

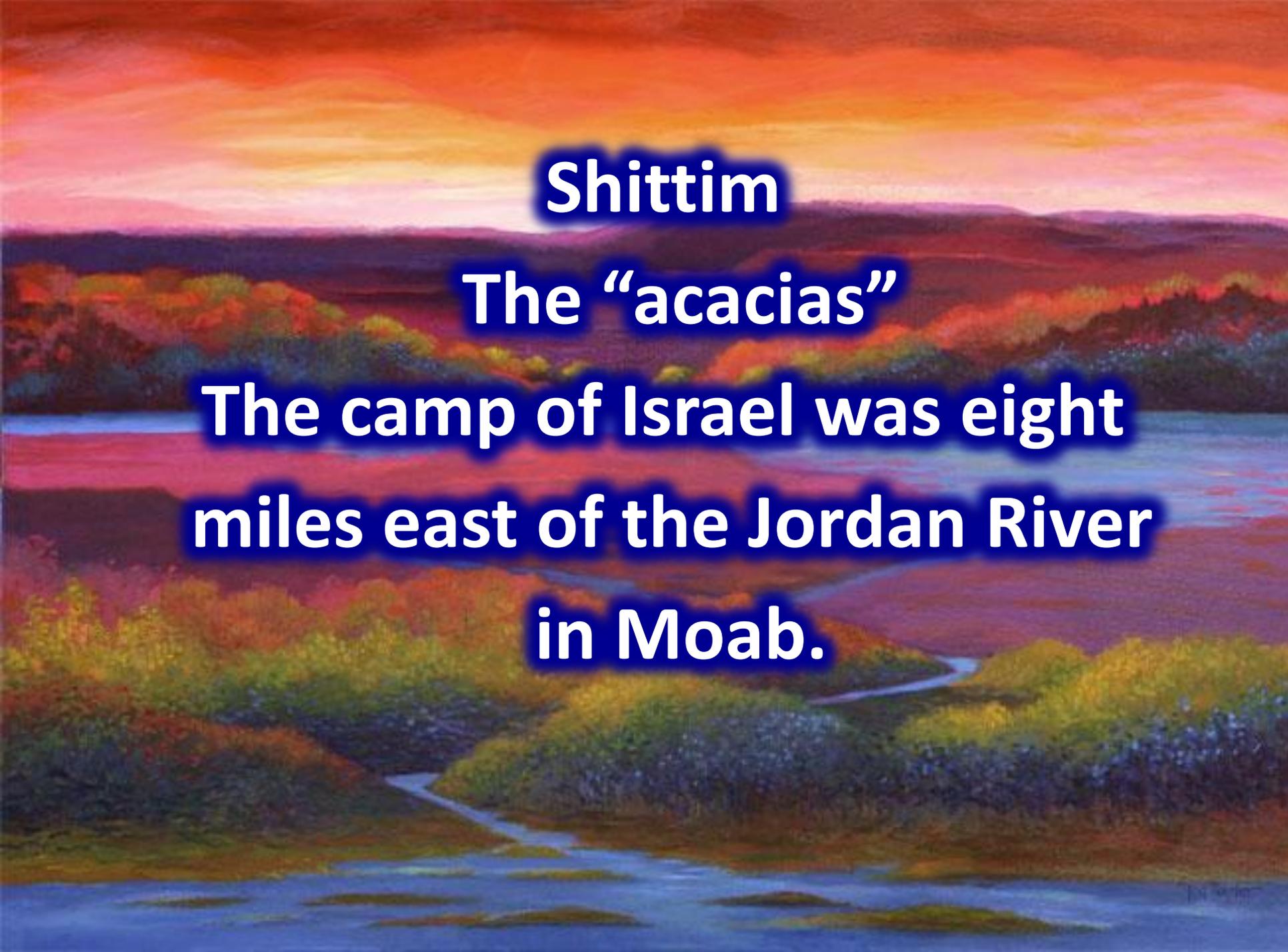
Joshua Series

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Joshua 2

Rahab and the two spies

A painting of a landscape with a winding river and hills under a sunset sky. The sky is a mix of orange, red, and purple. The hills are covered in green and yellow vegetation. The river is a light blue color, winding through the landscape. The overall style is impressionistic.

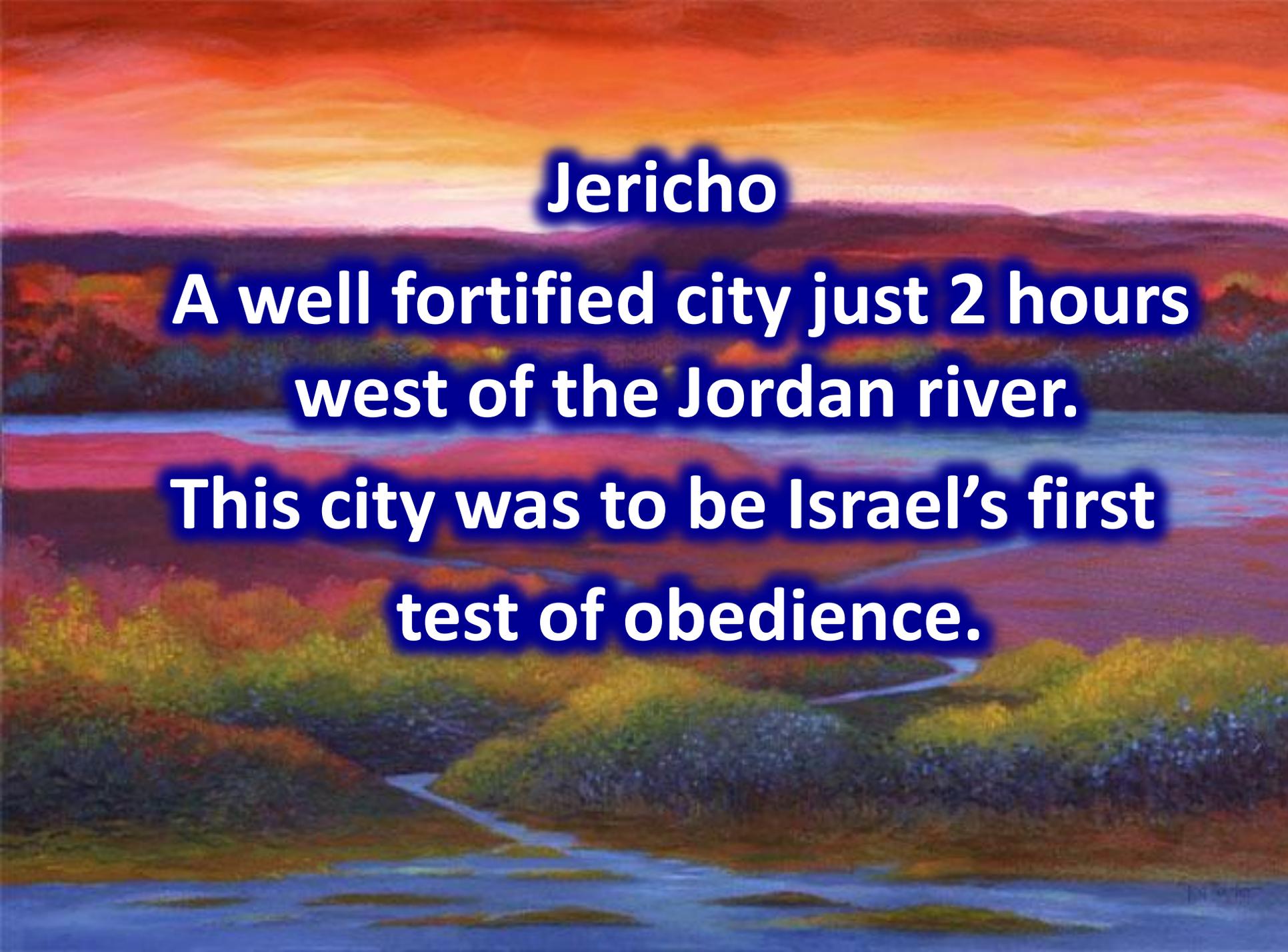
Shittim

The “acacias”

