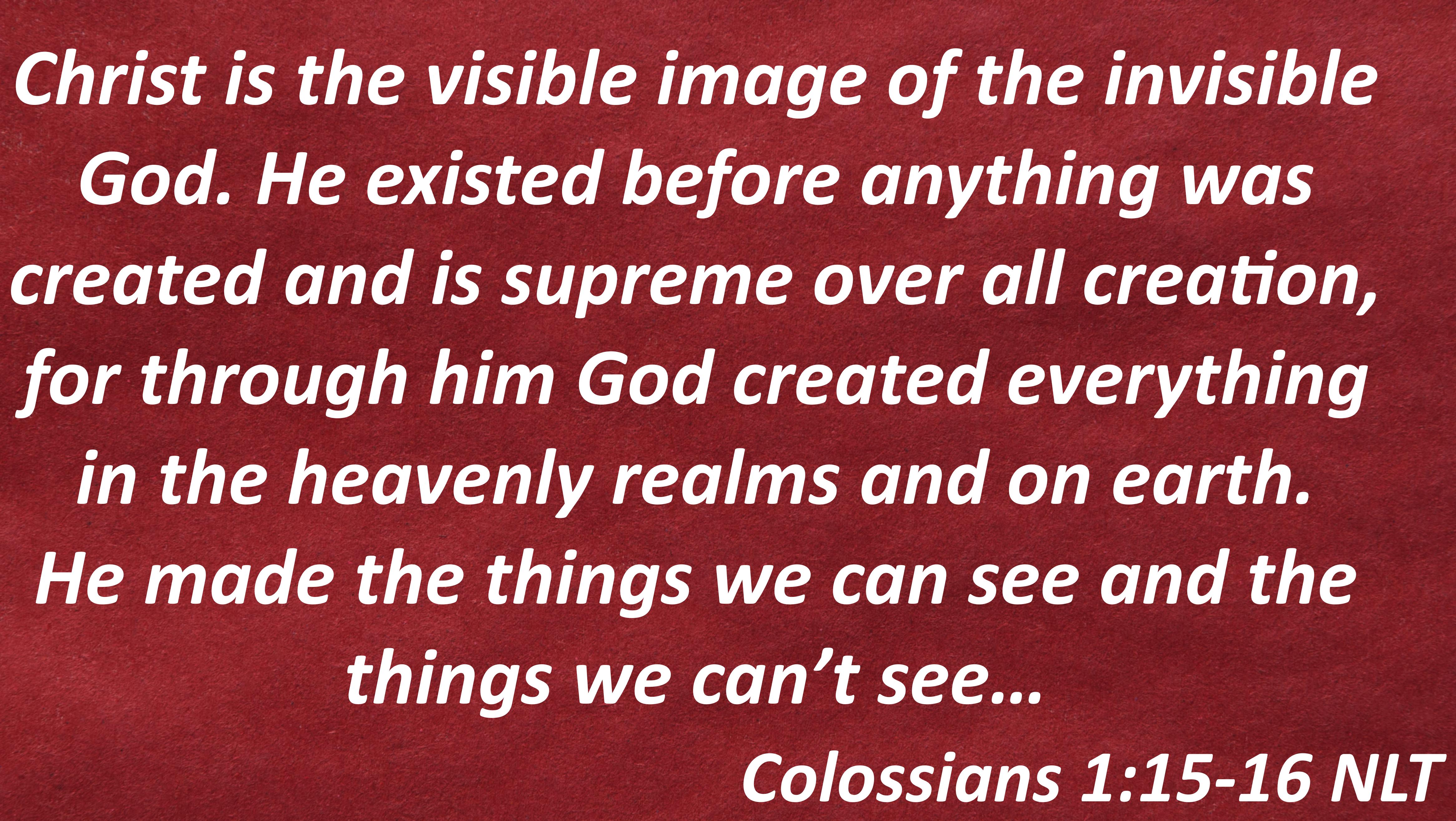


The Greatest Gift

Part 2 - The Gifts of the Christmas King



things we can't see...



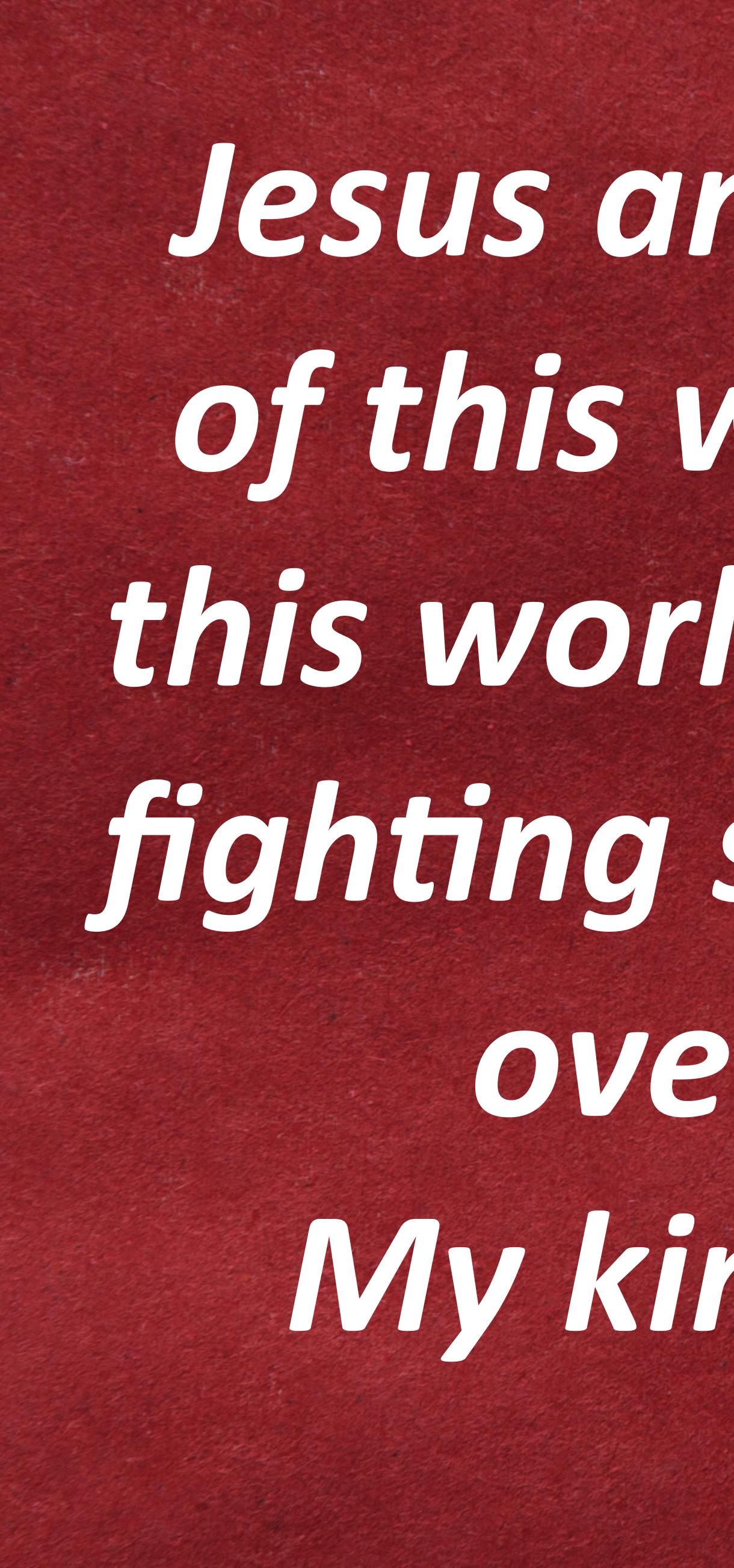
...such as thrones, kingdoms, rulers, and authorities in the unseen world. Everything was created through him and for him. He existed before anything else, and he holds all creation together.

