



ACTS:
A HISTORY BOOK
Living **IN YOU.**

VINTAGE IDEAS FOR LIVING TODAY

When the people heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and the other apostles, “Brothers, what shall we do?”³⁸ Peter replied, “Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. And you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.

The promise is for you and your children and for all who are far off—for all whom the Lord our God will call.”⁴⁰ With many other words he warned them; and he pleaded with them, “Save yourselves from this corrupt generation.”

41 Those who accepted his message were baptized, and about three thousand were added to their number that day.

Acts 2:37-41

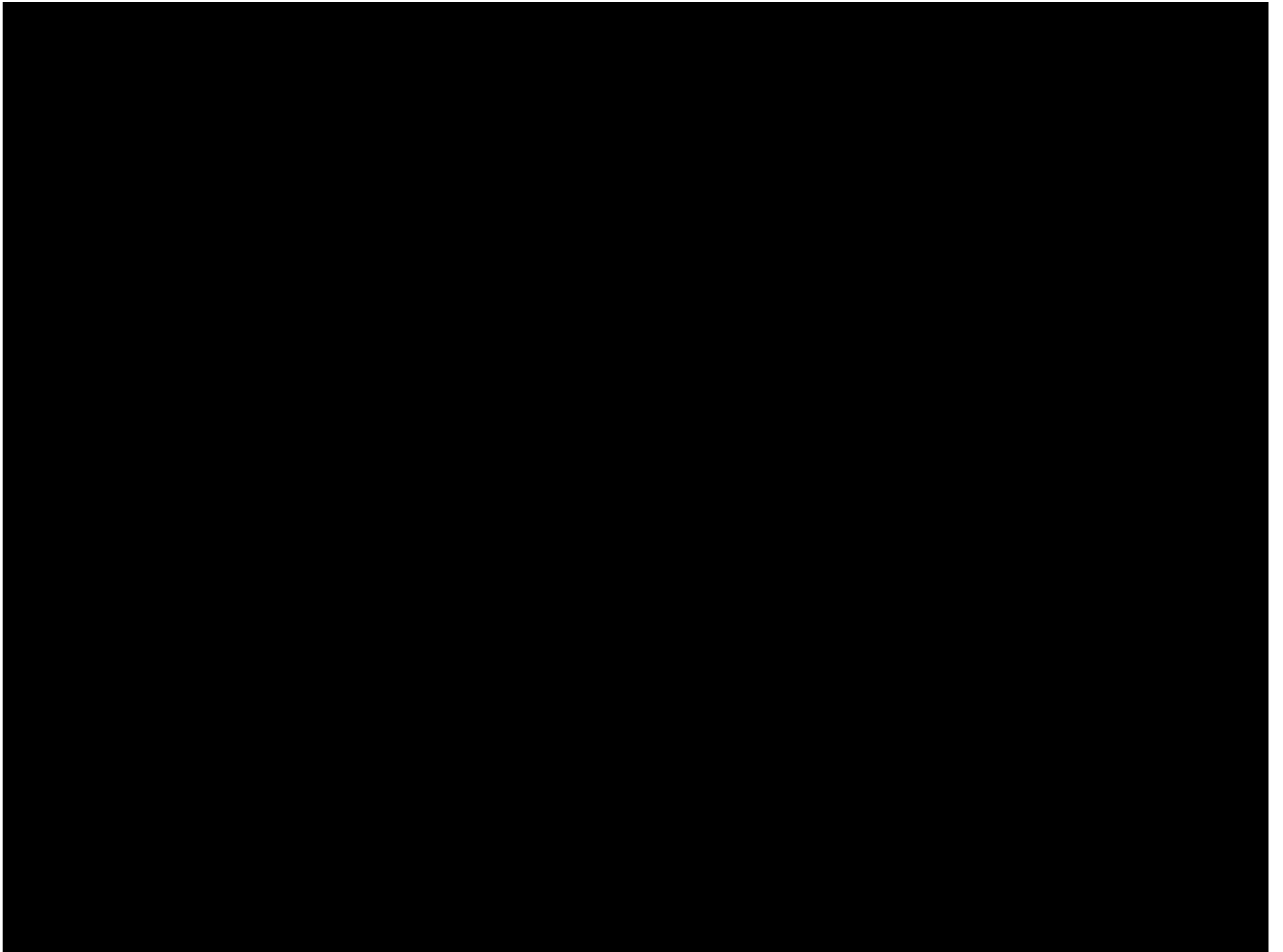
They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer. 43 Everyone was filled with awe at the many wonders and signs performed by the apostles.

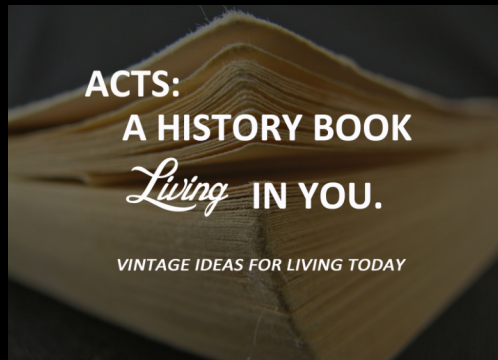
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Acts 2:42-47

