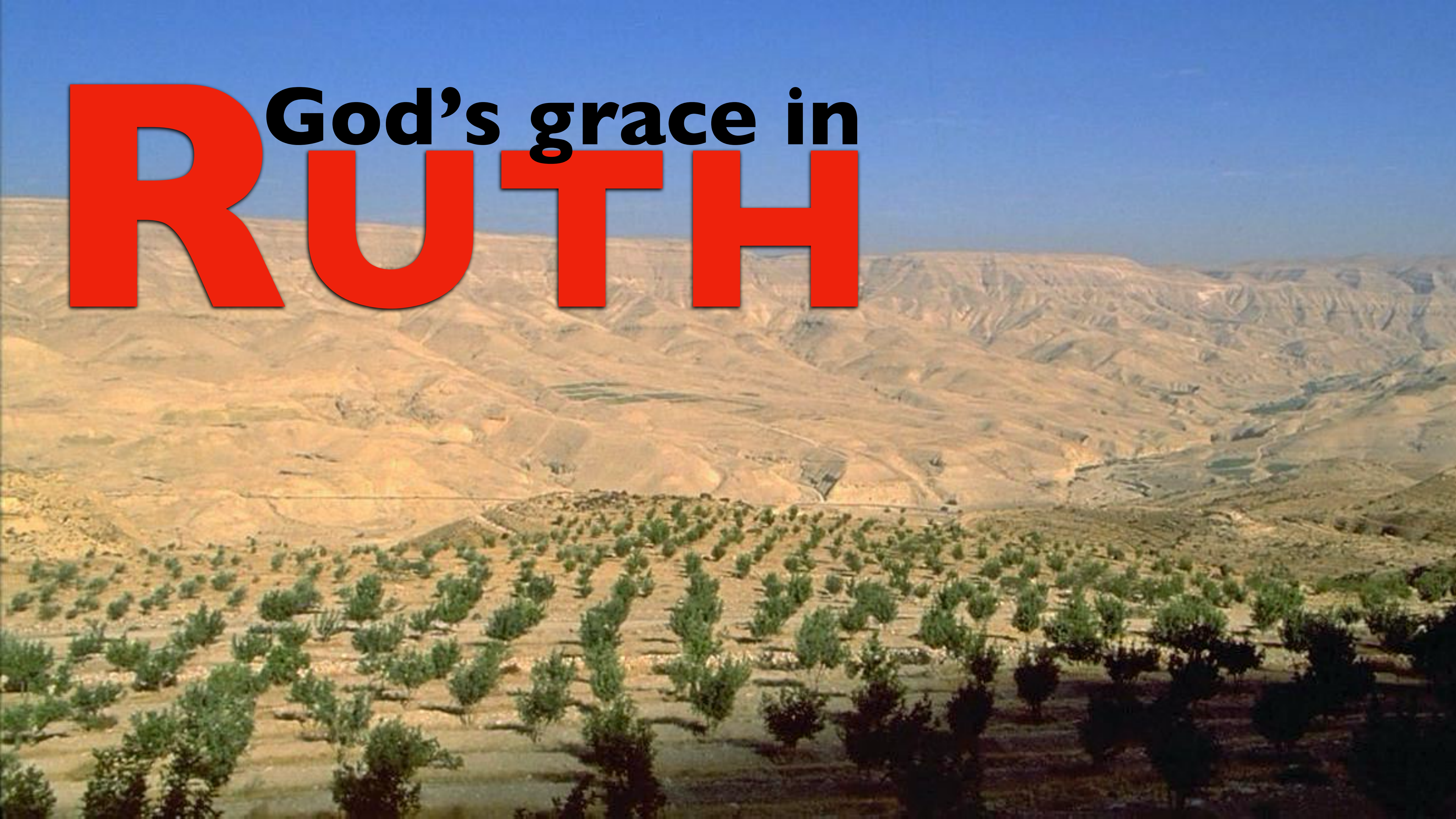
