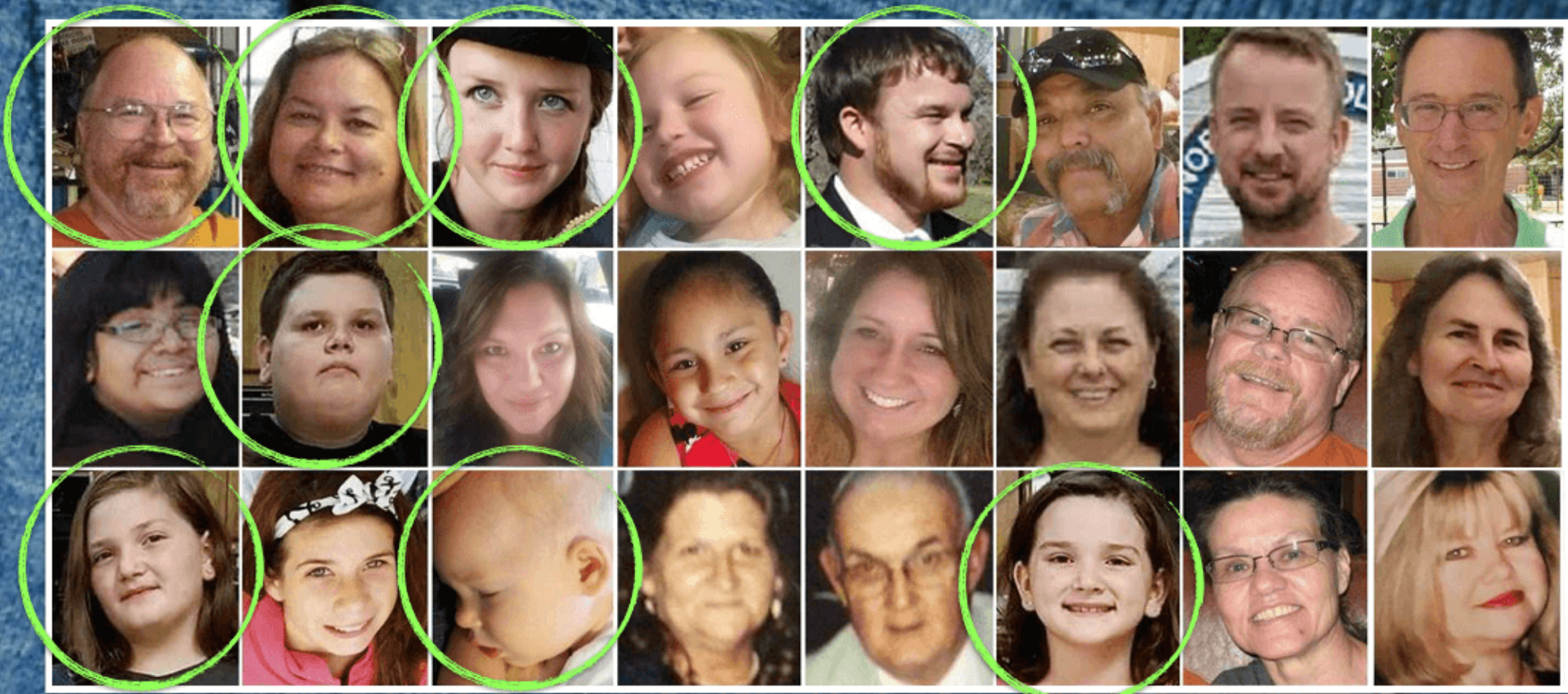


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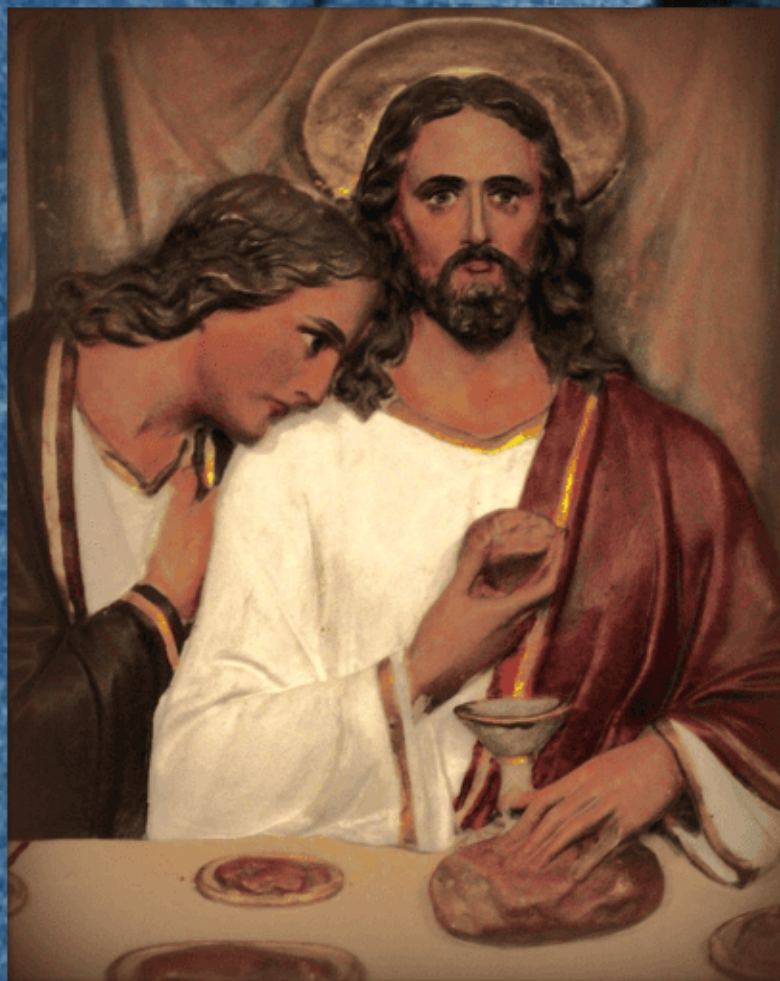


