

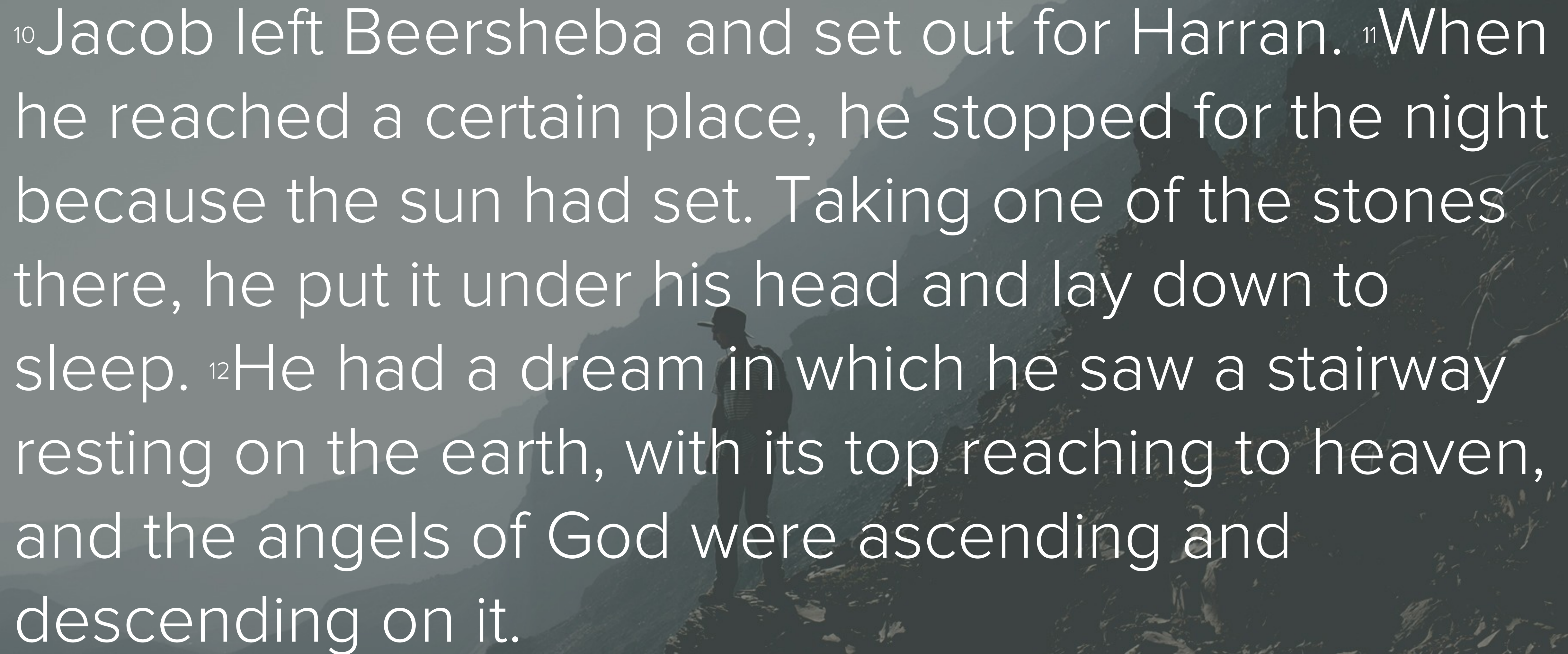
JACOB

A person wearing a hat and a backpack stands on a rocky mountain ridge, looking out over a vast, hazy mountain range. The word "JACOB" is overlaid in large, white, serif capital letters. The person's figure is positioned within the two 'C's of the name.

