

1 Peter

Grace Amidst Suffering



Suffering

1 Peter

Theme

**How to Attract Others During
Righteous Suffering**

1 Peter

Key Verse

“Dear friends, do not be surprised at the painful trial you are suffering, as though something strange were happening to you. But rejoice that you participate in the sufferings of Christ, so that you may be overjoyed when his glory is revealed.... I have written to you briefly, encouraging you and testifying that this is the true grace of God. Stand fast in it” (4:12-13; 5:12).

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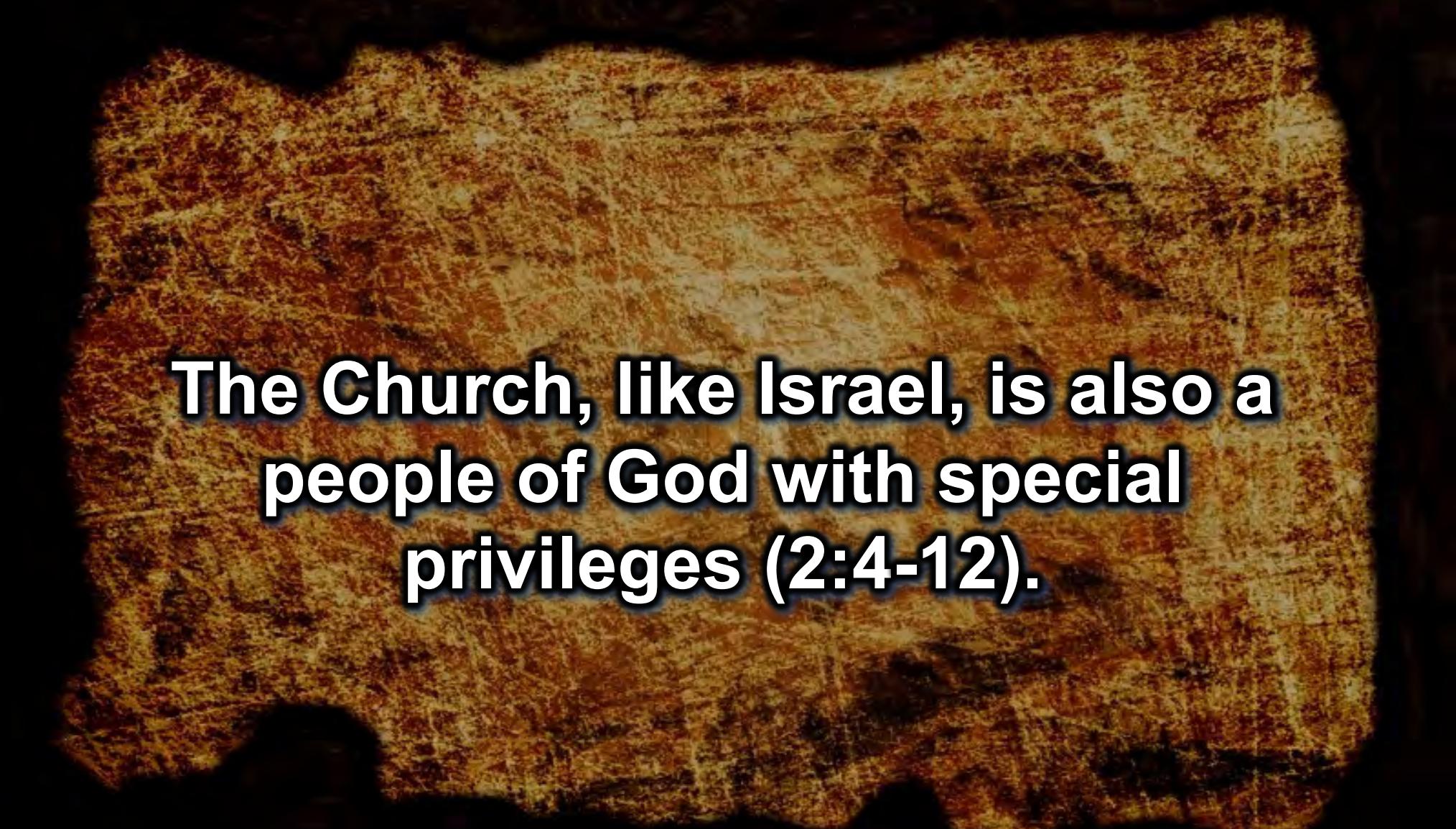
North Asia Minor believers should ***suffer properly for Christ*** as holy, submissive, and selfless witnesses motivated by Christ's example and the hope of future glory to ***attract others*** to hear their message.

Kingdom Statement

**Nero deserves honor (2:17),
so how much more does Jesus!**

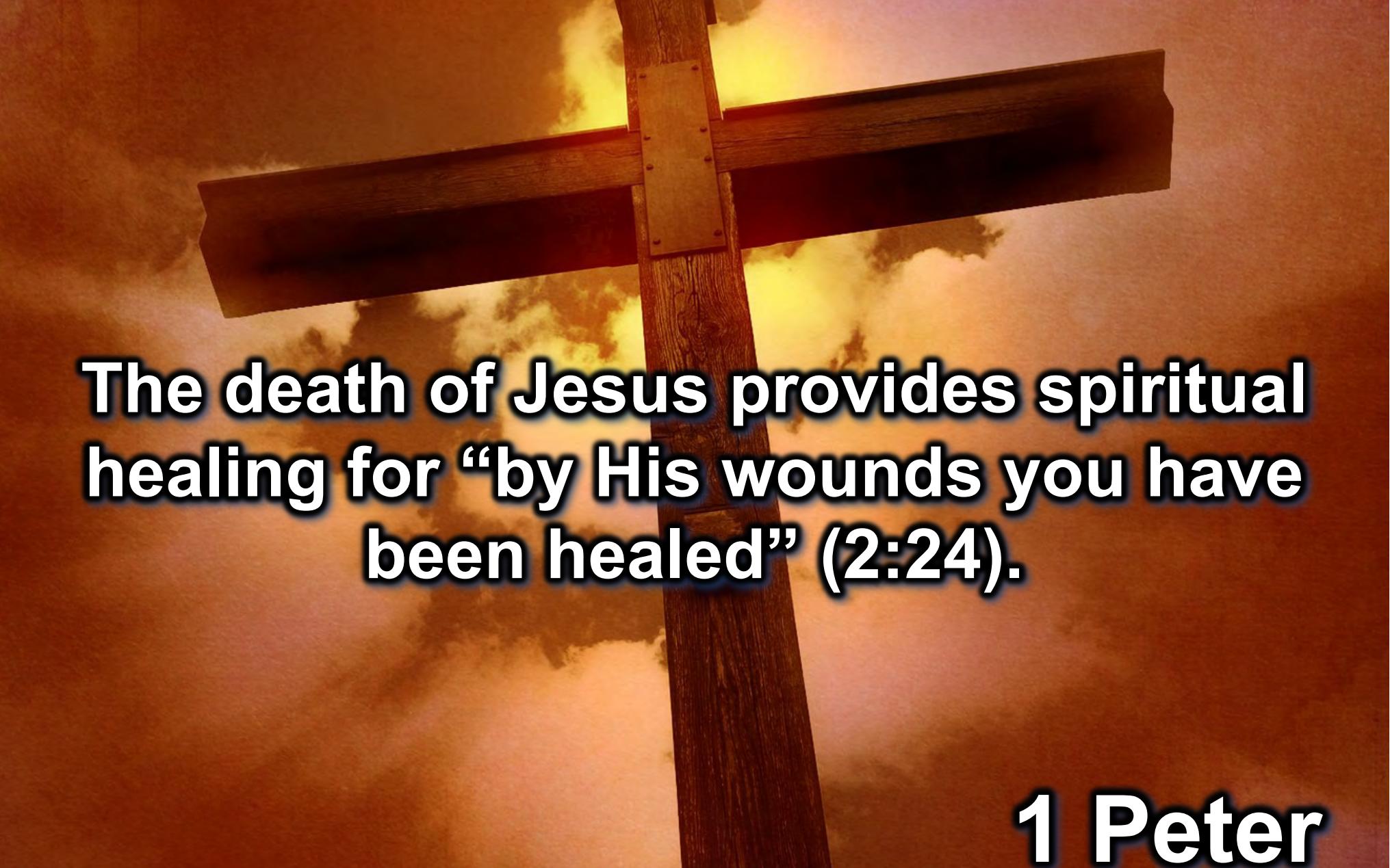
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Covenant



The Church, like Israel, is also a people of God with special privileges (2:4-12).

Redemption

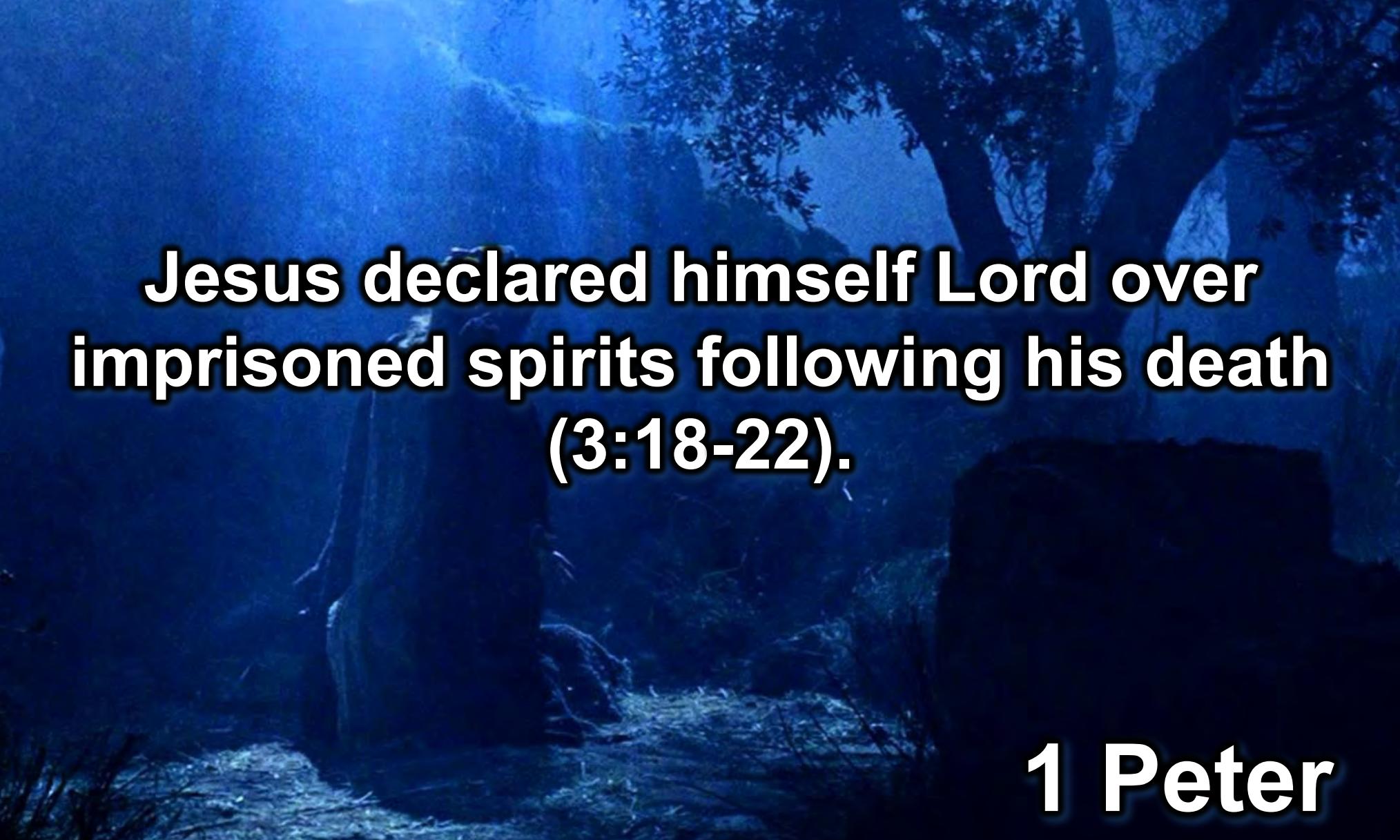


The death of Jesus provides spiritual healing for “by His wounds you have been healed” (2:24).

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Prophecy (Lord, Deity)

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**Jesus declared himself Lord over
imprisoned spirits following his death
(3:18-22).**

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1 Peter Outline

How to Attract Others During Righteous Suffering

Sanctification			Submission				Selflessness					
1:1–2:12			2:13–3:12				3:13–5:14					
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Rome to Northern Asia

Early AD 64

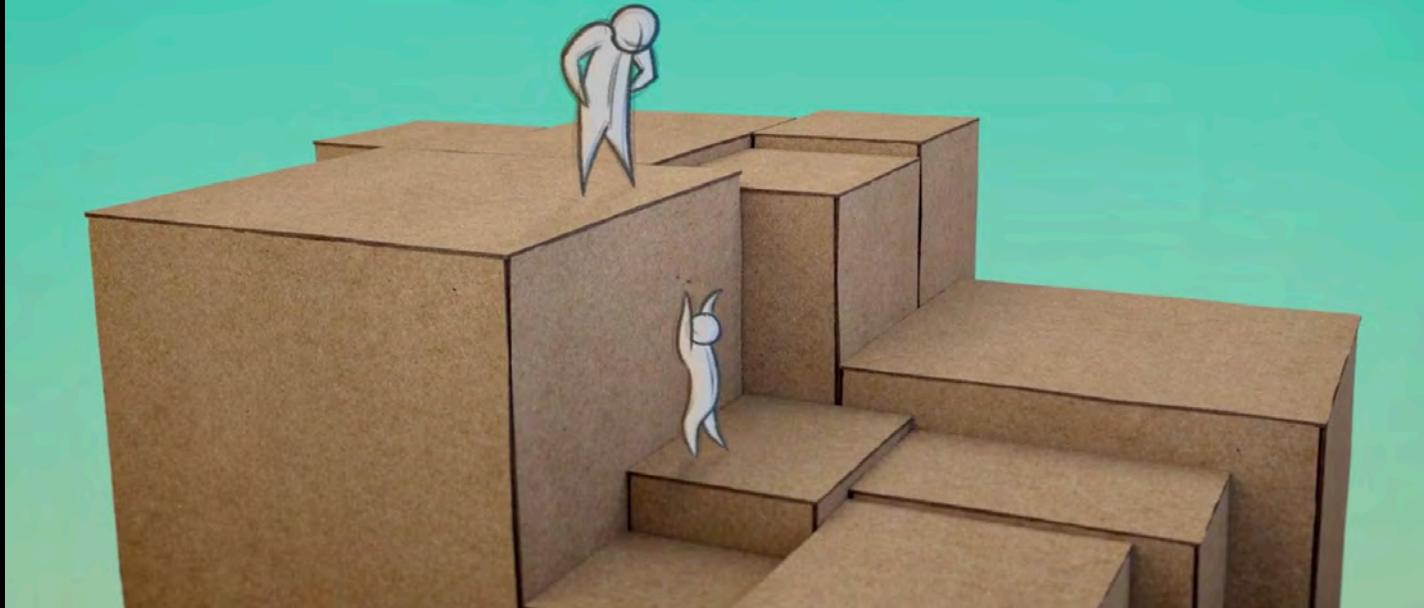
- 1 Trials prove your faith
- 2 Respond like Christ's example
- 3 Innocent conscience quiets foes
- 4 Attitudes pleasing to God
- 5 Leaders to serve humbly

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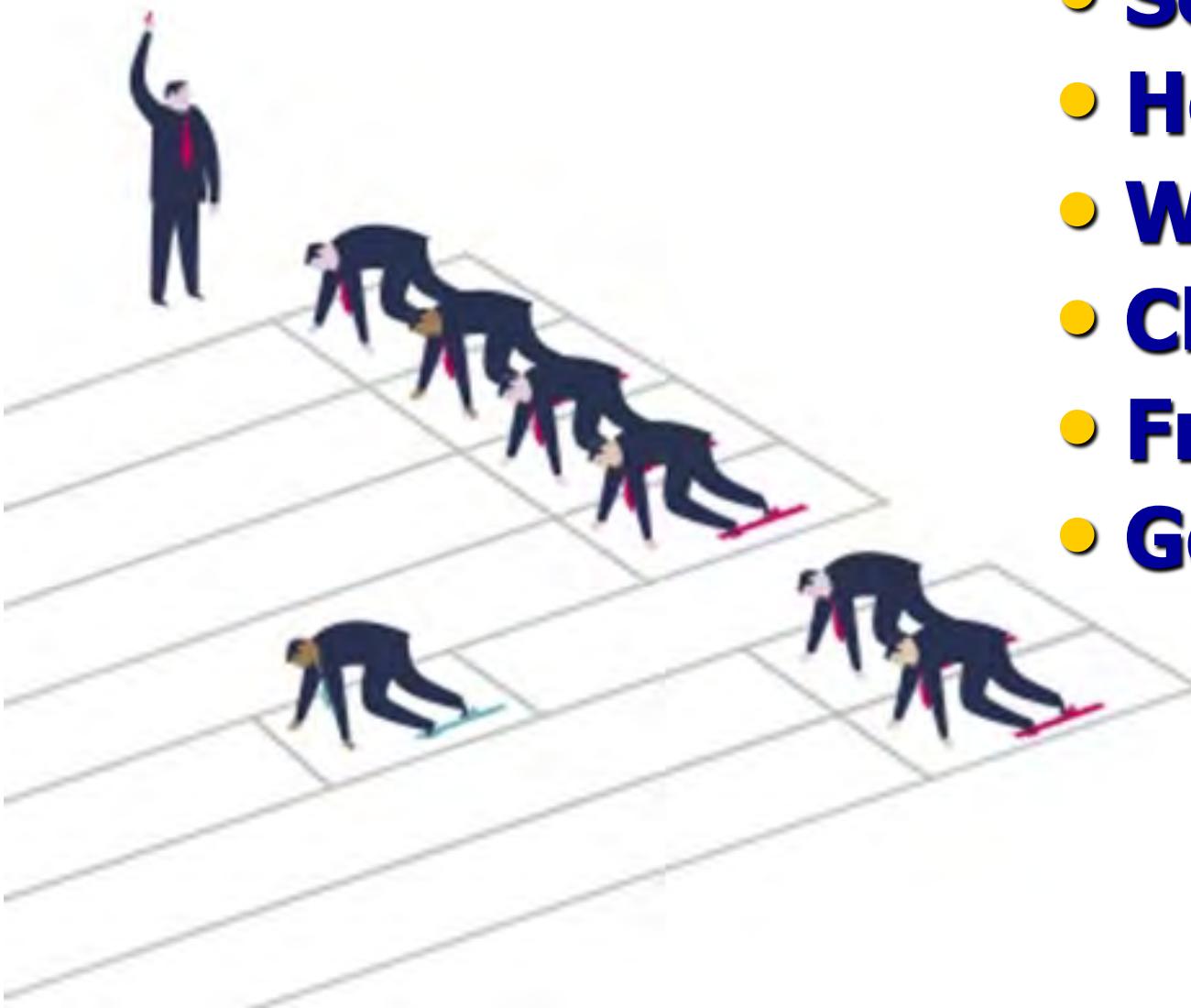
Be Attracting

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The Dual Themes:

"This is the true grace of God"

1 Pet. 1:1-12

Election

Sovereignty of God

Positional sanctification

Initiated by Godhead (1:2)

"Stand firm in it"

1 Pet. 1:13–5:14

Endurance

Responsibility of man

Practical sanctification

Effectuated in Godly Living (1:13ff)

How to attract others to Jesus...

I. Show **holiness** with hope
(1:1-2:12).



HOPE
IN THE DARKNESS

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How to attract others to Jesus...

II. Show **submission to both
God and people (2:13–3:12).**



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How to attract others to Jesus...

III. Show **selfless** living like
Jesus (3:13–5:14).



LOVE GOD. LOVE PEOPLE.

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How to attract others to Jesus...

Show a holy humility
that honors others.

Main Idea of 1 Peter

Which of these three qualities is the biggest challenge for you?

Holiness

Where are your standards too low?

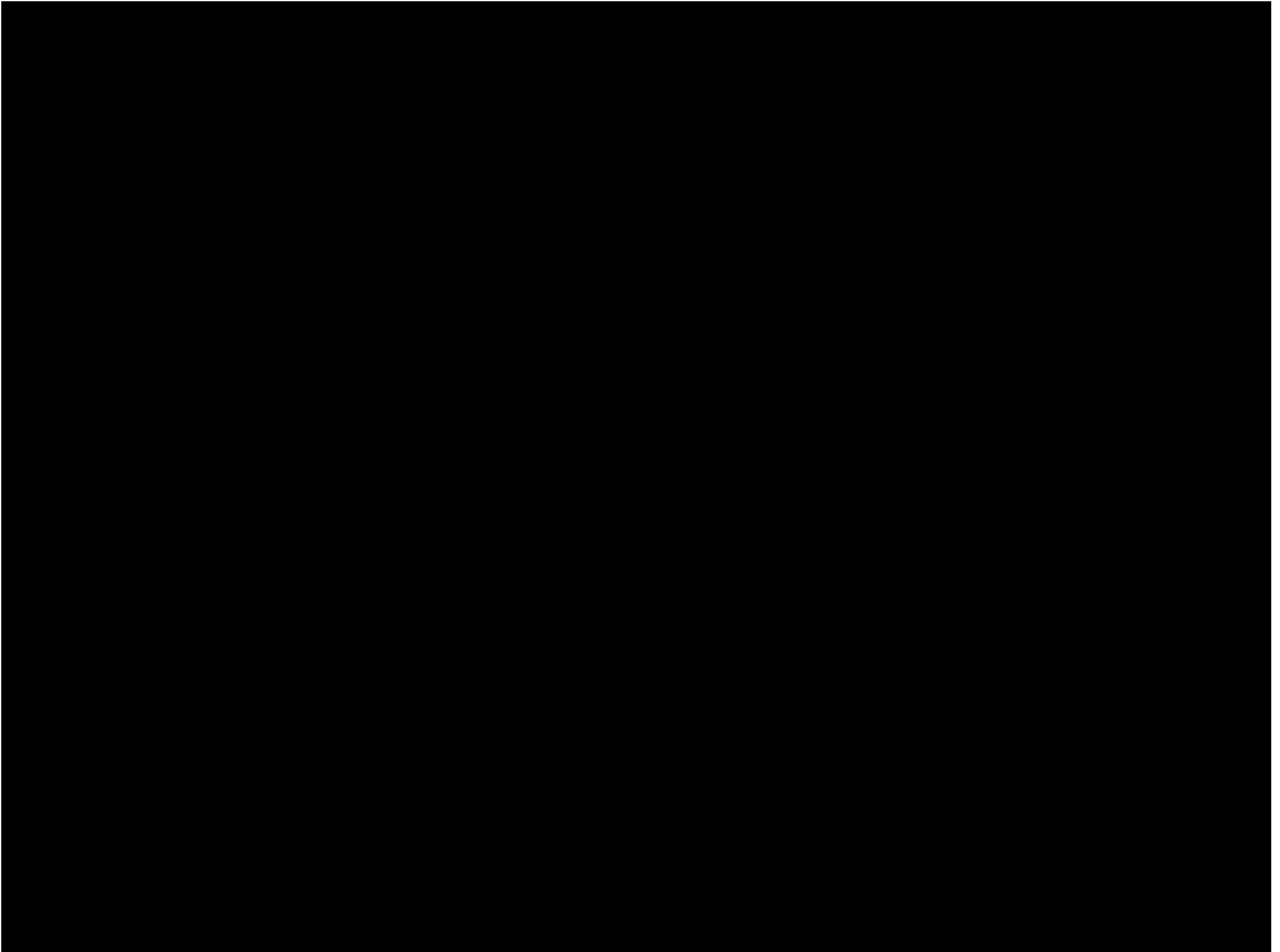
Submission

Where do you want to be boss but God wants you to yield?

Selflessness

What battle do you need to lose?

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secret hiding place

ATTACK!



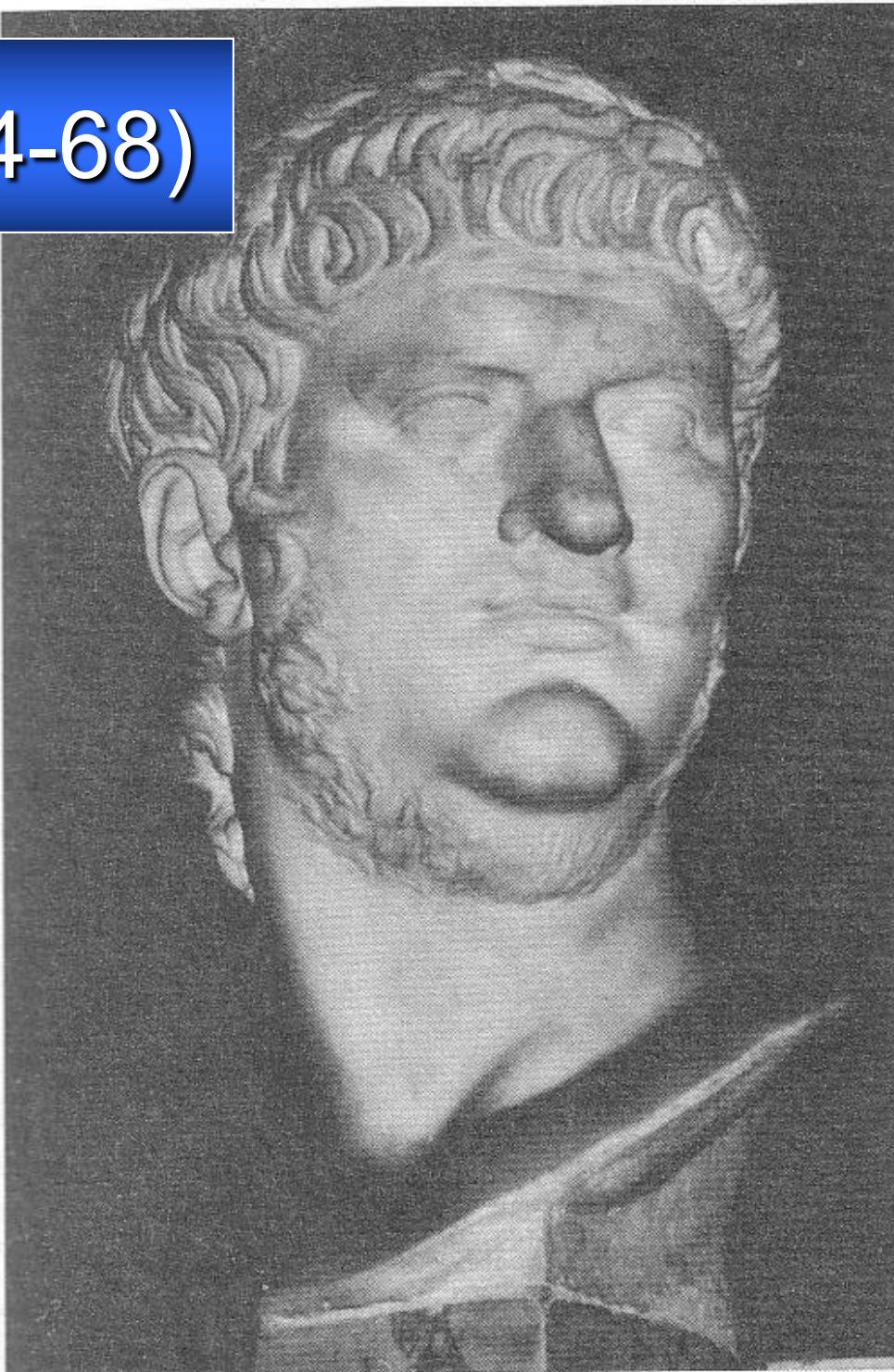
Are you asking...

Why?

(This is the wrong question to ask)

Nero (AD 54-68)

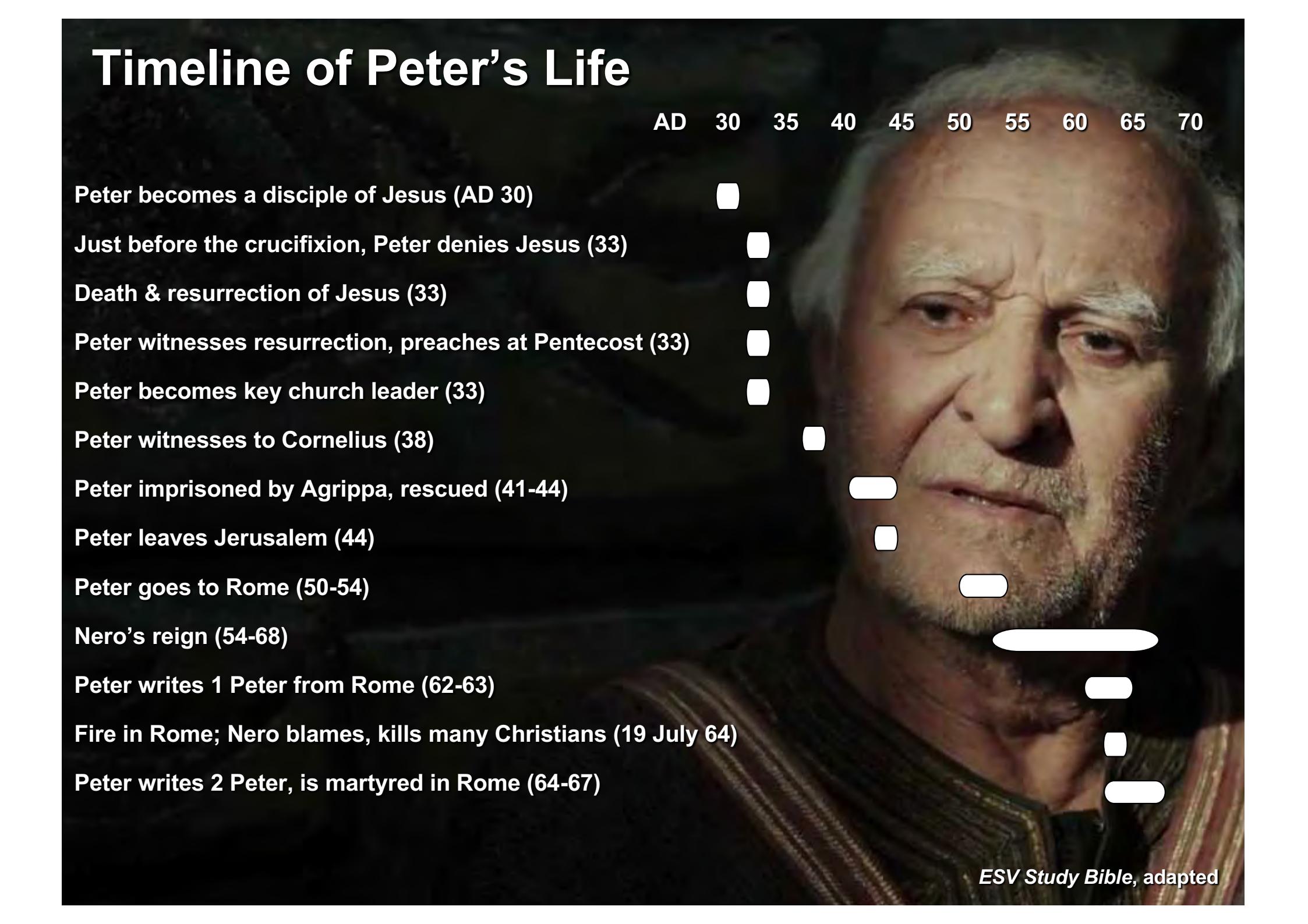
- Stability
- Insanity



EMPEROR NERO
Nero began the
persecution of
Christians in
Rome. (*Capitoline
Museum, Rome*)

Timeline of Peter's Life

AD 30 35 40 45 50 55 60 65 70



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First Peter

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- **The Glory of Salvation**
- **The Believer as Pilgrim**
- **Following Christ**

The Deaths of Peter and Paul

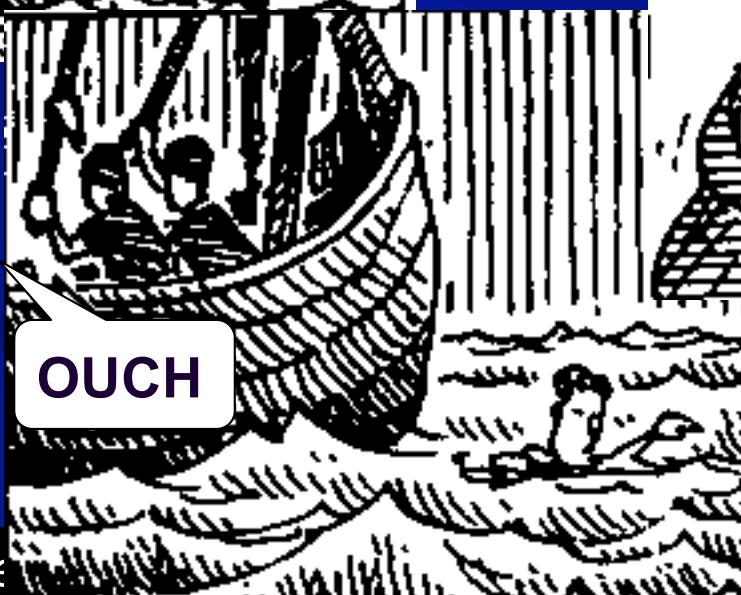
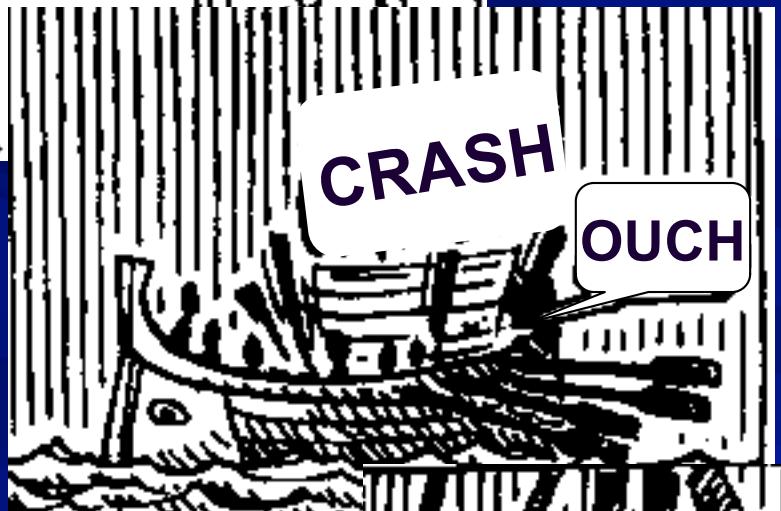
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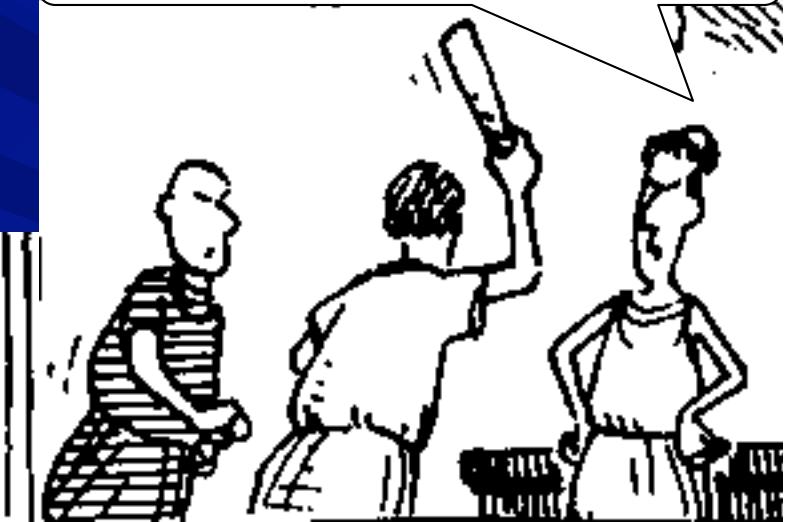
Nero's Poisoning of Britannicus





Thanks, Son!

THAT'S NOT VERY FRIENDLY



Nero (AD 54-68)

- Stability
- Insanity
- Hypocrisy
- Persecution
- Jewish Revolt
- Death



Key Words

Suffering, Grace and Glory

1 Peter

Intro to 1 Peter

“1 Peter is a letter of encouragement. Although the theme of **suffering** runs through this book, so does the theme of **glory**. Peter encourages the saints with the hope that one day their suffering will be turned to glory even as Christ suffered and entered His glory. But suffering does not *automatically* bring glory to God and blessing to God’s people. Some believers have fallen in times of trial and brought shame to the name of Christ. Only when we depend on the **grace** of God can we glorify God in times of suffering. And as we look to the Lord’s coming we can be hopeful!”

-W. Wiersbe

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1 Peter 4:12-16; 5:12



Peter, an apostle of Jesus Christ,
to those who reside as aliens,
scattered throughout Pontus,
Galatia, Cappadocia, Asia, and
Bithynia, who are chosen
according to the foreknowledge of
God the Father, by the sanctifying
work of the Spirit, that you may
obey Jesus Christ and be
sprinkled with His blood: May
grace and peace be yours in
fullest measure.

1Pet. 1:1,2 NASB



"Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who according to His great mercy has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, to *obtain* an inheritance *which is* imperishable and undefiled and will not fade away, reserved in heaven for you, who are protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.

1 Pet 1:3-5 NASB



"In this you greatly rejoice, even though now for a little while, if necessary, you have been distressed by various trials, that the proof of your faith, *being* more precious than gold which is perishable, even though tested by fire, may be found to result in praise and glory and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ;

1 Pet 1:6-7 NASB



“and though you have not seen Him, you love Him, and though you do not see Him now, but believe in Him, you greatly rejoice with joy inexpressible and full of glory, obtaining as the outcome of your faith the salvation of your souls.”

1 Pet 1:8-9 NASB



“As to this salvation, the prophets who prophesied of the grace that would come to you made careful search and inquiry, seeking to know what person or time the Spirit of Christ within them was indicating as He predicted the sufferings of Christ and the glories to follow.”

1 Pet 1:10-11 NASB



”It was revealed to them that they were not serving themselves, but you, in these things which now have been announced to you through those who preached the gospel to you by the Holy Spirit sent from heaven — things into which angels long to look.”

1 Pet 1:12 NASB

Who was Peter?

