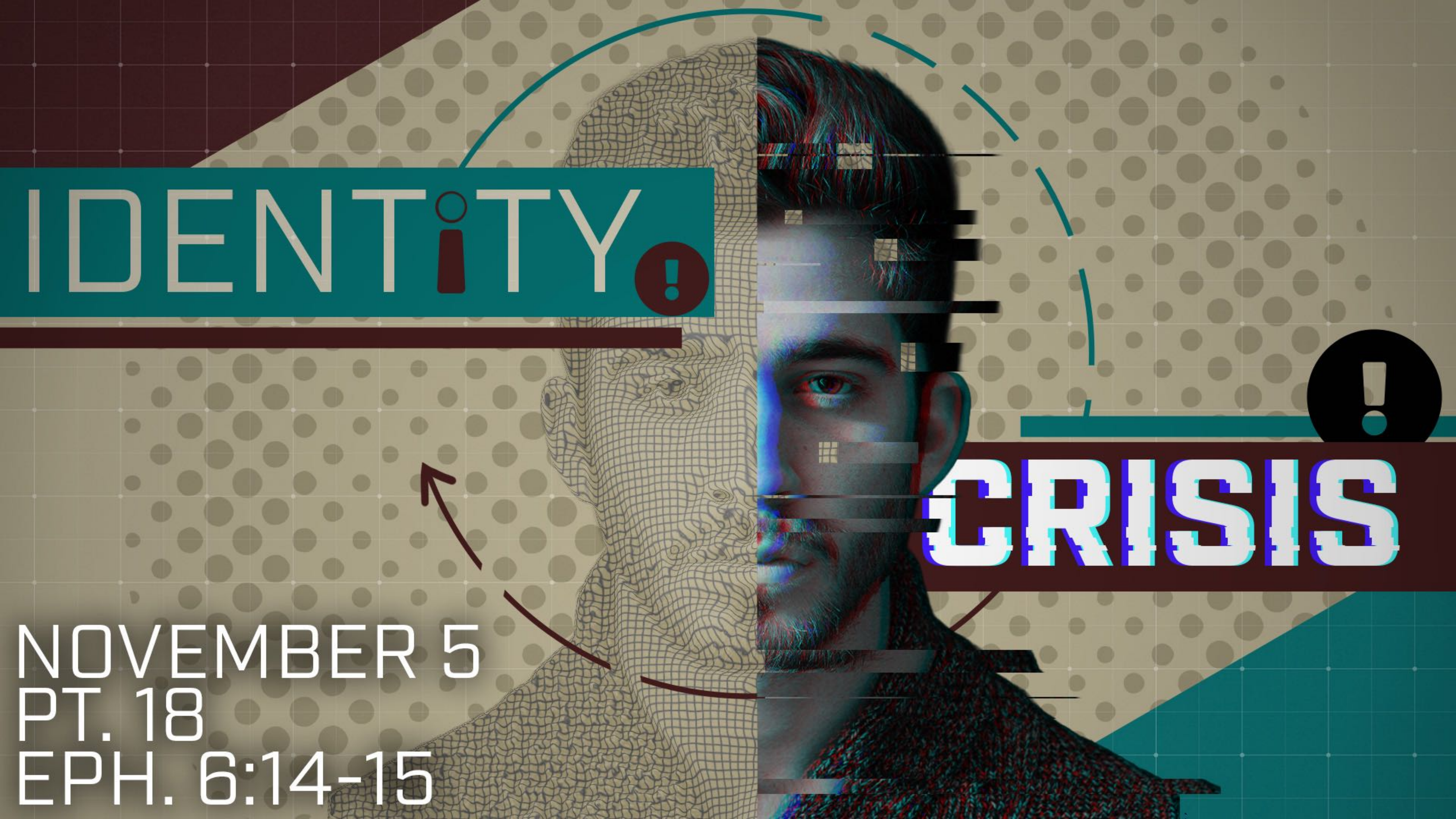




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ISAIAH 54:17

No weapon that is formed against thee shall prosper; and every tongue [that] shall rise against thee in judgment thou shalt condemn. This [is] the heritage of the servants of the LORD, and their righteousness [is] of me, saith the LORD.



