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INTEGRATION

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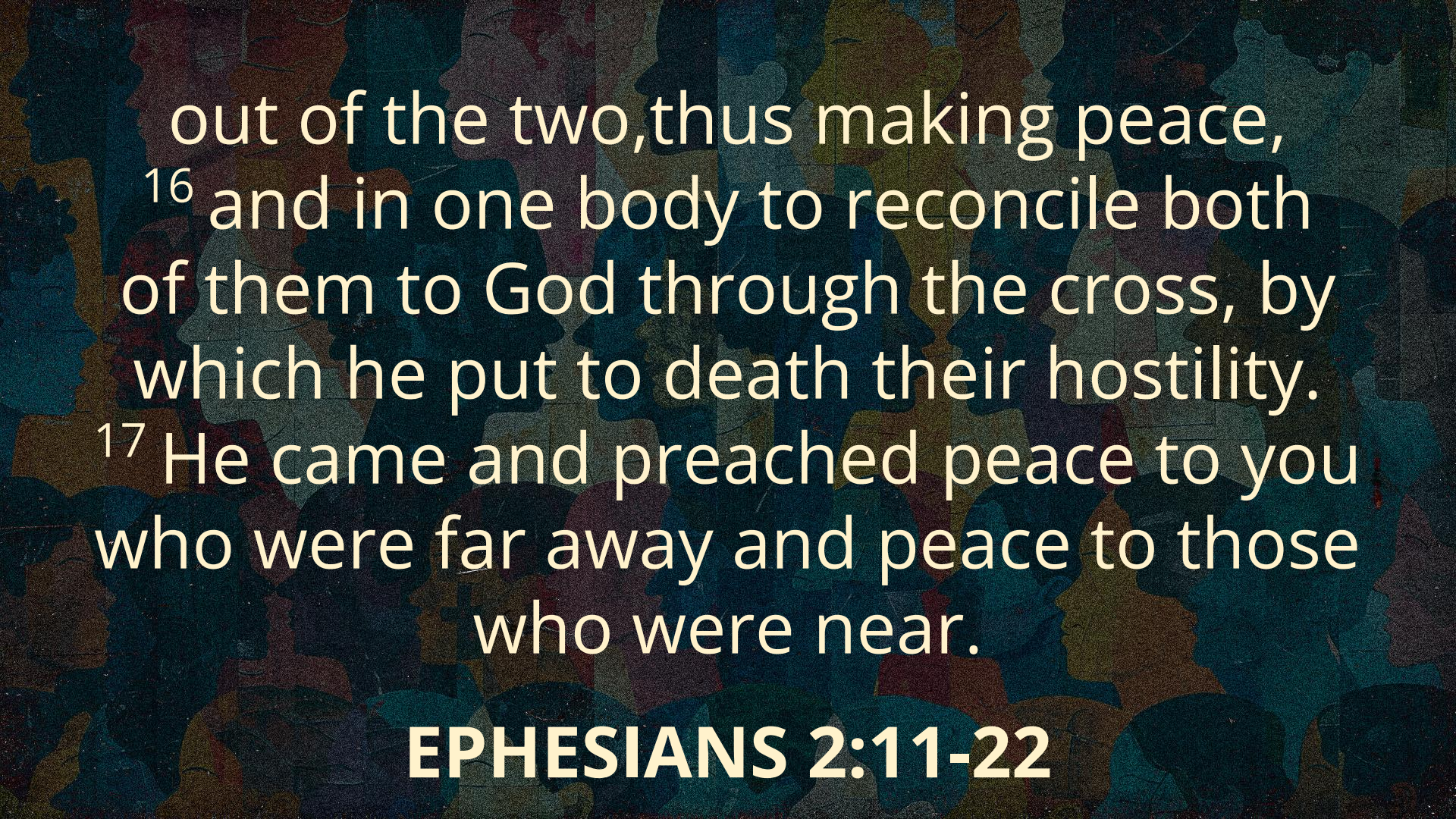
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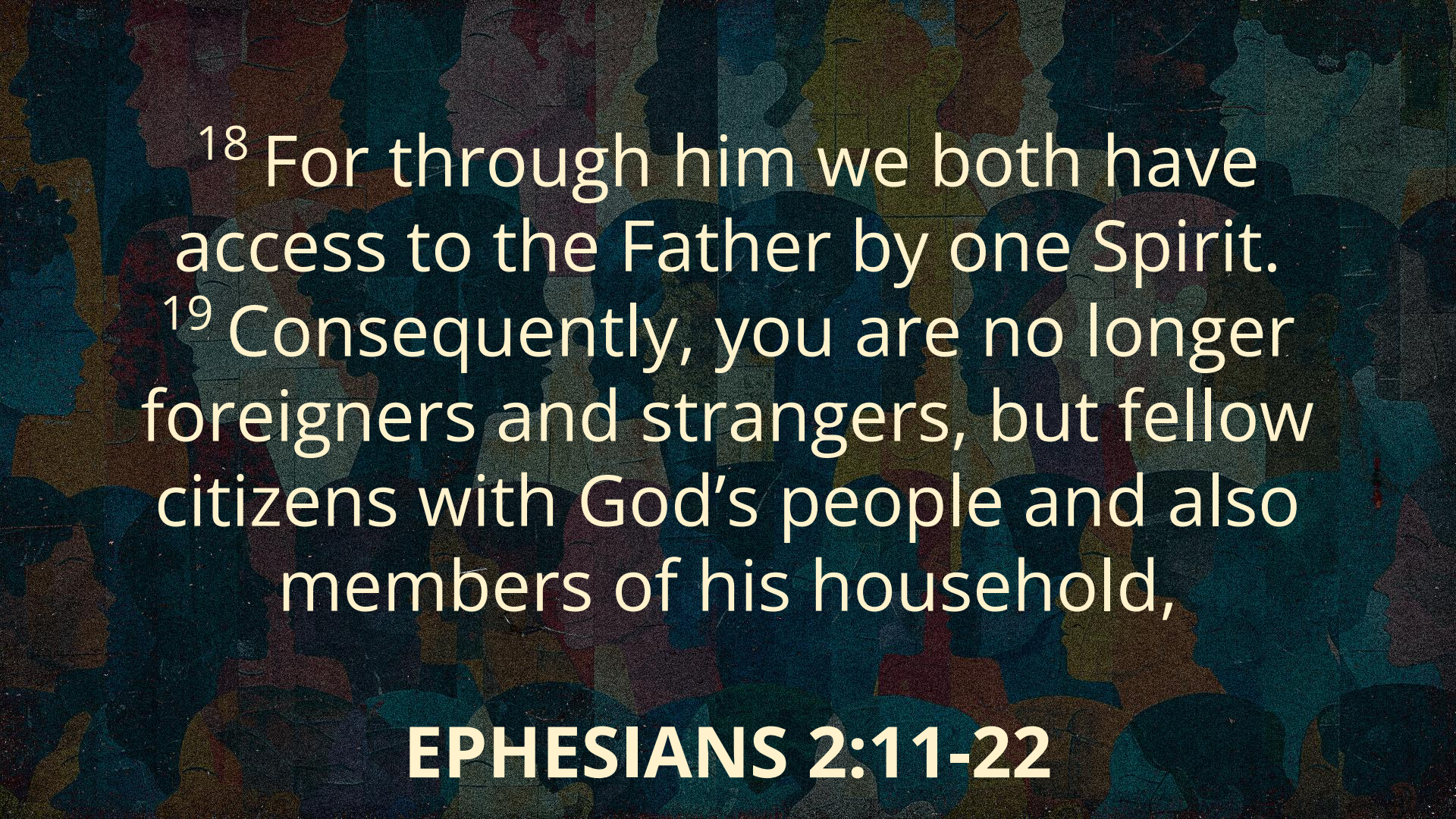
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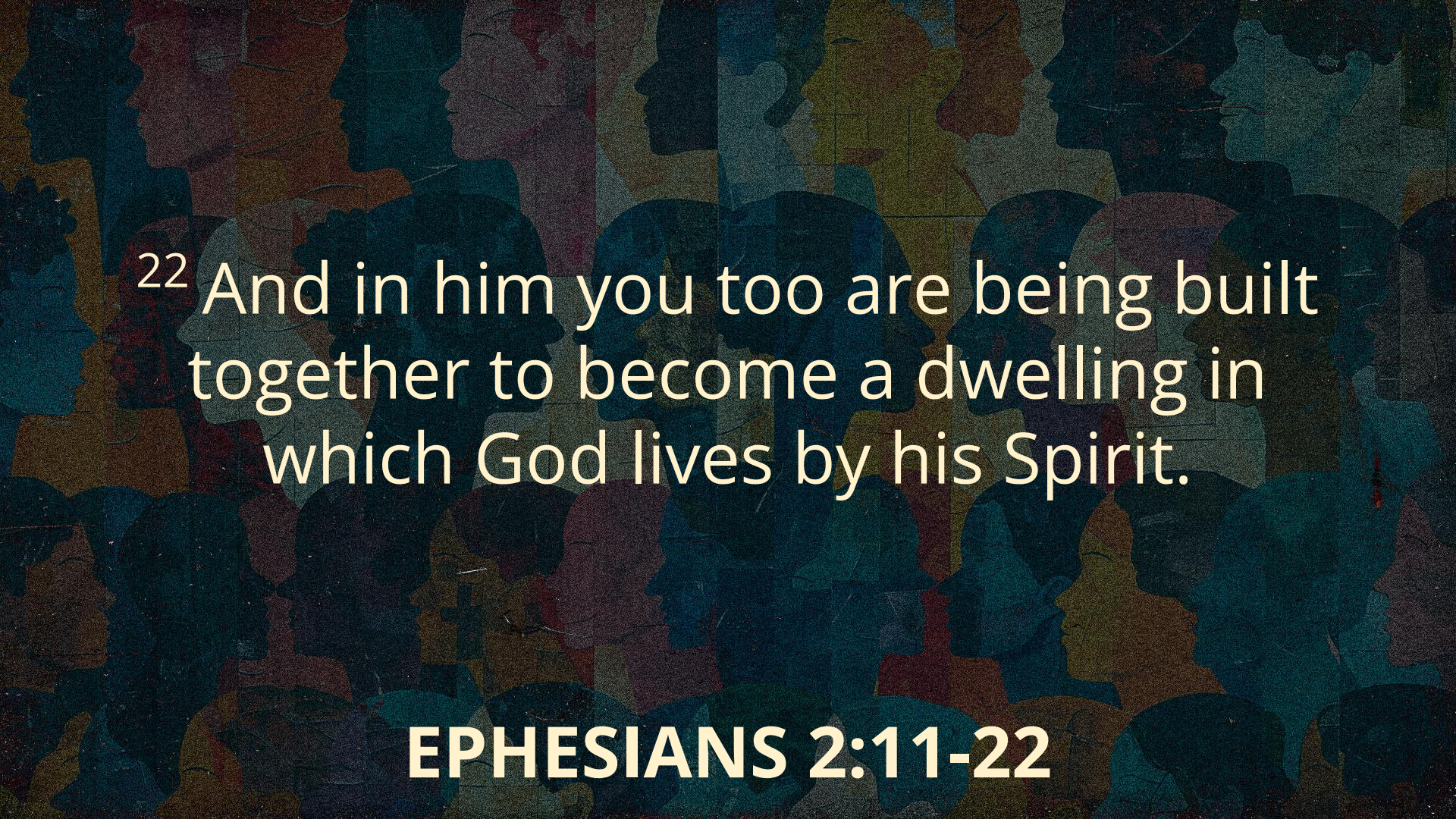
