

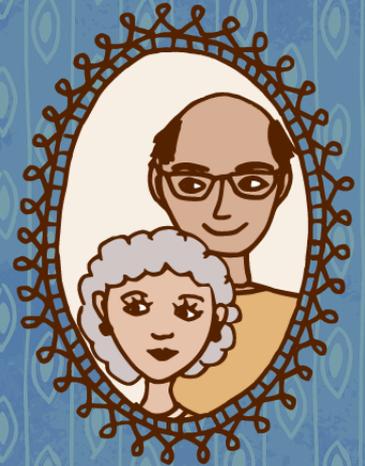


Generations



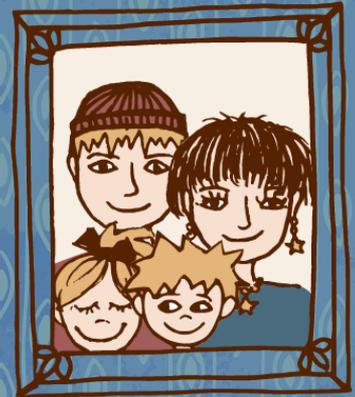
Numbers 27:12-23

¹² Then the LORD said to Moses, “Go up this mountain in the Abarim Range and see the land I have given the Israelites. ¹³ After you have seen it, you too will be gathered to your people, as your brother Aaron was,



Numbers 27:12-23

¹⁴ for when the community rebelled at the waters in the Desert of Zin, both of you disobeyed my command to honour me as holy before their eyes.” (These were the waters of Meribah Kadesh, in the Desert of Zin.)



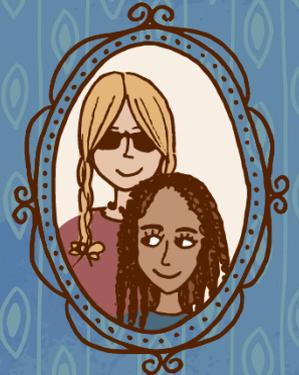
¹⁵ Moses said to the LORD,
¹⁶ “May the LORD, the God who
gives breath to all living
things, appoint someone over
this community ¹⁷ to go out
and come in before them, one
who will lead them out and
bring them in, so the LORD’s
people will not be like sheep
without a shepherd.”

Numbers 27:12-23



¹⁸ So the LORD said to Moses,
“Take Joshua son of Nun, a
man in whom is the spirit of
leadership, and lay your hand
on him. ¹⁹ Have him stand
before Eleazar the priest and
the entire assembly and
commission him in their
presence.

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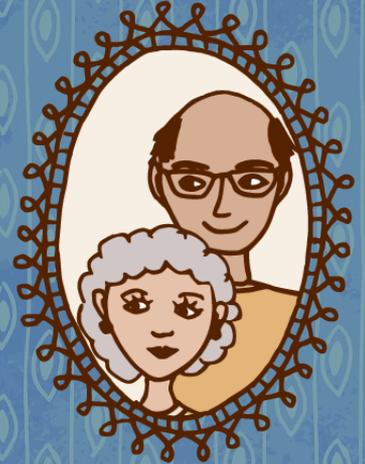
At his command he and the entire community of the Israelites will go out, and at his command they will come in.”²² Moses did as the LORD commanded him. He took Joshua and had him stand before Eleazar the priest and the whole assembly.

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²³ Then he laid his hands on him and commissioned him, as the LORD instructed through Moses.



"What's so spiritual about numbering?
What's so spiritual about a census?
Nothing, unless your name is in it
and you are part of that number."

- Skip Heitzig -

God's vision for us may be bigger than us

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Who are we mentoring?

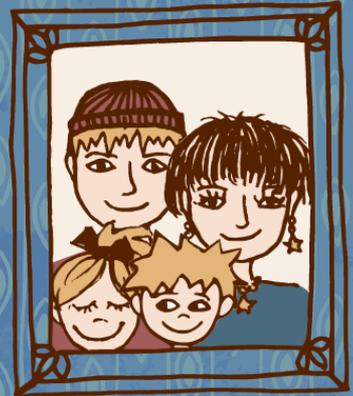
1) Defining Moments

A) How to Fight Battles

Exod. 17:10-14

¹⁰ So Joshua fought the Amalekites as Moses had ordered, and Moses, Aaron and Hur went to the top of the hill. ¹¹ As long as Moses held up his hands, the Israelites were winning, but whenever he lowered his hands, the Amalekites were winning.

Exodus 17:10-14



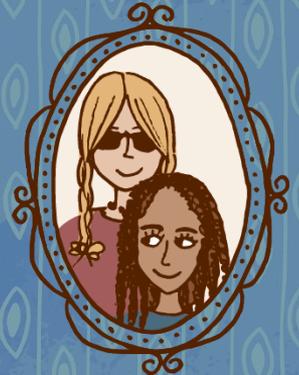
Exodus 17:10-14

¹² When Moses' hands grew tired, they took a stone and put it under him and he sat on it. Aaron and Hur held his hands up—one on one side, one on the other—so that his hands remained steady till sunset.



1³ So Joshua overcame the Amalekite army with the sword. 1⁴ Then the LORD said to Moses, “Write this on a scroll as something to be remembered and make sure that Joshua hears it, because I will completely blot out the name of Amalek from under heaven.”

