

GETTING COMFORTABLE
WITH BEING UNCOMFORTABLE



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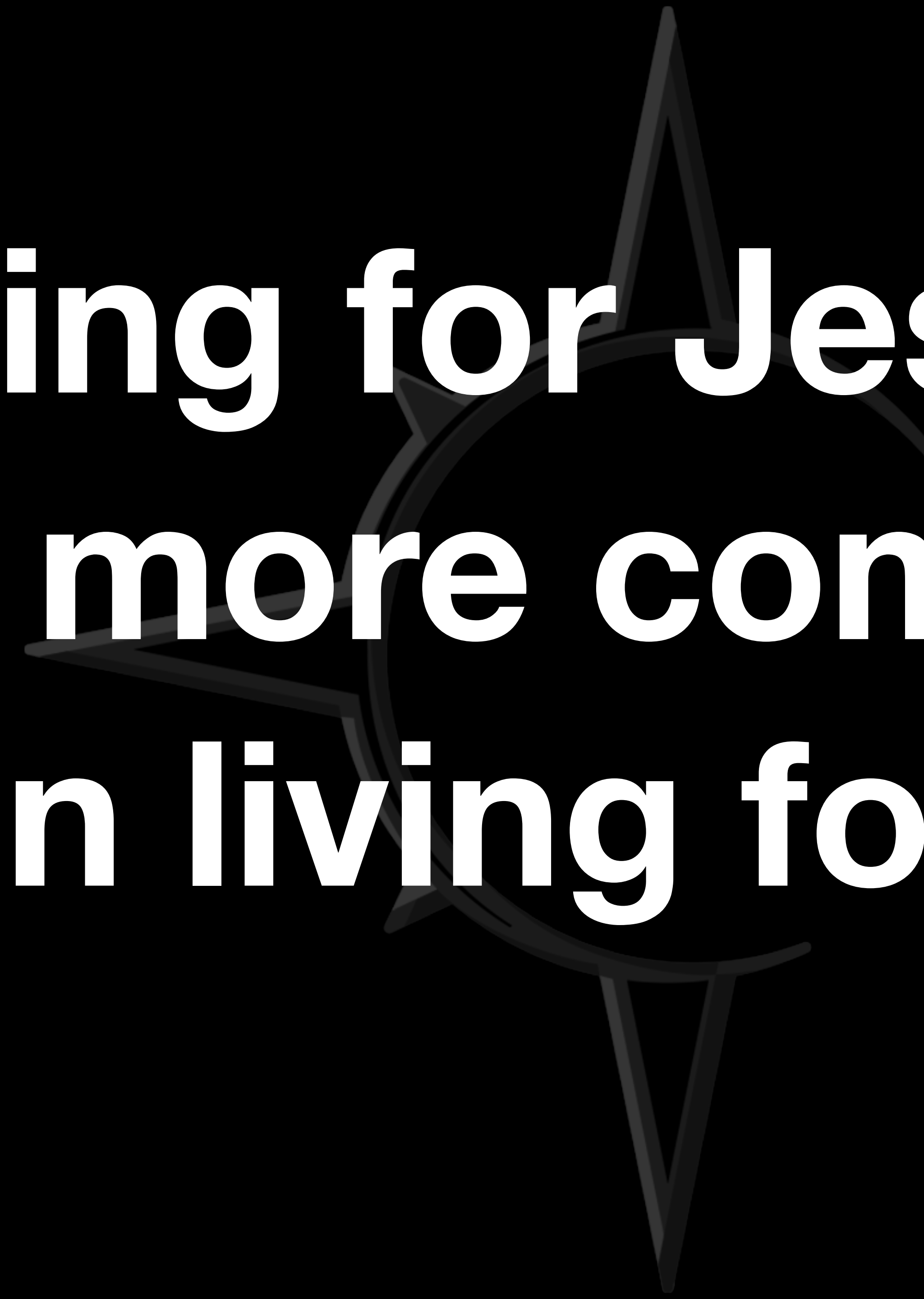
John 17:20–23 (KJV 1900)

Neither pray I for these alone, but for them also which shall believe on me through their word;