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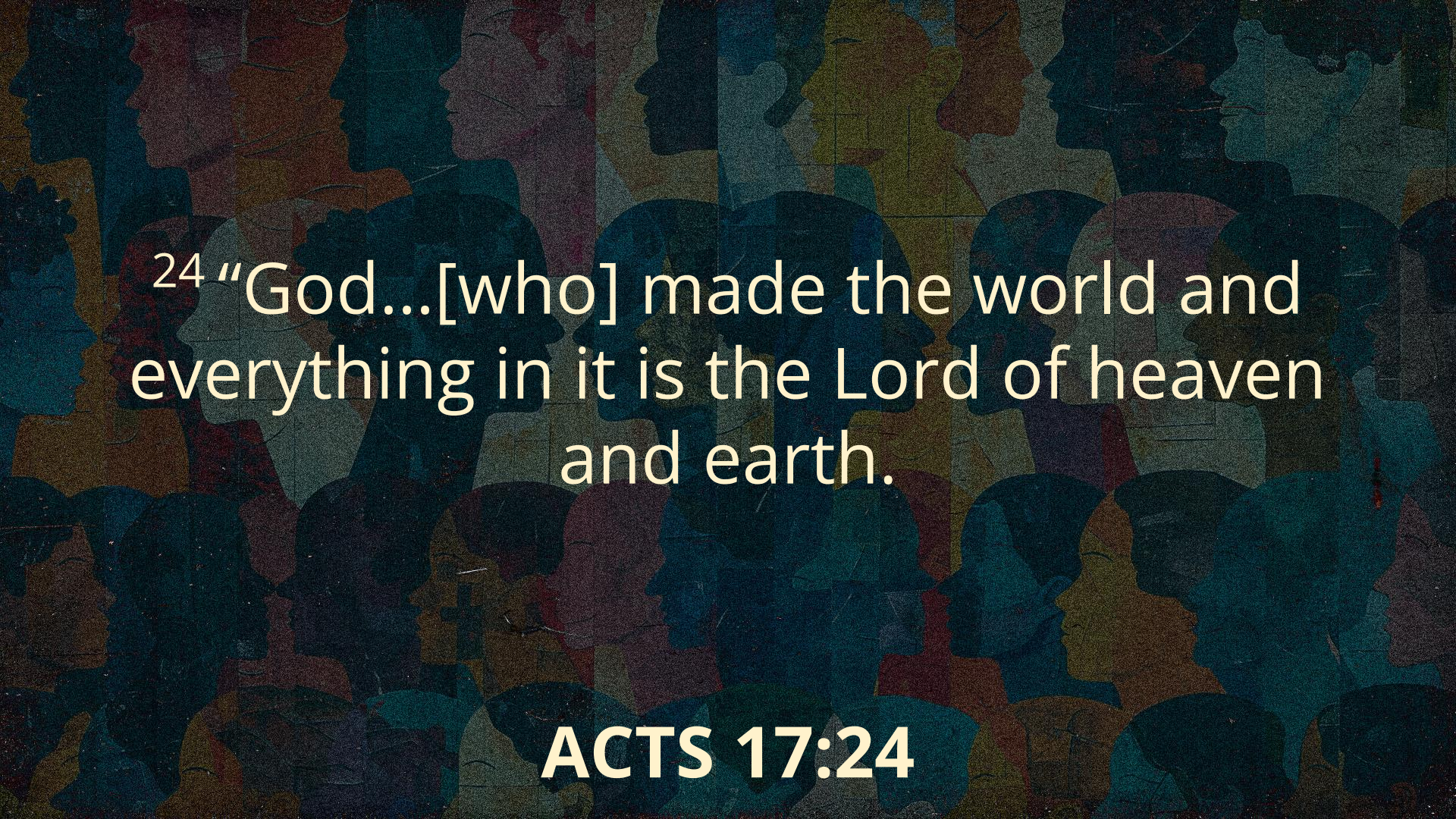
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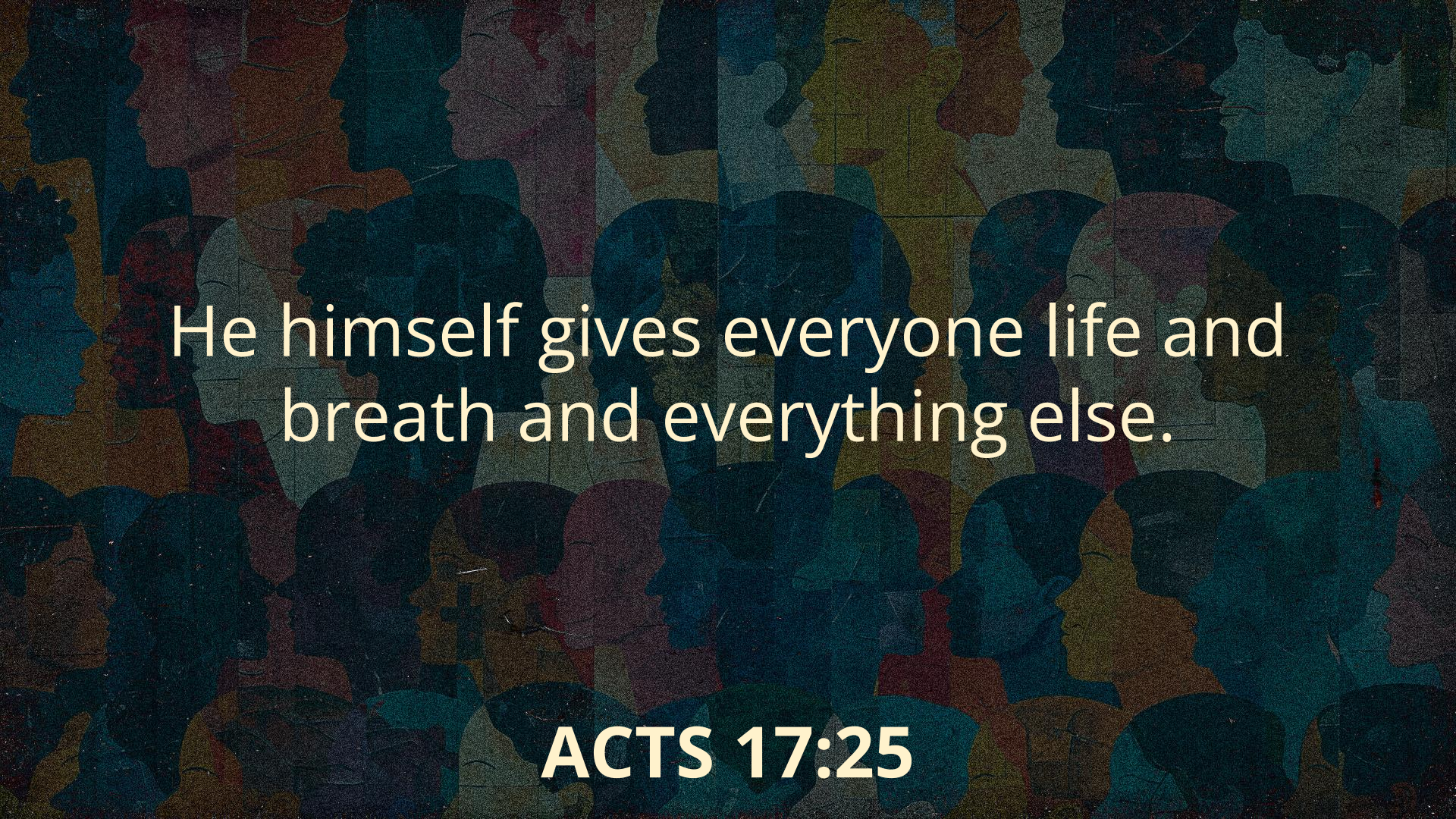
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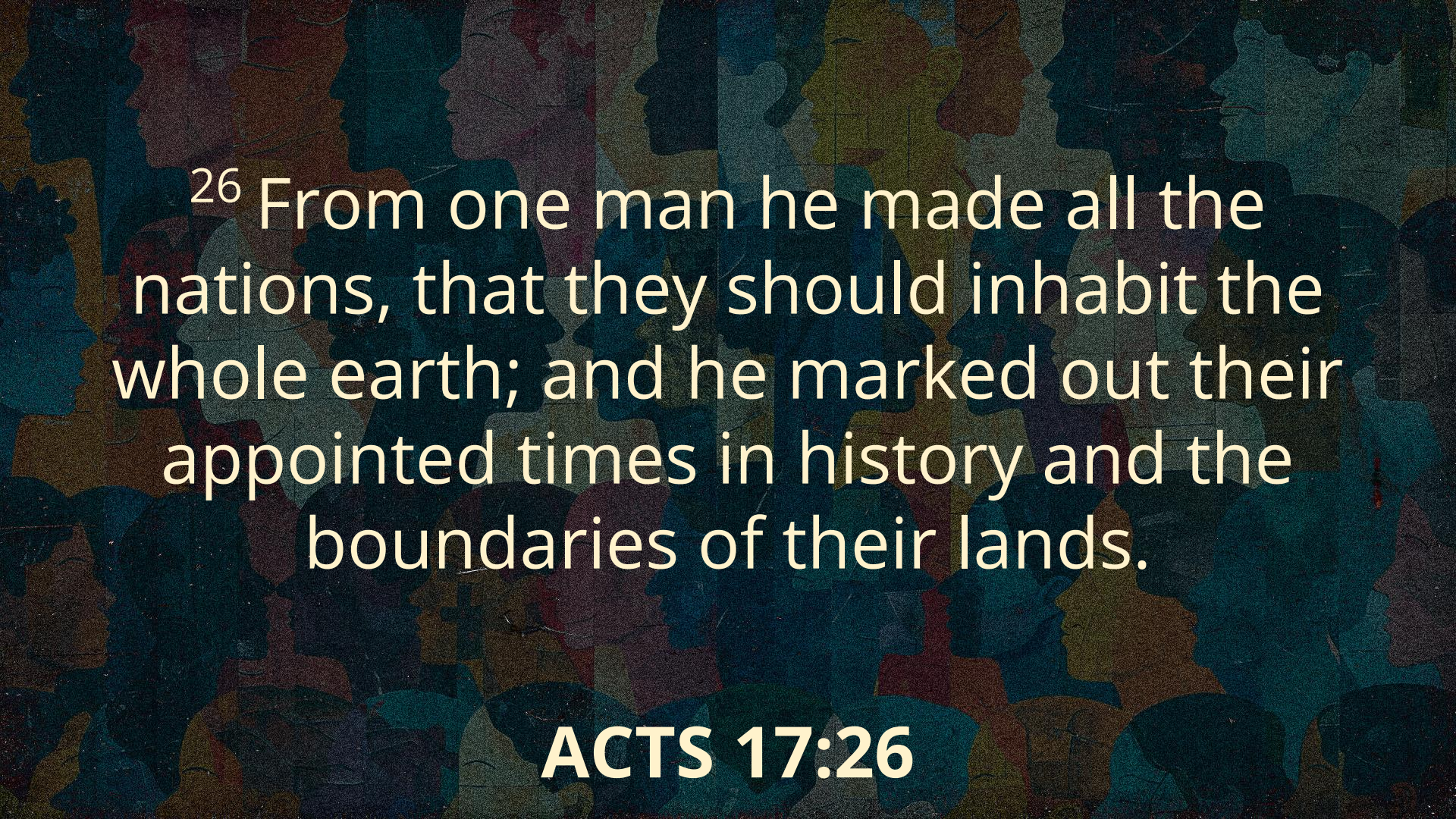
²⁴ “God...[who] made the world and everything in it is the Lord of heaven and earth.

