



Philippians 3:20

*"But our citizenship is in heaven
and we eagerly await a savior
from there, the Lord Jesus."*

**1. I am a citizen
of two worlds.**

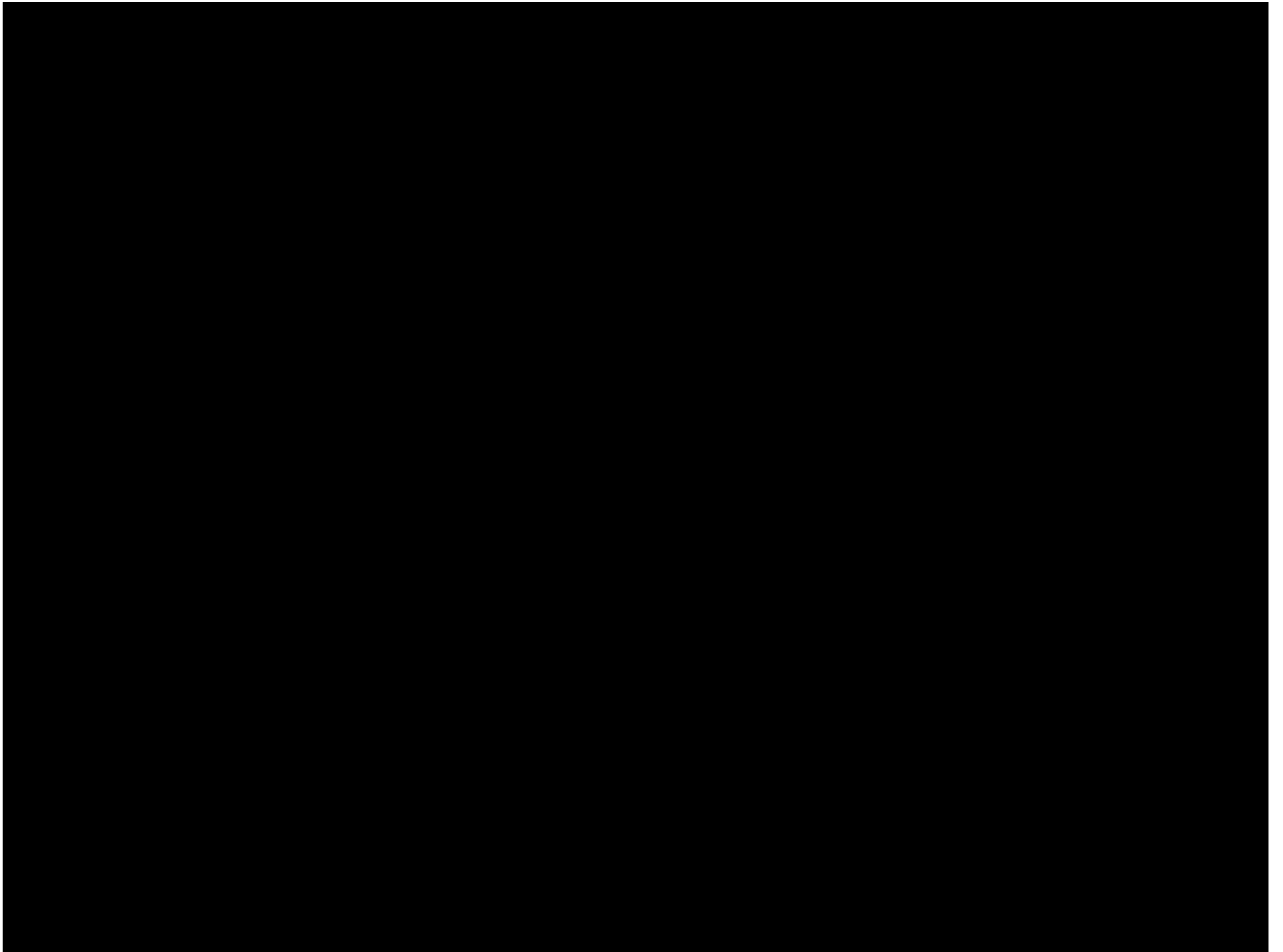


In Ephesians 2:19

"Consequently you are no longer foreigners and aliens but fellow citizens with God's people and members of God's household."

As they stretched him out to flog him, Paul said to the centurion standing there, "Is it legal for you to flog a Roman citizen who hasn't even been found guilty?"²⁶ When the centurion heard this, he went to the commander and reported it. "What are you going to do?" he asked. "This man is a Roman citizen." ²⁷ The commander went to Paul and asked, "Tell me, are you a Roman citizen?" "Yes, I am," he answered. ...²⁹ Those who were about to question him withdrew immediately. The commander himself was alarmed when he realized that he had put Paul, a Roman citizen, in chains.

Acts 22:25-27,29



Luke 20:22

"And they came to Jesus and said, 'Is it right for us to pay taxes to Caesar or not?' He saw through their duplicity and said to them, 'Show me a denarius. Whose portrait and inscription are on it?' 'Caesar's' they replied. He said to them, 'Then give to Caesar what's Caesar's and to God what's God.'"

