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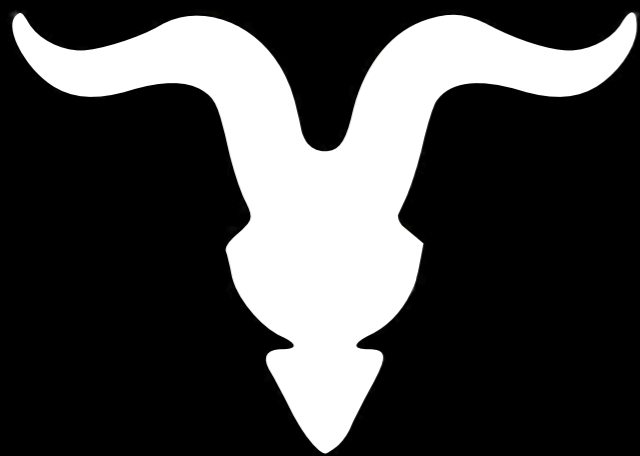


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GOOD NEWS OF GREAT JOY FOR ALL PEOPLE



**If you could know  
the date of your death,  
would you want to know it?**



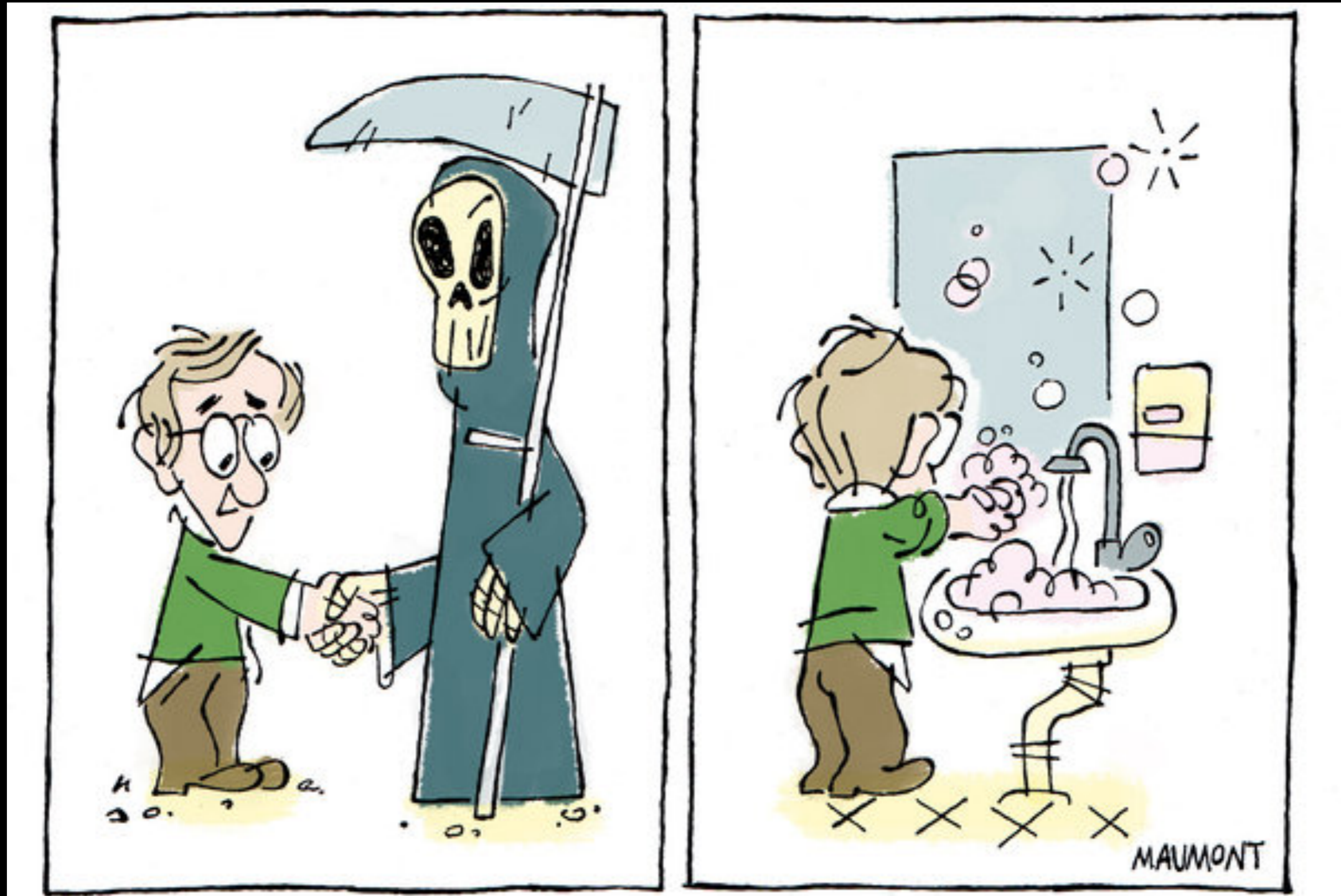
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much time you have left



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— Woody Allen: “Hypochondria: An Inside Look” —



**Do you think this life is  
all there is, or is death  
just the beginning?**



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27 There came to him some Sadducees, those who deny that there is a resurrection, 28 and **they asked him a question, saying, “Teacher, Moses wrote for us that if a man’s brother dies, having a wife but no children, the man must take the widow and raise up offspring for his brother....”**

**If brothers are living together and one of them dies without a son, his widow must not marry outside the family. Her husband's brother shall take her and marry her and fulfill the duty of a brother-in-law to her. The first son she bears shall carry on the name of the dead brother so that his name will not be blotted out from Israel.**

— Deuteronomy 25:5-6 —

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29 “Now there were seven brothers. The first took a wife, and **died** without children, 30 And the second 31 and the third took here, and likewise all seven left her no children and **died**. 32 Afterward the woman also **died**.

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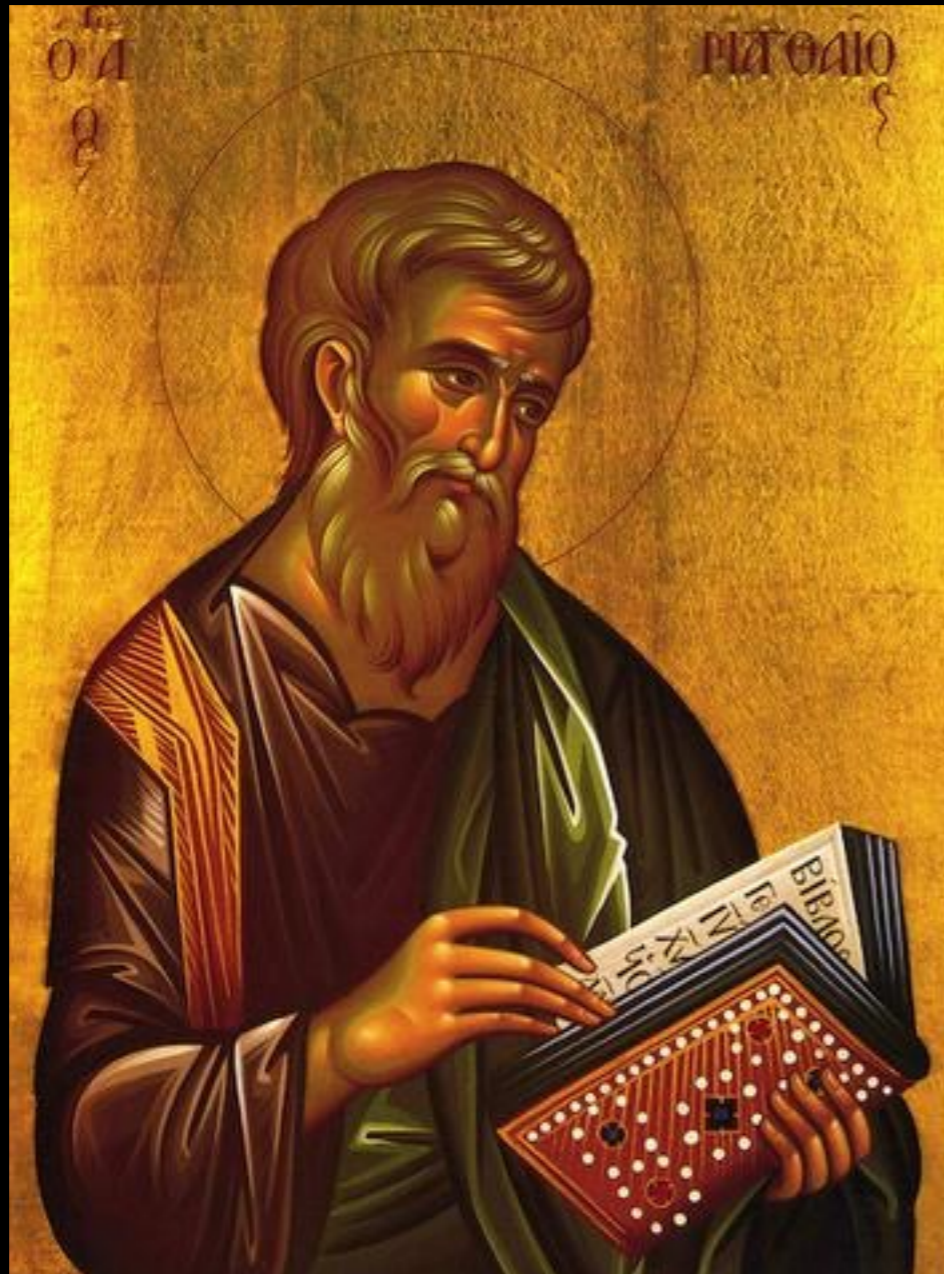
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A close-up photograph of a chessboard. A white king piece stands upright on the left side of the frame. In the foreground, a black king piece lies on its side, having been captured. The chessboard has a black and white checkered pattern. The background is a dark, out-of-focus surface.

# ***reductio ad absurdum***

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reducing an opponent's  
view to absurdity by  
following it to its  
logical conclusion



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## **This Age**

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“the resurrection  
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**But wait. What  
does Jesus  
mean when  
he says there  
will be no more  
marriage?**

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**Honestly, what is  
your gut reaction  
to what Jesus is  
saying here?**



# Sadness

I really love my husband and want to be with him forever.



# Gladness

I really don't like my husband, and I don't want to be with him forever.