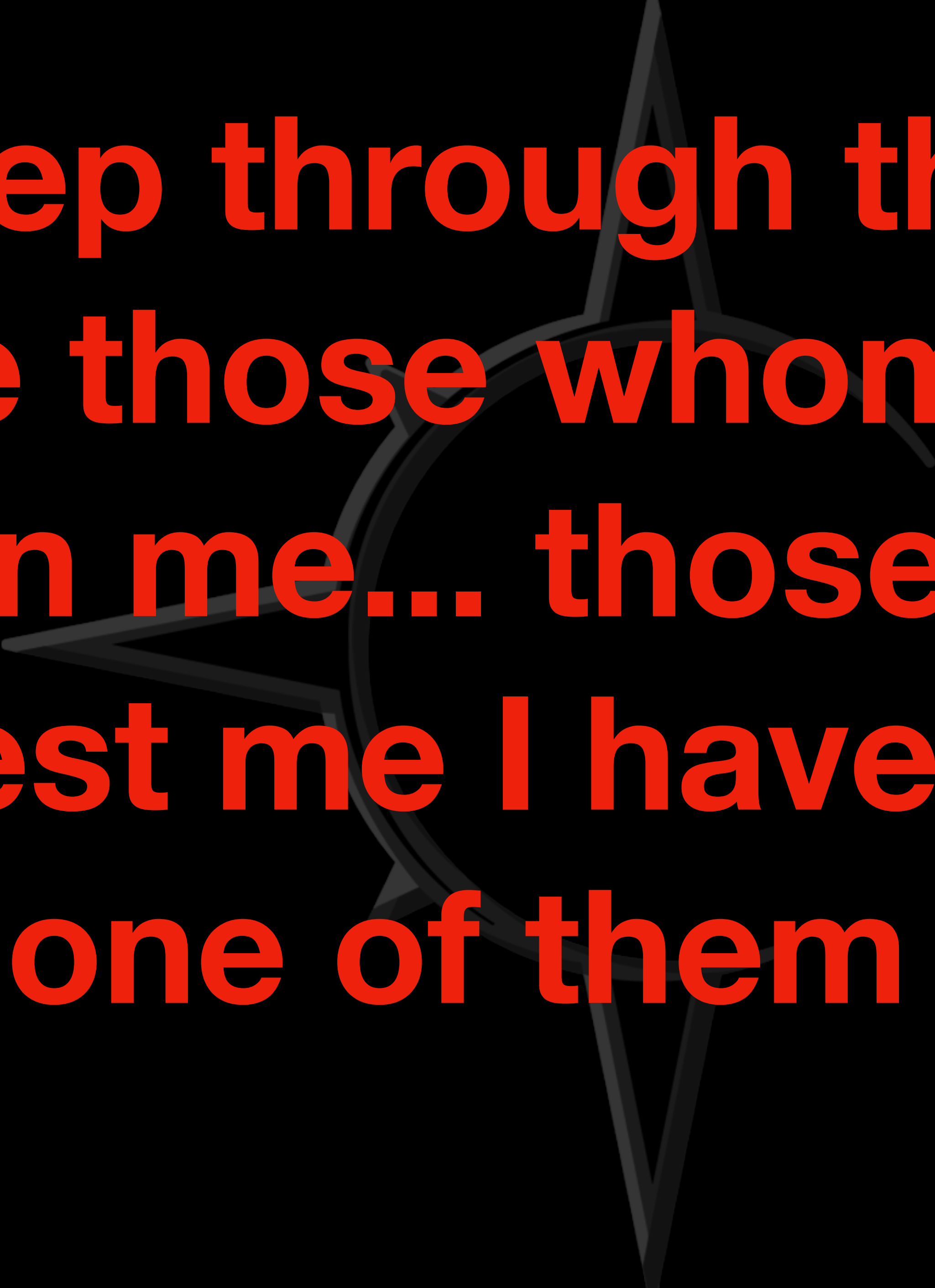
That they all may be one; as thou, Father, *art* in me, and I in thee, that they also may be one in us: that the world may believe that thou hast sent me.

And the glory which thou gavest me I have given them; that they may be one, even as we are one:

I in them, and thou in me, that they may be made perfect in one; and that the world may know that thou hast sent me, and hast loved them, as thou hast loved me.



**Dying for Jesus can
feel more comfortable
than living for Jesus.**



**Keep through thine own
name those whom thou hast
given me... those that thou
gavest me I have kept, and
none of them is lost.**

Matthew 26:39 (KJV 1900)

And he went a little further, and
fell on his face, and prayed, saying,
**O my Father, if it be possible, let
this cup pass from me: nevertheless
not as I will, but as thou *wilt*.**

John 18:3 (NLT)

The leading priests and Pharisees had given Judas a contingent of Roman soldiers and Temple guards to accompany him. Now with blazing torches, lanterns, and weapons, they arrived at the olive grove.

John 18:4-5 (NLT)

Jesus fully realized all that was going to happen to him, so he stepped forward to meet them. **“Who are you looking for?”** he asked.

