

THE COMPLICATED LIFE OF

Jacob

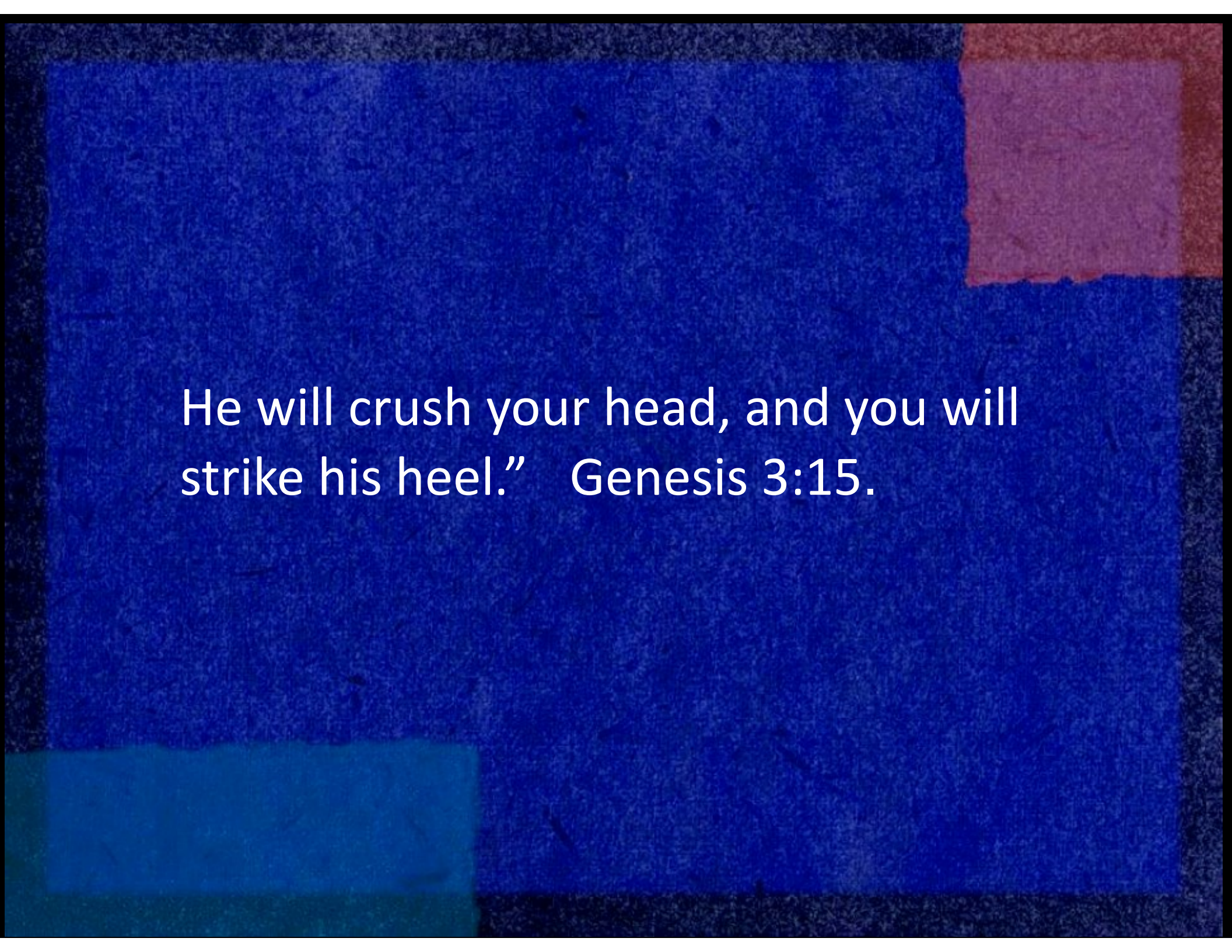
A LIFE LIKE YOURS AND MINE

And I will cause hostility between you and the woman, and between your offspring and her offspring. He will crush your head, and you will strike his heel.” Genesis 3:15.

