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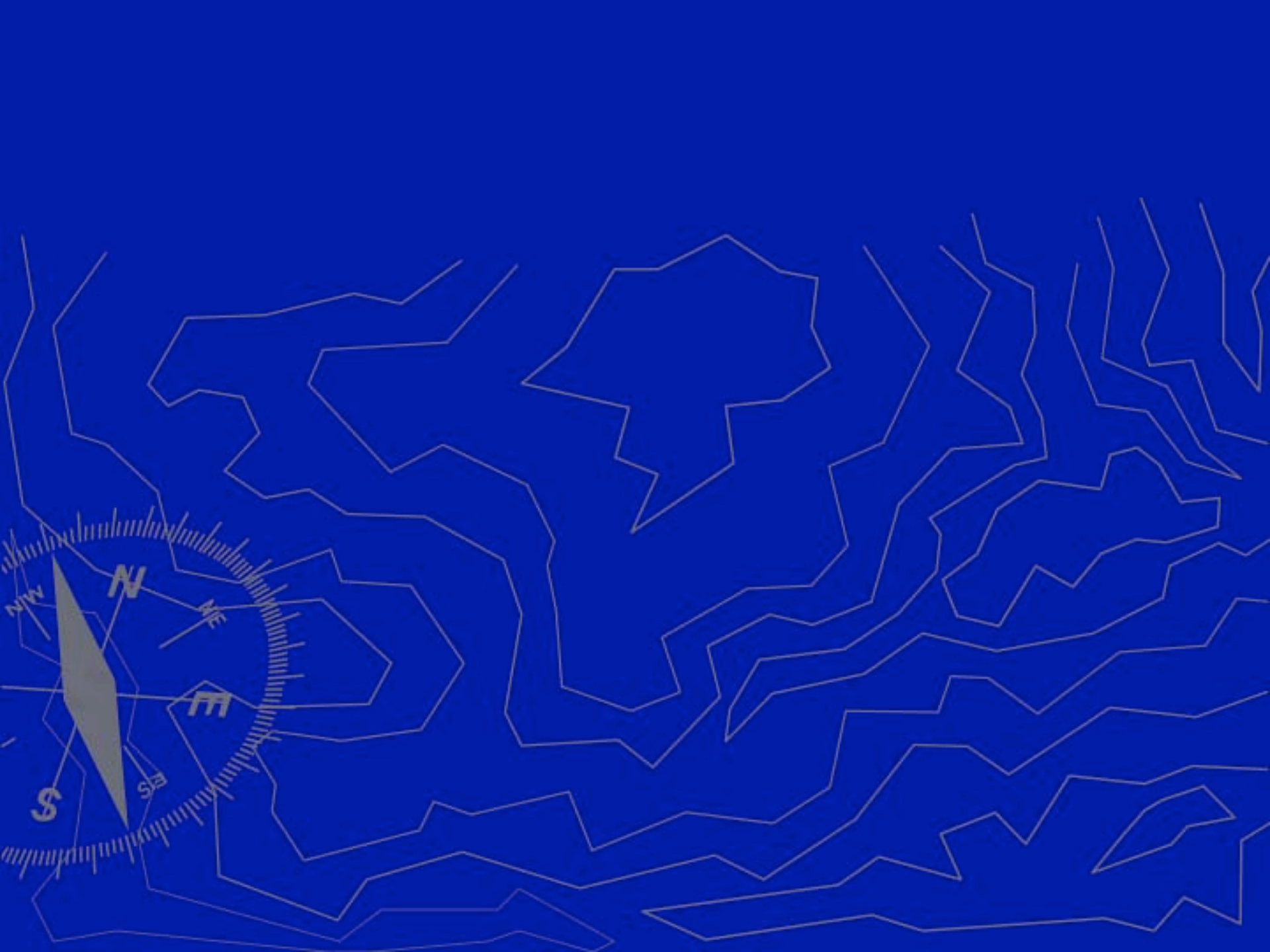
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We Bow Down

