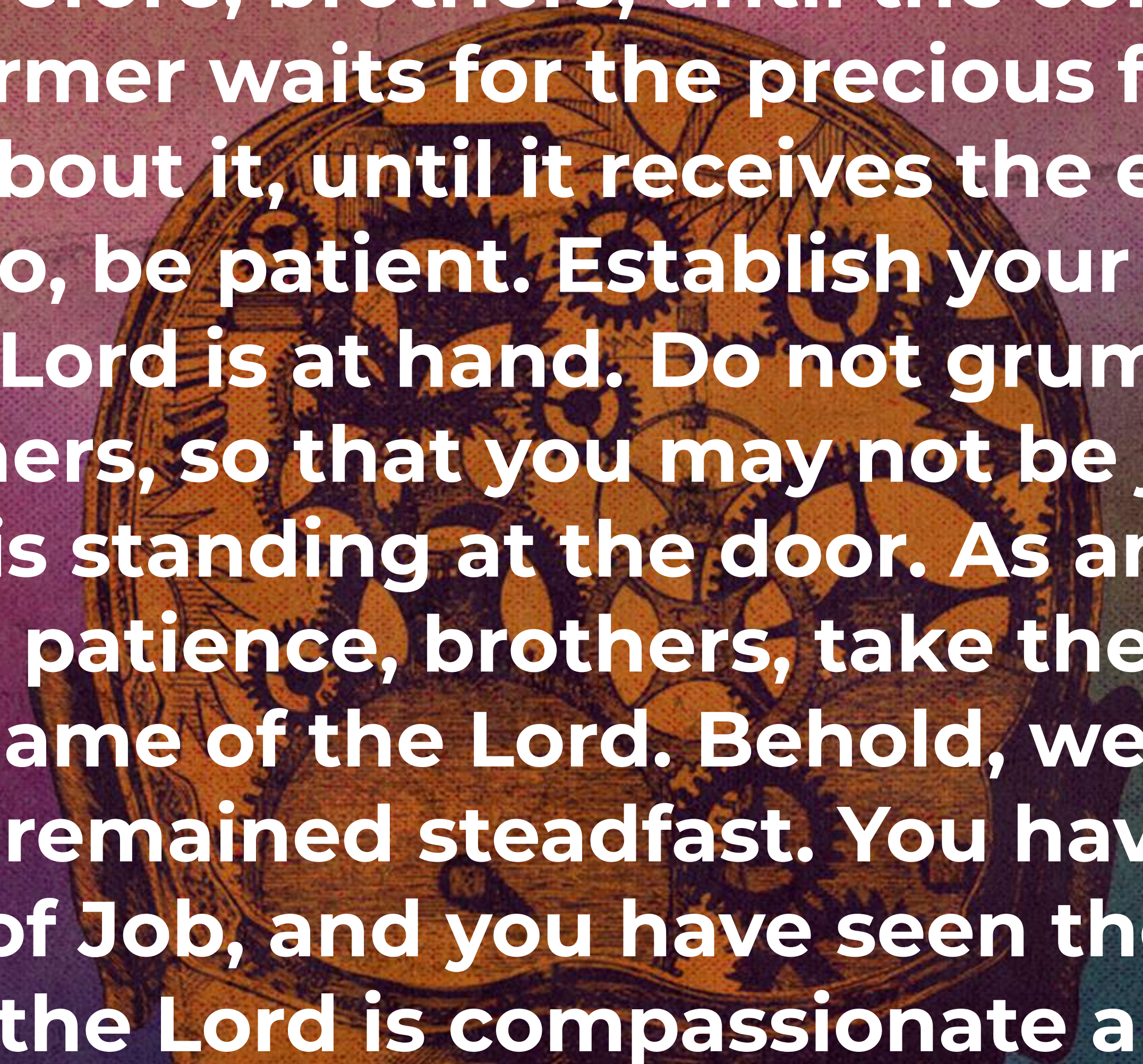
A hand holding a pocket watch with gears visible inside. The watch is the central focus, with its intricate mechanical parts and the texture of the hand holding it clearly visible. The background is a dark, textured gradient.

