





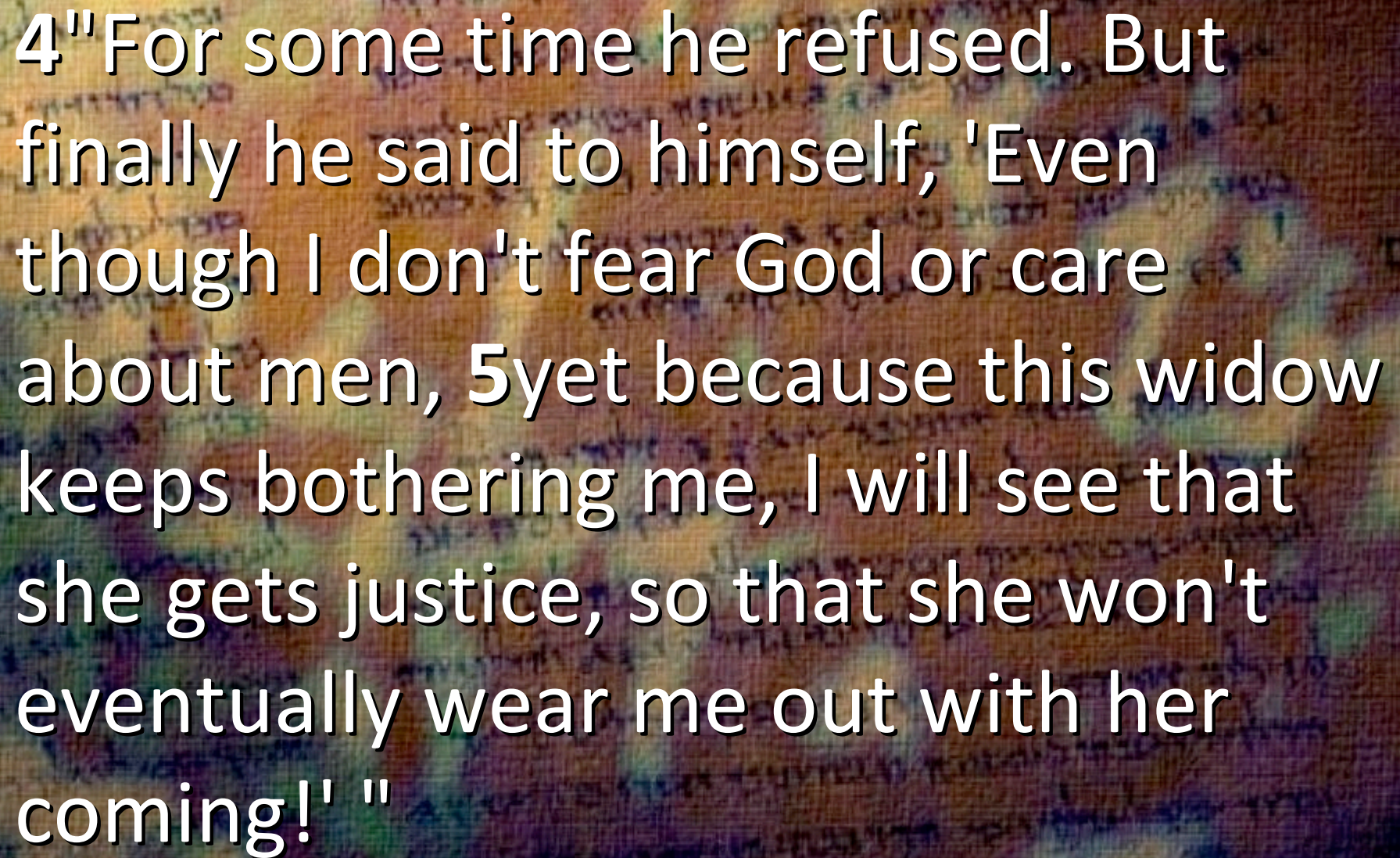


*The HOPE God offers that  
leads to lasting CHANGE.*



Then Jesus told his disciples a parable to show them that they should always pray and not give up. 2He said: "In a certain town there was a judge who neither feared God nor cared about men. 3And there was a widow in that town who kept coming to him with the plea, 'Grant me justice against my adversary.'





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Once, having been asked by the Pharisees when the kingdom of God would come, Jesus replied, "The kingdom of God does not come with your careful observation, nor will people say, 'Here it is,' or 'There it is,' because the kingdom of God is within you." Luke 17:20,21







For the Kingdom of God  
is already among you.



22 Then he said to his disciples,  
"The time is coming when you will  
long to see one of the days of the  
Son of Man, but you will not see it.

Luke 17:22



As my vision continued that night, I saw someone like a son of man coming with the clouds of heaven. ... 14 He was given authority, honor, and sovereignty over all the nations of the world, so that people of every race and nation and language would obey him. His rule is eternal—it will never end. His kingdom will never be destroyed.

Daniel 7:13,14



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**23**Men will tell you, 'There he is!' or 'Here he is!' Do not go running off after them. **24**For the Son of Man in his day will be like the lightning, which flashes and lights up the sky from one end to the other. **25**But first he must suffer many things and be rejected by this generation.

Luke 17:23-25



26" Just as it was in the days of Noah, so also will it be in the days of the Son of Man.

27 People were eating, drinking, marrying and being given in marriage up to the day Noah entered the ark. Then the flood came and destroyed them all. 28" It was the same in the days of Lot. People were eating and drinking, buying and selling, planting and building.

29 But the day Lot left Sodom, fire and sulfur rained down from heaven and destroyed them all.

Luke 17:26-29



"It will be just like this on the day the Son of Man is revealed. 31 On that day no one who is on the roof of his house, with his goods inside, should go down to get them. Likewise, no one in the field should go back for anything.

