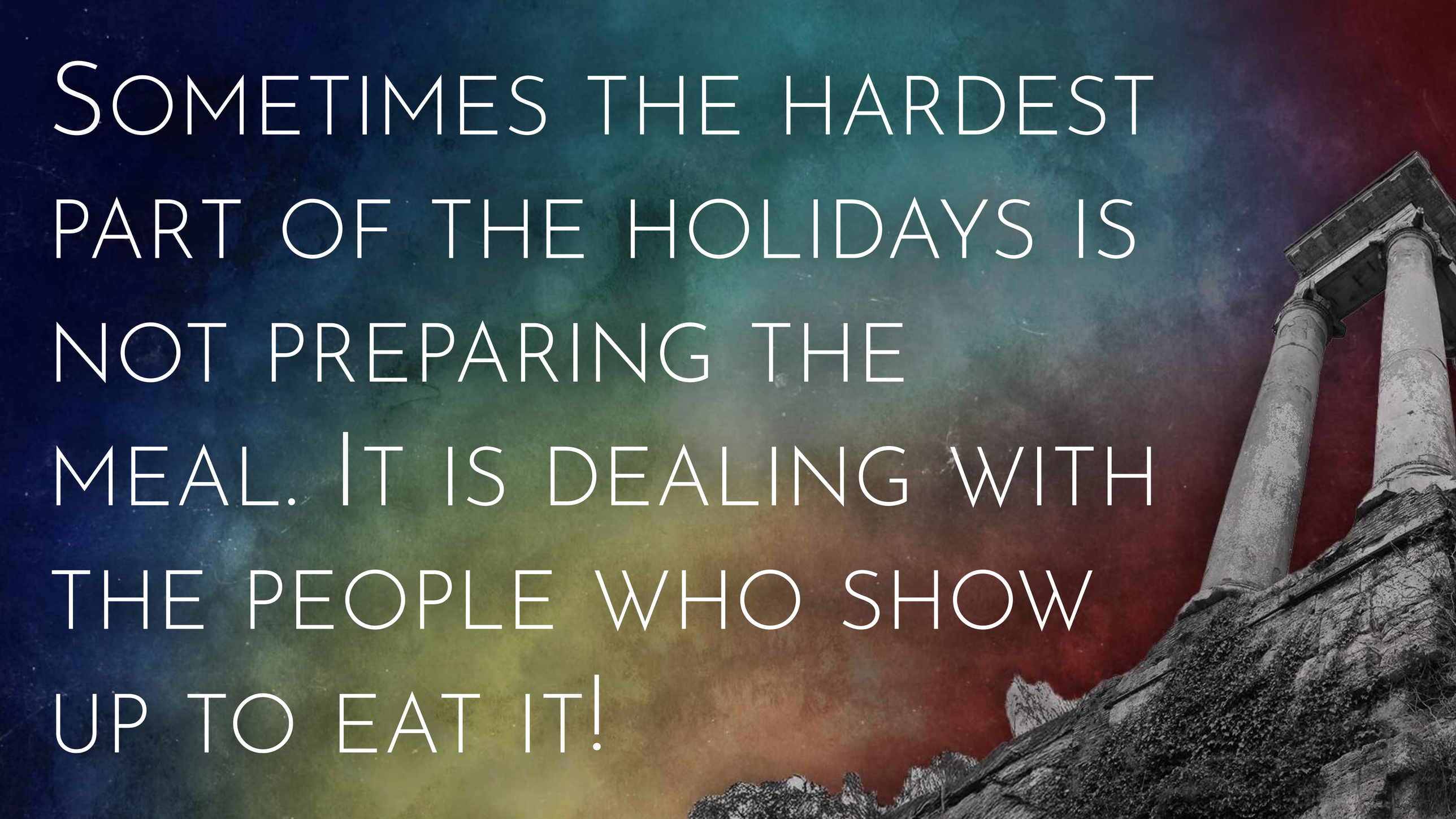
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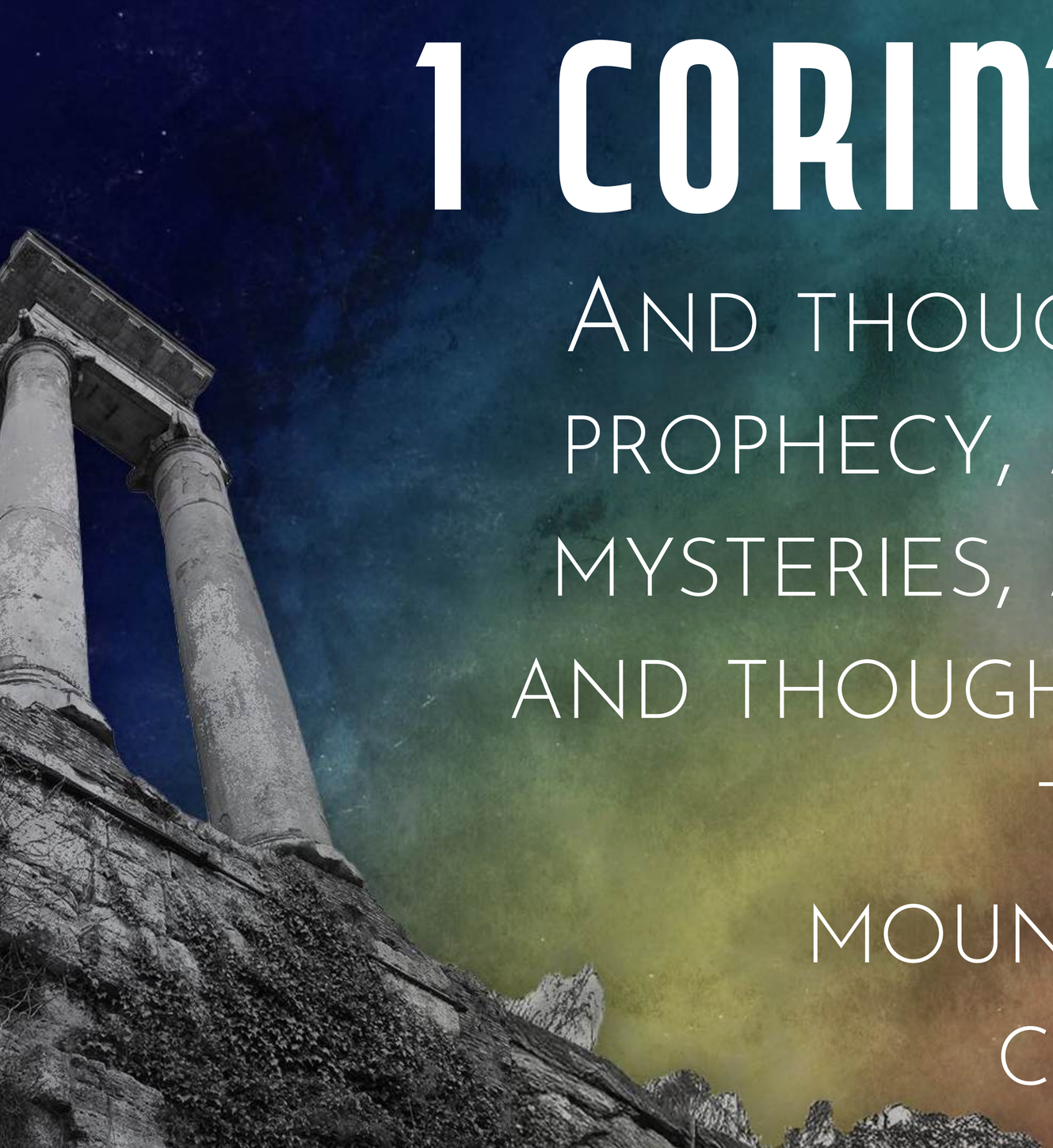


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Sometimes the hardest part of the holidays is not preparing the meal. It is dealing with the people who show up to eat it!



1 Corinthians 13:2



And though I have the gift of prophecy, and understand all mysteries, and all knowledge; and though I have all faith, so that I could remove mountains, and have not charity, I am nothing

1 Corinthians 13:1

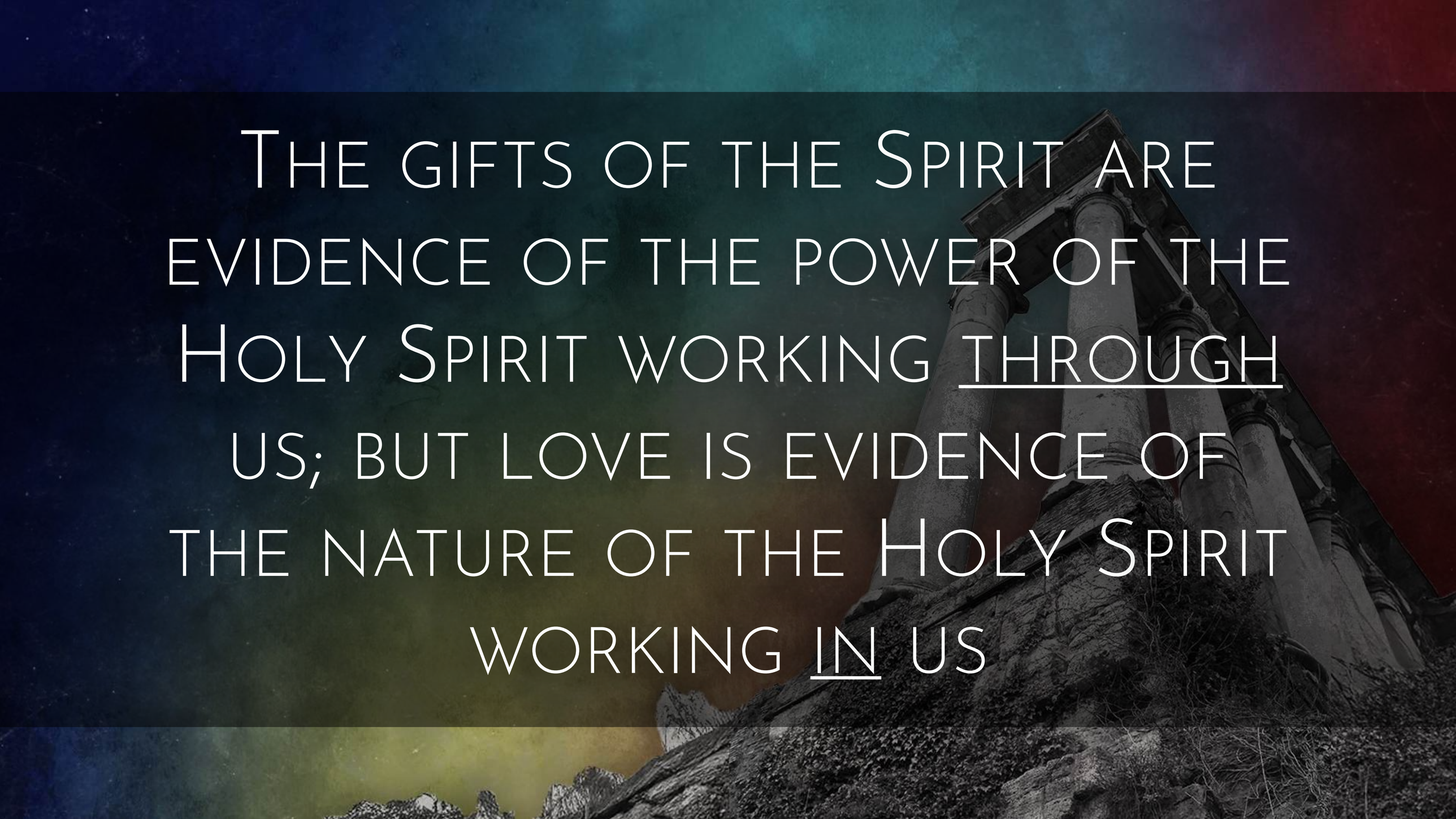
Though I speak with the tongues of men and of angels, and have not charity, I am become [as] sounding brass, or a tinkling cymbal.