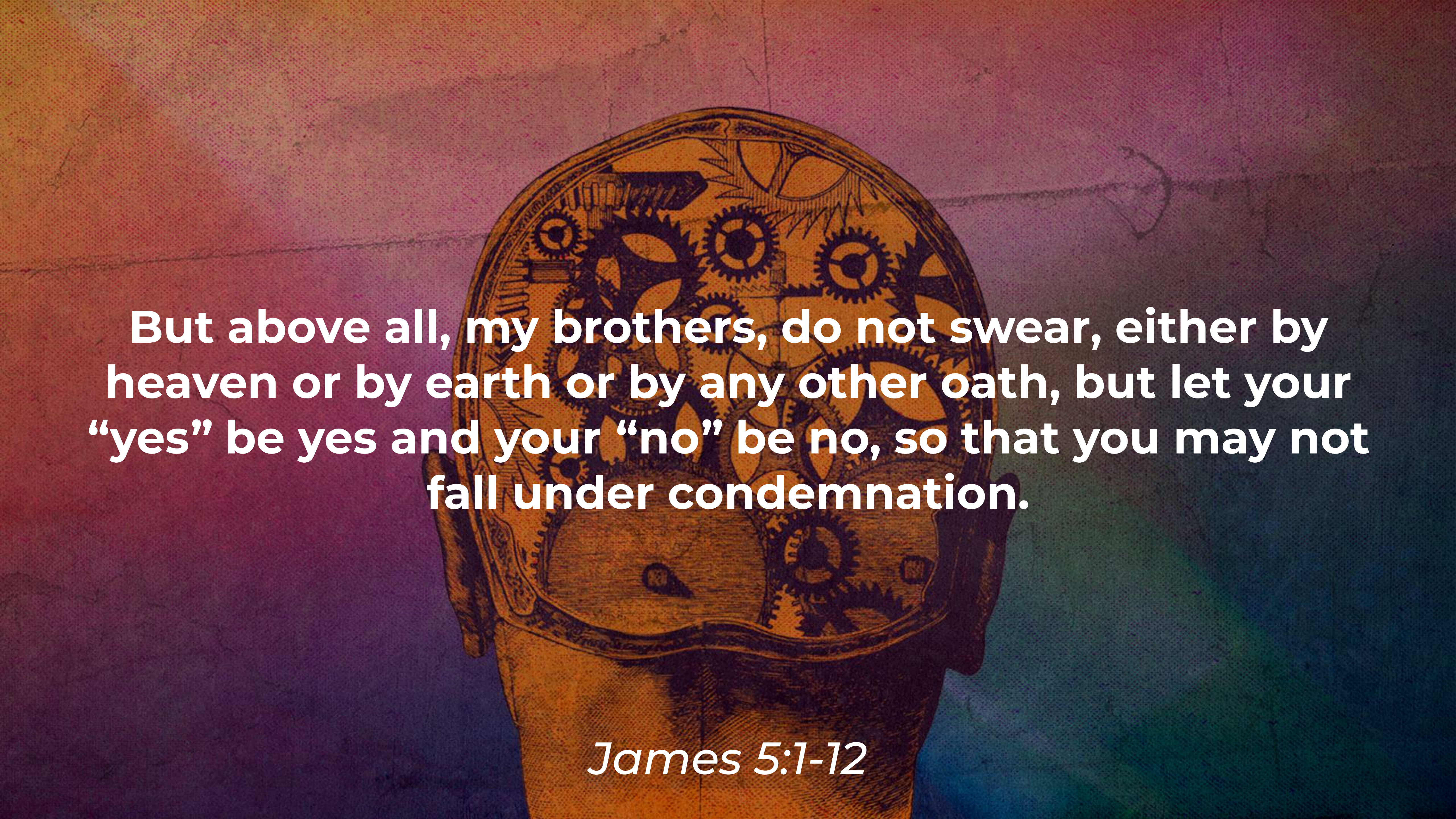
Come now, you rich, weep and howl for the miseries that are coming upon you. Your riches have rotted and your garments are moth-eaten. Your gold and silver have corroded, and their corrosion will be evidence against you and will eat your flesh like fire. You have laid up treasure in the last days. Behold, the wages of the laborers who mowed your fields, which you kept back by fraud, are crying out against you, and the cries of the harvesters have reached the ears of the Lord of hosts. You have lived on the earth in luxury and in self-indulgence. You have fattened your hearts in a day of slaughter. You have condemned and murdered the righteous person. He does not resist you.

