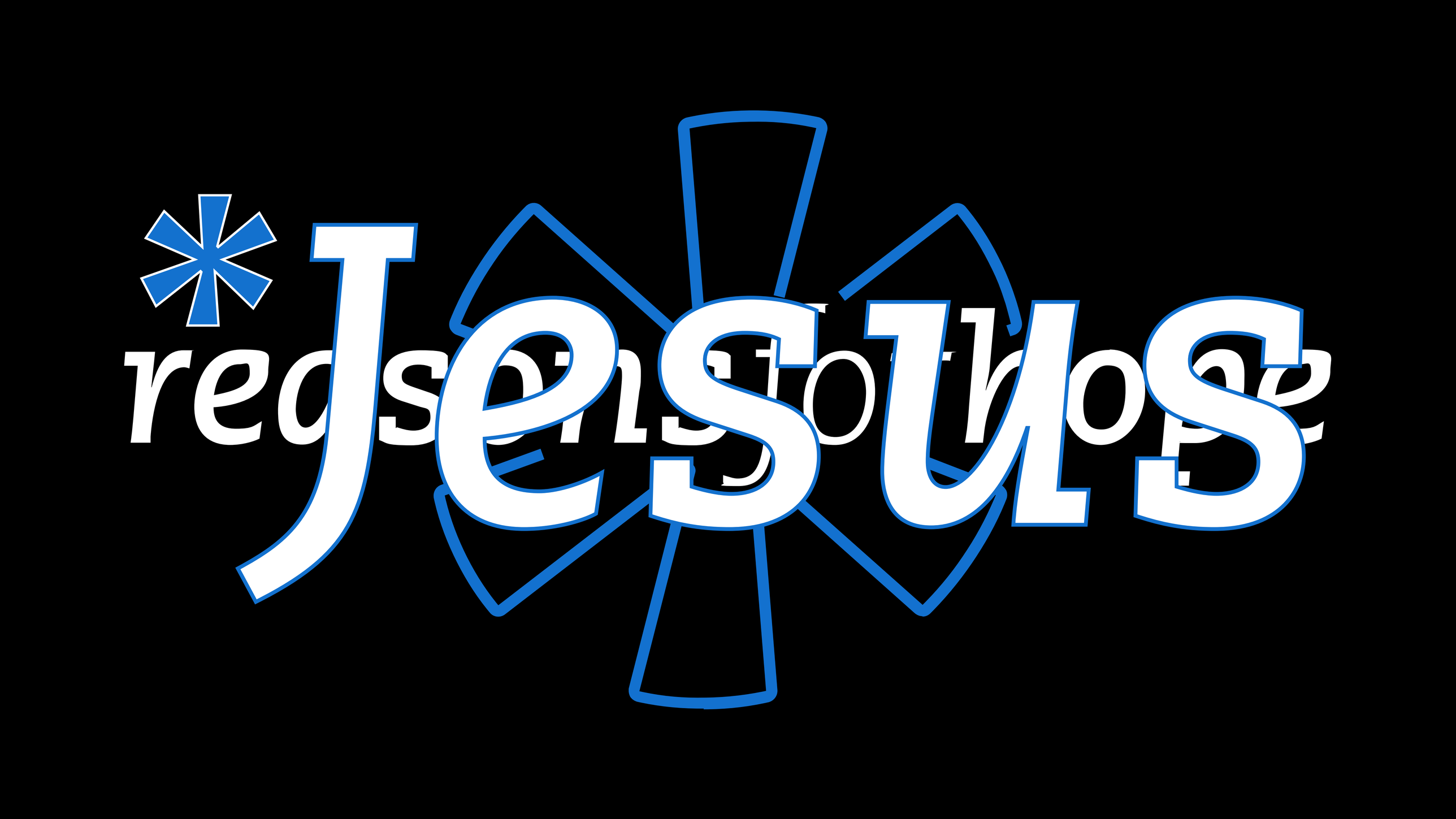

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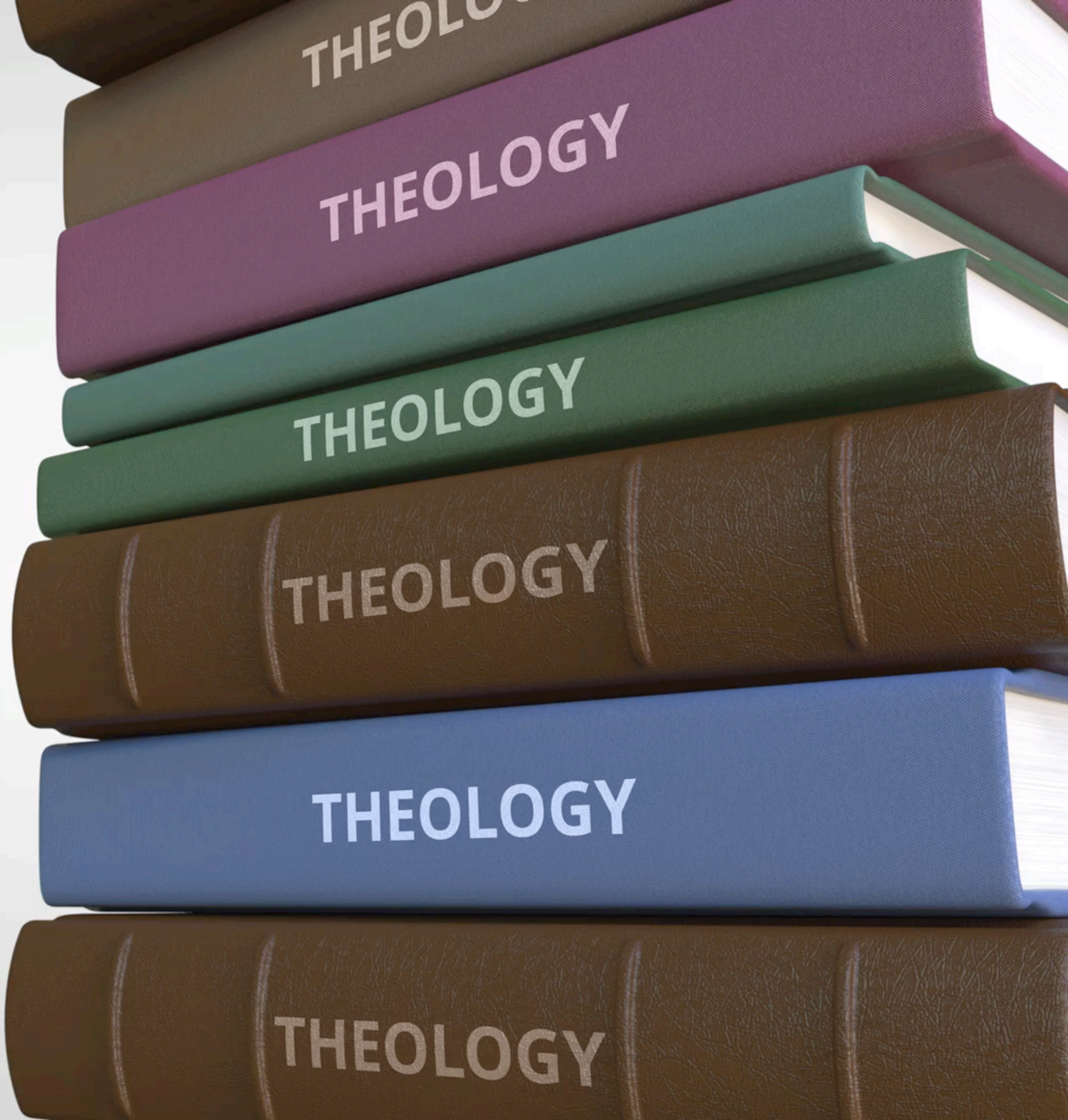
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LOVE

Romans 5:5-8

Now hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out in our hearts by the Holy Spirit who was given to us.
For when we were still without strength, in due time Christ died for the ungodly. For scarcely for a righteous man will one die; yet perhaps for a good man someone would even dare to die. But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.


PEACE

John 14:27

Peace I leave with you, My peace I give to you; not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid.

