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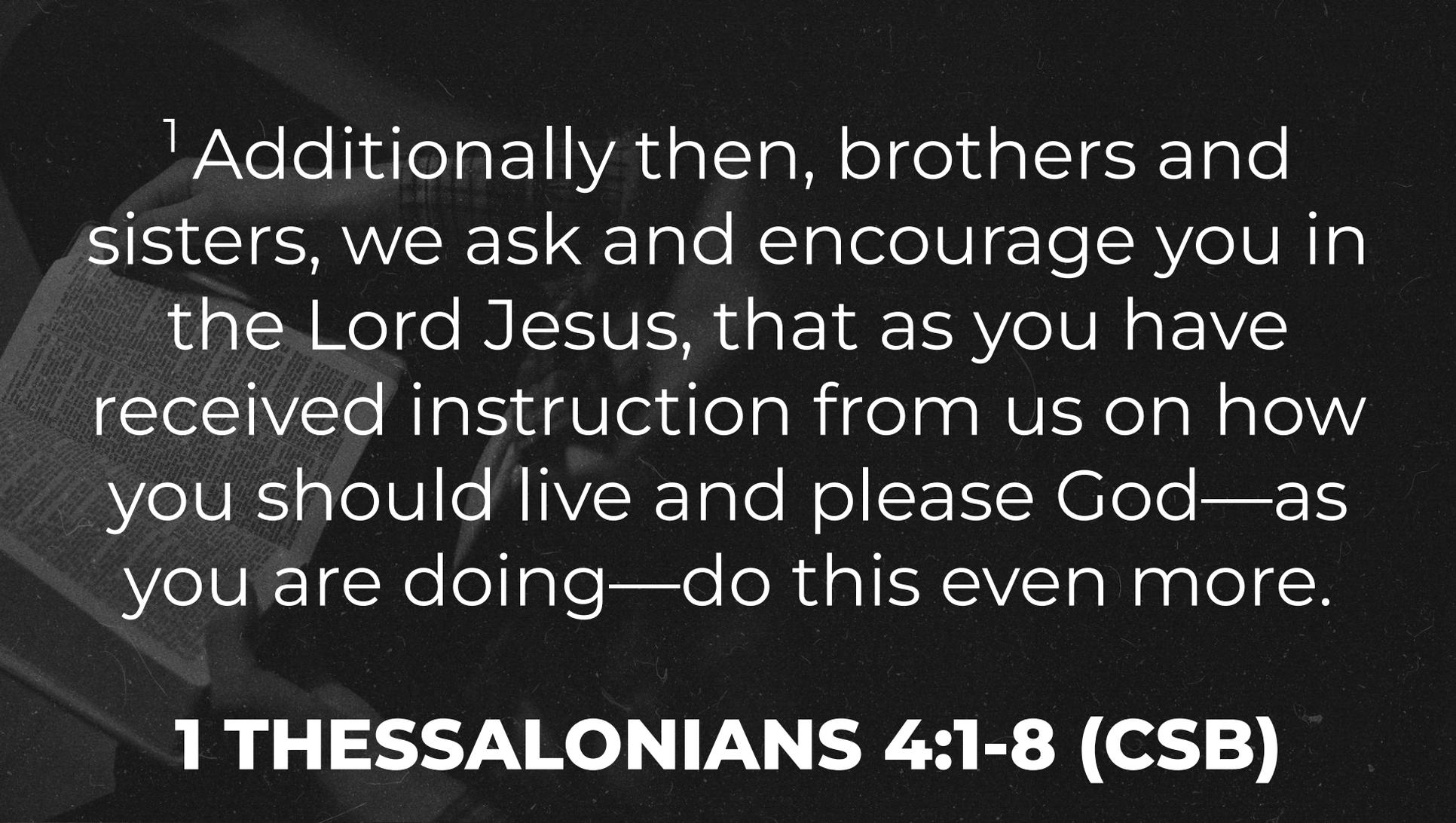
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MARANATHA: OUR LORD, COME!

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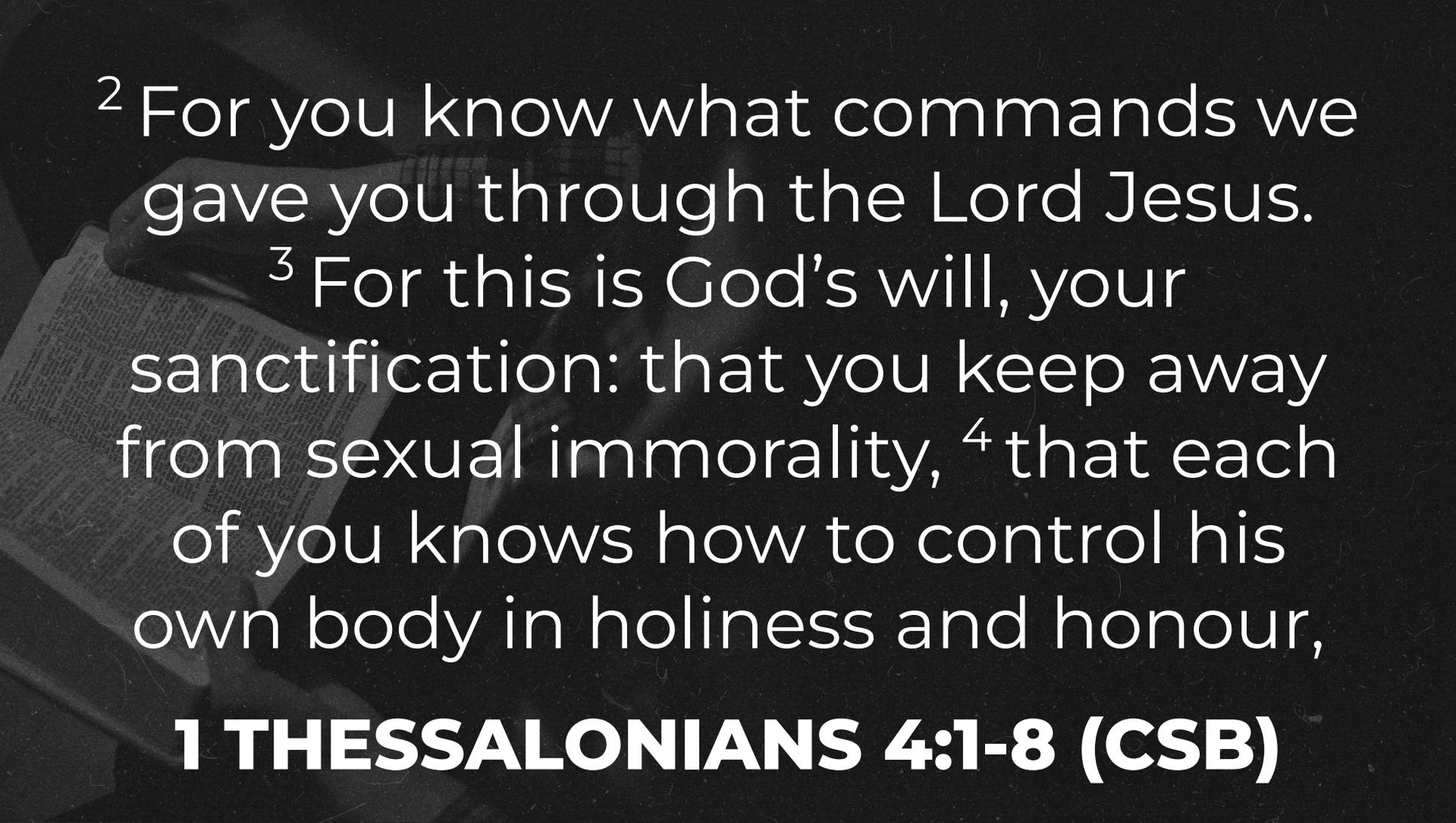
A black and white photograph of a person reading a newspaper. The person's arm, wearing a plaid sleeve, is visible on the left side, holding the newspaper. The newspaper's text is partially legible, showing columns of news. Overlaid on the right side of the image is the text "LIVING TO PLEASE GOD" in a large, bold, white serif font, arranged in two lines. The background is dark and slightly blurred, focusing attention on the person reading and the overlaid text.

LIVING TO PLEASE GOD

A person is shown reading a Bible in a dark setting. The person's hands are visible, holding the open book. The background is dark, and the text is overlaid in white. The text is a quote from the Bible, specifically 1 Thessalonians 4:1-8 (CSB).

¹ Additionally then, brothers and sisters, we ask and encourage you in the Lord Jesus, that as you have received instruction from us on how you should live and please God—as you are doing—do this even more.

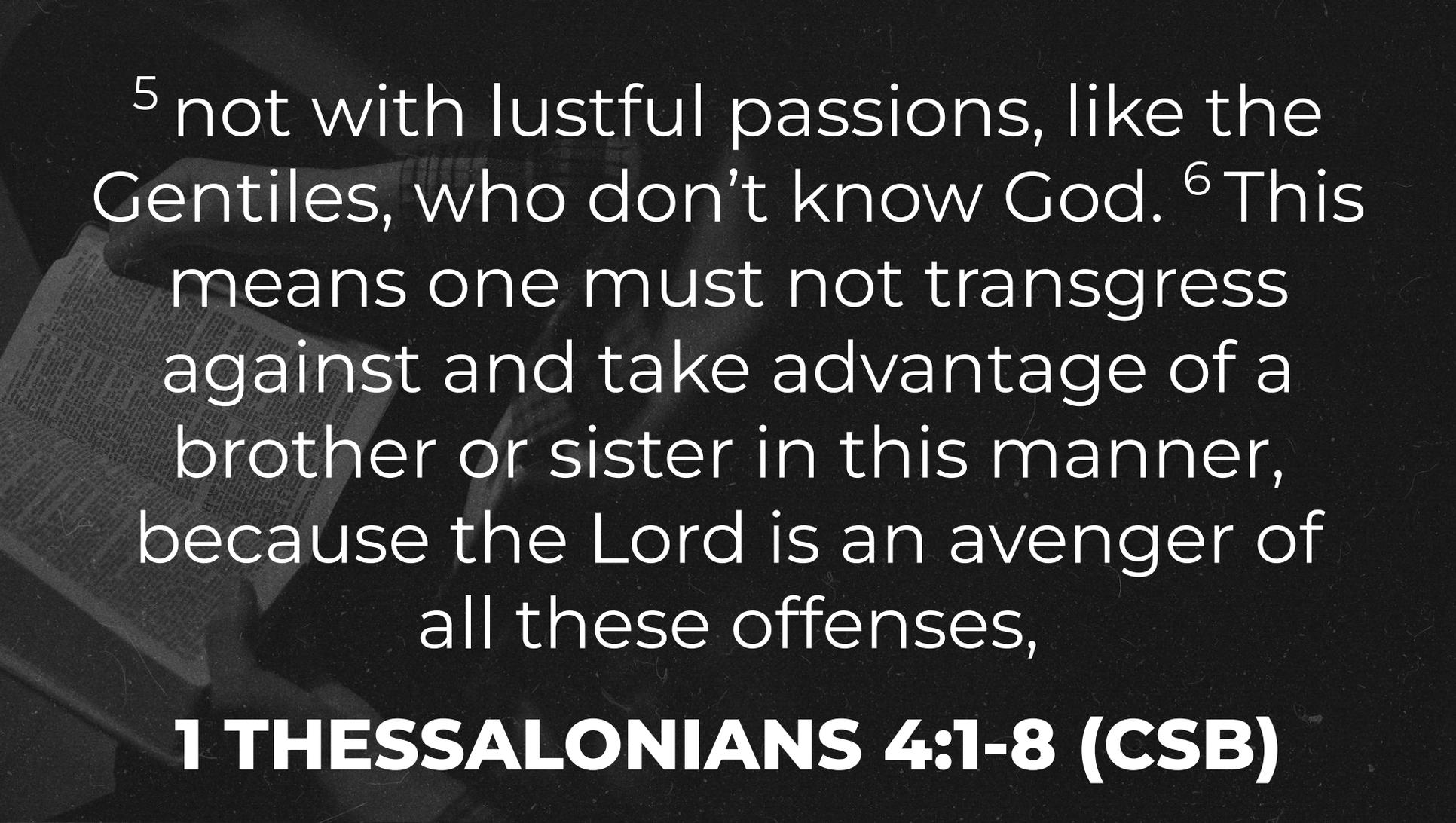
1 THESSALONIANS 4:1-8 (CSB)

A person is shown from the chest up, reading an open Bible. The person's hands are visible, holding the pages. The background is dark, and the text is overlaid in white. The text is arranged in two paragraphs, with the second paragraph starting with a superscripted '3'.

