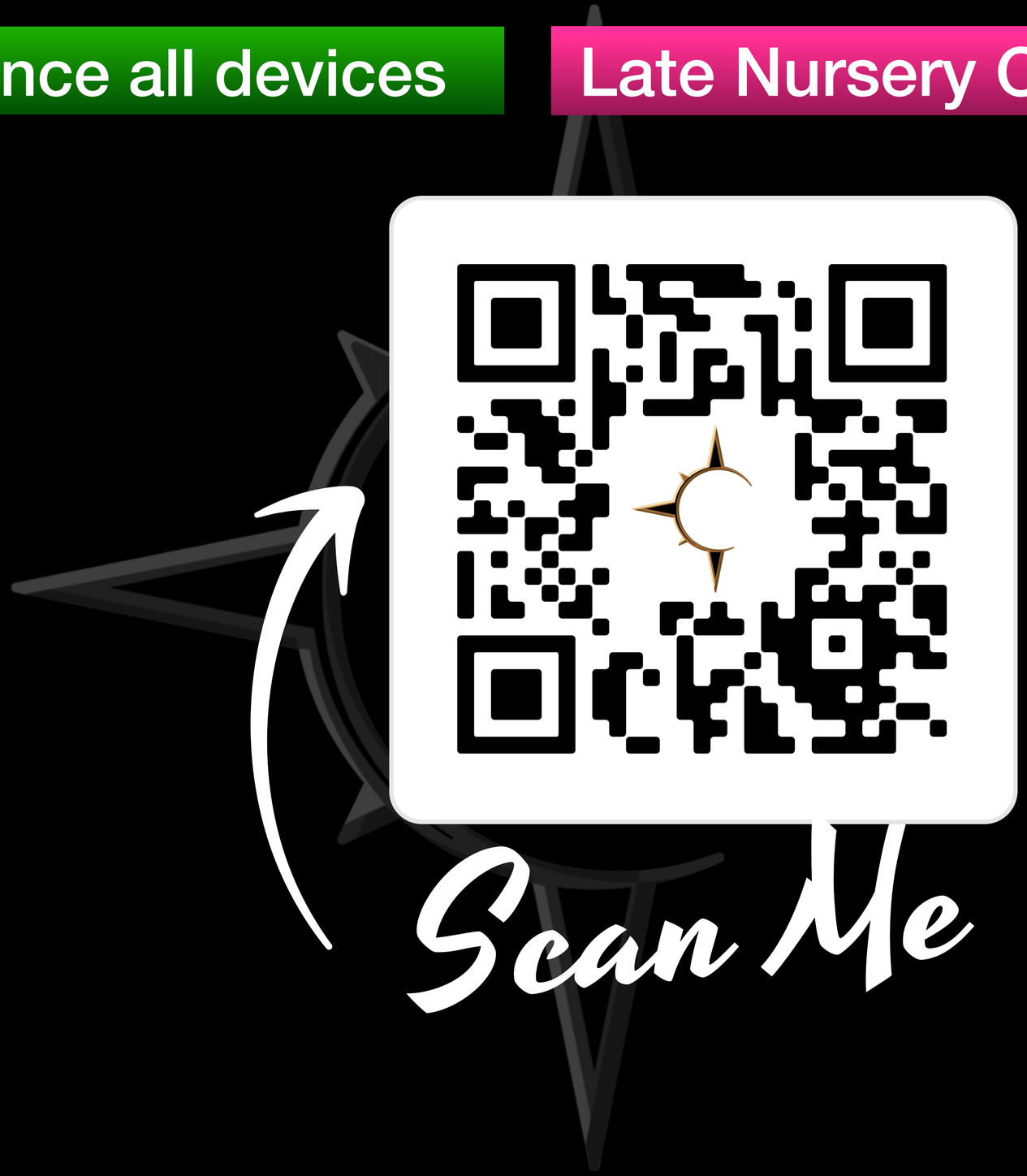
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WHEN THE
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Luke 18:31-34 (KJV)

Then he took *unto him* the twelve, and said unto them, Behold, we go up to Jerusalem, and all things that are written by the prophets concerning the Son of man shall be accomplished.

For he shall be delivered unto the Gentiles, and shall be mocked, and spitefully entreated, and spitted on:

And they shall scourge *him*, and put him to death: and the third day he shall rise again.

And they understood none of these things: and this saying was hid from them, neither knew they the things which were spoken.

HID = kruptō = A primary verb; to *conceal* (properly by *covering*): —hide (self), keep secret, secret [-ly].

One way God would hide revelation was to cover it in SMOKE.

Exodus 19:17-19 (The Bible in Contemporary Language)

Moses led the people out of the camp to meet God. They stood at attention at the base of the mountain.

Mount Sinai was all smoke because God had come down on it as fire. Smoke poured from it like smoke from a furnace. The whole mountain shuddered in huge spasms.

The trumpet blasts grew louder and louder. Moses spoke and God answered in thunder.