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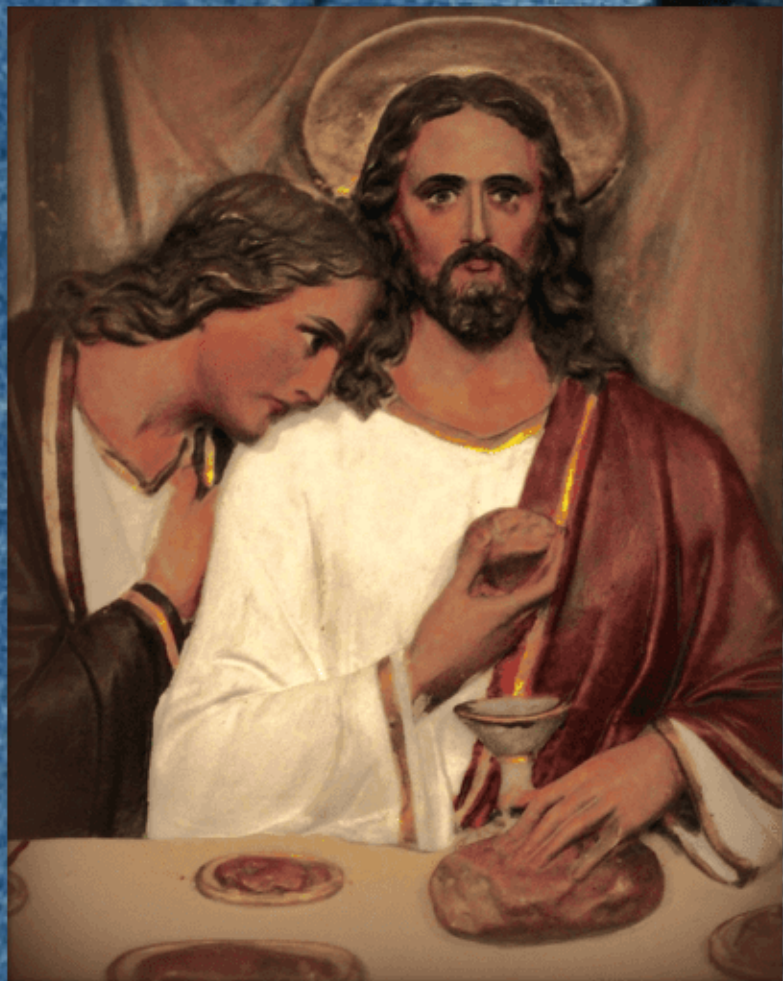




John 13 NASB

²¹ When Jesus had said this, He became troubled in spirit, and testified and said, "Truly, truly, I say to you, that one of you will betray Me." ²² The disciples began looking at one another, at a loss to know of which one He was speaking. ²³ *There was reclining on Jesus' bosom one of His disciples, whom Jesus loved.*

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John 13²³ There was reclining on Jesus' bosom one of His disciples, whom Jesus loved.

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What are you saying, Lord?

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Lean In to Struggle and Suffering

"Leaning into me in times of challenge are key for my people. If they don't understand I am with them and lean into me, they cannot be victorious and overcome."

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Lean In takes place during the Last Supper

Jesus tells them that persecution and difficulty will come

John 15. ¹⁸ "If the world hates you, keep in mind that it hated me first. ¹⁹ If you belonged to the world, it would love you as its own. As it is, you do not belong to the world, but I have chosen you out of the world. That is why the world hates you. ²⁰ Remember what I told you: 'A servant is not greater than his master.' If they persecuted me, they will persecute you also. If they obeyed my teaching, they will obey yours also.

John 16 ¹ "All this I have told you so that you will not fall away. ² They will put you out of the synagogue; in fact, the time is coming when anyone who kills you will think they are offering a service to God.

