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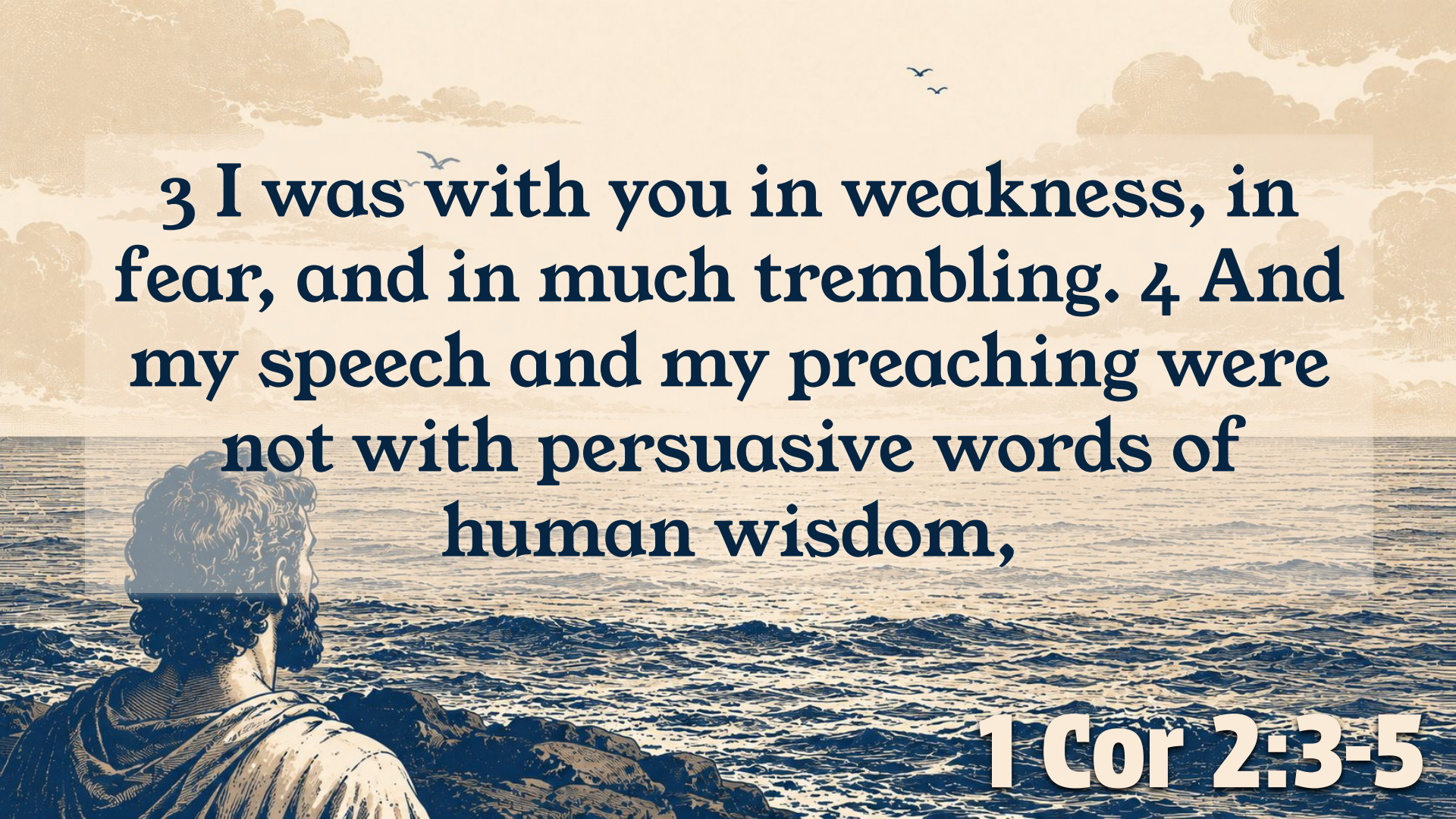
The Corinthian Contradiction



