



THE BOOK OF

PHILIPPIANS

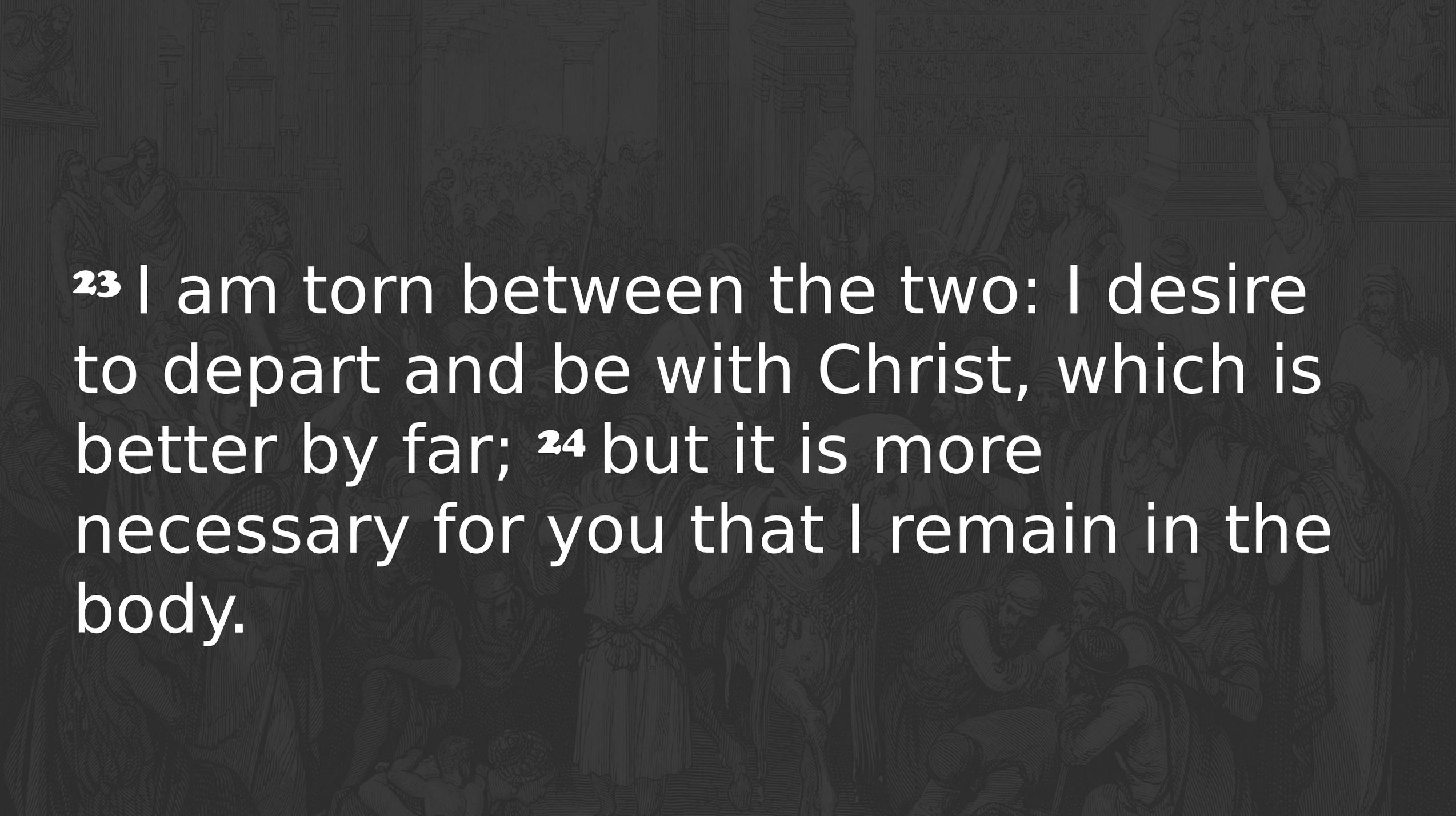
CONTAGIOUS JOY

18 But what does it matter? The important thing is that in every way, whether from false motives or true, Christ is preached. And because of this I rejoice.

Yes, and I will continue to rejoice, **19** for I know that through your prayers and God's provision of the Spirit of Jesus Christ what has happened to me will turn out for my deliverance

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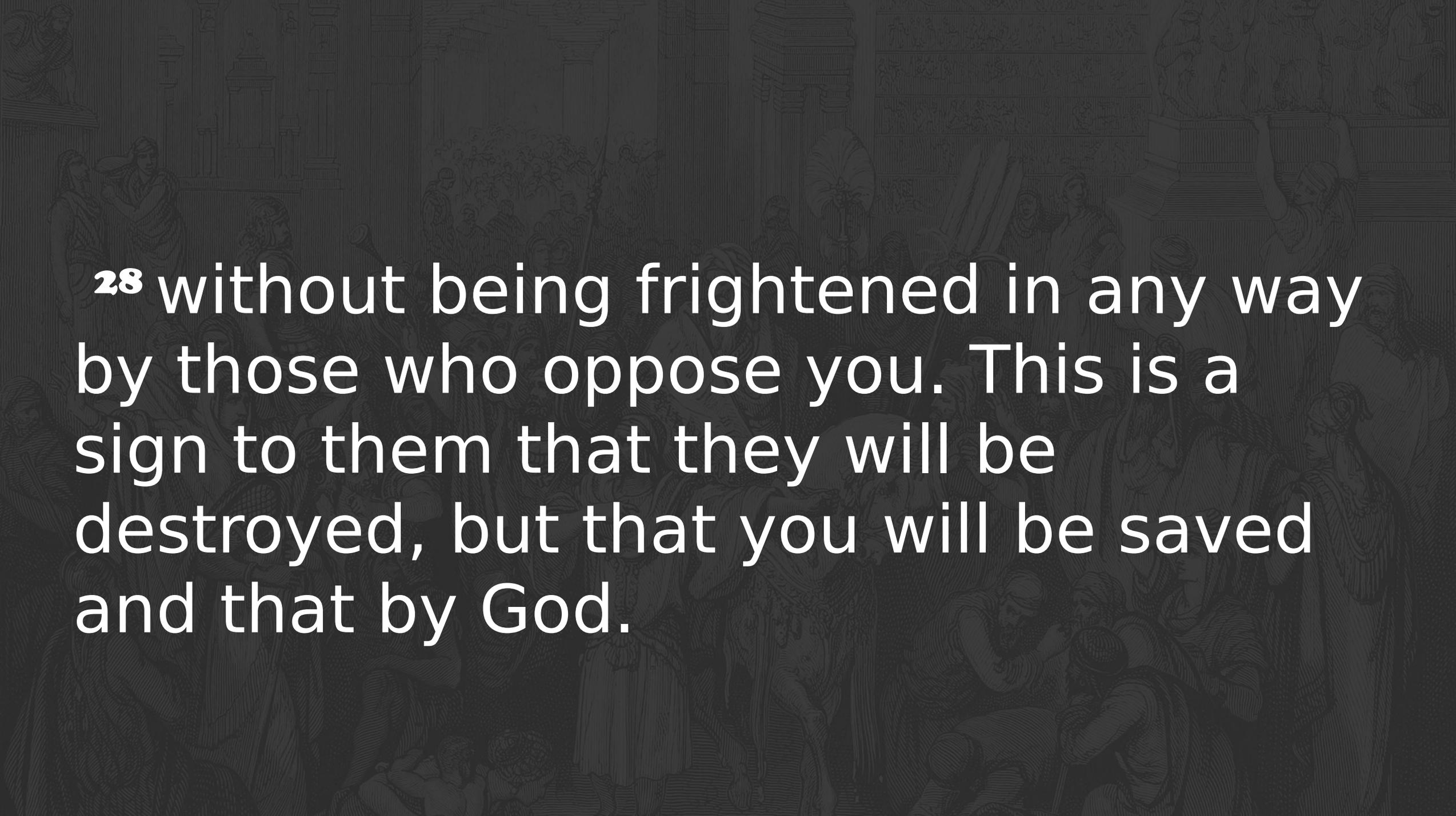
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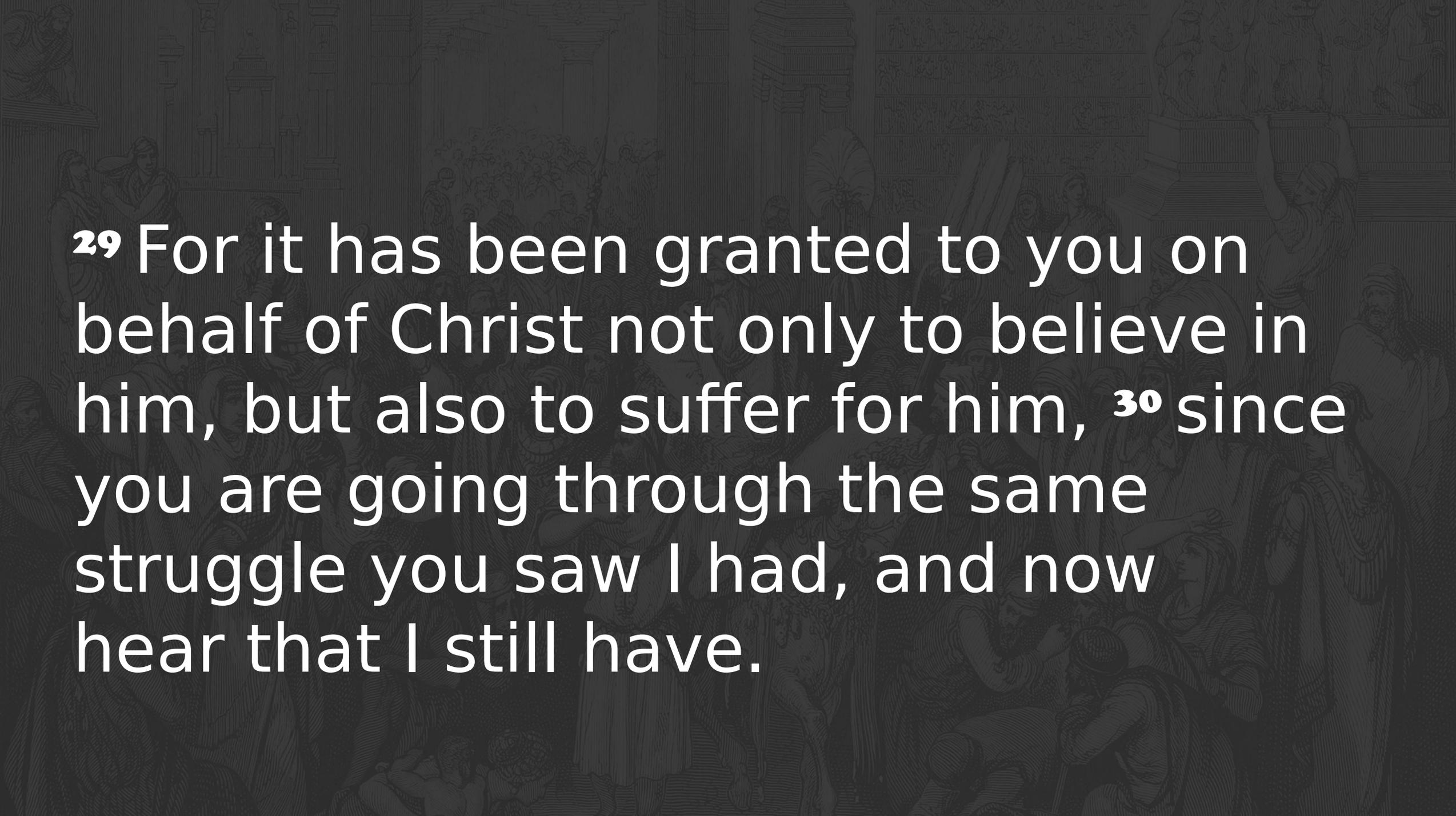
23 I am torn between the two: I desire to depart and be with Christ, which is better by far; **24** but it is more necessary for you that I remain in the body.

25 Convinced of this, I know that I will remain, and I will continue with all of you for your progress and joy in the faith, **26** so that through my being with you again your boasting in Christ Jesus will abound on account of me.

