

# Let Us Show Hospitality to One Another

1 Peter 4:7-11



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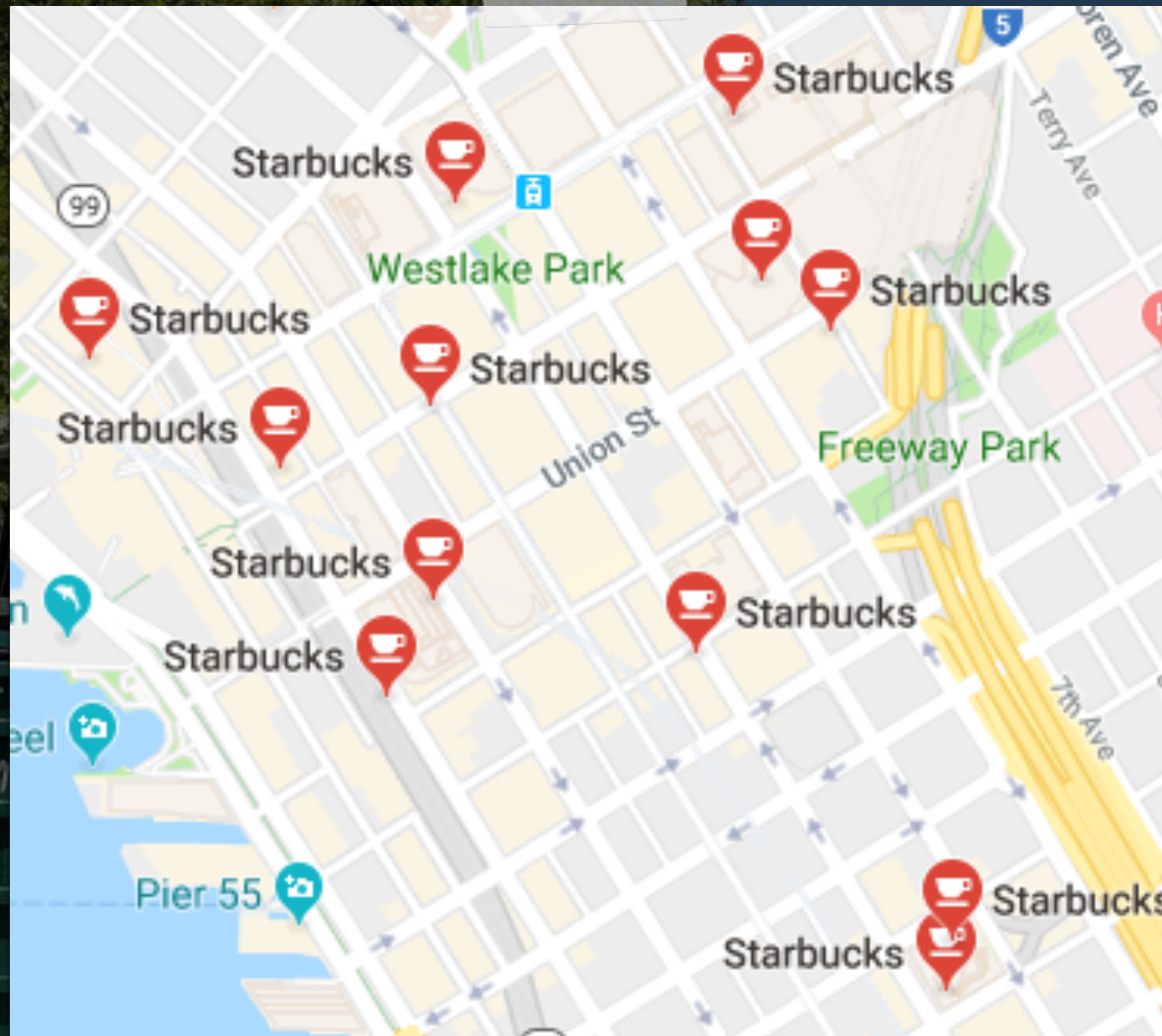
**Putting Into Practice Jesus' New Way of Being Human Together**

\_\_\_\_ New Series at Mercy Hill Church \_\_\_\_









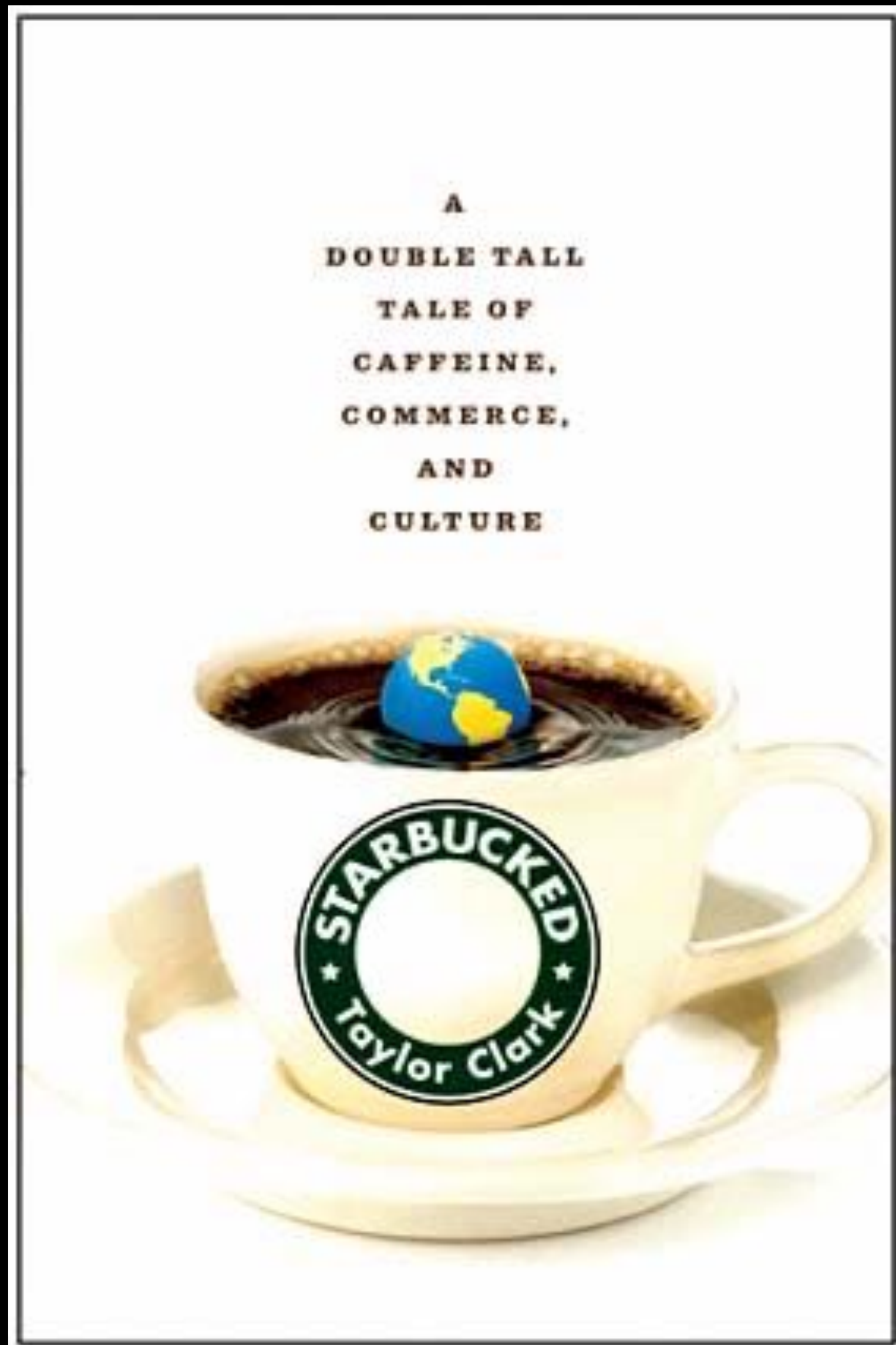




**In March of 1971, Starbucks opened its 1st coffee shop in Seattle.**

**As of the beginning of March 2025,  
Starbucks had 40,199 coffee shops worldwide.**





**Starbucks own research showed that what people really want is “a cozy social atmosphere above all else.... For those seeking a refuge from the world, the cup of coffee they bought was just the price of admission....”**



