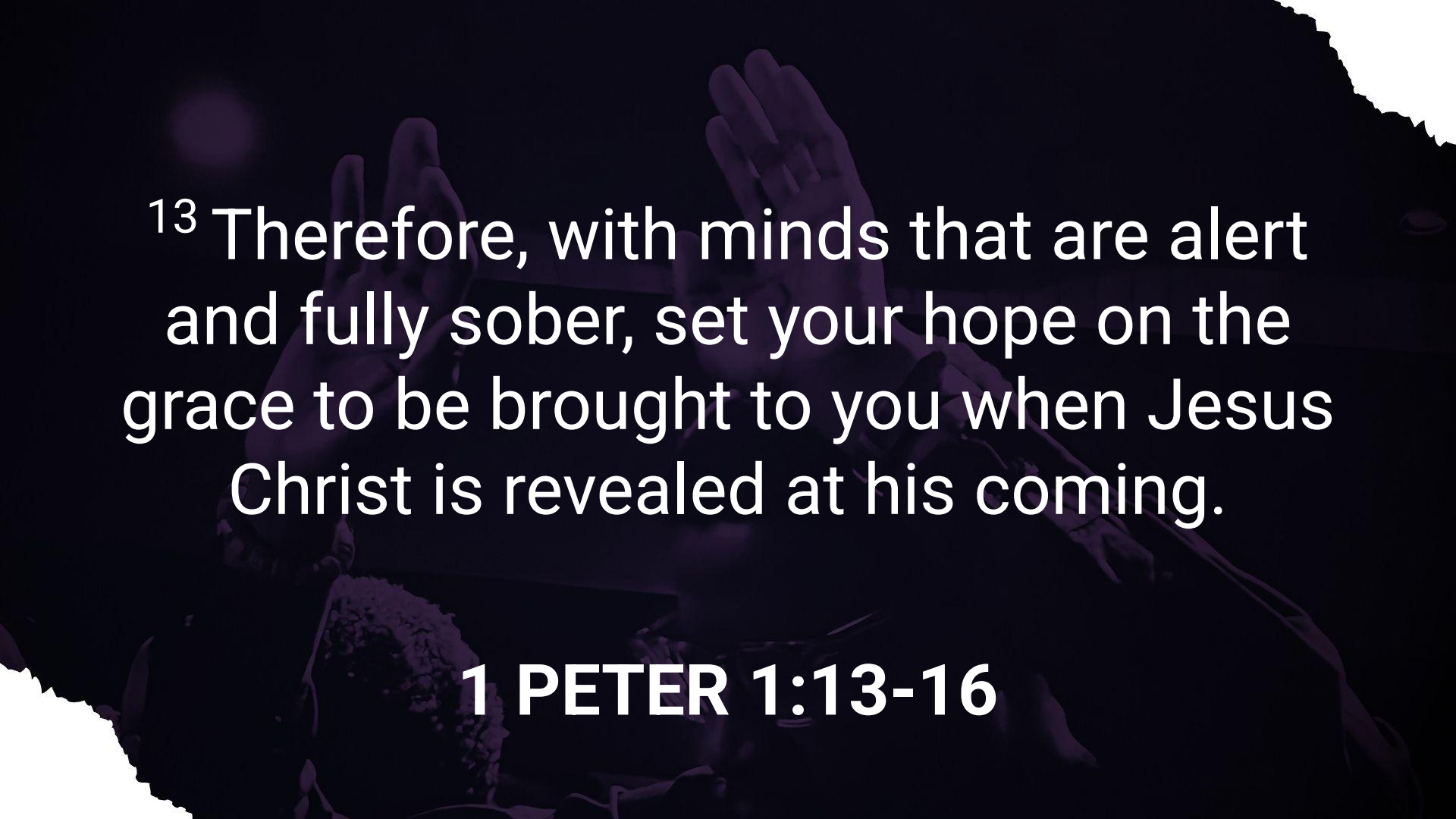




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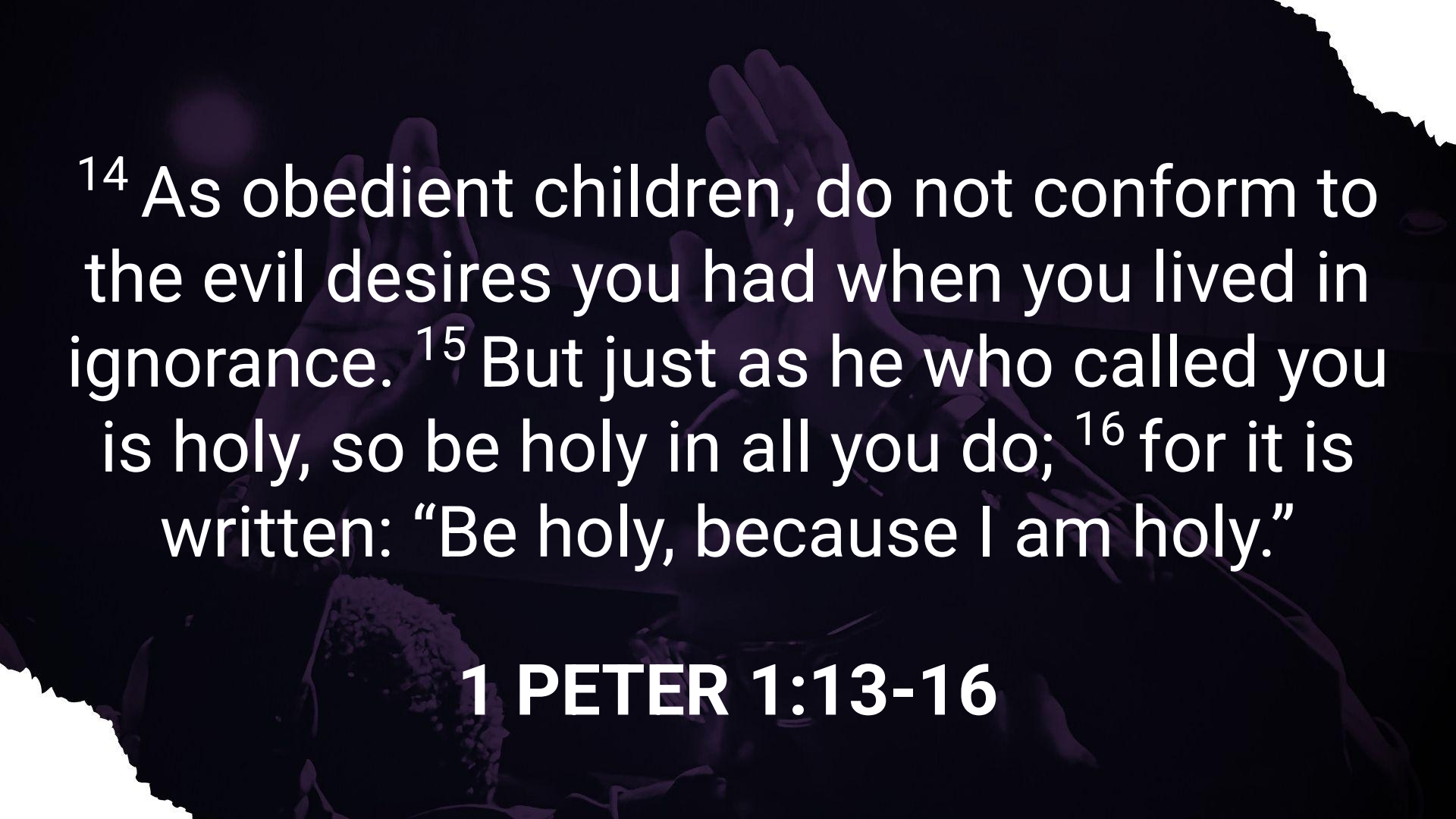
A black and white photograph of a person with their hands raised in a gesture of prayer or praise. The person's face is partially visible, looking upwards. The background is dark and out of focus. The word "HOLINESS" is superimposed in large, white, bold, sans-serif capital letters across the center of the image.

HOLINESS

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and fully sober, set your hope on the
grace to be brought to you when Jesus
Christ is revealed at his coming.

1 PETER 1:13-16



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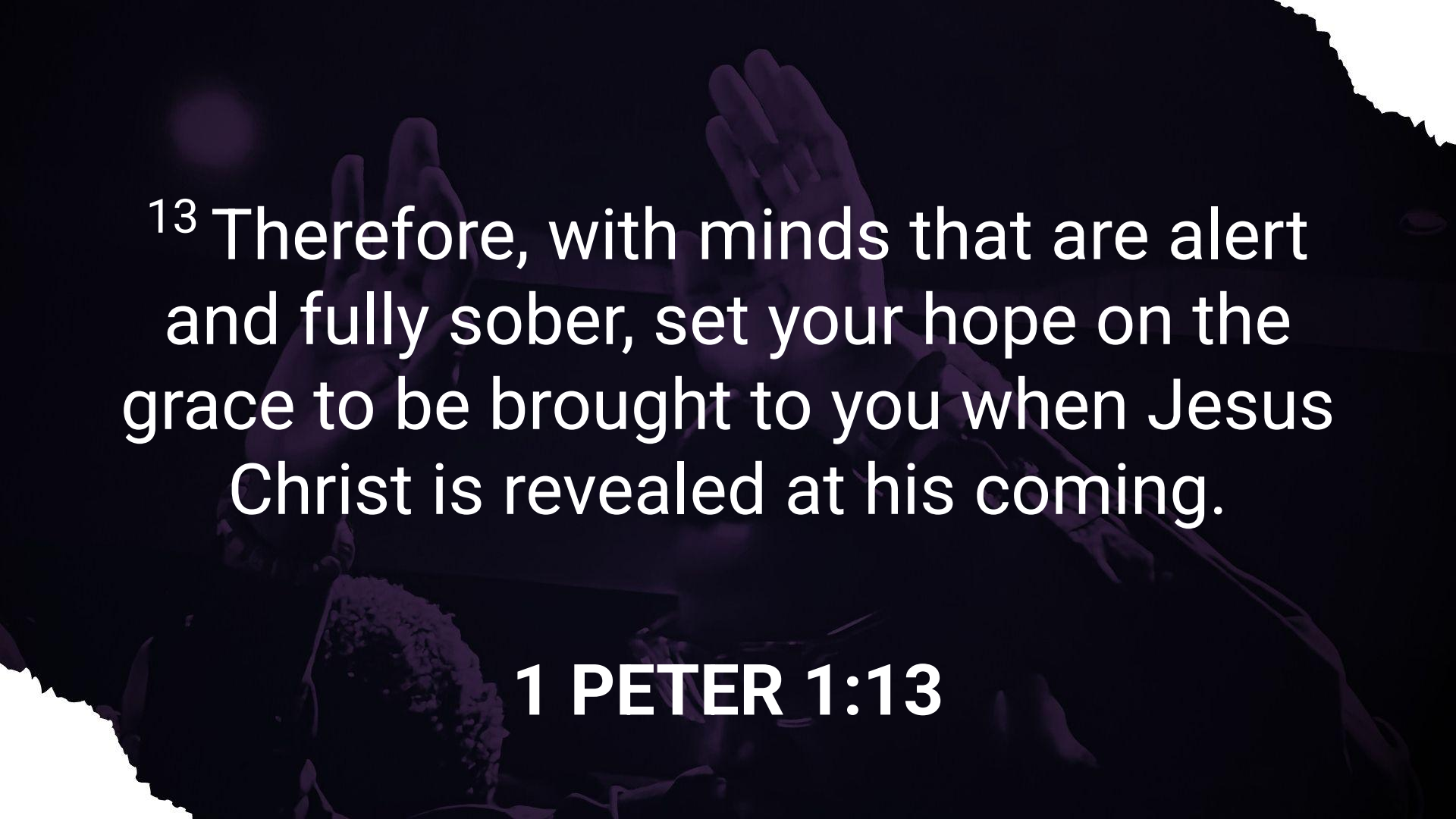
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VIGILANCE

