

# HORSES AND ARMIES AREN'T ENOUGH



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# Psalm 142 (NIV)

<sup>1</sup> I cry aloud to the LORD; I lift up my voice to the LORD for mercy. <sup>2</sup> I pour out before him my complaint; before him I tell my trouble.

<sup>3</sup> When my spirit grows faint within me, it is you who watch over my way. In the path where I walk people have hidden a snare for me. <sup>4</sup> Look and see, there is no one at my right hand; no one is concerned for me. I have no refuge; no one cares for my life.

# Psalm 142 (NIV)

<sup>5</sup> I cry to you, LORD; I say, “You are my refuge, my portion in the land of the living.” <sup>6</sup> Listen to my cry, for I am in desperate need; rescue me from those who pursue me, for they are too strong for me. <sup>7</sup> Set me free from my prison, that I may praise your name. Then the righteous will gather about me because of your goodness to me.



# David Was Discouraged



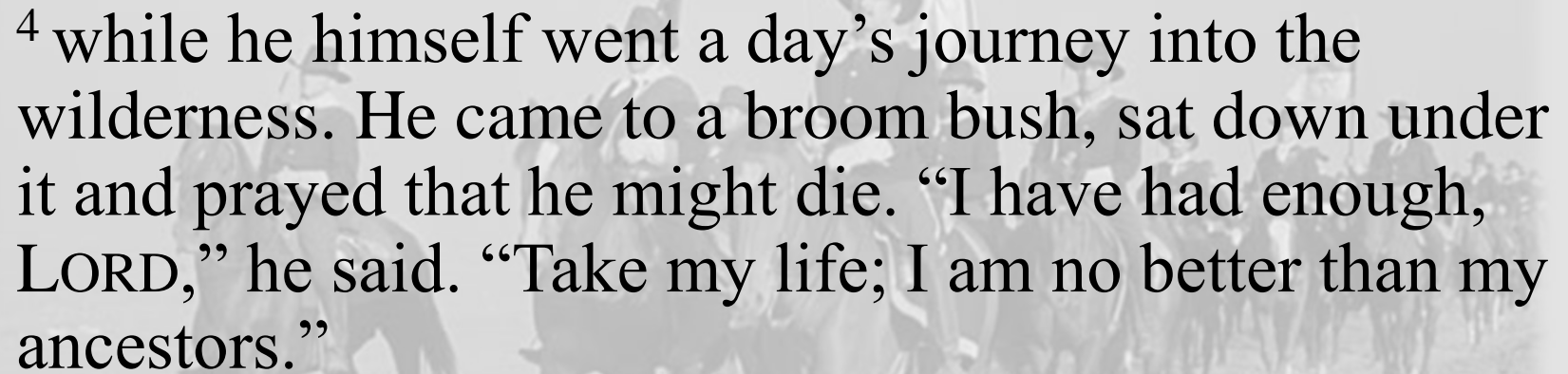
# Numbers 11:11-15 (NIV)

<sup>11</sup> He asked the LORD, “Why have you brought this trouble on your servant? What have I done to displease you that you put the burden of all these people on me?”

<sup>12</sup> Did I conceive all these people? Did I give them birth? Why do you tell me to carry them in my arms, as a nurse carries an infant, to the land you promised on oath to their ancestors? <sup>13</sup> Where can I get meat for all these people? They keep wailing to me, ‘Give us meat to eat!’ <sup>14</sup> I cannot carry all these people by myself; the burden is too heavy for me. <sup>15</sup> If this is how you are going to treat me, please go ahead and kill me—if I have found favor in your eyes—and do not let me face my own ruin.”

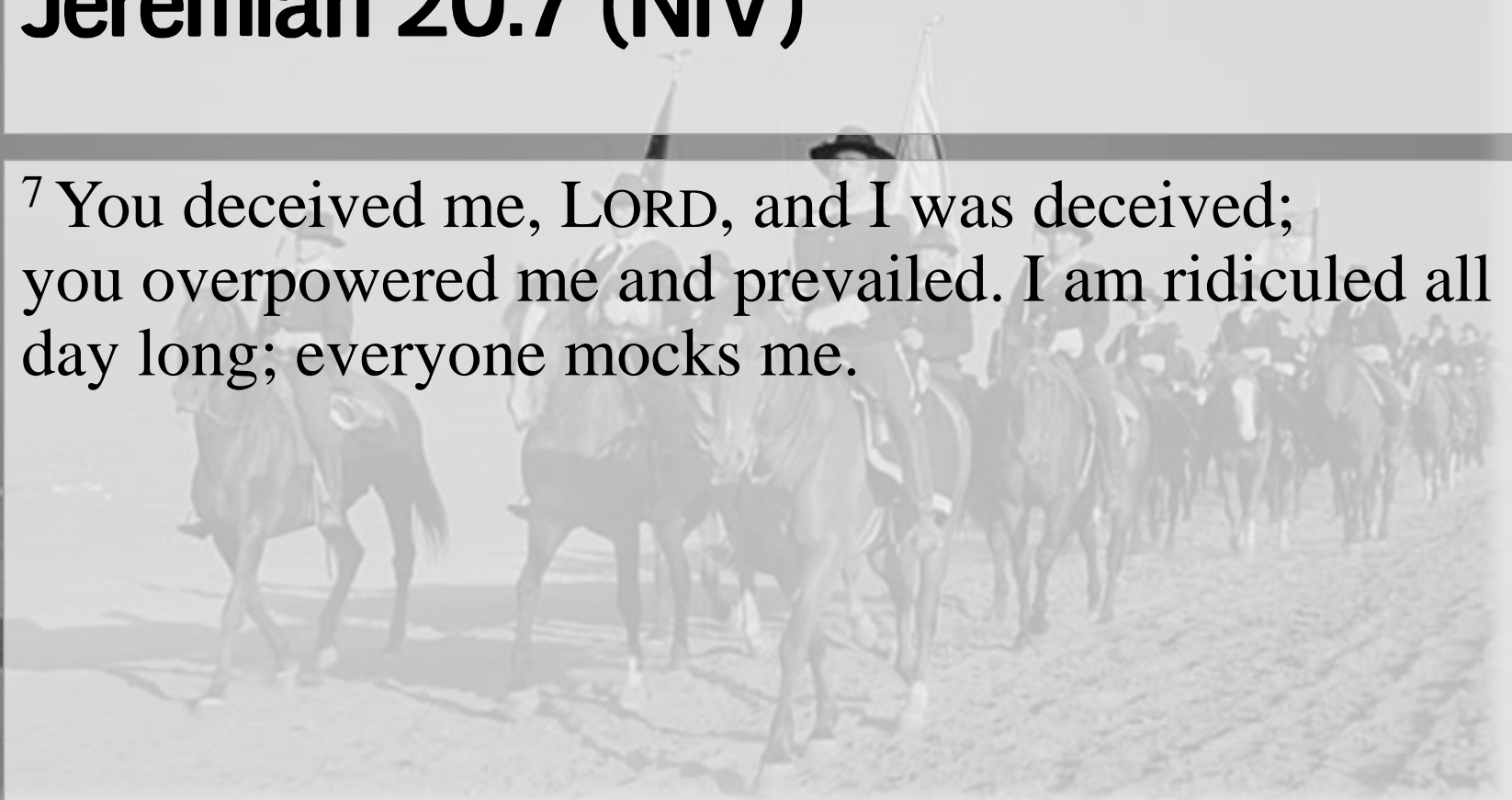
# 1 Kings 19:4 (NIV)

