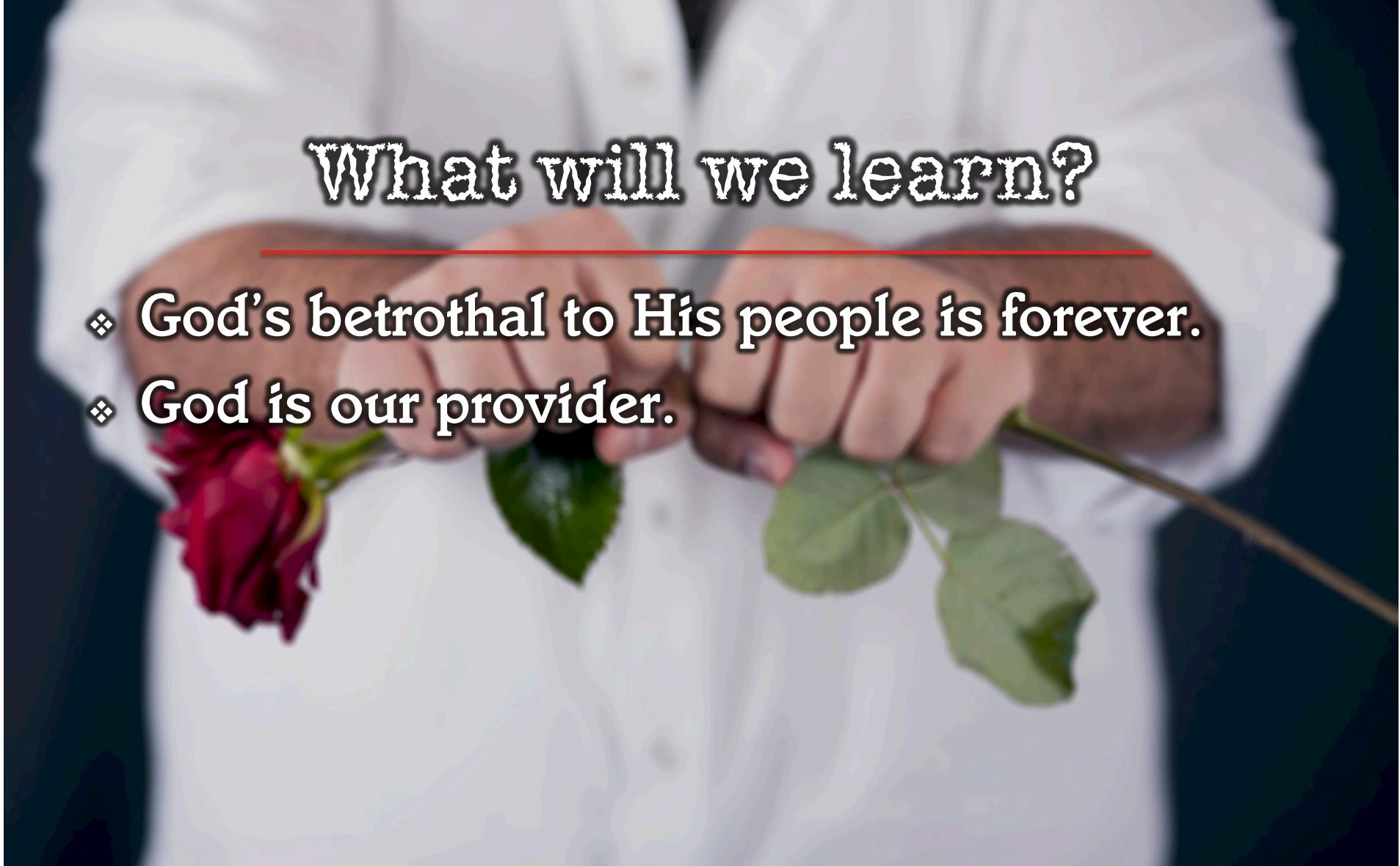




Betrothed Forever

Hosea 2:2-3:5

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What will we learn?

- ❖ God's betrothal to His people is forever.
- ❖ God is our provider.

Old Testament prophets

- ❖ Mediated the Covenant
- ❖ Poetry > prose
- ❖ Symbolic words AND actions



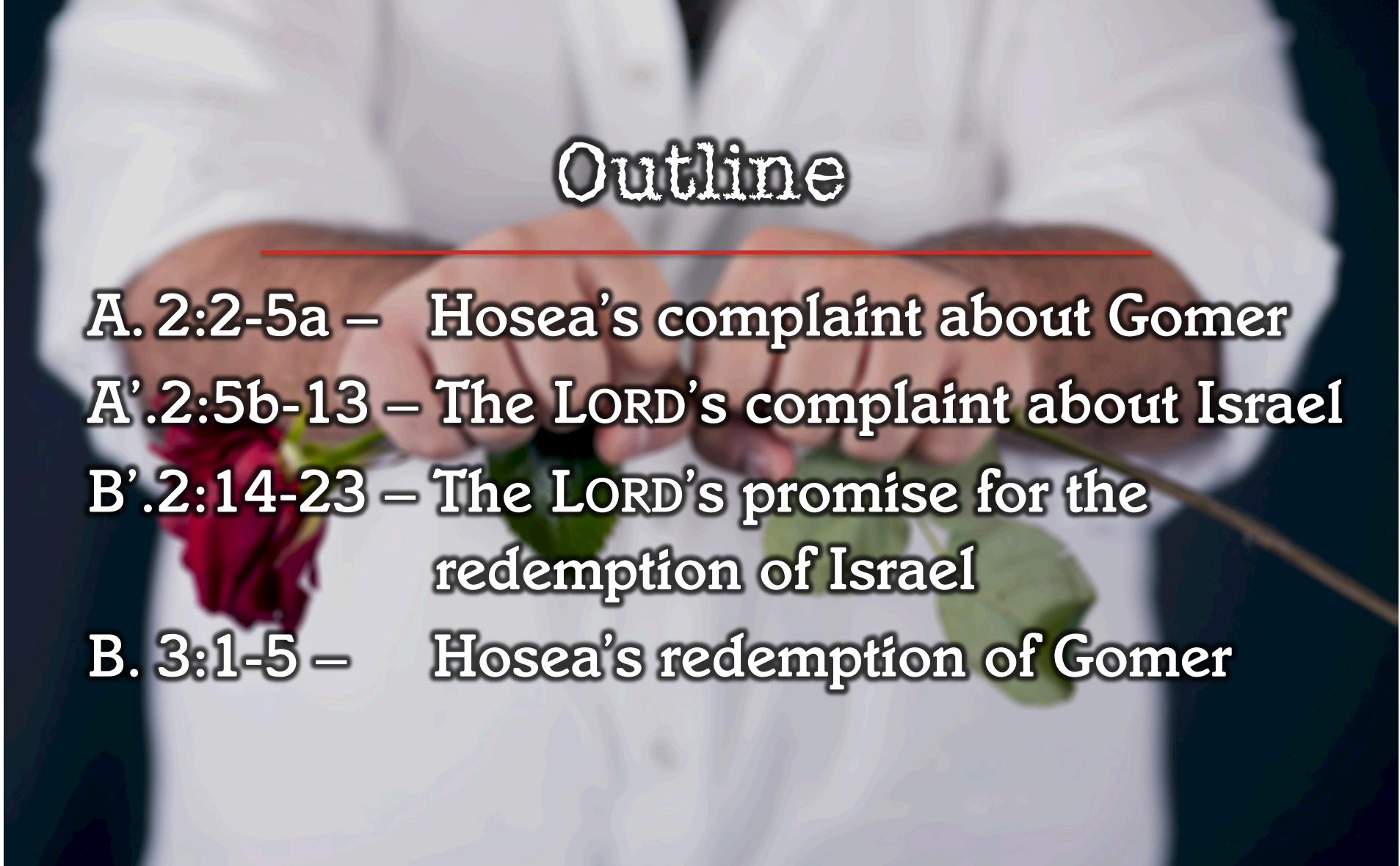
Hosea's themes:

- ❖ Covenant fidelity
- ❖ Revelation
- ❖ Love
- ❖ Sin
- ❖ Grace
- ❖ Forgiveness



Israel's sins confronted by Hosea:

- ❖ Infidelity
- ❖ Social injustice
- ❖ Violent crime
- ❖ Religious hypocrisy
- ❖ Political revolt
- ❖ Foreign alliances
- ❖ Selfish arrogance
- ❖ Spiritual ingratitude