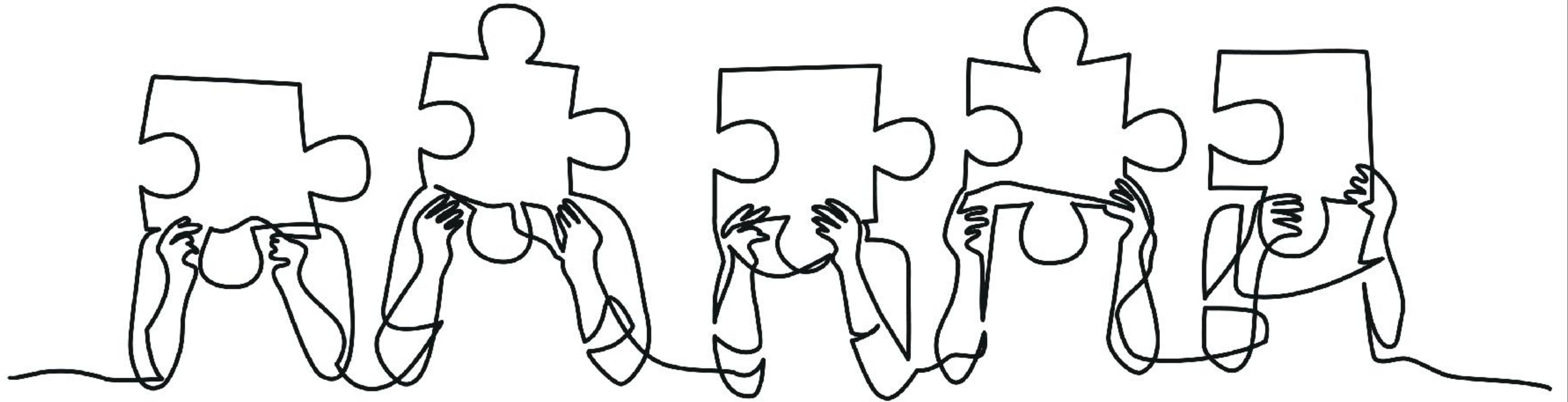
— “ ” —

**Starbucks is selling  
hospitality.**

— Tim Chester, *A Meal with Jesus* —

**hospitality.**

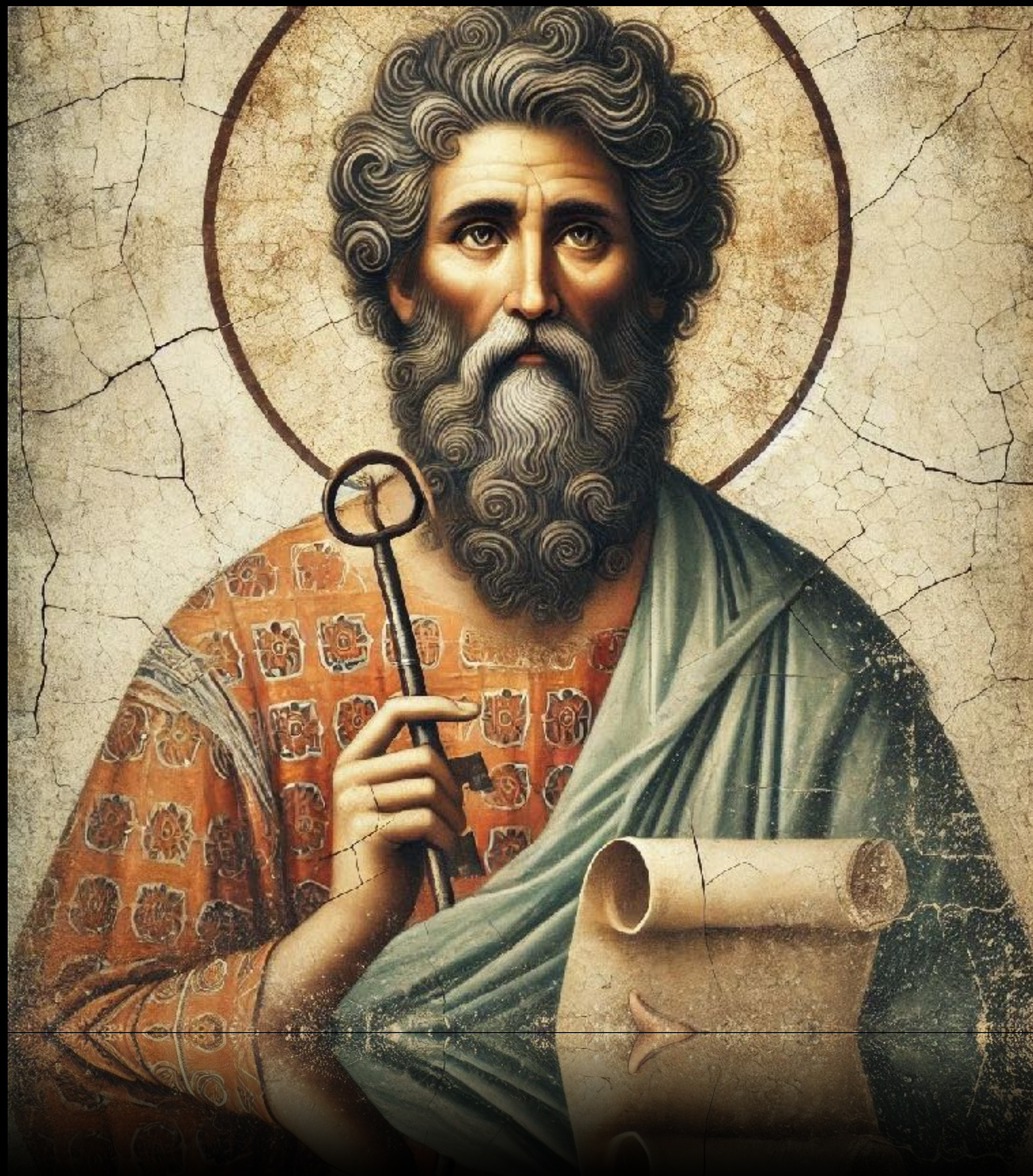




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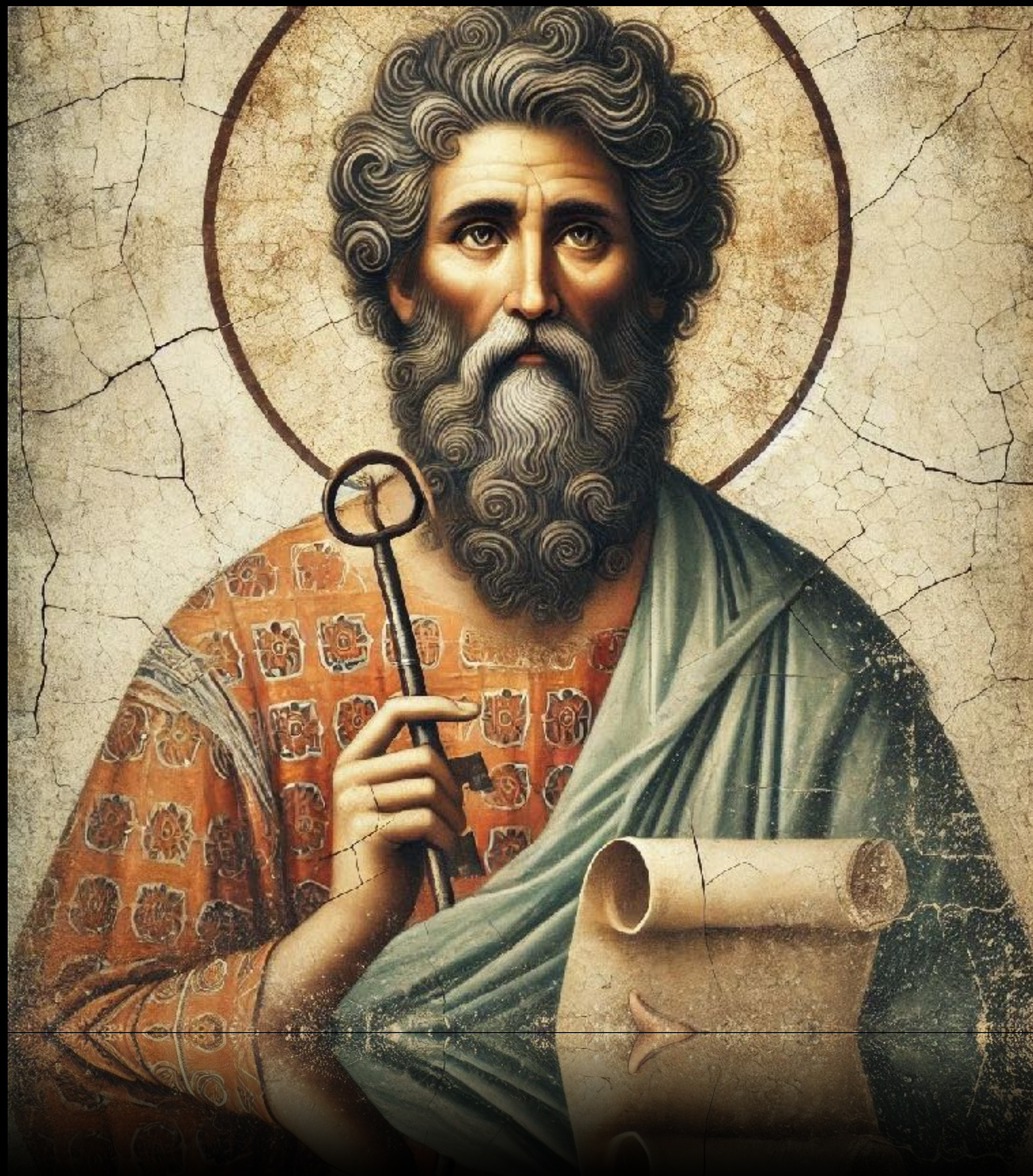
## **The Apostle Peter**

One of the inner circle  
of Jesus' disciples

Betrayed Jesus, denying  
he even knew him

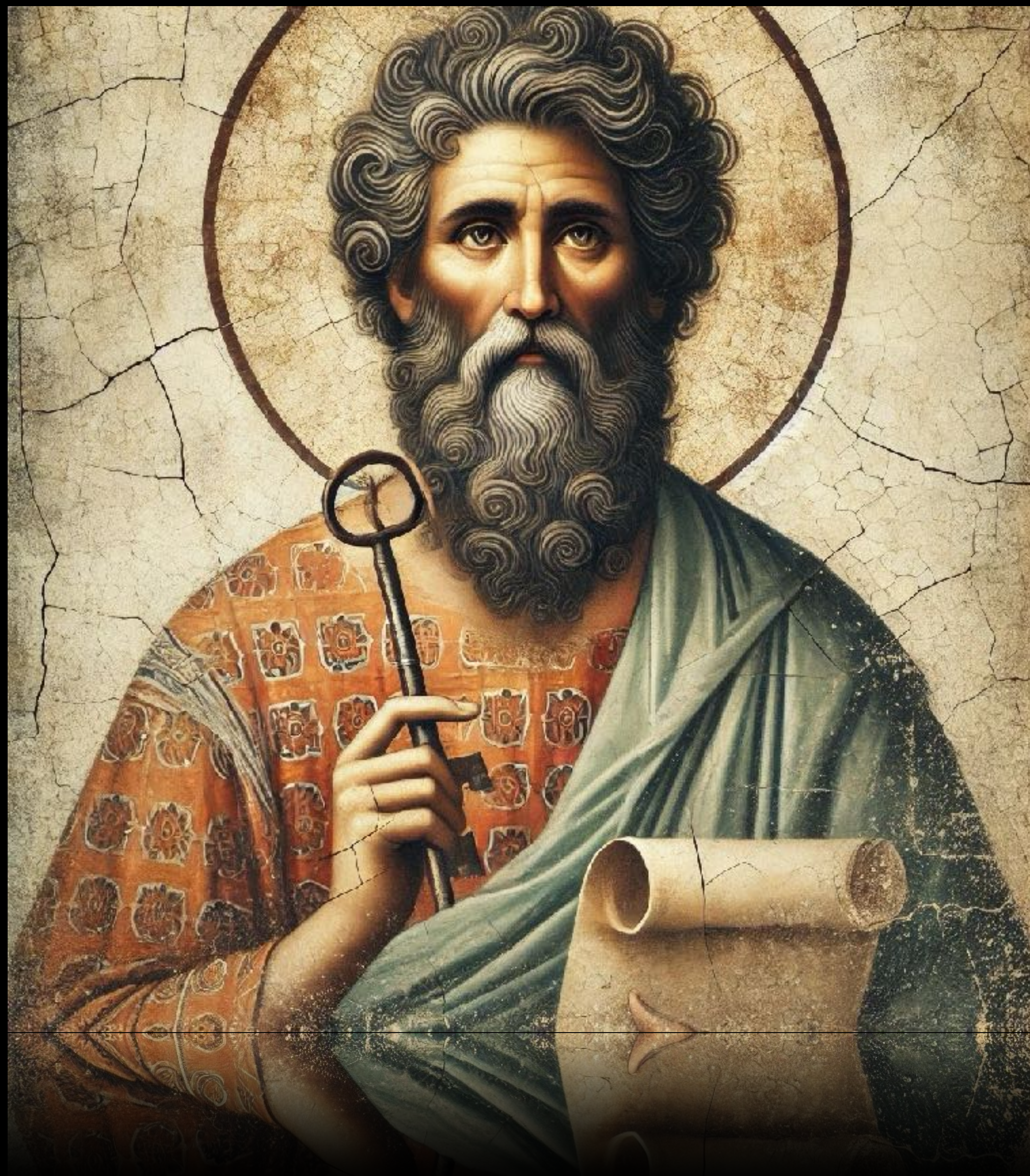
Forgiven & restored &  
commissioned by Jesus





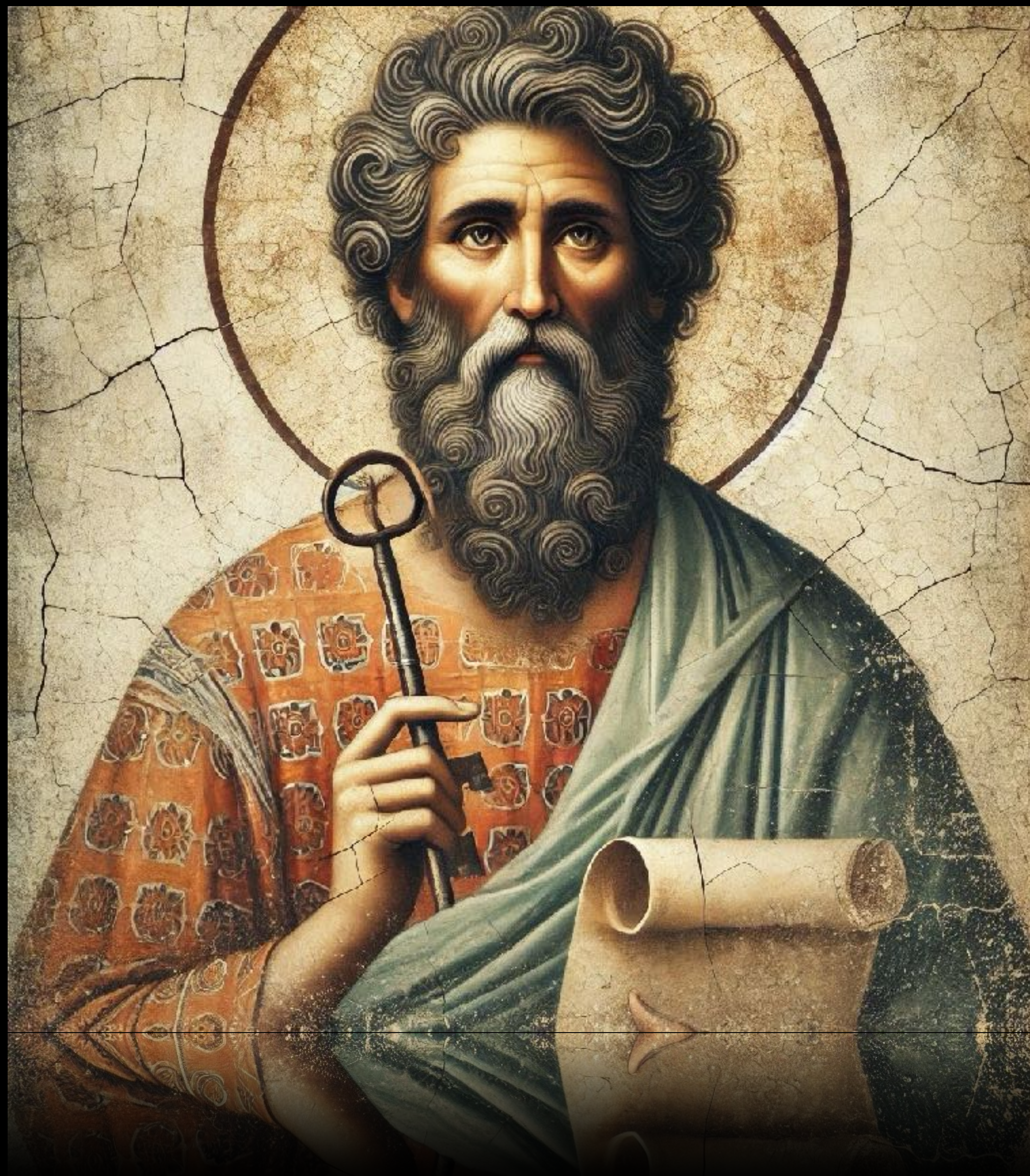
**Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, and into an inheritance that can never perish, spoil or fade.**





