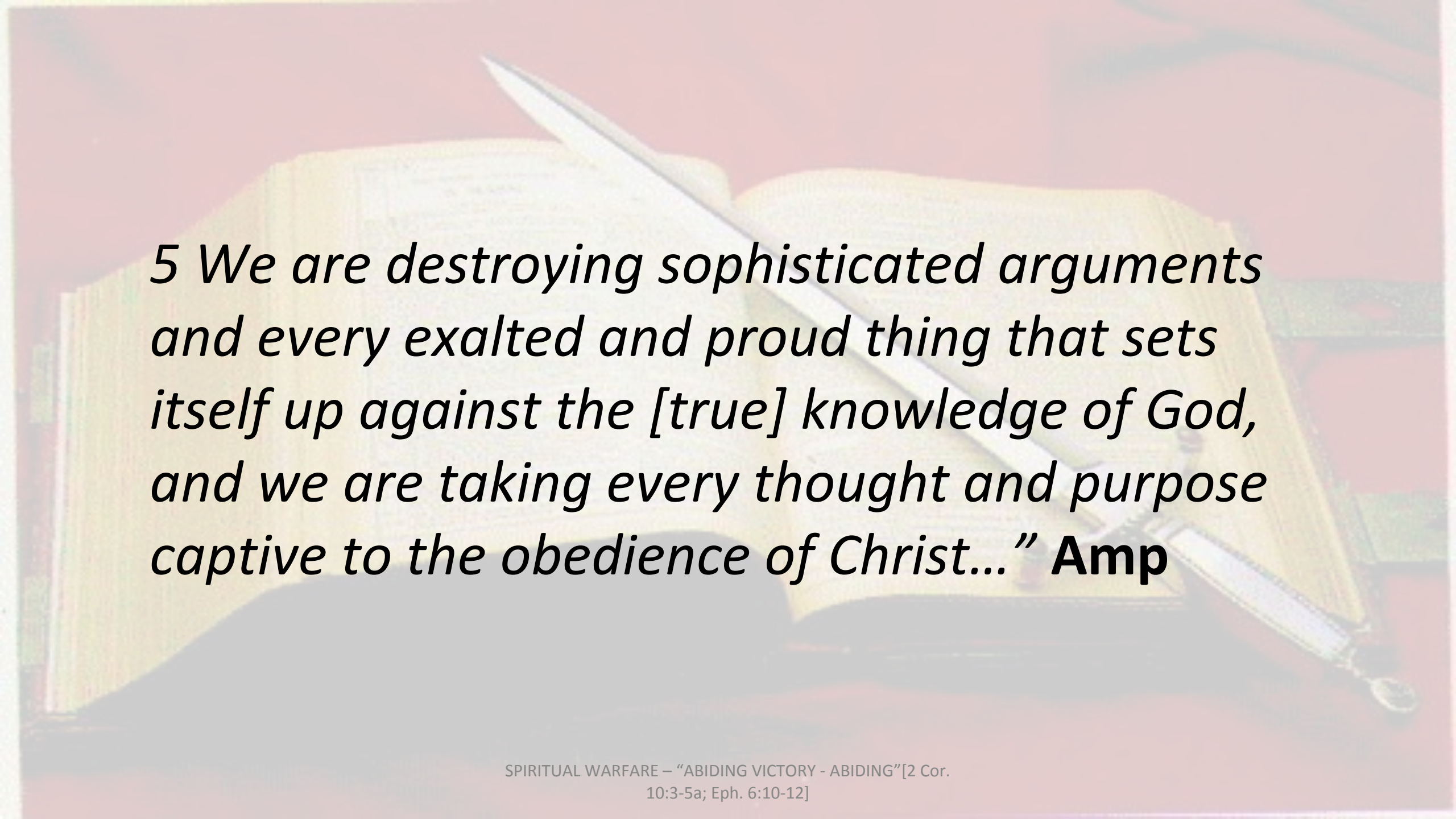
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SPIRITUAL WARFARE – (Pt. 1)
“ABIDING VICTORY - ABIDING”
