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BETTER CHOICES

MATTHEW 7:13-14

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Life is a series of choices



- **Decisions are powerful.**
- **Choices are important.**



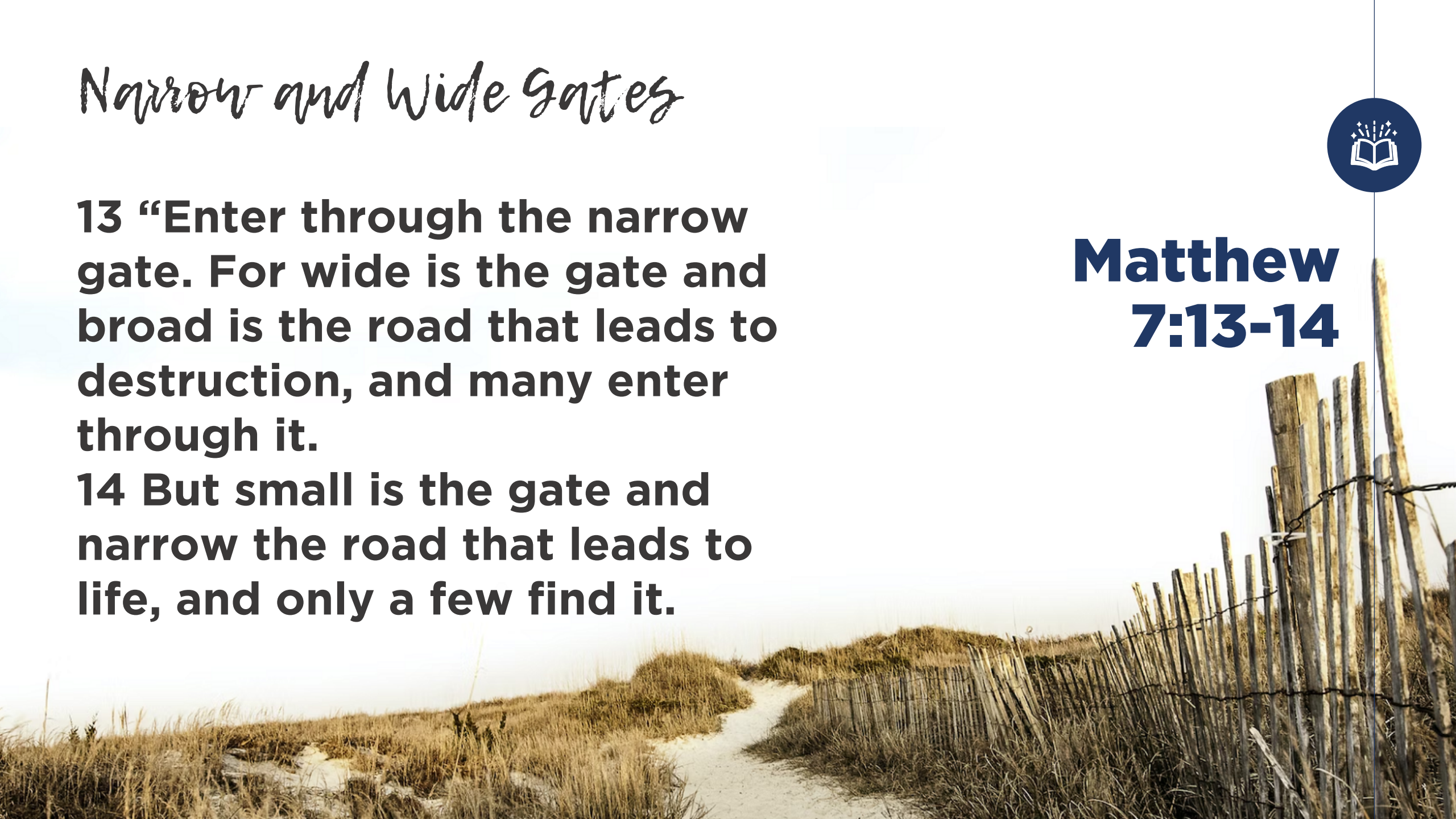
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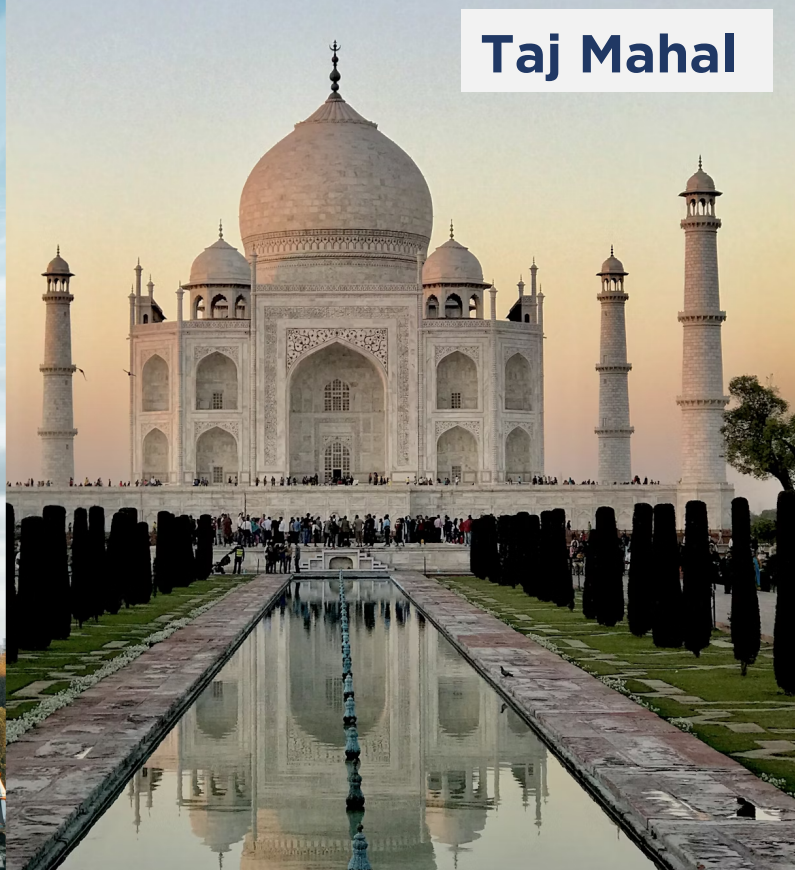
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Eiffel Tower