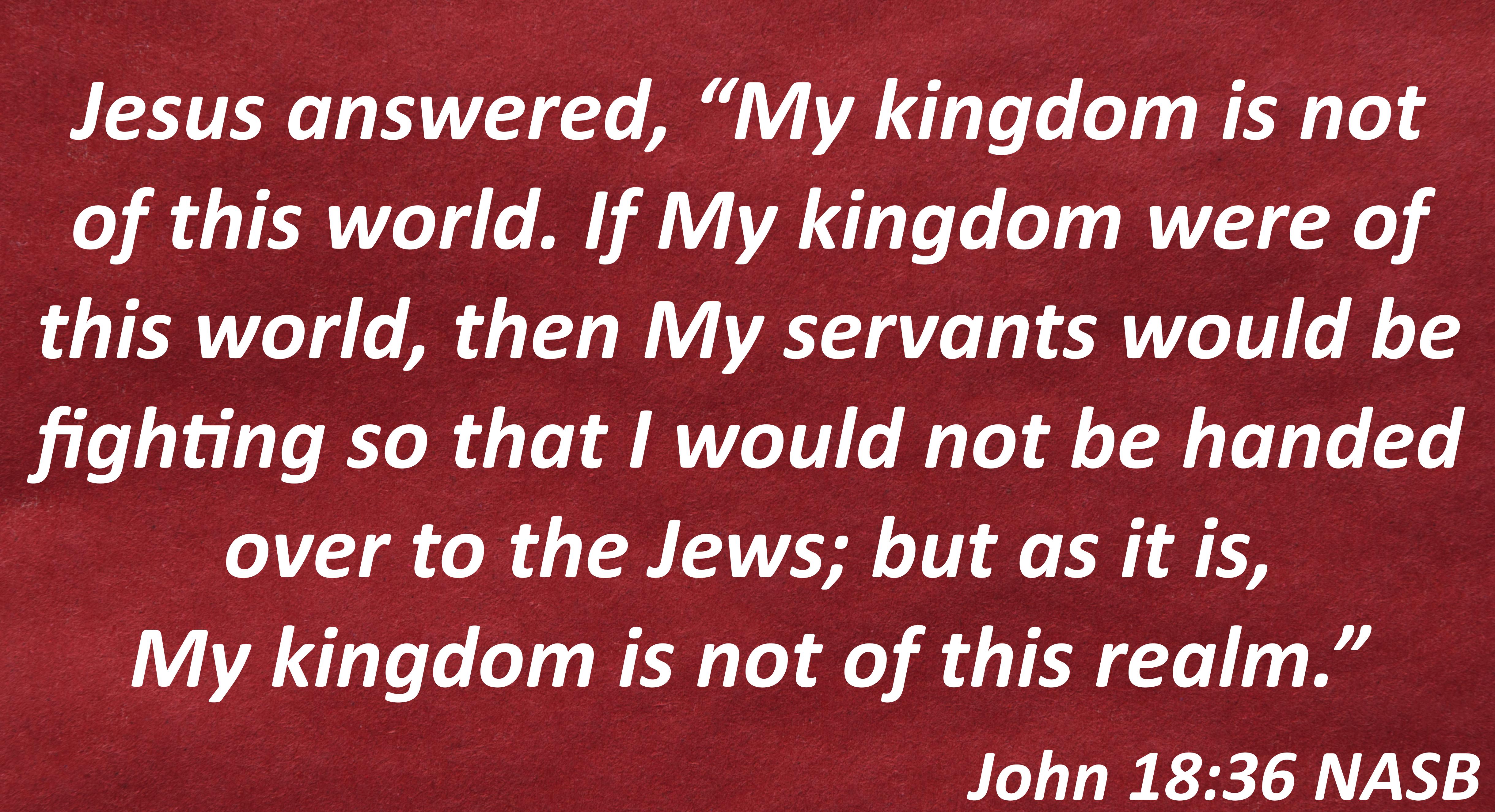










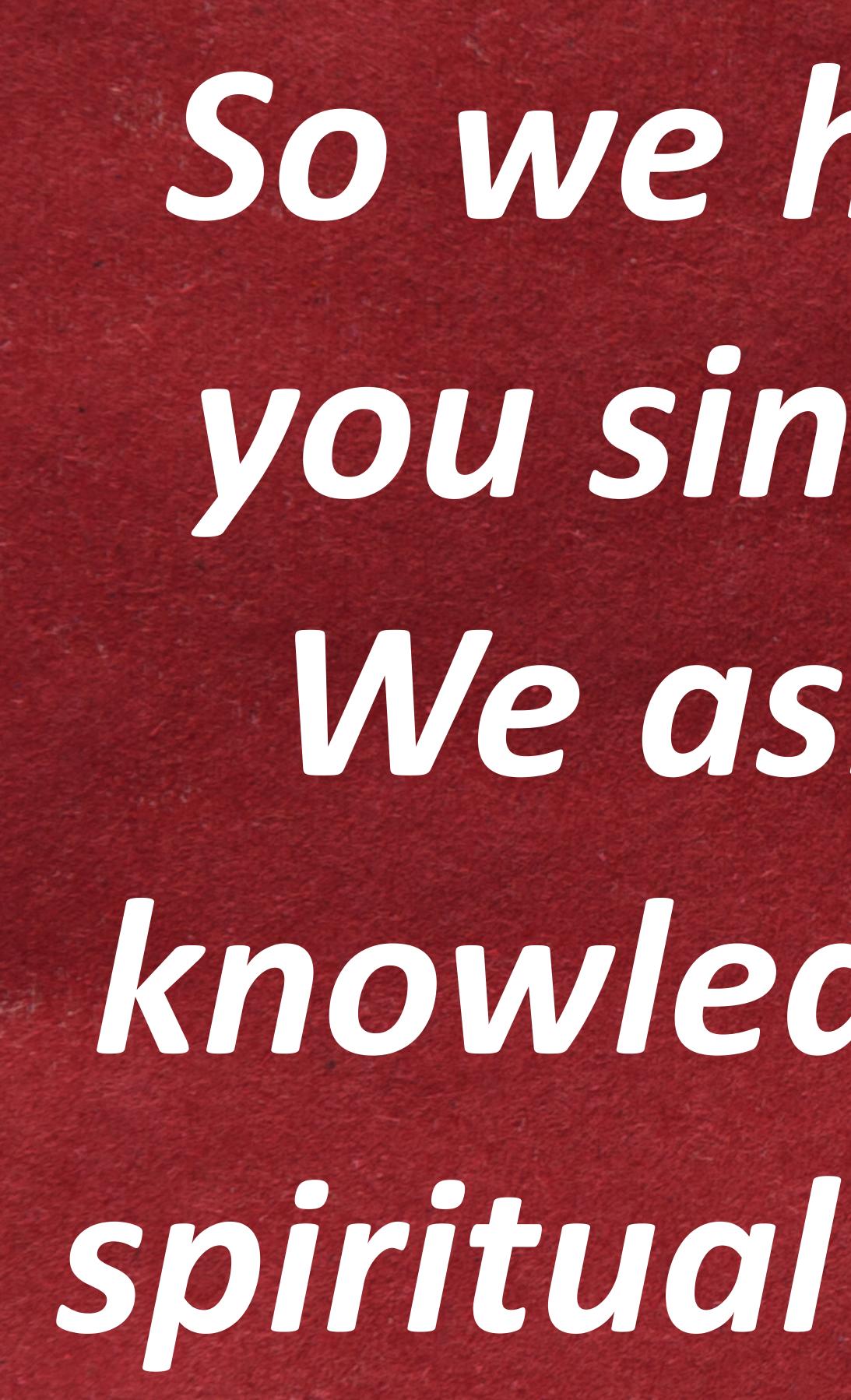


I do not ask that you take them out of the world, but that you keep them from the evil one. They are not of the world, just as I am not of the world.



John 17:15-16 ESV



