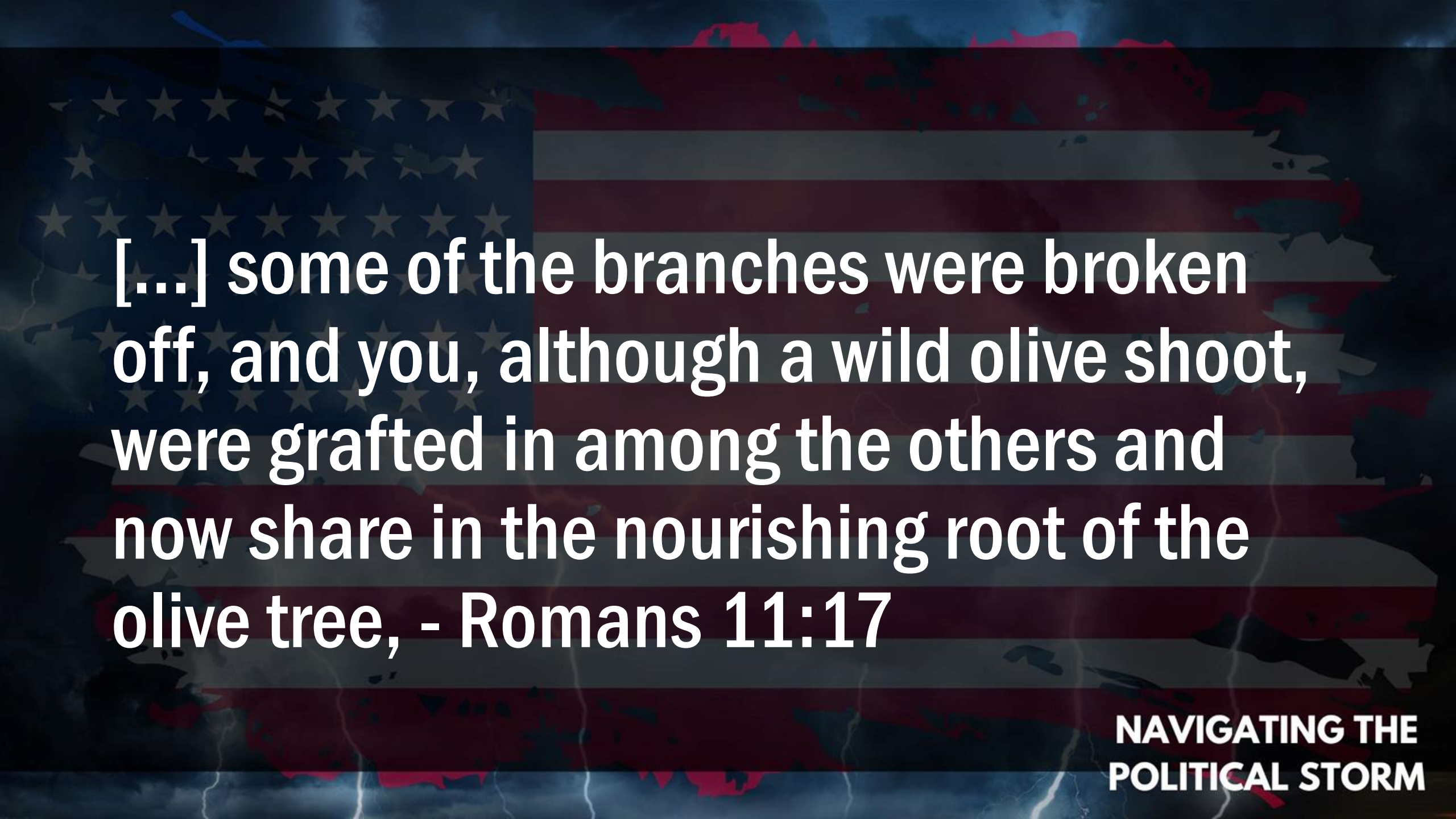


The image features a stylized American flag that appears to be in a state of severe distress. The flag is rendered with a jagged, torn edge, particularly on the right side, where the red and white stripes are missing, leaving a dark, irregular shape. The background is a dark, stormy sky with several bright, jagged lightning bolts striking down. The overall mood is one of chaos and conflict.