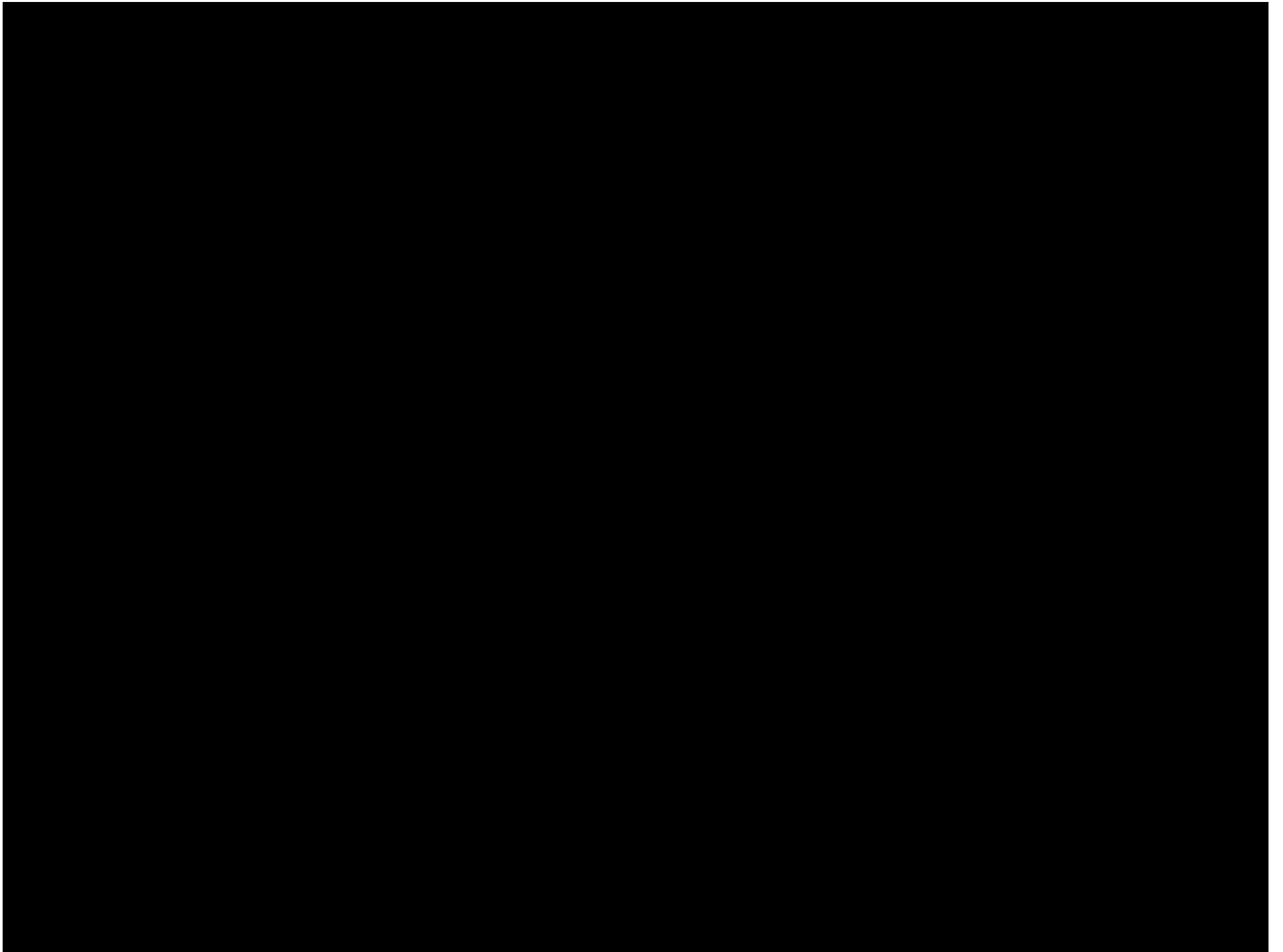


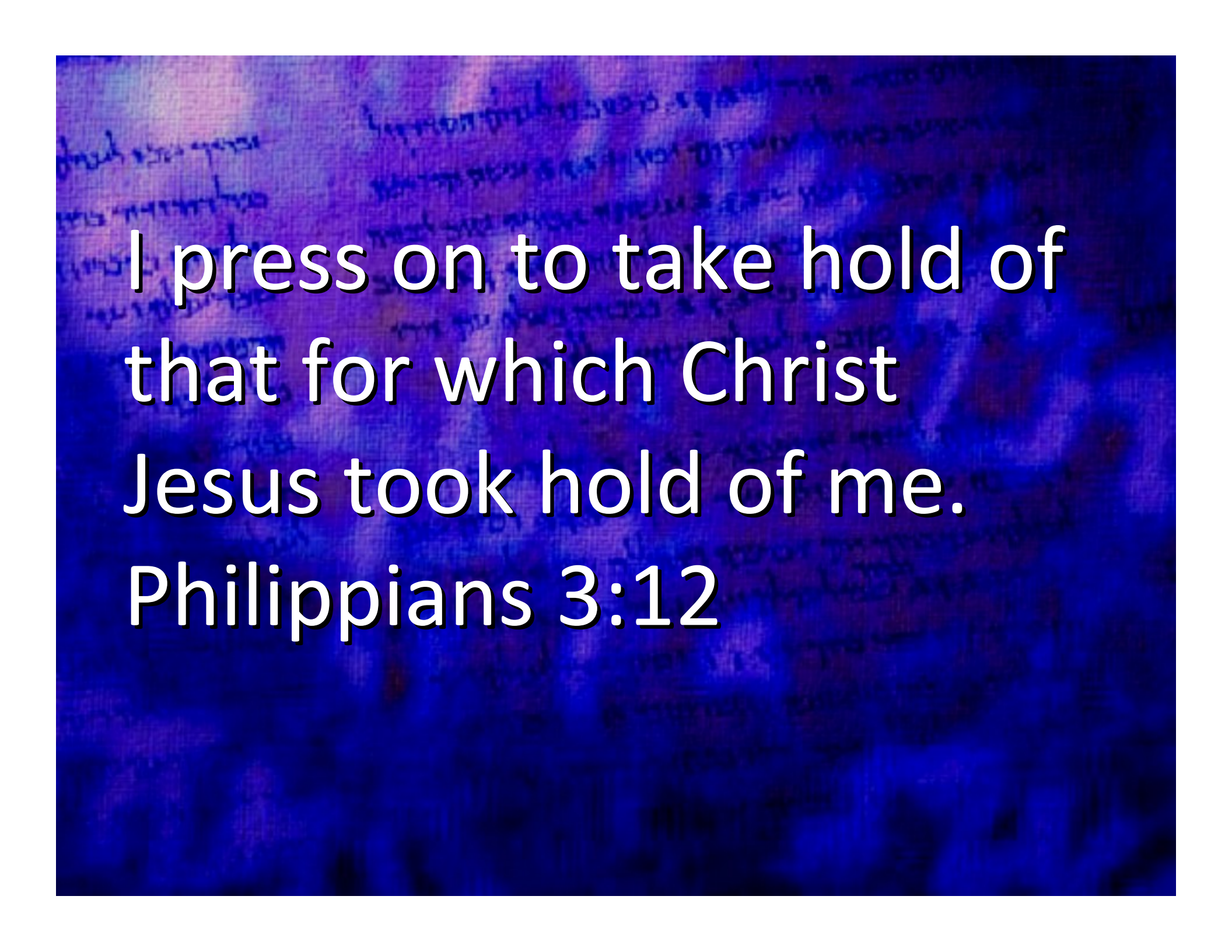


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“Repent, and believe the
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Brothers and sisters, I do
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have taken hold of it yet.

