



JOYFUL

White Christmas



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SILENT NIGHT • ADESTE FIDELES • WHITE CHRISTMAS • GOD REST YE MERRY GENTLEMEN •
FAITH OF OUR FATHERS • I'LL BE HOME FOR CHRISTMAS • JINGLE BELLS (With The Andrews Sisters) •
SANTA CLAUS IS COMIN' TO TOWN (With The Andrews Sisters) • SILVER BELLS
(With Carole Richards) • IT'S BEGINNING TO LOOK LIKE CHRISTMAS • CHRISTMAS IN KILLARNEY •
MELE KALIKIMAKA (MERRY CHRISTMAS) (With The Andrews Sisters)



THE SONG OF SIMEON

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LUKE 2:22-35

“Every firstborn male is to be consecrated to the Lord”), ²⁴ and to offer a sacrifice in keeping with what is said in the Law of the Lord: “a pair of doves or two young pigeons.”

LUKE 2:22-35

²⁵ Now there was a man in Jerusalem called Simeon, who was righteous and devout. He was waiting for the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was on him.

LUKE 2:22-35

²⁶ It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not die before he had seen the Lord's Messiah.
²⁷ Moved by the Spirit, he went into the temple courts.

LUKE 2:22-35

When the parents brought in the child Jesus to do for him what the custom of the Law required, ²⁸ Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying:

LUKE 2:22-35

²⁹ “Sovereign Lord, as you have promised,
you may now dismiss your servant in
peace. ³⁰ For my eyes have seen your
salvation, ³¹ which you have prepared
in the sight of all nations:

LUKE 2:22-35

³² a light for revelation to the Gentiles,
and the glory of your people Israel.”
³³ The child’s father and mother marveled
at what was said about him.

LUKE 2:22-35

³⁴ Then Simeon blessed them and said to Mary, his mother: “This child is destined to cause the falling and rising of many in Israel,

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and to be a sign that will be spoken
against, ³⁵ so that the thoughts of
many hearts will be revealed. And a
sword will pierce your own soul too.”

LUKE 2:22-35

The background of the image is a blurred photograph of a desk. It features several sheets of paper, some with faint, illegible text, and a dark-colored pen. The lighting is warm, creating a soft, out-of-focus effect. The text 'DEVOUT PARENTS' is superimposed in the center in a large, white, bold, sans-serif font.

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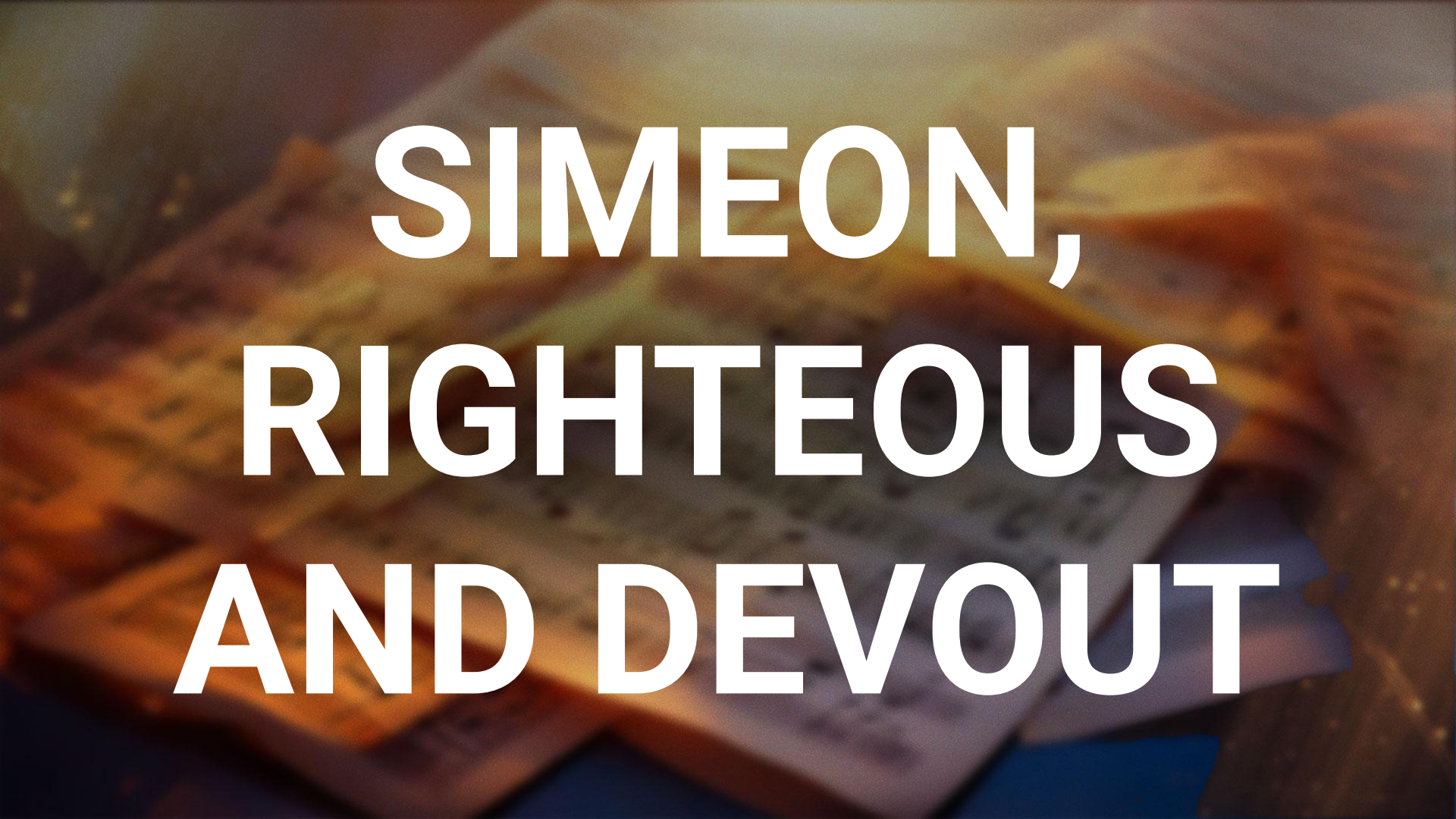
LUKE 2:22-24