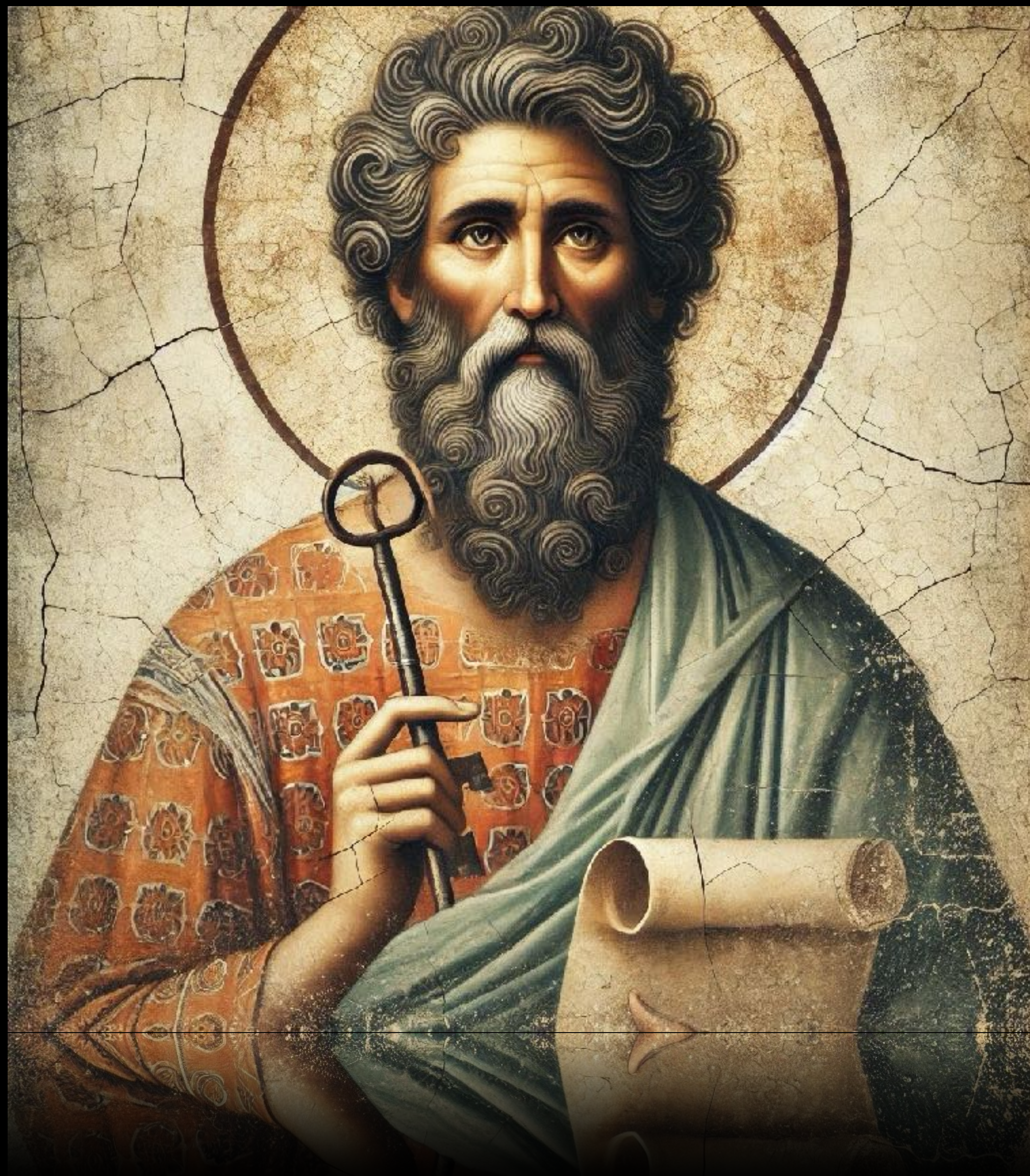
**This inheritance is kept in heaven for you, who through faith are shielded by God's power until the coming of the salvation that is ready to be revealed in the last time. In all this you greatly rejoice, though now for a little while you may have had to suffer grief in all kinds of trials.**





**These have come so that  
the proven genuineness of  
your faith—of greater worth  
than gold, which perishes  
even though refined by fire  
—may result in praise,  
glory and honor when  
Jesus Christ is revealed.**

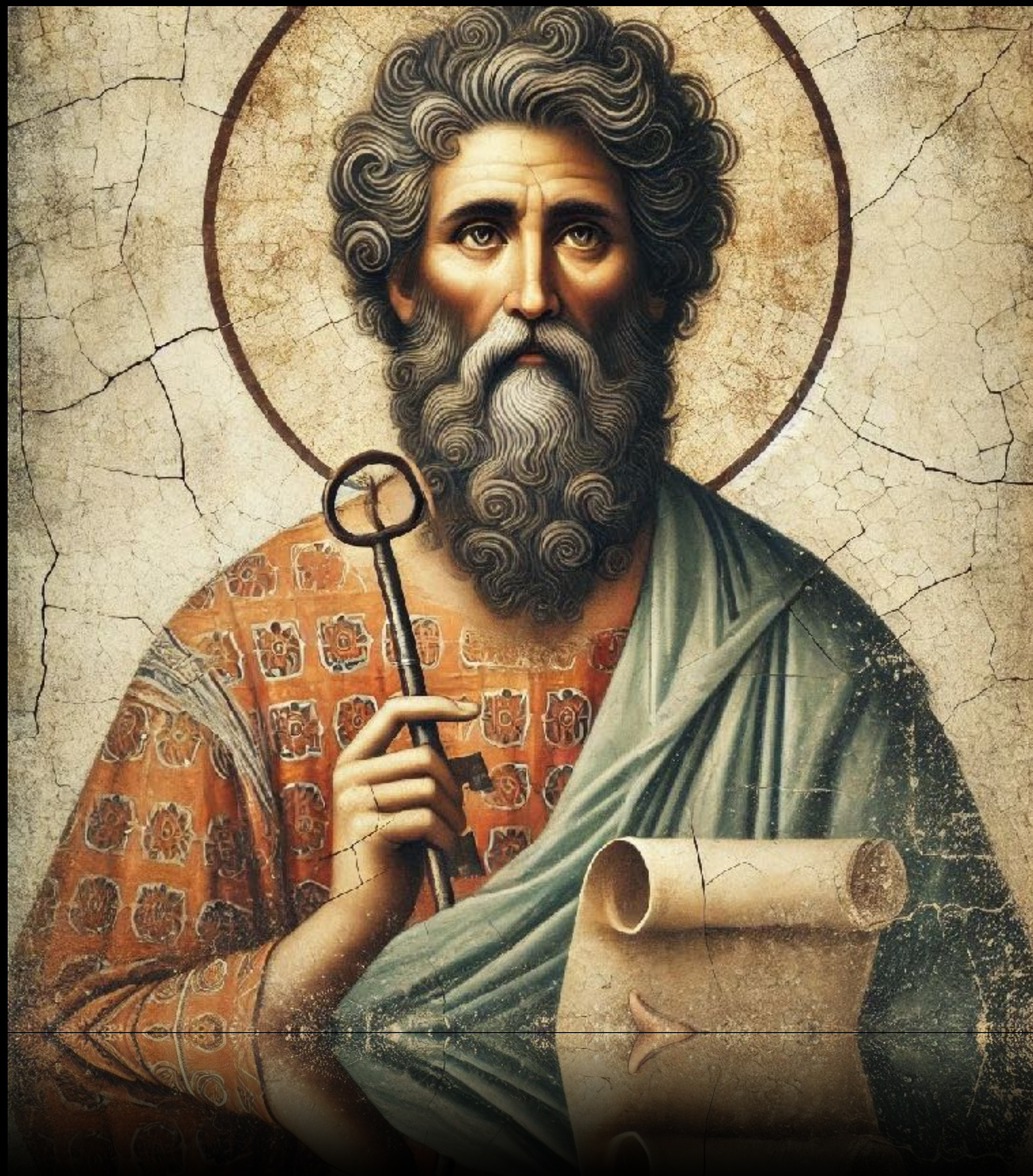




**Though you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and are filled with an inexpressible and glorious joy, for you are receiving the end result of your faith, the salvation of your souls.**

— 1 Peter 1:3-9 (NIV) —

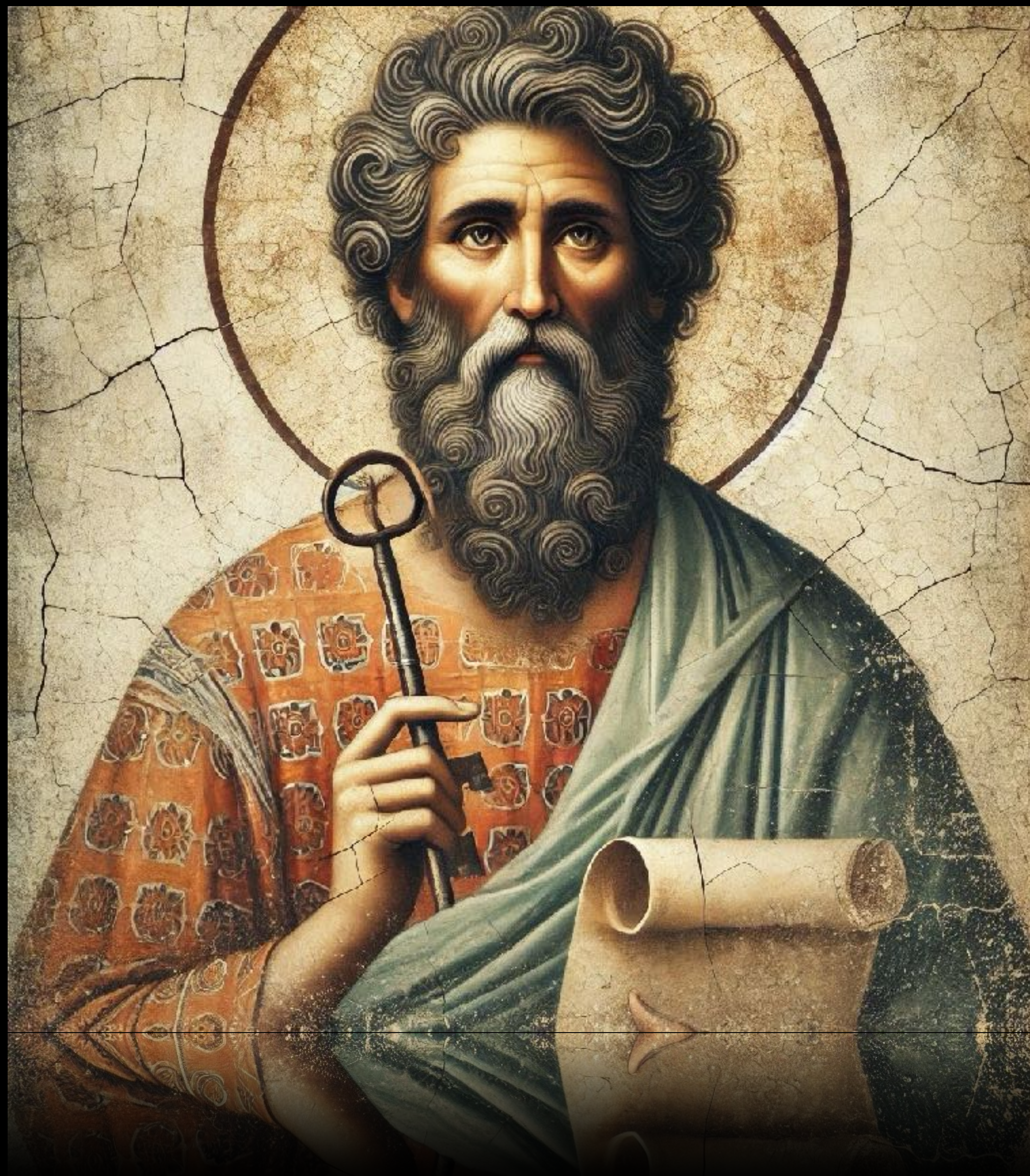




**...you were ransomed from  
the futile ways inherited  
from your forefathers, not  
with perishable things such  
as silver or gold, but with  
the precious blood of Christ,  
like that of a lamb without  
blemish or spot.**

