



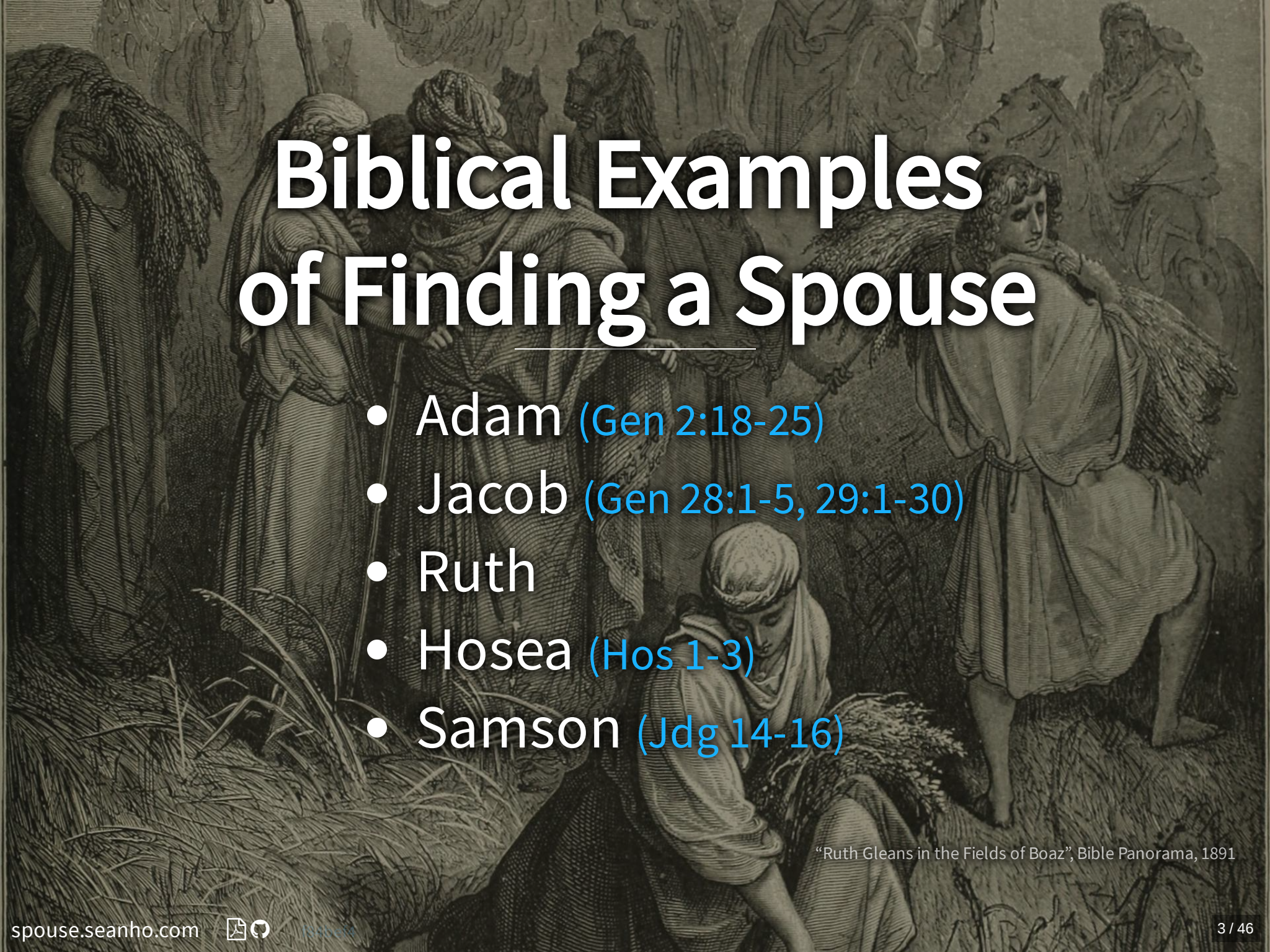
Finding a Spouse in God's Steadfast Love

Genesis 24

Nathan Dumlao



How do I find a
spouse?



Biblical Examples of Finding a Spouse

- Adam ([Gen 2:18-25](#))
- Jacob ([Gen 28:1-5](#), [29:1-30](#))
- Ruth
- Hosea ([Hos 1-3](#))
- Samson ([Jdg 14-16](#))

“Ruth Gleans in the Fields of Boaz”, Bible Panorama, 1891



1. **Principle** (v1-4)

2. **Promise** (v5-8)

- Father of Promises (v7a)
- Faith in Action (v7b)
- Freewill (v8)

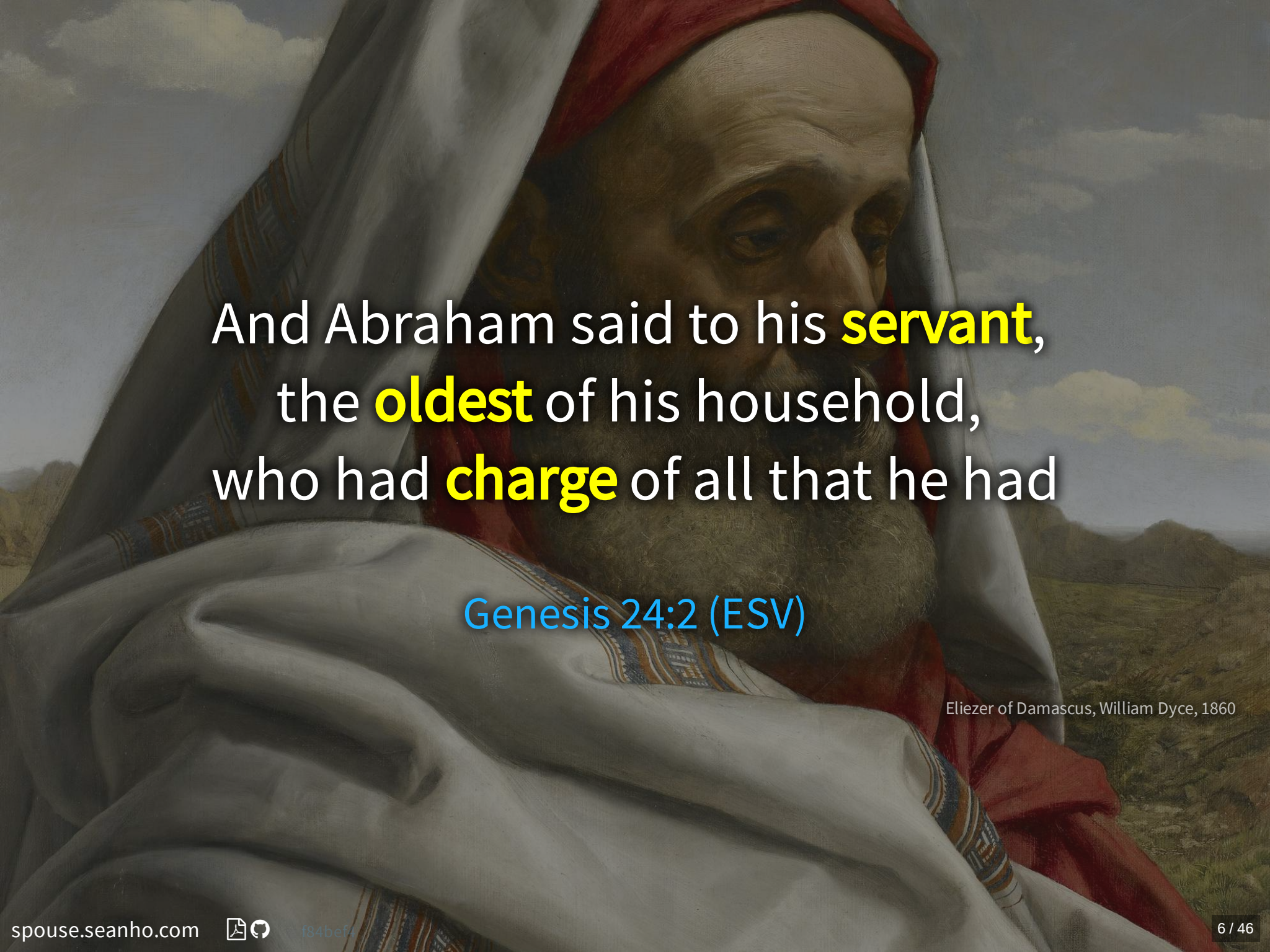
3. **Practise** (v10-49)

- Purpose (v10)
- Prayer (v12-14)
- Proposal (v22-49)

Now Abraham was **old**, well advanced in years.
And the Lord had **blessed** Abraham in all things.