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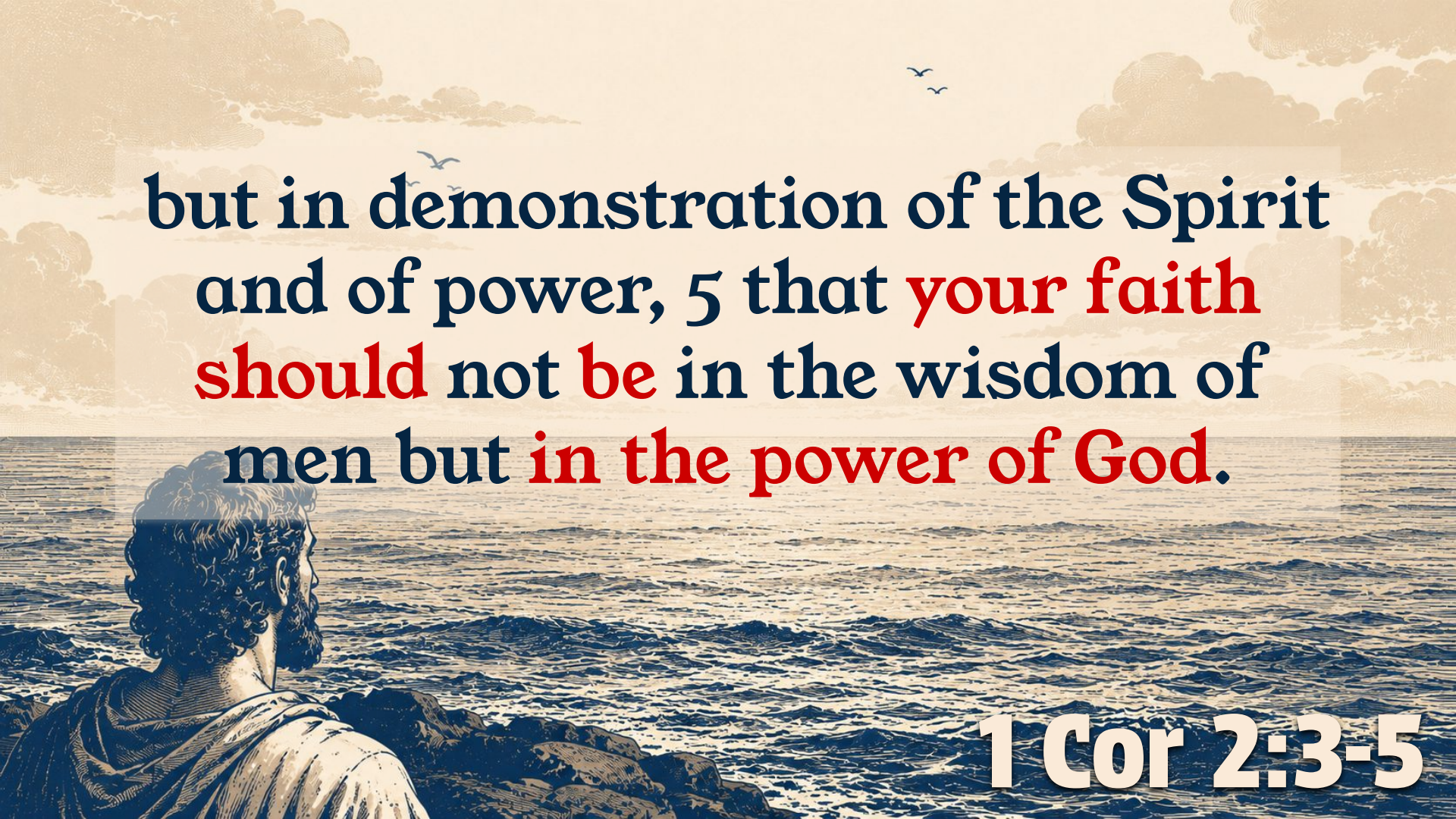


2:3-5



3 I was with you in weakness, in fear, and in much trembling. 4 And my speech and my preaching were not with persuasive words of human wisdom,

1 Cor 2:3-5



but in demonstration of the Spirit
and of power, 5 that **your faith**
should not **be** in the wisdom of
men but **in the power of God.**

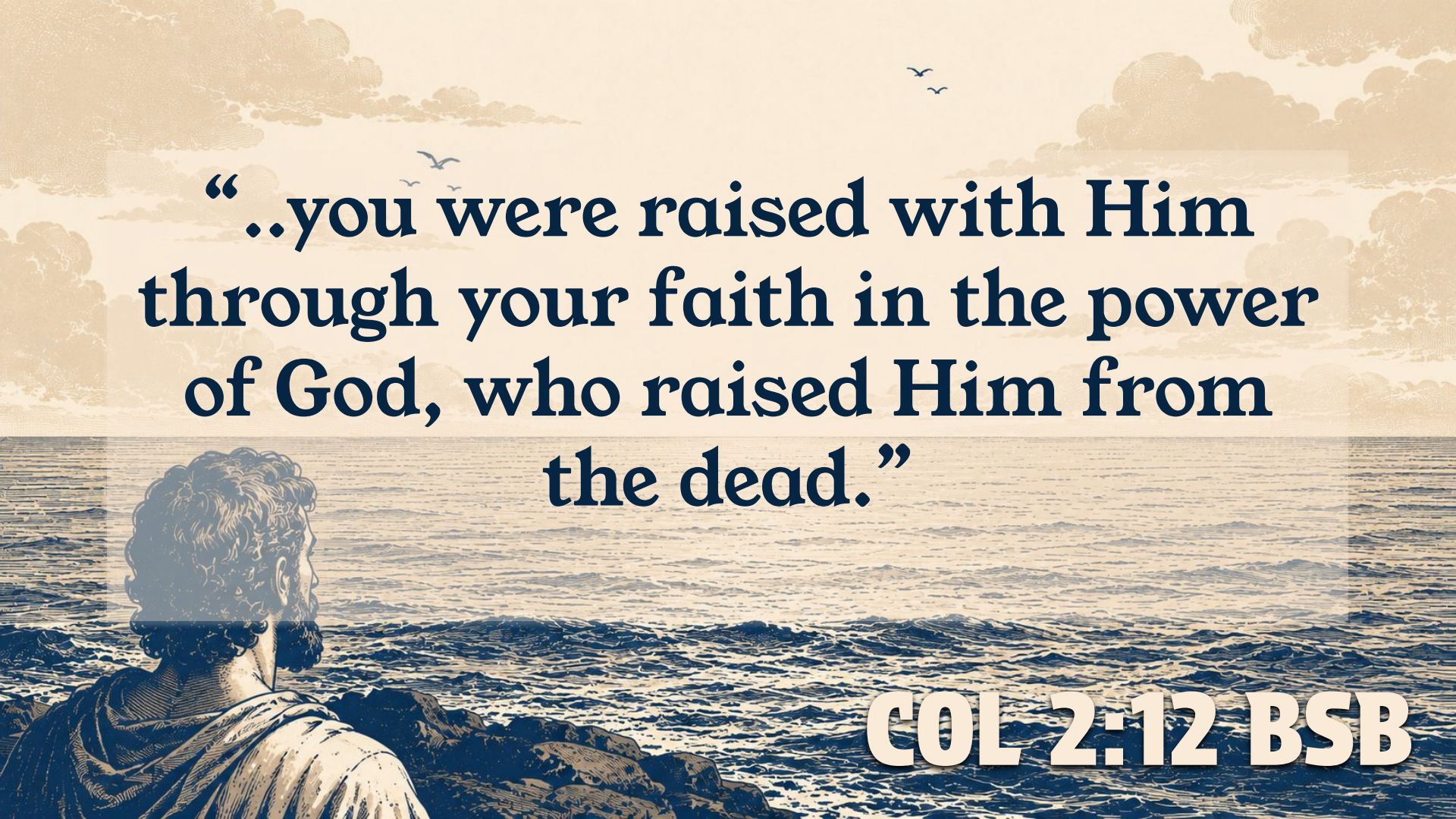
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1:24 “Christ [is] the power of God..”