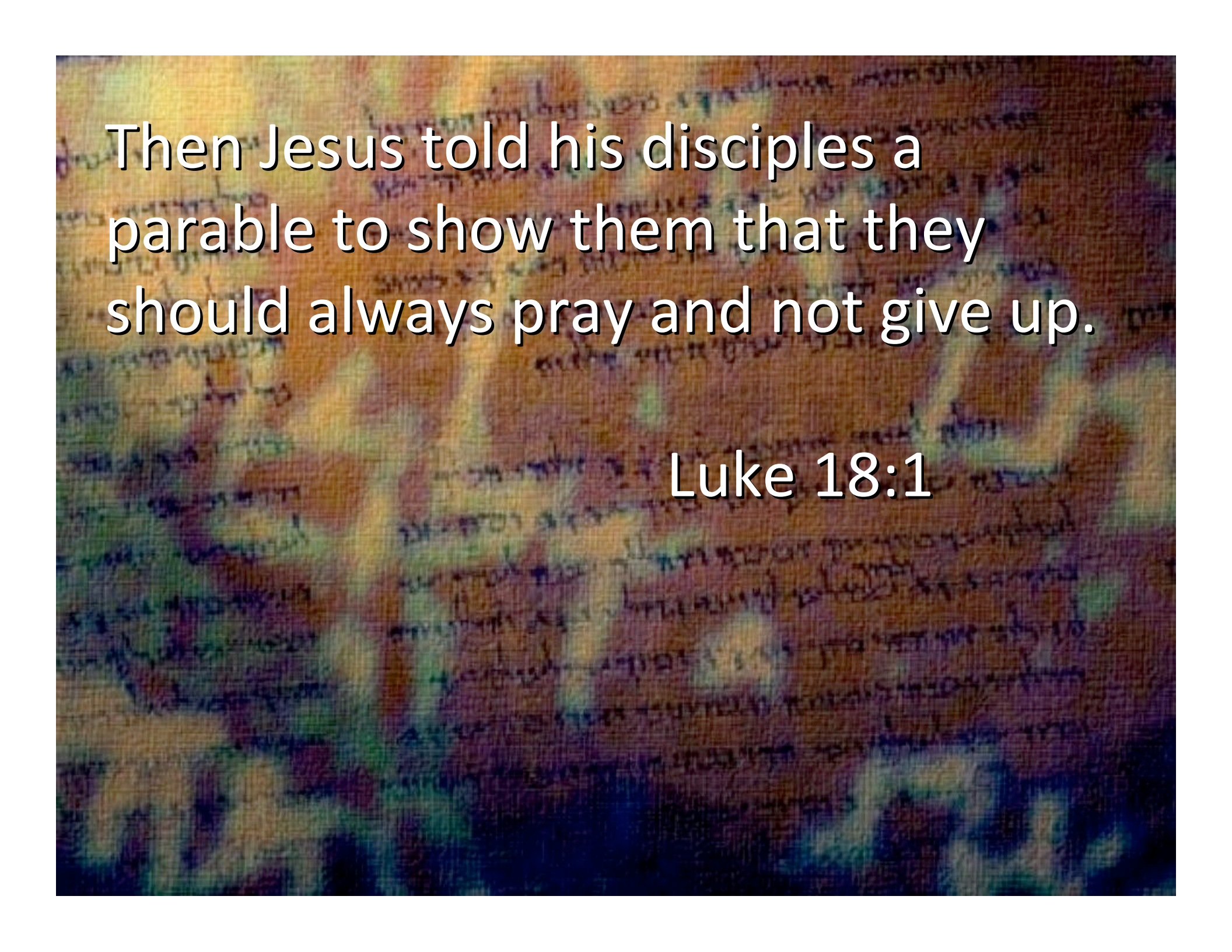
32 Remember Lot's wife! 33 Whoever tries to keep his life will lose it, and whoever loses his life will preserve it. 34 I tell you, on that night two people will be in one bed; one will be taken and the other left. 35 Two women will be grinding grain together; one will be taken and the other left."



**37"Where, Lord?" they asked.**

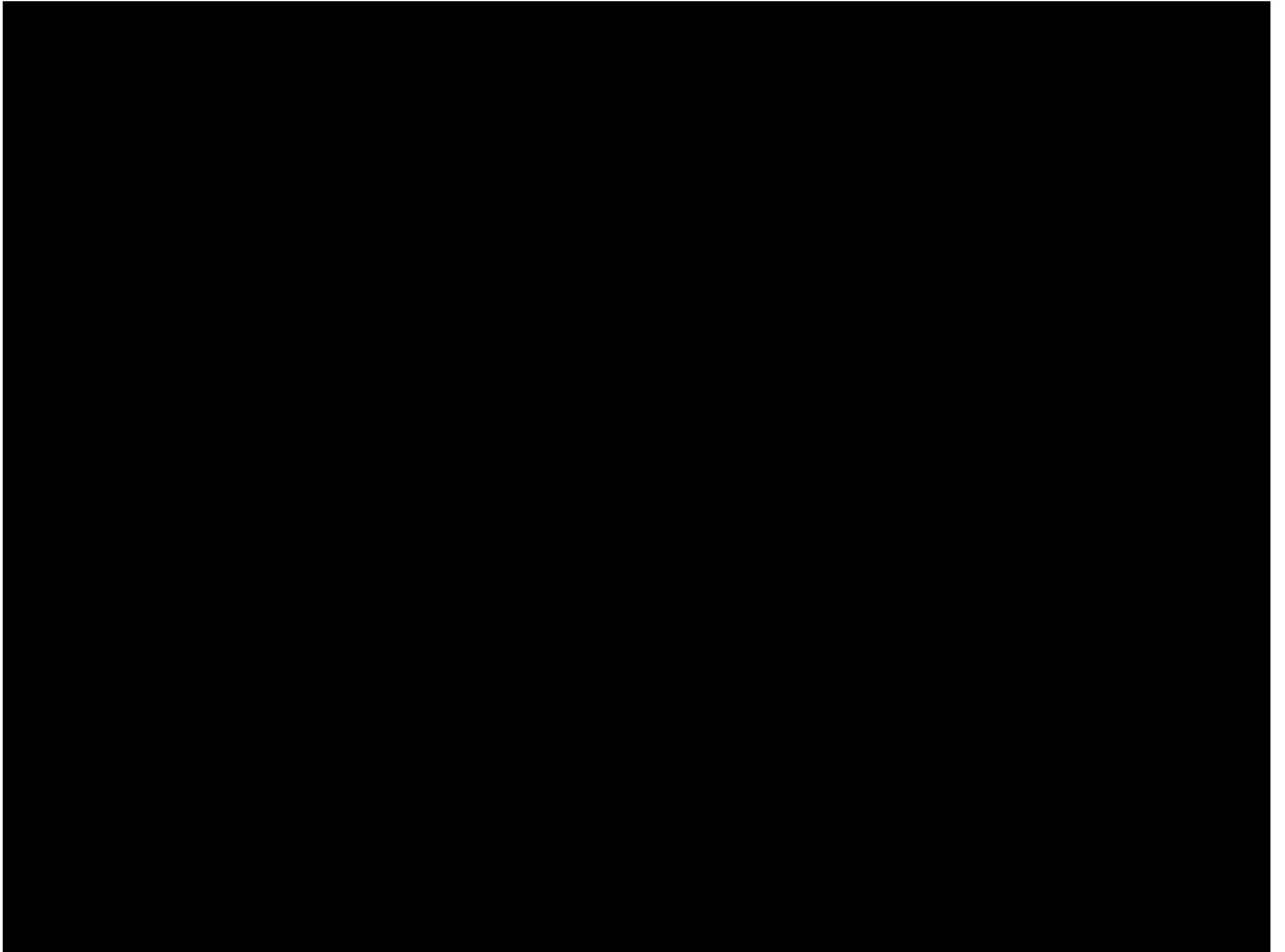
**He replied, "Where there is a  
dead body, there the vultures will  
gather." Luke 17:37**