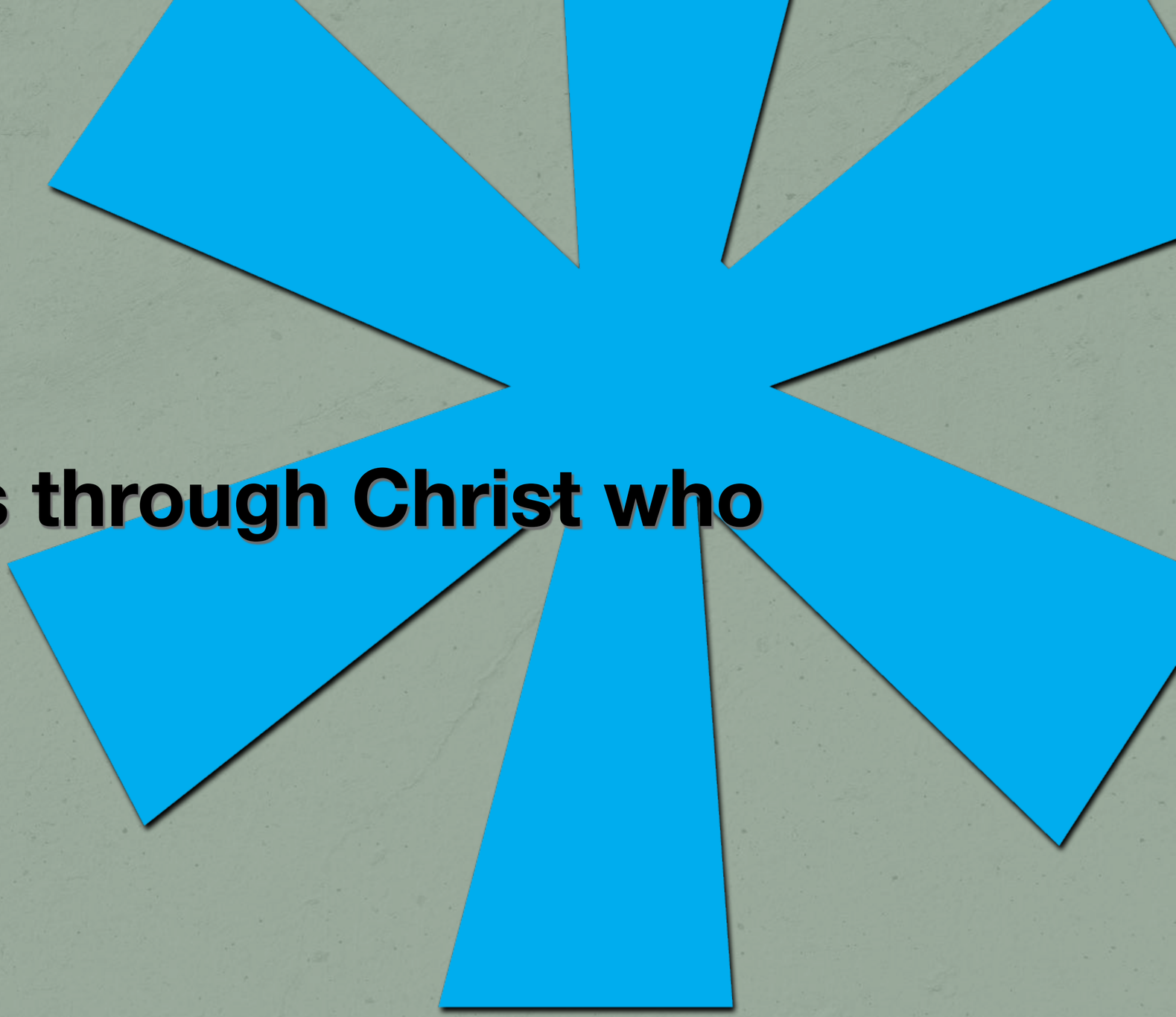

JOY

John 15:11

“These things I have spoken to you, that My joy may remain in you, and that your joy may be full.


STRENGTH

Philippians 4:13



I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.



Faith must be there, but it must be more. It must inspire action. Throughout his epistle to Jewish believers, James integrates true faith and everyday practical experience by stressing that true faith must manifest itself in works of faith.

Faith endures trials. Trials come and go, but a strong faith will face them head-on and develop endurance. Faith understands temptations. It will not allow us to consent to our lust and slide into sin. Faith obeys the Word. It will not merely hear and not do. Faith produces doers. Faith harbors no prejudice. For James, faith and favoritism cannot coexist. Faith displays itself in works. Faith is more than mere words; it is more than knowledge; it is demonstrated by obedience; and it overtly responds to the promises of God. Faith controls the tongue. This small but immensely powerful part of the body must be held in check. Faith can do it. Faith acts wisely. It gives us the ability to choose wisdom that is heavenly and to shun wisdom that is earthly. Faith produces separation from the world and submission to God. It provides us with the ability to resist the devil and humbly draw near to God. Finally, faith waits patiently for the coming of the Lord. Through trouble and trial it stifles complaining.

The name *Iakobos* (James) in 1:1 is the basis for the early title *Iakobou Epistole*, "Epistle of James." *Iakobos* is the Greek form of the Hebrew name Jacob, a Jewish name common in the first

12). Tradition points to this prominent [illegible] the author of the epistle, and this best fits the evidence of Scripture. There are several clear parallels between the language of the letter drafted under his leadership in Acts 15:23–29 and the epistle of James (e.g., the unusual word *chairein*, "greeting," is found only in Acts 15:23; 23:26; and James 1:1). The Jewish character of this epistle with its stress upon the law, along with the evident influence by the Sermon on the Mount (e.g., 4:11, 12; 5:12), complement what we know about James "the Just" from Scripture and early tradition.

It has been argued that the Greek of this epistle is too sophisticated for a Galilean such as James, but this assumes that he never had the opportunity or aptitude to develop proficiency in Koine ("common") Greek. As a prominent church leader, it would have been to his advantage to become fluent in the universal language of the Roman Empire.

For various reasons, some assert that James was a stepbrother of Jesus by a previous marriage of Joseph, or that the "brothers" of Jesus mentioned in Matthew 13:55 and Mark 6:3 were really His cousins. However, the most natural understanding of the gospel accounts is that James was the half-brother of Jesus, being the offspring of Joseph and Mary after the birth of Jesus (Matt. 1:24, 25). He apparently did not accept the claims of Jesus until the Lord appeared to him after His resurrection (1 Cor. 15:7). He and his brothers

THIS IS THE FULL GOSPEL






He had a
PAST!

Paul's Past...

- We know his name used to be Saul.

- We know he had a sister because her son is mentioned.

- We know he was previously married because he was part of the Sanhedrin.

- We know he was the 2nd ranking of the Jews next to Gamaliel.



Acts 8:1-3

Now Saul was consenting to his death. At that time a great persecution arose against the church which was at Jerusalem; and they were all scattered throughout the regions of Judea and Samaria, except the apostles. And devout men carried Stephen to his burial, and made great lamentation over him. As for Saul, he made havoc of the church, entering every house, and dragging off men and women, committing them to prison.