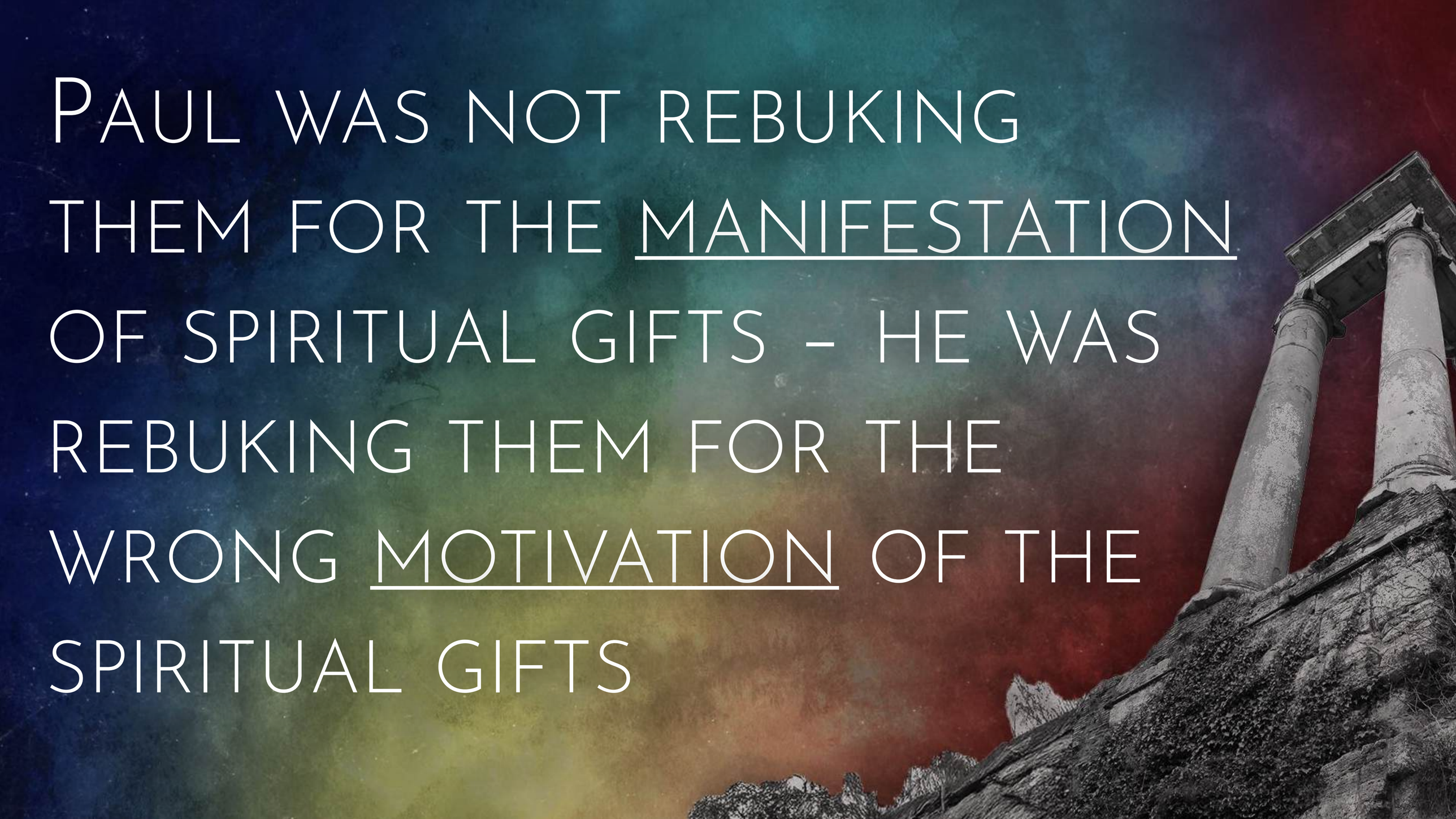


PRINCIPLE 1:

Love is Greater Than Spiritual Giftedness

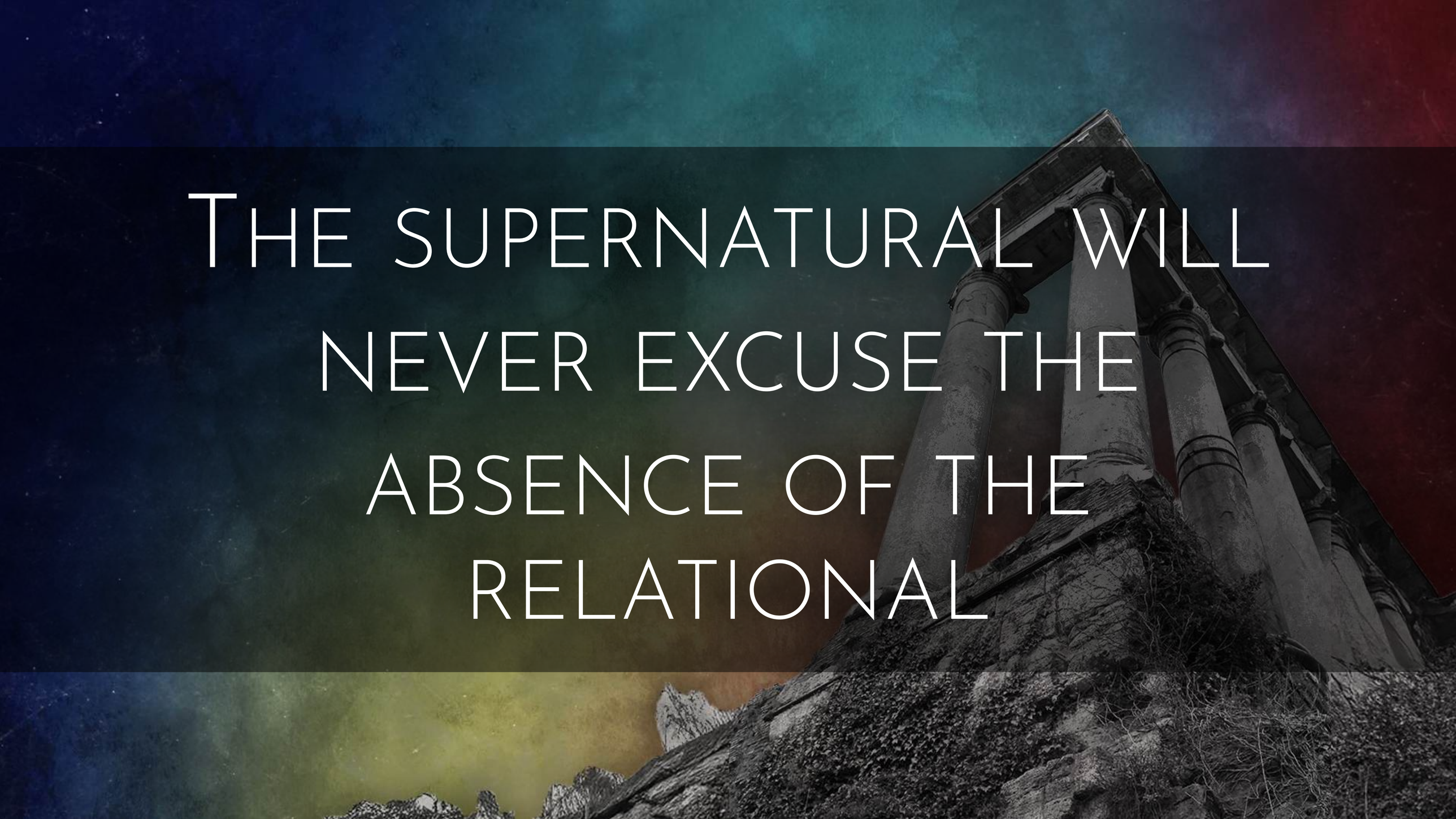

The gifts of the Spirit are evidence of the power of the Holy Spirit working through us; but love is evidence of the nature of the Holy Spirit working in us

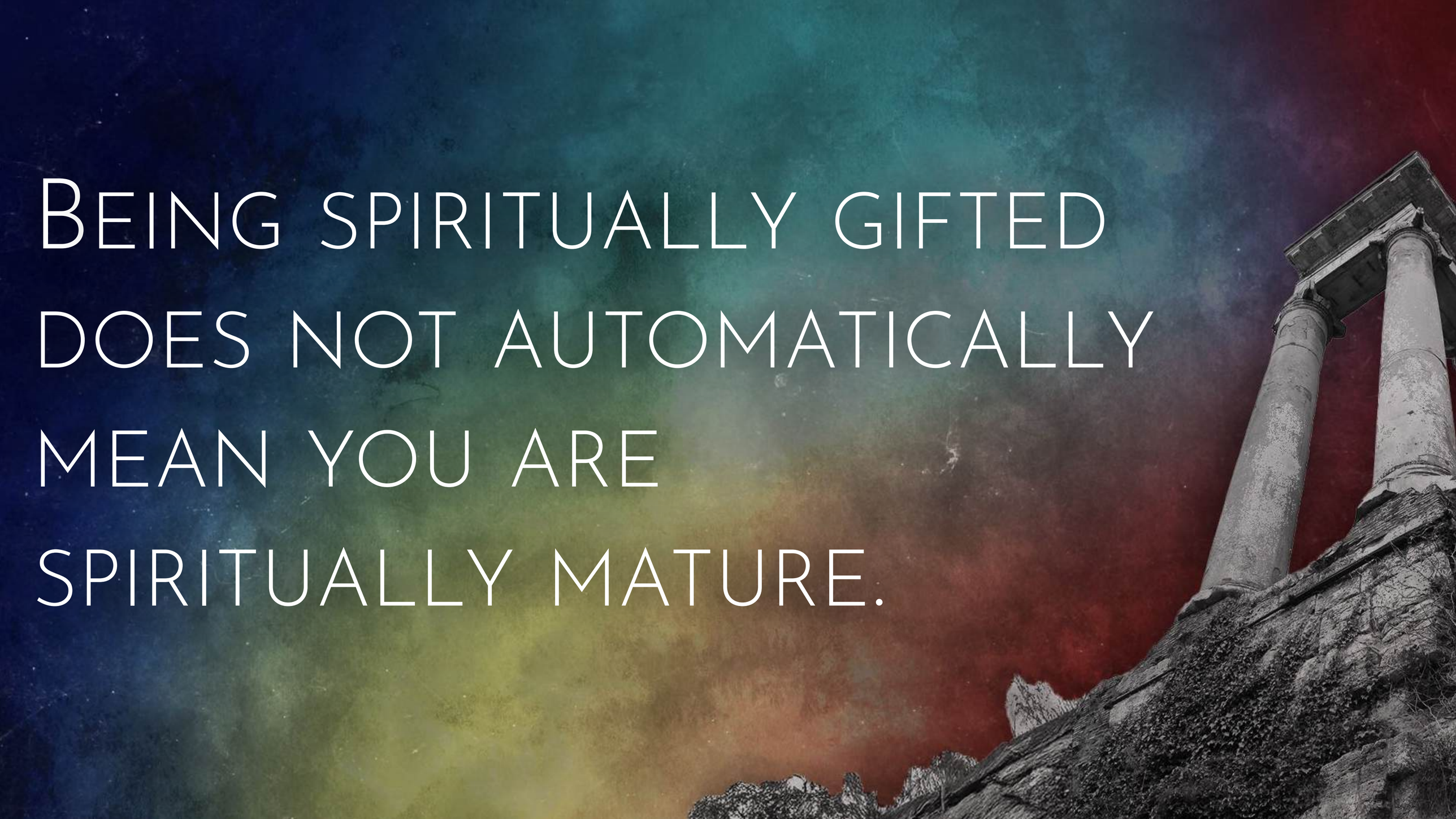

1 CORINTHIANS 1:7
So that ye come behind
in no gift; waiting for
the coming of our
Lord Jesus Christ


PAUL WAS NOT REBUKING THEM FOR THE MANIFESTATION OF SPIRITUAL GIFTS – HE WAS REBUKING THEM FOR THE WRONG MOTIVATION OF THE SPIRITUAL GIFTS

1 CORINTHIANS 13:1

Though I speak with
the tongues of men
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The supernatural will never excuse the absence of the relational


Being spiritually gifted
does not automatically
mean you are
spiritually mature.