A JOURNEY — OF TRANSFORMATION

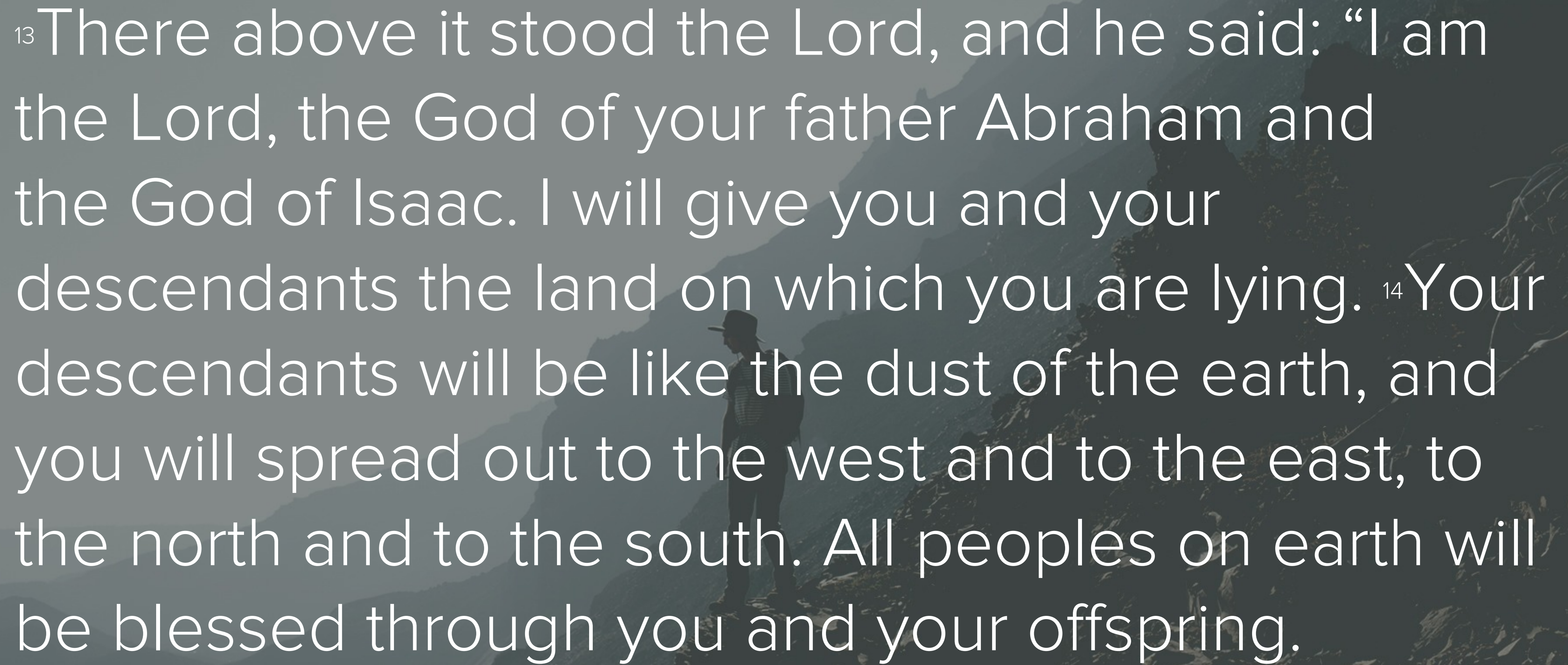
What We've Learned So Far From Jacob's Life:

1. We all struggle from the womb with the flesh but God offers us a second nature by his Spirit to overcome our flesh.
2. We all have Roots of Dysfunction that need to be faced rather than denied.

A person is standing on a rocky mountain peak, looking out over a valley. The scene is dimly lit, suggesting dusk or dawn. The person is wearing a hat and a backpack. The background shows a vast landscape with mountains and a valley.

