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“It’s in his nature!”

John 11:45-12:19  
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**The authorities plot to kill**  
They are motivated by position and power

11:45-57; 12:9-11

Logical outcome: they fight God

Great irony: they were never in power to begin with

Great contrast: Caiaphas vs. Jesus

**Mary anoints Jesus**  
She is motivated by love and gratitude

12:1-7

Logical outcome: the house is filled with fragrance

Great irony: the self-righteous scold is a thief

Great contrast: Judas vs. Mary

**The festival crowd celebrates Jesus**  
They are motivated by scriptural rescue

12:12-19

Logical outcome: the Pharisees are vexed

Great irony: even those He rescued didn’t fully appreciate it

Great contrast: Disciples vs. Greeks

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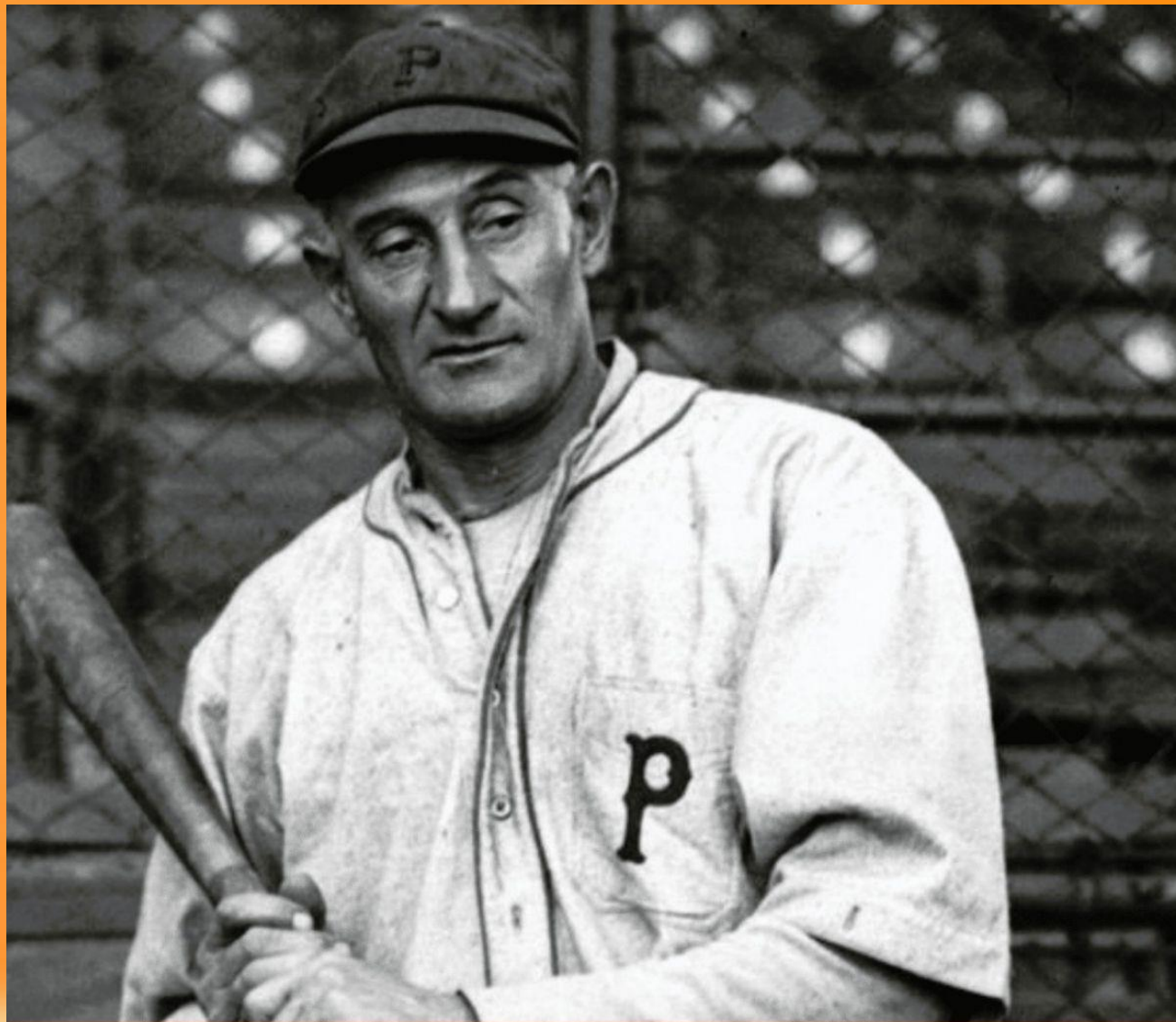
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# asking for a friend

