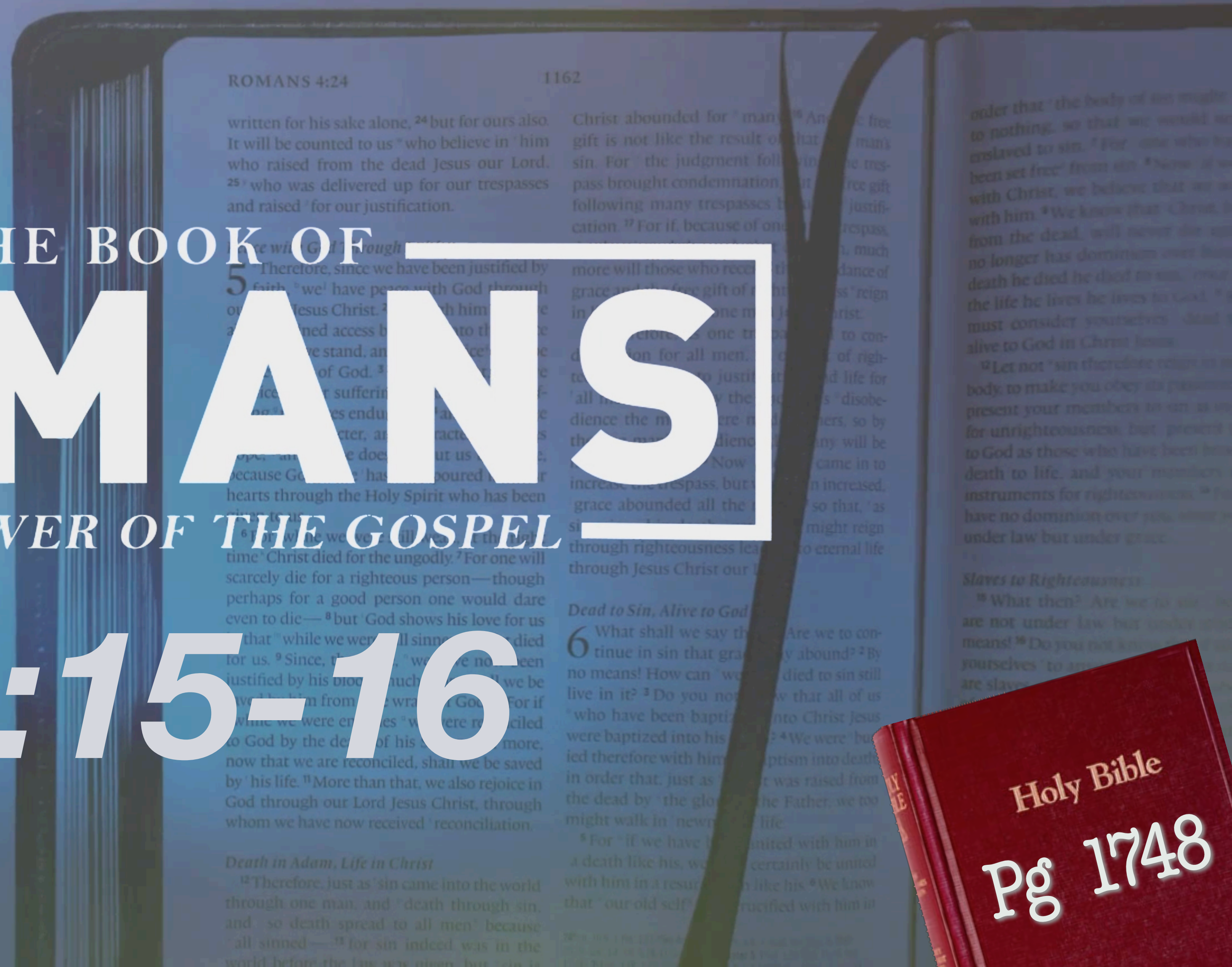


THE BOOK OF ROMANS THE POWER OF THE GOSPEL

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1 Corinthians 12:20,27

