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IN CONGRESS, JULY 4, 1776.

The unanimous Declaration of the thirteen united States of America.

Declaration – spirit of the law

Constitution – letter of the law

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The unanimous Declaration of the thirteen united States of America, When in the Course of human events, it becomes necessary for one people to dissolve the political bands which have connected them with another, and to assume among the powers of the earth, the separate and equal station to which the Laws of Nature and of Nature's God entitle them, a decent respect to the opinions of mankind requires that they should declare the causes which impel them to the separation.

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We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness. – That to secure these rights, Governments are instituted among Men, deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed, – That whenever any Form of Government becomes destructive of these ends, it is the Right of the People to alter or to abolish it, and to institute new Government, laying its foundation on such principles and organizing its powers in such form, as to them shall seem most likely to effect their Safety and Happiness. Prudence, indeed, will dictate that Governments long established should not be changed for light and transient causes;

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and accordingly all experience hath shewn, that mankind are more disposed to suffer, while evils are sufferable, than to right themselves by abolishing the forms to which they are accustomed. But when a long train of abuses and usurpations, pursuing invariably the same Object evinces a design to reduce them under absolute Despotism, it is their right, it is their duty, to throw off such Government, and to provide new Guards for their future security.--Such has been the patient sufferance of these Colonies; and such is now the necessity which constrains them to alter their former Systems of Government. The history of the present King of Great Britain is a history of repeated injuries and usurpations, all having in direct object the establishment of an absolute Tyranny over these States. To prove this, let Facts be submitted to a candid world.

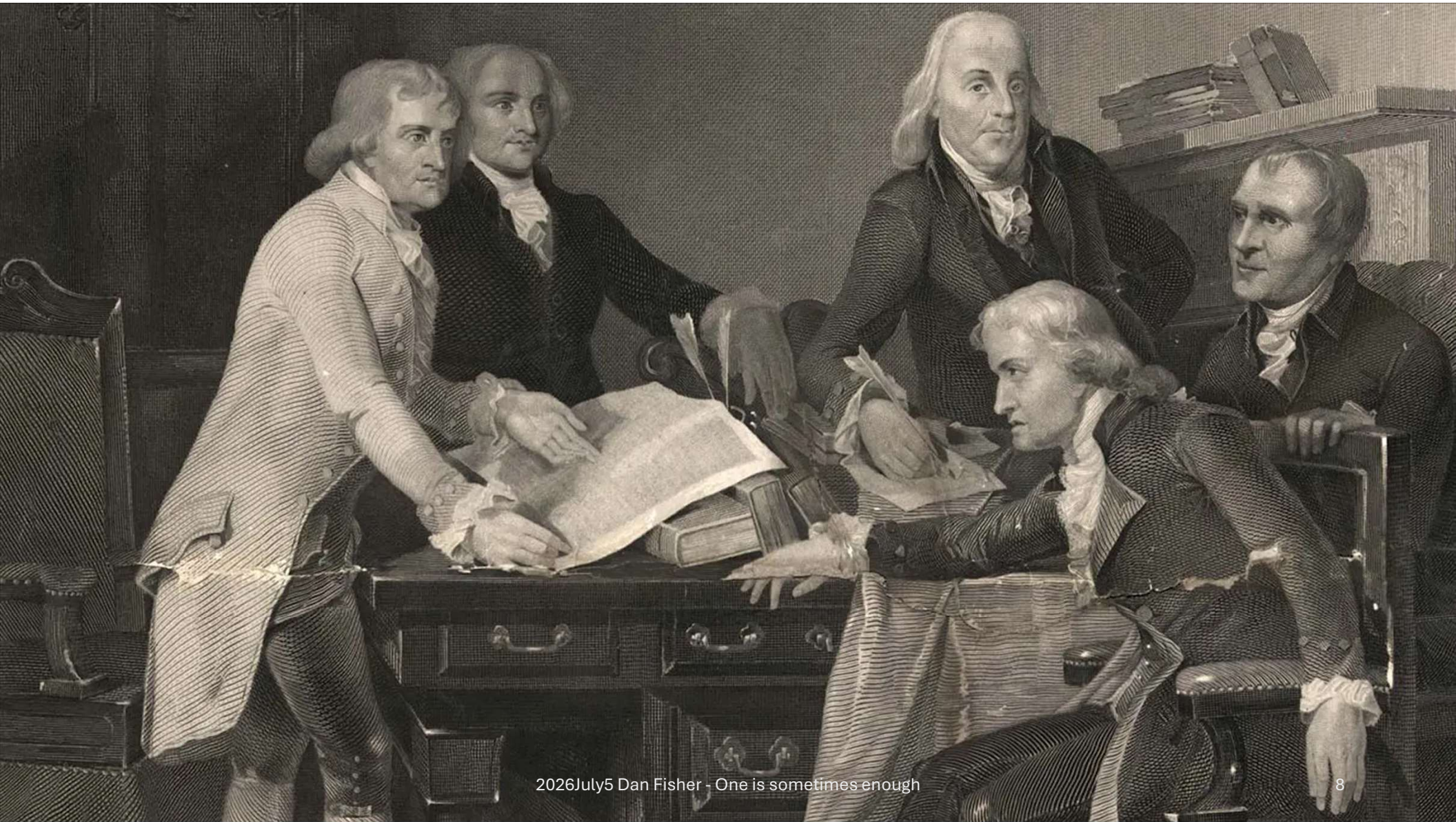
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In every stage of these Oppressions We have Petitioned for Redress in the most humble terms: Our repeated Petitions have been answered only by repeated injury. A Prince, whose character is thus marked by every act which may define a Tyrant, is unfit to be the ruler of a free people.

