



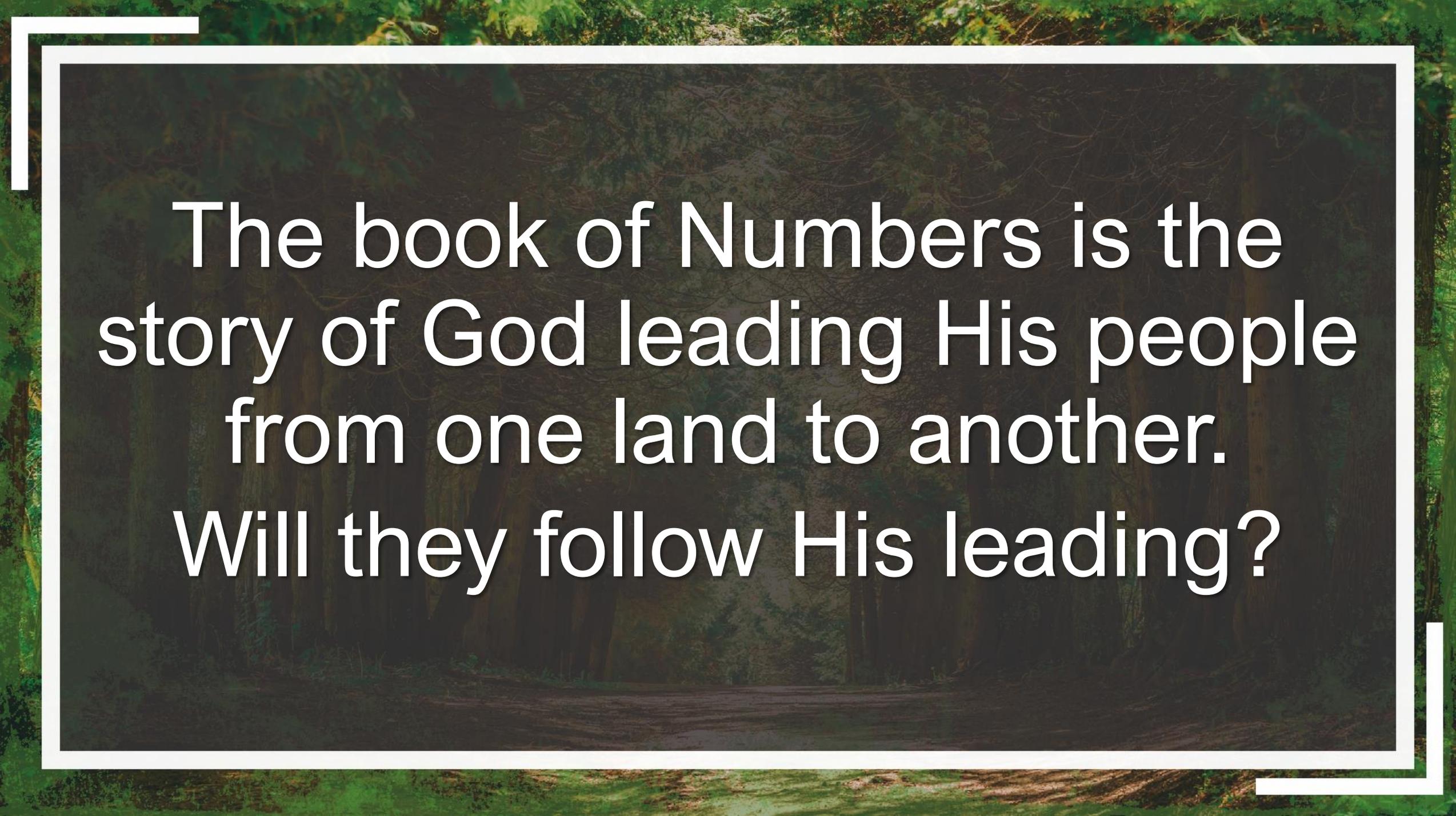
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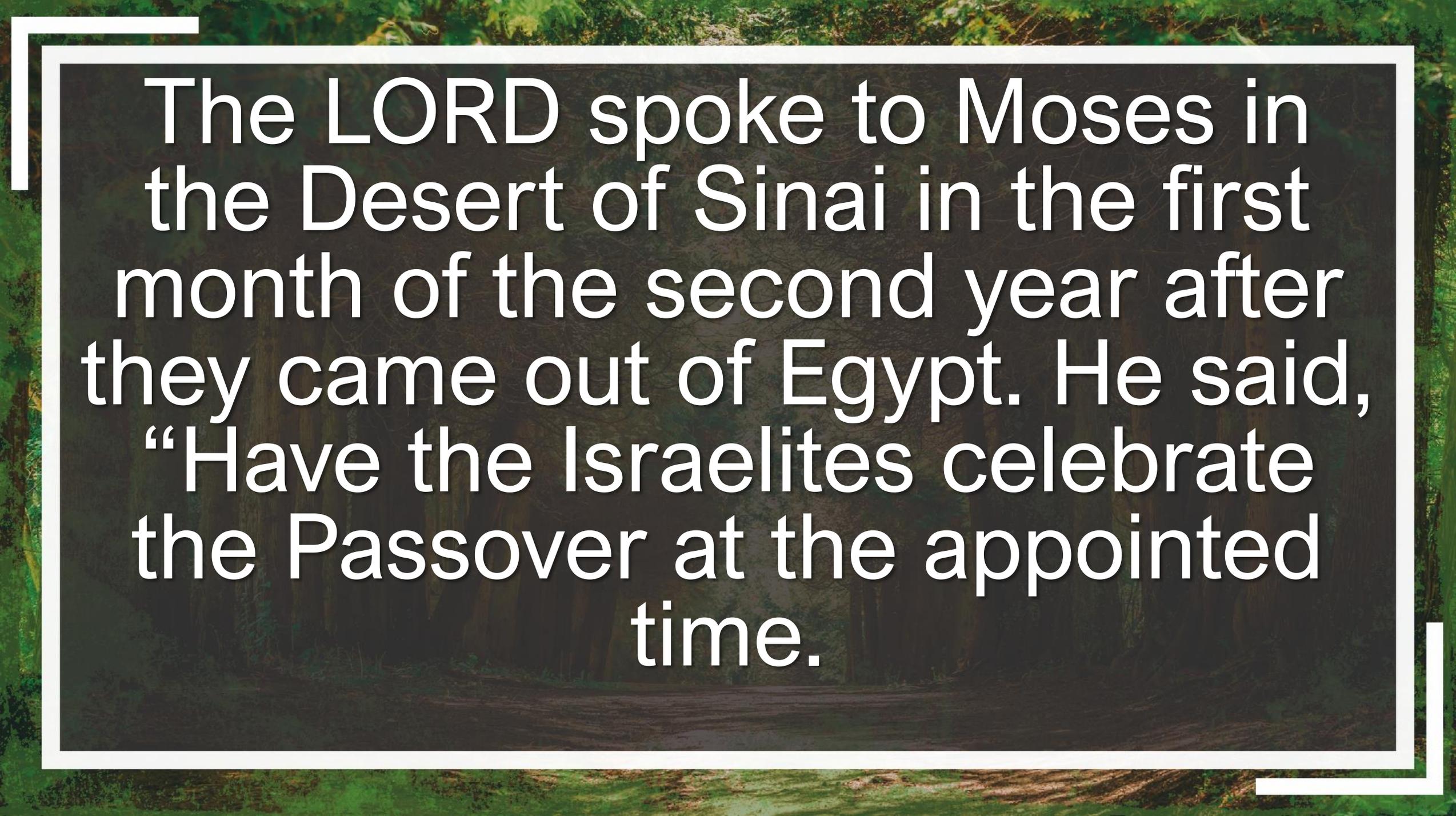
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A dark, atmospheric photograph of a forest path. The path is a dirt road that curves slightly to the right, leading into a dense forest. The trees are tall and thin, with their trunks creating a rhythmic pattern. The lighting is low, with some light filtering through the canopy, creating a sense of depth and mystery. The overall mood is contemplative and serene. The text "Reflections on 2019..." is overlaid in a clean, white, sans-serif font, centered horizontally and slightly above the vertical center. The text is framed by a white border that has a decorative L-shaped corner element in the top-left and bottom-right corners.

Reflections on 2019...