**The camp of Israel was eight
miles east of the Jordan River
in Moab.**

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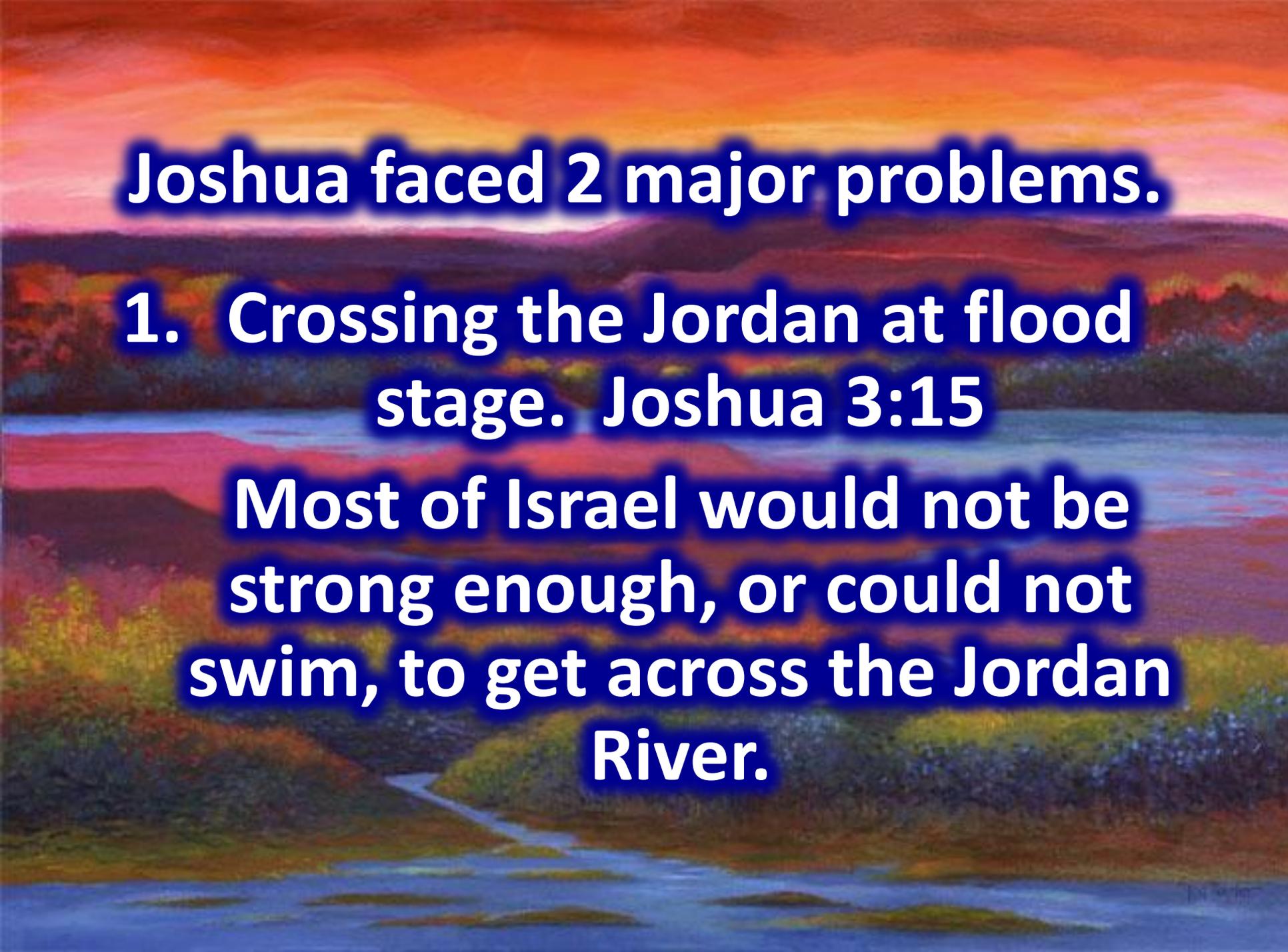
**Israel was in this camp
a good long time.
It is mentioned in
Numbers 25:1 / 33:49**

A painting of a landscape with a river and hills under a sunset sky. The sky is filled with warm, orange and red tones, suggesting a sunset or sunrise. The landscape below is a mix of green and brown, with a winding river or path leading through the hills. The overall mood is serene and dramatic.

Jericho

A well fortified city just 2 hours west of the Jordan river.

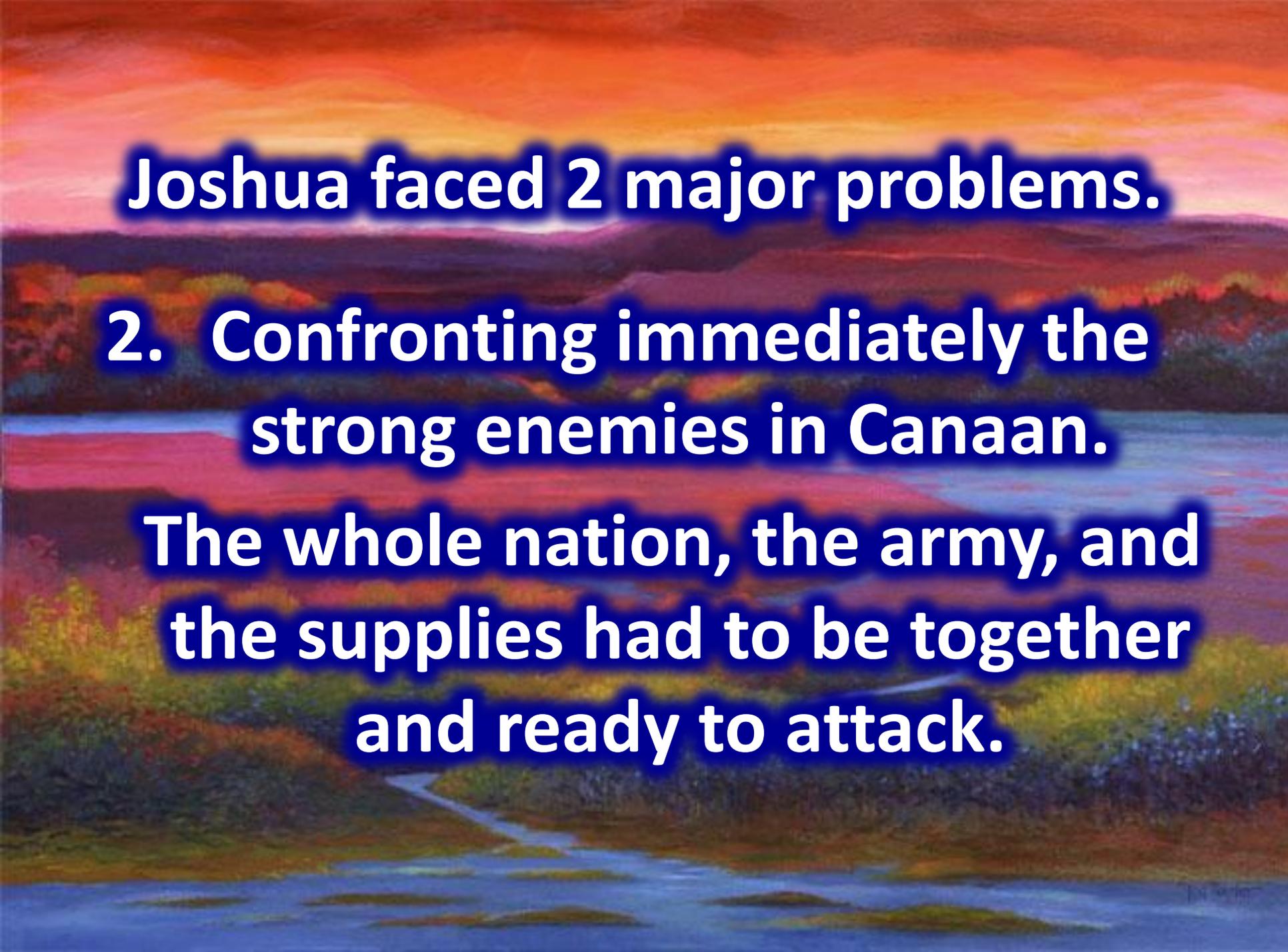
This city was to be Israel's first test of obedience.