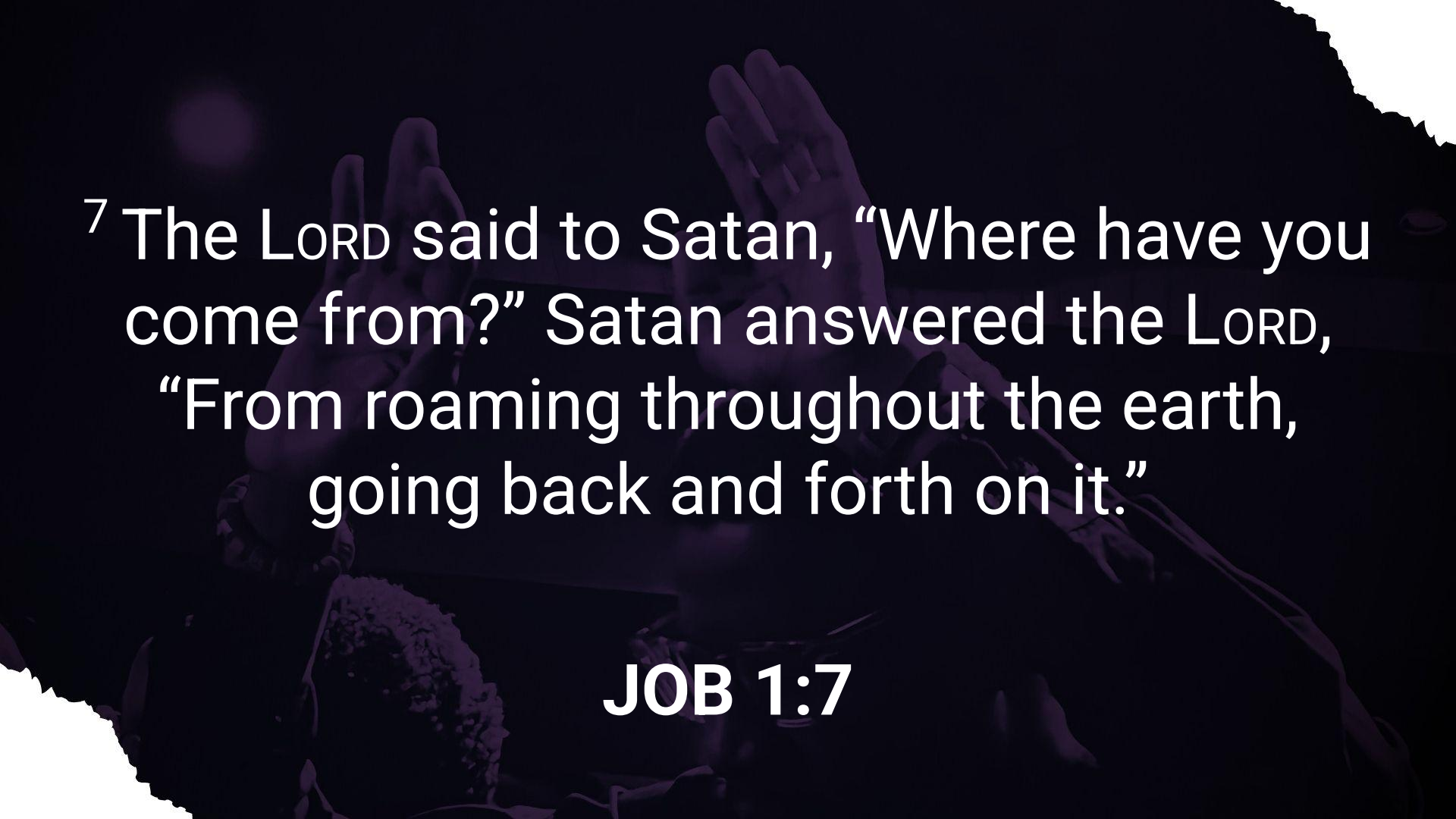


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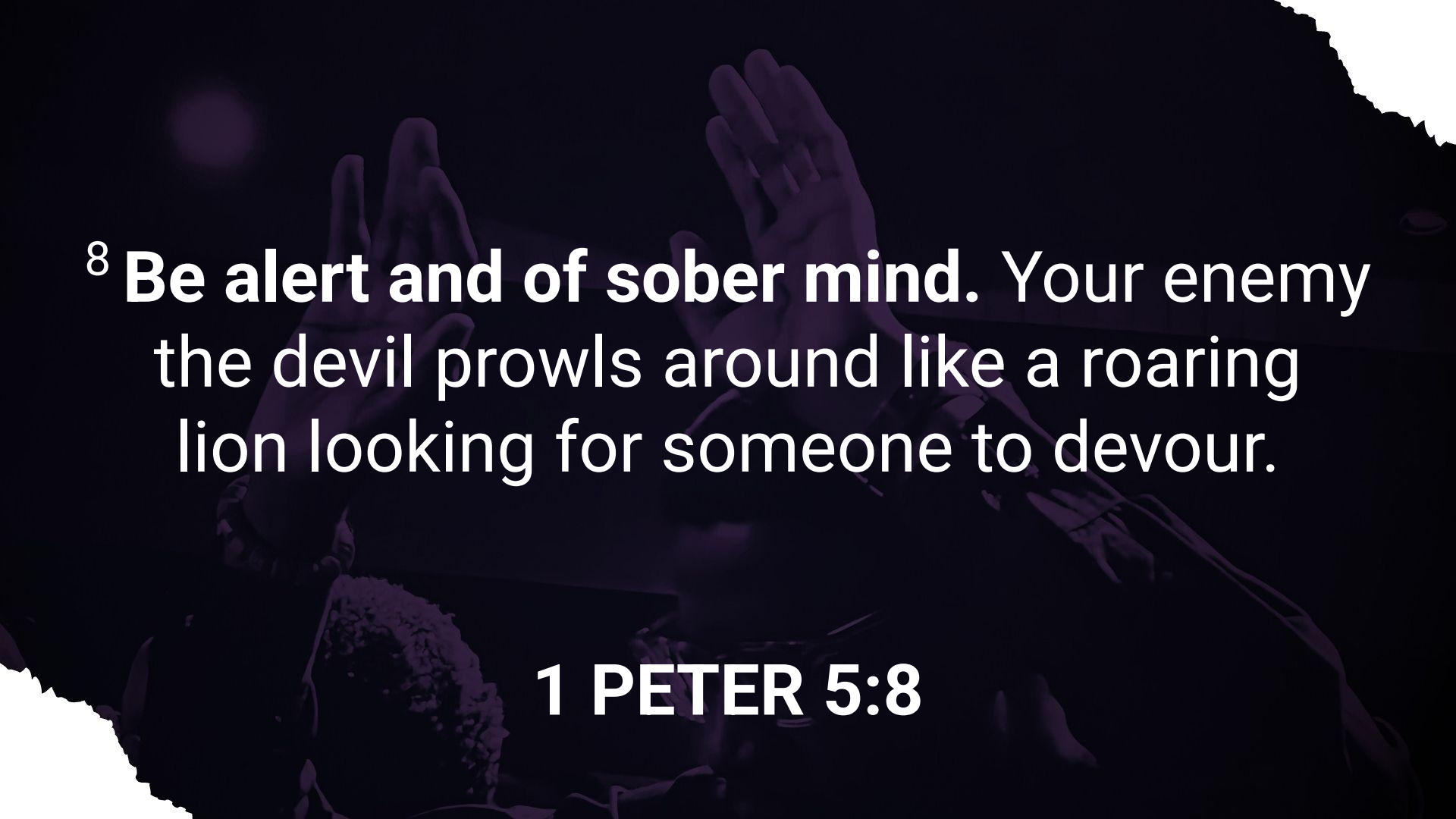


