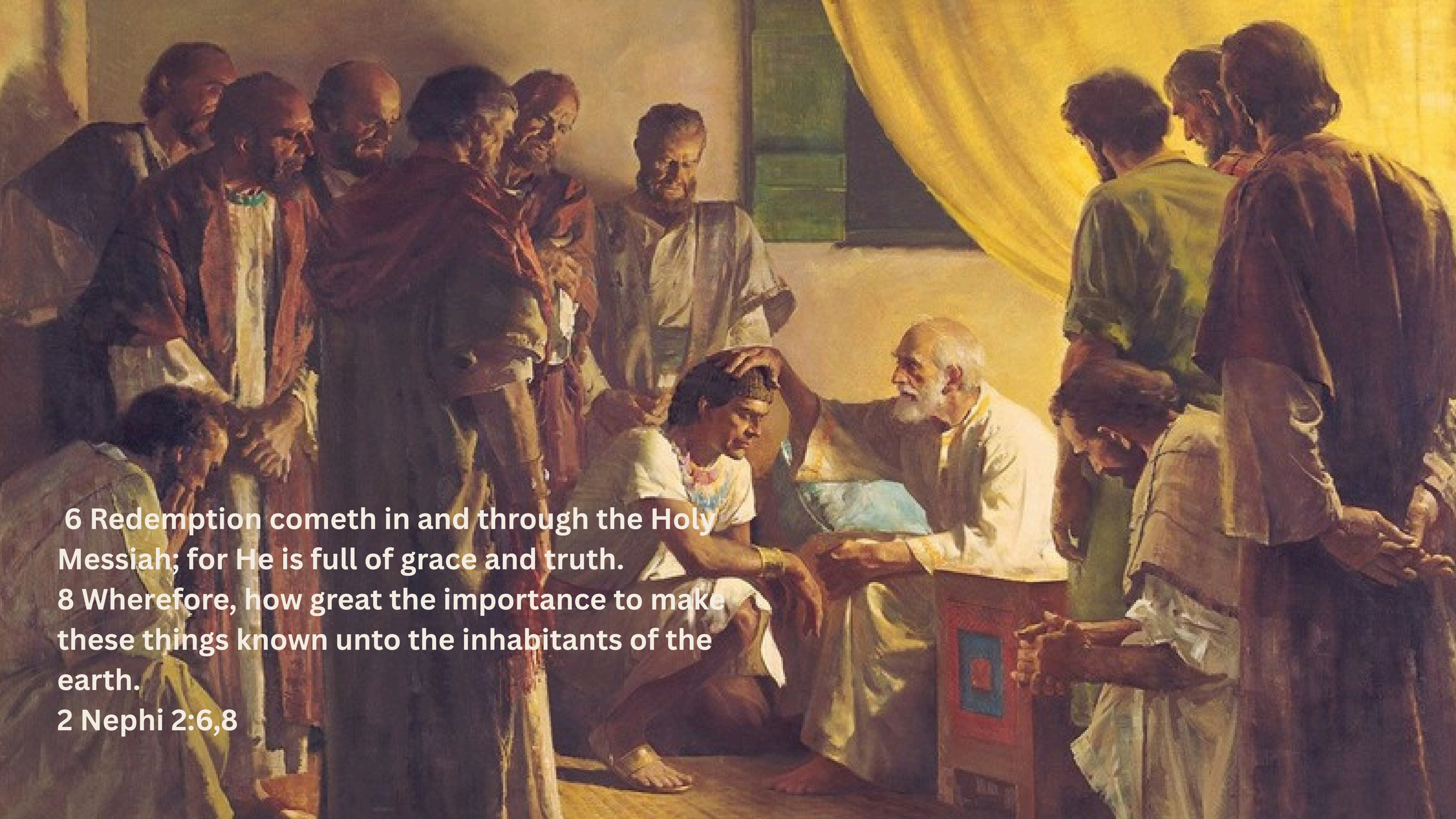




6 Redemption cometh in and through the Holy
Messiah; for He is full of grace and truth.
8 Wherefore, how great the importance to make
these things known unto the inhabitants of the
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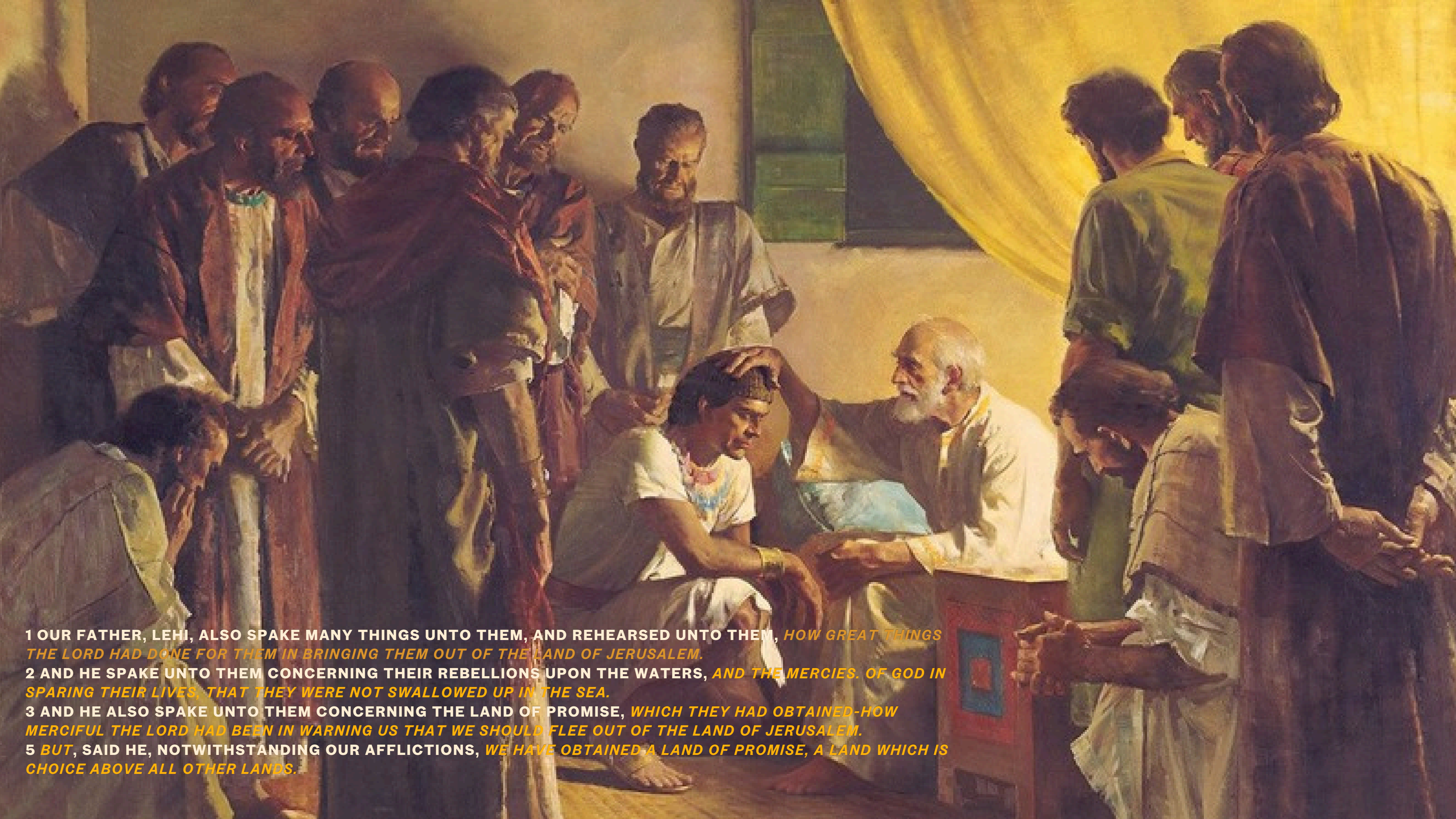
2 Nephi 2:6,8



Nephi's Thesis Statement

“But behold, I Nephi, will show unto you that
the tender mercies of the Lord are over all
those whom He hath chosen, because of
their faith, to make them mighty even unto
the power of deliverance.”