James 5:1-12

A hand holding a watch mechanism with gears. The background is a gradient of purple and blue.

Be patient, therefore, brothers, until the coming of the Lord. See how the farmer waits for the precious fruit of the earth, being patient about it, until it receives the early and the late rains. You also, be patient. Establish your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is at hand. Do not grumble against one another, brothers, so that you may not be judged; behold, the Judge is standing at the door. As an example of suffering and patience, brothers, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord. Behold, we consider those blessed who remained steadfast. You have heard of the steadfastness of Job, and you have seen the purpose of the Lord, how the Lord is compassionate and merciful.

James 5:1-12



But above all, my brothers, do not swear, either by heaven or by earth or by any other oath, but let your “yes” be yes and your “no” be no, so that you may not fall under condemnation.

James 5:1-12



WALKING THE ETERNAL PATH

James 5:1-12

THE PATH OF SINFUL WEALTH

- 1: The Promise — Destruction Awaits those that walk the Path of Sinful Wealth
- 2-3: Step One — Trust in Wealth
- 4-5: Step Two — Misuse Wealth
- 6: Step Three — Worship Wealth

Fear without God is the defining feature of sinful wealth, for those who are afraid are those who find their completeness in complete control over all that they grasp.

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THE PATH OF RIGHTEOUS GAIN

- 7: The Promise — Bounty awaits those who walk the Path of Righteous Gain.
- 8: Step One — Believe God's Promise
- 9: Step Two — Trust God's Providence
- 10: Step Three — Remember God's Faithfulness
- 11: Step Four — Receive God's Blessing

Patience before God is the defining feature of righteous gain, for those who are patient are those who find their completeness in the God of the universe.

