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TODAY'S MESSAGE:
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NEXT WEEKEND

MAY 2-3 CHOOSING ENDURANCE

NEW²NORTHWOODS

Inside Northwoods

Sunday, May 3 10:45am-12:15pm

LIVE AT NORTHWOODS

Anita
Renfroe

MOTHER'S DAY WEEKEND

SATURDAY, MAY 9 6PM

SUNDAY, MAY 10 9 & 11AM

 **NORTHWOODS**

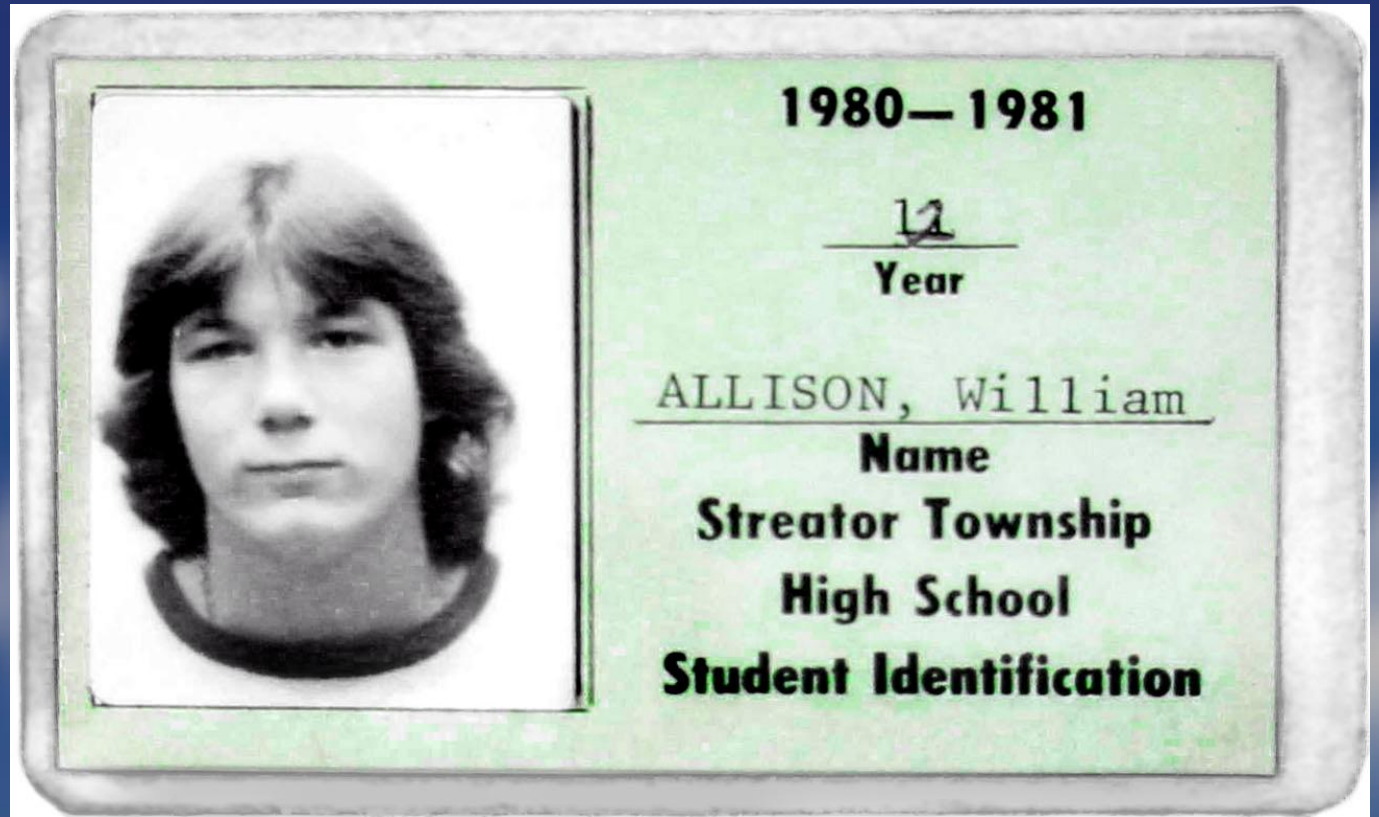




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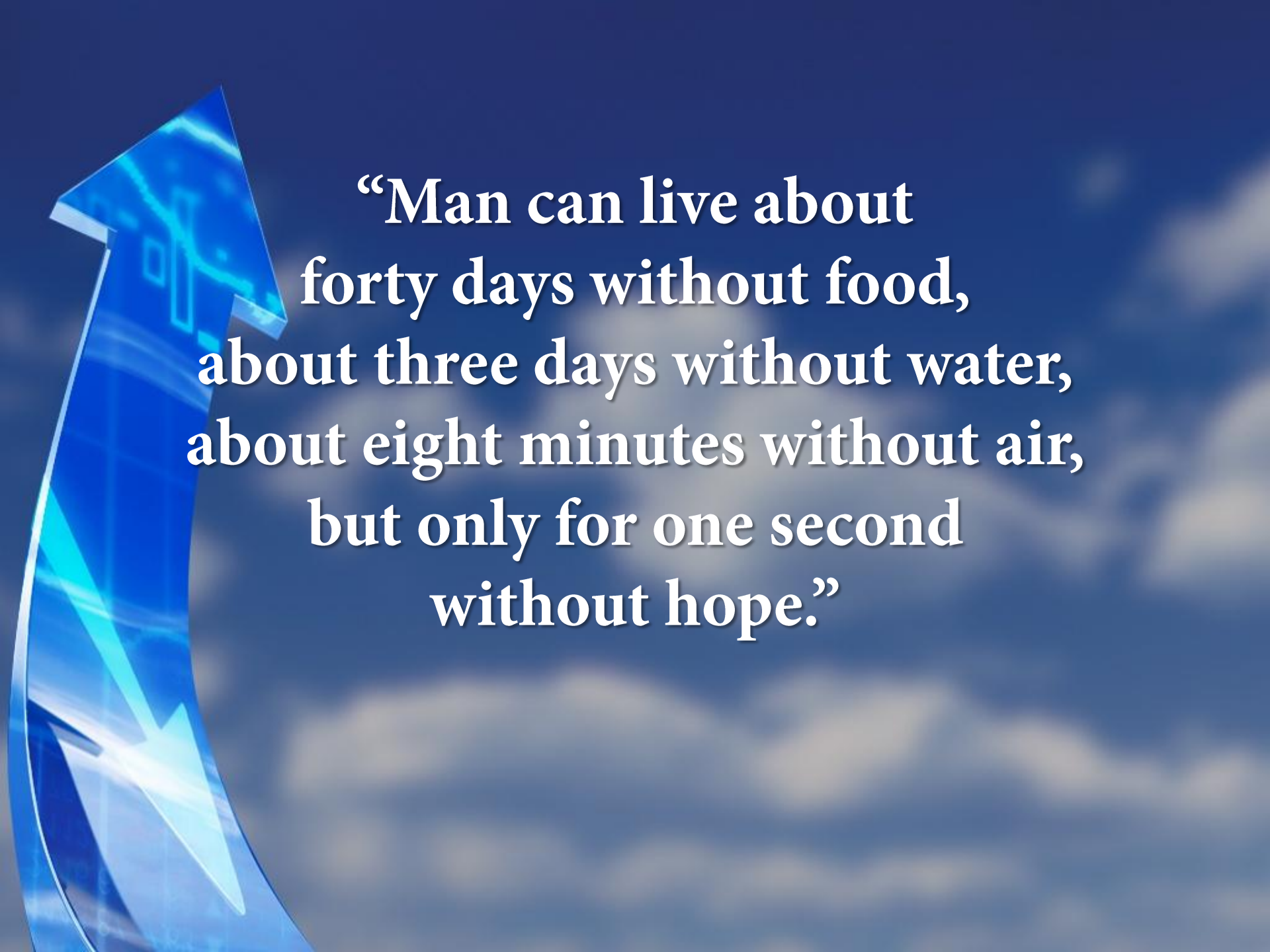




