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September 12, 2021

- Worship in Fellowship
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Don't Fear. Use Your Superpower!

2 Timothy 1; Acts 4

Undaunted Series

Life Change: Using thoughtful honesty, we replace our fear with power.

Daredevil...

Timothy...

2 Tim 1

The superpower action plan:
No timidity.

2 Tim 1:7

Power.

Love.

The superpower action plan:
Discipline.

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For Christians today, the spirit of fear is very powerful.

- I have shied away from accountable confrontation. (Gen 3:8)
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- I possibly hold a little bitterness. (Psalm 73:21-23)
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- I have lied to preserve or serve myself. (Prov 12:22)
- I sometimes fear the people in power. (Prov 29:25)
- I have boasted or exaggerated. (Azariah's example in Jeremiah 43:1-3)
- I sometimes lie awake with worry. (Matt 6:34)
- I am sometimes silent about Jesus. (2 Tim 1:8)
- I have shared frightening information on social media. (1 Tim 4:7)

Replacing timidity with power.

Acts 4

Opposition only comes against the name of Jesus.

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The opposition cannot stop the message.

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Peter keeps the main thing in focus.

5-12

Cancel culture mobilizes.

13-17

Thoughtful honesty carries the day.

A dramatic seascape with a person standing on a pier during a stormy sunset. The sky is filled with dark, heavy clouds and bright, jagged lightning bolts. The sun is low on the horizon, casting a golden glow over the water and the pier. The person is silhouetted against the bright light of the sunset. The overall mood is one of resilience and courage.

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ALWAYS KEEP YOUR *GUARD* UP, BOY! ALWAYS! HOW MANY TIMES DO I HAVE TO TELL YOU?

OW.
I'M CONCENTRATING, OKAY, STICK? GIVE ME A SECOND!

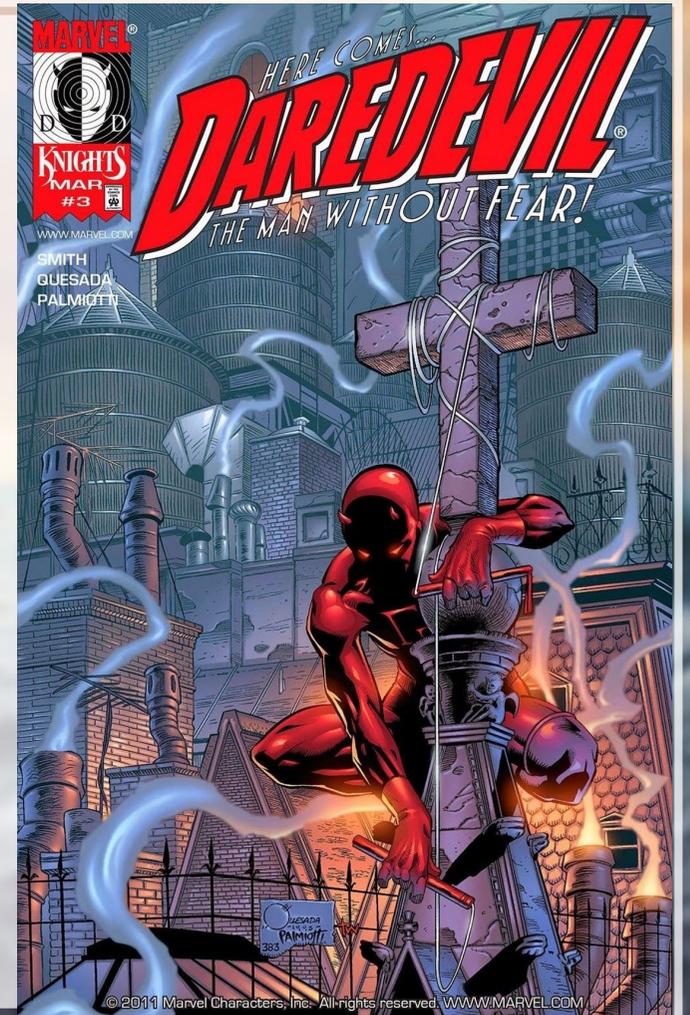
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⁴ But God,

who is rich in mercy,

because of his great love that he had for us,

⁵ made us alive with Christ

even though we were dead in trespasses.

You are saved by grace! ^{CSB}



**Silence fear.
Take action.**

courtesy Netflix



Differences between us and Matt Murdoch:

- 1) We are real.
- 2) Our Savior and trainer does more than die for us. Jesus conquers death for us.
- 3) We don't learn to stand strong because of our own power. We learn to harness the power graciously bestowed by God Himself.

2 Timothy 1

¹ Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by God's will, for the sake of the promise of life in Christ Jesus: ² To Timothy, my dearly loved son. Grace, mercy, and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord. ³ I thank God, whom I serve with a clear conscience as my ancestors did, when I constantly remember you in my prayers night and day. ⁴ Remembering your tears, I long to see you so that I may be filled with joy.

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2 Timothy 1

⁵ I recall your sincere faith that first lived in your grandmother Lois and in your mother Eunice and now, I am convinced, is in you also. ⁶ Therefore, I remind you to rekindle the gift of God that is in you through the laying on of my hands. ⁷ For God has not given us a spirit of fear, but one of power, love, and sound judgment.

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Timothy's origin story

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Timothy trained by Paul

1 Corinthians 4:17 This is why I have sent Timothy to you. He is my dearly loved and faithful child in the Lord. He will remind you about my ways in Christ Jesus, just as I teach everywhere in every church.