Nor have We been wanting in attentions to our British brethren. We have warned them from time to time of attempts by their legislature to extend an unwarrantable jurisdiction over us. We have reminded them of the circumstances of our emigration and settlement here. We have appealed to their native justice and magnanimity, and we have conjured them by the ties of our common kindred to disavow these usurpations, which, would inevitably interrupt our connections and correspondence. They too have been deaf to the voice of justice and of consanguinity. We must, therefore, acquiesce in the necessity, which denounces our Separation, and hold them, as we hold the rest of mankind, Enemies in War, in Peace Friends.

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We, therefore, the Representatives of the united States of America, in General Congress, Assembled, appealing to the Supreme Judge of the world for the rectitude of our intentions, do, in the Name, and by Authority of the good People of these Colonies, solemnly publish and declare, That these United Colonies are, and of Right ought to be Free and Independent States; that they are Absolved from all Allegiance to the British Crown, and that all political connection between them and the State of Great Britain, is and ought to be totally dissolved; and that as Free and Independent States, they have full Power to levy War, conclude Peace, contract Alliances, establish Commerce, and to do all other Acts and Things which Independent States may of right do. And for the support of this Declaration, with a firm reliance on the protection of divine Providence, we mutually pledge to each other our Lives, our Fortunes and our sacred Honor.”





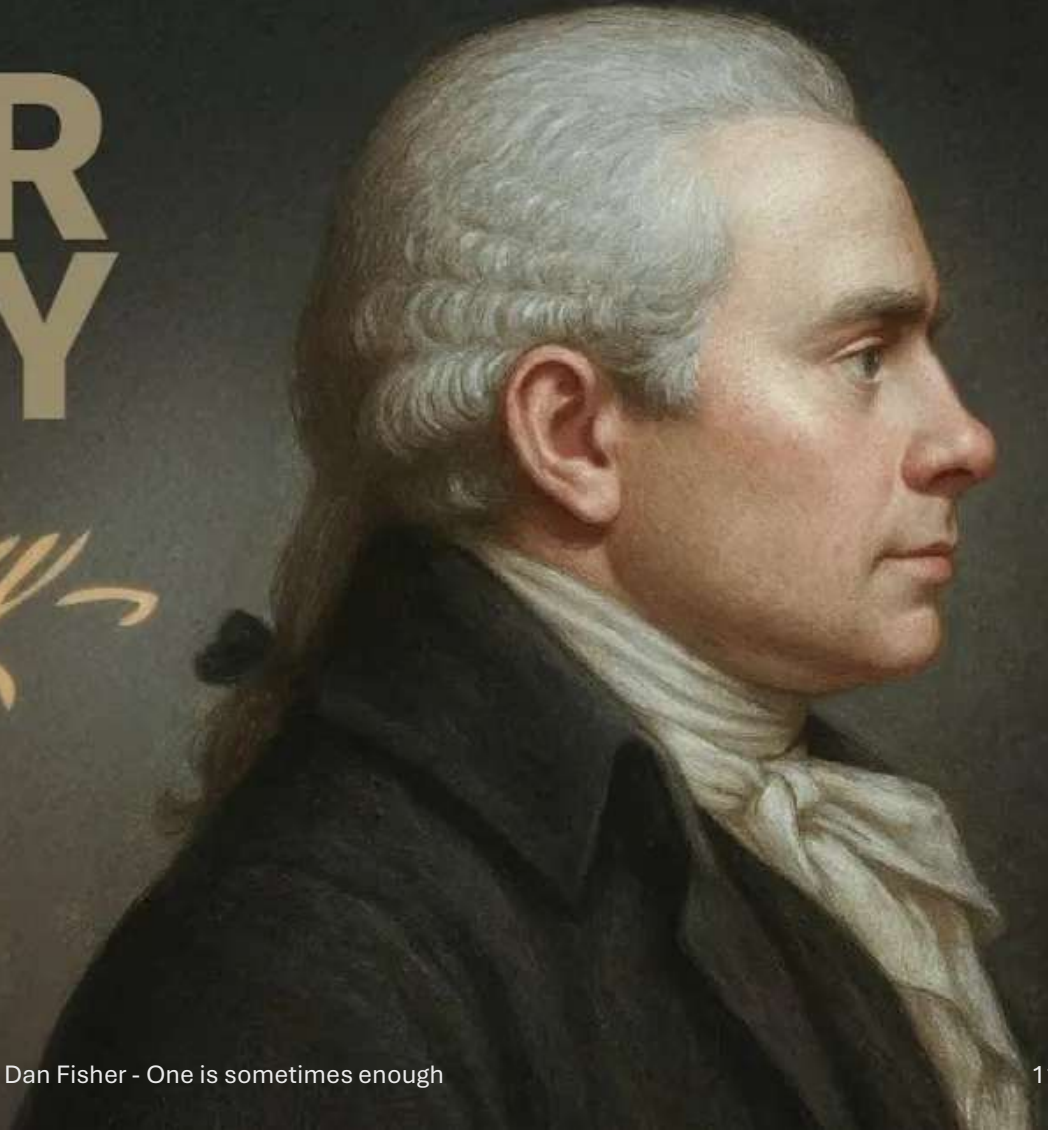
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CAESAR RODNEY

