

A Public Faith



Sharing the Hope That's Within

"How do I live as a believer in a society where all of the cultural institutions are hostile to my faith and to the God I believe in?"



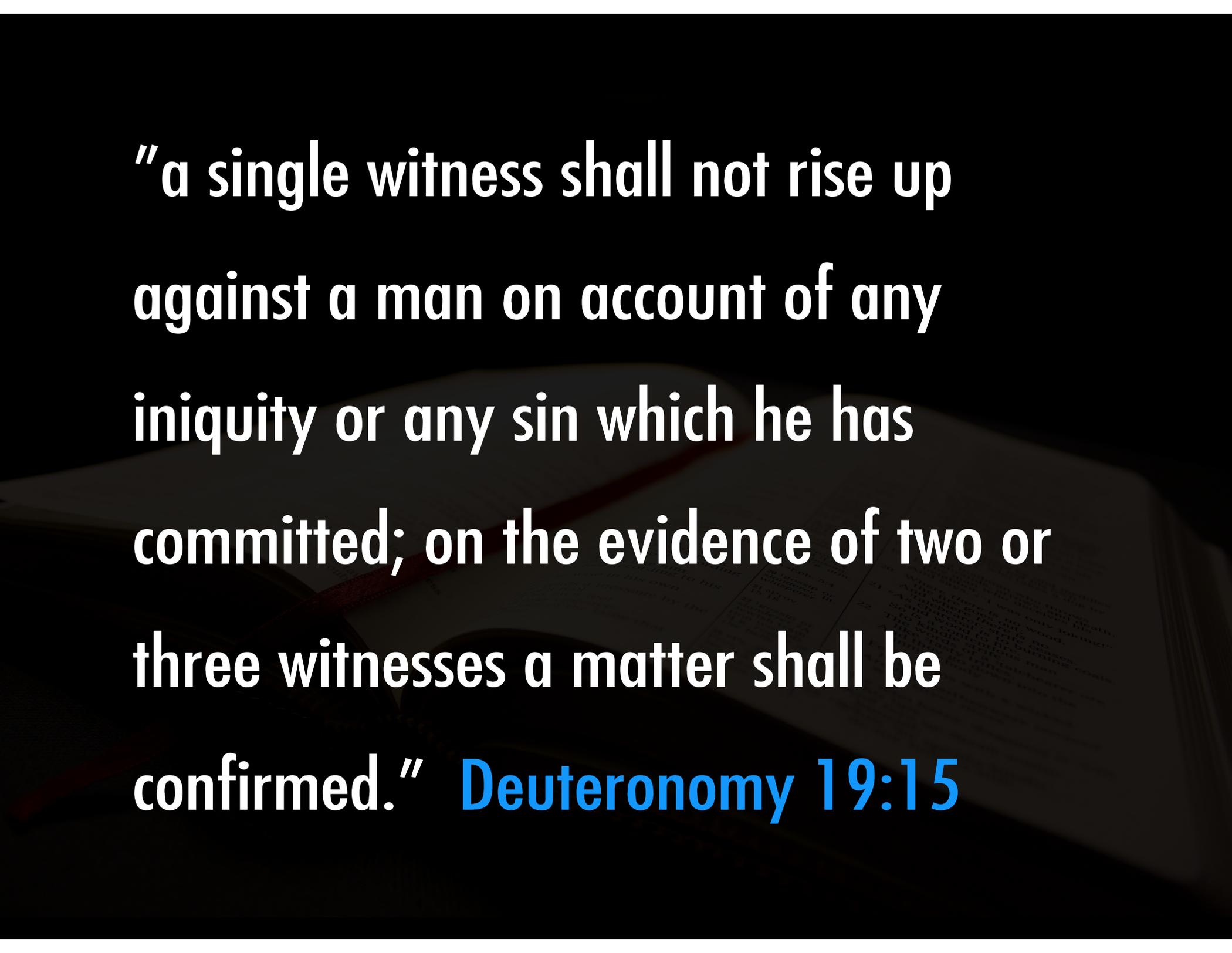
John 5:31-47

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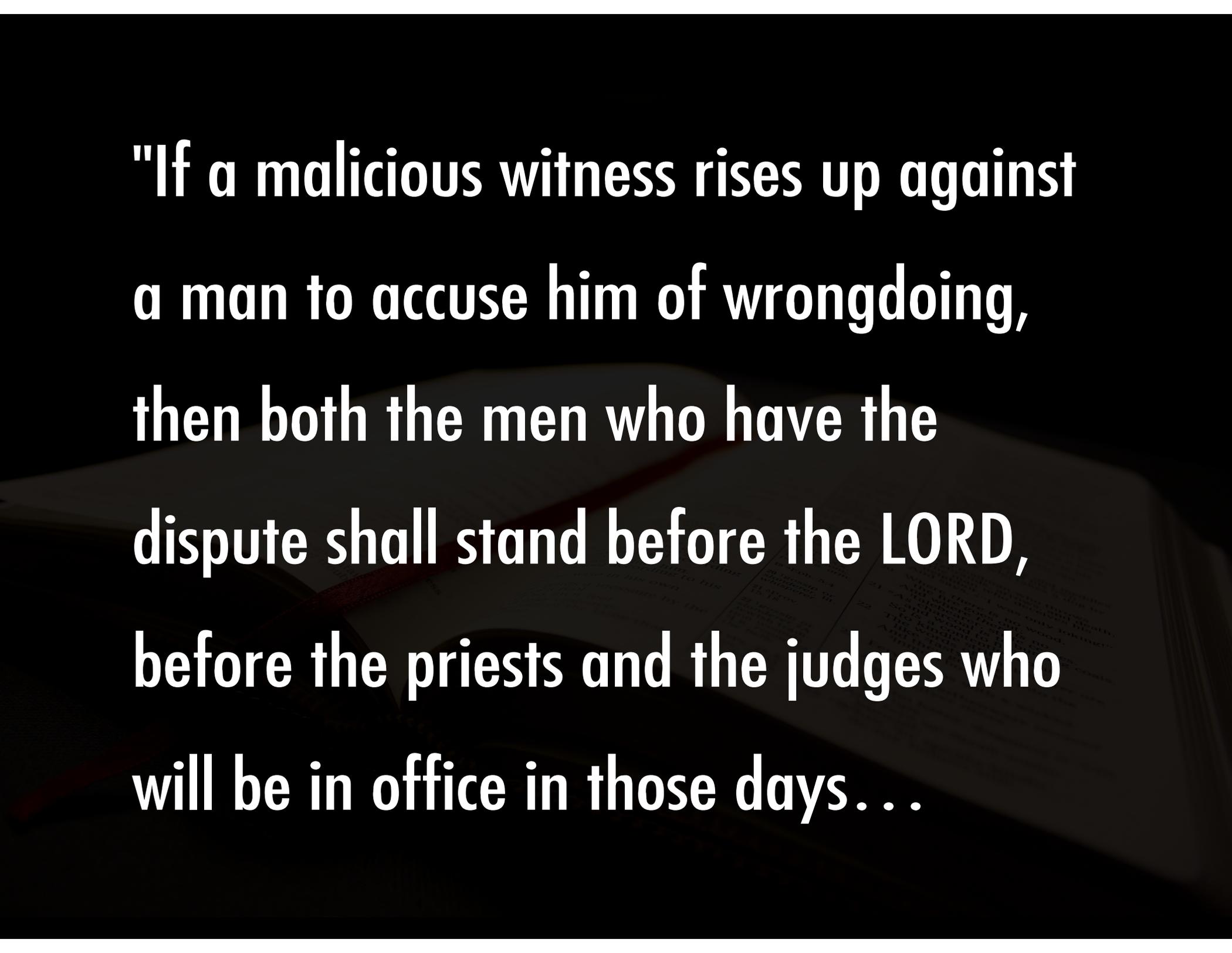
Listen to the way John uses the word. In **John 1:34**, John the Baptist says, "I have seen and have borne witness that this is the Son of God." In **John 3:11**, Jesus says, "We speak of what we know, and bear witness to what we have seen." **John 3:32** says, "He bears witness to what he has seen and heard." And **John 19:35** says, "He who saw it has borne witness."