You belong to your father, the devil, and you want to carry out your father's desires. He was a murderer from the beginning, not holding to the truth, for there is no truth in him. When he lies, he speaks his native language, for he is a liar and the father of lies.

John 8:44

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God's purpose in all this was to use the church to display his wisdom in its rich variety to all the unseen rulers and authorities in the heavenly places.

Ephesians 3:10

The Spirit showed (the prophets from the Old Testament times) that they (were) told these things not for themselves, but for you (the church age). And now the men who told you the good news (the Apostles) have told you these same things. They spoke by the power of the Holy Spirit who was sent from heaven. **Even the angels wanted very much to know about these things. 1Peter 1:12**

“Esau, my son, go out, hunt for some game, and then fix up the game in the way I like, fix it into a meal for me, bring it to me, and I **will give you the blessing** before I die.” Genesis 27:2-4



30 ...Esau talking: “My father, please sit up and eat some of my game, so that you may give me your blessing.” 32 His father Isaac asked him, “Who are you? “I am your son,” he answered, “your firstborn, Esau.” 33 Isaac trembled violently and said, “Who was it, then, that hunted game and brought it to me? I ate it just before you came **and I blessed him—and indeed he will be blessed!**” 34 When Esau heard his father’s words, he burst out with a loud and bitter cry and said to his father, **“Bless me—me too, my father!”**



“Haven’t you reserved any blessing for me?” **37** Isaac answered Esau, “I have made him lord over you and have made all his relatives his servants, and I have sustained him with grain and new wine. So what can I possibly do for you, my son?”
Genesis 27:36,37



So Jacob took the food to his father. “My father?” he said. “Yes, my son,” Isaac answered. “Who are you— Esau or Jacob?”¹⁹ Jacob replied, “It’s Esau, your firstborn son. I’ve done as you told me. Here is the wild game. Now sit up and eat it so you can give me your blessing.”

30 After Isaac finished blessing him, and Jacob had scarcely left his father's presence, his brother Esau came in from hunting. 31 He too prepared some tasty food and brought it to his father. Then he said to him, "My father, please sit up and eat some of my game, so that you may give me your blessing." 32 His father Isaac asked him, "Who are you?" "I am your son," he answered, "your firstborn, Esau."

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Welcome

Behind these doors you'll discover people who struggle with lying, cheating, envy, greed sexual impurity, gossiping, back biting, bickering, anger, swaggering, bullying, cruelty, arrogance, meanness, stupidity, impatience, hate, judgement, pride and even more.

We've compiled this long and sorry record as sinners and proved that we are utterly incapable of living the glorious lives that God wills for us.

We know we need Christ.

If you've discovered that you are like us, broken with contrite hearts desiring forgiveness from sin, people longing for a clean start, then

Please Come In.

For here, you will find rest for your weary souls and Peace with God. And not only for us but for everyone who believes in the work of Jesus.

We discovered out of sheer generosity God put us in right standing with Himself. A pure gift.

He got us out of the mess we're in and restored us to where He always wanted us to be.

Then Isaac said to Jacob, “Please come a little closer and kiss me, my son.”

27 So Jacob went over and kissed him.

And when Isaac caught the smell of his clothes, he was finally convinced, and he blessed his son. He said, “Ah! The smell of my son is like the smell of the outdoors, which the Lord has blessed! “