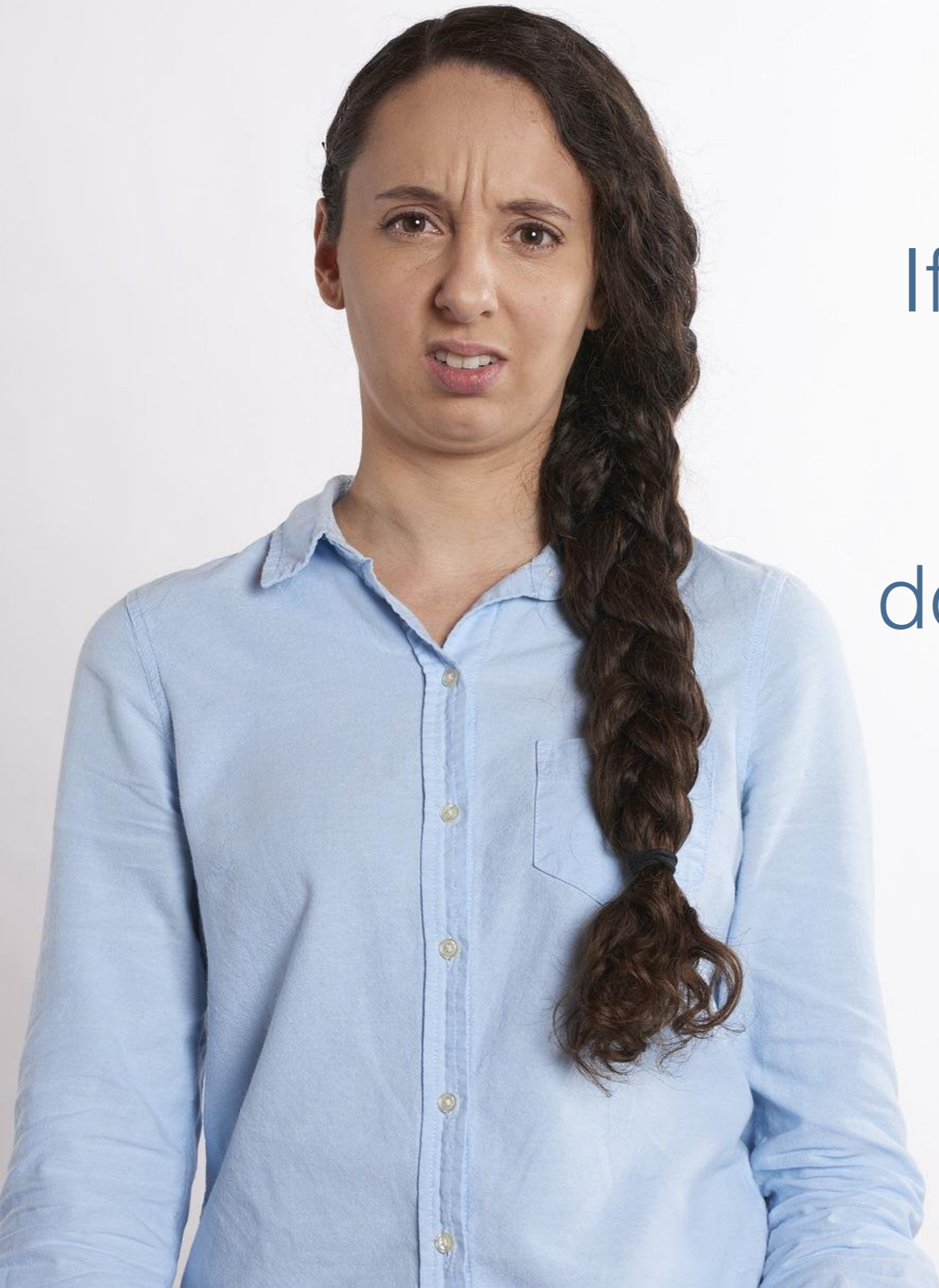
# Delight

I've been abused  
in relationships,  
and I never want to  
risk that pain again.



# Panic

If I don't marry in  
this life, then I'll be  
lonely forever.



# Revulsion

If there's no marriage  
or marital intimacy  
in heaven, then I  
don't want to go there.



# Relief

I'm glad I didn't  
invite my friend  
to church today.



# Embarrassment

I invited my friend  
today. Thanks a lot!



# Closure

That settles it!  
Christianity isn't  
for me.



# Confusion

I don't understand.  
Will we even be  
human?



**I honestly don't  
know what I think  
or feel about this....**



# Important Points to Understand

**#1: According to Jesus, marriage and the marriage bed are good things because they were created by God.**

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**#2: According to Jesus, marriage and the marriage bed are temporary things designed for this age to populate the earth.**

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**#3: According to Jesus, marriage and the marriage bed are necessary things due to the reality of sin and death.**

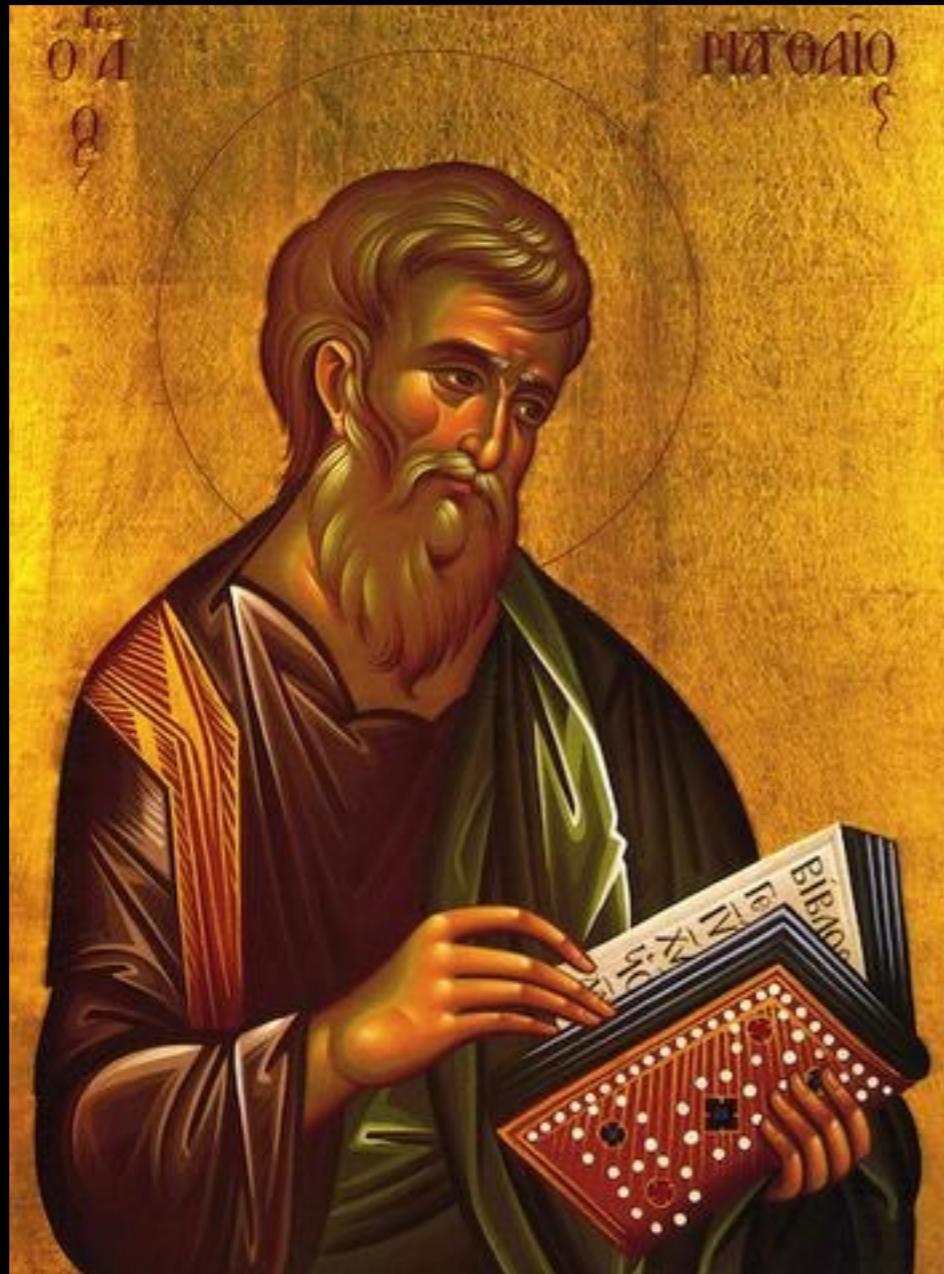
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**CAUTION**

**Beware of your  
assumptions!**



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**Why is it thought incredible by any of you that God raises the dead?**