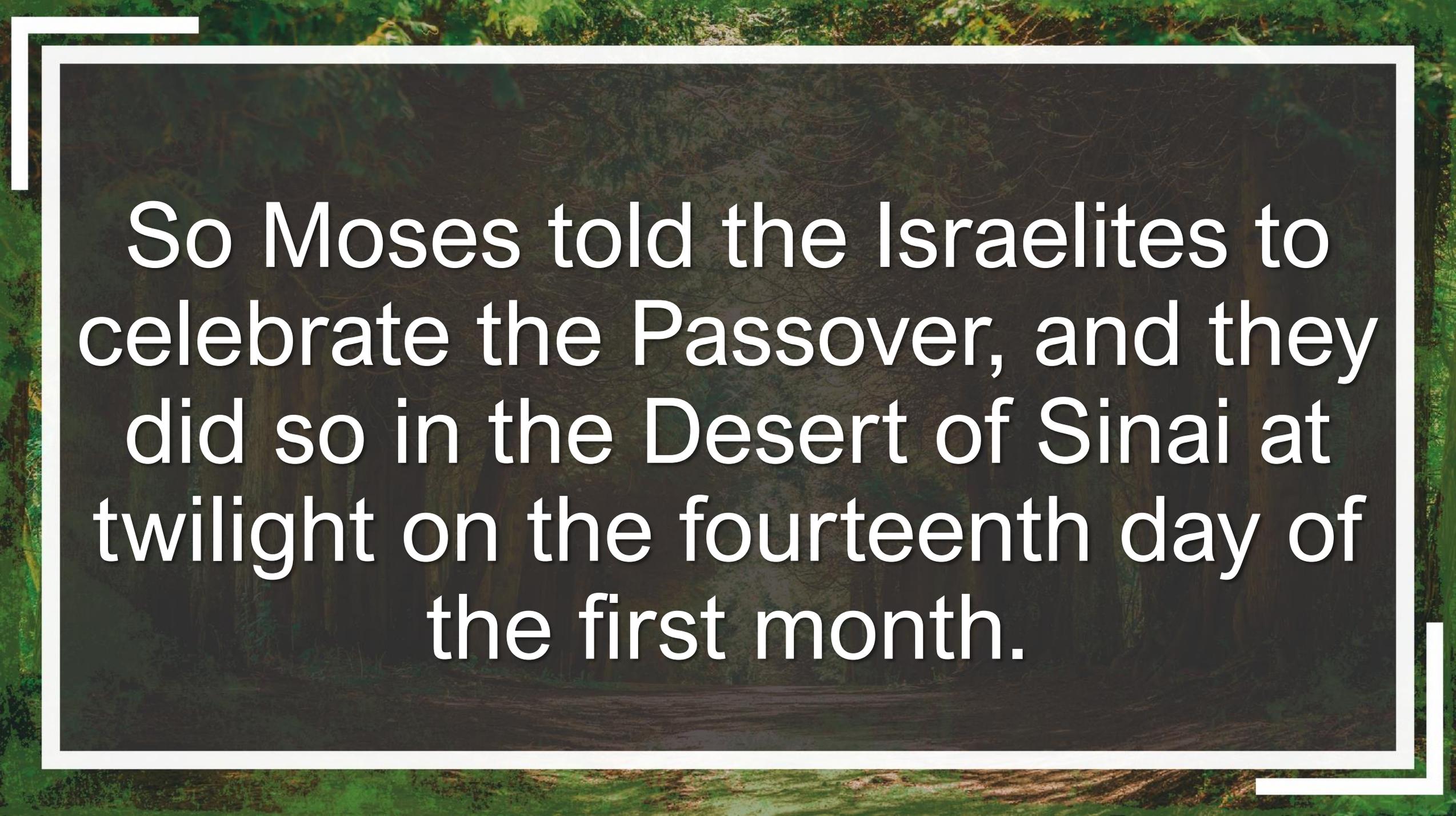
The book of Numbers is the story of God leading His people from one land to another.  
Will they follow His leading?



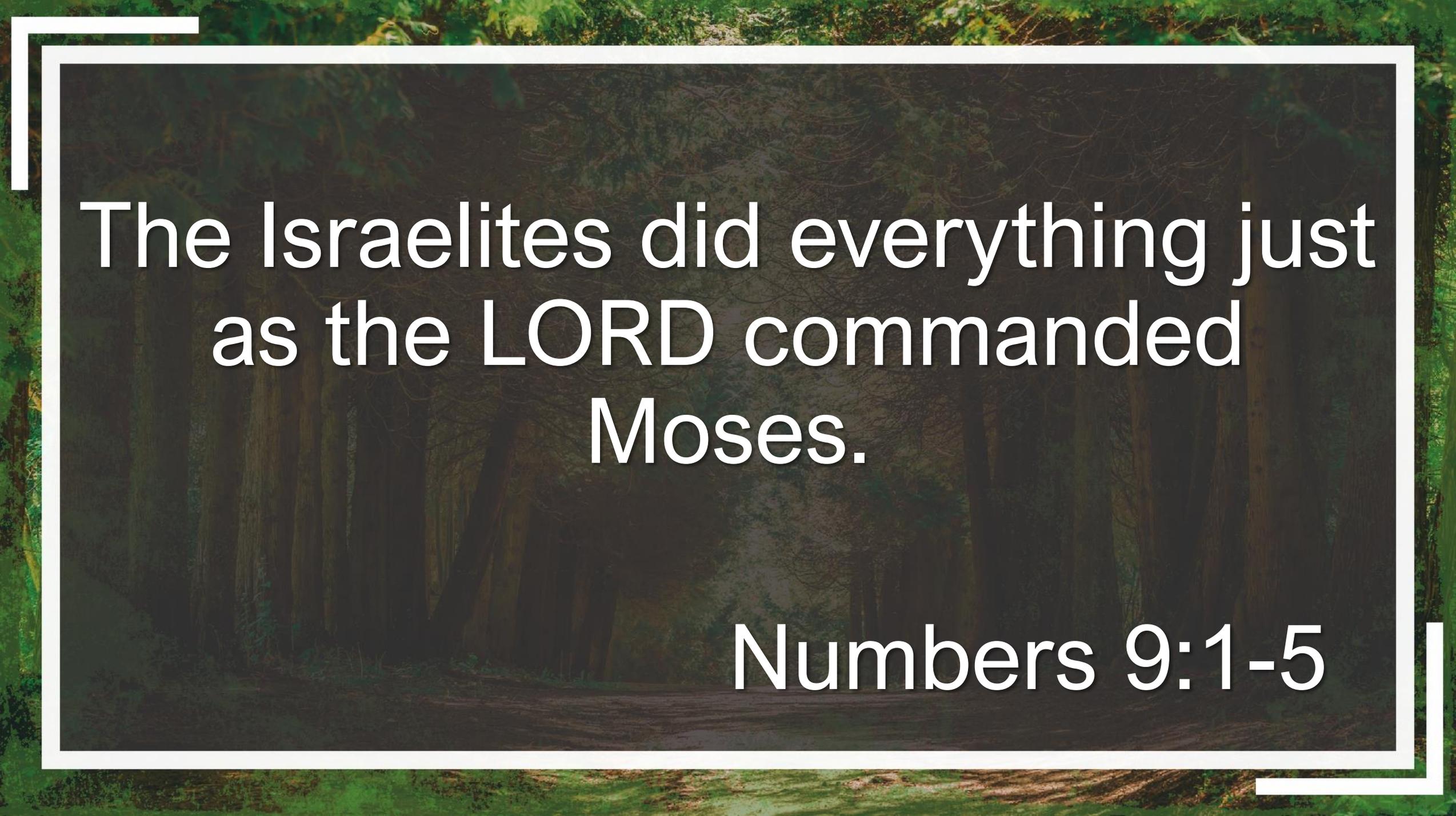
The LORD spoke to Moses in the Desert of Sinai in the first month of the second year after they came out of Egypt. He said, “Have the Israelites celebrate the Passover at the appointed time.



Celebrate it at the appointed time, at twilight on the fourteenth day of this month, in accord with all its rules and regulations.”



So Moses told the Israelites to celebrate the Passover, and they did so in the Desert of Sinai at twilight on the fourteenth day of the first month.



The Israelites did everything just  
as the LORD commanded  
Moses.

