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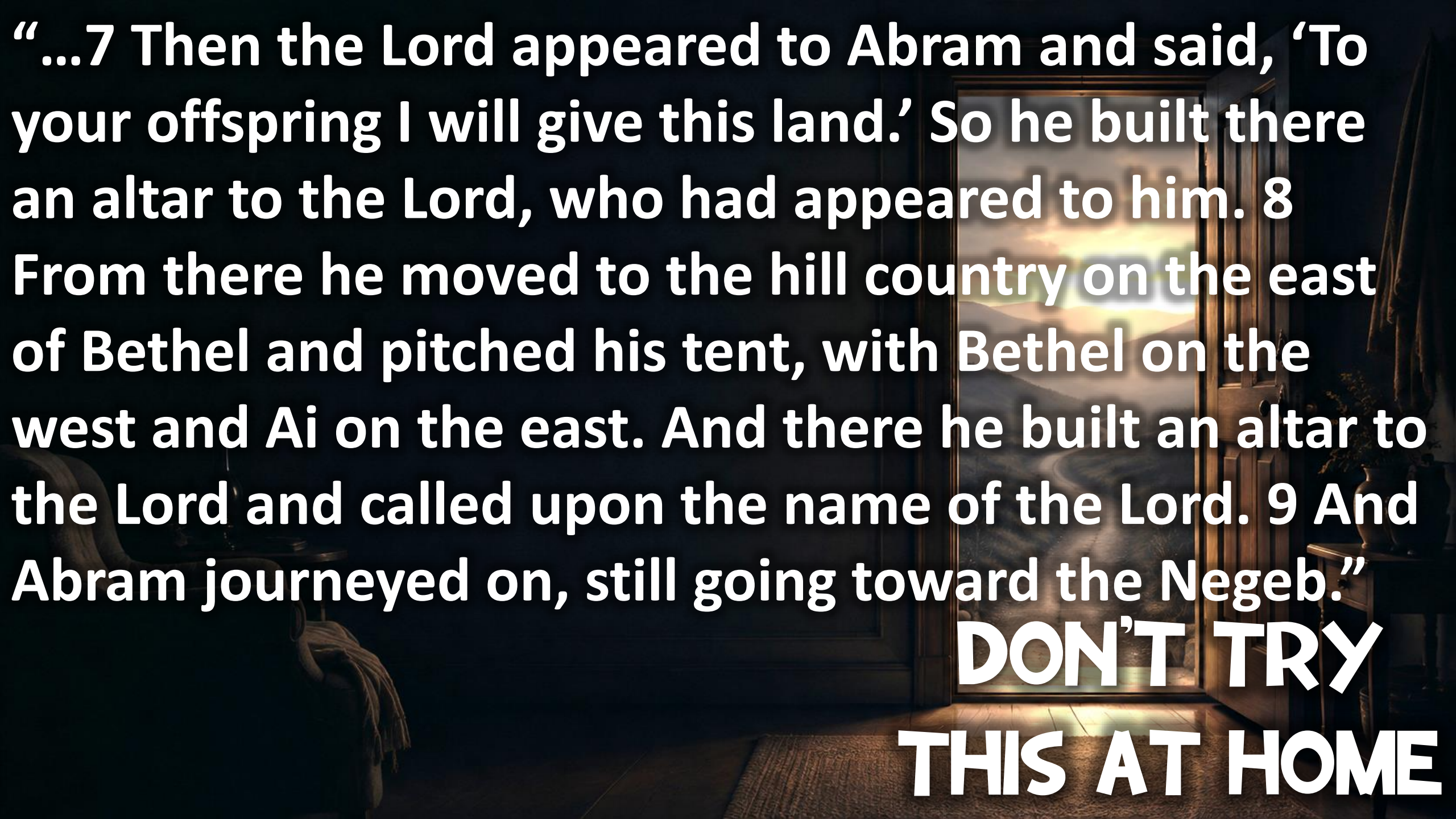
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**Genesis 12:1-9 (ESV): “Now the Lord said to Abram,
‘Go from your country and your kindred and your
father’s house to the land that I will show you. 2 And I
will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you
and make your name great, so that you will be a
blessing. 3 I will bless those who bless you, and him
who dishonors you I will curse, and in you all the
families of the earth shall be blessed.’ 4 So Abram
went, as the Lord had told him,
and Lot went with him....”**

