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Part III: The Battle Within -
[Romans 7:14-20] -**

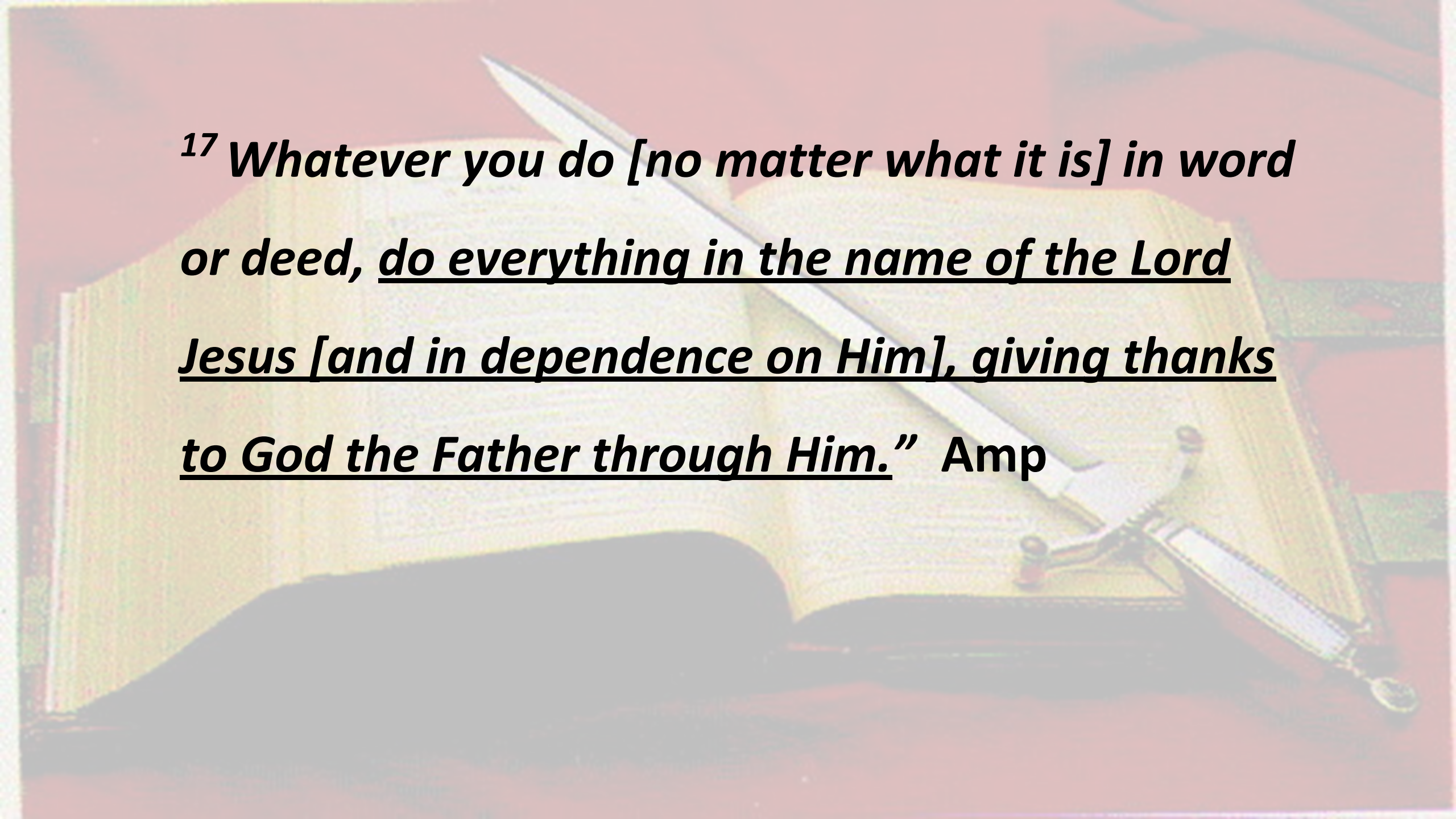
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