1 Timothy 1:2 To Timothy, my true son in the faith.

Grace, mercy, and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord. ^{CSB}

1 Thessalonians 3

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memorial for the Thessalonian martyrs

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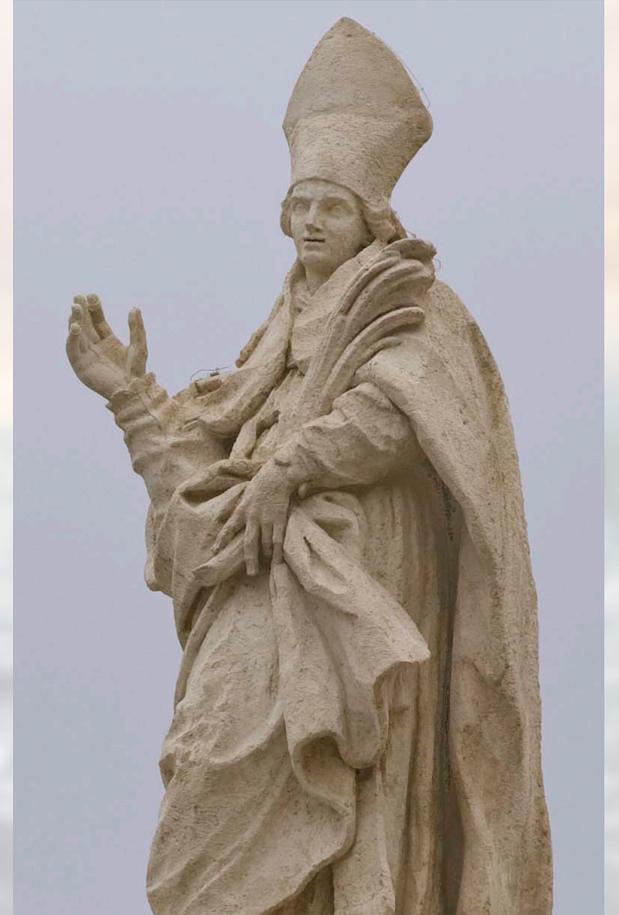
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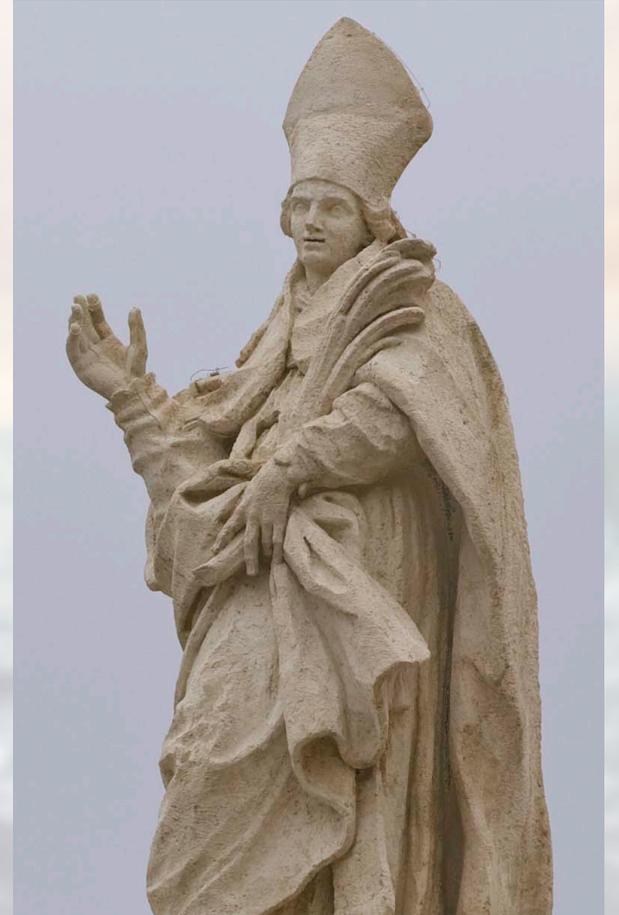


The Taliban “soldiers” crashed into the Friday night fellowship [code for church service]. Most of those brethren are now in heaven. You should know that they stood strong, rejoicing as they were martyred. – missionary [identity redacted]



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**No wind, so
no power!**



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Leviticus 26

36 “I will put anxiety [deilia] in the hearts [pneuma]...The sound of a wind-driven leaf will put them to flight, and they will flee as one flees from a sword, and fall though no one is pursuing them.” CSB

Wayne, since you are teaching on moving past timidity, I looked up the synonyms and antonyms for fear. Here's what I found in my thesaurus:

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It is only when the Lord takes us past our blindness that we understand He is in complete control, which allows us to live confidently in the fear “antonyms” column. Sadly, much of the time we exhibit the traits in the “synonyms” column.

– Martin MacDonald

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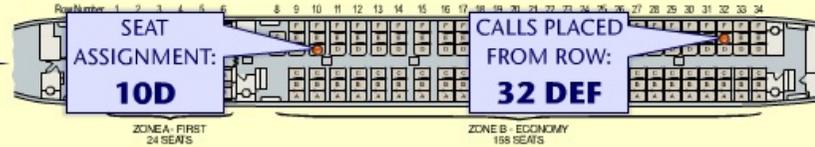
Todd Beamer



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“His voice was devoid of any stress,” Ms. Jefferson later said. “In fact, he sounded so tranquil it made me begin to doubt the authenticity and urgency of his call.” It’s fortunate that Beamer and the three other passengers who spearheaded the revolt— Jeremy Glick, Mark Bingham and Tom Burnett —were confident [athletes].

The hijackers pitched the plane back and forth sharply in a failed attempt to shake their attackers off their feet. The cockpit recording, filled with slams, shattering plates, and howls, reveals that the terrorists took the plane down only after six minutes of the passengers' sustained assault.



courtesy Lisa Beamer

**Before ending his call with Ms. Jefferson, Beamer asked,
“Would you do one last thing for me?”**

“Yes. What is it?” she answered.

“Would you pray with me?”

