

ORDER OF SERVICE

November 14, 2021

Worship in Fellowship
Worship in Music
Worship in Message
Worship in Giving

Wayne Braudrick

Stand Firm In Honor

1 Peter 2:11-21

Stand Firm Series

Life Change: We live honorably.

“So, you’re very different, aren’t you?”

Be strange!

11-12

Tell sin, “I’m good.”

Live honorably among slanderers.

Use the moment for good.

If the Spirit does not stir, fill, and direct both our life of faith and our quest for virtue...[we] will grow stunted and bitter, like fruit strained out from hardscrabble ground. Any such virtue is usually no more than a repertoire of self-serving gestures.

– Mark Buchanan, *Hidden In Plain Sight*

We have been called to find favor.

13-21

By doing good.

13-15

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By imitating Jesus in suffering.

18-21

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– John C. Nugent, “Strengthening our Interpretation of 1 Peter 3:7”

By exercising harnessed freedom.

16-17

Honor all.

Love Christians.

Fear only God.

Honor governing powers.

Community NEWS & EVENTS

Staff Appreciation

October is Pastor Appreciation month, and our Elders would like to give you the opportunity to show your gratitude for our ministry team with a special financial gift to our Staff Appreciation Fund. You can give **Online** by visiting friscobible.com/giving, or by **Check** payable to Frisco Bible Church with "Staff Appreciation" in the memo.

Operation Christmas Child

Bless a child across the world with a box full of Christmas gifts. Stop by our table in the foyer or visit: samaritanspurse.org to learn more.

Boxes due TODAY, Nov 14

Contact: Denise Schager
dschager@friscobible.com

Parenting Lab: A Made 4 More Event

Join us for an event that will help you grow in laughter, legacy, learning, and leading in 2021. Our Parenting Labs are designed to challenge and equip you, through ideas & experiments, with tools to lead your family and help it grow. **Childcare available.**

TONIGHT, Nov 14, 5-7 pm

Contact: Rachael Jacobs
rjacobs@friscobible.com
Details & registration at:
friscobible.com/news

Caring For The Caregivers

Join the Fundamental Arts Foundation and Frisco Bible Church on **Sunday, Nov 28 at 6:30 pm** for our *Caring for the Caregivers* panel. The purpose of this free event is to support the caregivers of those with mental health issues and disorders by providing an opportunity to learn and connect with other caregivers. If you are a caregiver or have a loved one who struggles with mental health issues or disorders, please join us! *Details & Registration at: fundamentalartsfoundation.com*

Baptisms

Make a public profession of your faith in Jesus Christ with water baptism. Please indicate the service of your preference and plan to meet in advance with Pastor Jeremy.

Sunday, Dec 5

Contact: Jeremy Mikeska
jmikeska@friscobible.com
Register: friscobible.com/news

An Evening Of Story & Song: Christmas

Join us for a special evening gathering to hear testimonies and sing Christmas songs together as a church family. Coffee will be provided and all ages are welcome!

Sunday, Dec 12, 6:30 pm

Contact: Dana Rinaldi
drinaldi@friscobible.com
Details: friscobible.com/news

Parent Dedication

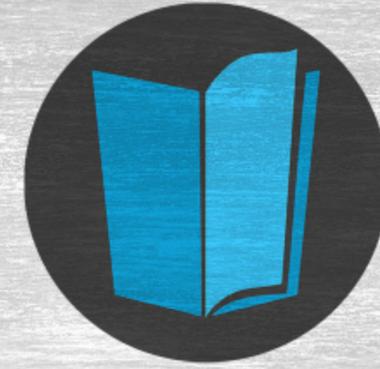
Children are a blessing from God. Let us join with you in dedicating ourselves to raising your children in the fear and admonition of the Lord. Plan to attend a meeting in advance with Pastor Jeremy.

