


A close-up photograph of a hand holding a lit sparkler. The sparkler is bright and glowing, with many sparks flying out. The background is dark and out of focus, showing some faint light trails. The overall mood is celebratory and joyful.

**To Live Is Christ
To Die Is Gain**

— Philippians 1:18-26 —

A hand holding a lit sparkler against a dark background. The sparkler is bright and glowing, with many sparks flying out. The hand is wearing a dark, textured glove. The background is dark and out of focus.

Finding Joy

PHILIPPIANS

Right Where You Are

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What's so important? What you got here that's worth living for?

**What's so
important?
What you got
here that's
worth living
for?**



**What you got
here that's
worth living
and dying for?**







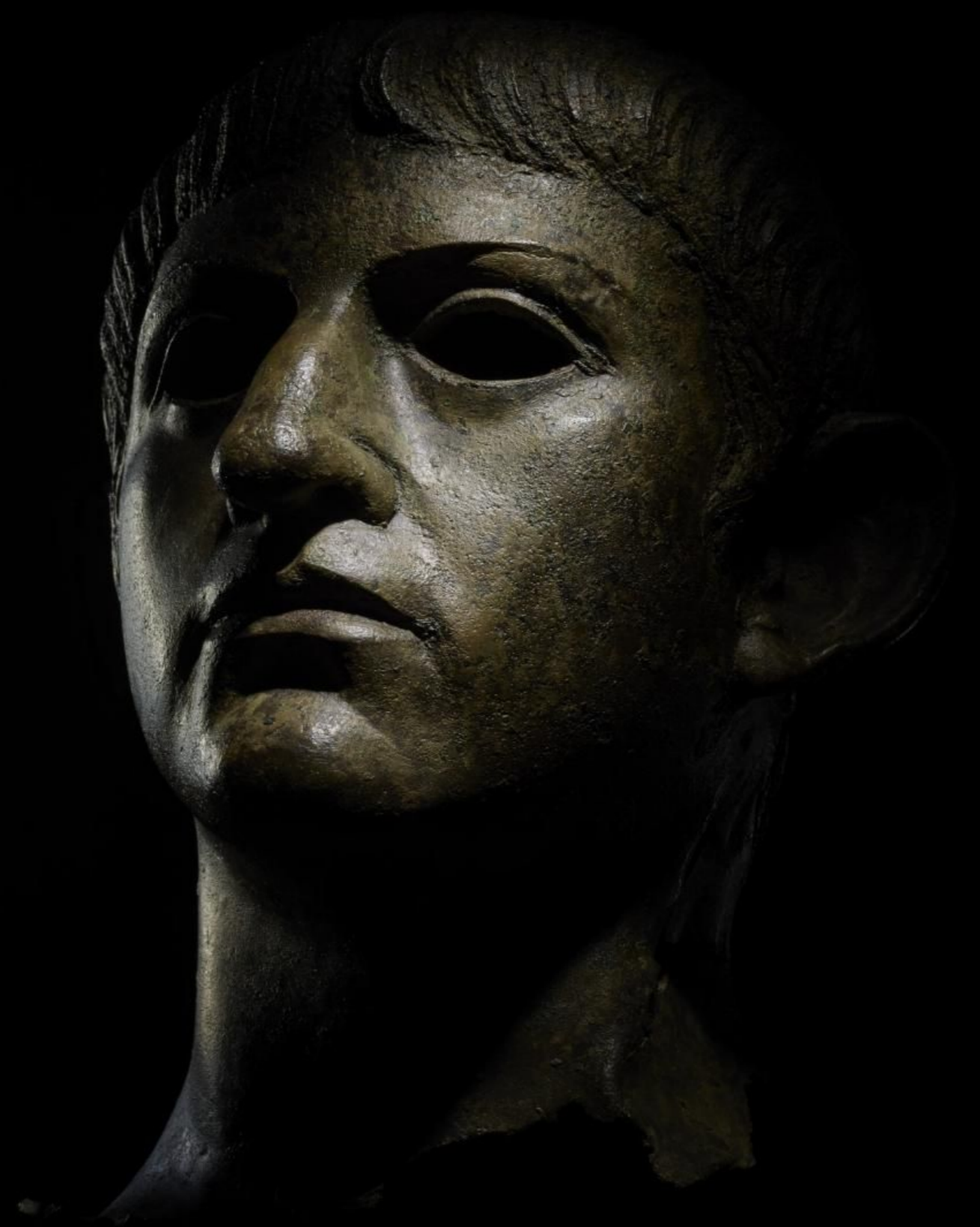
I am put here for the defense of the gospel.

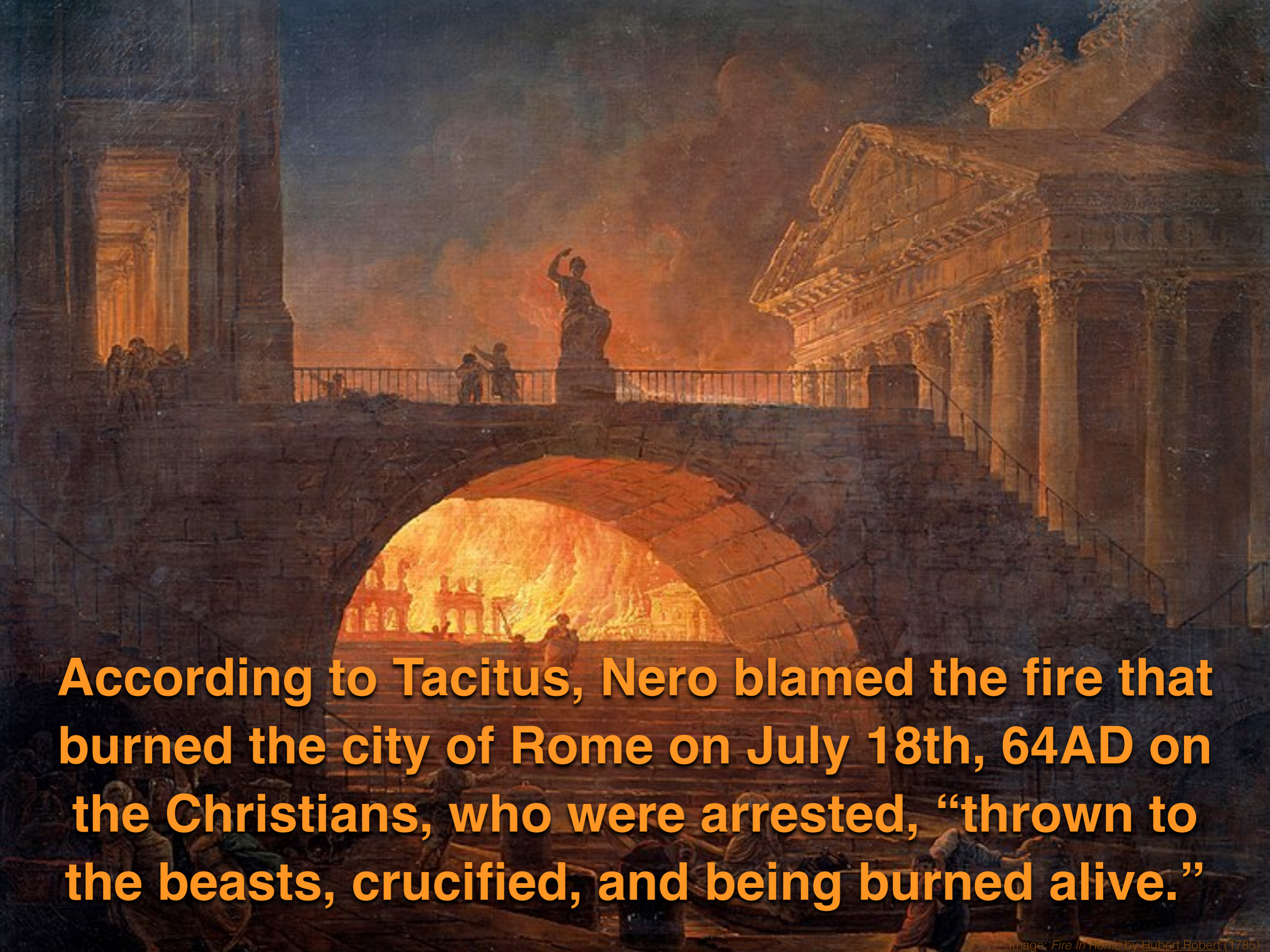
— Philippians 1:16 —

Nero

The Emperor Reigned

AD54-AD68





According to Tacitus, Nero blamed the fire that burned the city of Rome on July 18th, 64AD on the Christians, who were arrested, “thrown to the beasts, crucified, and being burned alive.”

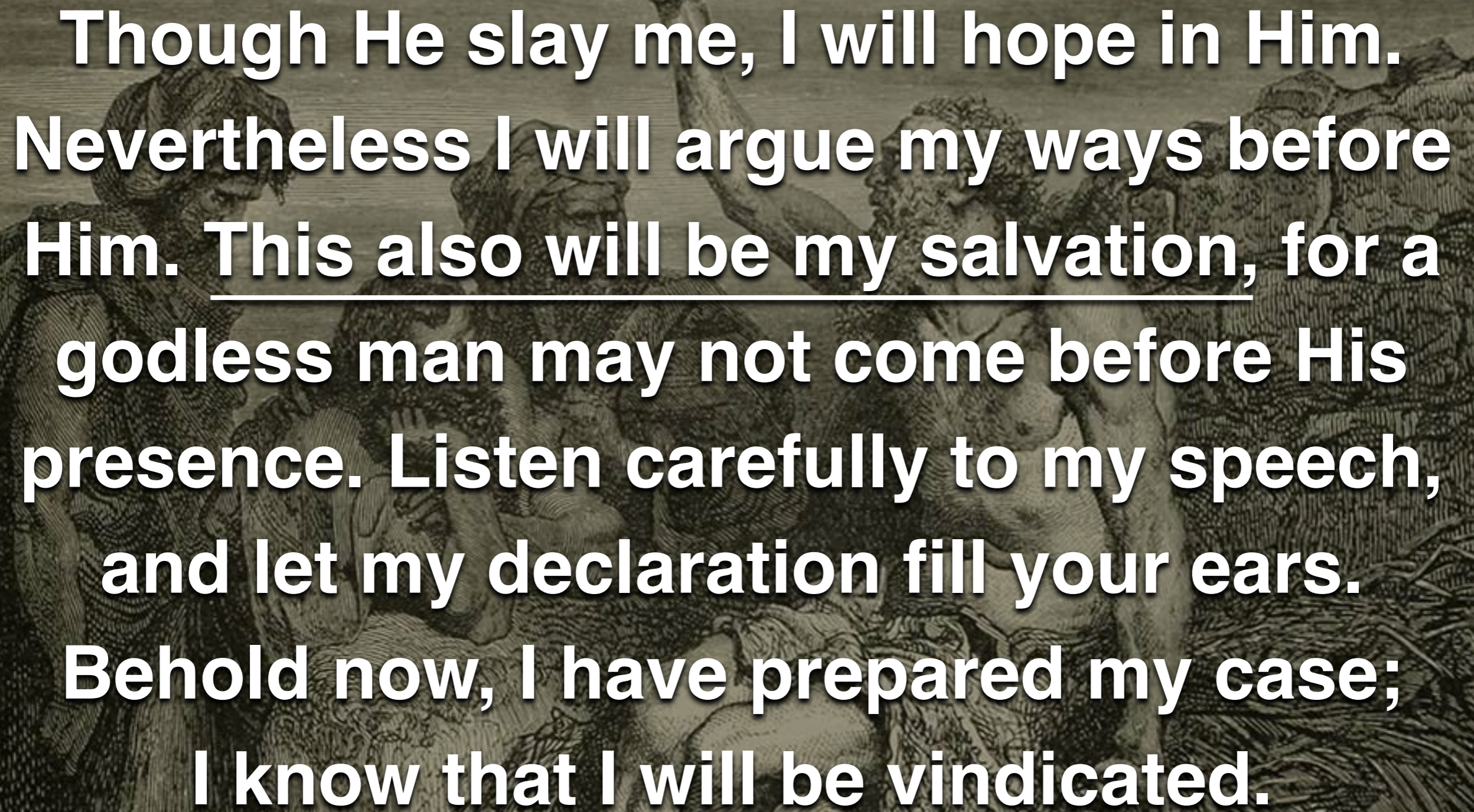
Philippians 1

18 **Yes, and I will rejoice....,**

Philippians 1

18 Yes, and I will rejoice, 19 for I know that through your prayers and the help of the Spirit of Jesus Christ **this will turn out for my deliverance....,**





