

1 & 2 KINGS

The Days of Elijah & Elisha



A circular emblem featuring a detailed illustration of a lion's head, facing right. The lion has a thick, textured mane and is set against a dark, circular background. This emblem is positioned on the right side of the image, partially behind the main text.

MIRACLE OIL

¹ The wife of a man from the company of the prophets cried out to Elisha, “Your servant my husband is dead, and you know that he revered the LORD. But now his creditor is coming to take my two boys as his slaves.” ² Elisha replied to her, “How can I help you?”

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Tell me, what do you have in your house?"

"Your servant has nothing there at all," she said, "except a small jar of olive oil."

³ Elisha said, "Go around and ask all your neighbours for empty jars. Don't ask for just a few. ⁴ Then go inside and shut the door behind you and your sons.

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Pour oil into all the jars, and as each is filled, put it to one side.” ⁵ She left him and shut the door behind her and her sons. They brought the jars to her and she kept pouring. ⁶ When all the jars were full, she said to her son, “Bring me another one.”

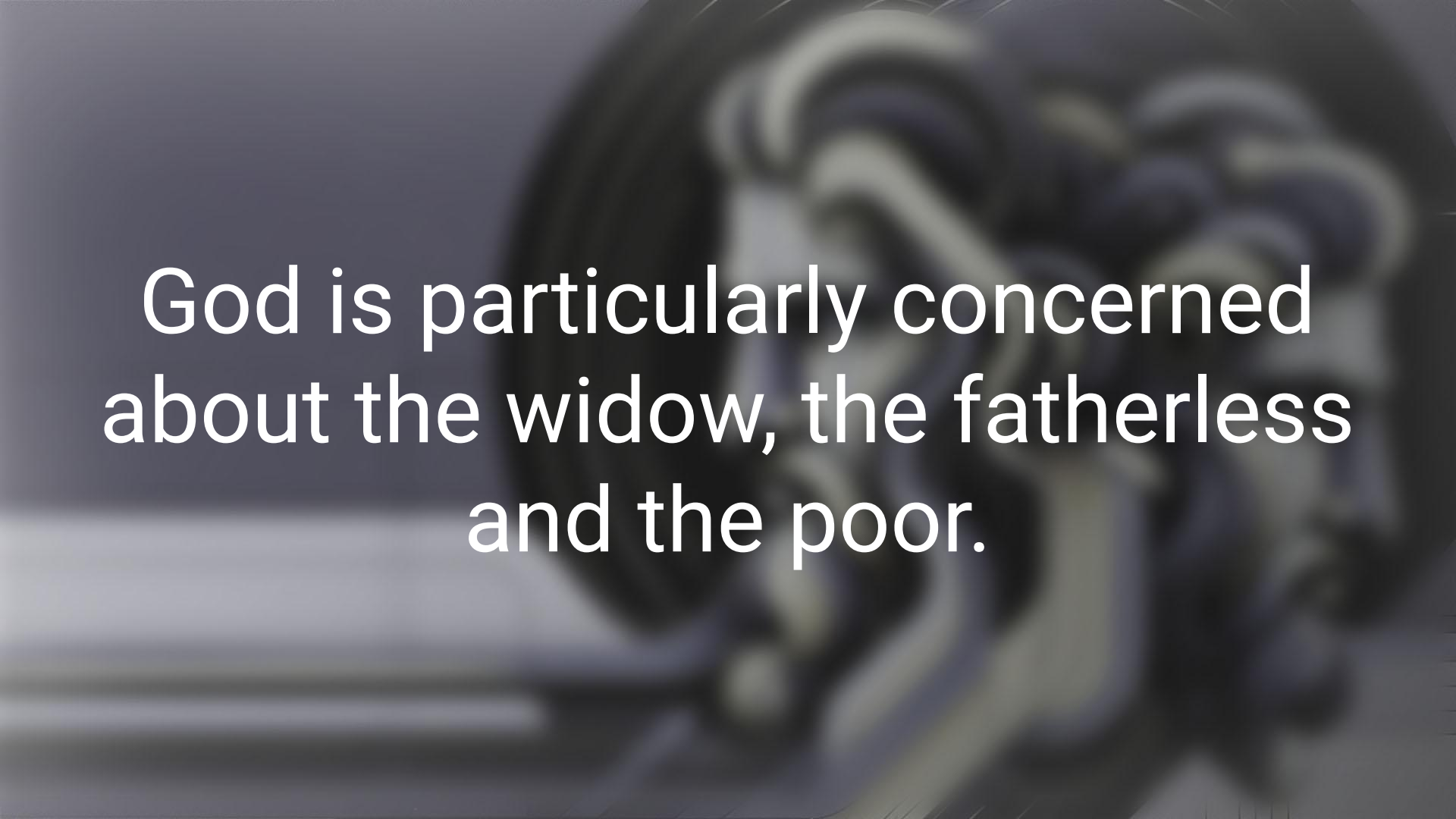
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But he replied, "There is not a jar left." Then the oil stopped flowing. ⁷ She went and told the man of God, and he said, "Go, sell the oil and pay your debts. You and your sons can live on what is left."

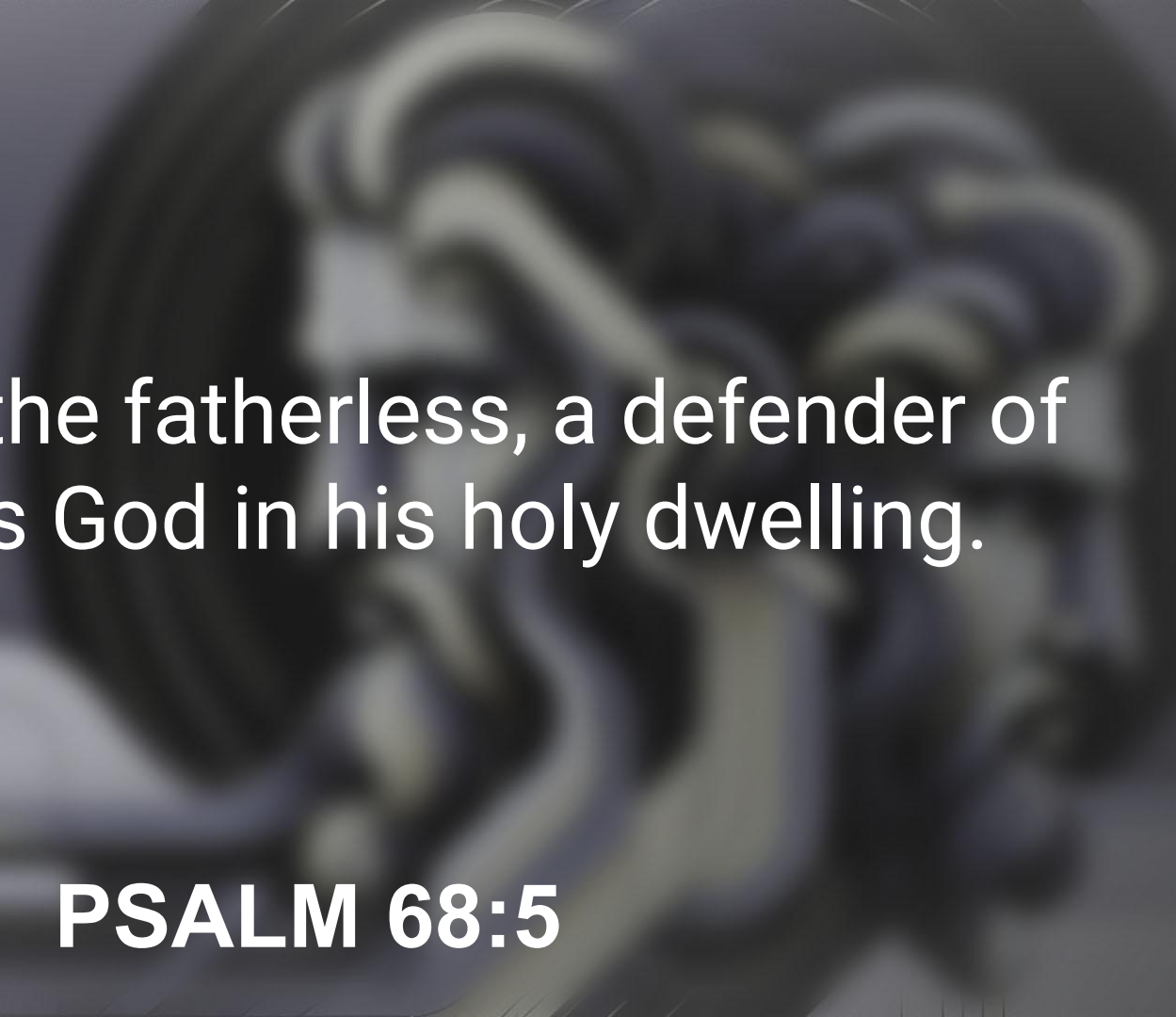
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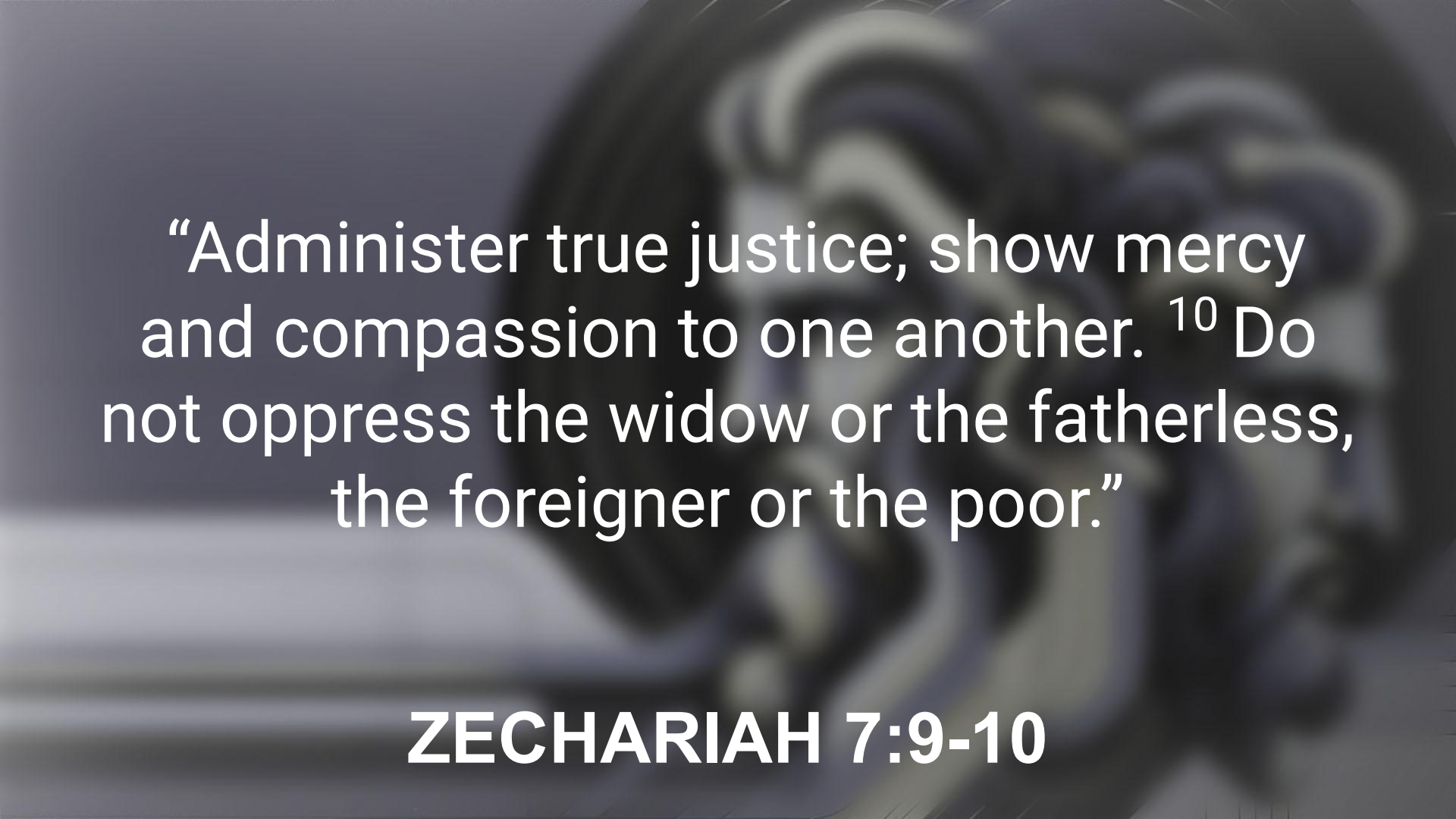
A blurred background image of a person, possibly a woman, wearing a blue garment, with their hands raised in a gesture of prayer or praise. The image is out of focus, creating a soft, ethereal atmosphere.

