

THE **GOOD**,  
THE **BAD**,  
AND THE **UGLY**

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The **BAD**:

**Faith** or  
**Consequences**

Numbers 13-14

# **Scene 1: the Exploration**

**The LORD...said, “To your offspring I will give this land.” So he built an altar there to the LORD, who had appeared to him.**

**“Go, walk through the length and breadth of the land, for I am giving it to you.”**

**“I am the LORD, who brought you out of Ur of the Chaldeans to give you this land to take possession of it.”**

**Genesis 12:7, 13:17, 15:7**

# **Scene 1: the Exploration**

**The Lord said to Abram after Lot had parted from him, “Lift up your eyes from where you are and look north and south, east and west. All the land that you see I will give to you and your offspring forever. I will make your offspring like the dust of the earth... Go, walk through the length and breadth of the land, for I am giving it to you.”**

**Genesis 13:14-17**

# Scene 1: the Exploration



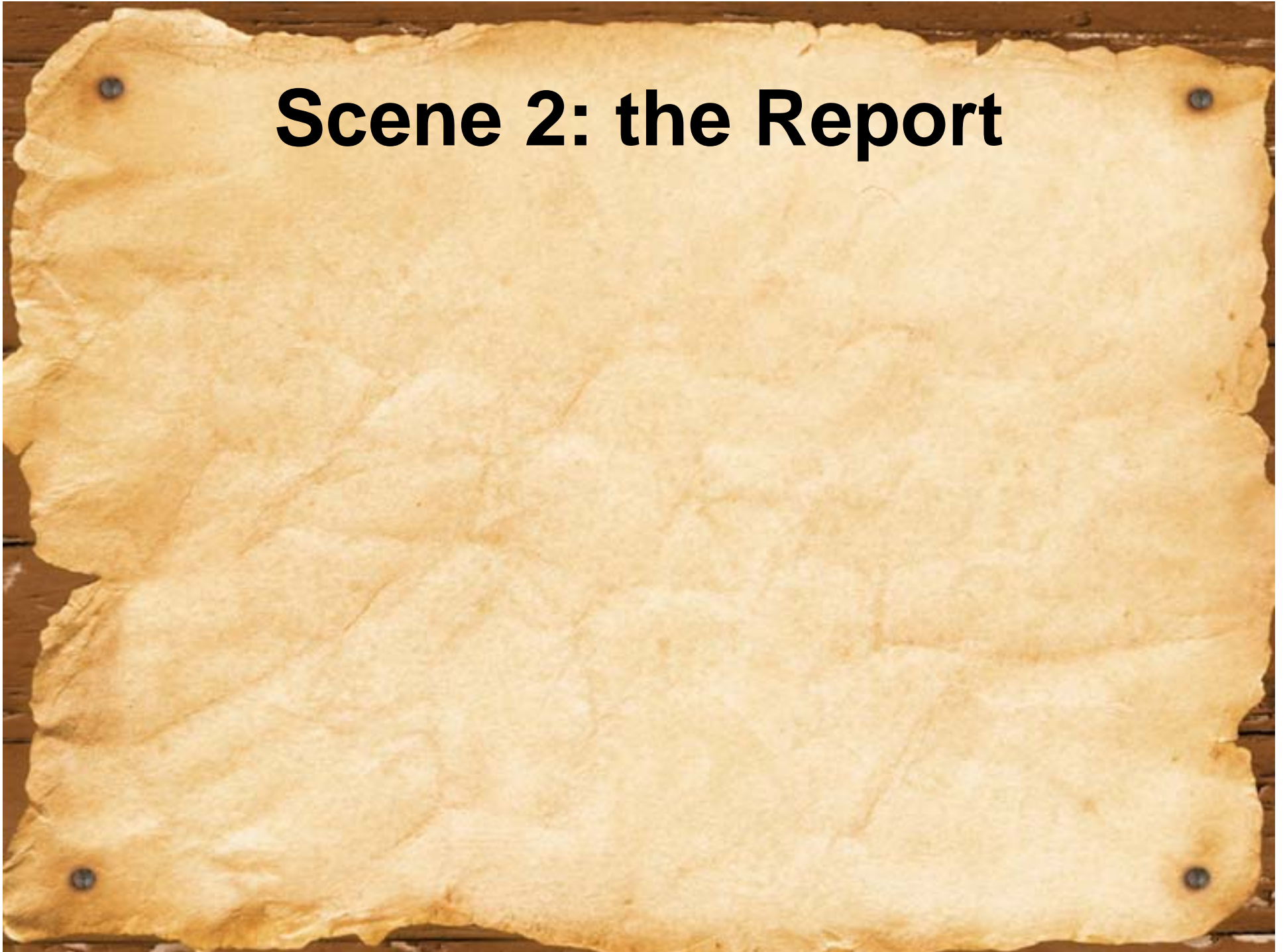
## **Scene 2: the Report**

**So I have come down to rescue them...  
and to bring them up out of that land into  
a good and spacious land, a land flowing  
with milk and honey...**

