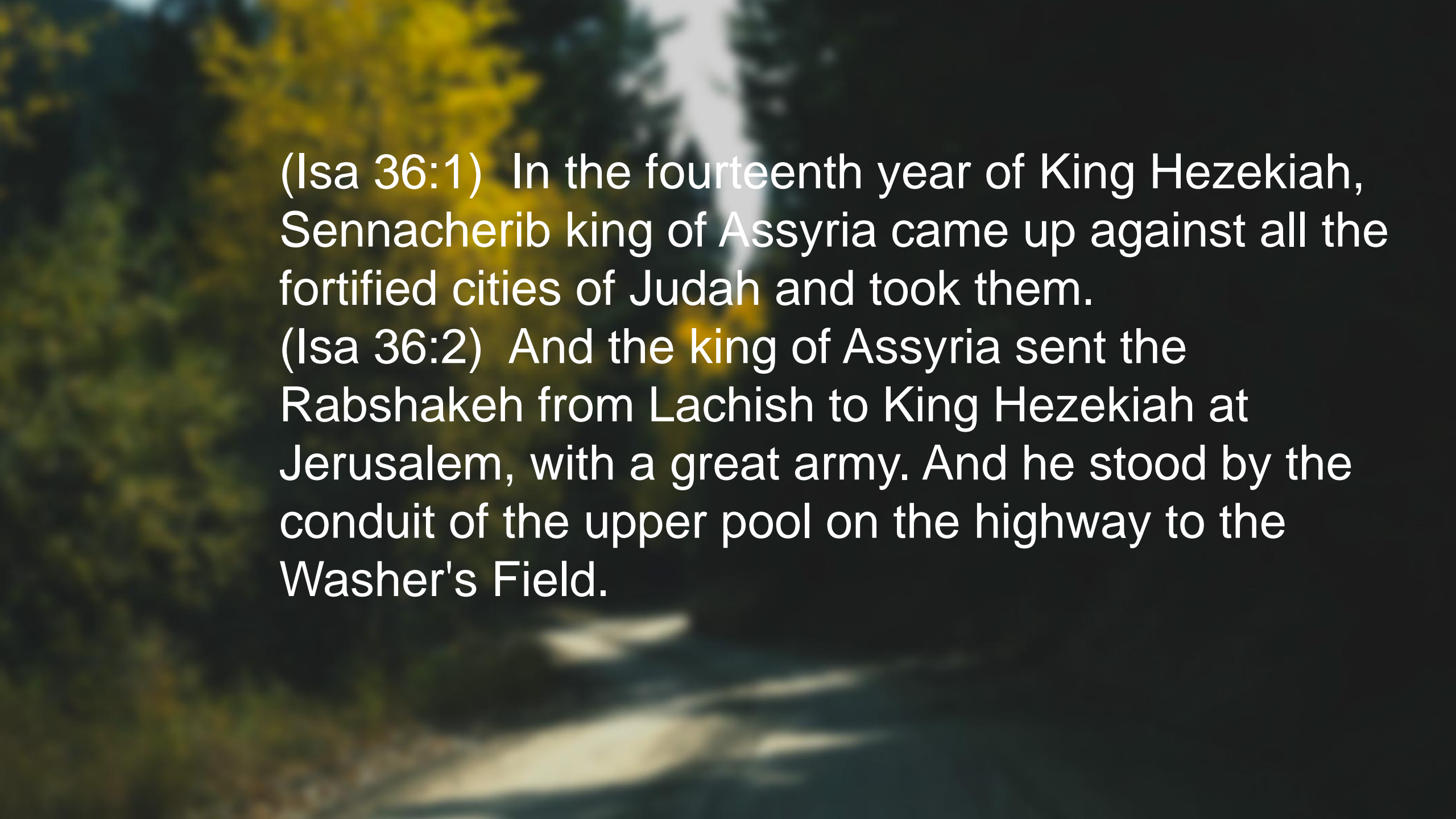


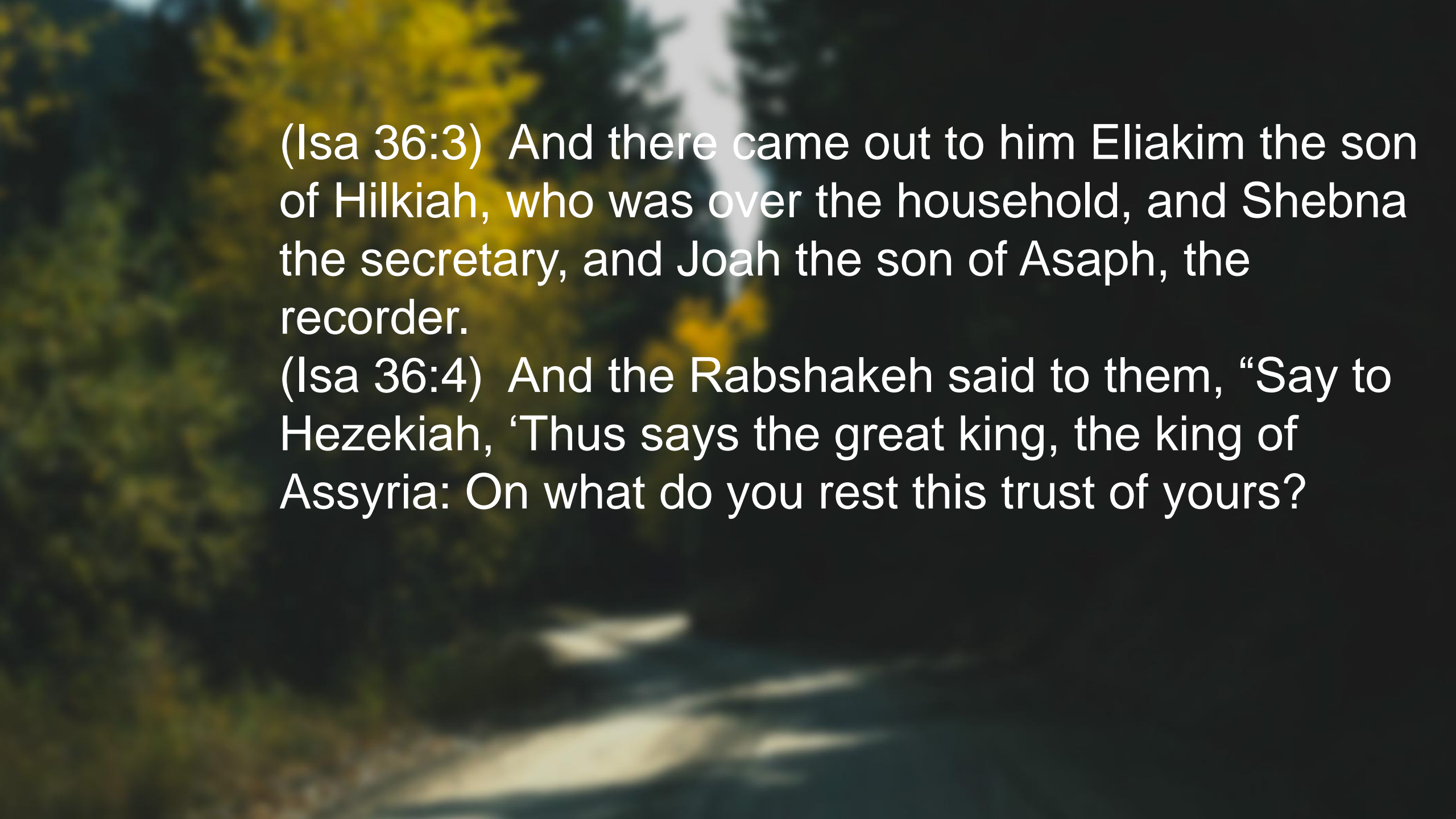


When Satan attacks the strong



(Isa 36:1) In the fourteenth year of King Hezekiah, Sennacherib king of Assyria came up against all the fortified cities of Judah and took them.

(Isa 36:2) And the king of Assyria sent the Rabshakeh from Lachish to King Hezekiah at Jerusalem, with a great army. And he stood by the conduit of the upper pool on the highway to the Washer's Field.



(Isa 36:3) And there came out to him Eliakim the son of Hilkiah, who was over the household, and Shebna the secretary, and Joah the son of Asaph, the recorder.

(Isa 36:4) And the Rabshakeh said to them, “Say to Hezekiah, ‘Thus says the great king, the king of Assyria: On what do you rest this trust of yours?’

Who was Hezekiah?

(2Ki 18:1) In the third year of Hoshea son of Elah, king of Israel, Hezekiah the son of Ahaz, king of Judah, began to reign.

(2Ki 18:2) He was twenty-five years old when he began to reign, and he reigned twenty-nine years in Jerusalem. His mother's name was Abi the daughter of Zechariah.

(2Ki 18:3) And he did what was right in the eyes of the LORD, according to all that David his father had done.

Who was Hezekiah?

(2Ki 18:4) He removed the high places and broke the pillars and cut down the Asherah. And he broke in pieces the bronze serpent that Moses had made, for until those days the people of Israel had made offerings to it (it was called Nehushtan).

(2Ki 18:5) He trusted in the LORD, the God of Israel, so that there was none like him among all the kings of Judah after him, nor among those who were before him.

Who was Hezekiah?

(2Ki 18:6) For he held fast to the LORD. He did not depart from following him, but kept the commandments that the LORD commanded Moses.

(2Ki 18:7) And the LORD was with him; wherever he went out, he prospered. He rebelled against the king of Assyria and would not serve him.