² For you know what commands we gave you through the Lord Jesus.

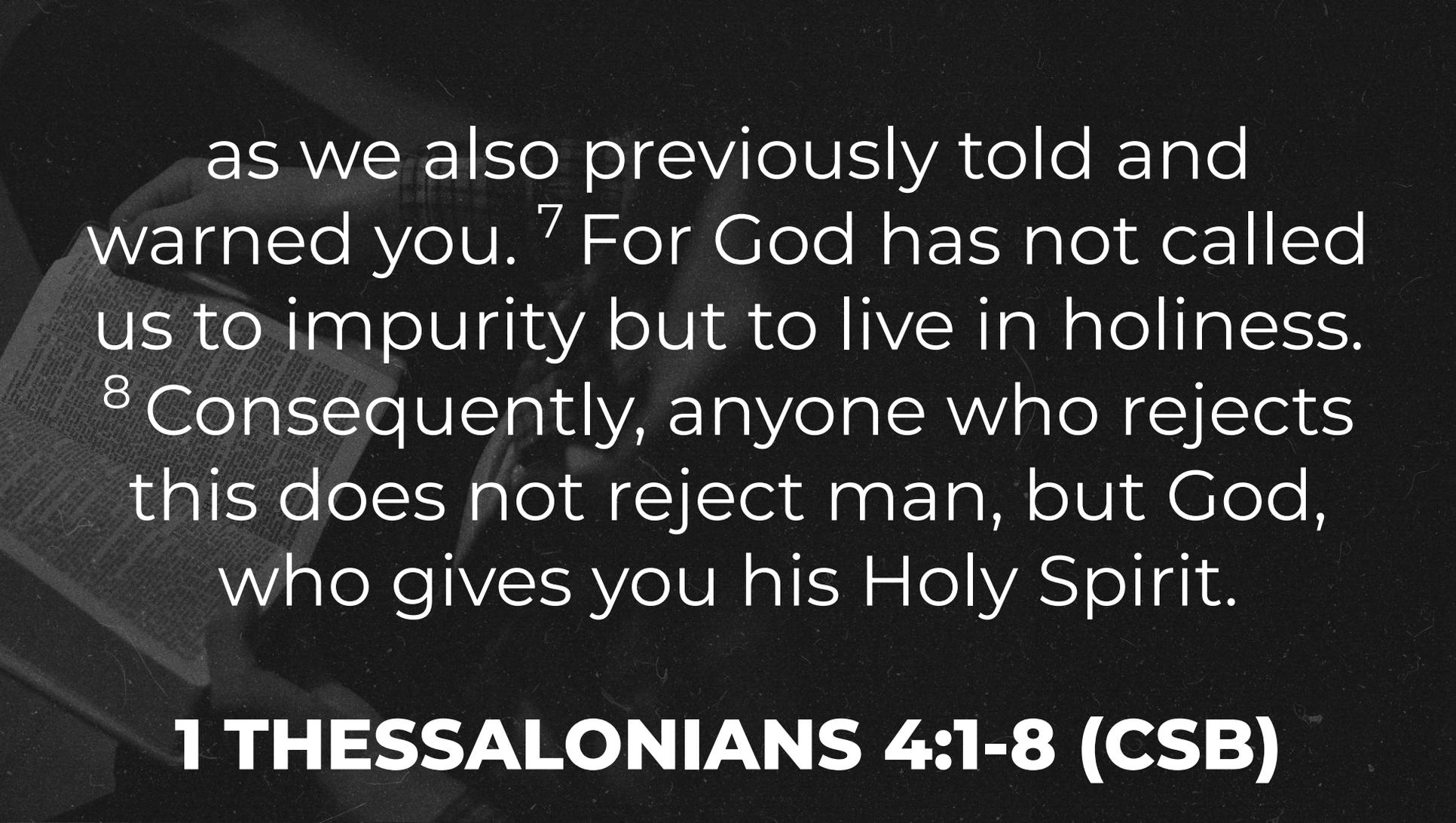
³ For this is God's will, your sanctification: that you keep away from sexual immorality, ⁴ that each of you knows how to control his own body in holiness and honour,

1 THESSALONIANS 4:1-8 (CSB)

A person is shown from the chest up, reading a Bible. The Bible is open, and the person's hands are visible. The background is dark, and the text is overlaid in white. The text is a quote from 1 Thessalonians 4:1-8 (CSB).

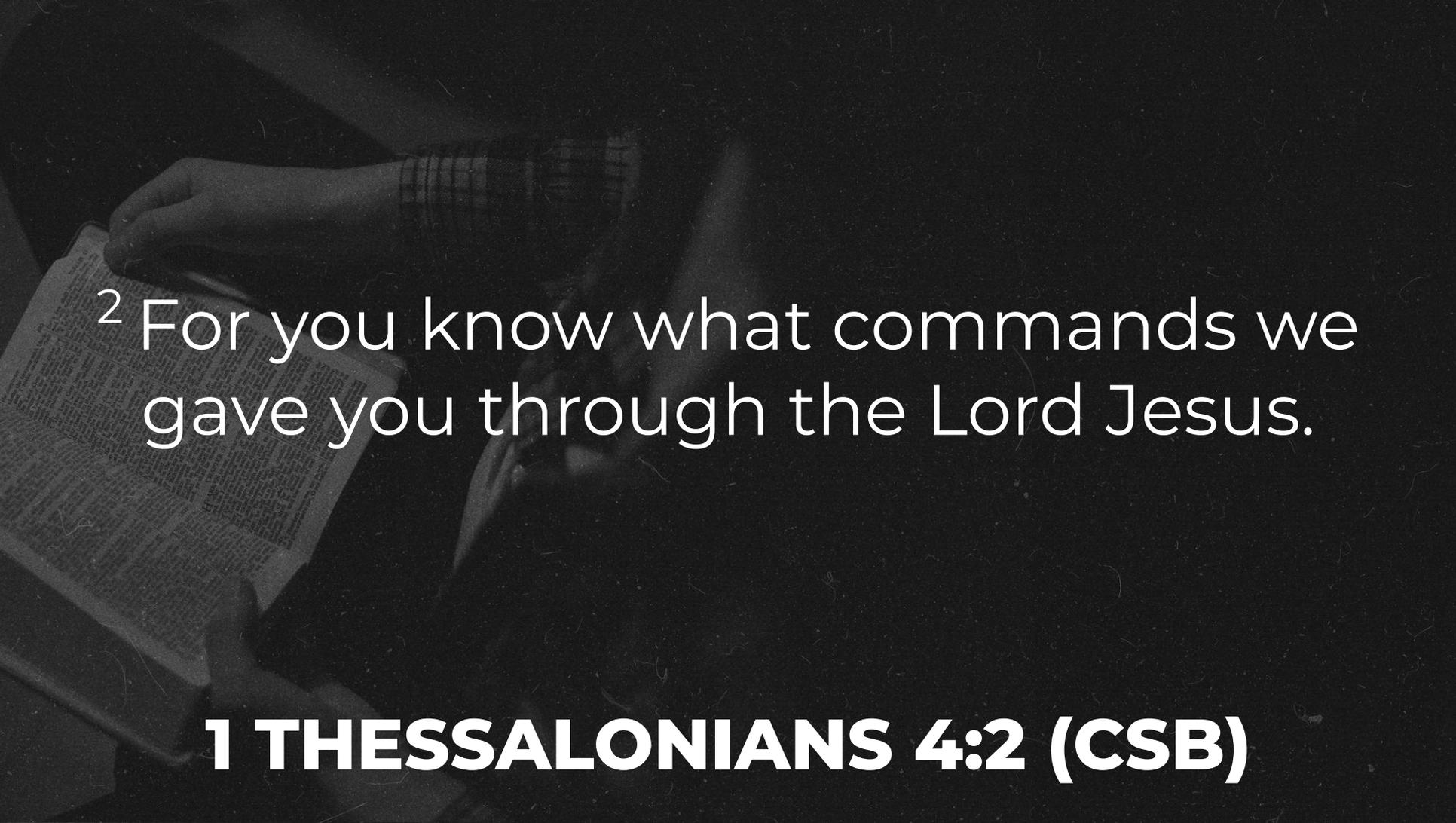
⁵ not with lustful passions, like the Gentiles, who don't know God. ⁶ This means one must not transgress against and take advantage of a brother or sister in this manner, because the Lord is an avenger of all these offenses,

1 THESSALONIANS 4:1-8 (CSB)

A person is shown from the chest up, holding an open Bible and reading. The scene is dimly lit, with the primary light source being the text on the page, which is highlighted in white. The background is dark and out of focus.

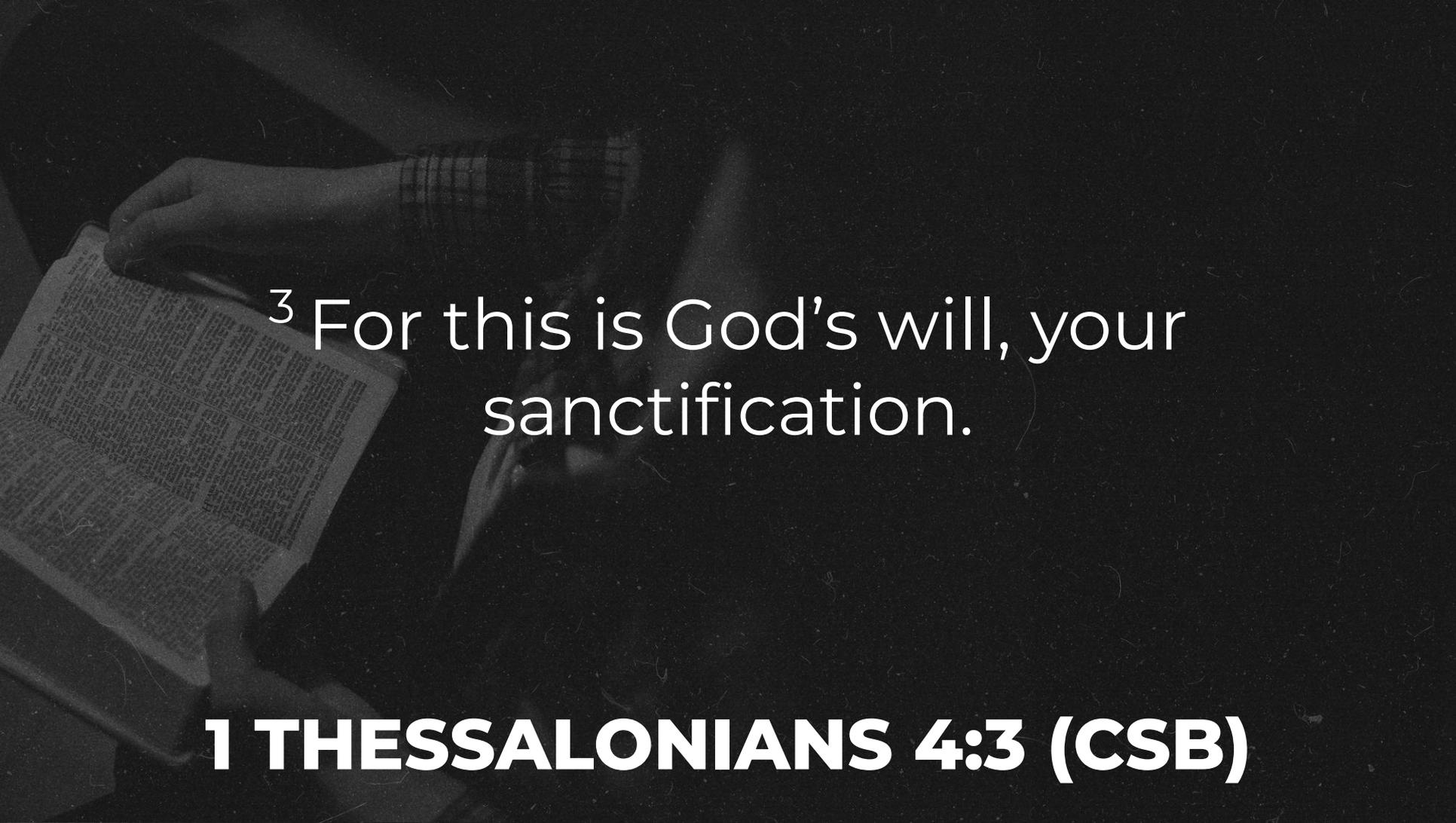
as we also previously told and warned you.⁷ For God has not called us to impurity but to live in holiness.⁸ Consequently, anyone who rejects this does not reject man, but God, who gives you his Holy Spirit.

