

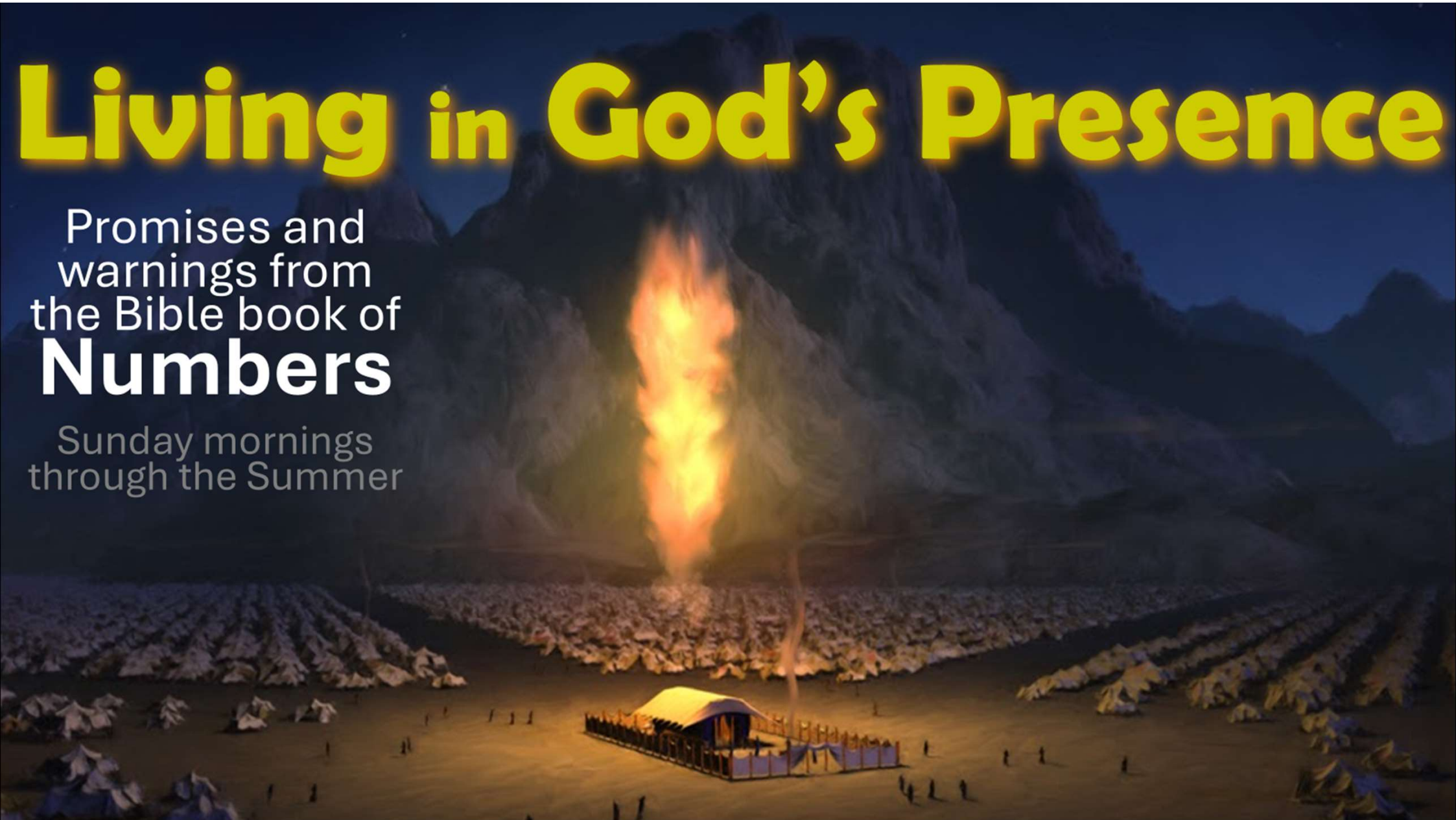
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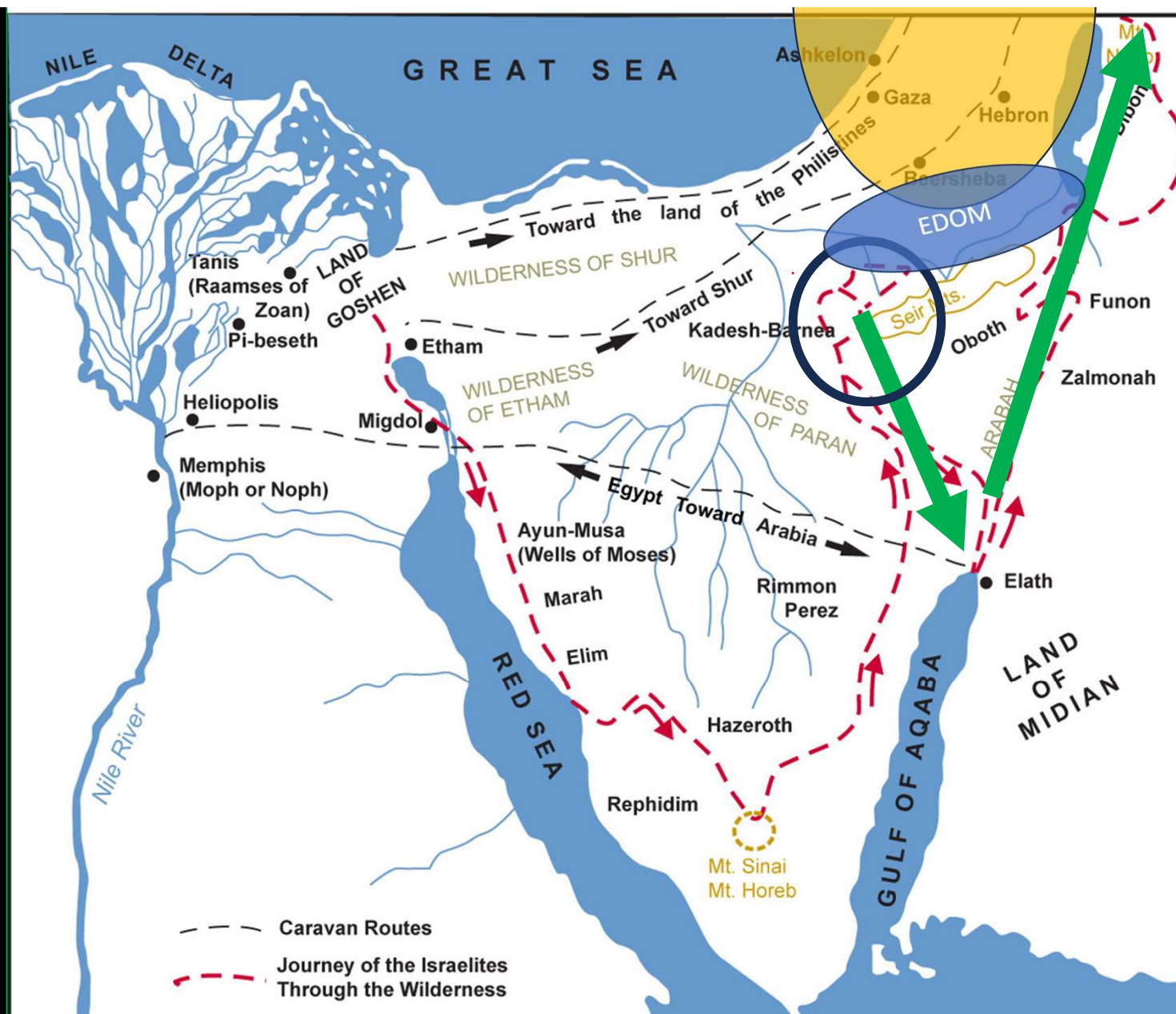
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Rapists and groomers will not be freed early, says PM