Exodus 17:10-14



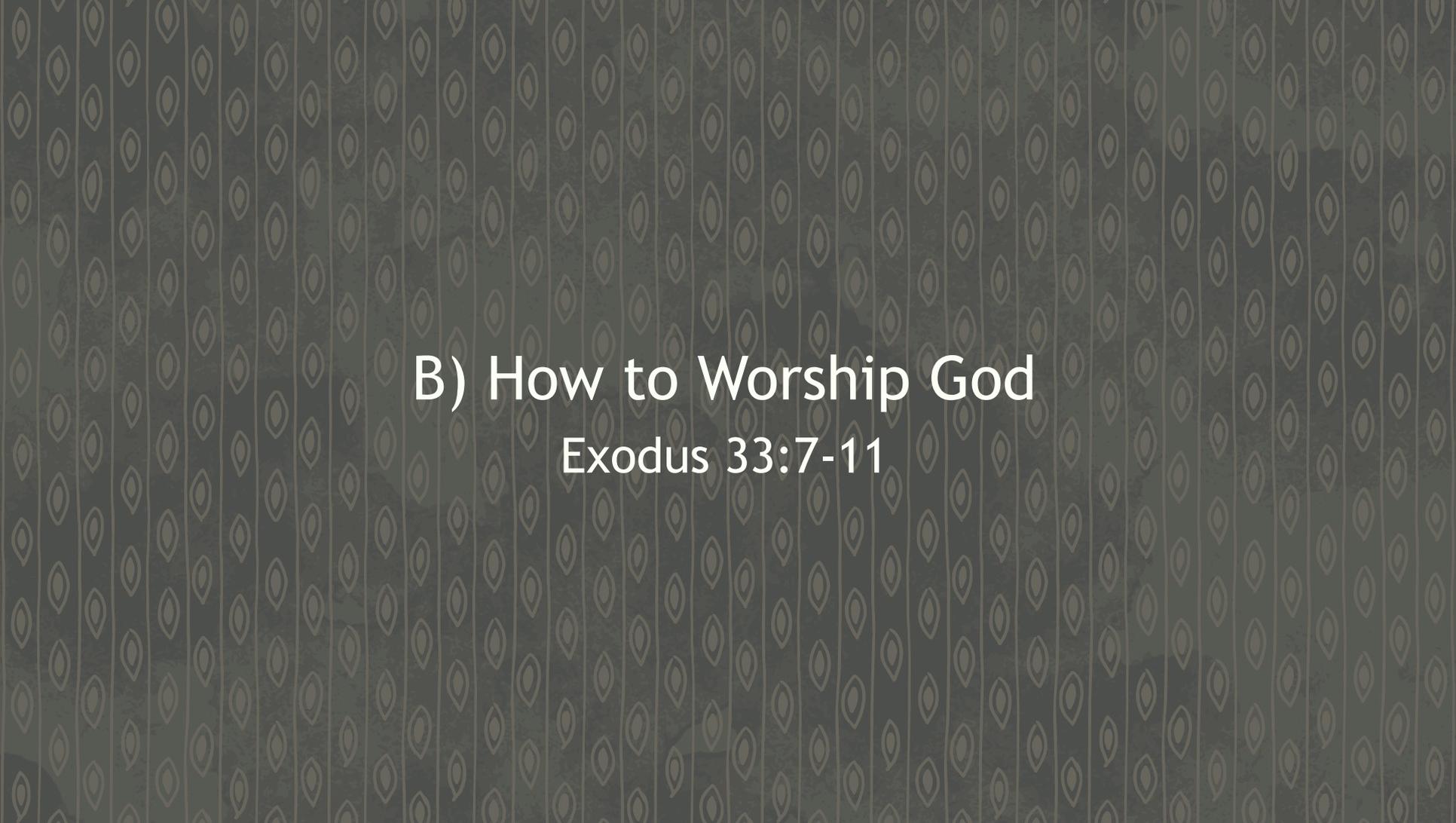
Joshua had to learn the primacy of prayer
over the sword when engaged in battle

Joshua had to learn the primacy of God's
Word in his life

Exodus 17:14

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B) How to Worship God
Exodus 33:7-11

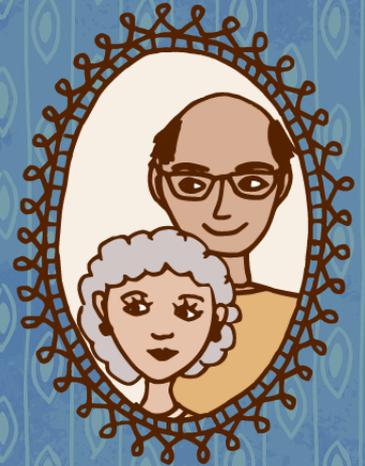
Exodus 33:7-11

⁷ Now Moses used to take a tent and pitch it outside the camp some distance away, calling it the “tent of meeting.” Anyone inquiring of the LORD would go to the tent of meeting outside the camp.



Exodus 33:7-11

⁸ And whenever Moses went out to the tent, all the people rose and stood at the entrances to their tents, watching Moses until he entered the tent.



Exodus 33:7-11

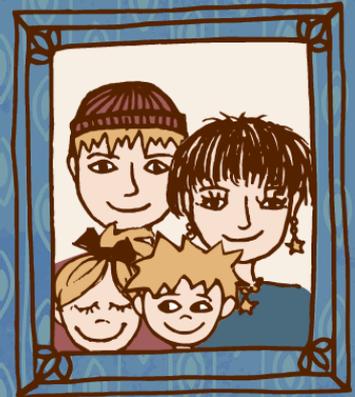
⁹As Moses went into the tent,
the pillar of cloud would
come down and stay at the
entrance, while the LORD
spoke with Moses.

