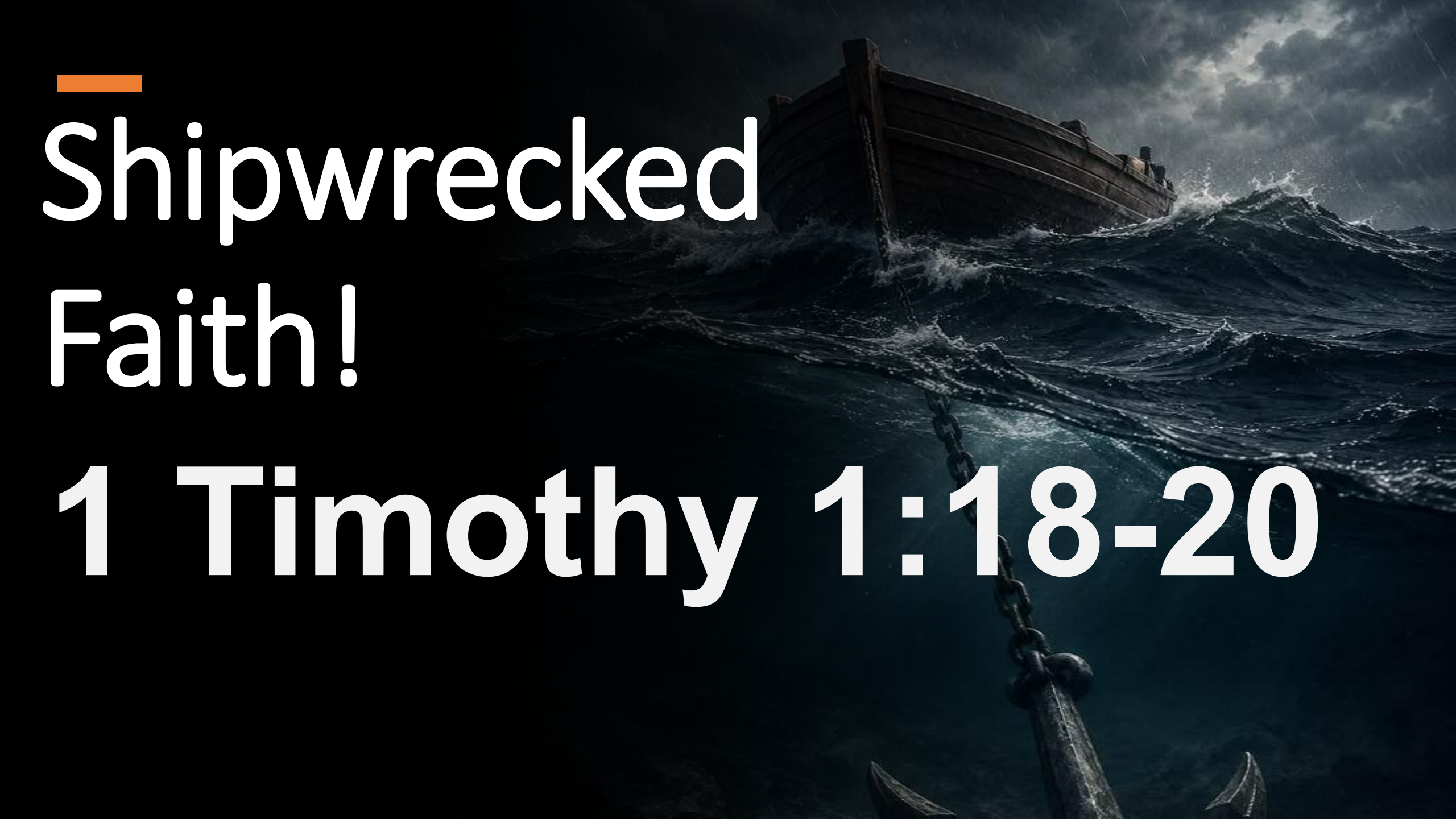

Shipwrecked Faith!

1 Timothy 1:18-20

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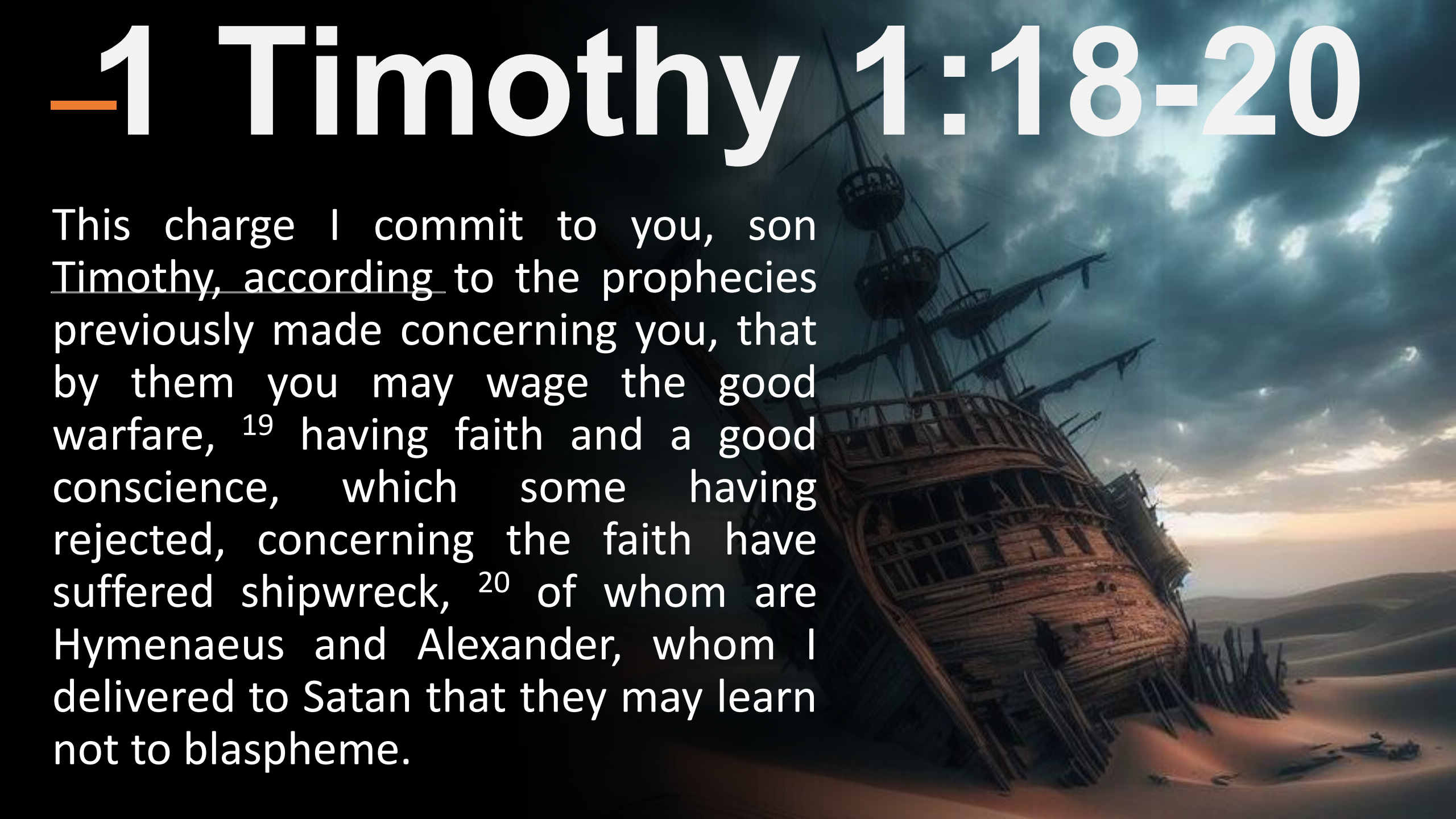


This charge I commit to you, son Timothy, according to the prophecies previously made concerning you, that by them you may wage the good warfare, 19 having faith and a good conscience, which some having rejected, concerning the faith have suffered shipwreck, 20 of whom are Hymenaeus and Alexander, whom I delivered to Satan that they may learn not to blaspheme.

The Responsibility to Deal with the Enemy



Nauageo

Shipwrecked





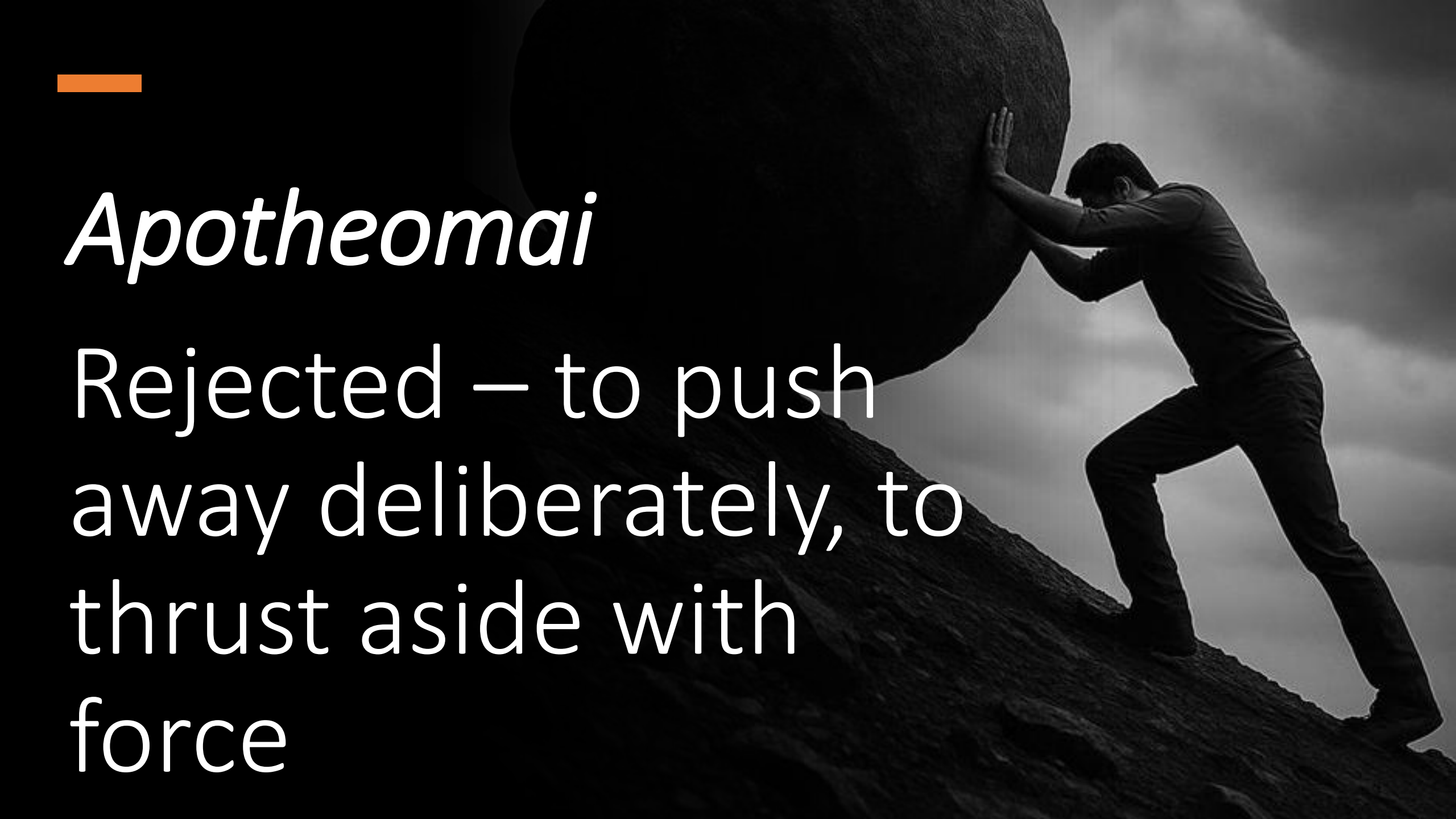
Paul responds to the shipwreck of **Hymenaeus and Alexander** not with despair but with decisive pastoral action.

The Path to Shipwreck





Violent Rejection of Conscience



Apotheomai

Rejected – to push away deliberately, to thrust aside with force



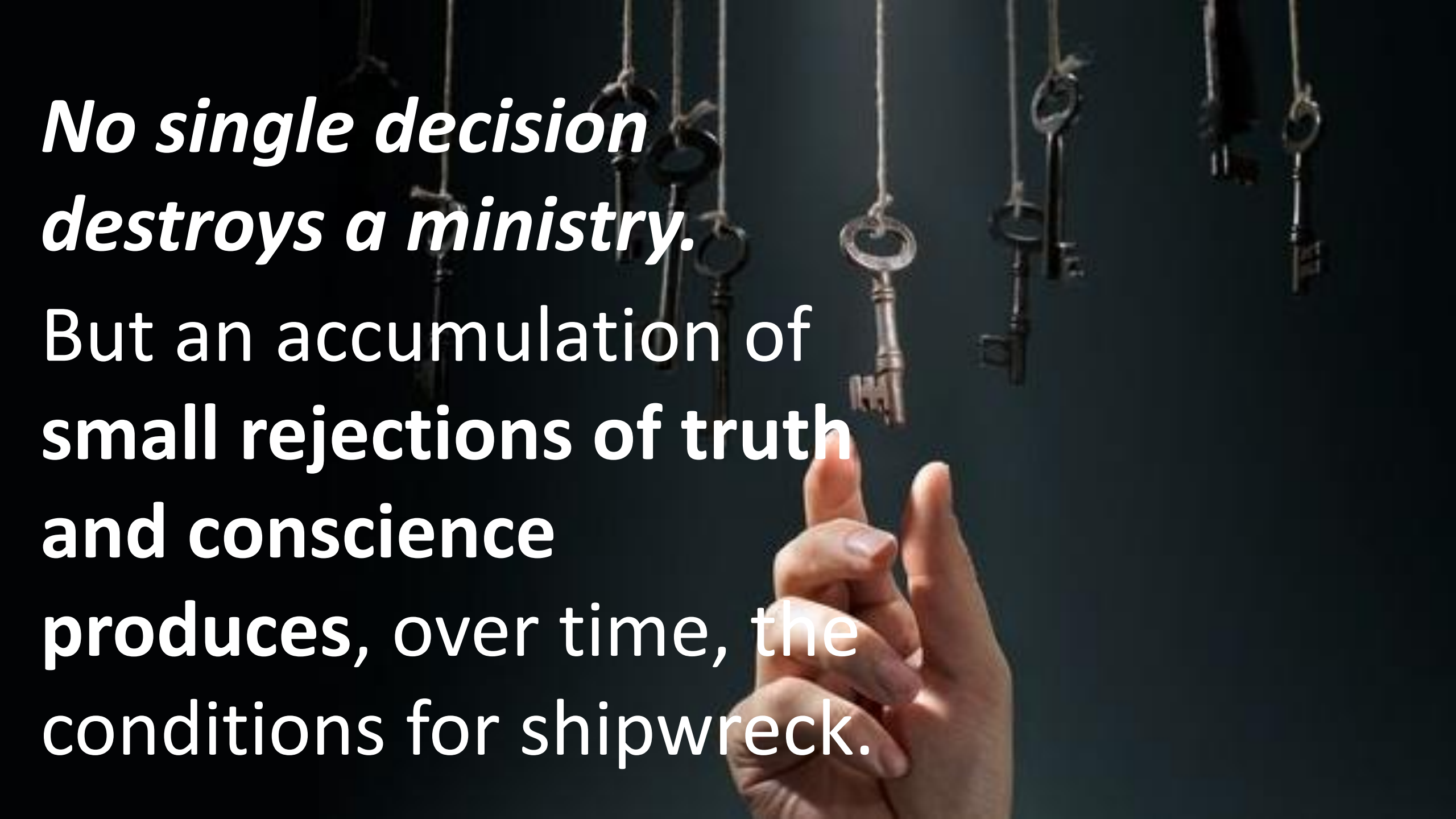
Acts 7:27

But he who did his neighbor wrong pushed him away, saying, ‘Who made you a ruler and a judge over us?’

