



# IDENTITY!

# CRISIS

JULY 23  
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EPH. 3:1-13



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# EPHESIANS 3:1

For this cause I Paul, the  
prisoner of Jesus Christ  
for you Gentiles...







# PRINCIPLE 1:

Look at Your Prison  
through the Lens of  
Purpose

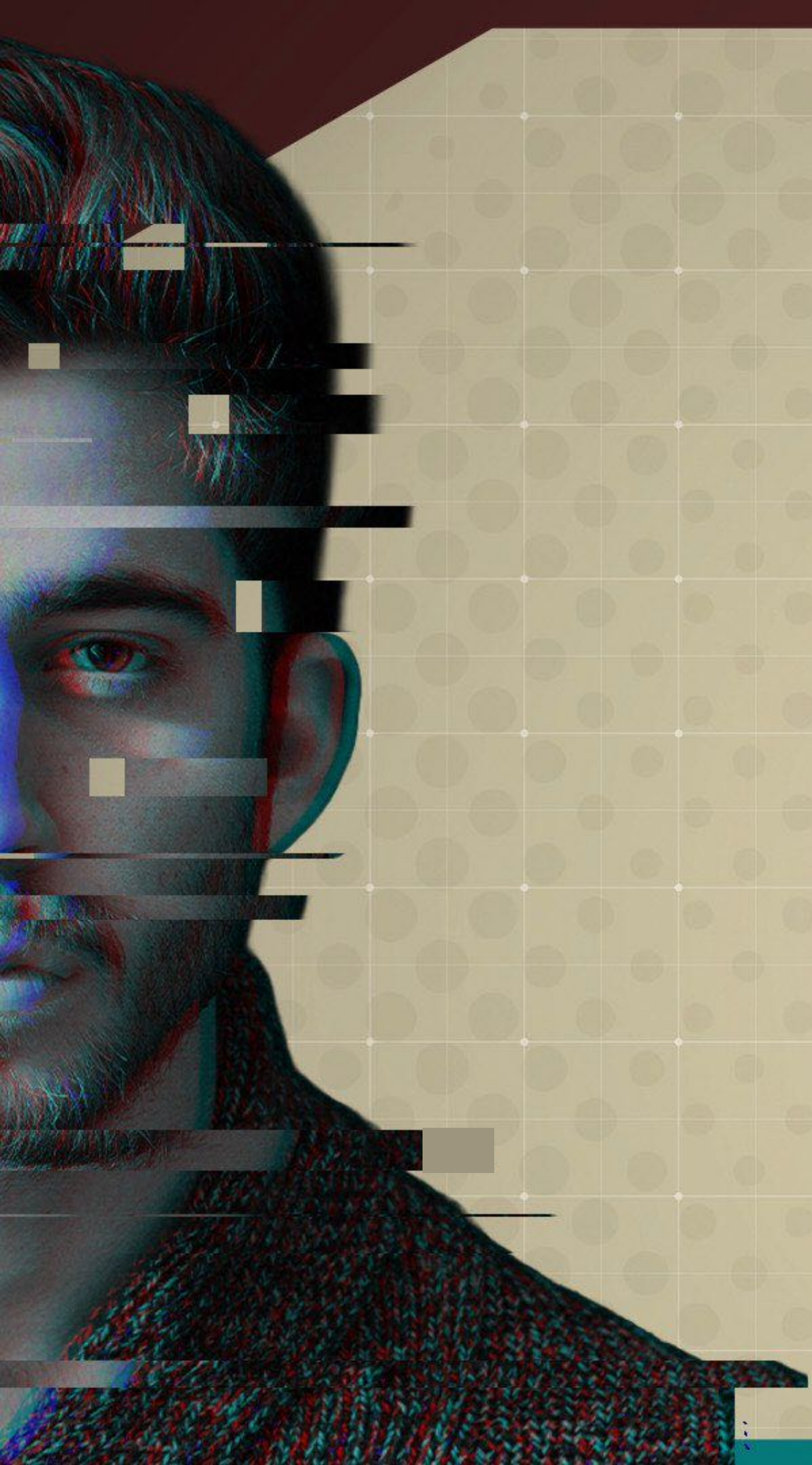




**A VICTIM MENTALITY IS A  
MINDSET WHERE A PERSON  
CONSISTENTLY SEES  
THEMSELVES AS A VICTIM OF  
CIRCUMSTANCES, PEOPLE,  
OR SYSTEMS**







