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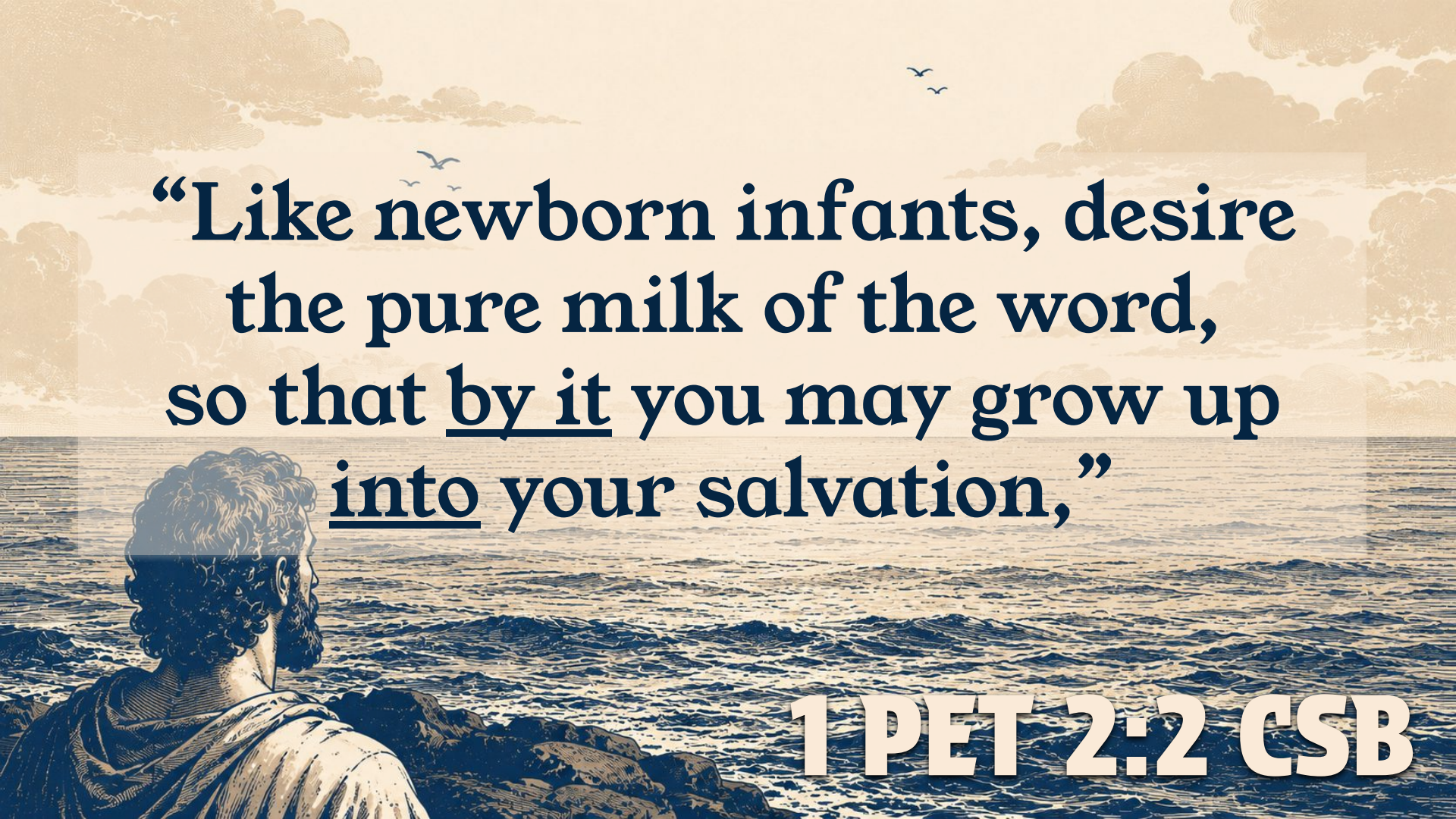
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3:1-15