Joshua faced 2 major problems.

1. Crossing the Jordan at flood stage. Joshua 3:15

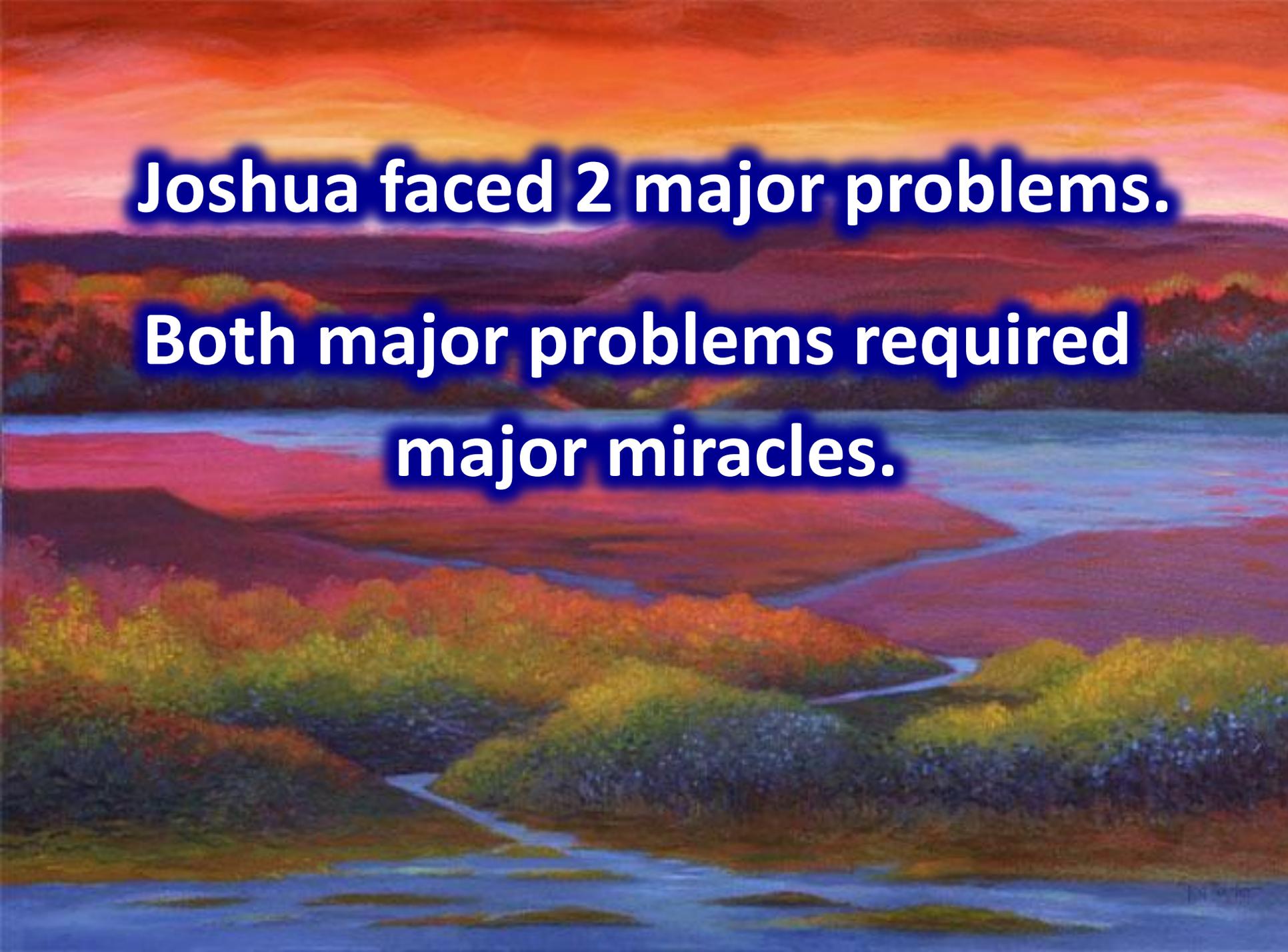
Most of Israel would not be strong enough, or could not swim, to get across the Jordan River.

A painting of a landscape with a river, hills, and a sunset sky. The sky is a mix of orange, red, and purple. The hills are in shades of brown and green. The river is a light blue color. The overall scene is a peaceful, natural setting.

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2. Confronting immediately the strong enemies in Canaan.

The whole nation, the army, and the supplies had to be together and ready to attack.

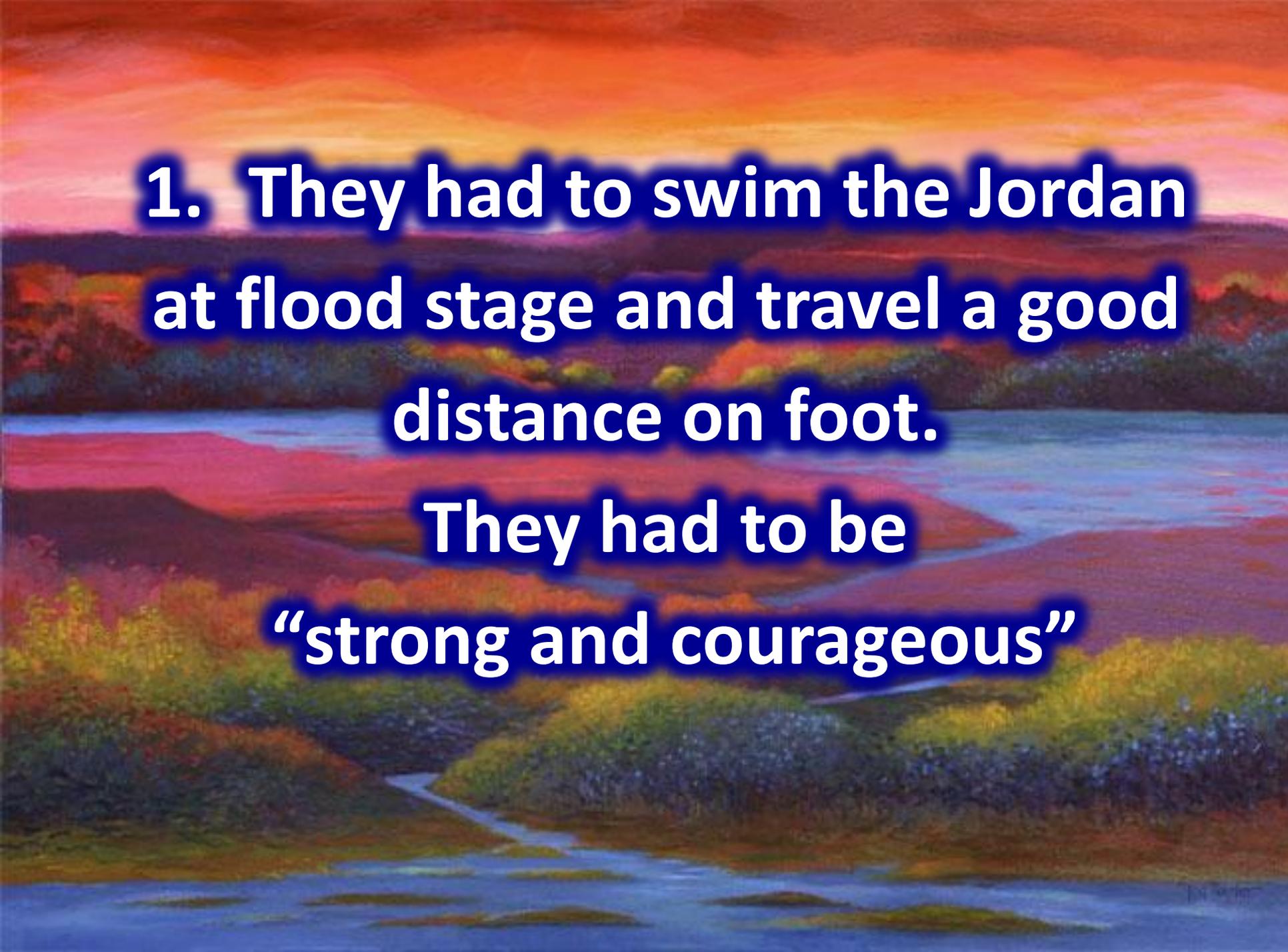
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**Both major problems required
major miracles.**

