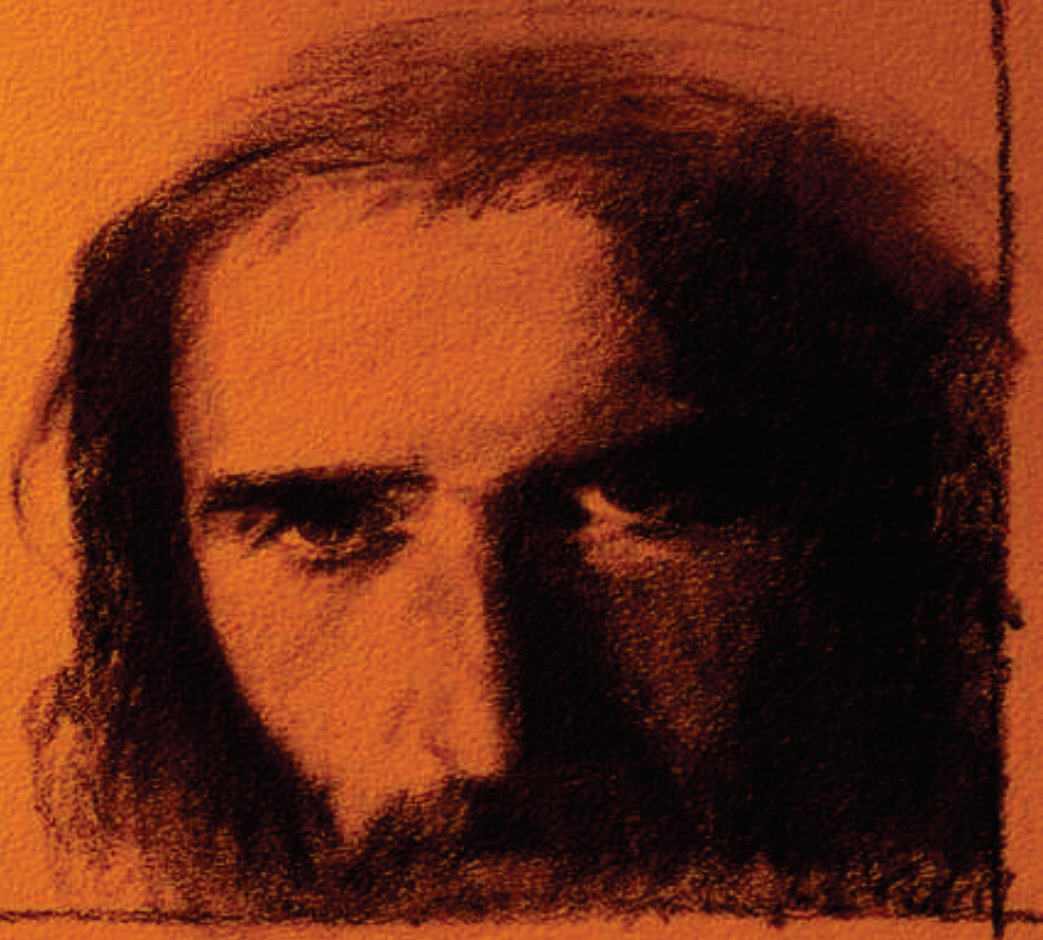


3 Keys to Make a Difference for Christ

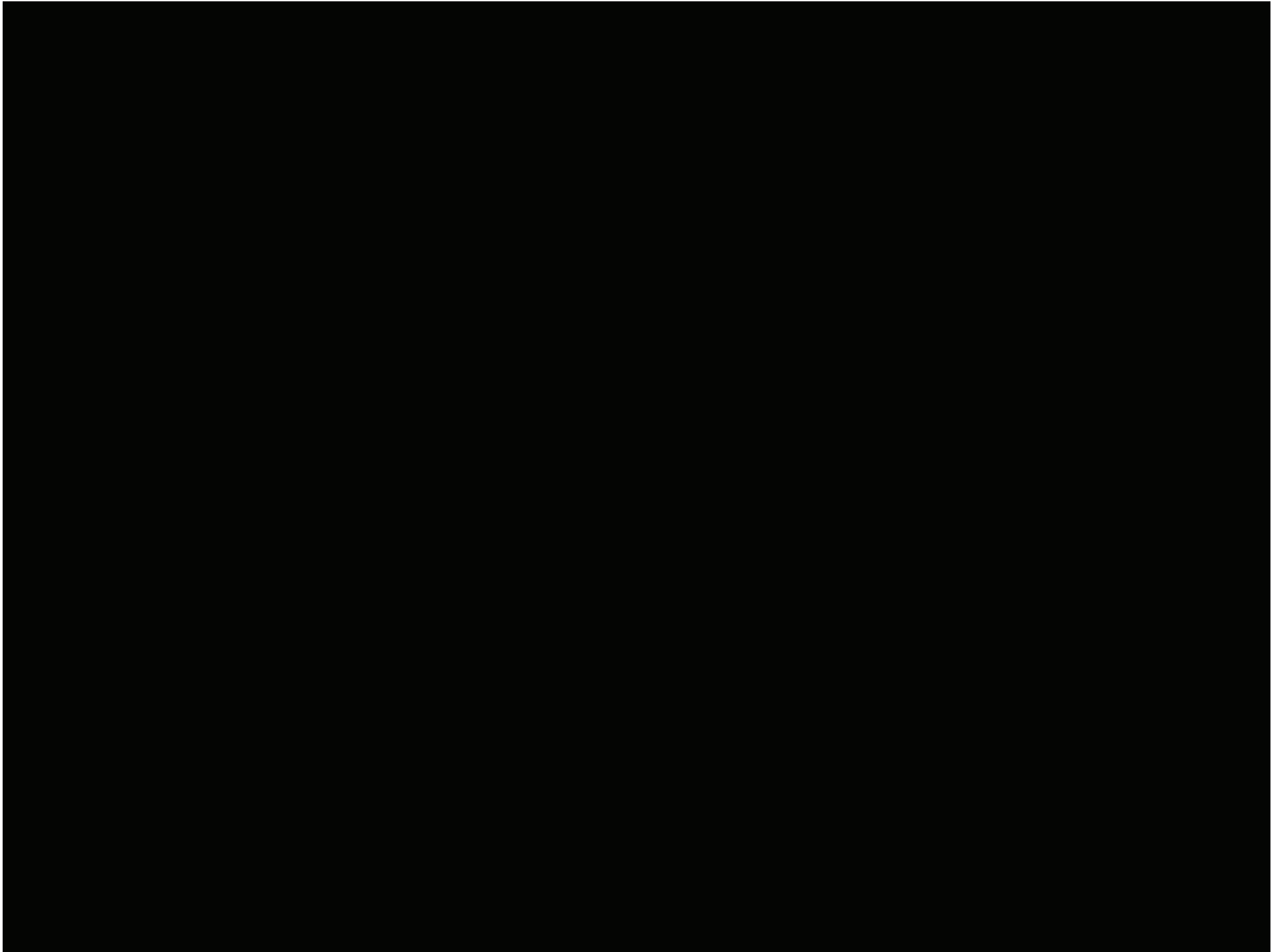
A study from the
writings of Peter

Part 9



Obey your leaders and submit to their authority. They keep watch over you as men who must give an account. Obey them so that their work will be a joy, not a burden, for that would be of no advantage to you.