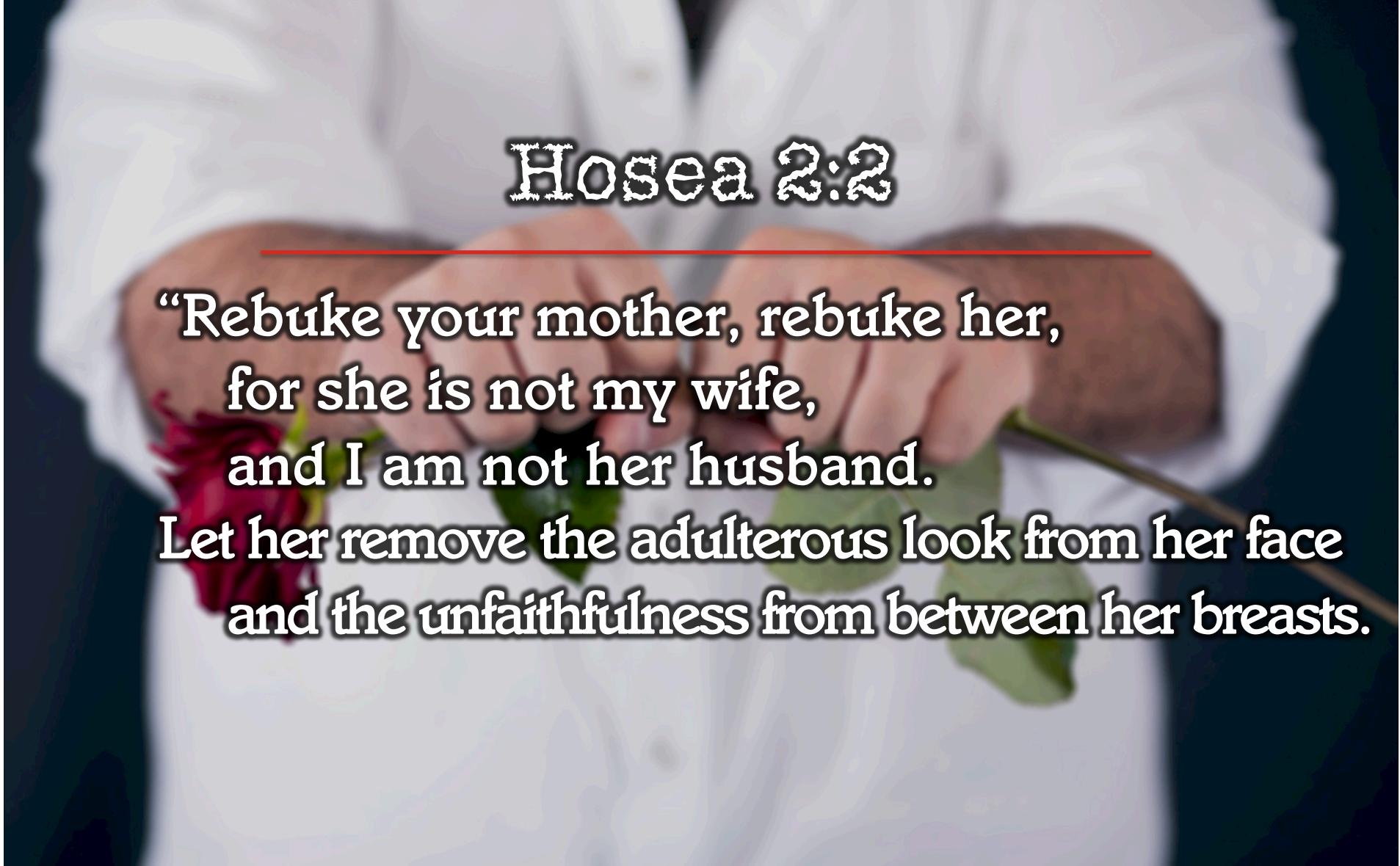
Outline

A. 2:2-5a – Hosea’s complaint about Gomer

A'.2:5b-13 – The LORD’s complaint about Israel

**B'.2:14-23 – The LORD’s promise for the
redemption of Israel**

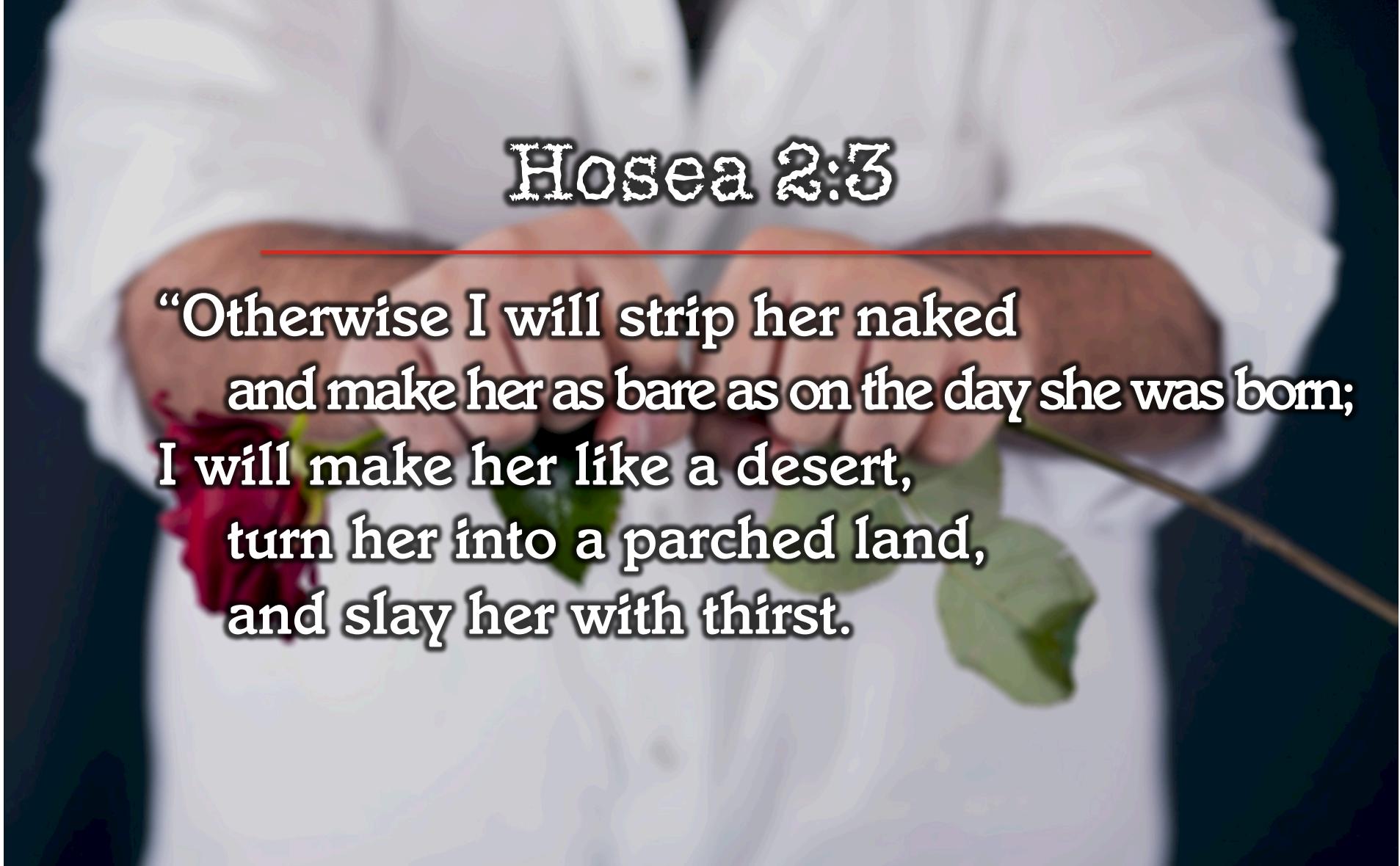
B. 3:1-5 – Hosea’s redemption of Gomer



Hosea 2:2

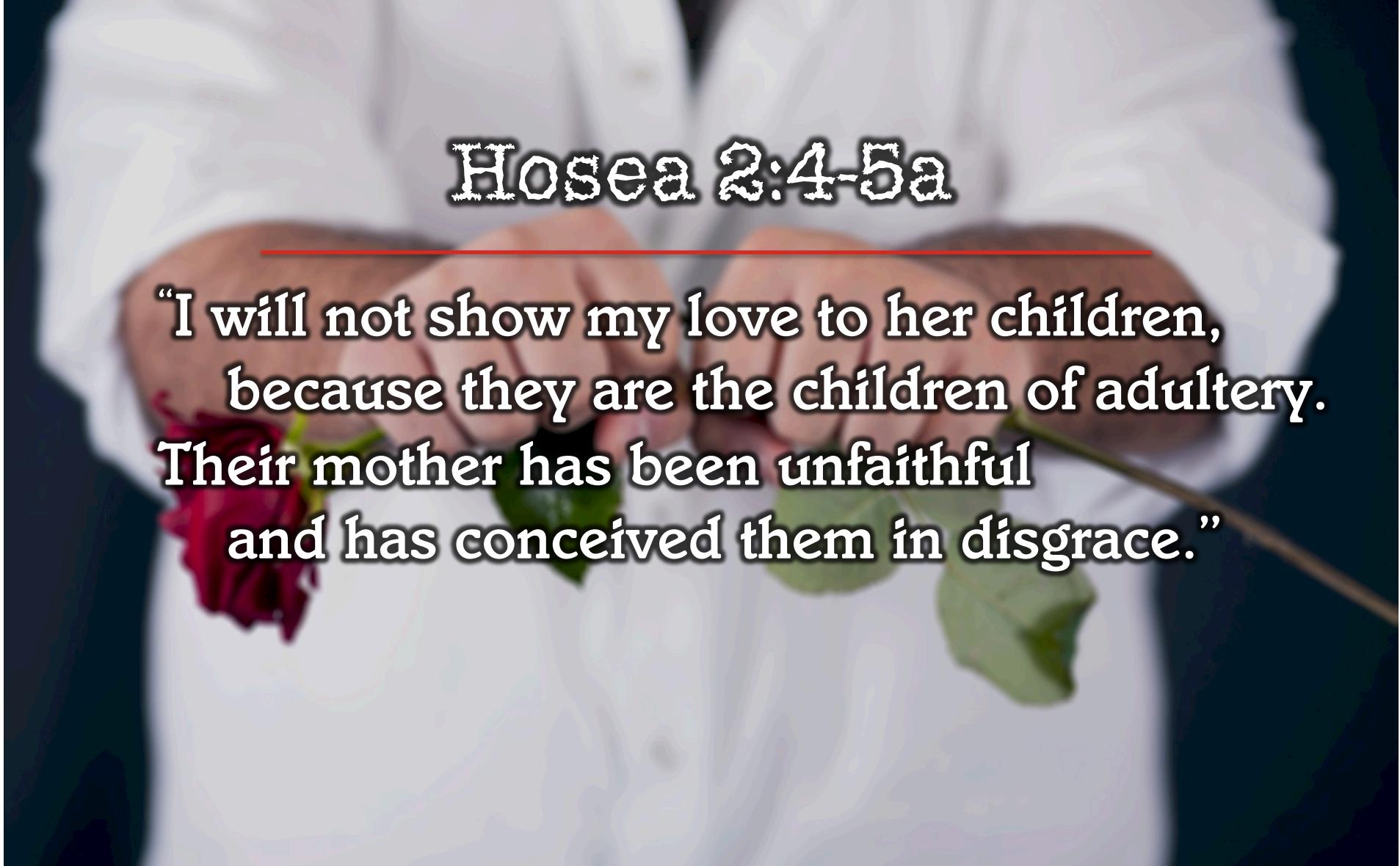
**“Rebuke your mother, rebuke her,
for she is not my wife,
and I am not her husband.**

**Let her remove the adulterous look from her face
and the unfaithfulness from between her breasts.**



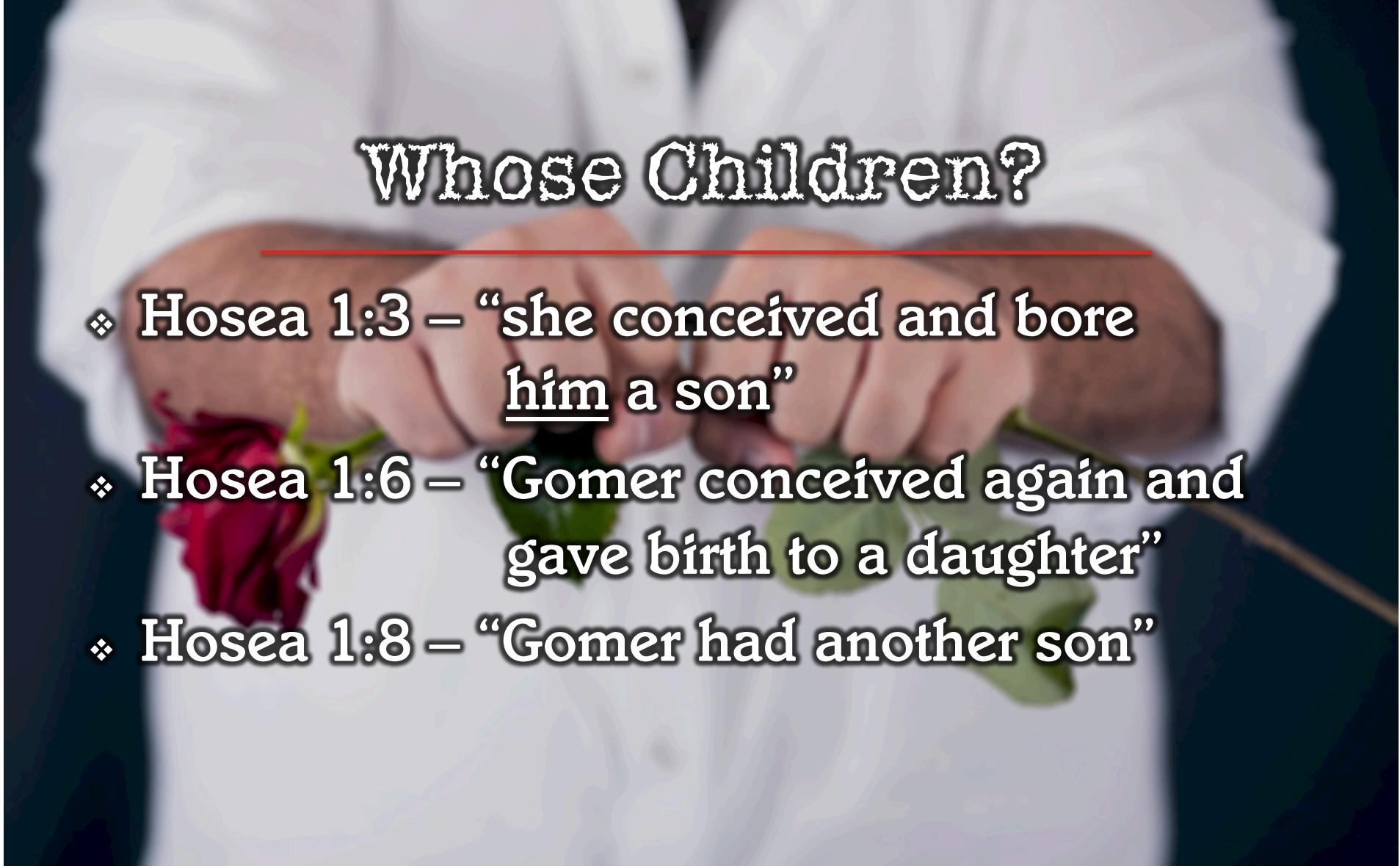
Hosea 2:3

**“Otherwise I will strip her naked
and make her as bare as on the day she was born;
I will make her like a desert,
turn her into a parched land,
and slay her with thirst.**



Hosea 2:4-5a

**“I will not show my love to her children,
because they are the children of adultery.
Their mother has been unfaithful
and has conceived them in disgrace.”**