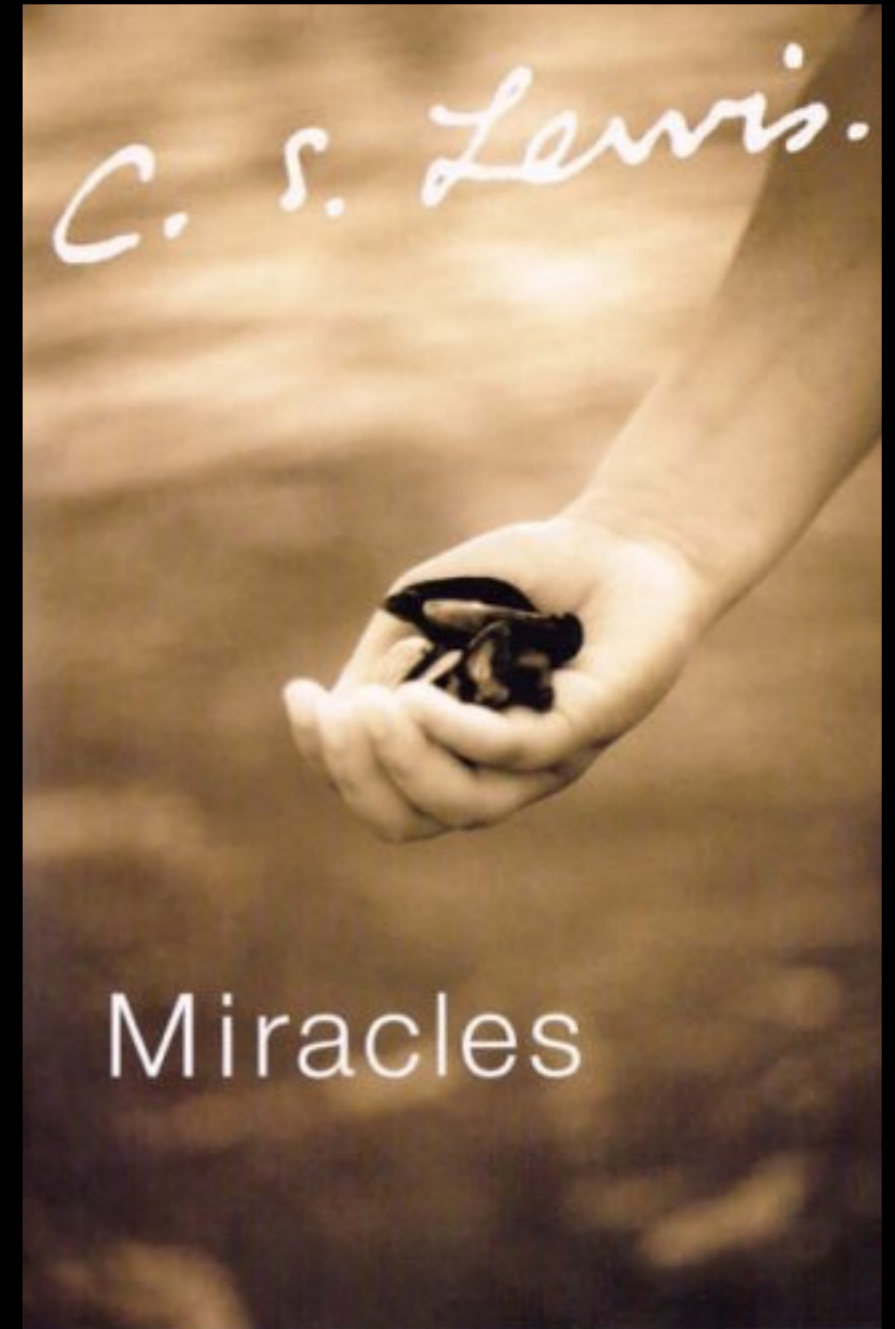
— The Apostle Paul Before King Agrippa in Acts 26 —

**We make the wrong assumption that the power of God cannot make life in the age to come better or more pleasurable than it is right now.**



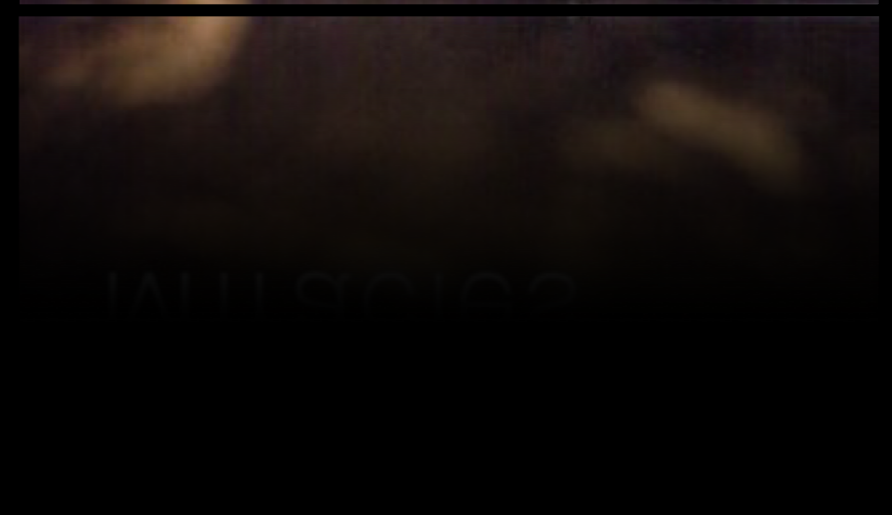
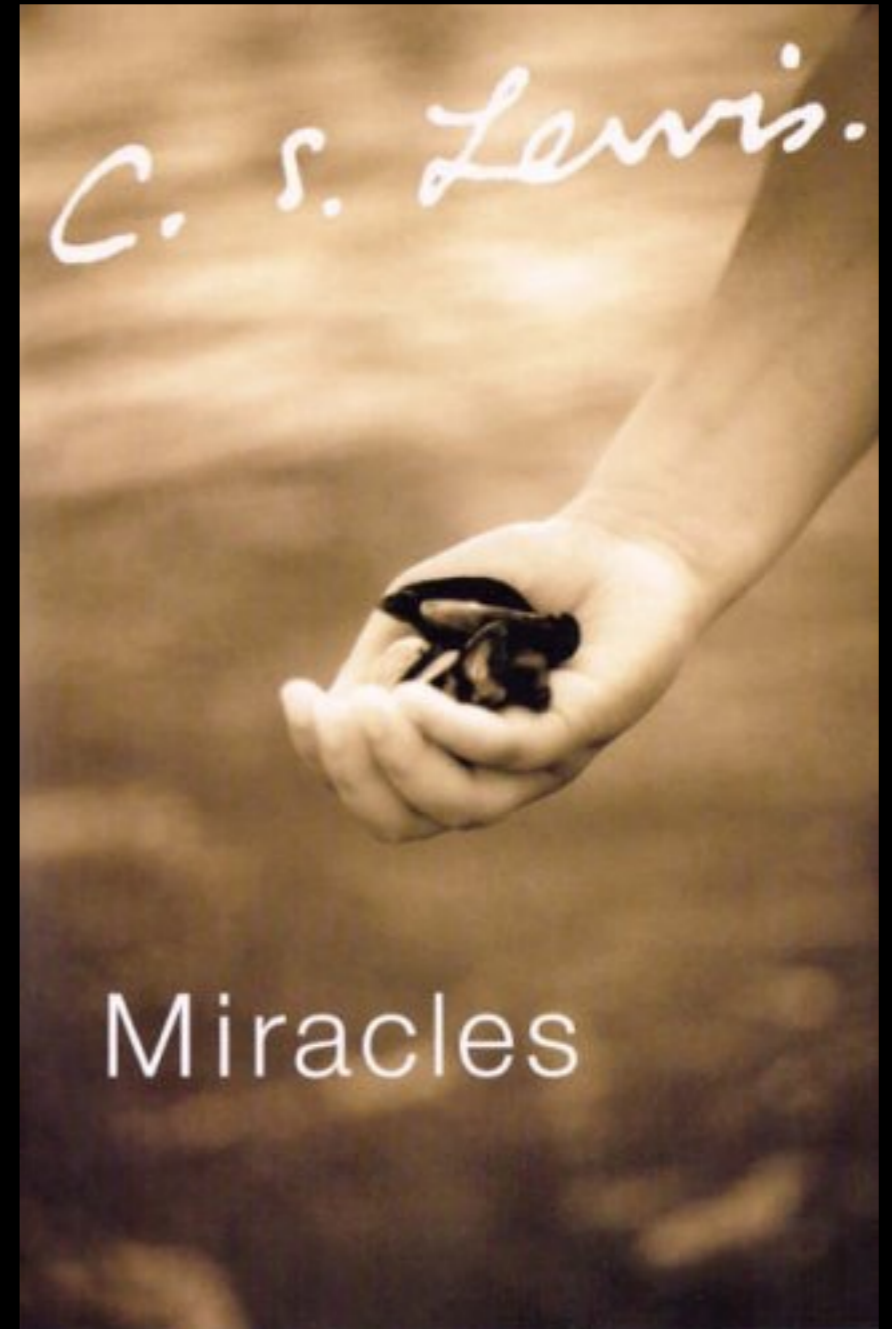


**I think our present outlook might be like that of a small boy who, on being told that the sexual act was the highest bodily pleasure should immediately ask whether you ate chocolates at the same time.**