Taj Mahal



Statue of Liberty



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The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom, and knowledge of the Holy One is understanding.

PROVERBS 9:10

1. Two Gates: *Wide and Narrow*

Wide gate

- Broad, spacious, big & obvious
- Attractive, very permissive
- Inclusive, tolerant, open to anyone
- Popular but deceptive
- Leads to destruction

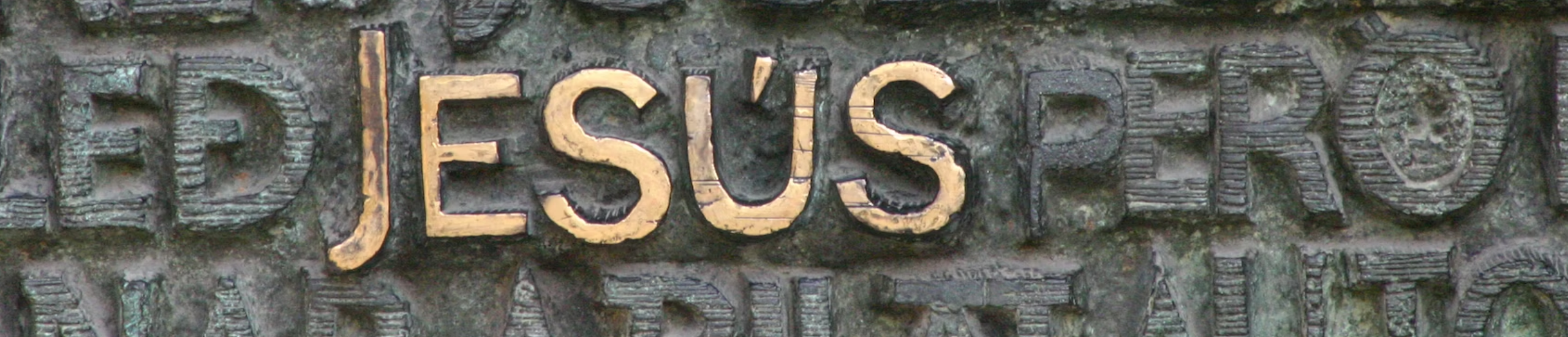


Narrow gate

- Limited in space
- Restricting and exclusive
- Free to enter but difficult
- Not many on this road
- Leads to life

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<https://www.harvestworld.com/the-narrow-gate-is-wide-open/>



Jesus answered, “I am the way, the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except thru Me.

JOHN 14:6

THE NARROW WAY

Because narrow is the gate and difficult is the way which leads to life, and there are few who find it.

MATTHEW 7:14

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<https://discover.hubpages.com/religion-philosophy/Entering-Life-by-the-Narrow-Gate-and-Road>



**Be very careful, then,
how you live—not as
unwise but as wise .**

EPHESIANS 5:15

2. Two Destinations: *Destruction & Life*



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<https://www.countryliving.com/uk/wildlife/countryside/g22127274/holiday-destinations-ruined-by-tourism/>

<https://www.cbc.ca/news/world/hurricane-otis-acapulco-poverty-1.7020837>



**But the sons of the
kingdom will be cast out into
outer darkness.**

**There will be weeping and
gnashing of teeth.”**

MATTHEW 8:12

If your hand or your foot causes you to stumble, cut it off and throw it away. It is better for you to enter life maimed or crippled than to have two hands or two feet and be thrown into eternal fire.



MATTHEW 18:8

Lake of Fire



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**“Then they will go away
to eternal punishment,
but the righteous to
eternal life.”**

MATTHEW 25:46



1 Now Samson went down to Timnah, and saw a woman in Timnah of the daughters of the Philistines.

2 So he went up and told his father and mother, saying, “I have seen a woman in Timnah of the daughters of the Philistines; now therefore, get her for me as a wife.”

Judges 14:1-3

3 Then his father and mother said to him, “Is there no woman among the daughters of your brethren, or among all my people, that you must go and get a wife from the uncircumcised Philistines?” And Samson said to his father, “Get her for me, for she pleases me well.”



Judges 14:1-3



**Samson was a Nazarite,
consecrated for God**

“Go get her for me for
she pleases me well”

**Delilah was a Philistine.
No covenant with God.**

Image Source:
<https://www.grunge.com/494258/the-untold-truth-of-samson-and-delilah/>