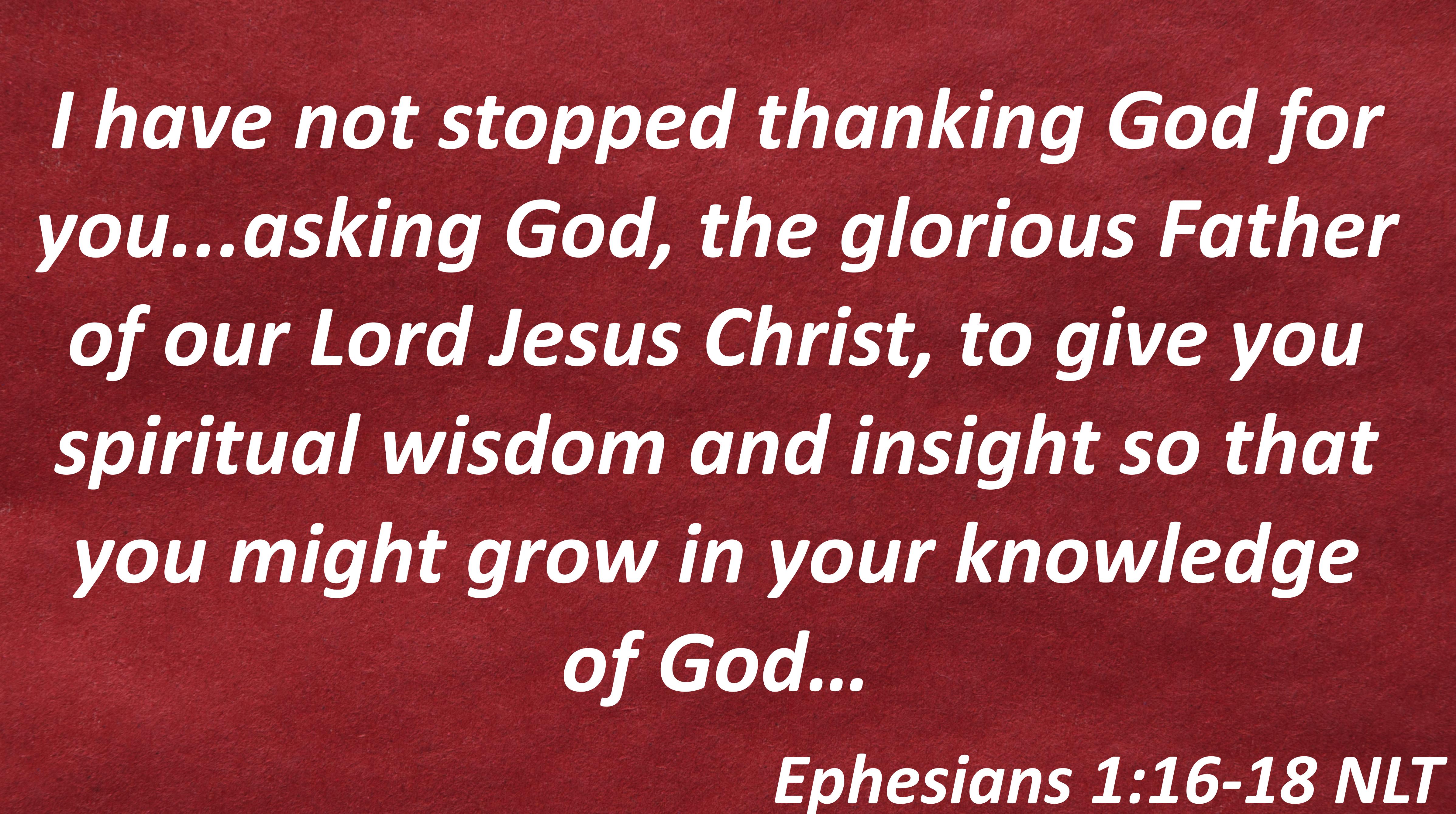


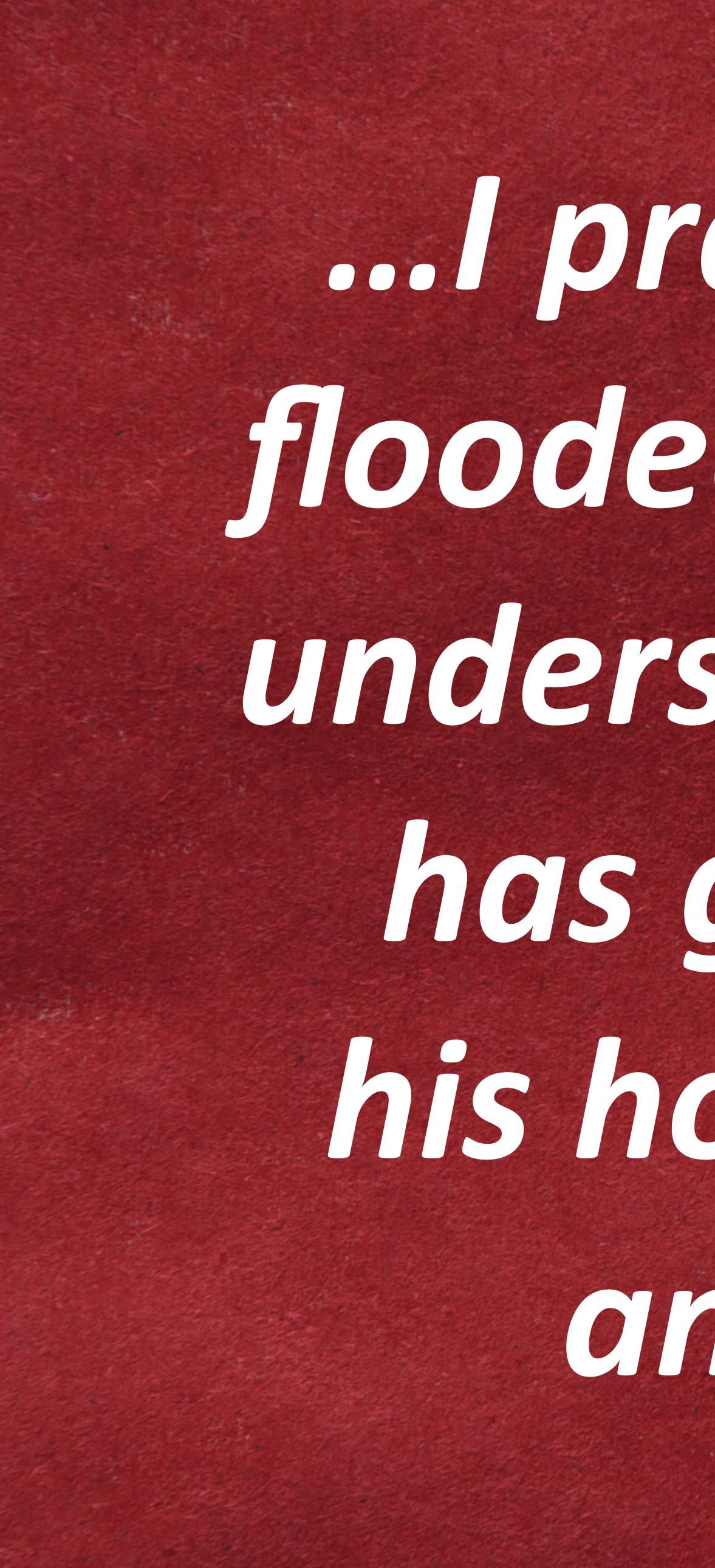
So we have not stopped praying for you since we first heard about you. We ask God to give you complete knowledge of his will and to give you spiritual wisdom and understanding... Colossians 1:9-10 NLT



