



Sundays

9am

10:45am

6:30pm

**Forgiveness
Humility
Authenticity
Community
Service
Grace
His Word**

**God's
Ingredients
For Growth**

Philippians 2:12-13

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Ephesians 2:9

Salvation is not a reward for the good things we have done, so none of us can boast about it.

And since (salvation) is through God's kindness, then it is not by their good works. For in that case, God's grace would not be what it really is; free and undeserved.

Romans 11:6

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I. GOD'S PART IN CHANGING ME

1. He uses the Bible.

"The whole Bible was given to us by inspiration from God and is useful to teach us what is true and to make us realize what is wrong in our lives; it straightens us out and helps us do what is right. It is God's way of making us well prepared at every point..."

2 Timothy 3:16-17

I. GOD'S PART IN CHANGING ME

2. He uses the Holy Spirit.

"Once the Spirit lives within you, He will bring to your whole being new strength and vitality." Romans 8:11

When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all truth. He will not speak on his own but will tell you what he has heard. ... **14** He will bring me glory by telling you whatever he receives from me. ... 'The Spirit will tell you whatever he receives from me.'

John 16:13-15

I Corinthians 3:18

"As the Spirit of the Lord works with us, we become more and more like Him."

God knew what he was doing from the very beginning. He decided from the outset to shape the lives of those who love him along the same lines as the life of his Son. The Son stands first in the line of humanity he restored. Romans 8:29

I. GOD'S PART IN CHANGING ME

3. He uses Circumstances.

And we know that God causes everything to work together for the good of those who love God and are called according to his purpose for them.