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James 3:13

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Job 2:11-12

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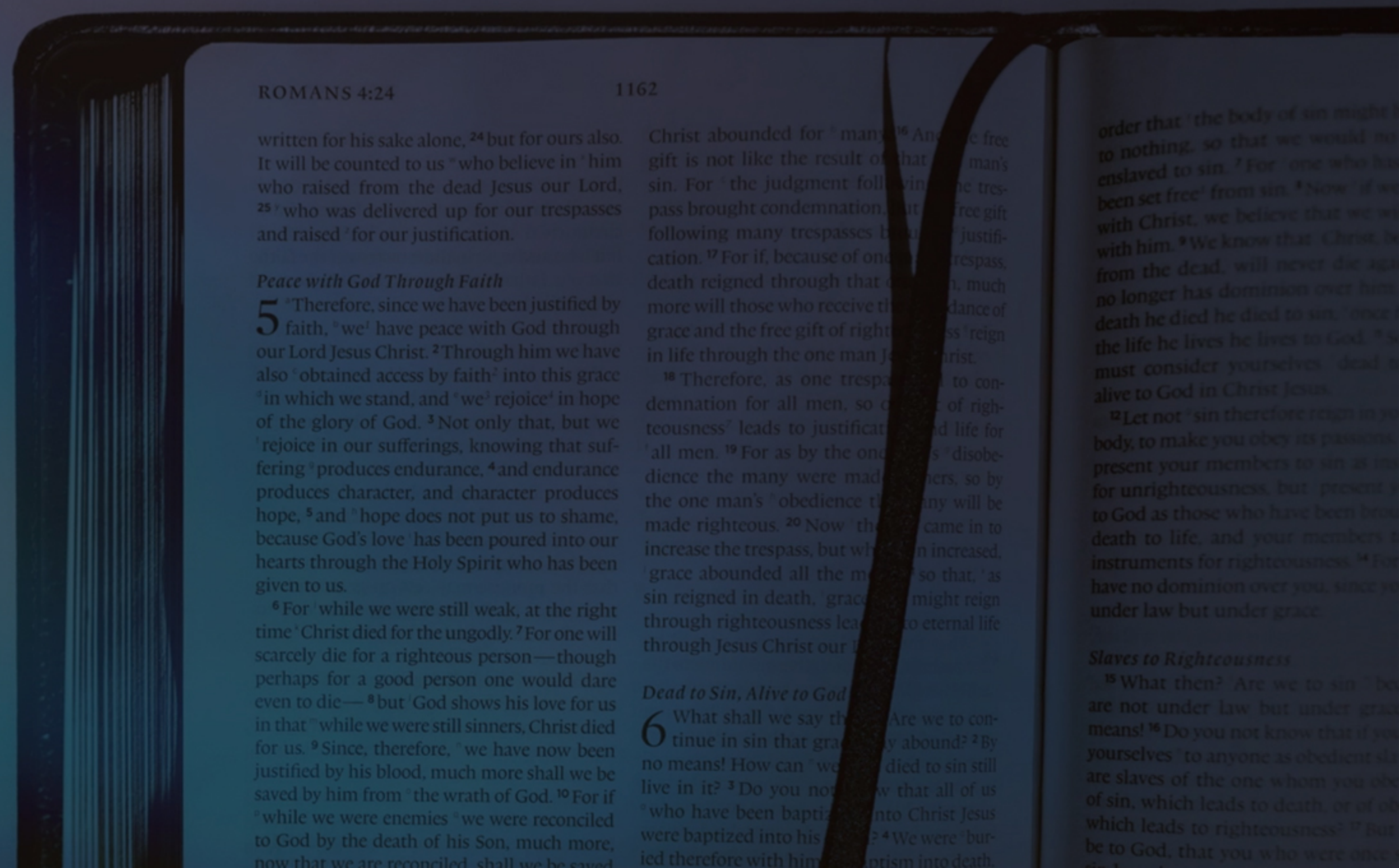