Genesis 24:1 (ESV)


Brandenburg Alps, Austria. Paul Gilmore



And Abraham said to his **servant**,
the **oldest** of his household,
who had **charge** of all that he had

Genesis 24:2 (ESV)

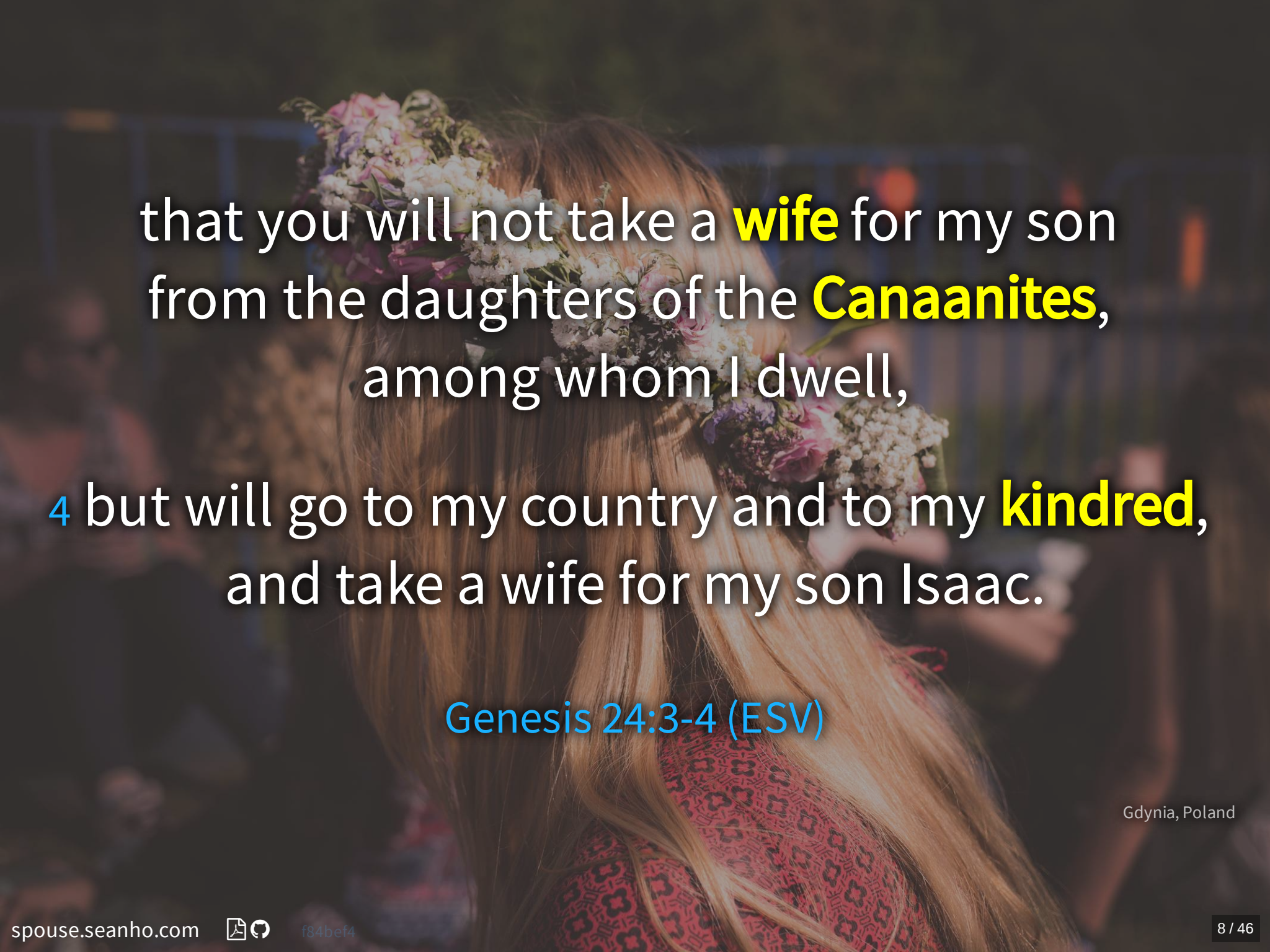
Eliezer of Damascus, William Dyce, 1860



Put your hand under my **thigh**,
3 that I may make you **swear** by the Lord,
the God of **heaven** and God of the **earth**,

Genesis 24:2-3 (ESV)

Isaac Blesses Jacob, Gustave Doré, 1866



that you will not take a **wife** for my son
from the daughters of the **Canaanites**,
among whom I dwell,
4 but will go to my country and to my **kindred**,
and take a wife for my son Isaac.

Genesis 24:3-4 (ESV)

Gdynia, Poland

When God **created** man,
he made him in the **likeness** of God.

Adam	130	Seth	105
Enosh	90	Kenan	70
Mahalalel	65	Jared	162
Enoch	65	Methuselah	187
Lamech	182	Noah	

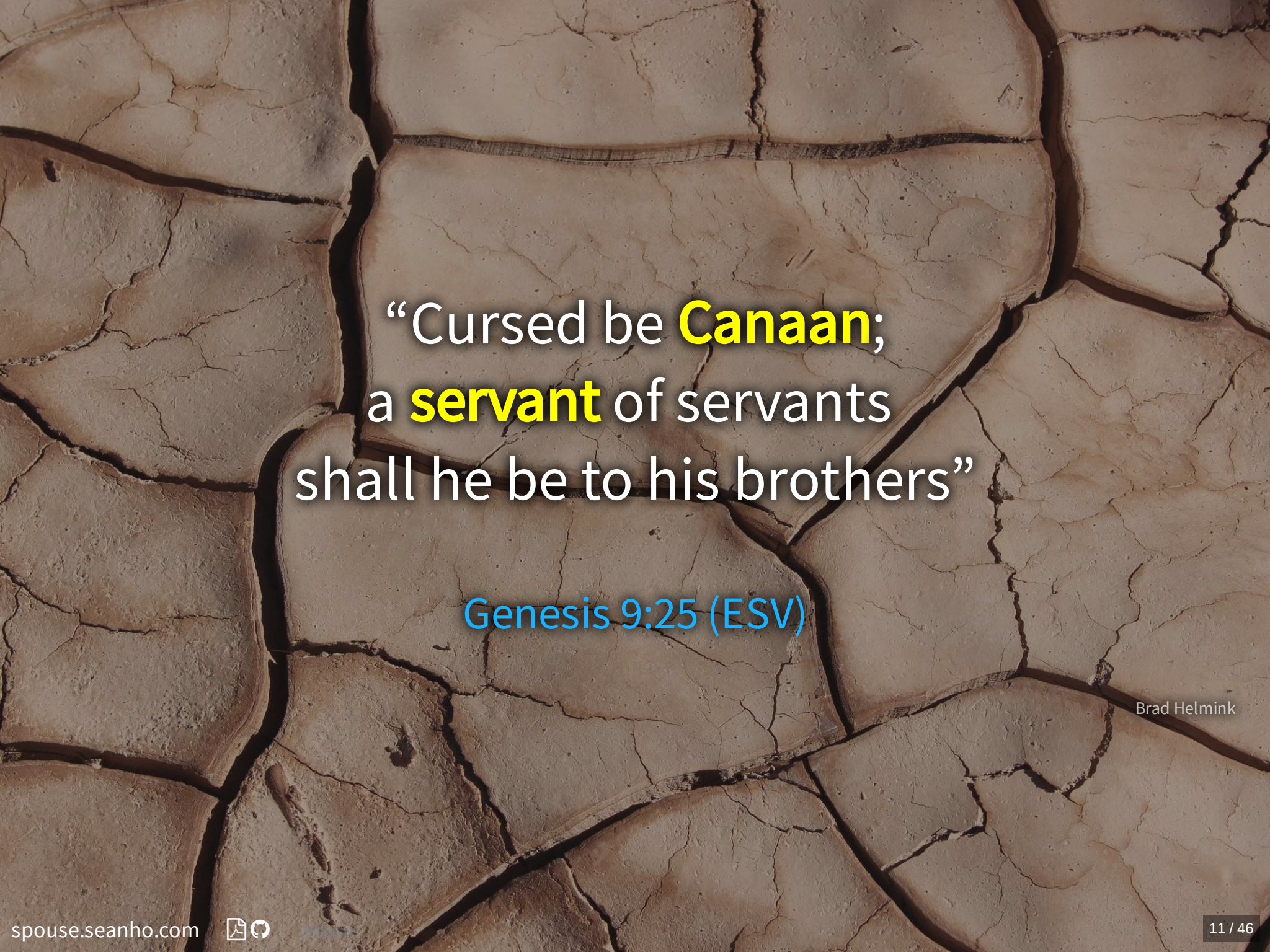
Genesis 5:1 (ESV)