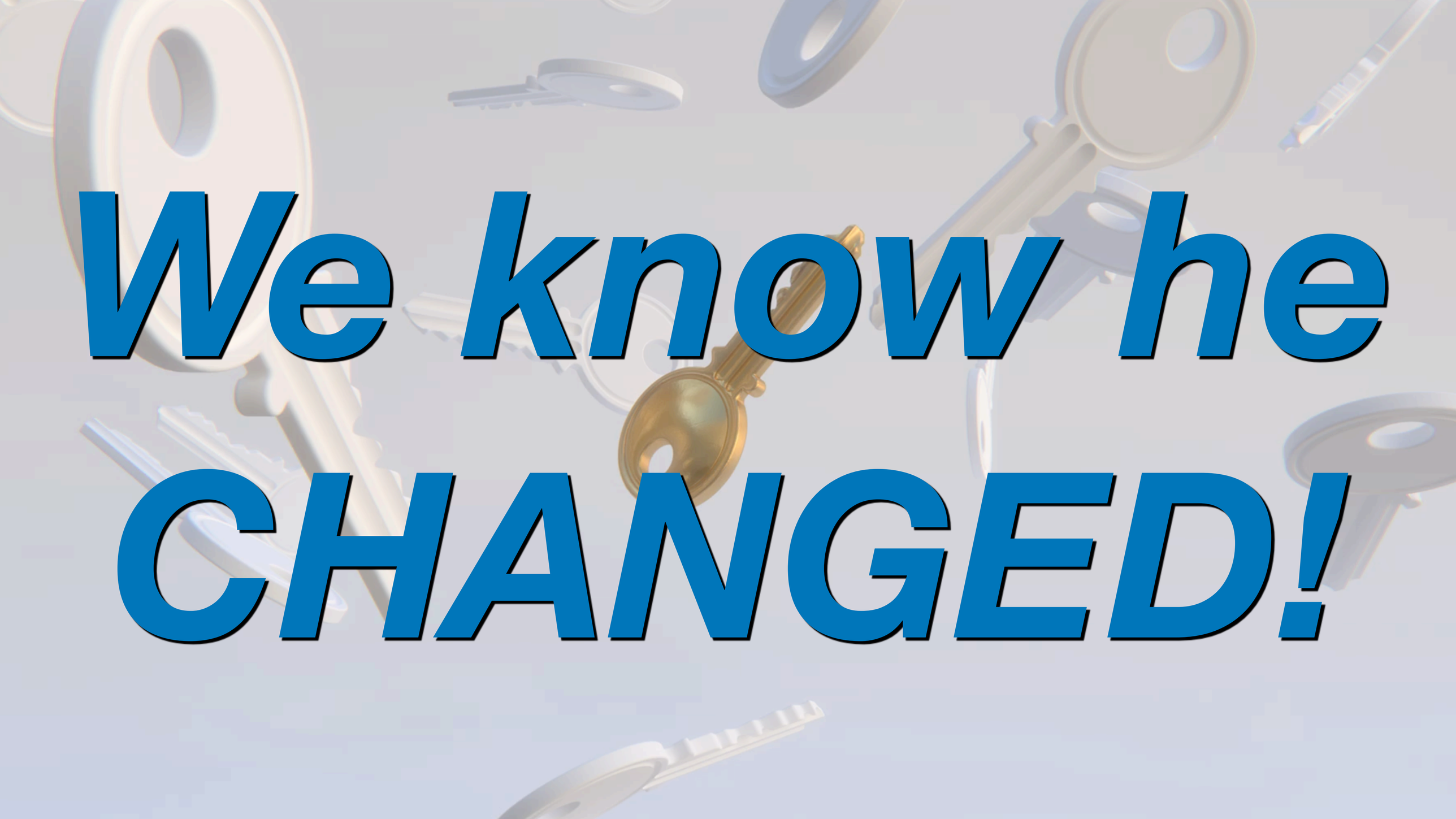
Acts 9:1-2

Then Saul, still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest and asked letters from him to the synagogues of Damascus, so that if he found any who were of the Way, whether men or women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem.


We know he
had an
ENCOUNTER!

Acts 22:6-9

"Now it happened, as I journeyed and came near Damascus at about noon, suddenly a great light from heaven shone around me. "And I fell to the ground and heard a voice saying to me, `Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting Me?' "So I answered, `Who are You, Lord?' And He said to me, `I am Jesus of Nazareth, whom you are persecuting.' "And those who were with me indeed saw the light and were afraid, but they did not hear the voice of Him who spoke to me.


We know he
CHANGED!

Acts 22:10-11

"So I said, `What shall I do, Lord?' And the Lord said to me, `Arise and go into Damascus, and there you will be told all things which are appointed for you to do.' "And since I could not see for the glory of that light, being led by the hand of those who were with me, I came into Damascus…

Acts 22:10-11

…”Then a certain Ananias, a devout man according to the law, having a good testimony with all the Jews who dwelt there, "came to me; and he stood and said to me, `Brother Saul, receive your sight.' And at that same hour I looked up at him. "Then he said, `The God of our fathers has chosen you that you should know His will, and see the Just One, and hear the voice of His mouth. `For you will be His witness to all men of what you have seen and heard.


We know he
had a
FUTURE!

Acts 28:30-31

Then Paul dwelt two whole years in his own rented house, and received all who came to him, preaching the kingdom of God and teaching the things which concern the Lord Jesus Christ with all confidence, no one forbidding him.

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1 Peter 3:15

But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts, and always be ready to give a defense to everyone who asks you a reason for the hope that is in you, with meekness and fear;



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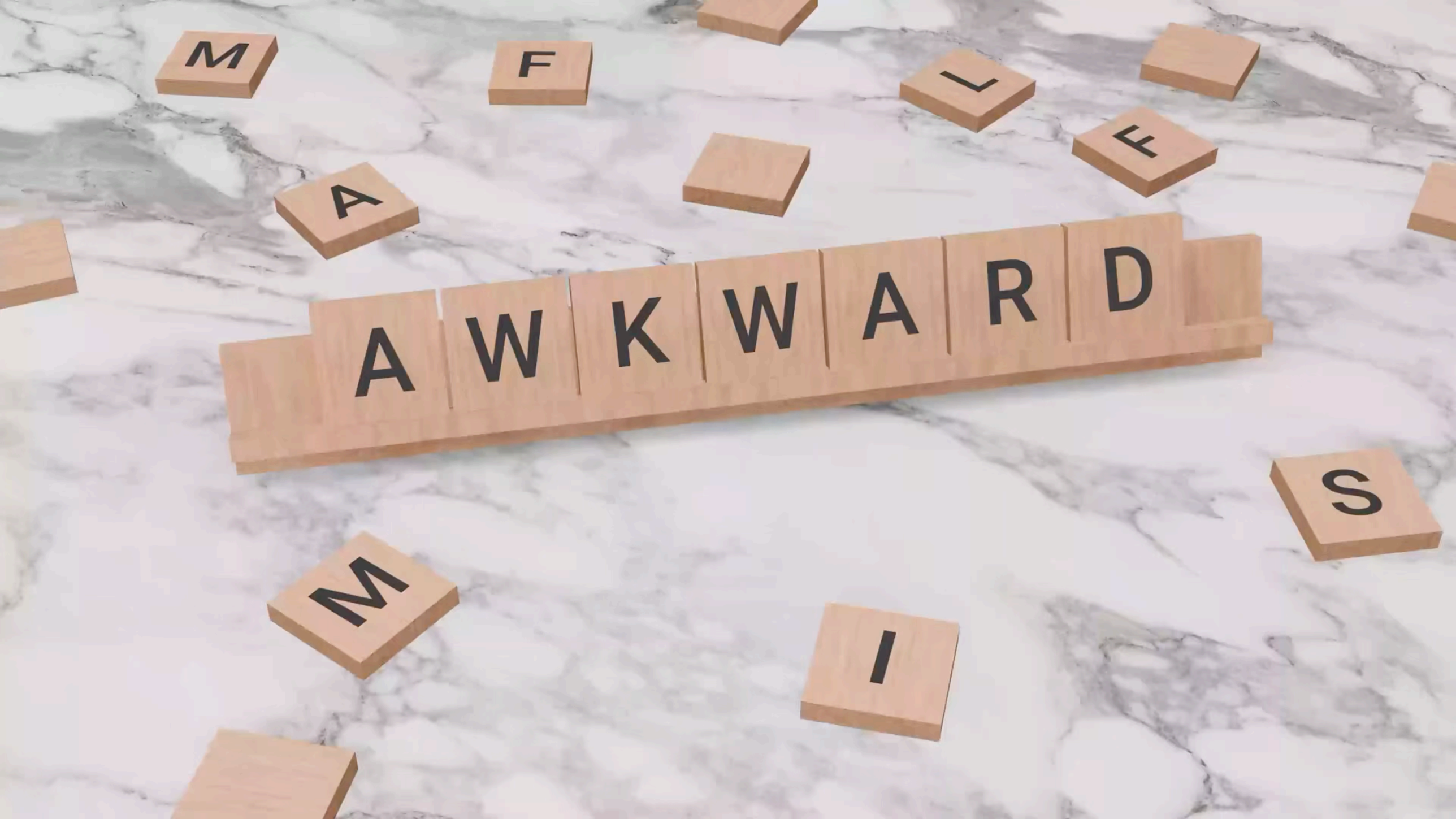
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AWKWARD

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"ALL FAITH IS BLIND FAITH"

