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Wilderness

ON PURPOSE

God Leads us
through



Leads us through

They set out from Elim, and all the congregation of the people of Israel came to the **wilderness of Sin**, which is between Elim and Sinai, on the fifteenth day of the second month after they had departed from the land of Egypt.

Exo 16:1 ESV

Leads us through

- The Wilderness is intentional

For you, God, tested us; you **refined us like silver**. You brought us into prison and laid burdens on our backs. You let people ride over our heads; we went through fire and water, but you brought us to a place of abundance.

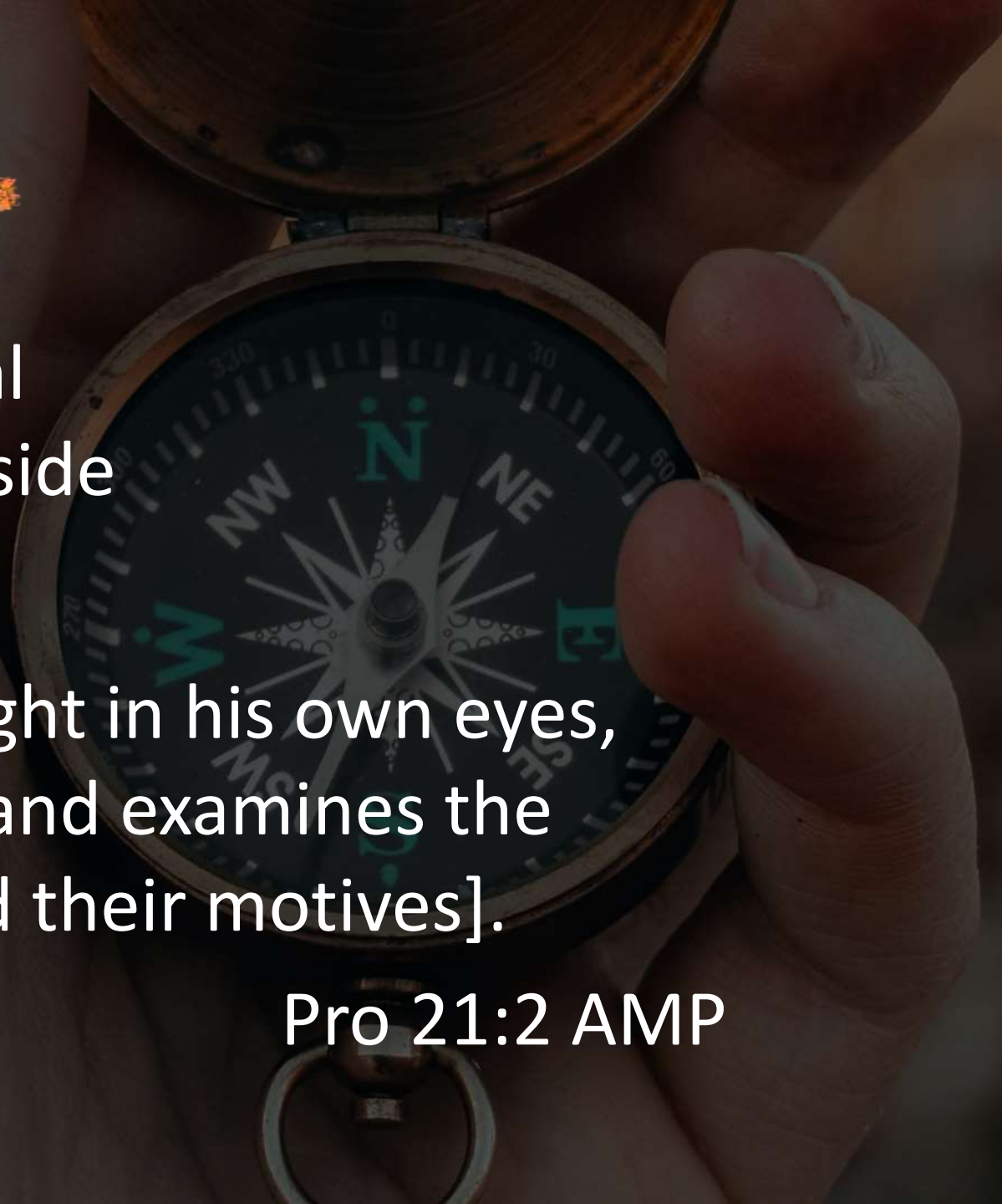
Ps 66:10-12 NIV

Leads us through

- The Wilderness is intentional
- God uses it to expose the inside

Every man's way is right in his own eyes,
But the Lord weighs and examines the
hearts [of people and their motives].