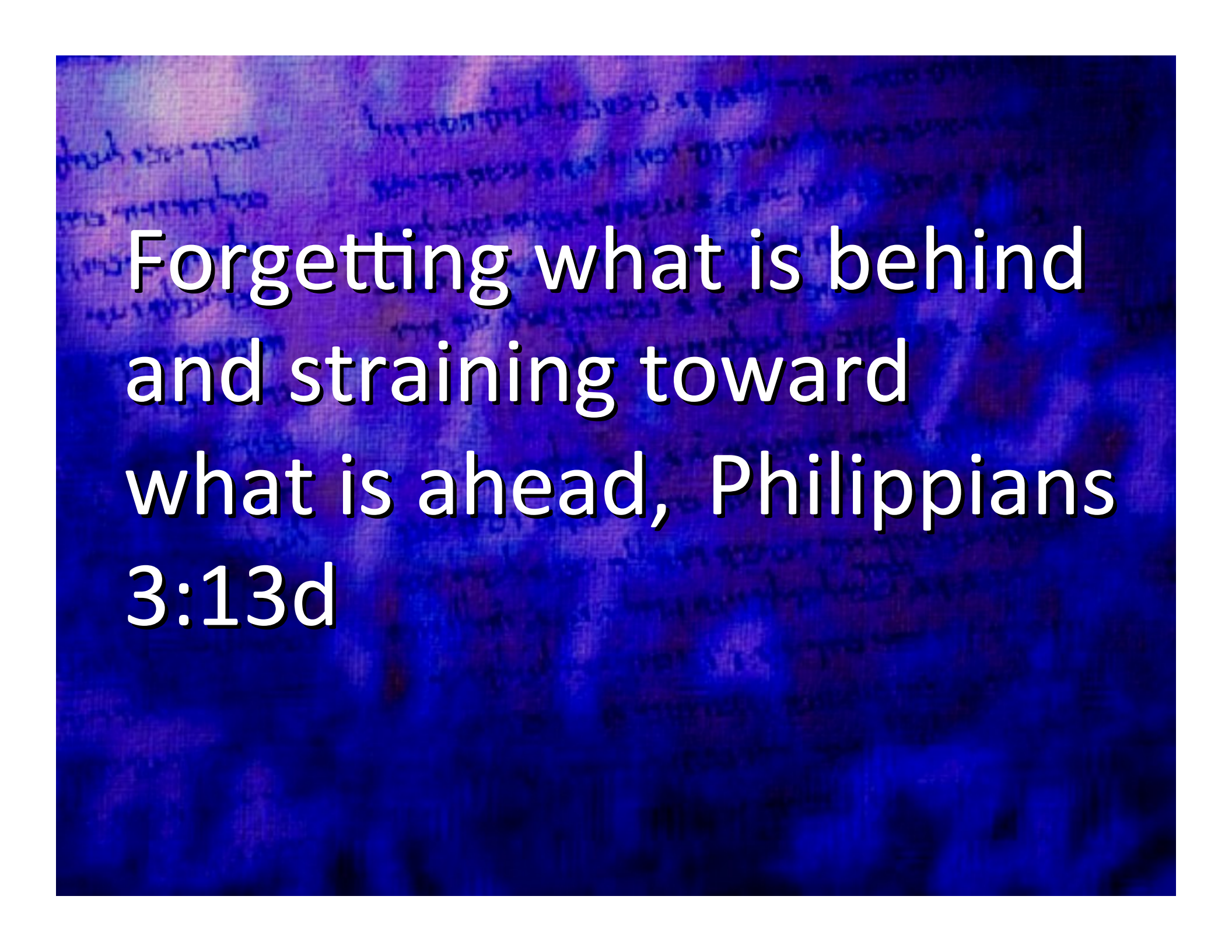
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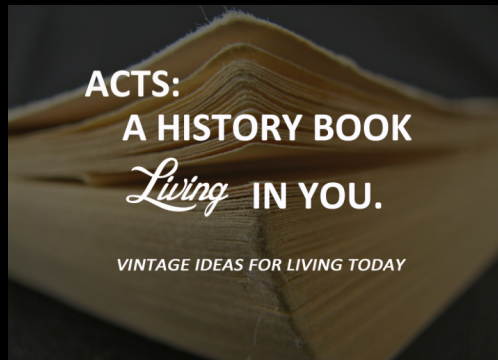
But one thing I do:
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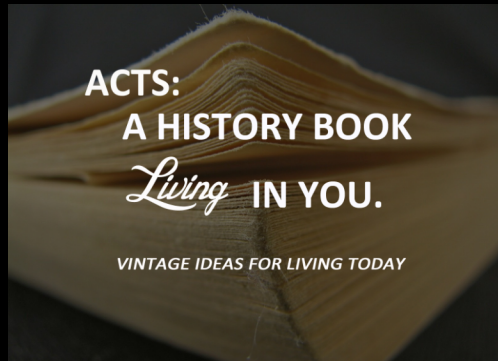
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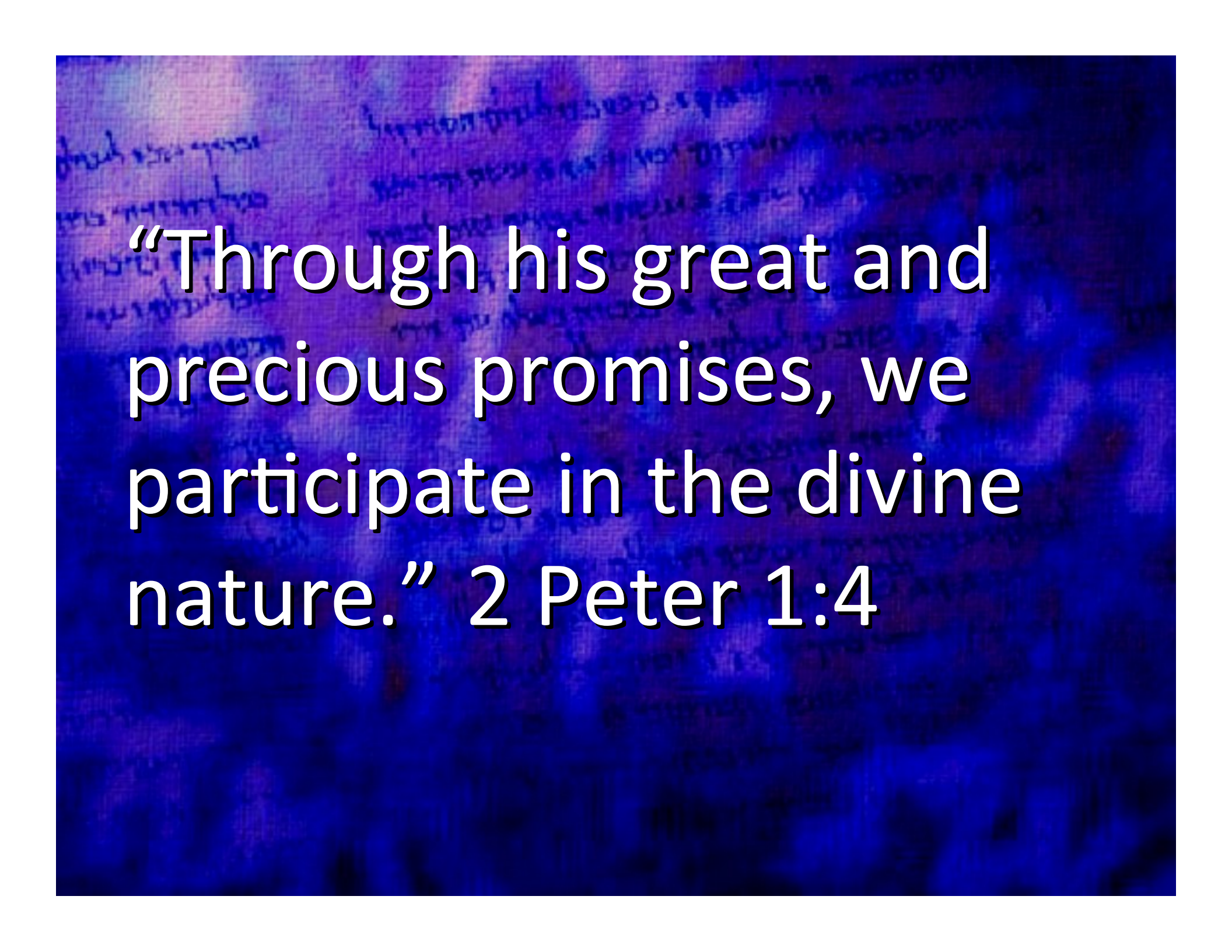