**POSSESSION
DOESN'T
GUARANTEE
PROGRESSION.**



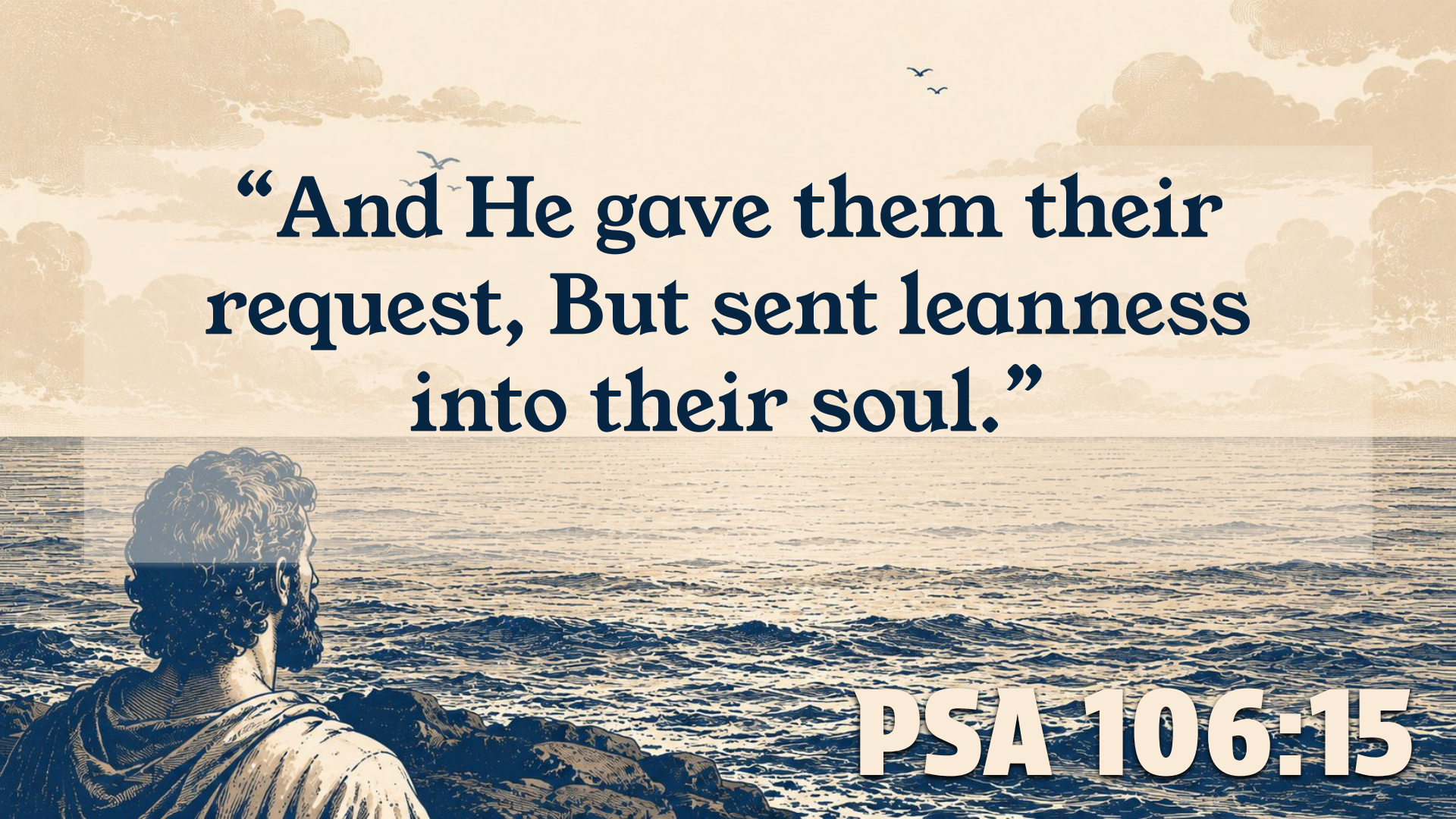


“Like newborn infants, desire
the pure milk of the word,
so that by it you may grow up
into your salvation,”

1 PET 2:2 CSB

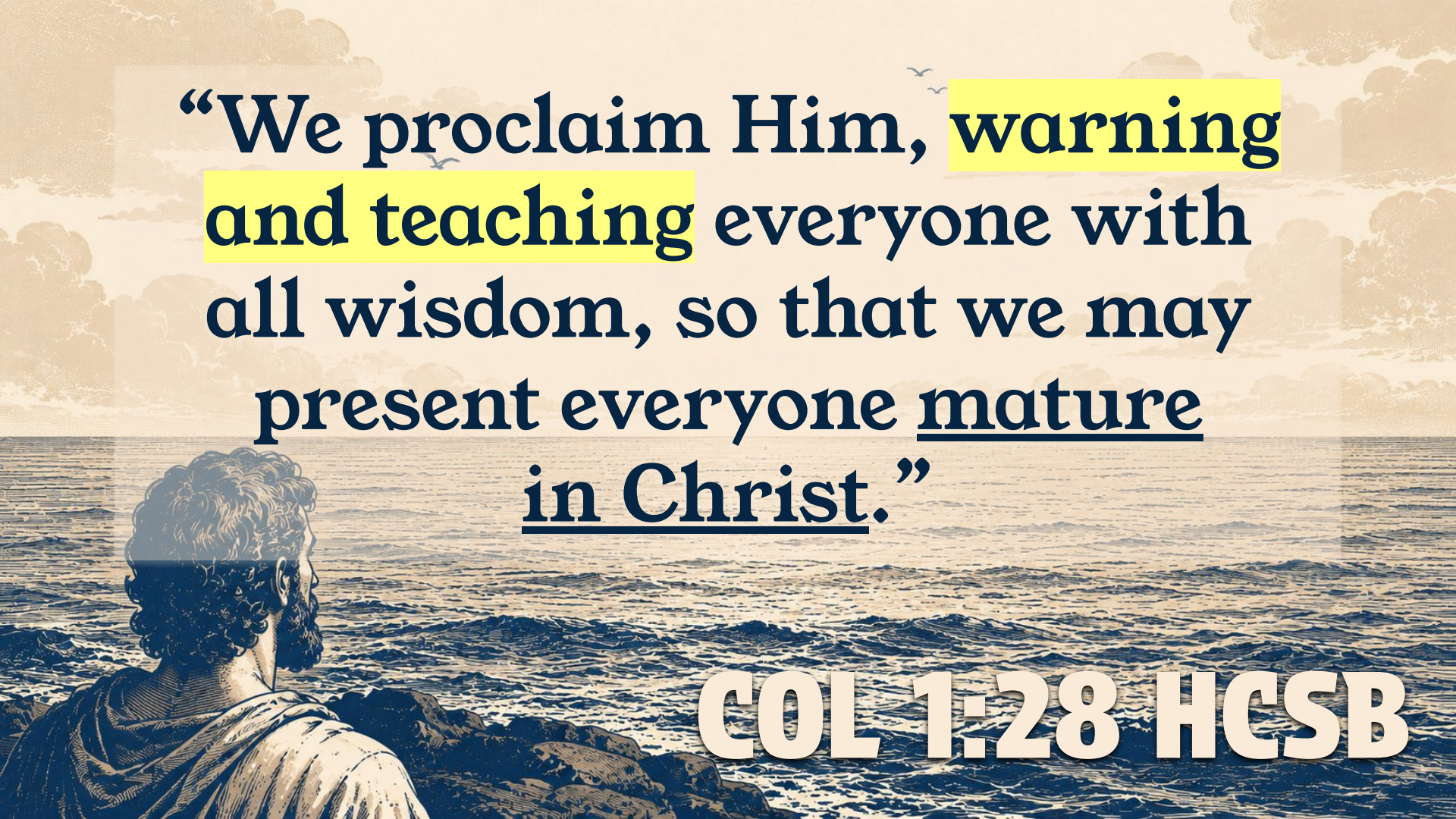
**MATURITY IS ABOUT
GROWING NOT ACQUIRING;
ETERNITY IS GIVEN, BUT
MATURITY MUST RIPEN.**