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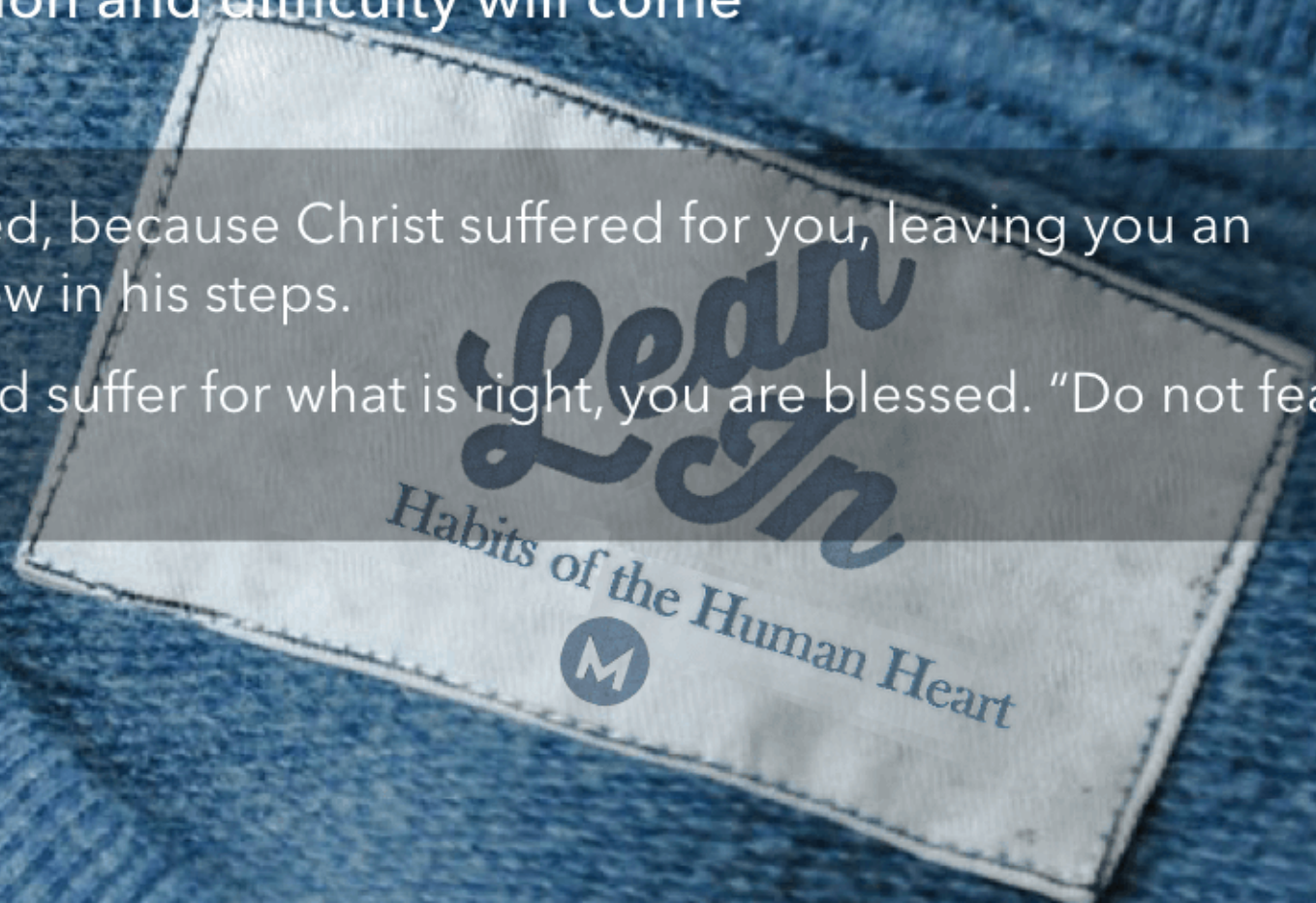
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Peter picks up this theme

1 Peter 2 ²¹ To this you were called, because Christ suffered for you, leaving you an example, that you should follow in his steps.

1 Peter 3 ¹⁴ But even if you should suffer for what is right, you are blessed. "Do not fear their threats; do not be frightened.



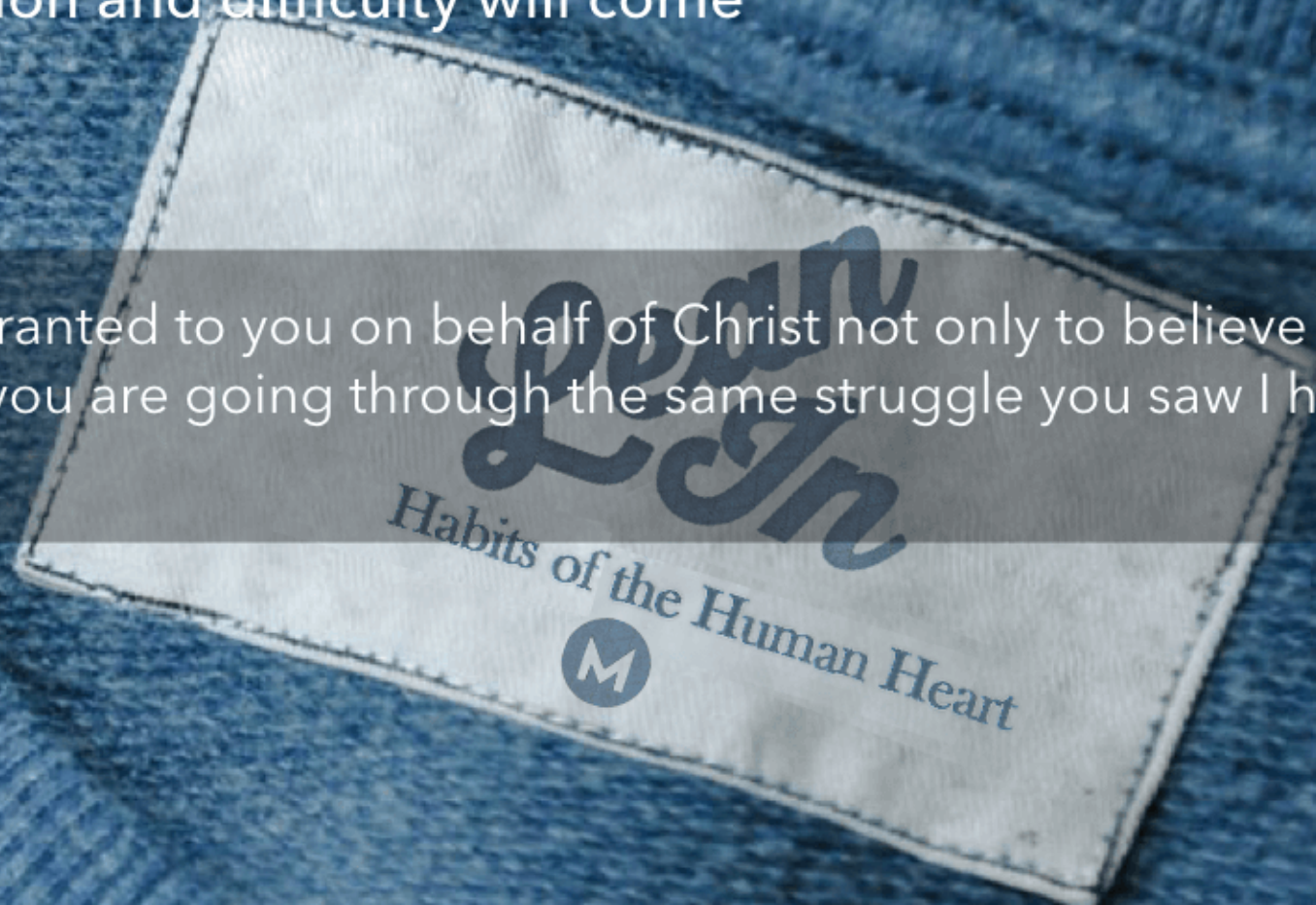
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So does Paul:

Philippians 1 ²⁹ For it has been granted to you on behalf of Christ not only to believe in him, but also to suffer for him, ³⁰ since you are going through the same struggle you saw I had, and now hear that I still have.



We follow someone who was brutally murdered because of what he believed.

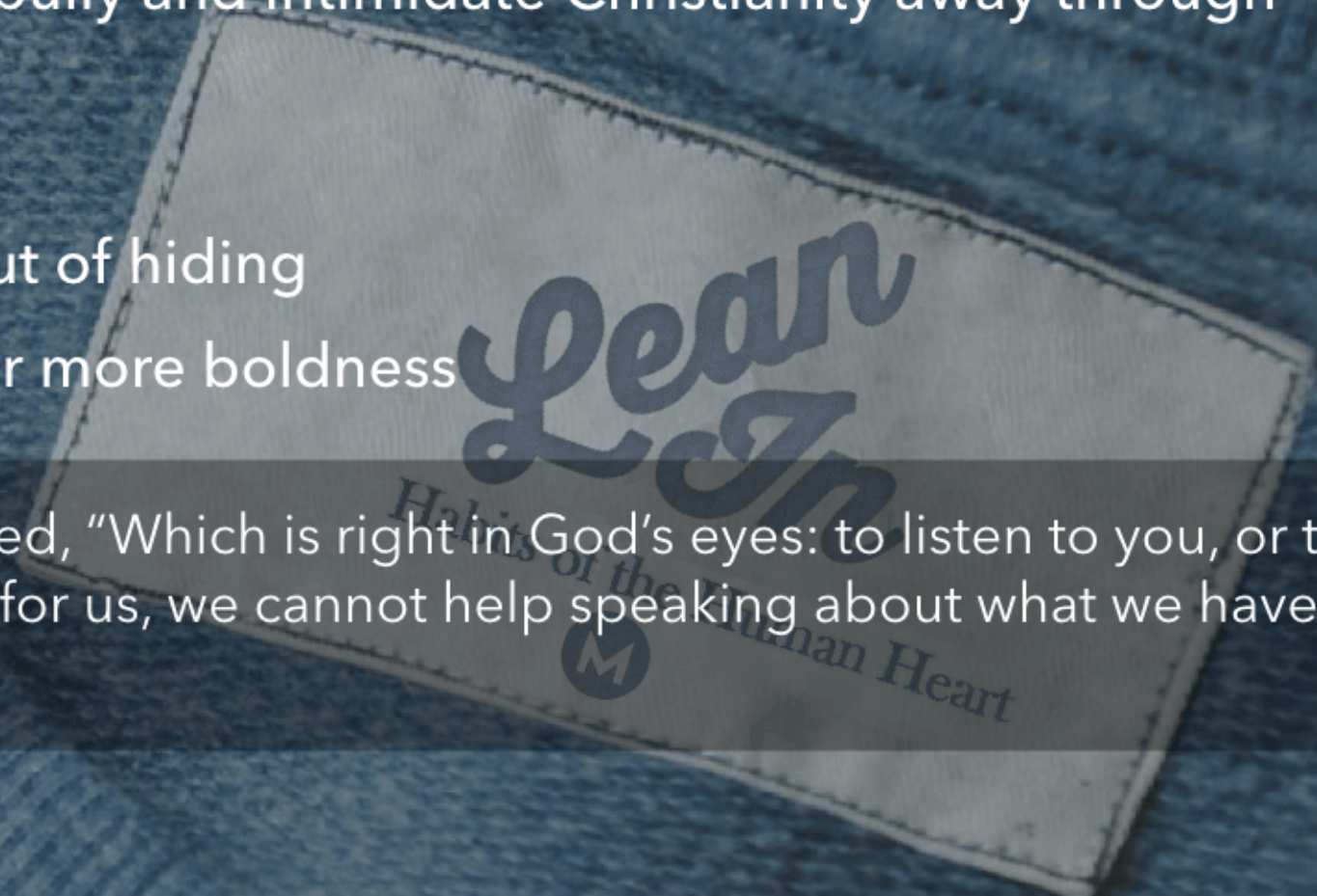
The Jews thought they could bully and intimidate Christianity away through intimidation and violence