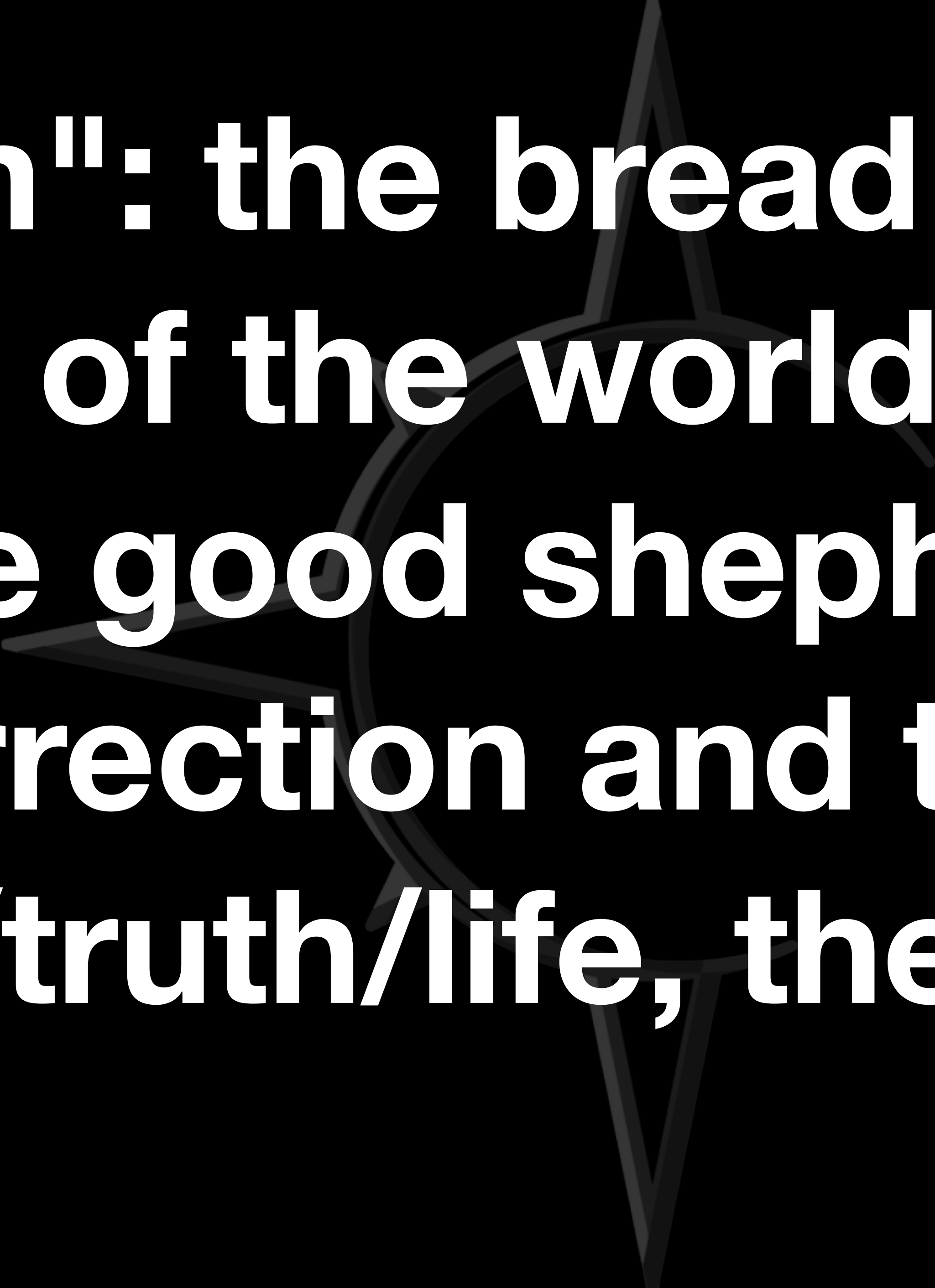
“Jesus the Nazarene,” they replied.



NLT - I AM he



KJV - I am *he*



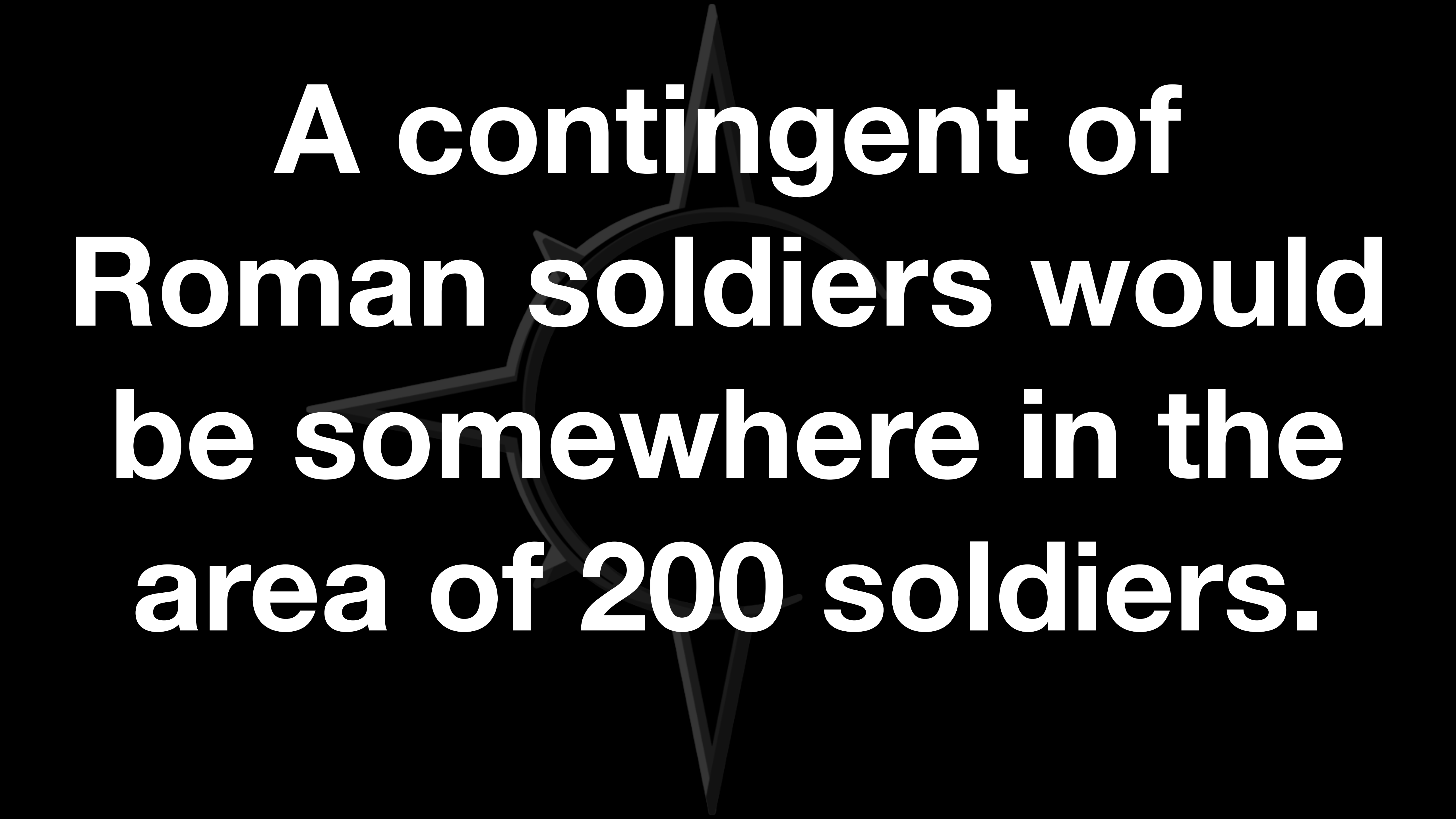
**"I am": the bread of life, the
light of the world, the gate,
the good shepherd, the
resurrection and the life, the
way/truth/life, the true vine.**

