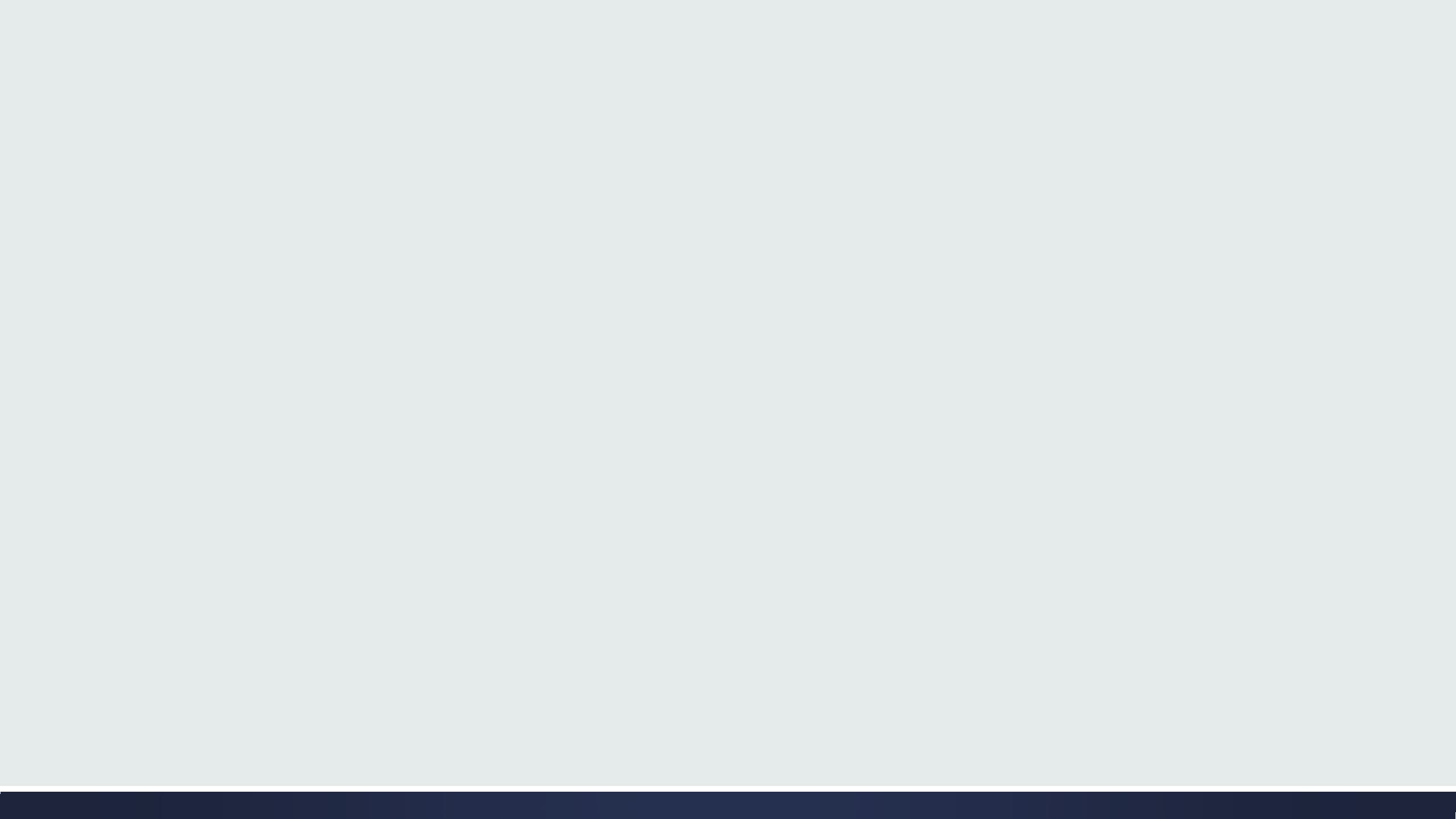




# Trained and Ready

Genesis 14:1-16



## Genesis 14:1-2

<sup>1</sup>In the days of Amraphel king of Shinar, Arioch king of Ellasar, Chedorlaomer king of Elam, and Tidal king of Goiim, <sup>2</sup>these kings made war with Bera king of Sodom, Birsha king of Gomorrah, Shinab king of Admah, Shemeber king of Zeboiim, and the king of Bela (that is, Zoar).