QUESTIONS FOR JESUS IN JOHN 5-12

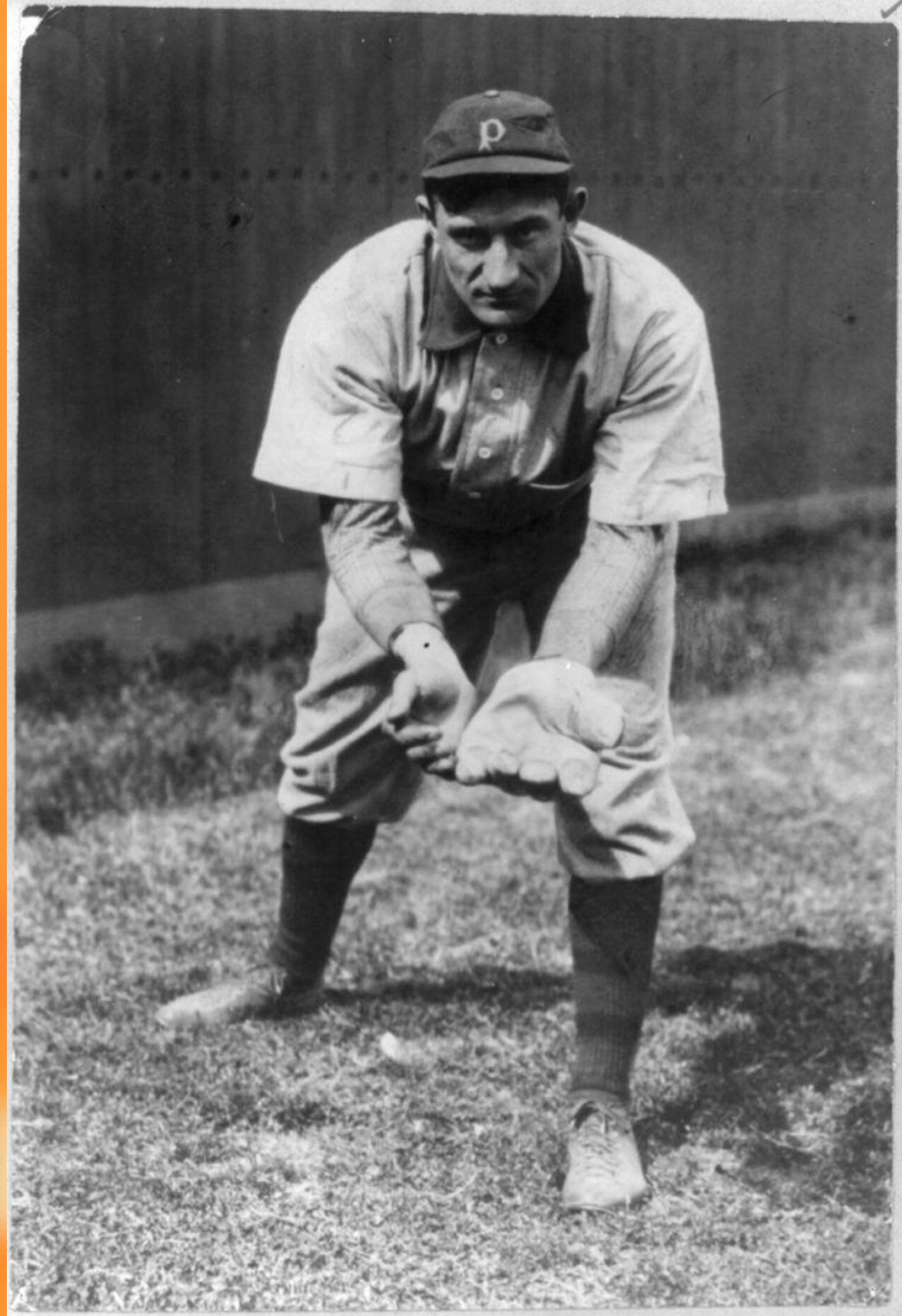
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Honus Wagner

courtesy Baseball Hall of Fame



courtesy alchetron





**I can't ask him not  
to. It's in his nature.  
– Fred Clarke**



courtesy Kellet Kreations



**11:45 Therefore, many of the Jews who came to Mary and saw what he did believed in him. <sup>46</sup> But some of them went to the Pharisees and told them what Jesus had done.**

**<sup>47</sup> So the chief priests and the Pharisees convened the Sanhedrin and were saying, “What are we going to do since this man is doing many signs? <sup>48</sup> If we let him go on like this, everyone will believe in him, and the Romans will come and take away both our place and our nation.”**

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**<sup>51</sup> He did not say this on his own, but being high priest that year he prophesied that Jesus was going to die for the nation, <sup>52</sup> and not for the nation only, but also to unite the scattered children of God. <sup>53</sup> So from that day on they plotted to kill him. <sup>54</sup> Jesus therefore no longer walked openly among the Jews but departed from there to the countryside near the wilderness, to a town called Ephraim, and he stayed there with the disciples. <sup>55</sup> Now the Jewish Passover was near, and many went up to Jerusalem from the country to purify themselves before the Passover. <sup>56</sup> They were looking for Jesus and asking one another as they stood in the temple, “What do you think? He won’t come to the festival, will he?” <sup>57</sup> The chief priests and the Pharisees had given orders that if anyone knew where he was, he should report it so that they could arrest him.**

**John 11 CSB**



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**12:9** Then a large crowd of the Jews learned he was there. They came not only because of Jesus but also to see Lazarus, the one he had raised from the dead. <sup>10</sup> But the chief priests had decided to kill Lazarus also, <sup>11</sup> because he was the reason many of the Jews were deserting them and believing in Jesus.



courtesy Forbes





courtesy USA



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**For I do not do the good  
that I want to do,  
but I practice the evil  
that I do not want to do.**

**Romans 7:19 CSB**



**The logical outcome of being motivated by power, prestige, influence, etc. is that one will end up fighting God.**

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**FIGHTING AGAINST  
GD**

**I have to fight  
this way to keep  
power, and I  
must keep  
power because  
nobody can do  
as wholesome a  
job as I can.**





