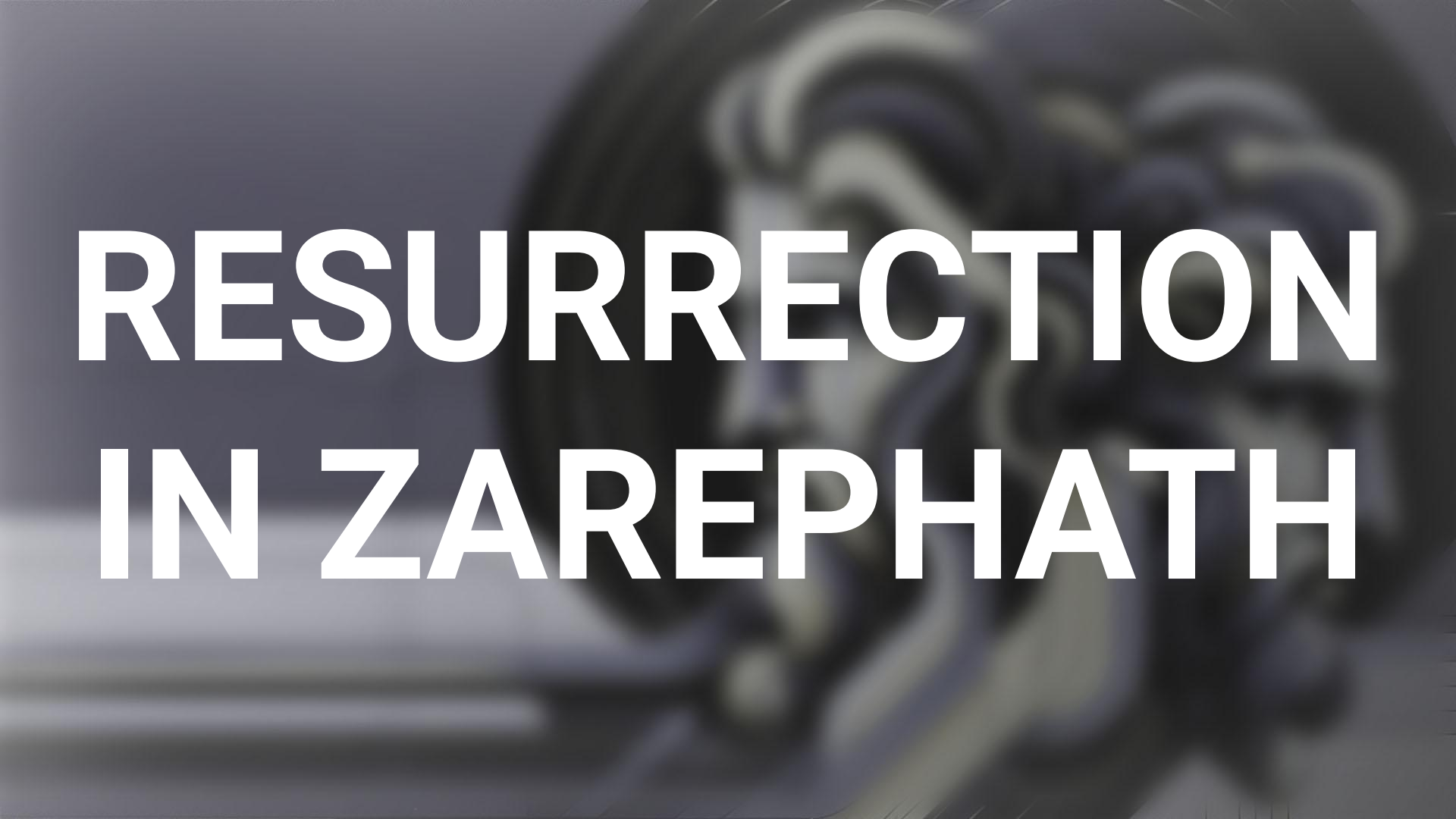


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The Days of Elijah & Elisha





RESURRECTION IN ZAREPHATH

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1 KINGS 17:17-24

Did you come to remind me of my sin and kill my son?" ¹⁹ "Give me your son," Elijah replied. He took him from her arms, carried him to the upper room where he was staying, and laid him on his bed.