**WHEN OUR EXPERIENCE
BECOMES THE MAIN
FOCUS OUR FAITH CAN
MISS JESUS.**



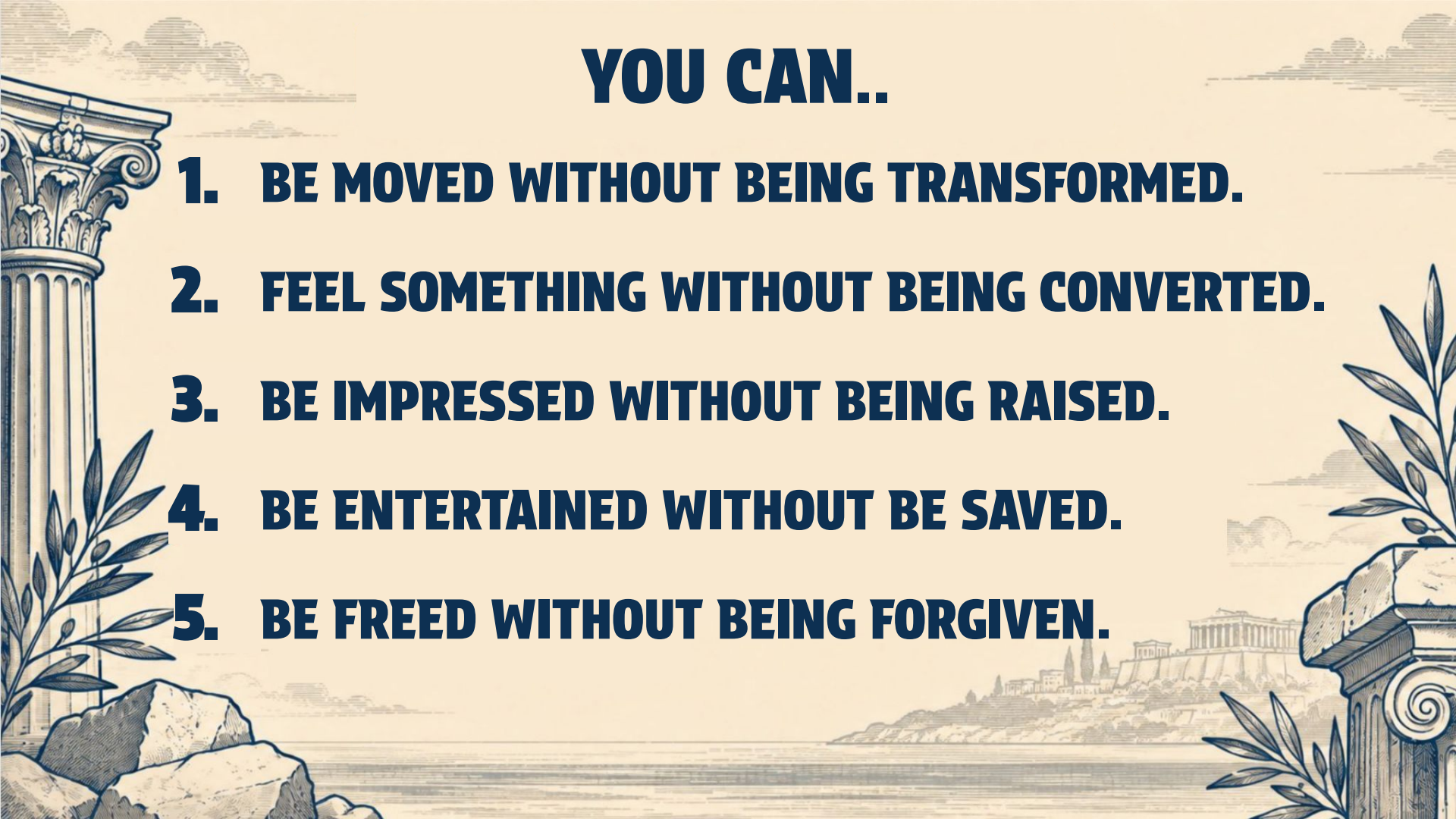


**“..you were raised with Him
through your faith in the power
of God, who raised Him from
the dead.”**

COL 2:12 BSB

YOU CAN..

- 1. BE MOVED WITHOUT BEING TRANSFORMED.**
- 2. FEEL SOMETHING WITHOUT BEING CONVERTED.**
- 3. BE IMPRESSED WITHOUT BEING RAISED.**
- 4. BE ENTERTAINED WITHOUT BE SAVED.**
- 5. BE FREED WITHOUT BEING FORGIVEN.**



YOU CAN..

