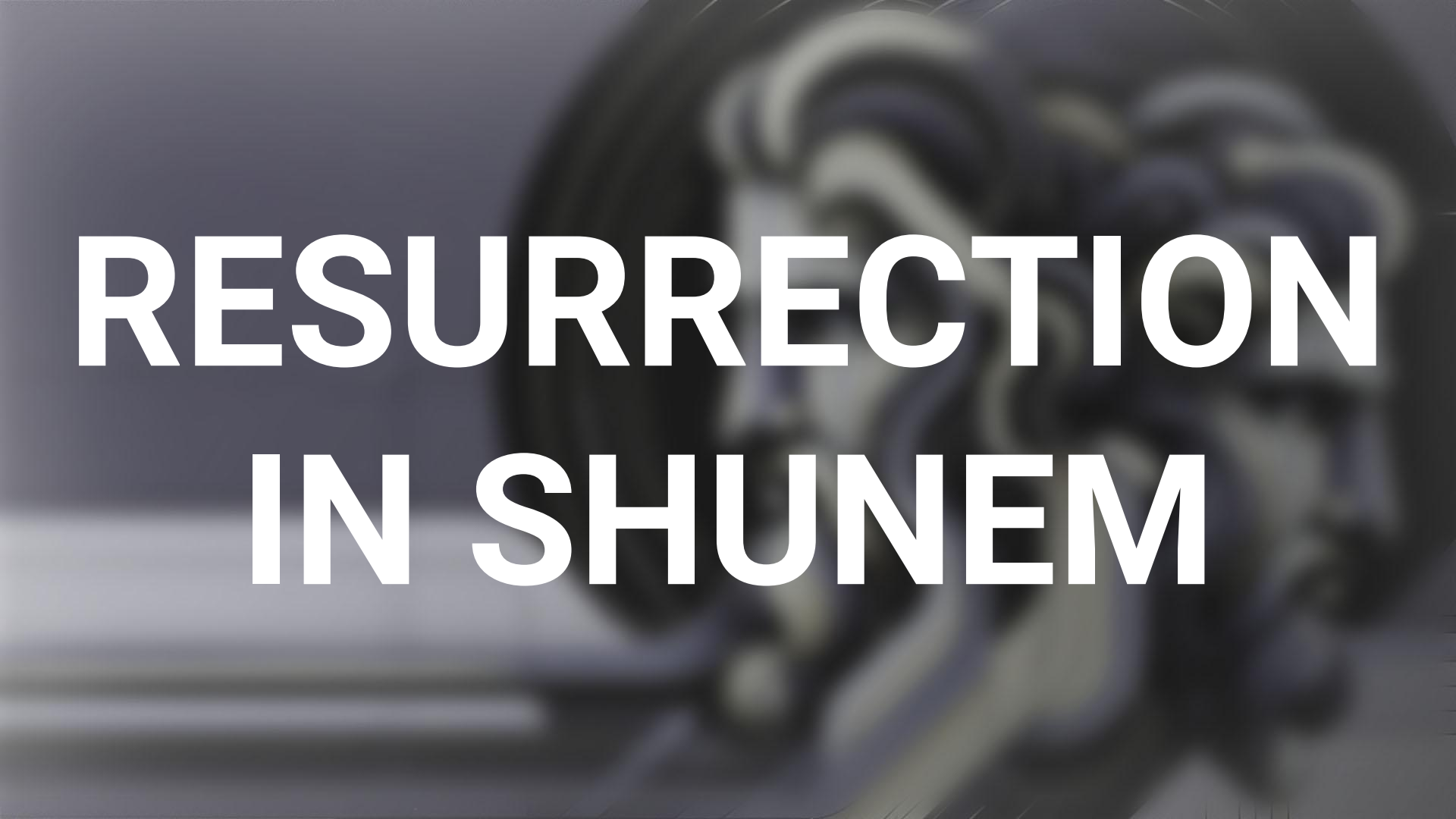


1 & 2 KINGS

The Days of Elijah & Elisha





RESURRECTION IN SHUNEM

¹⁸ The child grew, and one day he went out to his father, who was with the reapers.

¹⁹ He said to his father, “My head! My head!” His father told a servant, “Carry him to his mother.” ²⁰ After the servant had lifted him up and carried him to his mother,

2 KINGS 4:18-37

the boy sat on her lap until noon, and then he died. ²¹ She went up and laid him on the bed of the man of God, then shut the door and went out. ²² She called her husband and said, "Please send me one of the servants and a donkey so I can go to the man of God quickly and return."

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²³ “Why go to him today?” he asked.
“It’s not the New Moon or the Sabbath.”
“That’s all right,” she said. ²⁴ She saddled
the donkey and said to her servant, “Lead
on; don’t slow down for me unless I tell
you.” ²⁵ So she set out and came to the
man of God at Mount Carmel.

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When he saw her in the distance, the man of God said to his servant Gehazi, “Look! There’s the Shunammite! ²⁶ Run to meet her and ask her, ‘Are you all right? Is your husband all right? Is your child all right?’”
“Everything is all right,” she said.

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²⁷ When she reached the man of God at the mountain, she took hold of his feet. Gehazi came over to push her away, but the man of God said, "Leave her alone! She is in bitter distress, but the LORD has hidden it from me and has not told me why."

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²⁸ “Did I ask you for a son, my lord?” she said. “Didn’t I tell you, ‘Don’t raise my hopes’?” ²⁹ Elisha said to Gehazi, “Tuck your cloak into your belt, take my staff in your hand and run. Don’t greet anyone you meet, and if anyone greets you, do not answer. Lay my staff on the boy’s face.”

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³⁰ But the child's mother said, "As surely as the LORD lives and as you live, I will not leave you." So he got up and followed her.

³¹ Gehazi went on ahead and laid the staff on the boy's face, but there was no sound or response.

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So Gehazi went back to meet Elisha and told him, "The boy has not awakened."

³² When Elisha reached the house, there was the boy lying dead on his couch.

³³ He went in, shut the door on the two of them and prayed to the LORD.

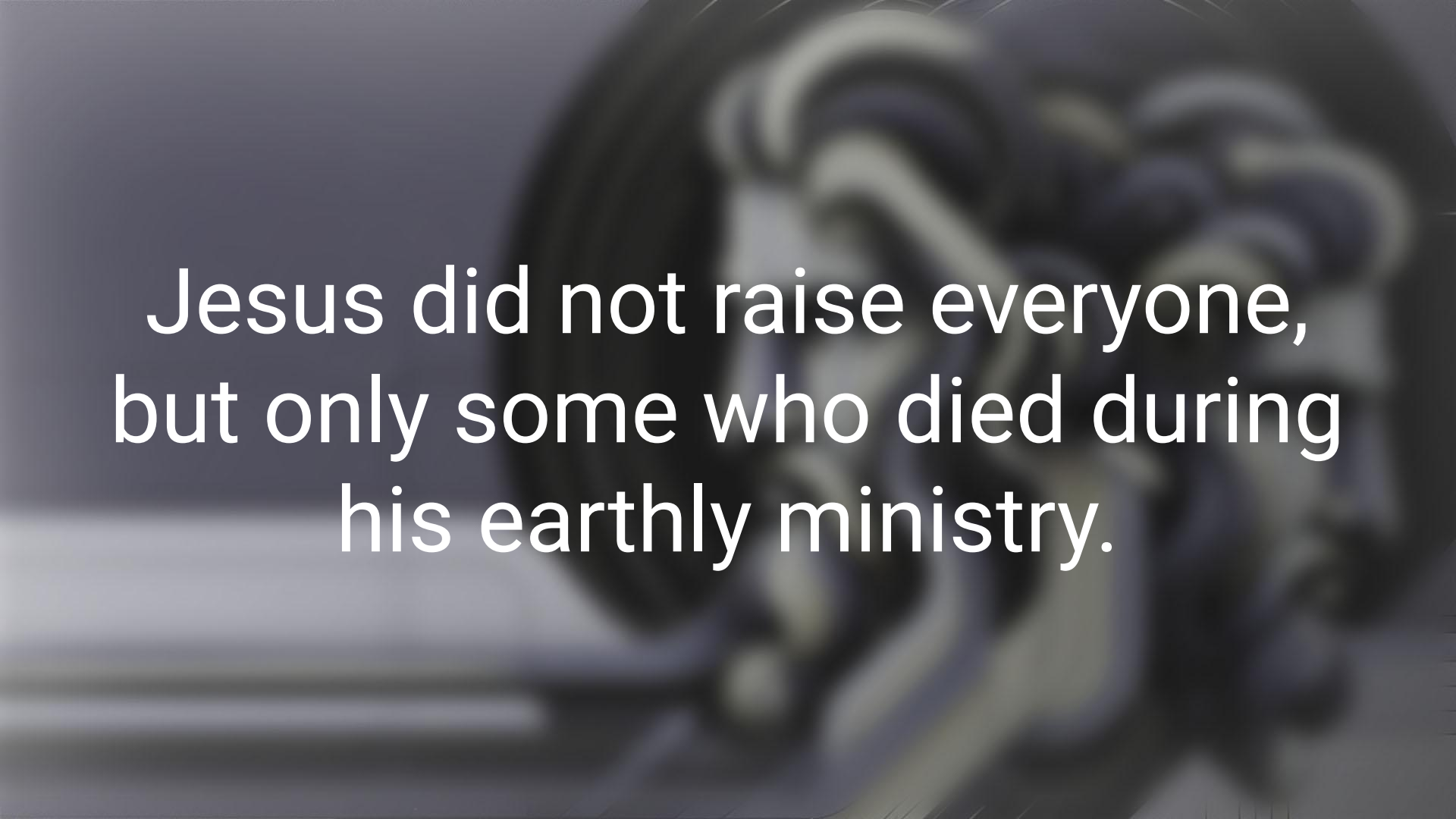
2 KINGS 4:18-37

³⁴ Then he got on the bed and lay on the boy, mouth to mouth, eyes to eyes, hands to hands. As he stretched himself out on him, the boy's body grew warm. ³⁵ Elisha turned away and walked back and forth in the room and then got on the bed and stretched out on him once more.