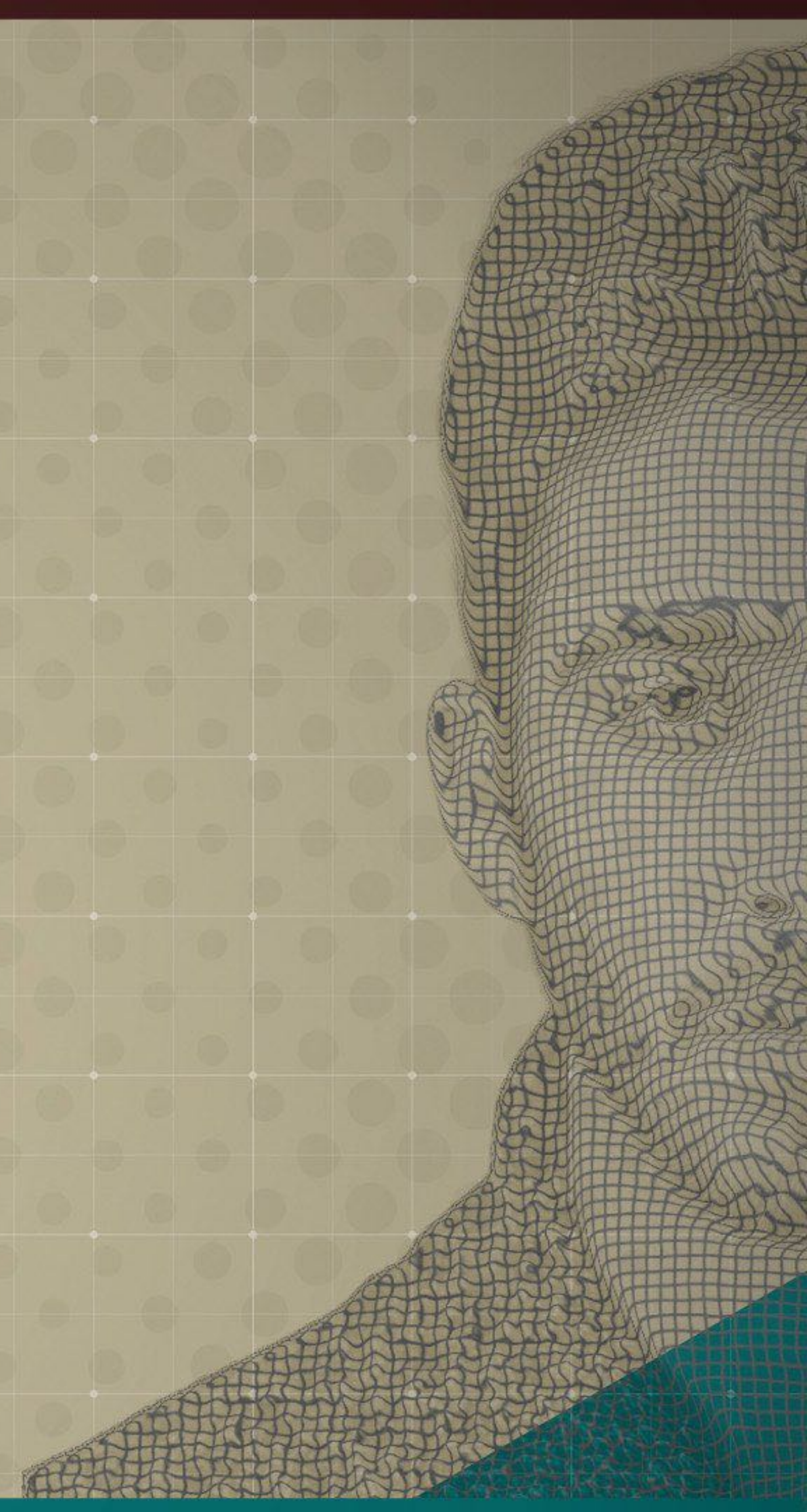
**VICTIMS BLAME  
OTHERS AS THE  
SOURCE OF ALL  
THEIR PROBLEMS**







**VICTIMS FEEL  
POWERLESS  
AND HELPLESS**







# PHILIPPIANS 4:13

I can do all things  
through Christ who  
strengthens me



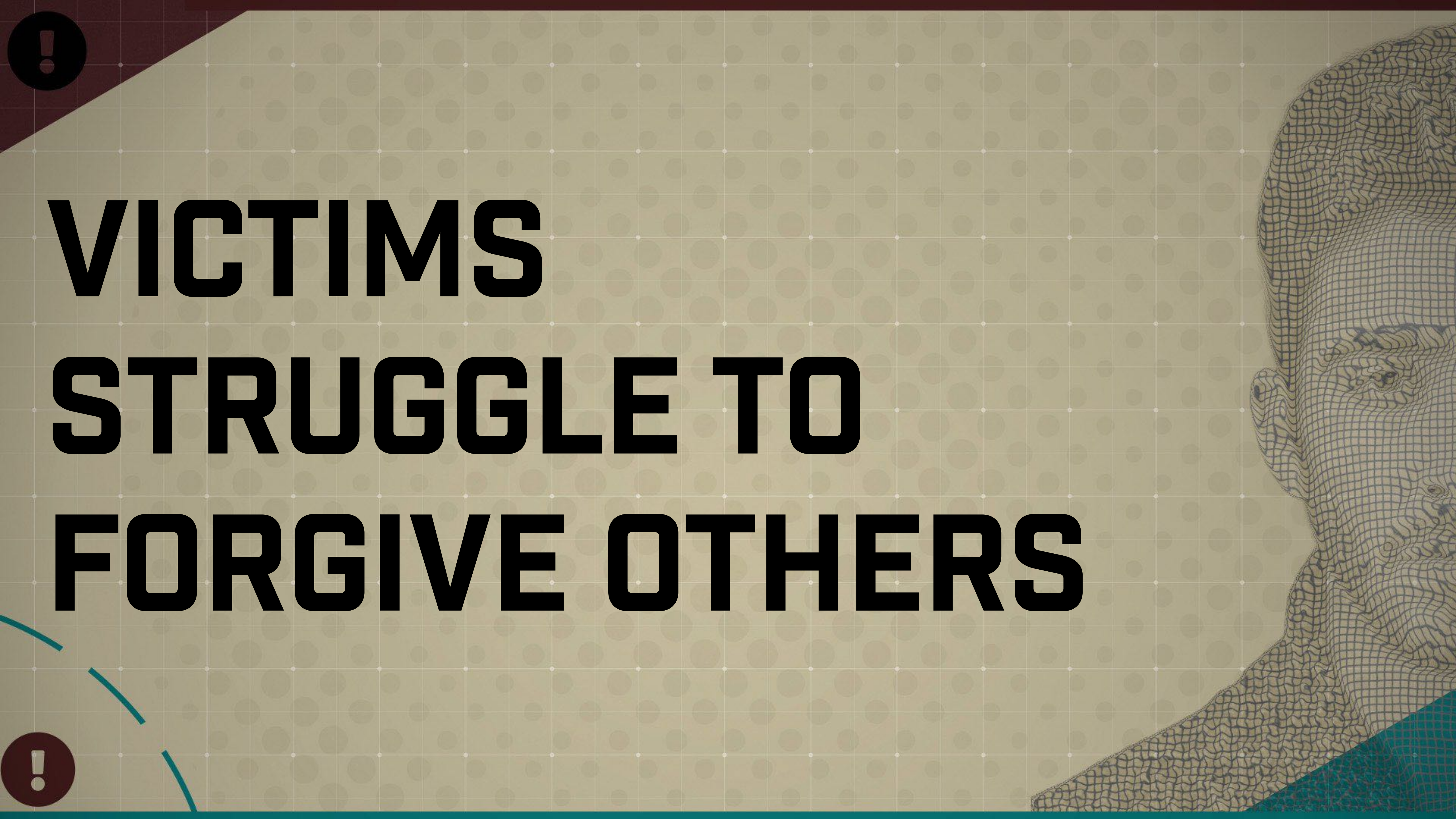




**VICTIMS REFUSE TO  
TAKE PERSONAL  
RESPONSIBILITY**







# **VICTIMS STRUGGLE TO FORGIVE OTHERS**





# ROMANS 8:37

In all these things we are  
more than conquerors  
through him who loved us







# EPHESIANS 3:1

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prisoner of Jesus Christ  
for you Gentiles,





# HERE IS THE TAKEAWAY:

Never allow your identity to be shaped by your chains but rather by your calling. Stop seeing setbacks in life as punishment and see it as a platform to your potential





# EPHESIANS 3:2

If ye have heard of the  
dispensation of the grace  
of God which is given me  
to you-ward:





# PRINCIPLE 2:

You are a  
Conduit of God's  
Grace







# EPHESIANS 3:6

That the Gentiles should be  
fellowheirs, and of the  
same body, and partakers  
of his promise in Christ by  
the gospel



# THE DISPENSATION OF INNOCENCE

- Time Period: Creation to the Fall of Man
- Scripture Placement: Genesis 1-3
- Responsibility: Man was to obey God and not eat from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil
- Failure: Adam and Eve disobeyed God.
- Judgment: Man is expelled from the Garden of Eden and the curse enters the world



# THE DISPENSATION OF CONSCIENCE

- Time Period: From the Fall of Man to the Flood
- Scripture Placement: Genesis 4-8
- Responsibility: People were to live according to their conscience, which was informed by the knowledge of good and evil.
- Failure: Widespread corruption and violence (Genesis 6:5).
- Judgment: The Great Flood.



# THE DISPENSATION OF HUMAN GOVERNMENT

- Time Period: Post-Flood to the Call of Abraham
- Scripture Placement: Genesis 9-11
- Responsibility: Humanity was to govern itself righteously under God's authority.
- Failure: Pride and rebellion at the Tower of Babel.
- Judgment: Confusion of languages and scattering of nations.



# THE DISPENSATION OF PROMISE

- Time Period: Call of Abraham to the Giving of the Law
- Scripture Placement: Genesis 12 - Exodus 19