Numbers 9:1-5



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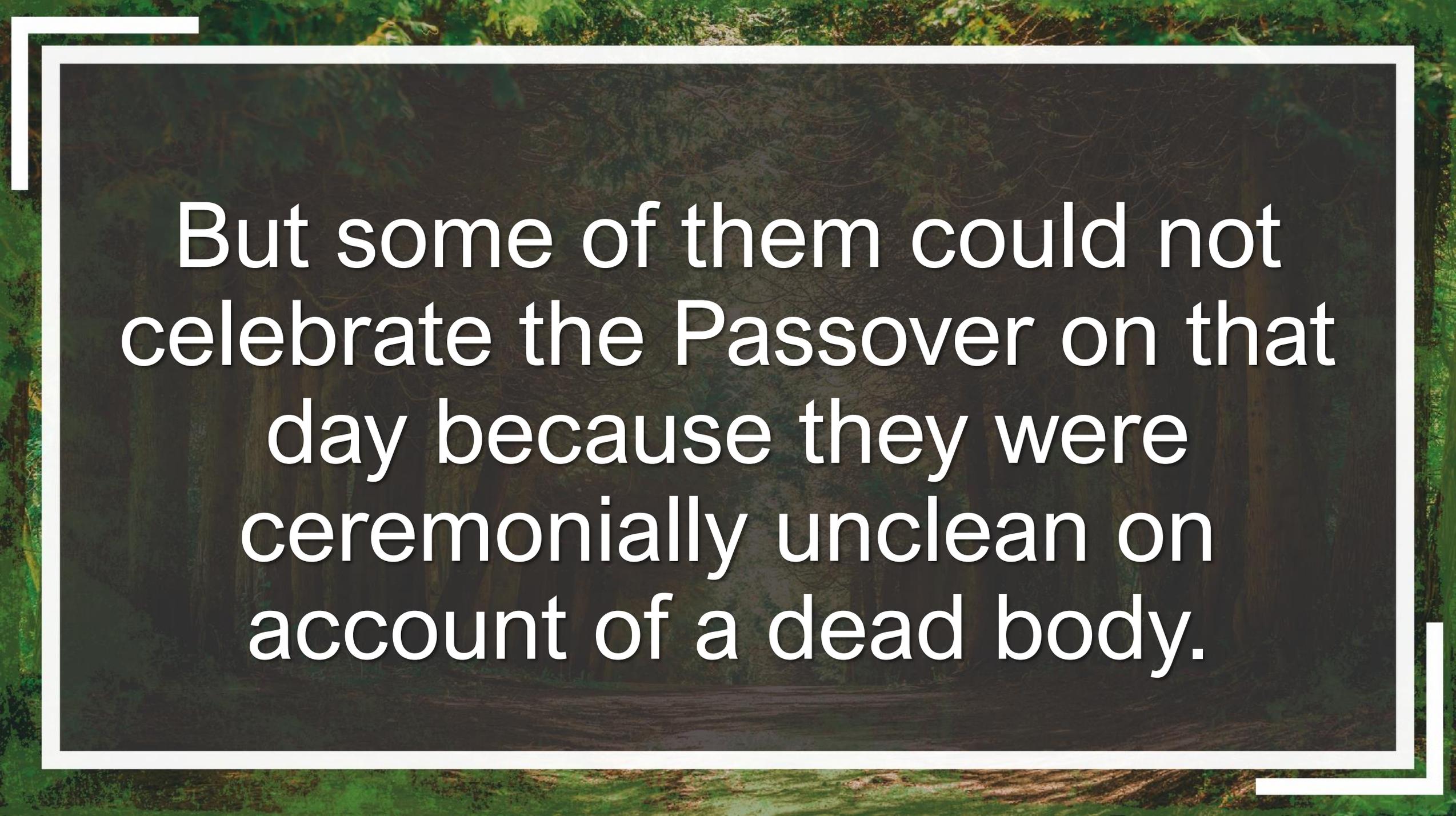
We must never forget to  
remember!



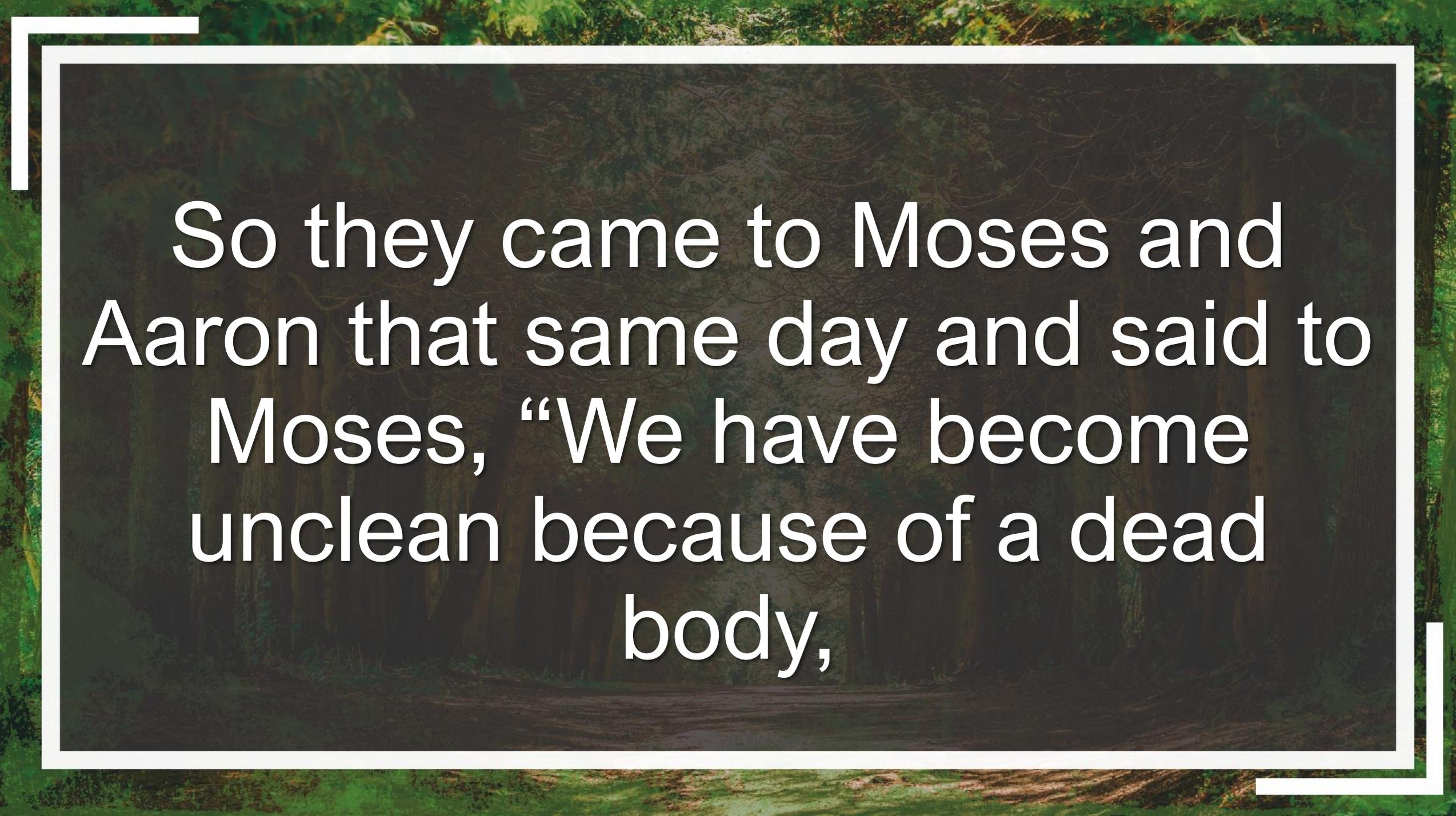
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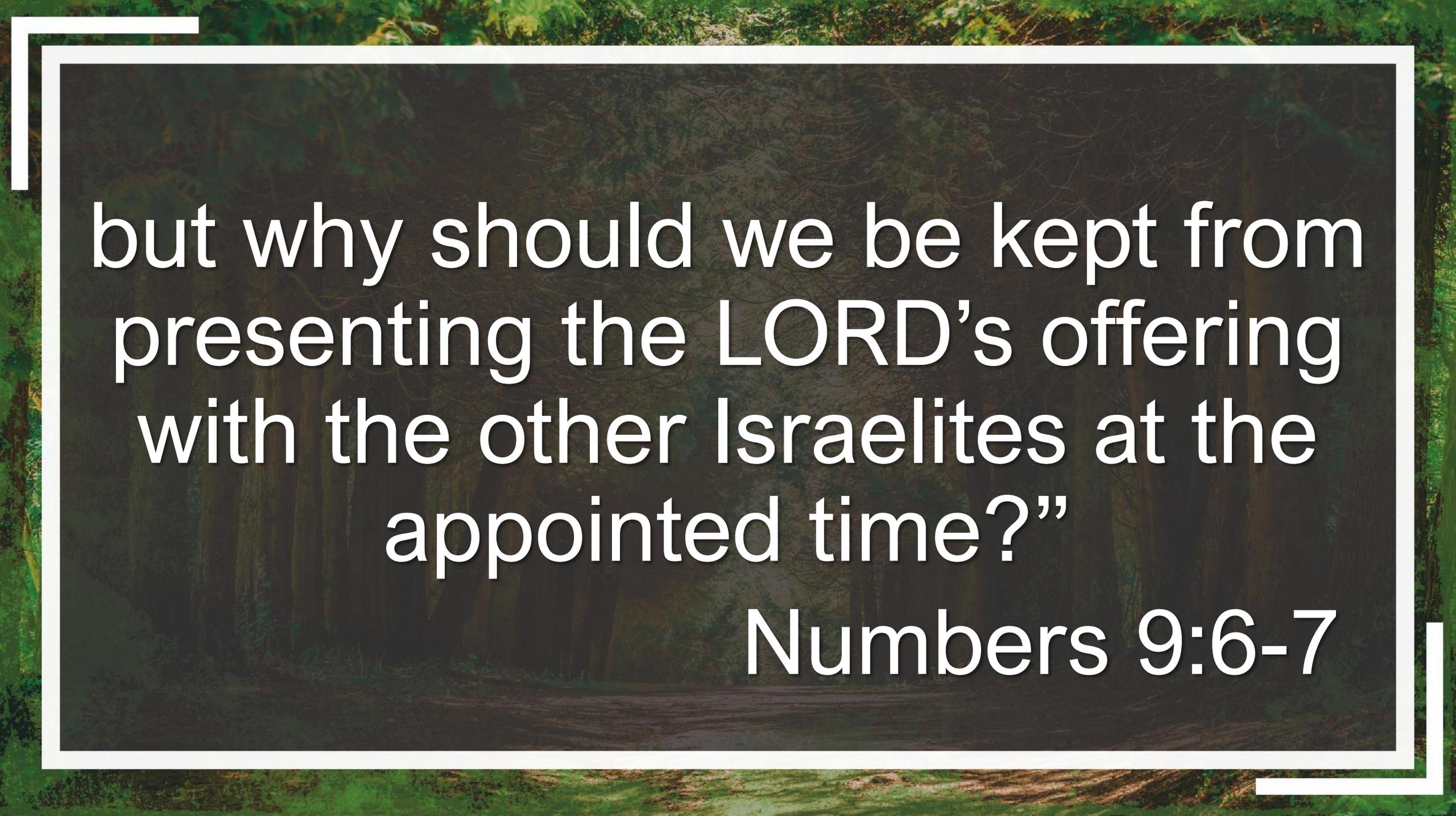
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But some of them could not  
celebrate the Passover on that  
day because they were  
ceremonially unclean on  
account of a dead body.