— 1 Peter 1:18-19 (ESV) —





**For Christ also suffered  
once for sins, the righteous  
for the unrighteous, that he  
might bring us to God....**

— 1 Peter 3:18 (ESV) —



## 1 Peter - Chapter 4

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**1 Since therefore Christ suffered in the flesh, arm yourselves with the same way of thinking....**



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**7 The end of all things is at hand; therefore be self-controlled and sober-minded for the sake of your prayers.**

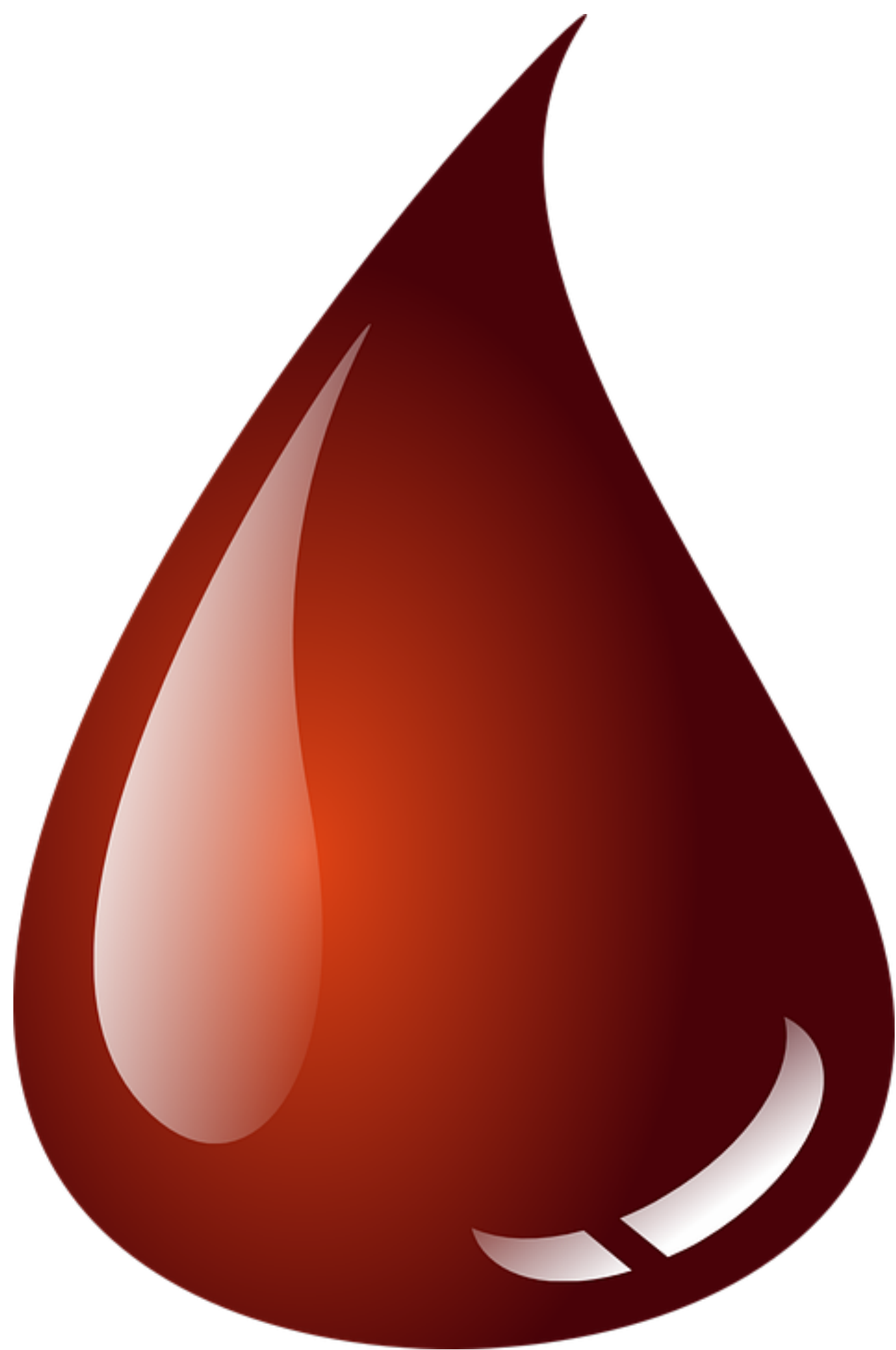
## 1 Peter - Chapter 4

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**7 The end of all things is at hand; therefore be self-controlled and sober-minded for the sake of your prayers.**

**8 Above all, keep loving one another earnestly, since love covers a multitude of sins.**



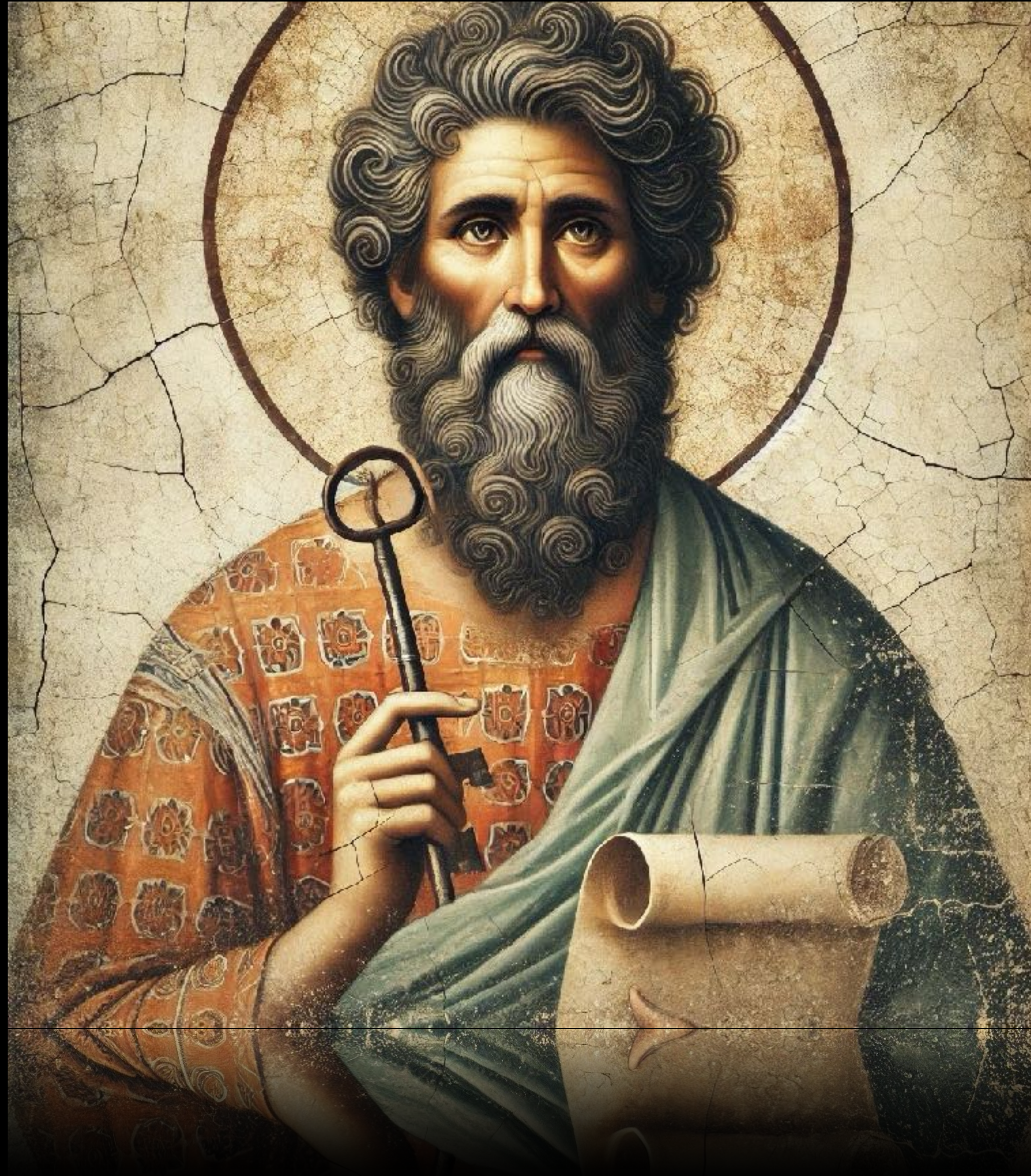


**“...EARNESTLY...”**

And being in agony he  
prayed more earnestly; and  
his sweat became like great  
drops of blood falling down  
to the ground.

— The Gospel of Luke 22:44 —





**Above all, keep loving  
one another earnestly....**

— 1 Peter 4:8 (ESV) —



## 1 Peter - Chapter 4

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**9 Show hospitality to one another....**



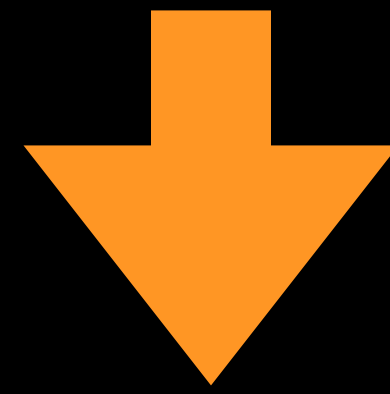
**Love one another with  
brotherly affection. Outdo  
one another in showing  
honor.... Contribute to  
the needs of the saints  
and seek to show  
hospitality.**