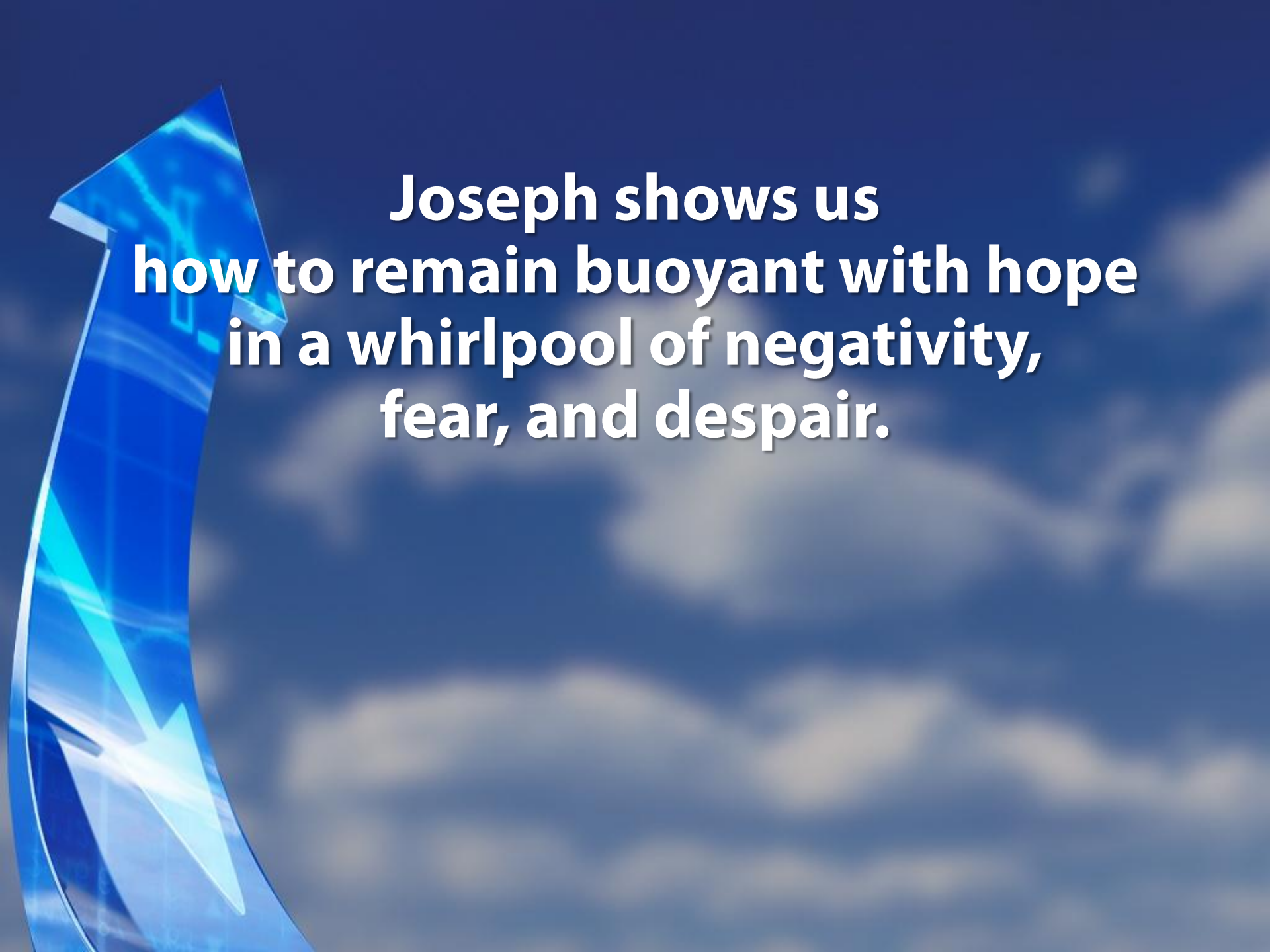
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**“Man can live about
forty days without food,
about three days without water,
about eight minutes without air,
but only for one second
without hope.”**