- Responsibility: Live by faith in God's promises, particularly the promise of land, seed, and blessing through Abraham.
- Failure: The Israelites grew in number but eventually fell into slavery and unbelief
- Judgment: Bondage in Egypt.



# THE DISPENSATION OF LAW

- Time Period: Moses to the Cross
- Scripture Placement: Exodus 20 – Malachi (and into the Gospels before the crucifixion)
- Responsibility: Obey the Mosaic Law fully.
- Failure: Israel repeatedly broke the covenant.
- Judgment: Exile, oppression, and eventually the rejection of Christ.



# THE DISPENSATION OF GRACE

## [THE CHURCH AGE]

- The Dispensation of Grace (The Church Age)
- Time Period: Pentecost to the Rapture (Acts 2 – present)
- Scripture Placement: Acts – Revelation 3
- Responsibility: Receive salvation by grace through faith in Jesus Christ; live by the Spirit.
- Failure: Apostasy and widespread rejection of the gospel.
- Judgment: The coming Tribulation period (Revelation 6–19).



# THE MILLENNIAL REIGN OF CHRIST

- Time Period: Second Coming of Christ to the End of the Millennium (1,000 years)
- Scripture Placement: Revelation 20
- Responsibility: Obey Christ as King during His literal reign on earth.
- Failure: After 1,000 years, Satan is released and leads one final rebellion.
- Judgment: Final defeat of Satan; Great White Throne judgment.



# EPHESIANS 2:8-9

For by grace are ye saved  
through faith; and that not of  
yourselves: [it is] the gift of  
God: 9 Not of works, lest any  
man should boast.







**WE ARE THE CONDUIT  
OF GOD'S GRACE – NOT  
THE CONTROLLER OF  
GOD'S GRACE**





# JAMES 4:6

But he giveth more grace.  
Wherefore he saith, God  
resisteth the proud, but giveth  
grace unto the humble.






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# EPHESIANS 3:8

Unto me, who am less than the least of all saints, is this grace given, that I should preach among the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ;





**GRACE IS NOT A NATURAL  
HUMAN RESPONSE - IT  
MUST BE LEARNED. IT IS  
MOST OFTEN LEARNED BY  
RECEIVING IT**







# HERE IS THE TAKEAWAY:

We live the most blessed time in redemptive history. Determine to be a conduit of God's grace and offer it freely and abundantly to people.

Live in the unity of the Spirit and stop living by religious performance.