So they came to Moses and Aaron that same day and said to Moses, “We have become unclean because of a dead body,



but why should we be kept from  
presenting the LORD's offering  
with the other Israelites at the  
appointed time?"

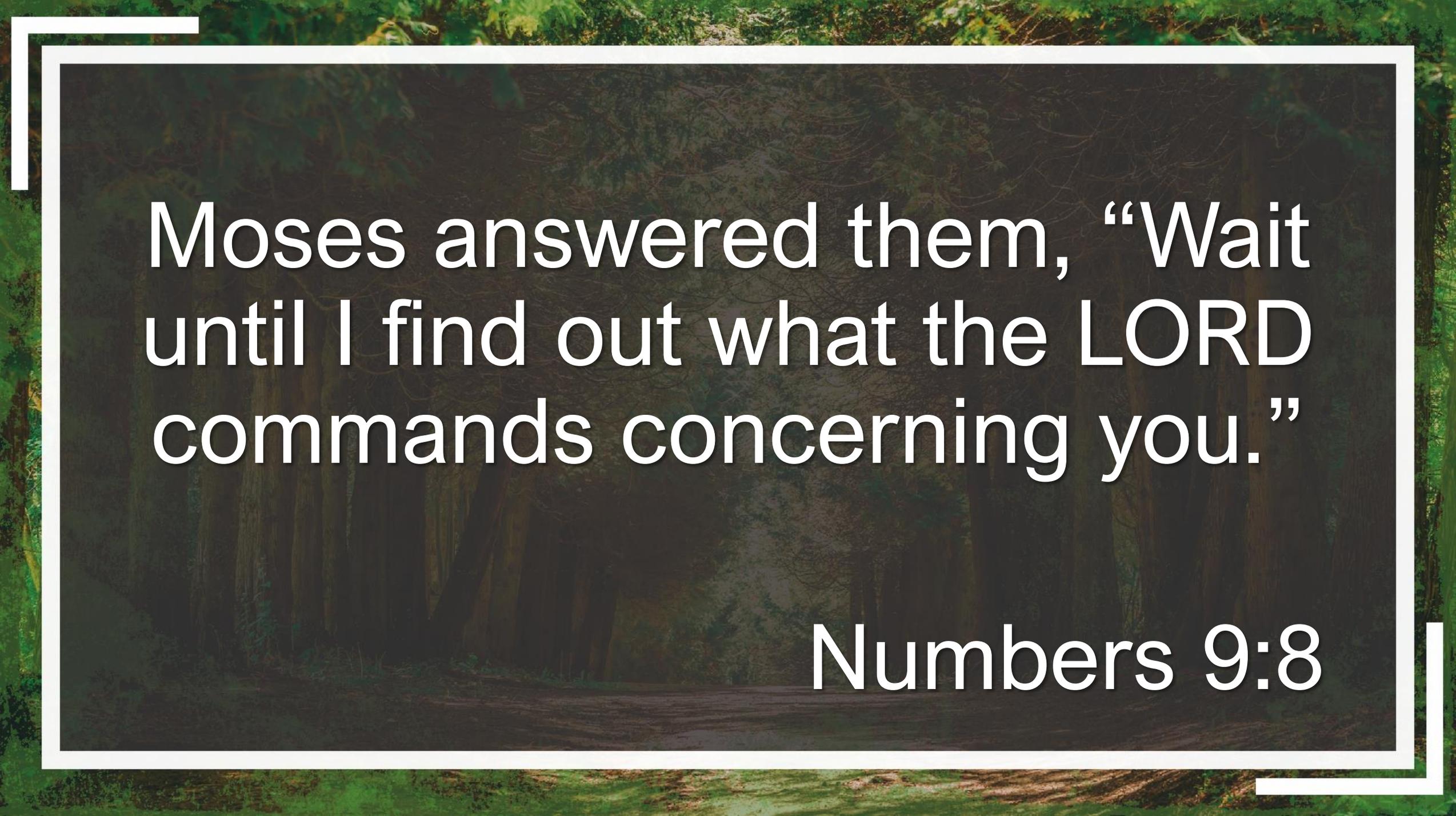
Numbers 9:6-7



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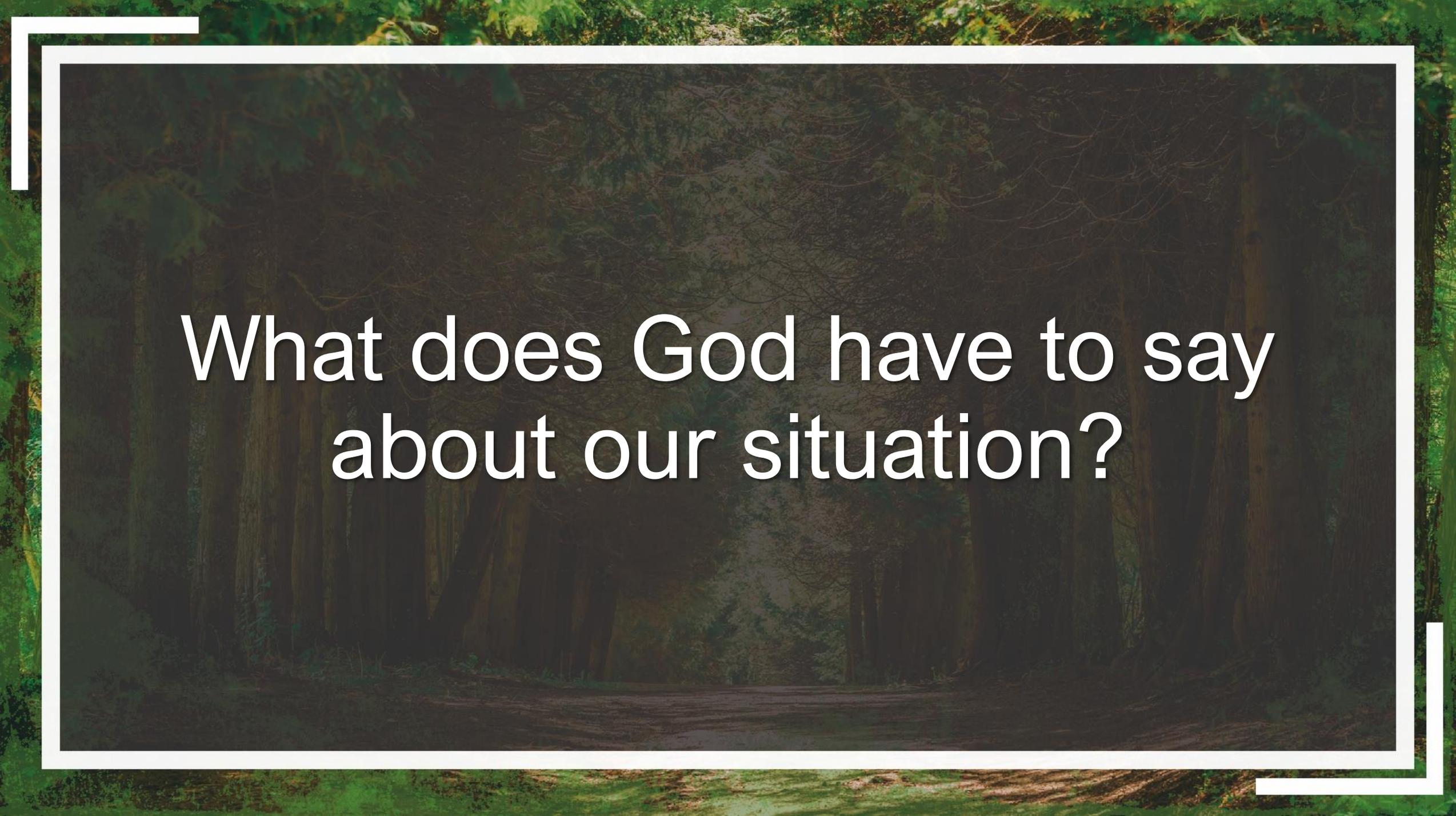
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Moses answered them, “Wait until I find out what the LORD commands concerning you.”