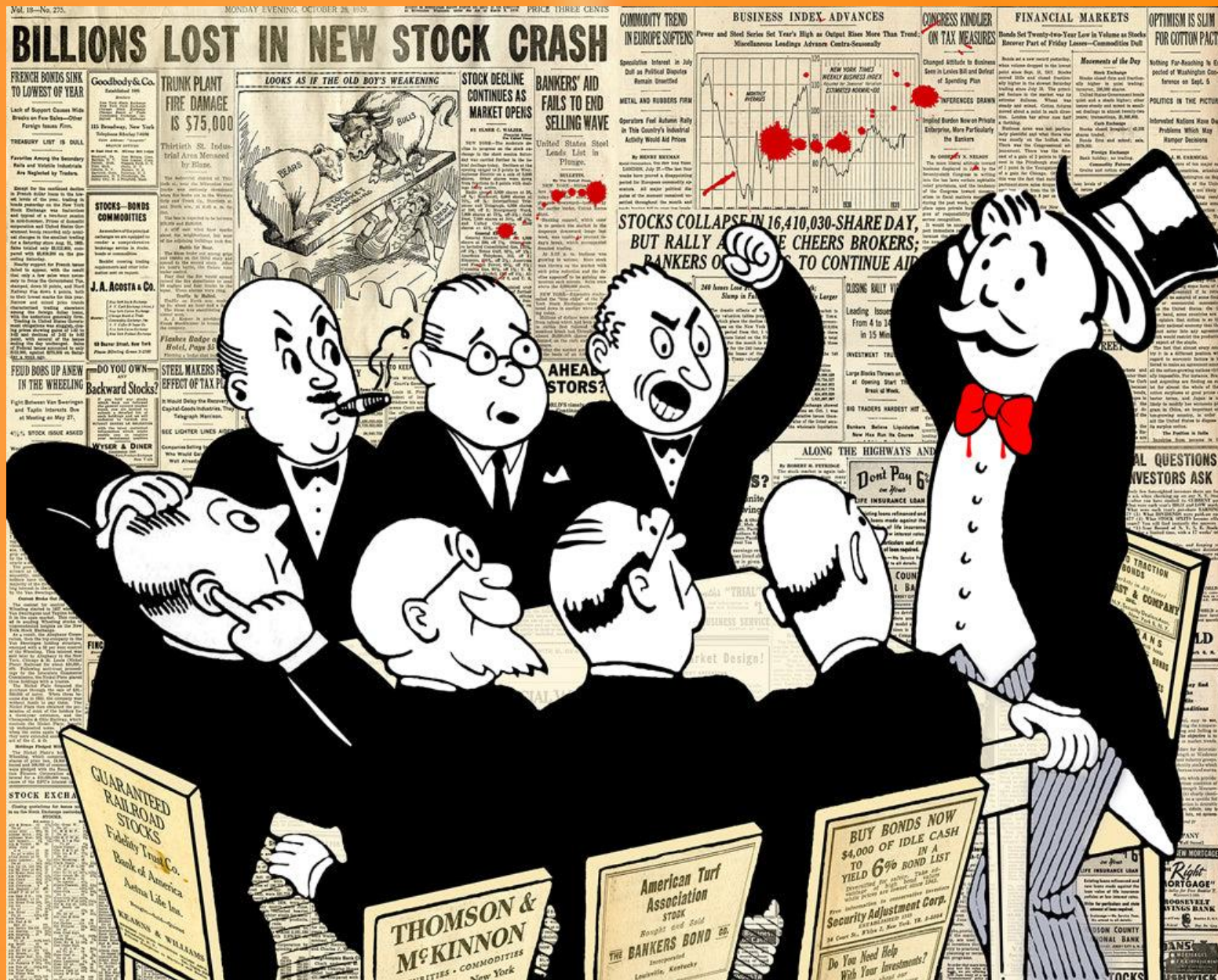
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itself. Those who live for God will  
always be under attack.**