1 CORINTHIANS 13:1

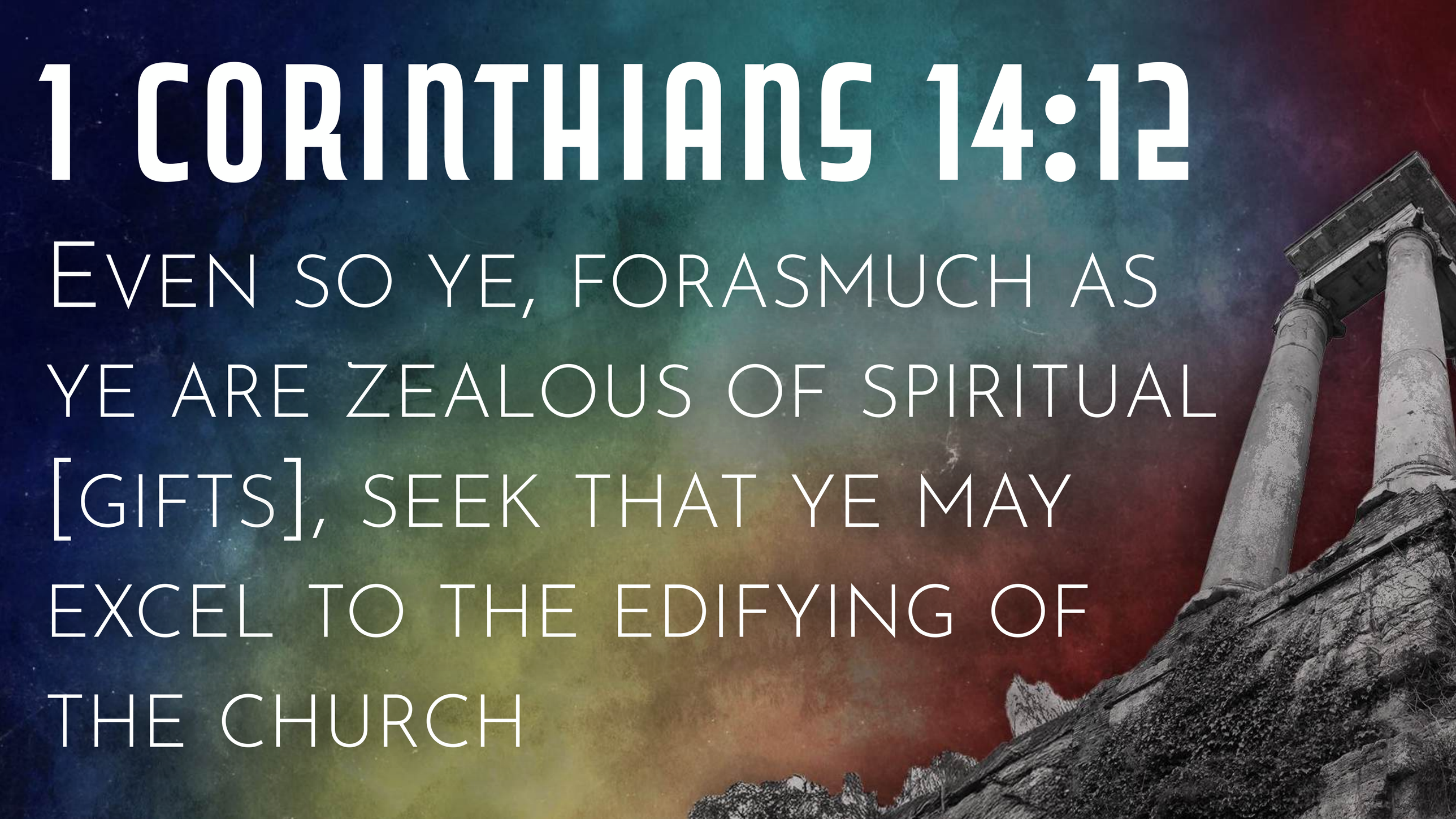


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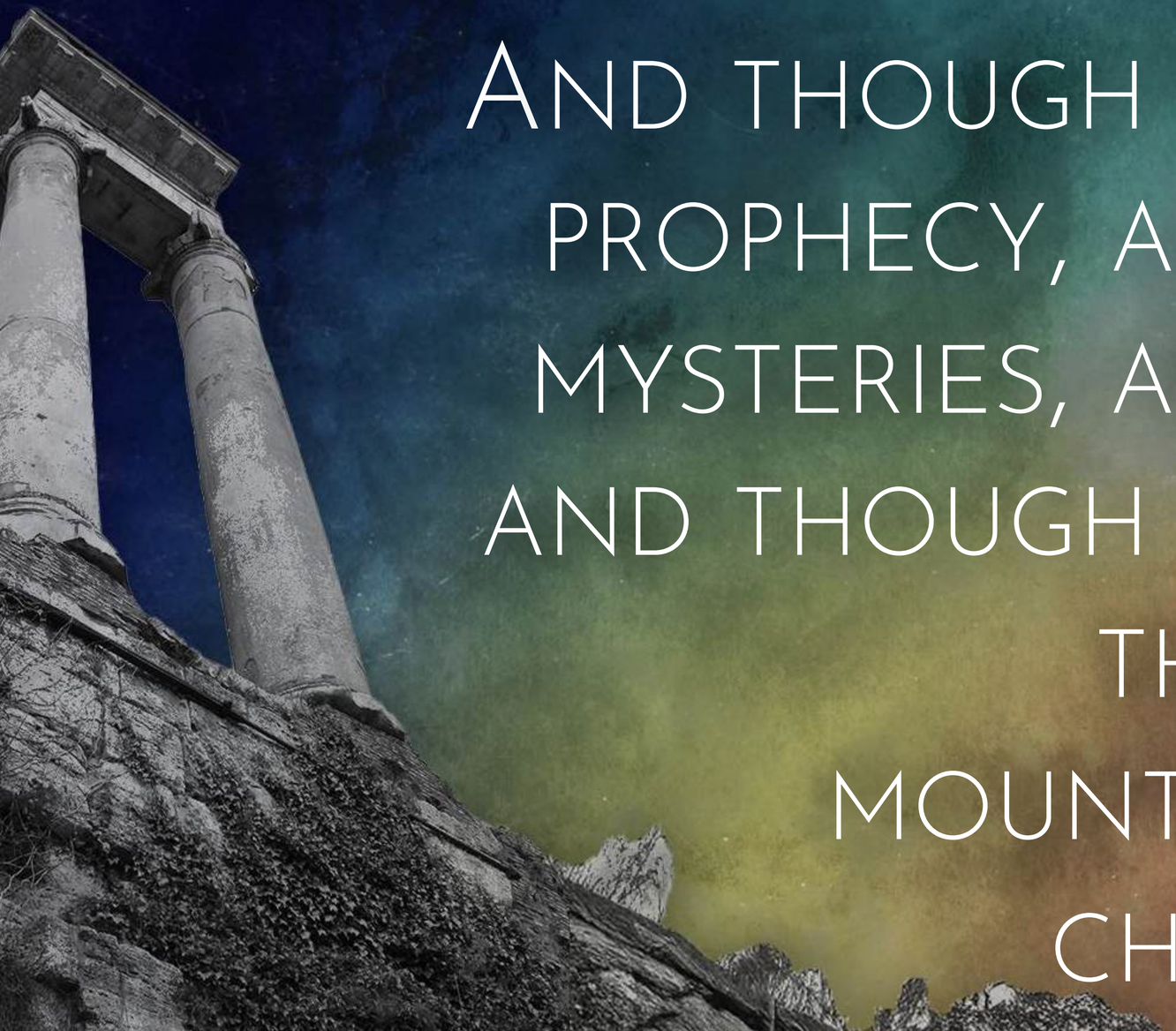

There is a difference
between making noise
and making a difference

1 CORINTHIANS 14:12

EVEN SO YE, FORASMUCH AS YE ARE ZEALOUS OF SPIRITUAL [GIFTS], SEEK THAT YE MAY EXCEL TO THE EDIFYING OF THE CHURCH



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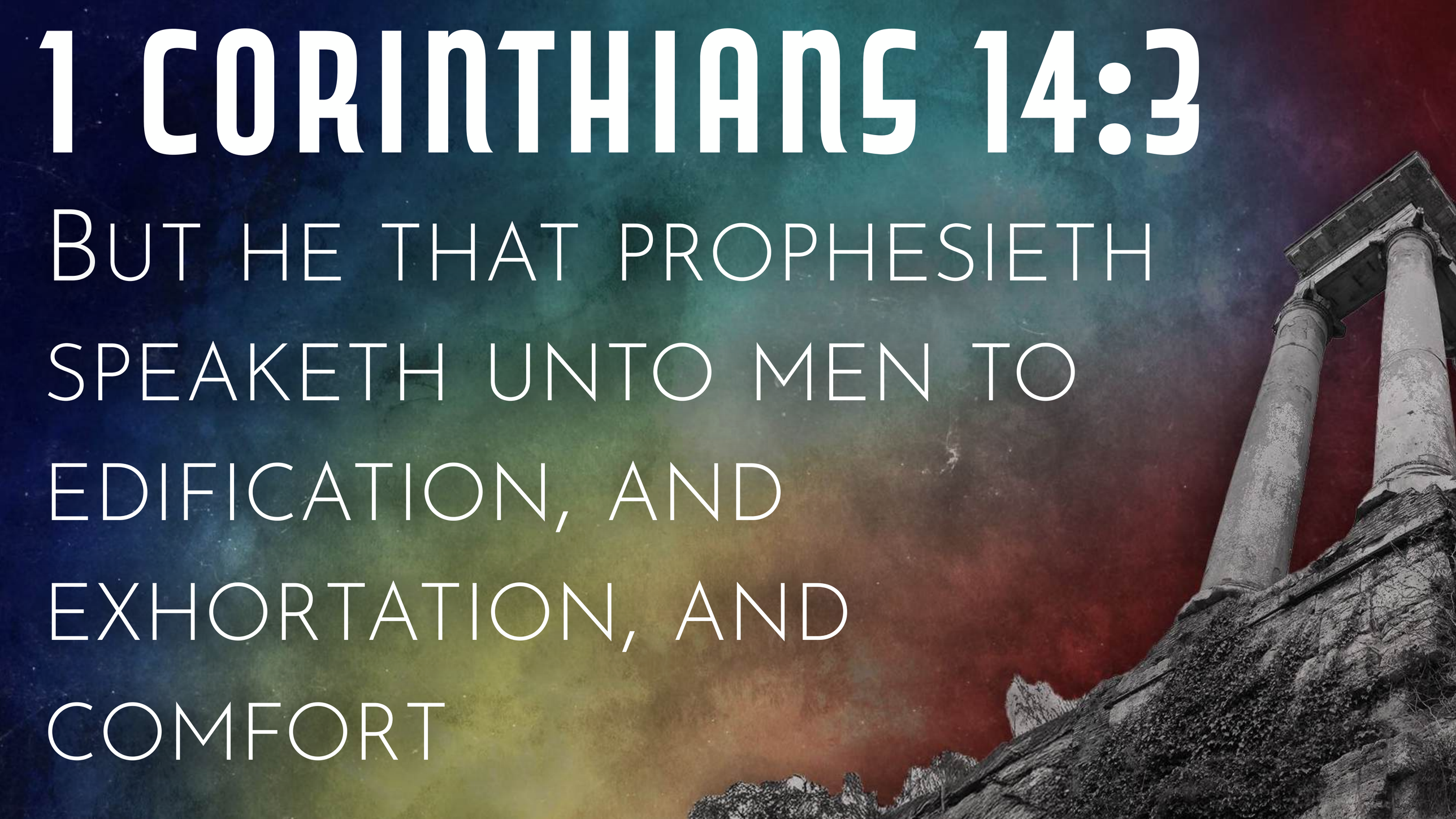


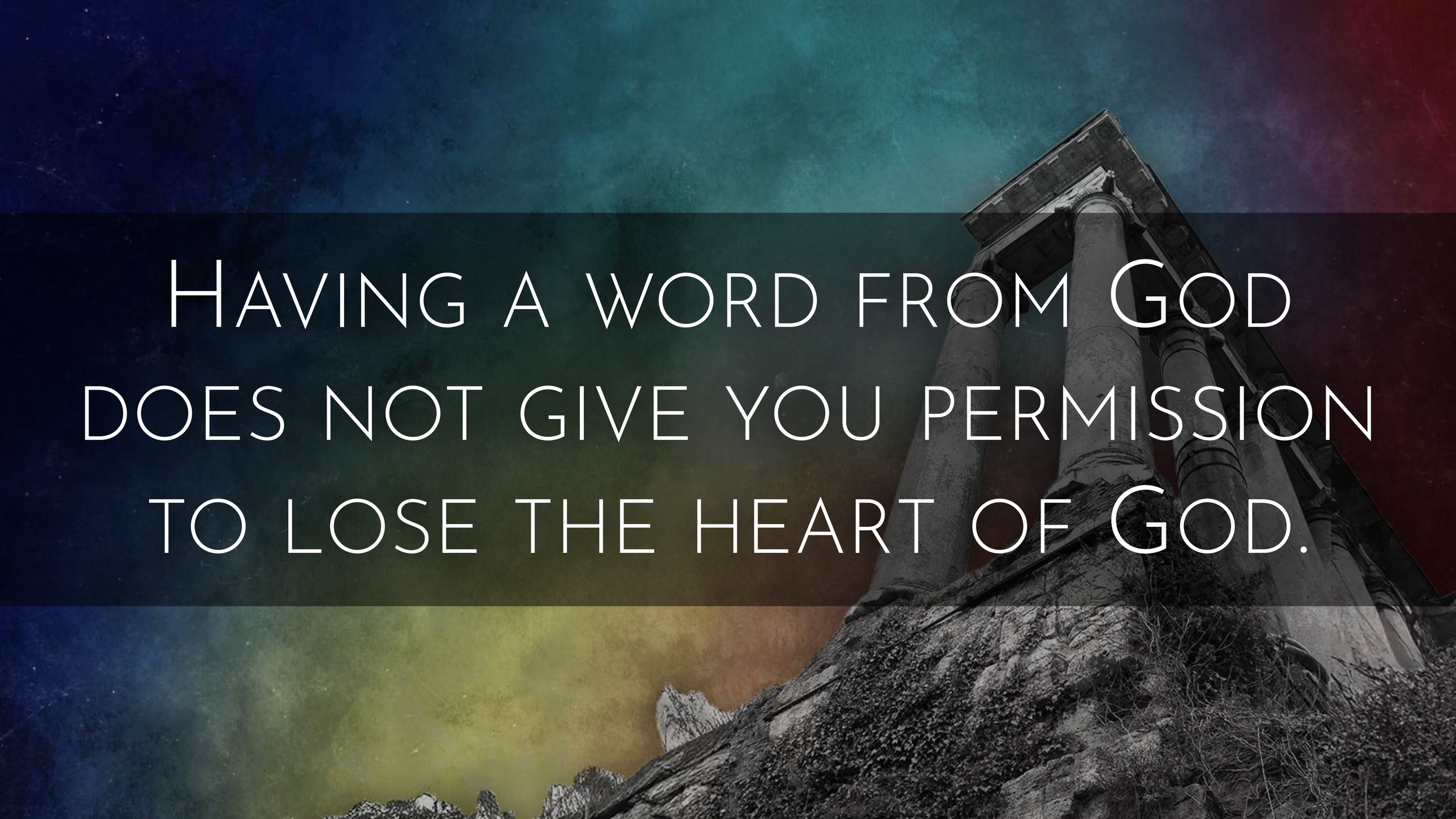
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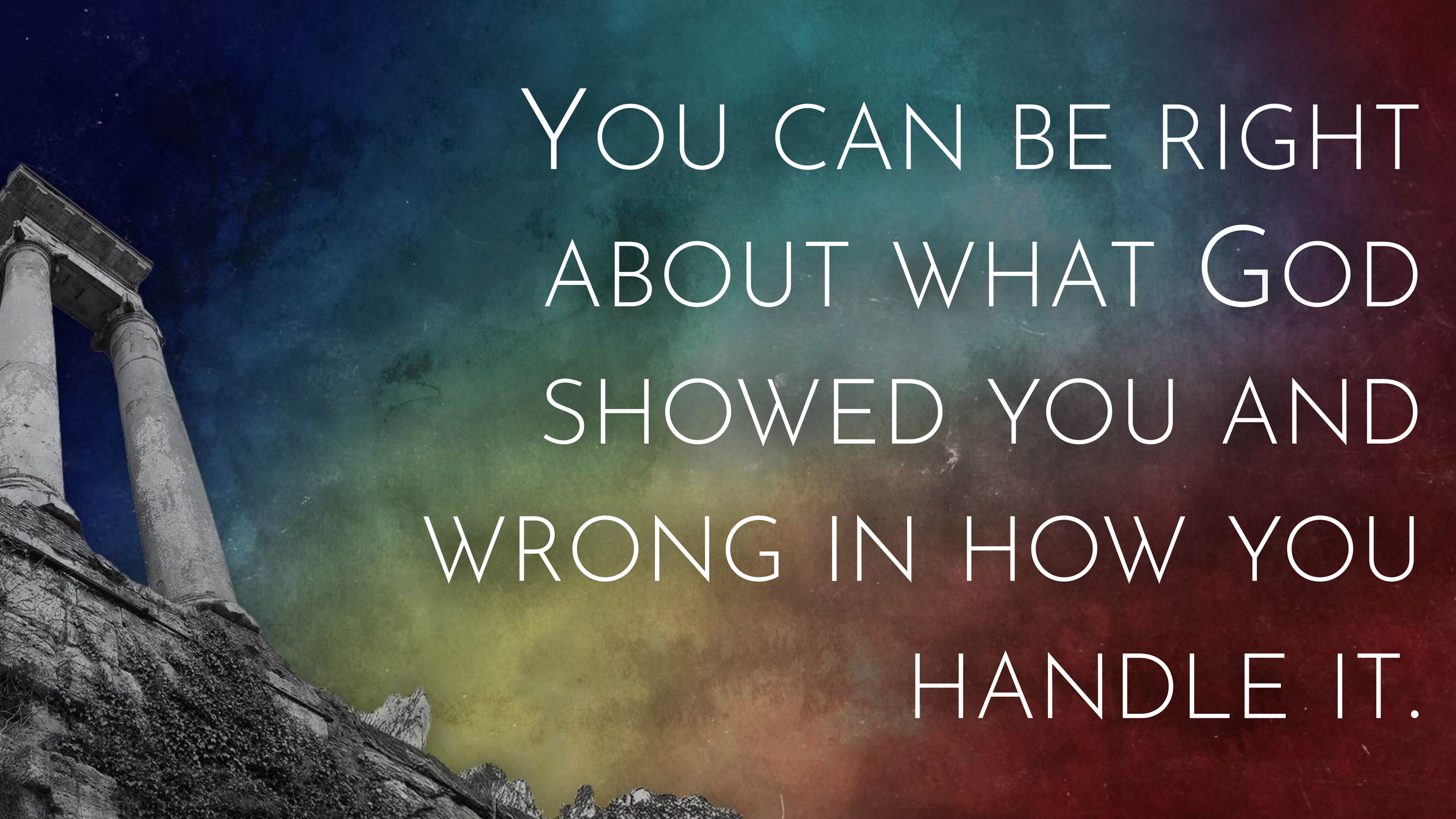
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1 CORINTHIANS 14:3