<sup>4</sup> while he himself went a day's journey into the wilderness. He came to a broom bush, sat down under it and prayed that he might die. "I have had enough, LORD," he said. "Take my life; I am no better than my ancestors."

A faded, grayscale background image showing a military band marching in a desert landscape. The band members are wearing uniforms and hats, and some are carrying flags. The scene is set in a vast, open, arid environment with a clear sky.

# Jeremiah 20:7 (NIV)

<sup>7</sup> You deceived me, LORD, and I was deceived;  
you overpowered me and prevailed. I am ridiculed all  
day long; everyone mocks me.





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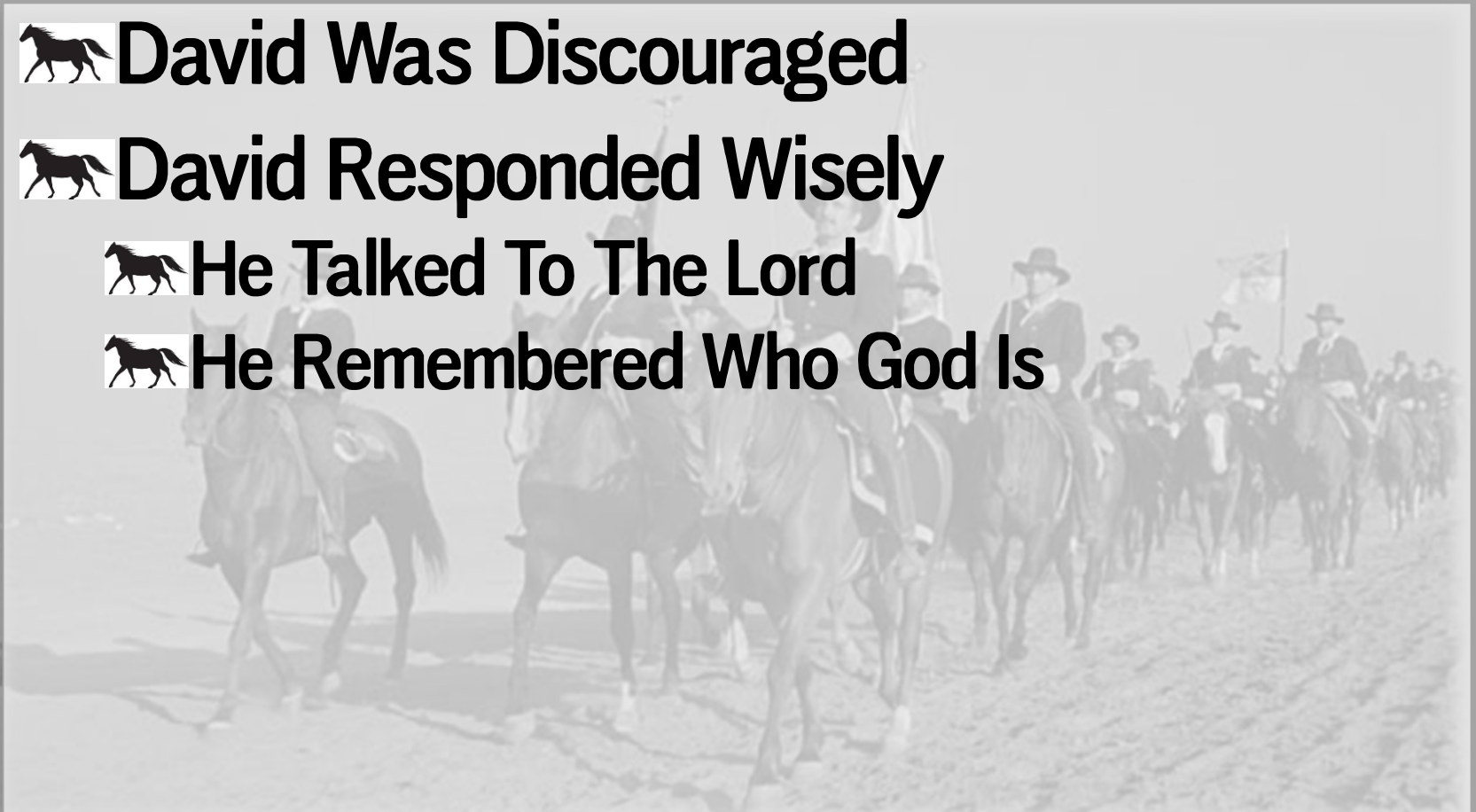
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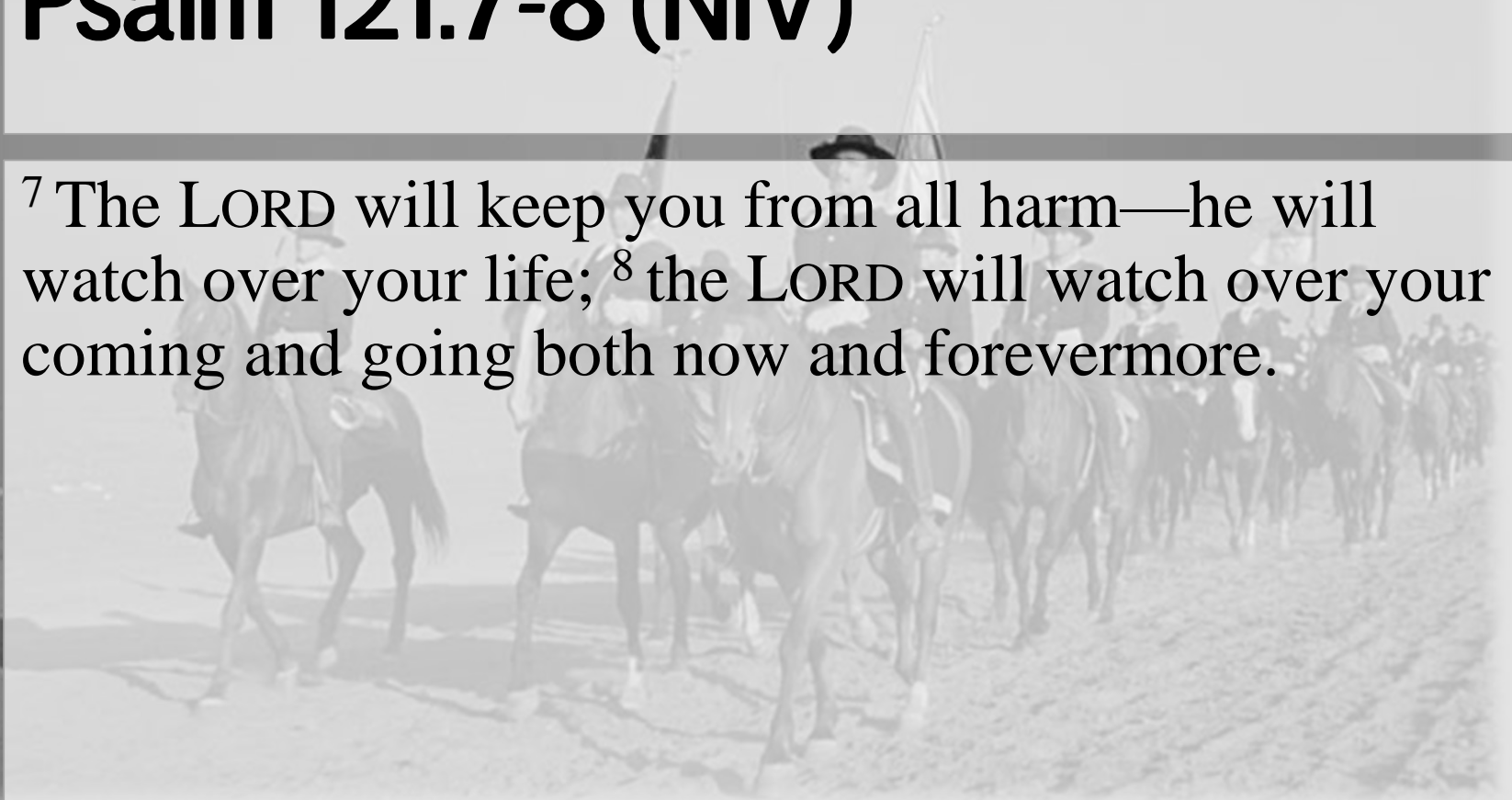


