

A hiker wearing a hat and a backpack stands on a rocky mountain ridge, looking out over a vast, hazy mountain range. The word "JACOB" is overlaid in large, white, sans-serif capital letters. The hiker's figure is positioned within the letter 'C'.

JACOB

A JOURNEY — OF TRANSFORMATION

A person is standing on a rocky mountain ridge, looking out over a vast, hazy mountain range. The scene is dimly lit, suggesting dawn or dusk. The text "Living in the Flesh Always Develops Into Dysfunction." is overlaid in white, centered on the image.

Living in the Flesh Always Develops Into
Dysfunction.

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THE ROOTS OF OUR
DYSFUNCTION



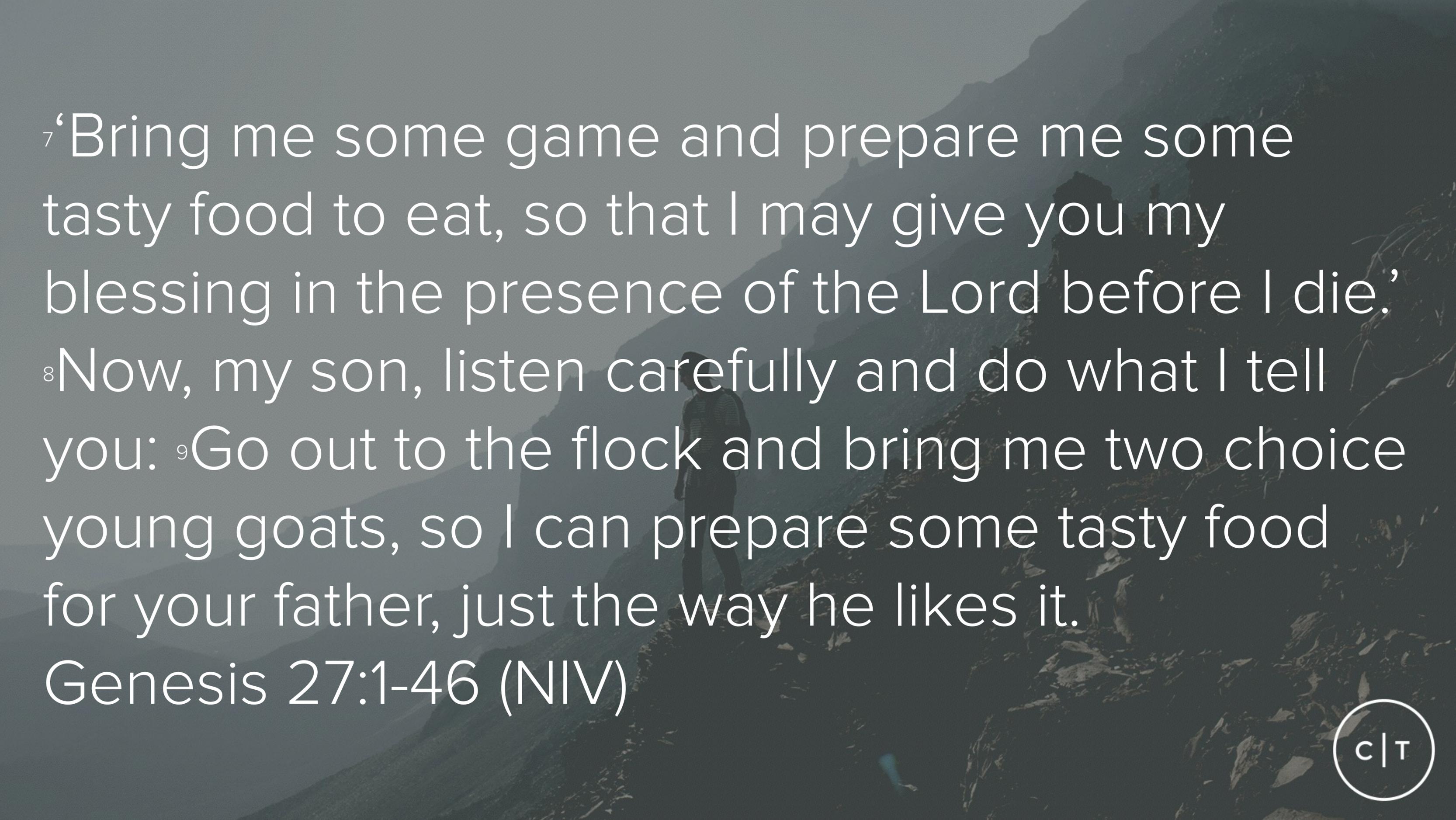
¹When Isaac was old and his eyes were so weak that he could no longer see, he called for Esau his older son and said to him, “My son.”

“Here I am,” he answered. ²Isaac said, “I am now an old man and don’t know the day of my death.

³Now then, get your equipment—your quiver and bow—and go out to the open country to hunt some wild game for me.

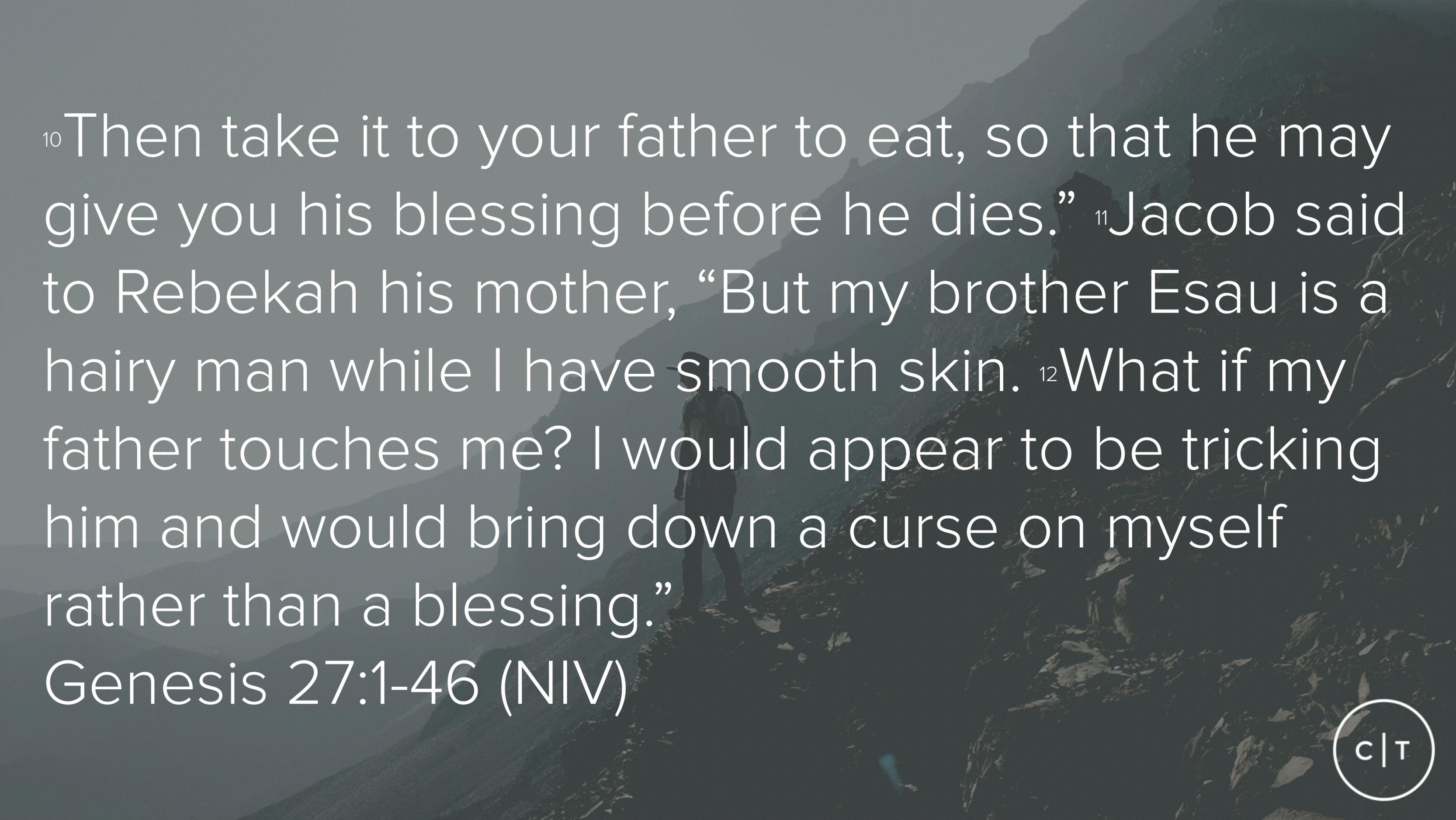
Genesis 27:1-46 (NIV)