But he that prophesieth speaketh unto men to edification, and exhortation, and comfort

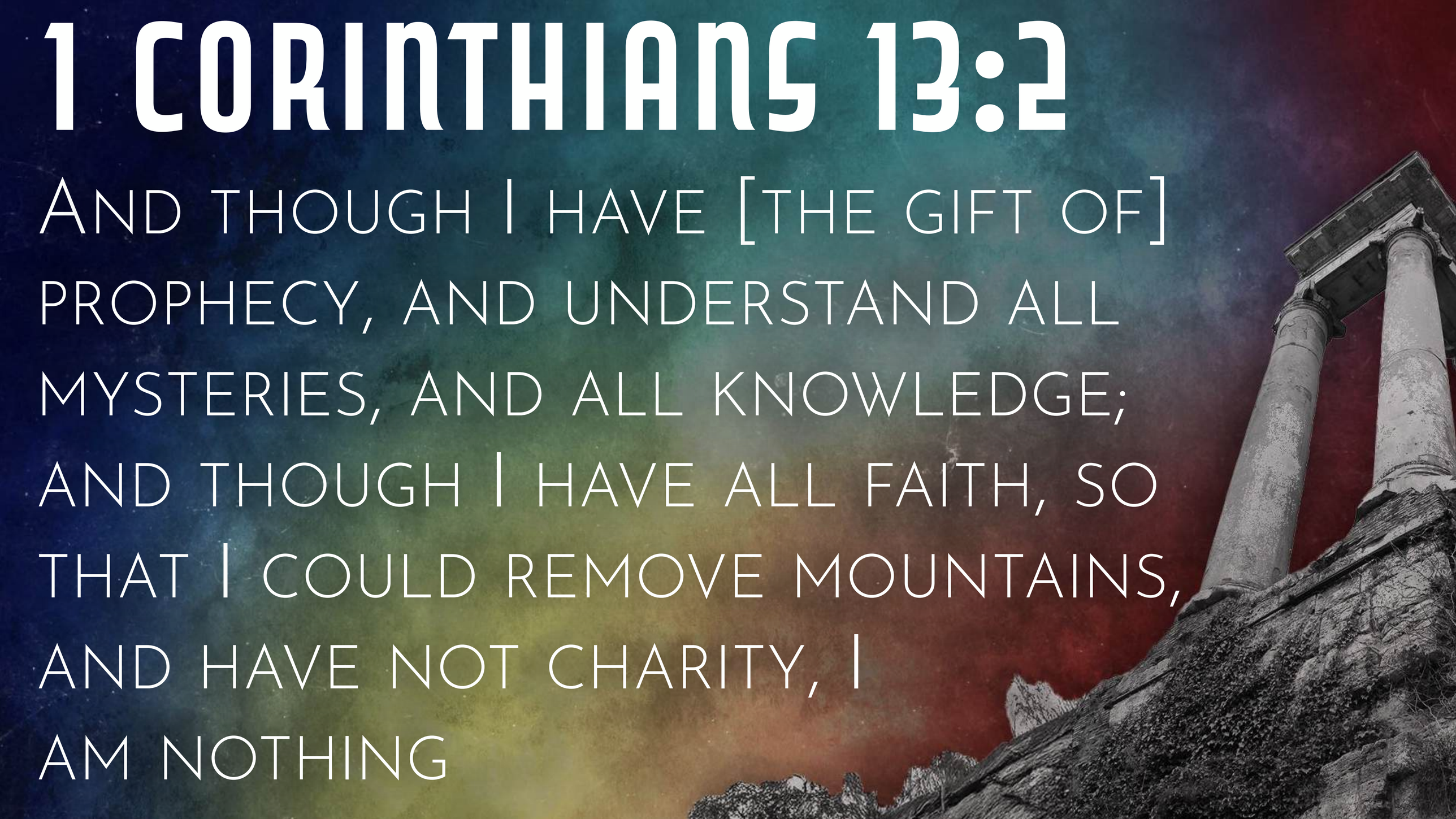



Having a word from God
does not give you permission
to lose the heart of God.

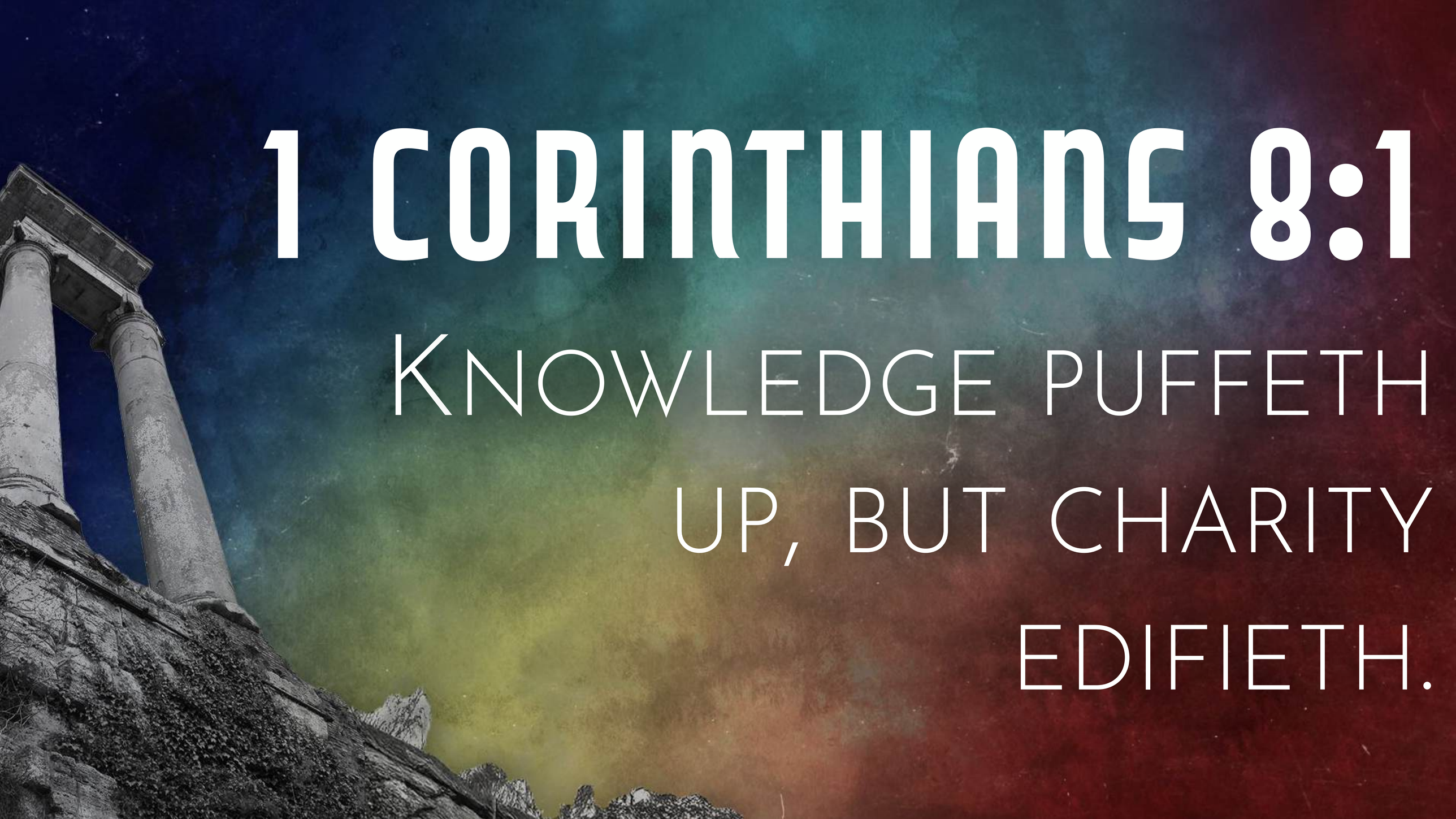

You can be right
about what God
showed you and
wrong in how you
handle it.