Acts 13:46

Then Paul and Barnabas grew bold and said, “It was necessary that the word of God should be spoken to you first; but since you reject it, and judge yourselves unworthy of everlasting life, behold, we turn to the Gentiles.”





No single decision destroys a ministry.

But an accumulation of **small rejections of truth and conscience produces**, over time, the conditions for shipwreck.

Throwing Away the Rudder





Nauageo

Shipwreck


Paul himself had experienced
three shipwrecks



2 Corinthians 11:25

Three times I was beaten with rods; once I was stoned; three times I was shipwrecked; a night and a day I have been in the deep.

1 Timothy 1:20

of whom are Hymenaeus and Alexander, whom I delivered to Satan that they may learn not to blaspheme.



Deliver such a one to Satan for the destruction of the flesh, that his spirit may be saved in the day of the Lord Jesus.

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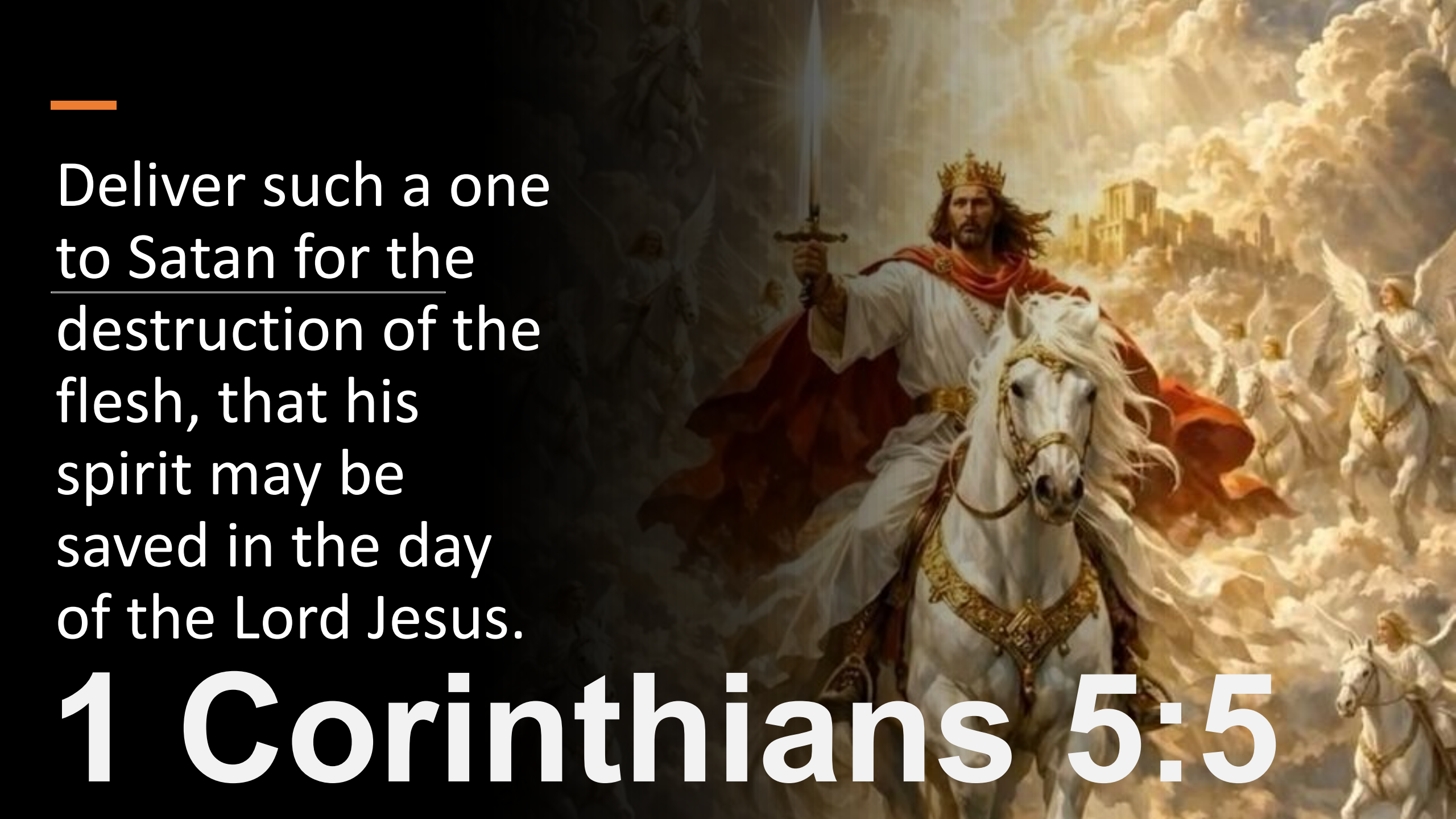




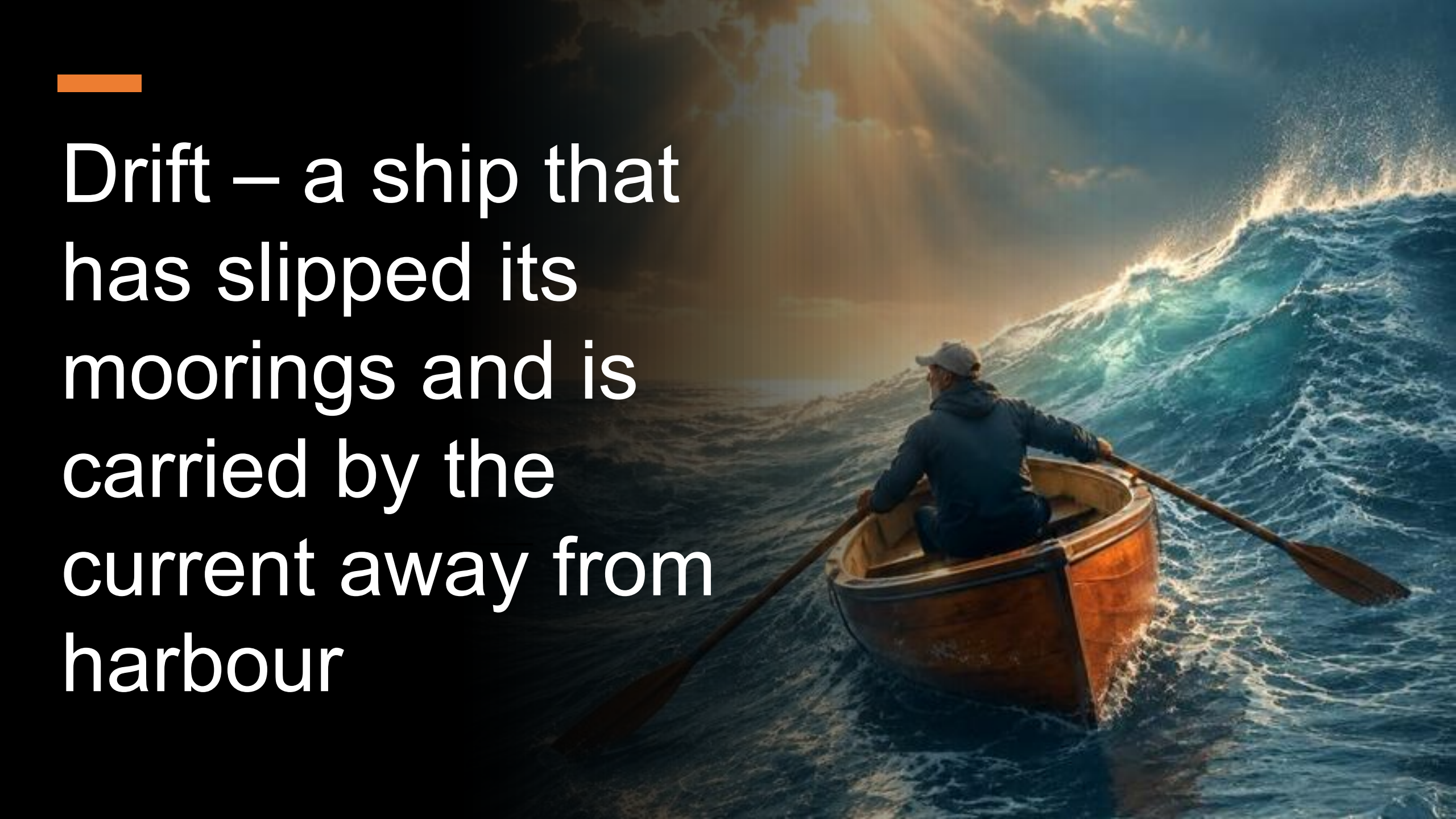
Drifting from the Anchor

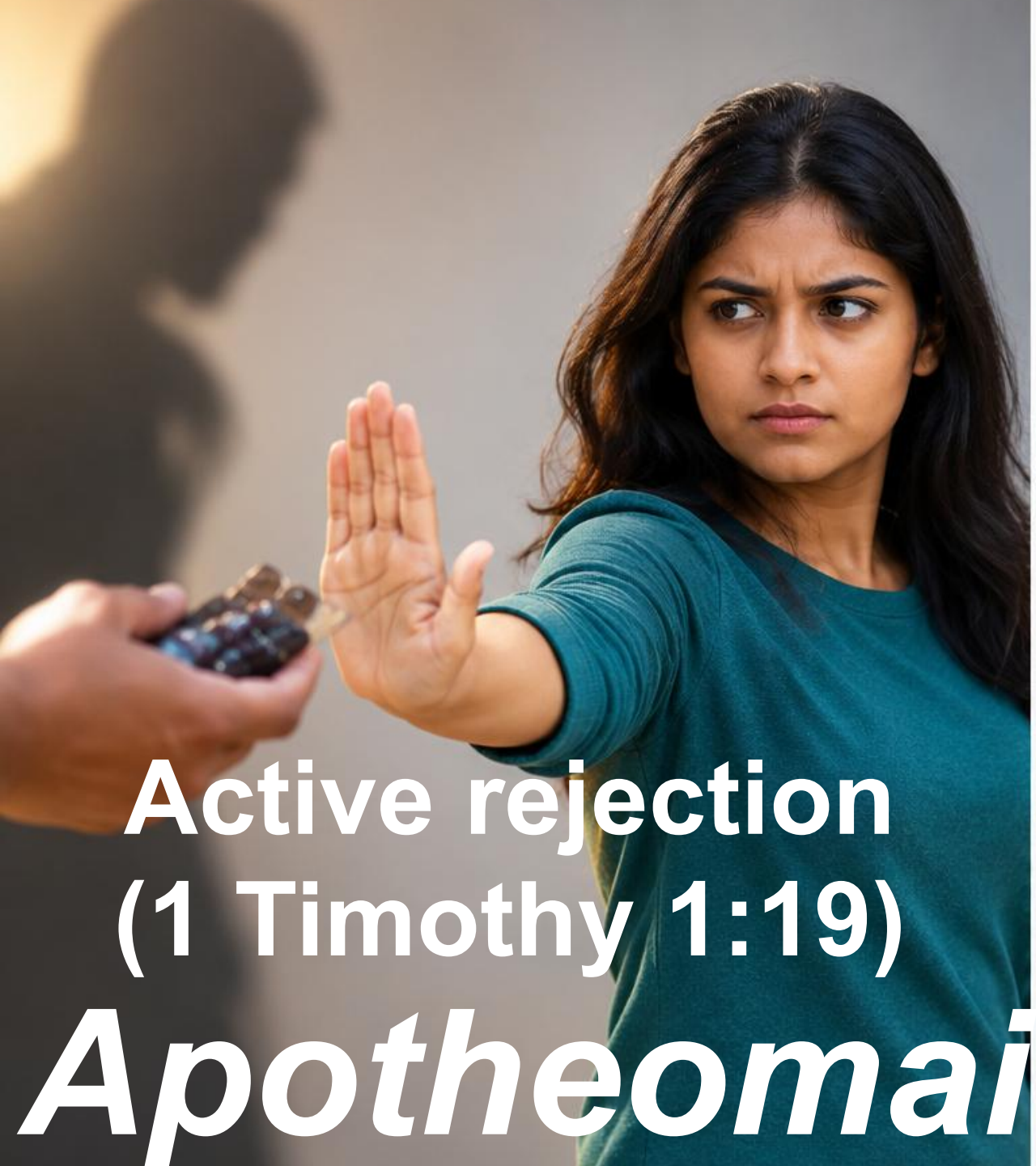


Therefore we must give the more earnest heed to the things we have heard, lest we drift away.

Hebrews 2:1

Drift – a ship that has slipped its moorings and is carried by the current away from harbour





Active rejection
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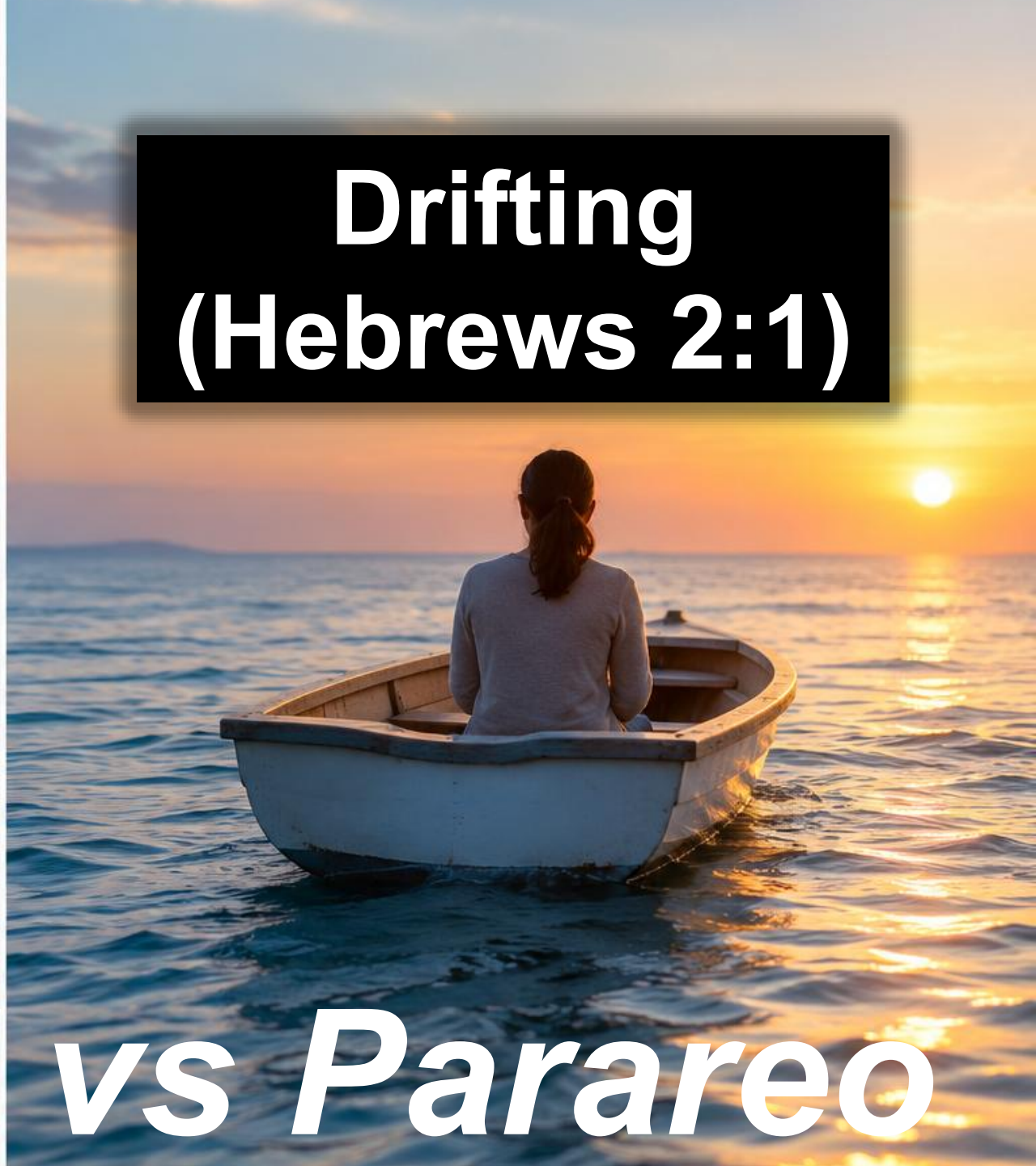


Drifting
(Hebrews 2:1)

Apotheomai vs Parareo



Named for All Time

The Significance of Naming



This punishment which was inflicted by the majority is sufficient for such a man.