⁴Prepare me the kind of tasty food I like and bring it to me to eat, so that I may give you my blessing before I die.” ⁵Now Rebekah was listening as Isaac spoke to his son Esau. When Esau left for the open country to hunt game and bring it back, ⁶Rebekah said to her son Jacob, “Look, I overheard your father say to your brother Esau,
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A person is standing on a rocky mountain trail, looking out over a valley. The scene is dimly lit, suggesting dusk or dawn. The person is wearing a hat and a backpack. The background shows a valley with a river or stream, and distant mountains under a hazy sky.

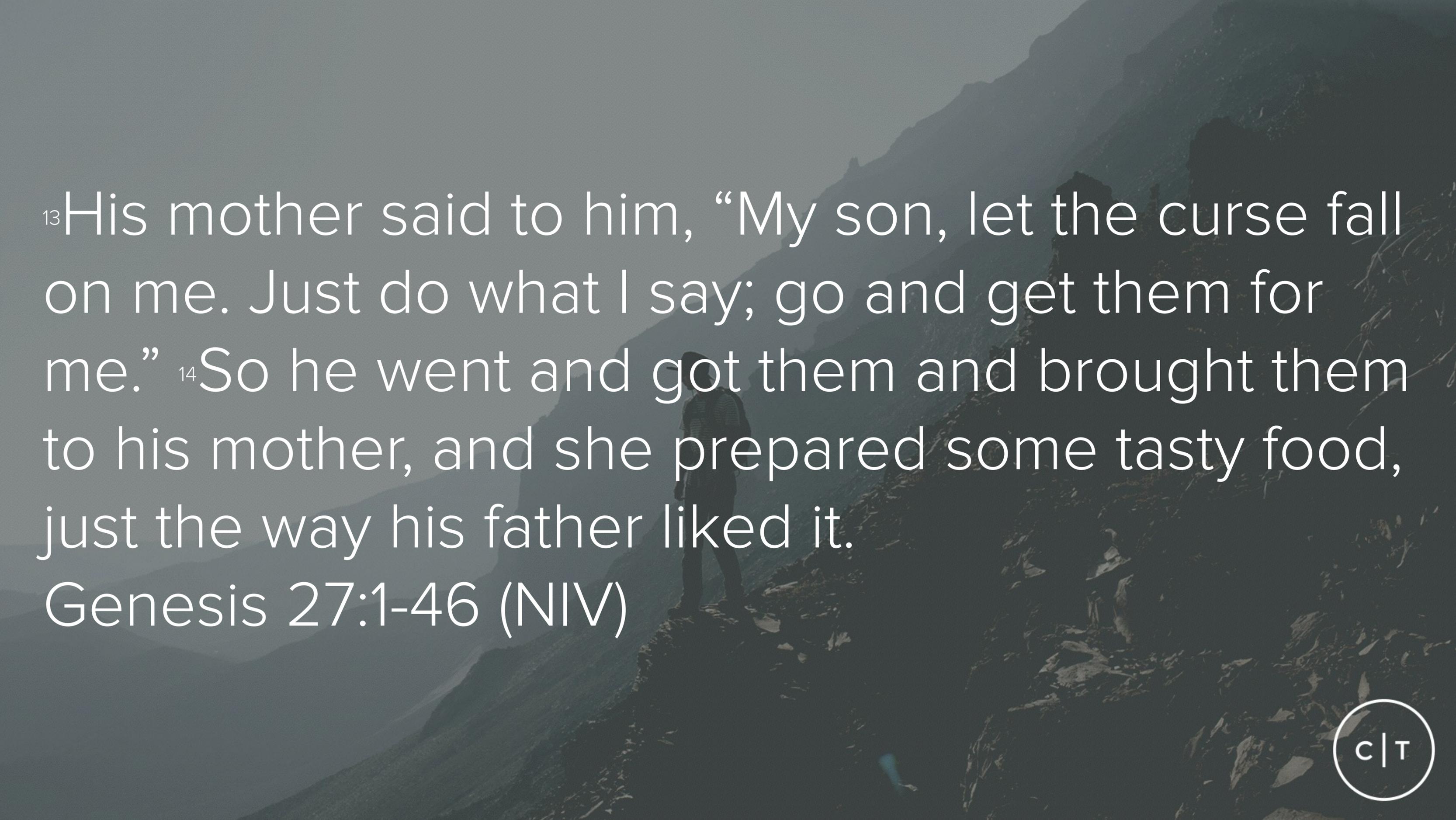
⁷‘Bring me some game and prepare me some tasty food to eat, so that I may give you my blessing in the presence of the Lord before I die.’
⁸Now, my son, listen carefully and do what I tell you: ⁹Go out to the flock and bring me two choice young goats, so I can prepare some tasty food for your father, just the way he likes it.

Genesis 27:1-46 (NIV)

A person is standing on a rocky mountain trail, looking out over a valley. The person is wearing a hat and a backpack. The background shows a vast, hazy landscape with mountains and a valley. The text is overlaid on the image in white.