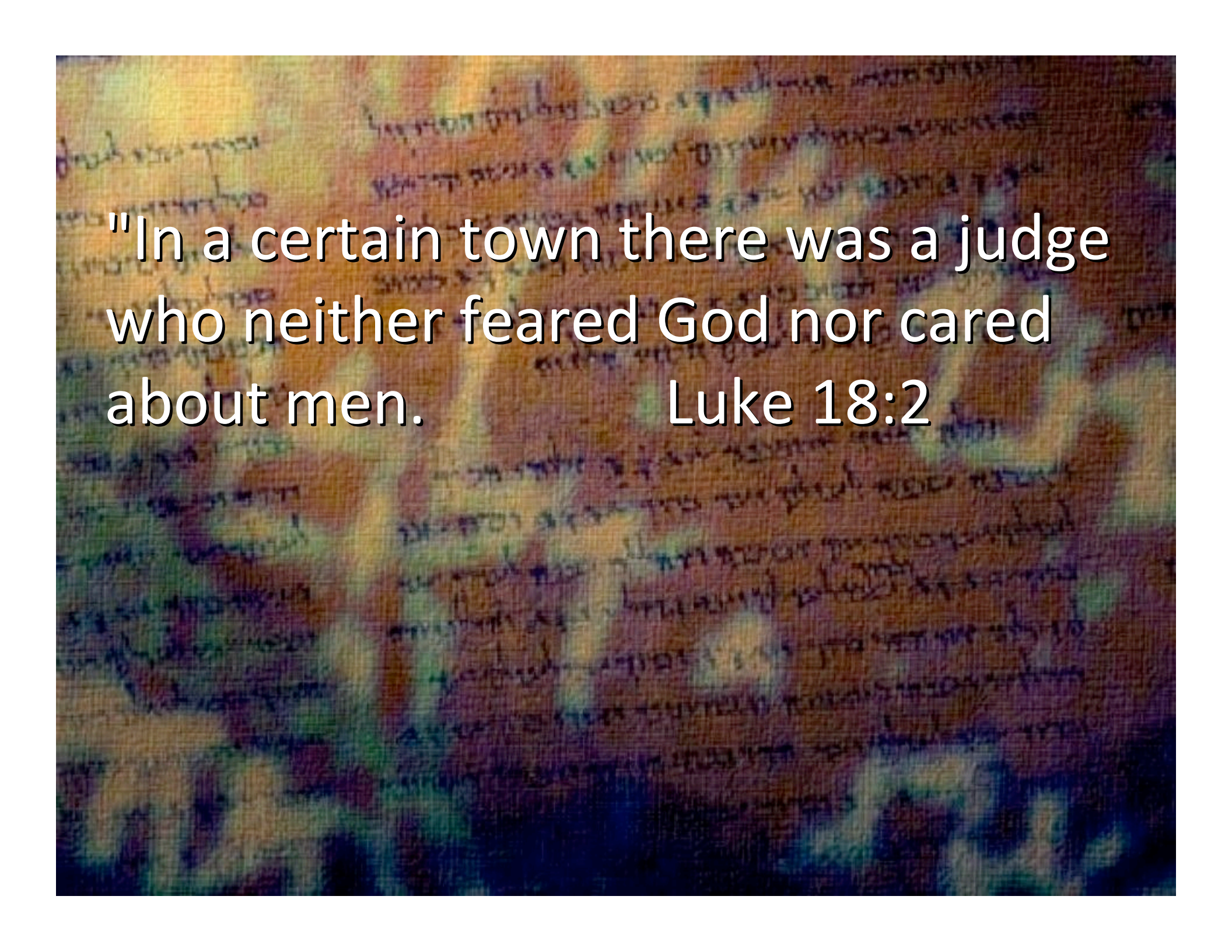
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Luke 18:1