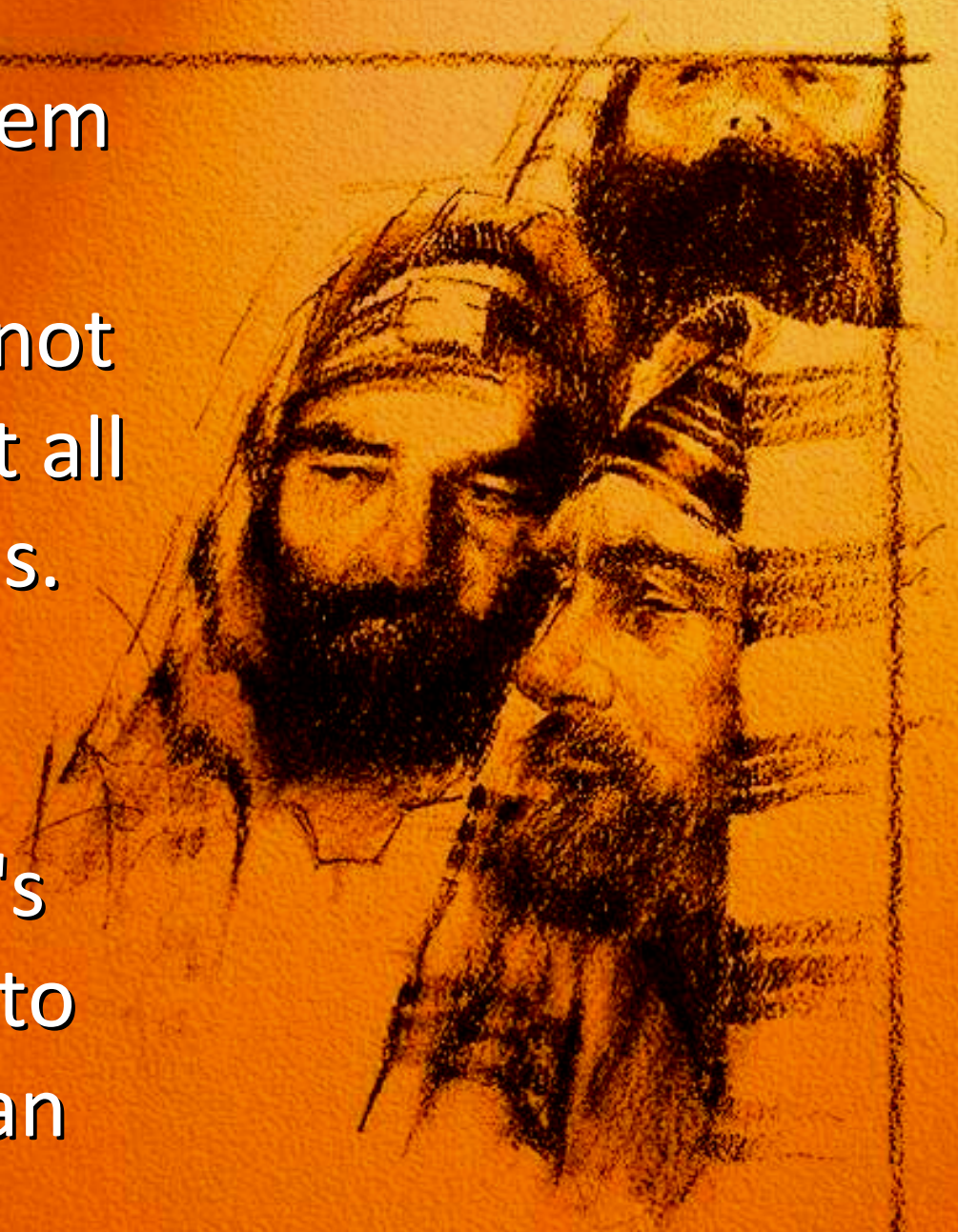


“Seek ye first the
kingdom of God and
His righteousness.”

