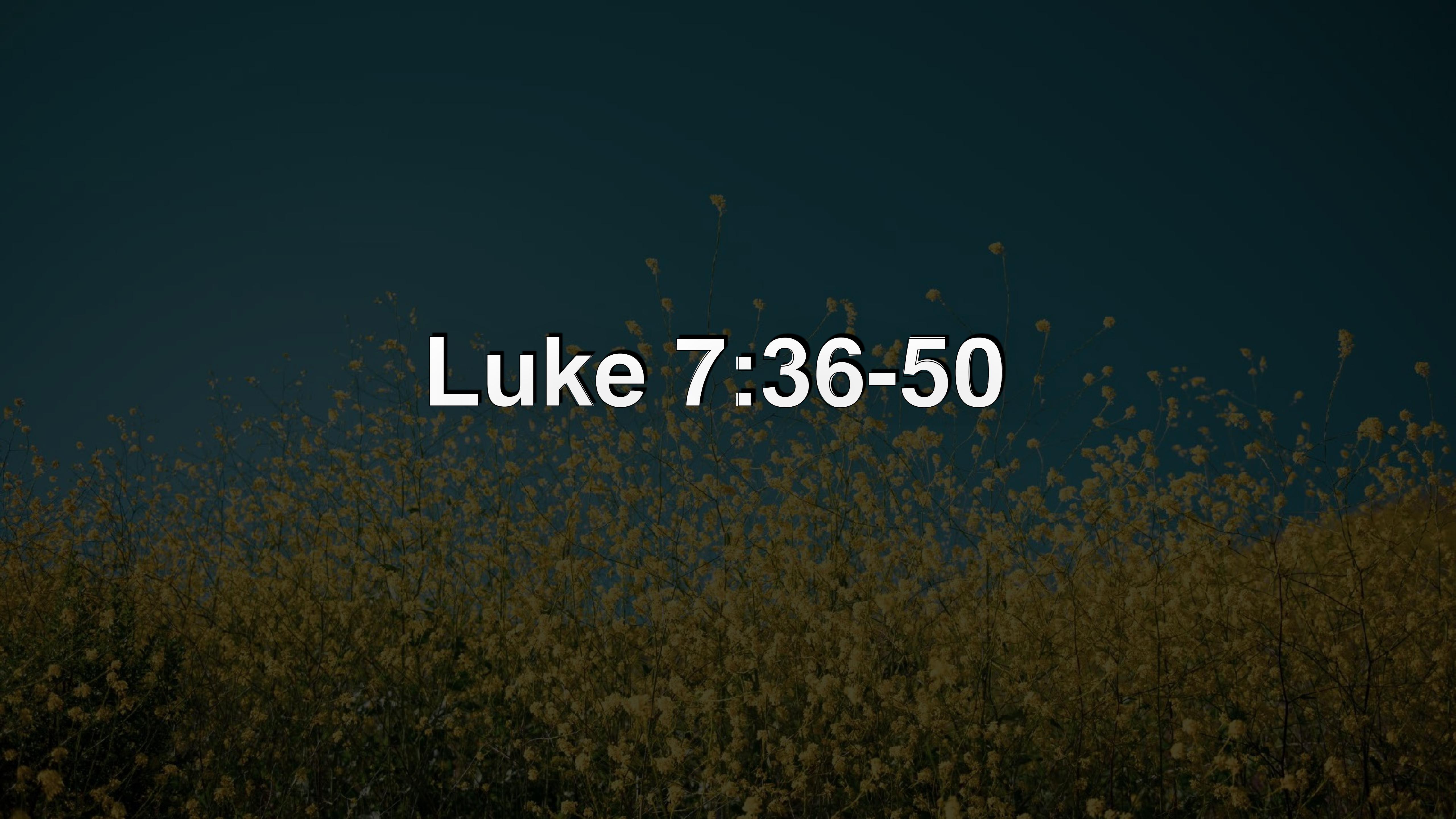


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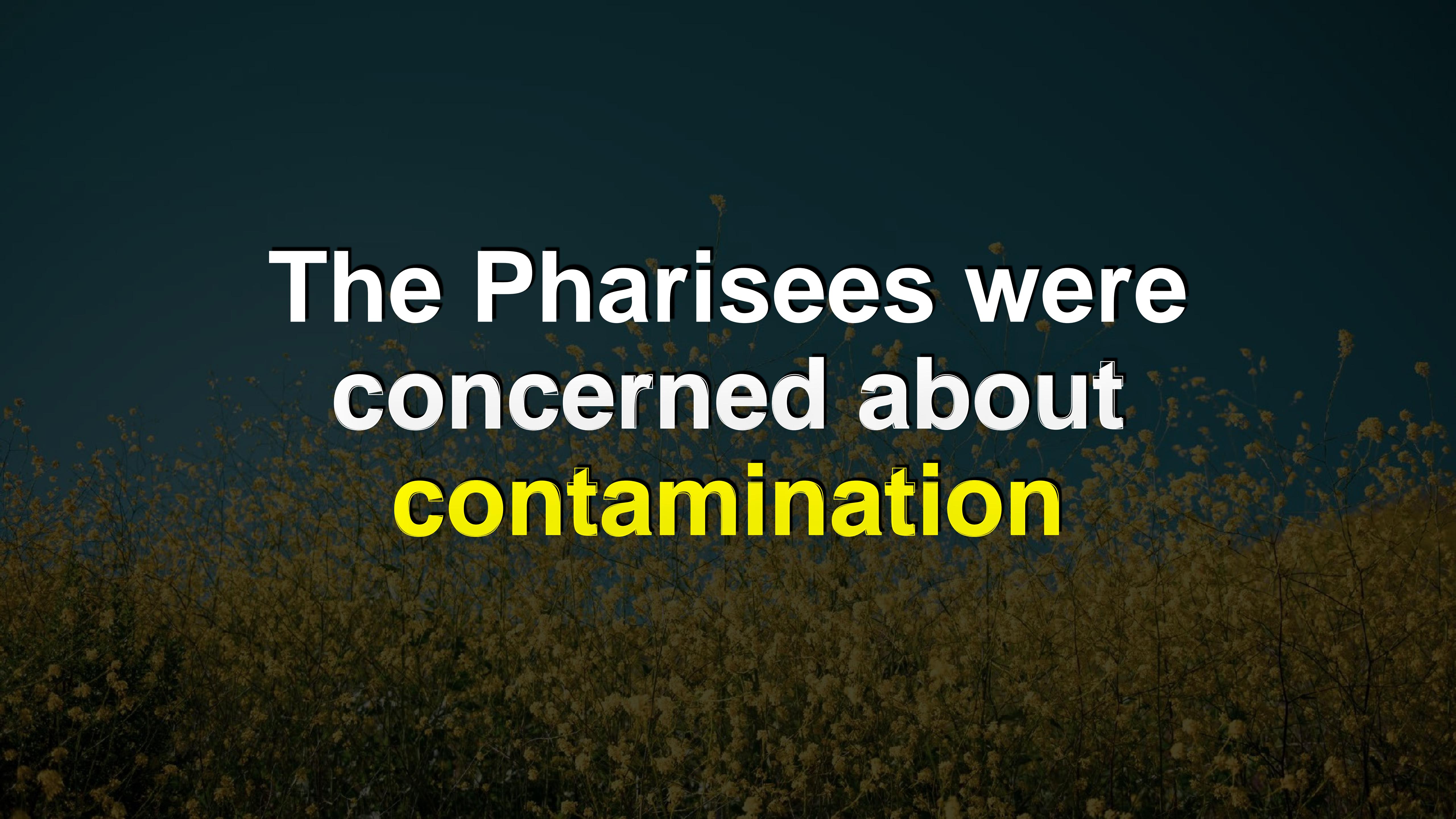
