

# COLOSSIANS



12 September 80

A beautiful Sunday, no clouds, the very first  
cool breeze from the fall. And still it is warm.  
People in shorts. Jack and I - hand in hand.  
He was sad tonight when I told him I was  
for the first time this summer. I think that  
he felt he was going to lose me.

But the summer is over.  
And I am ready to begin again.  
I am ready for everything. I am ready to again  
come home.

It is the first cool morning. I have  
a sweater as I sit at the kitchen table and  
have my tea and you. I have a 20 page  
to work and I have a 20 page has gone  
essay to tackle today. But it goes rather  
quickly and I should be able to finish by  
tonight. The essay is on the book "Man ohne  
Eigenschaften" So it is quite a bit of  
technical information (for me) anyway -

## Colossians 1:1-2

<sup>1</sup> Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God,  
and Timothy our brother,

<sup>2</sup> To the saints and faithful brothers in Christ at Colossae:

Grace to you and peace from God our Father.

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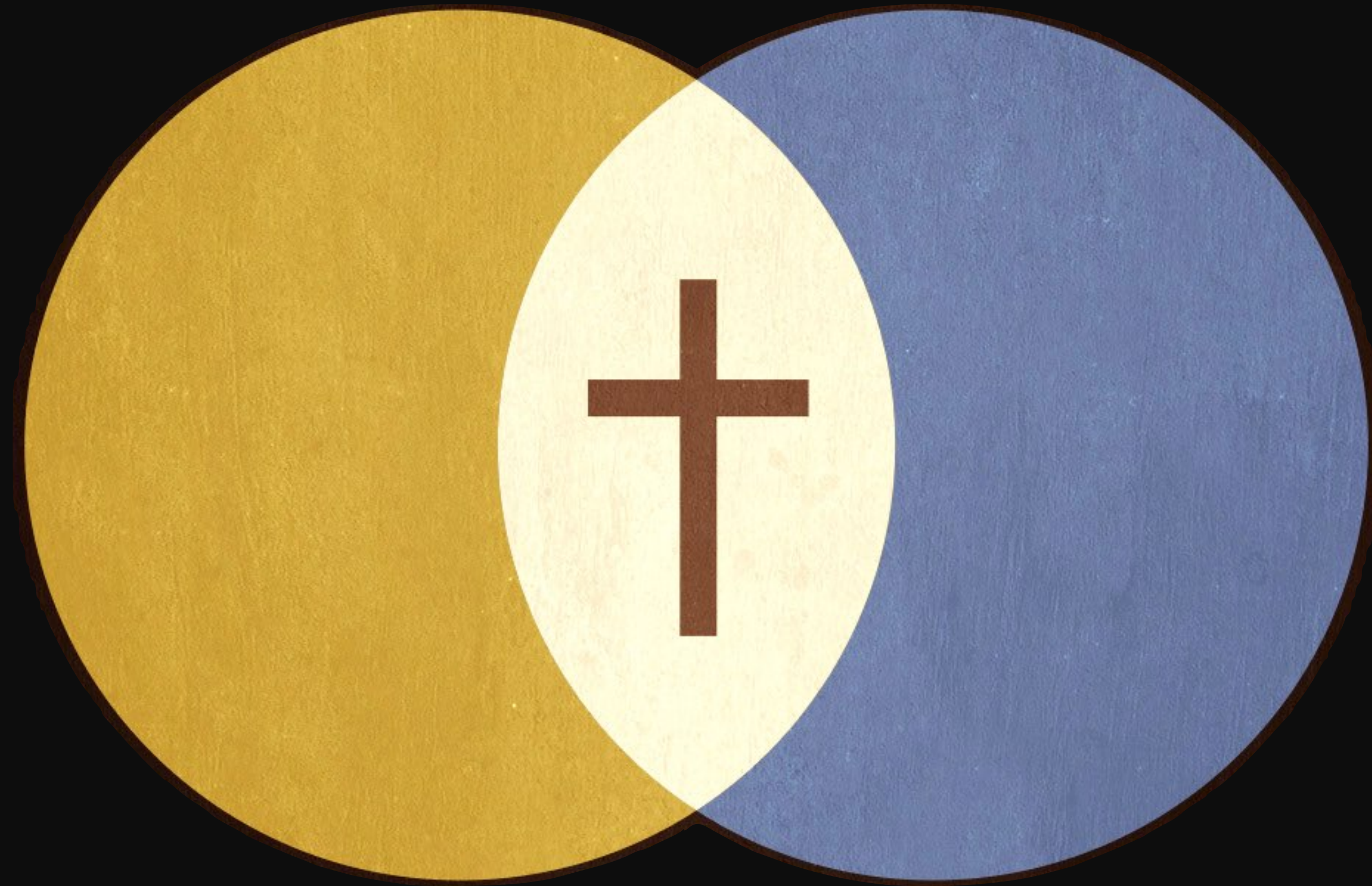
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“In Christ” = 160+ times