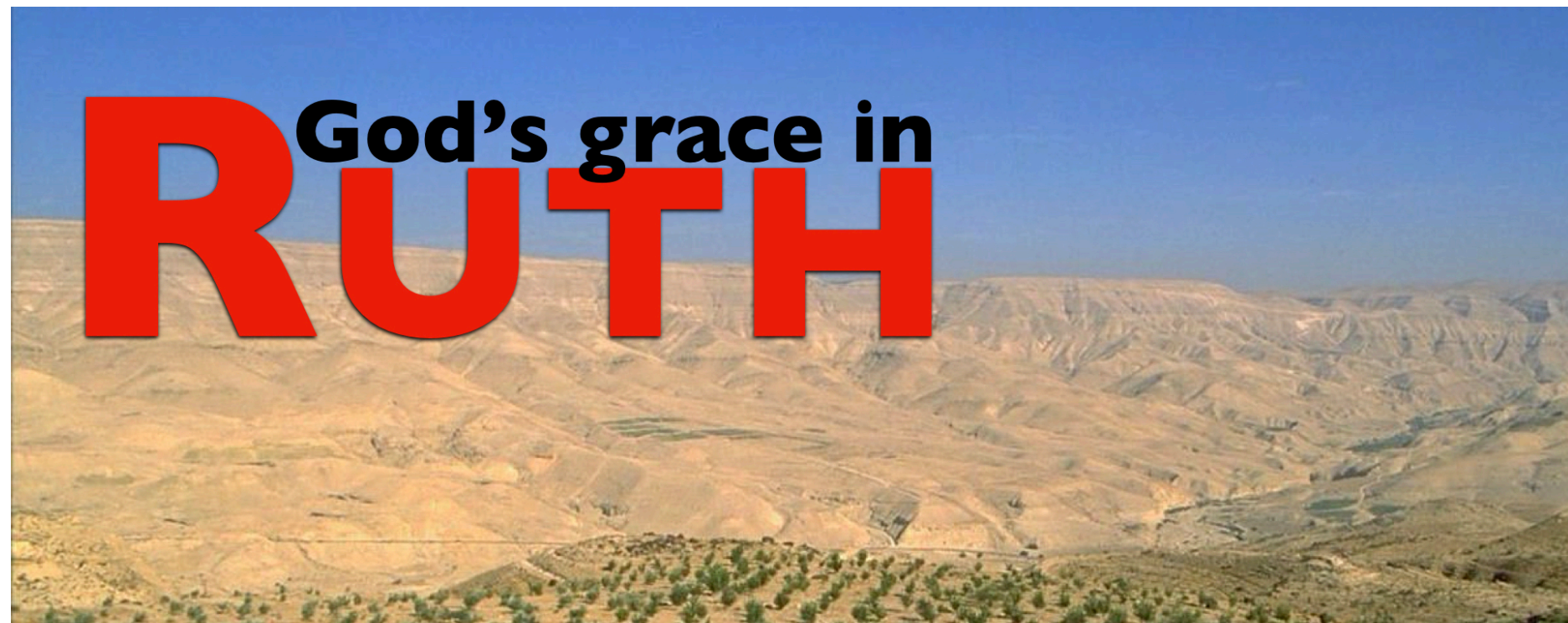