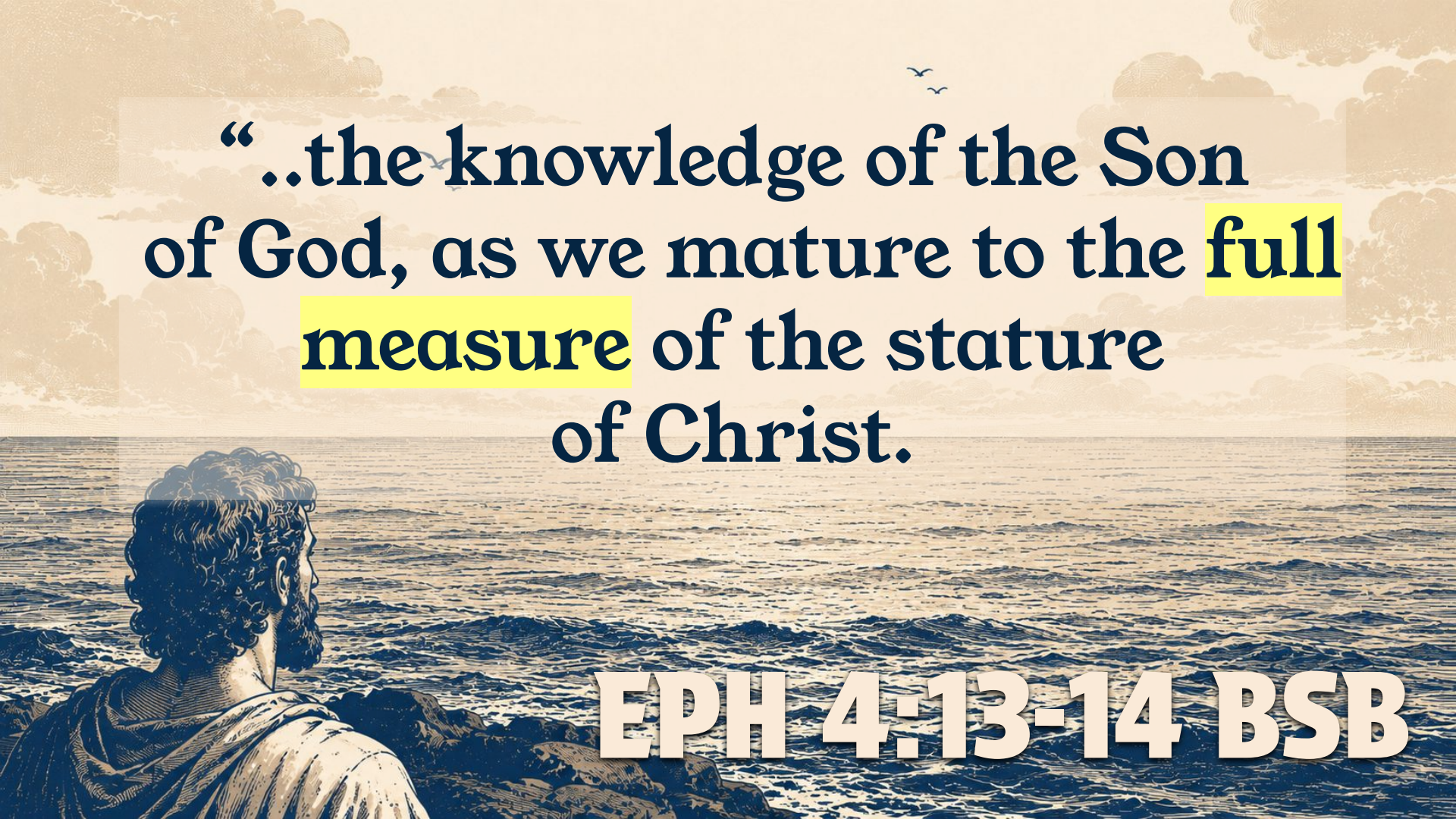
**“And He gave them their
request, But sent leanness
into their soul.”**