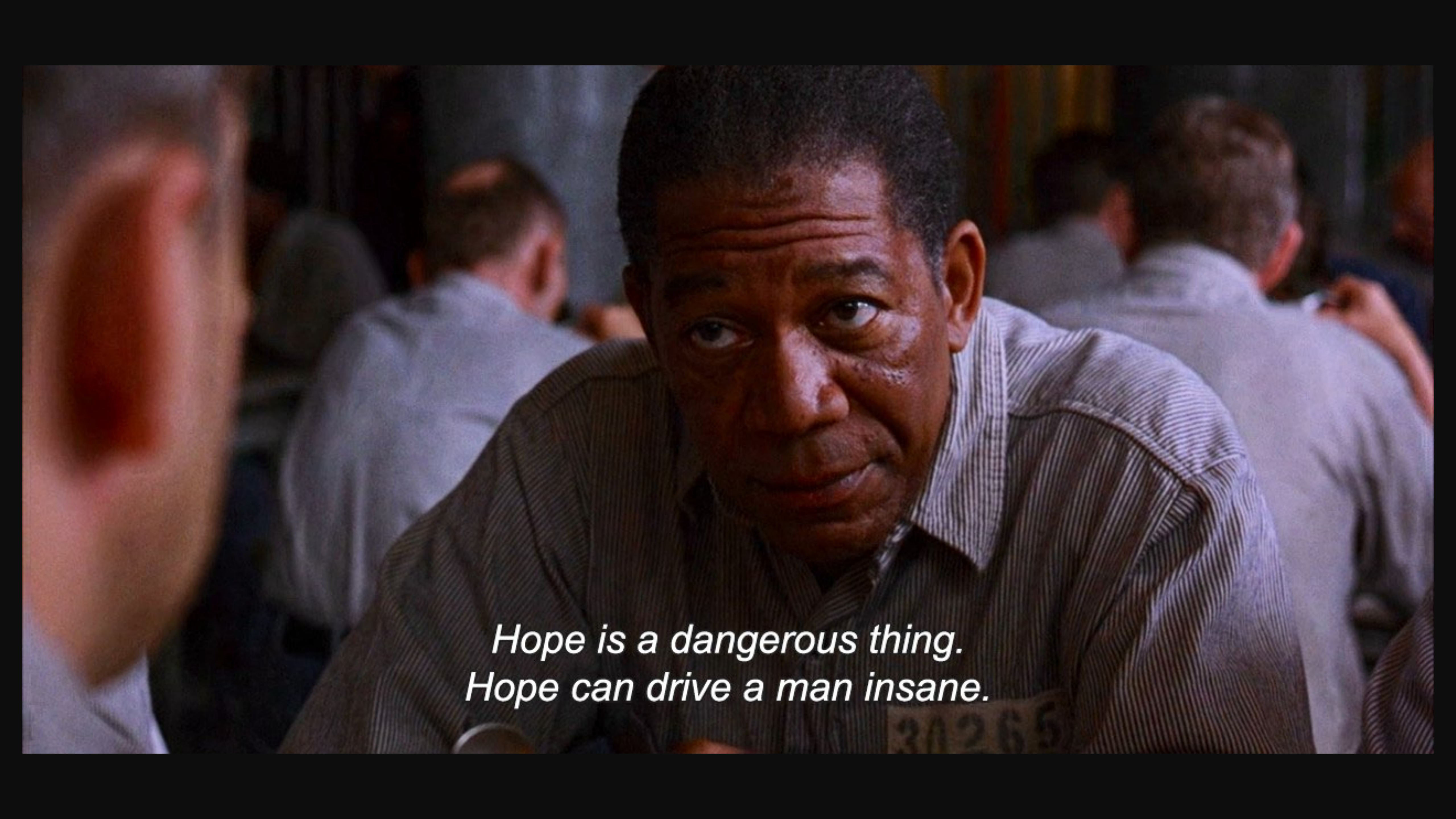
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