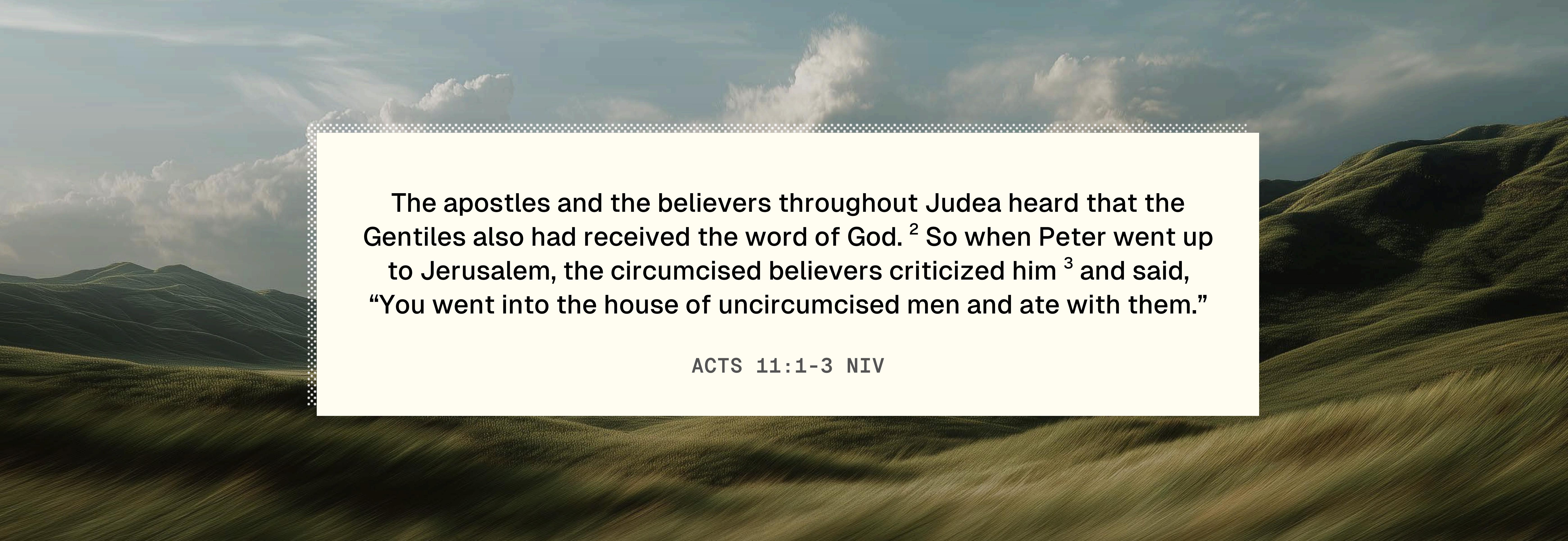


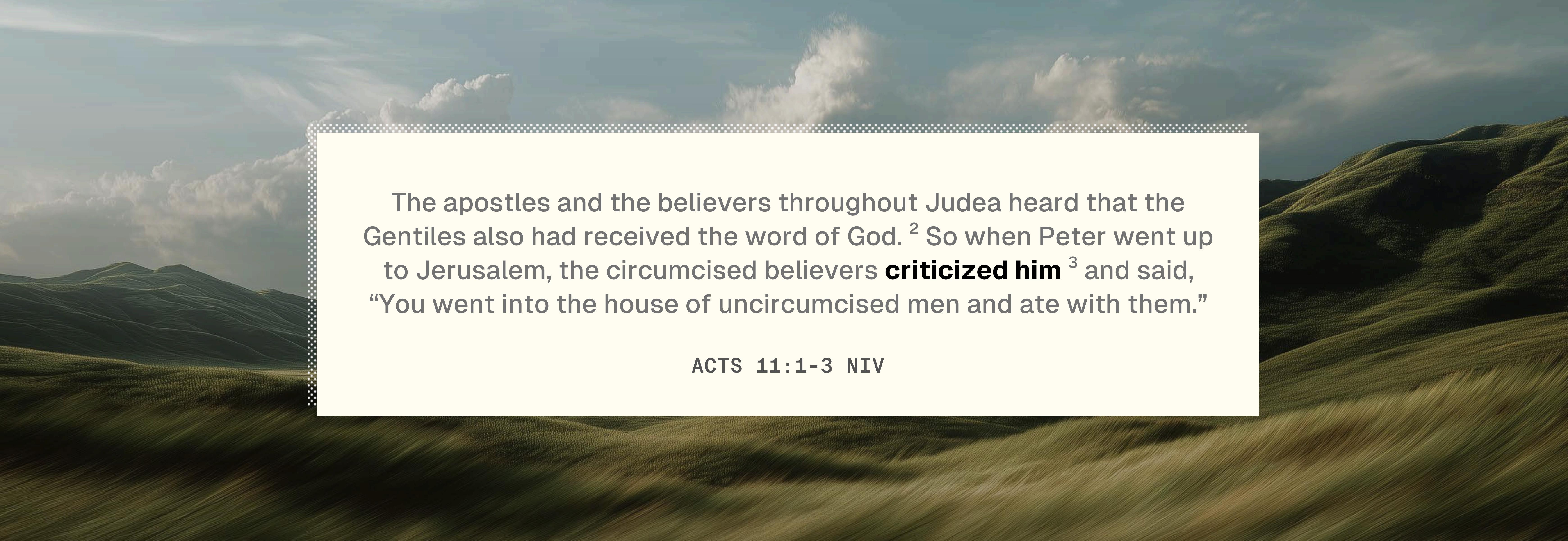
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⁵ “I was in the city of Joppa praying, and in a trance I saw a vision. I saw something like a large sheet being let down from heaven by its four corners, and it came down to where I was.