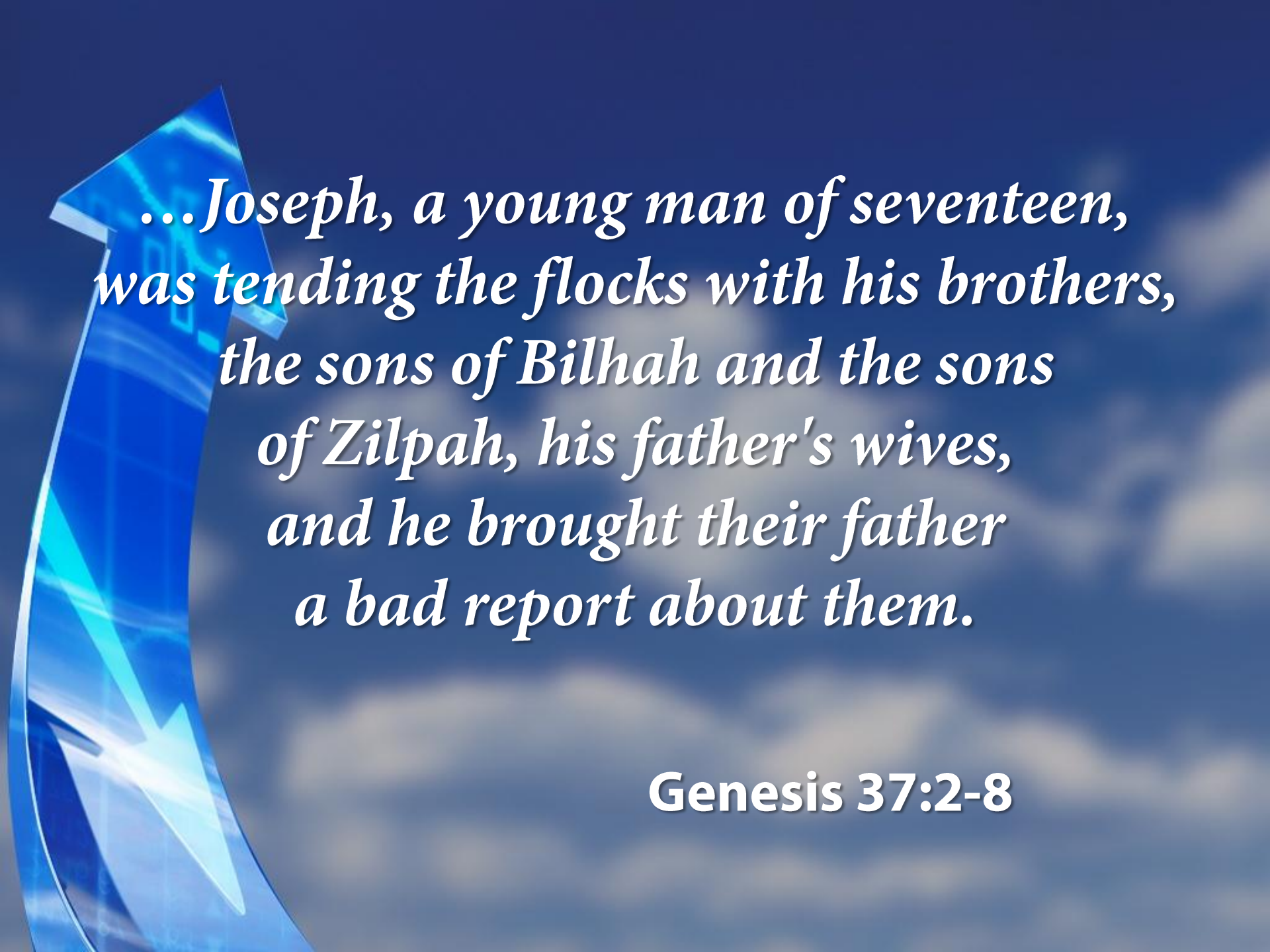
**Joseph shows us
how to remain buoyant with hope
in a whirlpool of negativity,
fear, and despair.**



**Lifelines
To Keep Hope
Afloat**




**Lifeline #1:
God**




*...Joseph, a young man of seventeen,
was tending the flocks with his brothers,
the sons of Bilhah and the sons
of Zilpah, his father's wives,
and he brought their father
a bad report about them.*

Genesis 37:2-8



*Now Israel loved Joseph
more than any of his other sons,
because he had been born to him
in his old age; and he made a richly
ornamented robe for him.*