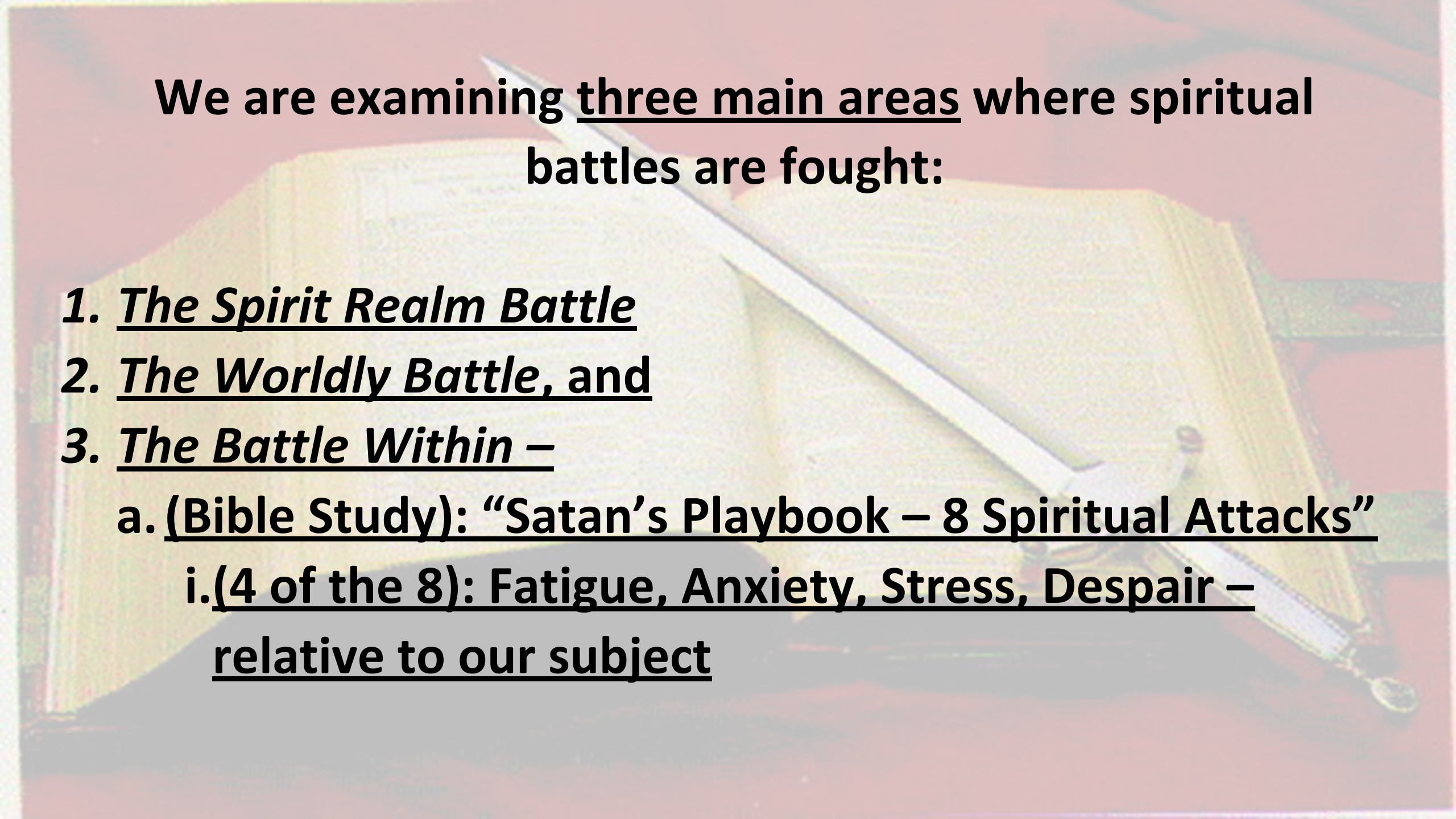
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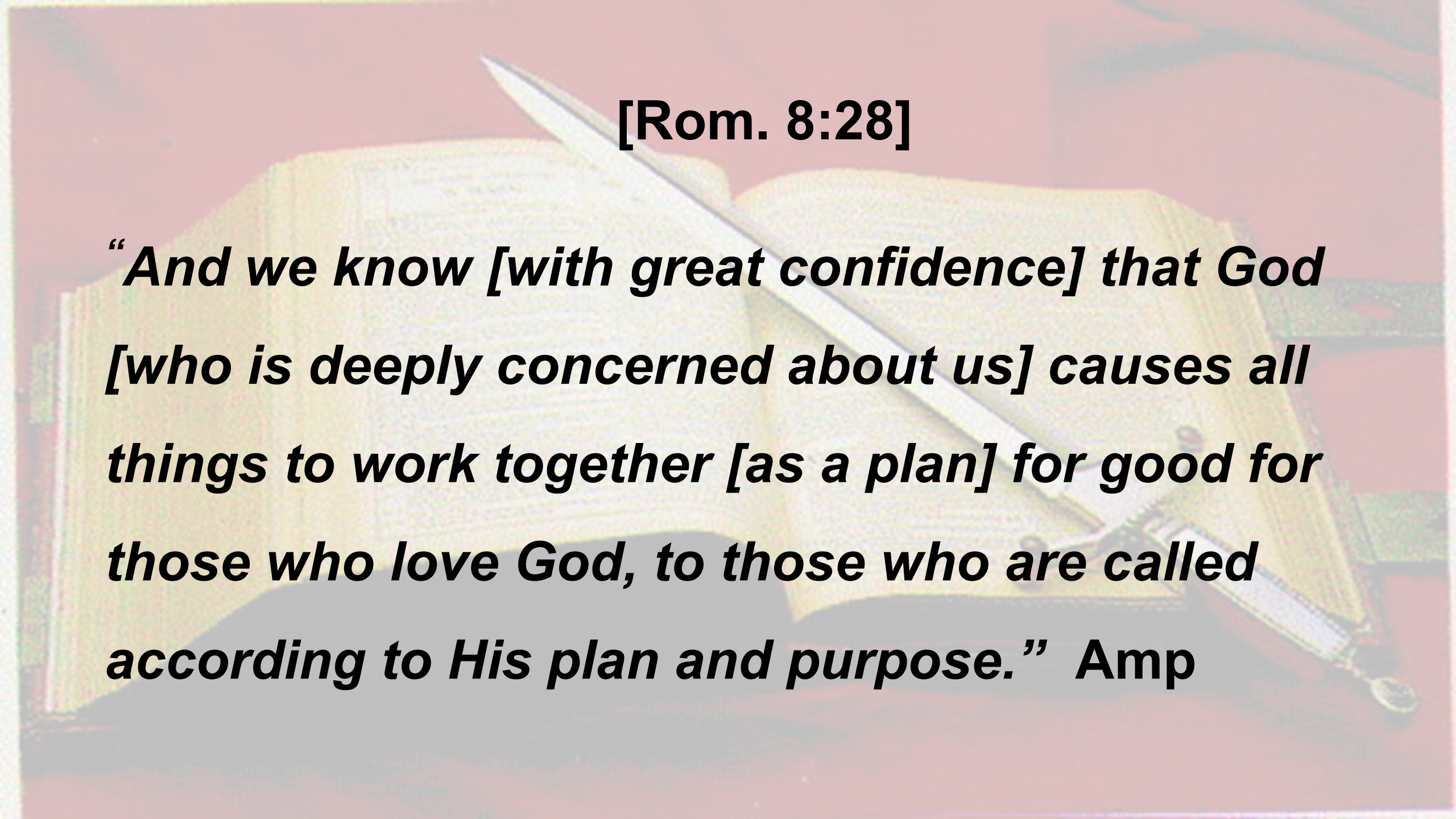
1. *The Spirit Realm Battle*