Hebrews 13:17



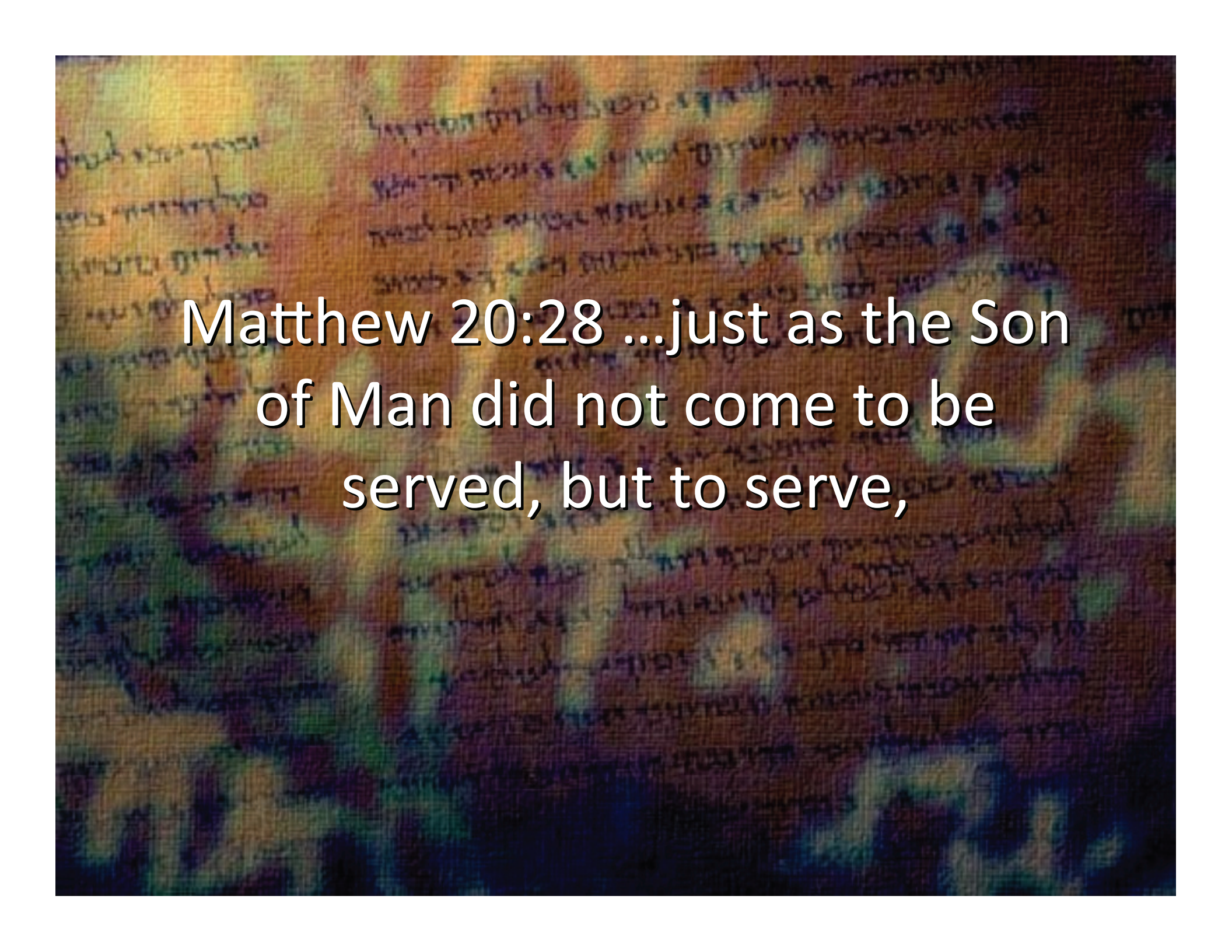


I. START SERVING.

The elders who are among you I exhort, I who am a fellow elder and a witness of the sufferings of Christ, and also a partaker of the glory that will be revealed:2

Shepherd the flock of God which is among you, serving as overseers...