1 THESSALONIANS 4:1-8 (CSB)

A person is shown from the chest down, wearing a plaid shirt, reading a Bible. The scene is dimly lit, with the primary light source coming from the left, highlighting the person's hands and the pages of the Bible. The background is dark and out of focus.

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1 THESSALONIANS 4:2 (CSB)

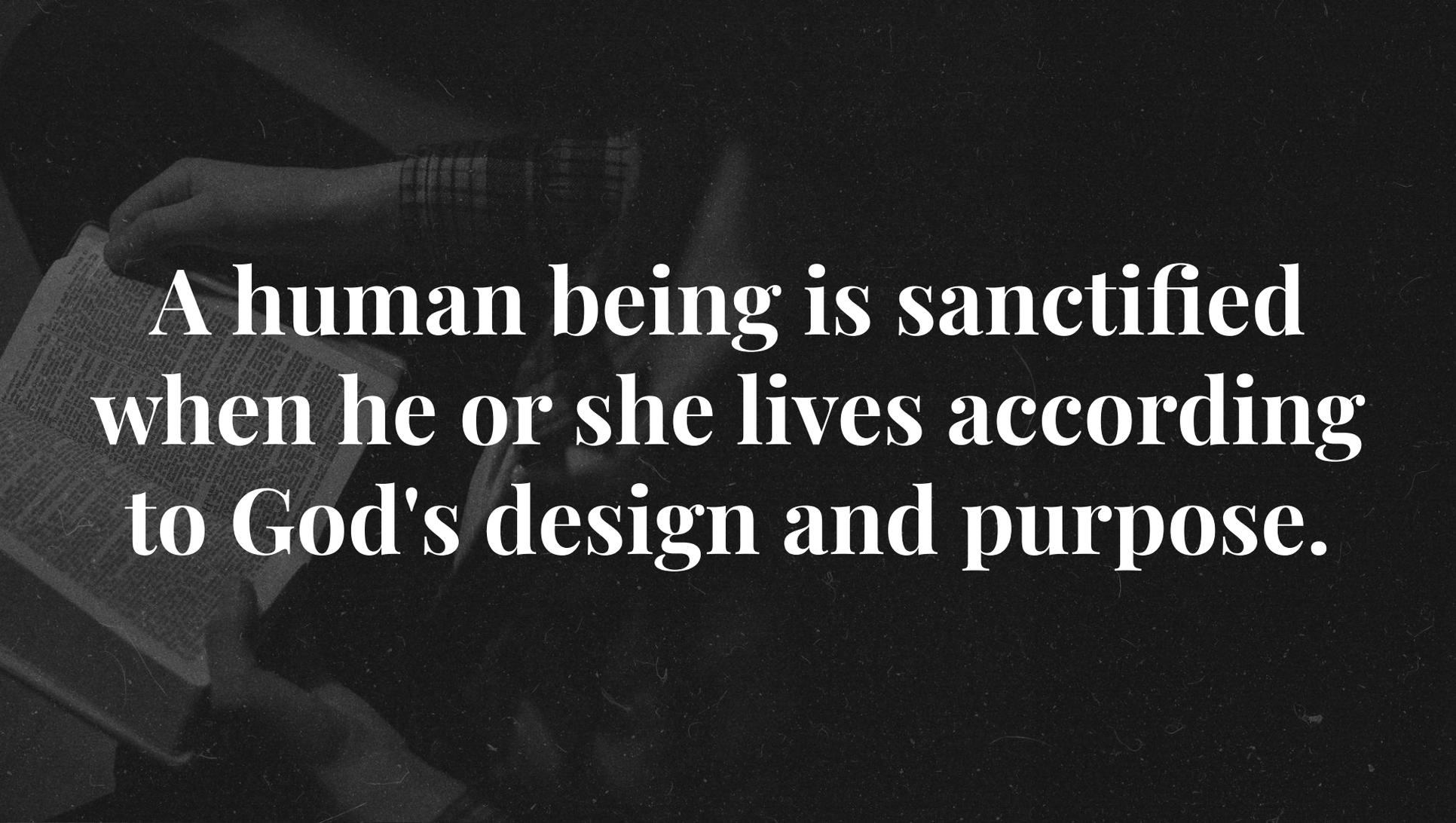
A person is shown from the chest down, wearing a plaid shirt, reading an open Bible. The scene is dimly lit, with the primary light source coming from the Bible's pages, creating a focused and contemplative atmosphere. The background is dark and out of focus.

³ For this is God's will, your
sanctification.

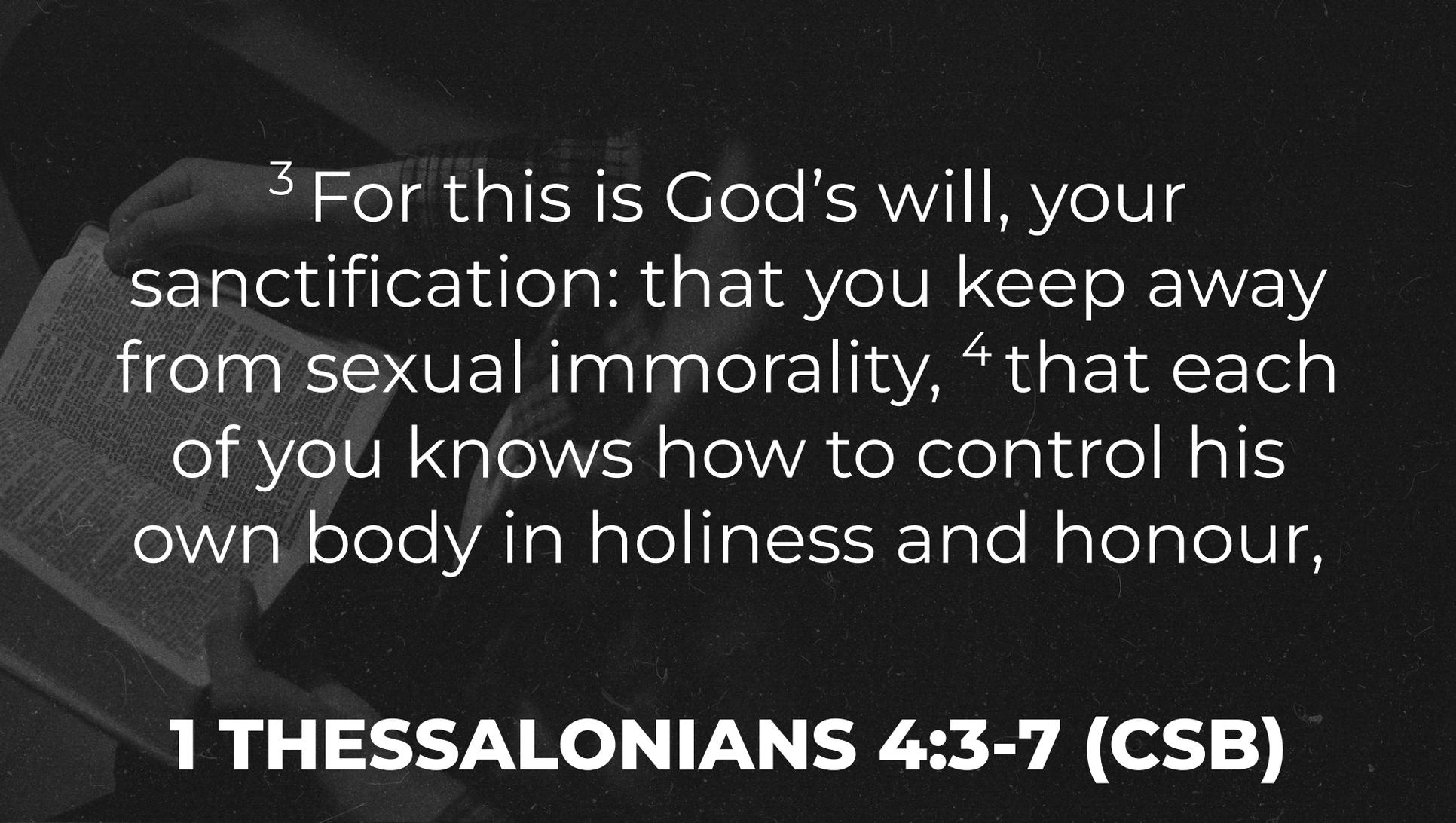
1 THESSALONIANS 4:3 (CSB)

A dark, low-key photograph of a person's hands holding and reading a newspaper. The scene is dimly lit, with the primary light source coming from the newspaper itself, which is held open on the left side of the frame. The person's hands and forearms are visible, wearing a plaid shirt. The background is almost entirely black, creating a stark contrast with the white text of the newspaper and the white text of the overlaid quote.

