

The Harvest

A Season of Biblical Truths



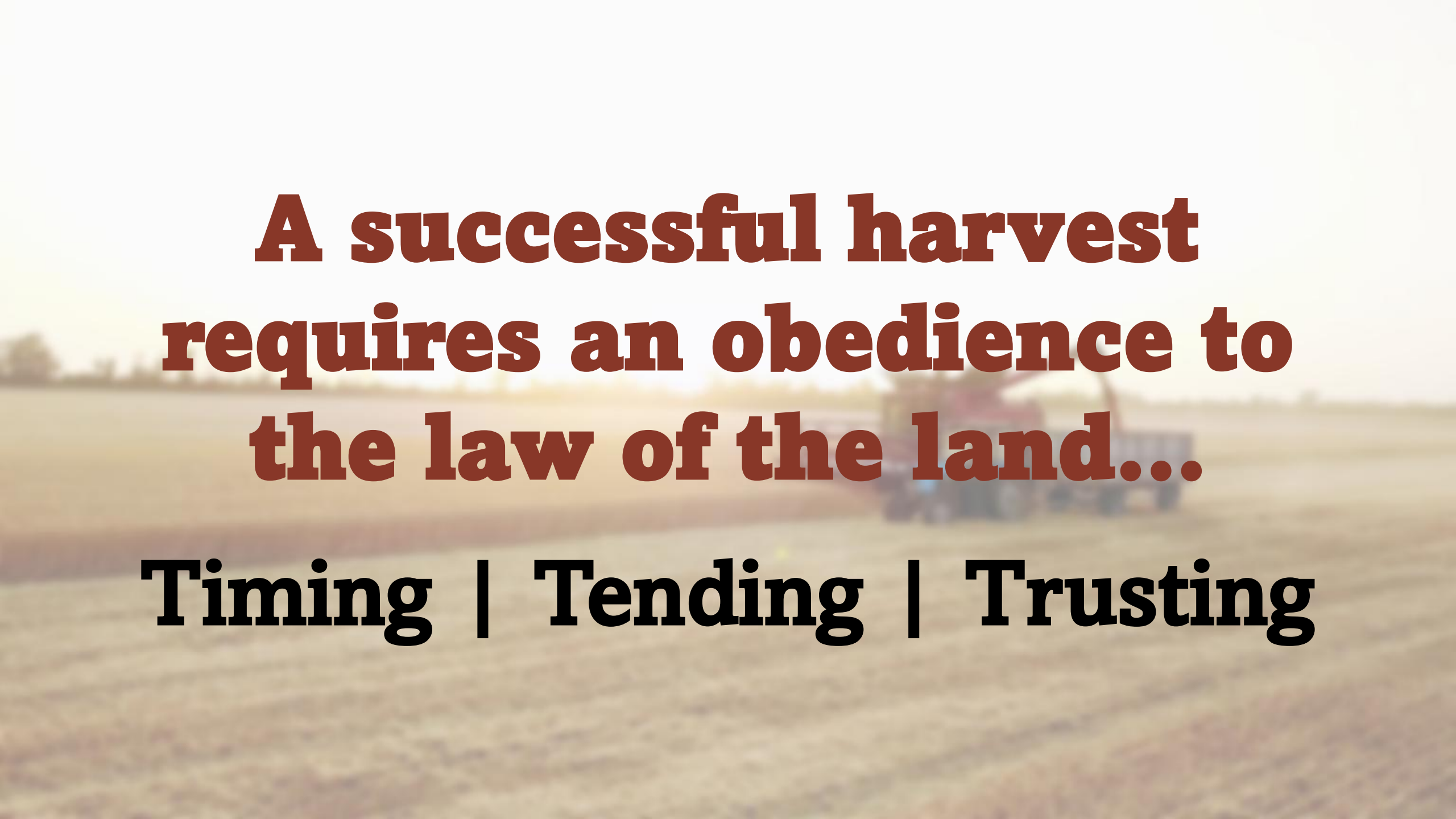


The Harvest

teaches us about obedience.

***For everything there is a season,
a time for every activity under heaven...
A time to plant and a time to harvest.***

- Ecclesiastes 3:1-2



**A successful harvest
requires an obedience to
the law of the land...**

Timing | Tending | Trusting

“If you follow my decrees and are careful to obey my commands, I will send you the seasonal rains. The land will yield its crops, and the trees of the field will produce their fruit.”

- Leviticus 26:3-5

“Your threshing season will overlap with the grape harvest, and your grape harvest will overlap with the season of planting grain. You will eat your fill and live securely in your own land.”

- Leviticus 26:3-5



**Obedience to God
yields a harvest
of blessing...**

Soil of Obedience

PREPARING THE HEART

***“Plant the good seed of righteousness,
and you will harvest a crop of love. Plow up
the hard ground of your hearts, for now is the
time to seek the Lord, that he may come and
shower righteousness upon you.”***

- Hosea 10:12

Soil of Obedience

PREPARING THE HEART

We need to acknowledge the hard ground in our life caused by delayed or resisted obedience... SIN. Growth is impossible with a hard heart; it needs to be tilled through obedience.

Soil of Obedience

PREPARING THE HEART

Be a “Farmer of Faith” like Ezekiel...

He obeyed God’s command to prophesy a restoration that would transform the stony, stubborn hearts of God’s repentant people into tender, responsive hearts. (Ez. 36:26)

Seed of Obedience

TRUSTING GOD'S PROCESS

***Don't just listen to God's word.
You must do what it says. Otherwise,
you are only fooling yourselves. For if you
listen to the word and don't obey, it is like
glancing at your face in the mirror.***

- James 1:22-23

Seed of Obedience

TRUSTING GOD'S PROCESS

**Just as a seed needs to be planted, so
does the Word of God. Obedience
often begins in hidden places;
although unseen beneath the surface,
we need to trust it will bear fruit.**

Seed of Obedience

TRUSTING GOD'S PROCESS

Be a “Farmer of Faith” like Abram...