1 Nephi 1:20



1 OUR FATHER, LEHI, ALSO SPAKE MANY THINGS UNTO THEM, AND REHEARSED UNTO THEM, *HOW GREAT THINGS THE LORD HAD DONE FOR THEM IN BRINGING THEM OUT OF THE LAND OF JERUSALEM.*
2 AND HE SPAKE UNTO THEM CONCERNING THEIR REBELLIONS UPON THE WATERS, *AND THE MERCIES. OF GOD IN SPARING THEIR LIVES, THAT THEY WERE NOT SWALLOWED UP IN THE SEA.*
3 AND HE ALSO SPAKE UNTO THEM CONCERNING THE LAND OF PROMISE, *WHICH THEY HAD OBTAINED-HOW MERCIFUL THE LORD HAD BEEN IN WARNING US THAT WE SHOULD FLEE OUT OF THE LAND OF JERUSALEM.*
5 *BUT*, SAID HE, NOTWITHSTANDING OUR AFFLICTIONS, *WE HAVE OBTAINED A LAND OF PROMISE, A LAND WHICH IS CHOICE ABOVE ALL OTHER LANDS.*

What messages do I want to leave my loved ones?

“If we become casual in our discipleship of Jesus Christ, it could be **catastrophic** for our children.”

—Amy A. Wright



**“ARISE FROM THE
DUST AND BE MEN”**





BOYS ADRIFT BY LEONARD SAX

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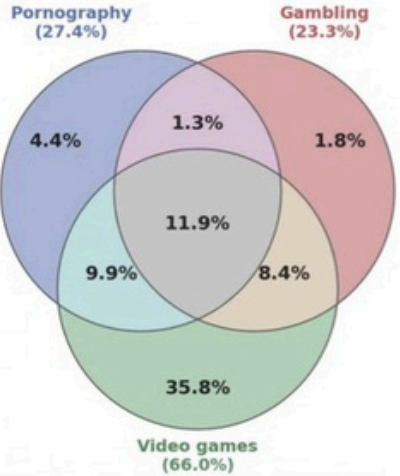
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We have a generation of young men trapped in the "addiction economy"—and the numbers are staggering:

- ✓ 1-in-8 use porn, gamble & game daily
- ✓ Almost 1-in-4 gamble daily
- ✓ 1-in-4+ use porn daily