**Though He slay me, I will hope in Him.
Nevertheless I will argue my ways before
Him. This also will be my salvation, for a
godless man may not come before His
presence. Listen carefully to my speech,
and let my declaration fill your ears.
Behold now, I have prepared my case;
I know that I will be vindicated.**

Philippians 1

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Philippians 1

20 as it is **my eager hope and expectation that I will not be at all ashamed, but that with full courage now as always Christ will be honored in my body, whether by life or by death.**

**I am eager to preach
the gospel to you also
who are in Rome. For
I am not ashamed of
the gospel, for it is
the power of God for
salvation to everyone
who believes.....**



The Apostle Paul
— Romans 1:15-16 —

Philippians 1

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“to be magnified, exalted, thought great of”

**You are not your own, for you were
bought with a price. Therefore
glorify God in your body.**

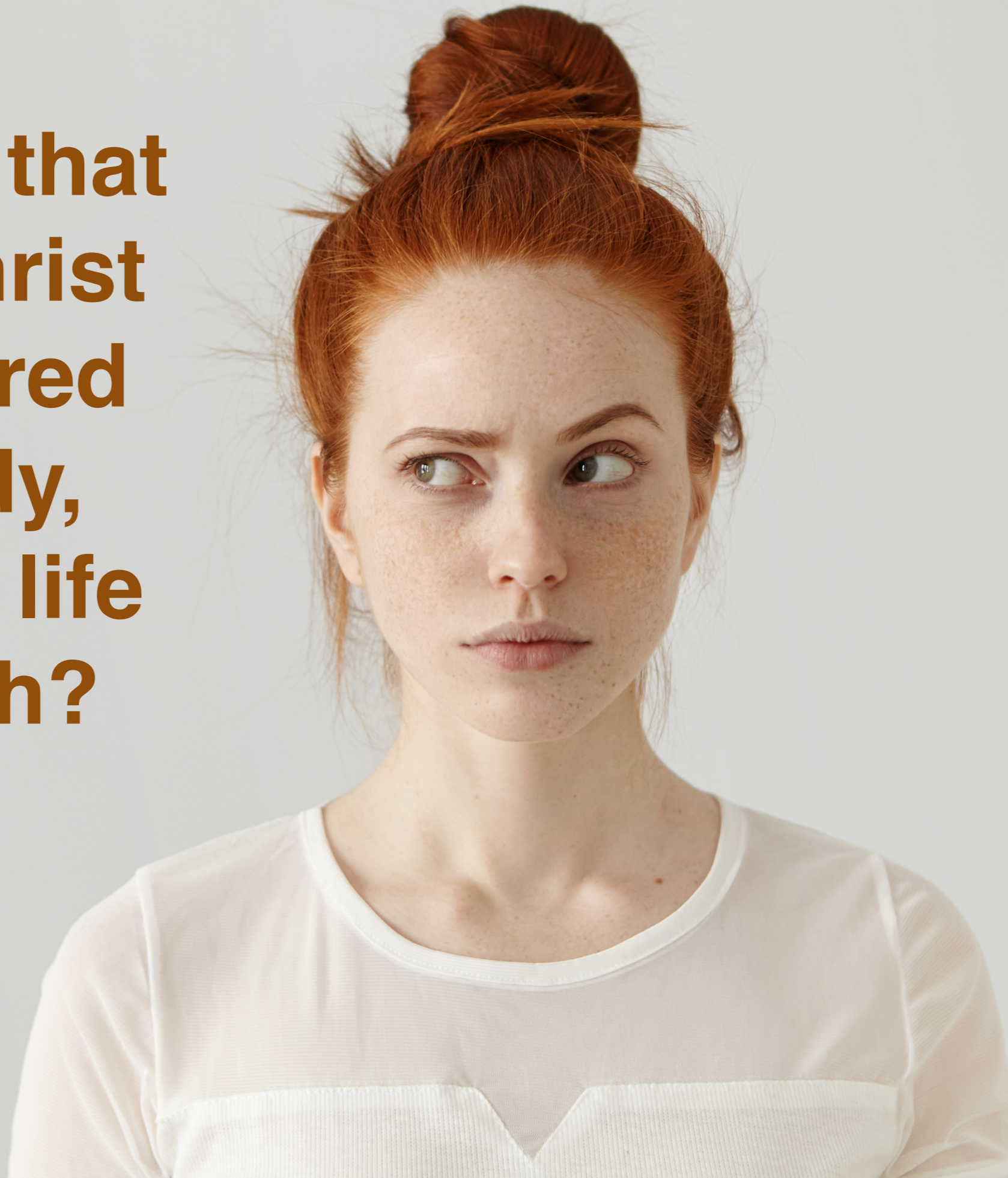
— 1 Corinthians 6:20 —

**I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view
of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as
living sacrifices to God, holy and pleasing.**

— Romans 12:1 —



**Can we say that
we want Christ
to be honored
in our body,
whether by life
or by death?**



Philippians 1

21 For to me, to live is Christ, and to die is gain.

To live is _____.

**But whatever gain I had,
I counted as loss for the
sake of Christ. Indeed, I
count everything as loss
because of the surpass-
ing worth of knowing
Christ Jesus my Lord.**

**For his sake I have
suffered the loss of all
things and count them
as rubbish....**



— Philippians 3:7-8 —



Hallelujah!
All I have is Christ
Hallelujah!
Jesus is my life

— Jordan Kauflin, “All I Have Is Christ” —

**I was born
to sing for You
I didn't have a choice
but to lift You up
And sing whatever song
You wanted me to
I give You back my voice
From the womb my first cry
It was a joyful noise**



**Justified 'til we die,
you and I will magnify,
Oh, oh, The Magnificent**

— U2's Bono, "Magnificent" —





**To live is Christ,
and that's Paul, I recall
To die is gain, so for
Christ we give it all...**

**See, your money,
your singleness,
marriage, talents
your time,
They were loaned
to you to show
the world that
Christ is divine**



**That's why it's
Christ in my rhymes
That's why it's
Christ all the time
See, my whole world
is built around Him
He's the life in my lines**



**‘Cause I’m constantly
tryna be used
to praise the Christ
If He’s truly
raised to life
Then this news should
change your life**

— Lecrae, “Don’t Waste Your Life” —

**The secret to
finding joy
right where
you are is to
live for Christ
right where
you are.**



Philippians 1

21 For to me, to live is Christ, and to die is gain.

To die is _____.



To live — Christ, to die — gain.
(Christos) (kerdos)

I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.



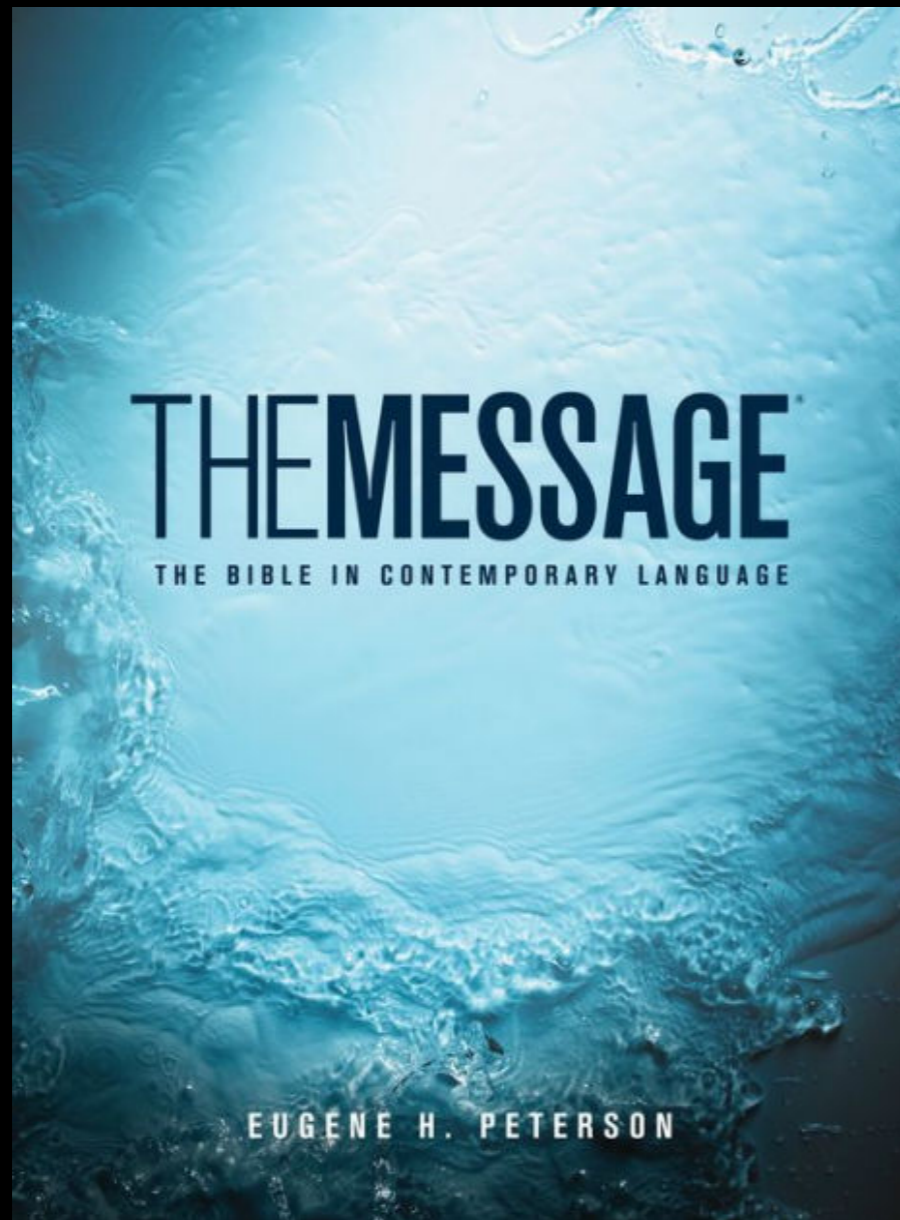
The Apostle Paul
— Romans 8:37-38 —



Heidelberg Catechism

Q#1: What is your only comfort in life and in death?