PREALITY #1:

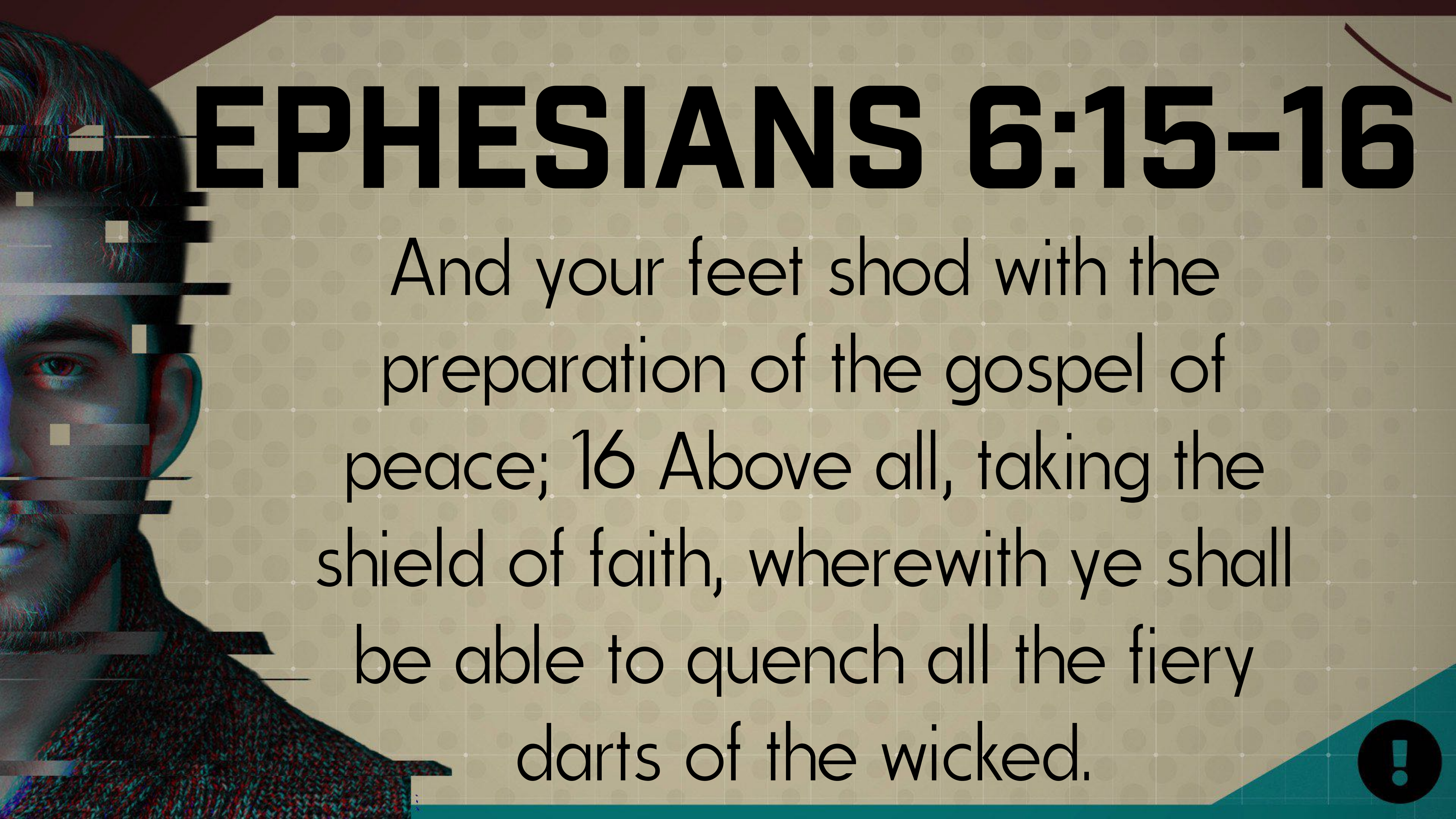
The reality that there
will be weapons formed
against you

REALITY #2:

The reality that there will be
people who speak words –
or have tongues – that will
rise against you in judgment

2 CORINTHIANS 10:4

(For the weapons of our warfare [are] not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strong holds;)



EPHESIANS 6:15-16

And your feet shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace; 16 Above all, taking the shield of faith, wherewith ye shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked.