You are Lord of creation

And Lord of my life

Lord of the land and the sea

You were Lord

of the heavens

Before there was time

And Lord of all lords

You will be



**We bow down
And we worship You Lord
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Lord of all lords You will be**



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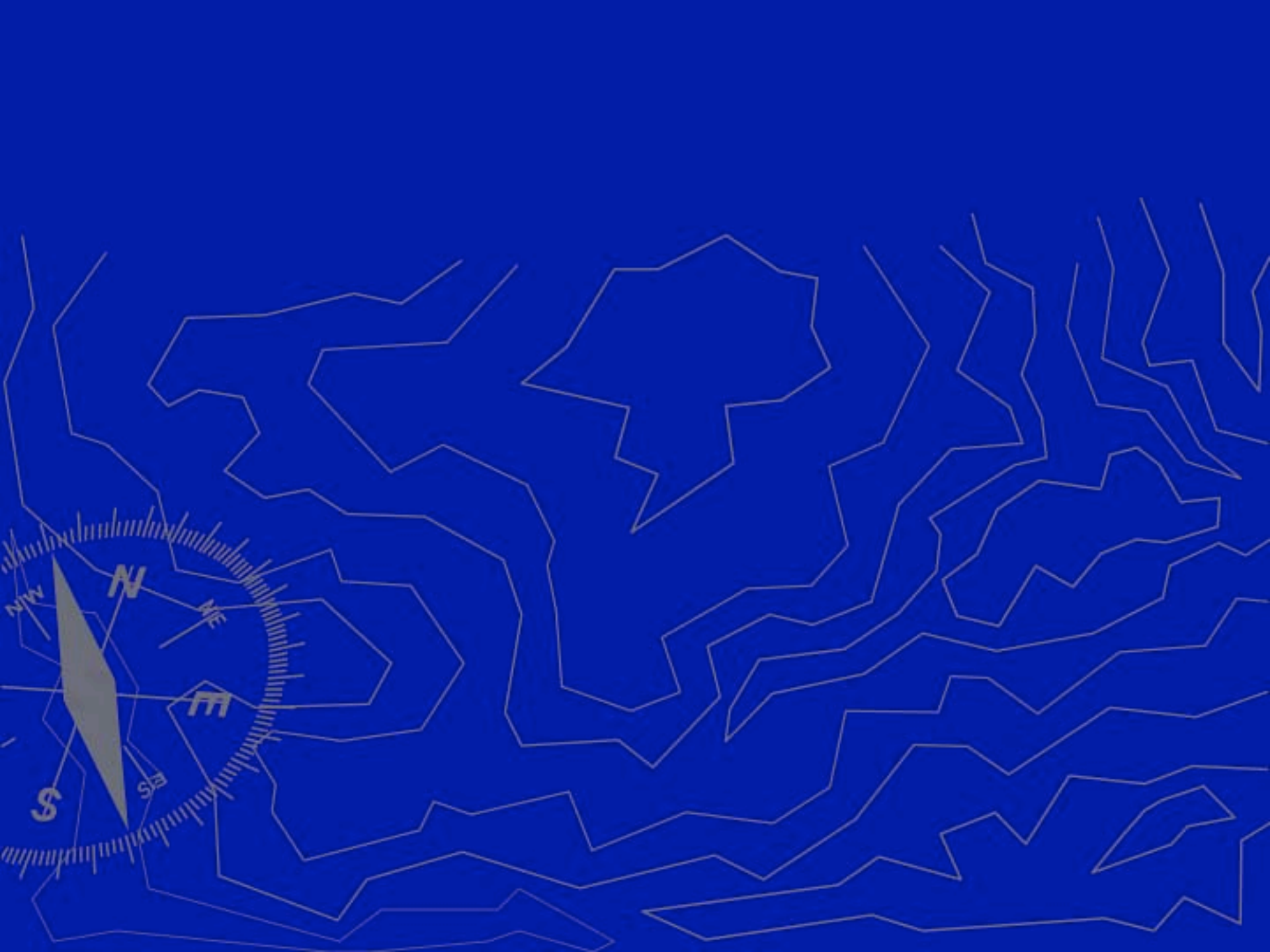