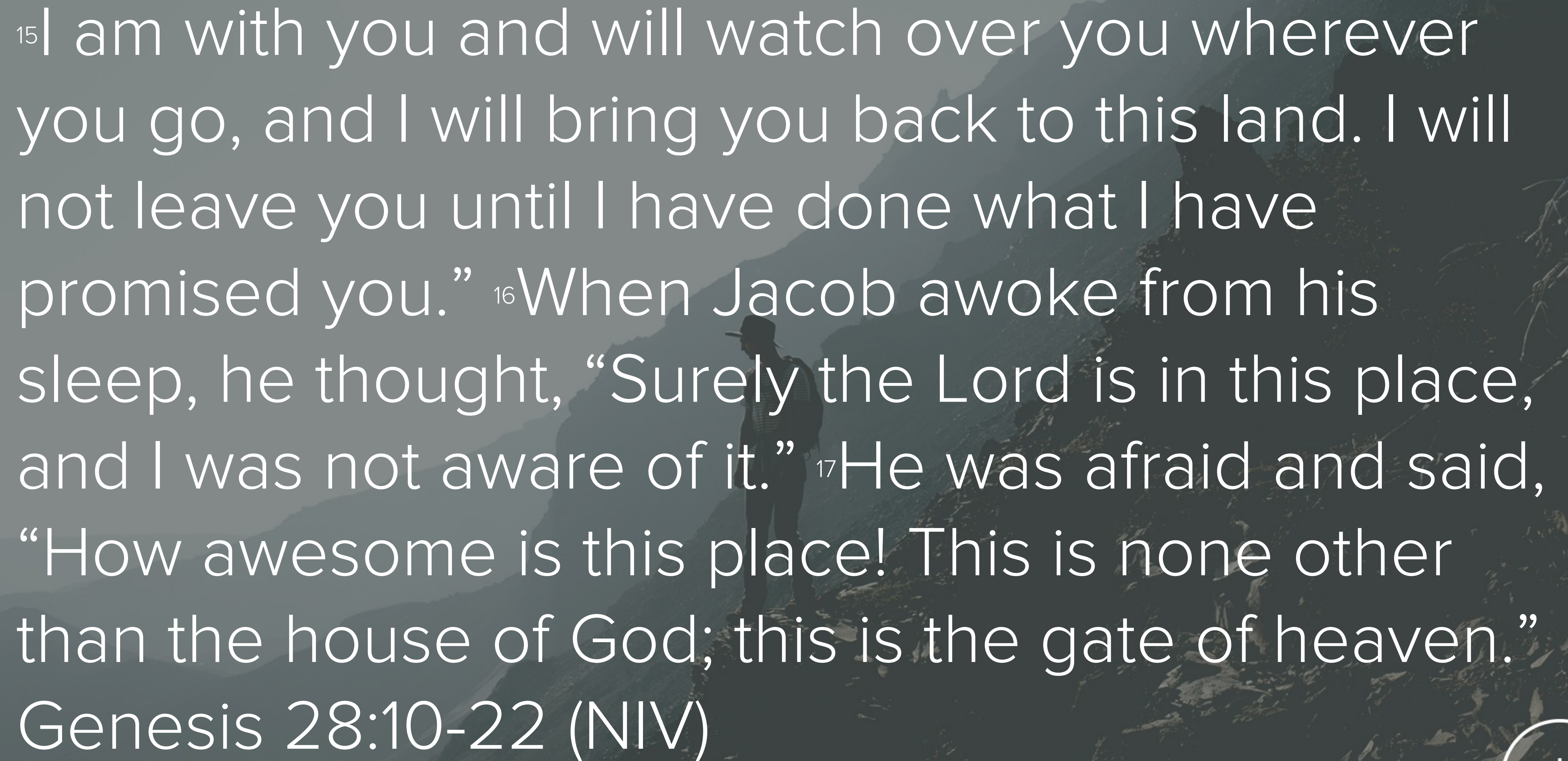
¹⁰Jacob left Beersheba and set out for Harran. ¹¹When he reached a certain place, he stopped for the night because the sun had set. Taking one of the stones there, he put it under his head and lay down to sleep. ¹²He had a dream in which he saw a stairway resting on the earth, with its top reaching to heaven, and the angels of God were ascending and descending on it.