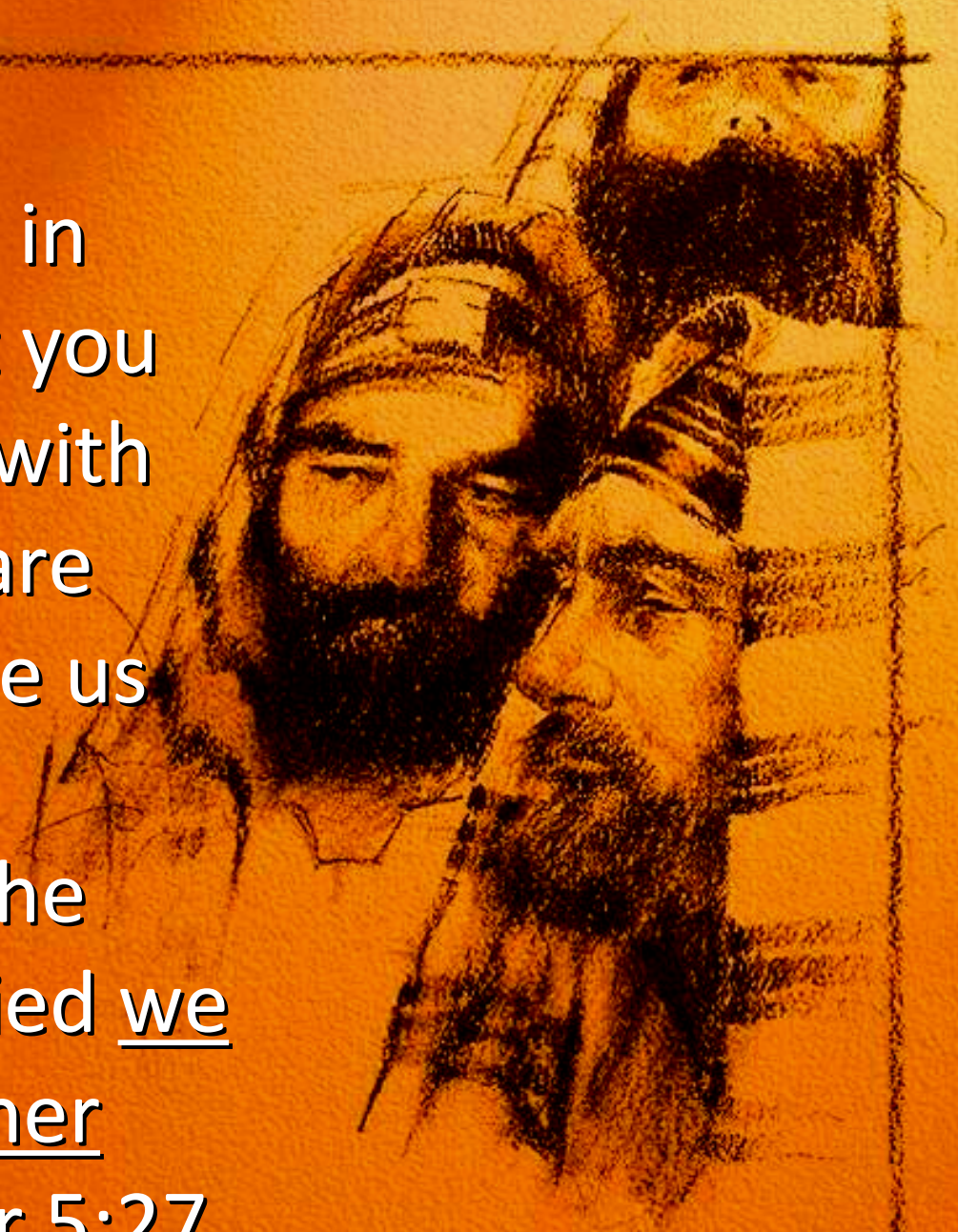
Matthew 6:33

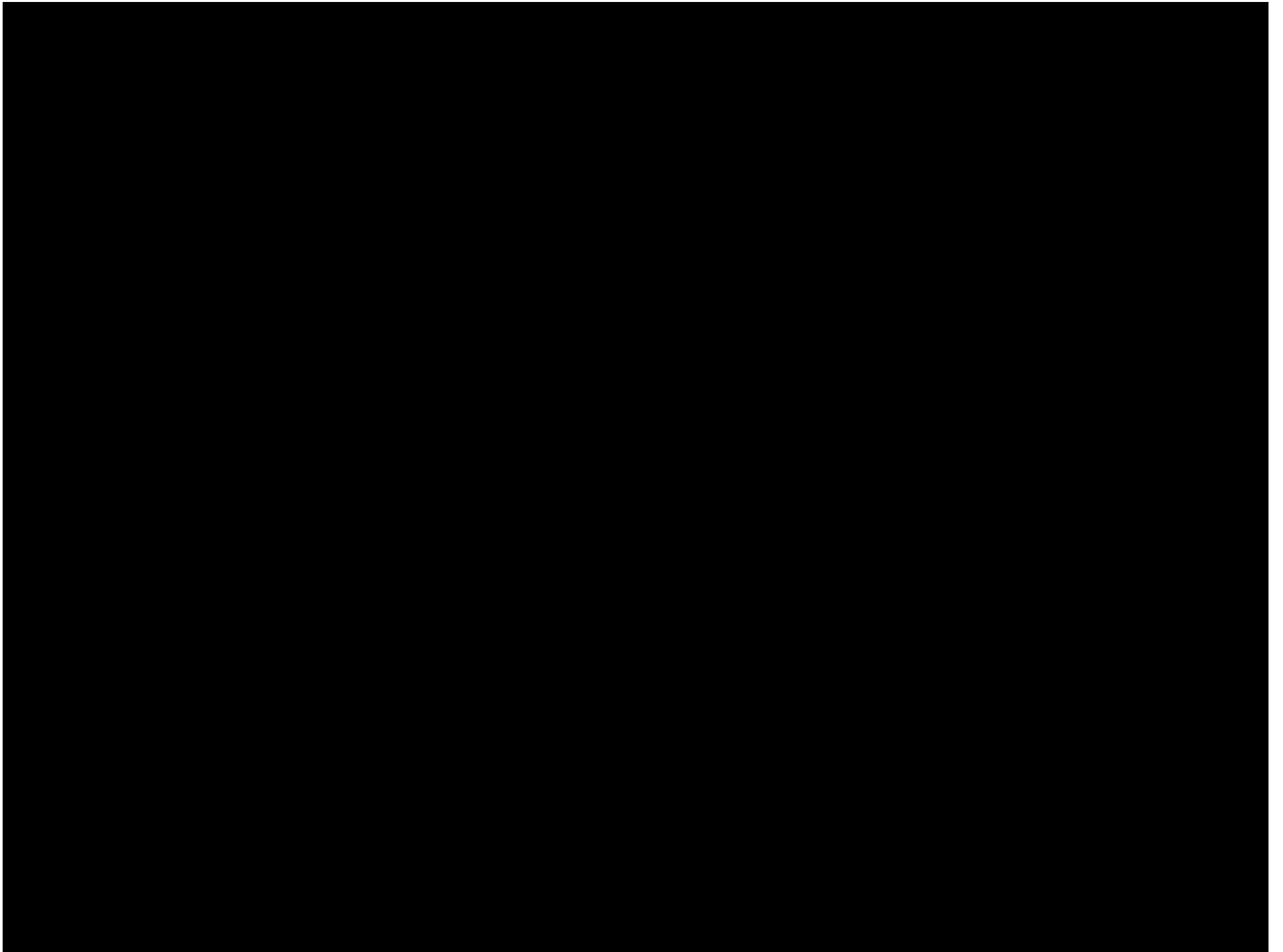
**2. My primary
obedience
is to God.**

Then they called them
in again and they
commanded them not
to speak or teach at all
in the name of Jesus.
But Peter and John
replied, 'Judge for
yourself whether it's
right in God's sight to
obey you rather than
God.' Acts 4:18,19