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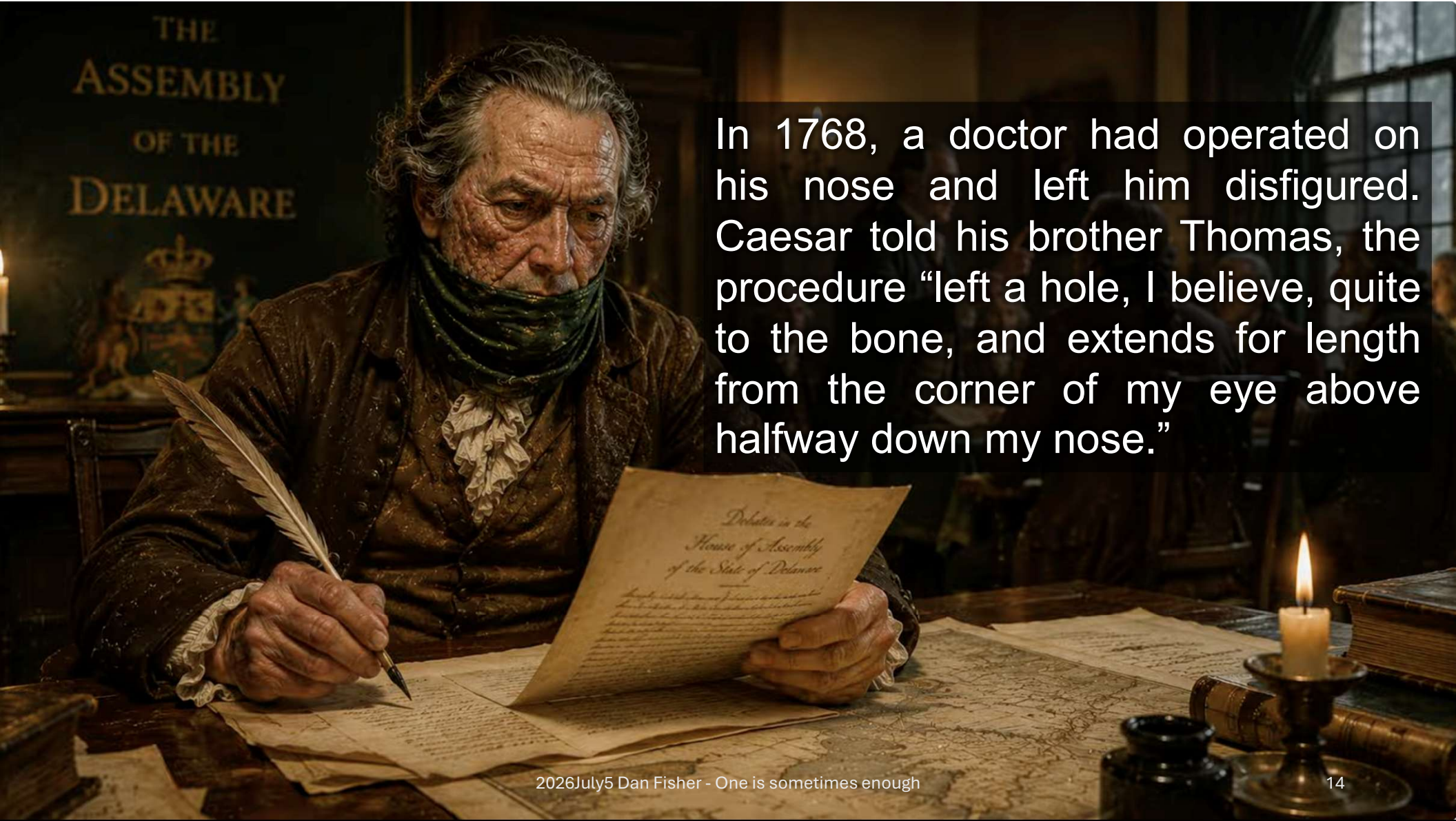