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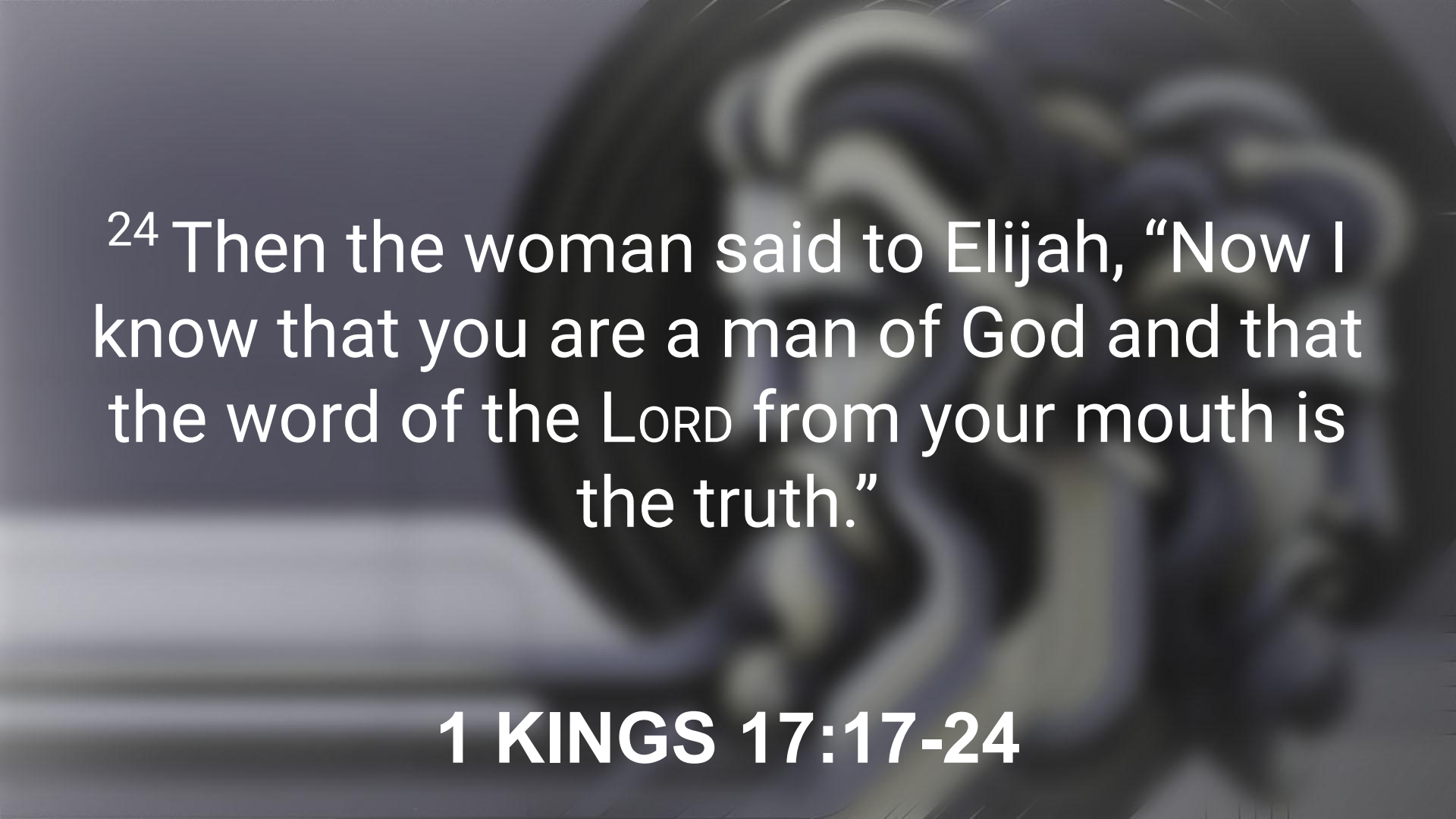
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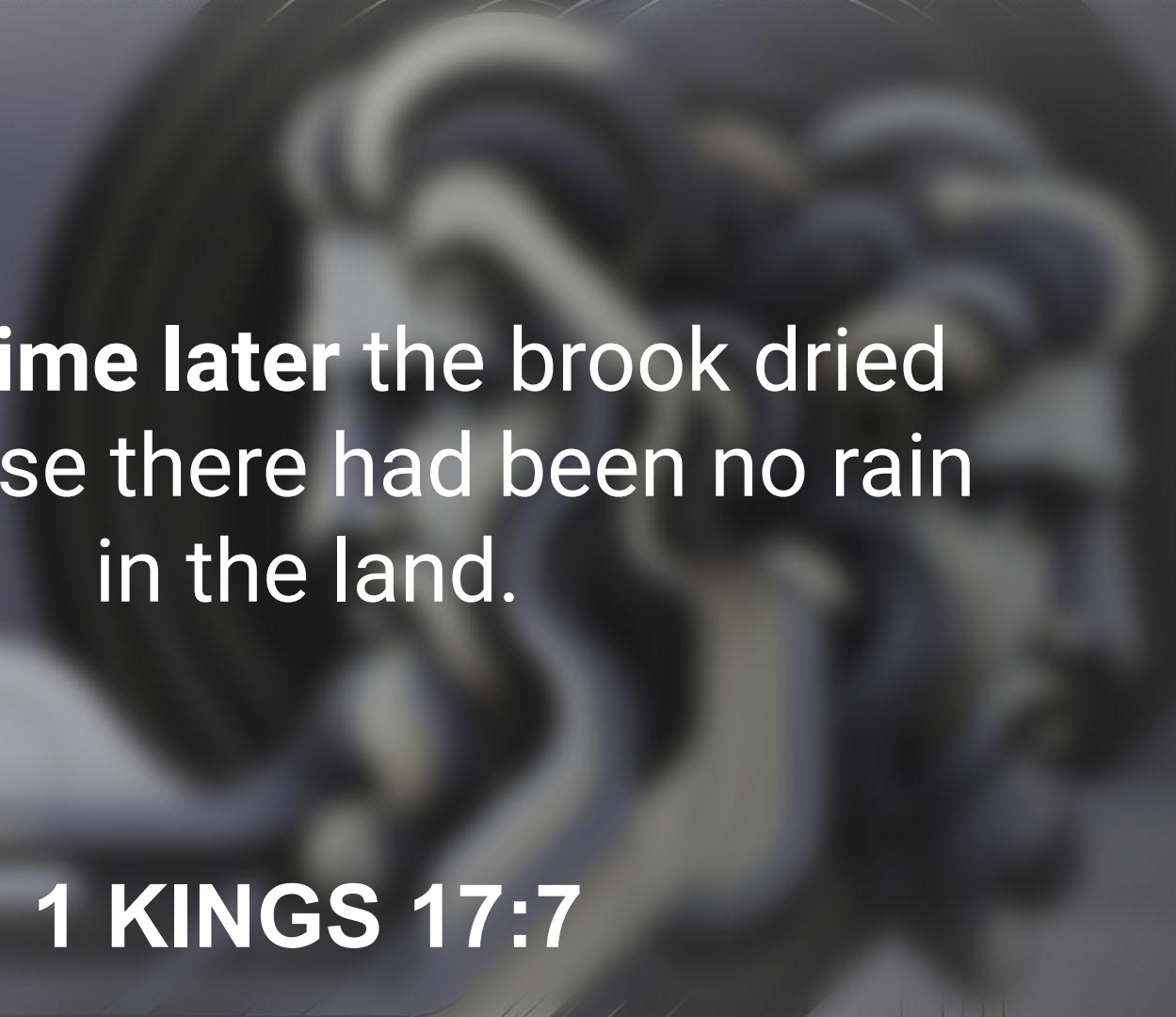
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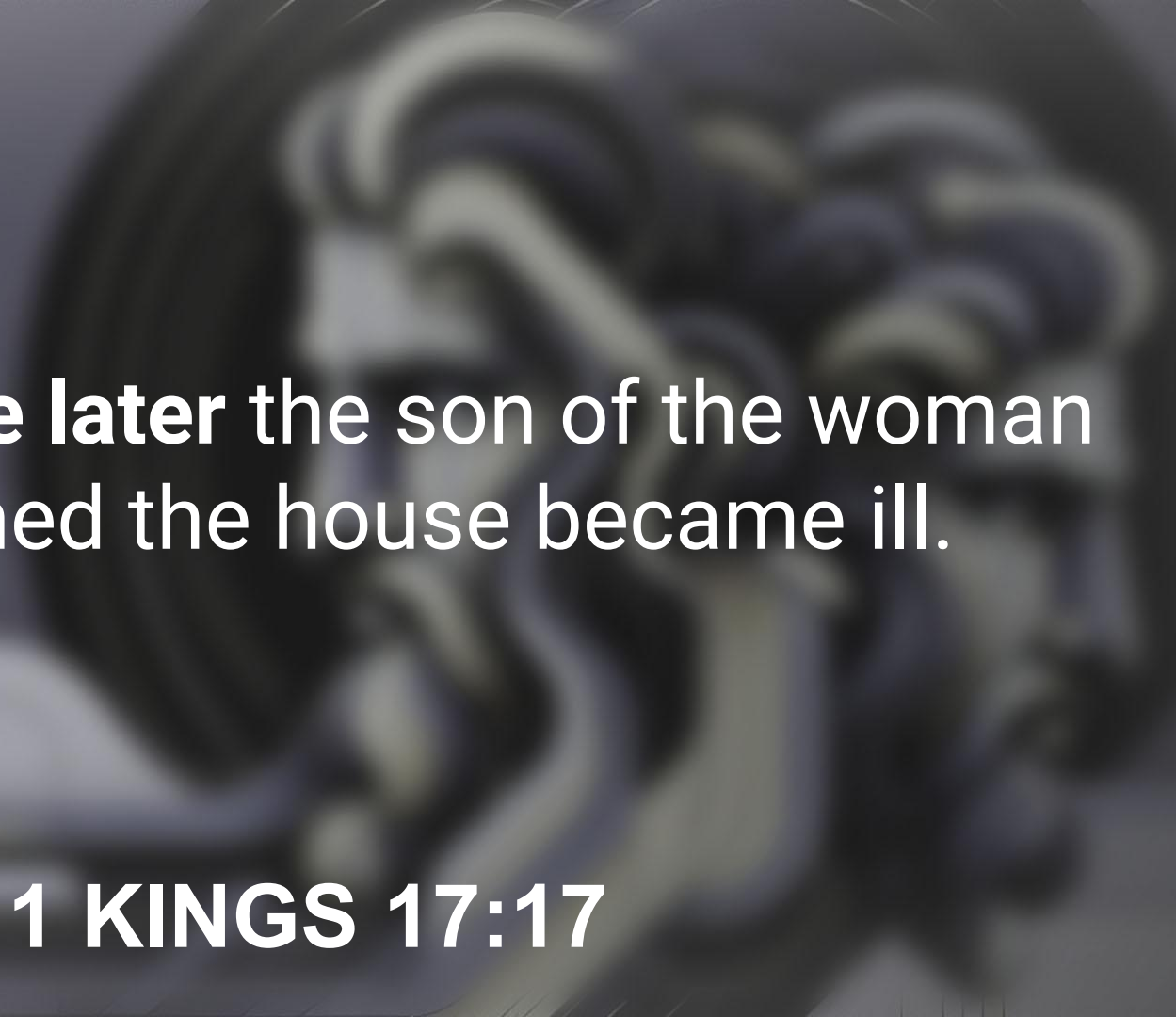
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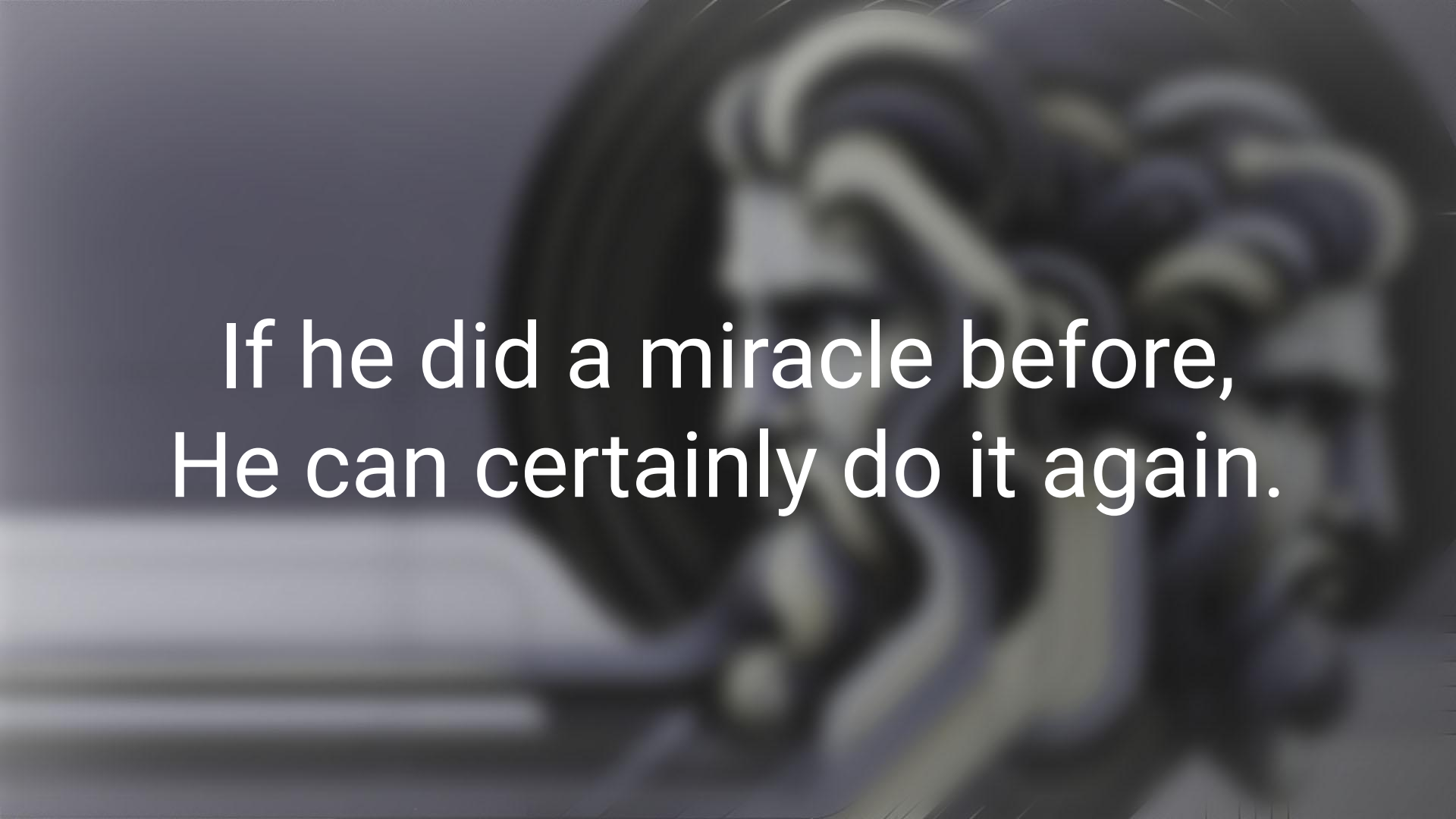
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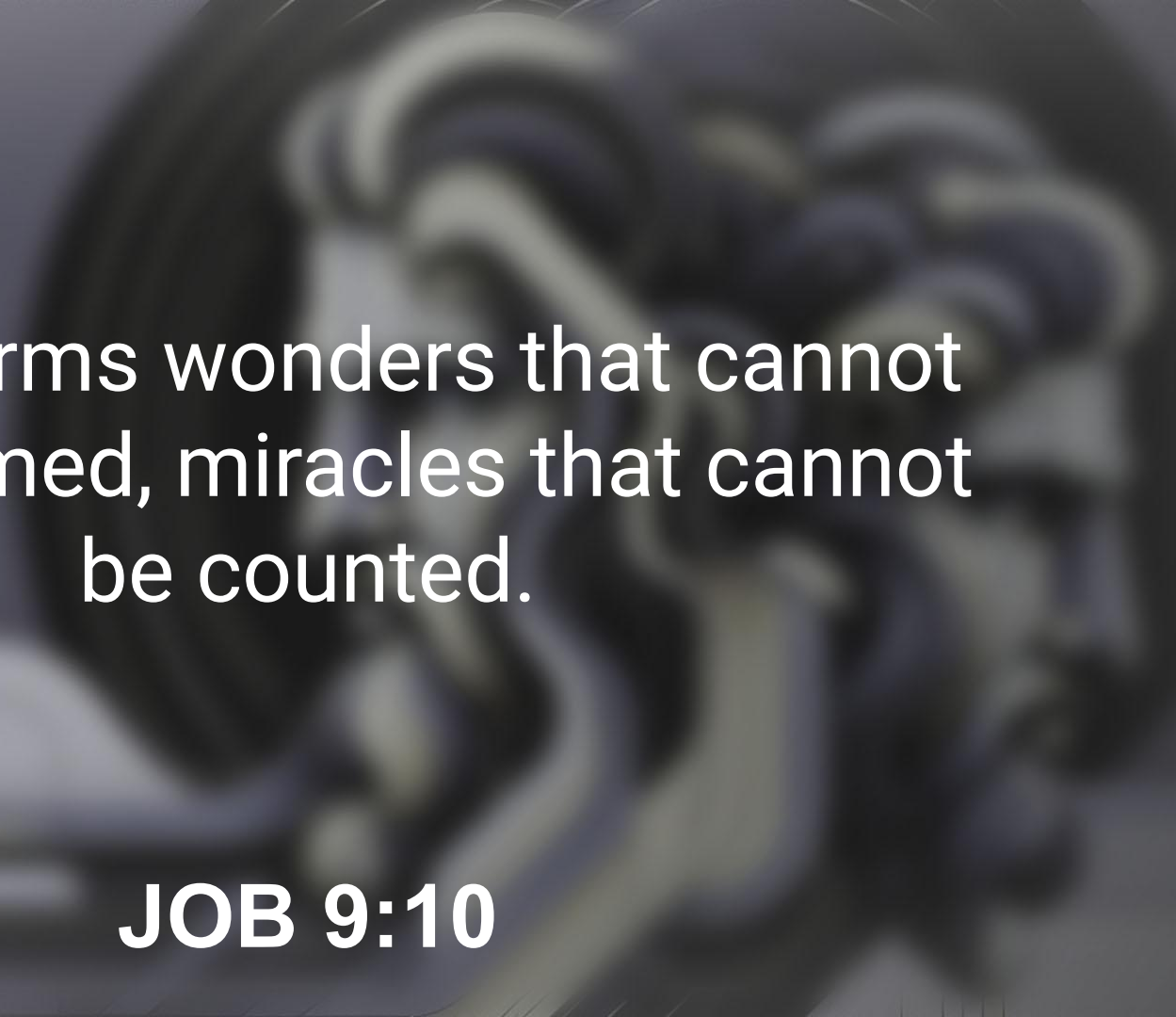


