



# *Hezekiah - Faith to Overcome*

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Building Faith in Desperate Times

Class 4 - Making Preparations

Reading: 2 Chronicles 32:1-8

A wide-angle photograph of a vast field of golden wheat stretching to the horizon. The sky is filled with heavy, dark, textured clouds, creating a dramatic and somewhat somber atmosphere. The lighting is soft, highlighting the texture of the wheat stalks.

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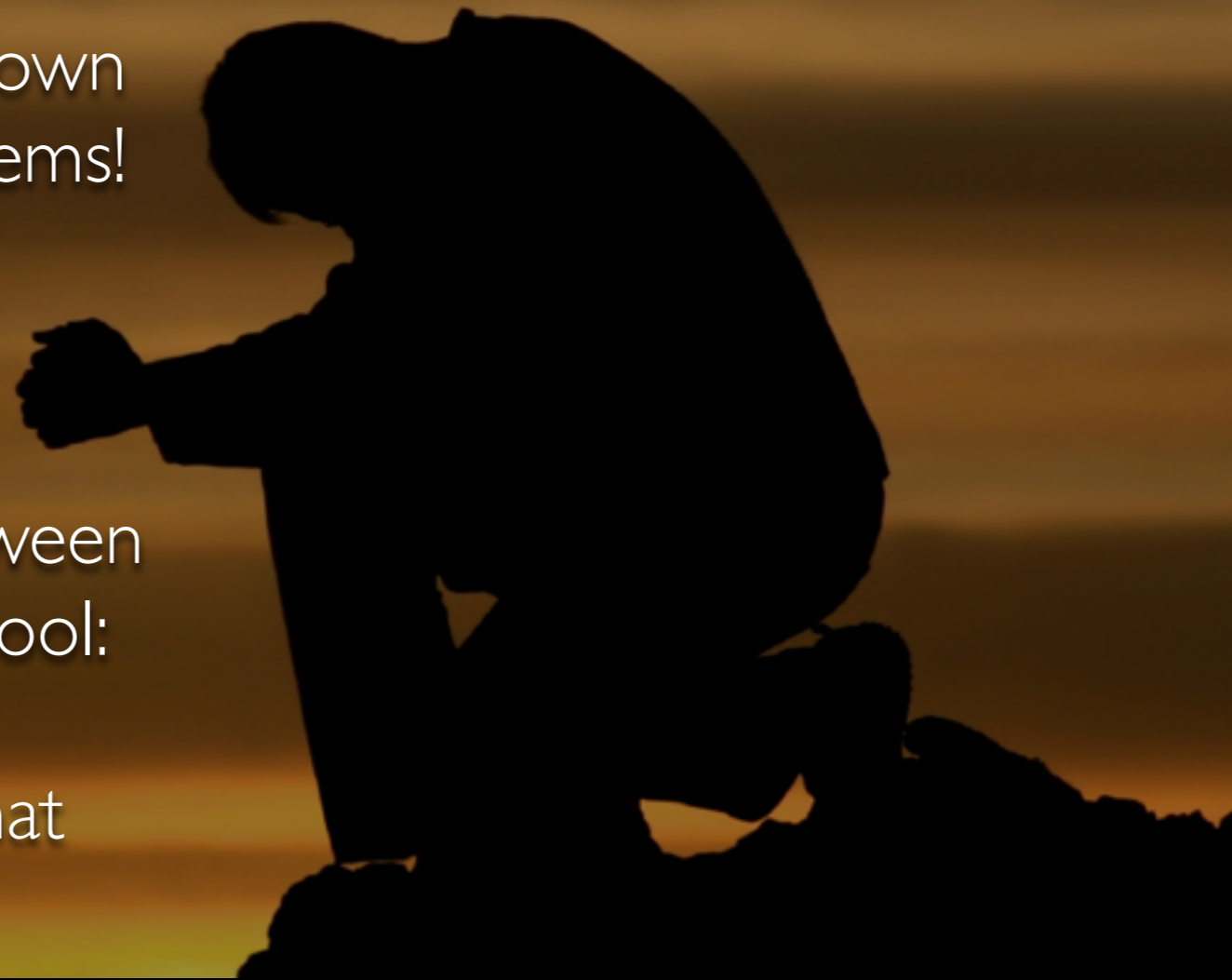
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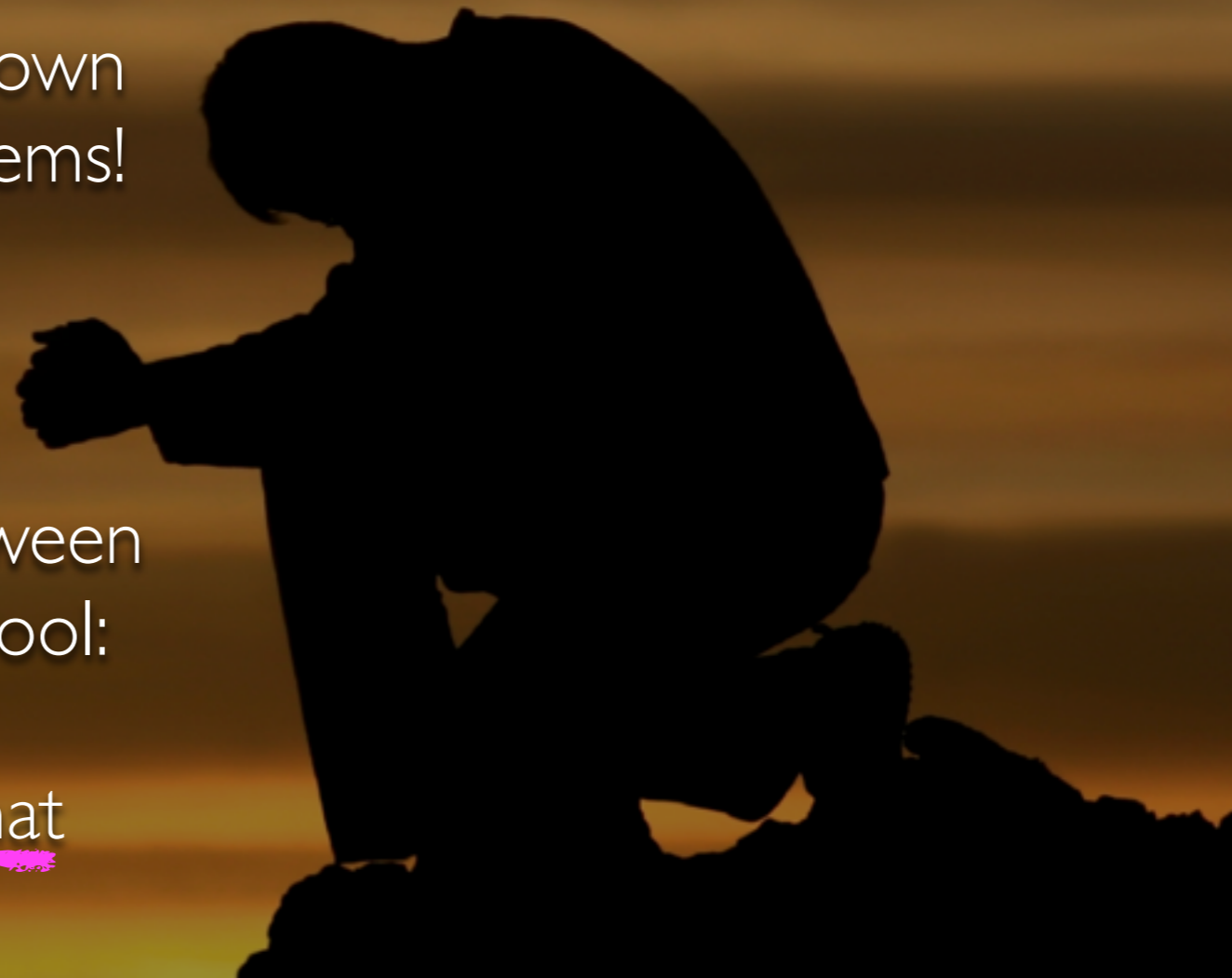
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