ACTS 17:24



He himself gives everyone life and
breath and everything else.

ACTS 17:25



²⁶ From one man he made all the nations, that they should inhabit the whole earth; and he marked out their appointed times in history and the boundaries of their lands.

ACTS 17:26



We are not meant to simply
co-exist, we are meant
to commune



The Global North often clashes
with the Global South



A Western worldview often
clashes with an
Eastern worldview



One is not better than the other,
they are just different from
one another



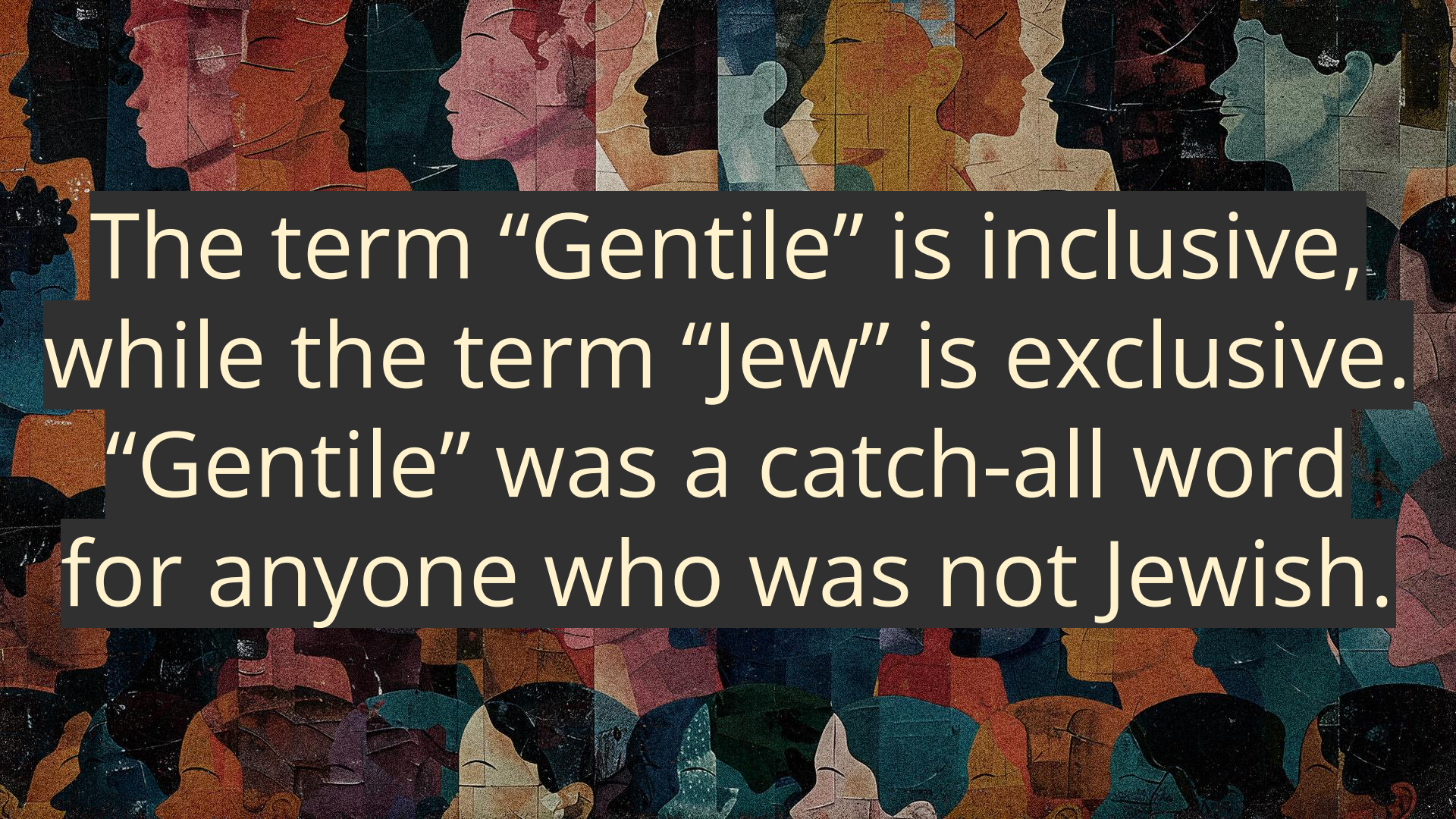
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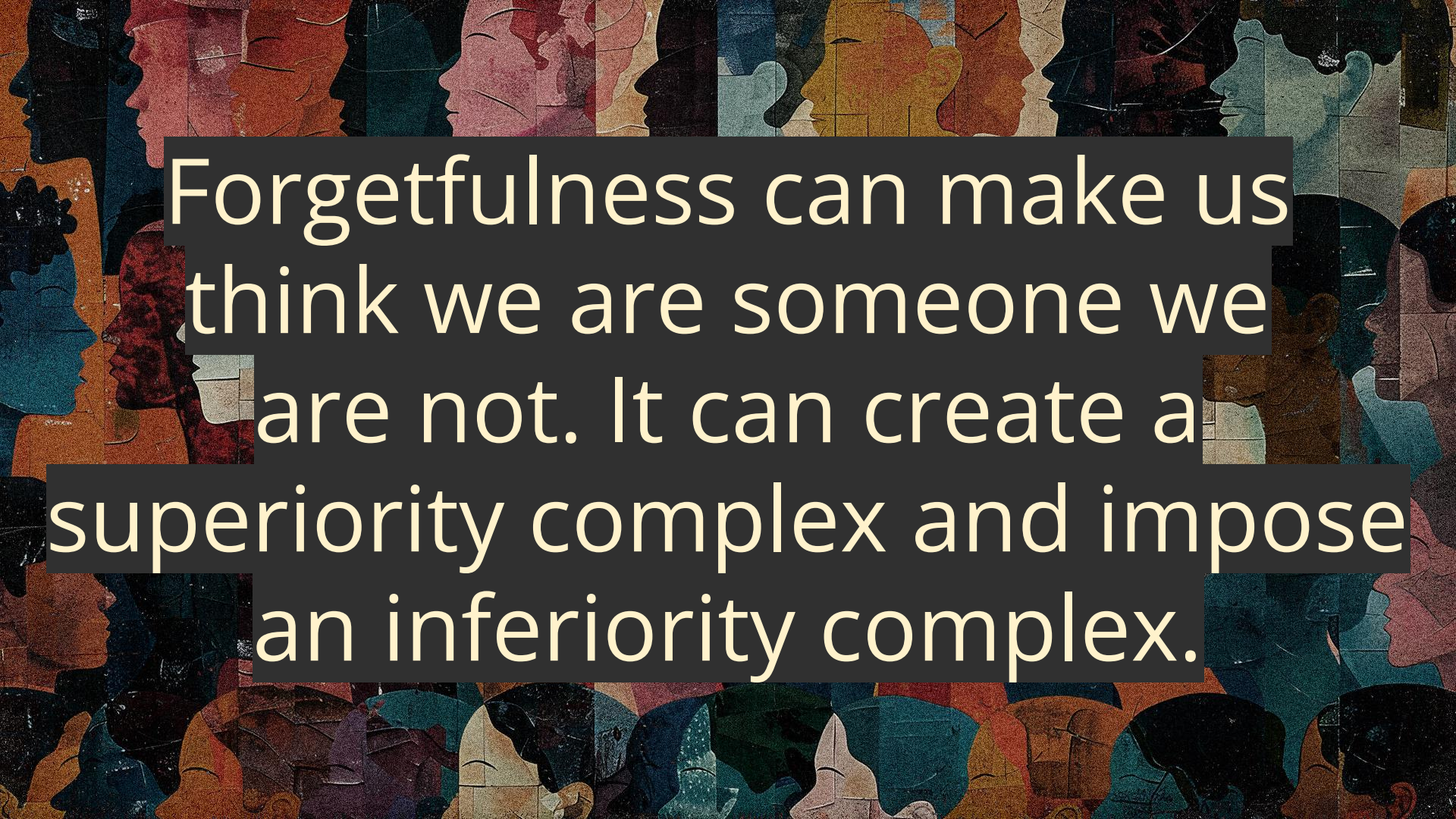
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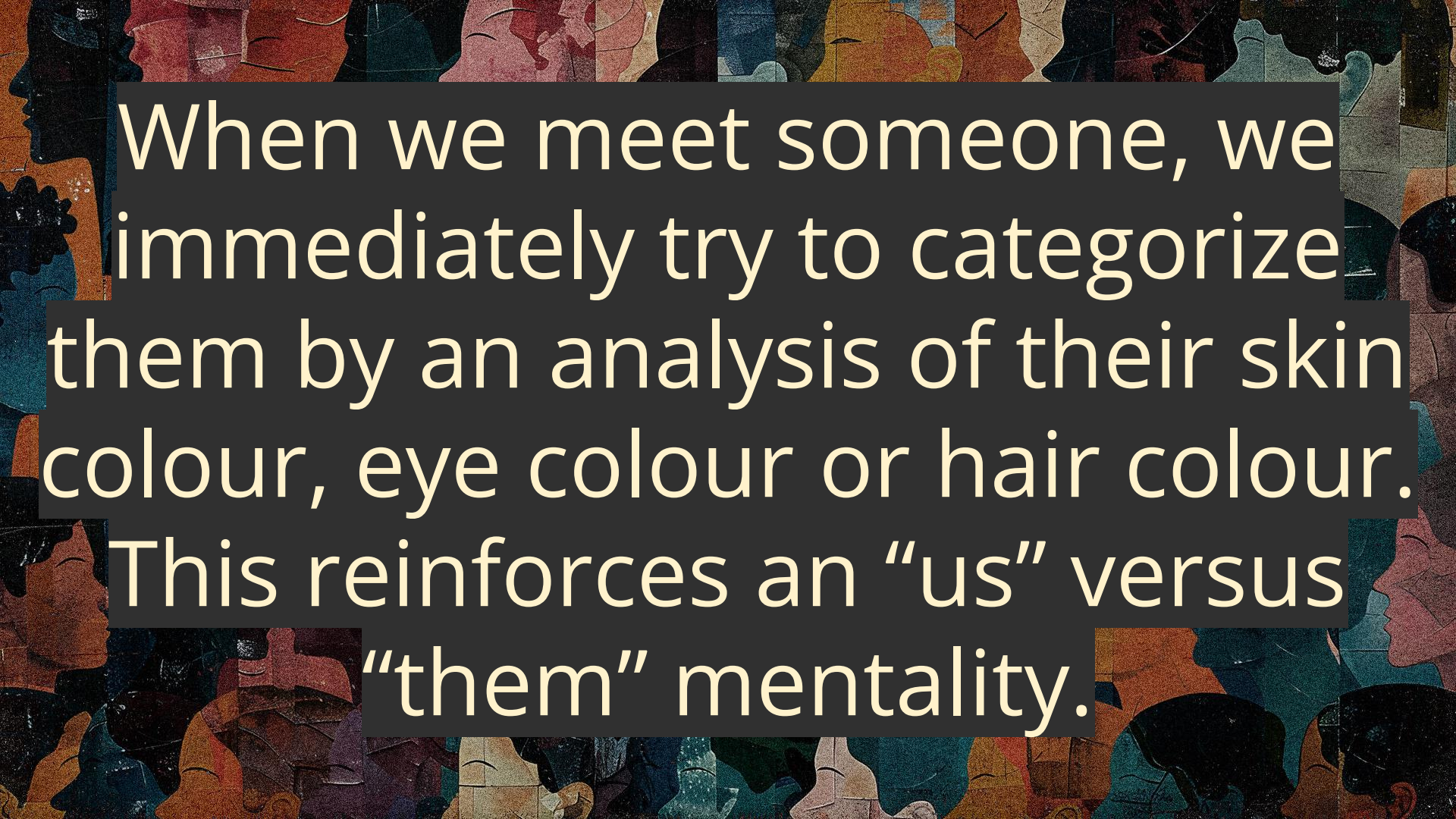
The term "Gentile" is inclusive,
while the term "Jew" is exclusive.
"Gentile" was a catch-all word
for anyone who was not Jewish.



This divide stirred an elitism and
entitlement among the Jews



Forgetfulness can make us think we are someone we are not. It can create a superiority complex and impose an inferiority complex.



When we meet someone, we immediately try to categorize them by an analysis of their skin colour, eye colour or hair colour. This reinforces an “us” versus “them” mentality.