2 Corinthians 2:6

Matthew 23:13

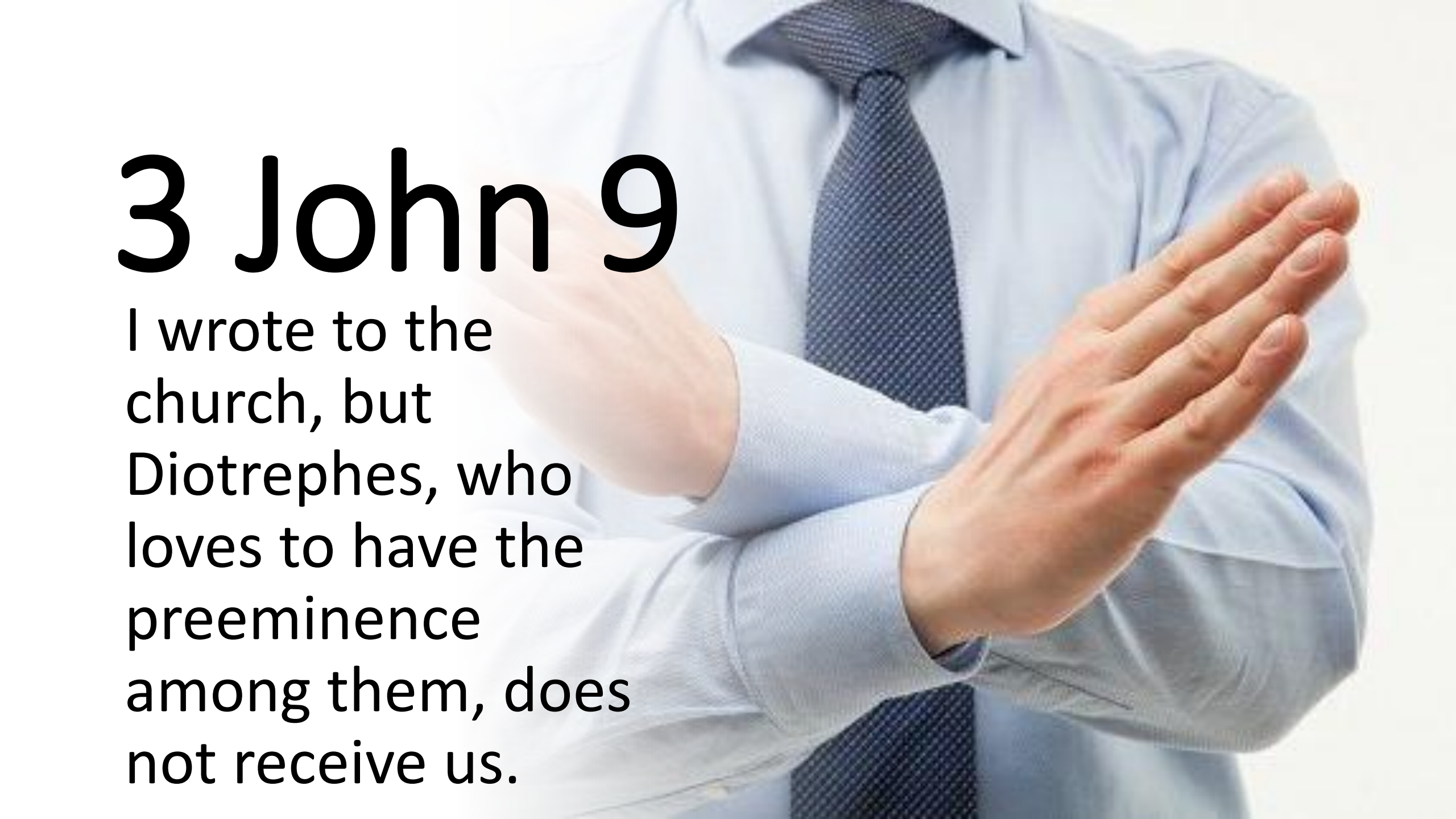
But woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you shut up the kingdom of heaven against men; for you neither go in yourselves, nor do you allow those who are entering to go in.



Galatians 2:11

Now when Peter had come to Antioch, I withstood him to his face, because he was to be blamed.





3 John 9

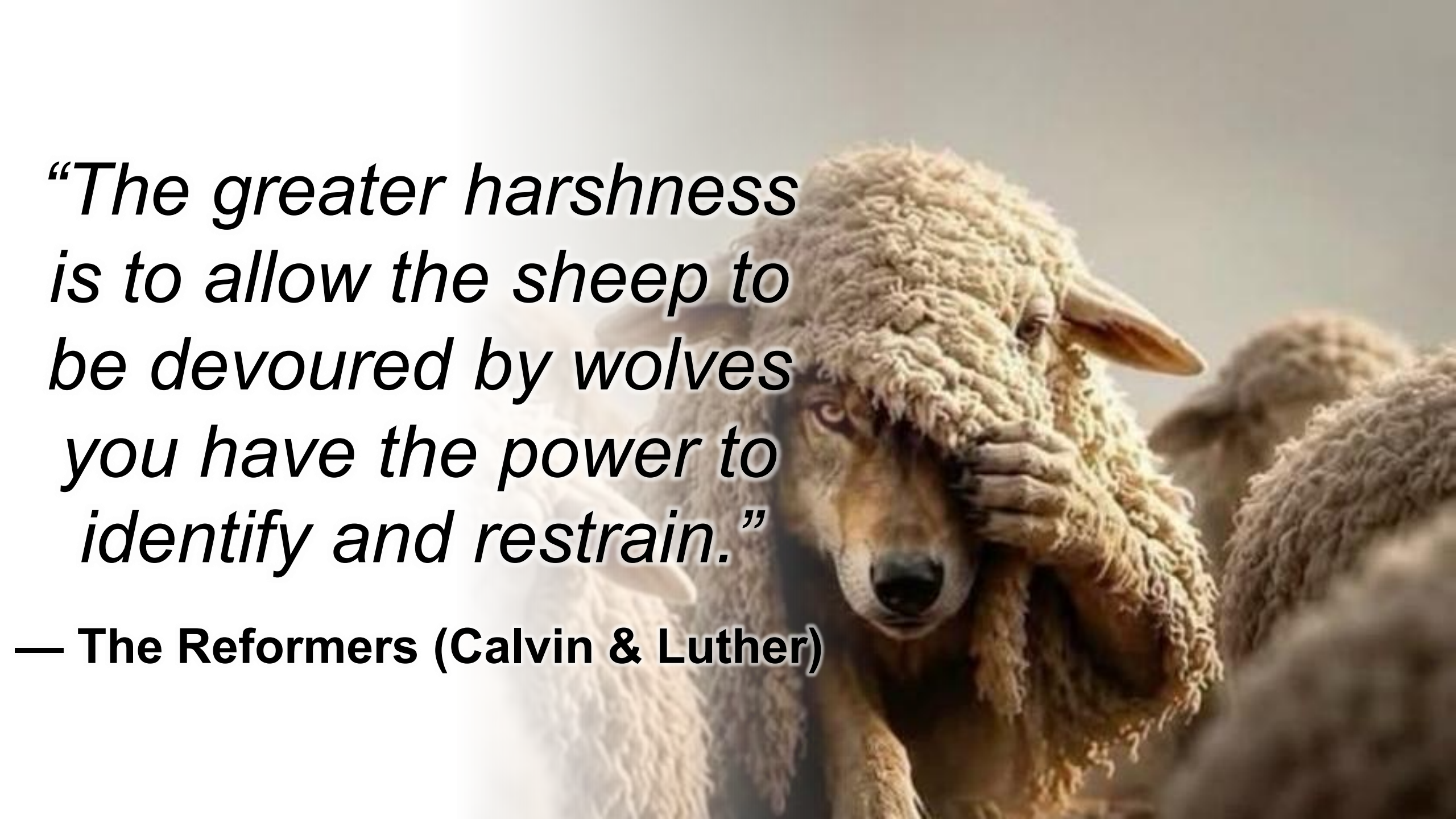
I wrote to the church, but Diotrephes, who loves to have the preeminence among them, does not receive us.

The purpose is not personal humiliation but public protection.



“The greater harshness is to allow the sheep to be devoured by wolves you have the power to identify and restrain.”

— The Reformers (Calvin & Luther)




Hymenaeus!

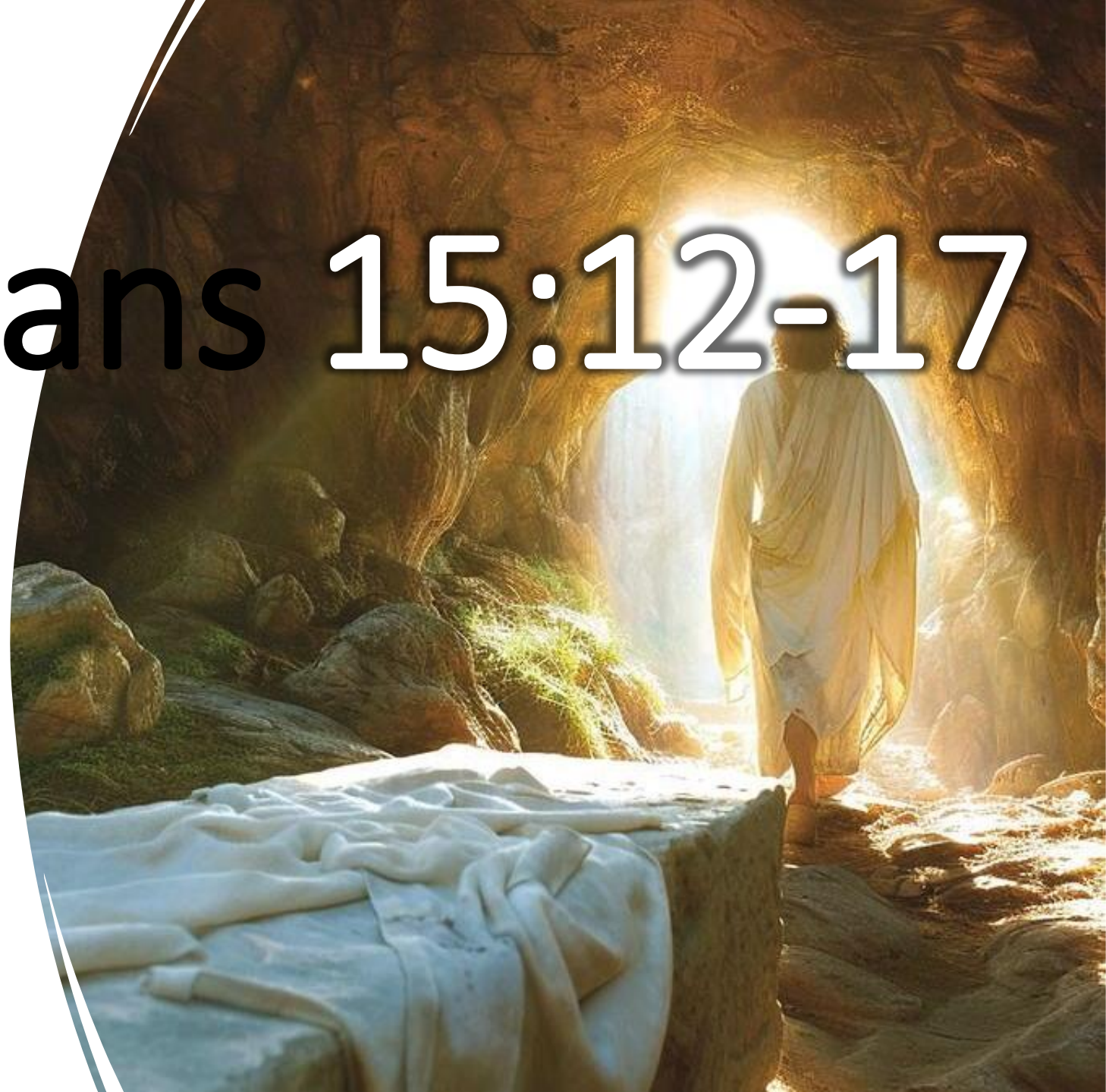
2 Timothy 2:17-18

And their message will spread like cancer. Hymenaeus and Philetus are of this sort, [18] who have strayed concerning the truth, saying that the resurrection is already past; and they overthrow the faith of some.



1 Corinthians 15:12-17

Now if Christ is preached that He has been raised from the dead, how do some among you say that there is no resurrection of the dead? [13] But if there is no resurrection of the dead, then Christ is not risen. [14] And if Christ is not risen, then our preaching is empty and your faith is also empty. [15] Yes, and we are found false witnesses of God, because we have testified of God that He raised up Christ, whom He did not raise up—if in fact the dead do not rise. [16] For if the dead do not rise, then Christ is not risen. [17] And if Christ is not risen, your faith is futile; you are still in your sins!




Alexander!

2 Timothy 4:14-15

Alexander the coppersmith did me much harm. May the Lord repay him according to his works. [15] You also must beware of him, for he has greatly resisted our words.



Psalm 28:4

Give them according to their deeds, And according to the wickedness of their endeavours; Give them according to the work of their hands; Render to them what they deserve.



Jeremiah 17:10

I, the Lord, search the heart, I test the mind,
Even to give every man according to his ways,
According to the fruit of his doings.





Revelation 22:12

"And behold, I am coming quickly, and My reward is with Me, to give to every one according to his work."

Put out from the Protection of the Church





Handed Over and Abandoned



Paradidōmi

Delivered – to hand over, to abandon



Acts 15:26

Men who have risked their lives for the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.



1 Corinthians 5:5

Deliver such a one to Satan for the destruction of the flesh, that his spirit may be saved in the day of the Lord Jesus.



Matthew 18:20

For where two or three are gathered together in My name, I am there in the midst of them.


1 John 5:19
We know that we are of God, and the whole world lies under the sway of the wicked one.

Genesis 18:32

Then he said, “Let not the Lord be angry, and I will speak but once more: Suppose ten should be found there?” And He said, “I will not destroy it for the sake of ten.”



1 Corinthians 7:14

For the unbelieving husband is sanctified by the wife, and the unbelieving wife is sanctified by the husband; otherwise your children would be unclean, but now they are holy.