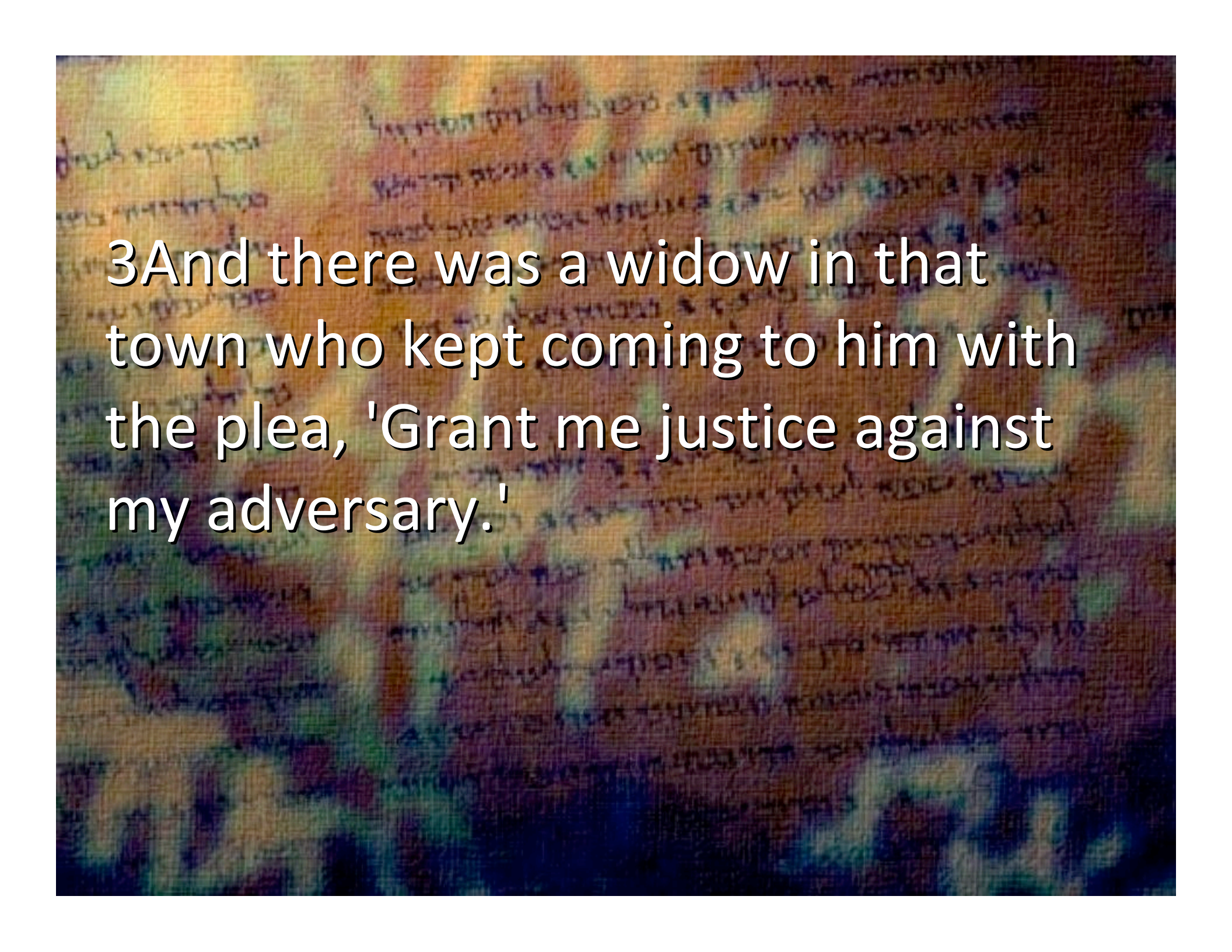






"In a certain town there was a judge  
who neither feared God nor cared  
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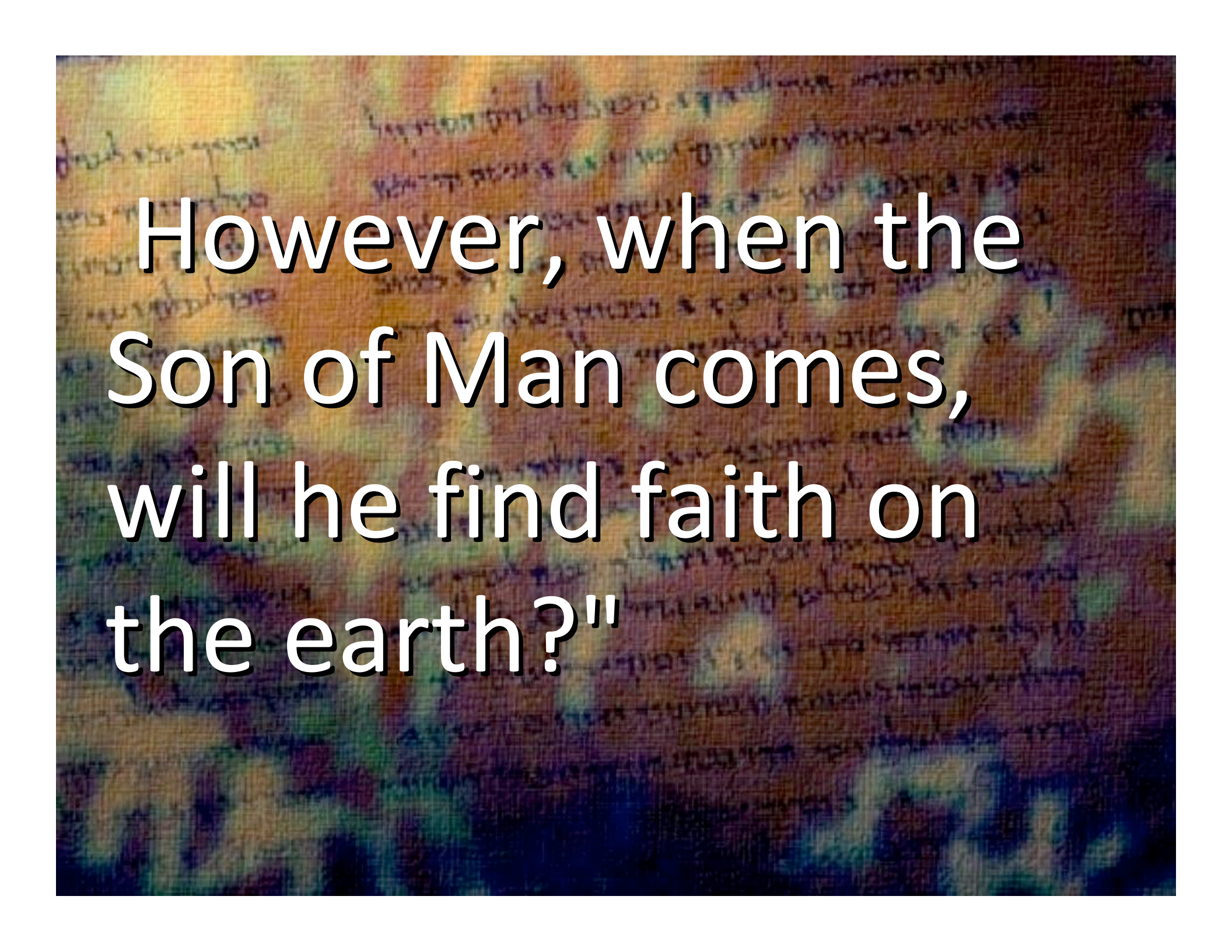


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First of all, you must understand that in the last days scoffers will come, scoffing and following their own evil desires. 4They will say, "Where is this 'coming' he promised? Ever since our fathers died, everything goes on as it has since the beginning of creation.

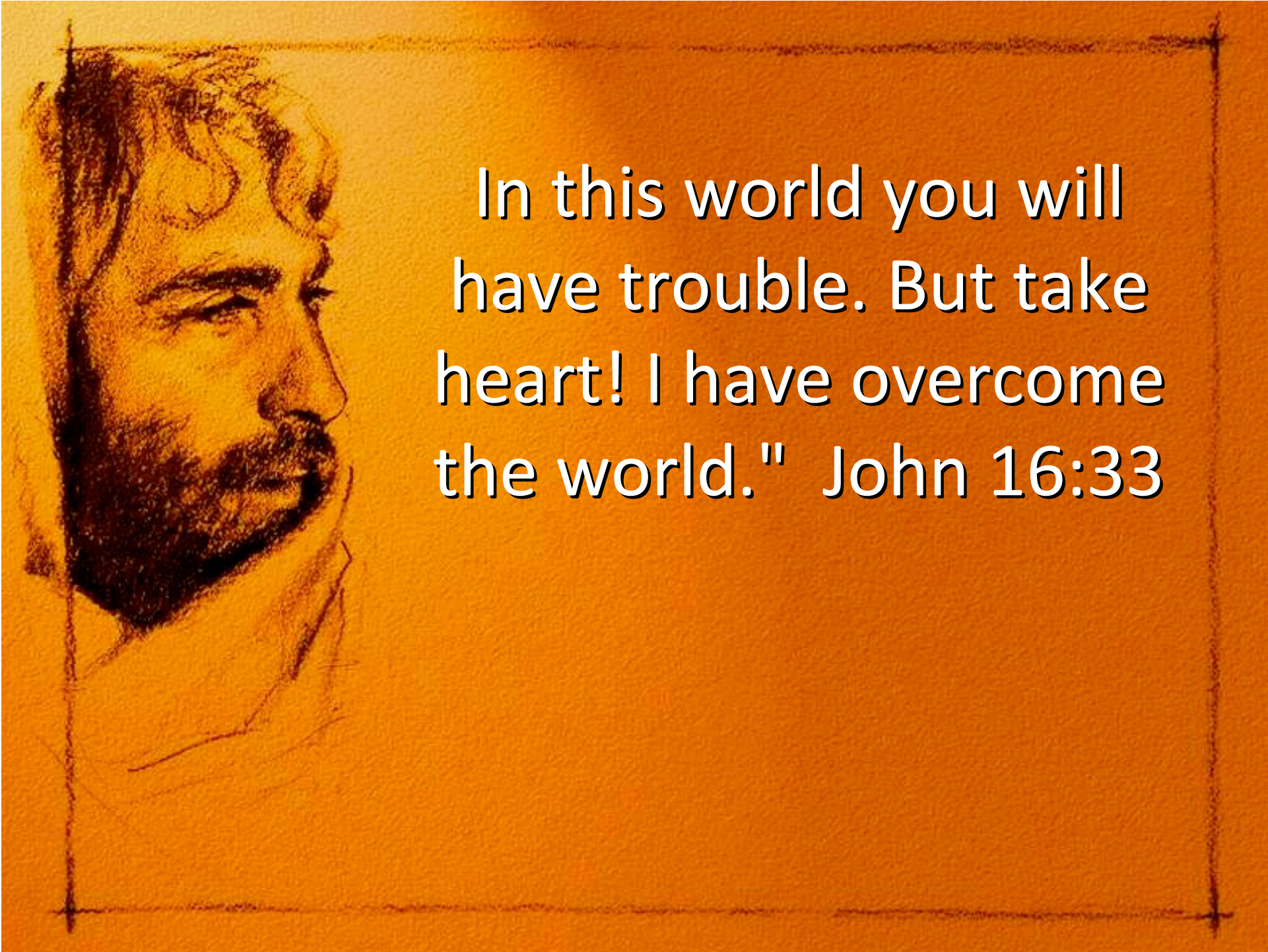
2 Peter 3:3



Because isn't losing heart  
exactly what we all struggle  
with everyday in life?