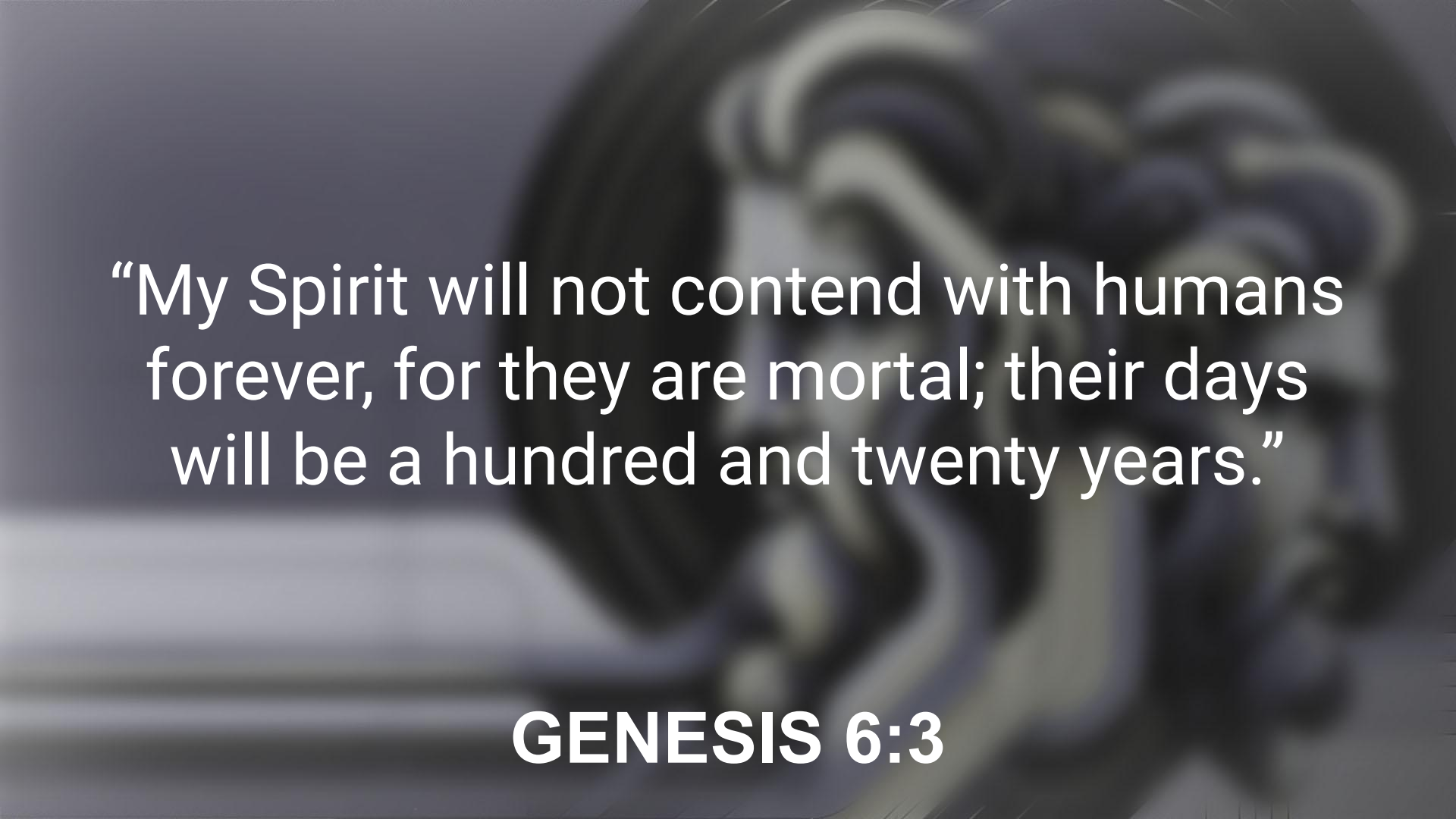
2 KINGS 4:18-37

The boy sneezed seven times and opened his eyes. ³⁶ Elisha summoned Gehazi and said, “Call the Shunammite.” And he did. When she came, he said, “Take your son.” ³⁷ She came in, fell at his feet and bowed to the ground. Then she took her son and went out.

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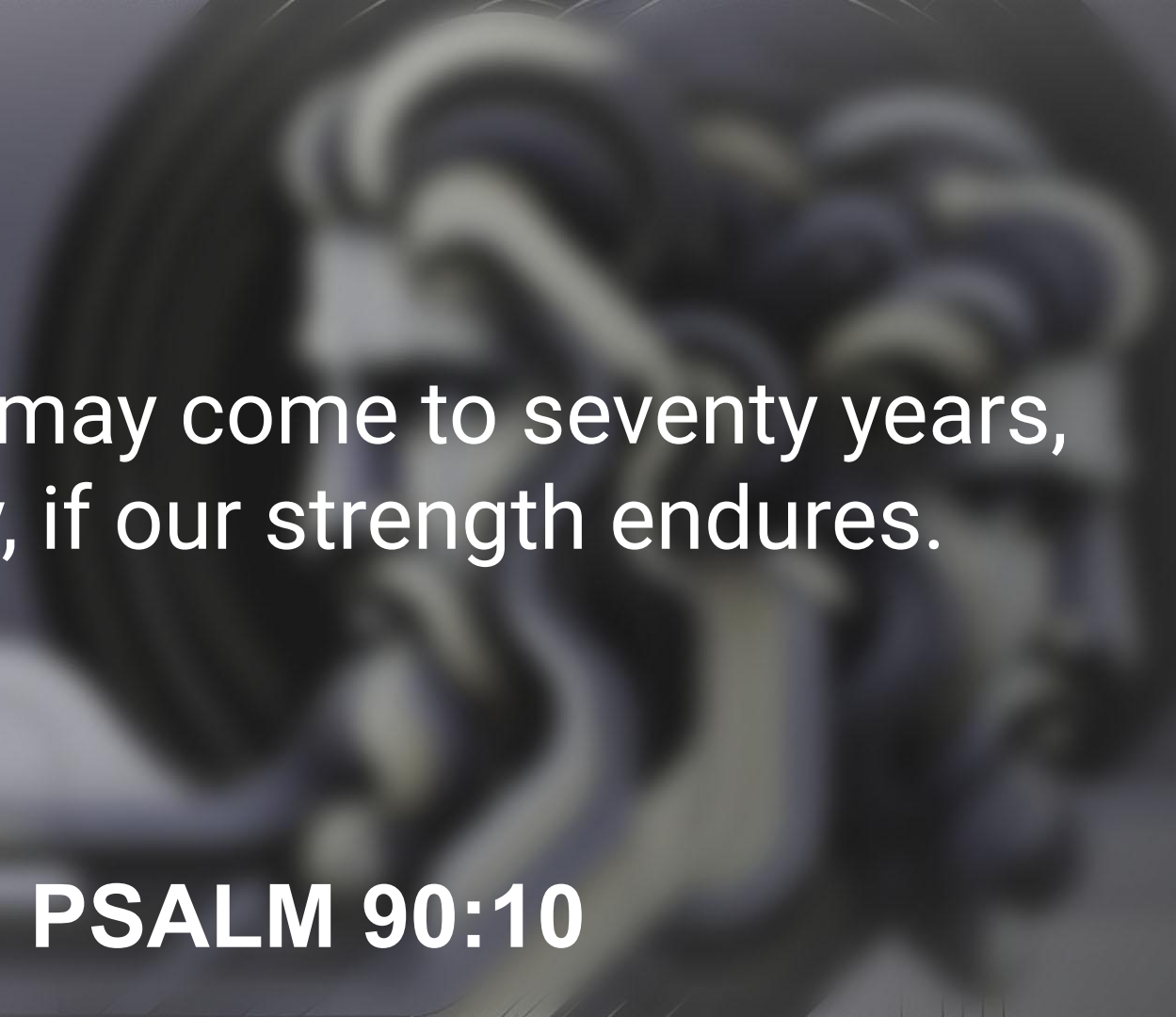


Jesus did not raise everyone,
but only some who died during
his earthly ministry.



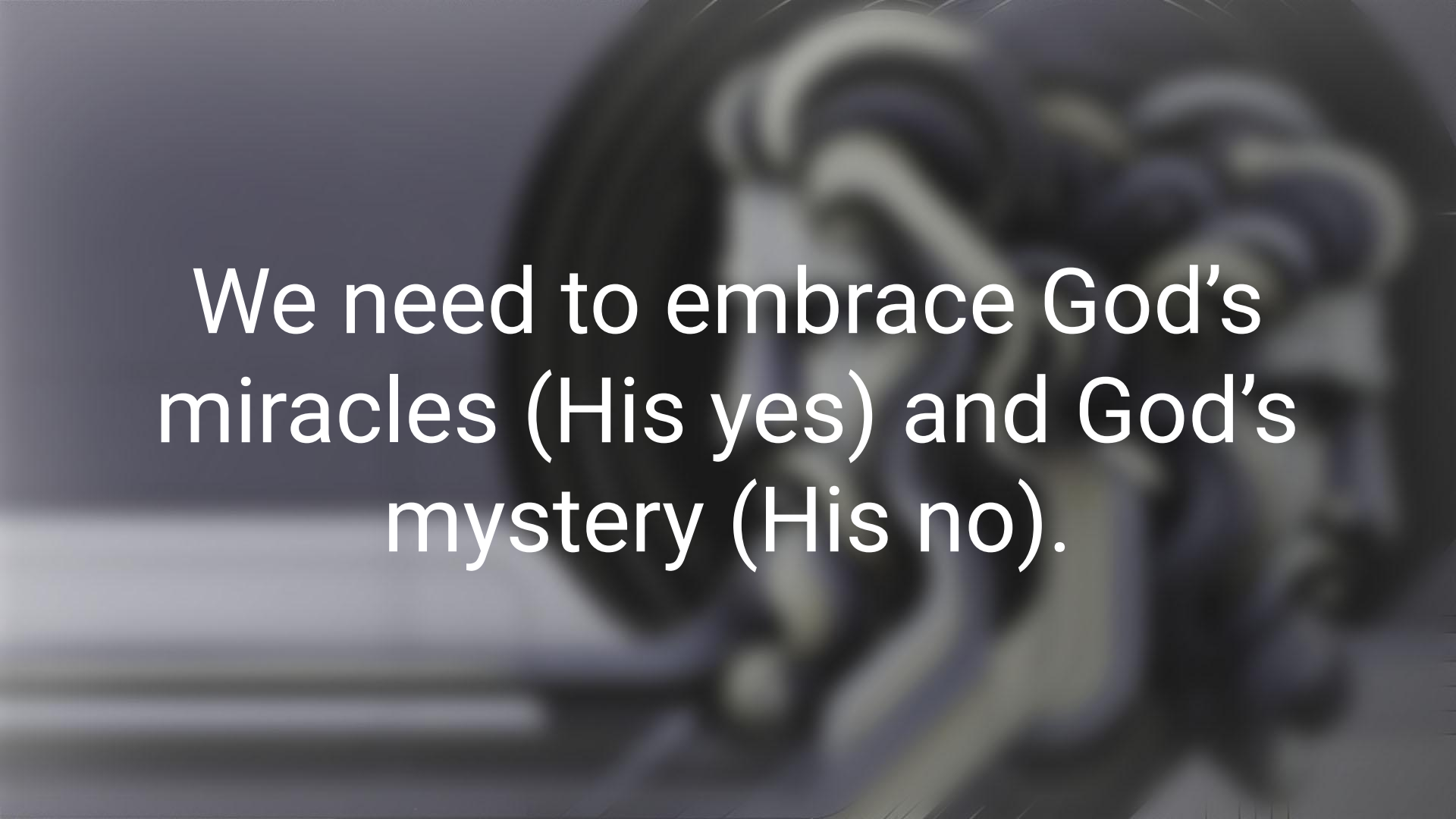
“My Spirit will not contend with humans forever, for they are mortal; their days will be a hundred and twenty years.”

GENESIS 6:3



¹⁰ Our days may come to seventy years,
or eighty, if our strength endures.