**– William F. Buckley, Jr.**



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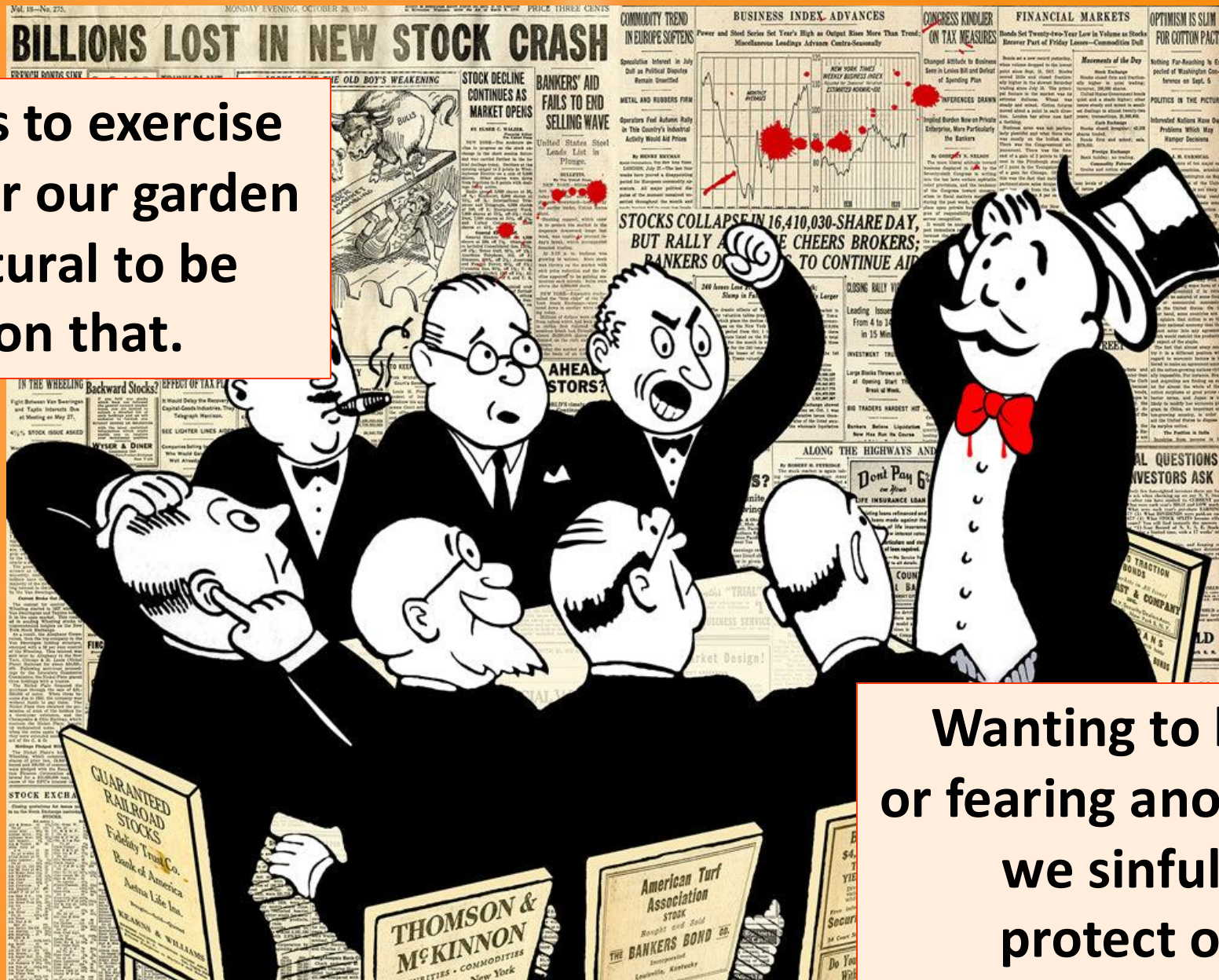
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courtesy Nelson de la Nuez



God made us to exercise authority over our garden and it's natural to be focused on that.



Wanting to be sovereign or fearing another human is, we sinfully fight to protect our power.