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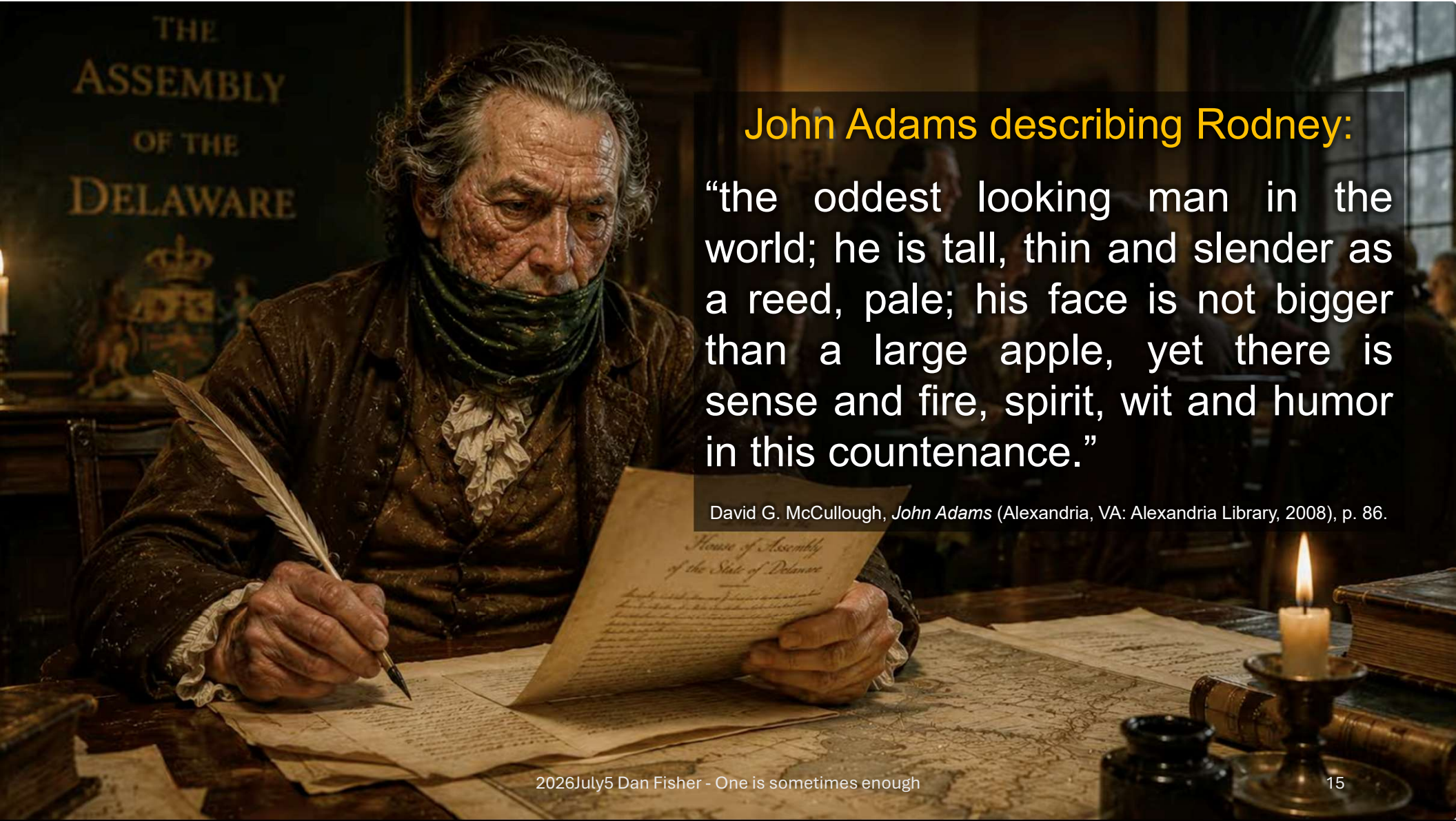
THE
ASSEMBLY
OF THE
DELAWARE

1728 – 1784

- Brigadier general of Delaware's militia
- Delaware delegate to Congress
- Governor of Delaware during the war



In 1768, a doctor had operated on his nose and left him disfigured. Caesar told his brother Thomas, the procedure “left a hole, I believe, quite to the bone, and extends for length from the corner of my eye above halfway down my nose.”