Sunday, Dec 19

Contact: Jeremy Mikeska
jmikeska@friscobible.com
Register: friscobible.com/news

CHRISTMAS EVE
Services

FRIDAY
DEC 24
3:30, 5:30 & 11 PM



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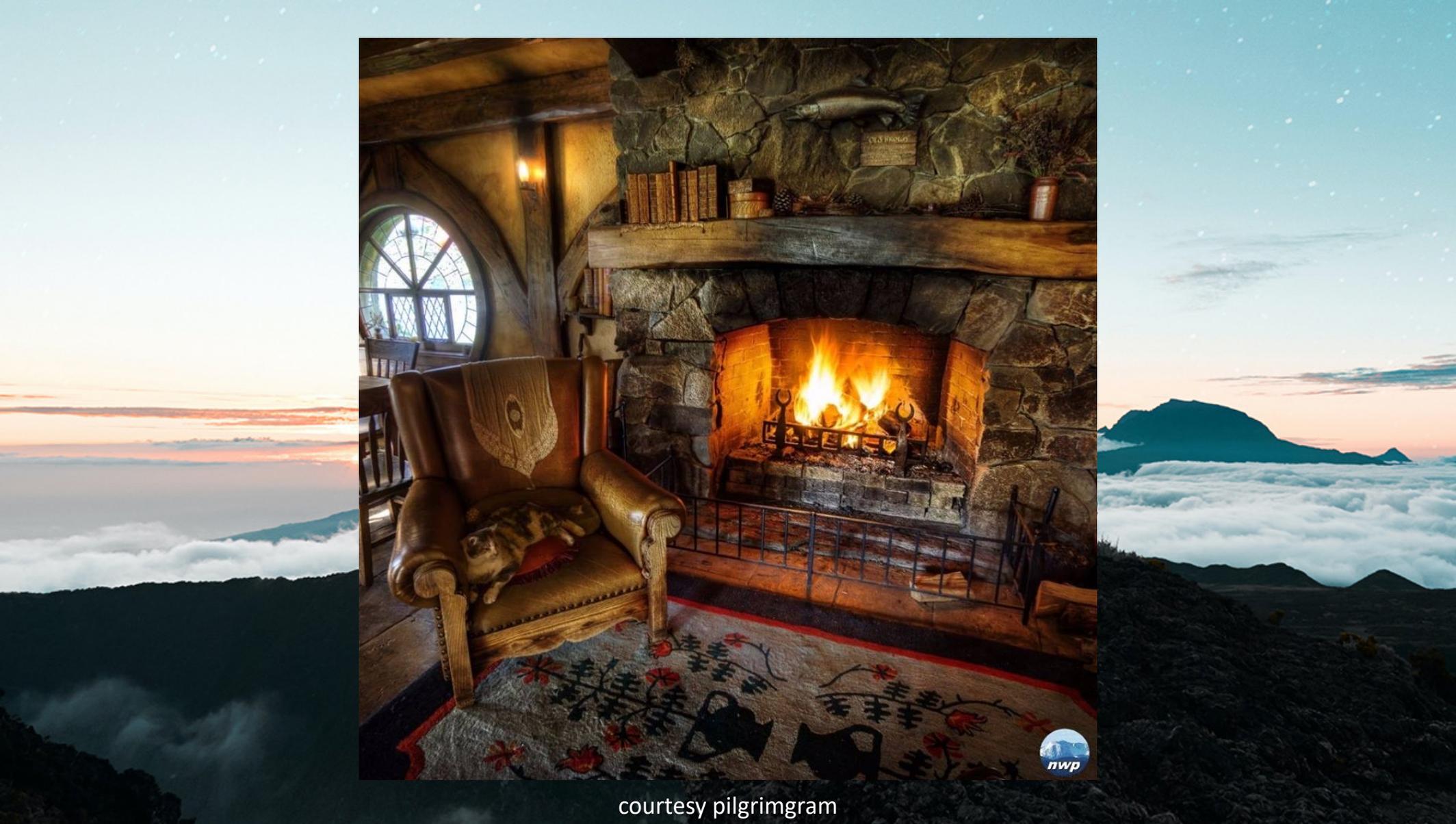
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courtesy walesonline



courtesy Janna Braudrick



courtesy pilgrimgram

**So, you're very
different,
aren't you?**



**Translation:
You people are
quite strange!**

**So, you're very
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1 Peter 2

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Titus

Phil

Heb

Jam

1 Peter

2 Pt

1 Jn

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3 Jn

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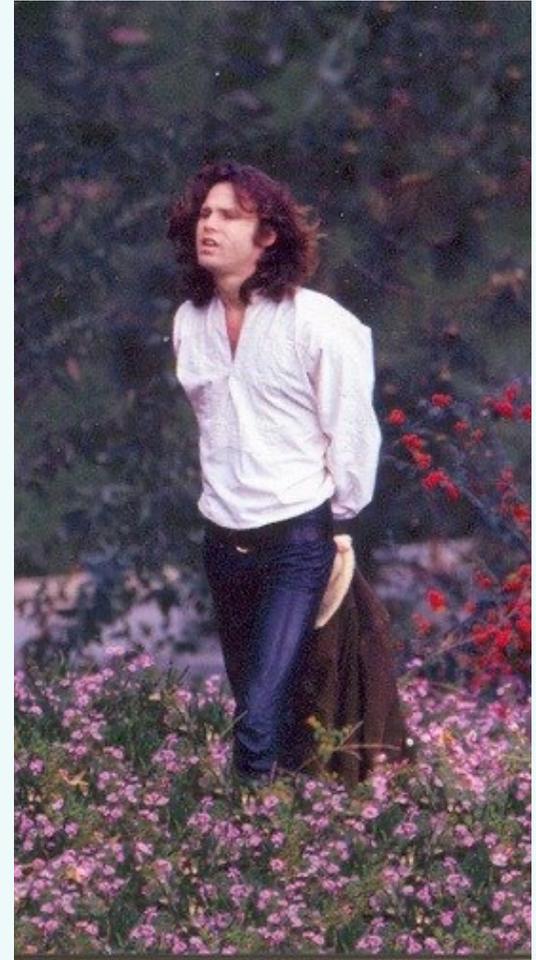
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**People are strange
When you're a stranger
No one remembers your name
When you're strange
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– Jim Morrison**