THE CONTEXT OF HAVING YOUR FEET SHOD



ROMANS 1:16

For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek.



THE THREE DIMENSIONS OF PEACE

DIMENSION 1:

The Gospel Gives
Us Peace With God

ROMANS 5:1

Therefore being justified
by faith, we have peace
with God through our
Lord Jesus Christ:



**JUSTIFICATION IS NOT
ABOUT HOW WE FEEL – IT
IS ABOUT OUR STANDING
WITH GOD**

DIMENSION 2:

The Gospel Gives
Us the Peace of God

PHILIPPIANS 4:7

And the peace of God, which
passeth all understanding, shall
keep your hearts and minds
through Christ Jesus.



**PEACE IS NOT THE ABSENCE
OF CONFLICT—IT IS THE
PRESENCE OF JESUS IN THE
MIDDLE OF THE CONFLICT.**

DIMENSION 3:

The Gospel Brings
Peace With Others

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ROMANS 12:18

If it be possible, as
much as lieth in you, live
peaceably with all men.



2 CORINTHIANS 5:18-19

And all things are of God, who hath reconciled us to himself by Jesus Christ, and hath given to us the ministry of reconciliation; 19 To wit, that God was in Christ, reconciling the world unto himself, not imputing their trespasses unto them; and hath committed unto us the word of reconciliation.

MATTHEW 6:14-15

For if ye forgive men their trespasses,
your heavenly Father will also forgive
you: 15 But if ye forgive not men their
trespasses, neither will your Father
forgive your trespasses.

THE TWO SIDES OF THE SANDAL – STABILITY AND MOBILITY

PRACTICAL APPLICATION

#1:

Stay Grounded in
the Gospel

**IF THE ENEMY CAN
CAUSE YOU TO LOSE
YOUR FOOTING – HE
CAN MAKE YOU LOSE
YOUR FOCUS**

#2:

Stay Ready to Move

EPHESIANS 6:15

And your feet shod with
the preparation of the
gospel of peace;



#3:

Protect Your Peace

**JESUS GAVE HIS LIFE TO
GIVE PEACE TO YOU. DO NOT
LET HIS DEATH BE IN VAIN
BY LETTING SOMETHING OR
SOMEONE STEAL THE PEACE
HE DIED TO GIVE YOU**