Pro 21:2 AMP



Leads us through

- The Wilderness is intentional
- God uses it to expose the inside
- Removes our reliance on the old (habits, systems)

Remember how the Lord your God led you all the way in the wilderness these forty years, to **humble** and **test** you in order to know what was **in your heart**, whether or not you would keep his commands.

Deut 8:2 NIV

Are you in
training?



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Lessons in dry seasons

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The entire Israelite community **grumbled** against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness. The Israelites said to them, “If only we had died by the Lord’s hand in the land of Egypt, when we sat by pots of meat and ate all the bread we wanted. Instead, you brought us into this wilderness to make this whole assembly die of hunger!”

Exodus 16:2-5 CSB

Lessons in dry seasons

Then the Lord said to Moses, “I am going to rain bread from heaven for you. The people are to go out each day and gather enough for that day. This way I will test them to see whether or not they will follow my instructions. On the sixth day, when they prepare what they bring in, it will be twice as much as they gather on other days.”

Exodus 16:2-5 CSB

Lessons in dry seasons

He **humbled** you, causing you to hunger and then feeding you with manna, which neither you nor your ancestors had known, **to teach** you that man does not live on bread alone but on every word that comes from the mouth of the Lord.

Deut 8:3 NIV

Lessons in dry seasons

- Trails produce perseverance and maturity

Consider it a great joy, my brothers and sisters, whenever you experience various trials, because you know that the testing of your faith produces endurance. And let endurance have its full effect, so that you may be mature and complete, lacking nothing.

Jas 1:2-4 CSB

Lessons in dry seasons

- Trails produce perseverance and maturity
- Suffering produces character and hope

And not only that, but we also boast in our afflictions, because we know that affliction produces endurance, endurance produces proven character, and proven character produces hope. This hope will not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured out in our hearts through the Holy Spirit who was given to us.

Rom 5:3-5 CSB



Lessons in dry seasons

- Trails produce perseverance and maturity
- Suffering produces character and hope
- Contentment in all circumstances

I know how to make do with little, and I know how to make do with a lot. In any and all circumstances I have learned the secret of being content, whether well fed or hungry, whether in abundance or in need. I am able to do all things through him who strengthens me.