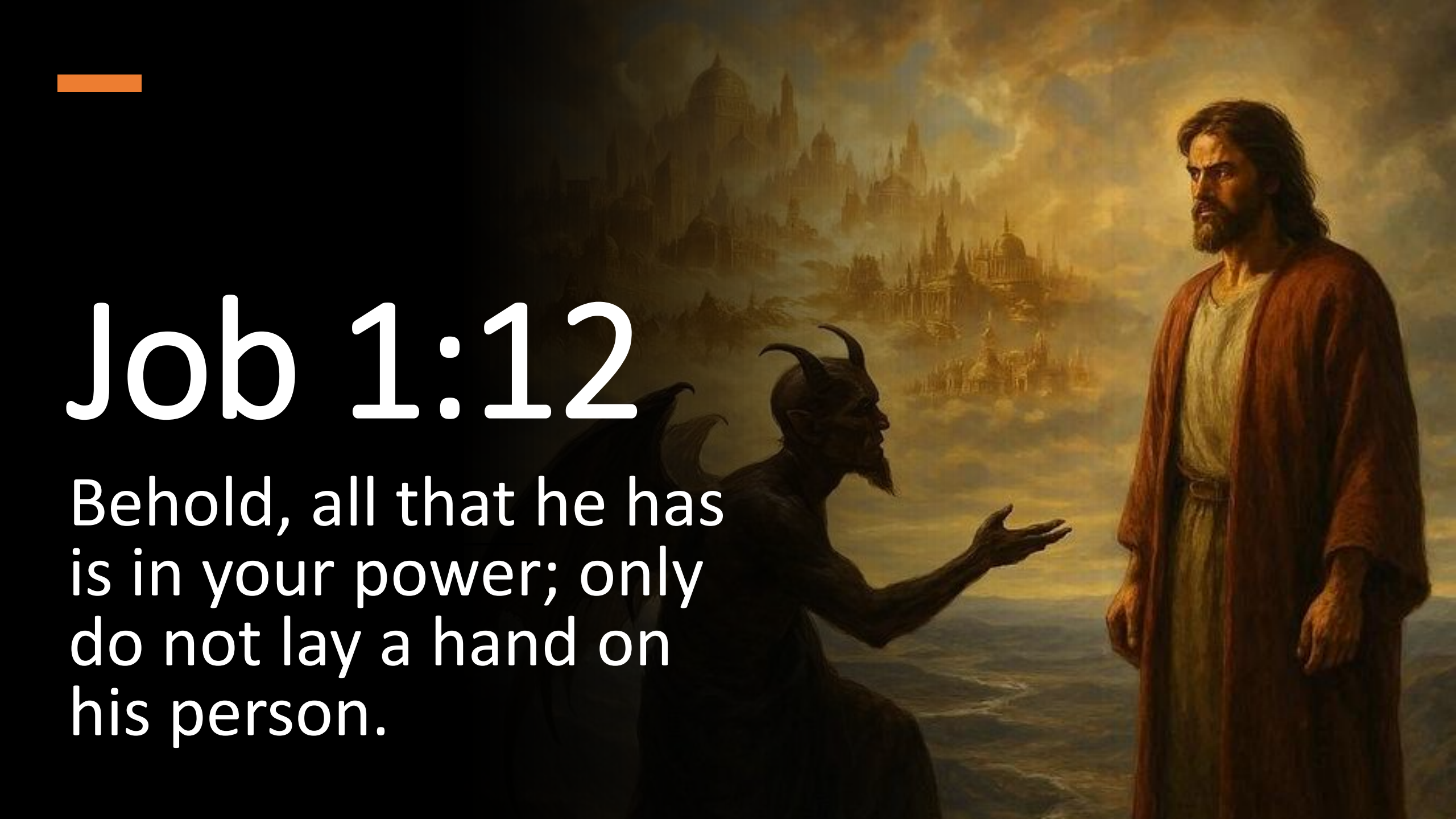


When God Hands Over His



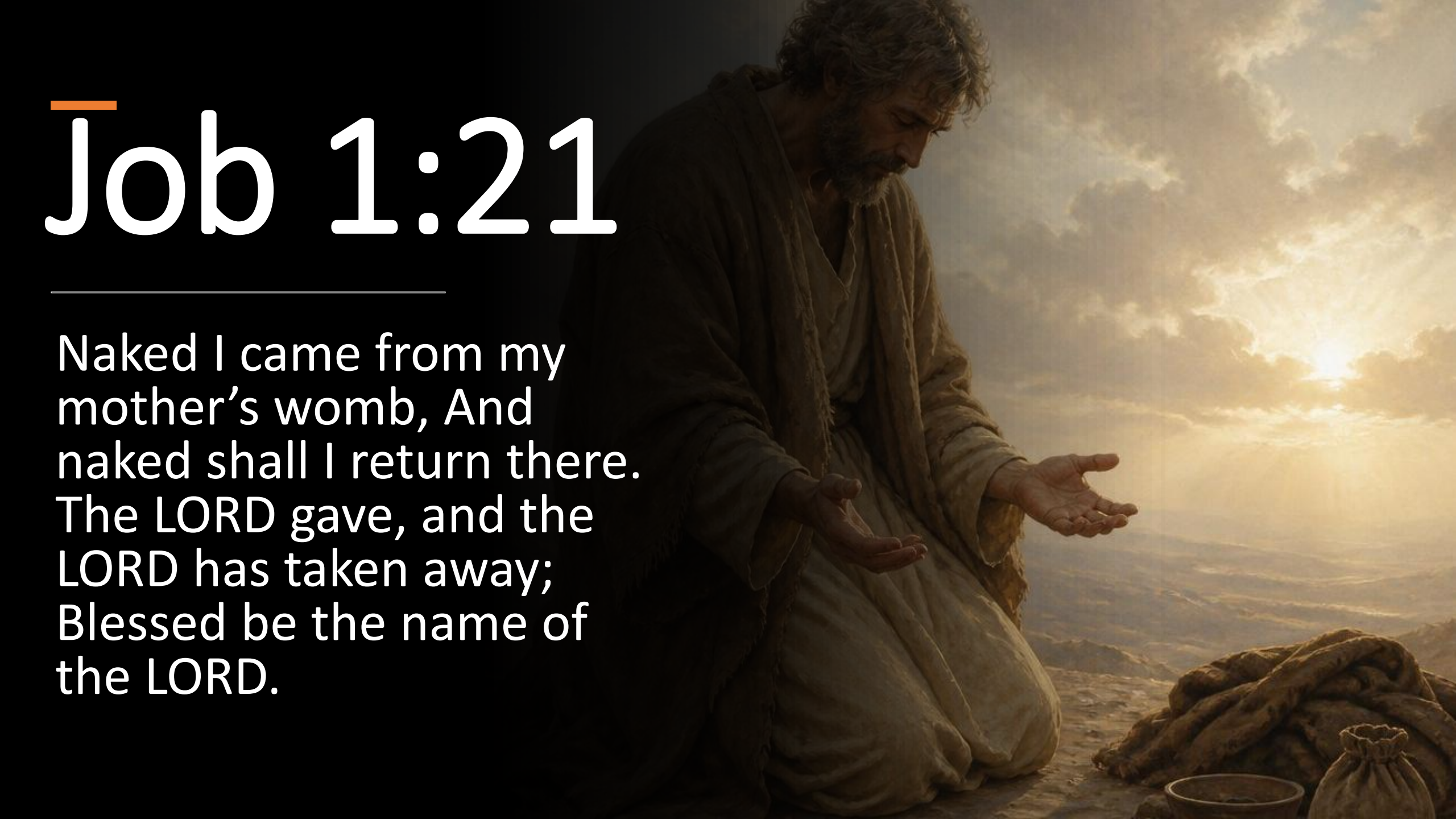
Job 1:12

Behold, all that he has is in your power; only do not lay a hand on his person.



Job 1:21

Naked I came from my mother’s womb, And naked shall I return there. The LORD gave, and the LORD has taken away; Blessed be the name of the LORD.



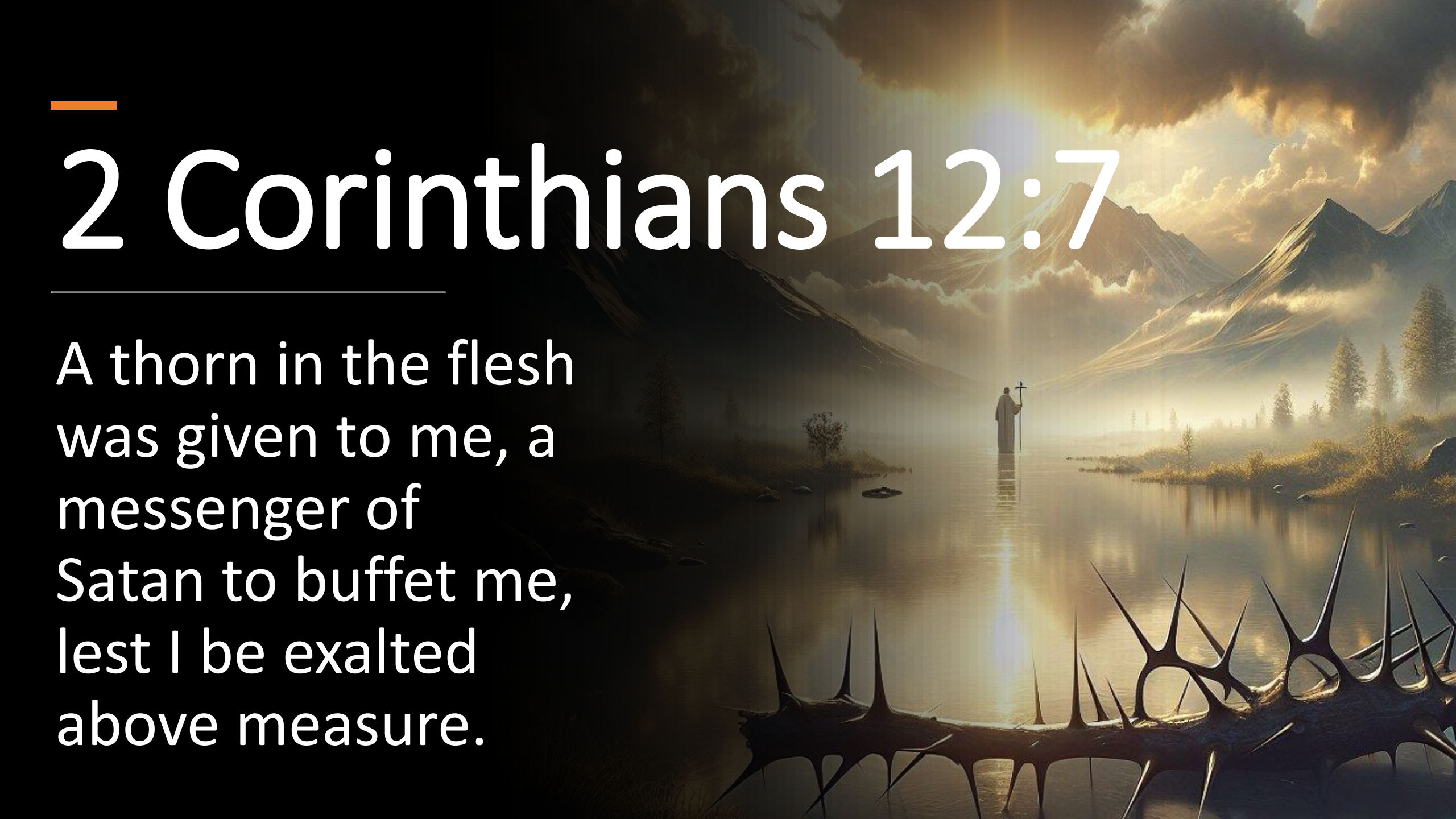


Matthew 4:1

Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil.

2 Corinthians 12:7

A thorn in the flesh was given to me, a messenger of Satan to buffet me, lest I be exalted above measure.



2 Corinthians 12:9

My grace is sufficient for you, for My strength is made perfect in weakness.



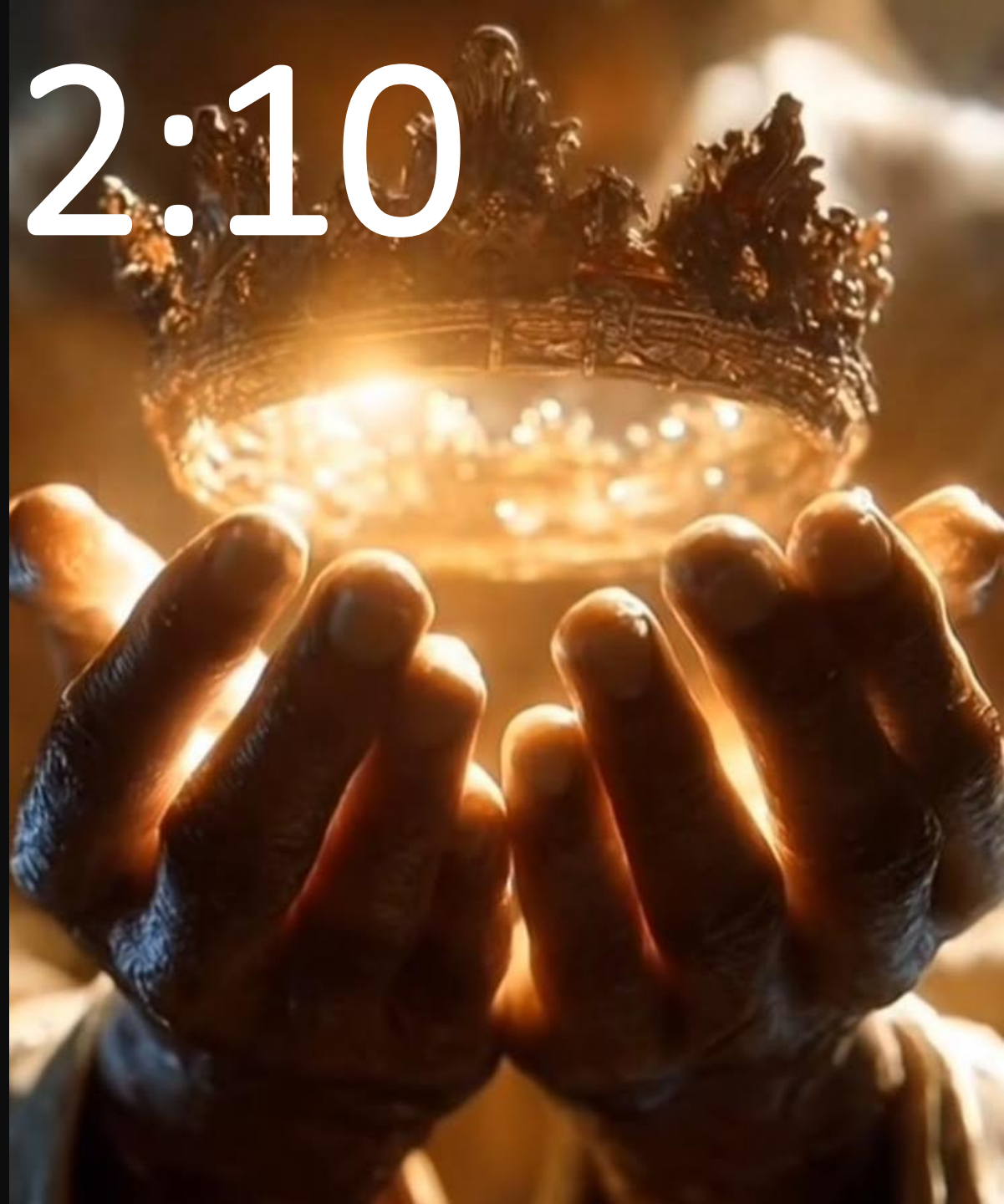
Luke 22:31-32

Simon, Simon! Indeed, Satan has asked for you, that he may sift you as wheat. 32 But I have prayed for you, that your faith should not fail; and when you have returned to Me, strengthen your brethren.