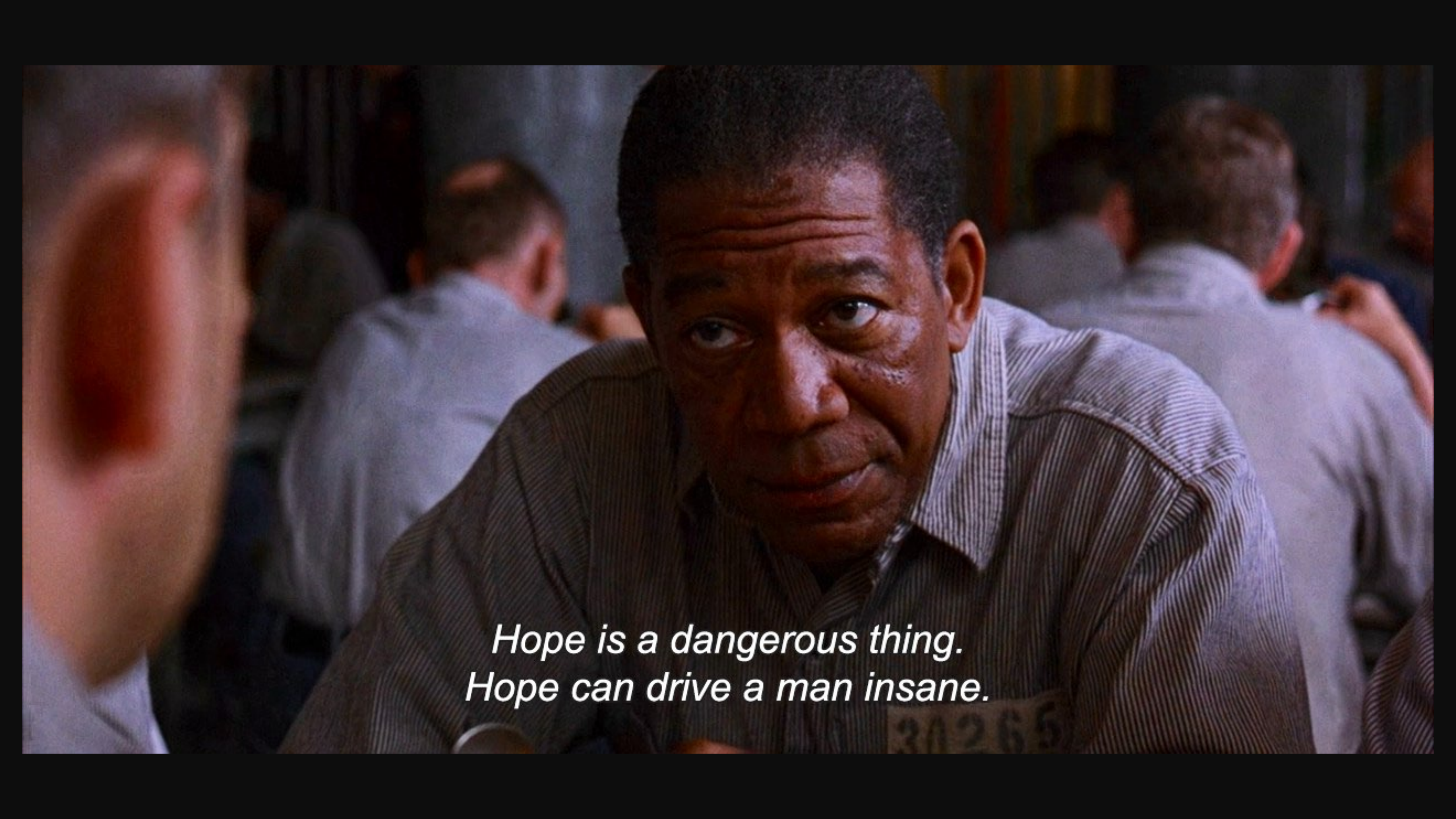