1 Peter 5:1

John 1:40-42

Mark 1:14-18

Matthew 14:22-33

Matthew 16:13-19

Matthew 17:1-8

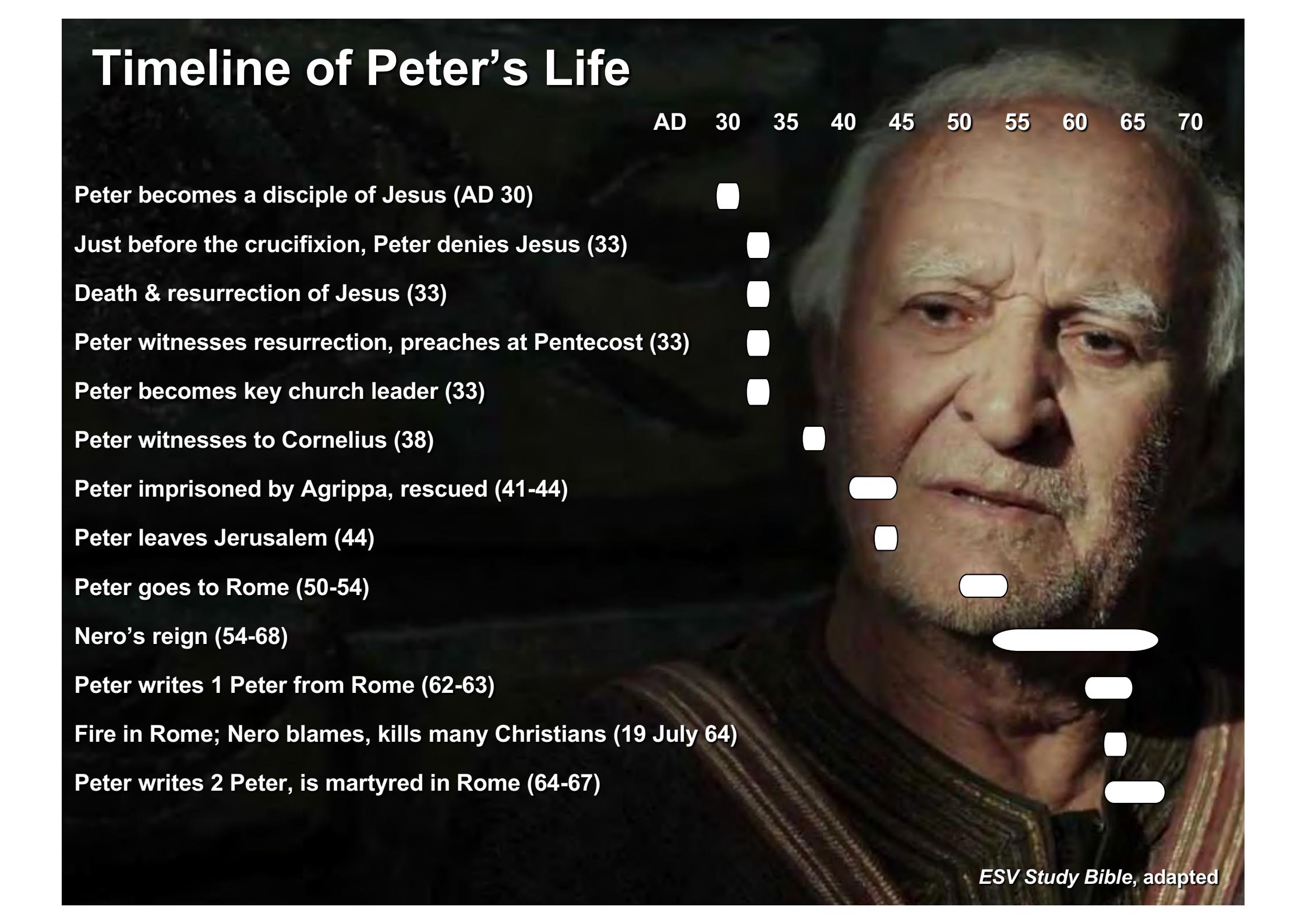
Matthew 26:69-75

John 21:1-11, 15-19

Acts 2:1, 14-24, 37-41

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Background to 1 Peter

Authorship: Who wrote it?

- "Peter, an apostle of Jesus Christ" (1:1)
- So who else can it be?
- Yet some still object! Why?



Date

**After Paul left Rome (AD 62) but
before persecution started (AD 64)**

Place

"Babylon" = Rome (5:13) but WHY?

Conclusion 15-1

Woman?
Church?

Babylon?
Rome?

¹³ She who is in Babylon, chosen together with you, sends you her greetings, and so does my son Mark.

¹⁴ Greet one another with a kiss of love. Peace to all of you who are in Christ.

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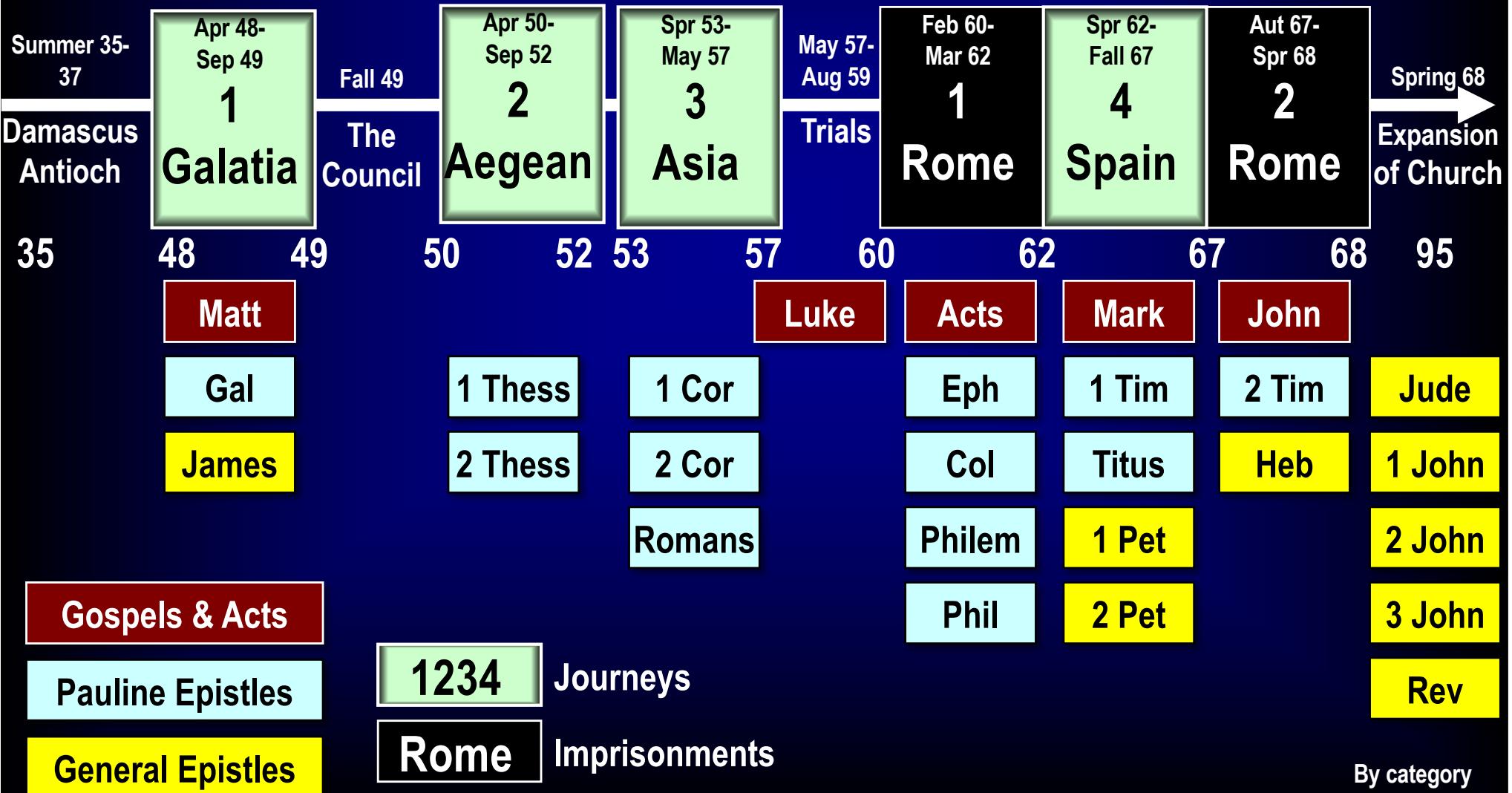
1. Peter did not visit old Babylon
2. "Babylon" traditionally referred to Rome
3. Revelation 17–18 refers to Rome as Babylon

NT Overview (General Epistles)

38
124
39-41

"To the remotest part of the earth" (Acts 1:8)

Acts 9 13 14 15 16 18 21 27 28



- ❖ *"The Greek is too polished for a fisherman"*
 - But Peter had 30 years of sharpening!
- ❖ *"Persecution had not started"*
 - But he wasn't writing to Rome
- ❖ *"It resembles Paul's letters"*
 - Paul & Peter agreed on the gospel
- ❖ *"It's too pastoral for an apostle"*
 - Can't apostles be pastoral?

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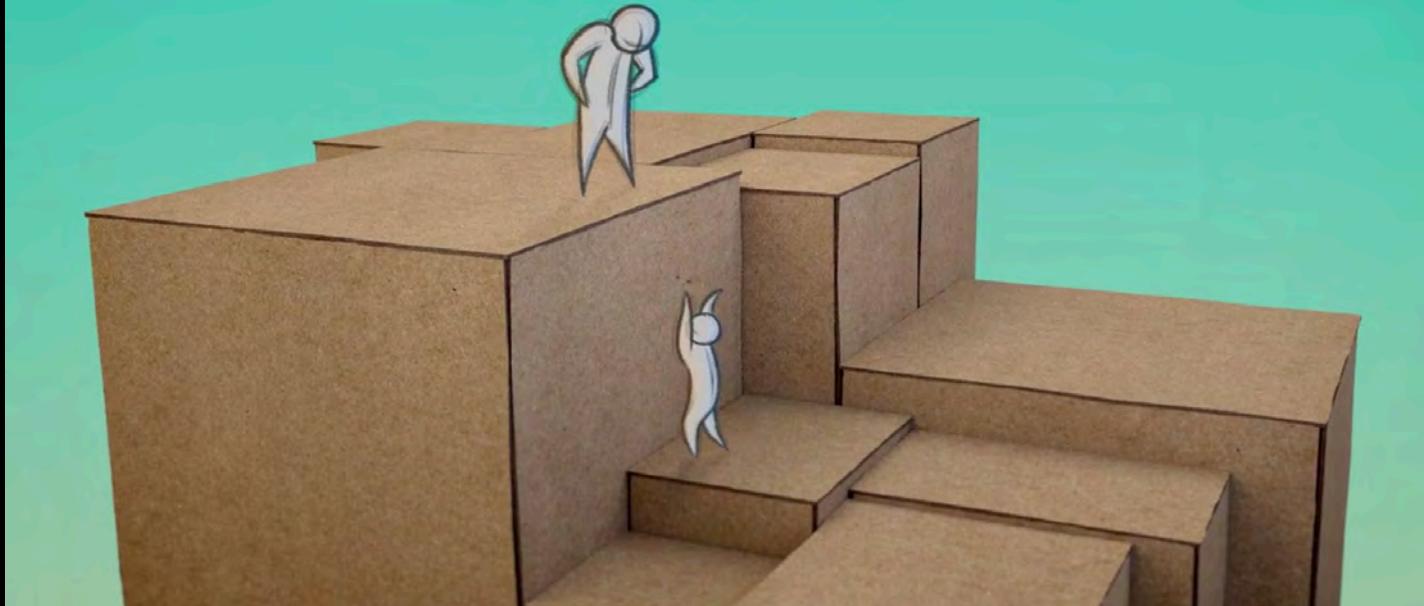
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Suffering for Jesus



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Why did Peter's readers need encouragement?

1 Pet. 4:12-13

Nero



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What is Grace?

"The power to do God's will"

*- Bill Gothard
(Institute in Basic Life Principles)*

**Too often we repel
unbelievers when we suffer**





How can we tap into God's
grace in our difficulties to
attract others to Jesus?

Attract Others to Jesus



Our churches should attract the people Jesus attracted and frustrate the people Jesus frustrated.

—Shane Claiborne—

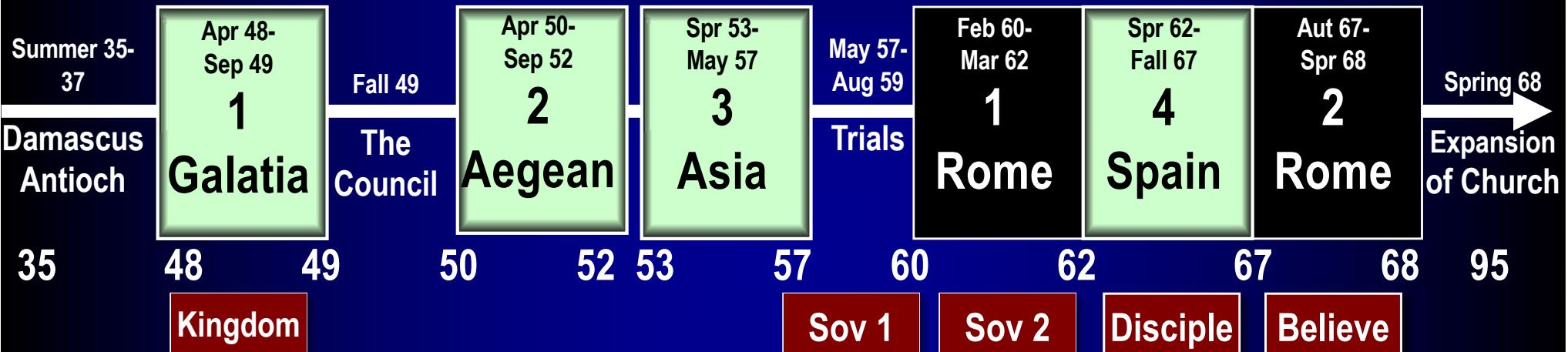
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Gospels & Acts

Pauline Epistles

General Epistles

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Journeys

Rome

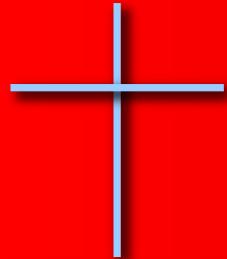
Imprisonments

General Epistles + Key Words

Common Responses to Persecution	Peter's Exhortation
"I'll get even"	<i>"Do not repay evil with evil or insult with insult, but with blessing, because to this you were called to inherit a blessing" (3:9; cf. 2:1)</i>
"I'm discouraged"	<i>"Rejoice that you participate in the sufferings of Christ...do not be ashamed..." (4:13, 16)</i>
"I'm afraid"	<i>"Do not fear what they [persecutors] fear; do not be frightened" (3:14b)</i>
"Forget Christianity. It's not worth it"	<i>"...by His wounds you have been healed" (2:24)</i>
"Why do they only persecute me?"	<i>"...your brothers throughout the world are undergoing the same kind of sufferings" (5:9)</i>
"Hey! I have my rights!"	<i>"Humble yourselves...under God's mighty hand, that He may lift you up in due time" (5:6)</i>

Persecution in the First Century

All Emperors Were Not Equal



Christ
Crucified
AD 33



Jerusalem
Destroyed
AD 70



Revelation
Written
AD 95

Tiberius
14-37

Caligula
37-41

Claudius
41-54

Nero
54-68

Vespasian
69-79

Titus
79-81

Domitian
81-96

Emperors in black caused Jews and/or Christians to suffer

ROME

A.D. 64

Nero (AD 54-68)

"Favorite sayings: He played the lyre very badly but people told him he was brilliant.

The Greeks were particularly creepy about telling him he was good. 'Only the Greeks are worth my genius,' he would say.



When he knew he had to die all he could say was, 'What a loss I shall be to the art of music!'"

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(1:1-2:12).



HOPE
IN THE DARKNESS



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I. Sanctification 1:1-2:12

(Holiness)

A. Salutation 1:1-2

B. Praise for hope 1:3-12

C. Holy Life Exhorted 1:13-2:12

I. Sanctification (1:1–2:12)

Sanctification in light of our hope of future glory helps watching unbelievers praise God (1:1–2:12).



"LORD, THANKS FOR MY BURDENS!"



Recipients: Pilgrims in Dispersion

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280a

"This letter is from Peter, an apostle of Jesus Christ. I am writing to God's chosen people who are living as **foreigners** in the provinces of Pontus, Galatia, Cappadocia, Asia, and Bithynia"

—1 Pet 1:1 NLT—



Do you feel like an alien?

"Peter, an apostle of Jesus Christ,

To those who reside as **aliens**..."

—1 Pet 1:1 NAS—

What does an alien look like?

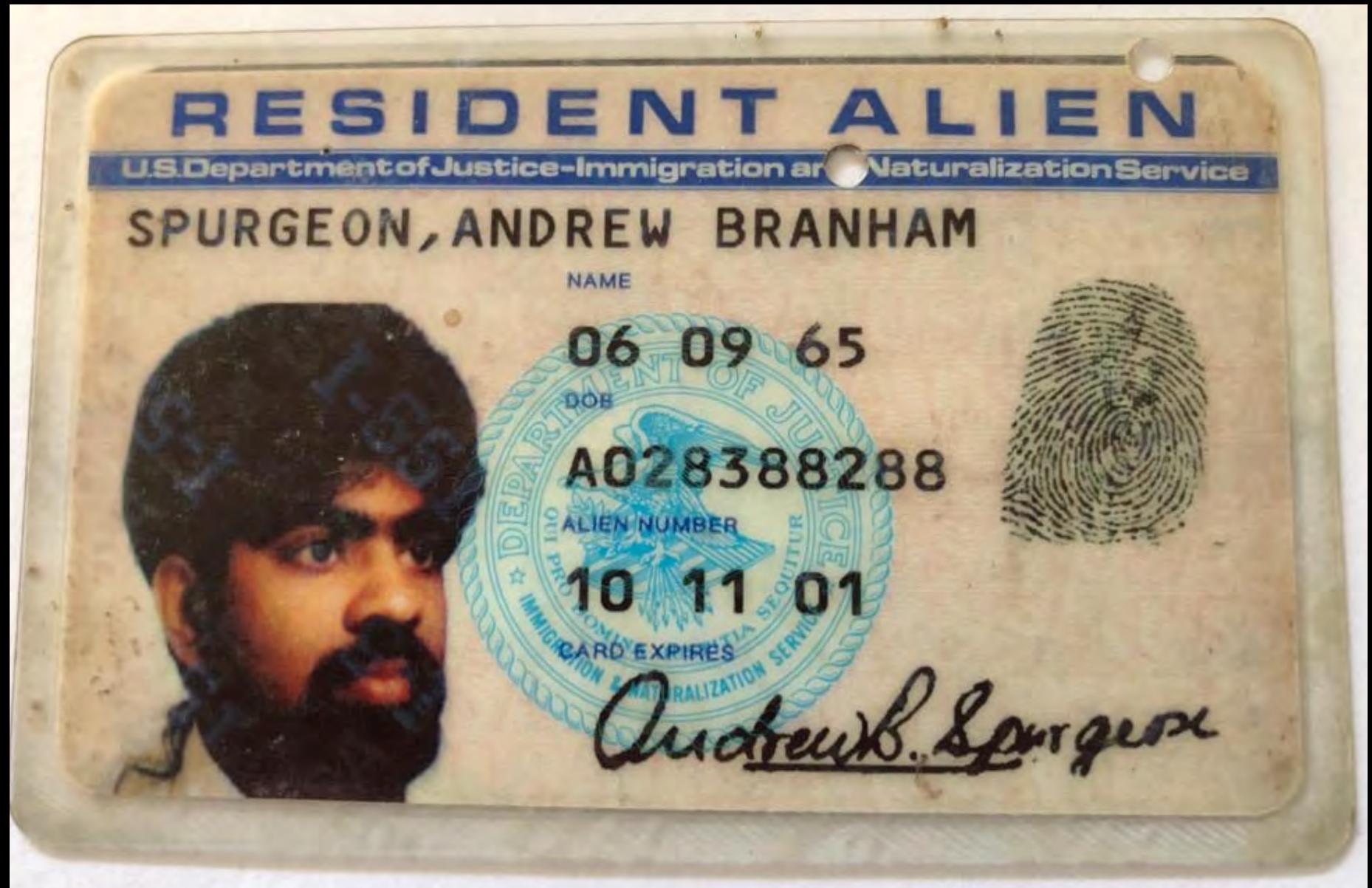
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What is an Alien?

1. *Reside in a foreign land*
2. *Citizenship is in another place (cf. Phil. 3:20)*
3. *Abode is temporary (not a P.R.)*
4. *Different values than the majority—sense of humor, dress, view of money, job, giving, etc.*
5. *Often persecuted for being different—laughed at, ridiculed, etc.*



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—1 Pet 1:12 NIV—

God Chooses and Causes

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undefiled
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who are protected by the power of God
through faith
for a salvation ready to be revealed (*apokolupto*)
in the last (*eschaton*) time.

Benefits of Unjust Suffering ***(1 Peter 1:6-9)***

- 1. Provides a chance to rejoice (6a)**
- 2. Provides a variety of experiences (6b)**
- 3. Proves your faith as genuine (7a)**
- 4. Faith praises God (7b)**
- 5. Provides opportunities for growth (7)**
- 6. Gives joy from loving One unseen (8)**
- 7. Rewarded in assurance of salvation (9)**

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Purpose of 1 Peter?

Purpose

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God. Stand firm in it!”

1 Peter 5:12

Holiness: What is it?

- ⊕ **Belonging to God**
- ⊕ **ἅγιος** set apart to or by God, consecrated; holy, morally pure, upright
- ⊕ **Set apart for special use**

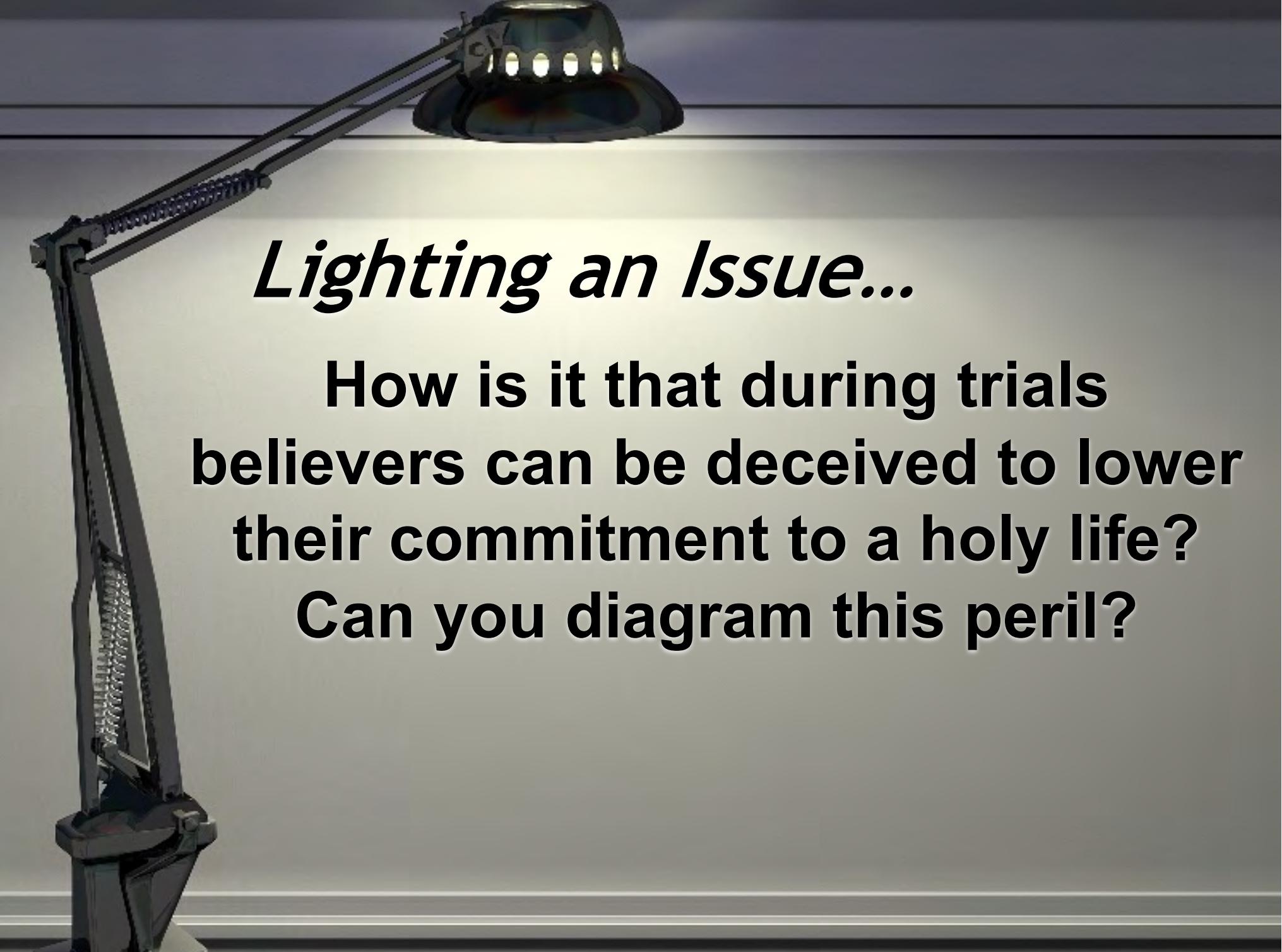
How Holy are You?

How true are these statements of you?

- 1. My work (or school or neighborhood) friends know me as a believer in Jesus Christ.**
- 2. People are more like God because they know me well.**



**Have Susan and I influenced
Kurt to be a godly man over his
first 18 years?**



Lighting an Issue...

**How is it that during trials
believers can be deceived to lower
their commitment to a holy life?
Can you diagram this peril?**

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Why replace the evil desires of our former life with moral purity now?

a) God is Our Example (13-16)

NIV Commands of 1 Peter 1:13-15

Prepare your minds for action

Be self-controlled

Set your hope...

Do not conform to... evil desires

Be holy

Two Greek Commands (1:13-15)

Set your hope...

...with a prepared mind

...with self-control

Be holy

... not conforming to... evil desires

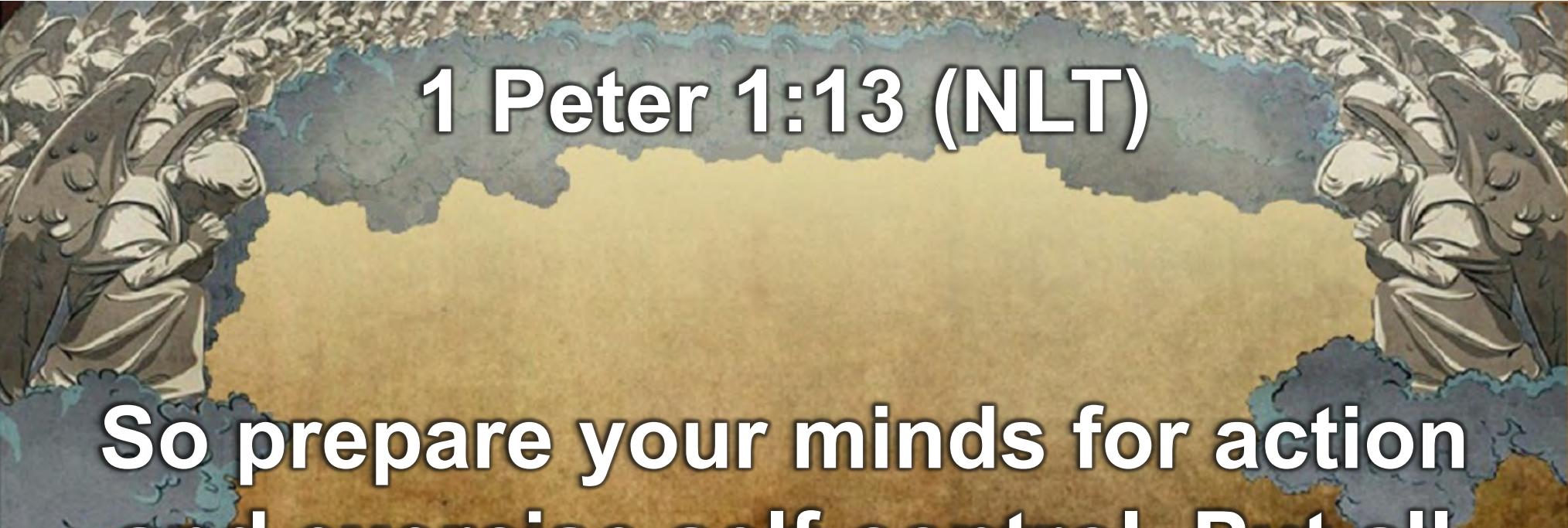
Why replace the evil desires of our former life with moral purity now?

a) God is Our Example (13-16)

Who can even
begin to
comprehend
God's holiness
at his throne
(Rev. 4-5)?

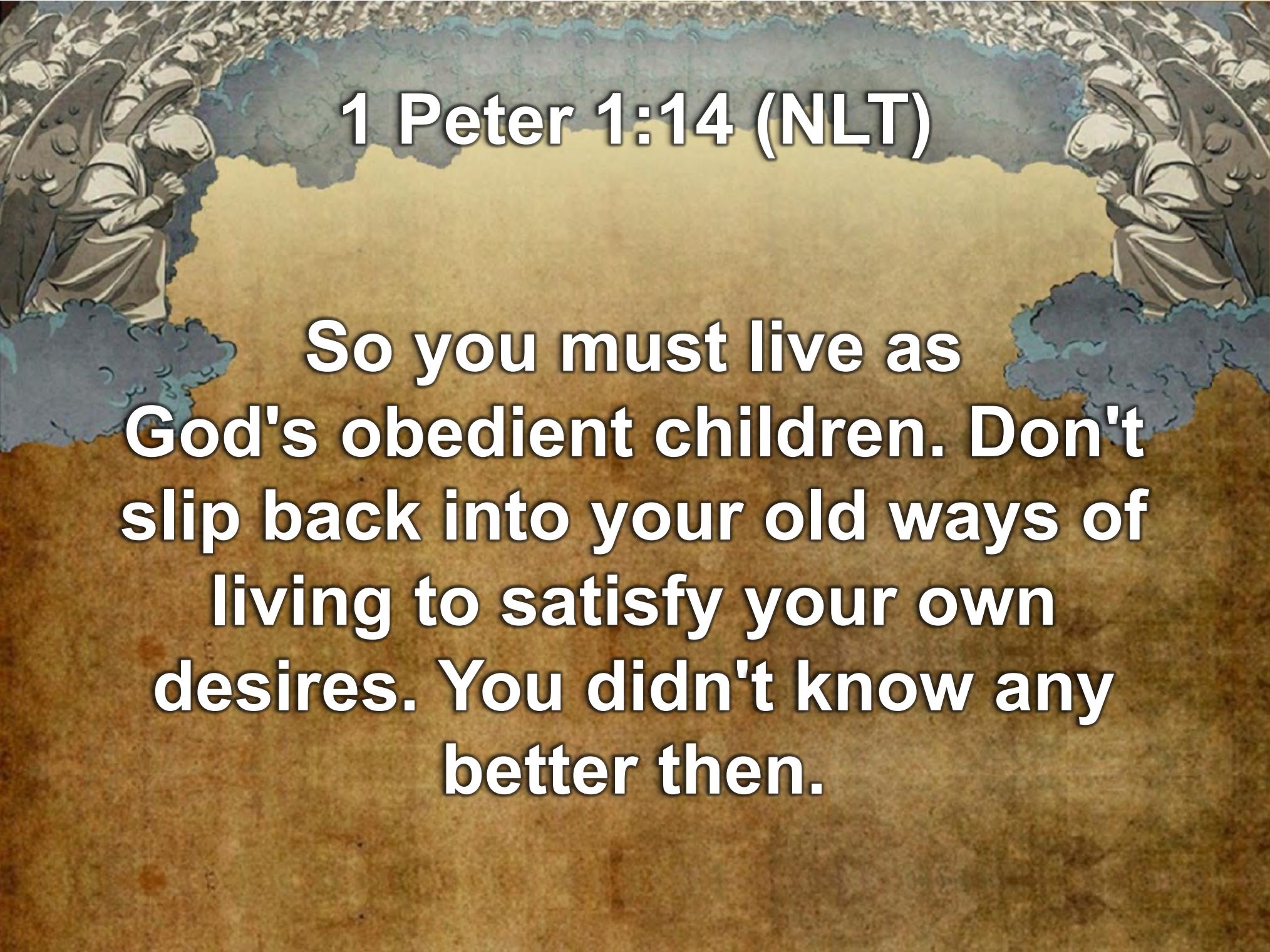


God our Example is holy (1:13-16)



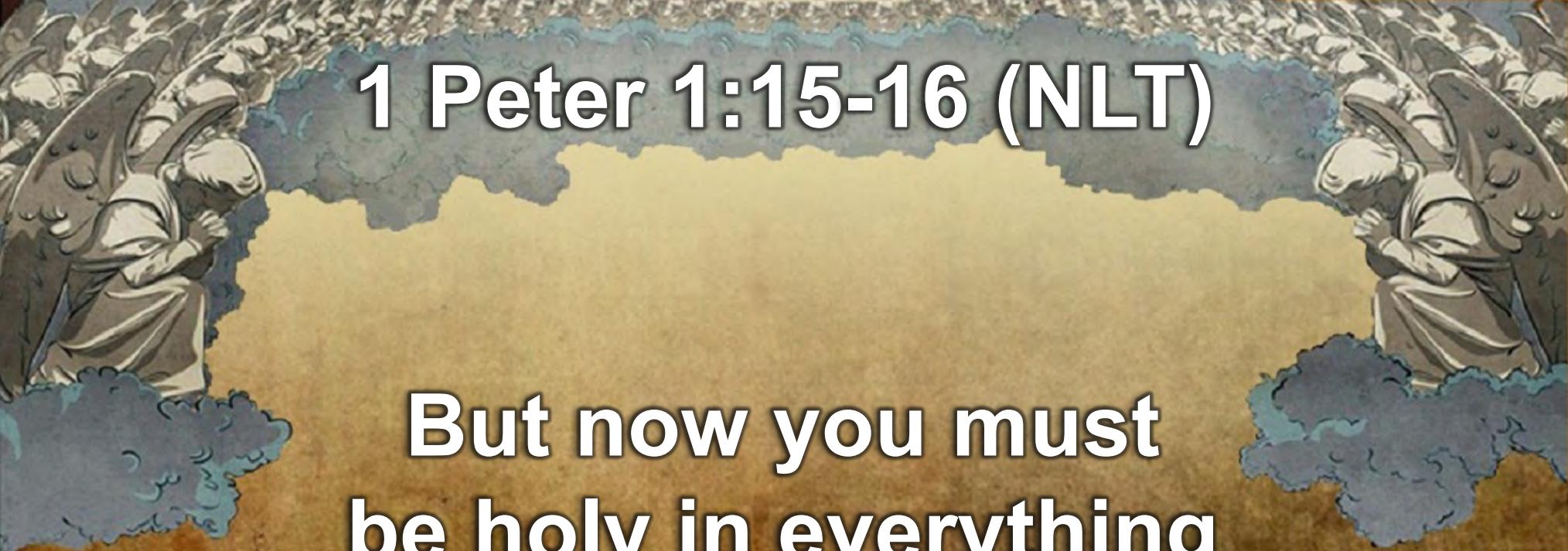
1 Peter 1:13 (NLT)

So prepare your minds for action
and exercise self-control. Put all
your hope in the gracious
salvation that will come to you
when Jesus Christ is revealed to
the world.



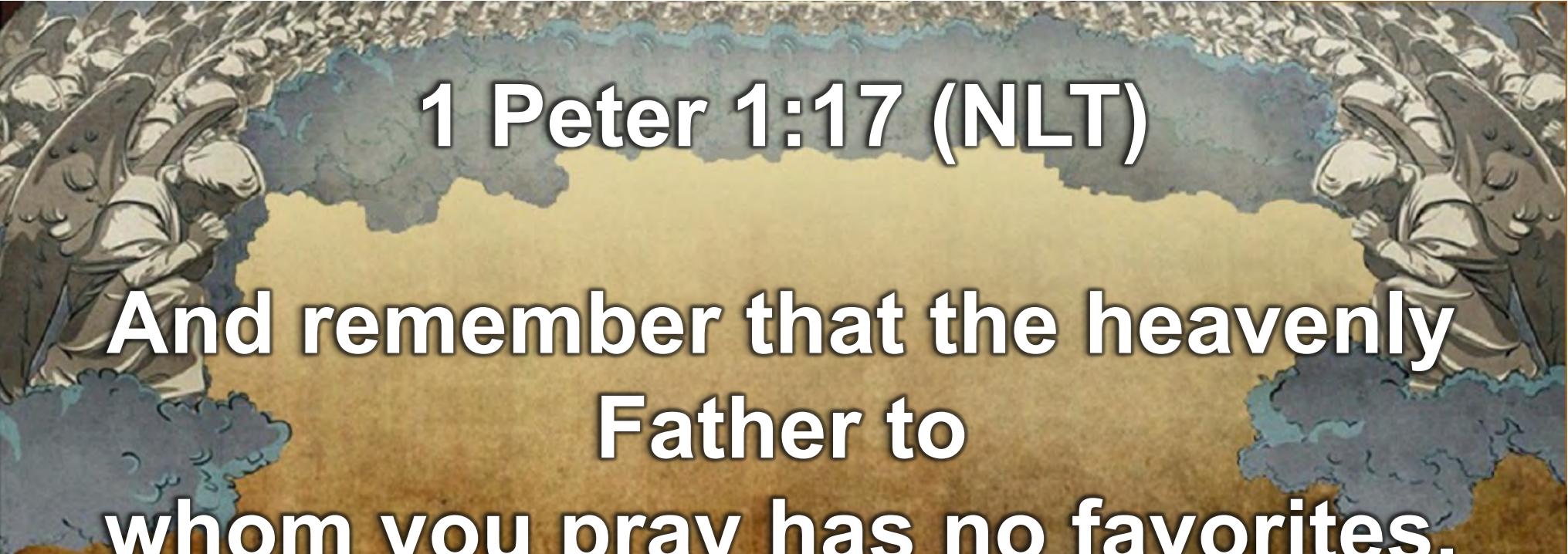
1 Peter 1:14 (NLT)

So you must live as God's obedient children. Don't slip back into your old ways of living to satisfy your own desires. You didn't know any better then.



1 Peter 1:15-16 (NLT)

**But now you must
be holy in everything
you do, just as God who chose
you is holy. For the Scriptures
say, "You must be holy because I
am holy."**



1 Peter 1:17 (NLT)

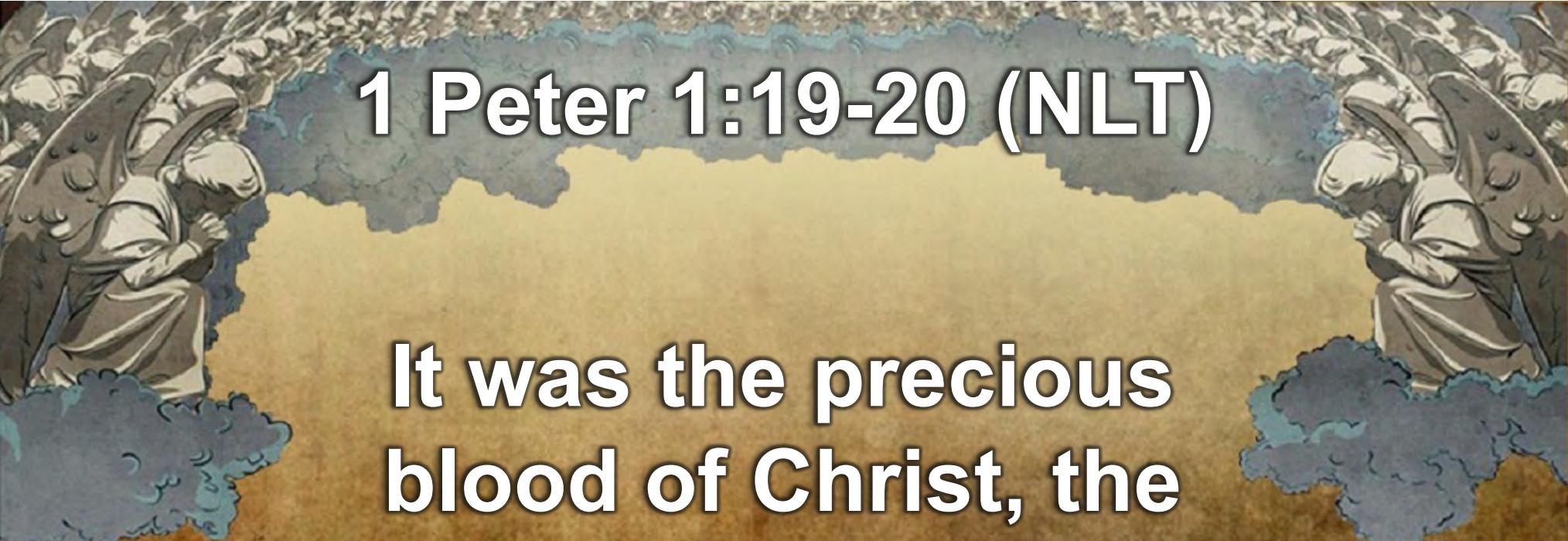
**And remember that the heavenly
Father to
whom you pray has no favorites.**

**He will judge or reward you
according to what you do. So
you must live in reverent fear of
him during your time as
"temporary residents."**



1 Peter 1:18 (NLT)

**For you know that
God paid a ransom
to save you from the empty life
you inherited from your
ancestors. And it was not paid
with mere gold or silver, which
lose their value.**



1 Peter 1:19-20 (NLT)

**It was the precious
blood of Christ, the
sinless, spotless Lamb of God.
God chose him as your ransom
long before the world began, but
now in these last days he has
been revealed for your sake.**

5 Reasons to Live a Holy Life

(1 Peter 1:13-21)

- 1. God's Grace (13)**
- 2. God's Holiness. (14-15)**
- 3. God's Word (16)**
- 4. God's Judgment (17)**
- 5. God's Love (18-21)**

Why replace the evil desires of our former life with moral purity now?