King David

Psalm 119:81-84 (The Bible in Contemporary Language)

I’m homesick—longing for your salvation; I’m waiting for your word of hope.

My eyes grow heavy watching for some sign of your promise; how long must I wait for your comfort?

There’s smoke in my eyes—they burn and water, but I keep a steady gaze on the instructions you post.

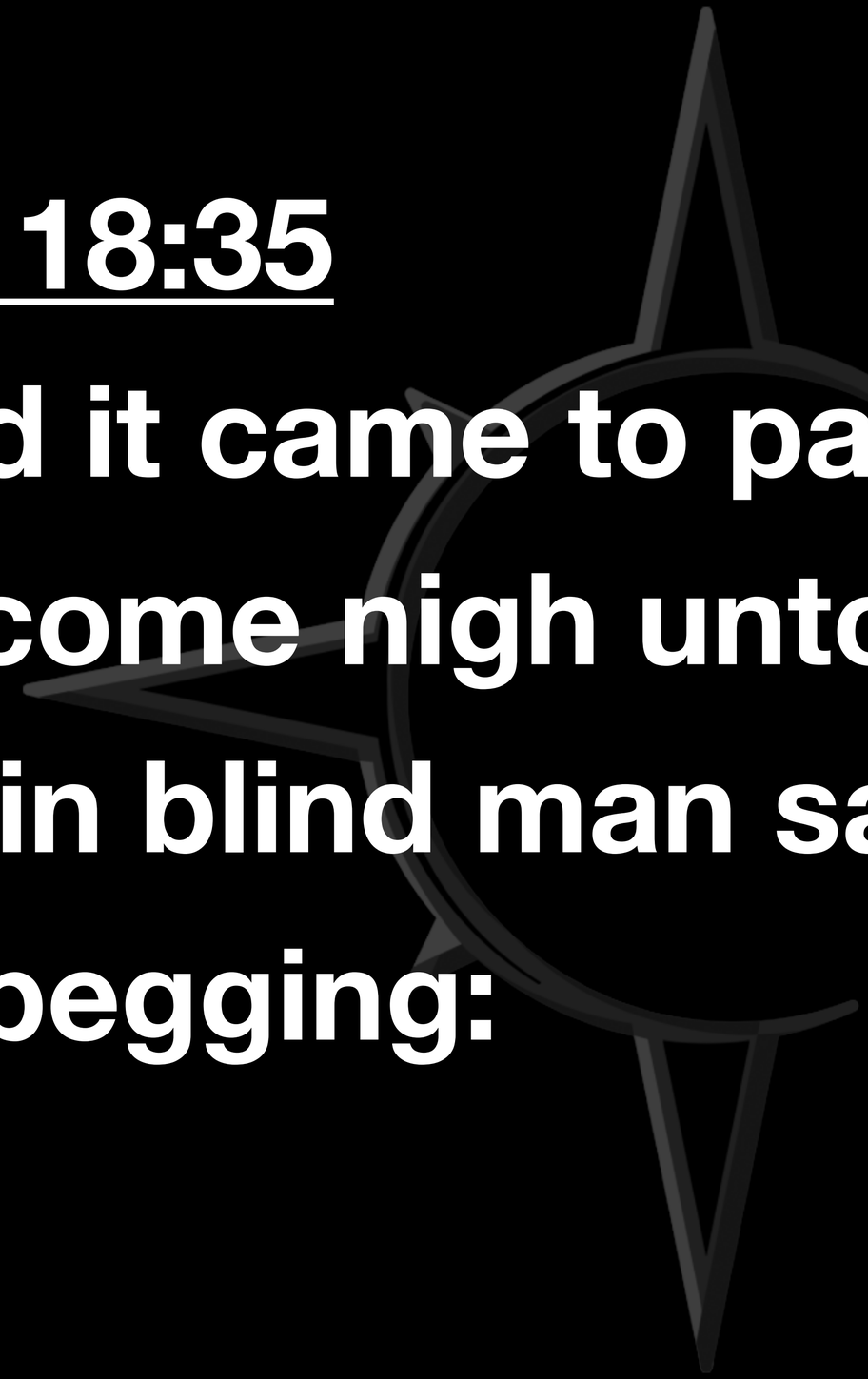
How long do I have to put up with all this? How long till you haul my tormentors into court?

Psalm 119:85-87 (The Bible in Contemporary Language)

The arrogant godless try to throw me off track, ignorant as they are of God and his ways.

Everything you command is a sure thing, but they harass me with lies. Help!

They've pushed and pushed—they never let up — but I haven't relaxed my grip on your counsel.



Luke 18:35

And it came to pass, that as he was come nigh unto Jericho, a certain blind man sat by the way side begging:

BLIND = tuphlos = *opaque* (as if *smoky*), that is, (by analogy) *blind* (physically or mentally):—blind.

Luke 18:41-43

Saying, **What wilt thou that I shall do unto thee?** And he said, Lord, that I may receive my sight.