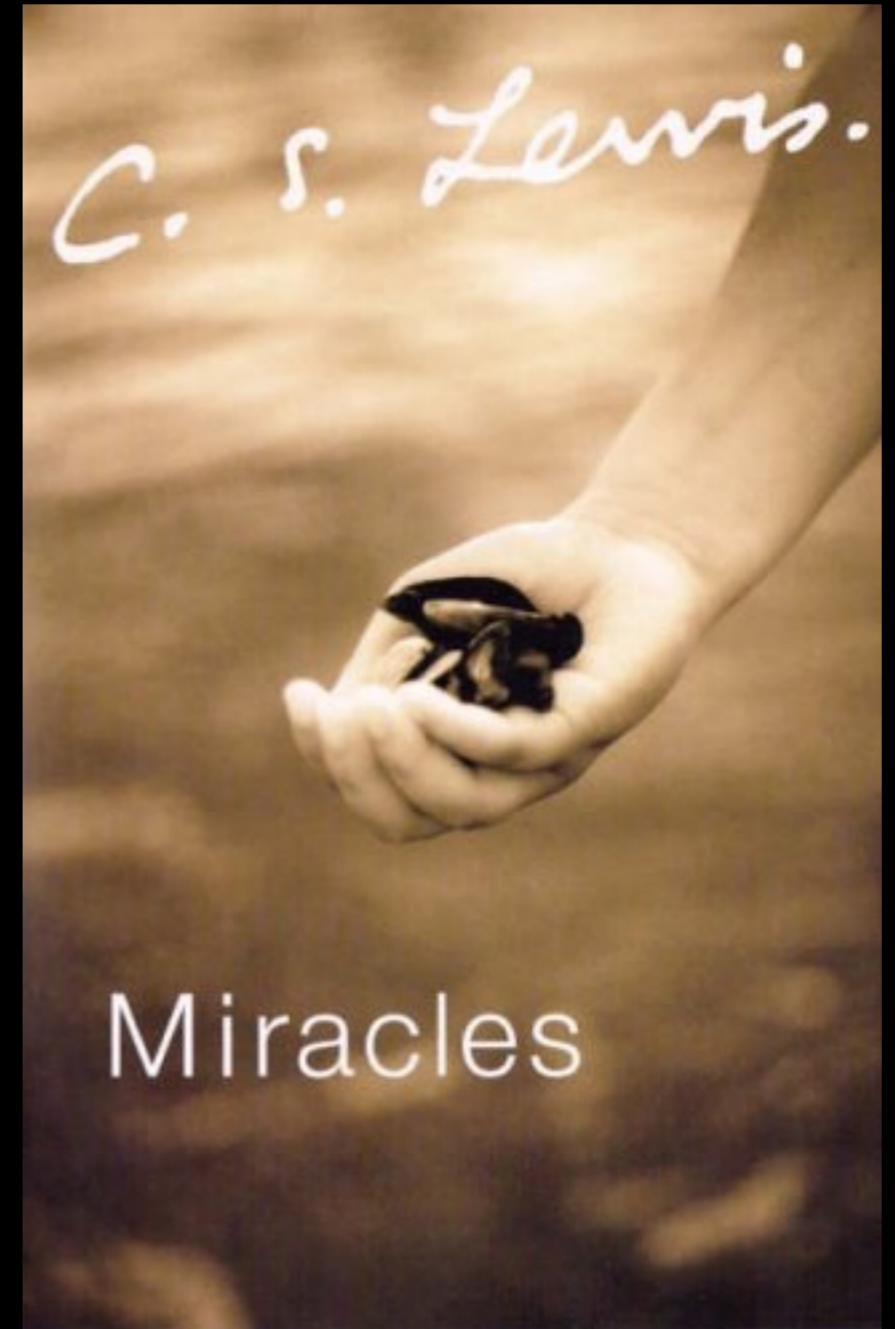


Miracles

**On receiving the answer 'No,' he might regard absence of chocolates as the chief characteristic of sexuality.**

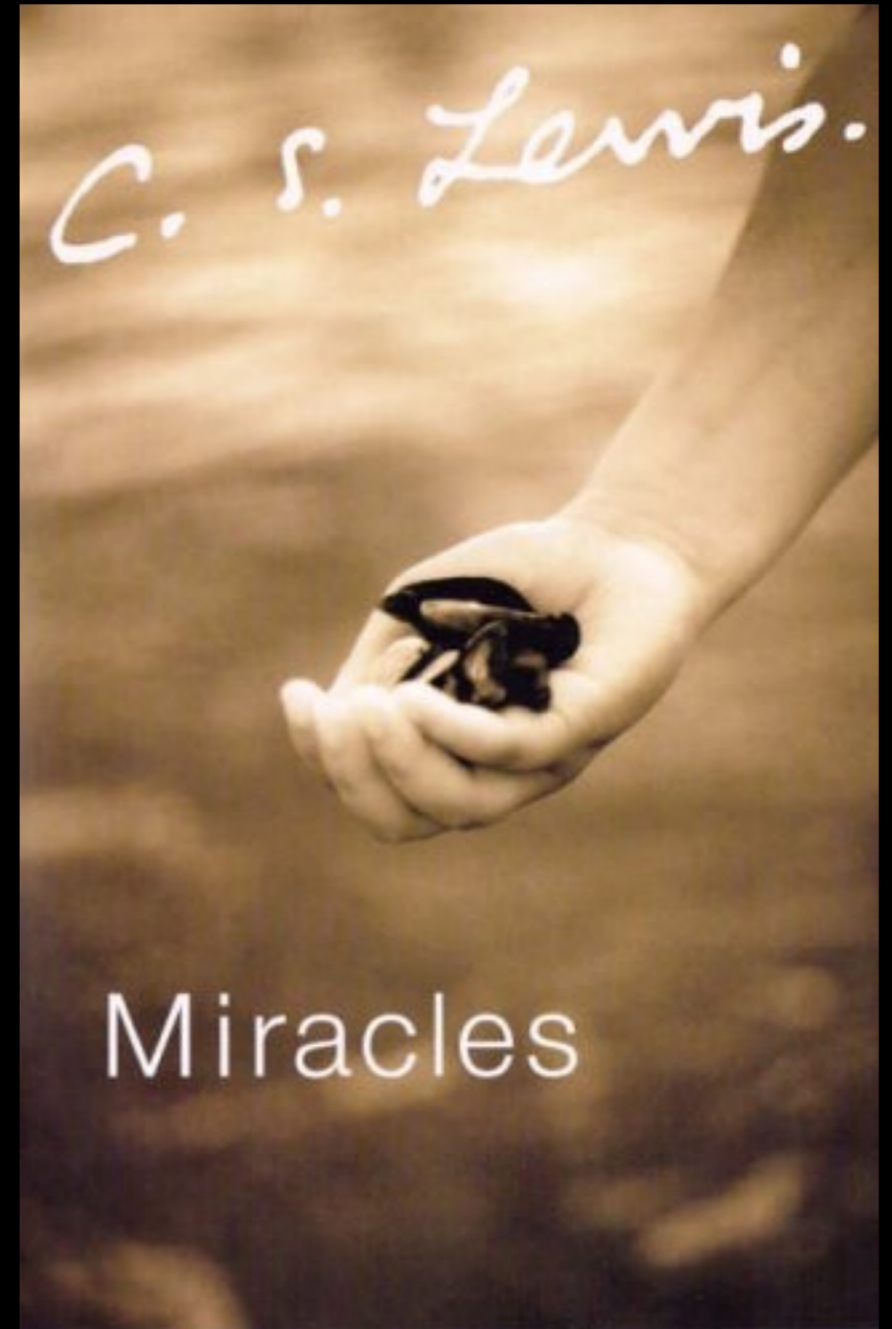


**In vain would you tell him  
that the reason why  
lovers in their carnal  
raptures don't bother  
about chocolates is that  
they have something  
better to think of. The boy  
knows chocolate: he does  
not know the positive  
thing that excludes it.**

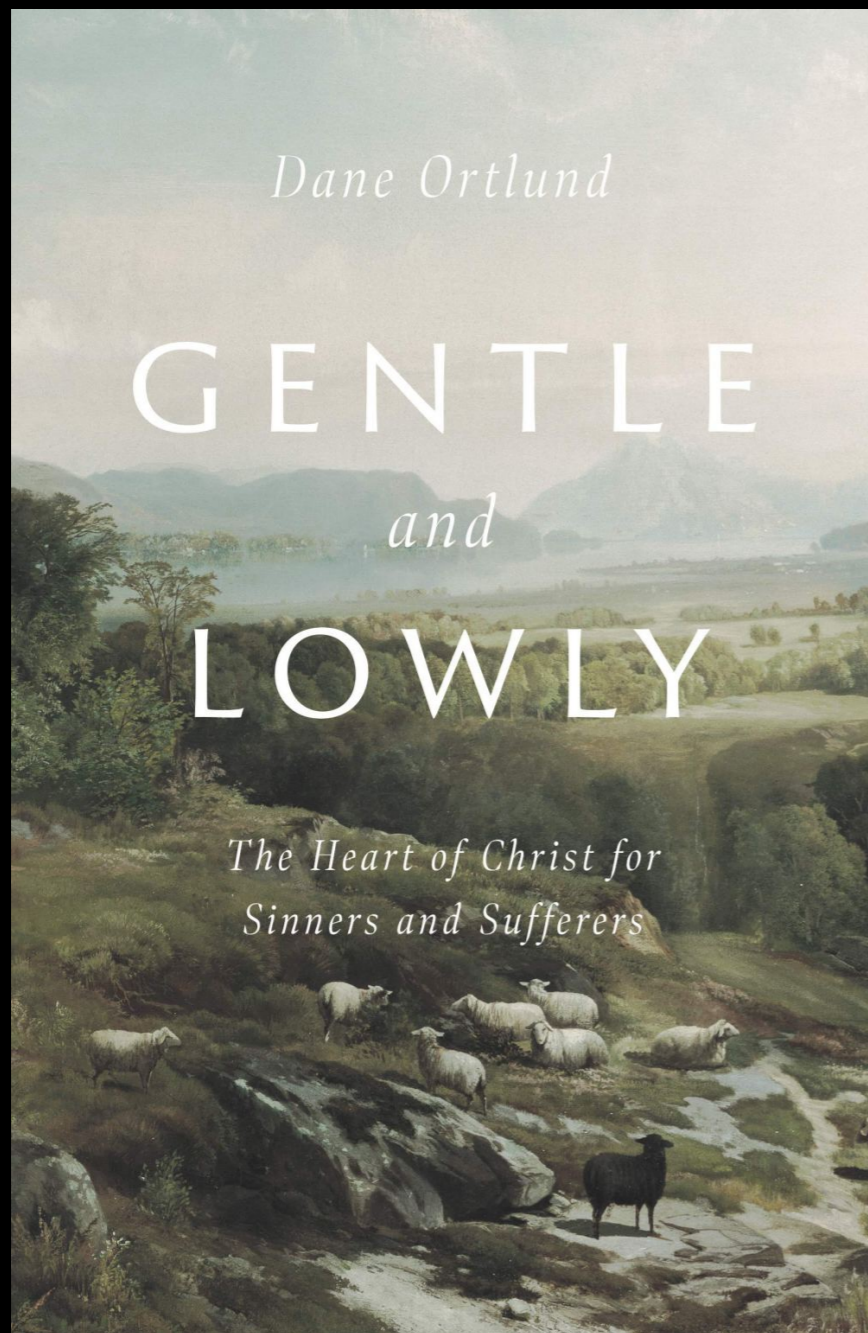


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**We are in the same position. We know the sexual life; we do not know, except in glimpses, the other thing which, in Heaven, will leave no room for it.**