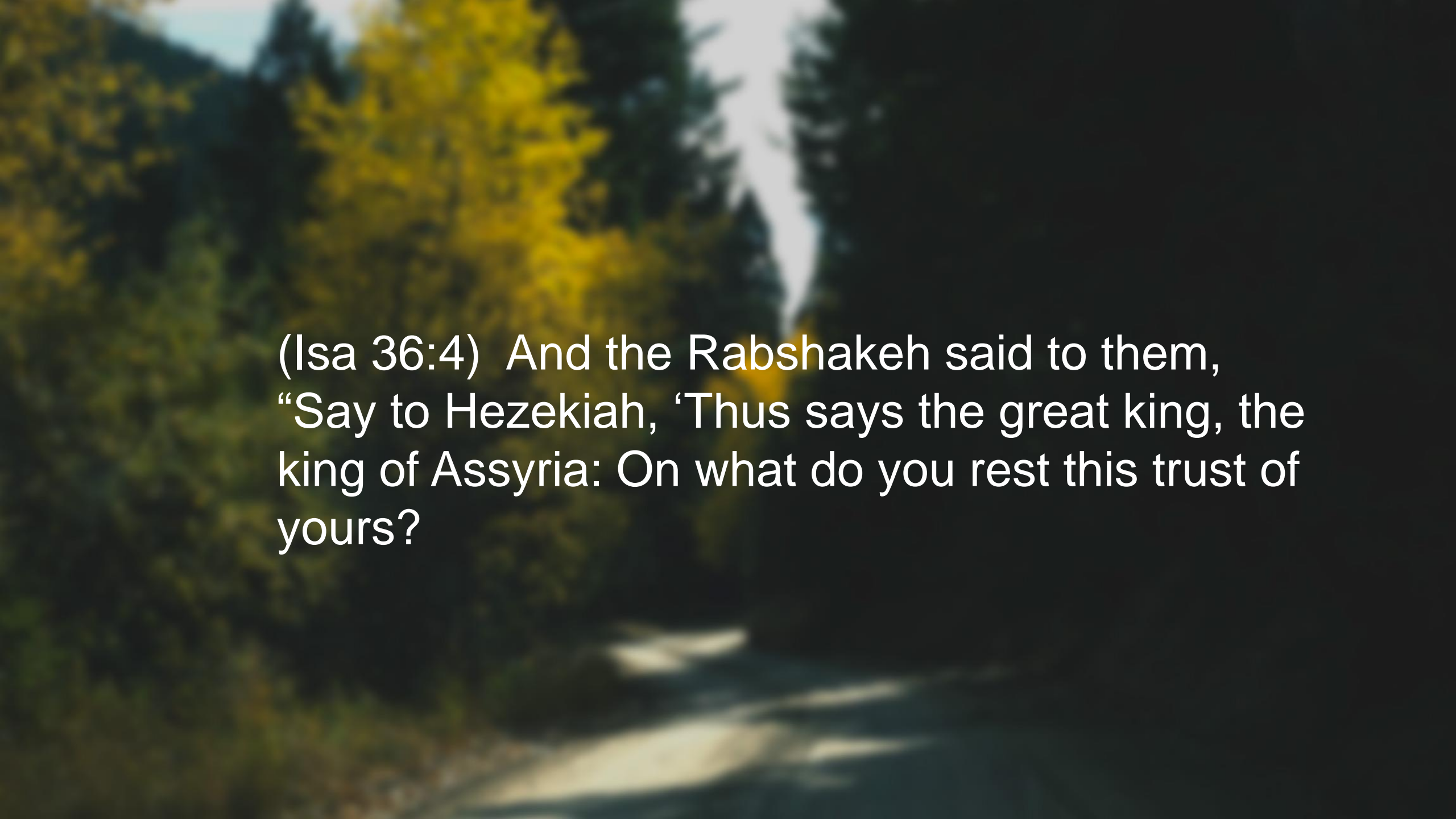


Who was Hezekiah?

(Pro 25:1) These also are proverbs of Solomon which the men of Hezekiah king of Judah copied.



How the enemy
attacks the (strong)



