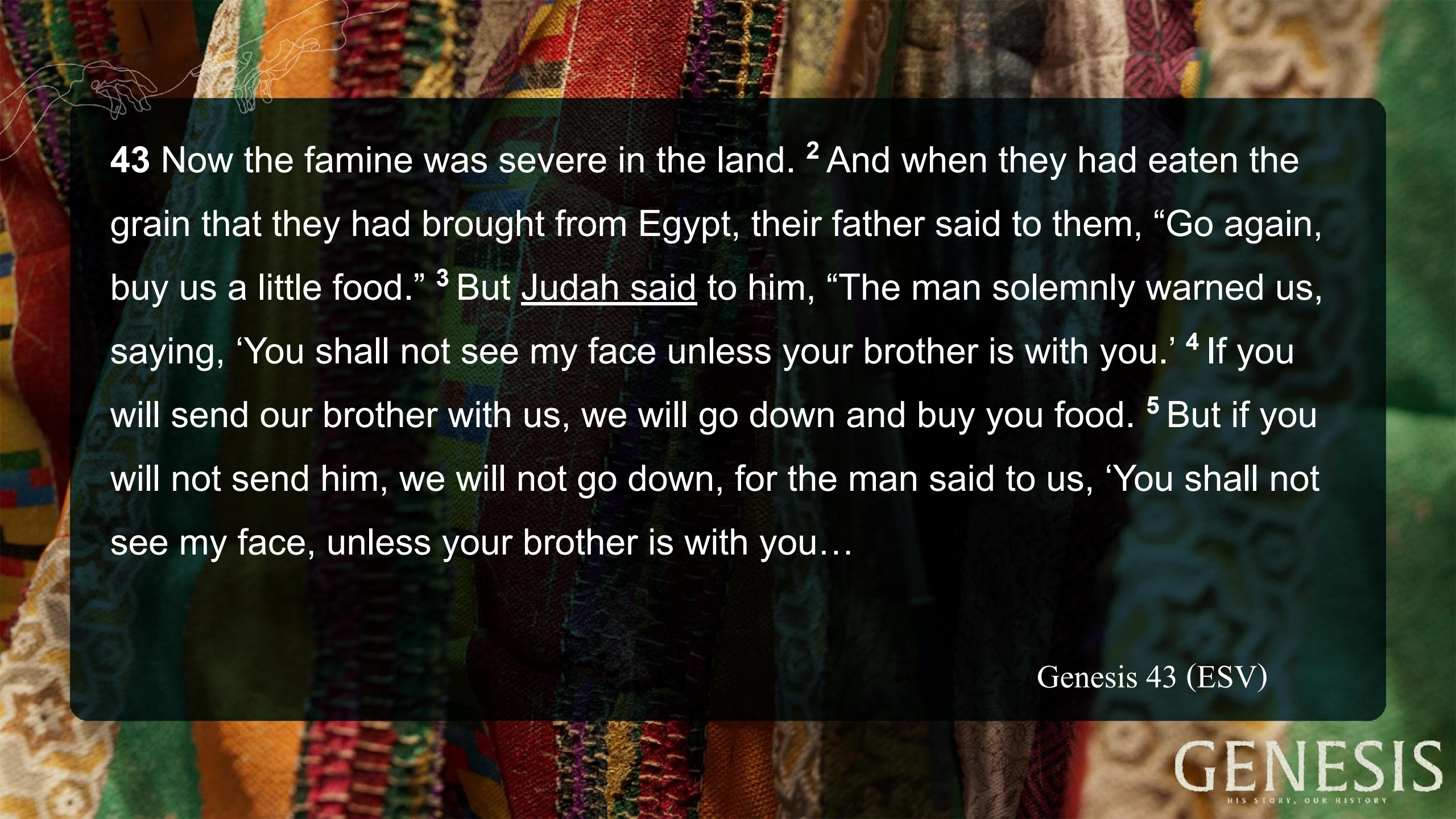


GENESIS

HIS STORY, OUR HISTORY

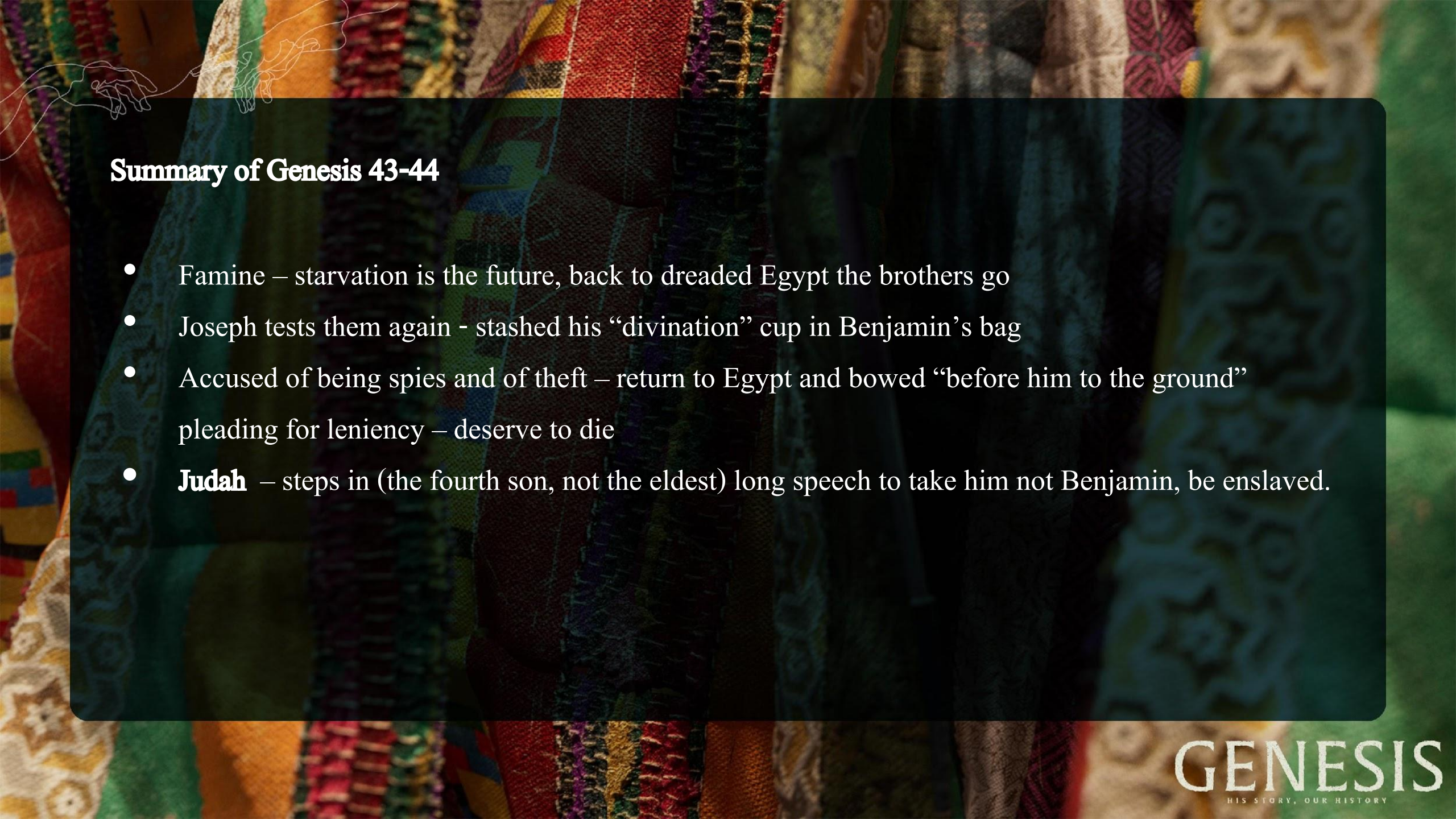
Transformation — Genesis 43-44

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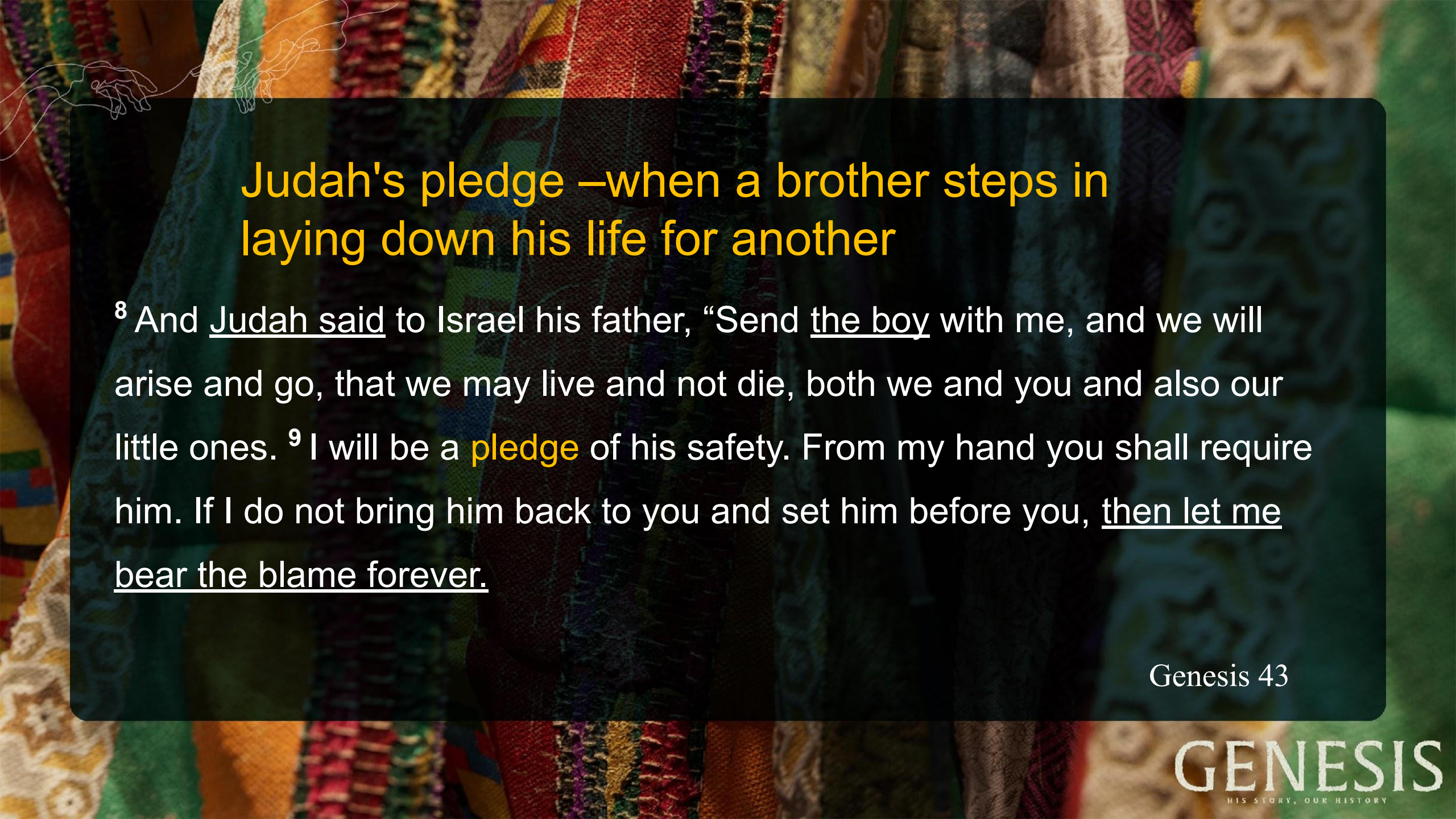
43 Now the famine was severe in the land. ² And when they had eaten the grain that they had brought from Egypt, their father said to them, “Go again, buy us a little food.” ³ But Judah said to him, “The man solemnly warned us, saying, ‘You shall not see my face unless your brother is with you.’” ⁴ If you will send our brother with us, we will go down and buy you food. ⁵ But if you will not send him, we will not go down, for the man said to us, ‘You shall not see my face, unless your brother is with you...

Genesis 43 (ESV)



