



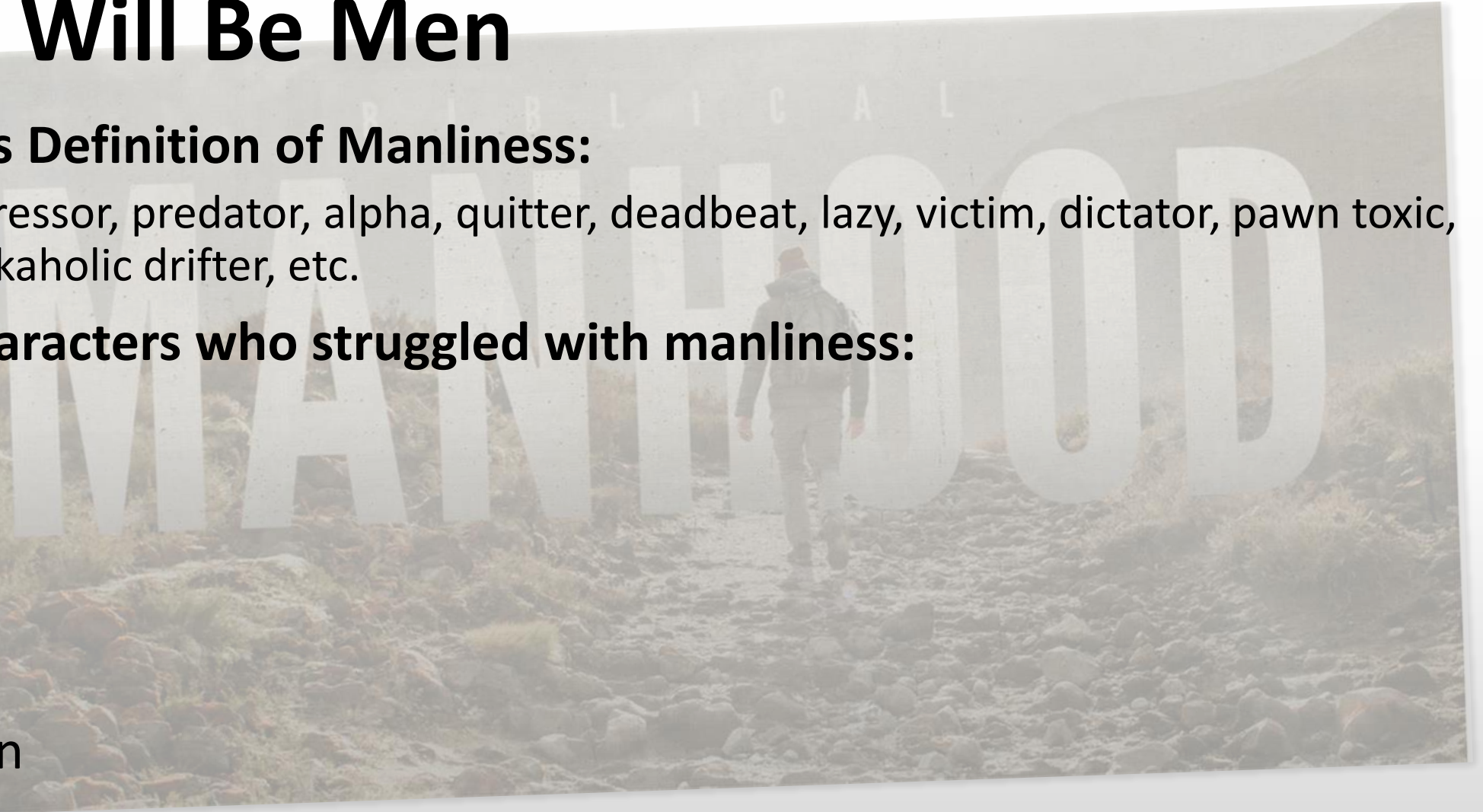
Boys Will Be Men

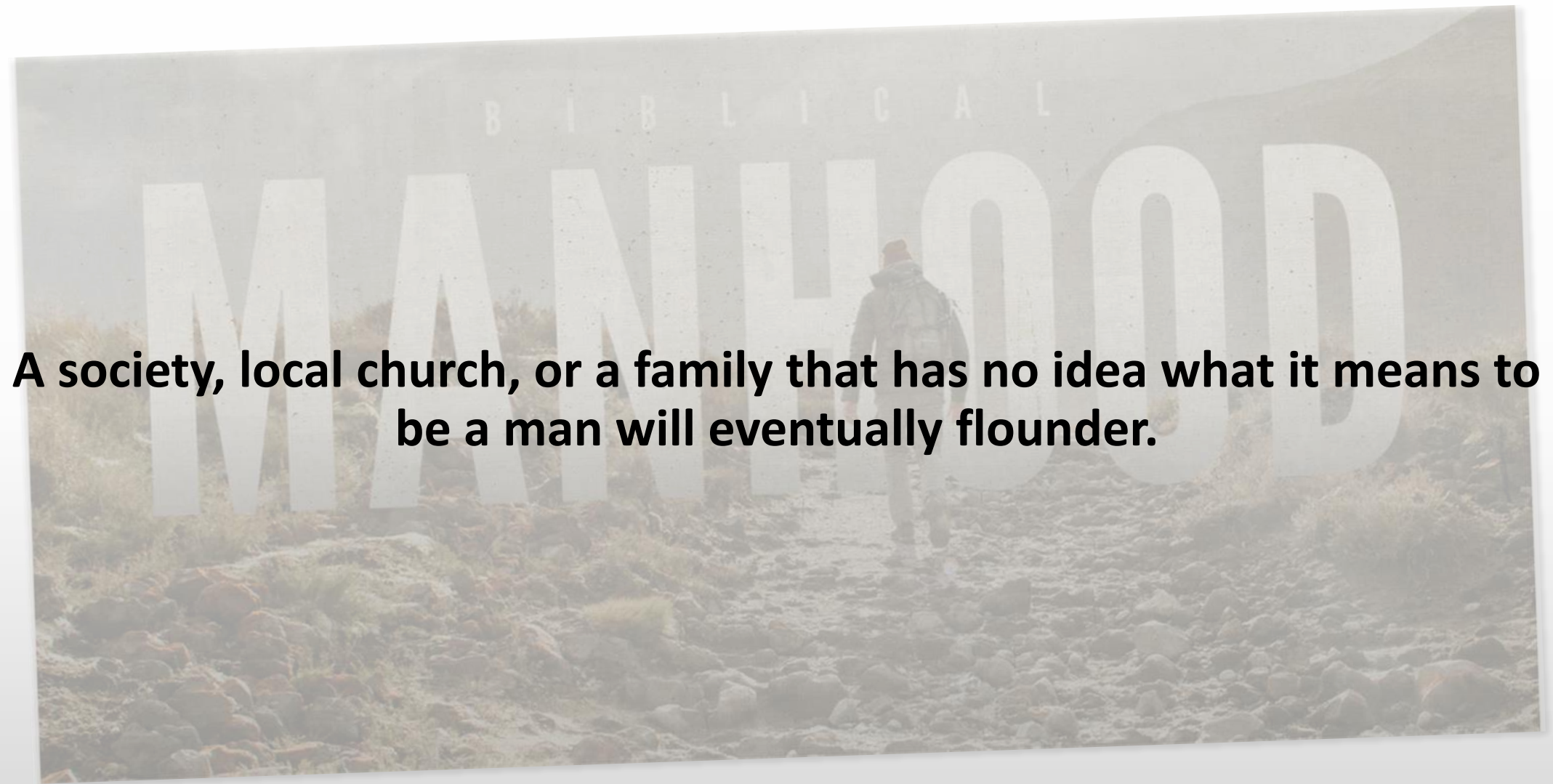
Culture's Definition of Manliness:

- Aggressor, predator, alpha, quitter, deadbeat, lazy, victim, dictator, pawn toxic, workaholic drifter, etc.

Bible characters who struggled with manliness:

- Adam
- Cain
- Jacob
- Esau
- Samson
- Saul





A society, local church, or a family that has no idea what it means to be a man will eventually flounder.

1 Thessalonians 4:3-7

³ For this is the will of God, your sanctification: that you abstain from sexual immorality;

⁴ that each one of you know how to control his own body in holiness and honor,

⁵ not in the passion of lust like the Gentiles who do not know God;

⁶ that no one transgress and wrong his brother in this matter, because the Lord is an avenger in all these things, as we told you beforehand and solemnly warned you.