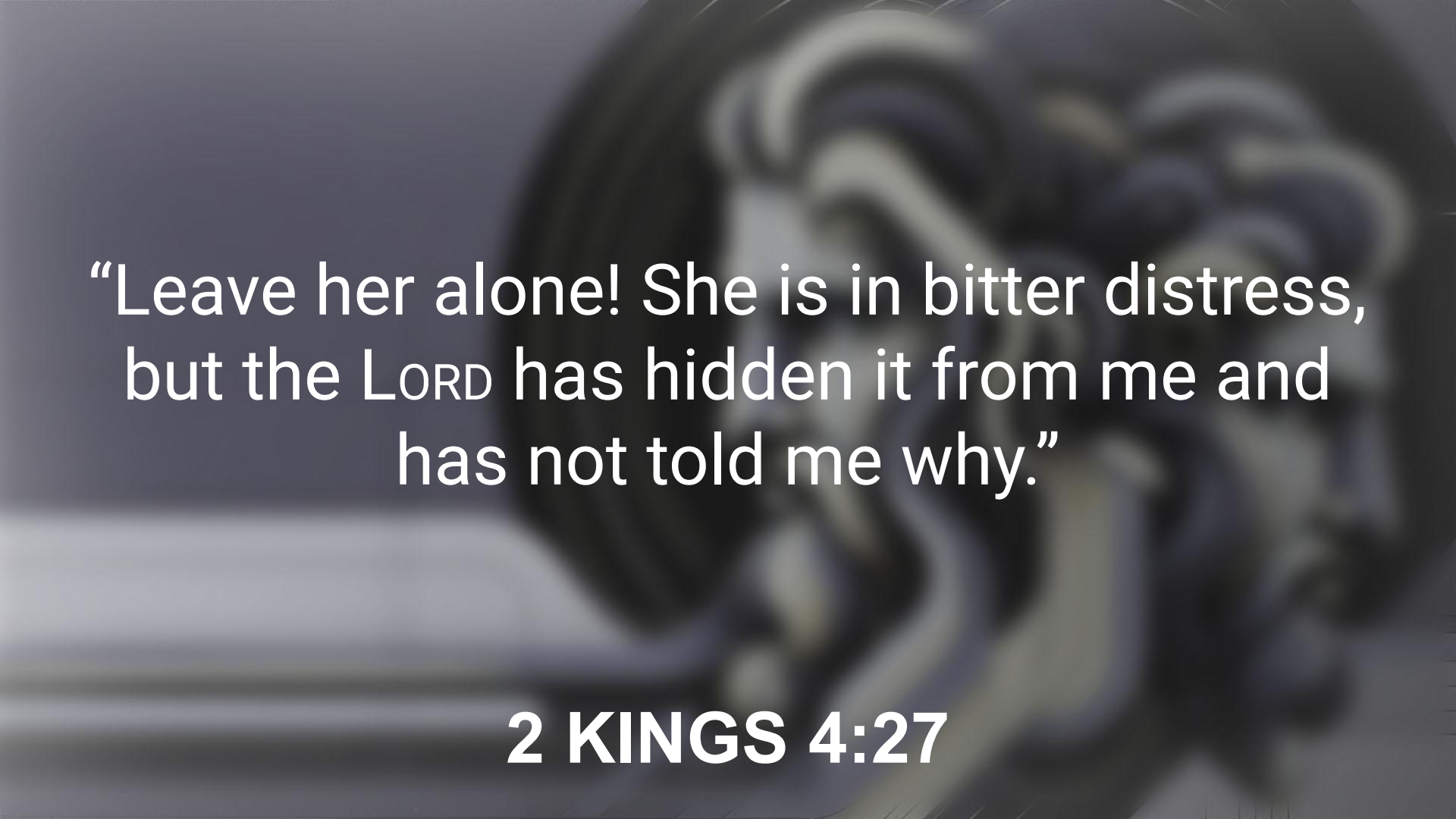
PSALM 90:10



We need to embrace God's
miracles (His yes) and God's
mystery (His no).

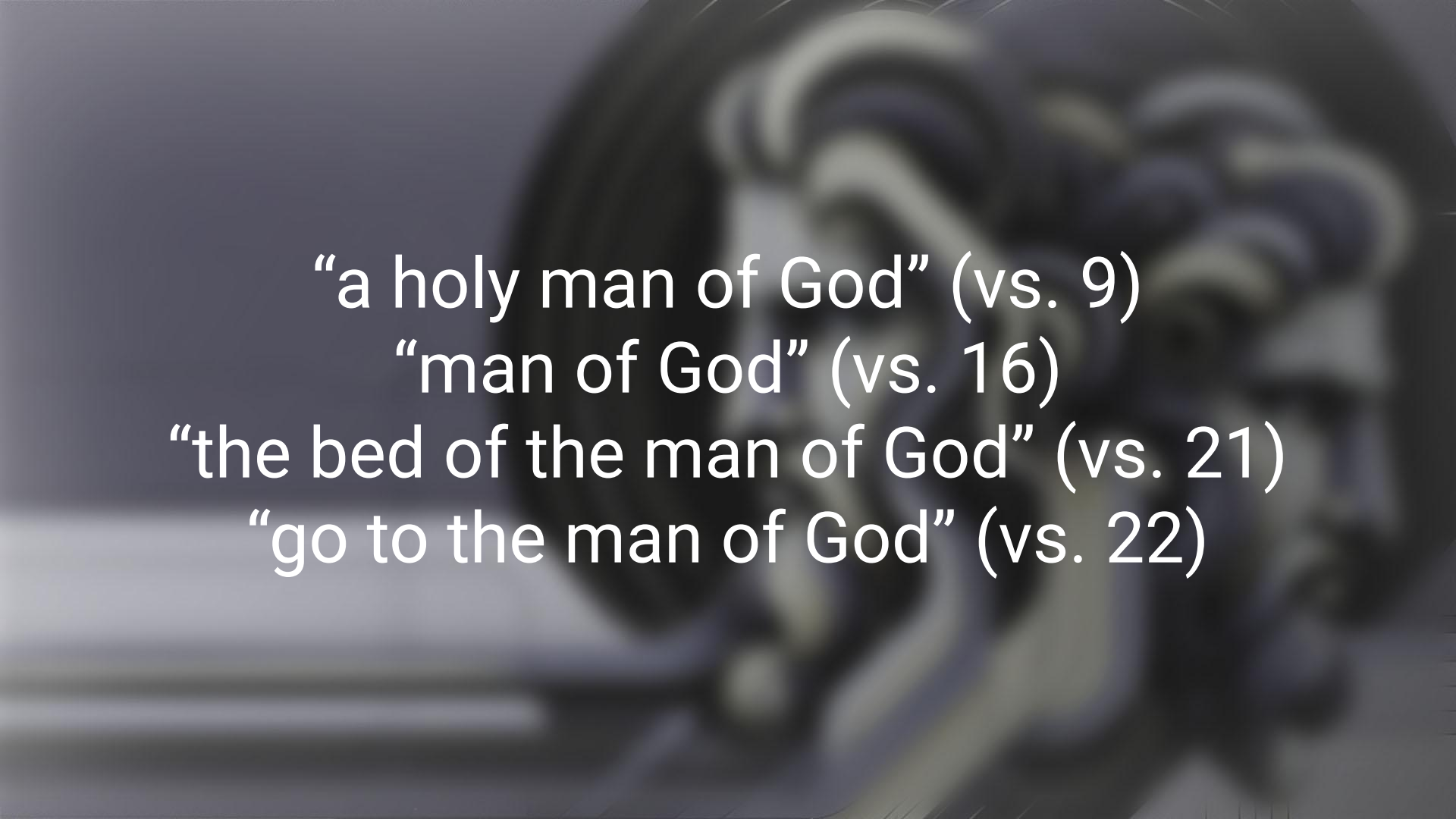
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**NO
REVELATION**



“Leave her alone! She is in bitter distress,
but the LORD has hidden it from me and
has not told me why.”

2 KINGS 4:27

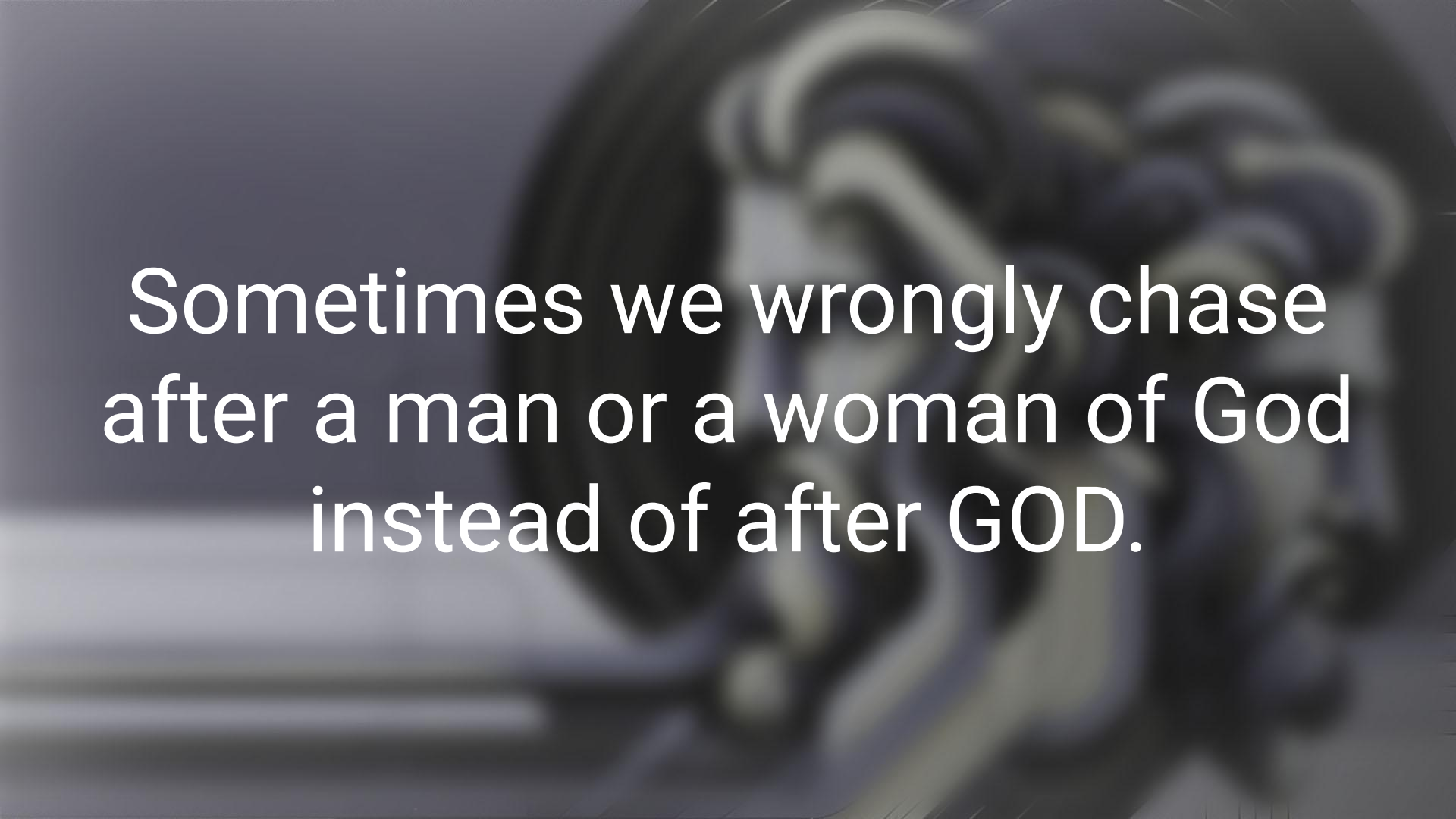


“a holy man of God” (vs. 9)