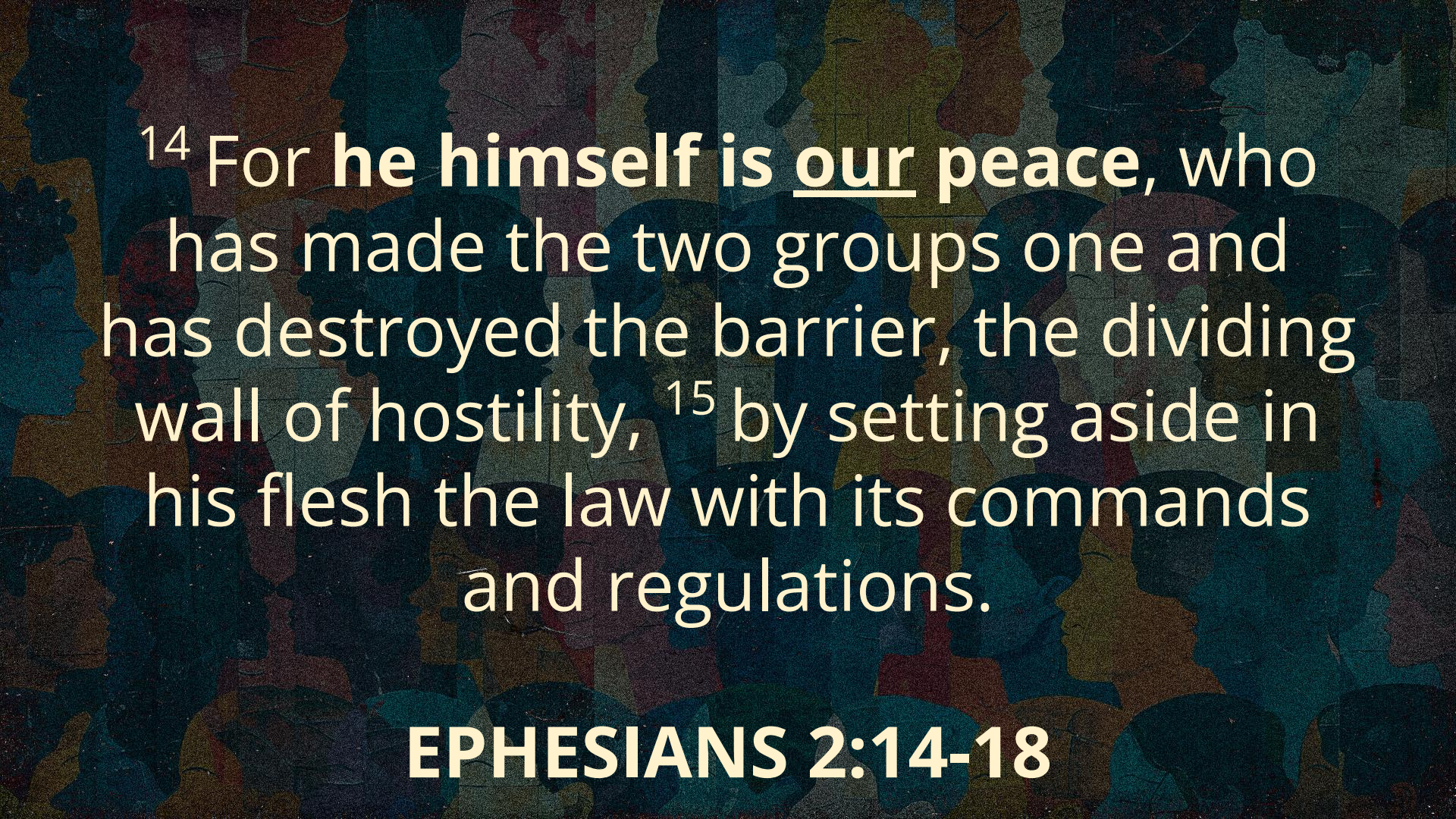


You have come... ²⁴ to Jesus the
mediator of a new covenant, and to
the sprinkled blood that speaks a
better word than the blood of Abel.

HEBREWS 12:24

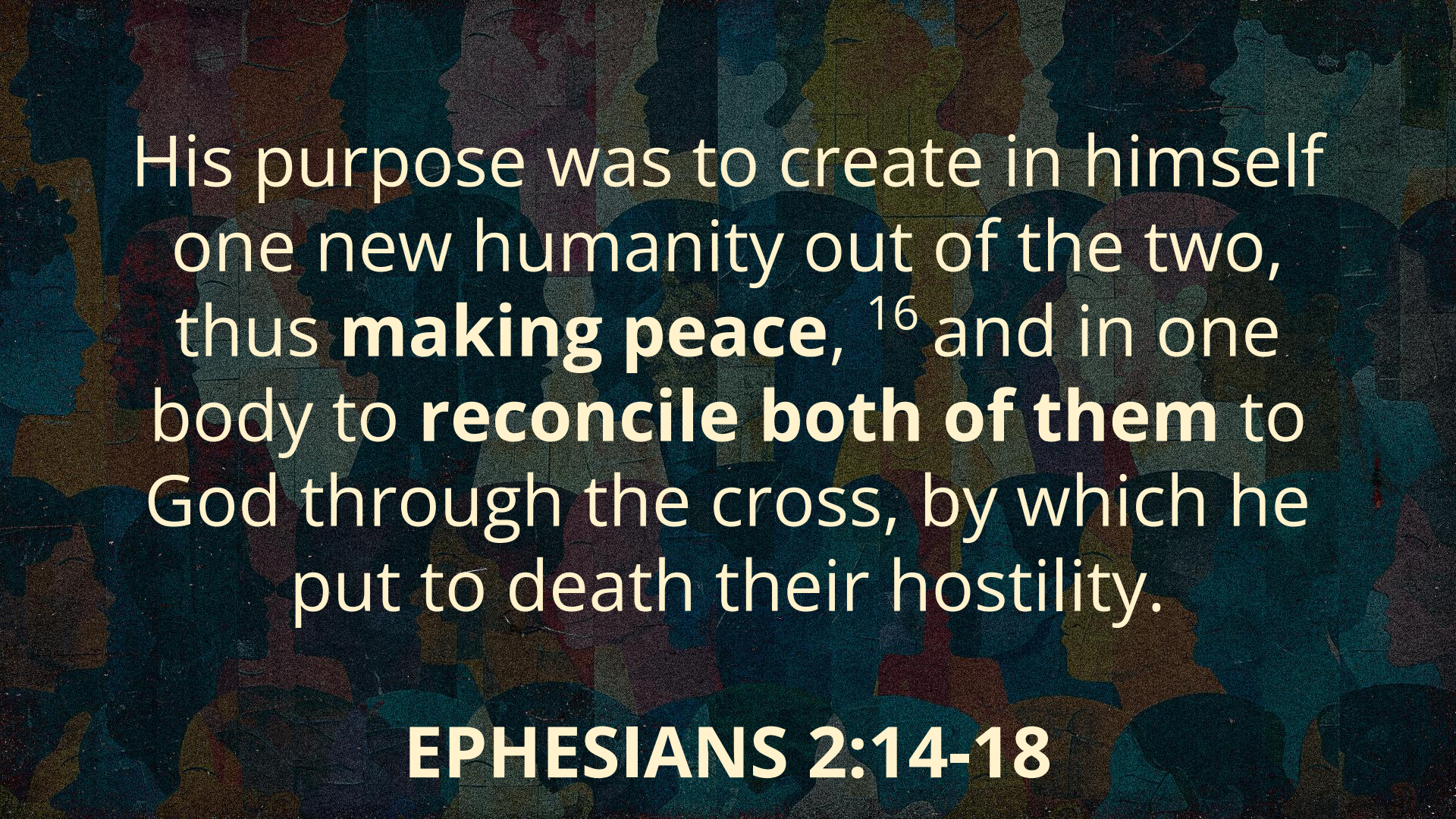


**2) LIVE IN THE
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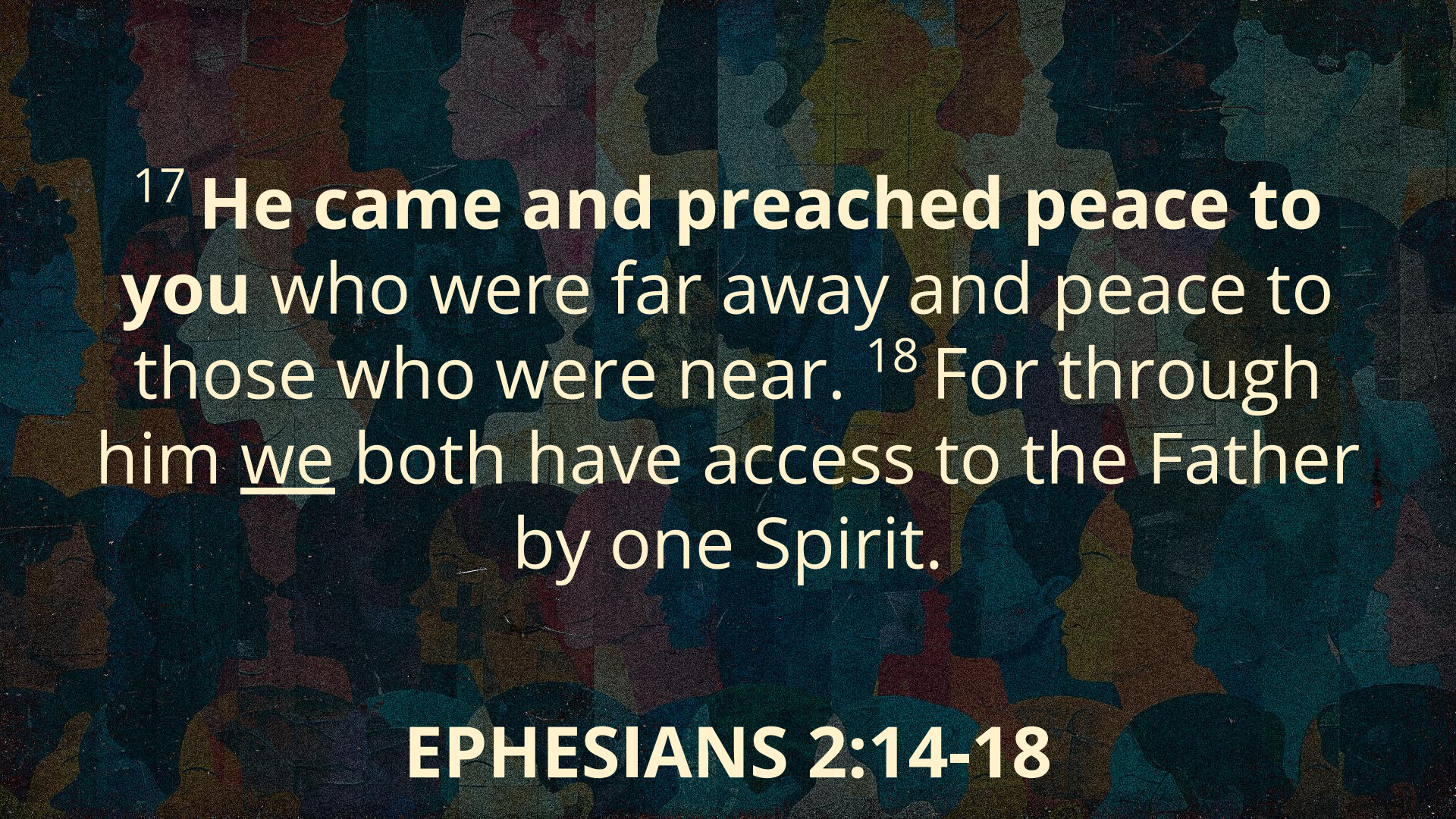
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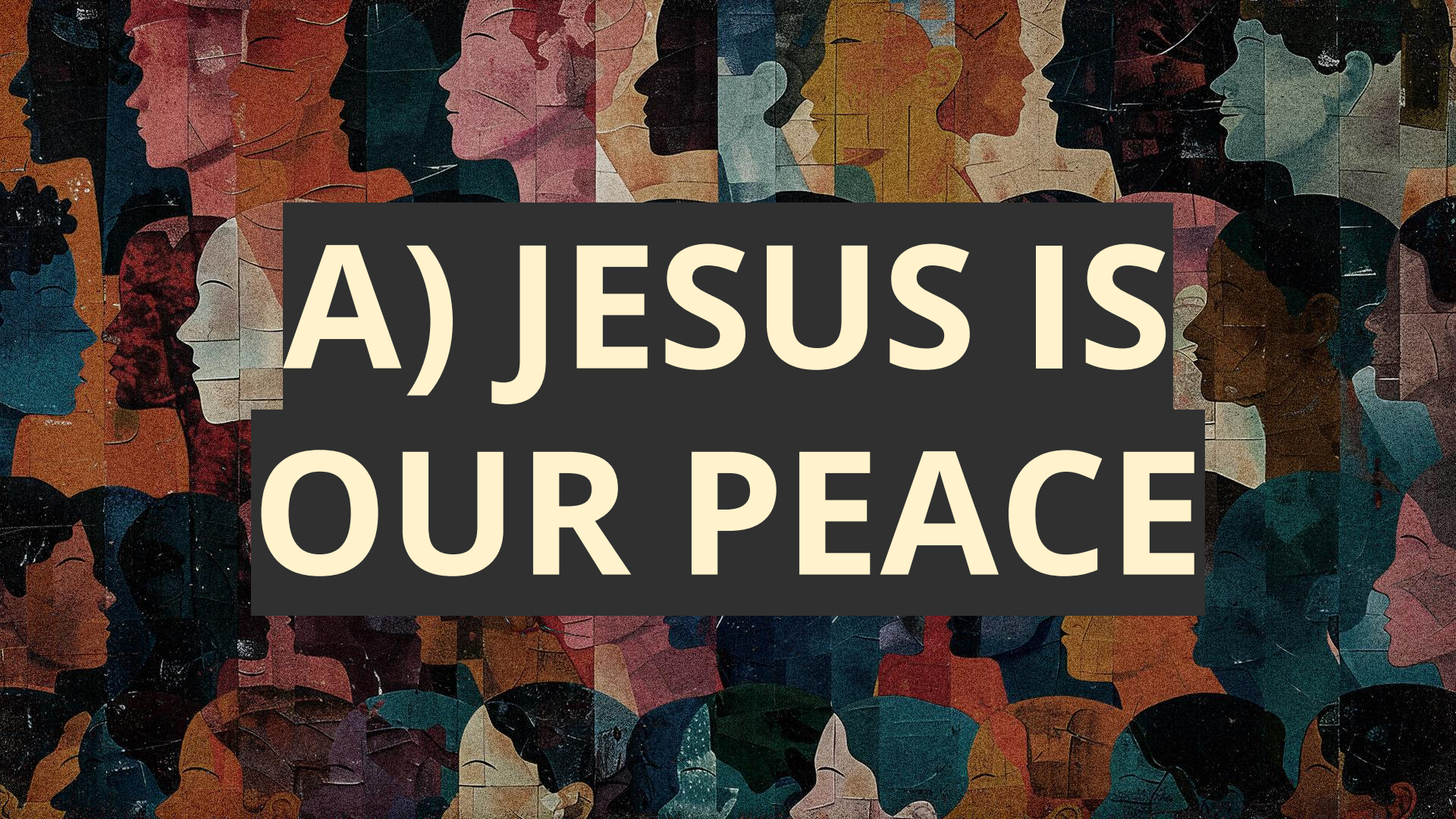
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**A) JESUS IS
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⁹ “Therefore what God has joined together, let no one separate.”