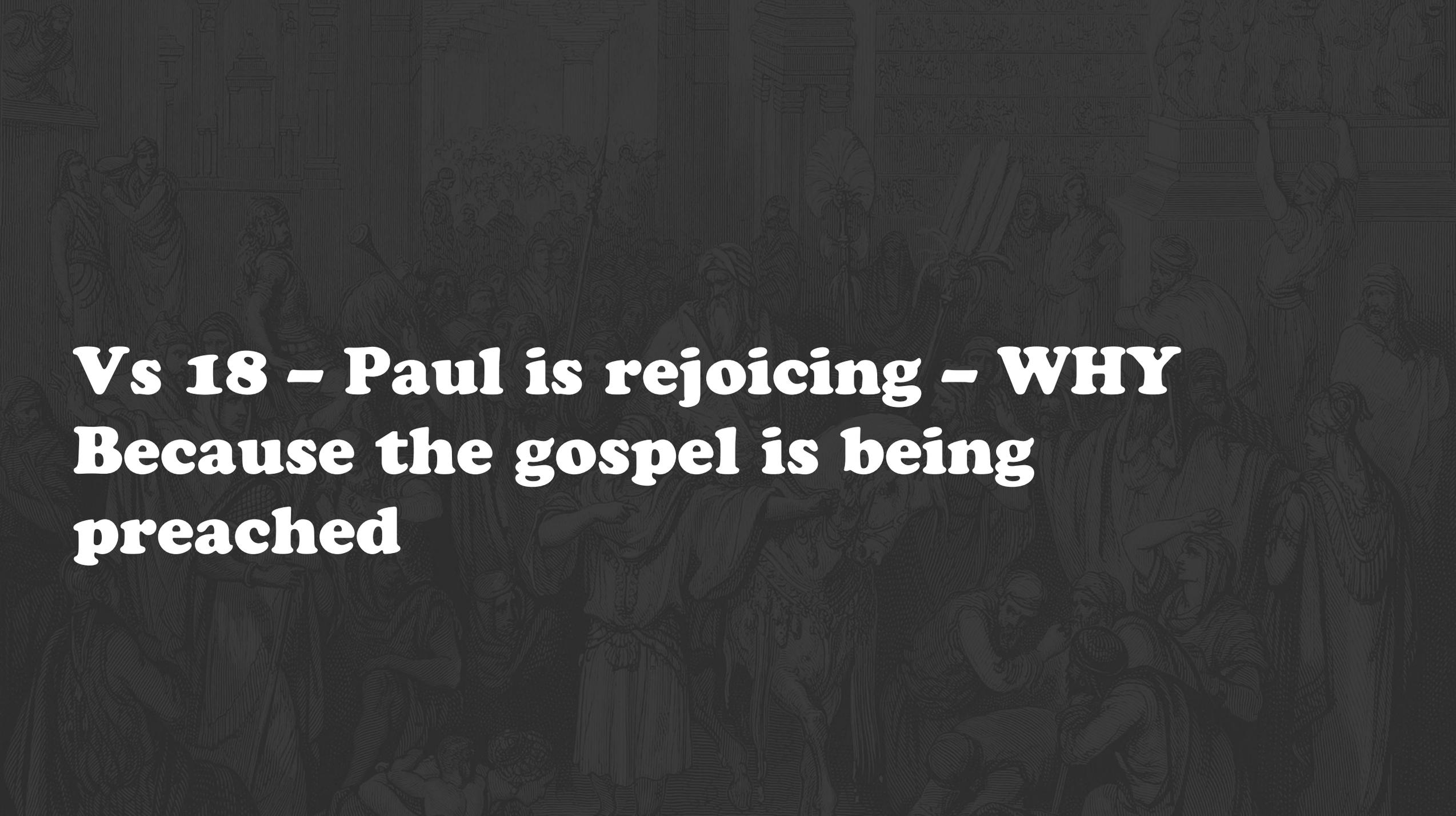
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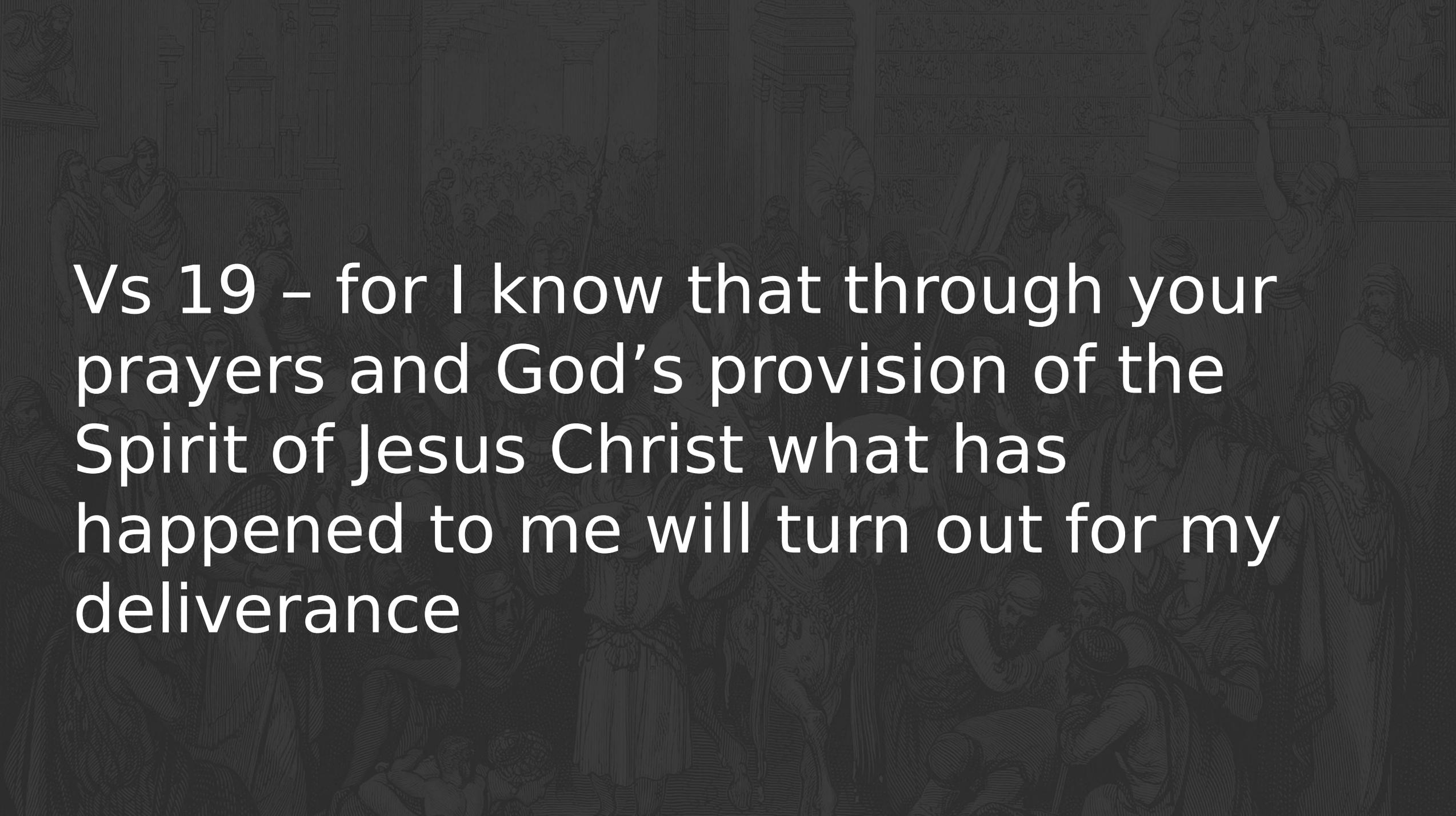
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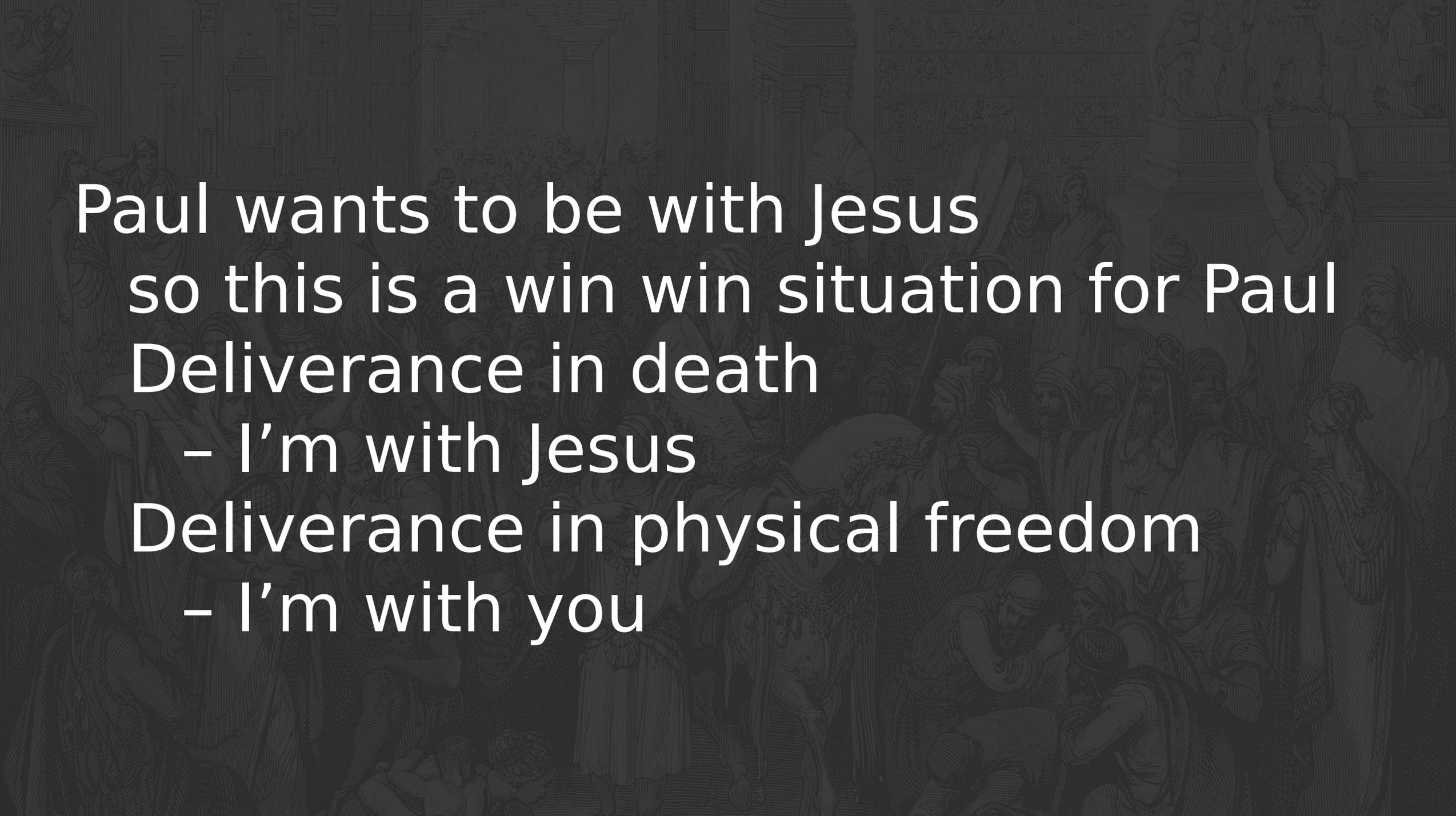
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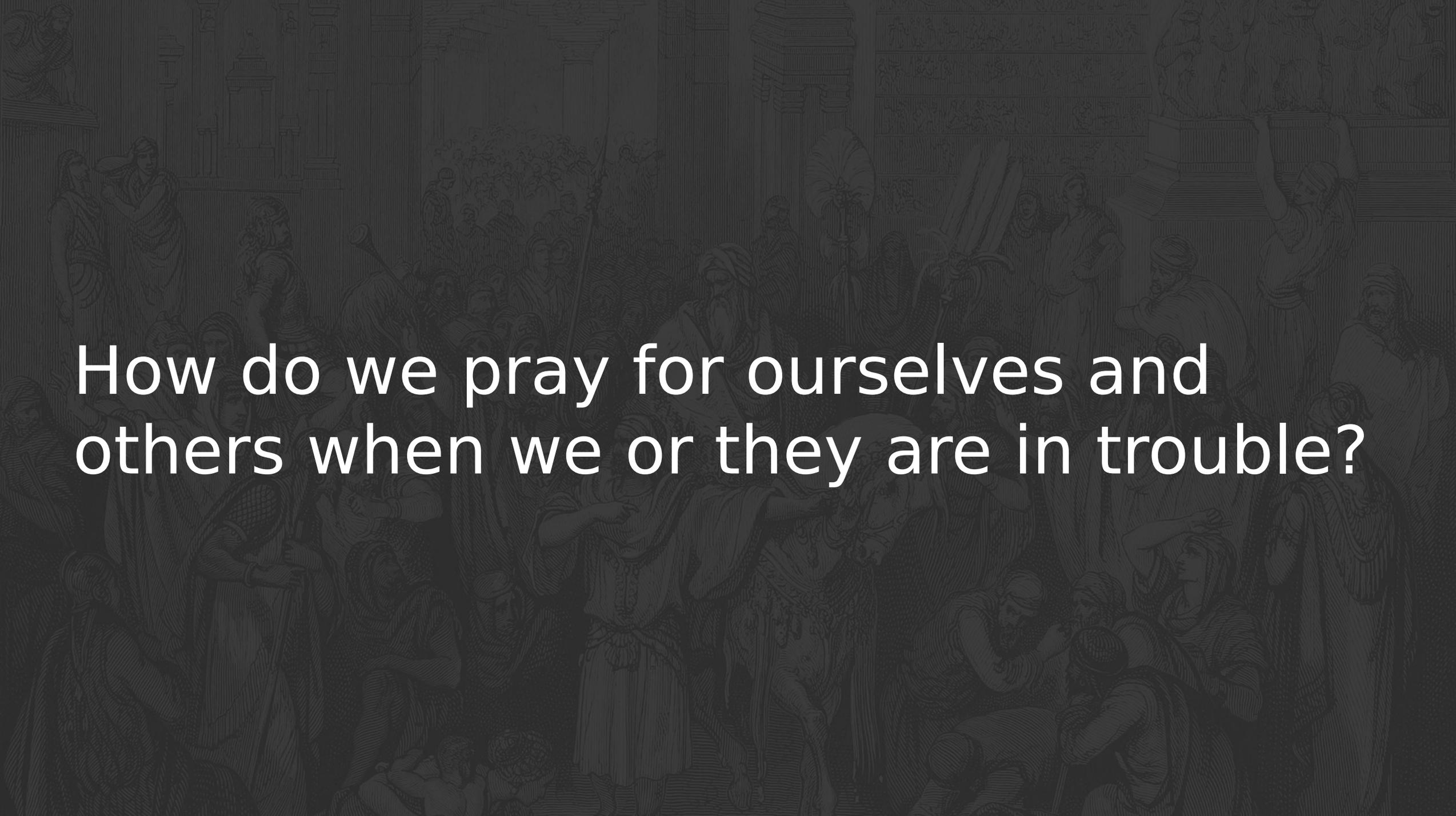
**Vs 18 – Paul is rejoicing – WHY
Because the gospel is being
preached**



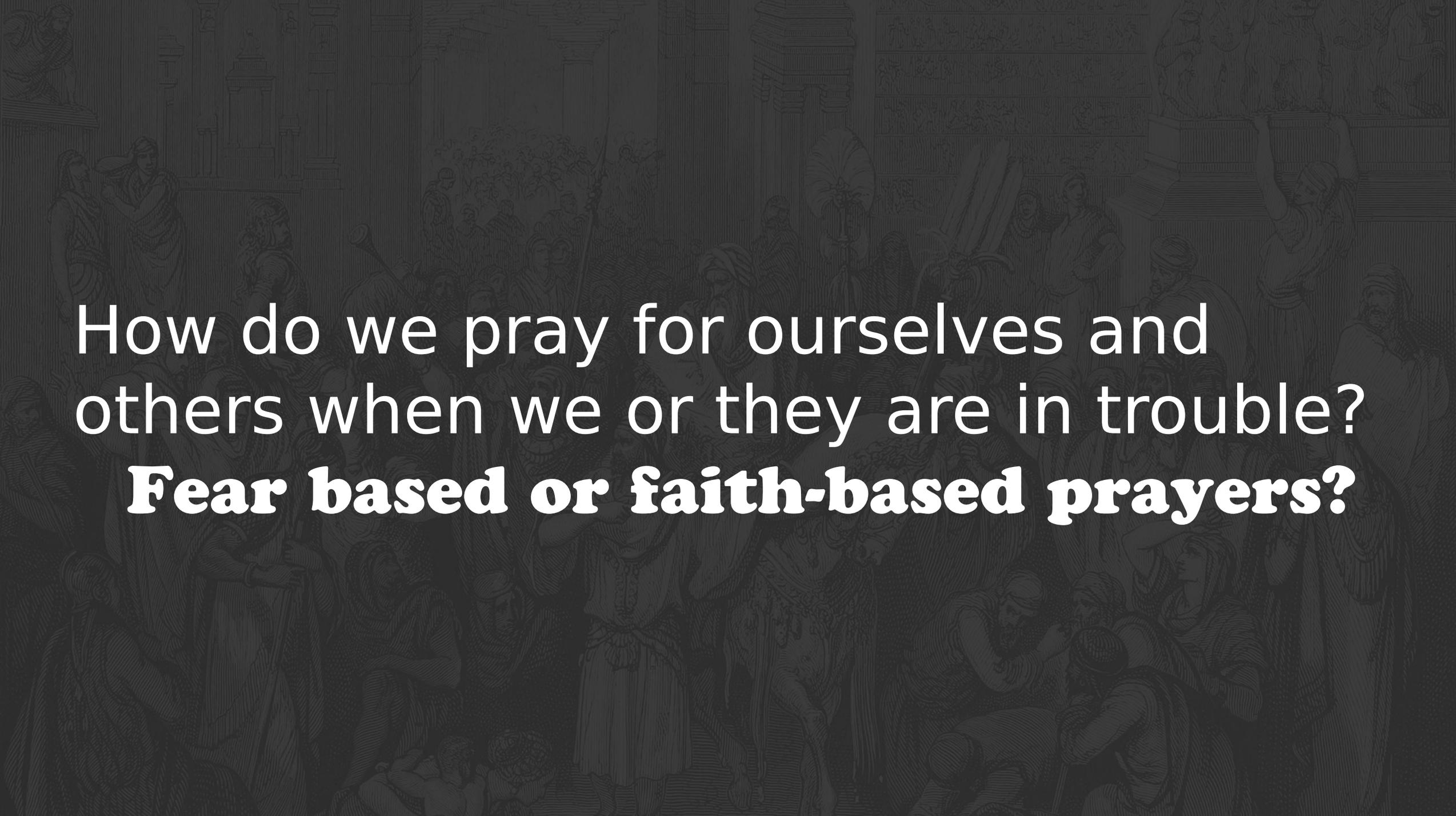
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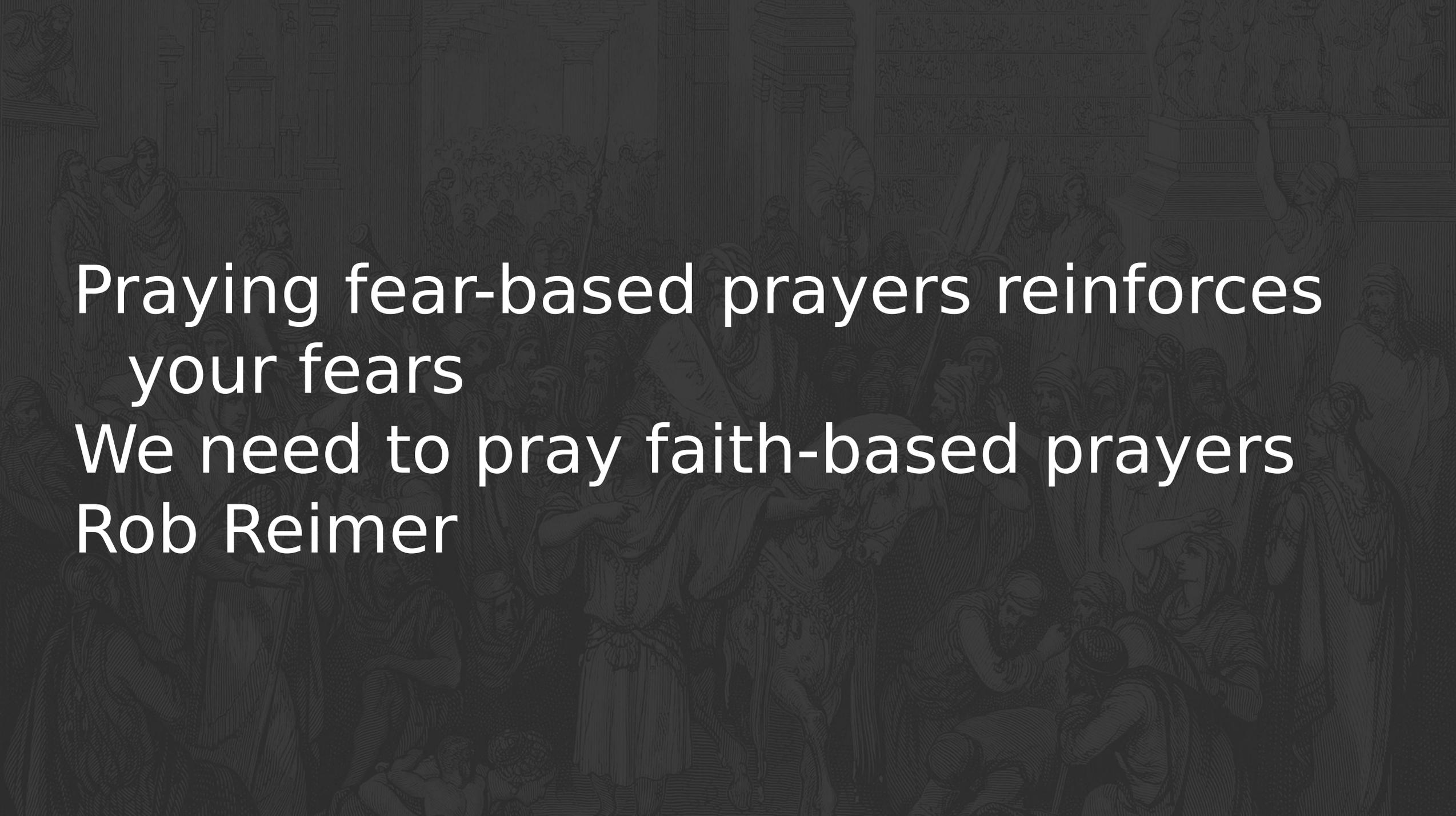
Paul wants to be with Jesus
so this is a win win situation for Paul
Deliverance in death
- I'm with Jesus
Deliverance in physical freedom
- I'm with you



How do we pray for ourselves and others when we or they are in trouble?



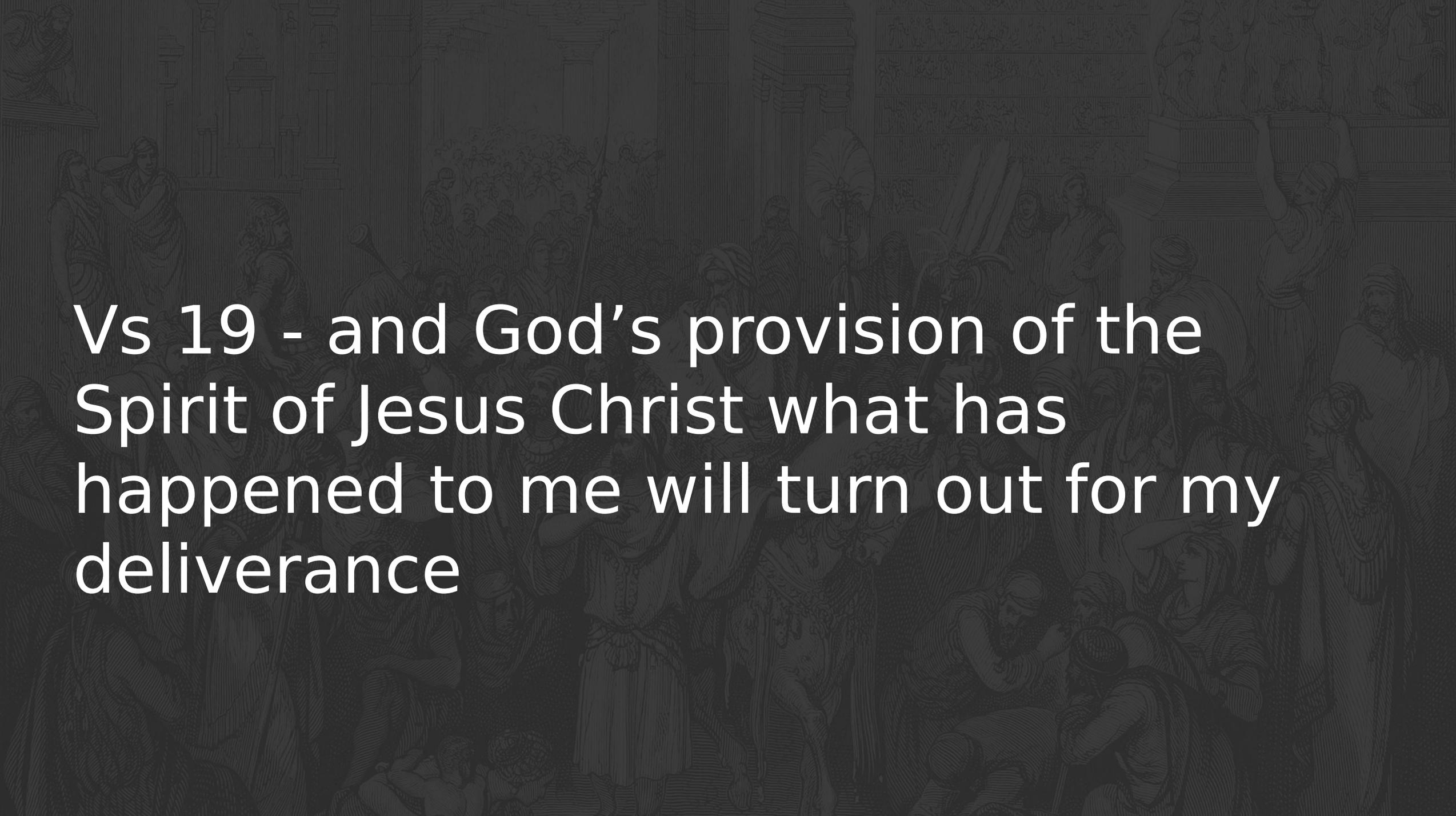
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Fear based or faith-based prayers?