Why does it matter?



In this world you will  
have trouble. But take  
heart! I have overcome  
the world." John 16:33



**False triumph-ism**







Brothers, we do not want you to be ignorant about those who have died, or to grieve like the rest of men, who have no hope.

1 Thessalonians 4:13



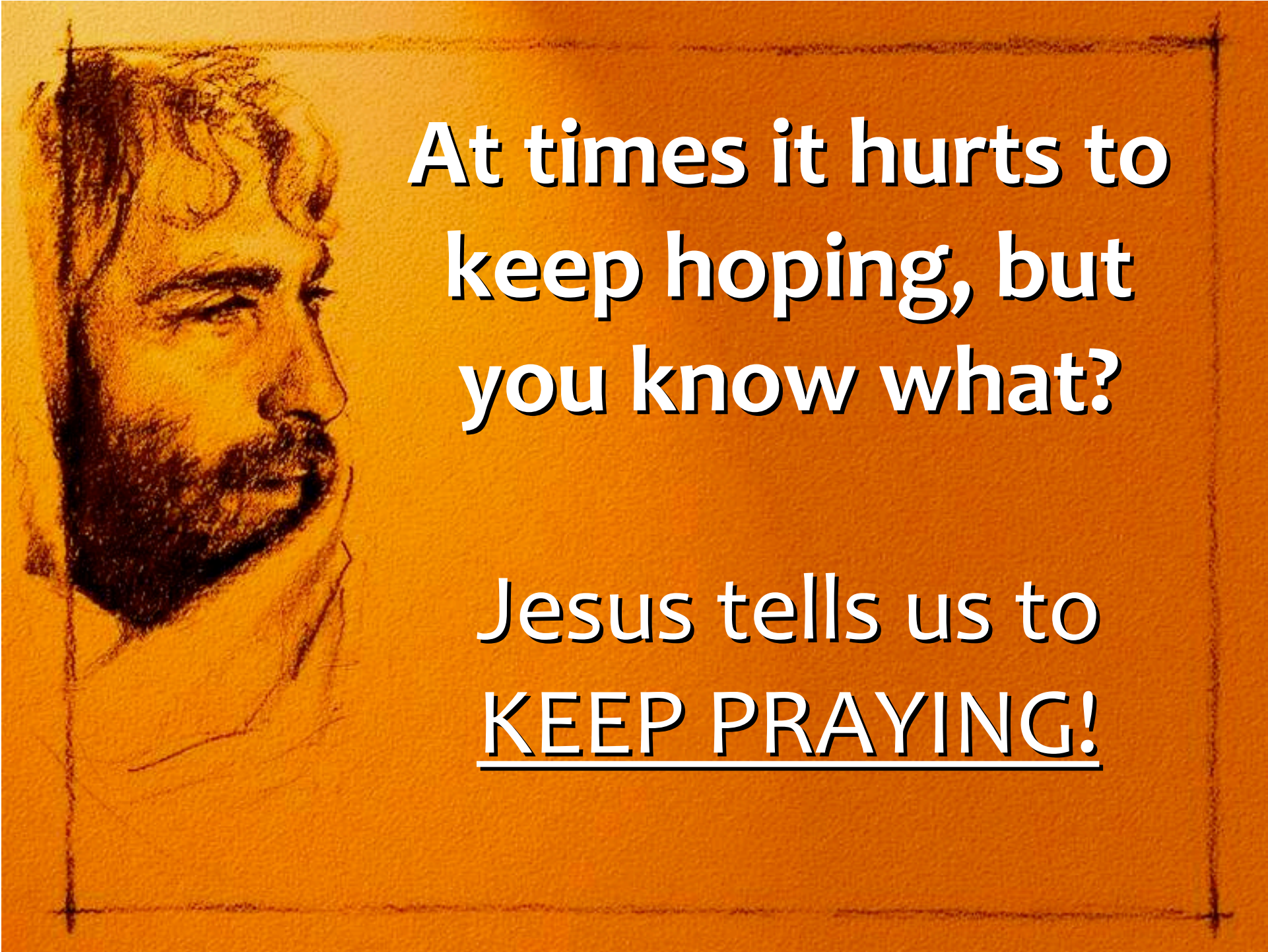
**living with defeatism**







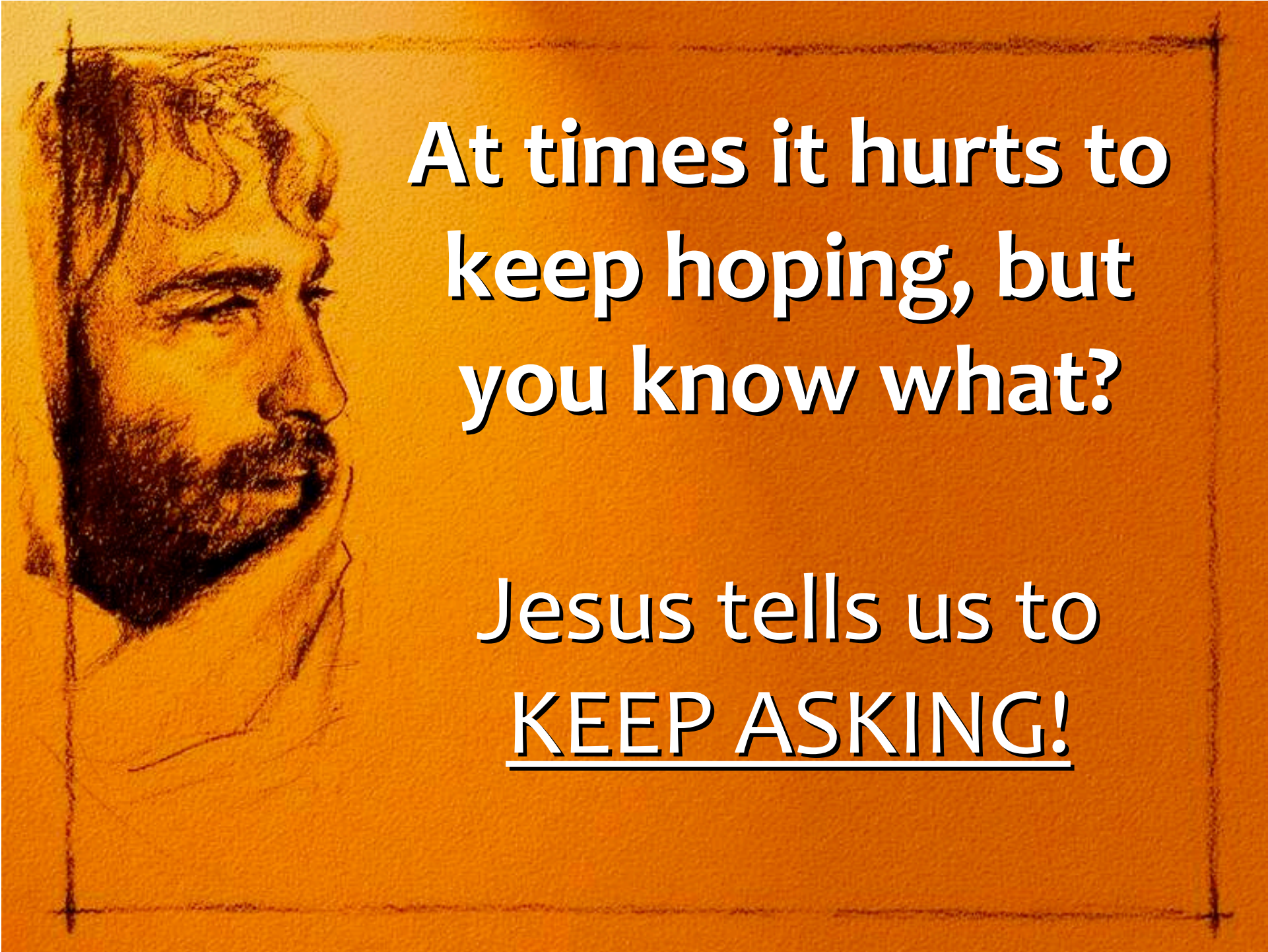




**At times it hurts to  
keep hoping, but  
you know what?**

**Jesus tells us to  
KEEP PRAYING!**





**At times it hurts to  
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**Jesus tells us to  