Summary of Genesis 43-44

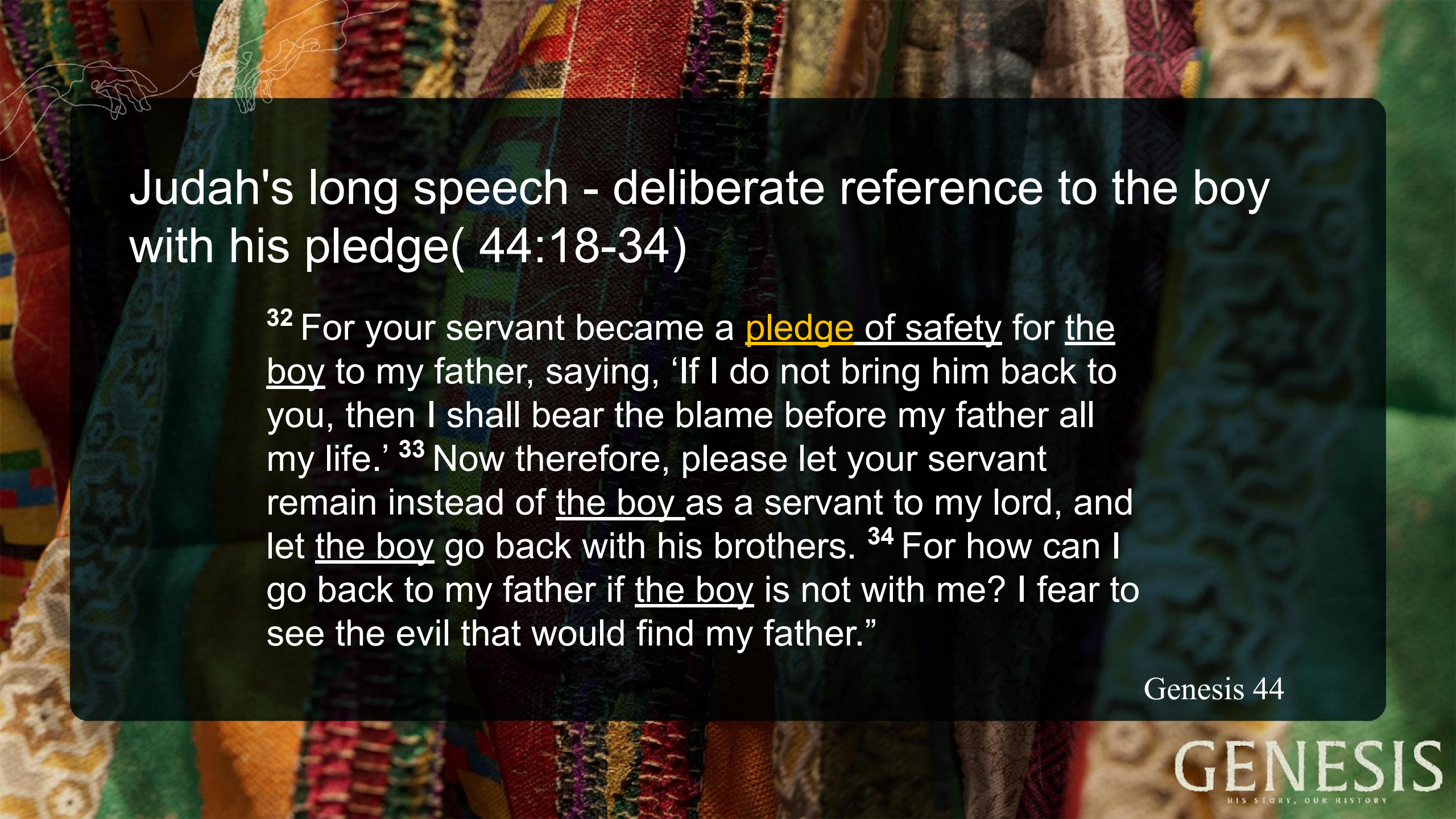
- Famine – starvation is the future, back to dreaded Egypt the brothers go
- Joseph tests them again - stashed his “divination” cup in Benjamin’s bag
- Accused of being spies and of theft – return to Egypt and bowed “before him to the ground” pleading for leniency – deserve to die
- **Judah** – steps in (the fourth son, not the eldest) long speech to take him not Benjamin, be enslaved.



Judah's pledge –when a brother steps in laying down his life for another

⁸ And Judah said to Israel his father, “Send the boy with me, and we will arise and go, that we may live and not die, both we and you and also our little ones. ⁹ I will be a **pledge** of his safety. From my hand you shall require him. If I do not bring him back to you and set him before you, then let me bear the blame forever.”