John Adams describing Rodney:

“the oddest looking man in the world; he is tall, thin and slender as a reed, pale; his face is not bigger than a large apple, yet there is sense and fire, spirit, wit and humor in this countenance.”

David G. McCullough, *John Adams* (Alexandria, VA: Alexandria Library, 2008), p. 86.



Thomas McKean

Caesar Rodney

George Read

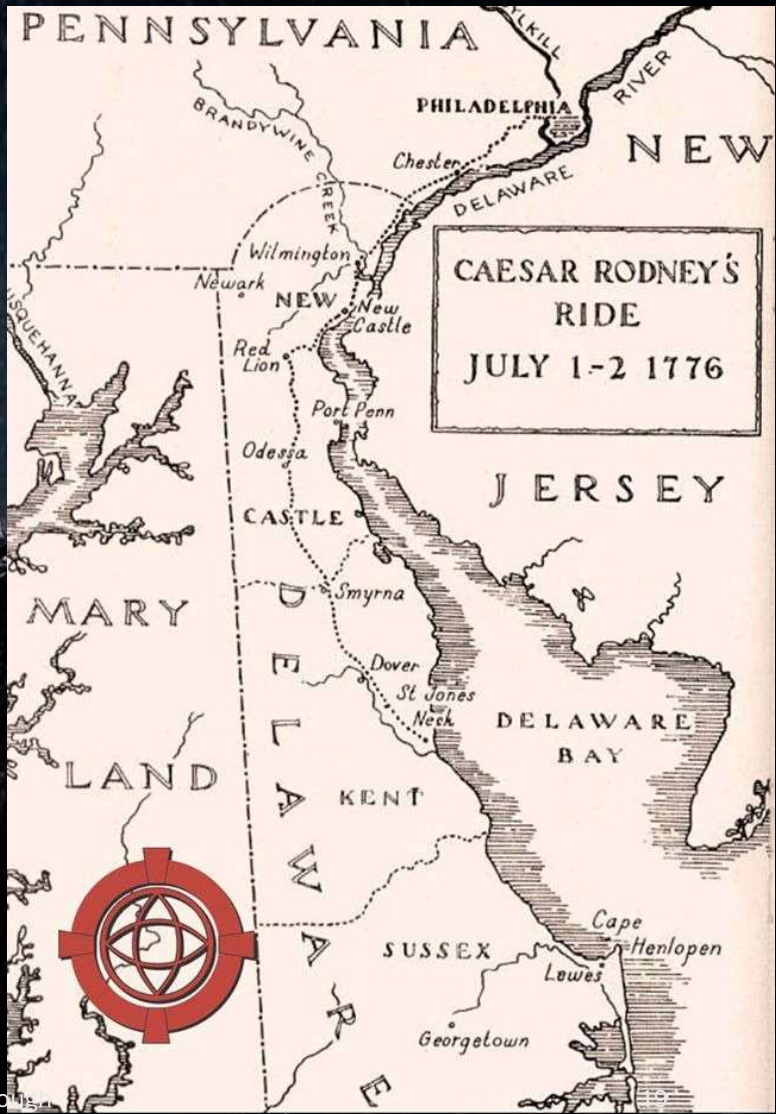


July 1, 1776

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“I arrived in Congress (tho detained by thunder and rain) in time enough to give my voice in the matter of independence.” **Caesar Rodney to his brother Thomas**

<https://prescottpulse.substack.com/p/this-day-in-history-july-2-1776>

THOMAS McKEAN
VOTES YES

CAESAR RODNEY
VOTES YES

GEORGE READ
VOTES NO

“I vote for Independence!”

THOMAS McKEAN
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VOTES NO

“As I believe the voice of my constituents and of all sensible and honest men is in favor of independence, my own judgement concurs with them. I vote for independence.”

Jane Scott, *A Gentleman as Well as a Whig: Caesar Rodney and the American Revolution* (Newark: University of Delaware Press, 2000), p. 118.

“I vote for Independence!”