2. *The Worldly Battle, and*

3. *The Battle Within –*

a. (Bible Study): “Satan’s Playbook – 8 Spiritual Attacks”

**i. (4 of the 8): Fatigue, Anxiety, Stress, Despair –
relative to our subject**

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[Rom. 8:28]

“And we know [with great confidence] that God [who is deeply concerned about us] causes all things to work together [as a plan] for good for those who love God, to those who are called according to His plan and purpose.” Amp

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The prescription for our ailment

“The Battle Within”

[Romans 7:25]

***“²⁵ Thanks be to God [for my deliverance/victory]
through Jesus Christ our Lord!” Amp***



**SEVEN REALITIES OF [Rom. 7] THAT EVERY FOLLOWER OF
CHRIST EXPERIENCES:**

- I. Sin is a Perplexing Mystery**
- II. Sin is a Total Contradiction To The New Nature**
- III. Sin is a Legal Offense Against The Word of God**
- IV. Sin is an Indwelling Force**
- V. Sin is a Contrary Power To The New Nature**
- VI. Sin is a Competing Evil**
- VII. Sin is a Remaining Reality**

II. Sin is a Total Contradiction (Rom. 7:15)

“¹⁵ For I do not understand my own actions [I am baffled and bewildered by them]. I do not practice what I want to do, but I am doing the very thing I hate [and yielding to my human nature, my worldliness—my sinful capacity].”

A. There is both a negative and a positive aspect to this inverted dilemma.....

He commits both sins of omission and commission – which breed ‘transmission and permission’

- Sins of omission are what he does not do - but should have done.
- Sins of commission are what he does - but should not have done.

A. Know Yourself [Lam. 3:40], *“Let us examine our ways and test them, and let us return to the Lord.”*
Amp

With the knowledge of God comes the knowledge of self.....

- **Until you know who God is, you will never know who you are.**
- **And until you know who you are, you will never advance in spirituality.**

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[Ps. 139:14)

“I will give thanks and praise to You, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made; Wonderful are Your works, And my soul knows it very well.”