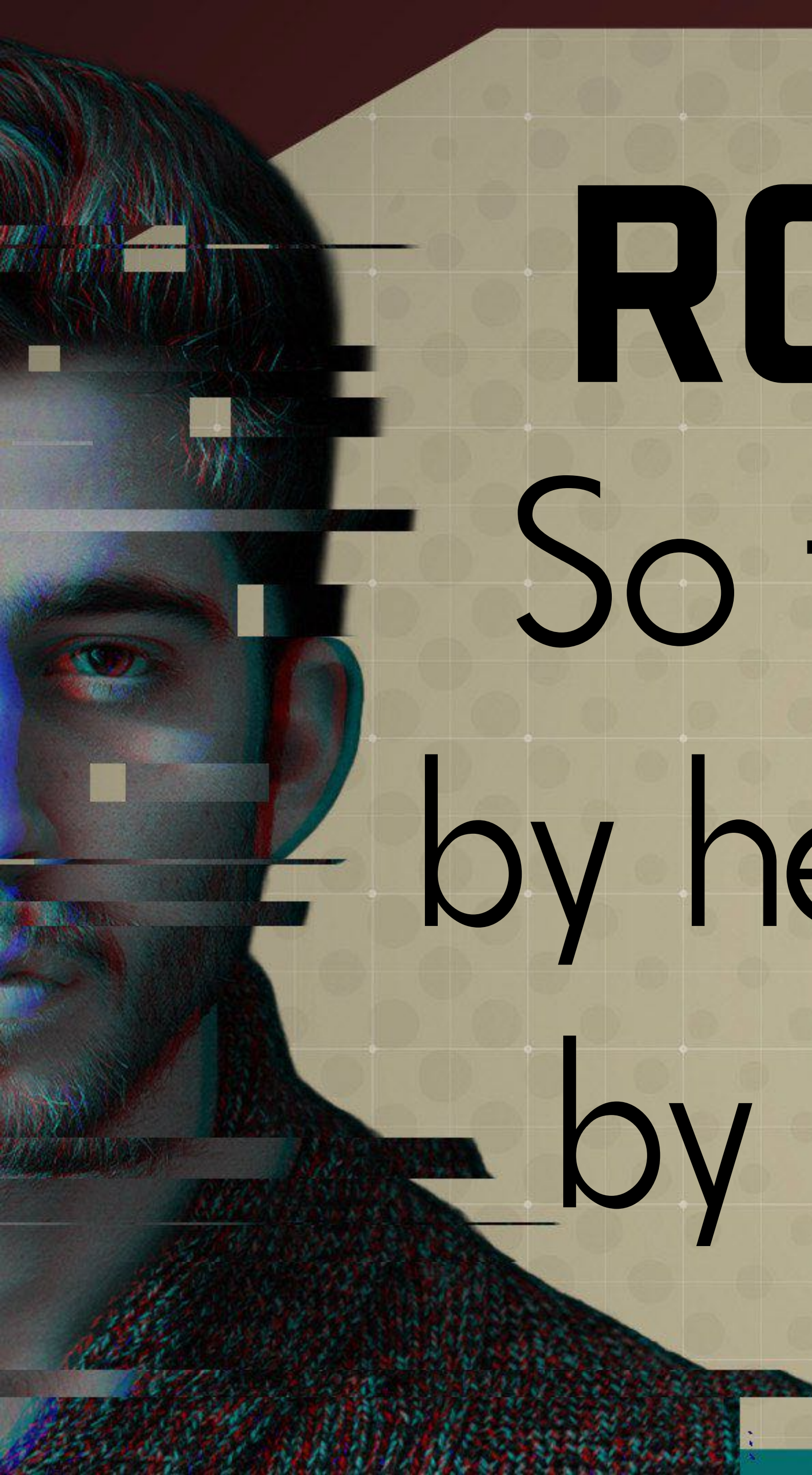
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THE HISTORICAL BACKGROUND OF THE ROMAN SHIELD

**HOW IS FAITH
LIKE A SHIELD?**



ROMANS 10:17

So then faith [cometh]
by hearing, and hearing
by the word of God.



**WHAT ARE THE
FIERY DARTS OF
THE ENEMY?**

THE FIERY DARTS OF DOUBT

GENESIS 3:1

Now the serpent was more subtil than any beast of the field which the LORD God had made. And he said unto the woman, Yea, hath God said, Ye shall not eat of every tree of the garden?



MATTHEW 14:30-31

But when he saw the wind boisterous, he was afraid; and beginning to sink, he cried, saying, Lord, save me. 31 And immediately Jesus stretched forth [his] hand, and caught him, and said unto him, O thou of little faith, wherefore didst thou doubt?

JAMES 1:6

But let him ask in faith, nothing
wavering... for he that wavereth
is like a wave of the sea driven
with the wind and tossed