⁶ I looked into it and saw four-footed animals of the earth, wild beasts, reptiles and birds. ⁷ Then I heard a voice telling me, ‘Get up, Peter. Kill and eat.’

ACTS 11:4-7 NIV

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“I replied, ‘Surely not, Lord! Nothing impure or unclean has ever entered my mouth.’⁹ “The voice spoke from heaven a second time, ‘Do not call anything impure that God has made clean.’¹⁰ This happened three times, and then it was all pulled up to heaven again.

ACTS 11:8-10 NIV

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The Spirit told me to have no hesitation about going with them. These six brothers also went with me, and we entered the man's house.

ACTS 11:12 NIV

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He told us how he had seen an angel appear in his house and say, 'Send to Joppa for Simon who is called Peter.¹⁴ He will bring you a message through which you and all your household will be saved.'

ACTS 11:13-14 NIV

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**“As I began to speak, the Holy Spirit came on them as he had
come on us at the beginning.”**

ACTS 11:15 NIV

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Then I remembered what the Lord had said: “John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.”

ACTS 11:16 NIV

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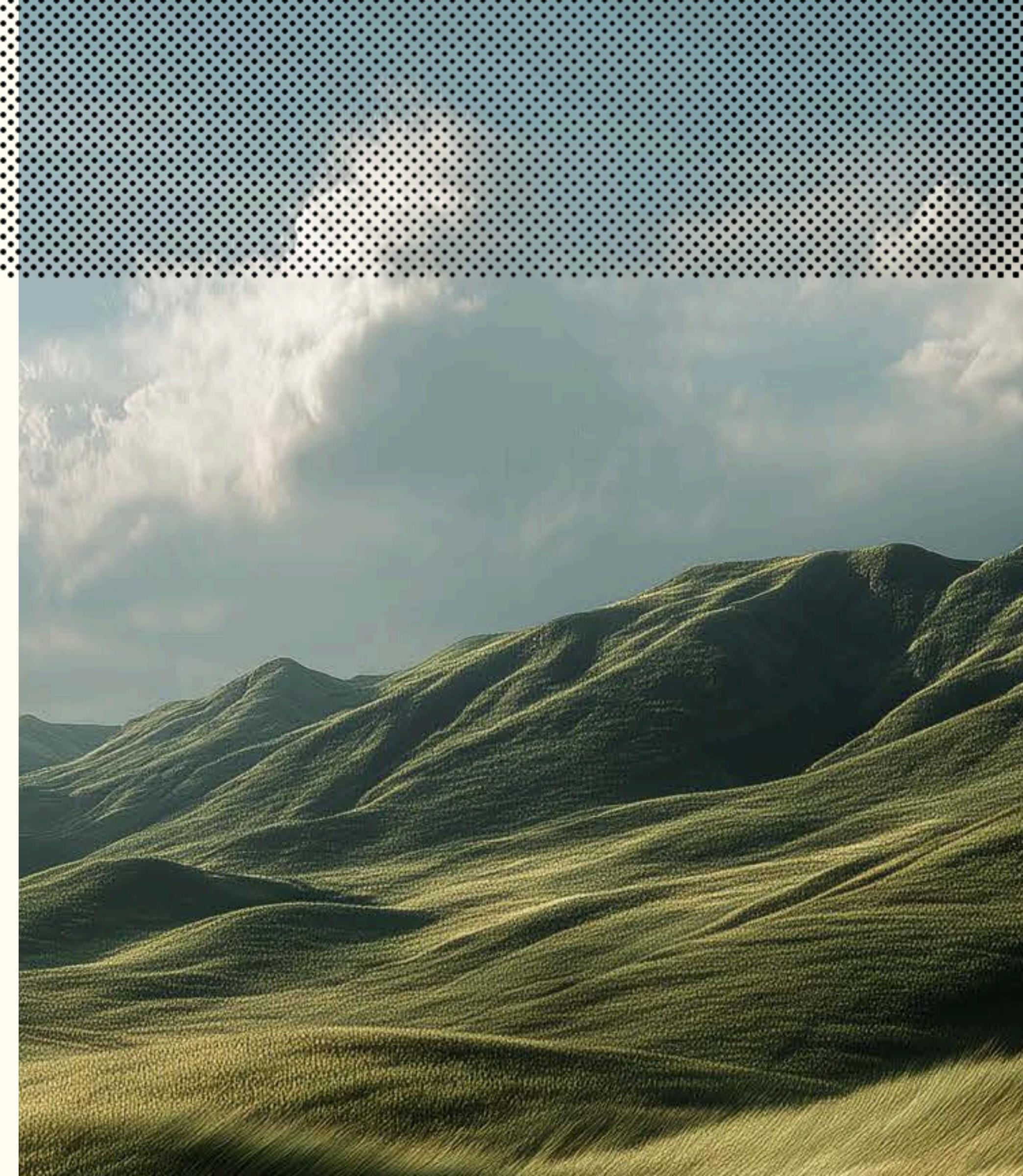
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When they heard this, they had no further objections and praised God, saying, “So then, even to Gentiles God has granted repentance that leads to life.”