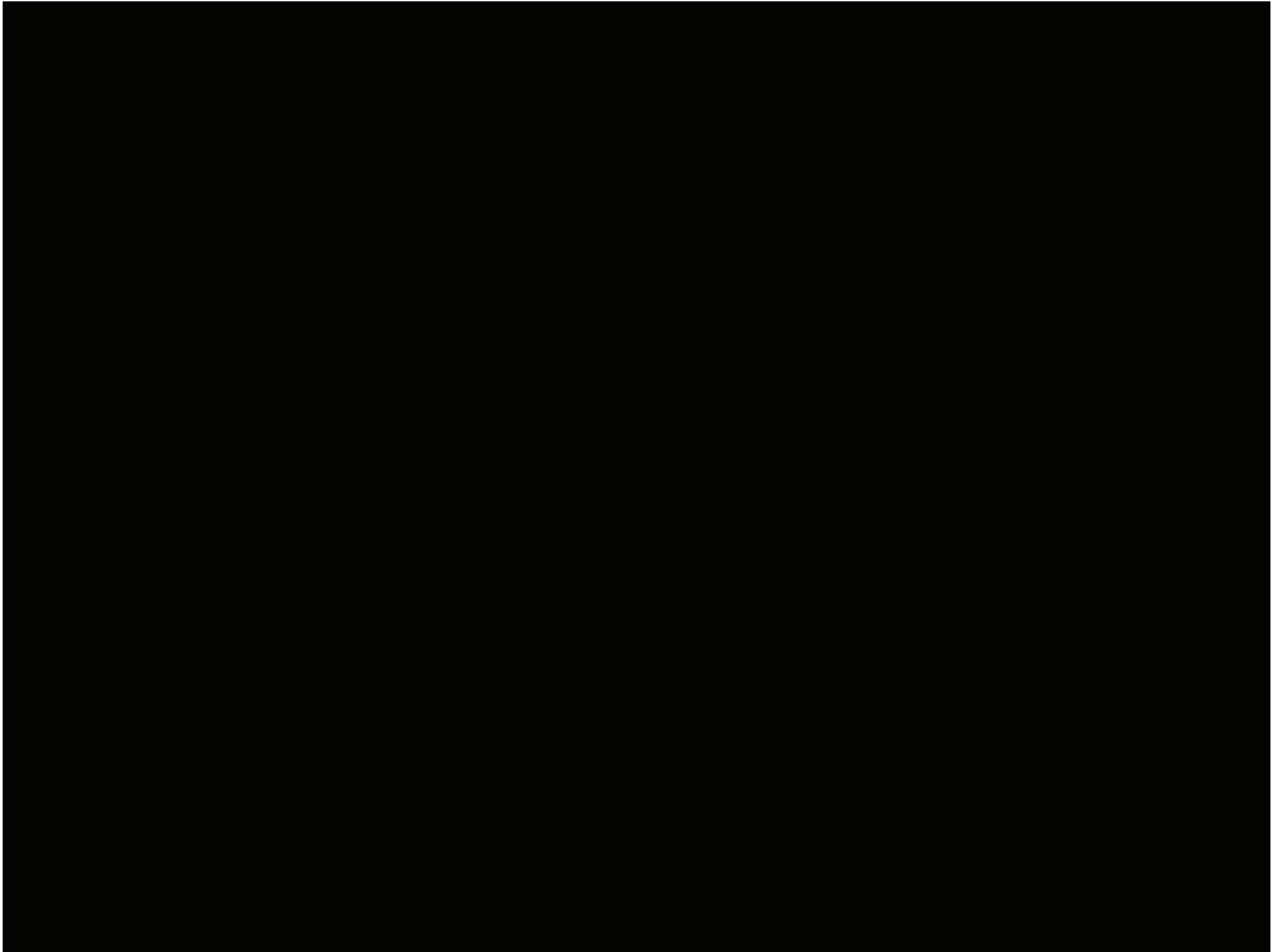
1 Peter 5:1,2



Matthew 20:28 ...just as the Son
of Man did not come to be
served, but to serve,



"To be the greatest, be a servant." Matthew 23:11

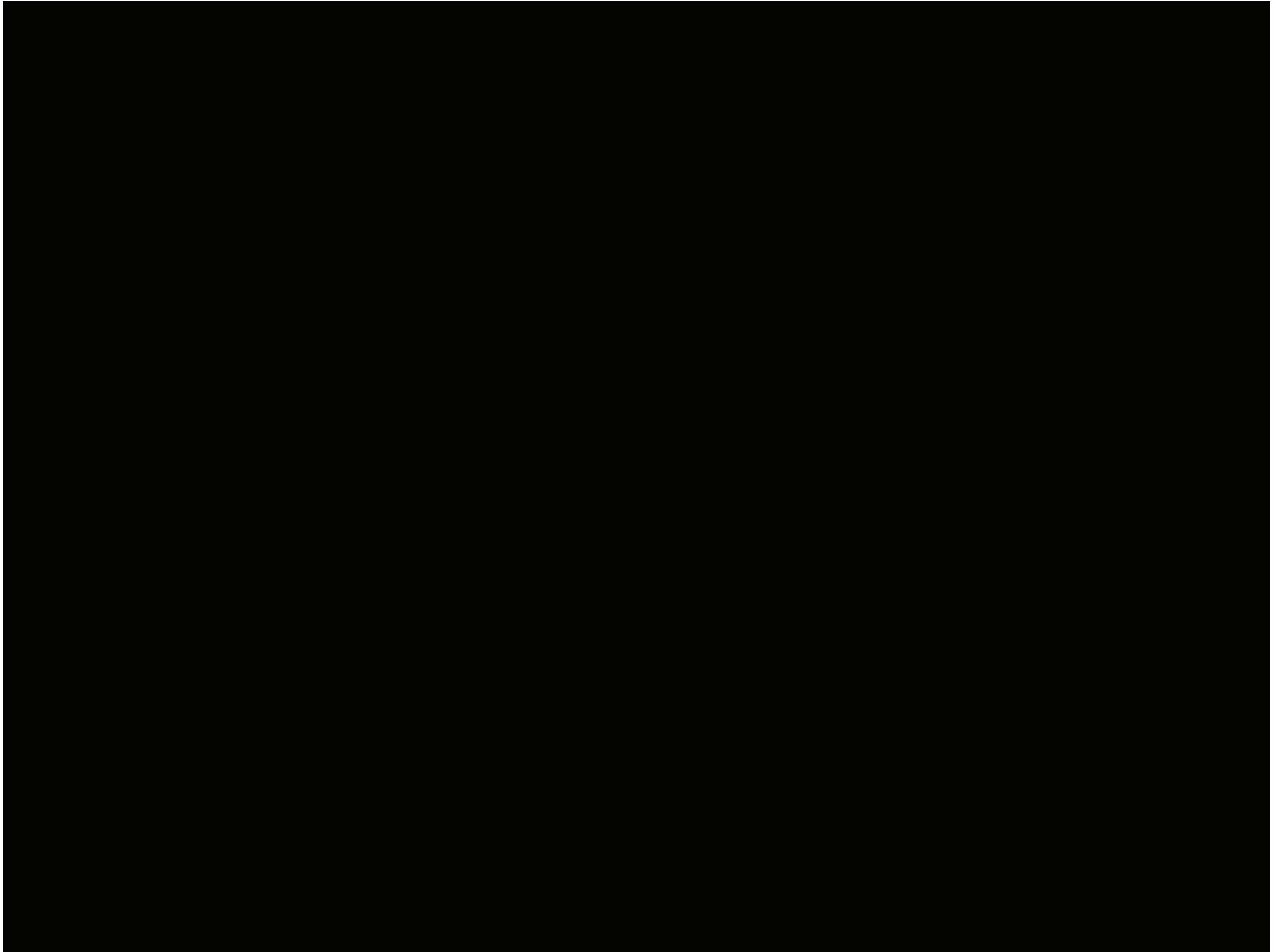


A target with two arrows hitting the bullseye. The target has concentric rings of yellow, red, blue, and black. The arrows are black with green fletching. The background is a blue sky with some green foliage at the bottom left.