THE FIERY DART OF FEAR

**FEAR IS FAITH IN REVERSE
—IT BELIEVES THE WORST
INSTEAD OF THE WORD.**

THE FIERY DART OF CONDEMNATION

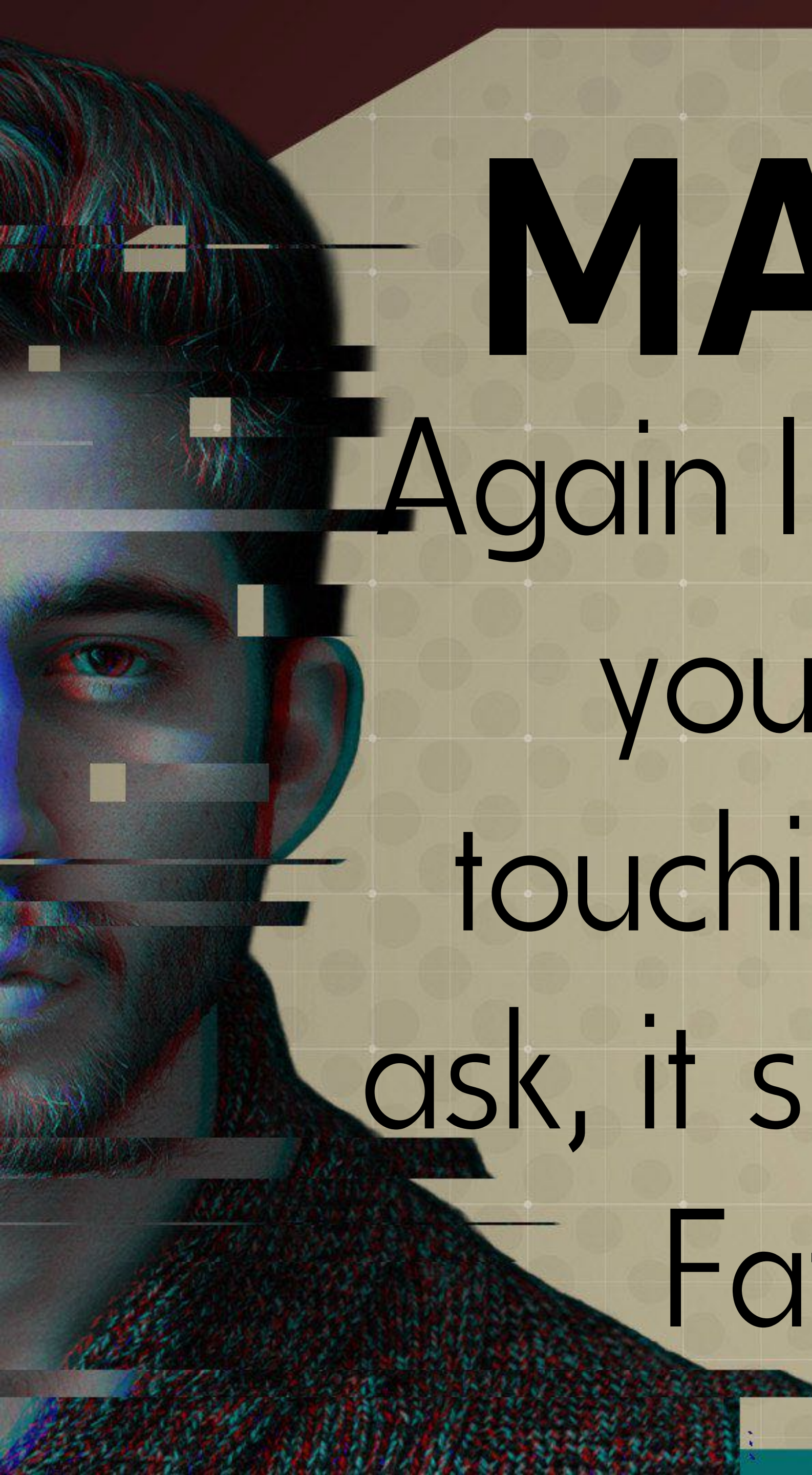
THE FIERY DART OF DISCOURAGEMENT

EPHESIANS 6:16

Above all, taking the shield of
faith, wherewith ye shall be
able to quench all the fiery
darts of the wicked.







MATTHEW 18:19

Again I say unto you, That if two of you shall agree on earth as touching any thing that they shall ask, it shall be done for them of my Father which is in heaven.



**YOU MUST
ACKNOWLEDGE YOU
ARE IN A BATTLE**

**FAITH DOES NOT STOP THE
DARTS FROM BEING FIRED
– IT JUST STOPS THEM
FROM PENETRATING WHO
YOU ARE**

**IDENTIFY THE DART
THE ENEMY IS FIRING
AT YOU**

2 CORINTHIANS 2:11

Lest Satan should get an advantage of us: for we are not ignorant of his devices.

**ONCE YOU NAME THE
DART – YOU CAN AIM
YOUR FAITH AT IT**

**LIFT THE
SHIELD DAILY**

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2 TIMOTHY 1:7

For God hath not given us
the spirit of fear; but of
power, and of love, and of a
sound mind.