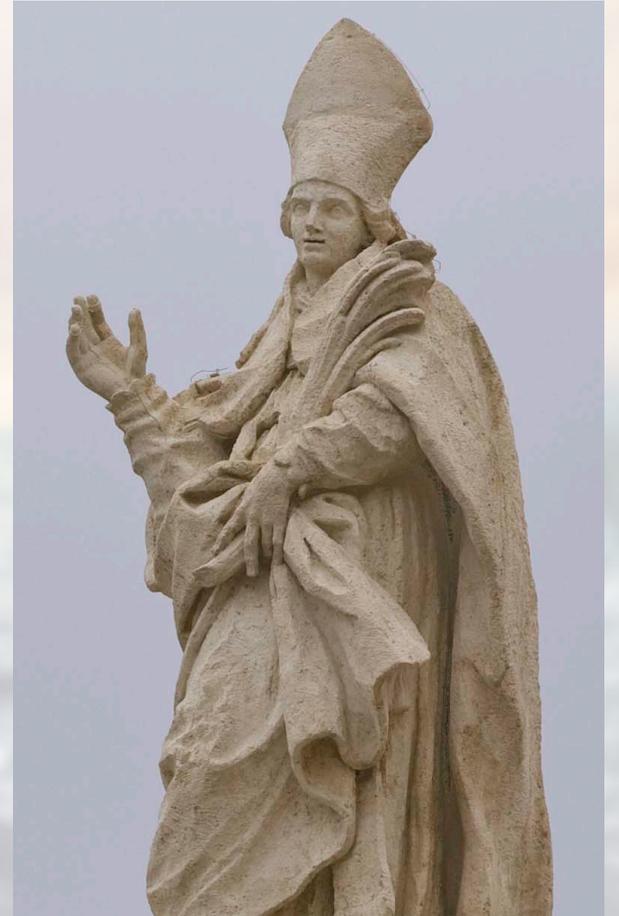
They said the Lord’s Prayer together in full, and other passengers joined in. Beamer then recited Psalm 23, concluding, “Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death I will fear no evil, for thou art with me.”

Immediately after, he turned to his co-conspirators and asked, “Are you guys ready? OK, let’s roll.”

– Mene Ukueberuwa

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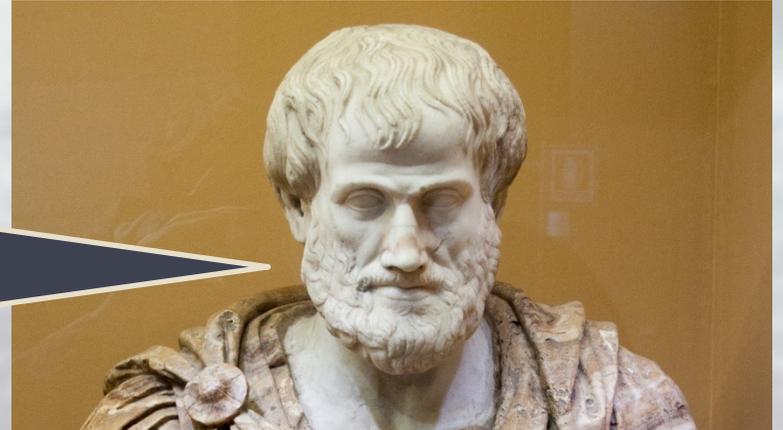


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Greek: δύναμις dynamis = power; especially moral, spiritual, and intellectual power

**One of the
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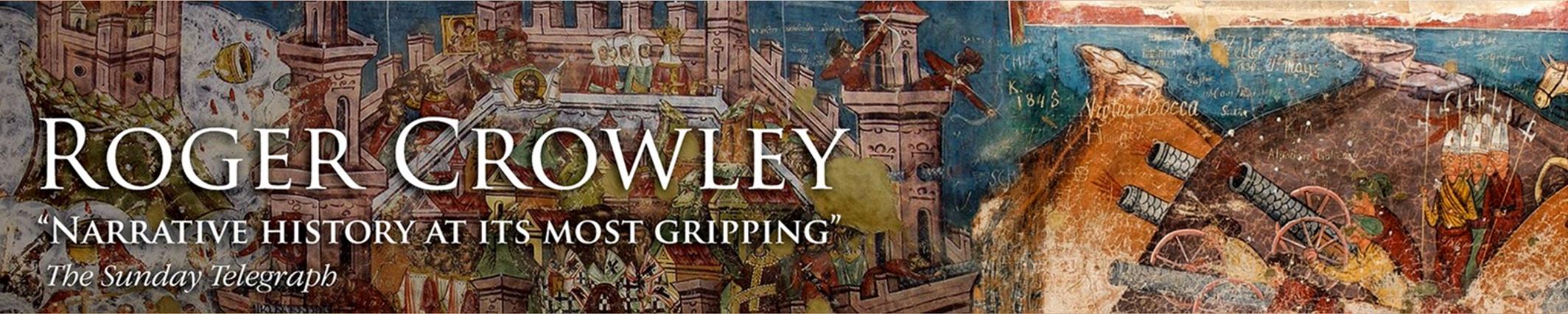
Mark 12

24 Jesus spoke to them, “Isn’t this the reason why you’re mistaken: you don’t know the Scriptures or the power of God?” → Greek: *dynamis o Theou*

In the message of Christ, we thus have the power of God which is the power of salvation. God delivers man from the power of darkness and translates him into the kingdom of His dear Son. In this context the δύναμις θεοῦ [dynamis Theou] is the power of God...which is at work in history, and specifically in the Christian. – Walter Grundmann, “Dynamis”