⁷ For God has not called us for impurity, but in holiness.

⁸ Therefore whoever disregards this, disregards not man but God who gives his Holy Spirit to you.

1 Kings 2:1-3

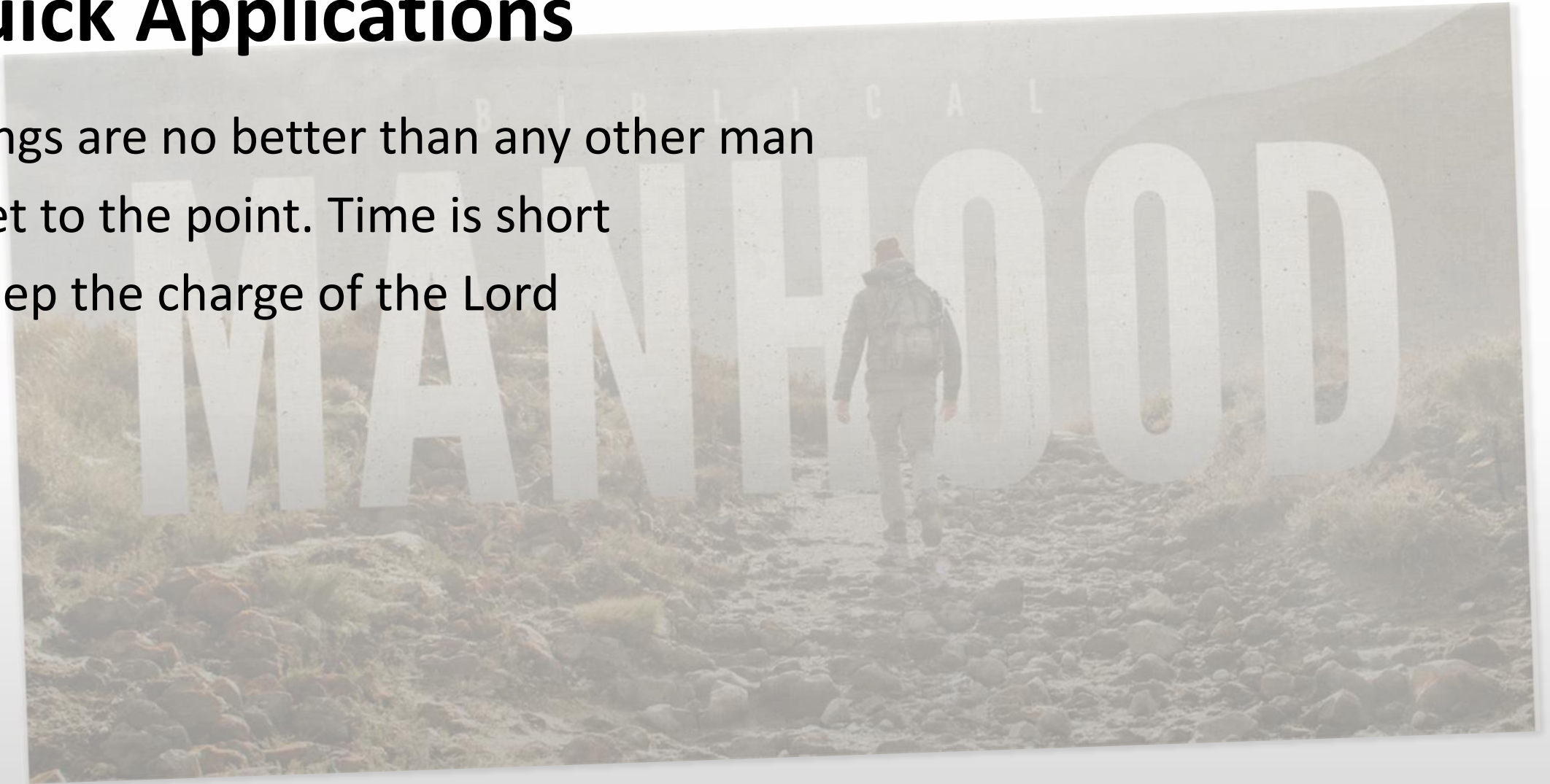
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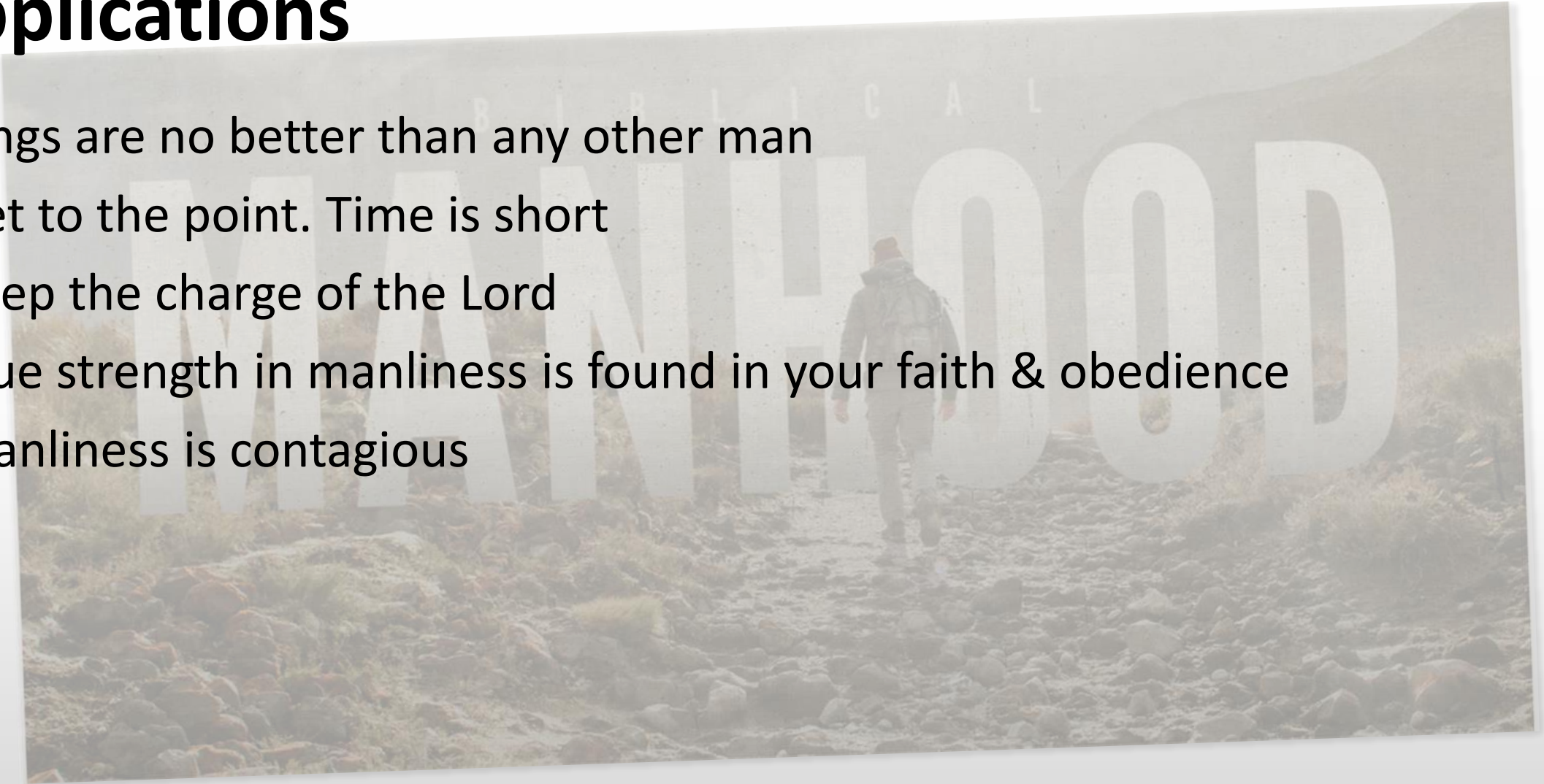