**We bow down
And we crown You the King**

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King of all kings You will be**





God Will Make A Way

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Where there seems to be no way

He works in ways

we cannot see

He will make a way for me



He will be my guide

Hold me closely to His side

With love and strength

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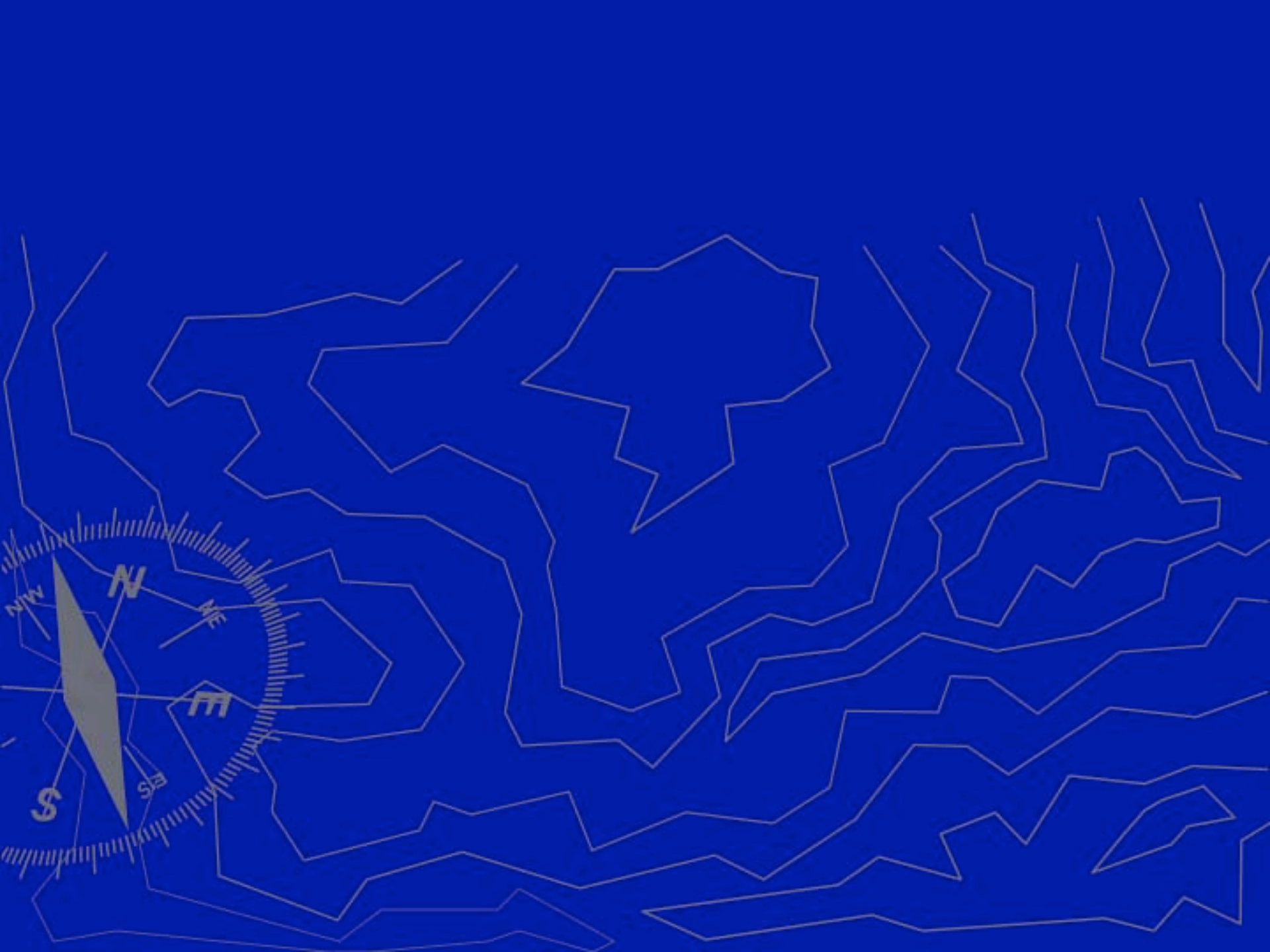
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Worship The Lord In His Word



