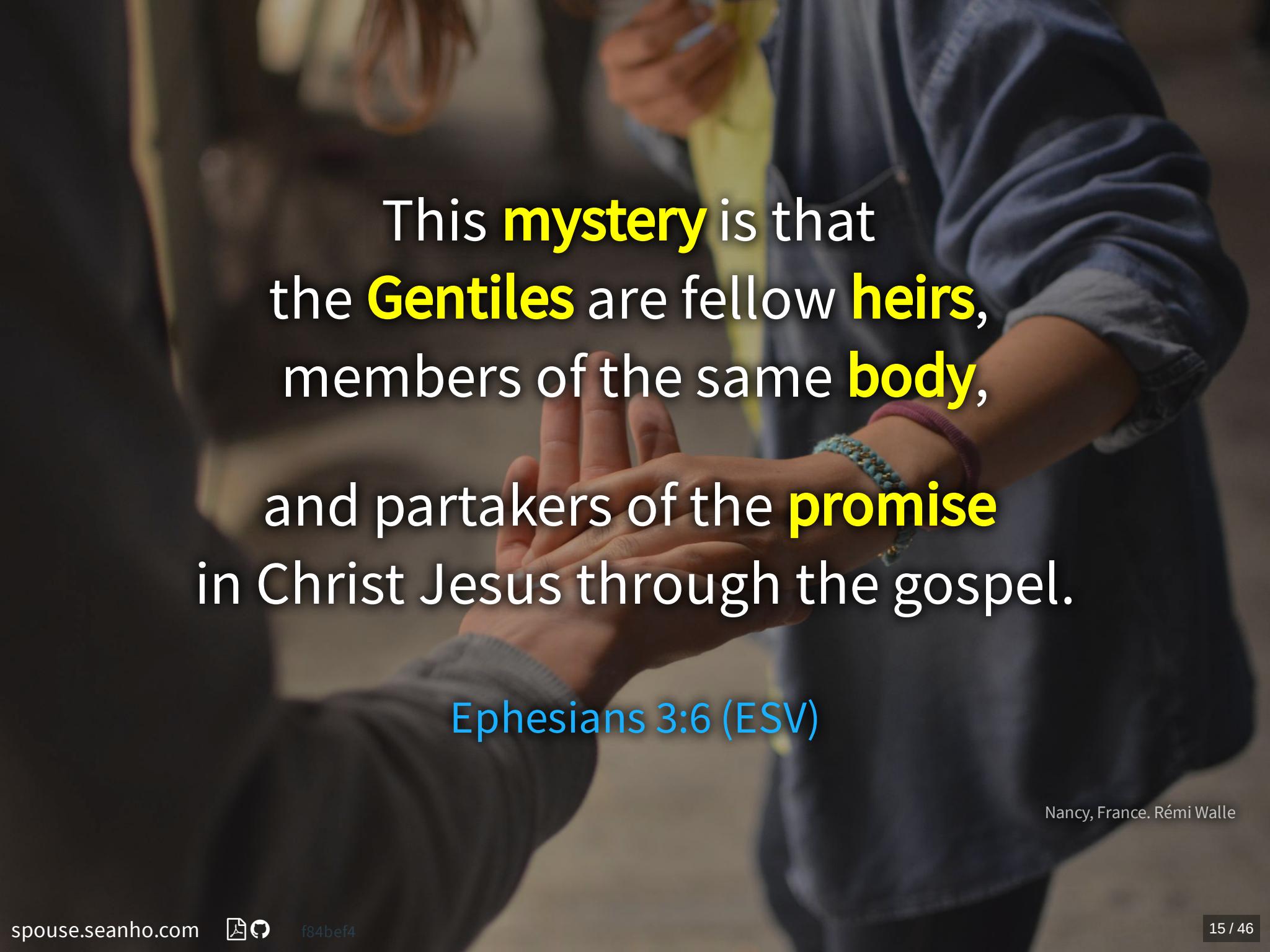


you will not take a **wife** for my son  
from the daughters of the **Canaanites**,  
among whom I dwell,

4 but will go to my country and to my **kindred**,  
and take a wife for my son Isaac.

Genesis 24:3-4 (ESV)

Rebecca at the Well, Giovanni Piazzetta, 1740



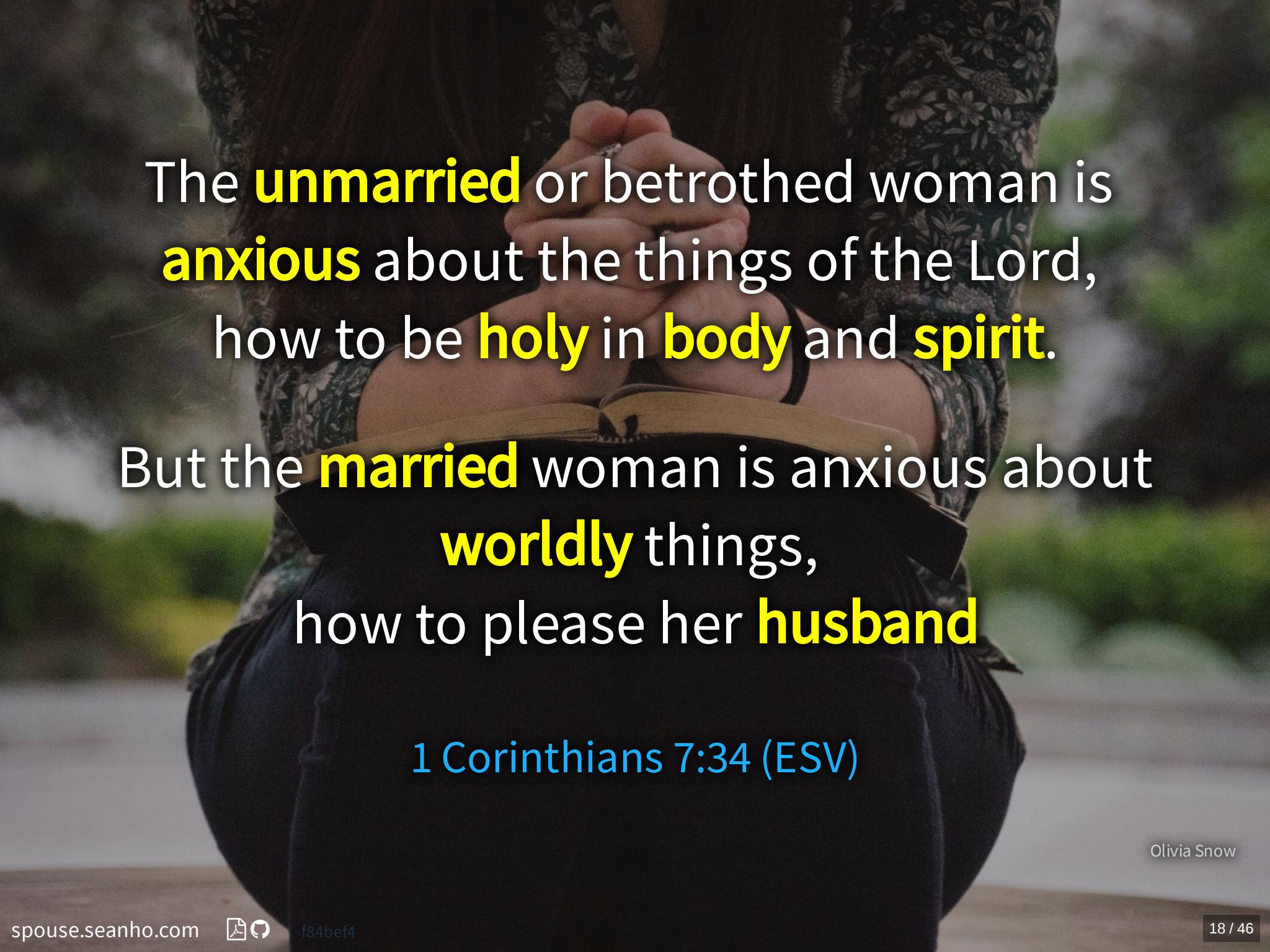
This **mystery** is that  
the **Gentiles** are fellow **heirs**,  
members of the same **body**,  
and partakers of the **promise**  
in Christ Jesus through the gospel.