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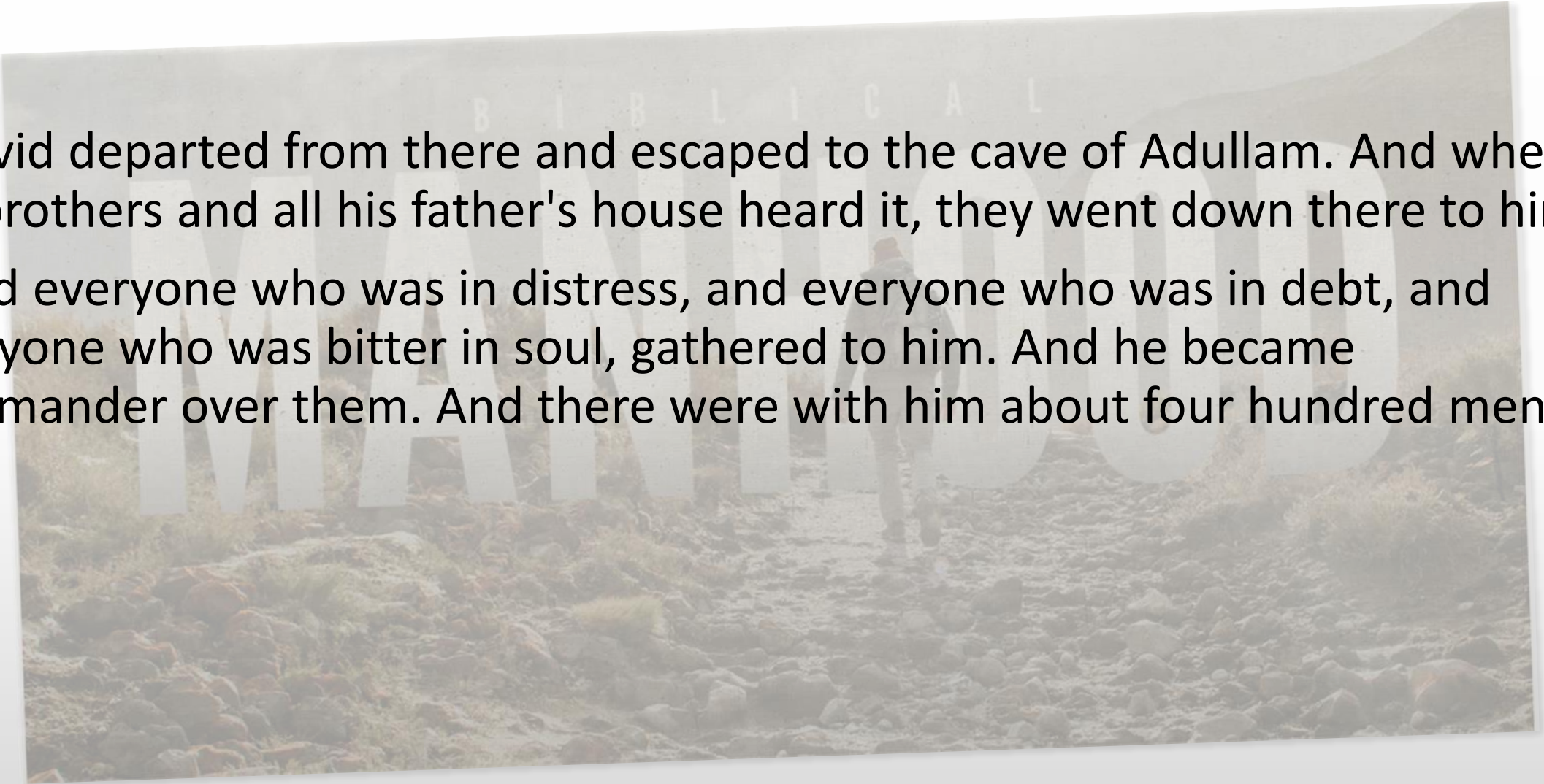
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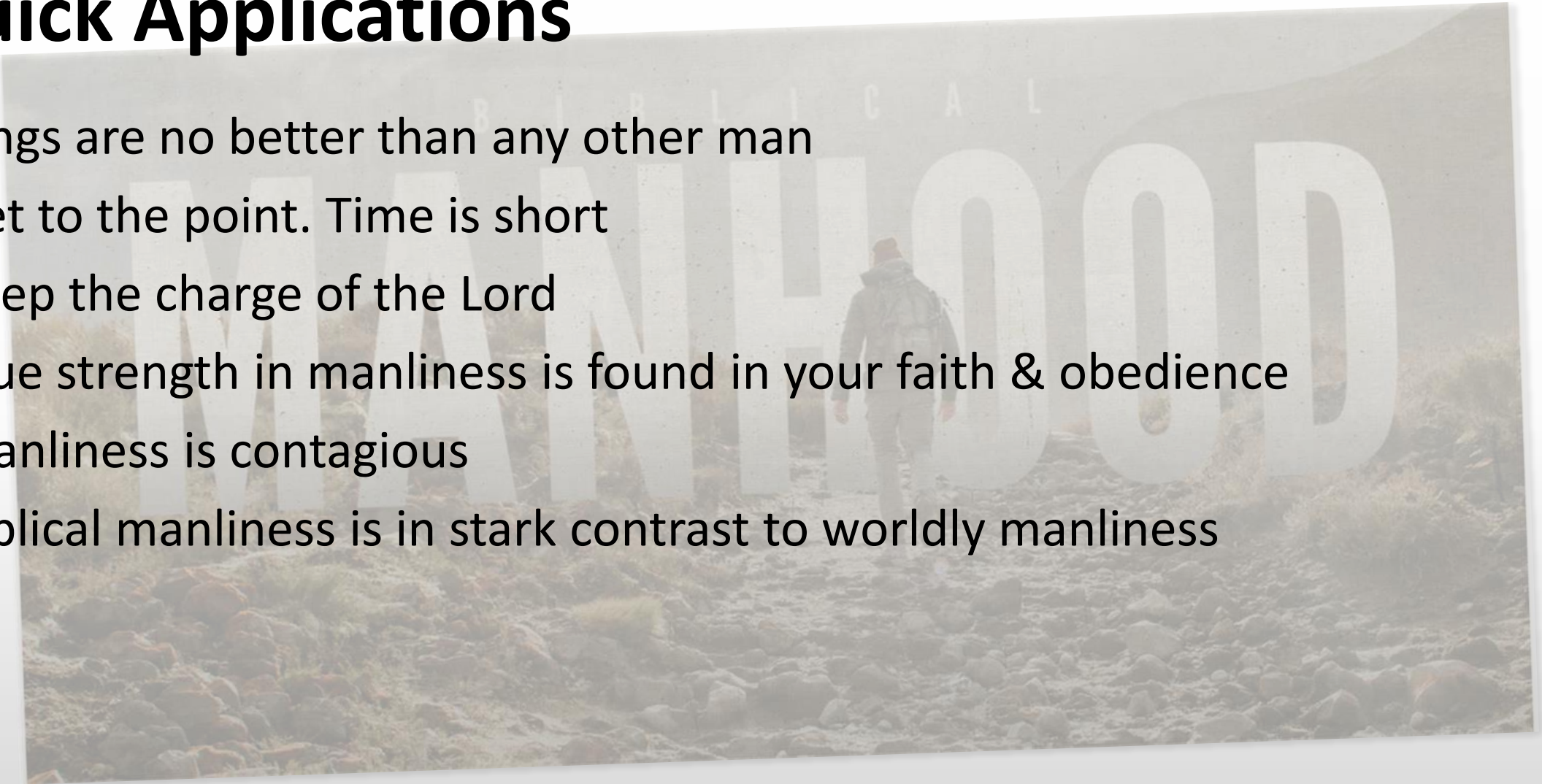
¹ David departed from there and escaped to the cave of Adullam. And when his brothers and all his father's house heard it, they went down there to him.