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“...Abram was seventy-five years old when he departed from Haran. 5 And Abram took Sarai his wife, and Lot his brother’s son, and all their possessions that they had gathered, and the people that they had acquired in Haran, and they set out to go to the land of Canaan. When they came to the land of Canaan, 6 Abram passed through the land to the place at Shechem, to the oak of Moreh. At that time the Canaanites were in the land....” **DON'T TRY THIS AT HOME**

A dimly lit interior space, possibly a living room, with a large window in the background. The window looks out onto a landscape with a bright sunset or sunrise, casting a warm glow. The room is dark, with some furniture and decor visible in the shadows.

“...7 Then the Lord appeared to Abram and said, ‘To your offspring I will give this land.’ So he built there an altar to the Lord, who had appeared to him. 8 From there he moved to the hill country on the east of Bethel and pitched his tent, with Bethel on the west and Ai on the east. And there he built an altar to the Lord and called upon the name of the Lord. 9 And Abram journeyed on, still going toward the Negeb.”

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Joshua 24:2 (ESV): “Thus says the Lord, the God of Israel, ‘Long ago, your fathers lived beyond the Euphrates, Terah, the father of Abraham and of Nahor; and they served other gods.’”

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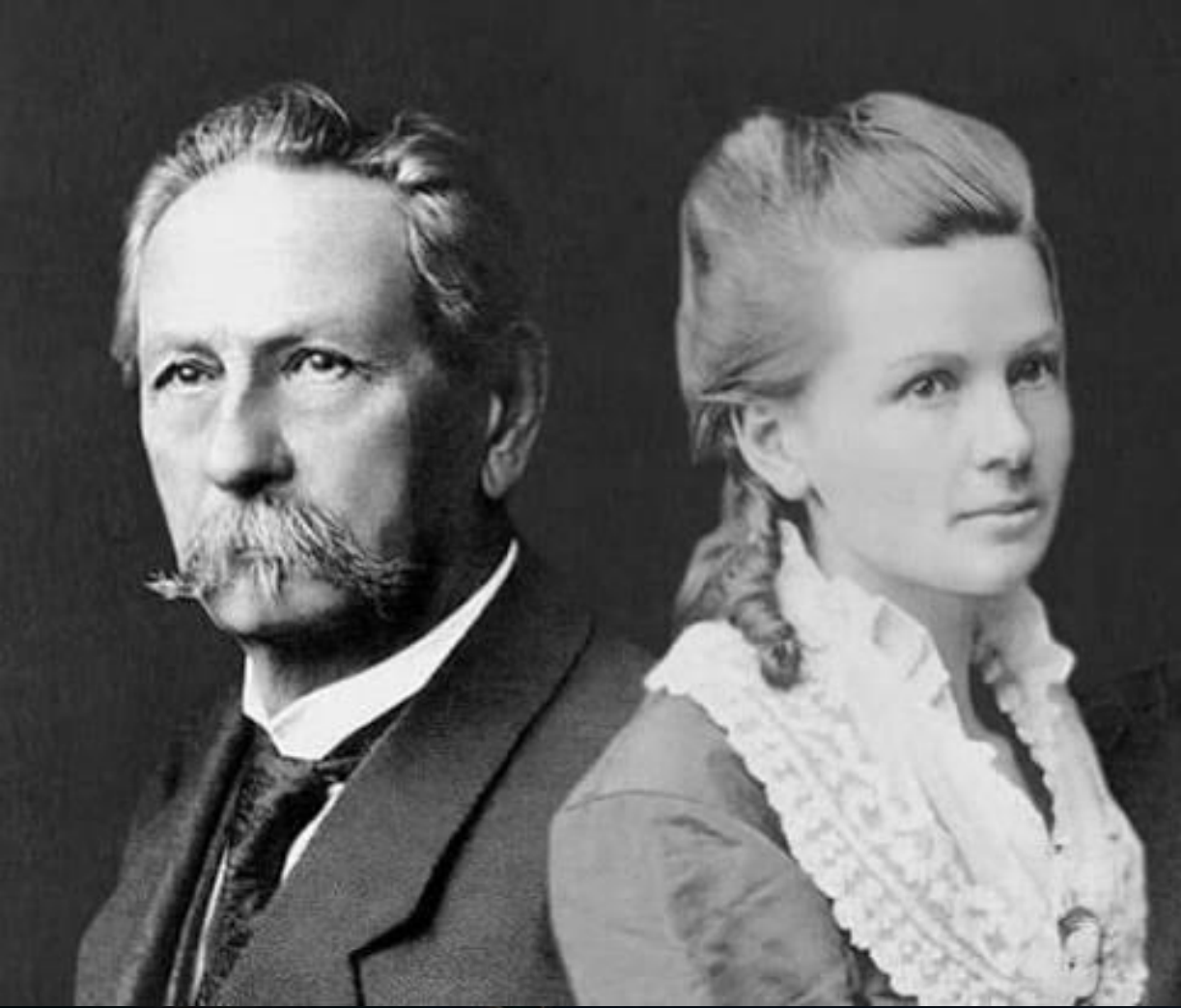
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**GOD DOESN'T TELL US
HOW;
HE JUST TELLS US
NOW.**

