


JACOB

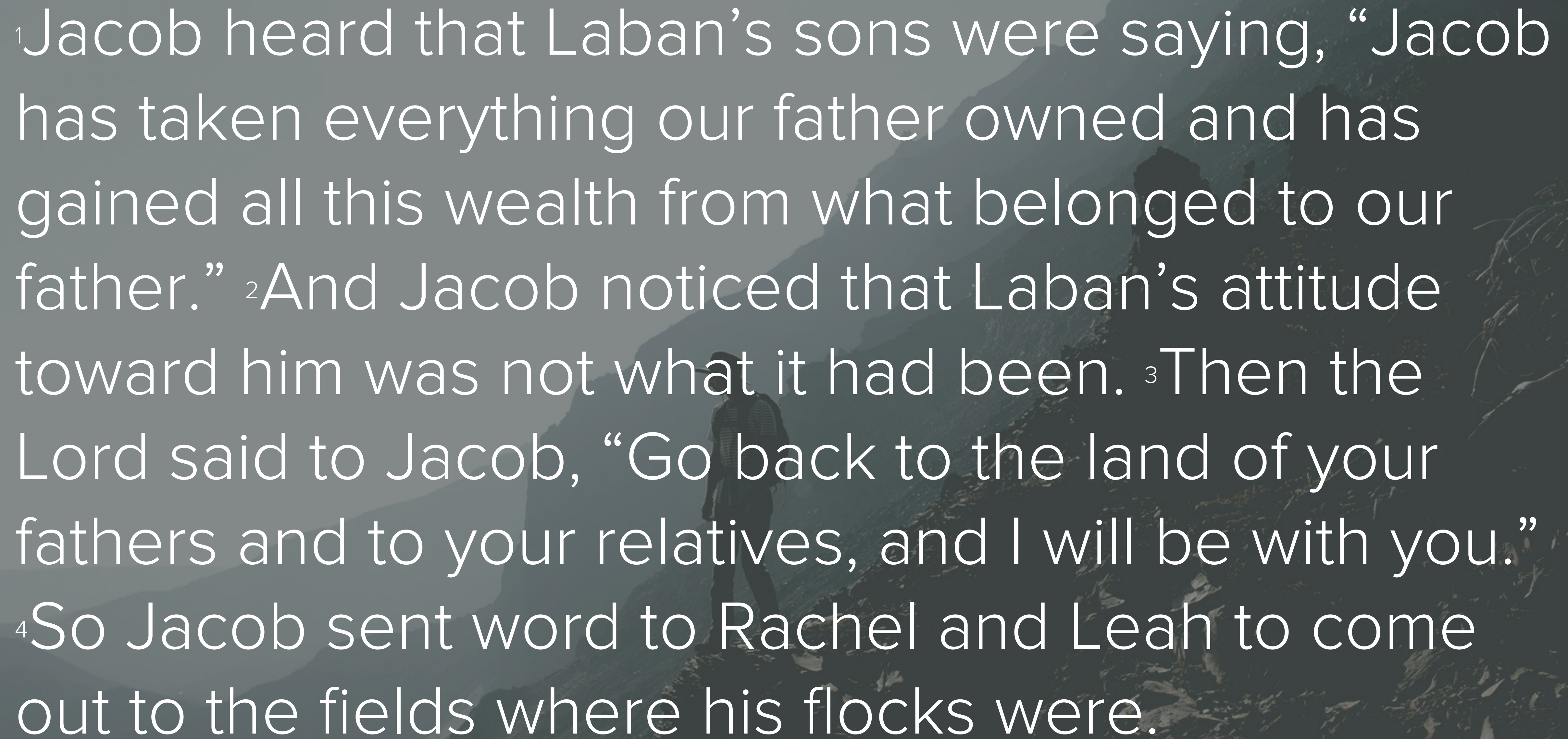
A person wearing a hat and a backpack stands on a rocky mountain ridge, looking out over a vast, hazy mountain range. The word "JACOB" is overlaid in large, white, serif capital letters. The person is positioned in front of the letter "C".

A JOURNEY — OF TRANSFORMATION

A hiker wearing a hat and a backpack is walking on a rocky mountain trail. The background shows misty, layered mountain ranges under a soft, overcast sky.