**Things are sanctified when
they are used for the purpose
God intends.**

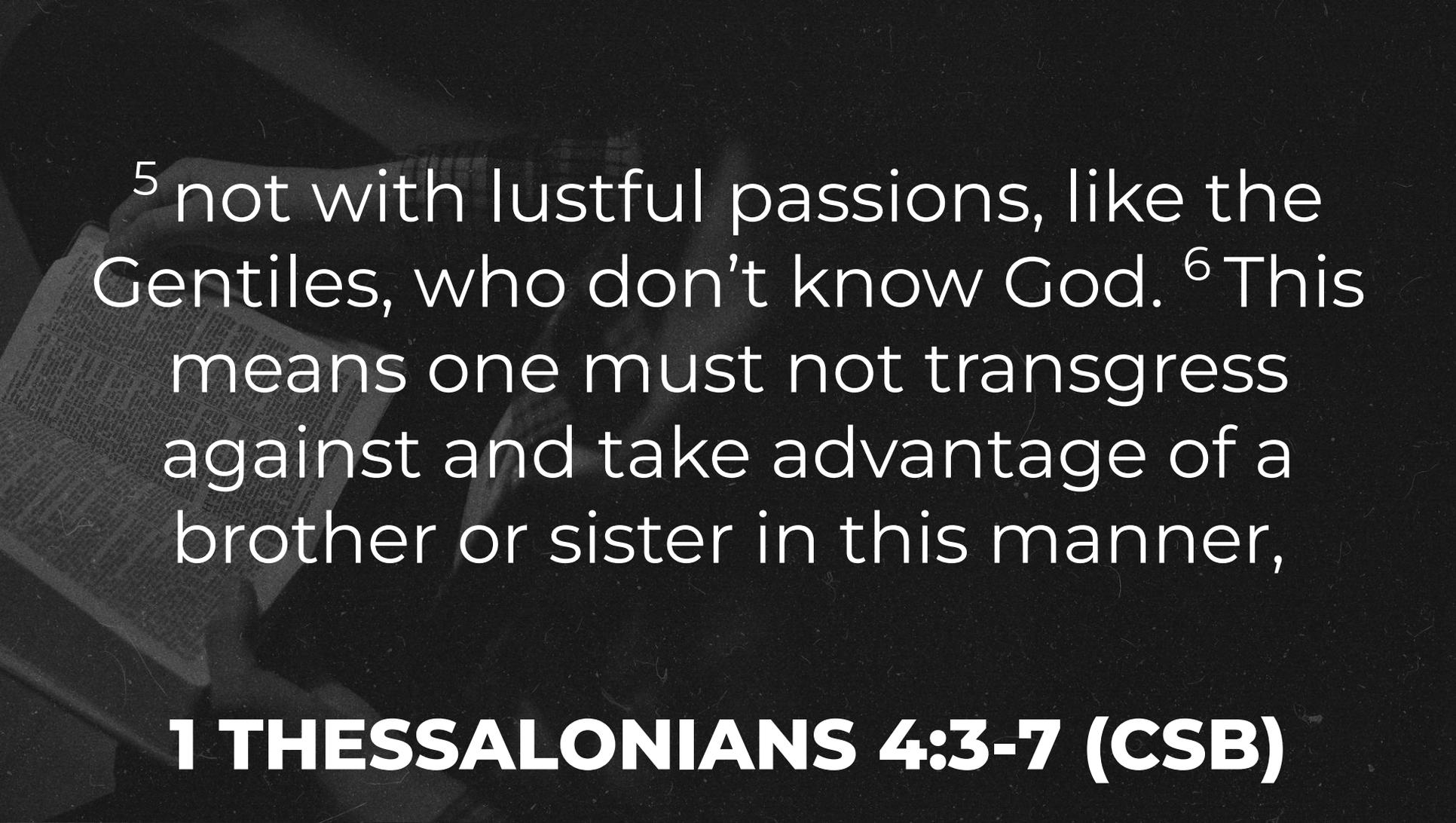
A dark, low-key photograph of a person reading a book. The person's hands are visible, holding the pages of the book. The background is mostly black, with some faint highlights suggesting a dimly lit room. The overall mood is quiet and contemplative.

**A human being is sanctified
when he or she lives according
to God's design and purpose.**

A person is shown from the chest down, wearing a patterned shirt, holding an open book. The scene is dimly lit, with the book's pages and the person's hands being the primary light sources. The background is dark and indistinct.

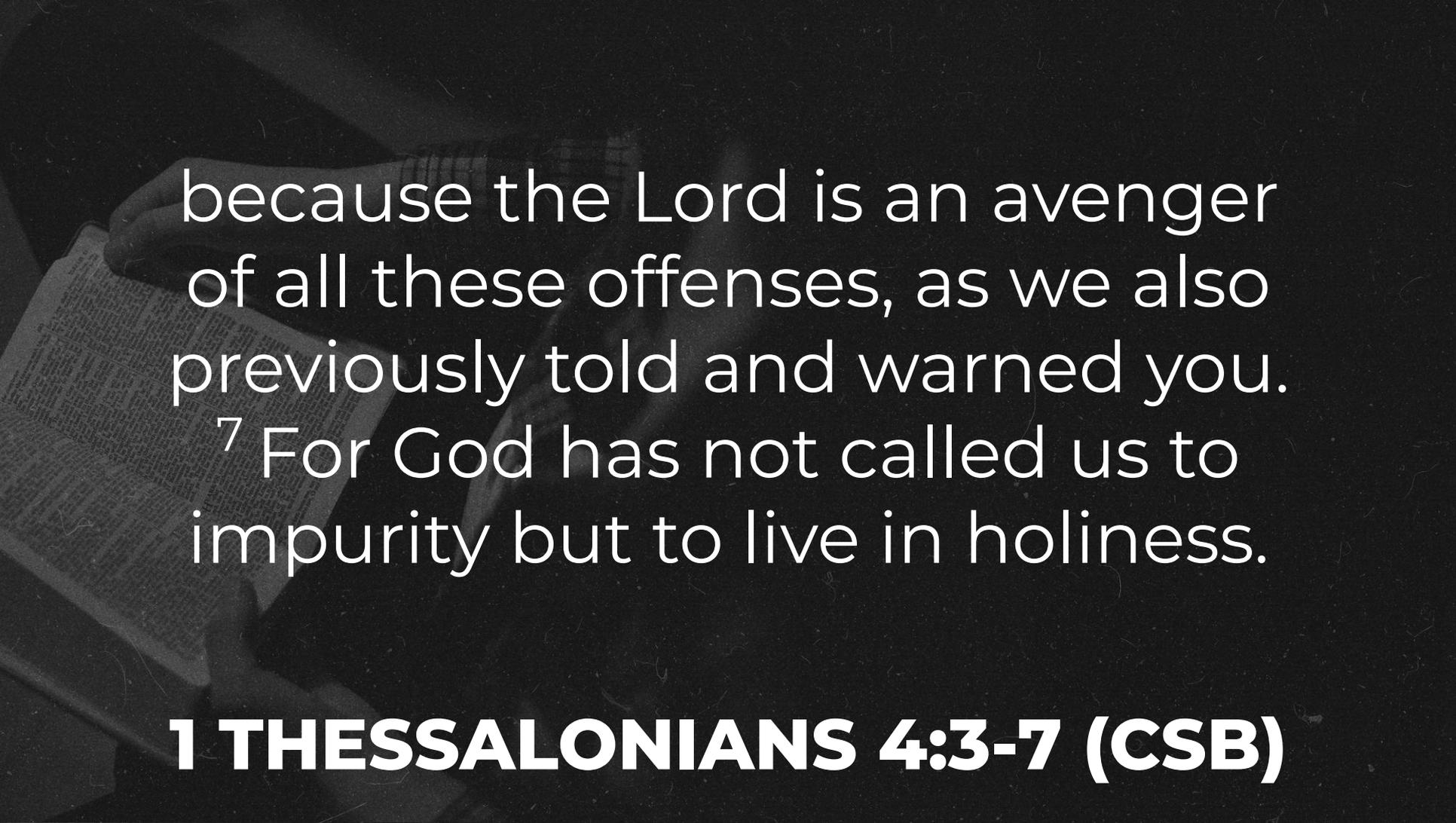
³ For this is God's will, your sanctification: that you keep away from sexual immorality, ⁴ that each of you knows how to control his own body in holiness and honour,

1 THESSALONIANS 4:3-7 (CSB)

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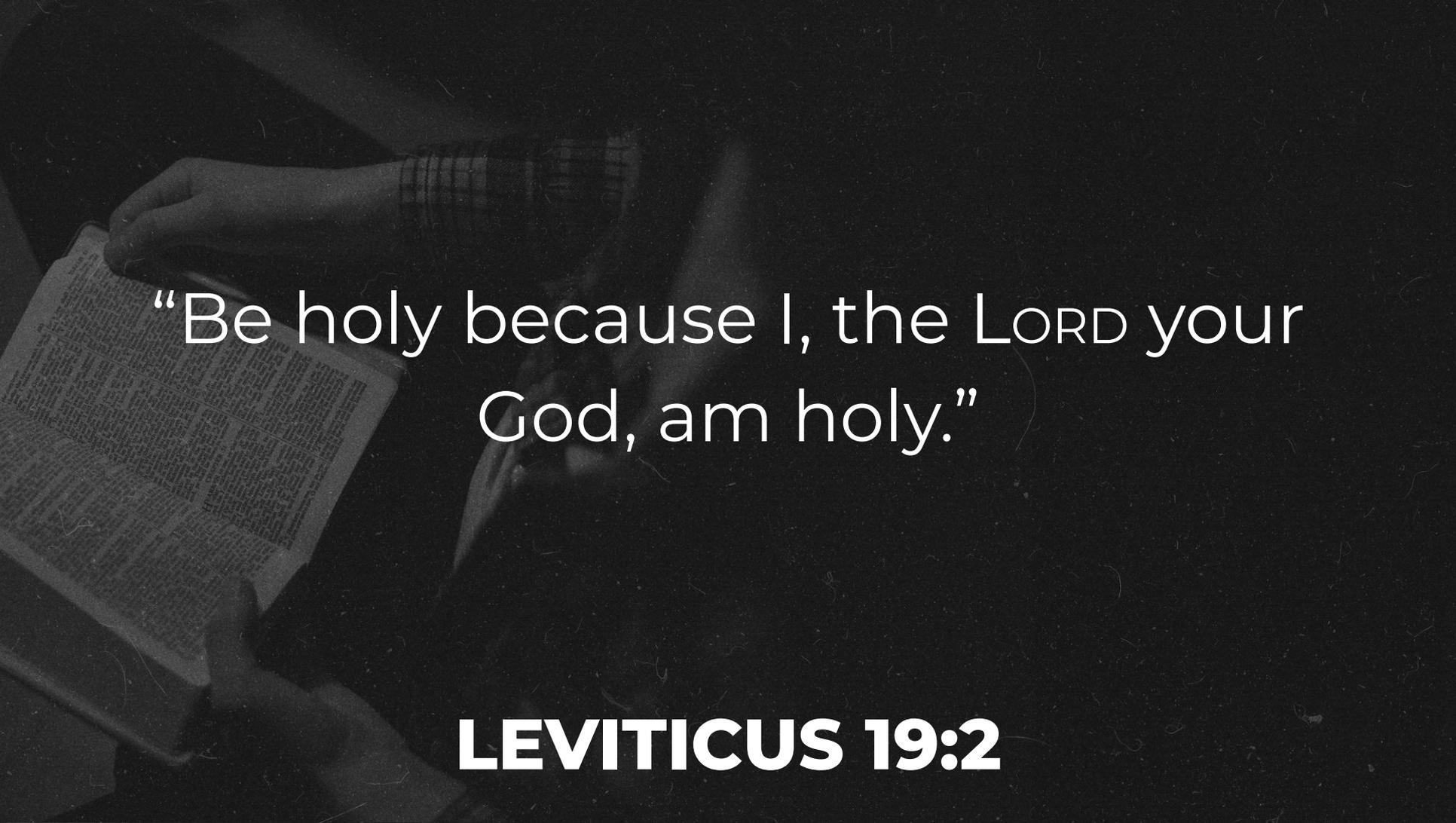
1 THESSALONIANS 4:3-7 (CSB)

A person is shown reading a Bible in a dark setting. The text is overlaid on the image in white. The person's hands are visible, holding the open book. The background is dark, and the lighting is focused on the book and the person's hands.