Ephesians 3:6 (ESV)

Nancy, France. Rémi Walle

(application: looking for spouse)

(aside: to happy singles)

A woman with long dark hair, wearing a floral print dress, is sitting and holding an open book. Her hands are clasped over the book. The background is blurred greenery.

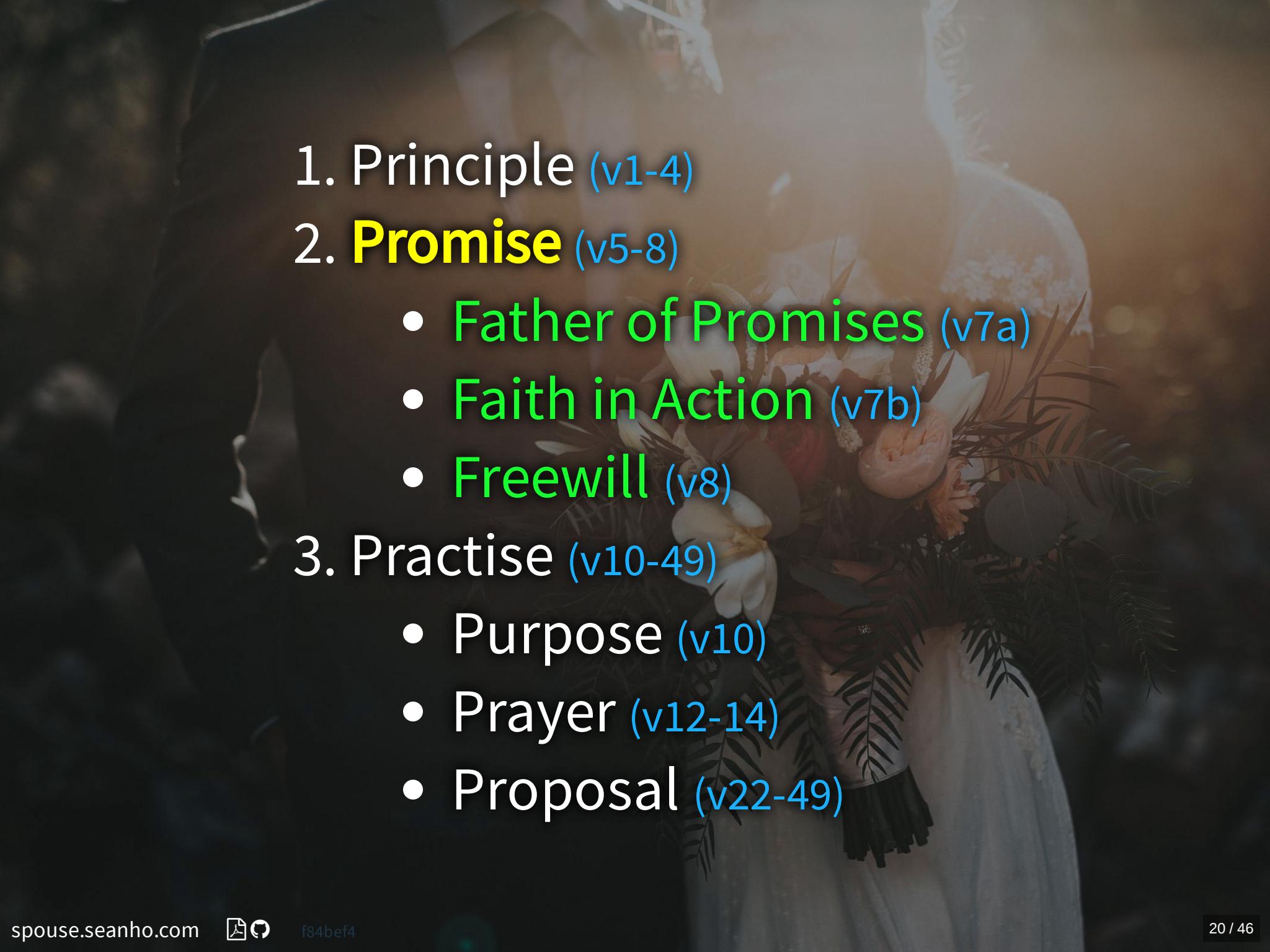
The **unmarried** or betrothed woman is  
**anxious** about the things of the Lord,  
how to be **holy** in **body** and **spirit**.

But the **married** woman is anxious about  
**worldly** things,  
how to please her **husband**

1 Corinthians 7:34 (ESV)

Olivia Snow

**What is the purpose  
of marriage?**

A photograph of a bride and groom in a field of flowers. The bride is in the foreground, wearing a white dress and holding a bouquet of white flowers. The groom is behind her, wearing a dark suit. The background is filled with various flowers and foliage.

1. Principle (v1-4)

2. **Promise** (v5-8)

- Father of Promises (v7a)
- Faith in Action (v7b)
- Freewill (v8)

3. Practise (v10-49)

- Purpose (v10)
- Prayer (v12-14)
- Proposal (v22-49)



The Lord, the God of **heaven**,  
who **took me** from my father's house  
and from the land of my kindred,  
and who **spoke to me** and swore to me,  
'To your offspring I will give this land,'

Genesis 24:7 (ESV)