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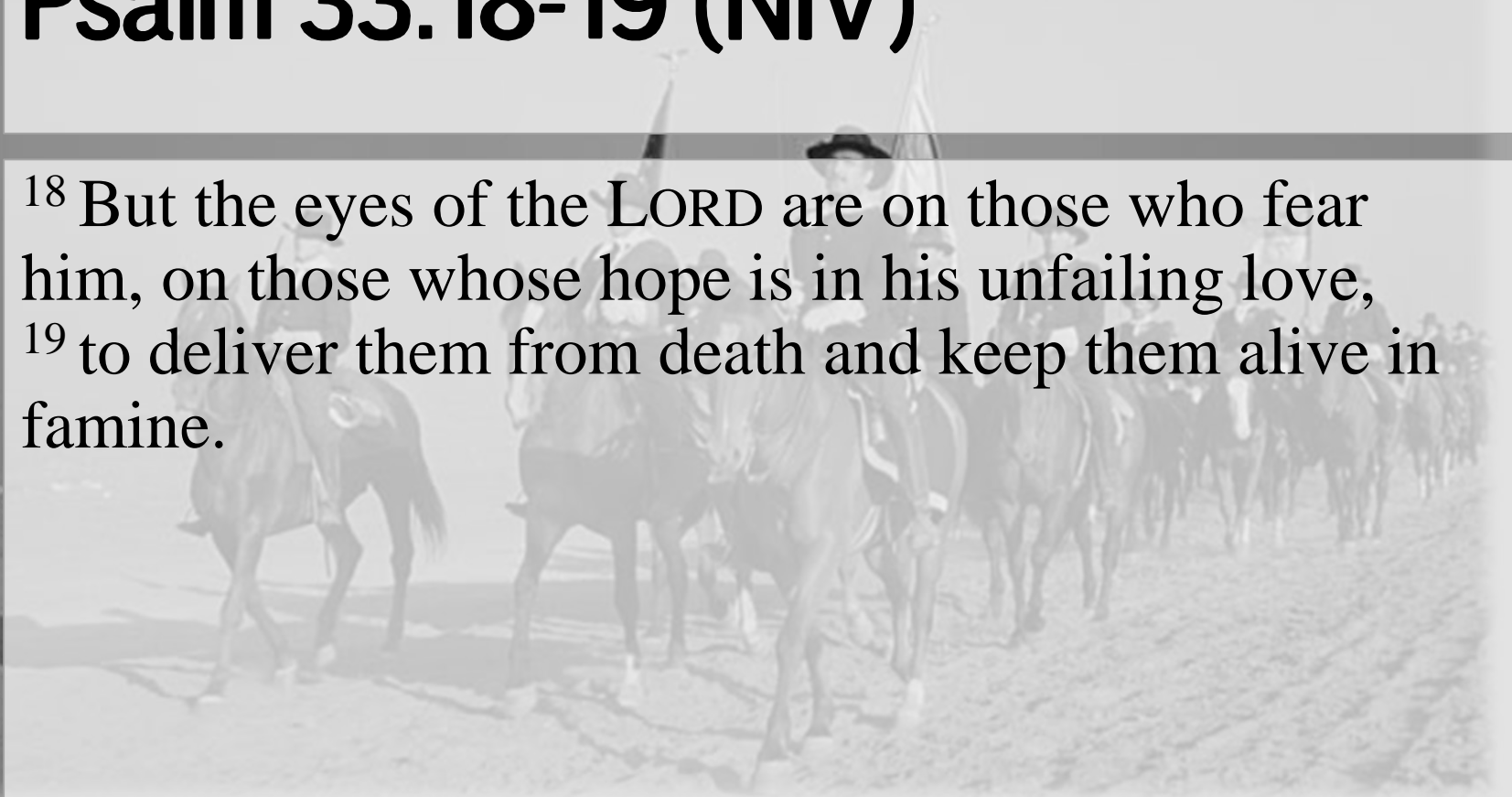
# Psalm 121:7-8 (NIV)

<sup>7</sup> The LORD will keep you from all harm—he will watch over your life; <sup>8</sup> the LORD will watch over your coming and going both now and forevermore.