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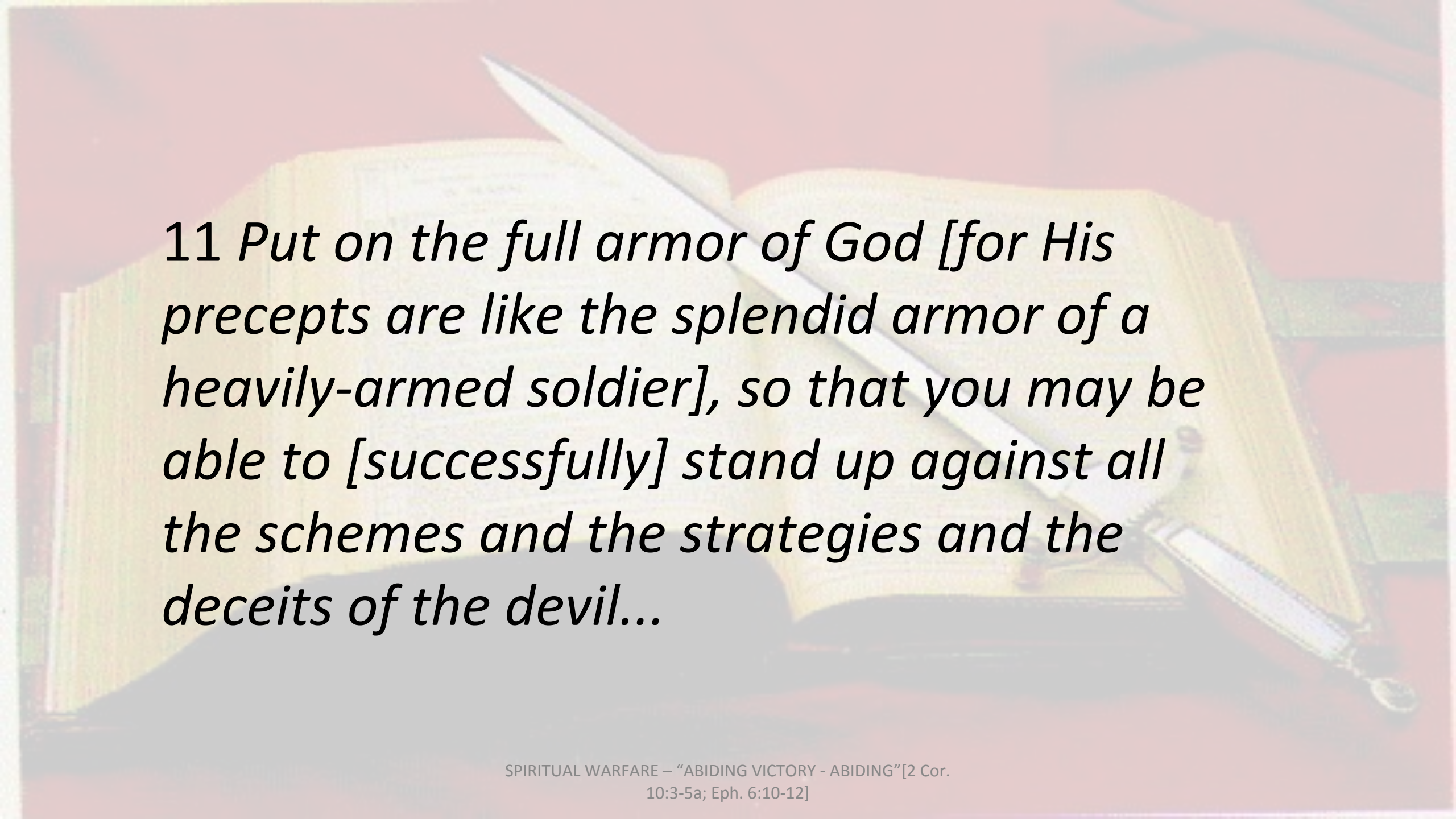
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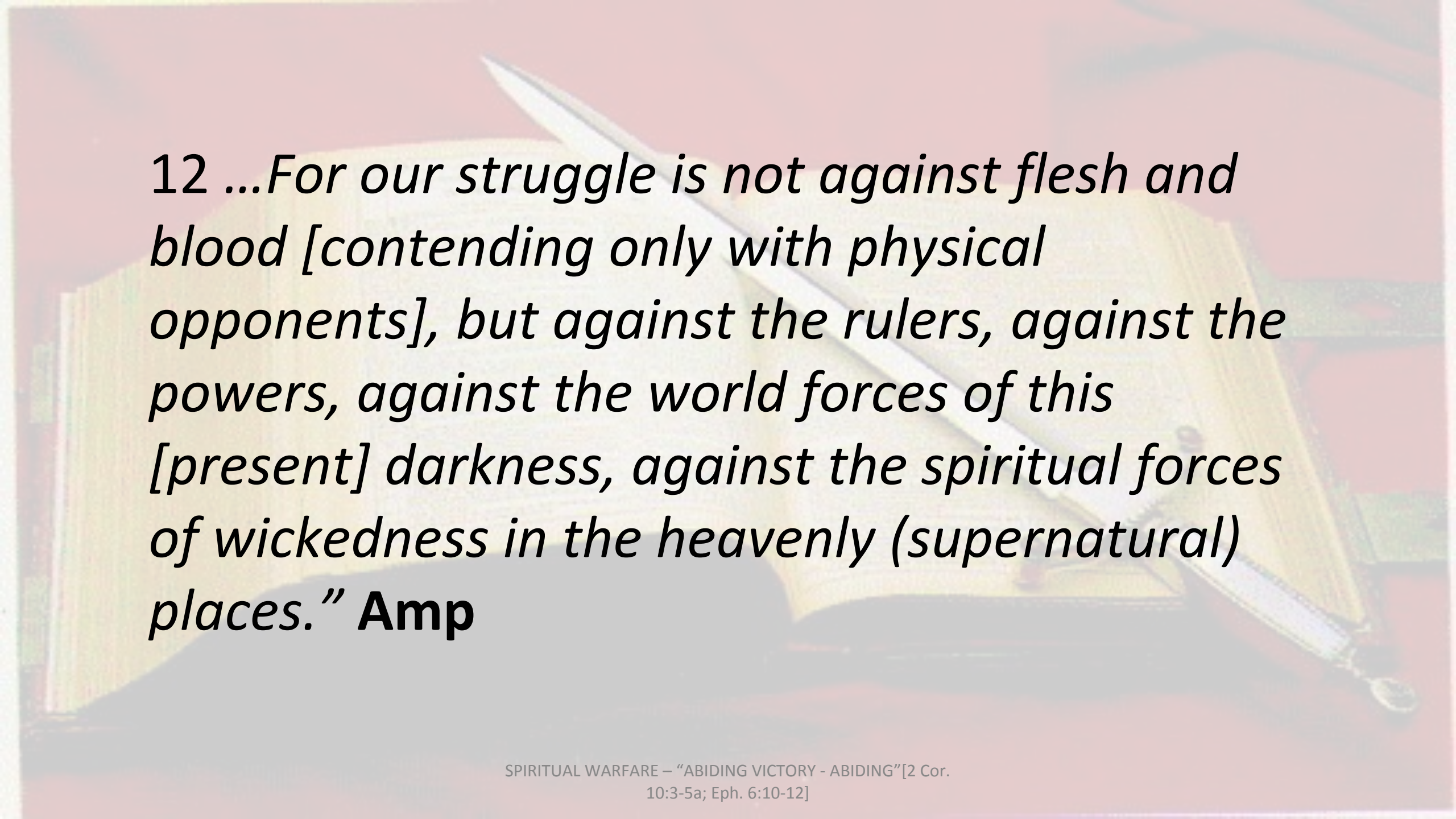