courtesy parents



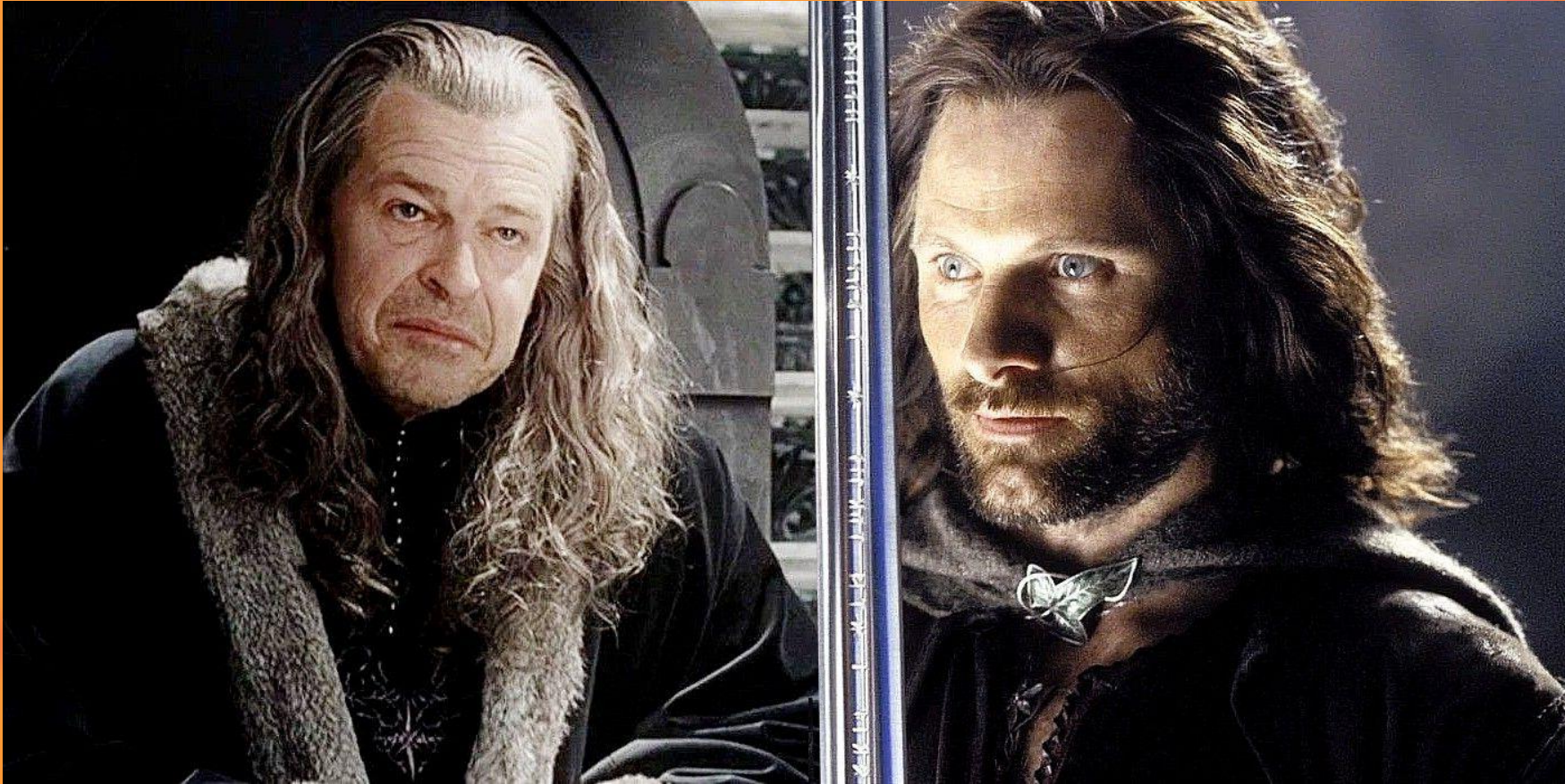




courtesy New Line Cinema



**The steward has neither the authority nor power to stop the return of the king.**



## Caiaphas

- **Earthly, temporary high priest (John notes “that year”)**
- **Condescending**
- **Clinging to position & power**

## Jesus

- **Eternal High Priest (See Hebrews 4.)**
- **Descending**
- **Sacrifices position & power**

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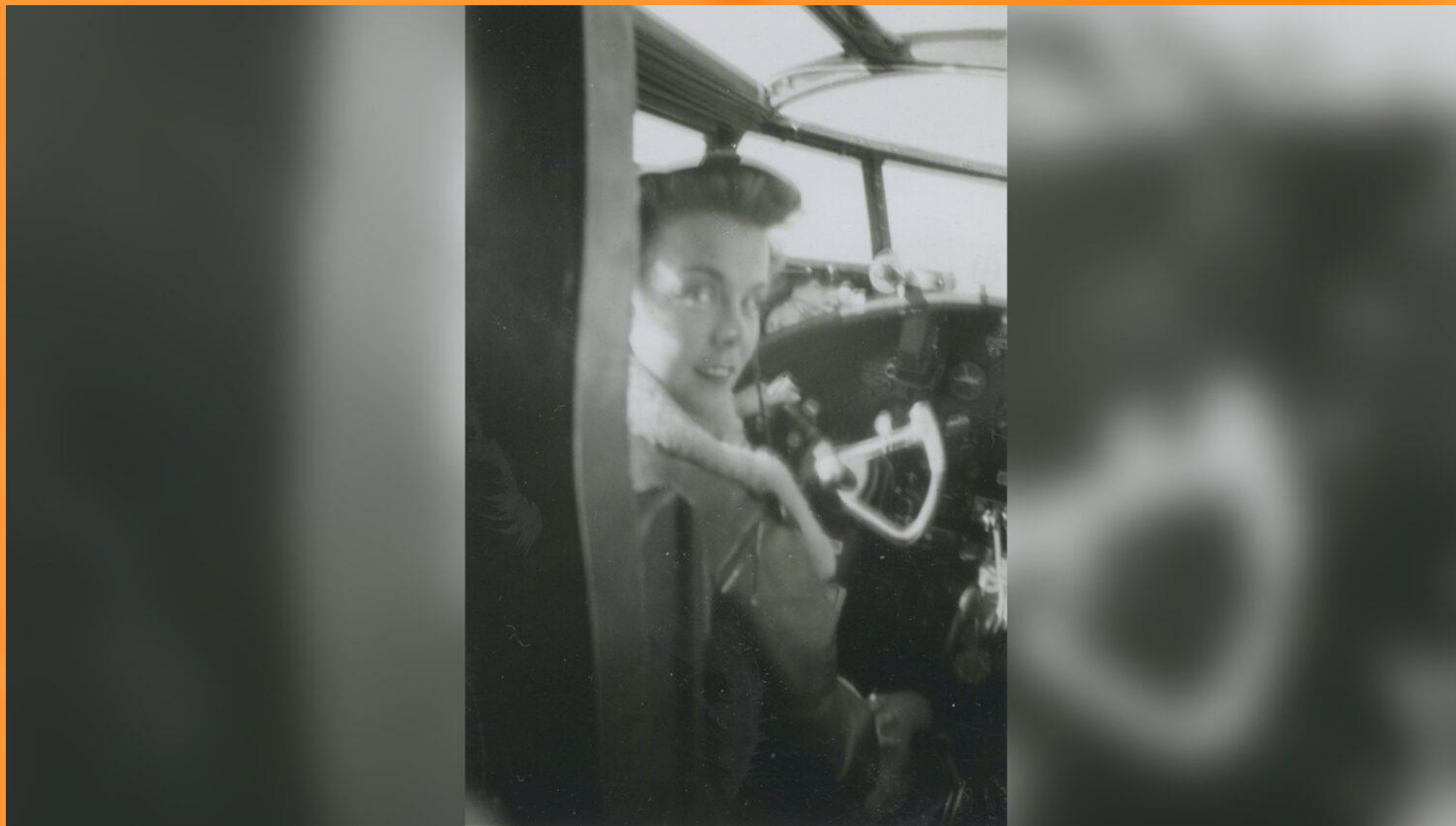
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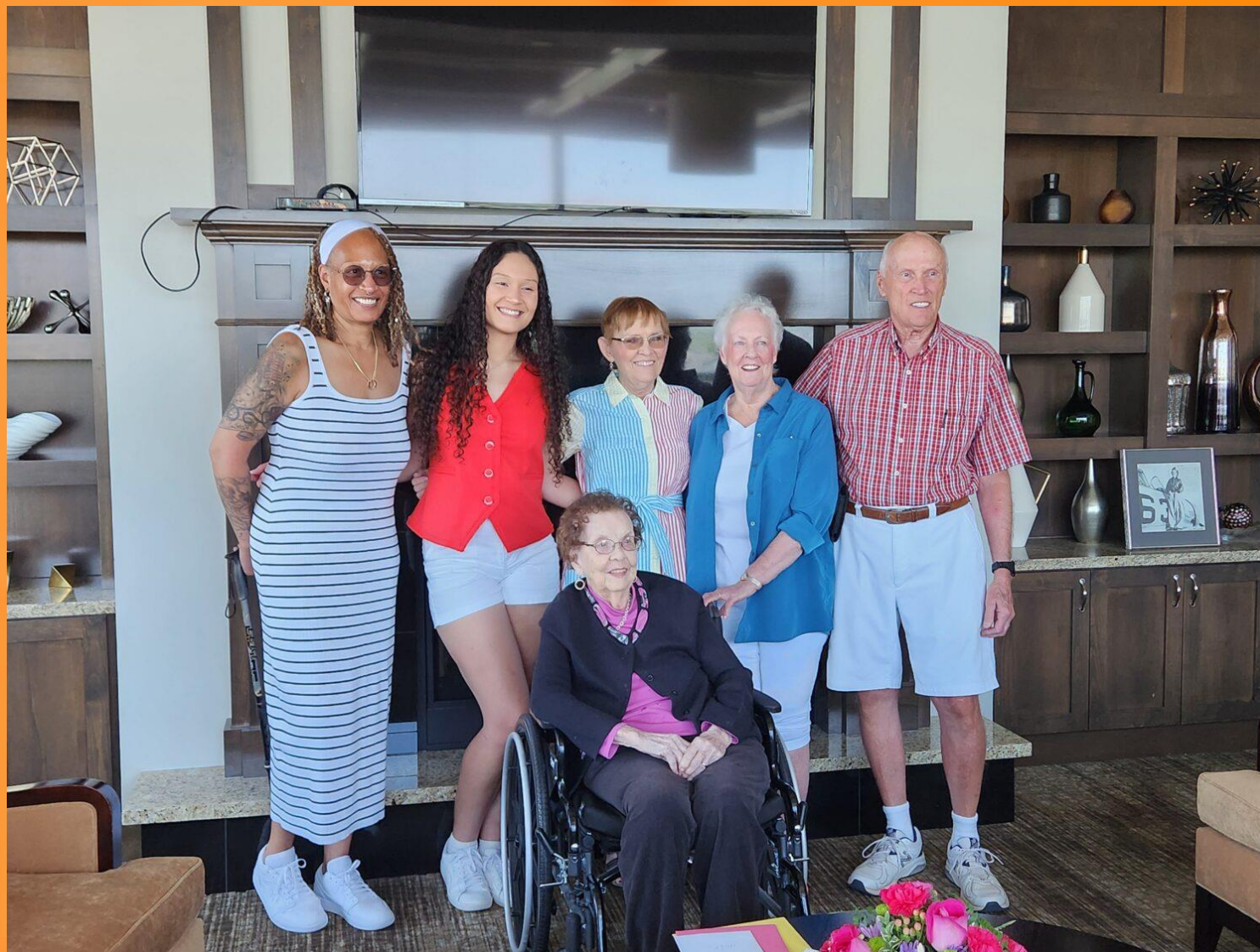