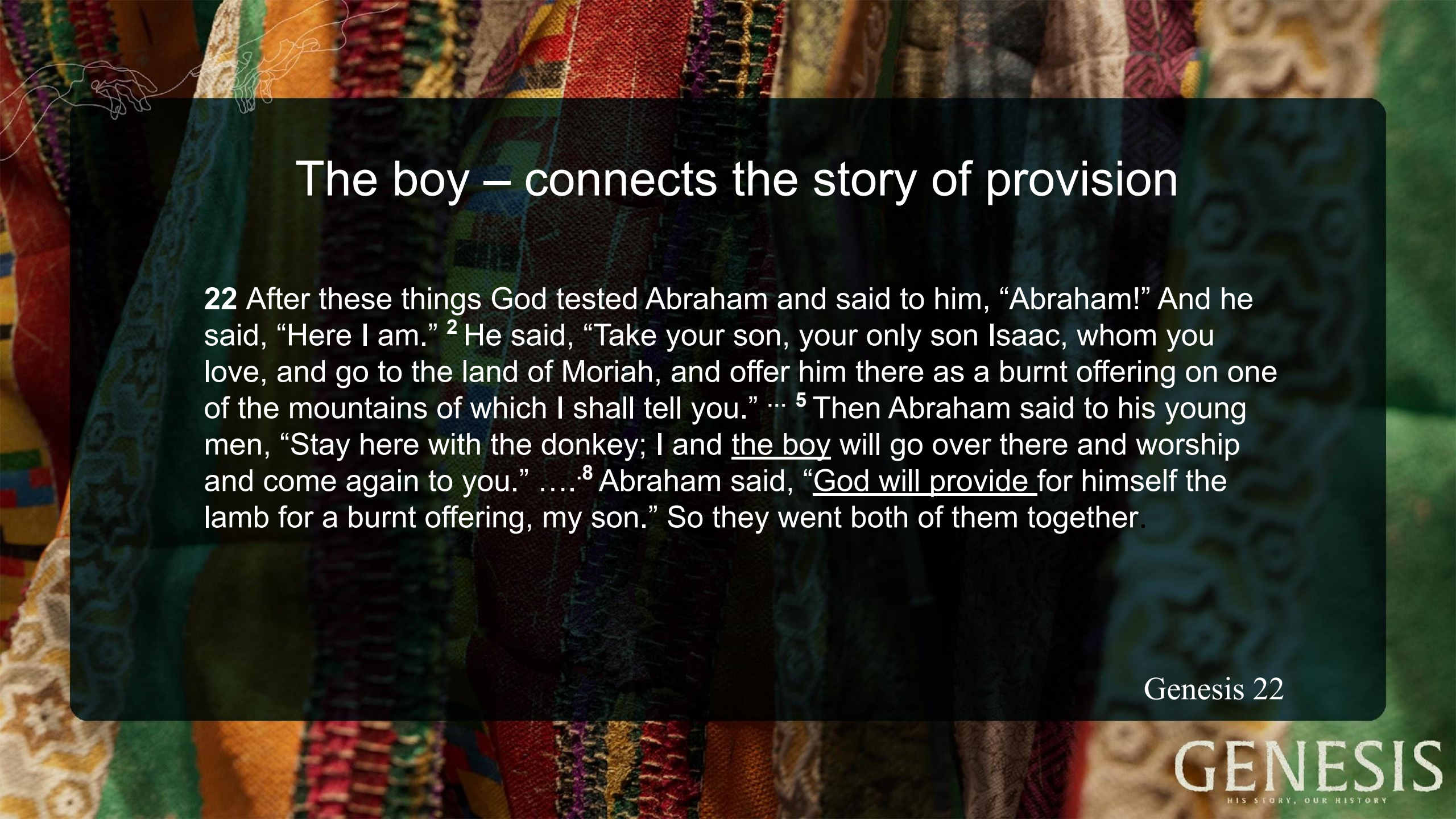
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Judah's long speech - deliberate reference to the boy with his pledge(44:18-34)

³² For your servant became a pledge of safety for the boy to my father, saying, 'If I do not bring him back to you, then I shall bear the blame before my father all my life.' ³³ Now therefore, please let your servant remain instead of the boy as a servant to my lord, and let the boy go back with his brothers. ³⁴ For how can I go back to my father if the boy is not with me? I fear to see the evil that would find my father."