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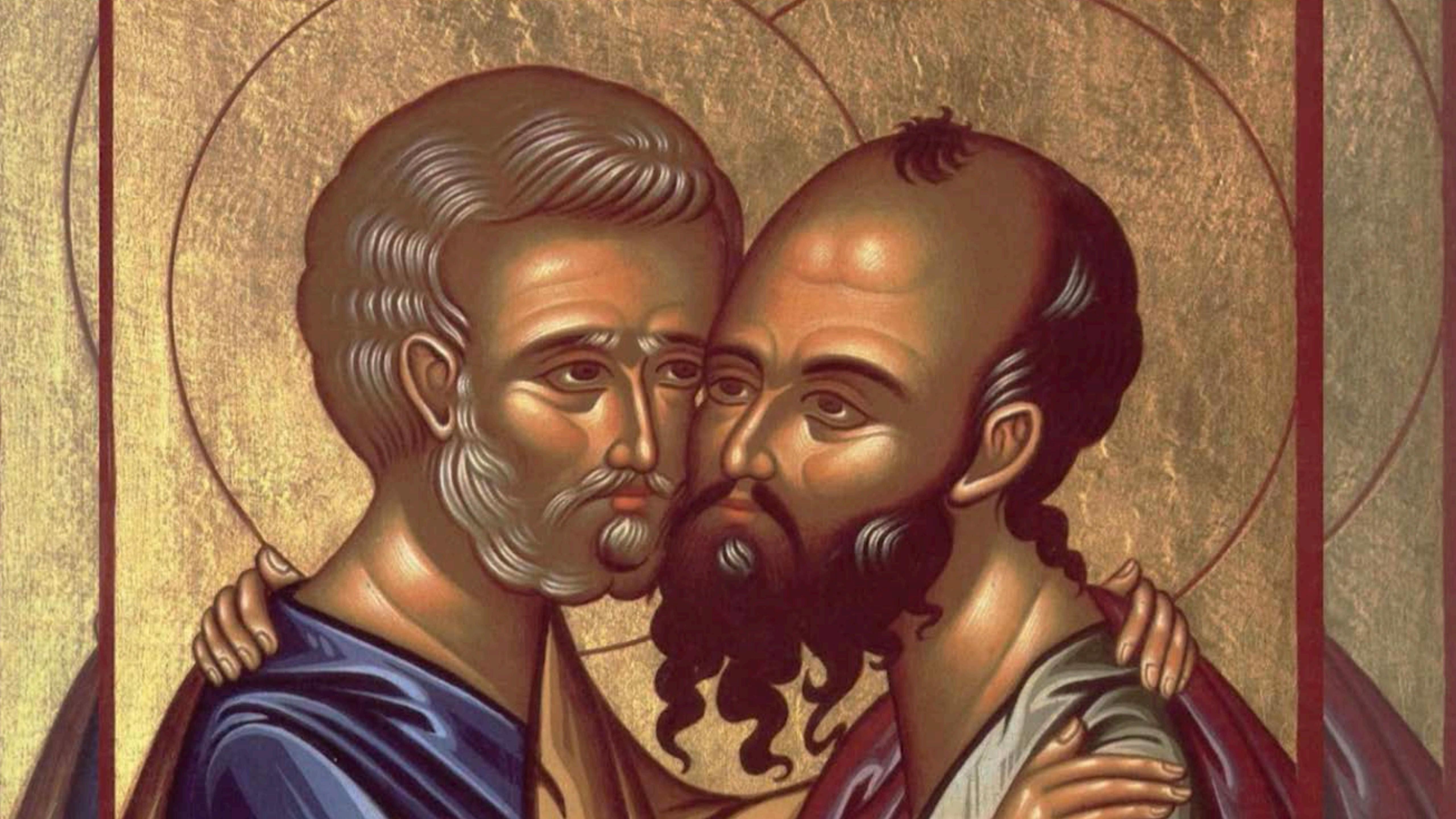
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