That I belong—body and soul, in life and in death—not to myself, but to my faithful Savior Jesus Christ....



**Life verses
even more life.
I can't lose.**

Philippians 1

22 If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labor for me. Yet which I shall choose I cannot tell.

Philippians 1

23 I am hard pressed between the two.

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


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*A nautical term used of ships
setting loose their moorings.*



**Doesn't the Bible
talk about people
who have died as
falling asleep?**

Brothers and sisters, we do not want you to be uninformed about those who sleep in death, so that you do not grieve like the rest of mankind, who have no hope.

— The Apostle Paul, 1 Thessalonians 4:13 —



**We know that while we
are at home in the body
we are away from the
Lord, for we walk by
faith, not by sight. Yes,
we are of good courage,
and we would rather be
away from the body and
at home with the Lord.**



The Apostle Paul
— 2 Corinthians 5:6-8 —



**How I long to breathe
the air of heaven
Where pain is gone and
mercy fills the
To look upon the One
who died to save me
And walk with Him
through all eternity**



**There will be a day when
all will bow before Him
There will be a day when
death will be no more
Standing face-to-face
with Christ who died
and rose again
Holy, holy is the Lord**

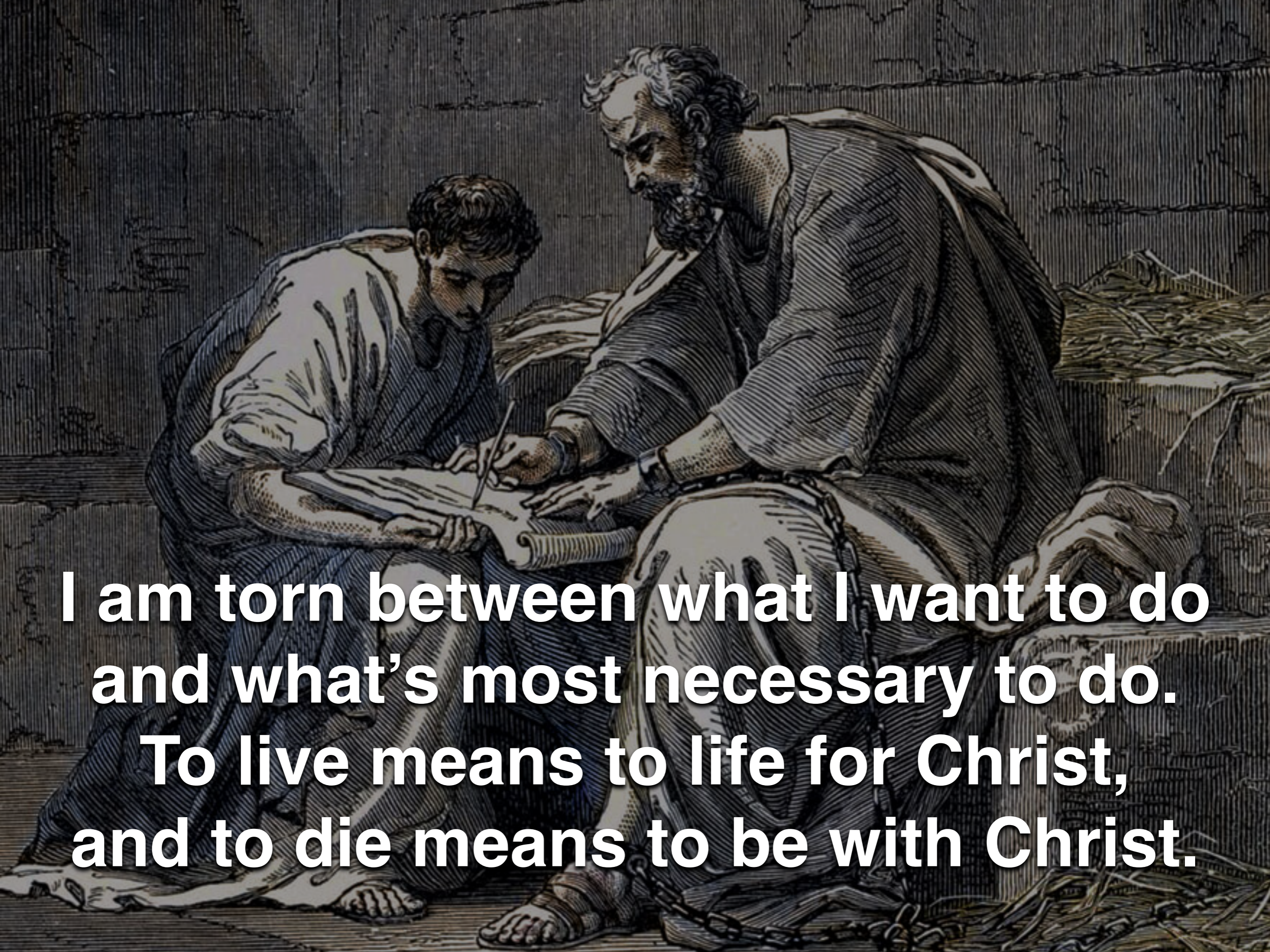
— Phil Wickman, “Hymn of Heaven” —



Philippians 1

23 I am hard pressed between the two.

My desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better. 24 But to remain in the flesh is **more necessary** on your account.



**I am torn between what I want to do
and what's most necessary to do.
To live means to live for Christ,
and to die means to be with Christ.**

Philippians 1

25 Convinced of this, I know that I will remain for you all, for your progress and joy in the faith....



**Am I advancing
in the faith?
Is my joy in Jesus
increasing?**

**With all creation I sing
Praise to the King of kings
You are my everything
And I will adore You**

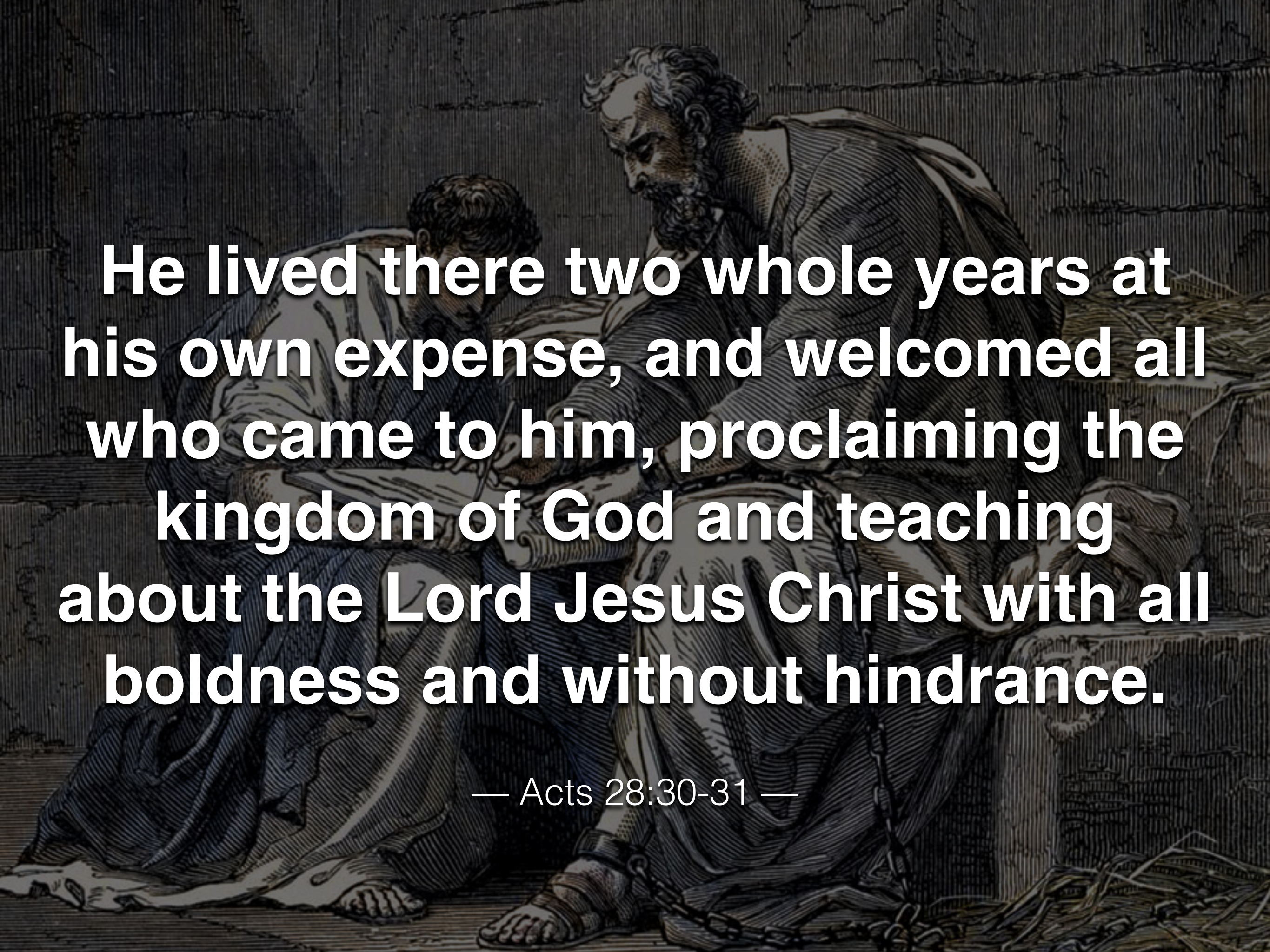
— Jinnie Lee Riddle, “Revelation Song” —



Philippians 1

25 Convinced of this, I know that I will remain for you all, for your progress and joy in the faith, 26 so that in me you may have ample cause to glory in Christ Jesus, because of my coming to you again.