# EPHESIANS 3:3

How that by revelation he  
made known unto me the  
mystery; (as I wrote afore  
in few words,





# PRINCIPLE 3:

You are a  
Recipient of  
Divine Revelation



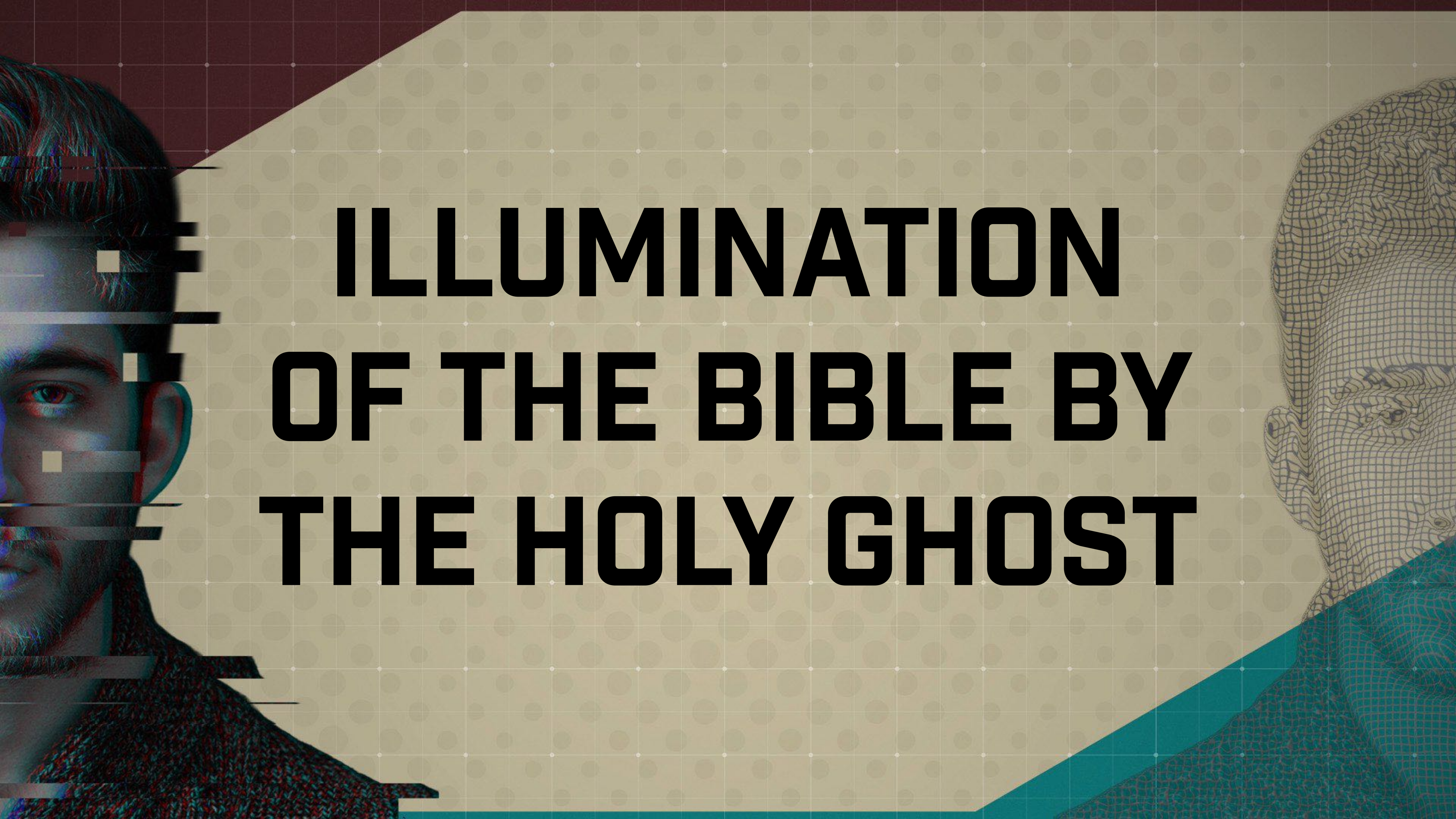


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# 2 TIMOTHY 3:16-17

All scripture [is] given by inspiration of God, and [is] profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: 17 That the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works.