¹⁰Whenever the people saw
the pillar of cloud standing at
the entrance to the tent,



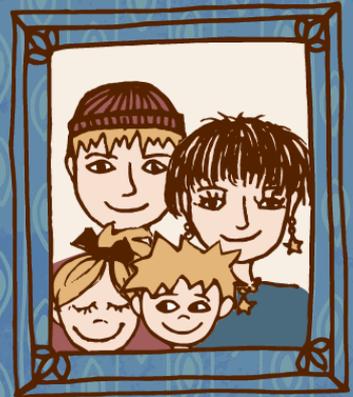
they all stood and worshiped,
each at the entrance to their
tent. ¹¹The LORD would speak
to Moses face to face, as one
speaks to a friend. Then
Moses would return to the
camp, but his young aide
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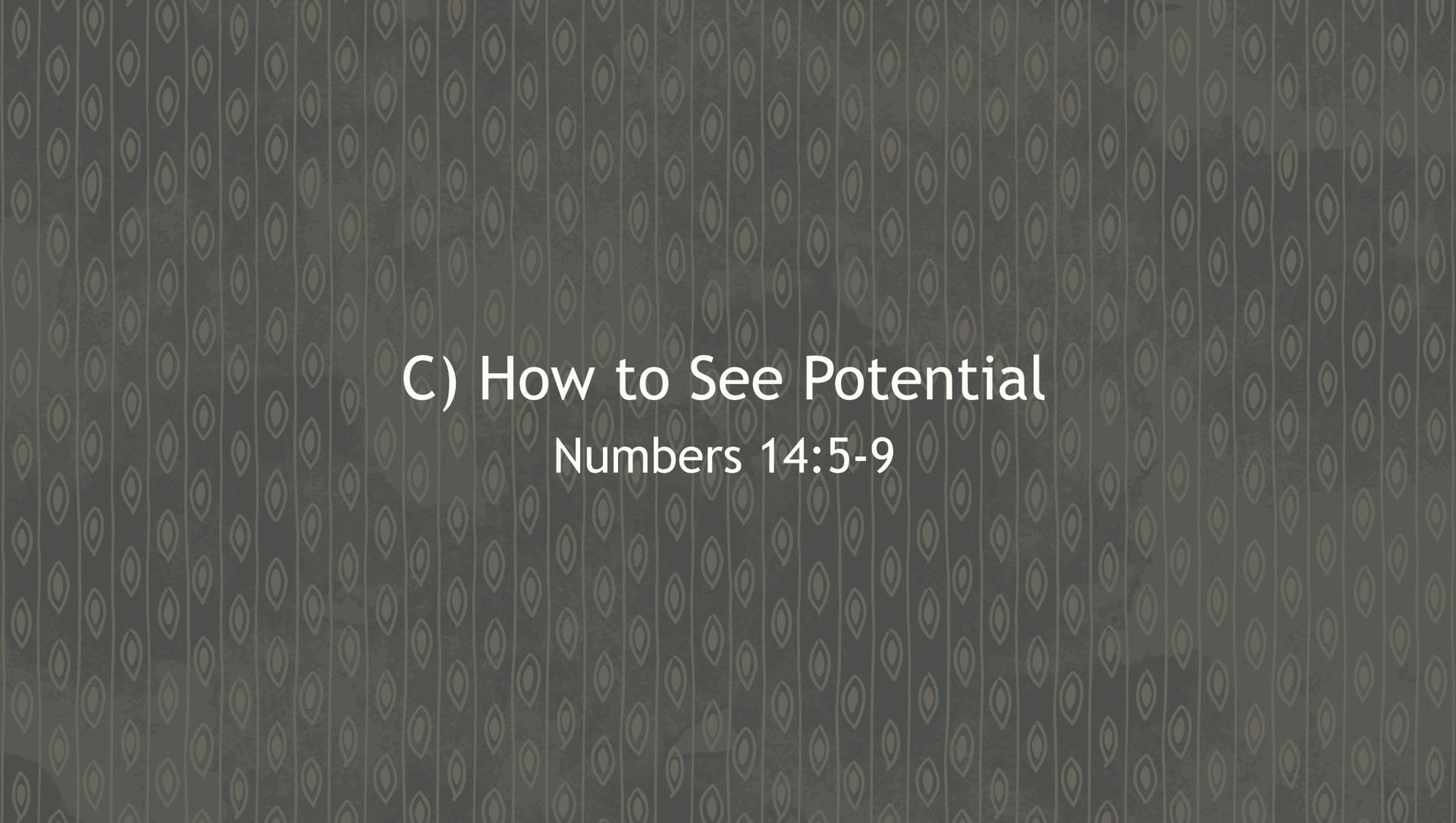
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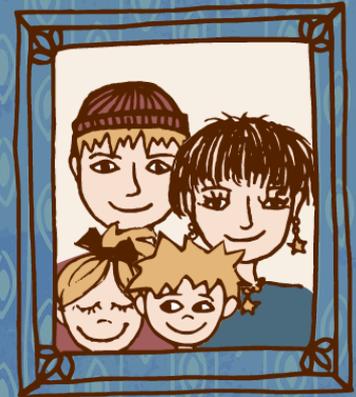




C) How to See Potential
Numbers 14:5-9

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⁵ Then Moses and Aaron fell facedown in front of the whole Israelite assembly gathered there. ⁶ Joshua son of Nun and Caleb son of Jephunneh, who were among those who had explored the land, tore their clothes



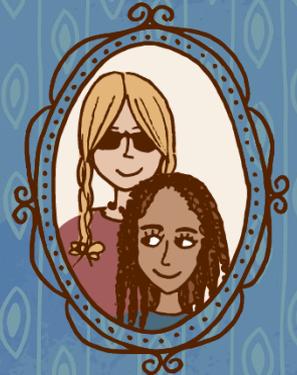
Numbers 14:5-9

⁷ and said to the entire Israelite assembly, “The land we passed through and explored is exceedingly good.
⁸ If the LORD is pleased with us, he will lead us into that land, a land flowing with milk and honey, and will give it to us.



