

A black and white photograph of a microscope, showing the eyepiece, objective lenses, and stage. The image is slightly out of focus, with a grid pattern overlaid on the bottom half. The text "Life is not JUST a Test" is written in a bold, yellow, italicized font across the bottom.

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**Luke 4:1** Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, left the Jordan and was led by the Spirit into the wilderness, where for forty days he was tempted by the devil.



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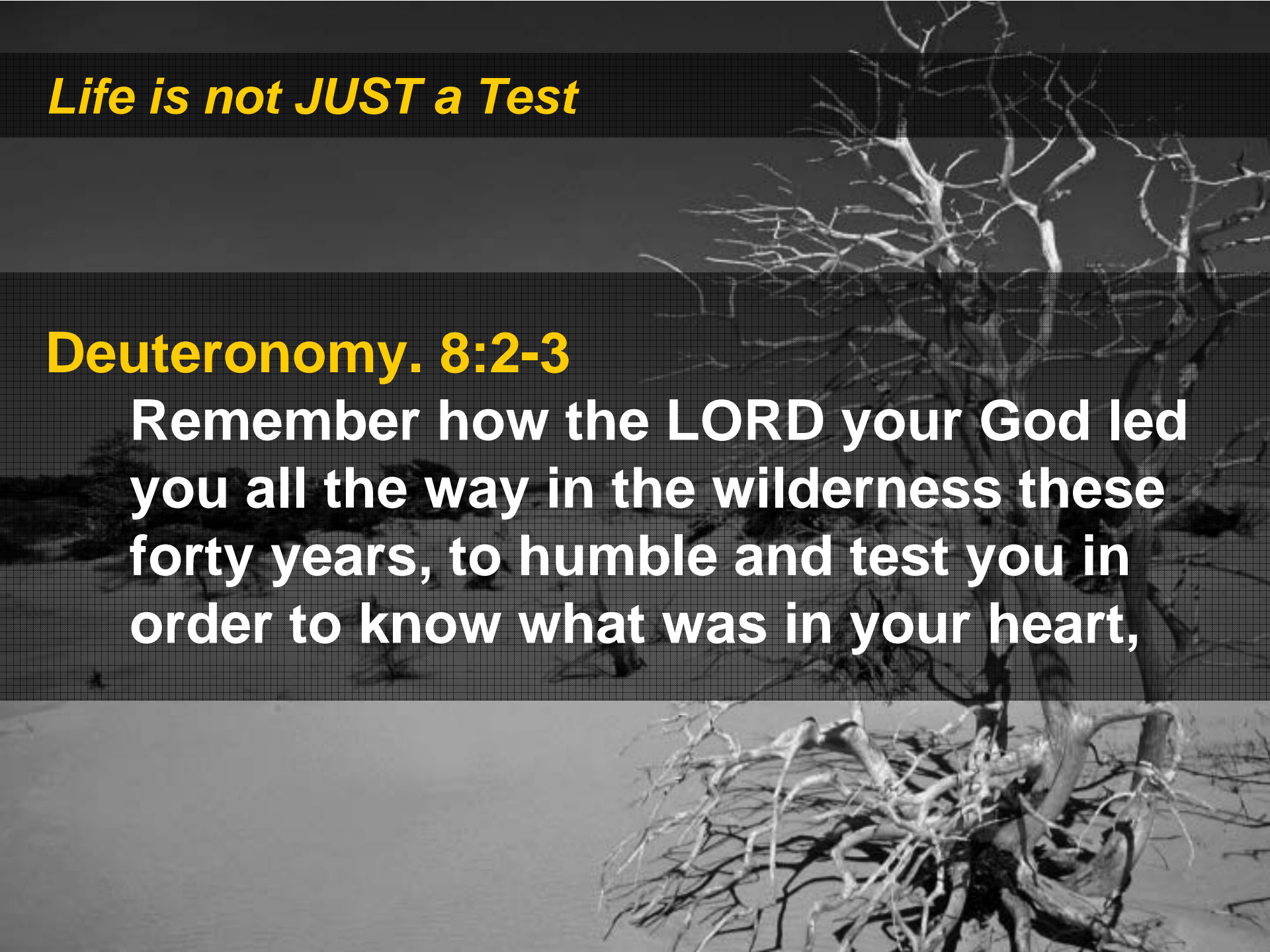
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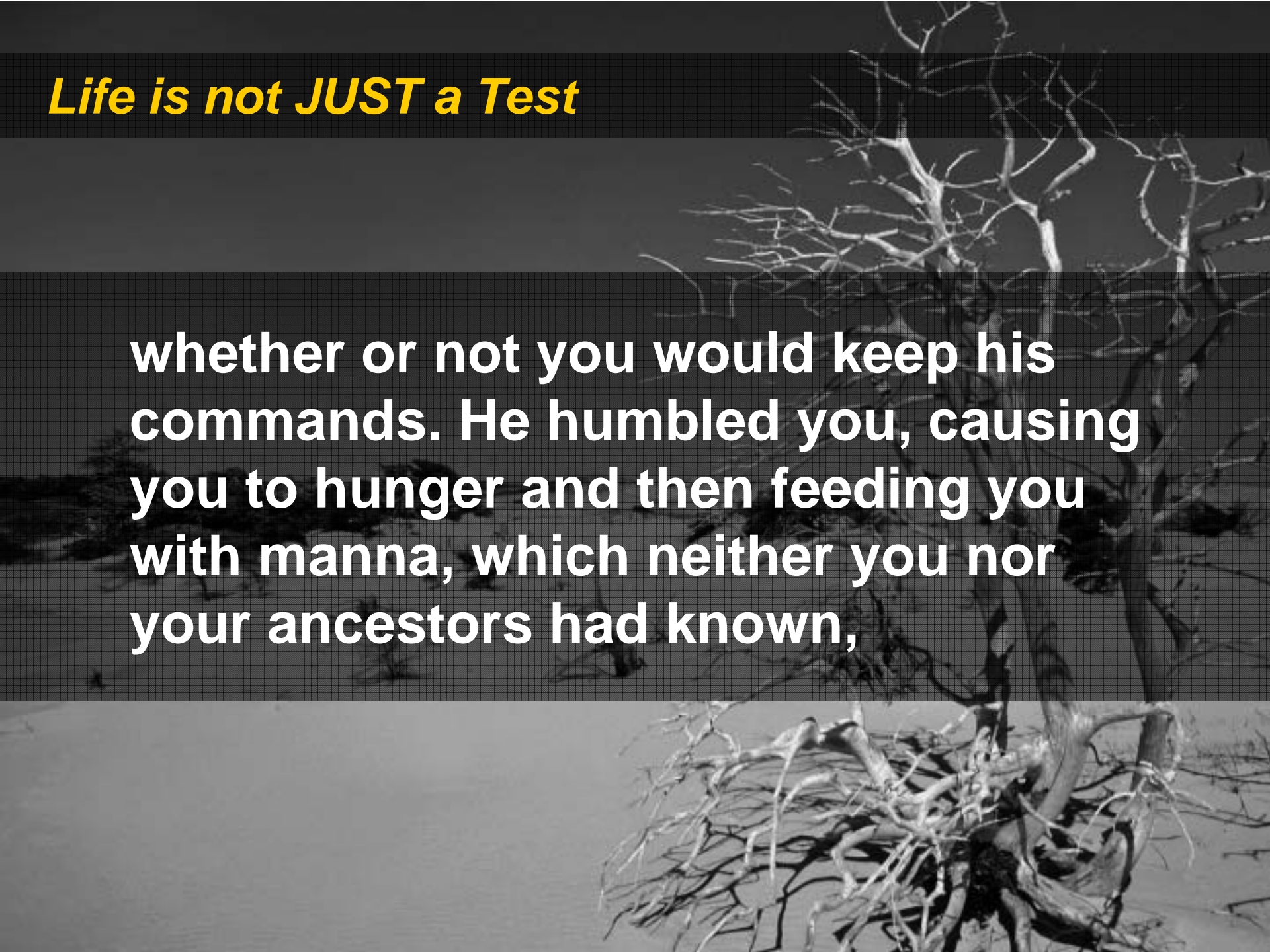
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**Galatians 6:16**

