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A Heart of Forgiveness
Genesis 42

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7 Joseph saw his brothers and recognized them, but he treated them like strangers and spoke roughly to them. "Where do you come from?" he said. They said, "From the land of Canaan, to buy food." 8 And Joseph recognized his brothers, but they did not recognize him. 9 And Joseph remembered the dreams that he had dreamed of them. And he said to them, "You are spies; you have come to see the nakedness of the land....

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¹⁰ They said to him, "No, my lord, your servants have come to buy food. ¹¹ We are all sons of one man. We are honest men. Your servants have never been spies." ¹² He said to them, "No, it is the nakedness of the land that you have come to see." ¹³ And they said, "We, your servants, are twelve brothers, the sons of one man in the land of Canaan, and behold, the youngest is this day with our father, and one is no more."

Genesis 42:21-24

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21 Then they said to one another, "In truth we are guilty concerning our brother, in that we saw the distress of his soul, when he begged us and we did not listen. That is why this distress has come upon us." 22 And Reuben answered them, "Did I not tell you not to sin against the boy? But you did not listen. So now there comes a reckoning for his blood." 23 They did not know that Joseph understood them, for there was an interpreter between them. 24 Then he turned away from them and wept. And he returned to them and spoke to them.



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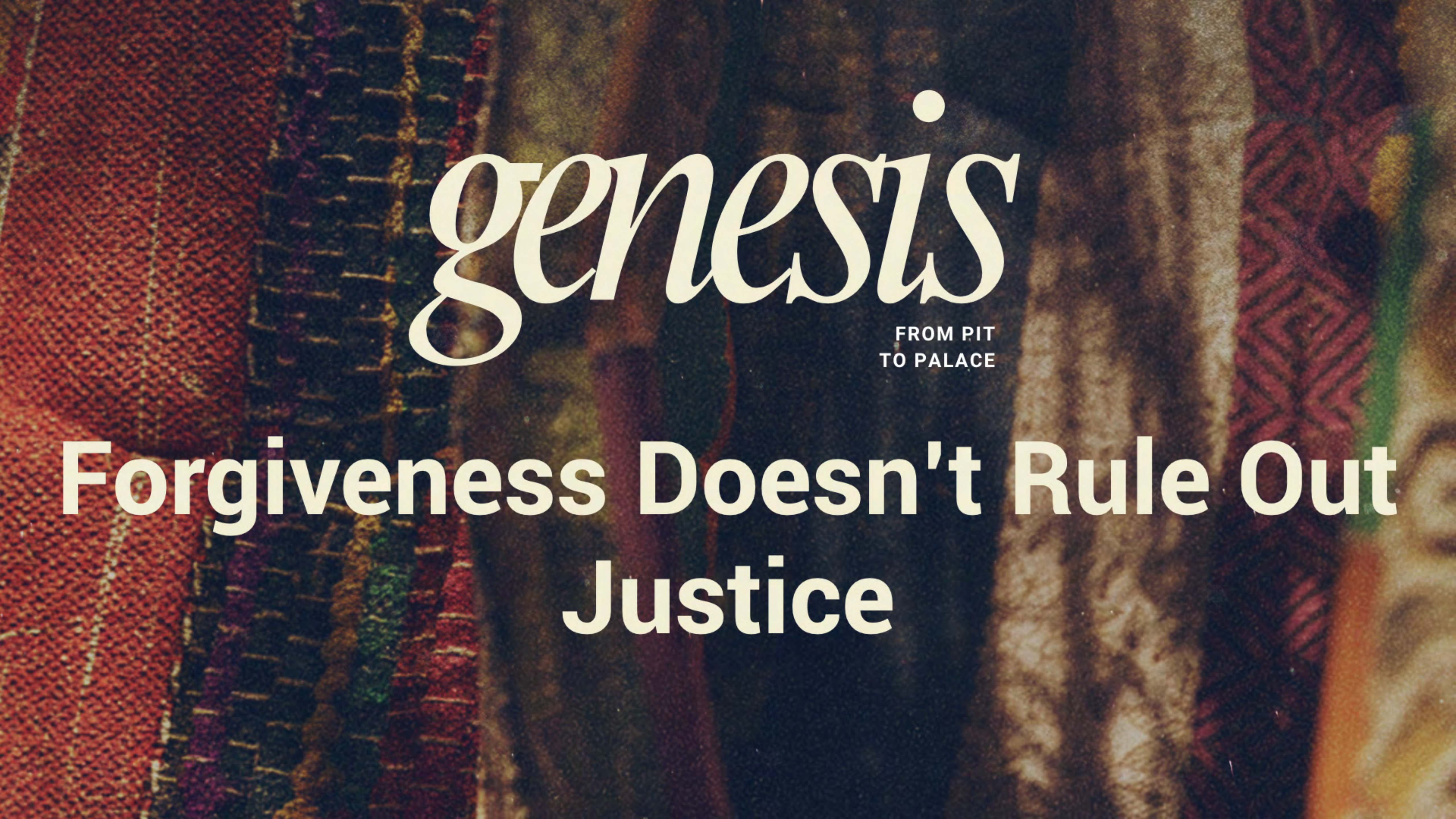
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**Forgiveness Doesn't Erase
Negative Feelings**



