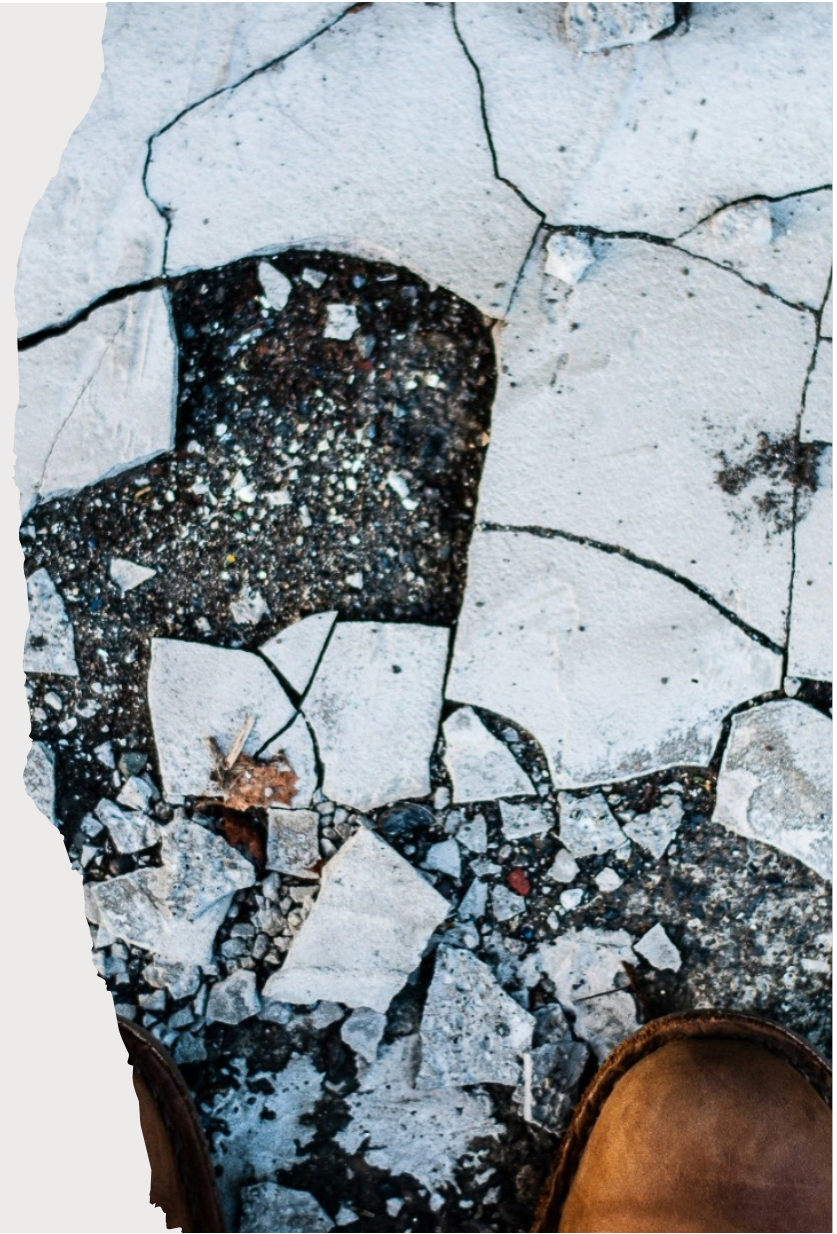
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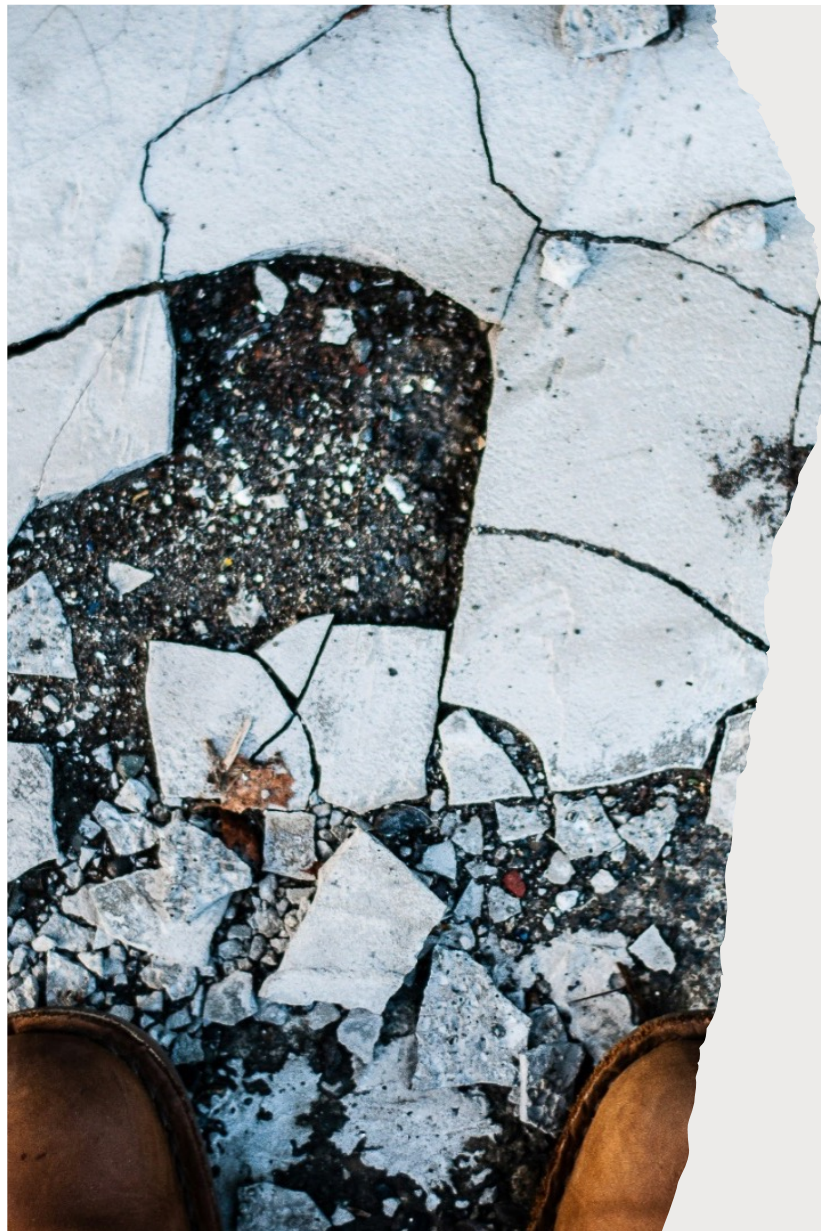




