



“David the Warrior”
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Fight the Good Fight

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1 Timothy 6:11-12 NKJV

But you, O man of God, flee these things and pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, patience, gentleness. ¹² Fight the good fight of faith, lay hold on eternal life, to which you were also called and have confessed the good confession in the presence of many witnesses.

The Fight:

- External
- Internal

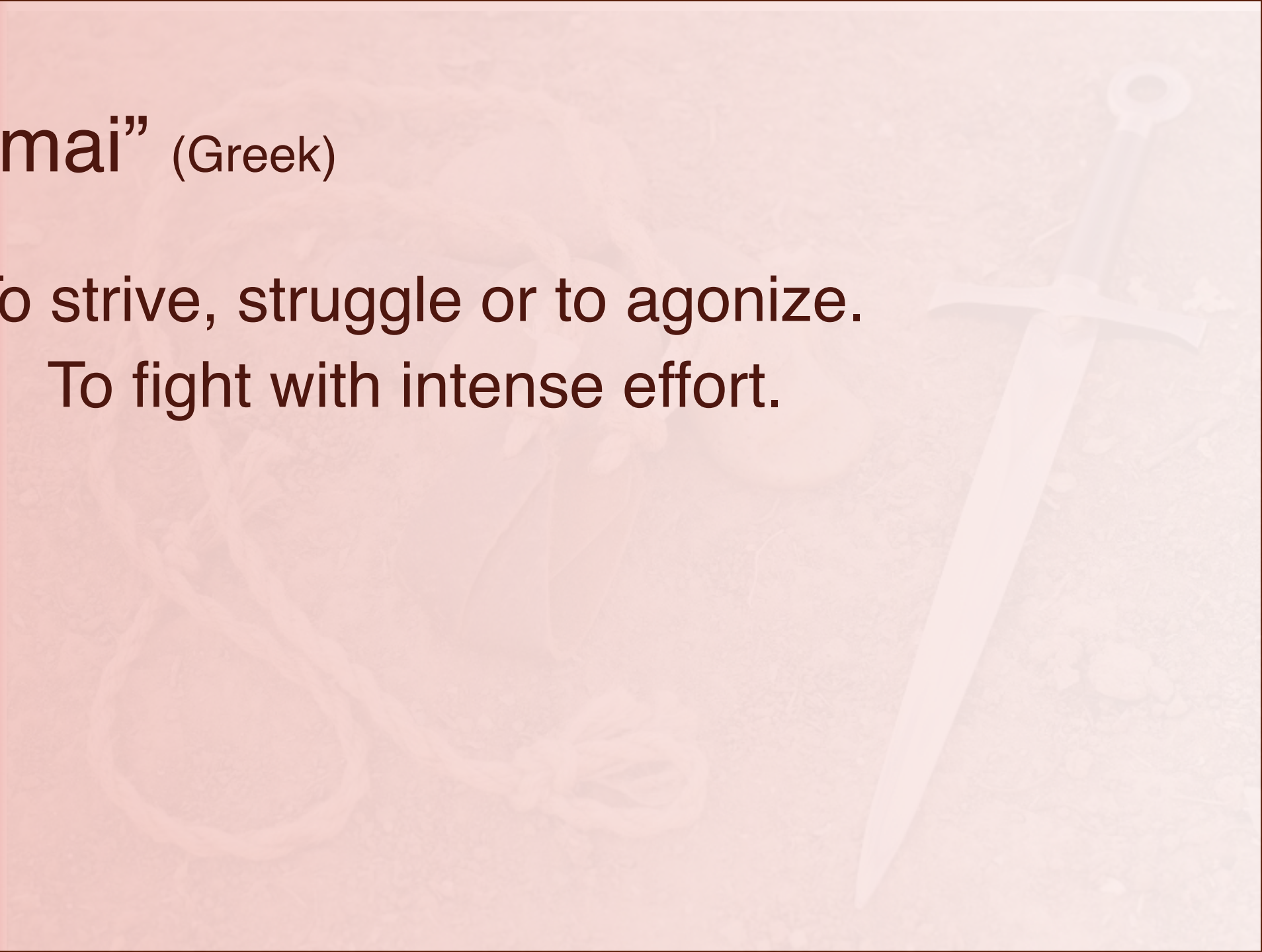


Galatians 5:16-17 NKJV

I say then: Walk in the Spirit, and you shall not fulfill the lust of the flesh. ¹⁷ For the flesh lusts against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh; and these are contrary to one another, so that you do not do the things that you wish.

