

# 17:9-19

**LESSON 6** 

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## SINKING FAITH IN GOALS

In Europe and America, governments have set goals that significant percentages of energy be obtained through renewable sources such as solar or wind power in the near future. The European Union, for example, has set a legally binding mandate that it will be producing 42.5% of its energy from renewables by 2030, up from its current 32%. However, supply chain interruptions begun during the pandemic have not been resolved, and manufacturing and shipping costs have risen dramatically. It has reached the point where wind power companies can't afford to build the turbines and infrastructure. Britain recently held an auction for wind farm companies to bid to supply that country's energy needs, but no bidders showed up. "The ratio between risk and reward is out of line in the offshore wind market," said Ben Backwell, CEO of the Global Wind Energy Council. If things don't change, he warned, "climate and economic goals will simply not be met."

### **STEADY FAITH IN GOD**

In the famous chapter on faith from the book of Hebrews, the writer features several biblical heroes. What is praised is each person's belief that God's faithfulness would be present in the future. Whatever the Lord asked them to do, they did it, counting it as sure that God would work things out to his glory and according to his design.

- 1. What is a goal you were able to reach? What is one you were unable to reach?
- 2. When have you had to trust in someone who had not always proved to be reliable?
- 3. How have you trusted in God for something in the future and found him faithful?

### **Additional Resources**

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