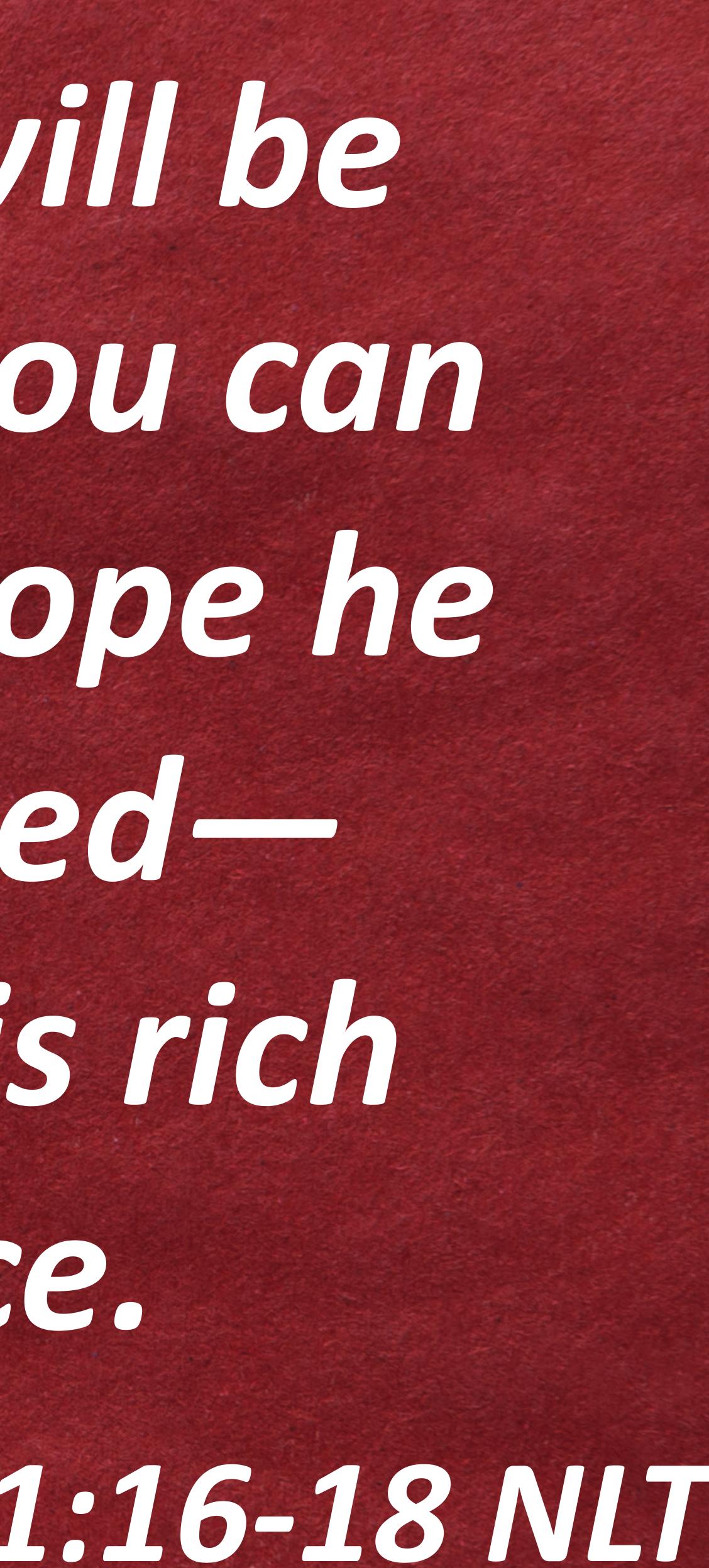
... Then the way you live will always honor and please the Lord, and your lives will produce every kind of good fruit. All the while, you will grow as you learn to know God better and Colossians 1:9-10 NLT

I have not stopped thanking God for of our Lord Jesus Christ, to give you spiritual wisdom and insight so that