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What does it
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courtesy WB

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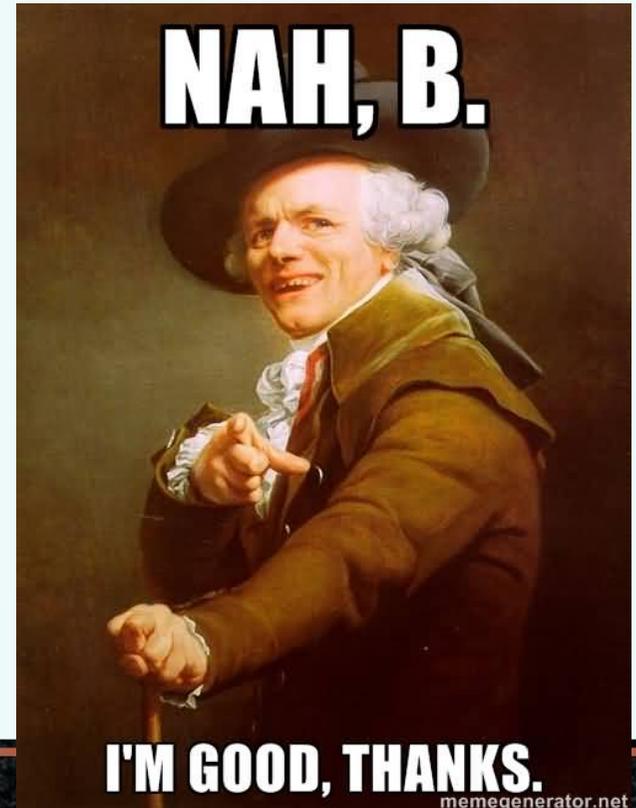
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courtesy Cherokee County



courtesy Palestine High



**on East Texas Public Radio:
“Judge Bentley is corrupt.”
“Bascom Bentley is lazy.”
– Joe Ed Bunton**

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You admit that you cannot prove your theory about Mr. Bentley's corruption. You knew that he denied your allegations made against him. You expressed doubt to a friend that there was any basis for the charges you were making. You deliberately ignored people who could have answered all your questions. This is slander, proof of actual malice. For this, we rule against you, Mr. Bunton.

– *Bentley v. Bunton*

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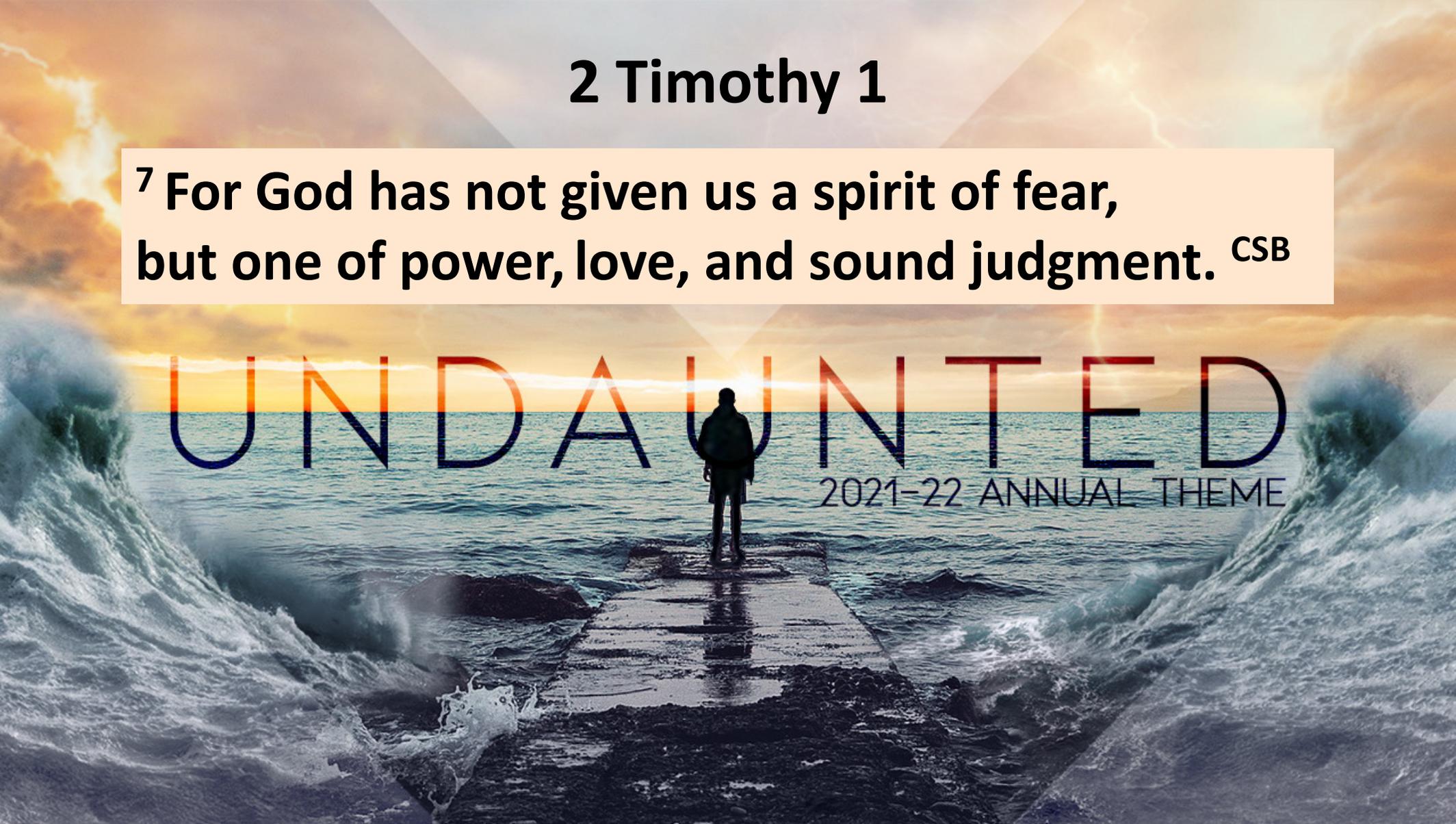
Matthew 5