KEEP ASKING!**



Why do  
we pray?  
Because the  
kingdom's  
come.





Why do we keep  
praying ?

Because the  
**kingdom is coming.**



Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, and into an inheritance that can never perish, spoil or fade — kept in heaven for you, who through faith are shielded by God's power until the coming of the salvation that is ready to be revealed in the last time.

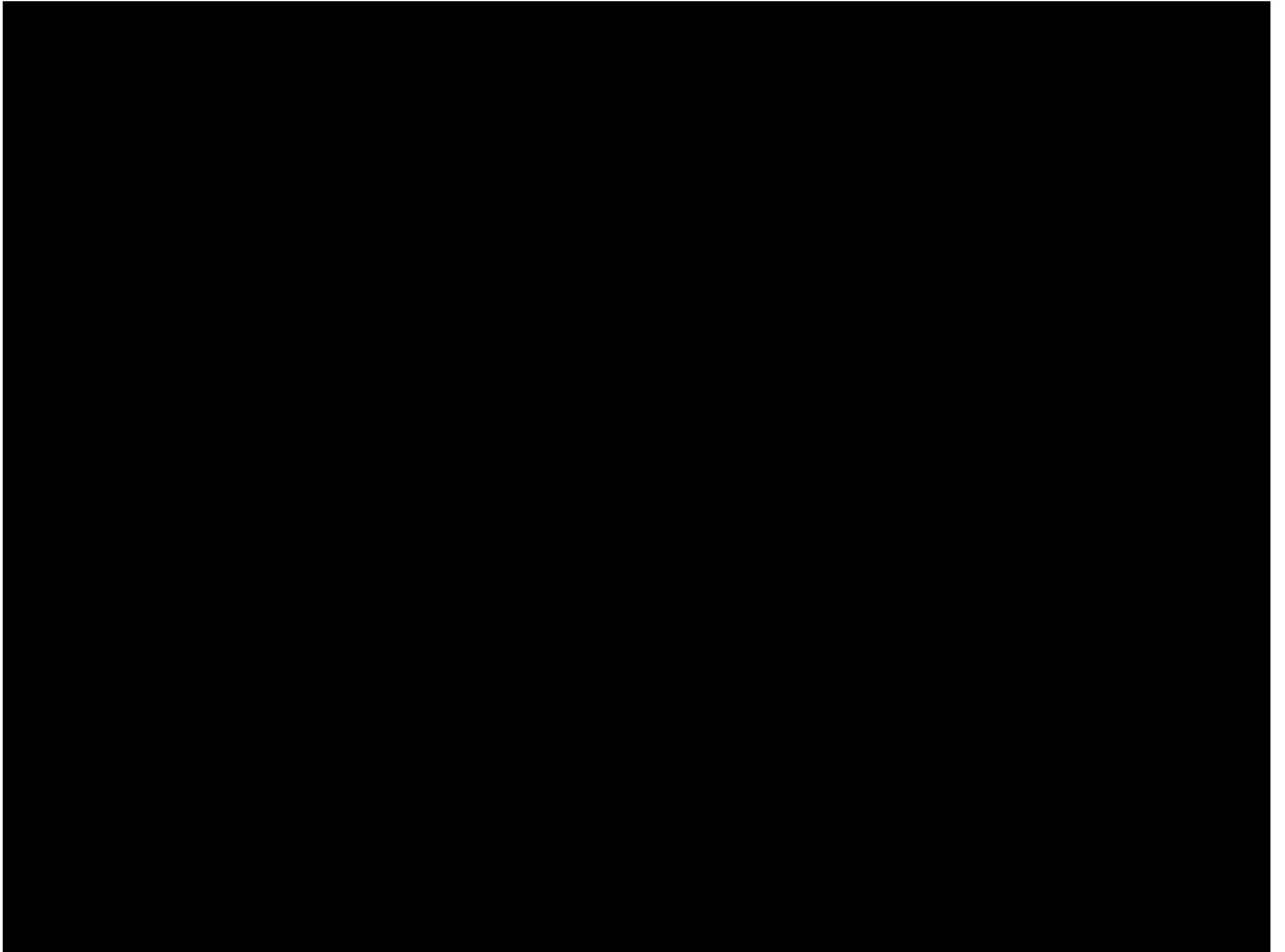
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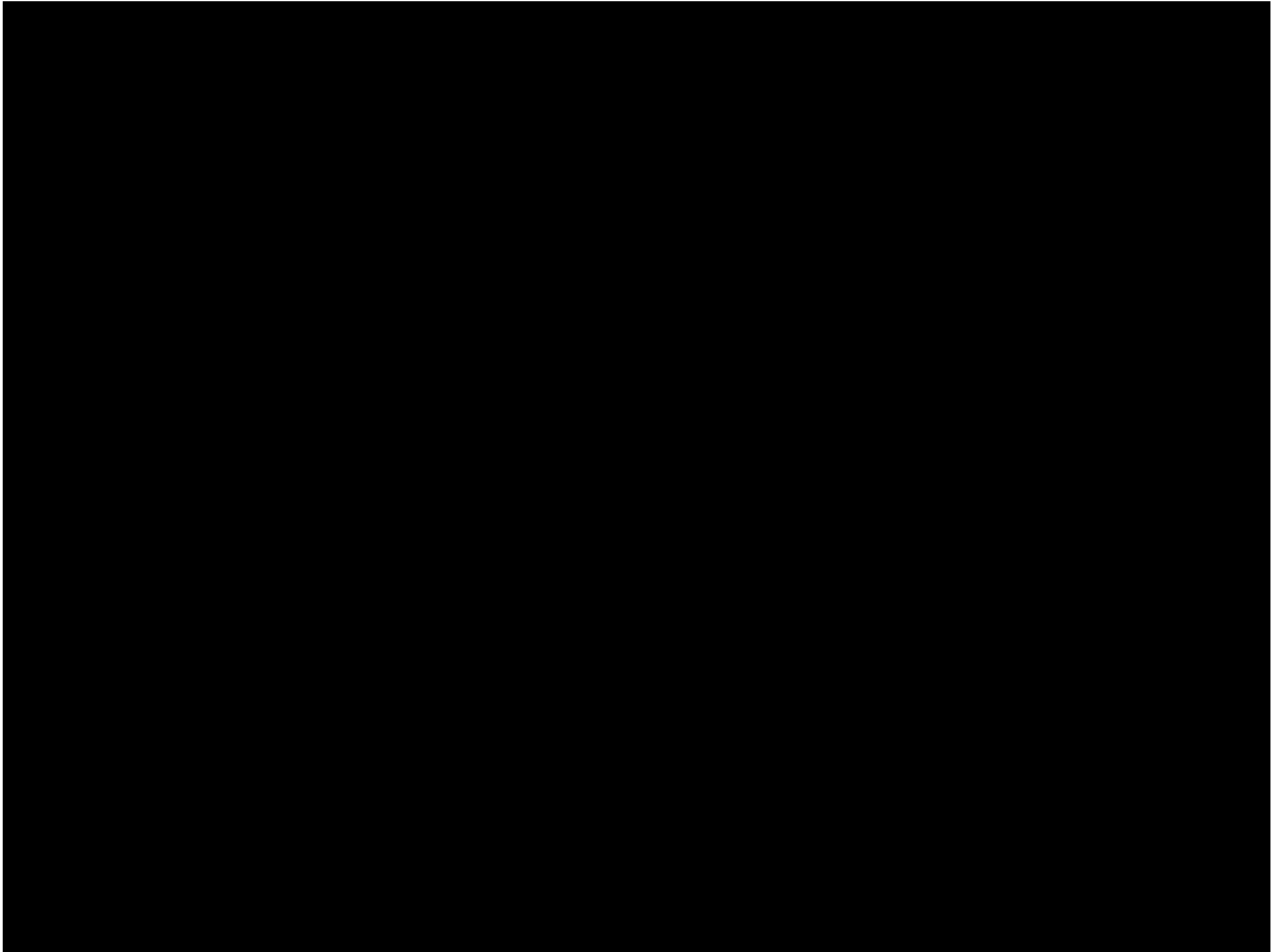






