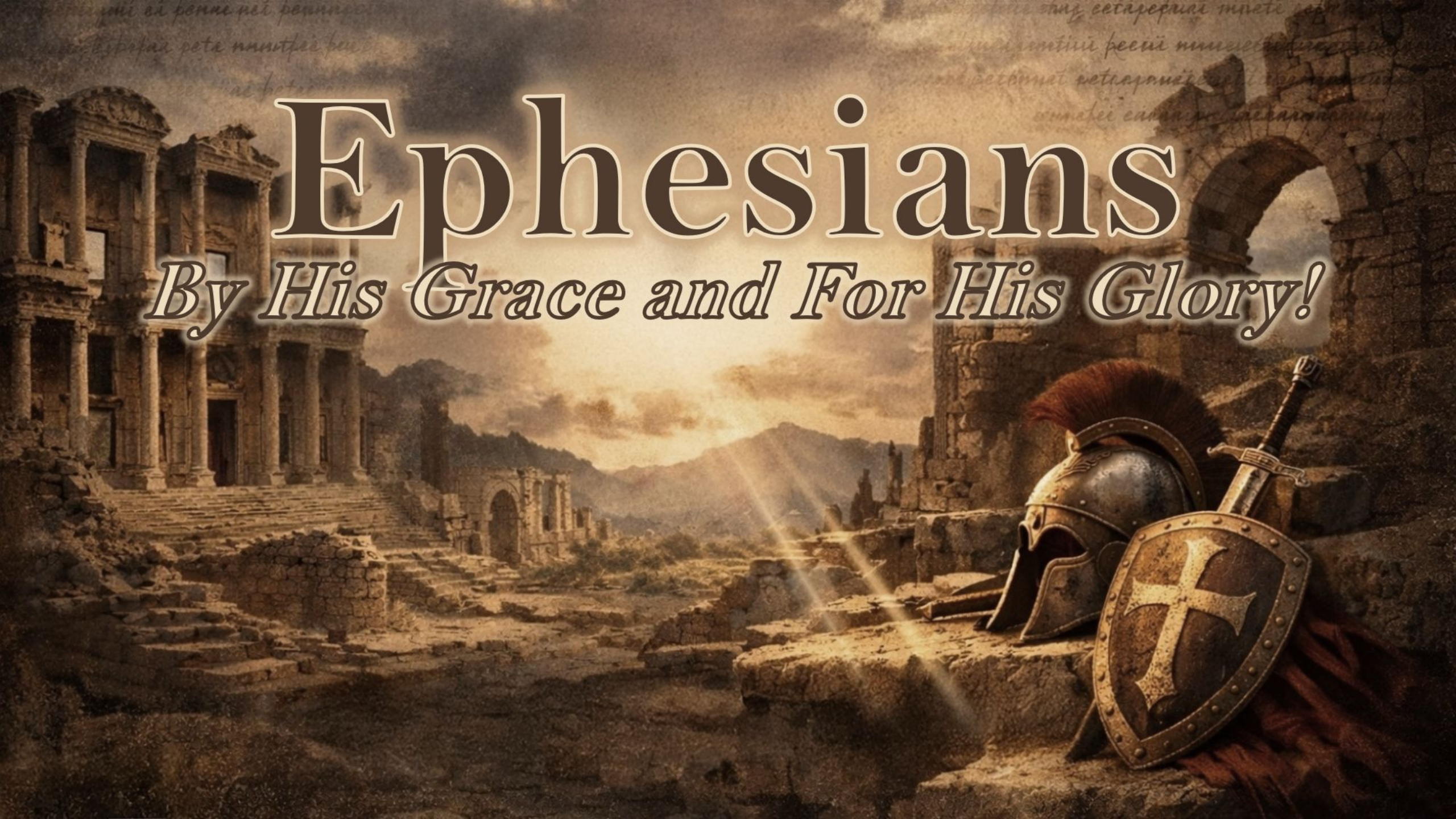


Ephesians

By His Grace and For His Glory!



