



A close-up, slightly blurred photograph of a person's hand holding an open book. The book is open to a page with text, though the text is not legible. The background is a soft, out-of-focus grey. The overall tone is educational and focused.

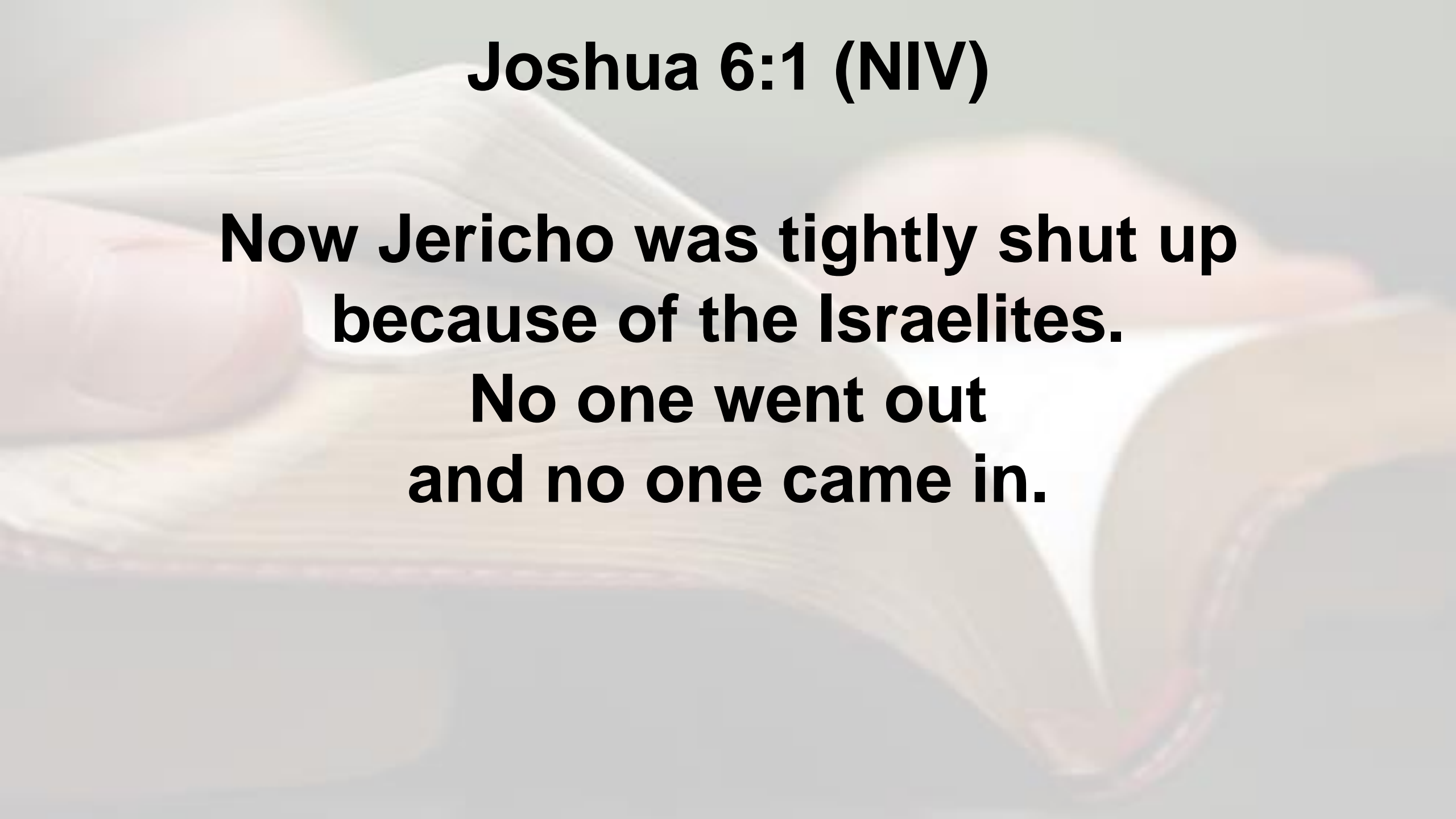
# **Obedience**

**(Joshua 6)**

**Winning Strategies, No. 4**



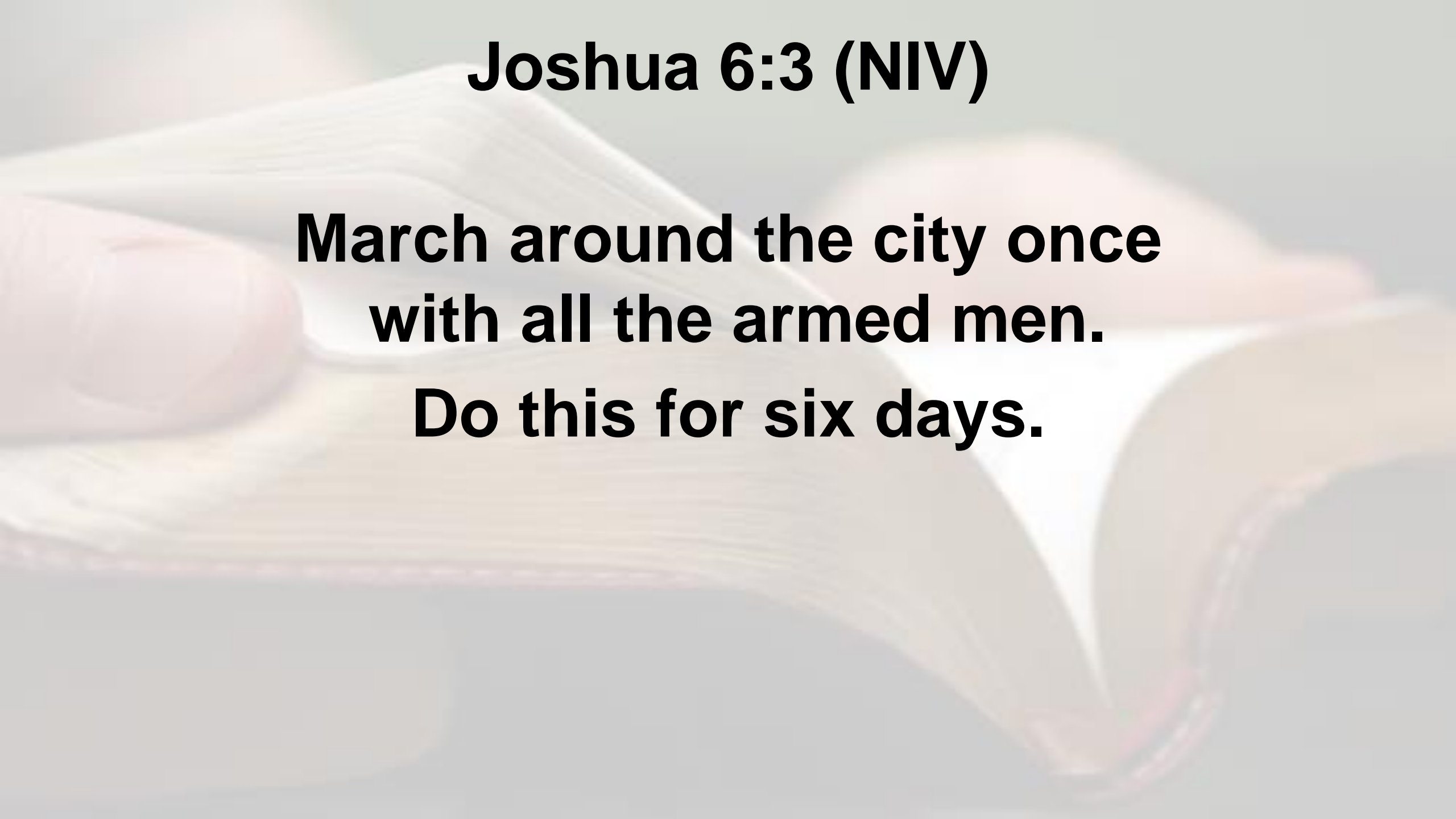


An open book is shown in the background, with its pages slightly blurred. The text is overlaid on the book. The text is in a bold, black, sans-serif font. The background is a light, neutral color.

## **Joshua 6:1 (NIV)**

**Now Jericho was tightly shut up  
because of the Israelites.**

**No one went out  
and no one came in.**

An open book with text overlaid. The text is in bold black font. The background is a blurred image of an open book with hands holding the pages.