**A) SATAN IS
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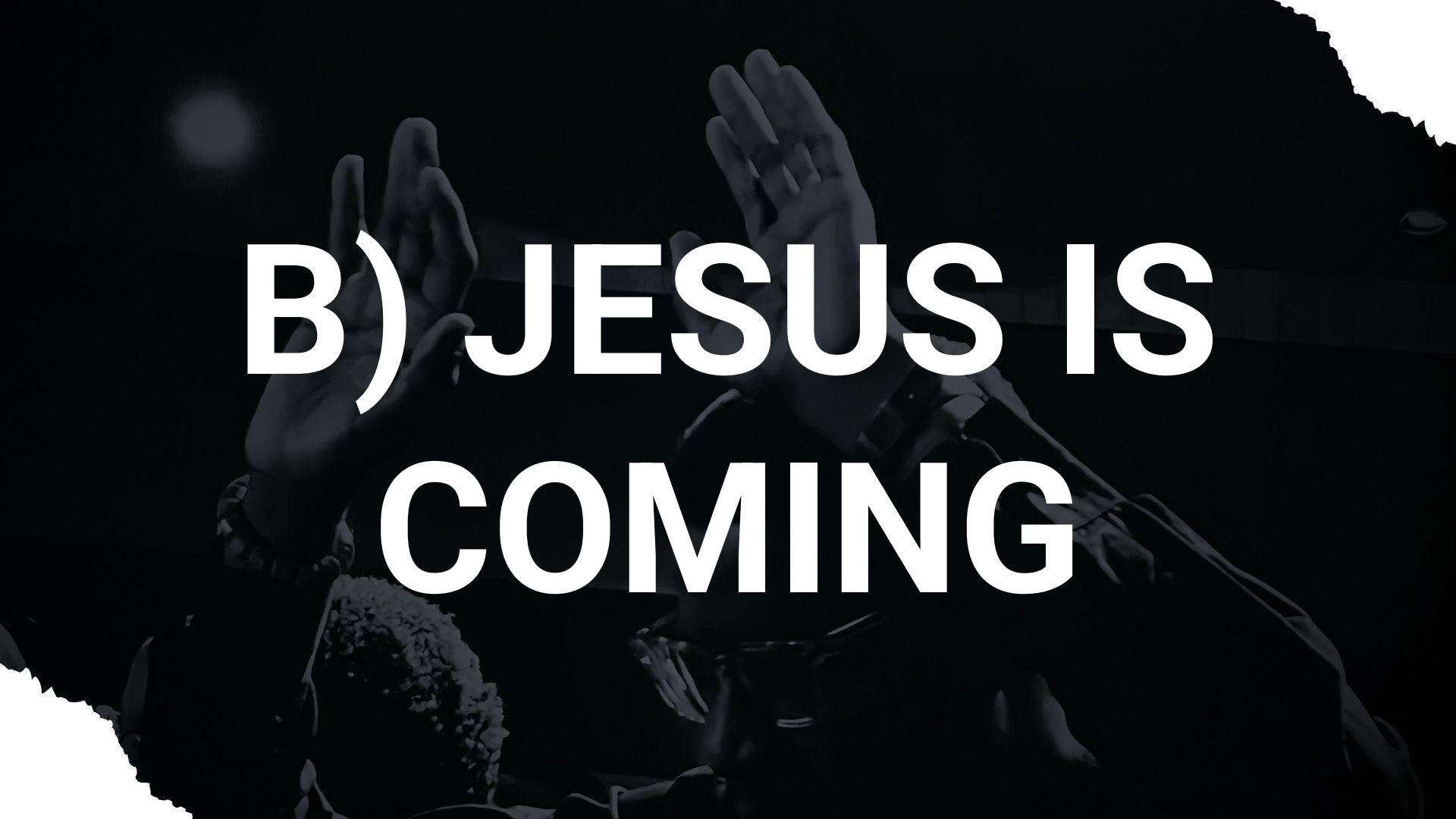
⁷ The LORD said to Satan, “Where have you come from?” Satan answered the LORD, “From roaming throughout the earth, going back and forth on it.”

JOB 1:7

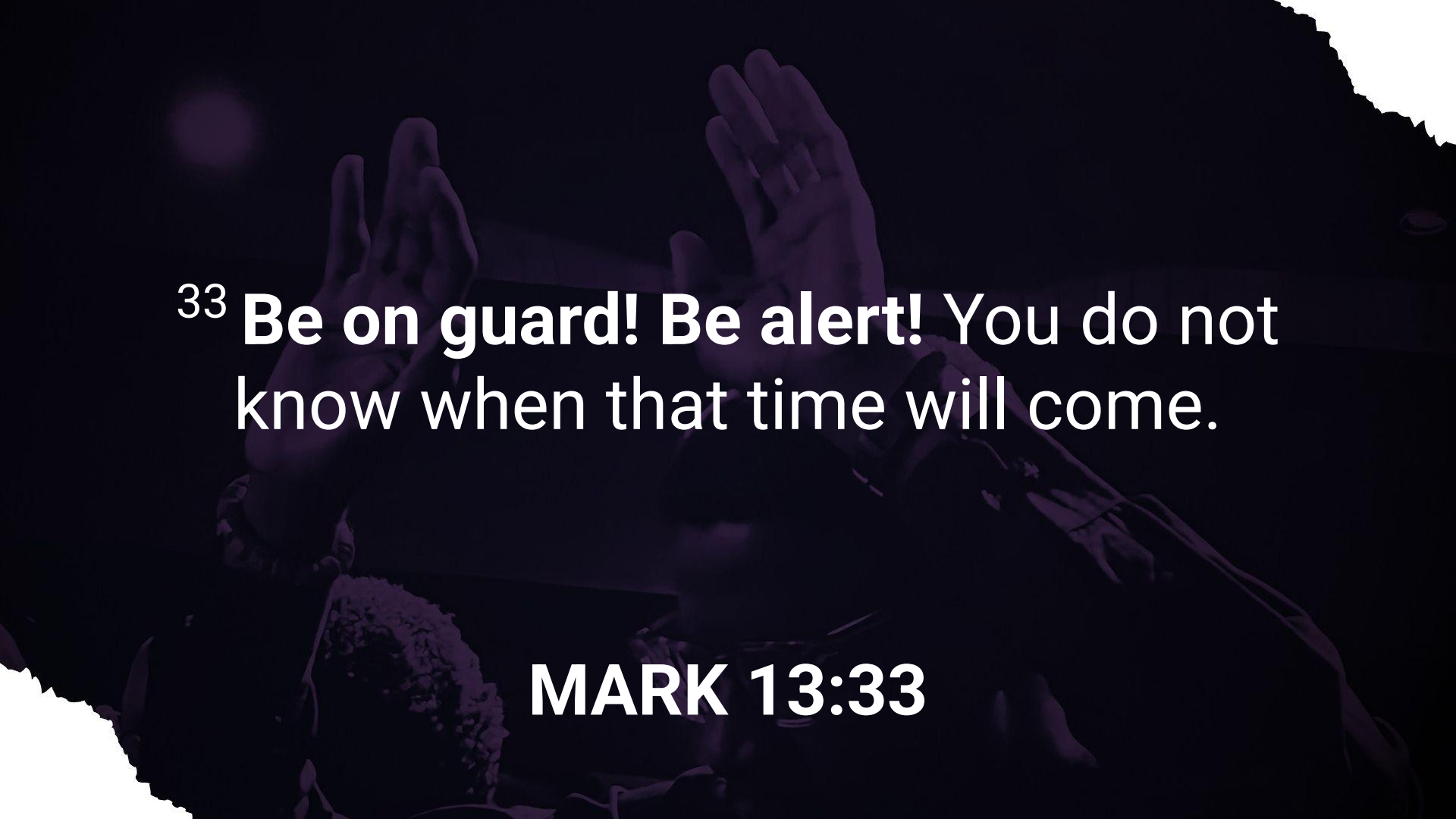
A person wearing a blue robe is shown from the chest up, with their hands raised in a gesture of prayer or surrender. The background is dark and textured, possibly a wall or a large piece of fabric. The lighting is dramatic, highlighting the person's hands and the texture of the robe.

⁸ **Be alert and of sober mind.** Your enemy
the devil prowls around like a roaring
lion looking for someone to devour.

1 PETER 5:8

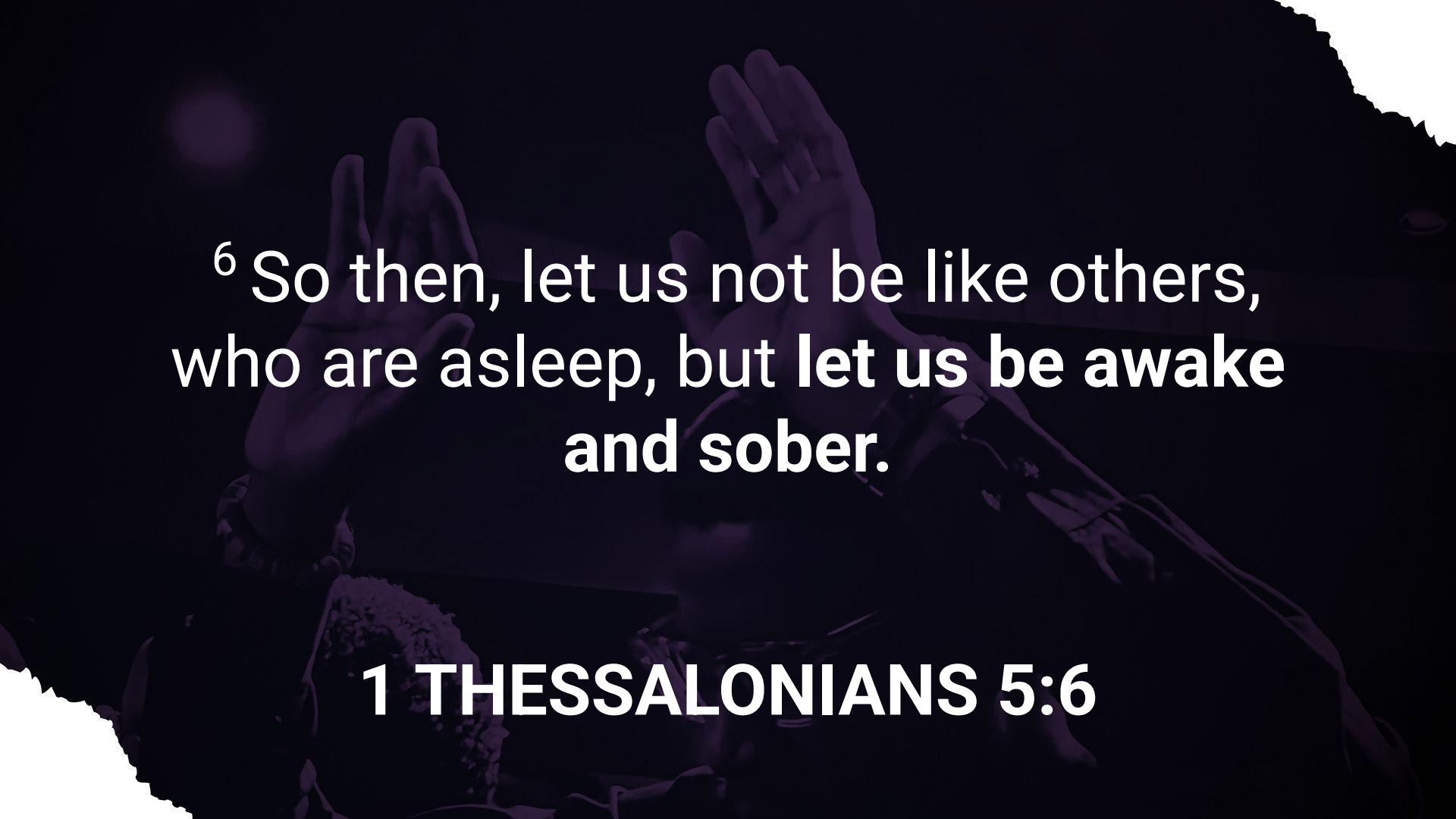
A dark, high-contrast image of a crowd with hands raised in the air, overlaid with large white text. The background is mostly black, with some lighter areas showing the silhouettes of people and their raised hands. The text is in a bold, sans-serif font, centered on the image.

**B) JESUS IS
COMING**

A person wearing a blue robe is shown from the chest up, with their hands raised in a gesture of prayer or praise. The background is a warm, orange-hued sunset or sunrise sky. The text is overlaid on the image in a white, sans-serif font.