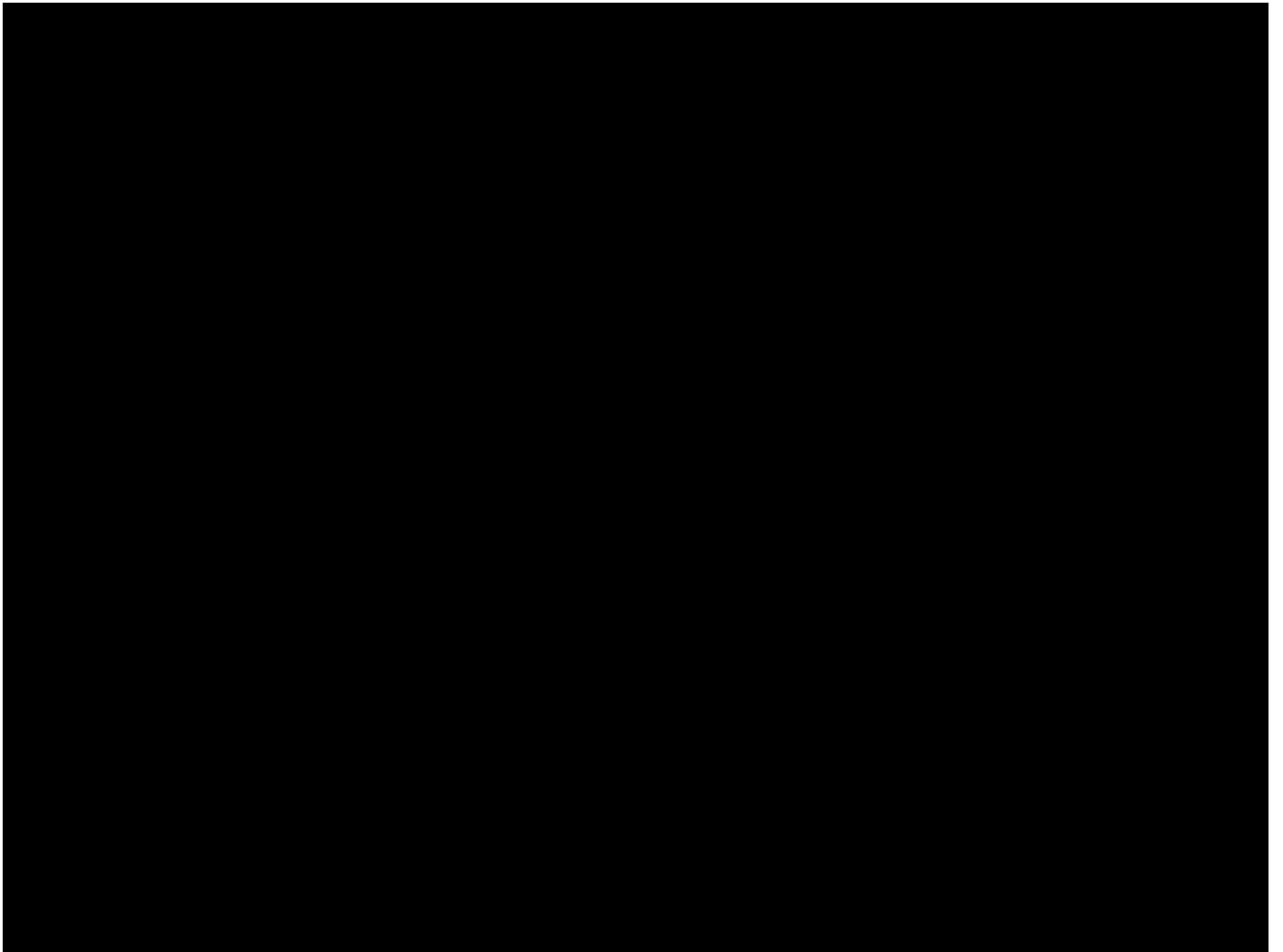
Romans 8:28

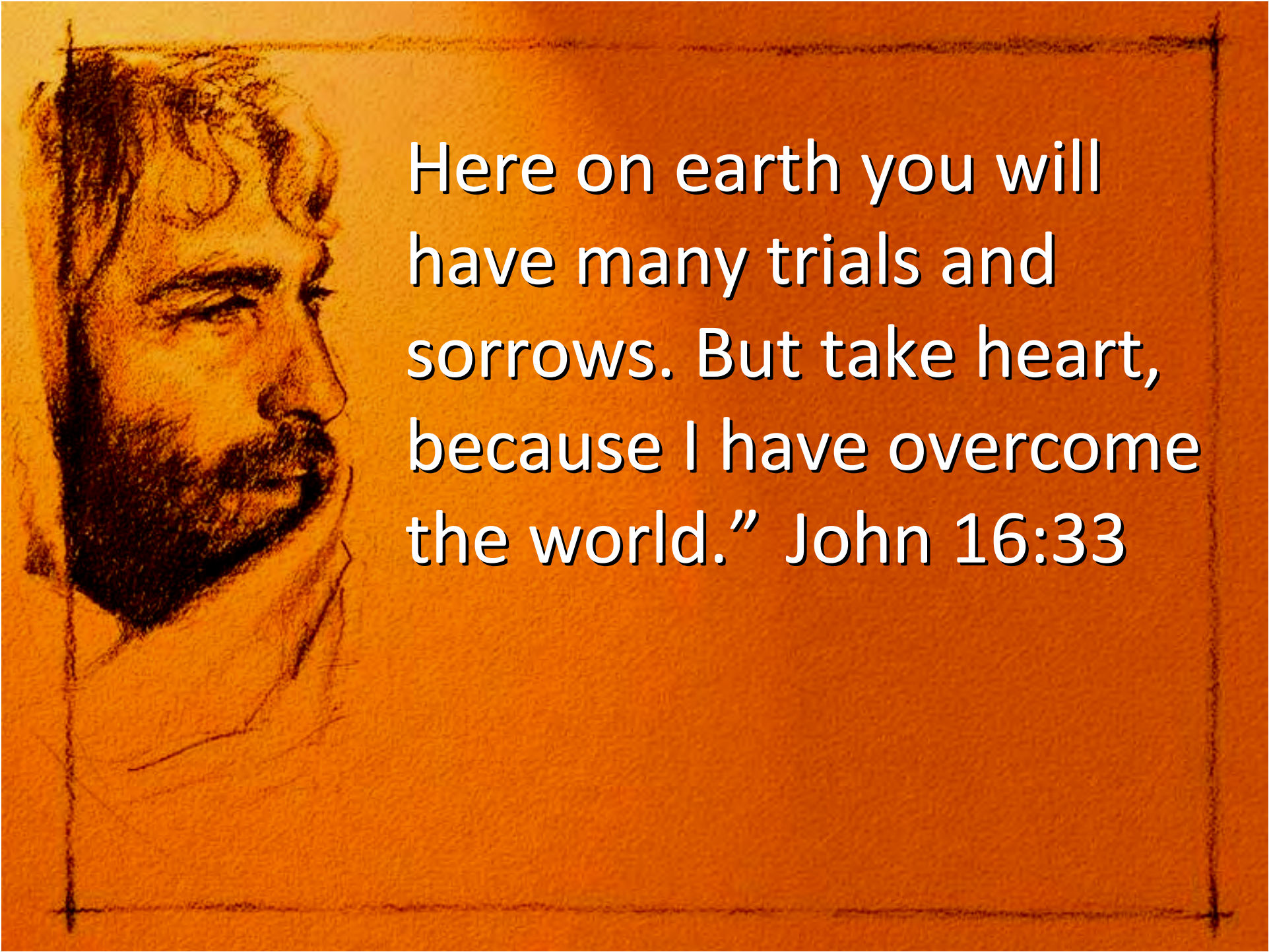
Watching our son struggle since childhood with mental illness, Kay and I have always known that one day we'd become advocates for those who suffer with mental illness and also for those who love someone with mental illness.