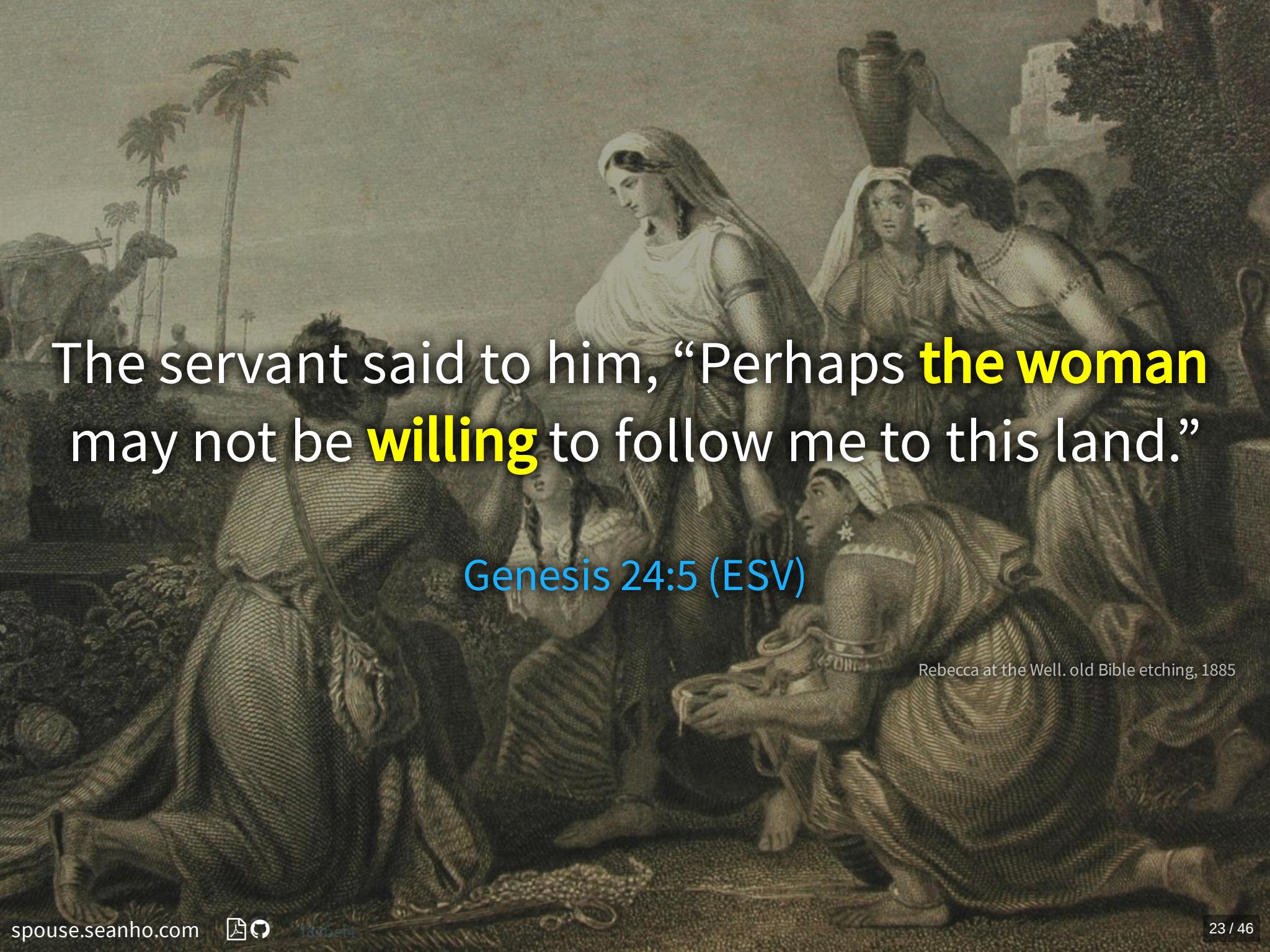
Avenue of the Giants, CA. John Towner



Then the Lord **appeared** to Abram and said,  
“To your **offspring** I will give **this land**.”

Genesis 12:7 (ESV)

Jake Givens



The servant said to him, “Perhaps **the woman** may not be **willing** to follow me to this land.”

Genesis 24:5 (ESV)

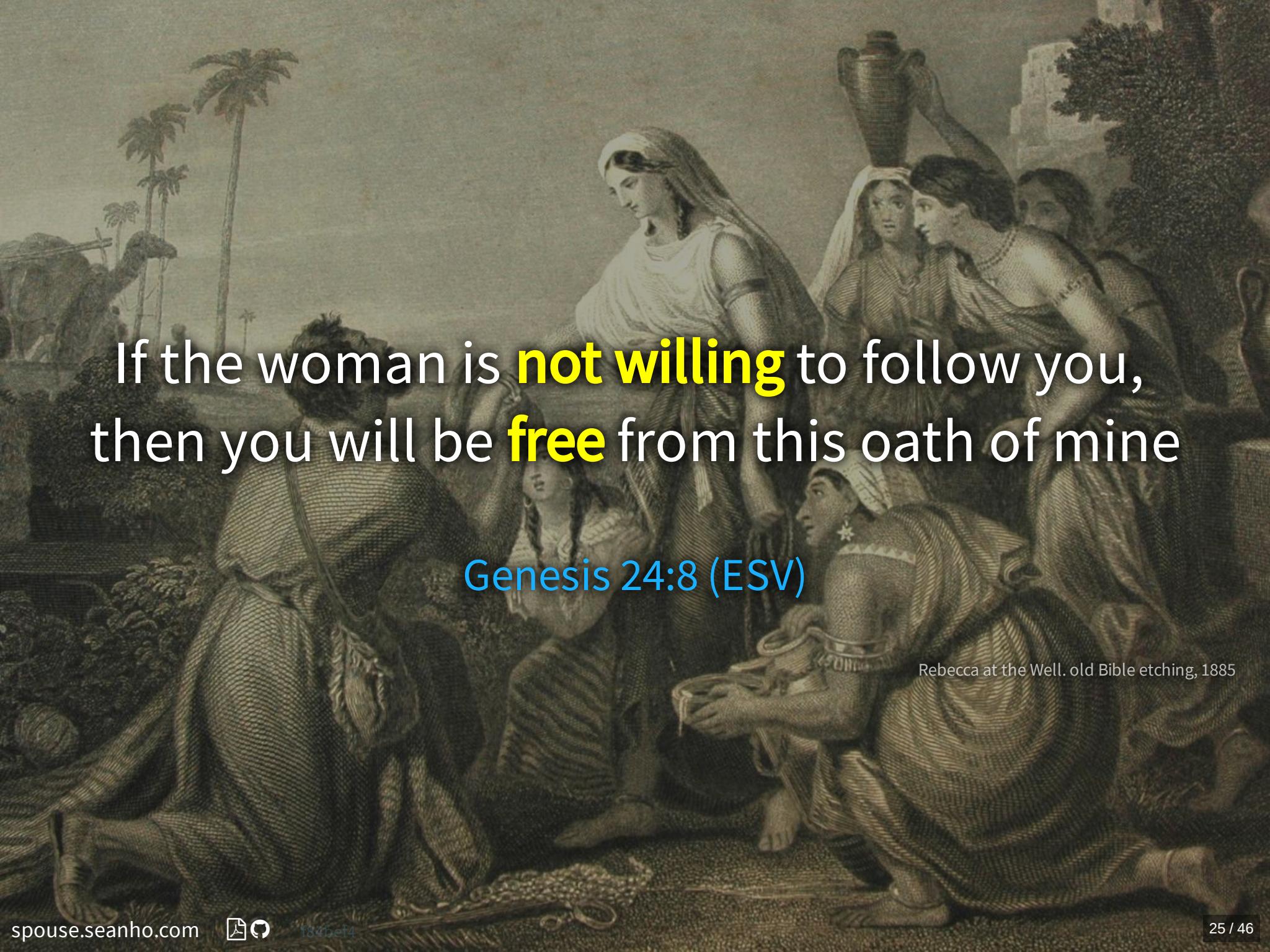
Rebecca at the Well. old Bible etching, 1885

A photograph of a dirt path winding through a dense forest. Sunlight filters through the tall evergreen trees, creating bright rays and shadows on the path. The forest floor is covered with fallen leaves and pine needles.

He **will** send His angel before you,  
and you **shall** take a wife for my son from there.

Genesis 24:7 (ESV)