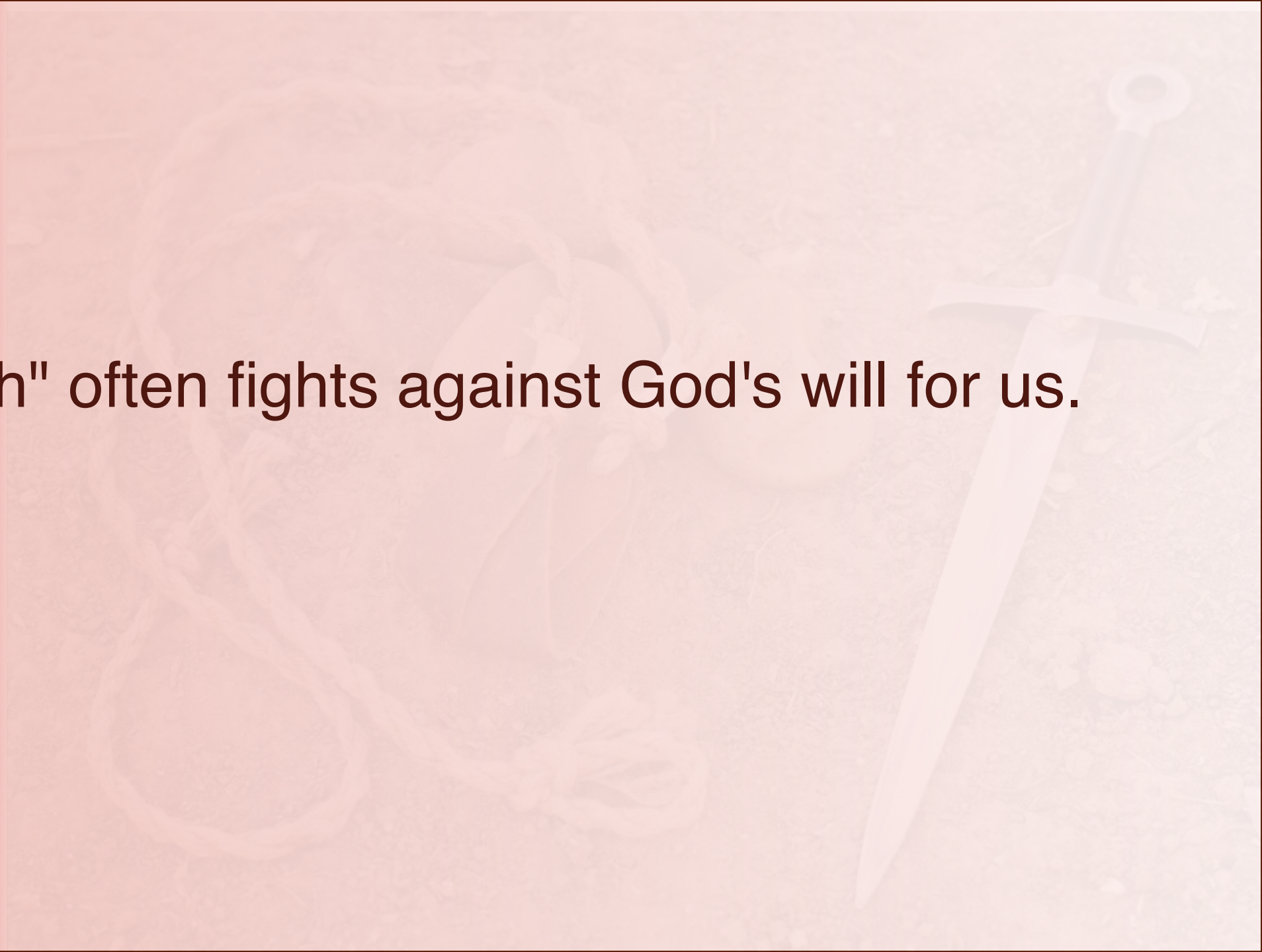
“Agonizomai” (Greek)

To strive, struggle or to agonize.
To fight with intense effort.



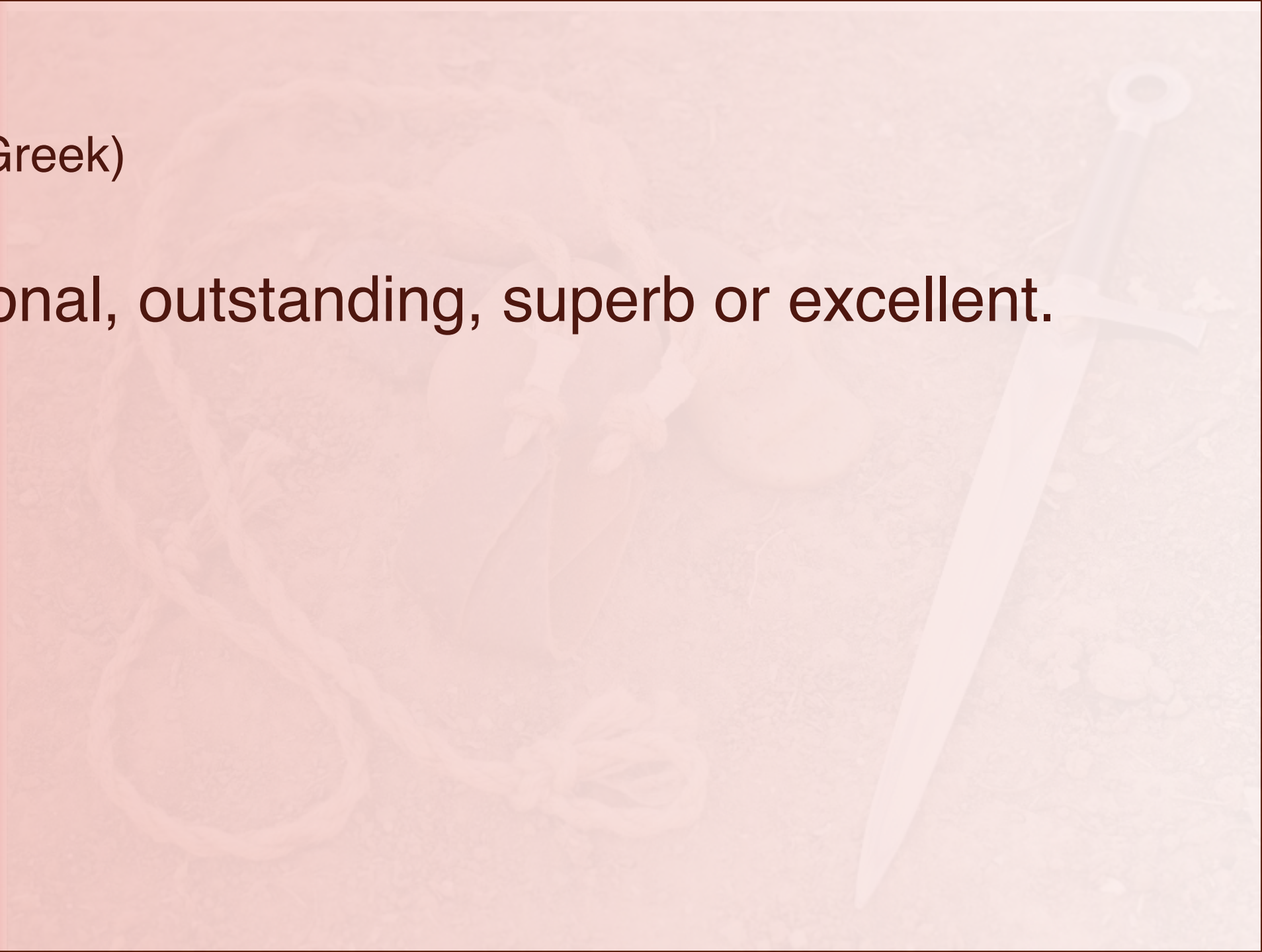
Truth:

Our "flesh" often fights against God's will for us.



“Kalos” (Greek)

Exceptional, outstanding, superb or excellent.