But Noah found **favor** in the eyes of the Lord.

Genesis 6:8 (ESV)

Hans Braxmeier



“Cursed be **Canaan**;
a **servant** of servants
shall he be to his brothers”

Genesis 9:25 (ESV)

Brad Helmink

Now the Lord said to **Abram**,
“**Go** from your country and your kindred
and your father’s house
to the **land** that I will show you.”

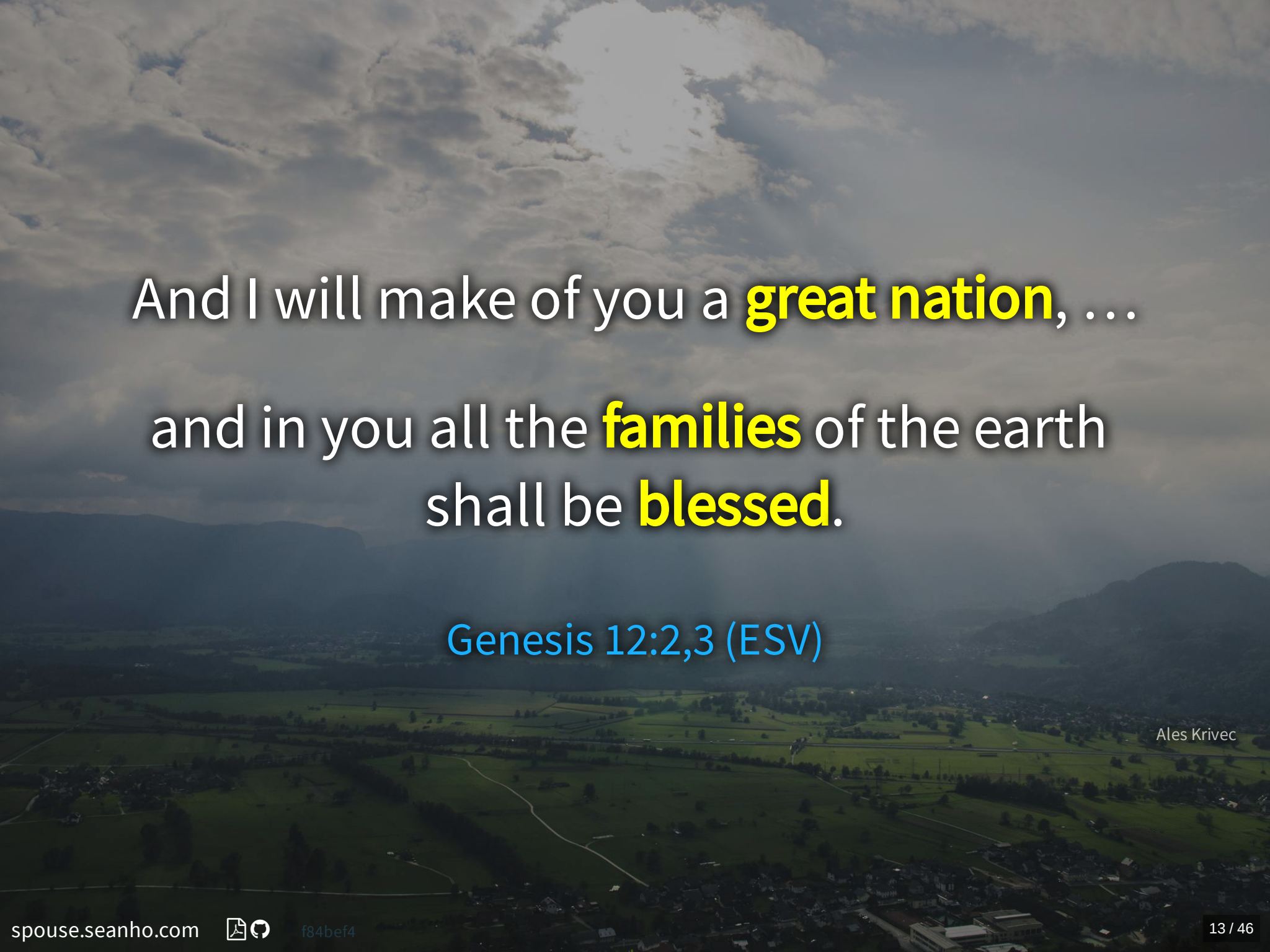
Noah	500	Shem	100	Arpachshad	35
-------------	------------	------	------------	------------	-----------

Shelah	30	Eber	34	Peleg	30
--------	-----------	------	-----------	-------	-----------

Reu	32	Serug	30	Nahor	29
-----	-----------	-------	-----------	-------	-----------