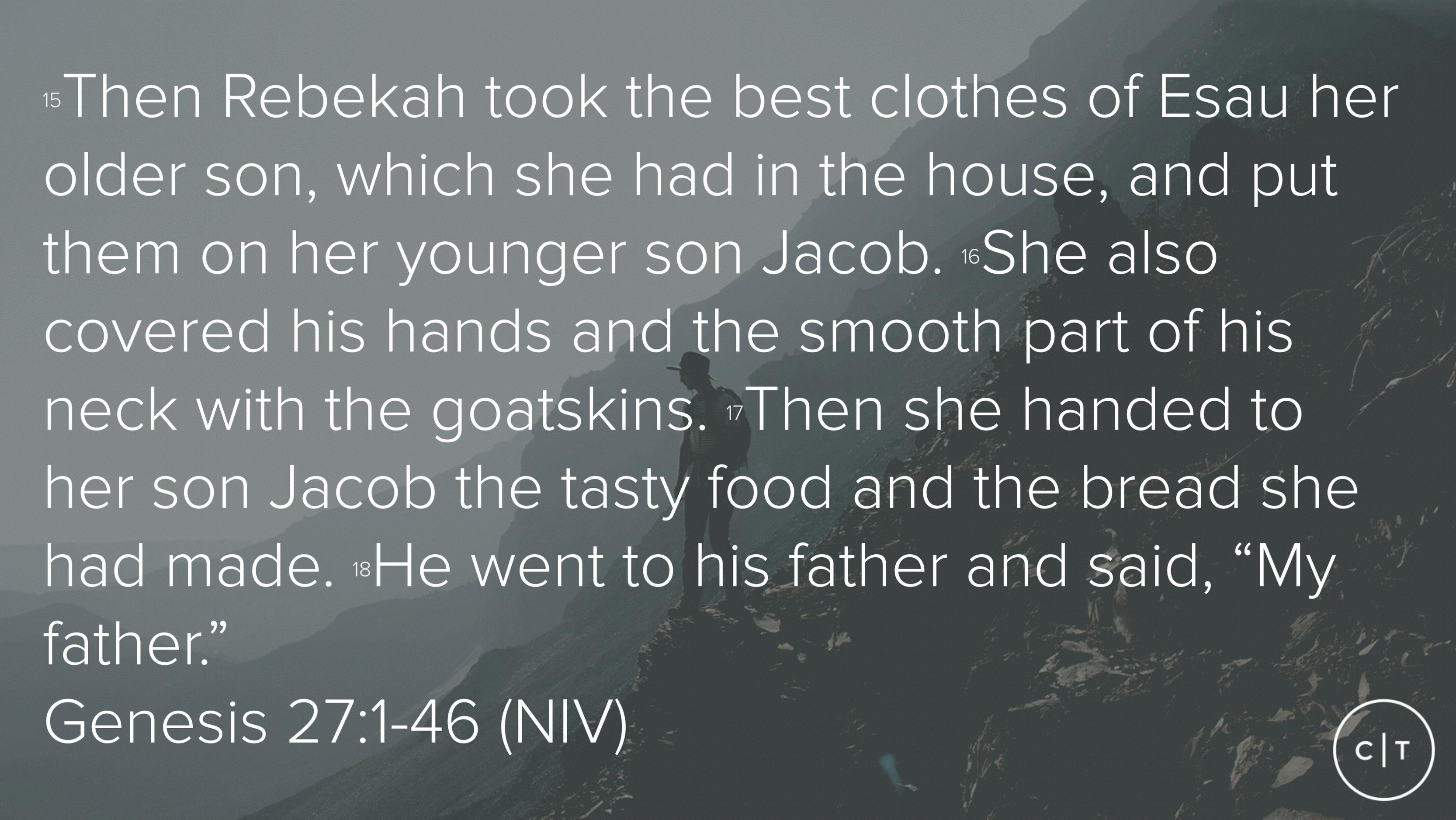
¹⁰Then take it to your father to eat, so that he may give you his blessing before he dies.” ¹¹Jacob said to Rebekah his mother, “But my brother Esau is a hairy man while I have smooth skin. ¹²What if my father touches me? I would appear to be tricking him and would bring down a curse on myself rather than a blessing.”

Genesis 27:1-46 (NIV)

A person is standing on a rocky mountain peak, looking out over a valley. The scene is dimly lit, suggesting dusk or dawn. The person is wearing a light-colored shirt and dark pants. The background shows a vast, hazy landscape with rolling hills and a valley floor. The overall mood is contemplative and serene.

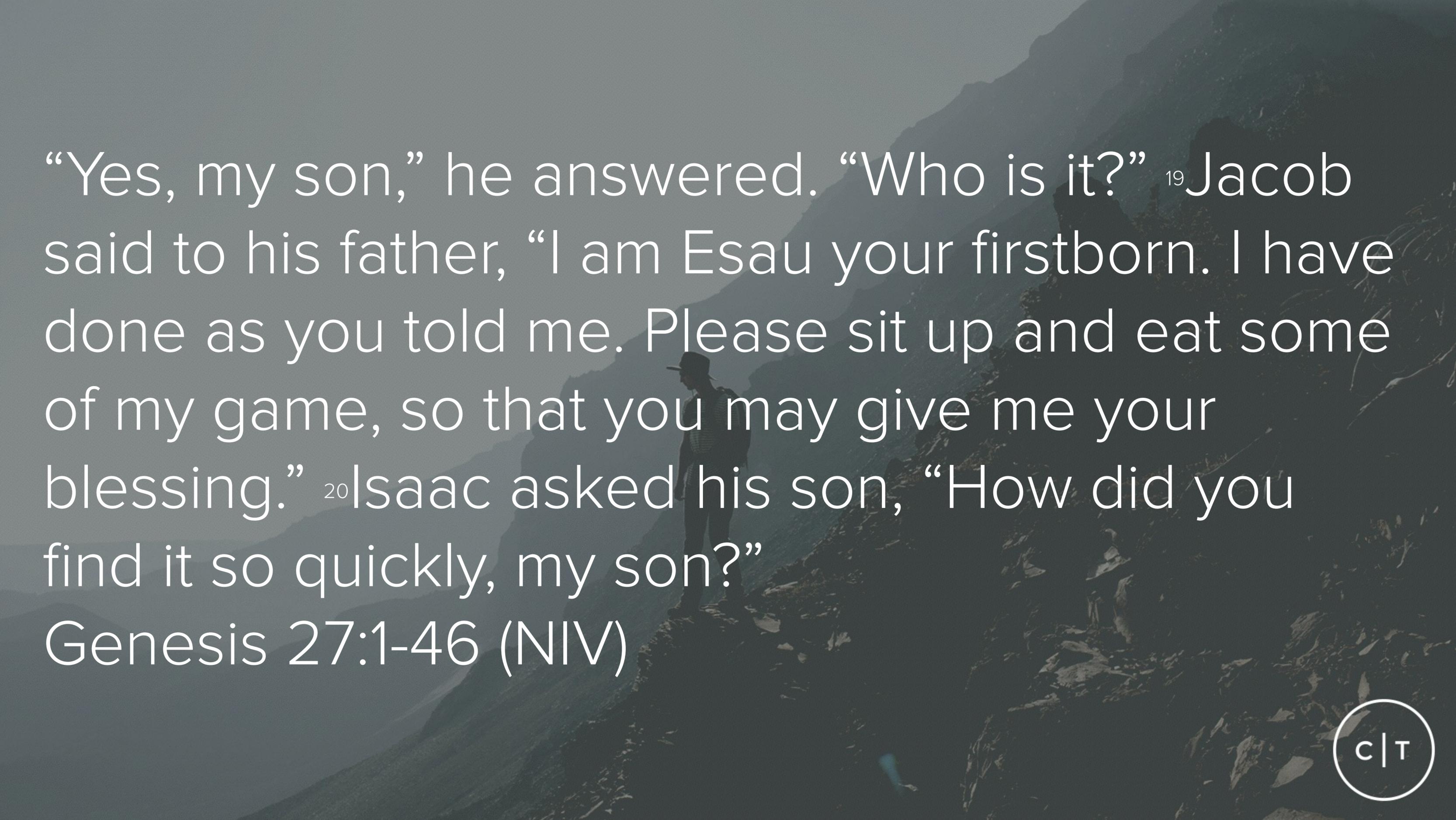
¹³His mother said to him, “My son, let the curse fall on me. Just do what I say; go and get them for me.” ¹⁴So he went and got them and brought them to his mother, and she prepared some tasty food, just the way his father liked it.

Genesis 27:1-46 (NIV)

A hiker with a backpack stands on a rocky mountain ridge, looking out over a valley. The scene is dimly lit, suggesting dusk or dawn, with the hiker's silhouette clearly visible against the lighter background of the valley.