— The Apostle Paul in Romans 12:10 & 13 —





**“seek to show hospitality”**



**Literally, “to strive after / to pursue” hospitality.**

**“pursue hospitality”**

—Christian Standard Bible—

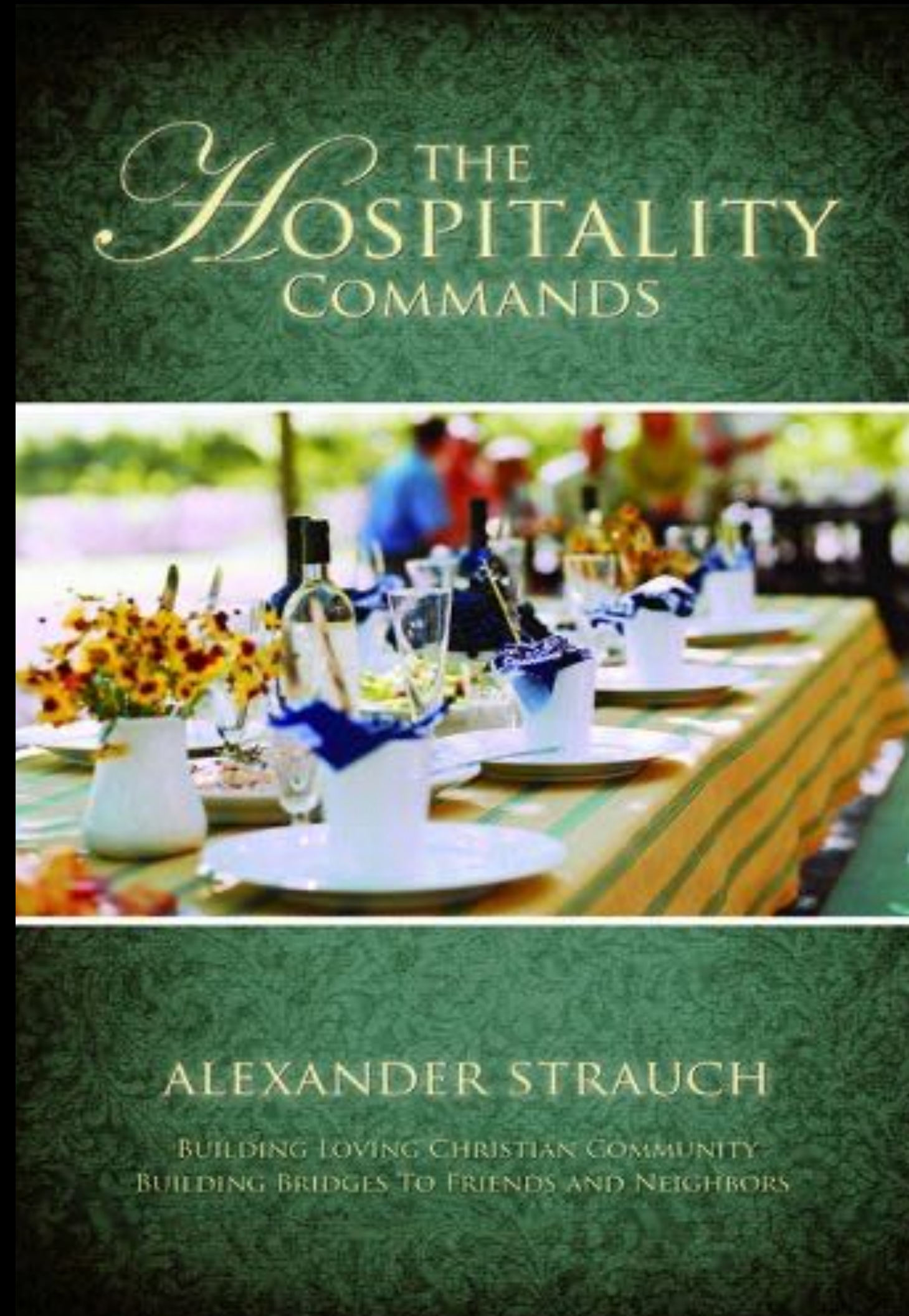
**“practice hospitality”**

—New International Version—

**“Always be eager to show hospitality.”**

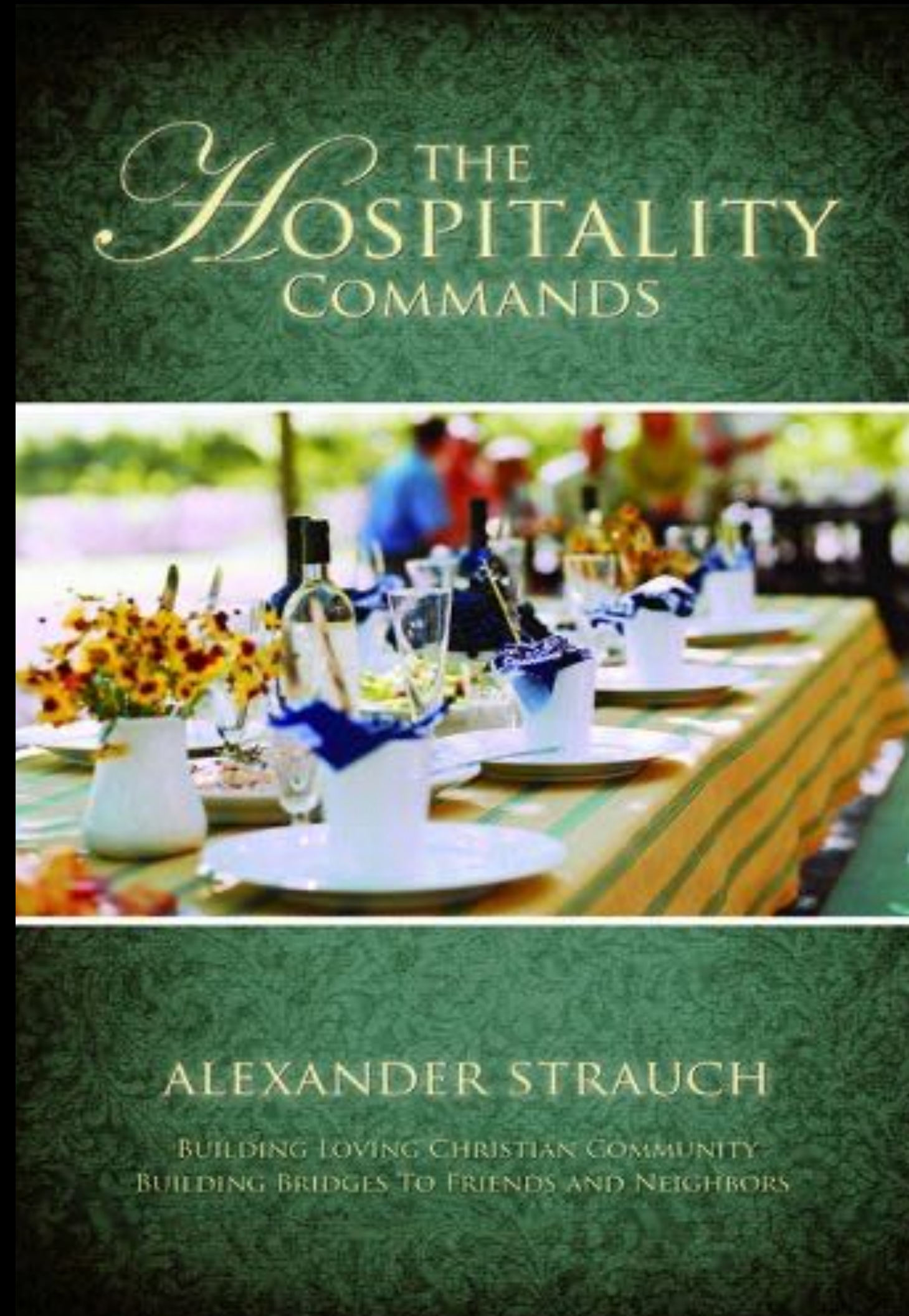
—New Living Translation—





**There is nothing in  
this world like self-  
sacrificing, genuine  
Christian love to  
encourage, inspire,  
comfort, and build  
others up.**





**But how, in practical,  
down-to-earth terms,  
do we show more  
genuine, Christian  
love, and community?  
One clear answer is  
hospitality.**



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**9 Show hospitality to one another without grumbling.**



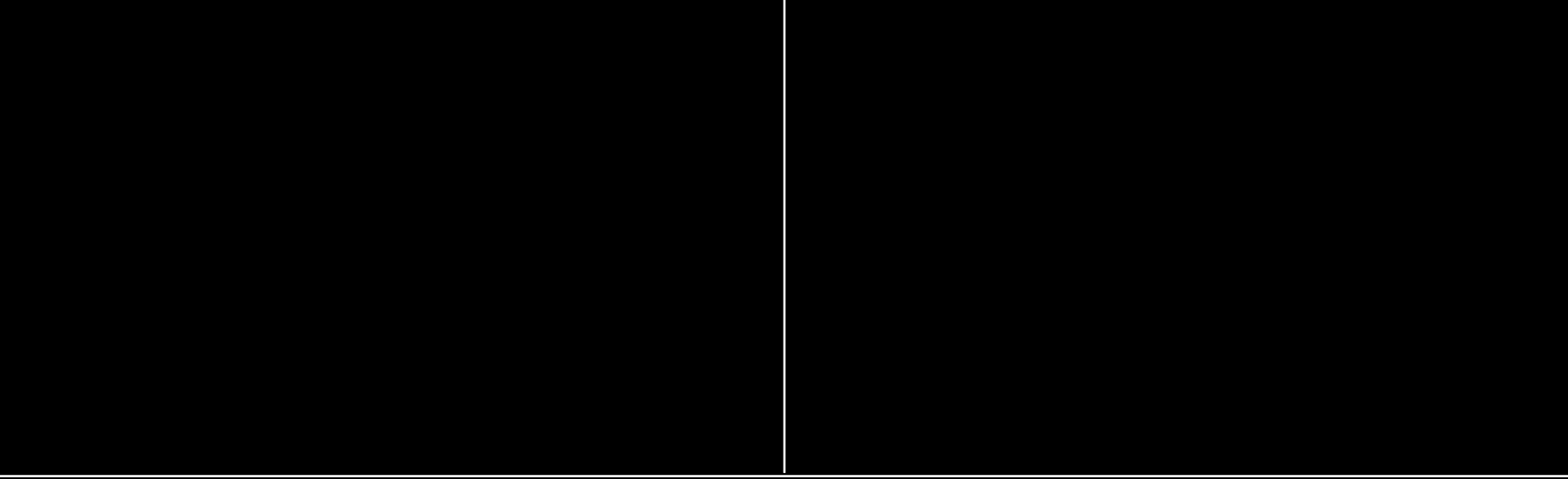
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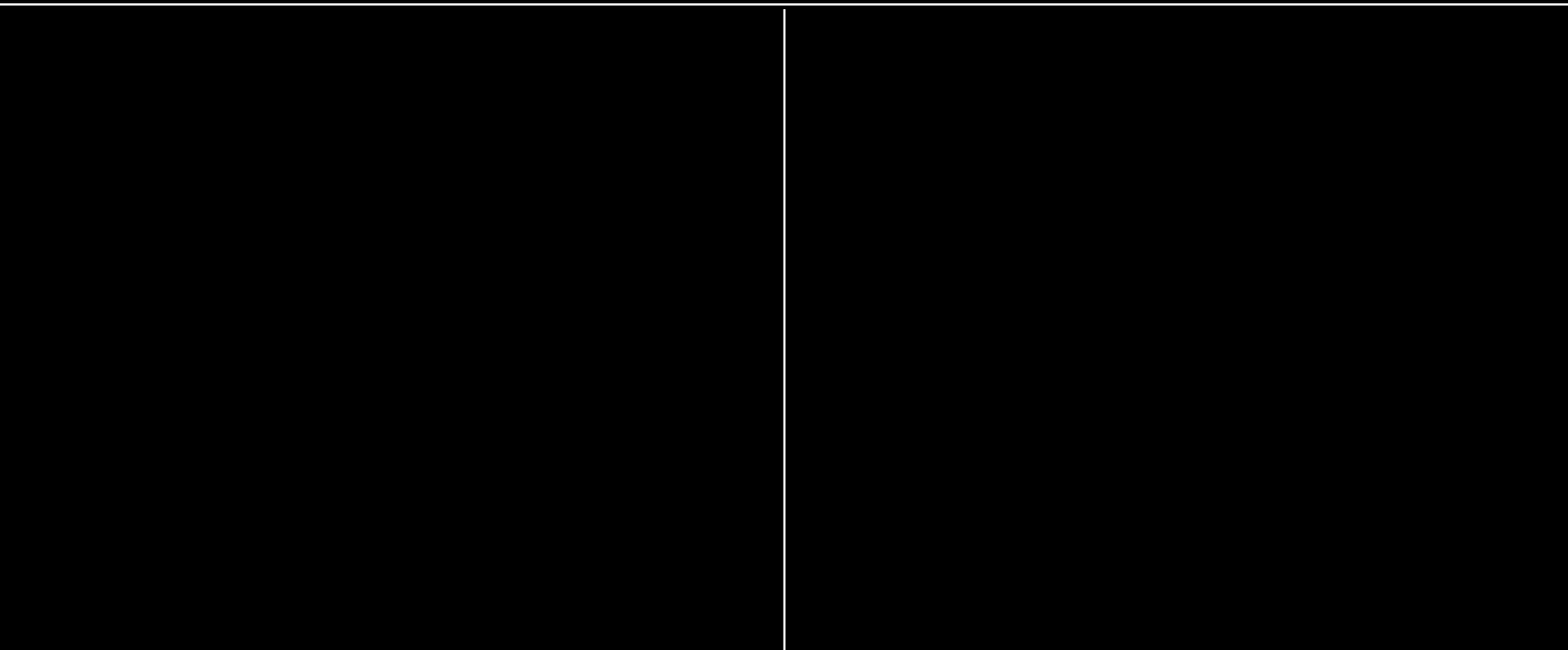
**10** As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, **as good stewards of God's varied grace:**

**11** whoever speaks, as one who speaks oracles of God; whoever serves, as one who serves by the strength that God supplies—in order that **in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ.** To him belong glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.





**A key, practical, and tangible  
way that we love one another  
is by showing hospitality  
to one another.**





**Remember the logic:  
If we have experienced  
the hospitality of God  
in Jesus Christ, then  
it should overflow our  
lives into the lives  
of others.**





The background features a stylized, high-contrast illustration of a church interior. On the left and right sides, there are tall, dark silhouettes of cranes or chandeliers with horizontal arms and hanging weights. Below these, there are dark, rectangular shapes representing pews or altars. At the bottom, two classical columns with fluted shafts and simple capitals are visible. The entire scene is rendered in black and white, with the text overlaid on a dark central rectangle.