He obeyed when God called him to leave home and travel to some undisclosed, far-off land. He trusted God without knowing where God was taking him. (Heb. 11:8)

Fruit of Obedience

REAPING THE REWARD

“If you fully obey the Lord your God and carefully keep all his commands that I am giving you today, (He) will set you high above all the nations of the world. You will experience all these blessings if you obey the Lord your God.”

- Deuteronomy 28:1-2

Fruit of Obedience

REAPING THE REWARD

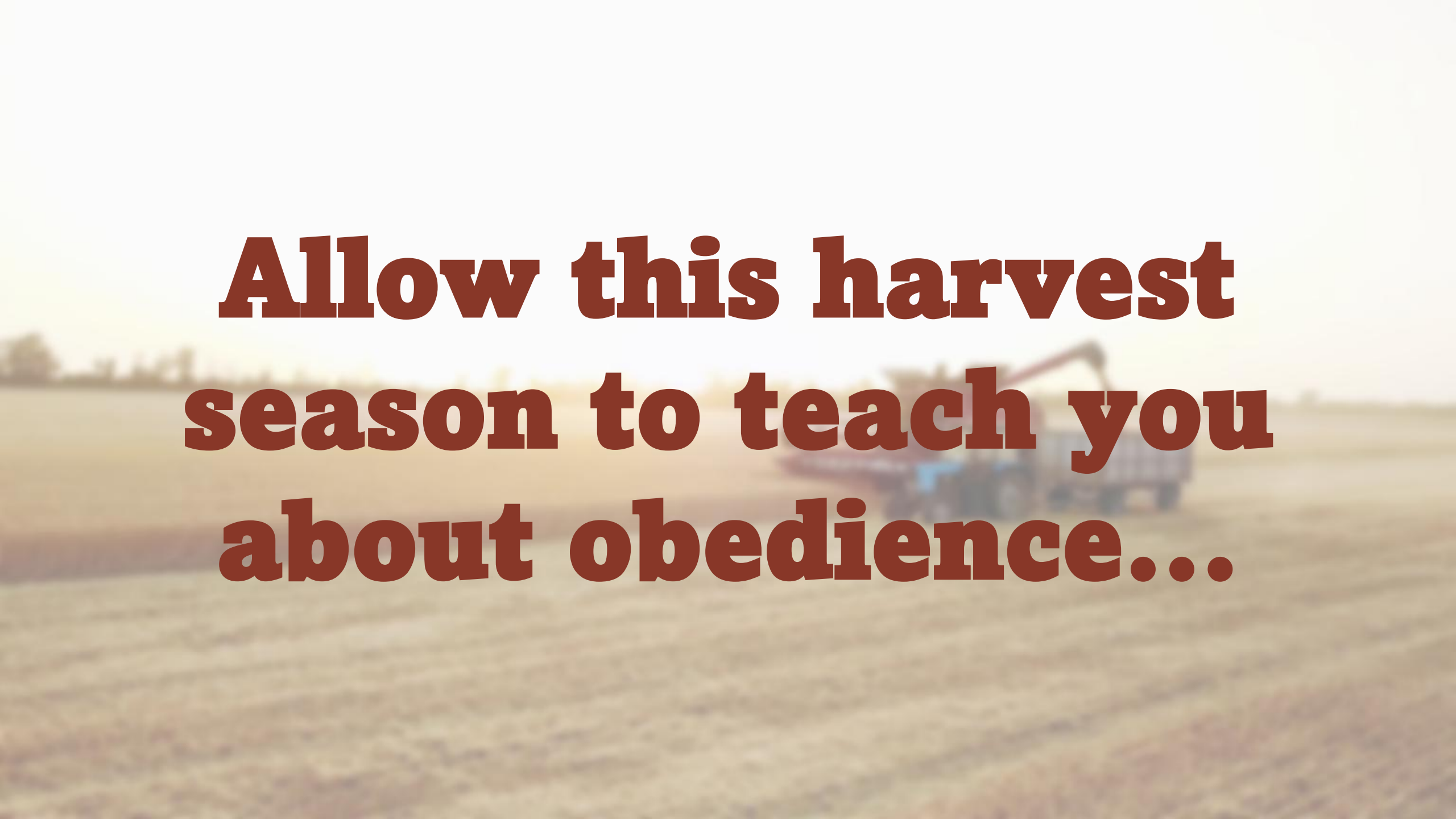
**The harvest is a result of obedience.
We cannot get distracted when God's
blessings aren't instant; a delayed
harvest doesn't mean a denied
harvest... the fruit is always worth it.**

Fruit of Obedience

REAPING THE REWARD

Be a “Farmer of Faith” like Joseph...

He obeyed God and remained faithful despite the difficulties he endured; explaining to his brothers that God’s plans were bigger than the evil they intended. (Gen. 50:20)



**Allow this harvest
season to teach you
about obedience...**

Soil of Obedience

“God, reveal the hard ground in my heart.”

Seed of Obedience

“God, plant your Word deep within my soul.”

Fruit of Obedience

“God, help me patiently await the blessing.”

Farmers of Faith

***You will always harvest what you plant.
Those who live only to satisfy their sinful
nature will harvest decay and death
from that sinful nature. But those who
live to please the Spirit...***

- Galatians 6:7-9

Farmers of Faith

...will harvest everlasting life from the Spirit. So let's not get tired of doing what is good. At just the right time we will reap a harvest of blessing if we don't give up.

- Galatians 6:7-9