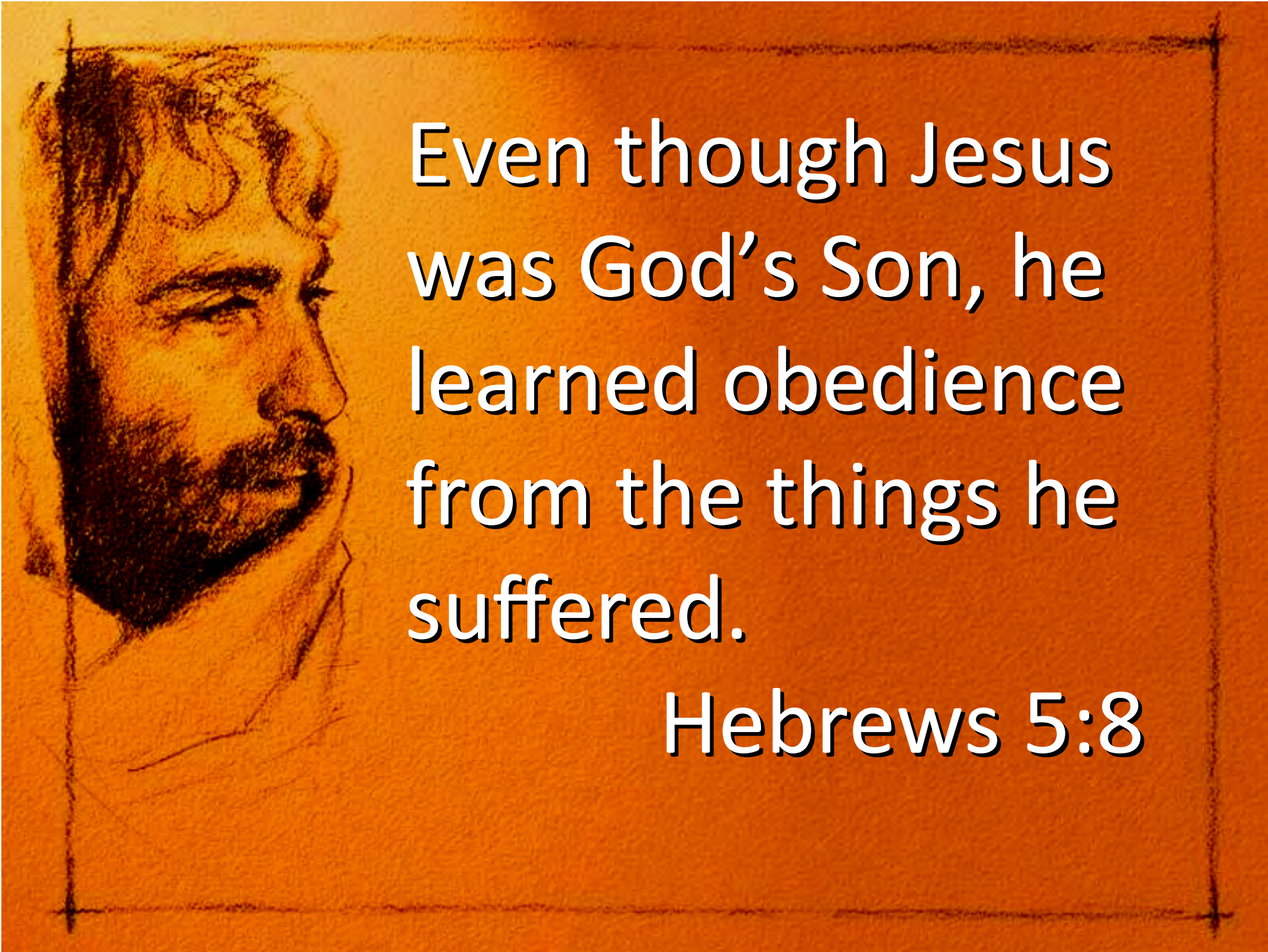
We believe God never wastes a hurt and your greatest ministry to others often arises out of your greatest pain.