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| Thos Stone | Geo Lyman | | Elbridge Gerry |
| Chas Carroll of Roxbury | Jos Smith | | Step Hopkins |
| | Geo Taylor | Rich Archton | William Ellery |
| | James Wilson | Jos Westinghouse | Progr Sherman |
| | Cpt. W.P. | Trat Stephenson | John Huntington |
| | Esar Quincy | John Kent | Thos Williams |
| | Garrett | Abra Clark | Oliver Wolcott |
| George Wythe | Thos M. Dear | | Matthew Thornton |
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| Th Jefferson | | | |
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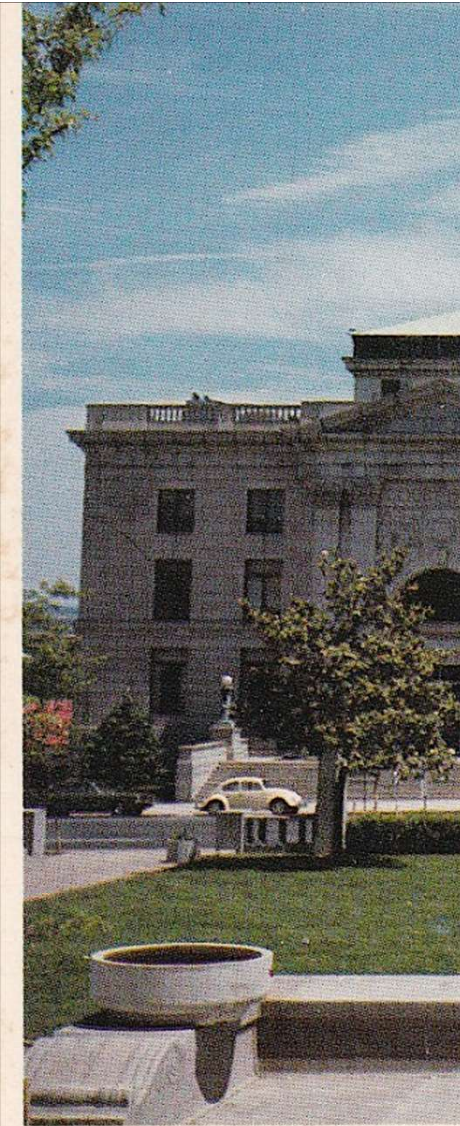
Caesar Rodney Square, Wilmington, Delaware



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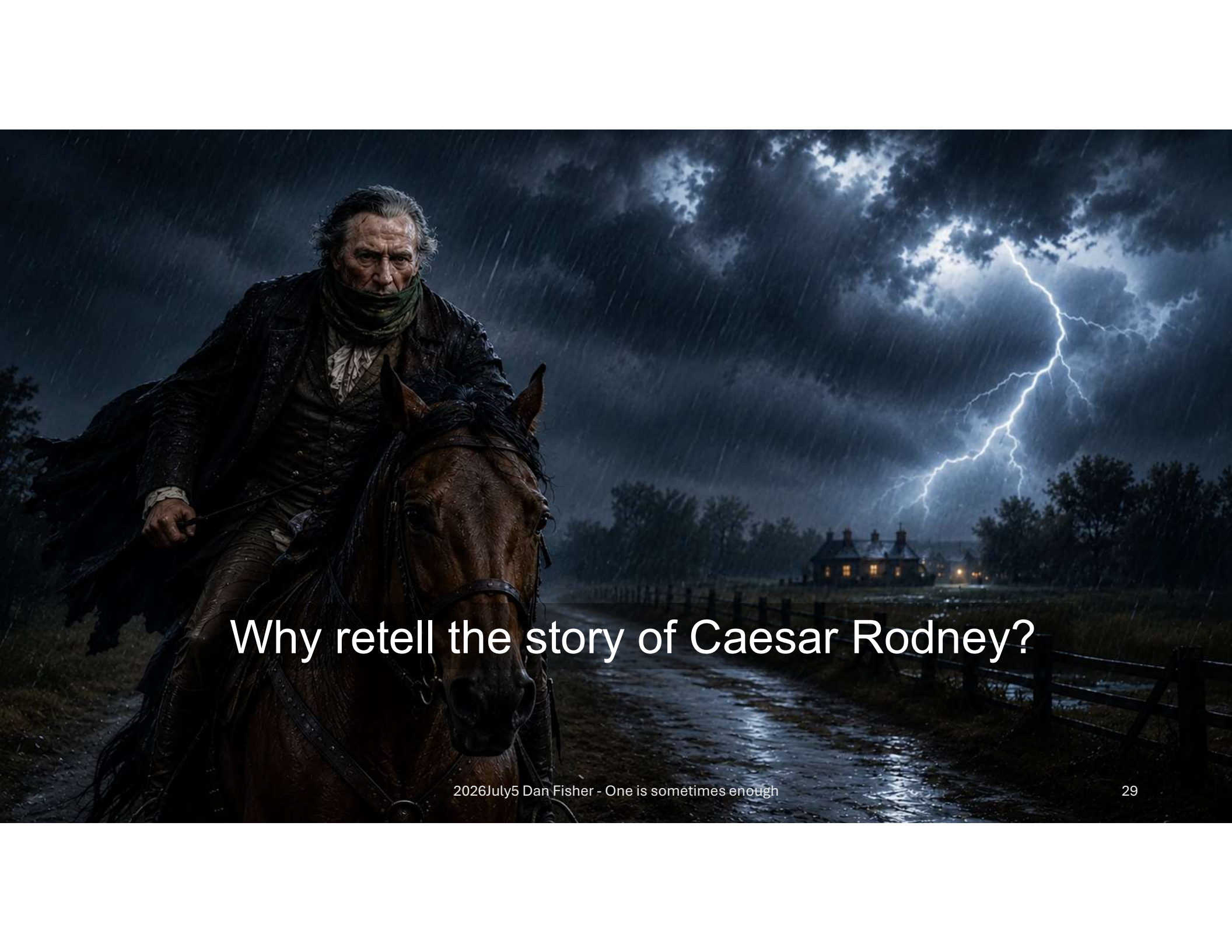
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Why retell the story of Caesar Rodney?