Terah	70	Abram			
-------	-----------	--------------	--	--	--

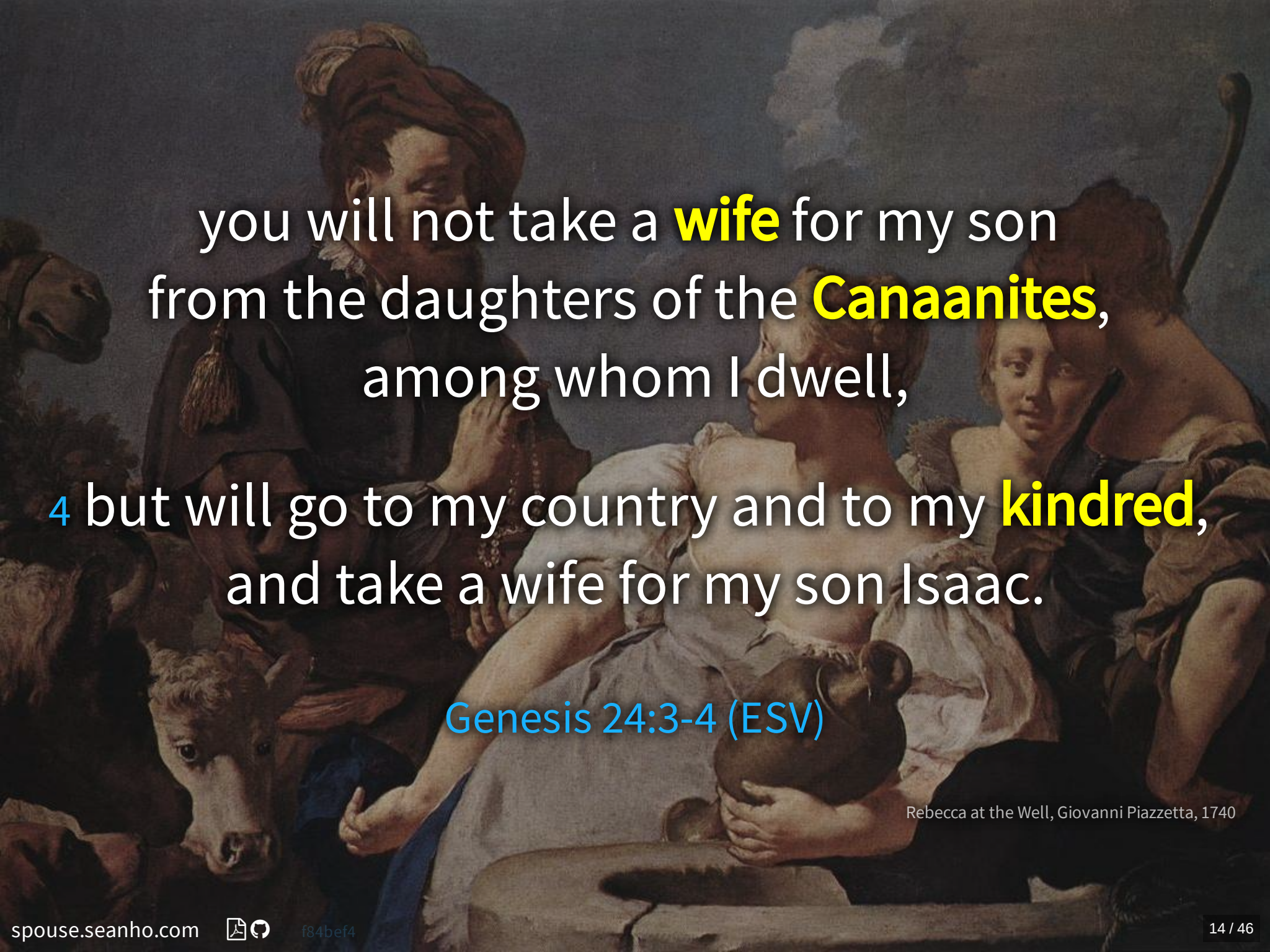
Genesis 12:1, 11:10-26 (ESV)



And I will make of you a **great nation**, ...
and in you all the **families** of the earth
shall be **blessed**.

Genesis 12:2,3 (ESV)

Ales Krivec

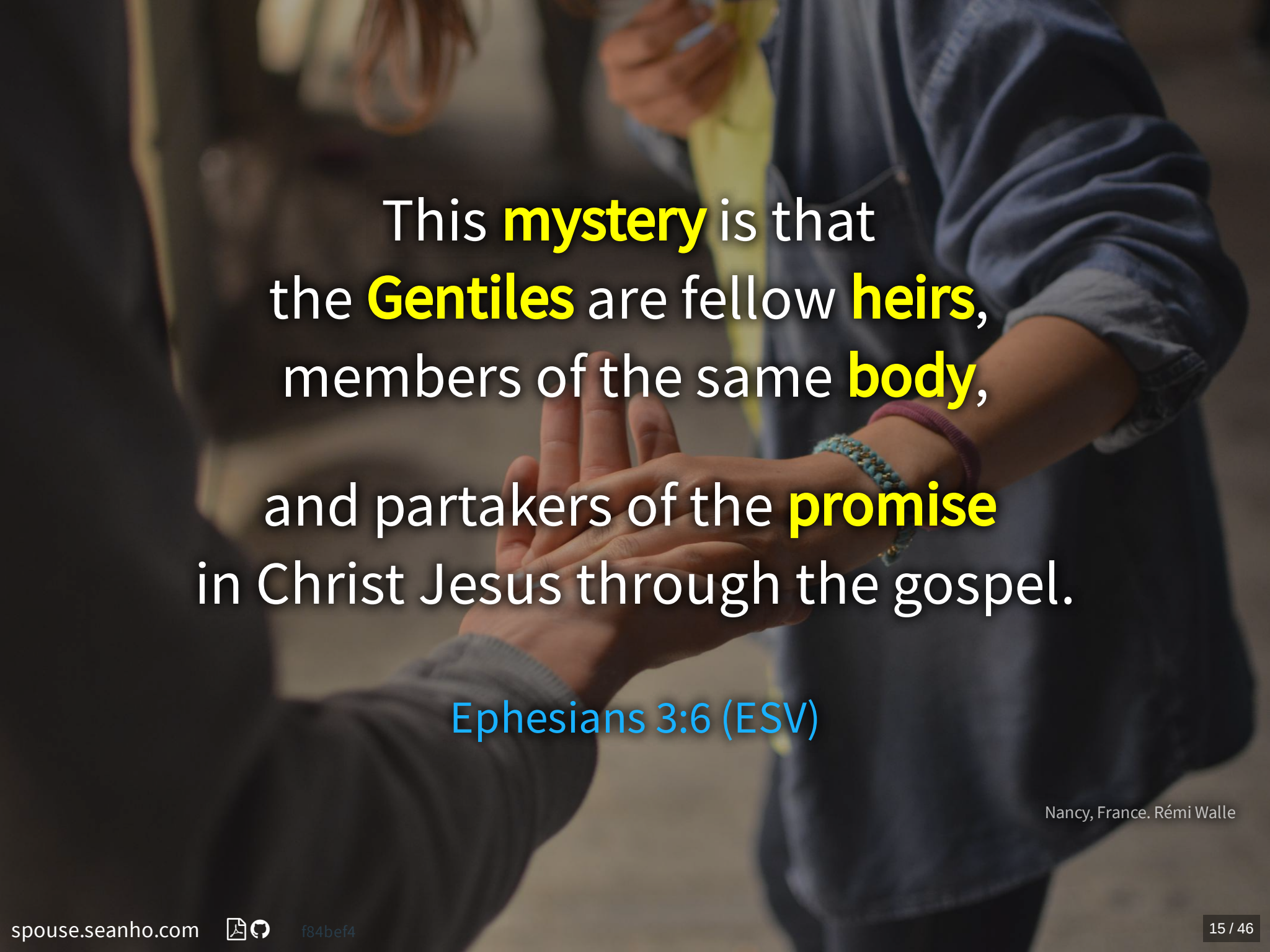
A classical painting depicting the biblical scene of Rebecca at the Well. Rebecca is shown in profile, leaning over a stone well and drawing water with a large earthenware jar. She is dressed in a white, flowing gown. To her left, a man in a dark, ornate robe and a turban (Eliezer) stands with his hand on his chest, looking towards her. In the background, a young boy (Isaac) is visible, and a horse's head is on the far left. The scene is set outdoors with a cloudy sky.

you will not take a **wife** for my son
from the daughters of the **Canaanites**,
among whom I dwell,

4 but will go to my country and to my **kindred**,
and take a wife for my son Isaac.