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STEADFAST ON THE PATH



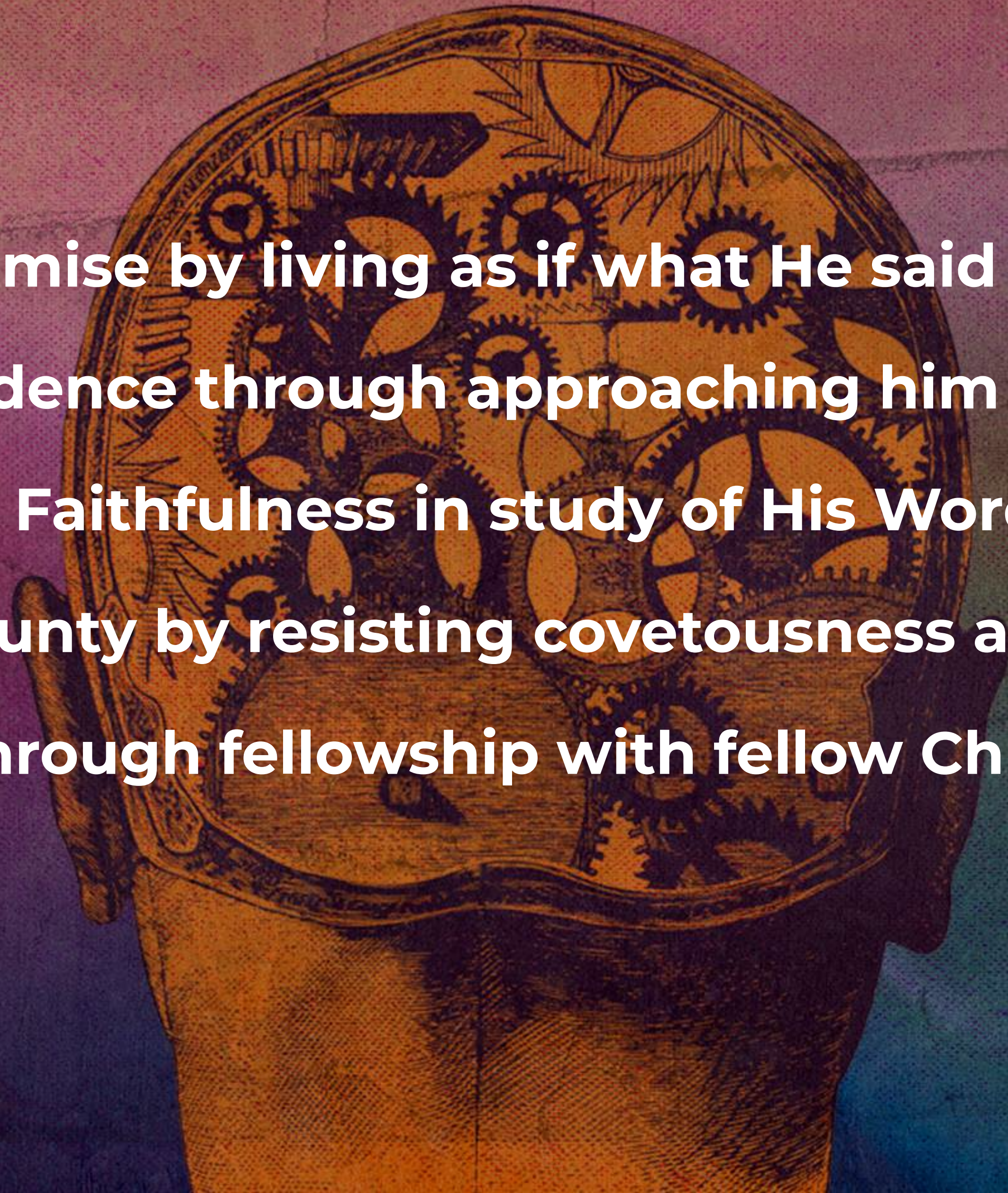
- 12a: Fragility of Fear — When we walk with Fear, others are an obstacle to overcome.
- 12b: Power of Patience — When we walk with Patience, others are siblings to serve.
- 12c: Promise of Providence — Condemnation is reserved for those fighting for control, not faithful in compassion.

[12] But above all, my brothers, do not swear, either by heaven or by earth or by any other oath, but let your “yes” be yes and your “no” be no, so that you may not fall under condemnation.

The steadfast is the one that walks consistently in Christ, not the one that walks perfectly in power.

HOW THEN SHALL WE LIVE?

- **Believe God's Promise by living as if what He said is true.**
- **Trust God's Providence through approaching him regularly in prayer.**
- **Remember God's Faithfulness in study of His Word.**
- **Receive God's Bounty by resisting covetousness and comparison.**
- **Walk Steadfast through fellowship with fellow Christians.**



A detailed illustration of a human head in profile, facing right. The interior of the head is filled with a complex mechanical system of interlocking gears, cogs, and levers, rendered in a dark, textured style. The background is a gradient of colors, transitioning from a warm, reddish-orange at the top to a deep, dark blue at the bottom. The overall aesthetic is that of a vintage technical drawing or a steampunk-style illustration.

**GOD DOES NOT PROMISE
A PATH WITHOUT PAIN.**

**GOD PROMISES A PATH
WITH HIS PRESENCE.**