**"Forgiveness is an act of the will, and
the will can function regardless of the
temperature of the heart."**

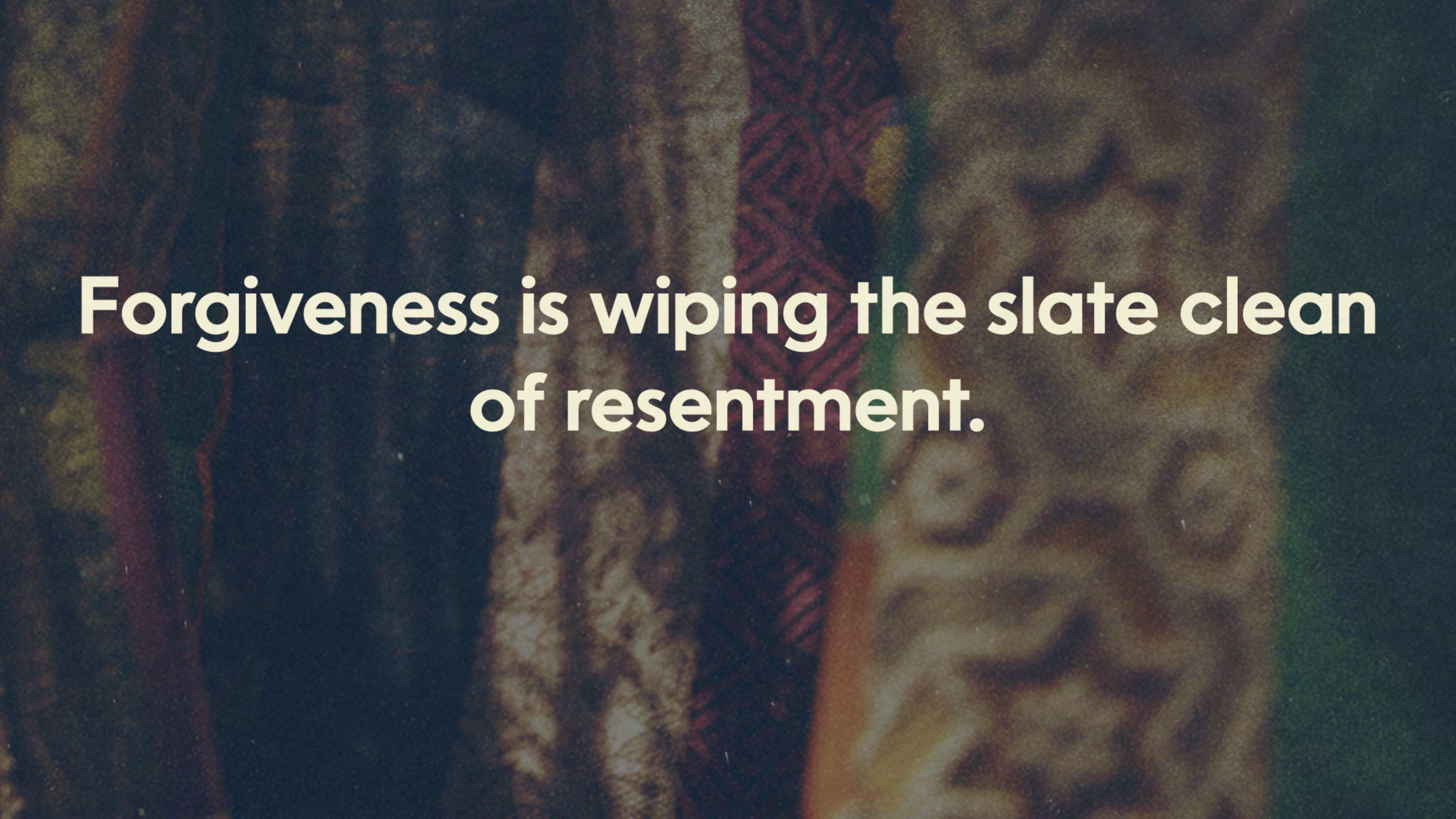
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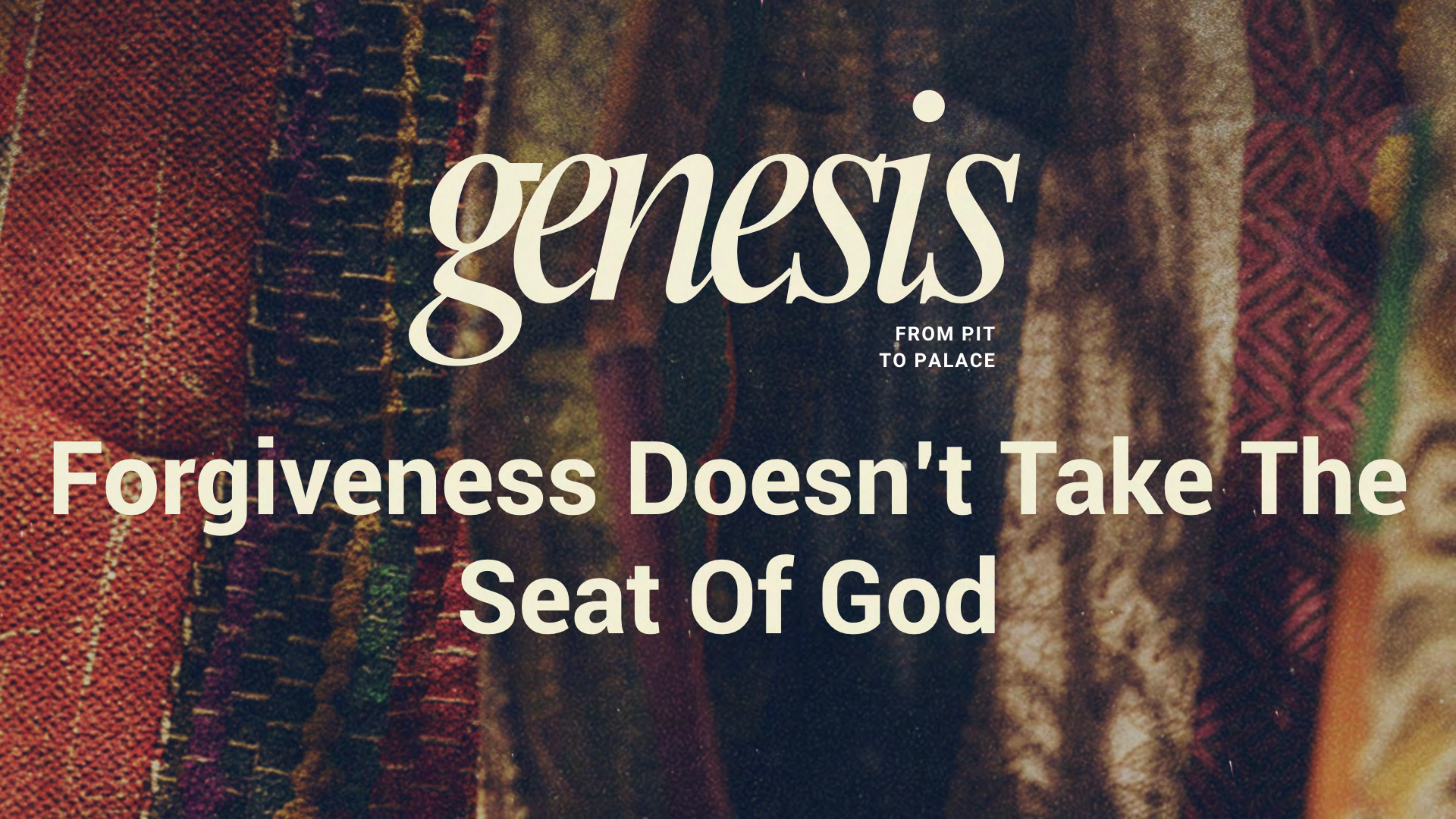
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**Forgiveness Doesn't Rule Out
Justice**

The background is a dark, mottled texture in shades of deep blue and black. A vertical strip of patterned fabric, possibly a rug or tapestry, runs down the center. It features a repeating geometric pattern in dark red and brown tones. The lighting is soft, creating subtle gradients and highlighting the textures of both the background and the fabric.