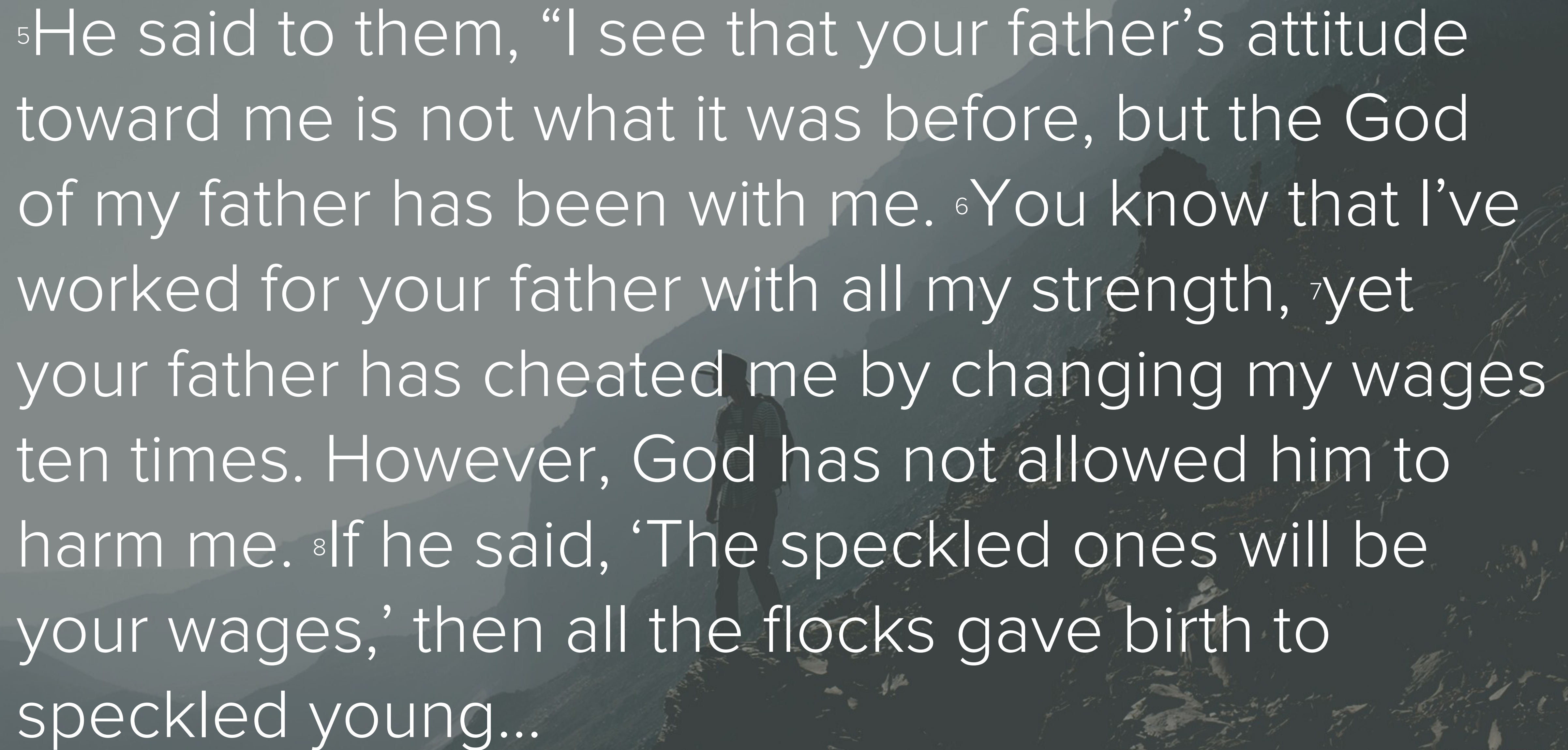
²⁵When morning came, there was Leah! So Jacob said to Laban, “What is this you have done to me? I served you for Rachel, didn’t I? Why have you deceived me?” ²⁶Laban replied, “It is not our custom here to give the younger daughter in marriage before the older one. ²⁷Finish this daughter’s bridal week; then we will give you the younger one also, in return for another seven years of work.”