One in eight young men do all three every day

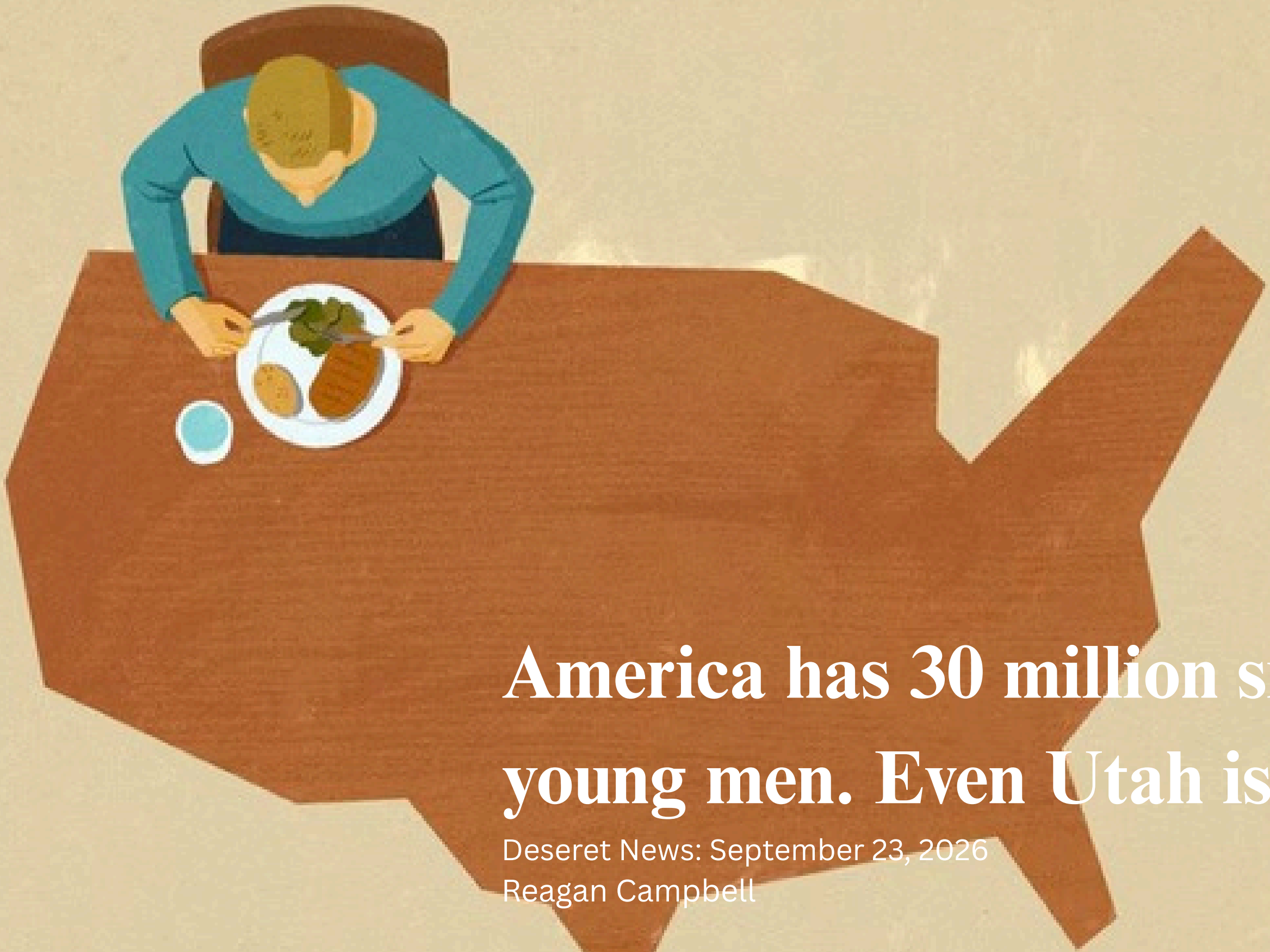
Share of U.S. men ages 18–29 who watch pornography, gamble, and play video games "about once a day" or more often



Category	Percentage
Pornography (27.4%)	27.4%
Gambling (23.3%)	23.3%
Video games (66.0%)	66.0%
None of the three	26.6%

Intersection data from Venn diagram:

- Pornography only: 4.4%
- Gambling only: 1.8%
- Video games only: 35.8%
- Pornography & Gambling: 1.3%
- Pornography & Video games: 9.9%
- Gambling & Video games: 8.4%
- All three: 11.9%



America has 30 million single
young men. Even Utah is feeling it.

Deseret News: September 23, 2026
Reagan Campbell

Real men are of one heart and one mind. They unite with others to build Zion. They don't feel the need to do everything on their own. They are not contentious and they are peacemakers. They don't put others down. They are anxiously engaged in a good cause. They wear something-ropes of righteousness or the armor of God. They are warriors of a different kind of battle. They fight for truth and righteousness. They can be great leaders, but also great followers. They are team players and humble enough to recognize the experience, goodwill, and council from other people. They don't rebel. They move the work of God forward and they don't seek power and authority over others. A real man is not afraid to confront what needs to be confronted. He has courage to speak the truth and stand up for it. As leaders of righteousness, they are sometimes required to speak with sharpness, endowed with the Power of God. They follow the promptings of the Spirit.

-Elder Christofferson



WHAT IS THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN A NICE GUY AND A GOOD MAN?

“While casual members are not unrighteous, they often avoid appearing to be too righteous by seeming less committed than they really are—an ironic form of hypocrisy.

Only **greater consecration** will cure ambivalence and casualness in any of us.

Each of us is an innkeeper who decides **if there is room for Jesus!** Consecration is the only surrender which is also a victory.”