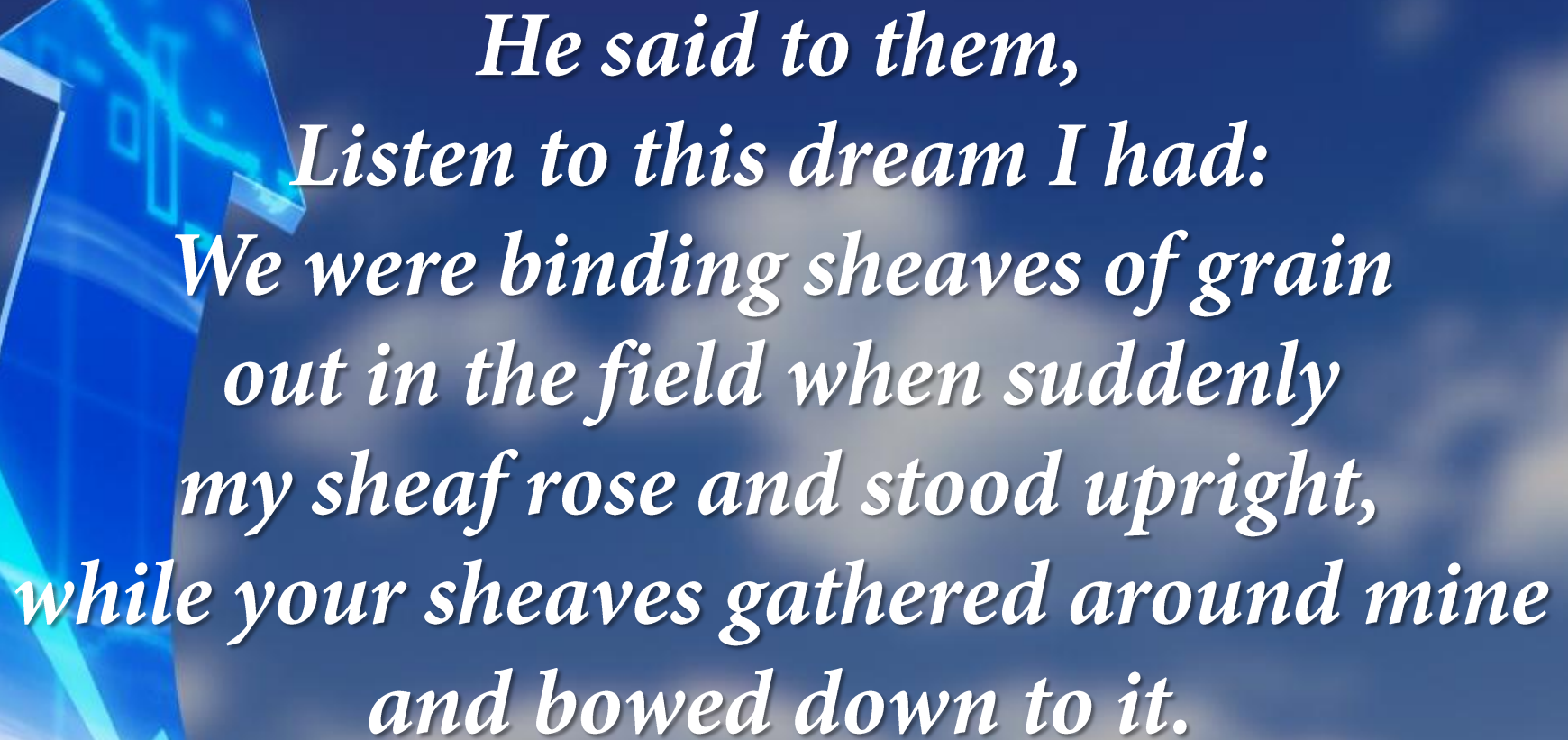
Genesis 37:3-8



*When his brothers saw
that their father loved him more
than any of them, they hated him
and could not speak a kind word to him.*


*Joseph had a dream,
and when he told it to his brothers,
they hated him all the more.*

Genesis 37:2-8



*He said to them,
Listen to this dream I had:
We were binding sheaves of grain
out in the field when suddenly
my sheaf rose and stood upright,
while your sheaves gathered around mine
and bowed down to it.*

Genesis 37:2-8



*His brothers said to him,
Do you intend to reign over us?
Will you actually rule us?
And they hated him all the more
because of his dream
and what he had said.*

Genesis 37:2-8



“The Lord was with Joseph...”