“We all tie our hope to something,  
and what controls your hope controls your heart.  
And what controls your heart controls you  
and everything you do”

- Paul David Tripp







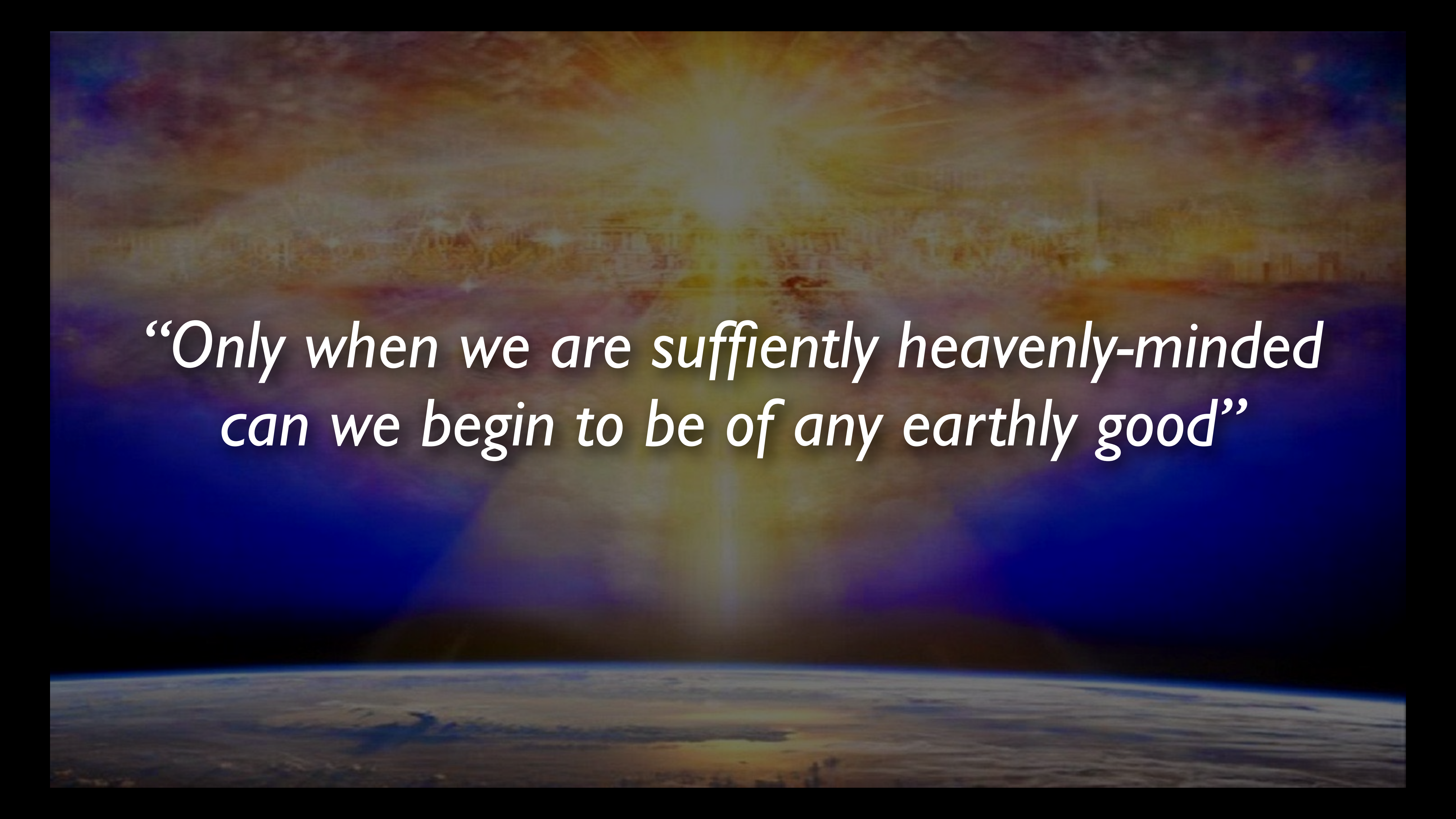
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*“Only when we are sufficiently heavenly-minded  
can we begin to be of any earthly good”*





# BACK TO THE FUTURE II

/// PART II



# I. The Gift of the Gospel

<sup>3</sup> Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, <sup>4</sup> to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you...

- I Peter 1:3-4

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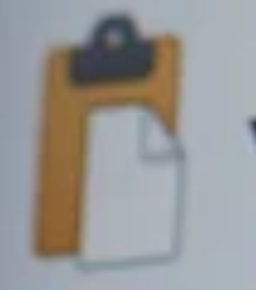
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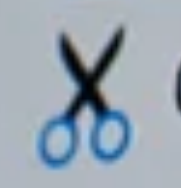
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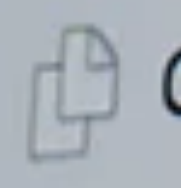
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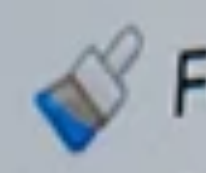
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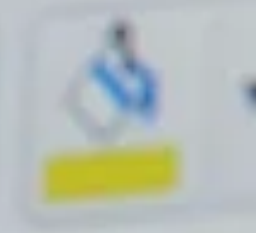
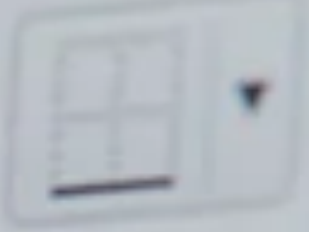
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<sup>1</sup> As a deer pants for flowing streams,  
so pants my soul for you, O God.

<sup>2</sup> My soul thirsts for God, or the living God.  
When shall I come and appear before God?

<sup>3</sup> My tears have been my food day and night,  
while they say to me all the day long,  
Where is your God?”...



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<sup>5</sup> Why are you cast down, O my soul,  
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<sup>7</sup> Deep calls to deep at the roar of your waterfalls;  
all your breakers and your waves have gone over me.

<sup>8</sup> By day the LORD commands his steadfast love,  
and at night his song is with me, a prayer to the God of my life.

<sup>9</sup> I say to God, my rock: “Why have you forgotten me?”...



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