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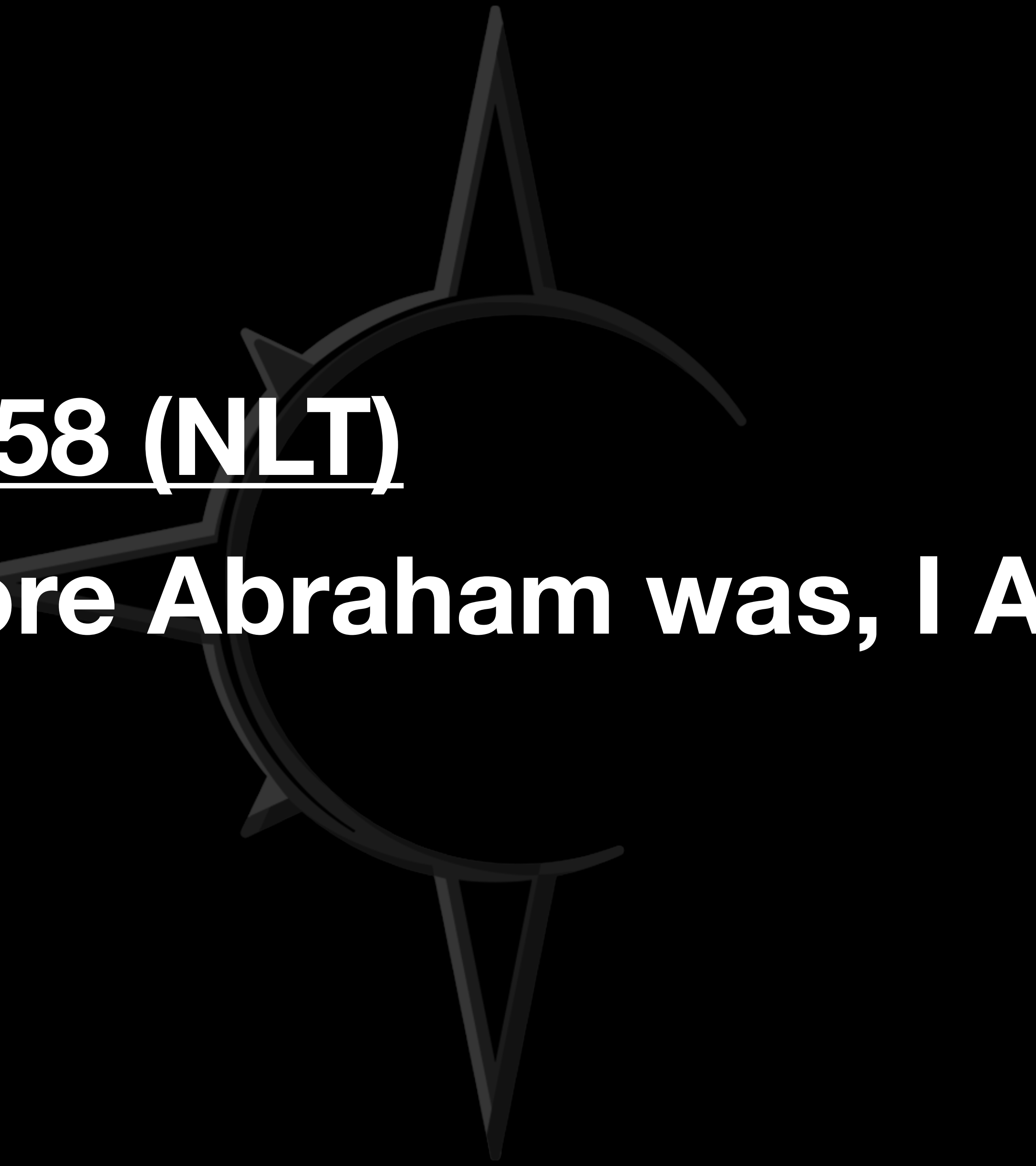
**A contingent is a group
from a Roman cohort, and
a Roman Cohort can be
up to 600 Roman Soldiers.**