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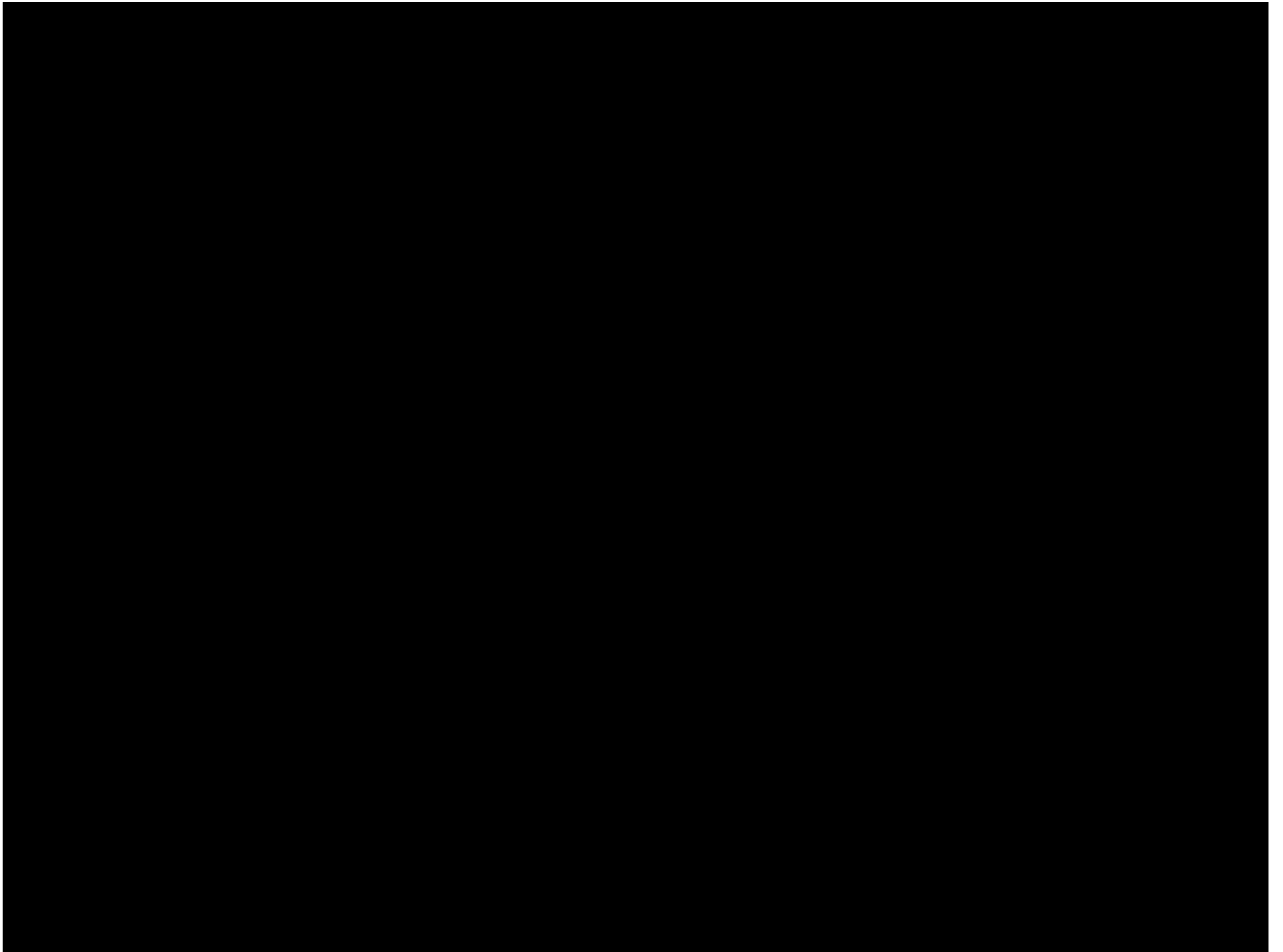