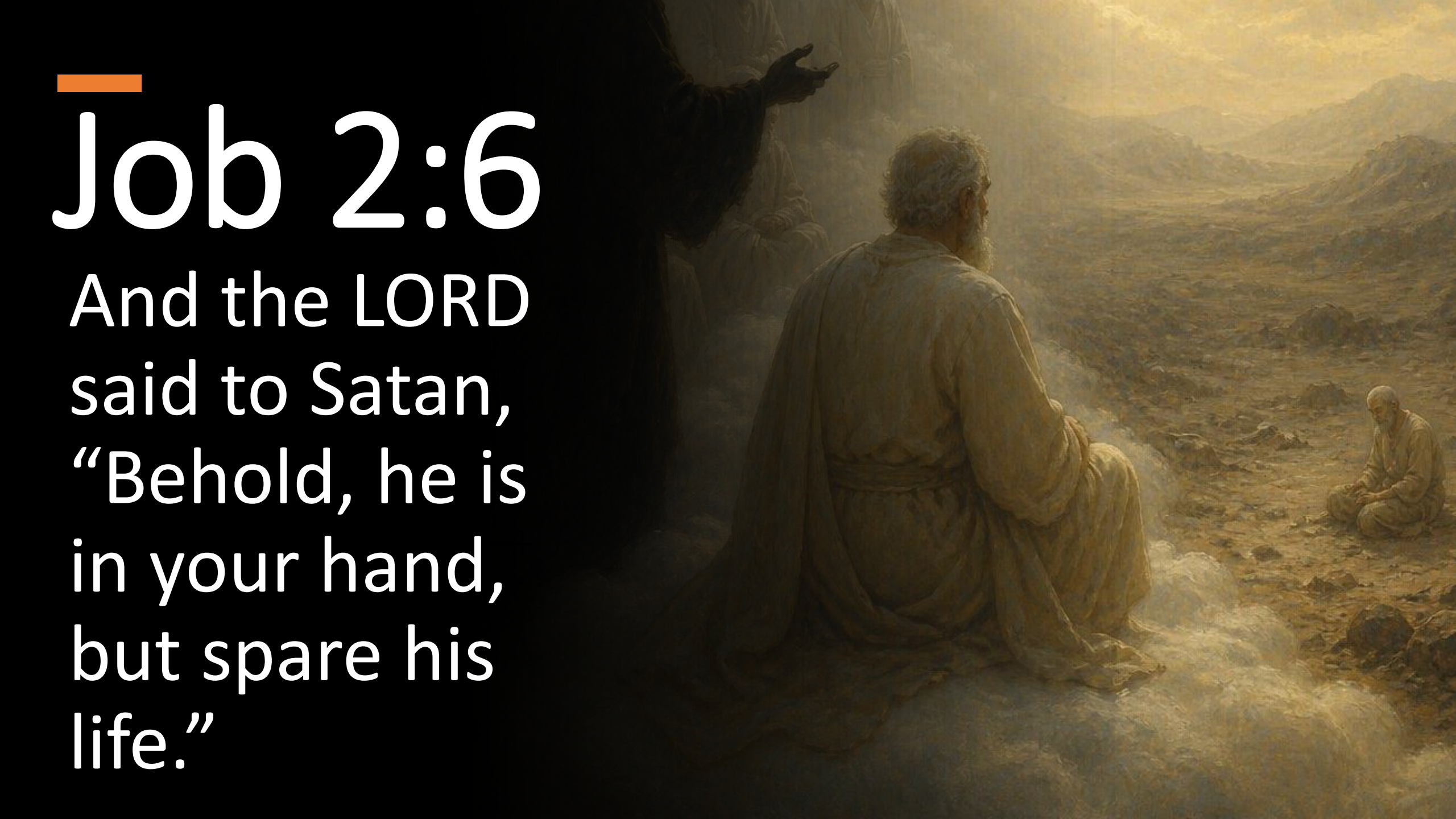
Revelation 2:10

Do not fear any of those things which you are about to suffer. Indeed, the devil is about to throw some of you into prison, that you may be tested, and you will have tribulation ten days. Be faithful until death, and I will give you the crown of life.



Job 2:6

And the LORD said to Satan, “Behold, he is in your hand, but spare his life.”



The Consequences of Sin





1 Samuel 16:14

But the Spirit of the LORD departed from Saul, and a distressing spirit from the LORD troubled him.

John 13:27

Now after the piece of bread, Satan entered him.



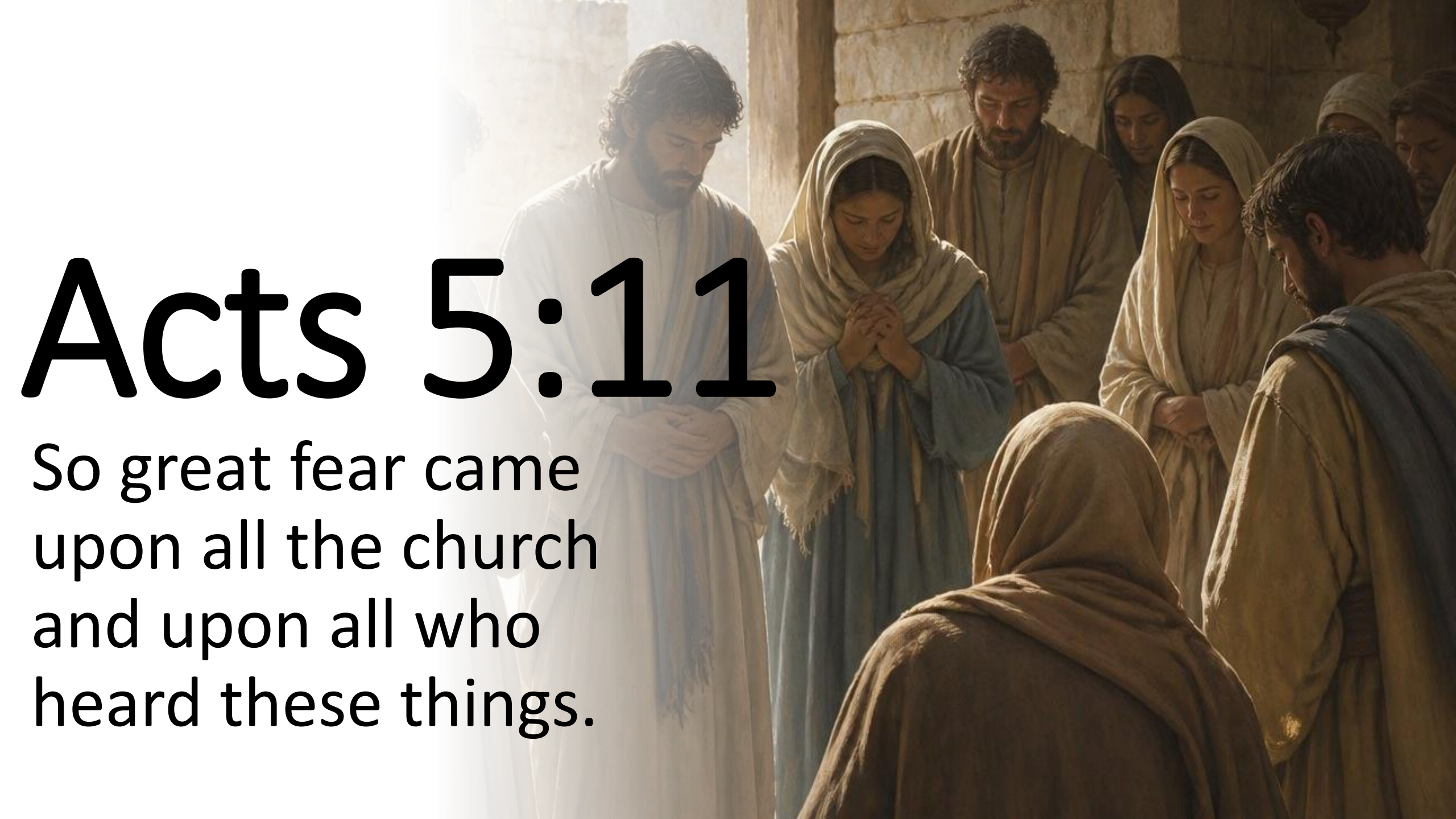
Acts 5:3

Ananias, why has Satan filled your heart to lie to the Holy Spirit and keep back part of the price of the land for yourself?



Acts 5:11

So great fear came upon all the church and upon all who heard these things.



Hebrews 2:14

Inasmuch then as the children have partaken of flesh and blood, He Himself likewise shared in the same, that through death He might destroy him who had the power of death, that is, the devil.

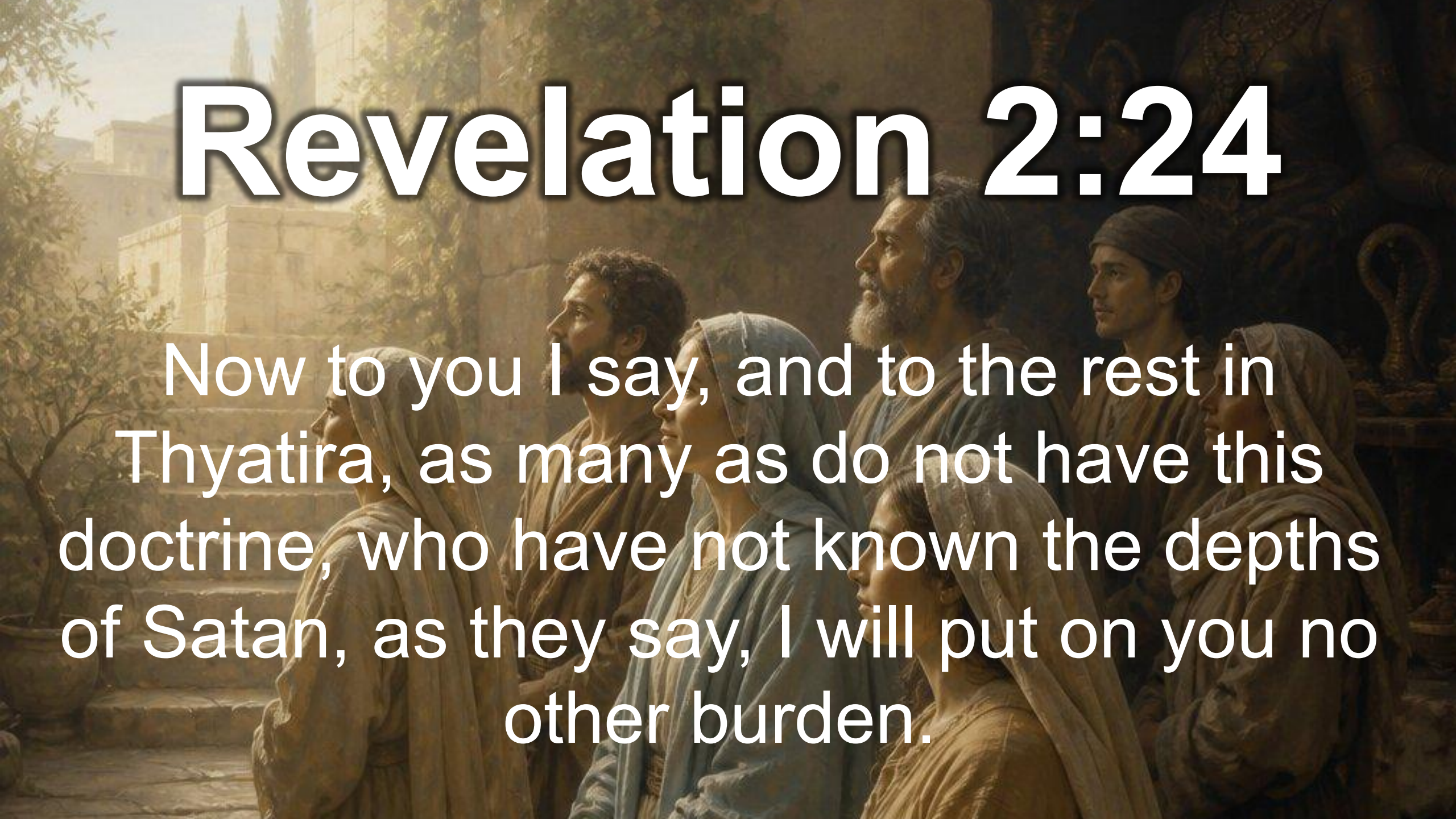




1 Corinthians 5:5

Deliver such a one to Satan for the destruction of the flesh, that his spirit may be saved in the day of the Lord Jesus.


Revelation 2:22
Indeed I will cast her into a sickbed, and those who commit adultery with her into great tribulation, unless they repent of their deeds.



Revelation 2:24

Now to you I say, and to the rest in Thyatira, as many as do not have this doctrine, who have not known the depths of Satan, as they say, I will put on you no other burden.

1 Peter 5:8

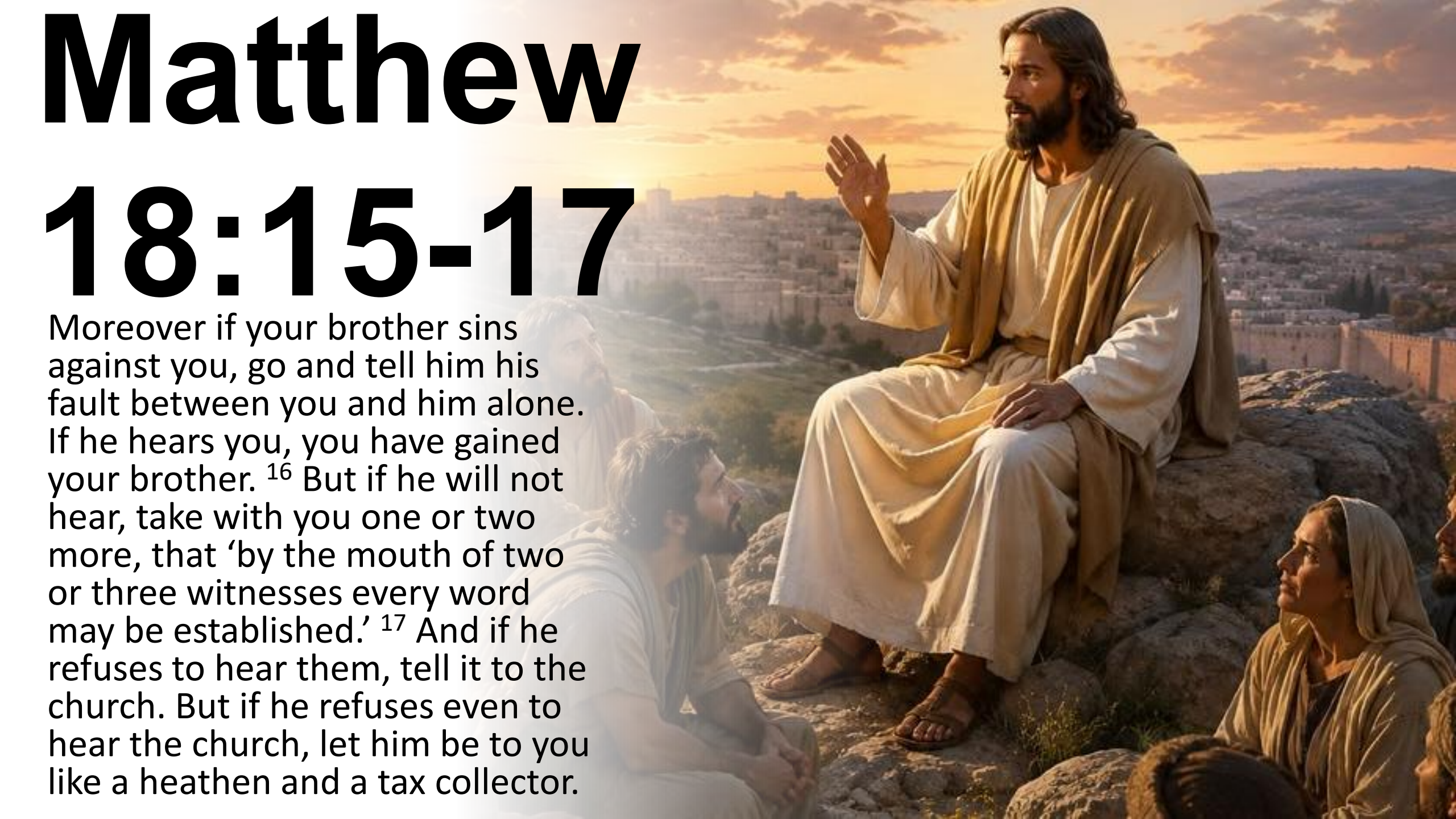
Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil walks about like a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour.