3 attitudes that free us to serve

1. Choose “get to” over “got to”.

1 Peter 5:2...not because you must, but because you are willing, as God wants you to be...

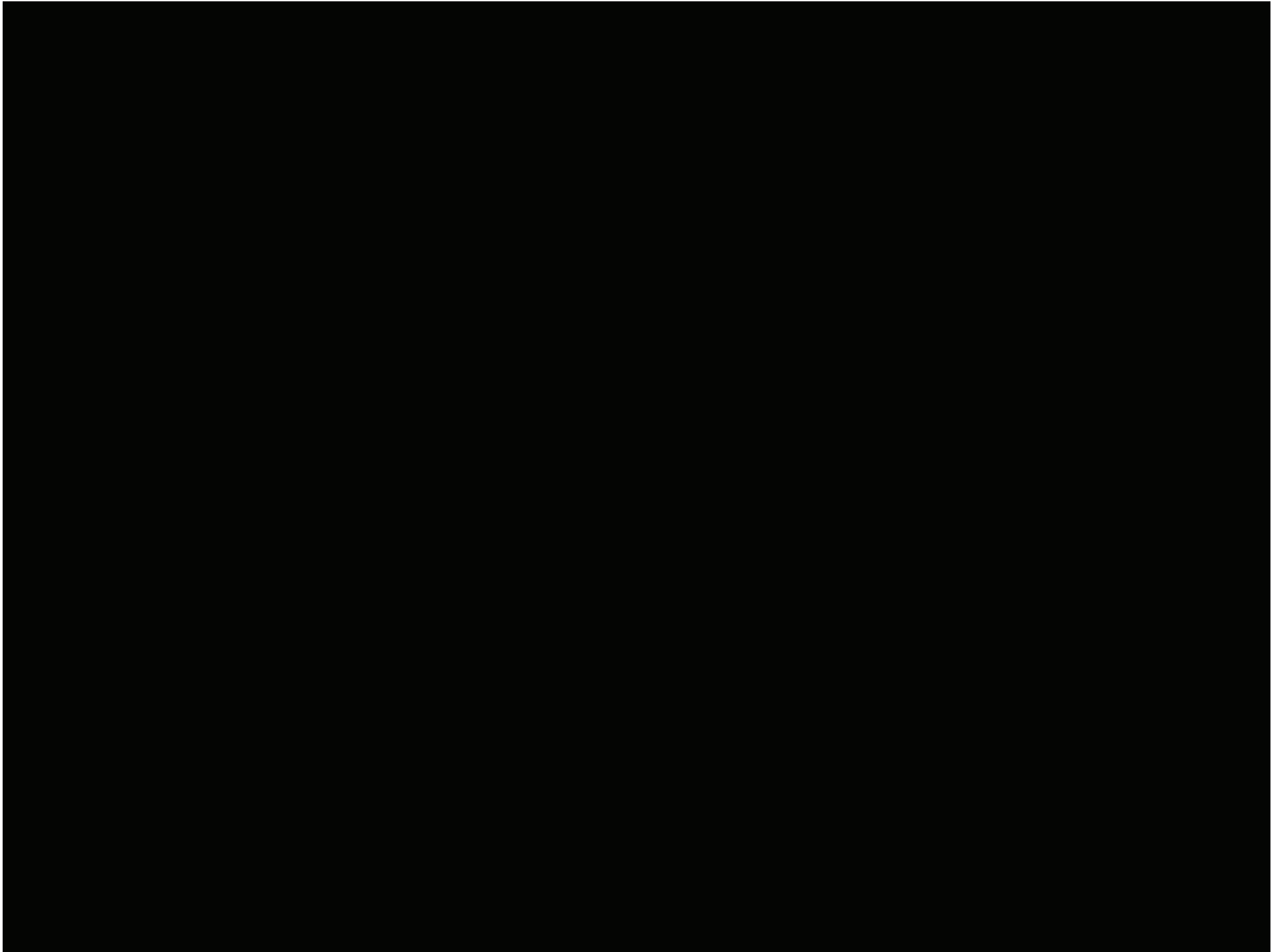


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1. Choose Giving over Getting.