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who owned the house became ill.**

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If he did a miracle before,
He can certainly do it again.



He performs wonders that cannot
be fathomed, miracles that cannot
be counted.

JOB 9:10



THE TRAGEDIES OF LIFE

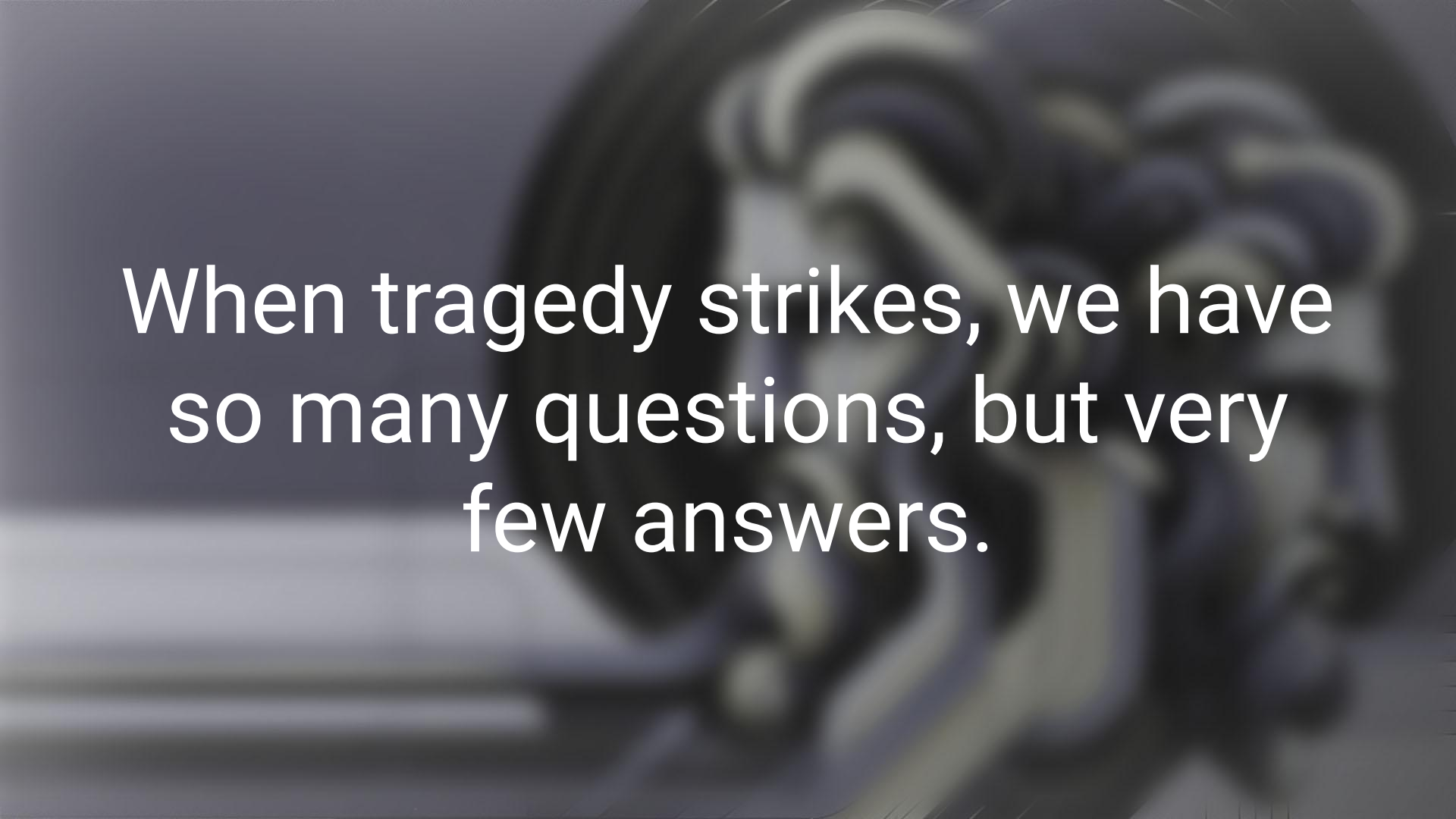
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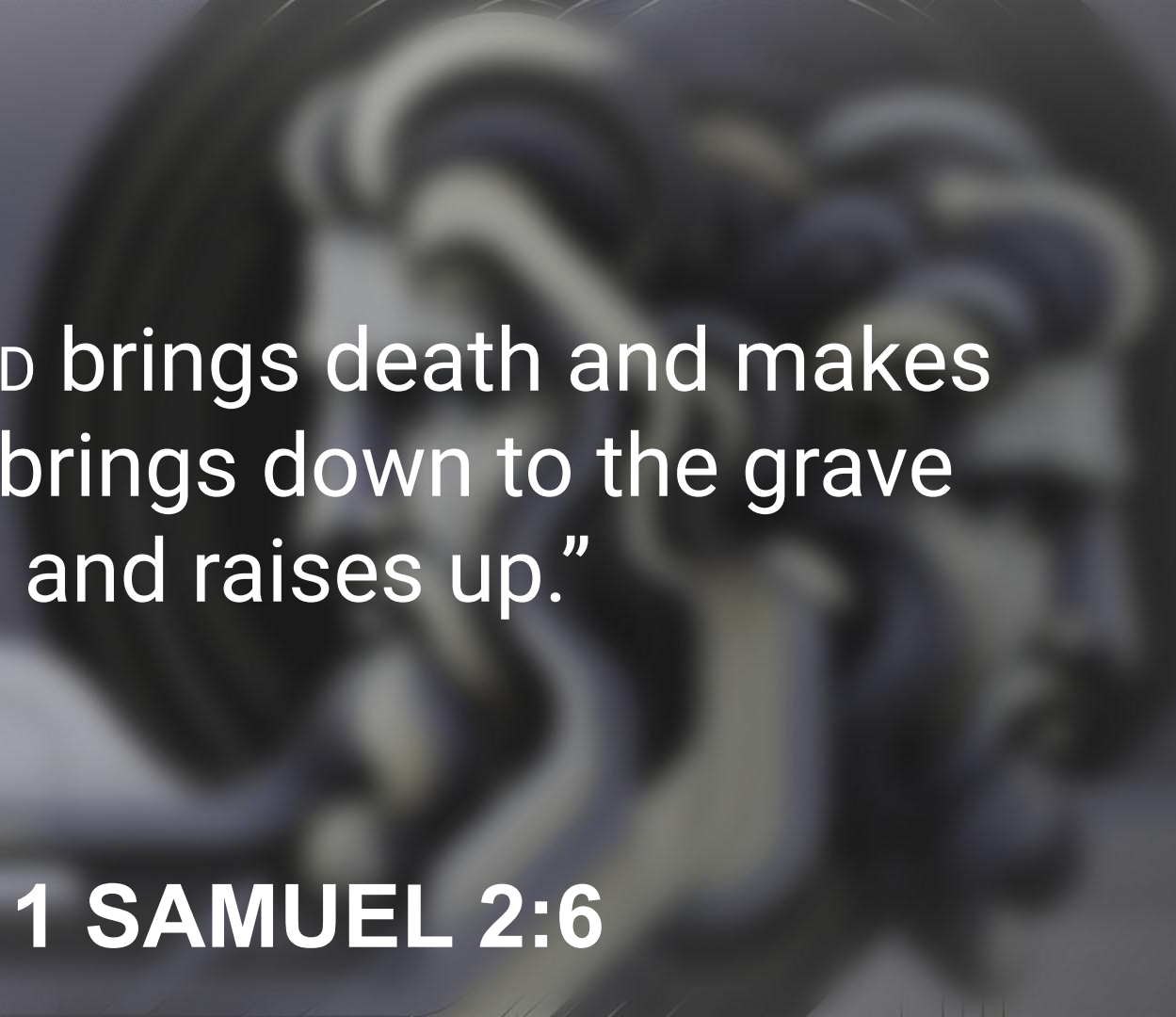
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When tragedy strikes, we have
so many questions, but very
few answers.

