

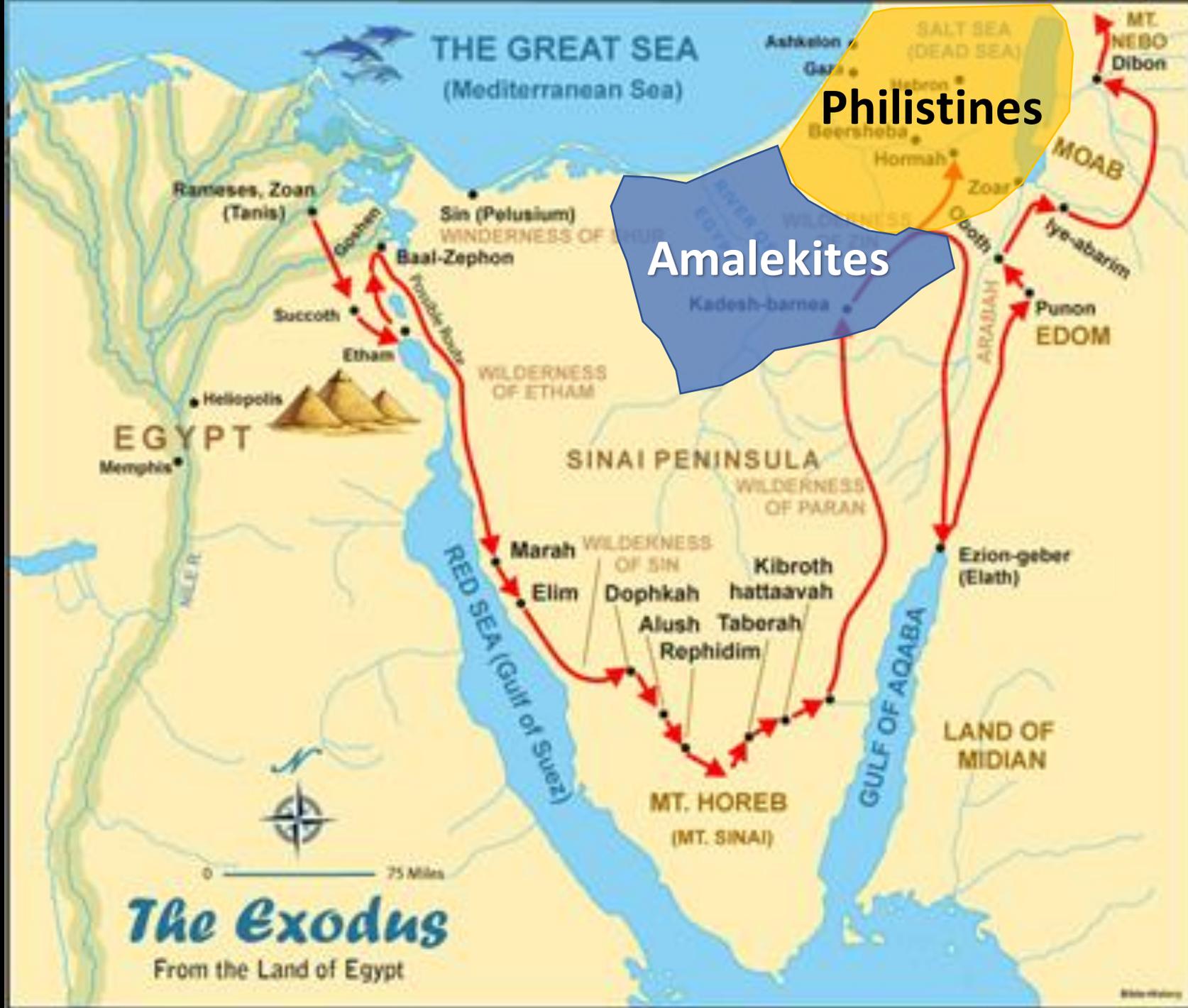
The **GOD** You Can **TRUST**

Part 4: When There's Nowhere to Turn

Exodus 14:1-31





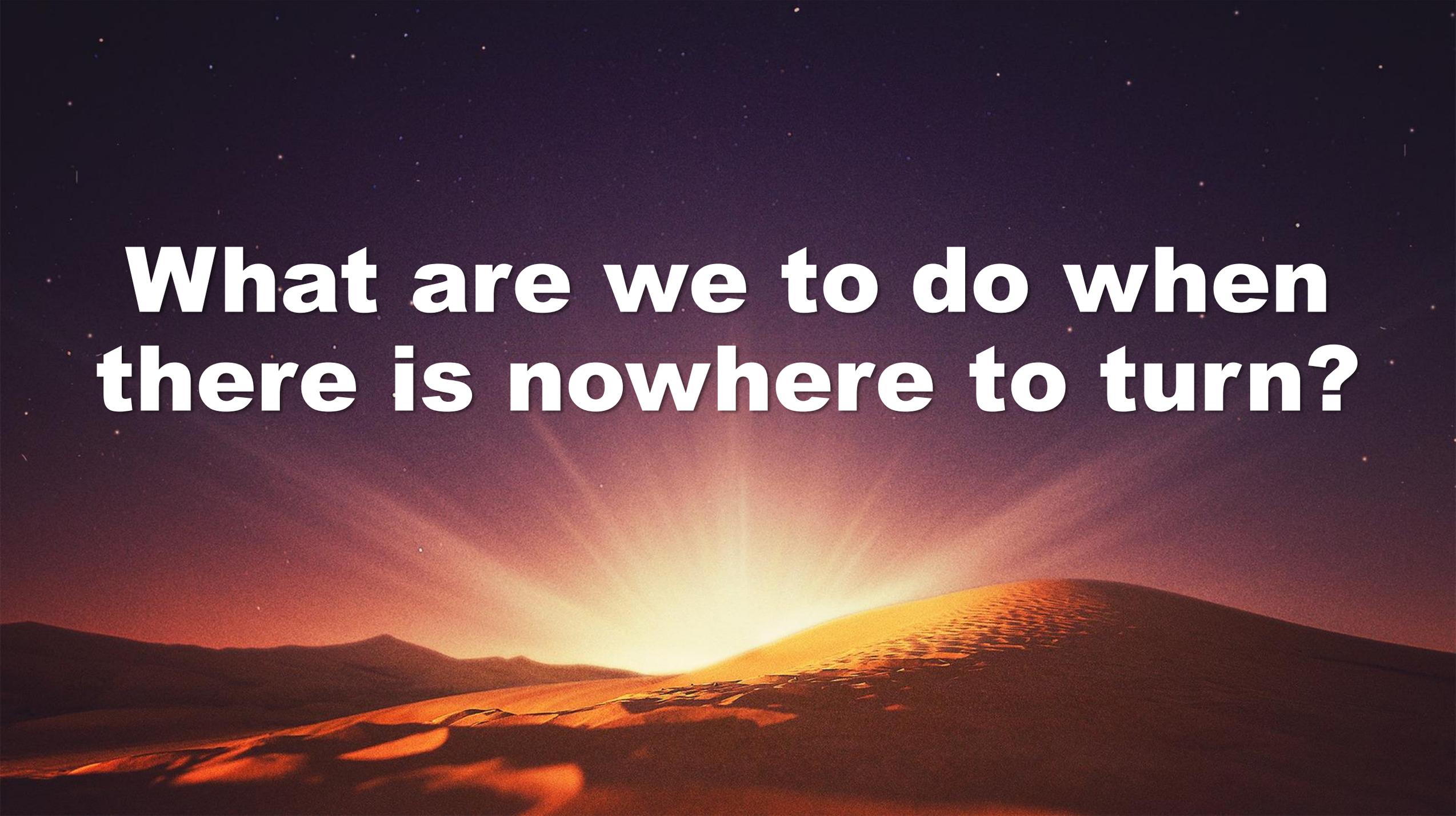


Philistines

Amalekites

The Exodus
From the Land of Egypt

**What are we to do when
there is nowhere to turn?**



When there's nowhere to turn, remember this about God and how He works:

- 1. God always means for you to be where you are *(vv. 1-12)*.**
- 2. God always has a plan for your dead-end situations *(vv. 13-31)*.**
- 3. ...**



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be where you are *(vv. 1-12)*.**