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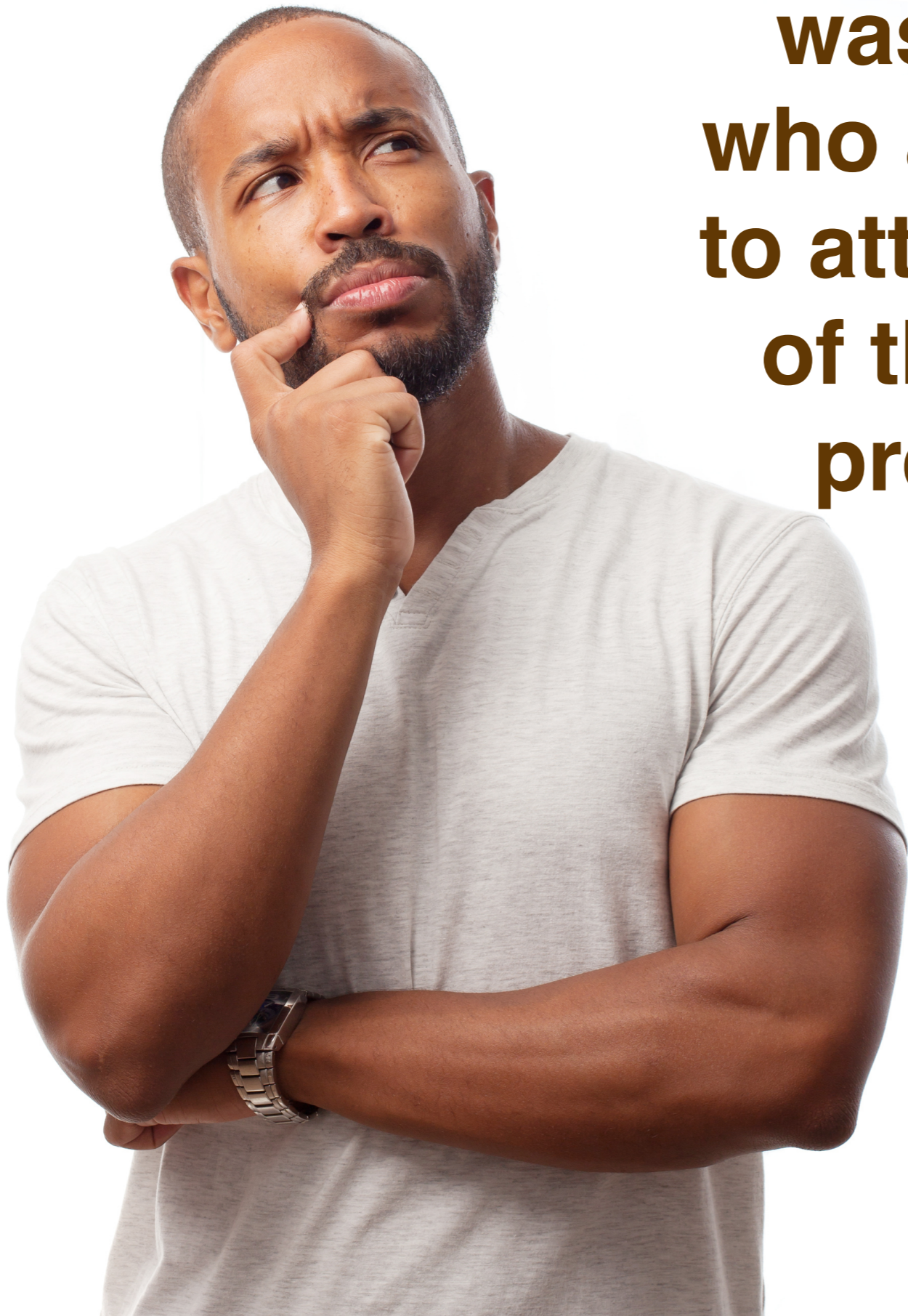
*Dane Ortlund*

GENTLE  
*and*  
LOWLY

*The Heart of Christ for  
Sinners and Sufferers*

**Even the most  
intense human  
love is but the  
faintest echo  
of heaven's  
cascading  
abundance.**

**What was that thing Jesus was saying about those who are considered worthy to attain to the resurrection of the dead, because I'm pretty sure that would exclude me?**