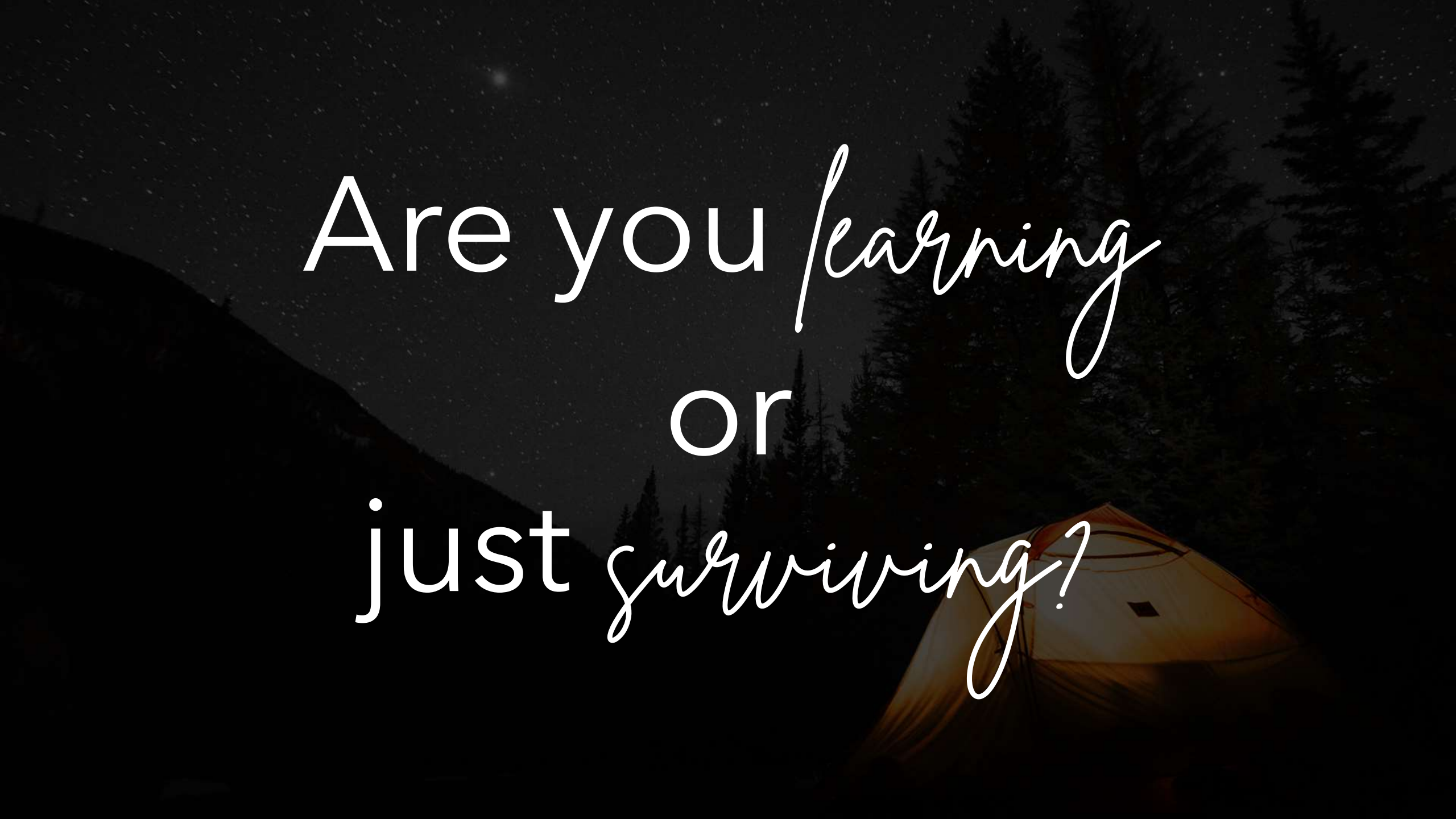
Phil 4:12-13 CSB



Spiritual Growth

- Faith
- Patience
- Dependence
- Humility





Are you *learning*
or
just *surviving?*

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God's

provision

God's provision

Then the Lord said to Moses, “I have heard the Israelites’ complaints. Now tell them, ‘In the evening you will have meat to eat, and in the morning, you will have all the bread you want. Then you will know that I am the Lord your God.” That evening vast numbers of quail flew in and covered the camp. And the next morning the area around the camp was wet with dew.

Exo 16:11-13 NLT

God's provision

When the dew evaporated, a flaky substance as fine as frost blanketed the ground. The Israelites were puzzled when they saw it. “What is it?” they asked each other. They had no idea what it was. And Moses told them, “It is the food the Lord has given you to eat. These are the Lord’s instructions: Each household should gather as much as it needs. Pick up two quarts for each person in your tent.”

Exo 16:14-16 NLT

God's provision

So the people of Israel did as they were told. Some gathered a lot, some only a little. But when they measured it out, everyone had just enough. Those who gathered a lot had nothing left over, and those who gathered only a little had enough. Each family had **just what it needed**.

Exodus 16:17-18 NLT

God's *provision*

- God's provision is faithful
- God's provision is enough for what you need
- God's provision is abundant

God's *provision*

And God is able to **ble**ss** you abundantly**, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work.

2 Corinthians 9:8

Preparing for the promise



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Then Moses said, “This is what the Lord has commanded: Fill a two-quart container with manna to preserve it for your descendants. Then later generations will be able to see the food I gave you in the wilderness when I set you free from Egypt.”

Exo 16:32 NLT

Preparing for the promise

So the people of Israel ate manna for forty years until they arrived at the land where they would settle. They ate manna until they came to the border of the land of Canaan.

Exo 16:35 NLT

Preparing for the promise

The manna stopped the day after they ate this food from the land; there was no longer any manna for the Israelites, but that year they ate the produce of Canaan.

Jos 5:12 NIV

Preparing for the promise

- God disciplines us for our good

They disciplined us for a little while as they thought best; but God disciplines us for our good, in order that we may share in his holiness. No discipline seems pleasant at the time, but painful. Later on, however, it produces a harvest of righteousness and peace for those who have been trained by it.