MAIN PONT

A photograph of a dark wooden door slightly ajar, revealing a bright, hazy landscape outside. The landscape features rolling hills and a winding dirt road that leads towards a bright sunset or sunrise over distant mountains. The light from the window illuminates the floor and the interior of the room, which is mostly in shadow. To the right of the door, a small wooden table holds a vase with flowers and a hanging plant.

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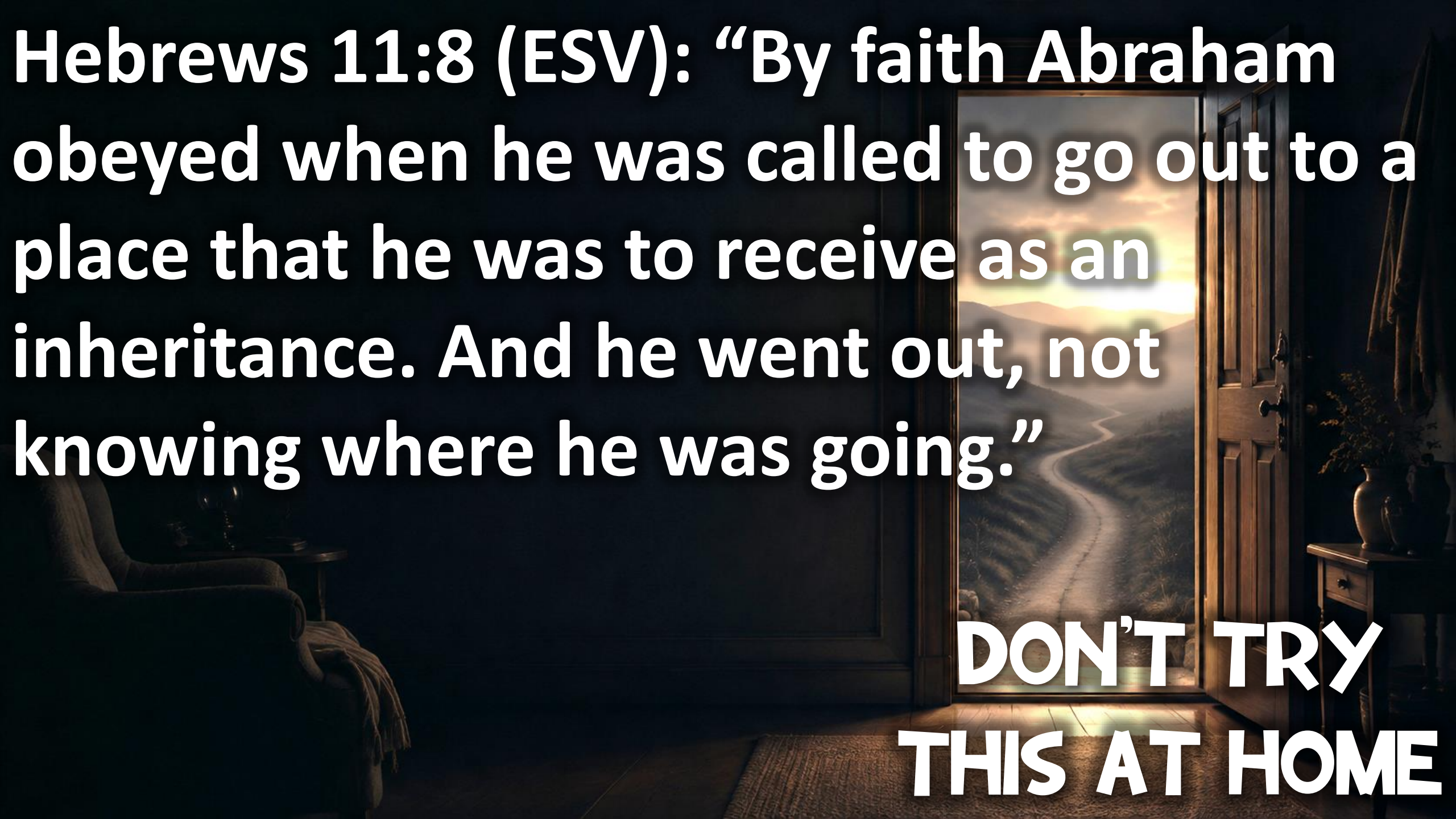