Genesis 24:3-4 (ESV)

Rebecca at the Well, Giovanni Piazzetta, 1740



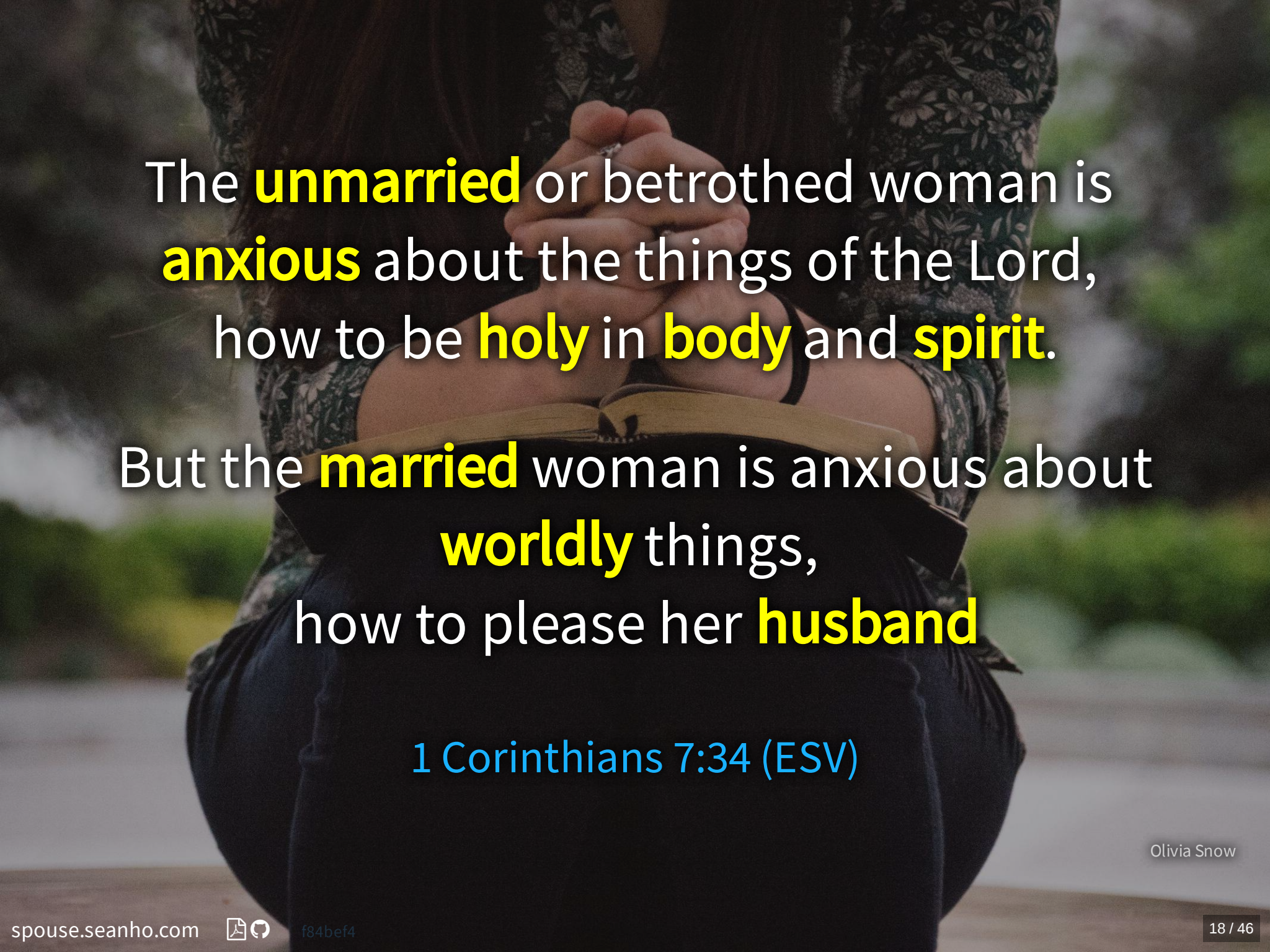
This **mystery** is that
the **Gentiles** are fellow **heirs**,
members of the same **body**,
and partakers of the **promise**
in Christ Jesus through the gospel.

Ephesians 3:6 (ESV)

Nancy, France. Rémi Walle

(application: looking for spouse)

(aside: to happy singles)

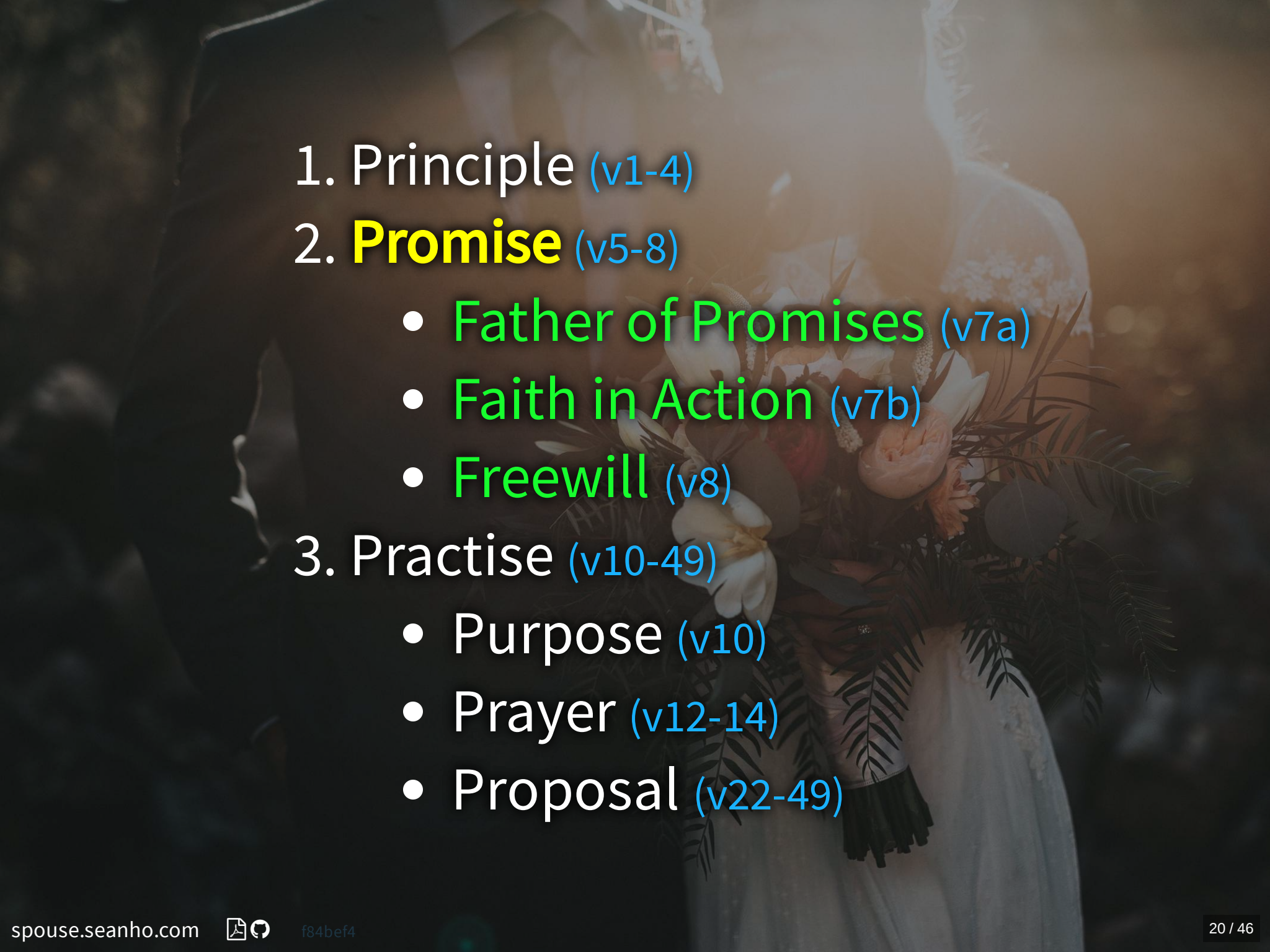


The **unmarried** or betrothed woman is
anxious about the things of the Lord,
how to be **holy** in **body** and **spirit**.

But the **married** woman is anxious about
worldly things,
how to please her **husband**

1 Corinthians 7:34 (ESV)

What is the **purpose**
of marriage?