So a witness is ordinarily one who has seen something and can witness (**testify**) to what he has seen. A witness gives firsthand evidence (**testimony**). He was there. He doesn't argue that something happened. He says, I know it happened, I saw it.

John Piper - **If You Believed Moses, You Would Believe Me, for He Wrote of Me**



**"a single witness shall not rise up
against a man on account of any
iniquity or any sin which he has
committed; on the evidence of two or
three witnesses a matter shall be
confirmed." Deuteronomy 19:15**

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**"If a malicious witness rises up against
a man to accuse him of wrongdoing,
then both the men who have the
dispute shall stand before the LORD,
before the priests and the judges who
will be in office in those days..."**

“The judges shall investigate thoroughly, and if the witness is a false witness and he has accused his brother falsely, then you shall do to him just as he had intended to do to his brother.” **Deuteronomy 19:16-19**



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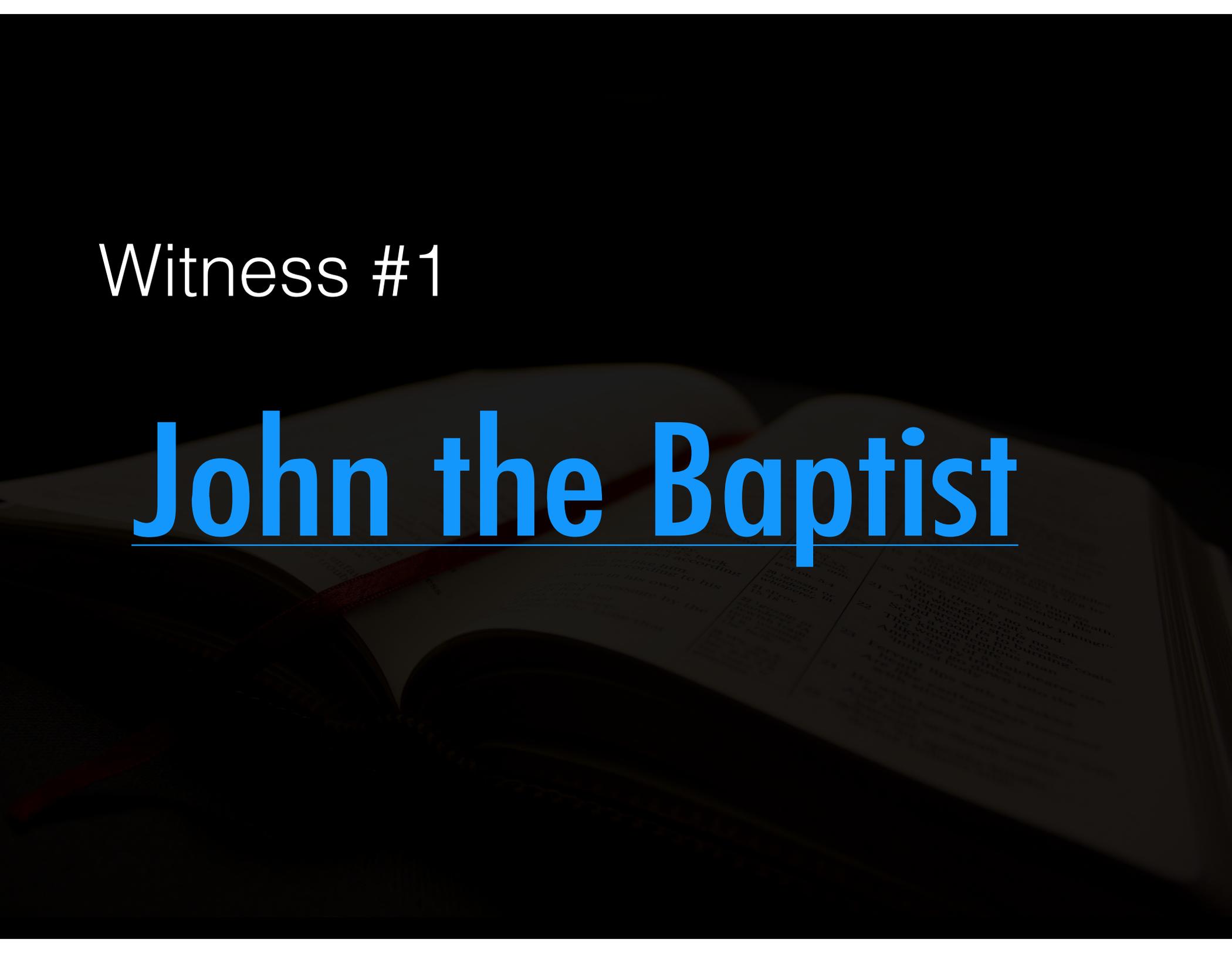
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Witness #1