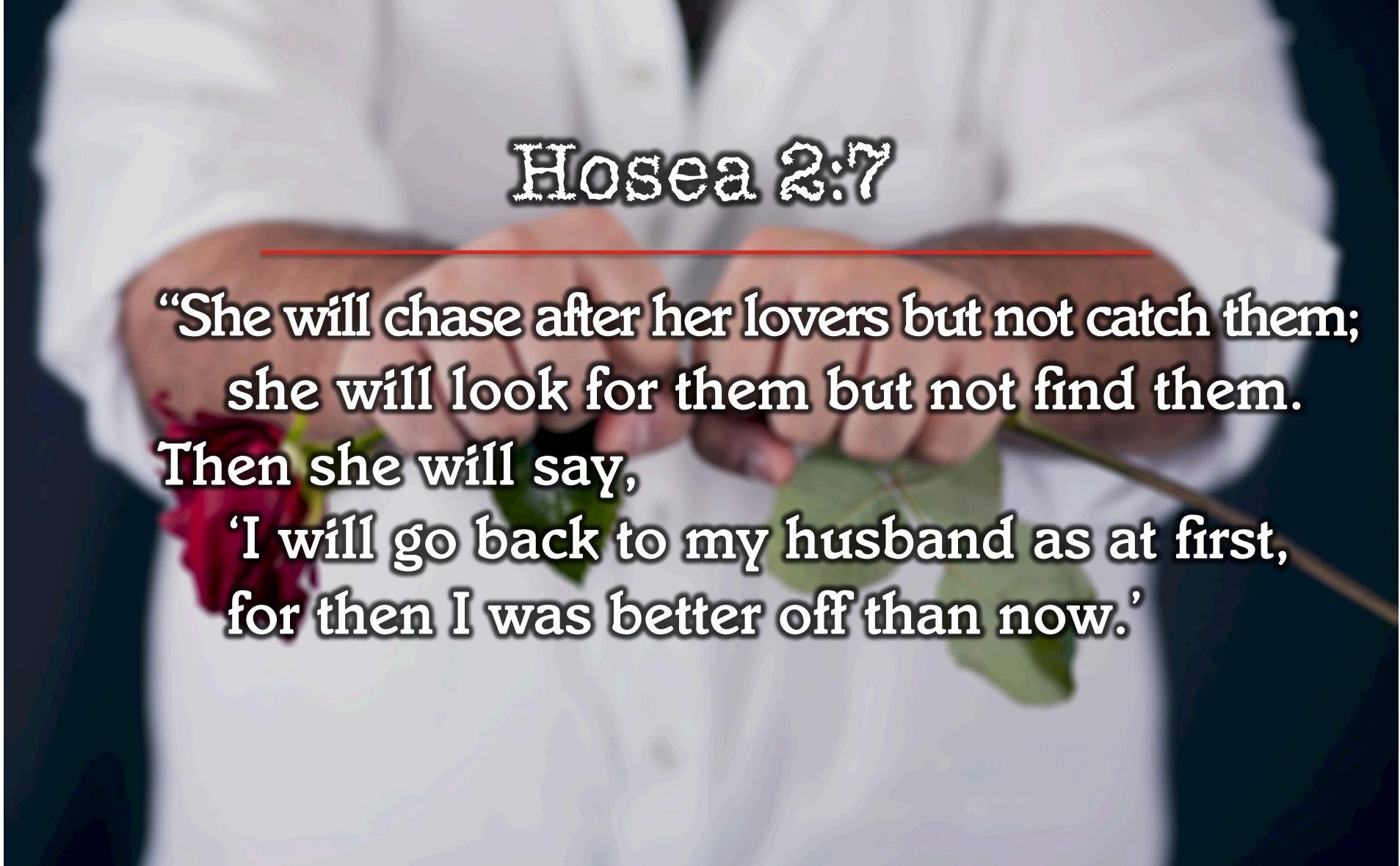


Whose Children?

- ❖ Hosea 1:3 – “she conceived and bore him a son”
- ❖ Hosea 1:6 – “Gomer conceived again and gave birth to a daughter”
- ❖ Hosea 1:8 – “Gomer had another son”

Hosea 2:5b-6

**“She said, ‘I will go after my lovers,
who give me my food and my water,
my wool and my linen, my olive oil and my drink.’
Therefore I will block her path with thornbushes;
I will wall her in so that she cannot find her way.**



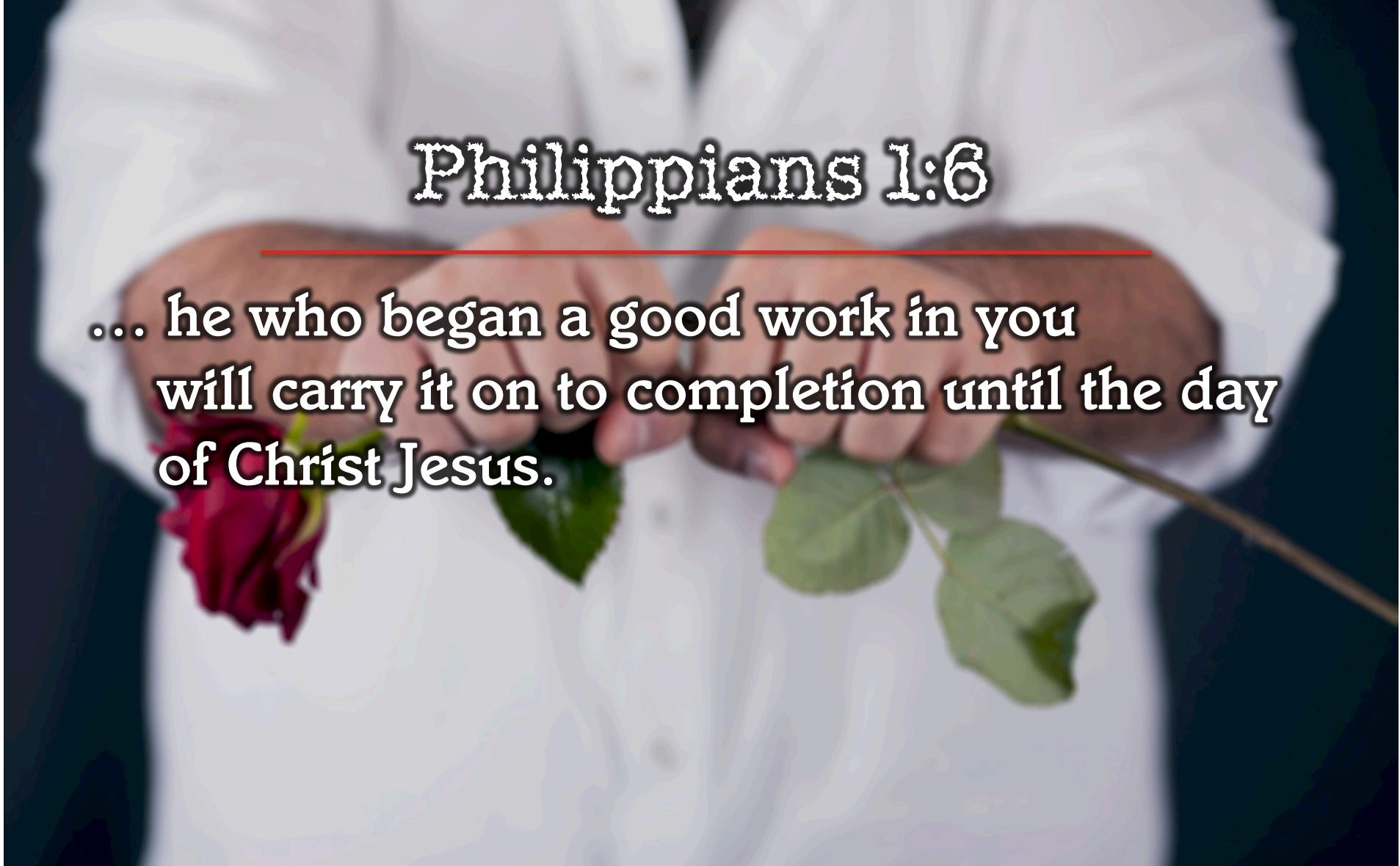
Hosea 2:7

**“She will chase after her lovers but not catch them;
she will look for them but not find them.
Then she will say,
‘I will go back to my husband as at first,
for then I was better off than now.’**