II. Sin is a Remaining Reality in the life of every believer.

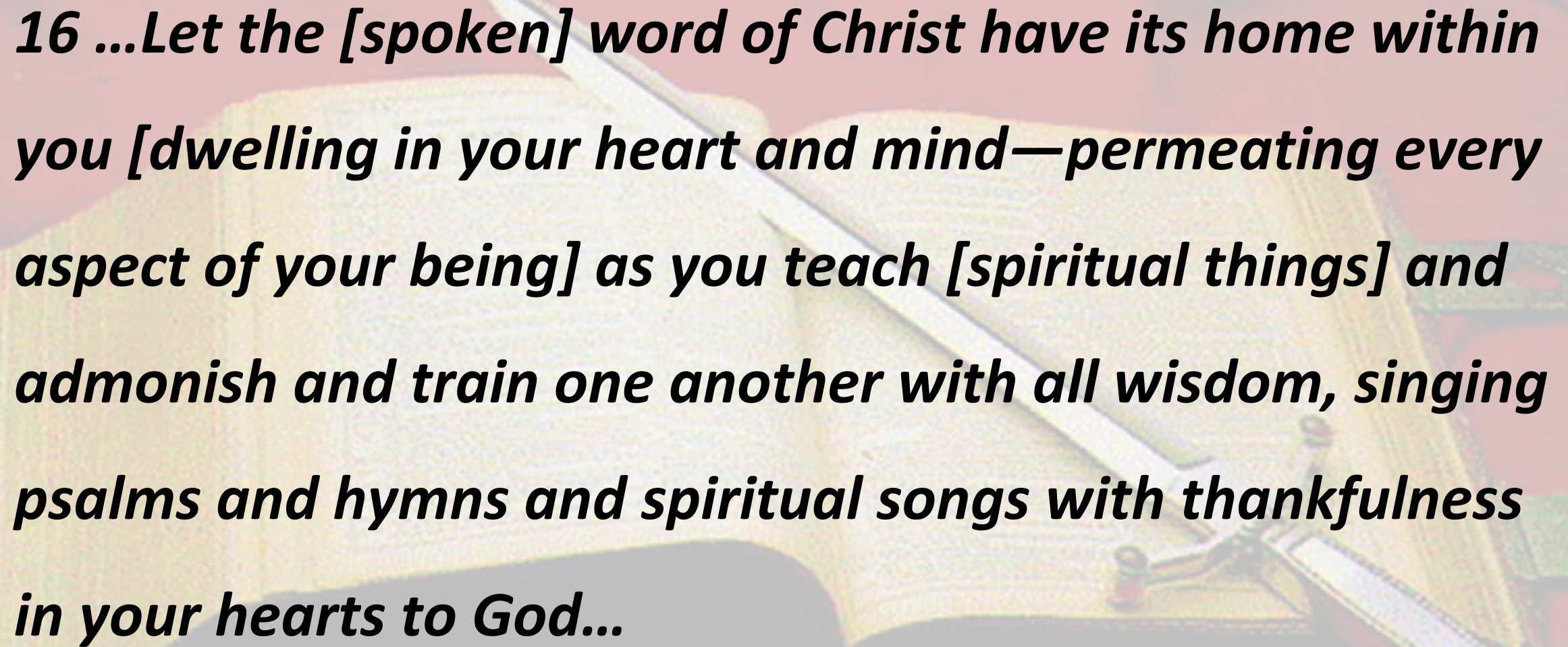
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²⁰But if I am doing the very thing I do not want to do, I am no longer the one doing it [that is, it is not me that acts], but the sin [nature] which lives in me..” Amp