**44 I tell you,
love your enemies
and pray for those
who persecute you**

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2 Timothy 1

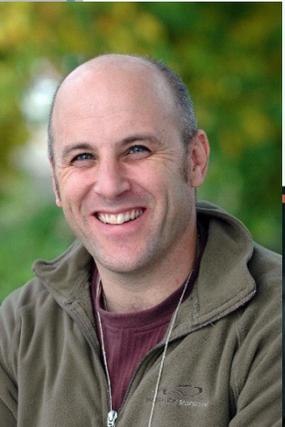
**⁷ For God has not given us a spirit of fear,
but one of power, love, and sound judgment. ^{CSB}**

A person stands on a narrow, dark pier extending into a turbulent sea. The sky is filled with dramatic, orange and yellow light from a low sun, with dark clouds and a hint of lightning. The word "UNDAUNTED" is written in large, bold, blue-outlined letters across the middle of the image, with the person's silhouette acting as the letter 'A'. Below the word, the text "2021-22 ANNUAL THEME" is written in a smaller, dark font.

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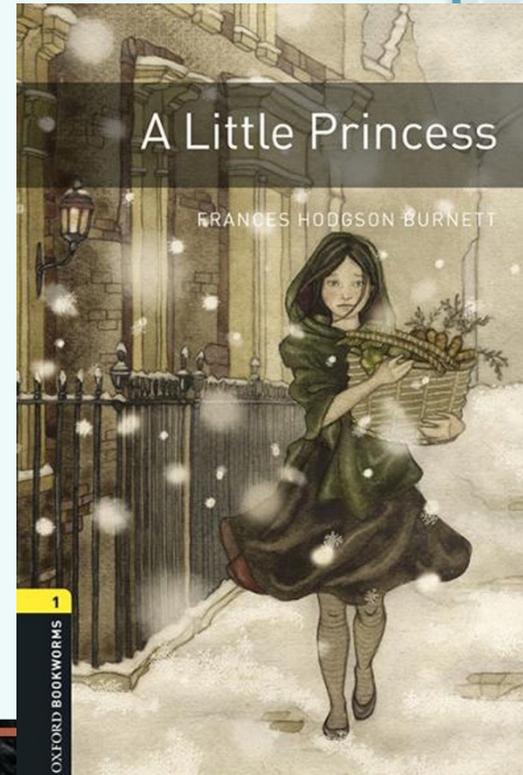
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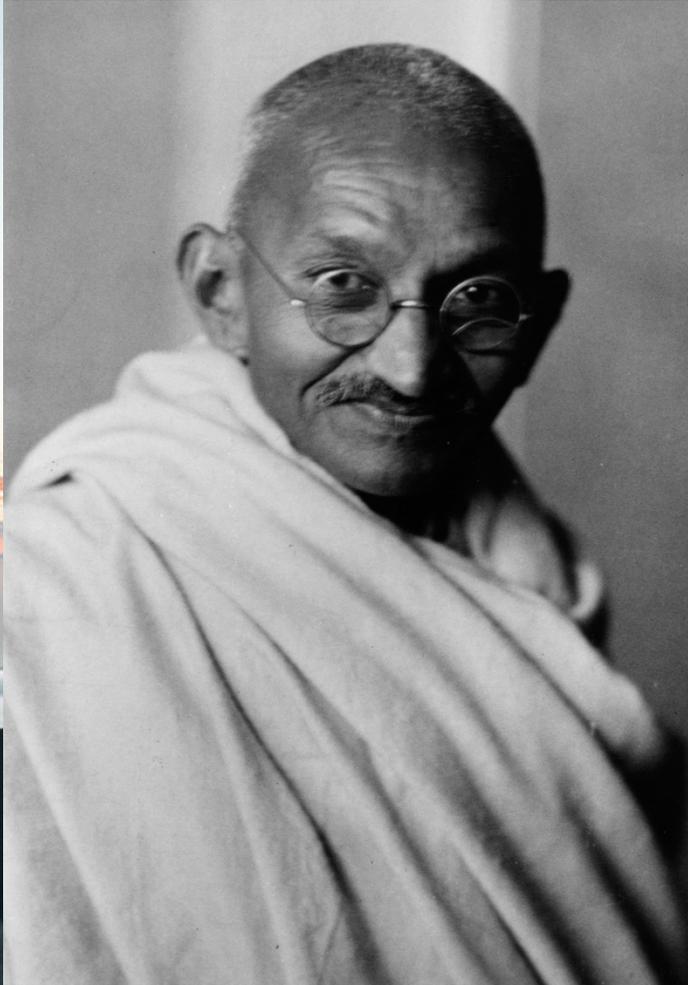
**Then I shall live in
such a way as to
prove him wrong.**