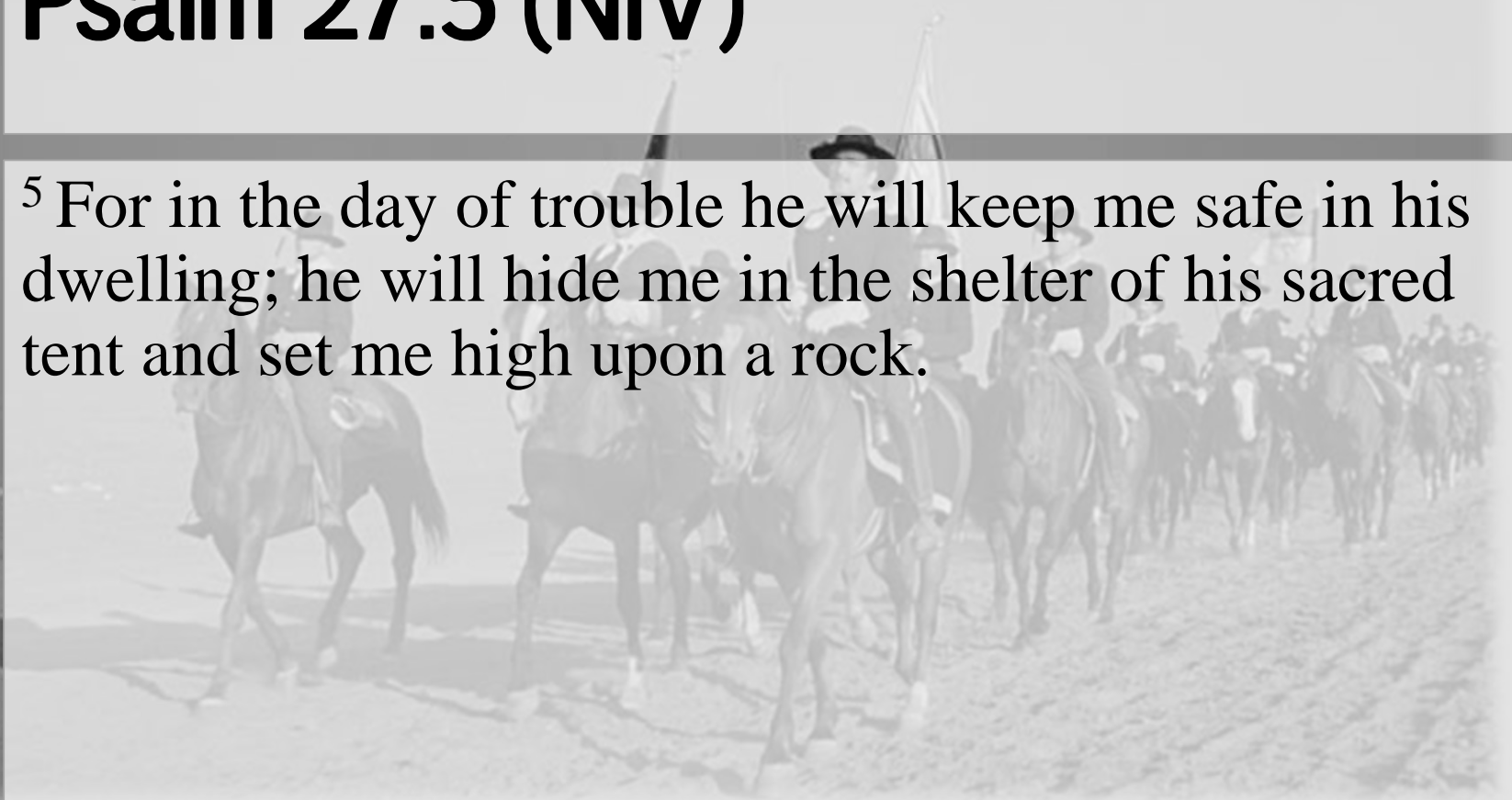
# Psalm 33:18-19 (NIV)

<sup>18</sup> But the eyes of the LORD are on those who fear him, on those whose hope is in his unfailing love,  
<sup>19</sup> to deliver them from death and keep them alive in famine.



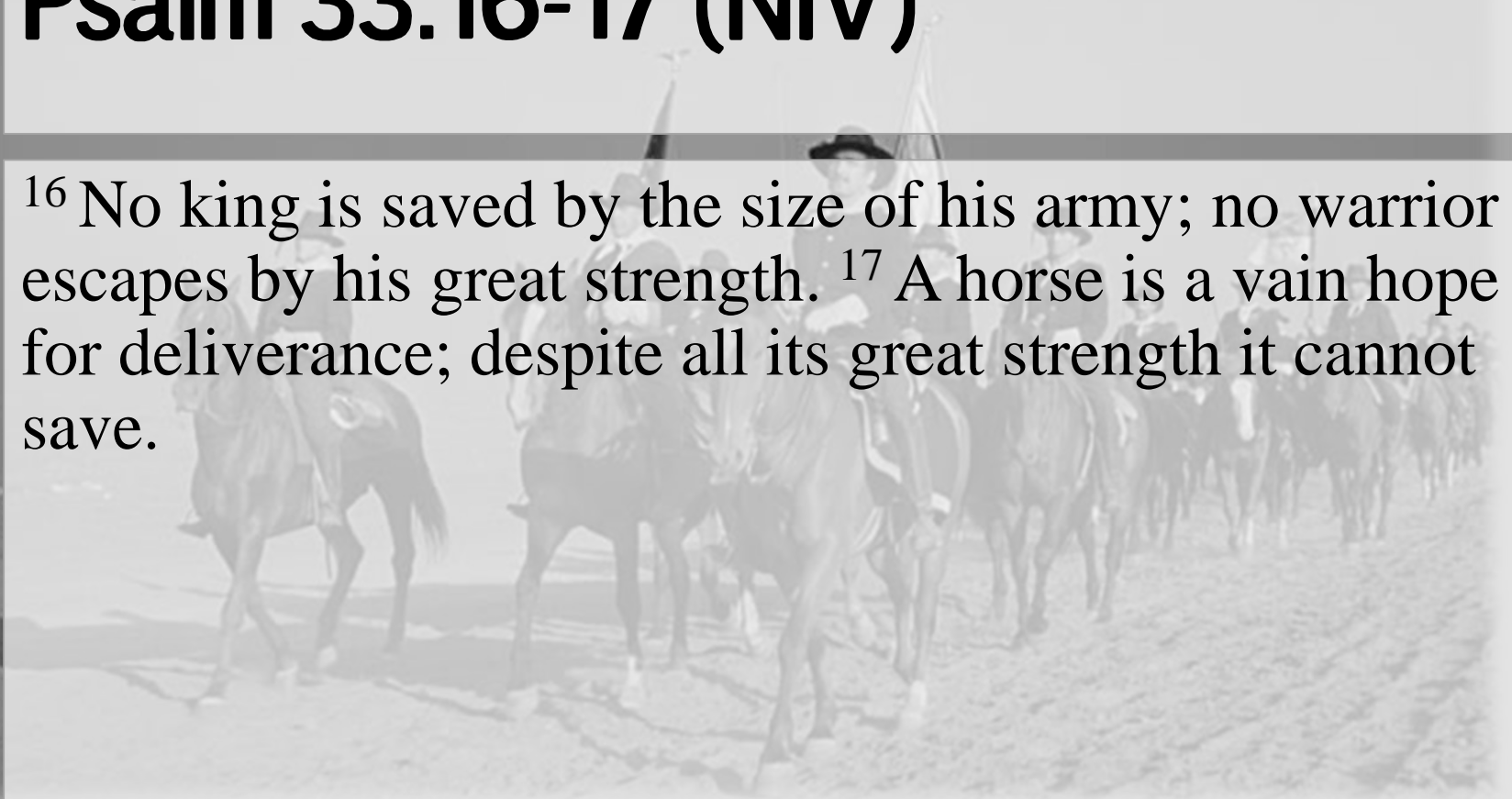
# Psalm 27:5 (NIV)