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Rapists, child sexual abusers and groomers will be excluded from early release plans to ease critical prison overcrowding in a major intervention by Andy Burnham.

The prime minister is to delay the planned early release of thousands of prisoners across England and Wales by a month until October. But he will still allow domestic abusers and killers to go free, including the two men

jailed for their role in the death of PC Andrew Harper.

The decision will put the lives of women and girls "at risk" and has "let down" police officers, a watchdog and a pressure group have warned.

Burnham's move today follows the suspension of Keir Starmer's plans to release up to 6,000 offenders from prison early in September amid official predictions that prisons will be full in November.

Burnham suspended the scheme in his second week at No 10 after coming under intense pressure from MPs,

victims, campaigners and prison officers to halt the early release of serious sexual and violent offenders.

In a statement, Burnham said: "I asked for an urgent review of the prisoner release scheme. I fully understand the anger, anxiety and distress that's been caused. I've heard that loud and clear. That's why we're making significant changes: offenders who have been sentenced for rape, serious child sex offences and other grooming offences will be excluded from the changes."

The Ministry of Justice has

declined to release the numbers of prisoners who will no longer be freed as a result of Burnham's intervention.

It has also declined to say when its own internal modelling predicts that prisons will be full again, and whether there are already plans for further early release schemes.

The domestic abuse commissioner, Dame Nicole Jacobs, said the decision to exclude those who have abused their partners was "wrong" and "puts victims' lives at risk". She said: "As I told the lord chancellor just last week, 2 →

Farage talks admission raises doubt over £5m gift

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Nigel Farage has made his clearest admission that he was in talks to return to lead Reform UK months before the 2024 general election, casting fresh doubt on previous claims that he was not involved in politics when he received a £5m gift.

