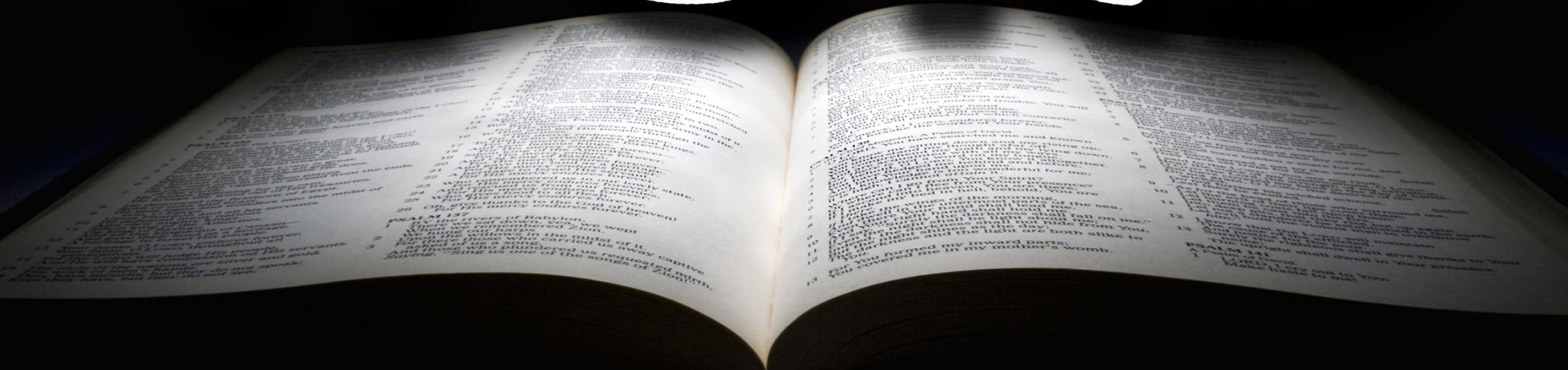


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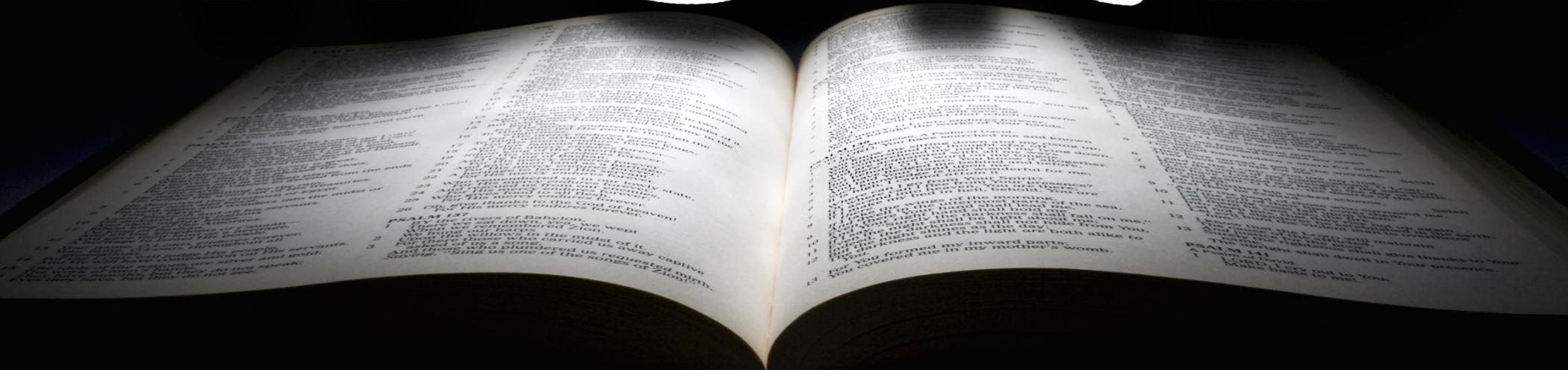
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God's original design for gender
was unique and unified



Then God said, “Let us make mankind in our image, in our likeness, so that they may rule over the fish in the sea and the birds in the sky, over the livestock and all the wild animals, and over all the creatures that move along the ground.”