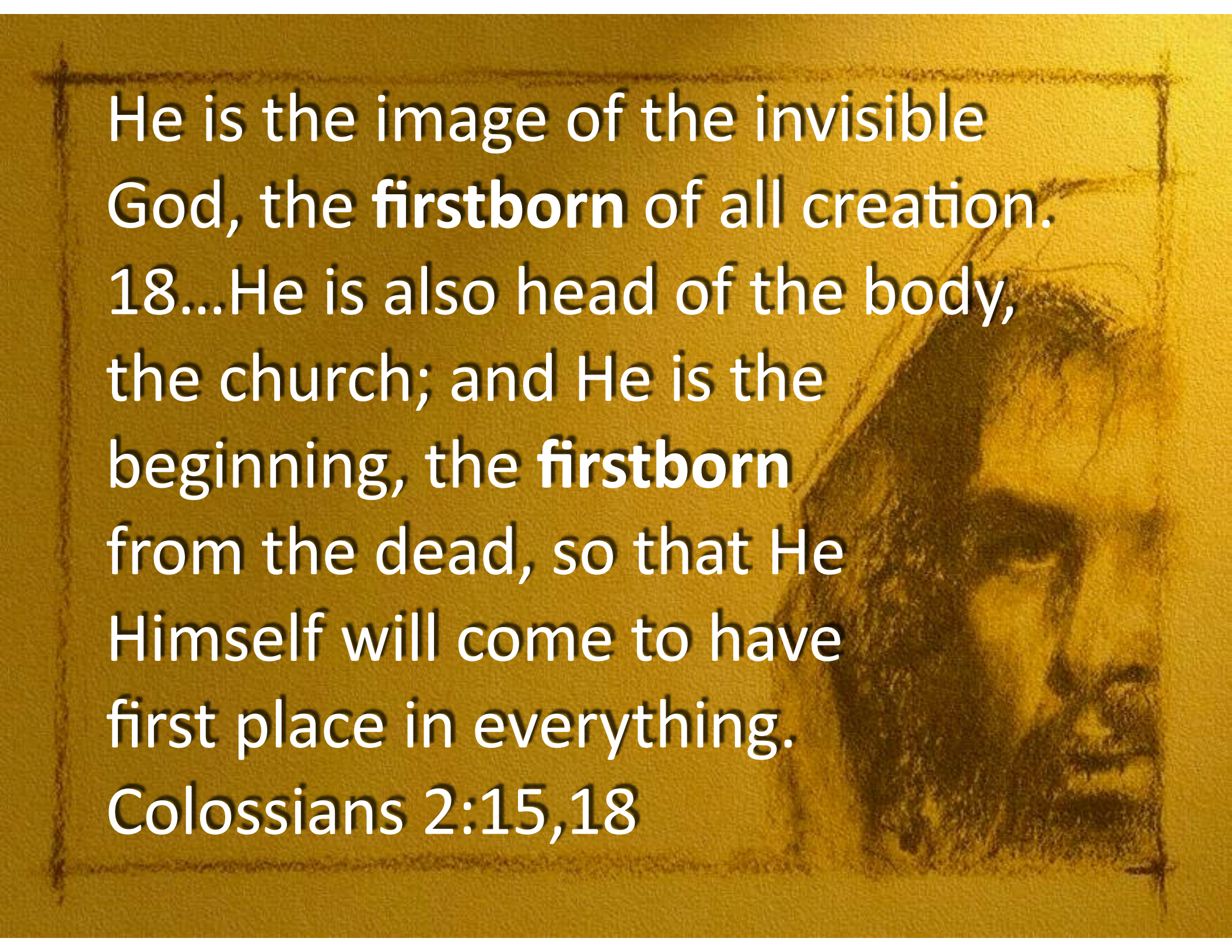
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Rebekah became pregnant with twins.
22 But the two children struggled with each other in her womb. So she went to ask the Lord about it. “Why is this happening to me?” she asked. 23 And the Lord told her, “The sons in your womb will become two nations. From the very beginning, the two nations will be rivals. One nation will be stronger than the other; and **your older son will serve your younger son.**” Genesis 25:21-23



He is the image of the invisible
God, the **firstborn** of all creation.

18...He is also head of the body,
the church; and He is the
beginning, the **firstborn**
from the dead, so that He
Himself will come to have
first place in everything.

Colossians 2:15,18

Basically, all of us, whether insiders or outsiders, start out in identical conditions, which is to say that we all start out as sinners. Romans 3:9



And it's clear enough, isn't it,
that we're sinners, every one
of us, in the same sinking boat
with everybody else?

Romans 3:19



Since we've compiled this long and sorry record as sinners and proved that we are utterly incapable of living the glorious lives God wills for us, God did it for us. Out of sheer generosity he put us in right standing with himself.



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means of Jesus Christ.

Romans 3:23,24