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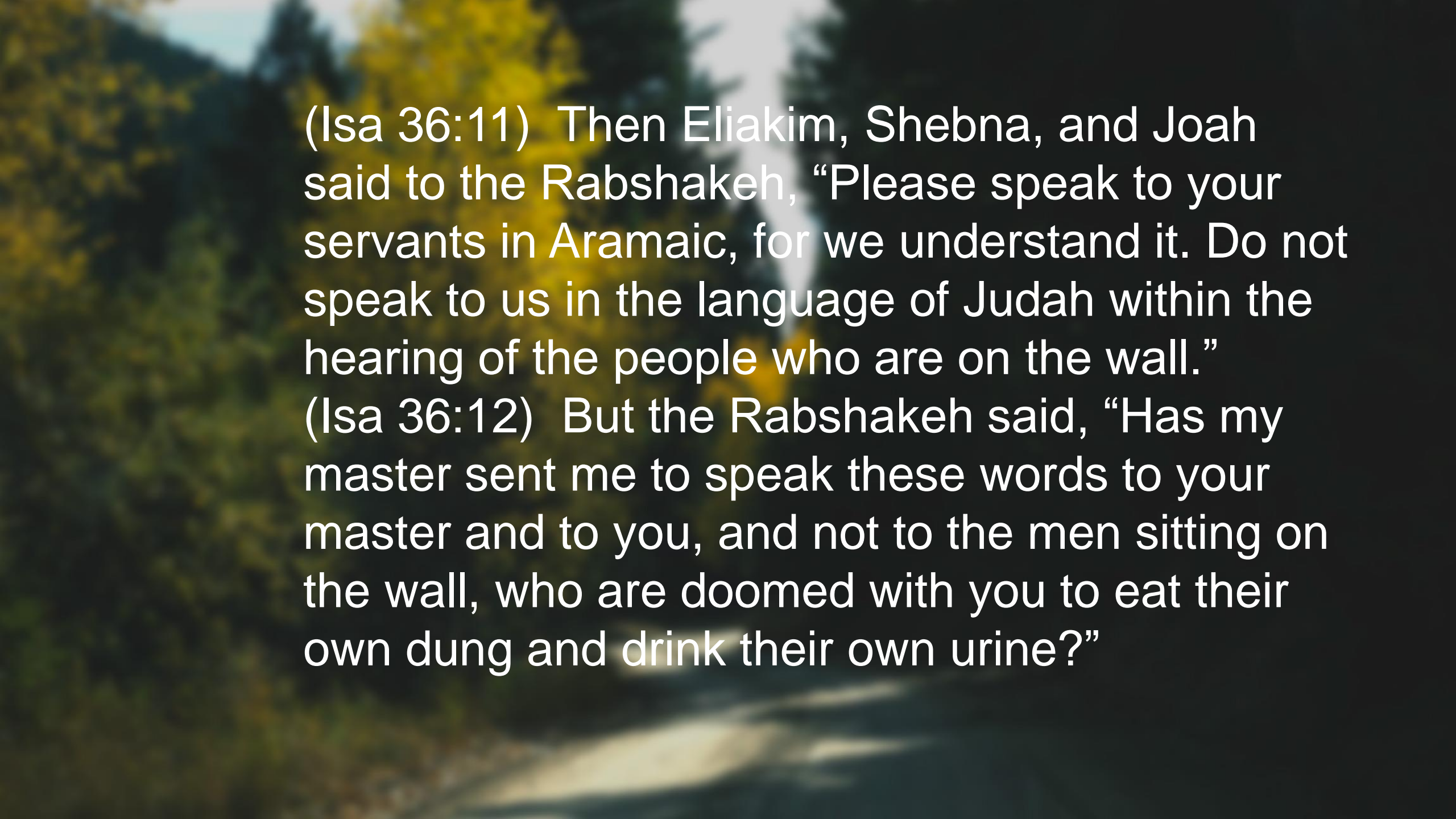
(Isa 36:7) But if you say to me, “We trust in the LORD our God,” is it not he whose high places and altars Hezekiah has removed, saying to Judah and to Jerusalem, “You shall worship before this altar”?

(Isa 36:10) Moreover, is it without the LORD that I have come up against this land to destroy it? The LORD said to me, “Go up against this land and destroy it.”””