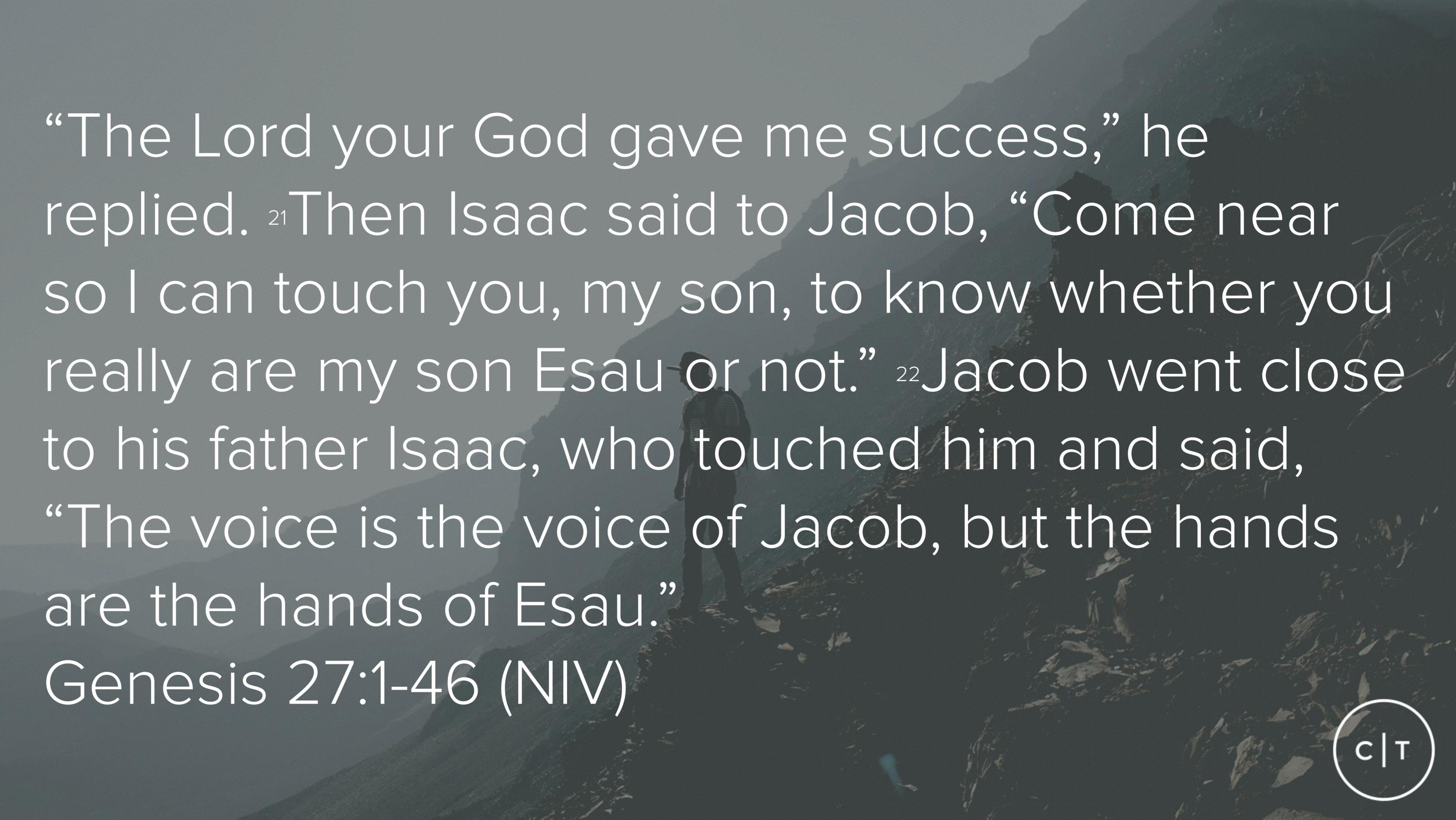
¹⁵ Then Rebekah took the best clothes of Esau her older son, which she had in the house, and put them on her younger son Jacob. ¹⁶ She also covered his hands and the smooth part of his neck with the goatskins. ¹⁷ Then she handed to her son Jacob the tasty food and the bread she had made. ¹⁸ He went to his father and said, “My father.”

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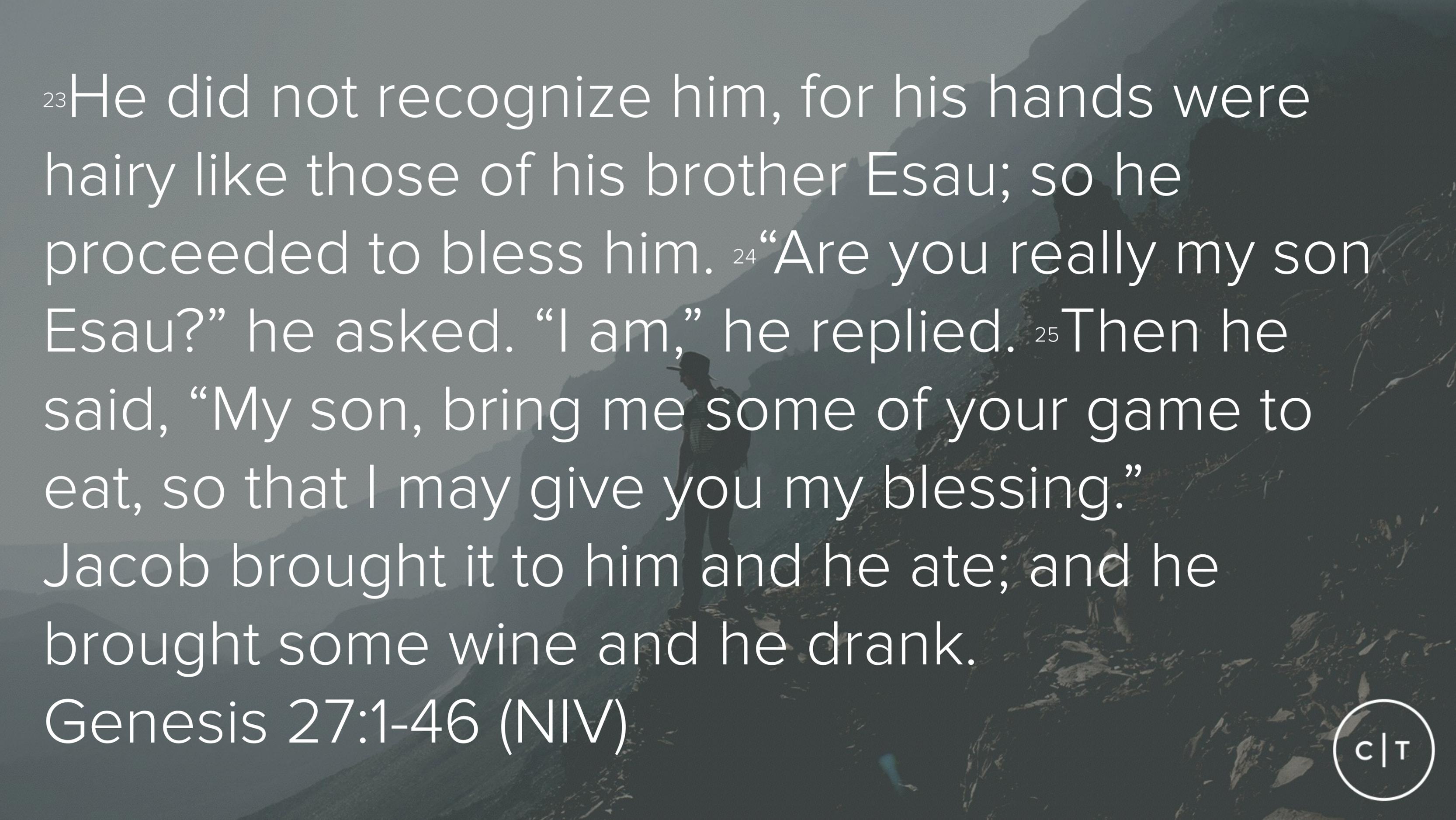
“Yes, my son,” he answered. “Who is it?”¹⁹ Jacob said to his father, “I am Esau your firstborn. I have done as you told me. Please sit up and eat some of my game, so that you may give me your blessing.”²⁰ Isaac asked his son, “How did you find it so quickly, my son?”