Show Hospitality to  
One Another

Welcome One Another

Love One Another

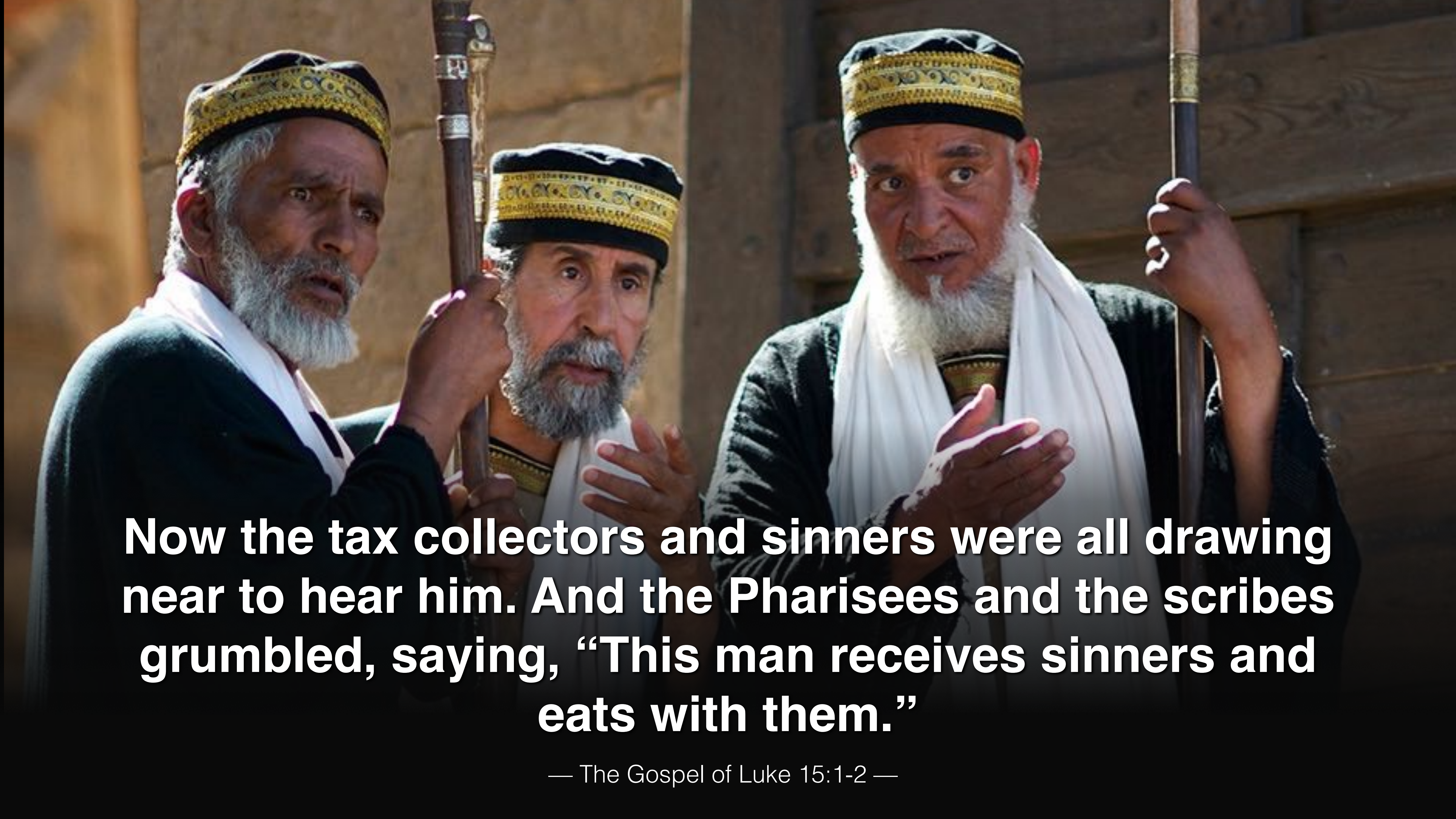
The Foundation of  
the Gospel of Jesus



# Let's Evaluate Our Excuses



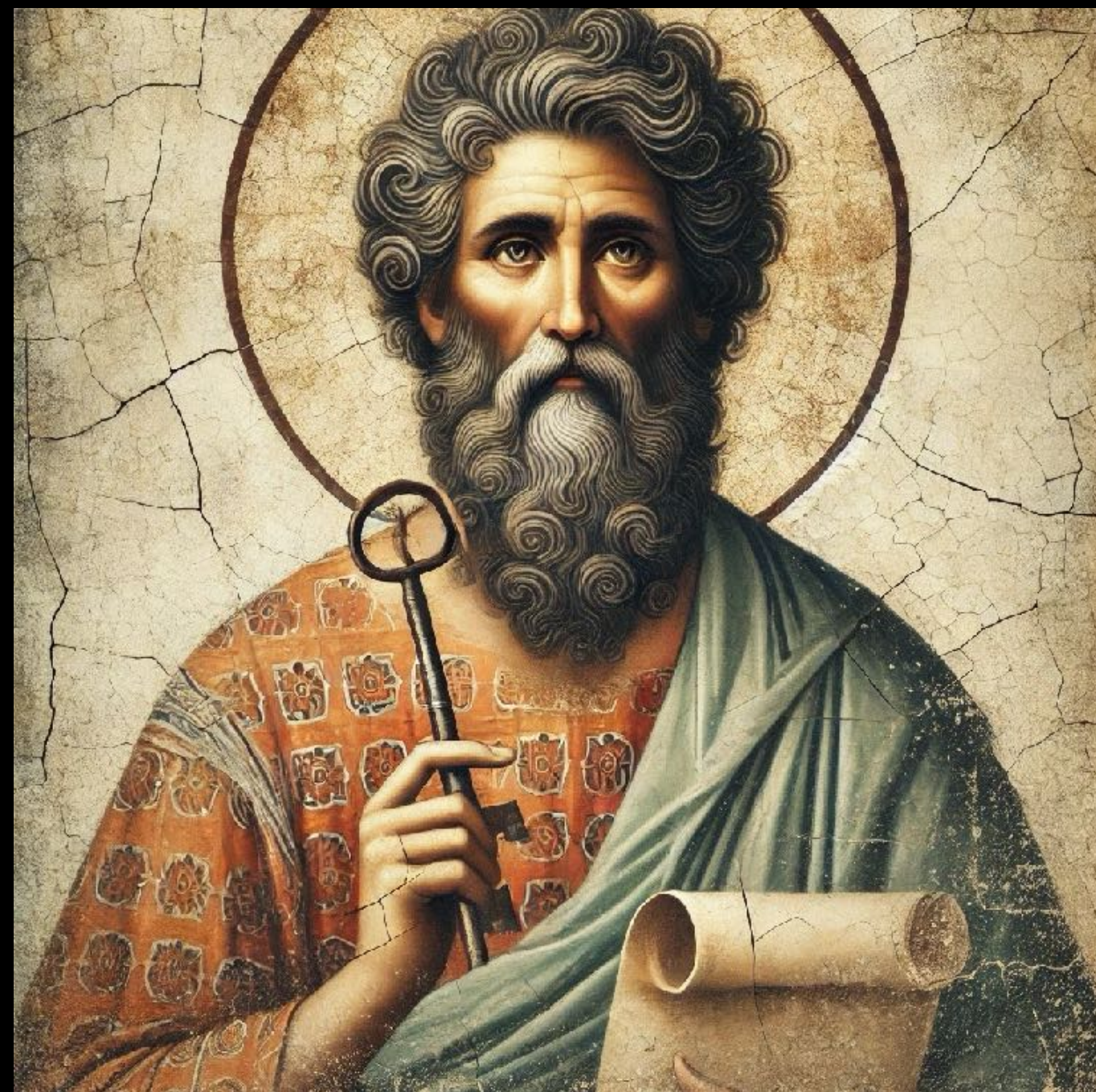




**Now the tax collectors and sinners were all drawing near to hear him. And the Pharisees and the scribes grumbled, saying, “This man receives sinners and eats with them.”**