1. Principle (v1-4)

2. **Promise** (v5-8)

- Father of Promises (v7a)
- Faith in Action (v7b)
- Freewill (v8)

3. Practise (v10-49)

- Purpose (v10)
- Prayer (v12-14)
- Proposal (v22-49)

The Lord, the God of **heaven**,
who **took me** from my father's house
and from the land of my kindred,
and who **spoke to me** and swore to me,
'To your offspring I will give this land,'

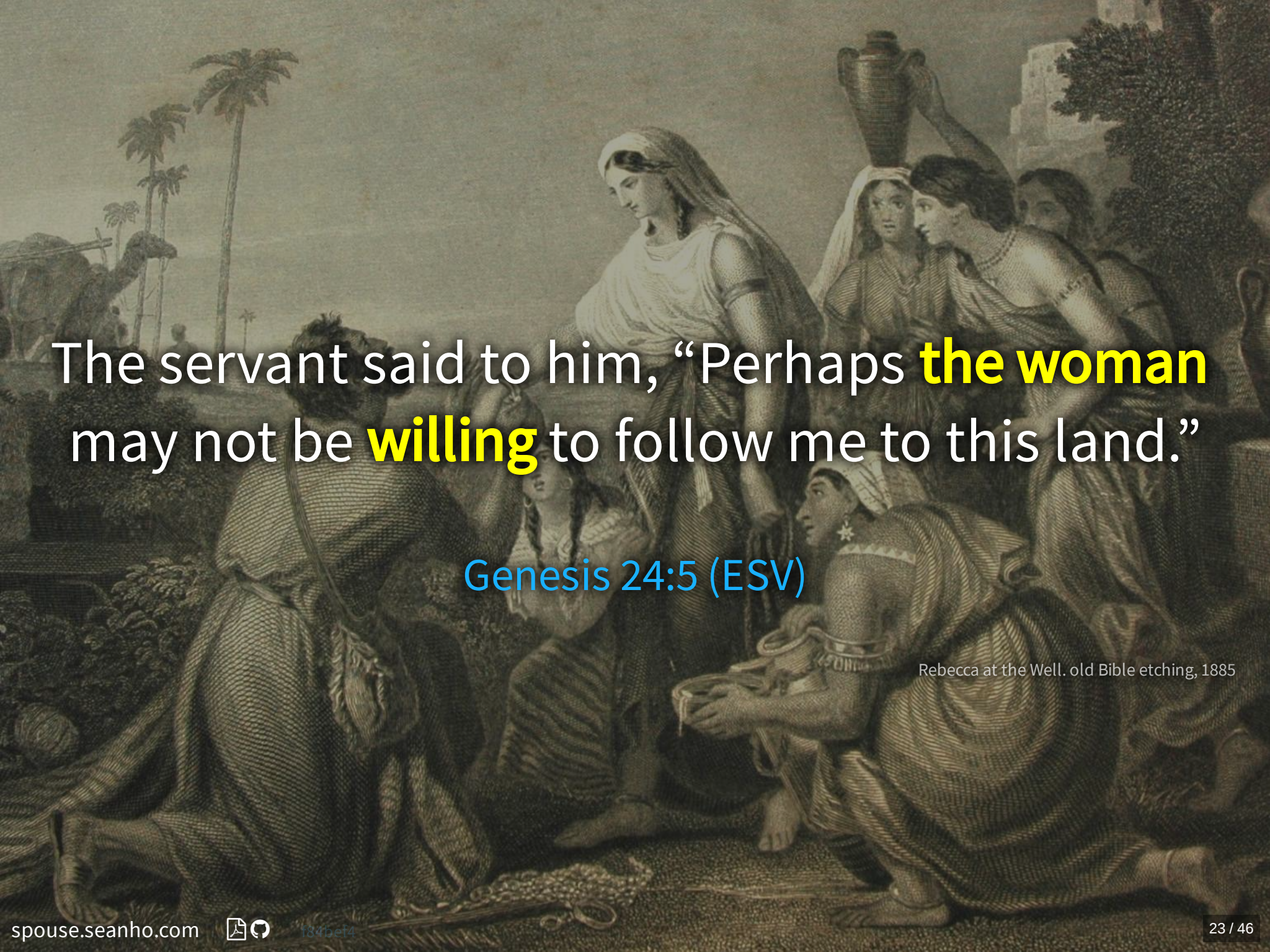
Genesis 24:7 (ESV)

Avenue of the Giants, CA. John Towner

Then the Lord **appeared** to Abram and said,
“To your **offspring** I will give **this land.**”

Genesis 12:7 (ESV)


Jake Givens



The servant said to him, “Perhaps **the woman** may not be **willing** to follow me to this land.”

Genesis 24:5 (ESV)

Rebecca at the Well. old Bible etching, 1885



He **will** send His angel before you,
and you **shall** take a wife for my son from there.

Genesis 24:7 (ESV)

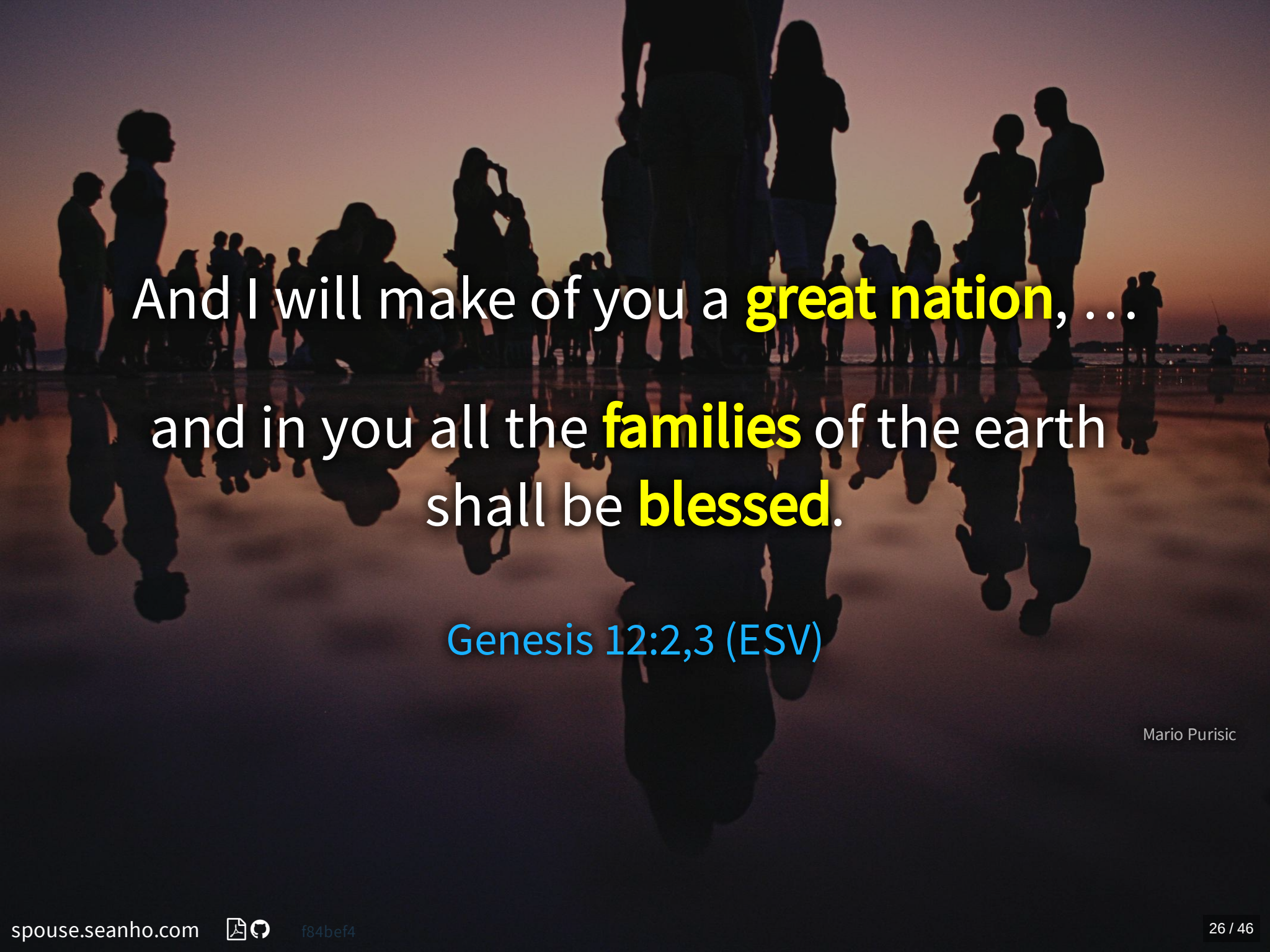
Chuckanut Mountain, US. Patrick Fore



If the woman is **not willing** to follow you,
then you will be **free** from this oath of mine

Genesis 24:8 (ESV)

Rebecca at the Well. old Bible etching, 1885



And I will make of you a **great nation**, ...
and in you all the **families** of the earth
shall be **blessed**.