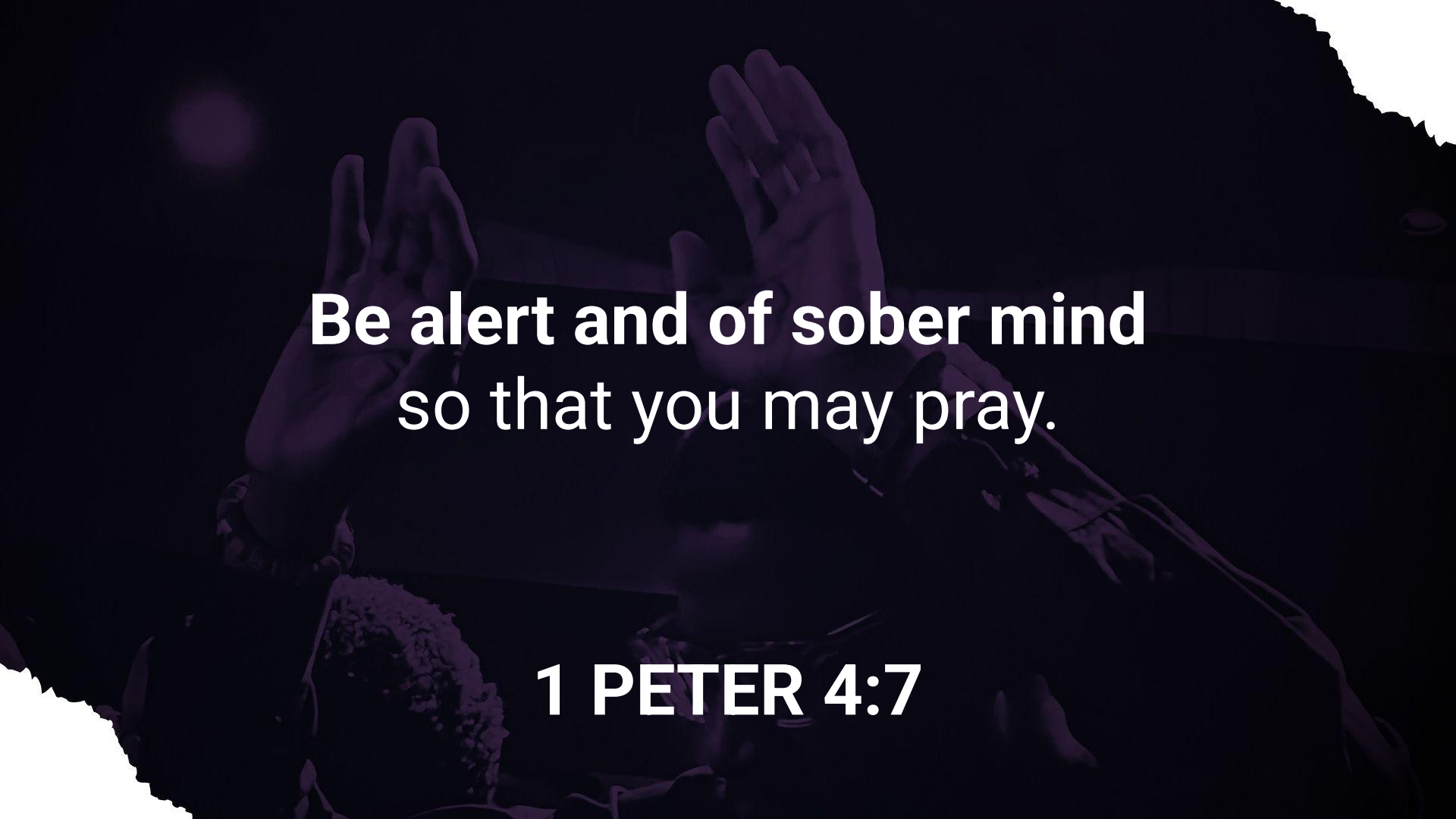
³³ **Be on guard! Be alert! You do not know when that time will come.**

MARK 13:33

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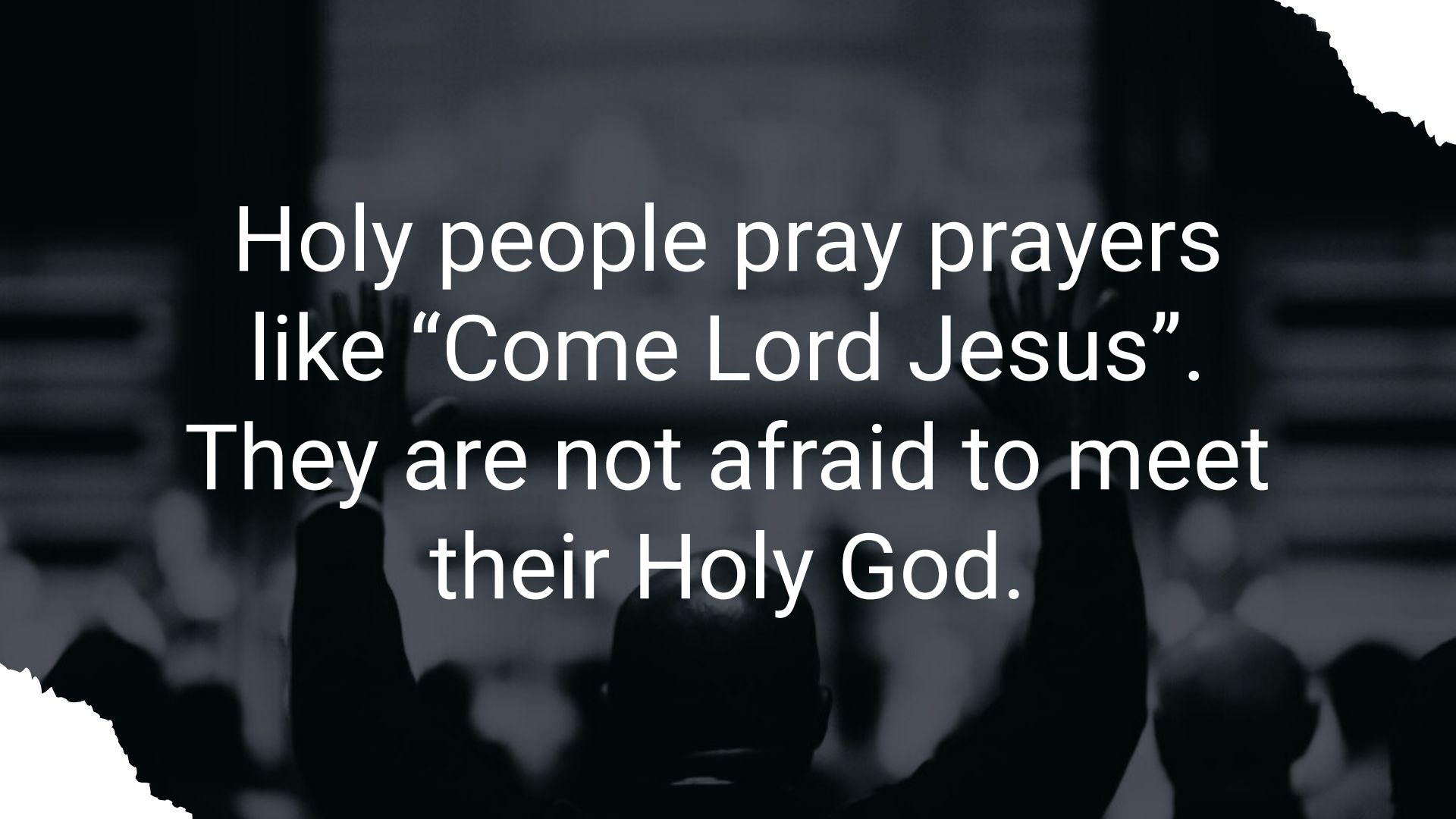
⁶ So then, let us not be like others,
who are asleep, but **let us be awake
and sober.**

1 THESSALONIANS 5:6

A person wearing a blue robe is shown from the chest up, with their hands raised in a gesture of prayer. The background is dark and textured, possibly a wall or a large piece of fabric. The lighting is soft, highlighting the person's hands and the texture of the robe.

**Be alert and of sober mind
so that you may pray.**

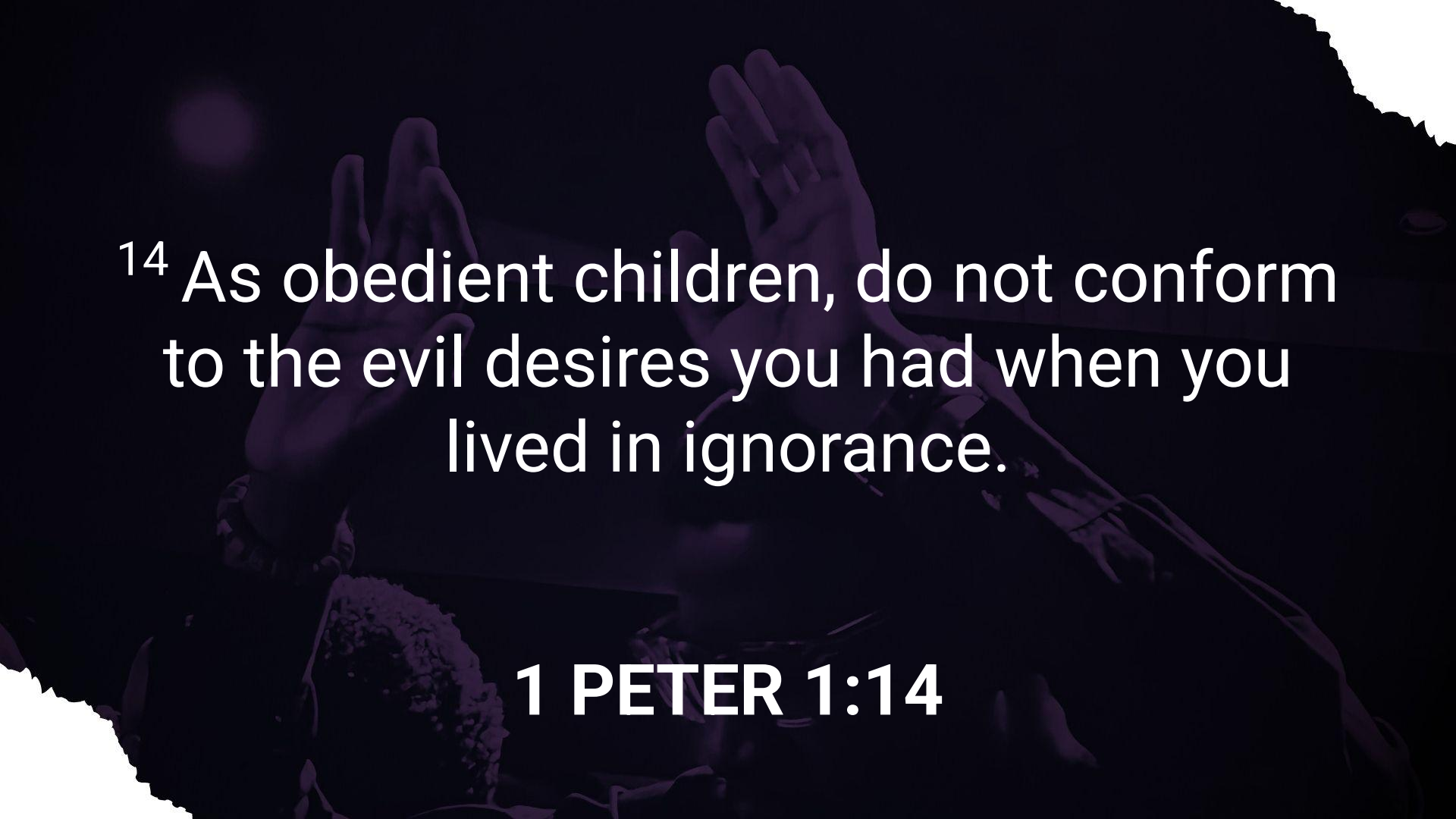
1 PETER 4:7



Holy people pray prayers
like “Come Lord Jesus”.
They are not afraid to meet
their Holy God.