Genesis 39:2



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**You'll be able to cope -
if you choose God as your hope.**



**The God of Hope is NOT:
Spare Tire Religion**



**The God of Hope is NOT:
Rabbit's Foot Religion**



**The God of Hope is NOT:
Mind-Over-Matter Religion**

**Lifeline #1:
God**


**Real Relationship
Real God
Real Hope
in the midst of
Real problems**





*Find rest, O my soul,
in God alone;
my hope comes from Him.*

Psalm 62:5



*He will have no fear
of bad news;
his heart is steadfast
trusting in the Lord.*

Psalm 112:7

Lifeline #1: God



No God = No Hope
Know God = Know Hope

Lifeline #2: Integrity

**Integrity is
doing the right thing
as defined by God's Word.**





*Your word is a lamp to my feet
and a light for my path.*

Psalm 119:105

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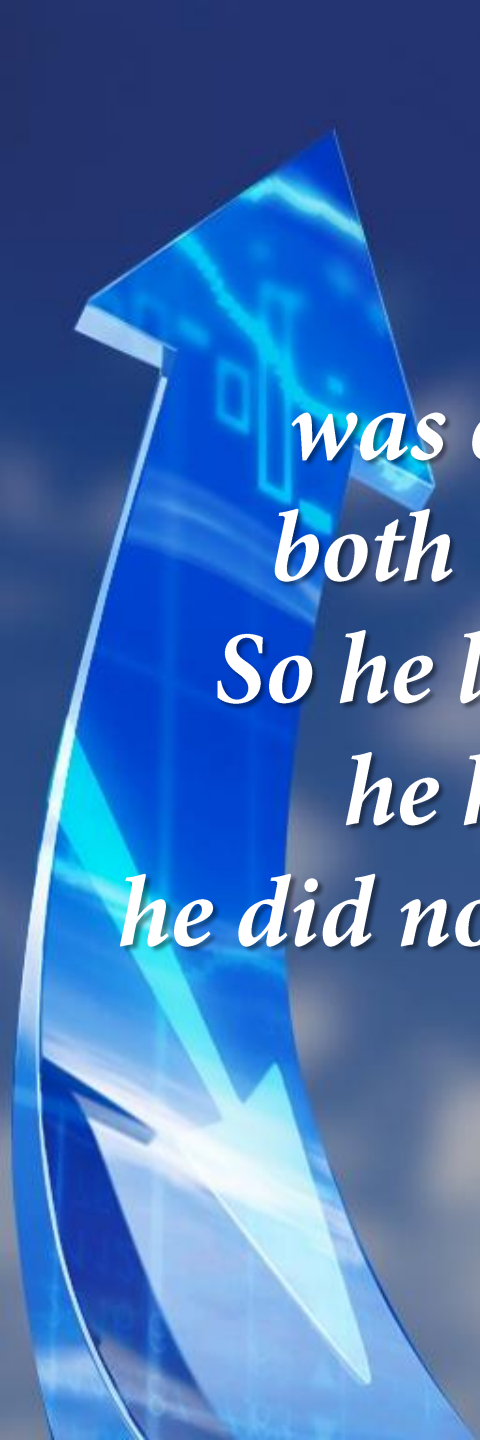
“The Lord was with Joseph...”

Genesis 39:2




*From the time he put him in charge
of his household and of all
that he owned, the Lord blessed
the household of the Egyptian
because of Joseph.*

Genesis 39:5-12




*The blessing of the Lord
was on everything Potiphar had,
both in the house and in the field.
So he left in Joseph's care everything
he had; with Joseph in charge,
he did not concern himself with anything
except the food he ate.*

Genesis 39:5-12



*Now Joseph was well-built
and handsome, and after a while
his master's wife took notice of Joseph
and said, Come to bed with me!
But he refused.
With me in charge, he told her,*