The Church (comprised of both believing ethnic Jews and Gentiles) is “the Israel of God.”

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**Galatians 3: 26-29**

So in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith.... There is neither Jew nor Gentile, neither slave nor free, neither male nor female,



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**for you are all one in Christ Jesus.  
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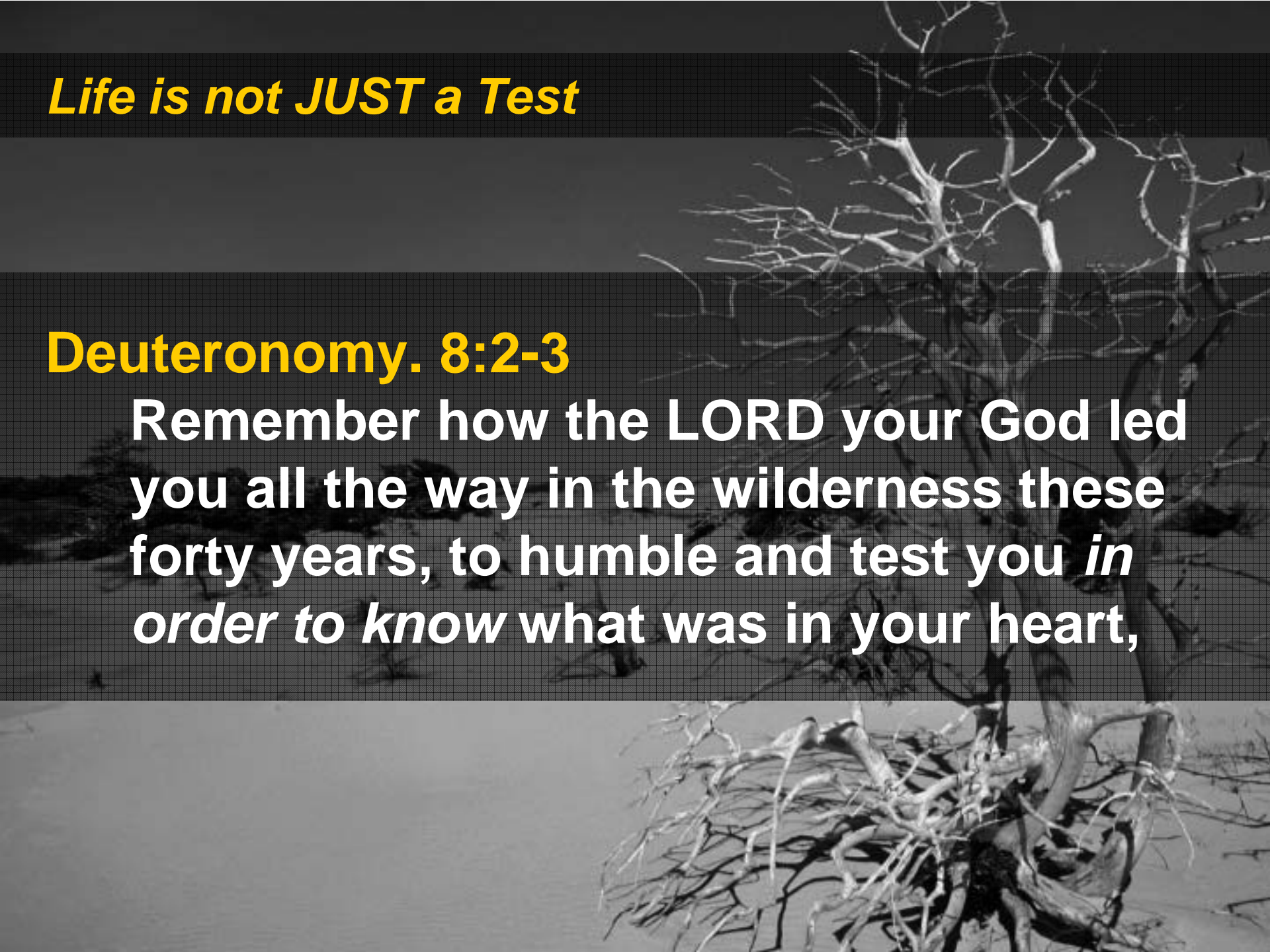