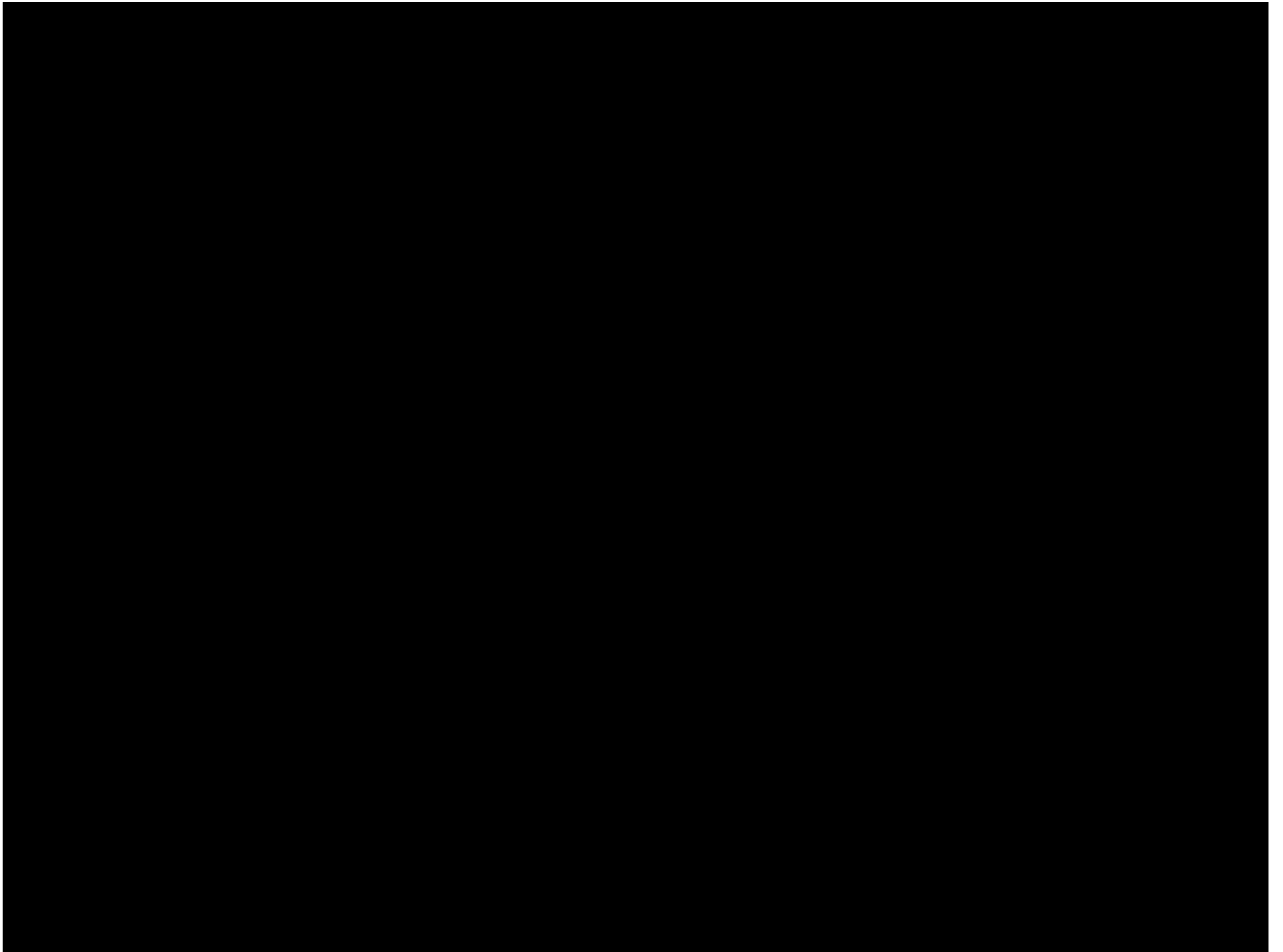
'We gave you strict orders not to teach in this name. And yet you filled all Jerusalem with your teaching and are determined to make us guilty of this man's blood.' Peter and the other apostles replied we must obey God rather than men." Chapter 5:27



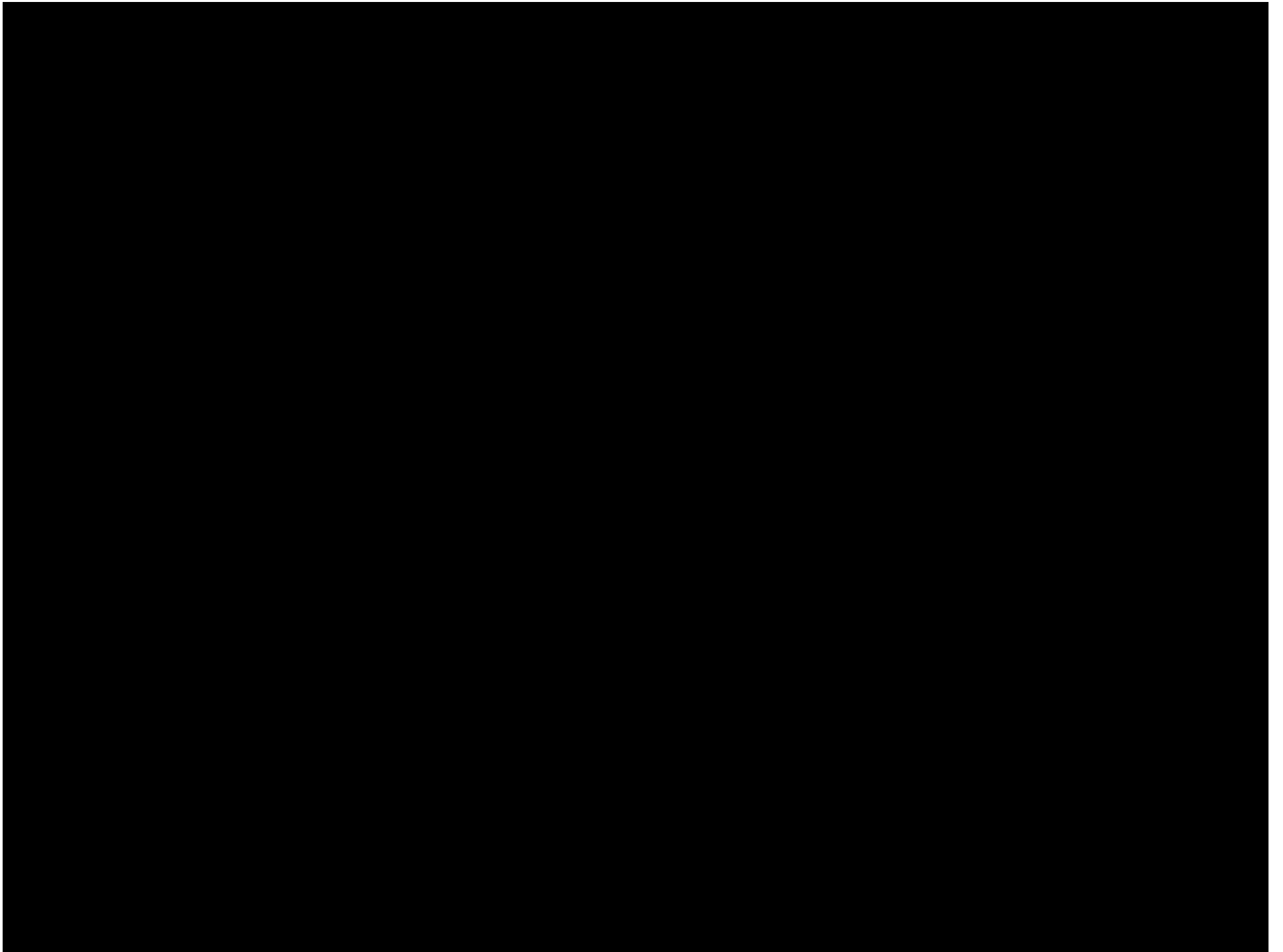


Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect,
1 Peter 3:15b









**3. I am to
obey the law
whenever
possible.**

Titus 3:1

"Remind the people to be subject to rulers and authorities, to be obedient and to be ready to do whatever is good."