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*to count, to make*



**The wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus.**

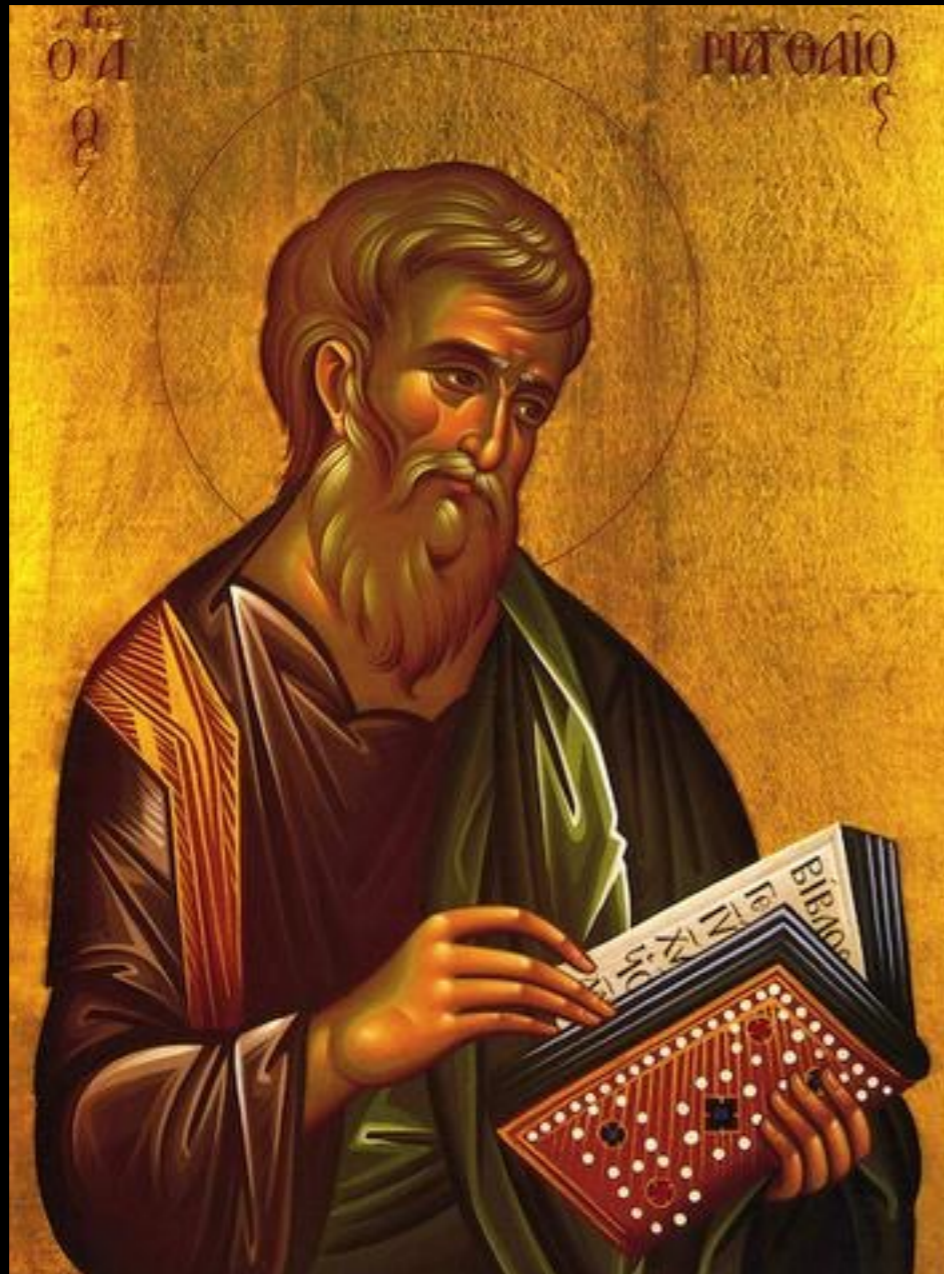
**The Apostle Paul**  
— Romans 3:23 —





**Christ also suffered for sins once for all,  
the righteous for the unrighteous,  
that He might bring you to God.**

— 1 Peter 3:18 —



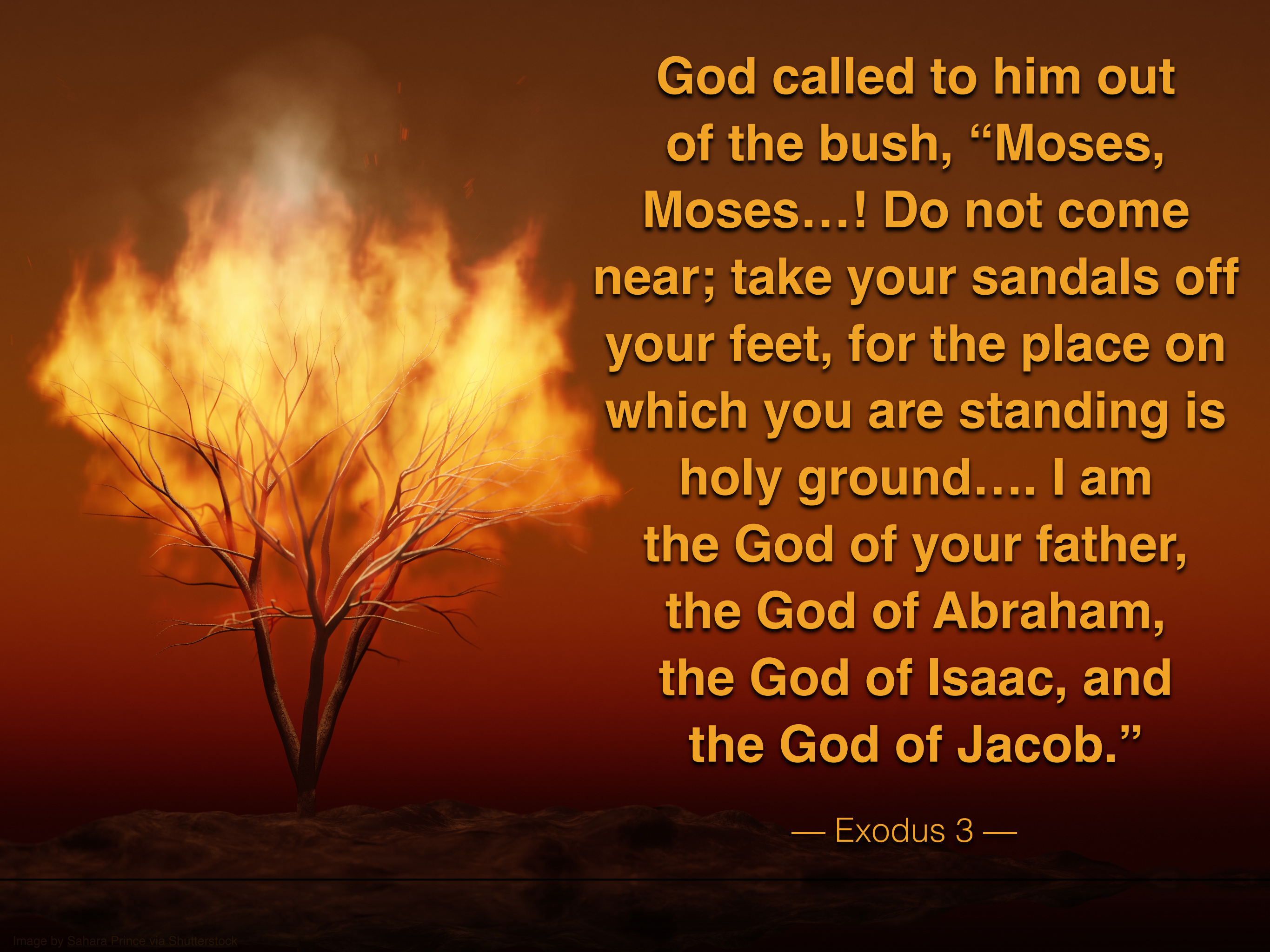
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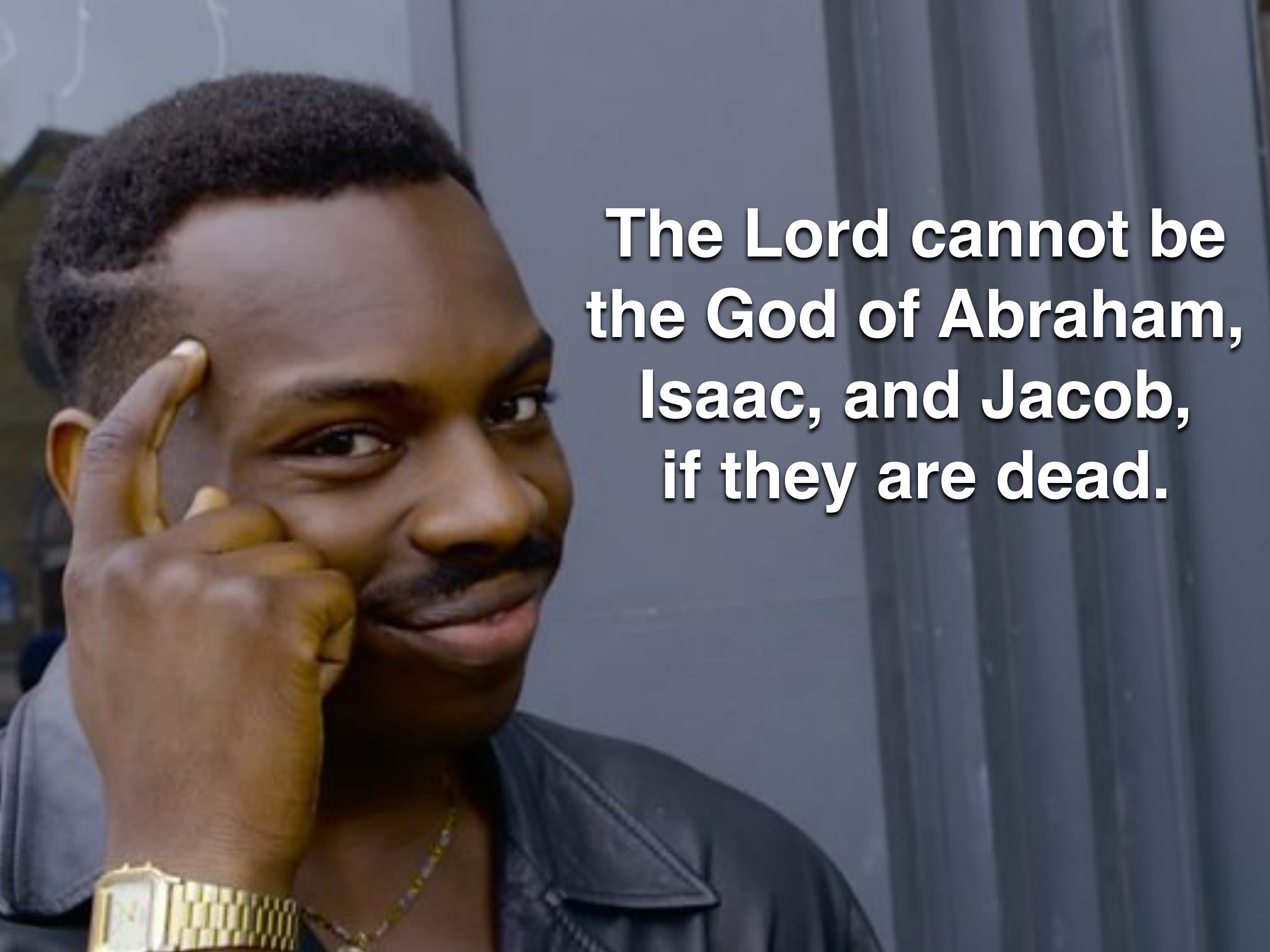
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**37 But the dead are raised, even Moses showed, in the passage about the bush, where he calls the Lord the God of Abraham and the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob.**



**God called to him out of the bush, “Moses, Moses...! Do not come near; take your sandals off your feet, for the place on which you are standing is holy ground.... I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob.”**

— Exodus 3 —



**The Lord cannot be  
the God of Abraham,  
Isaac, and Jacob,  
if they are dead.**

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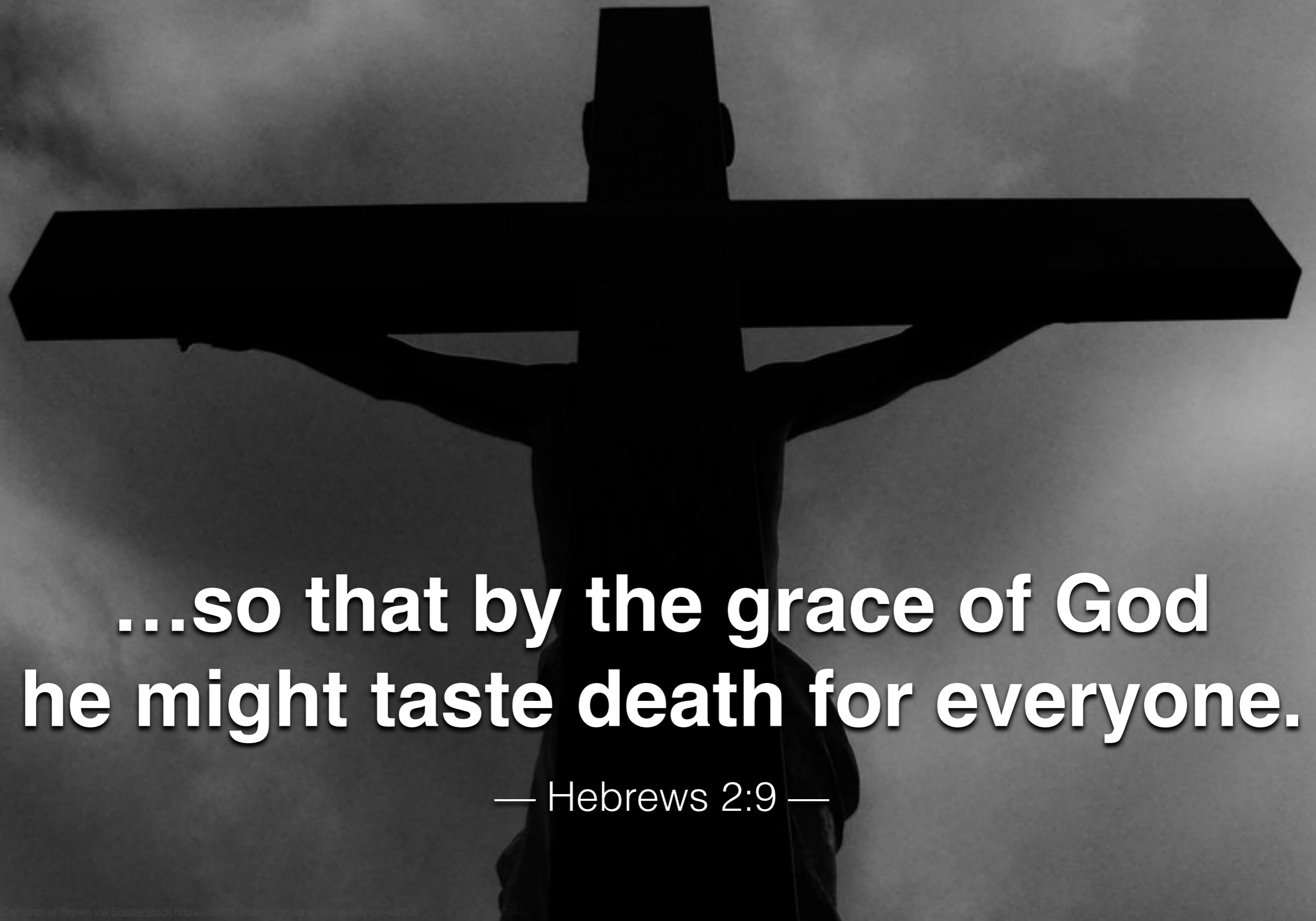
**38 Now he is not the God of the dead, but of the living, for all live to him.**

**39 Then some of the scribes answered, "Teacher, you have spoken well." 40 For they no longer dared to ask him any question.**