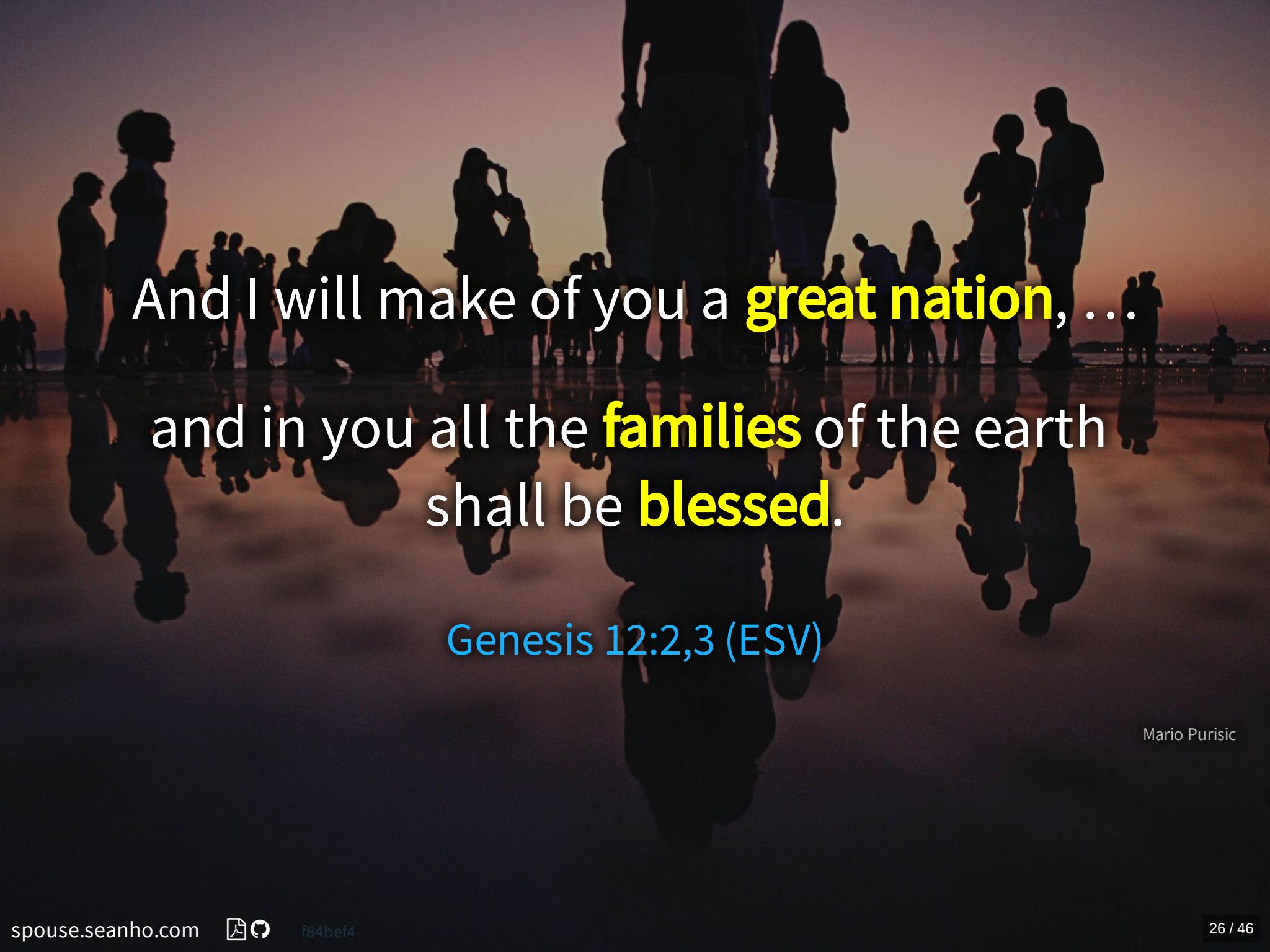
Chuckanut Mountain, US. Patrick Fore



If the woman is **not willing** to follow you,  
then you will be **free** from this oath of mine

Genesis 24:8 (ESV)

Rebecca at the Well. old Bible etching, 1885

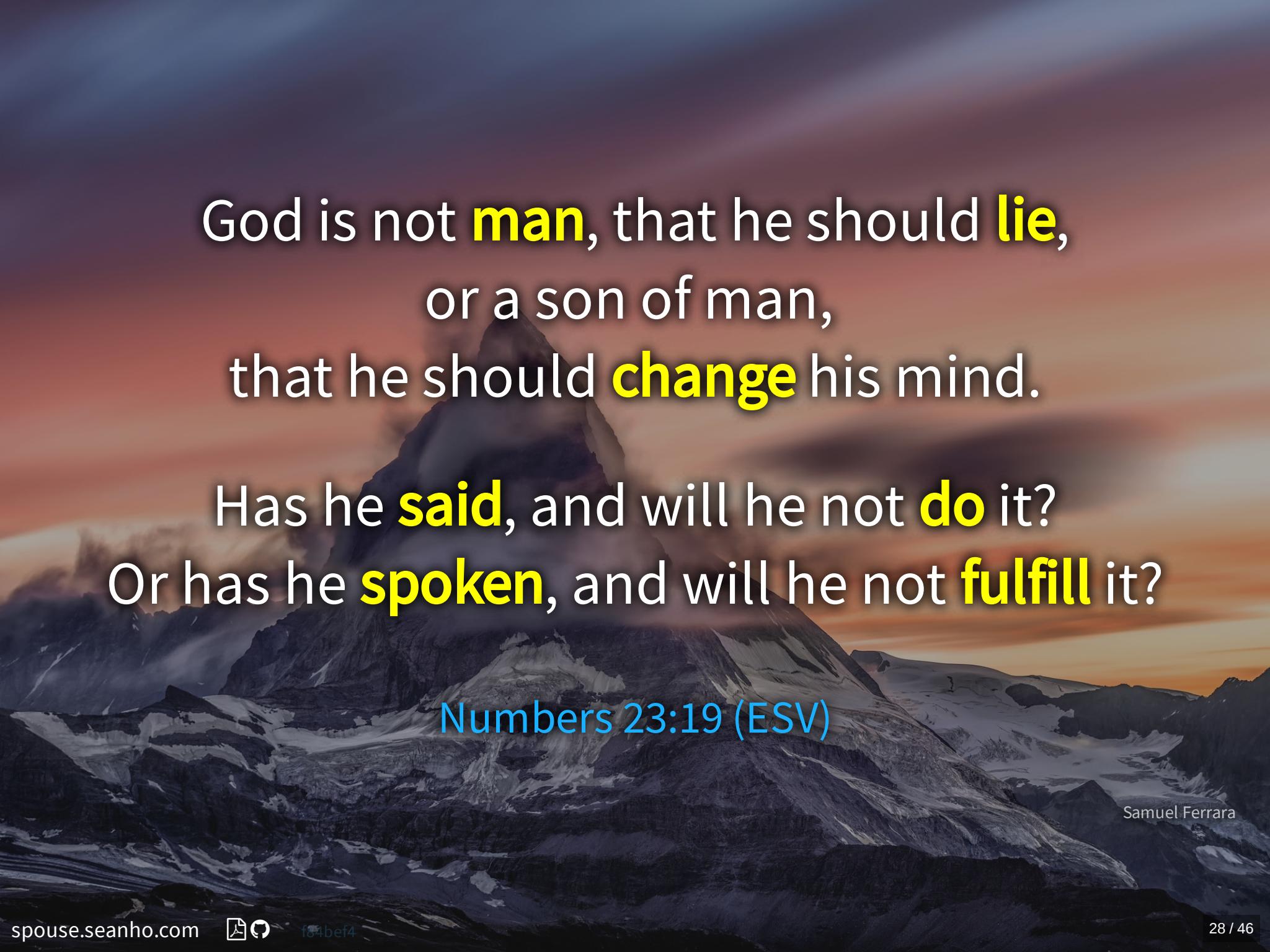


And I will make of you a **great nation**, ...  
and in you all the **families** of the earth  
shall be **blessed**.

Genesis 12:2,3 (ESV)

Mario Purisic

(God still speaks)

The background of the slide features a wide-angle photograph of a mountain range at either dawn or dusk. The sky is filled with soft, horizontal clouds, transitioning from deep blue at the top to warm orange and yellow near the horizon. In the foreground, dark, rugged mountain peaks rise, with patches of white snow visible on their slopes.