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Joseph and Mary's posture
remind us of the importance
of humility and the recognition
that anything good in us is
really a gift from the Lord.

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**SIMEON,
RIGHTEOUS
AND DEVOUT**

²⁵ Now there was a man in Jerusalem called Simeon, who was **righteous and devout**. He was **waiting for the consolation of Israel**, and the **Holy Spirit** was on him.

LUKE 2:25-27

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¹ Comfort, comfort my people, says your God. ² Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and proclaim to her that her hard service has been completed, that her sin has been paid for, that she has received from the LORD's hand double for all her sins.

ISAIAH 40:1-2

⁹ Burst into songs of joy together, you
ruins of Jerusalem, for the LORD has
comforted his people, he has redeemed
Jerusalem.

ISAIAH 52:7-9

¹² For this is what the LORD says: “I will extend peace to her like a river, and the wealth of nations like a flooding stream; you will nurse and be carried on her arm and dandled on her knees.

ISAIAH 66:12-13

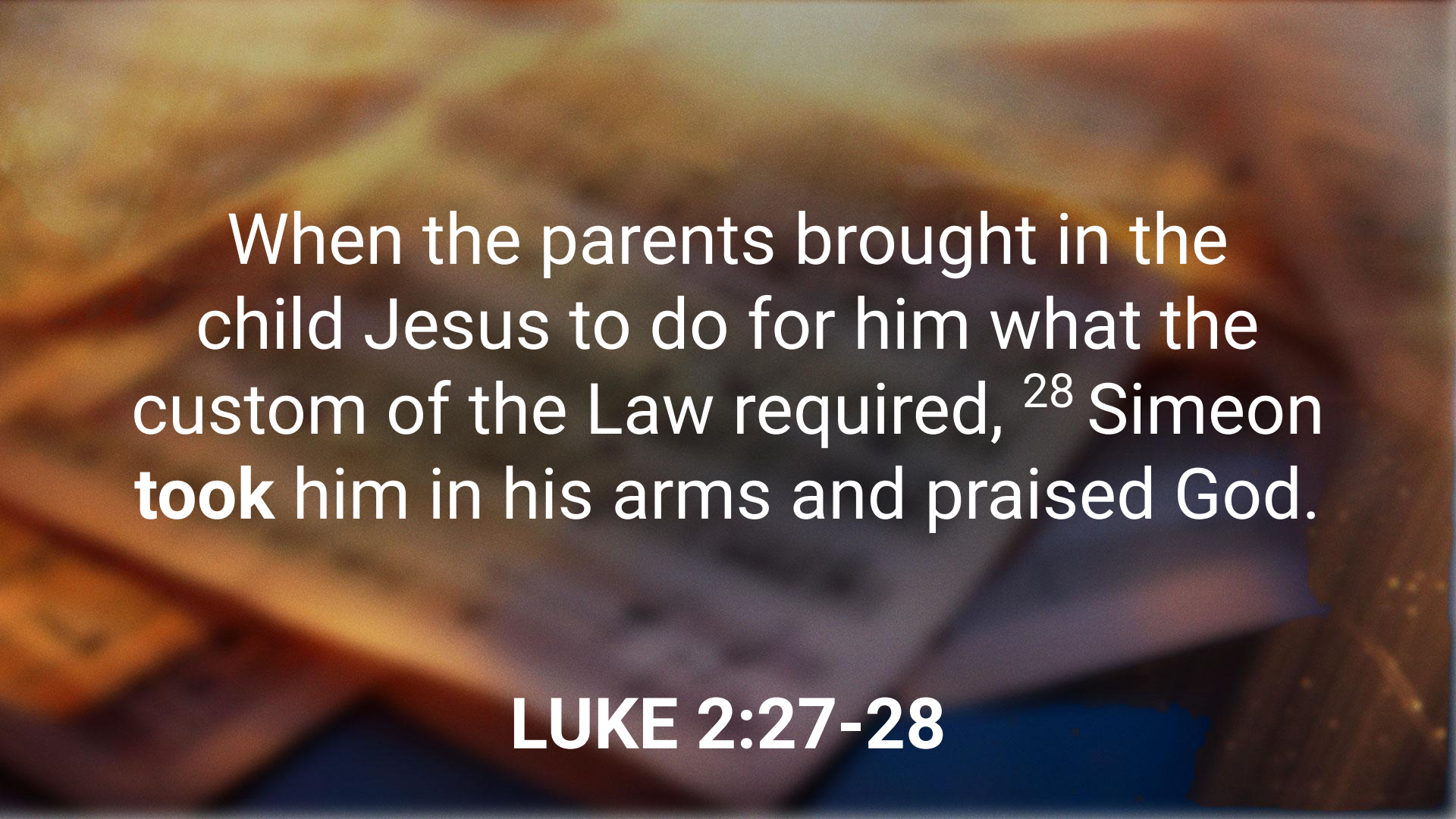


¹³ As a mother comforts her child,
so will I comfort you; and you will
be comforted over Jerusalem.”

ISAIAH 66:12-13



It is always a step of faith in
following the Spirit's leading.



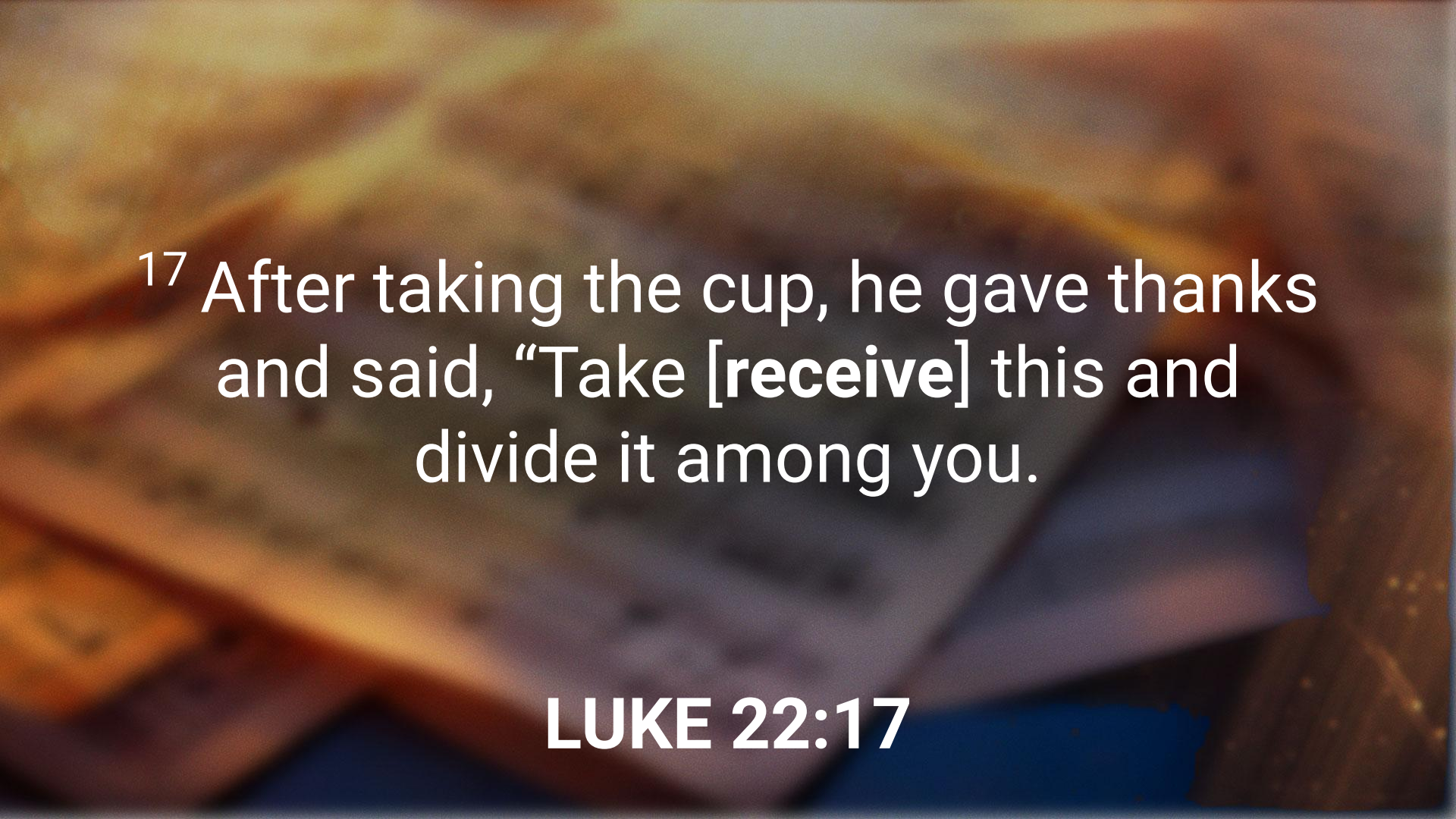
When the parents brought in the child Jesus to do for him what the custom of the Law required, ²⁸ Simeon **took** him in his arms and praised God.