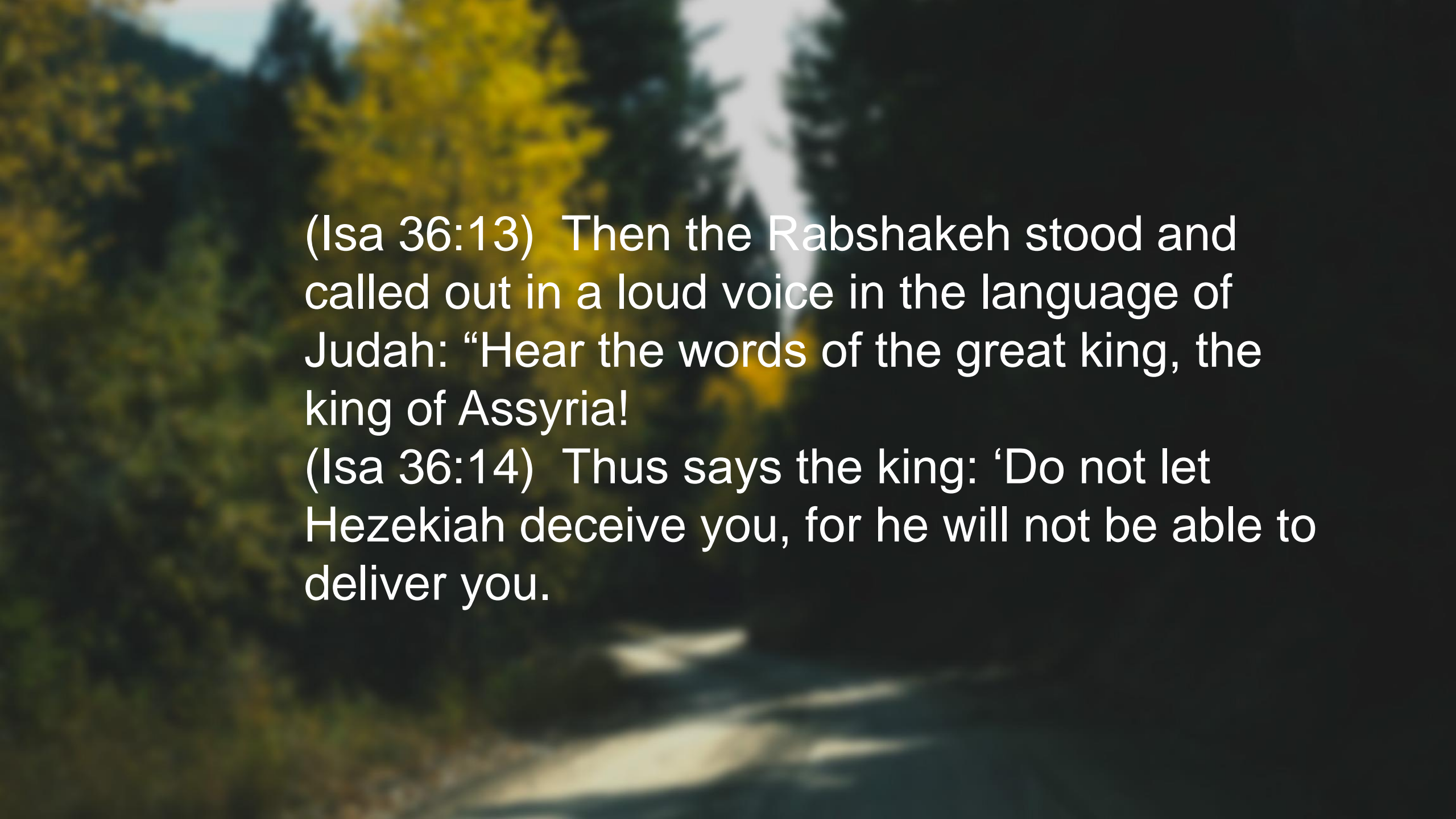
How the enemy attacks the strong

1) Spiritual deception and lies



(Isa 36:11) Then Eliakim, Shebna, and Joah said to the Rabshakeh, “Please speak to your servants in Aramaic, for we understand it. Do not speak to us in the language of Judah within the hearing of the people who are on the wall.”

(Isa 36:12) But the Rabshakeh said, “Has my master sent me to speak these words to your master and to you, and not to the men sitting on the wall, who are doomed with you to eat their own dung and drink their own urine?”



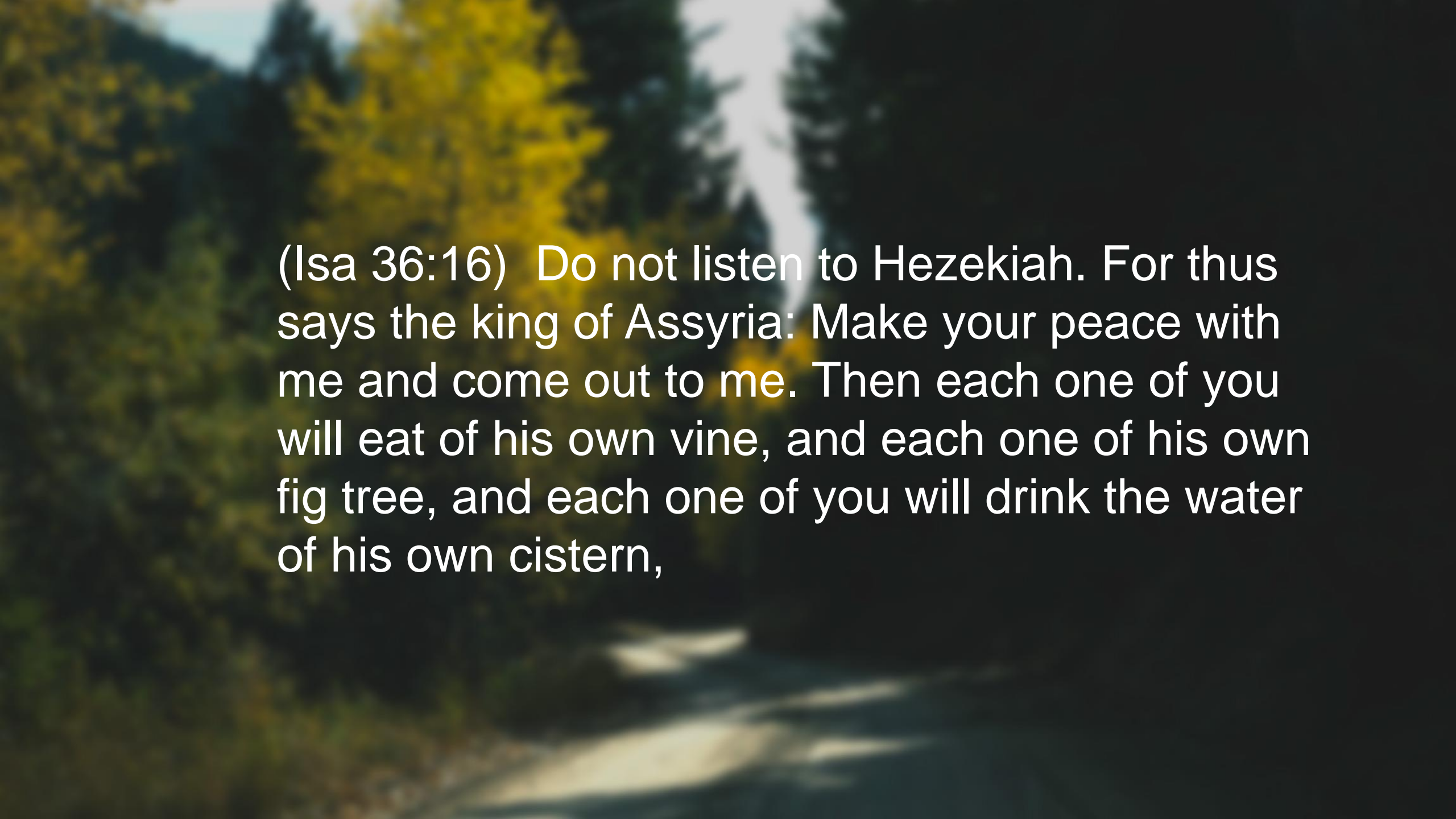
(Isa 36:13) Then the Rabshakeh stood and called out in a loud voice in the language of Judah: “Hear the words of the great king, the king of Assyria!