Psalm 139:5

**You hem me in behind and before,
and you lay your hand upon me.**

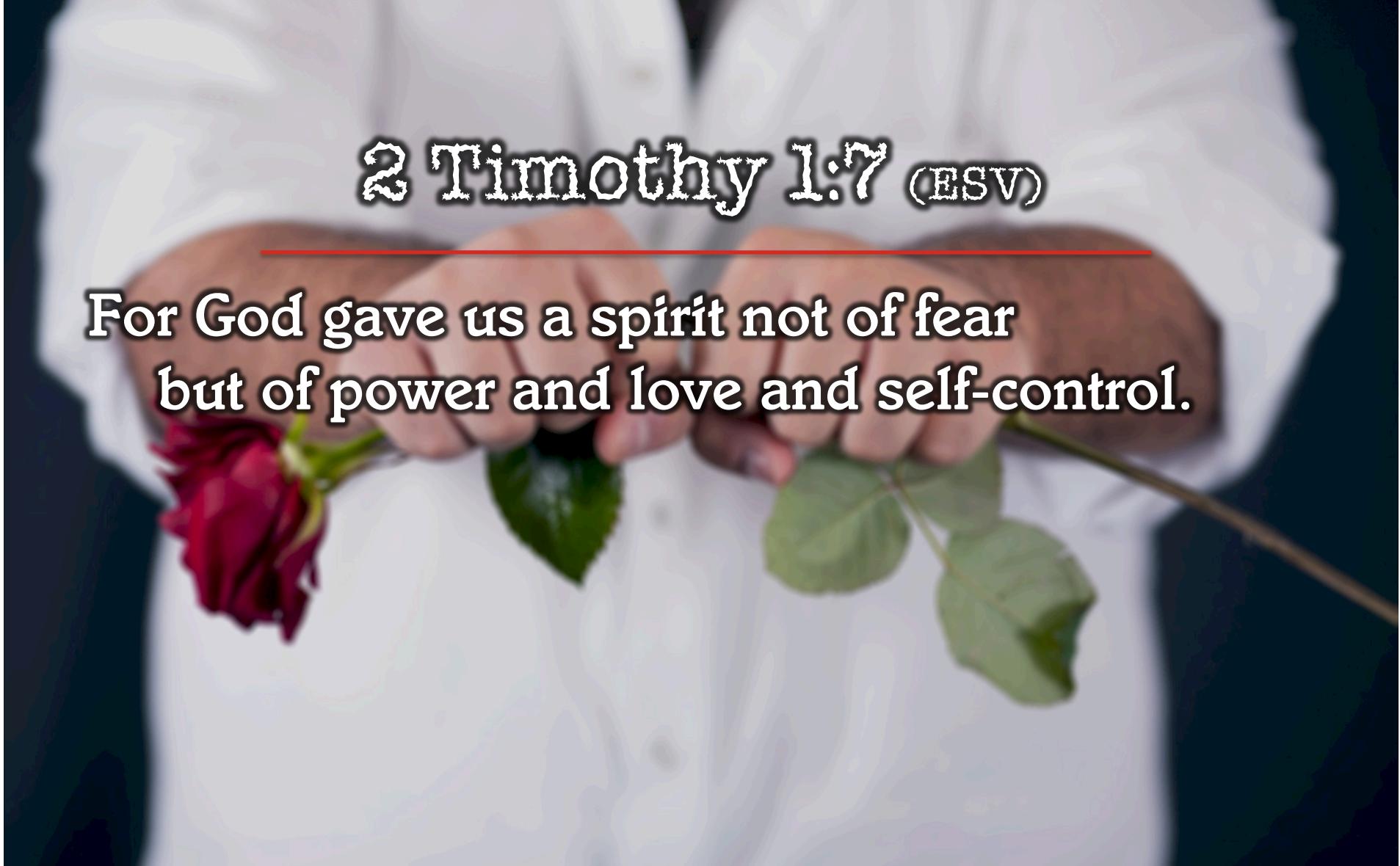


Philippians 1:6

**... he who began a good work in you
will carry it on to completion until the day
of Christ Jesus.**

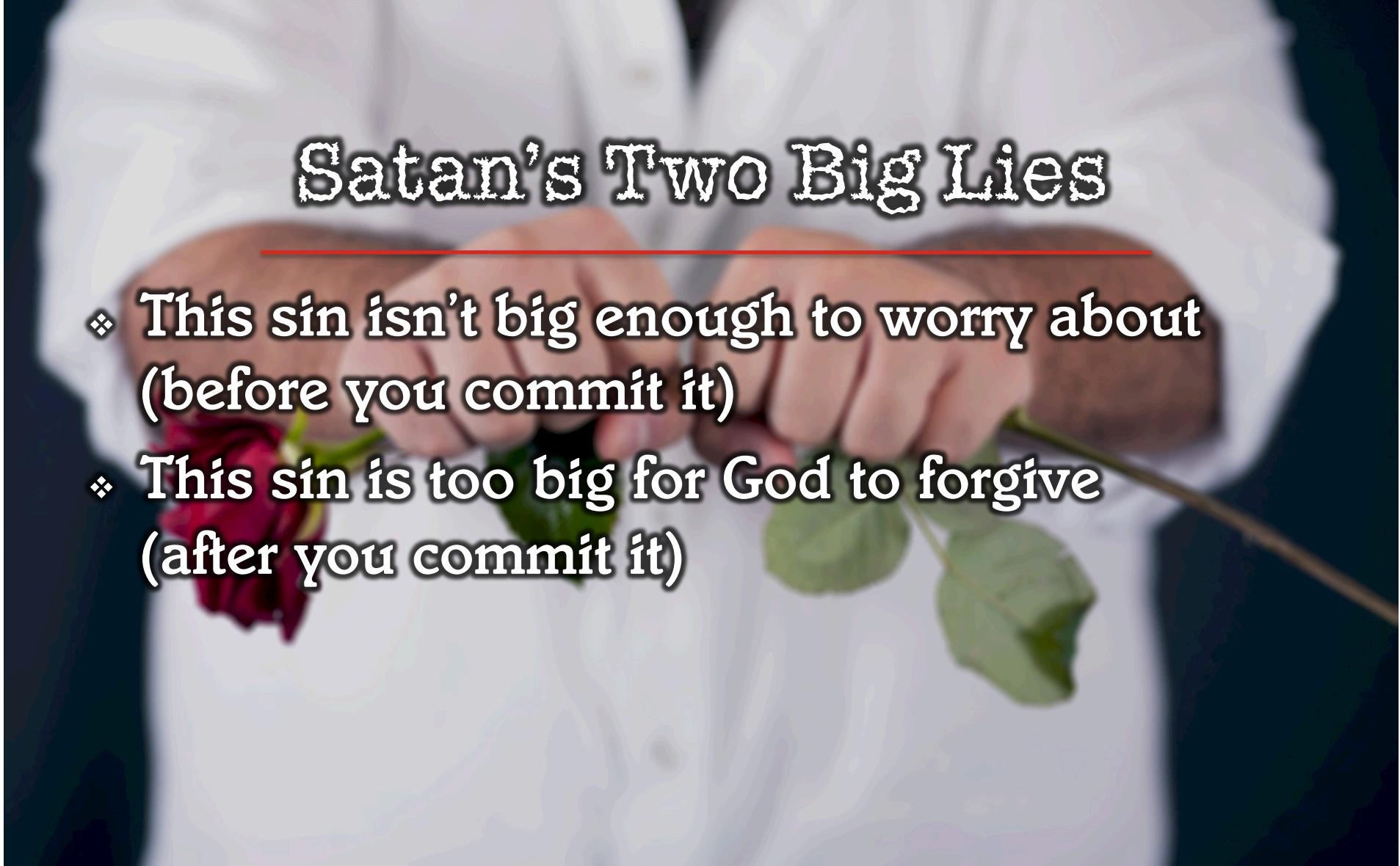
God as the Originator of Salvation

- ❖ We were dead in our sin (Eph 2:1; Col 2:13)
- ❖ Jesus is the author of faith (Heb 12:2)
- ❖ God loved first (1 John 4:19)
- ❖ God began the good work (Phil 1:6)



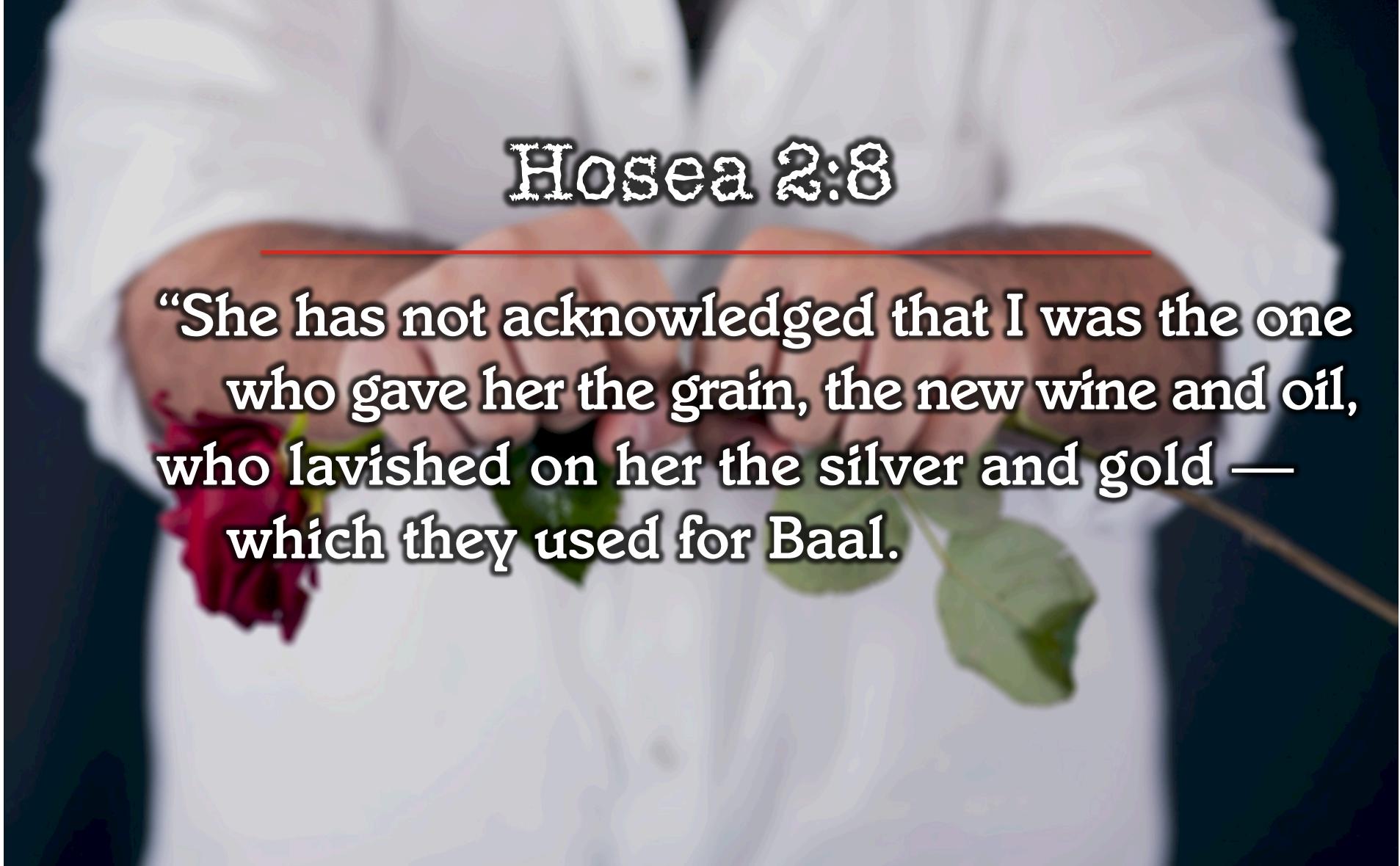
2 Timothy 1:7 (ESV)

**For God gave us a spirit not of fear
but of power and love and self-control.**



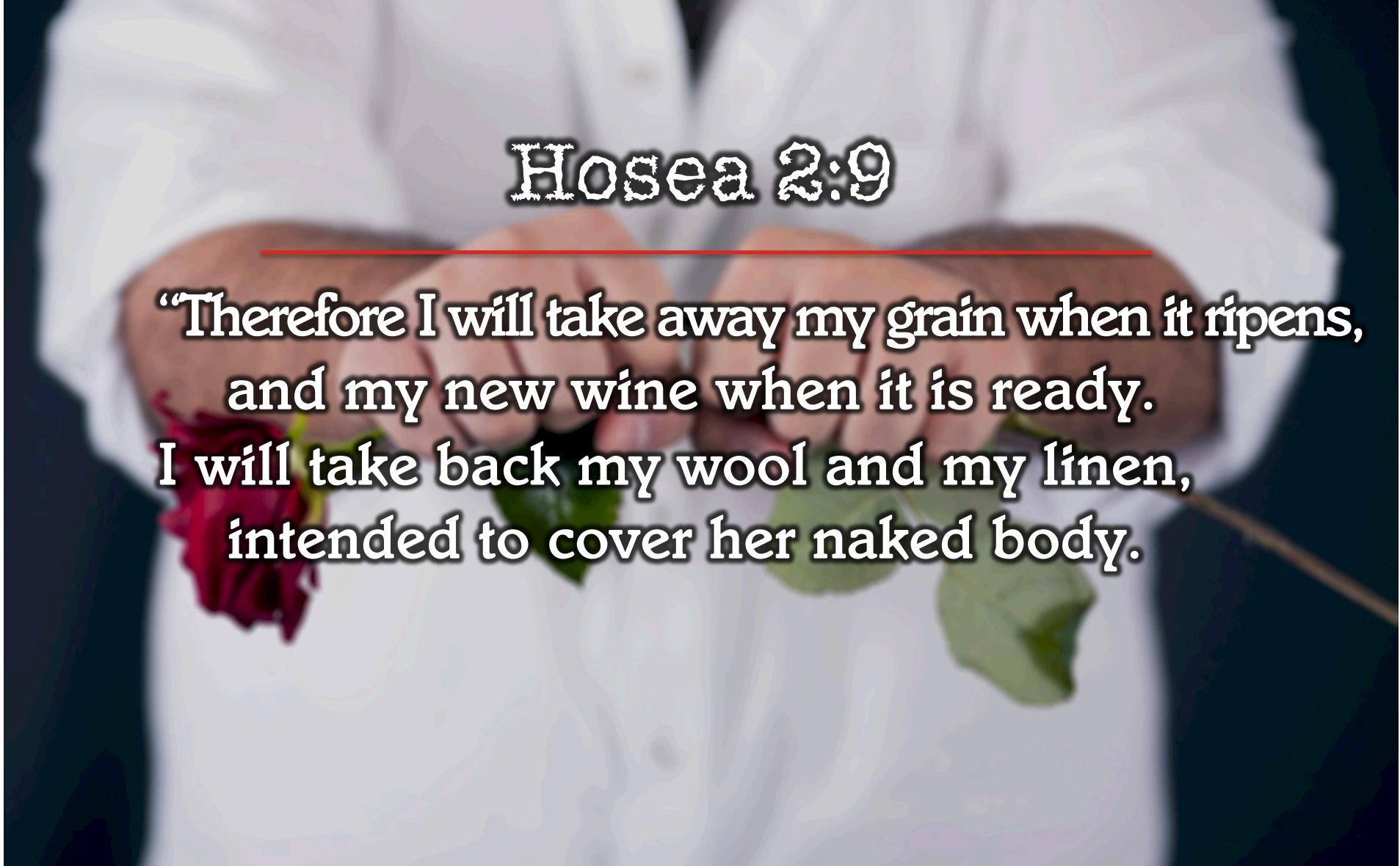
Satan's Two Big Lies

- ❖ This sin isn't big enough to worry about (before you commit it)
- ❖ This sin is too big for God to forgive (after you commit it)



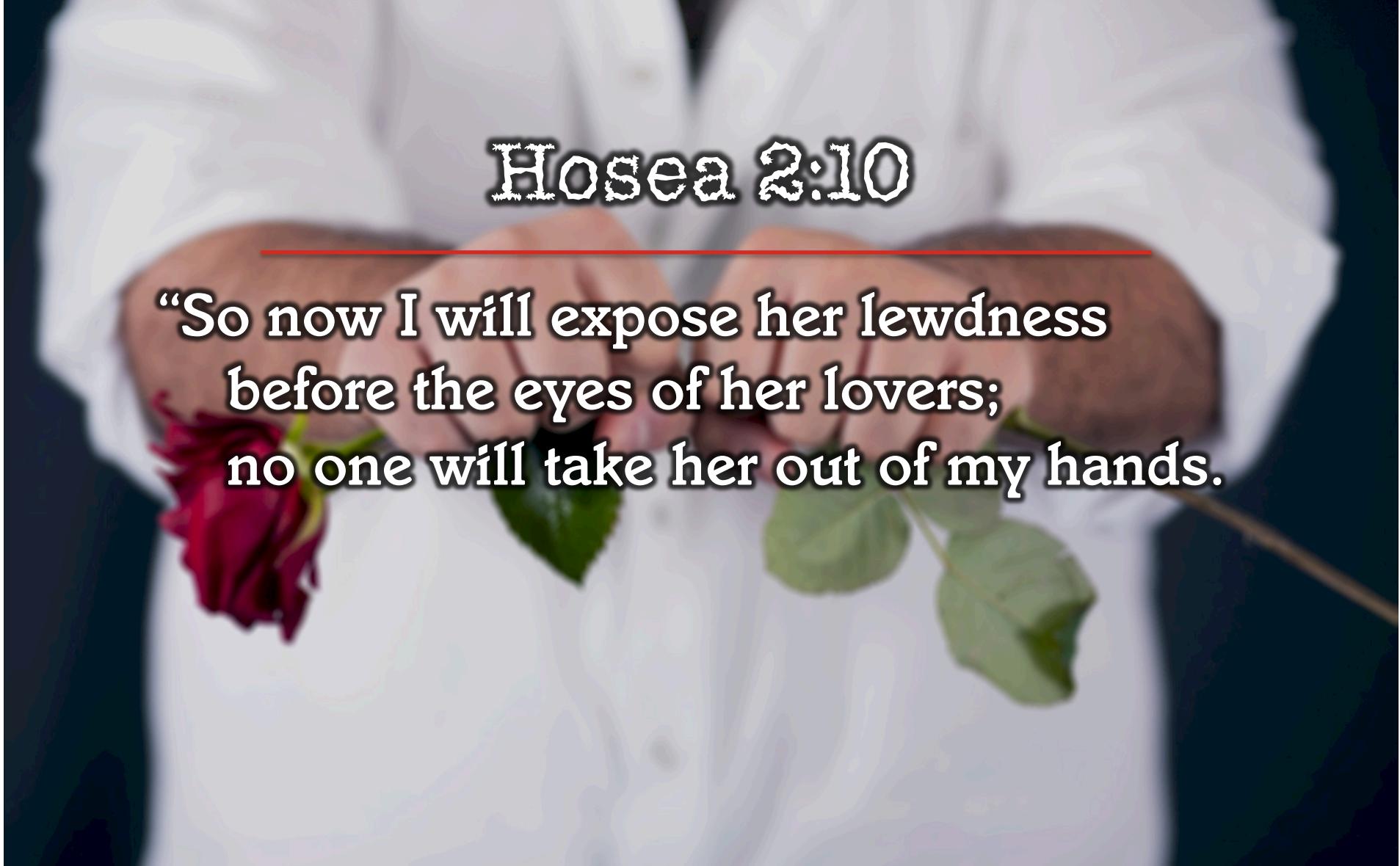
Hosea 2:8

**“She has not acknowledged that I was the one
who gave her the grain, the new wine and oil,
who lavished on her the silver and gold —
which they used for Baal.**