MARK 10:9



B) JESUS MADE PEACE

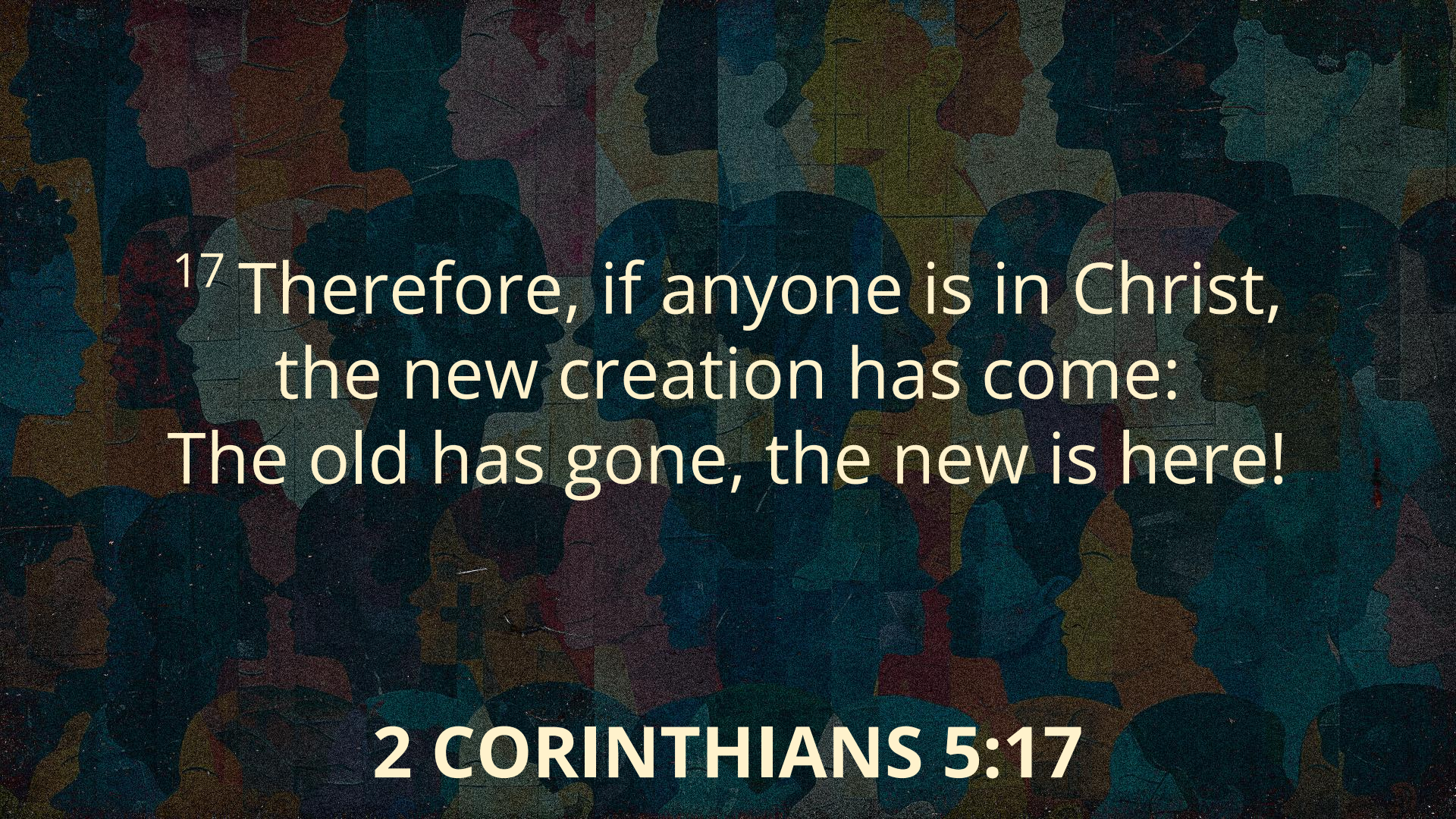


¹⁶ So from now on we regard no one
from a worldly point of view.

2 CORINTHIANS 5:16

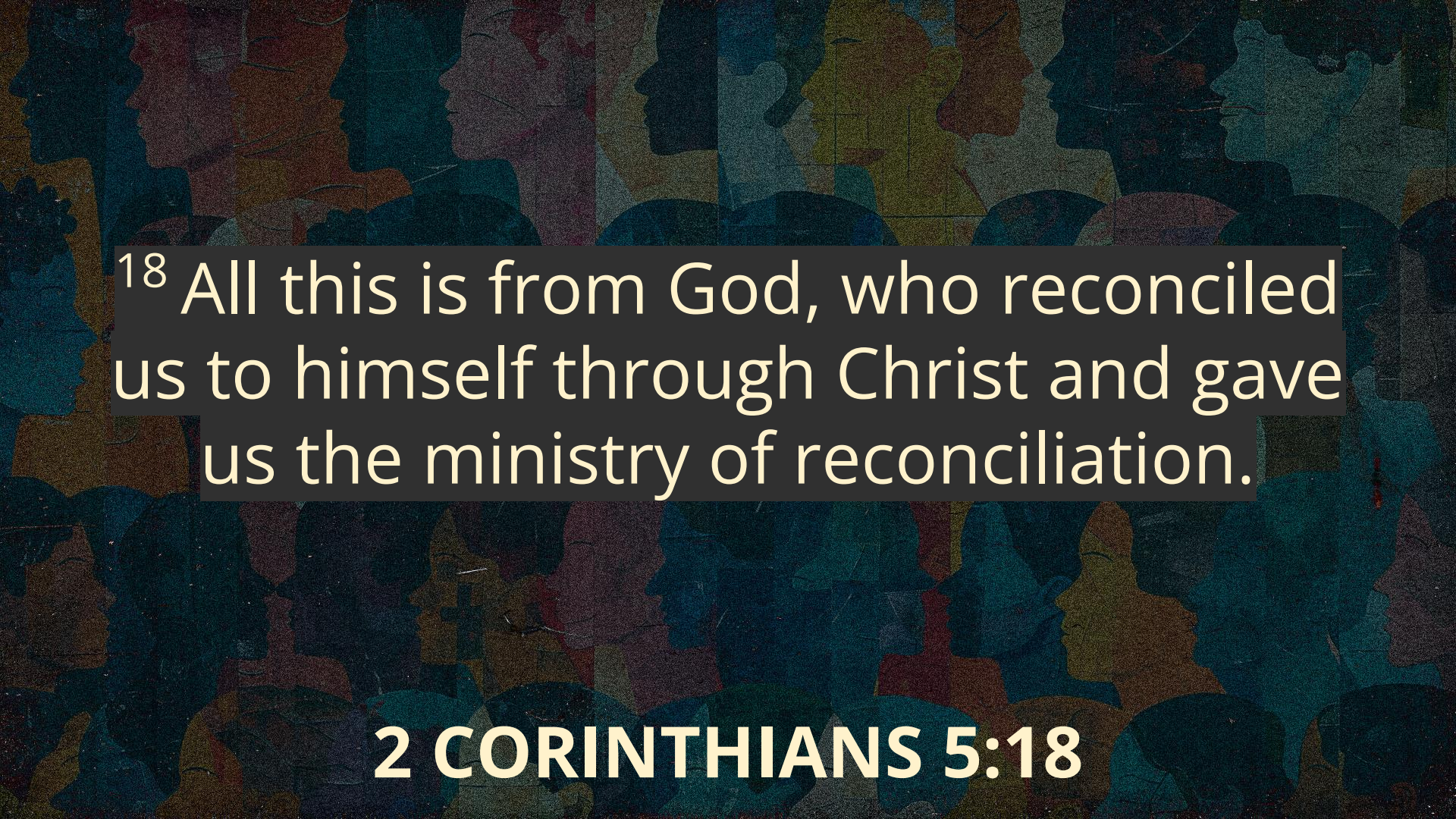


Your ethnic identity comes
second to your spiritual identity



¹⁷ Therefore, if anyone is in Christ,
the new creation has come:
The old has gone, the new is here!

2 CORINTHIANS 5:17

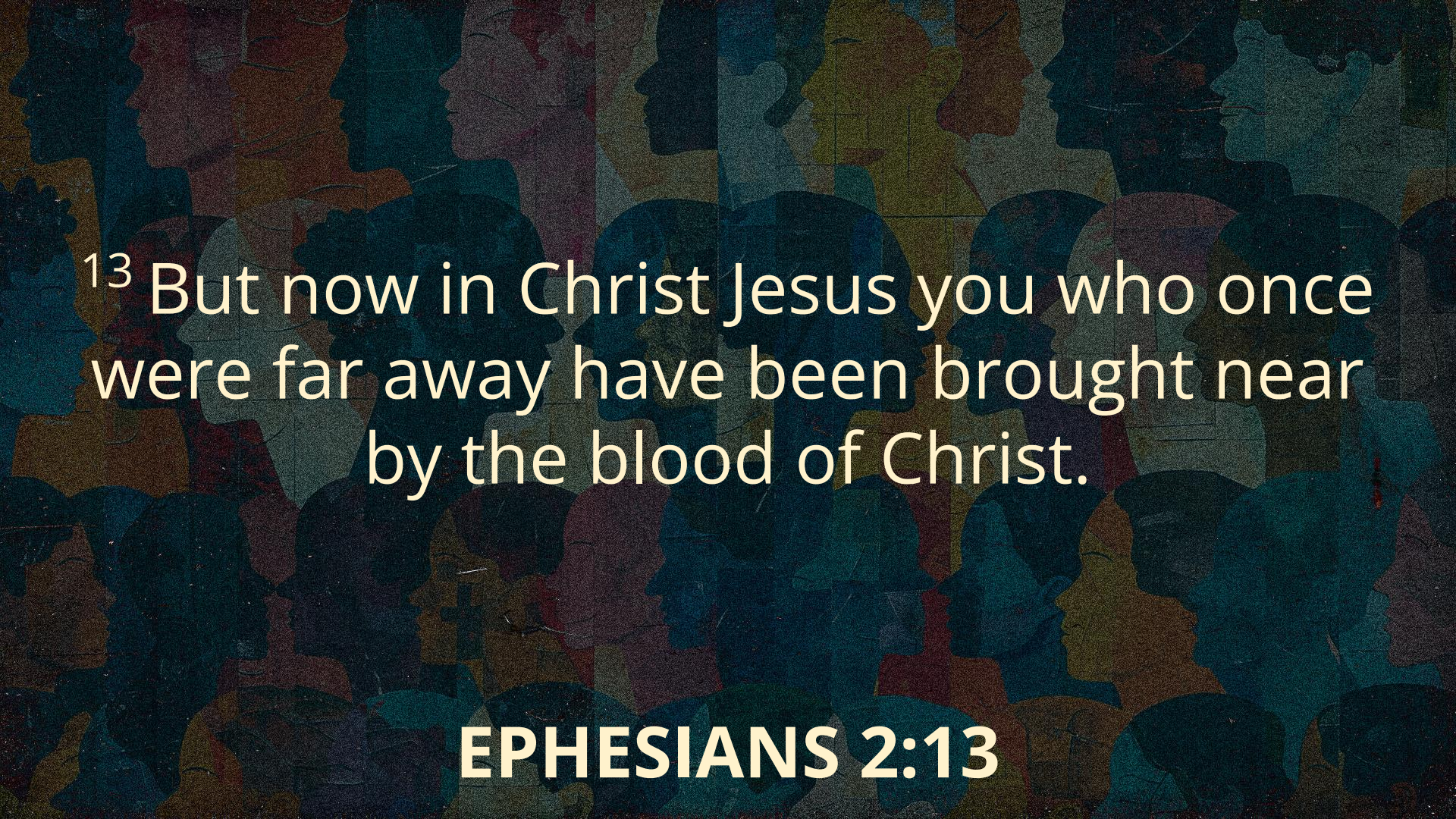


¹⁸ All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation.