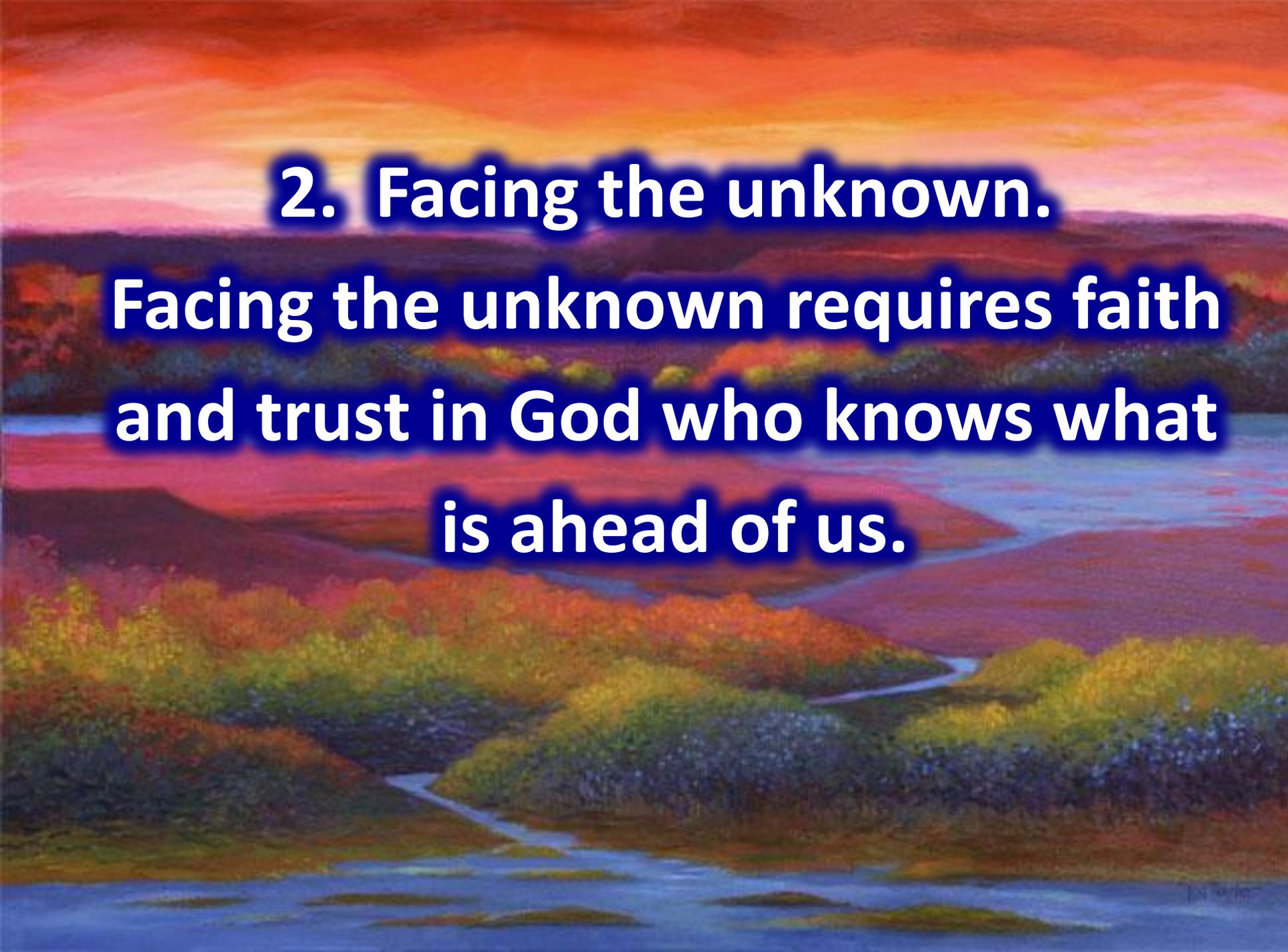
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**The Two Spies
faced dangers and barriers.**

A painting of a landscape with a river and hills under a sunset sky. The sky is a mix of orange, red, and yellow. The hills are in shades of purple, blue, and green. The river is a light blue color. The text is overlaid on the painting.

**1. They had to swim the Jordan
at flood stage and travel a good
distance on foot.**

**They had to be
“strong and courageous”**

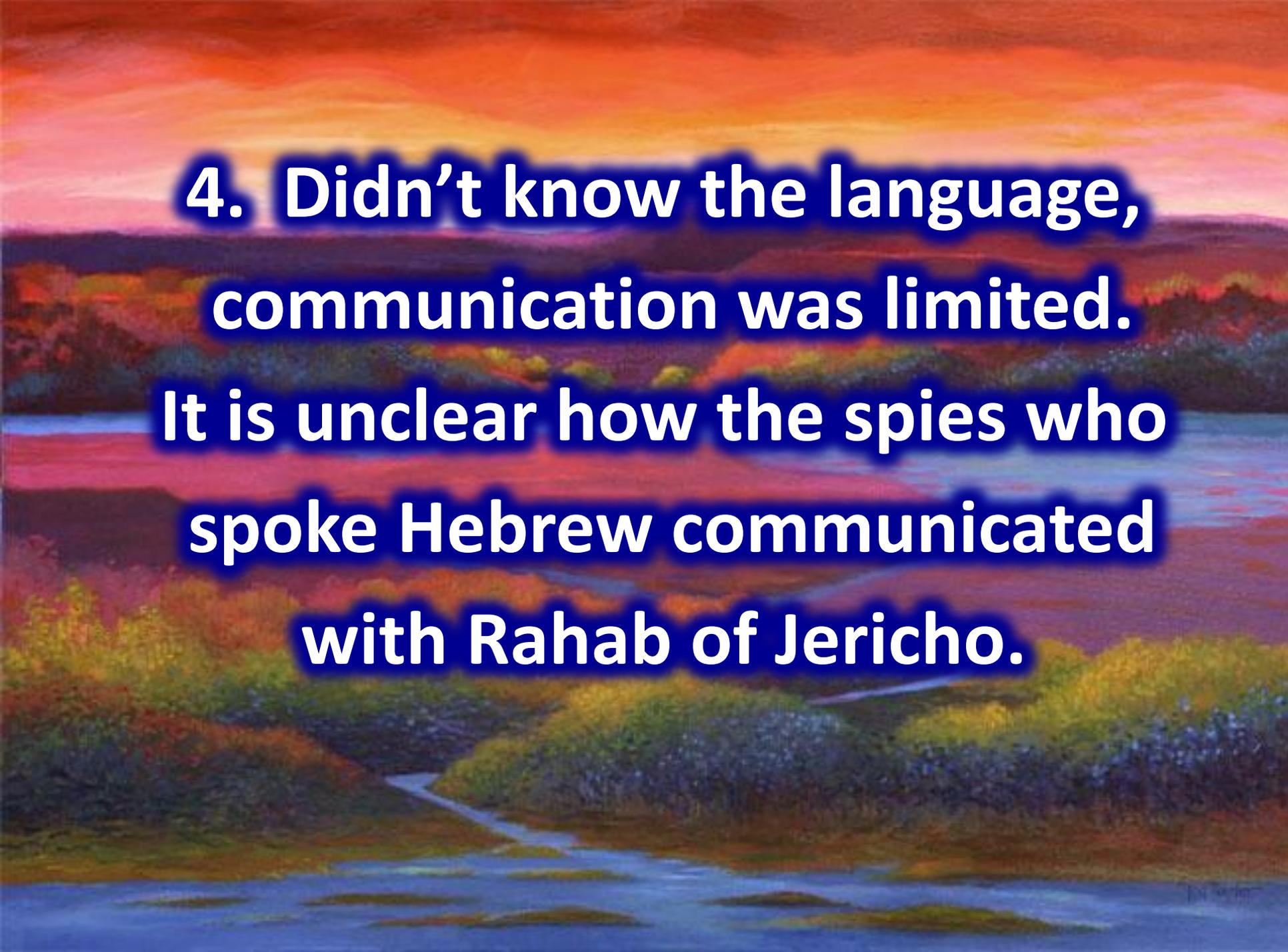
A painting of a winding river through a valley with autumn foliage under a sunset sky. The sky is a mix of orange, red, and purple. The river flows through the center of the valley, surrounded by trees with vibrant autumn colors. The overall mood is serene and contemplative.