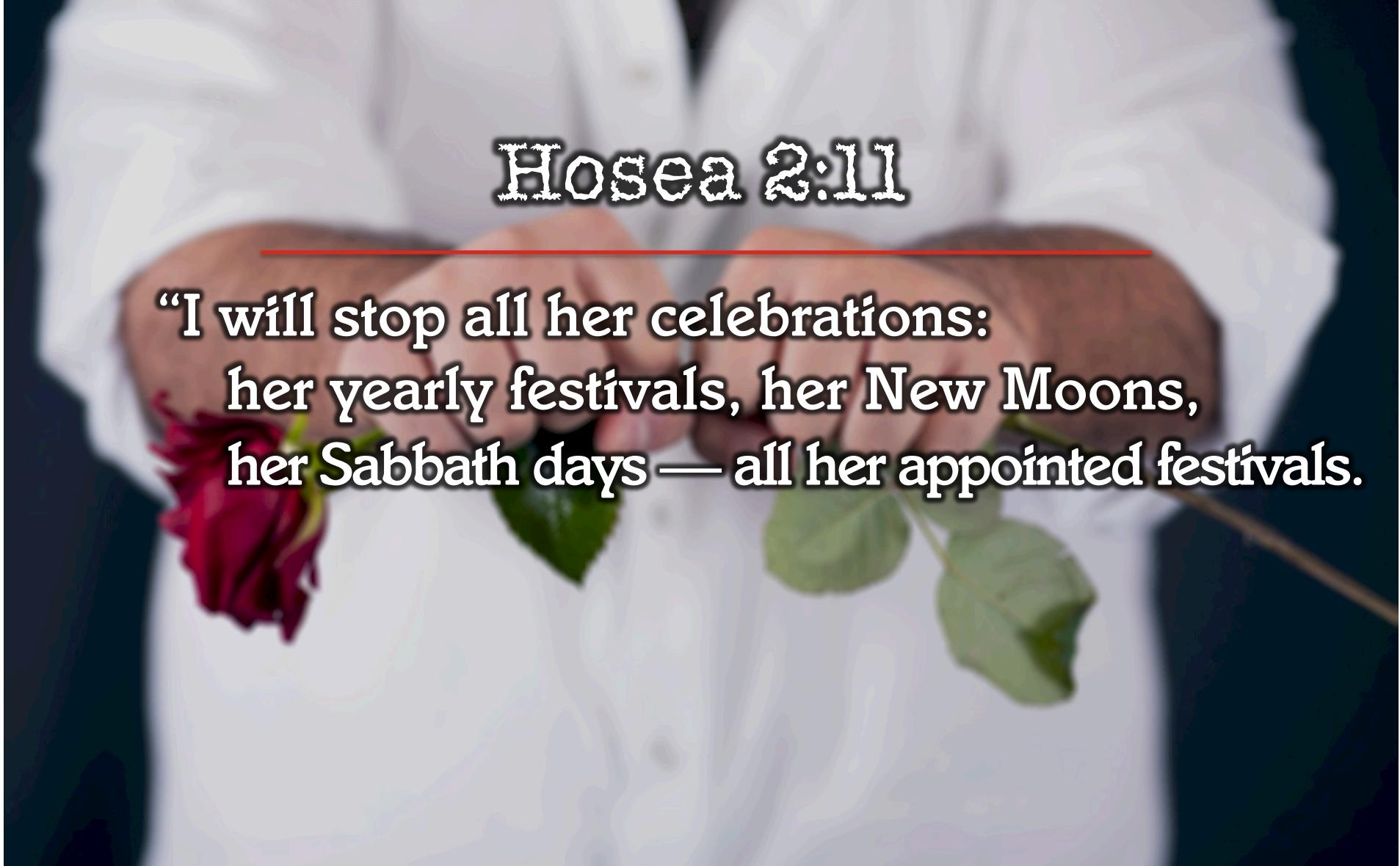
Hosea 2:9

**“Therefore I will take away my grain when it ripens,
and my new wine when it is ready.
I will take back my wool and my linen,
intended to cover her naked body.**



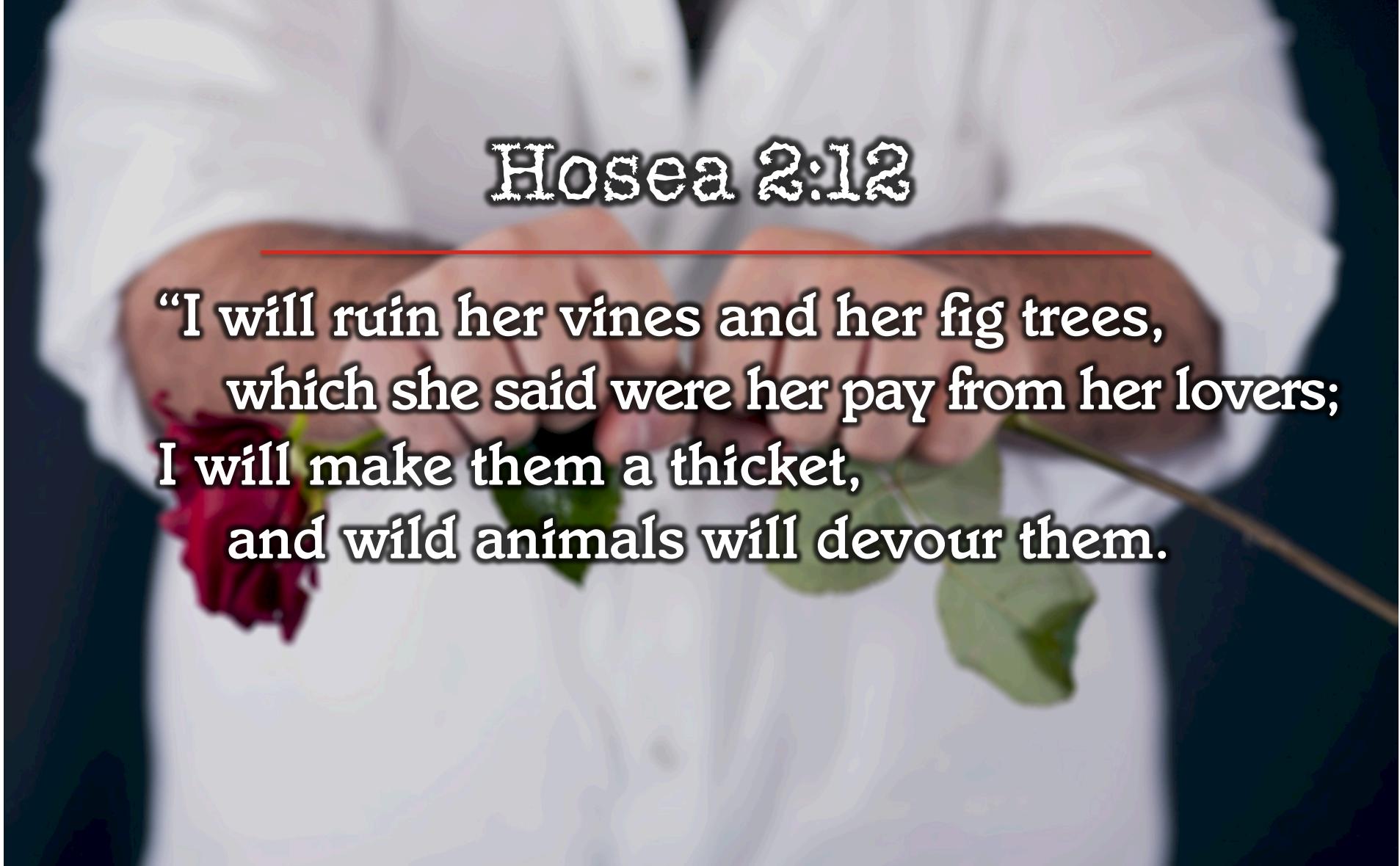
Hosea 2:10

**“So now I will expose her lewdness
before the eyes of her lovers;
no one will take her out of my hands.**



Hosea 2:11

**“I will stop all her celebrations:
her yearly festivals, her New Moons,
her Sabbath days — all her appointed festivals.**

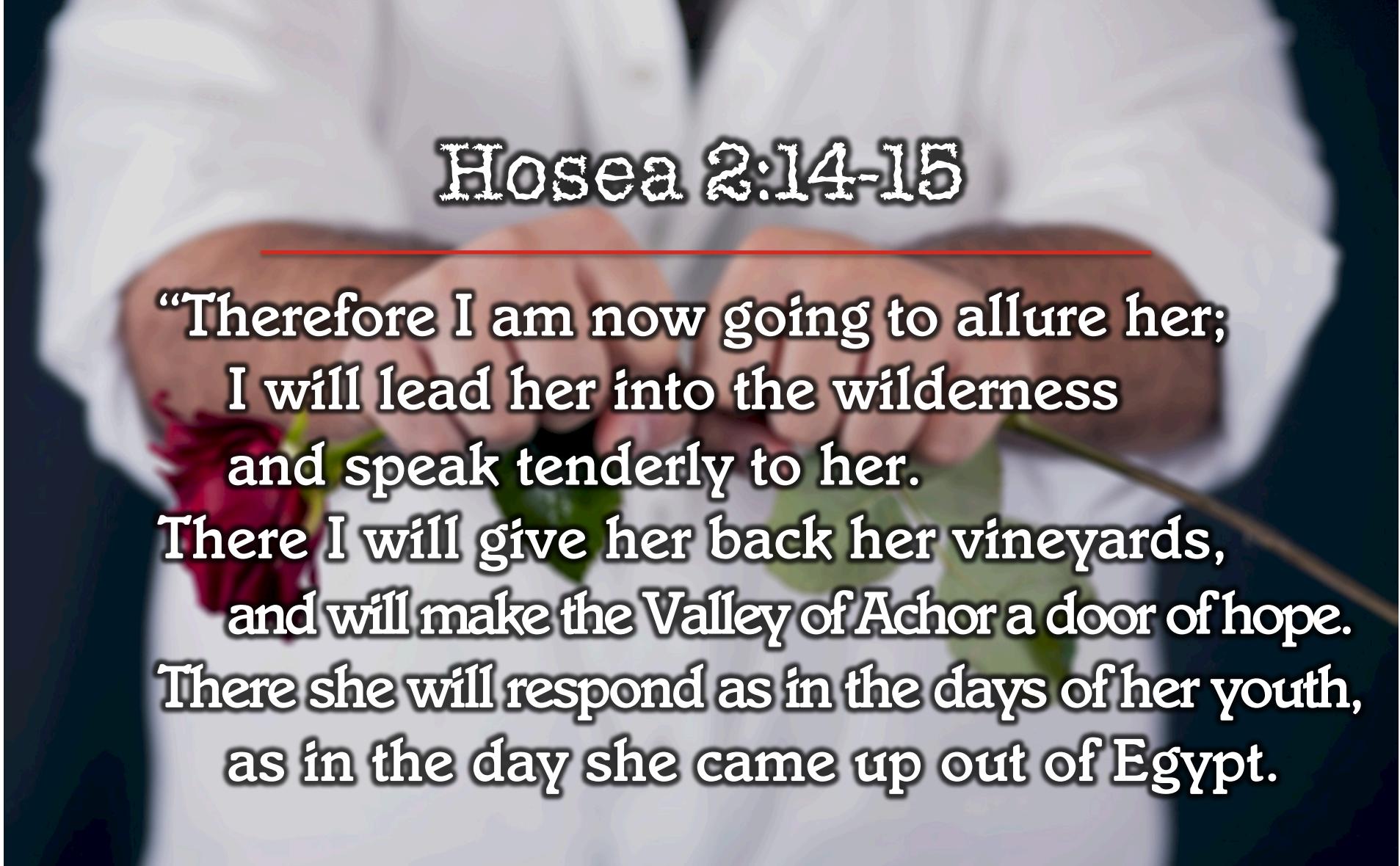


Hosea 2:12

**“I will ruin her vines and her fig trees,
which she said were her pay from her lovers;
I will make them a thicket,
and wild animals will devour them.**