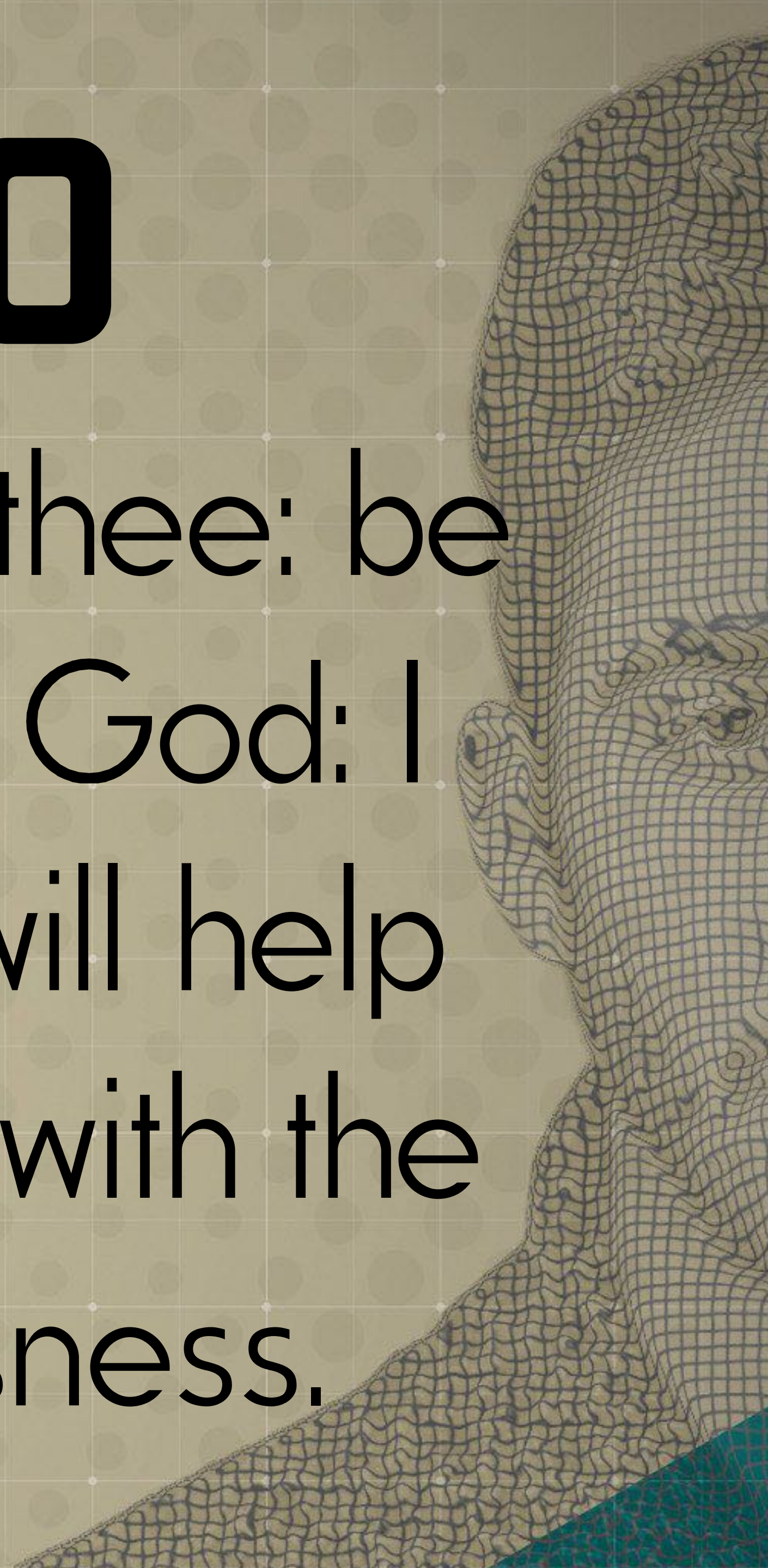


MARK 11:23

For verily I say unto you, That whosoever shall say unto this mountain, Be thou removed, and be thou cast into the sea; and shall not doubt in his heart, but shall believe that those things which he saith shall come to pass; he shall have whatsoever he saith.