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John the Baptist

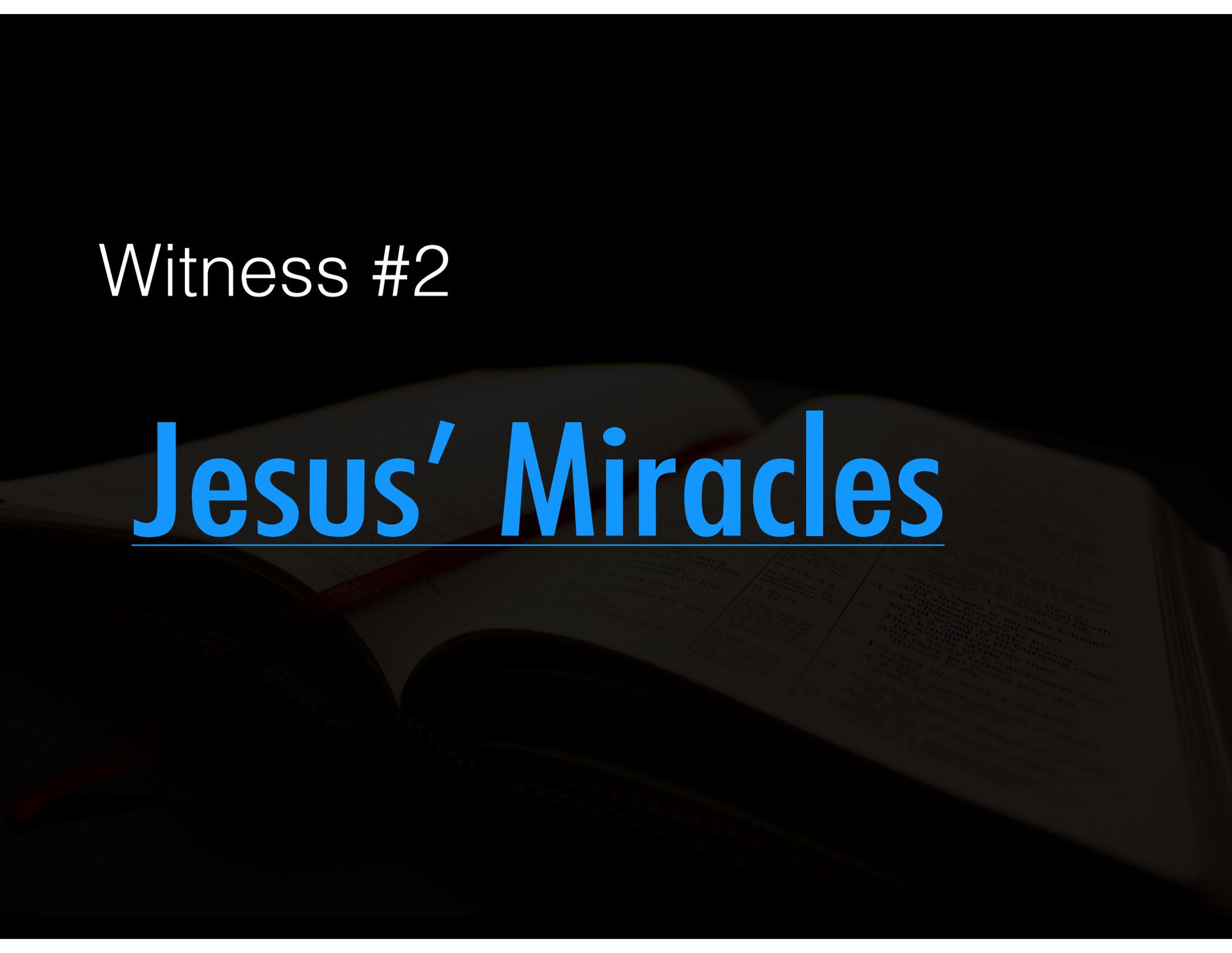
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Witness #2



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Jesus' Miracles

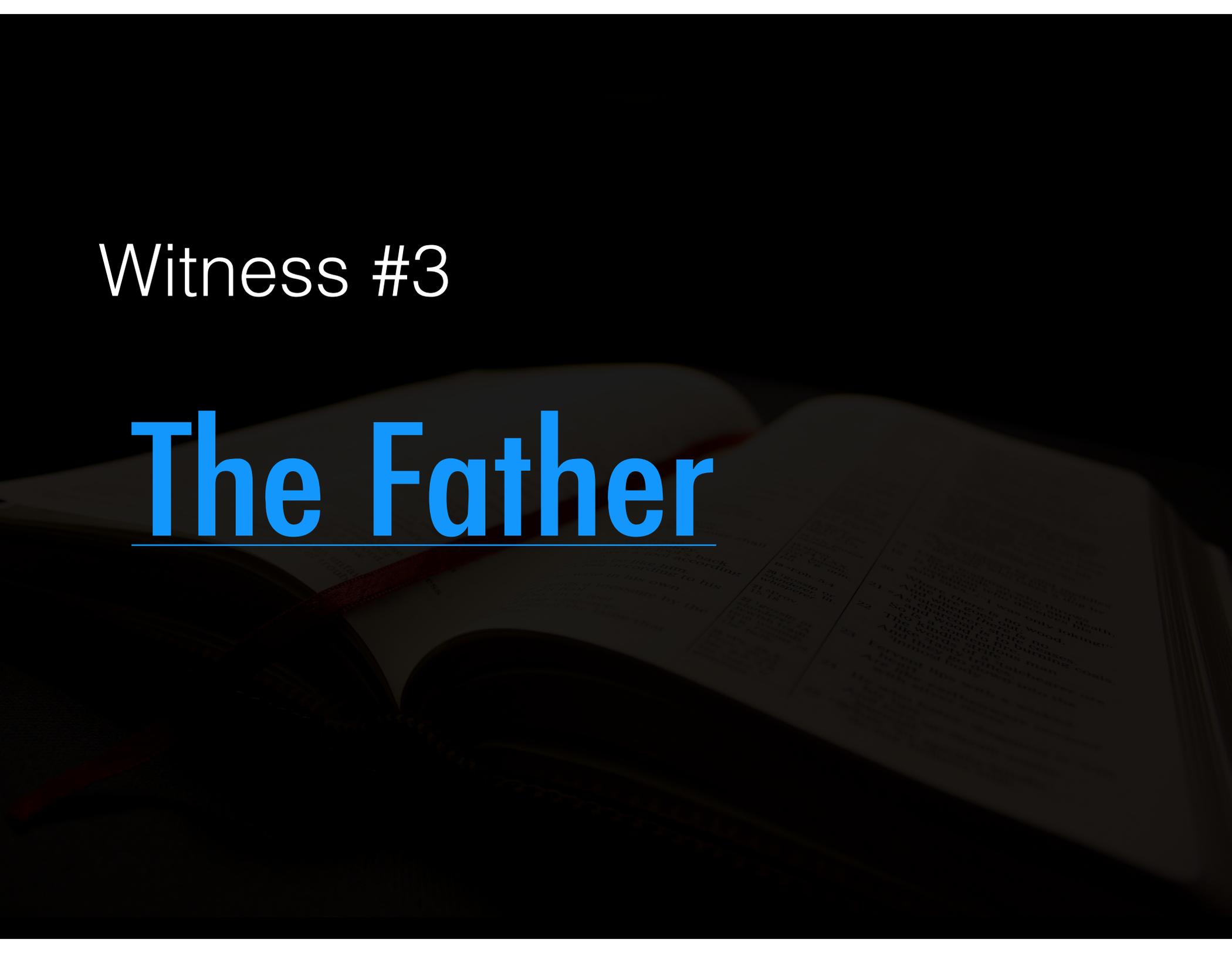
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The Father