## Genesis 14:3-4

<sup>3</sup>And all these joined forces in the Valley of Siddim (that is, the Salt Sea). <sup>4</sup>Twelve years they had served Chedorlaomer, but in the thirteenth year they rebelled.

## Genesis 14:5-6

<sup>5</sup>In the fourteenth year Chedorlaomer and the kings who were with him came and defeated the Rephaim in Ashteroth-karnaim, the Zuzim in Ham, the Emim in Shaveh-kiriathaim, <sup>6</sup>and the Horites in their hill country of Seir as far as El-paran on the border of the wilderness.

Genesis 14:7

<sup>7</sup>Then they turned back and came to En-mishpat (that is, Kadesh) and defeated all the country of the Amalekites, and also the Amorites who were dwelling in Hazazon-tamar.

## Genesis 14:8-9

<sup>8</sup>Then the king of Sodom, the king of Gomorrah, the king of Admah, the king of Zeboiim, and the king of Bela (that is, Zoar) went out, and they joined battle in the Valley of Siddim <sup>9</sup>with Chedorlaomer king of Elam, Tidal king of Goiim, Amraphel king of Shinar, and Arioch king of Ellasar, four kings against five.

## Genesis 14:10

<sup>10</sup>Now the Valley of Siddim was full of bitumen pits, and as the kings of Sodom and Gomorrah fled, some fell into them, and the rest fled to the hill country.



## Genesis 14:11-12

<sup>11</sup>So the enemy took all the possessions of Sodom and Gomorrah, and all their provisions, and went their way. <sup>12</sup>They also took Lot, the son of Abram's brother, who was dwelling in Sodom, and his possessions, and went their way.

## Genesis 14:13

<sup>13</sup>Then one who had escaped came and told Abram the Hebrew, who was living by the oaks of Mamre the Amorite, brother of Eshcol and of Aner. These were allies of Abram.