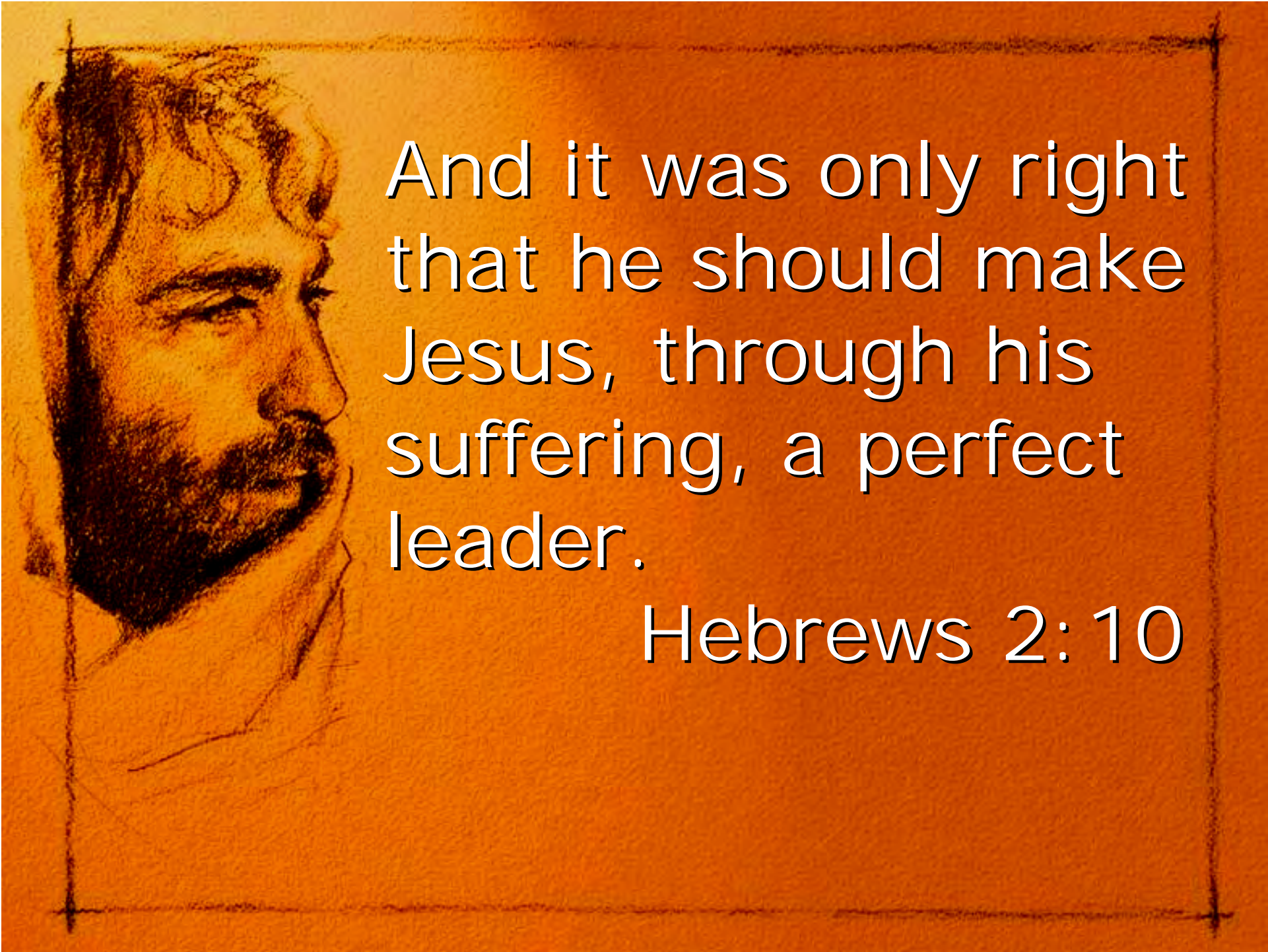


Here on earth you will have many trials and sorrows. But take heart, because I have overcome the world.” John 16:33



Even though Jesus
was God's Son, he
learned obedience
from the things he
suffered.