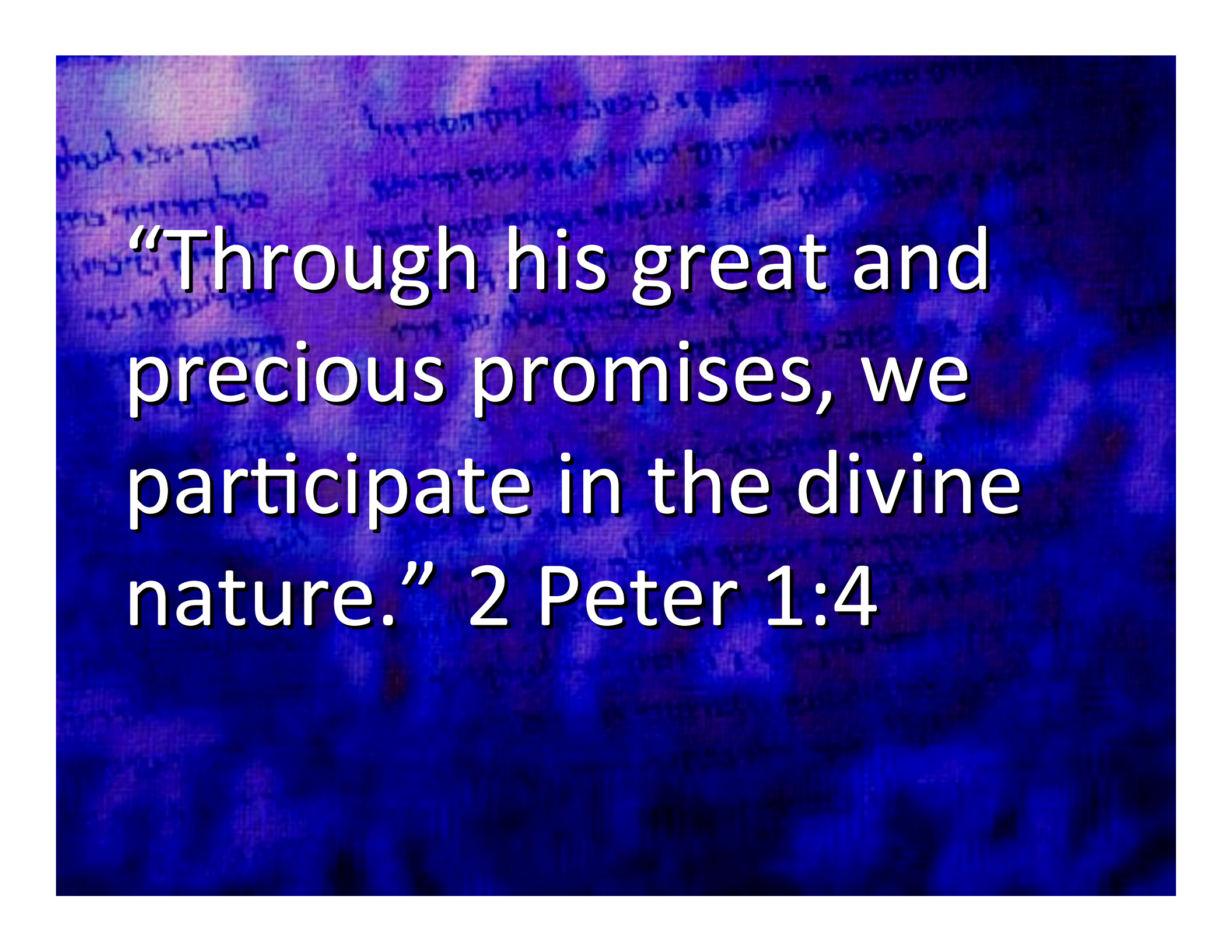
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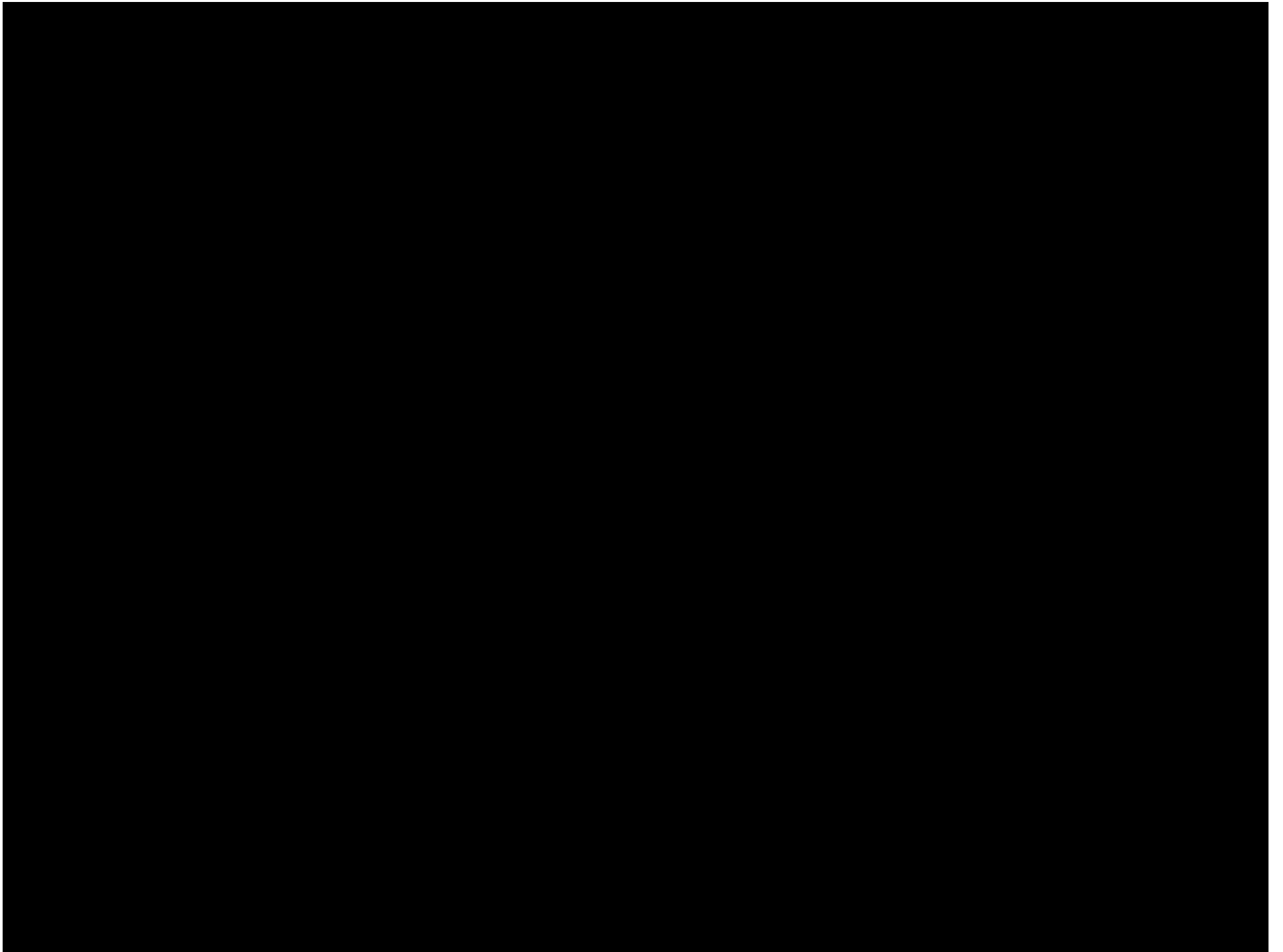