Numbers 14:5-9

9 Only do not rebel against the LORD. And do not be afraid of the people of the land, because we will devour them. Their protection is gone, but the LORD is with us. Do not be afraid of them.”



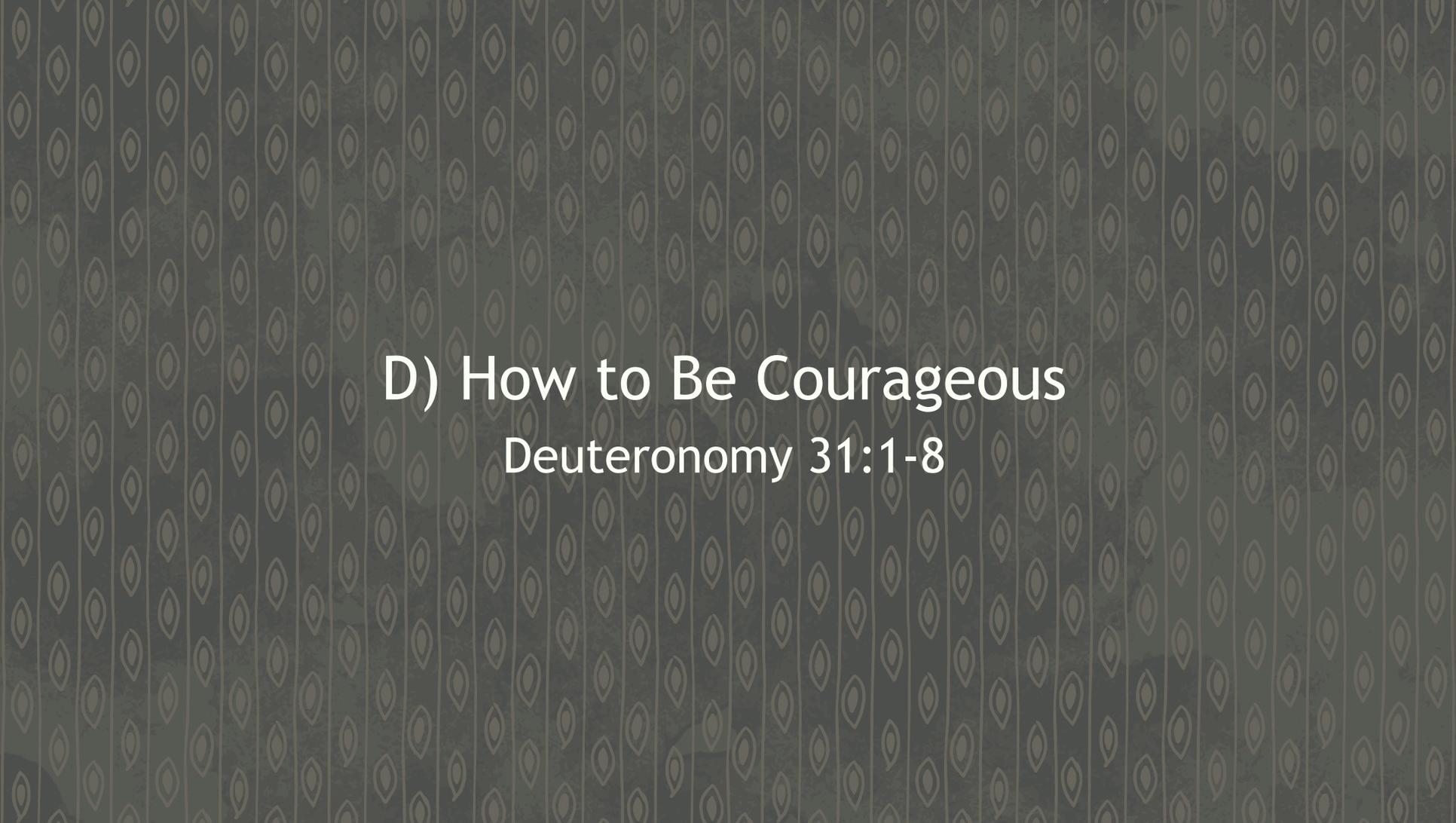
Joshua knew that the same God
that rescued Israel out of Egypt
is the same God that would
establish them into Canaan

Numbers 14:37-38

"These men who were responsible for spreading the bad report about the land were struck down and died of a plague before the LORD.

³⁸ Of the men who went to explore the land, only Joshua son of Nun and Caleb son of Jephunneh survived."

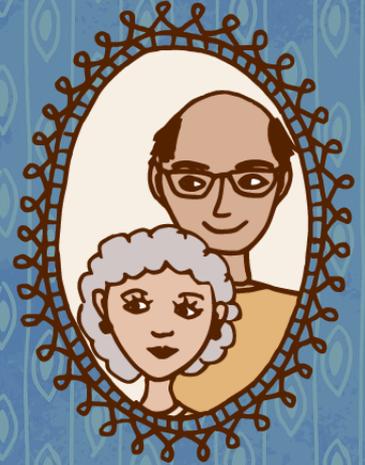




D) How to Be Courageous
Deuteronomy 31:1-8

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Then Moses went out and spoke these words to all Israel: ² “I am now a hundred and twenty years old and I am no longer able to lead you. The LORD has said to me, ‘You shall not cross the Jordan.’”