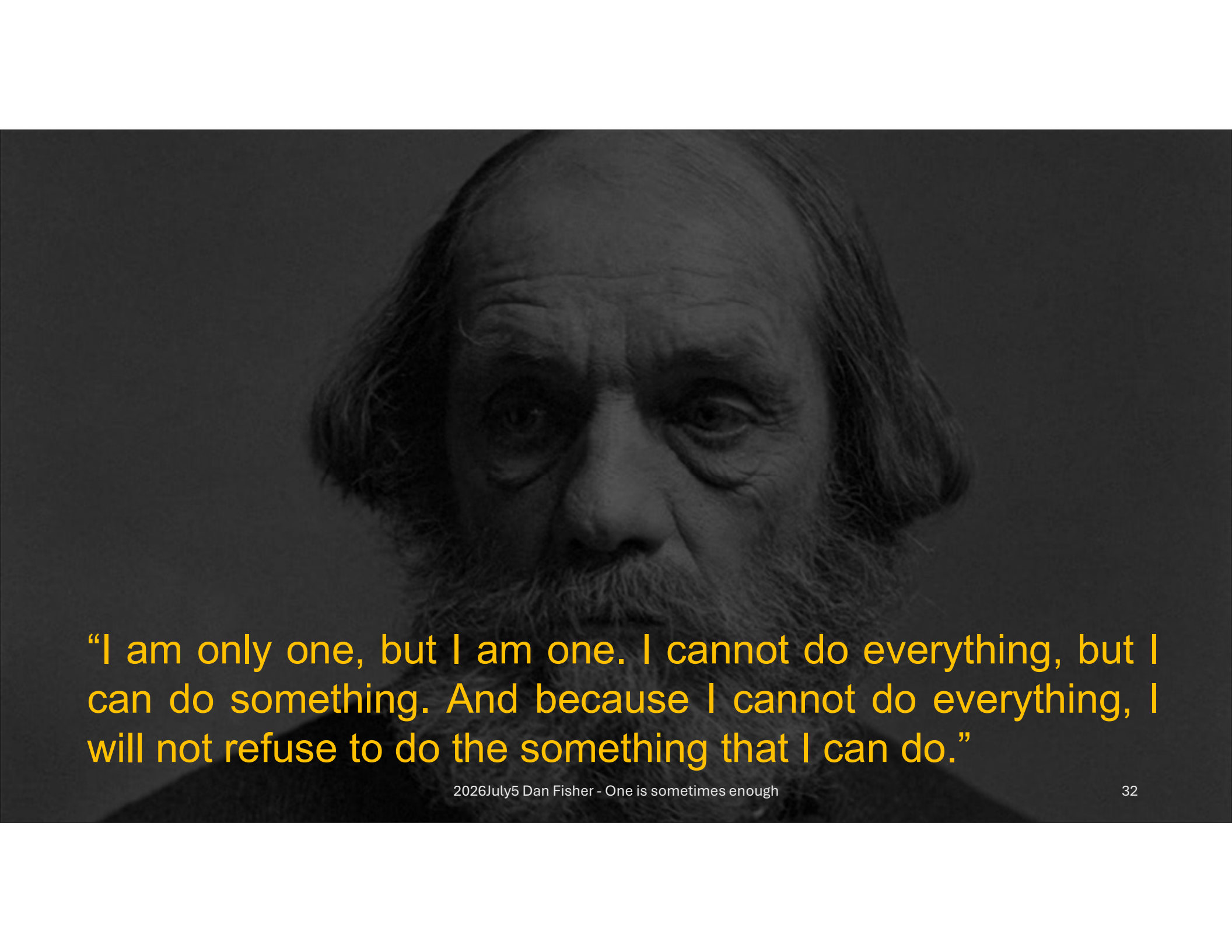


“And who knows whether you have not come to the kingdom for such a time as this?” **Esther 4:14**