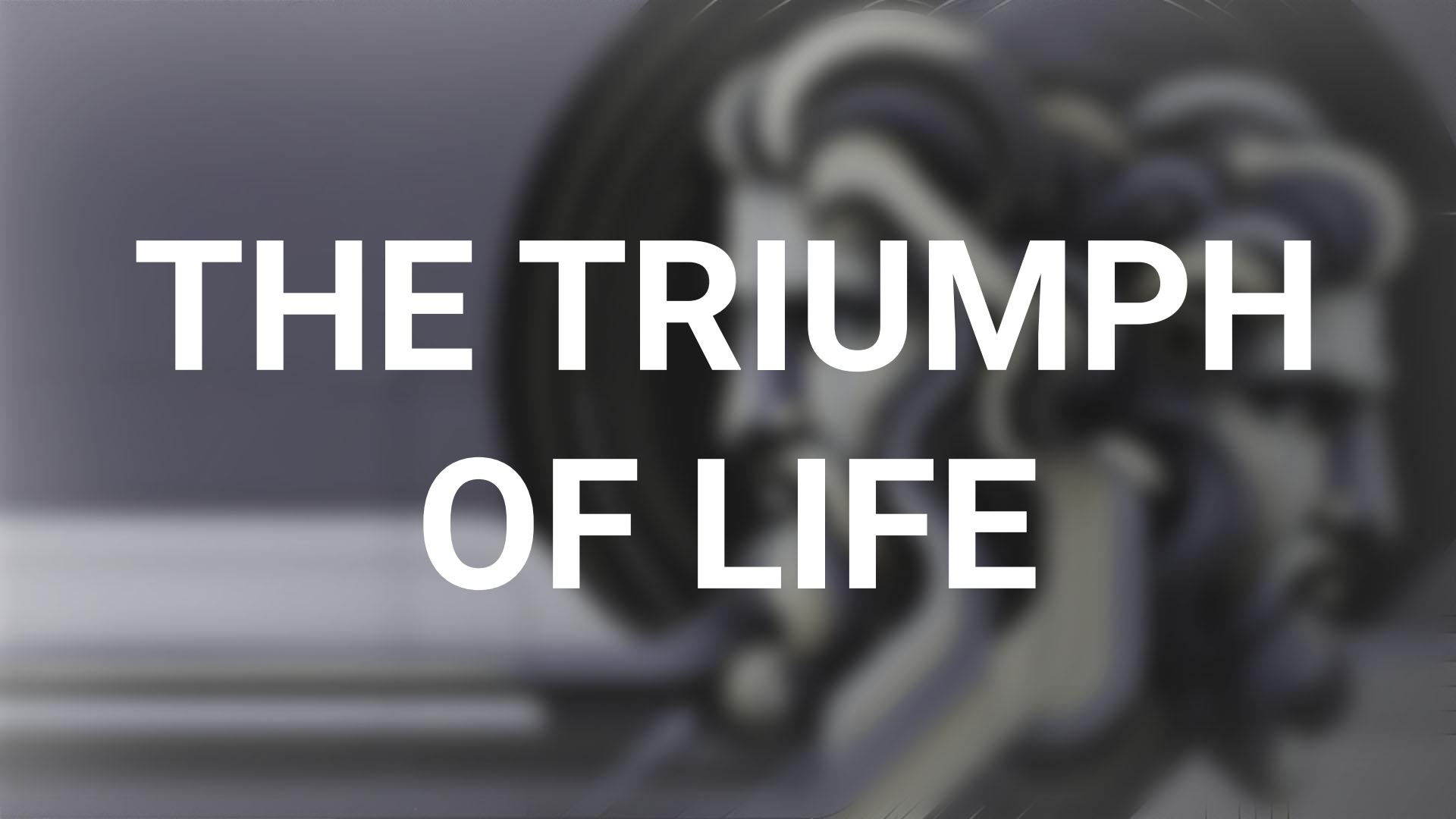
We learn that there are two ways to respond to tragedy:

- 1) We can blame our loss on God and His representative(s).
- 2) We can blame our loss on ourselves.



⁶ “The LORD brings death and makes
alive; he brings down to the grave
and raises up.”

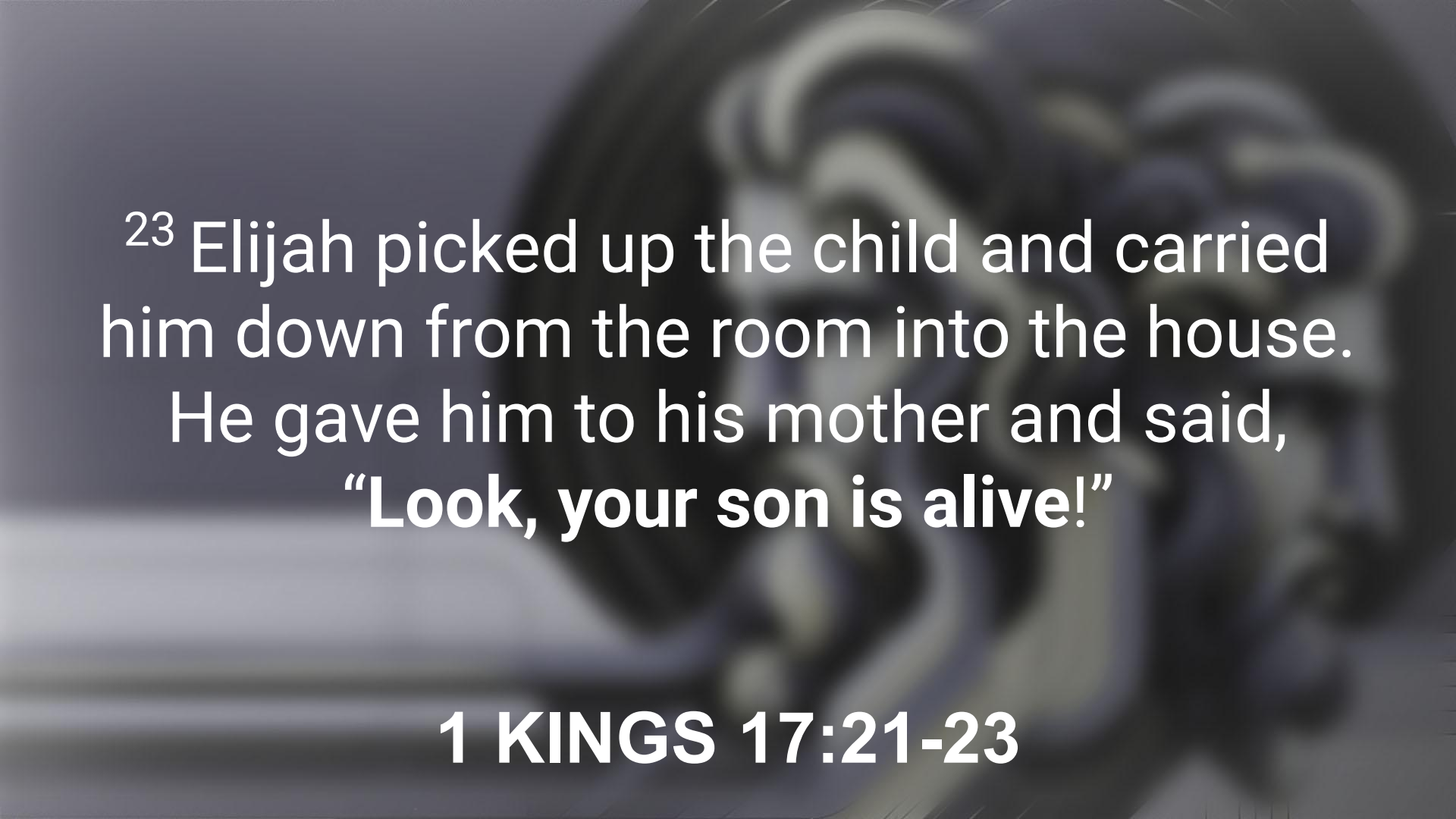
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THE TRIUMPH OF LIFE