1 Peter 5:2b...not greedy for money, but eager to serve...

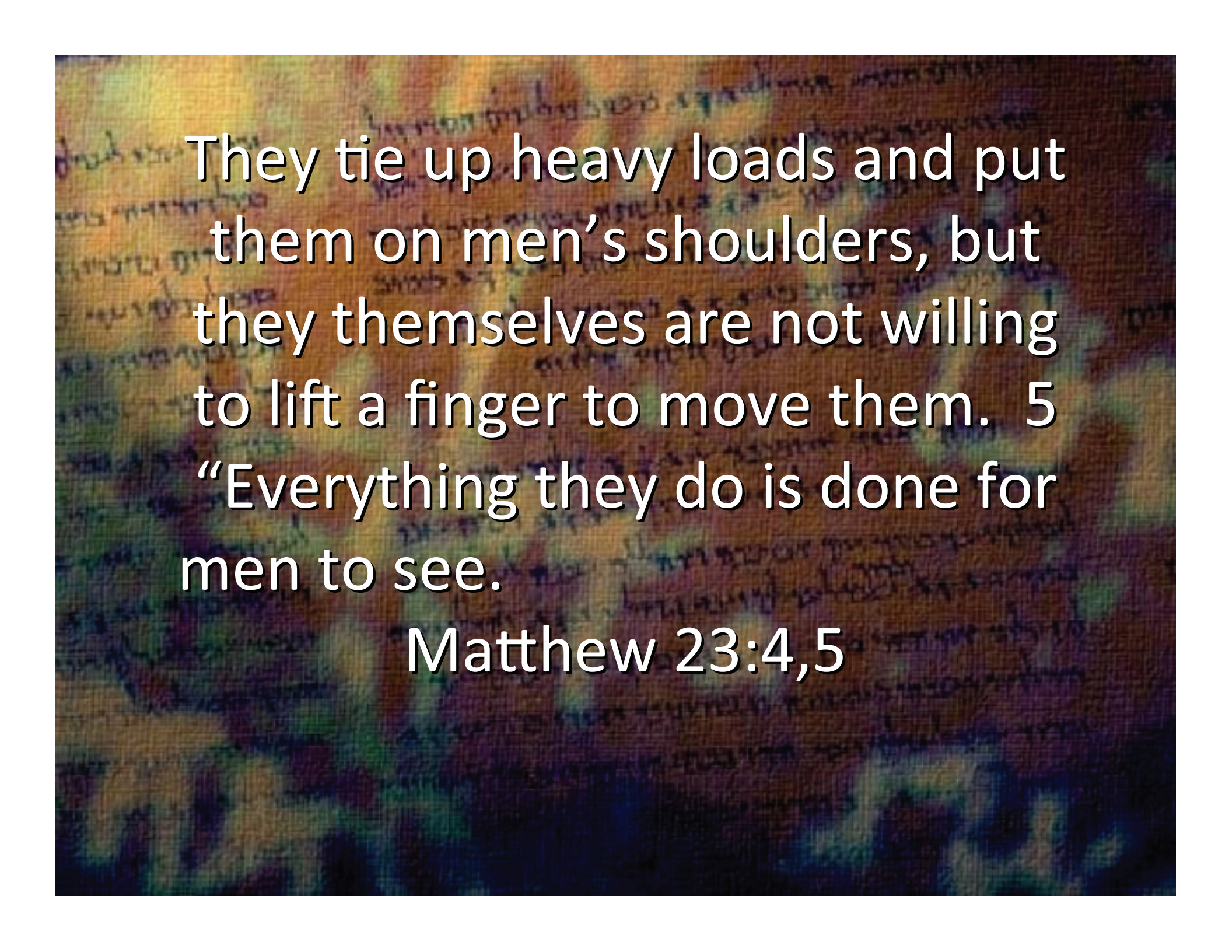


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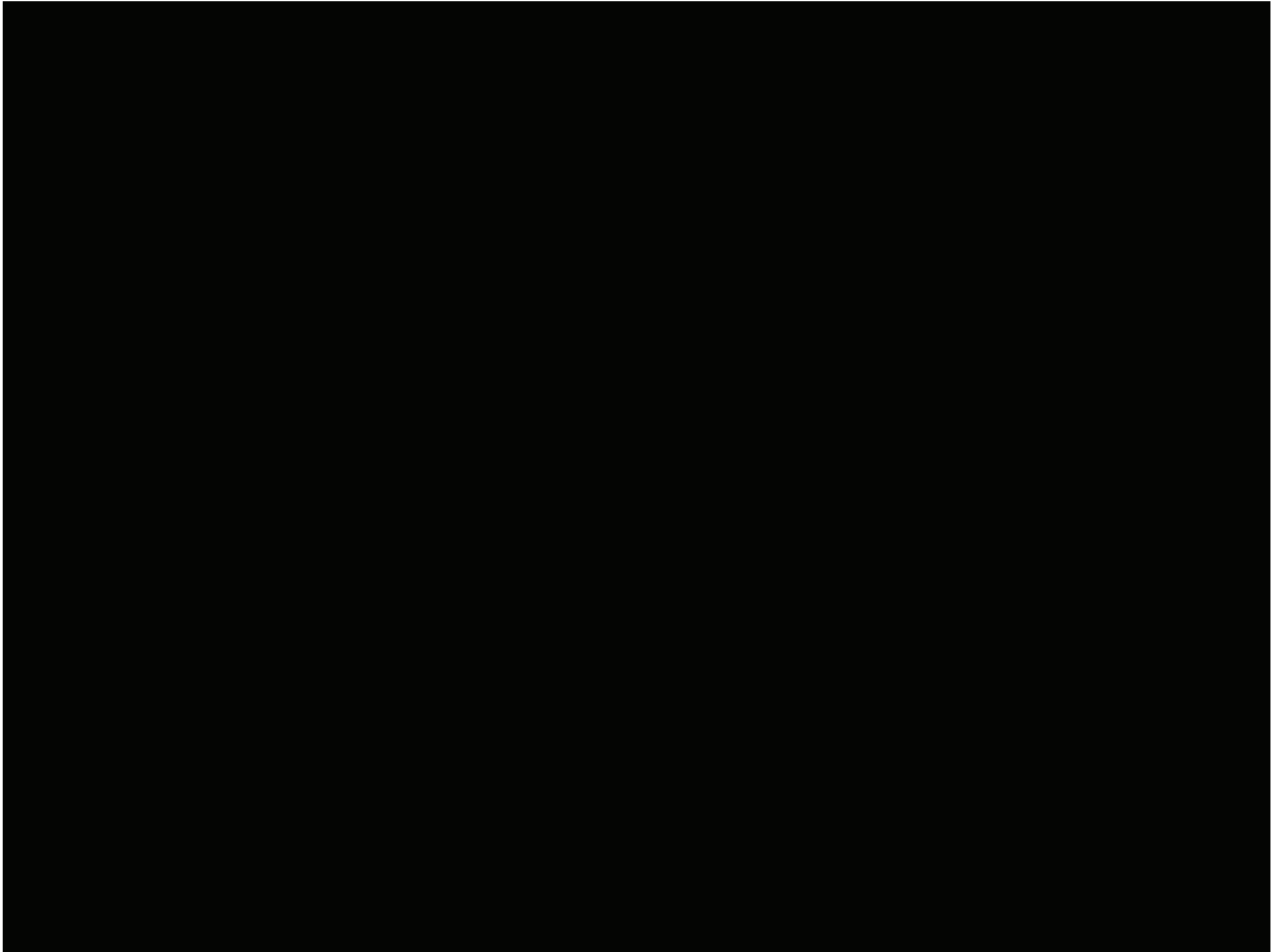
3. Choose Influence over Power