courtesy The Vatican

When people are insulting you, there is nothing so good for them as not to say a word—just look at them and THINK. When you will not fly into a passion, people will know you are stronger than they are, because you are strong enough to hold in your rage, and they are not, and they say stupid things they wish they hadn't said afterward. There's nothing so strong as rage, except what makes you hold it in—that's stronger. – Frances Hodgson Burnett, *A Little Princess*





Mahatma Ghandi

Which brought political liberty?

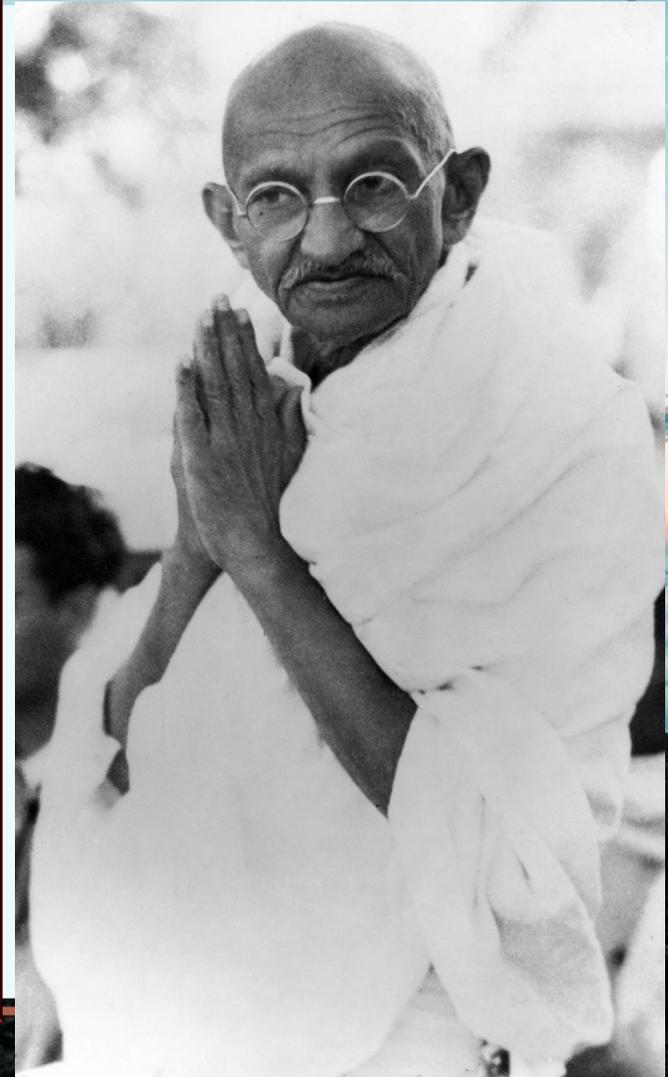


FUGITIVE BRITISH OFFICERS AND THEIR FAMILIES ATTACKED BY MUTINEERS.