Journey Into Success

The Dangers of Success

TEXT: Joshua 7:1-9;

**Please Open Your Bibles and Let
Us Read Together**



Joshua 7:1 “But the people of Israel broke faith in regard to the devoted things, for Achan the son of Carmi, son of Zabdi, son of Zerah, of the tribe of Judah, took some of the devoted things. And the anger of the Lord burned against the people of Israel. 2 Joshua sent men from Jericho to Ai, which is near Bethaven, east of Bethel, and said to

them, "Go up and spy out the land."
And the men went up and spied out
Ai. 3 And they returned to Joshua
and said to him, "Do not have all the
people go up, but let about two or
three thousand men go up and attack
Ai. Do not make the whole people toil
up there, for they are few." 4 So
about 3,000 men went up there from
the people. And they fled before the

men of Ai, 5 and the men of Ai killed about thirty-six of their men and chased them before the gate as far as Shebarim and struck them at the descent. And the hearts of the people melted and became as water. 6 Then Joshua tore his clothes and fell to the earth on his face before the ark of the Lord until the evening, he and the elders of Israel. And they put dust on

their heads. 7 And Joshua said,
“Alas, O Lord God, why have you
brought this people over the Jordan
at all, to give us into the hands of the
Amorites, to destroy us? Would that
we had been content to dwell beyond
the Jordan! 8 O Lord, what can I say,
when Israel has turned their backs
before their enemies! 9 For the
Canaanites and all the inhabitants of

the land will hear of it and will surround us and cut off our name from the earth. And what will you do for your great name?"

Introduction:



Joshua 6:19 "But all the silver, and gold, and vessels of brass and iron, are consecrated unto the LORD: they shall come into the treasury of the LORD."

Proverbs 3:9 "Honour the LORD with thy substance, and with the firstfruits of all thine increase:"

Because of Achan's bold disobedience, God has to teach the Israelites a lesson they will never forget.

In this chapter we find the dangers of success, beginning with...

I. Displaced Confidence (Joshua 7:2-3)

A. False Assumption - Israel had defeated Jericho!

Success many times breeds PRIDE:

1 Corinthians 10:12 "Wherefore let him that thinketh he standeth take heed lest he fall."

B. Foolish Action - sent soldiers to Ai.

Proverbs 3:5-7 "Trust in the LORD with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. 6 In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths. 7 Be not wise in thine own eyes: fear the LORD, and depart from evil."

The first danger of success is displaced confidence; The second is ..

II. Dissatisfaction (Joshua 7:20-21)

Joshua 7:20-21 " And Achan answered Joshua, and said, Indeed I have sinned against the LORD God of Israel, and thus and thus have I done: 21 When I saw among the spoils a goodly Babylonish garment,

and two hundred shekels of silver,
and a wedge of gold of fifty shekels
weight, then I coveted them, and (I)
took them; and, behold, they are hid
in the earth in the midst of my tent,
and the silver under it."



A. I Saw

B. I Coveted

C. I Took

1 John 2:16 "For all that is in the world, the **lust of the flesh**, and the **lust of the eyes**, and the **pride of life**, is not of the Father, but is of the world."

***Achan coveted what he did not have and what belonged to GOD:**

Deuteronomy 29:5 "And I have led you forty years in the wilderness: your clothes are not waxen old upon you, and thy shoe is not waxen old upon thy foot."

1. The Robe - \$500

2. The Silver - \$500

3. The Gold - \$9000

TOTAL - \$10,000

The embarrassment of being found out and loss of family – incalculable .

Numbers 32:23 “... be sure your sin will find you out.”

The **Devil** can only lead us into sin when we forget how good **GOD** has been to us and we become dissatisfied with our blessings.