Genesis 12:2,3 (ESV)

Mario Purisic

(God still speaks)

God is not **man**, that he should **lie**,
or a son of man,
that he should **change** his mind.

Has he **said**, and will he not **do** it?
Or has he **spoken**, and will he not **fulfill** it?

Numbers 23:19 (ESV)

Samuel Ferrara

**What are God's
promises to me?**



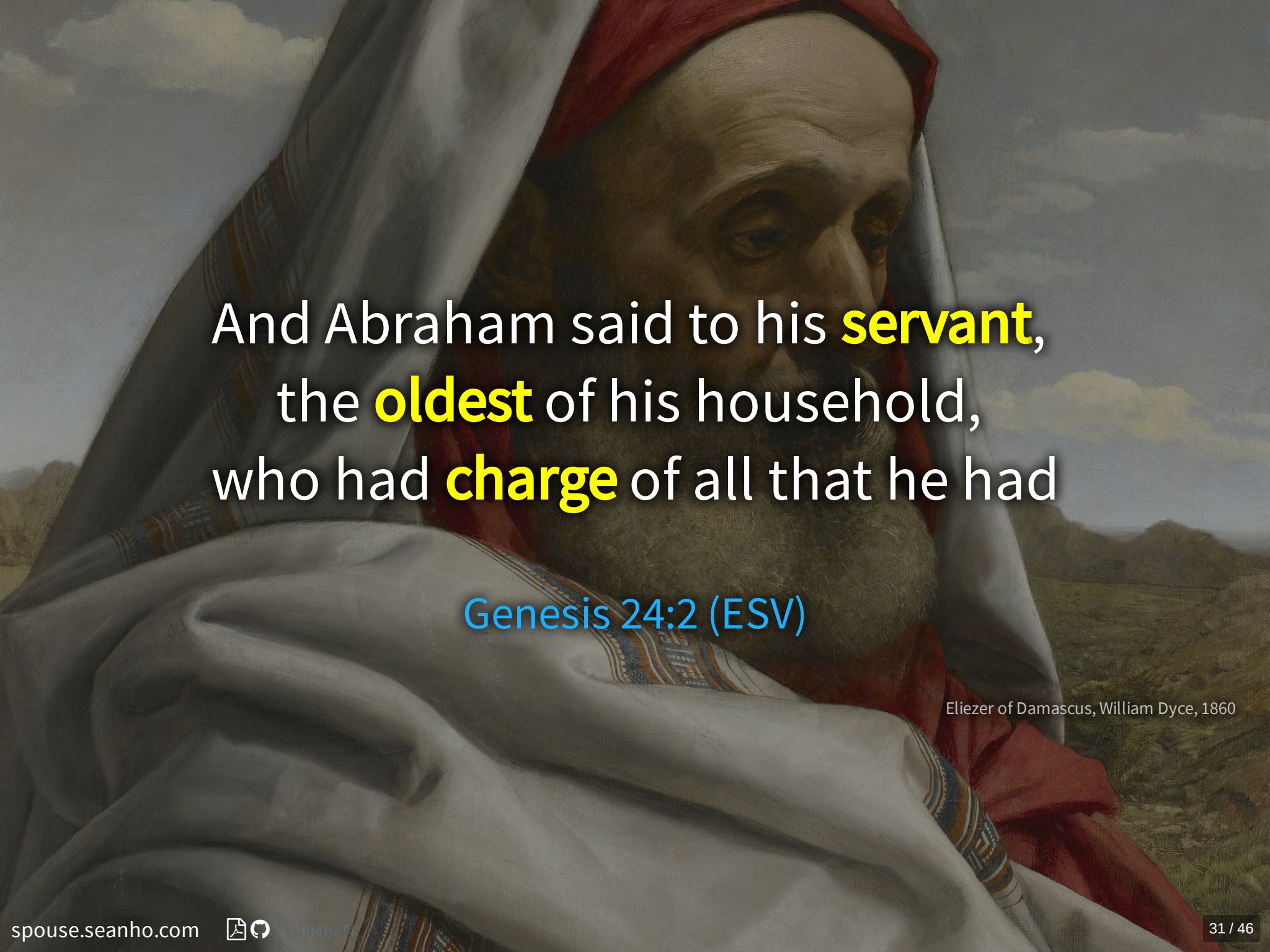
1. Principle (v1-4)

2. Promise (v5-8)

- Father of Promises (v7a)
- Faith in Action (v7b)
- Freewill (v8)

3. **Practise** (v10-49)

- Purpose (v10)
- Prayer (v12-14)
- Proposal (v22-49)



And Abraham said to his **servant**,
the **oldest** of his household,
who had **charge** of all that he had

Genesis 24:2 (ESV)