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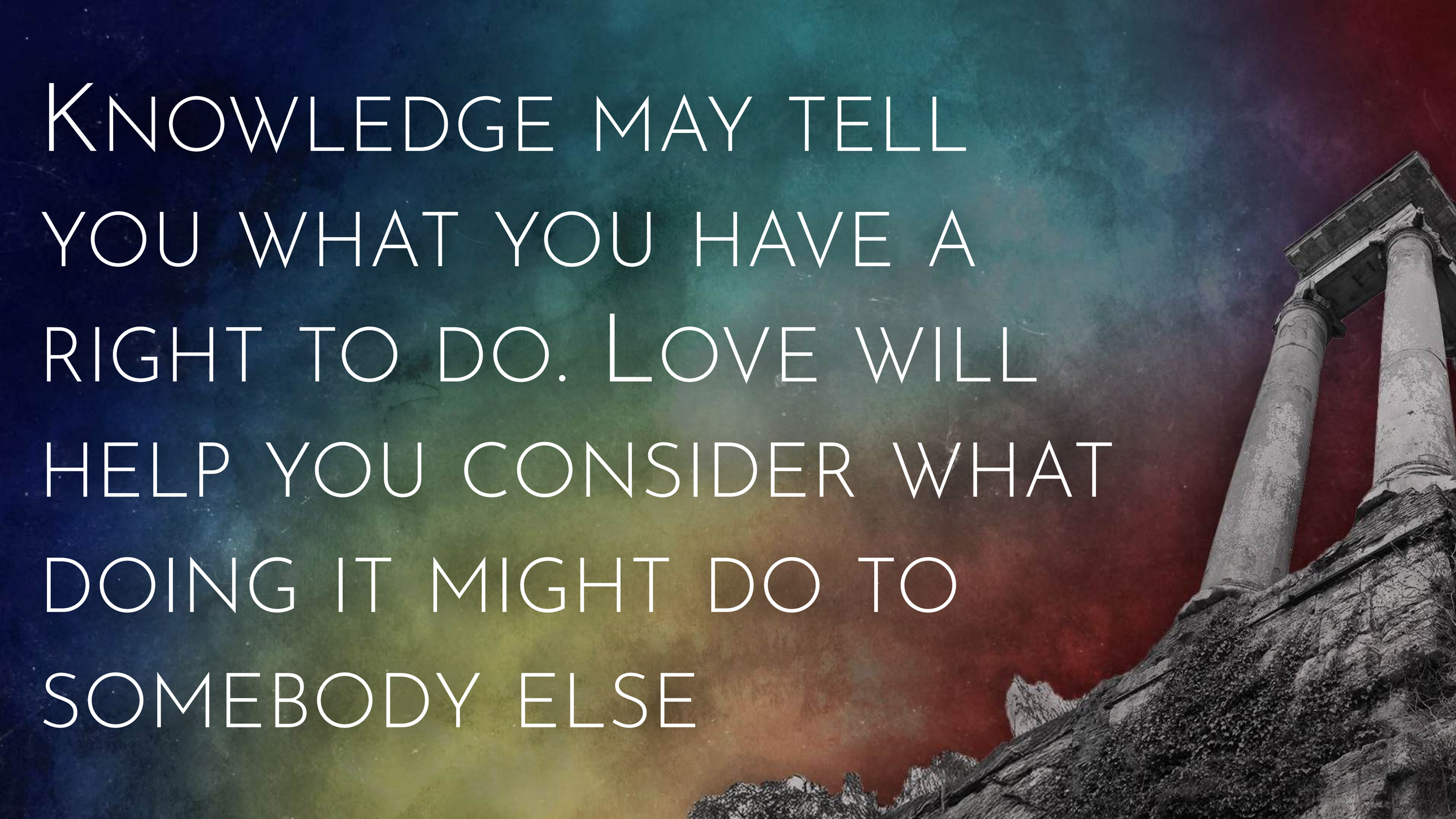
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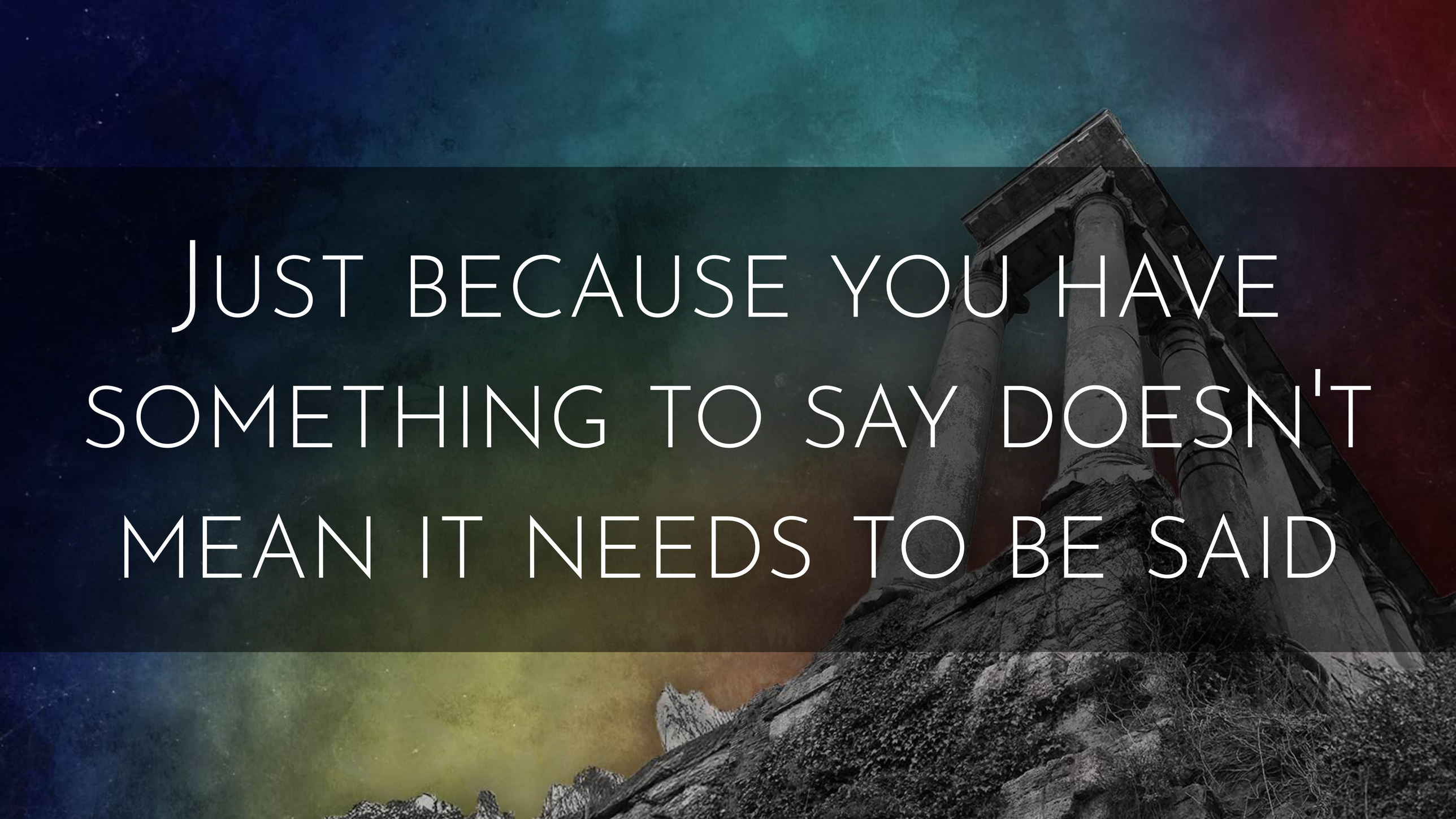


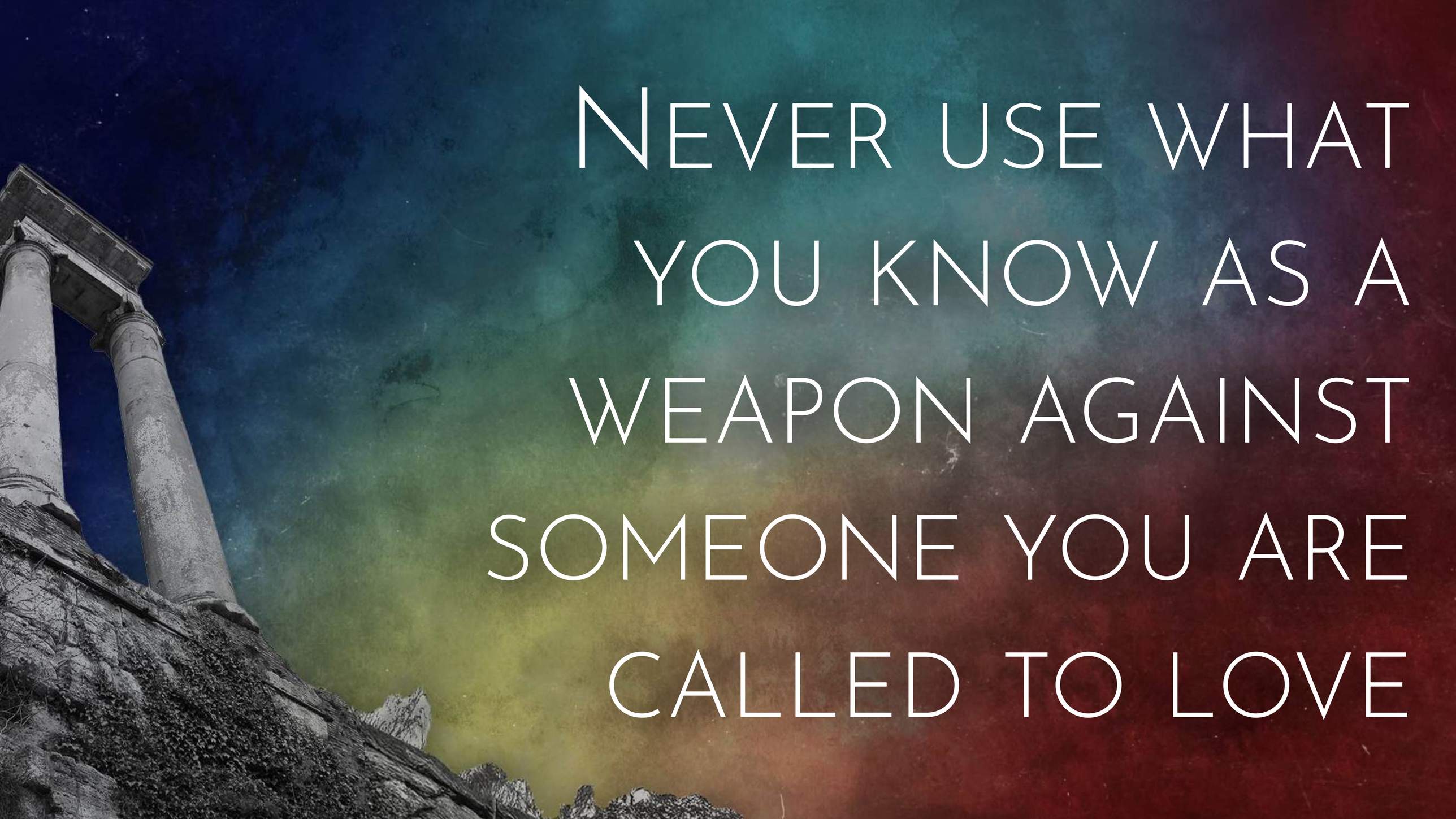

The more God reveals to you – the more responsible you become for how you treat people.


1 CORINTHIANS 8:1
KNOWLEDGE PUFFETH
UP, BUT CHARITY
EDIFIETH.

Knowledge may tell you what you have a right to do. Love will help you consider what doing it might do to somebody else