2. Facing the unknown.

**Facing the unknown requires faith
and trust in God who knows what
is ahead of us.**



3. Being ready for battle.
God has prophetically shown us
II Chronicles 20

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**4. Didn't know the language,
communication was limited.
It is unclear how the spies who
spoke Hebrew communicated
with Rahab of Jericho.**



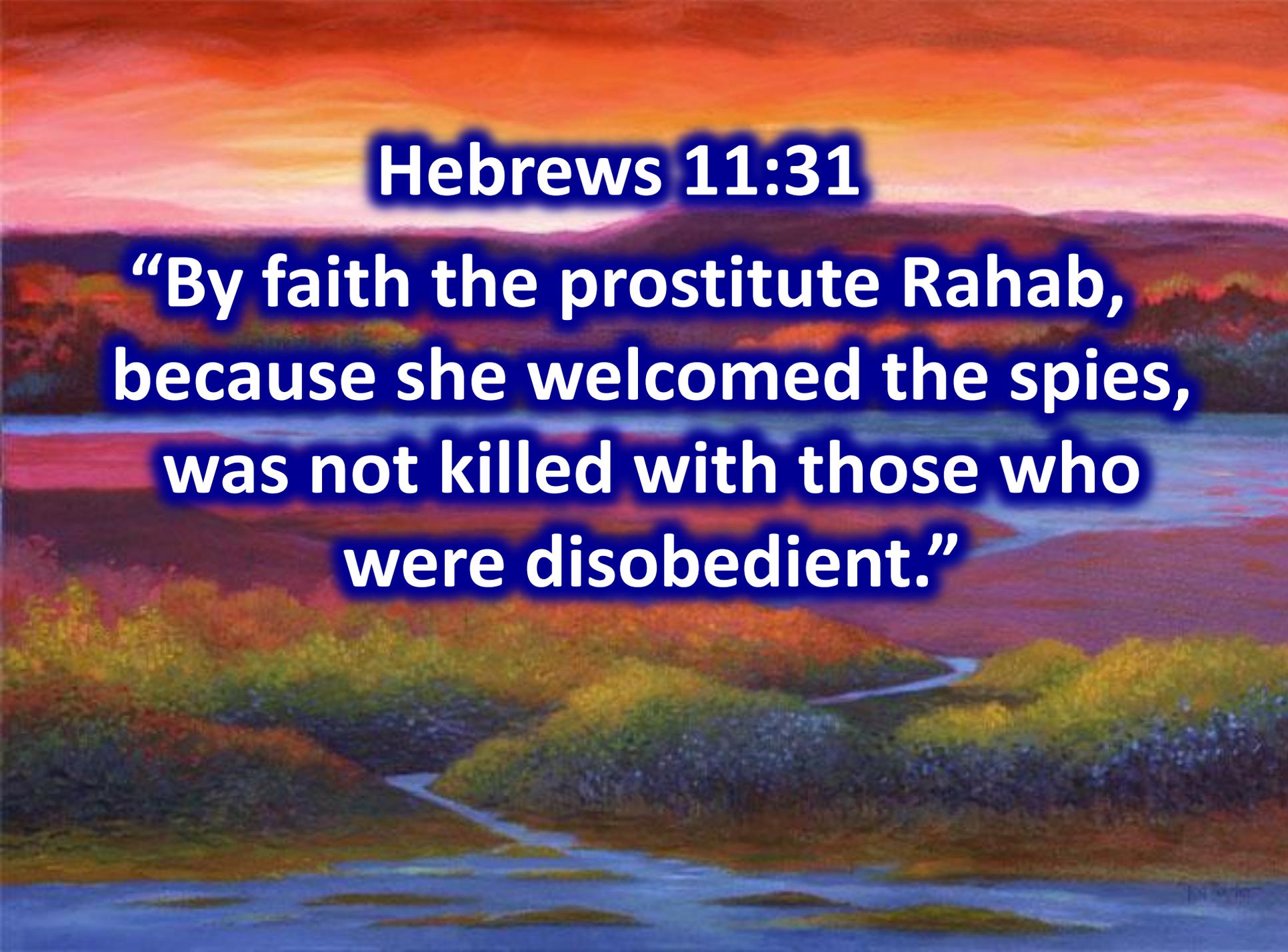
**5. They knew their God.
Their worldview was shaped
by the promises that God
had made to Israel.**

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Rahab

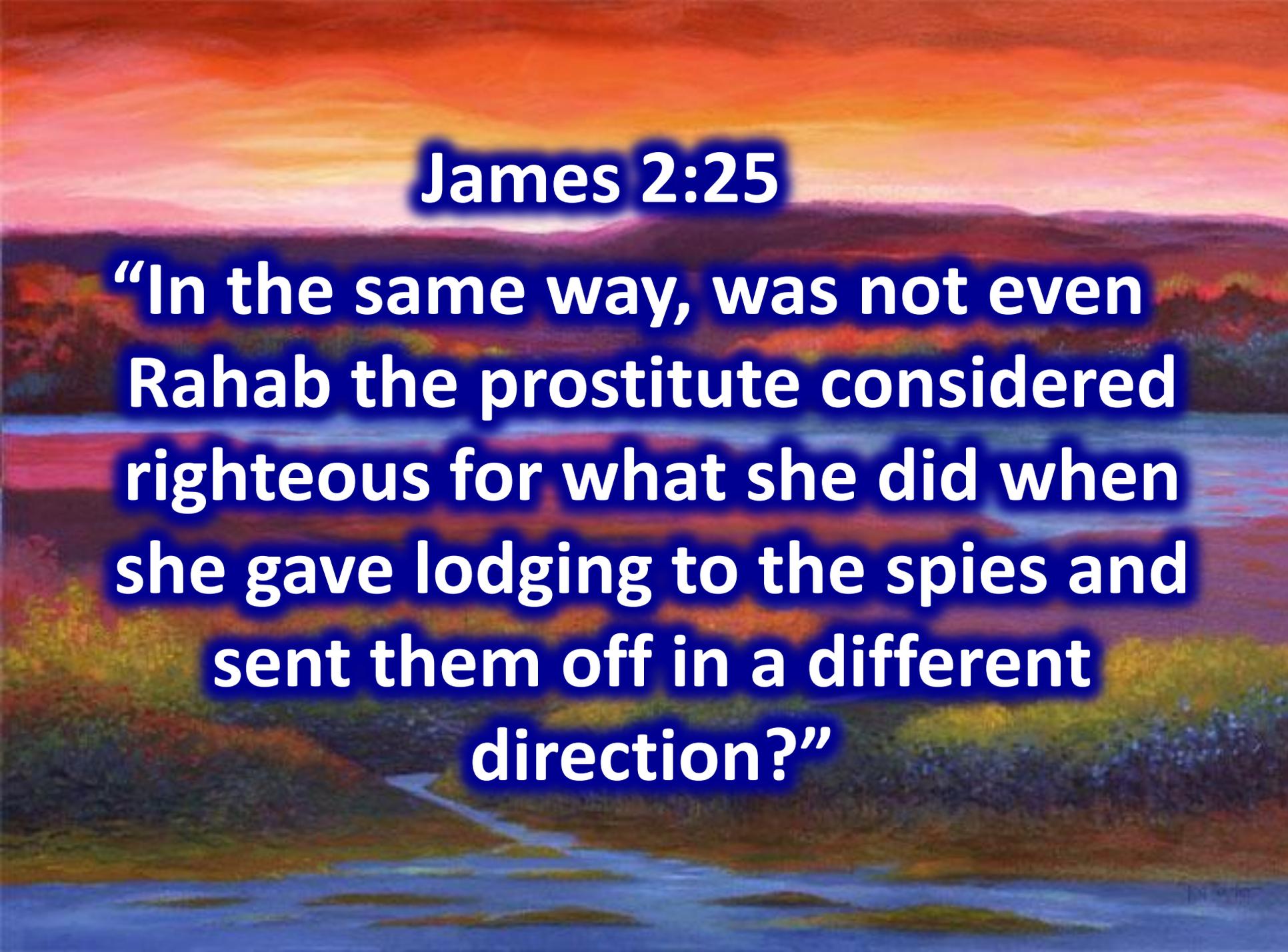
**Part of the ancestral
blood-line of Jesus Christ.**