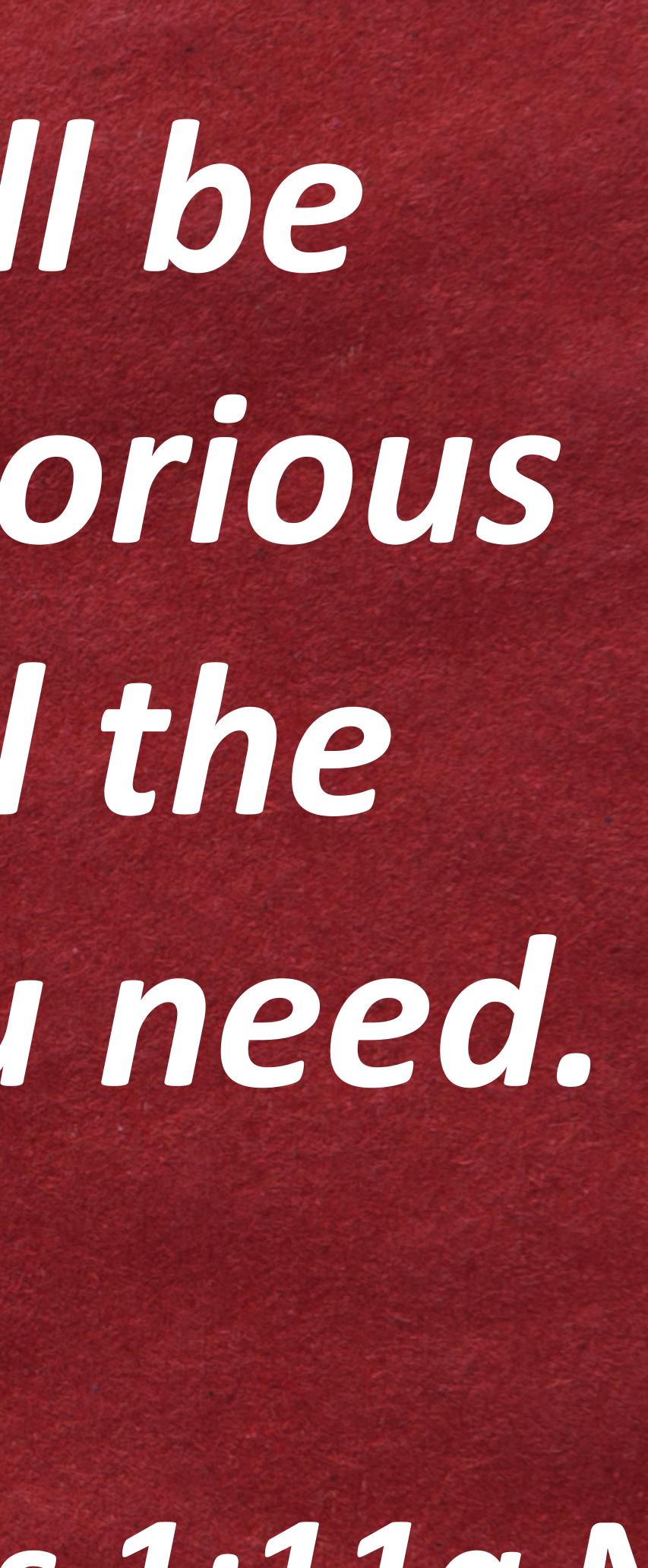
... I pray that your hearts will be flooded with light so that you can understand the confident hope he has given to those he called his holy people who are his rich and glorious inheritance. Ephesians 1:16-18 NLT





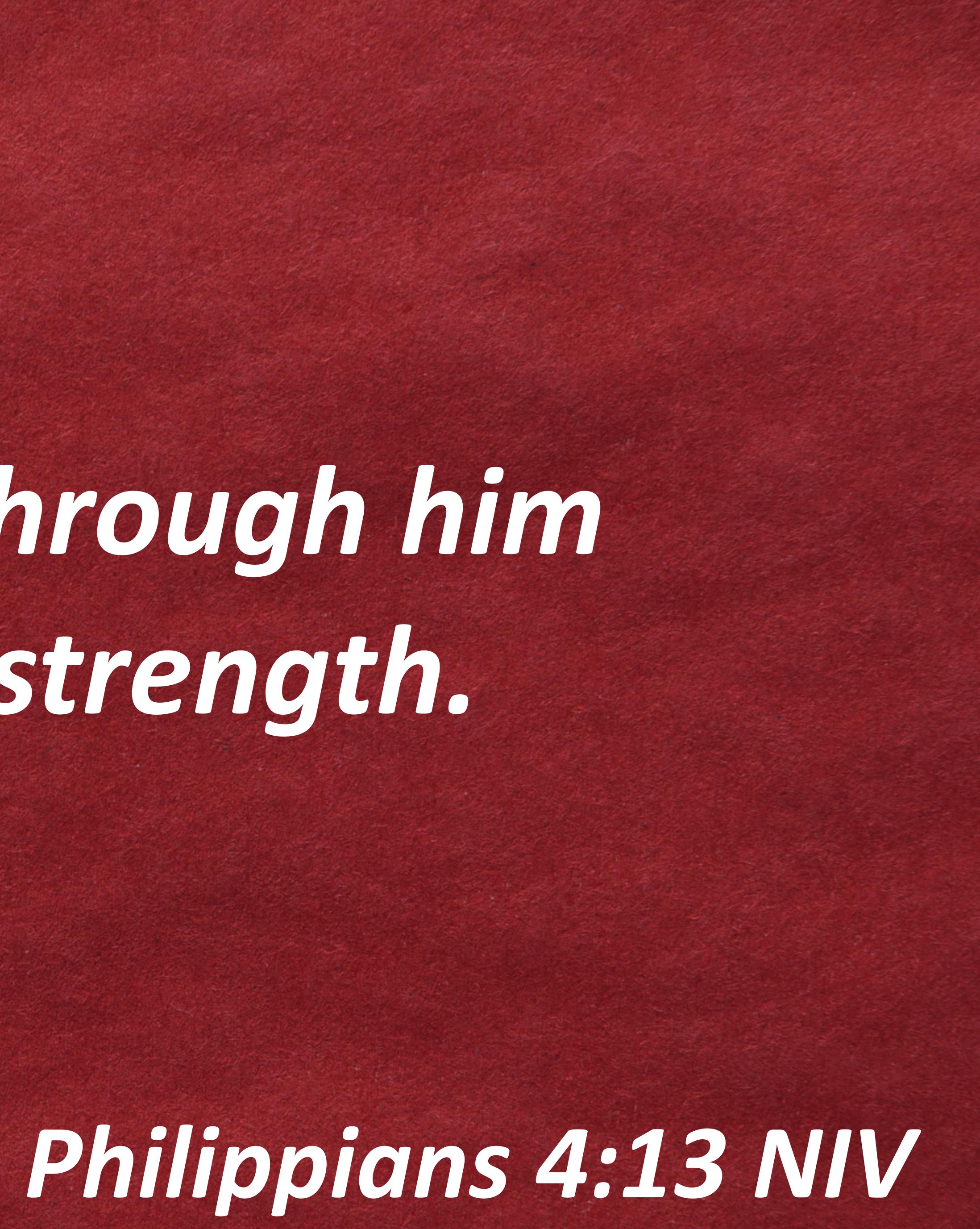
We also pray that you will be strengthened with all his glorious power so you will have all the endurance and patience you need.