2 Ways to get into a Dead-End...

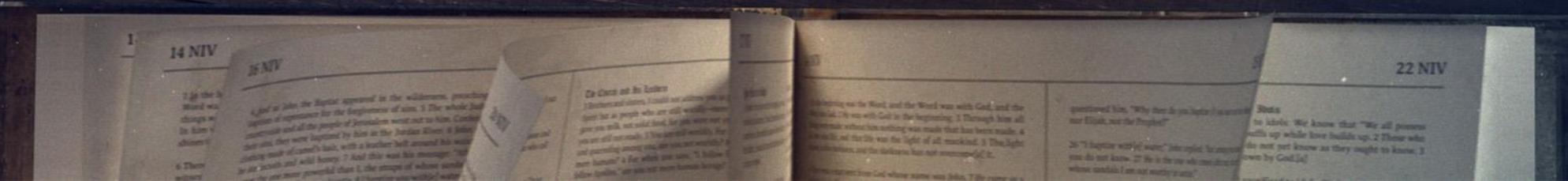
- 1. Disobey God**
- 2. Obey God**



Christians shouldn't be surprised when we are seeking God's will and still find ourselves trapped in painful, frightening, difficult and impossible situations.

“Beloved, do not think it is strange concerning the fiery trial which is to try you, as though some strange thing happened unto you.”

1 Peter 4:12





Israelites responses ...

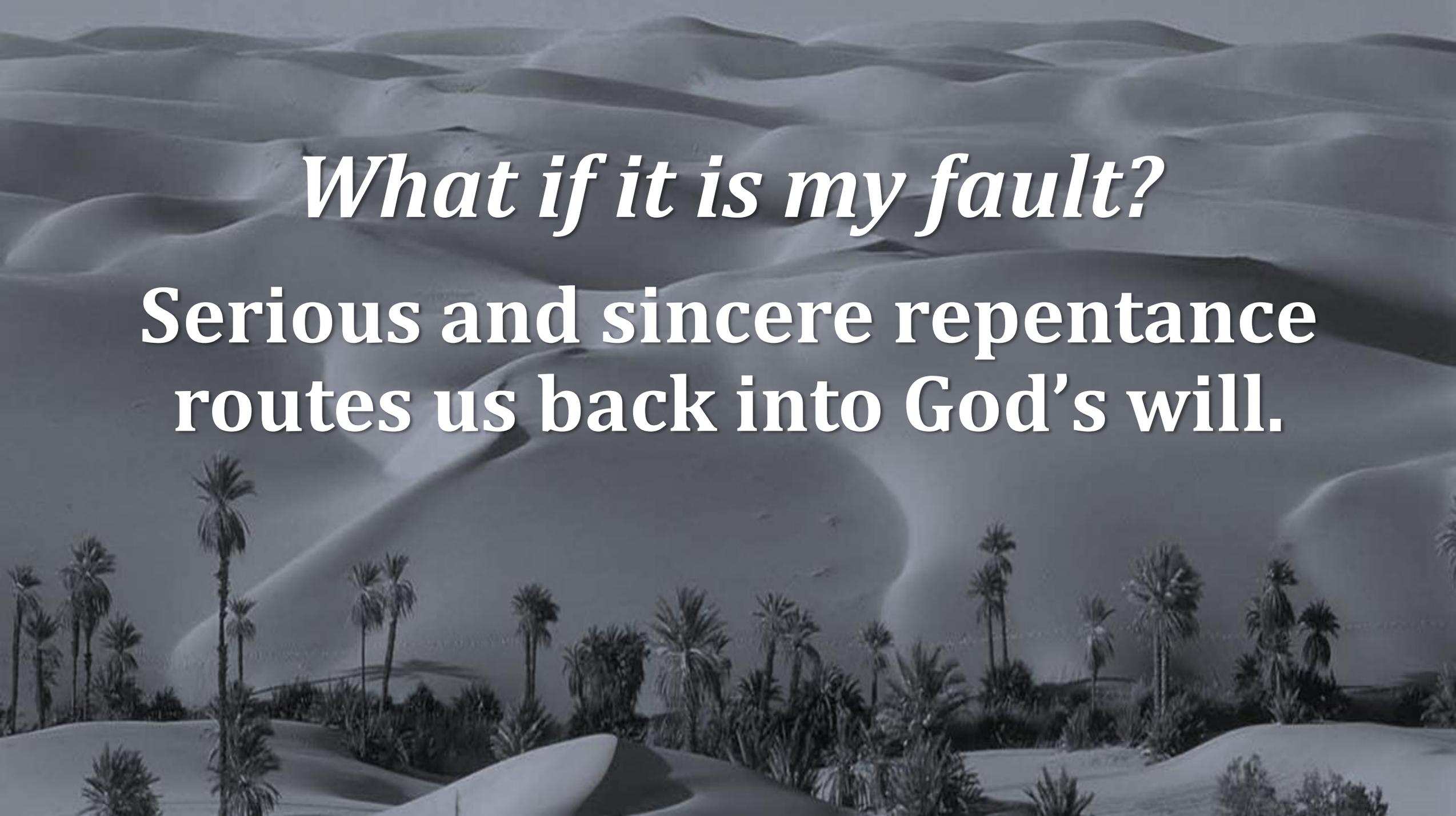
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Israelites responses ...