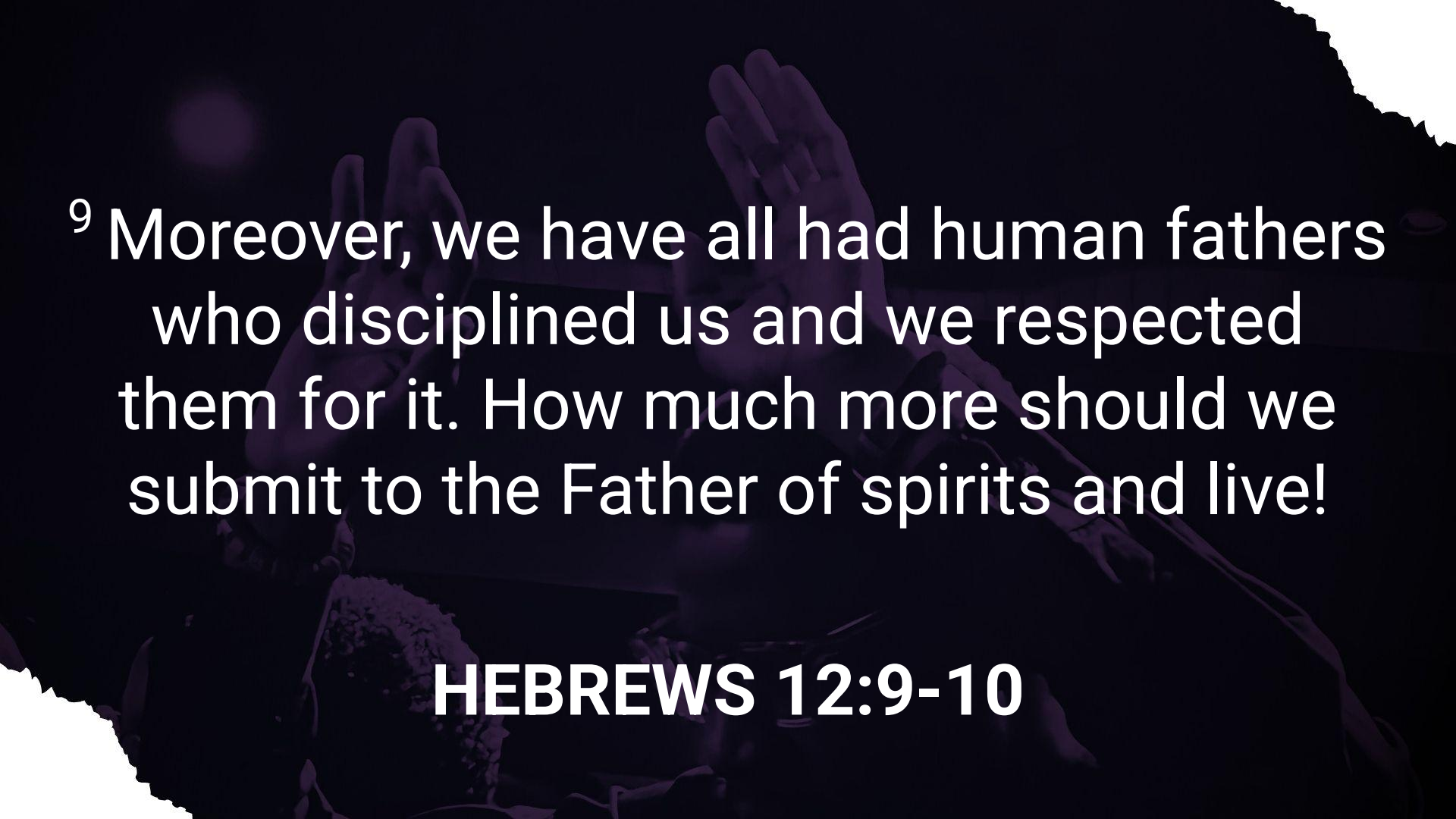


OBEDIENCE



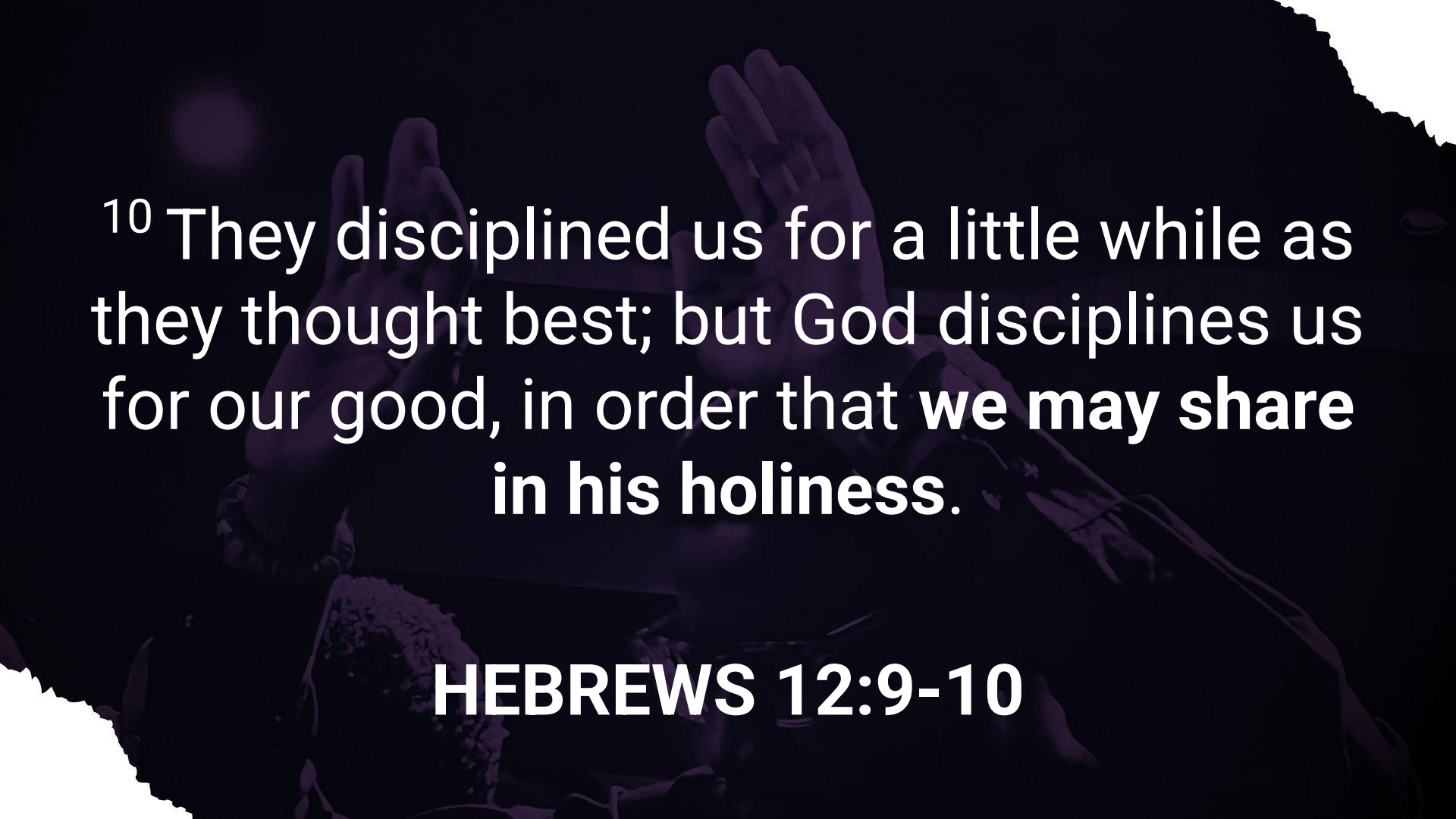
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1 PETER 1:14