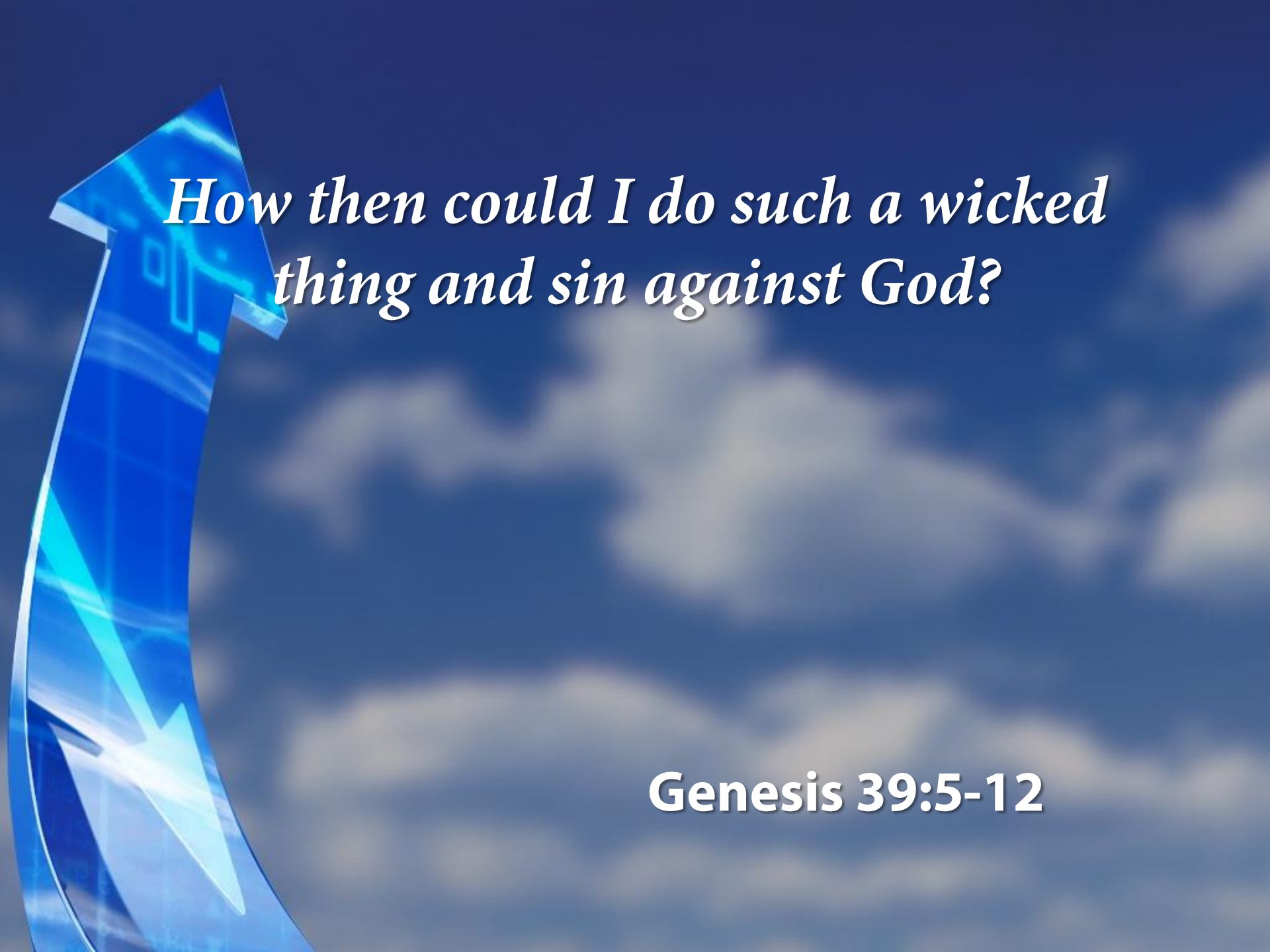
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*my master does not concern himself
with anything in the house;
everything he owns
he has entrusted to my care.*


*No one is greater in this house than I am.
My master has withheld nothing from me
except you, because you are his wife.*