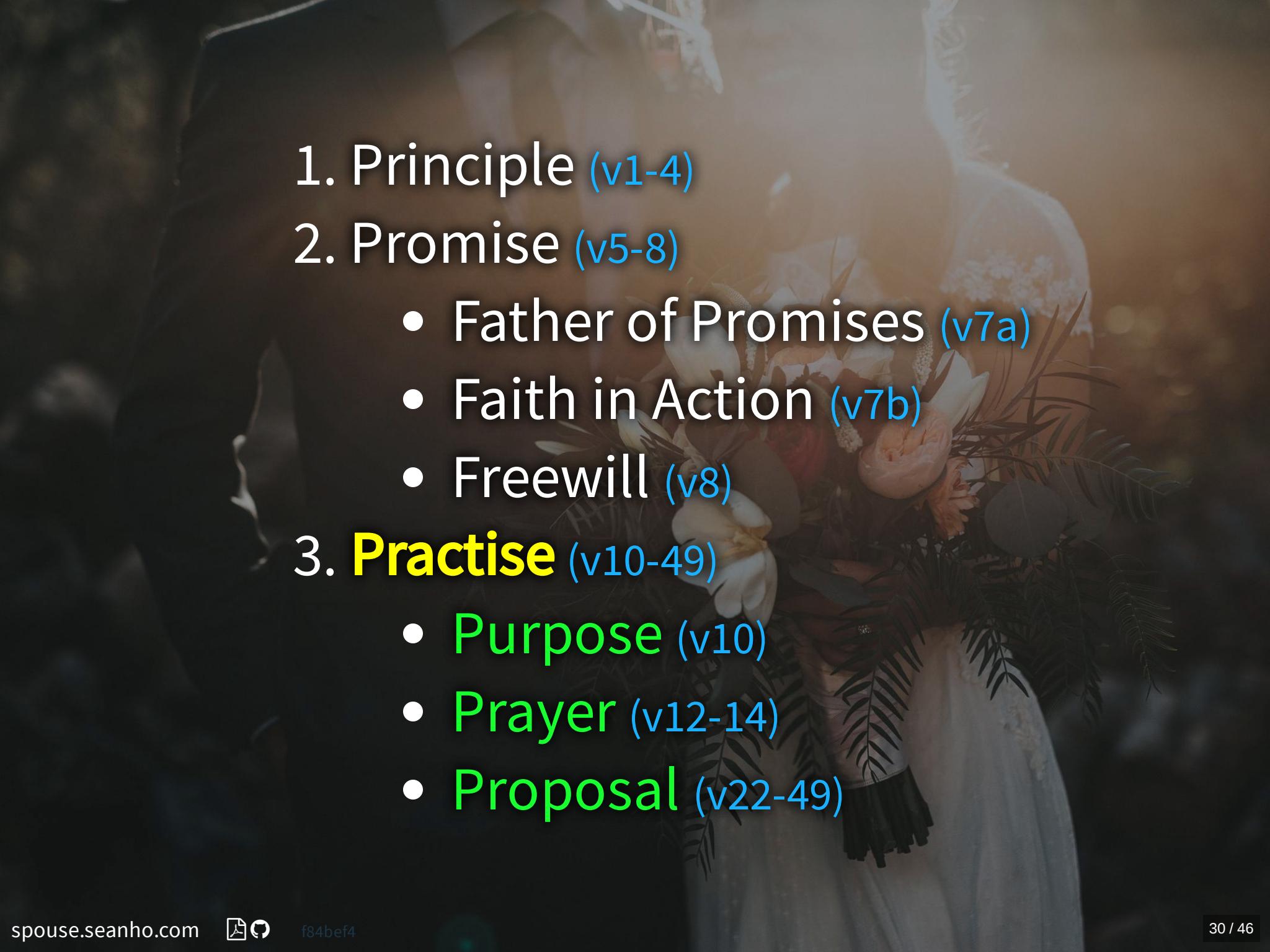
God is not **man**, that he should **lie**,  
or a son of man,  
that he should **change** his mind.

Has he **said**, and will he not **do** it?  
Or has he **spoken**, and will he not **fulfill** it?

Numbers 23:19 (ESV)

Samuel Ferrara

**What are God's  
promises to me?**

A photograph of a couple in wedding attire standing in a field of flowers. The woman is wearing a white wedding dress and a large floral bouquet, and the man is in a dark suit. They are looking at each other. The background is a soft-focus landscape of greenery and flowers.

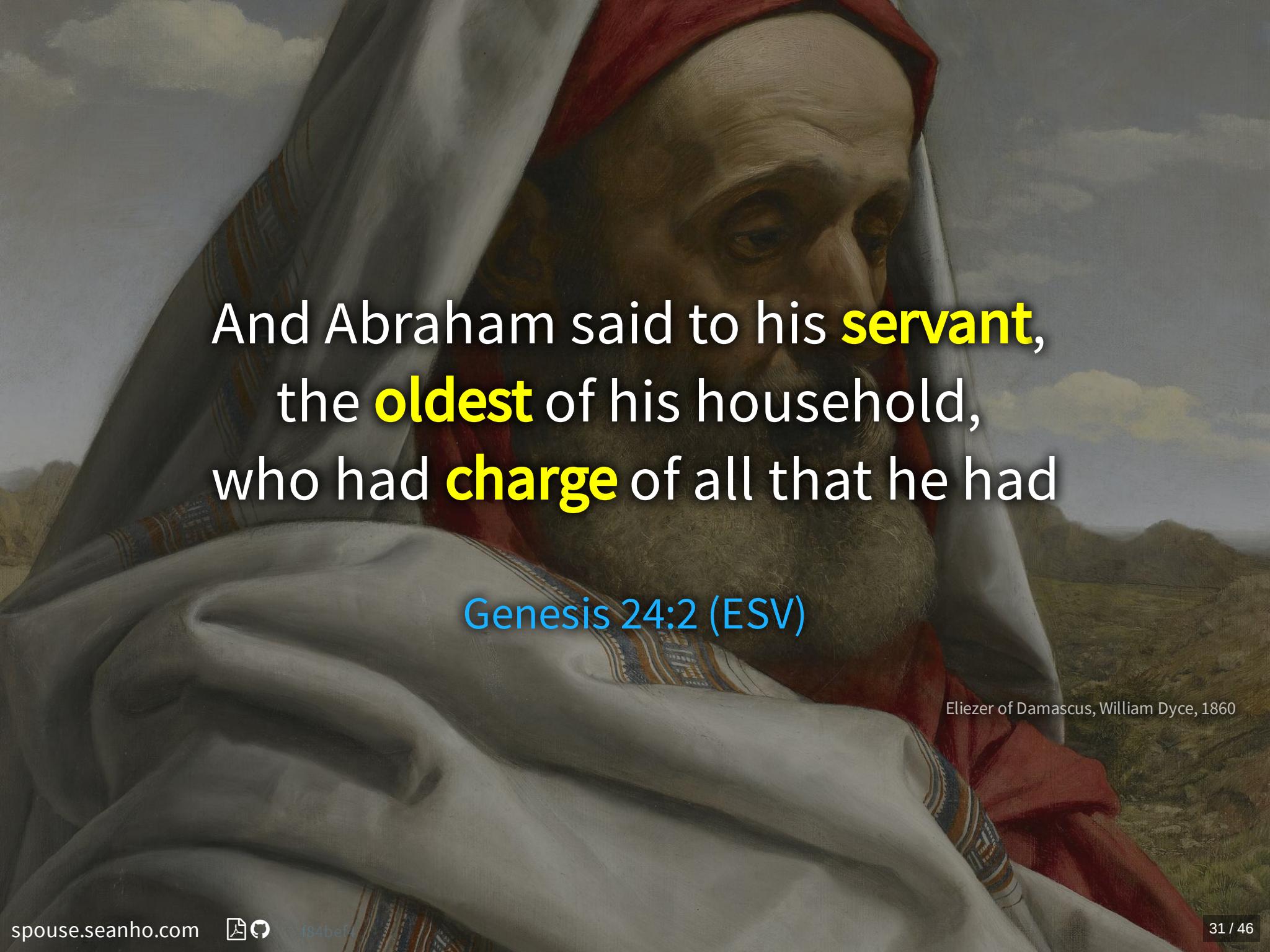
1. Principle (v1-4)