At first they succeeded

But then the apostles come out of hiding

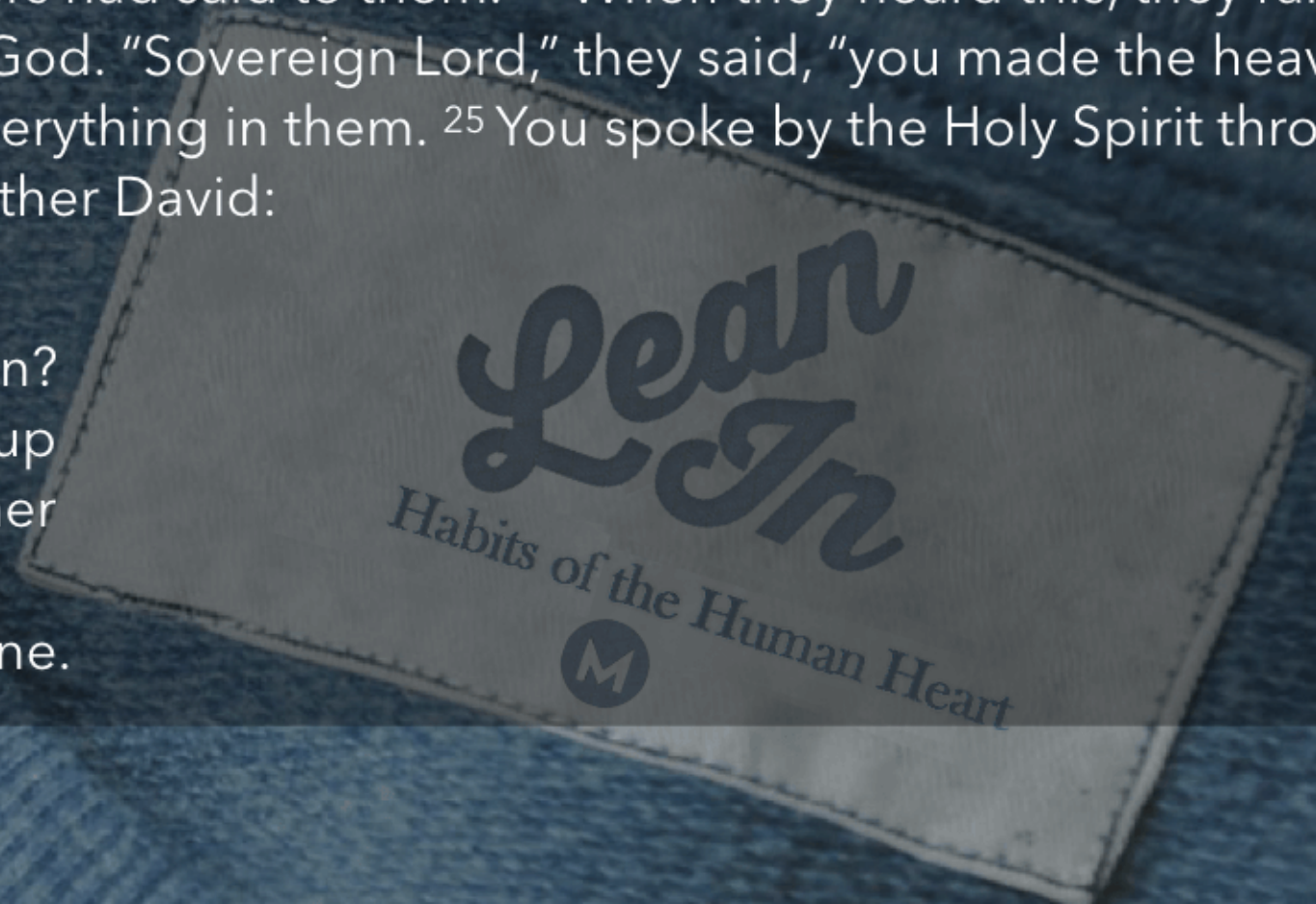
When intimidated, they ask for more boldness

Acts 4 ⁹ But Peter and John replied, "Which is right in God's eyes: to listen to you, or to him? You be the judges! ²⁰ As for us, we cannot help speaking about what we have seen and heard."