**With all due respect, how do I know that Jesus was not mistaken on this point?**



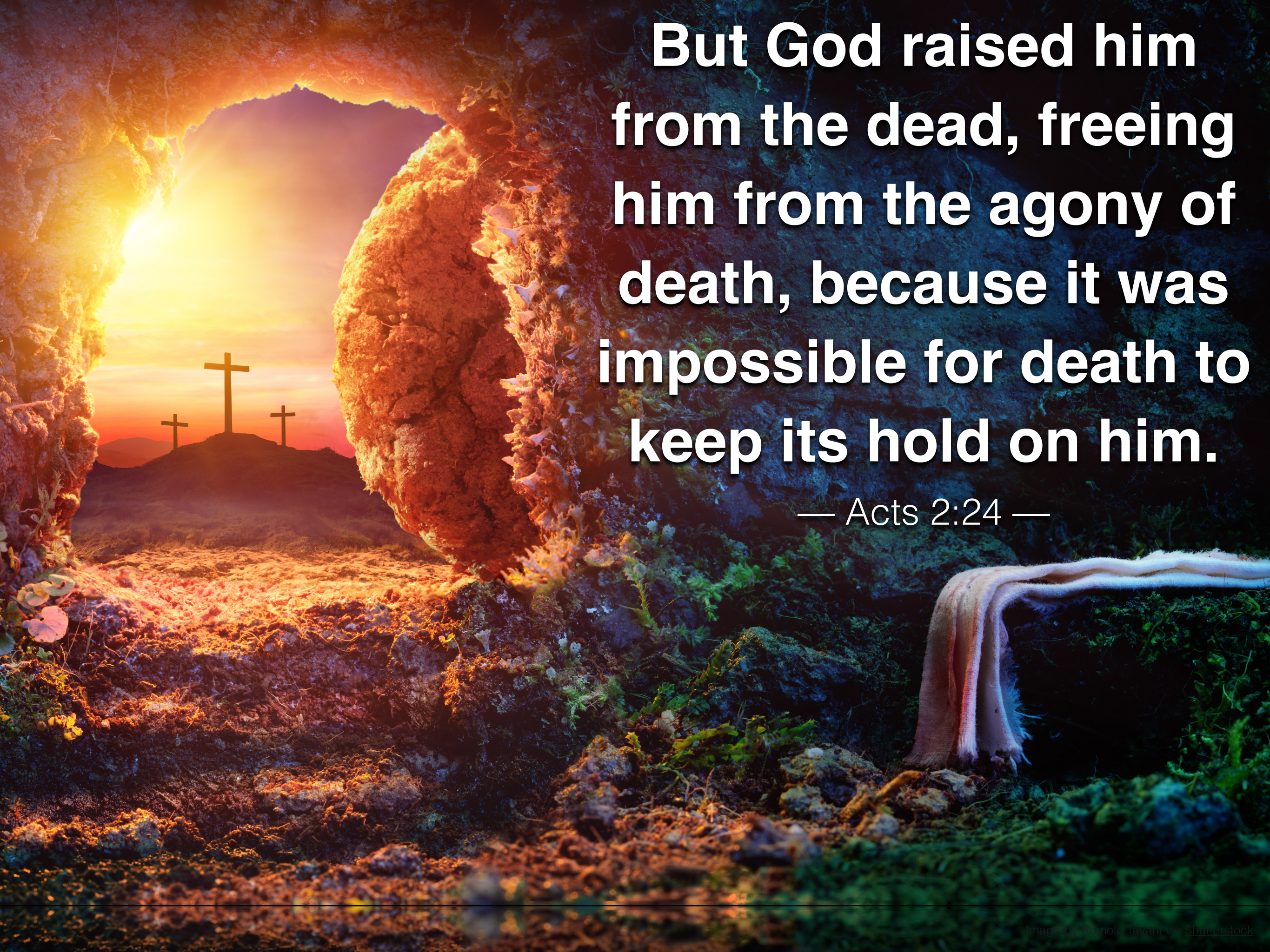




**....so that by the grace of God  
he might taste death for everyone.**

— Hebrews 2:9 —



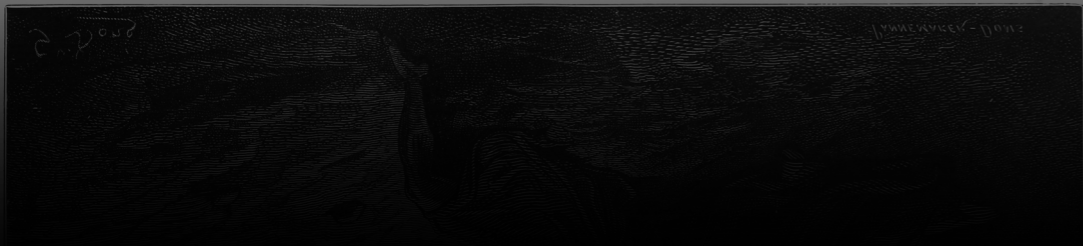
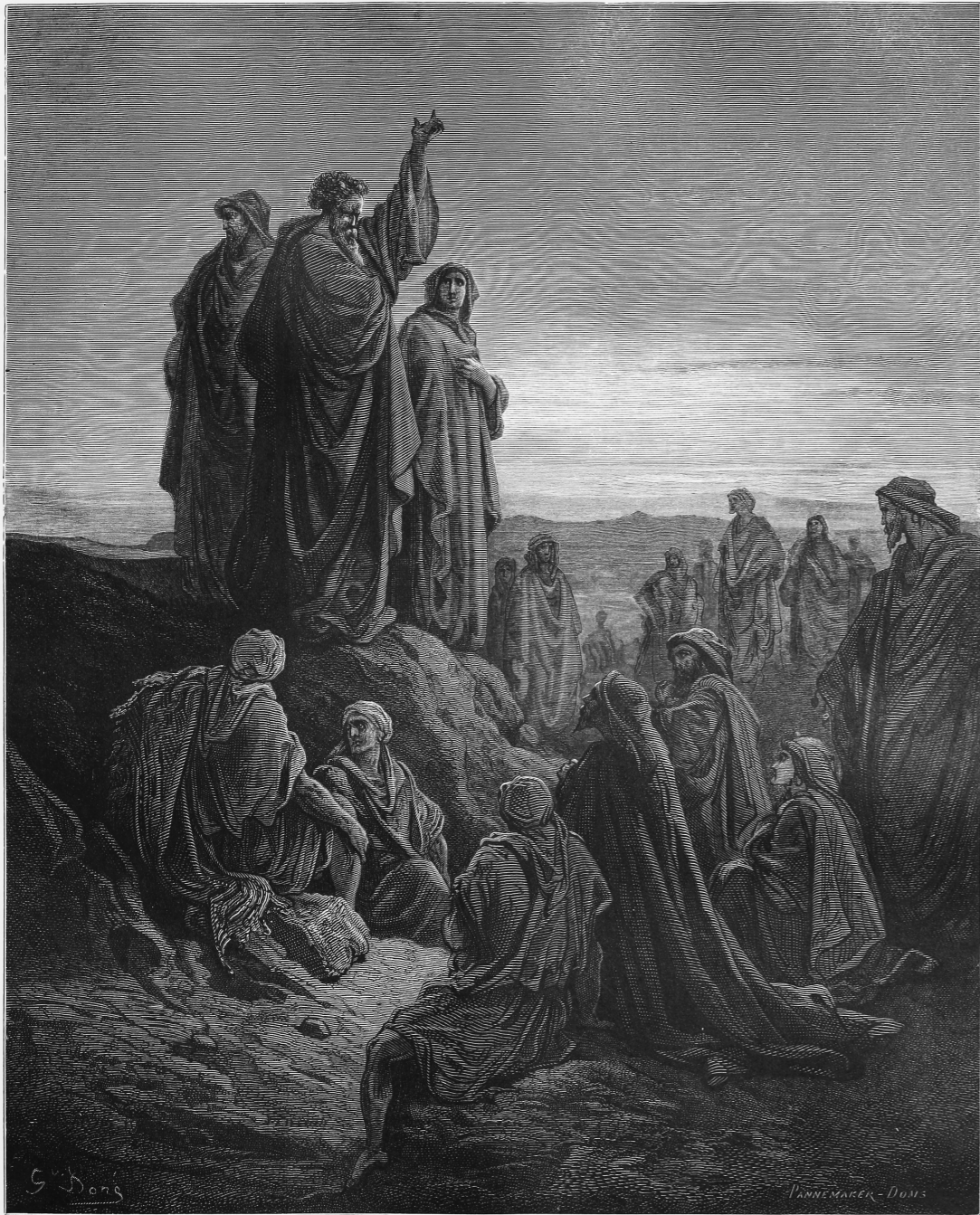


**But God raised him  
from the dead, freeing  
him from the agony of  
death, because it was  
impossible for death to  
keep its hold on him.**

— Acts 2:24 —

**They were teaching  
the people and  
proclaiming in  
Jesus the resurrec-  
tion of the dead.**

— The Book of Acts 4:2 —

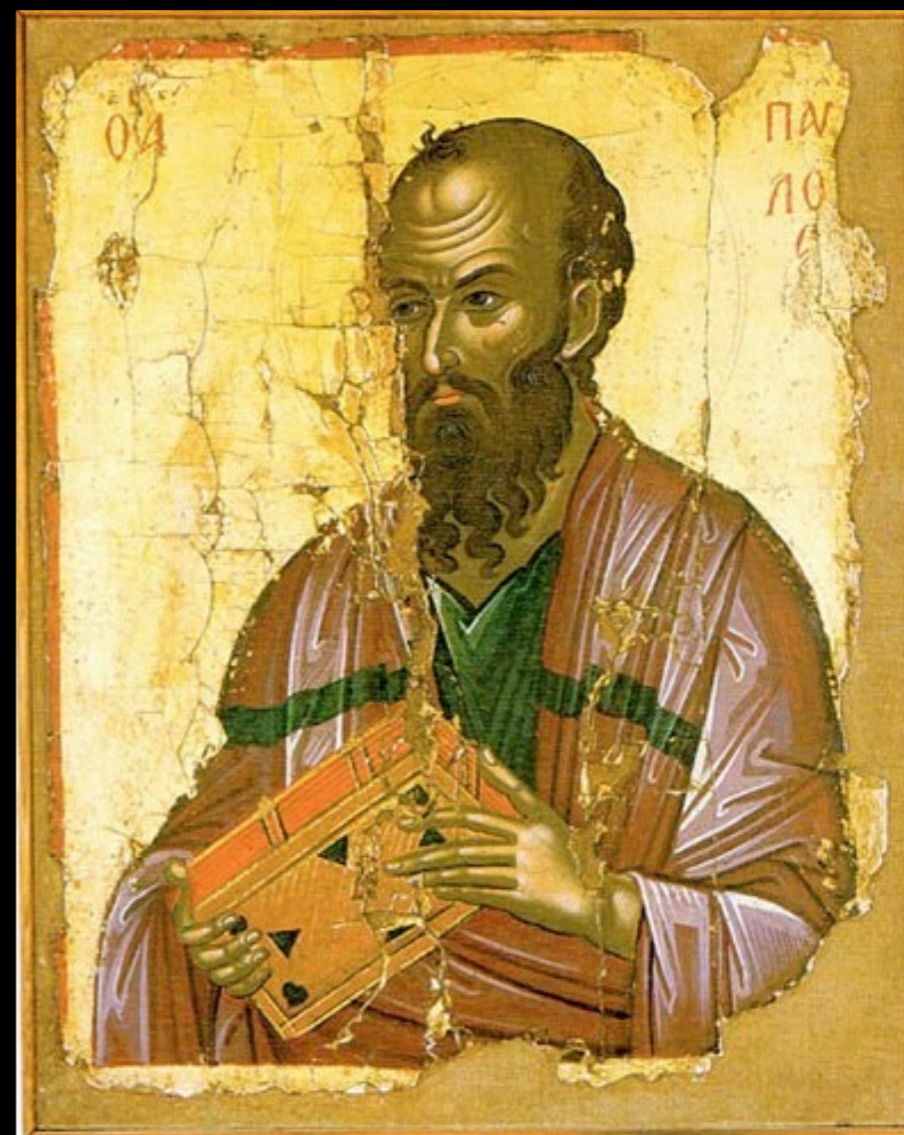




# Anchor Yourself in the Reality of the Resurrection

**By his power God  
raised the Lord from  
the dead, and he will  
raise us also.**

**The Apostle Paul**  
1 Corinthians 6:14





**No fate I dread  
I know I am forgiven  
The future sure  
the price it has  
been paid**



**For Jesus bled  
and suffered for  
my pardon and  
He was raised  
to overthrow  
the grave**

“Yet Not I But Through Christ In Me” —





**Without Jesus,  
we approach life  
with the expectation  
of death. With Jesus,  
we approach death  
with the expectation  
of life.**

