

<sup>13</sup>Now when Joshua was near Jericho, he looked up and saw a man standing in front of him with a drawn sword in his hand. Joshua went up to him and asked, "Are you for us or for our enemies?" <sup>14</sup>**Neither,** he replied, "but as commander of the army of the Lord I have now come." Then Joshua fell facedown to the ground in reverence, and asked him, "What message does my Lord have for his servant?" <sup>15</sup>The commander of the Lord's army replied, "Take off your sandals, for the place where you are standing is holy." And Joshua did so.

Joshua 5:13-15



A sepia-toned photograph of a mountain range, likely the Rocky Mountains, with the text overlaid. The mountains are layered, creating a sense of depth. The sky is a uniform light brown color.

# EVERYONE NEEDS THE CAPTAIN

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After the circumcision comes the  
revelation.

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# We Need the Captain Before We Can Conquer

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Joshua 5:13-14





We may make our plans, but God has the last word.  
Proverbs 16:1 GNT

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# We Need Submission Before His Direction

Then Joshua **fell facedown to the ground in reverence**, and asked him, “What message does my Lord have for his servant?”

Joshua 5:14





We can't hear from God until we bow to God.

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# We Need His Holiness Before We See His Mightiness

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Joshua 5:15



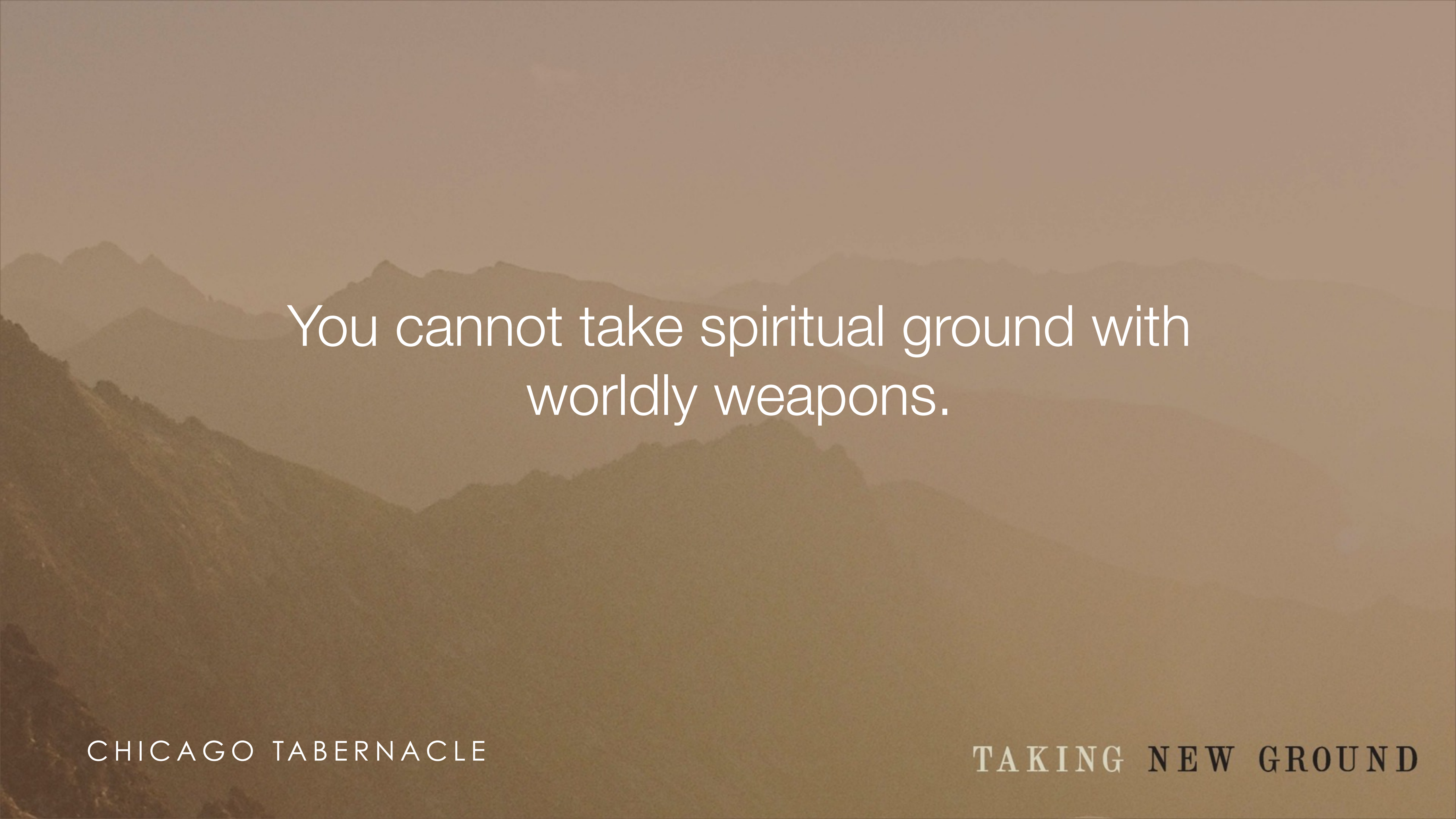
A sepia-toned photograph of a mountain range, likely Mount Sinai, with the text "Take off your sandals" means stop depending on the ways of the world. The text is centered in the upper half of the image in a white, serif font. The background shows a series of mountain peaks receding into the distance under a hazy sky.

“Take off your sandals” means stop depending on the  
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You cannot take spiritual ground with  
worldly weapons.

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