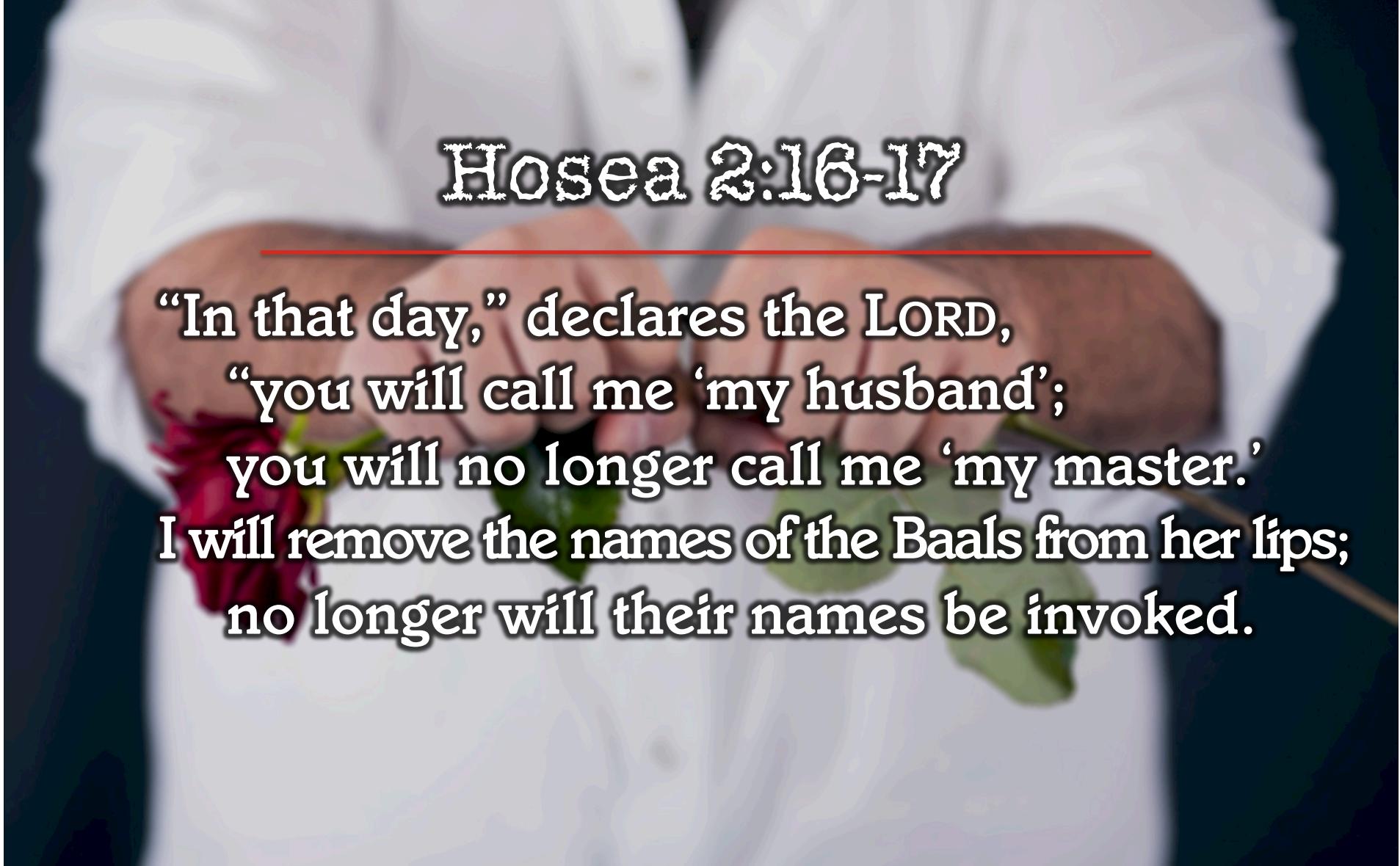
Hosea 2:13

**“I will punish her for the days
she burned incense to the Baals;
she decked herself with rings and jewelry,
and went after her lovers,
but me she forgot,”
declares the LORD.**



Hosea 2:14-15

**“Therefore I am now going to allure her;
I will lead her into the wilderness
and speak tenderly to her.
There I will give her back her vineyards,
and will make the Valley of Achor a door of hope.
There she will respond as in the days of her youth,
as in the day she came up out of Egypt.**

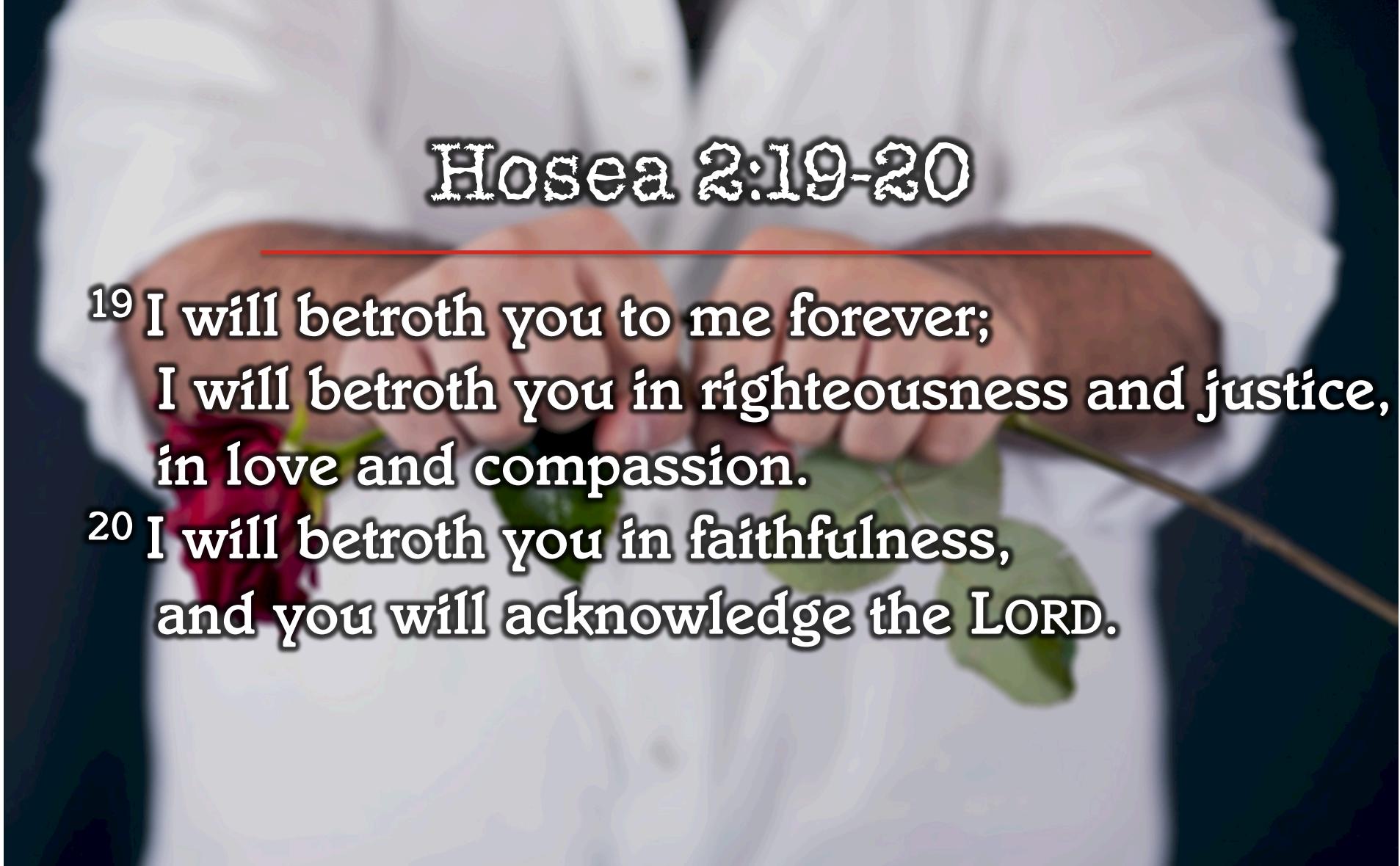


Hosea 2:16-17

**“In that day,” declares the LORD,
“you will call me ‘my husband’;
you will no longer call me ‘my master.’
I will remove the names of the Baals from her lips;
no longer will their names be invoked.**

Hosea 2:18

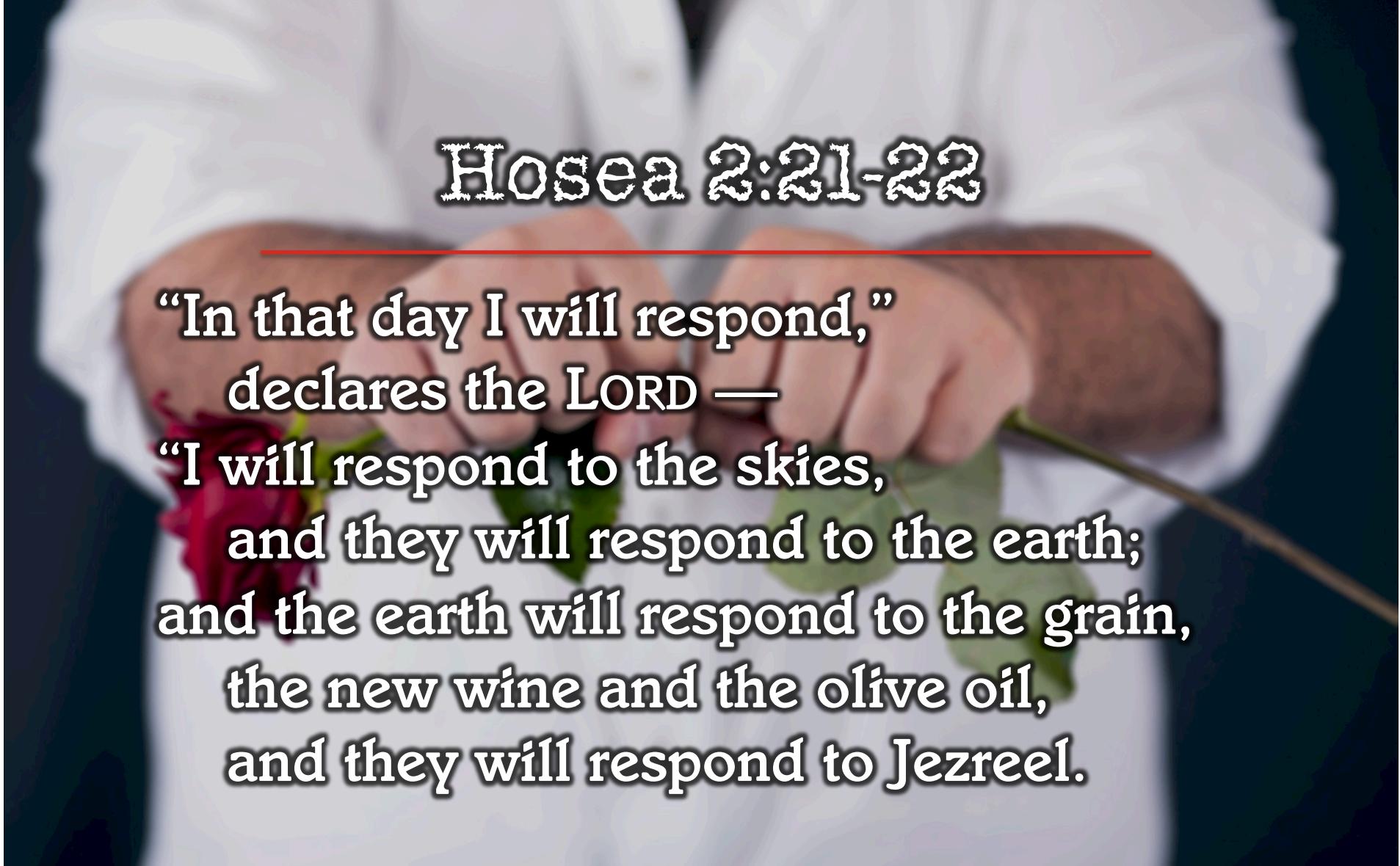
**“In that day I will make a covenant for them
with the beasts of the field, the birds in the sky
and the creatures that move along the ground.
Bow and sword and battle
I will abolish from the land,
so that all may lie down in safety.**