2. Promise (v5-8)

- Father of Promises (v7a)
- Faith in Action (v7b)
- Freewill (v8)

3. Practise (v10-49)

- Purpose (v10)
- Prayer (v12-14)
- Proposal (v22-49)



And Abraham said to his **servant**,  
the **oldest** of his household,  
who had **charge** of all that he had

Genesis 24:2 (ESV)

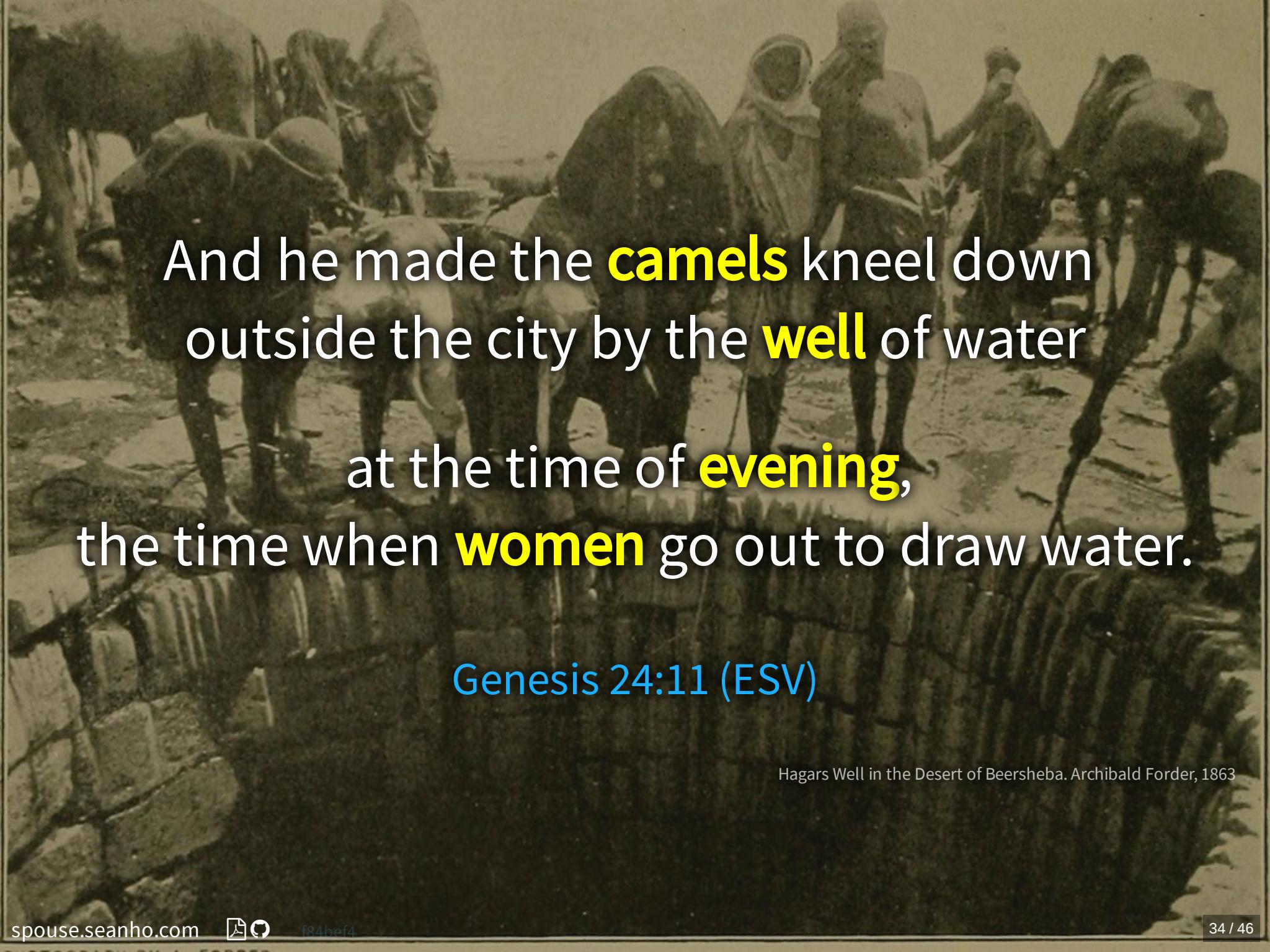
Eliezer of Damascus, William Dyce, 1860

(matchmaking)

Then the servant took ten of his master's **camels** and departed, taking all sorts of choice **gifts** from his master; and he arose and went to **Mesopotamia** to the city of **Nahor**.

Genesis 24:10 (ESV)

Dallol, Ethiopia. Trevor Cole

A historical painting depicting a caravan of camels and their handlers in a desert landscape. In the foreground, several camels are shown from behind, some kneeling or grazing. In the background, figures in traditional robes are gathered around a central water source, likely a well. The scene captures a moment of rest during a journey.

And he made the **camels** kneel down  
outside the city by the **well** of water  
at the time of **evening**,  
the time when **women** go out to draw water.

Genesis 24:11 (ESV)

Hagars Well in the Desert of Beersheba. Archibald Forder, 1863

(praying for a spouse)

But he said to them, “Do not **delay** me,  
since the Lord has **prospered** my way.  
Send me **away** that I may go to my master.”

Genesis 24:56 (ESV)

Egypt. Mariam Soliman

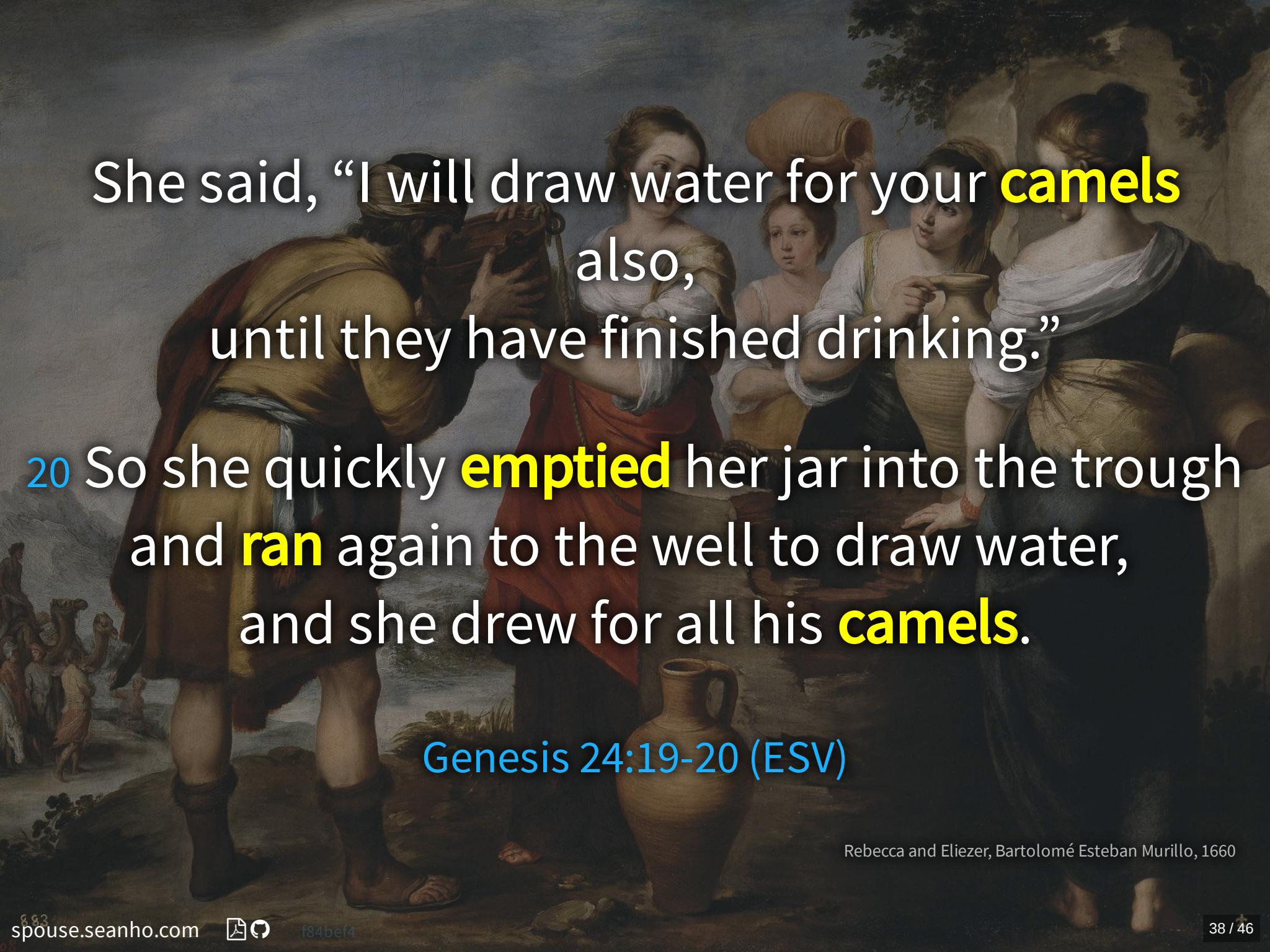
O Lord, God of my master Abraham,  
please grant me **success** today ...