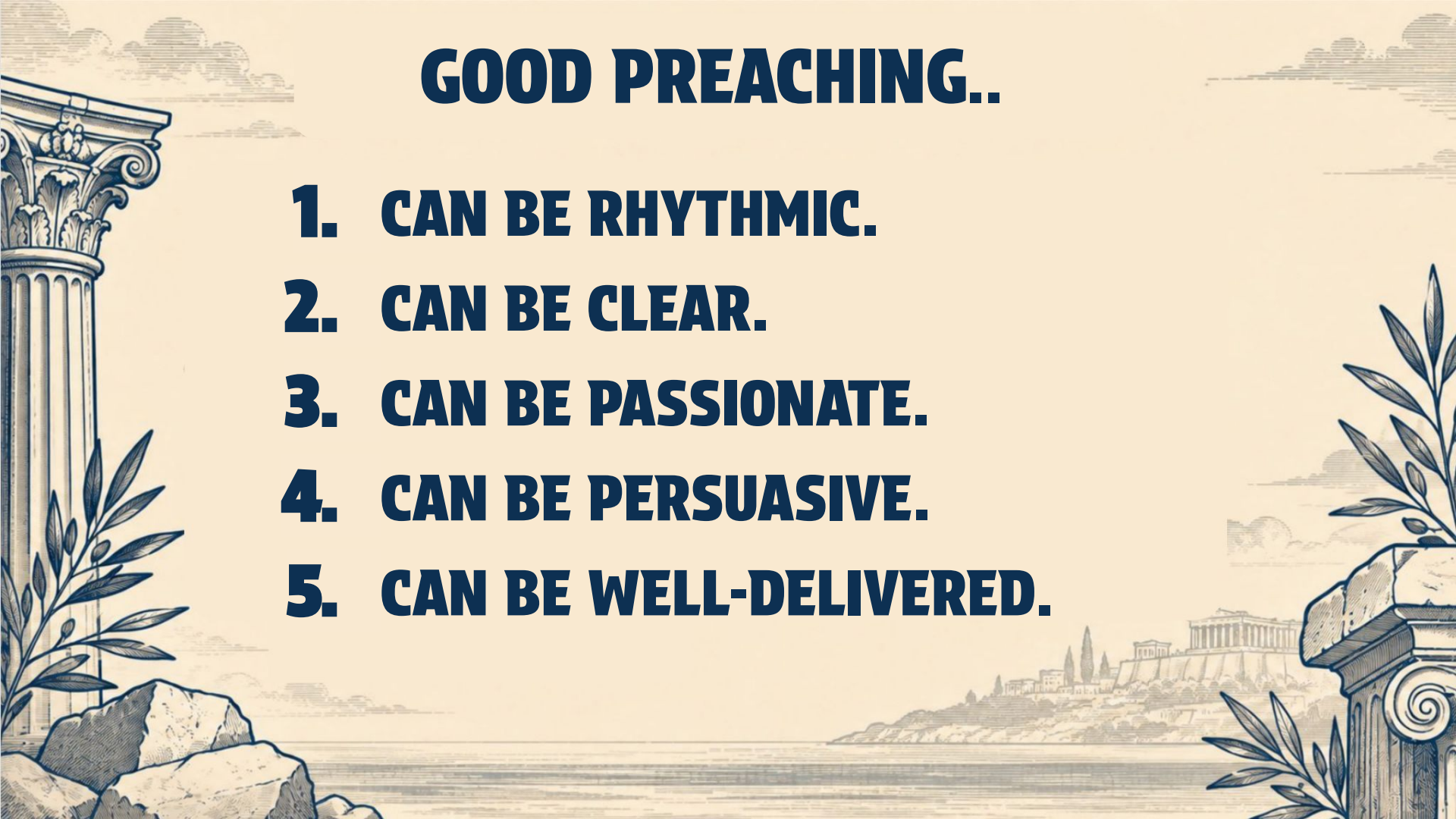
- 6. BE MORAL WITHOUT GOD'S APPROVAL.**
- 7. HAVE CONVICTION WITHOUT SALVATION.**
- 8. BE AMONG BRETHREN AND NOT BE BORN-AGAIN.**
- 9. BECOME NICER PEOPLE AND STILL MISS THE GOSPEL.**
- 10. REFINE OUR BEHAVIOR AND NOT TRUST THE SAVIOR.**

**RELIGION CAN GET
PEOPLE TO BEHAVE,
BUT ONLY CHRIST
CAN SAVE.**



GOOD PREACHING..

- 1. CAN BE RHYTHMIC.**
- 2. CAN BE CLEAR.**
- 3. CAN BE PASSIONATE.**
- 4. CAN BE PERSUASIVE.**
- 5. CAN BE WELL-DELIVERED.**