**Forgiveness is wiping the slate clean
of resentment.**



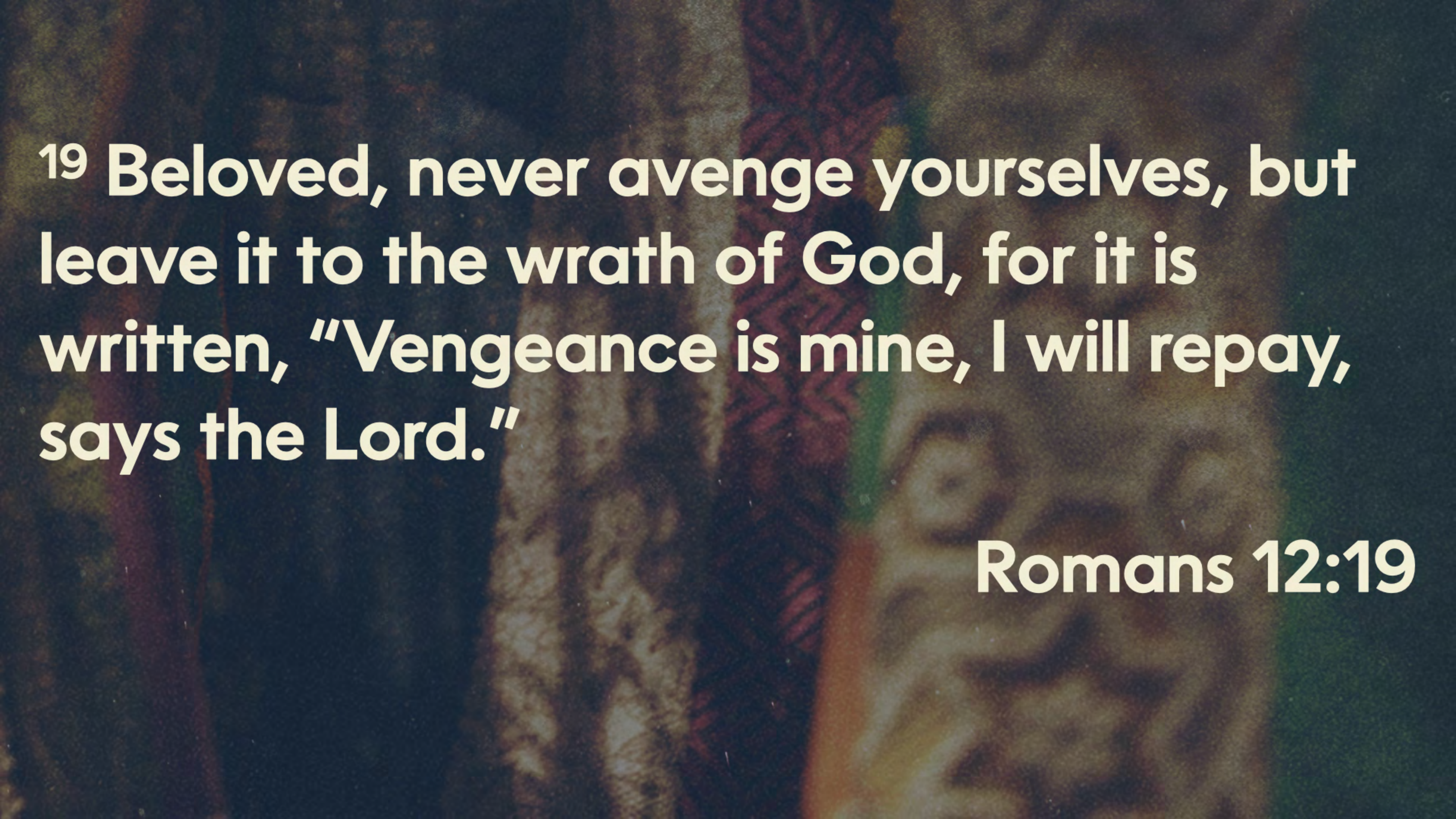
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**Forgiveness Doesn't Take The
Seat Of God**