let her be the one whom you have  
**appointed** for your servant Isaac.

By this I shall know that you have  
shown **steadfast love** to my master

Genesis 24:12,14 (ESV)

Ben White

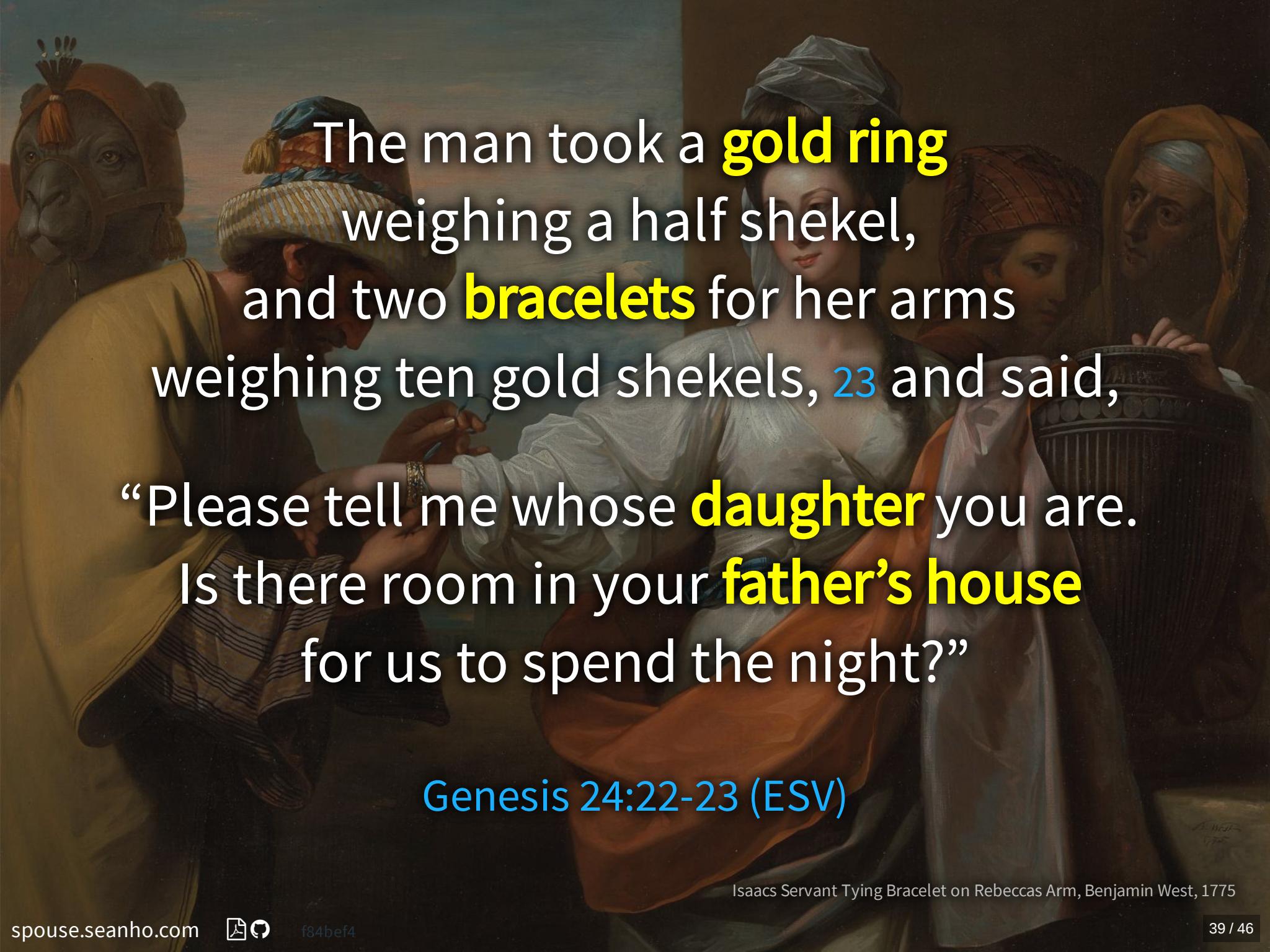


She said, “I will draw water for your **camels** also, until they have finished drinking.”

20 So she quickly **emptied** her jar into the trough and **ran** again to the well to draw water, and she drew for all his **camels**.

Genesis 24:19-20 (ESV)