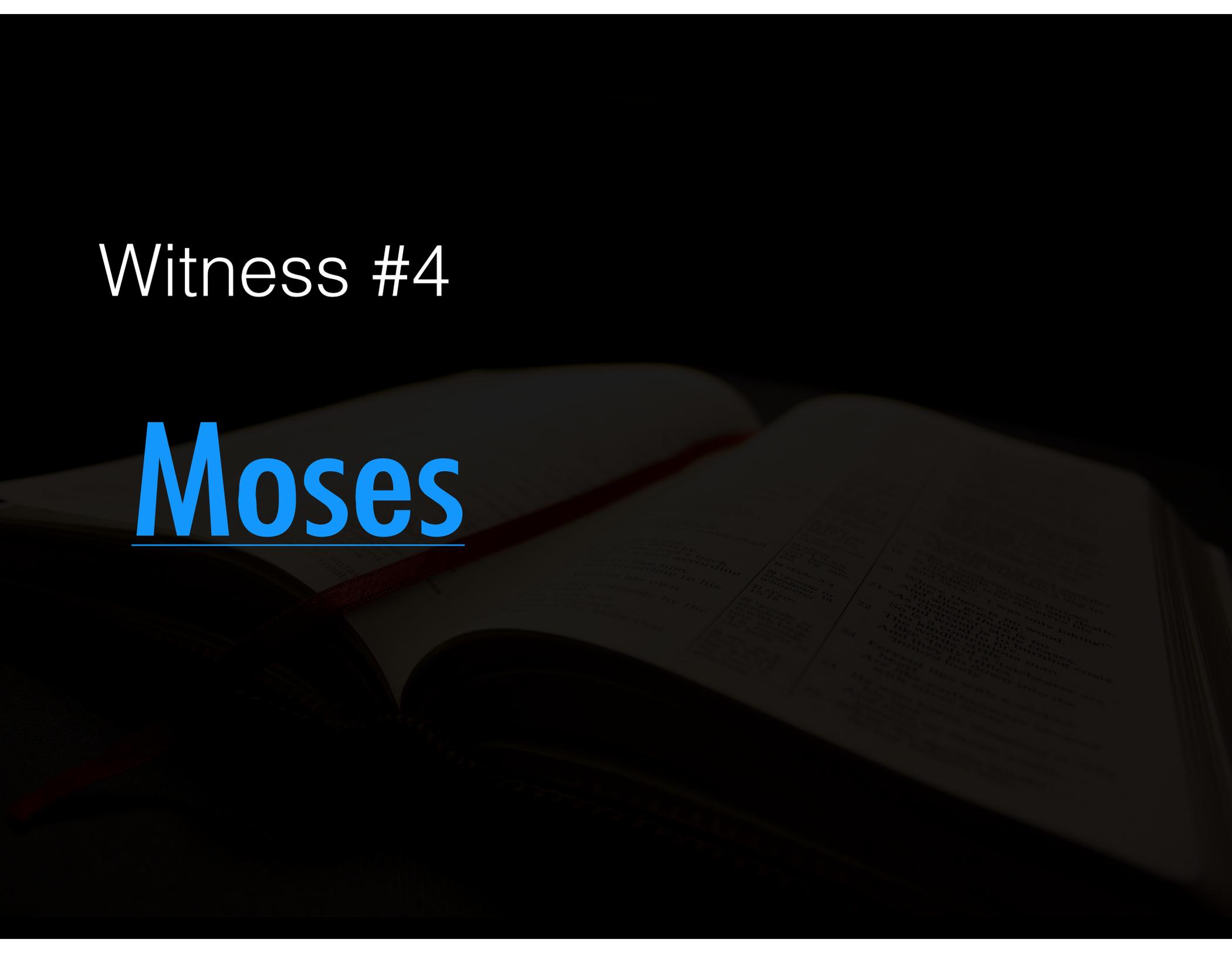
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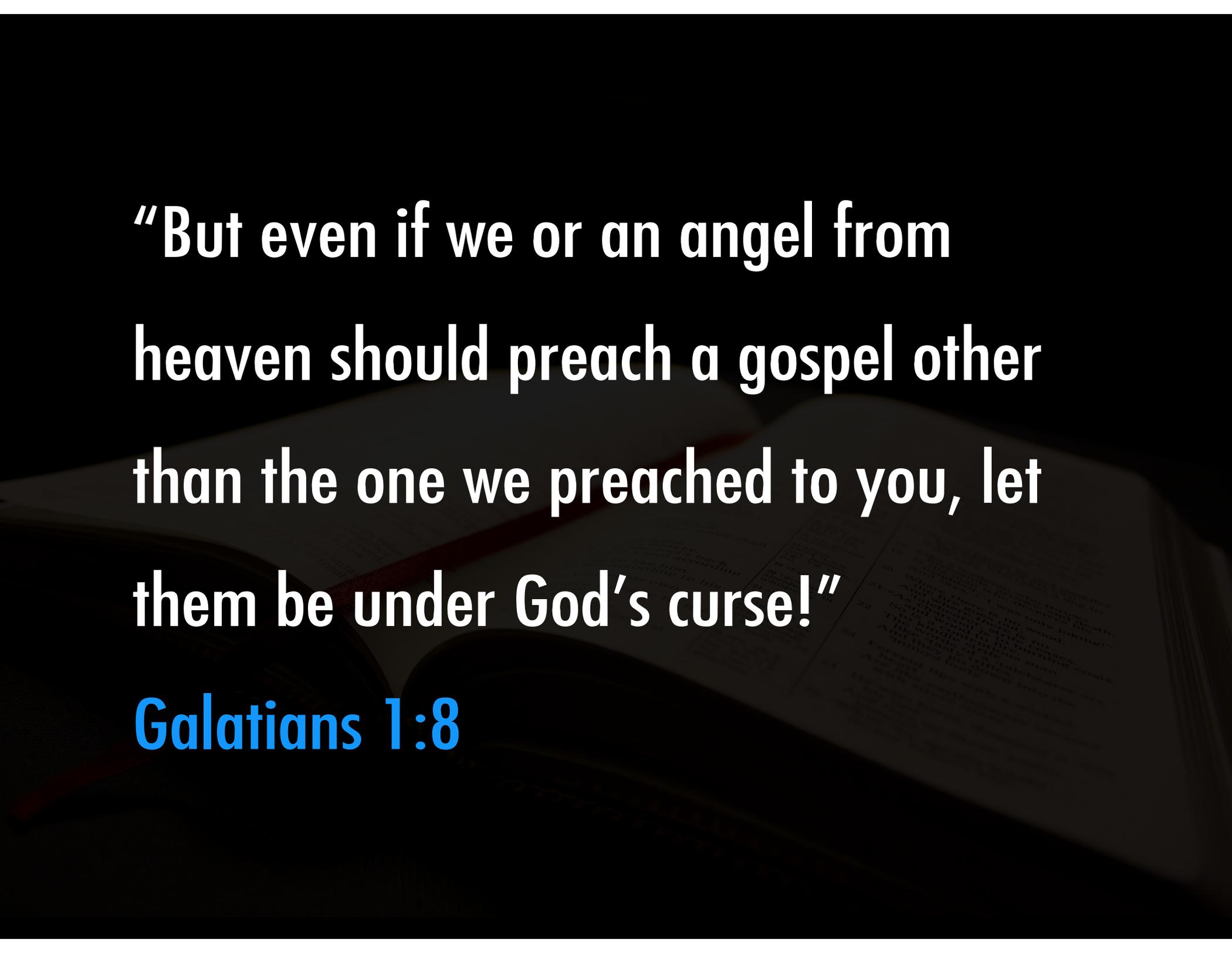
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Moses