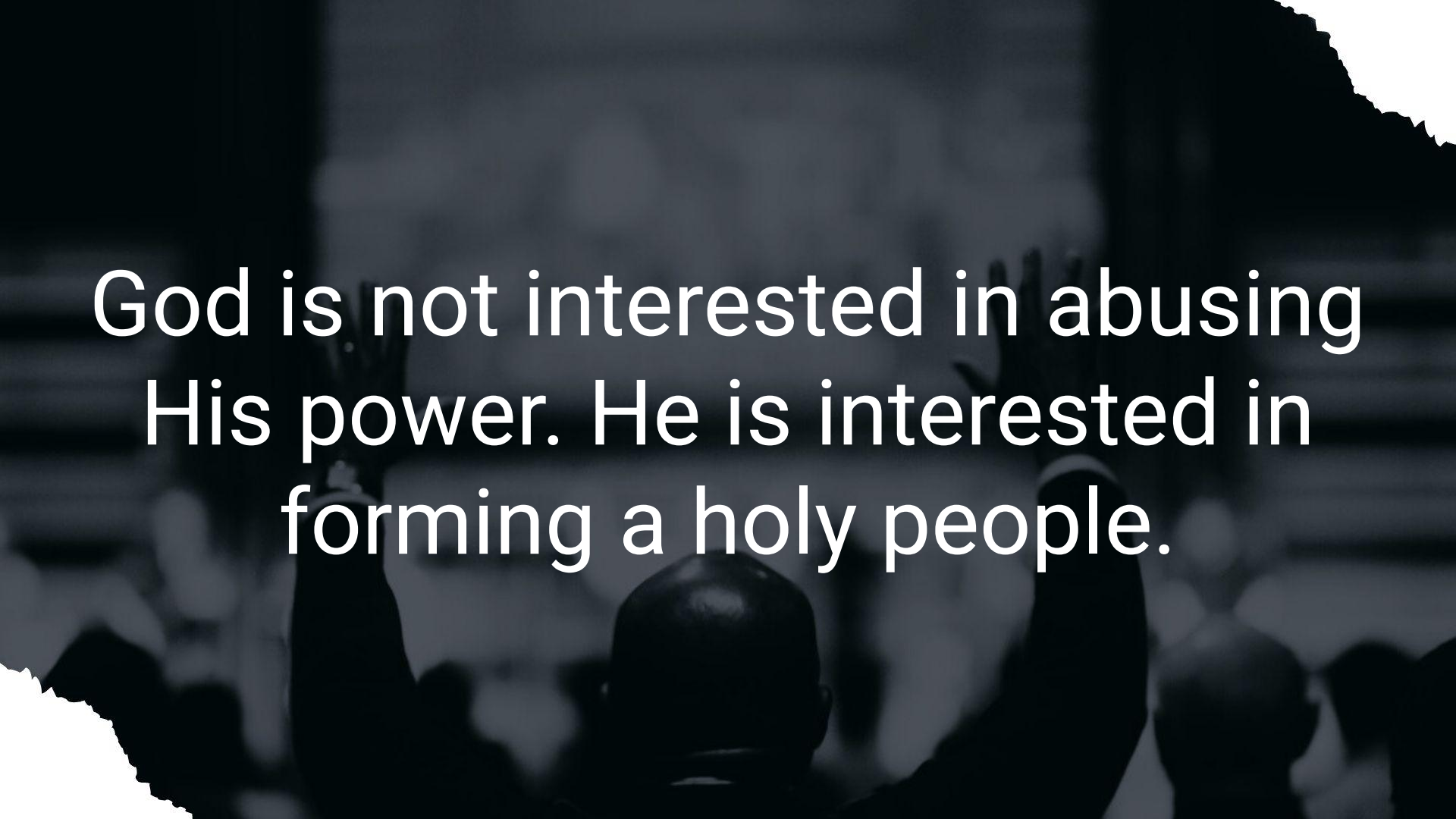
⁹ Moreover, we have all had human fathers who disciplined us and we respected them for it. How much more should we submit to the Father of spirits and live!

HEBREWS 12:9-10

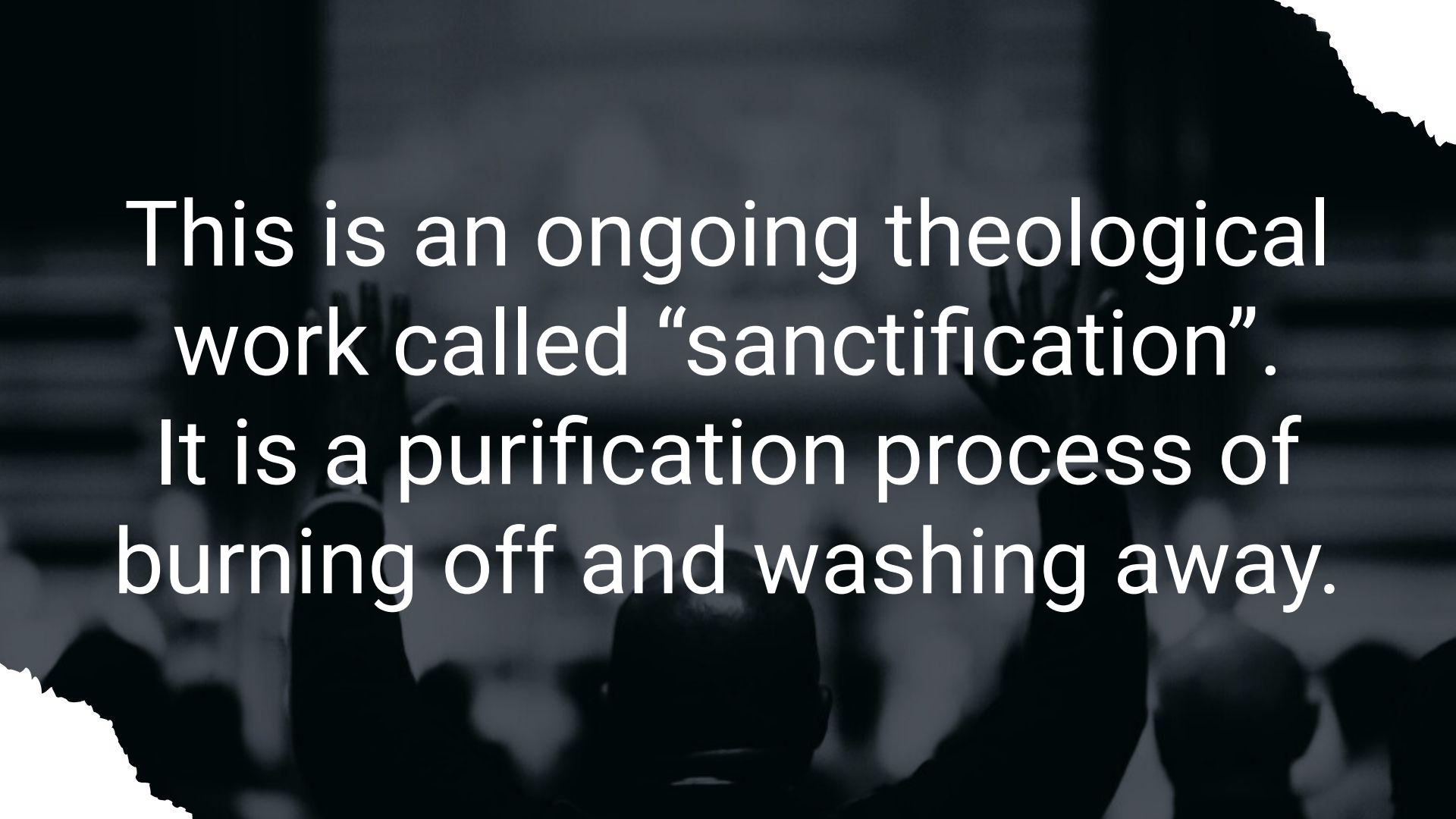


¹⁰ They disciplined us for a little while as they thought best; but God disciplines us for our good, in order that **we may share in his holiness.**

HEBREWS 12:9-10



God is not interested in abusing
His power. He is interested in
forming a holy people.



This is an ongoing theological
work called “sanctification”.
It is a purification process of
burning off and washing away.



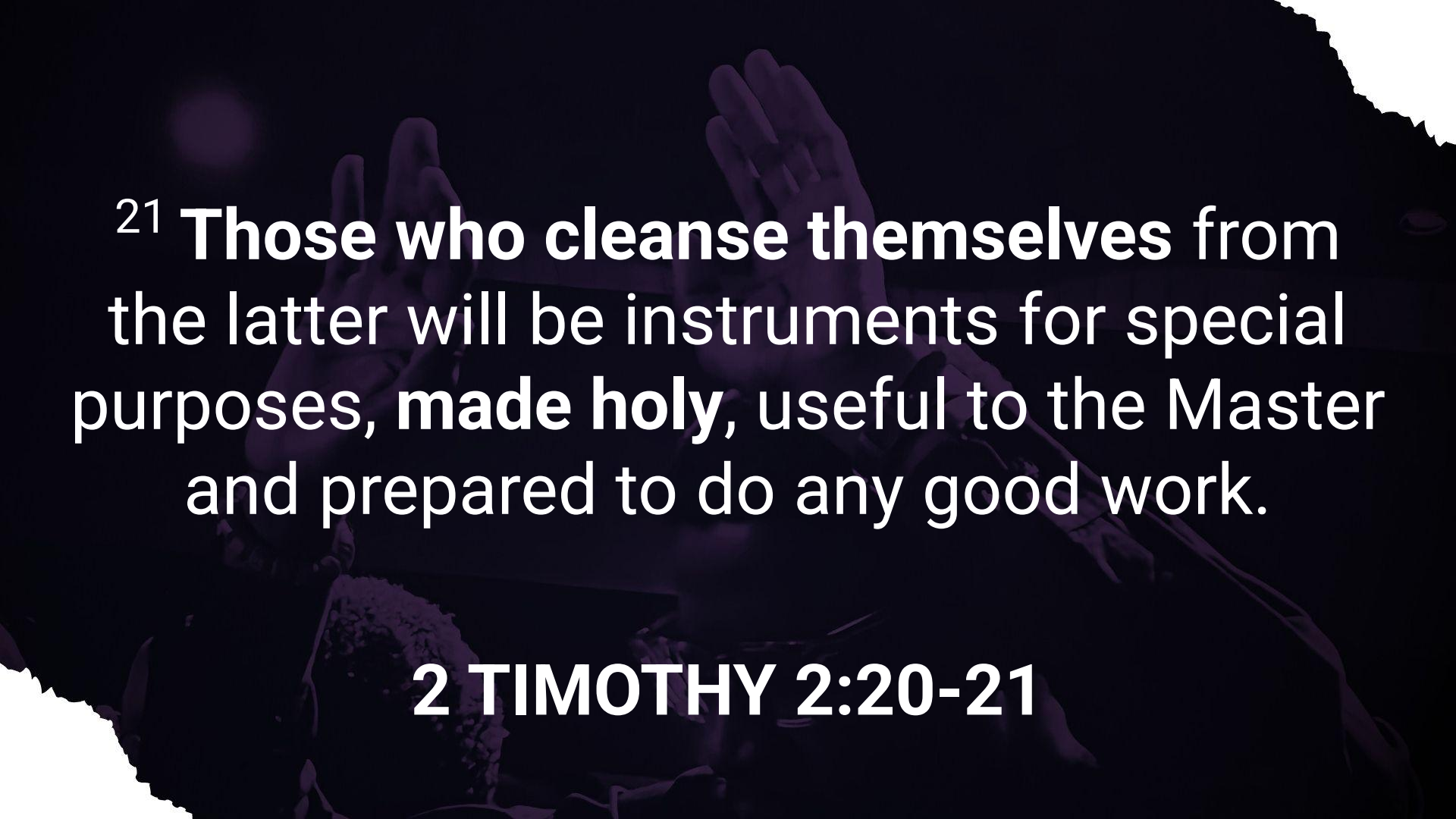
Dear friends, let us **purify ourselves**
from everything that contaminates
body and spirit, **perfecting holiness**
out of reverence for God.