PSA 106:15



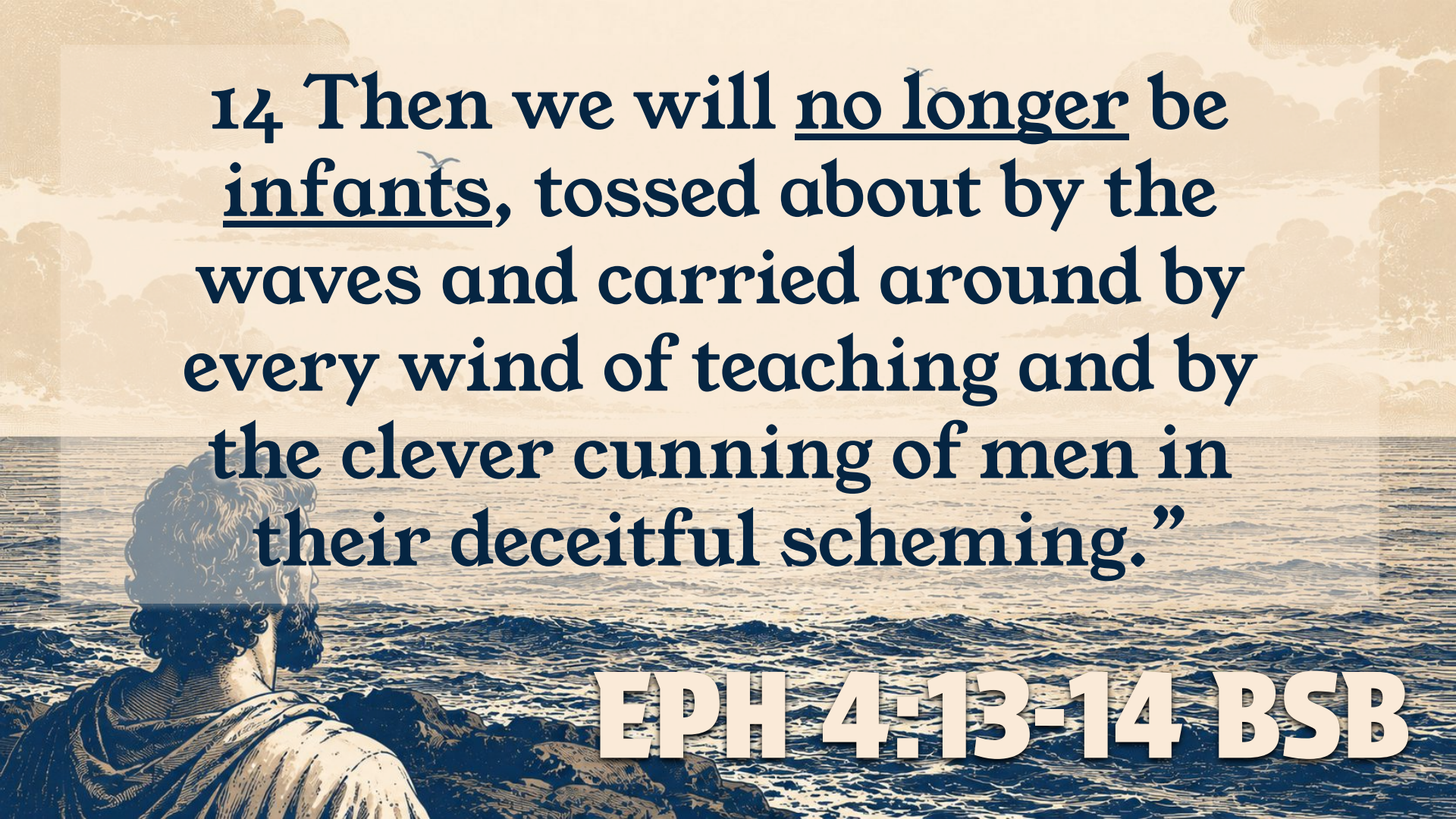
“We proclaim Him, **warning
and teaching** everyone with
all wisdom, so that we may
present everyone mature
in Christ.”

COL 1:28 HCSB



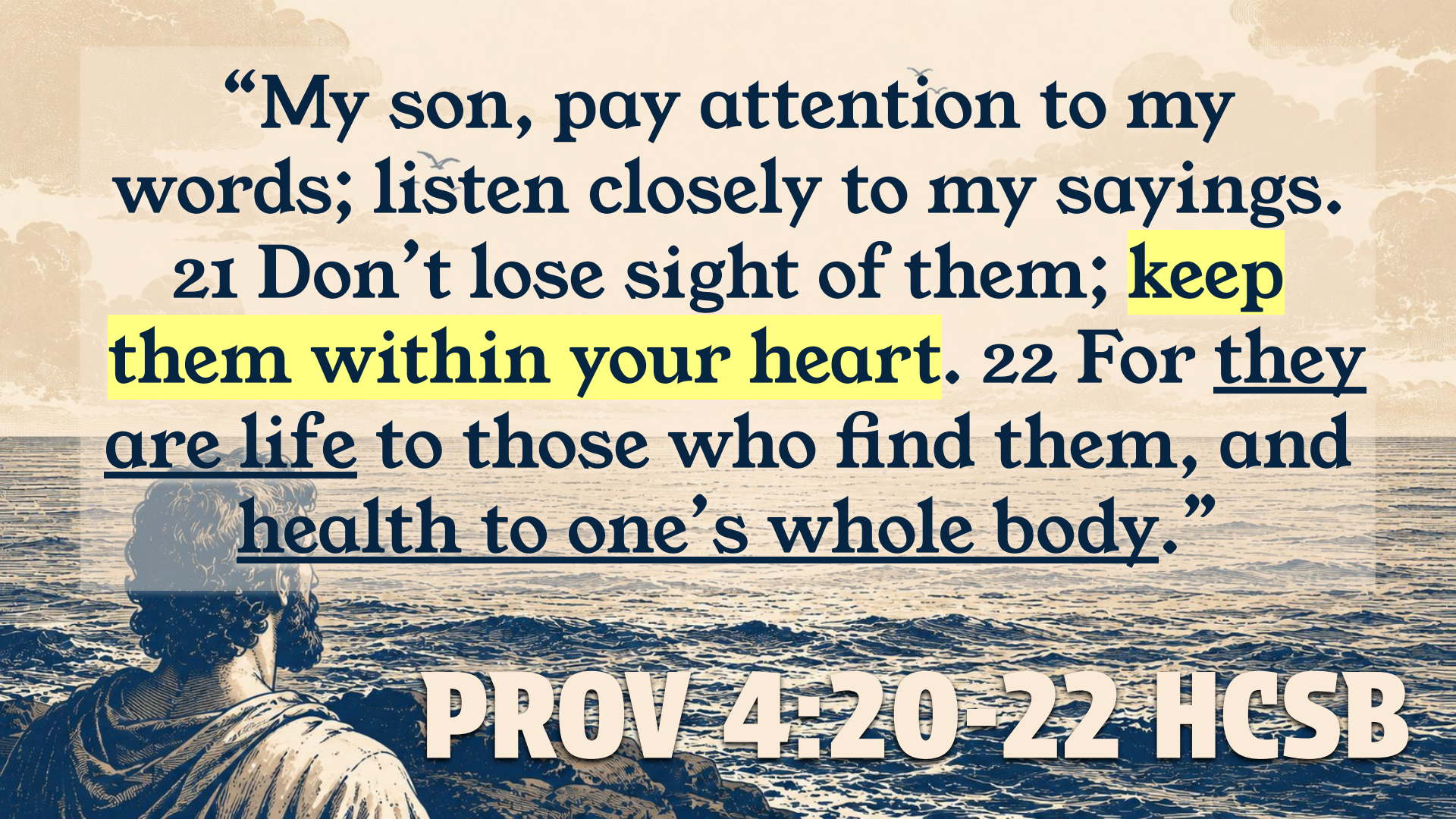
**“..the knowledge of the Son
of God, as we mature to the **full
measure** of the stature
of Christ.**

EPH 4:13-14 BSB



14 Then we will no longer be infants, tossed about by the waves and carried around by every wind of teaching and by the clever cunning of men in their deceitful scheming.”