ISAIAH 41:10

Fear thou not; for I [am] with thee: be not dismayed; for I [am] thy God: I will strengthen thee; yea, I will help thee; yea, I will uphold thee with the right hand of my righteousness.



**FEEED YOUR
FAITH**

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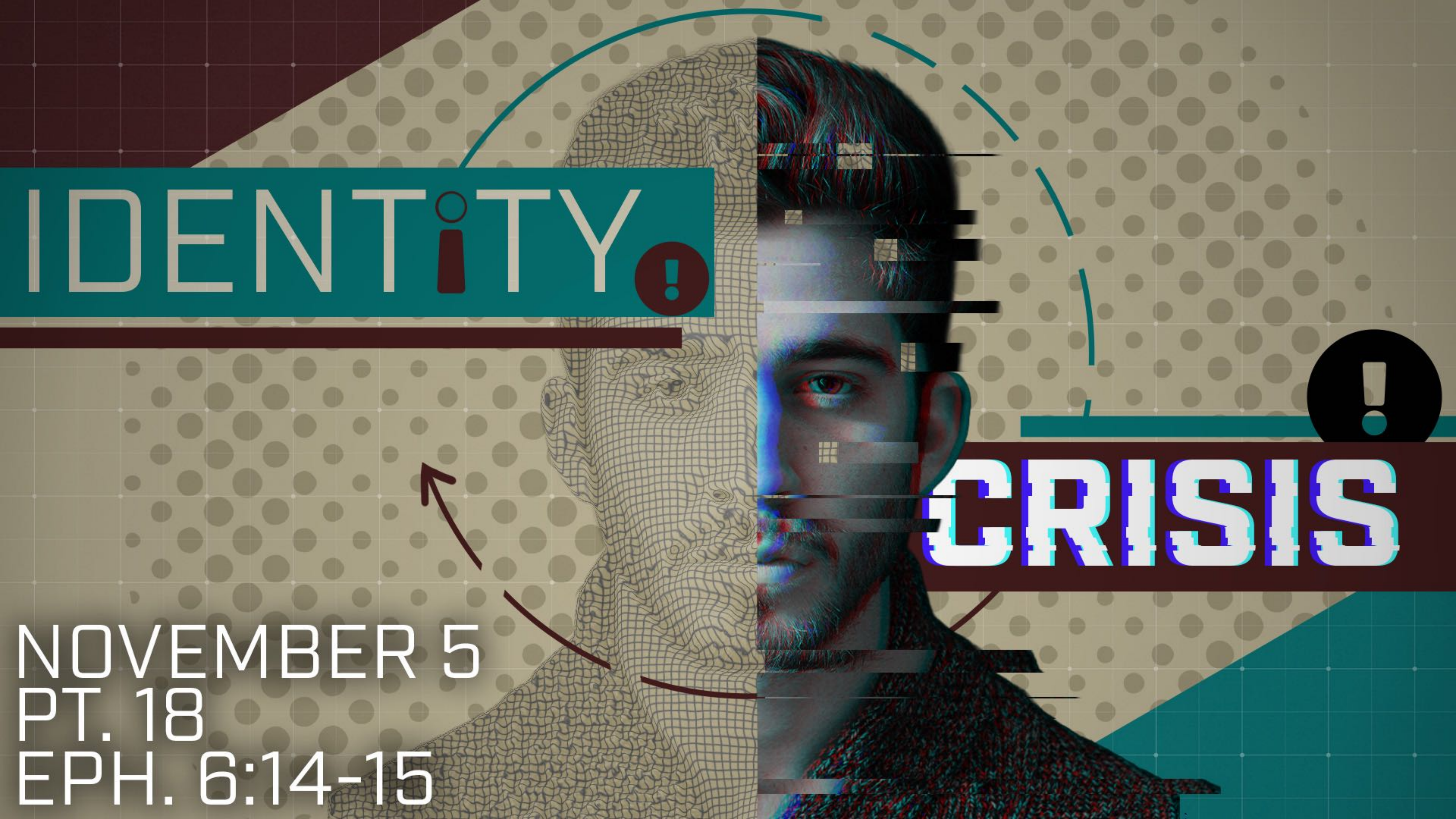


**CONNECT YOUR
SHIELD TO SOMEONE
ELSE'S SHIELD**

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