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[...] some of the branches were broken off, and you, although a wild olive shoot, were grafted in among the others and now share in the nourishing root of the olive tree, - Romans 11:17

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The background features a dark, stormy sky with several bright lightning bolts striking down. Overlaid on this is a stylized American flag that appears to be torn and weathered, with the stars and stripes in a muted, dark color palette. The overall mood is one of chaos and conflict.

Wild Olive Shoots

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Wild Olive Shoots Lost Boys

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Citizens of a Different Kingdom

Brothers, join in imitating me, and keep your eyes on those who walk according to the example you have in us. For many, of whom I have often told you and now tell you even with tears, walk as enemies of the cross of Christ. Their end is destruction, their god is their belly, and they glory in their shame, with minds set on earthly things.

- Philippians 3:17-19

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But our citizenship is in heaven, and from it we await a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ, who will transform our lowly body to be like his glorious body, by the power that enables him even to subject all things to himself.

– Philippians 3:20-21

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Citizenship [NW1828]: The state of being vested with the rights and privileges of a citizen.

Sons/Daughters of a New Family

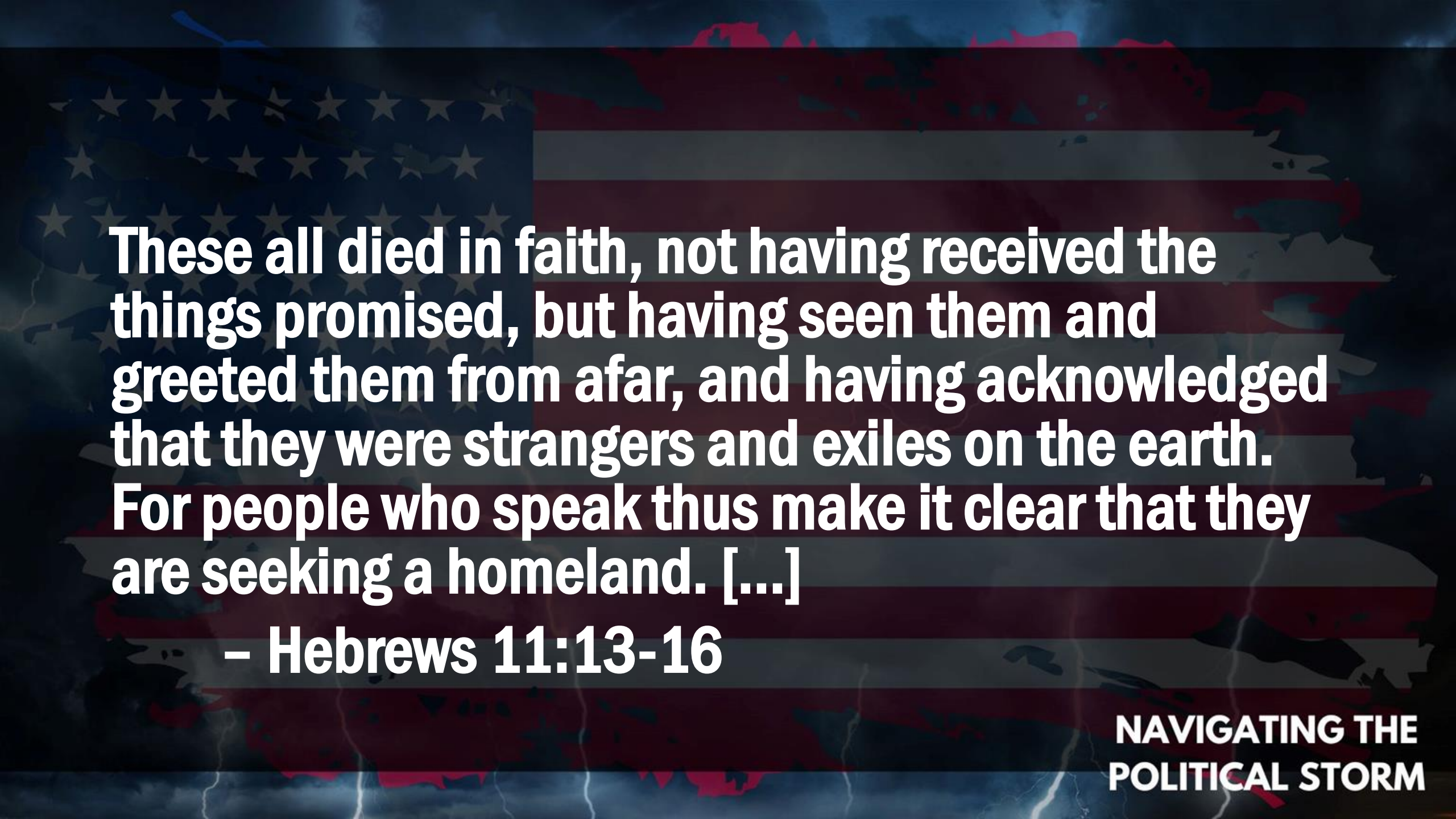
For all who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God. For you did not receive the spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received the Spirit of adoption as sons, by whom we cry, “Abba! Father!” [...]