LUKE 2:27-28



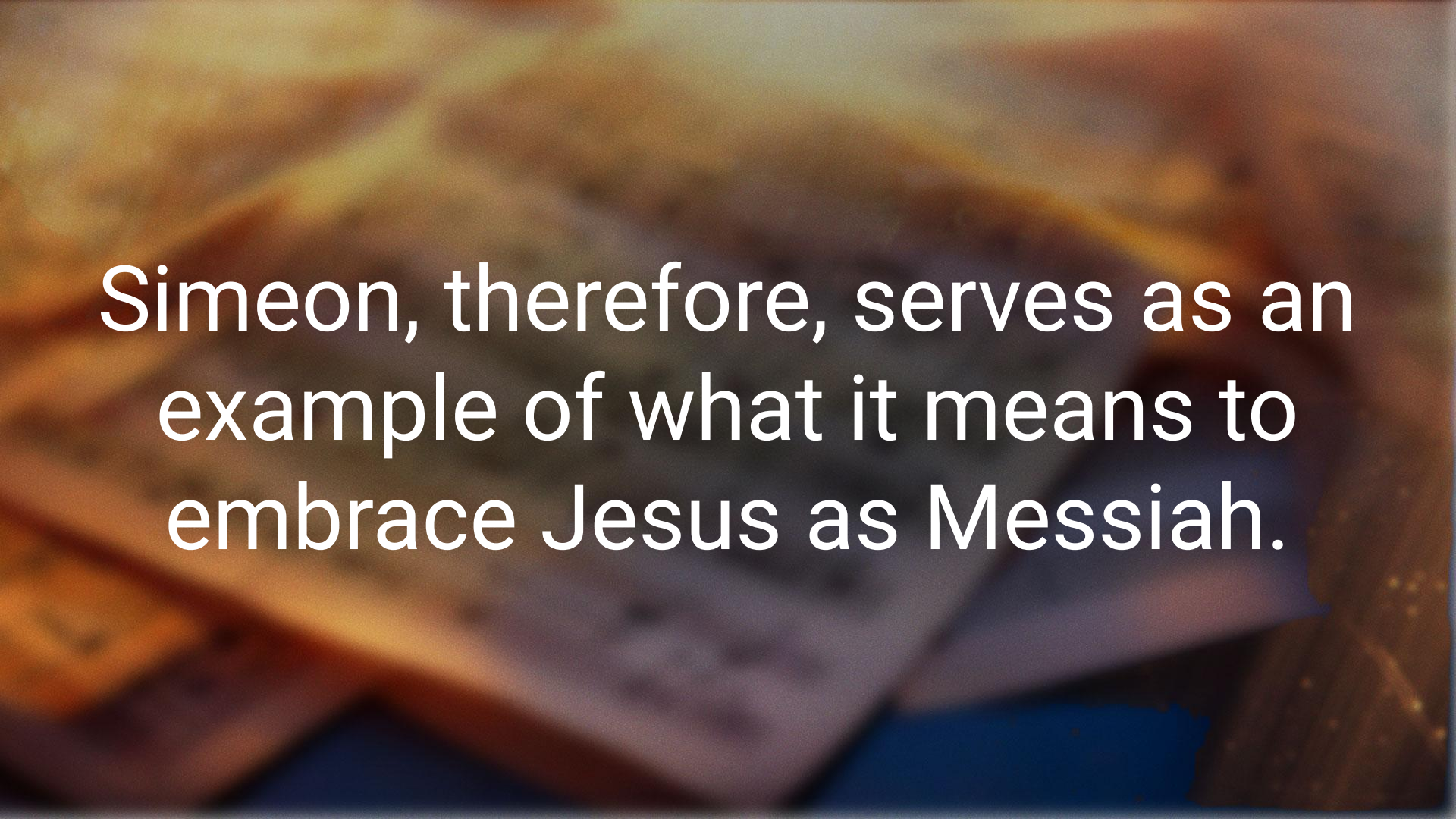
¹⁷ Truly I tell you, anyone who will not **receive** the kingdom of God like a little child will never enter it.”