(Ephesians 6:10-12)

10 “In conclusion, be strong in the Lord [draw your strength from Him and be empowered through your union with Him] and in the power of His [boundless] might....

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11 Put on the full armor of God [for His precepts are like the splendid armor of a heavily-armed soldier], so that you may be able to [successfully] stand up against all the schemes and the strategies and the deceits of the devil...

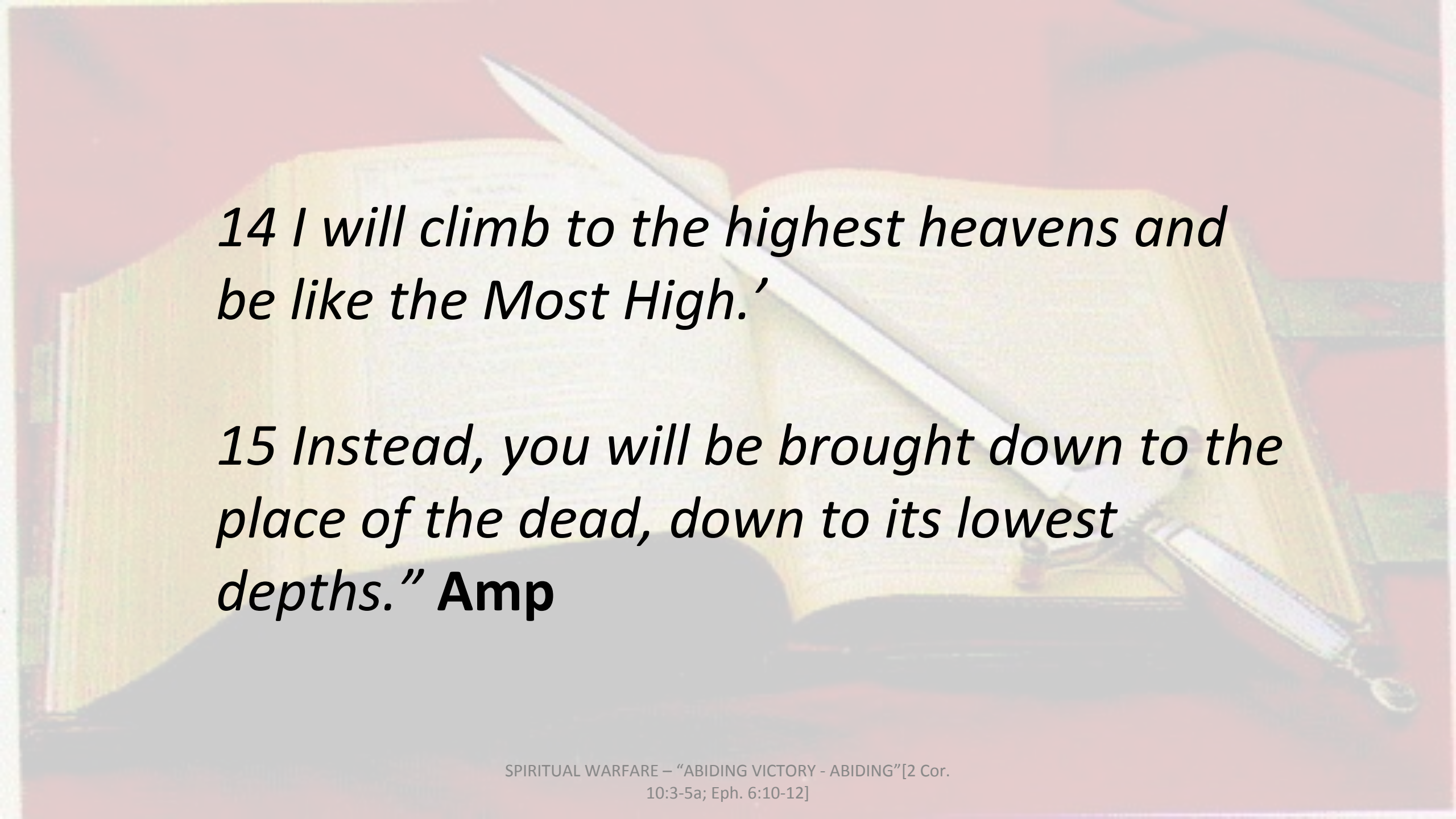
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12 ...*For our struggle is not against flesh and blood [contending only with physical opponents], but against the rulers, against the powers, against the world forces of this [present] darkness, against the spiritual forces of wickedness in the heavenly (supernatural) places.*” **Amp**

[Isaiah 14:12-15]

“How you are fallen from heaven, O shining star, son of the morning! You have been thrown down to the earth, you who destroyed the nations of the world.