- a) God is Our Example (13-16)**
- b) God is Our Judge (17)**

Be holy because God is Judge

**"Since you call on a Father who
judges each man's work
impartially, live your lives as
strangers here in reverent fear"**
(1 Peter 1:17)



In what way do you feel like a "stranger" on earth?

Why replace the evil desires of our former life with moral purity now?

- a) God is Our Example (13-16)**
- b) God is Our Judge (17)**
- c) God is Our Redeemer (18-21)**



**Be holy
because
God is
Redeemer**

"...it was not with perishable things such as silver or gold that you were redeemed from your empty way of life handed down to you from your forefathers, but with the precious blood of Christ, a lamb without blemish or defect" (1 Peter 1:18-19)

How was your former way of life as a non-Christian "empty"?

Redemption means to buy back...



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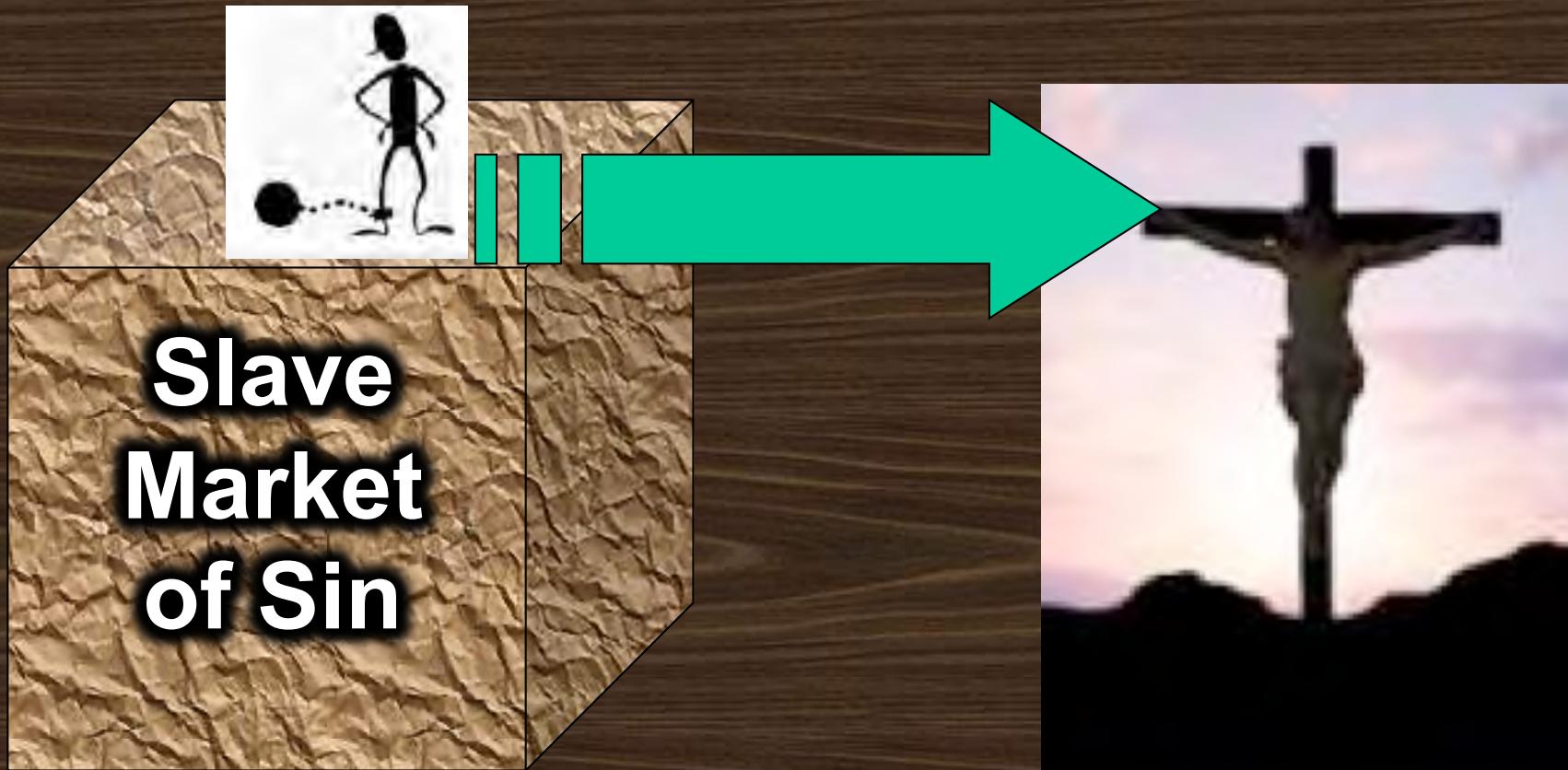
"Those kids will run the world some day."

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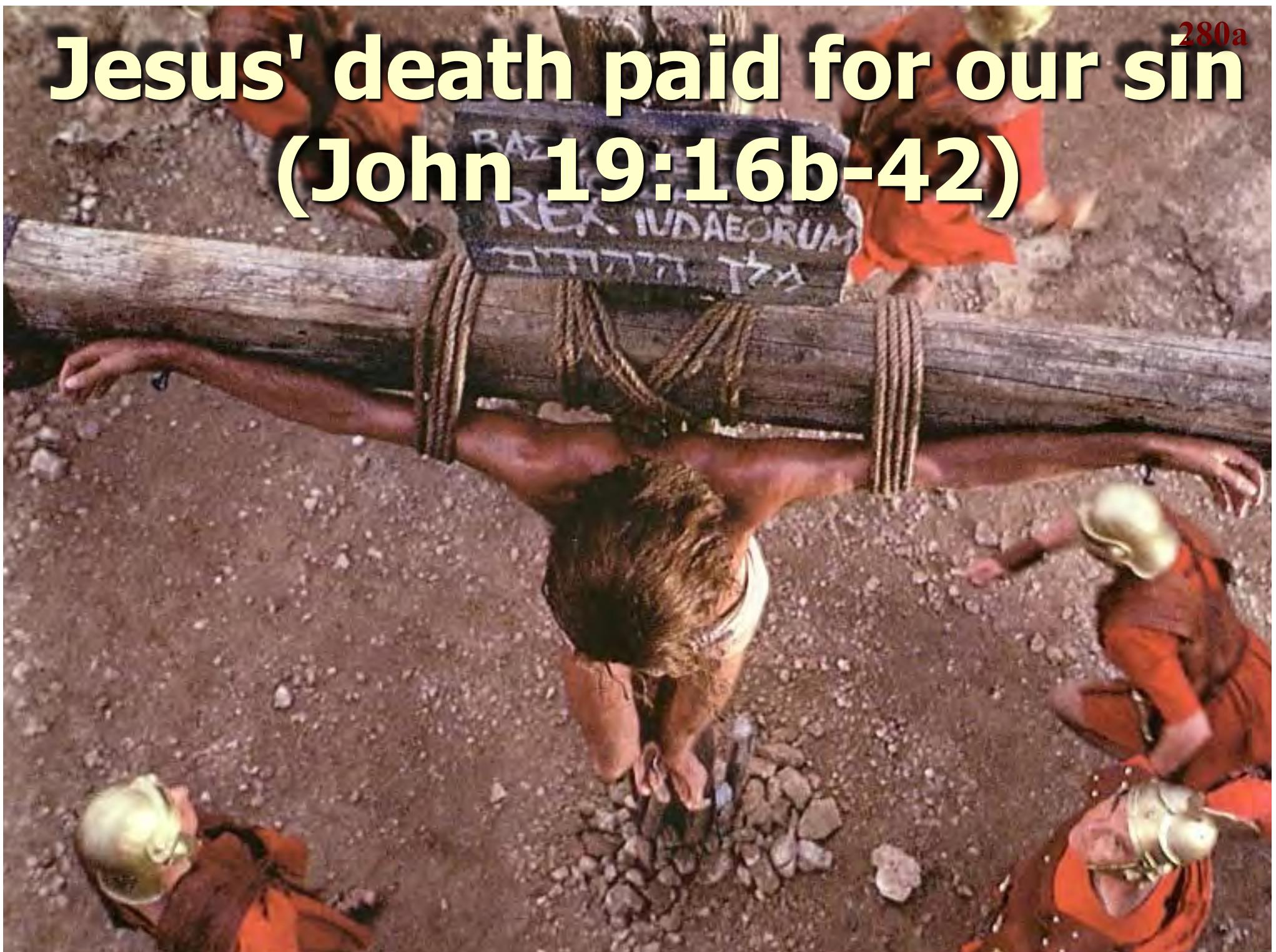
Redemption (Rom 3:24): "to pay a ransom" (Greek)

Christ's blood paid our ransom
(1 Pet. 1:18)



Jesus' death paid for our sin (John 19:16b-42)

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"It is finished"



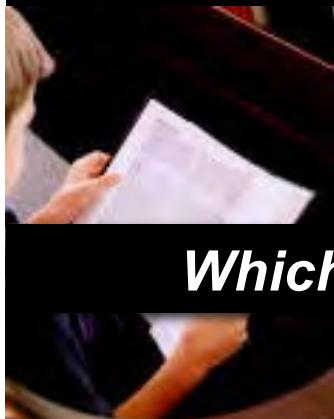
1 Peter 1:22

Since you have in obedience to
the truth purified your souls for a
sincere love of the brethren,
fervently love one another from
the heart.

Why replace the evil desires of our former life with moral purity now?

- a) **God is Our Example (13-16)**
- b) **God is Our Judge (17)**
- c) **God is Our Redeemer (18-21)**
- d) **God is Our Communicator (1:22–2:3)**

- "Now that you have purified yourselves by obeying the truth..."
- "...living and enduring word of God..."
- "...the word of the Lord stands forever..."
- And this is the word that was preached to you
- "...crave pure spiritual milk..."



Which 2:1 sins are reduced in you by "the pure spiritual milk"?

**God as
Communicator
purifies us
through his
Word (1:22–2:3)**



God's Grace in Chapter 1

- **God has chosen us (1:2)**
- **He caused us to be born again (1:3)**
- **He has an imperishable inheritance reserved in heaven for us (1:4)**
- **He protects us by the power of God for salvation (1:5)**
- **He gives us reason to rejoice even in trials and love Him even when we cannot see Him (1:6-8)**

Philippians 1:6

“For I am confident of this very thing, that He who began a good work in you will perfect it until the day of Christ Jesus.”

Questions to Discuss

- 1. Why is it important to remember our salvation experience and what it cost God?**
- 2. How can this help you stand in time of difficulty?**
- 3. What practical steps can you take this week to become more holy?**

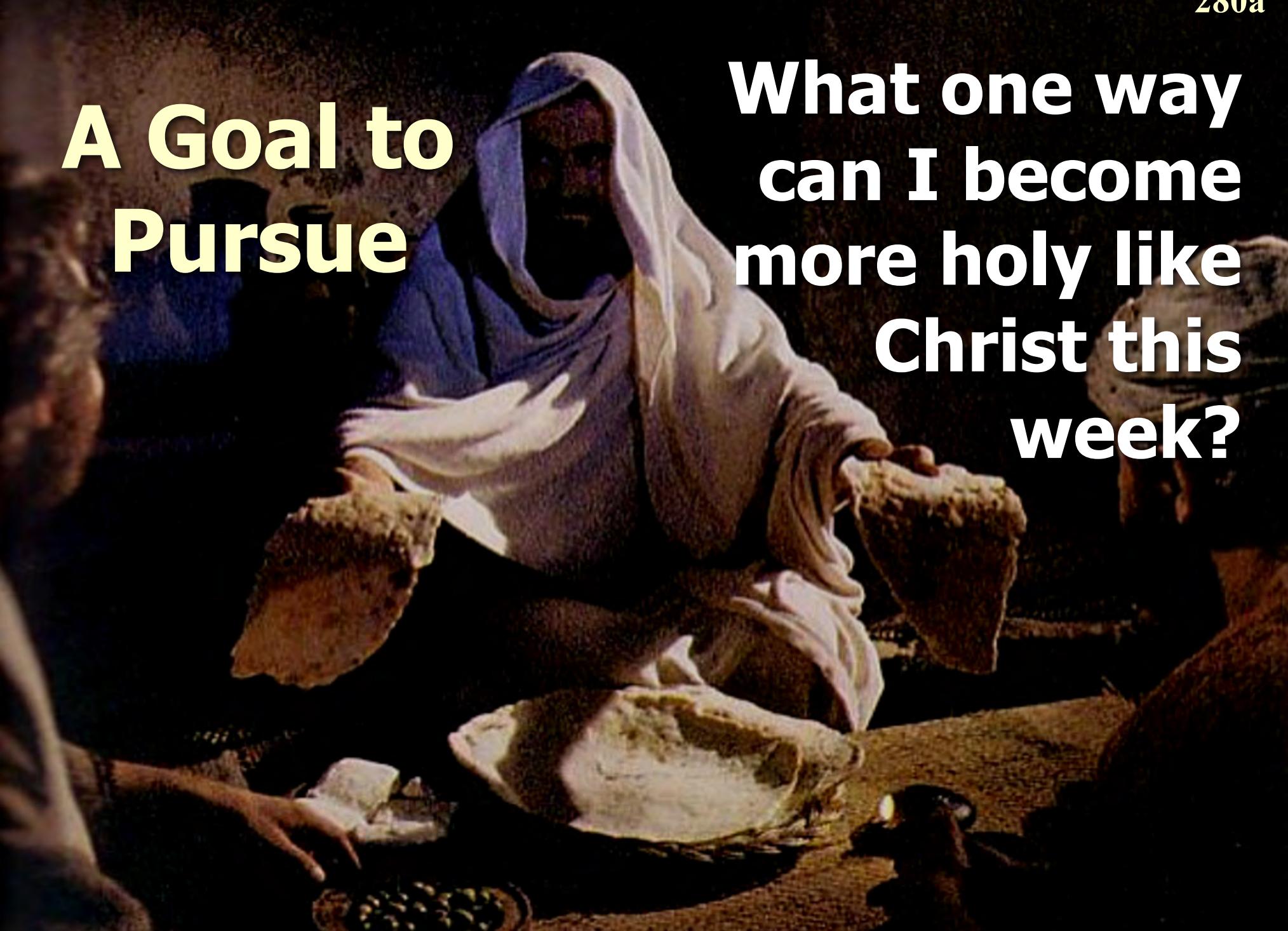
Homework

Read through 1 Peter on your own this week.

Find the verse that shows the purpose Peter is writing.

As you read, mark these key words:

- Grace
- Trials/ Suffering
- Glory

A person in a white robe, possibly a saint or monk, is shown in a hermitage setting. They are kneeling on the ground, working with large, rough stones. The person is wearing a white hooded cloak and a white tunic. The background is dark and rocky, suggesting a natural, rugged environment.

A Goal to Pursue

**What one way
can I become
more holy like
Christ this
week?**

1 Peter 2

Sins to avoid in 1 Peter 2:1

Malice

Deceit

Hypocrisy

Envy

Slander

wicked ill-will

deliberate dishonesty

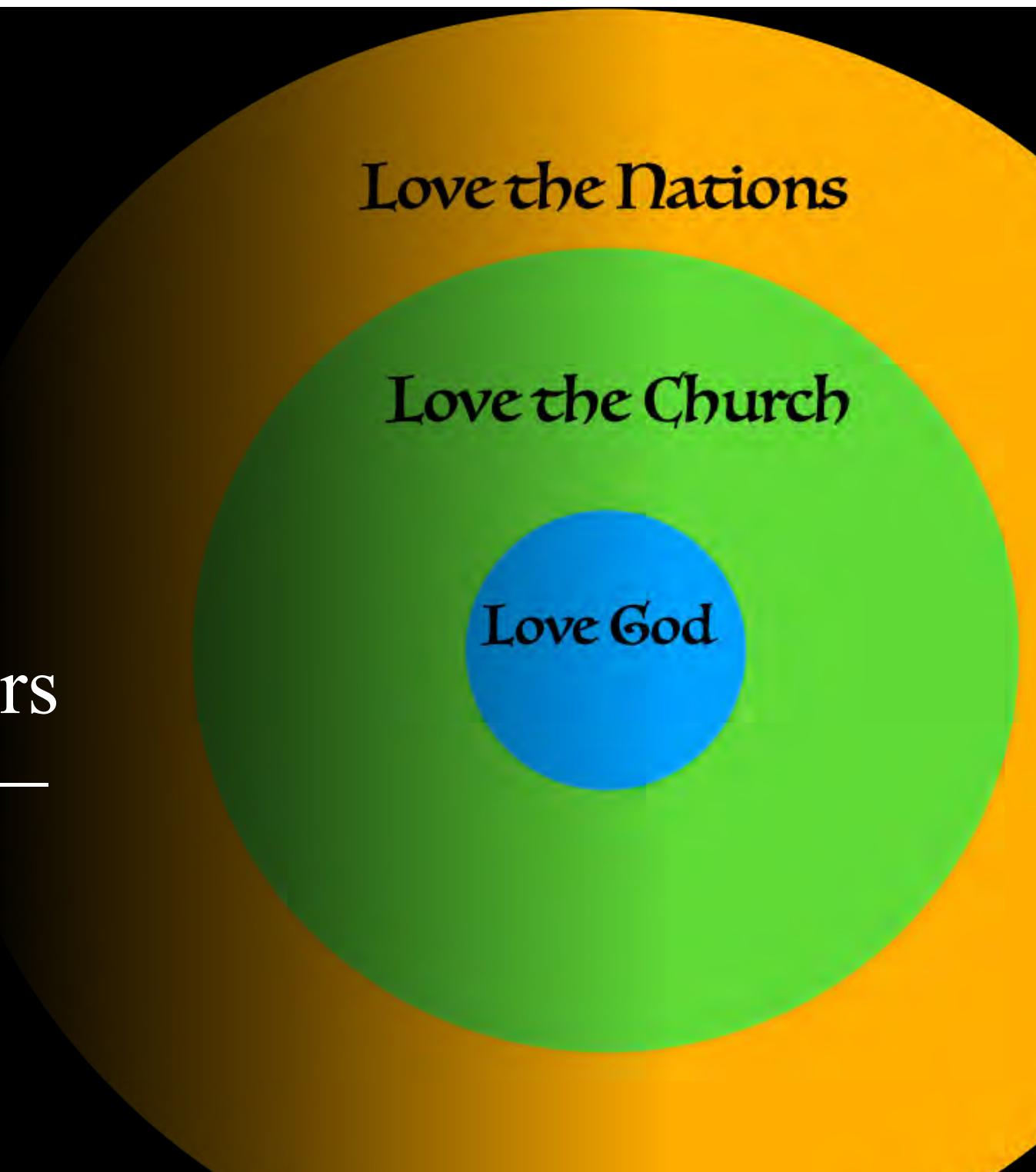
pretended piety and love

resentful discontent

backbiting lies

Relationships in 1 Peter 2:

To God
To Believers
To Unbelievers



Love the Nations

Love the Church

Love God

1 Peter

Grace In Suffering

Review: What is the purpose of 1 Peter?

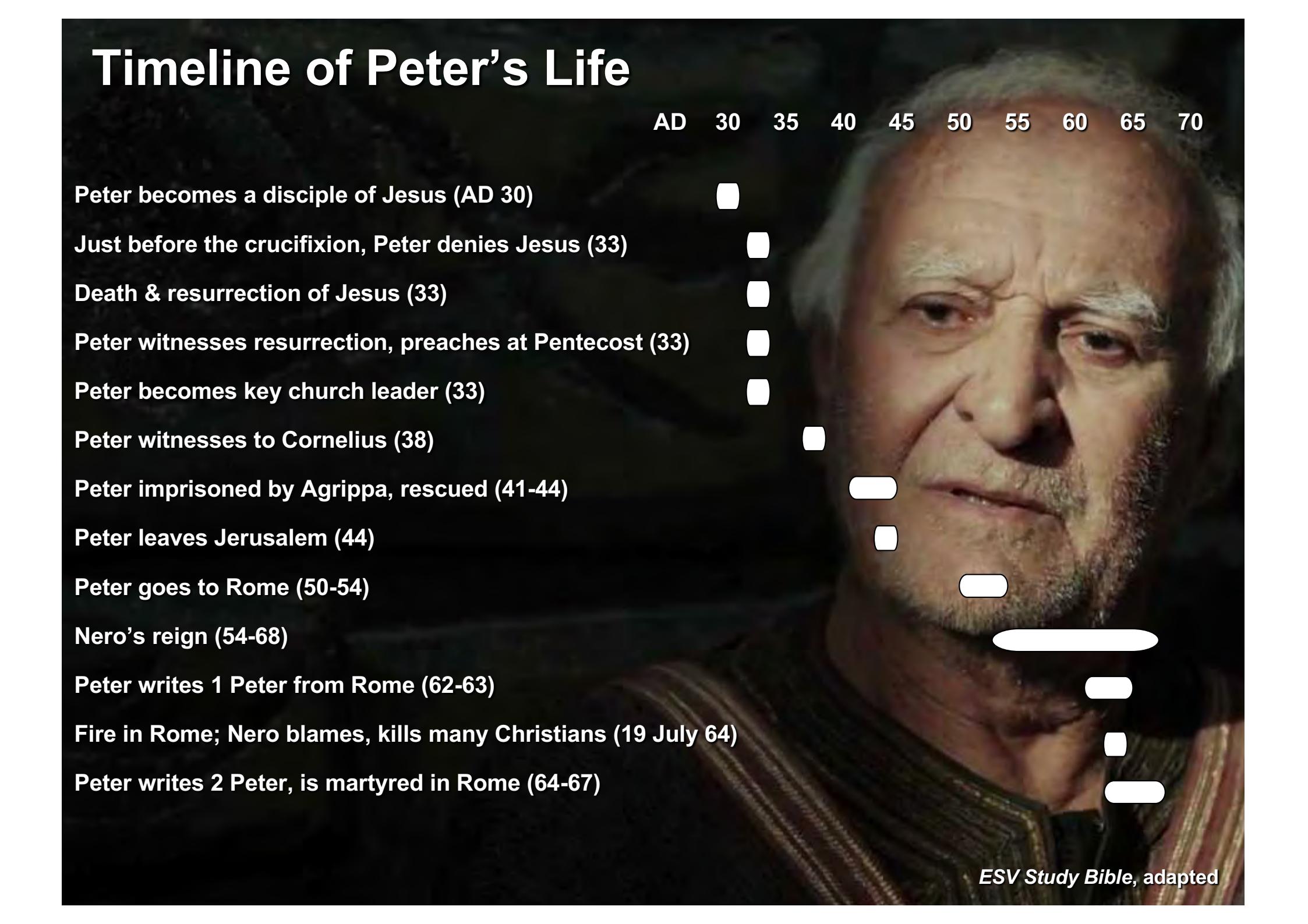
Purpose

**“I have written to you briefly,
encouraging you and testifying
that this is the true grace of God.
Stand firm in it!”**

1 Peter 5:12

Timeline of Peter's Life

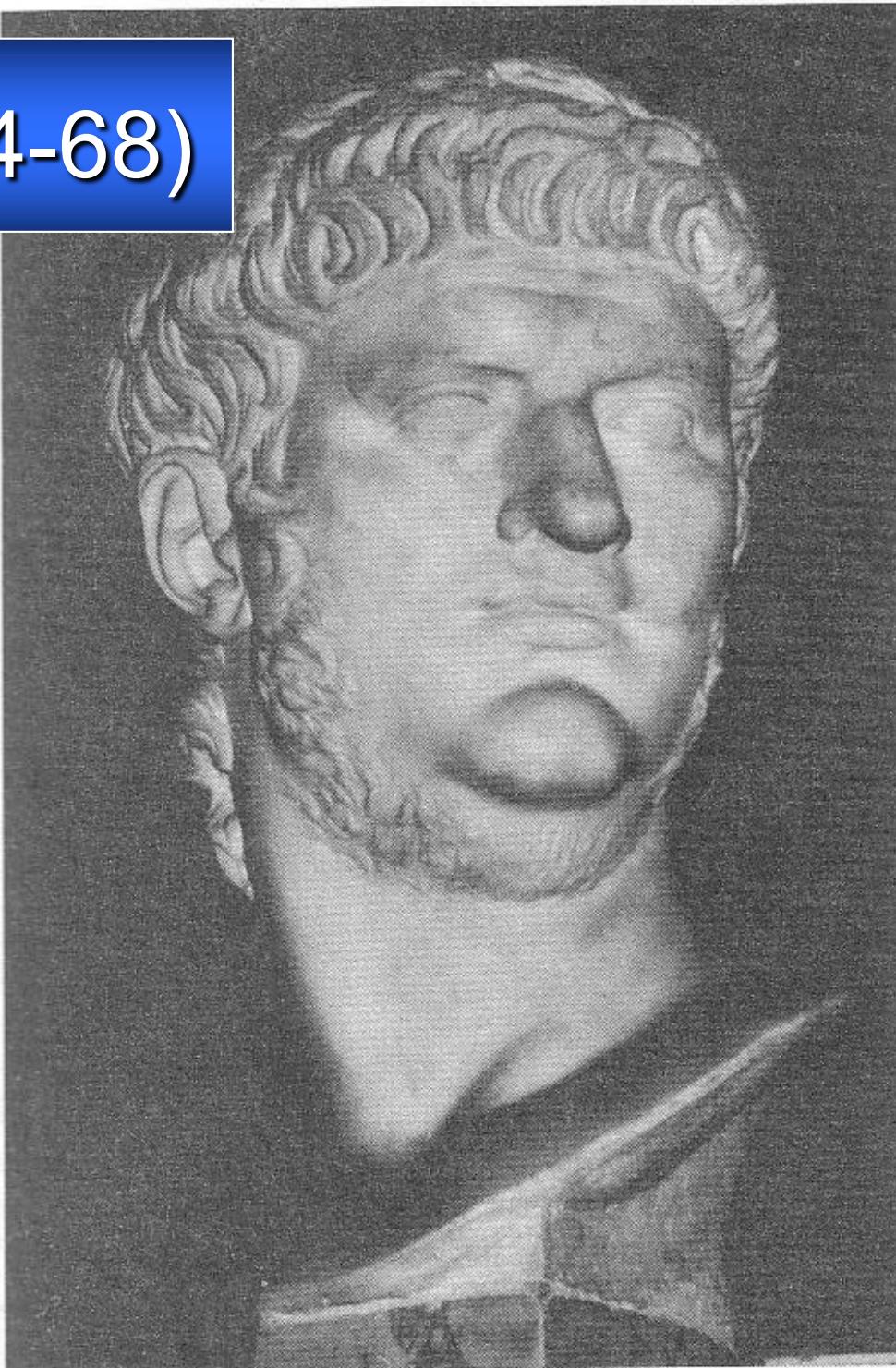
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- Peter becomes a disciple of Jesus (AD 30)
- Just before the crucifixion, Peter denies Jesus (33)
- Death & resurrection of Jesus (33)
- Peter witnesses resurrection, preaches at Pentecost (33)
- Peter becomes key church leader (33)
- Peter witnesses to Cornelius (38)
- Peter imprisoned by Agrippa, rescued (41-44)
- Peter leaves Jerusalem (44)
- Peter goes to Rome (50-54)
- Nero's reign (54-68)
- Peter writes 1 Peter from Rome (62-63)
- Fire in Rome; Nero blames, kills many Christians (19 July 64)
- Peter writes 2 Peter, is martyred in Rome (64-67)

Nero (AD 54-68)

- Stability
- Insanity



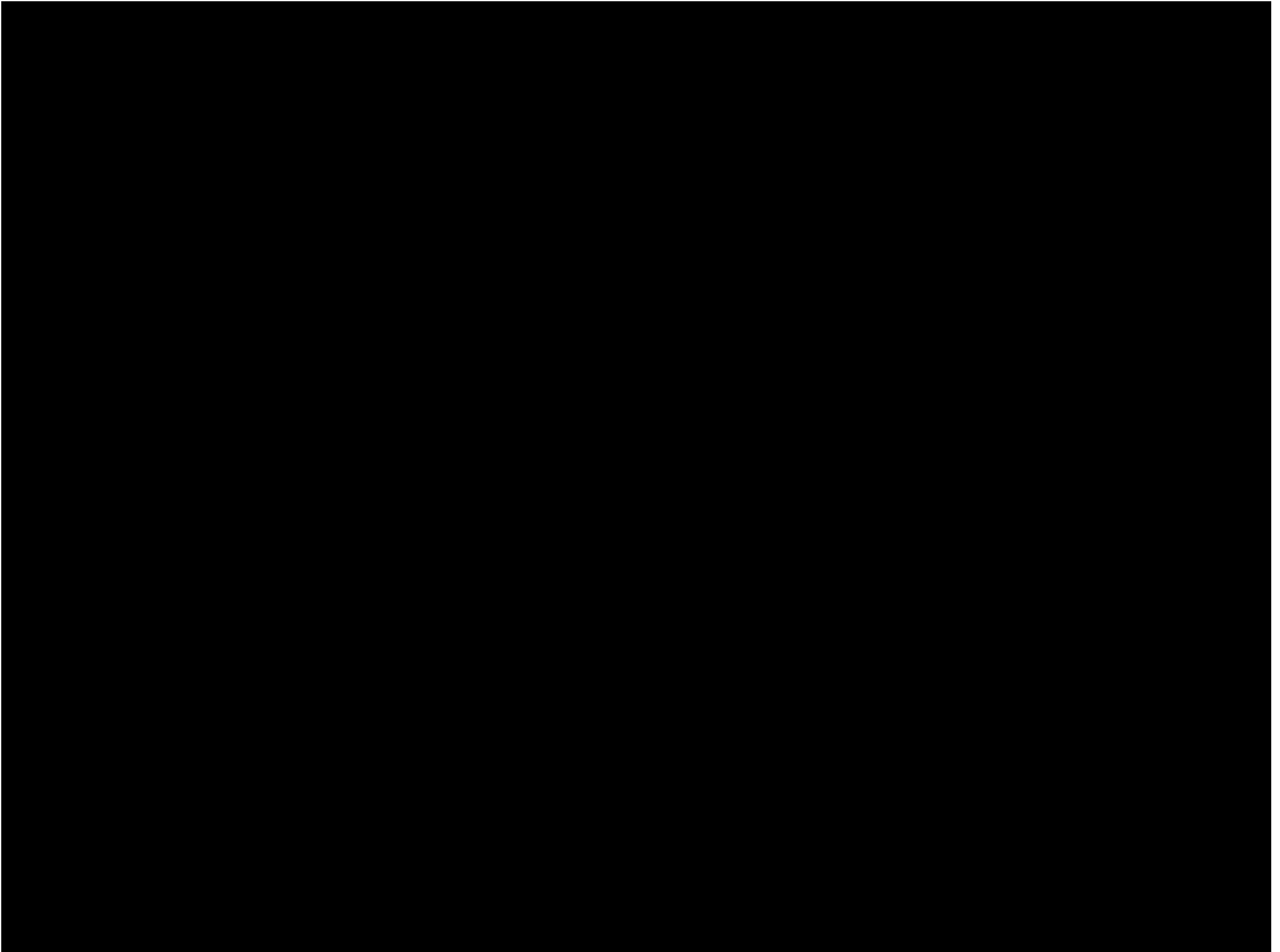
EMPEROR NERO
Nero began the
persecution of
Christians in
Rome. (*Capitoline
Museum, Rome*)

Recipients: Pilgrims in Dispersion

"Peter, an apostle of Jesus Christ, to those who reside as aliens, scattered throughout Pontus, Galatia, Cappadocia, Asia, and Bithynia, who are chosen.."

1 Pet 1:1 NASB





1 Peter

Grace In Suffering



1 Peter 2:1-12

1. Therefore, putting aside all malice and all deceit and hypocrisy and envy and all slander,
2. like new born babies, long for the pure milk of the word, so that by it you may grow in respect to salvation,
3. if you have tasted the kindness of the Lord.
4. And coming to Him as to a living stone which has been rejected by men, but is choice and precious in the sight of God,



5. you also, as living stones, are being built up as a spiritual house for a holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.

**6. For *this* is contained in Scripture:
“BEHOLD, I LAY IN ZION A CHOICE STONE, A PRECIOUS CORNERSTONE, AND HE WHO BELIEVES IN HIM WILL NOT BE DISAPPOINTED.”**



7. This precious value, then, is for you who believe; but for those who disbelieve, “THE STONE WHICH THE BUILDERS REJECTED, THIS BECAME THE VERY CORNERSTONE,”

8. and, “A STONE OF STUMBLING AND A ROCK OF OFFENSE”; for they stumble because they are disobedient to the word, and to this *doom* they were also appointed.



9. But you are A CHOSEN RACE, A royal PRIESTHOOD, A HOLY NATION, A PEOPLE FOR GOD'S OWN POSSESSION, so that you may proclaim the excellencies of Him who has called you out of darkness into His marvellous light;

10. for you once were NOT A PEOPLE, but now you are THE PEOPLE OF GOD; you had NOT RECEIVED MERCY, but now you have RECEIVED MERCY.



- 11. Beloved, I urge you as aliens and strangers to abstain from fleshly lusts which wage war against the soul.**
- 12. Keep your behavior excellent among the Gentiles, so that in the thing in which they slander you as evildoers, they may because of your good deeds, as they observe *them*, glorify God in the day of visitation.**

1 Peter 1:22

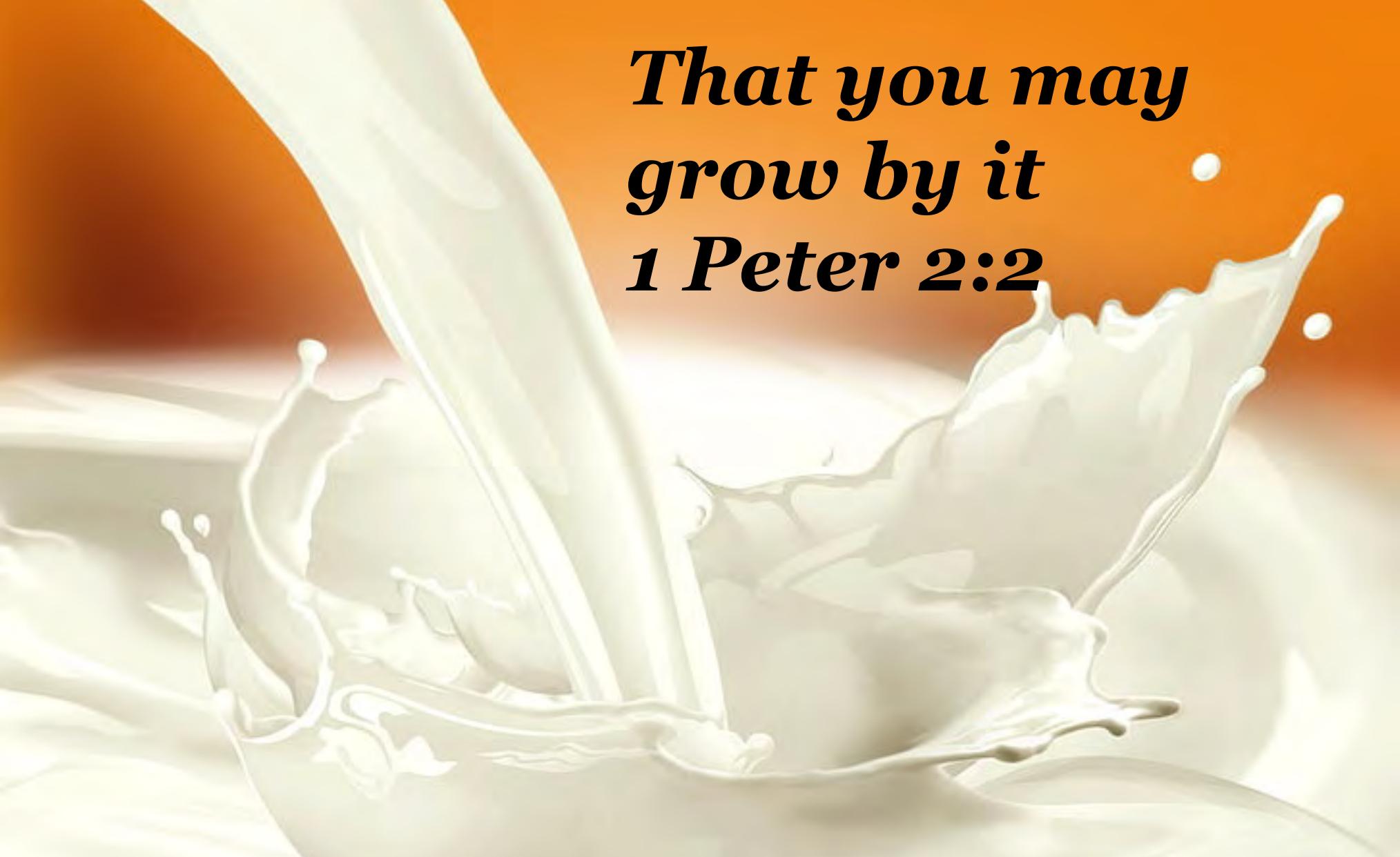
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sincere love of the brethren,
fervently love one another from
the heart.

Therefore..... (2:1)

5 Sins to Put Aside 2:1

1. Malice
2. Deceit
3. Hypocrisy
4. Envy
5. Slander

Desire the Pure Milk of the Word



*That you may
grow by it
1 Peter 2:2*



I Want More!

1 Peter 2:5 (NIV)



“You also, like living stones, are being built into a spiritual house to be a holy priesthood, offering spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.”

