

# RUTH



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15“Look,” said Naomi, “your sister-in-law has gone back to her people and her gods; follow her back home.”16 But Ruth replied:

“Do not urge me to leave you or to turn from following you. For wherever you go, I will go, and wherever you live, I will live;

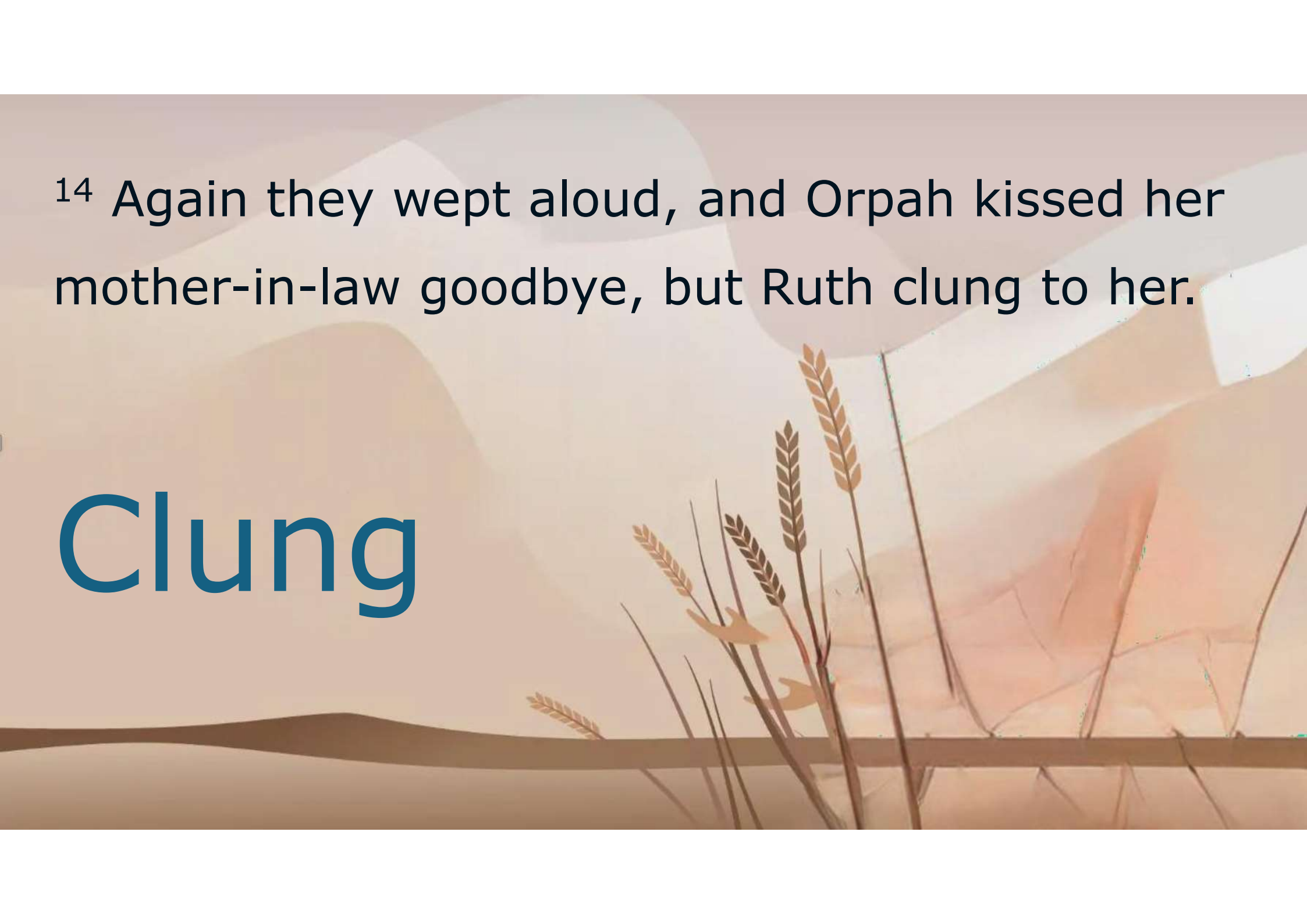
your people will be my people, and your God will be my God.