13 For you said to yourself, ‘I will ascend to heaven and set my throne above God’s stars. I will preside on the mountain of the gods far away in the north...

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14 I will climb to the highest heavens and be like the Most High.'

15 Instead, you will be brought down to the place of the dead, down to its lowest depths." Amp

Minister, Dr. Kim Landers in her newly released book: “Pit Power: Turning Life’s Trials Into Triumphs Through The Power of God,” writes:

“Satan attempts to defeat us with deceit through well-laid out plans and deliberate deception. It begins with a sense of failure or low self-esteem or with us feeling like there is no way out.....

*- But there is good news! Whether bad things sneak in, or we invite them in, we shouldn't make them feel welcome or invite them to take up residence. The truth is ...we do not have to stay in our pits. We have access to the Almighty, the Most High God, our Father, **AND HIS POWER!!!**”*

(John 16:33)

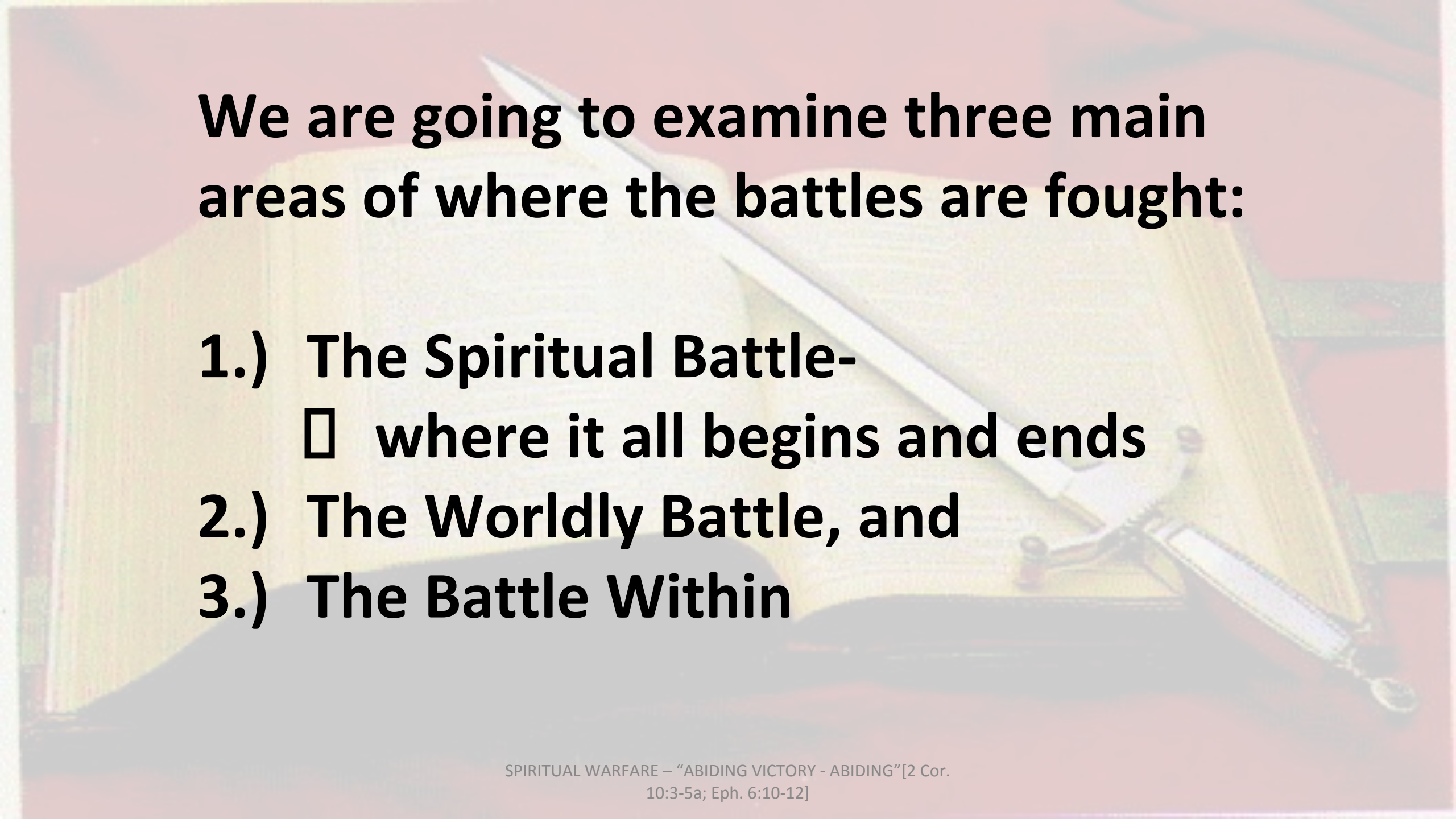
“I have told you these things, so that in Me you may have [perfect] peace. In the world, you have tribulation and distress and suffering, but be courageous [be confident, be undaunted, be filled with joy]; I have overcome the world.” [My conquest is accomplished, My victory abiding.]”