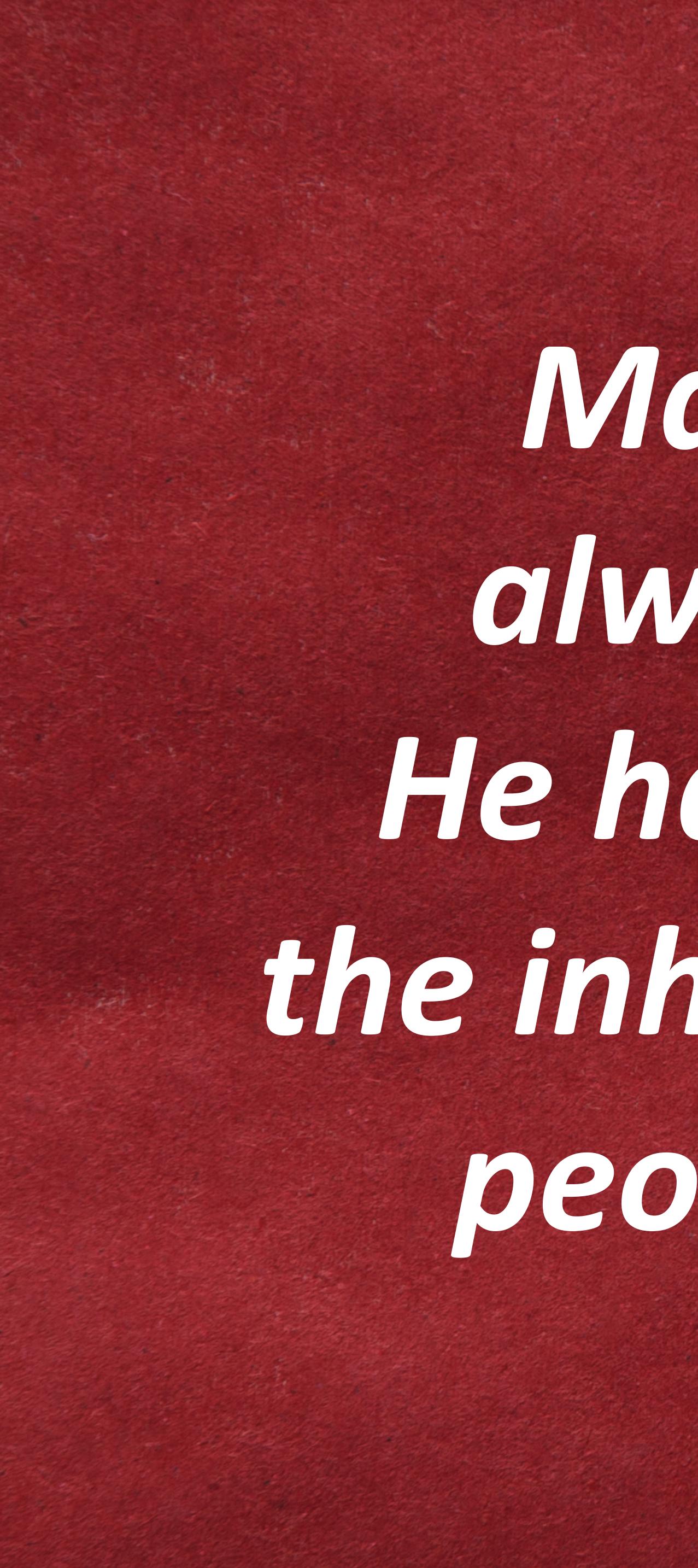
I can do all this through him who gives me strength.



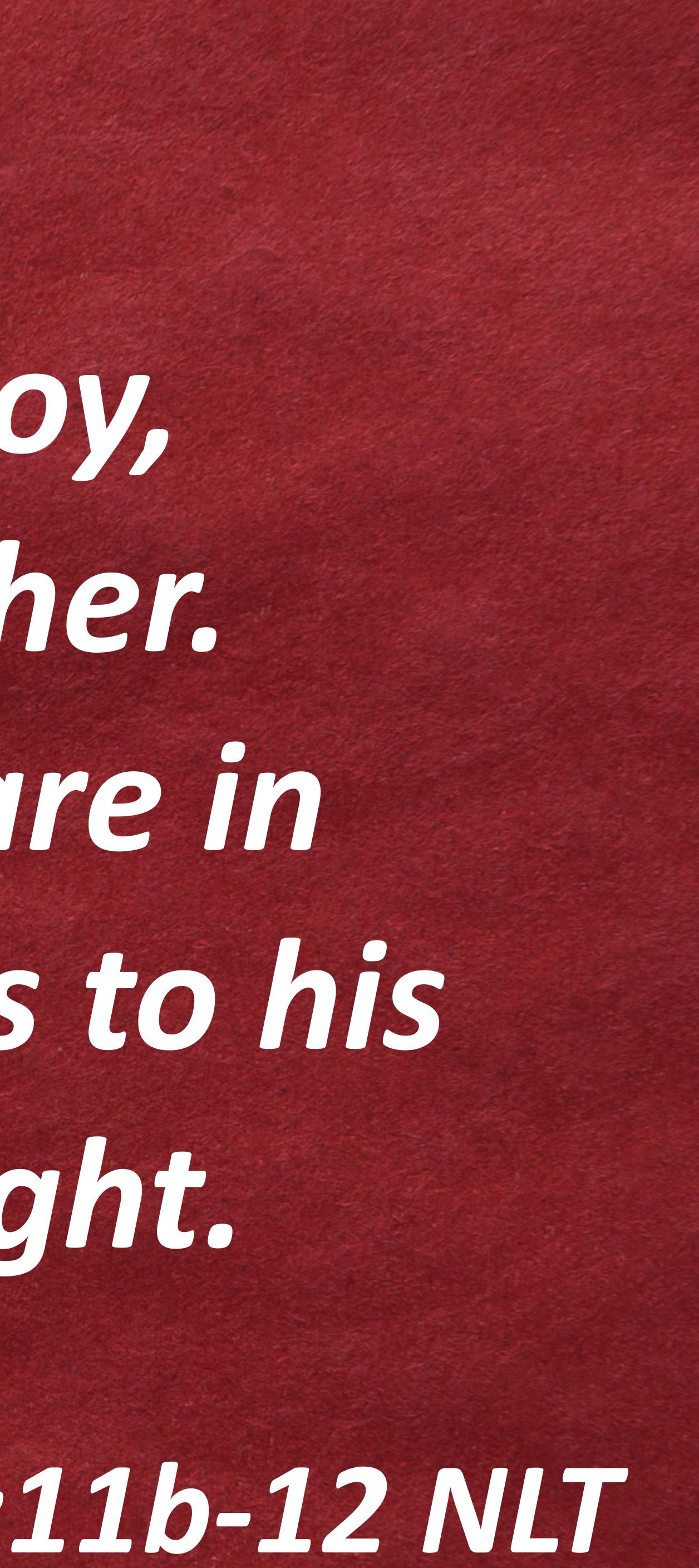
I pray that out of his glorious riches he may strengthen you with power through his Spirit in your inner being.