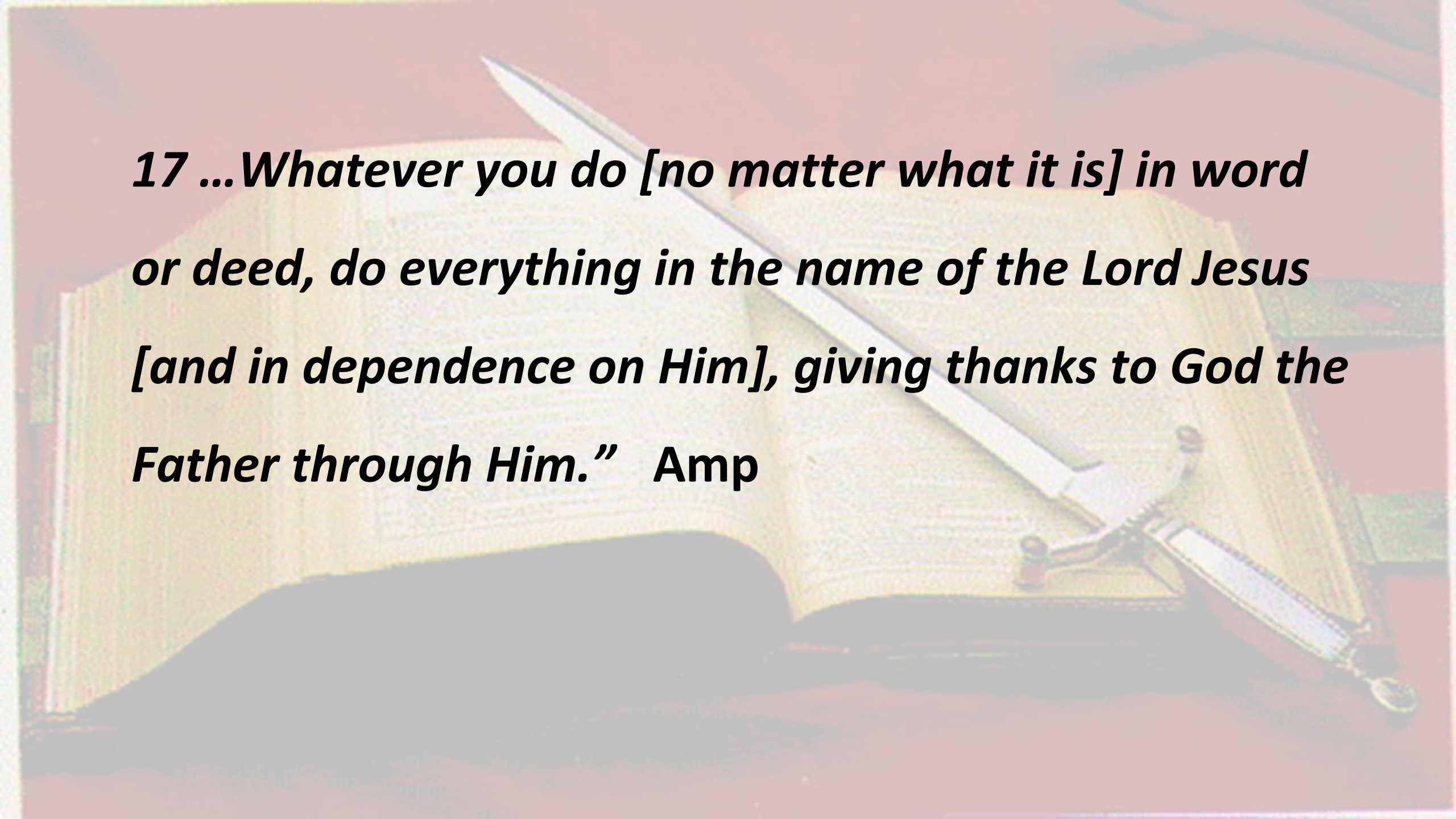
“LIVING THANKFUL” BRINGS PERSPECTIVE AND CLARITY

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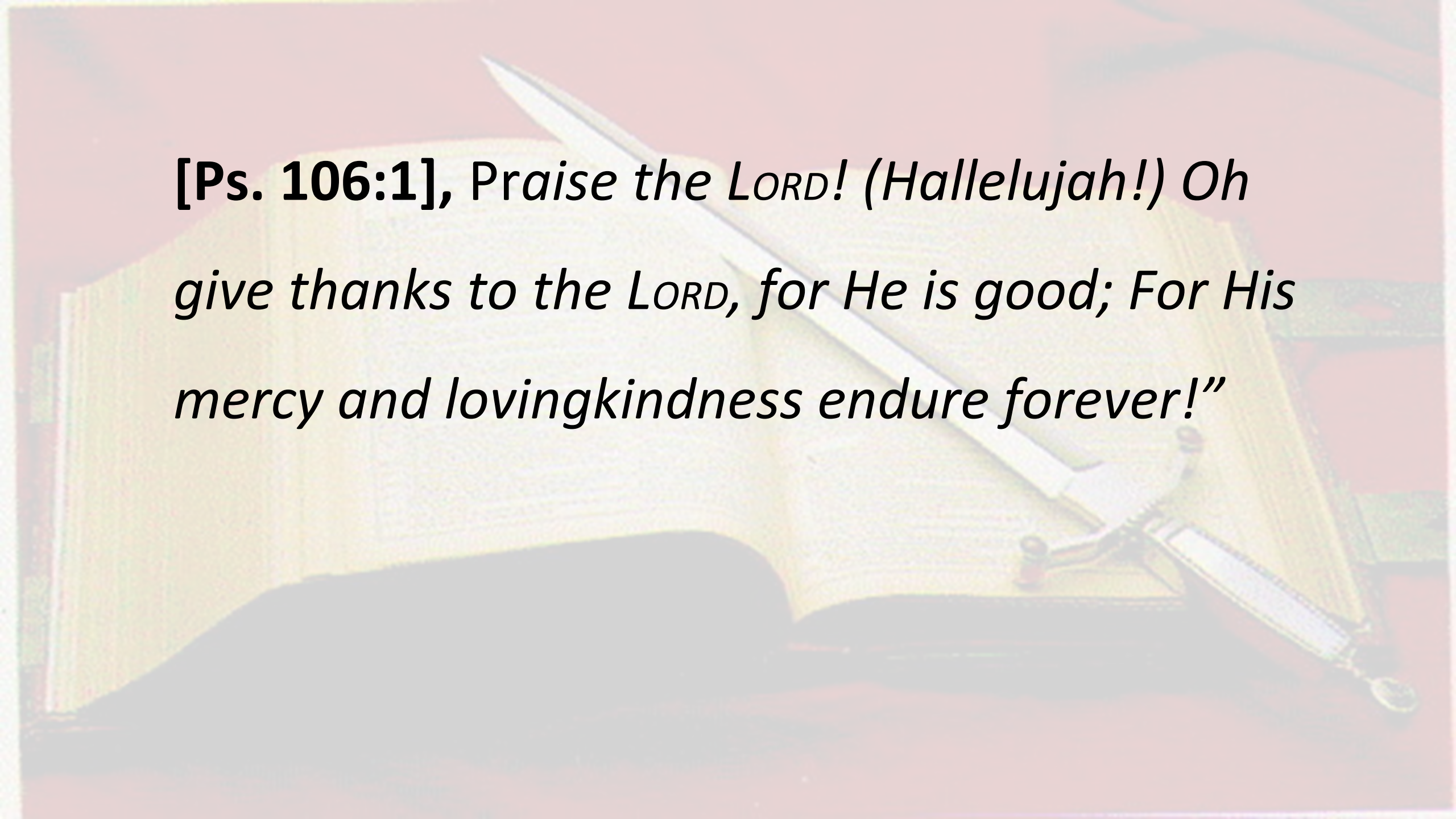
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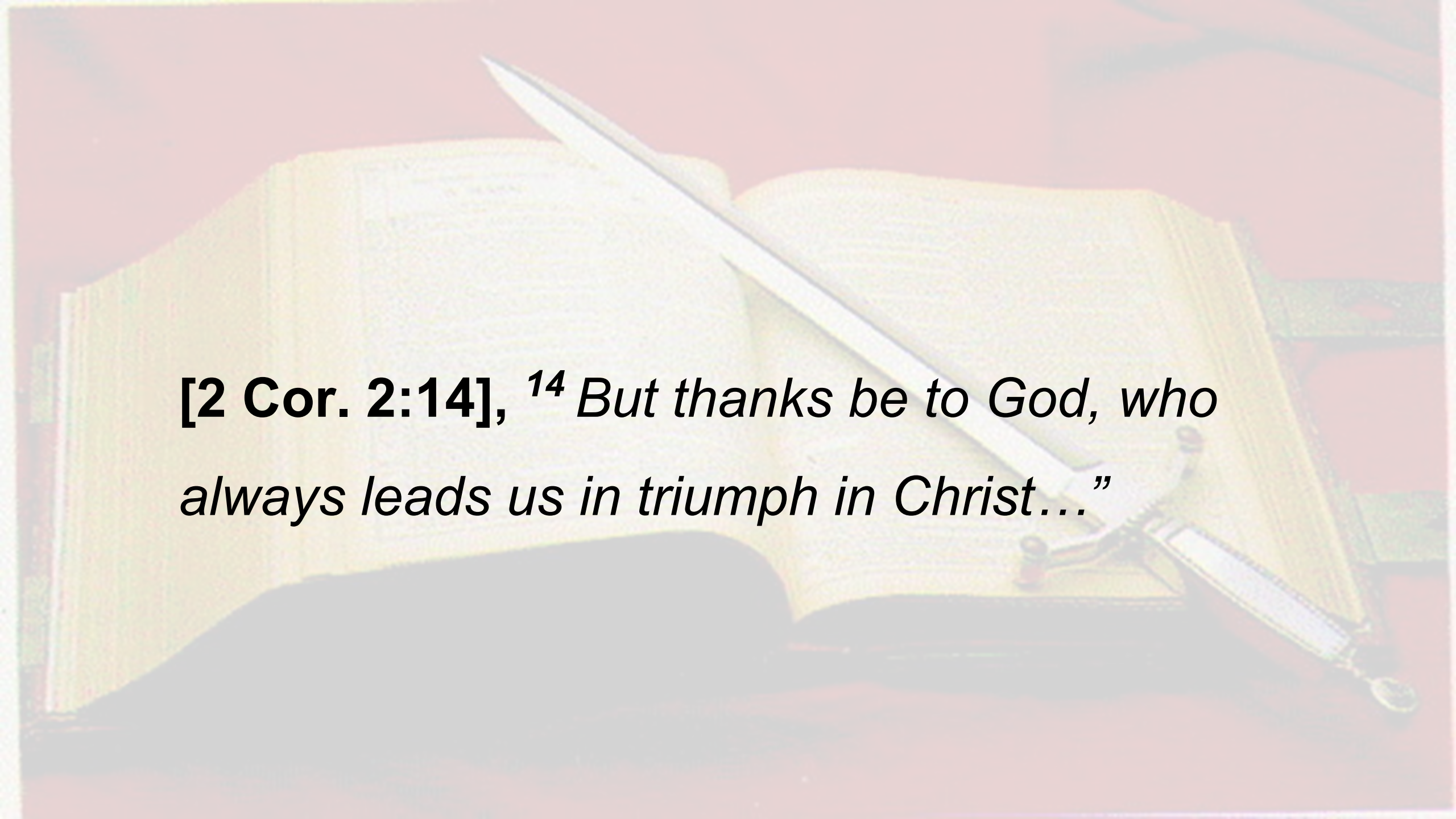
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- It unclogs the obstructions in the conduit that connects you and I to God- the created, to the Creator.
- It quiets the constant ambient noise that keeps you, the called, from hearing God’s voice.