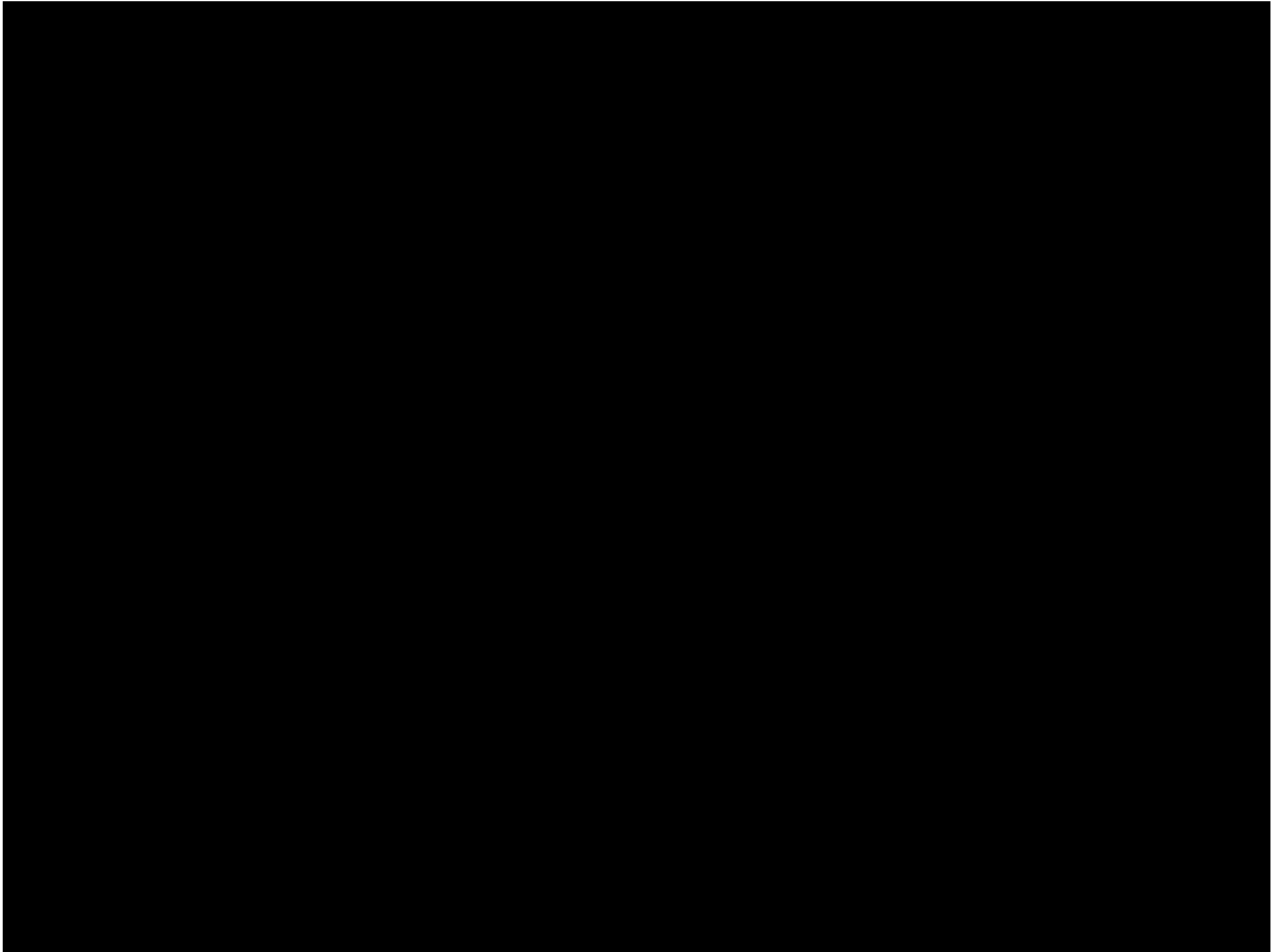


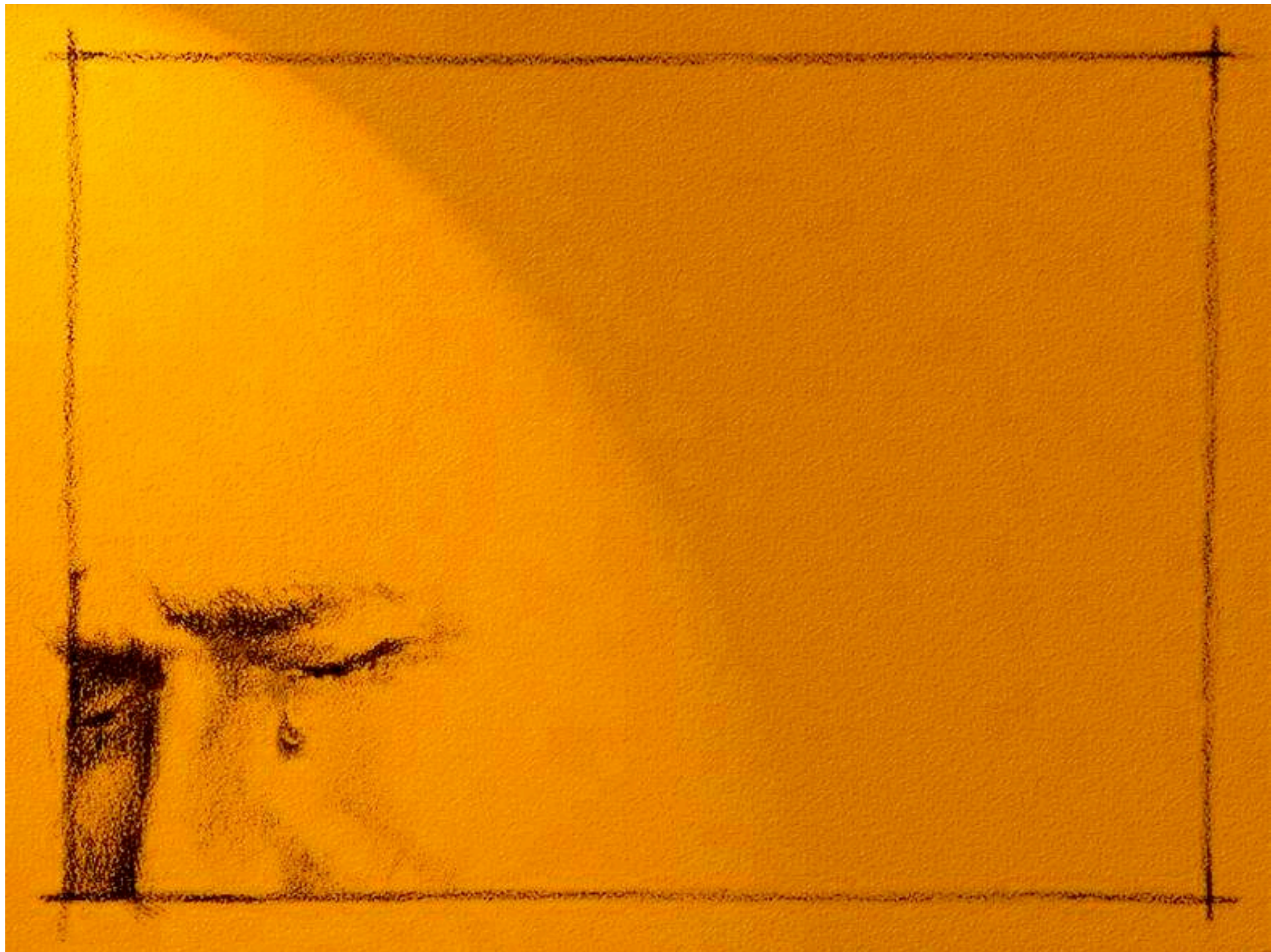














## **Strong Relationships Consist of 4 Key Attributes:**

**1. Authenticity** – *the character of being yourself.*

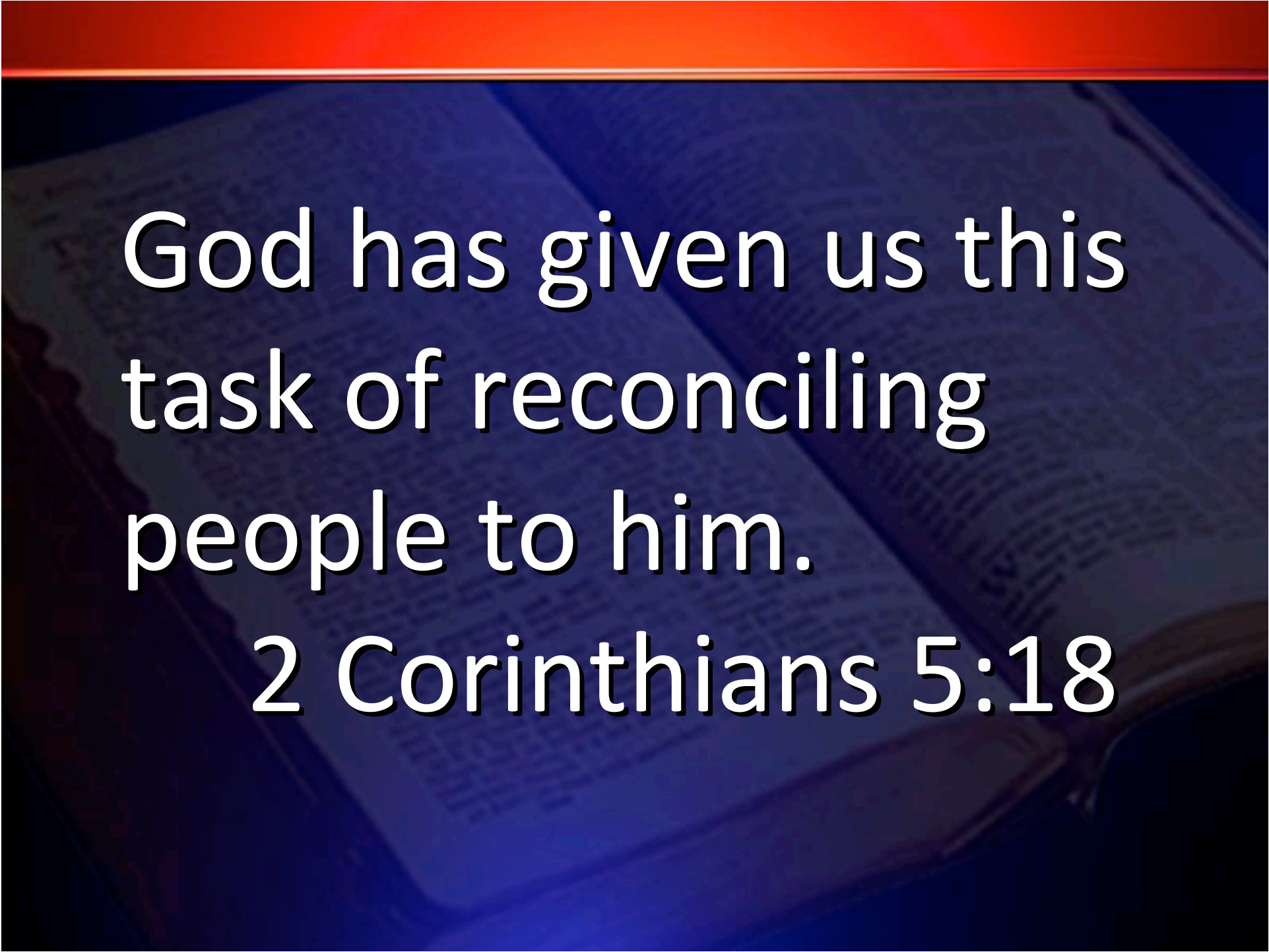
*"Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace." Ephesians 4:3*



**What Compatibility  
looks like**

**in the essentials-**

**unity**



God has given us this  
task of reconciling  
people to him.

2 Corinthians 5:18



John 13:34-35

*"By this shall all men know that you're my disciples that you have love one for another."*