God is particularly concerned
about the widow, the fatherless
and the poor.



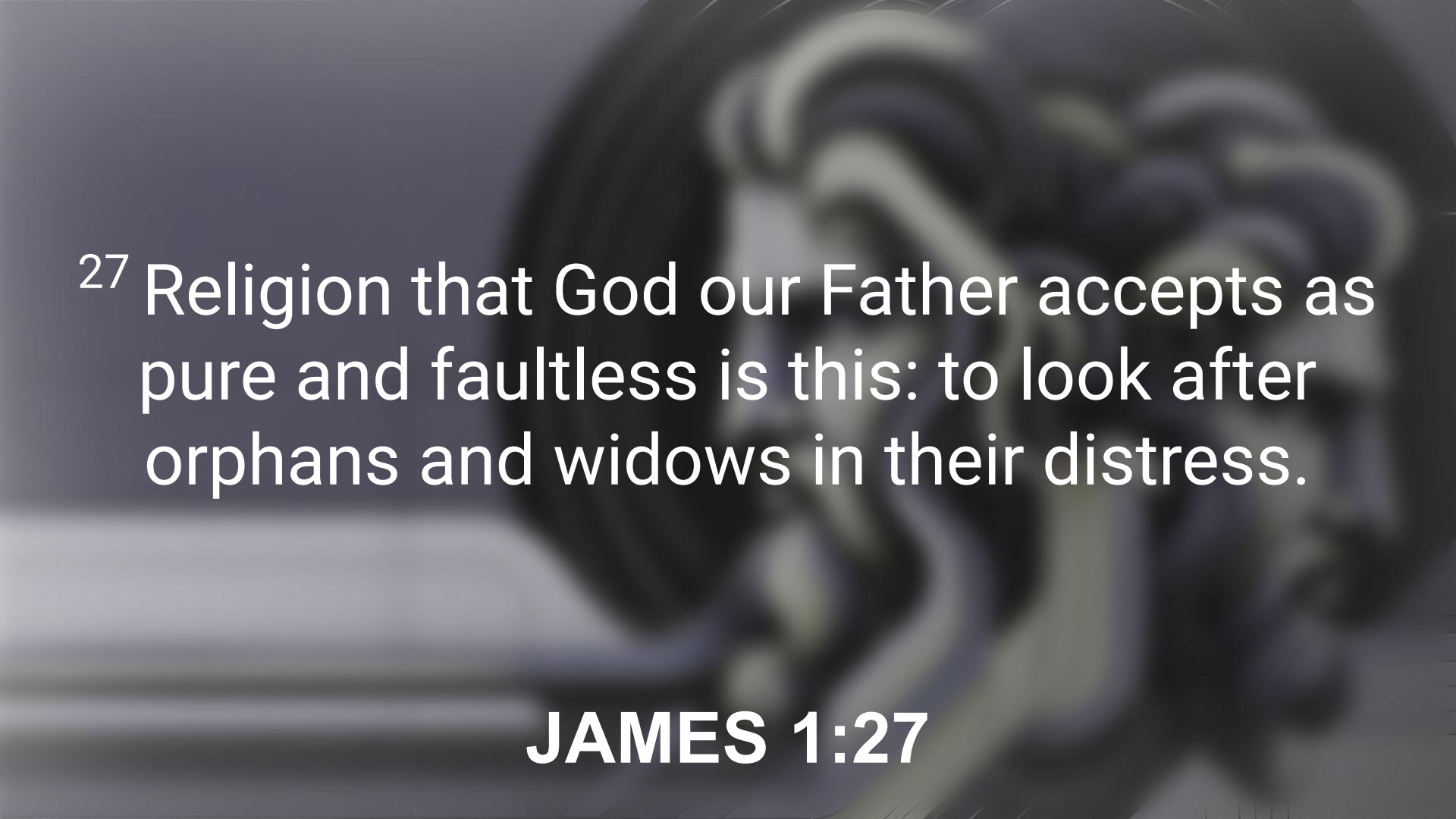
A father to the fatherless, a defender of
widows, is God in his holy dwelling.

PSALM 68:5



“Administer true justice; show mercy
and compassion to one another. ¹⁰ Do
not oppress the widow or the fatherless,
the foreigner or the poor.”

ZECHARIAH 7:9-10



²⁷ Religion that God our Father accepts as pure and faultless is this: to look after orphans and widows in their distress.