Questions:

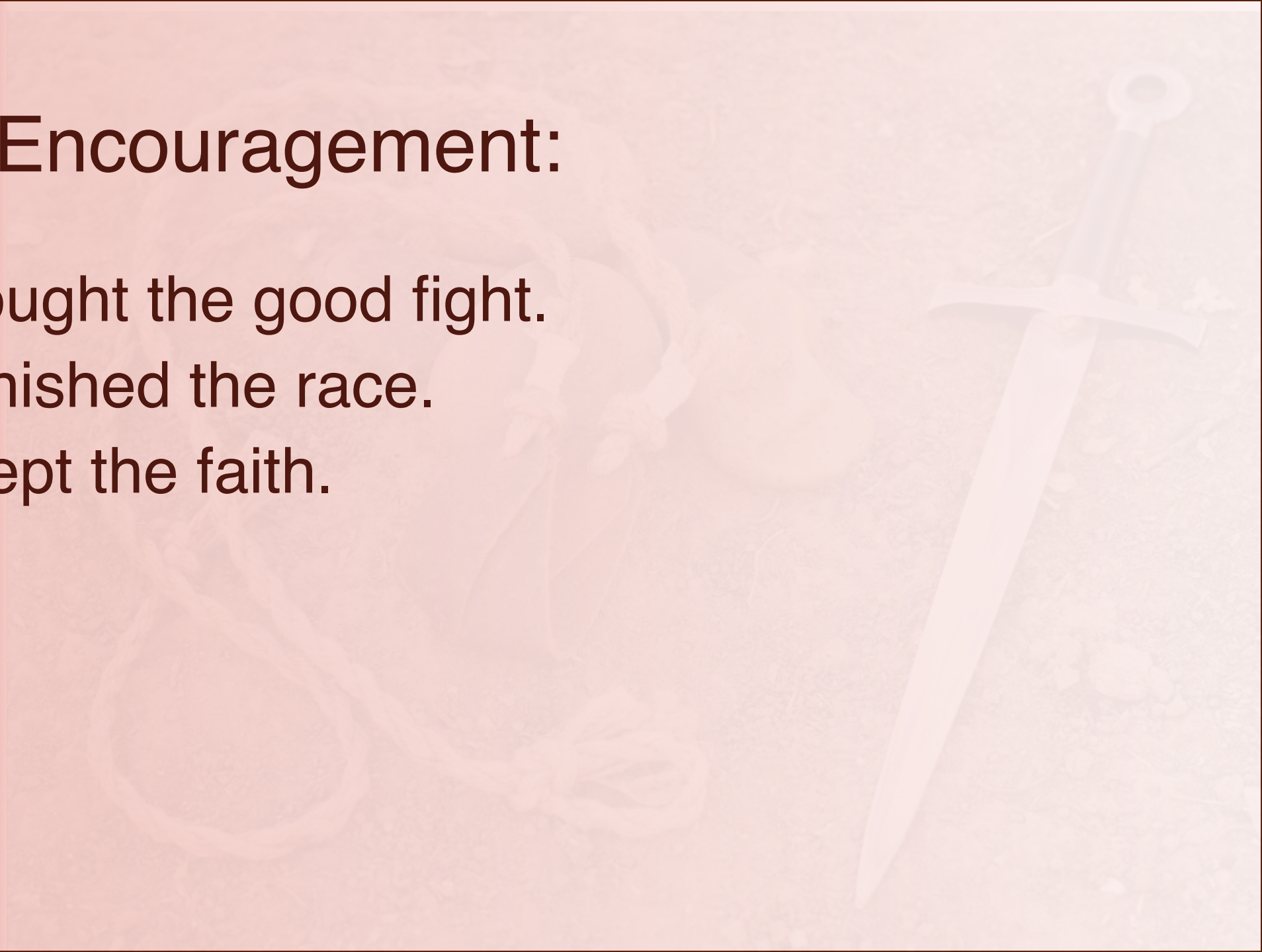
- Do we fight the good fight for our personal journey of faith?
- Do we fight the good fight for our loved ones?

2 Timothy 4:6-8 NKJV

For I am already being poured out as a drink offering, and the time of my departure is at hand. ⁷ I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. ⁸ Finally, there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will give to me on that Day, and not to me only but also to all who have loved His appearing.

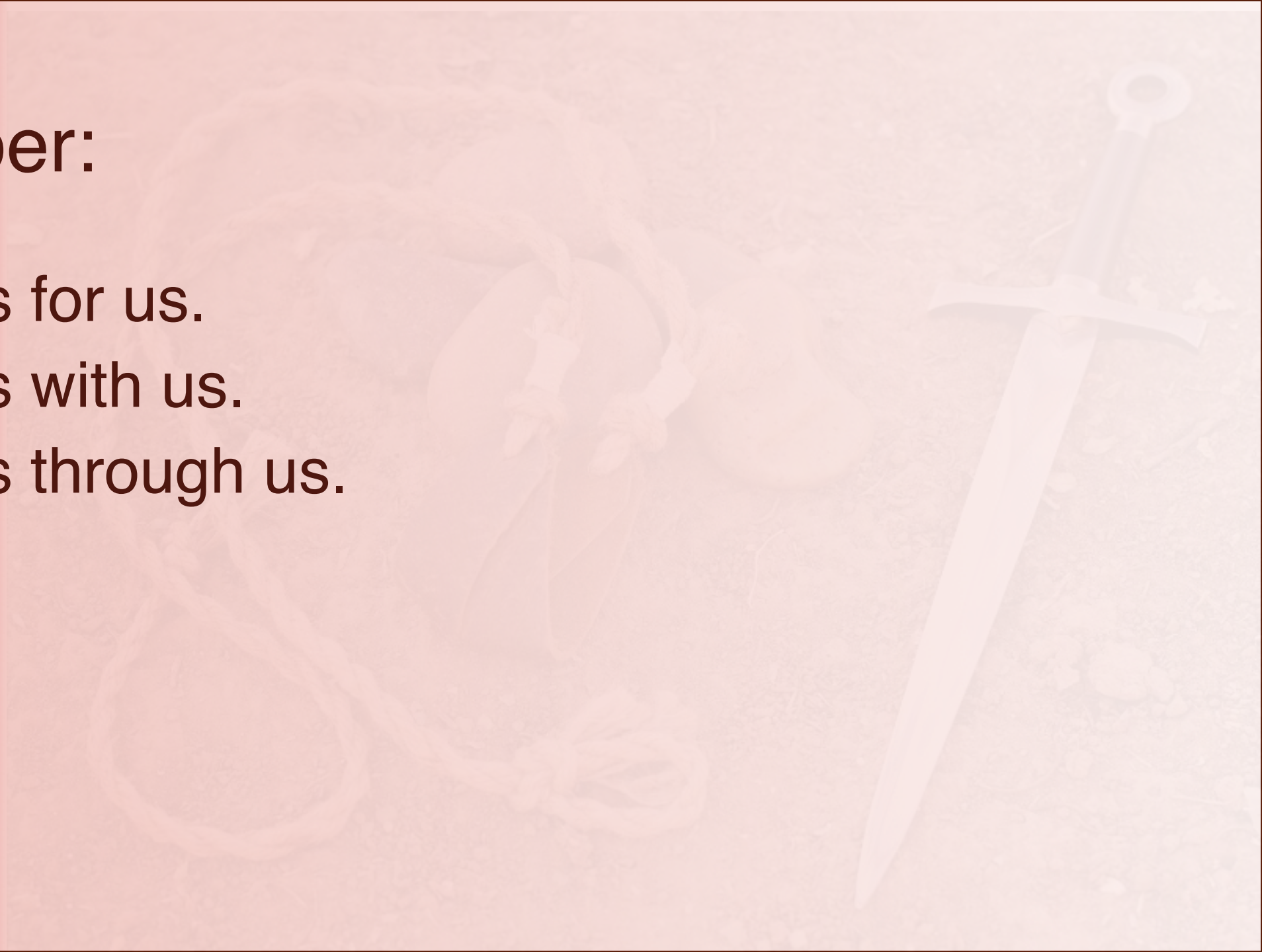
Spiritual Encouragement:

1. I have fought the good fight.
2. I have finished the race.
3. I have kept the faith.



Remember:

- God fights for us.
- God fights with us.
- God fights through us.



Or do you not know that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit *who is* in you, whom you have from God, and you are not your own? ²⁰ For you were bought at a price; therefore glorify God in your body and in your spirit, which are God's.

2 Timothy 2:3-7 NKJV

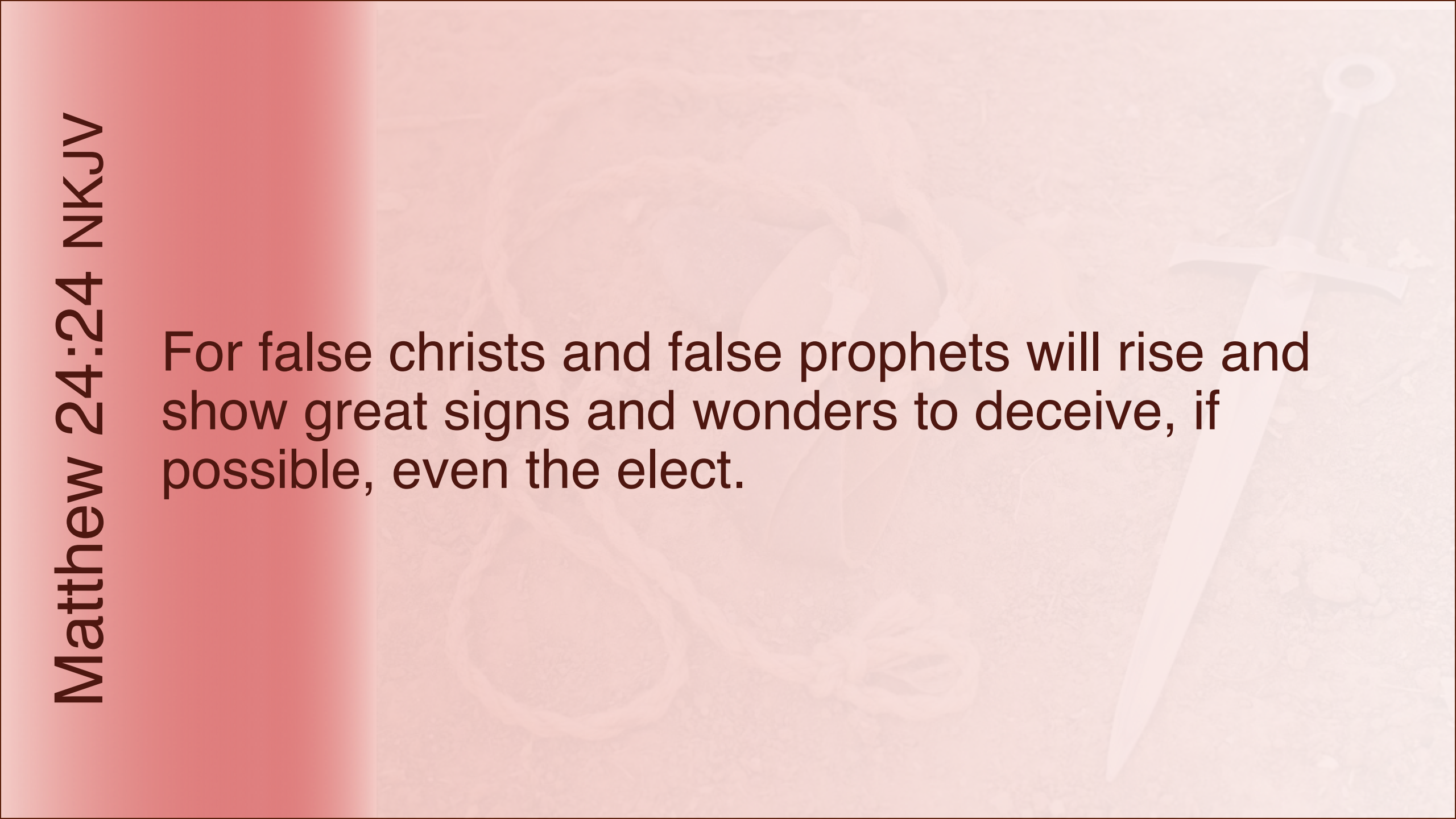
You therefore must endure hardship as a good soldier of Jesus Christ. ⁴ No one engaged in warfare entangles himself with the affairs of *this* life, that he may please him who enlisted him as a soldier. ⁵ And also if anyone competes in athletics, he is not crowned unless he competes according to the rules. ⁶ The hardworking farmer must be first to partake of the crops. ⁷ Consider what I say, and may the Lord give you understanding in all things.