<sup>5</sup> For in the day of trouble he will keep me safe in his dwelling; he will hide me in the shelter of his sacred tent and set me high upon a rock.



# Psalm 33:16-17 (NIV)

<sup>16</sup> No king is saved by the size of his army; no warrior escapes by his great strength. <sup>17</sup> A horse is a vain hope for deliverance; despite all its great strength it cannot save.





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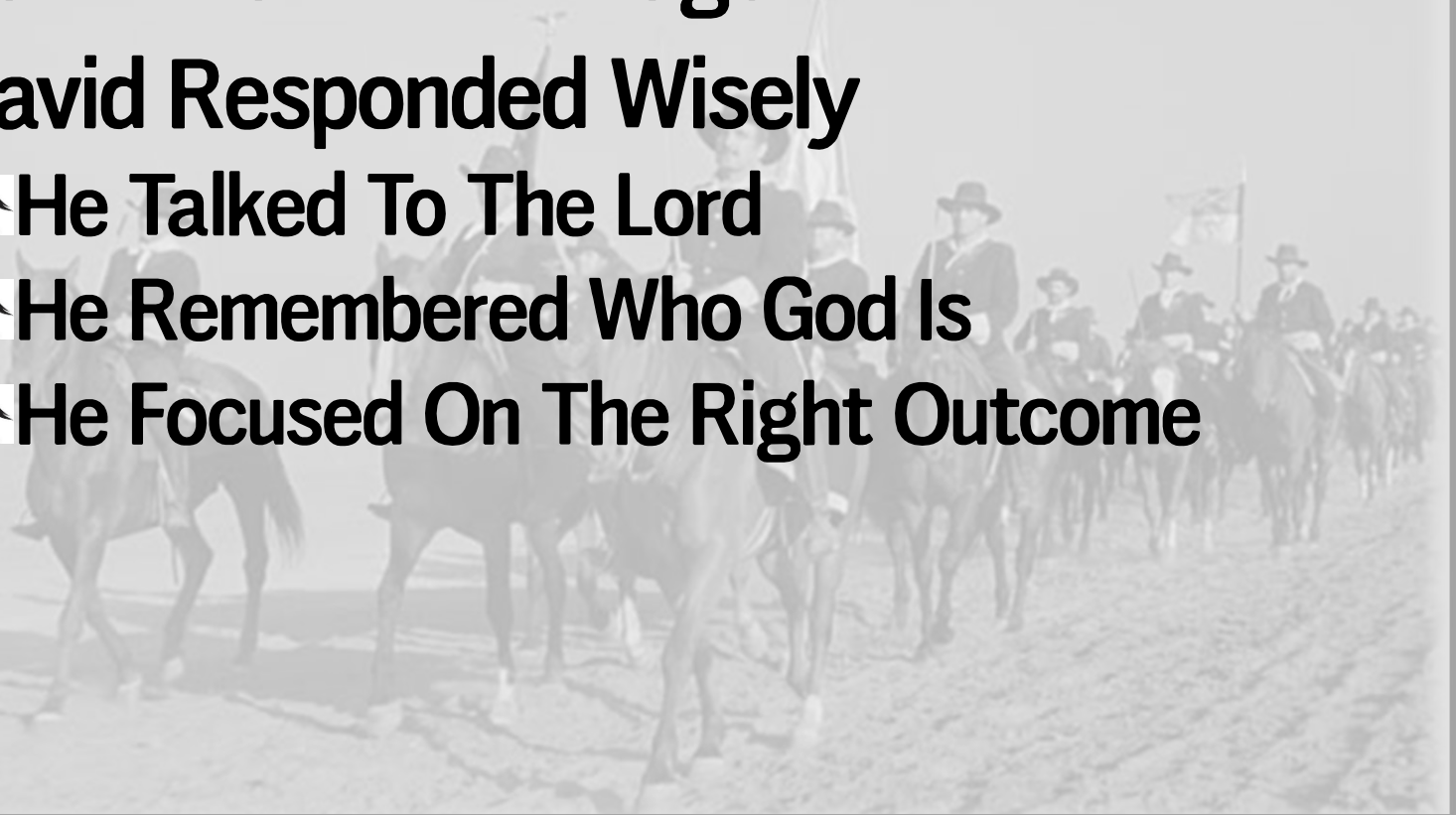
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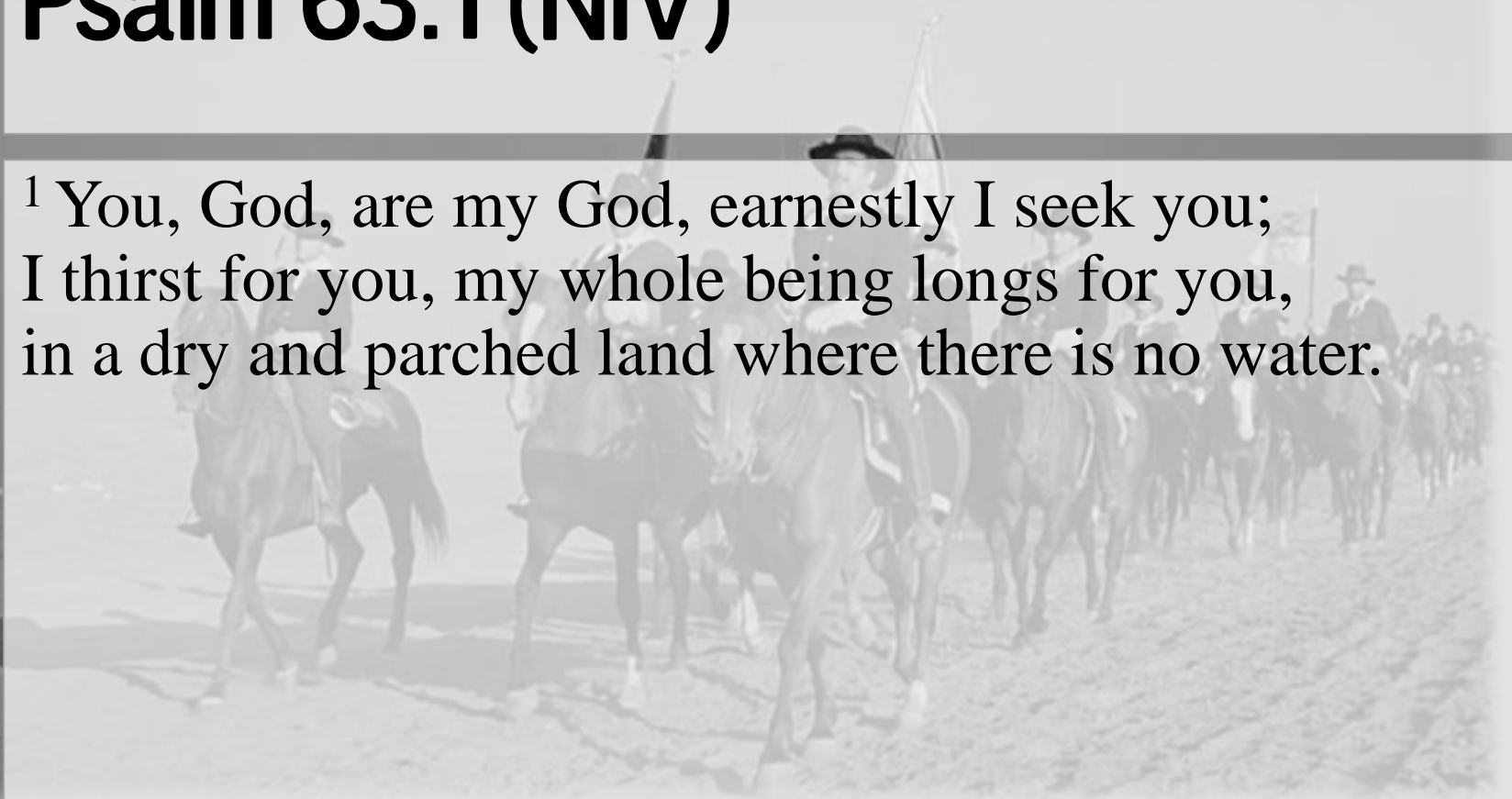