Genesis 29:25-27 (NIV)

A hiker with a backpack is walking up a rocky mountain trail. The background shows misty, layered mountain ranges under a soft, overcast sky. The hiker is in the center-left of the frame, facing away from the camera.

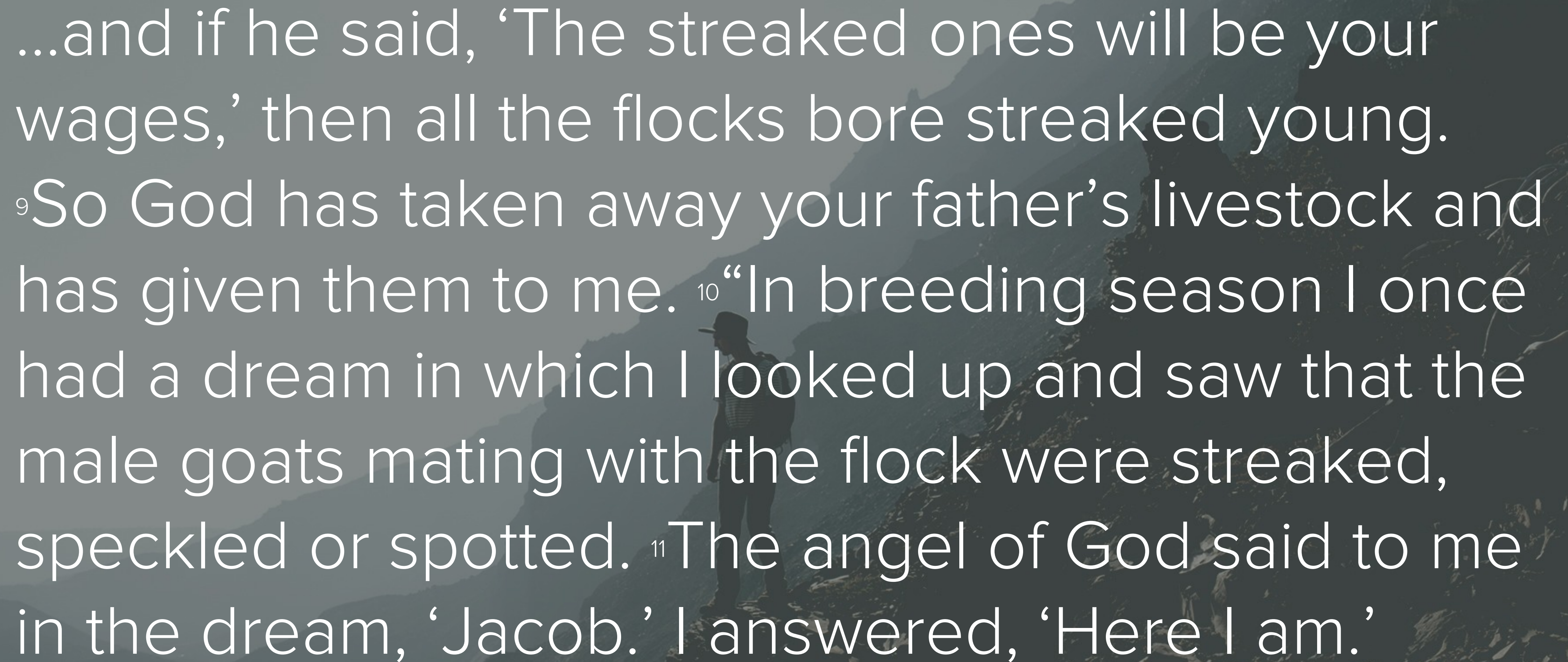
¹Jacob heard that Laban's sons were saying, "Jacob has taken everything our father owned and has gained all this wealth from what belonged to our father." ²And Jacob noticed that Laban's attitude toward him was not what it had been. ³Then the Lord said to Jacob, "Go back to the land of your fathers and to your relatives, and I will be with you." ⁴So Jacob sent word to Rachel and Leah to come out to the fields where his flocks were.