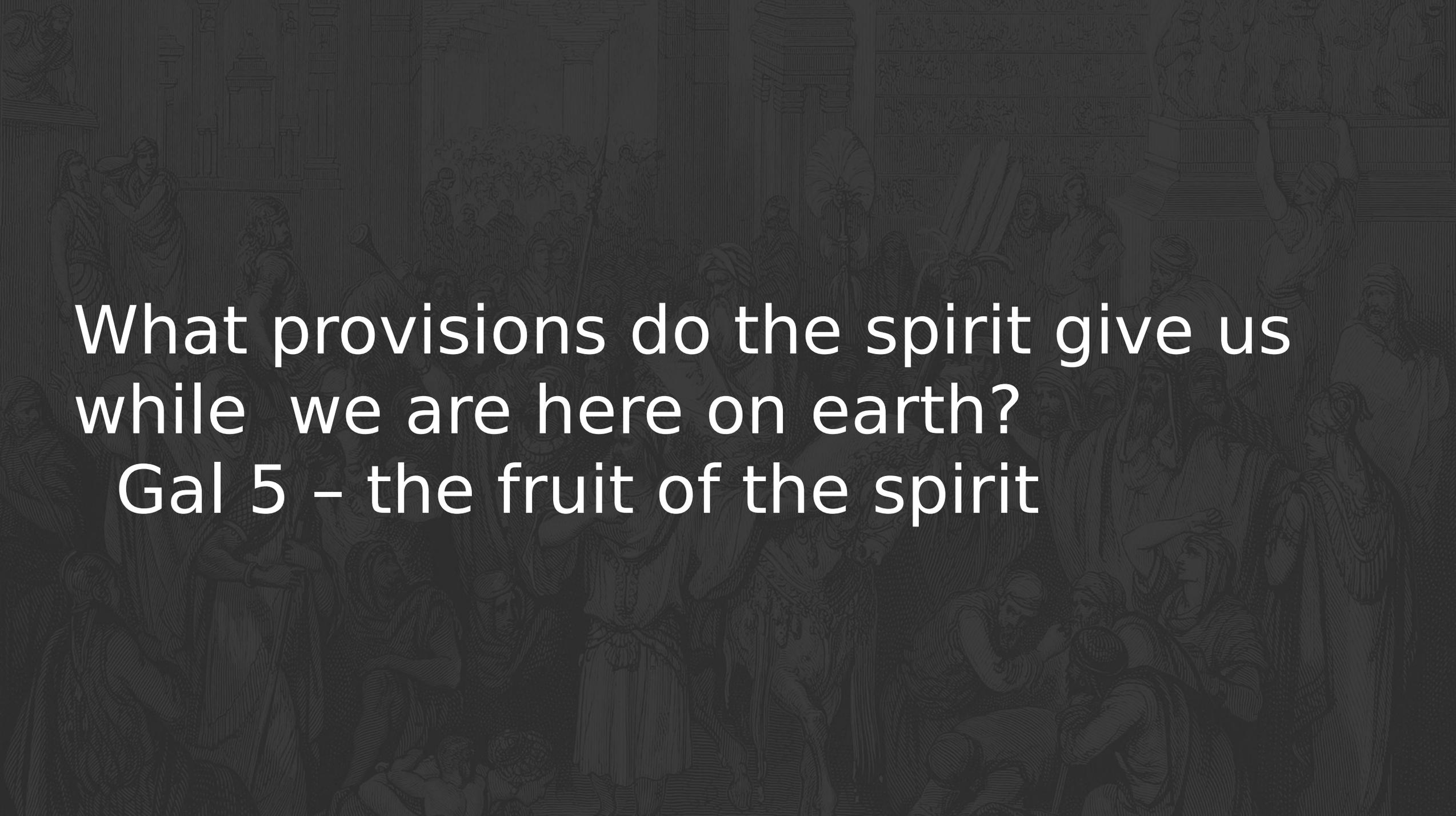
Praying fear-based prayers reinforces
your fears

We need to pray faith-based prayers

Rob Reimer

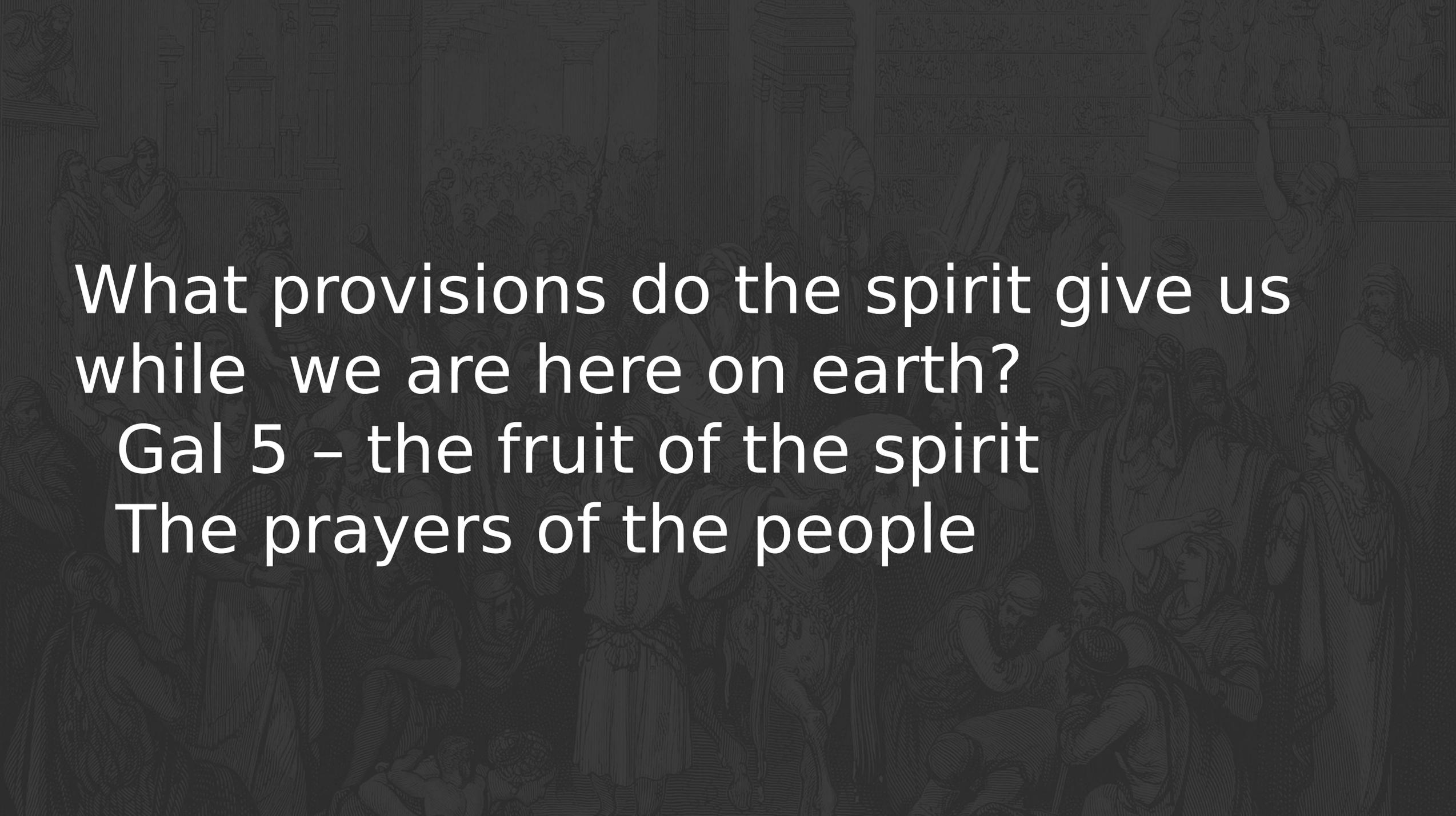


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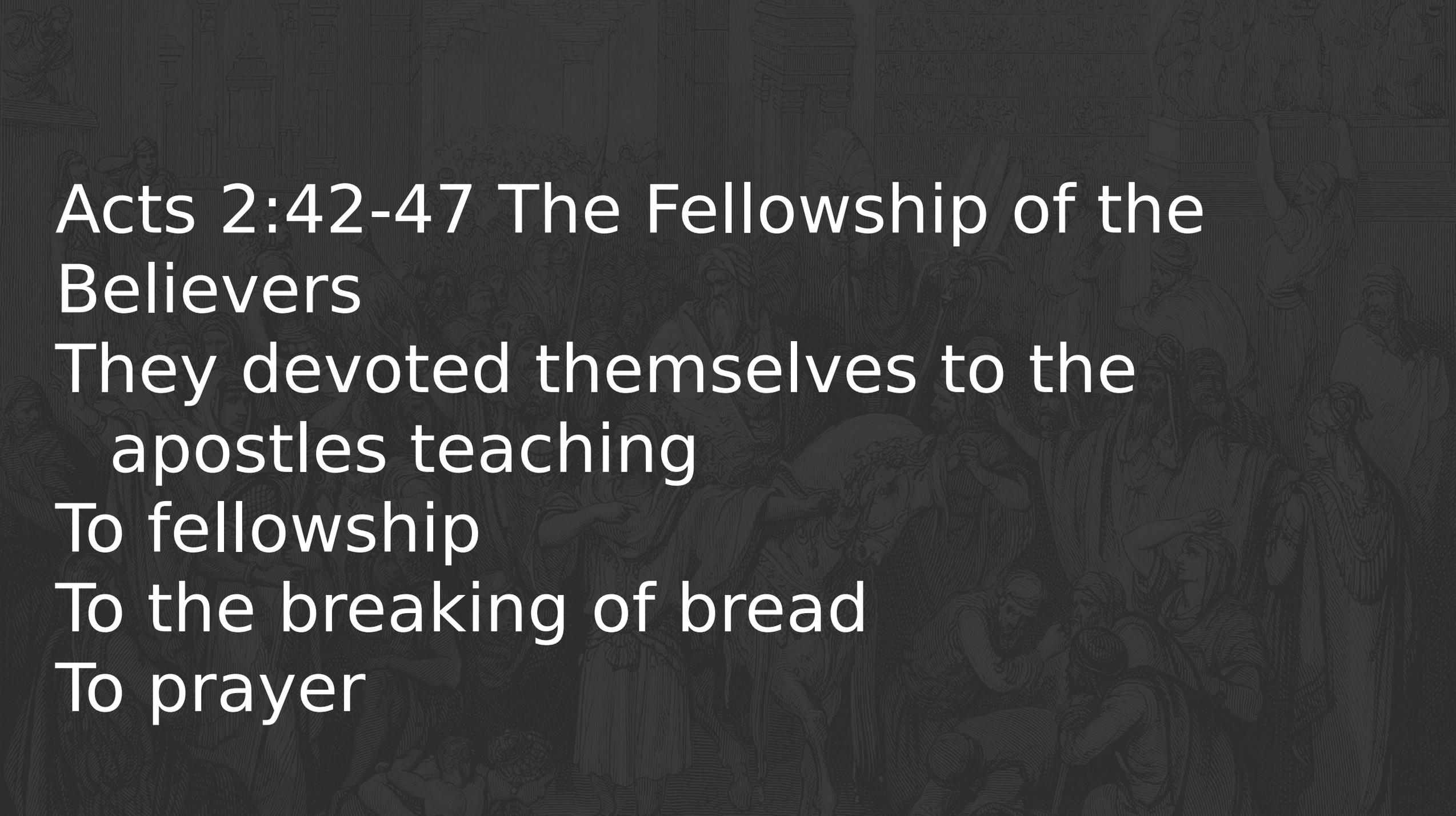
Gal 5 – the fruit of the spirit



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The prayers of the people



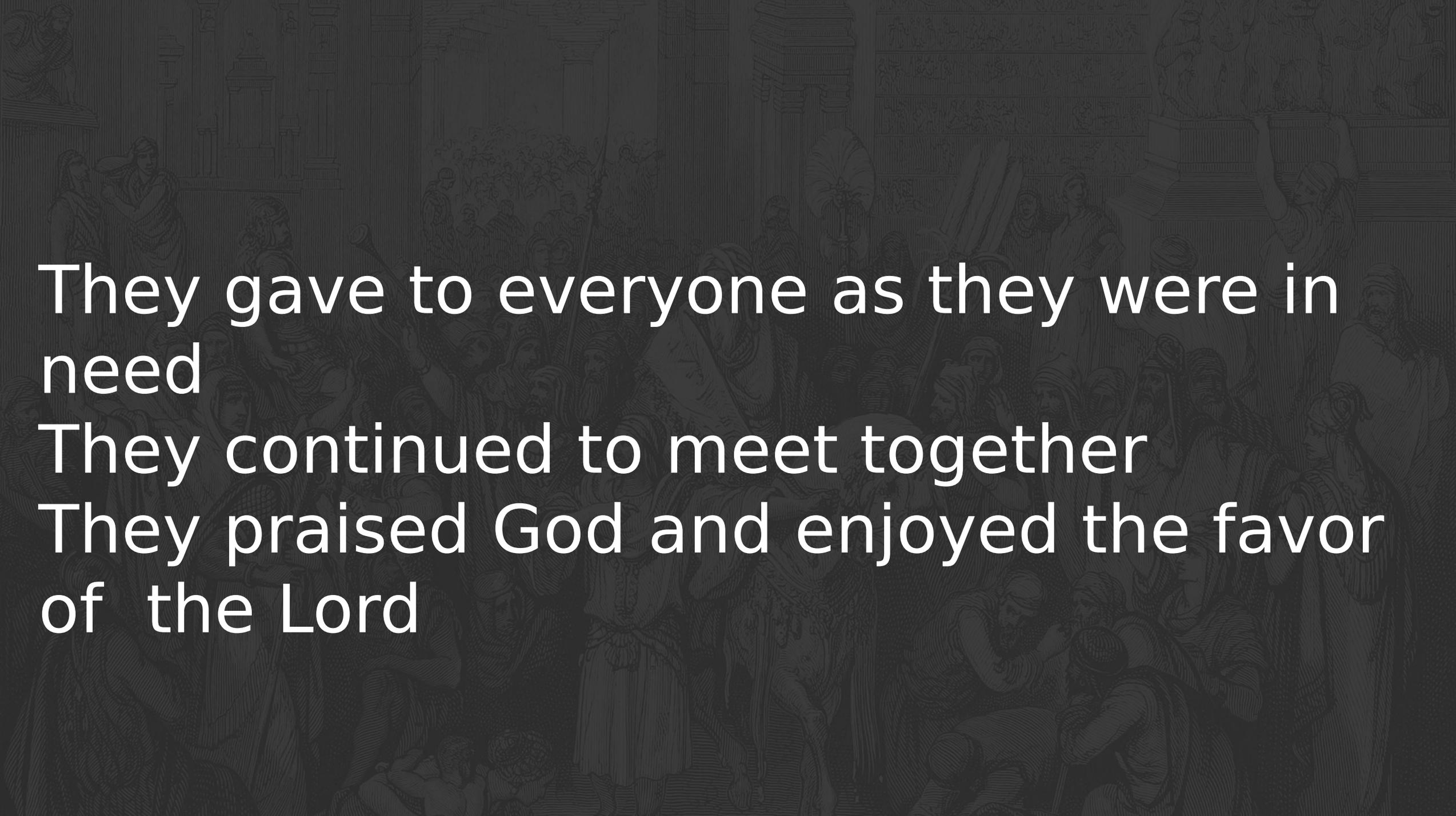
Acts 2:42-47 The Fellowship of the Believers