**A contingent of
Roman soldiers would
be somewhere in the
area of 200 soldiers.**

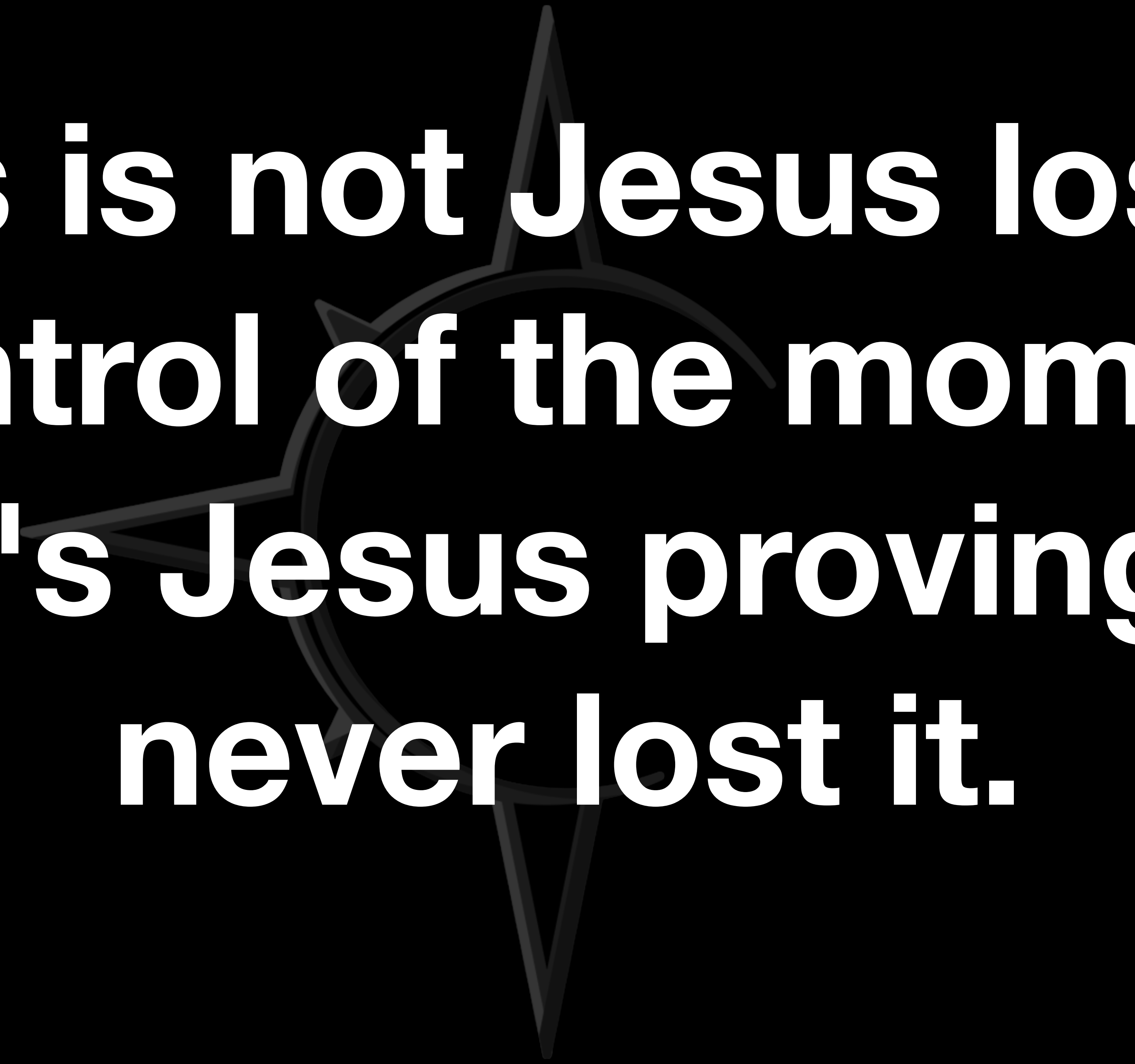
John 18:6 (NLT)

As Jesus said “**I Am he,**” they
all drew back and fell to the
ground!



John 8:58 (NLT)

Before Abraham was, I AM.”



**This is not Jesus losing
control of the moment
— it's Jesus proving He
never lost it.**

John 18:7-8 (NLT)

Once more he asked them, **“Who are you looking for?”** And again they replied, **“Jesus the Nazarene.”** **“I told you that I Am he,”** Jesus said. **“And since I am the one you want, let these others go.”**

