
LIVING AS STRANGERS

OUTSIDERS

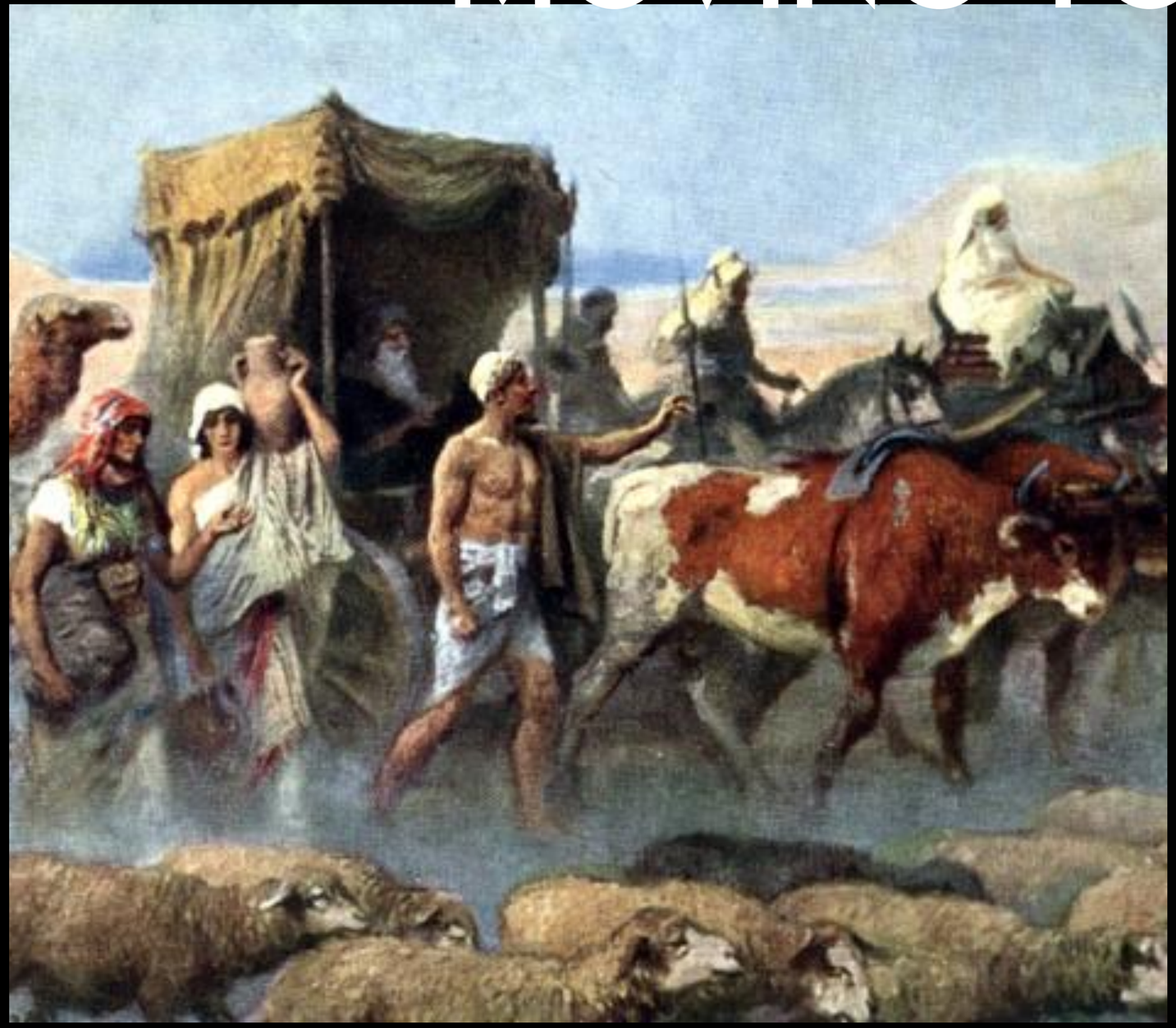


"Dear friends, I warn you as "strangers and aliens" to keep away from worldly desires that wage war against your very souls.

Be careful to live properly among your unbelieving neighbours. Then even if they accuse you of doing wrong, they will see your honourable behaviour, and they will give honour to God when He judges the world."

1 PETER 2:11-12

MOVING TO EGYPT



"During the night God spoke to him in a vision. "Jacob! Jacob!" He called.

"Here I am," Jacob replied.

"I am God, the God of your father," the voice said. "Do not be afraid to go down to Egypt, for there I will make your family into a great nation. I will go with you down to Egypt, and I will bring you back again. You will die in Egypt, but Joseph will be with you to close your eyes."