**He Focused On The Right Outcome**



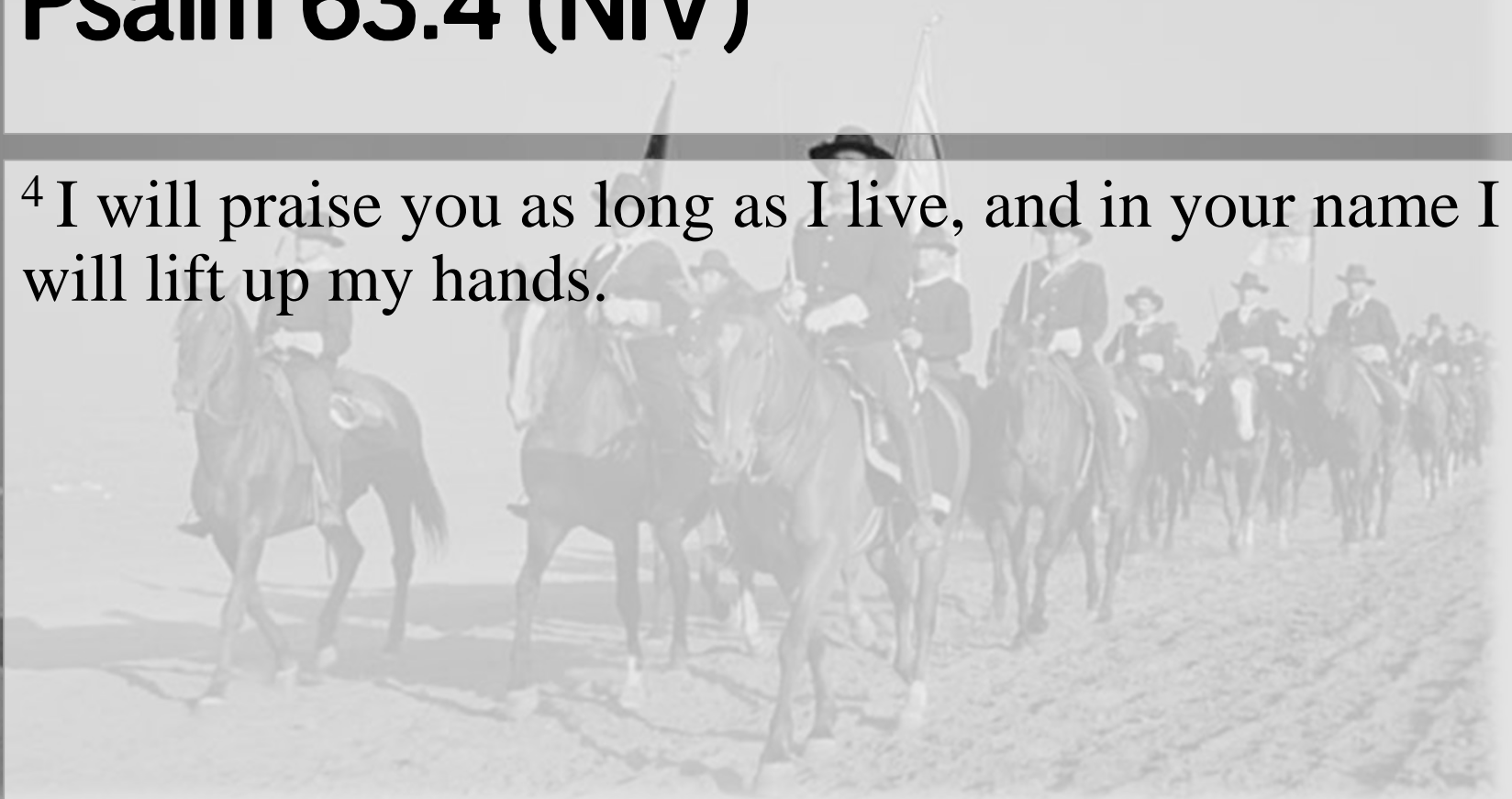
# Psalm 63:1 (NIV)

<sup>1</sup> You, God, are my God, earnestly I seek you;  
I thirst for you, my whole being longs for you,  
in a dry and parched land where there is no water.