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“But even if we or an angel from heaven should preach a gospel other than the one we preached to you, let them be under God’s curse!”

Galatians 1:8

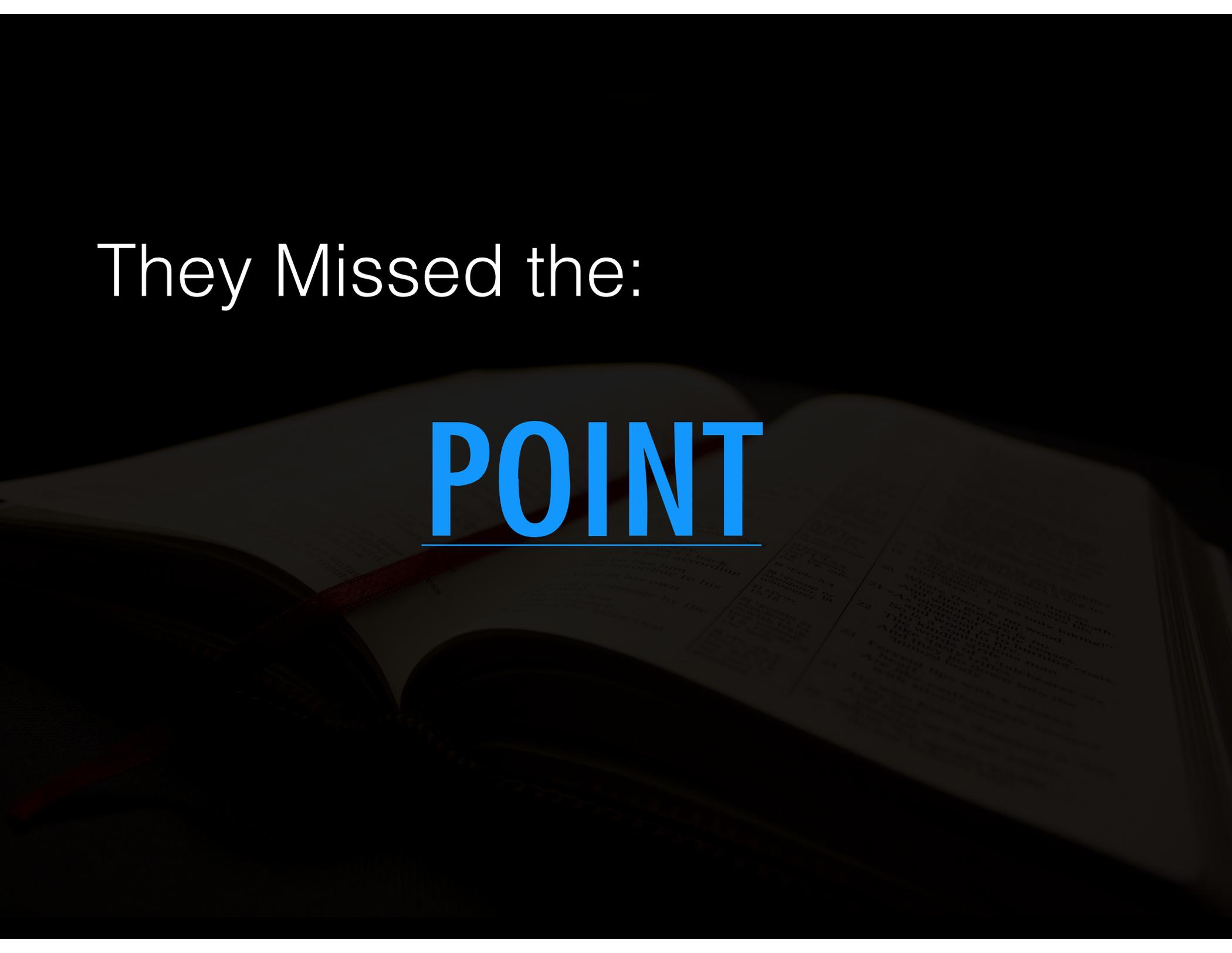
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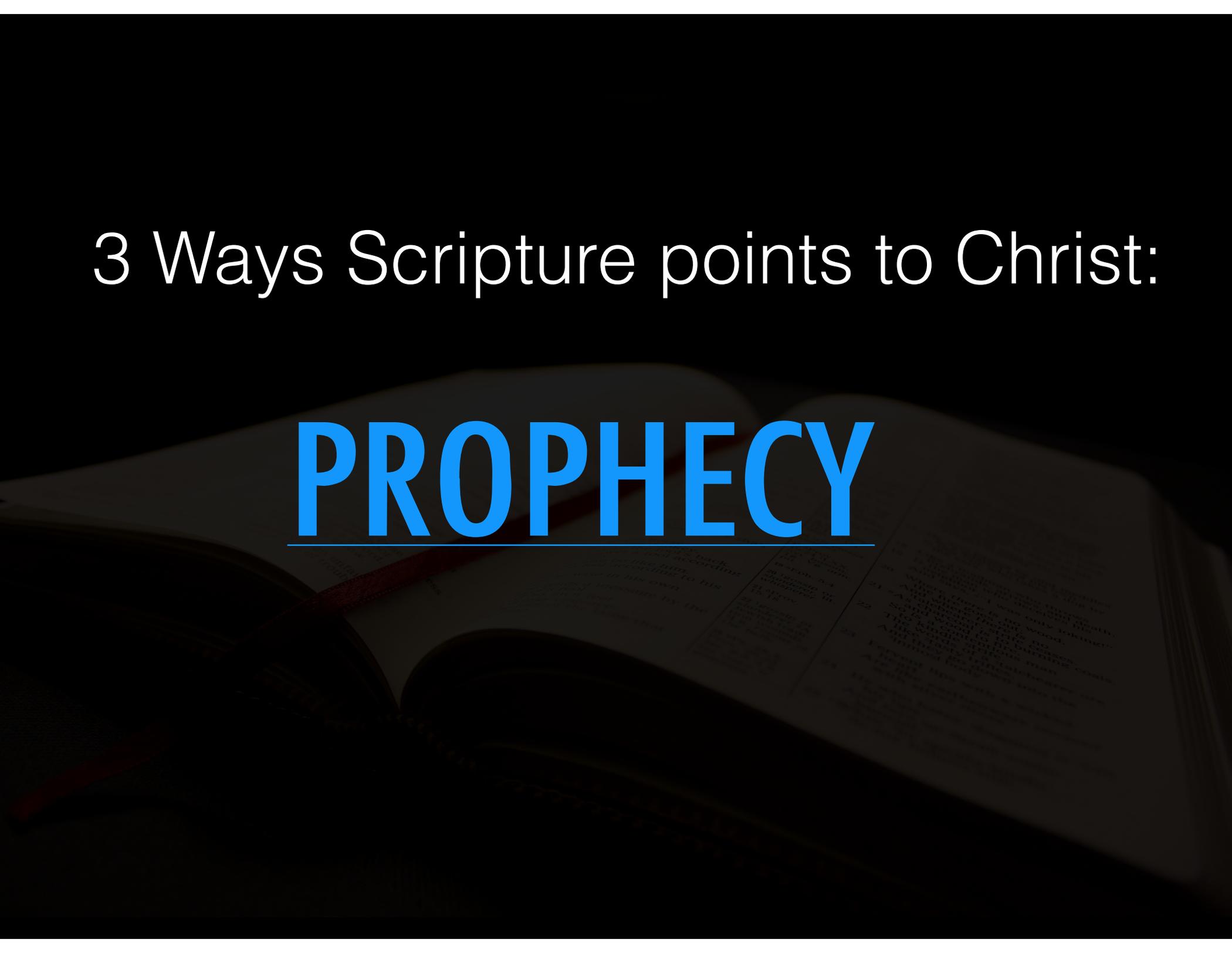
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POINT