— The Gospel of Luke 15:1-2 —



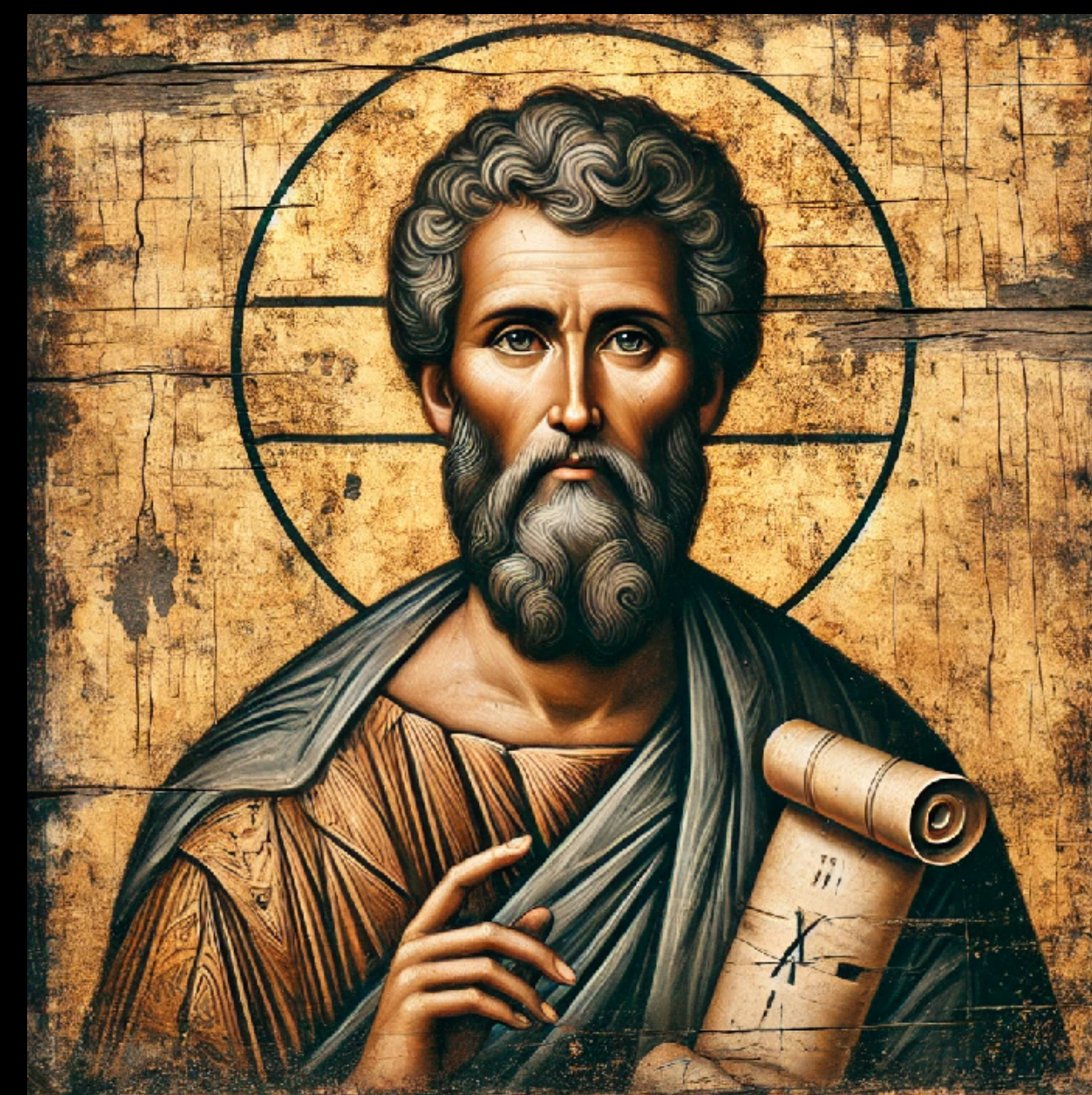


**“Show hospitality to one another....”**

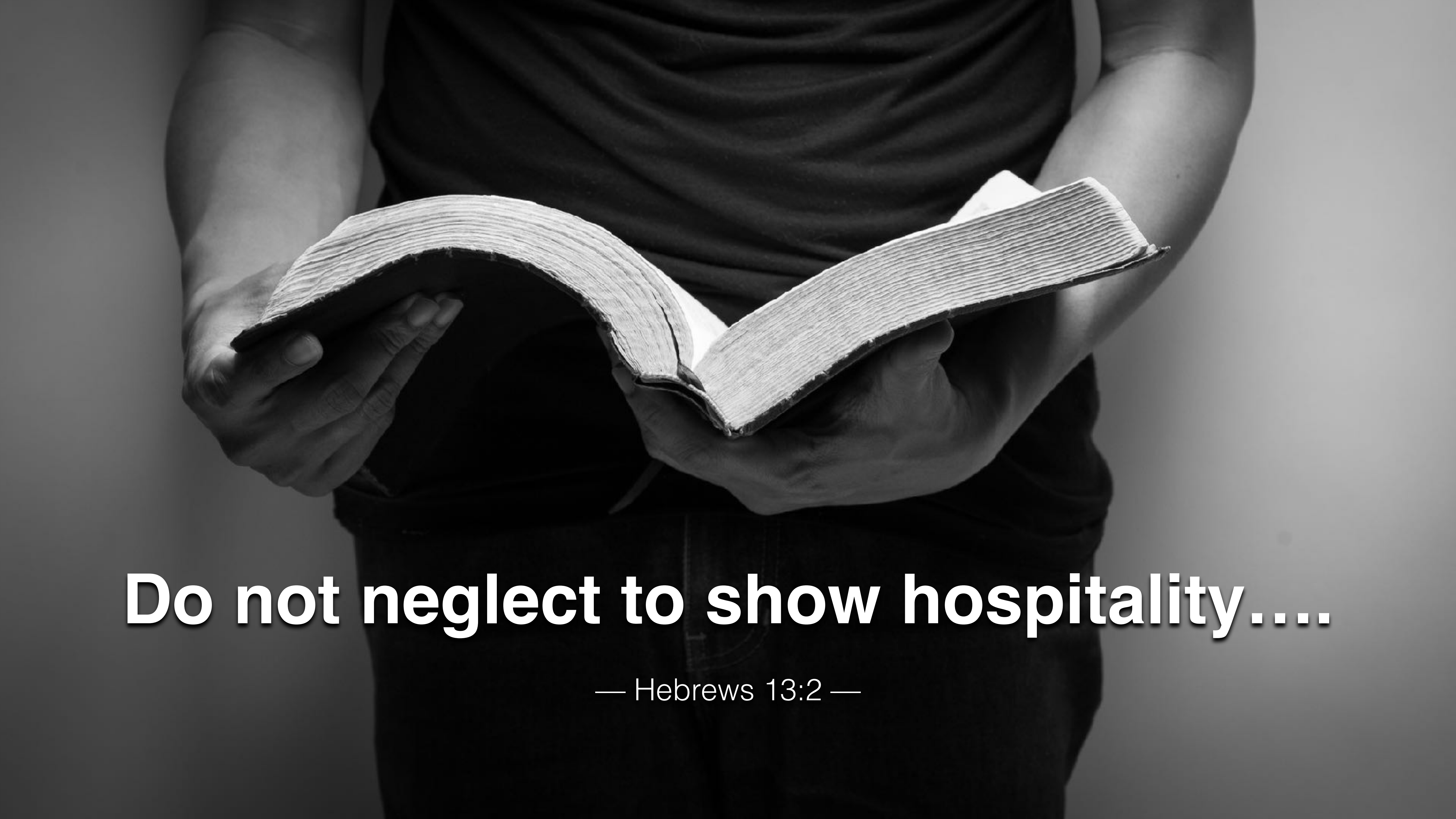
— 1 Peter 4:8 (ESV) —

**“...seek to show hospitality.”**

— Romans 12:13 —



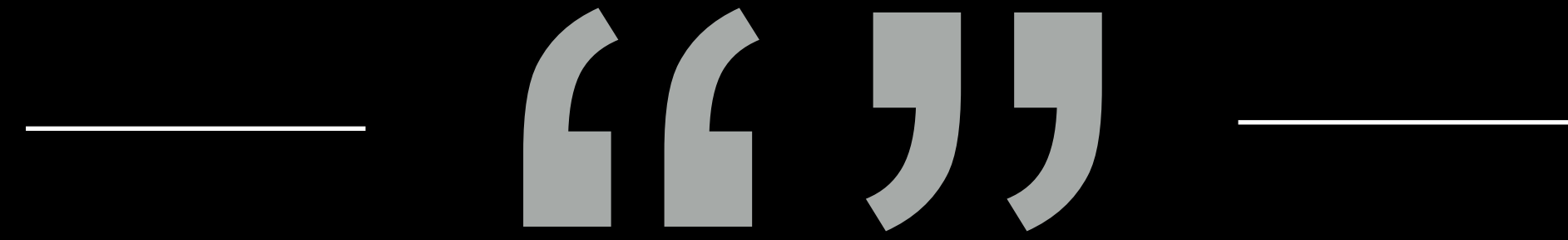




**Do not neglect to show hospitality....**

— Hebrews 13:2 —





**CHRISTIAN HOSPITALITY**  
**is a matter of**  
**OBEDIENCE TO GOD.**

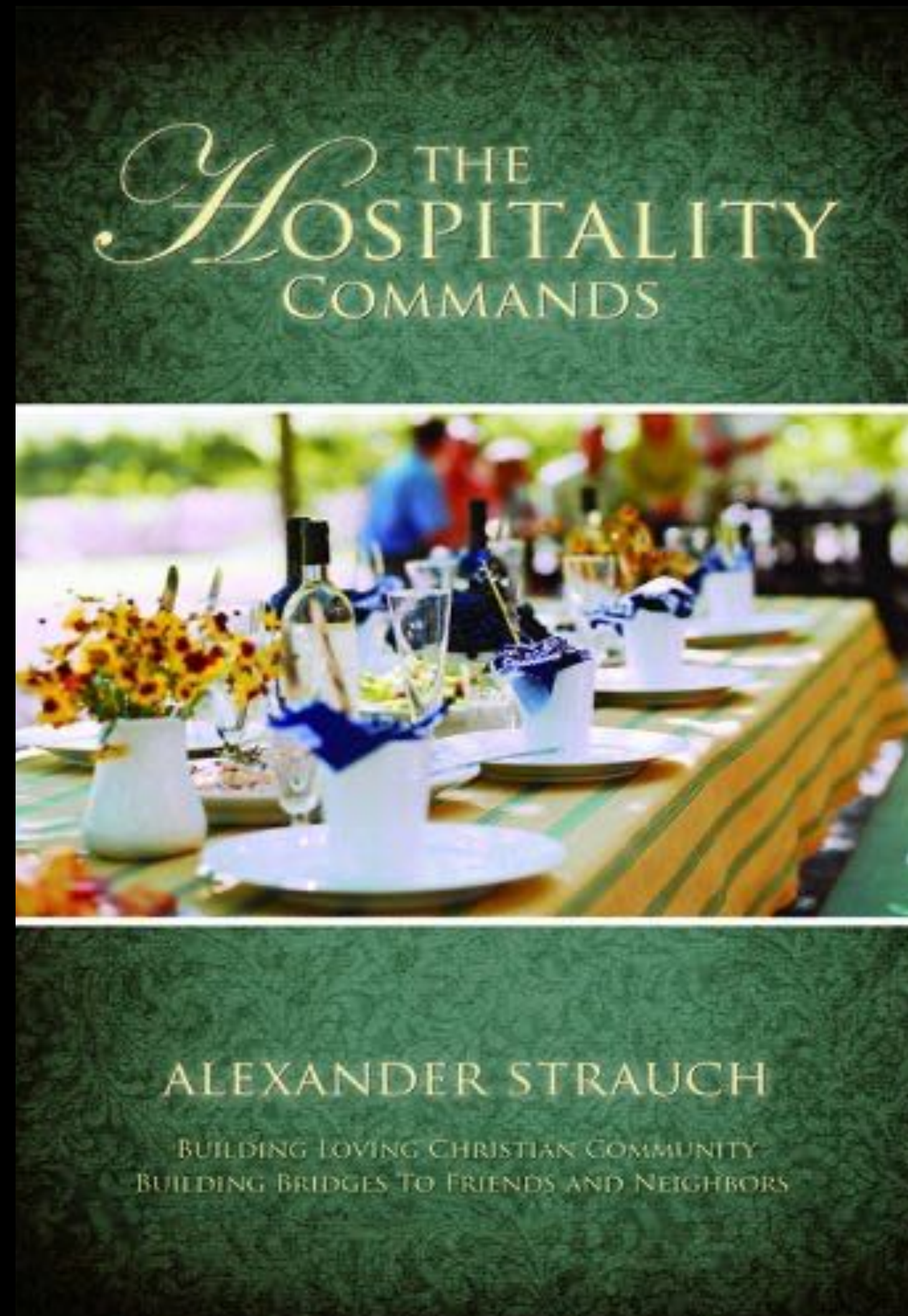
Carl F. H. Henry  
Theologian & founding editor of *Christianity Today*



**Hospitality is not  
just one more thing  
to add to your  
calendar, but rather  
it's an overflow  
of who you are and  
the kind of human  
God is making  
you into.**