# **Joshua 6:3 (NIV)**

**March around the city once  
with all the armed men.**

**Do this for six days.**



## **Joshua 6:4 (NIV)**

**Have seven priests carry trumpets of rams' horns in front of the ark.**

**On the seventh day,  
march around the city seven times,  
with the priests blowing the trumpets.**

## **Joshua 6:5 (NIV)**

**When you hear them sound  
a long blast on the trumpets,  
have all the people give a loud shout;  
then the wall of the city will collapse  
and the people will go up,  
every man straight in.”**

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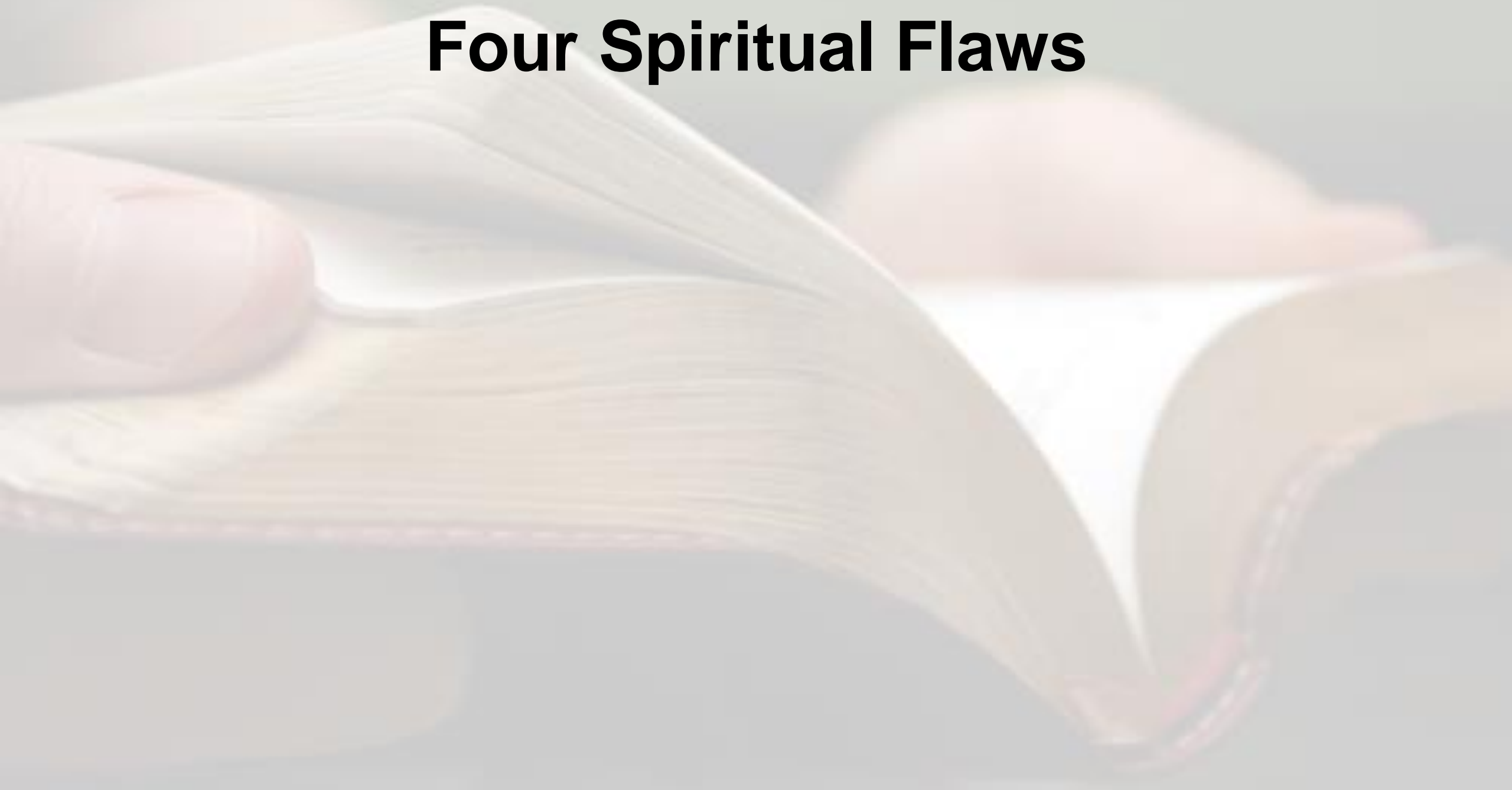
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**All the problems you will ever have  
are specifically addressed  
in the Bible.**





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## **Flaw #3:**

**If you're having problems,  
you're unspiritual.**

A close-up photograph of a person's hand holding an open Bible. The pages are white and the text is printed in black. The background is slightly blurred, focusing attention on the book and the text overlaid on it.