EPH 4:13-14 BSB



“My son, pay attention to my words; listen closely to my sayings.

21 Don't lose sight of them; **keep them within your heart.** 22 For they are life to those who find them, and health to one's whole body.”

PROV 4:20-22 HCSB

“Above all else, guard your
heart, for **everything**
you do flows from it.”



PROV 4:23 NLT

**YOU CAN HAVE DEPTH
WITHOUT WIDTH,
BECAUSE DEPTH CAN
LOOK LIKE GROWTH.**

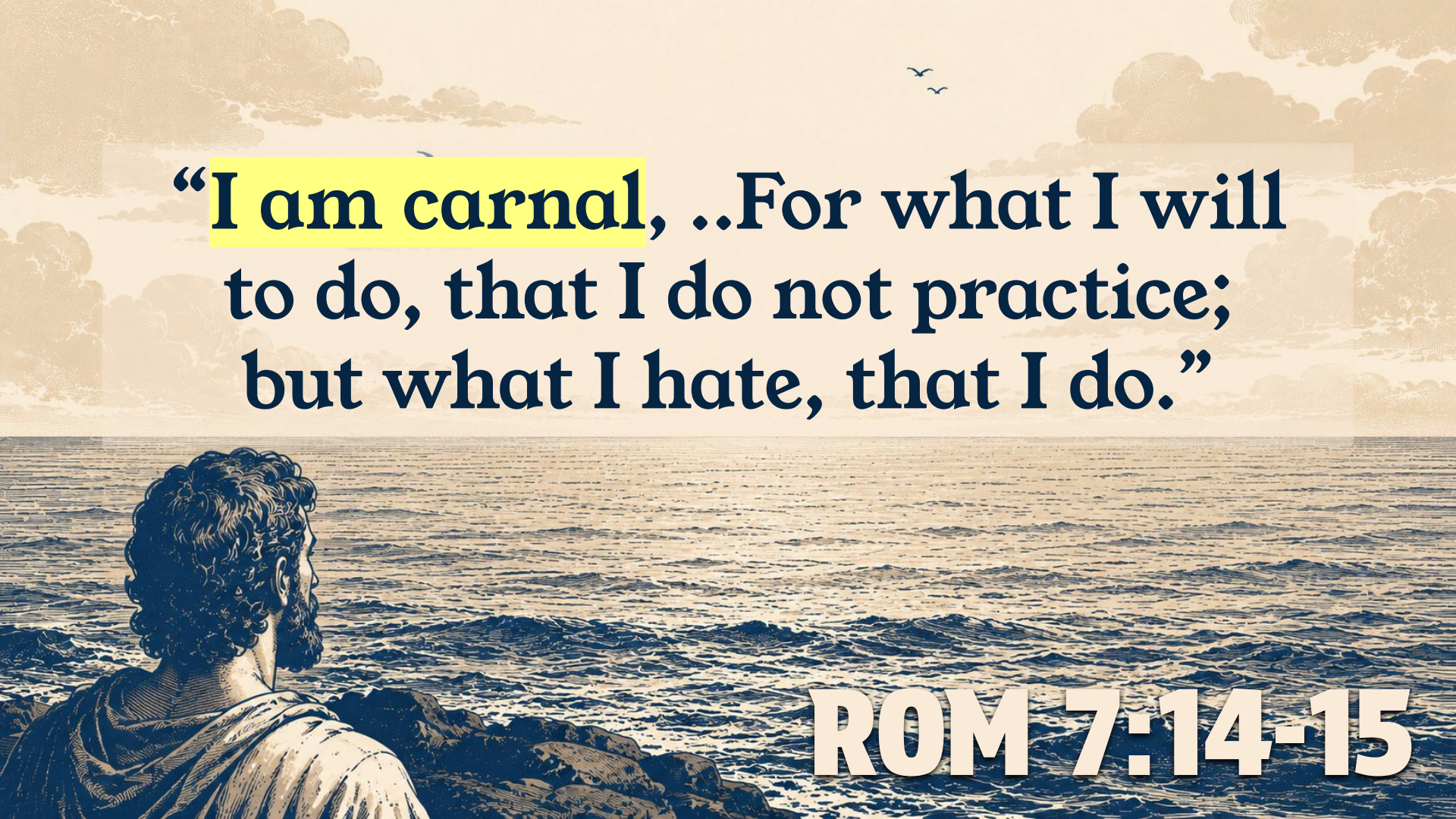


1 CORINTHIANS 1:4-7

1. **THEY HAD THE GRACE OF GOD:** “the grace of God was given to you—you were enriched in everything by Him” (1:4-5A)
2. **THEY HAD THE GIFTS OF THE SPIRIT:** “in all utterance and all Knowledge—so that you come short in no gift” (1:5B, 7A)
3. **THEY HAD THE HOPE OF THE SON:** “eagerly waiting for the revelation of our Lord Jesus Christ,” (1:4-5, 7)