Hebrews 5:8



And it was only right
that he should make
Jesus, through his
suffering, a perfect
leader.

Hebrews 2:10



Proverbs 20:30

"Sometimes it takes a painful situation to make us change our ways."

For the Lord disciplines those he loves, and he punishes each one he accepts as his child. **7** As you endure this divine discipline, remember that God is treating you as his own children. Hebrews 12:6,7

II. MY PART IN CHANGING ME

1. I can choose what I think about.

Proverbs 4:23

"Be careful how you think. Your life is shaped by your thoughts."

Ephesians 4:23-25

"Your mind must be renewed by a spiritual revolution so that you can put on the `new self' that has been created in God's way."



Romans 12:2

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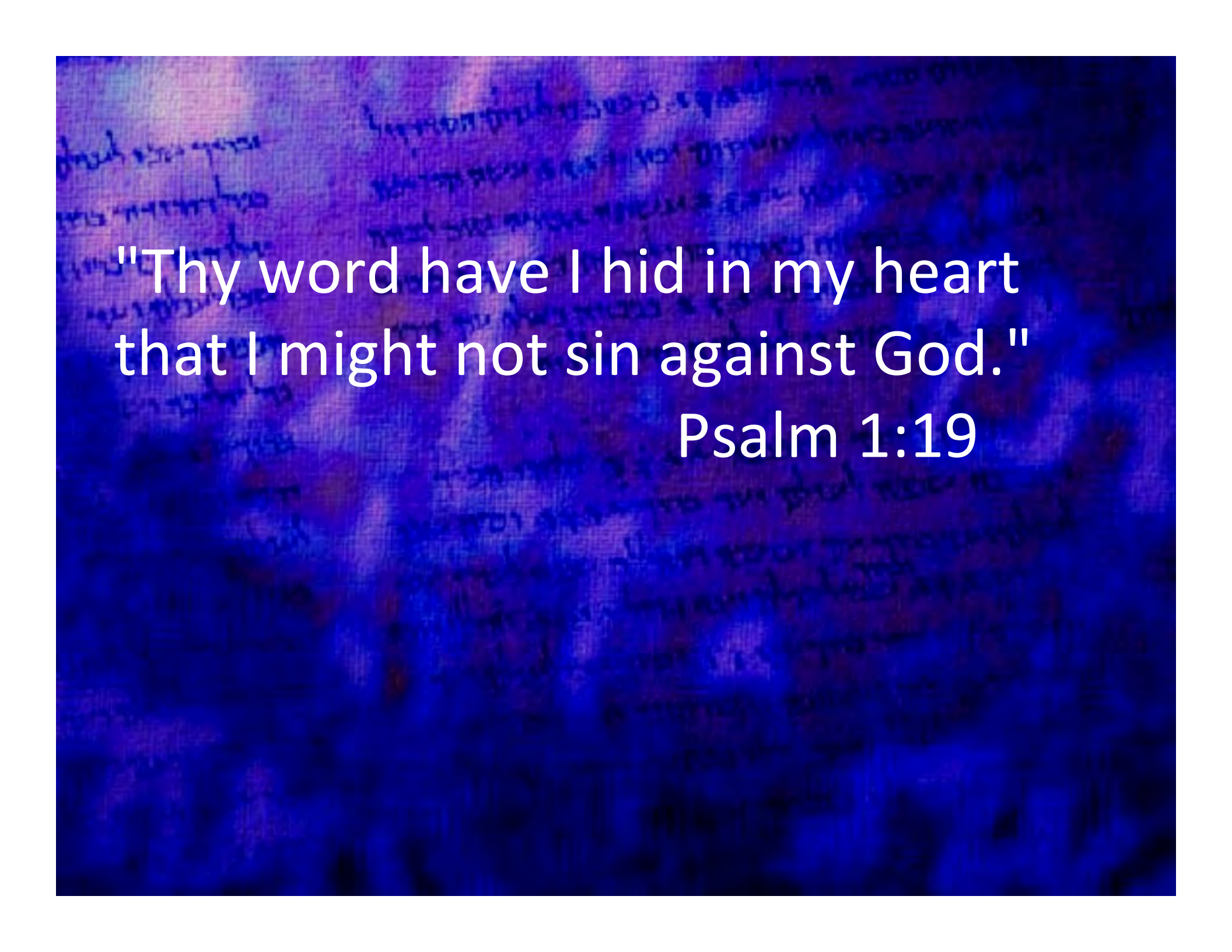


Psalm 1:2

"Blessed is the man who meditates
on God's word."