Amp



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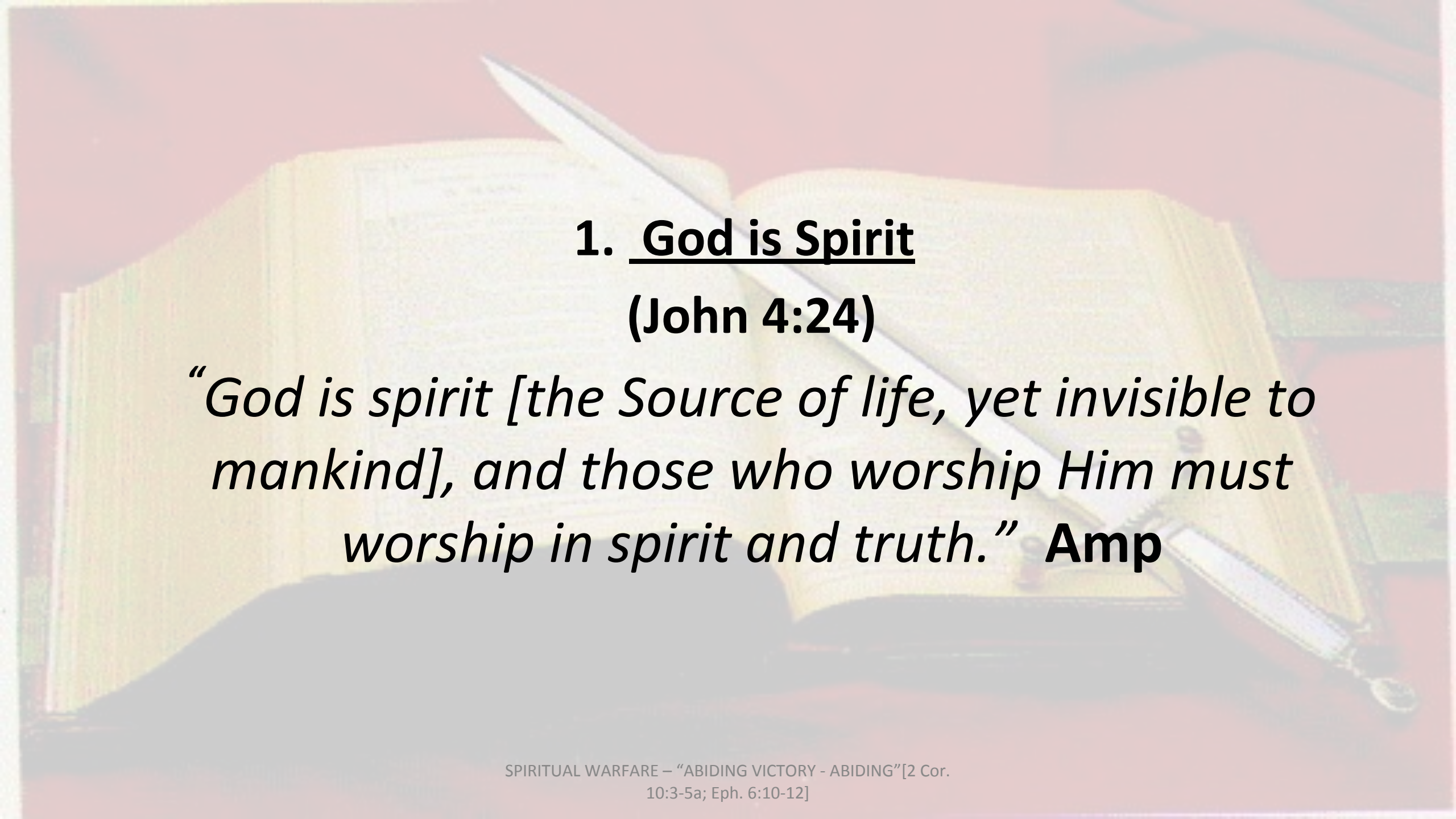
We are going to examine three main areas of where the battles are fought:

- 1.) The Spiritual Battle-**
 - where it all begins and ends**
- 2.) The Worldly Battle, and**
- 3.) The Battle Within**

I. THE SPIRITUAL BATTLE – where it all begins/ends

(2 Corinthians 10:3-5)

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1. God is Spirit
(John 4:24)

*“God is spirit [the Source of life, yet invisible to mankind], and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth.” **Amp***

2. We are spiritual beings, living in physical(mortal) bodies
(Gen. 2:7)

“Then the LORD God formed [that is, created the body of] man from the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath(spirit) of life; and the man became a living being [an individual complete in body, soul, and spirit].” Amp

We are a trichotomy: “Spirit – Soul – Body”

- i. The physical body** is what connects us with the physical world around us, i.e. family, friends, classmates, co-workers
- ii. The soul** is the essence of our being(our mind – decisions are made – seat of our emotions)
- iii. The spirit** is what connects us with God

3. Satan is a spirit(*fallen angel*) –

- ❖ **Angels are spirits (Hebrews 1:14)**, “*Are not all the angels ministering spirits sent out [by God] to serve (accompany, protect) those who will inherit salvation? [Of course they are!].*” **Amp**
- ❖ **(Ezekiel 28:12–14)**, He was created as a cherub to worship and serve Almighty.

(Mark 5:1–13)

“They came to the other side of the sea, to the region of the Gerasenes.