**So God created mankind in his own
image, in the image of God he created
them; male and female he created them.**

God blessed them and said to them, “Be fruitful and increase in number; fill the earth and subdue it. Rule over the fish in the sea and the birds in the sky and over every living creature that moves on the ground.”

Genesis 1:26-28

The Lord God said, “It is not good for the man to be alone. I will make a helper suitable for him.”

Genesis 2:18

**Blessed are you, Israel! Who is like you, a
people saved by the LORD? He is your
shield and helper and your glorious
sword.**

Deuteronomy 33:29

For I lift up my eyes to the mountains—
where does my help come from? My help
(**ézer**) comes from the LORD, the Maker of
heaven and earth.

Psalm 121:1-2

**“You are destroyed, Israel, because you
are against me, against your helper.**

Hosea 13:9

The man said, “This is now bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh; she shall be called ‘woman,’ for she was taken out of man.”

That is why a man leaves his father and mother and is united to his wife, and they become one flesh.

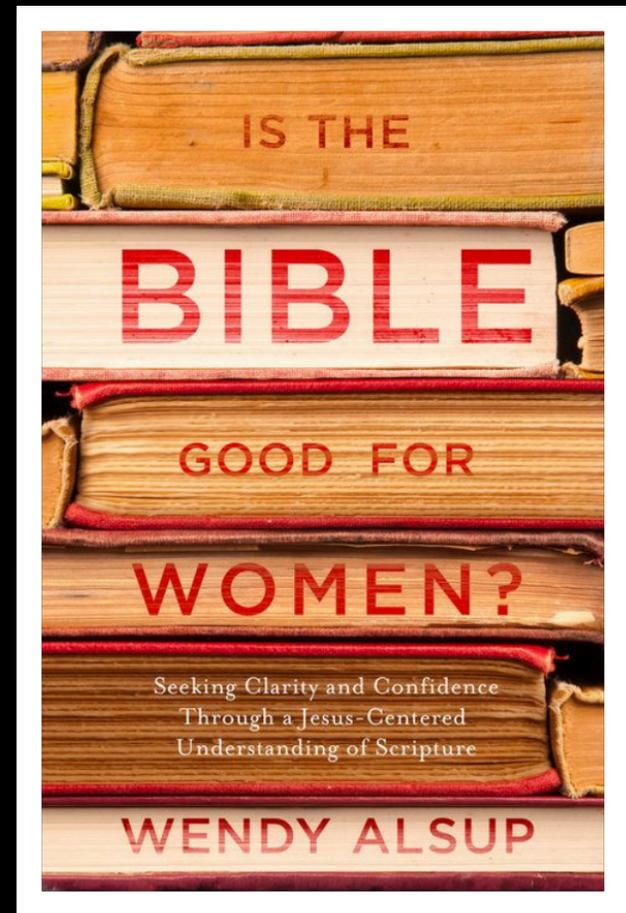
Genesis 2:23-24

“I will make your pains in childbearing very severe; with painful labor you will give birth to children. Your desire will be for your husband, and he will rule over you.”

Genesis 3:16

“Man’s root problem from the fall leads to a frustrated idolatry of work, while the woman’s lead to a frustrated idolatry of man.”