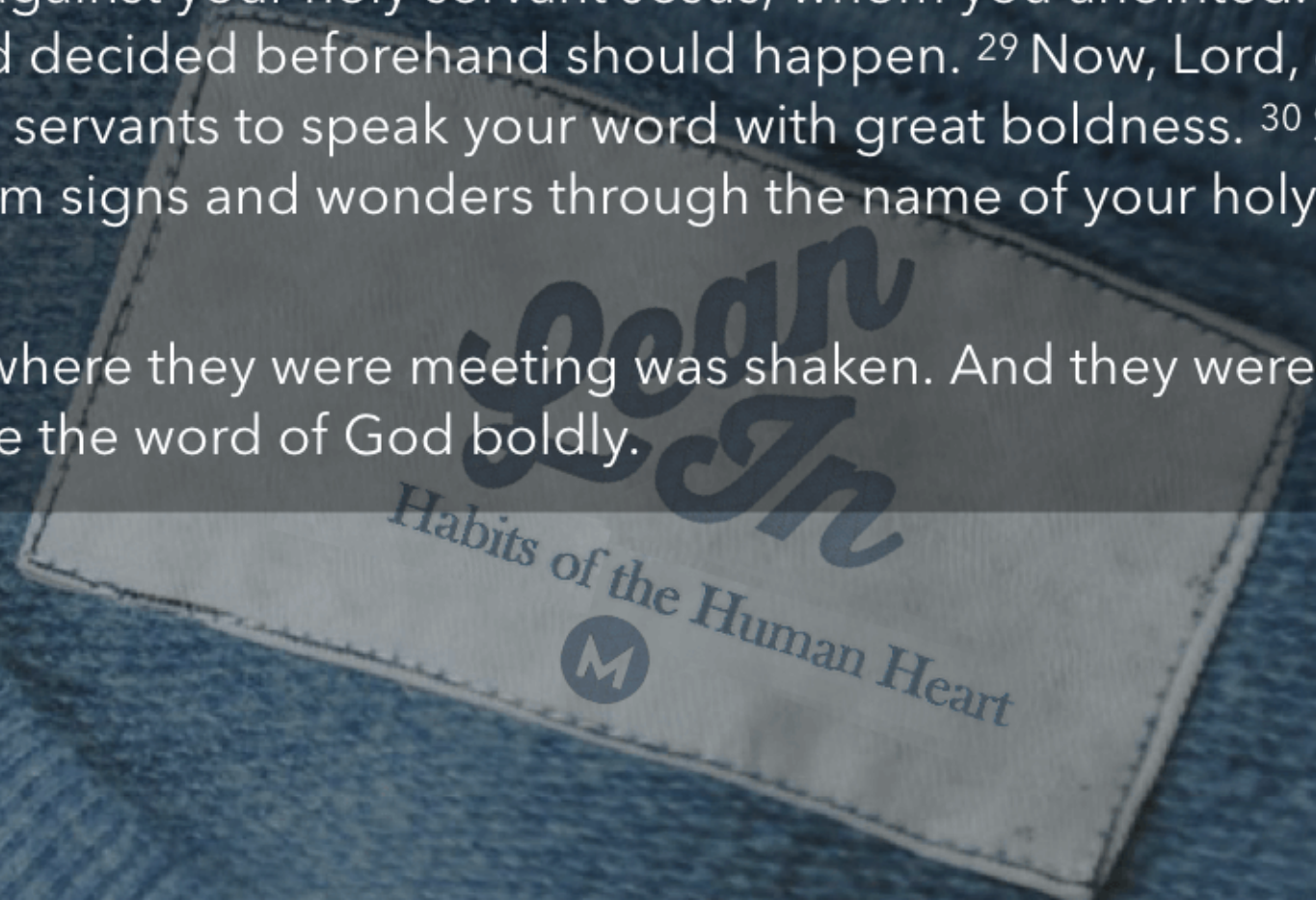
Acts 4²³ On their release, Peter and John went back to their own people and reported all that the chief priests and the elders had said to them. ²⁴ When they heard this, they raised their voices together in prayer to God. "Sovereign Lord," they said, "you made the heavens and the earth and the sea, and everything in them. ²⁵ You spoke by the Holy Spirit through the mouth of your servant, our father David:

"Why do the nations rage
and the peoples plot in vain?
²⁶ The kings of the earth rise up
and the rulers band together
against the Lord
and against his anointed one.



Acts 4²⁷ Indeed Herod and Pontius Pilate met together with the Gentiles and the people of Israel in this city to conspire against your holy servant Jesus, whom you anointed.²⁸ They did what your power and will had decided beforehand should happen. ²⁹ Now, Lord, consider their threats and enable your servants to speak your word with great boldness. ³⁰ Stretch out your hand to heal and perform signs and wonders through the name of your holy servant Jesus."

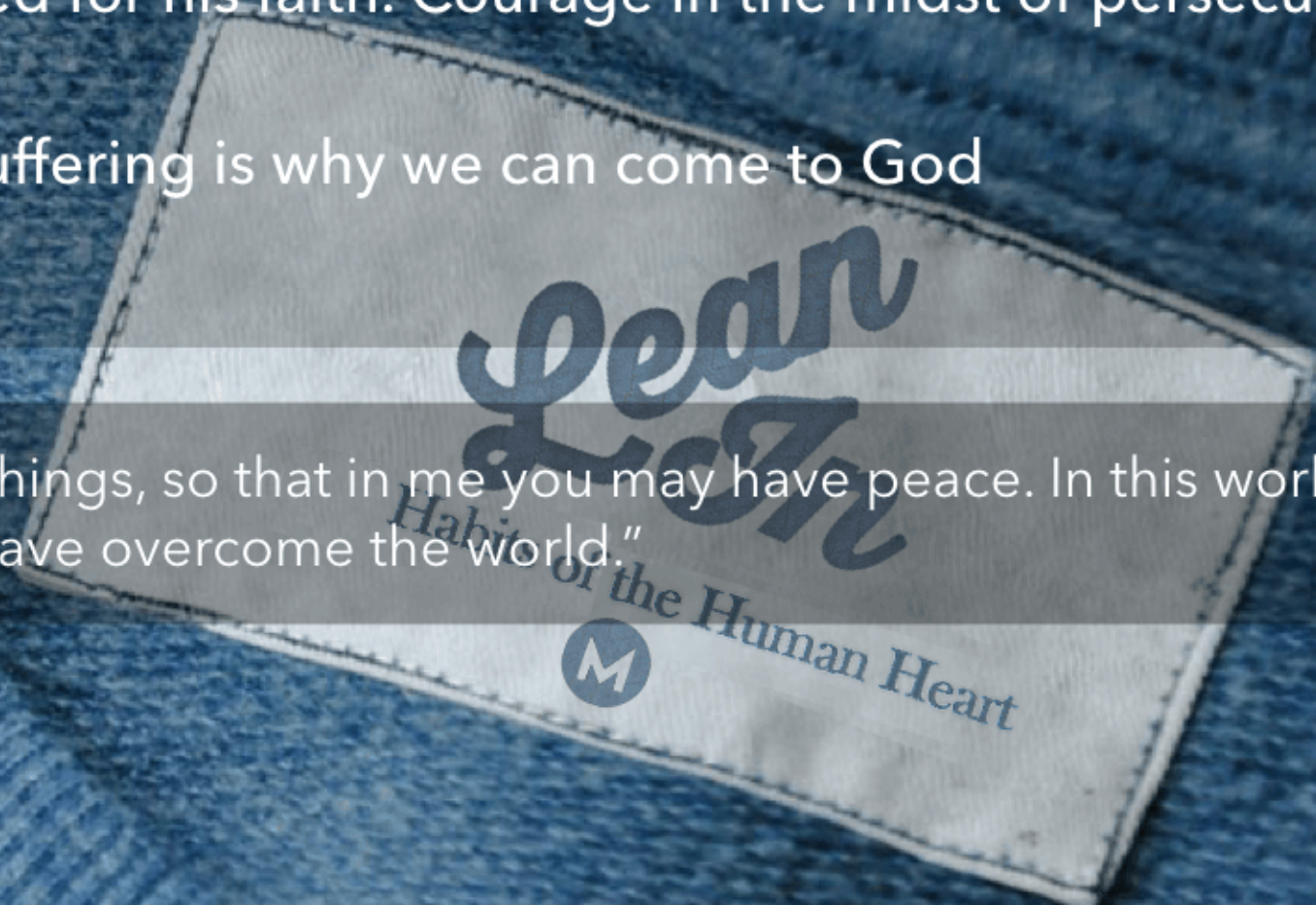
³¹ After they prayed, the place where they were meeting was shaken. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and spoke the word of God boldly.