Numbers 9:8

A dark, misty forest path with tall trees and a white border. The text is centered in the middle of the image.

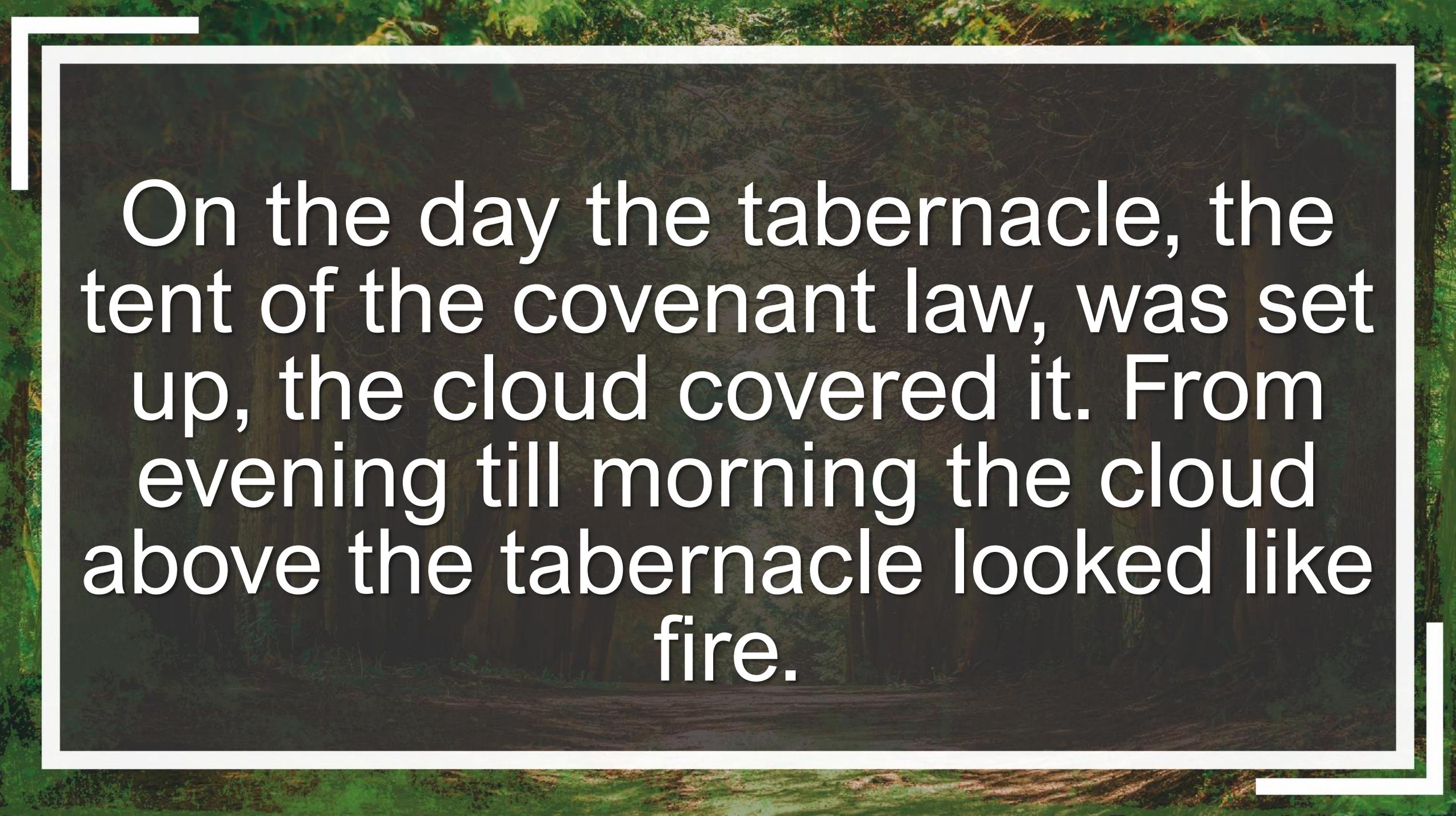
What does God have to say  
about our situation?