Matthew 1:5



Hebrews 11:31

**“By faith the prostitute Rahab,
because she welcomed the spies,
was not killed with those who
were disobedient.”**



James 2:25

“In the same way, was not even Rahab the prostitute considered righteous for what she did when she gave lodging to the spies and sent them off in a different direction?”



Rahab

**Knew of the great testimony
of God and of Israel.**

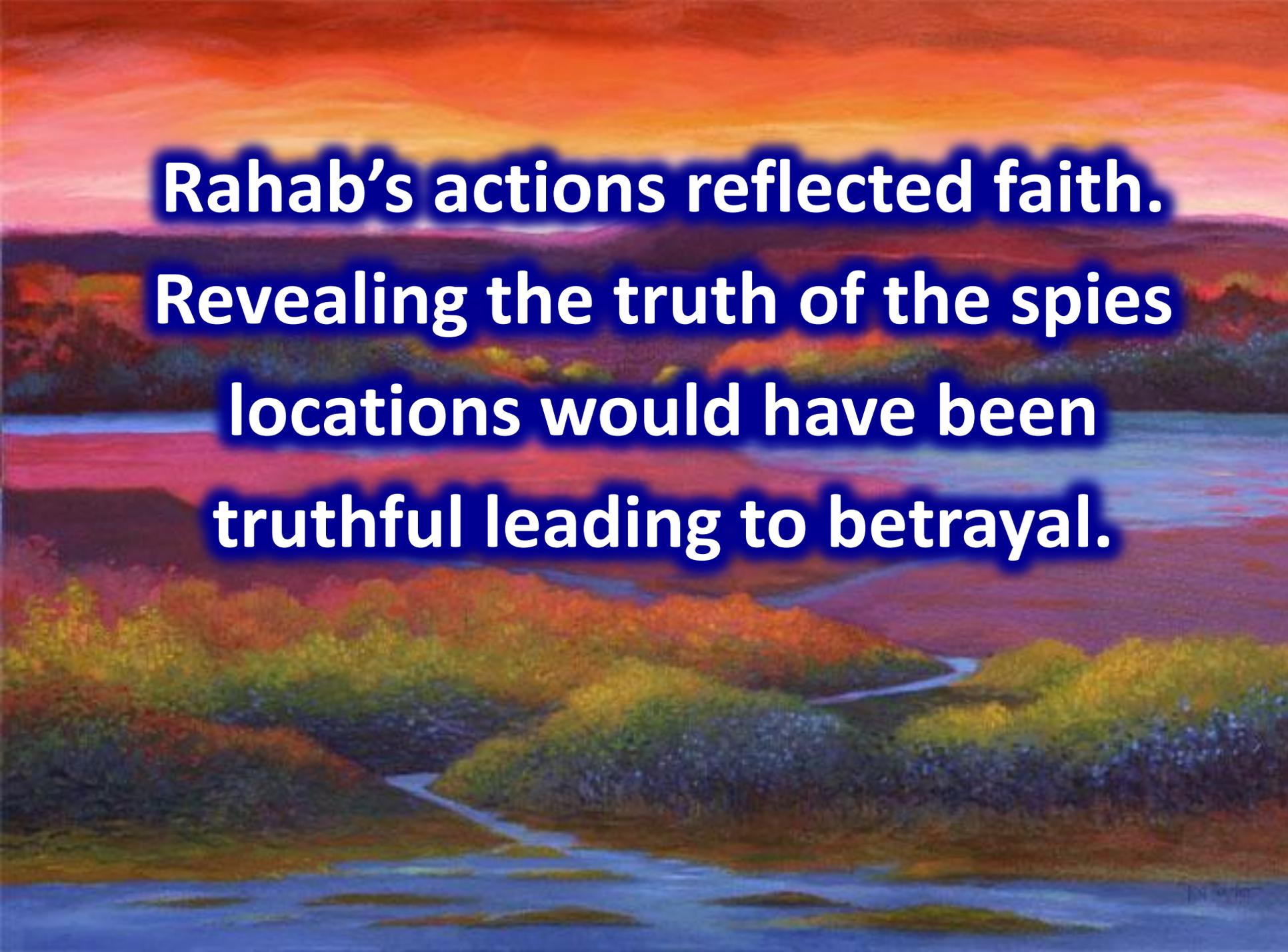
Joshua 2:9-11



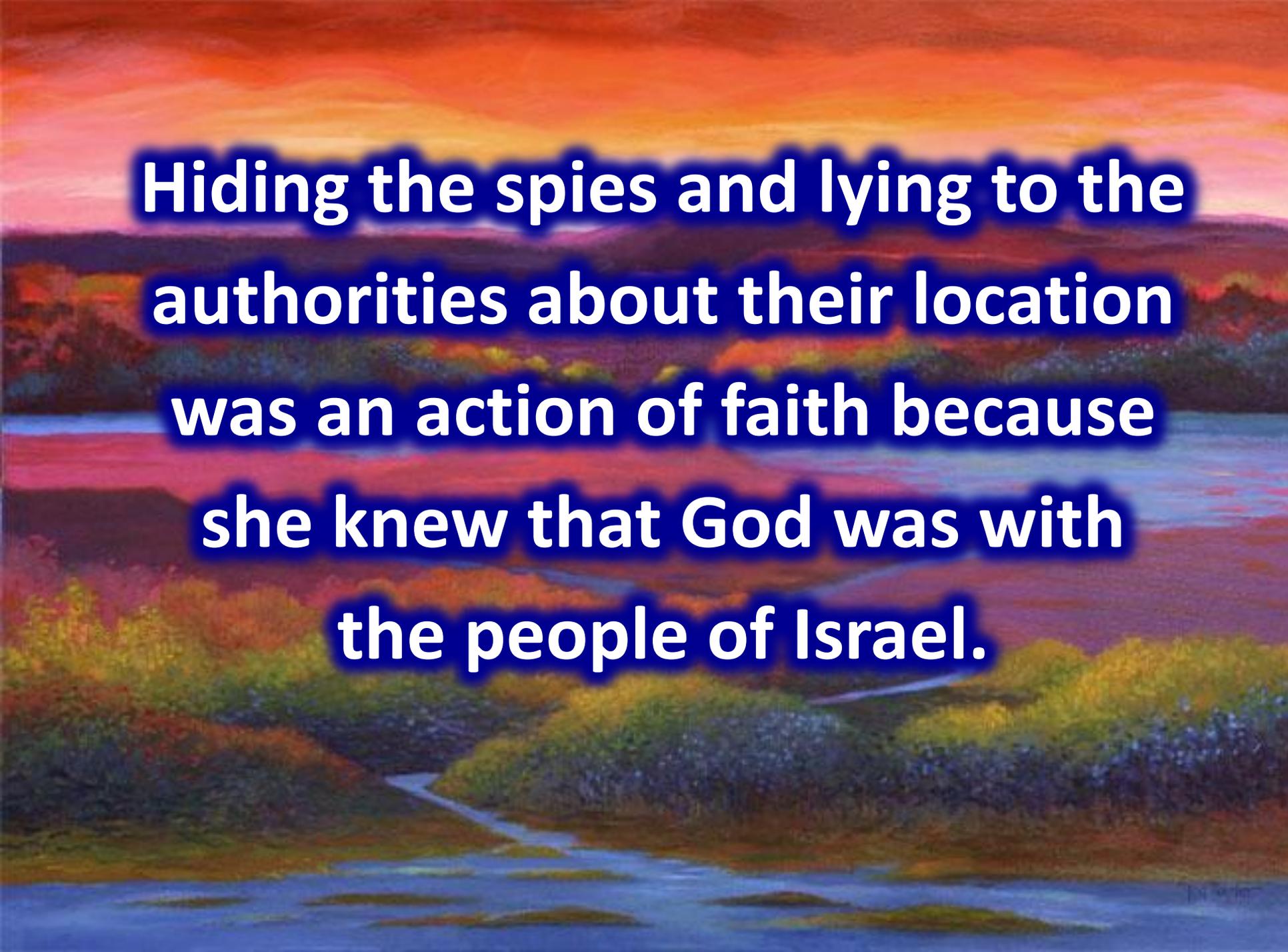
Exodus 15:14-16

Deuteronomy 2:25

**The fear of God and the fear of
Israel motivated Rahab.**

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**Rahab's actions reflected faith.
Revealing the truth of the spies
locations would have been
truthful leading to betrayal.**