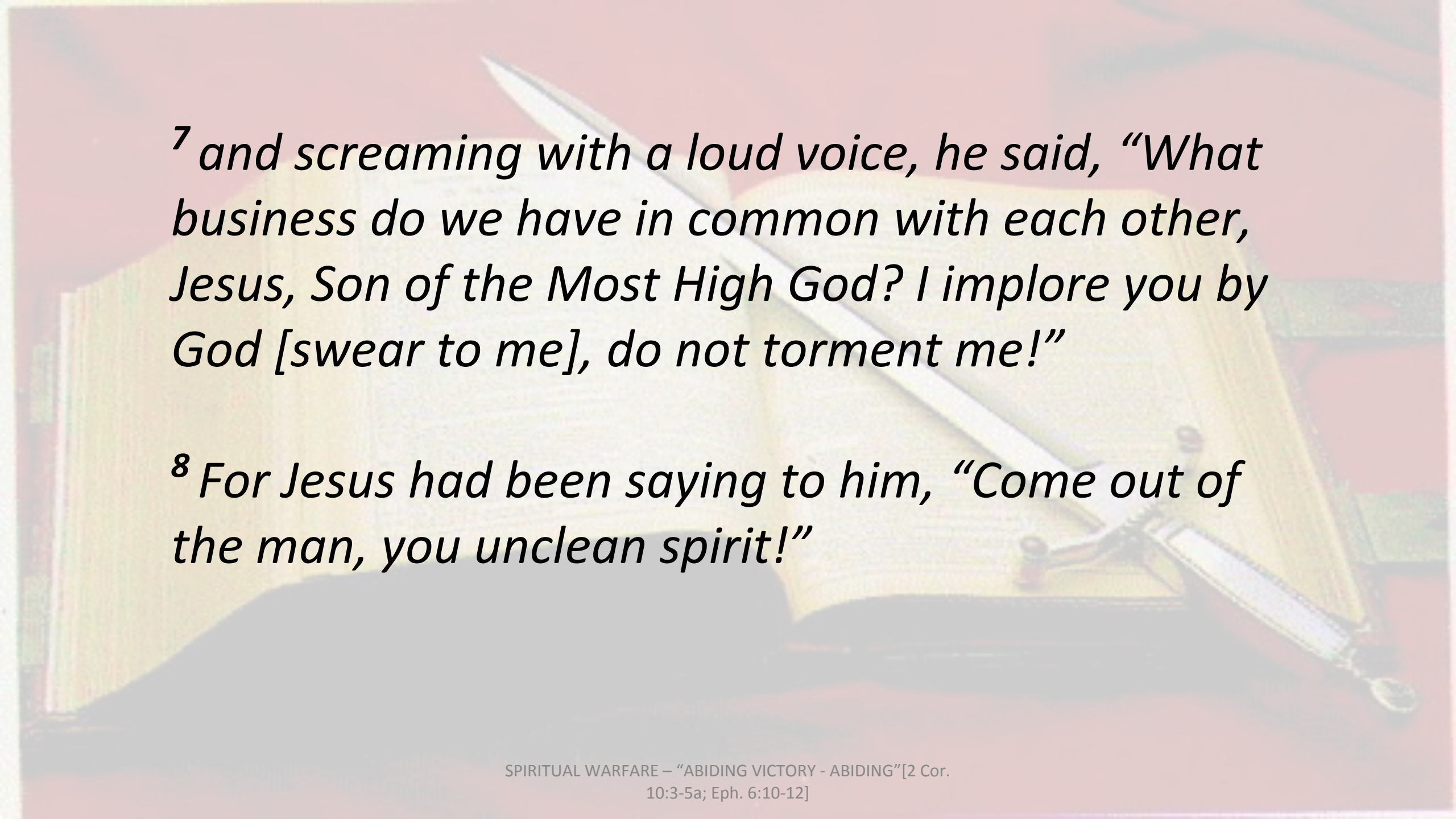
² When Jesus got out of the boat, immediately a man from the tombs with an unclean spirit met Him,

³ and the man lived in the tombs, and no one could bind him anymore, not even with chains.....

⁴ For he had often been bound with shackles [for the feet] and with chains, and he tore apart the chains and broke the shackles into pieces, and no one was strong enough to subdue and tame him.