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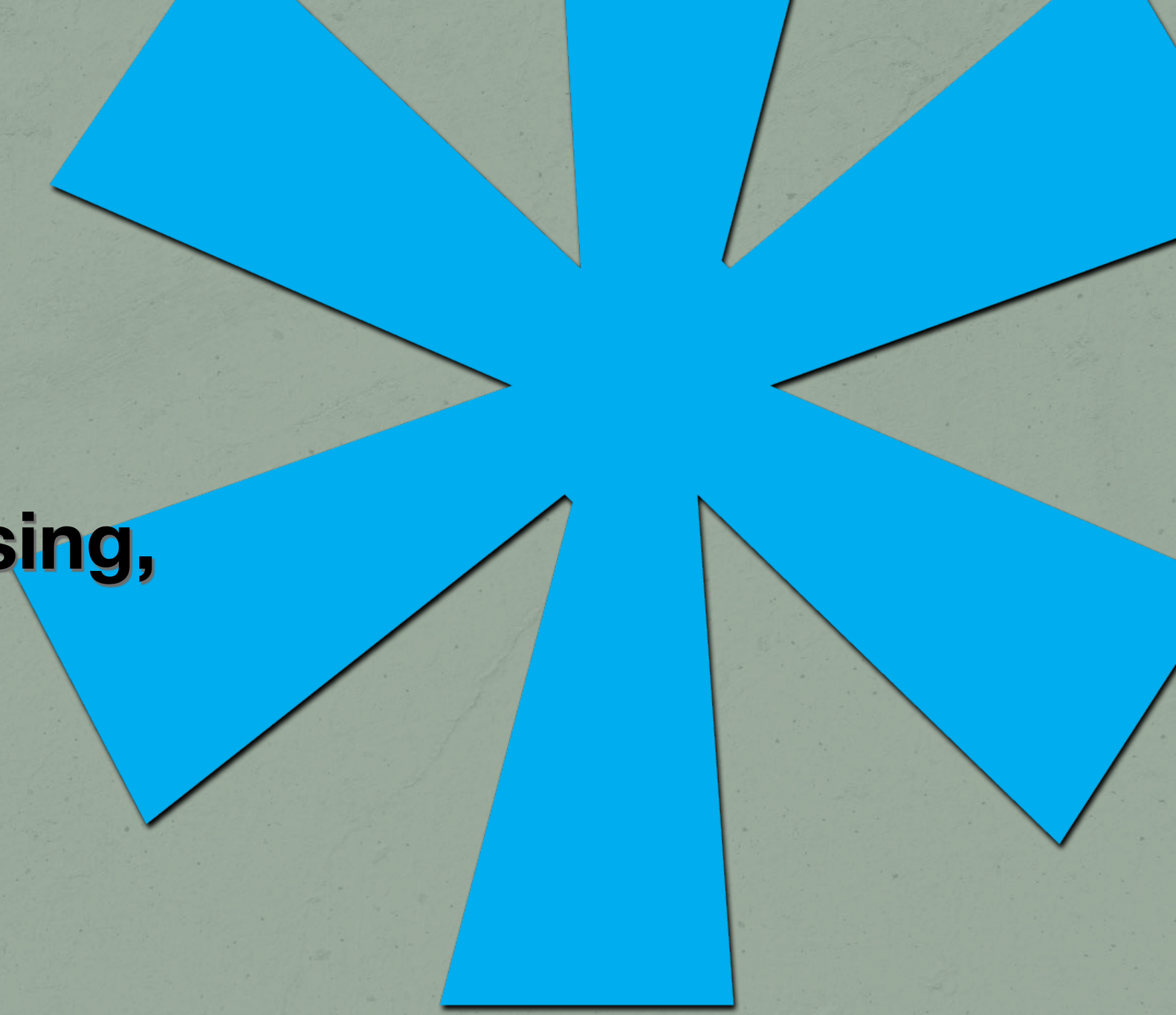
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Pray





1 Thessalonians 5:17

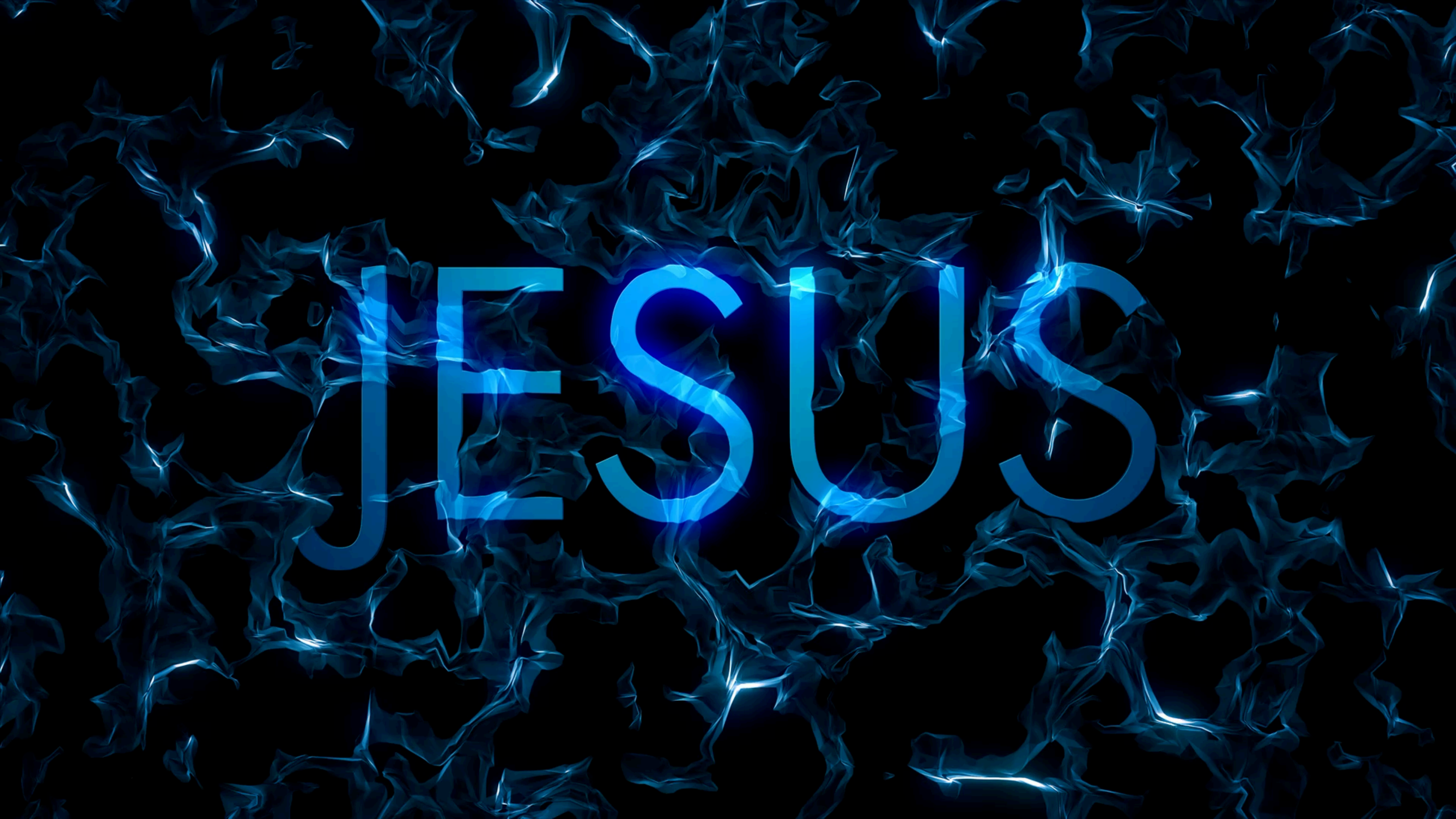


pray without ceasing,



Matthew 9:37-38

Then He said to His disciples, “The harvest truly is plentiful, but the laborers are few. Therefore pray the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into His harvest.”


JESUS

Luke 5:15-16

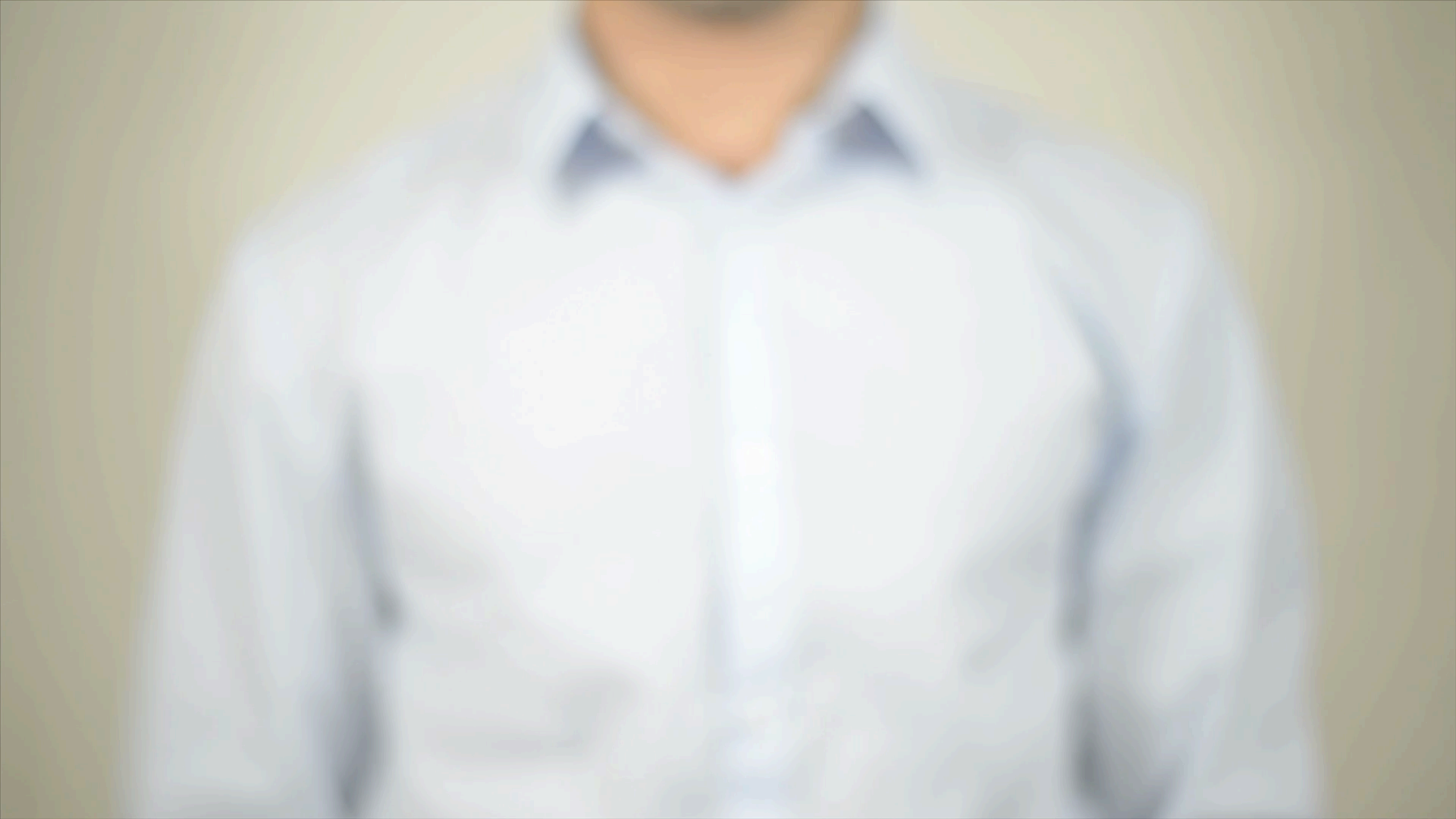
However, the report went around concerning Him all the more; and great multitudes came together to hear, and to be healed by Him of their infirmities. So He Himself often withdrew into the wilderness and prayed.