**Goliath appeared to
David a giant enemy.**

**Samson's enemy didn't
appear like an enemy.**

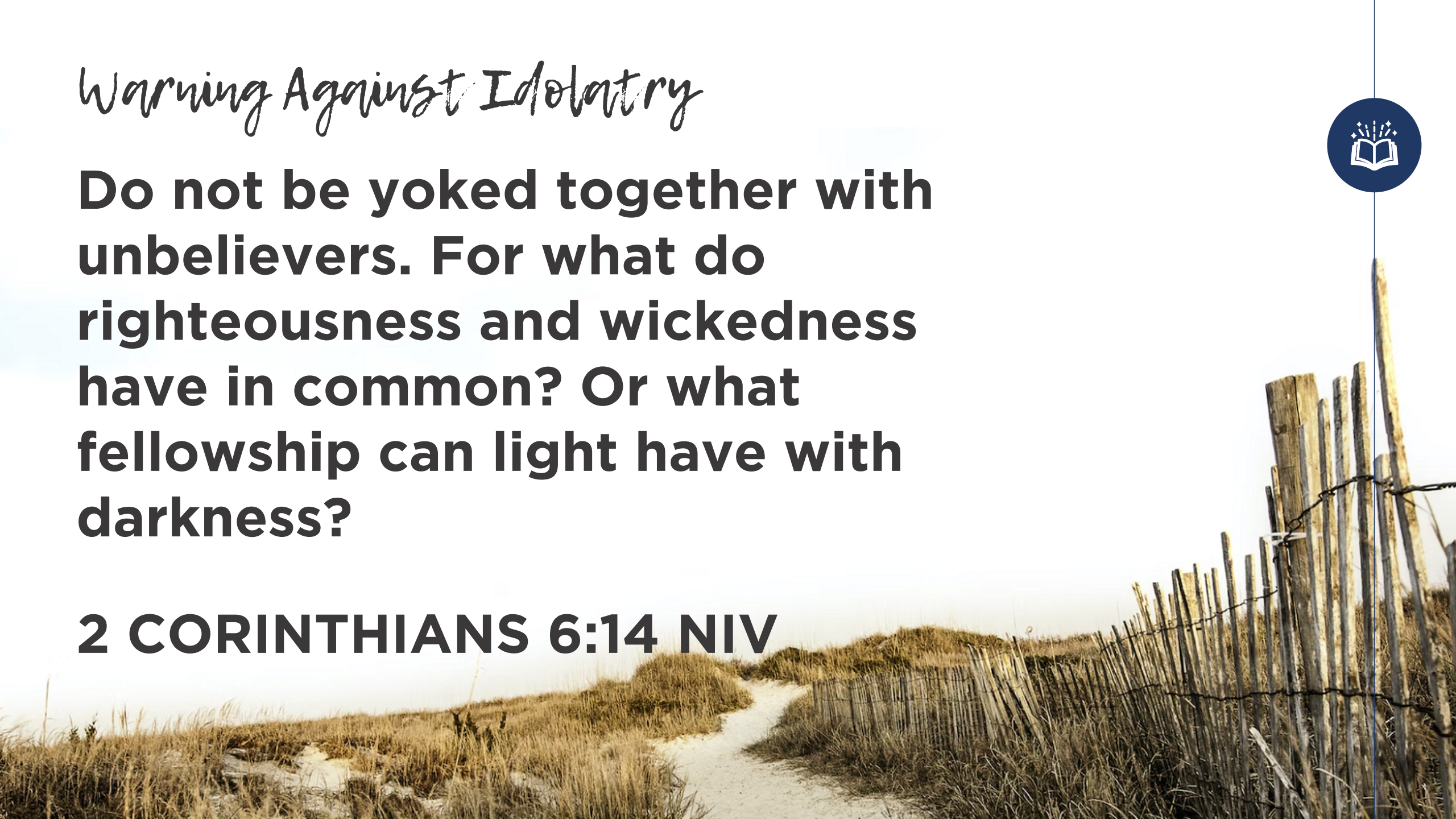
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