JUDGES 1:12-13

¹² Caleb said, “I will give my daughter Acsah in marriage to the one who attacks and captures Kiriath-sepher.”

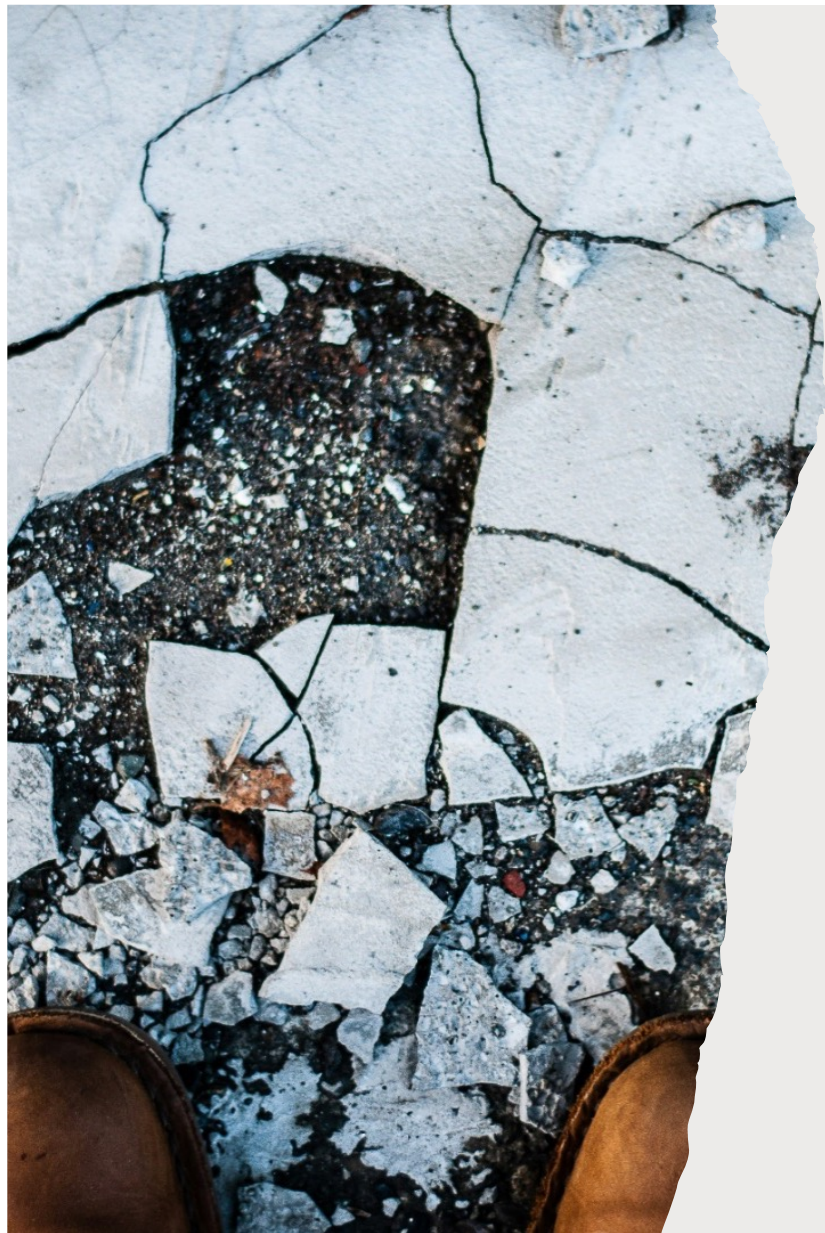
¹³ **Othniel**, the son of Caleb’s younger brother, Kenaz, was the one who conquered it, so Acsah became Othniel’s wife.



JUDGES 1:14-15

¹⁴ When Acsah married Othniel, she urged him to ask her father for a field. As she got down off her donkey, Caleb asked her, “What’s the matter?”

¹⁵ She said, “Let me have another gift. You have already given me land in the Negev; now please give me springs of water, too.”
So Caleb gave her the upper and lower springs.

