

GENESIS

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The background of the image is a soft-focus landscape. The top half shows a pale blue sky with wispy white clouds. Below the sky, a range of low, hazy mountains or hills stretches across the horizon. The bottom half of the image is dominated by a body of water, likely a lake or a calm sea, with gentle ripples on its surface. The overall color palette is cool and tranquil, consisting of various shades of blue and teal.

THE LIFE OF JOSEPH

(PART 1)

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Genesis 39:1-23

³ When his master saw that the LORD was with him and that the LORD gave him success in everything he did, ⁴ Joseph found favour in his eyes and became his attendant. Potiphar put him in charge of his household, and he entrusted to his care everything he owned.

Genesis 39:1-23

⁵ From the time he put him in charge of his household and of all that he owned, the LORD blessed the household of the Egyptian because of Joseph. The blessing of the LORD was on everything Potiphar had, both in the house and in the field.

Genesis 39:1-23

⁶ So Potiphar left everything he had in Joseph's care; with Joseph in charge, he did not concern himself with anything except the food he ate. Now Joseph was well-built and handsome, ⁷ and after a while his master's wife took notice of Joseph and said, "Come to bed with me!"

Genesis 39:1-23

⁸ But he refused. “With me in charge,” he told her, “my master does not concern himself with anything in the house; everything he owns he has entrusted to my care. ⁹ No one is greater in this house than I am. My master has withheld nothing from me except you, because you are his wife.

Genesis 39:1-23

How then could I do such a wicked thing and sin against God?”¹⁰ And though she spoke to Joseph day after day, he refused to go to bed with her or even be with her.¹¹ One day he went into the house to attend to his duties, and none of the household servants was inside.

Genesis 39:1-23

¹² She caught him by his cloak and said, “Come to bed with me!” But he left his cloak in her hand and ran out of the house. ¹³ When she saw that he had left his cloak in her hand and had run out of the house, ¹⁴ she called her household servants.

Genesis 39:1-23

“Look,” she said to them, “this Hebrew has been brought to us to make sport of us! He came in here to sleep with me, but I screamed. ¹⁵ When he heard me scream for help, he left his cloak beside me and ran out of the house.” ¹⁶ She kept his cloak beside her until his master came home.

Genesis 39:1-23

¹⁷ Then she told him this story: “That Hebrew slave you brought us came to me to make sport of me. ¹⁸ But as soon as I screamed for help, he left his cloak beside me and ran out of the house. ¹⁹ When his master heard the story his wife told him, saying, “This is how your slave treated me,” he burned with anger.

Genesis 39:1-23

²⁰ Joseph's master took him and put him in prison, the place where the king's prisoners were confined. But while Joseph was there in the prison, ²¹ the LORD was with him; he showed him kindness and granted him favour in the eyes of the prison warden.