The background of the slide features a dramatic, sepia-toned image of ancient ruins. In the upper left, there are classical stone structures with columns and arches. In the lower right, a large, ornate shield with a central emblem and rivets is visible, resting on a pile of rubble. The overall atmosphere is one of historical grandeur and decay.

God's Immeasurable Greatness Ephesians 1:15–20

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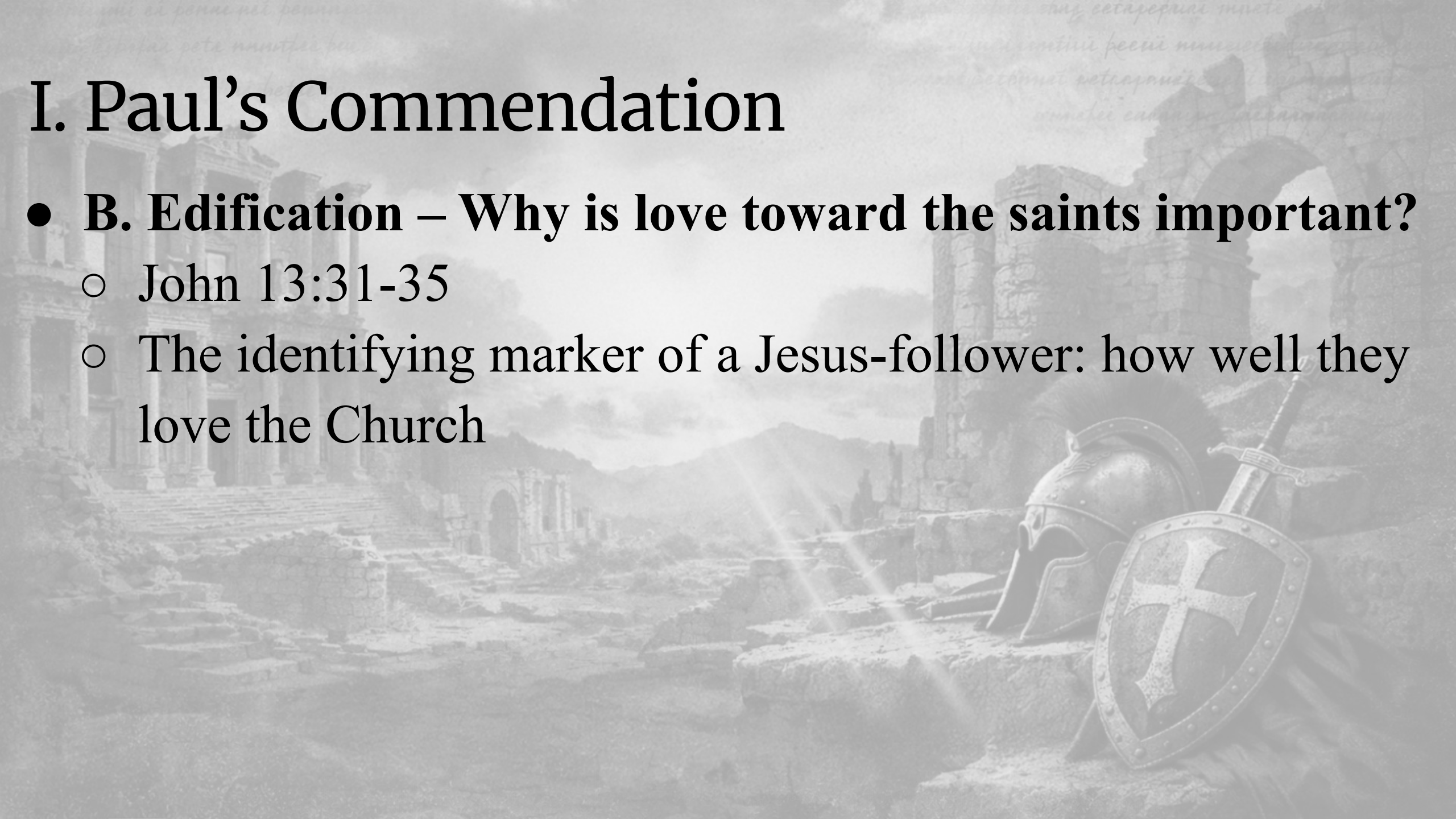
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I. Paul's Commendation