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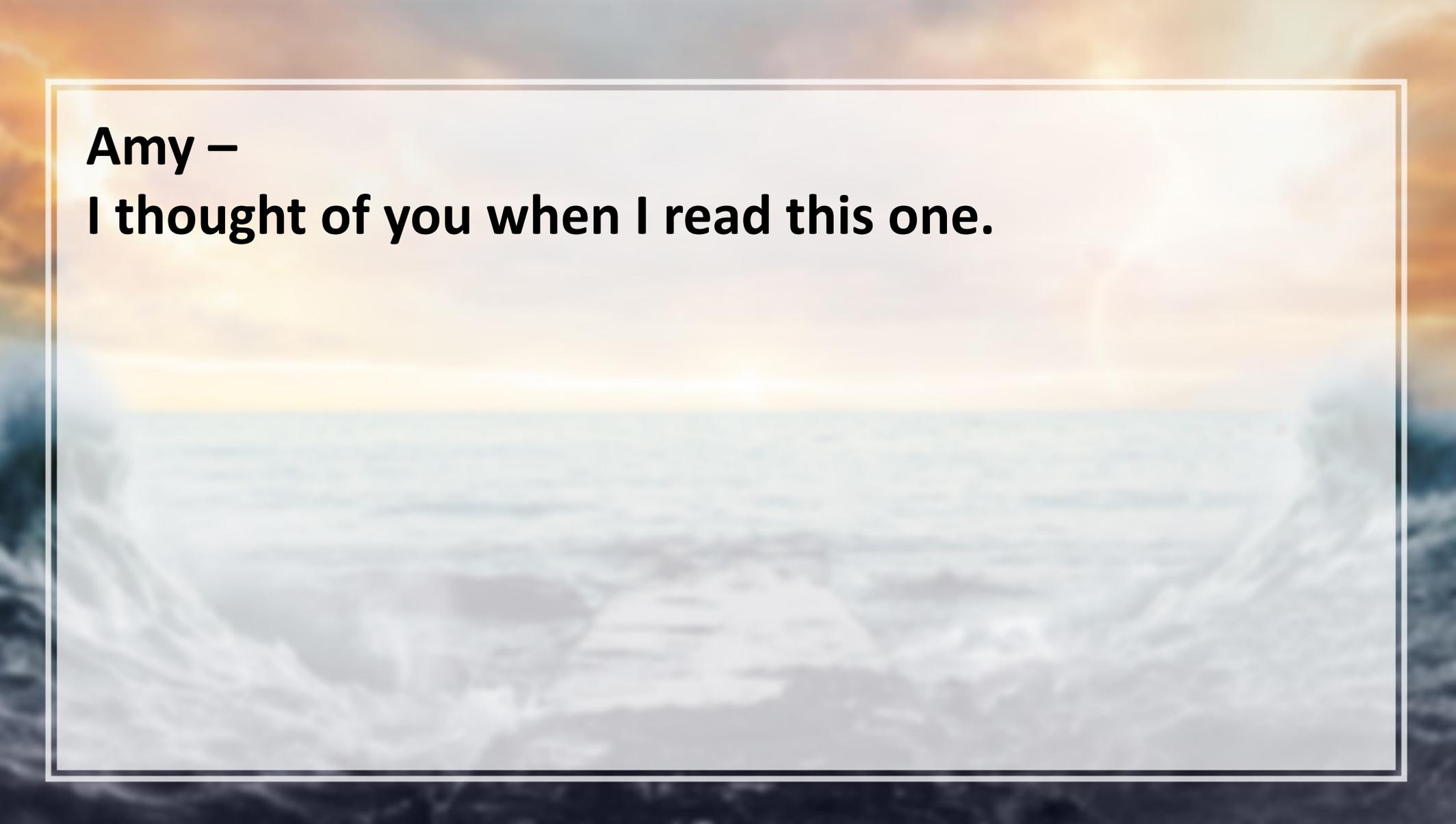


ROGER CROWLEY

“NARRATIVE HISTORY AT ITS MOST GRIPPING”

The Sunday Telegraph

CITY OF How Venice Ruled the Seas FORTUNE



Amy –

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What in the world would make a history of Venice cause you to think of a specific person? Is Amy a hard-nosed businessperson? Is she an enemy of the Reformation? Did Amy once attack Constantinople?

Amy –

I thought of you when I read this one. I know you've been on a rough journey the past few months and I'm so proud of the work you are doing. You are tough because you trust God. I'm proud of how brave you have been. You are an amazing mom, wife, teacher, and friend. Keep trusting God that he will take care of it all. When you have a negative thought, worry, or concern, ask him to take it on. – Kristina

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Greek: ἀγάπη agape = one of the 4 words for love, and tells us a great deal...next time

Hold your horses!



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Proto-Germanic *Stragaz*:
resolute, brave, disciplined, powerful



Dutch *streng*
[rigorous/disciplined]



Norse *strangr*
[strong]



English
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Fun fact: in each language the *strangaz* meaning continues. *Strong* is resolute, brave, disciplined, powerful.

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Take your pick! Fear of the virus, fear of the vaccination, fear of loss, fear of heartbreak, fear of election outcomes, fear of Biden, fear of a Trump comeback, fear of state control, fear of violence, fear of economic downturn, fear of China...and there are surely others I am forgetting. – LW