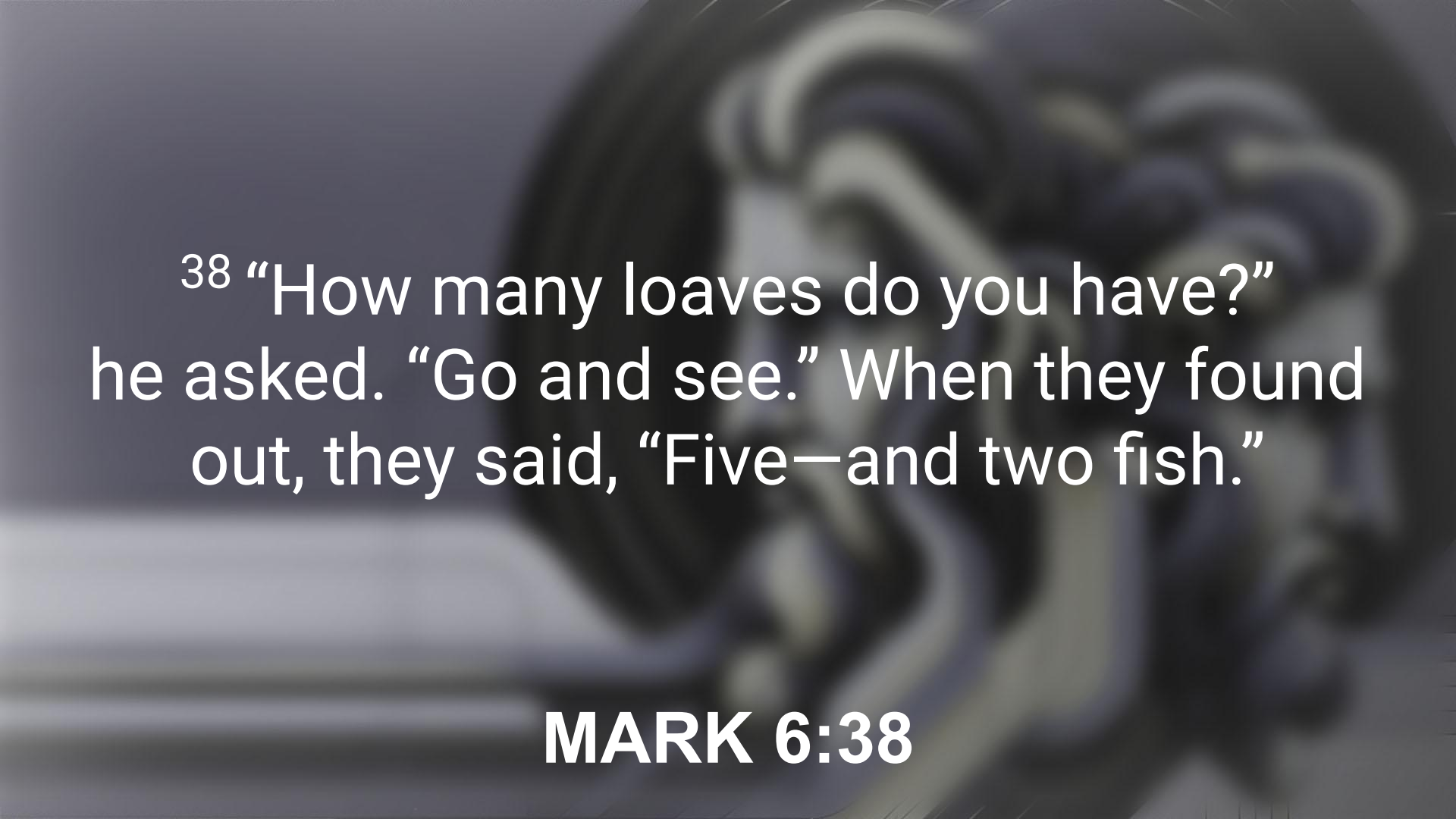
JAMES 1:27



NO OIL LEFT

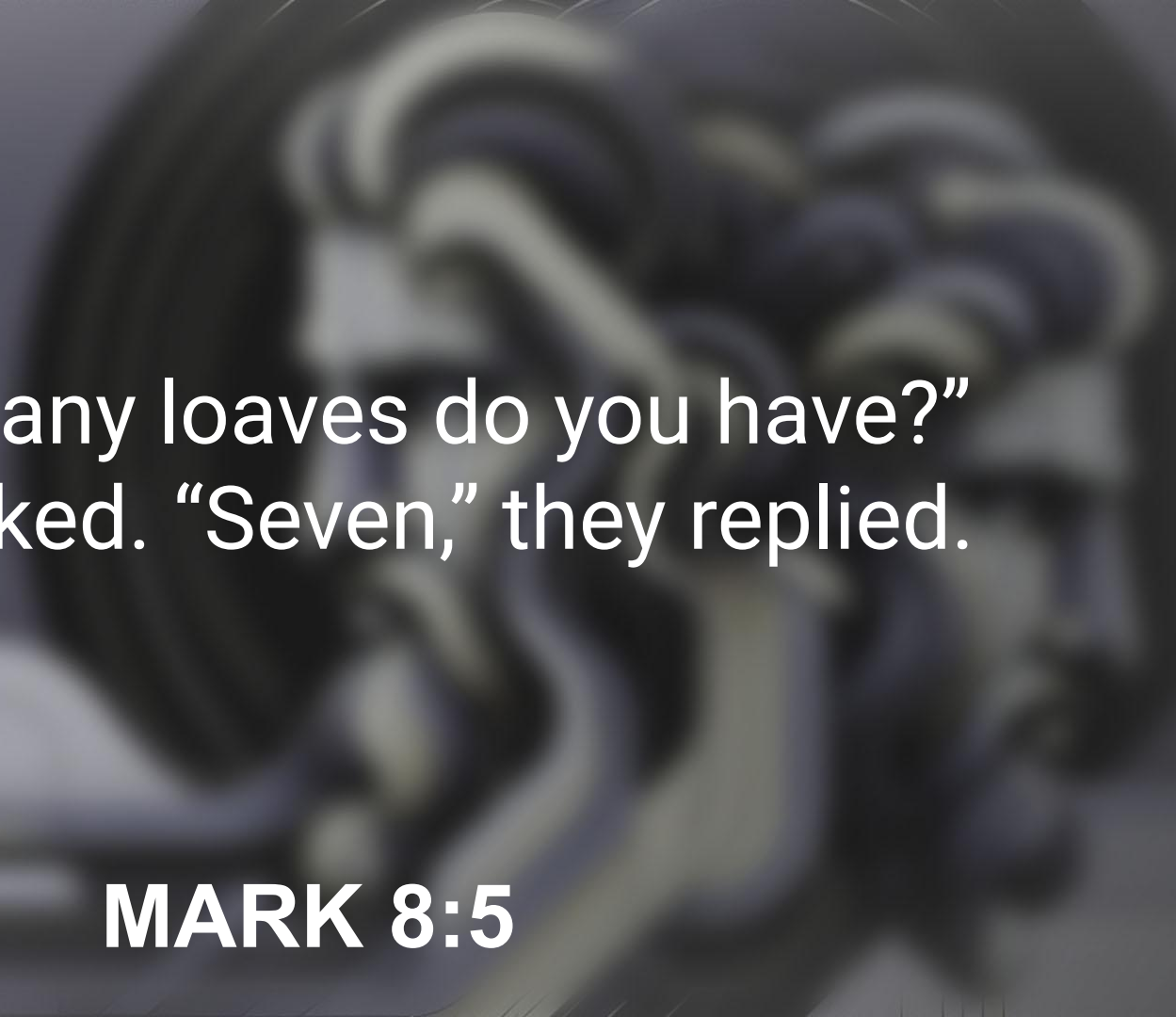
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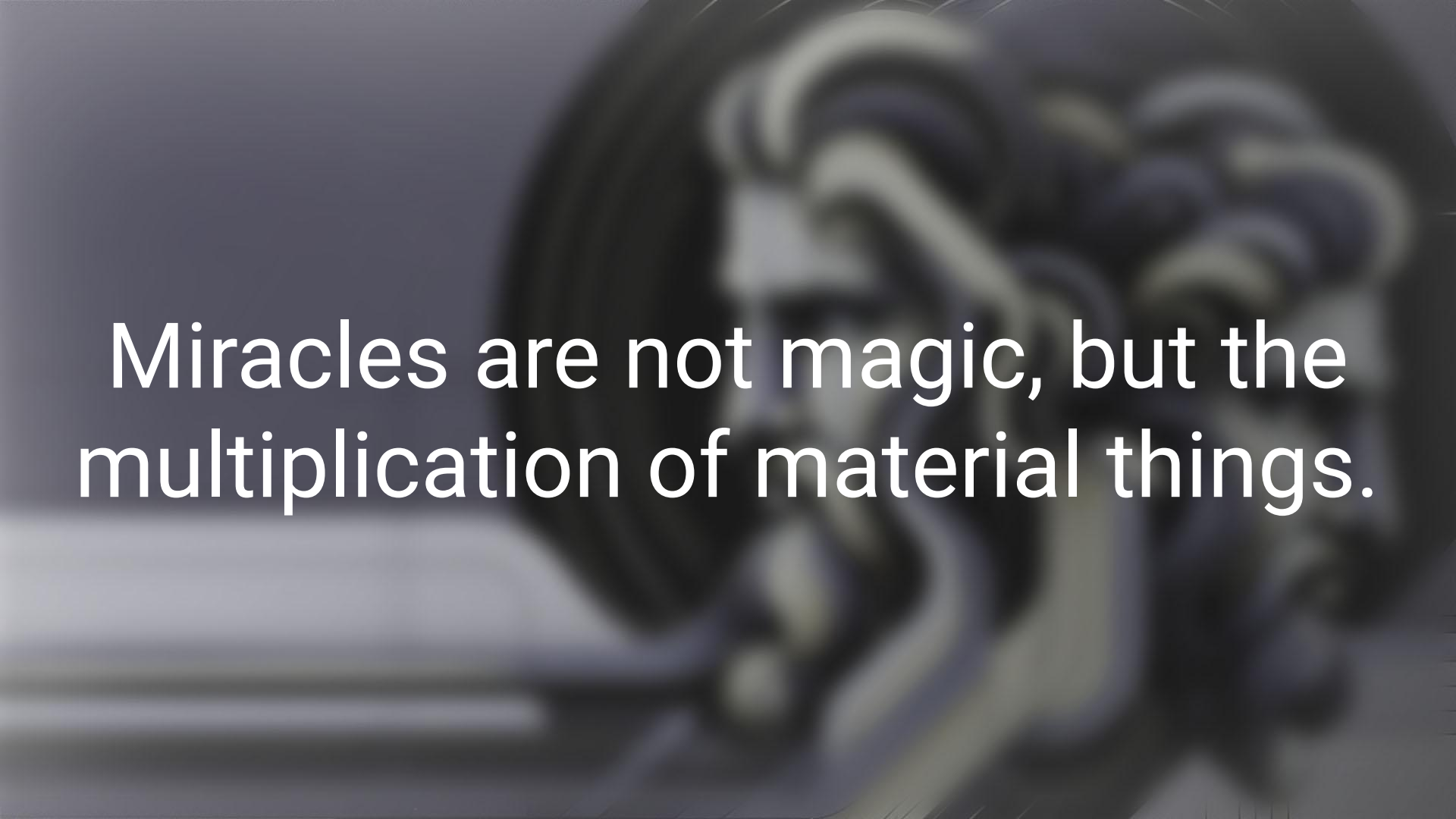
³⁸ “How many loaves do you have?”
he asked. “Go and see.” When they found
out, they said, “Five—and two fish.”