because the Lord is an avenger
of all these offenses, as we also
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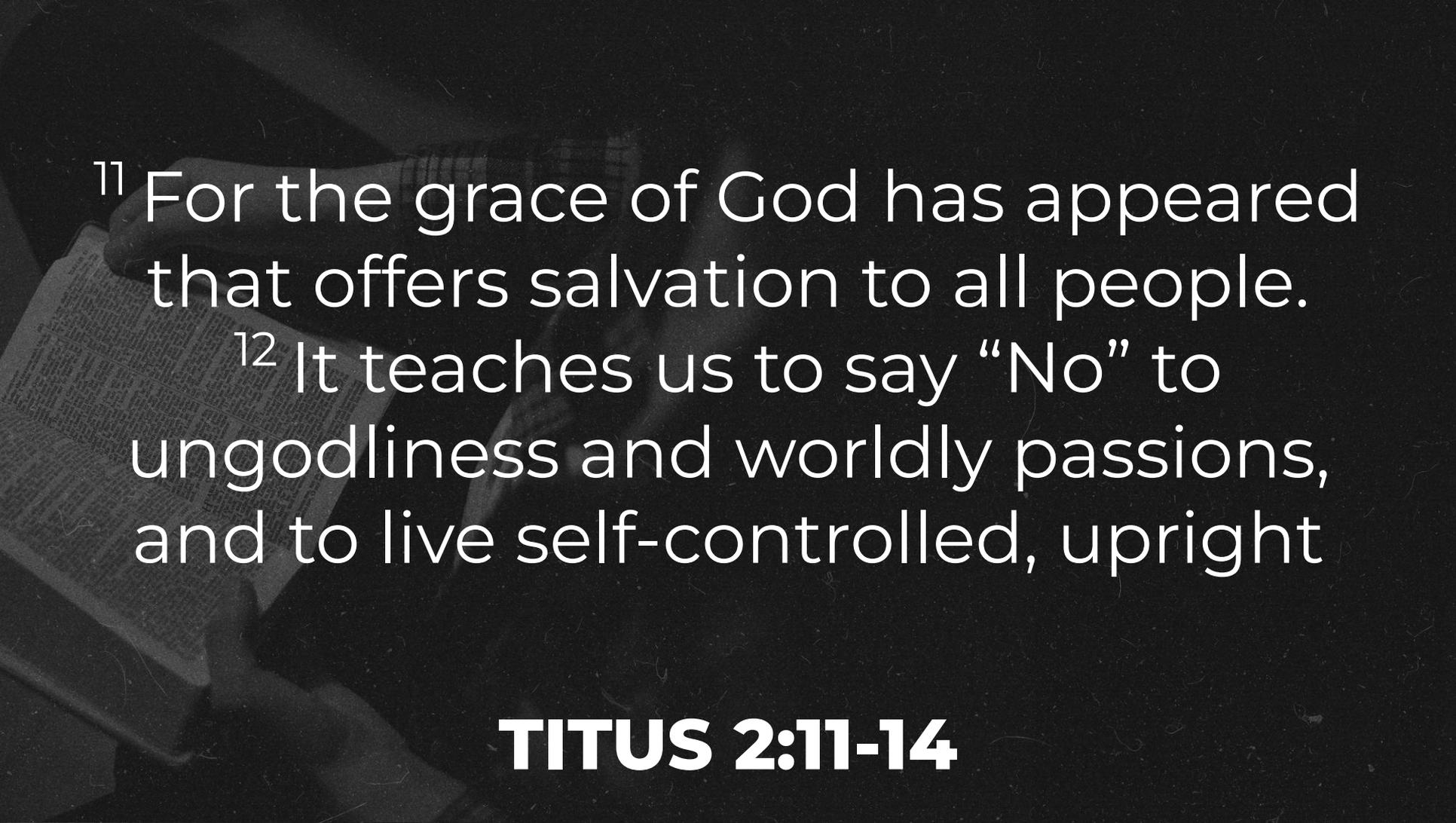
A person is shown from the chest down, wearing a plaid shirt, holding an open Bible. The scene is dimly lit, with the primary light source coming from the Bible's pages, which are clearly visible. The background is dark and out of focus.

“Be holy because I, the LORD your
God, am holy.”

LEVITICUS 19:2



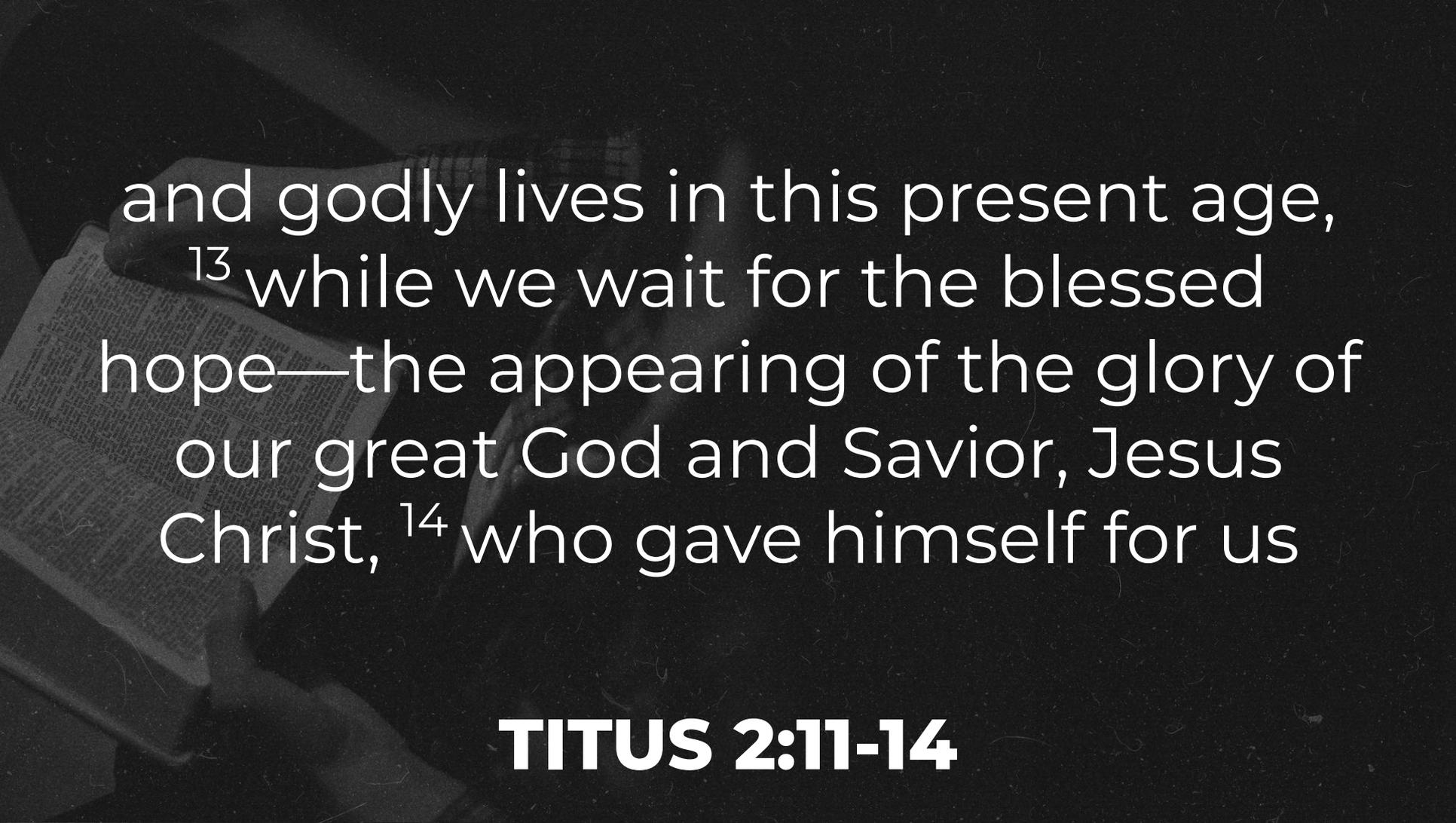
IT REFINES US

A person is shown from the chest down, wearing a plaid shirt, reading an open book. The scene is dimly lit, with the light source highlighting the pages of the book and the person's hands. The background is dark and out of focus.

¹¹ For the grace of God has appeared that offers salvation to all people.

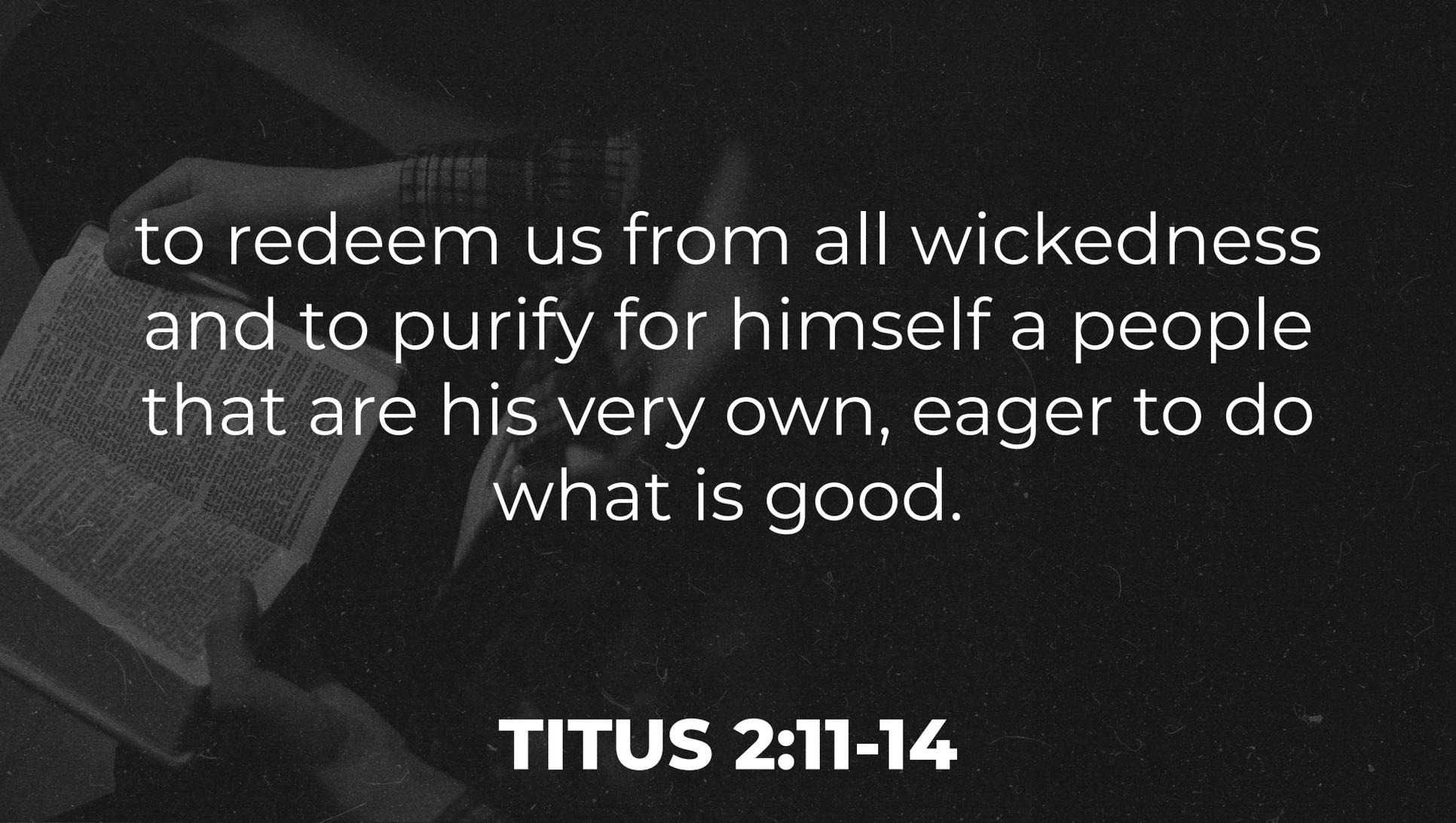
¹² It teaches us to say “No” to ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright

TITUS 2:11-14

A person is shown reading a Bible in a dark, dimly lit environment. The person's hands are visible, holding the open book. The text of the Bible is visible on the pages. The overall mood is solemn and focused.