Army - Great Britain - India

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Indian Mutiny, 1857

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**Instead of submitting, we rebel.
Instead of silencing, we inflame.
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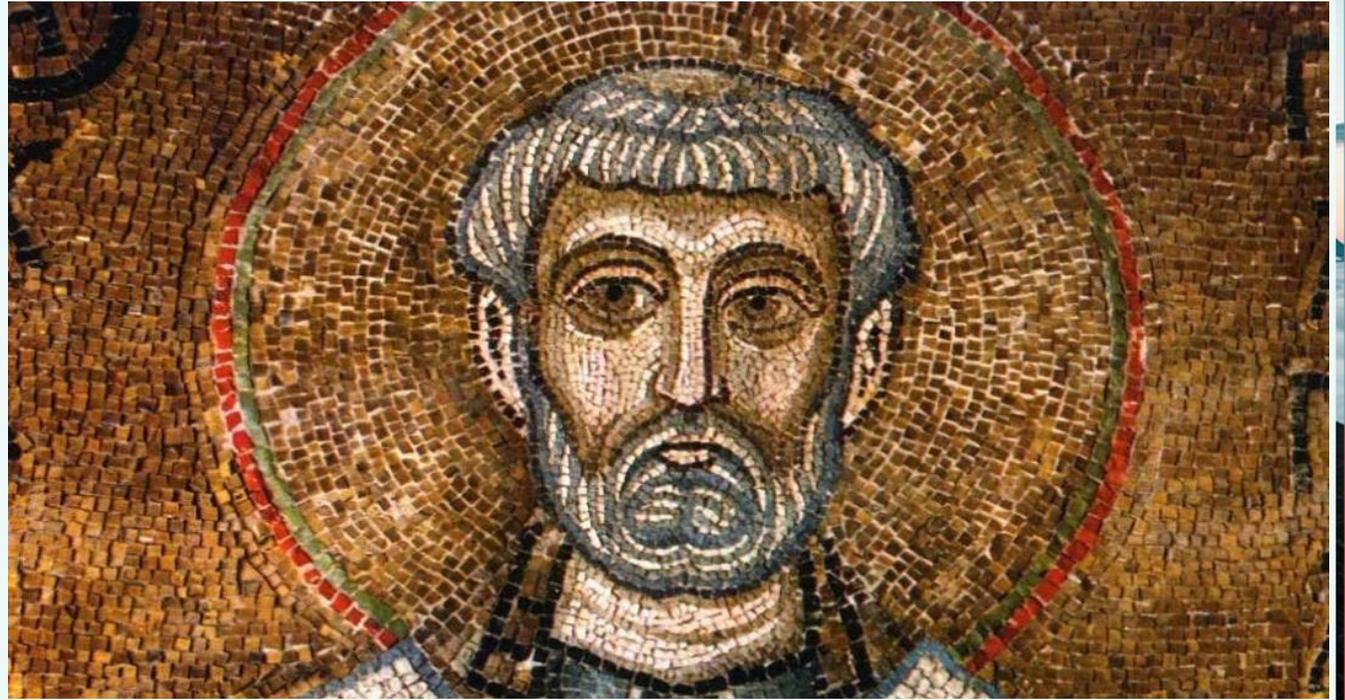
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The Christians
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Clement seems to have been a slave in Rome at the time Peter wrote this book. And Clement led a church that included members of the Imperial family, who were submissive to his authority.