Genesis 31:1-18 (NIV)

A person is seen from behind, walking up a rocky mountain trail. The person is wearing a backpack and a hat. The background is a hazy, mountainous landscape. The text is overlaid on the image in a white, sans-serif font.

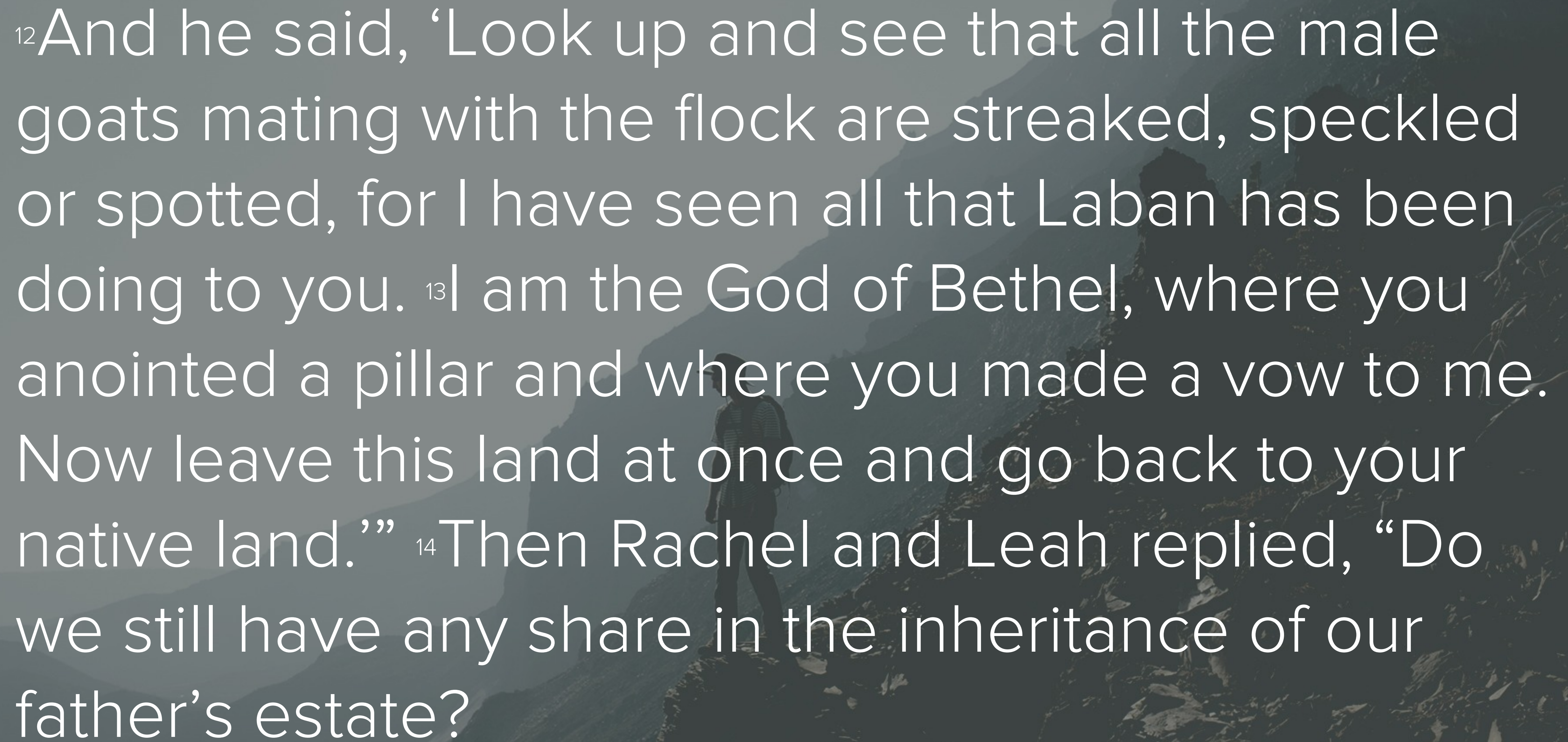
⁵He said to them, “I see that your father’s attitude toward me is not what it was before, but the God of my father has been with me. ⁶You know that I’ve worked for your father with all my strength, ⁷yet your father has cheated me by changing my wages ten times. However, God has not allowed him to harm me. ⁸If he said, ‘The speckled ones will be your wages,’ then all the flocks gave birth to speckled young...