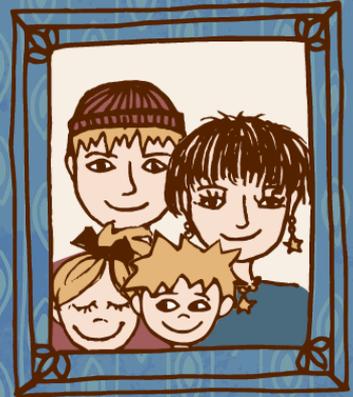
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³The LORD your God himself will cross over ahead of you. He will destroy these nations before you, and you will take possession of their land. Joshua also will cross over ahead of you, as the LORD said.



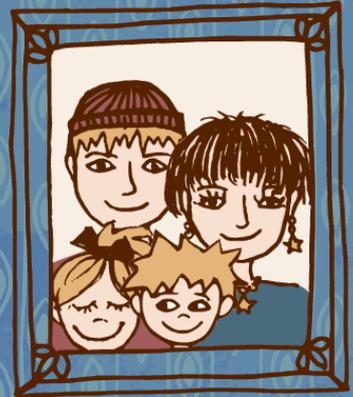
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⁴And the LORD will do to them what he did to Sihon and Og, the kings of the Amorites, whom he destroyed along with their land. ⁵The LORD will deliver them to you, and you must do to them all that I have commanded you.



Deuteronomy 31:1-8

⁶ Be strong and courageous.
Do not be afraid or terrified
because of them, for the LORD
your God goes with you; he
will never leave you nor
forsake you.”



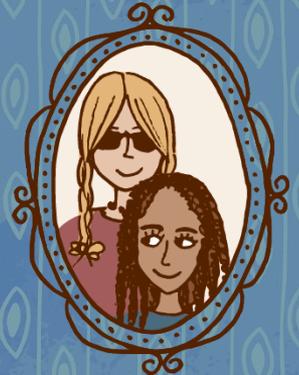
Deuteronomy 31:1-8

7 Then Moses summoned Joshua and said to him in the presence of all Israel, “Be strong and courageous, for you must go with this people into the land that the LORD swore to their ancestors to give them, and you must divide it among them as their inheritance.



Deuteronomy 31:1-8

⁸ The LORD himself goes before you and will be with you; he will never leave you nor forsake you. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged.”



What are the defining moments of your life?

2) Defining Traits

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Numbers 27:18-21



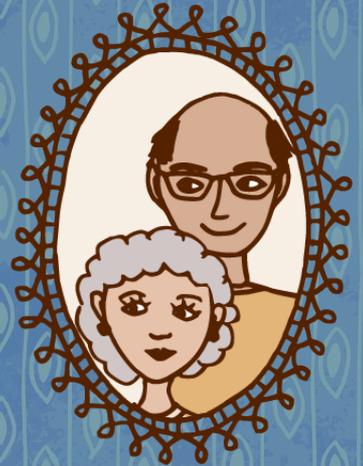
Numbers 27:18-21

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Numbers 27:18-21

At his command he and the entire community of the Israelites will go out, and at his command they will come in.”



Numbers 27:18

“Take Joshua son of Nun,
a man in whom is the
spirit of leadership,”



What is this spirit of leadership?