God's grace in
RUTH

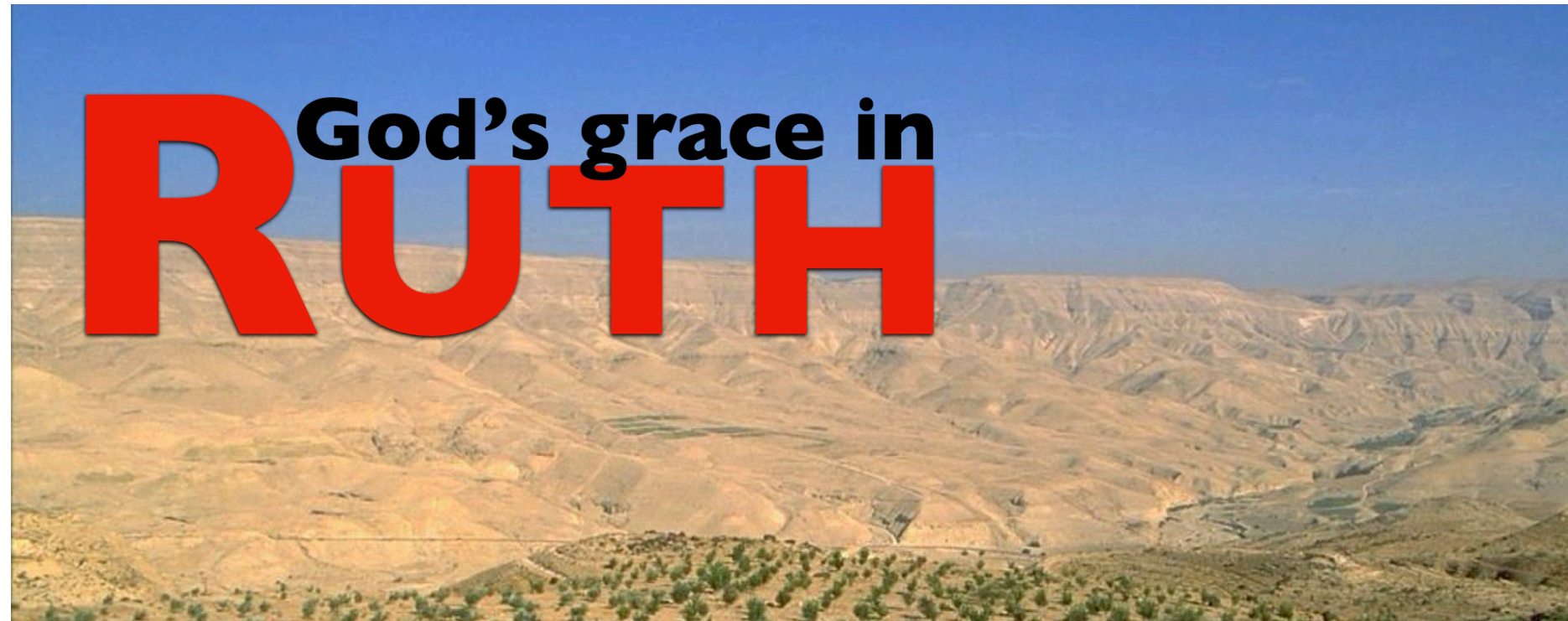




The Prosaic Ruth

What you **do not find** in Ruth ...

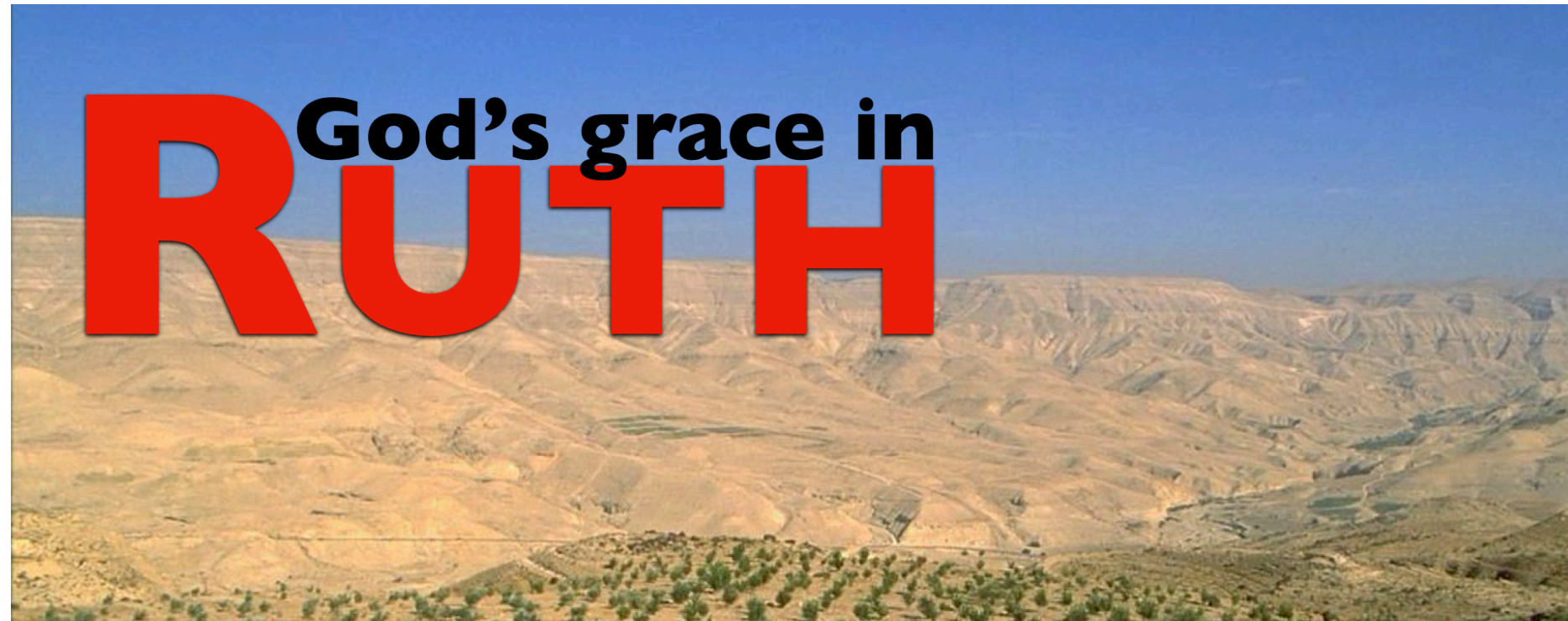
- No big name **kings** • **priests** • **prophets** • **cities**
- No **enemies** • **armies** • **wars** • **battles** • **victories** • **losses**
- No **miracles** • **theophanies** • **angelic appearances**
- No **major events** • **cataclysmic/earth shattering changes**
- No references to **priests** • **sacrifices** • **worship** (public/private)
- No condemnation of **idolatry** • **immorality/ungodliness**
- No condemnation of **failing to love God** • **failing to love neighbor**



The Prosaic Ruth

What you **do find** in Ruth ...