ACTS 11:18 NIV

God Himself opened the door of salvation in Christ—and no one gets to decide who may walk through it.



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Before criticizing

WHAT ARE WE REALLY TALKING ABOUT?

“Do not call anything impure that God has made clean.”

ACTS 11:9b NIV

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Before criticizing

IS GOD IN THIS?

“The Spirit told me . . . an angel appeared . . . the Holy Spirit came on them . . . God gave them the same gift he gave us. . .”

FROM ACTS 11:11-17

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Before criticizing

DOES IT CONFORM TO SCRIPTURE?

“Don’t you see that nothing that enters a person from the outside can defile them? ¹⁹ For it doesn’t go into their heart but into their stomach, and then out of the body.” (In saying this, Jesus declared all foods clean.)

MARK 7:18b-19 NIV

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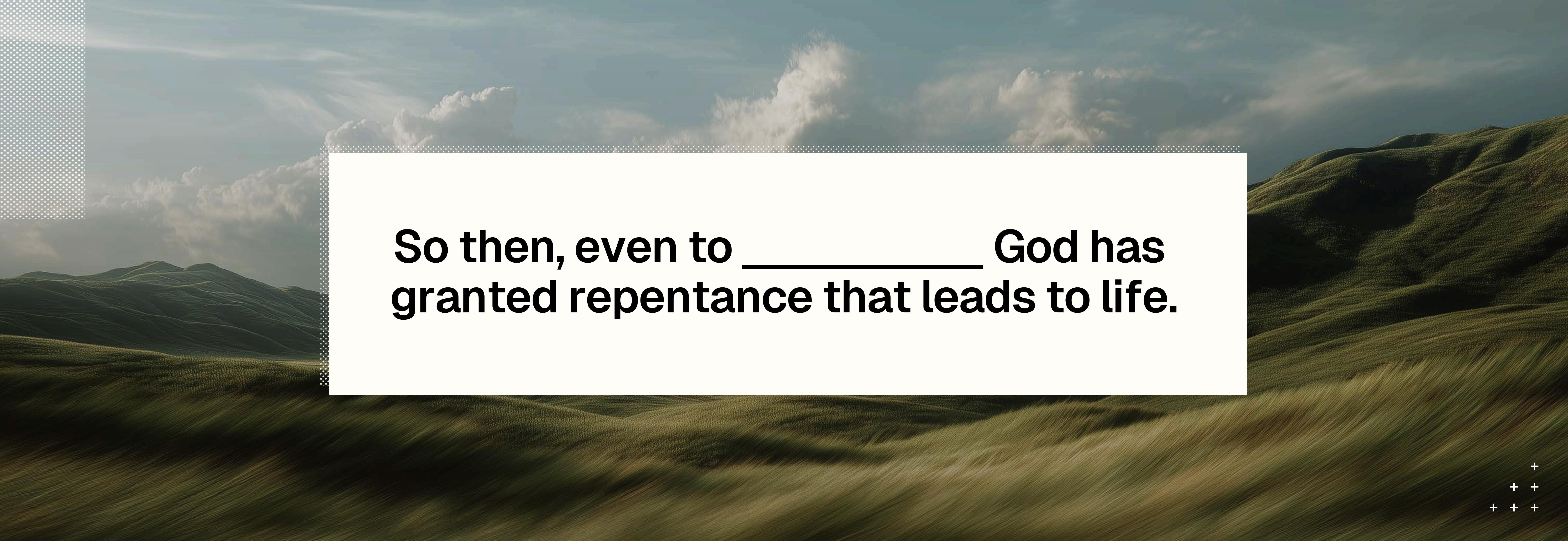
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Acts 11:17 NIV



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