The Matthew 18 Pattern of Discipline



Matthew 18:15-17



Moreover if your brother sins against you, go and tell him his fault between you and him alone. If he hears you, you have gained your brother. [16] But if he will not hear, take with you one or two more, that ‘by the mouth of two or three witnesses every word may be established.’ [17] And if he refuses to hear them, tell it to the church. But if he refuses even to hear the church, let him be to you like a heathen and a tax collector.



2 Corin 2:6-8

This punishment which was inflicted by the majority
is sufficient for such a man, [7] so that, on the
contrary, you ought rather to forgive and comfort
him, lest perhaps such a one be swallowed up with
too much sorrow. [8] Therefore I urge you to reaffirm
your love to him.



Trained through Chastening



1 Corinthians 5:5

Deliver such a one to Satan for the destruction of the flesh, that his spirit may be saved in the day of the Lord Jesus.

Paideuō

Learn – to train through punishment



Luke 23:16,22

I will therefore chastise Him and release Him. [22] Then he said to them the third time, “Why, what evil has He done? I have found no reason for death in Him. I will therefore chastise Him and let Him go.”

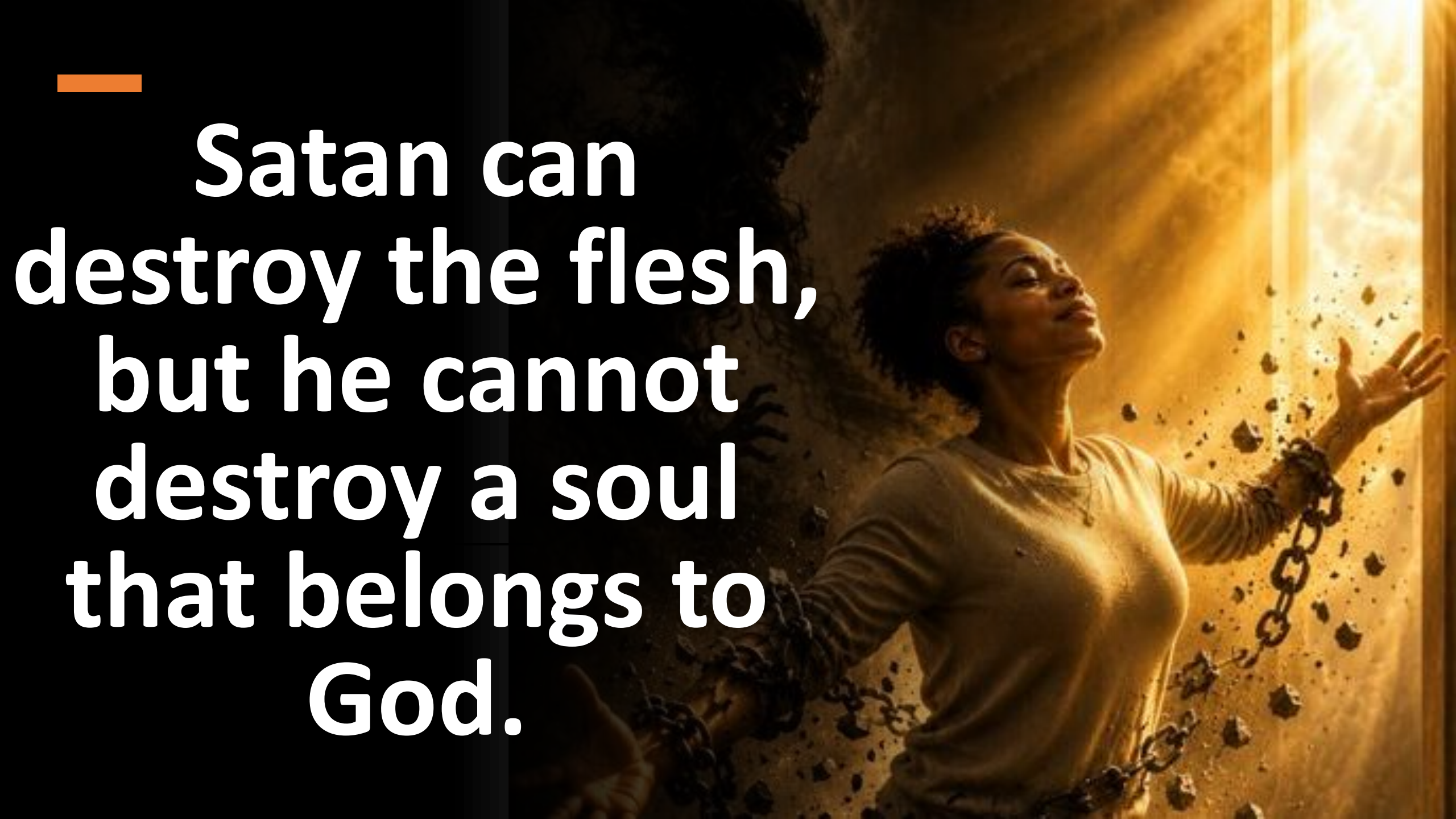


1 Corinthians 11:30,32

For this reason many are weak and sick among you, and many sleep... [32] But when we are judged, we are chastened by the Lord, that we may not be condemned with the world.



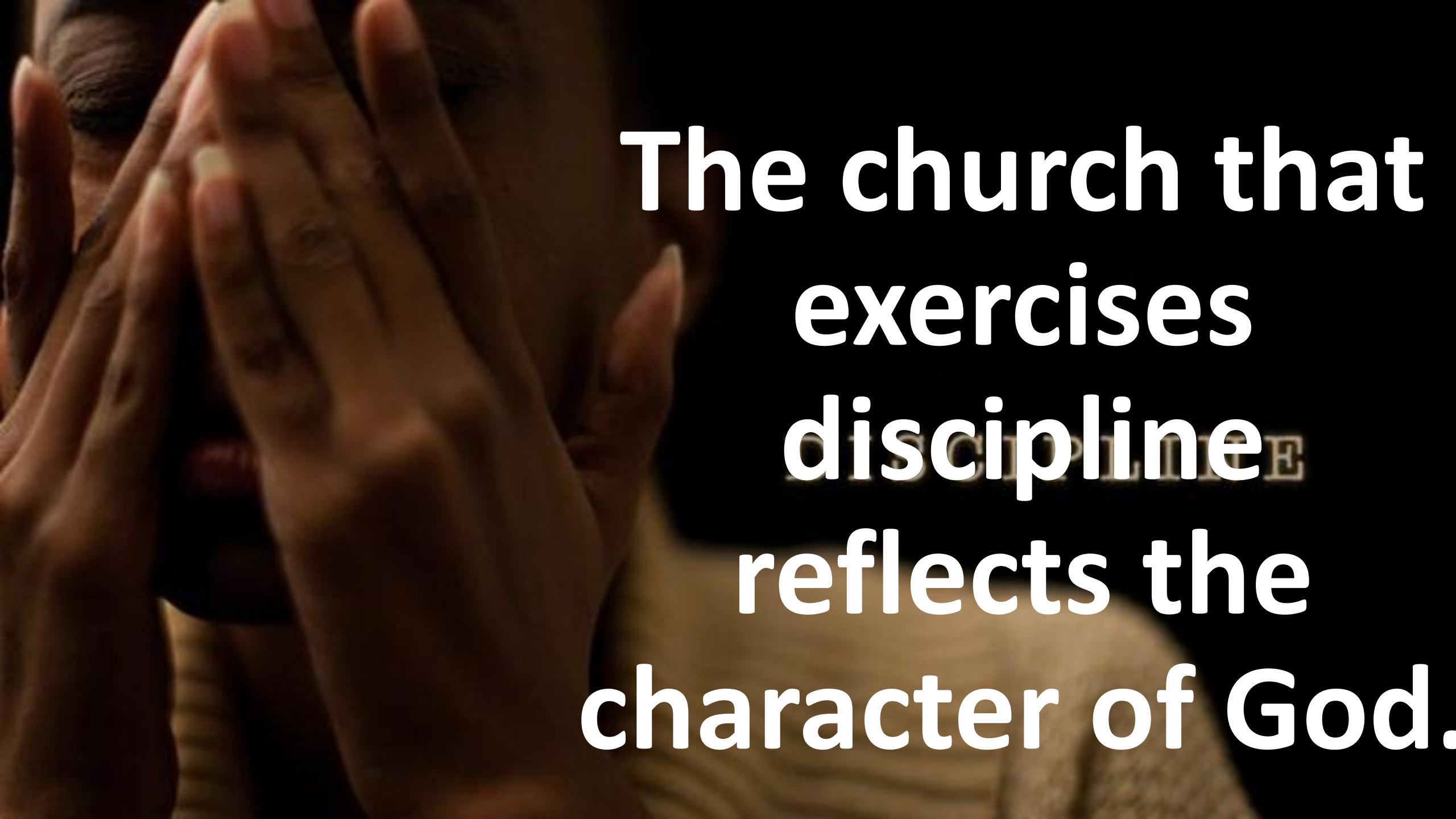
Satan can destroy the flesh, but he cannot destroy a soul that belongs to God.



Hebrews 12:6

For whom the LORD loves He chastens, and scourges every son whom He receives.




The church that exercises discipline reflects the character of God.



Hebrews 12:10-11

For they indeed for a few days chastened us as seemed best to them, but He for our profit, that we may be partakers of His holiness. 11 Now no chastening seems to be joyful for the present, but painful; nevertheless, afterward it yields the peaceable fruit of righteousness to those who have been trained by it.



A Church that Guards and Restores

Guarding the Purity of the Church





1 Timothy 3:15

But if I am delayed, I write so that you may know how you ought to conduct yourself in the house of God, which is the church of the living God, the pillar and ground of the truth.

Jude 1:3

Beloved, while I was very diligent to write to you concerning our common salvation, I found it necessary to write to you exhorting you to contend earnestly for the faith which was once for all delivered to the saints.





The Church as the Agent of Restoration

James 5:19-20

Brethren, if anyone among you wanders from the truth, and someone turns him back, [20] let him know that he who turns a sinner from the error of his way will save a soul from death and cover a multitude of sins.

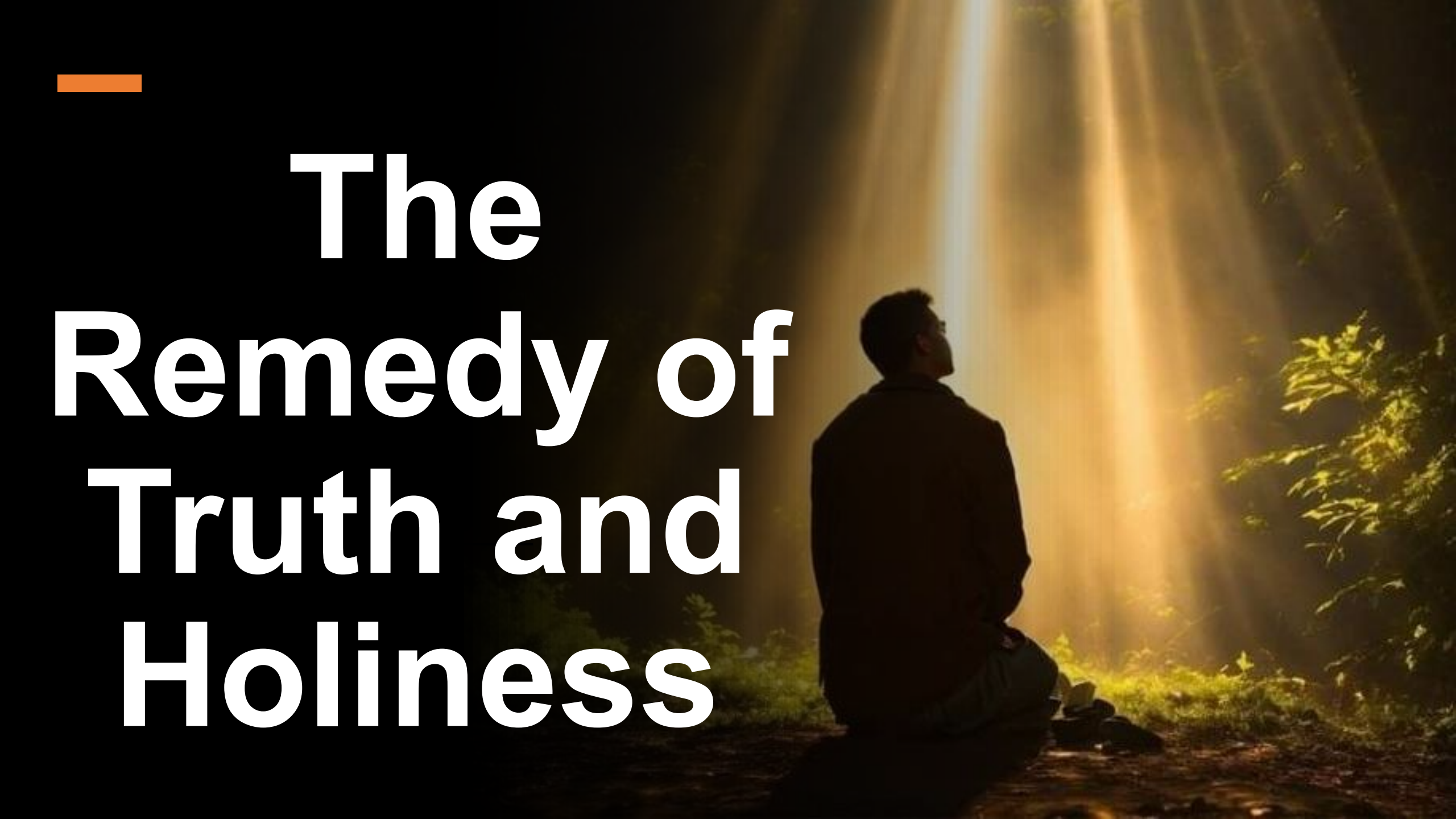




Galatians 6:1

Brethren, if a man is overtaken in any trespass, you who are spiritual restore such a one in a spirit of gentleness, considering yourself lest you also be tempted.

The Remedy of Truth and Holiness




The Noble Warfare in View

1 Timothy 1:15

This is a faithful saying and worthy of all acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, of whom I am chief.