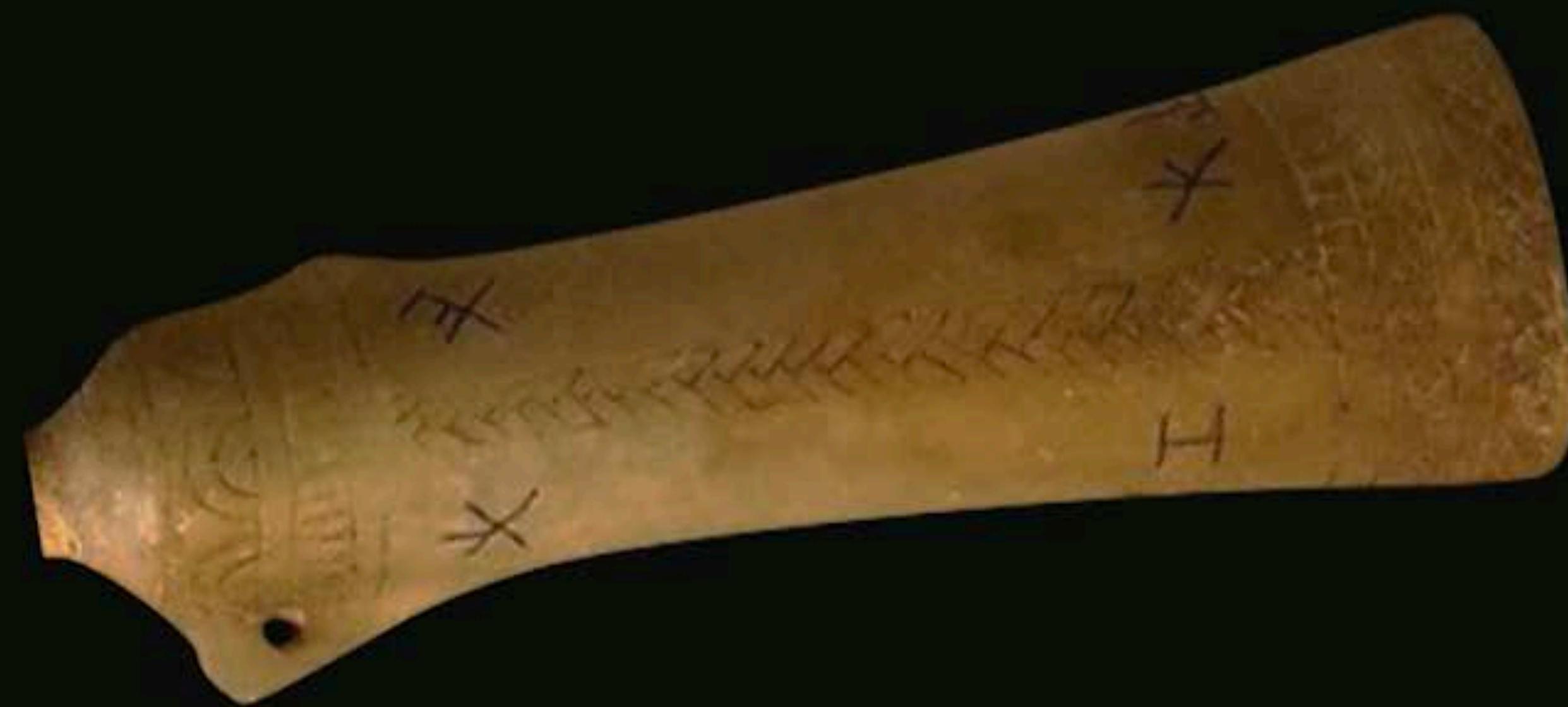
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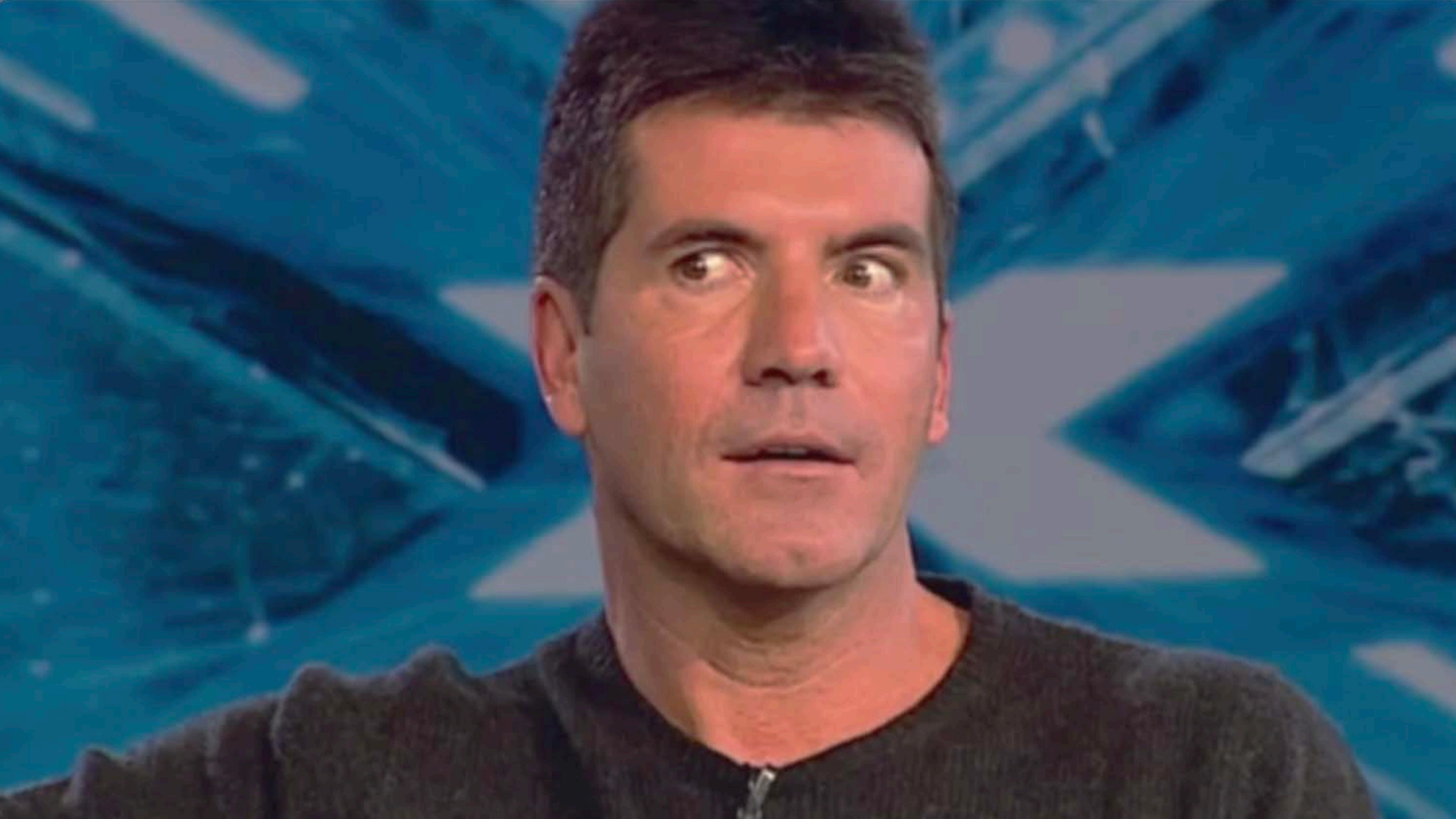
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“Neither of them had the money to pay him back, so he forgave the debts of both. Now which of them will love him more?” *(Luke 7:42, NIV)*

Simon replied, “I suppose the one who had the bigger debt forgiven.” “You have judged correctly,” Jesus said.