Scripture's Four Reasons Why We Obey the Civil Law

1. God has established authority.

"Everyone must submit himself to the governing authorities for there is no authority but that which God has established." Romans 13:1

Scripture's Four Reasons Why We Obey the Civil Law

2. I'm to obey the law for my own good.

"Rulers hold no terror for those who do right
but those who do wrong." Romans 13:3

Scripture's Four Reasons
Why We Obey the Civil Law

3. To maintain a clear conscious.

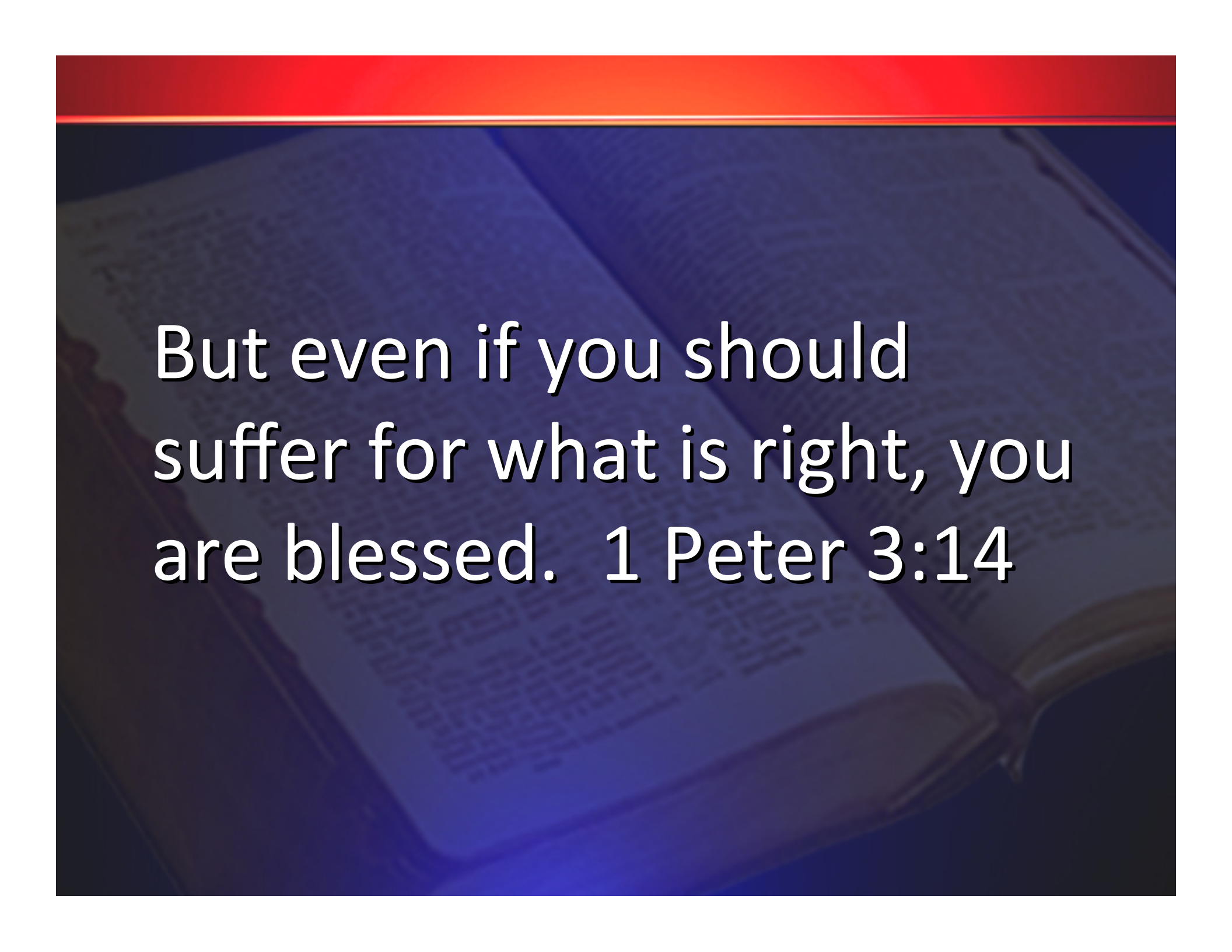
"Therefore it is necessary to submit to authorities, not only because of possible punishment but also because of conscious."

Romans 13: 5

Scripture's Four Reasons Why We Obey the Civil Law

4. To maintain a good testimony.

"Submit yourselves for the Lord's sake to every authority instituted among men. Whether to the king, as the supreme authority, or to governors who are sent by him to punish those who do wrong and to commend those who do right. For it is God's will that by doing good you should silence the ignorant talk of foolish men." 1 Peter 2:13



But even if you should
suffer for what is right, you
are blessed. 1 Peter 3:14

God is always in control.