TRUSTING IN OUR OWN POWER VS. GOD'S POWER

JEHOVAH'S WITNESSES

**KNOCK ON DOORS,
GET BAPTIZED,
DO GOOD WORKS,
AND OBEY THE
WATCHTOWER IN
HOPES OF BEING
RESURRECTED.**

MUSLIMS

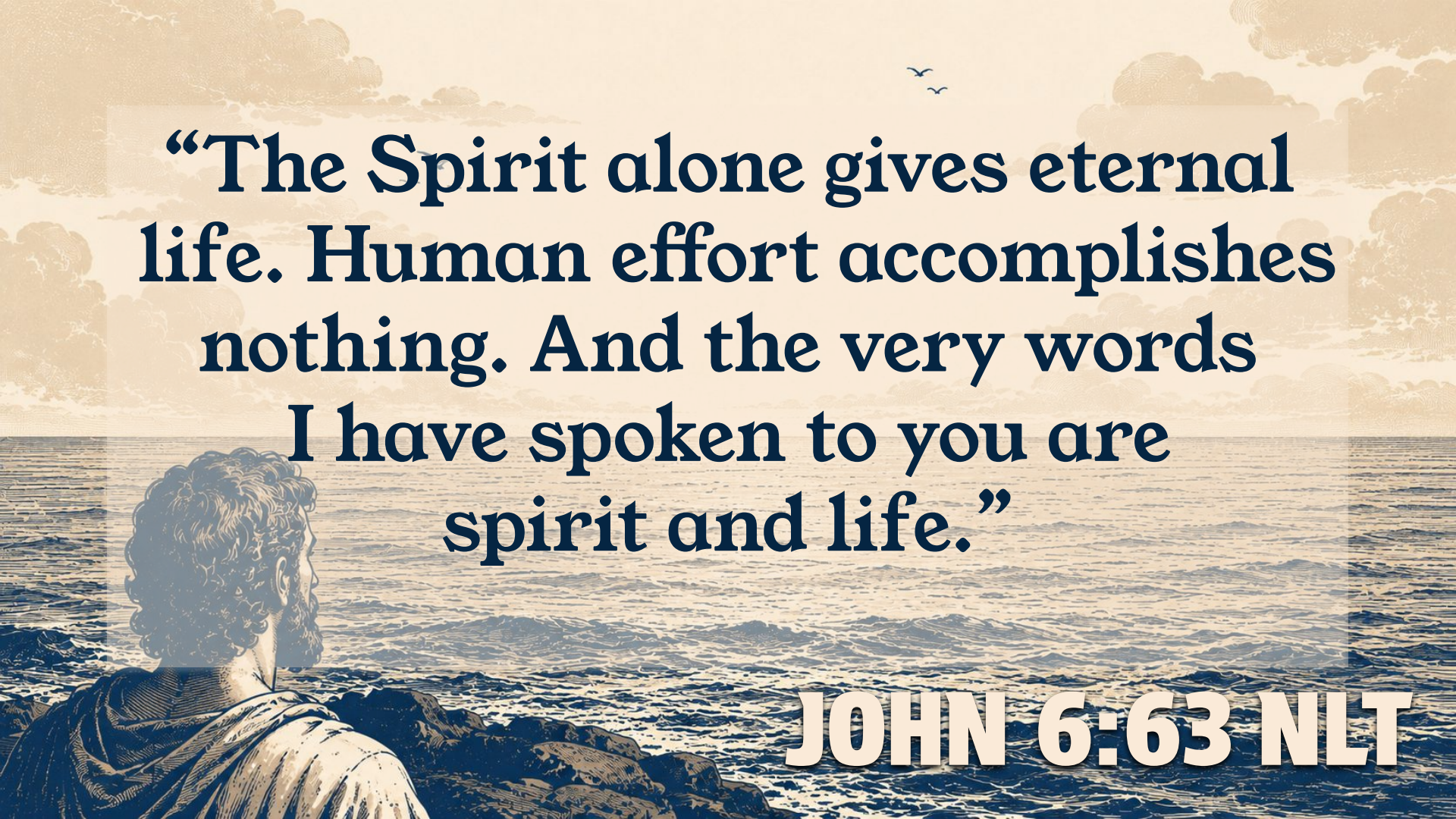
**PRAY 5 TIMES A
DAY, FAST DURING
RAMADAN, GIVE
ALMS, TRAVEL TO
MECCA, HOPING
TO GET ALLAH'S
FORGIVENESS.**

ROMAN CATHOLICS

**ATTEND MASS,
CONFESS SINS, DO
PENANCE, KEEP THE
SACRAMENTS, HOLY
DAYS, AND PRAY THEIR
ROSARIES SEEKING
FINAL SALVATION.**

LATTER DAY SAINT	BUDDHIST	HINDU
KEEPS COMMANDMENTS AND THE COVENANTS, FOLLOW LIVING PROPHETS SEEKING EXALTATION AND GODHOOD IN THE CELESTIAL KINGDOM.	FOLLOWS THE EIGHTFOLD PATH, ENDS HIS/HER CRAVINGS, MEDITATES, IN ORDER TO FIND NIRVANA.	PURSUES GOOD KARMA, YOGA, MEDITATION, DEVOTION, GOOD DEEDS, AND SPIRITUAL KNOWLEDGE—TO BE FREE FROM THE CYCLE OF PAIN & REBIRTH.

7TH DAY ADVENTIST- KEEPS THE COMMANDMENTS, HONORS THE SABBATH, PERSEVERES IN FAITH—SEEKING TO BE FOUND FAITHFUL IN “THE INVESTIGATIVE JUDGMENT.”