They devoted themselves to the apostles teaching

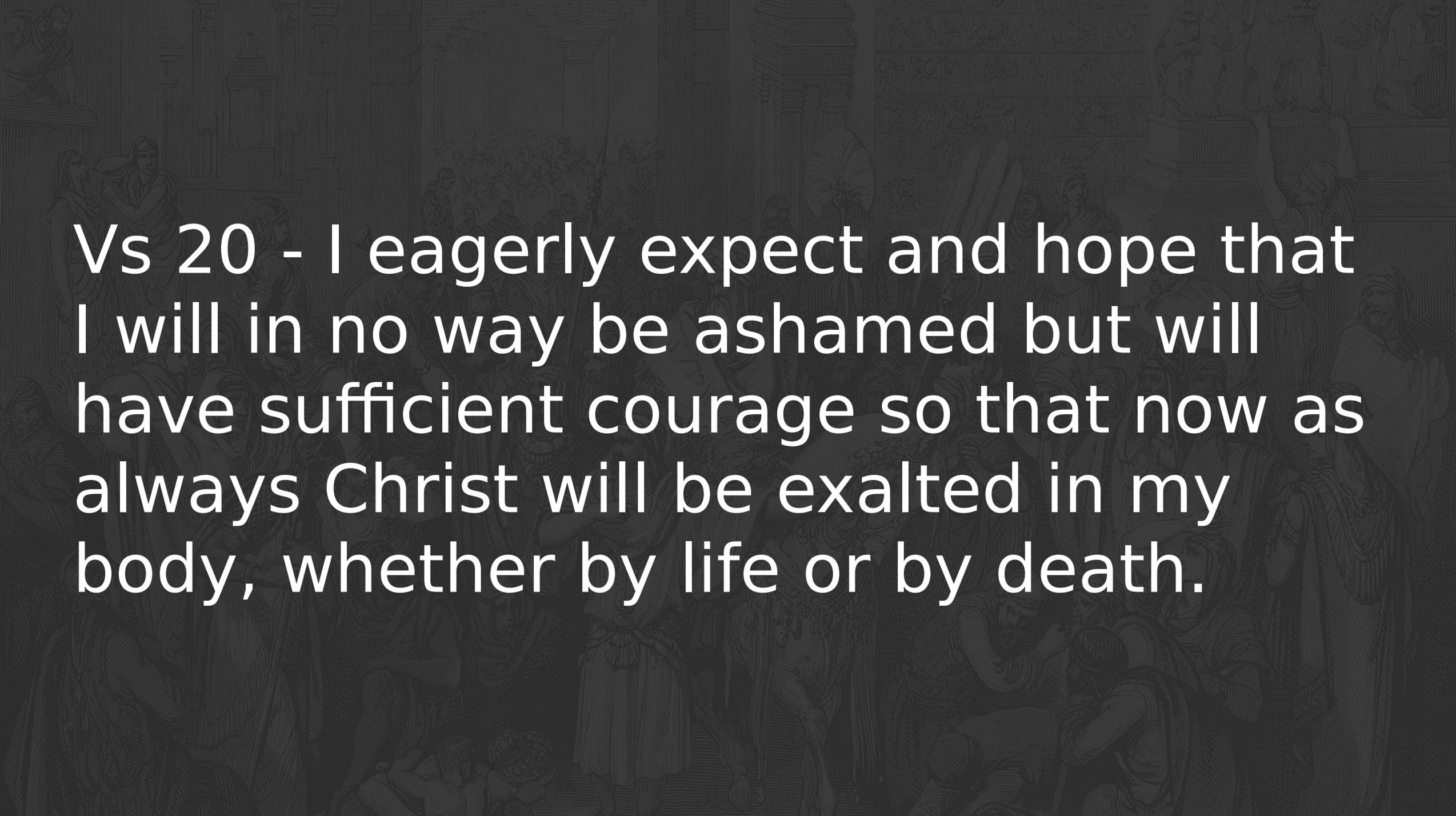
To fellowship

To the breaking of bread

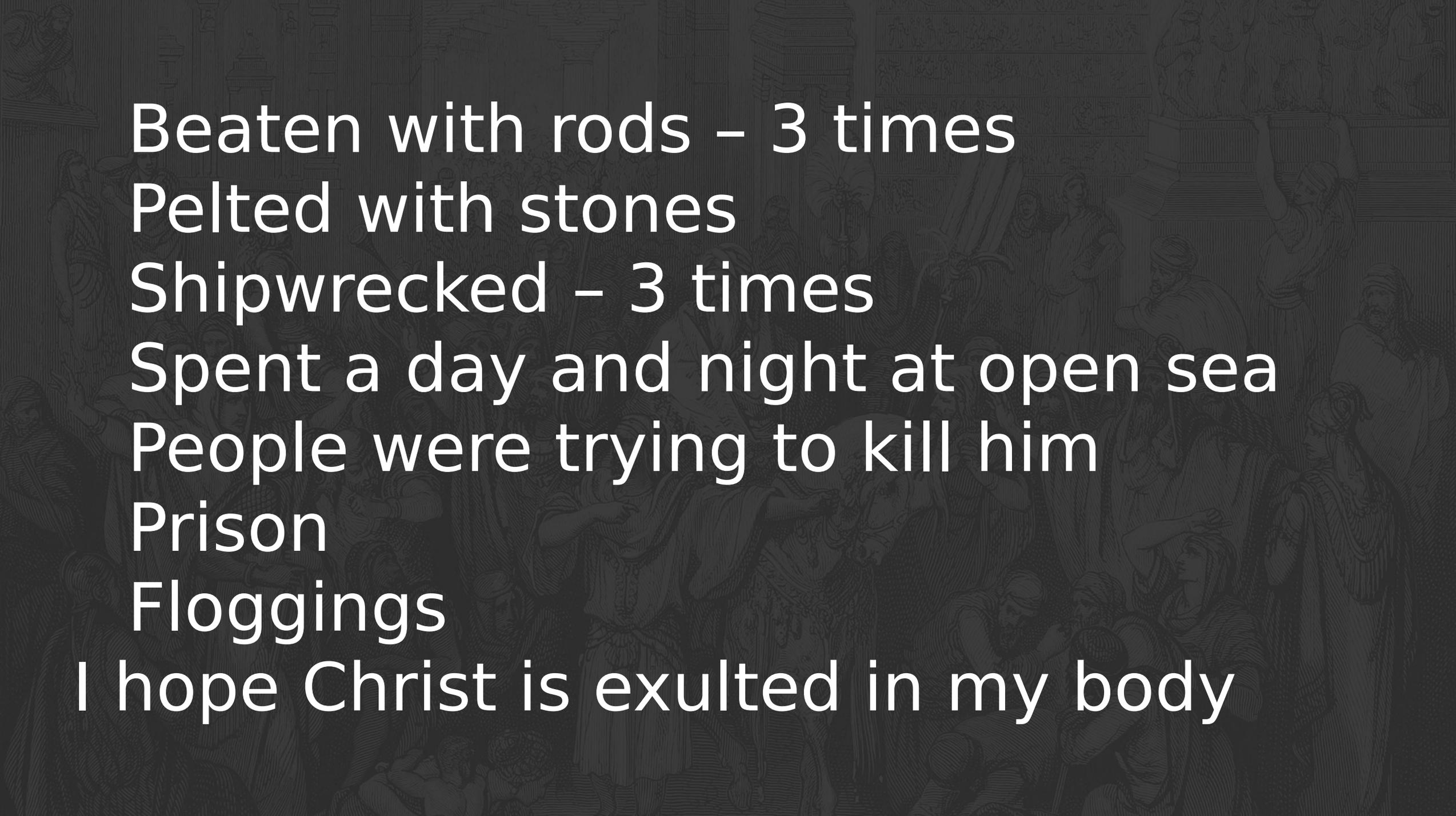
To prayer



They gave to everyone as they were in
need
They continued to meet together
They praised God and enjoyed the favor
of the Lord



Vs 20 - I eagerly expect and hope that I will in no way be ashamed but will have sufficient courage so that now as always Christ will be exalted in my body, whether by life or by death.



Beaten with rods - 3 times

Pelted with stones

Shipwrecked - 3 times

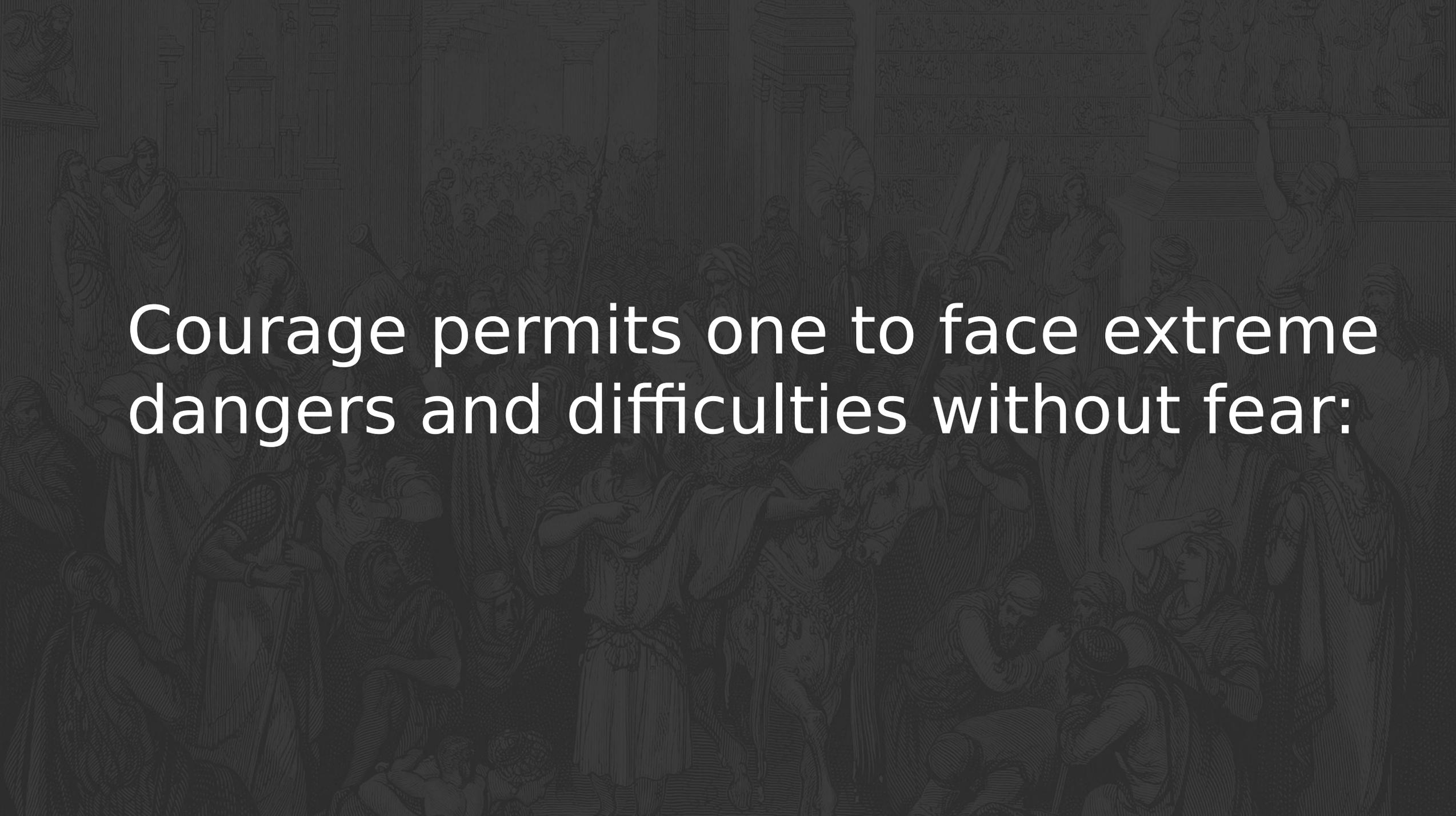
Spent a day and night at open sea

People were trying to kill him

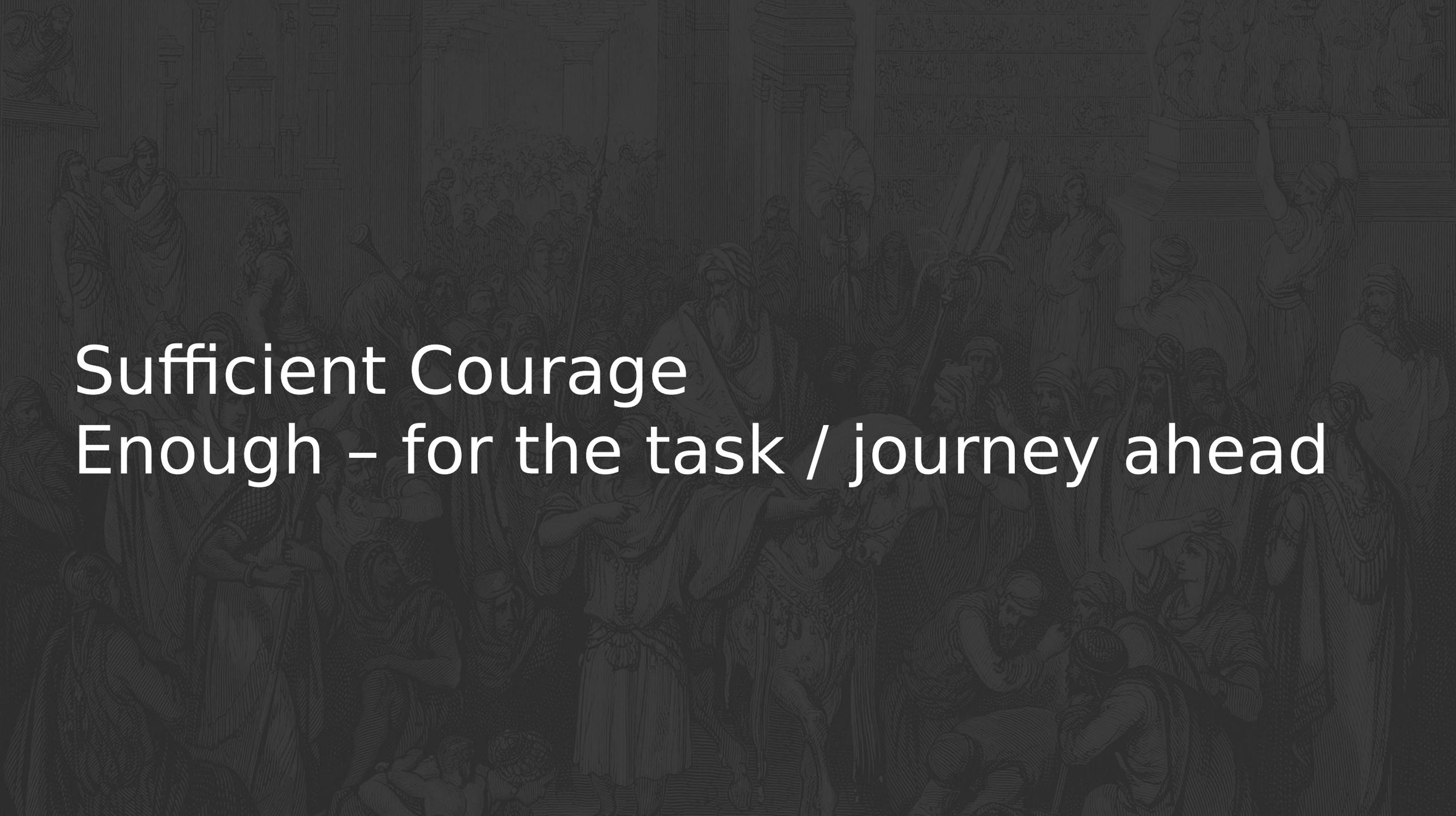
Prison

Floggings

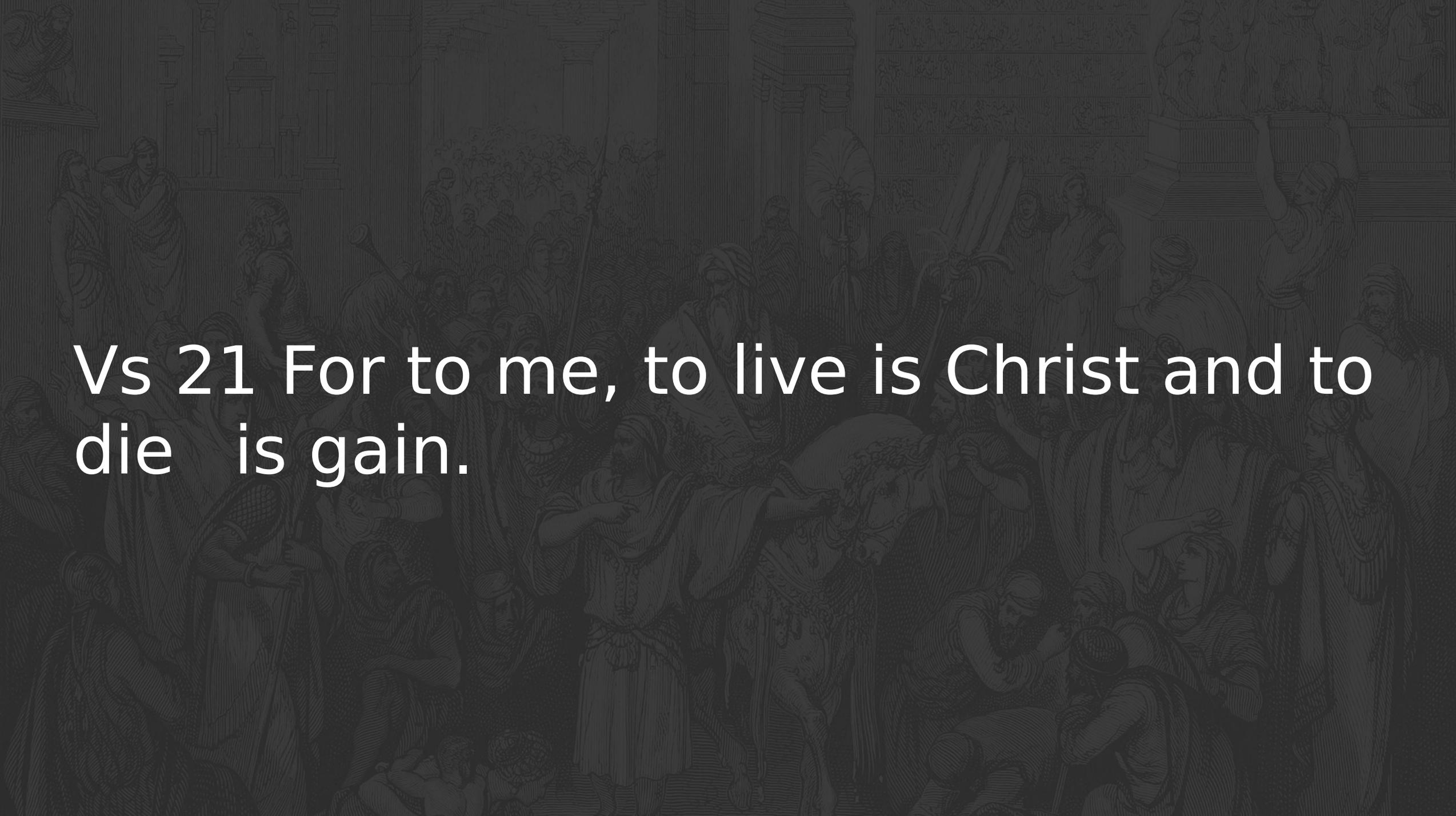
I hope Christ is exulted in my body



Courage permits one to face extreme dangers and difficulties without fear:



Sufficient Courage
Enough – for the task / journey ahead



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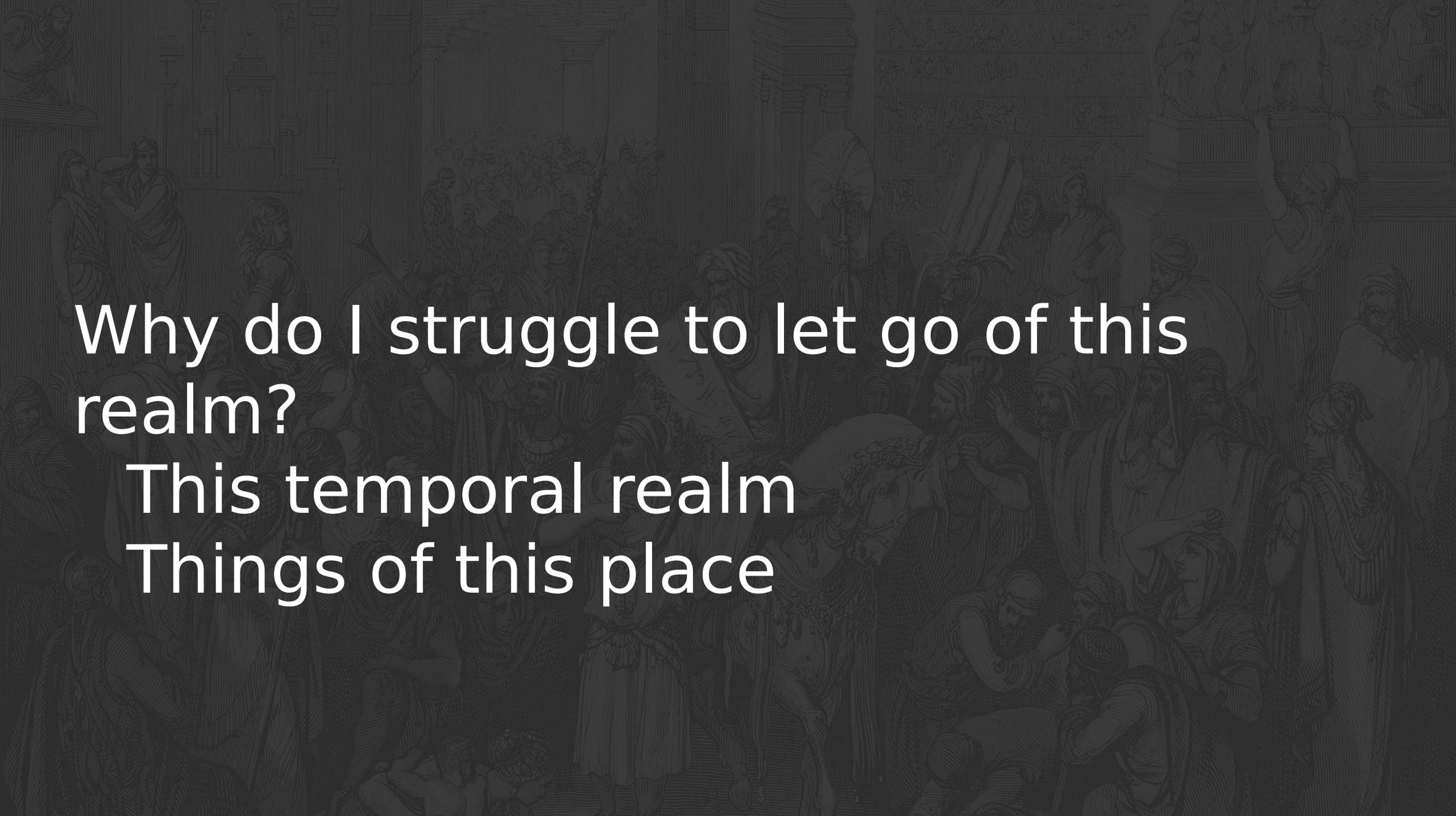
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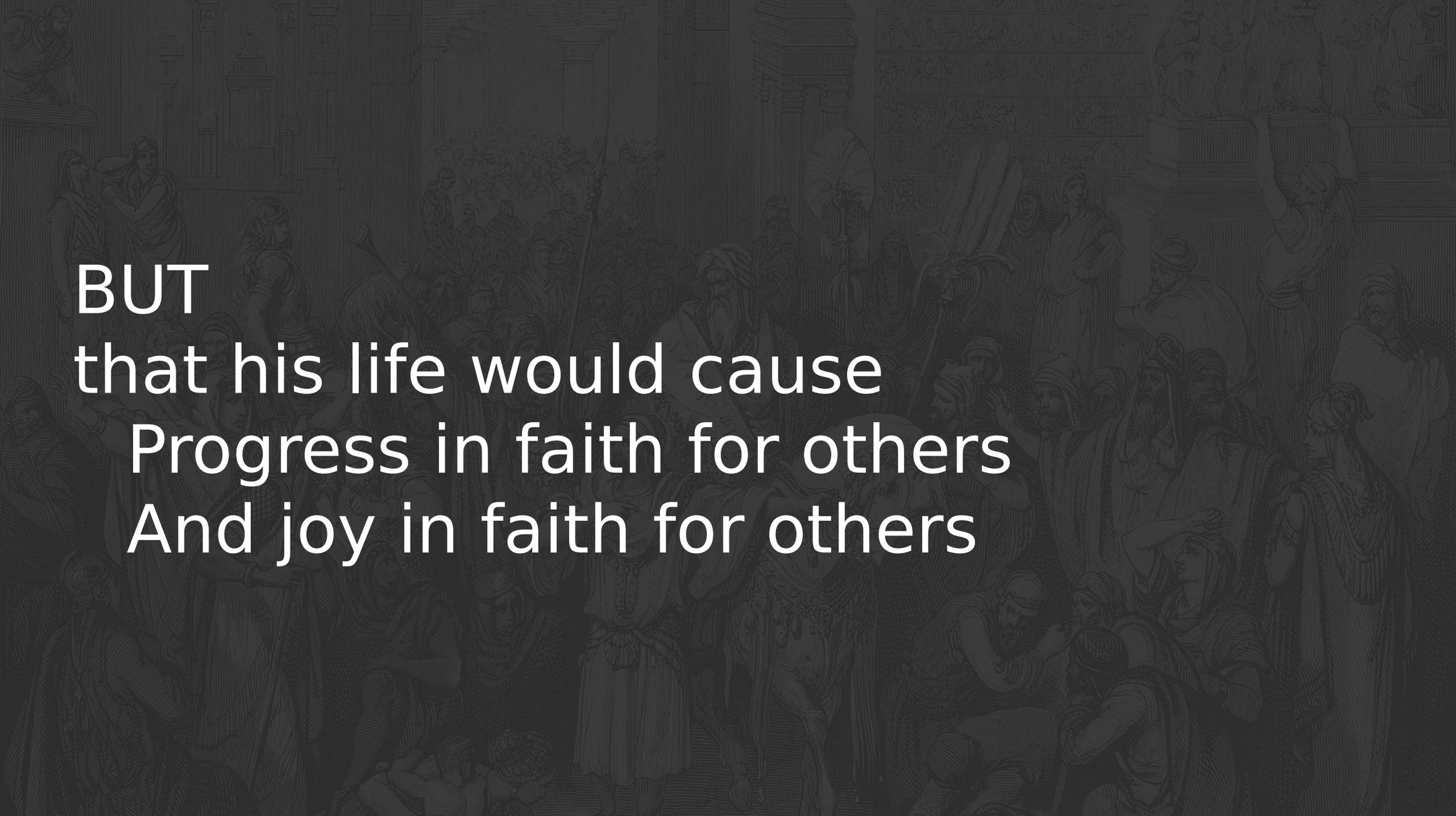
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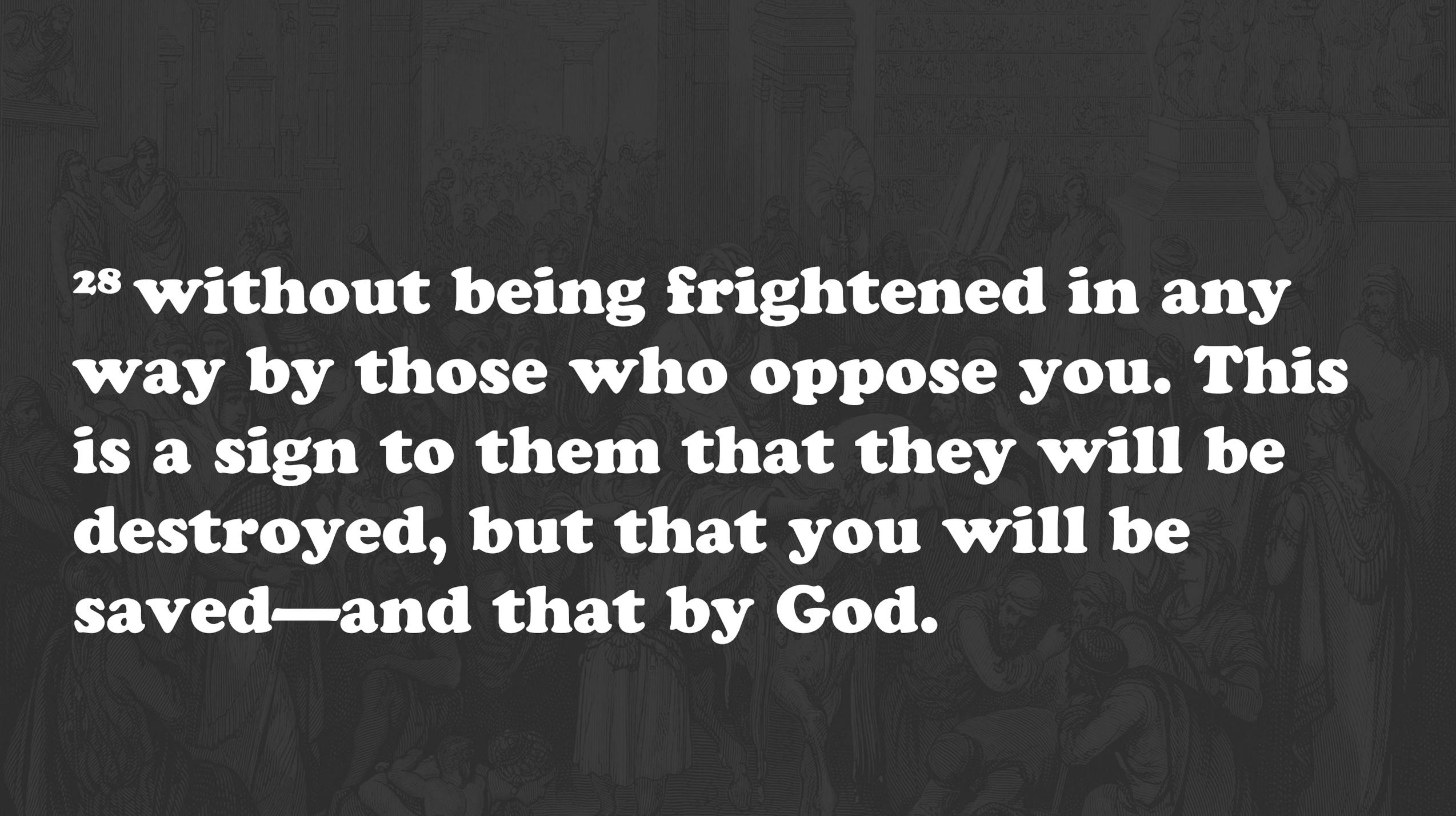
Why do I struggle to let go of this
realm?

This temporal realm
Things of this place



BUT
that his life would cause
Progress in faith for others
And joy in faith for others

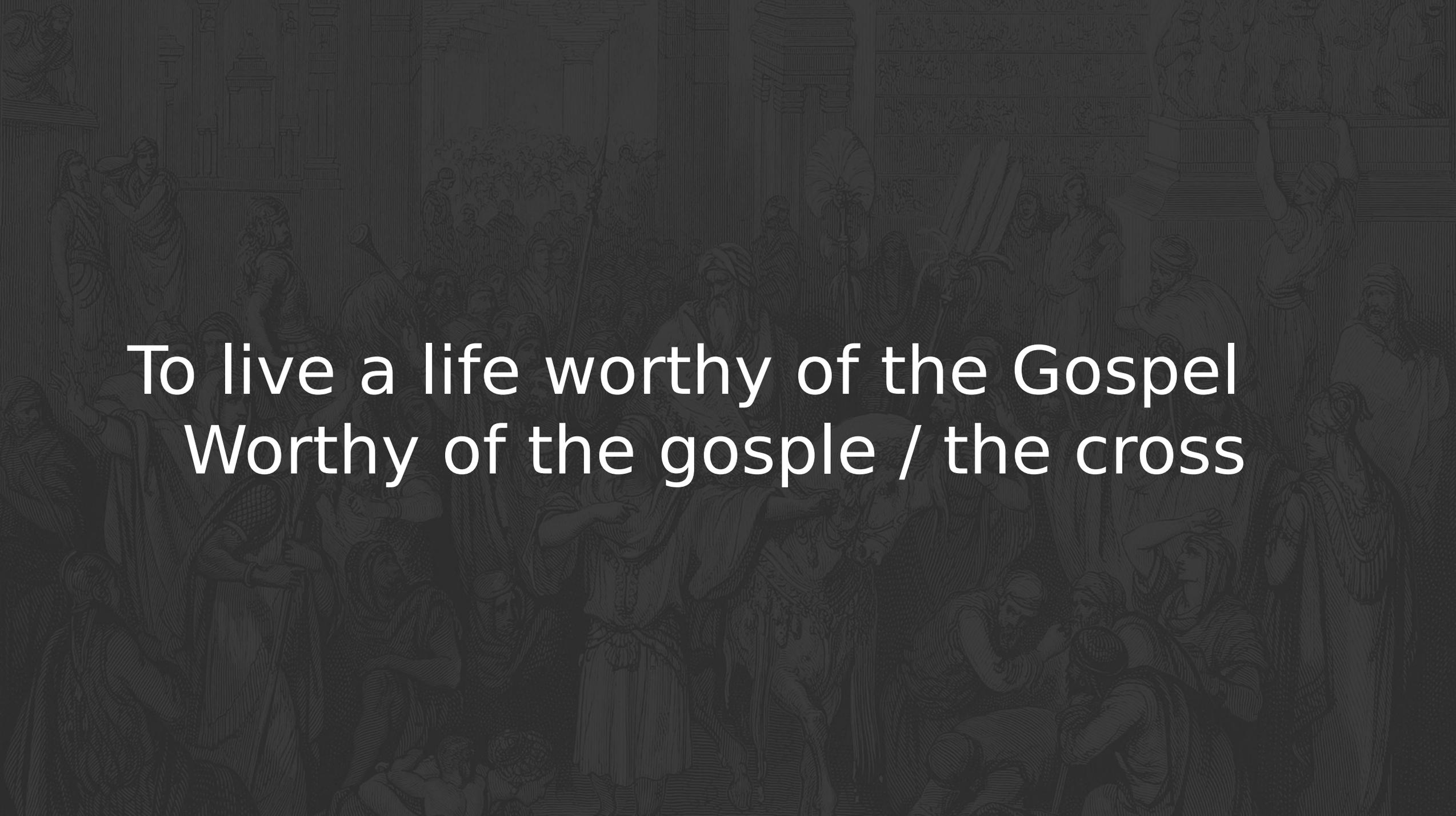
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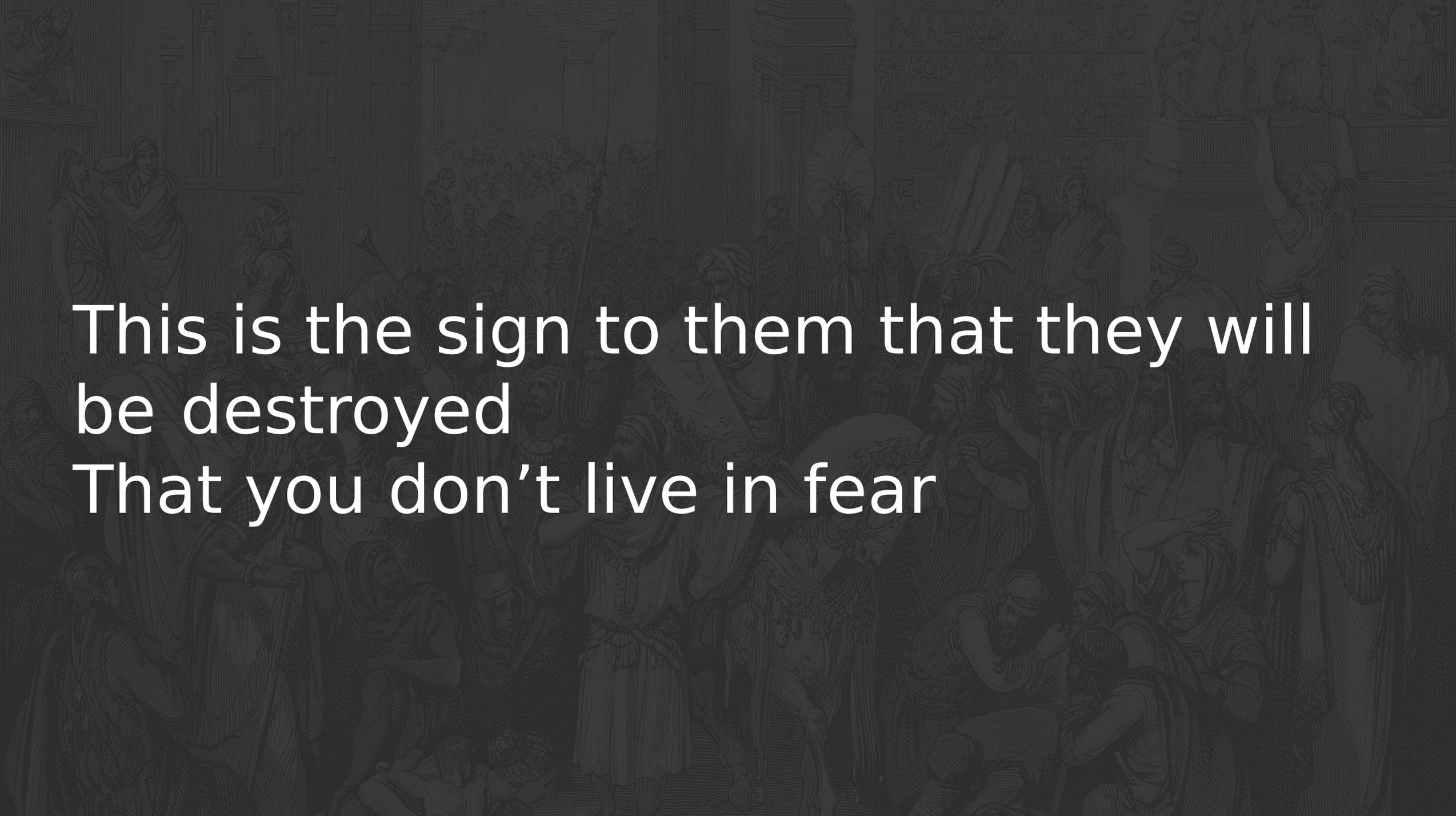
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To live a life worthy of the Gospel
Worthy of the gosple / the cross



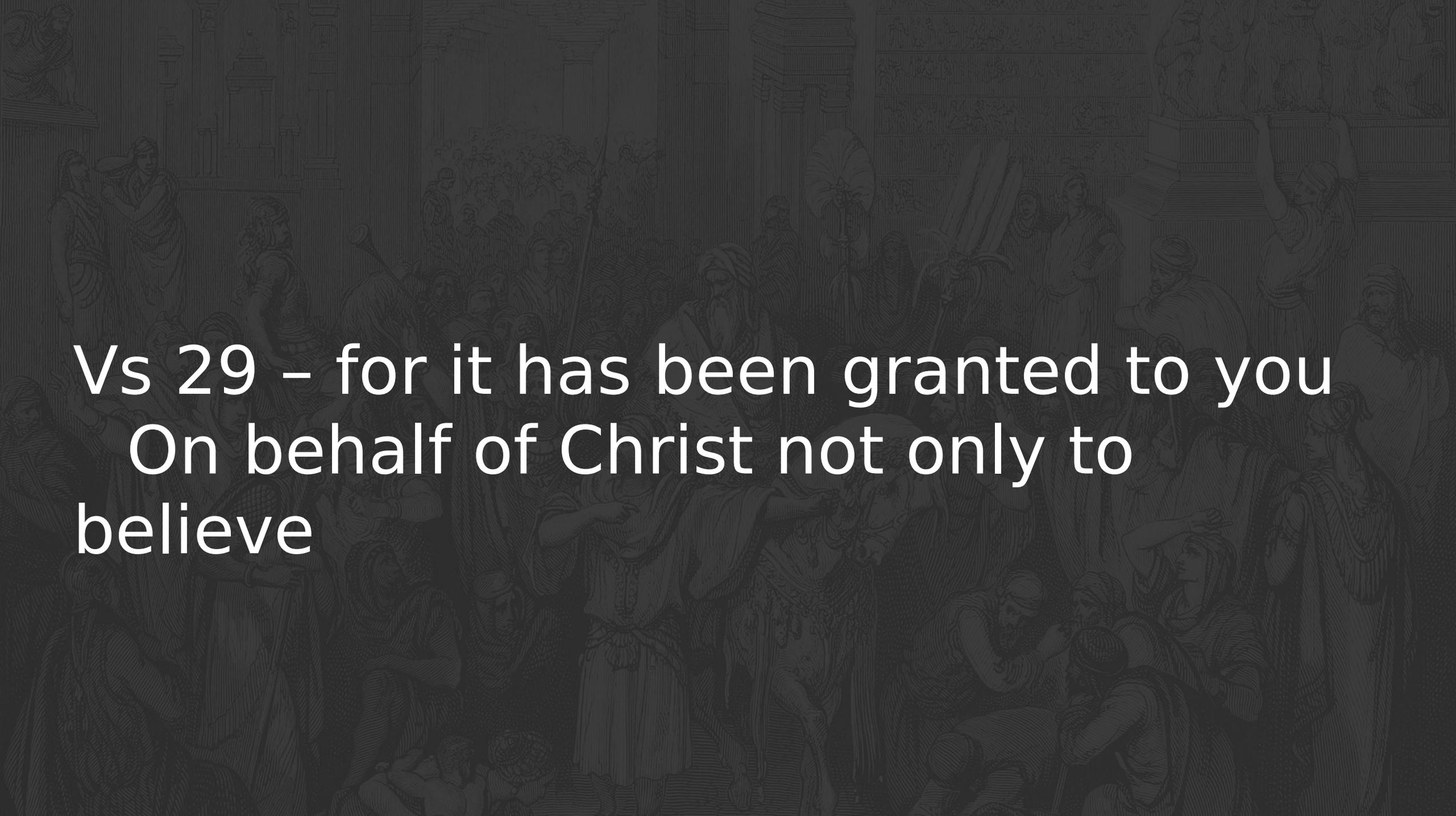
This is the sign to them that they will
be destroyed
That you don't live in fear