DANIEL
IN
BABYLON





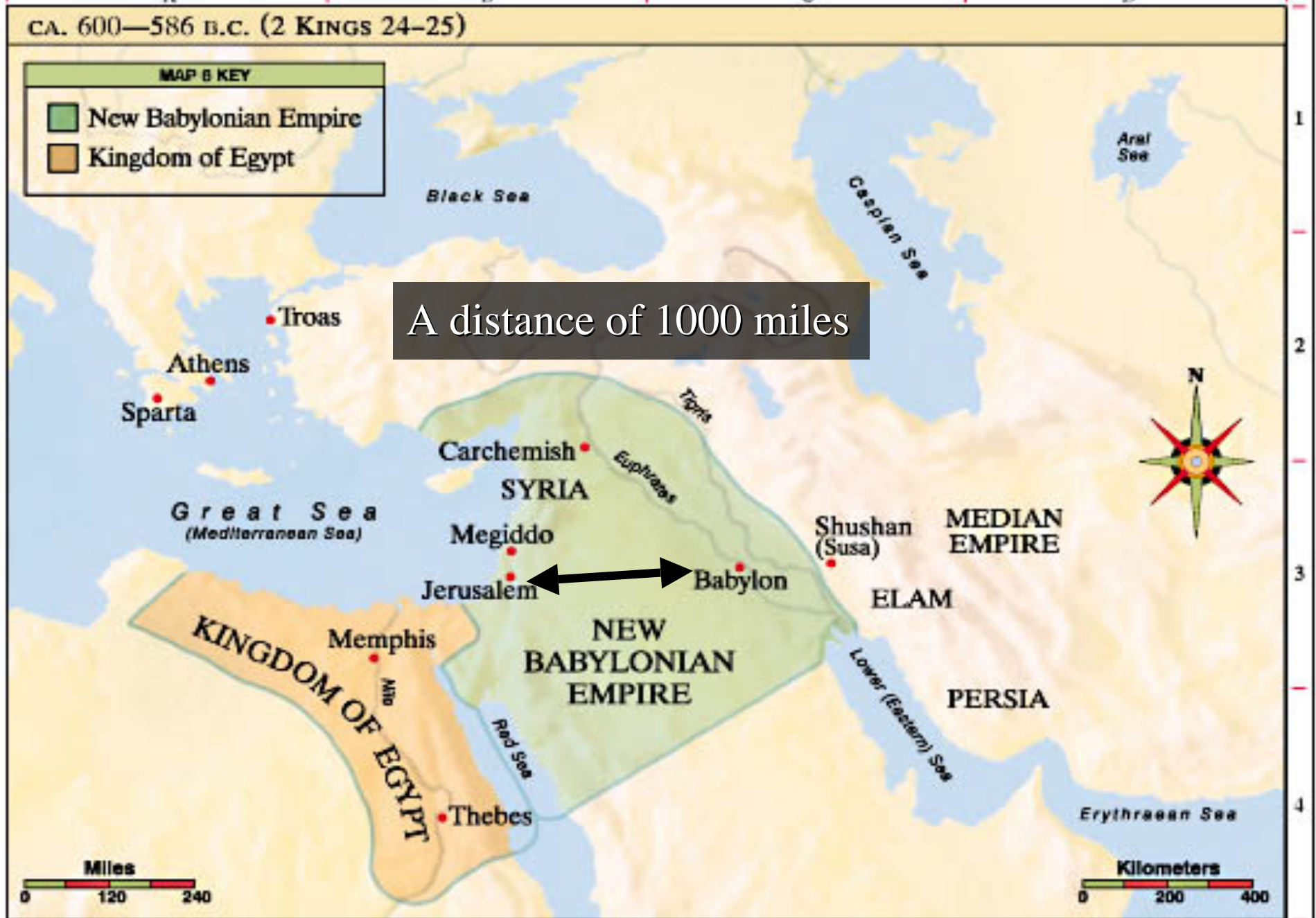
THE NEW BABYLONIAN EMPIRE (Nebuchadnezzar) and THE KINGDOM OF EGYPT

MAP 6

CA. 600—586 B.C. (2 KINGS 24–25)

MAP 6 KEY

-  New Babylonian Empire
-  Kingdom of Egypt



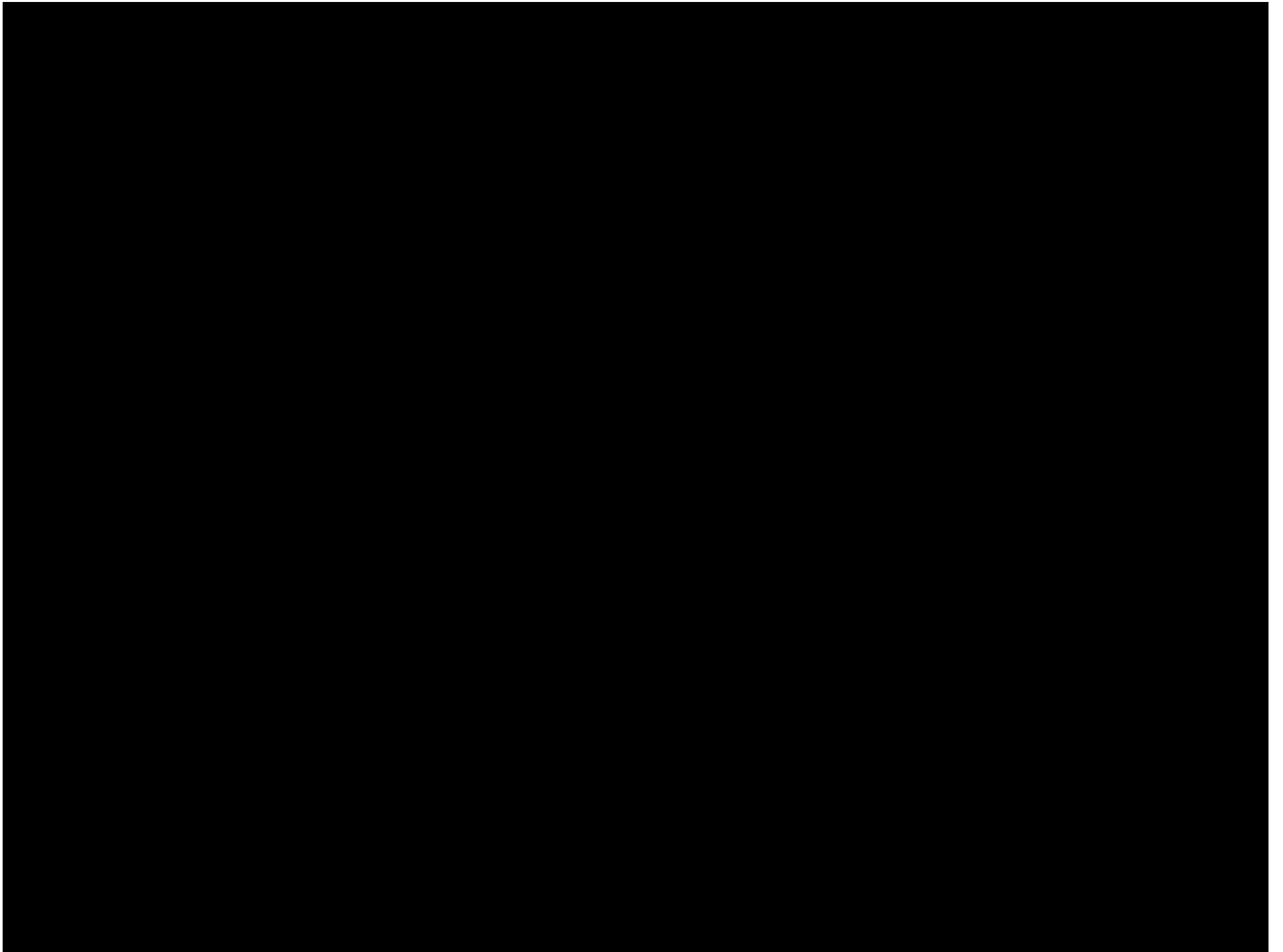
6 Daniel, Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah were four of the young men chosen, all from the tribe of Judah.