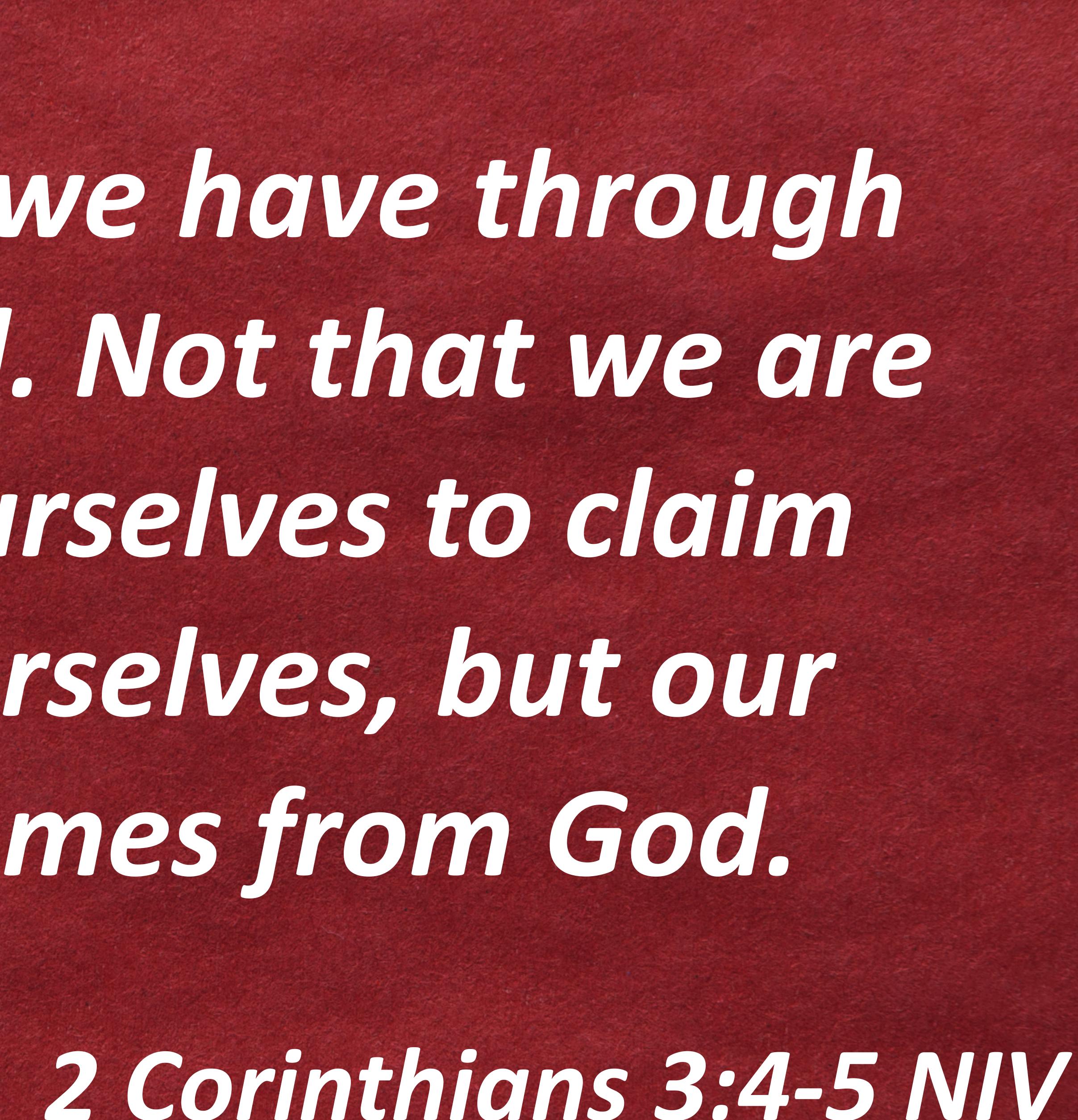


May you be filled with joy, always thanking the Father. He has enabled you to share in the inheritance that belongs to his people, who live in the light. Colossians 1:116-12 NLT