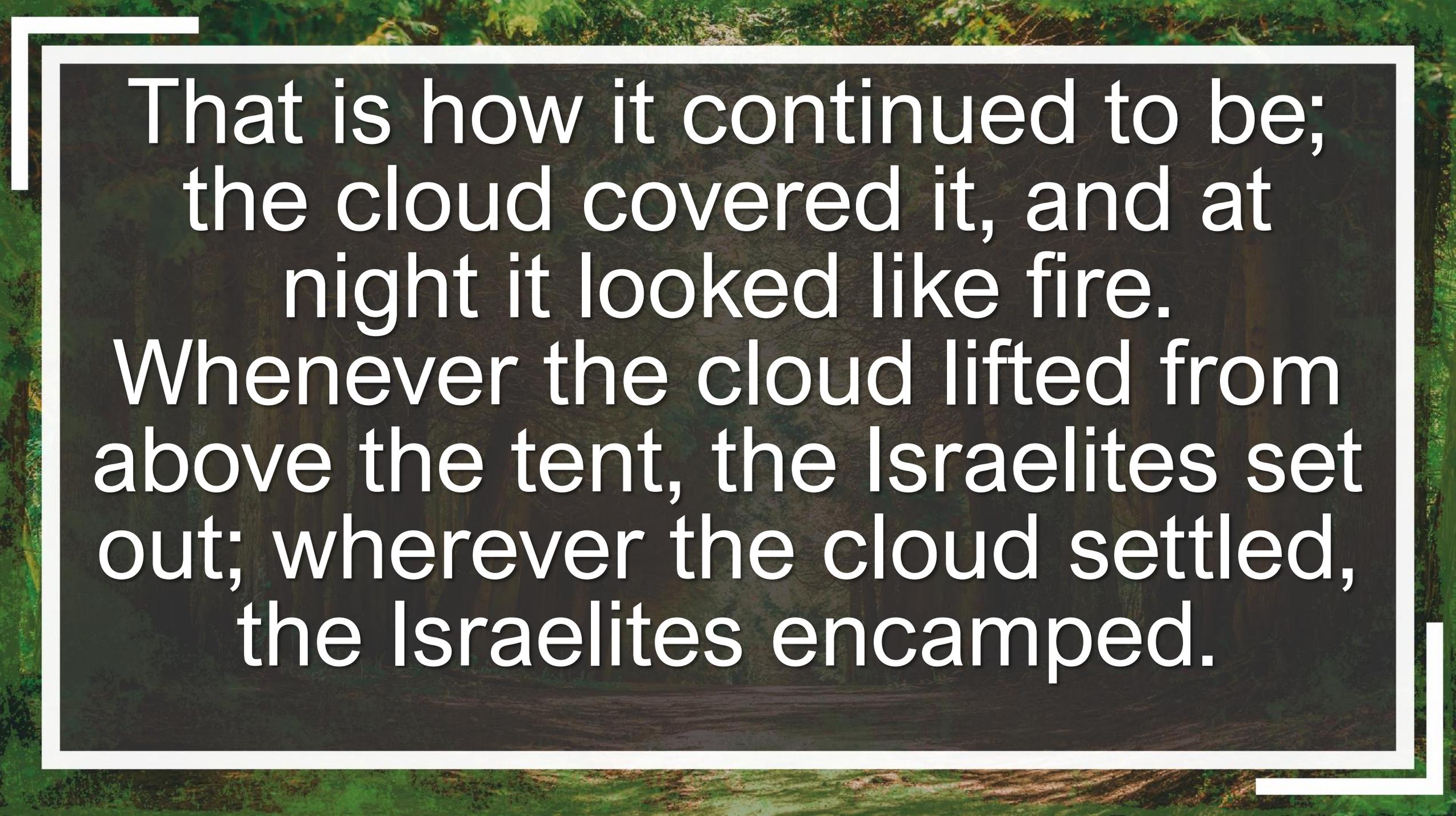
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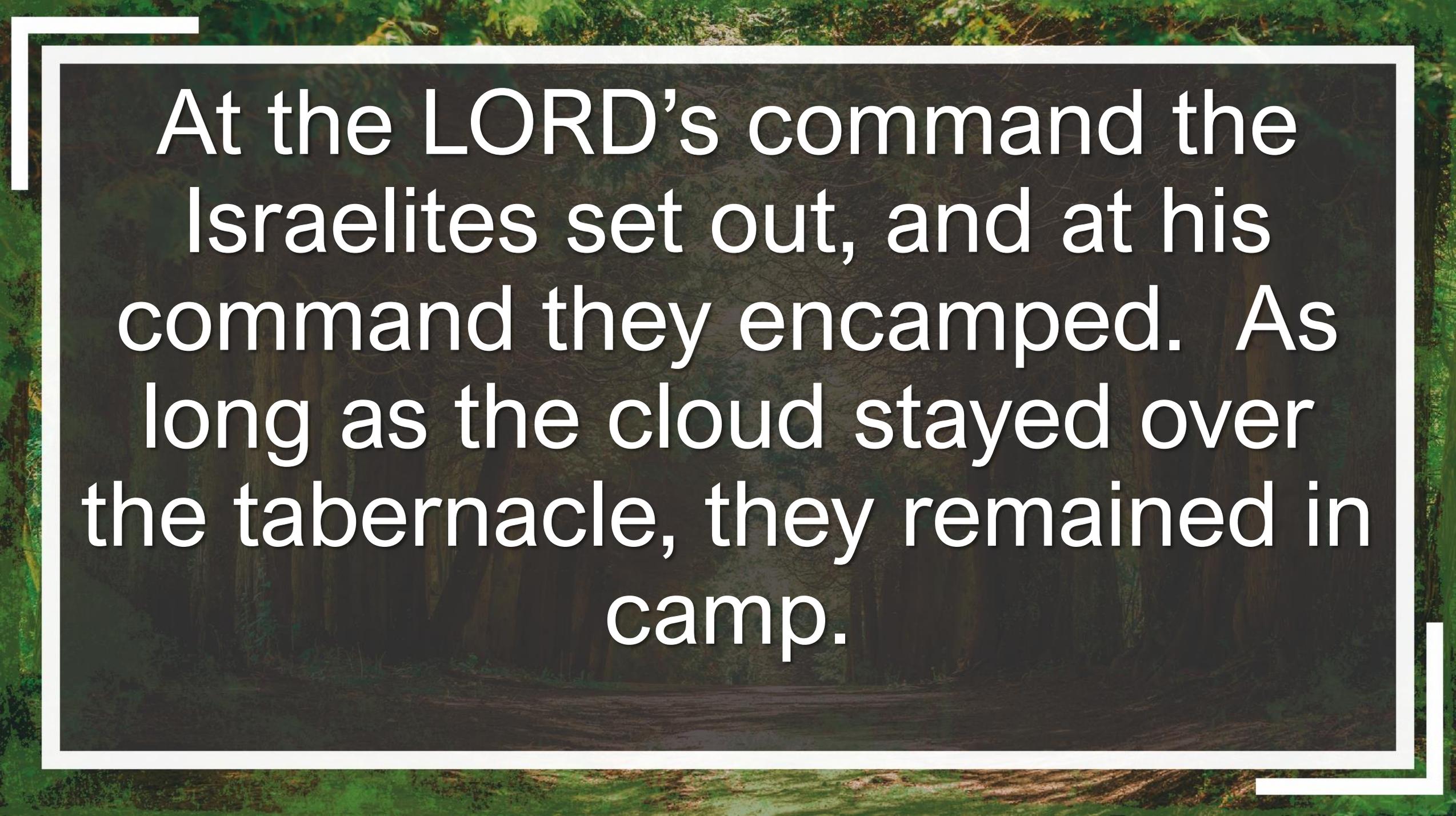
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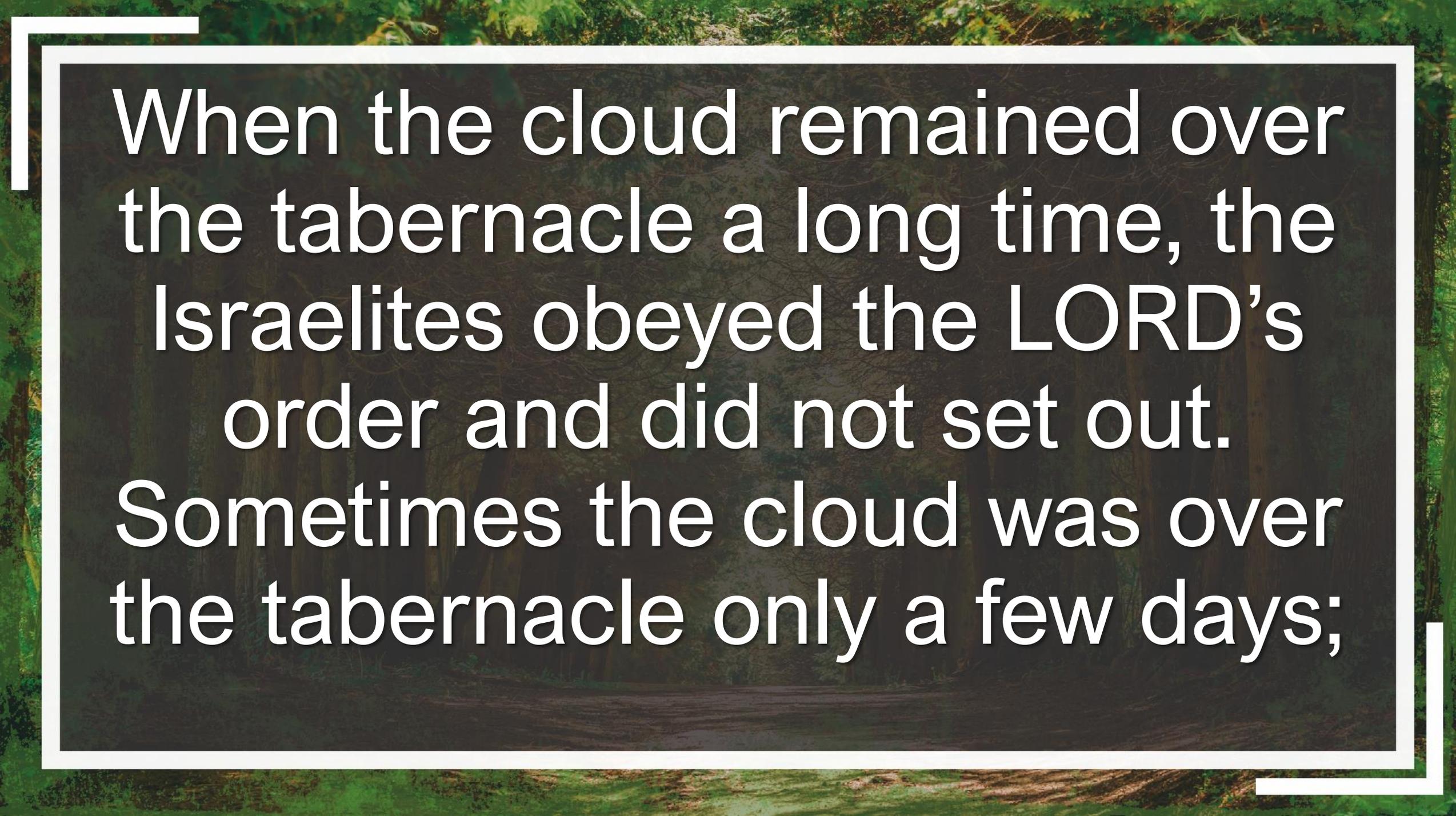
On the day the tabernacle, the tent of the covenant law, was set up, the cloud covered it. From evening till morning the cloud above the tabernacle looked like fire.