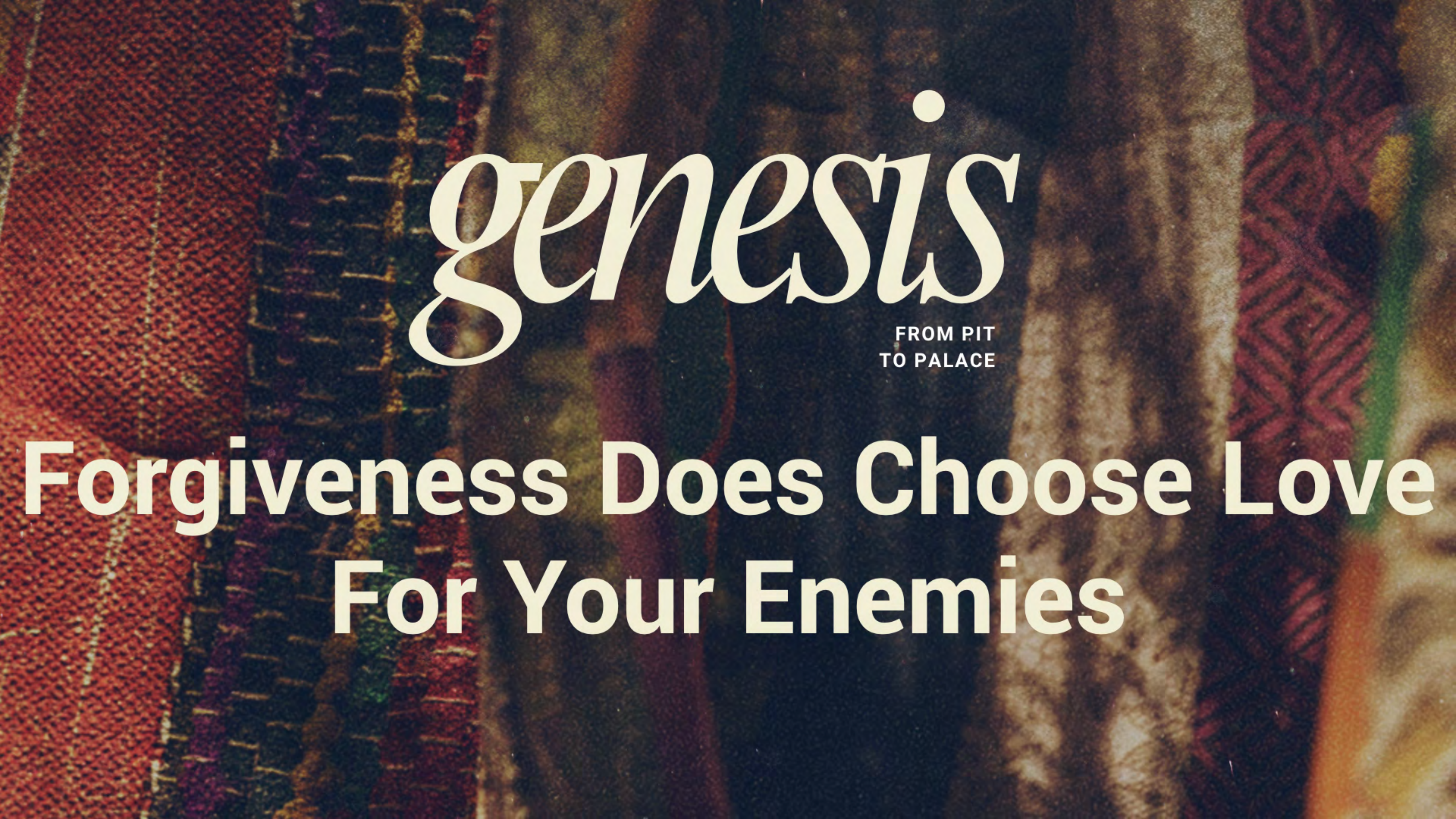
¹³ ...bearing with one another and, if one has a complaint against another, forgiving each other; as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive.

Colossians 3:13



¹⁹ Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave it to the wrath of God, for it is written, "Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord."