TIP



#2

Know the goal



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- We lose our "cool" and let our emotions take over to a fault.

TIP





Colossians 3:17

And whatever you do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him.



Philippians 2:3-4

Let nothing be done through selfish ambition or conceit, but in lowliness of mind let each esteem others better than himself. Let each of you look out not only for his own interests, but also for the interests of others.

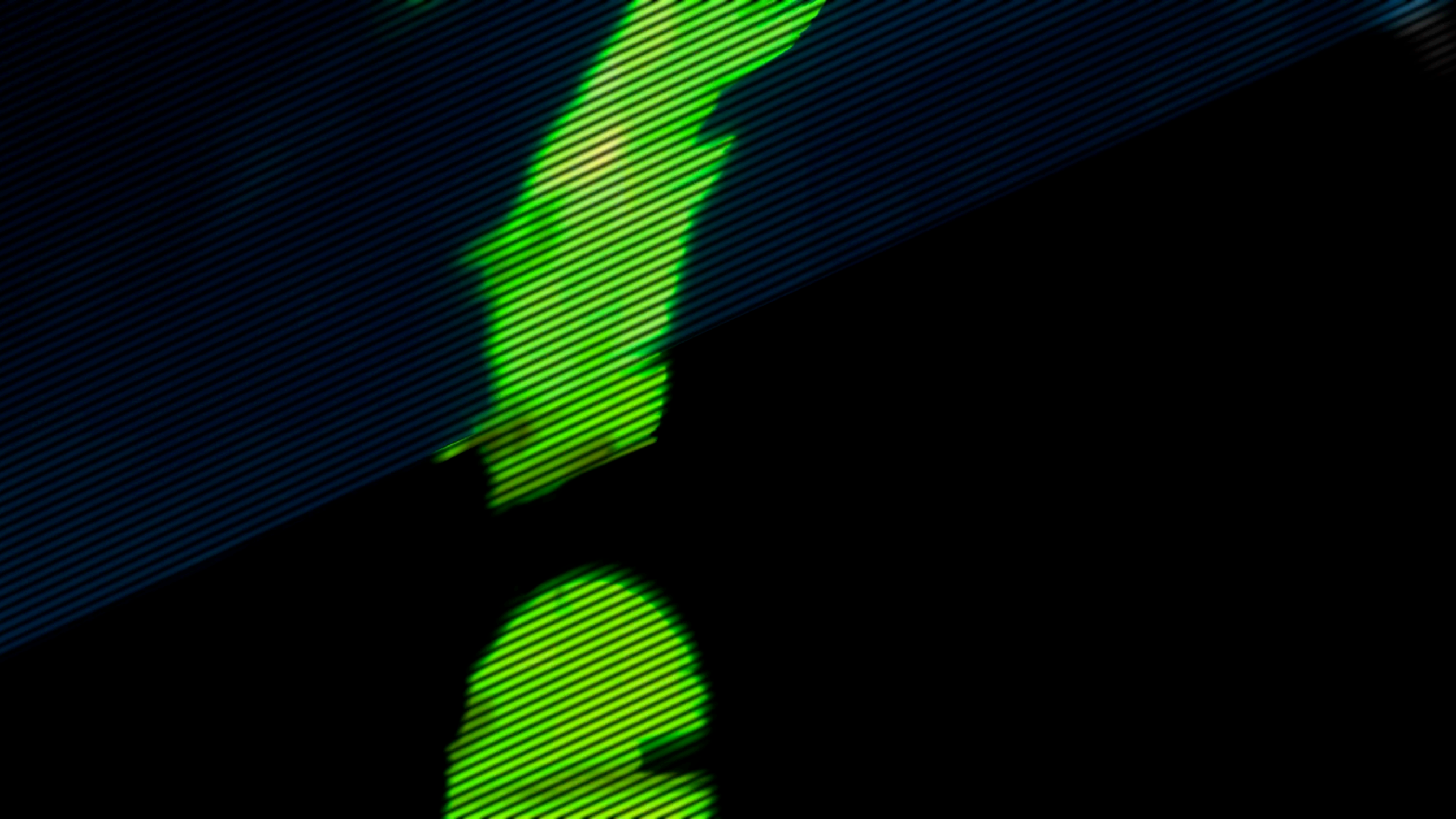


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Ask questions & listen



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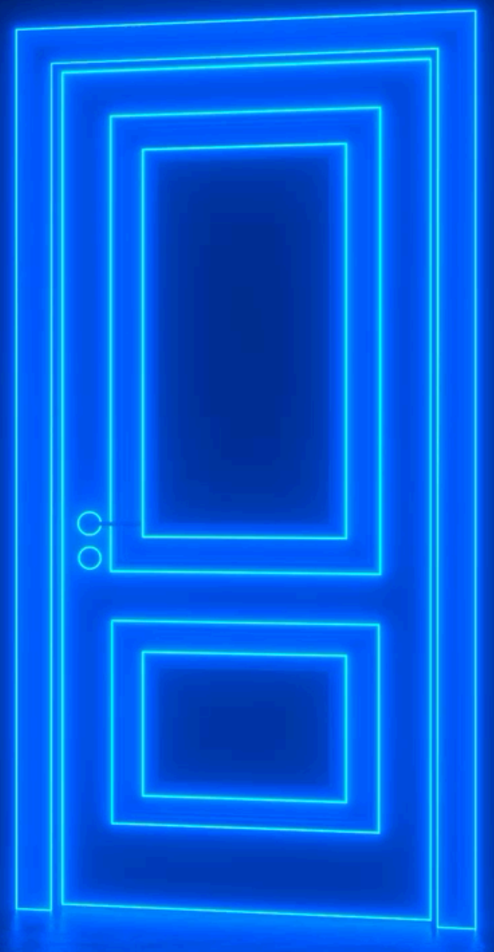


James 1:19a&b

So then, my beloved brethren, let every man be swift to hear, slow to speak…



TIP



Colossians 4:5-6

Walk in wisdom toward those who are outside, redeeming the time. Let your speech always be with grace, seasoned with salt, that you may know how you ought to answer each one.