Hosea 2:19-20

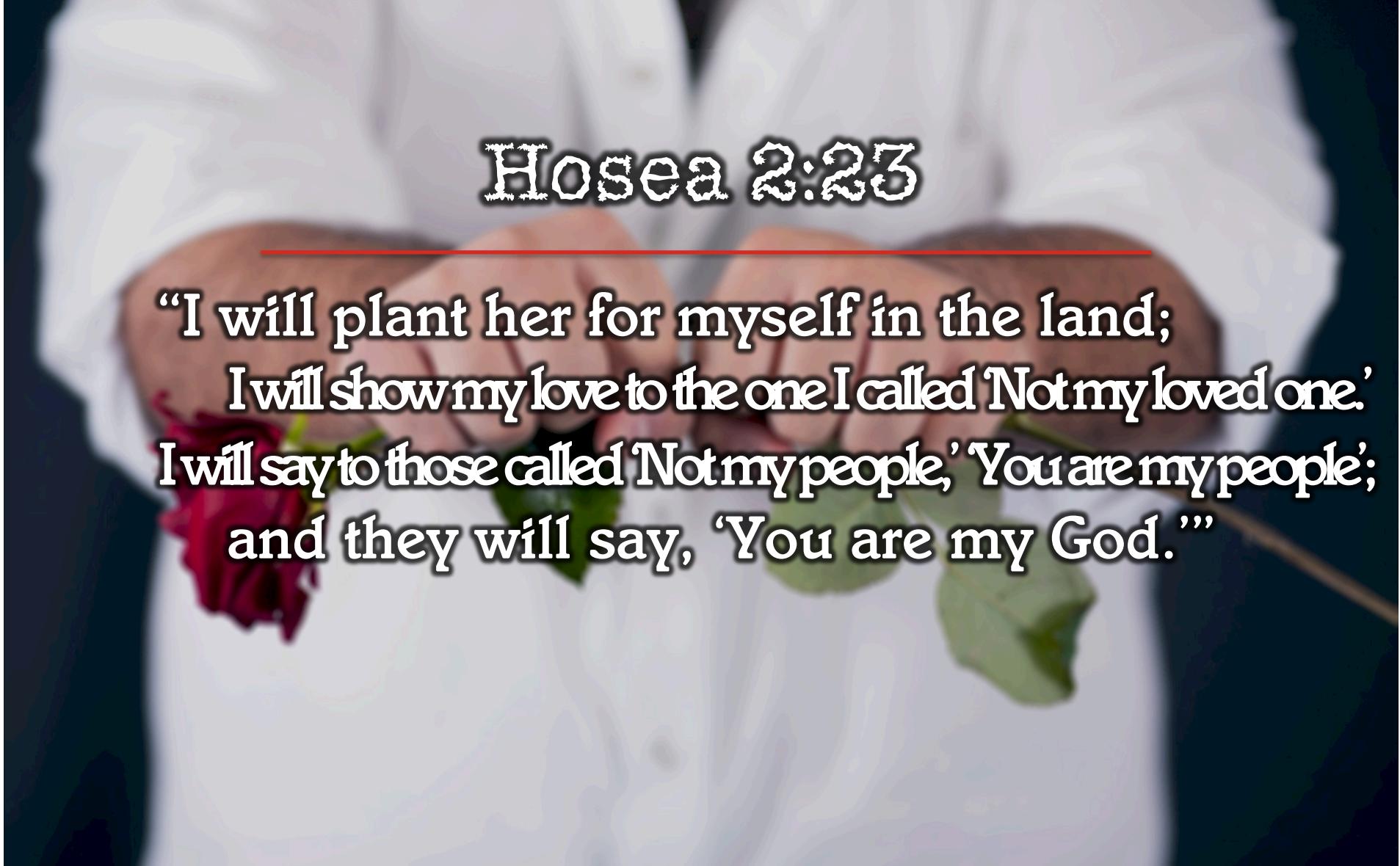
**19 I will betroth you to me forever;
I will betroth you in righteousness and justice,
in love and compassion.**

**20 I will betroth you in faithfulness,
and you will acknowledge the LORD.**



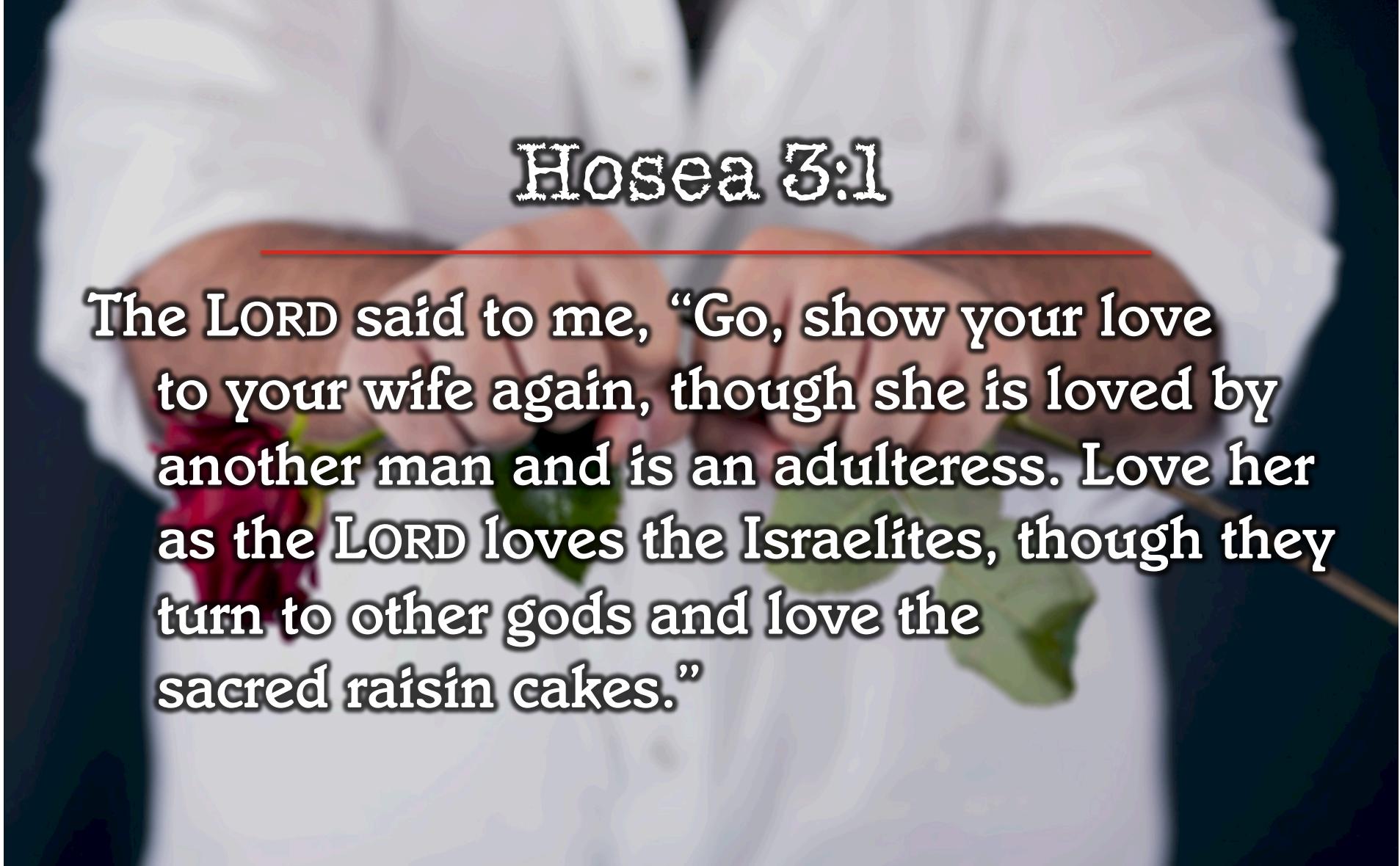
Hosea 2:21-22

**“In that day I will respond,”
declares the LORD —
“I will respond to the skies,
and they will respond to the earth;
and the earth will respond to the grain,
the new wine and the olive oil,
and they will respond to Jezreel.**



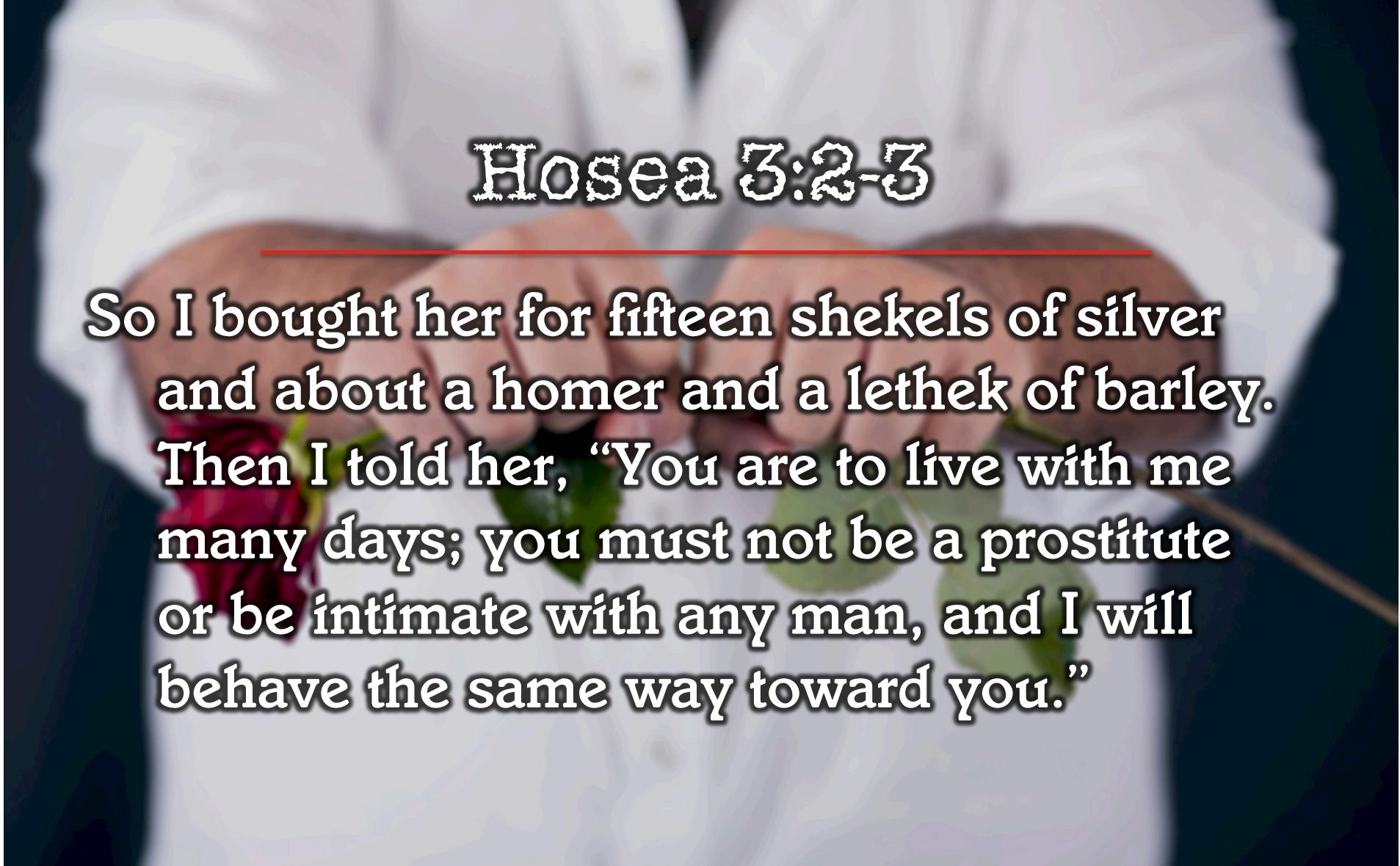
Hosea 2:23

“I will plant her for myself in the land;
I will show my love to the one I called ‘Not my loved one.’
I will say to those called ‘Not my people,’ ‘You are my people’;
and they will say, ‘You are my God.’”