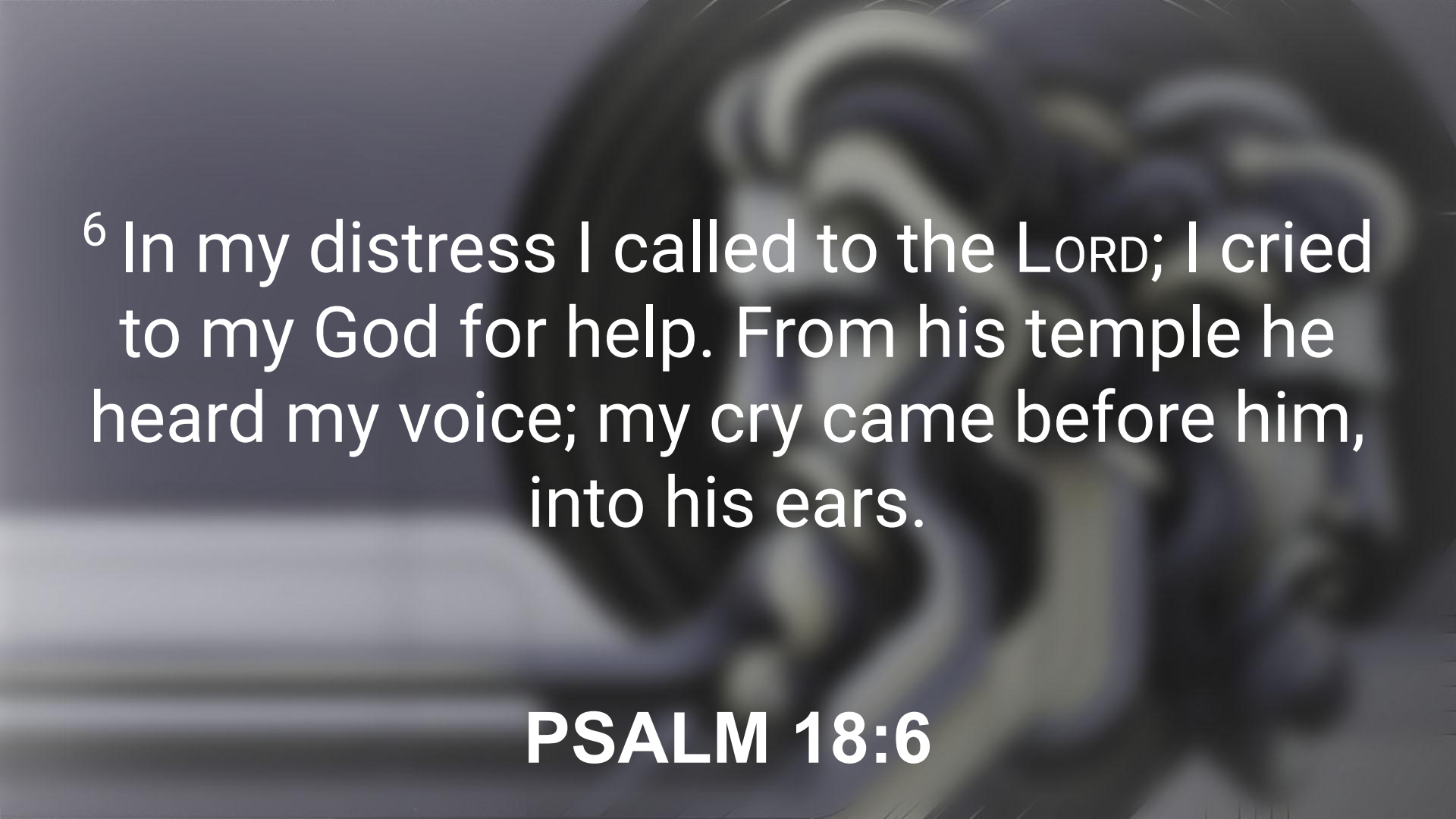
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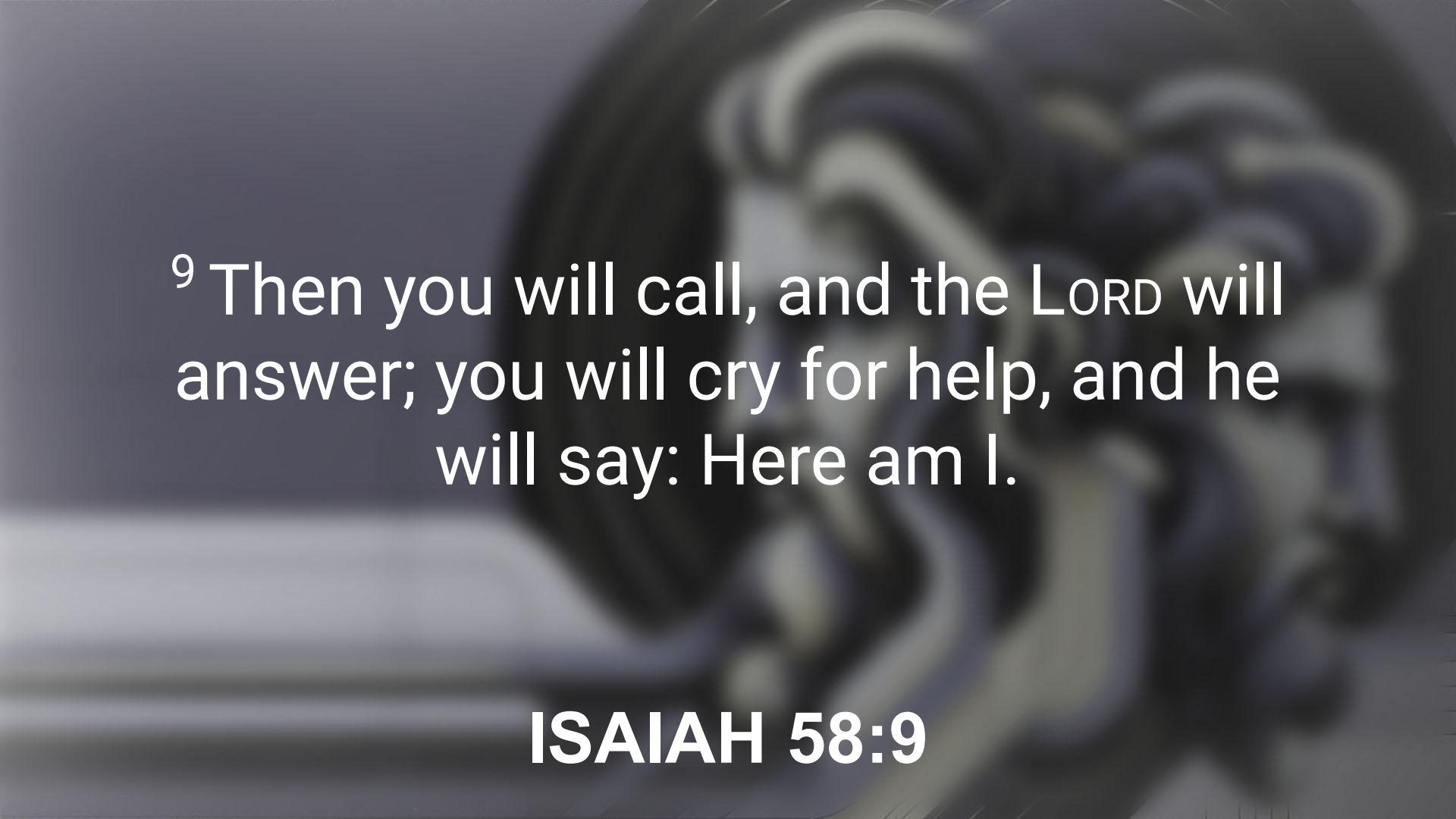
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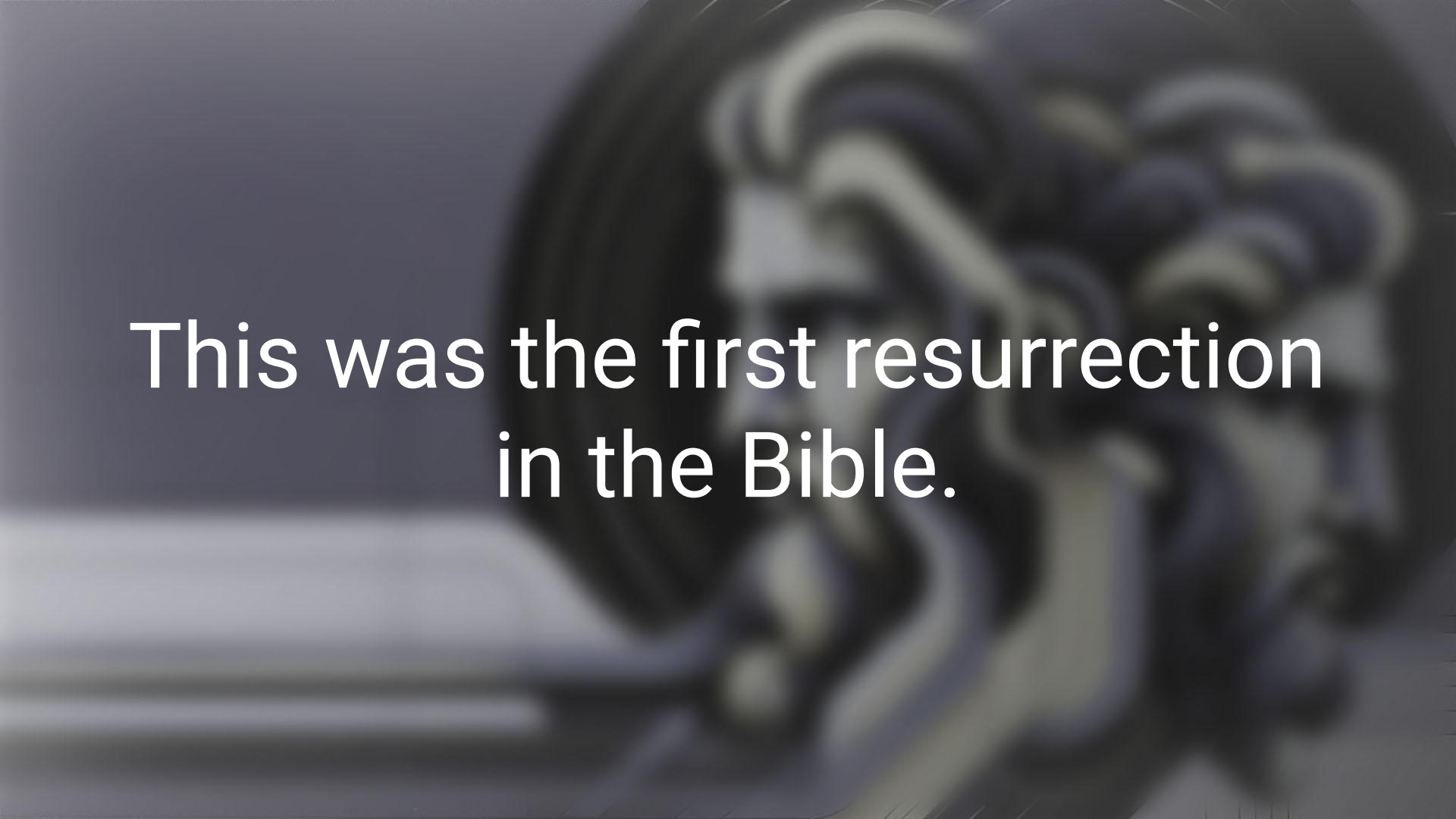
⁶ In my distress I called to the LORD; I cried
to my God for help. From his temple he
heard my voice; my cry came before him,
into his ears.