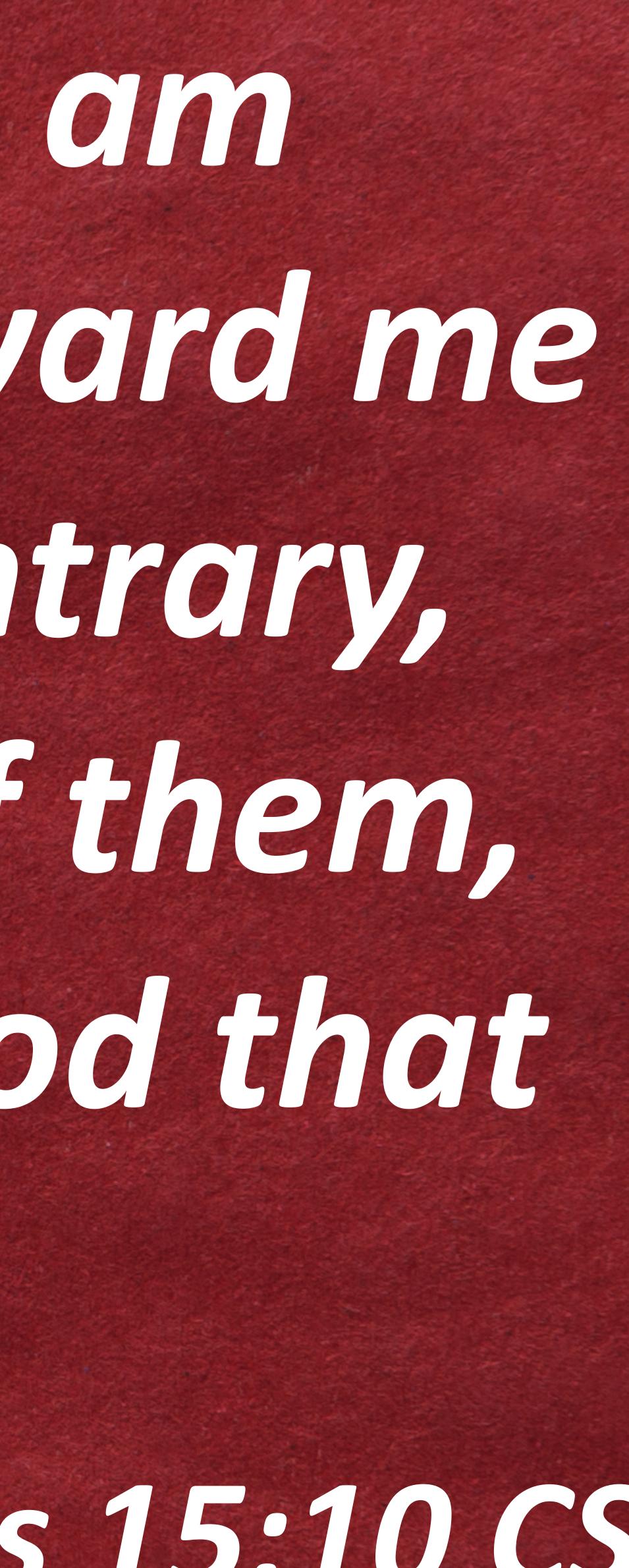




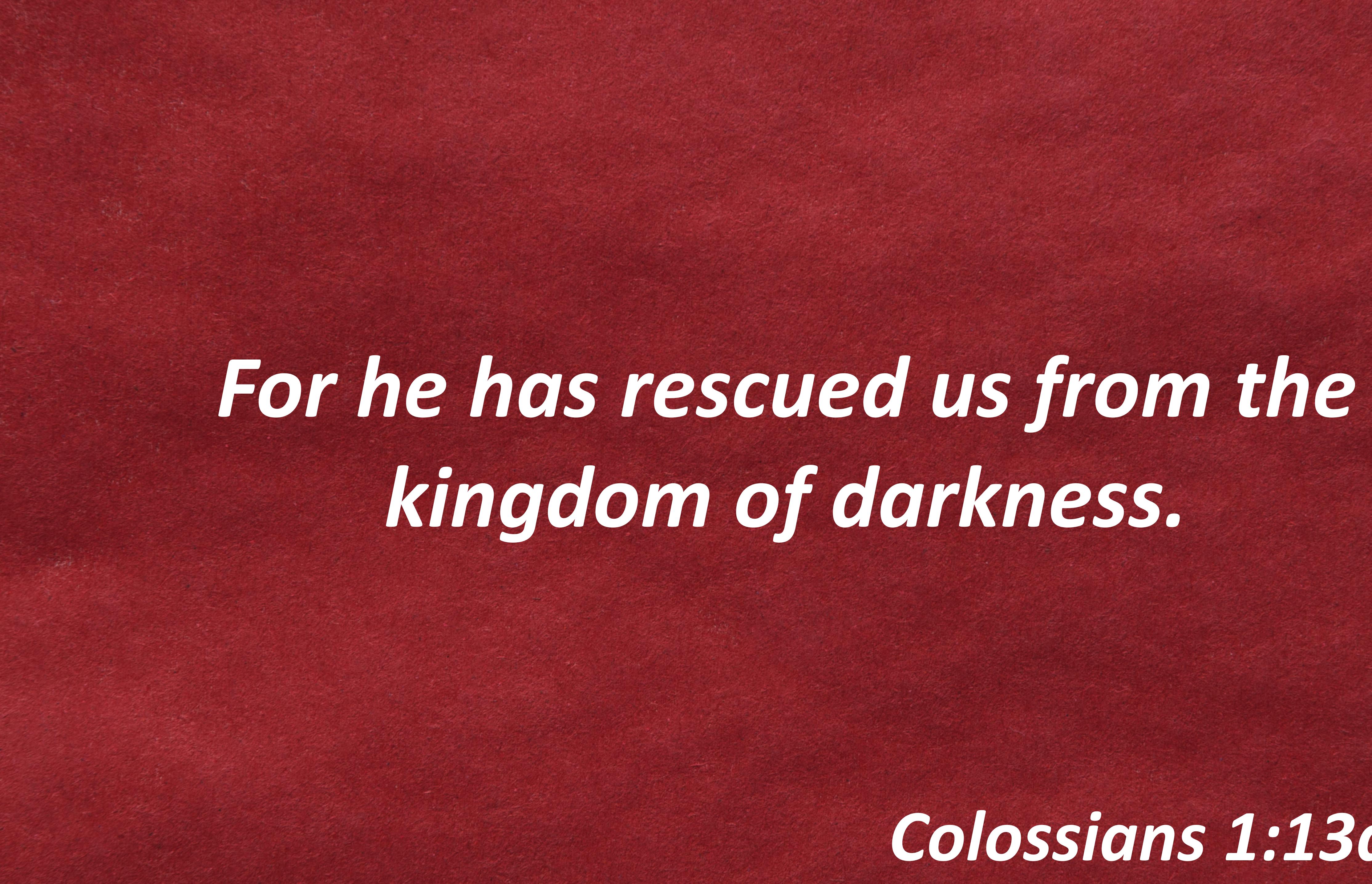
Such confidence we have through Christ before God. Not that we are competent in ourselves to claim anything for ourselves, but our competence comes from God.



But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace toward me was not in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them, yet not I, but the grace of God that was with me. 1 Corinthians 15:10 CSB











So what do we do? Keep on sinning so God can keep on forgiving? I should hope not!...





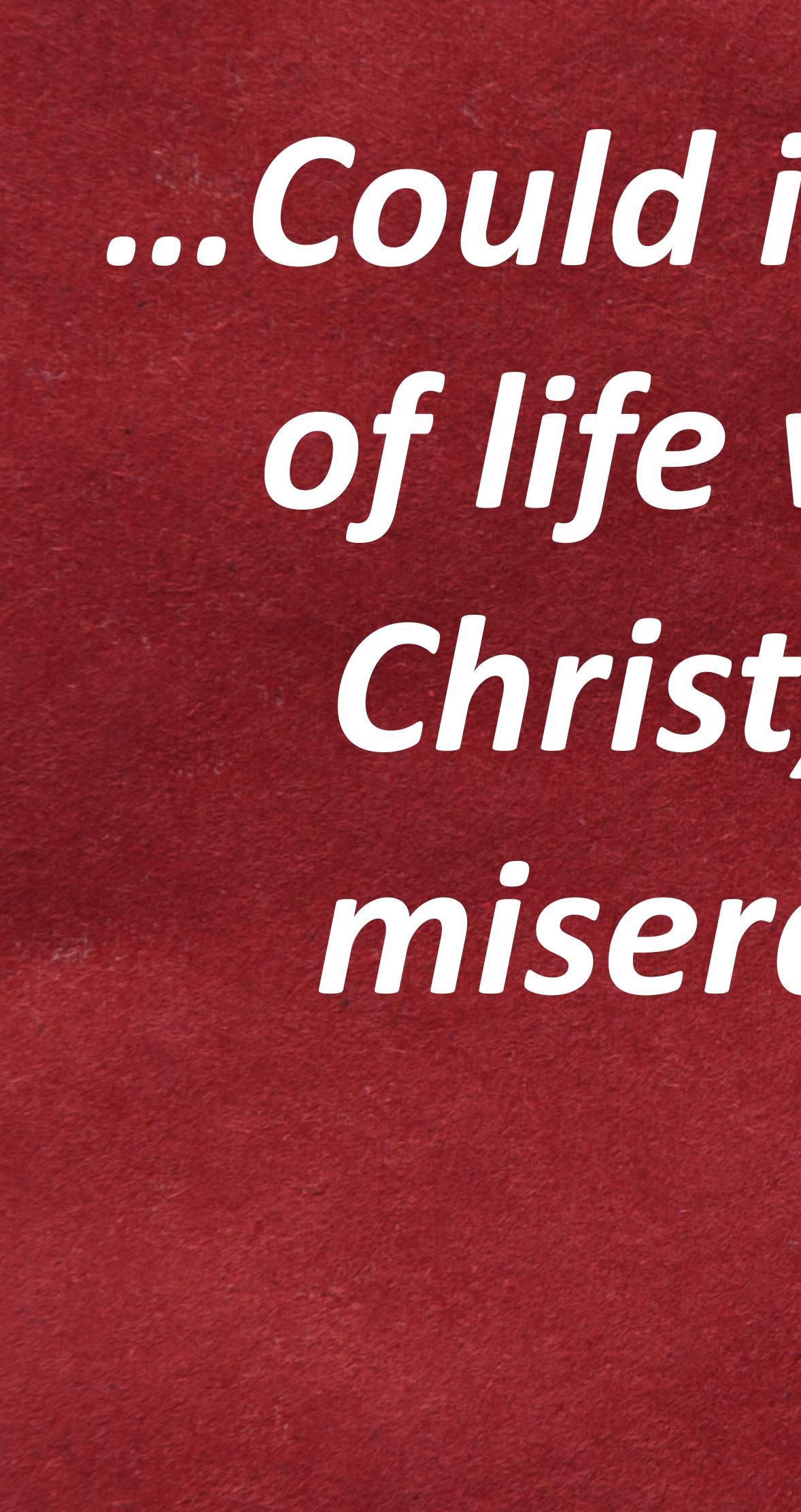
Romans 6:1-3, 6 MSG

... If we've left the country where sin is sovereign, how can we still live in our old house there? Or didn't you realize we packed up and left there for good?...



...That is what happened in baptism. When we went under the water, we left the old country of sin behind...





...Could it be any clearer? Our old way of life was nailed to the cross with Christ, a decisive end to that sinmiserable life—no longer at sin's every beck and call! Romans 6:1-3, 6 MSG





And transferred us into the Kingdom of his dear Son, who purchased our freedom and forgave our sins.

Colossians 1:136-14 NLT





For the Kingdom of God is not a matter of what we eat or drink, but of living a life of goodness and peace and joy in the Holy Spirit.







Don't be afraid, little flock, because your Father delights to give you the kingdom.