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Hebrews 11:8 (ESV): “By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to go out to a place that he was to receive as an inheritance. And he went out, not knowing where he was going.”



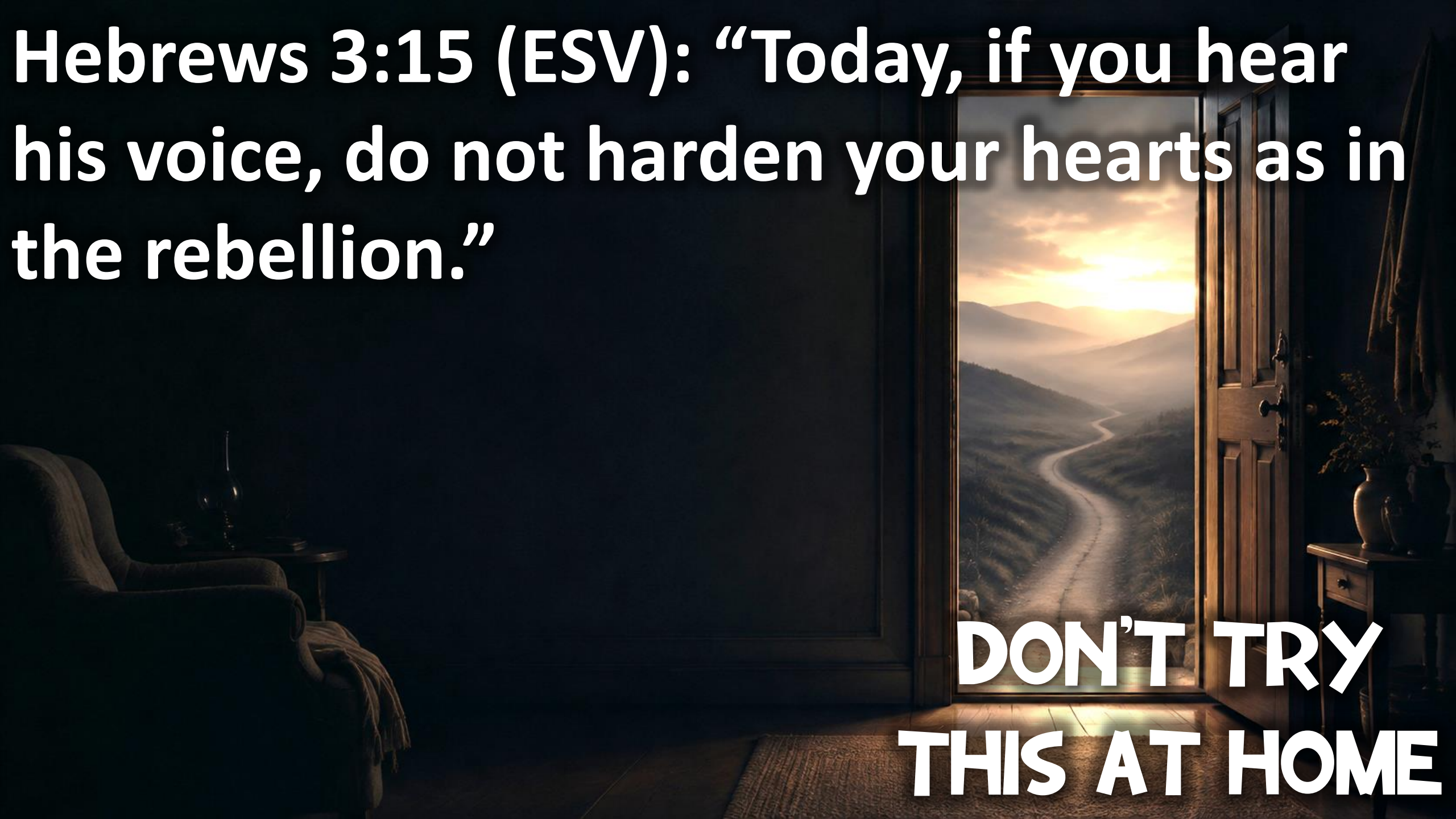
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2 Corinthians 5:7 (ESV): “We walk by faith, not by sight.”