Genesis 39:5-12



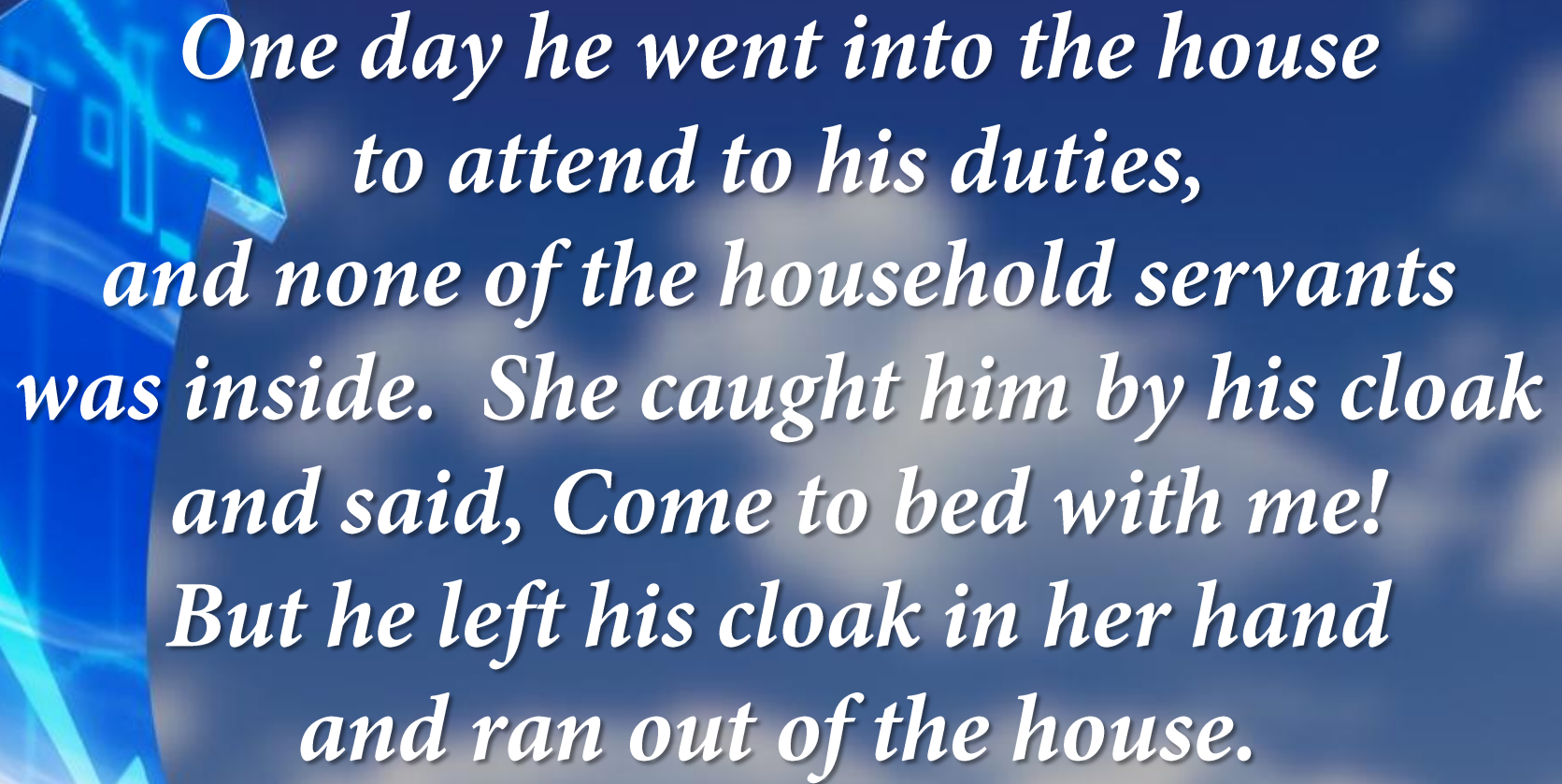
*How then could I do such a wicked
thing and sin against God?*

Genesis 39:5-12



*And though she spoke to Joseph
day after day, he refused
to go to bed with her
or even be with her.*

Genesis 39:5-12




*One day he went into the house
to attend to his duties,
and none of the household servants
was inside. She caught him by his cloak
and said, Come to bed with me!
But he left his cloak in her hand
and ran out of the house.*

Genesis 39:5-12

Lifeline #2: Integrity



No Integrity = No Hope
Know Integrity = Know Hope



come thirsty

upwelling

n: drawn to the surface from a great depth

round-the-clock prayer and worship encounter

9am friday, may 1 through 10pm saturday may 2

blessing and healing prayer

9am to 6pm friday / 9am to 2pm saturday

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