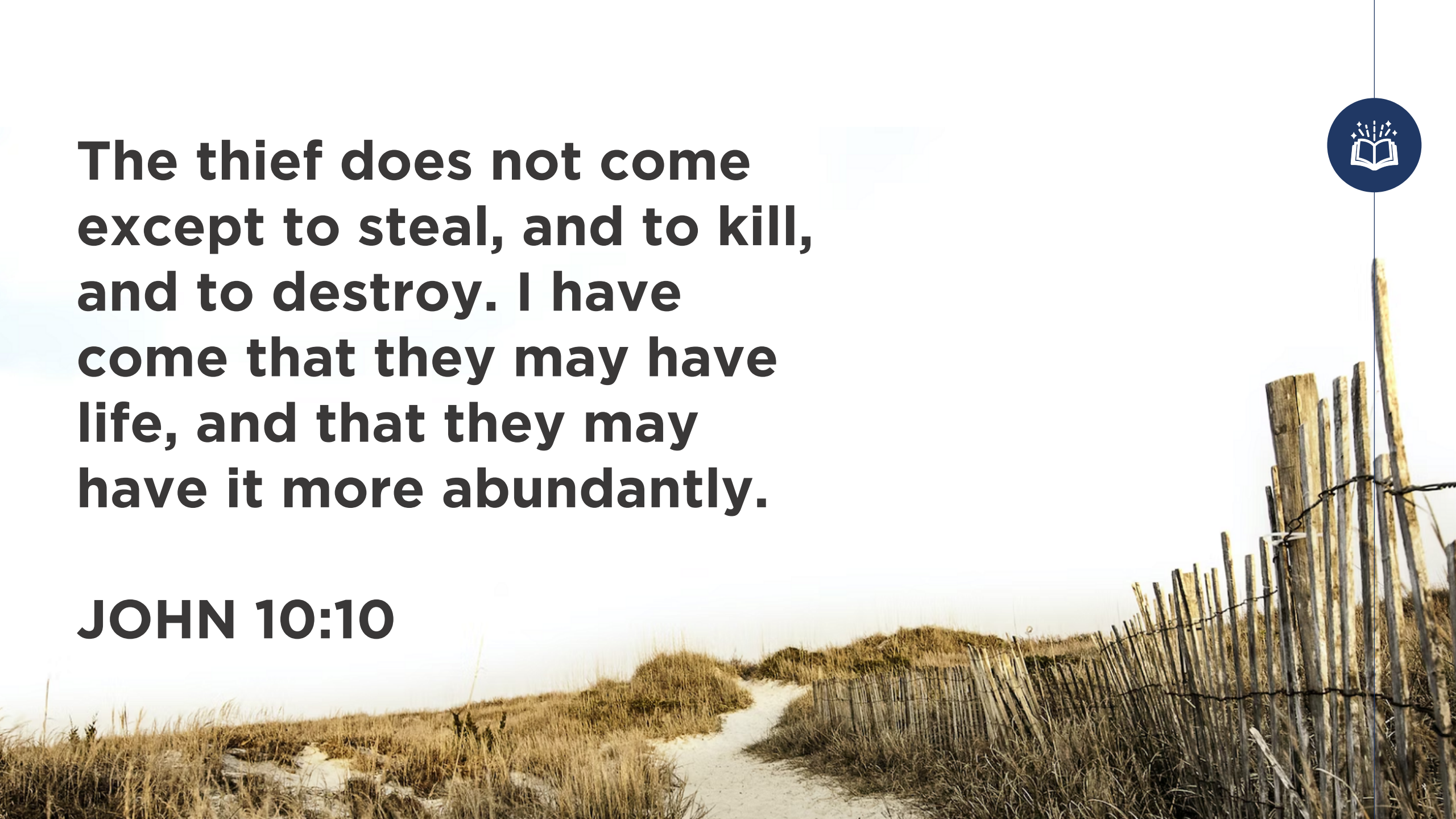
Do not be yoked together with unbelievers. For what do righteousness and wickedness have in common? Or what fellowship can light have with darkness?