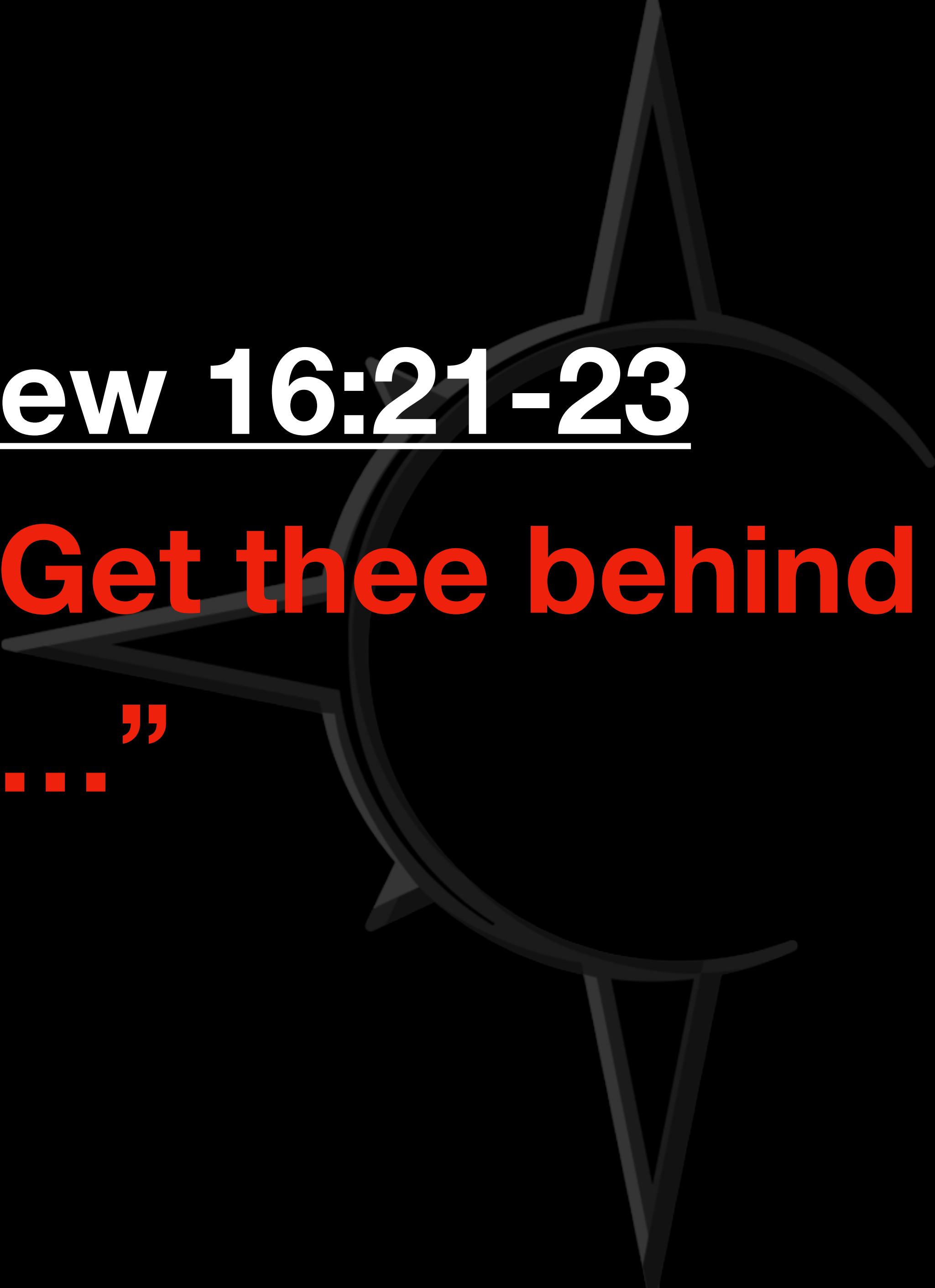
John 18:9-11 (NLT)

He did this to fulfill his own statement: **“I did not lose a single one of those you have given me.”**

Then Simon Peter drew a sword and slashed off the right ear of Malchus, the high priest's slave.

But Jesus said to Peter, **“Put your sword back into its sheath. Shall I not drink from the cup of suffering the Father has given me?”**

**Malchus's name is
understood to mean "king"
or "reigning" — a servant of
the high priest, carrying a
king's name.**



Matthew 16:21-23

...“Get thee behind me,
Satan...”