Wendy Alsup

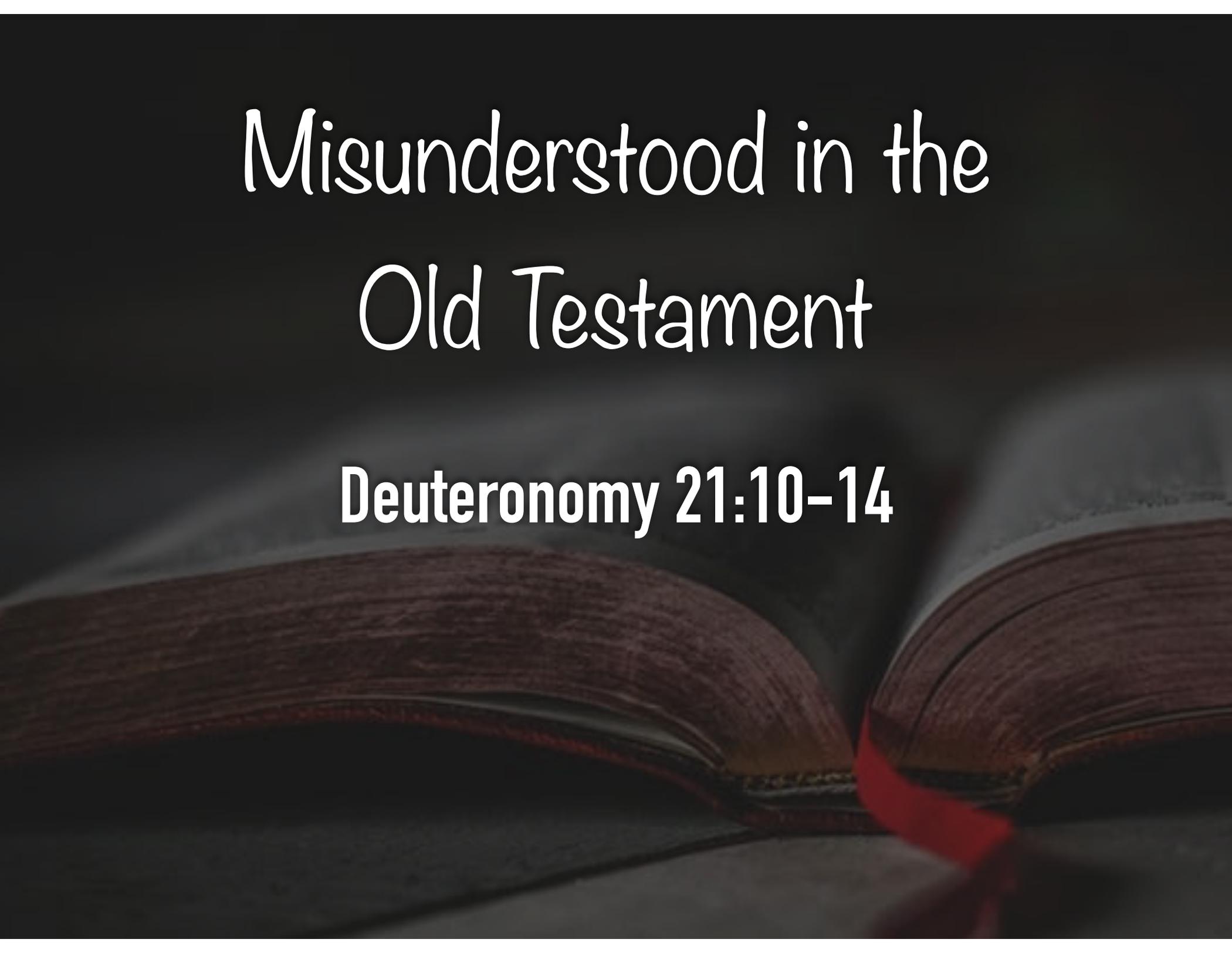


Sin corrupts the partnership
God designed for men,
women and himself



Misunderstood in the Old Testament

Deuteronomy 21:10-14



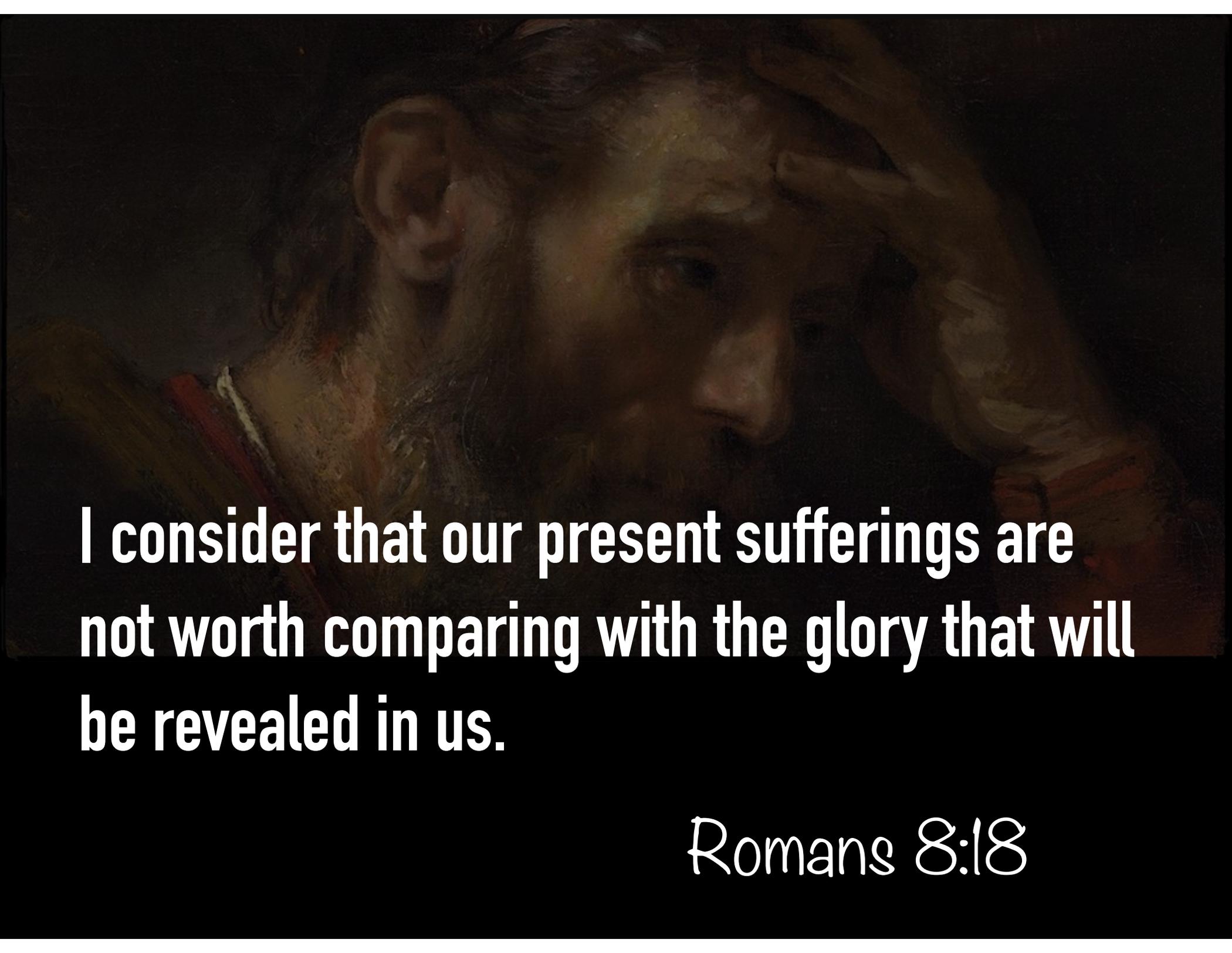
“When you go out to war against your enemies, and the Lord your God gives them into your hand and you take them captive, and you see among the captives a beautiful woman, and you desire to take her to be your wife, and you bring her home to your house,

she shall shave her head and trim her nails. And she shall take off the clothes in which she was captured and shall remain in your house and lament her father and her mother a full month. After that you may go in to her and be her husband, and she shall be your wife.

But if you no longer delight in her, you shall let her go where she wants. But you shall not sell her for money, nor shall you treat her as a slave, since you have dishonored her.”

Deuteronomy 21:10-14



A dark, moody painting of a man with a beard, looking down, with his hand on his forehead. The lighting is dramatic, highlighting the texture of his hair and beard against a dark background.

I consider that our present sufferings are not worth comparing with the glory that will be revealed in us.

Romans 8:18



Misunderstood in the New Testament

1 Corinthians 14:33–35

As in all the churches of the saints, the women should keep silent in the churches. For they are not permitted to speak, but should be in submission, as the Law also says.