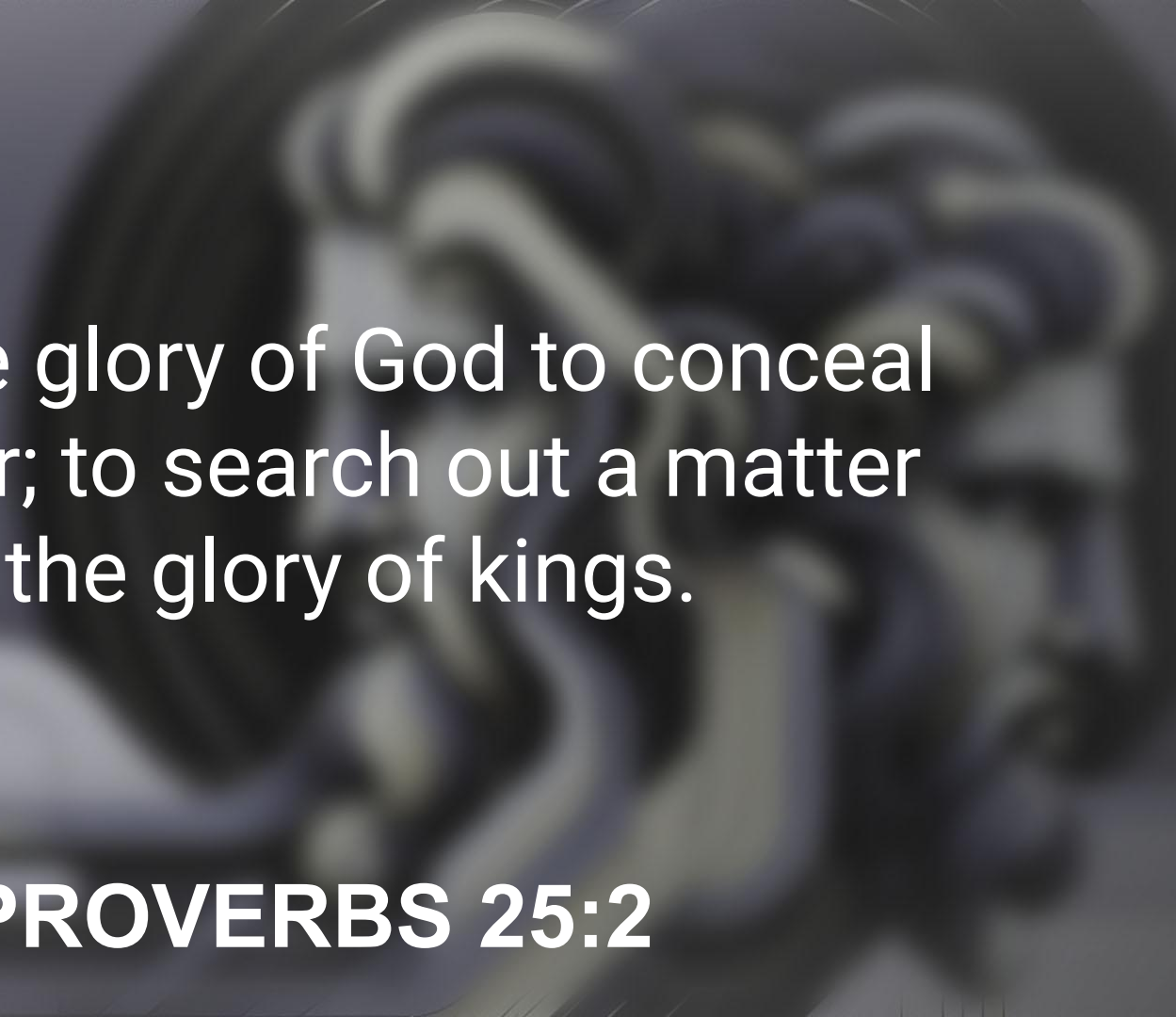
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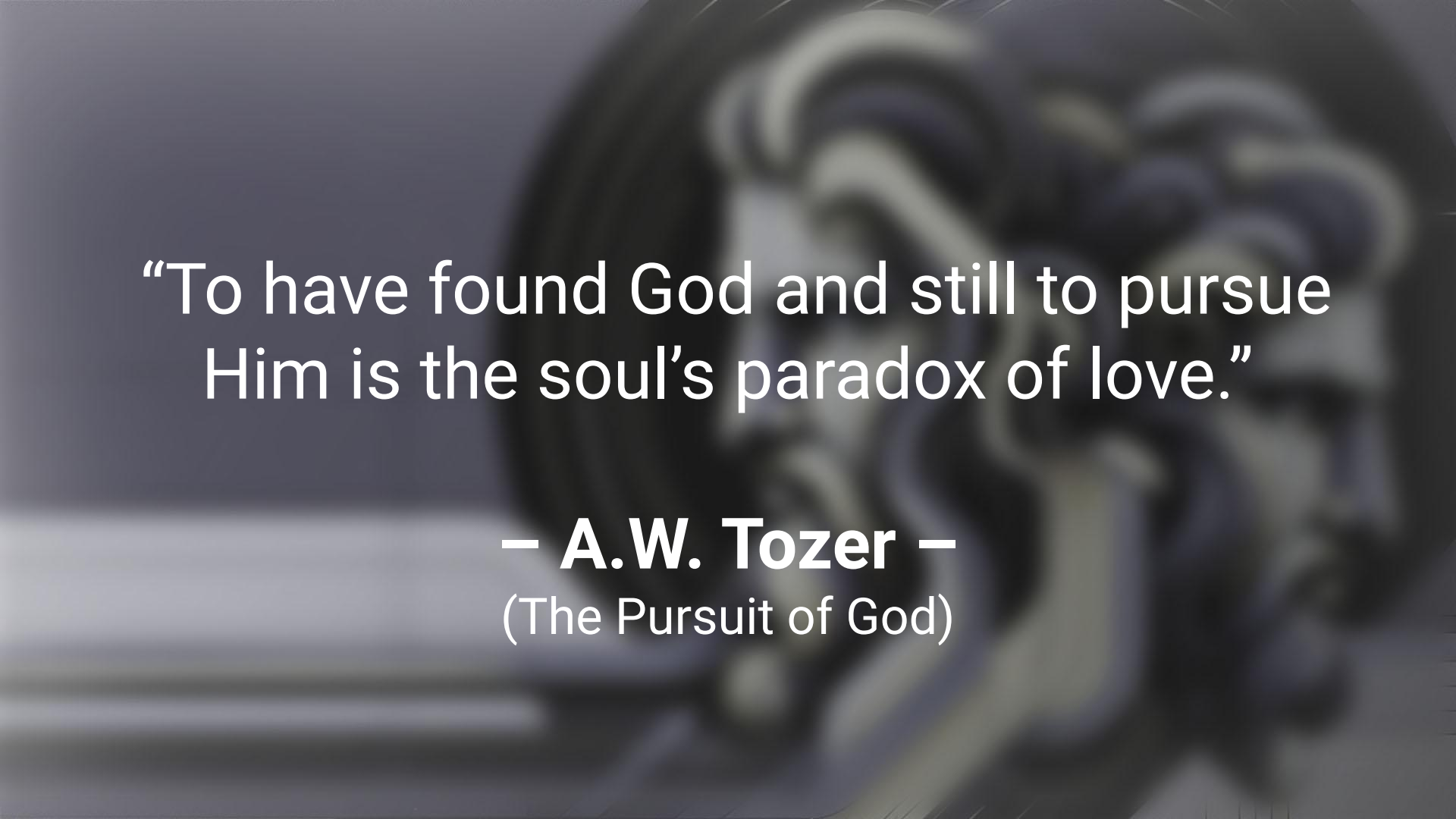


Sometimes we wrongly chase
after a man or a woman of God
instead of after GOD.



² It is the glory of God to conceal
a matter; to search out a matter
is the glory of kings.

PROVERBS 25:2



“To have found God and still to pursue
Him is the soul’s paradox of love.”

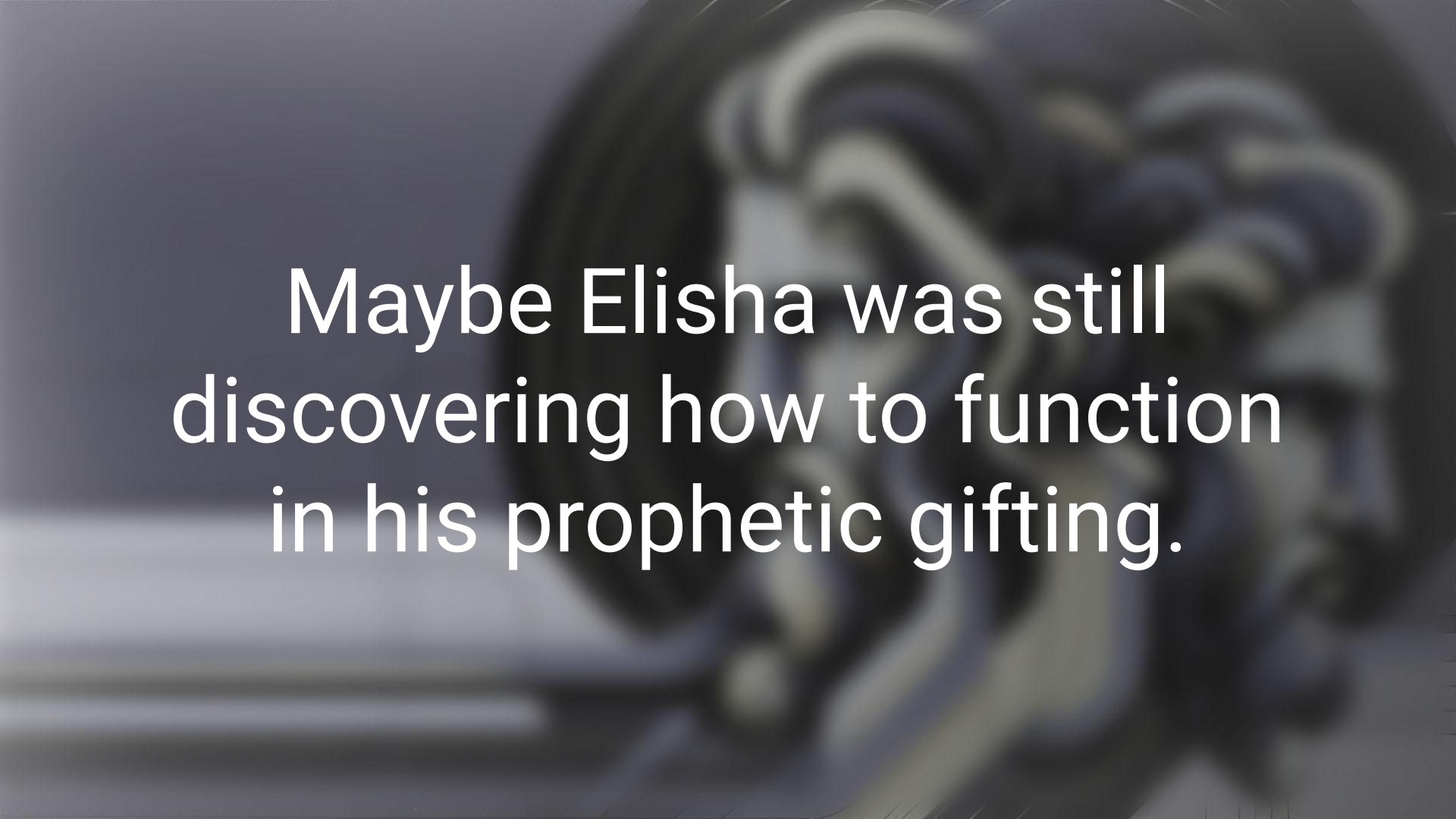
– **A.W. Tozer** –
(The Pursuit of God)