(Luke 7:43, NIV)

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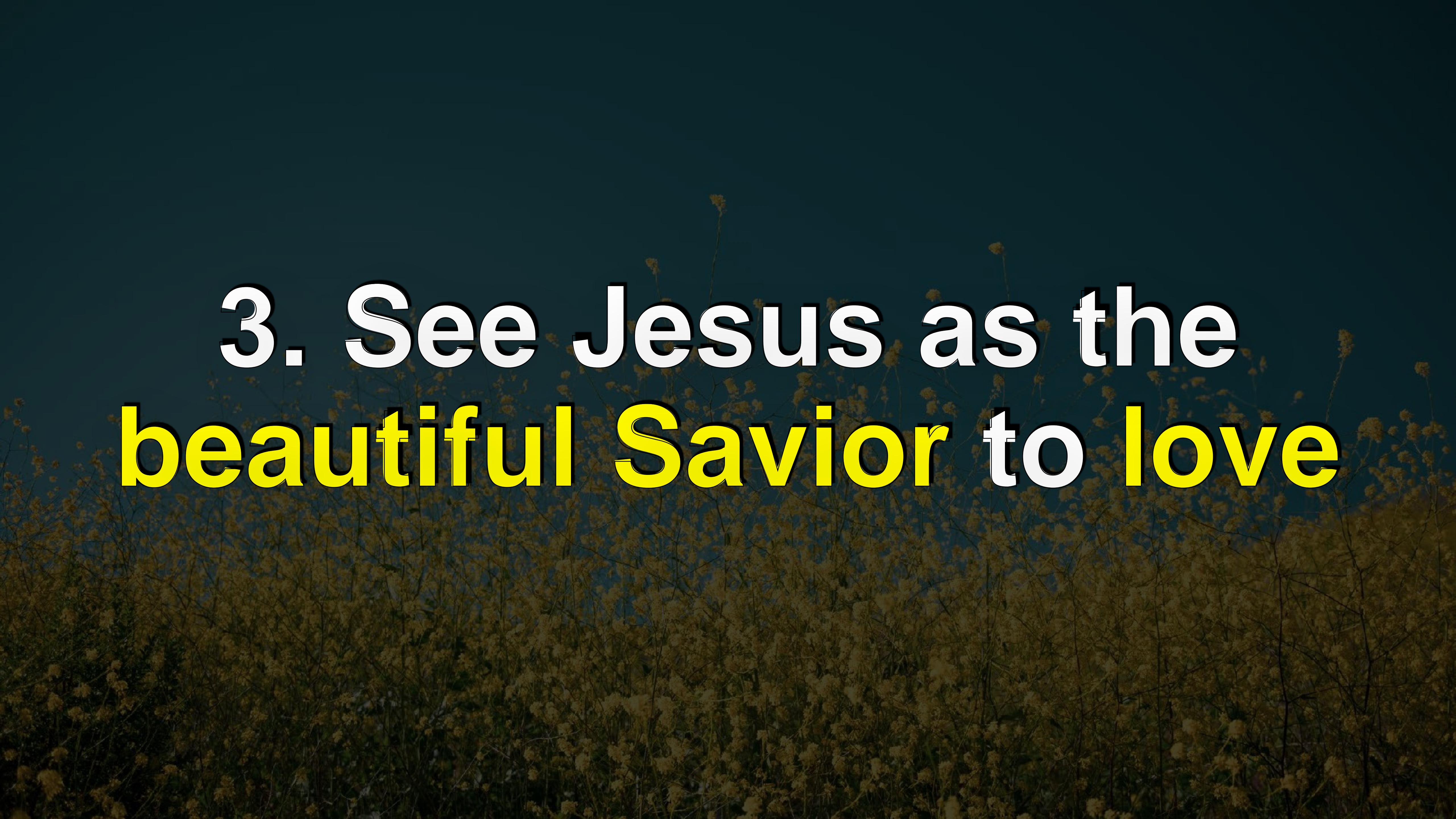
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TO LEARN FROM



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trap to avoid



2. See the woman as an
example to follow



3. See Jesus as the
beautiful Savior to love

“The core of our faith is beauty... the compelling beauty of what Jesus Christ did for us.”

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**BOTTOM LINE:
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