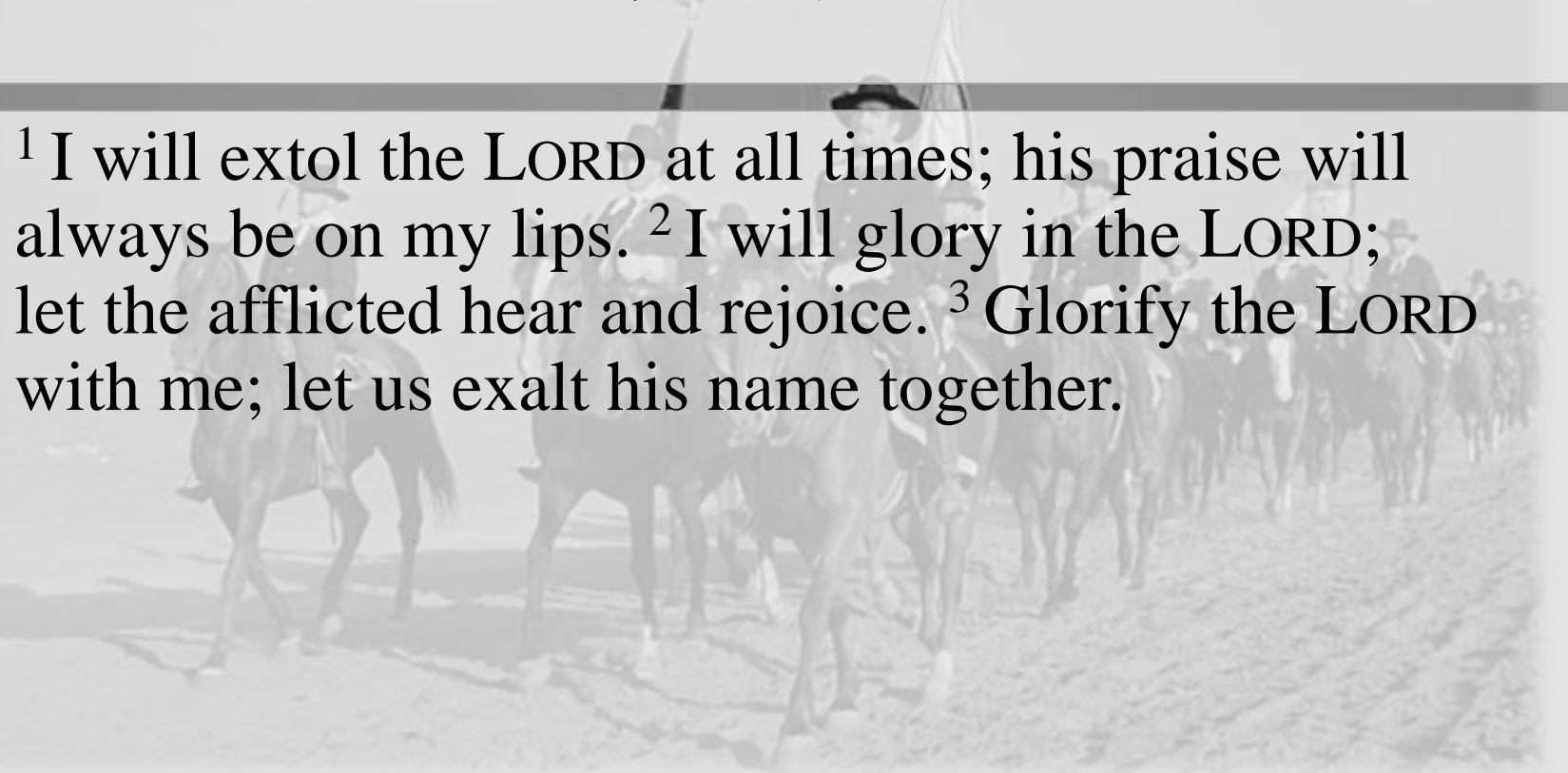
# Psalm 63:4 (NIV)

<sup>4</sup> I will praise you as long as I live, and in your name I will lift up my hands.