**NO
DEMONSTRATION**

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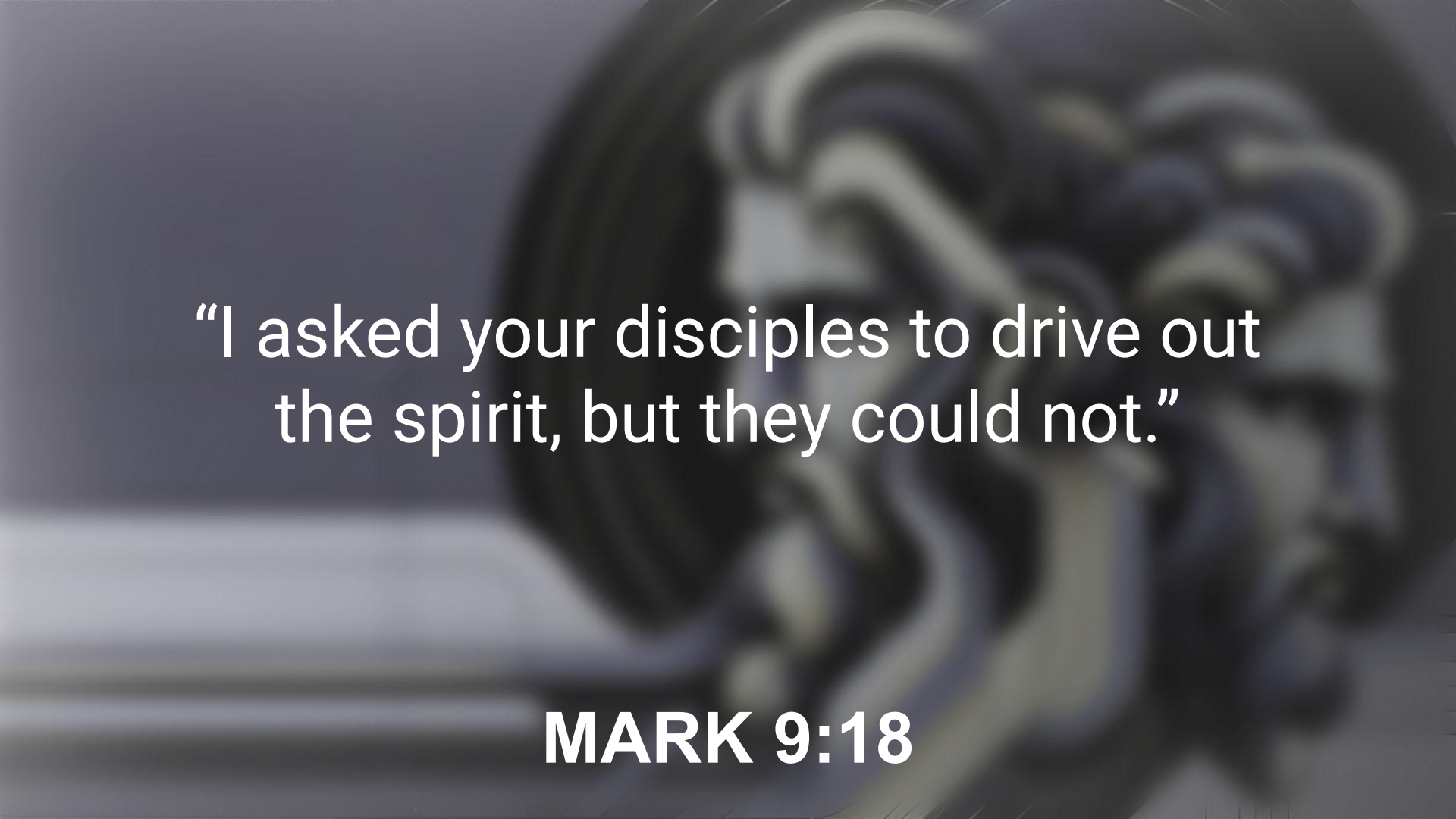
2 KINGS 4:31



Maybe Elisha was still
discovering how to function
in his prophetic gifting.



Do not do God's work your way,
do it through Yahweh.

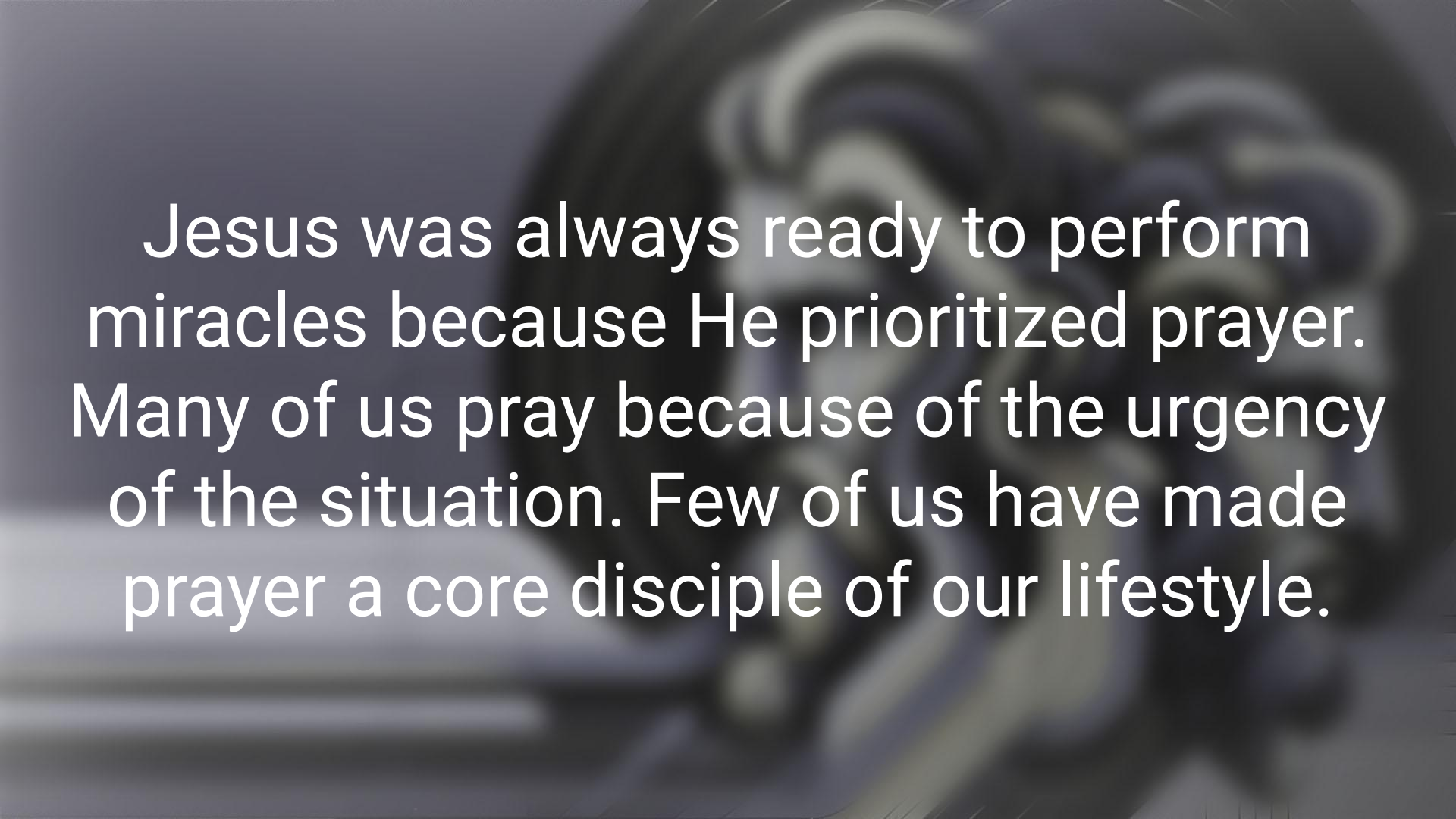


“I asked your disciples to drive out
the spirit, but they could not.”

MARK 9:18

²⁸ After Jesus had gone indoors, his disciples asked him privately, “Why couldn’t we drive it out?” ²⁹ He replied, “This kind can come out only by prayer [and fasting].”

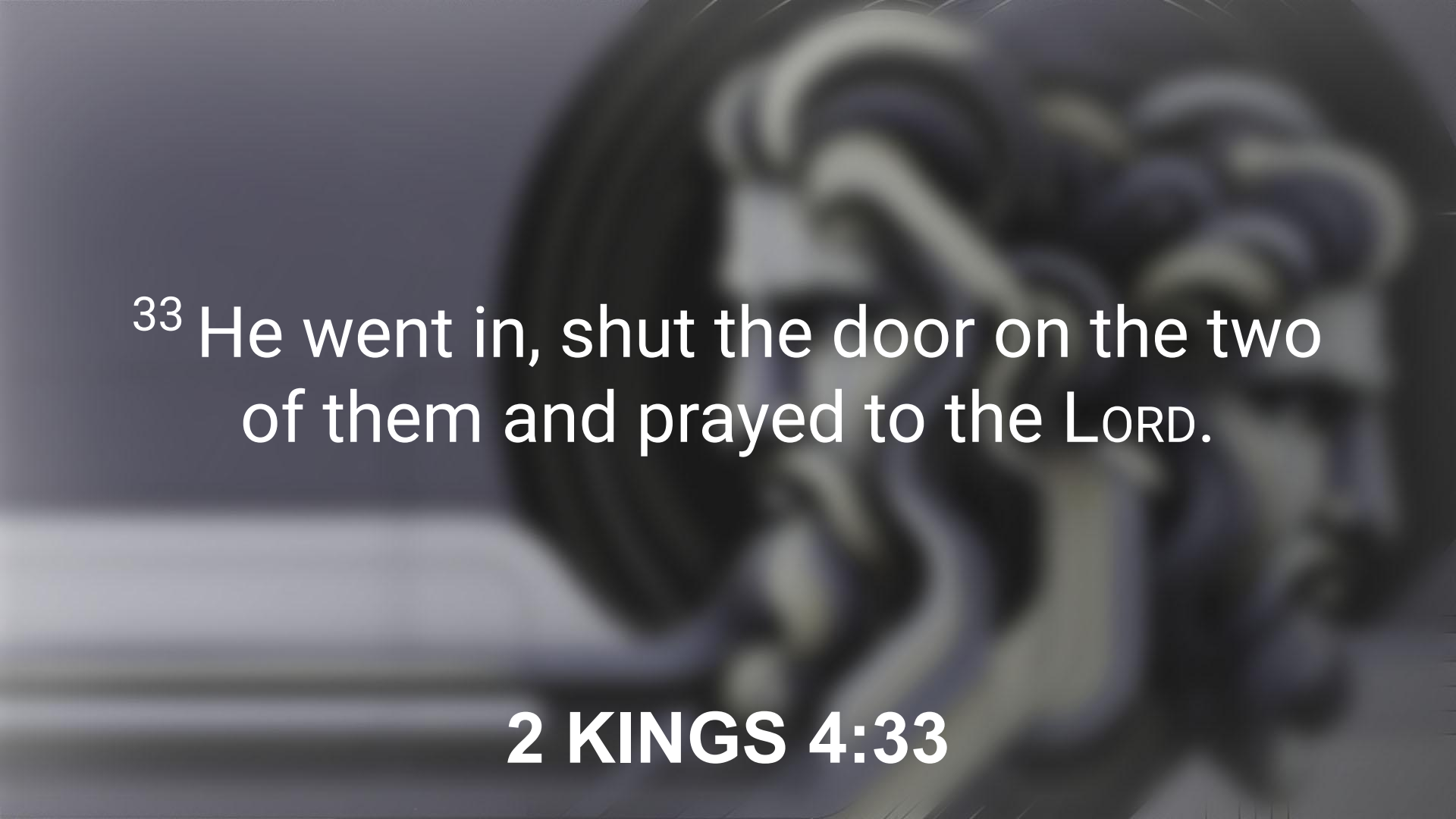
MARK 9:28-29



Jesus was always ready to perform miracles because He prioritized prayer. Many of us pray because of the urgency of the situation. Few of us have made prayer a core disciple of our lifestyle.