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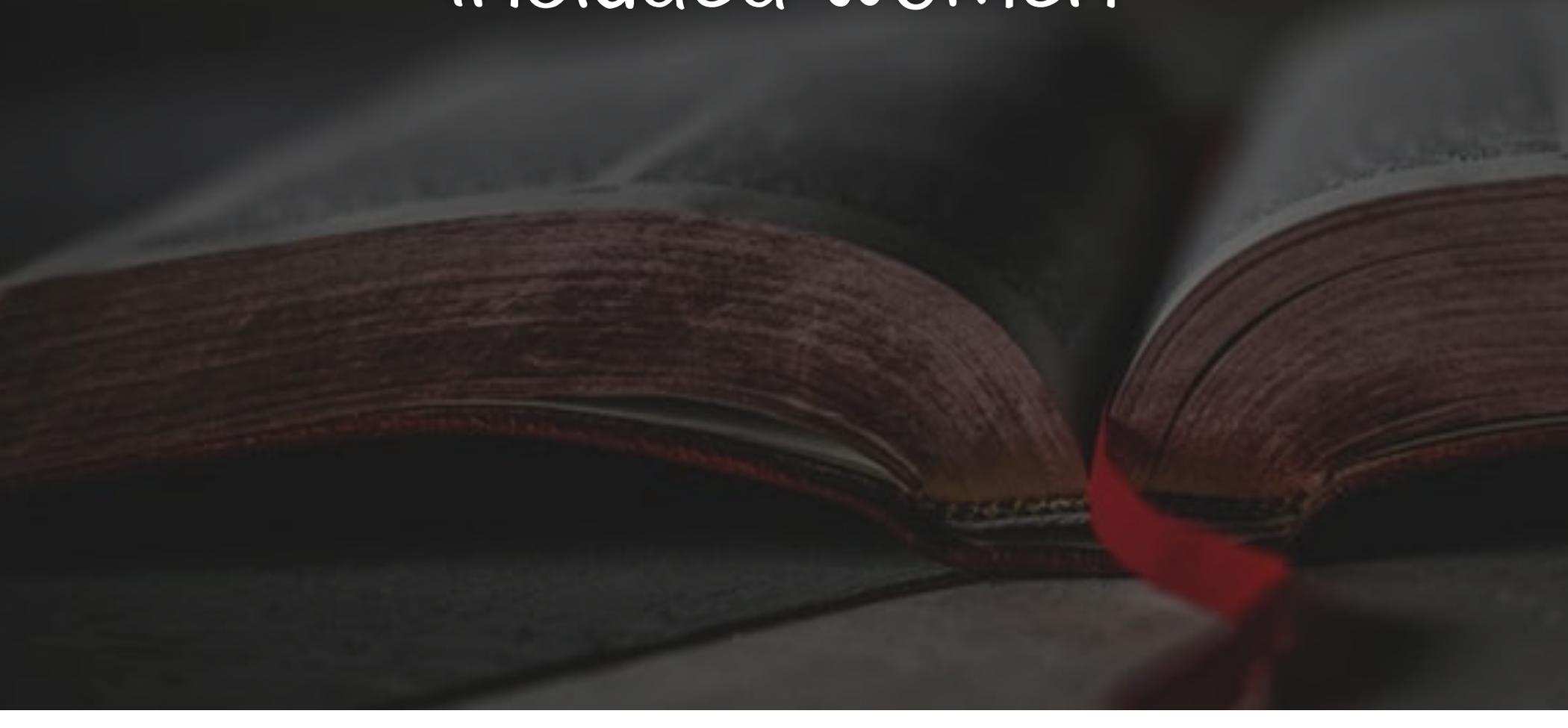


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Paul's co-workers in Christ
included women



I commend to you our sister Phoebe, a servant of the church at Cenchreae, that you may welcome her in the Lord in a way worthy of the saints, and help her in whatever she may need from you, for she has been a patron of many and of myself as well.