PSALM 18:6



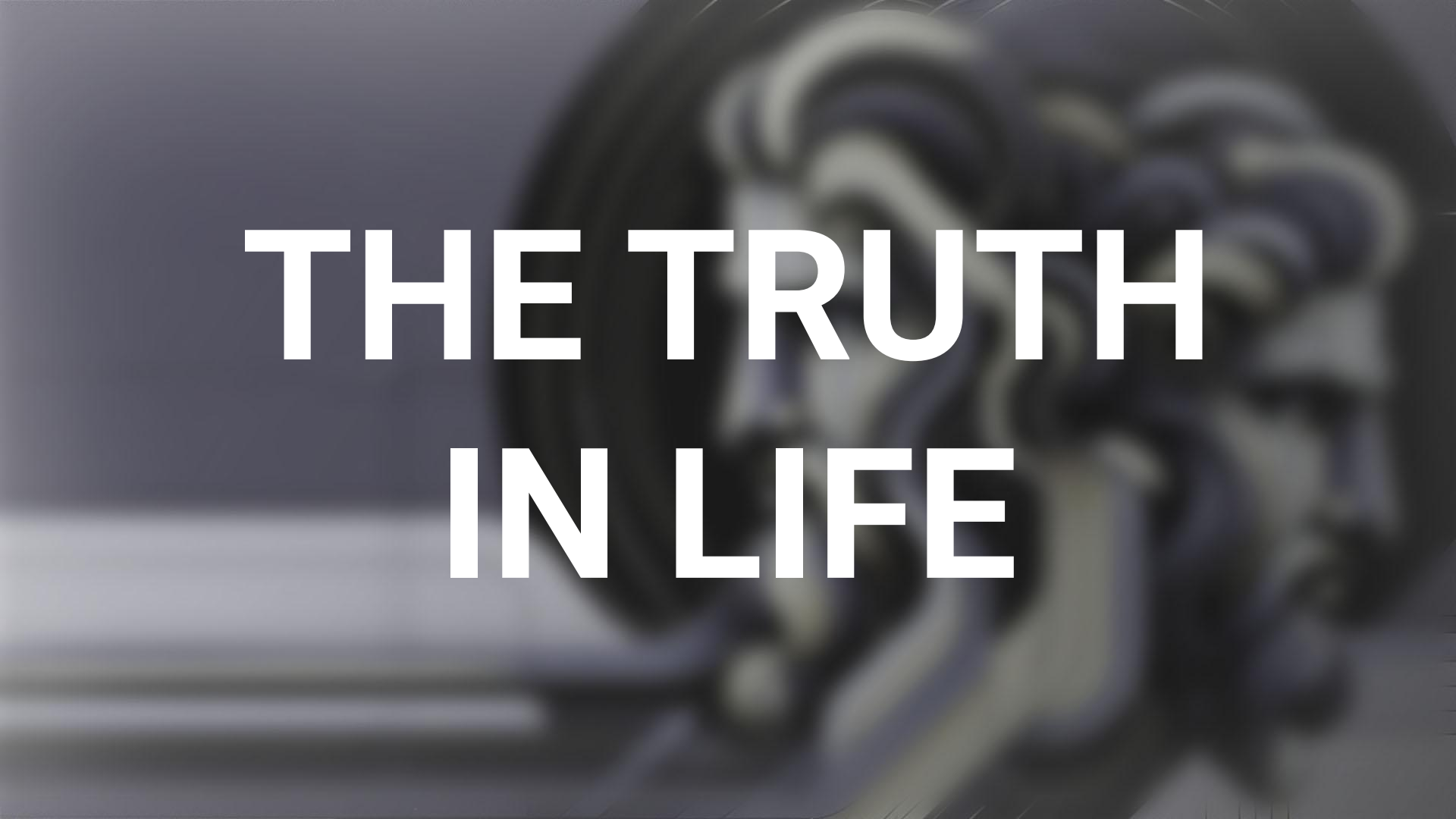
⁹ Then you will call, and the LORD will
answer; you will cry for help, and he
will say: Here am I.

ISAIAH 58:9

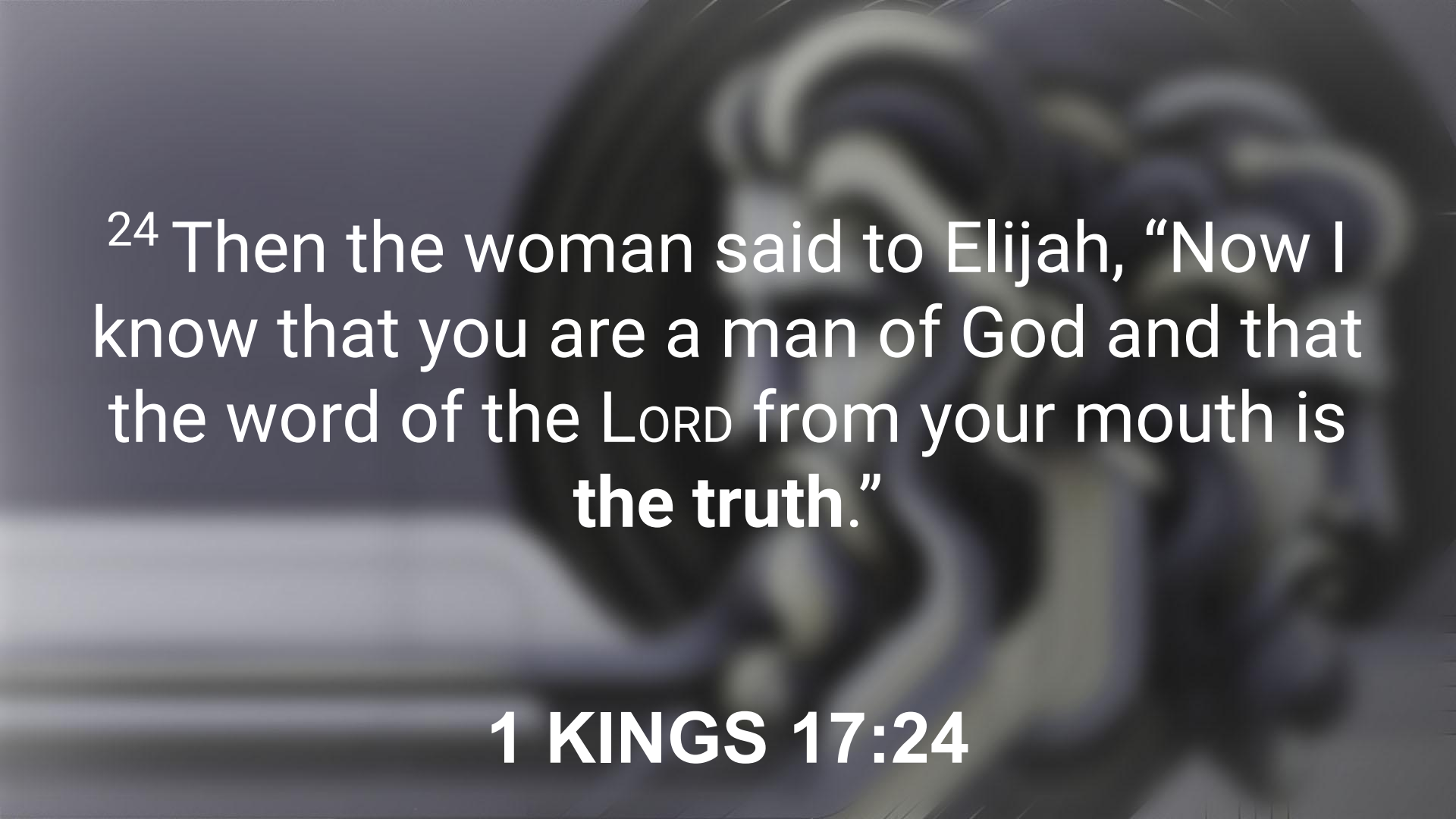


This was the first resurrection
in the Bible.

This event foreshadowed what would become a core Christian doctrine. The Apostle's Creed outlined: "I believe in the resurrection of the body".