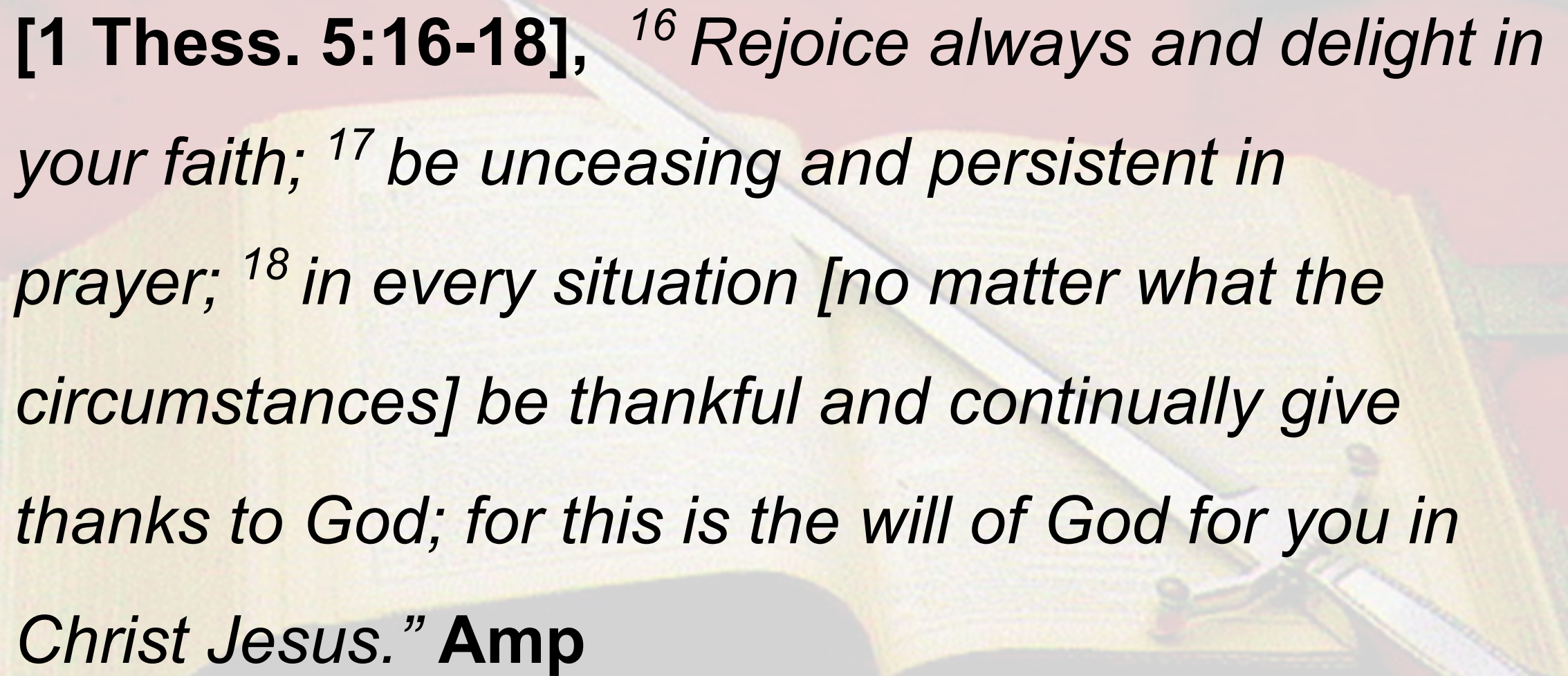
• **[Ps. 100]**, ¹ *Shout for joy to the LORD, all the earth.* ² *Worship the LORD with gladness; come before him with joyful songs.* ³ *Know that the LORD is God. It is he who made us, and we are his; we are his people, the sheep of his pasture.* ⁴ *Enter His gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise; give thanks to Him and praise His name.* ⁵ *For the LORD is good and His love endures forever; His faithfulness continues through all generations.”*