MARK 6:38



⁵ “How many loaves do you have?”
Jesus asked. “Seven,” they replied.

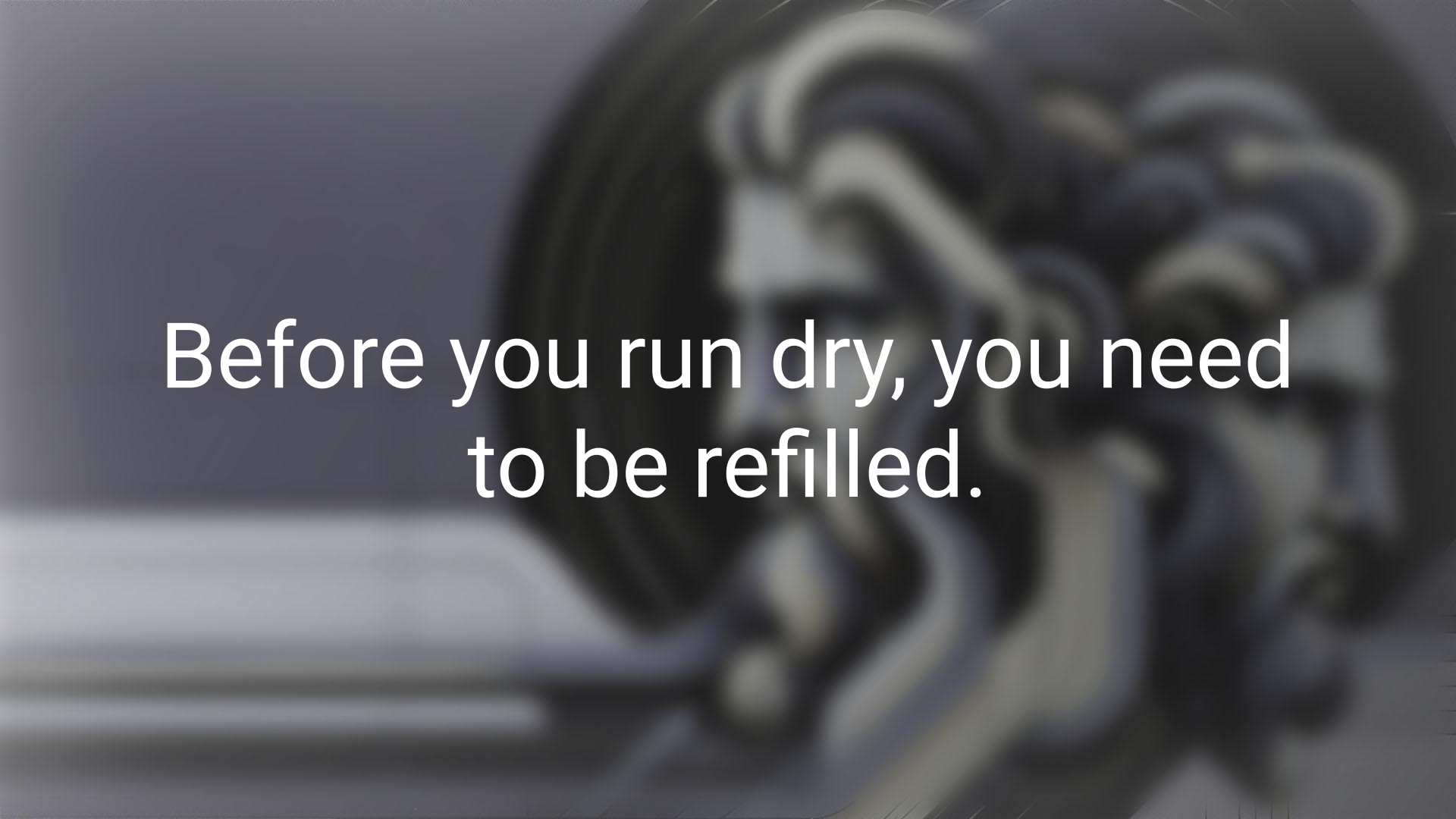
MARK 8:5



Miracles are not magic, but the
multiplication of material things.



What can God do with
our “excepts”?



Before you run dry, you need
to be refilled.



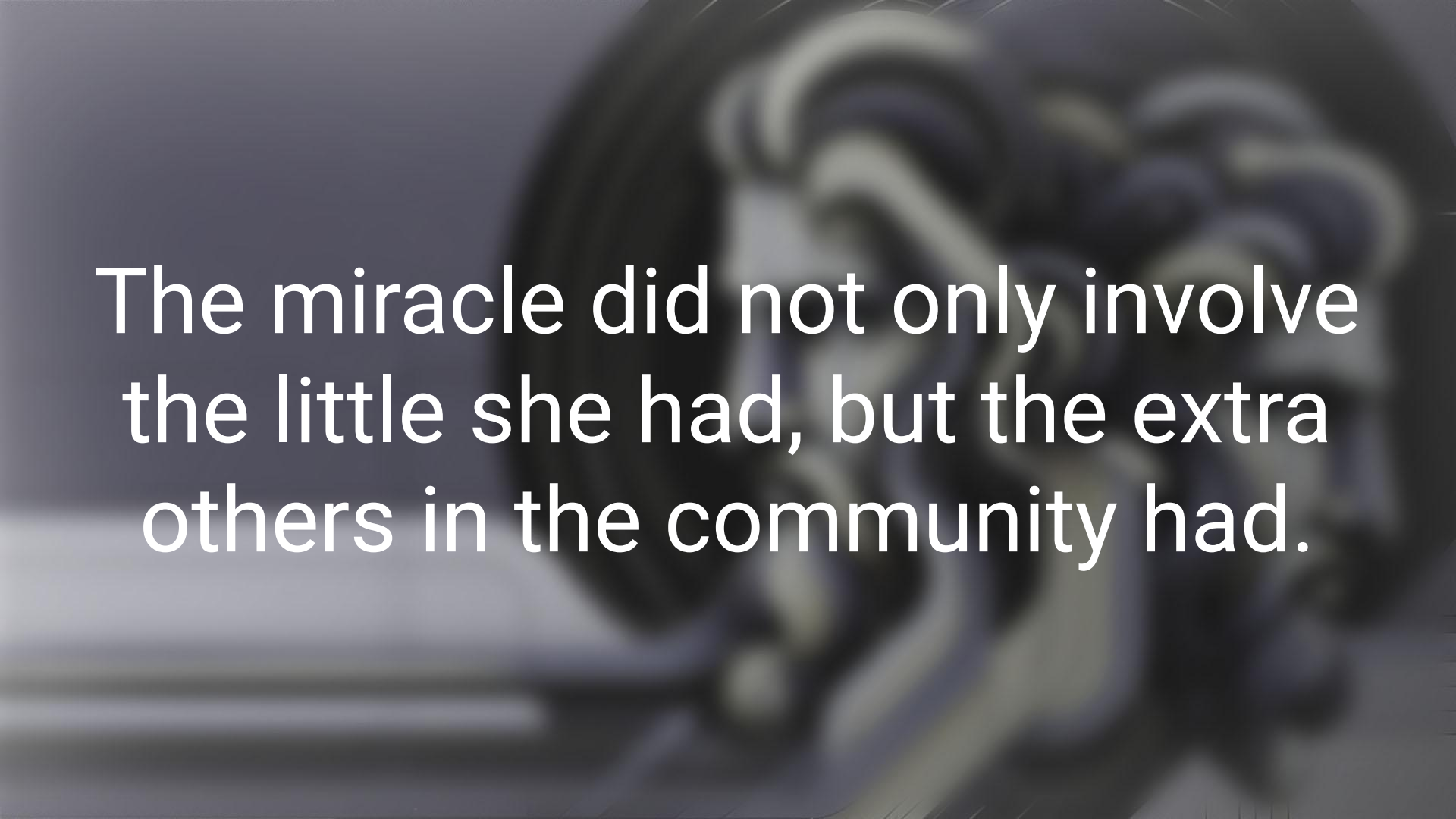
NO JARS LEFT

³ Elisha said, “Go around and ask all your neighbours for empty jars. Don’t ask for just a few. ⁴ Then go inside and shut the door behind you and your sons. Pour oil into all the jars, and as each is filled, put it to one side.” ⁵ She left him and shut the door behind her and her sons.