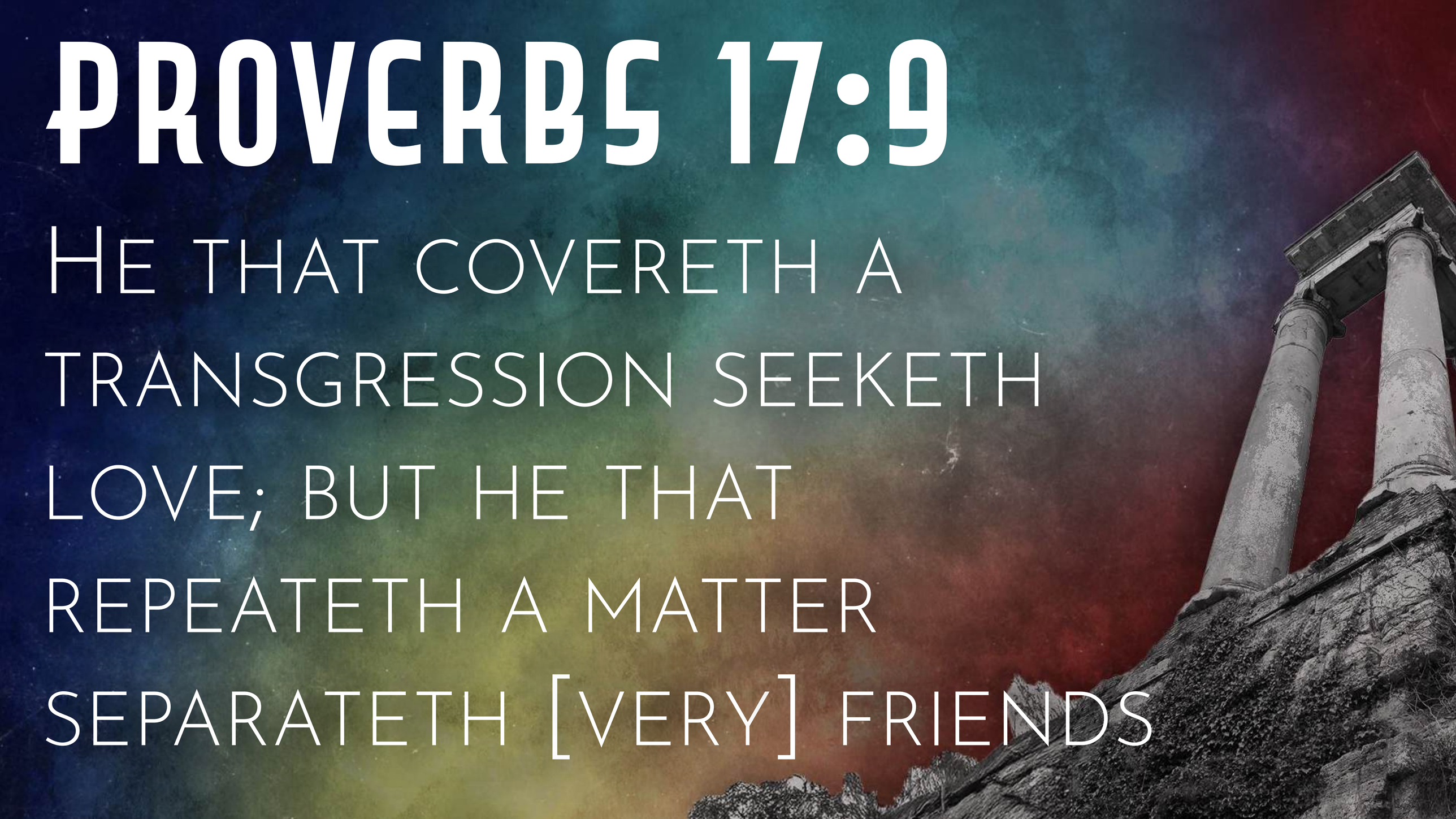



Just because you have
something to say doesn't
mean it needs to be said


Never use what
you know as a
weapon against
someone you are
called to love

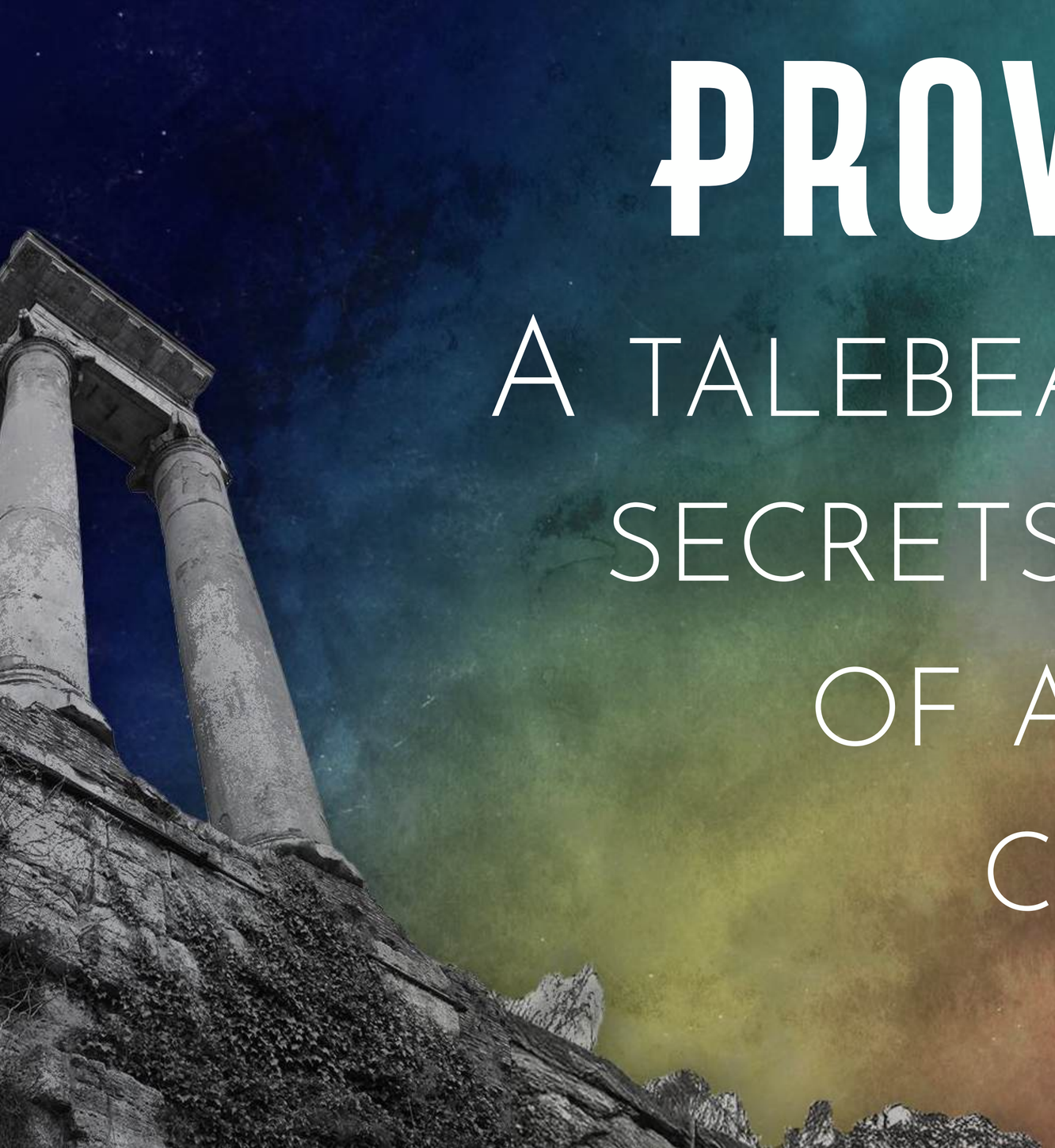
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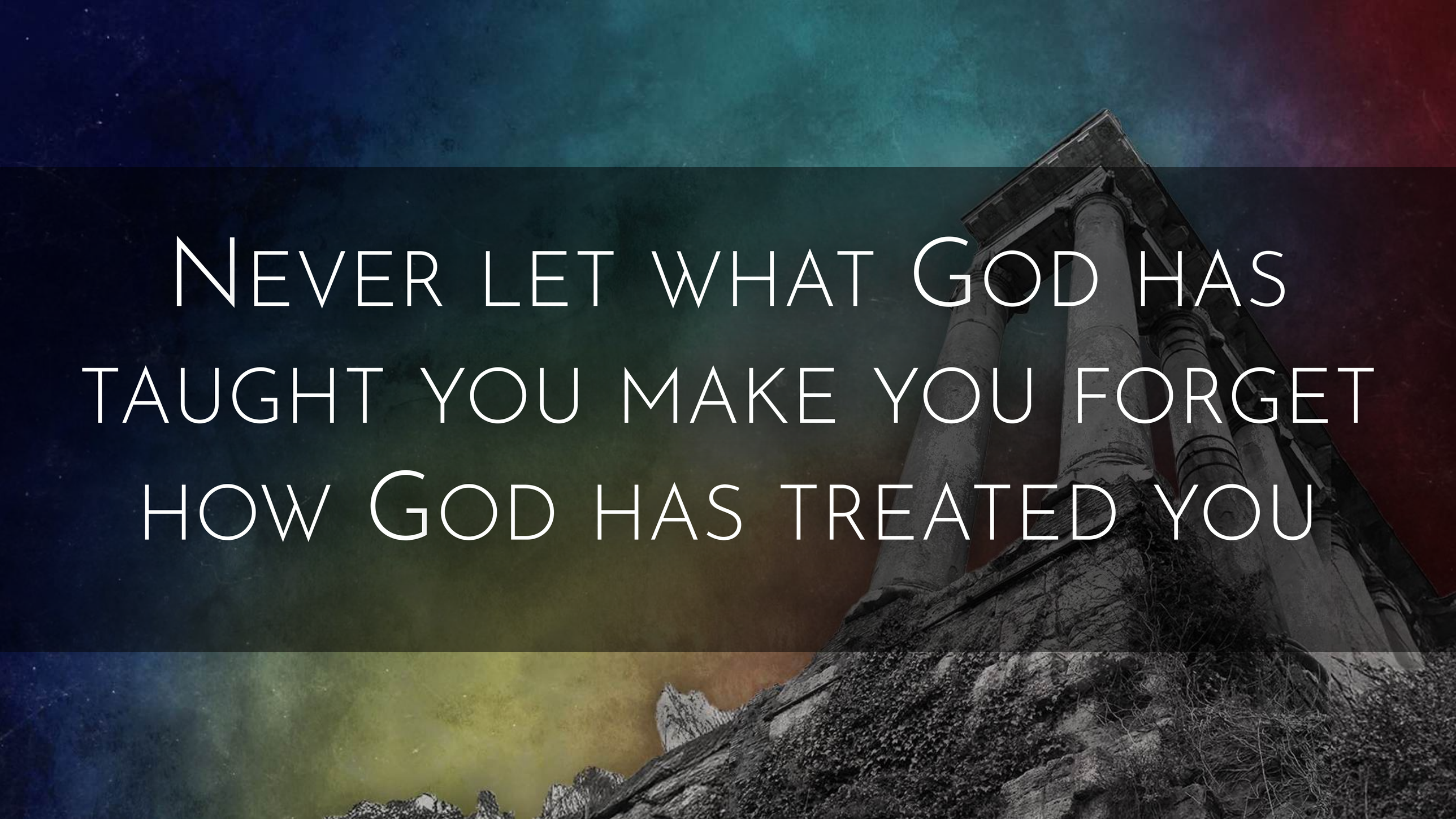
He that covereth a transgression seeketh love; but he that repeateth a matter separateth [very] friends



PROVERBS 11:13

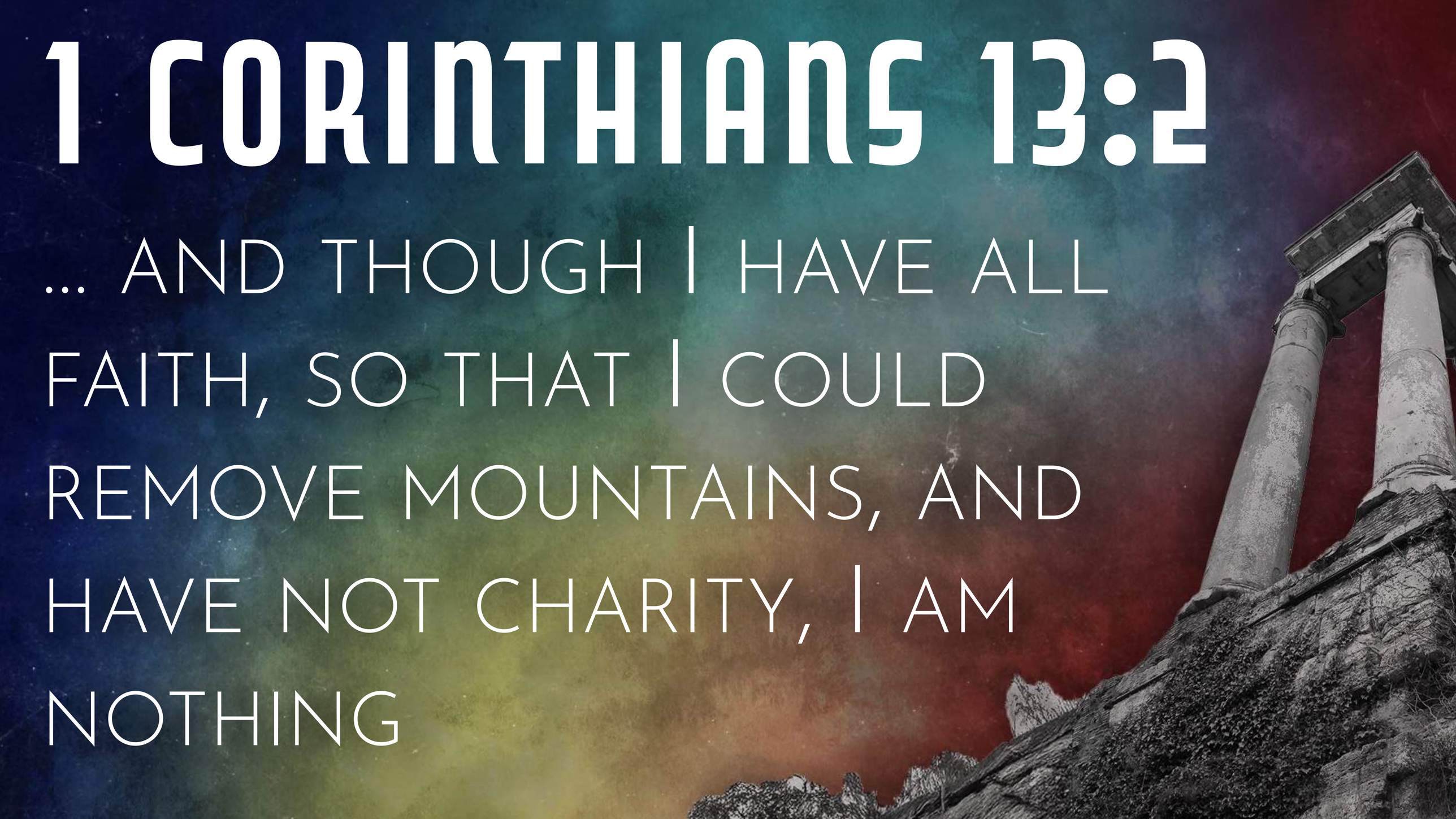
A TALEBEARER REVEALETH SECRETS: BUT HE THAT IS OF A FAITHFUL SPIRIT CONCEALETH THE MATTER




Never let what God has
taught you make you forget
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1 CORINTHIANS 13:2