LUKE 18:17



¹⁷ After taking the cup, he gave thanks and said, “Take **[receive]** this and divide it among you.

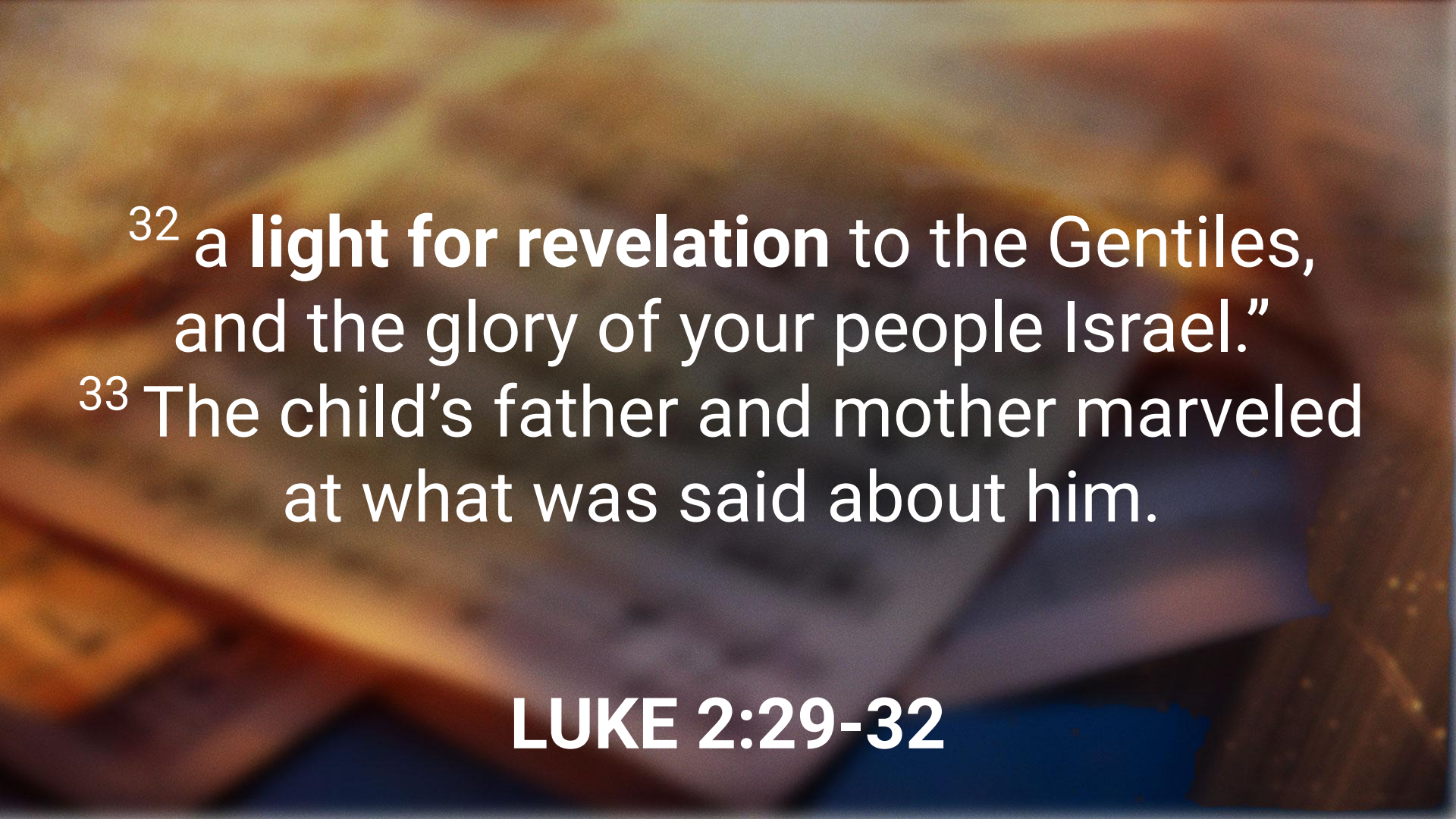
LUKE 22:17