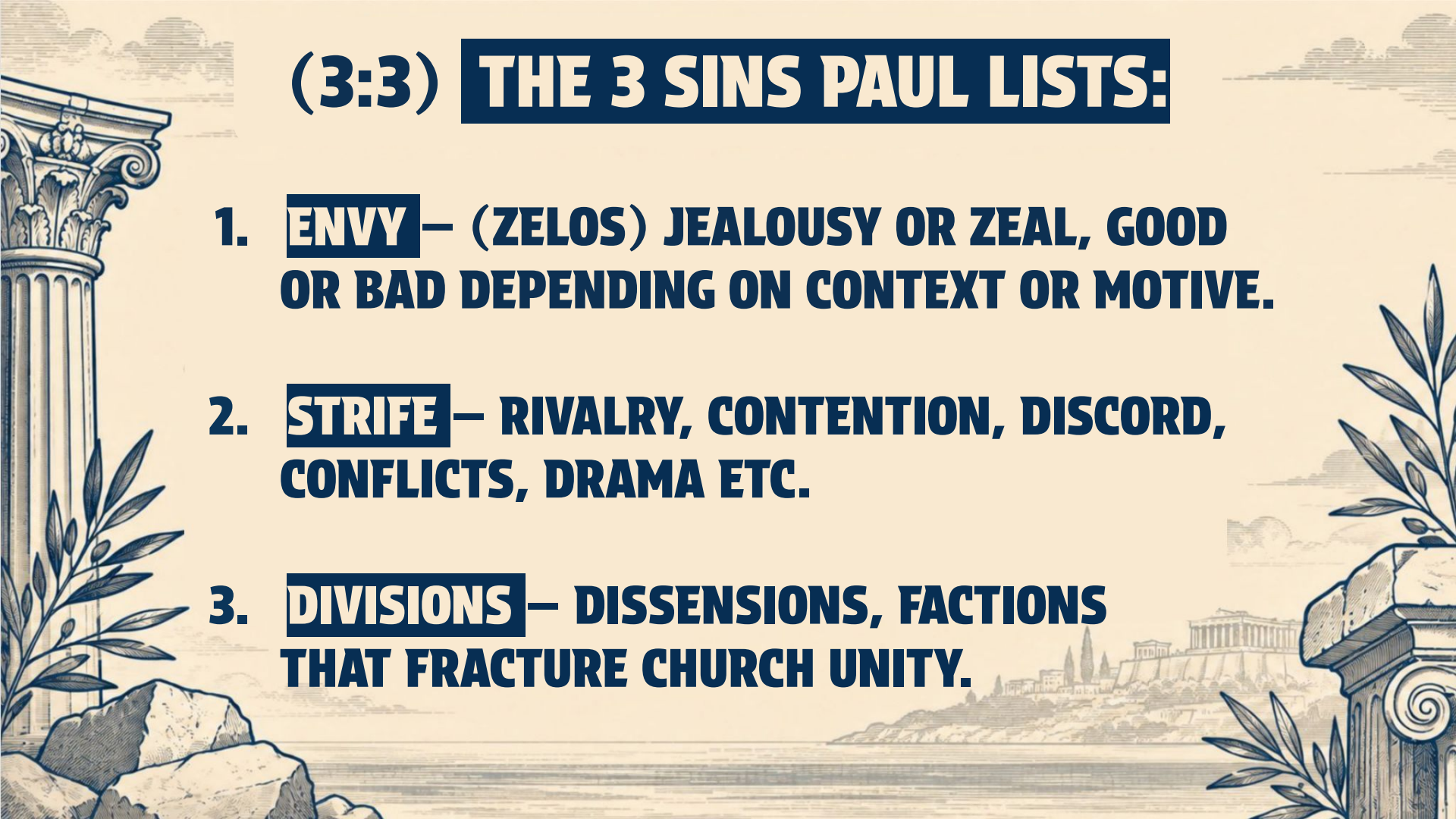
- **GIFTEDNESS CAN BE MISTAKEN FOR GODLINESS.**
- **DEPTH CAN LOOK LIKE GROWTH.**
- **INSIGHT CAN MAKE SOMEONE LOOK RIGHT.**
- **KNOWLEDGE CAN PASS AS HOLINESS.**