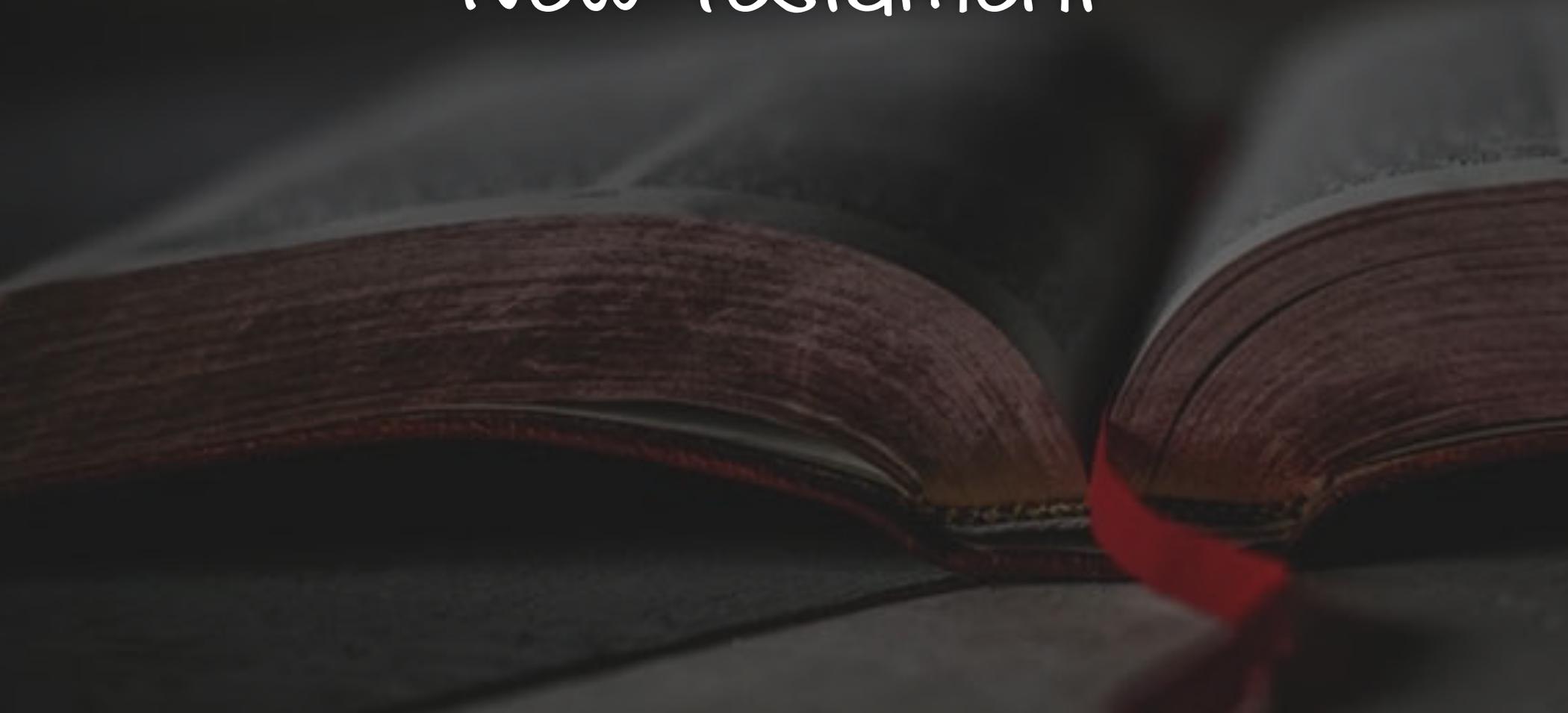
Greet Priscilla and Aquila, my fellow workers in Christ Jesus, who risked their necks for my life, to whom not only I give thanks but all the churches of the Gentiles give thanks as well. Greet also the church in their house.

Greet my beloved Epaenetus, who was the first convert to Christ in Asia. Greet Mary, who has worked hard for you.