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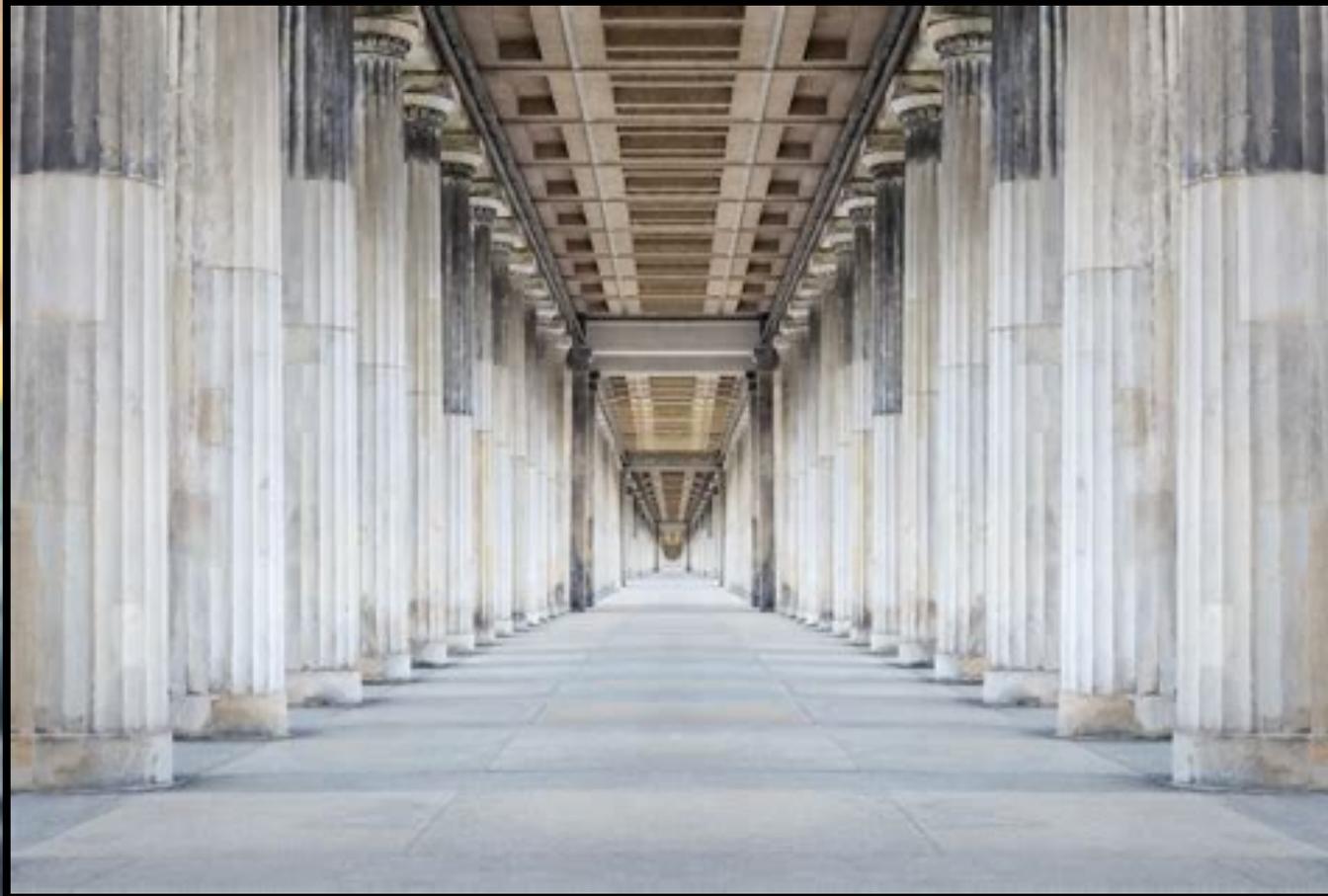
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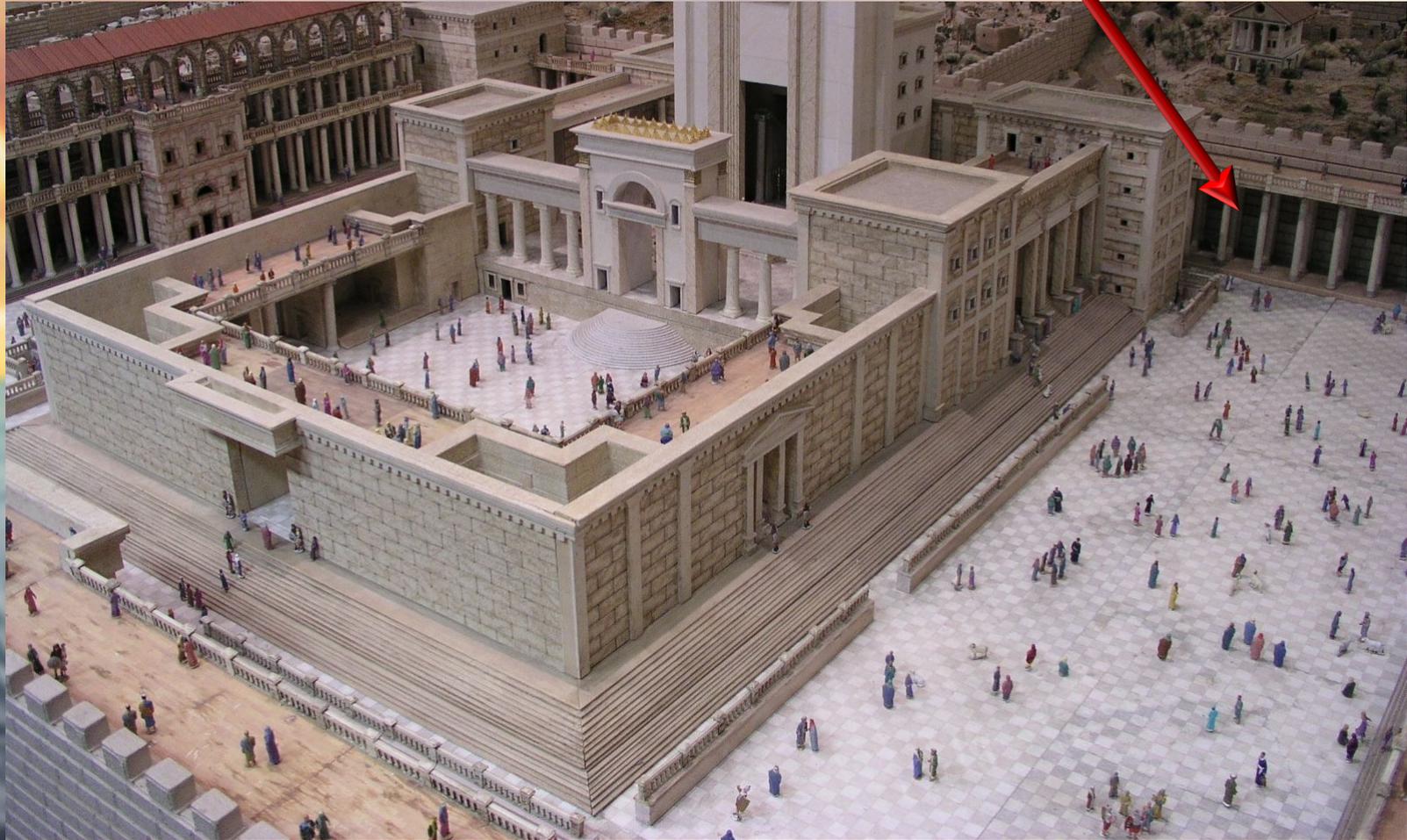
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Recreation of Solomon's portico