7 The chief of staff renamed them with these Babylonian names:

Daniel was called Belteshazzar.
Hananiah was called Shadrach.
Mishael was called Meshach.
Azariah was called Abednego.

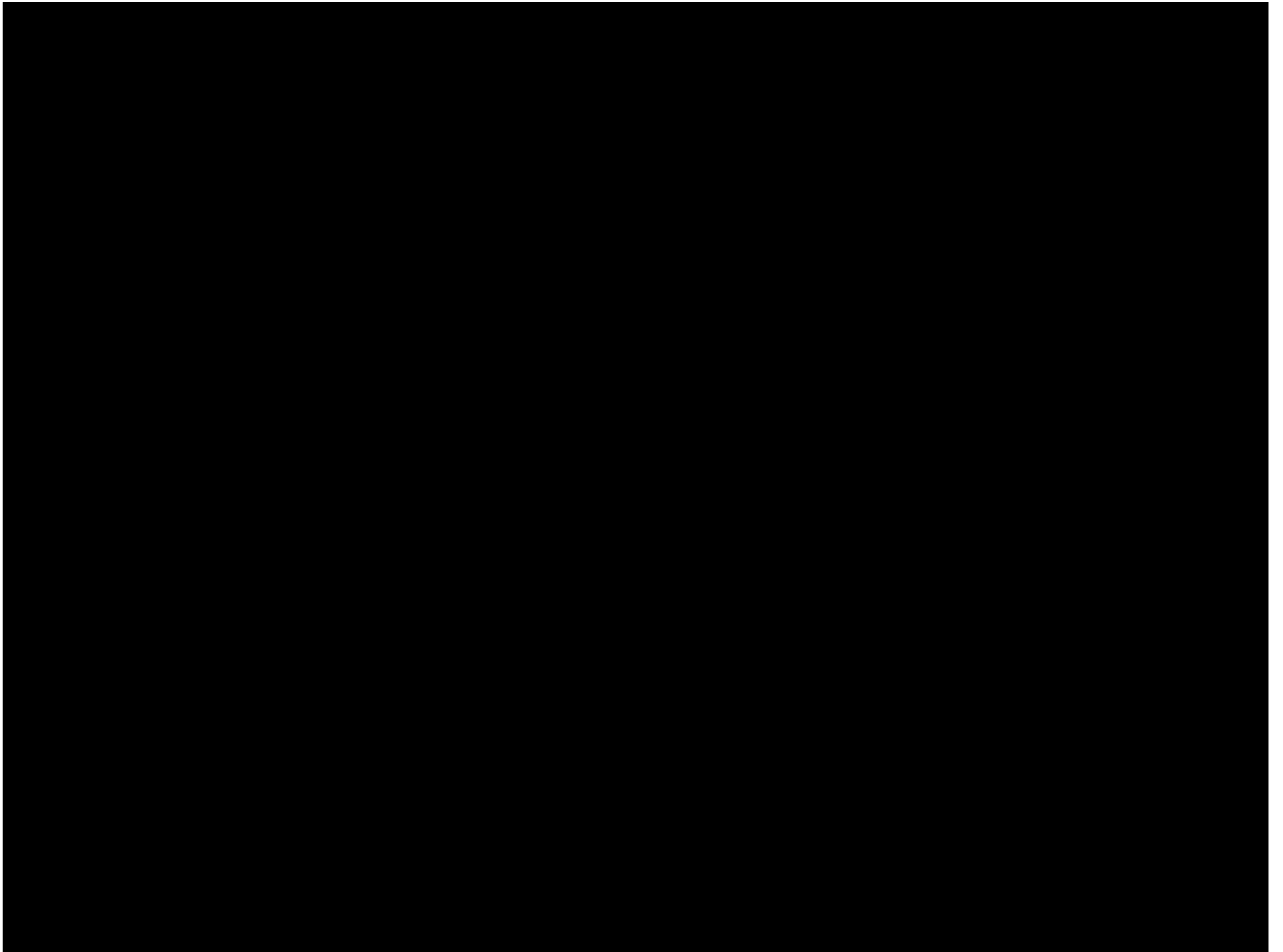
8 But Daniel was determined not to defile himself by eating the food and wine given to them by the king. He asked the chief of staff for permission not to eat these unacceptable foods.

Daniel 1:8



Daniel's Story Teaches Us:
That honoring God always
leads to greater blessings for
you and others.