2 Thessalonians 2:3 NKJV

Let no one deceive you by any means; for *that Day will not come* unless the falling away comes first, and the man of sin is revealed, the son of perdition,

Matthew 24:24 NKJV

For false christs and false prophets will rise and show great signs and wonders to deceive, if possible, even the elect.

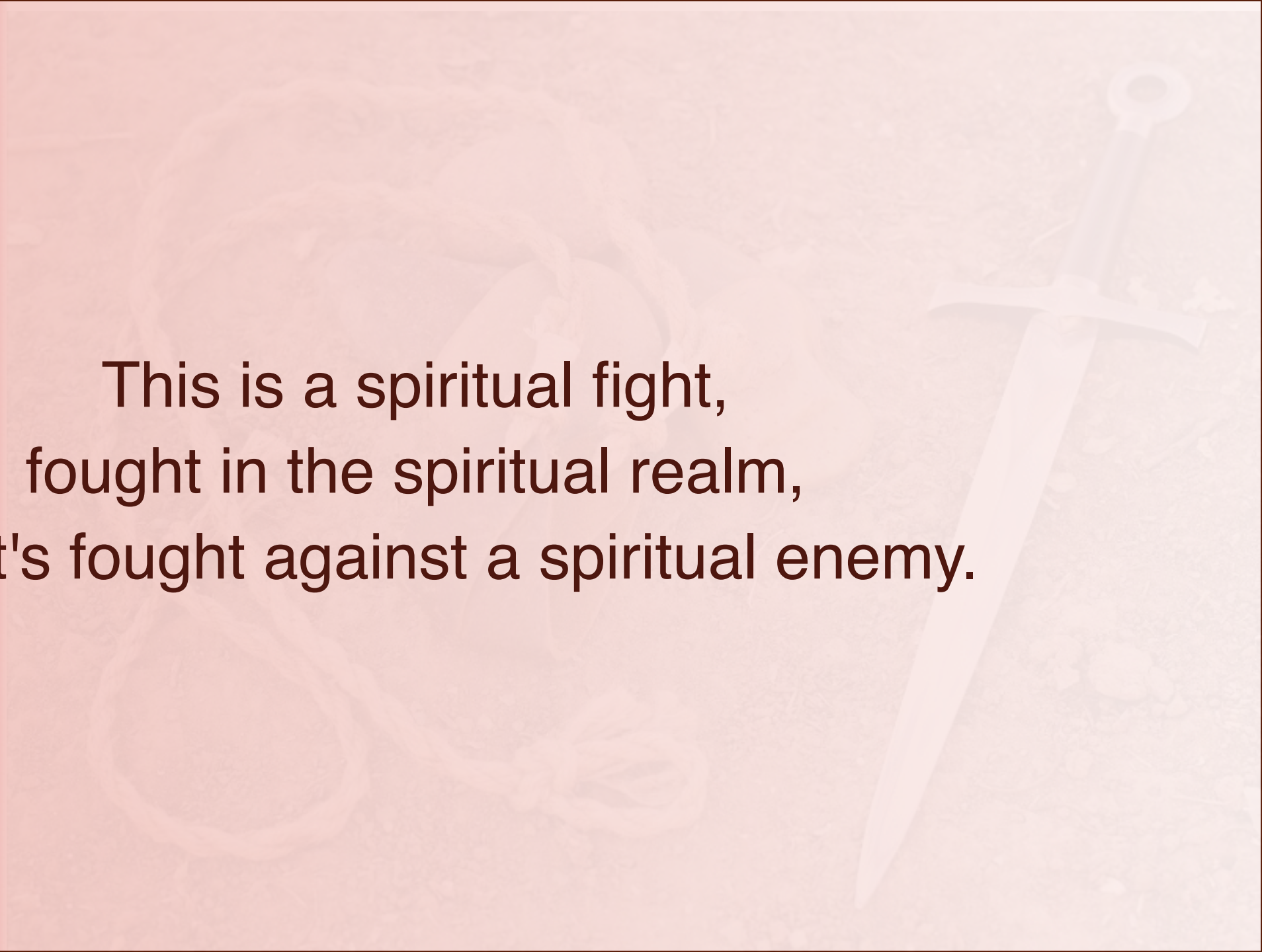


1 Peter 5:8-9 NKJV

Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil walks about like a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour. ⁹ Resist him, steadfast in the faith, knowing that the same sufferings are experienced by your brotherhood in the world.