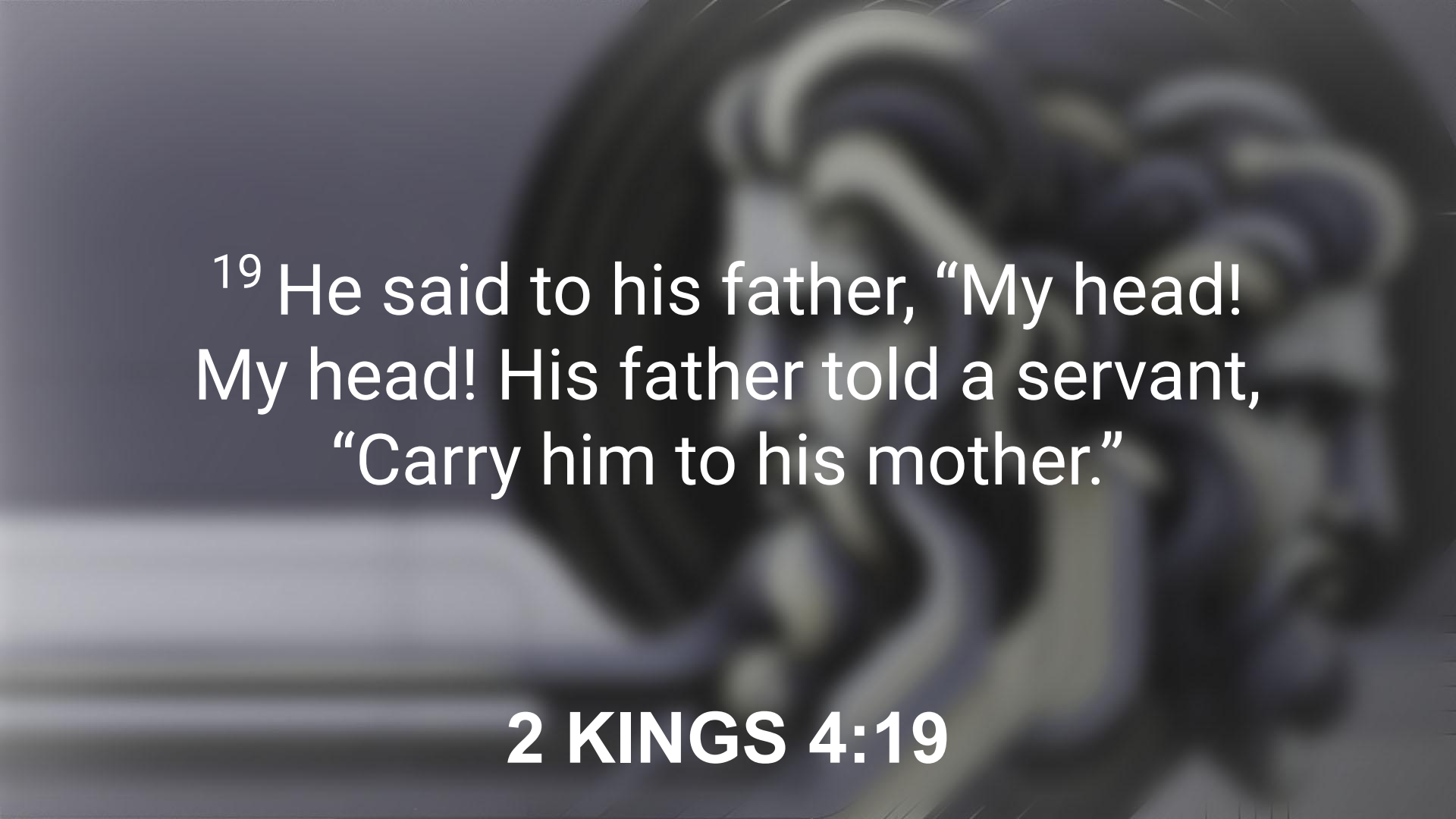


THE POWER OF INTERCESSION



³³ He went in, shut the door on the two
of them and prayed to the LORD.

2 KINGS 4:33

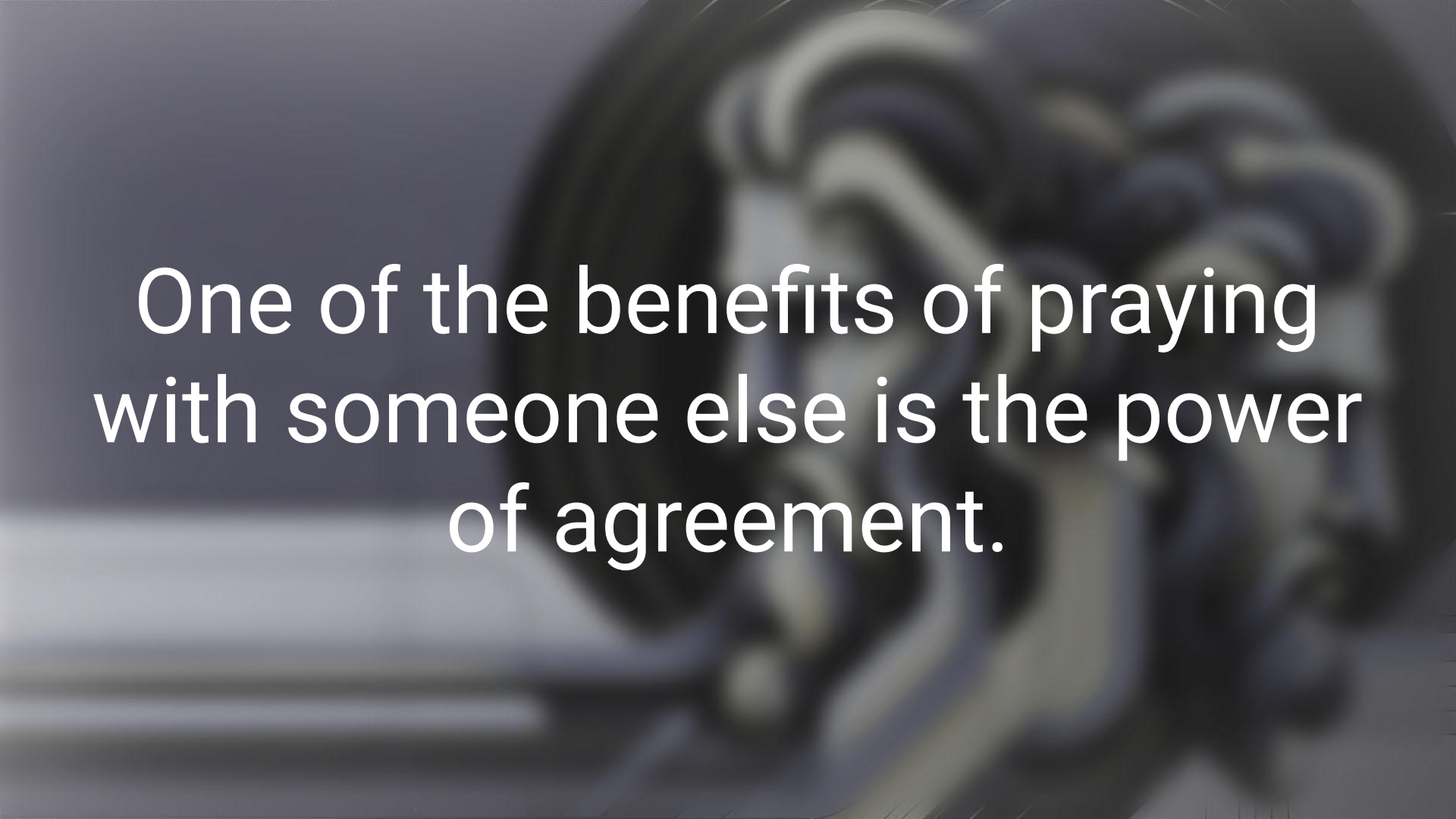


¹⁹ He said to his father, “My head!
My head! His father told a servant,
“Carry him to his mother.”