- A. “For this reason” – Why does Paul commend the Ephesians?
 - Ephesians 1:15-16
 - Their faith in the Lord Jesus and love toward all the saints
 - Faith in Christ (vertical) → love for the saints (horizontal)

I. Paul's Commendation

- **B. Edification – Why is love toward the saints important?**
 - John 13:31-35
 - The identifying marker of a Jesus-follower: how well they love the Church



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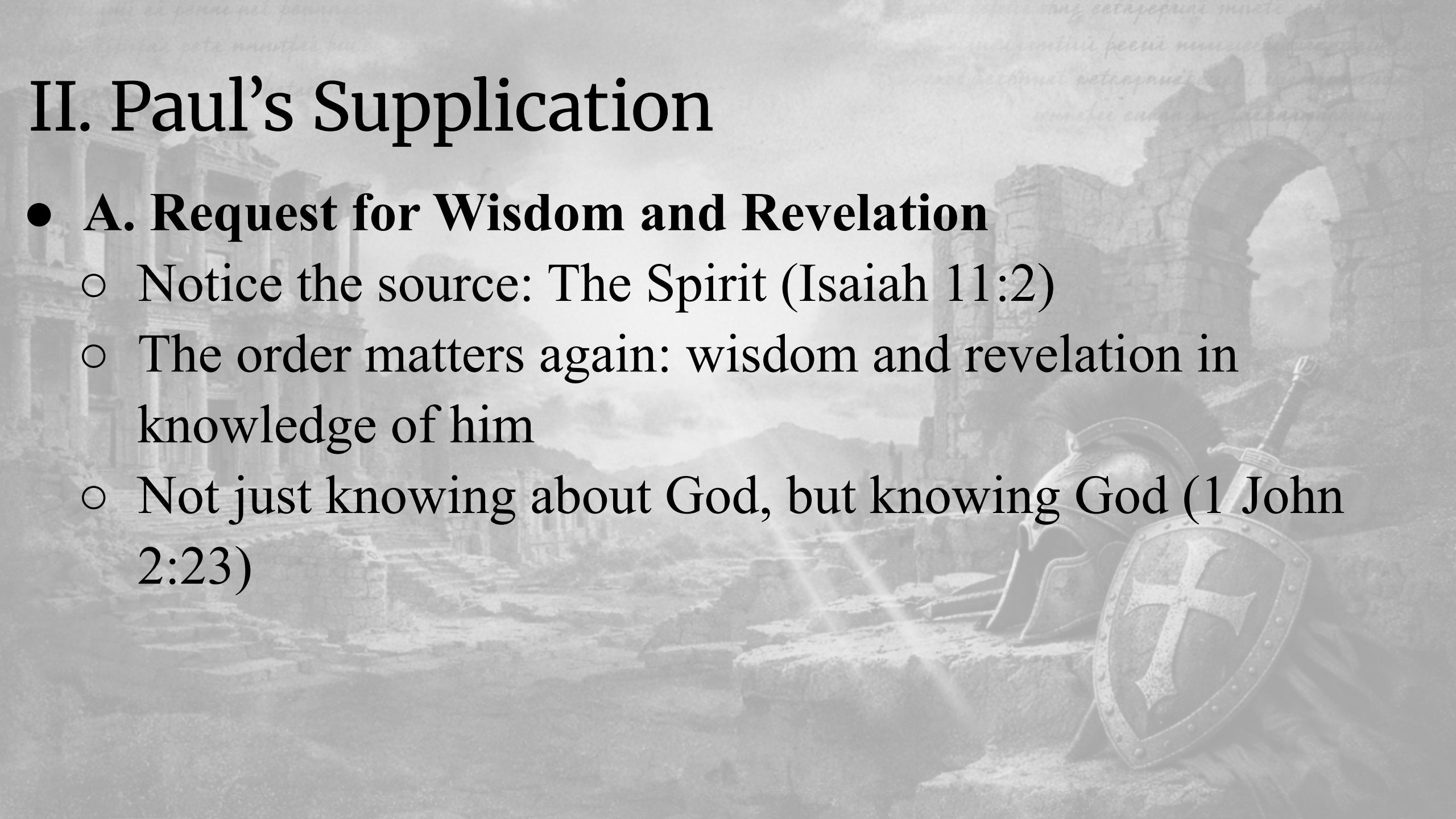
- **B. Edification – Why is love toward the saints important?**
 - Notice the order! Faith in the Lord Jesus → love toward all the saints
 - Exaltation comes first!
 - Love toward the saints can be difficult, but it is an important function of the church
 - Bear one another's burdens (Galatians 6:1-2)