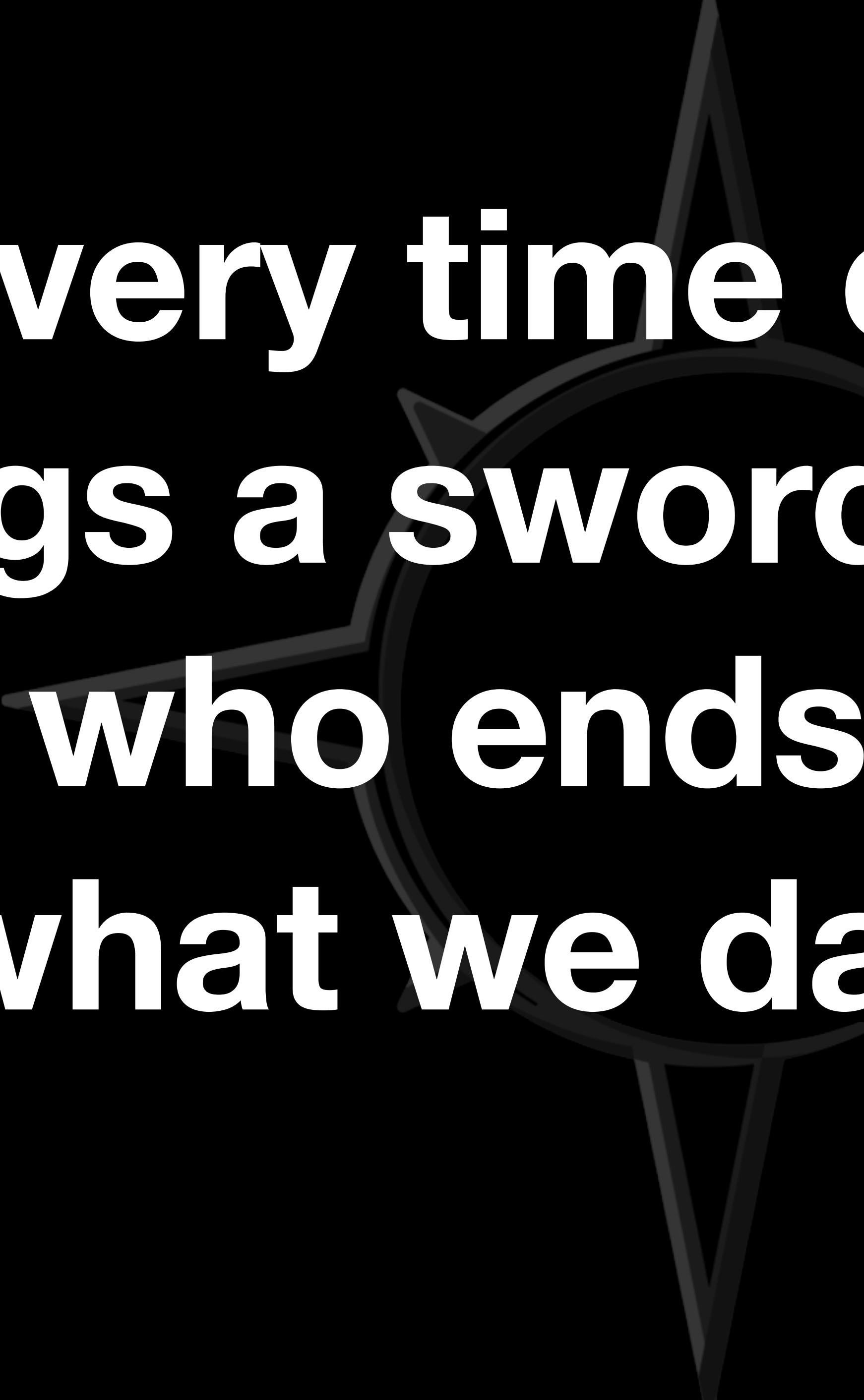


**In other words, Jesus is
saying to Peter, I can't
fulfill John 17 if you don't
make it through John 18.**



Romans 10:17

Faith comes by hearing



**Every time our flesh
swings a sword, God is the
one who ends up healing
what we damaged.**



**THE
DISCOMFORT OF
LIVING.**



“I am not.”



**FROM THE SWORD
TO THE WORD —
PENTECOST (Acts 2)**

**The sword that was drawn in
the garden becomes the
sword of the Lord from his
mouth at Pentecost. The Word
of the Lord /S the sword.**

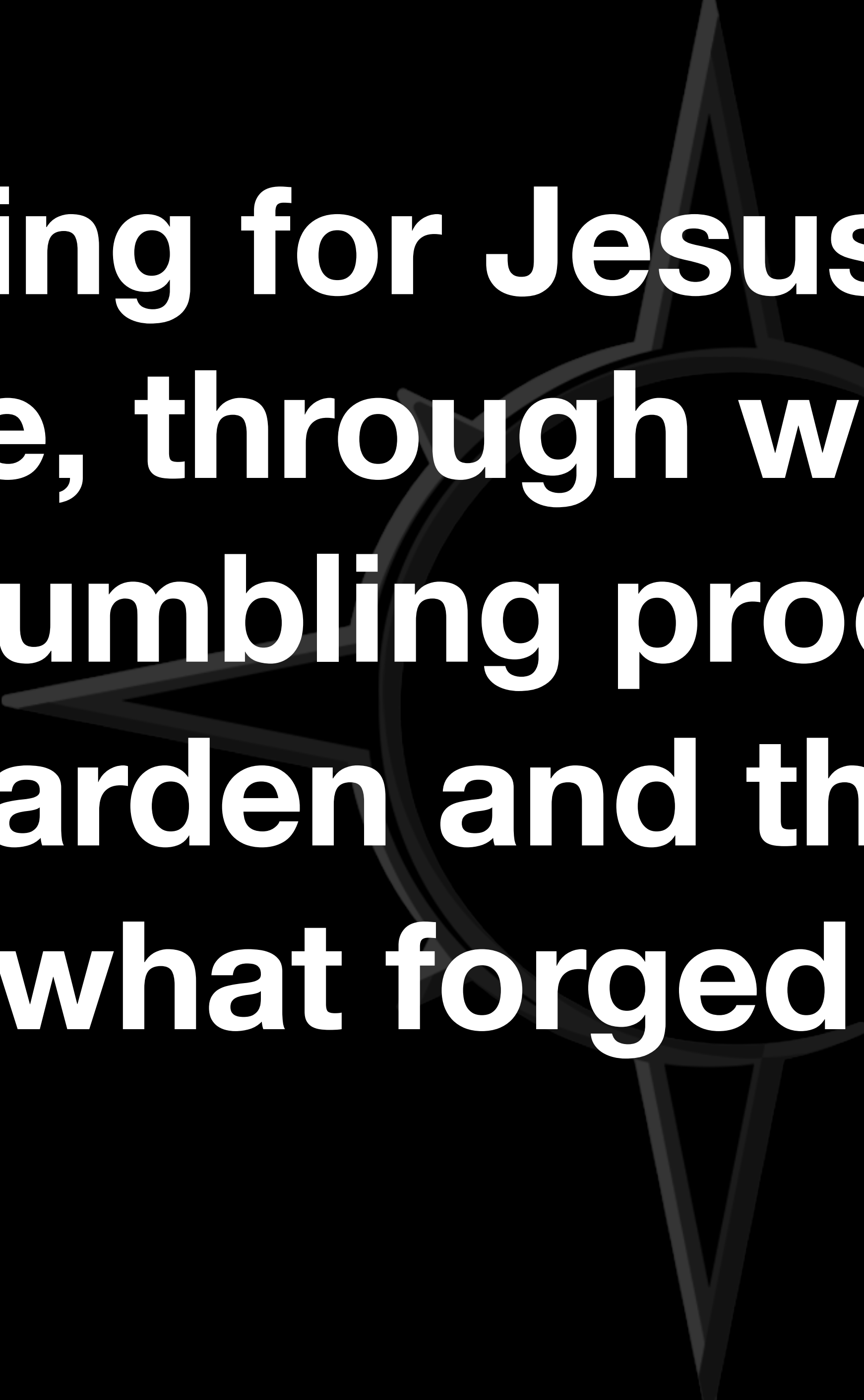
Hebrews 4:12 (KJV 1900)

For the word of God *is* quick, and powerful, and sharper than any twoedged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and *is* a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart.