You As Living Stones

Being built up as a spiritual house

For a holy priesthood

To offer:
acceptable spiritual sacrifices

The Stone that the Builders Rejected
has become the Chief Cornerstone. v 7

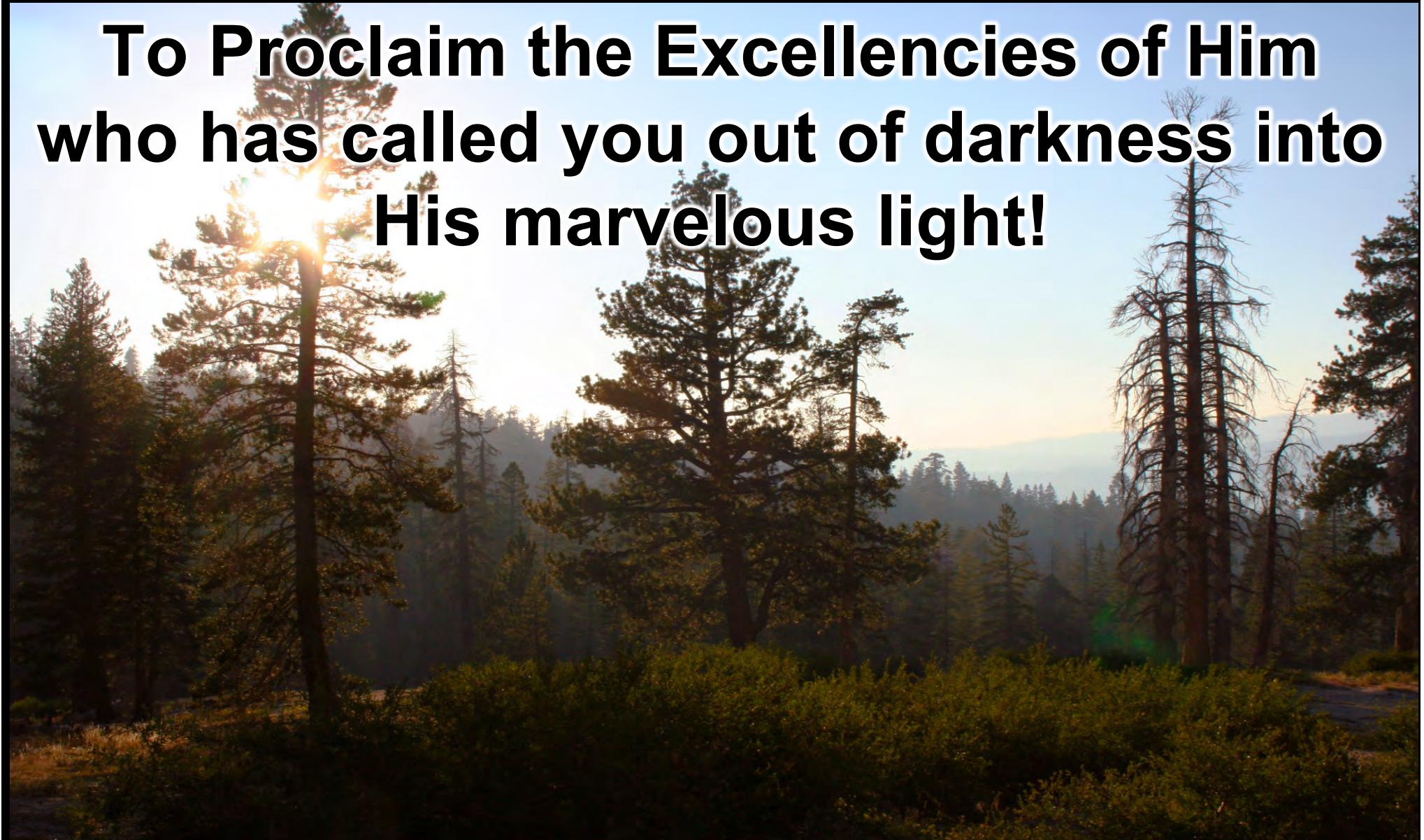


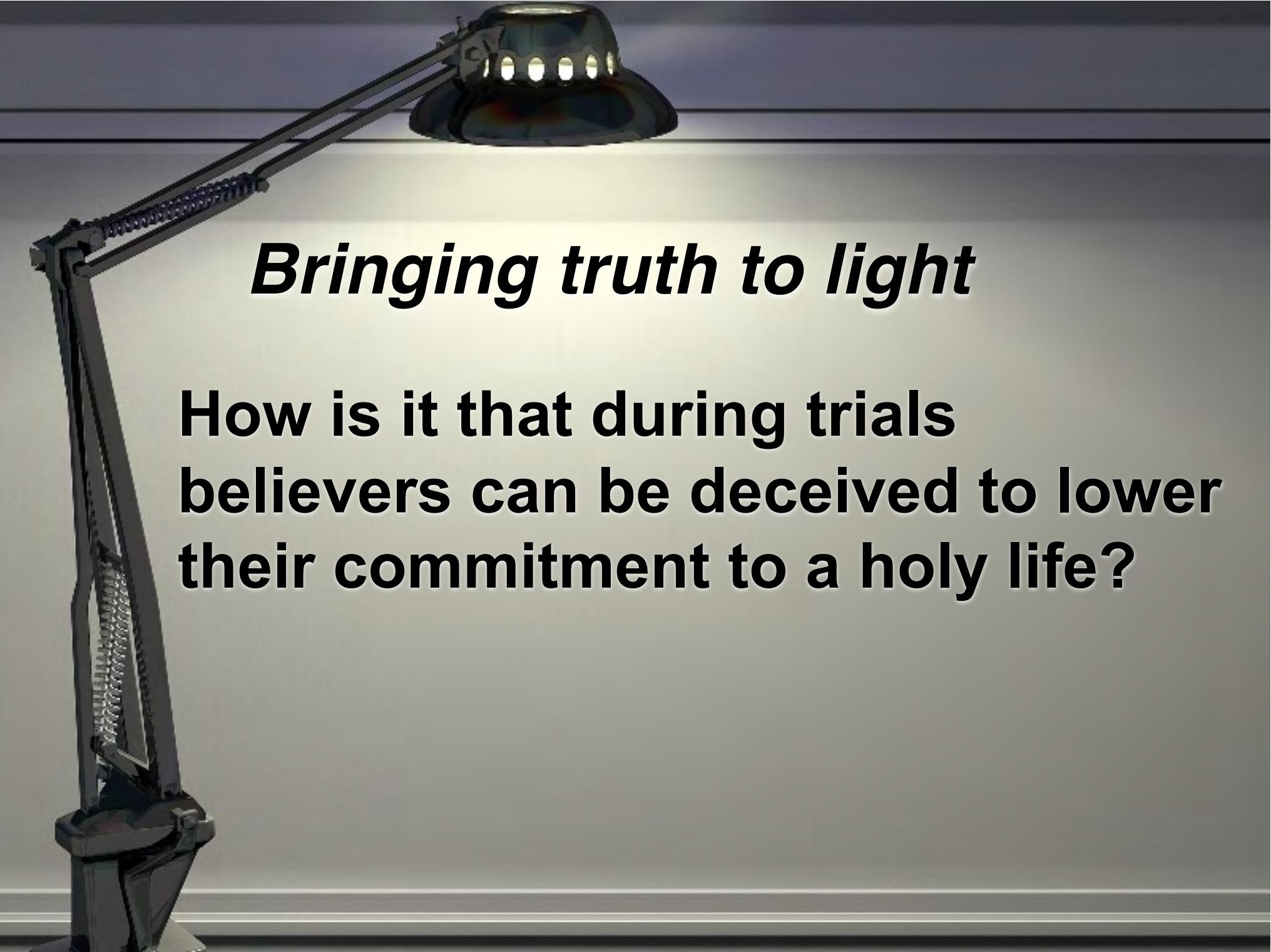
What We Are

1. A Chosen Race
2. A Royal Priesthood
3. A Holy Nation
4. A People Belonging to God

For What Purpose?

**To Proclaim the Excellencies of Him
who has called you out of darkness into
His marvelous light!**





Bringing truth to light

**How is it that during trials
believers can be deceived to lower
their commitment to a holy life?**

Recipients of Peter's Letter



Theme

**How to Attract Others During
Righteous Suffering**

1 Peter

How to attract others to Jesus...

I. Show **holiness** with hope
(1:1-2:12).



HOPE
IN THE DARKNESS

1 Peter

How to attract others to Jesus...

II. Show **submission to both
God and people (2:13–3:12).**



1 Peter

1 Peter Outline

How to Attract Others During Righteous Suffering

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1:1–2:12			2:13–3:12				3:13–5:14					
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Rome to Northern Asia

Early AD 64



Grace In Suffering
So We Can Stand Firm

1 Peter 2:11-25

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12 Keep your behavior excellent among the Gentiles, so that in the thing in which they slander you as evildoers, they may ¹because of your good deeds, as they observe *them*, glorify God ^din the day of visitation.

13 Submit yourselves for the Lord's sake to every human institution, whether to a king as the one in authority.

14 Or to governors as sent by him for the punishment of evildoers and the praise of those who do right.

15 For such is the will of God that by doing right you may silence the ignorance of foolish men.

16 Act as free men, and¹do not use your freedom as a covering for evil, but *use it as bondslaves of God.*

17 Honor all people, love the brotherhood, fear God, honor the king.

18. Servants, be submissive to your masters with all respect, not only to those who are good and gentle, but also to those who are ¹unreasonable.

19 For this *finds* ¹favor, if for the sake of conscience toward God a person bears up under sorrows when suffering unjustly.

20 For what credit is there if, when you sin and are harshly treated, you endure it with patience? But if when you do what is right and suffer *for it* you patiently endure it, this *finds* favor with God.

21 For you have been called for this purpose, since Christ also suffered for you, leaving you ^can example for you to follow in His steps,

22 WHO COMMITTED NO SIN, NOR WAS ANY DECEIT FOUND IN HIS MOUTH;

23 and while being reviled, He did not revile in return; while suffering, He uttered no threats, but kept entrusting *Himself* to Him who judges righteously;

24 and He Himself bore our sins in His body on the cross, so that we might die to sin and live to righteousness; for by His wounds you were healed.

25 For you were continually straying like sheep, but now you have returned to the Shepherd and Guardian of your souls.

Submission

(2:13-17)

- 1. Submit generally (2:13a)**
- 2. Submit to government (2:13b-15)**
- 3. How to submit (2:16-17)**

Living out God's Grace to Unbelievers

- **Abstain from fleshly lusts. (v 11)**
- **Keep behaviour excellent (v.12)**
- **Submit to every human institution who have authority over you - for the Lord's sake (v.13)**
- **Honor all people (v.17)**
- **Love the family of God (v.17)**
- **Fear God (v.17)**
- **Honor the king (show respect due to all those God has placed in authority) (v. 17)**
- **Servants are to be submissive to their masters. (v.18)**

Living out God's Grace When Suffering Unjustly

- **Bear up under sorrows (for the sake of conscience toward God) (v.19)**
- **Do not sin and then say “I am suffering unjustly,” and pretend you are a “martyr.” (v.20)**
- **Do what is right and if you suffer, endure it with patience, and thus find favor with God. (This demonstrates God’s grace in our lives) (v.20)**

Christ's Example

- He committed no sin (v.22)
- He had no deceit in His mouth (v.22)
- He did not retaliate (revile in return for being reviled) (v.23)
- He did not utter any threats while He was suffering (v.23)
- He kept entrusting Himself to Him who judges righteously (v.23)

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“By His
stripes we
are
healed.”

What does
that mean?



Applying the Blood

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“In the Old Testament, the sheep died for the shepherd, but at Calvary, the Shepherd died for the sheep (John 10). Every lost sinner is like a sheep gone astray: ignorant, lost, wandering, in danger, away from the place of safety, and unable to help himself. The Shepherd not only went out to search for the lost sheep (Luke 15:1–7). He died for the sheep! Now that we have been returned to the fold and are safely in His care, He watches over us lest we stray and get into sin.” –Dr. Warren Wiersbe

Endurance in Suffering By God's Grace (is achieved by...)

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II. **Submission** 2:13–3:12 (Humility)



- A. To Government** 2:13-17
- B. In Work Place** 2:18-25
- C. In Marriage** 3:1-7
- D. In Church & All of Life** 3:8-12

II. Submission (2:13–3:12)

Submission in all areas of life pleases both God and man.



Are You Submissive?

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0	1	2	3	4	5
Never	Very Rarely	Seldom	Sometimes	Usually	Always

1. I have a problem with *complaining* (about the government, my job, family, etc.)
2. I feel the need to be the one in *control*
3. I struggle with admitting my *faults*
4. People call me *stubborn*
5. I rationalize: (a) *driving* over the speed limit (if you drive), or (b) disobeying *pedestrian* laws (e.g., jaywalking—if you do not drive). If you do both then pick where you are worst!

Total

Scale: 0 (Jesus, why are *you* taking this?), 1-5 (you must be my wife Susan ☺), 6-10 (could you please teach today's class?), 11-19 (you need this class session), 20-25 (please see me after class for counseling referrals)



**Submit
to Which
Country?**



NORTH KOREA



Submit to Government no matter what type...

- Socialism: You have two cows...
and you give one to your neighbor.
- Communism: You have two cows...
the government takes both of them
and *gives* you some milk.
- Fascism: You have two cows...
the government takes both of them
and *sells* you some milk.

Submit to Government no matter what type...

- Nazism: You have two cows...
the government takes both of them
and *shoots you*.
- Bureaucracy: You have two cows...
the government takes both of them,
shoots one, milks the other, and pours
the milk down the drain.
- Capitalism: You have two cows...
you sell one and buy a bull.

Nero (AD 54-68)

- Stability
- Insanity
- Hypocrisy
- Persecution
- Jewish Revolt
- Death

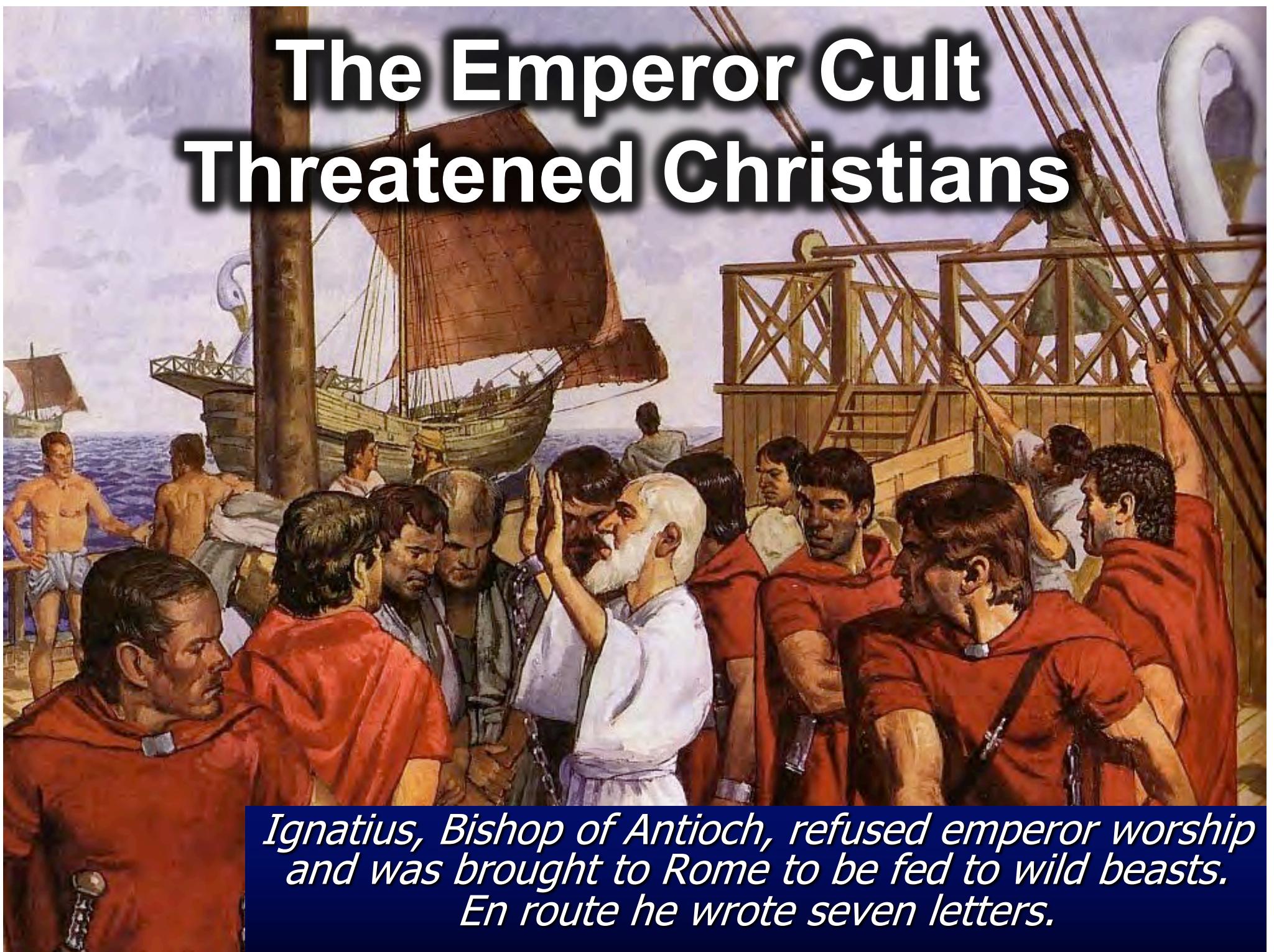


Today's Session on Submission

(2:13-17)

- 1. Submit generally (2:13a)**
- 2. Submit to government (2:13b-15)**
- 3. How to submit (2:16-17)**

The Emperor Cult Threatened Christians



Ignatius, Bishop of Antioch, refused emperor worship and was brought to Rome to be fed to wild beasts. En route he wrote seven letters.

Pliny the Younger (AD 111-113)

Plinius, calvisio suo sxtorem
nescio nullum in luci undi tempus
exceptio quaque quoniam per rapidum
rinnamvis deo quidem ne amitem
mactis in se recte gessit odos enim eset
ad domum estremum xxi milia passuum
est enim milia lout nec enim credisti
etius in autem motu certos sibi quos
cursus in xxi milia hominum dispositi
delectari se non precepisti enim
iulienus ad huc contus a quae dicit
et quis situr et a natione indecens
nisi placidus dominus et ornatus et con
uenientius quibus in industria et rati
ambitio est hanc reculans purum
et constantis simus et erunt quinque
parvus in etatibus: si non condidicimus
ordinem quod duximus et uelut et ceteris
acti annis electi uero continet uero
secundus est et postea est uero et uero

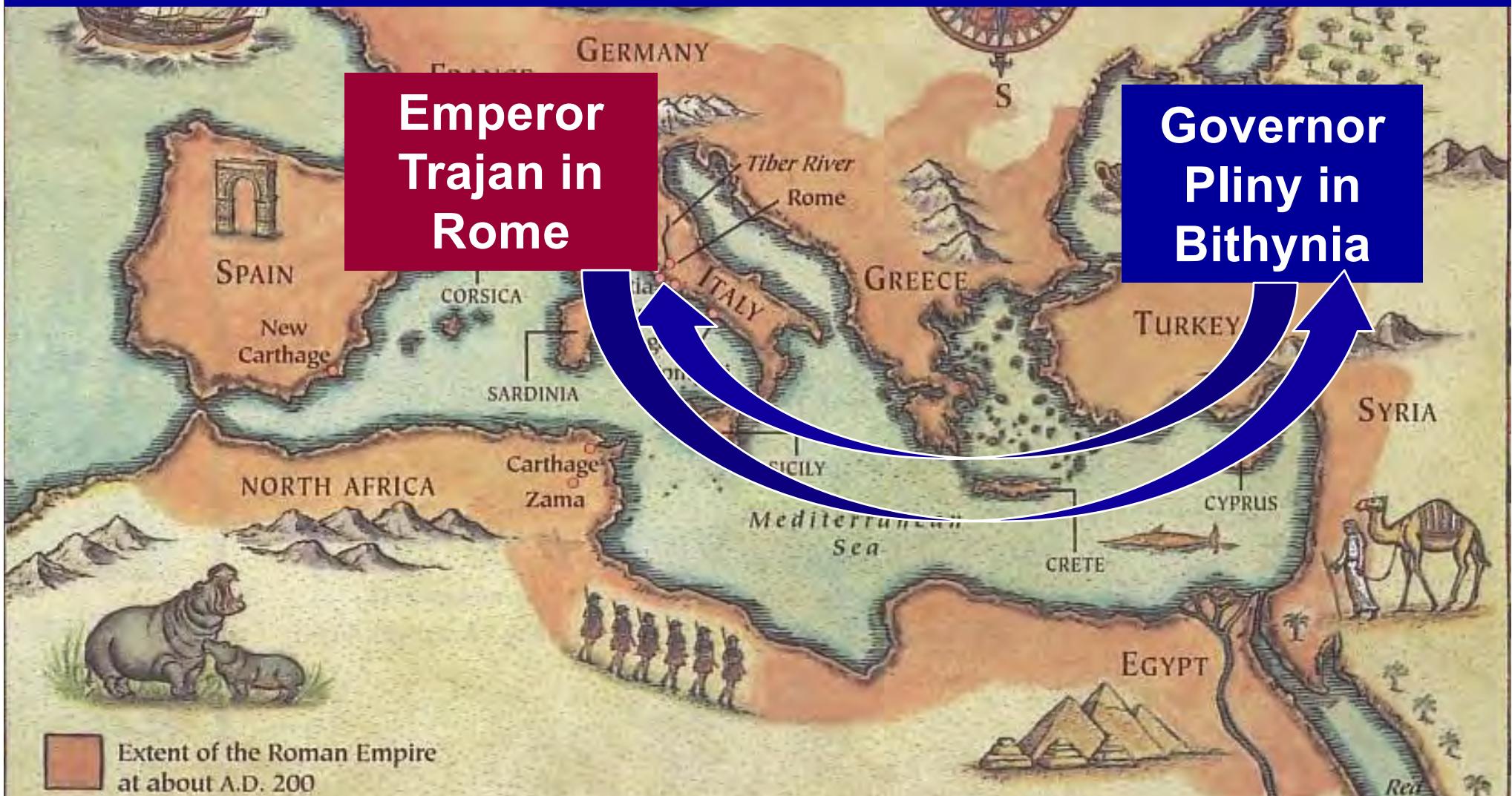


- He was the governor of Bithynia who wrote letters to the Emperor Trajan for counsel on various matters



MAP OF THE ROMAN EMPIRE

Helpful Correspondence (AD 111)



Early Church Suffering



Early Church Suffering

Governor Pliny to Emperor Trajan (AD 111)

I have observed the following procedure:
I interrogated these as to whether they were
Christians; those who confessed
I interrogated a second and a third time,
threatening them with punishment; those
who persisted I ordered executed...

Pliny, *Letters* 10.96

Early Church Suffering

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Governor Pliny to Emperor Trajan (AD 111)

Those who denied that they were or had been Christians, when they invoked the gods in words dictated by me, offered prayer with incense and wine to your image, which I had ordered to be brought for this purpose together with statues of the gods, and moreover cursed Christ--none of which those who are really Christians, it is said, can be forced to do--these I thought should be discharged.

Pliny, *Letters* 10.96

To Take Home

- 1. How can you better submit to the laws of the land?**
- 2. How specifically will you do this?**

1 Peter 3

1 Peter Outline

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Rome to Northern Asia

Early AD 64

Chapter 1:

LOVE GOD

Chosen by God for Salvation

Called by God to be holy

Chapter 2: (so we can...)

LOVE THE CHURCH

Love fellow believers

(so we can...)

LOVE THE NATIONS

Keep behavior excellent

Submit to human authorities

Show honor to all

In the same way, you wives must accept the authority of your husbands.

Then, even if some refuse to obey the Good News, your godly lives will speak to them without any words. They will be won over by observing your pure and reverent lives.

Don't be concerned about the outward beauty of fancy hairstyles, expensive jewelry, or beautiful clothes.

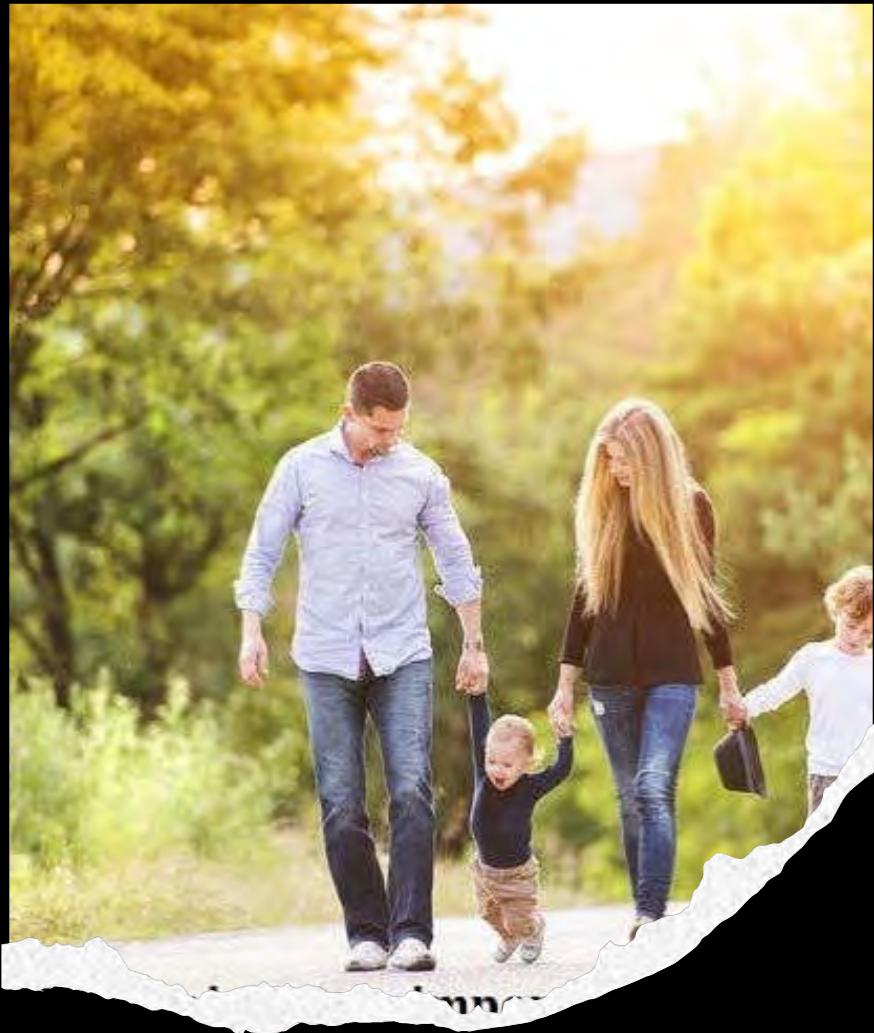
You should clothe yourselves instead with the beauty that comes from within, the unfading beauty of a gentle and quiet spirit, which is so precious to God.



This is how the holy women of old made themselves beautiful. They put their trust in God and accepted the authority of their husbands.

For instance, Sarah obeyed her husband, Abraham, and called him her master. You are her daughters when you do what is right without fear of what your husbands might do.

In the same way, you husbands must give honor to your wives. Treat your wife with understanding as you live together. She may be weaker than you are, but she is your equal partner in God's gift of new life. Treat her as you should so your prayers will not be hindered.



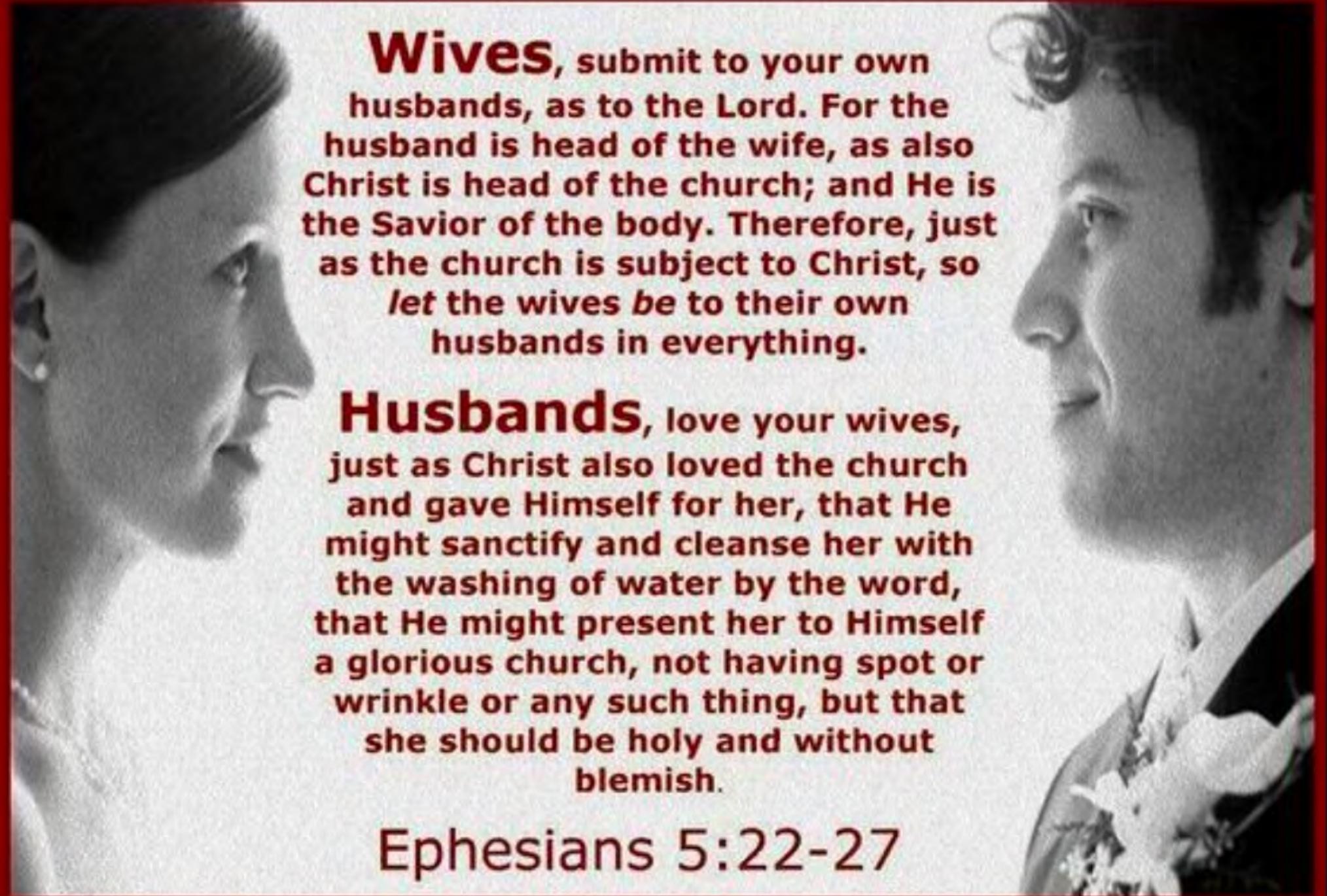
Finally, all of you should be of one mind. Sympathize with each other. Love each other as brothers and sisters. Be tenderhearted, and keep a humble attitude.

Don't repay evil for evil. Don't retaliate with insults when people insult you. Instead, pay them back with a blessing. That is what God has called you to do, and he will grant you his blessing.



*Submit to one
another out of
reverence for
Christ. - Eph. 5:21*





Wives, submit to your own husbands, as to the Lord. For the husband is head of the wife, as also Christ is head of the church; and He is the Savior of the body. Therefore, just as the church is subject to Christ, so let the wives be to their own husbands in everything.

Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ also loved the church and gave Himself for her, that He might sanctify and cleanse her with the washing of water by the word, that He might present her to Himself a glorious church, not having spot or wrinkle or any such thing, but that she should be holy and without blemish.

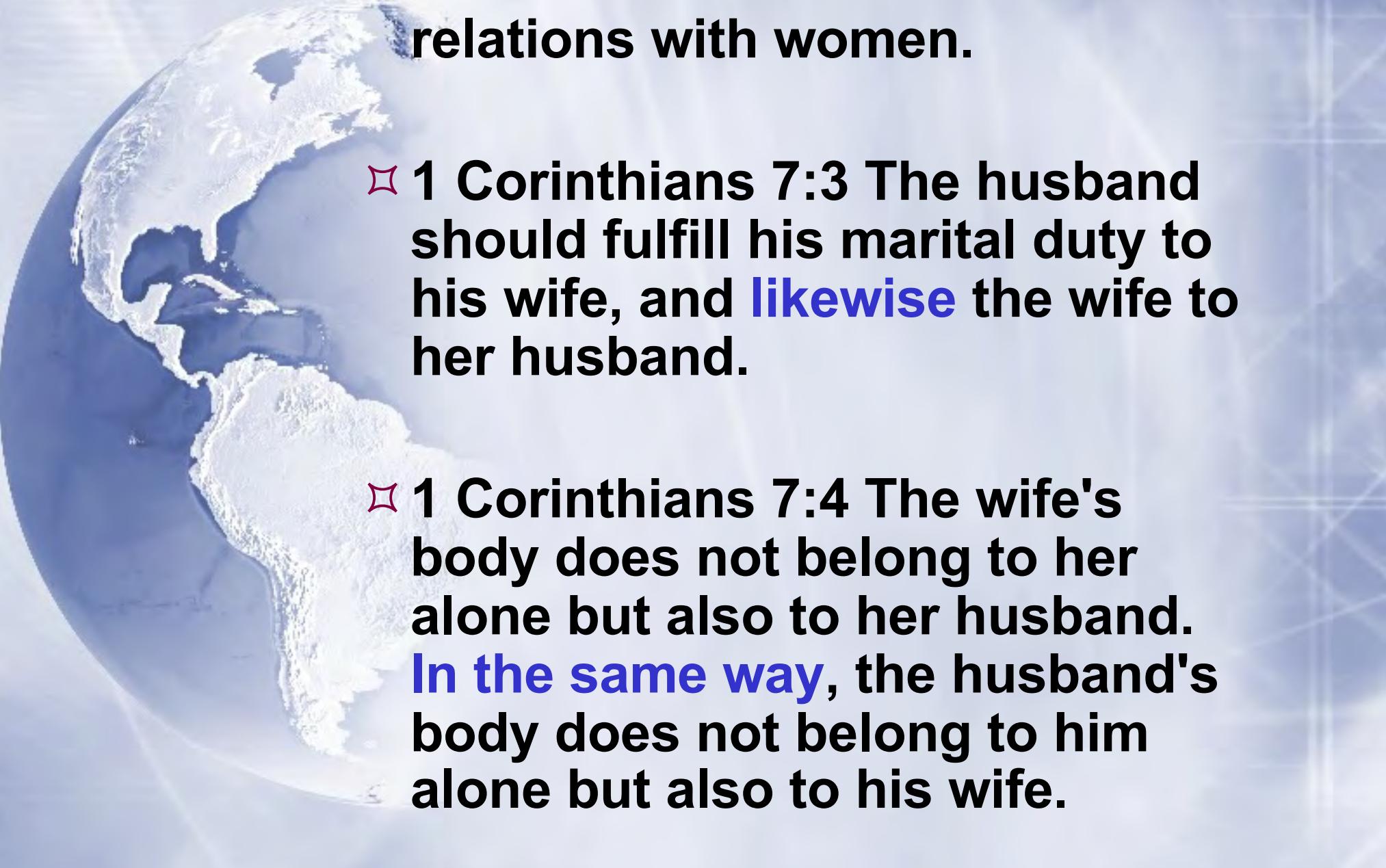
Ephesians 5:22-27

Submission as a Way of Life

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(2:13–3:12)

- ❖ "Submit... to the king" (2:13)
- ❖ "Slaves, submit..." (2:18)
- ❖ "Wives, *in the same way*, be submissive to your husbands..." (3:1)
- ❖ "Husbands, *in the same way* be considerate..." (3:7)



☒ **Romans 1:27 In the same way**
the men also abandoned natural
relations with women.

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☒ **1 Corinthians 7:3** The husband
should fulfill his marital duty to
his wife, and **likewise** the wife to
her husband.

☒ **1 Corinthians 7:4** The wife's
body does not belong to her
alone but also to her husband.
In the same way, the husband's
body does not belong to him
alone but also to his wife.

Submission in Marriage

Wives
(3:1-6)

How?

Quiet spirit

Why?

Witness to husband
Please God

Husbands
(3:7)

How?

Understand & Respect

Why?

Unhindered prayer

1 Peter Outline

How to Attract Others During Righteous Suffering

Sanctification			Submission				Selflessness					
1:1–2:12			2:13–3:12				3:13–5:14					
Holiness			Humility				Honoring Others					
Salutation 1:1-2	Praise for hope 1:3-12	Holy Life Exhort-ed 1:13–2:12	Gov't 2:13-17	Work Place 2:18-25	Marri-age 3:1-7	Church & all of Life 3:8-12	Christ's triumph 3:13–4:6	Edify others 4:7-19	Elders 5:1-4	Young Men 5:5a	Humility & watch-fulness 5:5b-11	Purpose 5:12-14

Rome to Northern Asia

Early AD 64



Myanmar

1963 Junta control
1989 Election with
90% vote to Aung
San Suu Kyi





Pastor Kap and Family

Our Final Section on Submission ^{280j} **(3:8-12)**



**Submission
to attackers
(9)**

**Submission
in all of life
(10-12)**

Five Commands for a Submitted Body Life (3:8)

Harmony *ὁμόφρων* of one **mind** (like-minded)

Sympathy *συμπαθής* sharing the same **feeling**

Love *φιλάδελφος* loving a fellow-Christian (action)

Compassion *εὔσπλαγχνος* tender**hearted**, kind

Humility *ταπεινόφρων* humble-**minded**, humble

chiasm

Blessing, Not Retaliation (3:9)

Do not repay
evil with evil
or insult with insult

but with blessing,



because to this you were called
so that you may inherit a blessing



Jesus versus Tradition

Qumran

"[God] shall admit into the Covenant of Grace all... that love all the sons of light... and hate all the sons of darkness..."

Rule of the Community
(1QS 1:4; cf. 9:21)

Jesus (Matt. 5)

"You have heard that it was said, 'Love your neighbor and **hate your enemy**'" (5:43)

"But I tell you, '**Love your enemies** and pray for those who persecute you'" (5:44)

Recipe for a Blessed Life

(3:10-12)

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- Pure & Truthful Tongue (10)
- Good & Peaceful Actions (11)
 - Righteous Actions (12a)
 - Righteous Prayer (12b)

Recipe for a Blessed Life (3:10-12)

1 Peter 3:10-12

¹⁰ For ^a “Whoever desires to love life and see good days, let him keep his tongue from evil and his lips from speaking deceit; ¹¹ let him turn away from evil and do good; let him seek peace and pursue it. ¹² For the eyes of the Lord are on the righteous, and his ears are open to their prayer. But the face of the Lord is against those who do evil.”

Psalms 34:12-17

¹² ^a What man is there who desires life and loves many days, that he may ^b see good? ¹³ ^c Keep your tongue from evil and your lips from ^d speaking deceit. ¹⁴ ^e Turn away from evil and do good; seek peace and ^f pursue it. ¹⁵ ^g The eyes of the ^h LORD are toward the righteous and his ears toward their cry. ¹⁶ ⁱ The face of the ^h LORD is against those who do evil, to ^j cut off the memory of them from the earth. ¹⁷ ^k When the righteous cry for help, the ^h LORD hears and delivers them out of all their troubles.

Questions on Submission

1. Under what circumstances should a believer *not submit* to authority?
2. What are the biblical steps of appeal to authority when one believes differently on an issue?
3. If, after appealing, you still cannot in good conscience submit to authority, what should you do?

Submission Take-Home

12 And again, *Isaiah* saith, There shall be a root of Jesse, and he that shall rise to reign over the Gentiles; in him shall the Gentiles trust.

13 Now the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, that ye may abound in hope, through the power of the Holy Ghost.

14 And I myself also will exhort you, my brothers, that ye also are full of goodness, filled with all knowledge, able also to admonish one another.

15 Nevertheless, brethren, I have written the more boldly unto you in some sort, as putting you in mind, because of the grace that is given to me of God.