Heb 12:10-11 NIV

Preparing for the promise

- God disciplines us for our good
- The wilderness is preparation



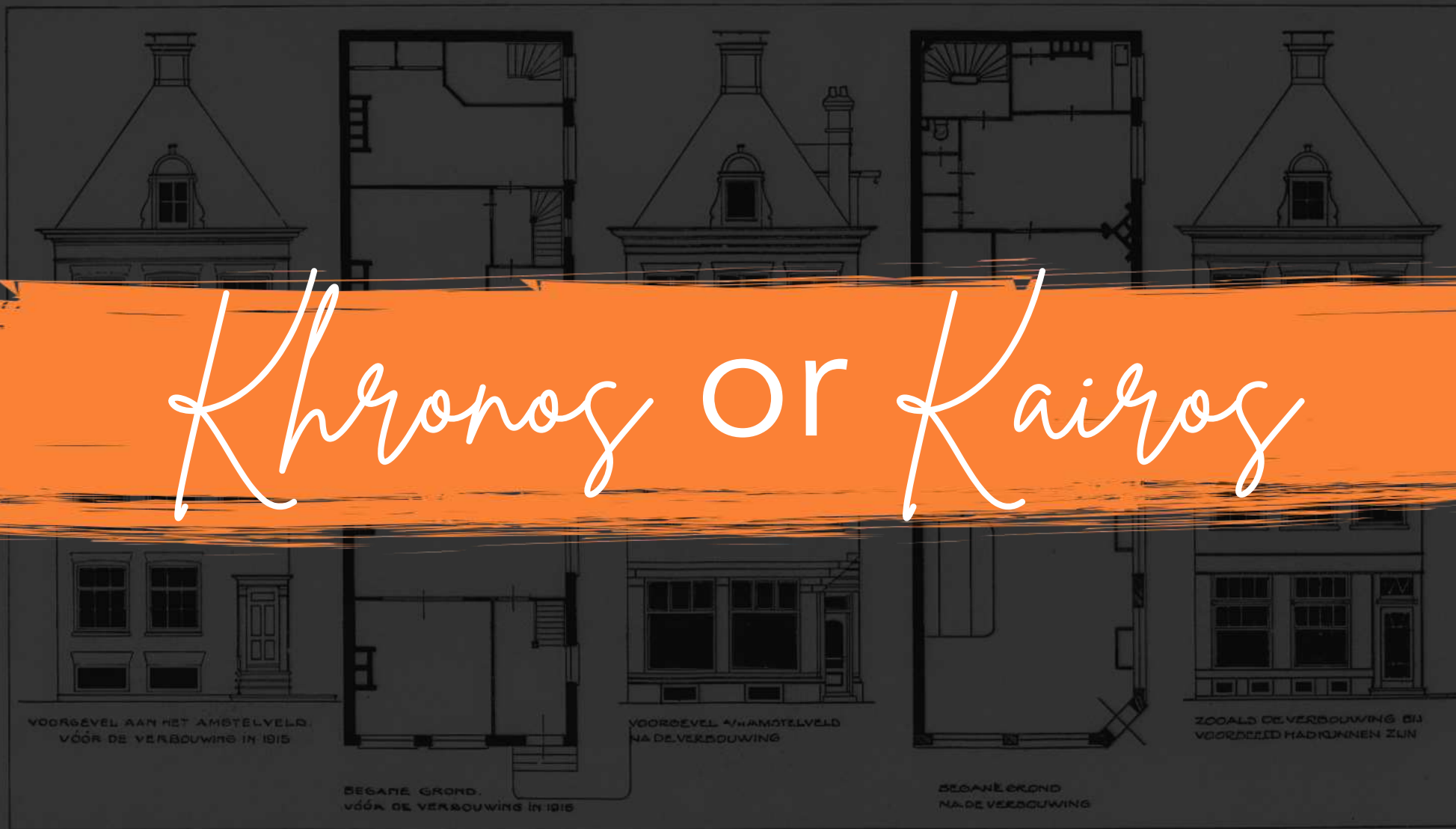
Preparing for the promise

- God disciplines us for our good
- The wilderness is preparation
- God is doing a new thing

Forget the former things; do not dwell on the past.
See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you
not perceive it? I am making a way in the wilderness
and streams in the wasteland.