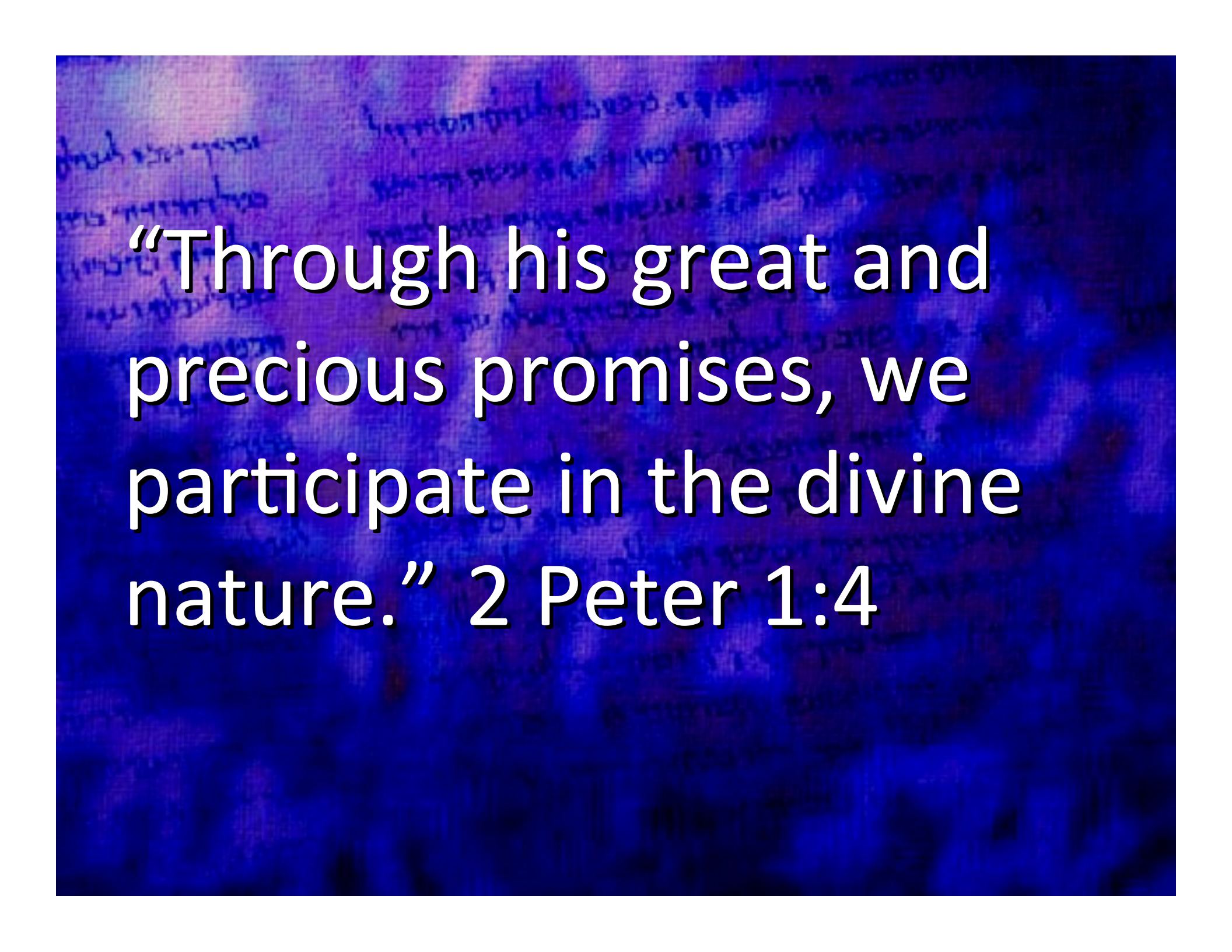
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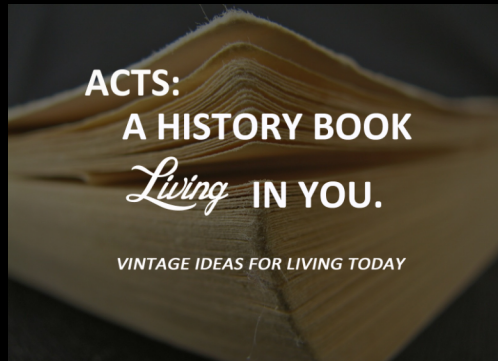


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Jesus said, "If you hold to
my teaching, you are
really my disciples.

John 8:31

They went out from us, but they did not really belong to us. For if they had belonged to us, they would have remained with us; but their going showed that none of them belonged to us.

1 John 2:19

2. A Scriptural Church

42 They devoted themselves ... to the apostles' teaching.

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All Scripture is God-breathed
and is useful for teaching,
rebuking, correcting and training
in righteousness, 17 so that the
servant of God may be
thoroughly equipped for every
good work. 2 Timothy 3:16

3. An Involved Church

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and to fellowship

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And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, **25** not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

Hebrews 10:24,25

4. A Christ Centered Church

42 They devoted themselves ... to
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5. A Praying Church

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6. An Inspired Church

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The dead man sat up and began to talk, and Jesus gave him back to his mother. 16 They were all filled with awe and praised God. "A great prophet has appeared among us," they said. "God has come to help his people." Luke 7:15,16

7. A Miraculous Church

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“Aeneas,” Peter said to him,
“Jesus Christ heals you. Get up
and roll up your mat.”

Immediately Aeneas got up.

35 All those who lived in Lydda
and Sharon saw him and turned
to the Lord. Acts 9:34,35

8. A Sharing Church

44 All the believers were together and had everything in common. 45 They sold property and possessions to give to anyone who had need. 46 Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts. They broke bread in their homes and ate together... Acts 2:44-46a

For if the willingness is there, the gift is acceptable according to what one has, not according to what one does not have. 2 Corinthians 10-12.