Simeon, therefore, serves as an example of what it means to embrace Jesus as Messiah.

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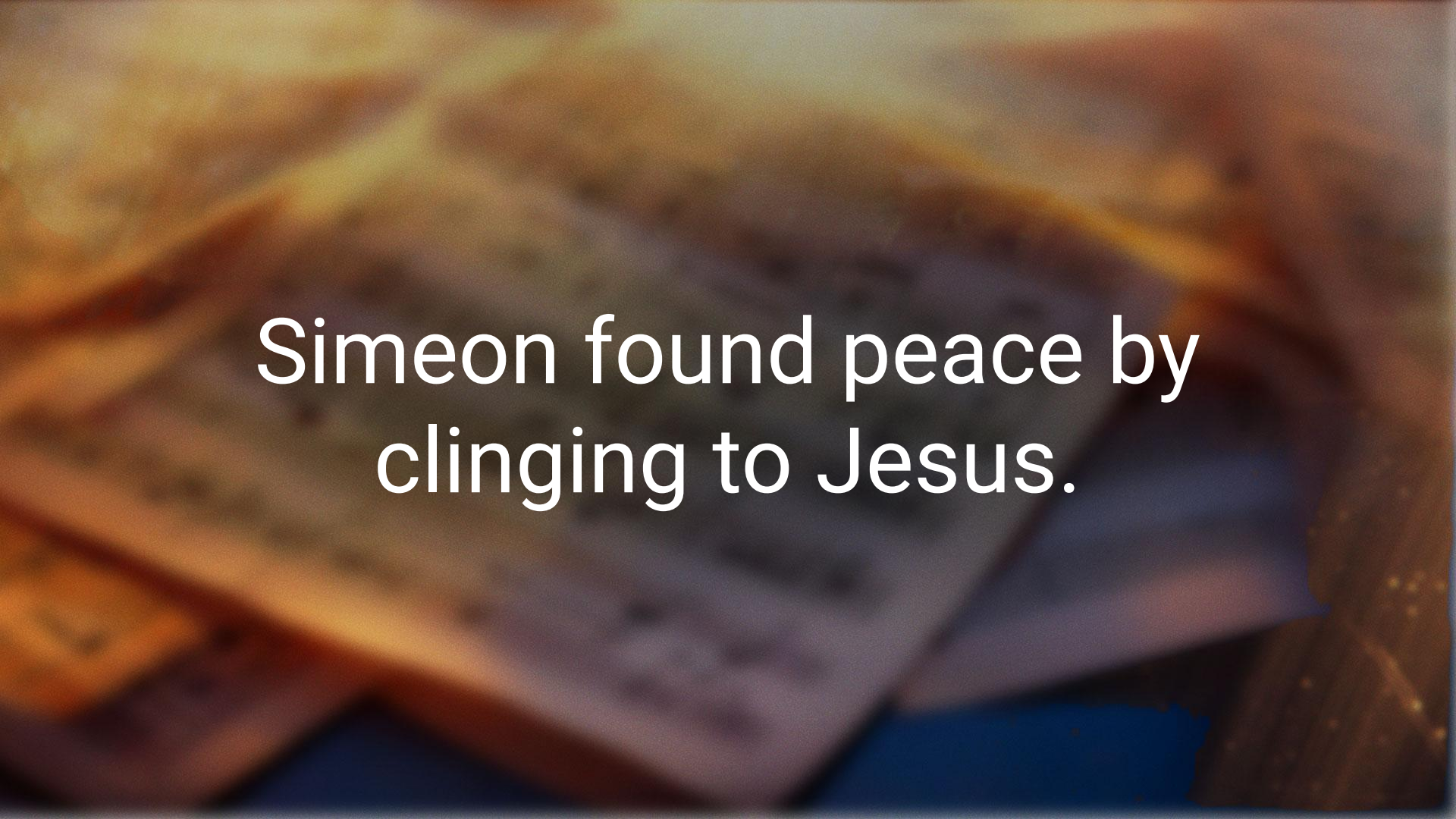
LUKE 2:29-32