The background of the image is a dark, atmospheric landscape. A path or road leads from the bottom center towards the horizon, flanked by dense, dark green foliage. The sky is a deep, dark blue or black, suggesting a night scene. The overall mood is mysterious and somber. The text is overlaid on this background, enclosed in a white border.

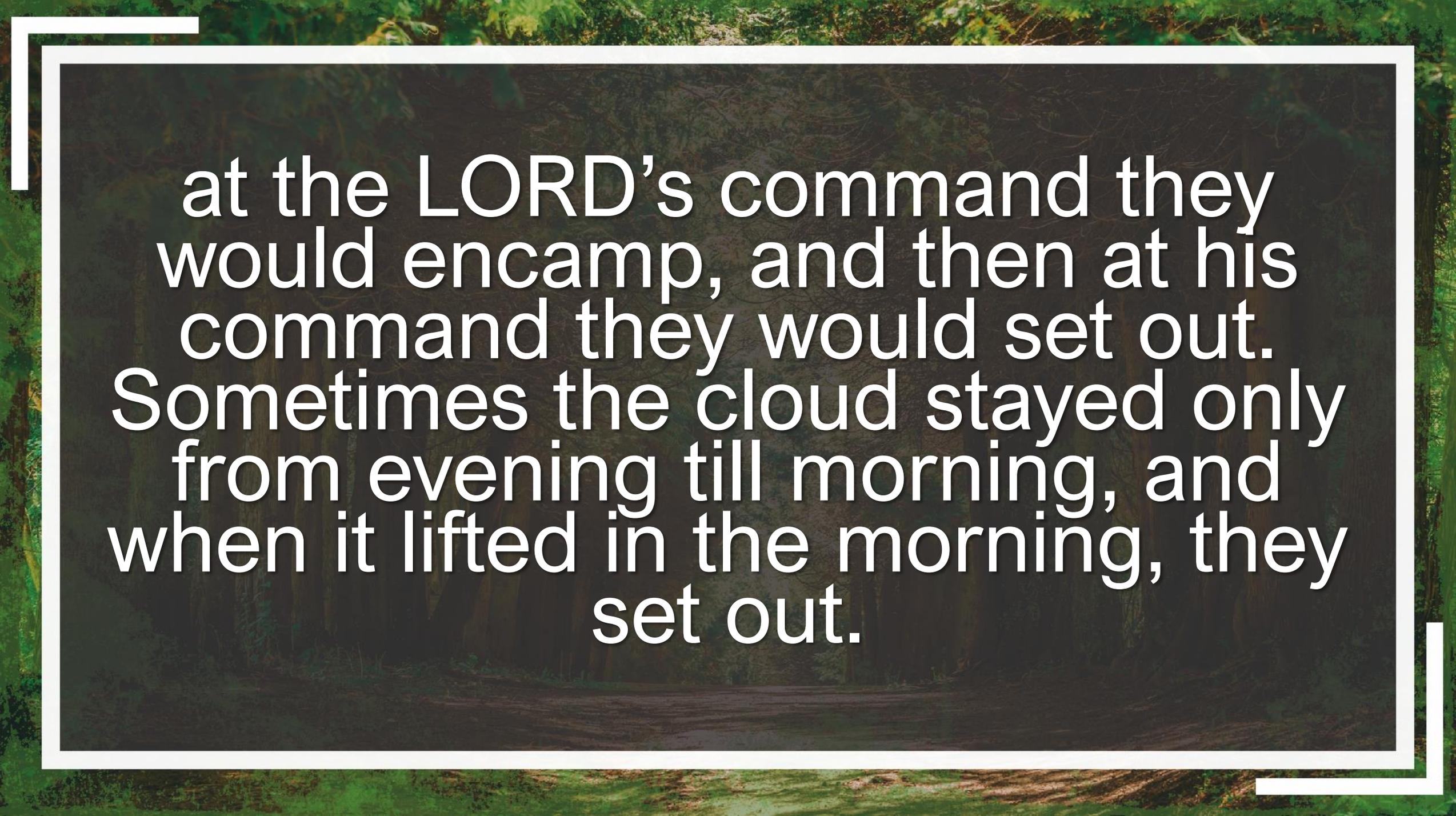
That is how it continued to be;  
the cloud covered it, and at  
night it looked like fire.  
Whenever the cloud lifted from  
above the tent, the Israelites set  
out; wherever the cloud settled,  
the Israelites encamped.

A dark, atmospheric forest scene with a path leading into the distance, framed by a white border. The text is overlaid on this background.

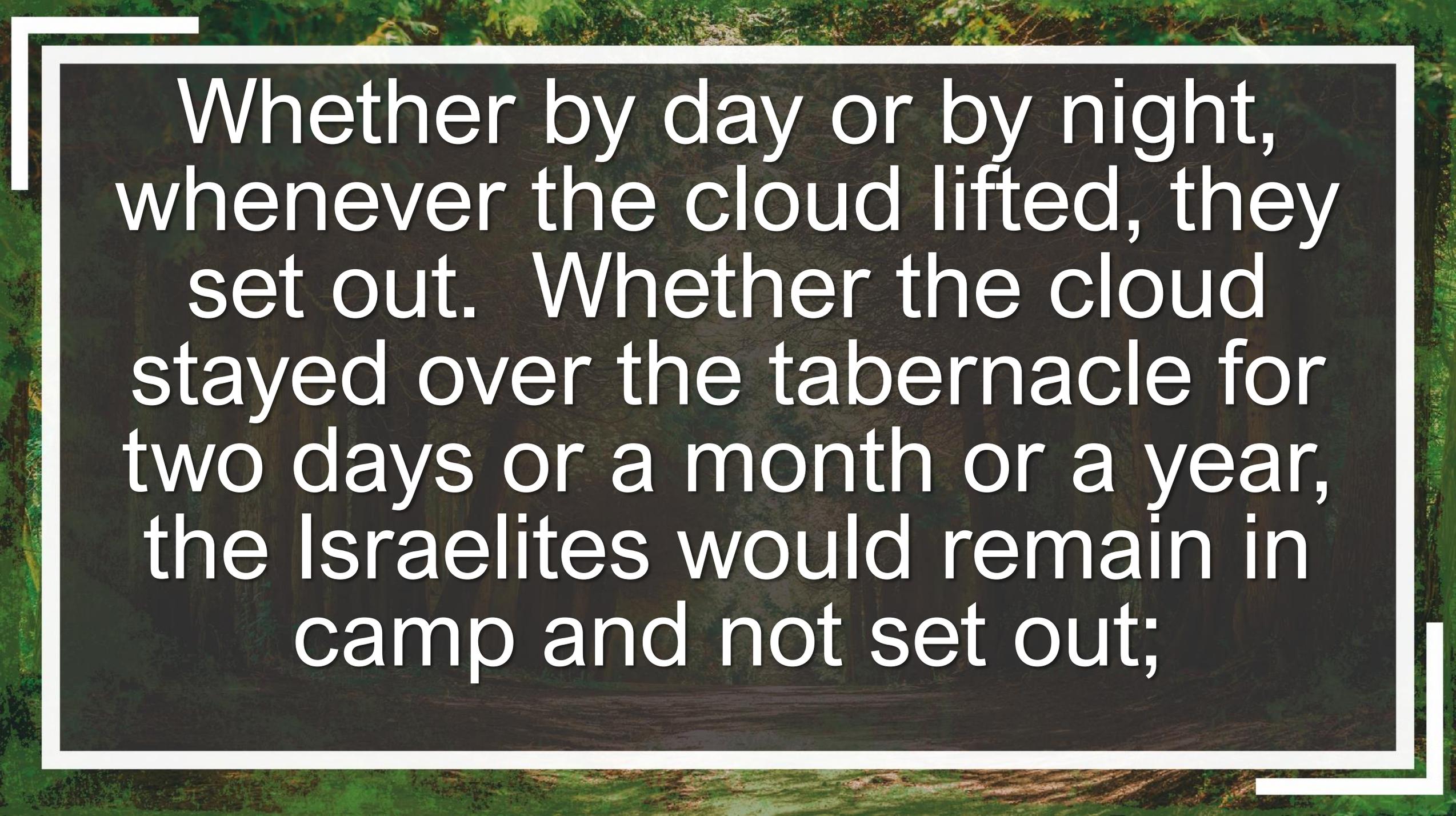
At the LORD's command the Israelites set out, and at his command they encamped. As long as the cloud stayed over the tabernacle, they remained in camp.