16 That I should be the minister of Jesus Christ unto you for the ministering of the gospel; that the offering of the Gentiles might be acceptable, being sanctified by the Holy Ghost.

17 I have therefore whereof I may glory, in that I have been in those things which are written of God.

18 For I will not dare to speak of any of those things which Christ hath not wrought by me, to make the Gentiles obedient, by word and deed.

19 Through mighty signs and wonders, by the power of the Spirit of God; so that from Jeru-

whom he was not spoken of, ye shall see: and they that have not heard shall understand.

22 For which cause also I have been much hindered from coming to you.

23 But now having no more place in these parts, and having great desire these many years to come unto you, I will not be slow.

24 And when I come, I will not come empty-handed; for I trust to see you in your journey, and to be brought by my way thitherward; for the first I be soonest come to you by your company.

25 But now I will tarry no longer to minister unto the saints.

26 For it hath pleased them of Macedonia and Achaia to make a contribution for the poor among the saints which are in Jerusalem.

27 I have therefore sent to them, that they may be prepared, when I shall come, to minister unto me also; for I trust to go to Macedonia, and to see how ye fare.

28 And I have sealed to them this fruit, I will come by you into Spain.

29 And I am sure that, when I come unto you, I shall come in the fulness of the blessing of the gospel of Christ.

30 Now I beseech you, brethren, for the Lord Jesus Christ's

name of the saints: That I may come unto you with joy by the will of God, and with you be refreshed. Now the God of peace be with you all: Amen.

CHAPTER 16

COMMEND unto you Philebō, our sister, which is servant of Christ, who is much beloved, chosen in the church at Hierapolis, where she hath ministered unto us, and to the saints, and ye assist her in whatsoever need she hath need of you:

31 For she hath been a succourer of my bonds, and I myself also.

32 Salute also Priscilla and Aquila my co-workers in Christ Jesus:

33 Who have for my life laid down their own necks: unto you not only I thank them,

34 But also all the saints, who have known of their love for me, and for the work which is in their house. Salute my wellbeloved Euēstus, who is the firstfruit of Achaea unto Christ Jesus.

35 Greet Amphilias my beloved in the Lord.

36 Salute Urbane, our helper in Christ, and Stachys my beloved.

37 Phōspha, who labours in the Lord. Salute the beloved Persis, which laboured much in the Lord.

38 Salute Rufus chosen in the Lord, and his mother and mine.

39 Salute Asyn' critus, Phlegon, Hermas, Pat' rōbas, Hermēs, and the brethren which are with them.

40 Salute Phil' ipus, and Julia, and Olympias, and all the others which are with them.

41 Salute one another with an holy kiss. The churches of Christ salute you.

42 Now I beseech you, brethren, mark them which cause divisions and offences contrary to the doctrine which ye have learned; and avoid them.

43 For there are such servants of Christ, as serve not Christ the Lord Jesus Christ, but their own belly; and by good words and fair speeches deceive the hearts of the simple.

44 For your audience is come unto me, I am glad for your sake: but yet I would have you wise unto that which is good, and simple concerning evil.

45 And the God of peace shall bruise Satan under your feet shortly. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you. Amen.

46 Timoth' eus my workfellow, and Lucus, and Jason, and Sosip'ater, my kinsmen, salute you.

In what area do you need either to submit to authority or appeal to that authority?

Theme

**How to Attract Others During
Righteous Suffering**

1 Peter

How to attract others to Jesus...

I. Show **holiness** with hope
(1:1-2:12).



HOPE
IN THE DARKNESS

1 Peter

How to attract others to Jesus...

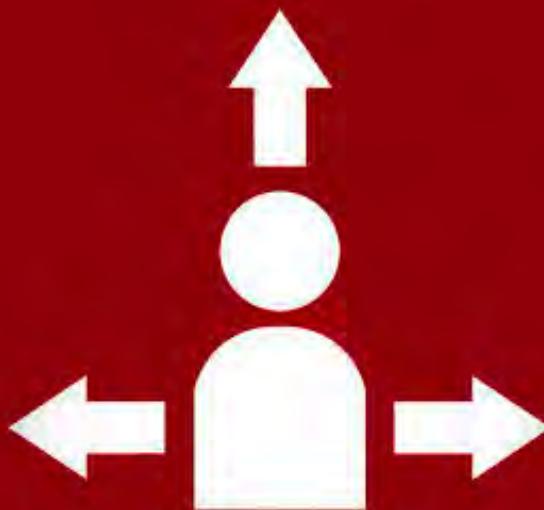
II. Show **submission to both
God and people (2:13–3:12).**



1 Peter

How to attract others to Jesus...

III. Show **selfless** living like
Jesus (3:13–5:14).



LOVE GOD. LOVE PEOPLE.

1 Peter

You attract
people by the
qualities you
display. You
keep them by
the qualities you
possess.

1 Peter 3:13-22

13 Who is there to harm you if you prove zealous for what is good?

14 But even if you should suffer for the sake of righteousness, you ¹are blessed. AND DO NOT FEAR THEIR INTIMIDATION, AND DO NOT BE TROUBLED,

15 but sanctify Christ as Lord in your hearts, always *being* ready to make a defense to everyone who asks you to give an account for the hope that is in you, yet with gentleness and reverence;

1 Peter 3:13-22

16 and keep a good conscience so that in the thing in which you are slandered, those who revile your good behavior in Christ will be put to shame.

17 For it is better, if God should will it so, that you suffer for doing what is right rather than for doing what is wrong.

18 For Christ also died for sins once for all, *the just for the unjust*, so that He might bring us to God, having been put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the ¹spirit;

1 Peter 3:13-22

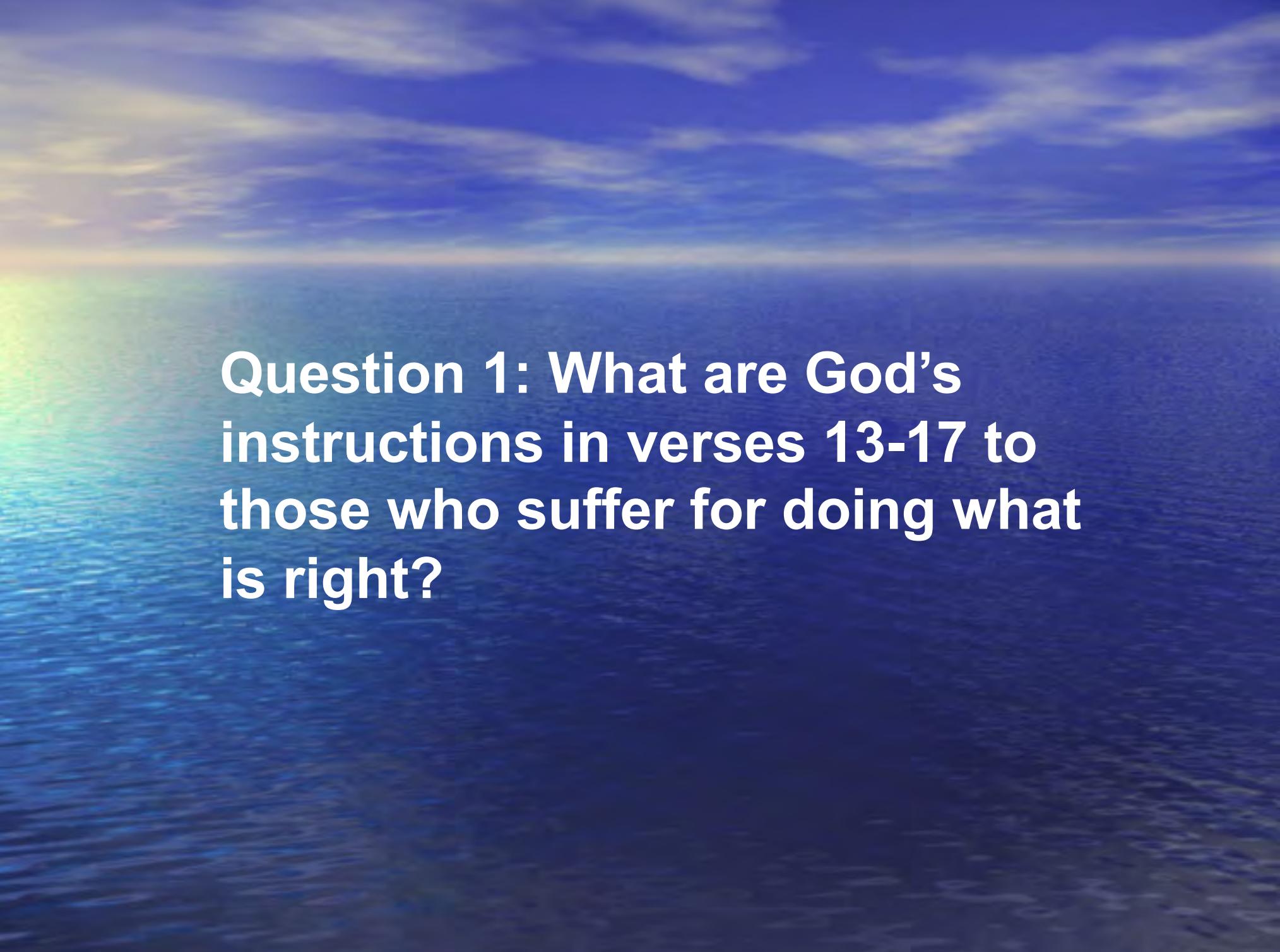
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1 Peter 3:13-22

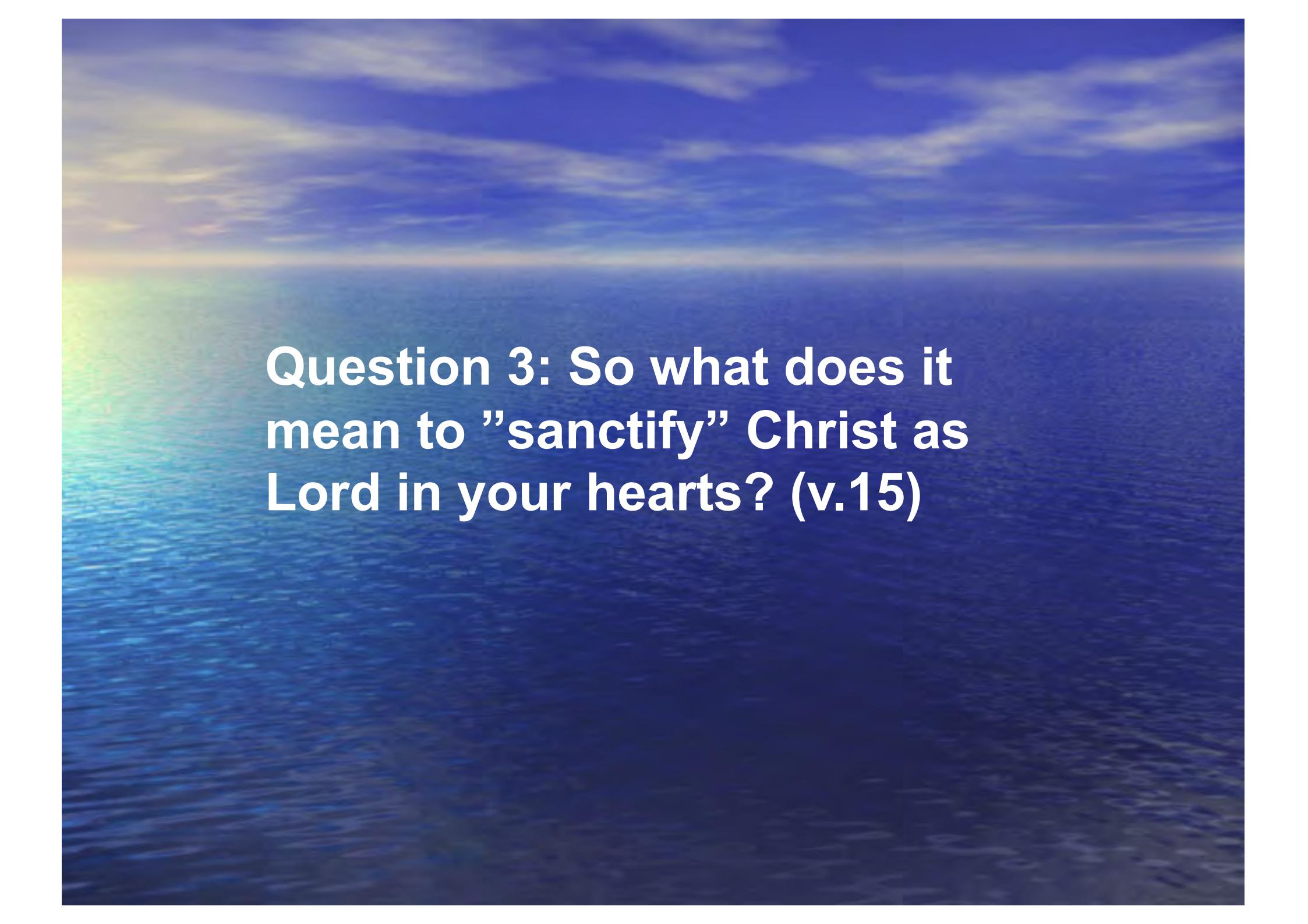
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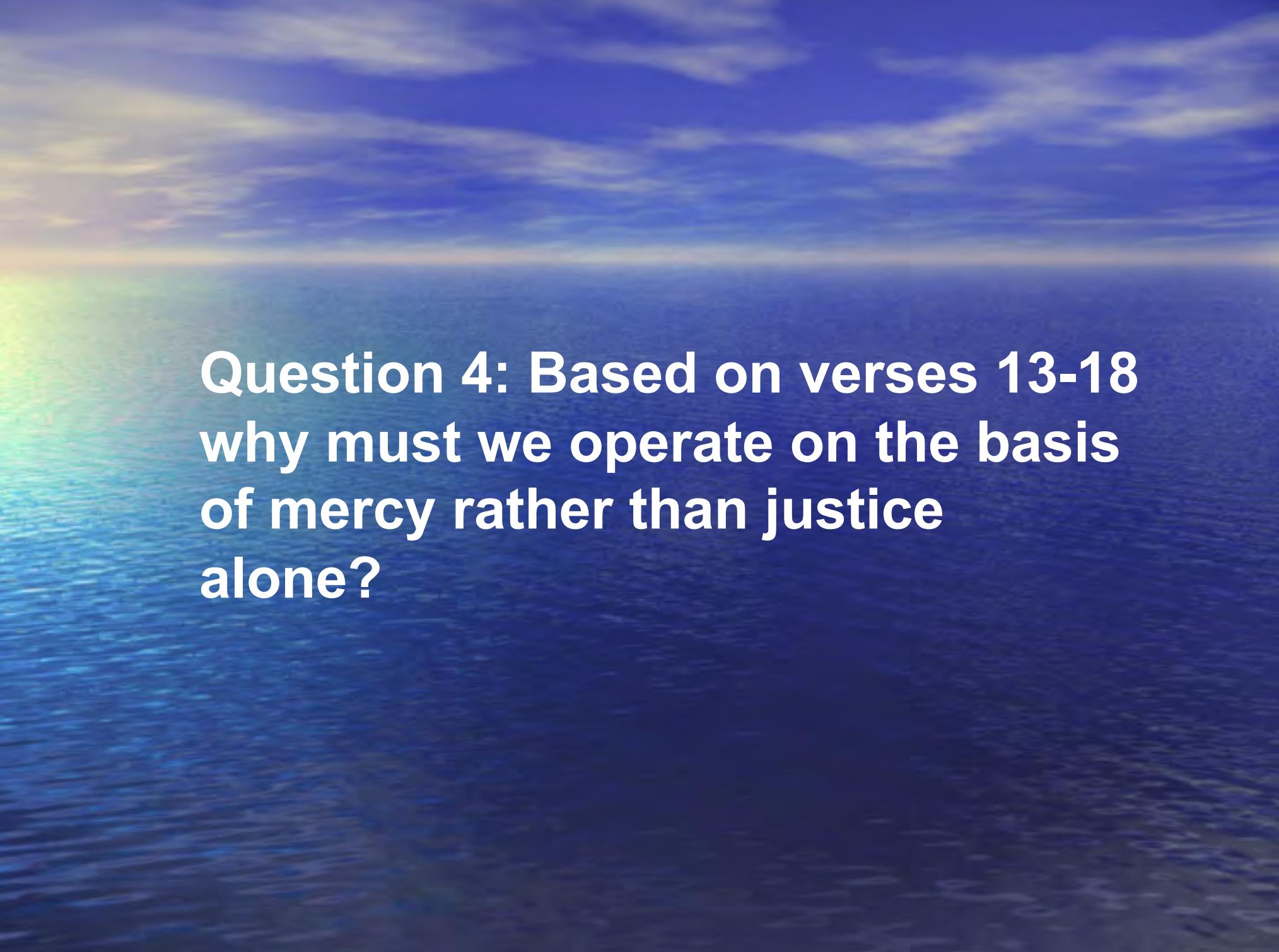
Question 2: How do you usually respond to those who treat you unjustly or challenge your Christian beliefs?



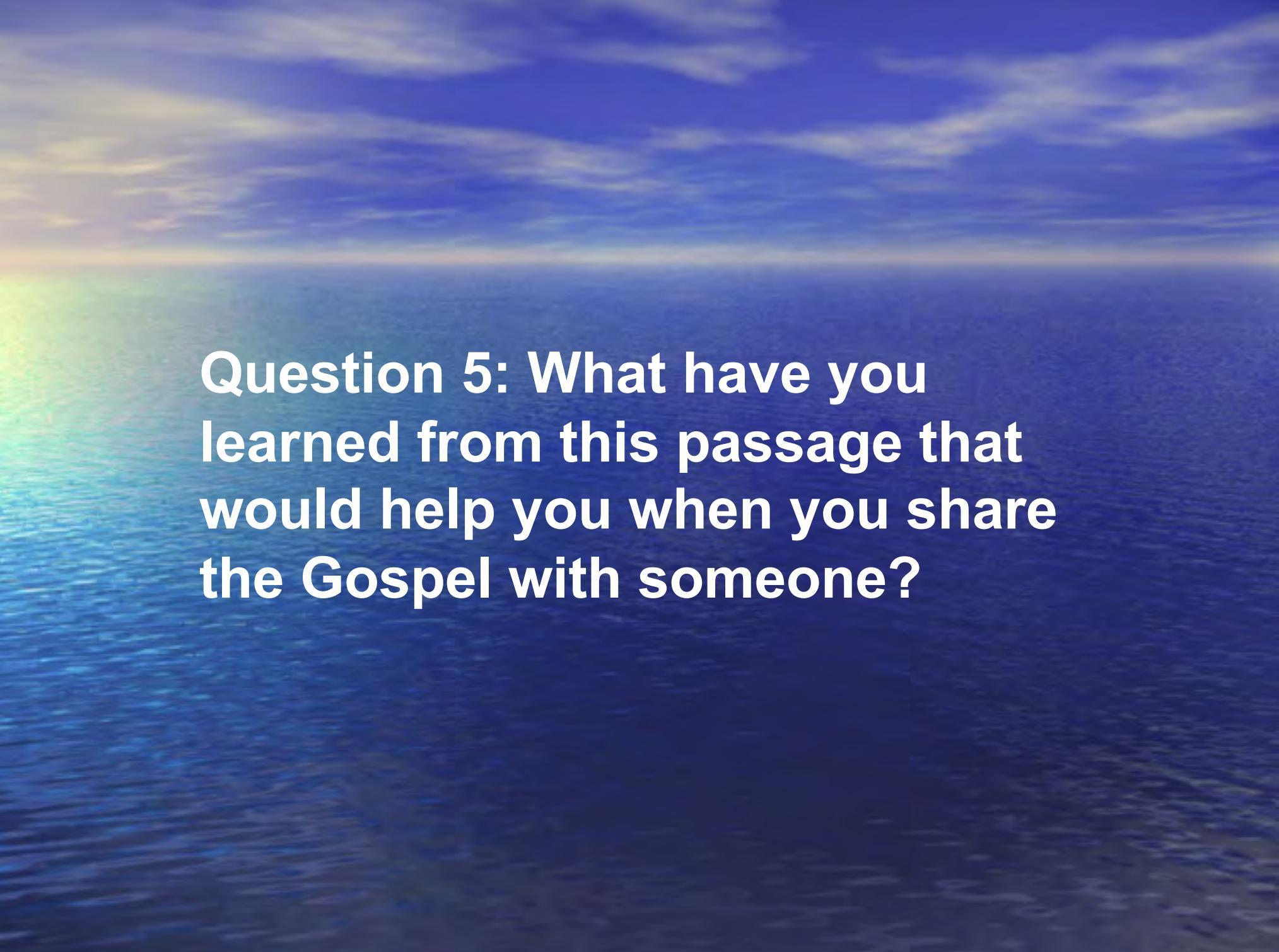
Question 1: What are God's instructions in verses 13-17 to those who suffer for doing what is right?

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Question 3: So what does it mean to "sanctify" Christ as Lord in your hearts? (v.15)



**Question 4: Based on verses 13-18
why must we operate on the basis
of mercy rather than justice
alone?**



Question 5: What have you learned from this passage that would help you when you share the Gospel with someone?

Endurance in Suffering By God's Grace (is achieved by...)

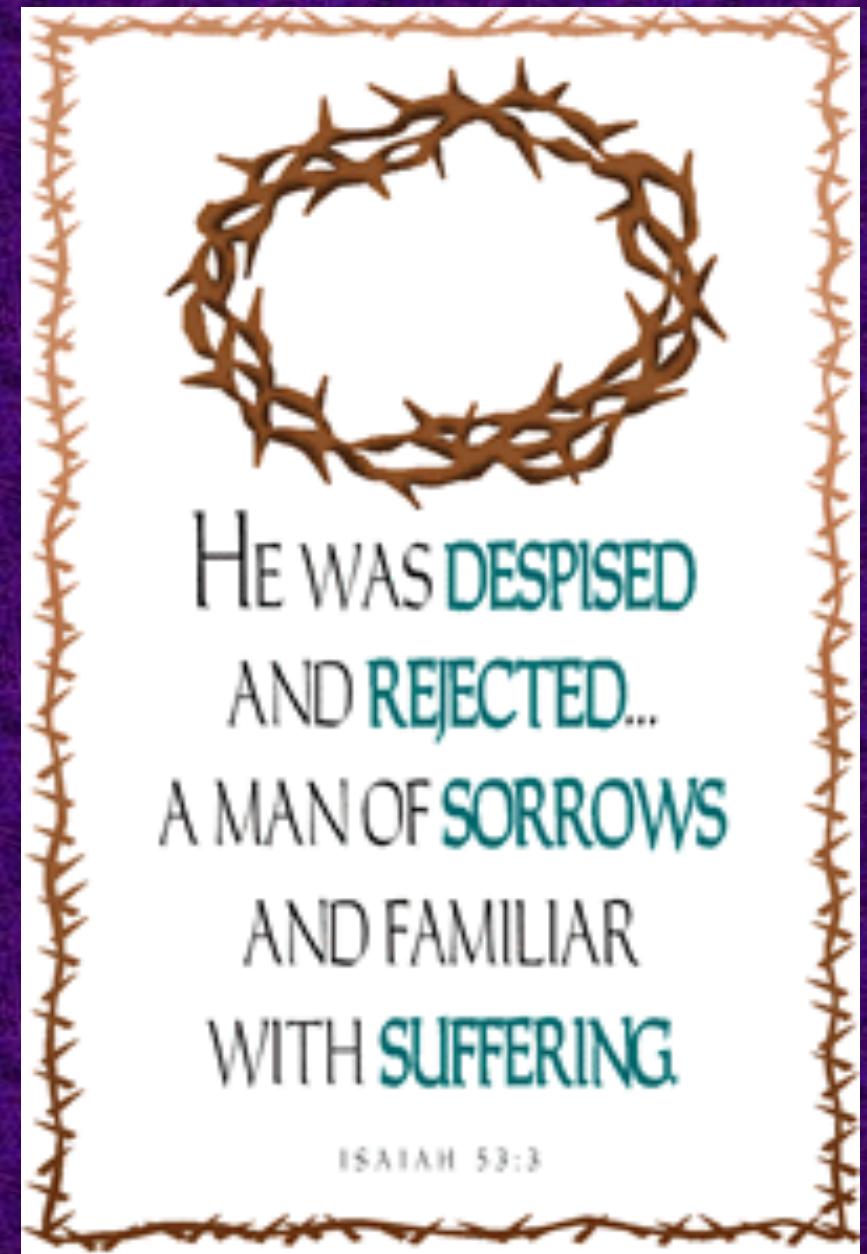
III. Selflessness 3:13–5:14 (Honoring Others)

- A. Christ's triumph 3:13–4:6
- B. Edify others 4:7-19
- C. Elders 5:1-4
- D. Young Men 5:5a
- E. Humility/watchfulness 5:5b-11
- F. Purpose 5:12-14



III. Selflessness (3:13–5:14)

**Selfless living by
God's grace for
Christians of all
types follows
Christ's example of
triumph after
suffering and also
receives God's
reward.**



Suffering in the NT

Or Saddam's common complaint?



Reasons for Suffering



Suffering enables growth

1 Pet. 5:10 After you have suffered for a little while, the God of all grace, who called you to His eternal glory in Christ, will Himself perfect, confirm, strengthen and establish you.

Suffering brings healing

1 Pet. 4:1 Therefore, since Christ has suffered in the flesh, arm yourselves also with the same purpose, because he who has suffered in the flesh has ceased from sin,

Reasons for Suffering

Suffering glorifies God

1 Peter 4:16 but if anyone suffers as a Christian, he is not to be ashamed, but is to glorify God in his name.



Suffering confirms future glory with Christ

1 Peter 4:13 but to the degree that you share the sufferings of Christ, keep on rejoicing, so that also at the revelation of His glory you may rejoice with exultation.



Two Questions on Righteous Suffering (Answer based on 1 Peter 3:13-17)

1. *What does a selfless lifestyle look like for the believer undergoing injustice?*
2. *What specific rewards do we receive when we respond to unjust treatment selflessly?*

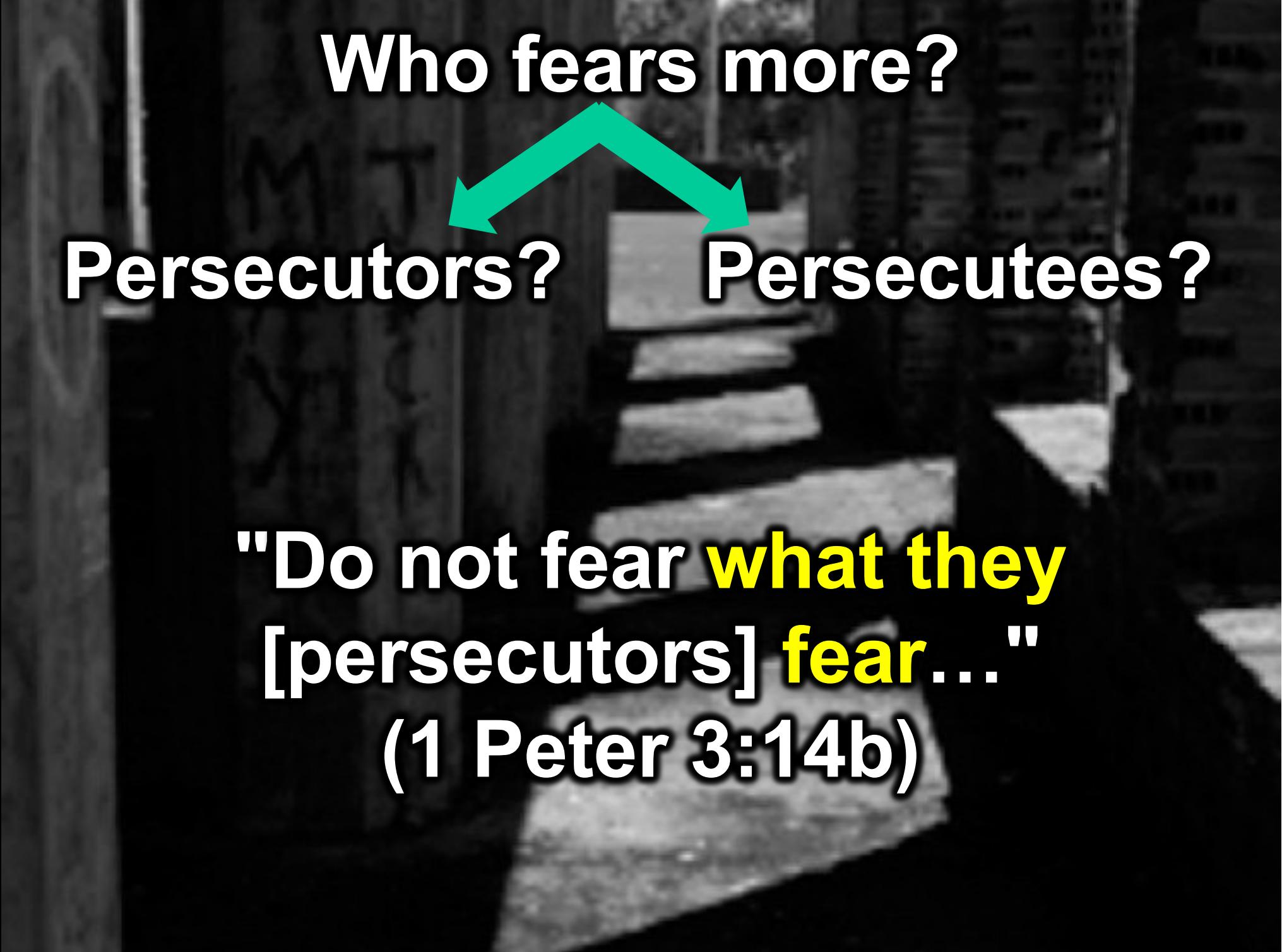
Righteous Suffering (1 Peter 3:13-17)

1. *Selflessness is shown in:*

- Being eager to do good for others (3:13)
- Suffering for doing what is right (3:14a, 17)
- Submitting to the Lordship of Christ (3:15a)
- Defending the faith (3:15b)
- Being gentle and respectful (3:15c)

2. *Rewards for the selfless sufferers:*

- Blessed (3:14a)
- Freedom from the fear that afflicts persecutors (3:14b)
- Hope to share with others (3:15)
- Clear conscience (3:16)



Who fears more?

Persecutors?

Persecutees?



"Do not fear **what they**

[persecutors] fear..."

(1 Peter 3:14b)

1 Peter 3:15-16 (NIV)

"But in your hearts set apart Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect,¹⁶ keeping a clear conscience, so that those who speak maliciously against your good behavior in Christ may be ashamed of their slander."

"Now I know that the Bible doesn't say this, but my personal opinion is..."



BE VERY CAREFUL, TEACHER



The Spirits in Prison (1 Peter 3:18-20)



1 Peter 3:18-20 (NASB)

18 For Christ also died for sins once for all, *the just for the* unjust, so that He might bring us to God, having been put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit;

19 in which also He went and made proclamation to the spirits *now in prison*,

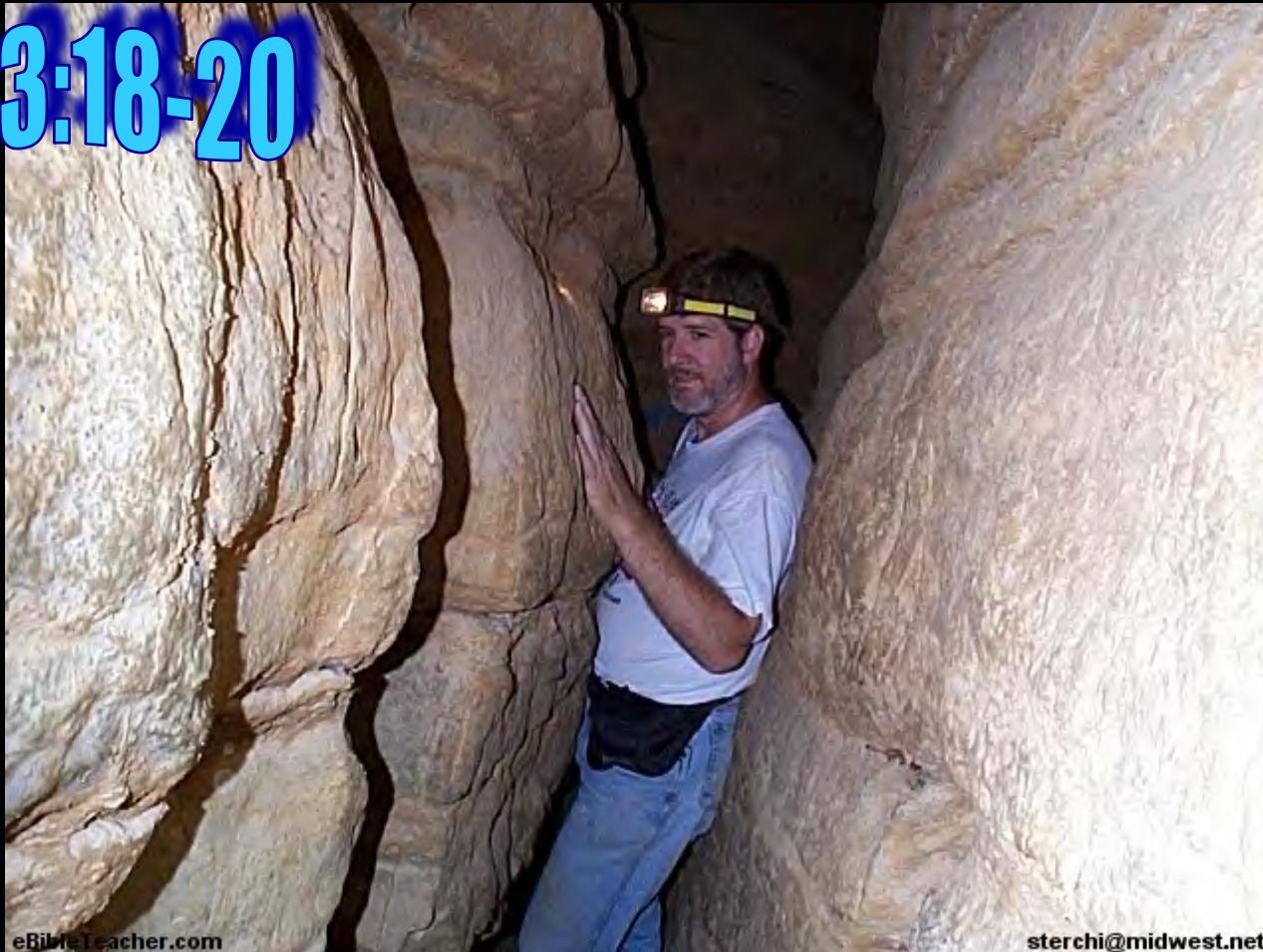
20 who once were disobedient, when the patience of God kept waiting in the days of Noah, during the construction of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were brought safely through *the water*.

"A wonderful text is this, and a more obscure passage perhaps than any other in the New Testament, so that I do not know for a certainty just what Peter means."

Martin Luther

Whatever your view...

1 Peter 3:18-20



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... you're between a rock
and a hard place!

Three Major Interpretations

15

Jesus #3

Spirits of those who perished in flood in Noah's time

Between death and resurrection

To proclaim gospel to the dead and offering a second chance to repent.

To proclaim release to righteous dead awaiting his coming.

To announce judgment on wicked dead

Christ in Noah #1

Those who had lived during Noah's time

In Noah's day

To preach repentance to the righteous and to proclaim judgment on the wicked.

Jesus #7

Fallen angels of Genesis 6

After resurrection

To proclaim his victory and their doom

No Second Chance

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NASB: ¹⁸ For Christ also died for sins once for all, *the just for the unjust*, so that He might bring us to God, having been put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit;

¹⁹ in which also He went and made proclamation to the spirits now in prison,

²⁰ who once were disobedient, when the patience of God kept waiting in the days of Noah, during the construction of the ark,

1. The text nowhere states that any second chance to believe is provided for the recipients of the message.
2. Hebrews 9:27 notes that judgment (not opportunity to believe) follows the death of each person. It says, "man is destined to die once, and after that to face judgment."

1 Peter 3:19-22 (NASB)

19in which also He went and made proclamation to the spirits *now in prison*, **20**who once were disobedient, when the patience of God kept waiting in the days of Noah, during the construction of the ark,

21Corresponding to that, baptism now saves you—not the removal of dirt from the flesh, but an appeal to God for a good conscience—through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, **22**who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers having been subjected to him.

Peter is describing Christ's triumph over death, His resurrection and ascension.

He writes about Christ preaching to spirits in prison.

The main idea of the text is Christ's suffering resulted in victory over death and salvation for us. Verses 19-20 are central to this whole idea of righteous suffering.

Christ's Body v. Spirit

having been put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit; in which also He went and made proclamation to the spirits now in prison,

The body died but the spirit continued to live?

The body died and was resurrected?

1 Corinthians 15:44-45 ⁴⁴it is sown a natural body, it is raised a spiritual body. If there is a natural body, there is also a spiritual body. ⁴⁵So also it is written, "The first MAN, Adam, BECAME A LIVING SOUL." The last Adam became a life-giving spirit.

Therefore, it is most likely that Christ died, was resurrected and then preached his victory over death to these demons imprisoned since Noah's day.

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Spiritualizing

Literal interpretation

Literal Interpretation

2 Peter 2:5

Angels after sinning were cast into pits of darkness, reserved for judgment.

Jude 1:6

Some angels are in eternal bonds in darkness for the judgment of the great day

1 Enoch 21:1-2

This place is the prison of the angels, and they will be imprisoned here forever.

Jesus, after resurrection, went to proclaim judgment on the angelic spirits held in prison.

Spiritualizing

In Noah's days, only humans could escape judgment, not fallen angels. There is no reason for God to wait patiently for angels.

In 1 Enoch the disobedient angels sinned not in Noah's day but in the days of Jared.

1 Peter 1:10-11

Prophets discern with the Spirit of Christ within them.

2 Peter 2:5 shows Noah is a preacher of righteousness

Peter uses the ark to mean certain death for those who did not believe. Noah as a type shows the salvation that is now in Christ.

The Transfer of Paradise

Eph. 4:8-10

"...today you will be with me in paradise."

Luke 23:43

2 Cor. 12:2-4

"I was caught up to the third heaven...I was caught up to paradise"

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Paradise

HADES

Luke 16:26

"...there is a great chasm separating us. No one can cross over to you from here, and no one can cross over to us from there."

"That is why the Scriptures say, 'When he ascended to the heights, he led a crowd of captives and gave gifts to his people.'

⁹Notice that it says 'he ascended.' This clearly means that Christ also descended to our lowly world. ¹⁰And the same one who descended is the one who ascended higher than all the heavens, so that he might fill the entire universe with himself."



1 Pet.
3:18-20

"Christ suffered for our sins once for all time. He never sinned, but he died for sinners to bring you safely home to God. He suffered physical death, but he was raised to life in the Spirit.

¹⁹So he went and preached to the spirits in prison— ²⁰those who disobeyed God long ago when God waited patiently while Noah was building his boat. Only eight people were saved from drowning in that terrible flood."

"Then death and [Hades] were thrown into the lake of fire... ¹⁵And anyone whose name was not found recorded in the Book of Life was thrown into the lake of fire."

Speaking of Imitating Christ's Selflessness...

- **Would your friends say that you selflessly help others?**
- **How do you show a selfless spirit when relating to others?**

How are you suffering for Christ right now?



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- Work?
- School?
- Home?
- Church?
- Friends?
- Government?