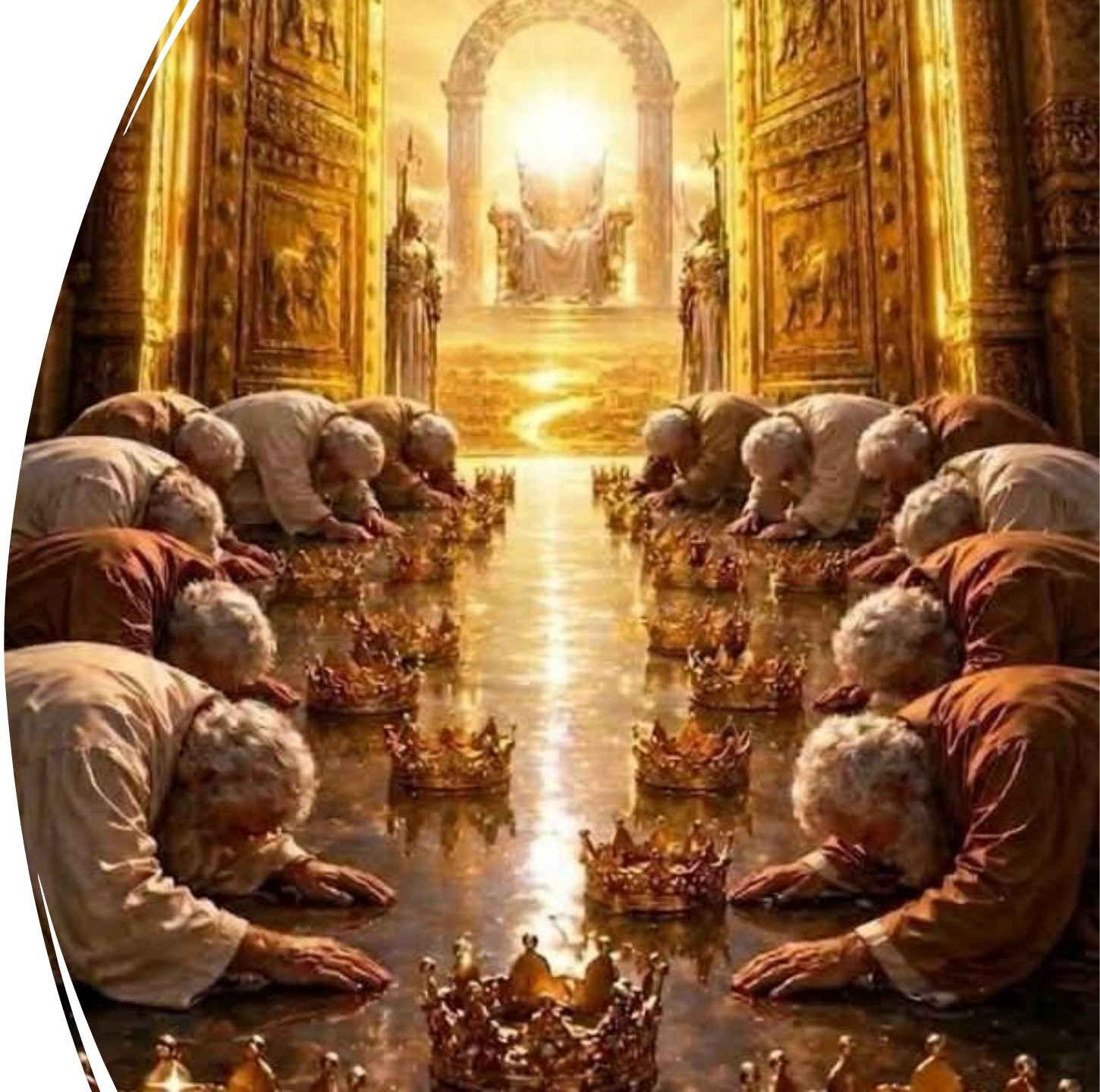




The Urgency of Faithful Leadership

1 Timothy 1:17

Now to the King eternal, immortal, invisible, to God who alone is wise, be honor and glory forever and ever. Amen.



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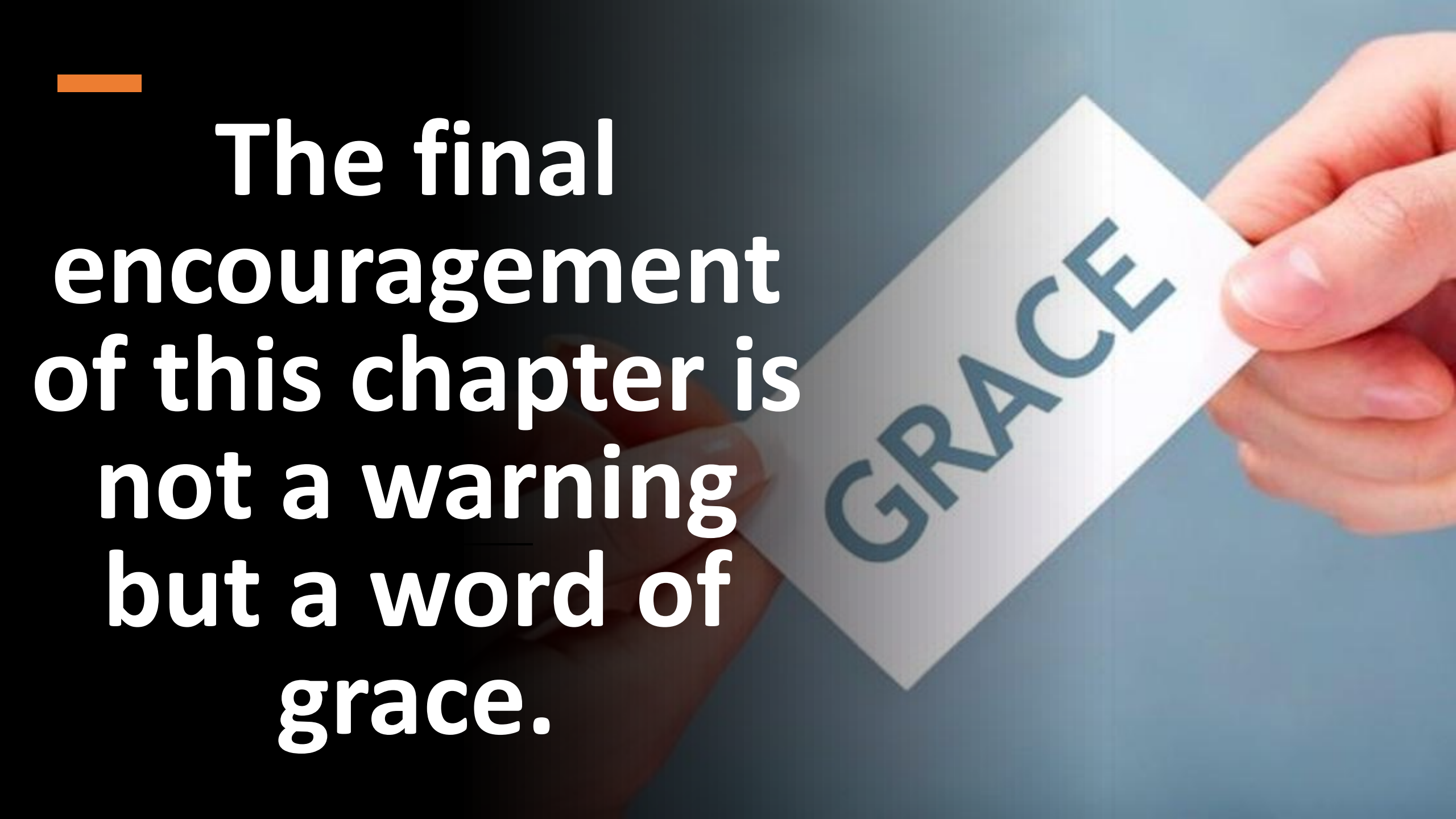

Matthew 16:18

And I also say to you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build My church, and the gates of Hades shall not prevail against it.



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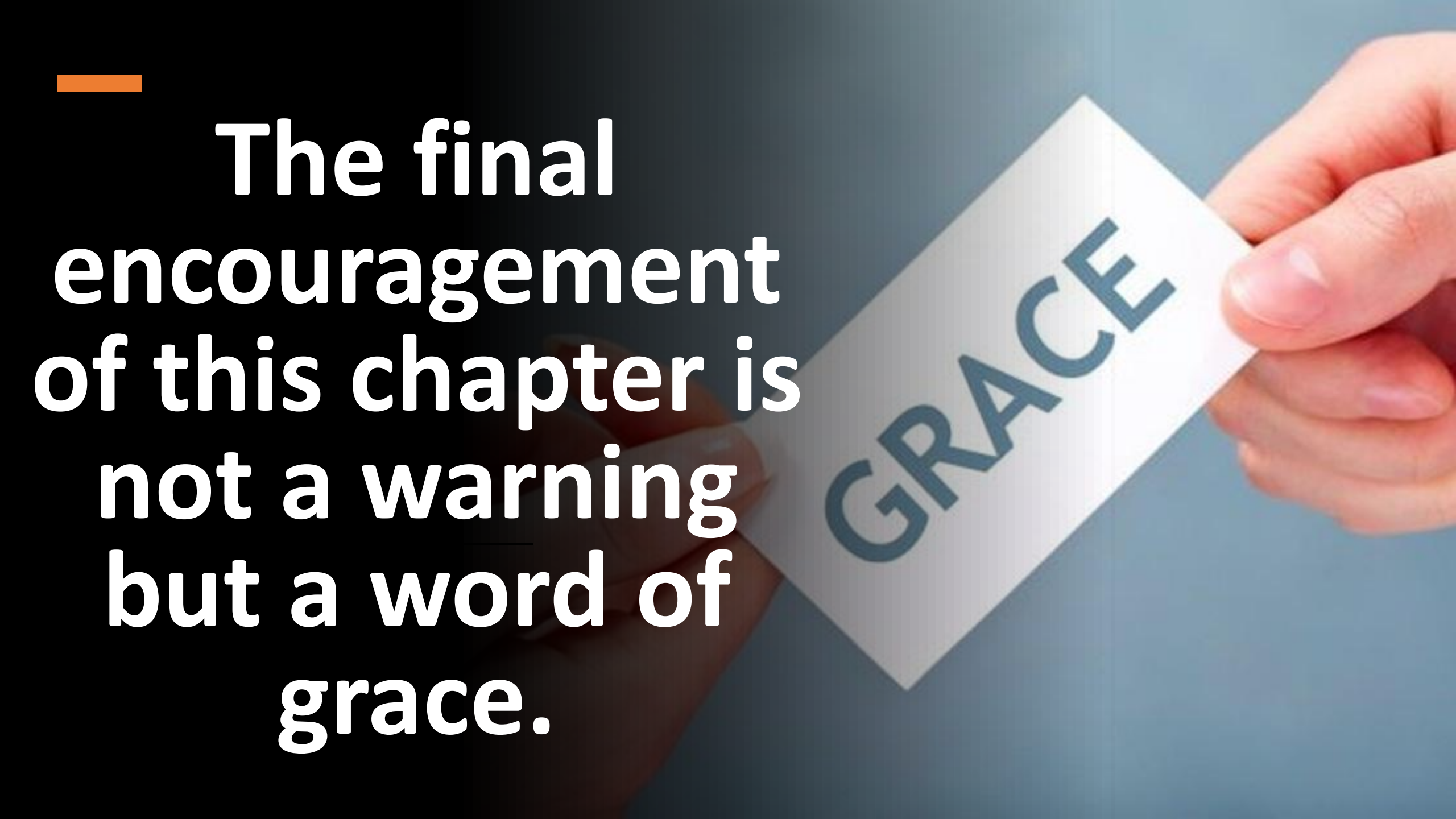

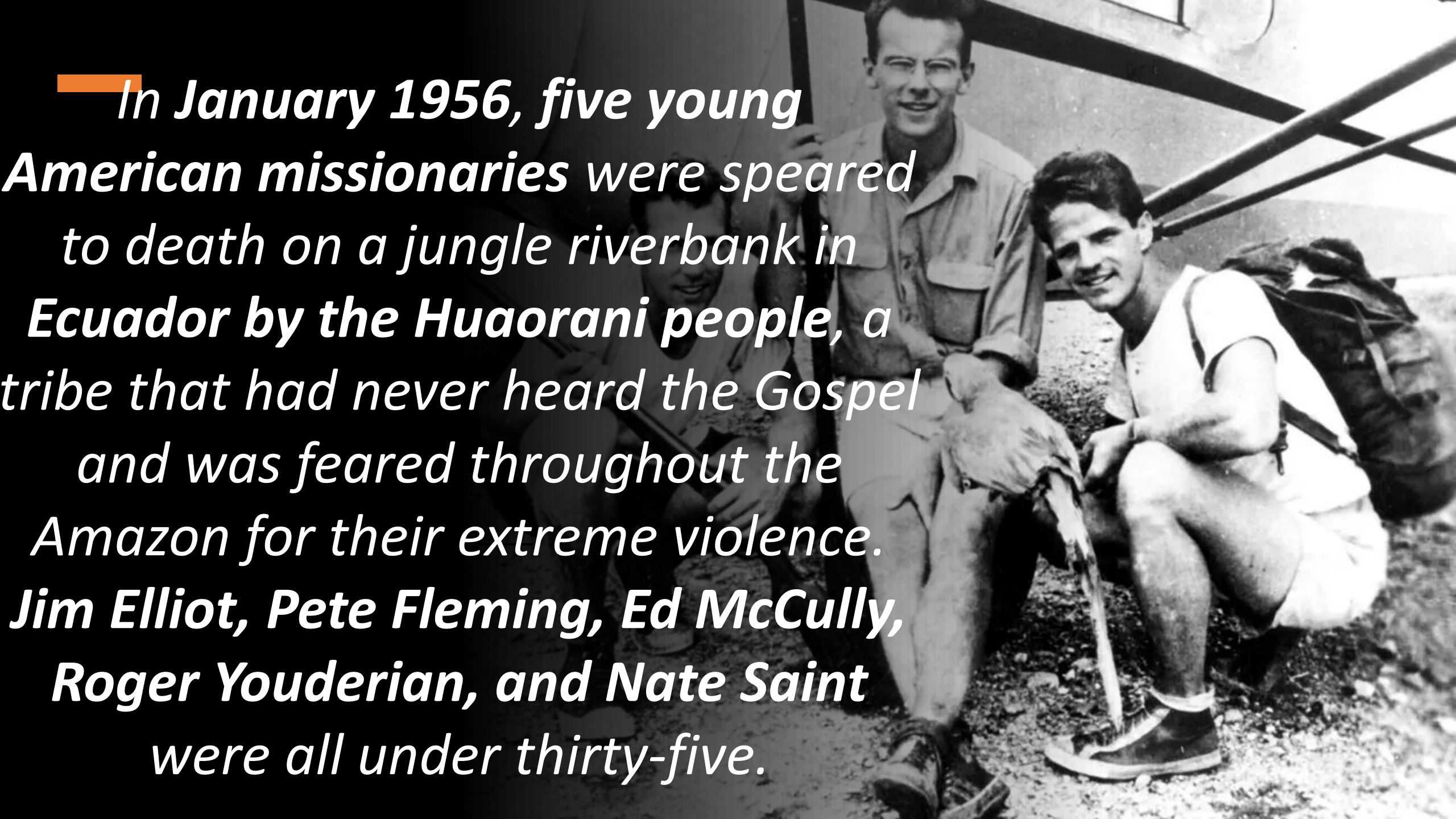

*In **January 1956, five young American missionaries** were speared to death on a jungle riverbank in **Ecuador by the Huaorani people**, a tribe that had never heard the Gospel and was feared throughout the Amazon for their extreme violence. **Jim Elliot, Pete Fleming, Ed McCully, Roger Youderian, and Nate Saint** were all under thirty-five.*



'GO YE AND PREACH THE GOSPEL'



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Had their faith been shipwrecked on the rocks of a jungle river?