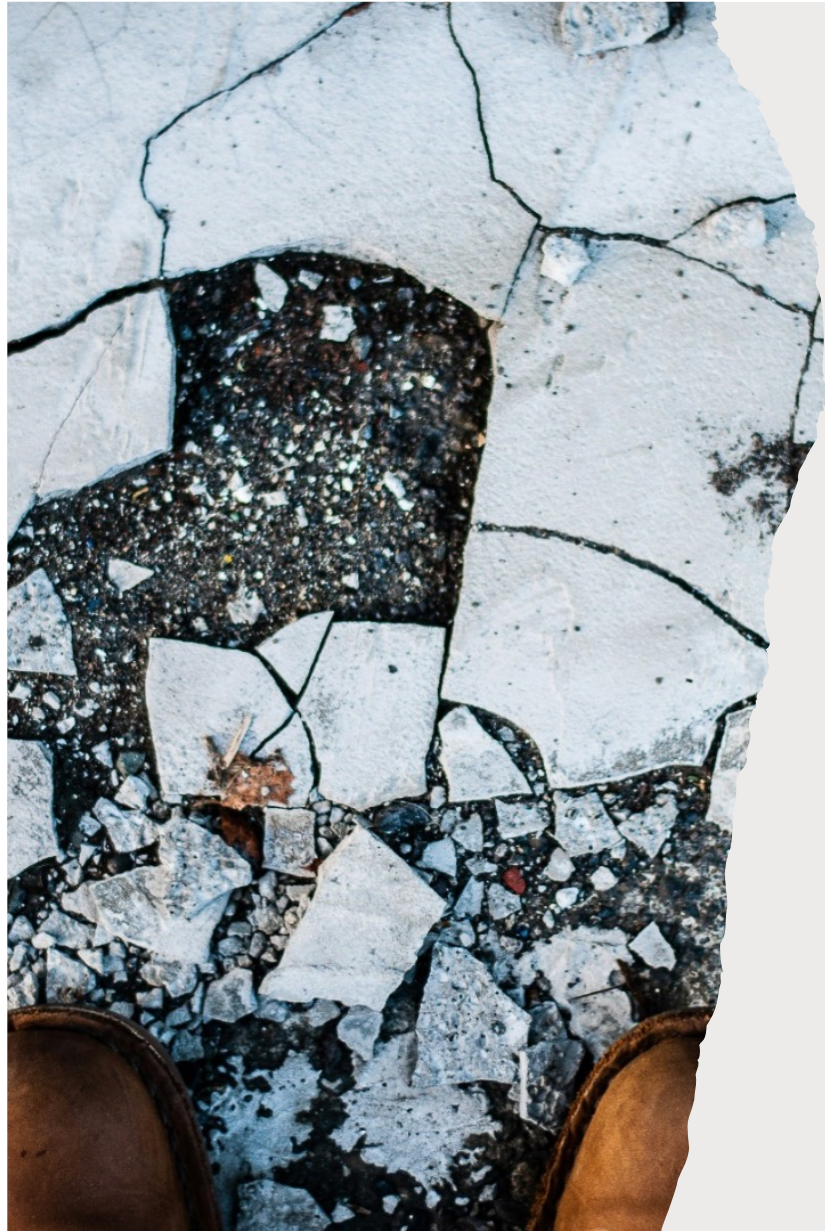


JUDGES 3:7-8

⁷ *The Israelites did evil in the Lord's sight.*