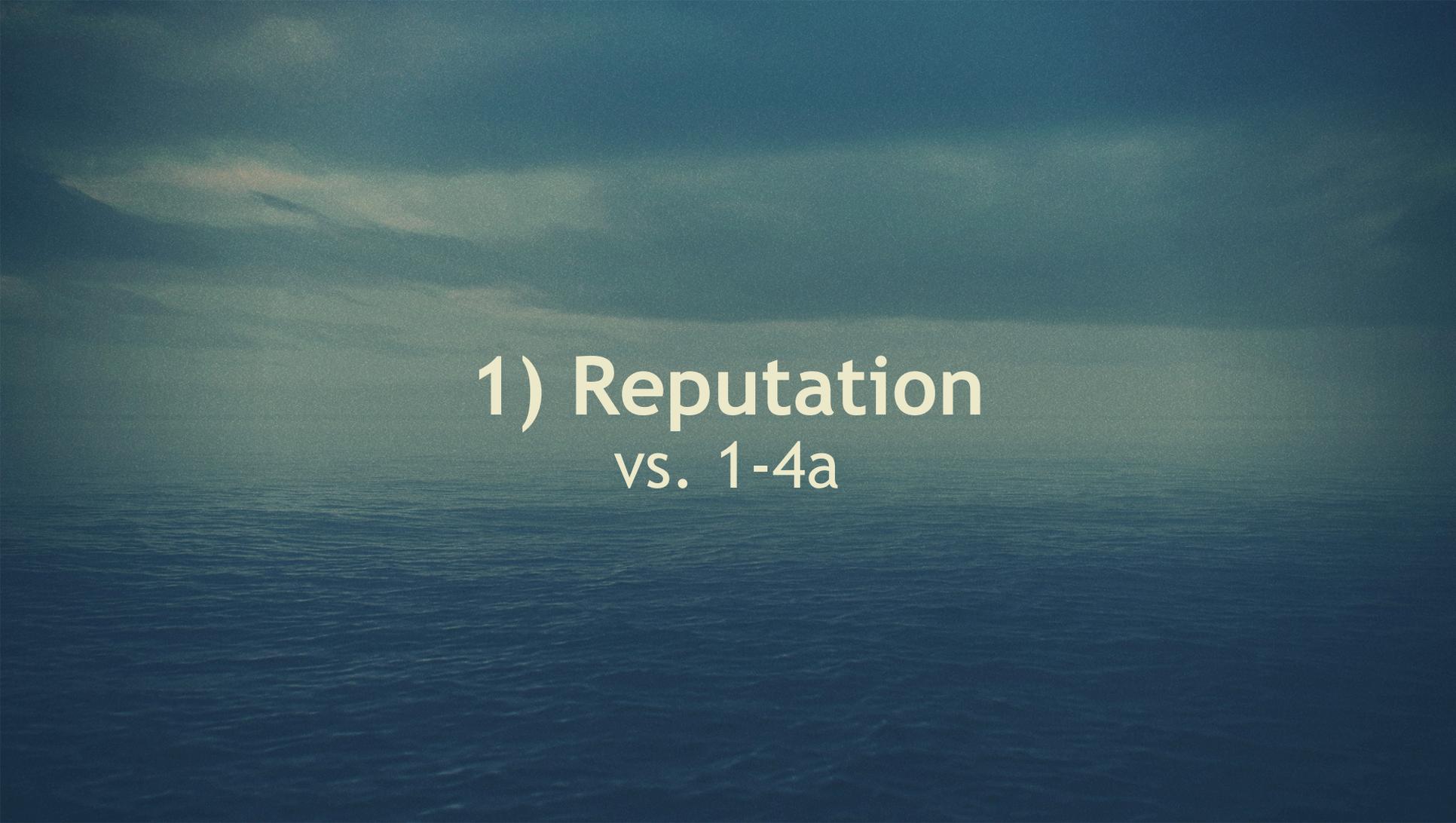
Genesis 39:1-23

²² So the warden put Joseph in charge of all those held in the prison, and he was made responsible for all that was done there.

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Genesis 39:1-23

God has chosen to partner with
people with character over people
with competency

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1) Reputation

vs. 1-4a

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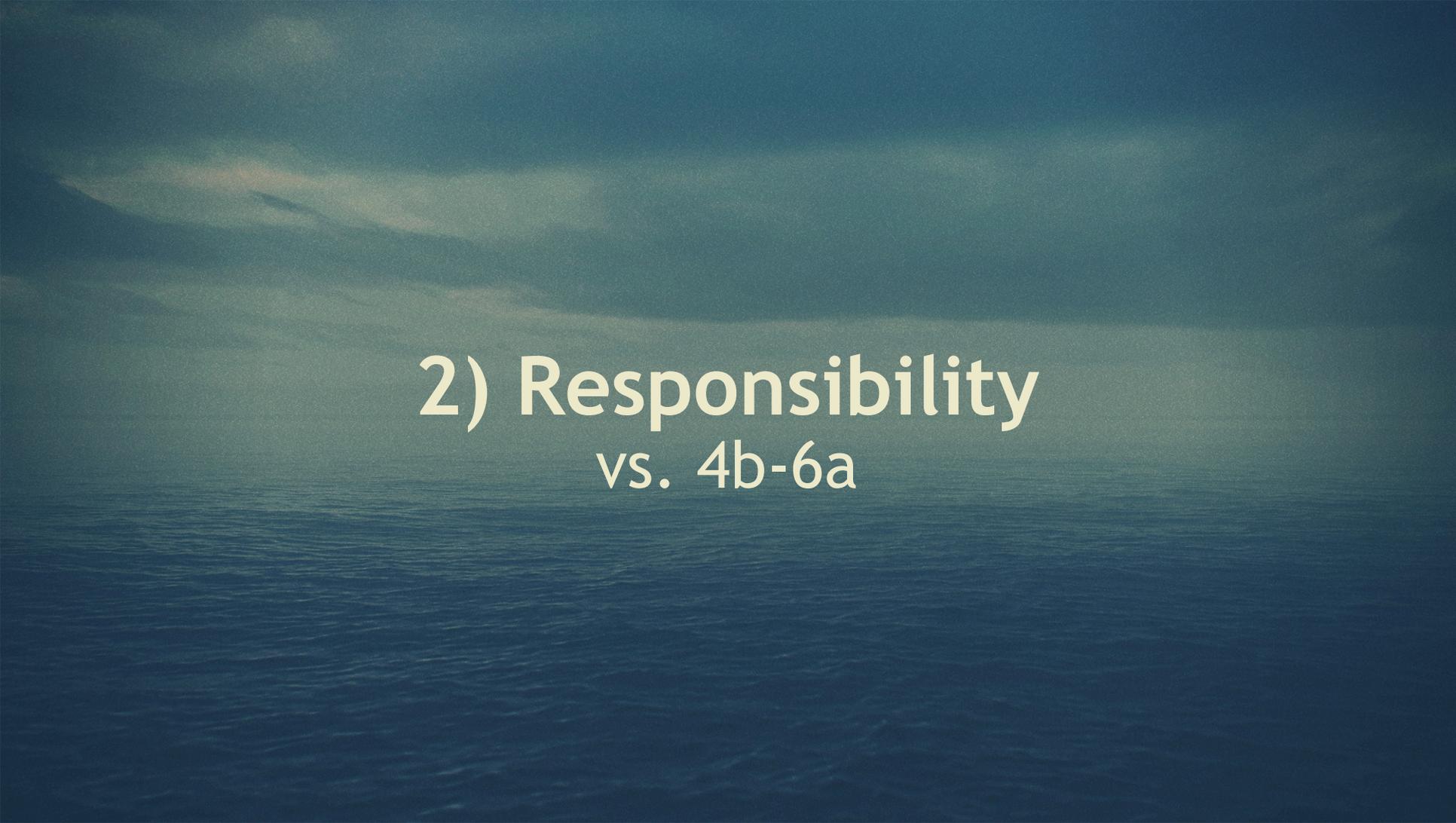
Genesis 39:1-4a