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Hebrews 3:15 (ESV): “Today, if you hear his voice, do not harden your hearts as in the rebellion.”



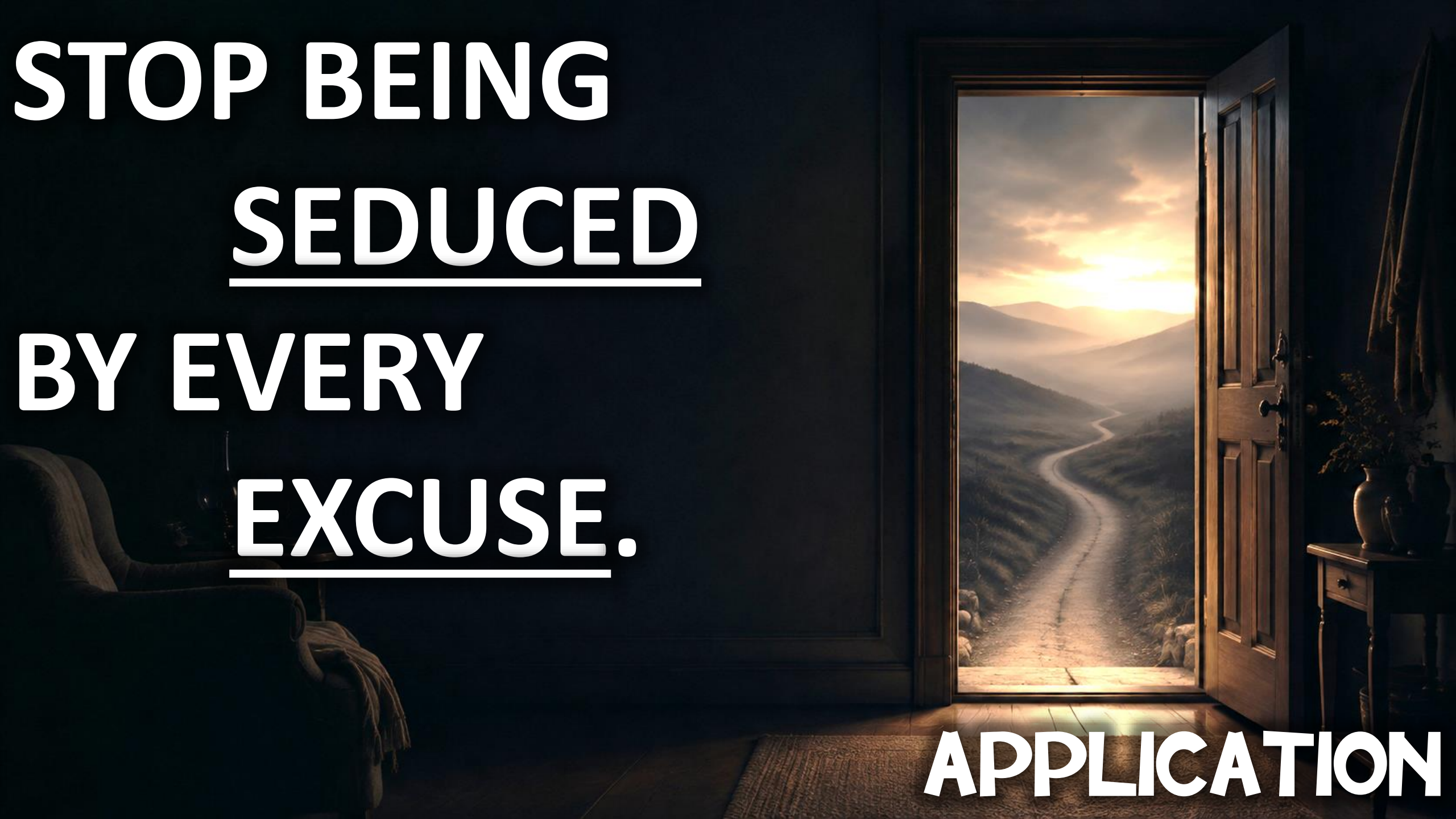
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