Edward Everett Hale

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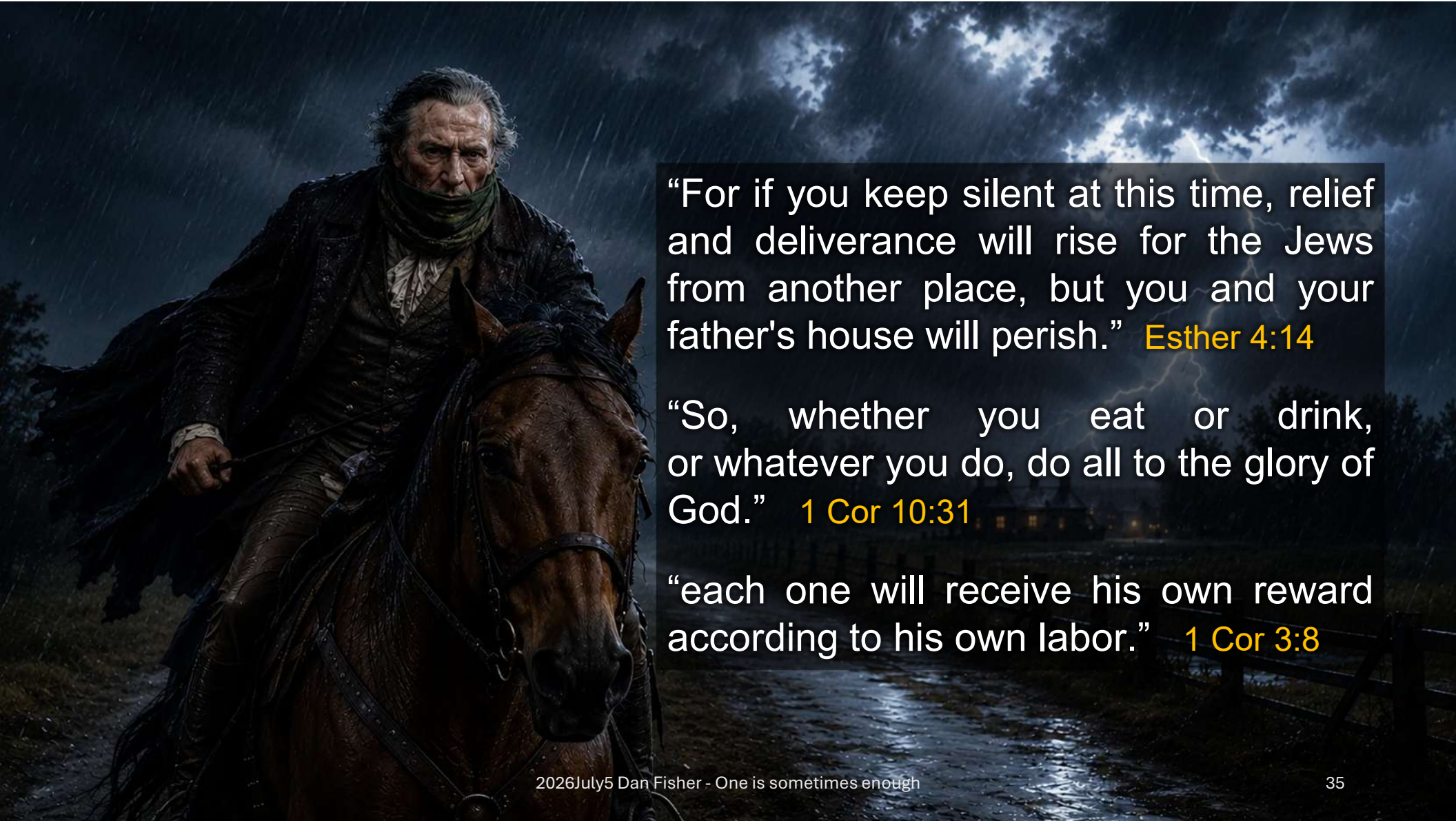
“I am only one, but I am one. I cannot do everything, but I can do something. And because I cannot do everything, I will not refuse to do the something that I can do.”



Esther saving her people
David with his sling
Hudson Taylor reaching China
Billy Graham preaching to America



Caesar Rodney riding through
the night to cast one vote



“For if you keep silent at this time, relief and deliverance will rise for the Jews from another place, but you and your father's house will perish.” **Esther 4:14**

“So, whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do all to the glory of God.” **1 Cor 10:31**

“each one will receive his own reward according to his own labor.” **1 Cor 3:8**