Ephesians 1:17–18a

17 that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and of revelation in the knowledge of him, 18 having the eyes of your hearts enlightened. . .

II. Paul's Supplication

- **A. Request for Wisdom and Revelation**
 - Notice the source: The Spirit (Isaiah 11:2)
 - The order matters again: wisdom and revelation in knowledge of him
 - Not just knowing about God, but knowing God (1 John 2:23)



II. Paul's Supplication

- **A. Request for Wisdom and Revelation**
 - The eyes of your heart enlightened
 - Without the Spirit, the heart is corrupt (Mark 7:20-23; Jeremiah 17:9)
 - With the Spirit, we see clearly by the light of the Lord



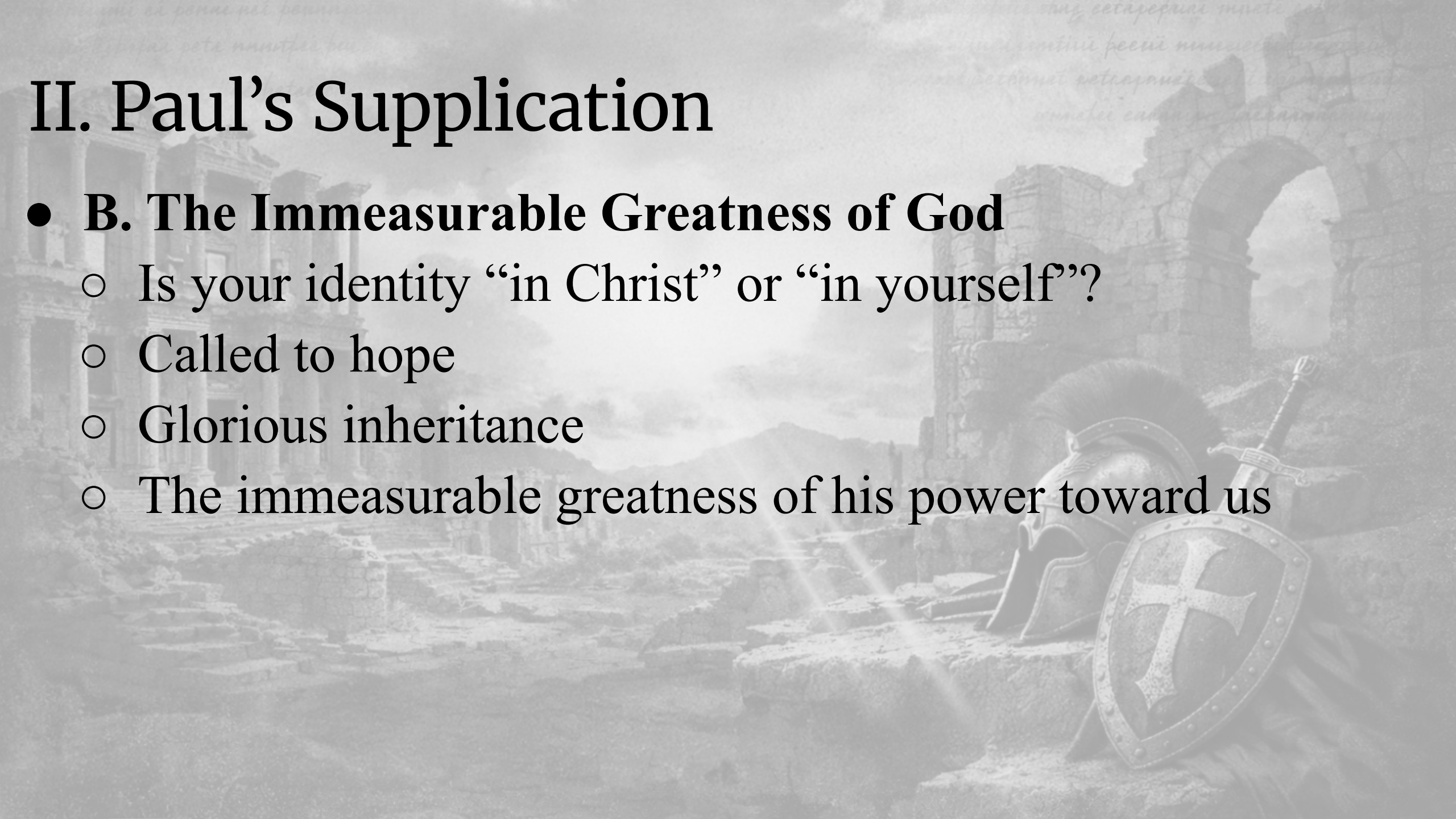
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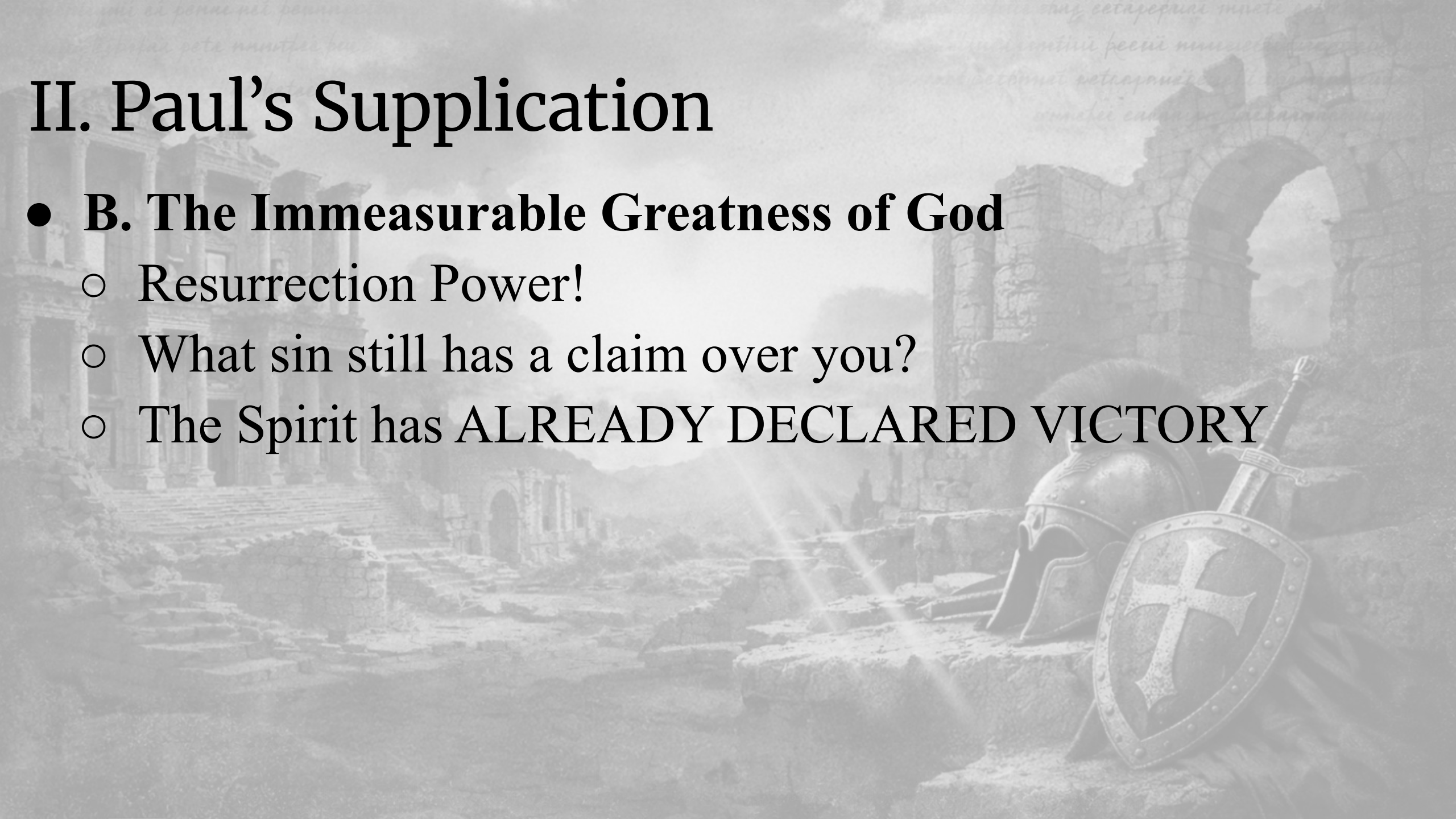
- **B. The Immeasurable Greatness of God**