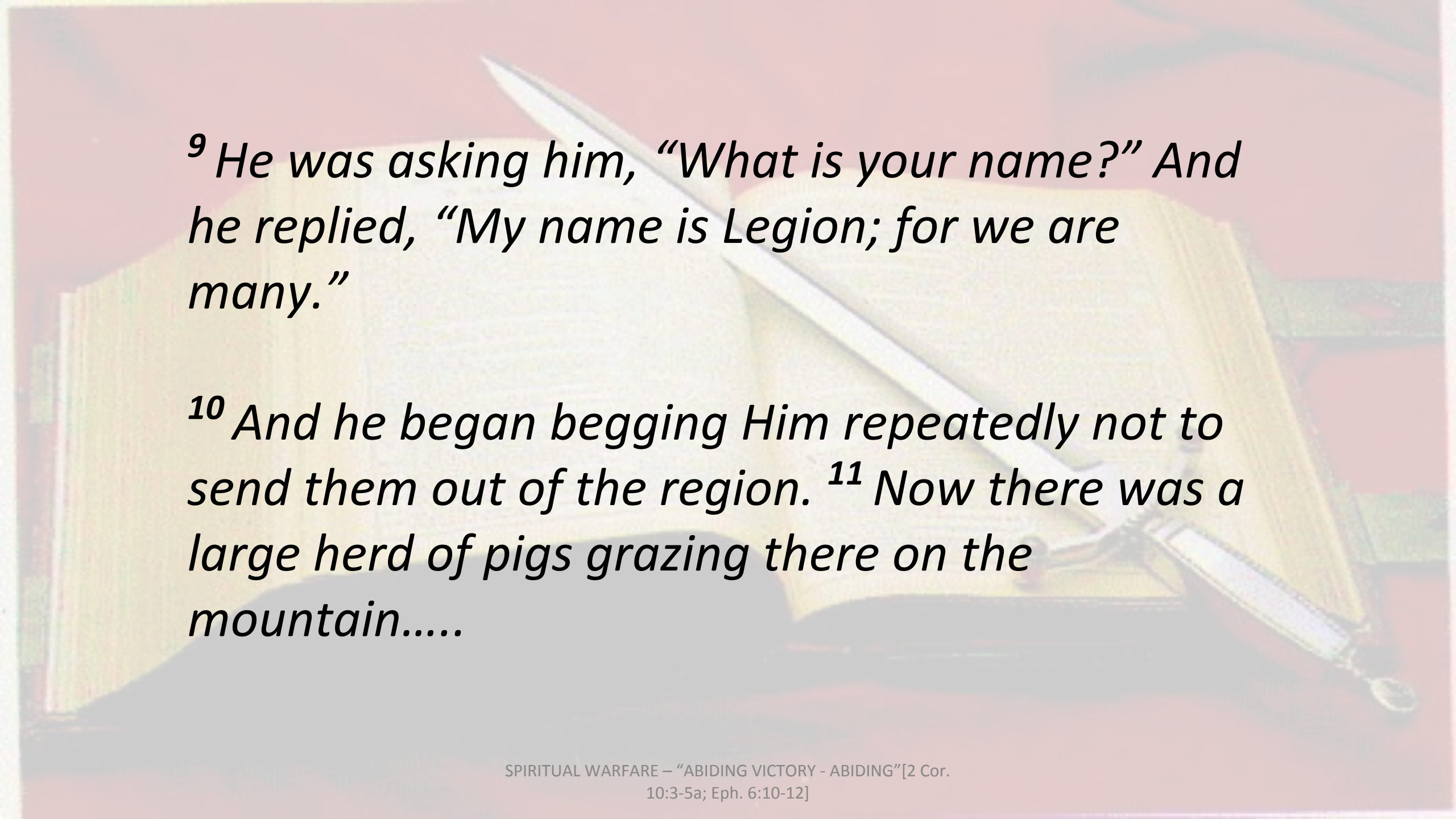
⁵ Night and day he was constantly screaming and shrieking among the tombs and on the mountains, cutting himself with [sharp] stones.

⁶ Seeing Jesus from a distance, he ran up and bowed down before Him [in homage]...

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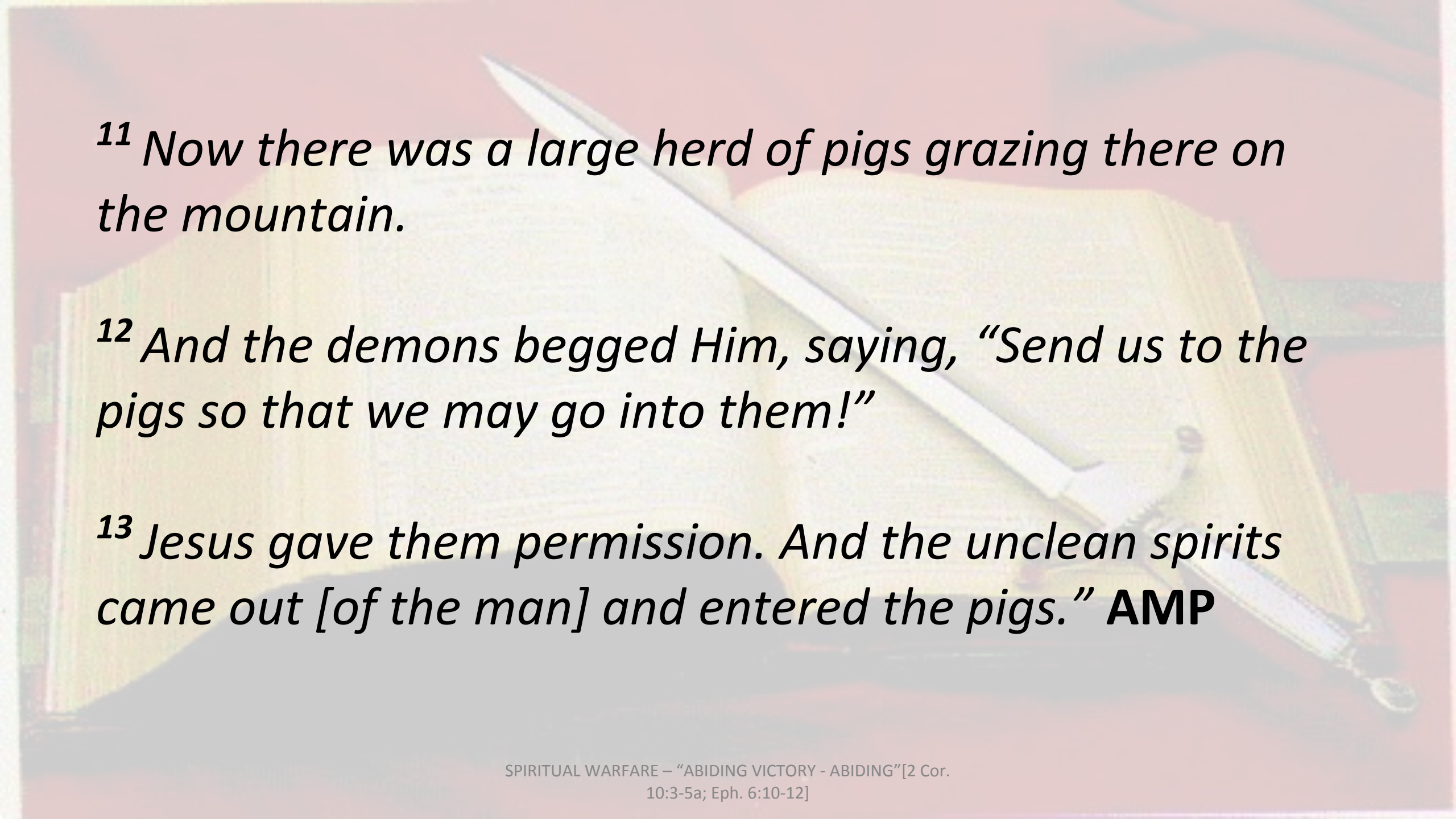
⁷ and screaming with a loud voice, he said, “What business do we have in common with each other, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I implore you by God [swear to me], do not torment me!”