## Genesis 14:14

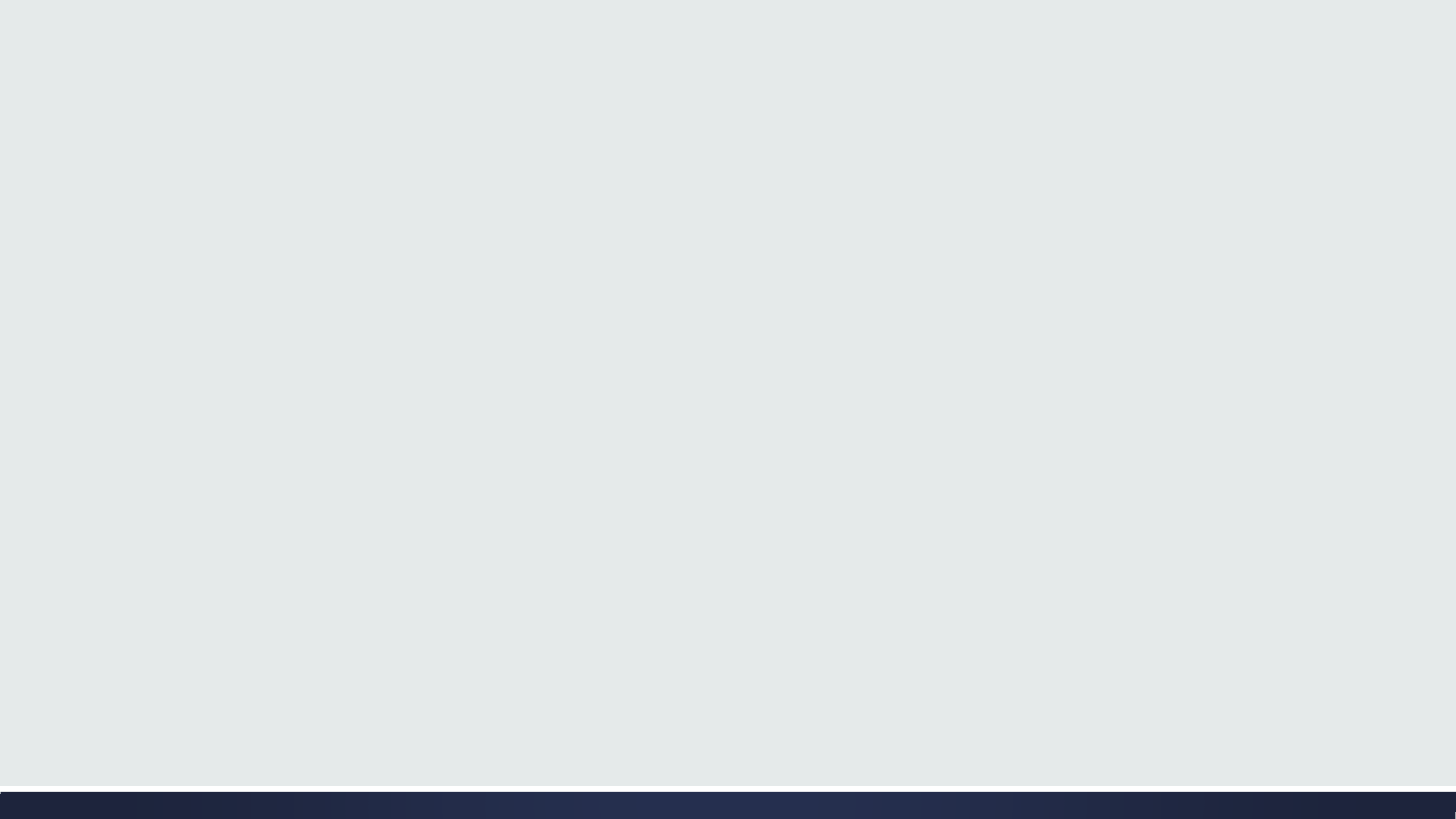
<sup>14</sup>When Abram heard that his kinsman had been taken captive, he led forth his trained men, born in his house, 318 of them, and went in pursuit as far as Dan.

## Genesis 14:15

<sup>15</sup>And he divided his forces against them by night, he and his servants, and defeated them and pursued them to Hobah, north of Damascus.

## Genesis 14:16

<sup>16</sup>Then he brought back all the possessions, and also brought back his kinsman Lot with his possessions, and the women and the people.



## Being Trained and Ready

1. How many people in this church are trained and ready to serve God?
2. Training is proactive!
3. God wants you trained and ready!

1 Peter 3:15

<sup>15</sup>But in your hearts honor Christ the Lord as holy, always being prepared to make a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and respect...



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4. We need to be trained spiritually!
5. What is the goal of our training?

1 Tim 4:7-8

<sup>7</sup>Have nothing to do with irreverent, silly myths. Rather train yourself for godliness; <sup>8</sup>for while bodily training is of some value, godliness is of value in every way, as it holds promise for the present life and also for the life to come.

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6. We see and feel the results of our training.

## Galatians 5:22-23

<sup>22</sup>But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness,<sup>23</sup>gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law.

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7. We need to train others who will train others!

2 Tim 2:1-2

<sup>1</sup>You then, my child, be strengthened by the grace that is in Christ Jesus, <sup>2</sup>and what you have heard from me in the presence of many witnesses entrust to faithful men who will be able to teach others also.