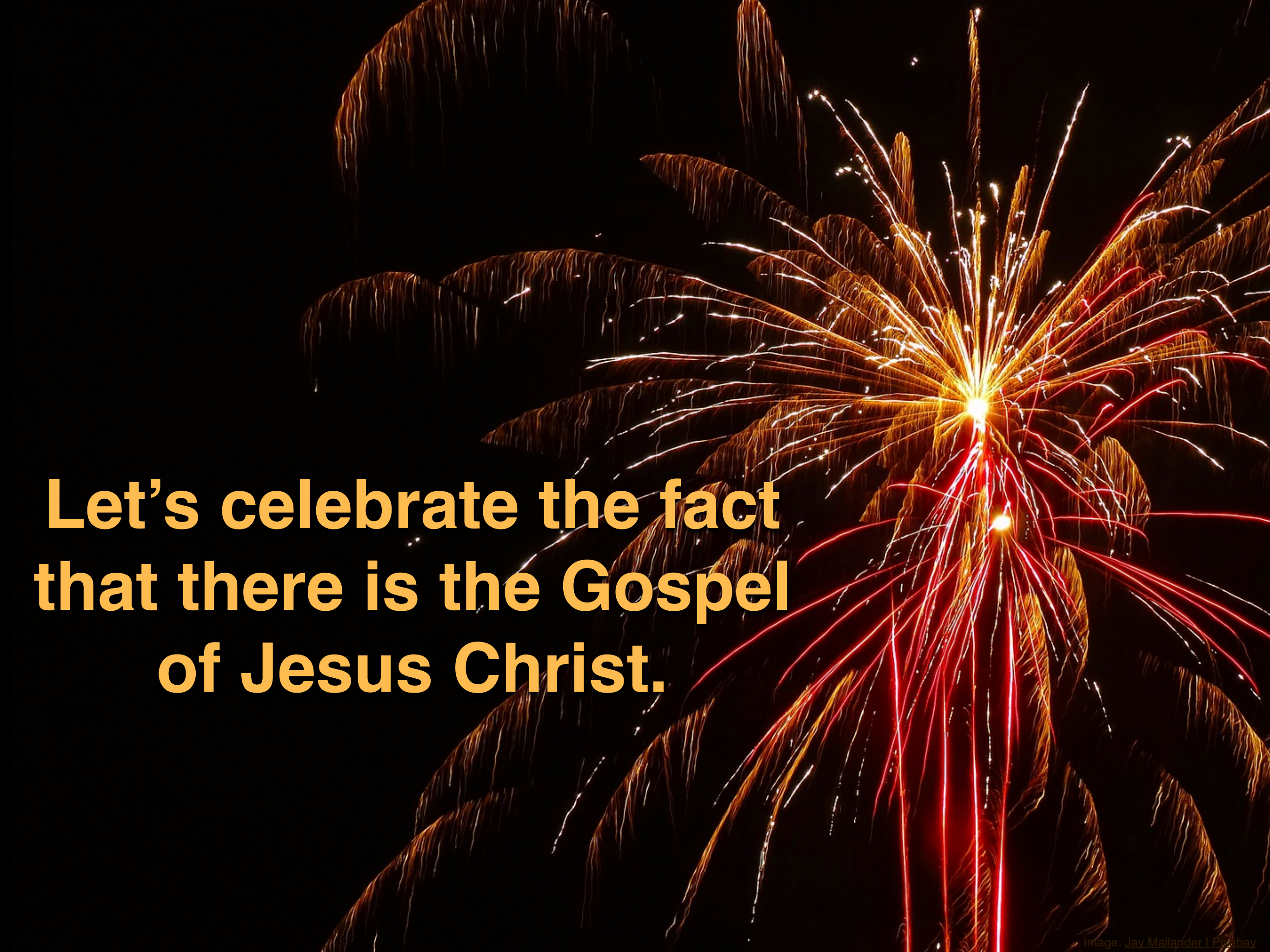




He lived there two whole years at his own expense, and welcomed all who came to him, proclaiming the kingdom of God and teaching about the Lord Jesus Christ with all boldness and without hindrance.

— Acts 28:30-31 —

**For the Christian,
to live is Christ,
and to die is gain.**



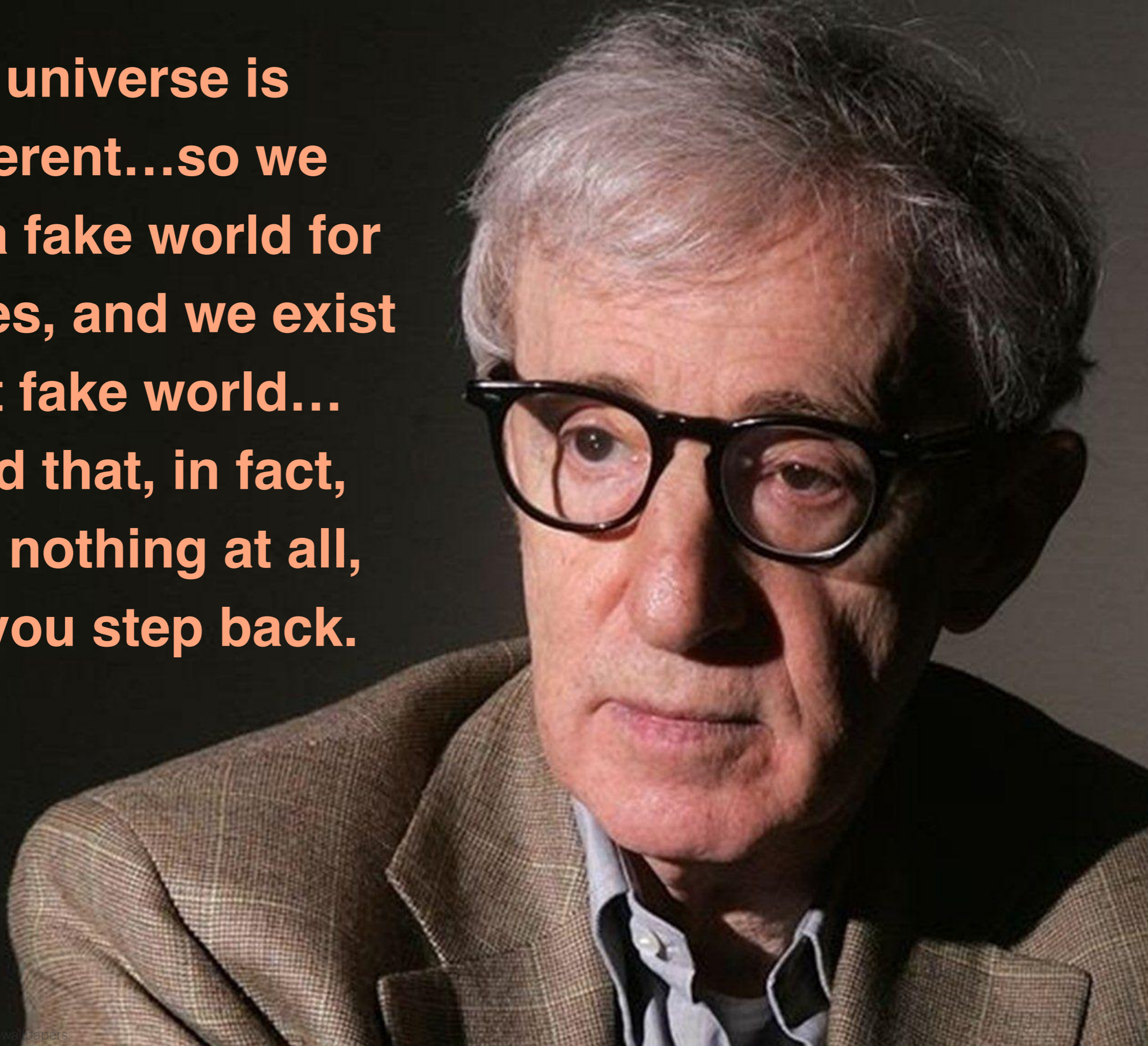
**Let's celebrate the fact
that there is the Gospel
of Jesus Christ.**

If Christianity is true, we can look up and wonder why a God who made the galaxies also cares for you and me. But if there is no God, we can only look up and wonder why our lives have any point at all.

— Rebecca McLaughlin —

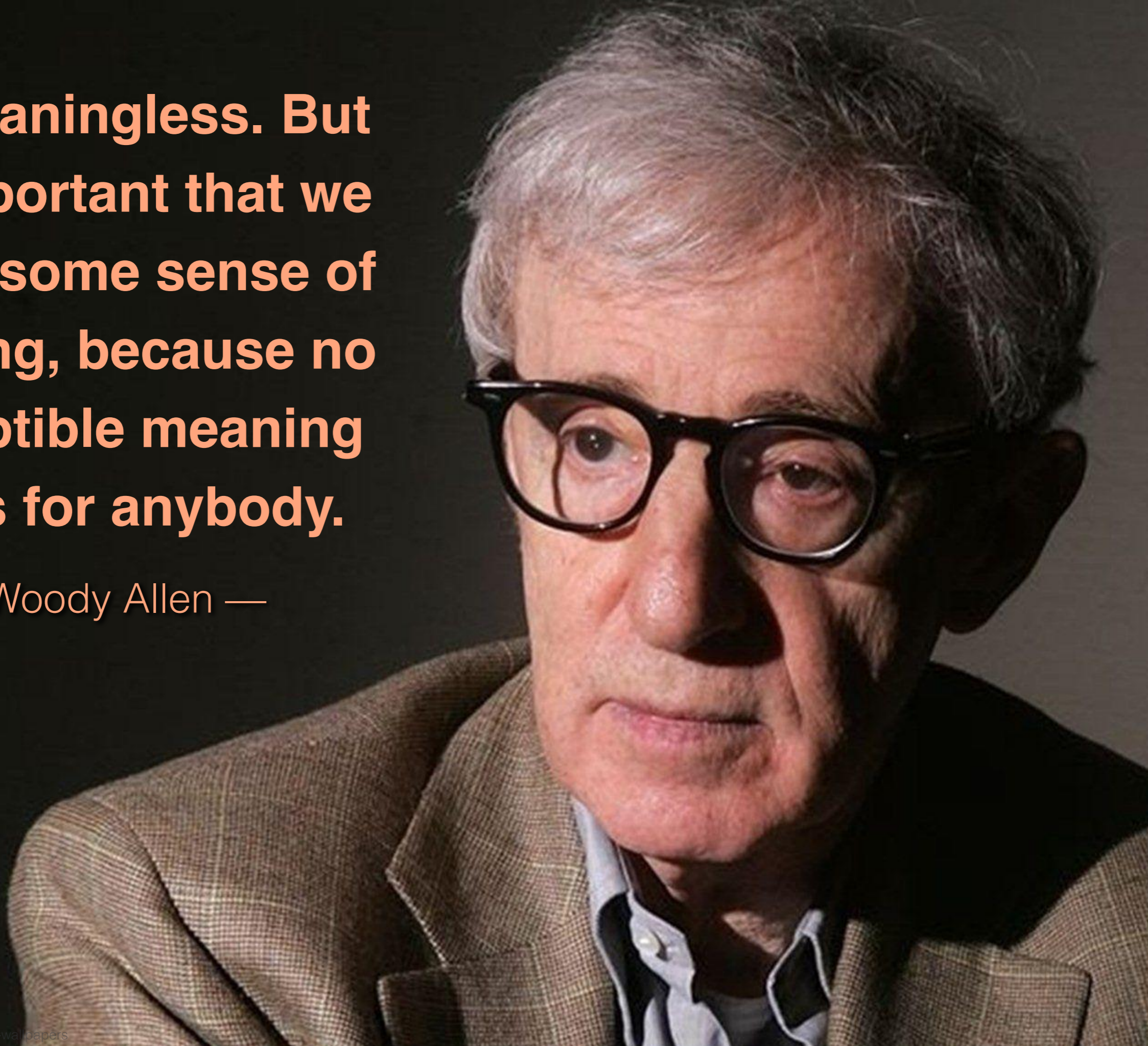


**The universe is
indifferent...so we
create a fake world for
ourselves, and we exist
in that fake world...
a world that, in fact,
means nothing at all,
when you step back.**



**It's meaningless. But
it's important that we
create some sense of
meaning, because no
perceptible meaning
exists for anybody.**