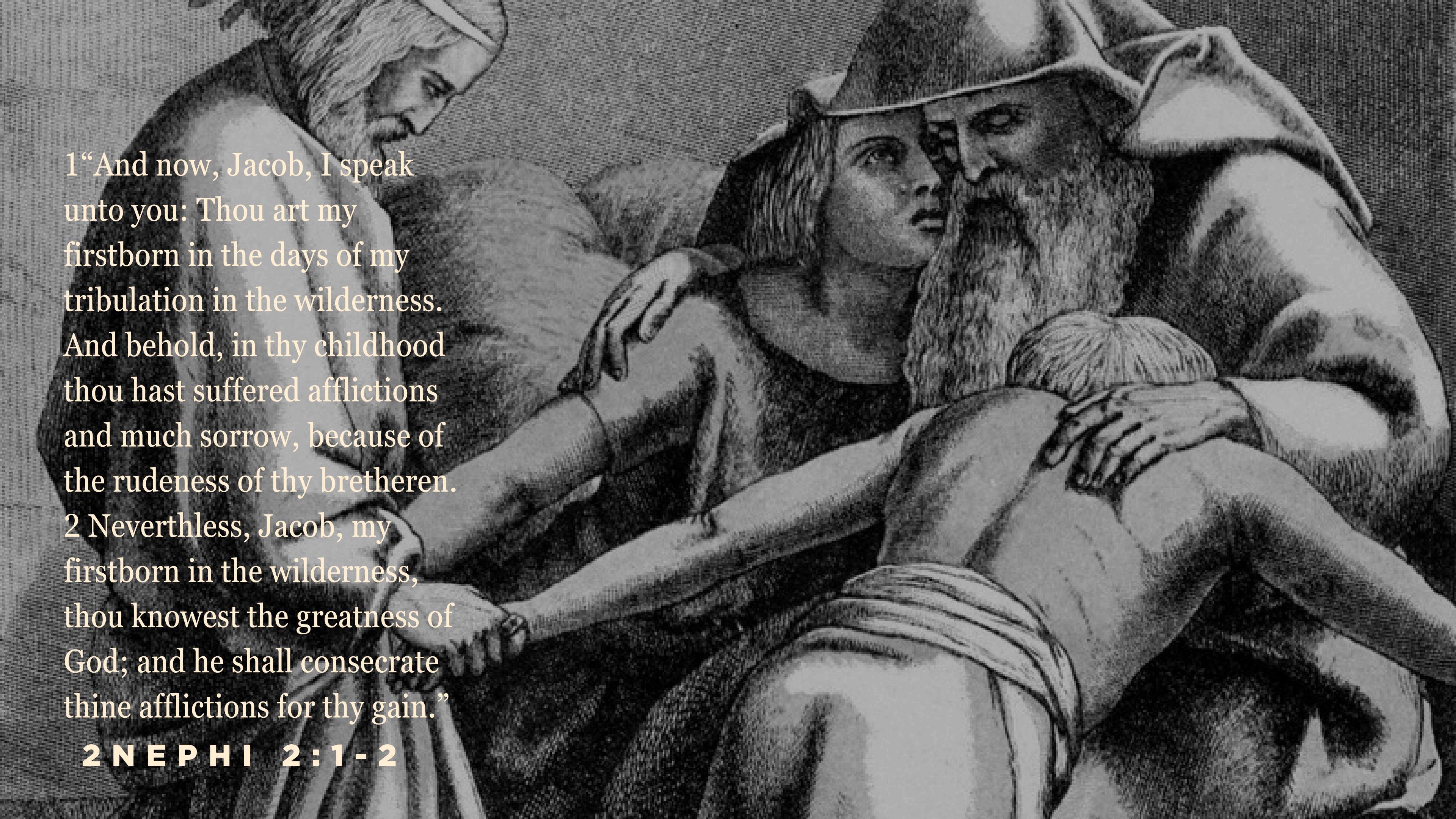
Neal A. Maxwell

“We cannot afford to be indifferent.

The times we live in call for faith, for testimony, for **conviction**.

The day of the casual Latter-day Saint is over.”