Genesis 28:10-22 (NIV)

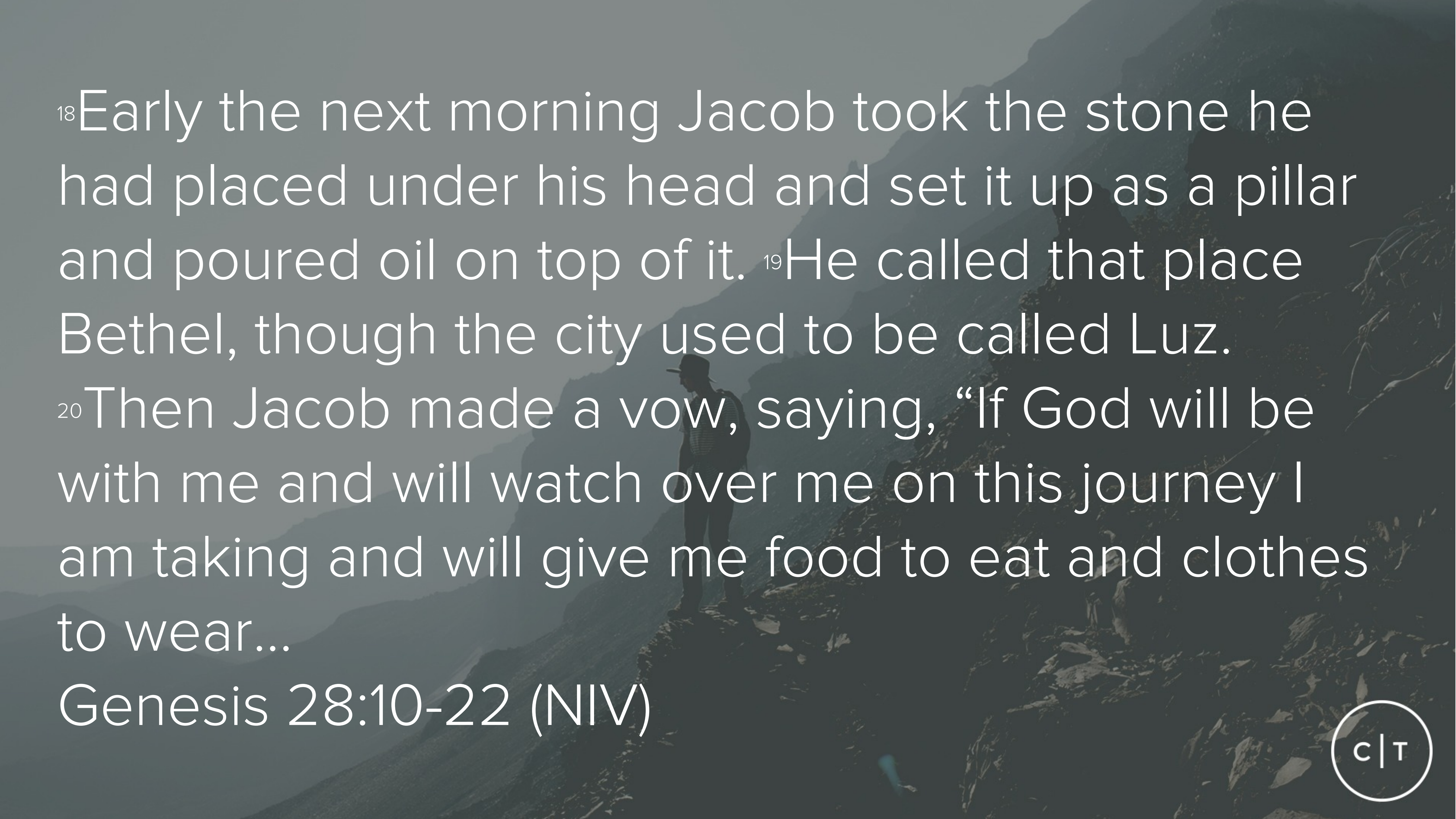
A person wearing a hat and a backpack stands on a rocky mountain peak, looking out over a vast, hazy landscape. The scene is dimly lit, suggesting dawn or dusk, with the person's silhouette clearly visible against the lighter background.