Displaced confidence and Dissatisfaction, will lead us to ...

III. Defeat (Joshua 7:4-9)

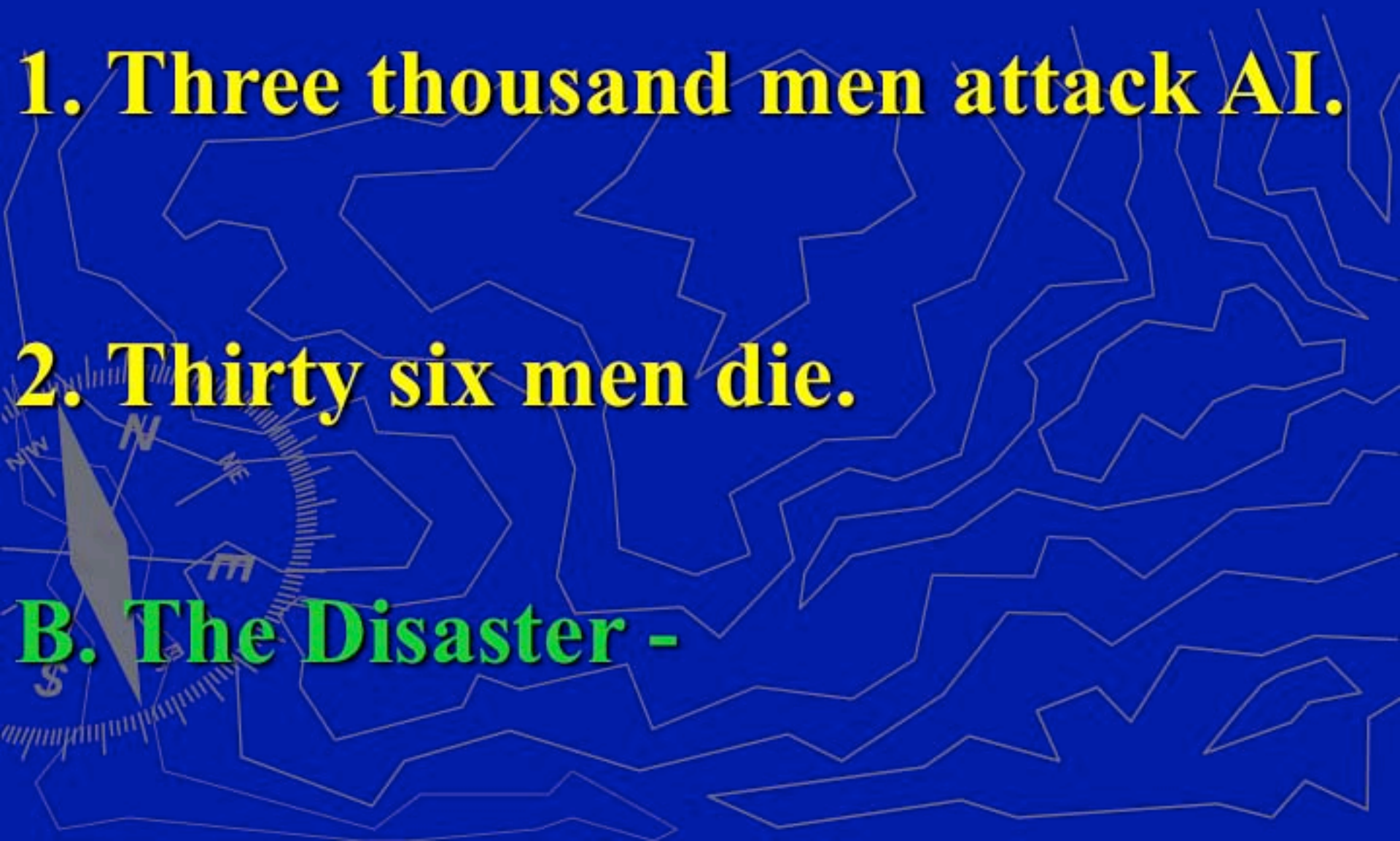
Joshua 7:4-5 “So about 3,000 men went up there from the people. And they fled before the men of Ai, 5 and the men of Ai killed about thirty-six of their men and chased them before the gate as far as Shebarim and struck them at the descent. And the hearts of the people melted and became as water.”