A painting of a landscape with a winding path through fields under a sunset sky. The sky is a mix of orange, red, and purple, suggesting a sunset or sunrise. The ground is a mix of green, yellow, and brown, with a winding path leading through the fields. The overall mood is serene and contemplative.

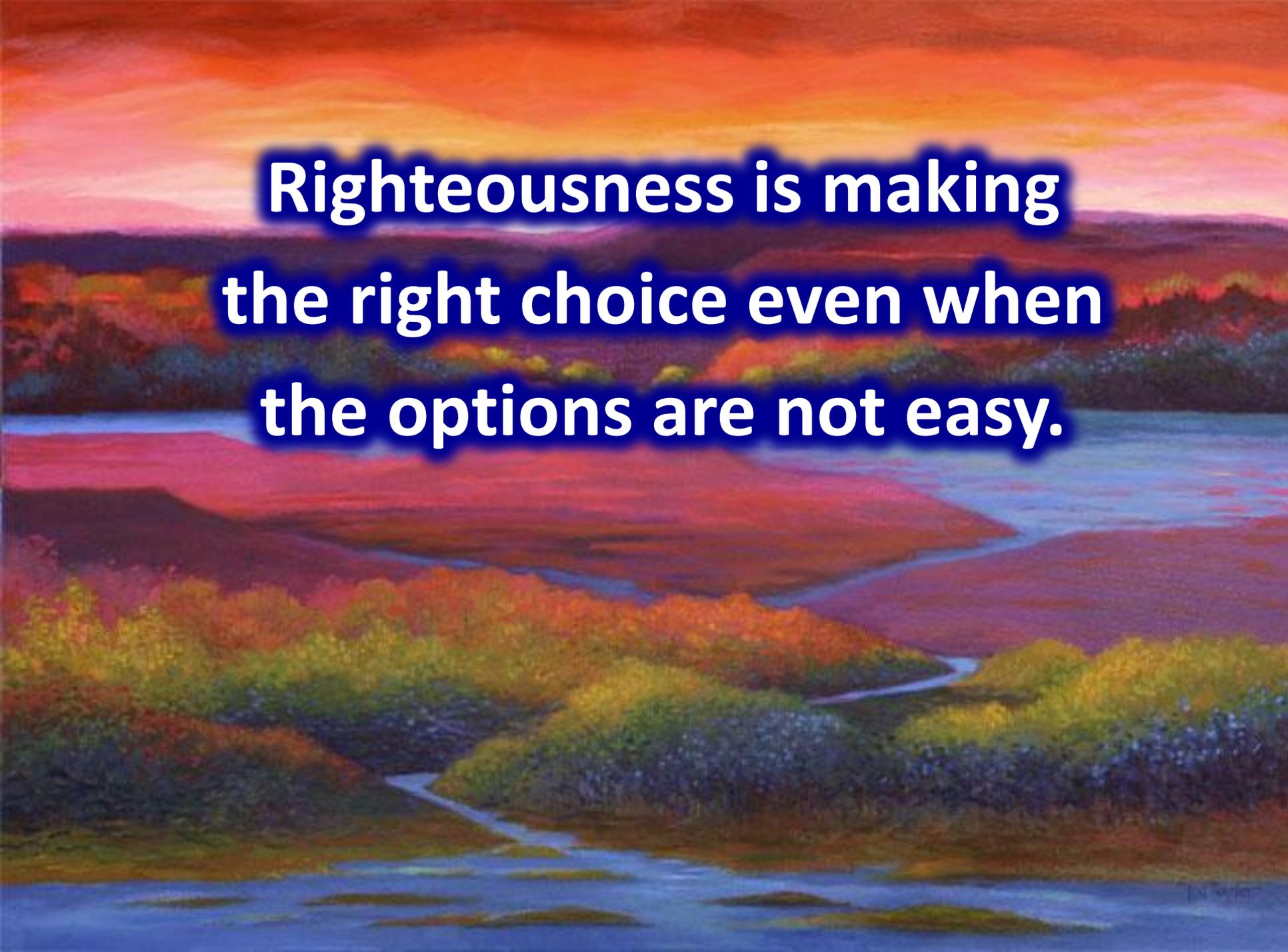
Hiding the spies and lying to the authorities about their location was an action of faith because she knew that God was with the people of Israel.

The background is a painting of a landscape. It features a winding river that flows through a valley, surrounded by rolling hills and mountains. The sky is filled with warm, vibrant colors, suggesting a sunset or sunrise. The overall mood is serene and picturesque. The text is overlaid on the upper portion of the painting.