Our character ought to be derived
from God's perfect character

We have limited prosperity to
mean wealth instead of the
prospering of the whole person

²³ His master replied, 'Well done, good and faithful servant! You have been faithful with a few things; I will put you in charge of many things. Come and share your master's happiness!

Matthew 25:23

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2) Responsibility vs. 4b-6a

Potiphar put him in charge of his household, and he entrusted to his care everything he owned. ⁵ From the time he put him in charge of his household and of all that he owned, the LORD blessed the household of the Egyptian because of Joseph.

Genesis 39:4b-6a

The blessing of the LORD was on everything Potiphar had, both in the house and in the field. ⁶ So Potiphar left everything he had in Joseph's care; with Joseph in charge, he did not concern himself with anything except the food he ate.

Genesis 39:4b-6a

³ You will be blessed in the city and blessed in the country. ⁴ The fruit of your womb will be blessed, and the crops of your land and the young of your livestock—the calves of your herds and the lambs of your flocks. ⁵ Your basket and your kneading trough will be blessed.

Deuteronomy 28:3-8

⁶ You will be blessed when you come in and blessed when you go. ⁷ The LORD will grant that the enemies who rise up against you will be defeated before you. They will come at you from one direction but flee from you in seven. ⁸ The LORD will send a blessing on your barns and on everything you put your hand to.

Deuteronomy 28:3-8

²² [Workers], obey your earthly [bosses] in everything; and do it, not only when their eye is on you and to curry their favour, but with sincerity of heart and reverence for the Lord.

Colossians 3:22-24

²³ Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for human masters, ²⁴ since you know that you will receive an inheritance from the Lord as a reward. It is the Lord Christ you are serving.

Colossians 3:22-24

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3) Righteousness vs. 6b-9

Now Joseph was well-built and handsome,
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notice of Joseph and said, "Come to bed with
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Genesis 39:6b-9

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Genesis 39:6b-9

It takes years to build your
character, but it takes seconds
to lose it

Joseph believed that one area of compromise would lead to a whole life of compromise

Joseph believed that all areas of life are accountable to God

⁴ Against you, you only, have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight; so you are right in your verdict and justified when you judge.

Psalm 51:4

“What makes sin sin is its Godwardness.”

- John Piper -

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4) Resistance vs. 10-18

¹⁰ And though she spoke to Joseph day after day, he refused to go to bed with her or even be with her. ¹¹ One day he went into the house to attend to his duties, and none of the household servants was inside.