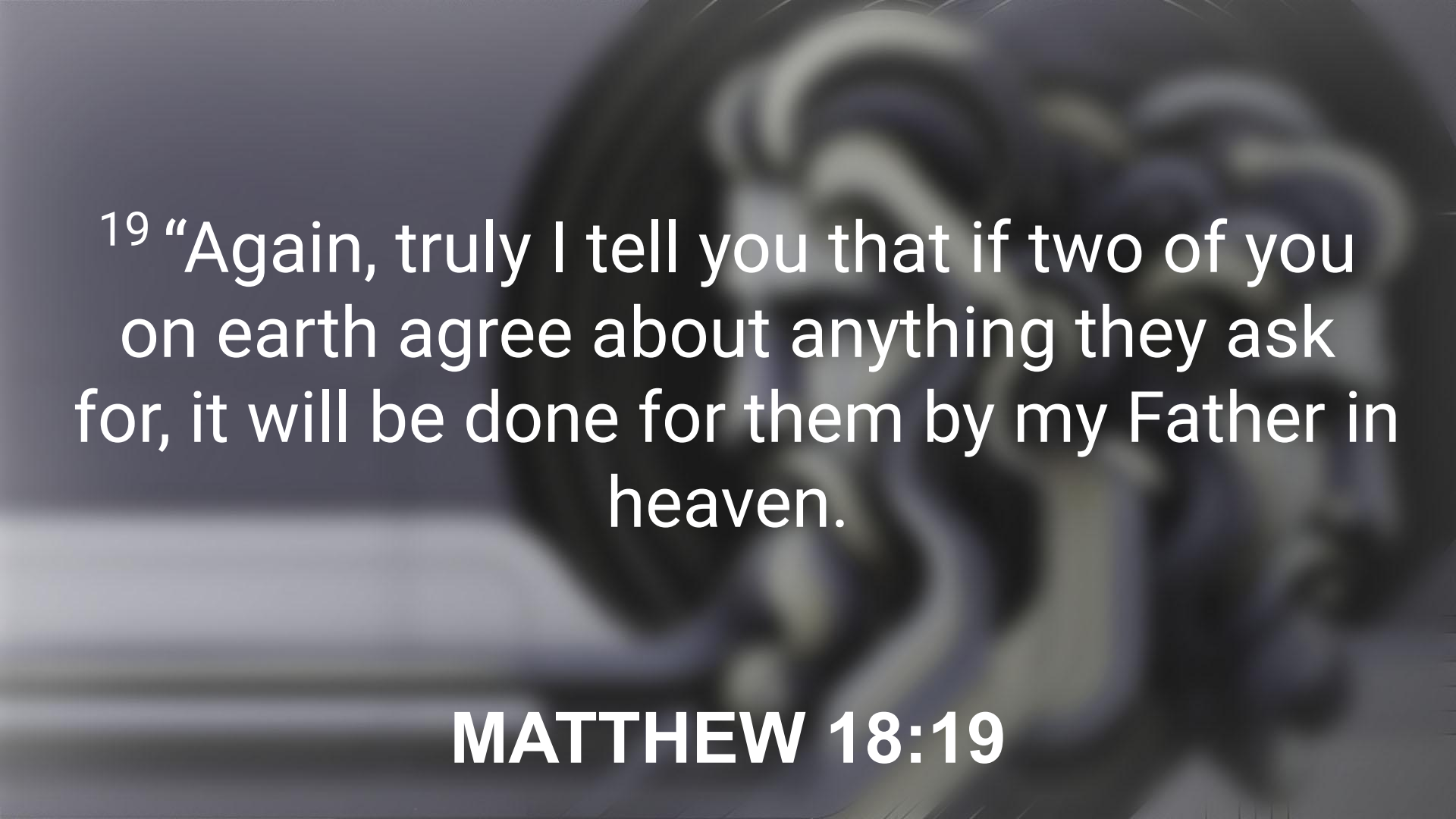
2 KINGS 4:19

²² She called her husband and said,
“Please send me one of the servants and
a donkey so I can go to the man of God
quickly and return.” ²³ “Why go to him
today?” he asked. “It’s not the New Moon
or the Sabbath.” “That’s all right,” she said.

2 KINGS 4:22-23

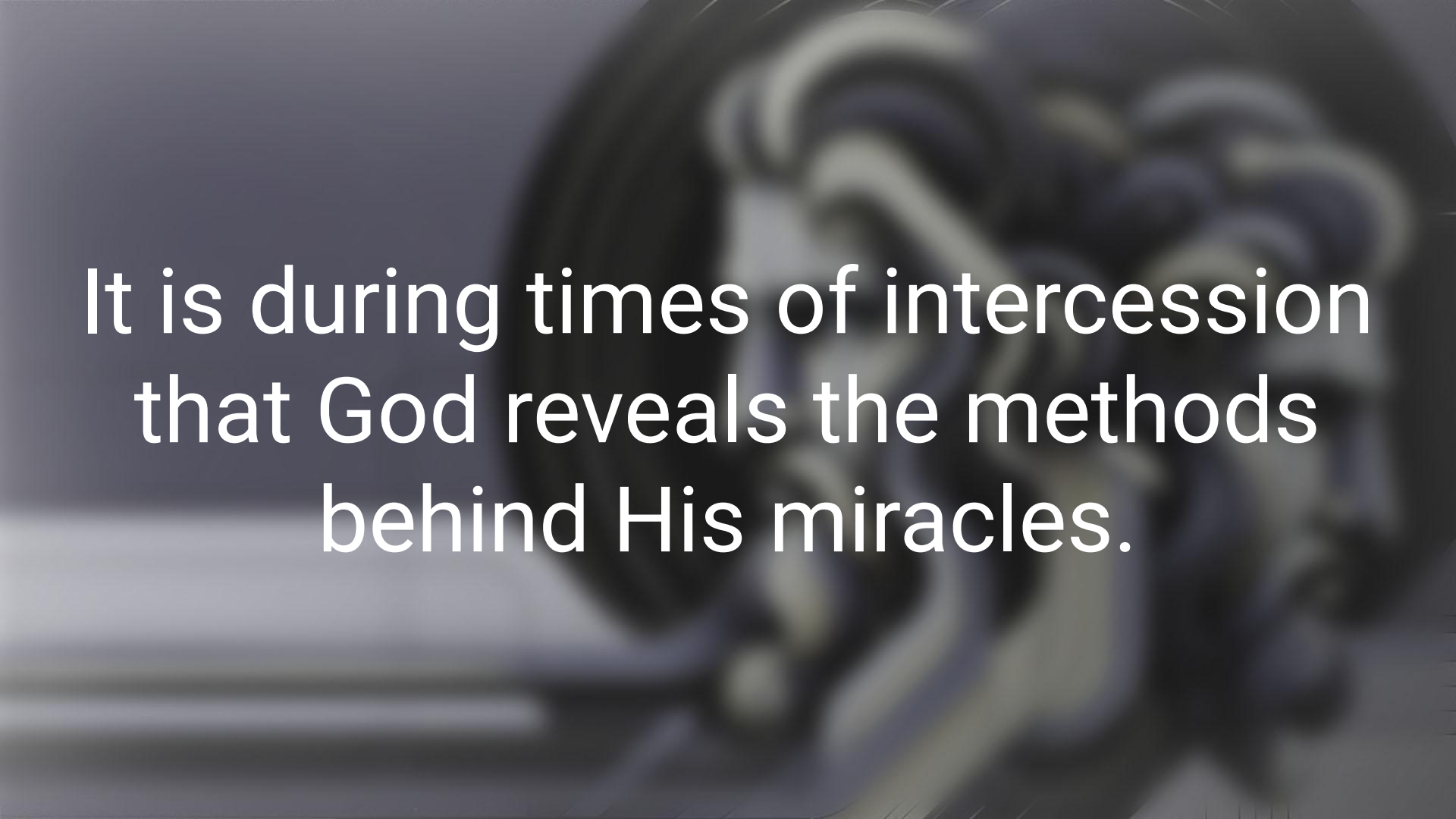


One of the benefits of praying
with someone else is the power
of agreement.

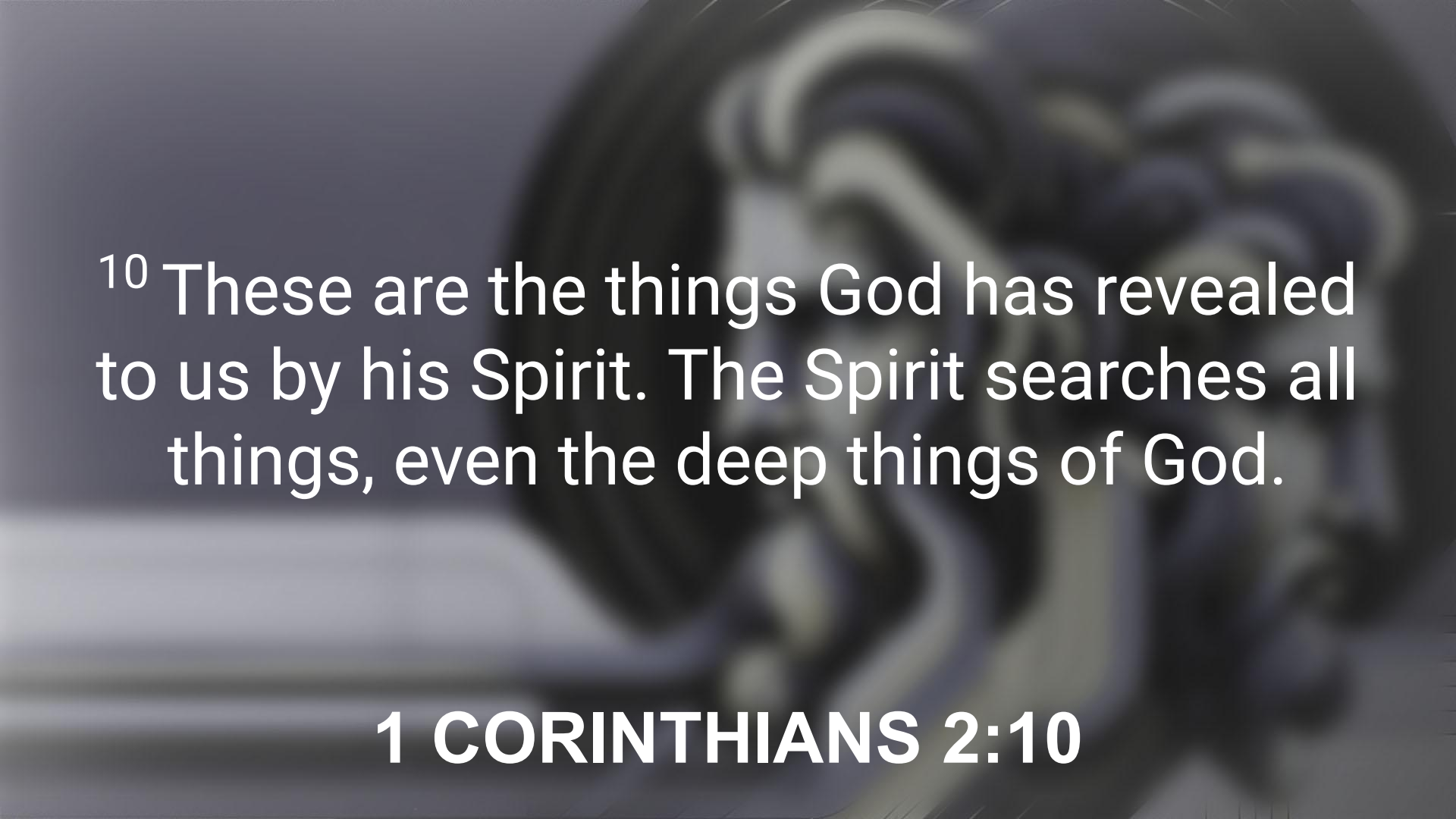


¹⁹ “Again, truly I tell you that if two of you
on earth agree about anything they ask
for, it will be done for them by my Father in
heaven.