Isa 43:18-19 NIV

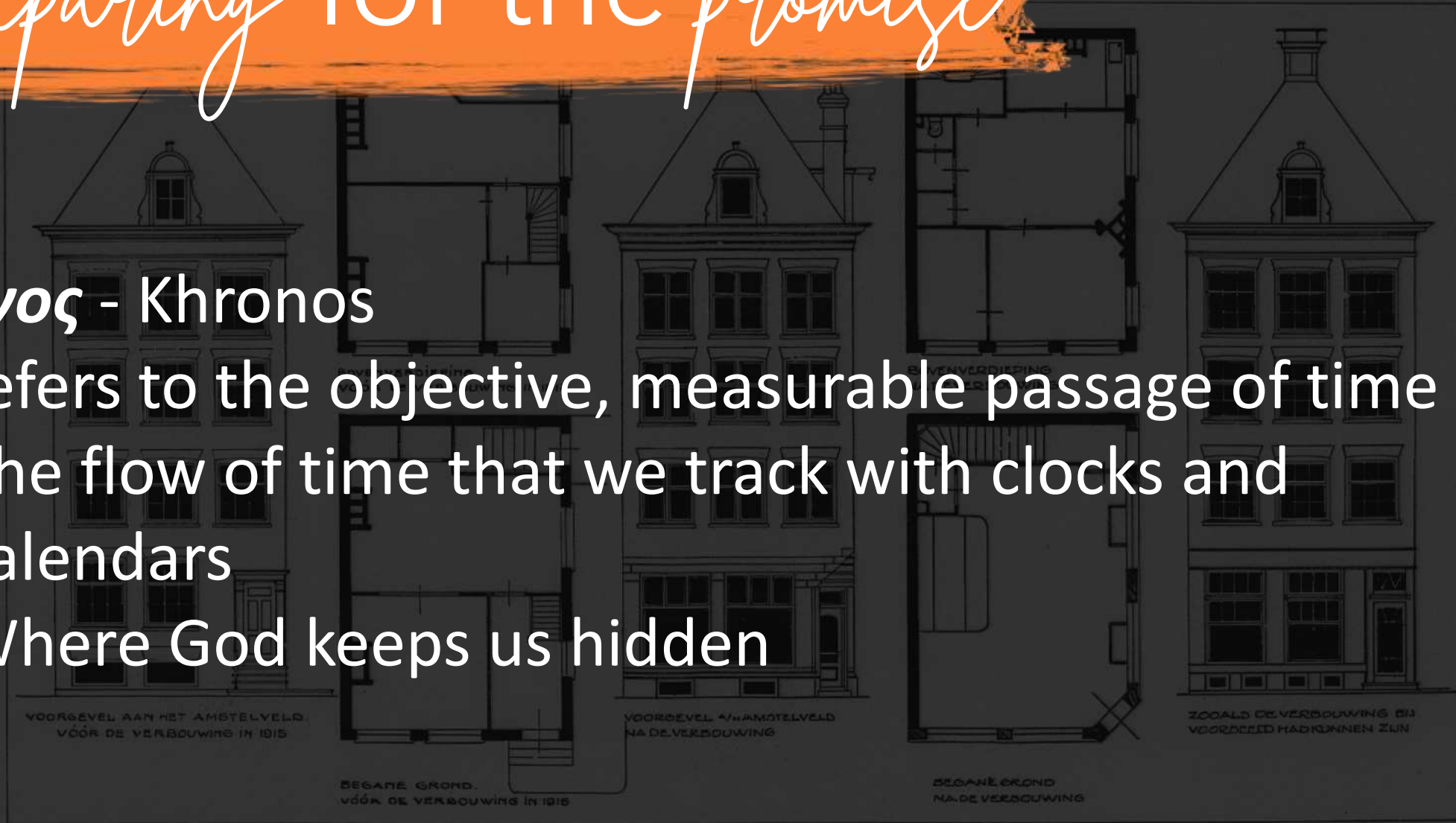
Chronos or Kairos



Preparing for the promise

Χρόνος - Khronos

- refers to the objective, measurable passage of time
- The flow of time that we track with clocks and calendars
- Where God keeps us hidden



Preparing for the promise

Καῖρός - Kairos

- The right or opportune moment
- The correct time or season where something significant or transformative can occur
- The divine moment when God makes you seen



response → promise