Genesis 39:10-18

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We are to resist temptation by
learning how to say “NO”
repeatedly

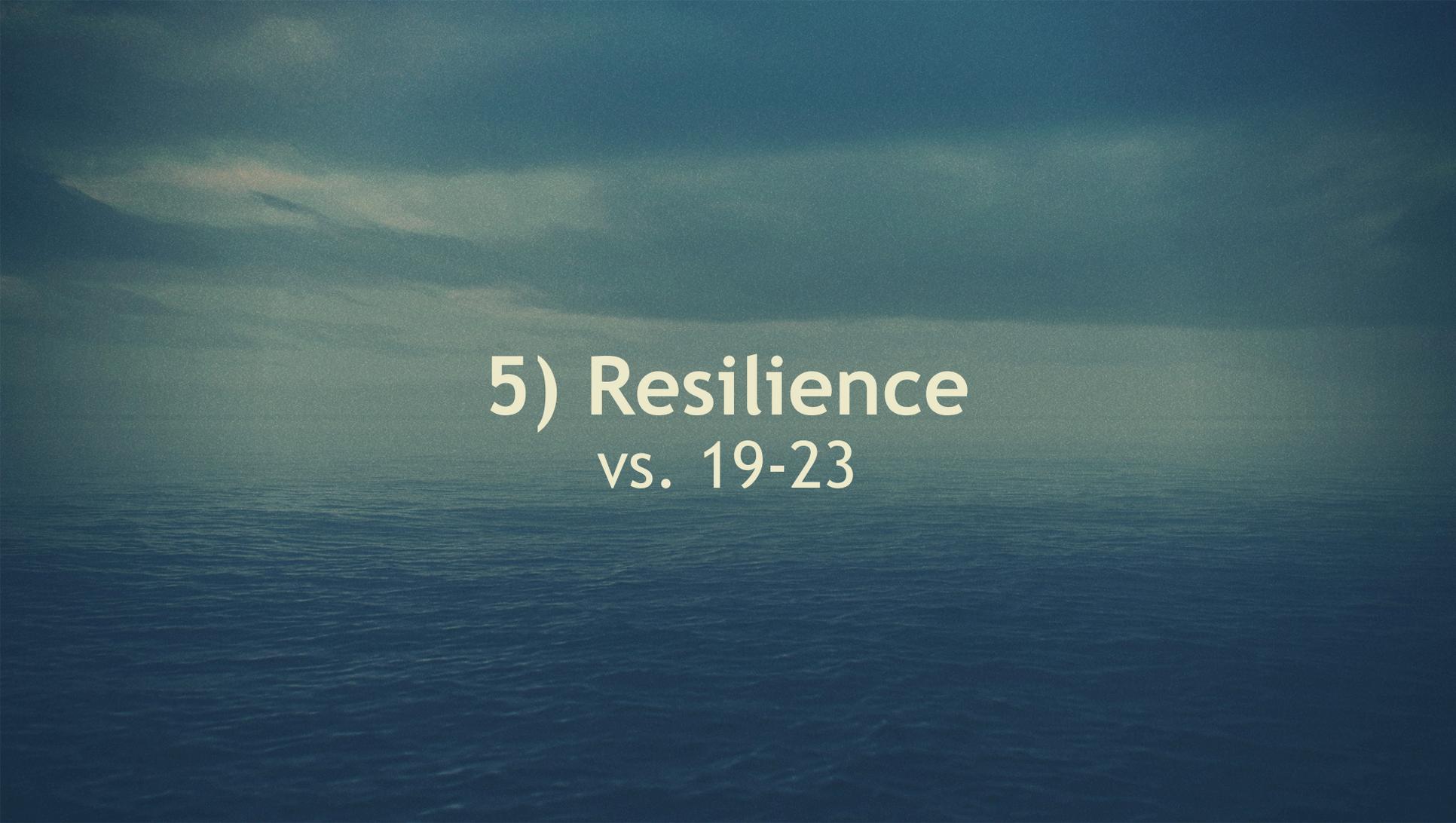
¹³ No temptation has overtaken you except what is common to mankind. And God is faithful; he will not let you be tempted beyond what you can bear. But when you are tempted, he will also provide a way out so that you can endure it.

1 Corinthians 10:13

God does not want us to fight
temptation, He wants us to
flee temptation

⁷ Submit yourselves, then, to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.

James 4:7

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5) Resilience vs. 19-23

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Genesis 39:19-23

Do not be so quick to quit.
Quitting prematurely can stunt
your character growth

We also glory in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces perseverance;
⁴ perseverance, character; and character, hope. ⁵ And hope does not put us to shame.

Romans 5:3-5

God wants you to manage the
prisons of your life

⁷ Where can I go from your Spirit? Where can I flee from your presence? ⁸ If I go up to the heavens, you are there; if I make my bed in the depths, you are there. ⁹ If I rise on the wings of the dawn, if I settle on the far side of the sea, ¹⁰ even there your hand will guide me, your right hand will hold me fast.

Psalm 139:7-12

¹¹ If I say, “Surely the darkness will hide me
and the light become night around me,”
¹² even the darkness will not be dark to
you; the night will shine like the day, for
darkness is as light to you.

Psalm 139:7-12

¹ Therefore, there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus

Romans 8:1

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