**4. I am to pray for
public officials**

1 Timothy 2:1,2 Paul says,

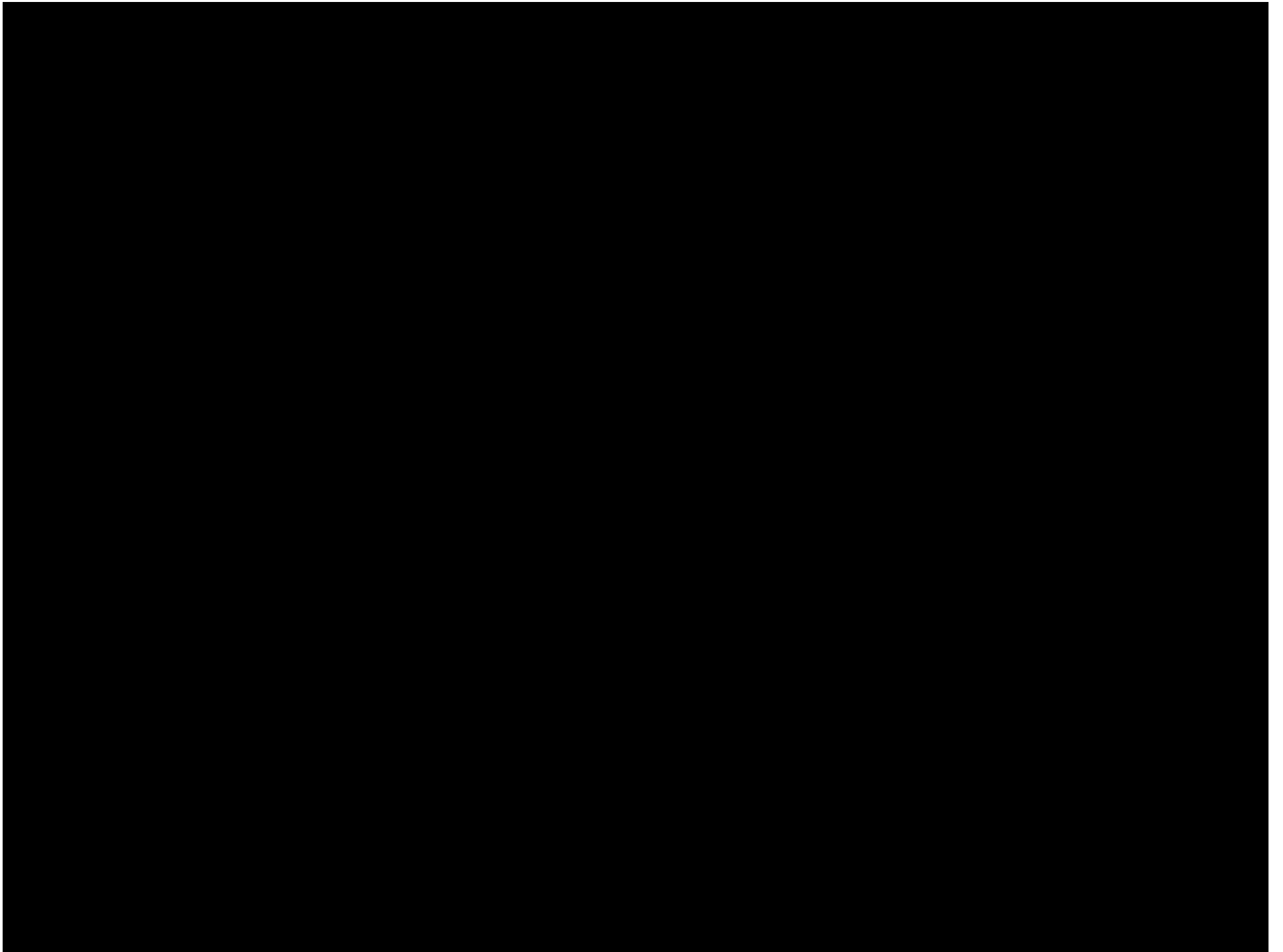
"I urge then, first of all, that requests, prayers, intercessions and thanksgiving be made for everyone, for kings and all those in authority."

**5. I am to pay
taxes required
by my
government.**

"This is also why you pay taxes. For the authorities are God's servants who give their full time to governing. Give everyone what you owe him. If you own taxes, pay taxes. If revenue, then revenue. If respect, respect. If honor, then honor." Romans 13:6

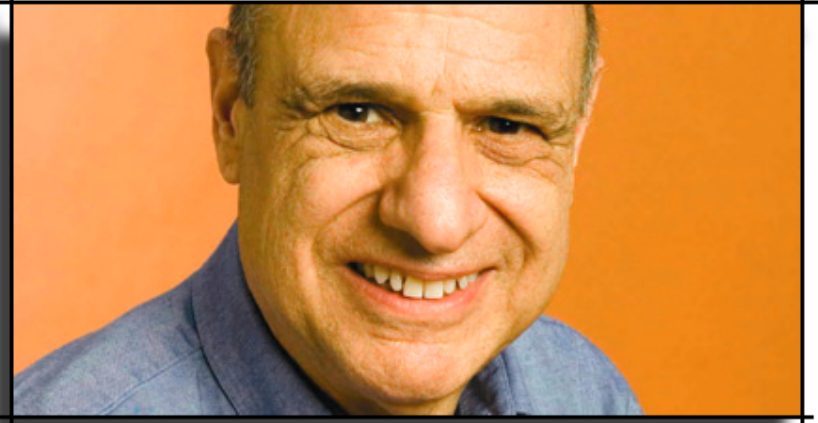
**6. As a Christian,
I am to influence
my government
for good.**

"You are the salt of the earth. But if the salt loses its saltiness, how can it be made salty again. It's not longer good for anything except to be thrown out and trampled by men. You are the light of the world. A city set on the hill cannot be hid. Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. They put it on a stand and it gives light to everyone in the room. The same way, let your light shine before men that they may see your good deeds and praise your Father in heaven." Matthew 5:13





**“I love my
country - it’s
the best Babylon
in the world, *but it’s still
Babylon.*”**



Dr. Tony Campolo



God is always in control.

Wednesday morning won't change:

1. MY CONVICTIONS

2. MY HOPE

3. MY PEACE

4. MY PURPOSE

John 18:36 Jesus said, "My kingdom is not of this world"

Phil. 3:20 But our citizenship is in heaven. And we eagerly await a Savior from there, the Lord Jesus Christ

2Cor. 5:20 We are therefore Christ's ambassadors, as though God were making his appeal through us.

1Pet. 2:11 Dear friends, I urge you, as aliens and strangers in the world, to abstain from sinful desires, which war against your soul.