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A person is standing on a rocky mountain ridge, looking out over a valley. The scene is dimly lit, suggesting dusk or dawn. The person is wearing a hat and a backpack. The background shows rolling hills and a valley with some buildings.

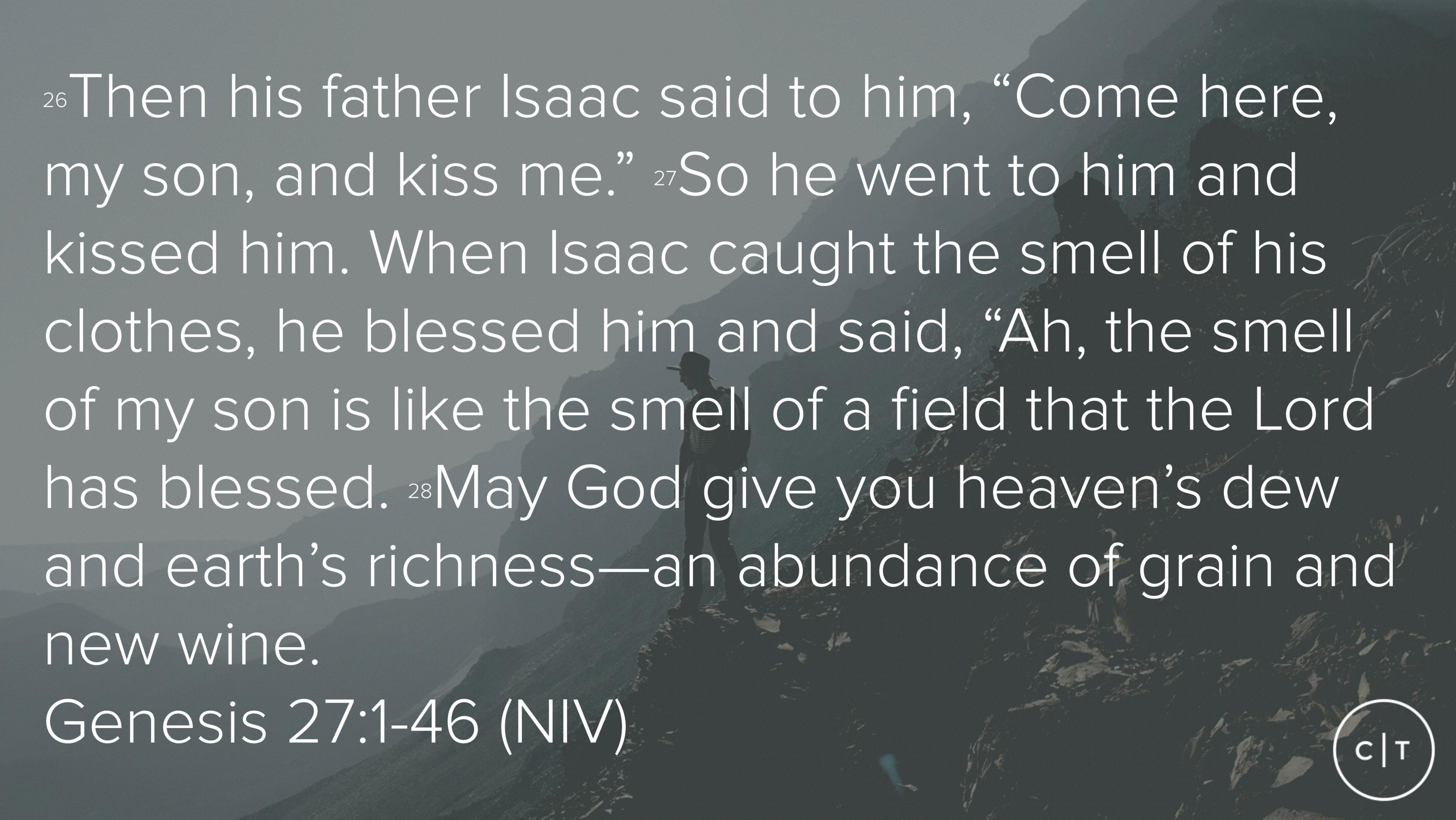
“The Lord your God gave me success,” he replied. ²¹Then Isaac said to Jacob, “Come near so I can touch you, my son, to know whether you really are my son Esau or not.” ²²Jacob went close to his father Isaac, who touched him and said, “The voice is the voice of Jacob, but the hands are the hands of Esau.”

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²³He did not recognize him, for his hands were hairy like those of his brother Esau; so he proceeded to bless him. ²⁴“Are you really my son Esau?” he asked. “I am,” he replied. ²⁵Then he said, “My son, bring me some of your game to eat, so that I may give you my blessing.” Jacob brought it to him and he ate; and he brought some wine and he drank.

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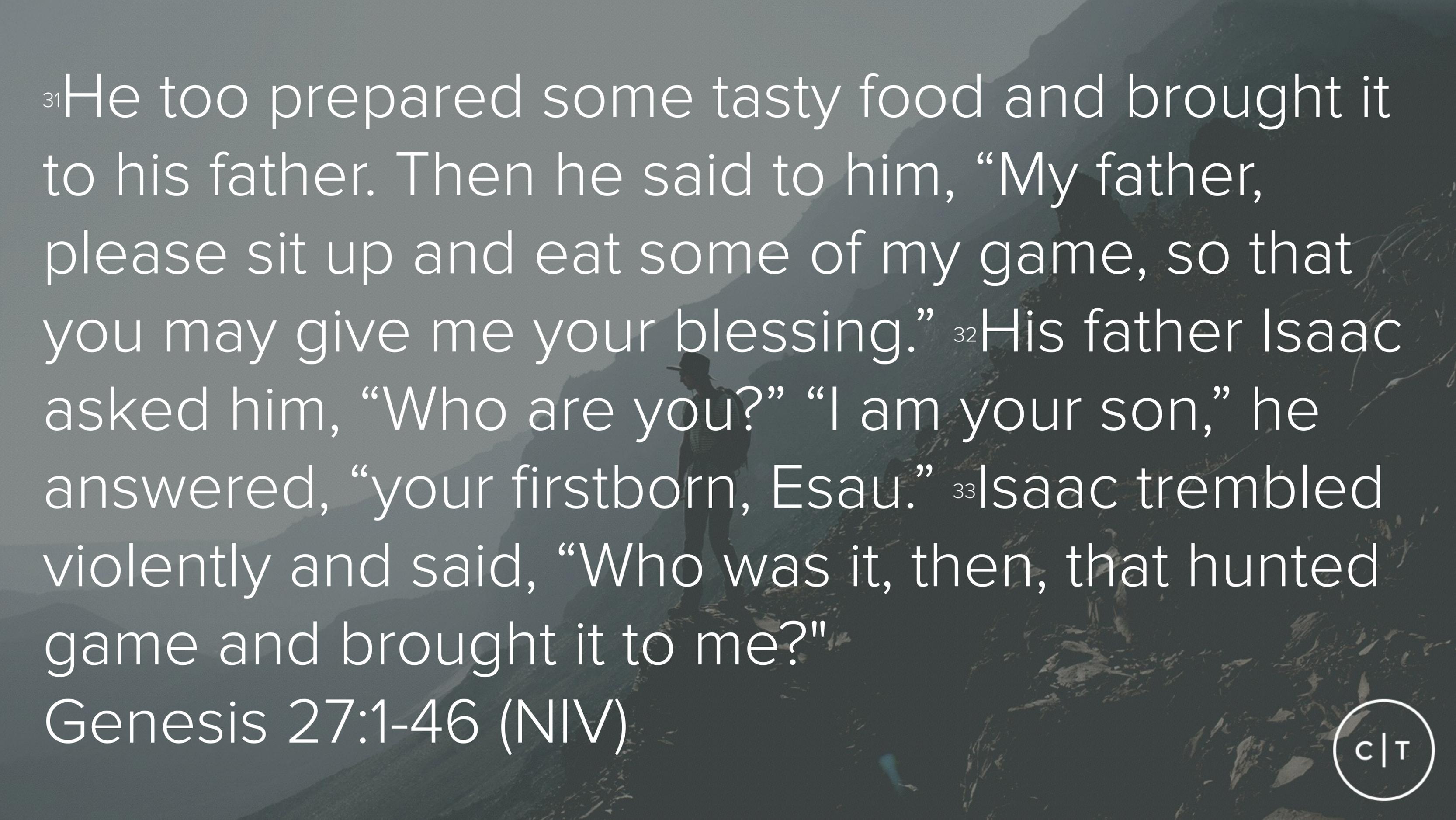
A hiker with a backpack is silhouetted against a bright, hazy background of a mountain valley. The hiker is standing on a rocky path, looking out over the landscape. The text is overlaid on the image in white.