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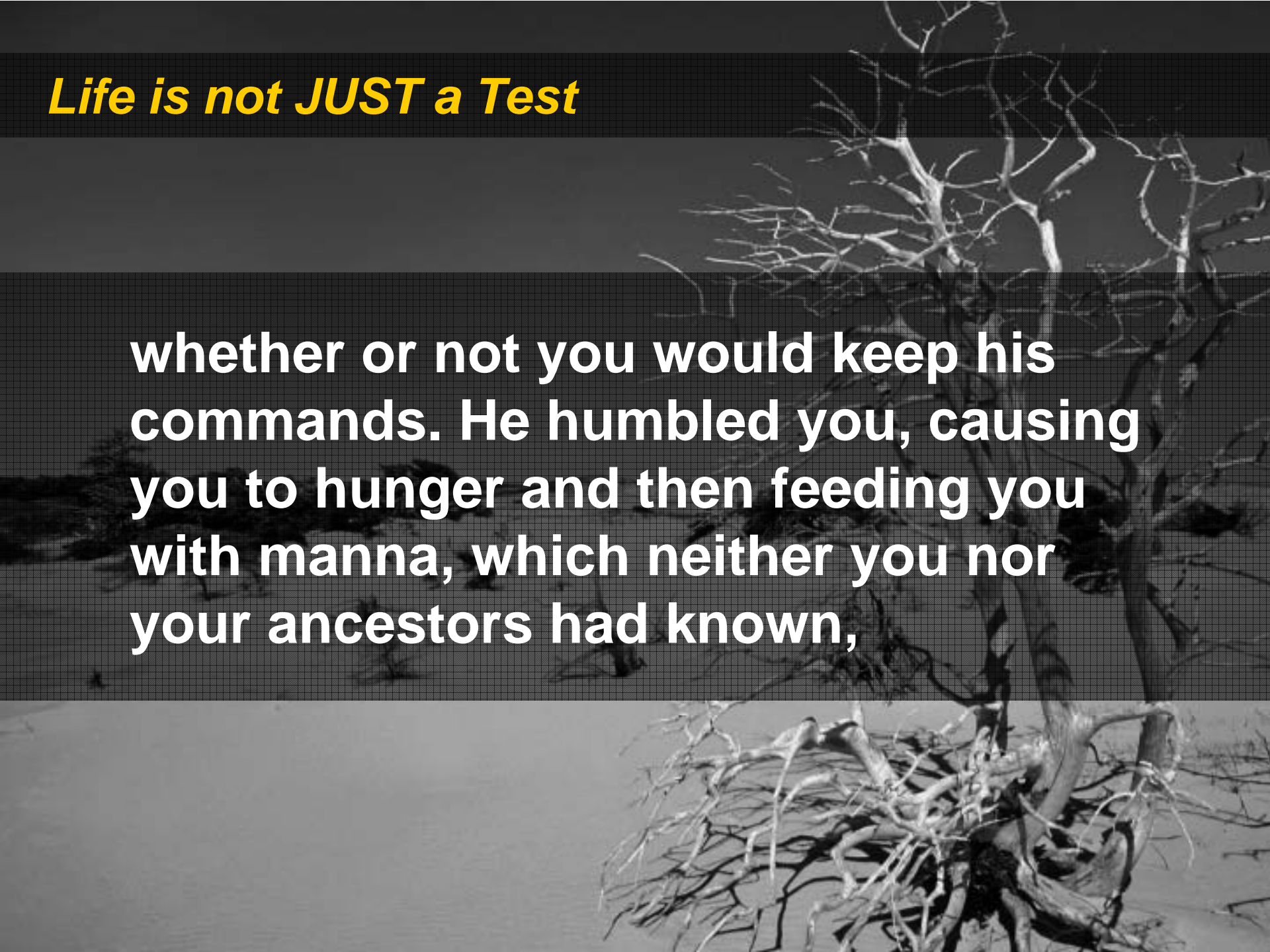
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A black and white photograph of a dead, gnarled tree in a desert landscape. The tree is the central focus, with its intricate, leafless branches reaching upwards and outwards. The ground is sandy and sparsely covered with small, dry shrubs. The background shows a vast, open desert under a clear sky.