2 CORINTHIANS 6:14 NIV



The thief does not come except to steal, and to kill, and to destroy. I have come that they may have life, and that they may have it more abundantly.

JOHN 10:10





3. Two Groups of People: *The Many & The Few*

“Enter by the narrow gate; for wide *is* the gate and broad *is* the way that leads to destruction, and there are many who go in by it. Because narrow *is* the gate and difficult *is* the way which leads to life, and there are few who find it.”

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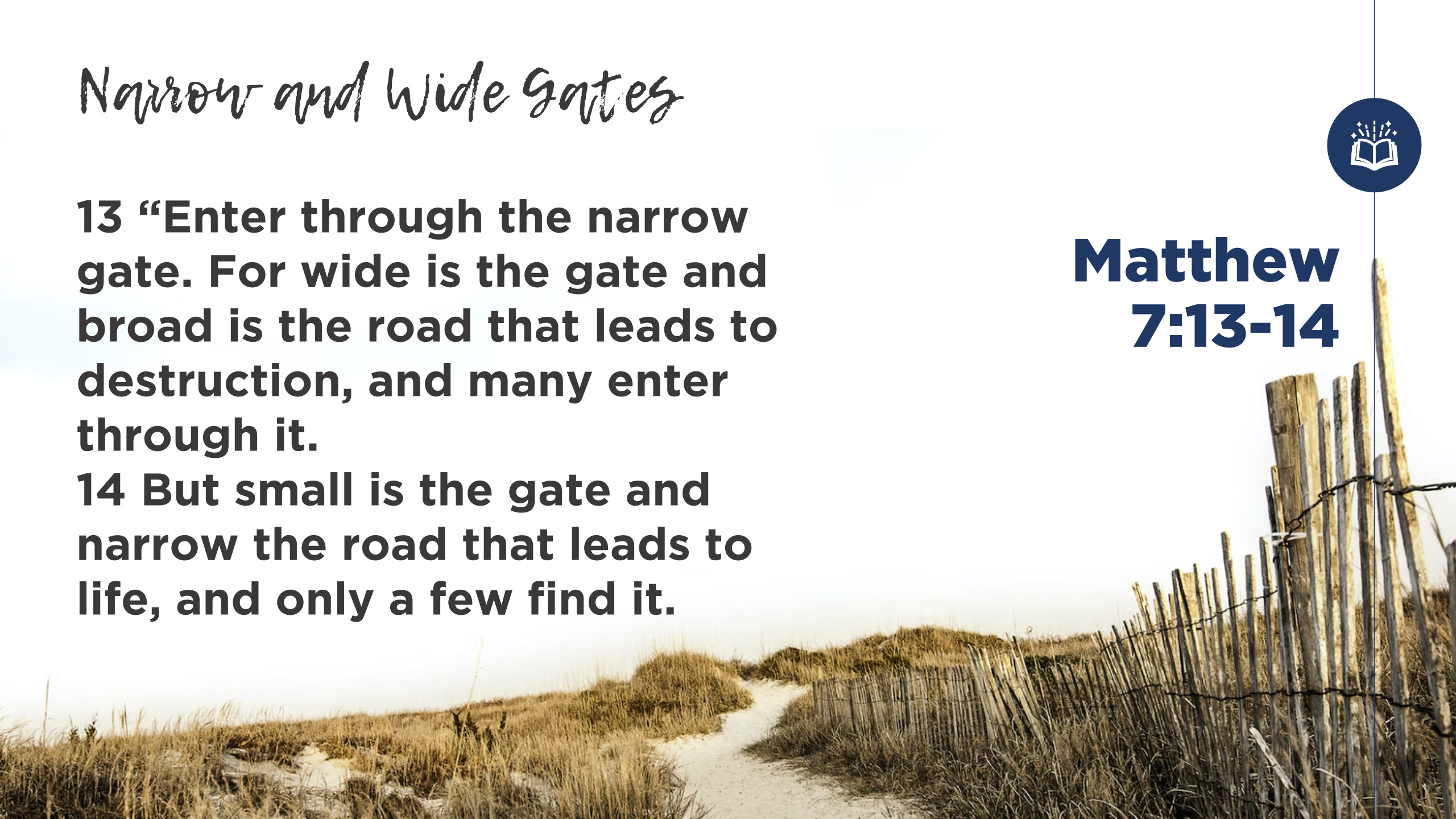