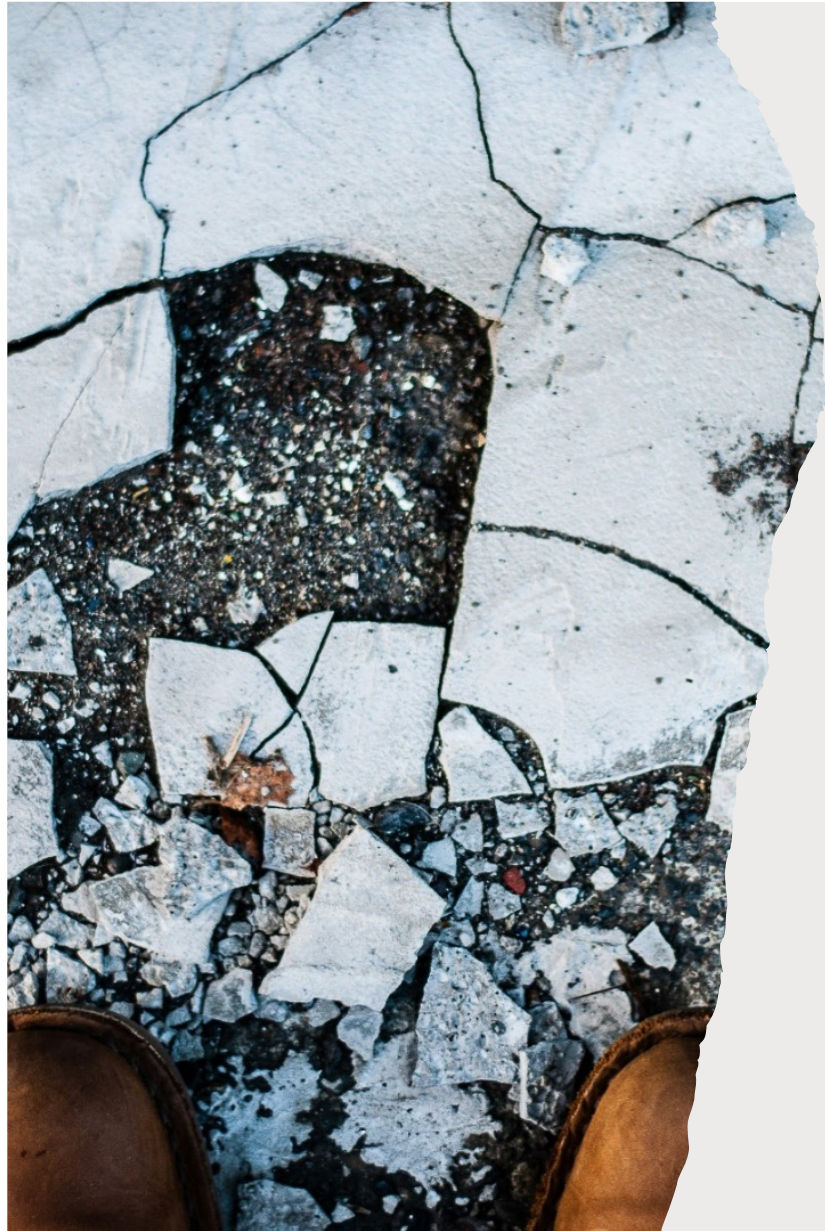
They forgot about the Lord their God, and they served the images of Baal and the Asherah poles.