⁸ For Jesus had been saying to him, “Come out of the man, you unclean spirit!”



⁹ He was asking him, “What is your name?” And he replied, “My name is Legion; for we are many.”

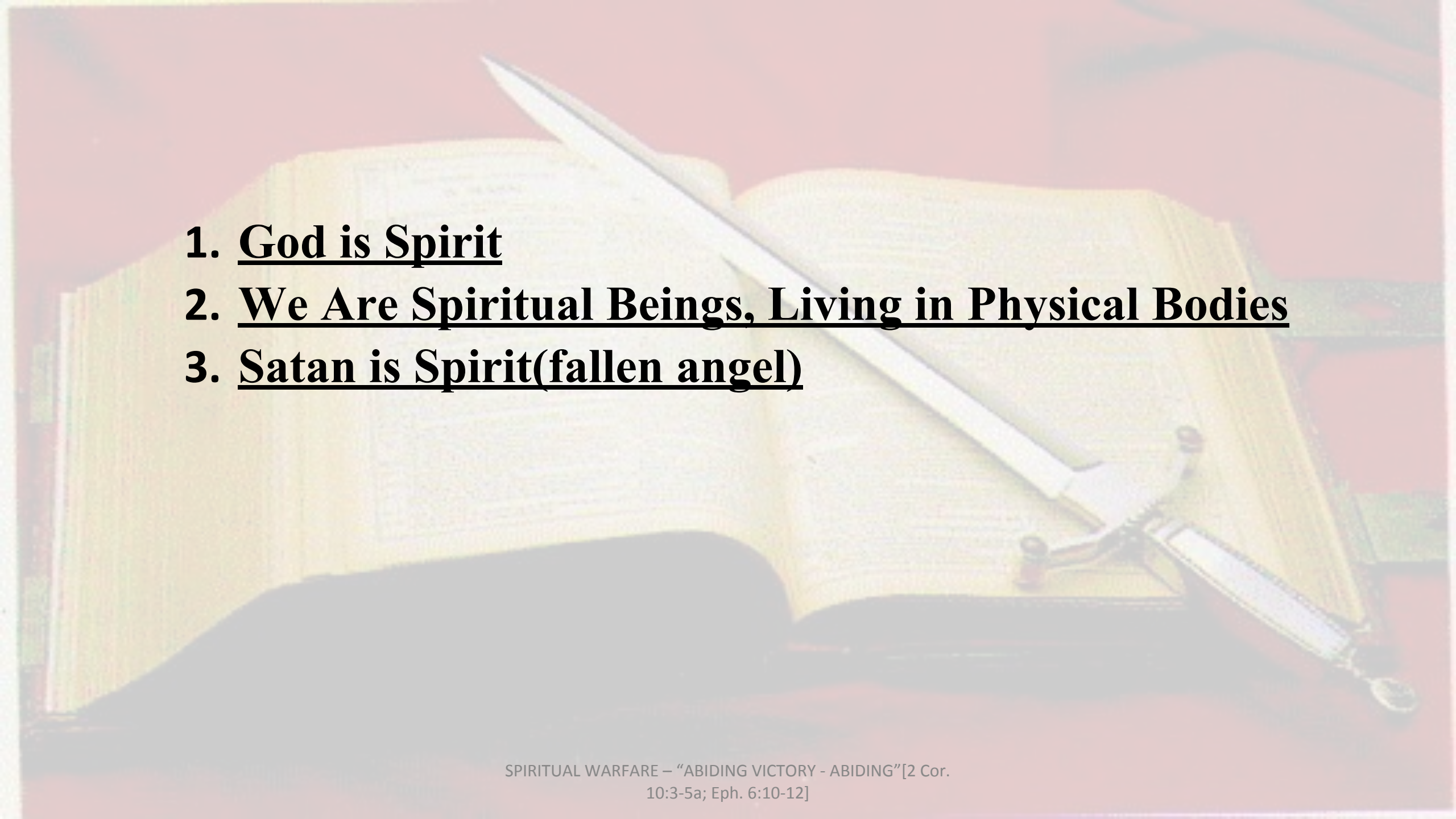
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***11** Now there was a large herd of pigs grazing there on the mountain.*

***12** And the demons begged Him, saying, “Send us to the pigs so that we may go into them!”*

13** Jesus gave them permission. And the unclean spirits came out [of the man] and entered the pigs.” **AMP

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