**“I am carnal, ..For what I will
to do, that I do not practice;
but what I hate, that I do.”**

ROM 7:14-15

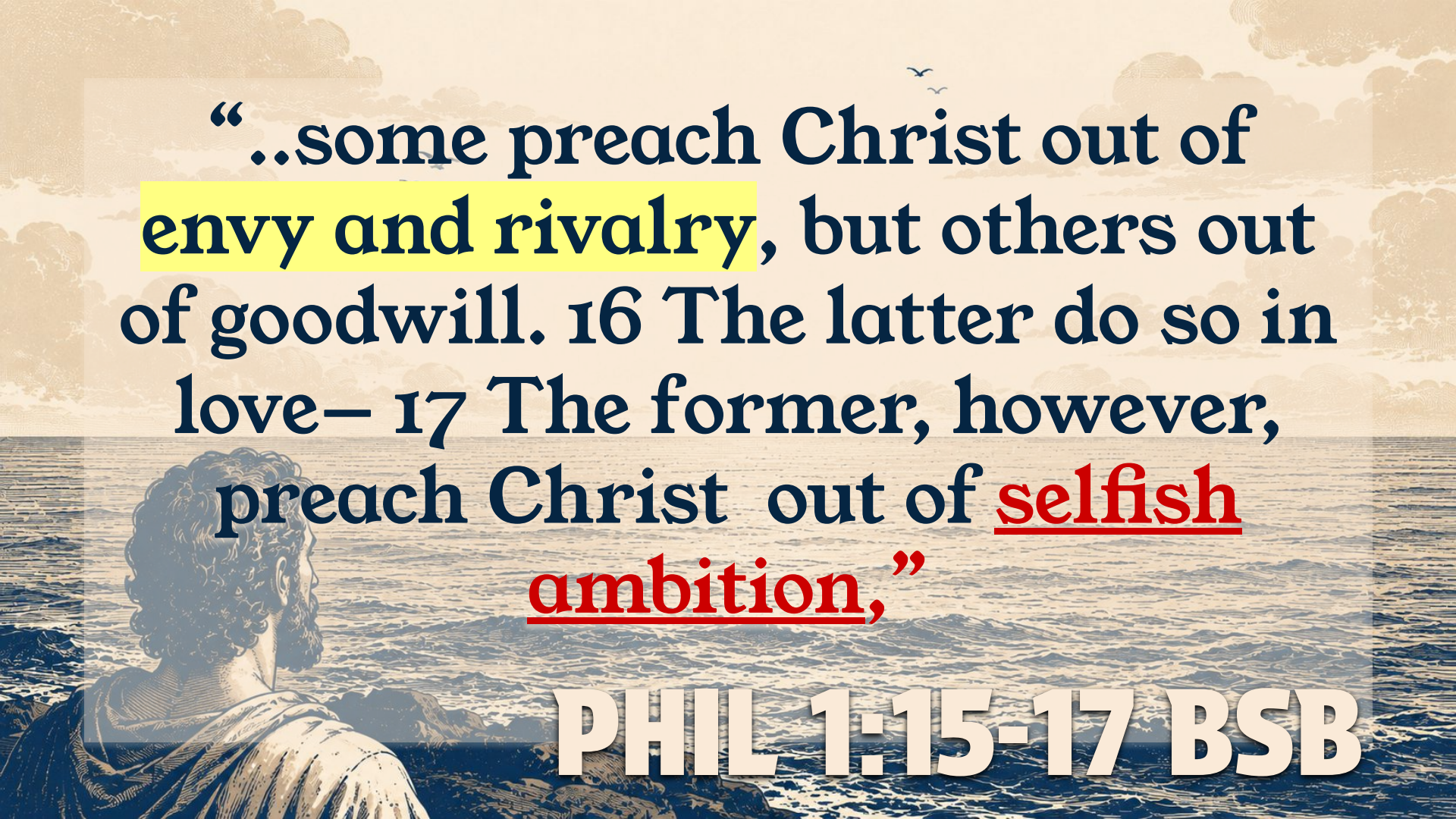
The background features a light beige color with faint, stylized illustrations of classical architecture and a landscape. On the left, a large column with an acanthus capital and a laurel wreath is visible. On the right, another column with a laurel wreath is shown. In the distance, a hill with a temple, resembling the Acropolis, sits on a peninsula overlooking a body of water under a cloudy sky.

(3:3) THE 3 SINS PAUL LISTS:

1. **ENVY**— (ZELOS) JEALOUSY OR ZEAL, GOOD OR BAD DEPENDING ON CONTEXT OR MOTIVE.
2. **STRIFE**— RIVALRY, CONTENTION, DISCORD, CONFLICTS, DRAMA ETC.
3. **DIVISIONS**— DISSENSIONS, FACTIONS THAT FRACTURE CHURCH UNITY.

**ENVY ALWAYS COMES
WITH COMPANY.**





“..some preach Christ out of
envy and rivalry, but others out
of goodwill. 16 The latter do so in
love— 17 The former, however,
preach Christ out of selfish
ambition,”