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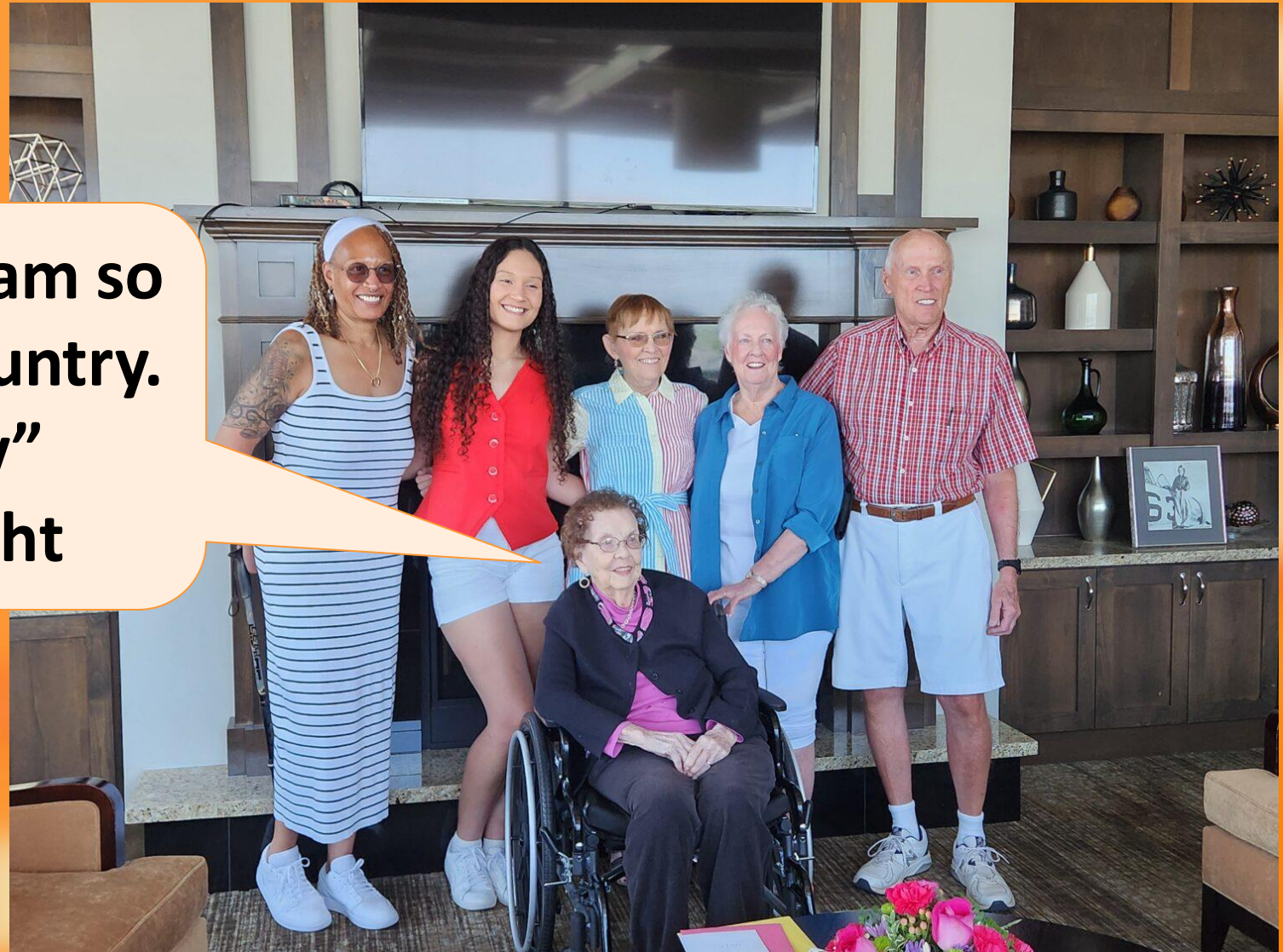