— Nabeel Qureshi —



**If your hope is  
anchored in Jesus,  
the worst case future  
scenario for you  
is resurrection and  
everlasting life.**

— Scott Sauls —

**For this light  
momentary affliction  
is preparing for us  
an eternal weight of  
glory beyond all  
comparison.....**

**The Apostle Paul**  
2 Corinthians 4:17





**What if we viewed  
the countdown clock  
not as telling us how  
many days we have left  
before we die, but how  
few days are left until we  
see God face to face  
and experience  
unimaginable bliss?**

**My desire is to  
depart and be with  
Christ, for that is  
far better.**

**The Apostle Paul**  
— Philippians 1:23 —

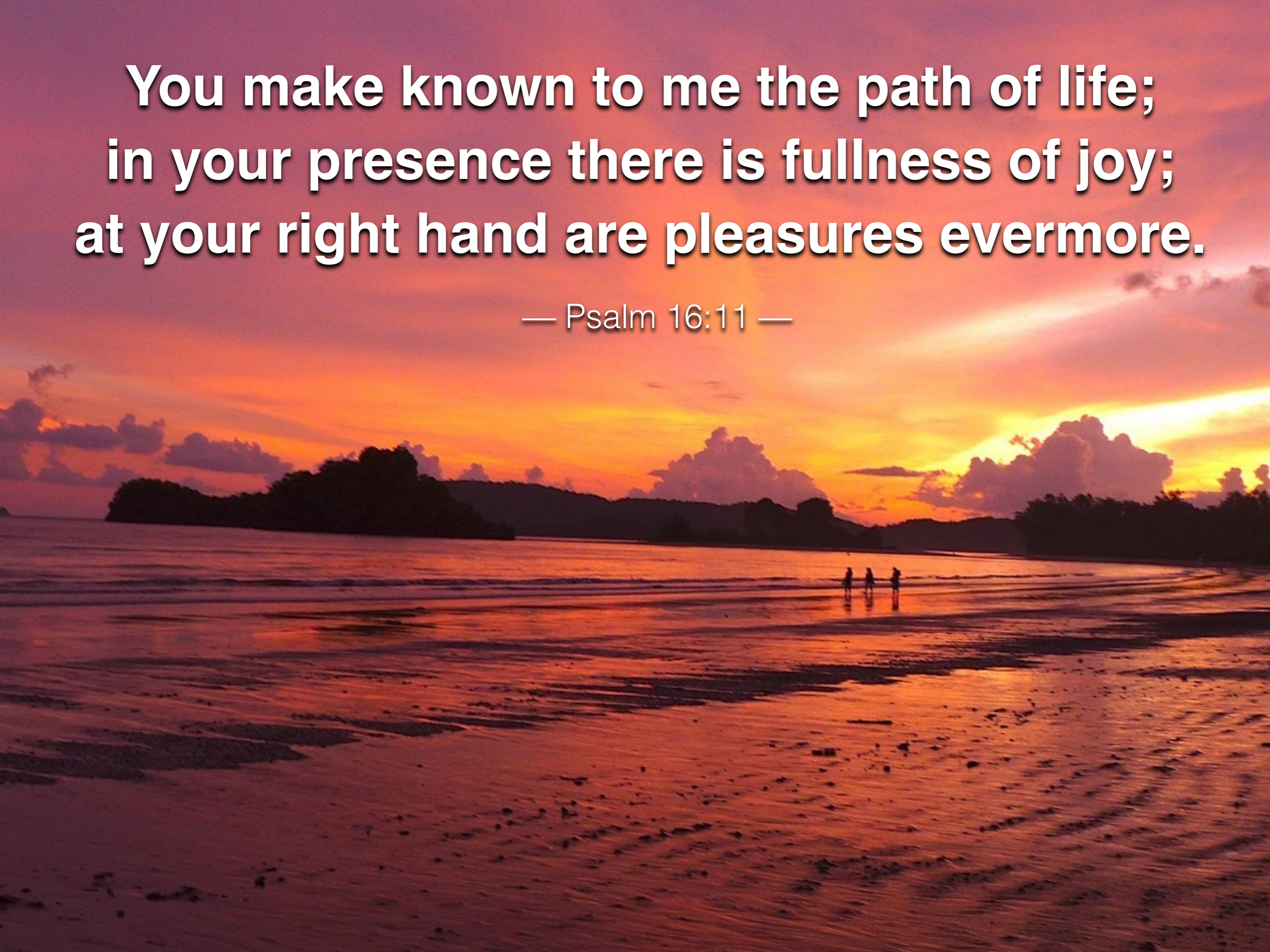




**Prepare  
to have  
your mind  
blown!**

**You make known to me the path of life;  
in your presence there is fullness of joy;  
at your right hand are pleasures evermore.**

— Psalm 16:11 —



**No eye has seen, no ear has heard,  
no mind has imagined what God has  
prepared for those who love him.**

— The Apostle Paul in 1 Corinthians 2:9 —





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**“There was a real railway accident,” Aslan said softly. “Your father and your mother and all of you are—as you used to call it in the Shadowlands—dead. The term is over: the holidays have begun. The dream is ended: this is the morning.”**

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**And as He spoke, He no longer looked to them like a lion; but the things that began to happen after that were so great and beautiful that I cannot write them.**

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**And for us this is the end of all the stories, and we can most truly say that they all lived happily ever after. But for them it was only the beginning of the real story.**

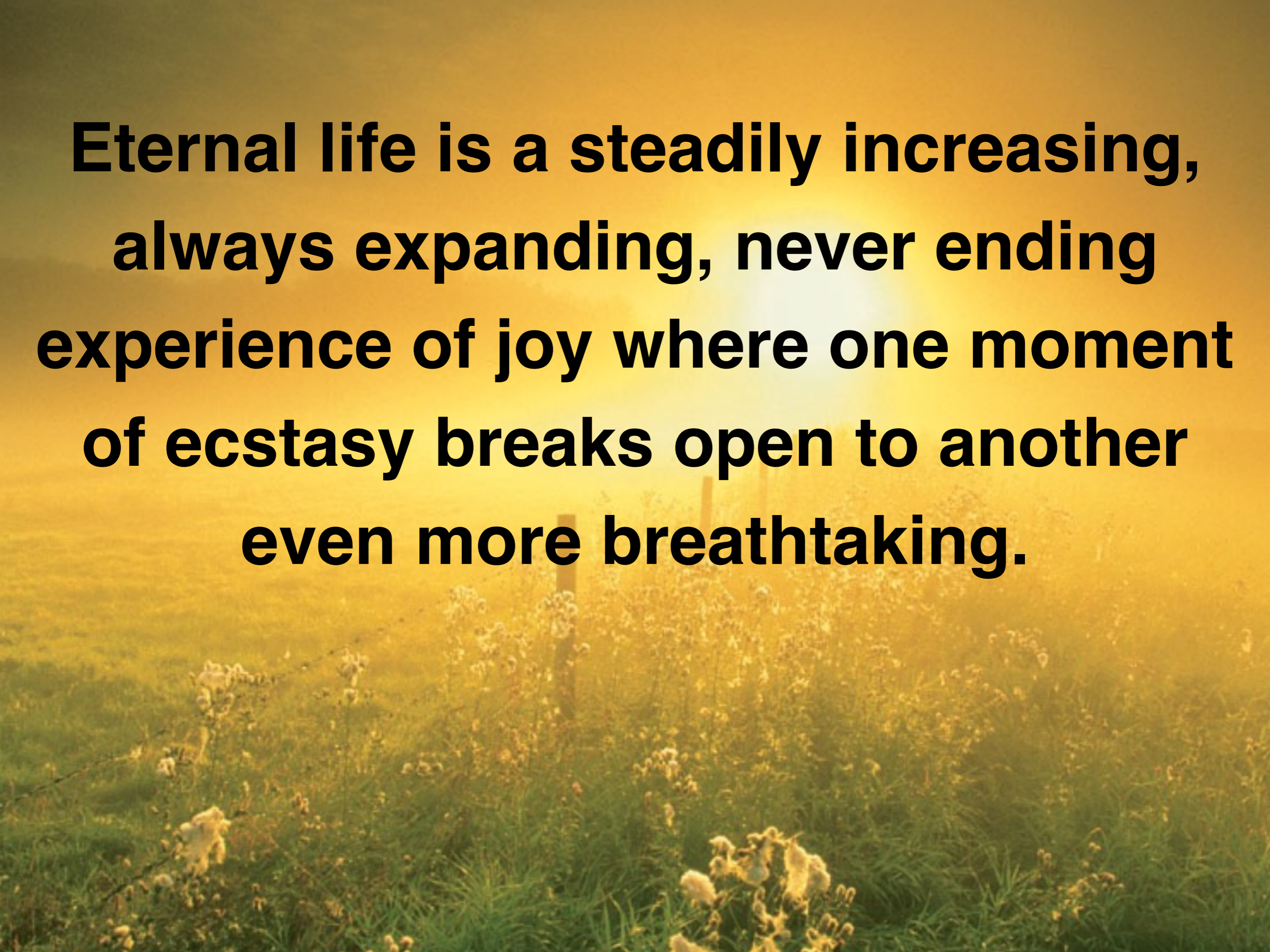
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**All their life in this world and all their adventures in Narnia had only been the cover and the title page: now at last they were beginning Chapter One of the Great Story which no one on earth has read—which goes on for ever—in which every chapter is better than the one before.**



**Eternal life is a steadily increasing,  
always expanding, never ending  
experience of joy where one moment  
of ecstasy breaks open to another  
even more breathtaking.**





MAY YOU REJOICE  
IN THE REALITY  
THAT NOTHING  
CAN SEPARATE  
YOU FROM THE  
LOVE OF GOD  
IN CHRIST JESUS—  
NOT EVEN DEATH!