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**Being exposed  
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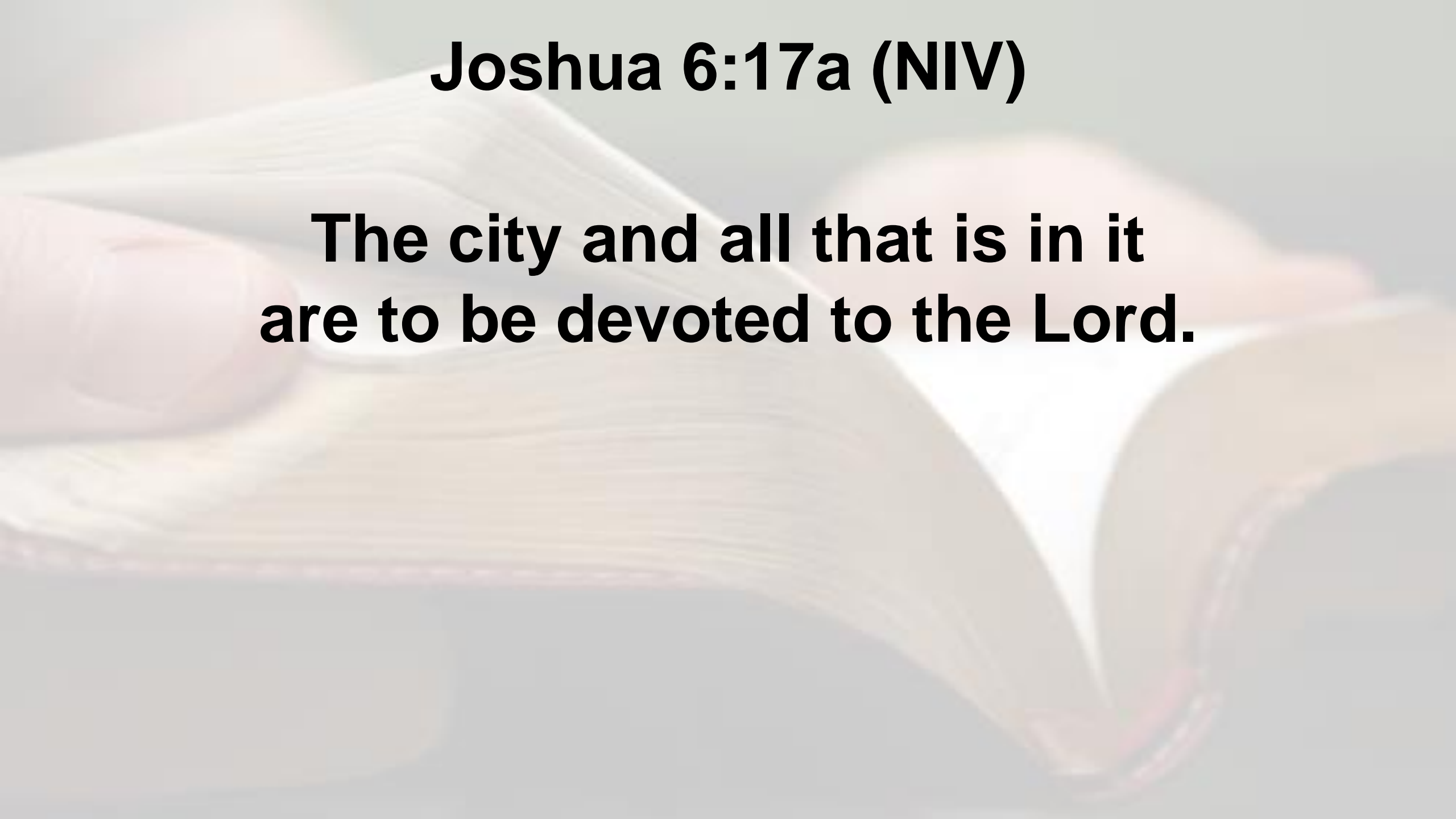




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## **Joshua 6:17a (NIV)**

**The city and all that is in it  
are to be devoted to the Lord.**

## **Joshua 6:19 (NIV)**

**All the silver and gold and the articles of  
bronze and iron  
are sacred to the Lord  
and must go into his treasury.”**

# **God's instructions sometimes...**

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## **Joshua 6:17b (NIV)**

**Only Rahab the prostitute  
and all who are with her in her house  
shall be spared,  
because she hid the spies we sent.**

## **Joshua 6:22 (NIV)**

**Joshua said to the two men who had spied out the land, “Go into the prostitute’s house and bring her out and all who belong to her, in accordance with your oath to her.”**

## **Joshua 6:23 (NIV)**

**So the young men who had done the spying went in and brought out Rahab, her father and mother and brothers and all who belonged to her. They brought out her entire family and put them in a place outside the camp of Israel.**

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  - God watches over his own.**



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