Genesis 31:1-18 (NIV)

A person wearing a hat and a backpack stands on a rocky mountain ridge, 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.

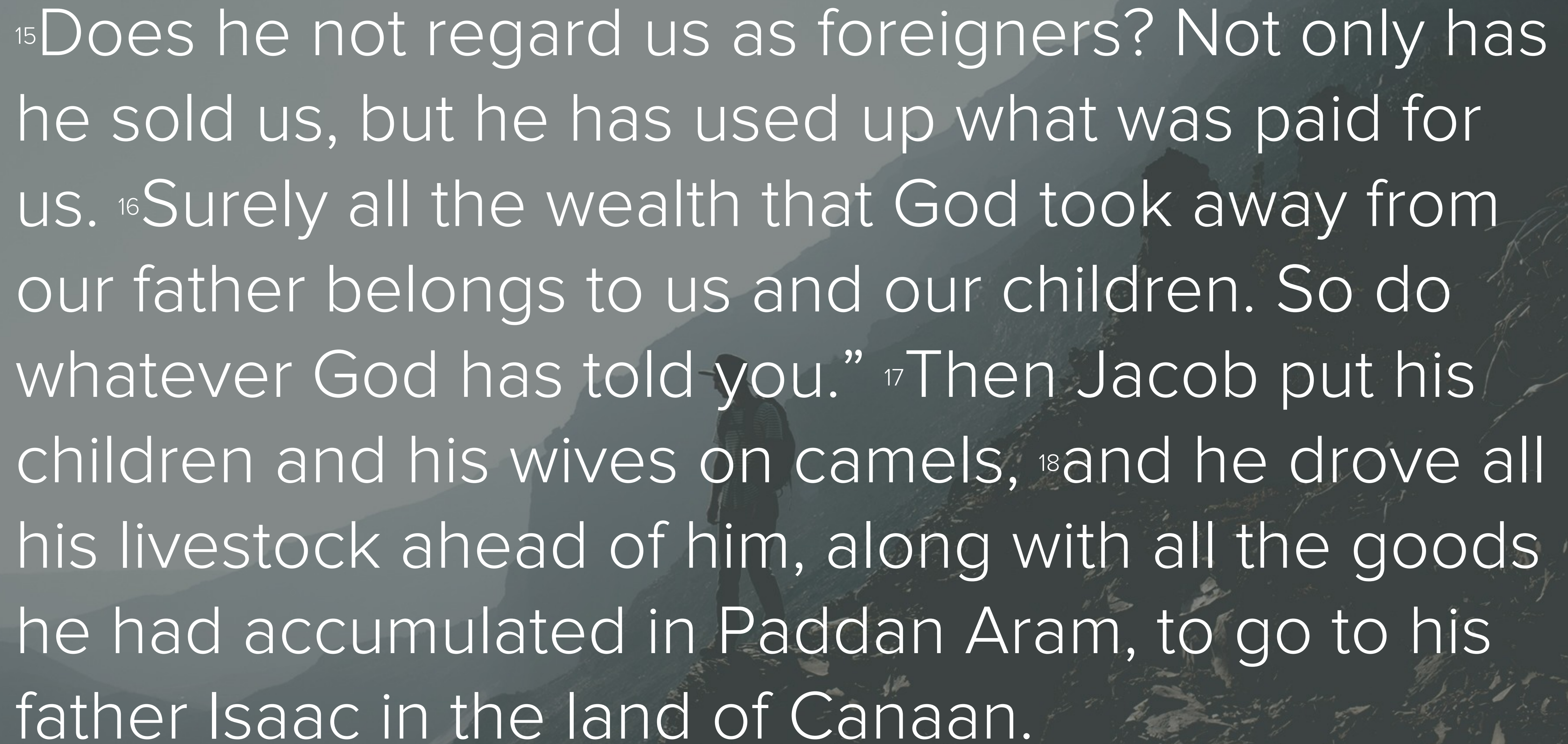
...and if he said, 'The streaked ones will be your wages,' then all the flocks bore streaked young.
⁹So God has taken away your father's livestock and has given them to me. ¹⁰"In breeding season I once had a dream in which I looked up and saw that the male goats mating with the flock were streaked, speckled or spotted. ¹¹The angel of God said to me in the dream, 'Jacob.' I answered, 'Here I am.'