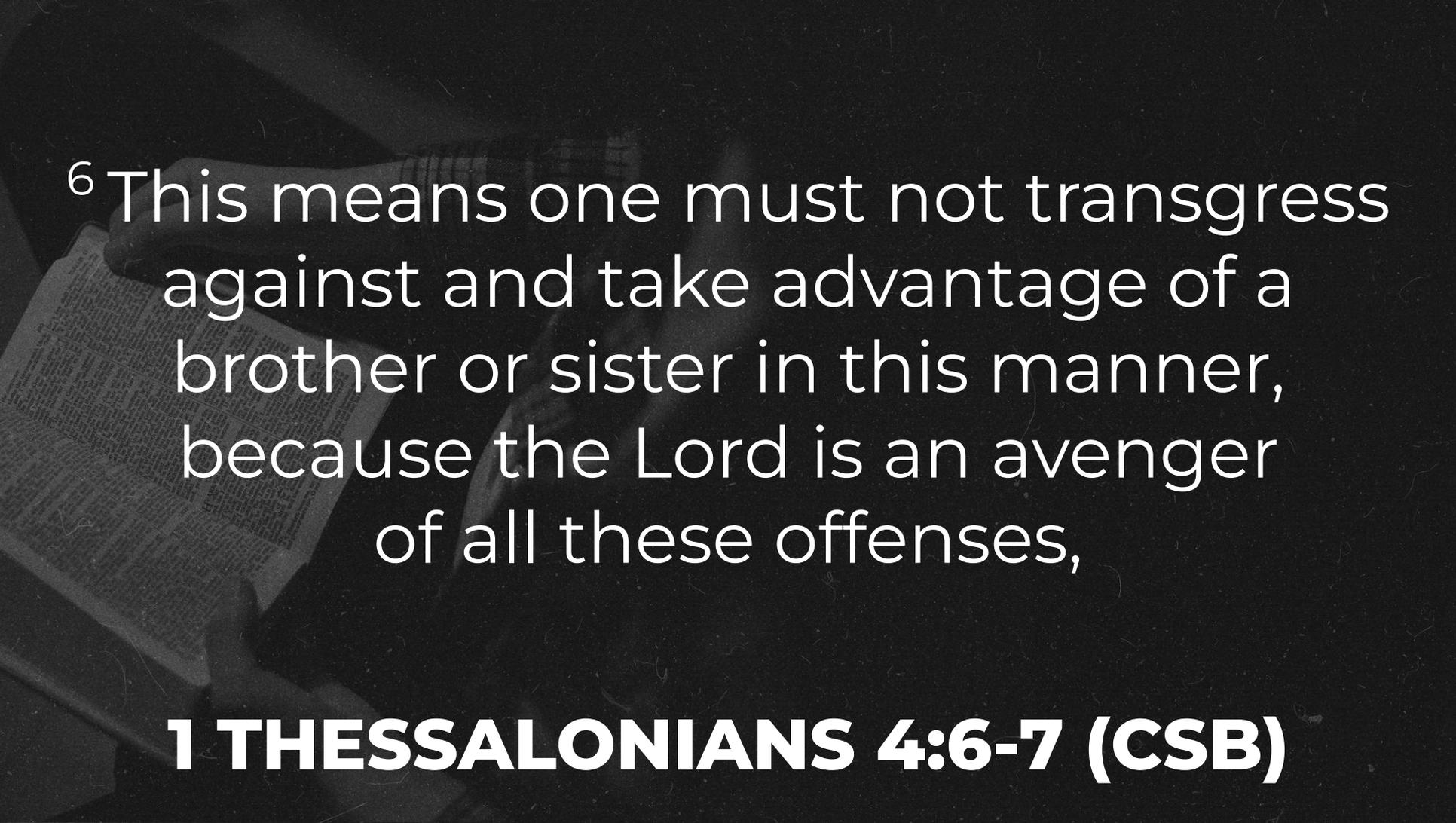
and godly lives in this present age,
¹³ while we wait for the blessed
hope—the appearing of the glory of
our great God and Savior, Jesus
Christ, ¹⁴ who gave himself for us

TITUS 2:11-14

A dark, moody photograph of a person reading a book. The person's hands are visible, holding the pages of the book. The background is mostly black, with some faint light reflecting off the book's pages and the person's clothing. The overall atmosphere is quiet and focused.

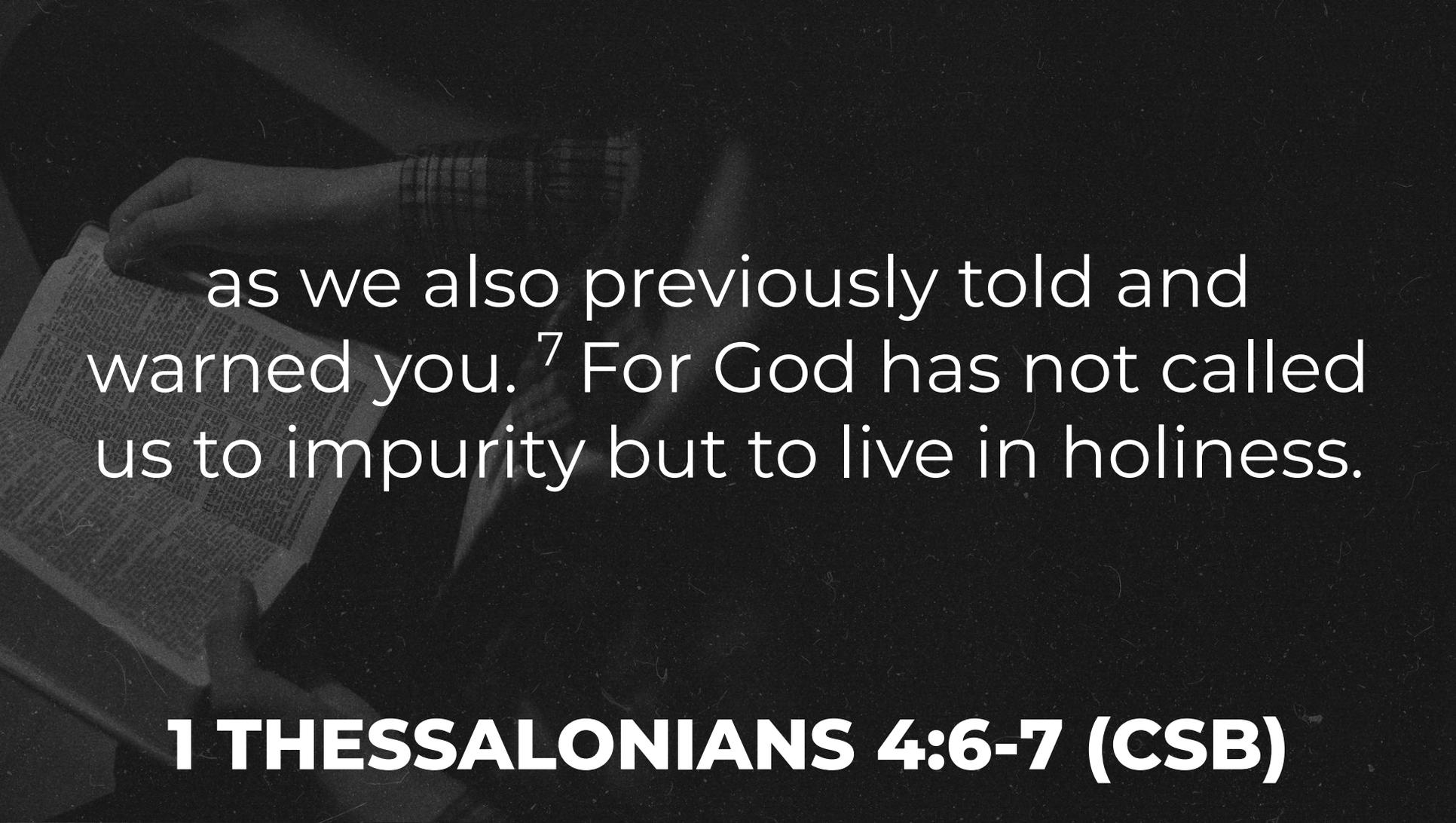
to redeem us from all wickedness
and to purify for himself a people
that are his very own, eager to do
what is good.

TITUS 2:11-14

A person is shown from the chest down, wearing a plaid shirt, reading a book in a dark environment. The book is open, and the person's hands are visible on the pages. The background is dark and out of focus.

⁶This means one must not transgress against and take advantage of a brother or sister in this manner, because the Lord is an avenger of all these offenses,

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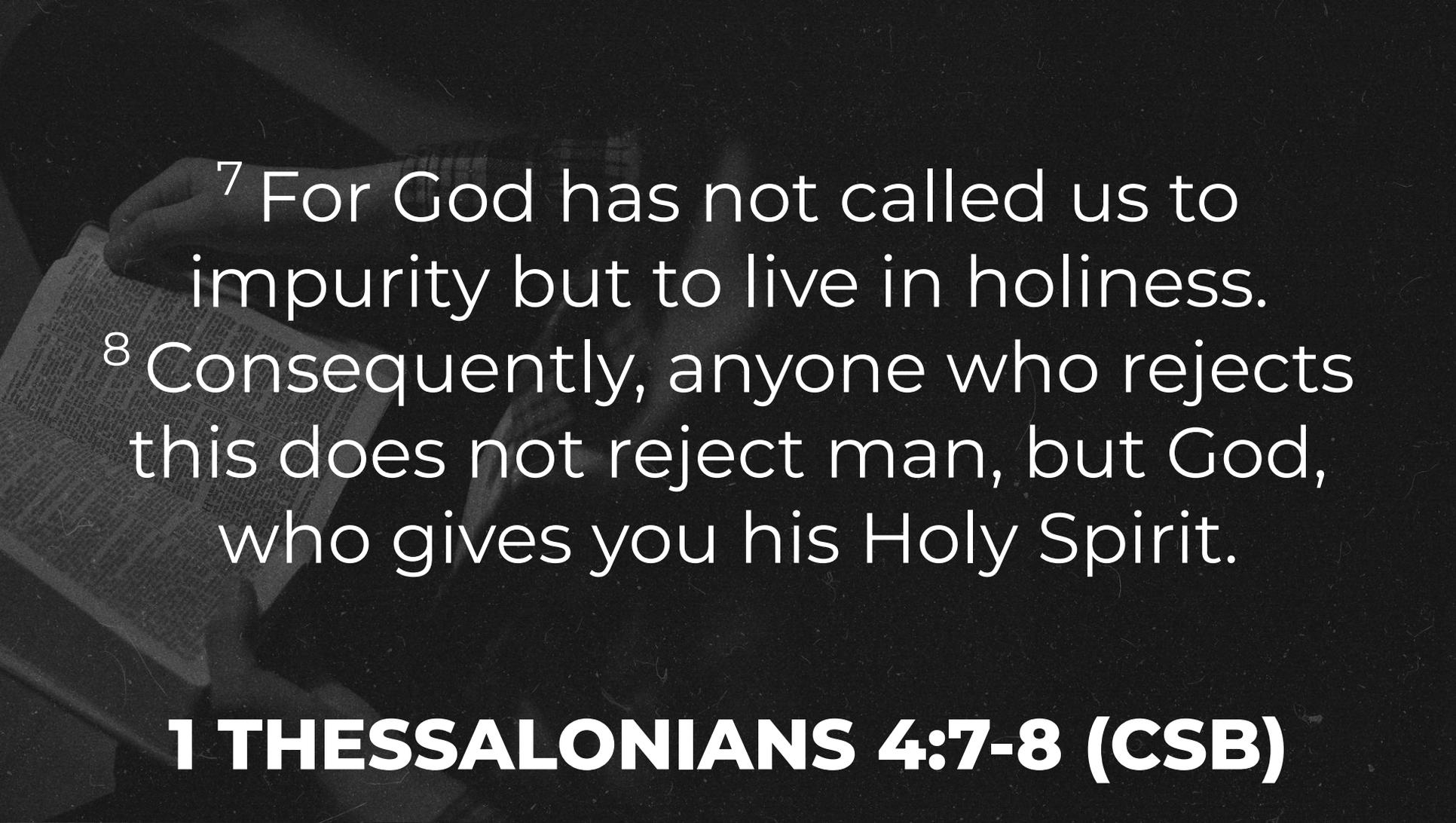
A person is shown from the chest down, wearing a plaid shirt, reading an open Bible. The scene is dimly lit, with the primary light source being the text of the Bible, which is overlaid with a white text box. The background is dark and out of focus.

as we also previously told and warned you.⁷ For God has not called us to impurity but to live in holiness.