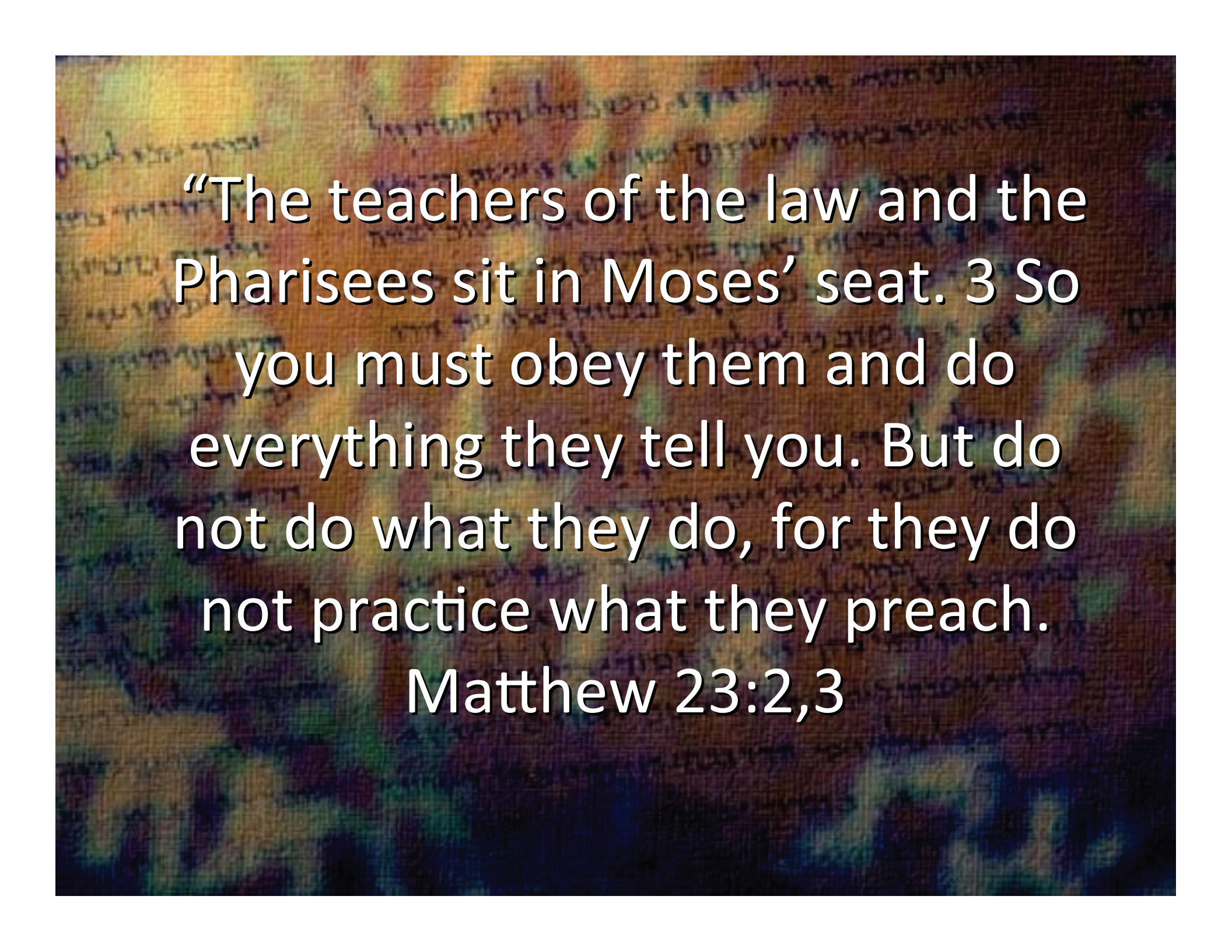
1 Peter 5:3- ...not lording it over those entrusted to you, but being examples to the flock.



They tie up heavy loads and put them on men's shoulders, but they themselves are not willing to lift a finger to move them. 5
“Everything they do is done for men to see.

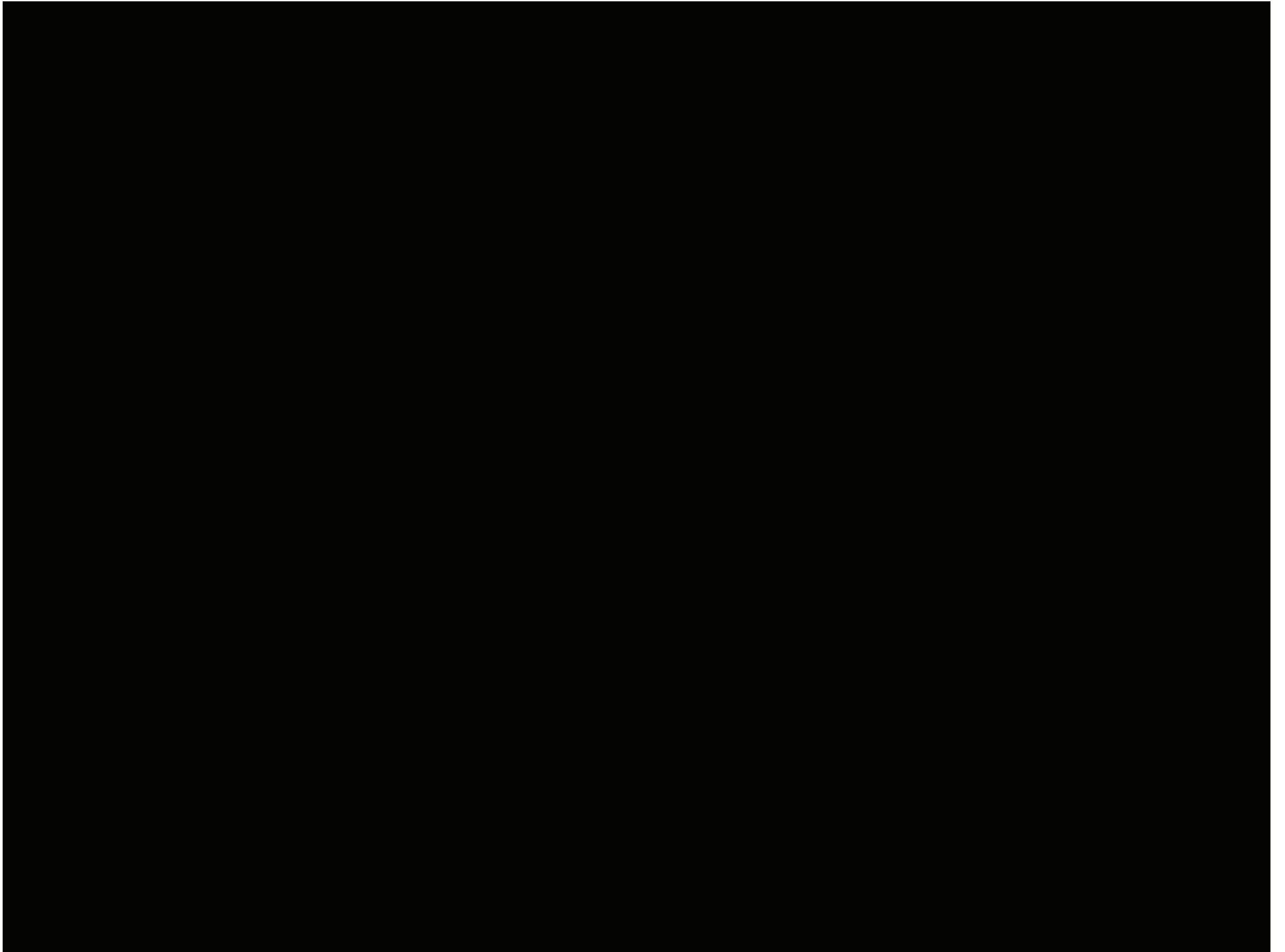
Matthew 23:4,5





“The teachers of the law and the Pharisees sit in Moses’ seat. 3 So you must obey them and do everything they tell you. But do not do what they do, for they do not practice what they preach.