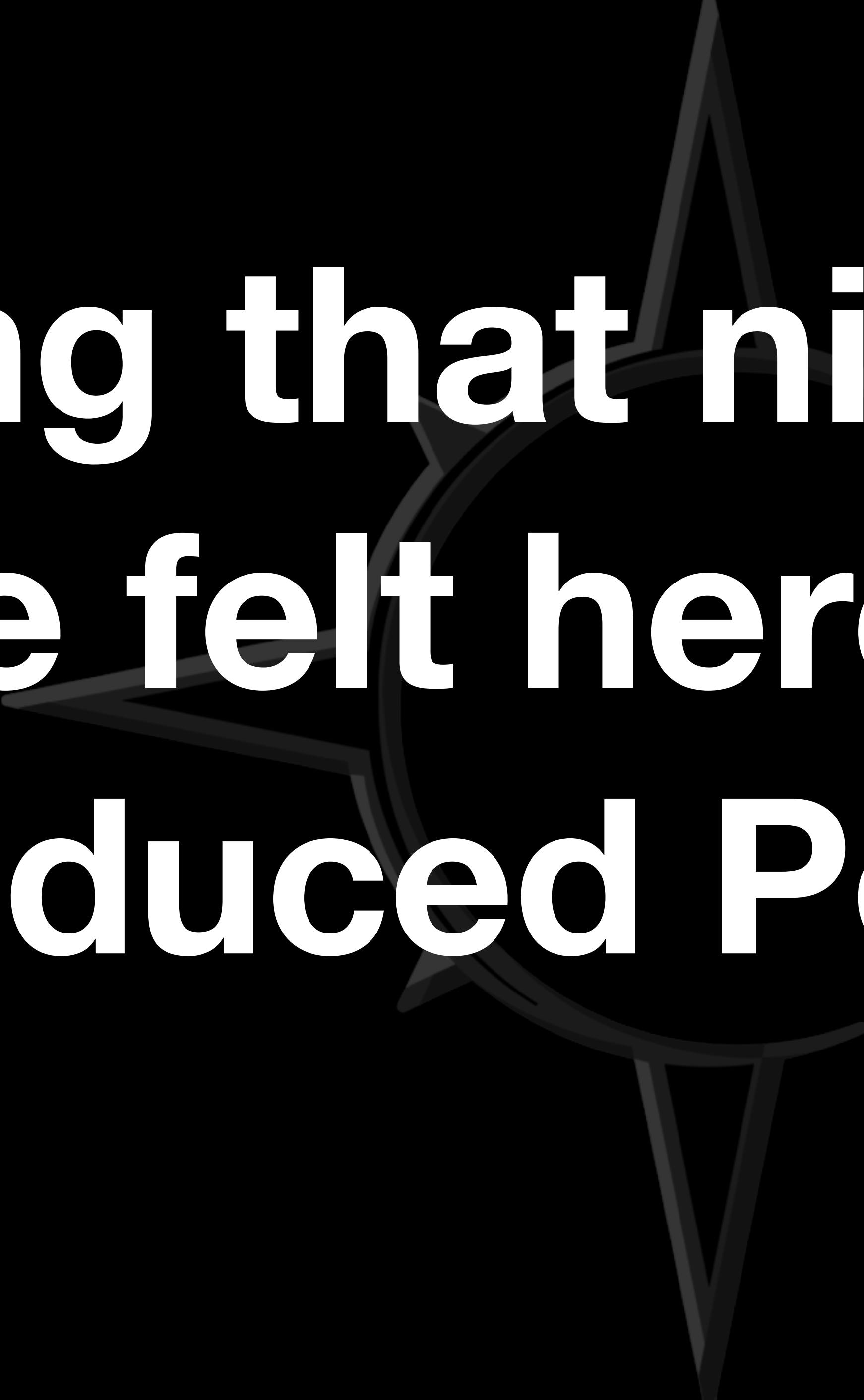
Ephesians 6:17–18 (KJV 1900)

And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God:

Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplication for all saints;



**Living for Jesus — through
shame, through waiting, through
the humbling process between
the garden and the upper room
— is what forged the preacher.**



**Dying that night would
have felt heroic. Living
produced Pentecost.**

Ephesians 6:10–12 (NLT)

The Whole Armor of God

A final word: Be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power.

Put on all of God's armor so that you will be able to stand firm against all strategies of the devil.

For we are not fighting against flesh-and-blood enemies, but against evil rulers and authorities of the unseen world, against mighty powers in this dark world, and against evil spirits in the heavenly places.

Ephesians 6:13–15 (NLT)

Therefore, put on every piece of God's armor so you will be able to resist the enemy in the time of evil. Then after the battle you will still be standing firm.

Stand your ground, putting on the belt of truth and the body armor of God's righteousness.

For shoes, put on the peace that comes from the Good News so that you will be fully prepared.

Ephesians 6:16–18 (NLT)

In addition to all of these, hold up the shield of faith to stop the fiery arrows of the devil.

And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God:

Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplication for all saints;

Ephesians 6:19–20 (NLT)

And pray for me, too. Ask God to give me the right words so I can boldly explain God's mysterious plan that the Good News is for Jews and Gentiles alike.

I am in chains now, still preaching this message as God's ambassador. So pray that I will keep on speaking boldly for him, as I should.