PHIL 1:15-17 BSB

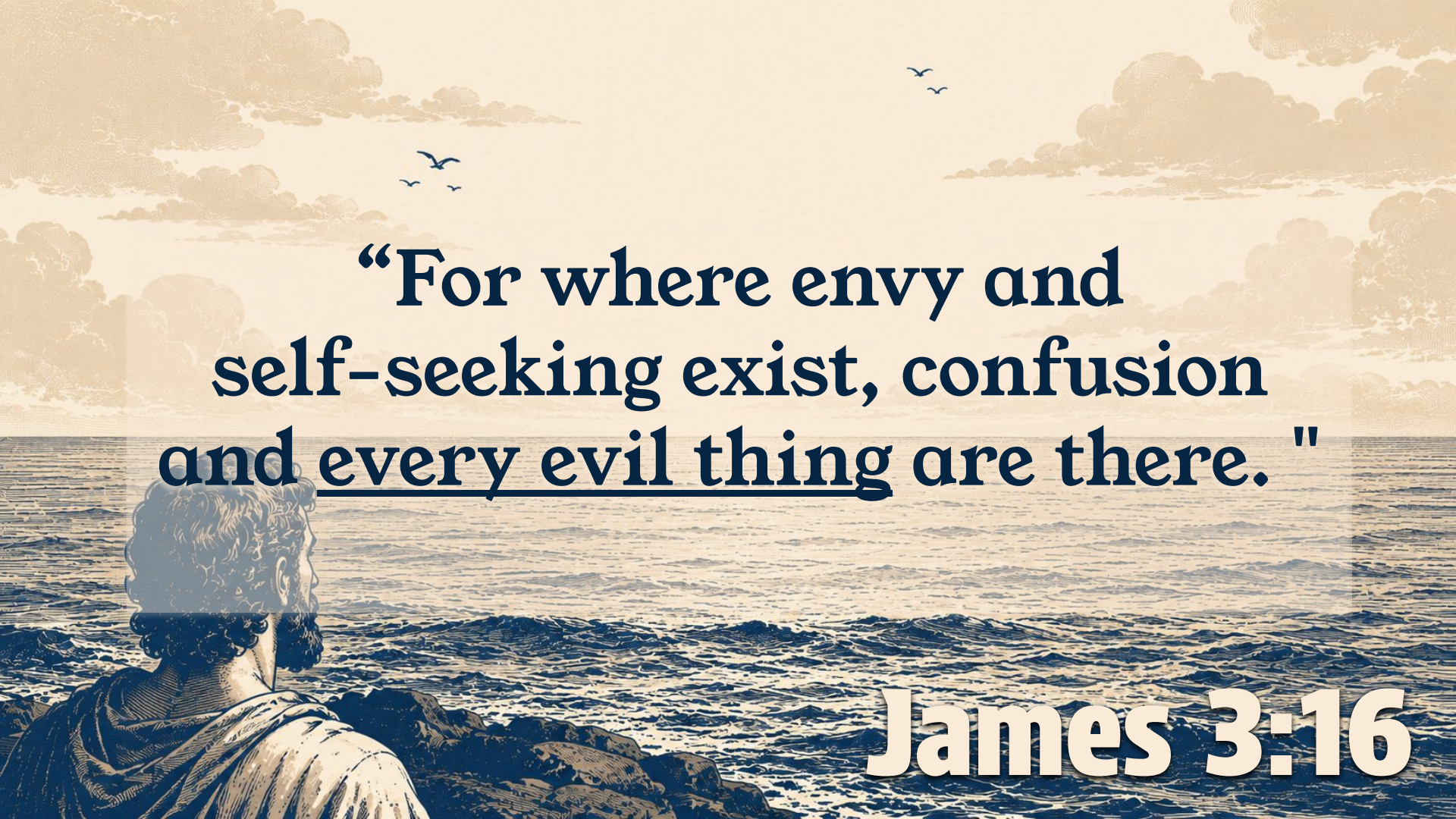
SELFISH AMBITION



- **ENVY EXALTS THE SELF**

- **STRIFE ADVANCES THE SELF**

- **DIVISION SURROUNDS THE SELF**

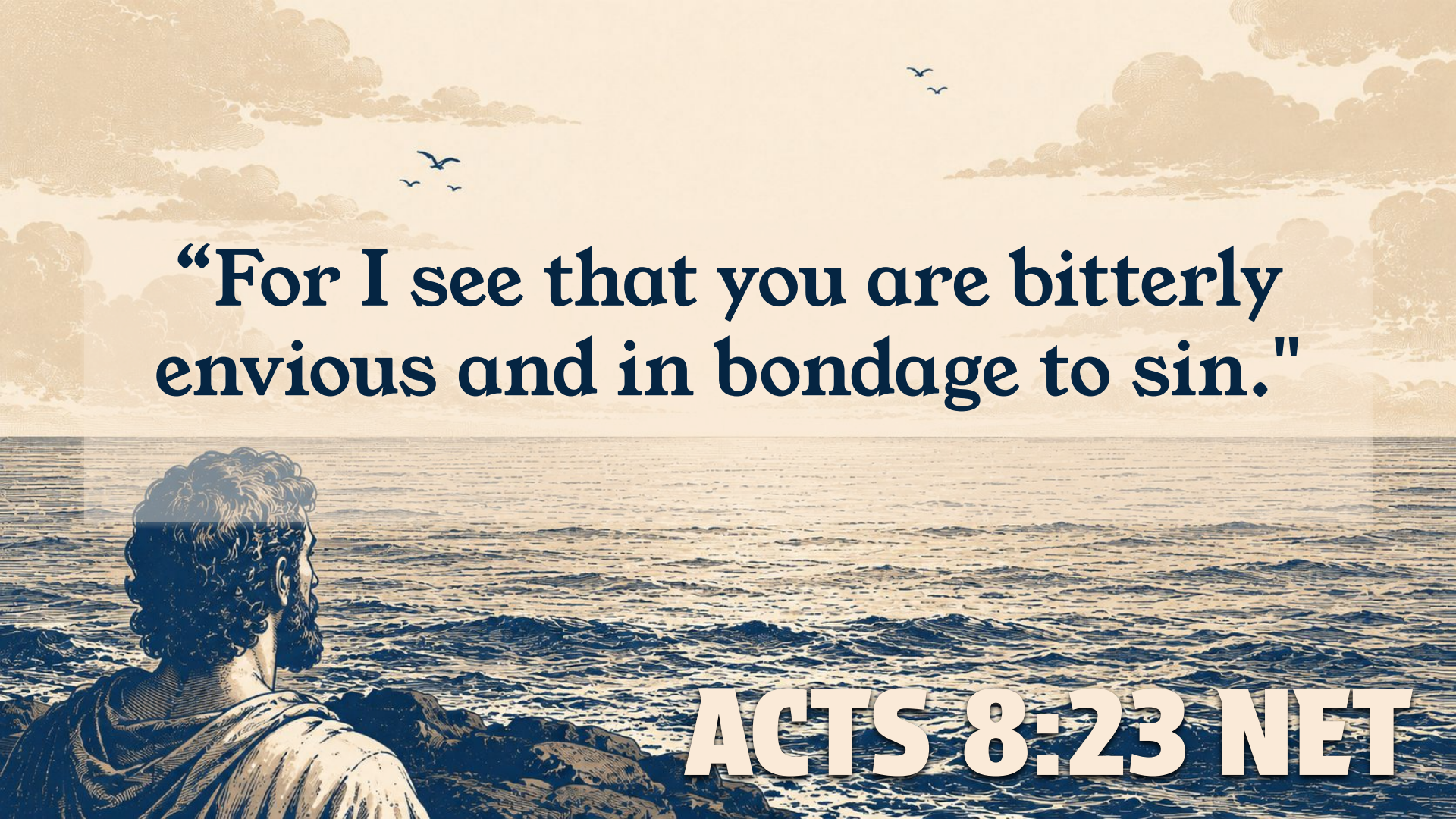
A man with curly hair and a beard, wearing a white robe, is shown from the back, looking out over a turbulent sea with white-capped waves. The sky is a pale yellow-orange, filled with soft, billowy clouds. Several birds are seen in flight against the sky. The overall mood is contemplative and serene despite the stormy sea.

**“For where envy and
self-seeking exist, confusion
and every evil thing are there.”**

James 3:16

**WE MUST BE
CAUTIOUS, BECAUSE
BEING ENVIOUS ISN'T
ALWAYS OBVIOUS.**





**“For I see that you are bitterly
envious and in bondage to sin.”**

ACTS 8:23 NET

**WE CAN'T EVER TAKE
THE GLORY, BECAUSE IT'S
NEVER JUST OUR ABILITY.**



**THE BELIEVER'S REWARD
LIES IN THE SORT AND
WORTH OF THEIR WORK.**