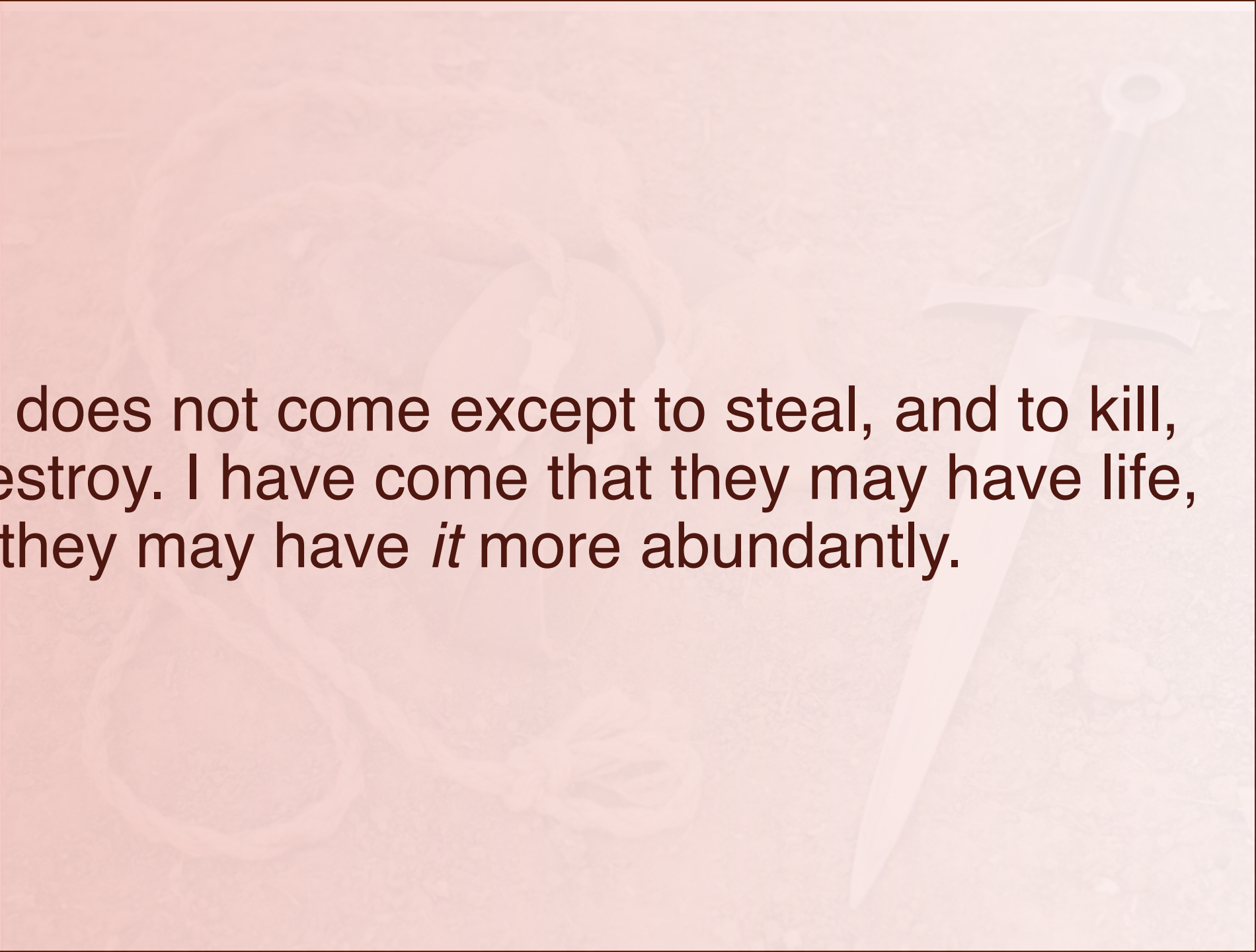
Truth:

**This is a spiritual fight,
fought in the spiritual realm,
and it's fought against a spiritual enemy.**



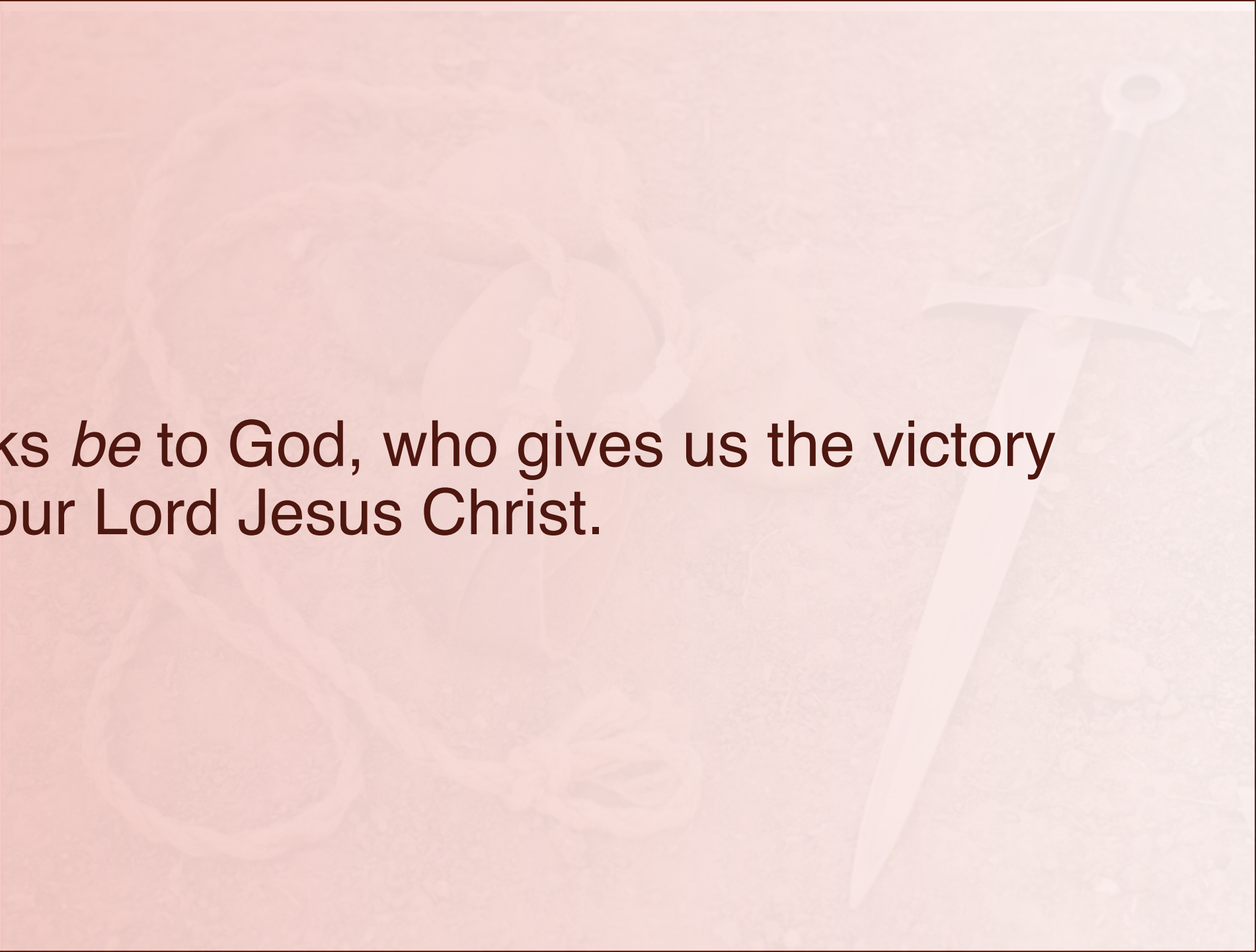
John 10:10 NKJV

The thief does not come except to steal, and to kill, and to destroy. I have come that they may have life, and that they may have *it* more abundantly.