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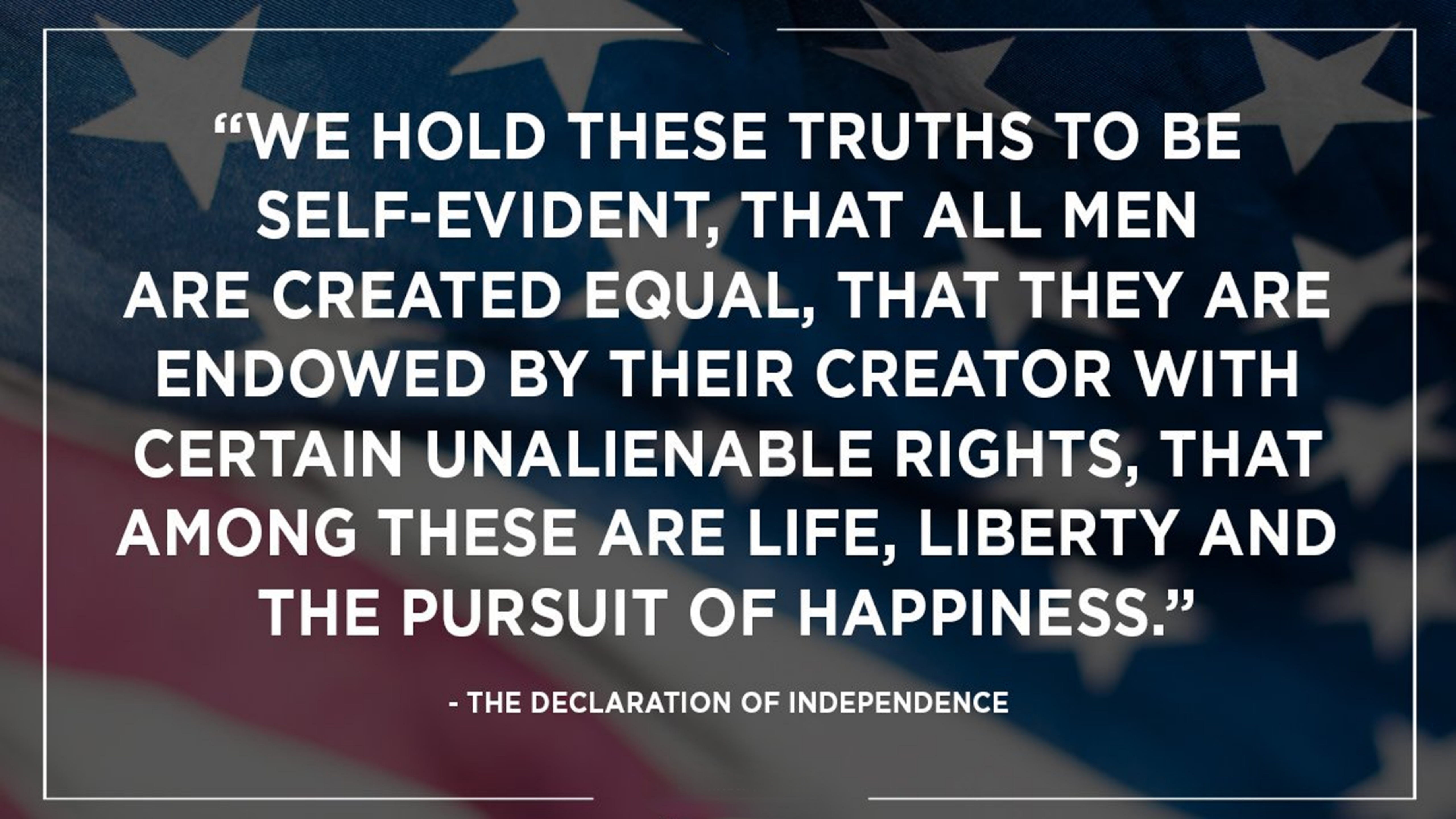
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1 Peter 3:8