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3 Ways Scripture points to Christ:

PROPHECY

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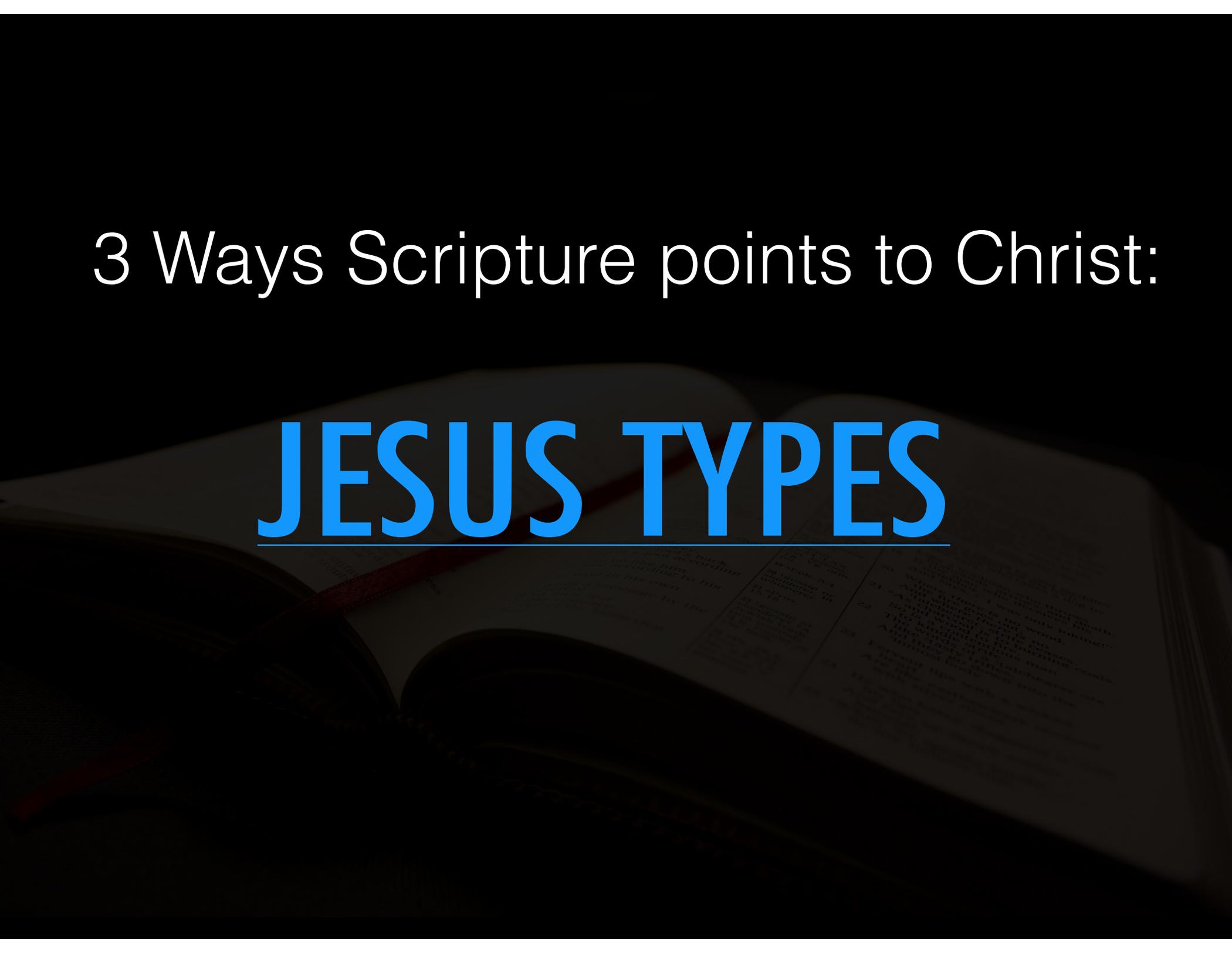
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JEWISH CEREMONIES