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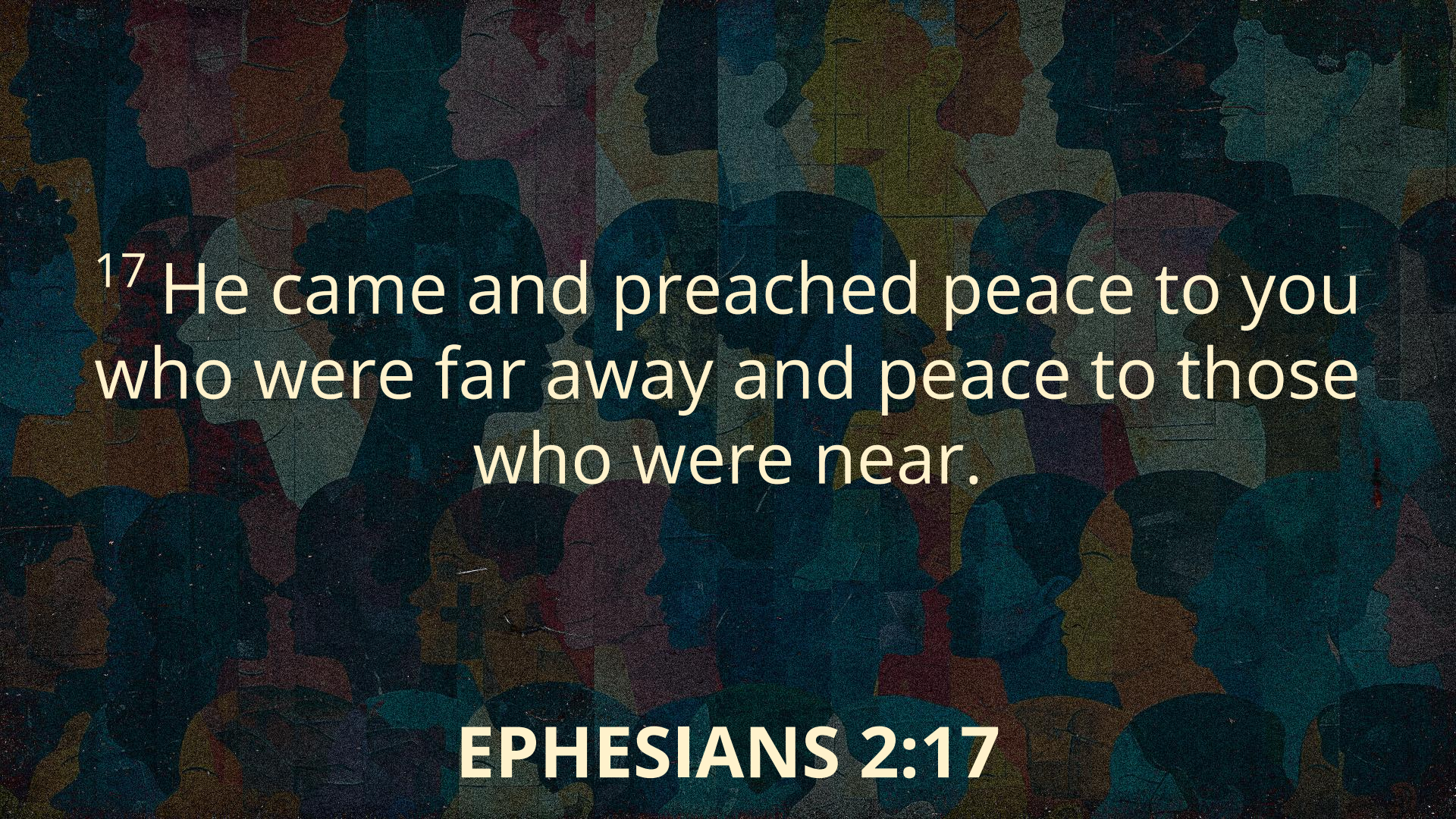


C) JESUS PREACHED PEACE



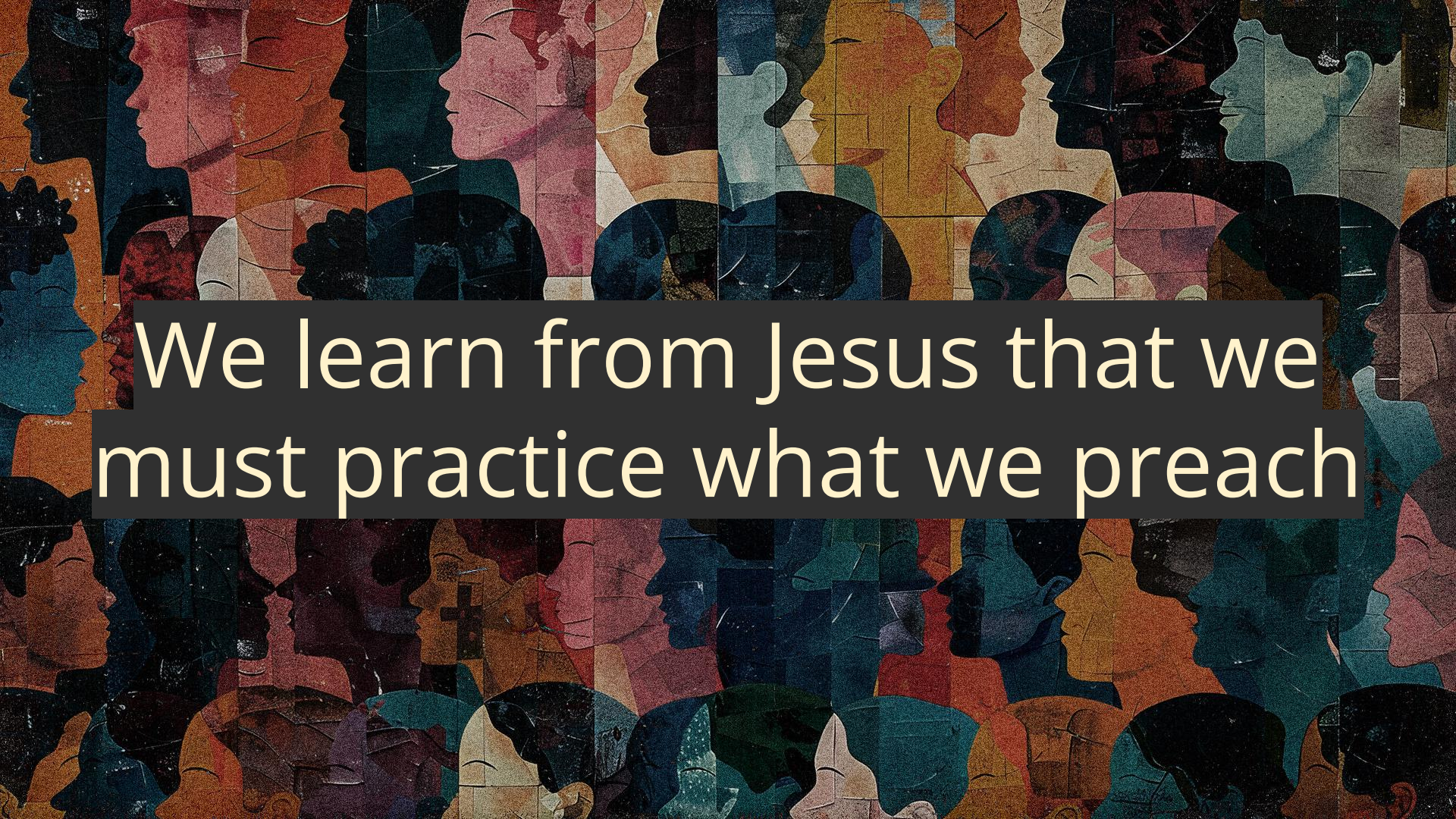
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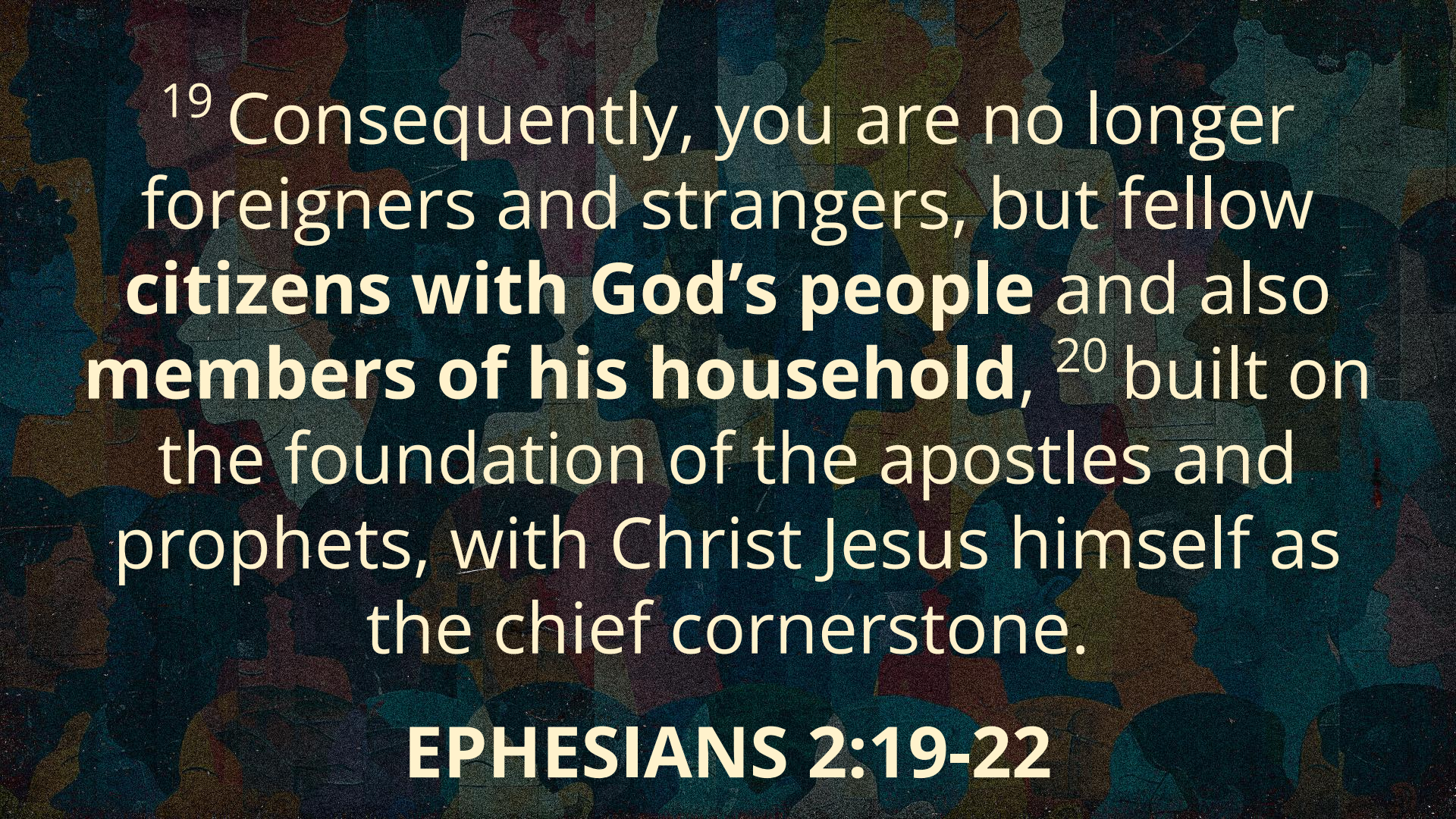
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We learn from Jesus that we
must practice what we preach