2 CORINTHIANS 7:1

A person wearing a blue robe is shown from the chest up, with their hands raised in a gesture of prayer or praise. The background is a soft, out-of-focus light blue. A large, semi-transparent blue rectangular box is overlaid on the image, containing white text. The text is arranged in two parts: a paragraph at the top and a chapter/verse reference at the bottom.

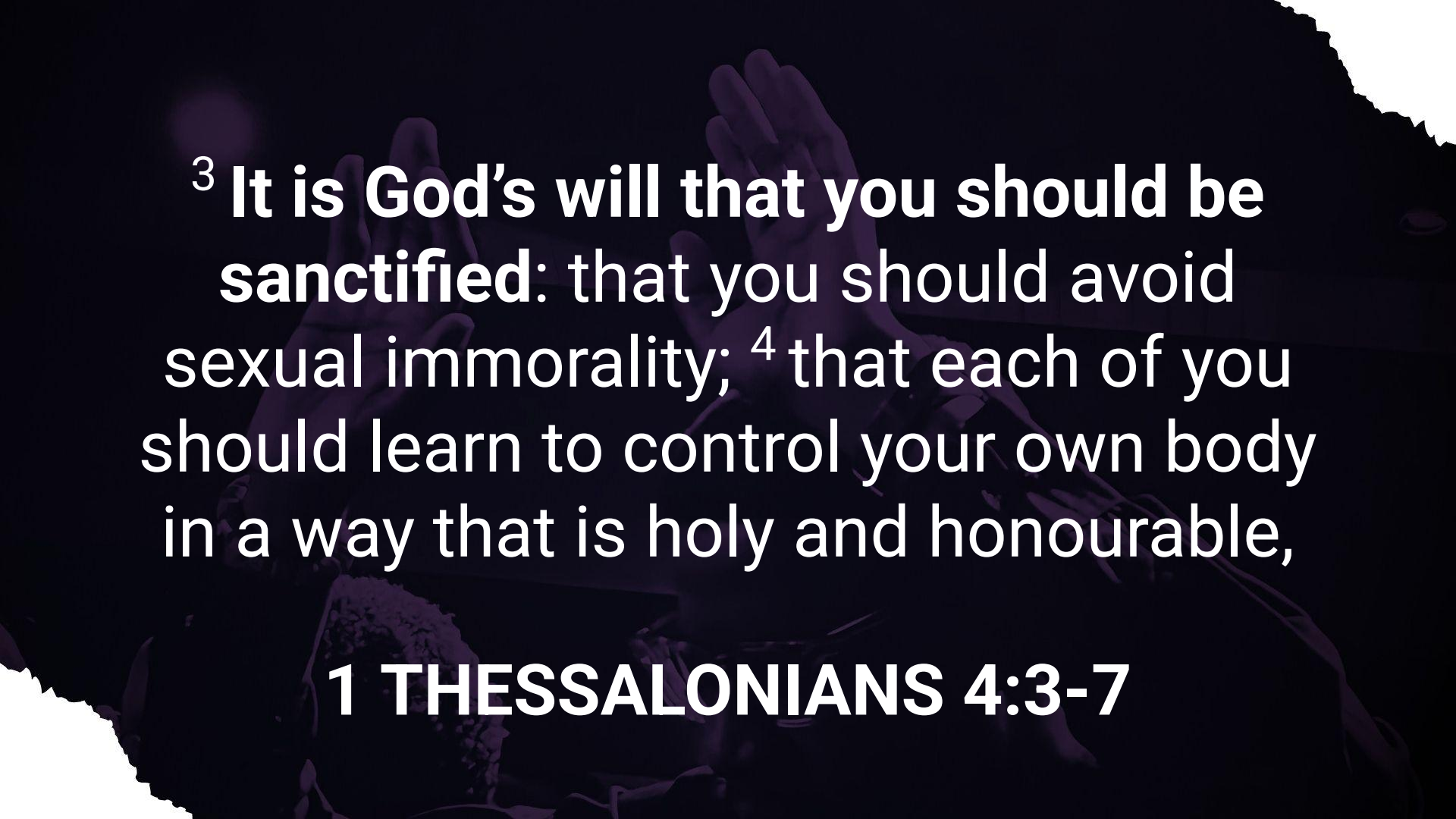
²⁰ In a large house there are articles not only of gold and silver, but also of wood and clay; some are for special purposes and some for common use.

2 TIMOTHY 2:20-21



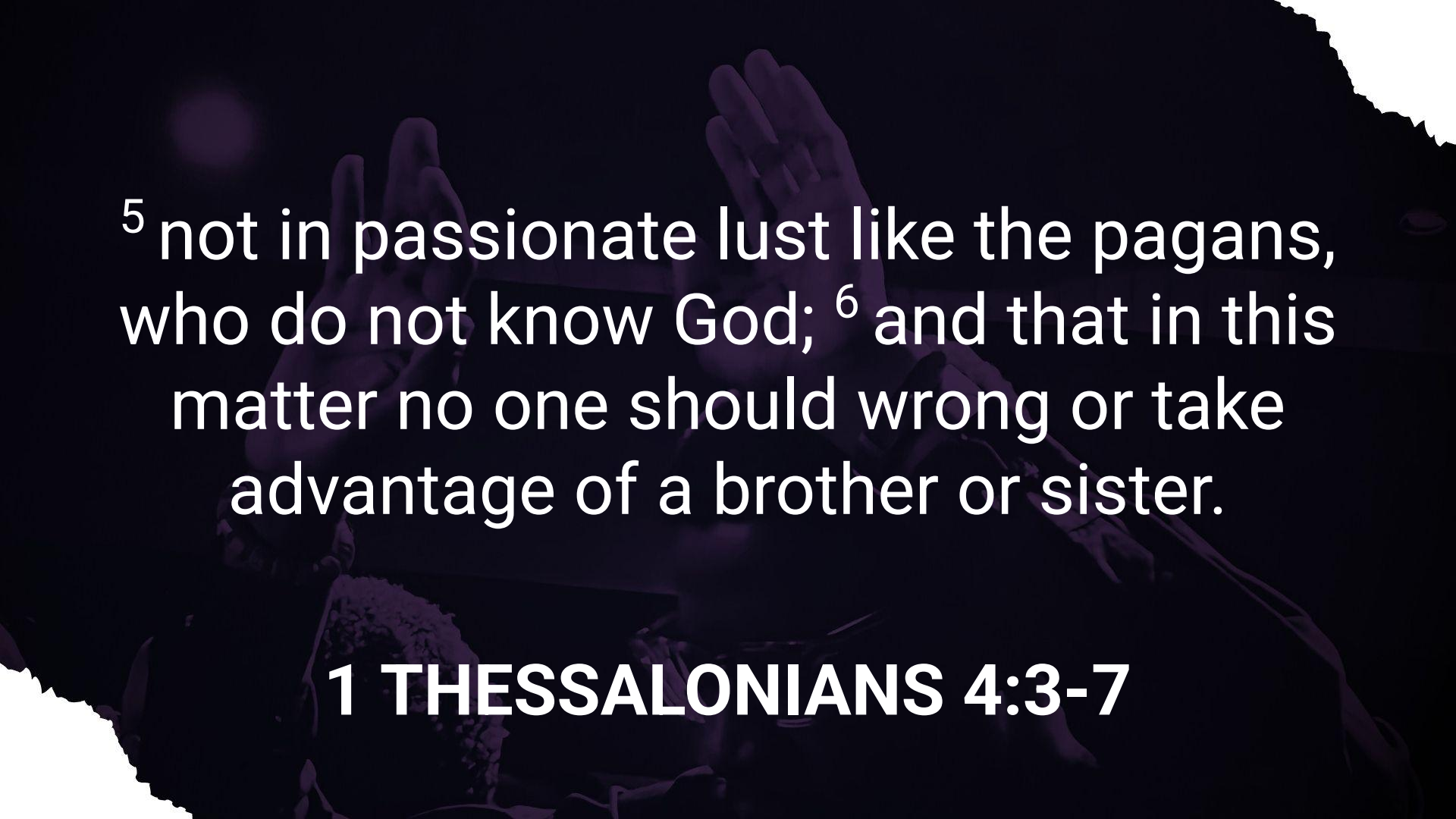
²¹ **Those who cleanse themselves from the latter will be instruments for special purposes, made holy, useful to the Master and prepared to do any good work.**

2 TIMOTHY 2:20-21

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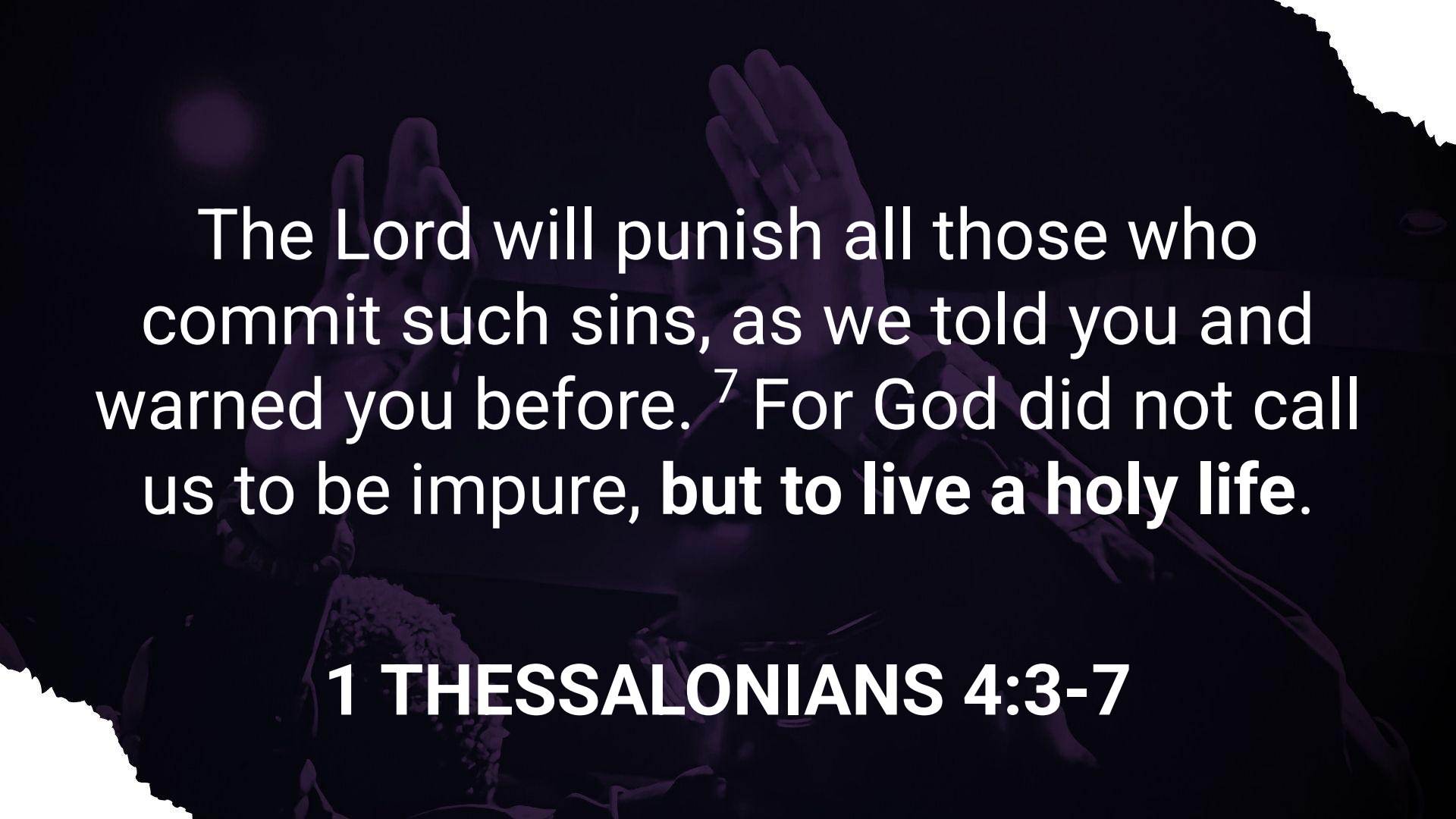
³ It is God's will that you should be sanctified: that you should avoid sexual immorality; ⁴ that each of you should learn to control your own body in a way that is holy and honourable,