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3 Ways Scripture points to Christ:

JESUS TYPES



Read the Bible:

PRAYERFULLY

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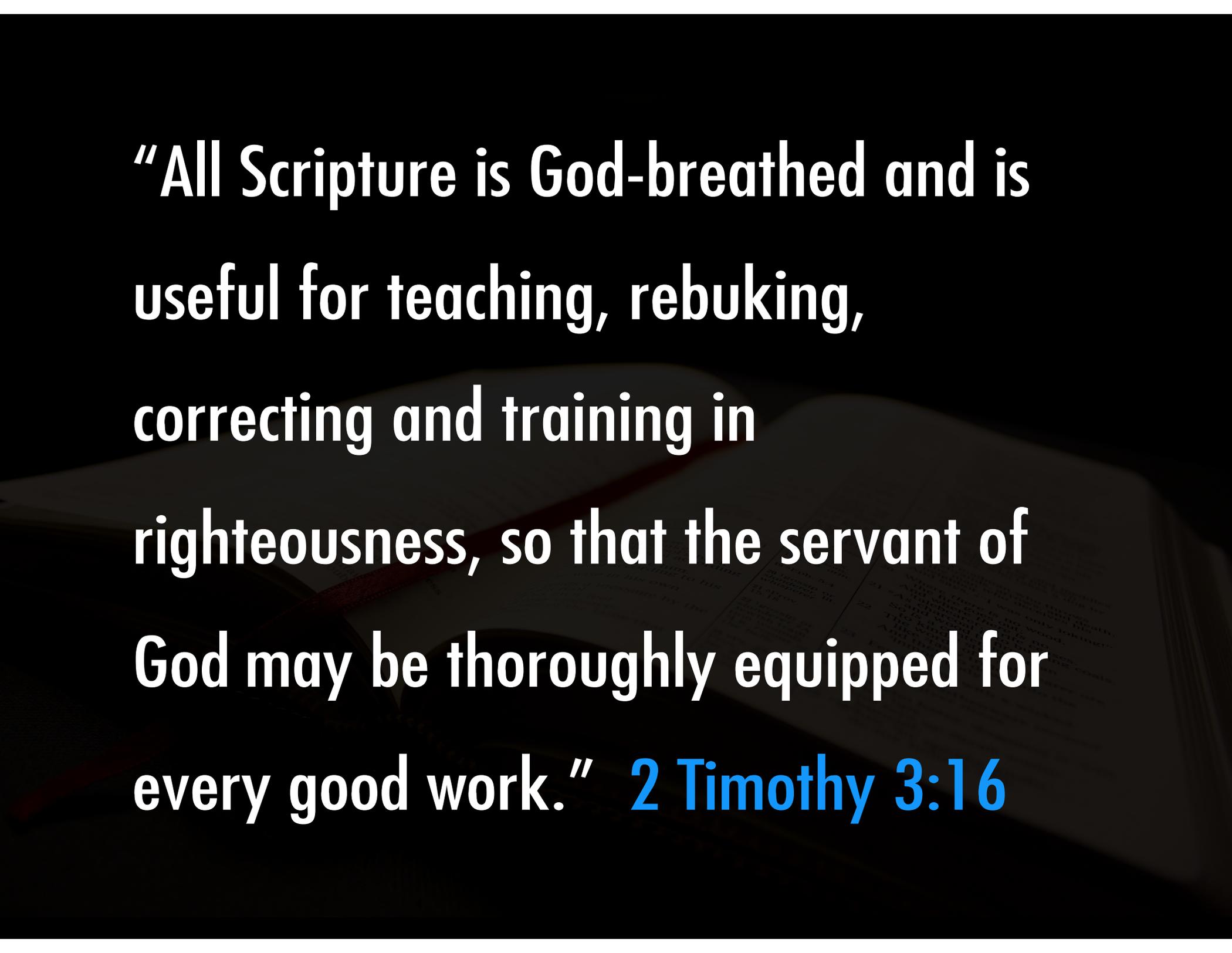
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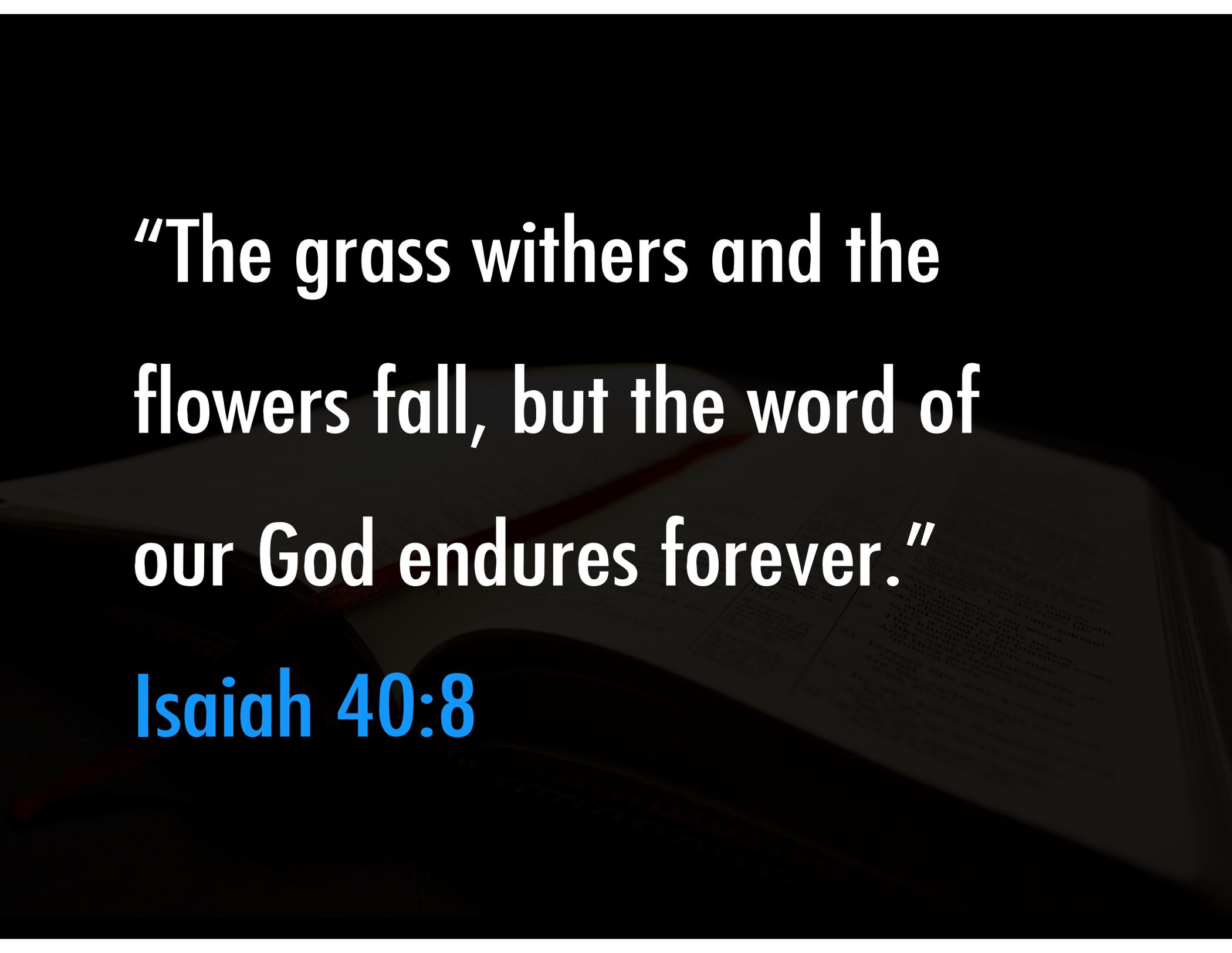
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SINCERITY & HUMILITY