... AND THOUGH I HAVE ALL FAITH, SO THAT I COULD REMOVE MOUNTAINS, AND HAVE NOT CHARITY, I AM NOTHING

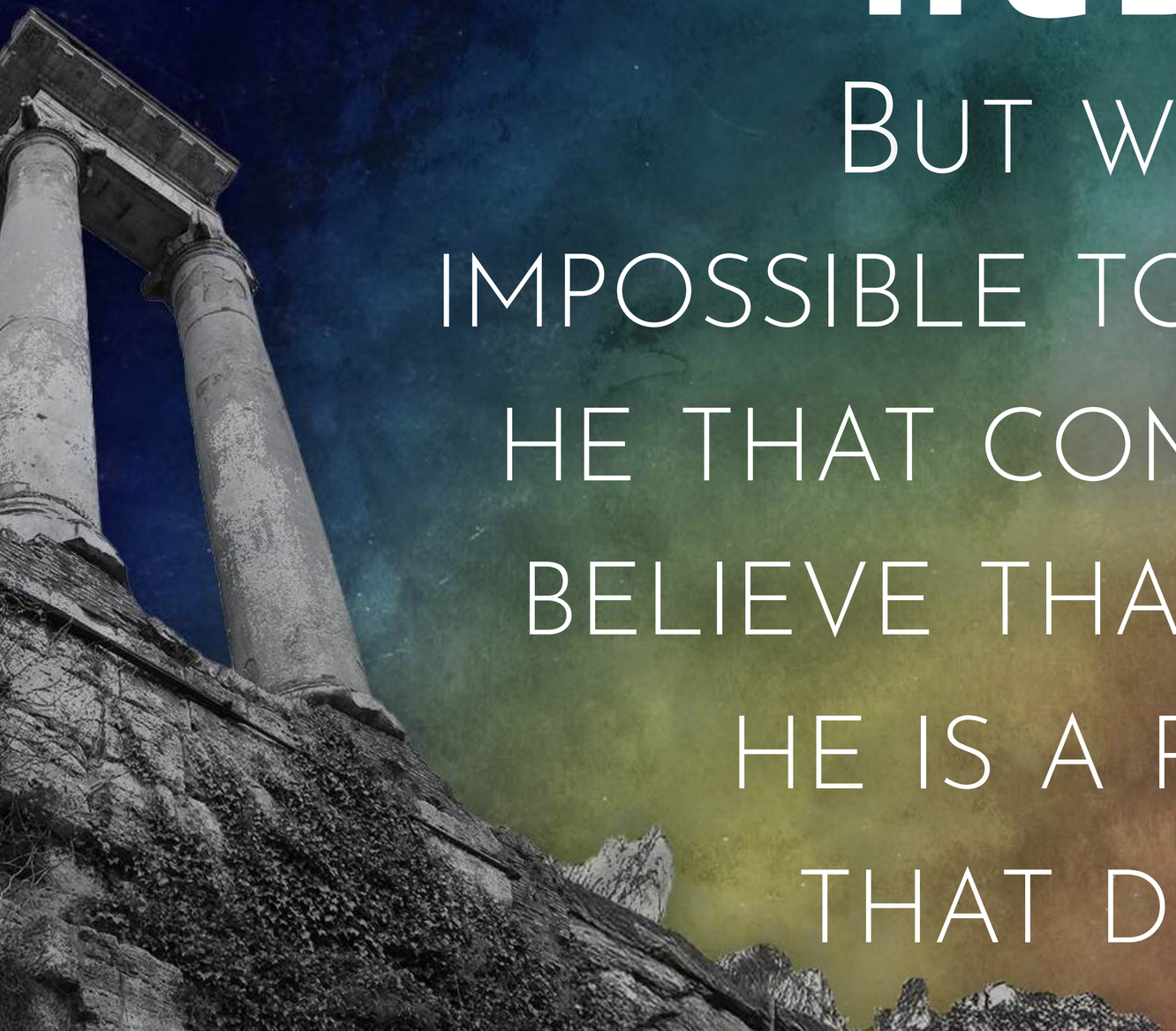




PRINCIPLE 3:

Love is Greater Than Supernatural Power

HEBREWS 11:6

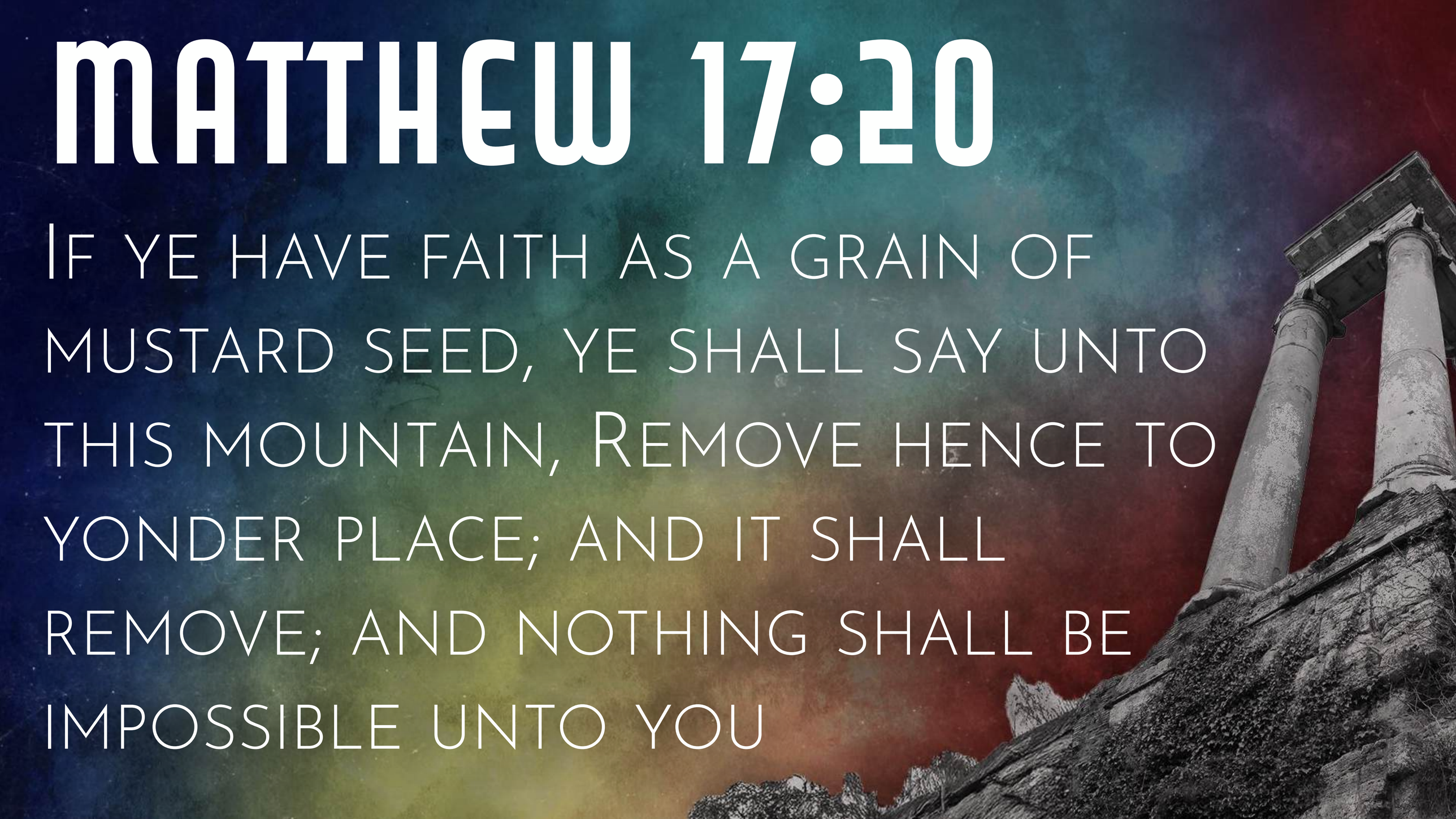


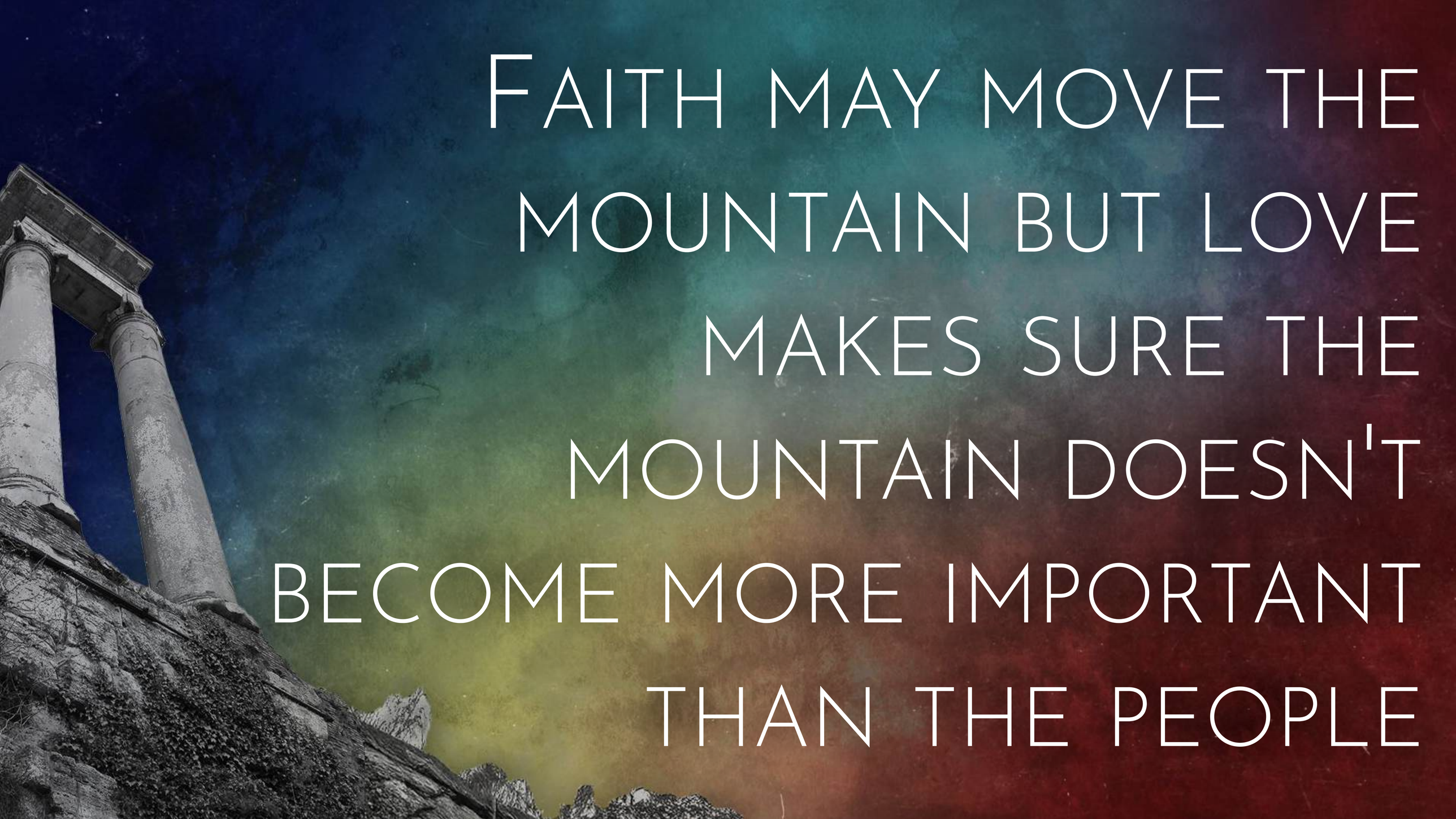
But without faith [it is] impossible to please [him]: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and [that] he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him


Faith can demonstrate
the power of God without
demonstrating the heart
of God

MATTHEW 17:20

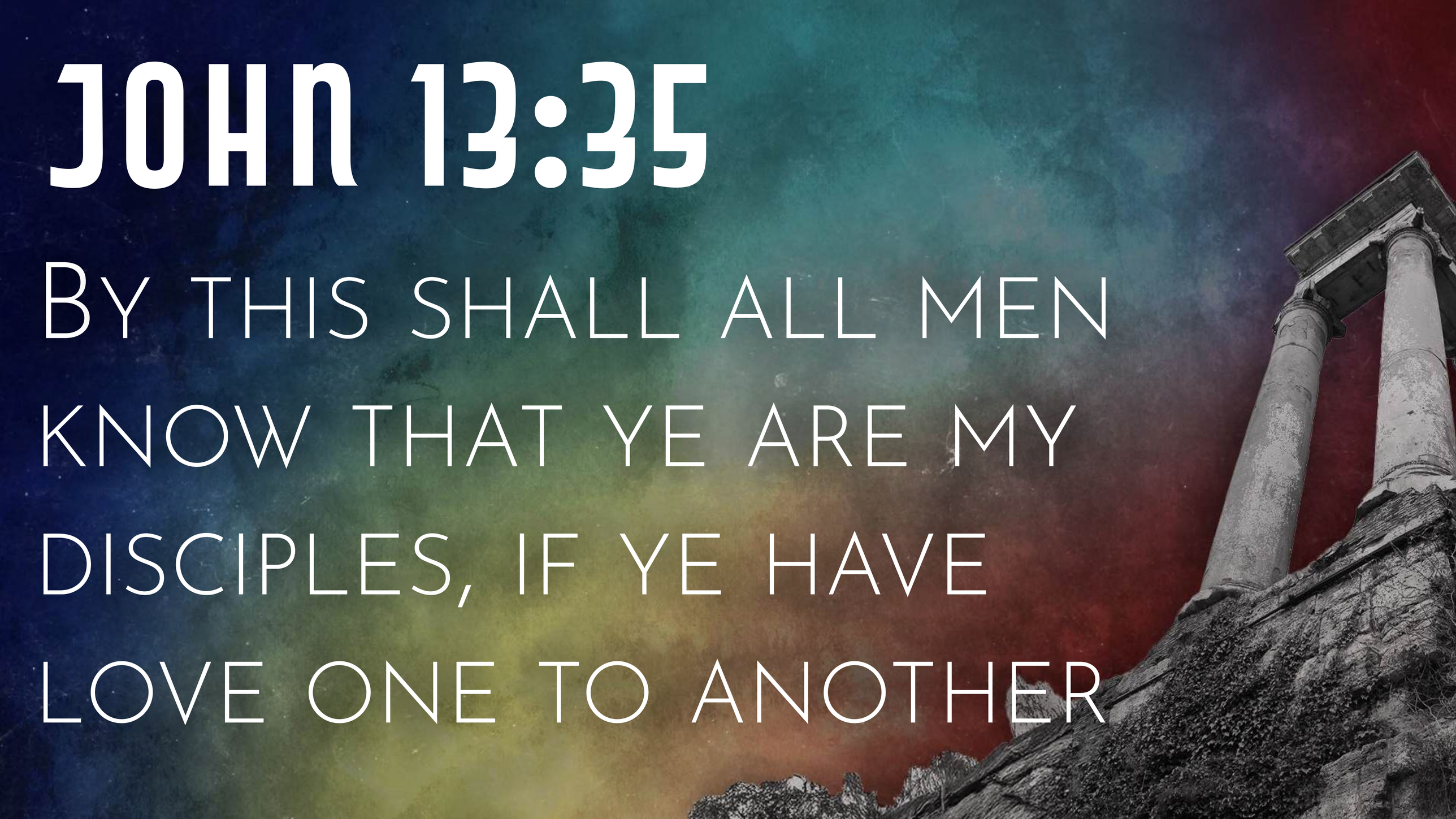
If ye have faith as a grain of mustard seed, ye shall say unto this mountain, Remove hence to yonder place; and it shall remove; and nothing shall be impossible unto you




FAITH MAY MOVE THE
MOUNTAIN BUT LOVE
MAKES SURE THE
MOUNTAIN DOESN'T
BECOME MORE IMPORTANT
THAN THE PEOPLE

JOHN 13:35

By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another




The world needs to see
the power of God – but it
also needs to see the
heart of God



PRINCIPLE 4:

Why is Love the Greatest?