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Use everyday conversations





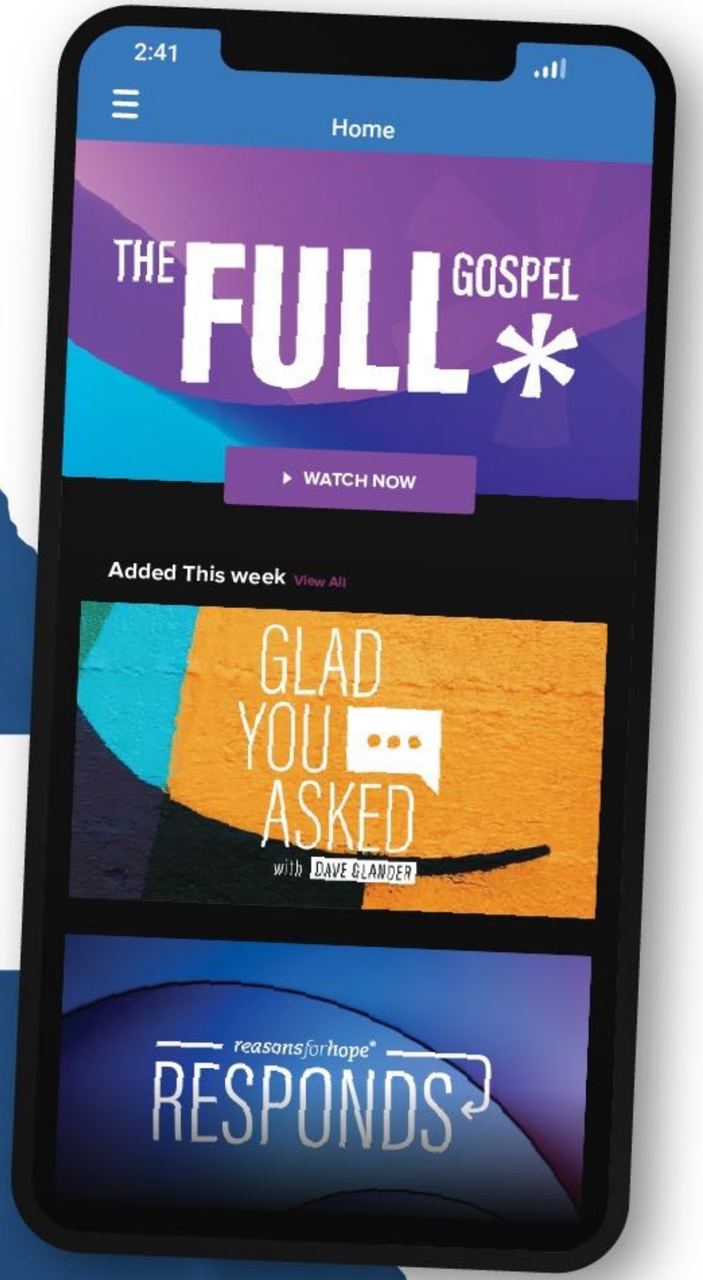
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Romans 12:16

Be of the same mind toward one another. Do not set your mind on high things, but associate with the humble. Do not be wise in your own opinion.





James 5:16

Confess your trespasses to one another, and pray for one another, that you may be healed. The effective, fervent prayer of a righteous man avails much.










END TIMES
A STUDY OF PROHECY

Messiah. Through a carefully selected series of Old Testament quotations, Matthew documents Jesus Christ's claim to be Messiah. His genealogy, baptism, messages, and miracles all point to the same inescapable conclusion: Christ is King. Even in His death, seeming defeat is turned to victory by the Resurrection, and the message again echoes forth: the King of the Jews lives.

At an early date this gospel was given the title *Kata Matthaion*, "According to Matthew." As this title suggests, other gospel accounts were known at that time (the word *gospel* was added later). Matthew ("Gift of the Lord") was also surnamed Levi (Mark 2:14; Luke 5:27).

THE AUTHOR OF MATTHEW

The early church uniformly attributed this gospel to Matthew, and no tradition to the contrary ever emerged. This book was known early and accepted quickly. In his Ecclesiastical History (A.D. 323), Eusebius quoted a statement by Papias (C. A.D. 140) that Matthew wrote *logia* ("sayings") in Aramaic. No Aramaic gospel of Matthew has been found, and it is evident that Matthew is not a Greek translation of an Aramaic original. Some believe that Matthew wrote an abbreviated version of Jesus' sayings in Aramaic before writing his gospel in Greek for a larger circle of readers.

Matthew, the son of Alphaeus (Mark 2:14), occupied the unpopular post of tax collector in Capernaum for the Roman

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KEYS TO MATTHEW

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“People don’t care what you know, until they know that you care.”



Howard Hendricks



Matthew 11:28

Come to Me, all you who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.

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Do your homework



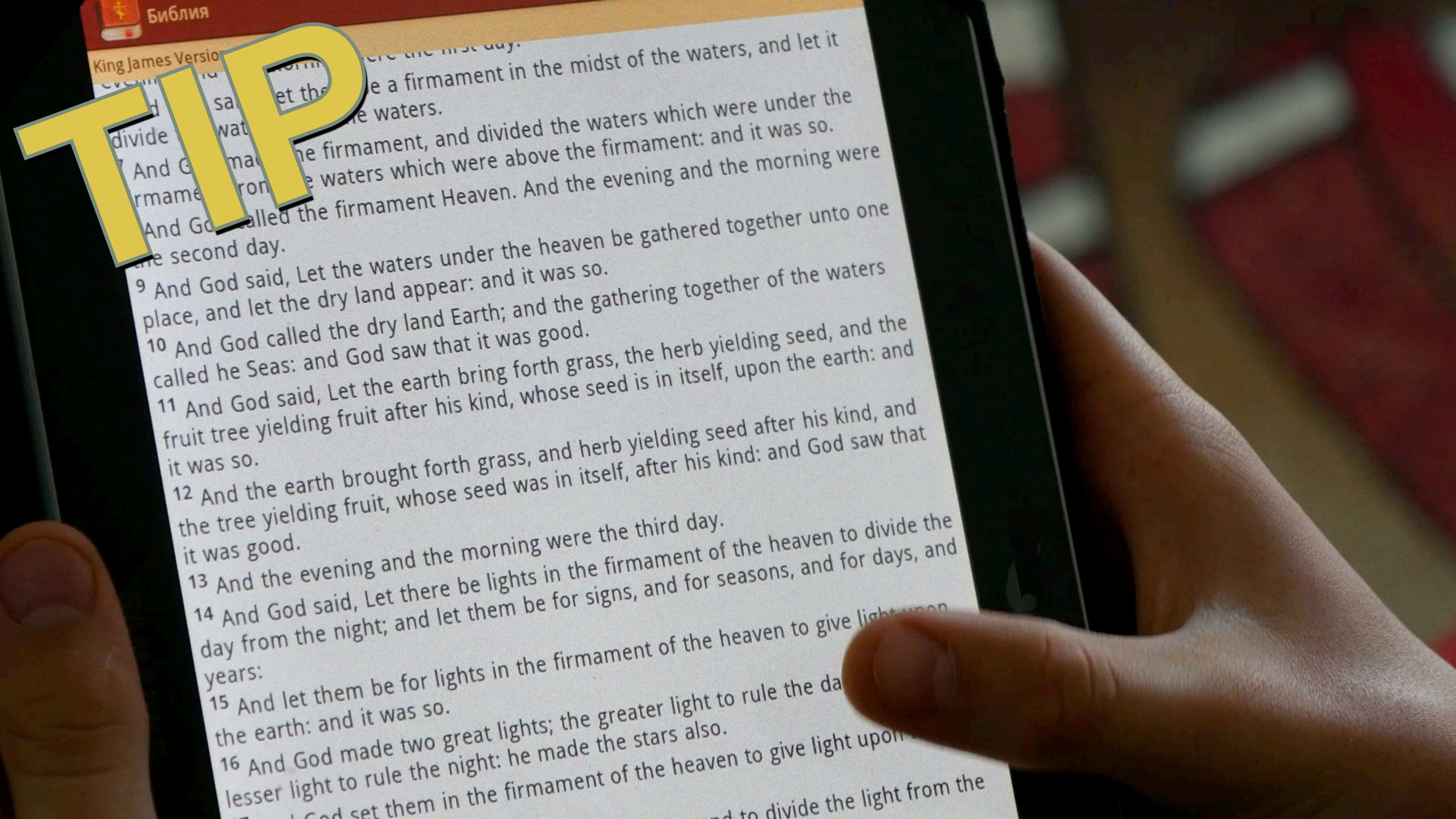


2 Timothy 2:15

Be diligent to present yourself approved to God, a worker who does not need to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.