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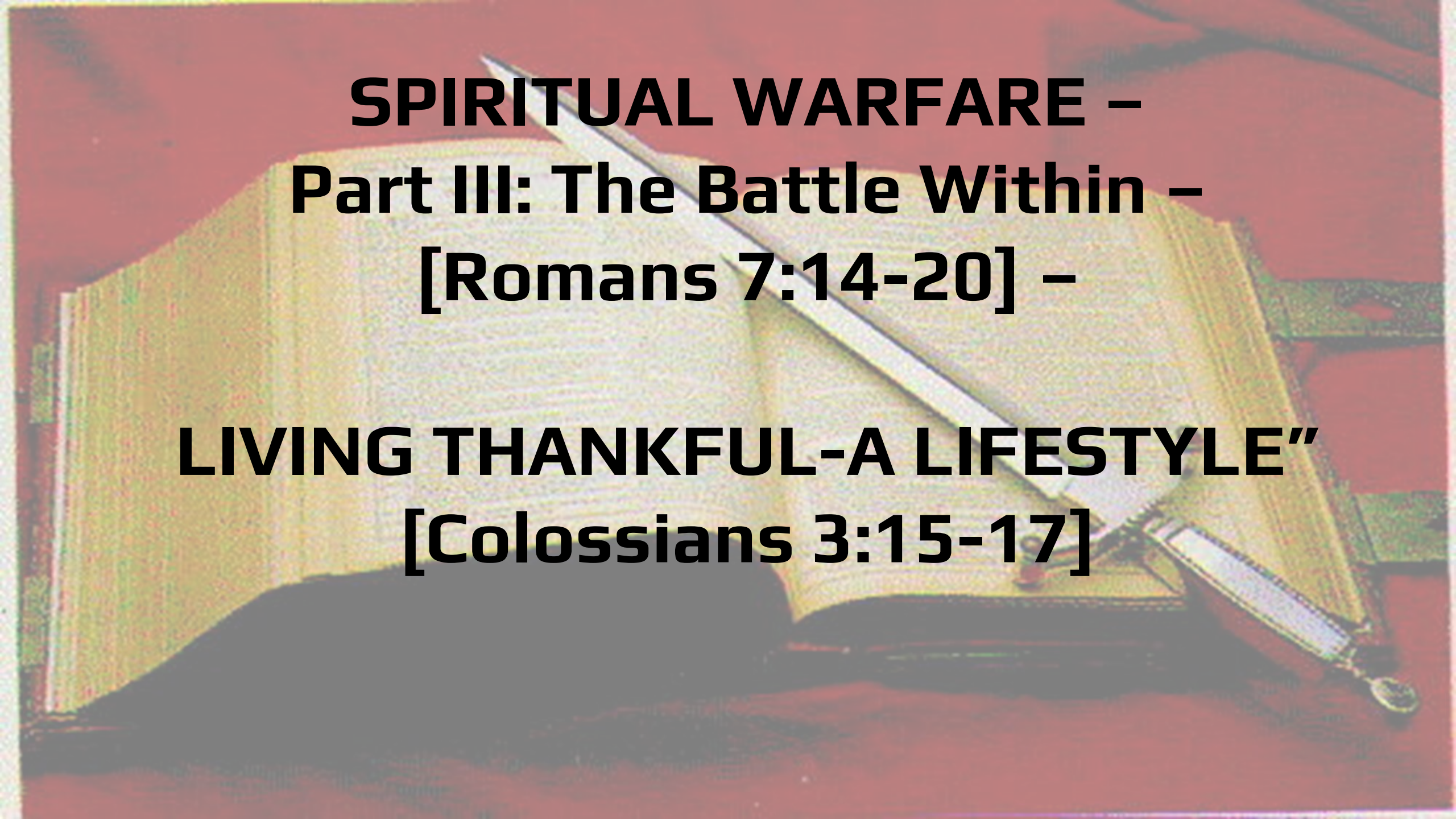
[Ps. 106:1], Praise the LORD! (Hallelujah!) Oh give thanks to the LORD, for He is good; For His mercy and lovingkindness endure forever!"

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[2 Cor. 2:14], ¹⁴ *But thanks be to God, who always leads us in triumph in Christ...*”

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[1 Thess. 5:16-18], ¹⁶ *Rejoice always and delight in your faith;* ¹⁷ *be unceasing and persistent in prayer;* ¹⁸ *in every situation [no matter what the circumstances] be thankful and continually give thanks to God; for this is the will of God for you in Christ Jesus.”* **Amp**

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