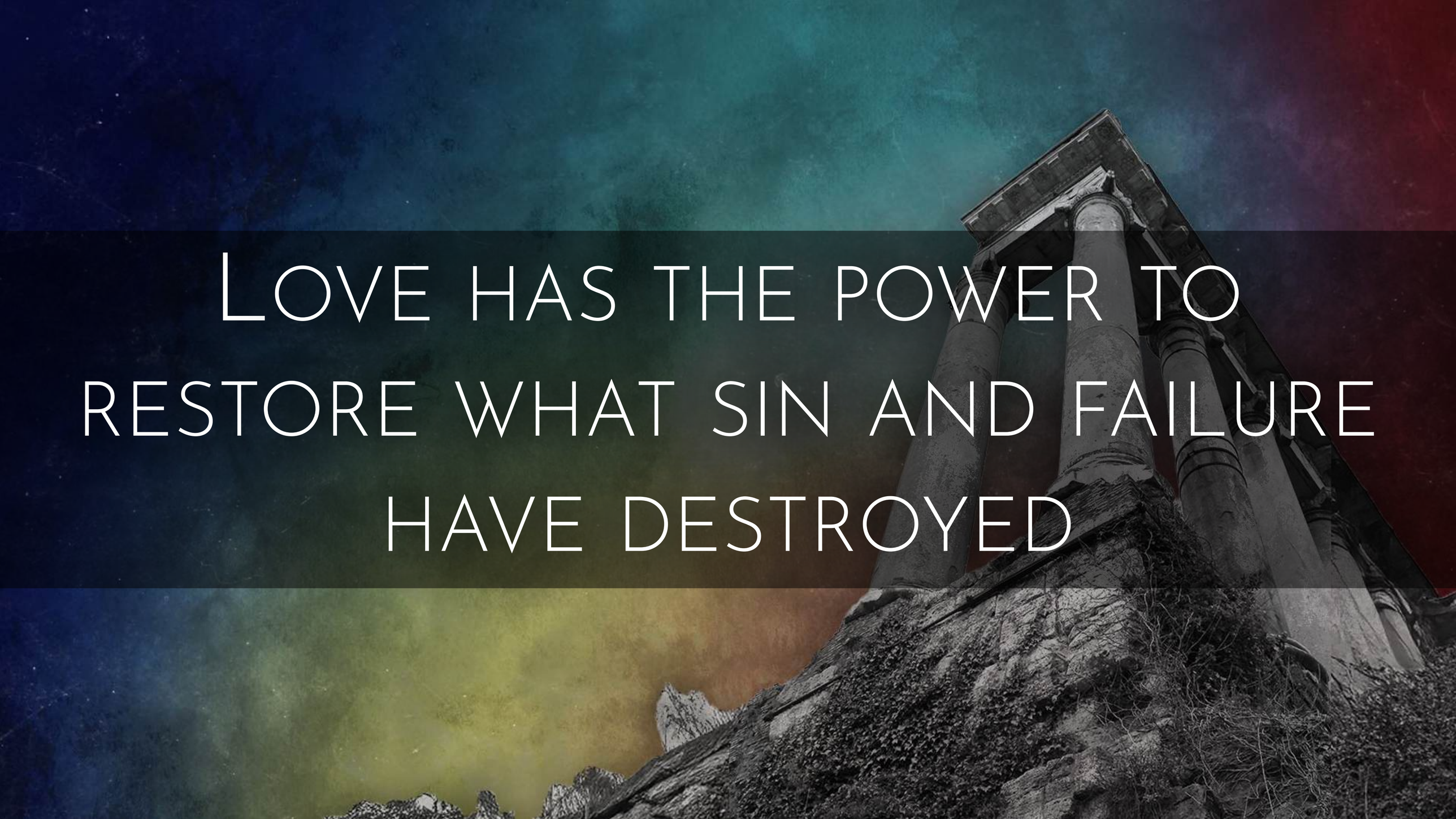

Spiritual gifts
demonstrate God's
power – but love
releases God's power
into people's lives


Love has the power to
reach where gifts cannot

MATTHEW 14:14

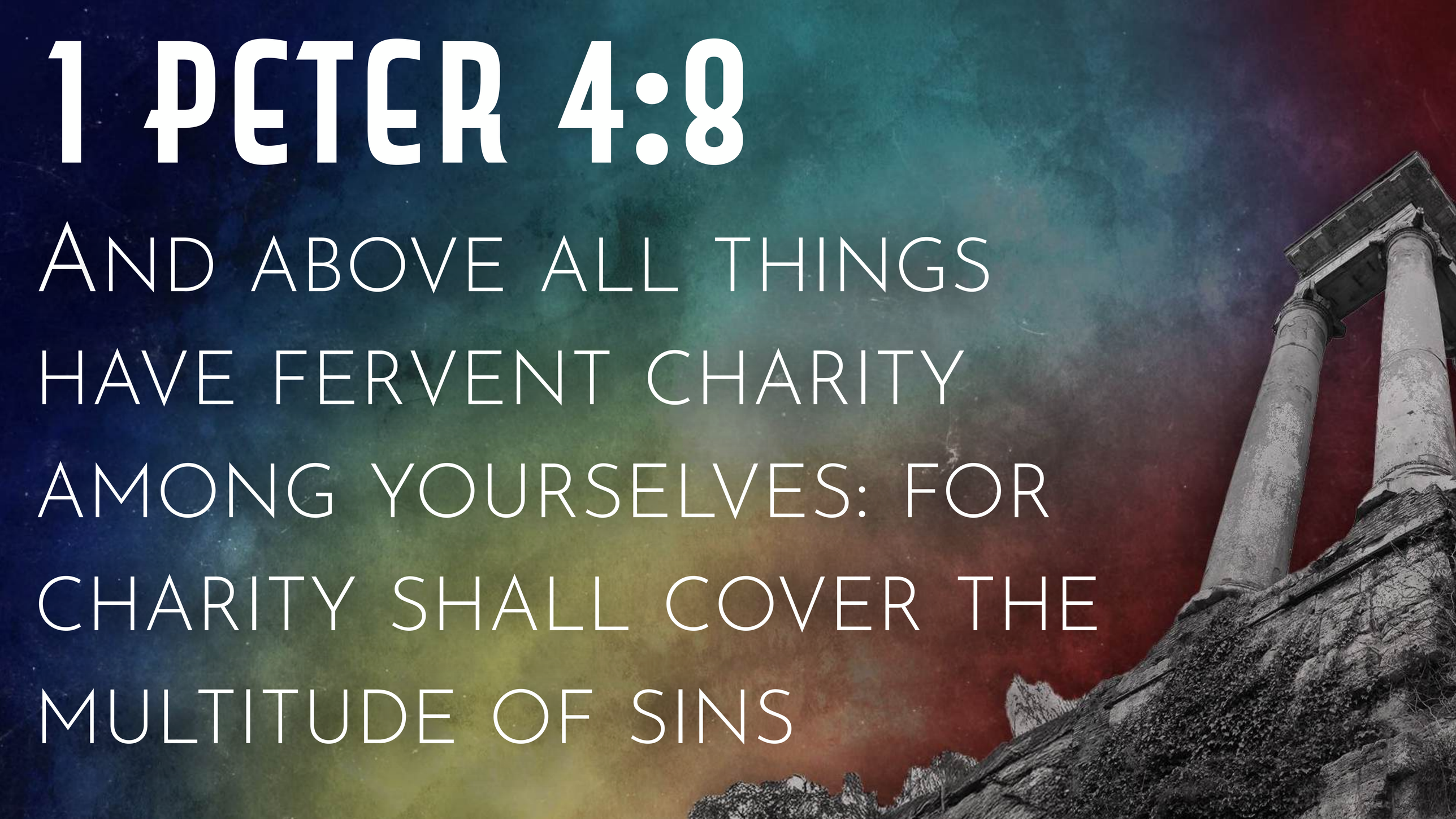
And Jesus went forth, and saw a great multitude, and was moved with compassion toward them, and he healed their sick


It is much greater to
impact a person with
your love than it is
to impress them with
your gift and power


Love has the power to
restore what sin and failure
have destroyed

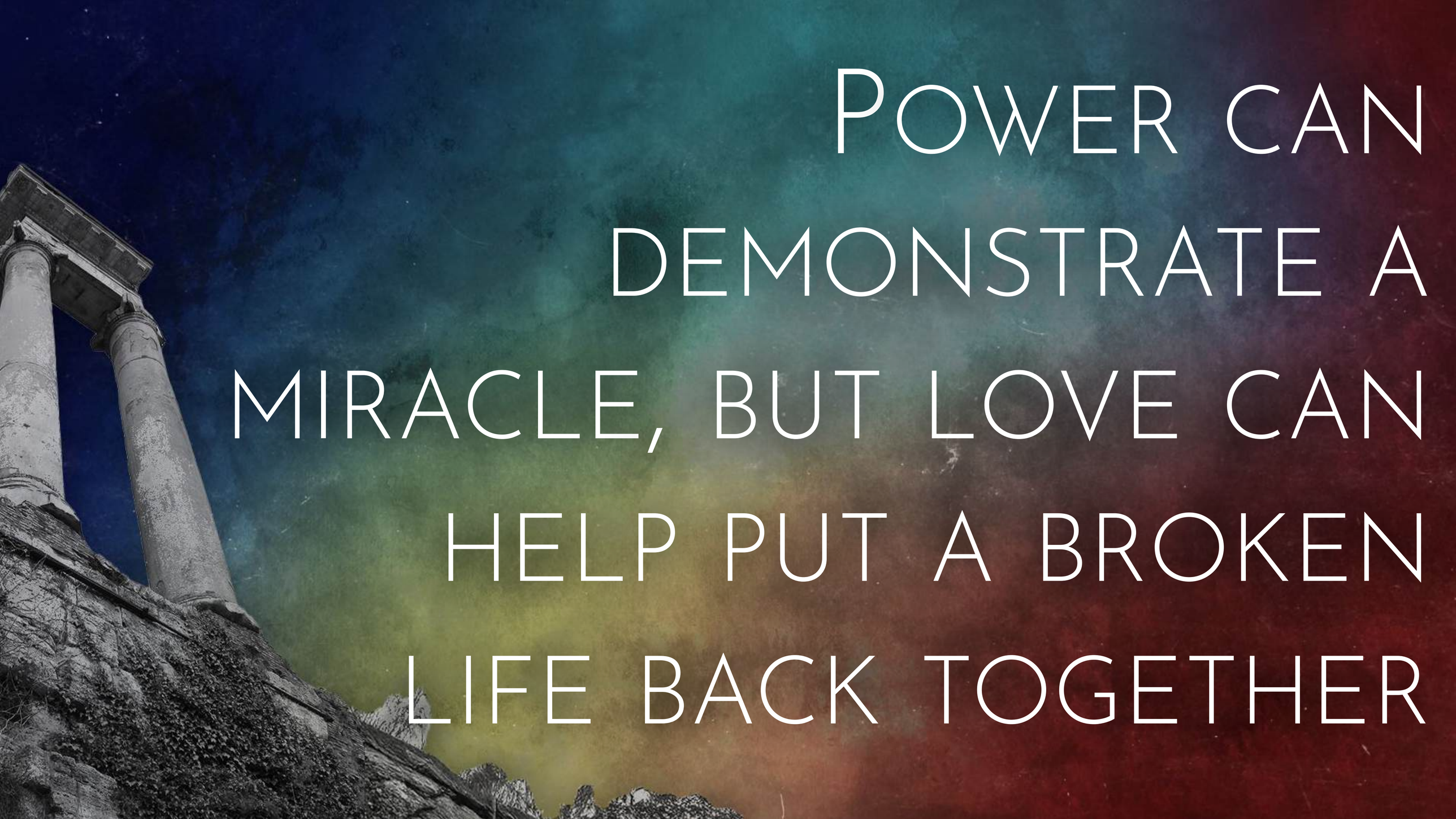
1 PETER 4:8

And above all things have fervent charity among yourselves: for charity shall cover the multitude of sins





Love seeks restoration – not humiliation


Power can
demonstrate a
miracle, but love can
help put a broken
life back together


Love has the power to
outlast everything else

1 CORINTHIANS 13:8

CHARITY NEVER FAILETH: BUT WHETHER THERE BE PROPHECIES, THEY SHALL FAIL; WHETHER THERE BE TONGUES, THEY SHALL CEASE; WHETHER THERE BE KNOWLEDGE, IT SHALL VANISH AWAY



1 Corinthians 13:12-13

For now we see through a glass, darkly; but then face to face: now I know in part; but then shall I know even as also I am known. 13 And now abideth faith, hope, charity, these three; but the greatest of these [is] charity.

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