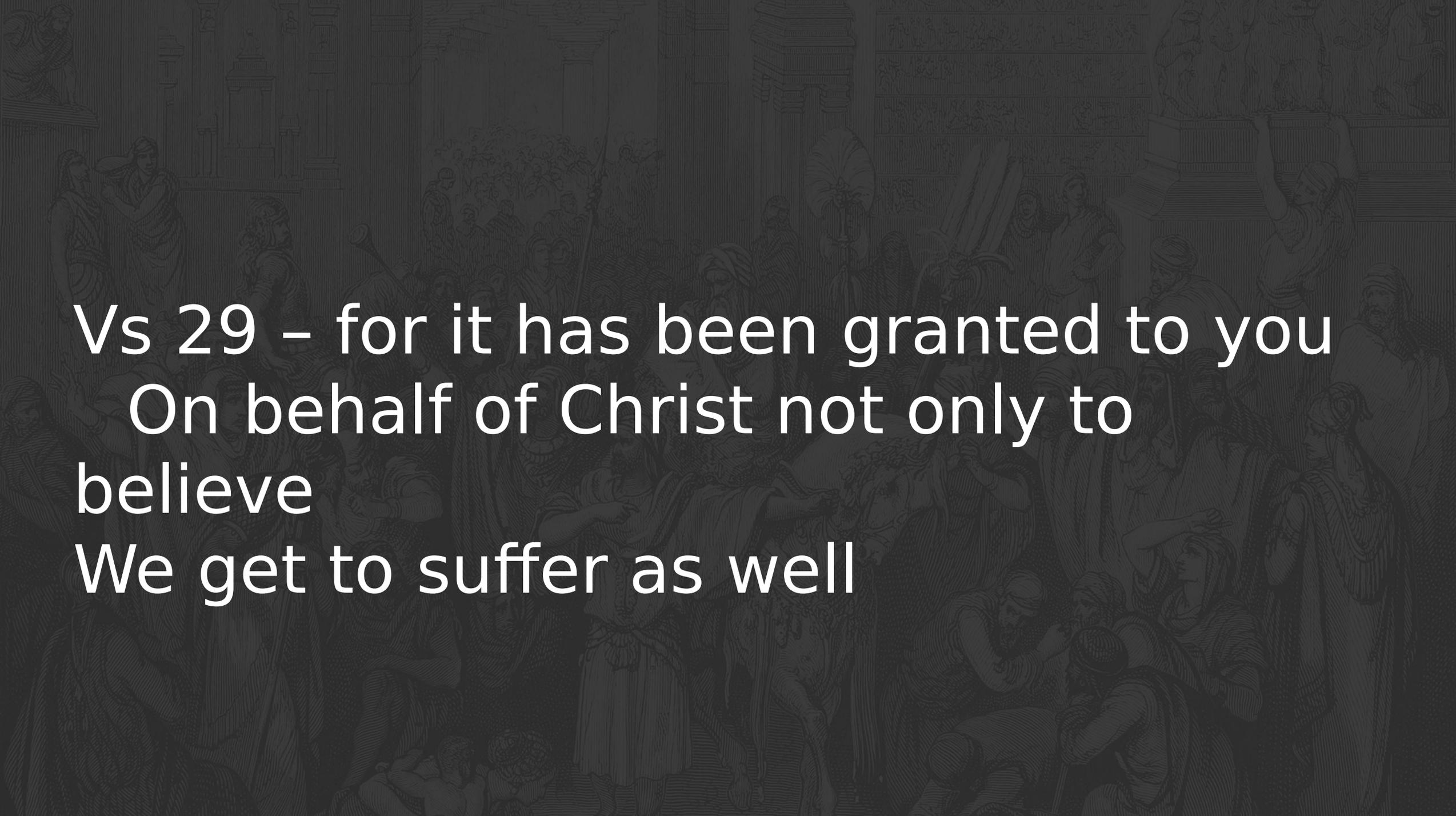
A scared world needs
a fearless church.

Aiden Wilson Tozer

quote fancy



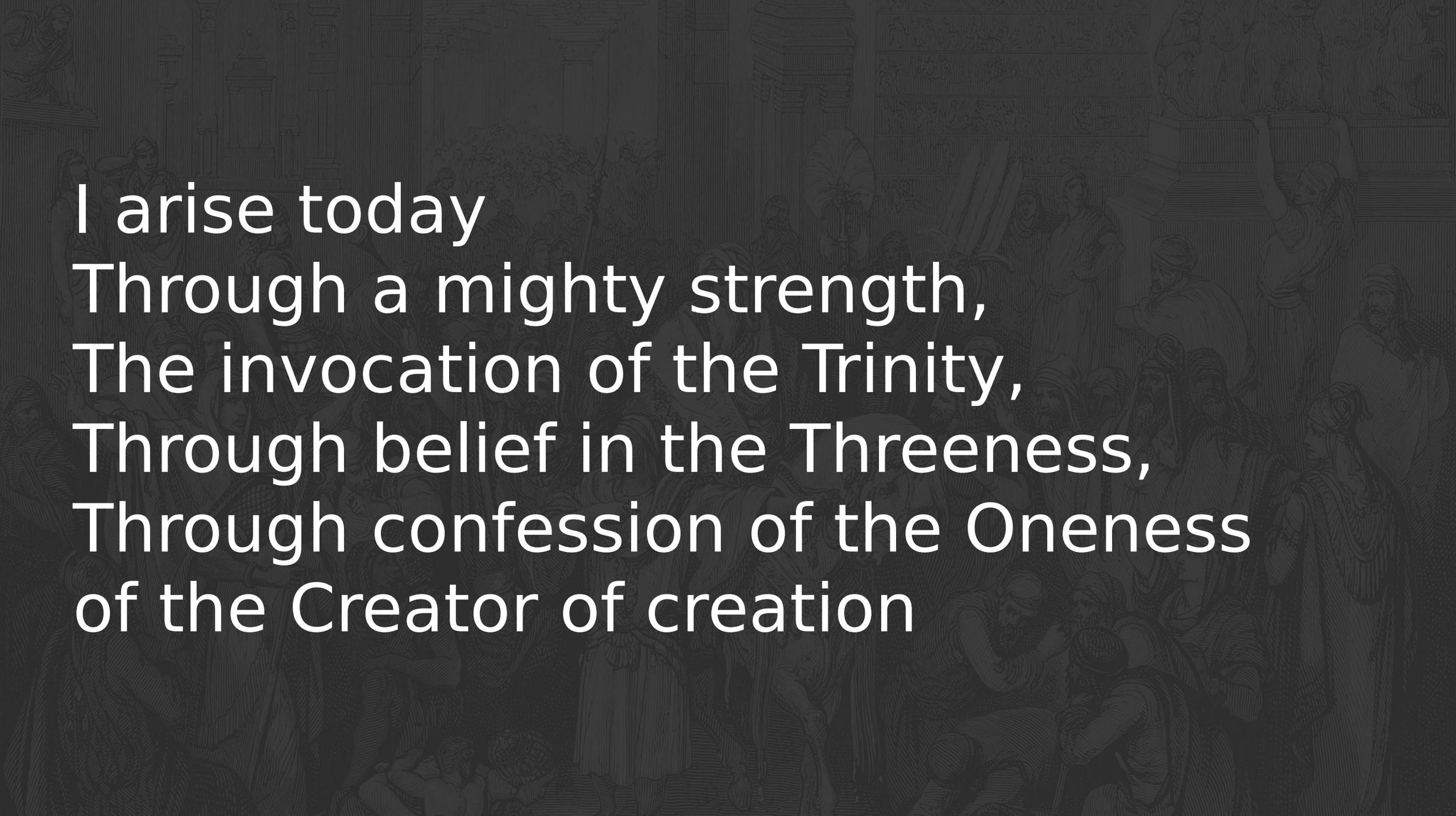
Vs 29 – for it has been granted to you
On behalf of Christ not only to
believe



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We get to suffer as well

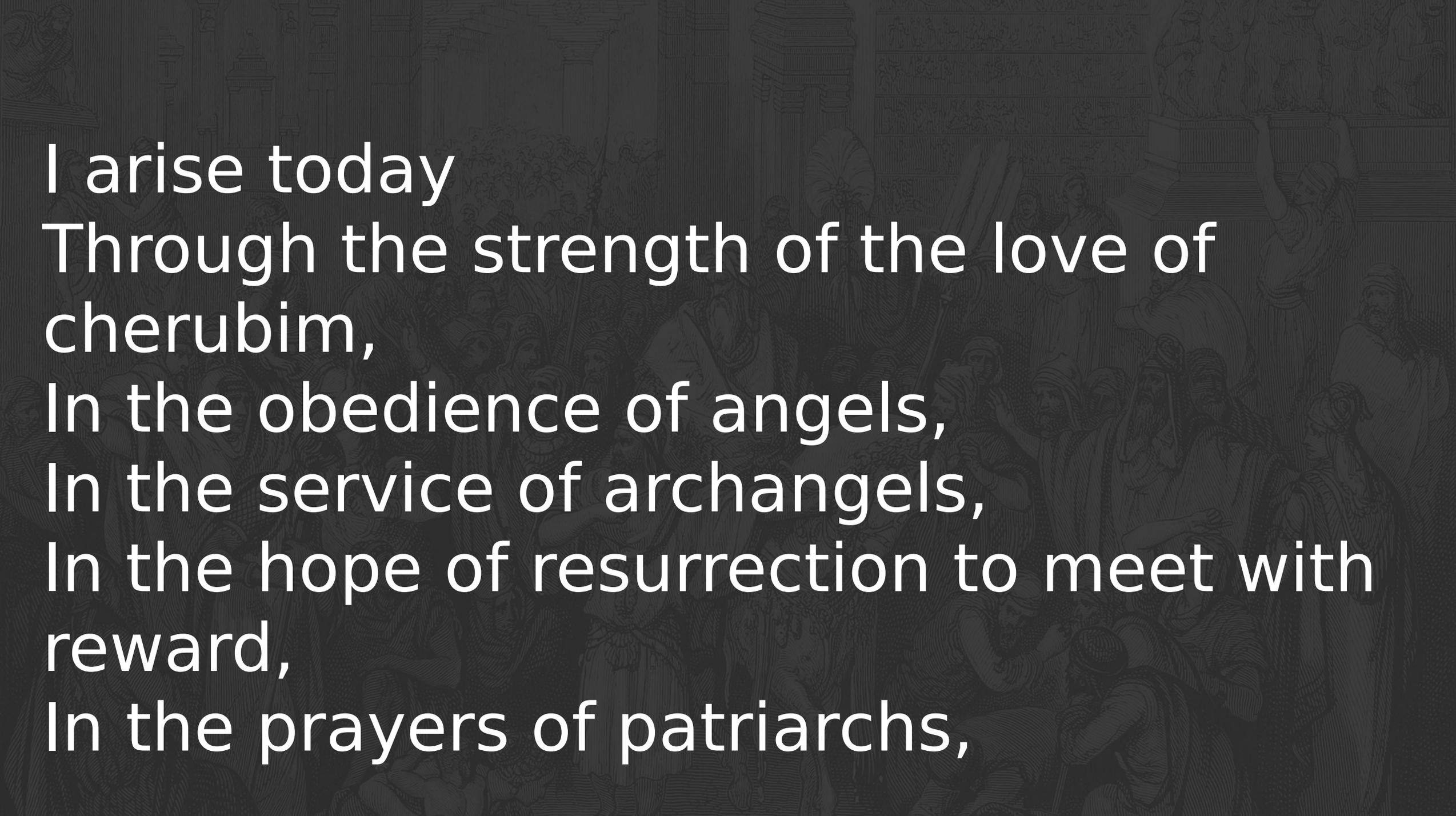


St Patrick's Breastplate Prayer

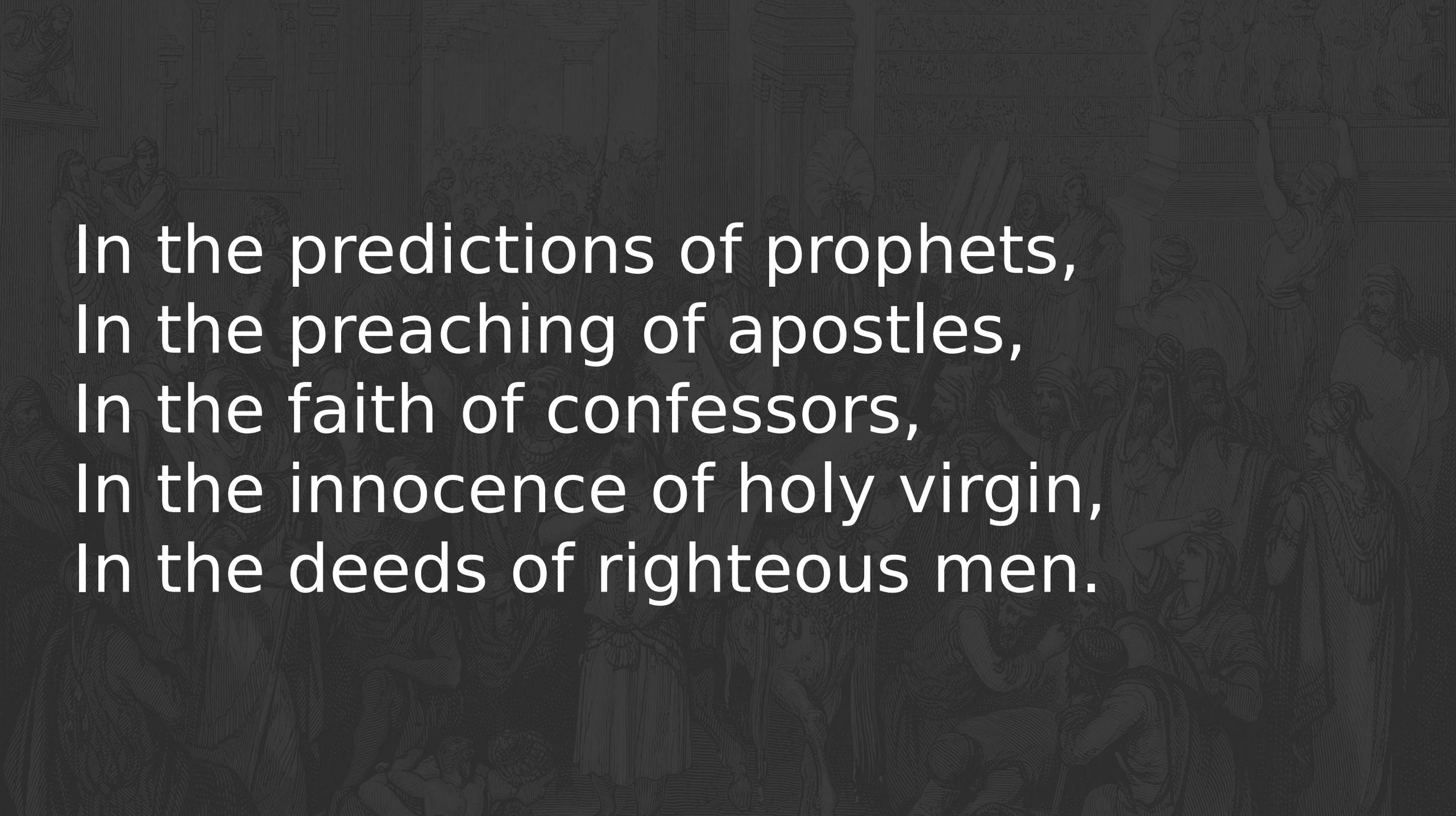


I arise today
Through a mighty strength,
The invocation of the Trinity,
Through belief in the Threeness,
Through confession of the Oneness
of the Creator of creation

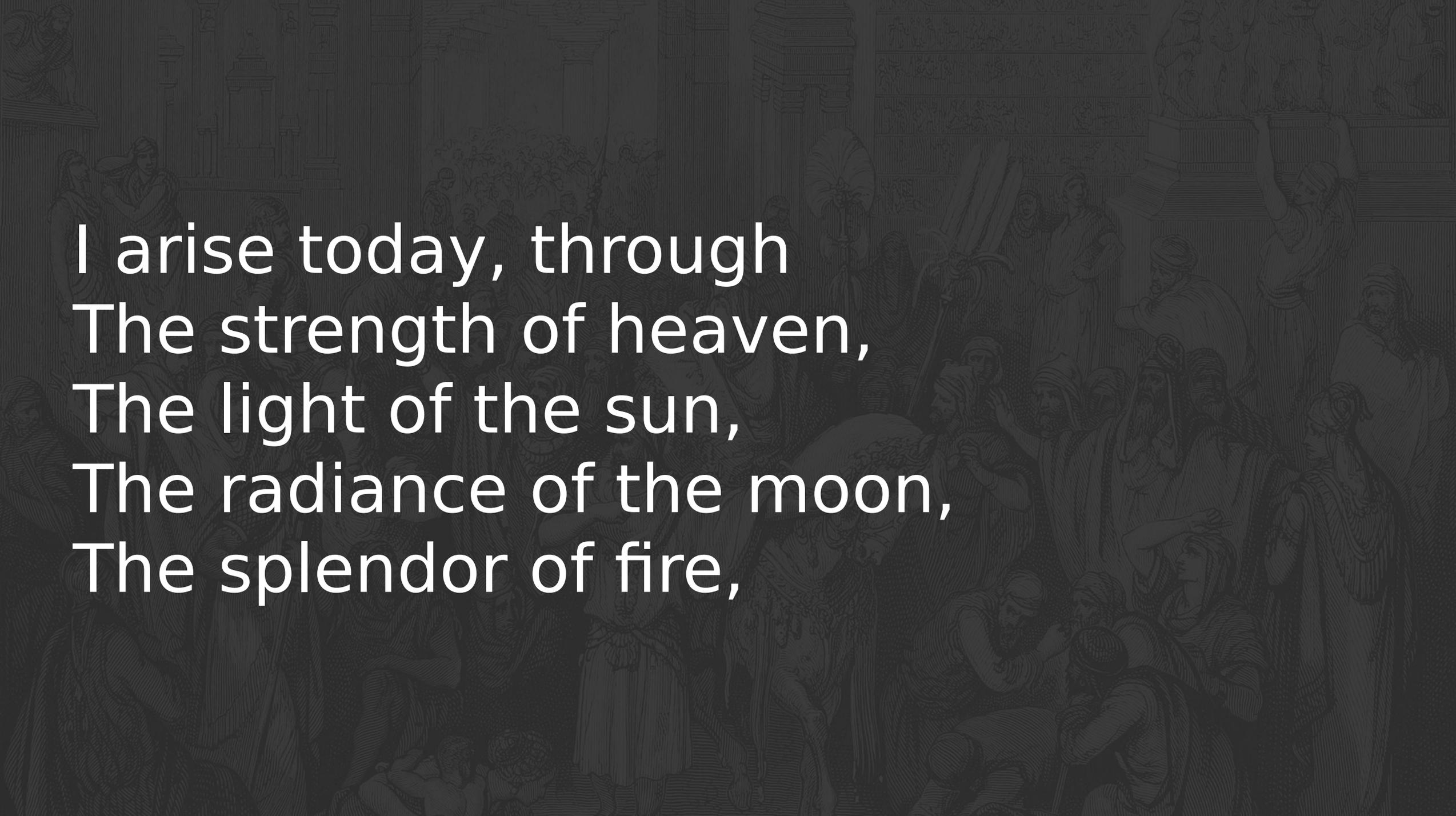
I arise today
Through the strength of Christ's birth
with His baptism,
Through the strength of His crucifixion
with His burial,
Through the strength of His resurrection
with His ascension,
Through the strength of His descent for
the judgment of doom.