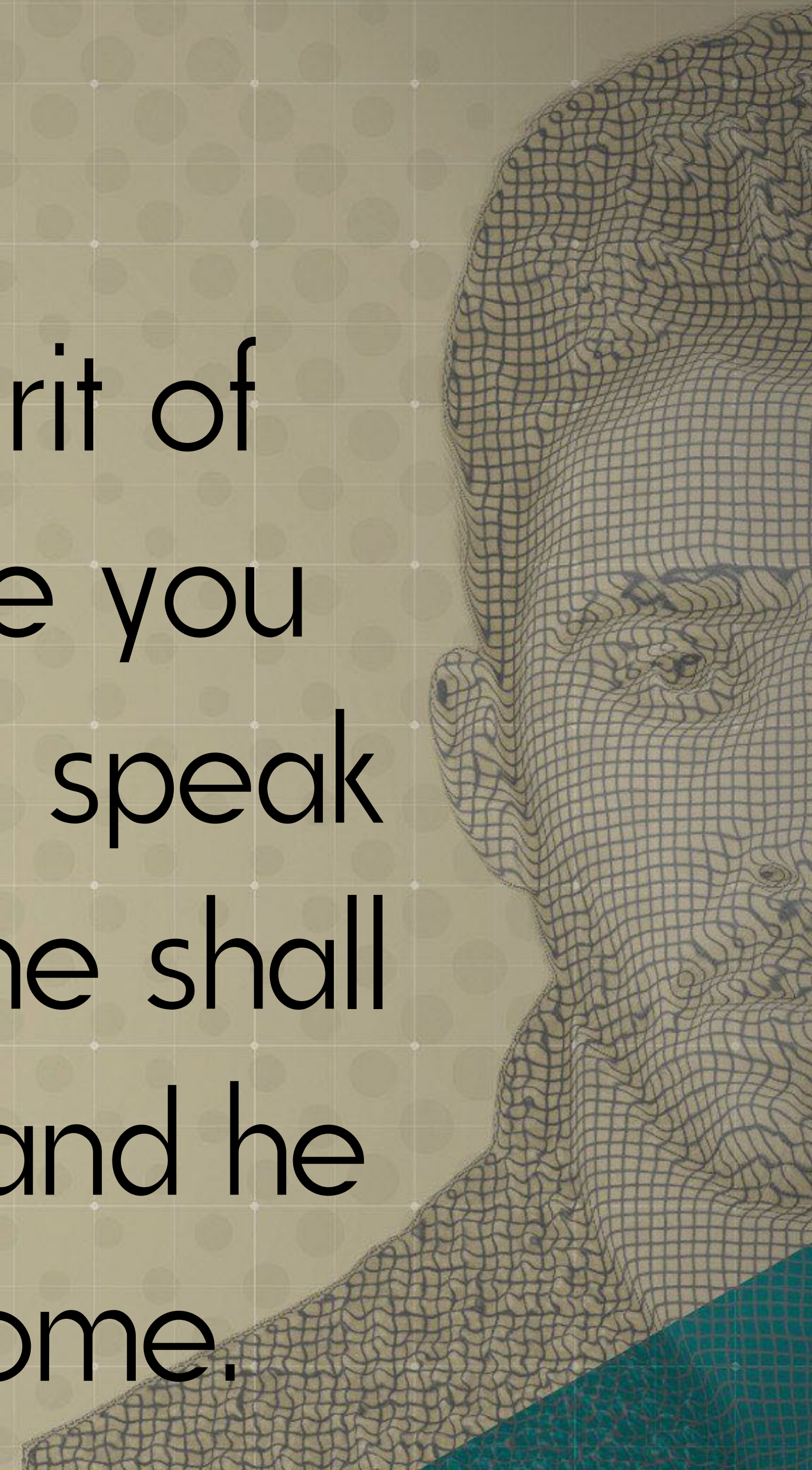


# **ILLUMINATION OF THE BIBLE BY THE HOLY GHOST**

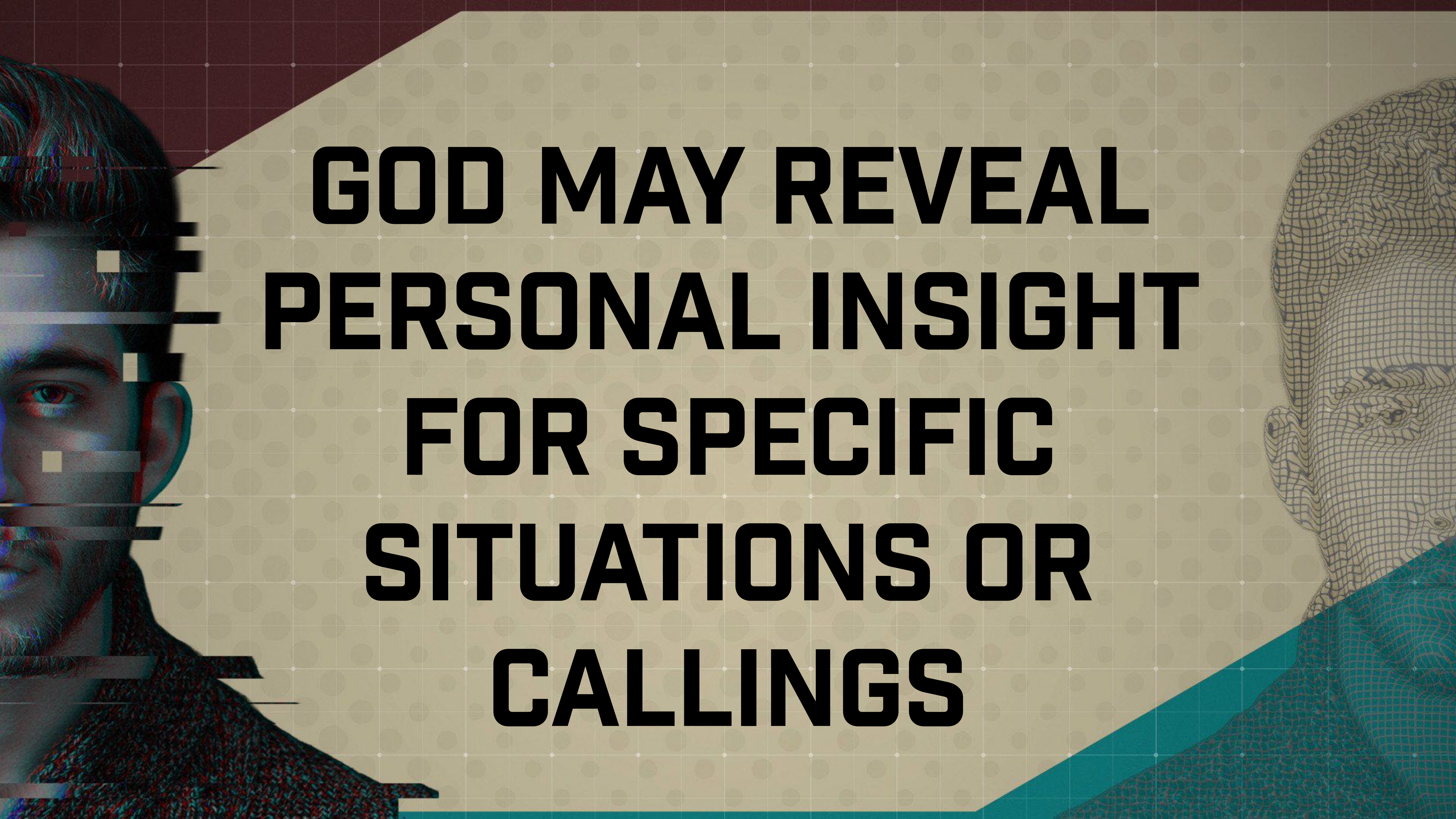


# JOHN 16:13

Howbeit when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth: for he shall not speak of himself; but whatsoever he shall hear, [that] shall he speak: and he will shew you things to come.







**GOD MAY REVEAL  
PERSONAL INSIGHT  
FOR SPECIFIC  
SITUATIONS OR  
CALLINGS**



# ACTS 9:3-6

And as he journeyed, he came near Damascus: and suddenly there shined round about him a light from heaven: 4

And he fell to the earth, and heard a voice saying unto him, Saul, Saul, why persecutest thou me? 5 And he said,

Who art thou, Lord?