9. A Joyful Church

with glad and sincere hearts,
47 praising God

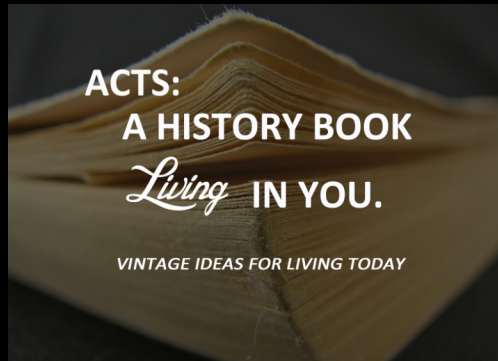
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10. An Attractive Church

...and enjoying the favor of all the people.

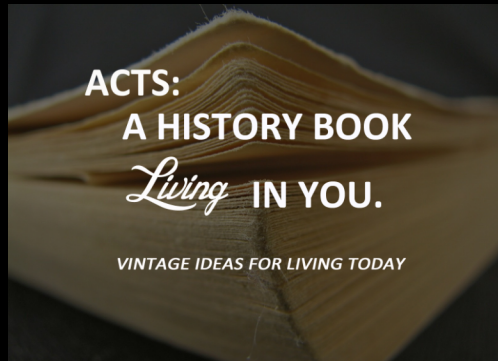
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By this everyone will know that
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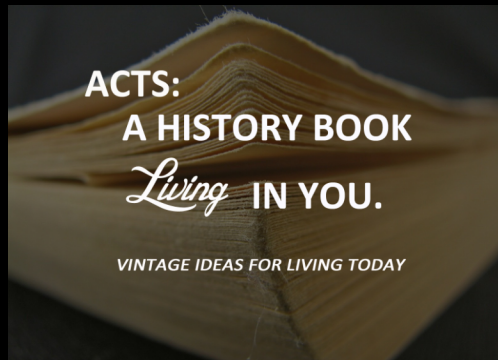
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“From God they received those commandments which they have engraved on their minds and which they observe in the hope and the expectation of the world to come.”



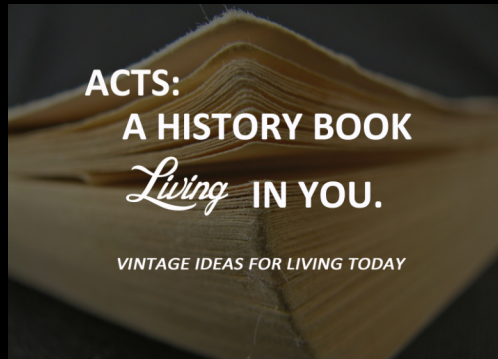
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For this reason they do not commit adultery or immorality, they don't bear false witness, or embezzle, nor do they covet what is not theirs. They honor father and mother, and do good to those that are their neighbors.



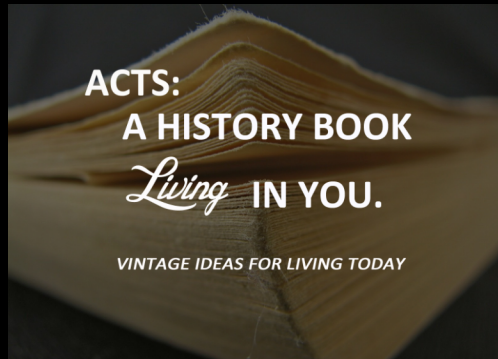
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Those who oppress them they exhort and make them their friends. They do good to their enemies. Their wives, O King, are pure as virgins, and their daughters are modest. Their men abstain from all sexual contact and impurity, in the hope of recompense that is to come in another world.



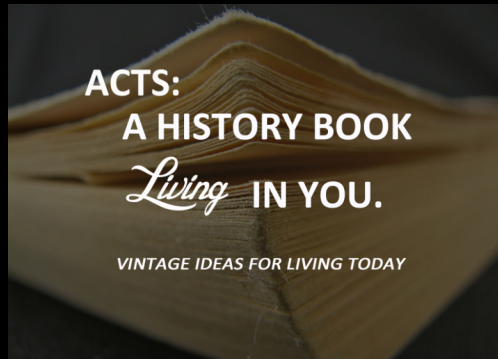
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...they go there way in all humility and cheerfulness. Falsehood is not found among them. They love one another; the widow's needs are not ignored, and they rescue the orphan from the person who does them violence.



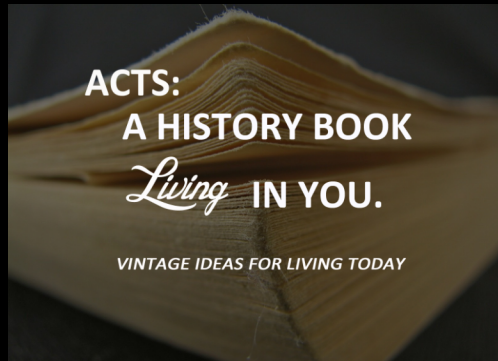
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He who has gives to him who has not, ungrudgingly, without boasting. If they find poverty in their midst they do not spare food. They observe scrupulously the commandments of their Messiah, living honestly and soberly as the LORD their God ordered them



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If any righteous person of their number passes away from the world, they rejoice and thank God, and escort his body as if it were setting out from one place to another nearby.



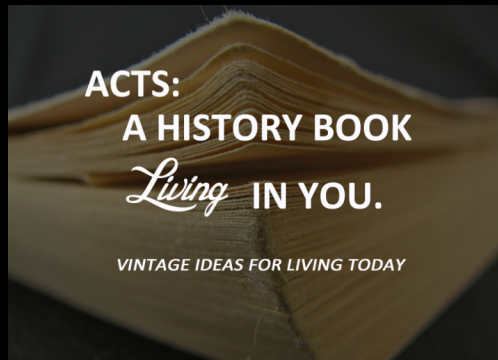
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Such, O King, is the commandment given to the Christians, and such is their conduct.

11. A Growing Church

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