⁸ Then the Lord burned with anger against Israel, and he turned them over to King Cushan-rishathaim of Aram-naharaim. And the Israelites served Cushan-rishathaim for eight years.



JUDGES 3:9

⁹ But when the people of Israel cried out to the Lord for help, the Lord raised up a rescuer to save them. His name was Othniel, the son of Caleb's younger brother, Kenaz.



WE CAN HANG OUT BY
THE SPRINGS:

1. *My glory days are over. I had my chance...*
2. *I have played my part. It is time for someone else...*

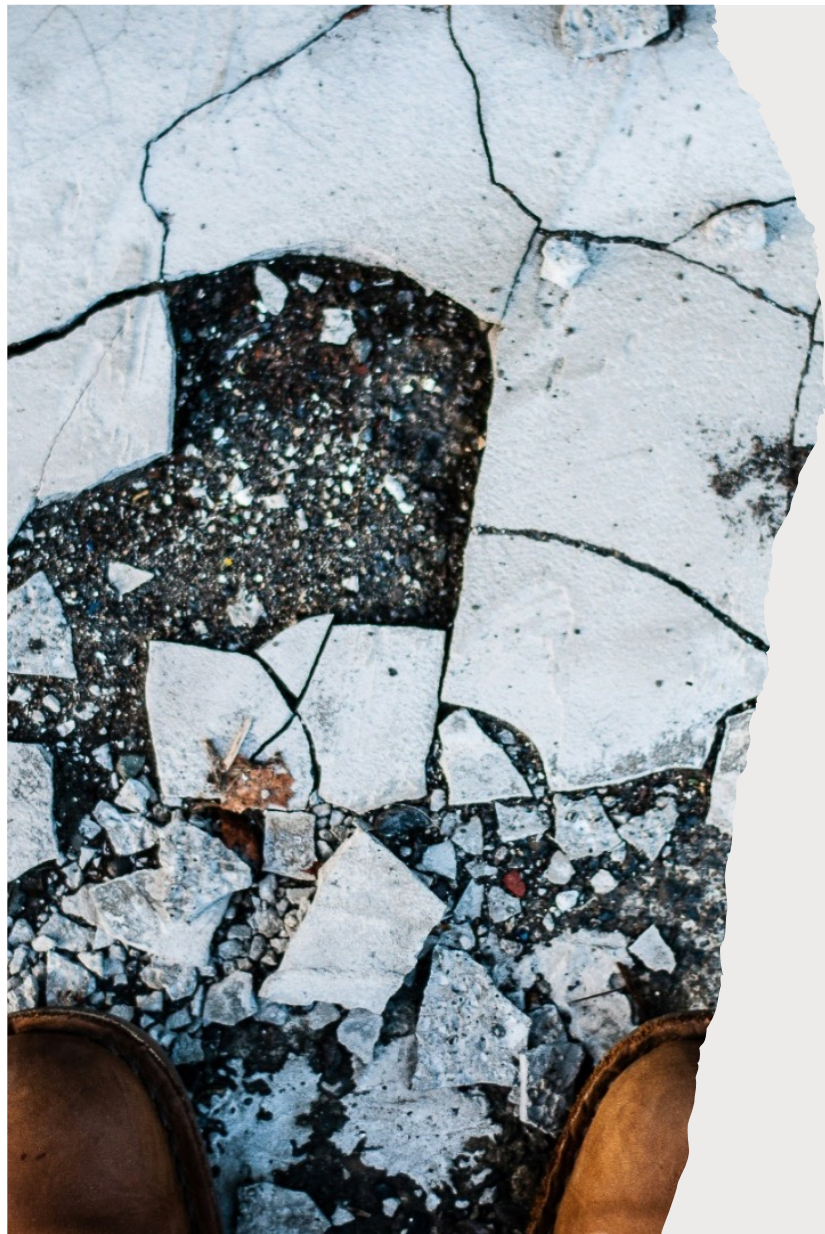
IF WE ARE STUCK
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AREN'T *FULLY HERE*,
AND *GOD MEETS US*