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¹²And he said, ‘Look up and see that all the male goats mating with the flock are streaked, speckled or spotted, for I have seen all that Laban has been doing to you. ¹³I am the God of Bethel, where you anointed a pillar and where you made a vow to me. Now leave this land at once and go back to your native land.’” ¹⁴Then Rachel and Leah replied, “Do we still have any share in the inheritance of our father’s estate?”

Genesis 31:1-18 (NIV)

A person with a backpack is walking on a rocky mountain trail. The background shows steep, rugged mountains under a hazy sky. The text is overlaid on the left side of the image.

¹⁵Does he not regard us as foreigners? Not only has he sold us, but he has used up what was paid for us. ¹⁶Surely all the wealth that God took away from our father belongs to us and our children. So do whatever God has told you.” ¹⁷Then Jacob put his children and his wives on camels, ¹⁸and he drove all his livestock ahead of him, along with all the goods he had accumulated in Paddan Aram, to go to his father Isaac in the land of Canaan.

Genesis 31:1-18 (NIV)



Phase 1 of Transformation: **BREAKING THE CYCLE**



A person is standing on a rocky mountain ridge, looking out over a vast, hazy valley. The person is wearing a backpack and a hat. The background shows rolling hills and mountains under a soft, overcast sky. The overall tone is contemplative and adventurous.

When it comes to Transformation,
THE CYCLES MUST BE BROKEN!!

Transformation Begins by a Series of Spirit Empowered Refusals

You know that I've worked for your father with all my strength, yet your father has cheated me by changing my wages ten times...

Genesis 31:6-7 (NIV)

Transformation Begins by a Series of Spirit Empowered Refusals

Transformation is all about God dealing with patterns in our minds and consequently, cycles in our lives.

“Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God’s will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will.”

Romans 12:2 (NIV)

A person is standing on a rocky mountain peak, looking out over a vast valley. The background shows rolling hills and mountains under a hazy sky. The overall tone is inspirational and adventurous.

Transformation Begins by a Series of Spirit Empowered Refusals

Every time you ***REFUSE*** by the **power of the Spirit**, cycles are broken!

UNRENEWED MIND MAP



RENEWED MIND MAP



Transformation Begins by a Series of Spirit Empowered Refusals

It is saying “*NO!*” by grace, but it’s still *NO!*

“For the grace of God has appeared that offers salvation to all people. It teaches us to say “**No**” to ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright and godly lives in this present age.”

Titus 2:11-12 (NIV)

Transformation Begins When we Wait For God to Act on our Behalf

The angel of God said to me in the dream, 'Jacob.' I answered, 'Here I am.' And he said, 'Look up and see that all the male goats mating with the flock are streaked, speckled or spotted, for I have seen all that Laban has been doing to you. I am the God of Bethel, where you anointed a pillar and where you made a vow to me.

Genesis 31:11-13 (NIV)

Transformation Begins When we Wait For God to Act on our Behalf

Waiting on God is the ***way out*** of carnality.

“I waited patiently for the LORD; he inclined to me and heard my cry. He drew me up from the pit of destruction, out of the miry bog, and set my feet upon a rock, making my steps secure.”

Psalms 40:1-2 (ESV)

Transformation Begins As We Build Credibility With Those Closest To Us

You know that I've worked for your father with all my strength... Then Rachel and Leah answered and said to him, "*Is there still any portion or inheritance for us in our father's house?...*"

Genesis 31:6, 14 (NIV)

Transformation Begins As We Build Credibility With Those Closest To Us

A good name is more desirable than great riches;
to be esteemed is better than silver or gold.

Proverbs 22:1 (NIV)

A person is standing on a rocky mountain ridge, looking out over a vast valley. The background shows rolling hills and mountains under a hazy sky. The person is wearing a backpack and is positioned in the center of the frame, slightly to the left.

Transformation Begins As We Build Credibility With Those Closest To Us

Your credibility is one of the key gauges of your character.