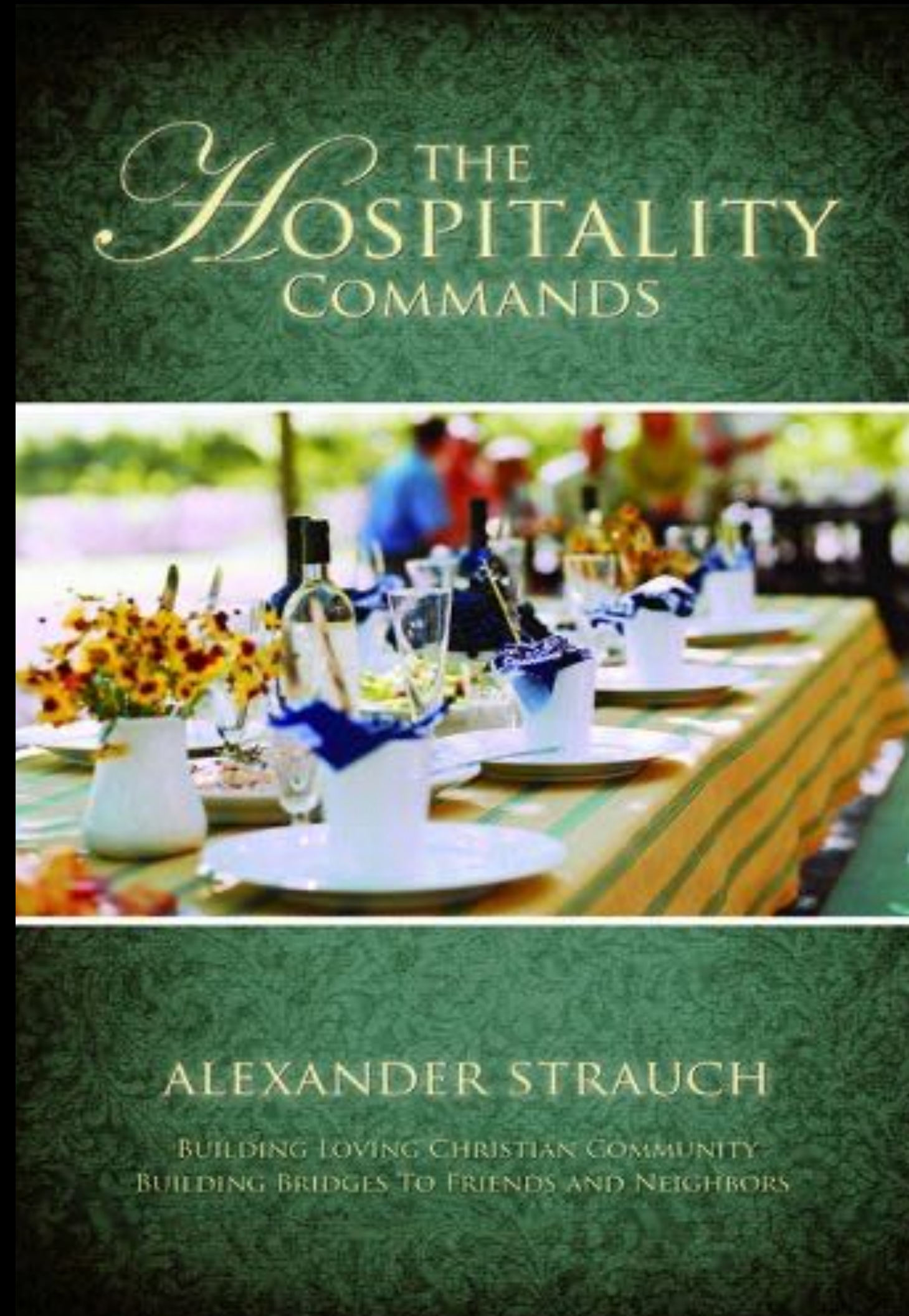






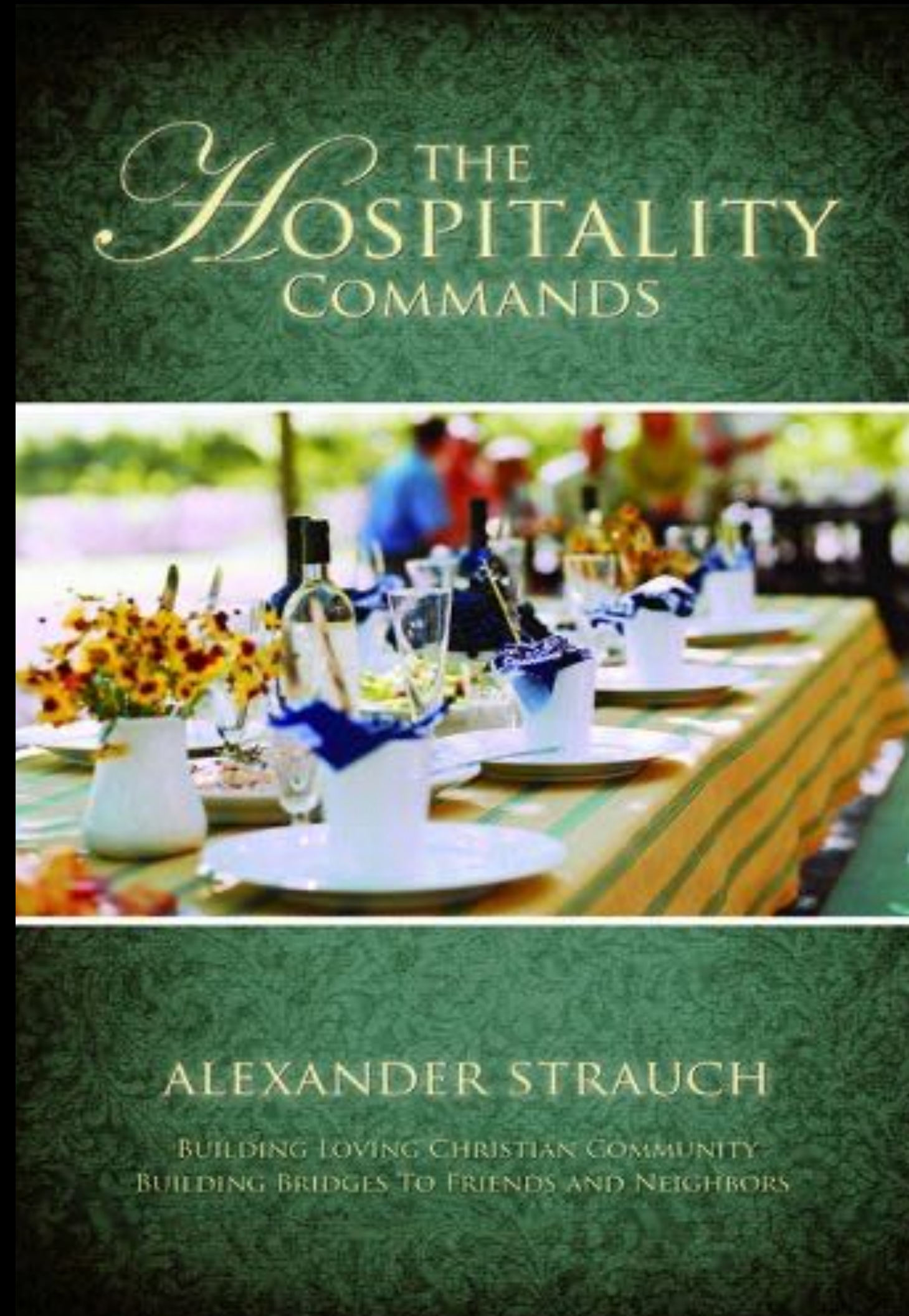
I don't think most Christians today understand how **essential** hospitality is to fanning the flames of love and strengthening the Christian family. Hospitality fleshes out love in a uniquely personal and sacrificial way.





Through the ministry of hospitality, **we share our most prized possessions.** We share our family, home, finances, food, privacy, and time. Indeed, we share our very lives. So, **hospitality is always costly.**





Through the ministry of hospitality, we provide friendship, acceptance, fellowship, refreshment, comfort, and love **in one of the richest and deepest ways** possible for humans to understand.



**What is holding you  
back from seeking  
to show hospitality?**



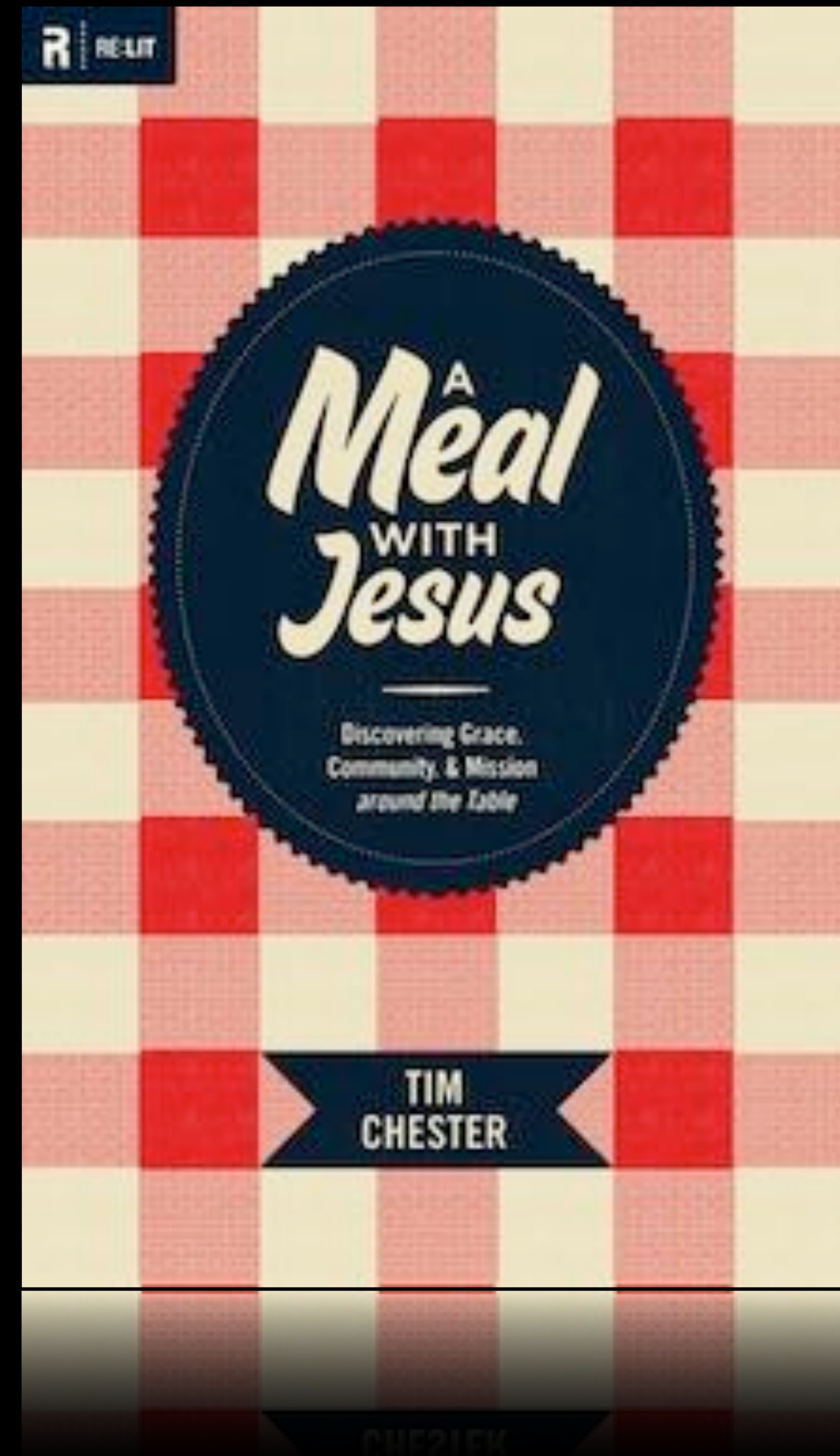




**Let's Redefine Hospitality  
as Presence, Not Perfection**

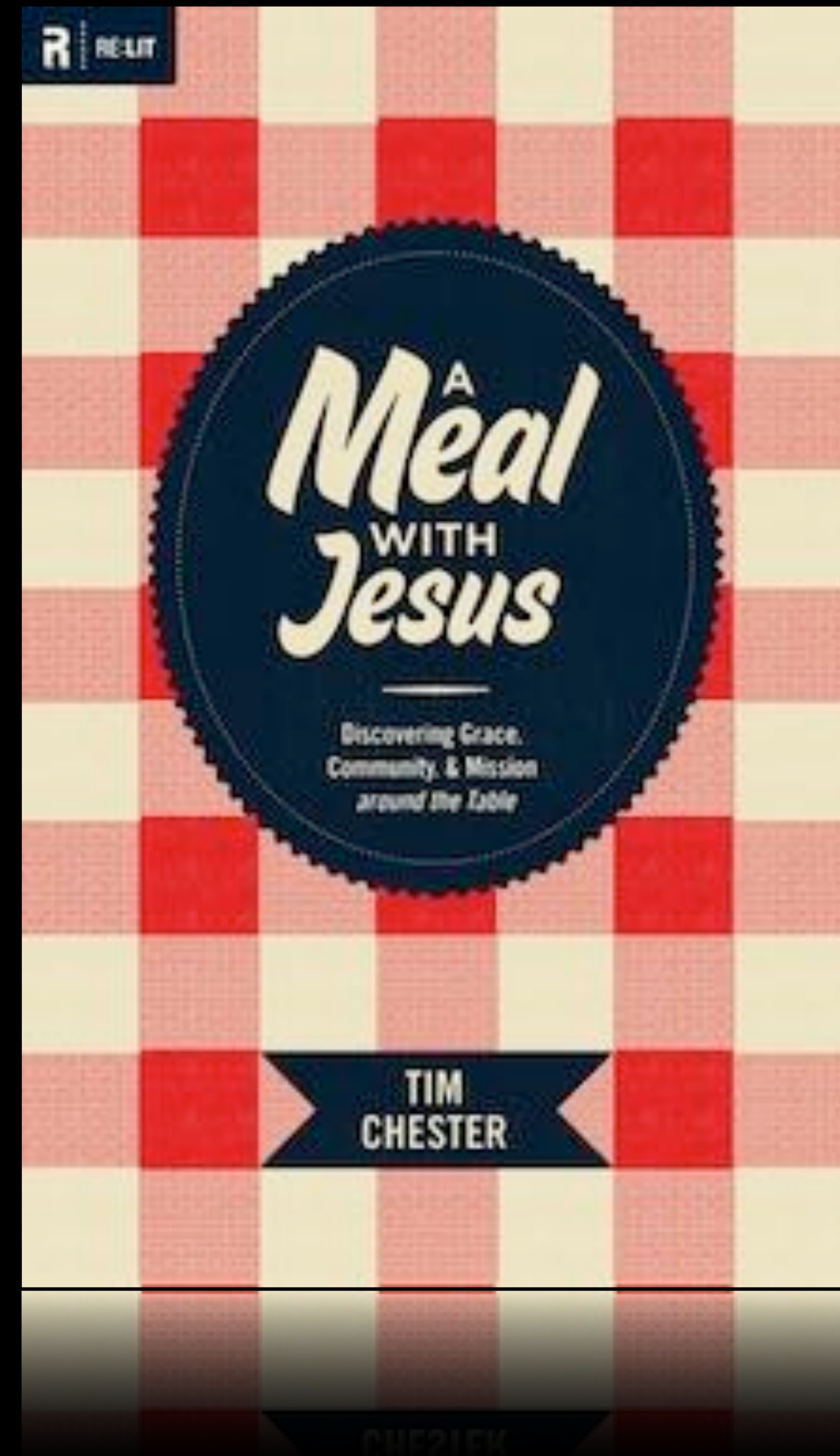


**Hospitality involves  
WELCOMING, CREATING  
SPACE, LISTENING,  
PAYING ATTENTION,  
and PROVIDING.  
Meals slow things down.  
Some of us don't like that.  
We like to get things done.**





**But meals force you to be  
PEOPLE ORIENTED  
instead of task oriented.  
Sharing a meal is not the  
only way to build  
relationships, but it is  
NUMBER ONE on the list.**





**Biblical hospitality doesn't aim  
to impress, but to bless.**





**Do for one what you  
wish you could do  
for everyone.**







**The Grinch: his heart was two sizes too small.**



"They're finding out now  
that no Christmas  
is coming!







He HADN'T stopped  
Christmas from coming!



That the **Grinch's**  
small heart grew  
three sizes that day!







**Extending hospitality  
to others is both an act  
of love and a means  
of growing your  
capacity to love.**





**What if...?**