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 - 2) **Arrogance** - *“I told you so” (vs. 12a)*
 - 3) **Distorted memory** - *“Things were better before” (vs. 12b)*
 - 4) **Pessimism** - *“We’re going to fail” (vs. 12c)*
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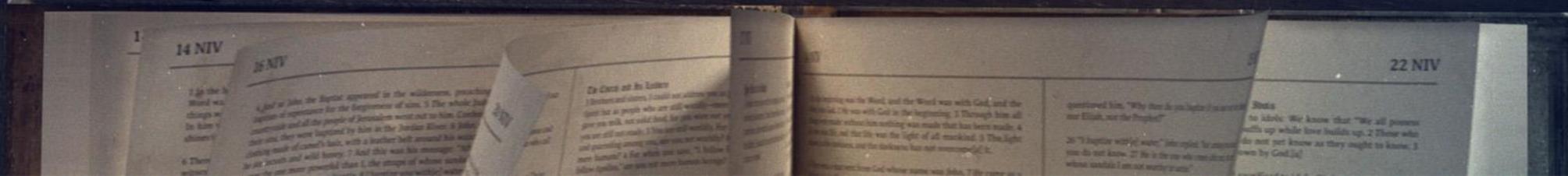


What if it is my fault?

**Serious and sincere repentance
routes us back into God's will.**

“Our God is a God who not merely restores, but takes up our mistakes and follies into His plan for us and brings good out of them.”

J.I. Packer



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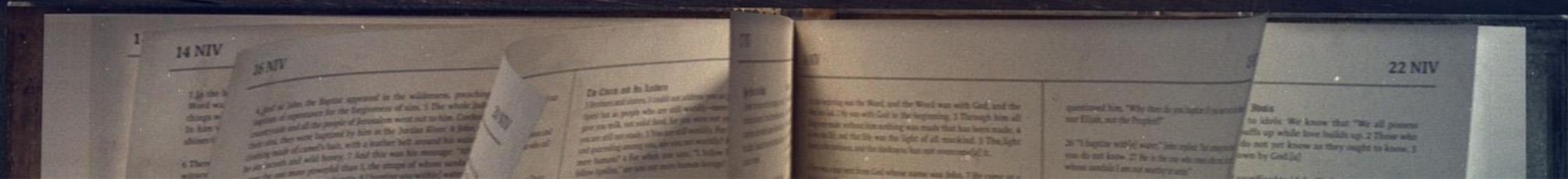
When there's nowhere to turn ...

- 1. Fear not (*vs. 13*).**
- 2. Stand firm and be still (*vv.13-14*).**
- 3. Watch what God is going to do.**
- 4. Keep moving forward (*vs. 15*).**



When unsure, take the next logical step of faith

God's plan is not necessarily to remove the trouble from your situation. Often his plan is to guide you directly through it.



- 1. God always means for you to be where you are *(vv. 1-12)*.**
- 2. God always has a plan for your dead-end situations *(vv. 13-31)*.**
- 3. God presence in the trial is much better than exemption from the trial *(vv. 19-20)*.**



**God's presence in my life is
never more sweet than in the
moments and seasons of
incredible difficulty.**