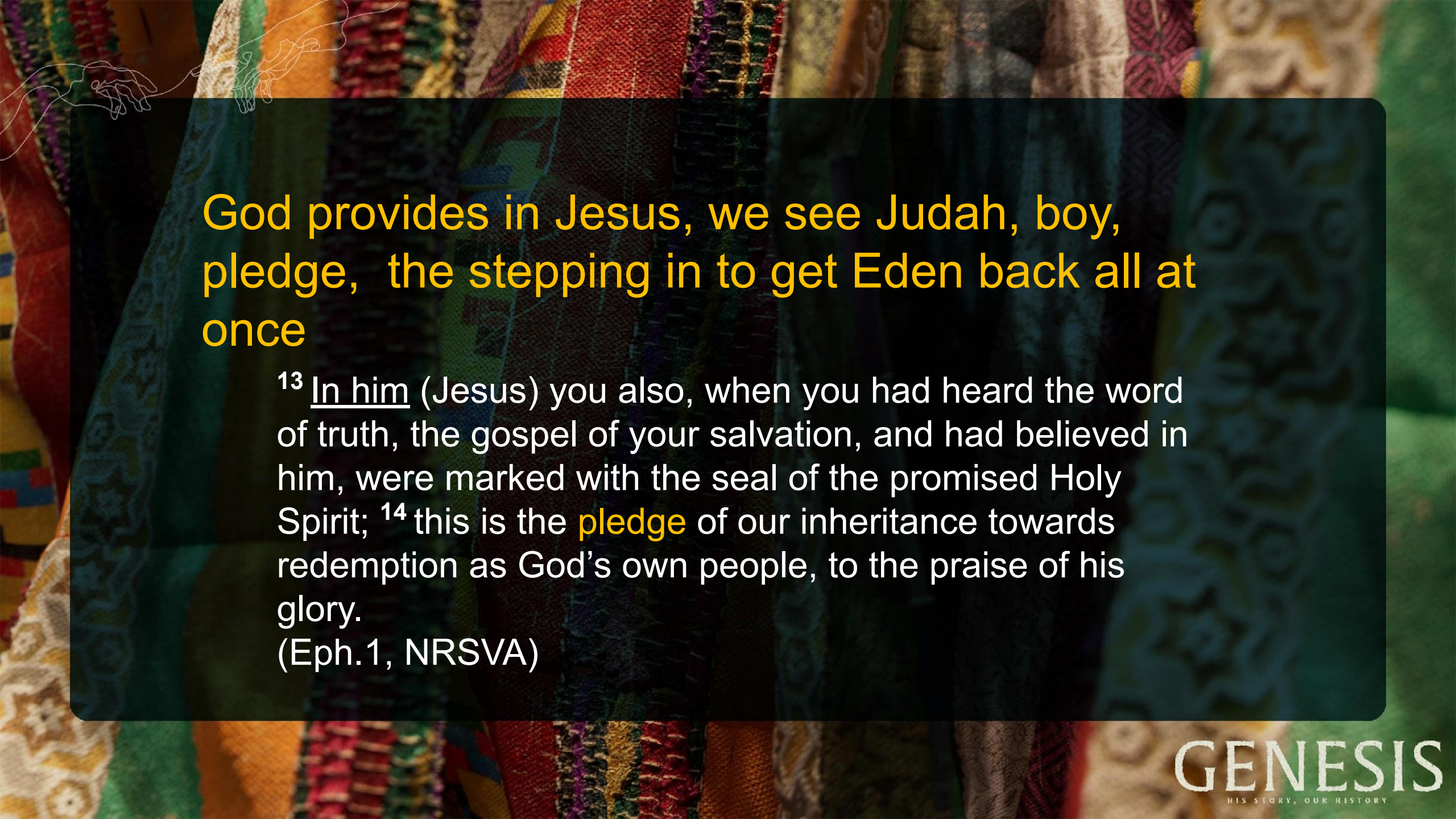
Genesis 44



The boy – connects the story of provision

22 After these things God tested Abraham and said to him, “Abraham!” And he said, “Here I am.” ² He said, “Take your son, your only son Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah, and offer him there as a burnt offering on one of the mountains of which I shall tell you.” ... ⁵ Then Abraham said to his young men, “Stay here with the donkey; I and the boy will go over there and worship and come again to you.”⁸ Abraham said, “God will provide for himself the lamb for a burnt offering, my son.” So they went both of them together.

Genesis 22



God provides in Jesus, we see Judah, boy,
pledge, the stepping in to get Eden back all at
once