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Ephesians 4:1-3

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James 2:1

For if there should come into your assembly a man with gold rings, in fine apparel, and there should also come in a poor man in filthy clothes,

James 2:2

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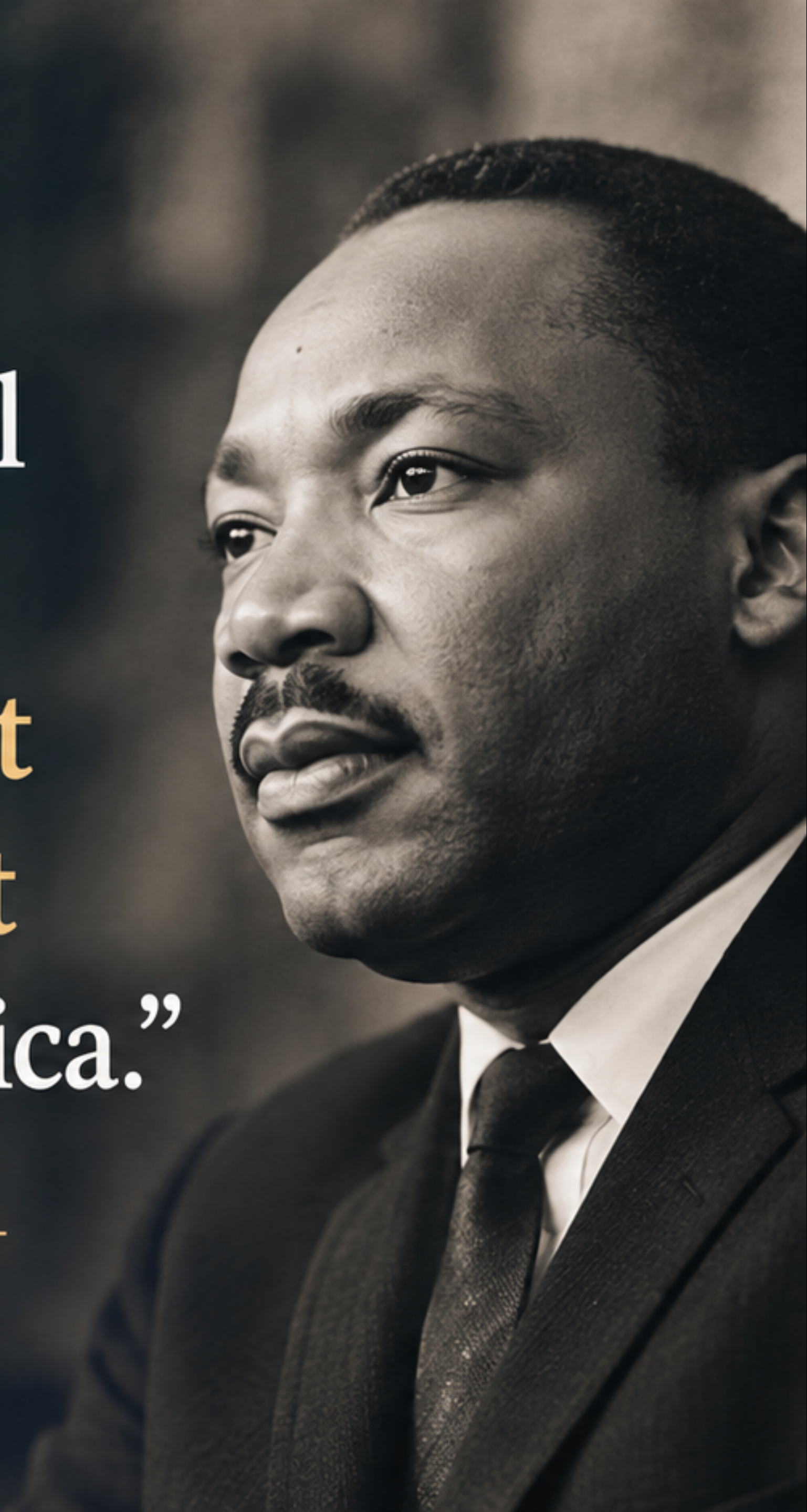
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Luke 14:8