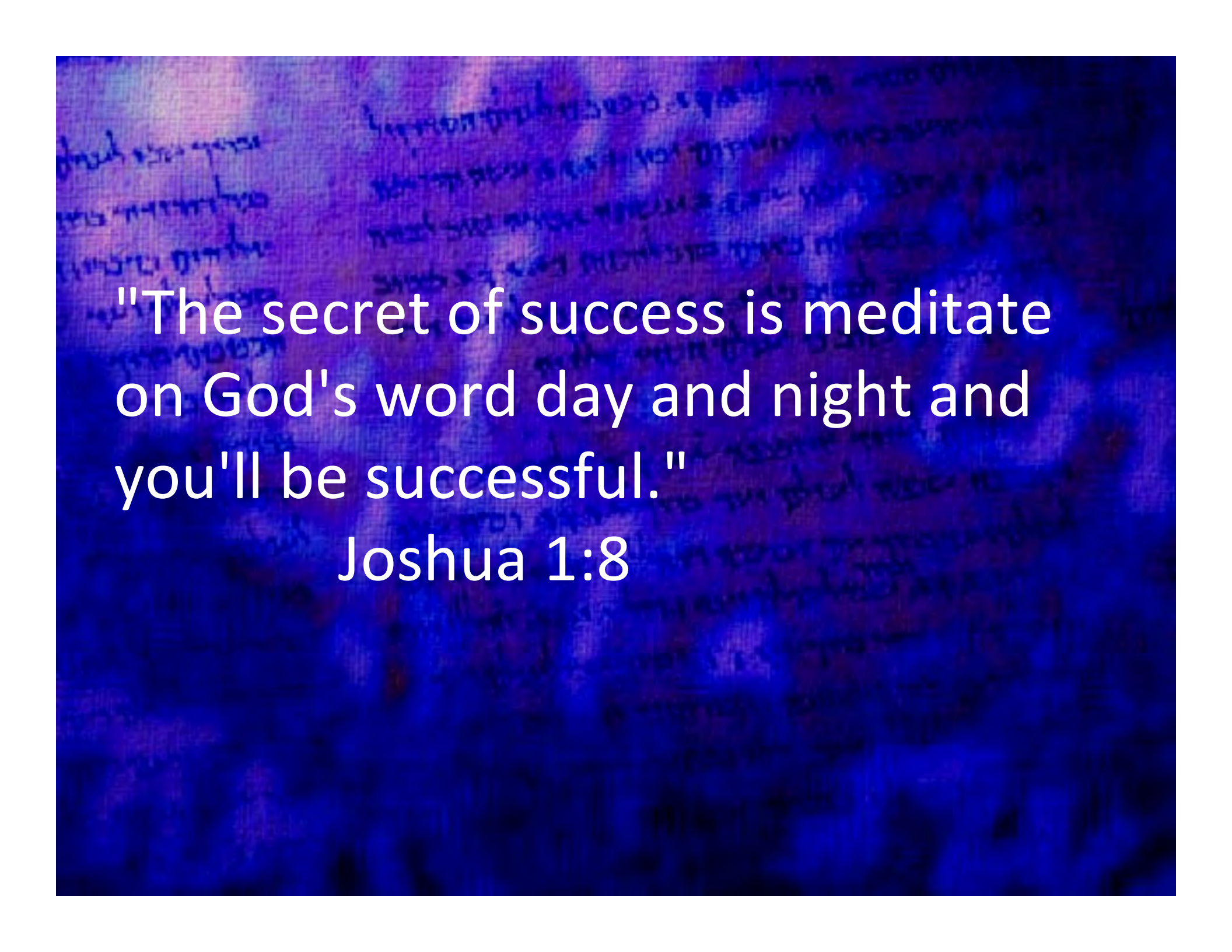


"Let the word of God dwell in you
richly." Colossians 3:6



"Thy word have I hid in my heart
that I might not sin against God."

Psalm 1:19



"The secret of success is meditate
on God's word day and night and
you'll be successful."