courtesy hoshanarabah

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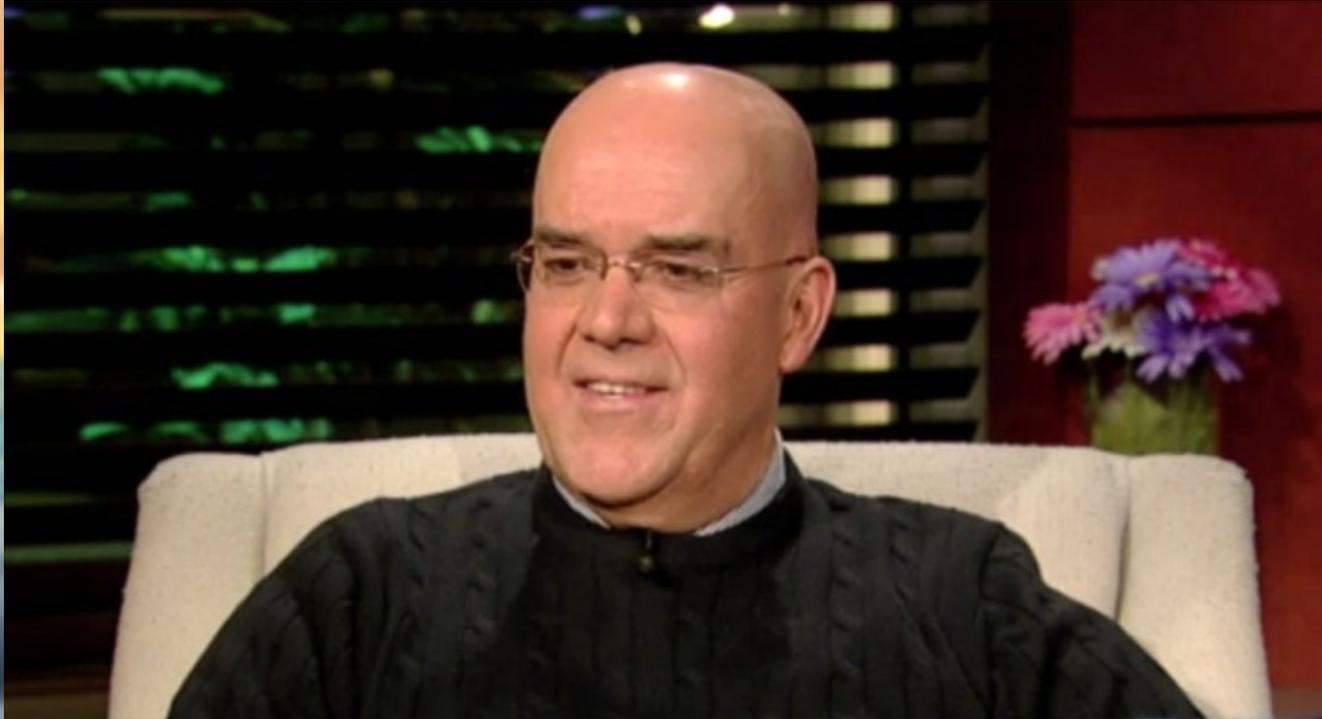


BUT MANY THAT ARE FIRST
SHALL BE LAST; AND THE
LAST SHALL BE FIRST.

-JESUS

(MATTHEW 19:30, MARK 10:31,
& LUKE 13:30)

Walt Tutka



courtesy lehighvalleylive

Opposition comes against Jesus because He is the most offensive. Christianity is the only religion which tells people they aren't inherently good and cannot earn their way to God/salvation.

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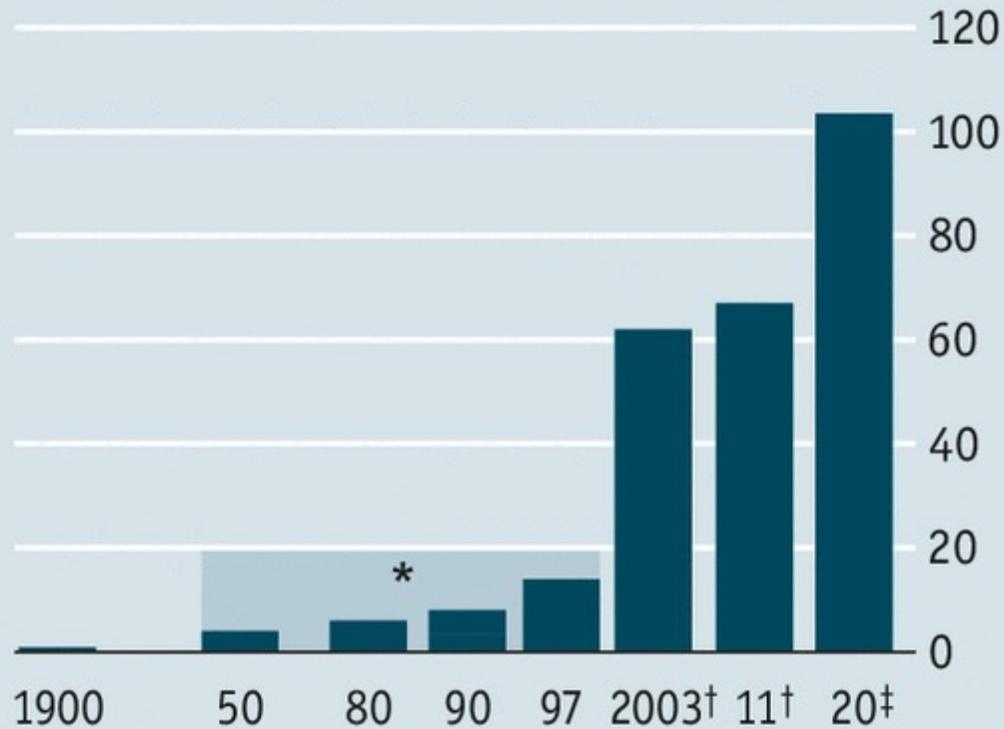
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Miraculous numbers