(Isa 36:14) Thus says the king: ‘Do not let Hezekiah deceive you, for he will not be able to deliver you.



How the enemy attacks the strong

- 1) Cunning spiritual deception and lies
- 2) Head on disrespect and intimidation



(Isa 36:16) Do not listen to Hezekiah. For thus says the king of Assyria: Make your peace with me and come out to me. Then each one of you will eat of his own vine, and each one of his own fig tree, and each one of you will drink the water of his own cistern,



How the enemy attacks the strong

- 1) Cunning spiritual deception and lies
- 2) Head on disrespect and intimidation
- 3) He promises “life” if you would forsake God



Hezekiah Responds

(Isa 37:1) As soon as King Hezekiah heard it, he tore his clothes and covered himself with sackcloth and went into the house of the LORD.



Hezekiah fights back in the Spirit:

1) He flees into the house of God

(Isa 37:2) And he sent Eliakim, who was over the household, and Shebna the secretary, and the senior priests, covered with sackcloth, to the prophet Isaiah the son of Amoz.

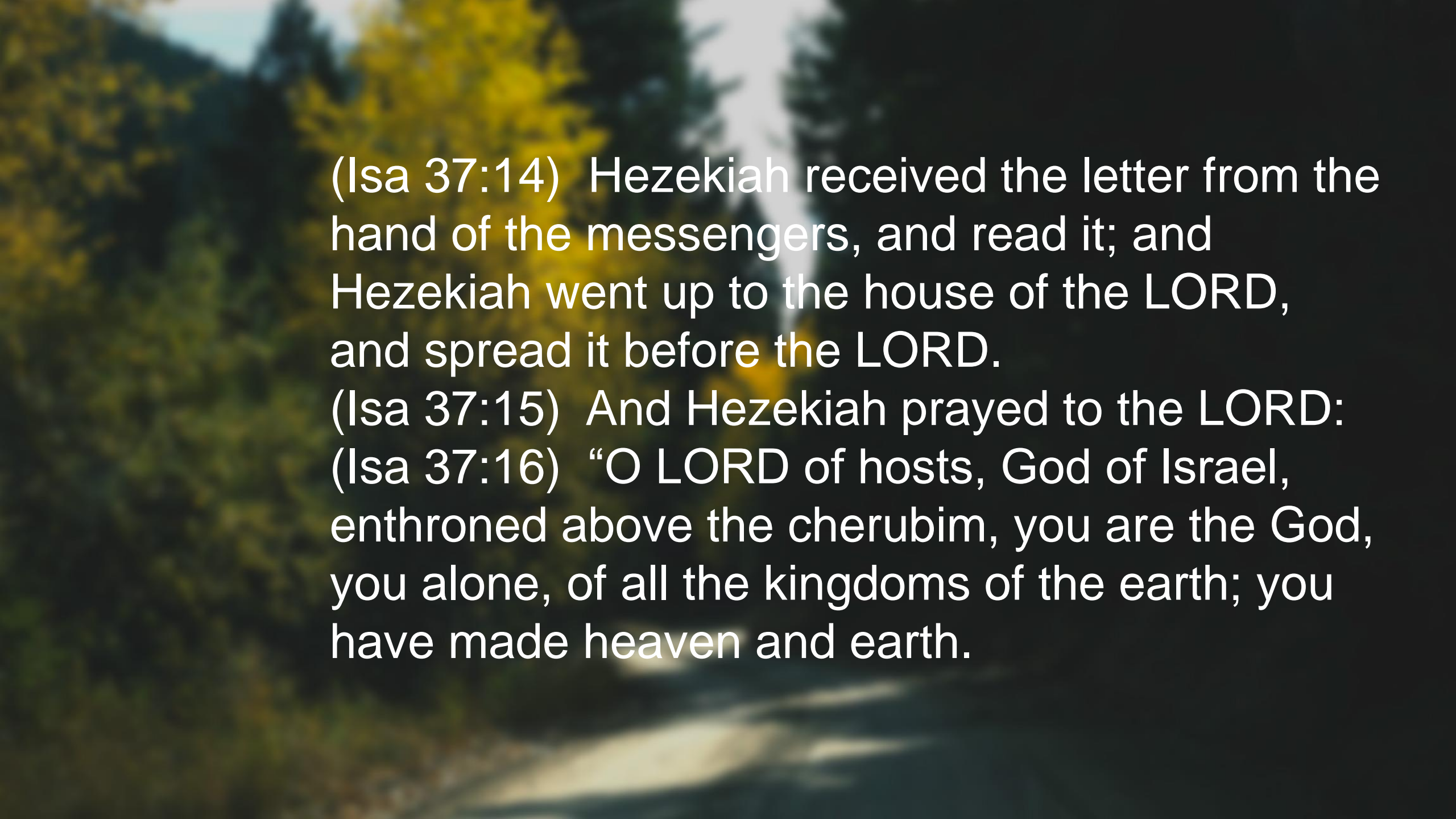
(Isa 37:6) Isaiah said to them, “Say to your master, ‘Thus says the LORD: Do not be afraid because of the words that you have heard, with which the young men of the king of Assyria have reviled me.