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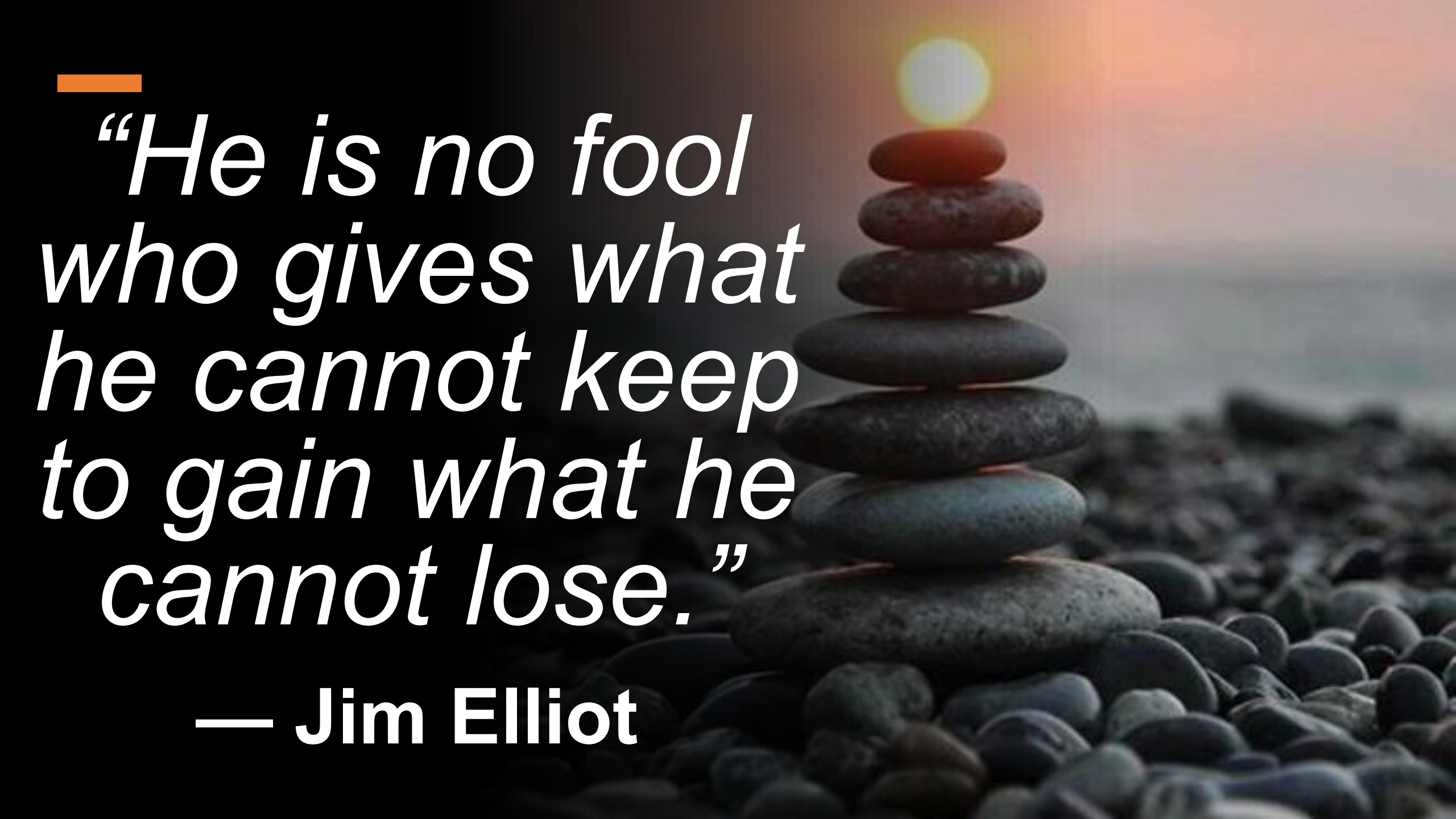
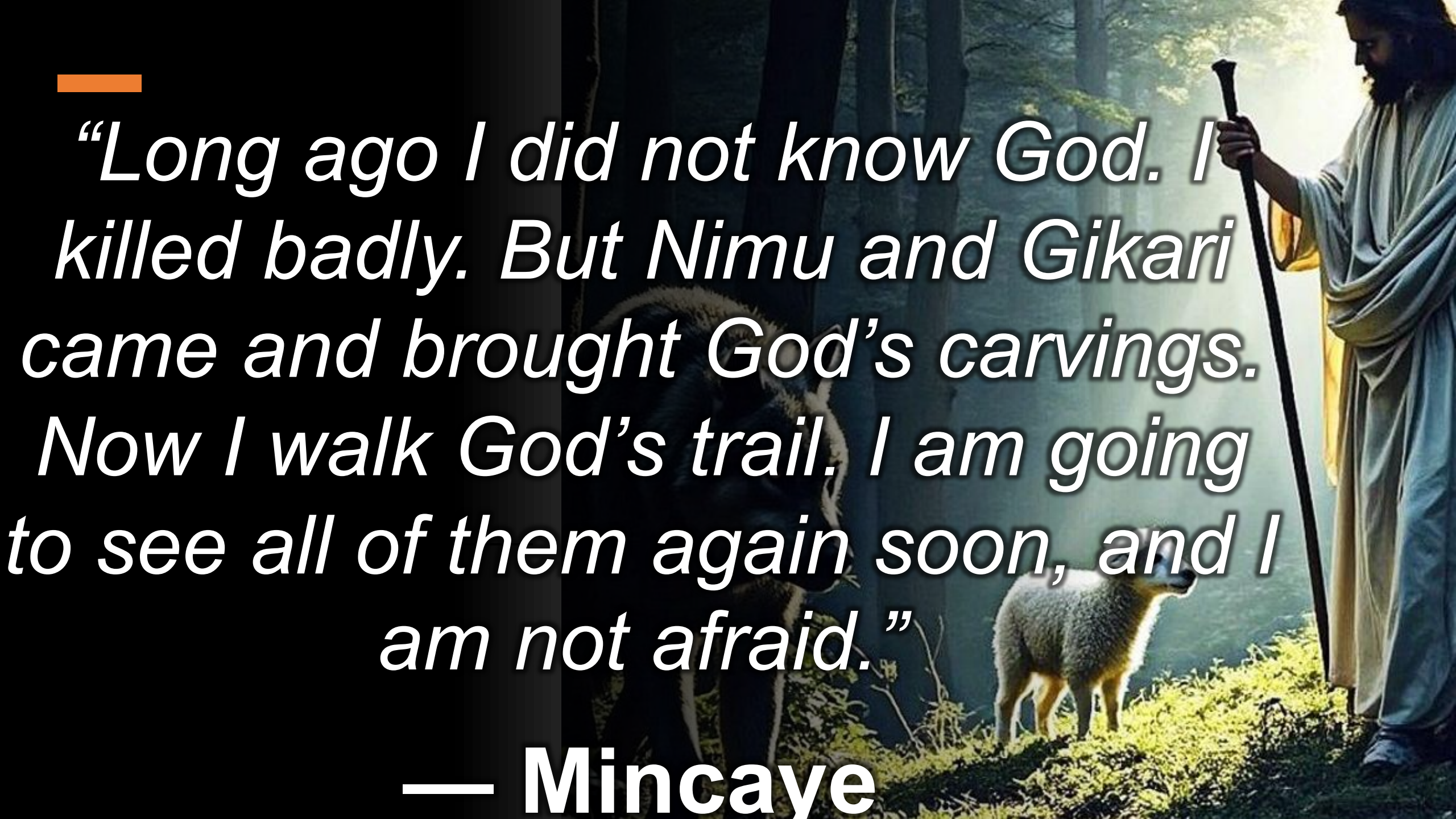

“He is no fool who gives what he cannot keep to gain what he cannot lose.”
— Jim Elliot

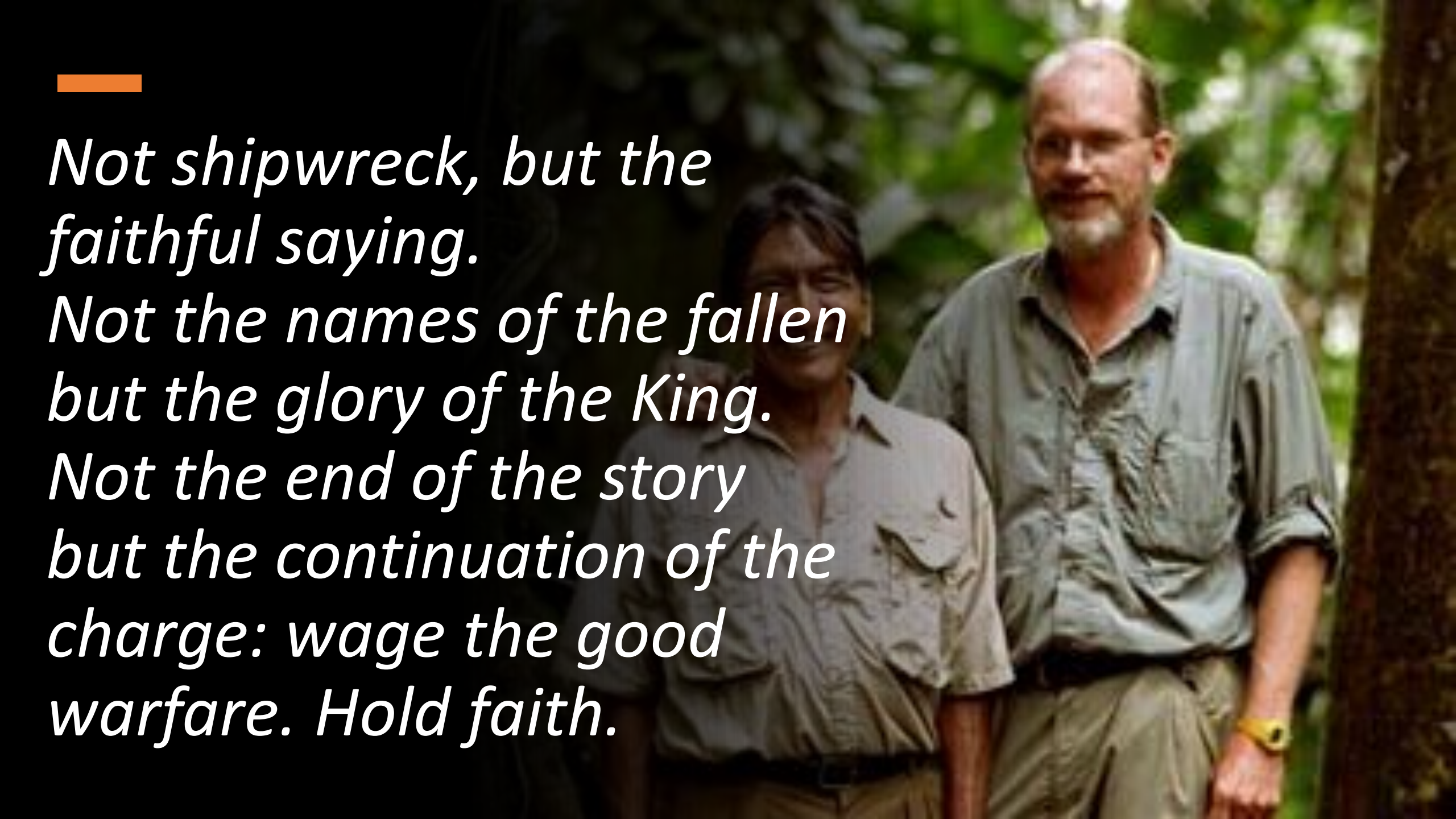


*In **2005, Steve Saint, Nate's son**, arranged for **Mincaye** to attend the **fifty-year memorial service at the river.***

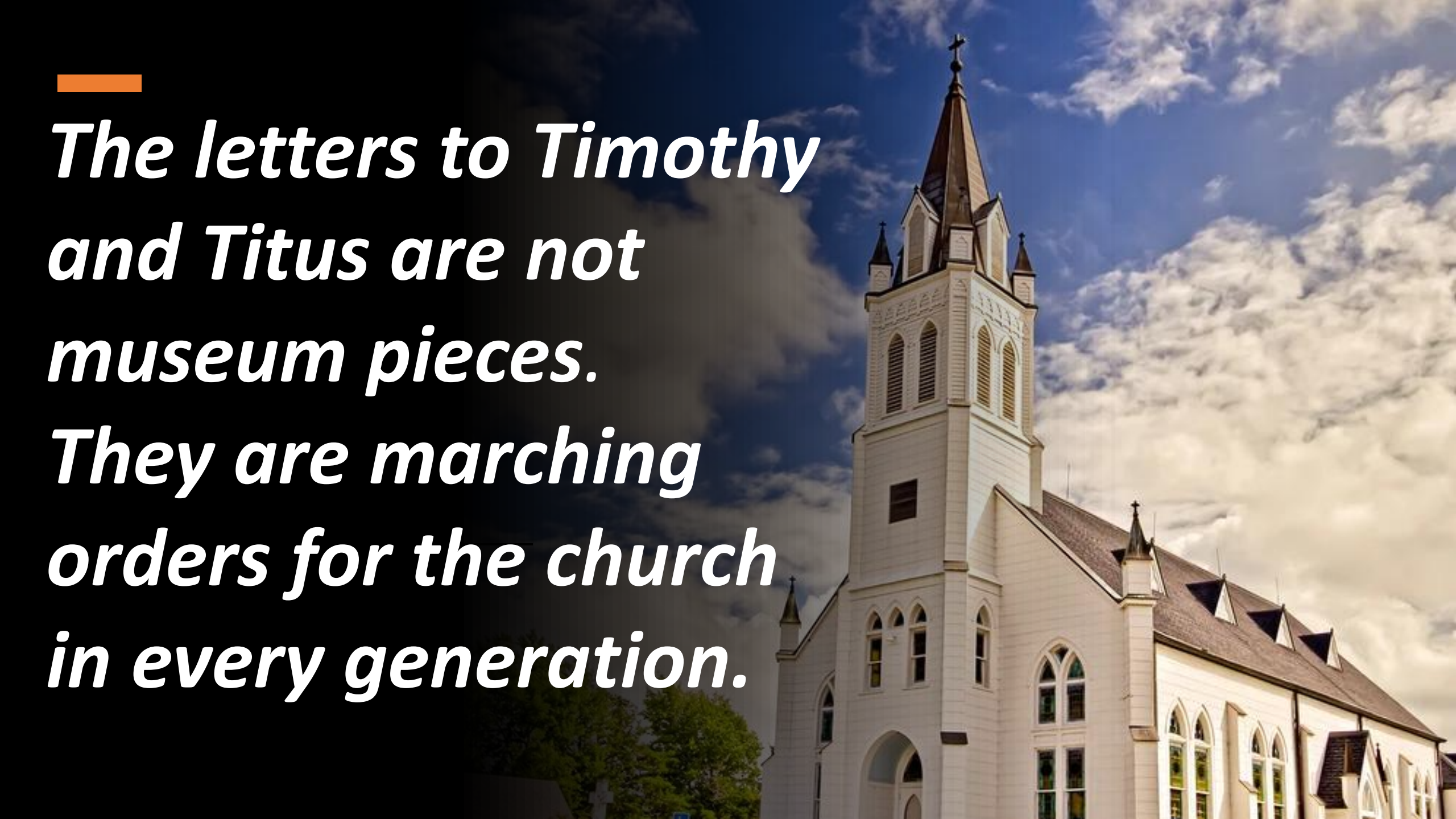
“Long ago I did not know God. I killed badly. But Nimu and Gikari came and brought God’s carvings. Now I walk God’s trail. I am going to see all of them again soon, and I am not afraid.”

— Mincaye





Not shipwreck, but the faithful saying.
Not the names of the fallen but the glory of the King.
Not the end of the story but the continuation of the charge: wage the good warfare. Hold faith.



The letters to Timothy and Titus are not museum pieces. They are marching orders for the church in every generation.

2 Timothy 4:7-8

I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. [8] Finally, there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will give to me on that day, and not to me only but also to all who have loved His appearing.