²⁶Then his father Isaac said to him, “Come here, my son, and kiss me.” ²⁷So he went to him and kissed him. When Isaac caught the smell of his clothes, he blessed him and said, “Ah, the smell of my son is like the smell of a field that the Lord has blessed. ²⁸May God give you heaven’s dew and earth’s richness—an abundance of grain and new wine.

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²⁹May nations serve you and peoples bow down to you. Be lord over your brothers, and may the sons of your mother bow down to you. May those who curse you be cursed and those who bless you be blessed.” ³⁰After Isaac finished blessing him, and Jacob had scarcely left his father’s presence, his brother Esau came in from hunting.

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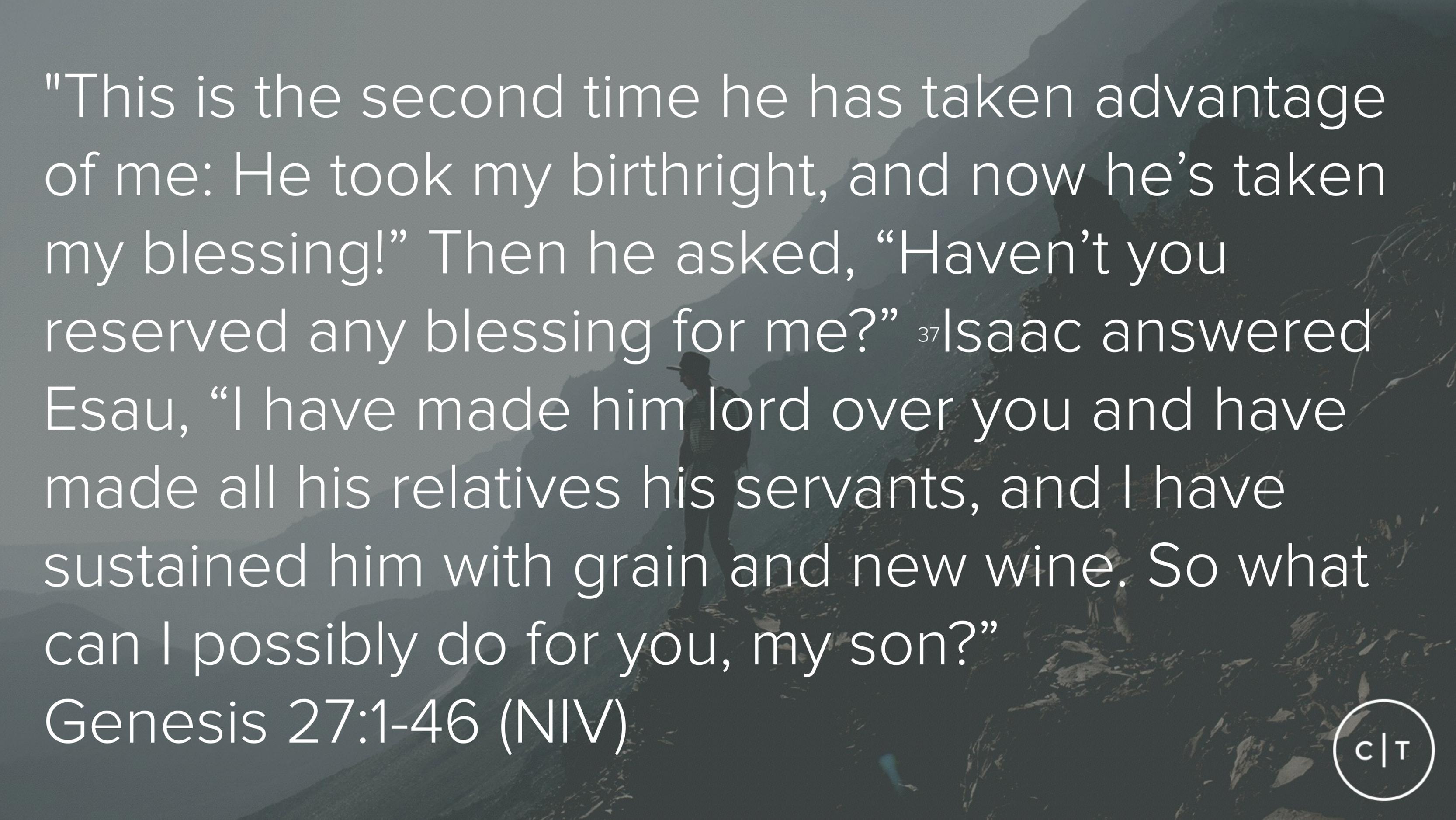


³¹He too prepared some tasty food and brought it to his father. Then he said to him, “My father, please sit up and eat some of my game, so that you may give me your blessing.” ³²His father Isaac asked him, “Who are you?” “I am your son,” he answered, “your firstborn, Esau.” ³³Isaac trembled violently and said, “Who was it, then, that hunted game and brought it to me?”