— Woody Allen —



**The Son of God
loved me and gave
Himself for me.**

— Galatians 2:20 —

**Christ Jesus has
made me His own.**

— Philippians 3:12 —



**Let's dedicate our lives
to living for Christ!**



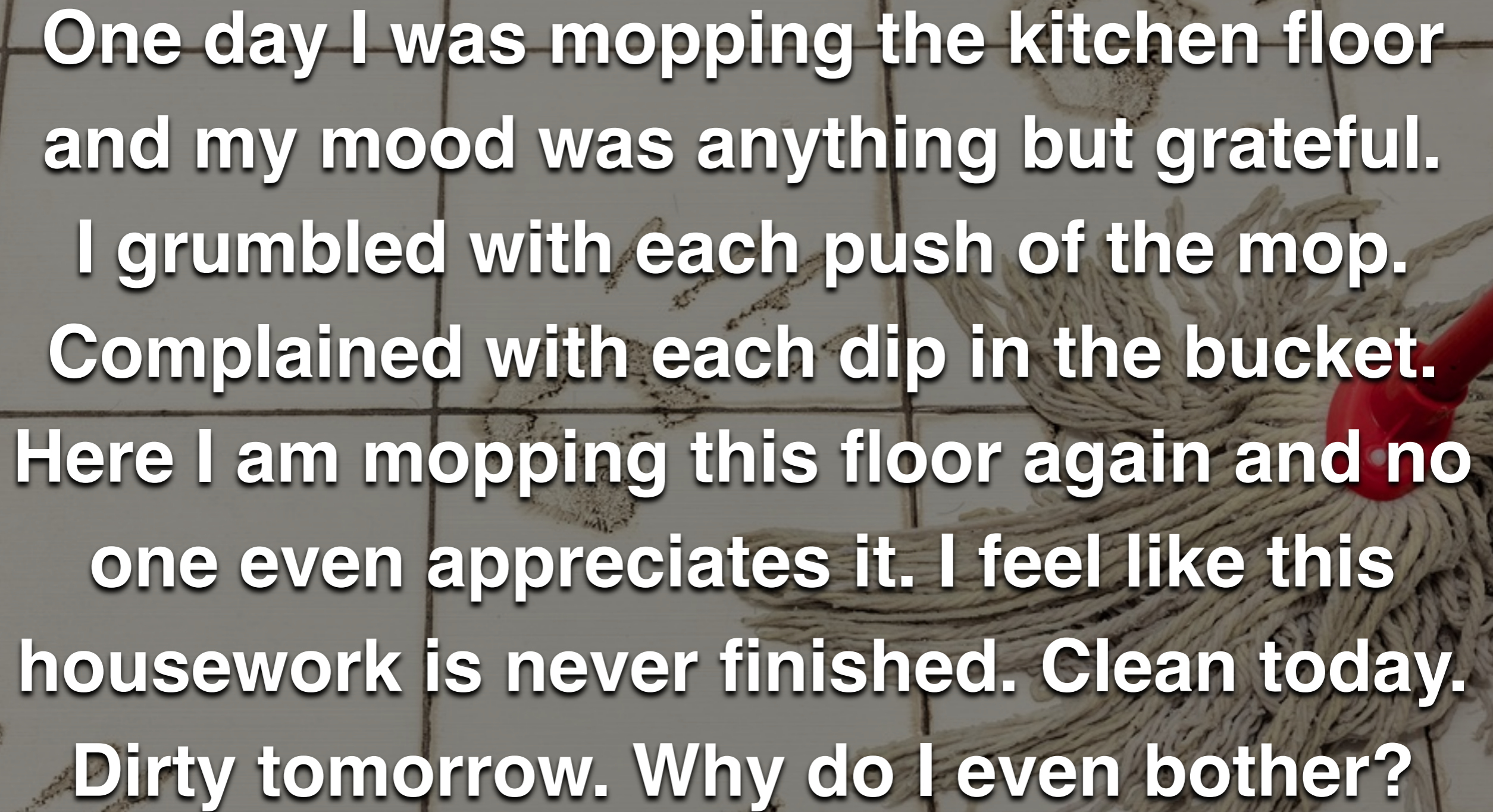
**Whatever you do,
work heartily, as for the
Lord and not for men,
knowing that from the
Lord you will receive
the inheritance as your
reward. You are serving
the Lord Christ.**

The Apostle Paul
— 2 Corinthians 5:6-8 —

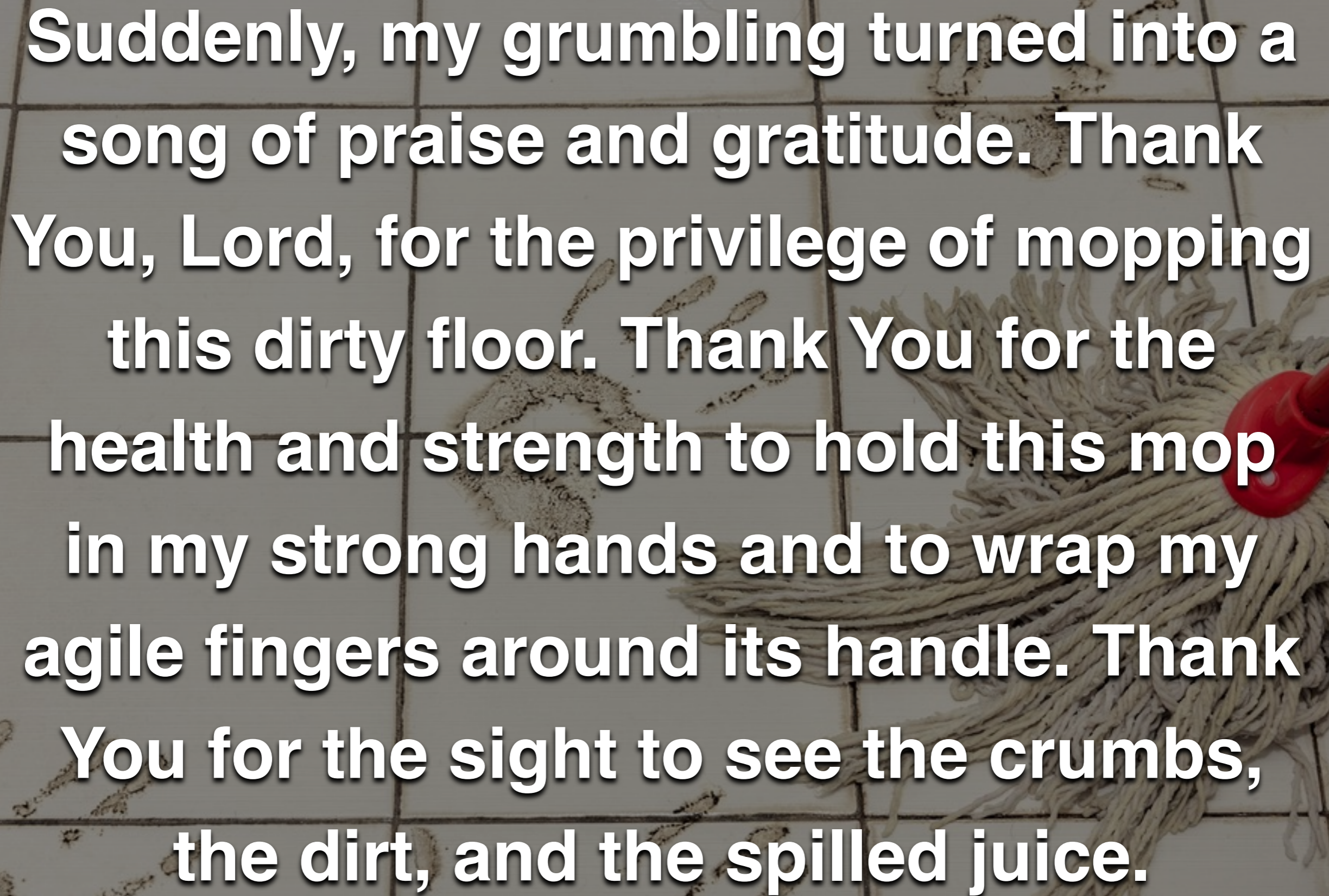


**“Thank God For
My Muddy Floor”
by Sharon Jaynes**

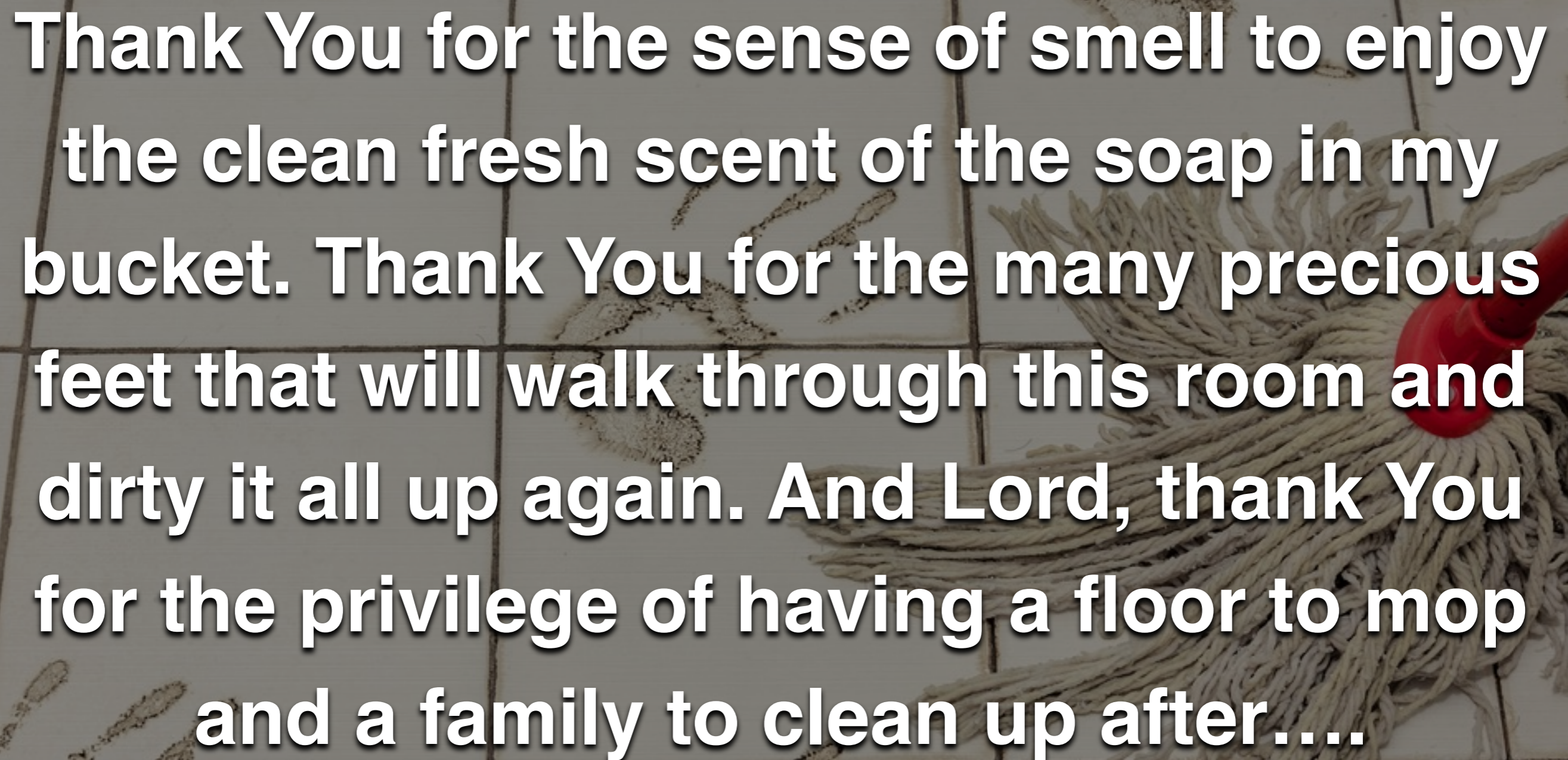


A mop with a red handle and white fibers is positioned on a light-colored tiled floor. The floor has some dark, smudged marks. The text is overlaid in white with a black outline, centered on the image.