Romans 12:19



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**Forgiveness Does Choose Love
For Your Enemies**

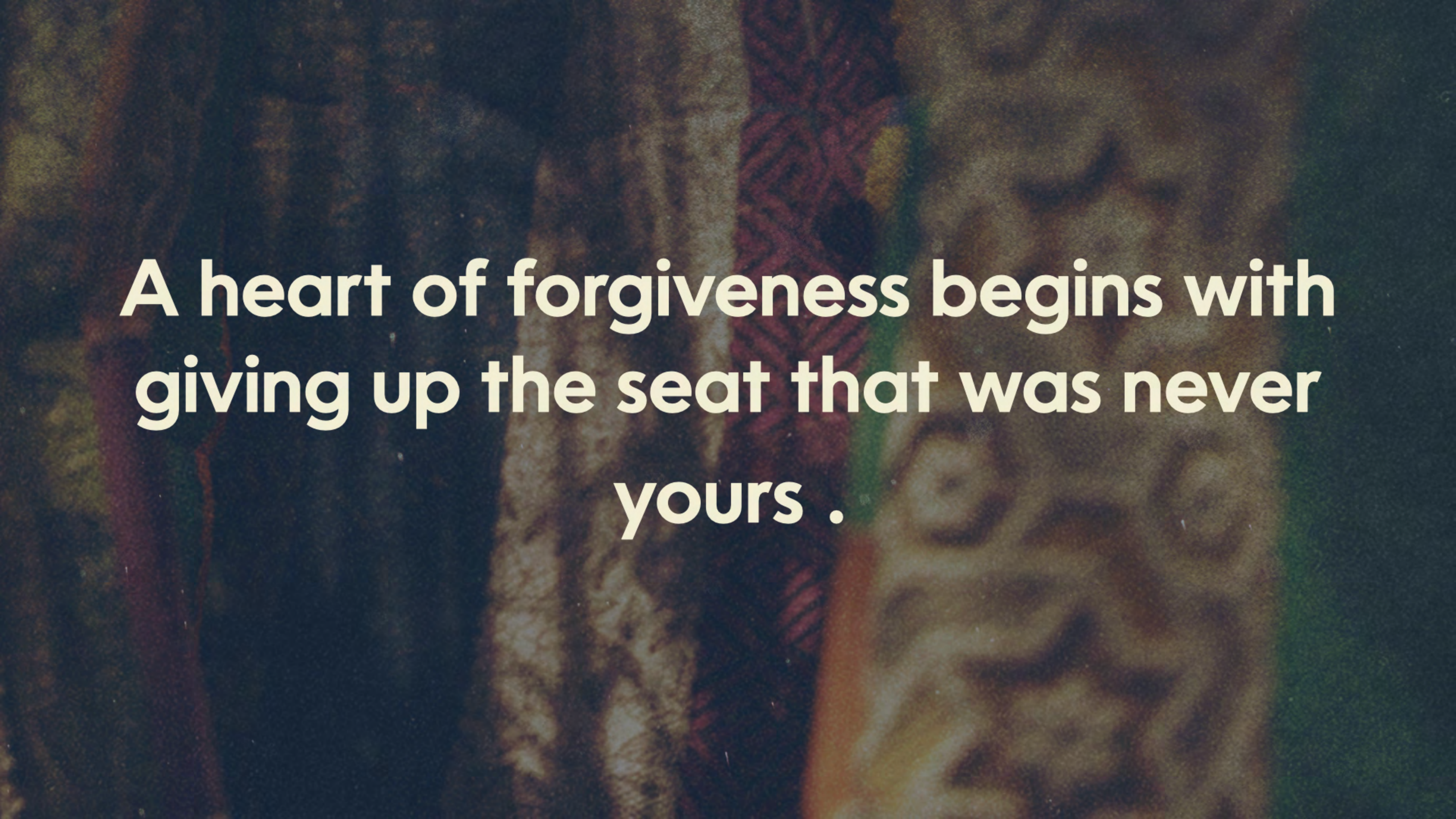
43 "You have heard that it was said, 'You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy.' 44 But I say to you, Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, 45 so that you may be sons of your Father who is in heaven. For he makes his sun rise on the evil and on the good, and sends rain on the just and on the unjust.

Matthew 5:43-45

¹⁴ Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. ¹⁵ Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. ¹⁶ Live in harmony with one another. Do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly. Never be wise in your own sight. ¹⁷ Repay no one evil for evil, but give thought to do what is honorable in the sight of all. ¹⁸ If possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all....

¹⁹ Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave it to the wrath of God, for it is written, "Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord." ²⁰ To the contrary, "if your enemy is hungry, feed him; if he is thirsty, give him something to drink; for by so doing you will heap burning coals on his head." ²¹ Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

Romans 12:14-21



**A heart of forgiveness begins with
giving up the seat that was never
yours .**

NEXT STEPS

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- I will surrender control to God rather than trying to take his seat.
- I will ask God to help me release my bitterness towards _____.
- I will choose to love my enemies this week by _____.
- I will seek reconciliation with _____.