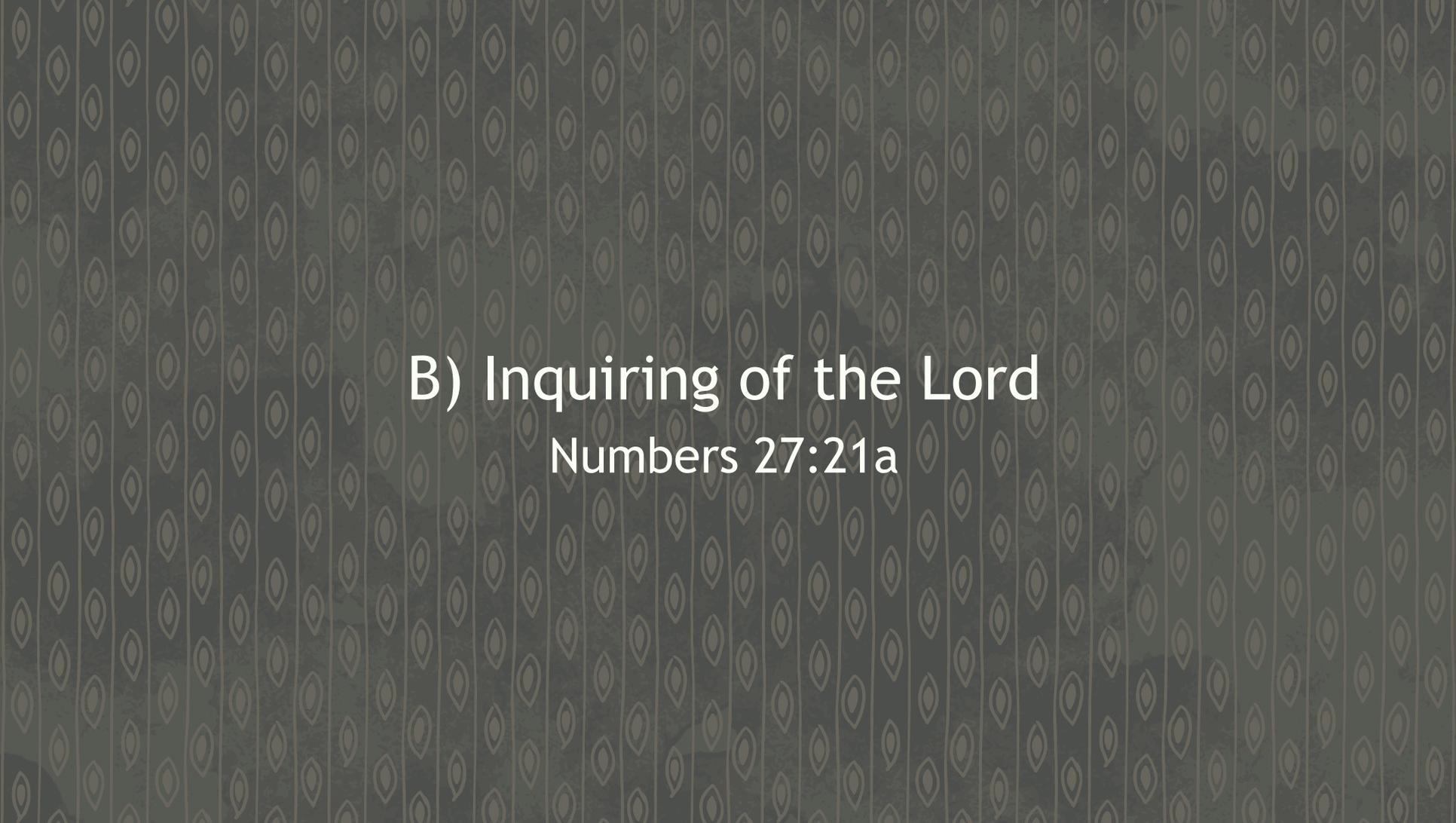
A) Transferred Authority

Numbers 27:20

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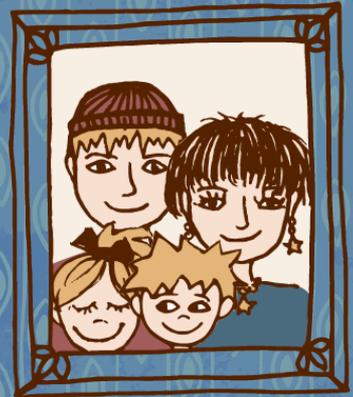


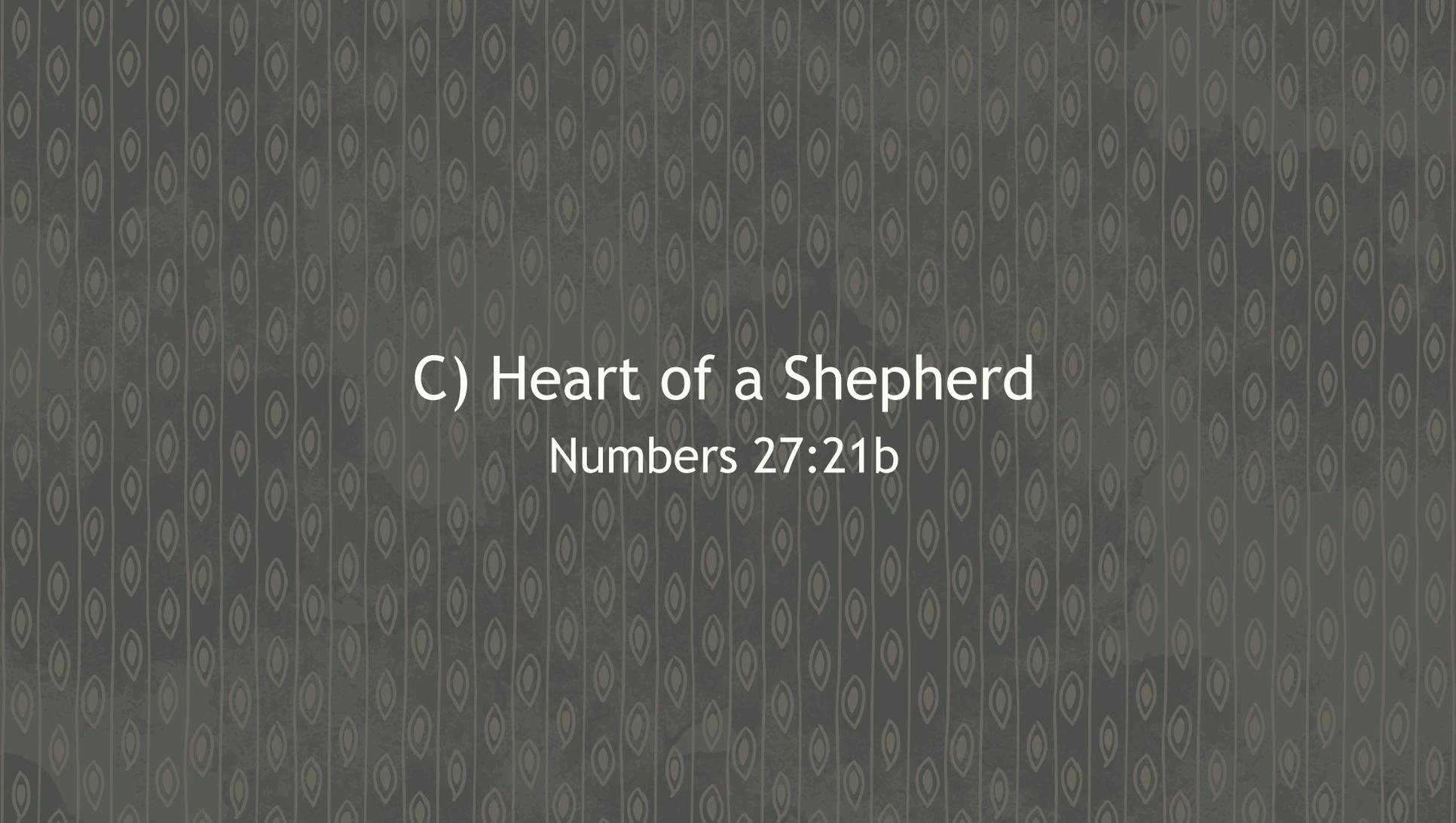


B) Inquiring of the Lord
Numbers 27:21a

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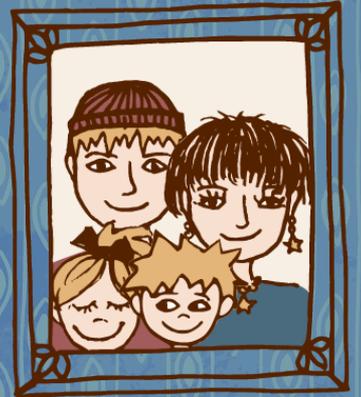