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firmament, and divided the waters which were under the
waters which were above the firmament: and it was so.
called the firmament Heaven. And the evening and the morning were
the second day.
9 And God said, Let the waters under the heaven be gathered together unto one
place, and let the dry land appear: and it was so.
10 And God called the dry land Earth; and the gathering together of the waters
called he Seas: and God saw that it was good.
11 And God said, Let the earth bring forth grass, the herb yielding seed, and the
fruit tree yielding fruit after his kind, whose seed is in itself, upon the earth: and
it was so.
12 And the earth brought forth grass, and herb yielding seed after his kind, and
the tree yielding fruit, whose seed was in itself, after his kind: and God saw that
it was good.
13 And the evening and the morning were the third day.
14 And God said, Let there be lights in the firmament of the heaven to divide the
day from the night; and let them be for signs, and for seasons, and for days, and
years:
15 And let them be for lights in the firmament of the heaven to give
the earth: and it was so.
16 And God made two great lights; the greater light to rule the
lesser light to rule the night: he made the stars also.
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Know your role


MAKE DISCIPLES
– NOT CONVERTS

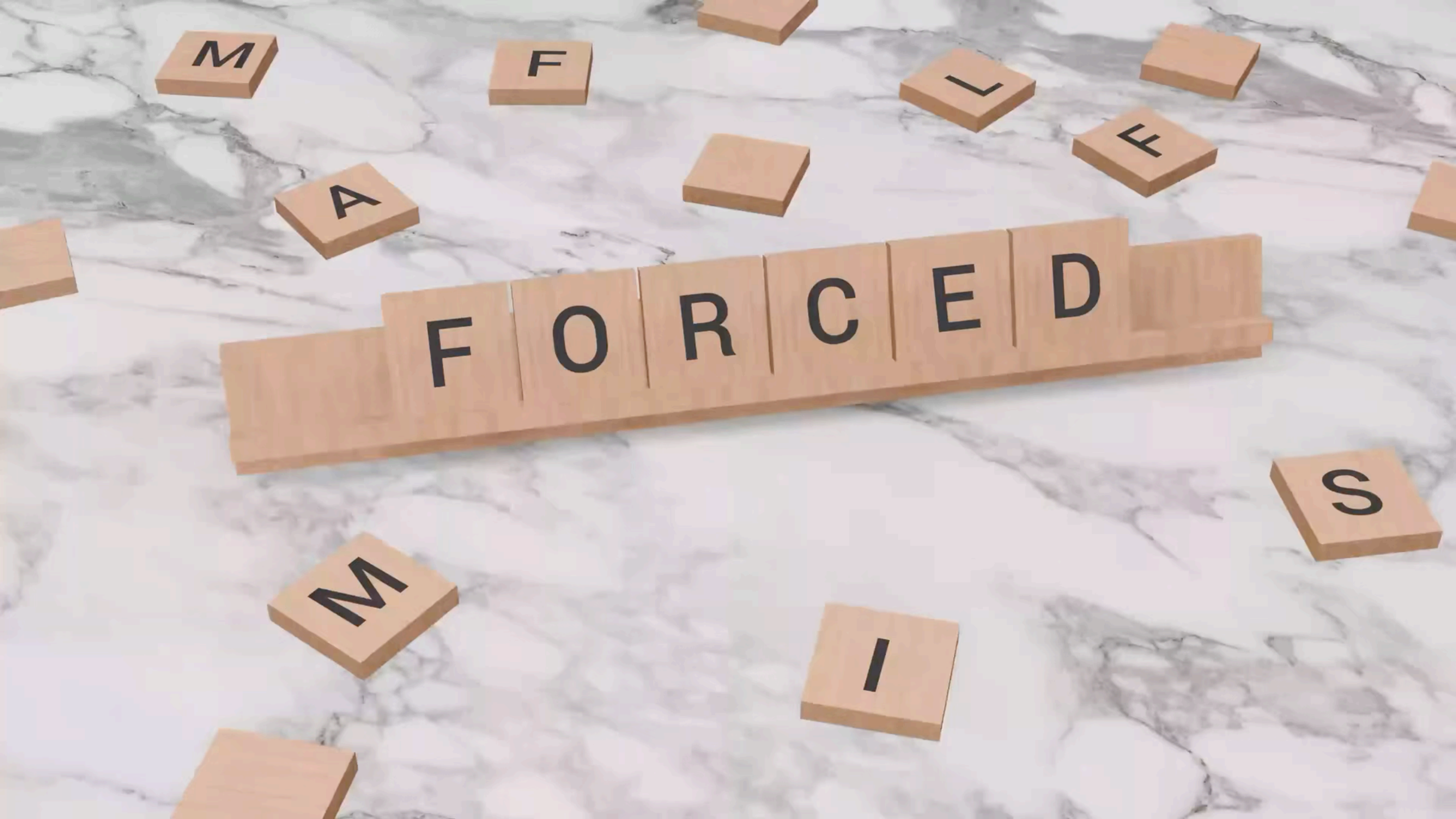


1 Corinthians 3:5-11

Who then is Paul, and who is Apollos, but ministers through whom you believed, as the Lord gave to each one? I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the increase. So then neither he who plants is anything, nor he who waters, but God who gives the increase. Now he who plants and he who waters are one, and each one will receive his own reward according to his own labor.

1 Corinthians 3:5-11 cont…

For we are God’s fellow workers; you are God’s field, you are God’s building. According to the grace of God which was given to me, as a wise master builder I have laid the foundation, and another builds on it. But let each one take heed how he builds on it. For no other foundation can anyone lay than that which is laid, which is Jesus Christ.


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2 Consequences of over-manipulating:

- We reap "artificial fruit" which may seem real on the outside, but is not genuine and doesn’t last.

- We hinder the Gospel by letting an emotional response be the emphasis and not the Gospel itself.

1 Corinthians 3:7

So then neither he who plants is anything, nor he who waters, but God who gives the increase.

TIP



Matthew 19:16-23

Now behold, one came and said to Him, "Good Teacher, what good thing shall I do that I may have eternal life?"

So He said to him, "Why do you call Me good? No one is good but One, that is, God. But if you want to enter into life, keep the commandments."

He said to Him, "Which ones?"

Jesus said, "'You shall not murder,' 'You shall not commit adultery,' 'You shall not steal,' 'You shall not bear false witness,' . . .

Matthew 19:16-23 cont…

. . . ’Honor your father and your mother,’ and, ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’ ”
The young man said to Him, “All these things I have kept from my youth. What do I still lack?”
Jesus said to him, “If you want to be perfect, go, sell what you have and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow Me.”…

Matthew 19:16-23 cont…

But when the young man heard that saying, he went away sorrowful, for he had great possessions.

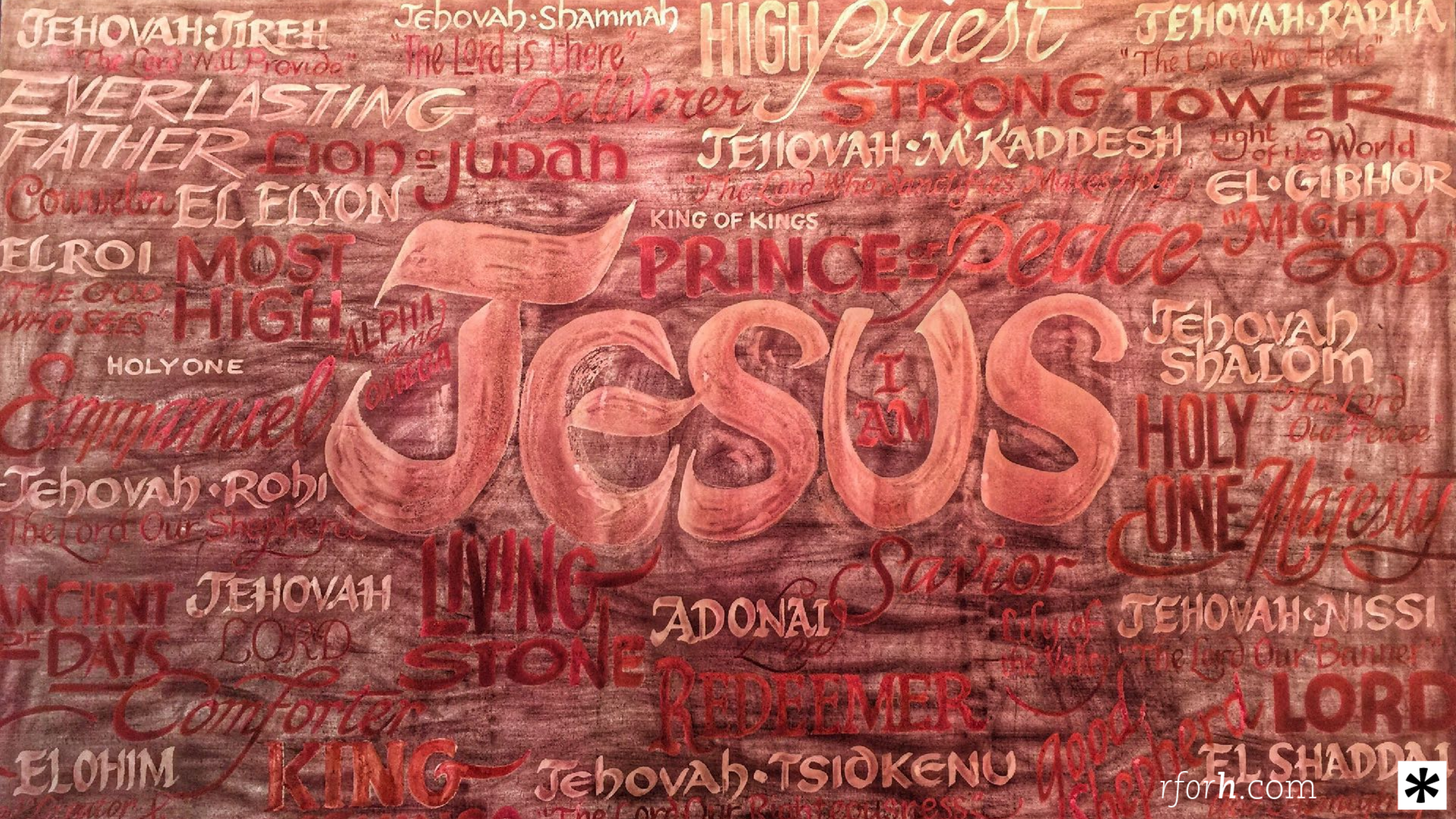

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Isaiah 41:10

Fear not, for I am with you; Be not dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you, yes, I will help you, I will uphold you with My righteous right hand.’