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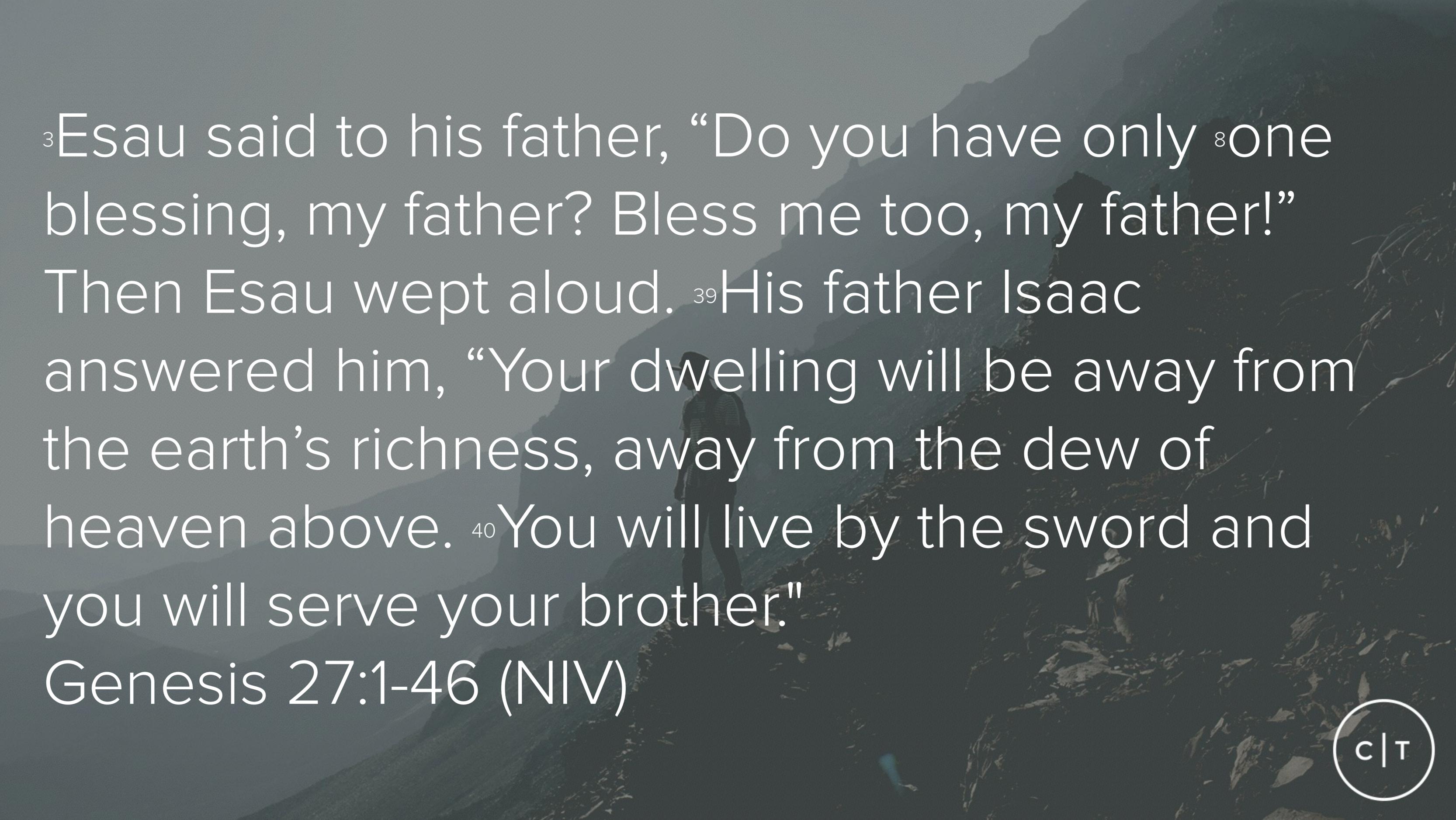
"I ate it just before you came and I blessed him—
and indeed he will be blessed!"³⁴ When Esau
heard his father's words, he burst out with a loud
and bitter cry and said to his father, "Bless me—
me too, my father!"³⁵ But he said, "Your brother
came deceitfully and took your blessing."³⁶ Esau
said, "Isn't he rightly named Jacob?"

Genesis 27:1-46 (NIV)

A hiker with a backpack is seen from behind, standing on a rocky mountain trail. The background shows misty, layered mountain ranges under a soft, overcast sky. The overall tone is quiet and contemplative.

"This is the second time he has taken advantage of me: He took my birthright, and now he's taken my blessing!" Then he asked, "Haven't you reserved any blessing for me?"³⁷ Isaac answered Esau, "I have made him lord over you and have made all his relatives his servants, and I have sustained him with grain and new wine. So what can I possibly do for you, my son?"

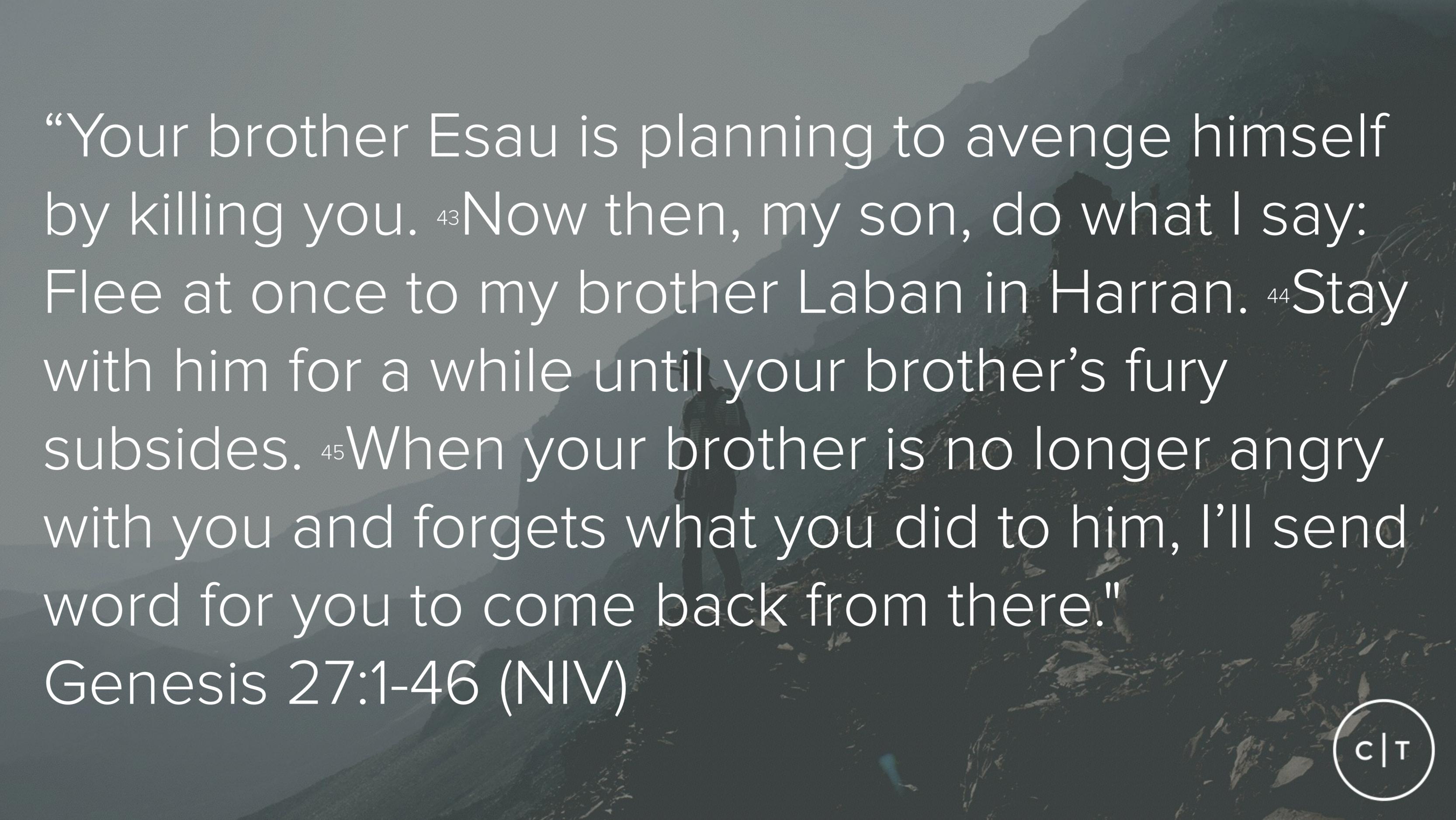
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A person is standing on a rocky mountain ridge, looking out over a valley. The background shows rolling hills and mountains under a hazy sky. The person is wearing a hat and a backpack.

³Esau said to his father, “Do you have only ⁸one blessing, my father? Bless me too, my father!” Then Esau wept aloud. ³⁹His father Isaac answered him, “Your dwelling will be away from the earth’s richness, away from the dew of heaven above. ⁴⁰You will live by the sword and you will serve your brother.”