MATTHEW 18:19

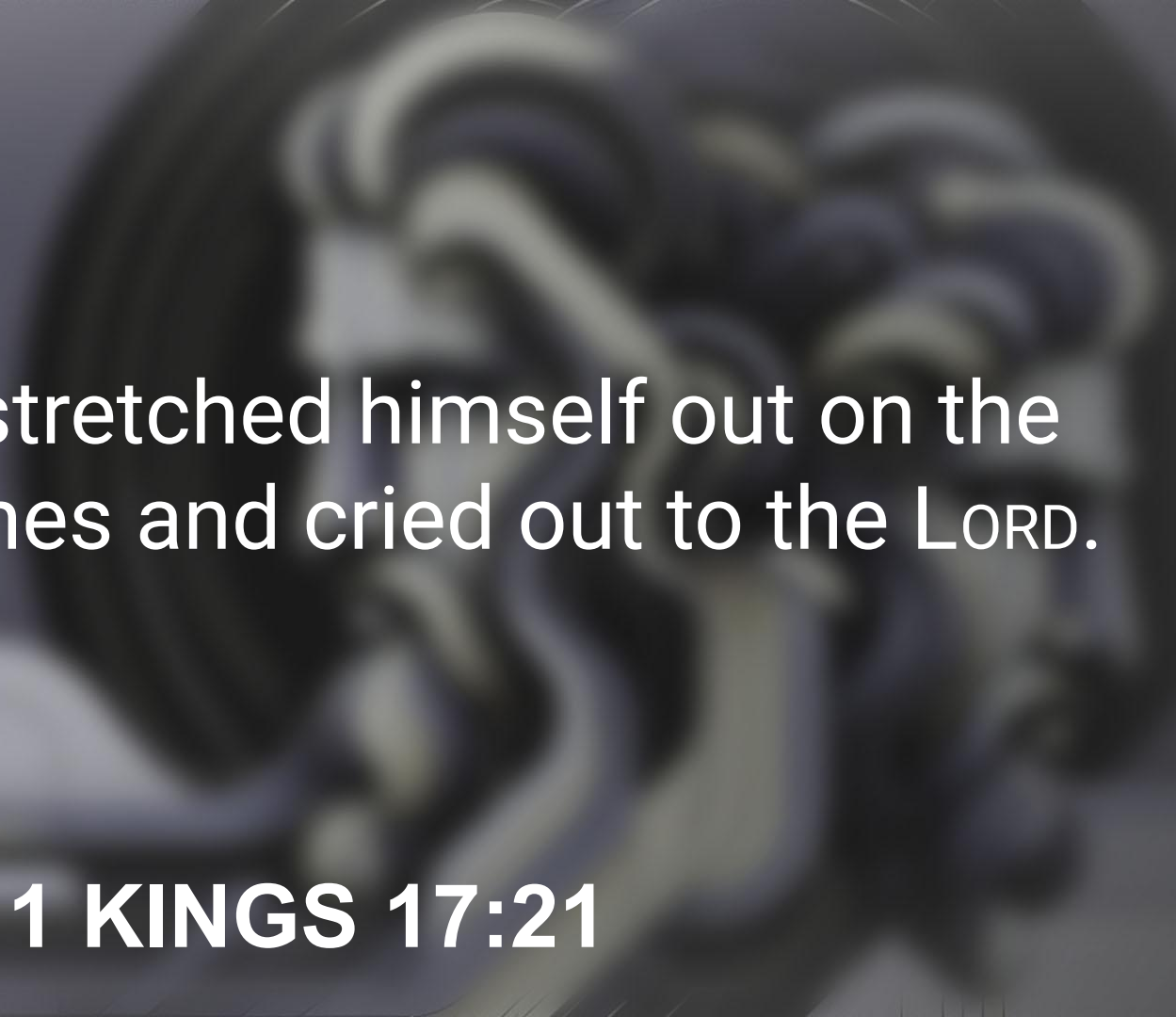


It is during times of intercession
that God reveals the methods
behind His miracles.



¹⁰ These are the things God has revealed to us by his Spirit. The Spirit searches all things, even the deep things of God.

1 CORINTHIANS 2:10

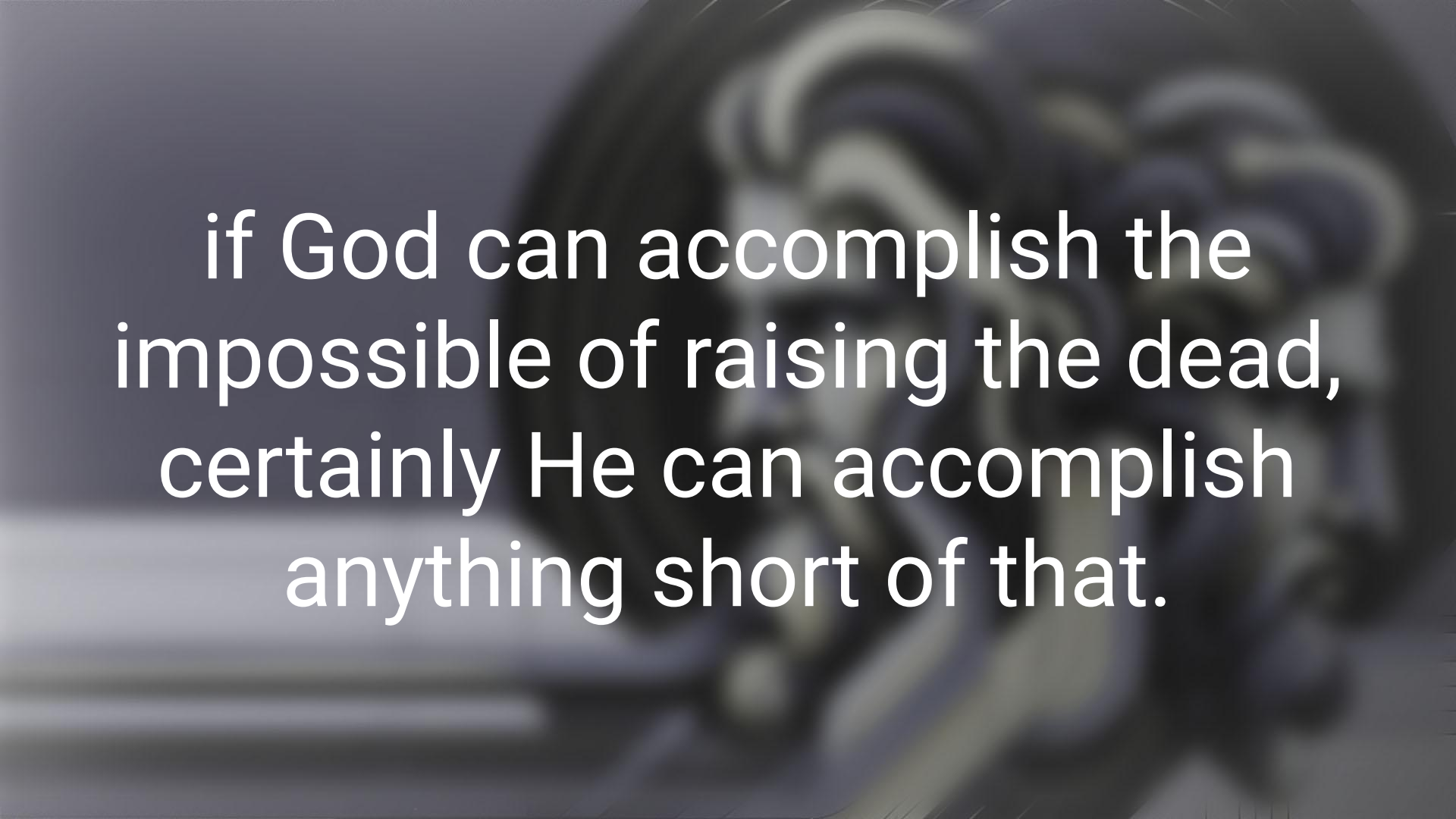


²¹ Then he stretched himself out on the boy three times and cried out to the LORD.

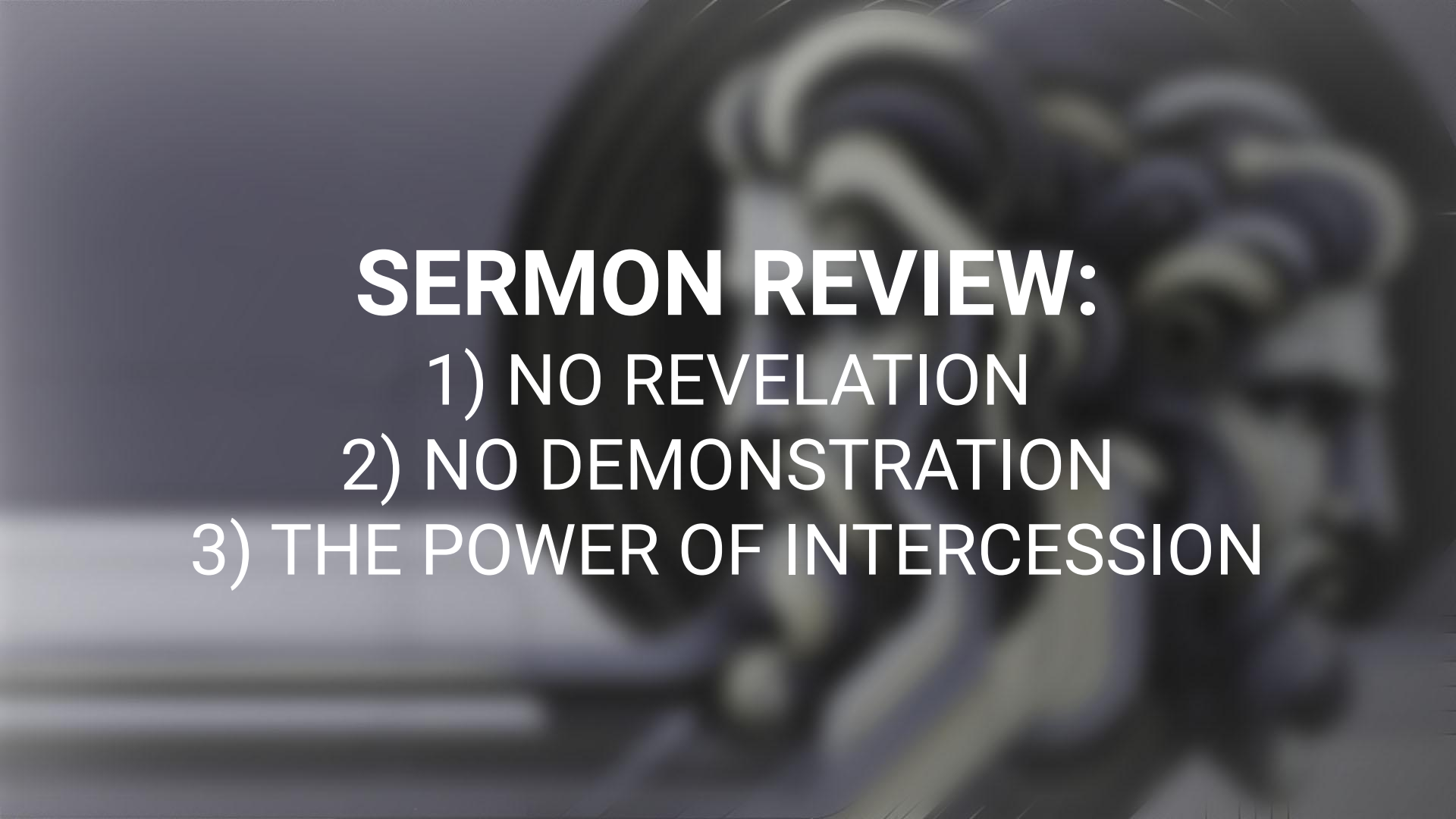
1 KINGS 17:21

As he stretched himself out on him,
the boy's body grew warm. ³⁵ Elisha
turned away and walked back and forth
in the room and then got on the bed
and stretched out on him once more.
The boy sneezed seven times and
opened his eyes.

2 KINGS 4:34-35



if God can accomplish the
impossible of raising the dead,
certainly He can accomplish
anything short of that.



SERMON REVIEW:

- 1) NO REVELATION
- 2) NO DEMONSTRATION
- 3) THE POWER OF INTERCESSION

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