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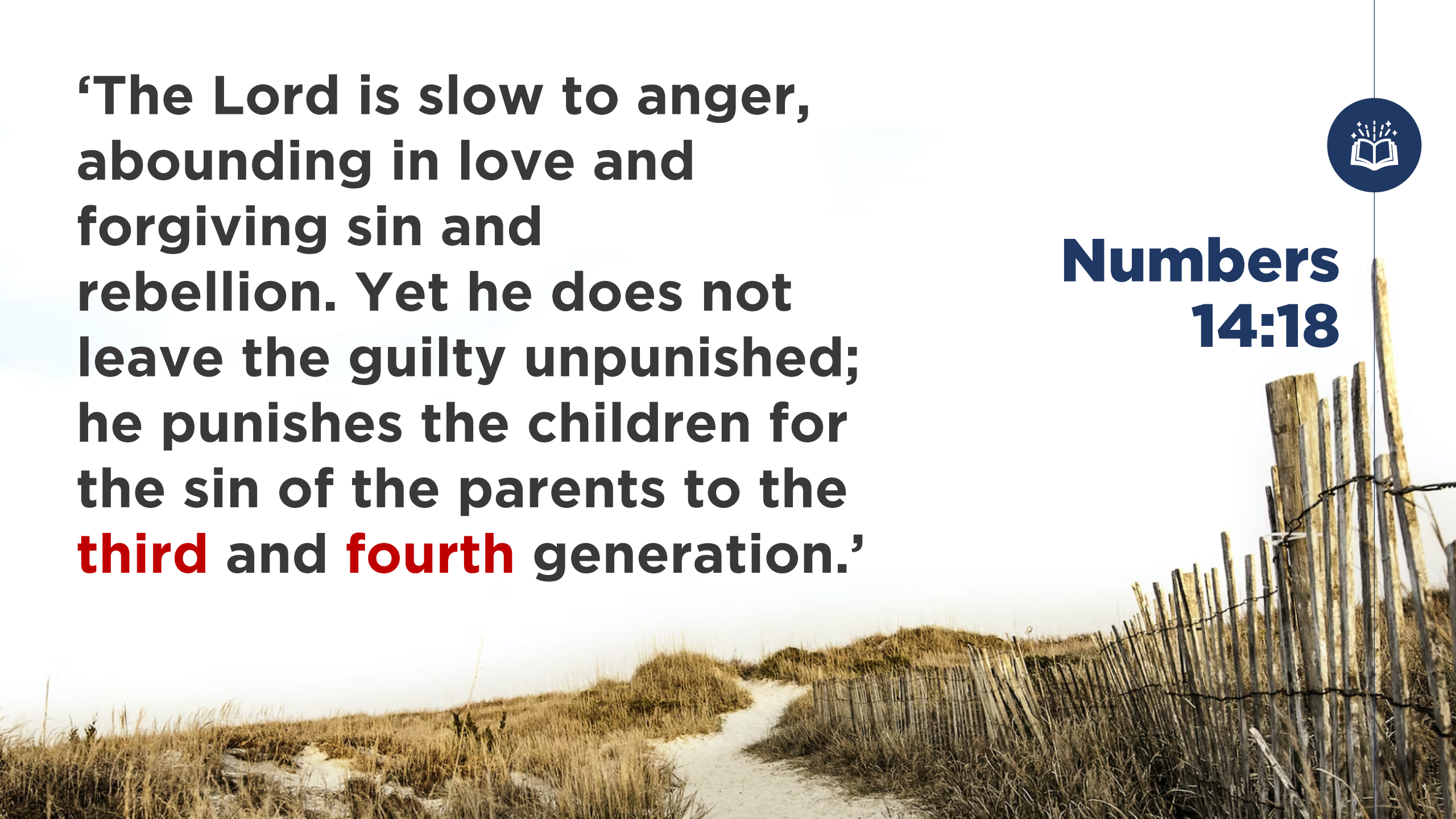
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**‘The Lord is slow to anger,
abounding in love and
forgiving sin and
rebellion. Yet he does not
leave the guilty unpunished;
he punishes the children for
the sin of the parents to the
third and **fourth** generation.’**



Numbers 14:18



Daily Choices



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Pray with us

For “whoever calls on
the name of the Lord
shall be saved.”

ROMANS 10:13



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