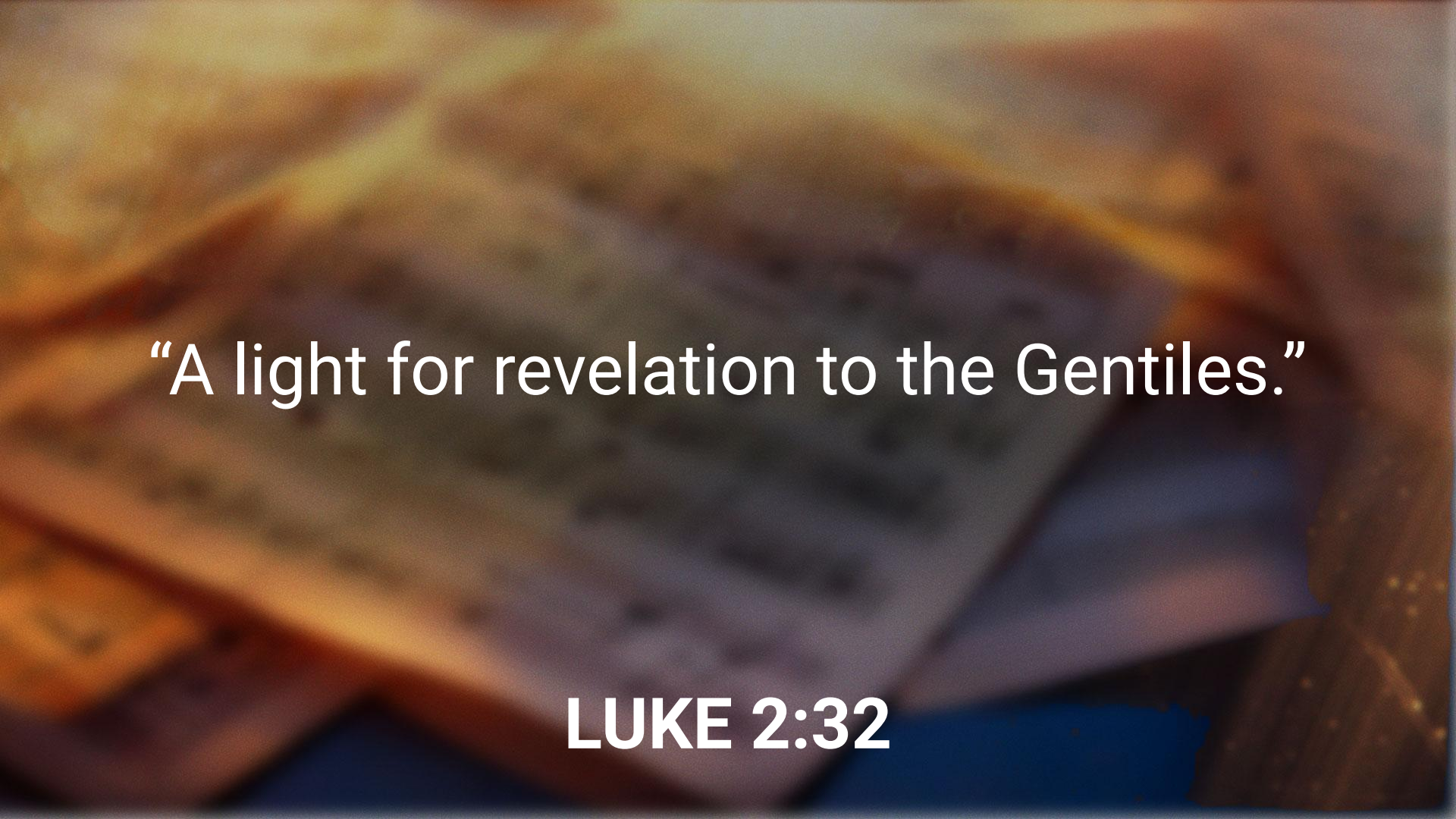
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at what was said about him.

LUKE 2:29-32



Simeon found peace by
clinging to Jesus.



“A light for revelation to the Gentiles.”

LUKE 2:32

The background of the image is a blurred, warm-toned photograph of a city skyline at night. The lights from the buildings create a bokeh effect, with golden and orange hues dominating the scene. The text is overlaid on this background, centered and written in a clean, white, sans-serif font.