A. The Disgrace -

1. Three thousand men attack AI.

2. Thirty six men die.

B. The Disaster -



Joshua 7:7 “And Joshua said, “Alas,
O Lord God, why have you brought
this people over the Jordan at all, to
give us into the hands of the
Amorites, to destroy us? Would that
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the land will hear of it and will surround us and cut off our name from the earth. And what will you do for your great name?”

The disaster causes Joshua to temporarily lose perspective.



Possibly feeling sorry for himself, he forgets the Red Sea, the Jordan and even Jericho.

But most importantly he has forgotten the promise of God.

Joshua is flesh and blood, just like you and I and susceptible to loss of faith and doubt.

In times of tragedy we become discouraged and forget God's promises.

C. The Destiny established by God

Joshua 1:3 "Every place that the sole of your foot shall tread upon, that have I given unto you, as I said unto Moses."

Displaced Confidence and dissatisfaction lead to defeat, which should lead us to seek...

IV. Divine Direction (7:10-21)

Joshua 7:10-12 "And the LORD said ... 11 Israel hath sinned, ... they have even taken of the accursed thing, and have also stolen, and dissembled also, ... 12 Therefore the

could not stand before their enemies,
but turned their backs before their
enemies, because they were accursed:
neither will I be with you any more,
except ye destroy the accursed from
among you."

Ecclesiastes 12:14 "For God shall
bring every work into judgment,
with every secret thing, whether it be
good, or whether it be evil."

A. Presentation

Joshua 7:14 "In the morning therefore ye shall be brought according to your tribes: and it shall be, that the tribe which the LORD taketh shall come according to the families thereof; and the family which the LORD shall take shall come by households; and the household which the LORD shall take shall come man by man."

B. Identification

Why didn't God just identify Achan?

1 Timothy 5:20 “Them that sin rebuke before all, that others also may fear.”

1. To emphasize the Seriousness of violating God's command!

2. To give Achan a chance to come forward and repent!

Deuteronomy 13:11 “And all Israel shall hear, and fear, and shall do no more any such wickedness as this is among you.”

ILL. How did David avoid judgment?

Psalms 51:1-2 “... A Psalm of David, when Nathan the prophet came unto him, after he had gone in to

Bathsheba. Have mercy upon me, O God, according to thy loving kindness: according unto the multitude of thy tender mercies blot out my transgressions. 2 Wash me thoroughly from mine iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin."

REPENTANCE

and

CONFESSION



Only after a long process and with his back to the wall does **Achan admit his sin, but even then his pride keeps him from repenting and asking for forgiveness.**

Therefore, the only option left was for...

V. DISCIPLINE - (Joshua 7:22-26)

Joshua 7:24-25 Joshua 7:24-25 "And Joshua, and all Israel with him, took Achan the son of Zerah, and the silver, and the garment, and the wedge of gold, and **his sons, and his daughters,** and his oxen, and his asses, and his sheep, and his tent, and all that he had: and they brought **them** unto the valley of Achor. 25 And Joshua said, Why hast thou troubled us? the LORD shall trouble

thee this day. And all Israel stoned him with stones, and burned them with fire, after they had stoned them with stones."

Deuteronomy 24:16 "The fathers shall not be put to death for the children, neither shall the children be put to death for the fathers: every man shall be put to death for **his own sin.**"

Joshua 22:20 “Did not Achan the son of Zerah commit a trespass in the accursed thing, and wrath fell on all the congregation of Israel? and **that man perished not alone in his iniquity.**”

Conclusion:



Ephesians 6:4 "And, ye fathers, provoke not your children to wrath: but bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord."

What can you do to prevent the **EVIL ONE** from leading you into sin during times of success?