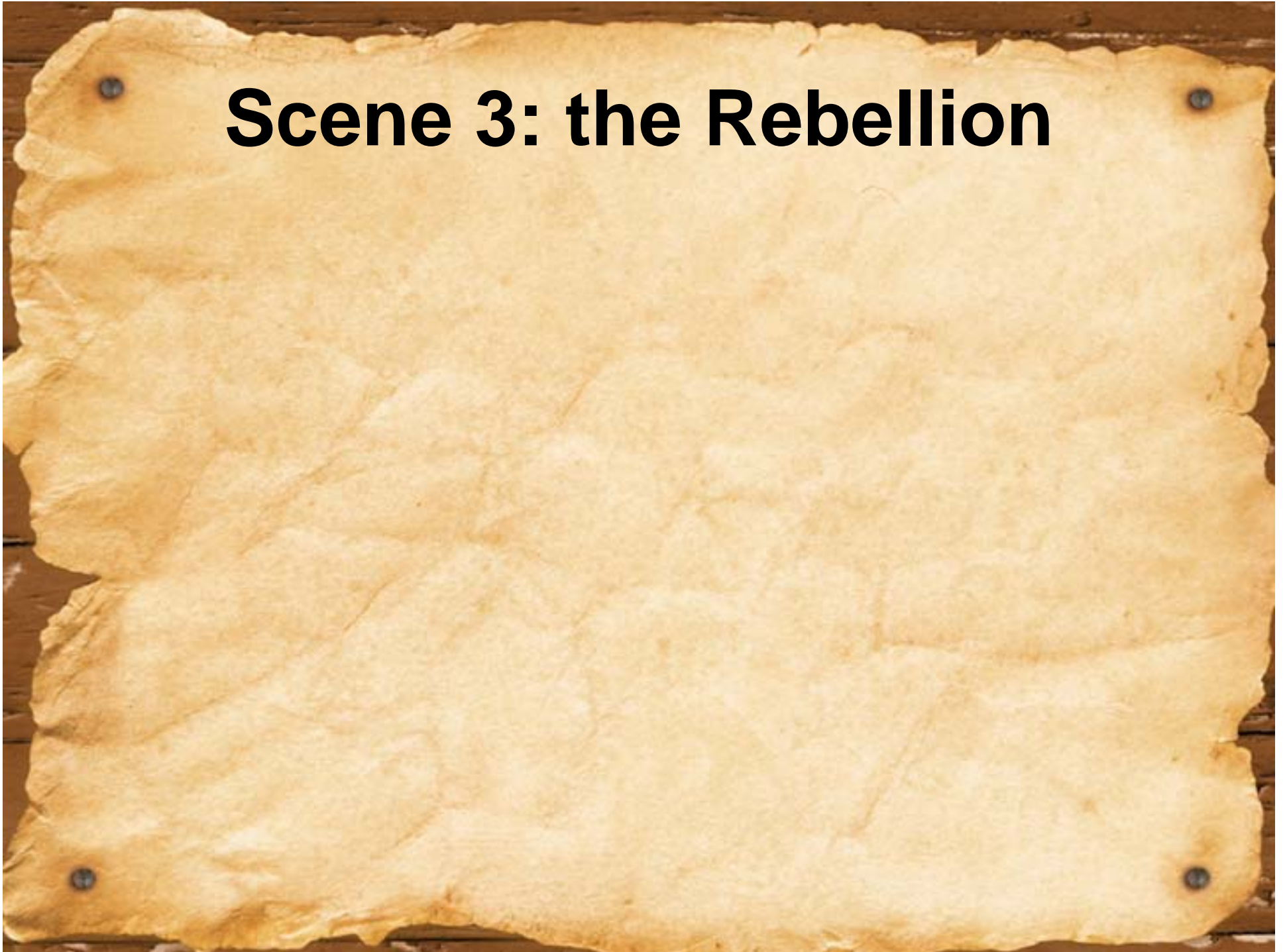
**I have promised to bring you up out of  
your misery in Egypt into the land... a  
land flowing with milk and honey.'**

**Exodus 3:8, 17**

# Scene 2: the Report



# Scene 3: the Rebellion



## **Scene 4: the Consequences**

**The LORD, the LORD, the compassionate and gracious God, slow to anger, abounding in love and faithfulness, maintaining love to thousands, and forgiving wickedness, rebellion and sin.**

**Yet he does not leave the guilty unpunished; he punishes the children and their children for the sin of the fathers to the third and fourth generation.**

**Exodus 34:5-7**

# **Scene 4: the Consequences**



# Faith or Consequences

- **God's Passion for His Glory and the Display of His Character**

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Exodus 34:6-7

# Faith or Consequences

- **God's Passion for His Glory and the Display of His Character**
- **The Nature of Faith: Trust, Obedience, Dependence and Action**

*We see two basic orientations... faith in the Lord to overcome impossible odds verses lack of belief... Disbelief is cowardice that correctly assesses the impossibility of a situation but fails to take God into account...*

Roy Gane, NIV Application Commentary

# Faith or Consequences

- **God's Passion for His Glory and the Display of His Character**
- **The Nature of Faith: Trust, Obedience, Dependence and Action**
- **The Seriousness of a Sinful, Unbelieving Heart**

*Treat me with contempt... refuse to believe...  
disobeyed me... tested me... grumble against  
me... unfaithfulness...*

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- **God's Passion for His Glory and the Display of His Character**
- **The Nature of Faith: Trust, Obedience, Dependence and Action**
- **The Seriousness of a Sinful, Unbelieving Heart**

*See to it... that none of you has a sinful, unbelieving heart... Encourage one another daily... so that none of you may be hardened by sin's deceitfulness.*

Heb 3:12-13

# **Faith or Consequences**

- **God's Passion for His Glory and the Display of His Character**
- **The Nature of Faith: Trust, Obedience, Dependence and Action**
- **The Seriousness of a Sinful, Unbelieving Heart**
- **The Invitation to Join God's Work and Purposes**

# **Experiencing God**

**Henry Blackaby & Claude King**

- **God's plan for the advancement of His kingdom depends on His relationship to His people.**
- **God's revelation of His activity is an invitation for you to adjust your life to Him and join Him in that work.**
- **When God tells me what He wants to do through me, I will face a crisis of belief.**
- **You cannot stay the way you are and go with God.**

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**When you believe that nothing significant can happen through you, you have said more about your belief in God than you have said about yourself.**