The good news is for everyone,
everywhere and even for that
person you don't expect.



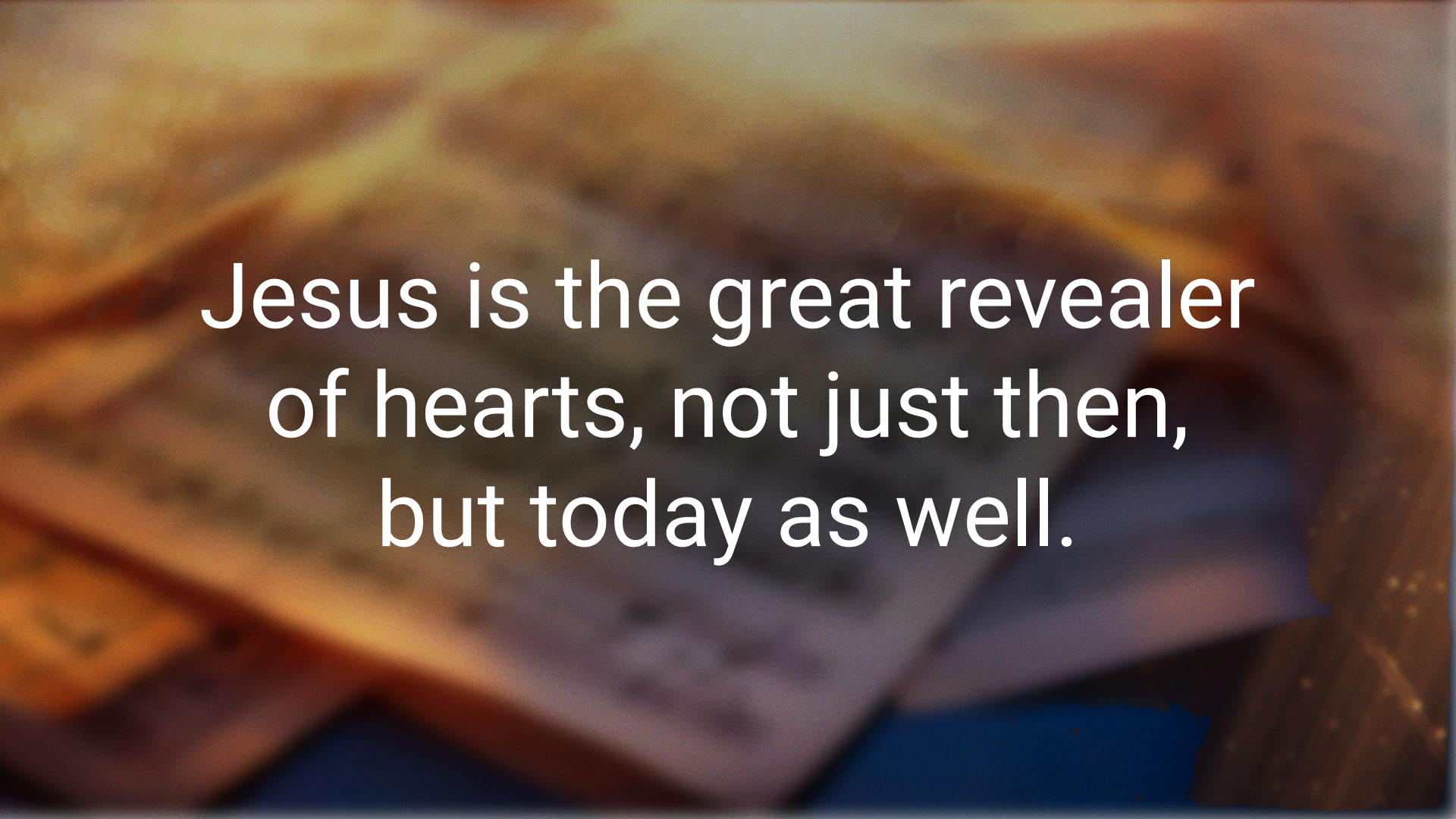
HEARTS REVEALED

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his mother:

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“This child is destined to cause the falling and rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be spoken against,³⁵ so that the thoughts of many **hearts will be revealed**. And a sword will pierce your own soul too.”

LUKE 2:32-35



Jesus is the great revealer
of hearts, not just then,
but today as well.



SERMON REVIEW:

- 1) DEVOUT PARENTS
- 2) SIMEON, RIGHTEOUS & DEVOUT
- 3) HEARTS REVEALED



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