(Isa 37:7) Behold, I will put a spirit in him, so that he shall hear a rumor and return to his own land, and I will make him fall by the sword in his own land.’”



Hezekiah fights back in the Spirit:

- 1) He flees into the house of God
- 2) He alarms a great friend in the faith



(Isa 37:14) Hezekiah received the letter from the hand of the messengers, and read it; and Hezekiah went up to the house of the LORD, and spread it before the LORD.

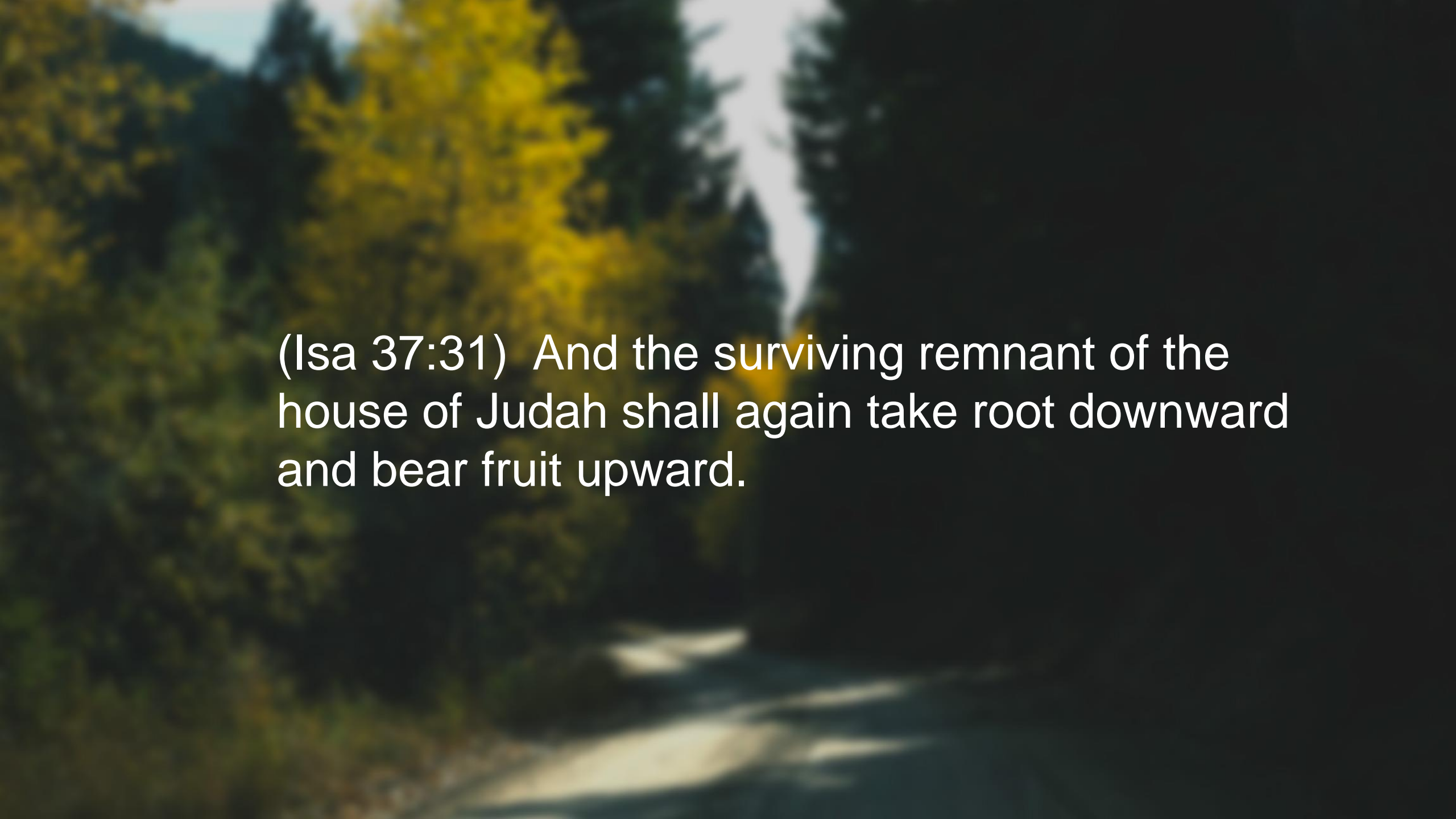
(Isa 37:15) And Hezekiah prayed to the LORD:

(Isa 37:16) “O LORD of hosts, God of Israel, enthroned above the cherubim, you are the God, you alone, of all the kingdoms of the earth; you have made heaven and earth.