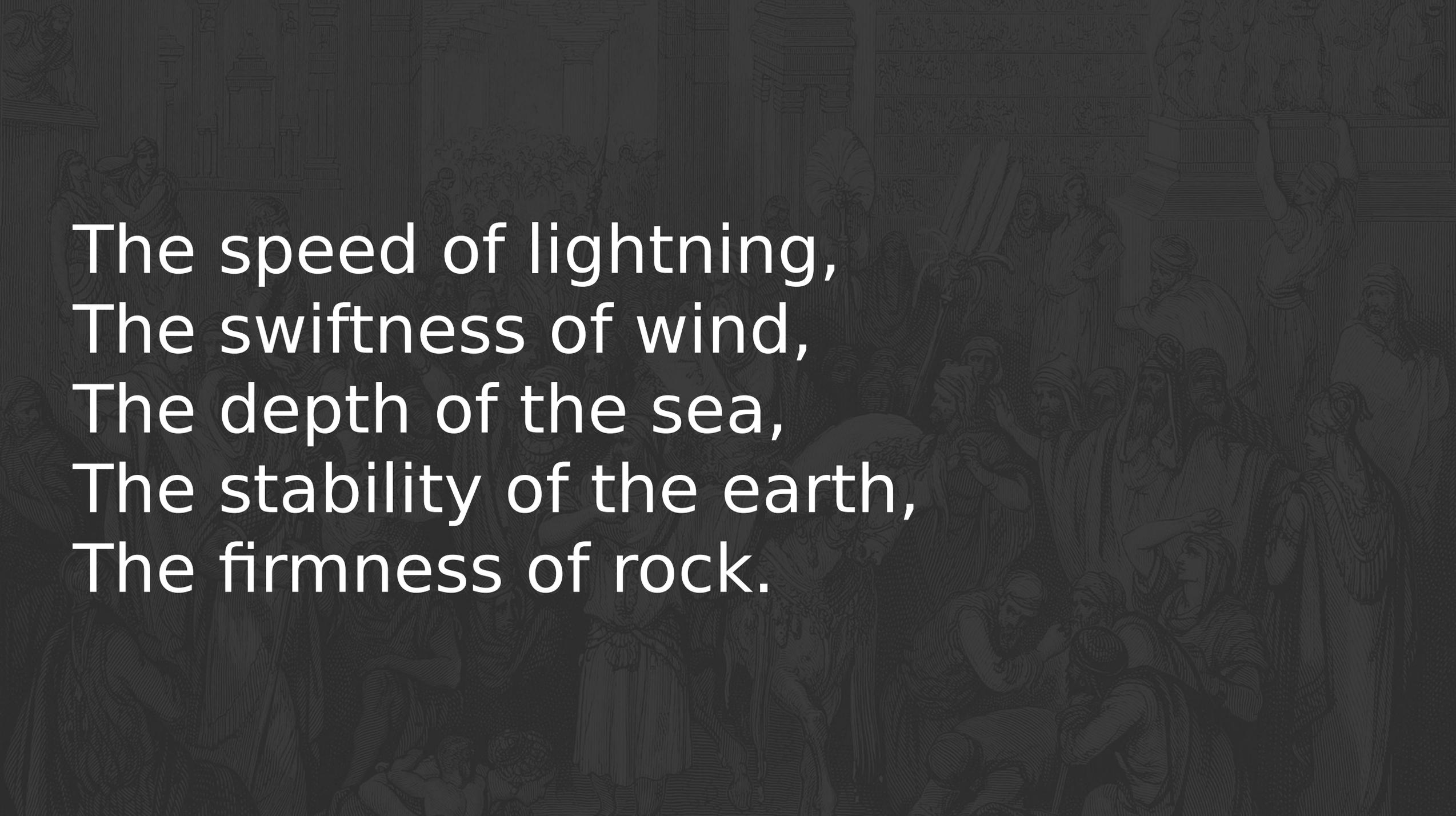
I arise today
Through the strength of the love of
cherubim,
In the obedience of angels,
In the service of archangels,
In the hope of resurrection to meet with
reward,
In the prayers of patriarchs,



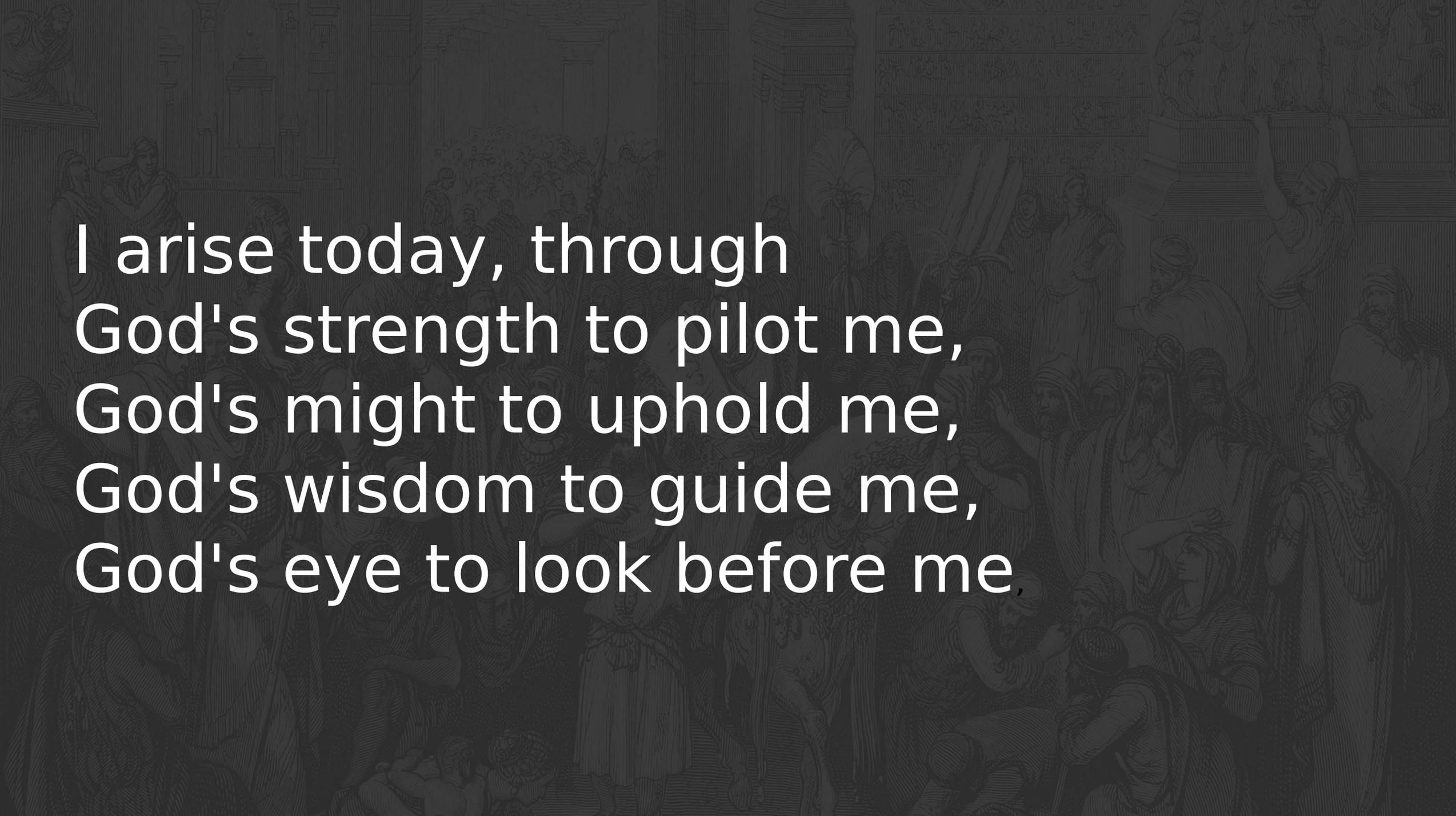
In the predictions of prophets,
In the preaching of apostles,
In the faith of confessors,
In the innocence of holy virgin,
In the deeds of righteous men.



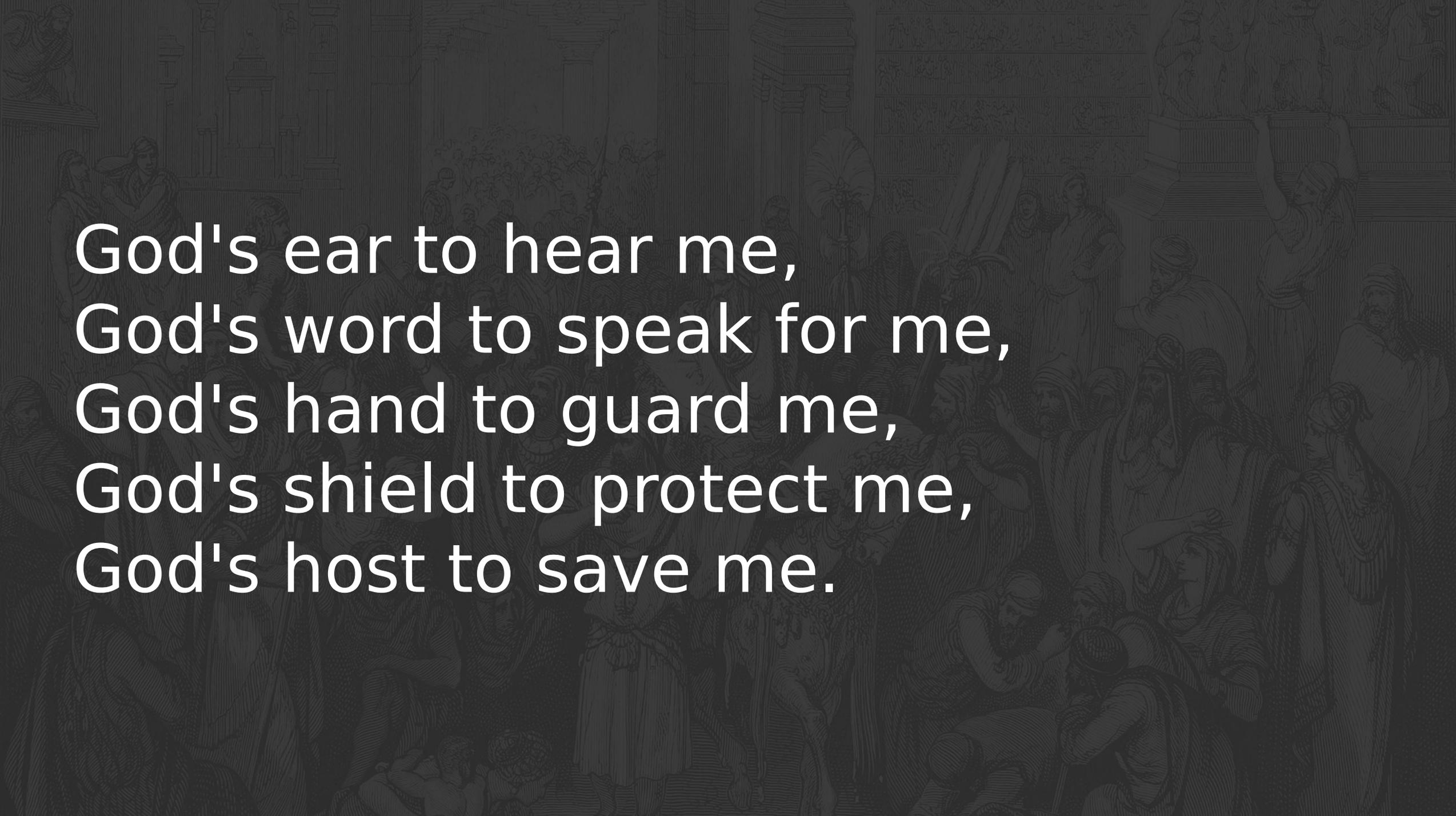
I arise today, through
The strength of heaven,
The light of the sun,
The radiance of the moon,
The splendor of fire,



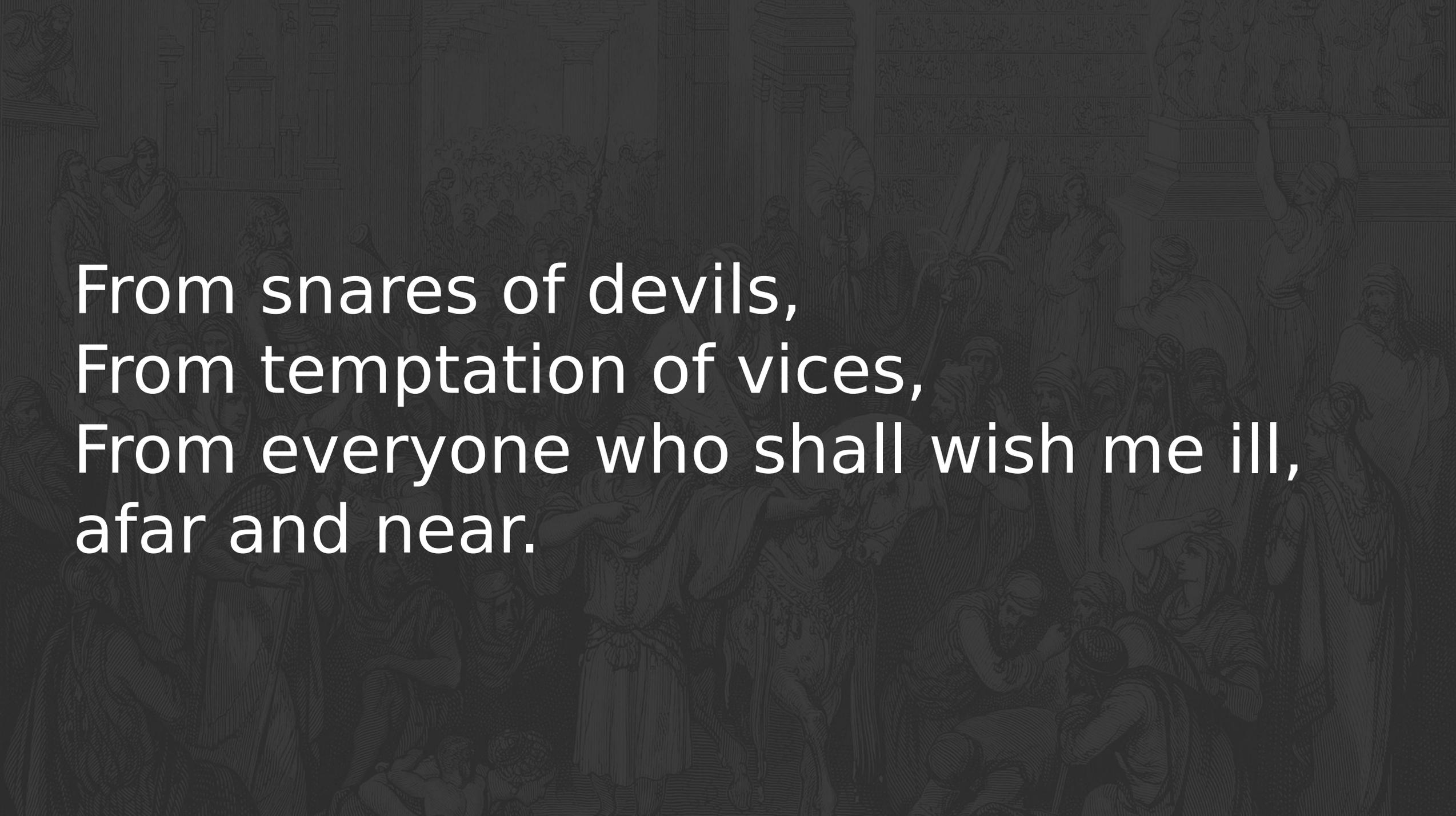
The speed of lightning,
The swiftness of wind,
The depth of the sea,
The stability of the earth,
The firmness of rock.