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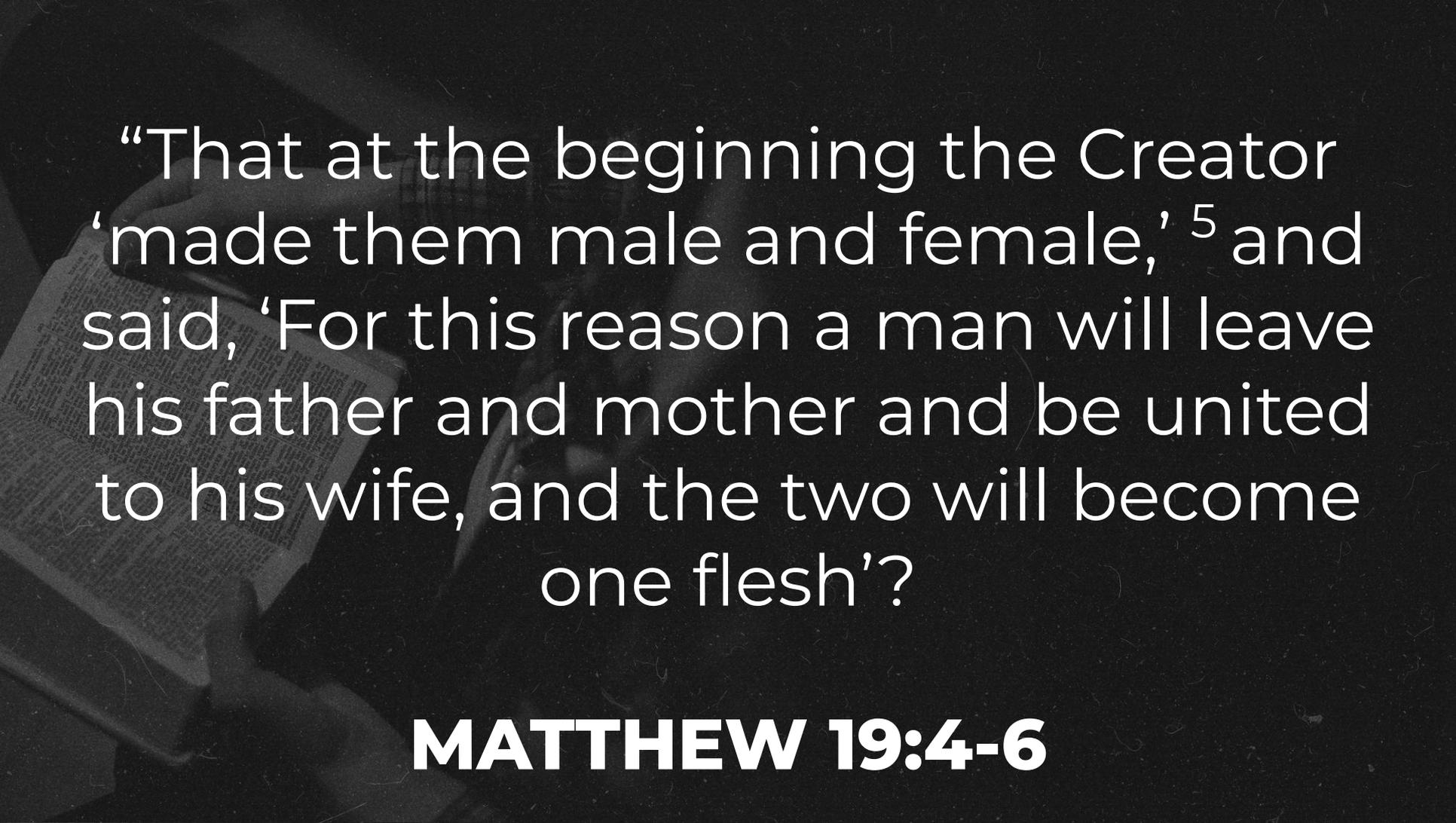
A black and white photograph of a person reading a newspaper. The person's arm, wearing a plaid shirt, is visible on the left side, holding the newspaper. The newspaper's text is partially legible, showing columns of news. The background is dark and out of focus. Overlaid on the image is the text "IT SETS US APART" in a large, white, serif font, centered horizontally and split into two lines.

IT SETS US
APART

A person is shown reading a Bible in a dark setting. The text is overlaid on the image in white. The background is a dark, moody photograph of a person's hands holding an open Bible, with the text of the Bible visible on the pages. The overall tone is solemn and focused.

⁷ For God has not called us to impurity but to live in holiness.
⁸ Consequently, anyone who rejects this does not reject man, but God, who gives you his Holy Spirit.

1 THESSALONIANS 4:7-8 (CSB)

A person is seen from the side, reading a book in a dark environment. The book is open, and the person's hands are visible. The background is dark, with some faint light reflecting off the pages of the book.

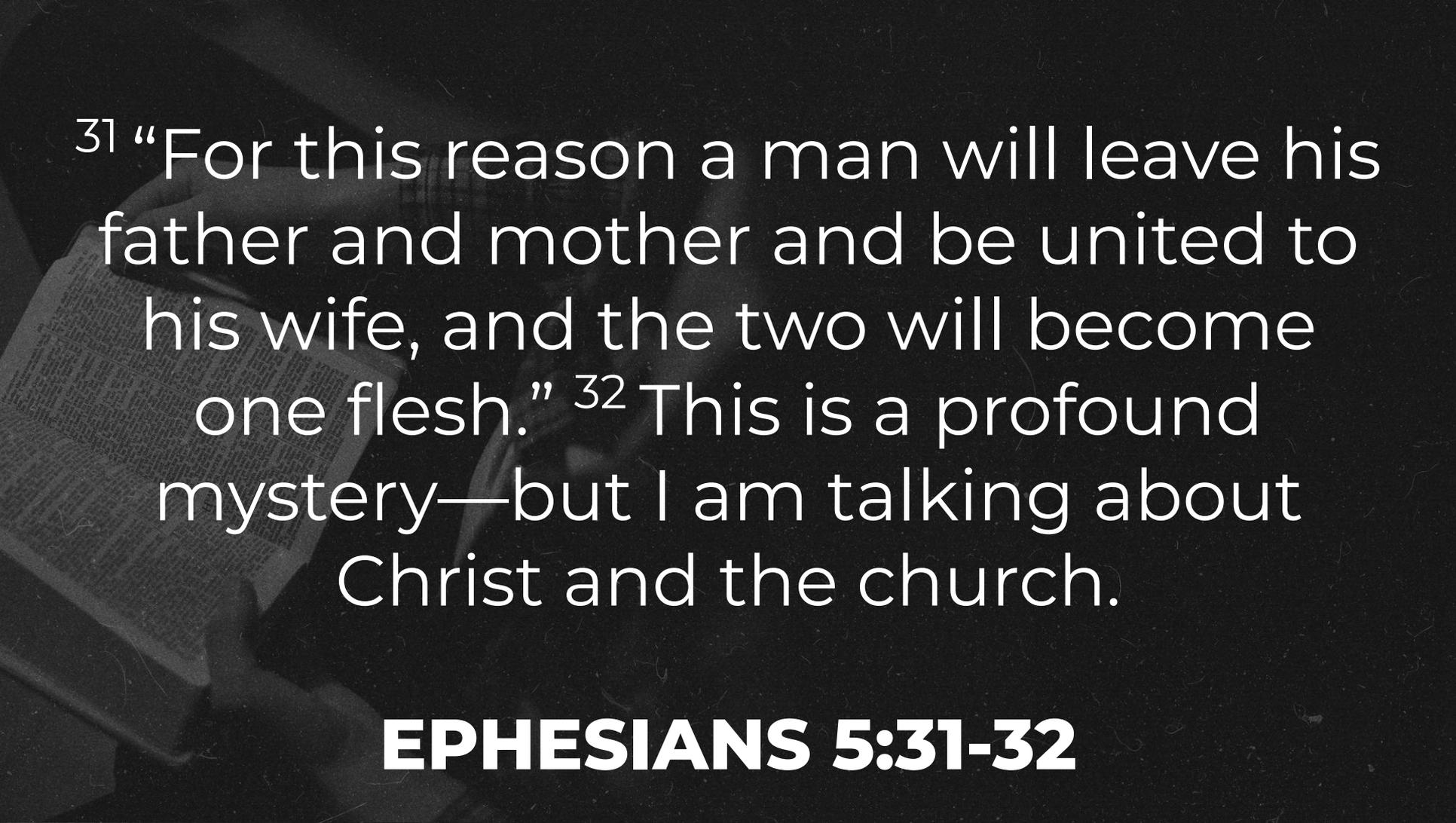
“That at the beginning the Creator
‘made them male and female,’⁵ and
said, ‘For this reason a man will leave
his father and mother and be united
to his wife, and the two will become
one flesh’?”

MATTHEW 19:4-6

A person is shown from the chest down, wearing a plaid shirt, reading an open book. The scene is dimly lit, with the light source coming from the left, highlighting the pages of the book and the person's hands. The background is dark and out of focus.