When the cloud remained over the tabernacle a long time, the Israelites obeyed the LORD's order and did not set out. Sometimes the cloud was over the tabernacle only a few days;



at the LORD's command they would encamp, and then at his command they would set out. Sometimes the cloud stayed only from evening till morning, and when it lifted in the morning, they set out.



Whether by day or by night,  
whenever the cloud lifted, they  
set out. Whether the cloud  
stayed over the tabernacle for  
two days or a month or a year,  
the Israelites would remain in  
camp and not set out;

but when it lifted, they would set out.  
At the LORD's command they  
encamped, and at the LORD's  
command they set out. They obeyed  
the LORD's order, in accordance with  
his command through Moses.

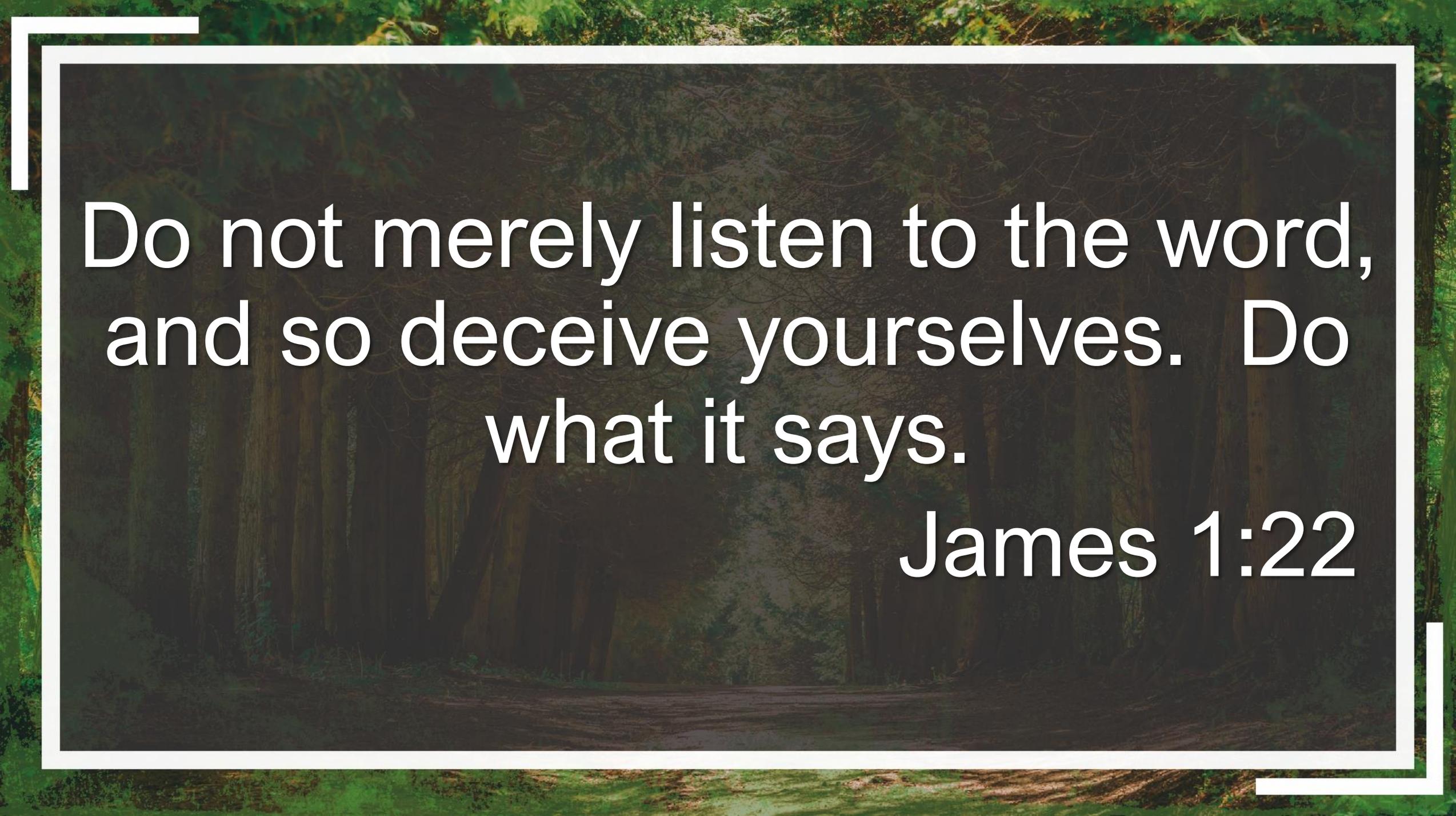
Numbers 9:15-23



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Do not merely listen to the word,  
and so deceive yourselves. Do  
what it says.

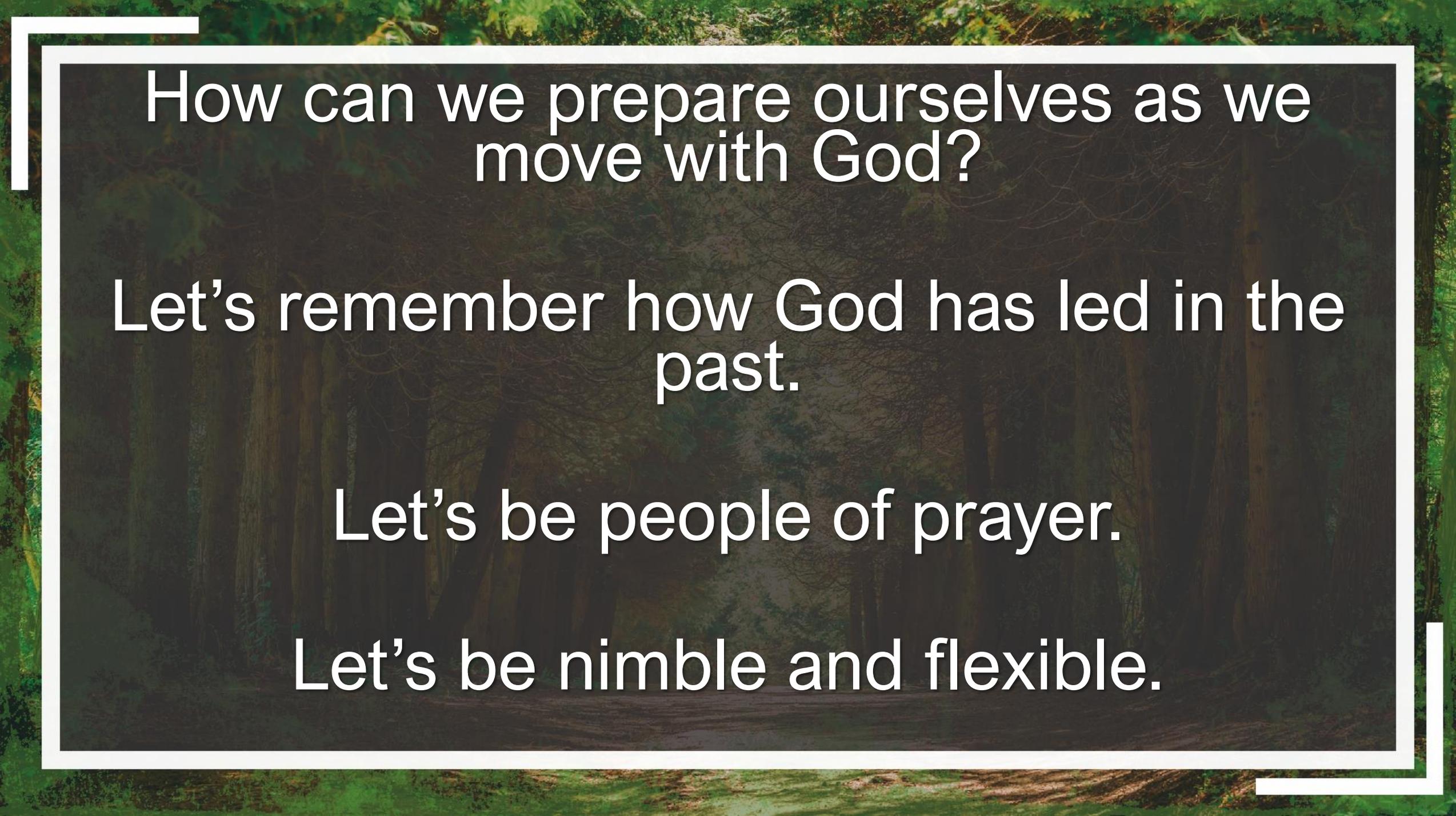
James 1:22



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How can we prepare ourselves as we  
move with God?

Let's remember how God has led in the  
past.

Let's be people of prayer.

Let's be nimble and flexible.