1 Corinthians 15:57 NKJV

But thanks *be* to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

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2 Corinthians 4:8-9 NKJV

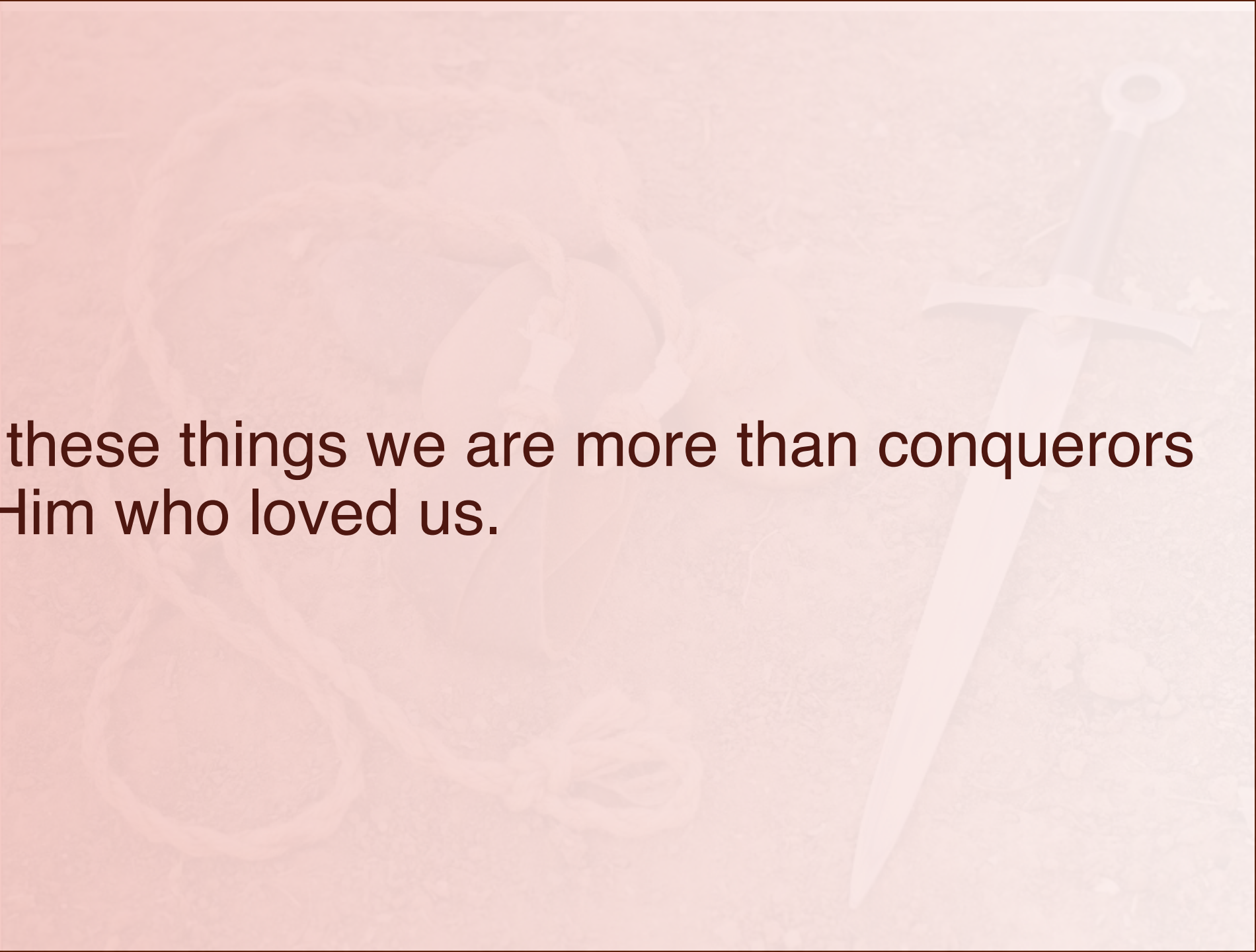
We are hard-pressed on every side, yet not crushed; *we are* perplexed, but not in despair; ⁹ persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed—

John 16:33 NKJV

These things I have spoken to you, that in Me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation; but be of good cheer, I have overcome the world.”