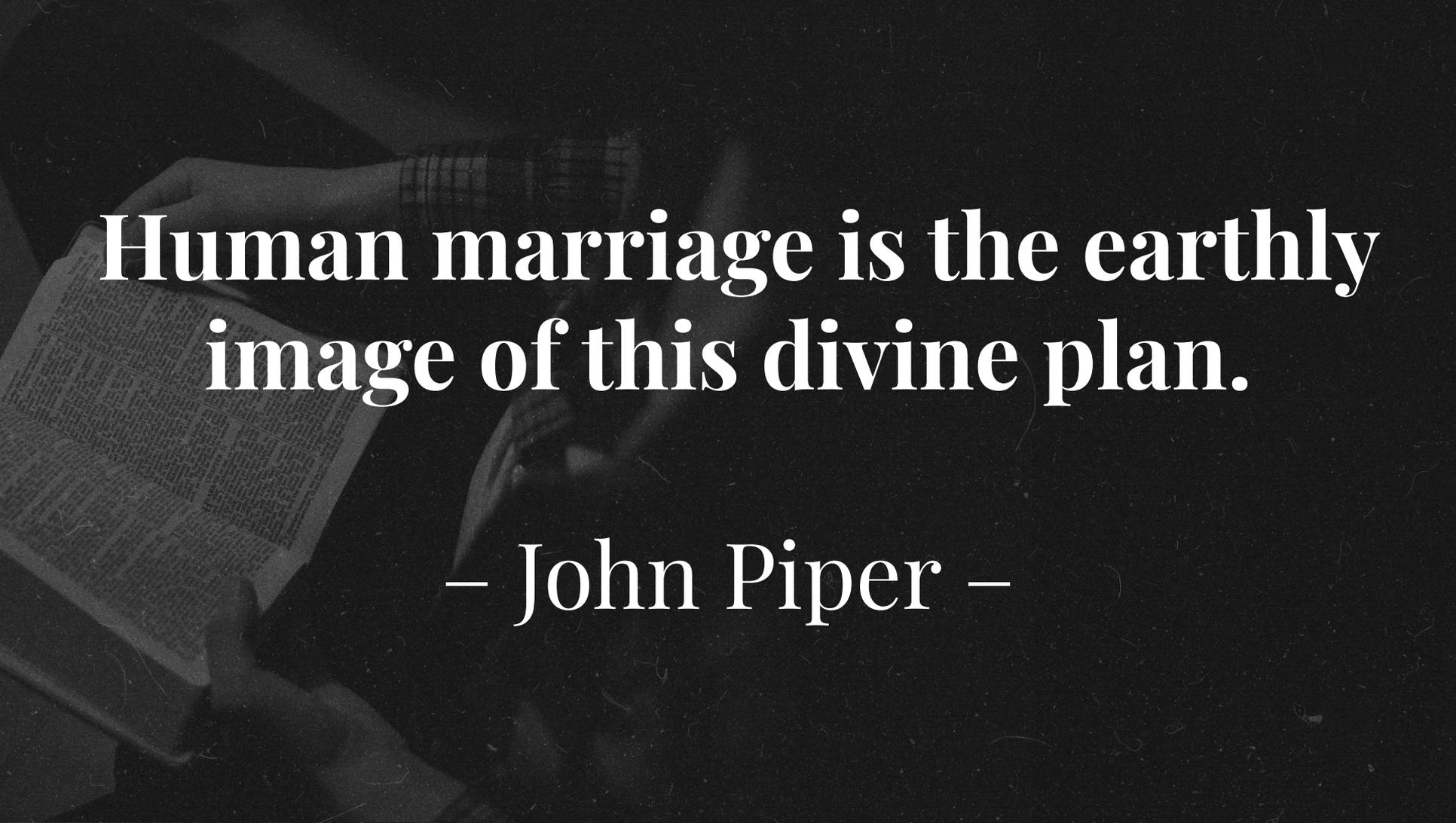
⁶ So they are no longer two, but one flesh. Therefore what God has joined together, let no one separate.”

MATTHEW 19:4-6

A person is shown in profile, reading a Bible in a dark environment. The text is overlaid on the image in white. The person's hands are visible holding the open book. The background is mostly black, with some faint light reflecting off the pages of the Bible.

³¹ “For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and the two will become one flesh.” ³² This is a profound mystery—but I am talking about Christ and the church.

EPHESIANS 5:31-32

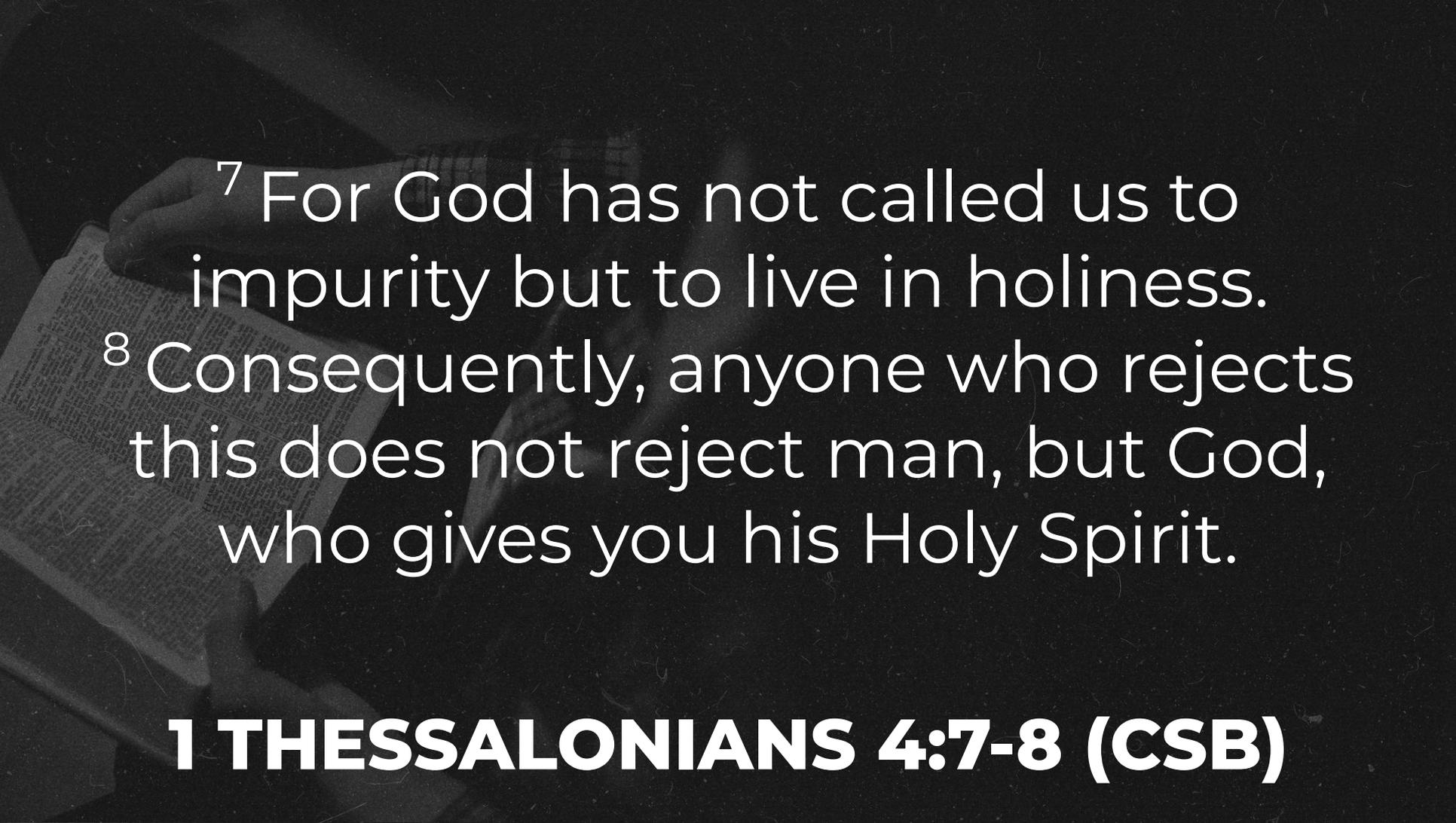
A dark, high-contrast photograph of hands holding an open book, likely a Bible, with text overlaid. The background is mostly black, with the hands and the pages of the book providing the only light source. The text is in a white, serif font.

**Human marriage is the earthly
image of this divine plan.**

– John Piper –

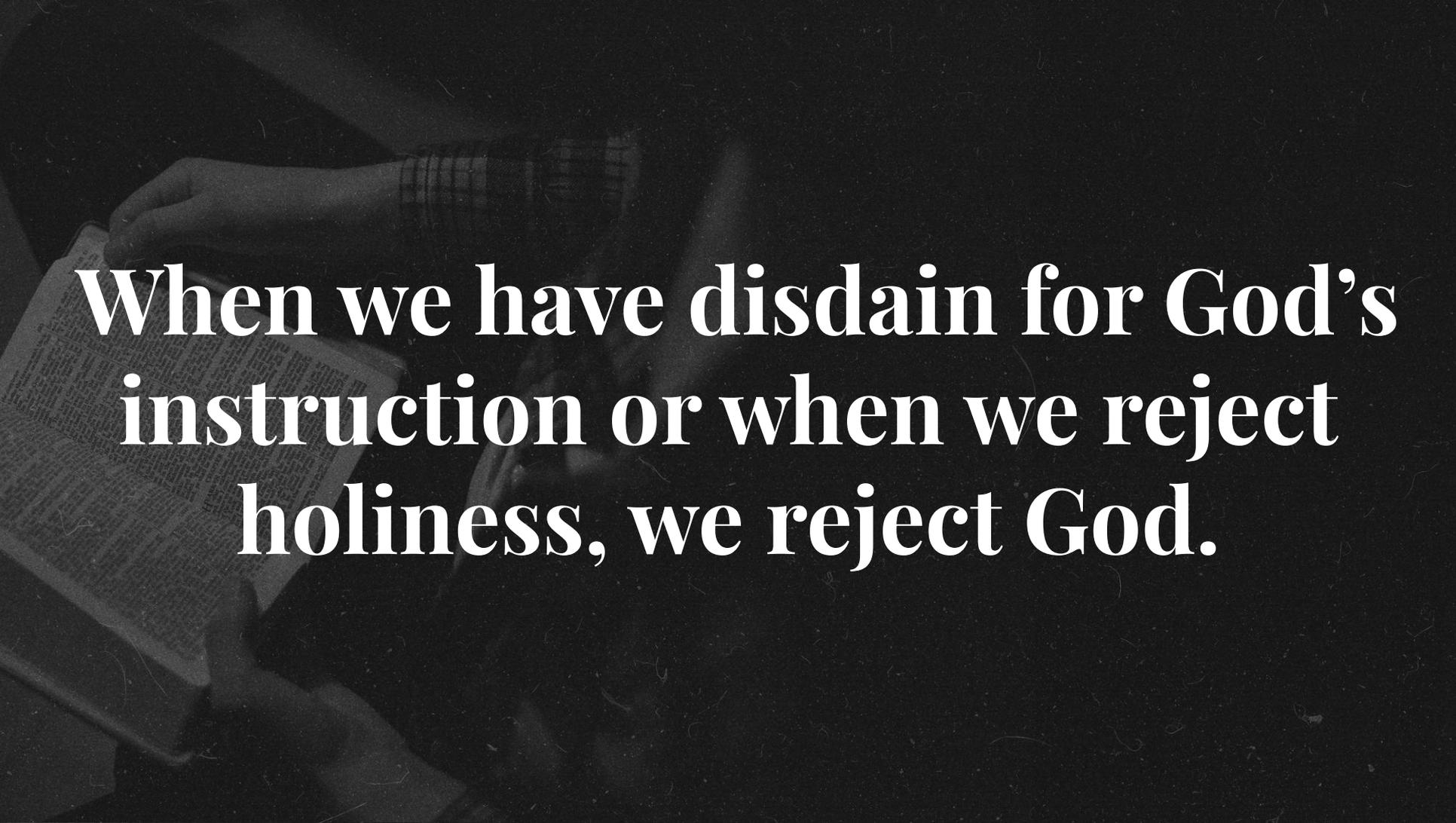
A black and white photograph of a person reading a book. The person is in profile, wearing a plaid shirt, and is holding an open book. The scene is dramatically lit from the side, creating strong highlights on the person's face and the book, while the rest of the scene is in deep shadow. The background is dark and textured.

**IT REMINDS US OF
GOD'S GOOD
INTENTIONS**

A person is shown from the chest down, holding an open Bible. The scene is dimly lit, with the primary light source being the text of the Bible, which is glowing. The person's hands are visible, resting on the pages. The background is dark and out of focus.

⁷ For God has not called us to impurity but to live in holiness.
⁸ Consequently, anyone who rejects this does not reject man, but God, who gives you his Holy Spirit.

1 THESSALONIANS 4:7-8 (CSB)

A black and white photograph of a person reading a book in a dark setting. The person's hands are visible, holding the pages of the book. The background is dark and out of focus, emphasizing the act of reading. The text is overlaid in a large, white, serif font.

**When we have disdain for God's
instruction or when we reject
holiness, we reject God.**

A black and white photograph of a person reading a Bible. The person's arm, wearing a plaid shirt, is visible on the left side of the frame. The Bible is open, and the text on the pages is visible. The background is dark and out of focus.

SANCTIFICATION:

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- 2) SETS US APART
- 3) REMINDS US OF GOD'S
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