¹³There above it stood the Lord, and he said: “I am the Lord, the God of your father Abraham and the God of Isaac. I will give you and your descendants the land on which you are lying. ¹⁴Your descendants will be like the dust of the earth, and you will spread out to the west and to the east, to the north and to the south. All peoples on earth will be blessed through you and your offspring.

Genesis 28:10-22 (NIV)

A person with a backpack is standing on a rocky mountain trail, looking out over a vast valley. The scene is misty and atmospheric, with the person's silhouette visible against the lighter background of the valley.

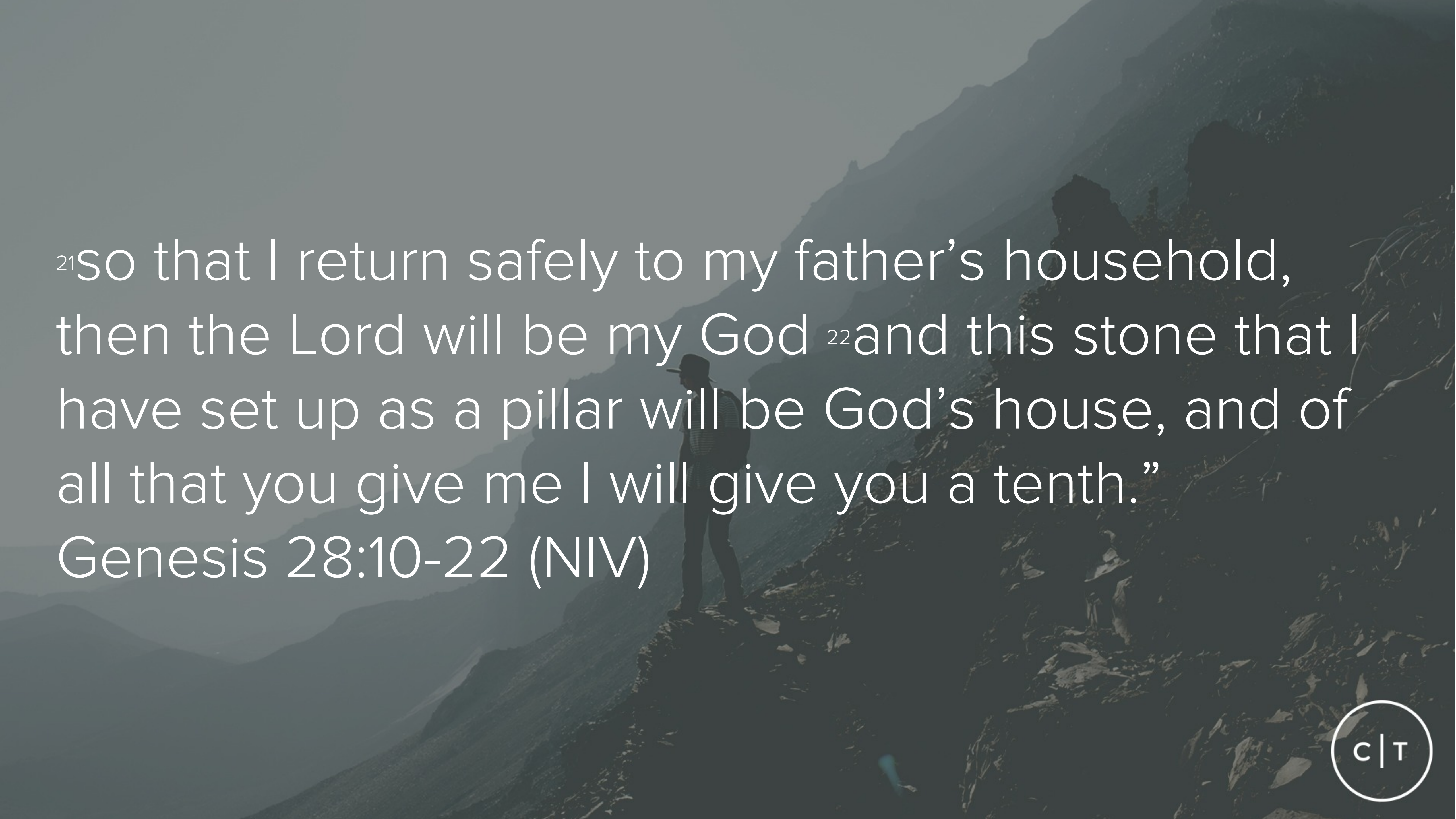
¹⁵I am with you and will watch over you wherever you go, and I will bring you back to this land. I will not leave you until I have done what I have promised you.” ¹⁶When Jacob awoke from his sleep, he thought, “Surely the Lord is in this place, and I was not aware of it.” ¹⁷He was afraid and said, “How awesome is this place! This is none other than the house of God; this is the gate of heaven.”
Genesis 28:10-22 (NIV)