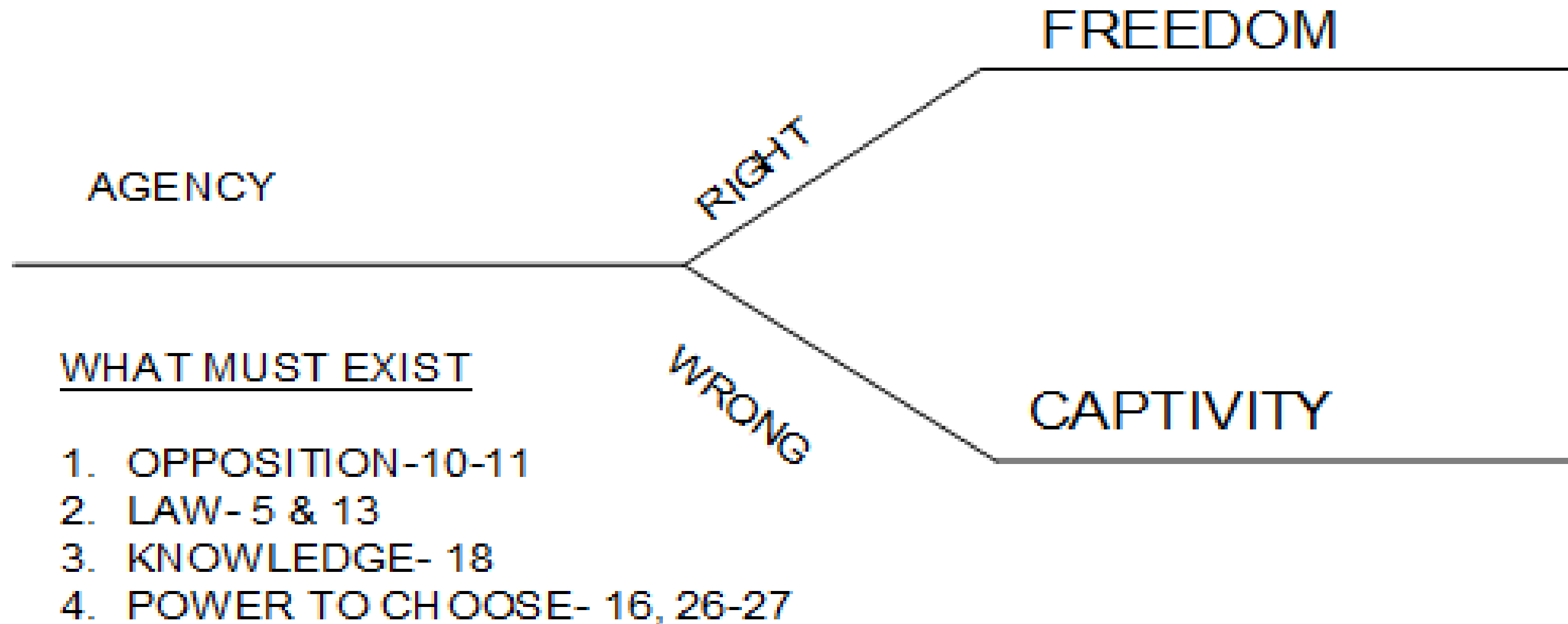
Gordon B. Hinckley



1“And now, Jacob, I speak
unto you: Thou art my
firstborn in the days of my
tribulation in the wilderness.
And behold, in thy childhood
thou hast suffered afflictions
and much sorrow, because of
the rudeness of thy bretheren.
2 Nevertheless, Jacob, my
firstborn in the wilderness,
thou knowest the greatness of
God; and he shall consecrate
thine afflictions for thy gain.”

2 NEPHI 2:1-2

HOW AGENCY WORKS





“Let us not defend ourselves from the good that God desires to bless us with. From the love and mercy He desires us to feel. From the light and knowledge He desires to bestow upon us. From the healing He knows we so readily need. From the deeper covenant relationship He intends for all His sons and daughters.

-Kristin M. Yee



Henri Nouwen
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We tend to stay away from mourning and dancing. Too afraid to cry, too shy to dance...we become narrow-minded complainers, avoiding pain and also true human joy...While we live in a world subject to the evil one, we belong to God. Let us mourn, and let us dance.

FINAL THOUGHTS

“It’s going to be *hard*.
You can do hard with
Jesus or you can do hard
alone. When you do hard
with Jesus Christ, the
hard becomes *holy*.”

PRESIDENT CAMILLE JOHNSON