Christians in China, m



Source: Yang Fenggang,
Purdue University

*Government estimate
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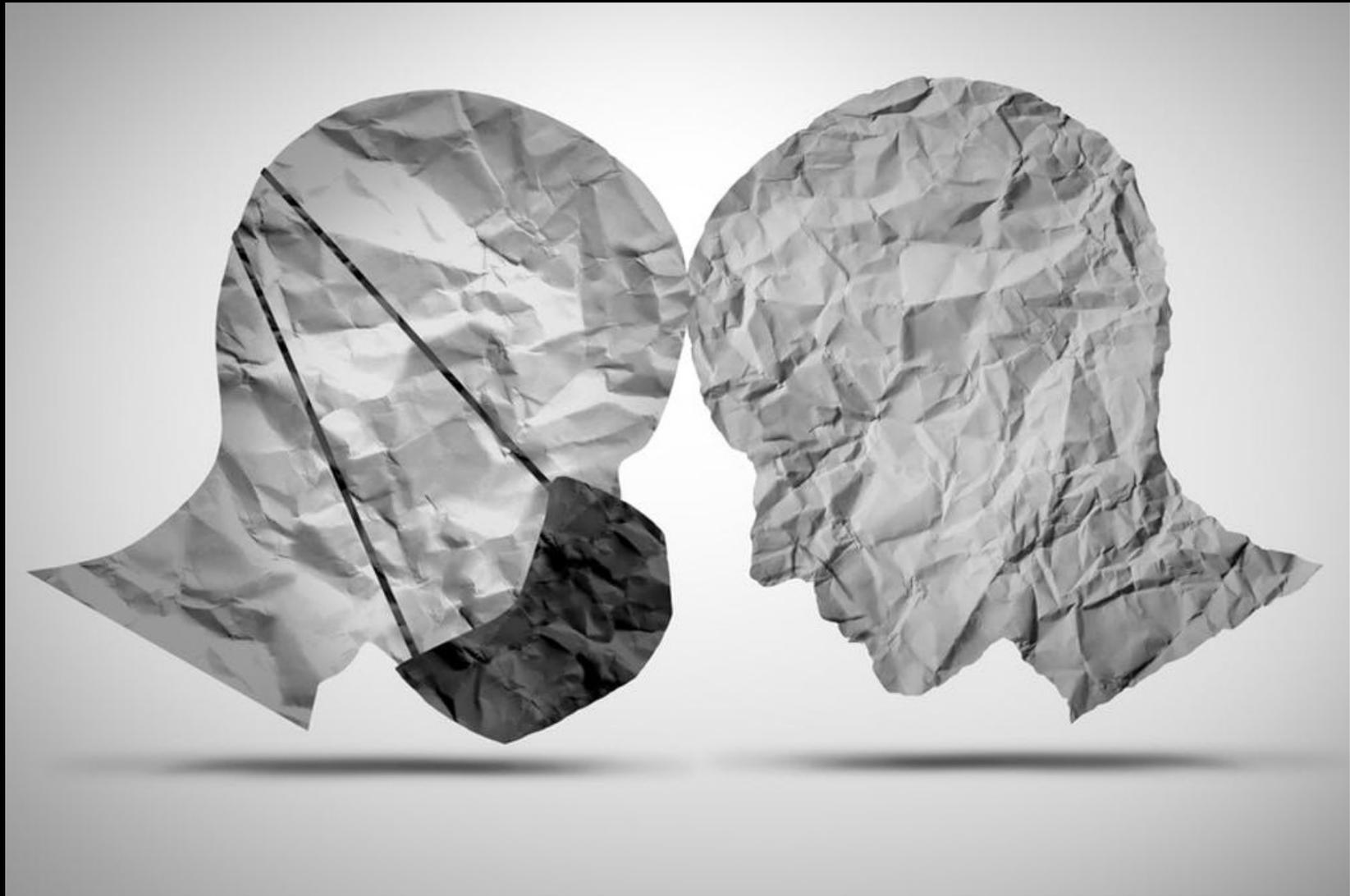
⁵ The next day, their rulers, elders, and scribes assembled in Jerusalem ⁶ with Annas the high priest, Caiaphas, John, Alexander, and all the members of the high-priestly family. ⁷ After they had Peter and John stand before them, they began to question them: “By what power or in what name have you done this?” ⁸ Then Peter was filled with the Holy Spirit and said to them, “Rulers of the people and elders: ⁹ If we are being examined today about a good deed done to a disabled man, by what means he was healed,

Acts 4

¹⁰ let it be known to all of you and to all the people of Israel, that by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified and whom God raised from the dead—by him this man is standing here before you healthy. ¹¹ This Jesus is

**the stone rejected by you builders,
which has become the cornerstone. [Ps 118]**

¹² There is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given to people by which we must be saved.”



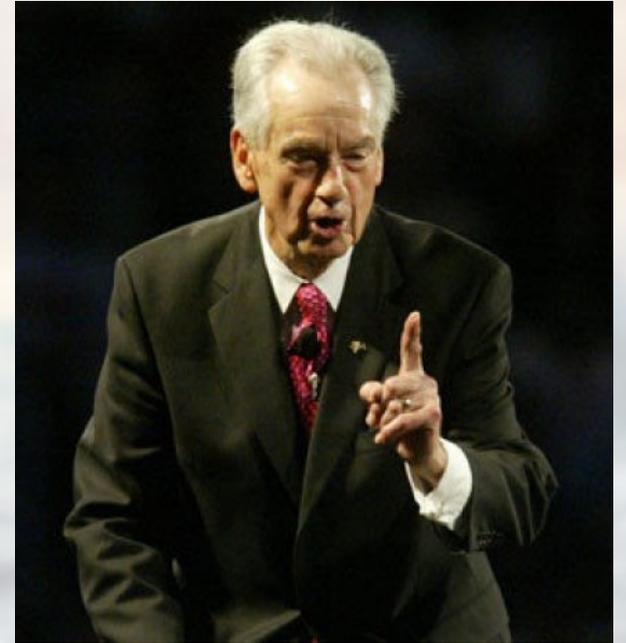
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courtesy warisanlighting

I don't care how much power, brilliance or energy you have, if you don't harness it and focus it on a specific target and hold it there, you're never going to accomplish as much as your ability warrants.