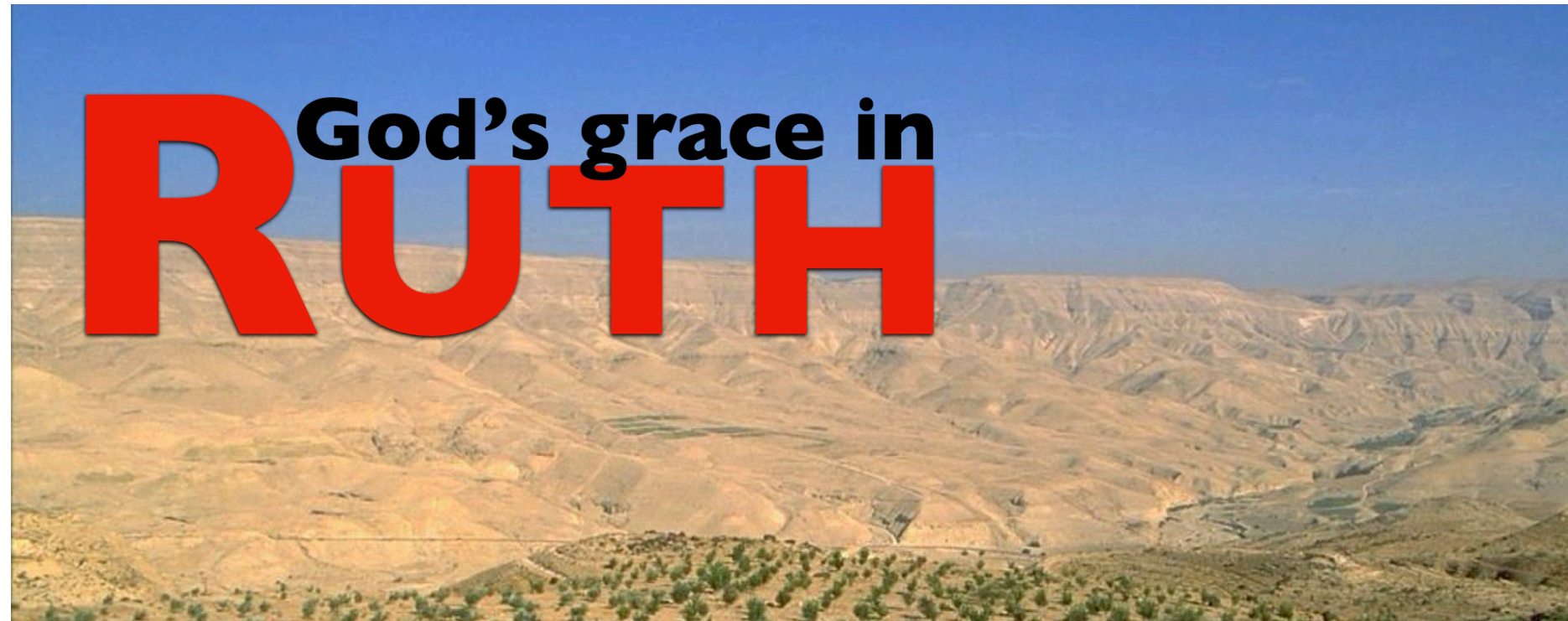
- **Common** people
 - Jews: **Elimelech** • **Naomi** • **Mahlon** • **Chilion** • **Boaz**
 - Moabites: **Orpah** • **Ruth**
- **Normal** circumstances:
 - Physical: **Famine** • **travel** • **harvest** (work) • **community**
 - Life events: **Marriages** • **death** • **sorrow** • **bitterness** • **friendships**



The Poetic Ruth

What you **do find** in Ruth ...

- **Common** people demonstrating:
 - Care/kindness/respect: **Ruth** • **Bethlehemites** • **Boaz** • Mara -> **Naomi**
 - Benevolence: **Ruth** • **Boaz** • **Boaz's servants**
 - Respect for principle: **Ruth** • **Naomi** • **Boaz** • **nearer kinsman**
- **Providential** circumstances:
 - Physical: **harvest time** • **Boaz's field** • **Boaz's protection**
 - Physical/spiritual: **Near kinsman** • **property rights** • **seed line protection**



The Poetic Ruth

What you **do find** in Ruth ...

- **Faith** in God: **Ruth** • **Naomi** • **Boaz** • **Boaz's servants** •
- **kinsman witnesses** • **townspeople**
- **New** faith in God: **Ruth**
- **Renewed** faith in God: **Naomi**
- **Continued** faith in God: **Boaz** • **Boaz's servants** • **witnesses** • **townspeople**
- Judges versus Ruth:
 - **Physical** vs **spiritual** • **disobedience** vs **obedience**
 - **No king** in Israel vs the **coming king** in Israel
 - The **coming king** in Israel -> the **perfect king** over Israel/world