# ACTS 9:3-6

And the Lord said, I am Jesus whom thou persecutest: [it is] hard for thee to kick against the pricks. 6 And he trembling and astonished said, Lord, what wilt thou have me to do? And the Lord [said] unto him, Arise, and go into the city, and it shall be told thee what thou must do.





**GOD WILL GIVE  
SPIRITUAL  
DISCERNMENT,  
DREAMS, PROPHETIC  
WORDS, OR DIVINE  
IMPRESSIONS**

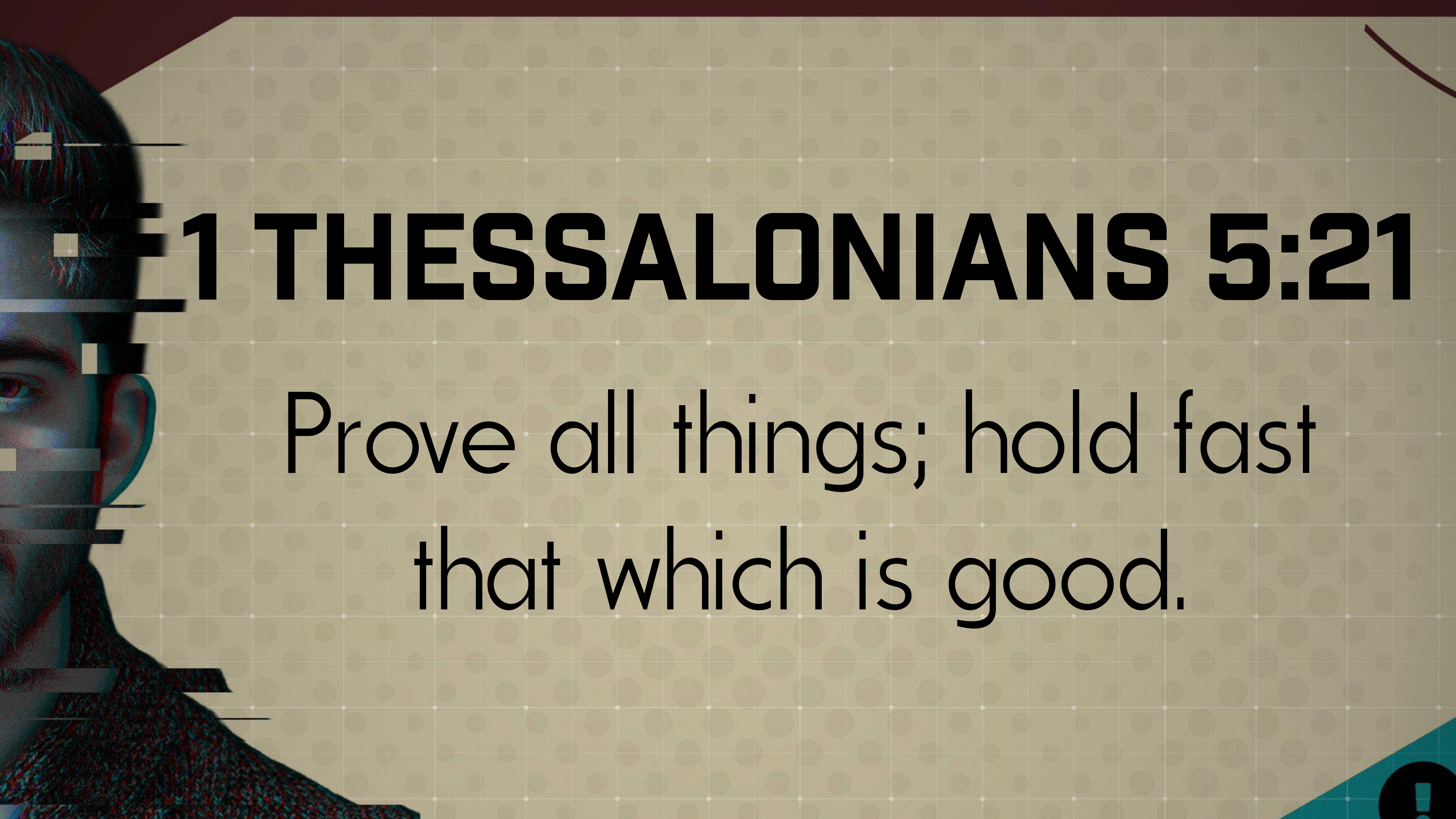




# ACTS 2:17-18

And it shall come to pass in the last days, saith God, I will pour out of my Spirit upon all flesh: and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams: 18 And on my servants and on my handmaidens I will pour out in those days of my Spirit; and they shall prophesy:





# 1 THESSALONIANS 5:21

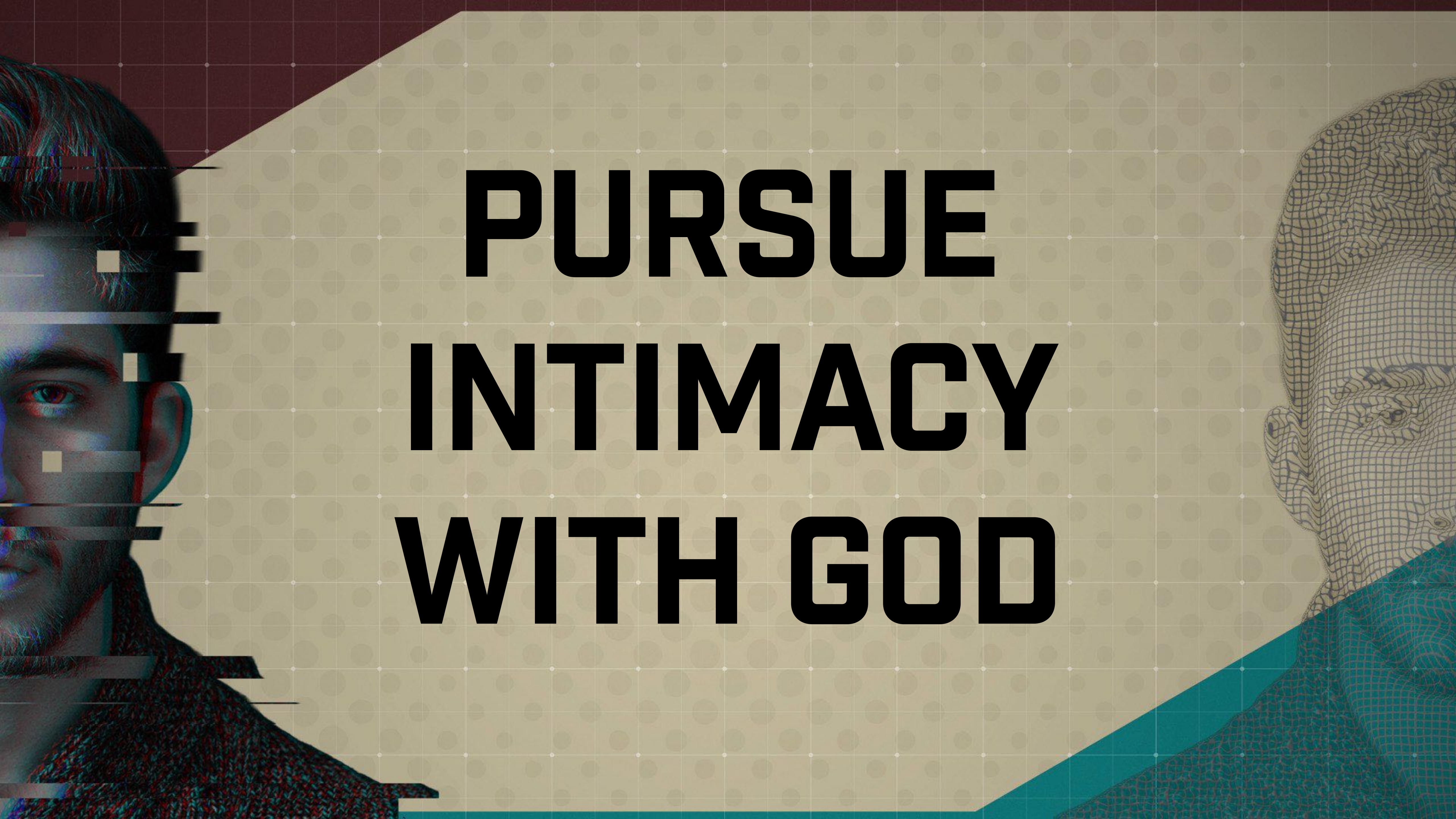
Prove all things; hold fast  
that which is good.