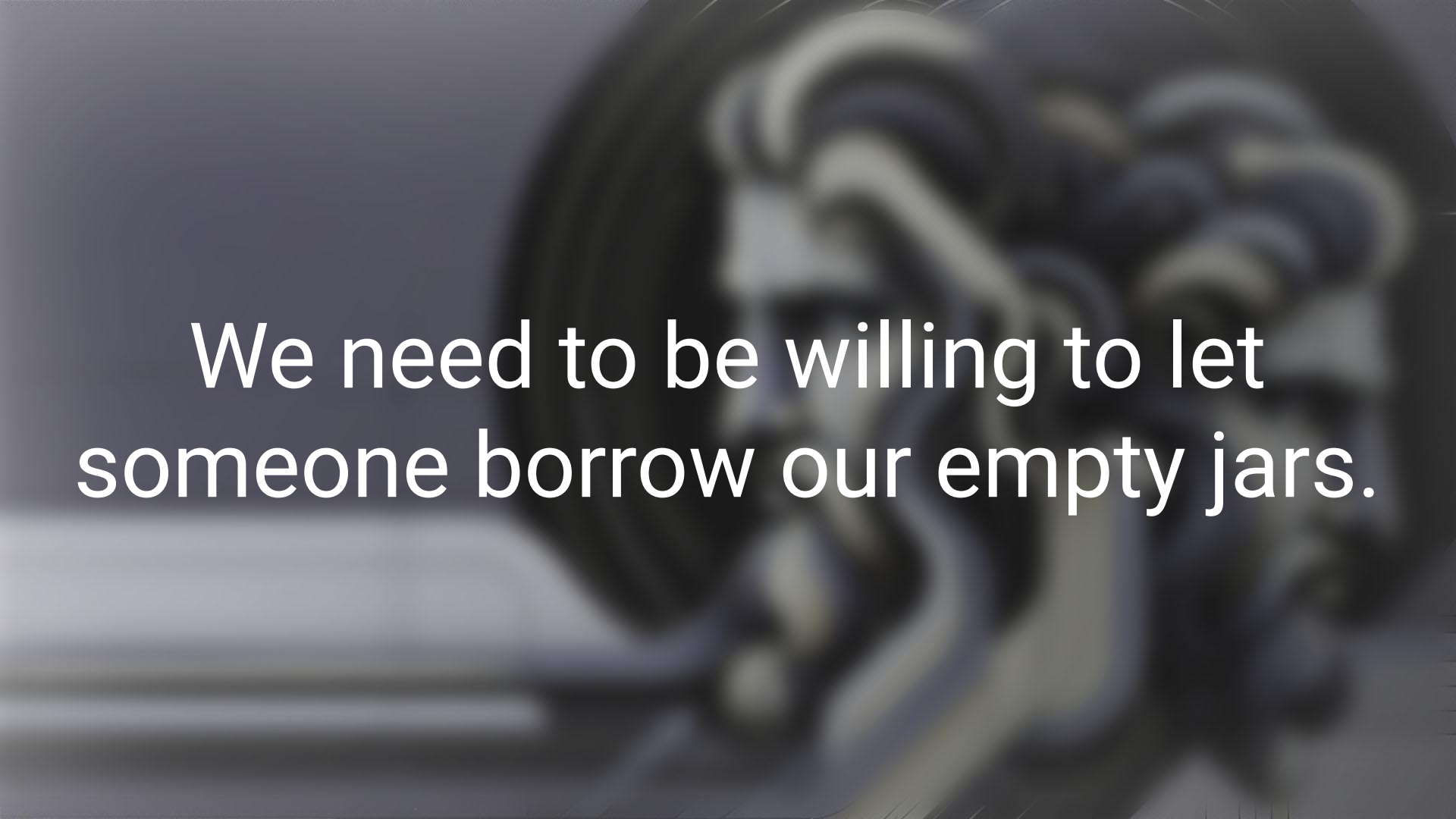
2 KINGS 4:3-6

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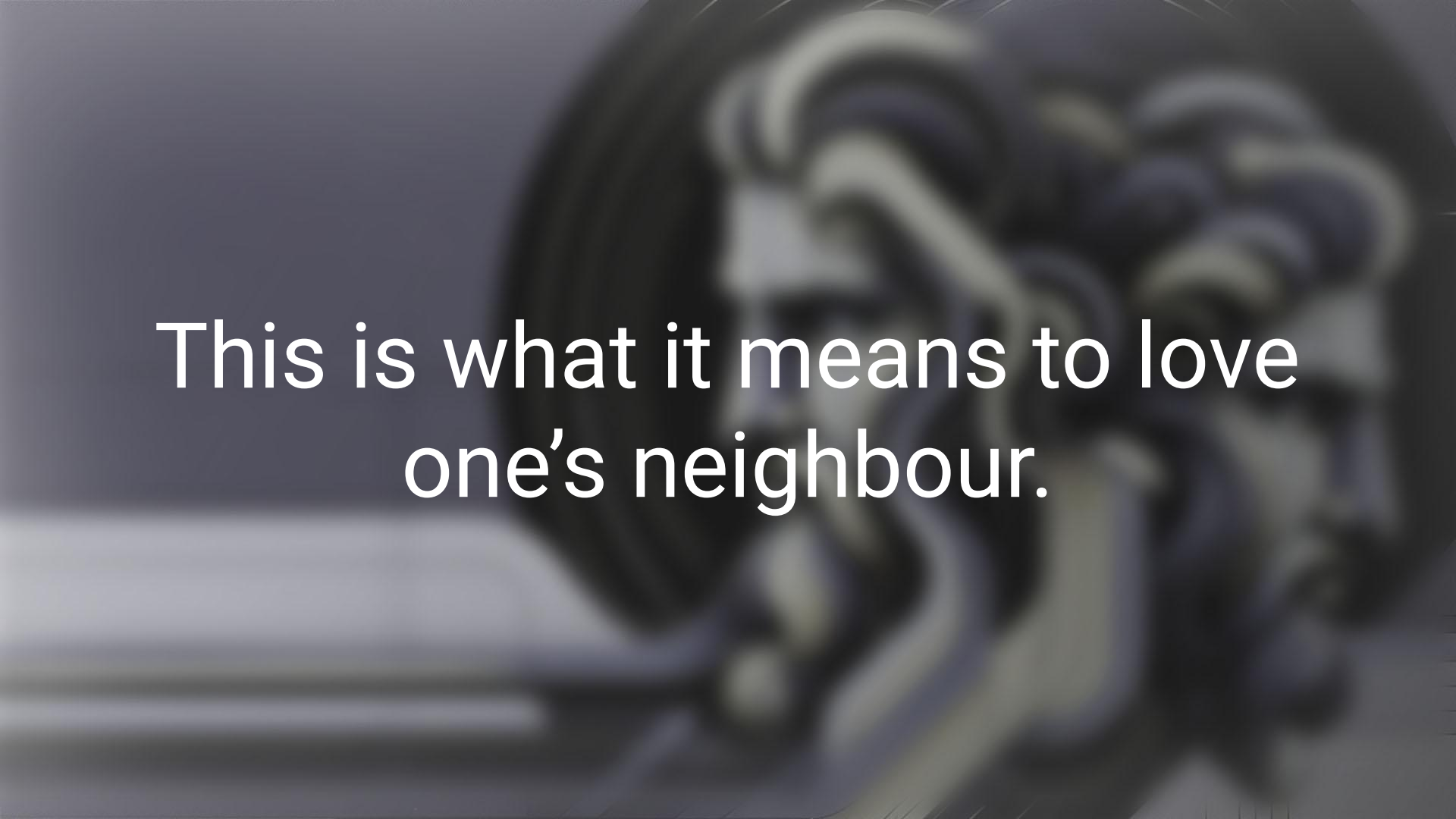
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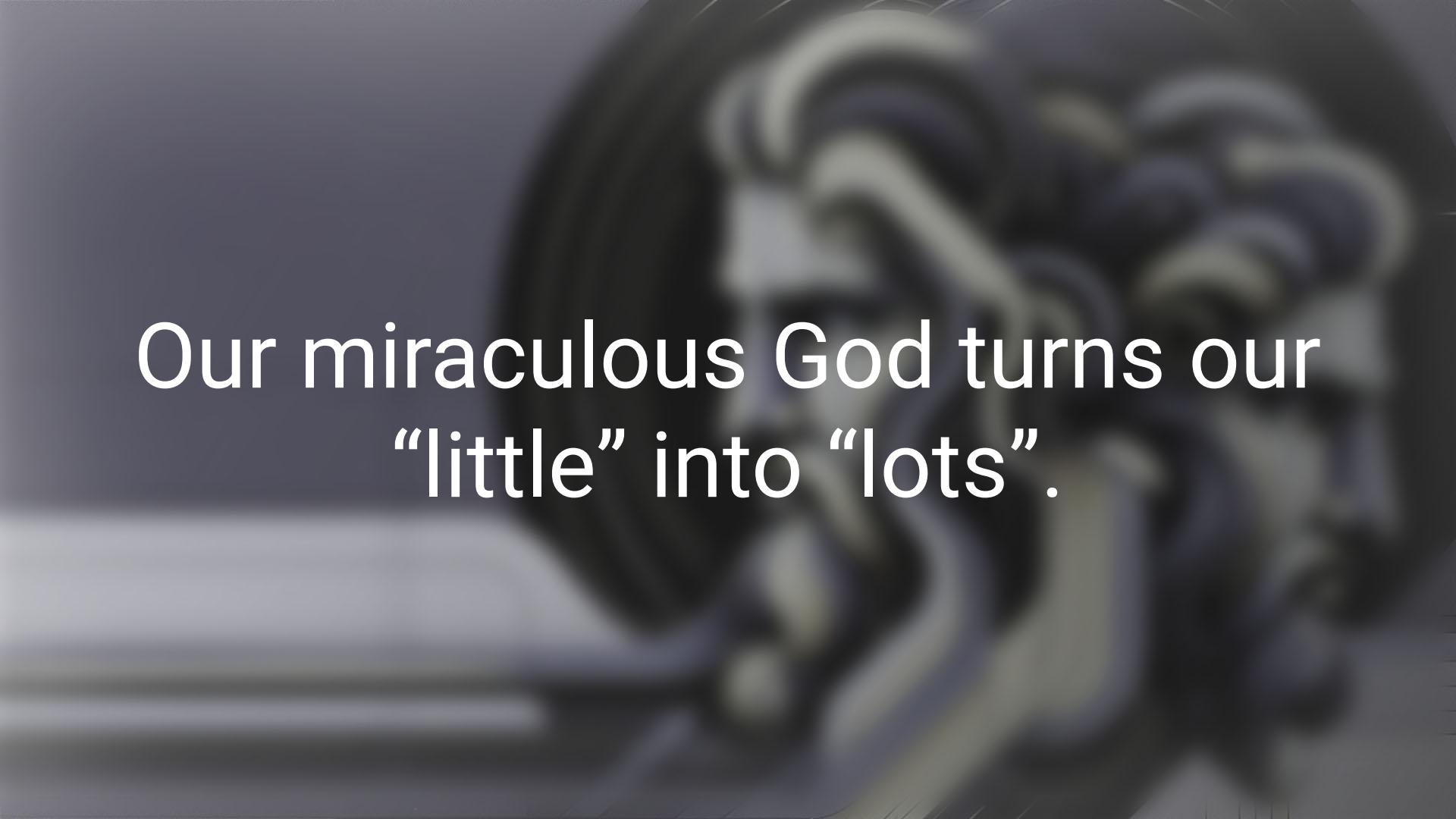
The miracle did not only involve
the little she had, but the extra
others in the community had.