And Jesus said unto him, **Receive thy sight: thy faith hath saved thee.**

And immediately he received his sight, and followed him, glorifying God: and all the people, when they saw *it*, gave praise unto God.

Acts 2:17-19 (KJV)

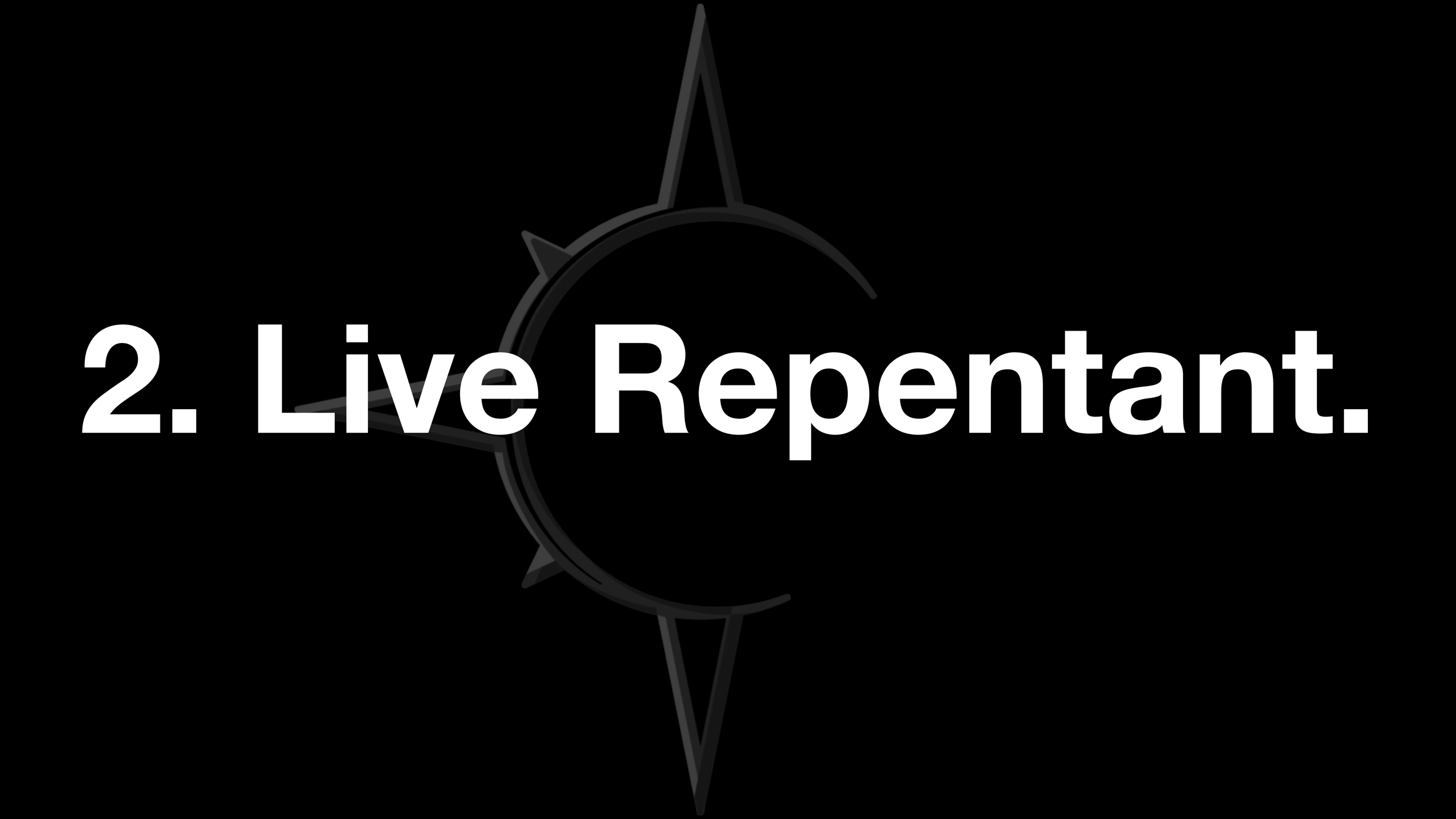
And it shall come to pass in the last days, saith God, I will pour out of my Spirit upon all flesh: and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams:

And on my servants and on my handmaidens I will pour out in those days of my Spirit; and they shall prophesy:

And I will show wonders in heaven above, and signs in the earth beneath; blood, and fire, and vapour of smoke:

What do I do with smoke in my eyes?


1. Stay Consistent.


2. Live Repentant.

3. Remember, He is your Heavenly Father.

4. Be Willing To Let Go.

Luke 18:29-30 (The Bible in Contemporary Language)

"Yes," said Jesus, "and you won't regret it. No one who has sacrificed home, spouse, brothers and sisters, parents, children—whatever—

will lose out. It will all come back multiplied many times over in your lifetime. And then the bonus of eternal life!"