C) Heart of a Shepherd
Numbers 27:21b

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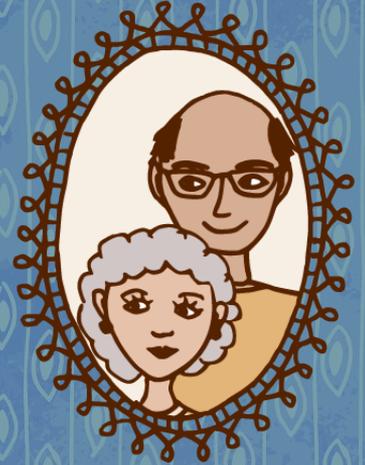
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Moses helped Joshua
discover his spiritual gifts

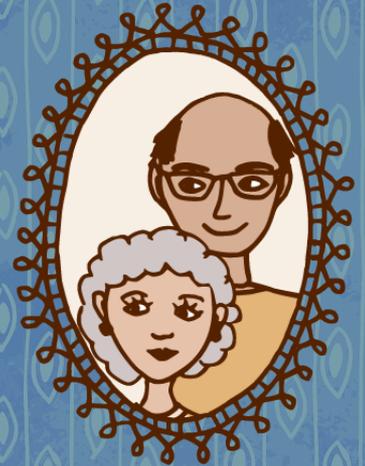
Deuteronomy 34:9

⁹ Now Joshua son of Nun was filled with the spirit of wisdom because Moses had laid his hands on him. So the Israelites listened to him and did what the LORD had commanded Moses.



Romans 12:4-8

⁴ For just as each of us has one body with many members, and these members do not all have the same function, ⁵ so in Christ we, though many, form one body, and each member belongs to all the others.



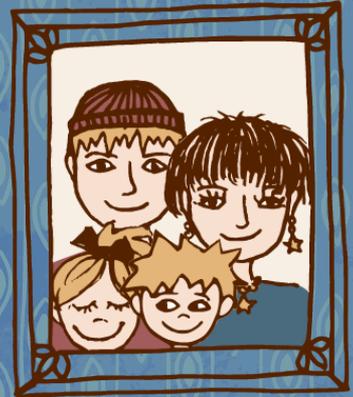
Romans 12:4-8

⁶ We have different gifts,
according to the grace given
to each of us. If your gift is
prophesying, then prophesy
in accordance with your
faith; ⁷ if it is serving,
then serve; if it is
teaching, then teach;



Romans 12:4-8

⁸ if it is to encourage, then give encouragement; if it is giving, then give generously; if it is to lead, do it diligently; if it is to show mercy, do it cheerfully.



"Is everyone meant to be a leader?"

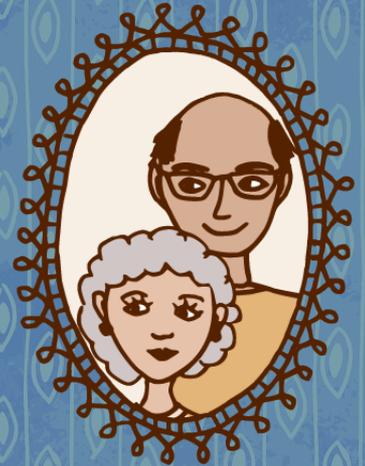
1 Cor. 12:7-11

⁷ Now to each one the manifestation of the Spirit is given for the common good.
⁸ To one there is given through the Spirit a message of wisdom, to another a message of knowledge by means of the same Spirit,



⁹ to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by that one Spirit, ¹⁰ to another miraculous powers, to another prophecy, to another distinguishing between spirits, to another speaking in different kinds of tongues