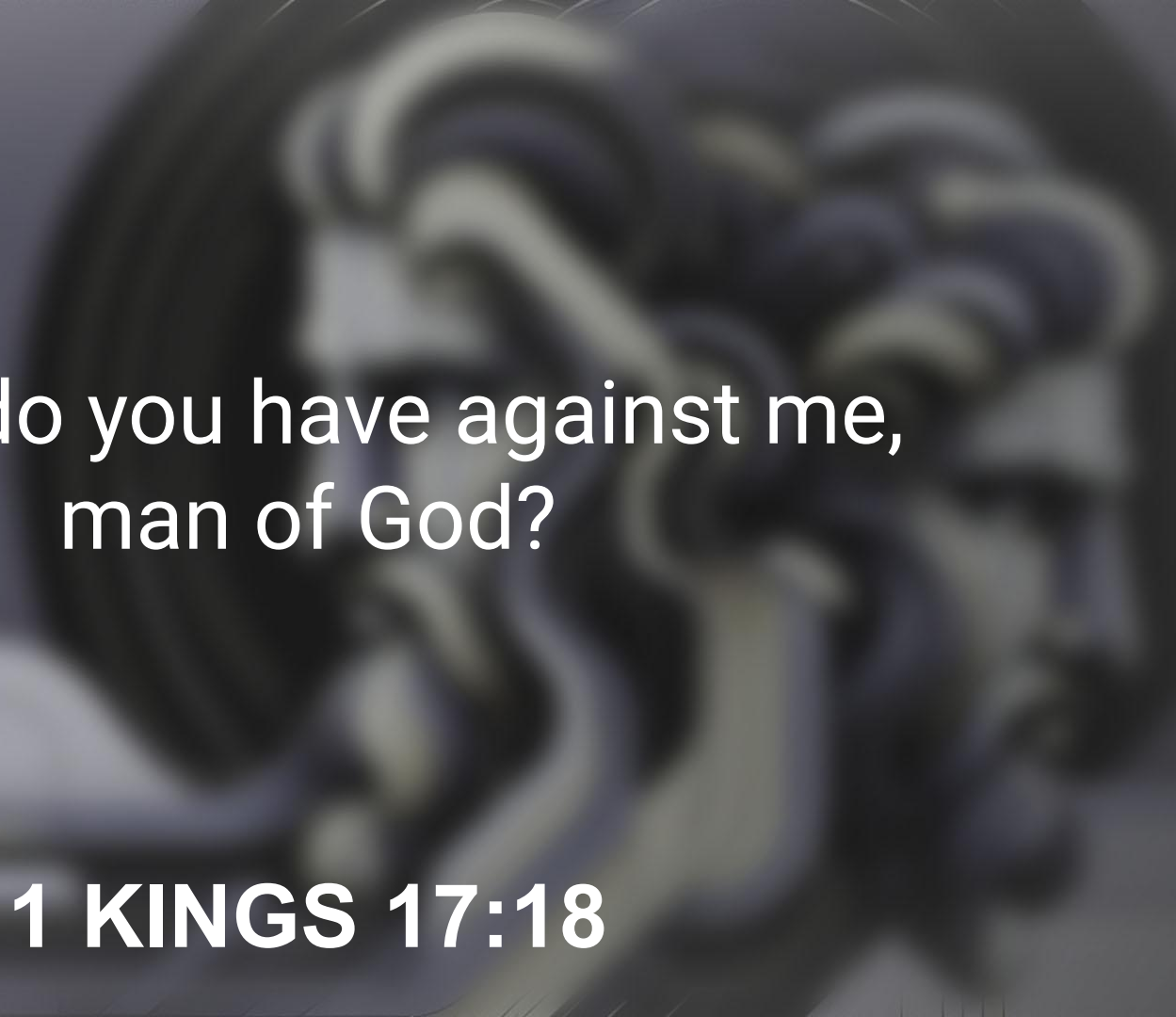


THE TRUTH IN LIFE



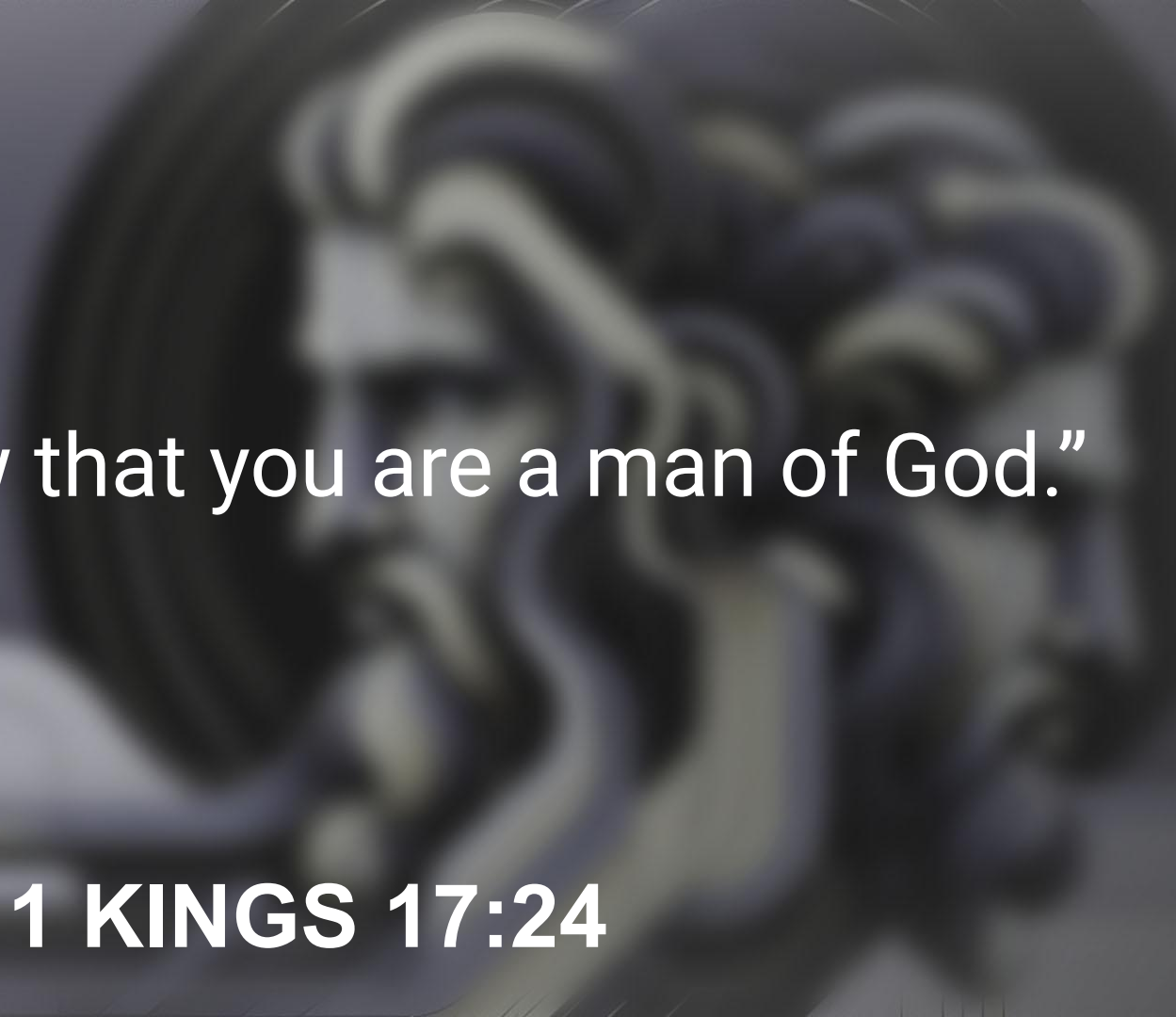
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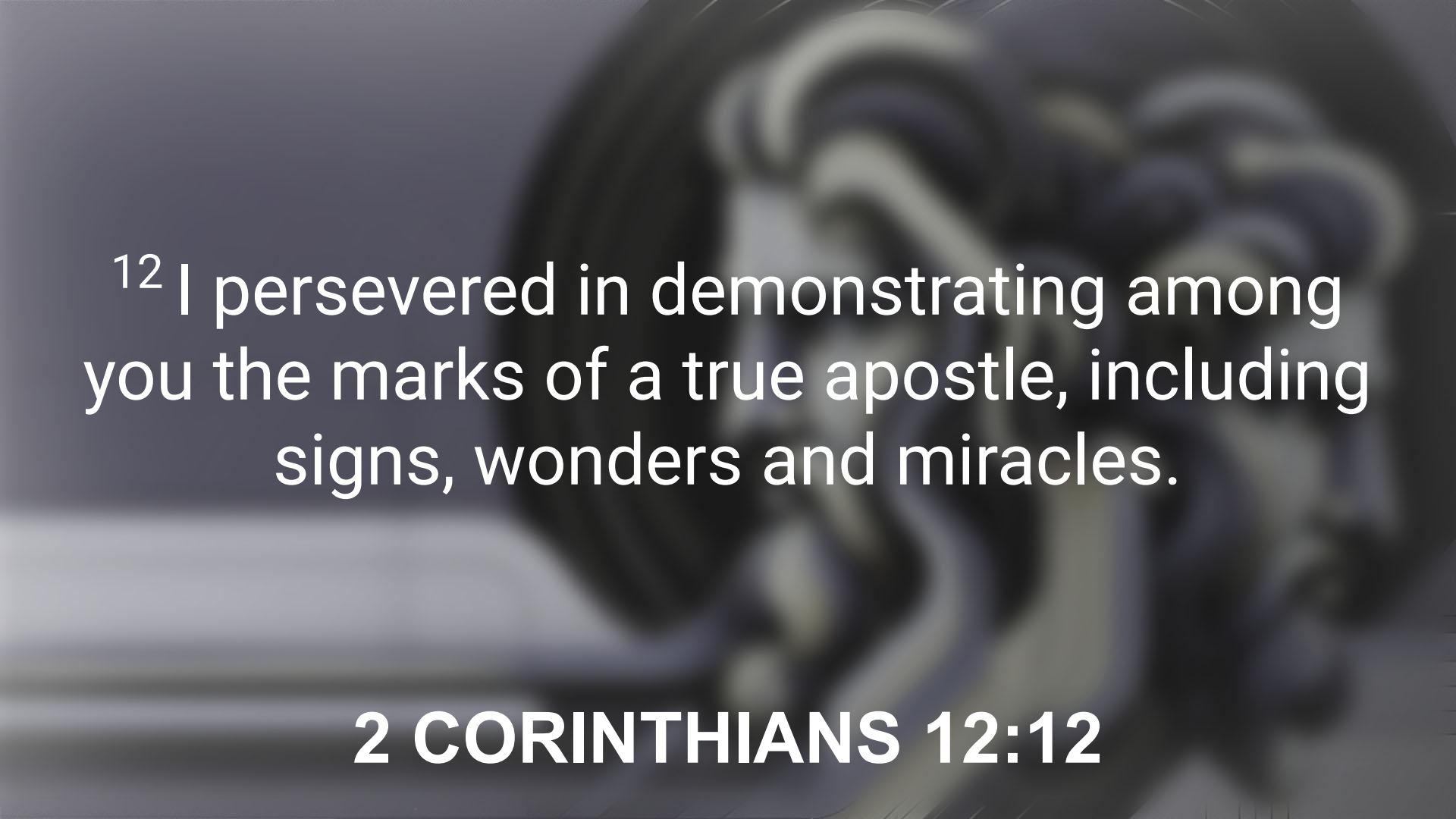
“What do you have against me,
man of God?”

1 KINGS 17:18



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1 KINGS 17:24



¹² I persevered in demonstrating among you the marks of a true apostle, including signs, wonders and miracles.