Matthew 23:2,3

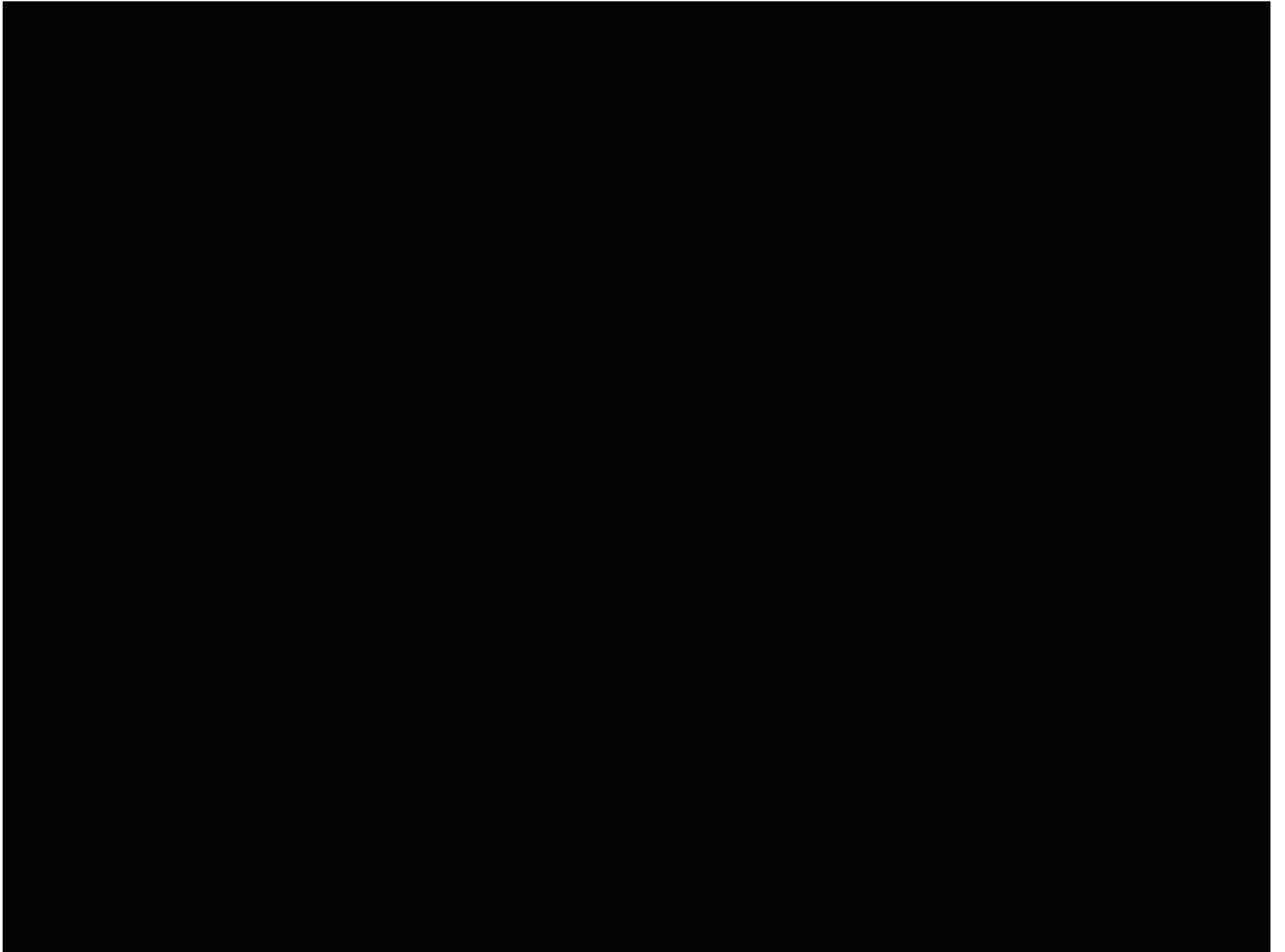




II. STAY HUMBLE

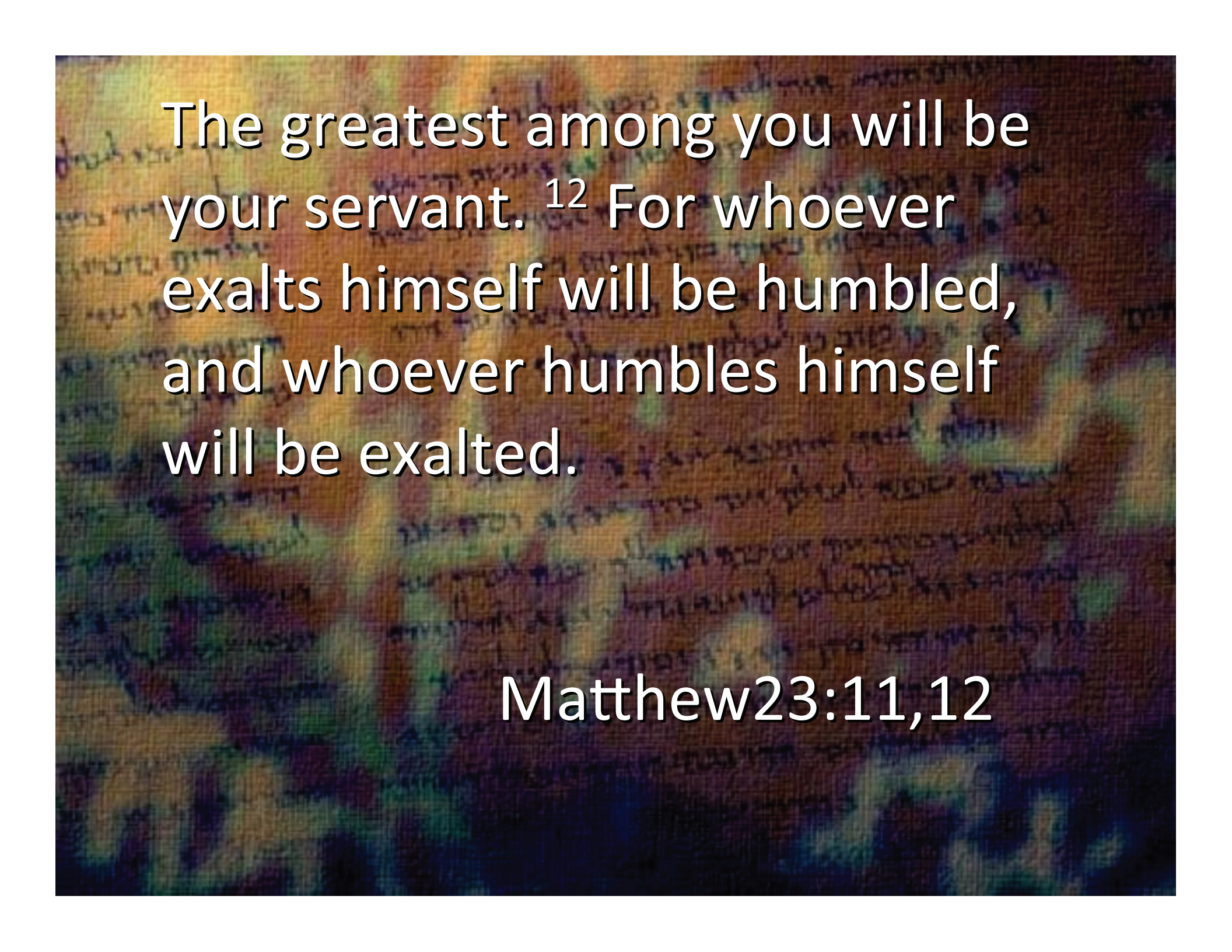
...All of you, clothe yourselves with humility toward one another, because, “God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble.” 6 Humble yourselves, therefore, under God’s mighty hand, that he may lift you up in due time.

