

The background is a photograph of a stone archway, likely part of a historic building. The arch is constructed from large, weathered stone blocks. A small, dark, rectangular opening is visible on the left side of the arch. The overall tone is warm and aged, with a slightly grainy texture.

Liturg

CHRISTIANS IN CRETE

—Washing and Renewing—

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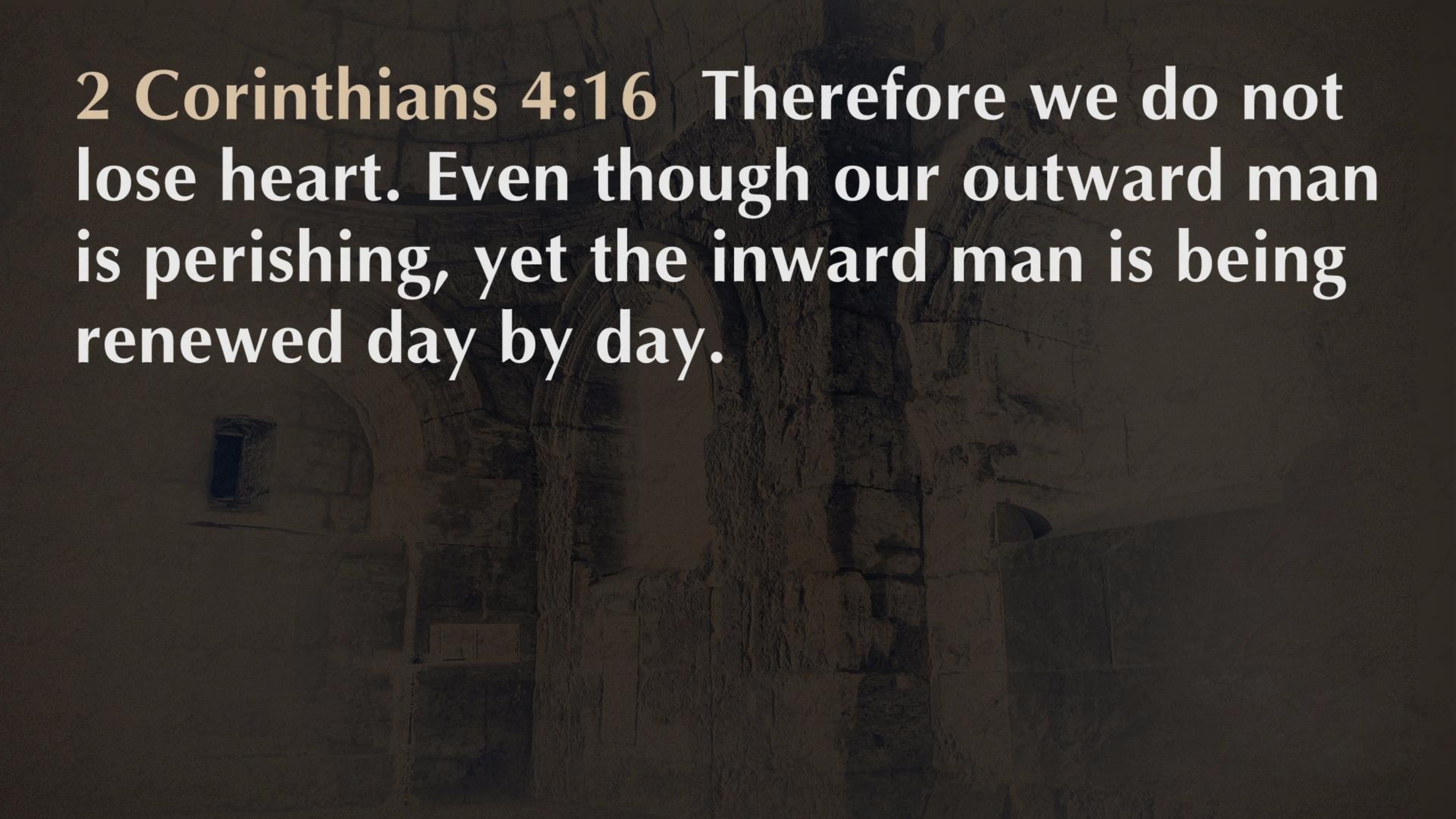
Titus 3:1 Remind them to be subject to rulers and authorities, to obey, to be ready for every good work, ² to speak evil of no one, to be peaceable, gentle, showing all humility to all men. ³ For we ourselves were also once foolish, disobedient, deceived, serving various lusts and pleasures, living in malice and envy, hateful and hating one another.

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Romans 5:9 Much more then, having now been justified by his blood, we shall be saved from wrath through Him.

Ephesians 1:7 In Him we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of His Grace.

Revelation 1:5b To Him Who loved us, and washed us from our sins in His own blood,



2 Corinthians 4:16 Therefore we do not lose heart. Even though our outward man is perishing, yet the inward man is being renewed day by day.