– Zig Ziglar, *See You At The Top*

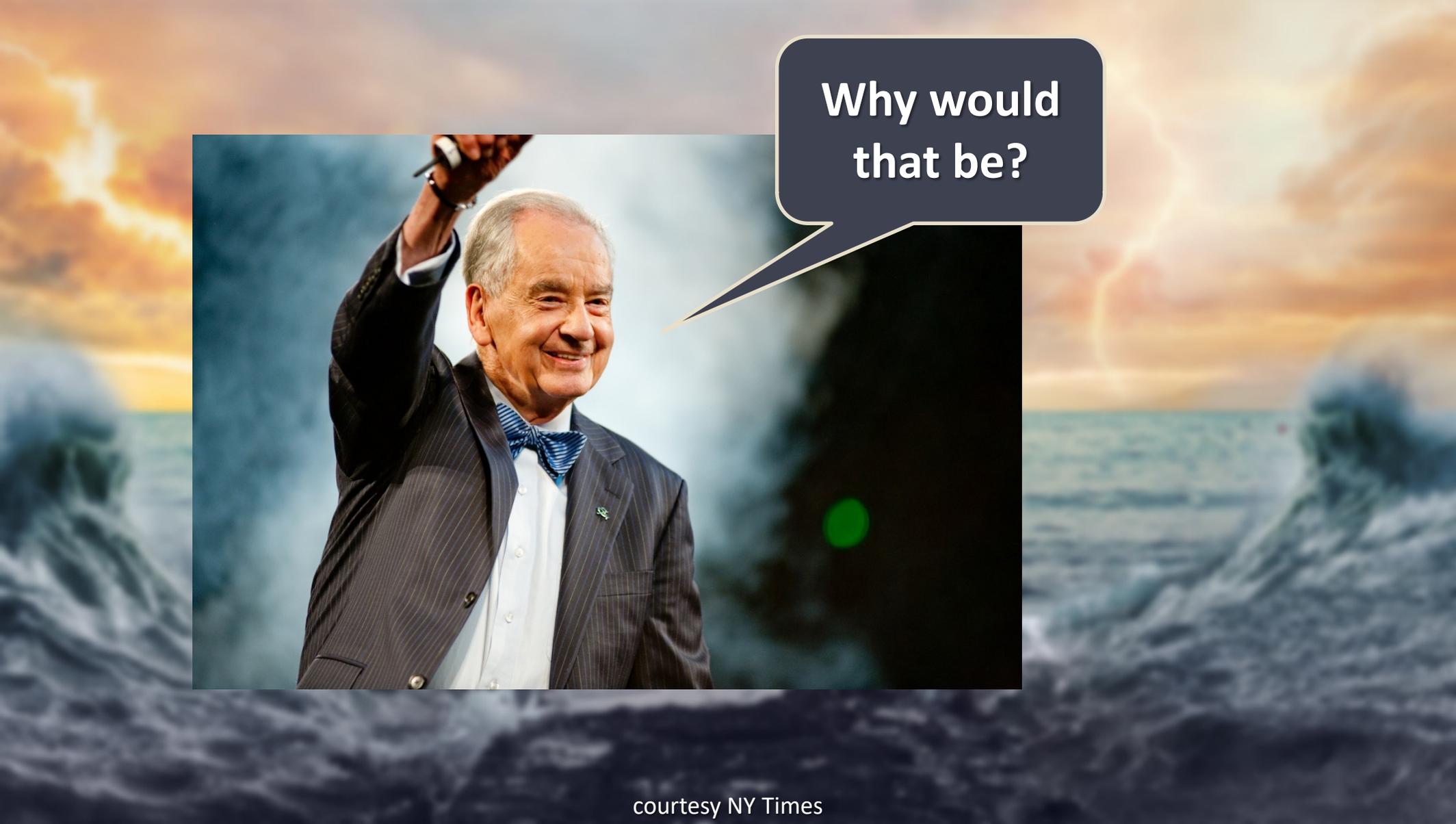


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¹³ When they observed the boldness of Peter and John and realized that they were uneducated and untrained men, they were amazed and recognized that they had been with Jesus. ¹⁴ And since they saw the man who had been healed standing with them, they had nothing to say in opposition. ¹⁵ After they ordered them to leave the Sanhedrin, they conferred among themselves,

Acts 4

**¹⁶ saying, “What should we do with these men? For an obvious sign has been done through them, clear to everyone living in Jerusalem, and we cannot deny it.
¹⁷ But so that this does not spread any further among the people, let’s threaten them against speaking to anyone in this name again.” CSB**



Why would
that be?

courtesy NY Times

Inevitably, the snake that is cancel culture bites the one who tries to use it on everyone else.



Wokeness is a problem, and everyone knows it. It's hard to talk to anybody today – and I talk to lots of



**people in the Democratic Party – who doesn't say this. But they don't want to say it out loud.
– James Carville**

Acts 4

¹⁸ So they called for them and ordered them not to speak or teach at all in the name of Jesus. ¹⁹ Peter and John answered them, “Whether it’s right in the sight of God for us to listen to you rather than to God, you decide; ²⁰ for we are unable to stop speaking about what we have seen and heard.” ²¹ After threatening them further, they released them. They found no way to punish them because the people were all giving glory to God over what had been done. ^{CSB}

I was the butt of a joke today regarding my faith in Christ Jesus. It wasn't the first time, and it is surely not going to be the last. ALL for the glory of God.

– Teresa Bailey



A dramatic seascape with a person standing on a pier. The sky is filled with dark, stormy clouds and bright, glowing light rays, suggesting a sunset or sunrise. The ocean is turbulent with large waves crashing against the pier. The overall mood is one of resilience and courage.

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***Theme of the study:* We must fix our eyes on Jesus rather than losing sight of the mission among our many hindrances and snares. We can effectively do so via the simple reminders of 2 Timothy 1:7:**

- **Don't fear. Use your superpower!**
- **Don't hate. Keep loving!**
- **Don't settle. Press on!**

***Premise:* It's not easy to follow Jesus in a fallen world. Distractions abound. Fears and hatreds loom large. Defeats dominate our thinking. In a word, churches and individual Christians appear intimidated. The church needs to remember and act on the truth that Jesus has commissioned us. Undaunted, we can and must press on with His mission for our lives.**

It's perfect that Thomas Campbell is teaching Acts on Sunday morning since Acts is full of examples of remaining "Undaunted" by the power of the Holy Spirit. The Thursday night men's Bible Study is beginning a series on "The Establishment of The Church." Jesus did indeed establish His church and the gates of Hell did not prevail against it. And He is still doing it. It will be great this year to see so many ministries and individuals study, grow, and live undaunted. – David Wade

A dramatic seascape with a storm brewing. The sky is filled with dark, heavy clouds, and a bright, jagged lightning bolt strikes down from the upper right. The sea is turbulent, with dark, churning waves and white foam from breaking surf. In the center of the image, a large, white, semi-transparent circle with a thin black border contains the text. The overall mood is one of intense, natural power and adversity.

***Objective:* That we
remain undaunted,
ever on mission.**

A dramatic landscape photograph of a person standing on a narrow pier extending into a turbulent sea. The sky is filled with dark, stormy clouds and bright, glowing lightning bolts. The sun is low on the horizon, creating a silhouette of the person and a shimmering path of light across the water. The overall mood is one of resilience and courage.

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