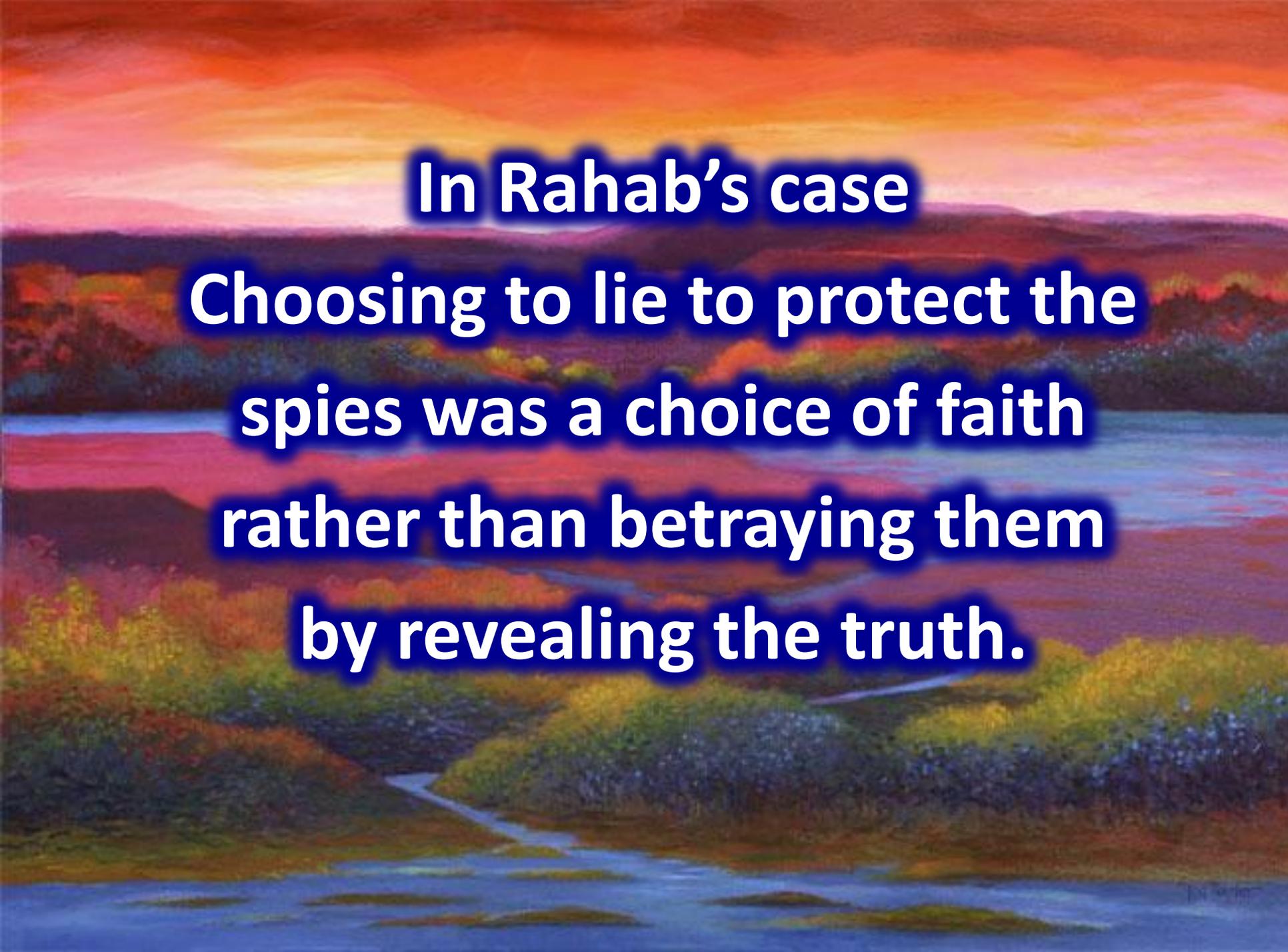
Example
“The Hiding Place”
By Corrie Ten Boom

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Example
The Hebrew midwives
Exodus 1:15-21

A painting of a landscape with a winding river and hills under a sunset sky. The sky is a mix of orange, red, and purple. The hills are covered in trees with autumn foliage in shades of orange, yellow, and green. A river winds through the landscape, reflecting the colors of the sky and the surrounding terrain. The overall mood is serene and contemplative.

**Righteousness is making
the right choice even when
the options are not easy.**

A landscape painting depicting a sunset or sunrise over a valley. The sky is filled with warm, vibrant colors of orange, red, and pink. Below the sky, a river flows through a valley, with a winding path leading towards the water. The foreground shows a path crossing the river, and the background features rolling hills and mountains under the colorful sky.

**In Rahab's case
Choosing to lie to protect the
spies was a choice of faith
rather than betraying them
by revealing the truth.**



**Obedience and loyalty
to God must be first and
foremost.**

Acts 4:19 / 5:29,32

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“Scarlet Cord”

**Always seen by commentators as
the symbol of salvation through
the blood of Christ.**



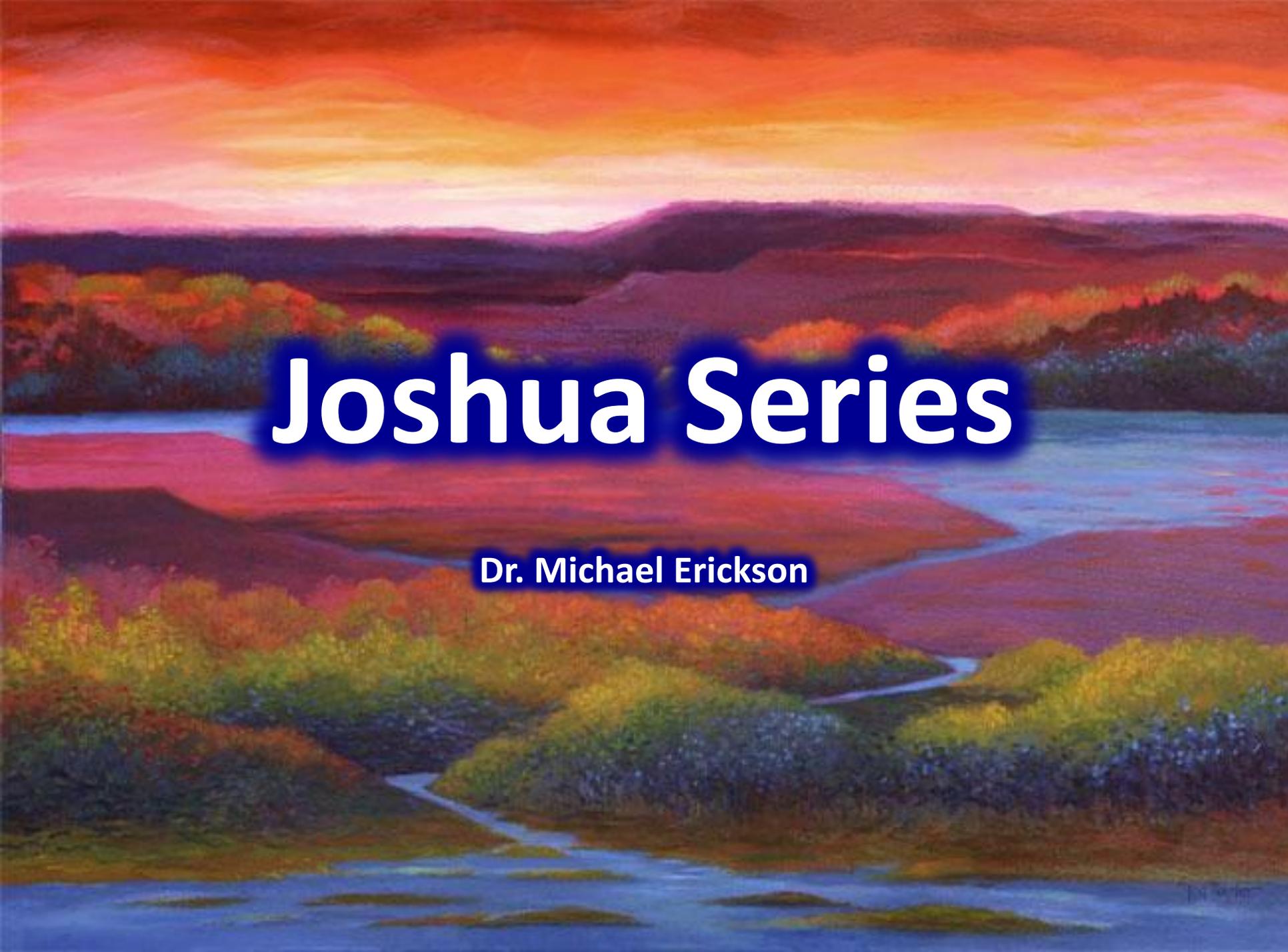
“Scarlet Cord”

**Had the same effect as the
Passover lamb in Egypt.**

A painting of a sunset over a river valley. The sky is filled with warm, glowing colors of orange, red, and yellow. Below the sky, rolling hills and a winding path lead down to a river. The landscape is bathed in the soft light of the setting sun, creating a peaceful and scenic atmosphere.

Joshua 6:23-25

**Rahab is rewarded and her family
grafted into the nation of Israel.**



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