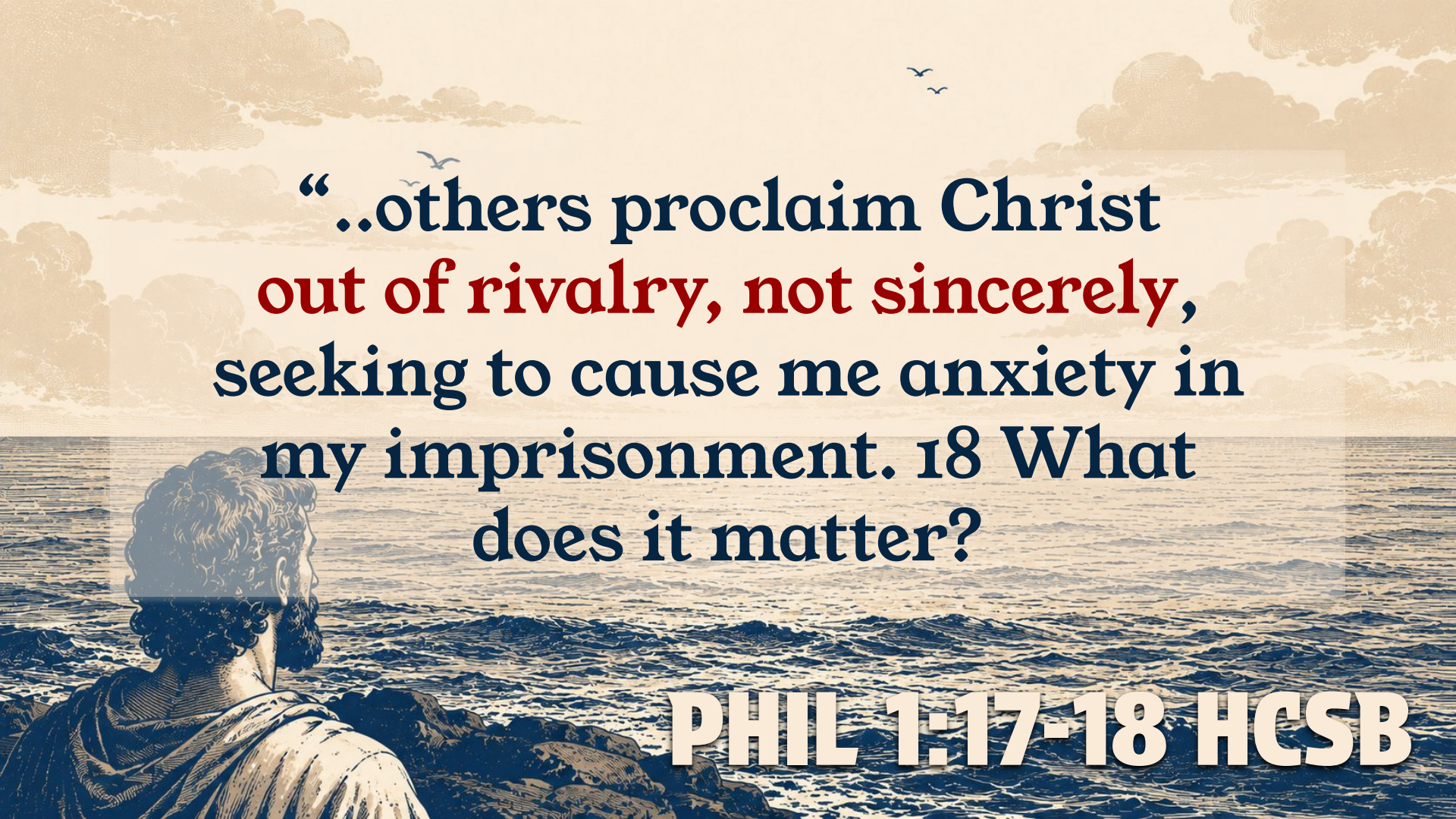


“The Spirit alone gives eternal life. Human effort accomplishes nothing. And the very words I have spoken to you are spirit and life.”