1. Disliked?
2. Thought Intolerant?
3. Overworked?
4. Alone?
5. How else?

Suffering for Righteousness

- Show selfless concern (7-11)
- You will be blessed (12-18)

1 Peter 4

1 Peter

Grace In Suffering

Written in AD 64

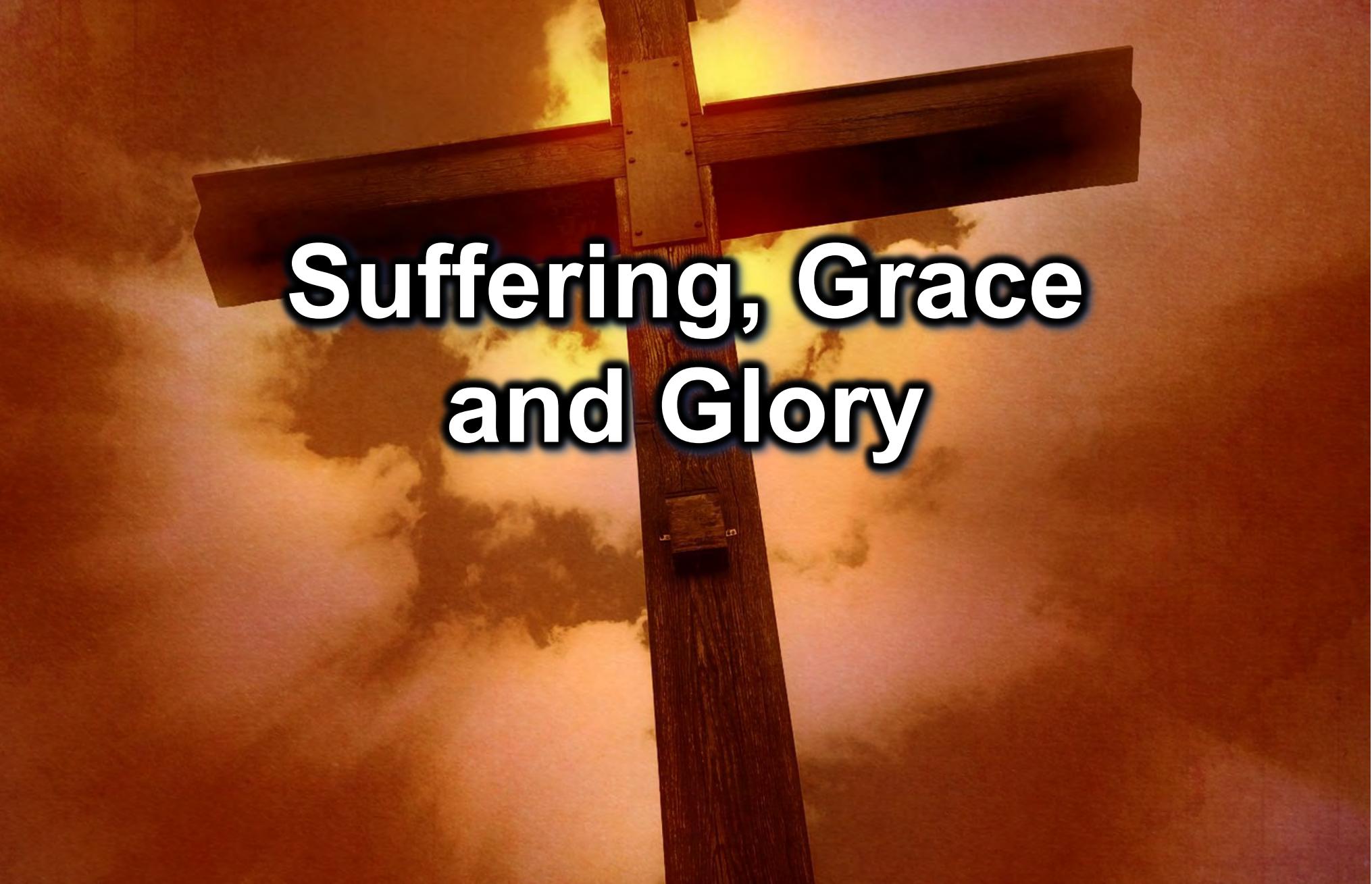
From Prison in Rome

To churches scattered in Asia Minor

Overview of 1 Peter

- 1-2:10 Chosen to Life *in* Christ
- 2:11-3:7 Chosen to Live *for* Christ (in the world/in the family)
- 3:8-4:19 Chosen to Suffer *with* Christ
- 5:1-11 Chosen to Steadfastness *through* Christ

Key Words



**Suffering, Grace
and Glory**

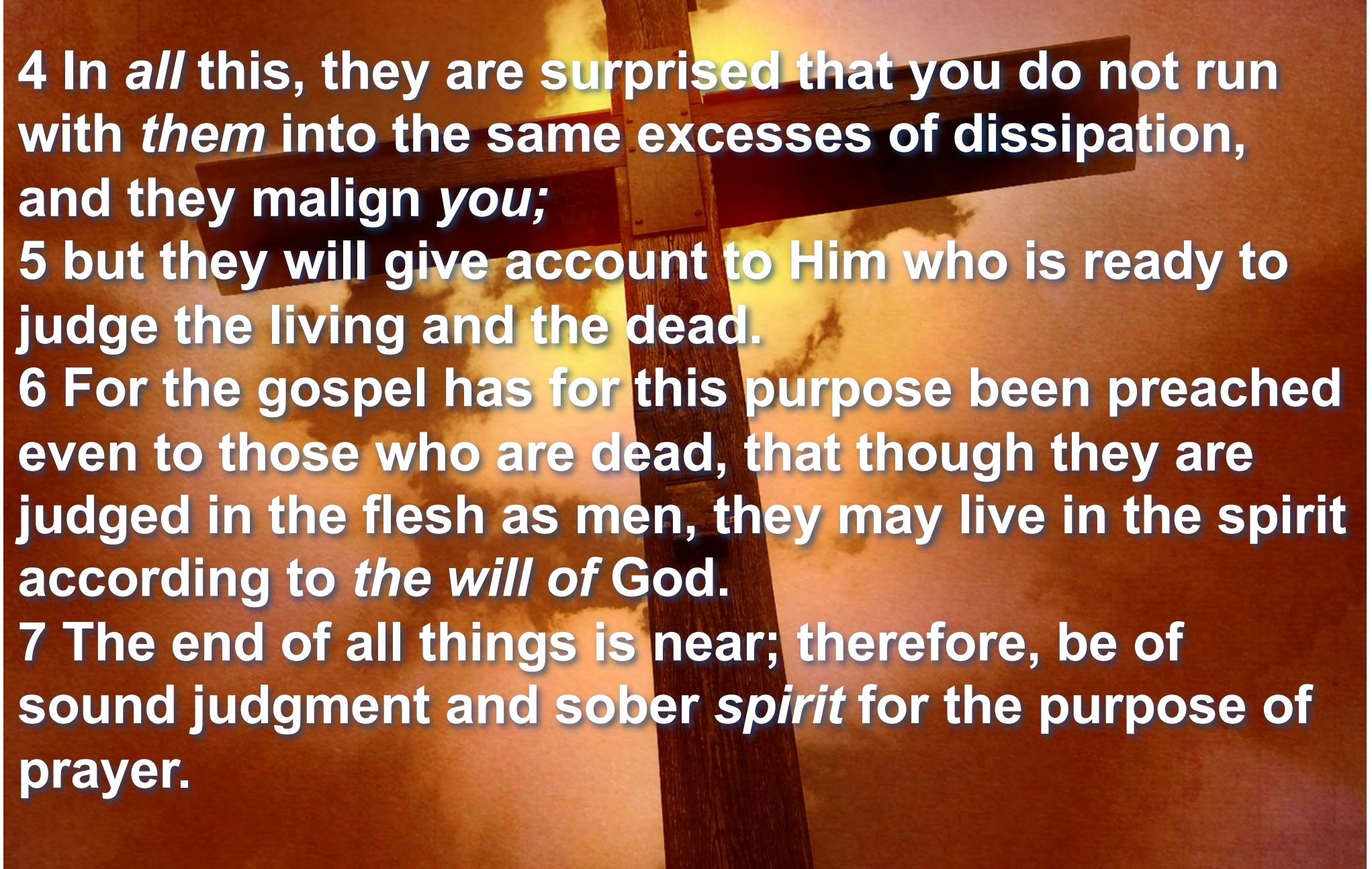
1 Peter 4:1-11

1 Pet. 4:1 Therefore, since Christ has suffered in the flesh, arm yourselves also with the same purpose, because he who has suffered in the flesh has ceased from sin,

2 so as to live the rest of the time in the flesh no longer for the lusts of men, but for the ^cwill of God.

3 For the time already past is sufficient *for you* to have carried out the desire of the Gentiles, having pursued a course of sensuality, lusts, drunkenness, carousing, drinking parties and abominable idolatries.

1 Peter 4:1-11



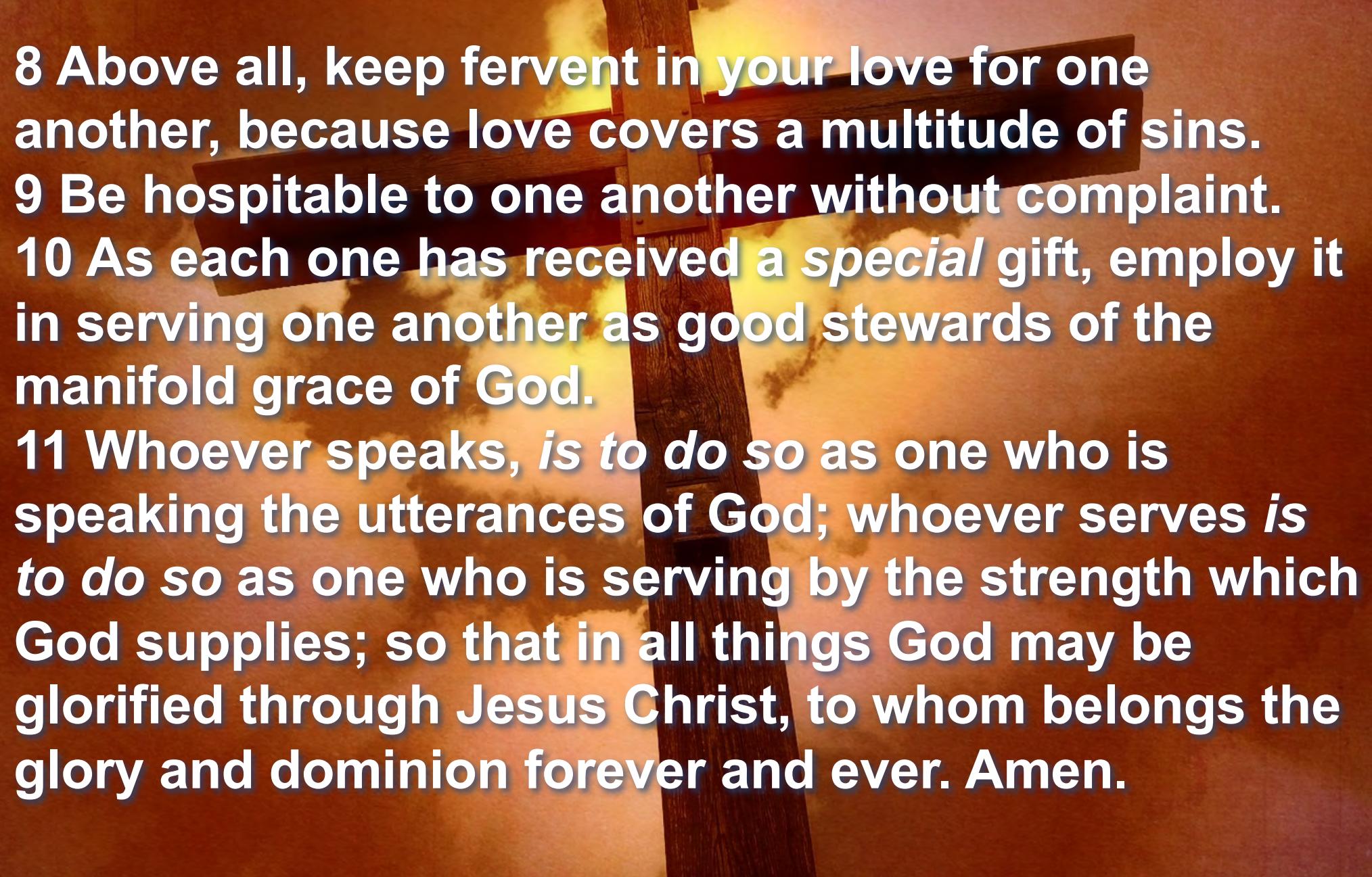
4 In *all* this, they are surprised that you do not run with *them* into the same excesses of dissipation, and they malign *you*;

5 but they will give account to Him who is ready to judge the living and the dead.

6 For the gospel has for this purpose been preached even to those who are dead, that though they are judged in the flesh as men, they may live in the spirit according to *the will of God*.

7 The end of all things is near; therefore, be of sound judgment and sober *spirit* for the purpose of prayer.

1 Peter 4:1-11



8 Above all, keep fervent in your love for one another, because love covers a multitude of sins.

9 Be hospitable to one another without complaint.

10 As each one has received a *special* gift, employ it in serving one another as good stewards of the manifold grace of God.

11 Whoever speaks, *is to do so as one who is speaking the utterances of God*; whoever serves *is to do so as one who is serving by the strength which God supplies*; so that in all things God may be glorified through Jesus Christ, to whom belongs the glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

Question 1

**What does Peter mean in v.1 that
“he who has suffered in the flesh
has ceased from sin?”**

Question 2

**When a person comes to Christ,
what happens to their former
acquaintances? (vv.3-4)**

Question 3

**What do you think Peter means in
verse 6?**

Question 4

What is Peter saying in v. 7 when he writes, “The end of all things is near?”

Question 5

What should we *do* because the end of all things is near?

Question 6

Which of those commands stand out to you as ones you need to grow in?

What are we living for?

Temporary Honor and Eternal Shame

or

Temporary Shame and Eternal Honor!

Benediction

**“To Him be all glory and dominion
forever and ever. Amen”**

How to show selfless concern (4:7-11)

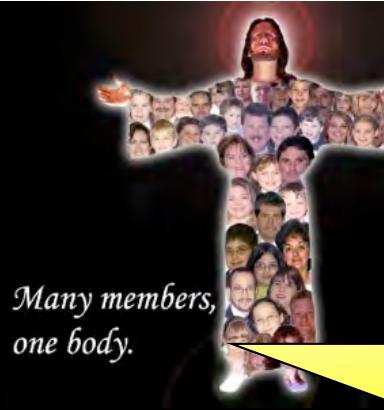
Clear-minded prayer (4:7)
Love (4:8)
Hospitality (4:9)
Use of gifts (4:10-11)

1 Peter 4:10 (NIV)

"Each one should use whatever gift he has received to serve others, faithfully administering God's grace in its various forms."

1 Peter 4:11 (NIV)

"If anyone speaks, he should do it as one speaking the very words of God. If anyone serves, he should do it with the strength God provides, so that in all things God may be praised through Jesus Christ. To him be glory forever and ever. Amen."



Get
words
from
God

Categories of
Gifts
(1 Peter 4:11)

Get
strength
from
God

Speaking

Serving

Teaching

Administering

Evangelism

Faith

Pastor-Teacher

Giving

Encouraging

Service

Mercy

Why did Peter's readers need encouragement? 1 Pet. 4:12-13

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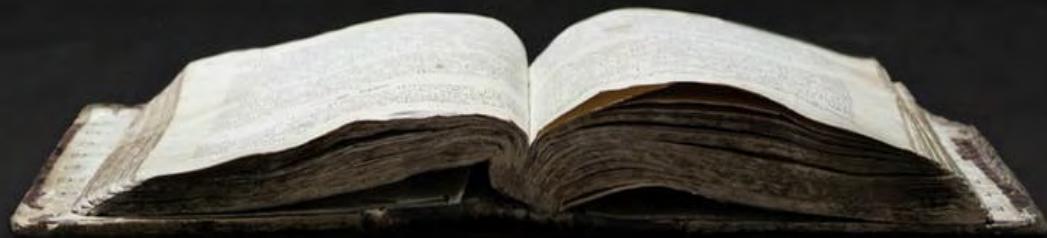


"Dear friends, don't be surprised at the fiery trials you are going through, as if something strange were happening to you. Instead, be very glad-- because these trials will make you partners with Christ in his suffering, and afterward you will have the wonderful joy of sharing his glory when it is displayed to all the world."

14 So be happy when you are insulted for being a Christian, for then the glorious Spirit of God rests upon you.



15 If you suffer, however, it must not be for murder, stealing, making trouble, or prying into other people's affairs. 16 But it is no shame to suffer for being a Christian. Praise God for the privilege of being called by his name!

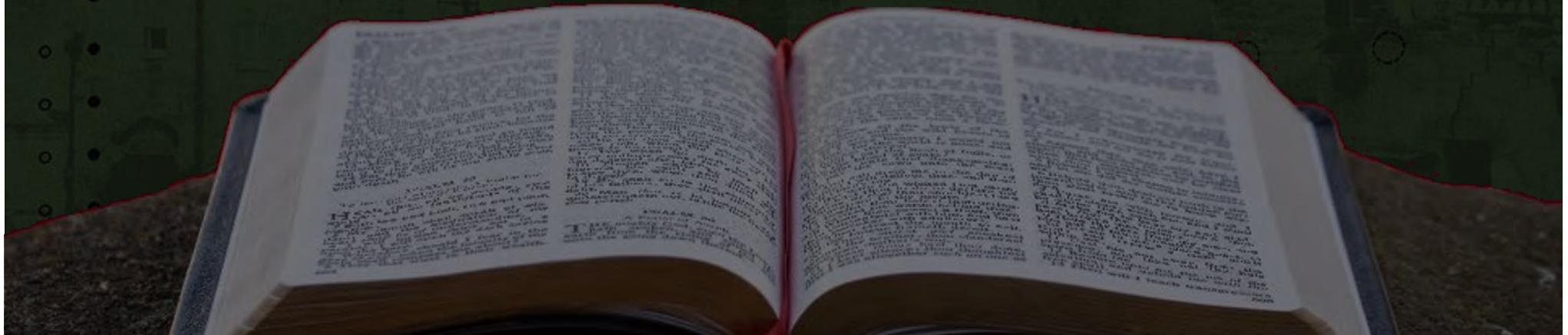


Blessings from Rejoicing in Suffering (4:13-18)

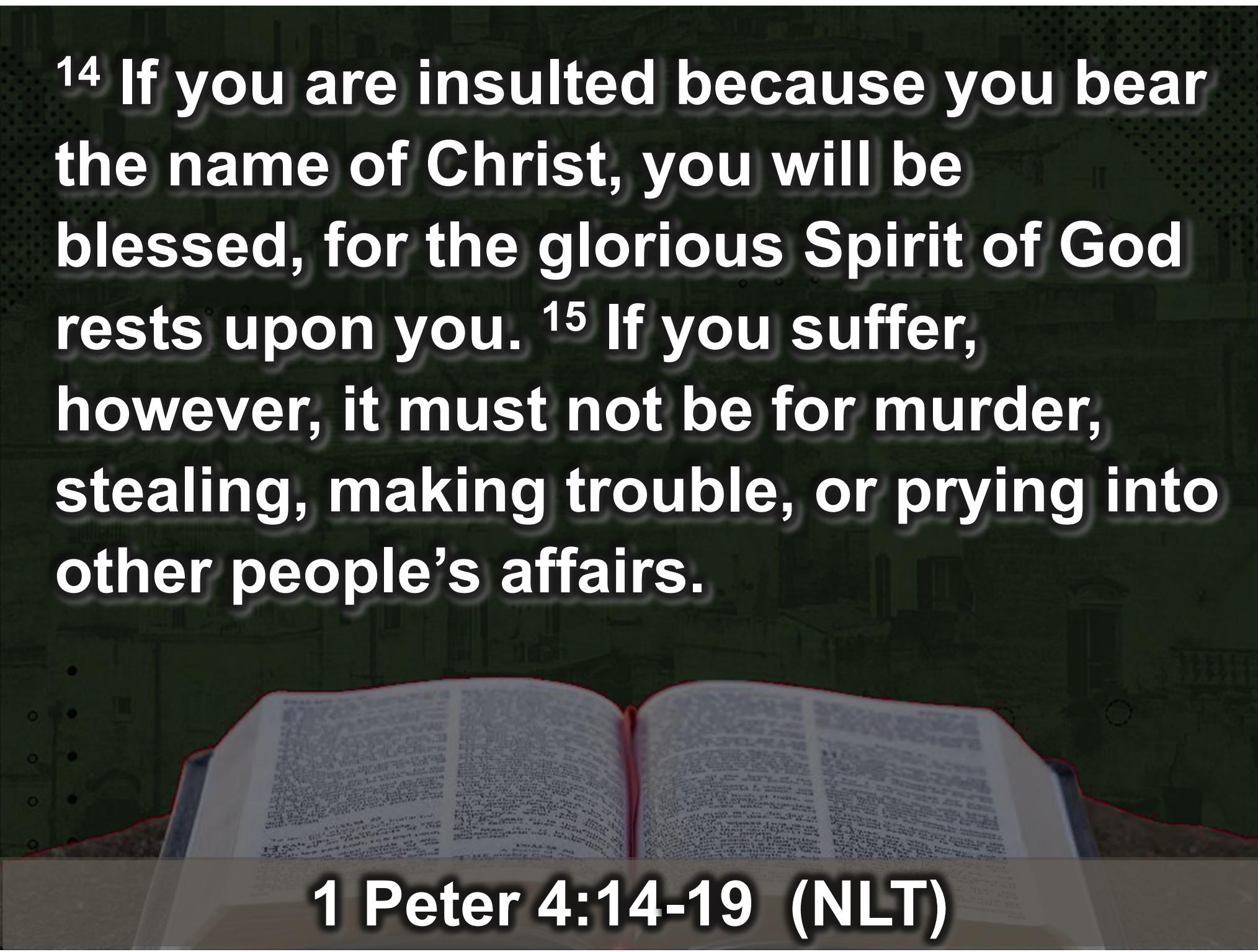
1. Rejoicing at Christ's return (4:13)
2. Ministry of the Spirit (4:14)

Scripture Reading

1 Peter 4:14-19 (NLT)



14 If you are insulted because you bear the name of Christ, you will be blessed, for the glorious Spirit of God rests upon you. 15 If you suffer, however, it must not be for murder, stealing, making trouble, or prying into other people's affairs.



1 Peter 4:14-19 (NLT)

16 But it is no shame to suffer for being a Christian. Praise God for the privilege of being called by his name!

17 For the time has come for judgment, and it must begin with God's household. And if judgment begins with us, what terrible fate awaits those who have never obeyed God's Good News?

**18 And also,
“If the righteous are barely saved,
what will happen to godless sinners?”**

**19 So if you are suffering in a manner
that pleases God, keep on doing what
is right, and trust your lives to the God
who created you, for he will never fail
you.**

What is Grace?

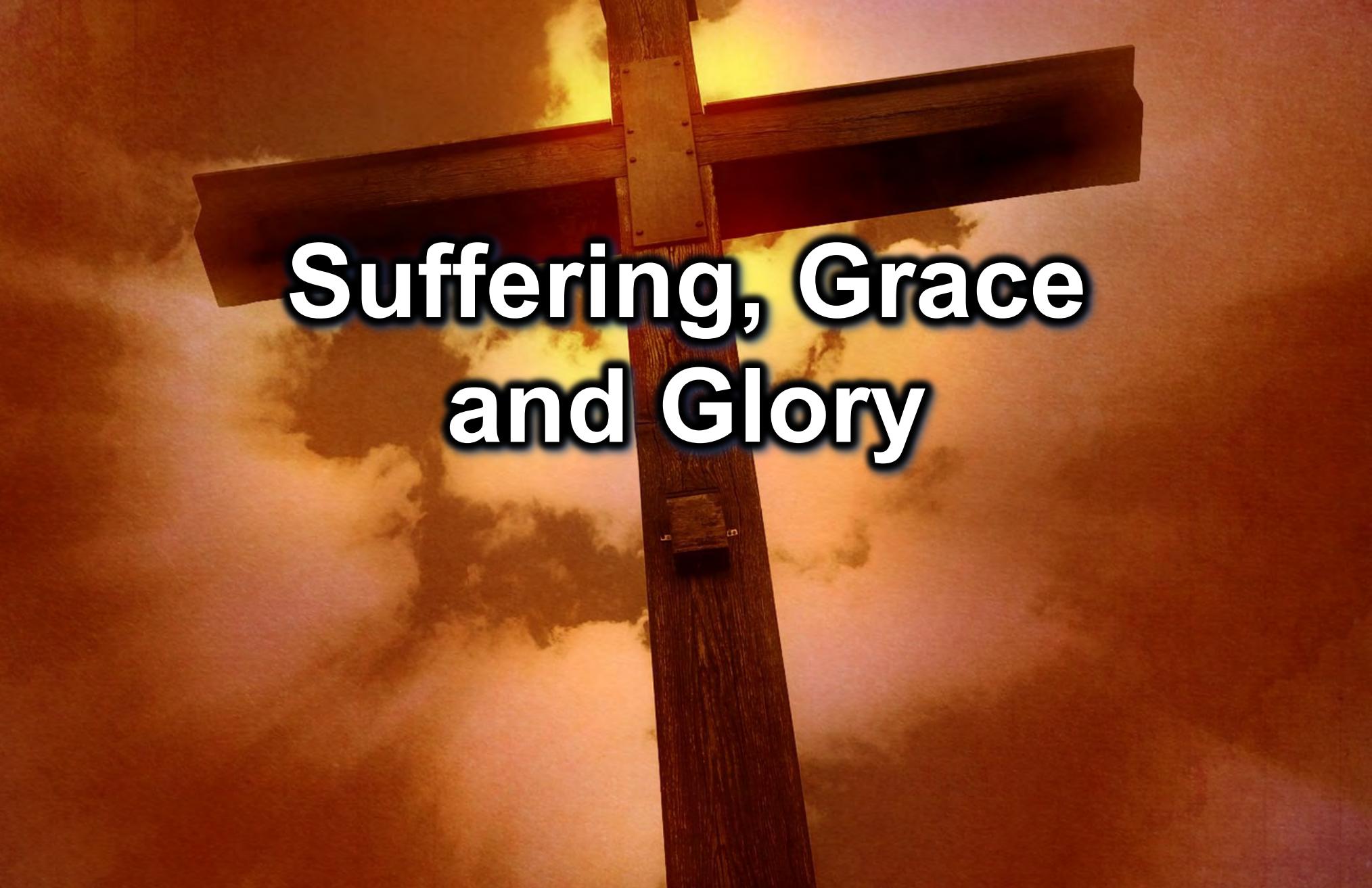
"The power to do God's will"

*- Bill Gothard
(Institute in Basic Life Principles)*

Blessings from Rejoicing in Suffering (4:13-18)

1. Rejoicing at Christ's return (4:13)
2. Ministry of the Spirit (4:14)
3. Bearing Christ's name (4:15-16)
4. Reminder of accountability (4:17-18)

Key Words



**Suffering, Grace
and Glory**

1 Peter 4:12-19

12 Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery ordeal among you, which comes upon you for your testing, as though some strange thing were happening to you;

13 but to the degree that you share the sufferings of Christ, keep on rejoicing, so that also at the revelation of His glory you may rejoice with exultation.

14 If you are reviled for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the Spirit of glory and of God rests on you.

1 Peter 4:12-19

15 Make sure that none of you suffers as a murderer, or thief, or evildoer, or a ^{1b}**troublesome meddler;**

16 but if *anyone suffers* as a Christian, he is not to be ashamed, but is to glorify God in this name.

17 For *it is* time for judgment to begin with the household of God; and if *it begins* with us first, what *will be* the outcome for those who do not obey the gospel of God?

1 Peter 4:12-19

18 AND IF IT IS WITH DIFFICULTY THAT THE RIGHTEOUS IS SAVED, WHAT WILL BECOME OF THE GODLESS MAN AND THE SINNER?

19 Therefore, those also who suffer according to the will of God shall entrust their souls to a faithful Creator in doing what is right.

Question 1

What attitude do we often have toward suffering?

What attitude *should* we have toward suffering?

Question 2

As you read through this passage, mark every time you see the word “suffer” or “suffering.” What did you learn?

Suffering

**For our testing
Not a surprise
Causes us to rejoice
We are blessed
Spirit of glory rests on us
Not ashamed
Brings glory to God**

Question 3

What did you learn from circling the word “glory” or “glorify.” What comparisons or contrasts do you see between suffering and glory?

Suffering for Christ brings Glory to Christ

We will rejoice when He is revealed in
glory

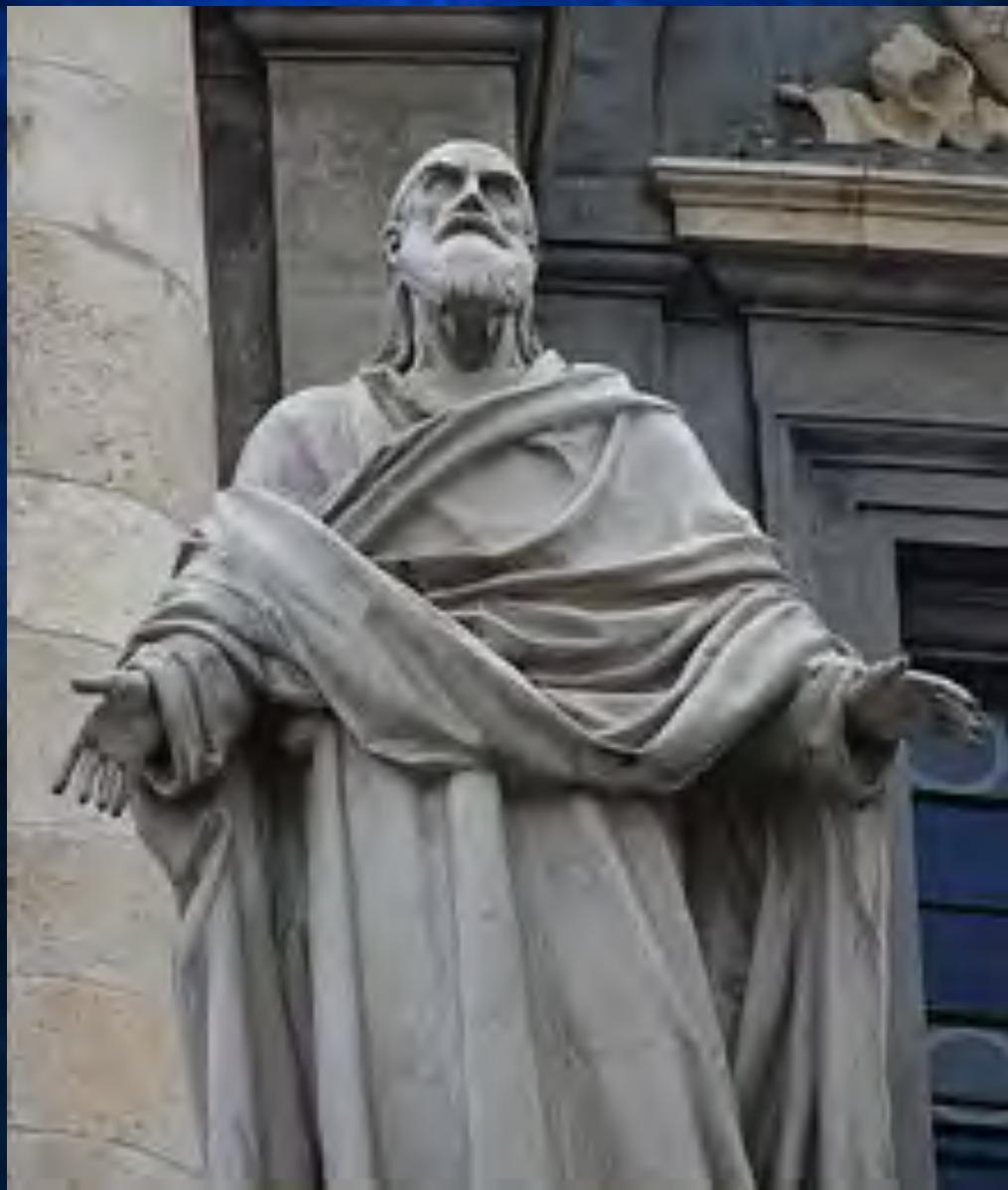
The Spirit of glory rests on us when we
suffer

Not ashamed but glorify God



**Is. 41:10 'Do not fear, for I am with you;
Do not anxiously look about you, for I am your God.
I will strengthen you, surely I will help you,
Surely I will uphold you with My righteous right hand.'**

**Is. 43:2 "When you pass through the waters, I will be with you;
And through the rivers, they will not overflow you.
When you walk through the fire, you will not be scorched,
Nor will the flame burn you.**



“Eighty and six years have I served Him,” the saintly bishop replied, “and He never did me any injury. How can I blaspheme my King and my Savior?”

-Polycarp

Question 4

Why do you think Peter speaks of God as Creator in v. 19? Why not Judge, or Savior?



“And when they heard *this, (that Peter and John had been threatened but released)* they lifted their voices to God with one accord and said, “O Lord, it is You who MADE THE HEAVEN AND THE EARTH AND THE SEA, AND ALL THAT IS IN THEM!” They prayed to the Sovereign Creator!
Acts 4:24

Question 5

How can we “entrust” ourselves to God when we are suffering? What does that look like?

Peter's Conclusion

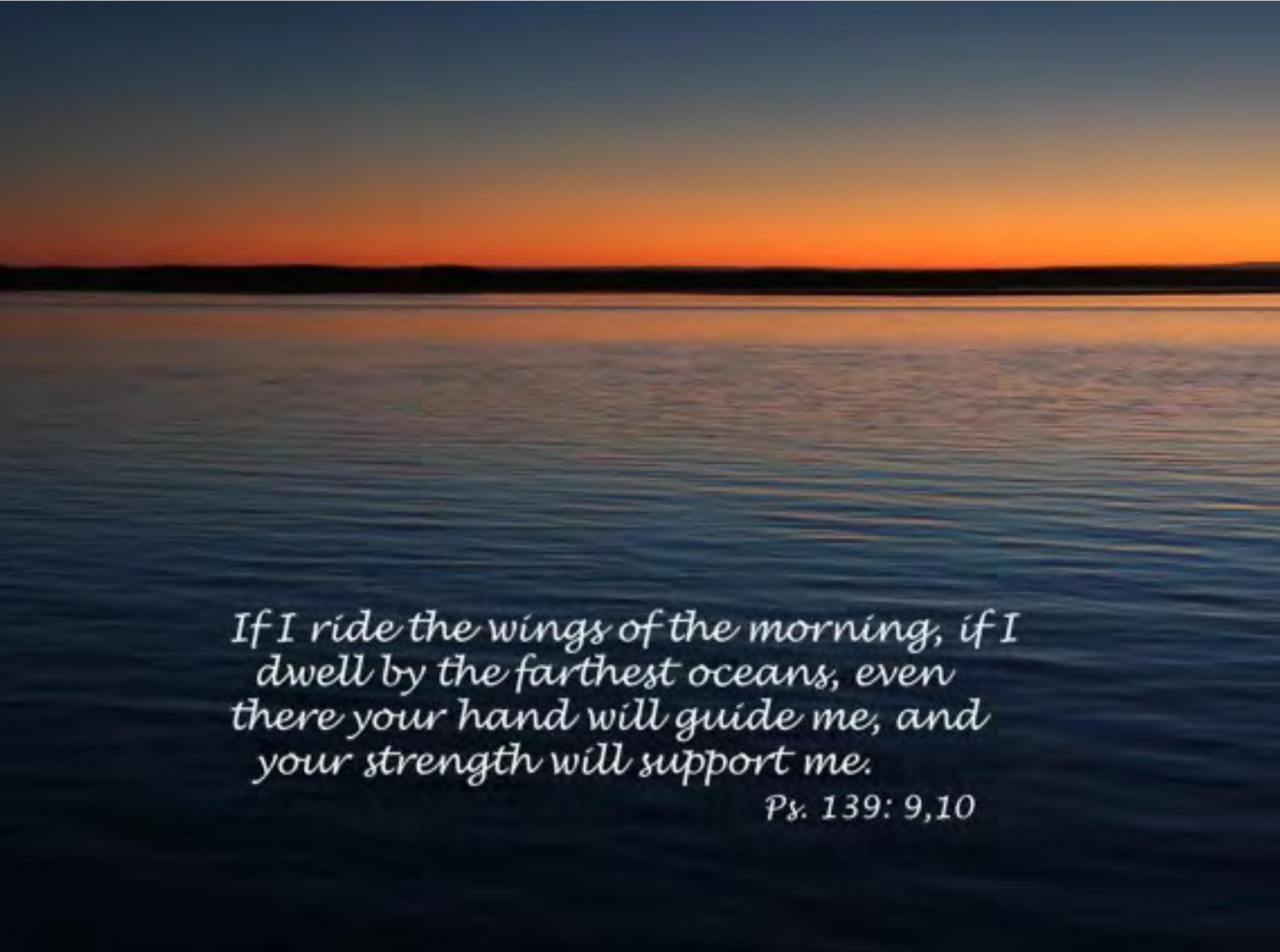
"So then, those who suffer according to God's will should commit themselves to their faithful Creator and continue to do good."

1 Peter 4:19

Our Conclusion

How specifically should you
(1) commit yourself to your faithful
Creator, and
(2) continue to do good?

1 Peter 4:19

A wide-angle photograph of a sunset over a calm sea. The sky is a gradient of orange, yellow, and blue. In the distance, dark silhouettes of hills or mountains are visible across the water. The overall atmosphere is peaceful and contemplative.