2 CORINTHIANS 12:12

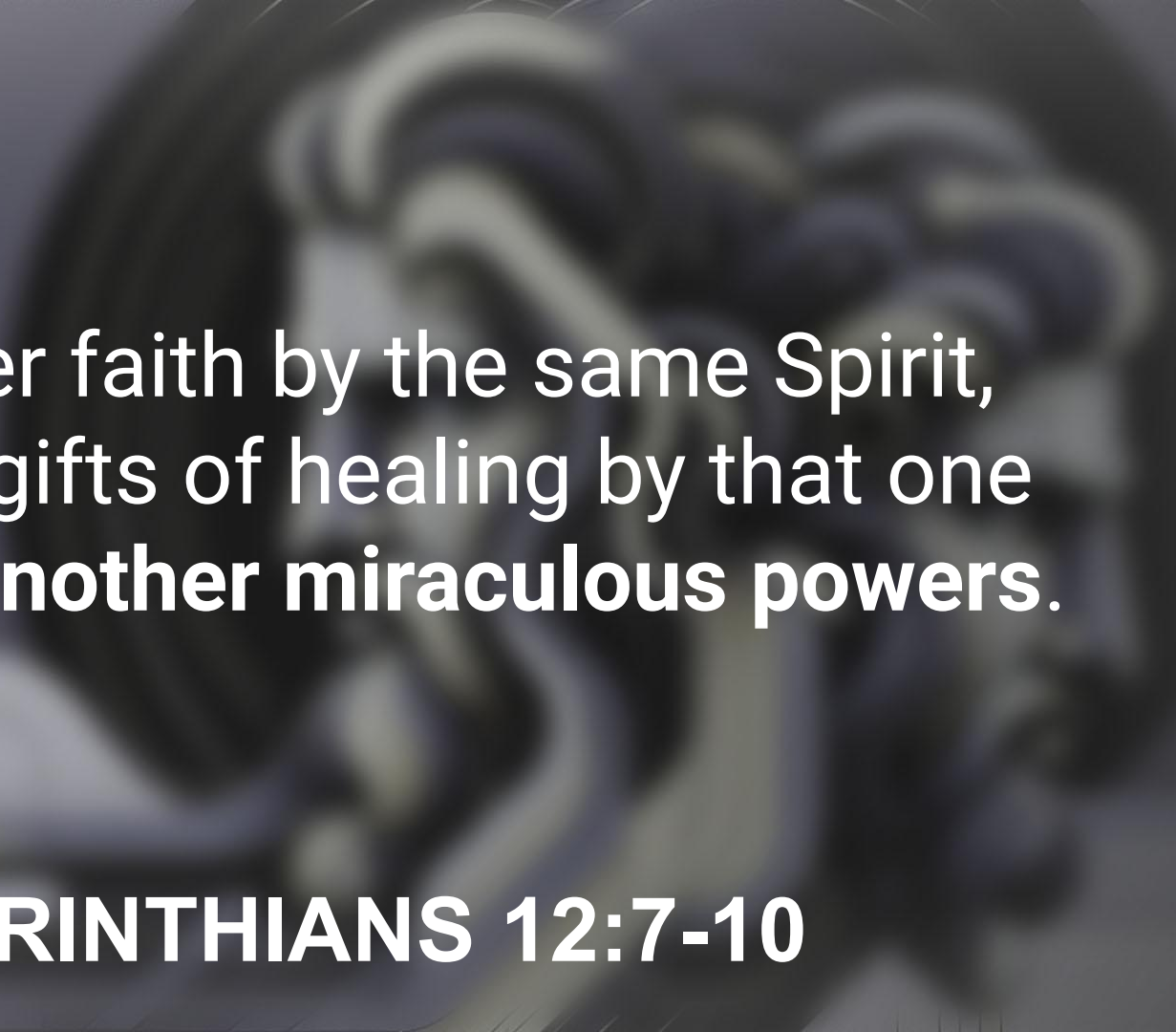


While the times have certainly
changed, the God we serve has
not changed.

⁷ Now to each one the manifestation of the Spirit is given for the common good.

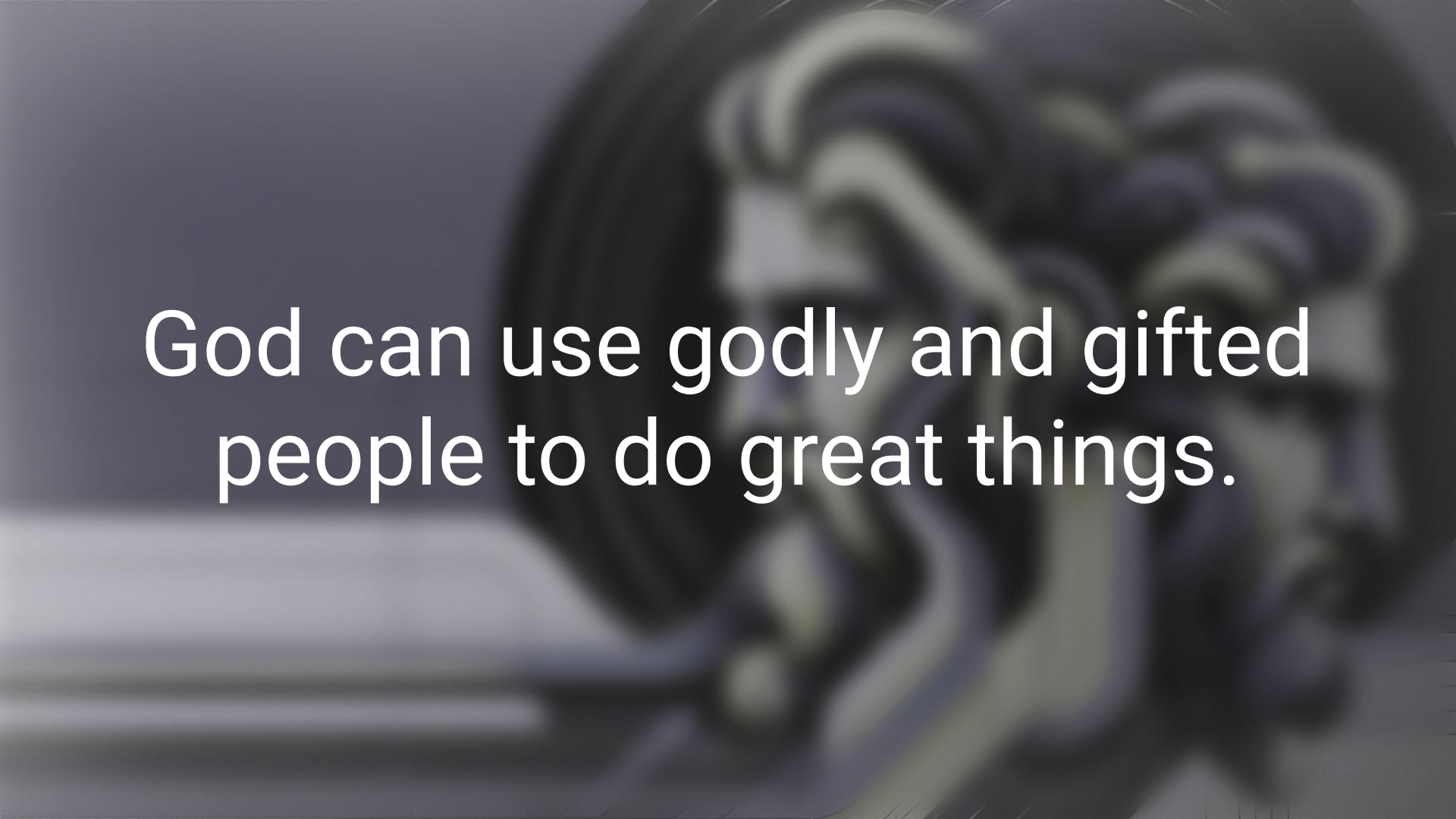
⁸ To one there is given through the Spirit a message of wisdom, to another a message of knowledge by means of the same Spirit,

1 CORINTHIANS 12:7-10



⁹ to another faith by the same Spirit,
to another gifts of healing by that one
Spirit, ¹⁰ **to another miraculous powers.**

1 CORINTHIANS 12:7-10



God can use godly and gifted
people to do great things.

⁴⁵ From noon until three in the afternoon darkness came over all the land. ⁴⁶ About three in the afternoon Jesus cried out in a loud voice, “*Eli, Eli, lema sabachthani?*” (which means “My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?”).

MATTHEW 27:45-50

⁴⁷ When some of those standing there heard this, they said, “**He’s calling Elijah.**”

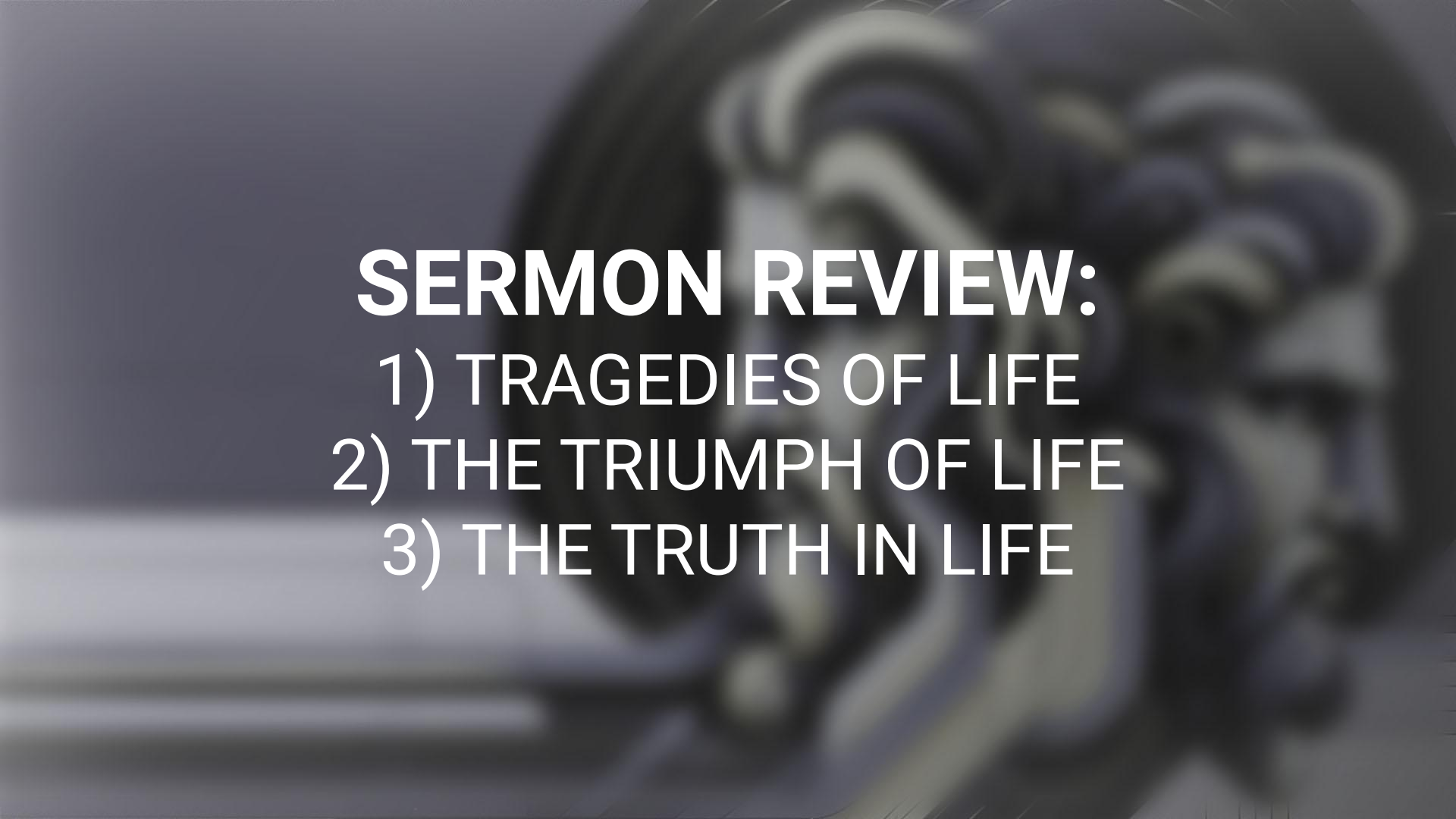
⁴⁸ Immediately one of them ran and got a sponge. He filled it with wine vinegar, put it on a staff, and offered it to Jesus to drink.

MATTHEW 27:45-50

⁴⁹ The rest said, “Now leave him alone.
Let’s see if Elijah comes to save him.”

⁵⁰ And when Jesus had cried out again
in a loud voice, he gave up his spirit.

MATTHEW 27:45-50



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