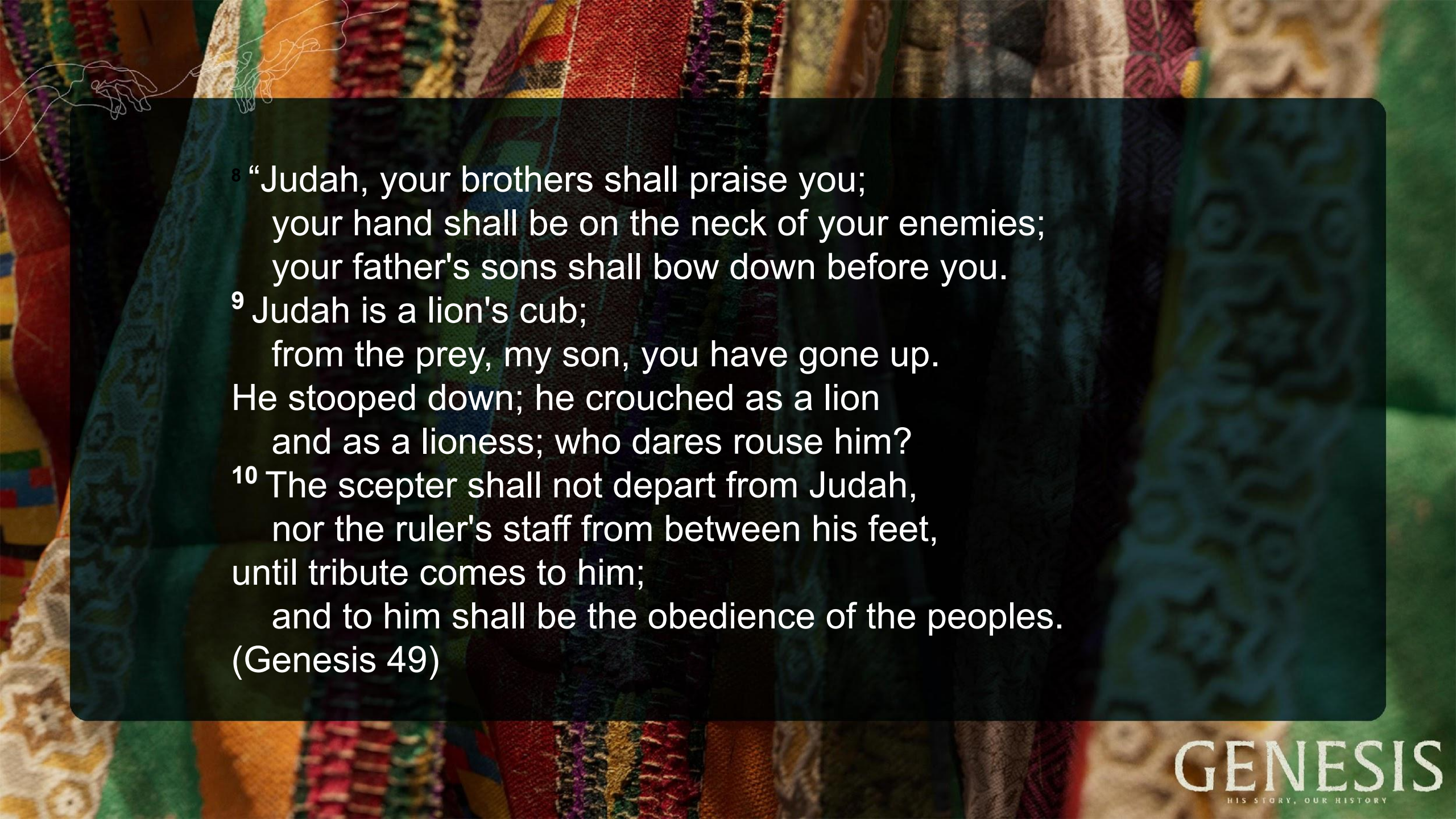
¹³ In him (Jesus) you also, when you had heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and had believed in him, were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit; ¹⁴ this is the **pledge** of our inheritance towards redemption as God's own people, to the praise of his glory.

(Eph.1, NRSVA)

Pledge: God gives/provides

²¹ Now He who establishes us with you in Christ and anointed us is God, ²² who also sealed us and gave us the Spirit in our hearts as a pledge. (2 Cor.1 NASB)

⁴ For indeed, we who are in this tent groan, being burdened, because we do not want to be unclothed but to be clothed, so that what is mortal will be swallowed up by life. ⁵ Now He who prepared us for this very *purpose* is God, who gave us the Spirit as a pledge. (2 Cor.5 NASB)

