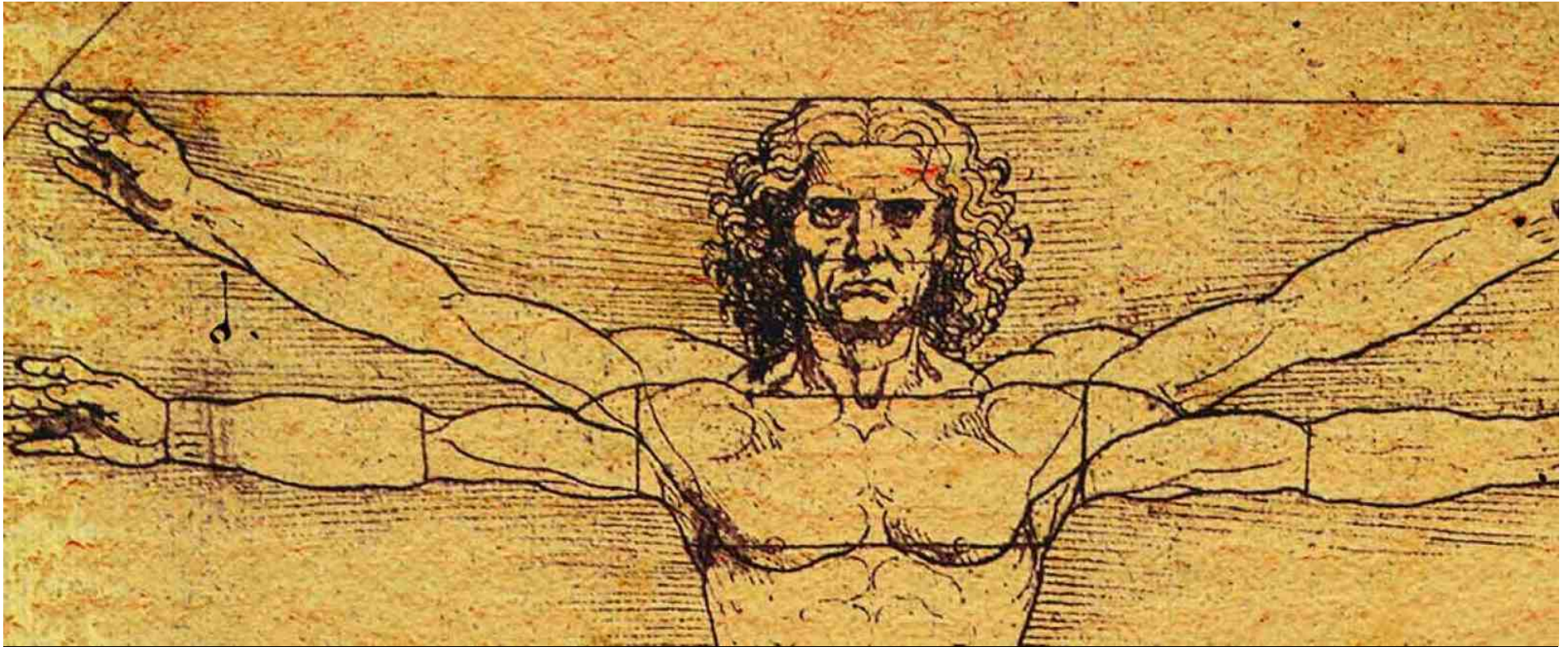


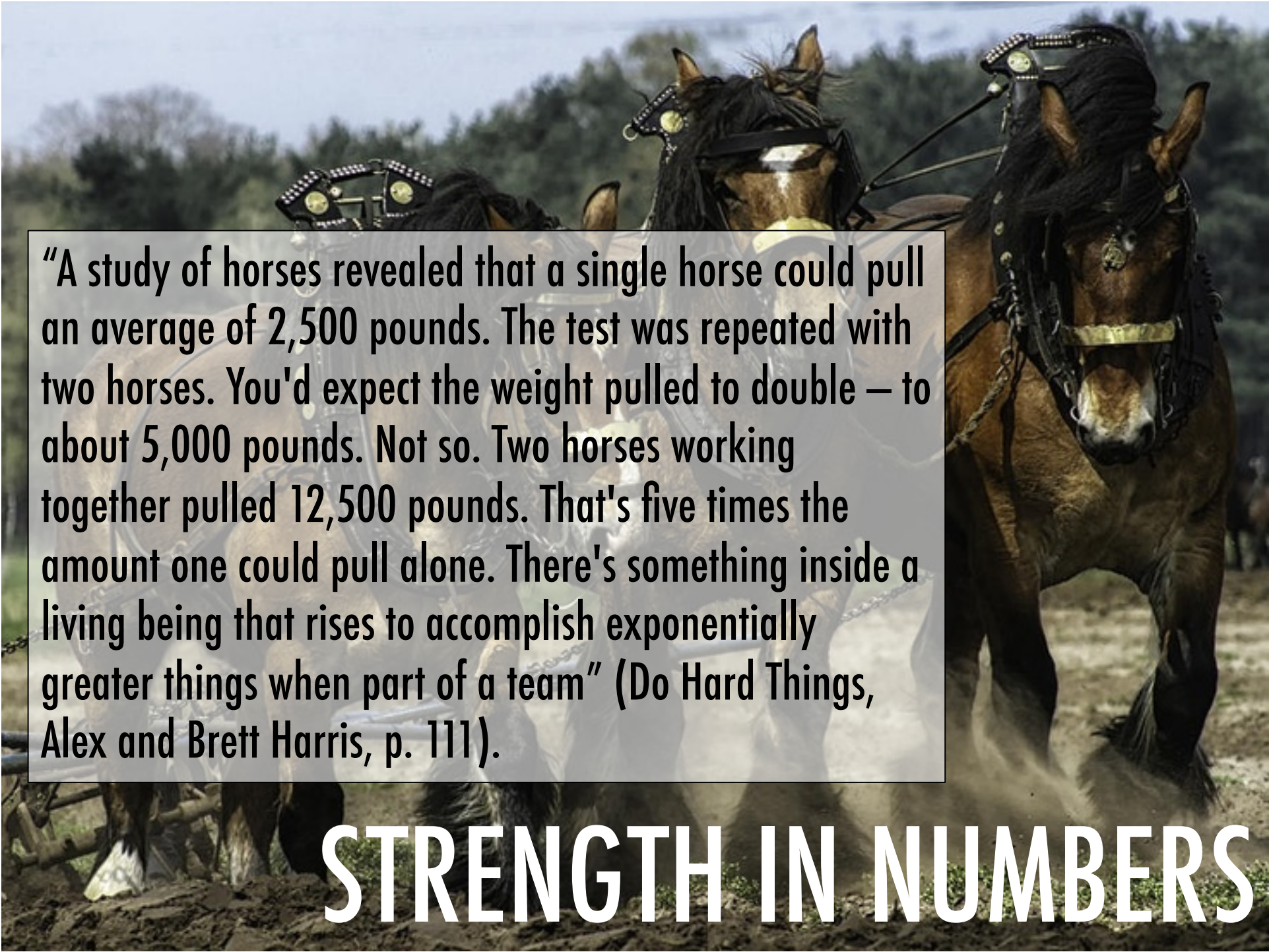
THE BURDEN BEARERS

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- Nehemiah 3 seems like an easy chapter to skip, yet the Holy Spirit included this long list of names and families for a reason!
- *Credit is given where credit is due* – Workers are remembered by God (Matthew 25:21).
- *All levels of society were expected to help* – Rich and poor, young and old, helped with the work.
- *While they were building a wall, they were also building their faith!*