The meaning of the cross

1. We follow a man who died for his faith. Courage in the midst of persecution is what defines us.
2. Jesus' embrace of that suffering is why we can come to God
3. He's not there anymore!

John 16 ³³ "I have told you these things, so that in me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world."



Colossians 1 ²⁴ **Now** I rejoice in what I am suffering for you, and I fill up in my flesh what is still lacking in regard to Christ's afflictions, for the sake of his body, which is the church. ²⁵ I have become its servant by the commission God gave me to present to you the word of God in its fullness.

We are meant to find joy right here and right now, in this situation



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Rejoice - Skipping like a lamb



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Afflictions - a squeezing together

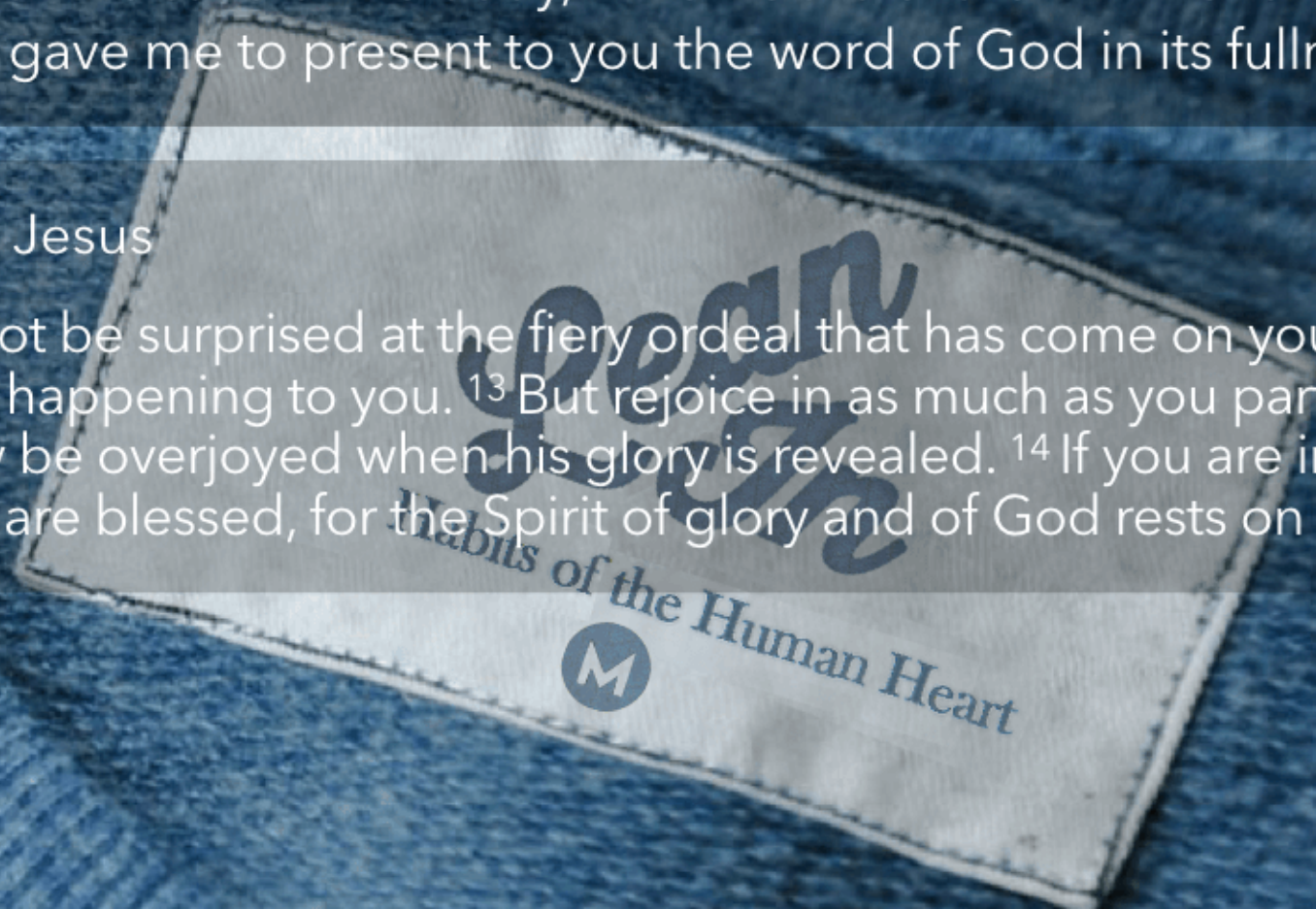
We don't suffer to complete Christ's redemption of us. "It is finished!"