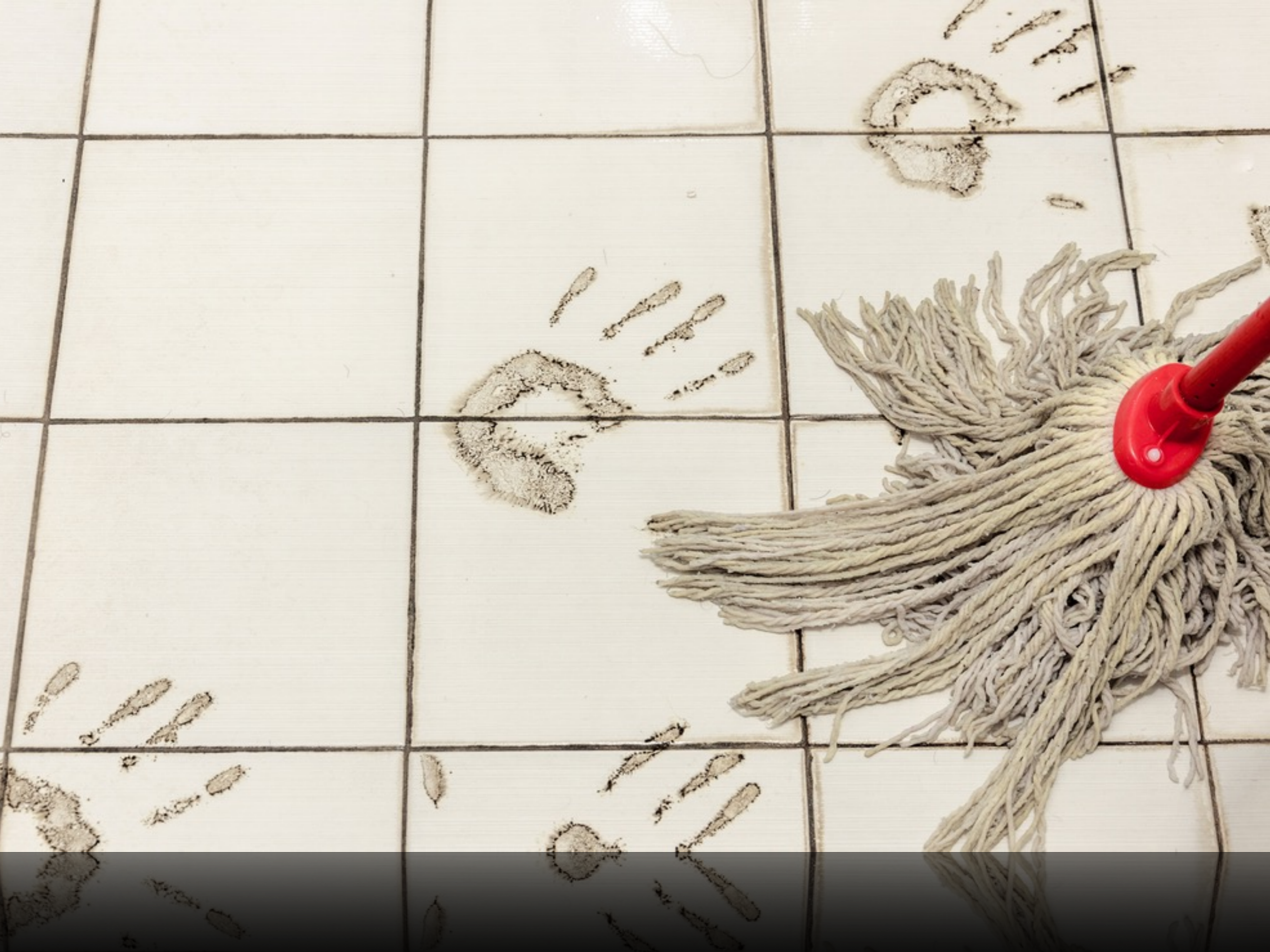
**One day I was mopping the kitchen floor
and my mood was anything but grateful.
I grumbled with each push of the mop.
Complained with each dip in the bucket.
Here I am mopping this floor again and no
one even appreciates it. I feel like this
housework is never finished. Clean today.
Dirty tomorrow. Why do I even bother?**

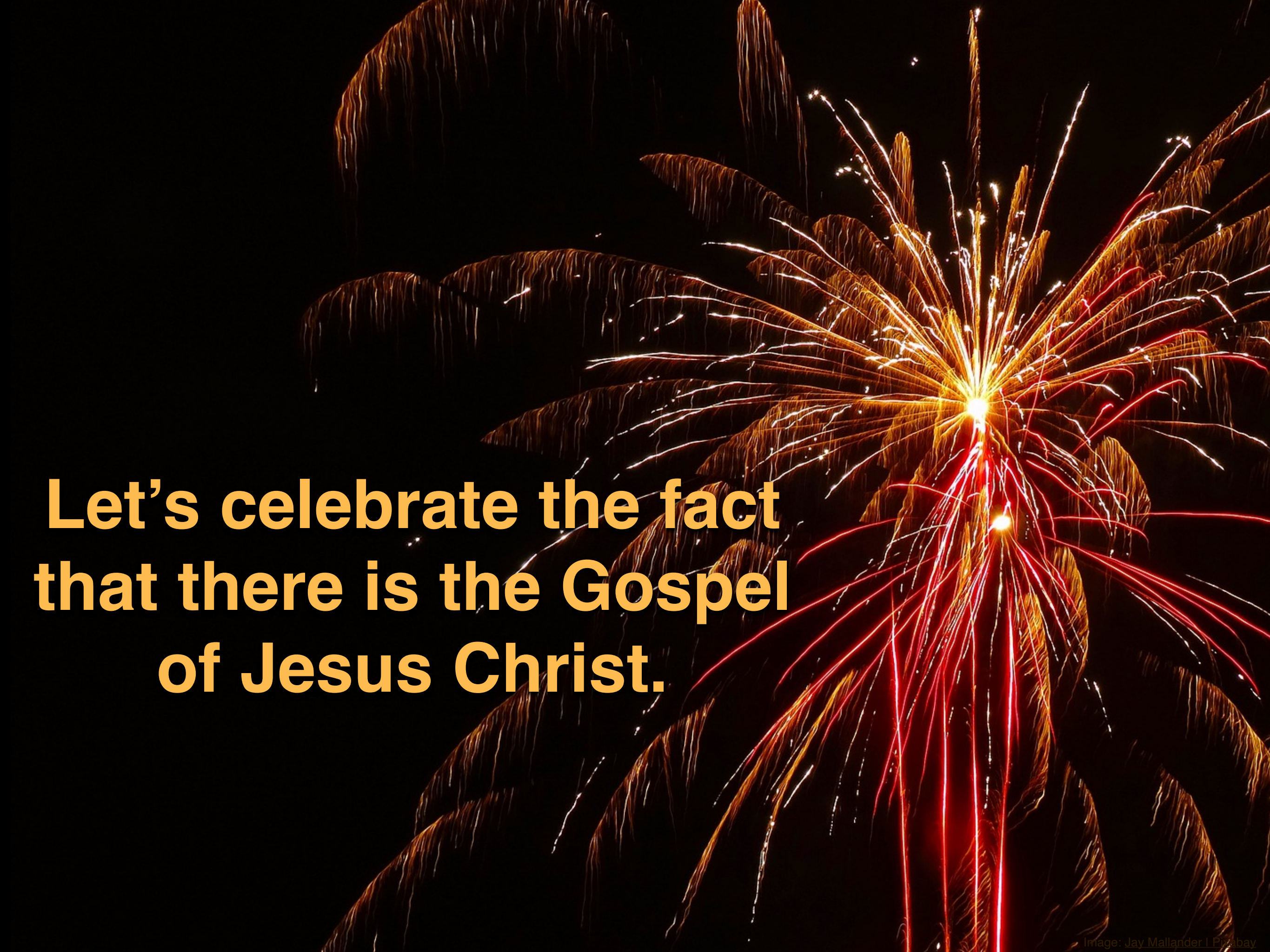
A mop with a red handle and white fibers is positioned on a tiled floor. The floor is covered in various stains, including what appears to be spilled juice and dirt. The text is overlaid on the image in a white, bold, sans-serif font with a slight shadow effect.

Suddenly, my grumbling turned into a song of praise and gratitude. Thank You, Lord, for the privilege of mopping this dirty floor. Thank You for the health and strength to hold this mop in my strong hands and to wrap my agile fingers around its handle. Thank You for the sight to see the crumbs, the dirt, and the spilled juice.

A mop with a red handle and white fibers lies on a light-colored tiled floor. The floor has some dark, smudged marks. A dark, semi-transparent rectangular overlay covers the bottom portion of the image, containing white text.

**Thank You for the sense of smell to enjoy
the clean fresh scent of the soap in my
bucket. Thank You for the many precious
feet that will walk through this room and
dirty it all up again. And Lord, thank You
for the privilege of having a floor to mop
and a family to clean up after....**