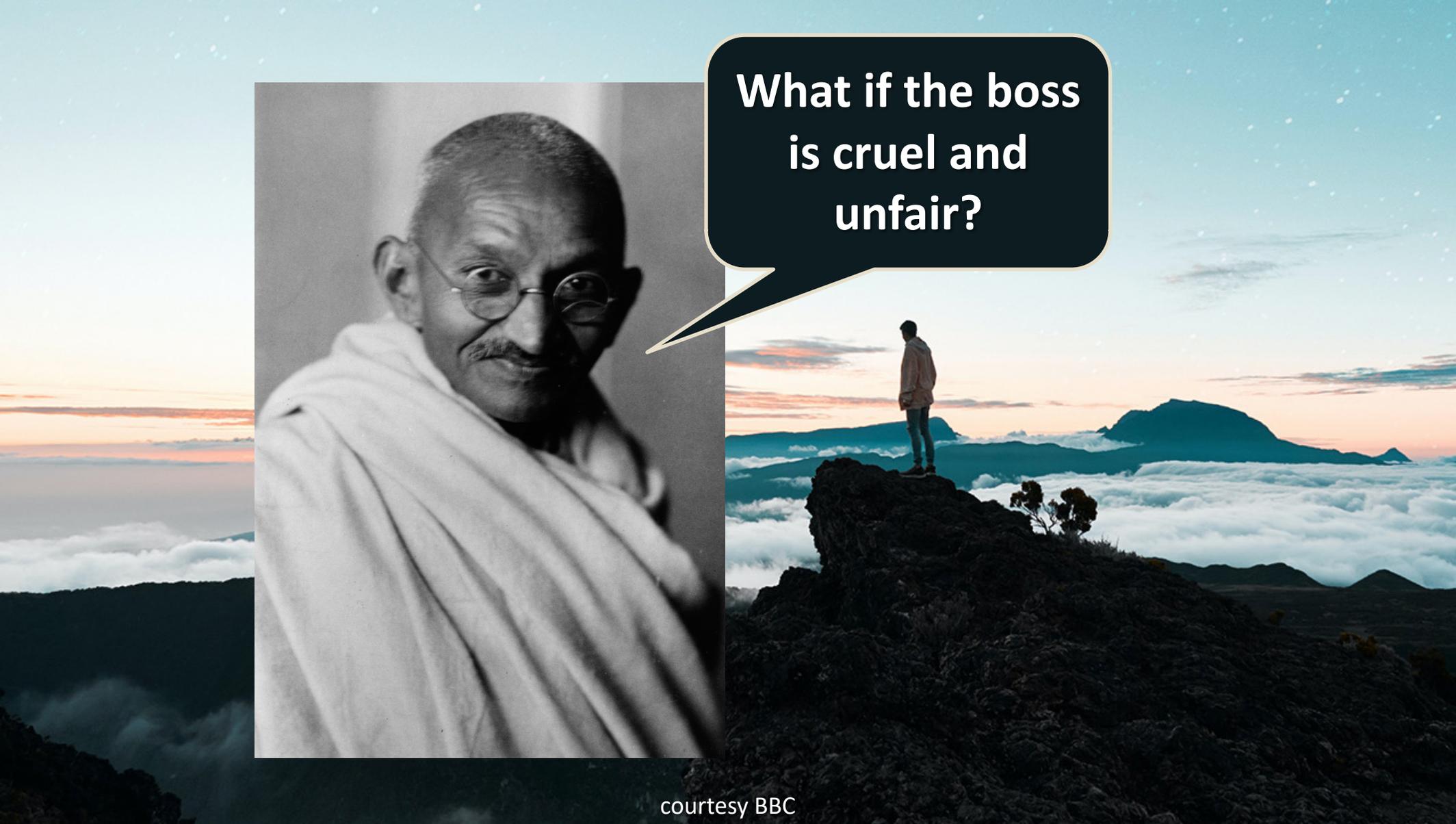


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Colossians 3

22 Slaves, obey your human masters in everything. Don't work only while being watched, as people-pleasers, but work wholeheartedly, fearing the Lord. ²³ Whatever you do, do it from the heart, as something done for the Lord and not for people, ²⁴ knowing that you will receive the reward of an inheritance from the Lord. You serve the Lord Christ. ^{CSB}



**What if the boss
is cruel and
unfair?**

courtesy BBC

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No! Peter calls for voluntary surrender in imitation of Jesus, who is neither a doormat nor approver of evil.

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Luther
Ernst Rietschel
1868



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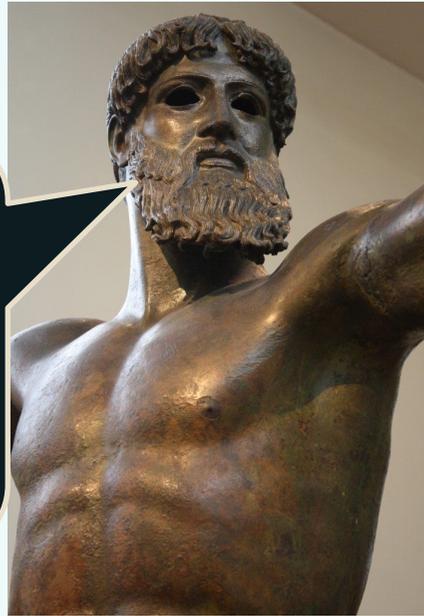
Greek: δοῦλος doulos = harnessed freedom; a bond-slave by choice

Doulos is different than οἰκέτης oiketēs [you ket' ace] – the word for house-slave in verse 18.

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**Lunacy,
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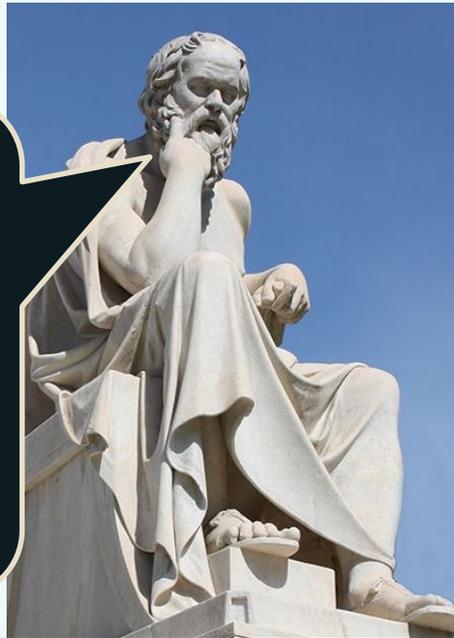


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**Yet,
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enslaves
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courtesy starschanges

The upcoming album was written with my son in mind so that when he's in his twenties or thirties he can understand who I am and why I voluntarily chose to dismantle his entire life in the pursuit of my own happiness.