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We suffer because our witness for Jesus

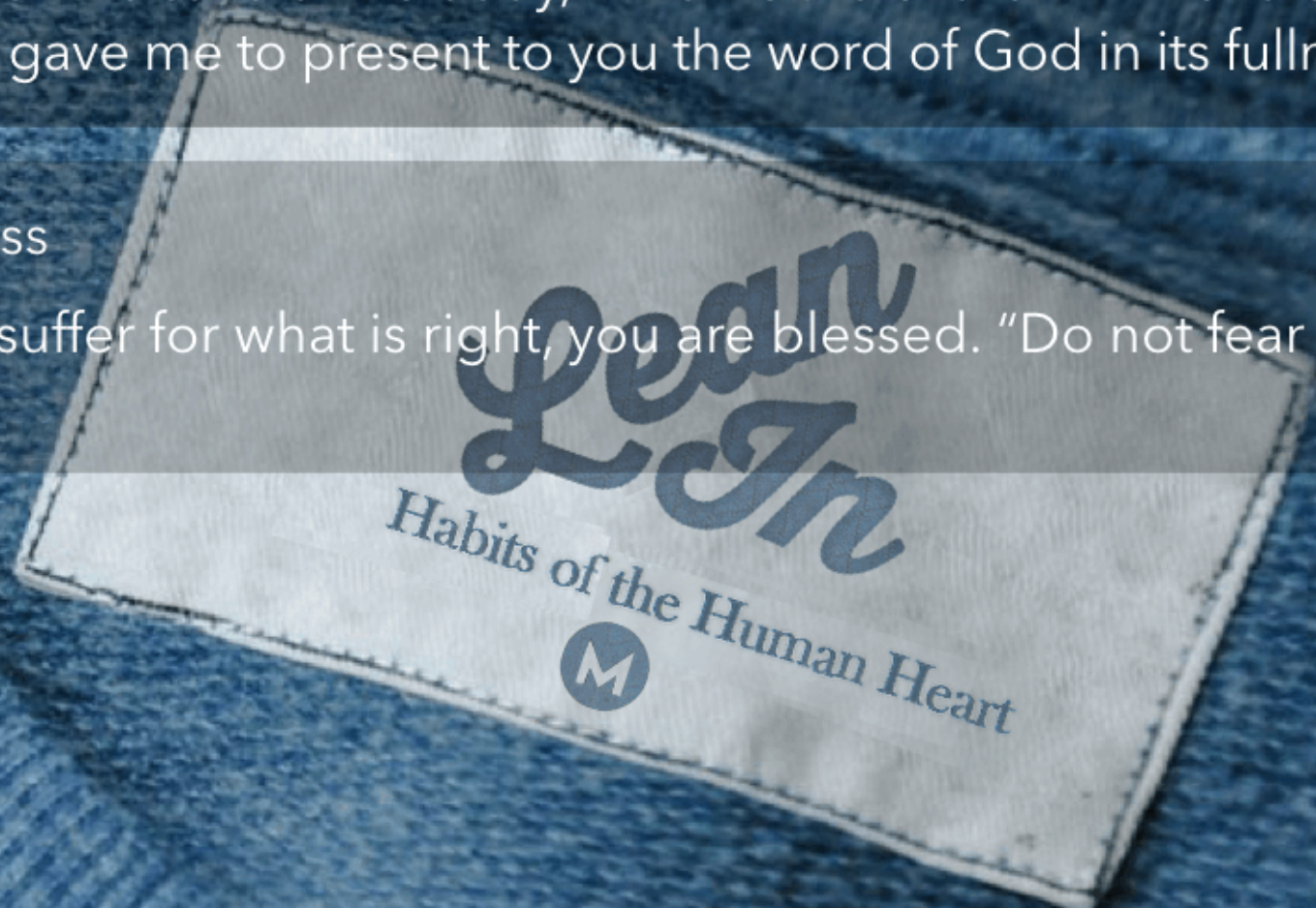
1 Peter 4:12-14¹² Dear friends, do not be surprised at the fiery ordeal that has come on you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you.¹³ But rejoice in as much as you participate in the sufferings of Christ, so that you may be overjoyed when his glory is revealed.¹⁴ If you are insulted because of the name of Christ, you are blessed, for the Spirit of glory and of God rests on you.



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We suffer because of righteousness

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We suffer for others and for the church



interpersonal
conflict

physical
difficulties

grief

frustration

frustrating
people

disappointment

ongoing areas
of sin

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Lean in through
prayer

Col 1.²⁹ For this I toil, **struggling** with all his energy that he powerfully works within me.

Col 4.¹² Epaphras, who is one of you, a servant of Christ Jesus, greets you, **always struggling on your behalf in his prayers**, that you may stand mature and fully assured in all the will of God.