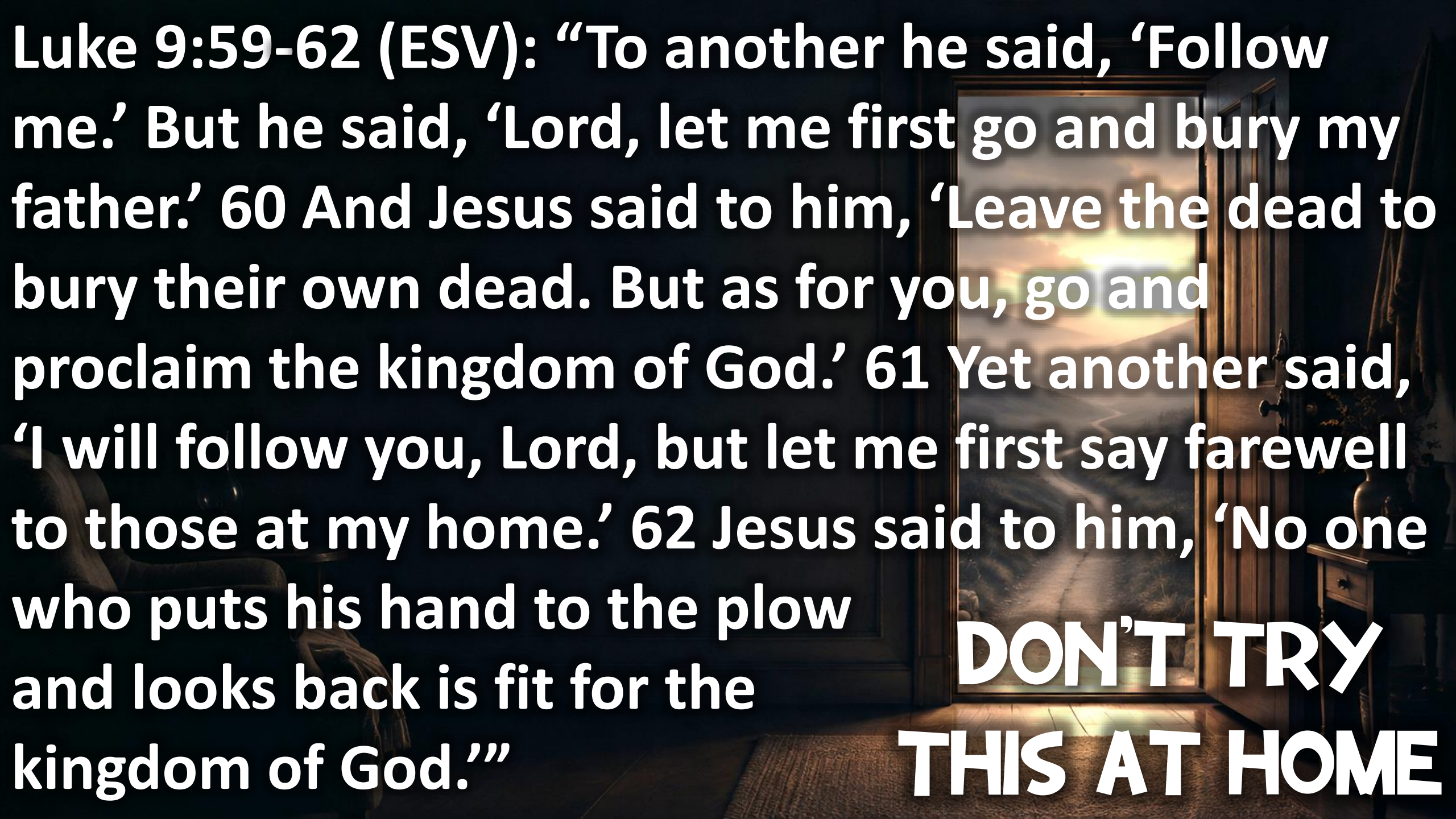
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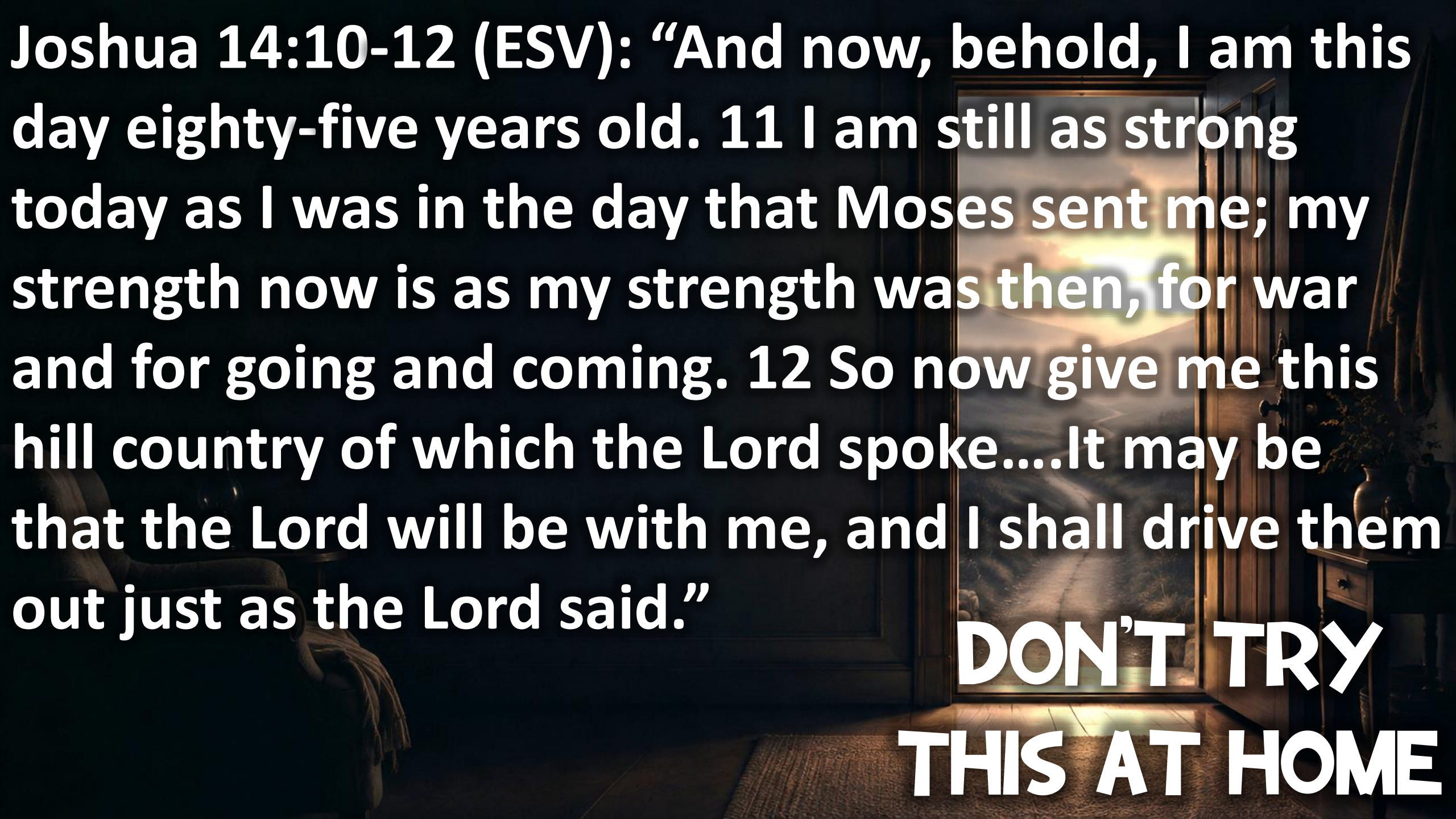