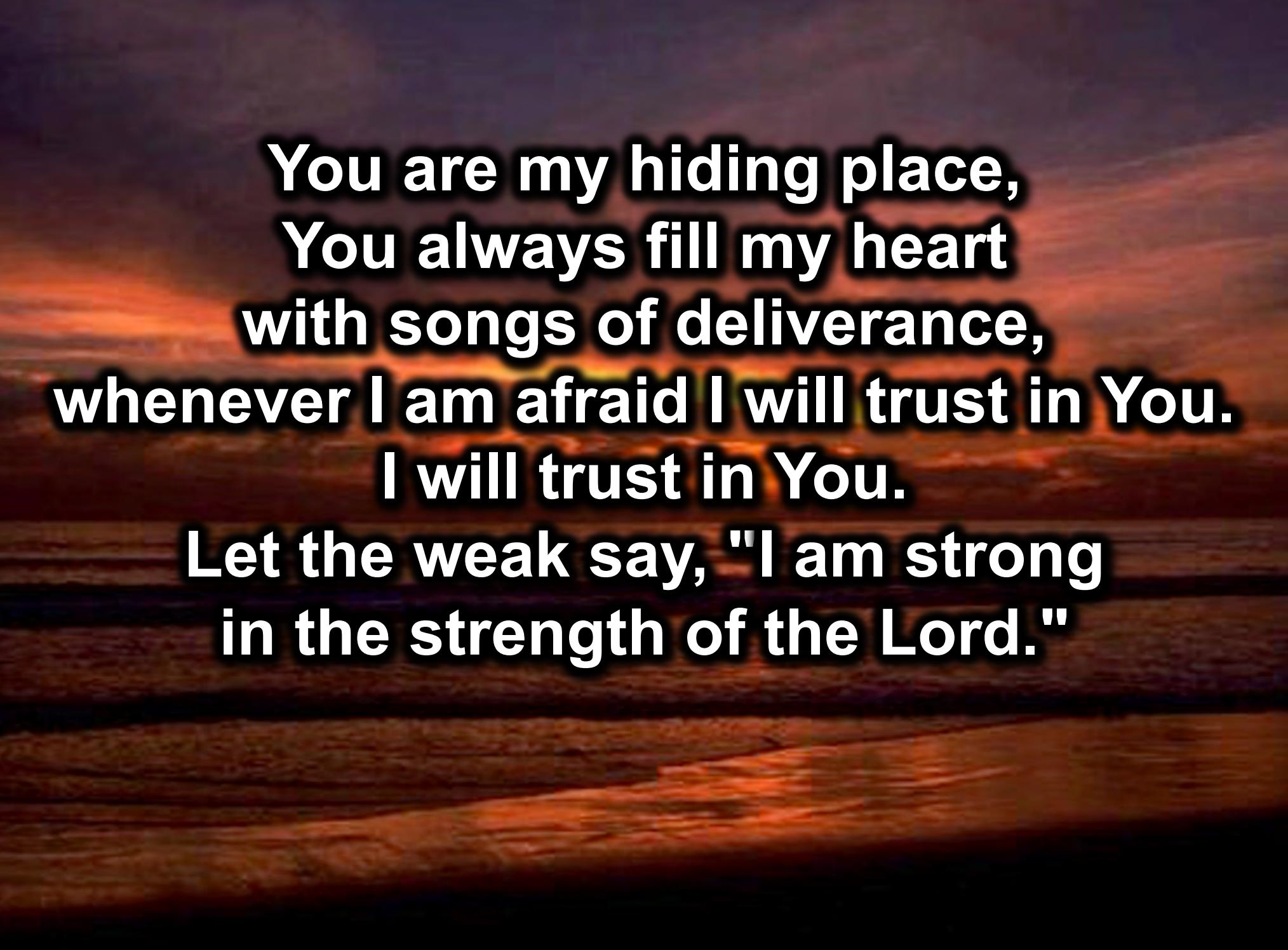
*If I ride the wings of the morning, if I
dwell by the farthest oceans, even
there your hand will guide me, and
your strength will support me.*

Ps. 139: 9,10

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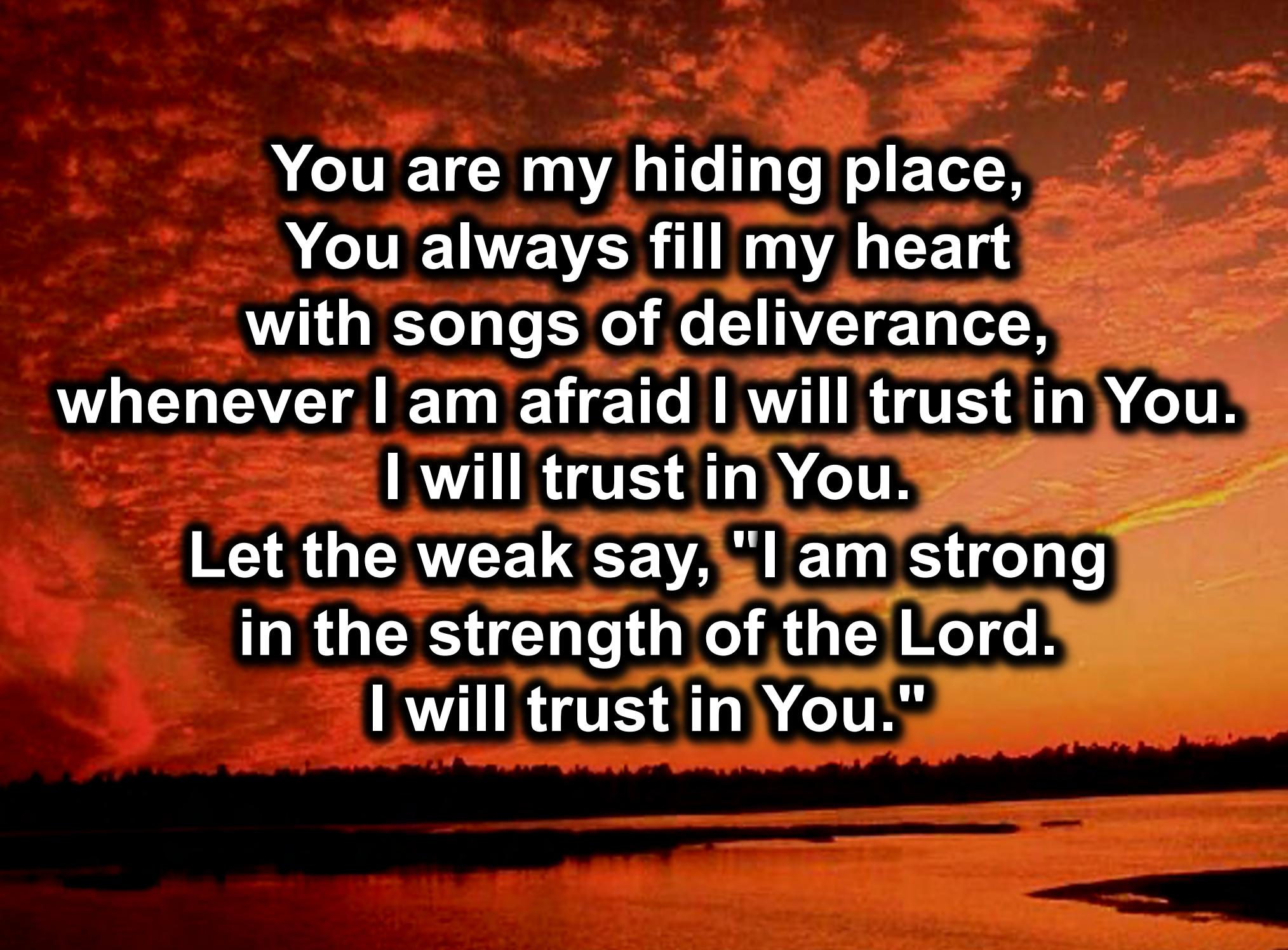
1 Peter 4:19

A photograph of a sunset or sunrise over a body of water. The sky is filled with warm, orange, and yellow hues, transitioning into darker blues and purples at the top. The water in the foreground reflects these colors, creating a peaceful and dramatic scene.

**You are my hiding place,
You always fill my heart
with songs of deliverance,
whenever I am afraid I will trust in You.**

I will trust in You.

**Let the weak say, "I am strong
in the strength of the Lord."**



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1 Peter 4:19



What do you do
for a living?

I work.



Could you be more
vague?

Be specific!

1 Peter 5

1 Peter

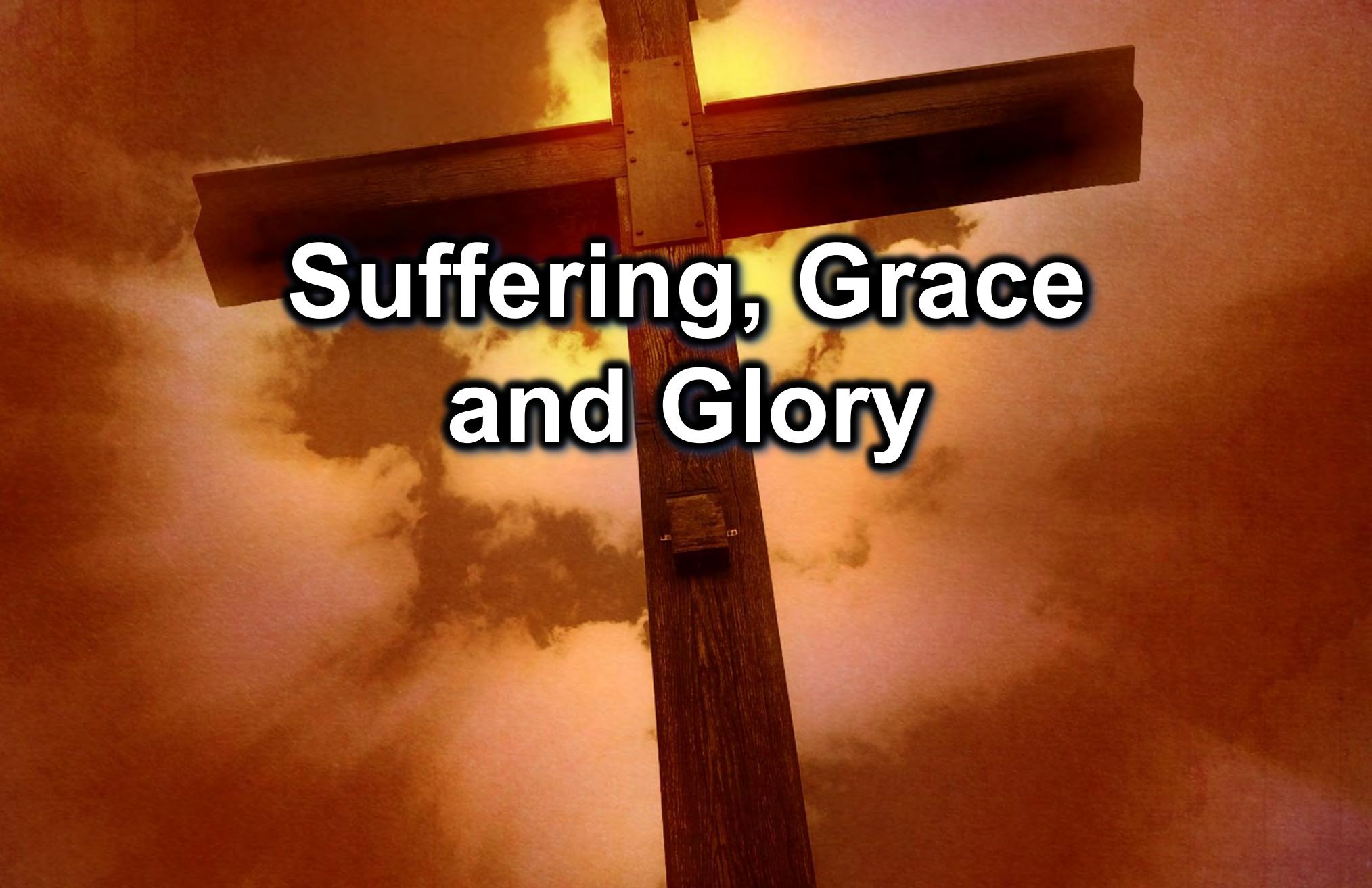
Grace In Suffering

Written in c. 64AD

From Prison in Rome

To Churches scattered in Asia Minor

Key Words



**Suffering, Grace
and Glory**

Purpose for Writing

“I have written to you briefly,
encouraging you and testifying
that this is the true grace of
God. Stand firm in it!”

1 Peter 5:12

1 Peter 5 NASB



1Therefore, I exhort the elders among you, as *your* fellow elder and witness of the sufferings of Christ, and a partaker also of the glory that is to be revealed,

2shepherd the flock of God among you, exercising oversight not under compulsion, but voluntarily, according to *the will of God*; and not for sordid gain, but with eagerness;

3nor yet as lording it over ¹those allotted to your charge, but proving to be examples to the flock.

1 Peter 5 NASB



4 And when the Chief Shepherd appears, you will receive the unfading crown of glory.

5 You younger men, likewise, be subject to *your* elders; and all of you, clothe yourselves with humility toward one another, for GOD IS OPPOSED TO THE PROUD, BUT GIVES GRACE TO THE HUMBLE.

6 Therefore humble yourselves under the mighty hand of God, that He may exalt you at the proper time,

7 casting all your anxiety on Him, because He cares for you.

1 Peter 5 NASB



8 Be of sober *spirit*, be on the alert. Your adversary, the devil, prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour.

9 But resist him, firm in *your* faith, knowing that the same experiences of suffering are being accomplished by your ²brethren who are in the world.

10 After you have suffered for a little while, the God of all grace, who called you to His eternal glory in Christ, will Himself perfect, confirm, strengthen and establish you.

11 To Him *be* dominion forever and ever. Amen.

1 Peter 5 NASB



12 Through Silvanus, our faithful brother (for so I regard *him*), I have written to you briefly, exhorting and testifying that this is the true grace of God. Stand firm in it!

13 She who is in Babylon, chosen together with you, sends you greetings, and so does my son, Mark.

14 Greet one another with a kiss of love. Peace be to you all who are in Christ.

Question 1

By what authority does Peter give these admonitions in chapter 5?

Question 2

Look up John 10:1-6, 10-16 and write down what insights these verses give you in relation to 1 Peter 5.

Question 3

In his final exhortations in verses 5-10, Peter mentions pride, humility, anxiety and the devil. Do you see any relationship between these subjects?

Question 4

Because I think many of us struggle at times with anxiety, look up these verses, (Matthew 6:25-34, Philippians 4:6-7, Philippians 4:19, Romans 8:28-32) along with 1 Peter 5:7, and summarise what you learn about the Christian and anxiety. How has God spoken to your own heart about this?

Handling Anxiety



Matthew 6:25-34 – Do not be worried about your life. Seek first His kingdom and righteousness and all these things will be added to you. Do not worry about tomorrow!

Philippians 4:6,7,19 Be anxious for nothing but through prayer, and thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God, and the peace of God which passes all comprehension will keep your hearts and minds in Christ. My God will supply all your needs according to His riches in glory in Christ Jesus.

Romans 8:28-32 We know that God causes all things to work together for good to those who love God and are called according to His purpose. If God is for us who can be against us? He who did not spare His own Son, but delivered Him up for us all, how will He not also with Him freely give us all things?

1 Peter 5:7: Cast all your anxiety on Him because He cares for you!

Results of Suffering



He will:

Perfect

Confirm

Strengthen

Establish

Question 5

Read Ephesians 6:10-17 and write down the parallels you see between these verses and 1 Peter 5:8,9. What do you learn that you can put into practice in your own life?

Ephesians 6:10-13



10 Finally, **be strong in the Lord** and in the strength of His might.

- *Be sober in spirit, be alert to your adversary the devil (1 Peter 5:8)*

11 Put on the full armour of God, so that you will be able to **stand firm** against the schemes of the devil.

- *Resist him, firm in your faith (1 Pet 5:9)*

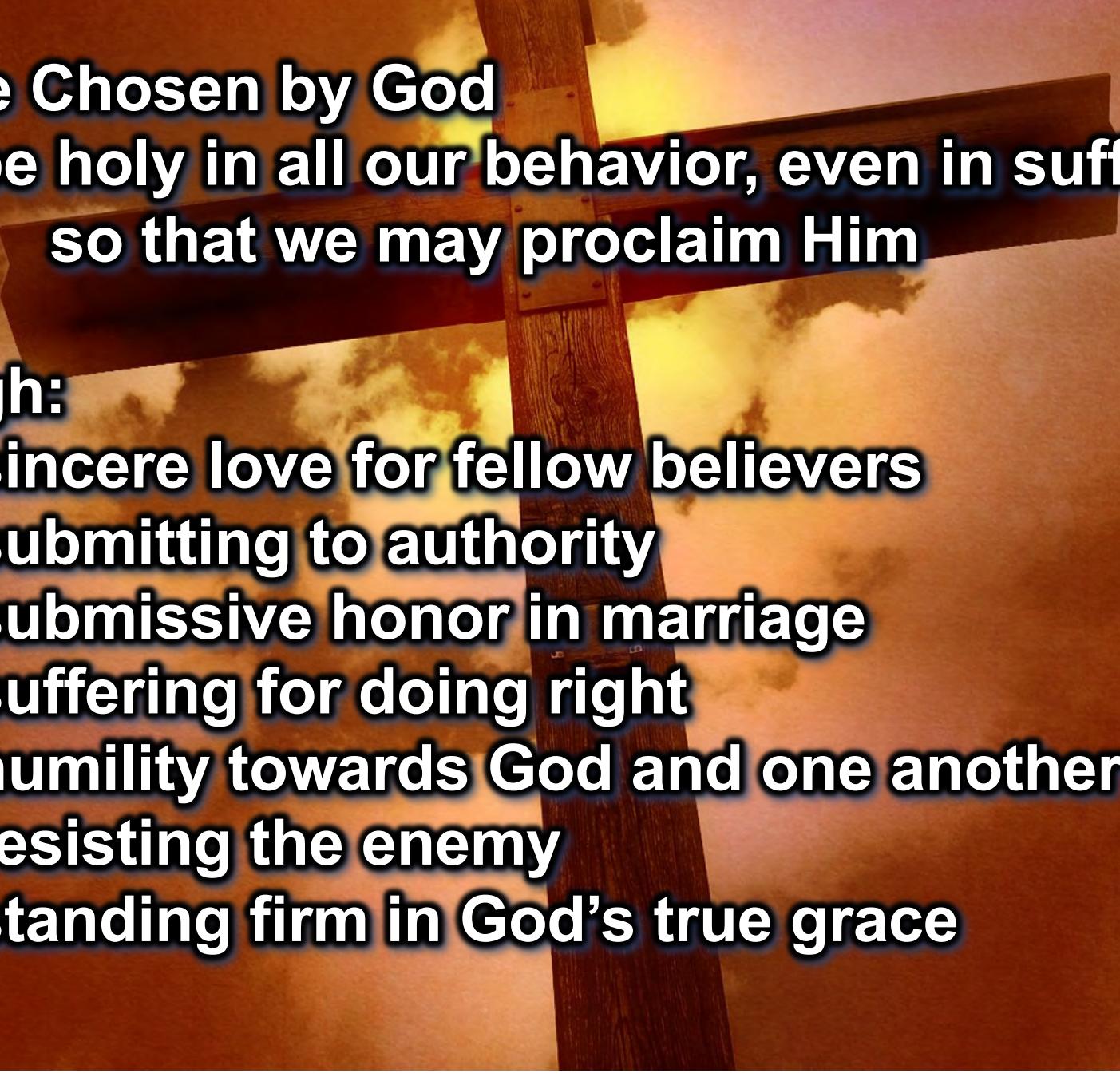
12 For our struggle is not against flesh and **blood**, but against the rulers, against the powers, against the world forces of this darkness, against the spiritual *forces* of wickedness in the heavenly places.

13 Therefore, **take up the full armour of God**, so that you will be able to resist in the evil day, and having done everything, to **stand firm**.

Question 6

What is the most significant thing you have learned from your study of 1 Peter? How will you apply it to your life?

Summing up 1 Peter



**We are Chosen by God
to be holy in all our behavior, even in suffering
so that we may proclaim Him**

through:

- sincere love for fellow believers**
- submitting to authority**
- submissive honor in marriage**
- suffering for doing right**
- humility towards God and one another**
- resisting the enemy**
- standing firm in God's true grace**

Summing up 1 Peter



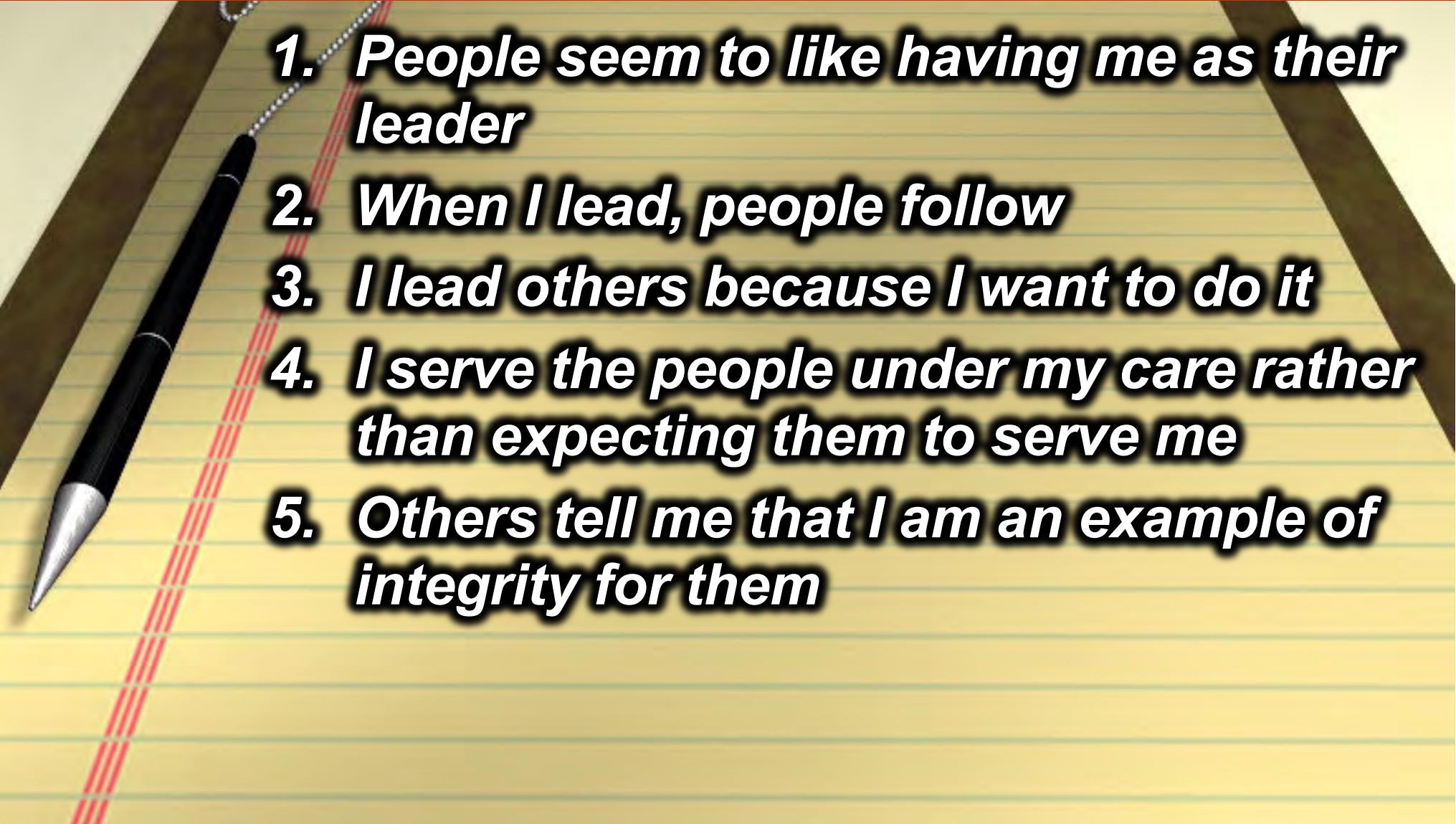
Peter's Final Benediction



To Him be dominion
forever and ever.
Amen!

**ELDERS?
What does this have
to do with me?**

What *kind* of leader are you?



1. *People seem to like having me as their leader*
2. *When I lead, people follow*
3. *I lead others because I want to do it*
4. *I serve the people under my care rather than expecting them to serve me*
5. *Others tell me that I am an example of integrity for them*

What kind of animal are you?
Biblically speaking...





Are you a donkey?



Psalm 23

1The LORD is my shepherd, I shall not be in want.
2He makes me lie down in green pastures, he leads me beside quiet waters, **3**he restores my soul. He guides me in paths of righteousness for his name's sake. **4**Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me. **5**You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies. You anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows. **6**Surely goodness and love will follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.

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What does
it mean to
shepherd
the flock?

Shepherding



Sheep



Young Goat

Shepherding



A flock of sheep and a few goats in Jordan

Shepherding



**The Good
Shepherd**

**Jackal – One of
the dangers to
the flock**

**The
Shepherd's
Sling**

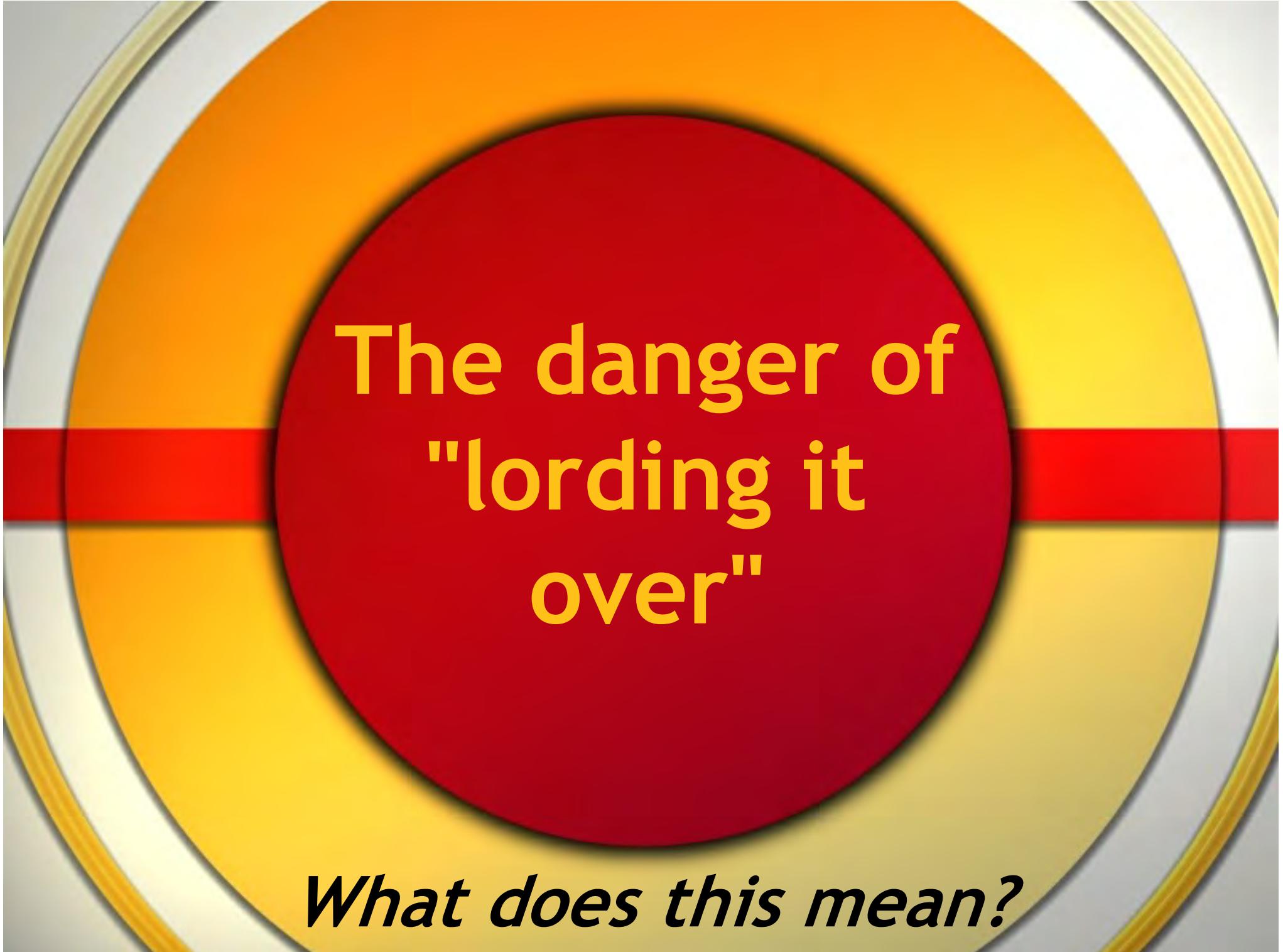
"He leads me beside still waters..."



Motives for Shepherding (1 Peter 5:2b)

**What Not to Do--
Elders should NOT...**

**What to Do--
Elders should...**

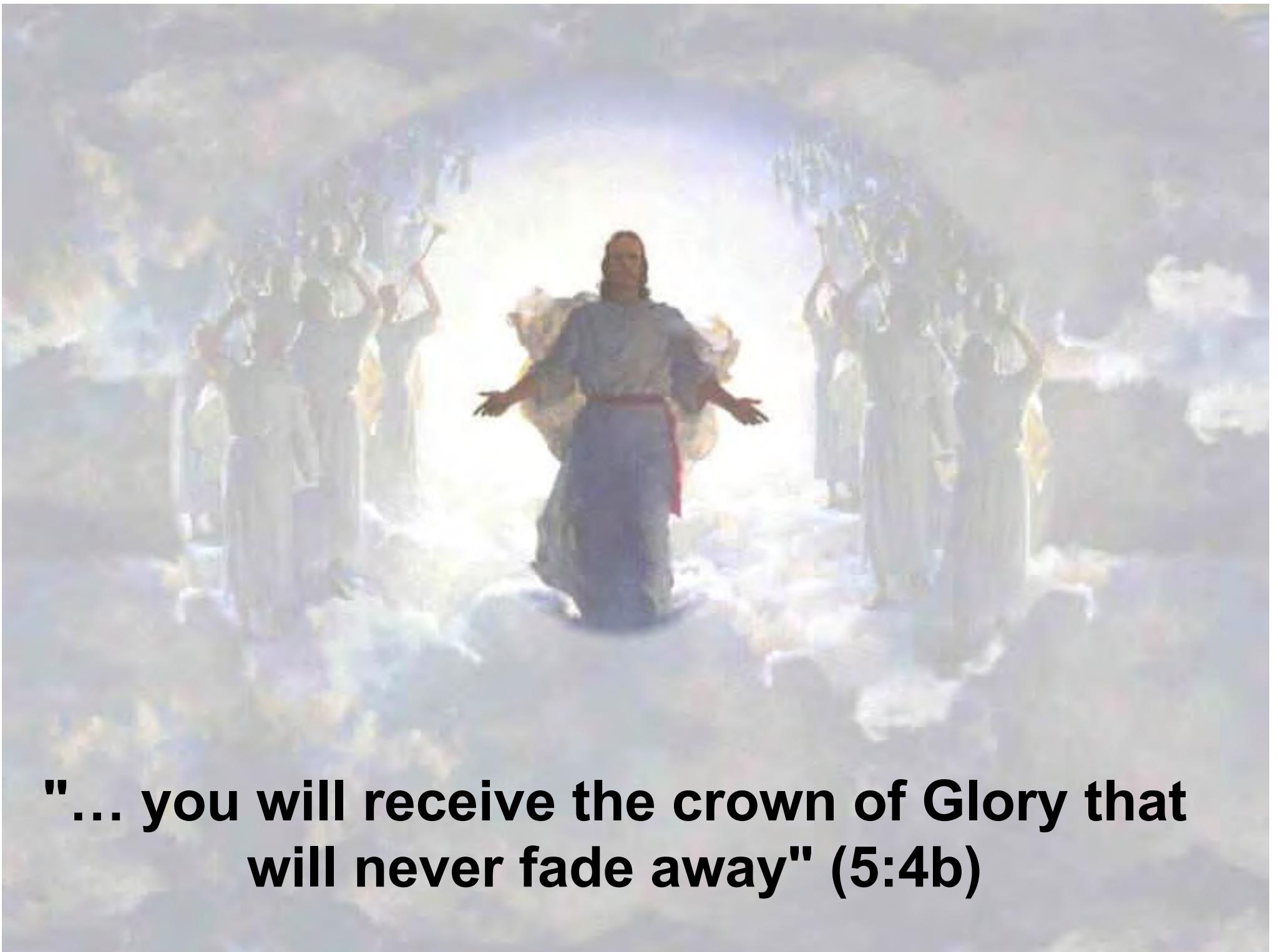


The danger of "lording it over"

What does this mean?

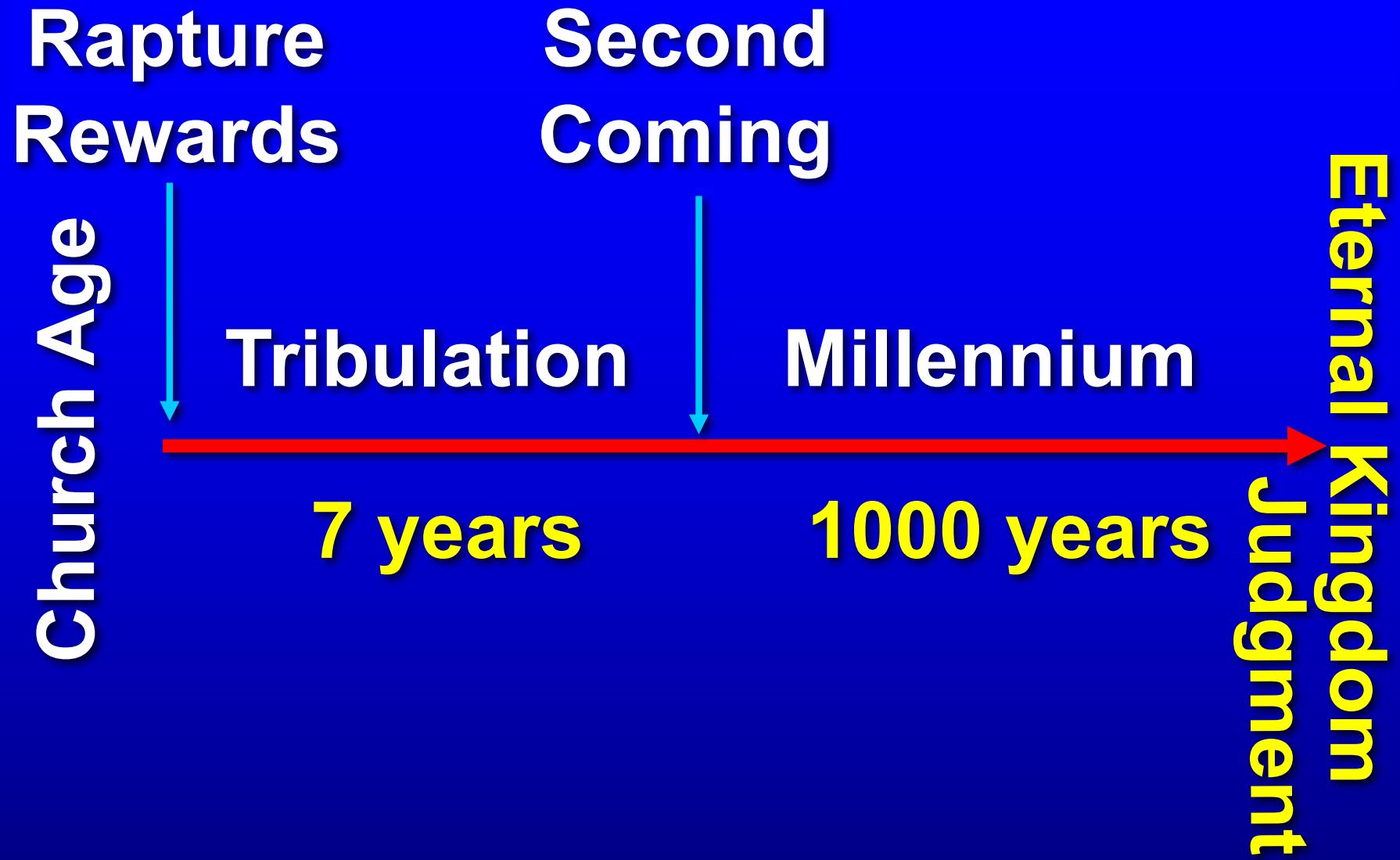


"When the Chief Shepherd appears..."
(5:4a)



**"... you will receive the crown of Glory that
will never fade away" (5:4b)**

Rewards will come...





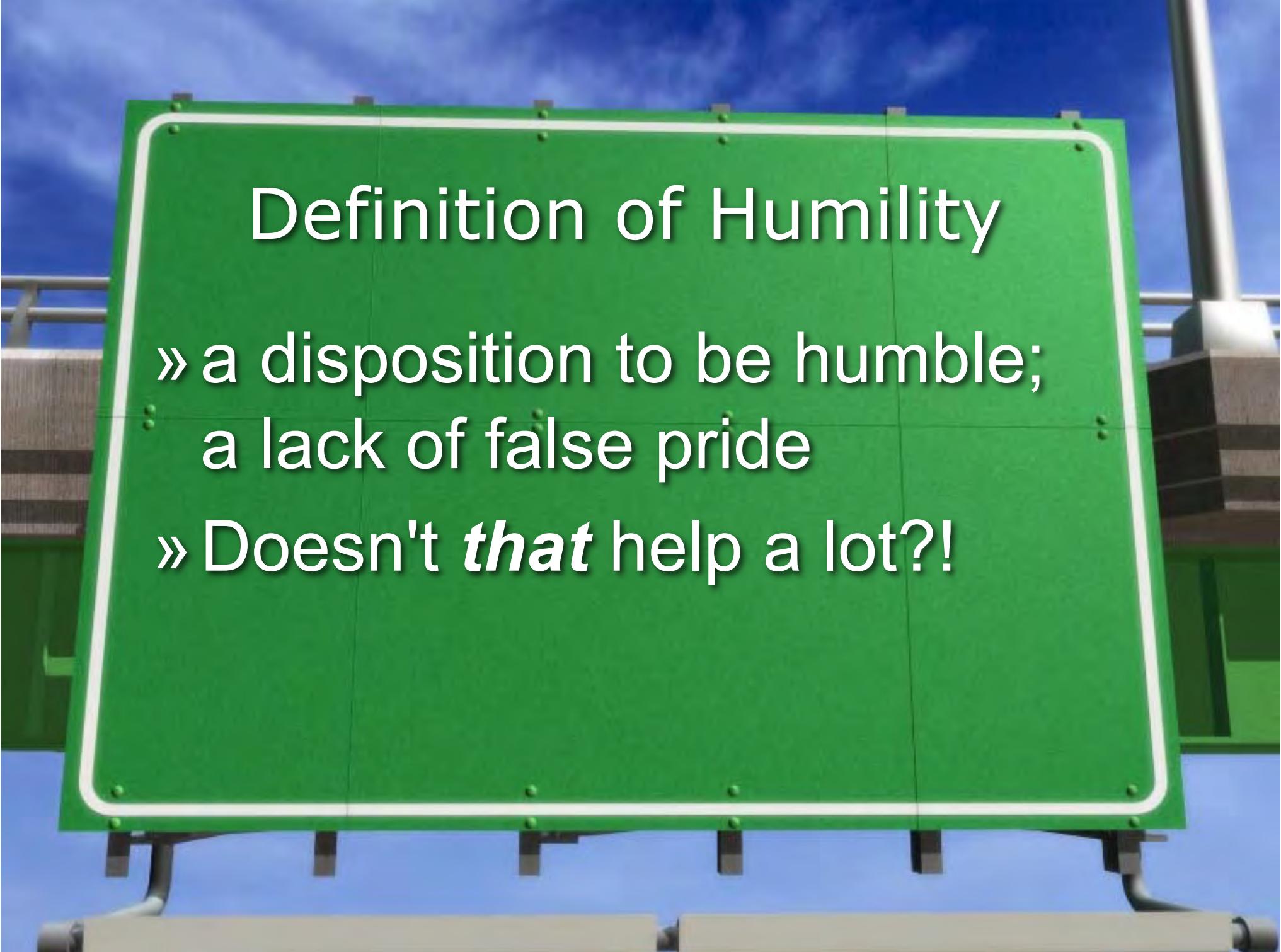
LEADERSHIP & YOU

- *How can you better nurture those under your care?*



Humility

(We don't usually display this on a
billboard)



Definition of Humility

- » a disposition to be humble;
a lack of false pride
- » Doesn't *that* help a lot?!