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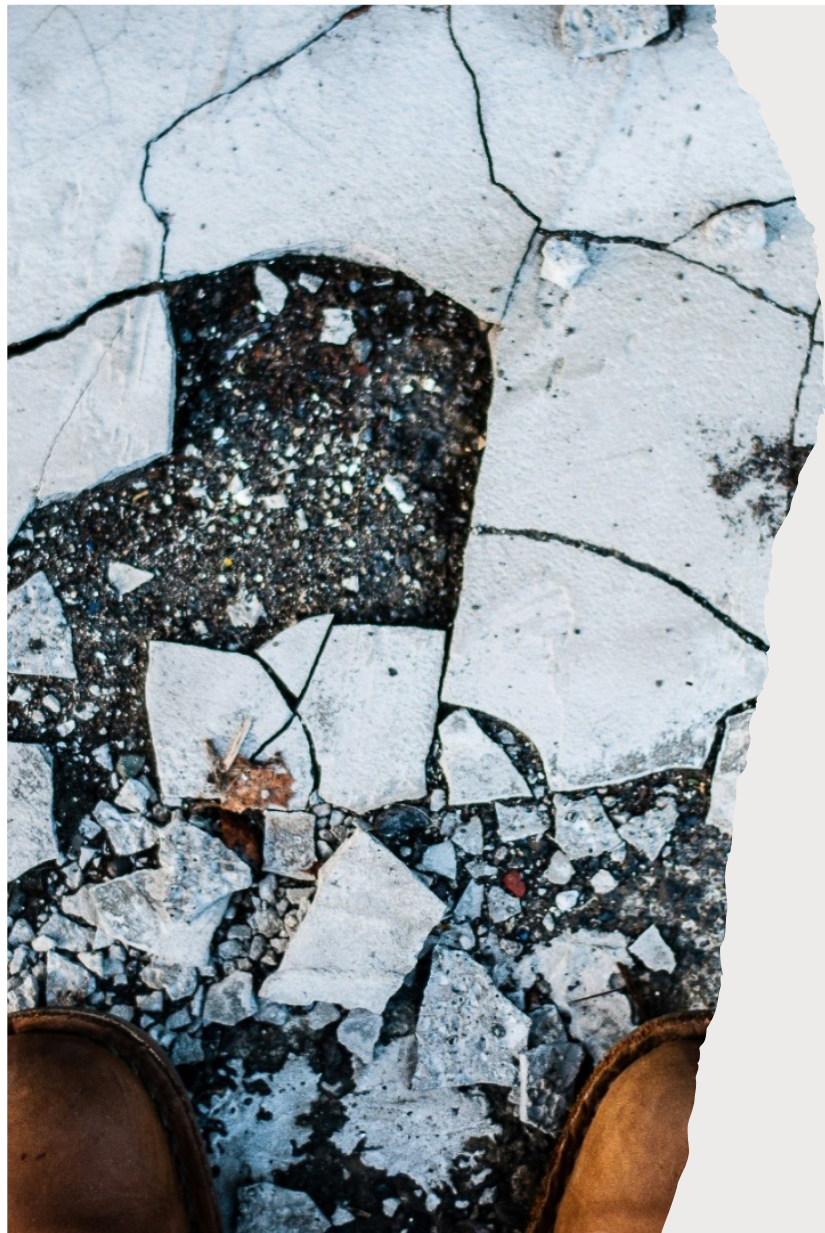
JUDGES 3:10

¹⁰ The Spirit of the Lord came upon him, and he became Israel's judge. He went to war against King Cushan-rishathaim of Aram, and the Lord gave Othniel victory over him.



JUDGES 3:11

¹¹ So there was **peace in the land** for **forty years**. Then Othniel son of Kenaz died.



LUKE 9:23-24

²³ Then he said to them all: “Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and **take up their cross daily** and follow me. ²⁴ For whoever wants to save their life will lose it, but whoever loses their life for me will save it.

EMBRACE THE
COMEBACK

THE GOD WHO USED
YOU YESTERDAY,
WILL USE YOU AGAIN
TODAY.