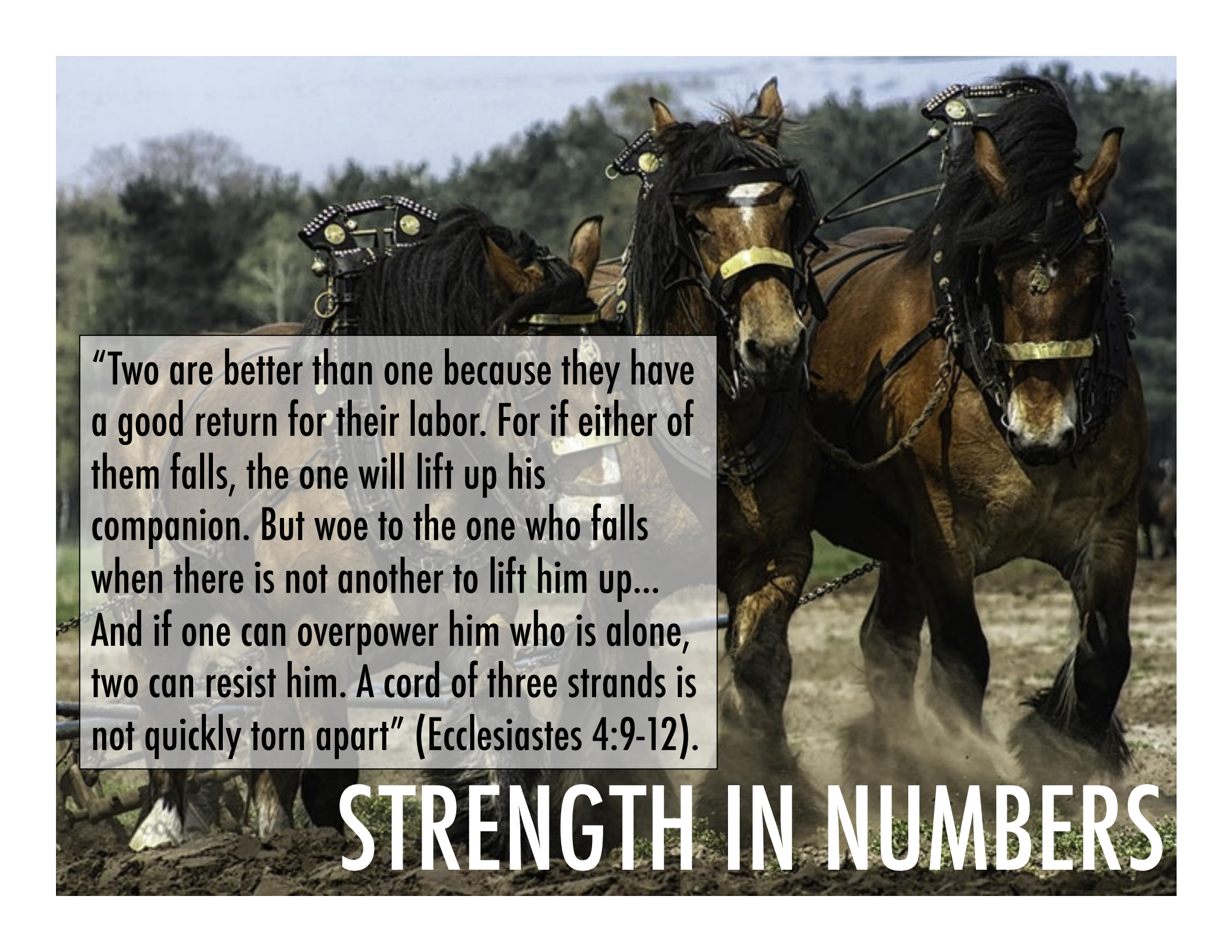


“From whom the whole body, being fitted and held together by that which every joint supplies, according to the proper working of each individual part, causes the growth of the body for the building up of itself in love” (Ephesians 4:16).

A photograph of three dark brown horses pulling a wooden plow in a field. The horses are harnessed together, and the lead horse on the right is in the foreground, pulling the plow. The background shows a line of trees under a clear sky. A semi-transparent text box is overlaid on the left side of the image.

"A study of horses revealed that a single horse could pull an average of 2,500 pounds. The test was repeated with two horses. You'd expect the weight pulled to double — to about 5,000 pounds. Not so. Two horses working together pulled 12,500 pounds. That's five times the amount one could pull alone. There's something inside a living being that rises to accomplish exponentially greater things when part of a team" (Do Hard Things, Alex and Brett Harris, p. 111).