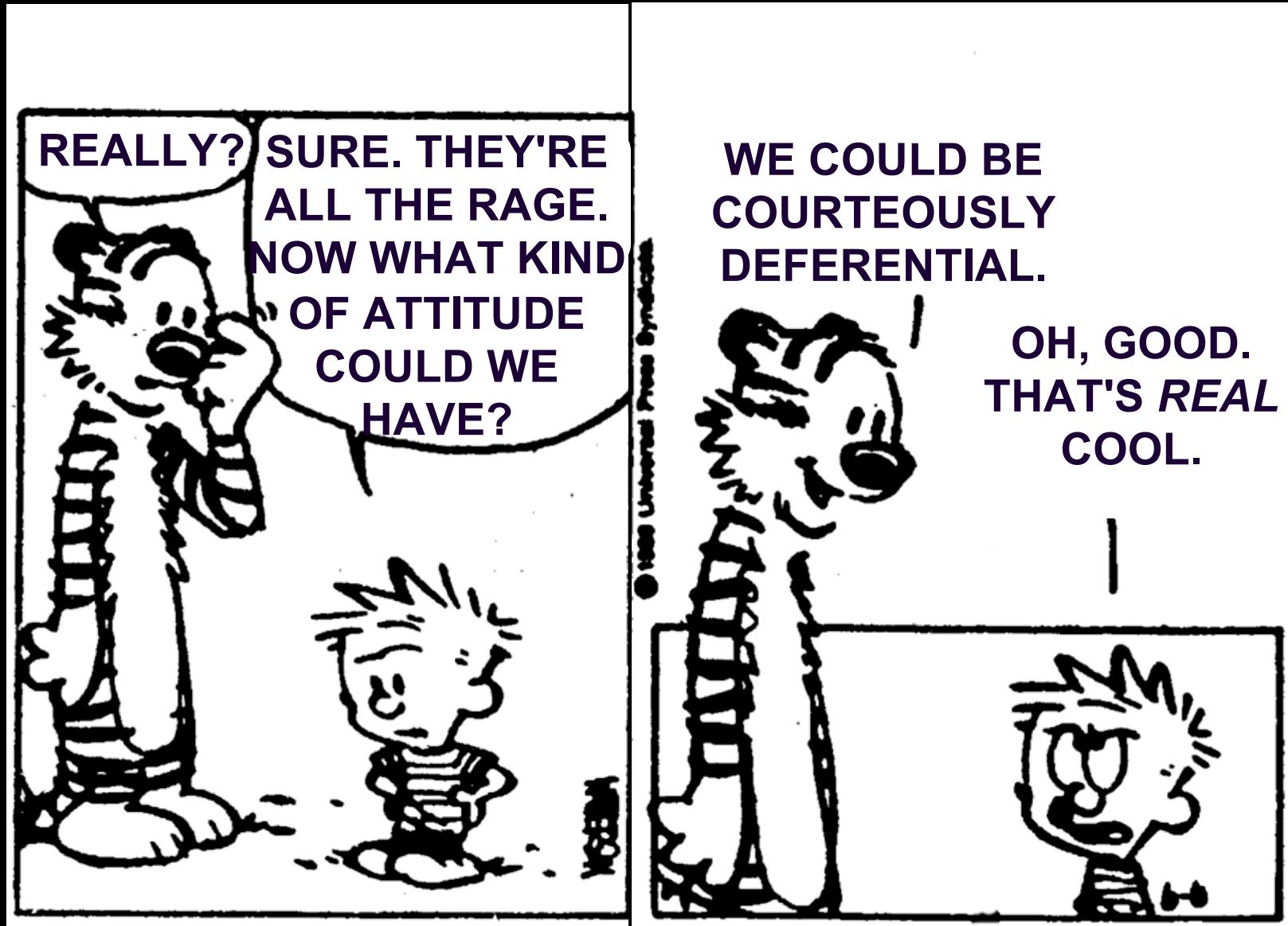
Hobbes Humility

CALVIN and HOBBES

YOU KNOW WHAT WE
NEED, HOBBES? WE NEED
AN ATTITUDE.



Hobbes Humility



9 And that the Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy; as it is written,

The extensiveness of Paul's present

salem, and round about,

Paul sendeth divers salutations

Biblical Humility

12 And again, Esaias saith, There shall be a root of Jesse, and he that shall rise to reign over the Gentiles; in him shall the Gentiles trust.

13 Now the God of hope filleth you with all joy and comfort, through the power of the Holy Ghost.

14 And I myself also am persuaded of you, my brethren, that ye also are full of goodness, filled with knowledge, and admiring of no man.

15 And now, though I have written the more boldly unto you in some points, as putting you in remembrance, yet not because of any less love that I have to you.

16 Truly, I count it a privilege of Jesus Christ to the Gentiles, ministering the gospel of God, that the Gentiles might be sanctified by the sanctification of the saints.

17 I have therefore whereof I may glory through Jesus Christ in the works of God, which are in God.

18 For we do not boast of any of those things which Christ hath not wrought by me, to make the Gentiles obedient, by word and deed.

19 Through mighty signs and wonders, by the power of the Spirit of God; so that from Jeru-

whom he was not spoken of, ye shall see: and they that have not heard shall understand.

22 For which cause also I have been much hindered from coming to you.

23 Now the God of hope filleth you with all joy and comfort, through the power of the Holy Ghost.

24 And I myself also am persuaded of you, my brethren, that ye also are full of goodness, filled with knowledge, and admiring of no man.

25 But now I go unto Jerusalem to minister unto the saints.

26 Truly, I count it a privilege of Jesus Christ to the Gentiles, ministering the gospel of God, that the Gentiles might be sanctified by the sanctification of the saints which are at Jerusalem.

27 It hath pleased them verily, and the church which is at Corinth, if I go unto you with the confidence of the gospel of Christ.

28 I fear, lest, by any means, as the serpent beguiled Eve through his malice, so your minds be corrupted from the simplicity that is in Christ. For we do not boast of any of those things which Christ hath not wrought by me, to make the Gentiles obedient, by word and deed.

29 And I am sure that, when I come unto you, I shall come in the fulness of the blessing of the gospel of Christ.

30 Now I beseech you, brethren, for the Lord Jesus Christ's

end of the saints; That I may come unto you with joy by the will of God, and with you be refreshed. Now the God of peace be with you all. Amen.

CHAPTER 16

COMMEND unto you Phē'bē, our sister, which is a servant of the church which is at Cenchre'a: That ye receive her in the Lord, as becometh saints, and ye assist her in whatsoever you can.

25 But now I go unto Jerusalem to minister unto the saints.

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30 Now I beseech you, brethren, for the Lord Jesus Christ's

phosa, who labour in the Lord. Salute the beloved Persis, which laboured much in the Lord.

13 Salute Rufus chosen in the Lord, and his mother and mine.

14 Salute Asyn' critus, Phlegon, Hermas, Pat' rōbas, Hermēs, and the brethren which are with them.

15 Salute Philol'ogus, and Julia, Nē reis, and his sister, and Olympias, and all the saints which are with them.

16 Salute one another with an holy kiss. All the saints are with you.

17 Now I beseech you, brethren, mark them which cause divisions and offences contrary to the doctrine of the gospel of Christ, and to the teaching of the apostles, and of the saints, and if it be possible, peaceable men.

18 For they that are such serve not our Lord Jesus Christ, but their own belly, and by good words and fair speeches deceive the simple.

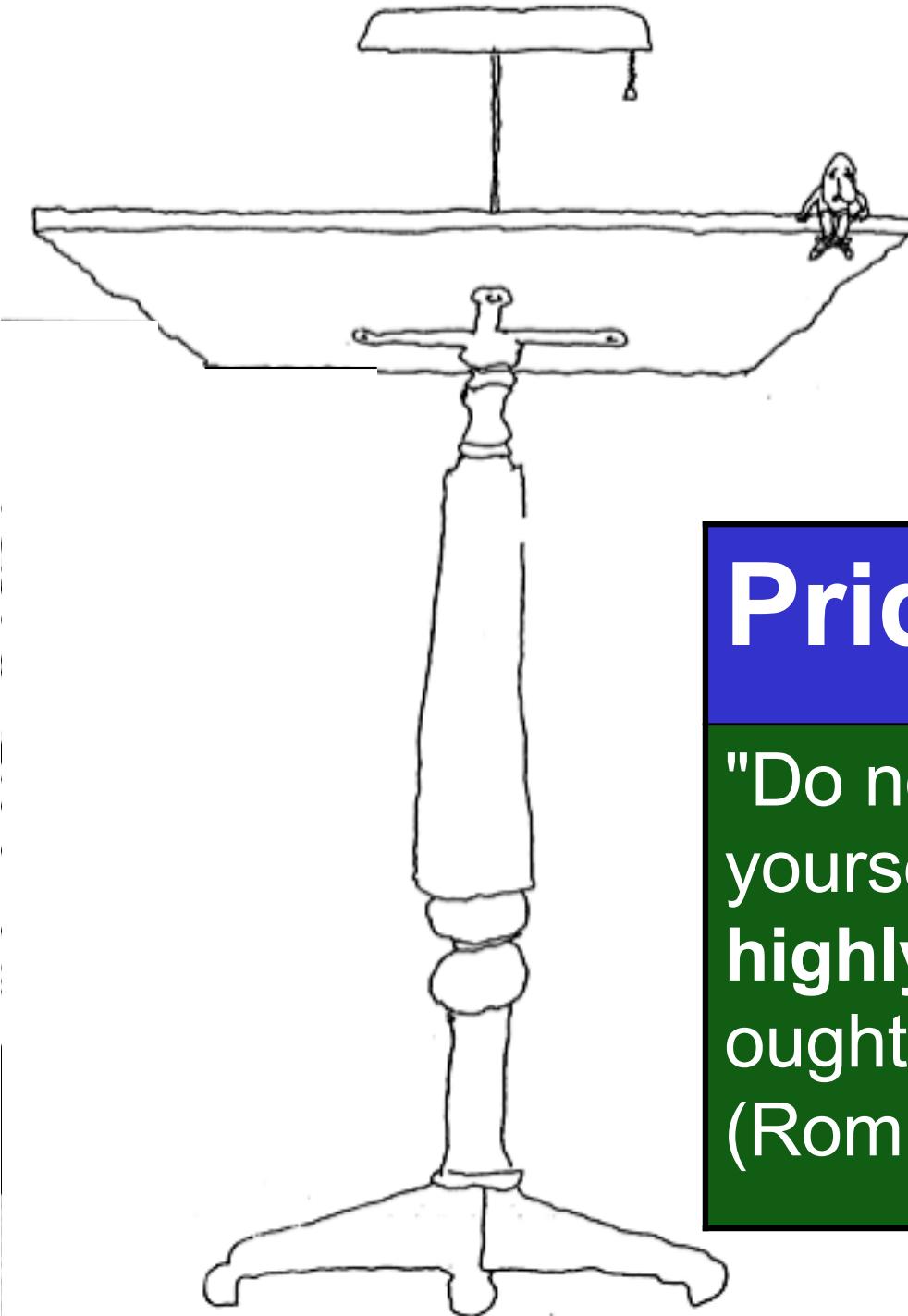
19 For your obedience is come abroad unto all men. I am glad therefore on your behalf: but yet would have you wise unto that which is good, and simple concerning evil.

20 And the God of peace shall bruise Satan under your feet shortly. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you. Amen.

21 Timoth'eus my workfellow, and Lucus, and Jason, and Sōsp'ater, my kinsmen, salute you.

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humble; make ashamed, humiliate (2 Cor. 12:21); level (a mountain); middle voice: live in humble circumstances (Phil. 4:12)



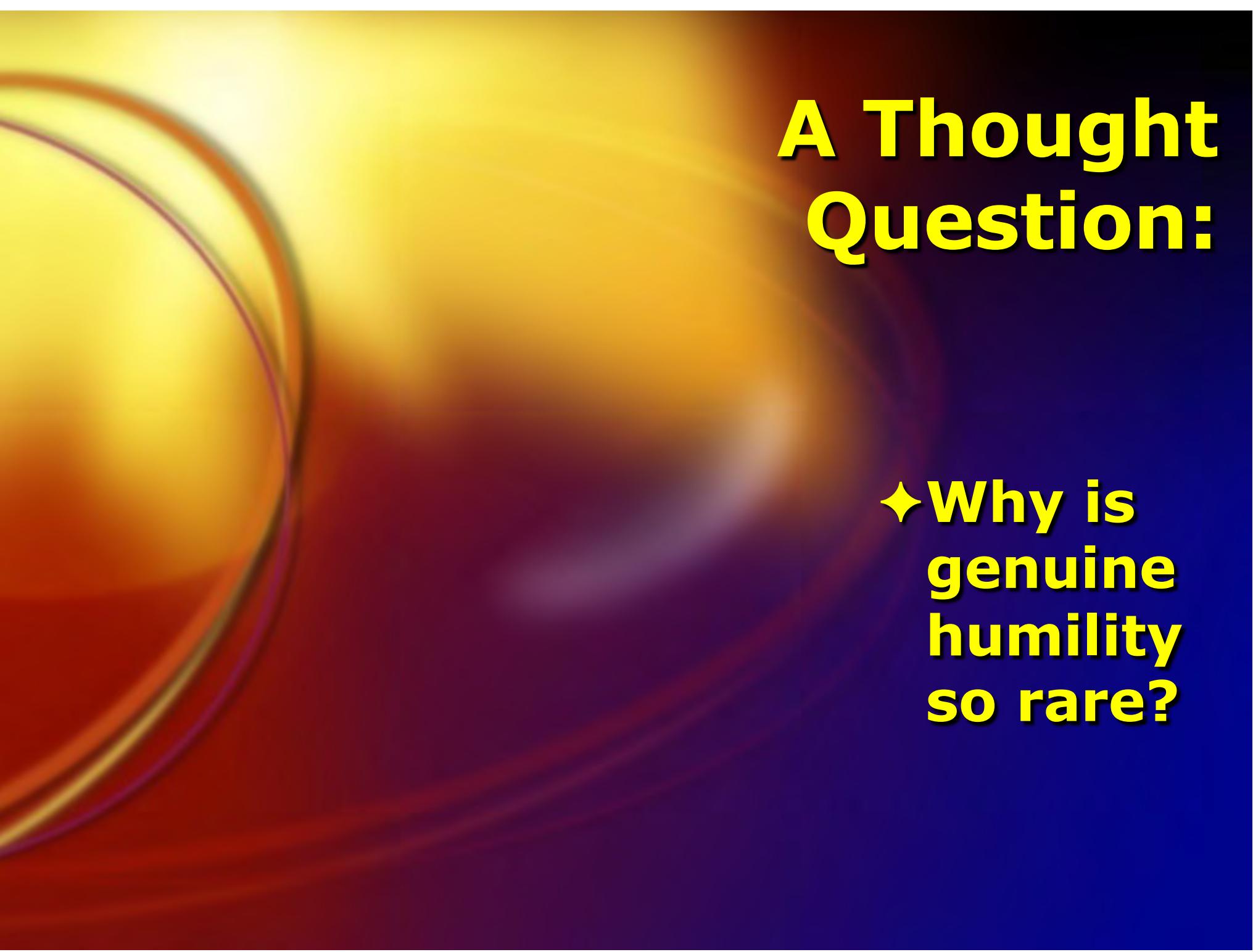
What is Humility?

Pride

"Do not think of yourself **more highly** than you ought"
(Rom. 12:3a)

Humility

"...but rather think of yourself with **sober judgment**"
(Rom. 12:3b)



A Thought Question:

**♦Why is
genuine
humility
so rare?**

1 Peter Outline

How to Attract Others During Righteous Suffering

Sanctification			Submission				Selflessness					
1:1–2:12			2:13–3:12				3:13–5:14					
Holiness			Humility				Honoring Others					
Salutation 1:1-2	Praise for hope 1:3-12	Holy Life Exhort -ed 1:13–2:12	Gov't 2:13-17	Work Place 2:18-25	Marri-age 3:1-7	Church & all of Life 3:8-12	Christ's triumph 3:13–4:6	Edify others 4:7-19	Elders 5:1-4	Young Men 5:5a	Humility & watch-fulness 5:5b-11	Purpose 5:12-14

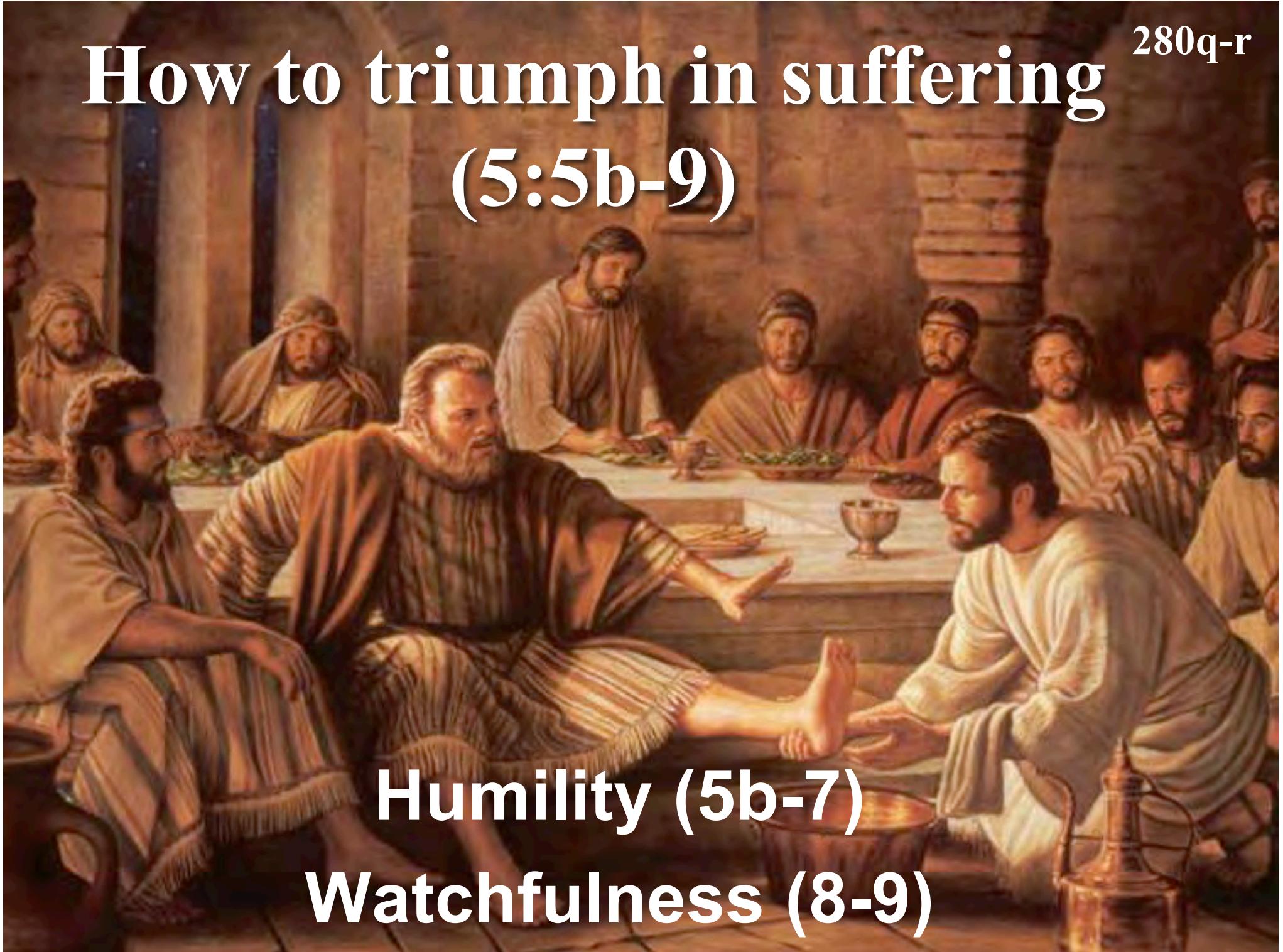
Rome to Northern Asia

Early AD 64

Common Responses to Persecution	Peter's Exhortation
"I'll get even"	<i>"Do not repay evil with evil or insult with insult, but with blessing, because to this you were called to inherit a blessing" (3:9; cf. 2:1)</i>
"I'm discouraged"	<i>"Rejoice that you participate in the sufferings of Christ...do not be ashamed..." (4:13, 16)</i>
"I'm afraid"	<i>"Do not fear what they [persecutors] fear; do not be frightened" (3:14b)</i>
"Forget Christianity. It's not worth it"	<i>"...by His wounds you have been healed" (2:24)</i>
"Why do they only persecute me?"	<i>"...your brothers throughout the world are undergoing the same kind of sufferings" (5:9)</i>
"Hey! I have my rights!"	<i>"Humble yourselves...under the God's mighty hand, that He may lift you up in due time" (5:6)</i>

How to triumph in suffering (5:5b-9)

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Humility (5b-7)

Watchfulness (8-9)

What God gives to the humble (5:5b-7)

- Grace (5b)
- Restoration (6)
- Care (7)

How to triumph in suffering ^{280q-r}

(5:5b-9)



The watchful vixen

Humility (5b-7)

Watchfulness (8-9)

Why Be Watchful?

Satan is on the loose (1 Pet. 5:8)



**8Stay alert! Watch out for
your great enemy, the devil.**

**He prowls around like a
roaring lion, looking for
someone to devour.**

Others are succeeding over Satan (1 Pet. 5:9)



**9Stand firm against him, and
be strong in your faith.**

**Remember that your
Christian brothers and
sisters all over the world are
going through the same kind
of suffering you are.**



God's Response to Humble Watchfulness (5:10-11)

"And the God of all grace, who called you to his eternal glory in Christ, after you have suffered a little while, will himself **restore** you and make you **strong, firm** and **steadfast**. ¹¹ To him be the power for ever and ever. Amen."



Theology of 1 Peter: Election

1 Peter 1:2

To God's elect...

according to the foreknowledge of God the Father,

in sanctification of the Spirit,

for obedience and

sprinkling of the blood of Jesus

Other Passages

Ephesians 1:4 just as He chose us in Him before the foundation of the world,

Romans 8:28 to those who are called according to *His* purpose.

2 Thess. 2:13 through sanctification by the Spirit

Romans 16:26 has been made known to all the nations, *leading* to obedience of faith;

Heb. 12:24 to Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant, and to the sprinkled blood,

5:12 I have written and sent this short letter to you with the help of Silas, whom I commend to you as a faithful brother. My purpose in writing is to encourage you and assure you that what you are experiencing is truly part of God's grace for you. Stand firm in this grace.



Argument

"... I have written to you briefly, encouraging you and testifying that this is the **true grace of God. Stand fast in it**" (5:12)

The Dual Themes:

"This is the true grace of God"

1 Pet. 1:1-12

Election

Sovereignty of God

Positional sanctification

Initiated by Godhead (1:2)

"Stand firm in it"

1 Pet. 1:13–5:14

Endurance

Responsibility of man

Practical sanctification

Effectuated in Godly Living (1:13ff)

Conclusion

Woman?
Church?

Babylon?
Rome?

¹³ She who is in Babylon, chosen together with you, sends you her greetings, and so does my son Mark.

¹⁴ Greet one another with a kiss of love. Peace to all of you who are in Christ.

Summing Up 1 Peter 5

*How are you curbing pride?
Does the person who knows
you best say you are humble?*

Summing Up 1 Peter

Peter encourages north Asia Minor believers to suffer properly for Christ as holy, submissive, and selfless witnesses motivated by Christ's example and the hope of future glory to help them be people who attract others to hear their message.

Your response to suffering for Christ will either draw unbelievers to Jesus or repel them. Do you suffer with integrity?

A Problem of Attitude...

**"When it is all over, you will not
regret having suffered;
rather you will regret having
suffered so little —
and suffered that little so badly"**
— *Sebastian Valfre (1629-1710)* —

How to attract others to Jesus...

Show a holy humility
that honors others.

Main Idea of 1 Peter

Which of these three qualities is the biggest challenge for you?

Holiness

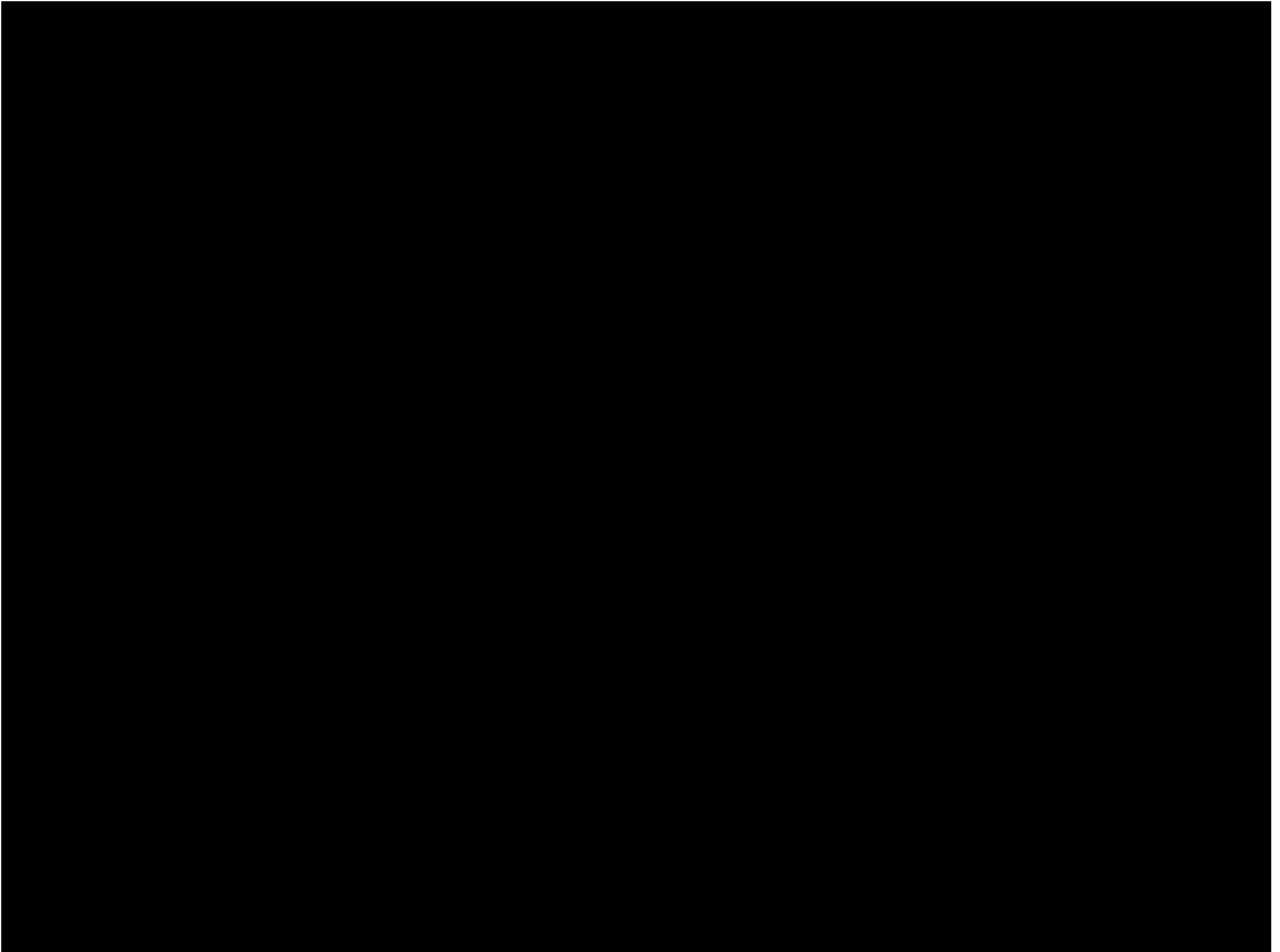
Where are your standards too low?

Submission

Where do you want to be boss but God wants you to yield?

Selflessness

What battle do you need to lose?



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APPLICATIONS

Christian Behavior in Pagan Society

Christians should be...	Because ...
Good citizens (2:13-14)	Foolish men will be silenced (2:15)
Obedient servants (2:18)	Christ is our example (2:21)
Submissive wives (3:1)	Some unbelieving husbands will be won their example (3:1-2)
Considerate husbands (3:7a)	Their prayers will be heard (3:7b)
Compassionate brothers and sisters (3:8)	They will inherit a blessing (3:9)

Day By Day



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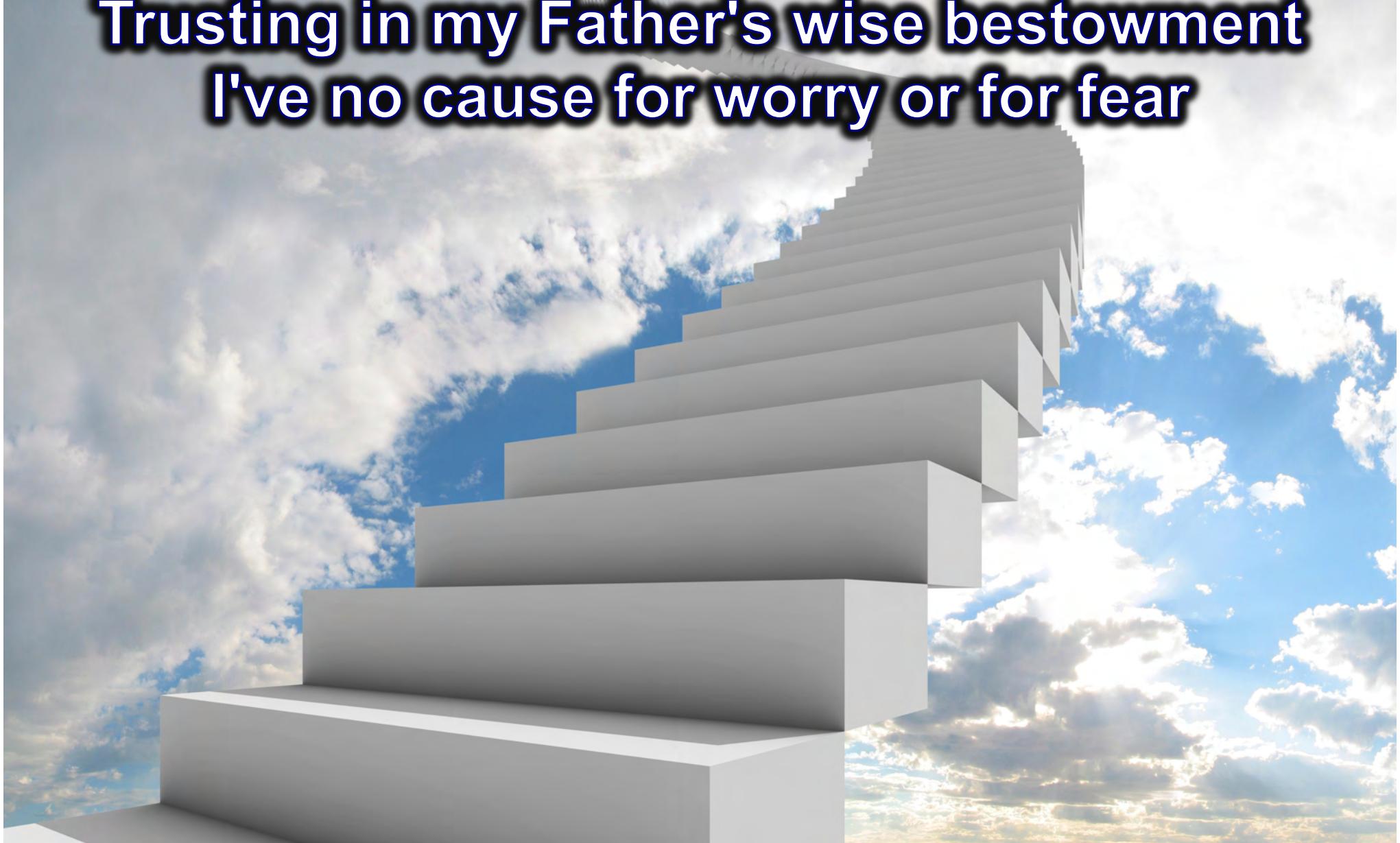
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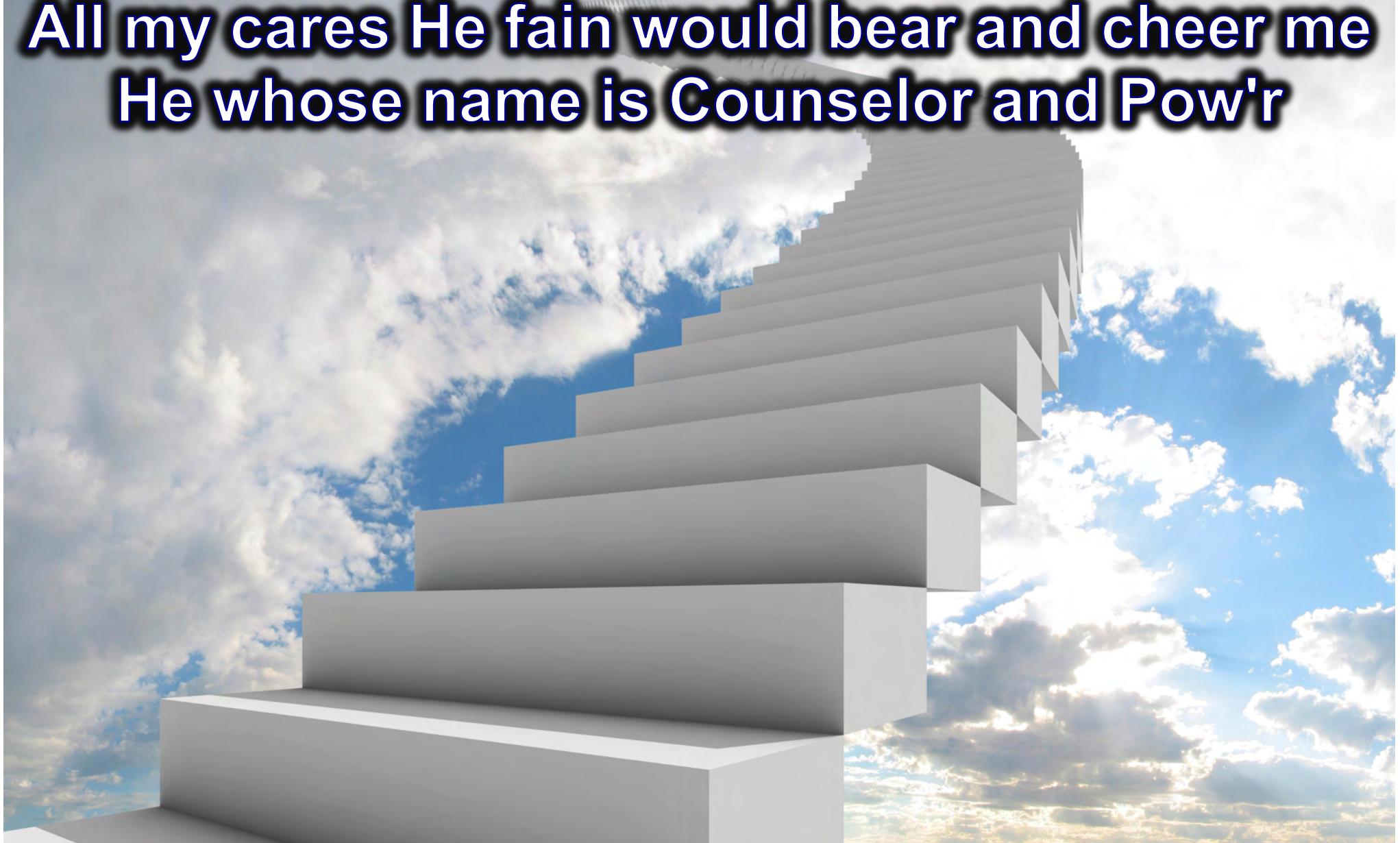
Day by day and with each passing moment
Strength I find to meet my trials here
Trusting in my Father's wise bestowment
I've no cause for worry or for fear



**He whose heart is kind beyond all measure
Gives unto each day what He deems best
Lovingly its part of pain and pleasure
Mingling toil with peace and rest**



Ev'ry day the Lord Himself is near me
With a special mercy for each hour
All my cares He fain would bear and cheer me
He whose name is Counselor and Pow'r



The protection of His child and treasure
Is a charge that on Himself He laid
As your days your strength shall be in
measure
This the pledge to me He made



**Help me then in ev'ry tribulation
So to trust Your promises O Lord
That I lose not faith's sweet consolation
Offered me within Your holy Word**



Help me Lord when toil and trouble meeting
E'er to take as from a Father's hand
One by one the days the moments fleeting
'Til I reach the Promised Land
'Til I reach the Promised Land



Prayer



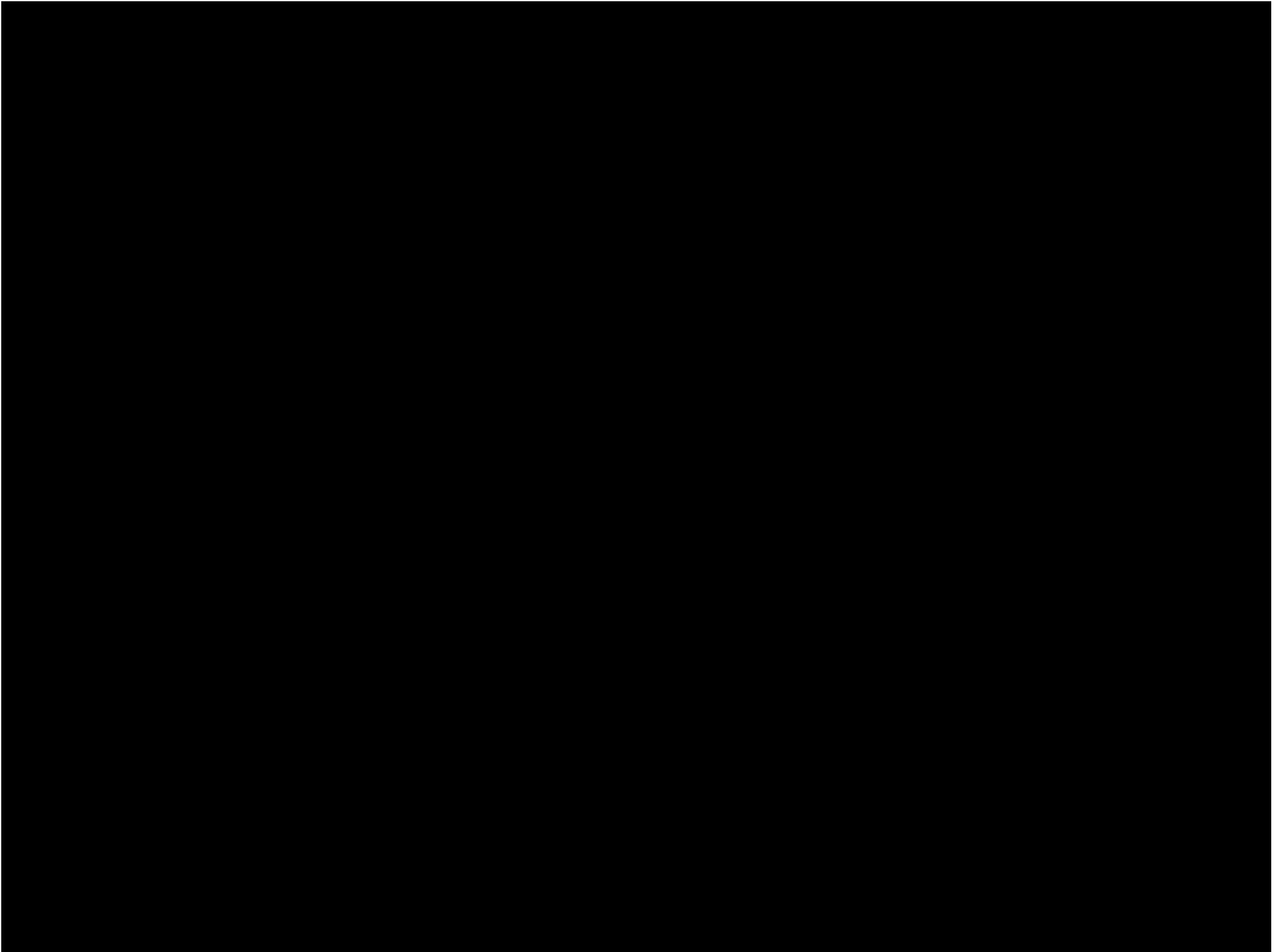
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