– Romans 8:14-17

Sons/Daughters of a New Family

[...] The Spirit himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs—heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ, provided we suffer with him in order that we may also be glorified with him.

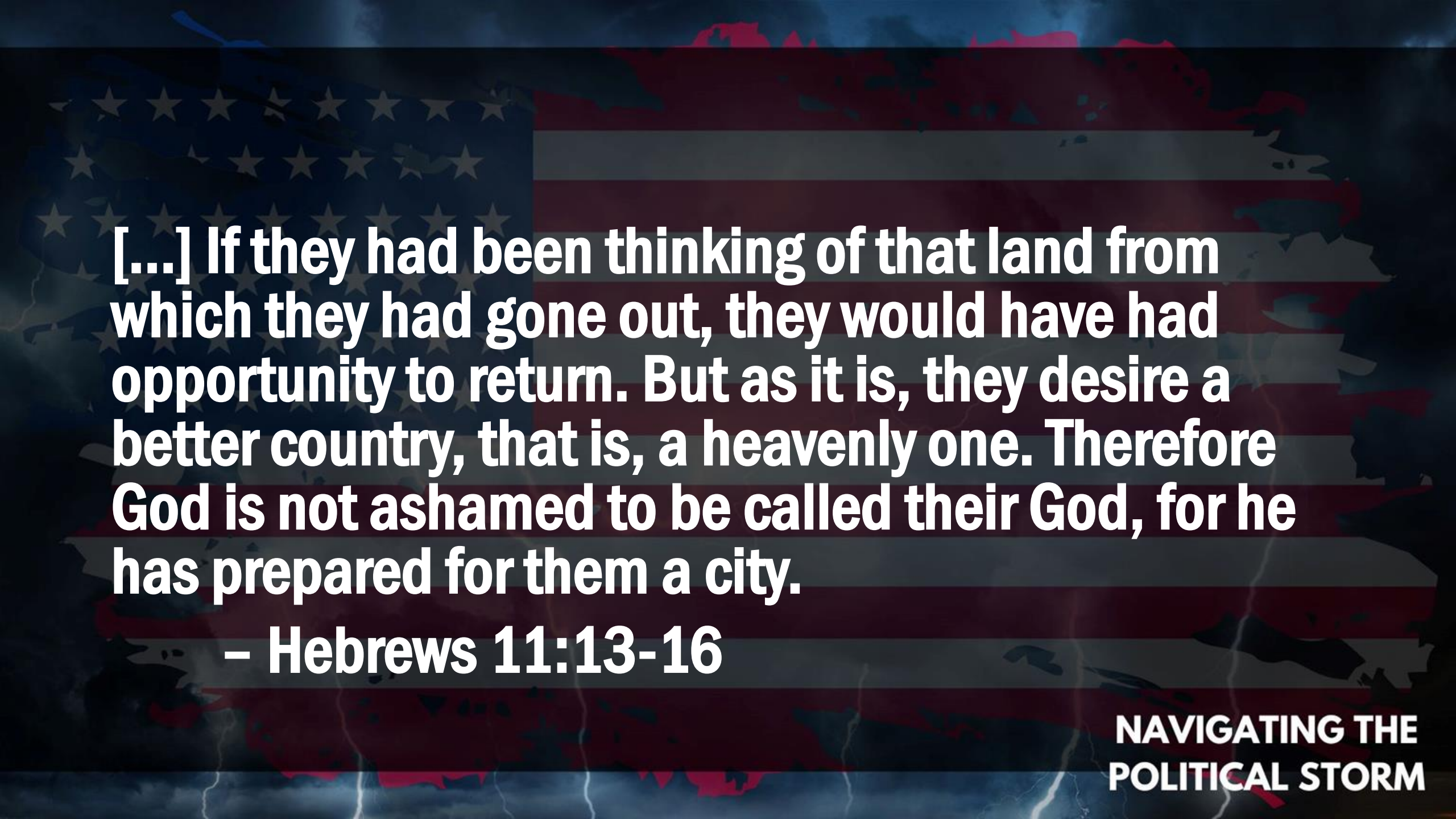
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These all died in faith, not having received the things promised, but having seen them and greeted them from afar, and having acknowledged that they were strangers and exiles on the earth. For people who speak thus make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. [...]