STRENGTH IN NUMBERS

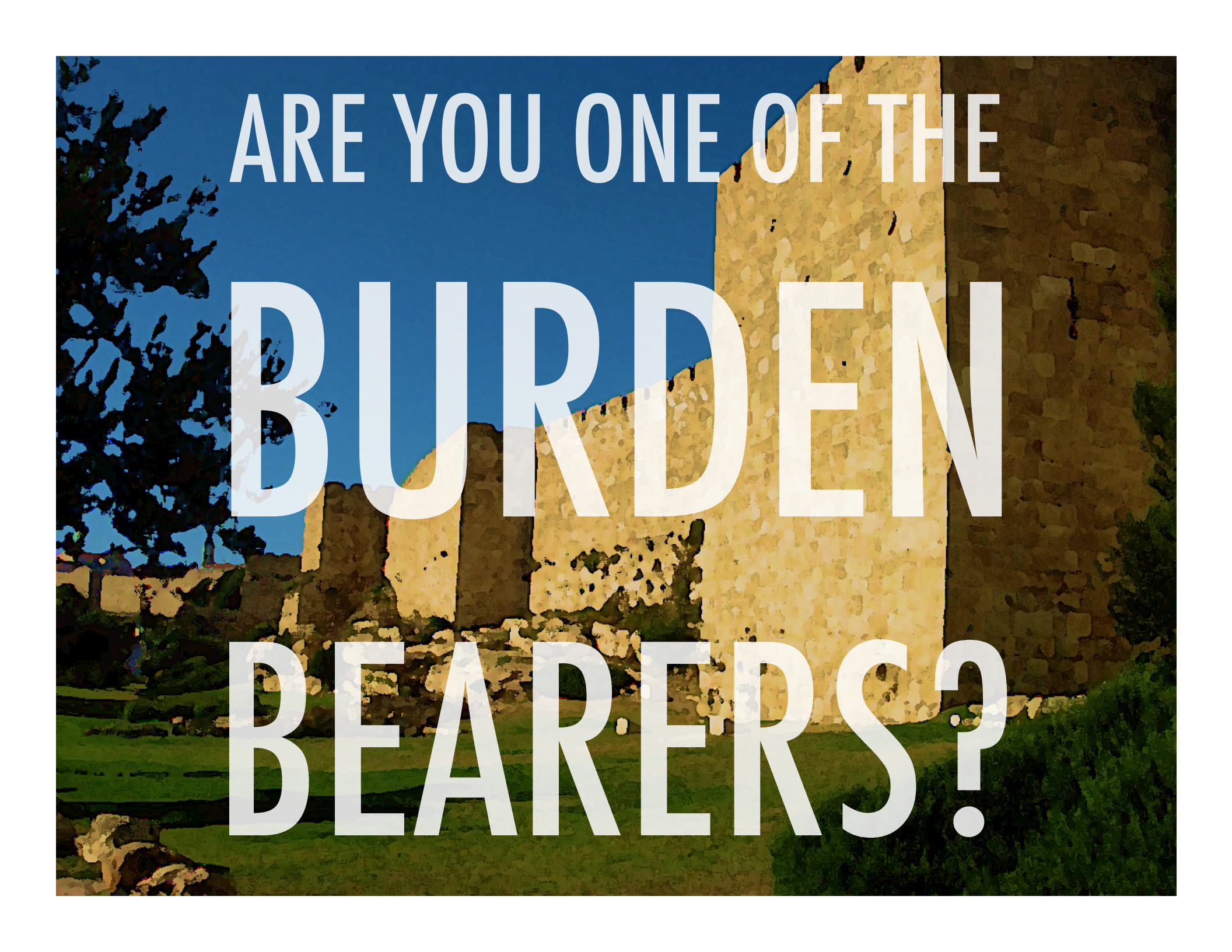
A photograph of three brown horses pulling a carriage, wearing ornate harnesses with brass accents. The horses are in motion, kicking up dust. The background is a blurred landscape with trees.

"Two are better than one because they have a good return for their labor. For if either of them falls, the one will lift up his companion. But woe to the one who falls when there is not another to lift him up... And if one can overpower him who is alone, two can resist him. A cord of three strands is not quickly torn apart" (Ecclesiastes 4:9-12).

STRENGTH IN NUMBERS

THREATENED BY OTHERS?

- Remove any ideas you have that the church is filled with only extremely talented people – you are welcome!
- Proverbs 13:20
- Proverbs 20:29
- The Bible has many examples of people who attached themselves to others who were more talented, experienced, or renowned. Rather than being intimidated, they saw the opportunity for growth.



ARE YOU ONE OF THE

BURDEN

BEARERS?