The admission will reopen questions about the nature of the donation - Farage has repeatedly claimed it was not linked to his political career since the Guardian first revealed it in April.

The Reform UK leader admitted he had struck a deal with the party's then leader, Richard Tice, and the convicted fraudster George Cottrell to return to frontline politics. Labour said the claim "has blown a gaping hole in his excuse" about why he did not declare the gift.

Farage has previously said he did



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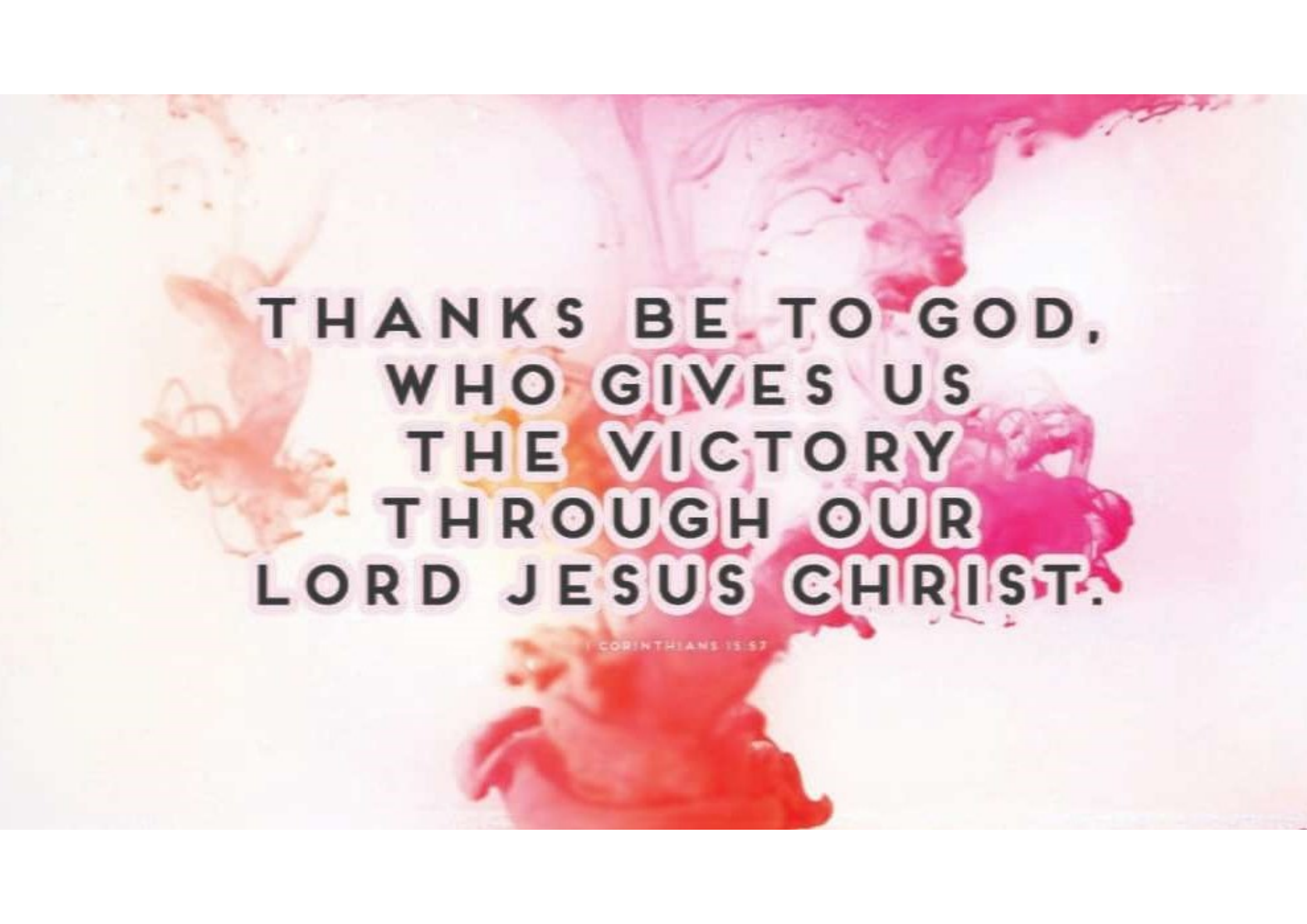
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**THANKS BE TO GOD,
WHO GIVES US
THE VICTORY
THROUGH OUR
LORD JESUS CHRIST.**

1 CORINTHIANS 15:57

No, in all these things
we are more than conquerors
through him who loved us.

Romans 8:37