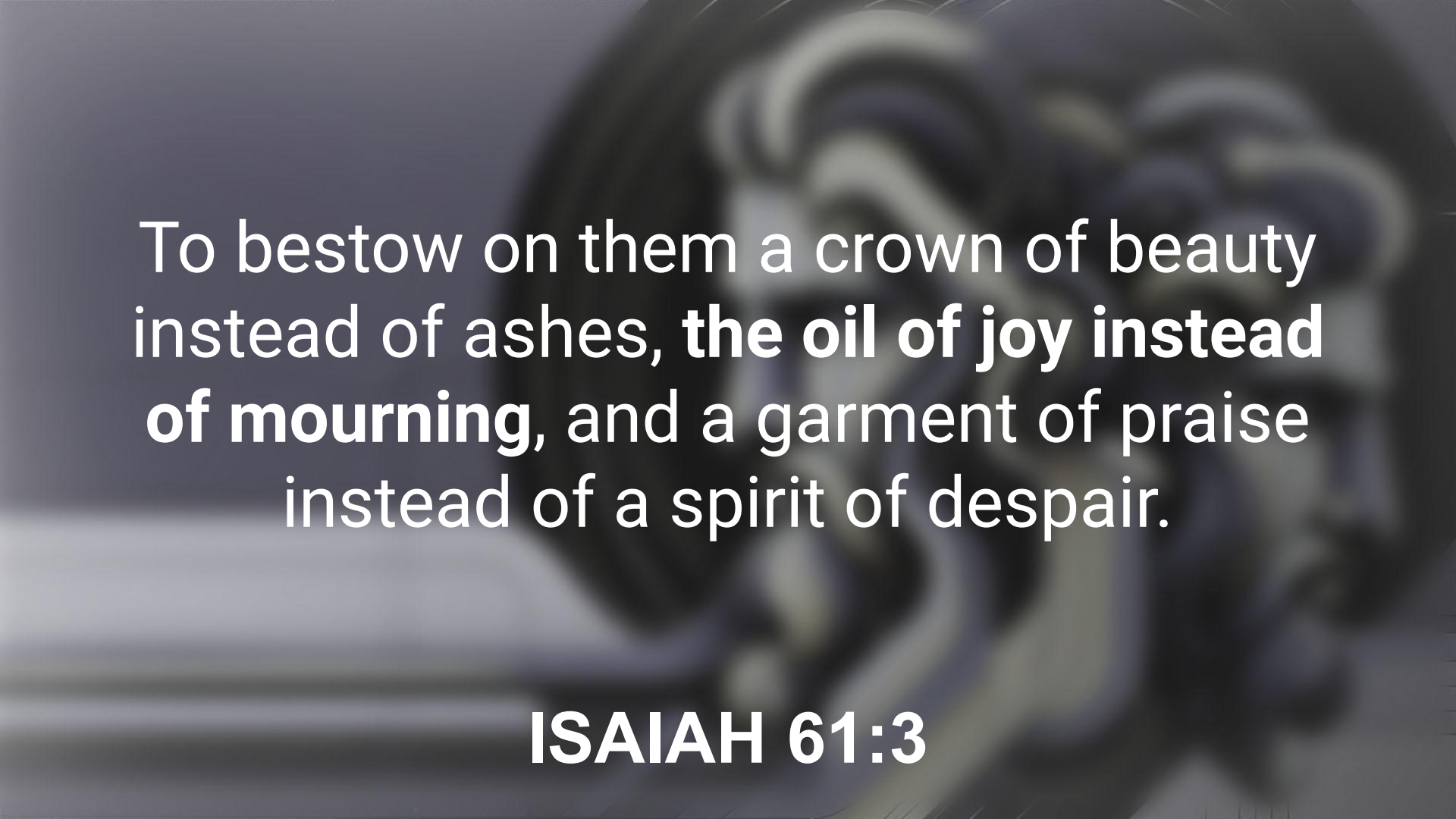
We need to be willing to let
someone borrow our empty jars.



This is what it means to love
one's neighbour.