² And everyone who was in distress, and everyone who was in debt, and everyone who was bitter in soul, gathered to him. And he became commander over them. And there were with him about four hundred men.



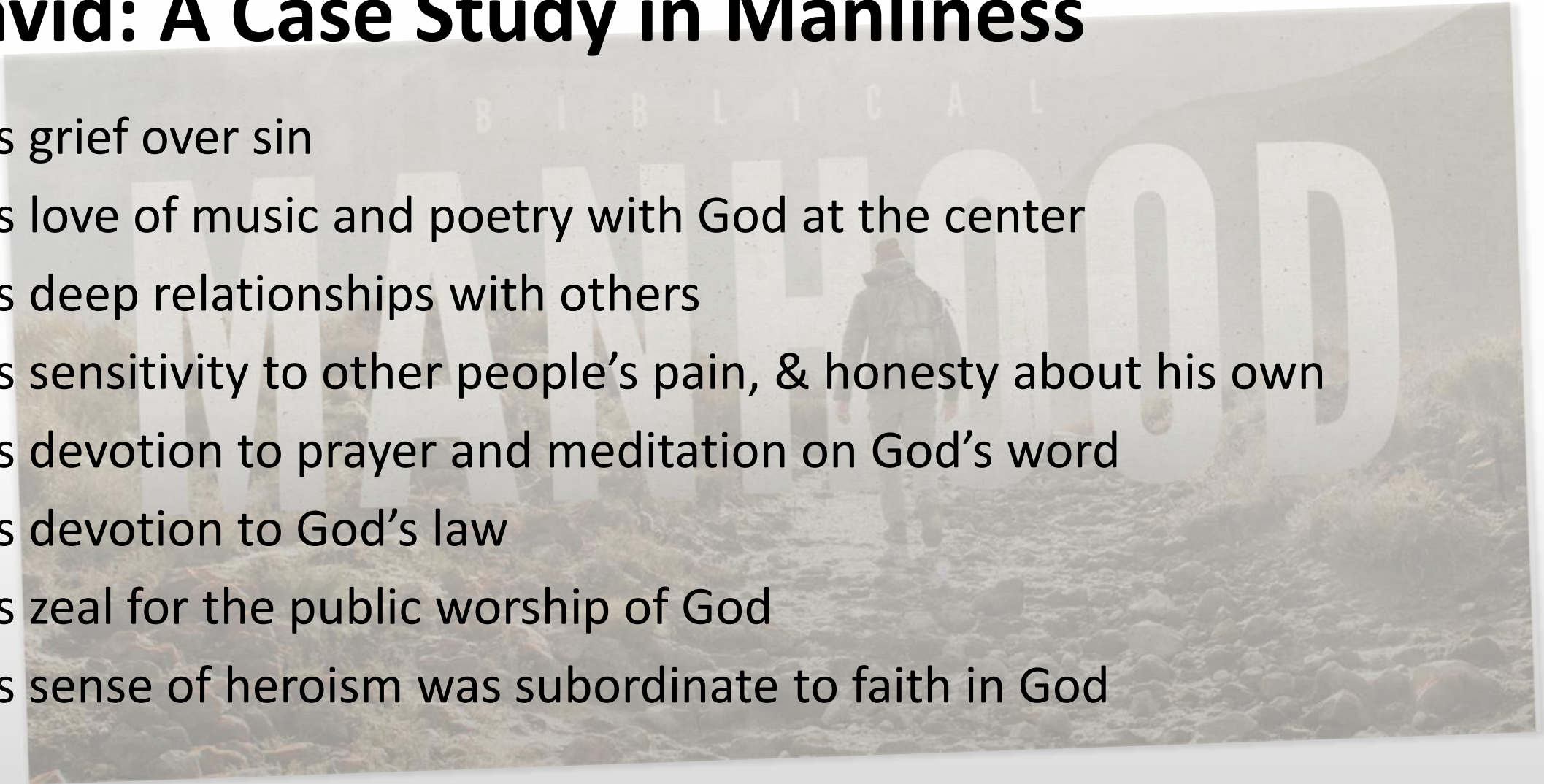
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David: A Case Study in Manliness

- His grief over sin
- His love of music and poetry with God at the center
- His deep relationships with others
- His sensitivity to other people's pain, & honesty about his own
- His devotion to prayer and meditation on God's word
- His devotion to God's law
- His zeal for the public worship of God
- His sense of heroism was subordinate to faith in God



Invitation: Keeping the Child in our Manliness

Mark 14:36

³⁶ And he said, “Abba, Father, all things are possible for you. Remove this cup from me. Yet not what I will, but what you will.”

Gal. 4:6-7

⁶ And because you are sons, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, “Abba! Father!” ⁷ So you are no longer a slave, but a son, and if a son, then an heir through God.

Romans 8:15

¹⁵ For you did not receive the spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received the Spirit of adoption as sons, by whom we cry, “Abba! Father!”