¹⁸Early the next morning Jacob took the stone he had placed under his head and set it up as a pillar and poured oil on top of it. ¹⁹He called that place Bethel, though the city used to be called Luz.

²⁰Then Jacob made a vow, saying, “If God will be with me and will watch over me on this journey I am taking and will give me food to eat and clothes to wear...

Genesis 28:10-22 (NIV)

A person wearing a hat and a backpack stands on a rocky mountain ridge, looking out over a vast, hazy valley. The scene is dimly lit, suggesting dawn or dusk. The text is overlaid on the left side of the image.

²¹so that I return safely to my father's household,
then the Lord will be my God ²²and this stone that I
have set up as a pillar will be God's house, and of
all that you give me I will give you a tenth."

Genesis 28:10-22 (NIV)

A person is standing on a rocky mountain ridge, looking out over a vast, hazy landscape of rolling hills and valleys. The scene is captured in a dark, moody style with a high-contrast, almost monochromatic palette. The person is silhouetted against the lighter background of the distant hills. The title text is overlaid in the center of the image.

THE TURNING POINT OF TRANSFORMATION



Transformation Is Initiated By Heaven

He had a dream in which he saw a stairway resting on the earth, with its top reaching to heaven, and the angels of God were ascending and descending on it.

Genesis 28:12 (NIV)

Transformation is Initiated By Heaven

Transformation is a work of the Spirit initiated by the Spirit.

Transformation is Initiated By Heaven

The angels that Jacob sees represent God's desire to help him!

“Are not all angels **ministering spirits sent to serve** those who will inherit salvation?”

Hebrews 1:14 (NIV)

Transformation Begins When We Begin To Live By Faith

“I am with you and will watch over you wherever you go, and I will bring you back to this land. I will not leave you until I have done what I have promised you. When Jacob awoke from his sleep, he thought, “Surely the LORD is in this place, and I was not aware of it...”

Genesis 28:15-17 (NIV)

Transformation Begins When We Begin To Live By Faith

...He was afraid and said, “How awesome is this place! This is none other than the house of God; this is the gate of heaven.”

Genesis 28:15-17 (NIV)



Transformation Begins When We Begin To Live By Faith

Only *faith* can access the **powers of heaven!**



Transformation Begins When We Begin To Live By Faith

Only *faith* will enable us to **live by the Spirit!**

Transformation Has A Specific Order

Early the next morning Jacob took the stone he had placed under his head and set it up as a pillar and poured oil on top of it. He called that place Bethel, though the city used to be called Luz. Then Jacob made a vow, saying...

Genesis 28:18-22 (NIV)

Transformation Has A Specific Order

“If God will be with me and will watch over me on this journey I am taking and will give me food to eat and clothes to wear so that I return safely to my father’s household, then the LORD will be my God and this stone that I have set up as a pillar will be God’s house, and of all that you give me I will give you a tenth.”

Genesis 28:18-22 (NIV)

Transformation Has A Specific Order

The Order to Transformation:

1. Presence
2. Practice
3. People