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## **Deuteronomy 13:3**

...you must not listen to the words of [a false] prophet or dreamer. The LORD your God is testing you *to find out* whether you love him with all your heart and with all your soul.



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**Exodus 16:4**

**Then the LORD said to Moses, “I will rain down bread from heaven for you. The people are to go out each day and gather enough for that day. In this way I will test them *and* see whether they will follow my instructions.**



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**Genesis 22:12**

**“Do not lay a hand on the boy,” he said.... “*Now I know* that you fear God, because you have not withheld from me your son, your only son.”**



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## **Hebrews 5:8-9**

Son though he was, he learned obedience from what he suffered, and, once made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him.



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**Typical American Religious Mindset**

**Save me ---->> Bless me**

**Out of Egypt ---->> Into Promise Land**



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## God's Program

> save me

> refine me

> test me

> refine me

> test me

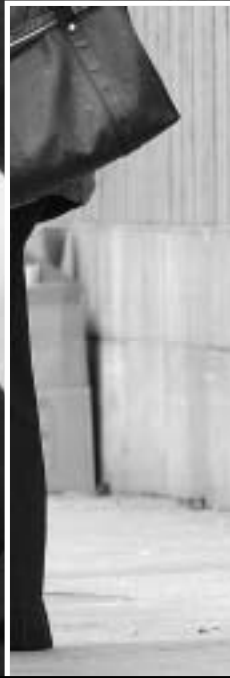
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**How are *you*  
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