– Hebrews 11:13-16

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The background of the slide is a dark, textured American flag with lightning bolts striking through it. The stars and stripes are visible but muted in color, creating a dramatic and somewhat ominous atmosphere.

[...] If they had been thinking of that land from which they had gone out, they would have had opportunity to return. But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God, for he has prepared for them a city.

– Hebrews 11:13-16

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Dual Citizenship

The background of the slide is a dark, moody scene of a storm. A faint, semi-transparent American flag is visible, with its stars and stripes appearing as light patterns against the dark sky. Several bright, jagged lightning bolts are scattered across the scene, adding to the sense of a political storm.

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“Thus says the Lord of hosts, the God of Israel, to all the exiles whom I have sent into exile from Jerusalem to Babylon: Build houses and live in them; plant gardens and eat their produce. Take wives and have sons and daughters; take wives for your sons, and give your daughters in marriage, that they may bear sons and daughters; multiply there, and do not decrease.

– Jeremiah 29:4-7

Dual Citizenship

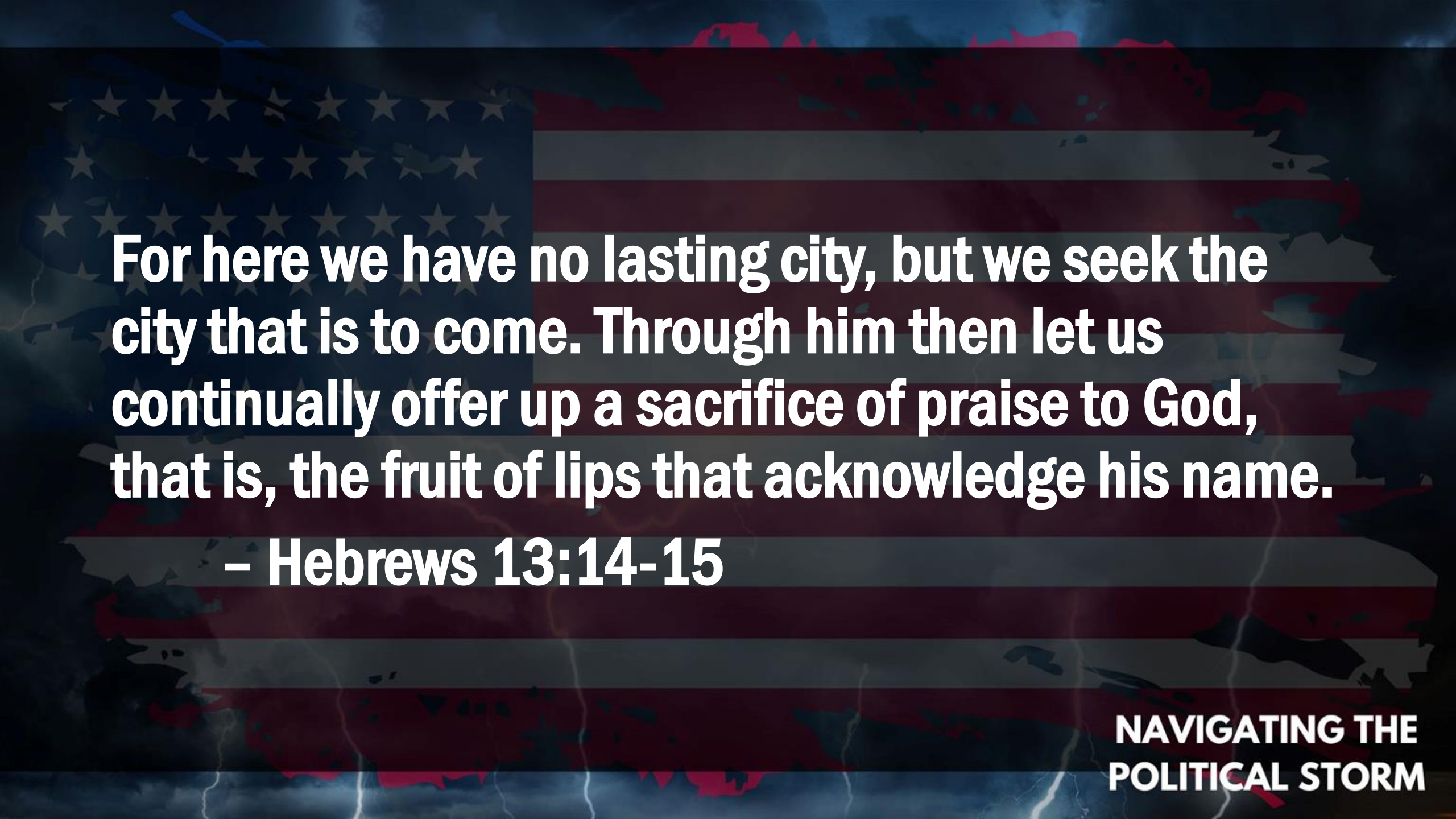
[...] But seek the welfare of the city where I have sent you into exile, and pray to the Lord on its behalf, for in its welfare you will find your welfare.

– Jeremiah 29:4-7

Seek Welfare/Righteousness

[...] But seek the welfare of the city where I have sent you into exile, and pray to the Lord on its behalf, for in its welfare you will find your welfare.

– Jeremiah 29:4-7



For here we have no lasting city, but we seek the city that is to come. Through him then let us continually offer up a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that acknowledge his name.

– Hebrews 13:14-15

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The image features a stylized American flag that appears to be in a state of severe distress. The flag is set against a dark, stormy background with several bright, jagged lightning bolts striking across it. The flag's colors are muted and the texture is rough, with some areas appearing to be torn or scorched. The stars and stripes are visible but the overall effect is one of chaos and conflict.

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