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"But when you grow restless, you will throw his yoke from off your neck."⁴¹ Esau held a grudge against Jacob because of the blessing his father had given him. He said to himself, "The days of mourning for my father are near; then I will kill my brother Jacob."⁴² When Rebekah was told what her older son Esau had said, she sent for her younger son Jacob and said to him,
Genesis 27:1-46 (NIV)

A person is standing on a rocky mountain ridge, looking out over a hazy, mountainous landscape. The person is wearing a backpack and a hat. The background shows rolling hills and mountains under a soft, overcast sky. The overall tone is somber and contemplative.

“Your brother Esau is planning to avenge himself by killing you. ⁴³Now then, my son, do what I say: Flee at once to my brother Laban in Harran. ⁴⁴Stay with him for a while until your brother’s fury subsides. ⁴⁵When your brother is no longer angry with you and forgets what you did to him, I’ll send word for you to come back from there.”

Genesis 27:1-46 (NIV)

"Why should I lose both of you in one day?"

⁴⁶ Then Rebekah said to Isaac, "I'm disgusted with living because of these Hittite women. If Jacob takes a wife from among the women of this land, from Hittite women like these, my life will not be worth living."

Genesis 27:1-46 (NIV)

Dysfunction Is Often Rooted In Our Upbringing

Now Rebekah was listening as Isaac spoke to his son Esau. When Esau left for the open country to hunt game and bring it back, Rebekah said to her son Jacob, "Look, I overheard your father say to your brother Esau..."

Genesis 27:5-6 (NIV)

Dysfunction Is Often Rooted In Our Upbringing

Dysfunction: the condition of having poor and unhealthy behaviors and attitudes within a group of people; (medical) the state of being unable to function in a normal way

Dysfunction Is Often Rooted In Our Upbringing

A dysfunctional home is marked by:

A spiritually passive father and an unsubmissive mother.



Dysfunction Is Often Rooted In Our Upbringing

A Spiritually Passive Father:

1. Devalues the Word of God in his life and home.
2. Demonstrates a greater care for his earthly senses than his spiritual callings.
3. Doesn't lean on grace and faith for his legacy.

Dysfunction Is Often Rooted In Our Upbringing

An Unsubmissive Mother:

1. Lives in fear more than faith.
2. Resorts to manipulation rather than waiting on God.
3. Justifies dishonor whenever she doesn't agree with her husband's course of action.

Dysfunction Thrives in Denial

So he went to him and kissed him. When Isaac caught the smell of his clothes, he blessed him and said, **“Ah, the smell of my son is like the smell of a field that the Lord has blessed.”**

Genesis 27:27 (NIV)

Dysfunction Thrives in Denial

Denial led to:

- Anger in Esau
- Running in Jacob
- Paralysis in Isaac
- Rebellion in Rebekah

Denial leads to *anger, paralysis, running* and *rebellion*.

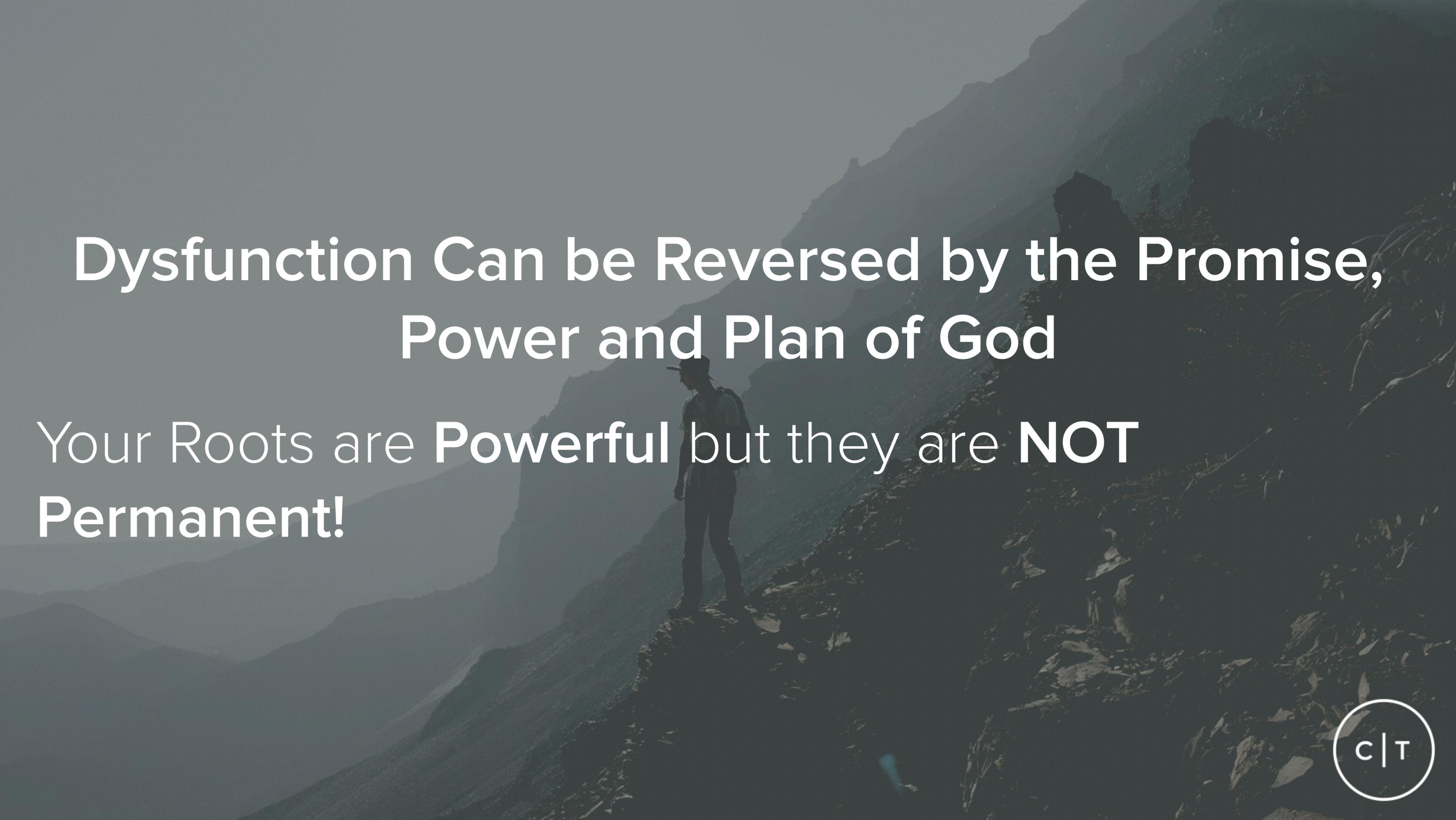
Dysfunction Thrives in Denial

The flesh and denial strip us of God's visitation and promise.

Dysfunction Can be Reversed by the Promise, Power and Plan of God

May God give you heaven's dew and earth's richness—an abundance of grain and new wine. May nations serve you and peoples bow down to you. Be lord over your brothers, and may the sons of your mother bow down to you. May those who curse you be cursed and those who bless you be blessed.

Genesis 27:28-29 (NIV)

A hiker wearing a backpack and a hat stands on a rocky mountain ridge, looking out over a vast valley. The scene is dimly lit, suggesting dawn or dusk, with the mountains in the background appearing as soft silhouettes.

Dysfunction Can be Reversed by the Promise, Power and Plan of God

Your Roots are **Powerful** but they are **NOT**
Permanent!

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But for you who revere my name, the sun of
righteousness will rise with healing in its rays. And
you will go out and frolic like well-fed calves.

Malachi 4:2 (NIV)