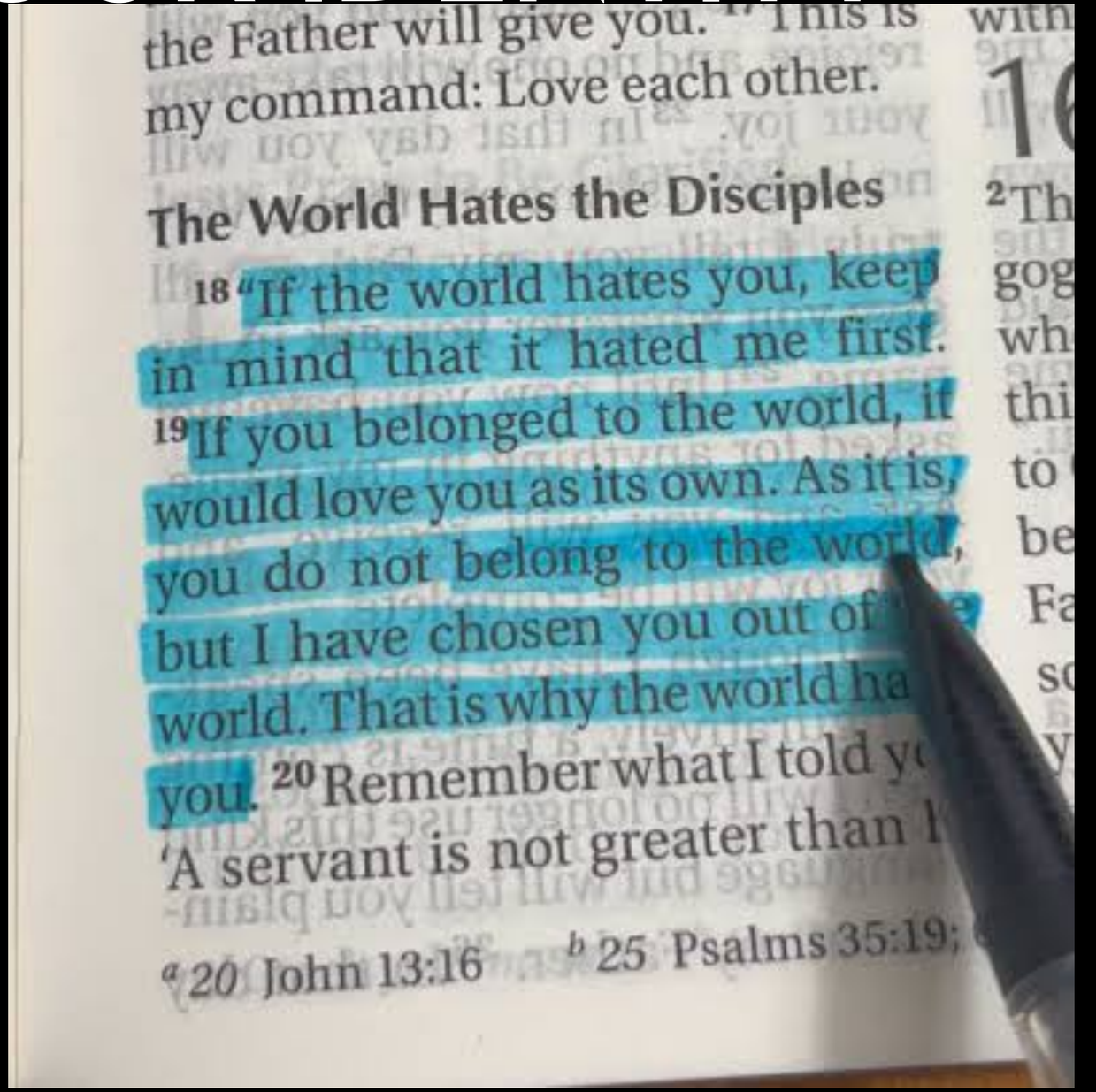
GENESIS 46:2-4

PRESERVING OUR IDENTITY



GOD THROUGH JOSEPH IS…

Deliberately establishing their identity.
Positioning them to live separately.


the Father will give you. This is
my command: Love each other.