- Is your identity “in Christ” or “in yourself”?
- Called to hope
- Glorious inheritance
- The immeasurable greatness of his power toward us



II. Paul's Supplication

- **B. The Immeasurable Greatness of God**
 - Resurrection Power!
 - What sin still has a claim over you?
 - The Spirit has **ALREADY DECLARED VICTORY**



Sinclair Ferguson

Antinomianism (license) and legalism are non-identical twins from the same womb. They sit on one side; the gospel sits on the other.



Tertullian

“Just as Christ was crucified between two thieves, so this doctrine of justification is ever crucified between two opposite errors.”



Jude 1:4 (NASB95)

4 For certain persons have crept in unnoticed, those who were long beforehand marked out for this condemnation, ungodly persons who turn the grace of our God into licentiousness and deny our only Master and Lord, Jesus Christ.



Grace is not simply leniency
when we have sinned. Grace is
the enabling gift of God not to sin.
Grace is power, not just pardon.

John Piper

Forand

WHEN GRACE BECOMES AN EXCUSE TO PRACTICE SIN...

YOU ARE NO LONGER UNDER GRACE—
YOU ARE UNDER DECEPTION



GRACE FORGIVES SIN...
IT NEVER AUTHORIZES IT.

ROMANS 6:15 (KJV)

“What then? shall we sin, because we are
not under the law, but under grace?

GOD FORBID.

- Grace is not permission to continue in rebellion.
- Grace teaches us to deny ungodliness.
- The evidence of saving grace is a changed life.
- God forgives sinners, but He never celebrates sin.
- A gospel that excuses sin is not the gospel of Christ.
- True grace produces obedience from the heart.
- The devil often disguises deception in religious language.
- Saying “God understands” is not the same as repentance.
- Grace lifts us from sin; it does not leave us in it.
- The same grace that pardons also transforms.

GRACE IS GOD'S POWER TO OVERCOME SIN—
NOT MAN'S PERMISSION TO CONTINUE IN IT.

Terry Slusher
MINISTRIES



II. Paul's Supplication

- **B. The Immeasurable Greatness of God**
 - We are never without power
 - Sin was already defeated at the cross
 - Put on your armor and GO FIGHT!



2 Timothy 1:5-7

5 I am reminded of your sincere faith, a faith that dwelt first in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice and now, I am sure, dwells in you as well. 6 For this reason I remind you to fan into flame the gift of God, which is in you through the laying on of my hands, 7 for God gave us a spirit not of fear but of power and love and self-control.

III. Conclusion

- A. 2 Timothy 1:3-7
- B. If your faith is sincere, then you have the Spirit of God
 - If you have the Spirit of God, then you have power and love and self-control
 - Use it.