JOHN 6:63 NLT

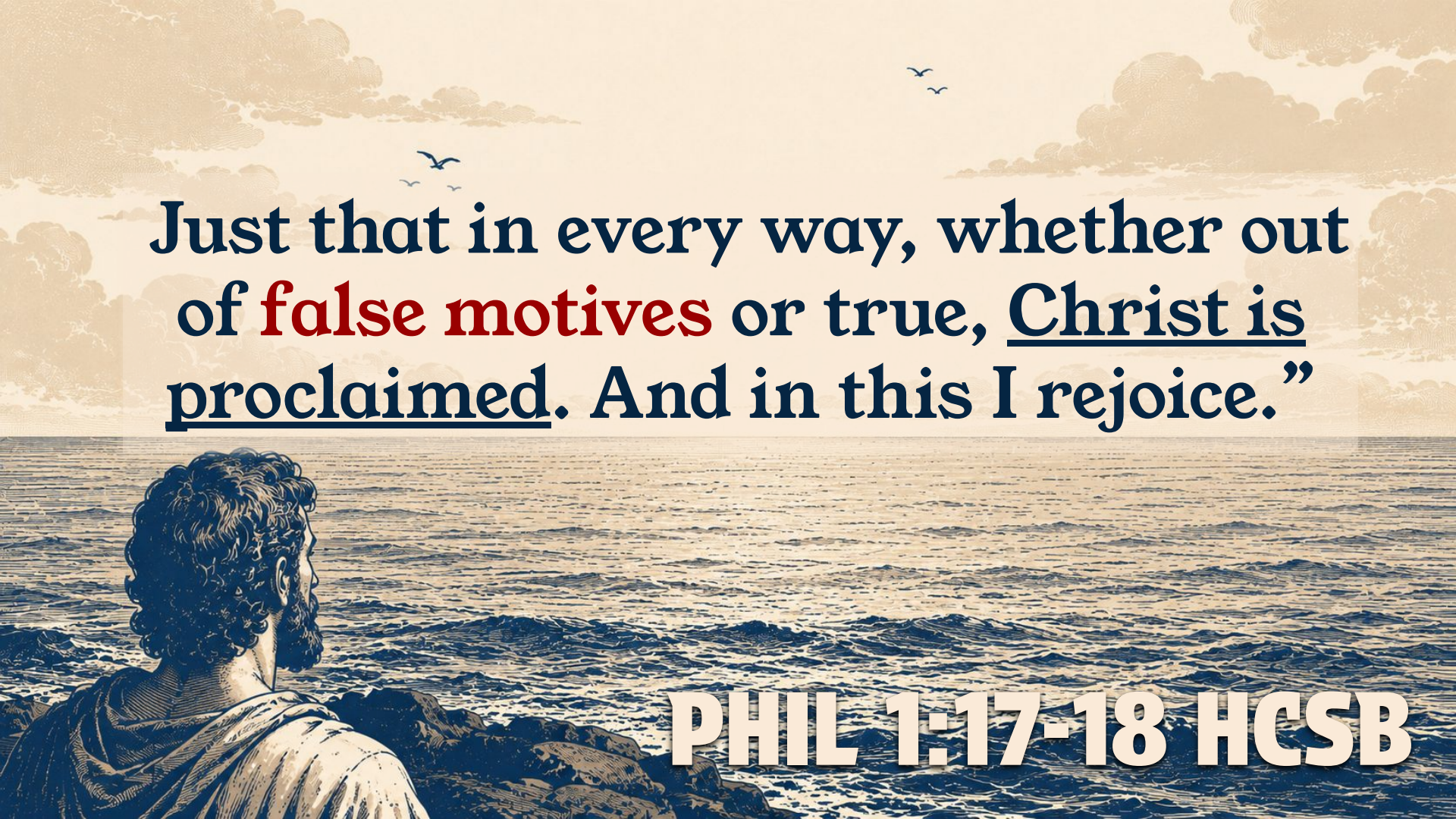
**BOTH THE PREACHER
AND THE HEARER
MUST TRUST IN GOD'S
POWER TO DELIVER.**





“..others proclaim Christ
out of rivalry, not sincerely,
seeking to cause me anxiety in
my imprisonment. 18 What
does it matter?

PHIL 1:17-18 HCSB



Just that in every way, whether out
of **false motives** or true, Christ is
proclaimed. And in this I rejoice.”

PHIL 1:17-18 HCSB

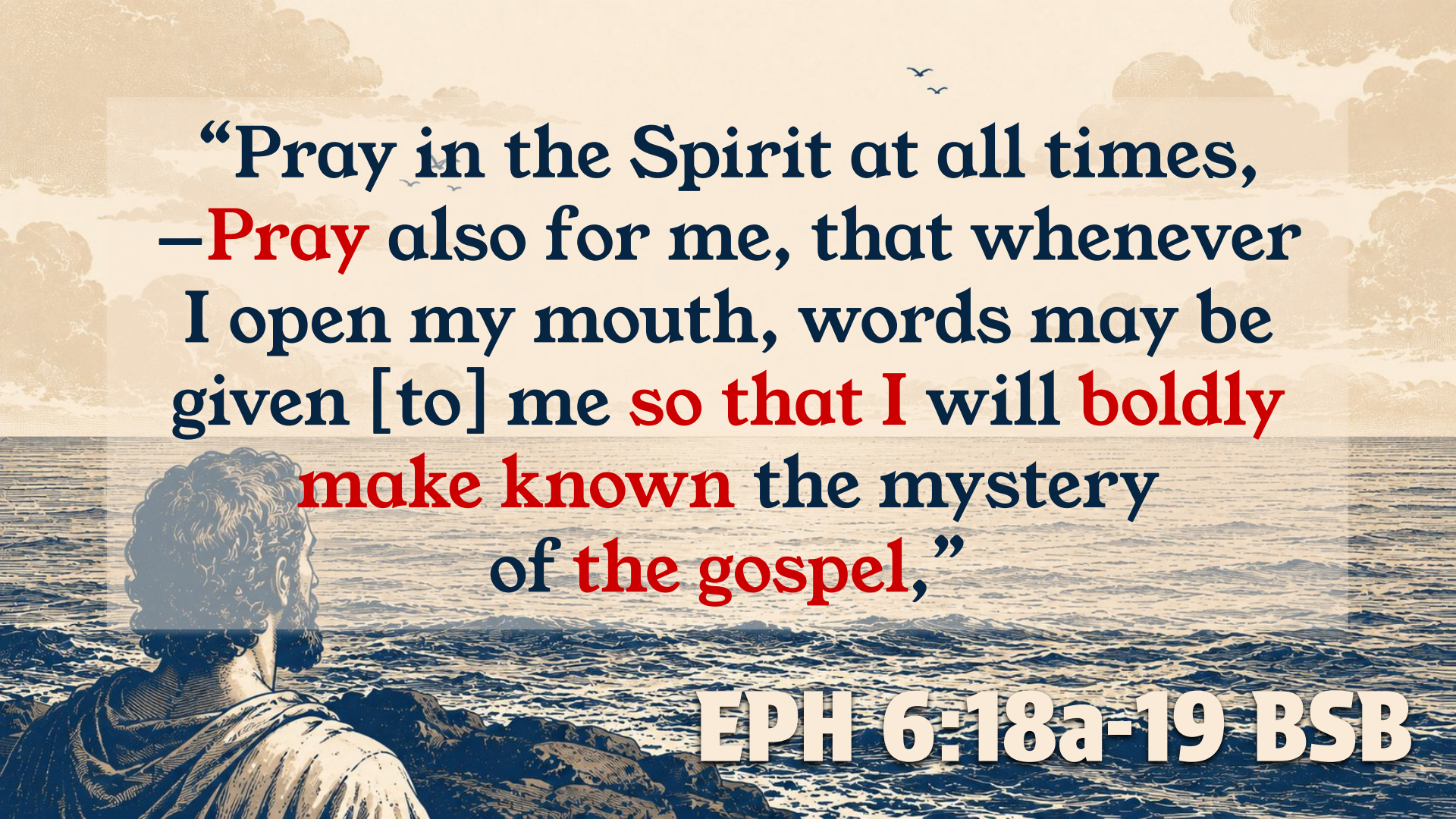
**DESPITE OUR BEST
EFFORTS, FLAWS, AND
FAILURES, IT'S GOD'S
SPIRIT WHO DRAWS
SINNERS TO THE
SAVIOR.**