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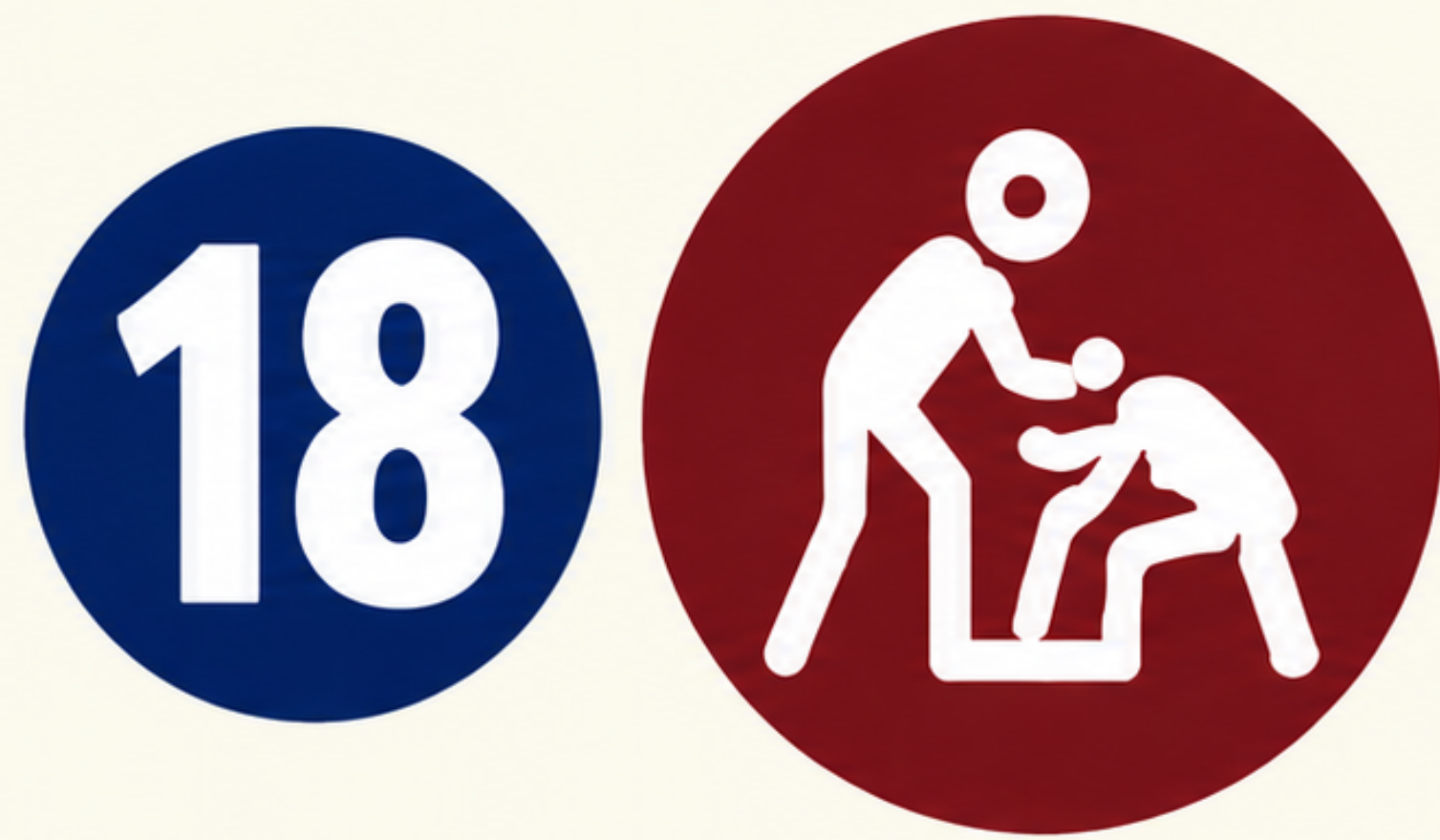
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1 Peter 5:6