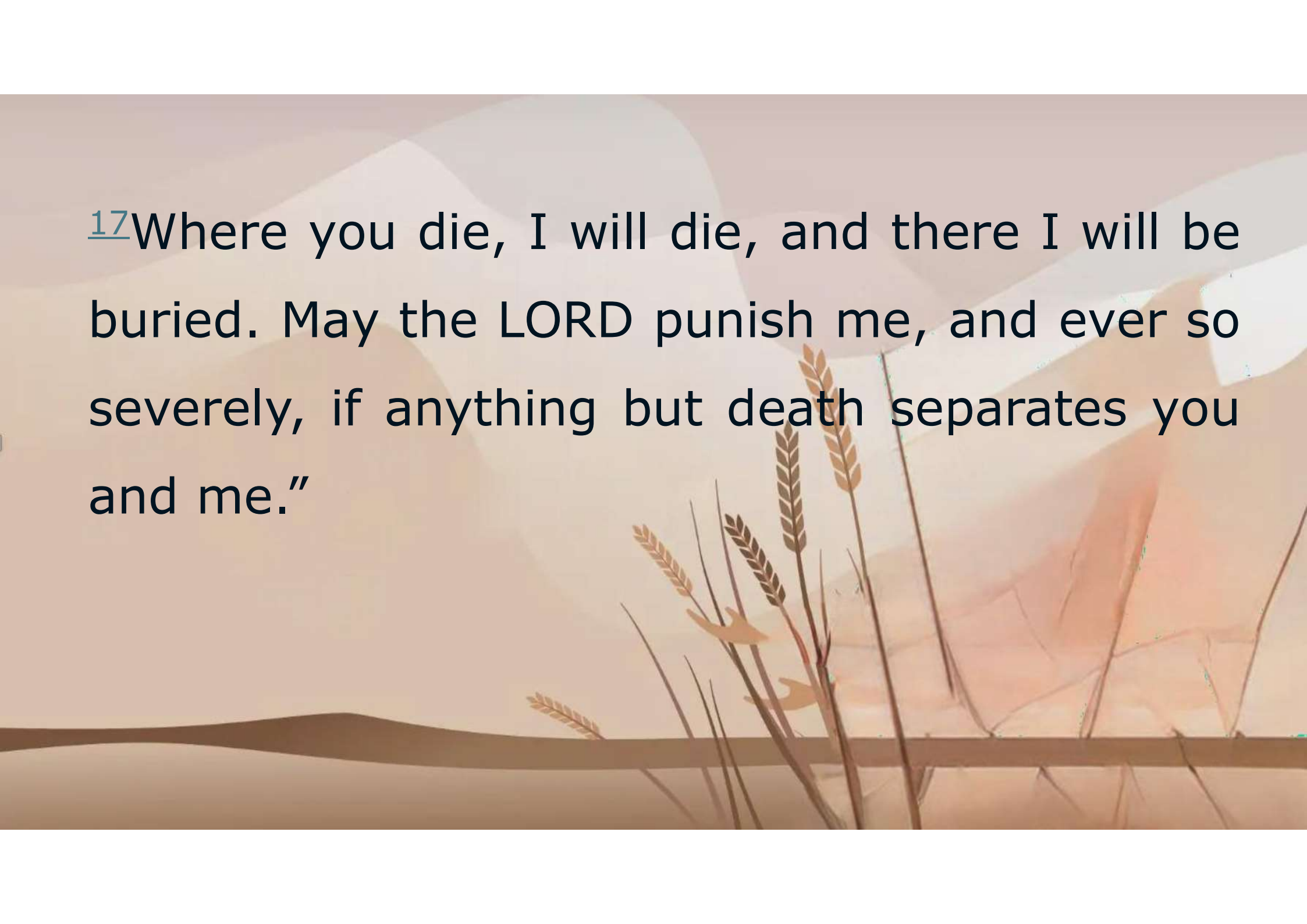
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<sup>14</sup> Again they wept aloud, and Orpah kissed her mother-in-law goodbye, but Ruth clung to her.

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17Where you die, I will die, and there I will be buried. May the LORD punish me, and ever so severely, if anything but death separates you and me."



The field of humility is often  
the place of blessing.