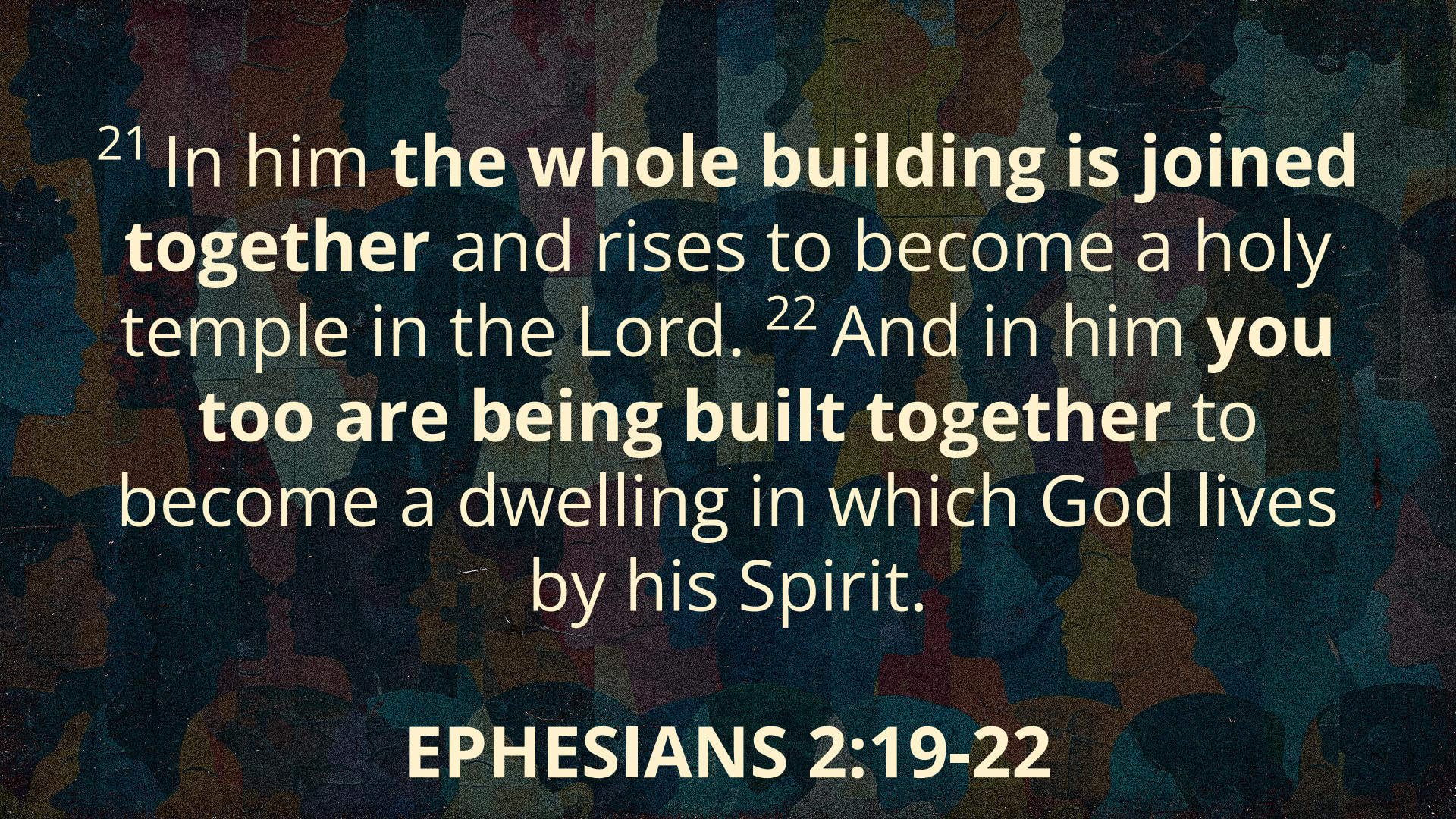


3) WORK AS PARTICIPANTS WITH GOD



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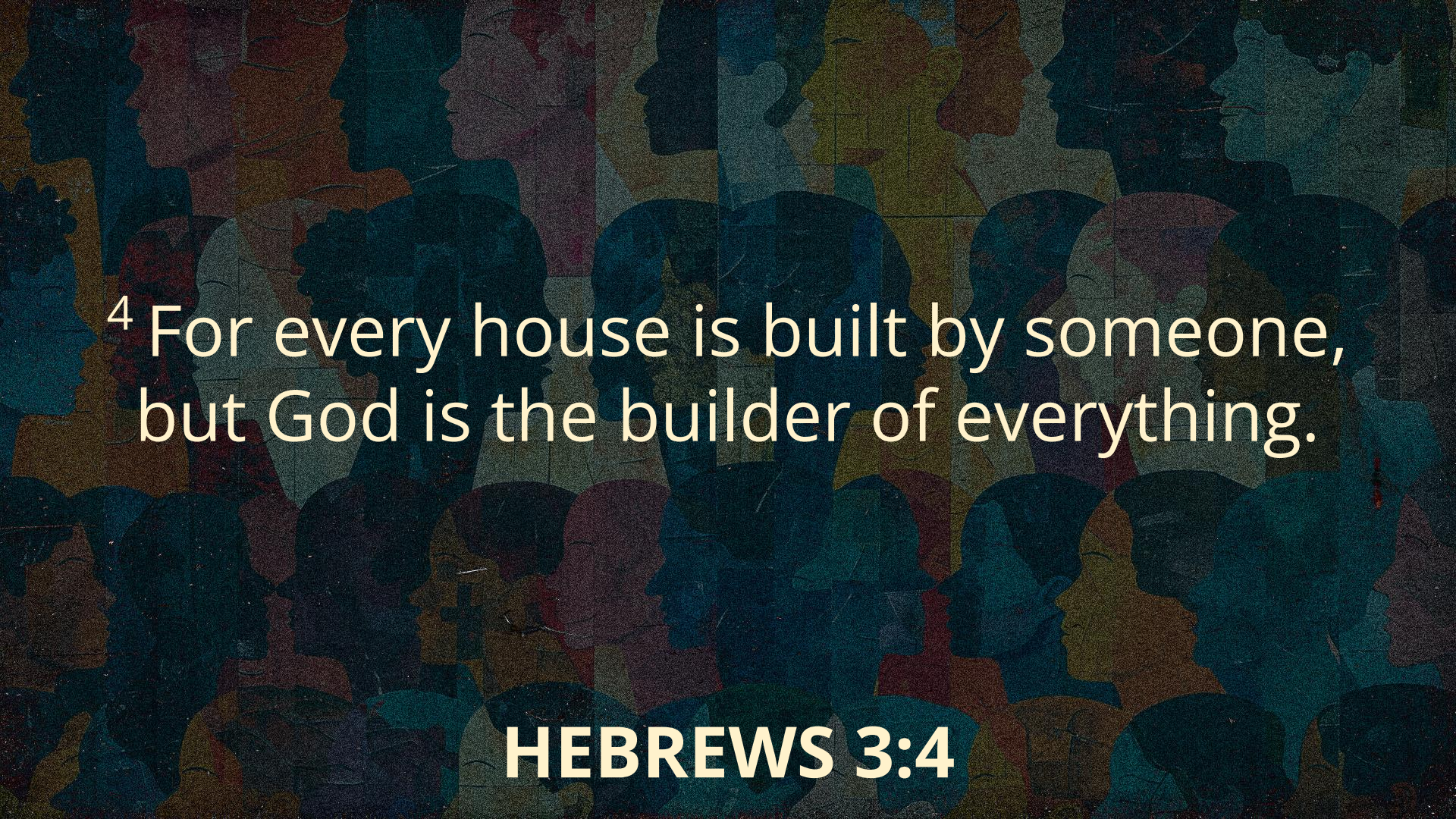


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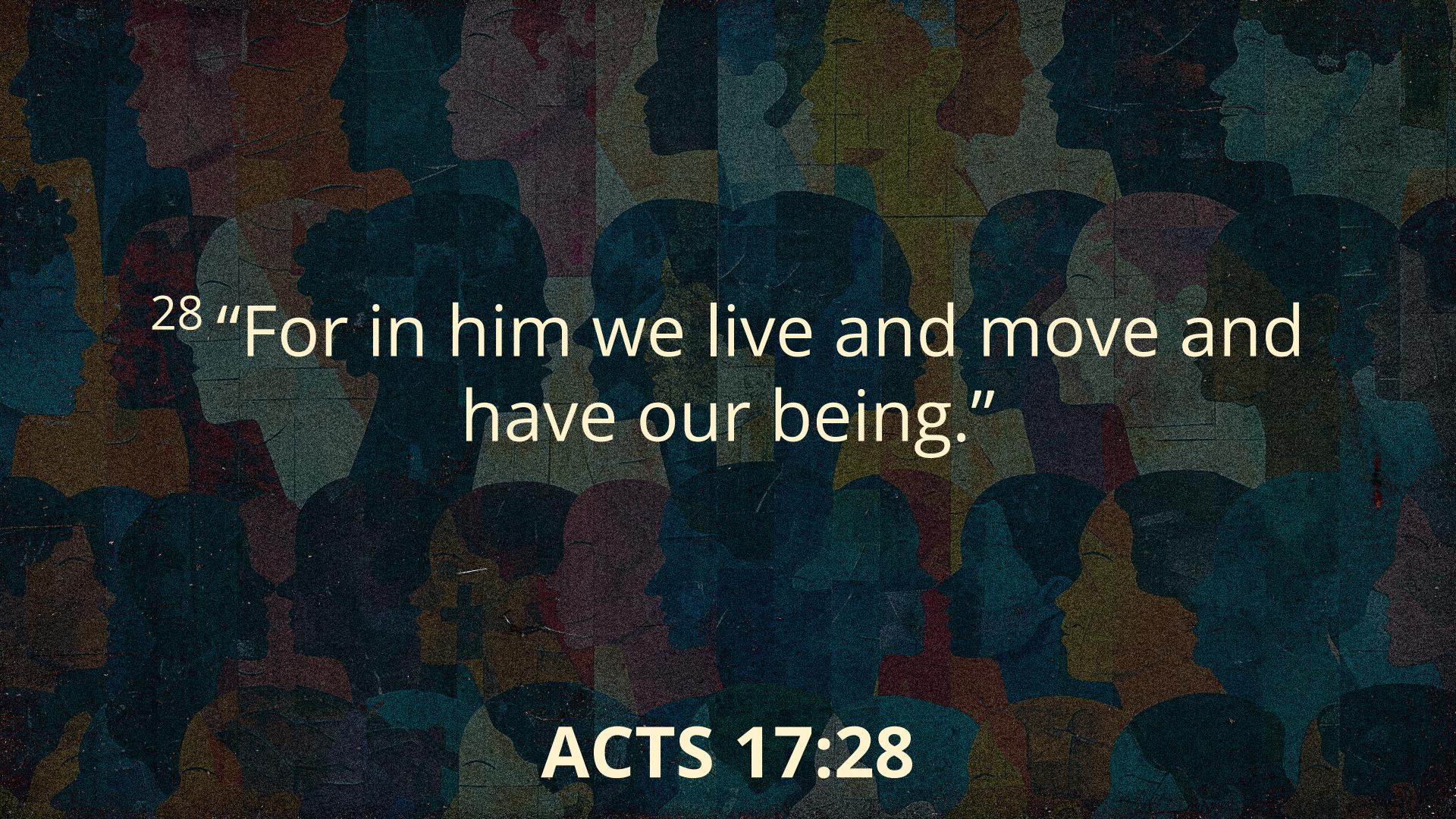
⁴ For every house is built by someone,
but God is the builder of everything.

HEBREWS 3:4



¹⁰ For he was looking forward to the
city with foundations, whose architect
and builder is God.

HEBREWS 11:10



²⁸ “For in him we live and move and
have our being.”