Joshua 1:8

II. MY PART IN CHANGING ME

**2. I can choose to
depend on God's Spirit.**

John 15:4-5

"Take care to live in Me and let Me live in you. For a branch can't produce fruit when severed from the vine. Nor can you be fruitful apart from me. I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever lives in me and I in him shall produce a large crop of fruit."

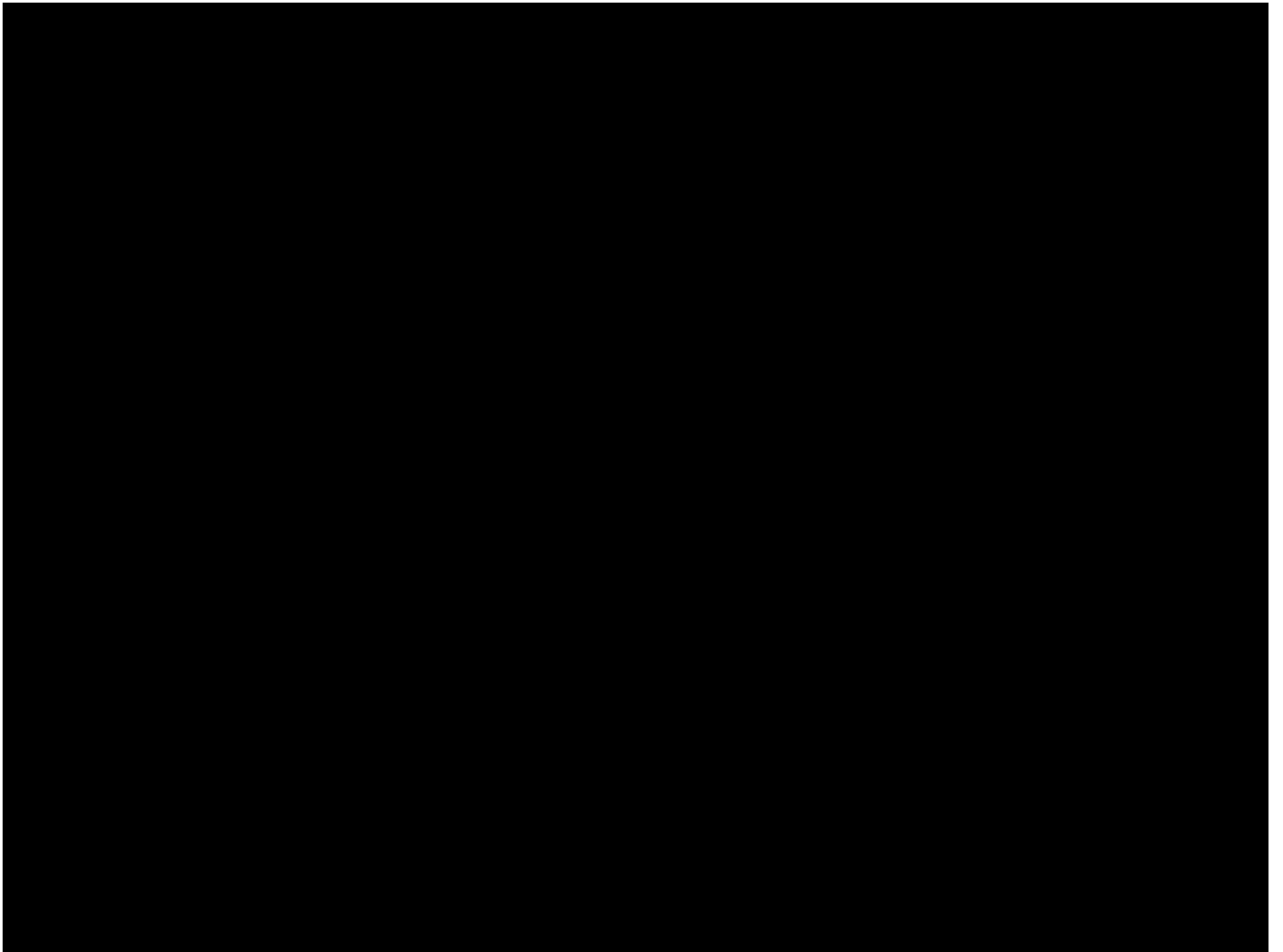


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**3. I can choose my
response to circumstances**

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Romans 5:3-4

"We can be full of joy here and now, even in our trials and troubles. These very things [the trials and troubles] will give us patient endurance; this in turn will develop a mature character."