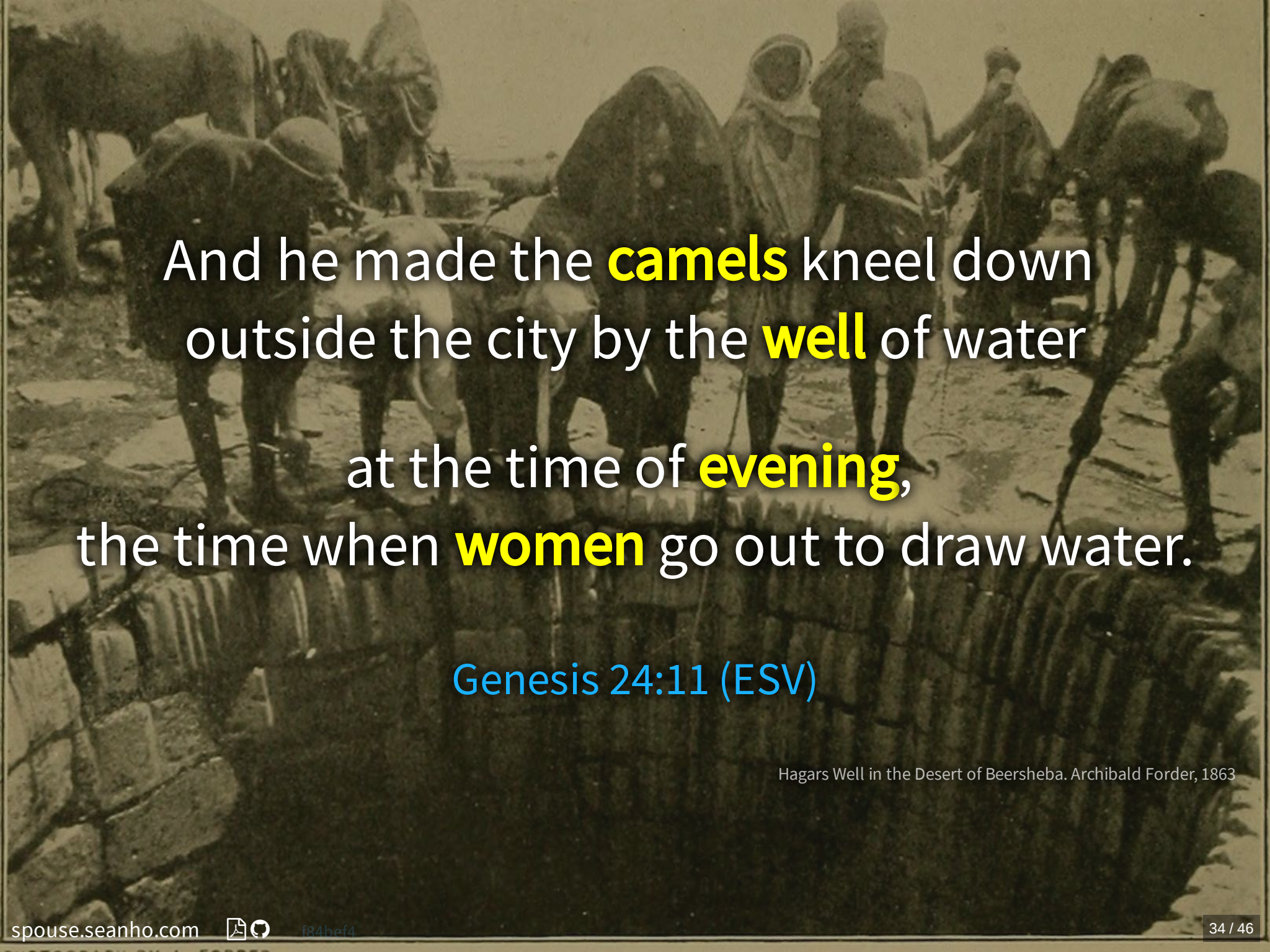
Eliezer of Damascus, William Dyce, 1860

(matchmaking)

Then the servant took
ten of his master's **camels** and departed,
taking all sorts of choice **gifts** from his master;
and he arose and went to **Mesopotamia**
to the city of **Nahor**.

Genesis 24:10 (ESV)

Dallol, Ethiopia. Trevor Cole



And he made the **camels** kneel down
outside the city by the **well** of water
at the time of **evening**,
the time when **women** go out to draw water.

Genesis 24:11 (ESV)

Hagars Well in the Desert of Beersheba. Archibald Forder, 1863

(praying for a spouse)

But he said to them, “Do not **delay** me,
since the Lord has **prospered** my way.
Send me **away** that I may go to my master.”

Genesis 24:56 (ESV)



Egypt. Mariam Soliman

O Lord, God of my master Abraham,
please grant me **success** today ...

let her be the one whom you have
appointed for your servant Isaac.

By this I shall know that you have
shown **steadfast love** to my master

Genesis 24:12,14 (ESV)

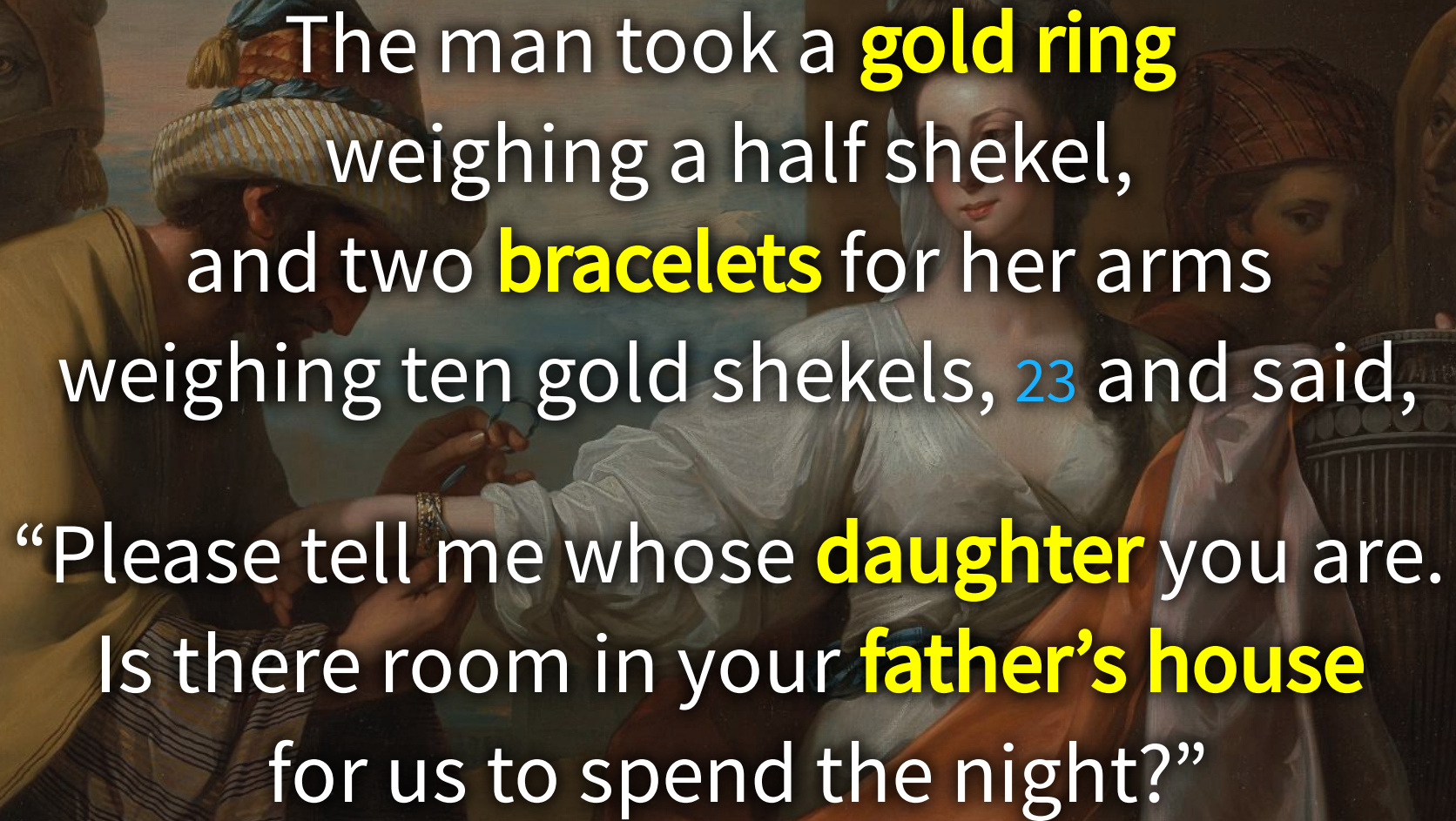


She said, “I will draw water for your **camels** also, until they have finished drinking.”

20 So she quickly **emptied** her jar into the trough and **ran** again to the well to draw water, and she drew for all his **camels**.

Genesis 24:19-20 (ESV)

Rebecca and Eliezer, Bartolomé Esteban Murillo, 1660



The man took a **gold ring** weighing a half shekel, and two **bracelets** for her arms weighing ten gold shekels, **23** and said, “Please tell me whose **daughter** you are. Is there room in your **father’s house** for us to spend the night?”

Genesis 24:22-23 (ESV)

Isaacs Servant Tying Bracelet on Rebeccas Arm, Benjamin West, 1775

The man bowed his head
and **worshiped** the Lord

27 and said, “**Blessed** be the Lord,
the God of my master Abraham,

who has not forsaken his **steadfast love**
and his **faithfulness** toward my master.

Genesis 24:26-27 (ESV)

Lake of Carezza, Italy. Alessandro Viano




Then **food** was set before him to eat.

But he said, “I **will not eat** until
I have **said** what I have to say.”

Genesis 24:33 (ESV)

Toa Heftiba

A photograph of a dirt path in a forest. The path starts as a single line in the foreground and splits into two paths that lead into the distance. The forest is dense with green trees and undergrowth. The lighting is soft, suggesting an overcast day or a shaded area.

Now then, if you are going to show **steadfast love** and **faithfulness** to my master, tell me; and if not, tell me, that I may turn to the **right** hand or to the **left**.

Genesis 24:49 (ESV)

Jens Lelie

Am I **ready** to act
when God **reveals**
His will?

(Rebekah and afterward)

Blessed be the Lord,
the God of my master Abraham,
who has not forsaken his **steadfast love**
and his **faithfulness** toward my master.

Genesis 24:27 (ESV)

Lake of Carezza, Italy. Alessandro Viaro