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Proverbs 3:7

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1 Corinthians 3:18

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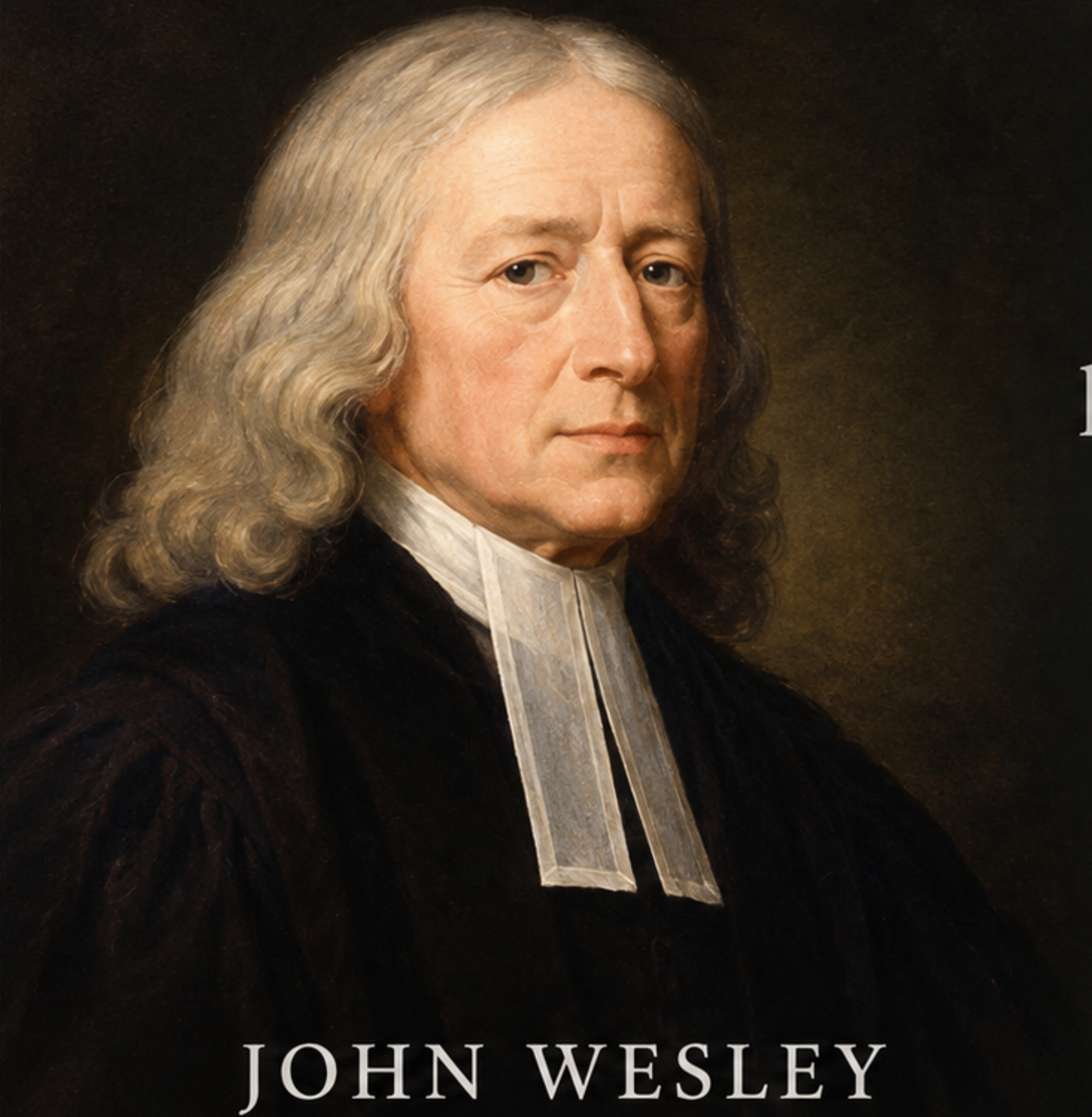
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JOHN WESLEY

— 1703 – 1791 —

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| <p>5  In honor giving preference to one another. (Romans 12:10)</p> | <p>10  Patient in tribulation. (Romans 12:12)</p> | <p>15  Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. (Romans 12:15)</p> | <p>20  Repay no one evil for evil. (Romans 12:17)</p> | <p>25  Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good. (Romans 12:21)</p> |



Let love be without hypocrisy. ~ ROMANS 12:9

written for his sake alone,²⁴ but for ours also. It will be counted to us²⁵ who believe in²⁶ him who raised from the dead Jesus our Lord,²⁵ who was delivered up for our trespasses and raised²⁷ for our justification.