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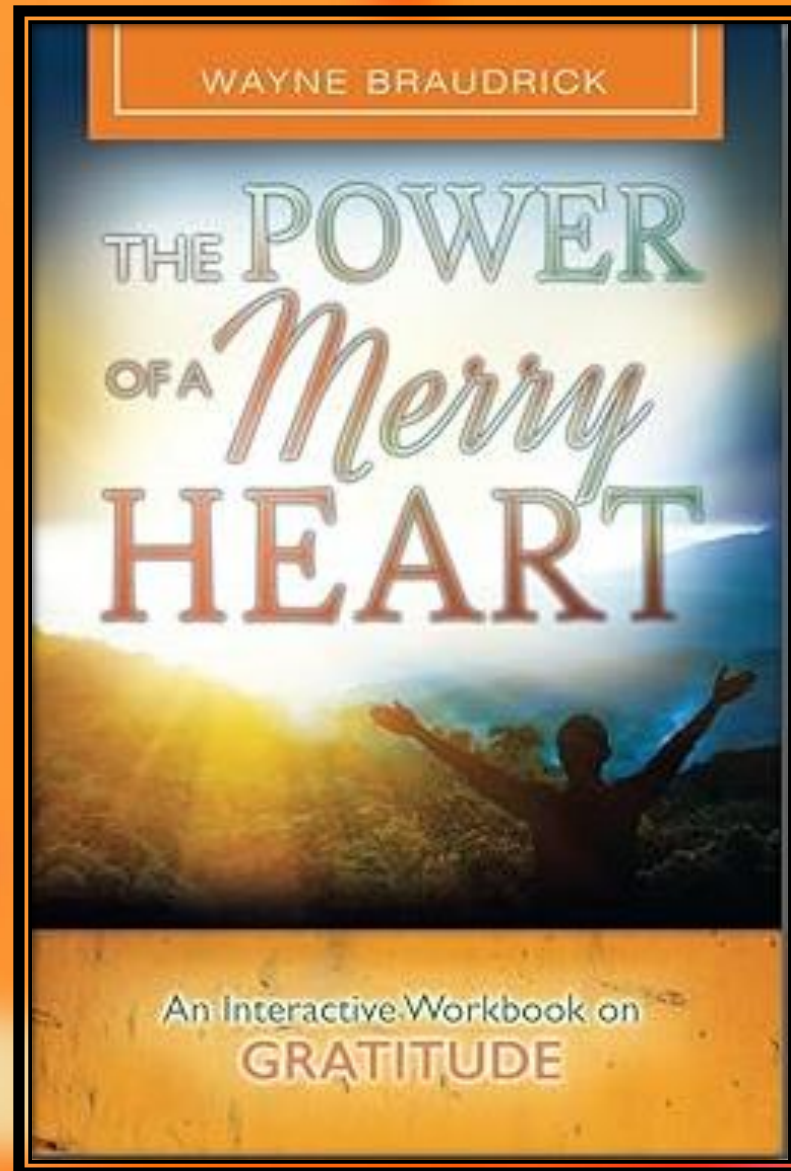
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grateful for my country.  
– Nell “Mickey”  
Stevenson Bright**



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**2 Corinthians 2 CSB**





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**Judas’ motive was false and his rebuke empty. He was worshipping gold under the pretense of good stewardship.**