ACTS 17:28

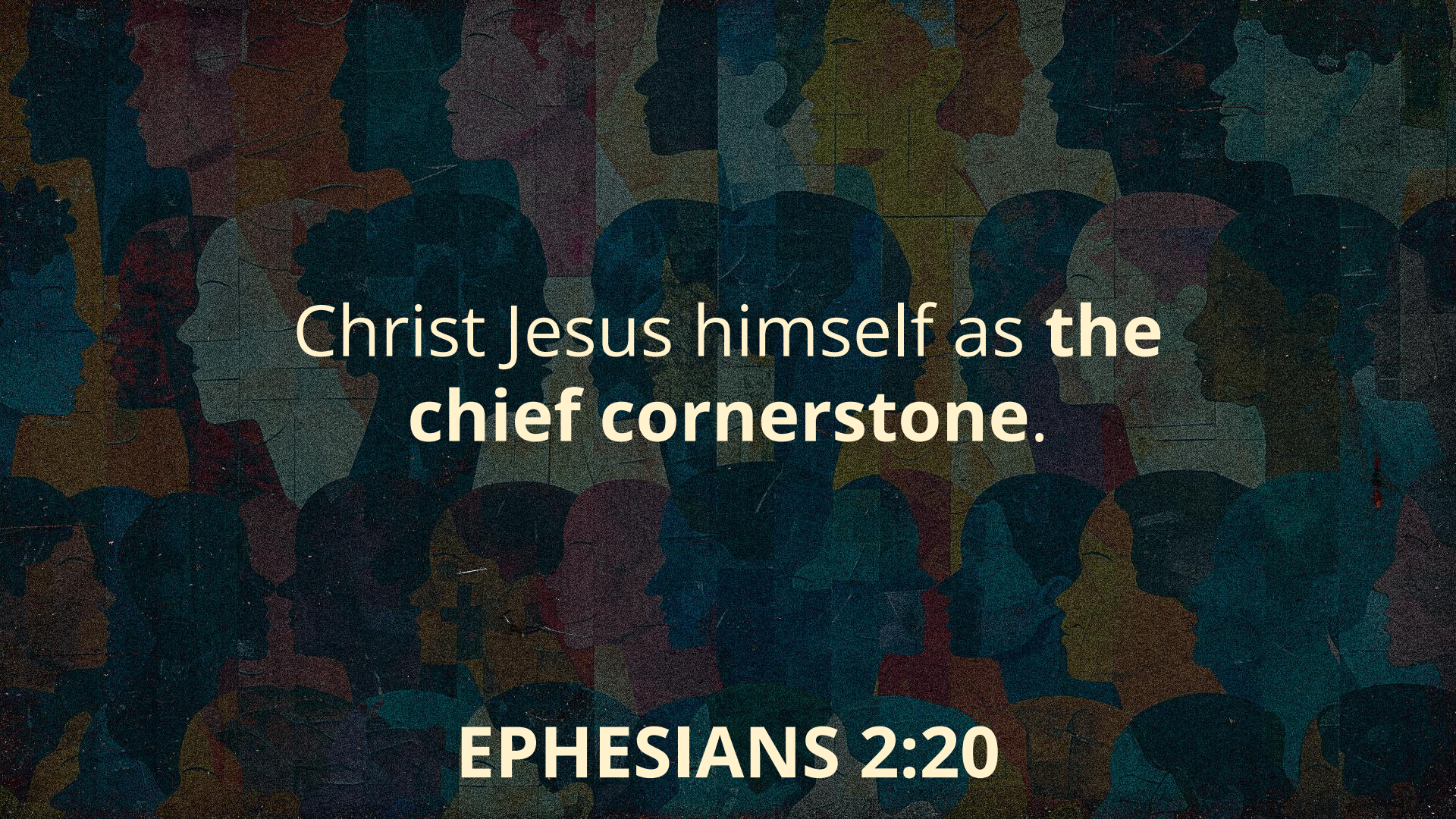


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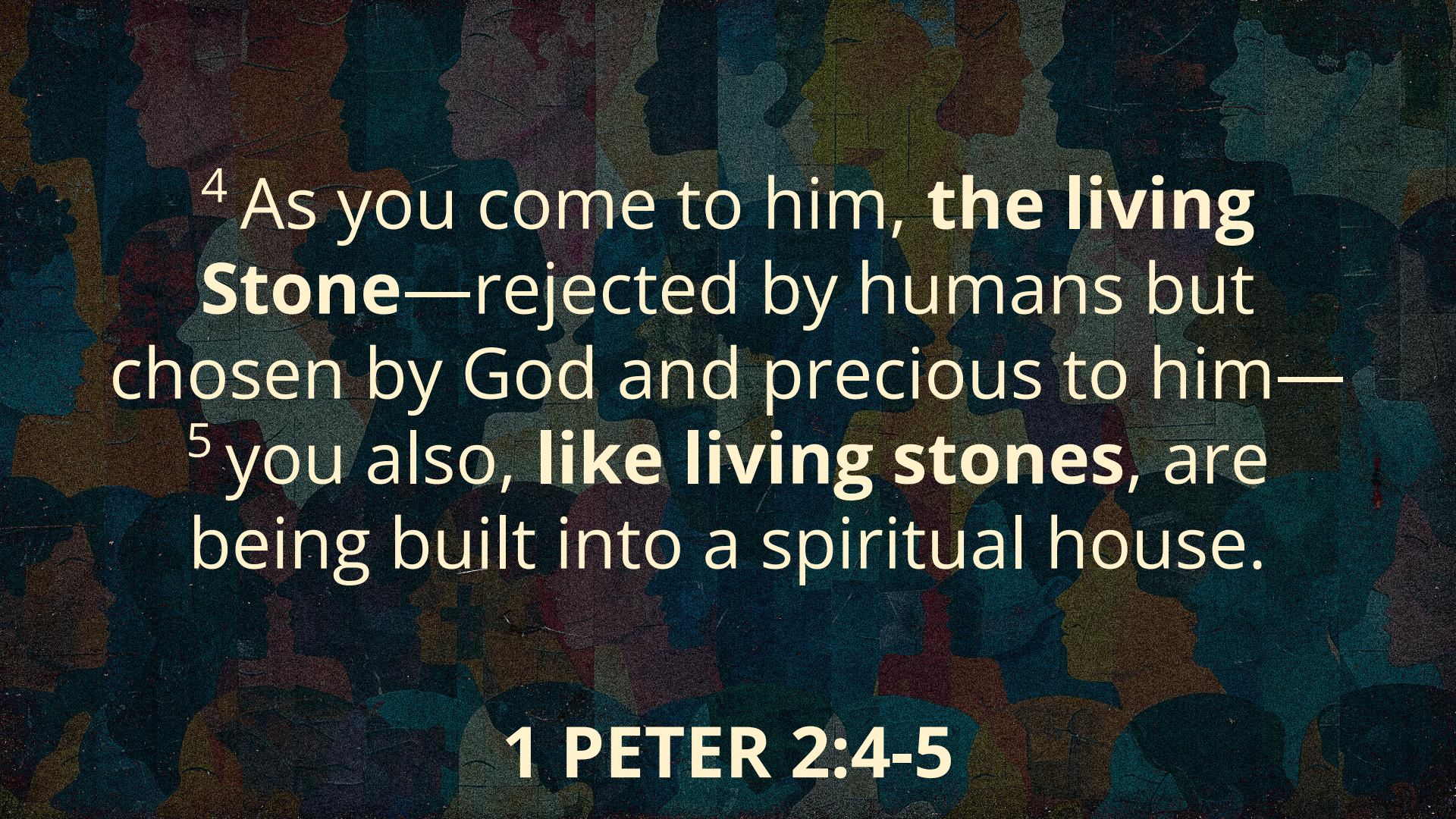
²² The stone the builders rejected has
become the cornerstone.

PSALM 118:22



Christ Jesus himself as **the**
chief cornerstone.

EPHESIANS 2:20

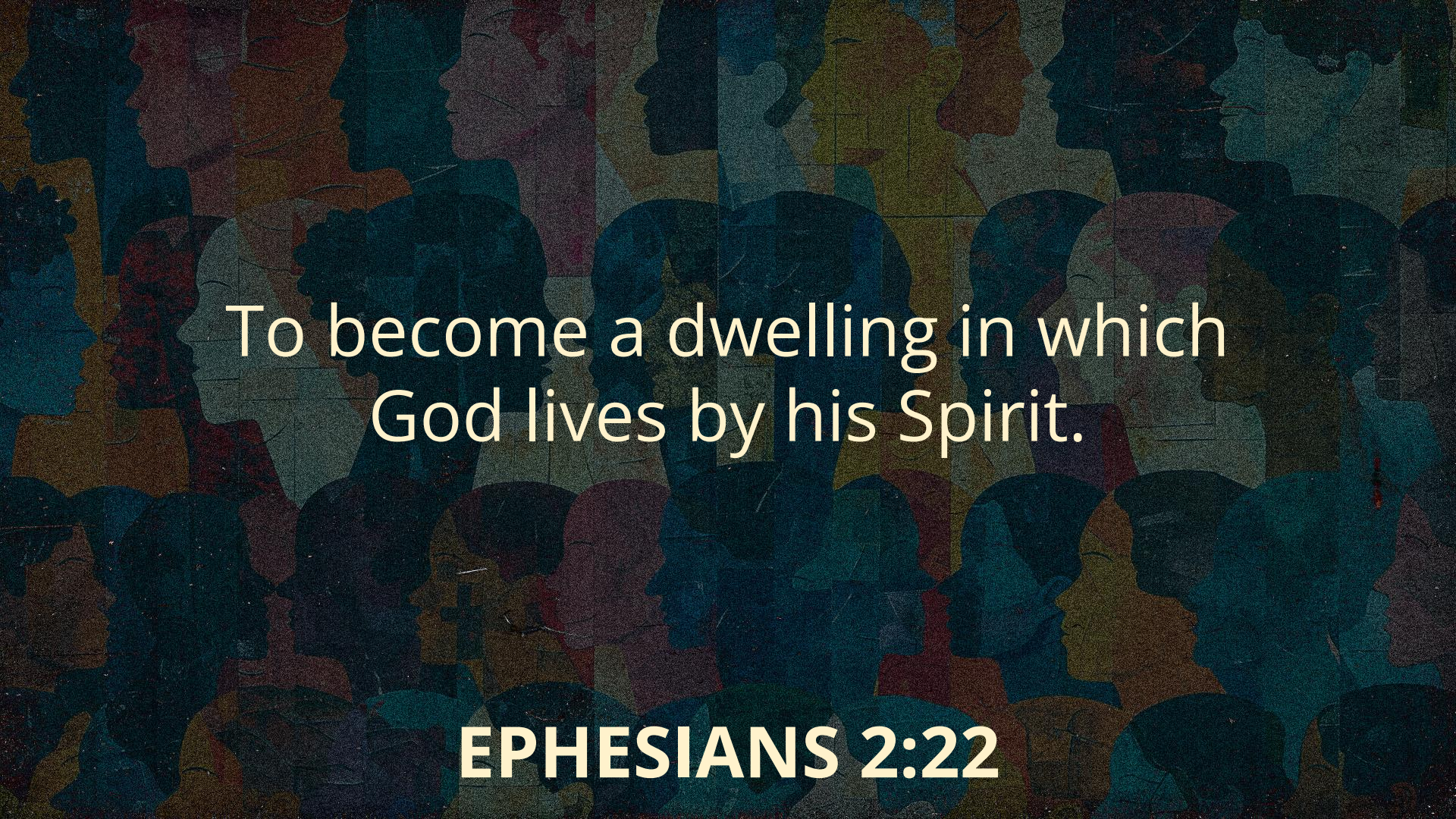


⁴ As you come to him, **the living Stone**—rejected by humans but chosen by God and precious to him—
⁵ you also, **like living stones**, are being built into a spiritual house.

1 PETER 2:4-5



We are built for Him



To become a dwelling in which
God lives by his Spirit.

EPHESIANS 2:22

The background is a complex, colorful collage of human faces. The faces are rendered in a stylized, almost cubist manner, with various colors like red, orange, yellow, blue, green, and black. They are arranged in a way that creates a sense of depth and movement, with some faces looking forward and others in profile. The overall effect is a rich, textured mosaic of human diversity.

Beloved, the church needs to
be purified of all prejudice



No person is greater than
another person



No nation is greater than
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SERMON REVIEW:

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