GOD'S TIMING




JEHOVAH-JIREH
"The Lord Will Provide"
Jehovah-Shammah
"The Lord is There"
HIGH Priest
JEHOVAH-RAPHA
"The Lord Who Heals"
EVERLASTING
Deliverer
STRONG TOWER
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Lion of Judah
JEHOVAH-M'KADDESH
"The Lord Who Sanctifies Makes Holy"
Light of the World
Counselor
EL ELYON
EL-GIBHOR
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KING OF KINGS
EL ROI
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PRINCE of Peace
THE GOD WHO SEES
ALPHA and OMEGA
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Own what you don’t know




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“The virtue lies in the gospel, not in the gospeller; in the exposition, and not in the expounder.”



John Eadie

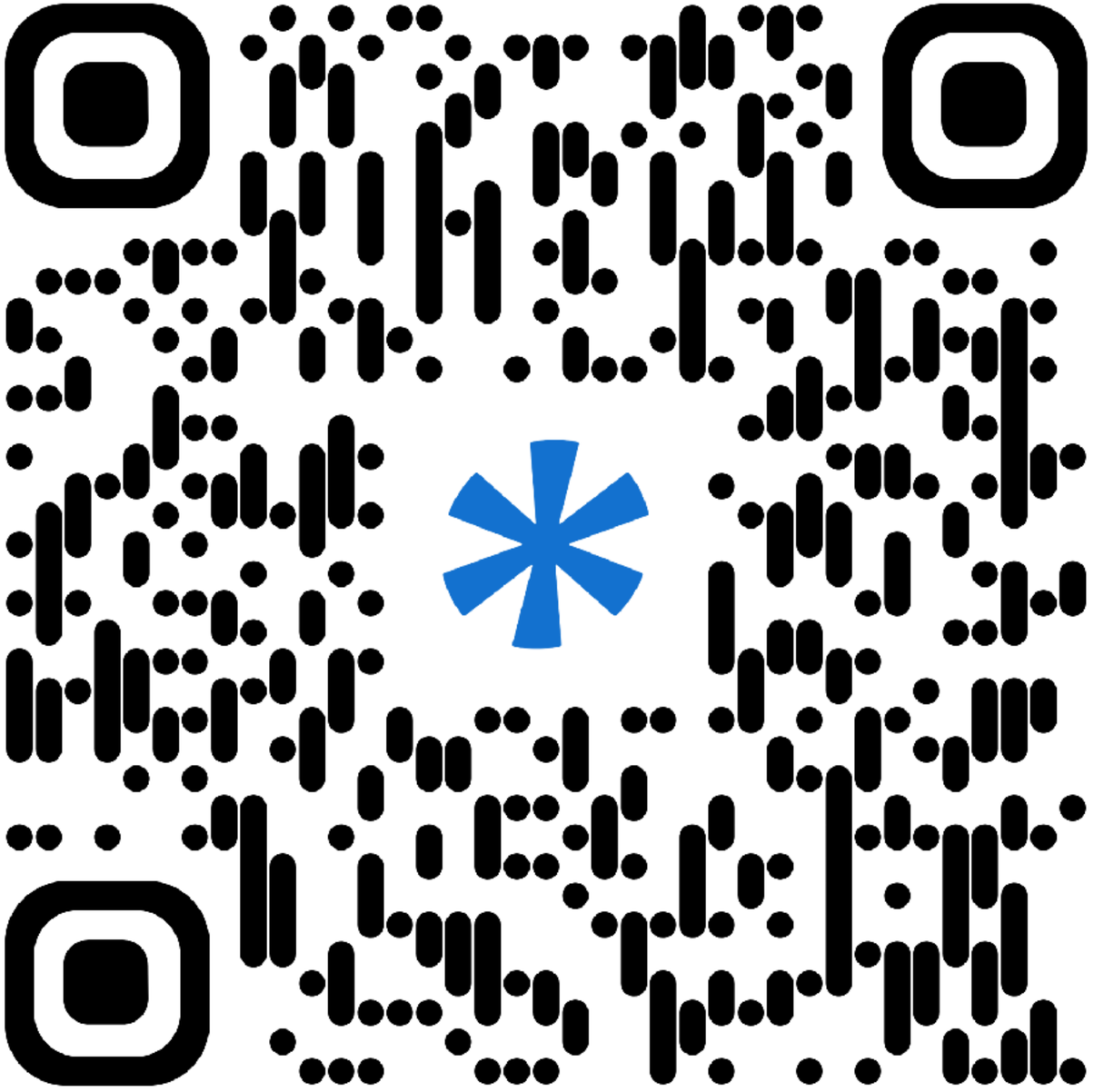
2 Corinthians 12:9

And He said to me, “My grace is sufficient for you, for My strength is made perfect in weakness.” Therefore most gladly I will rather boast in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me.

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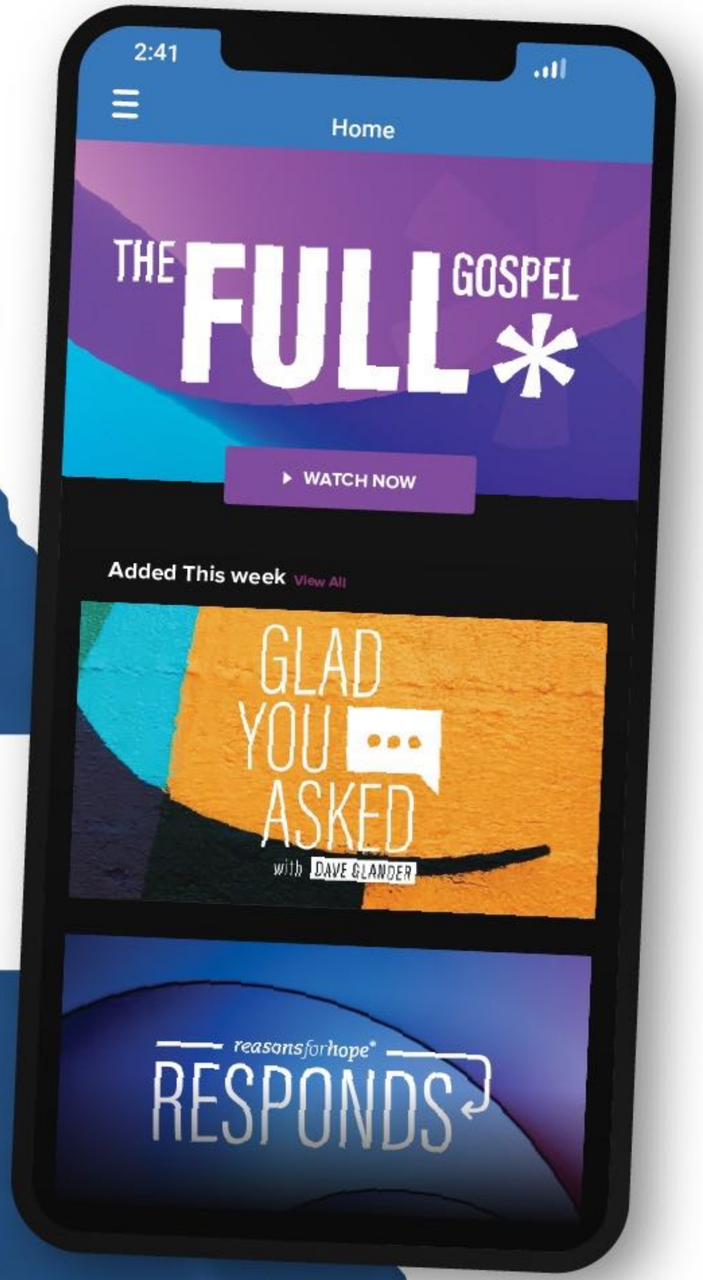
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"...Whom shall I send, and who will go for Us?"
Then I said, "Here *am* I! Send me."

ISAIAH 6:8B

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