1 Peter 5:5,6



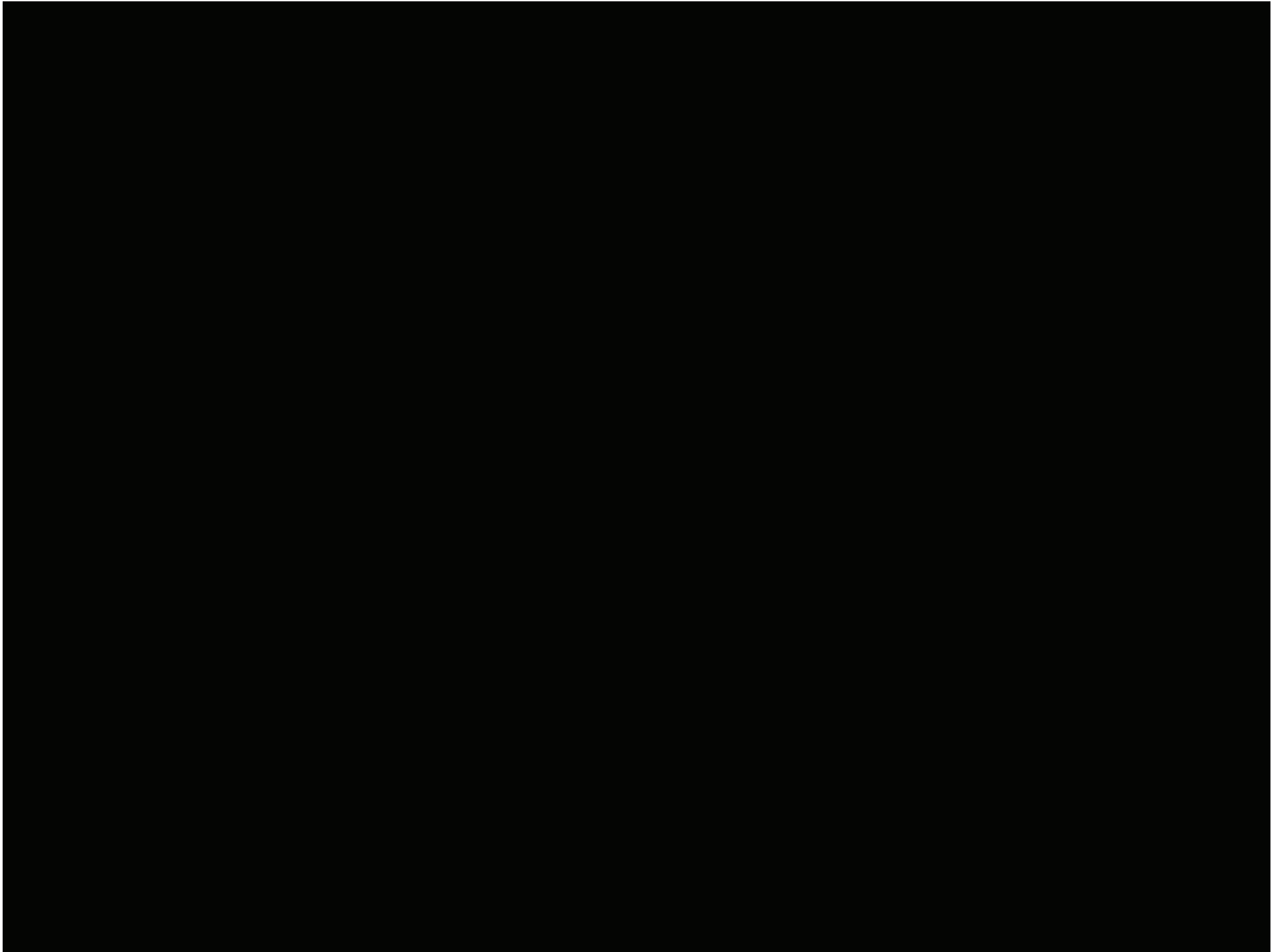
...they love to be greeted in the marketplaces and to have men call them 'Rabbi.' 8 "But you are not to be called 'Rabbi,' for you have only one Master and you are all brothers. 9 And do not call anyone on earth 'father,' for you have one Father, and he is in heaven. 10 Nor are you to be called 'teacher,' for you have one Teacher, the Christ.

Matthew 23:7-10



The greatest among you will be your servant. ¹² For whoever exalts himself will be humbled, and whoever humbles himself will be exalted.

Matthew 23:11,12



Philippians 2:8

"And Jesus humbled himself even further, going so far as actually to die a criminal's death on a cross."

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Colossians 3:2

"Let Heaven fill you thoughts.
Don't spend your time worrying
about things down here."

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1 Peter 5:1

We did not follow cleverly
invented stories when we told
you about the power and coming
of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we
were eyewitnesses of his
majesty. 2 Peter 2:16