“So they read from the Book of the Law of God, **explaining** it and **giving insight**, so that the people could understand what was being read.”



NEH 8:8 BSB

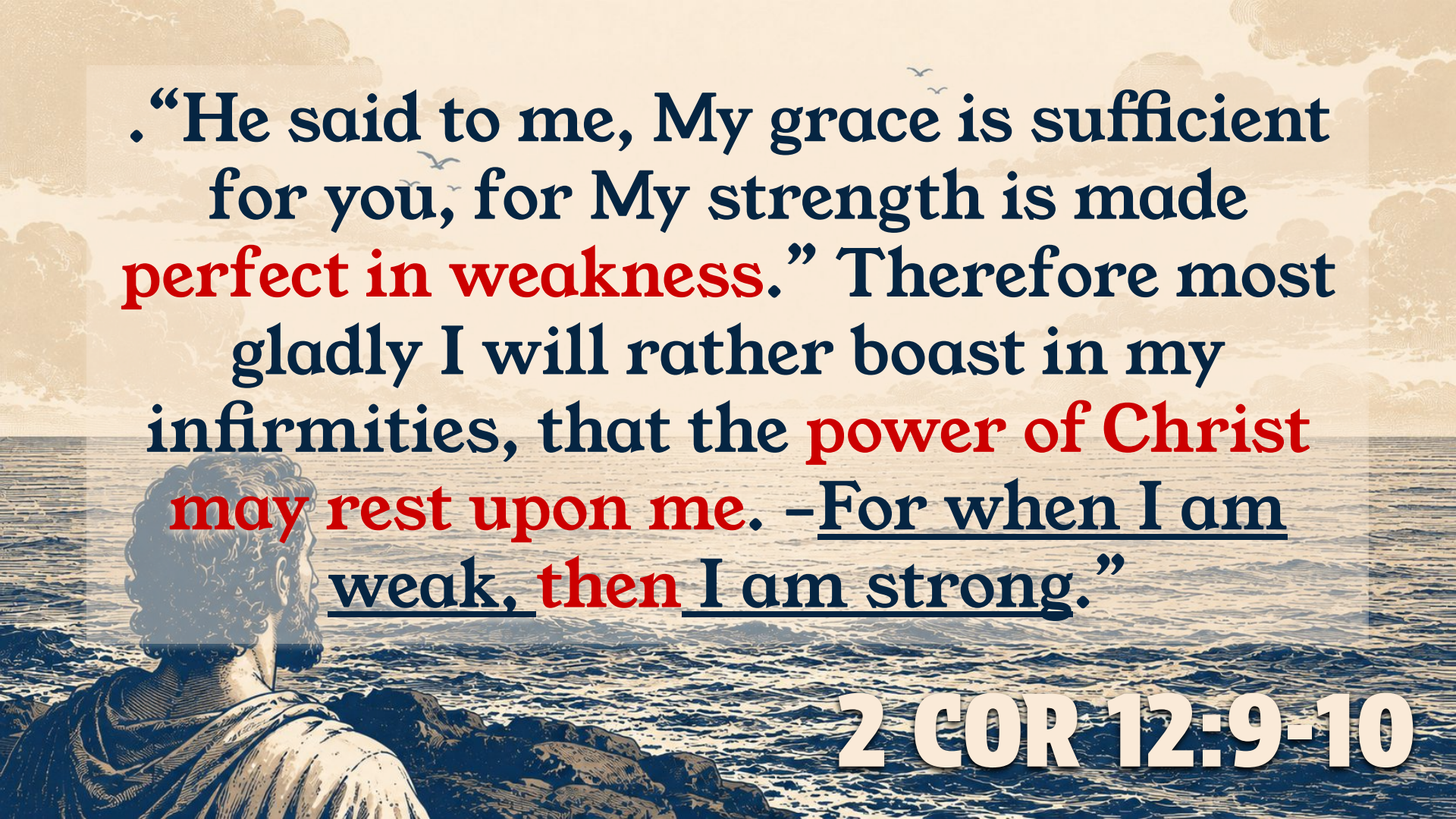


“Pray in the Spirit at all times,
–**Pray** also for me, that whenever
I open my mouth, words may be
given [to] me **so that I will boldly
make known the mystery
of the gospel,**”

EPH 6:18a-19 BSB

**IF OUR STRENGTH WAS NEVER
THE REQUIREMENT, OR THE
CONDITION, THEN OUR
WEAKNESS IS NOT RELEVANT,
OR THE EXCEPTION.**





.“He said to me, My grace is sufficient for you, for My strength is made **perfect in weakness.**” Therefore most gladly I will rather boast in my infirmities, that the **power of Christ may rest upon me.** –For when I am weak, then I am strong.”

2 COR 12:9-10

**HUMILITY IS NOT
INACTIVITY.**