**HOW DO WE  
POSITION  
OURSELVES TO  
RECEIVE  
REVELATION?**





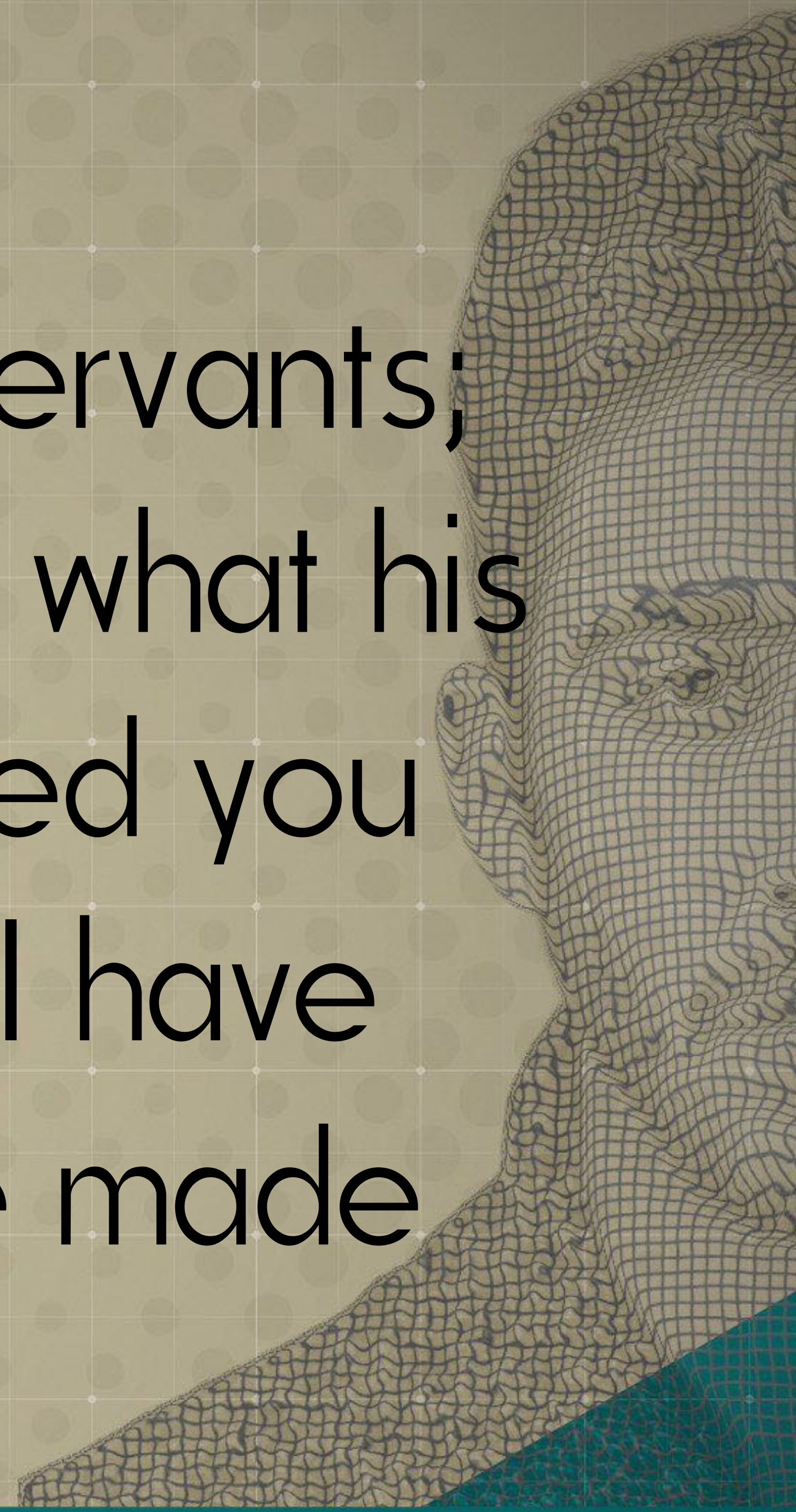


# **PURSUE INTIMACY WITH GOD**



# JOHN 15:15

Henceforth I call you not servants;  
for the servant knoweth not what his  
lord doeth: but I have called you  
friends; for all things that I have  
heard of my Father I have made  
known unto you.





**STAY  
GROUNDED IN  
THE WORD**



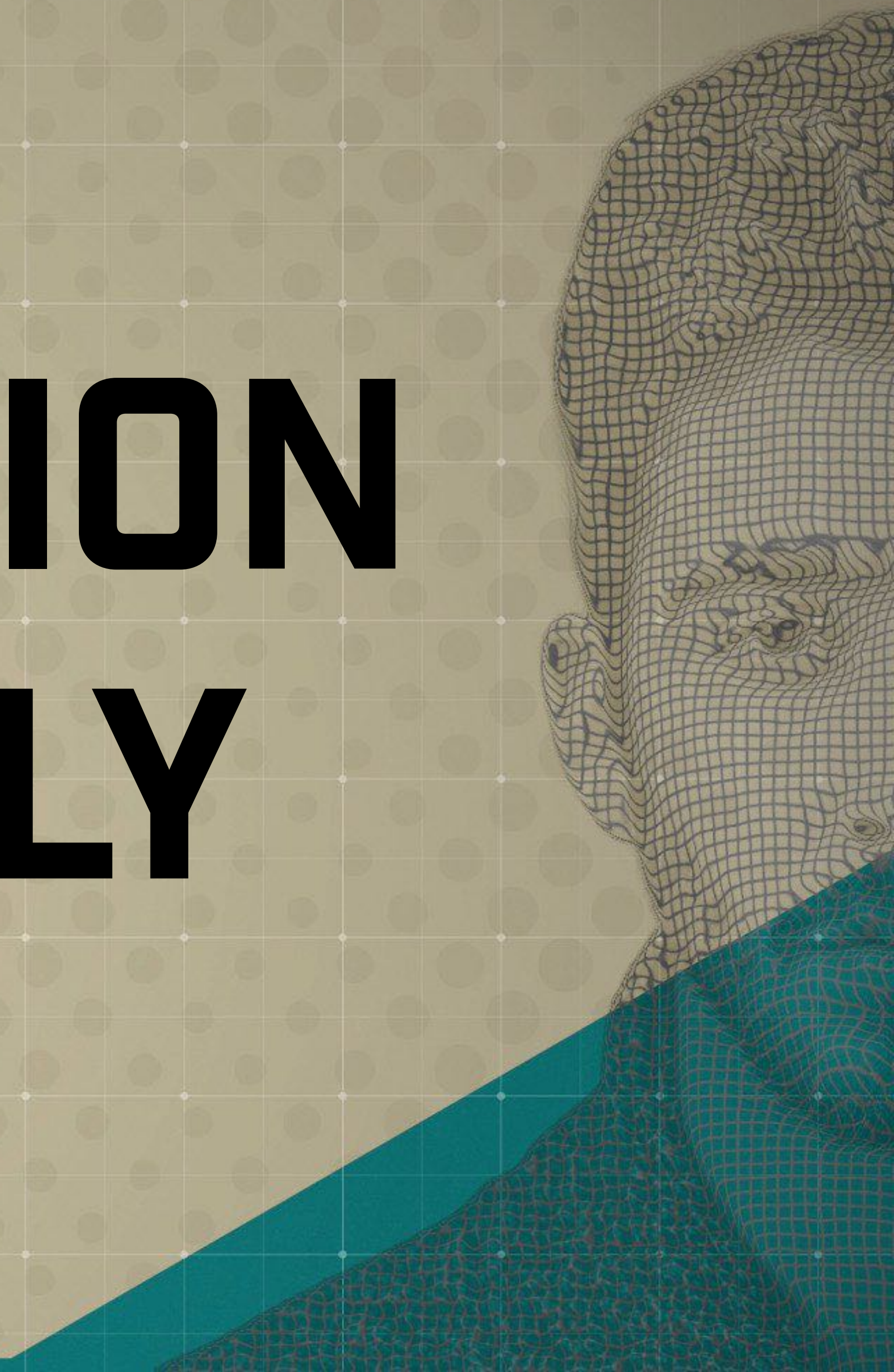




**CREATE SPACE  
TO HEAR THE  
VOICE OF GOD**



**SEEK  
ILLUMINATION  
FROM HOLY  
SPIRIT**





# 1 CORINTHIANS 2:9-14

But as it is written, Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love him. 10 But God hath revealed [them] unto us by his Spirit: for the Spirit searcheth all things, yea, the deep things of God. 11 For what man knoweth the things of a man, save the spirit of man which is in him? even so the things of God knoweth no man, but the Spirit of God. 12 Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the spirit which is of God;



# 1 CORINTHIANS 2:9-14

that we might know the things that are freely given to us of God. 13 Which things also we speak, not in the words which man's wisdom teacheth, but which the Holy Ghost teacheth; comparing spiritual things with spiritual. 14 But the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know [them], because they are spiritually discerned. We must depend on Him to open our eyes and hearts.



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# HERE IS THE TAKEAWAY:

Open yourself to divine  
revelation and illumination.

Expect it to happen on a regular  
basis in your life as you seek  
intimacy with Jesus





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