The World Hates the Disciples

18 "If the world hates you, keep
in mind that it hated me first.
19 If you belonged to the world, it
would love you as its own. As it is,
you do not belong to the world,
but I have chosen you out of
world. That is why the world ha
you. 20 Remember what I told y
'A servant is not greater than
a 20 John 13:16 b 25 Psalms 35:19;

USEFULLY DIFFERENT

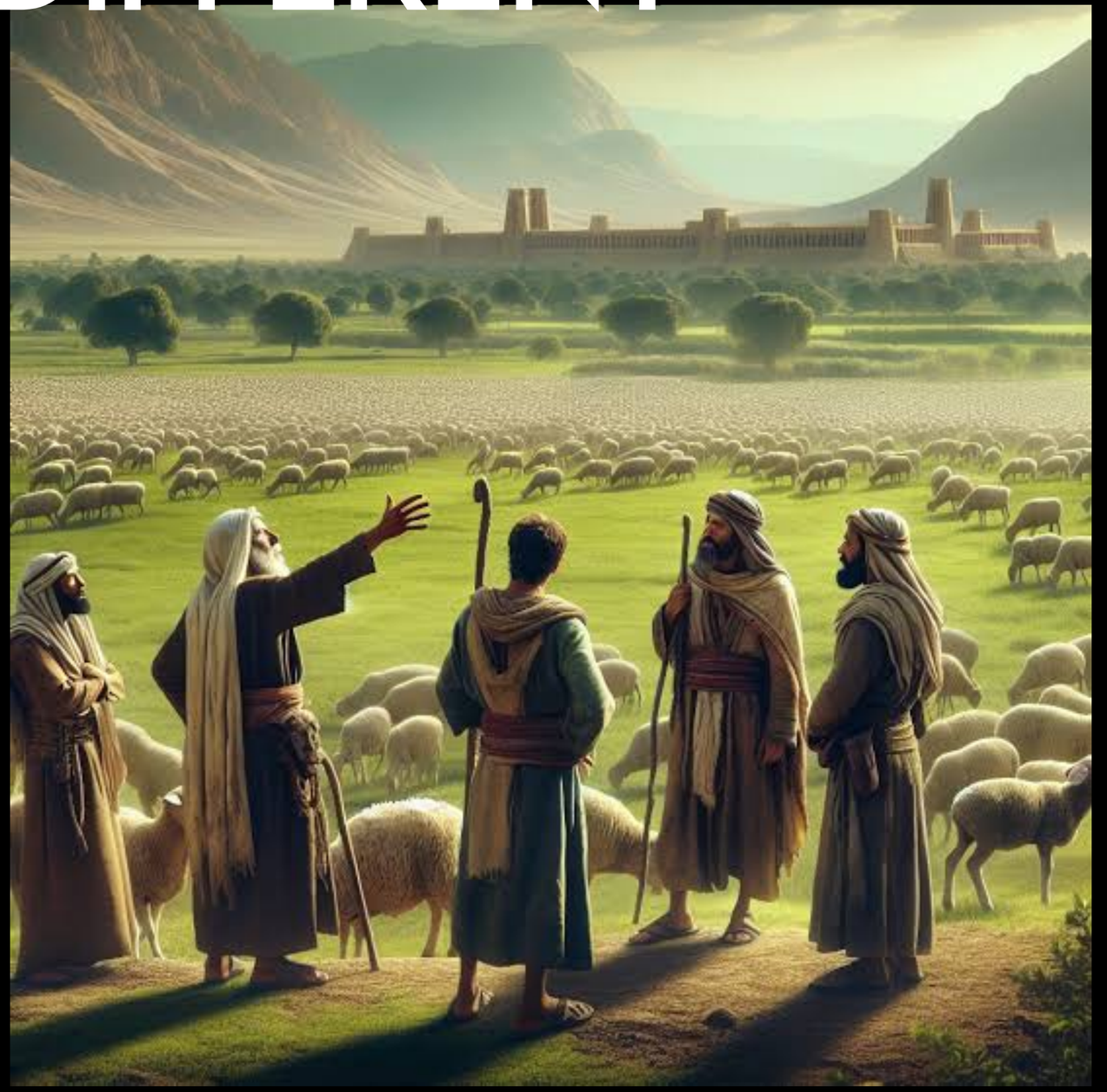
YOU ARE THE

LIGHT *of the* WORLD

A CITY BUILT ON A HILL

CANNOT BE HIDDEN.

MATTHEW 5:14



TAKE IT HOME:

1. **RESIST THE PULL**

   Don't let the pursuit of success, comfort, popularity, or approval replace the priorities of Jesus.

2. **DON'T HIDE YOUR LIGHT**

   Live with conviction, even when following Jesus makes you an outsider.

3. **REFLECT JESUS**

   Love, forgive, give, serve, and prioritize like Him.
   Our distinctiveness should become a blessing to the world around us.