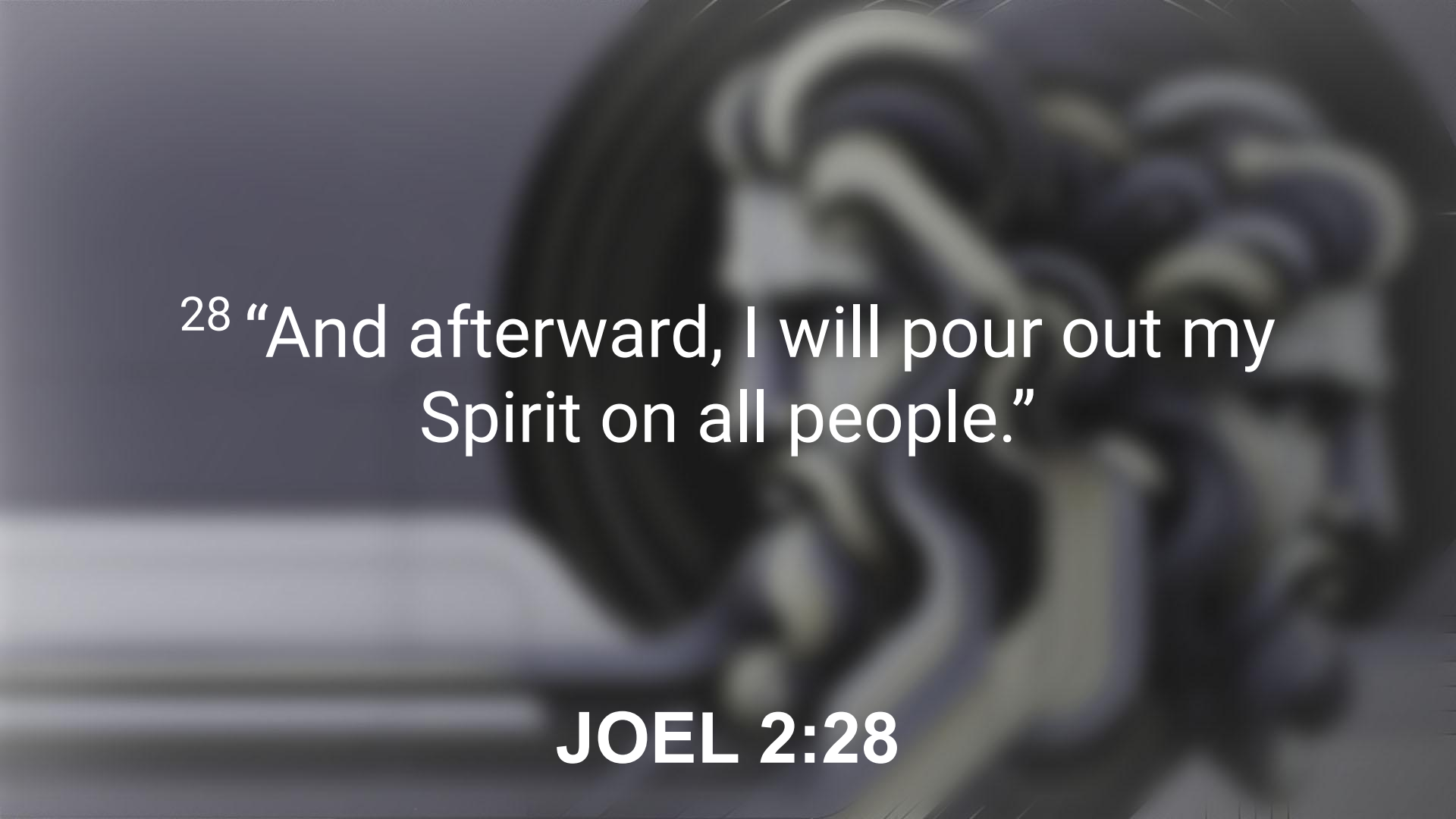


Our miraculous God turns our
“little” into “lots”.



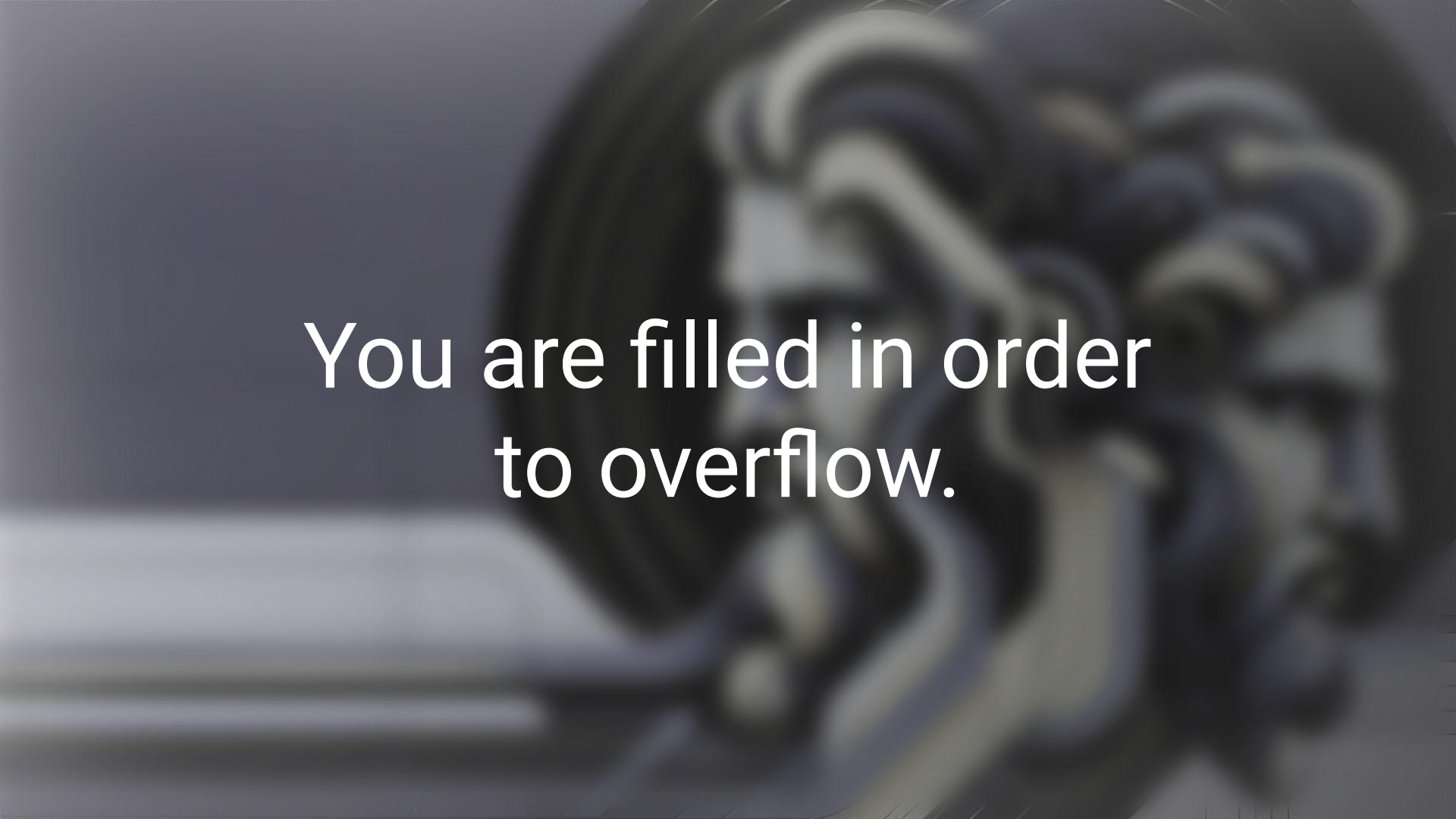
To bestow on them a crown of beauty
instead of ashes, **the oil of joy instead
of mourning**, and a garment of praise
instead of a spirit of despair.

ISAIAH 61:3



²⁸ “And afterward, I will pour out my
Spirit on all people.”

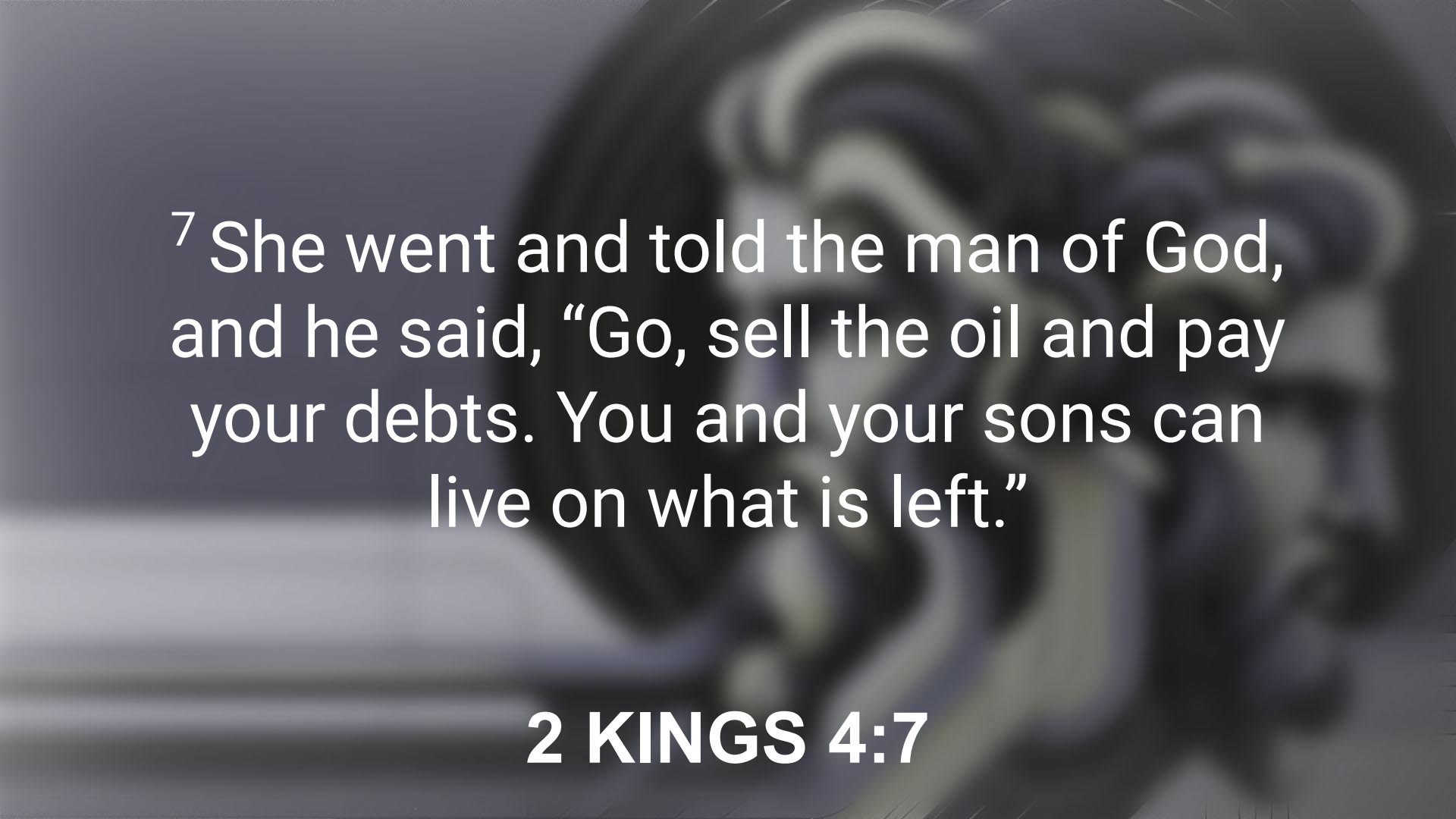
JOEL 2:28



You are filled in order
to overflow.