**– John Chrysostom, “Imperfect Homily on John 12,” trans. by Chris deWet and Hendrik Stander.**



# Private jets at Davos 2024



courtesy BBC

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courtesy heartpets



**How dare you!**

**People are dead and you post about a dog.**

**Can someone get her address so we can dox her?**

**Everyone should be angry. There is no good news.**



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**<sup>16</sup> His disciples did not understand these things at first. However, when Jesus was glorified, then they remembered that these things had been written about him and that they had done these things to him.**

**<sup>17</sup> Meanwhile, the crowd, which had been with him when he called Lazarus out of the tomb and raised him from the dead, continued to testify. <sup>18</sup> This is also why the crowd met him, because they heard he had done this sign. <sup>19</sup> Then the Pharisees said to one another, “You see? You’ve accomplished nothing. Look, the world has gone after him!”**

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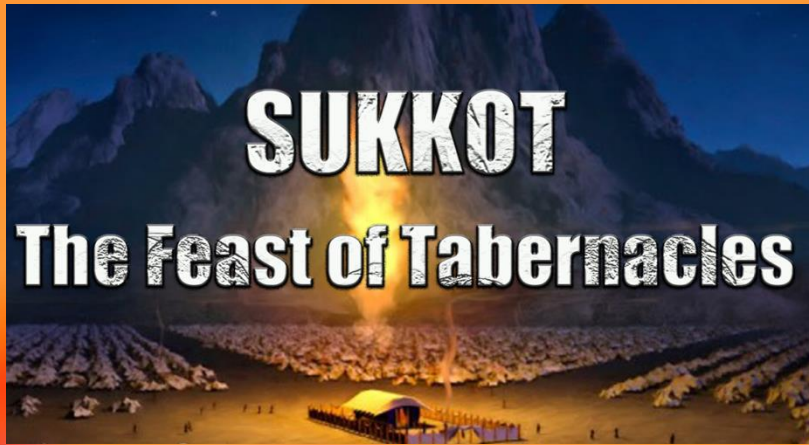
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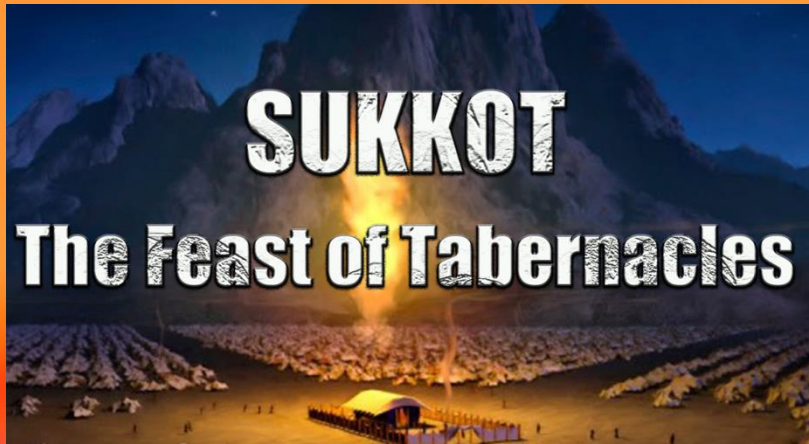


**In the Feast of Tabernacles the Hallel (Psalms 113-118) was sung each morning by the temple choir; when the cry “Hosanna” was reached in Psalm 118:25, every man & boy in the temple shook the lulab (a branch of willow & myrtle tied with palm), and the cry was repeated three times. So deeply was this ingrained in the minds of the Jews that they called lulabs *hosannas*.**



**– George R. Beasley-Murray, *John***

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## **Dan Claire, "The Triumphal Entry in John"**

### ***Jesus in Transition***

### ***"The Jews" in Discord***

**[Final sign: Jesus raises Lazarus 11:38-44.]**

**3.5) Many believe in him, while the chief priests and Pharisees fume. 11:45-53.**

**3) Jesus withdraws to the country with the disciples. 11:54.**

**2.5) Everyone seeks Jesus, including the chief priests and Pharisees who wish to arrest him. 11:55-57.**

**2) Jesus anointed at Bethany. 12:1-8.**

**1.5) Many believe in him, while the Pharisees lash out at each other. 12:9-11.**

**1) Jesus enters Jerusalem. 12:12-16.**

**.5) The crowds seek Jesus; the Pharisees are vexed. 12:17-19.**

**[The Hour begins: Greeks come. 12:20-36.]**

# Chichinette “little pain in the neck”



courtesy Cohn family



courtesy Der Spiegel



**She charmed an SS officer—a vile little man, she said, who claimed to be able to smell a Jew from miles away—and was invited to visit him on the Siegfried Line, the Germans’ western bulwark. Cohn soon reported that Nazis in and around Freiburg were abandoning those defenses and, feigning anguish and disappointment in “our German army” to one officer she encountered, was told not to worry: An entire division was hiding in the Black Forest, he explained, ready to ambush the Allies when they arrived...That intelligence directly [helped] Allied troops safely breach that portion of the Siegfried Line.**

**– Jon Mooalem, “Marthe Cohn, a French Jewish Spy in Nazi Germany, Dies at 105”**

**She never spoke  
of her war  
contributions.**



**Marthe Cohn with  
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**12:20** Now some Greeks were among those who went up to worship at the festival. <sup>21</sup> So they came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and requested of him, “Sir, we want to see Jesus.”

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