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



**“The grass withers and the
flowers fall, but the word of
our God endures forever.”**

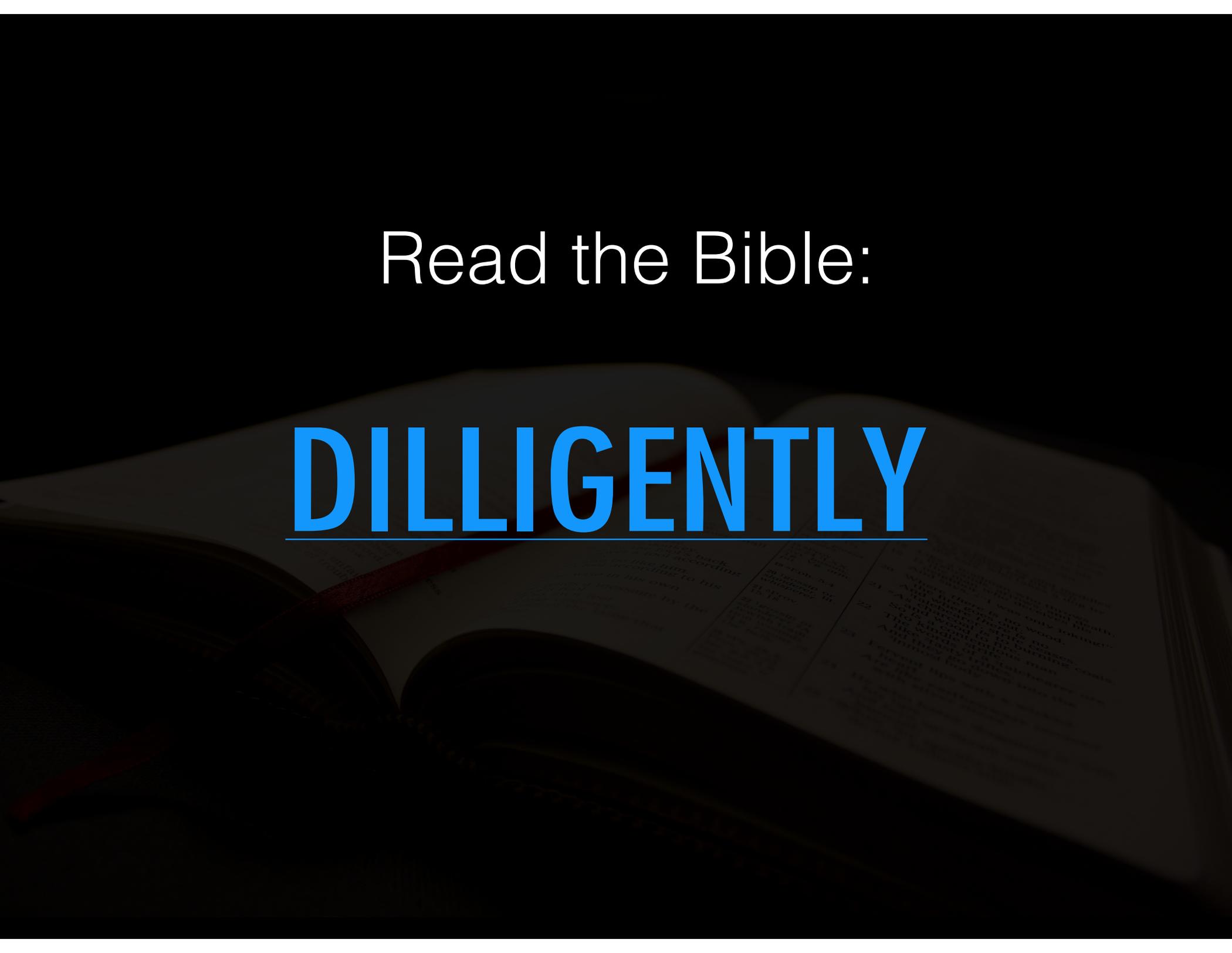
Isaiah 40:8

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DILLIGENTLY

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“Your word I have treasured in my heart, that I may not sin against you”

Psalm 119:11

“Oh, how I love your law! I meditate on it all day long” **Psalm 119:97**

“The word “meditation” in Hebrew means basically to speak or to mutter. When this is done in the heart it is called musing or meditation. So meditating on the Word of God day and night means to speak to yourself the Word of God day and night and to speak to yourself about it.”

John Piper (Meditate on the Word of the Lord Day and Night)

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