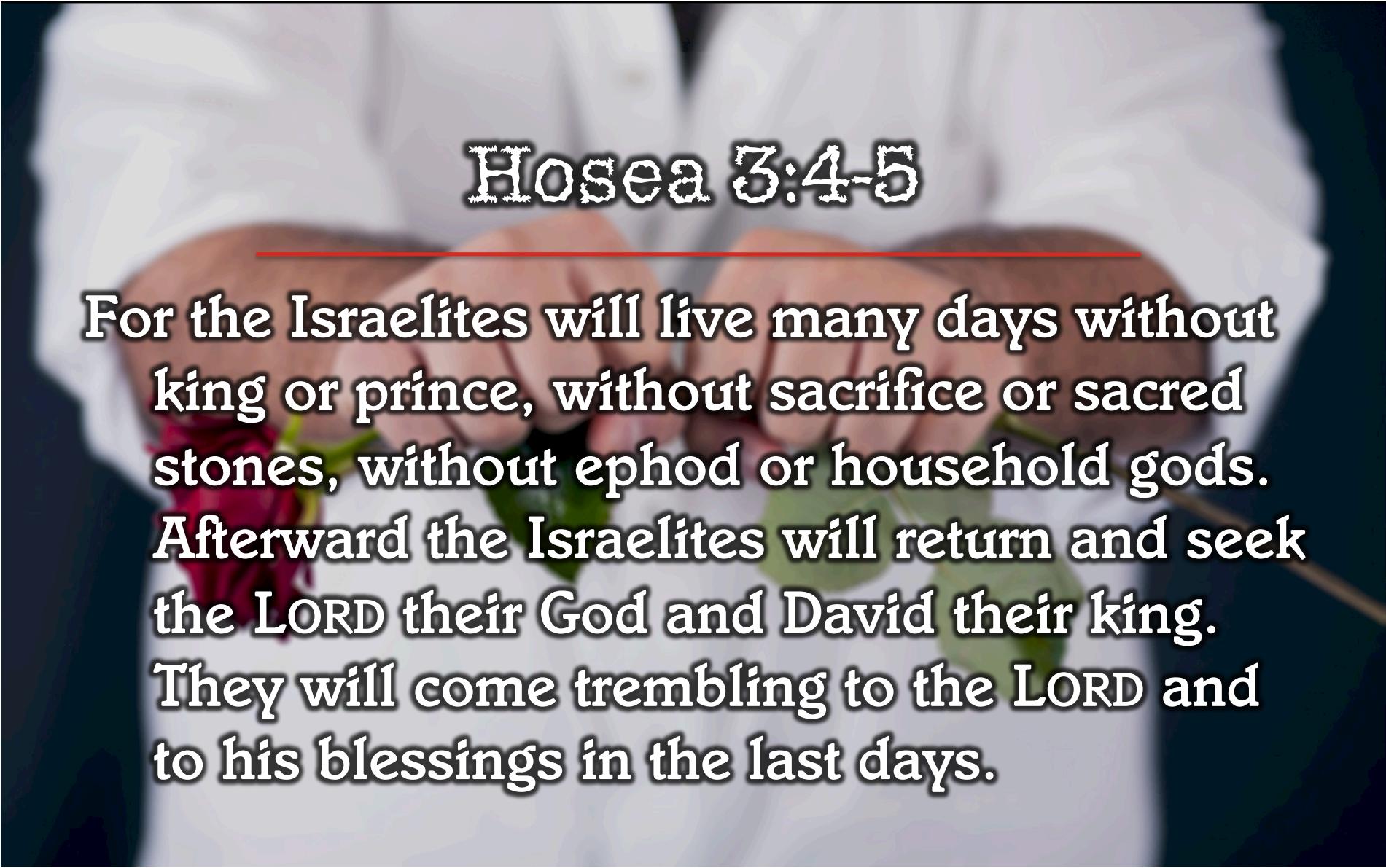
Hosea 3:1

The LORD said to me, “Go, show your love to your wife again, though she is loved by another man and is an adulteress. Love her as the LORD loves the Israelites, though they turn to other gods and love the sacred raisin cakes.”



Hosea 3:2-3

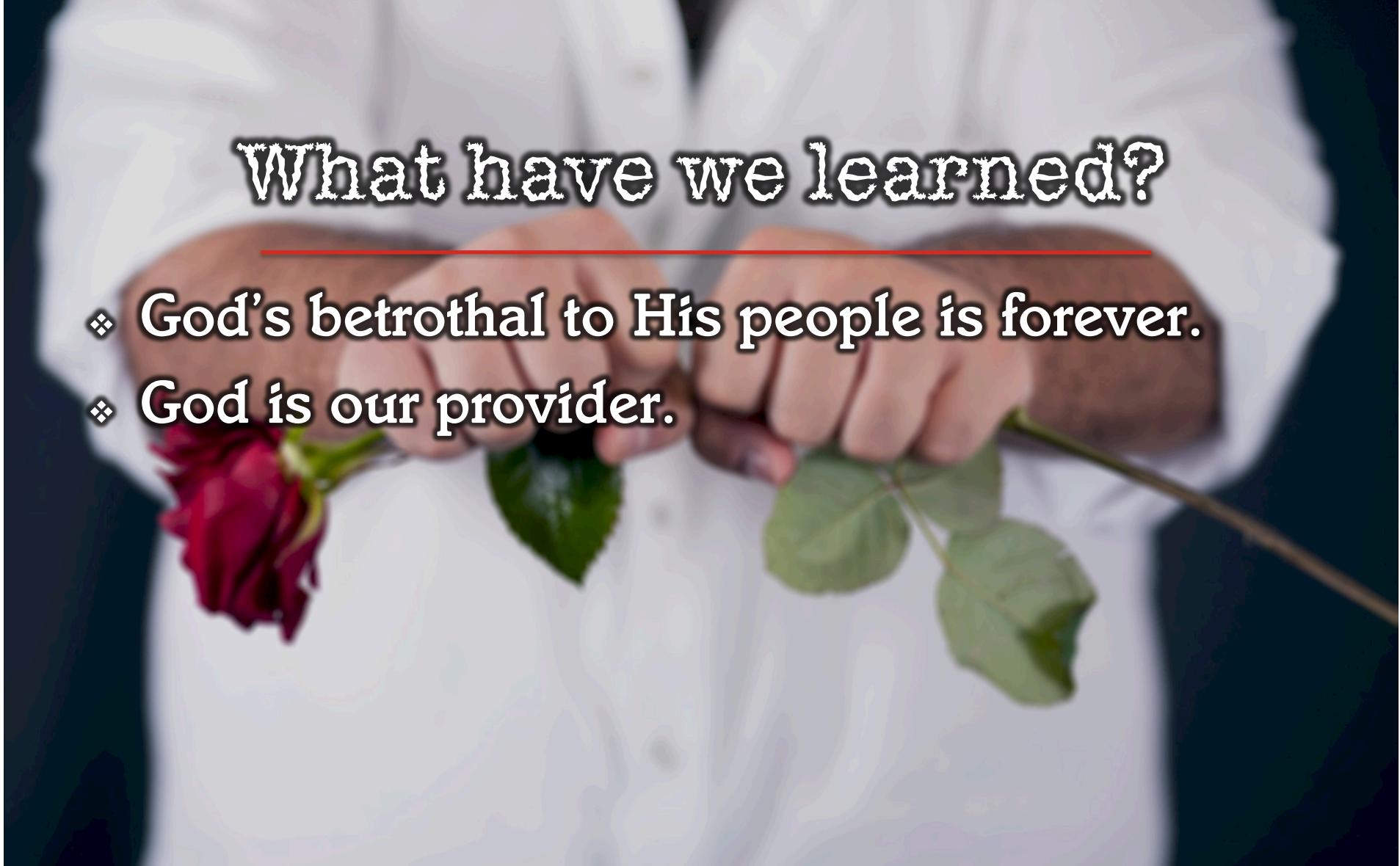
**So I bought her for fifteen shekels of silver
and about a homer and a lethek of barley.
Then I told her, “You are to live with me
many days; you must not be a prostitute
or be intimate with any man, and I will
behave the same way toward you.”**



Hosea 3:4-5

For the Israelites will live many days without king or prince, without sacrifice or sacred stones, without ephod or household gods.

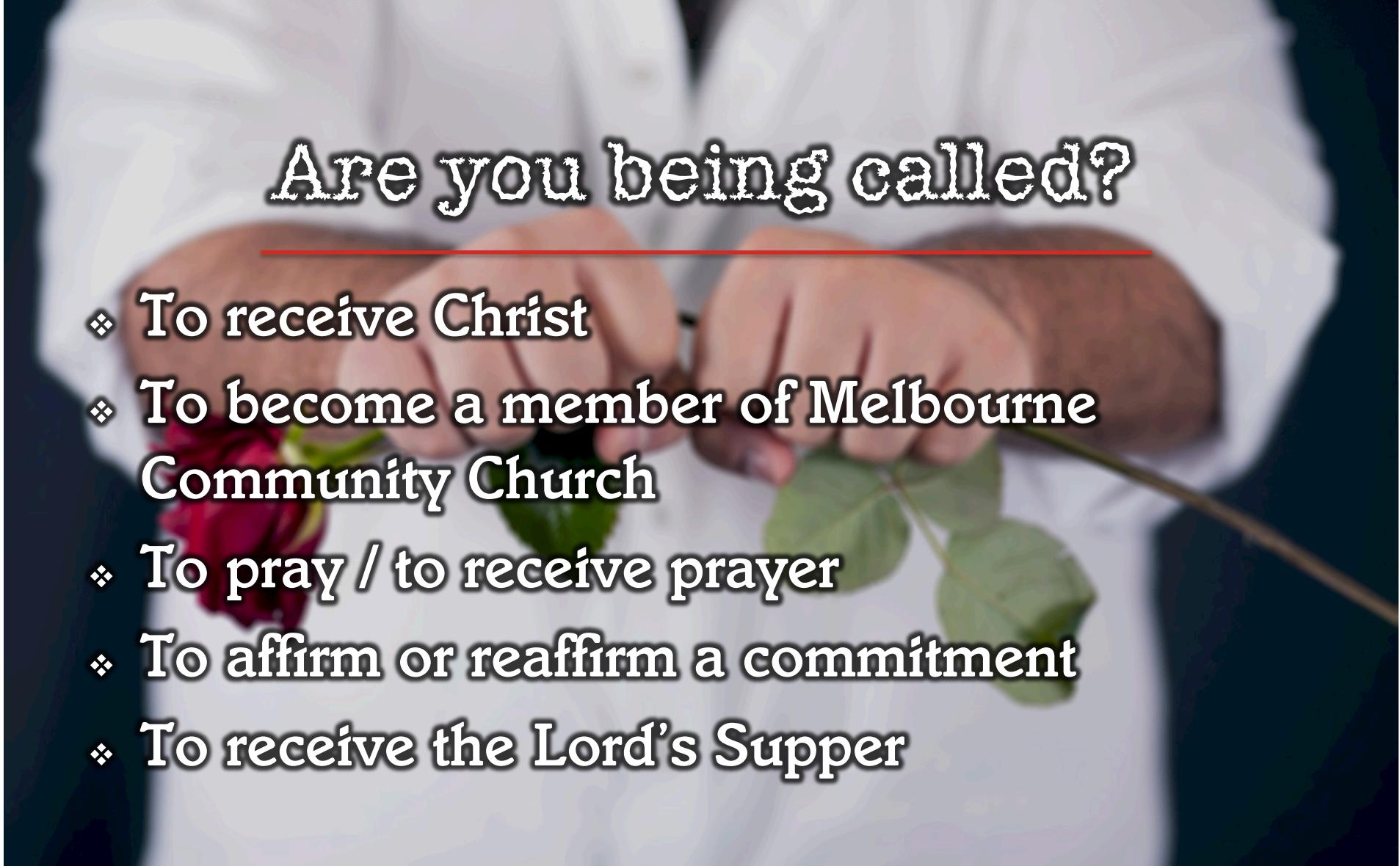
Afterward the Israelites will return and seek the LORD their God and David their king. They will come trembling to the LORD and to his blessings in the last days.



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Are you being called?

- ❖ To receive Christ
- ❖ To become a member of Melbourne Community Church
- ❖ To pray / to receive prayer
- ❖ To affirm or reaffirm a commitment
- ❖ To receive the Lord's Supper



Life Begins in the Womb

- ❖ Luke 1:15
- ❖ Luke 1:41
- ❖ Psalm 22:9-10
- ❖ Psalm 139:13
- ❖ Isaiah 49:1
- ❖ Jeremiah 1:4-5