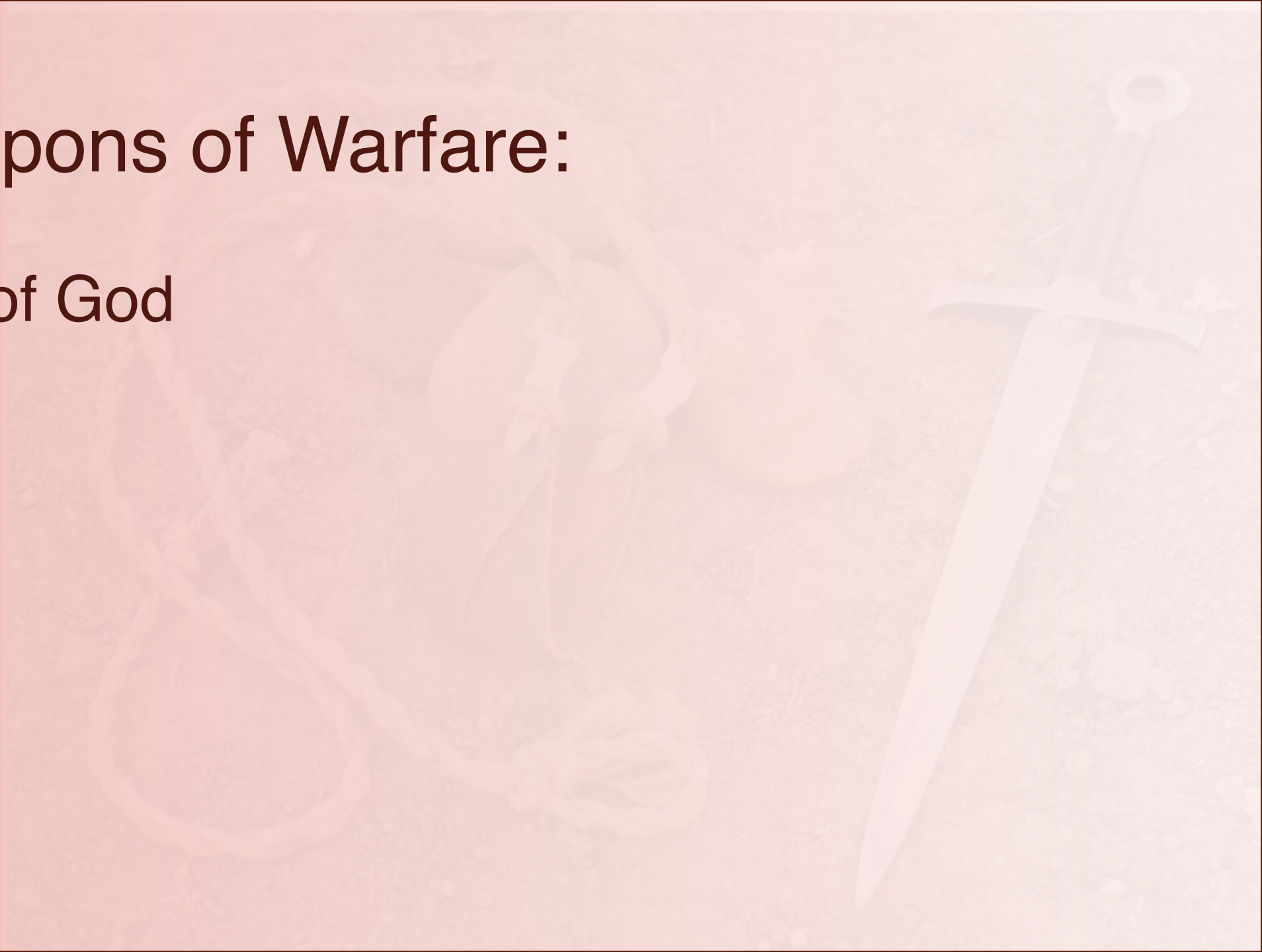
Romans 8:37 NKJV

Yet in all these things we are more than conquerors through Him who loved us.



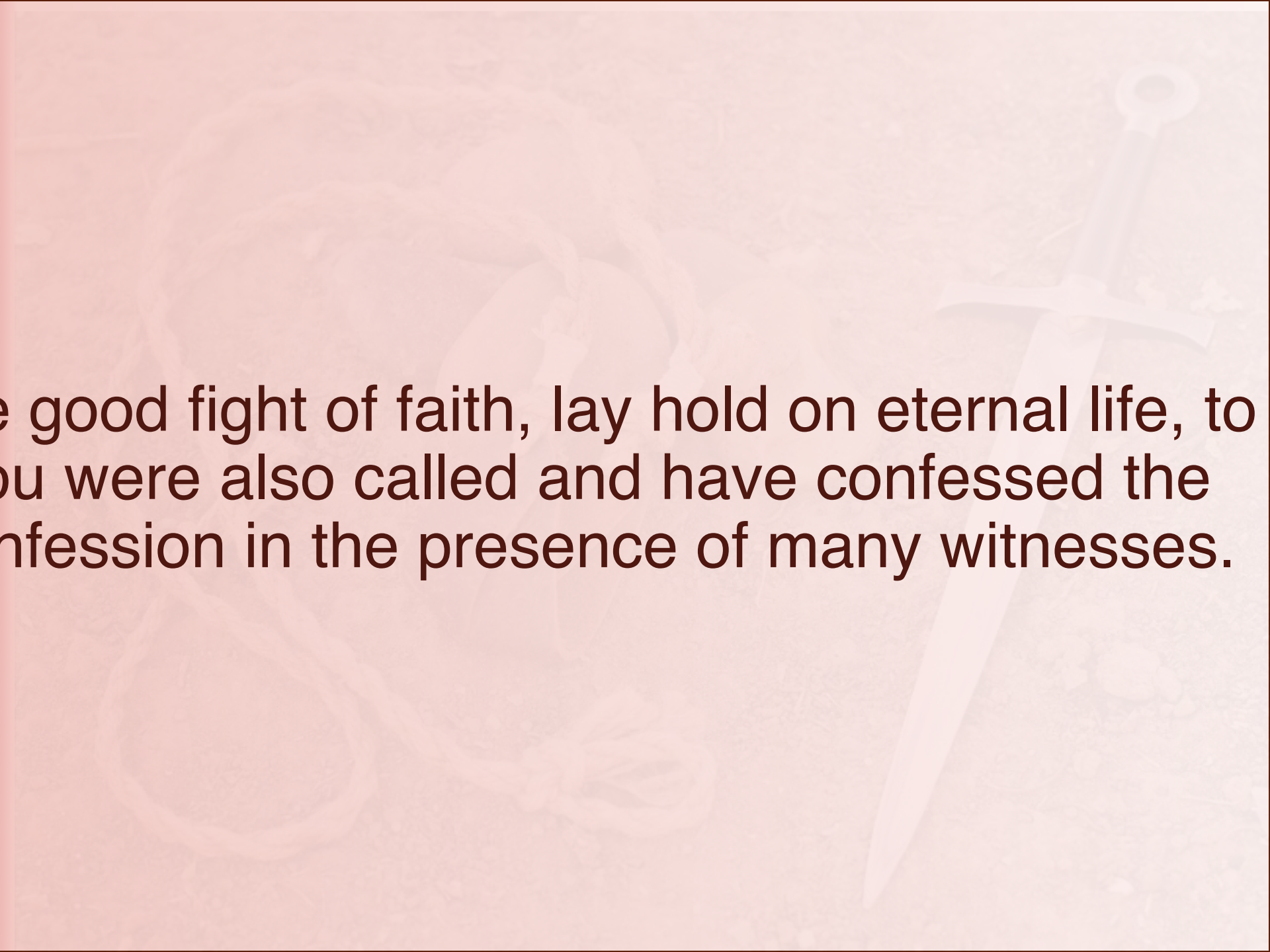
Our Weapons of Warfare:

- the word of God
- prayer
- worship
- fellowship



1 Timothy 6:12 NKJV

Fight the good fight of faith, lay hold on eternal life, to which you were also called and have confessed the good confession in the presence of many witnesses.



The background features a faint, light-colored illustration. On the right side, a sword with a detailed hilt and a long blade is shown. On the left side, a hand is depicted holding a rolled-up scroll. The overall aesthetic is that of a parchment or parchment-like background.

Quote:

The race doesn't always belong to the Swift nor the battle to the Strong. It belongs rather to those who run the race, who stay the course and who fight the good fight.

- Yaz