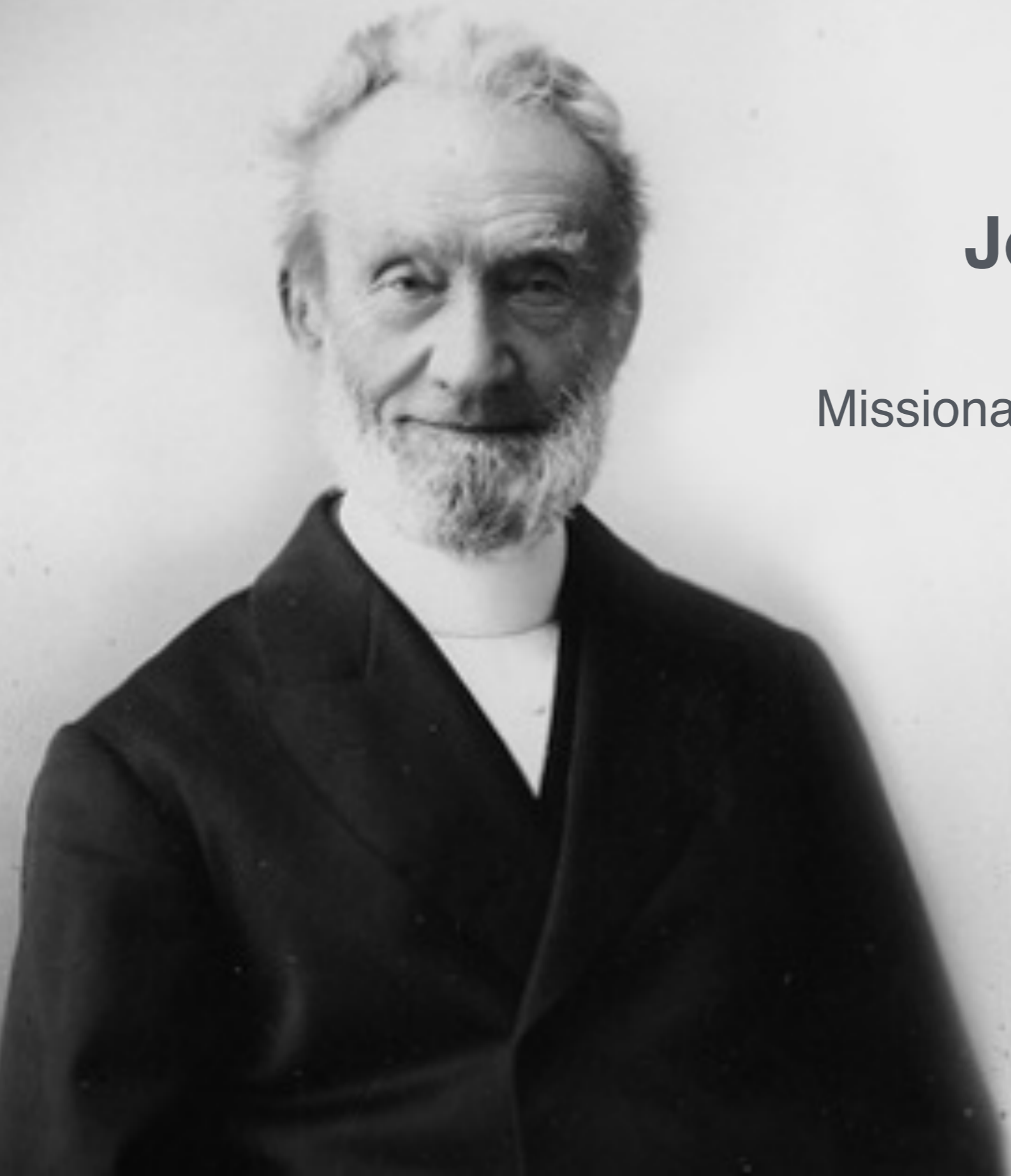
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**Let's dedicate our lives
to living for Christ!**



A white candle in a white holder is shown at the bottom left. A plume of white smoke rises from the candle, swirling and drifting upwards against a solid black background. The smoke is captured in a way that shows its delicate, ethereal texture.

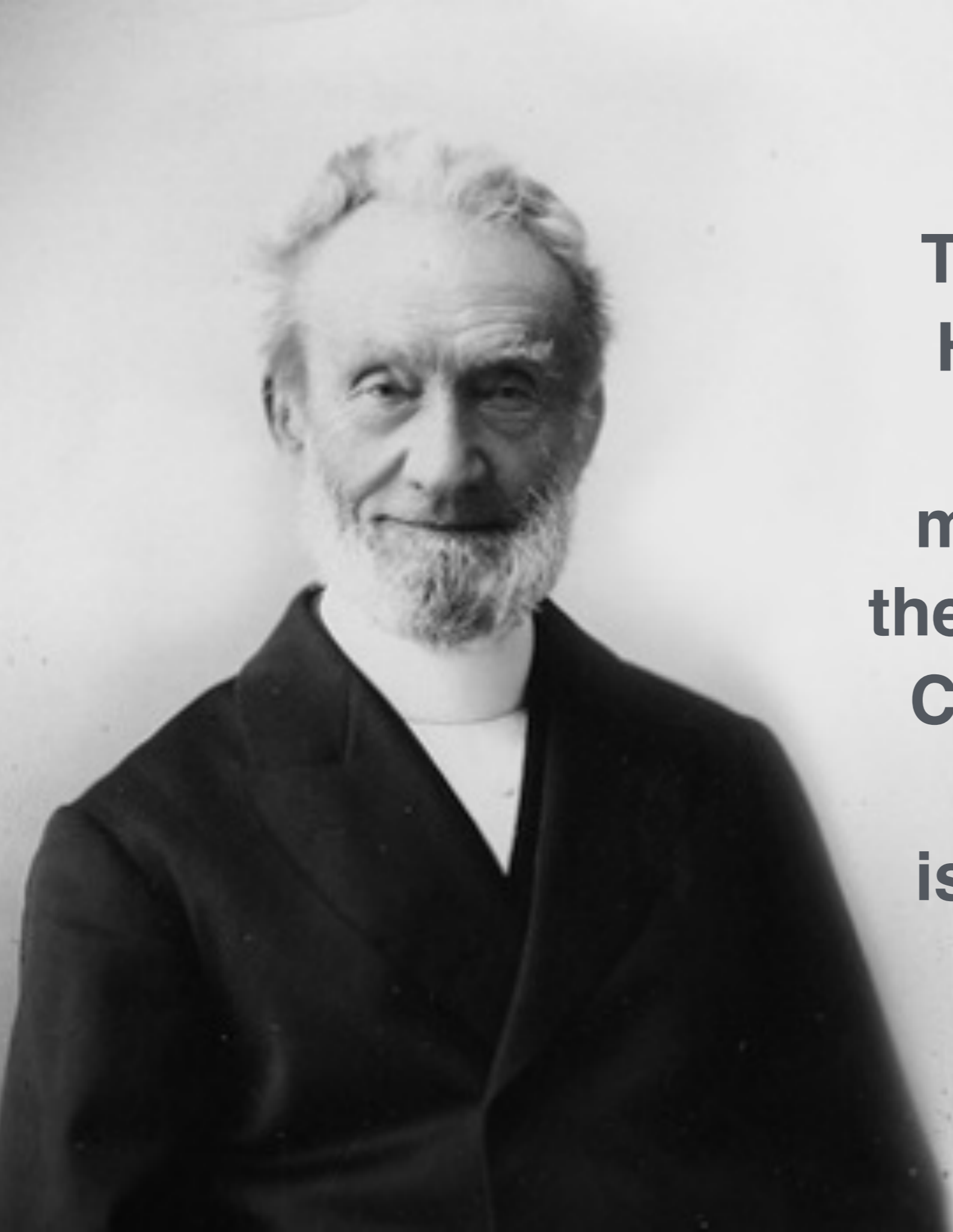
**Let's be prepared
to die for Christ
if necessary.**