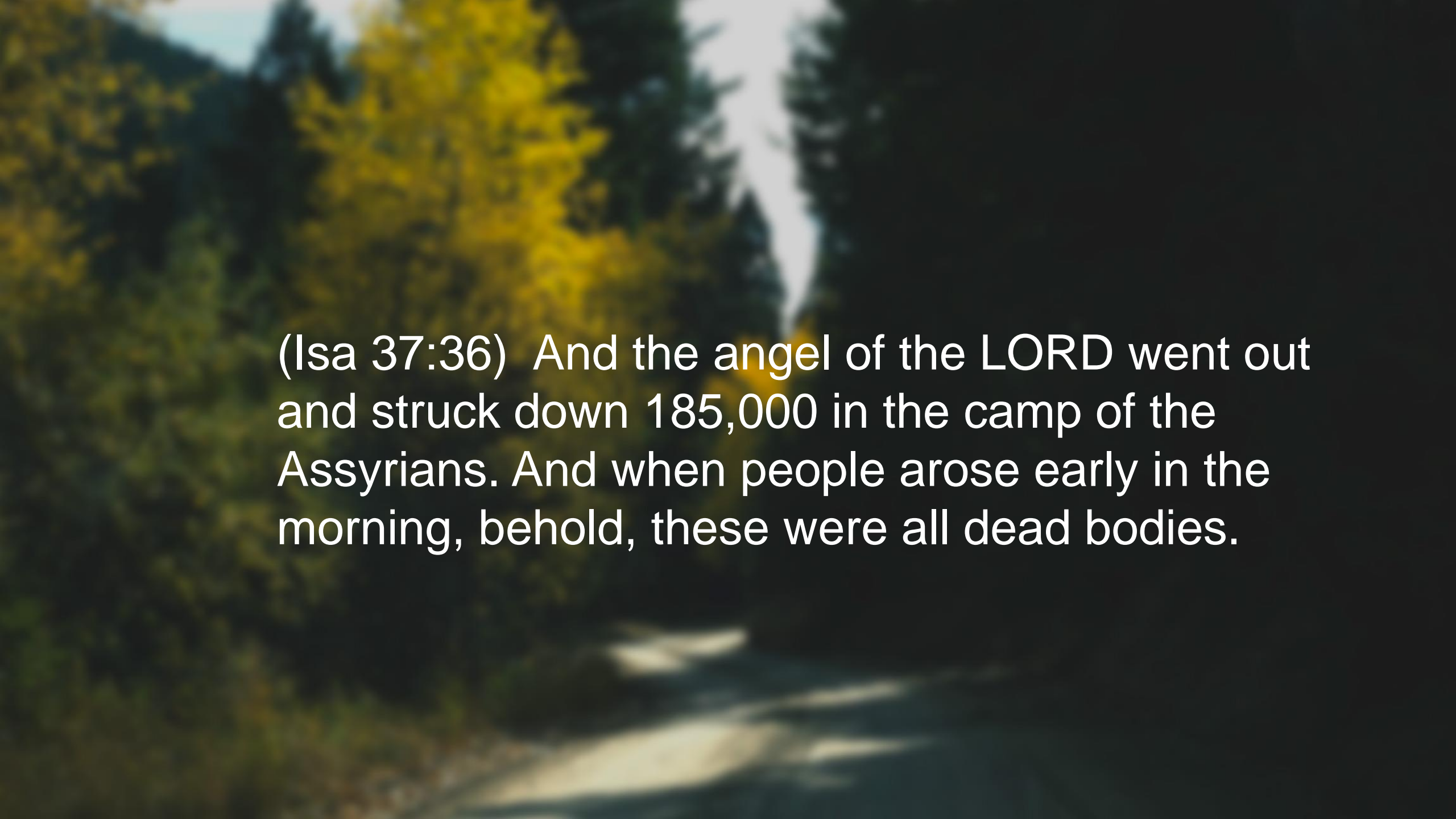


Hezekiah fights back in the Spirit:

- 1) He flees into the house of God
- 2) He alarms a great friend in the faith
- 3) He “laid it down before the Lord” and worshiped



(Isa 37:31) And the surviving remnant of the house of Judah shall again take root downward and bear fruit upward.



(Isa 37:36) And the angel of the LORD went out and struck down 185,000 in the camp of the Assyrians. And when people arose early in the morning, behold, these were all dead bodies.