– Adele on CBS with Oprah Winfrey

This “radical act of self-love” involves sacrifice – obviously not self-sacrifice, for who in today’s selfish age would ever want to do that? Instead, it involves the sacrifice of other selves, especially children. And none of the pious talk of how beneficial it can be to wealthy, successful, ambitious parents can hide the fact. – Carl R. Trueman, “Self-love and the subversion of the family”



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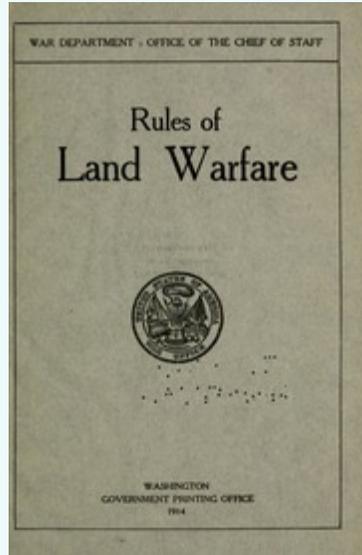
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Section 346. In the event of clearly established violation of the laws of war, [the soldier] may legally resort to such remedial action as may be deemed appropriate and necessary.
Rules of Land Warfare, 1942

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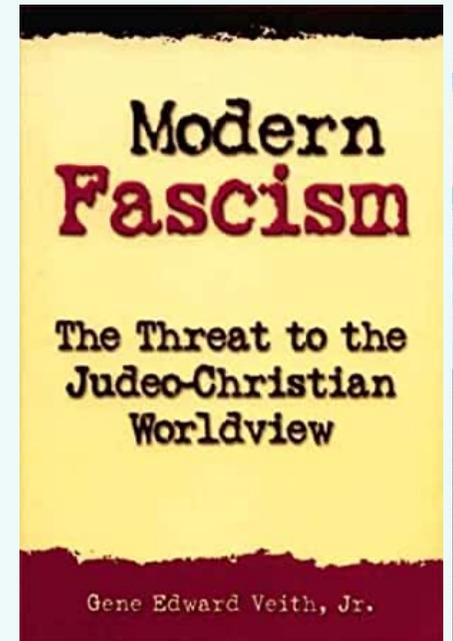


courtesy Bundesrepublik Archives



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As an undergraduate, I took a history seminar on early-twentieth-century Europe in which we studied the rise of fascism, which, to my surprise, was actually an *avant-garde* form of socialism involving some of the most distinguished thinkers and artists of the day. After a great deal of study and conversation with other academics, in 1993 I wrote *Modern Fascism*.



[Thesis of Modern Fascism from 1993]

A set of ideas is emerging from today's academic world that is startlingly reminiscent of what the fascist theorists were saying in the 1930s: individual identity is a myth, insofar as identity is really determined by culture and ethnicity; laws and social conventions are only masks for power; human-centered values are part of a corrupt Western civilization; the transcendent meaning of reason, objectivity, and language is an illusion. Is it possible that those who hold these views do not realize that these are also the doctrines of fascism?

Sound familiar?...The Nazi regime's approach to dissidents bears a strong resemblance to the mentality behind today's "cancel culture": *Those who dissented with the regime were seen not as people who disagreed intellectually or philosophically, but as people with hostile wills. In rejecting the common will, they were guilty of not belonging. This is perhaps why the Nazi apparatus was so thorough in its interrogations—what was wanted was not so much conformity but assent. Those who disagreed were exhibiting a contrary will; they were not skeptics but enemies.*
– Gene Edward Veith, "Modern Fascism Revisited"



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The 23rd psalm does not pretend that evil and death do not exist. Terrible things happen, and they happen to good people as well as to bad people. Even the paths of righteousness lead through the valley of the shadow. Death lies ahead for all of us, saints and sinners alike, and for all the ones we love. The psalmist doesn't try to explain evil. He doesn't try to minimize evil. He simply says he will not fear evil. For all the power that evil has, it doesn't have the power to make him afraid.

And why? Here at the very center of the psalm comes the very center of the psalmist's faith. Suddenly he stops speaking about God as "he," because you don't speak that way when the person is right there with you. Suddenly he speaks *to* God instead of *about* him, and he speaks to him as 'thou.' 'I will fear no evil,' he says, 'for thou art with me.' That is the center of faith. Thou. That is where faith comes from. – Frederick Buechner, *The Magnificent Defeat*



Psalm 23

¹ The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want. ² He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: He leadeth me beside the still waters. ³ He restoreth my soul: He leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

⁴ Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; Thy rod and thy staff they comfort me. ⁵ Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: Thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.

⁶ Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: And I will dwell in the house of the LORD for ever. ^{KJV}

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**Nero [Imperator Nero Cladius Divi
Claudius Filius Caesar Augustus Germanicus]**

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Bob Carey



courtesy FISD; Ha, ha. It wasn't THAT long ago I rode into town.



**Dr. Wakeland,
could I possibly
help you?**

YES!

**FISD can be great!
Let's do this and
have fun!**



25 years later

Catherine
Fowler



Justin
Wakeland

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Which is hardest for you?

- **Honoring all**
- **Loving the brethren**
- **Fearing God**
- **Honoring the emperor**



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a study of 1 Peter