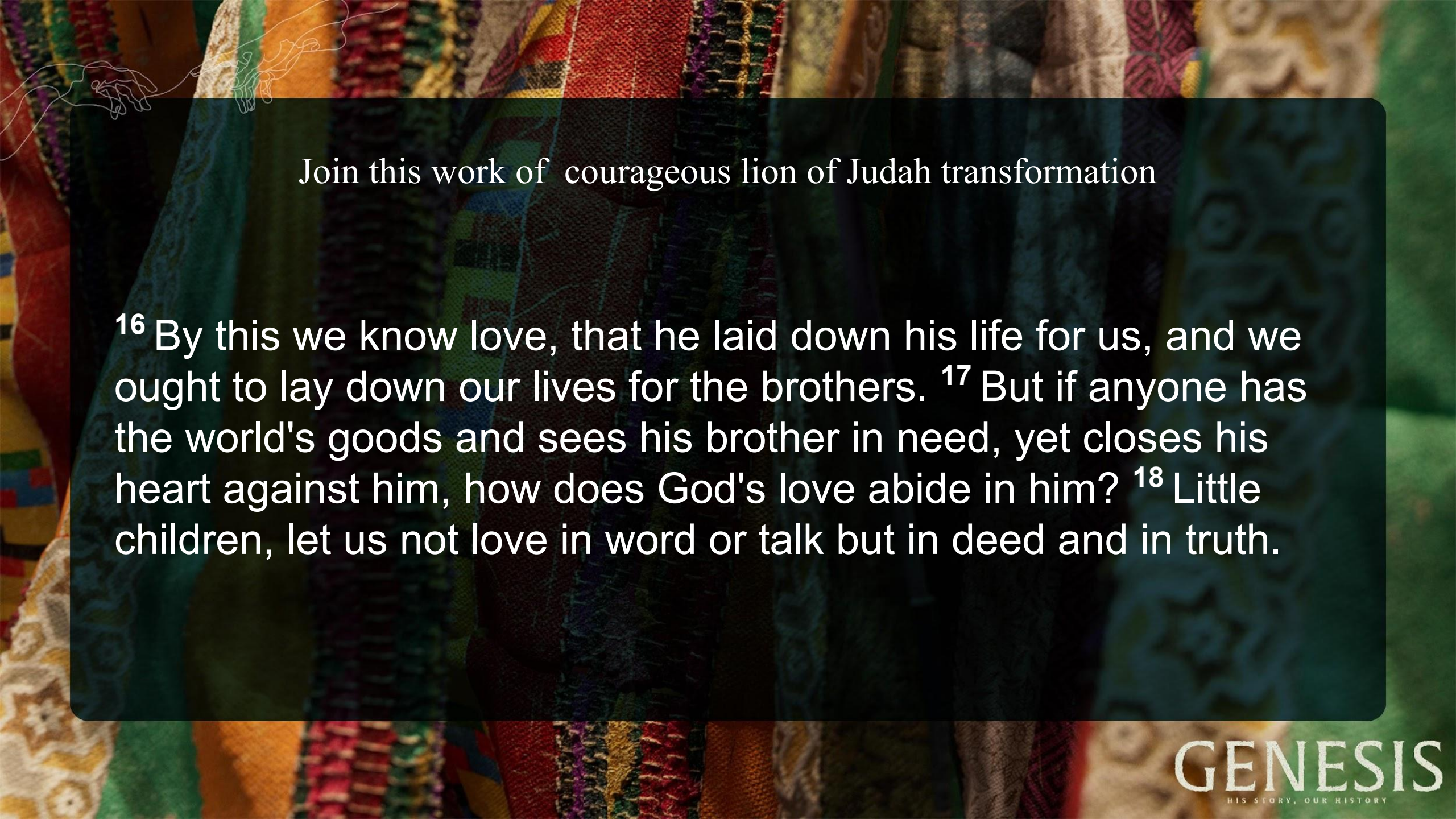


⁸ “Judah, your brothers shall praise you;
your hand shall be on the neck of your enemies;
your father's sons shall bow down before you.
⁹ Judah is a lion's cub;
from the prey, my son, you have gone up.
He stooped down; he crouched as a lion
and as a lioness; who dares rouse him?
¹⁰ The scepter shall not depart from Judah,
nor the ruler's staff from between his feet,
until tribute comes to him;
and to him shall be the obedience of the peoples.
(Genesis 49)



Transformation

- 1) When a brother lays down his life for another .
- 2) Lion of Judah's pledge of safety releases God's blessing.
- 3) Trust in His way, He has shown the way, will we follow?
- 4) Step in, be the pledge, as Jesus was the pledge, lay down your life to find it. Then watch God provide!



Join this work of courageous lion of Judah transformation

¹⁶ By this we know love, that he laid down his life for us, and we ought to lay down our lives for the brothers. ¹⁷ But if anyone has the world's goods and sees his brother in need, yet closes his heart against him, how does God's love abide in him? ¹⁸ Little children, let us not love in word or talk but in deed and in truth.