The background of the image is a dark, blurred photograph of a classical statue's head, likely made of stone or marble, with curly hair. The lighting is soft, highlighting the contours of the face and hair.

**NO DEBTS
LEFT**



⁷ She went and told the man of God,
and he said, “Go, sell the oil and pay
your debts. You and your sons can
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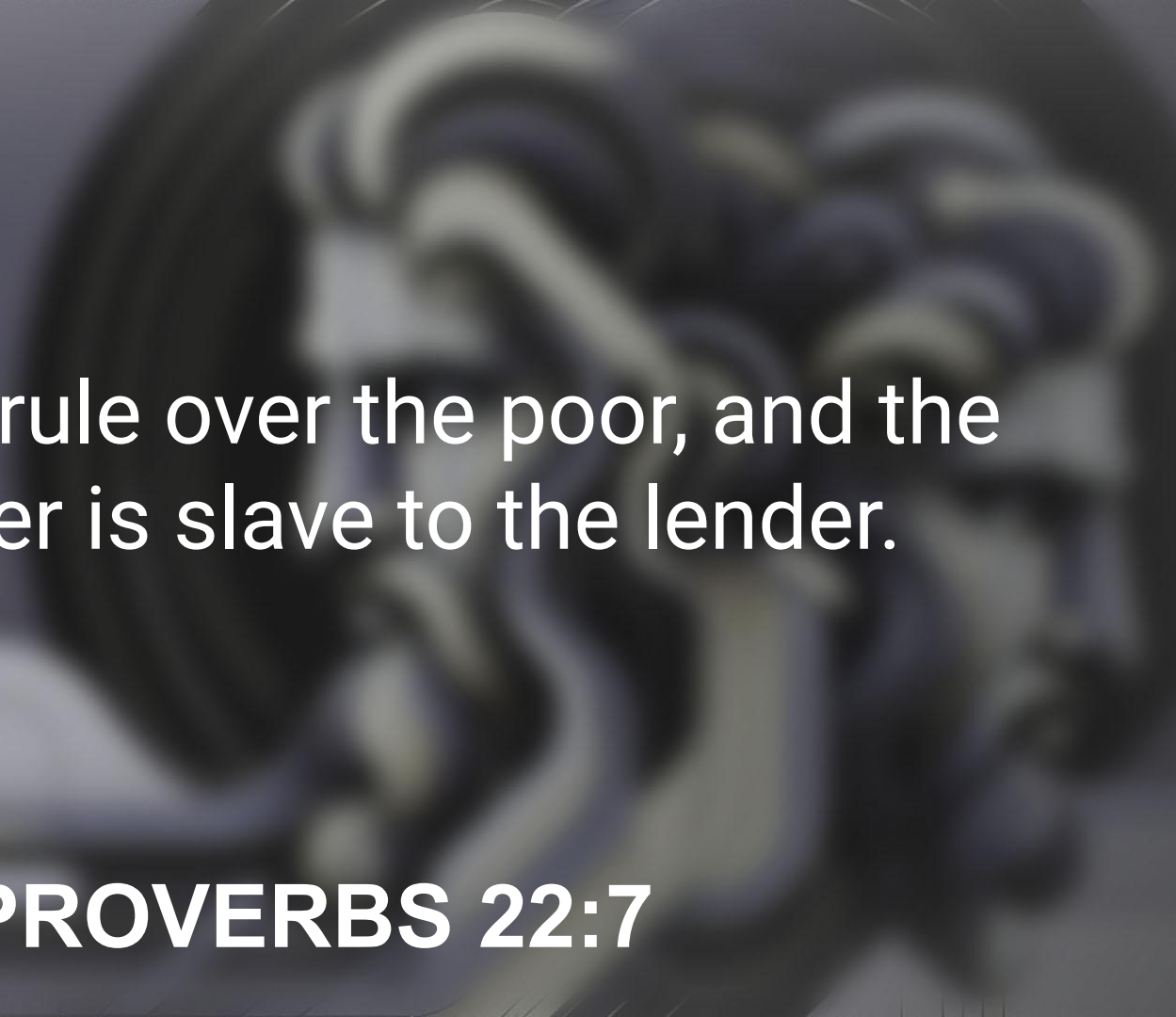


“[The] creditor is coming to take my
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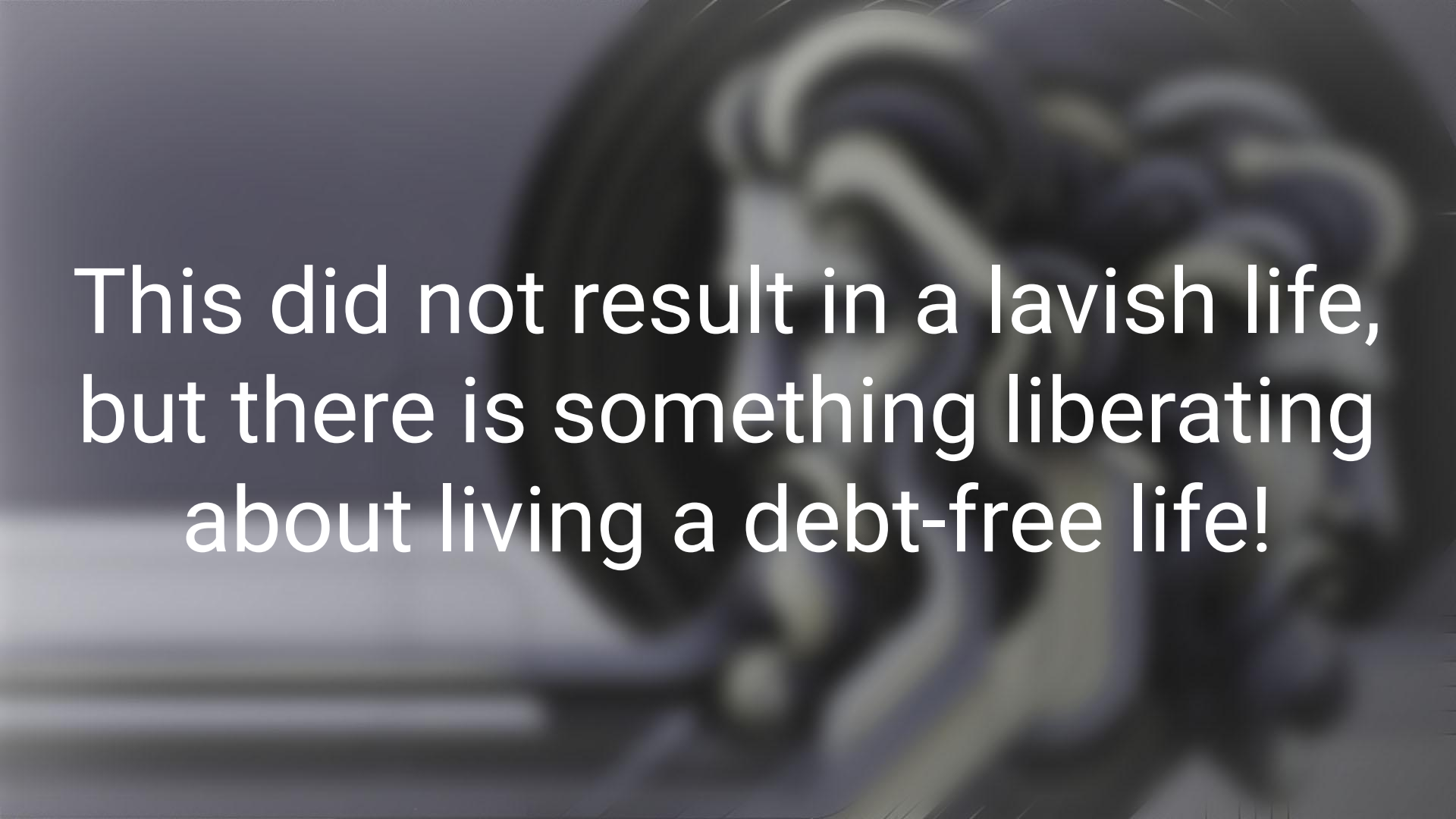
¹² If any of your people—Hebrew men or women—sell themselves to you and serve you six years, in the seventh year you must let them go free.

DEUTERONOMY 15:12



⁷ The rich rule over the poor, and the
borrower is slave to the lender.

PROVERBS 22:7



This did not result in a lavish life,
but there is something liberating
about living a debt-free life!

He forgave us all our sins, ¹⁴ having canceled the charge of our legal indebtedness, which stood against us and condemned us; he has taken it away, nailing it to the cross.

COLOSSIANS 2:13-14



SERMON REVIEW:

- 1) NO OIL LEFT
- 2) NO JARS LEFT
- 3) NO DEBTS LEFT

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