Rebecca and Eliezer, Bartolomé Esteban Murillo, 1660

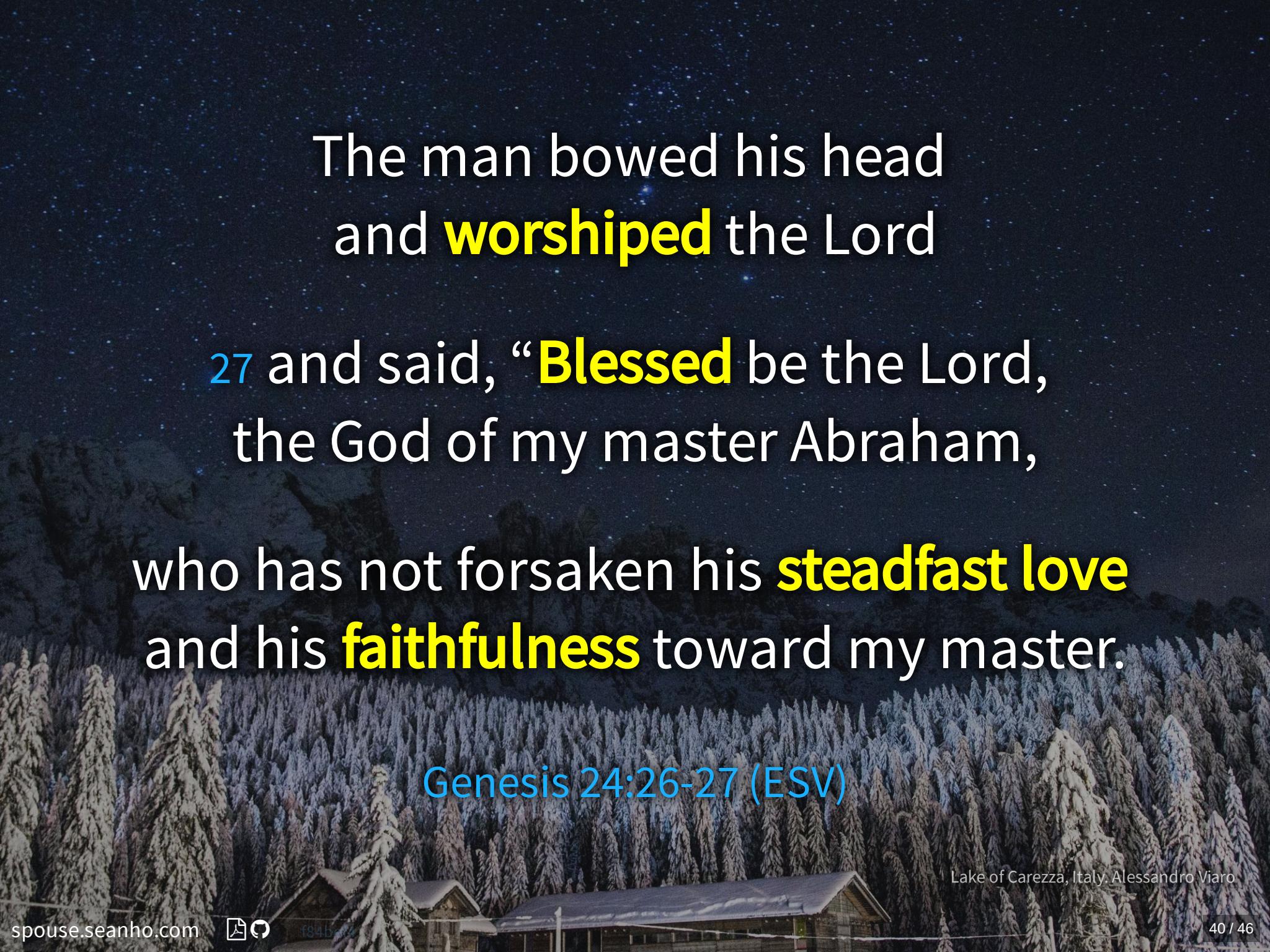


The man took a **gold ring**  
weighing a half shekel,  
and two **bracelets** for her arms  
weighing ten gold shekels, **23** and said,

“Please tell me whose **daughter** you are.  
Is there room in your **father’s house**  
for us to spend the night?”

Genesis 24:22-23 (ESV)

Isaacs Servant Tying Bracelet on Rebeccas Arm, Benjamin West, 1775



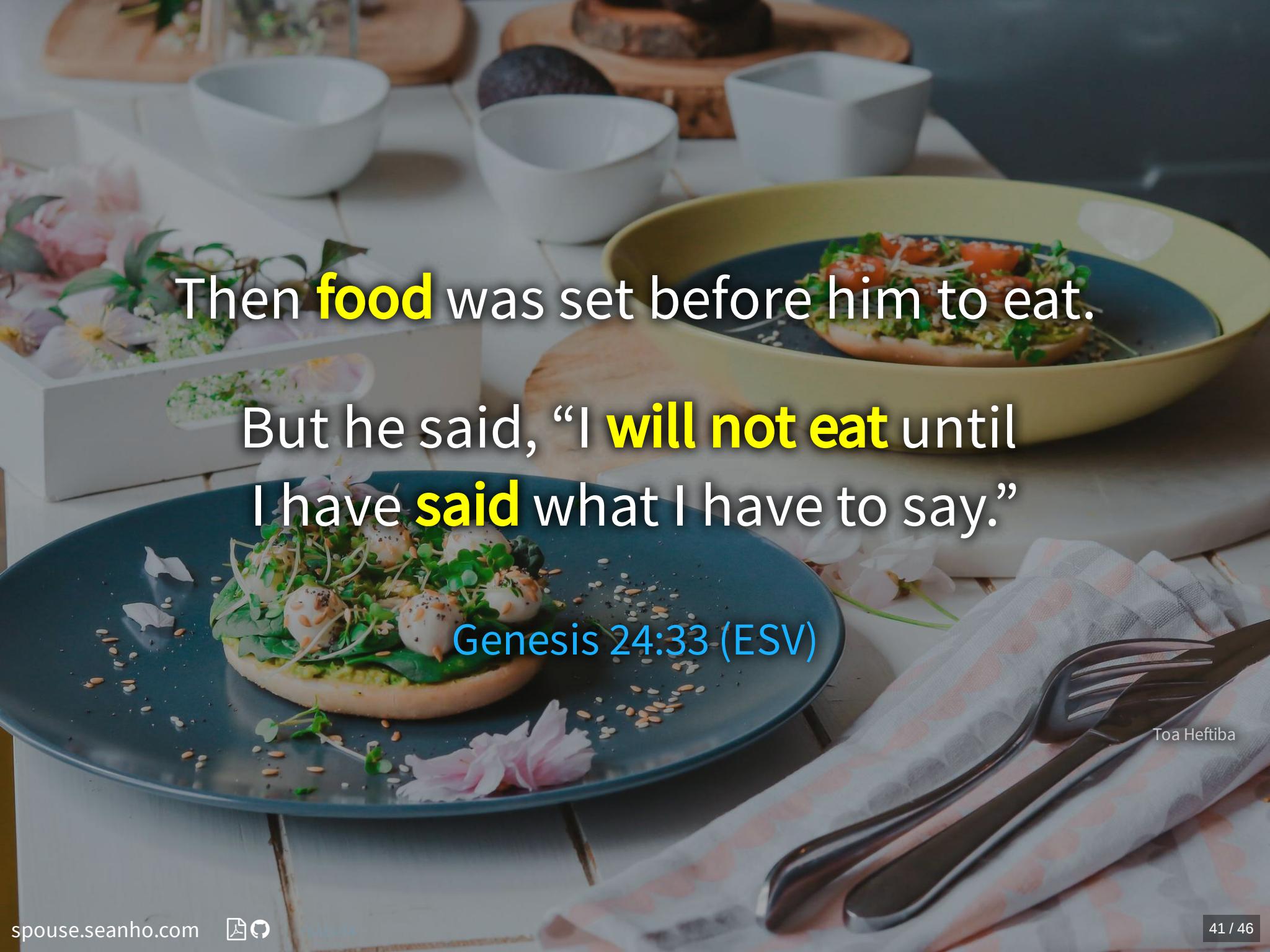
The man bowed his head  
and **worshiped** the Lord

27 and said, “**Blessed** be the Lord,  
the God of my master Abraham,

who has not forsaken his **steadfast love**  
and his **faithfulness** toward my master.

Genesis 24:26-27 (ESV)

Lake of Carezza, Italy. Alessandro Viaro



Then **food** was set before him to eat.

But he said, “I **will not eat** until  
I have **said** what I have to say.”

Genesis 24:33 (ESV)

Toa Heftiba

A photograph of a narrow, dirt path winding through a dense forest. The path is surrounded by lush green grass and low-lying plants. In the background, tall evergreen trees stand against a bright sky. The overall atmosphere is peaceful and contemplative.

Now then, if you are going to show  
**steadfast love** and **faithfulness** to my master,  
tell me; and if not, tell me, that I may  
turn to the **right** hand or to the **left**.

Genesis 24:49 (ESV)

Jens Lelie

Am I **ready** to act  
when God **reveals**  
**His will?**

(Rebekah and afterward)



**Blessed** be the Lord,  
the God of my master Abraham,  
who has not forsaken his **steadfast love**  
and his **faithfulness** toward my master.

Genesis 24:27 (ESV)

Lake of Carezza, Italy. Alessandro Viaro