Peace with God Through Faith

5 Therefore, since we have been justified by faith,¹ we² have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.² Through him we have also³ obtained access by faith² into this grace³ in which we stand, and⁴ we³ rejoice⁴ in hope of the glory of God.³ Not only that, but we⁴ rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering⁵ produces endurance,⁴ and endurance produces character, and character produces hope,⁵ and⁶ hope does not put us to shame, because God's love⁷ has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us.

⁶ For⁷ while we were still weak, at the right time⁸ Christ died for the ungodly.⁷ For one will scarcely die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person one would dare even to die—⁸ but⁹ God shows his love for us in that⁹ while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.⁹ Since, therefore,¹⁰ we have now been justified by his blood, much more shall we be saved by him from¹¹ the wrath of God.¹⁰ For if¹¹ while we were enemies¹² we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, now that we are reconciled, shall we be saved

Christ abounded for¹³ many.¹⁶ And the free gift is not like the result of that¹⁴ one man's sin. For¹⁵ the judgment following¹⁵ the trespass brought condemnation, but¹⁶ the free gift following many trespasses brought¹⁷ justification.¹⁷ For if, because of one¹⁸ man's trespass, death reigned through that¹⁹ one man, much more will those who receive the abundance of grace and the free gift of righteousness²⁰ reign in life through the one man Jesus Christ.

¹⁸ Therefore, as one trespass led to condemnation for all men, so²¹ one act of righteousness²² leads to justification and life for²³ all men.¹⁹ For as by the one²⁴ man's disobedience the many were made sinners, so by the one man's²⁵ obedience the many will be made righteous.²⁰ Now²⁶ the law came in to increase the trespass, but²⁷ where sin increased, grace²⁸ abounded all the more²⁹ so that,³⁰ as sin reigned in death, grace³¹ might reign through righteousness leading to eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Dead to Sin, Alive to God

6 What shall we say then? Are we to continue in sin that grace may abound?² By no means! How can³ we who died to sin still live in it?³ Do you not know that all of us⁴ who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death?⁴ We were⁵ buried therefore with him by baptism into death,

order that⁶ the body of sin might be brought to nothing, so that we would no longer be enslaved to sin.⁷ For⁸ one who has been set free⁹ from sin.⁸ Now⁹ if we are dead with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him.⁹ We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; no longer has dominion over him. Just as death he died he died to sin,¹⁰ once¹¹ the life he lives he lives to God.¹¹ So must consider yourselves¹² dead to sin but alive to God in Christ Jesus.

¹² Let not¹³ sin therefore reign in your mortal body, to make you obey its passions. Do not present your members to sin as instruments for unrighteousness, but present yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life, and your members as instruments for righteousness.¹⁴ For sin will have no dominion over you, since you are not under law but under grace.

Slaves to Righteousness

¹⁵ What then? Are we to sin¹⁶ because we are not under law but under grace? By no means! Do you not know that if you offer yourselves to anyone as obedient slaves, you are slaves of the one whom you obey, either of sin, which leads to death, or of obedience, which leads to righteousness?¹⁷ But thanks be to God, that you who were once slaves to sin have now become obedient from the heart to the teaching of the

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Now may the God of patience and comfort grant you to be like-minded toward one another, according to Christ Jesus, that you may with one mind and one mouth glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

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Rejoice with those who rejoice,
and weep with those who weep.
Be of the same mind toward one another.
Do not set your mind on high things,
but associate with the humble.
Do not be wise in your own opinion.

—— ROMANS 12:15–16 ——

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