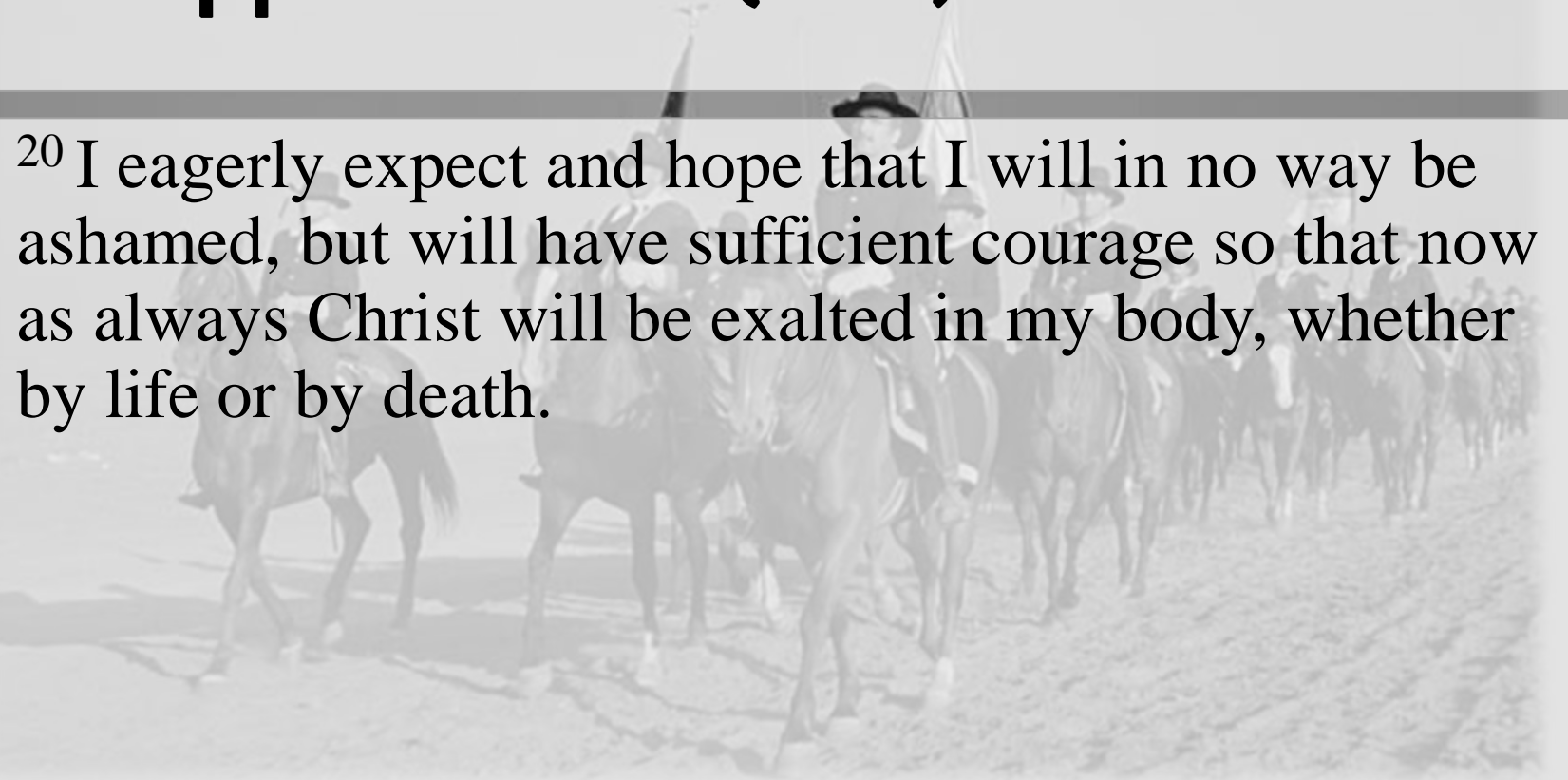
# Psalm 34:1-3 (NIV)

<sup>1</sup> I will extol the LORD at all times; his praise will always be on my lips. <sup>2</sup> I will glory in the LORD; let the afflicted hear and rejoice. <sup>3</sup> Glorify the LORD with me; let us exalt his name together.



# Philippians 1:20 (NIV)

<sup>20</sup> I eagerly expect and hope that I will in no way be ashamed, but will have sufficient courage so that now as always Christ will be exalted in my body, whether by life or by death.





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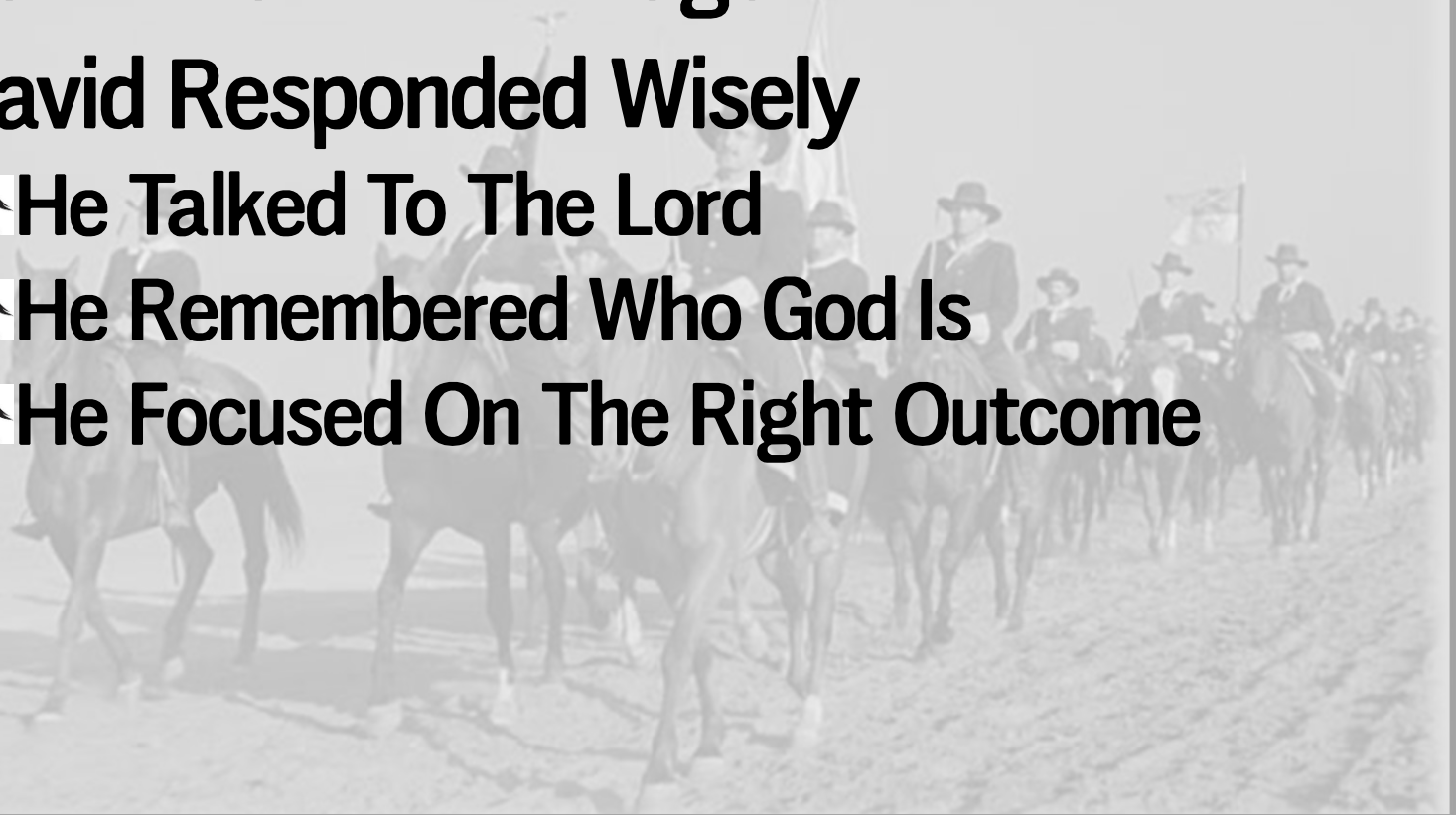
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