**Greet Andronicus and Junia, my kinsmen
and my fellow prisoners. They are well
known to the apostles, and they were in
Christ before me.**

Romans 16:1-7

Jesus and women in the New Testament

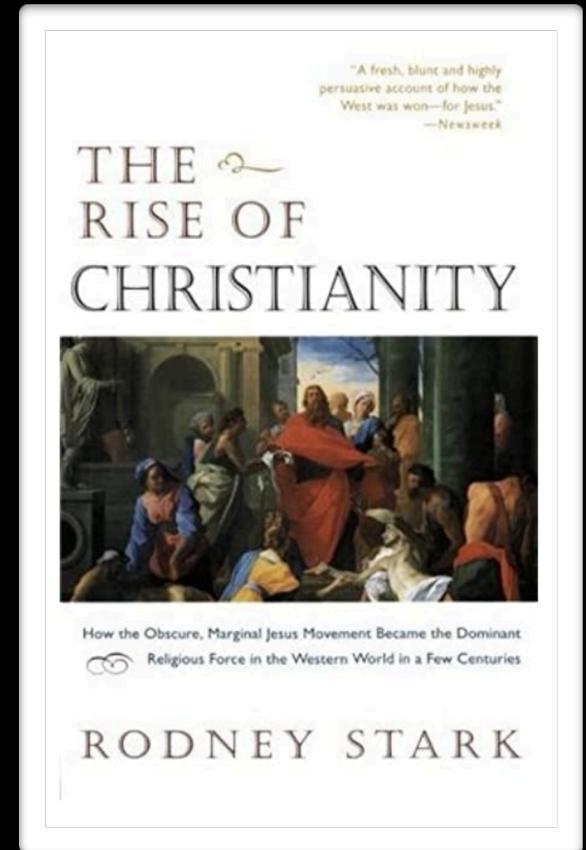




“Amidst contemporary denunciations of Christianity as patriarchal and sexist, it is easily forgotten that the early church was so especially attractive to women that in 370 AD emperor Valentinian issued a written order to Pope Damasus I requiring that Christian missionaries cease calling at the homes of pagan women.

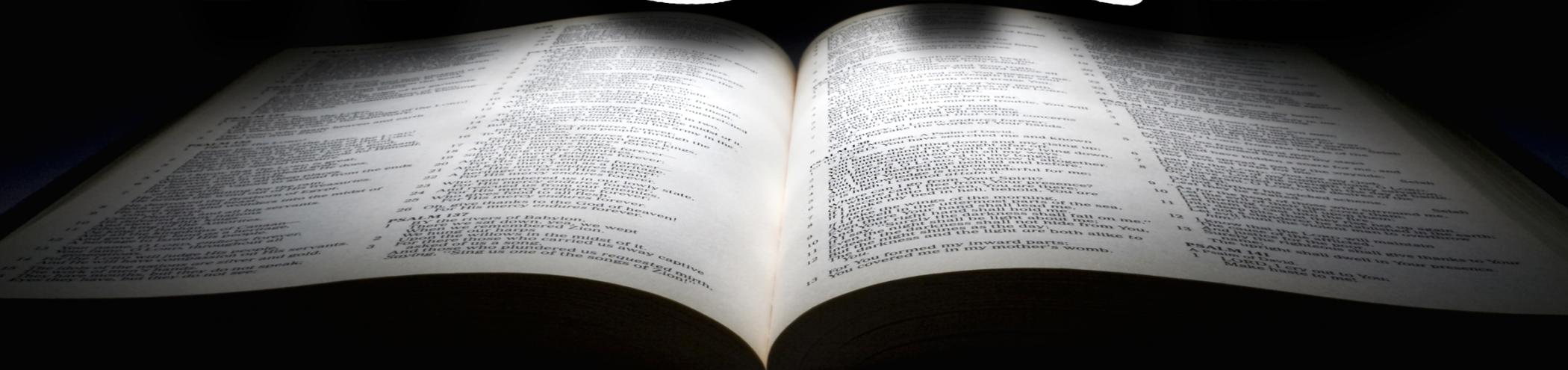
“Most recognized that Christianity was unusually appealing because within the Christian subculture women enjoyed far higher status than did women in the Greco-Roman world at large.”

Rodney Stark



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