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Luke 9:59-62 (ESV): “To another he said, ‘Follow me.’ But he said, ‘Lord, let me first go and bury my father.’ 60 And Jesus said to him, ‘Leave the dead to bury their own dead. But as for you, go and proclaim the kingdom of God.’ 61 Yet another said, ‘I will follow you, Lord, but let me first say farewell to those at my home.’ 62 Jesus said to him, ‘No one who puts his hand to the plow and looks back is fit for the kingdom of God.’”

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Joshua 14:10-12 (ESV): “And now, behold, I am this day eighty-five years old. 11 I am still as strong today as I was in the day that Moses sent me; my strength now is as my strength was then, for war and for going and coming. 12 So now give me this hill country of which the Lord spoke....It may be that the Lord will be with me, and I shall drive them out just as the Lord said.”

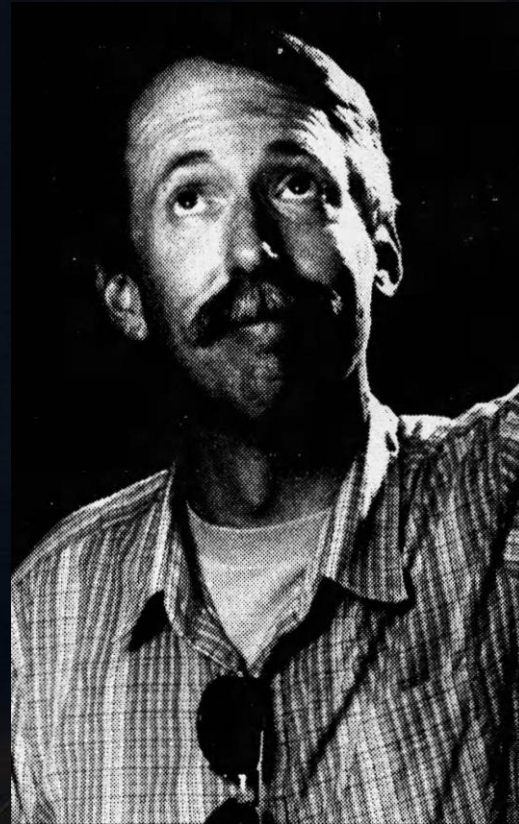
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“It was something I had to do. I had this dream for twenty years, and if I hadn’t done it, I think I would have ended up in the funny farm.”

(Larry Walters, as quoted in Ron Rose’s article “Keep Dreaming” in *Arlington Today*, October 19, 2013)



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