John G. Paton

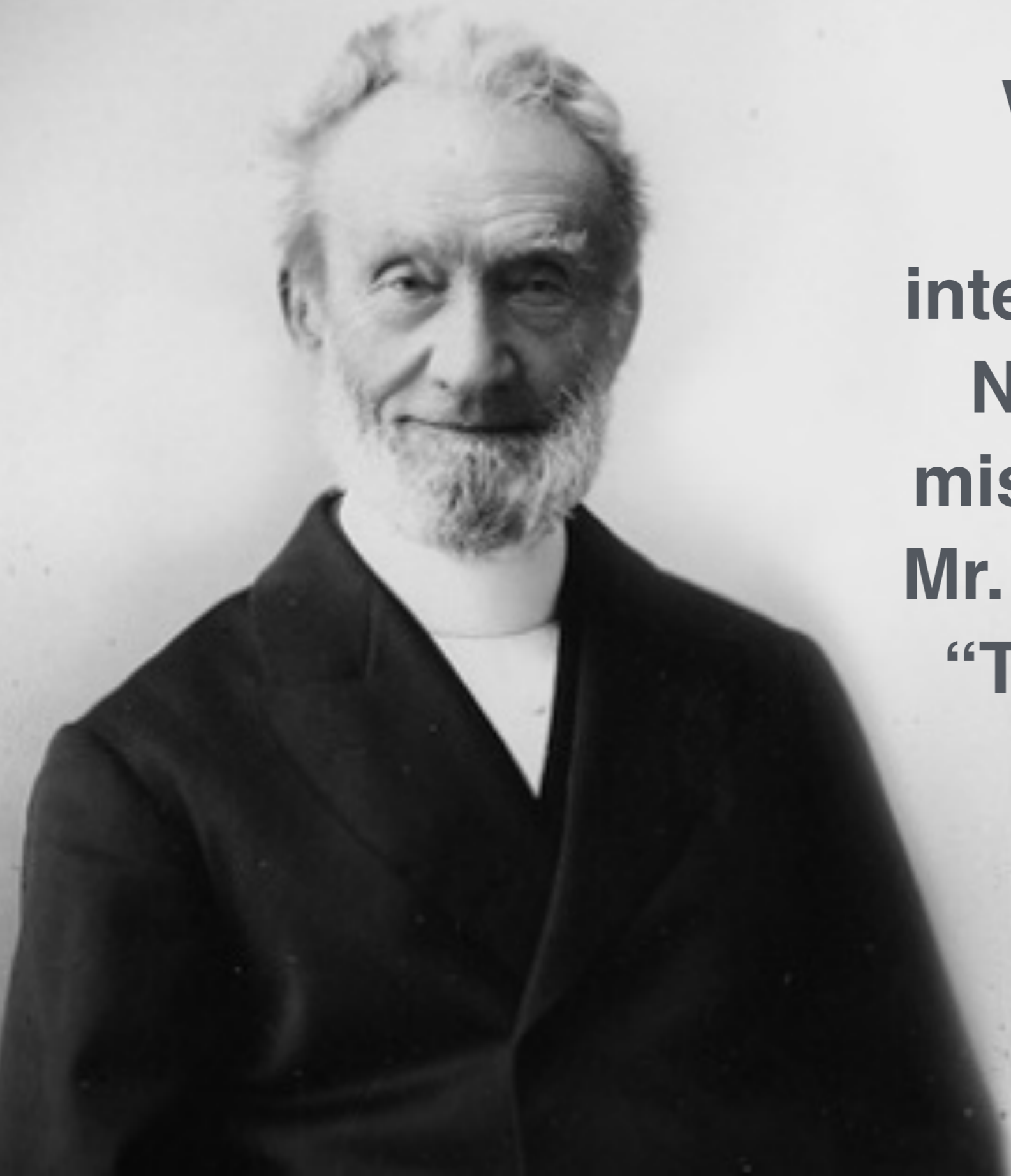
1824-1907

Missionary to New Hebrides Islands

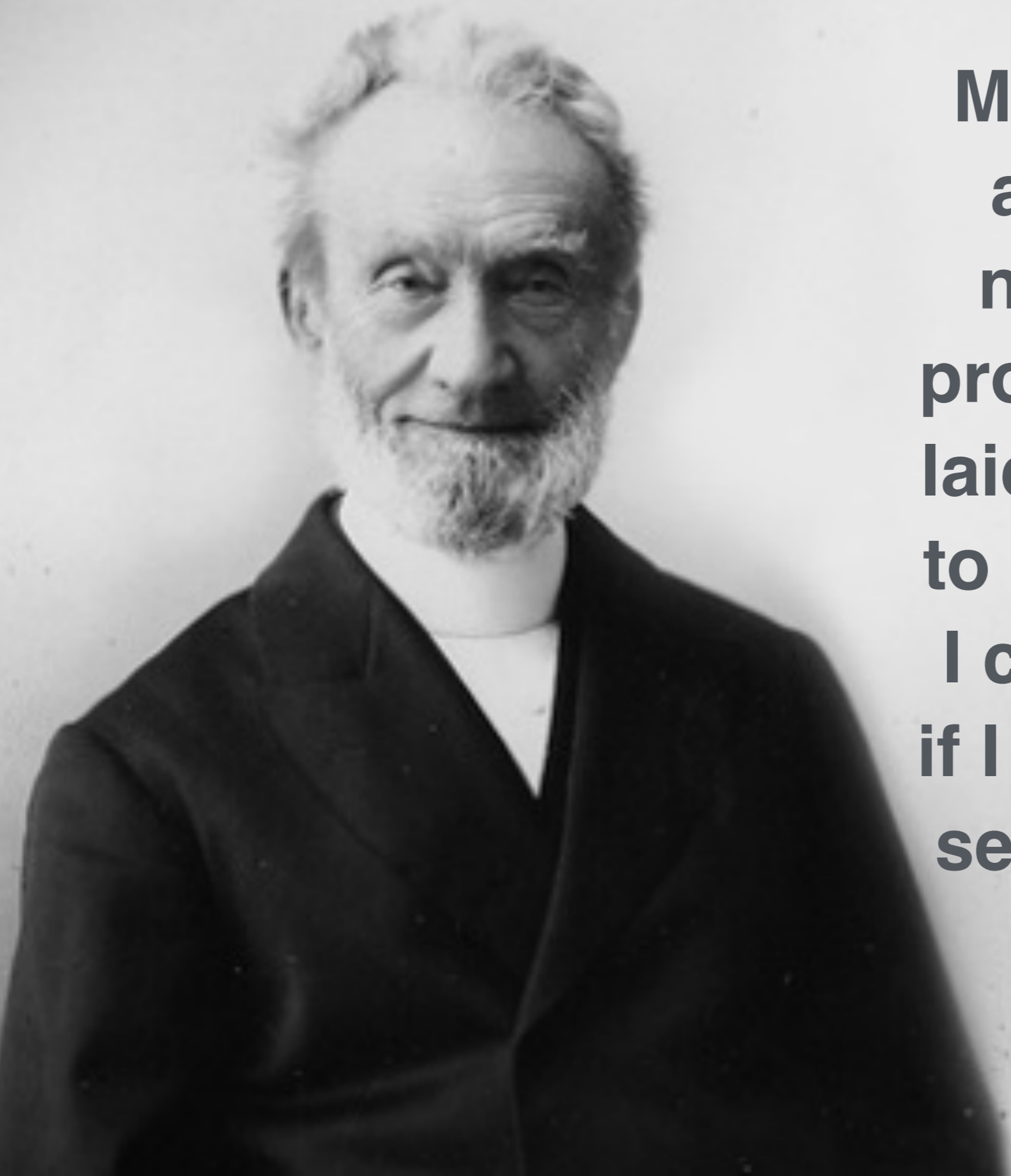


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Thus were the New Hebrides baptized with the blood of martyrs; and Christ thereby told the whole Christian world that he claimed these islands as His own.

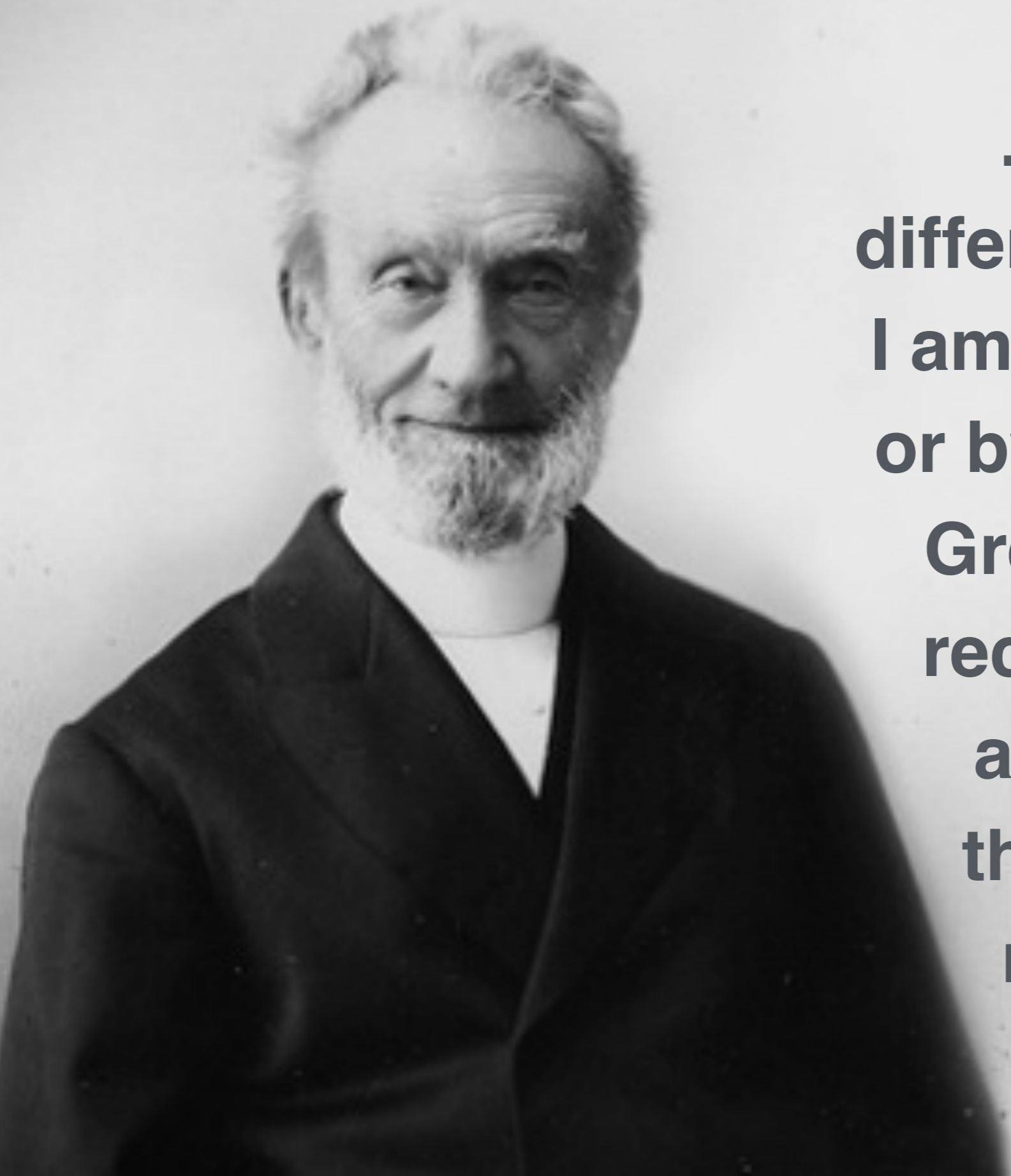


**When Paton was
announcing his
intentions to serve the
New Hebrides as a
missionary, an elderly
Mr. Dickson protested,
“The cannibals! You
will be eaten by
cannibals!”**



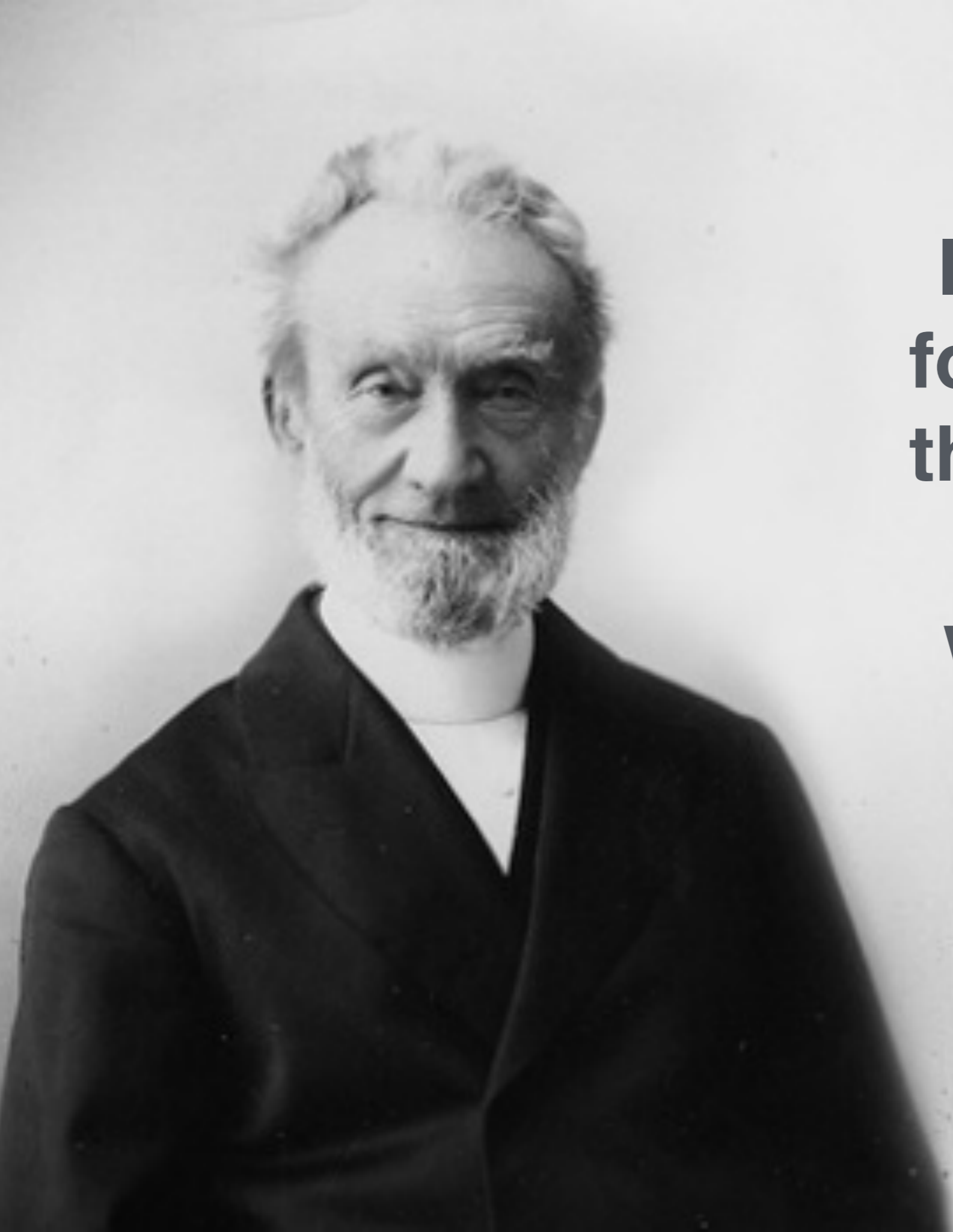
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Mr. Dickson, you are advanced in years now, and your own prospect is soon to be laid in the grave, there to be eaten by worms; I confess to you, that if I can but live and die serving and honoring the Lord Jesus,



“

...it will make no difference to me whether I am eaten by Cannibals or by worms; and in the Great Day my Resurrection body will rise as fair as yours in the likeness of our risen Redeemer.




“

**I claimed Aniwa
for Jesus, and by
the grace of God,
Aniwa now
worships at the
Savior's feet.**

**If we live, we live
to the Lord; and if
we die, we die
to the Lord.
For this reason,
Christ died and
returned to life
so that He might
be the Lord of the
living and the dead.**



The Apostle Paul
— Romans 14:8-9 —

A close-up photograph of a hand holding a lit sparkler. The sparkler is bright and glowing, with many sparks flying out. The background is dark, suggesting a night sky. The text is overlaid on the lower half of the image.

**May God grant you
the grace to truly say,
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