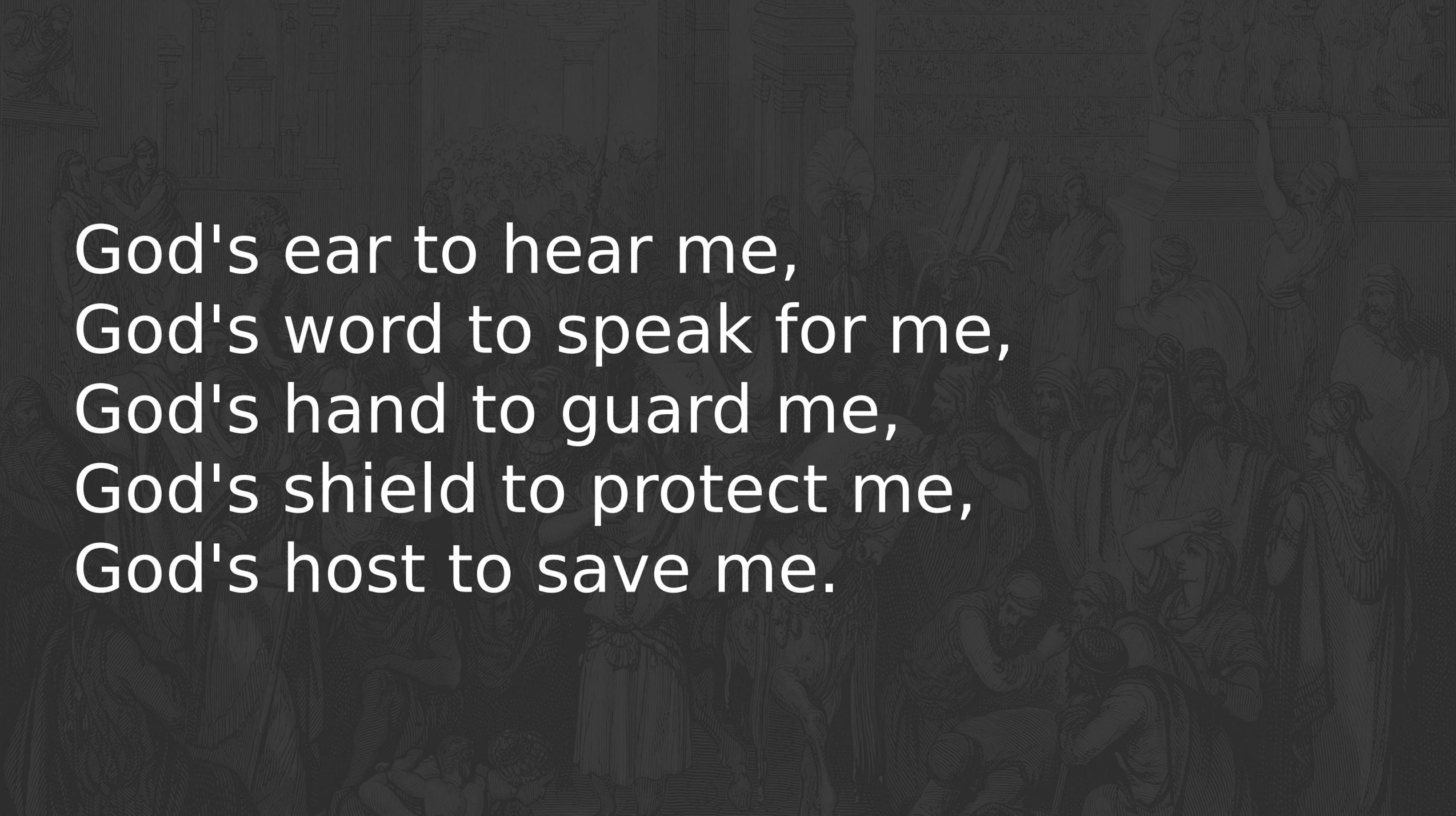
I arise today, through
God's strength to pilot me,
God's might to uphold me,
God's wisdom to guide me,
God's eye to look before me,



God's ear to hear me,
God's word to speak for me,
God's hand to guard me,
God's shield to protect me,
God's host to save me.



From snares of devils,
From temptation of vices,
From everyone who shall wish me ill,
afar and near.



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I summon today

All these powers between me and those
evils,

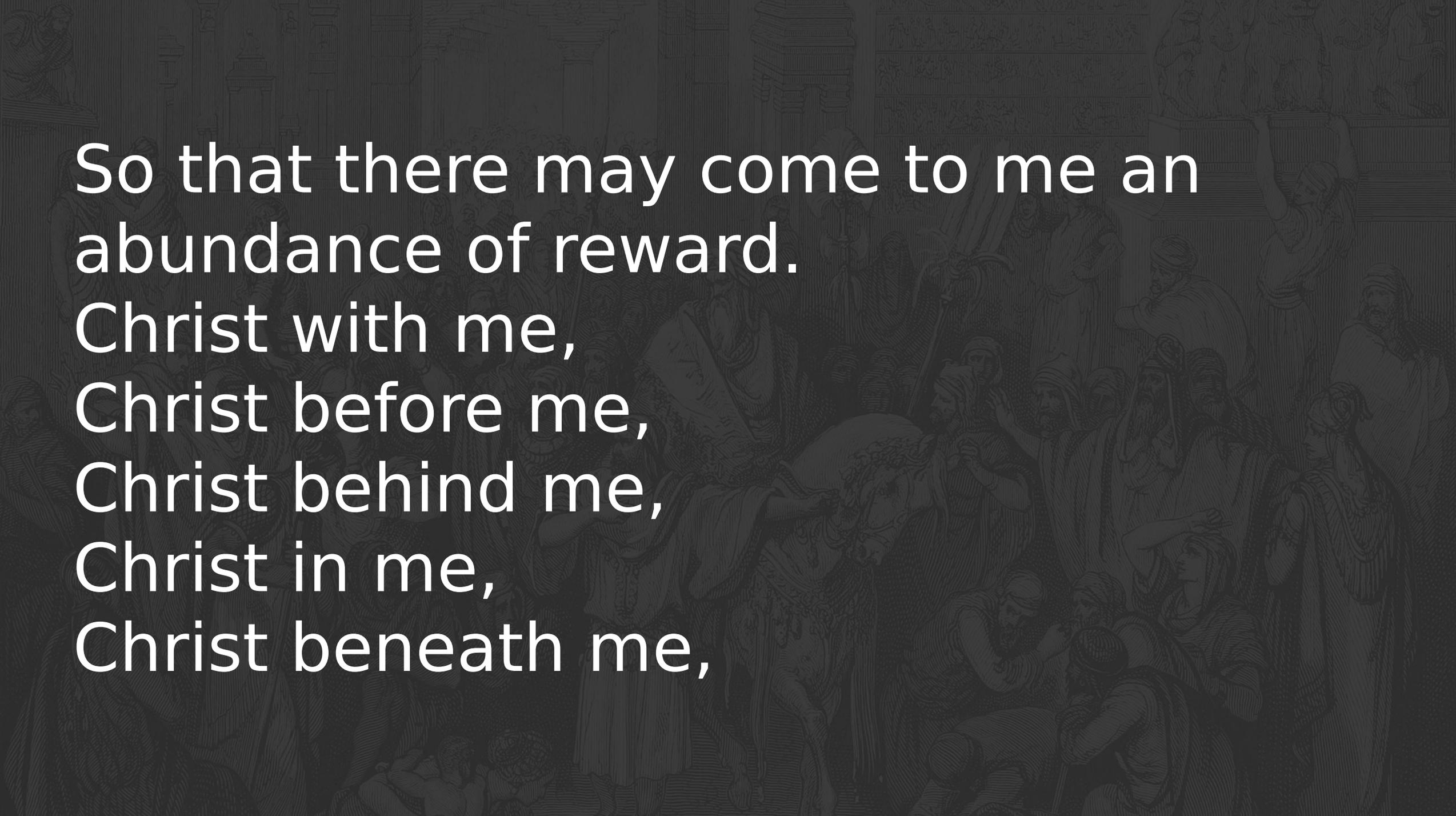
Against every cruel and merciless power
that may oppose my body and soul,

Against incantations of false prophets,

Against black laws of pagandom,

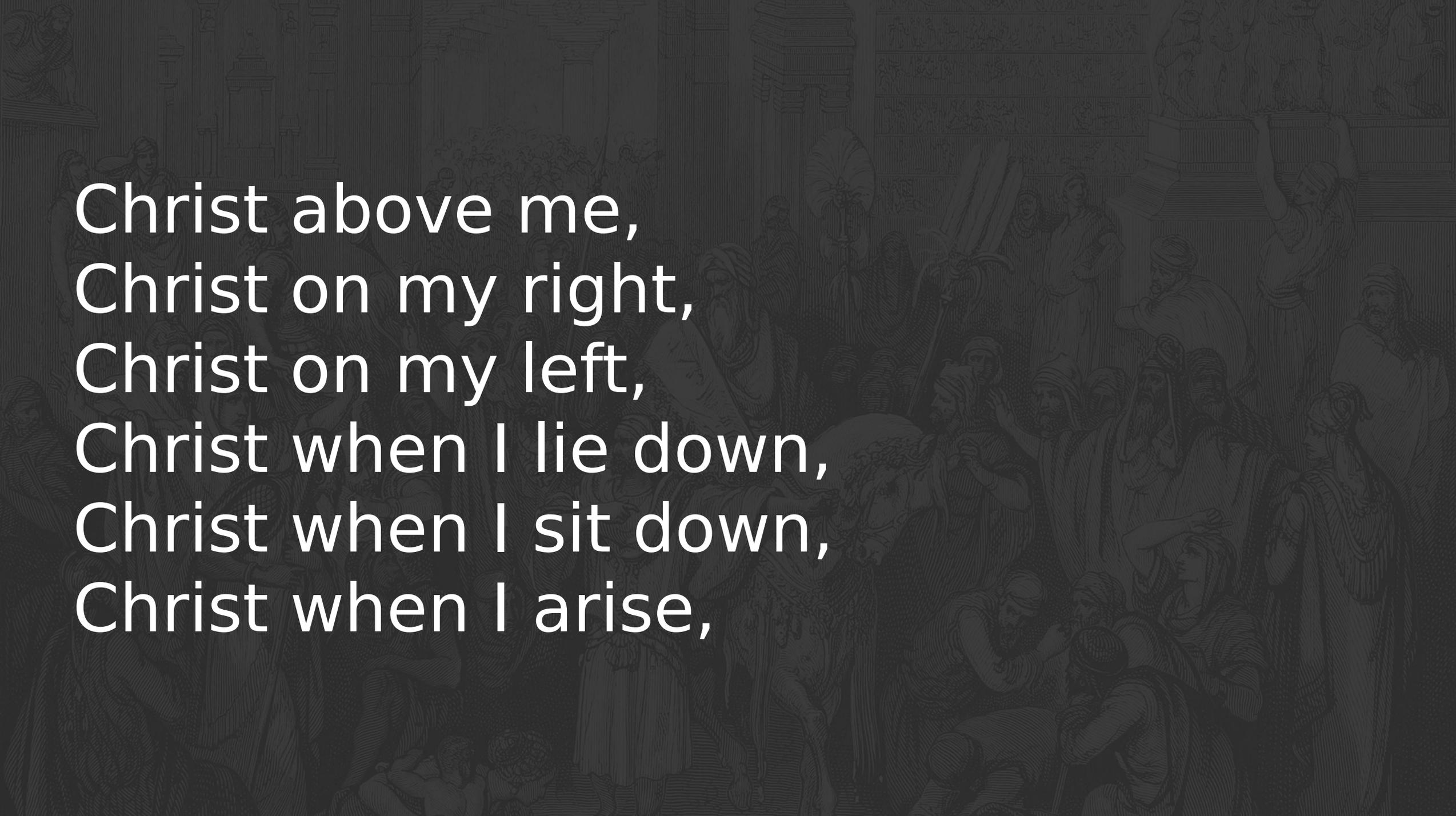
Against false laws of heretics,

Against craft of idolatry,
Against spells of witches and smiths
and wizards,
Against every knowledge that corrupts
man's body and soul;
Christ to shield me today
Against poison, against burning,
Against drowning, against wounding,

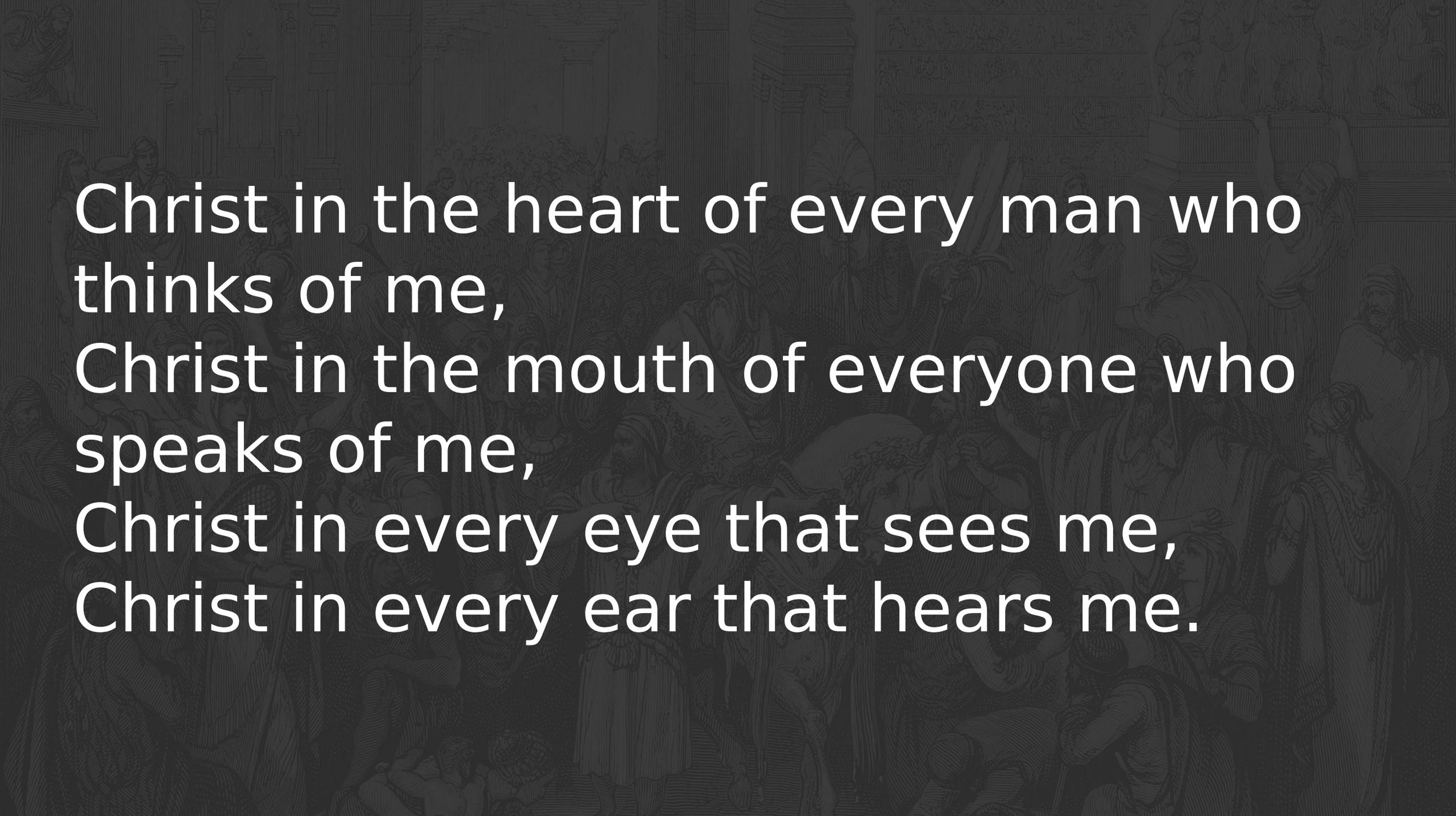


So that there may come to me an
abundance of reward.

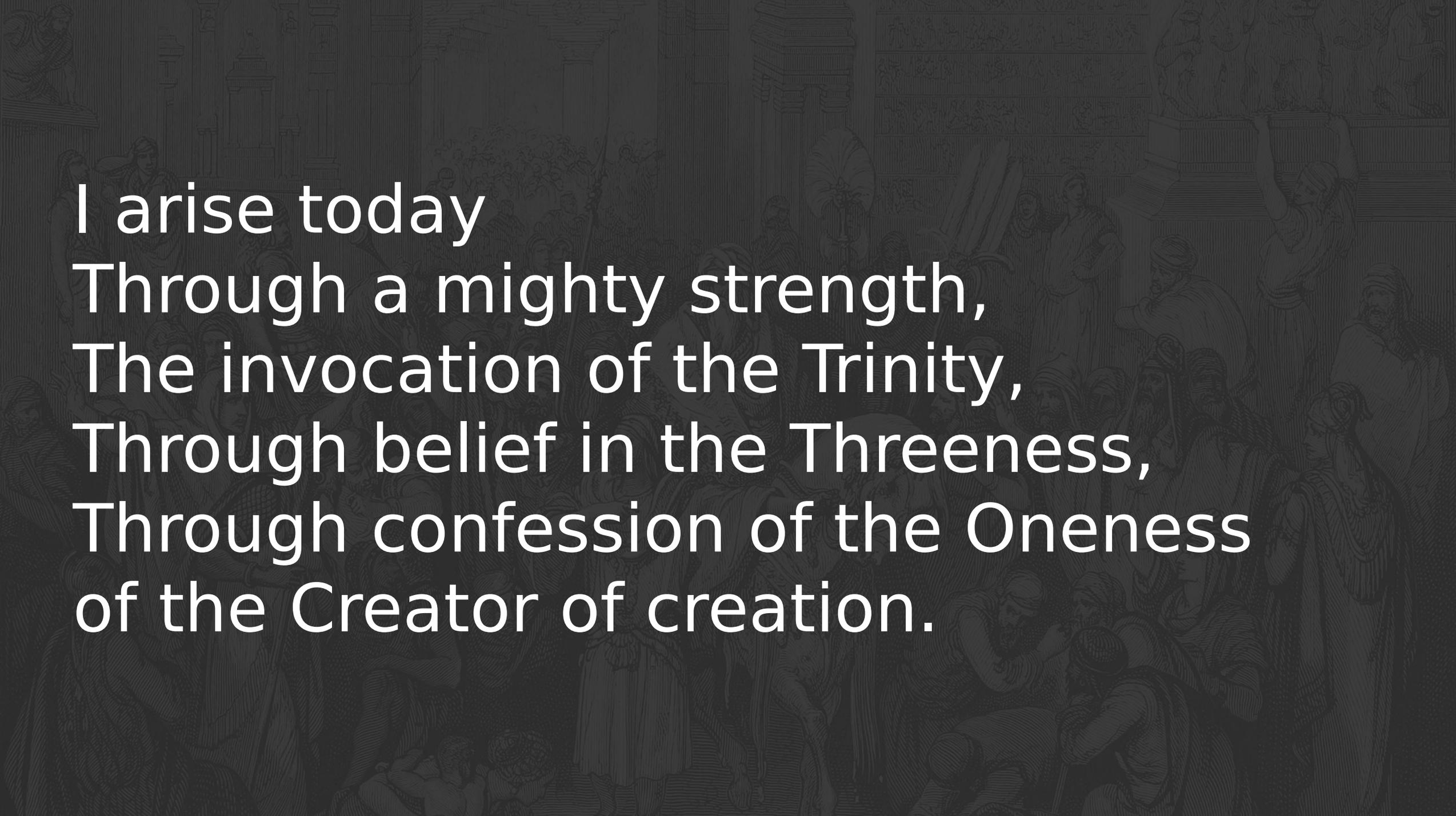
Christ with me,
Christ before me,
Christ behind me,
Christ in me,
Christ beneath me,



Christ above me,
Christ on my right,
Christ on my left,
Christ when I lie down,
Christ when I sit down,
Christ when I arise,



Christ in the heart of every man who
thinks of me,
Christ in the mouth of everyone who
speaks of me,
Christ in every eye that sees me,
Christ in every ear that hears me.



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