1 Cor. 12:7-11

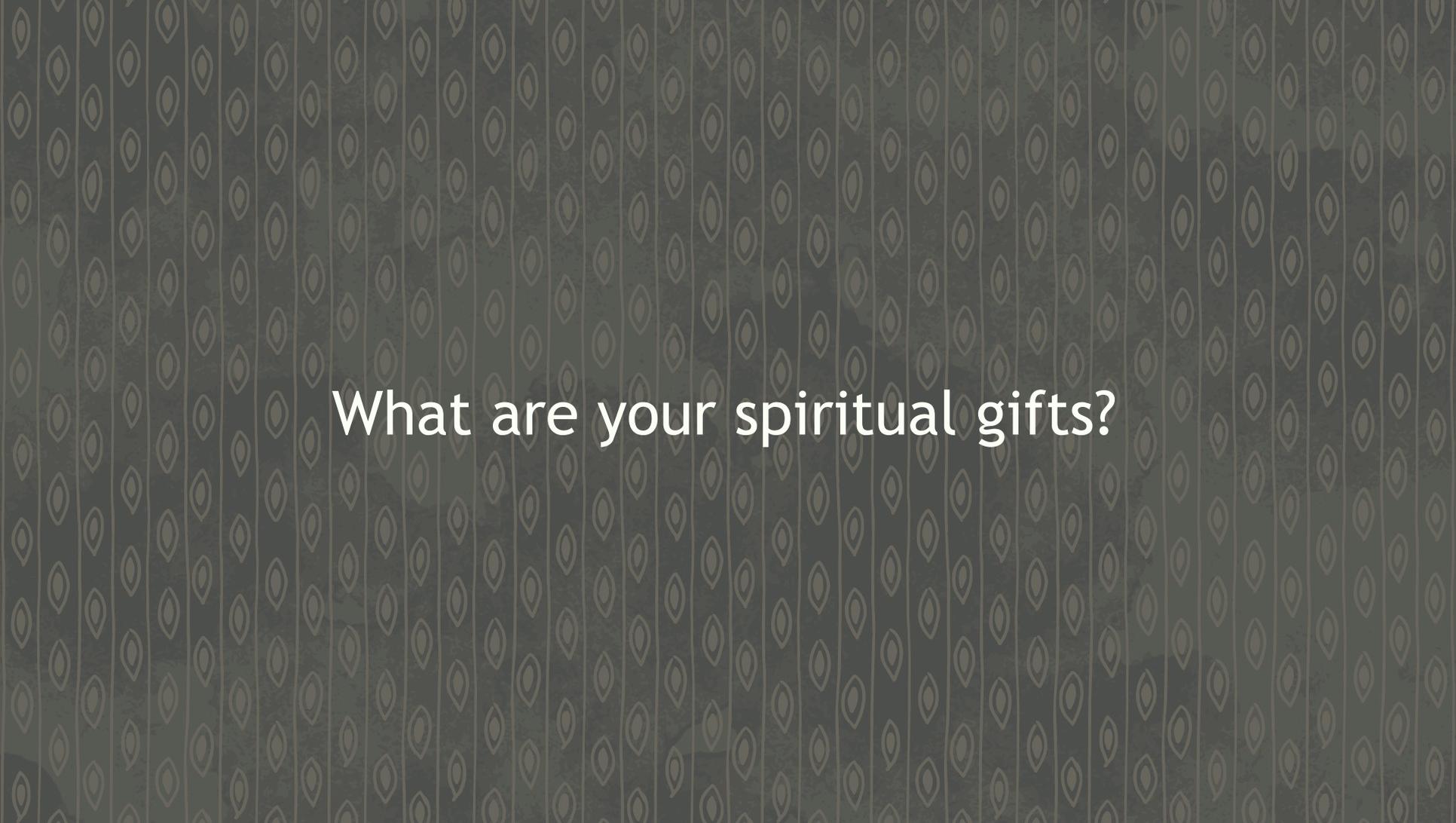


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and to still another the interpretation of tongues.

¹¹ All these are the work of one and the same Spirit, and he distributes them to each one, just as he determines.



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What are your spiritual gifts?

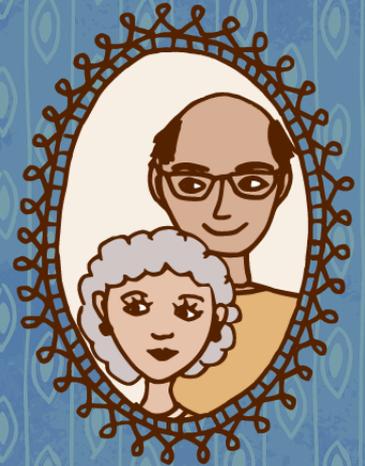
Spiritual gifts are God's way
of doing supernatural things
in and through us

3) Defining Opportunity

Judges 2:7-10

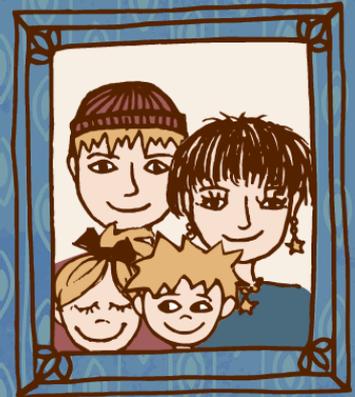
⁷ The people served the LORD throughout the lifetime of Joshua and of the elders who outlived him and who had seen all the great things the LORD had done for Israel.

⁸ Joshua son of Nun, the servant of the LORD, died at the age of a hundred and ten.



Judges 2:7-10

⁹ And they buried him in the land of his inheritance, at Timnath Heres in the hill country of Ephraim, north of Mount Gaash.



Judges 2:7-10

¹⁰ After that whole generation had been gathered to their ancestors, another generation grew up who knew neither the LORD nor what he had done for Israel.

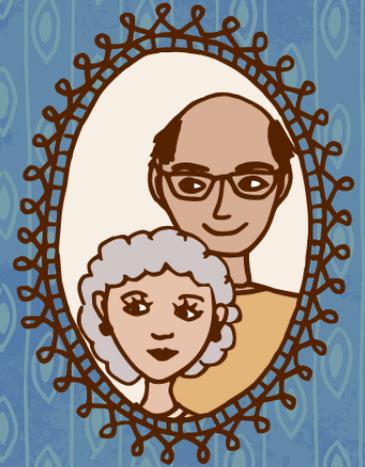


You and I have a God-given
responsibility to mentor the
upcoming generations

While Joshua had experienced great mentorship from Moses, he never mentored someone to be his successor

Judges 21:25

²⁵ In those days Israel had
no king; everyone did
as they saw fit.





Our indecision today leads to
a negative impact tomorrow

1) Defining Moments

- How to fight battles
- How to worship God
- How to see potential
- How to be courageous

2) Defining Traits

- Transferred Authority
- Inquiring of the Lord
- Heart of a Shepherd
- Spiritual Gifts: Leadership & Wisdom

3) Defining Opportunity

- Failure to mentor



Generations