1 THESSALONIANS 4:3-7

A background image showing two hands raised in prayer, palms facing forward, against a dark, textured background. The hands are positioned behind the main text.

⁵ not in passionate lust like the pagans,
who do not know God; ⁶ and that in this
matter no one should wrong or take
advantage of a brother or sister.

1 THESSALONIANS 4:3-7

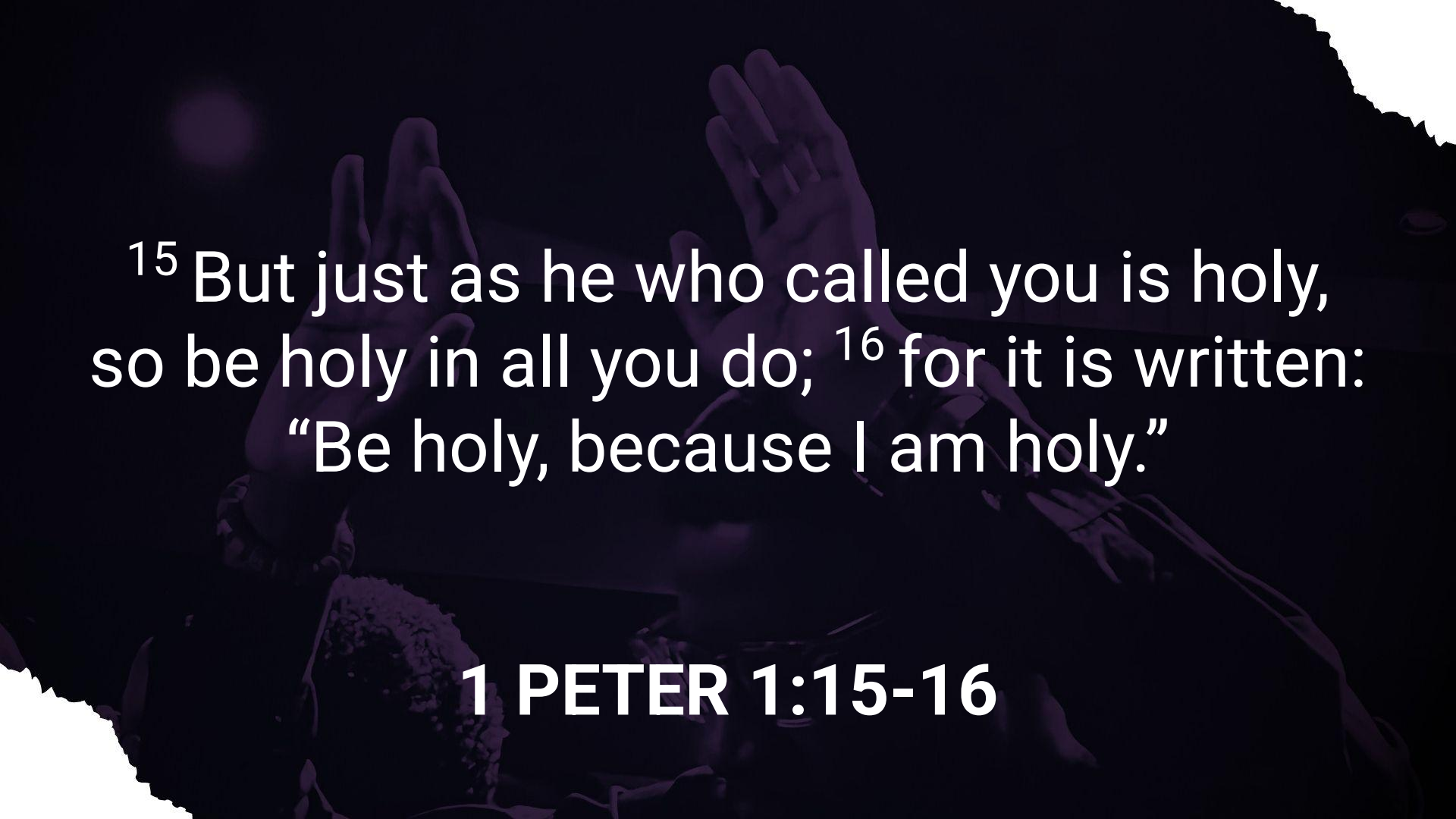


The Lord will punish all those who
commit such sins, as we told you and
warned you before.⁷ For God did not call
us to be impure, **but to live a holy life.**

1 THESSALONIANS 4:3-7

A dark, high-contrast image of a person with their hands raised in a gesture of surrender or prayer. The person's face is obscured by the large white text 'LIKENESS'. The background is dark and indistinct, with some light reflecting off the person's skin and clothing. The overall mood is somber and contemplative.

LIKENESS



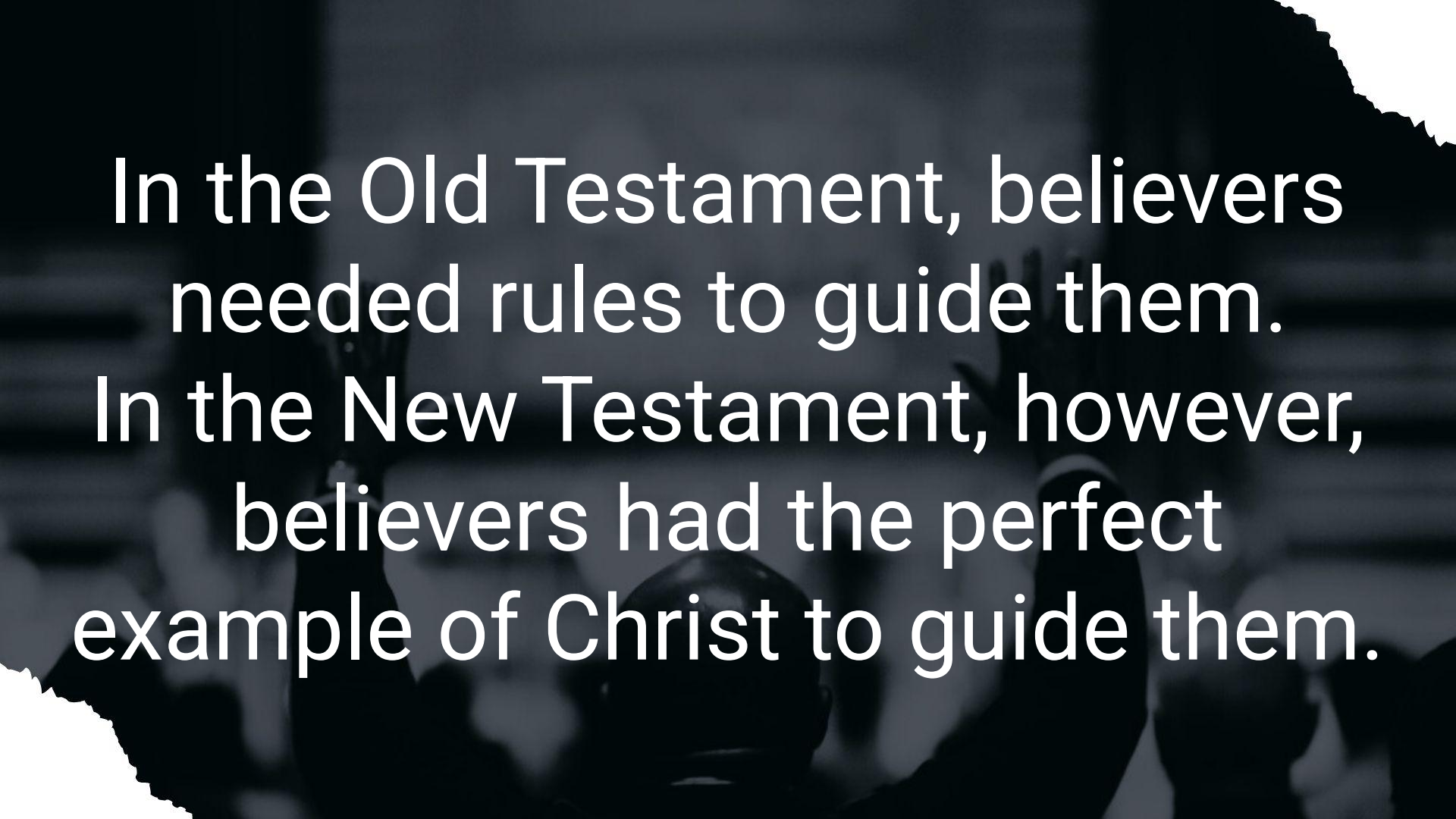
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so be holy in all you do; ¹⁶ for it is written:
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1 PETER 1:15-16

A person is shown from the chest up, with their hands raised in a gesture of prayer or praise. The image is overlaid with a semi-transparent blue rectangle. Inside this rectangle, the text "26 Then God said, 'Let us make mankind in our image, in our likeness.'" is written in white. Below the rectangle, the text "GENESIS 1:26" is written in white. The background is dark and out of focus.

²⁶ Then God said, "Let us make mankind
in our image, in our likeness."

GENESIS 1:26



In the Old Testament, believers
needed rules to guide them.
In the New Testament, however,
believers had the perfect
example of Christ to guide them.



⁷ Accept one another, then,
just as Christ accepted you.

ROMANS 15:7



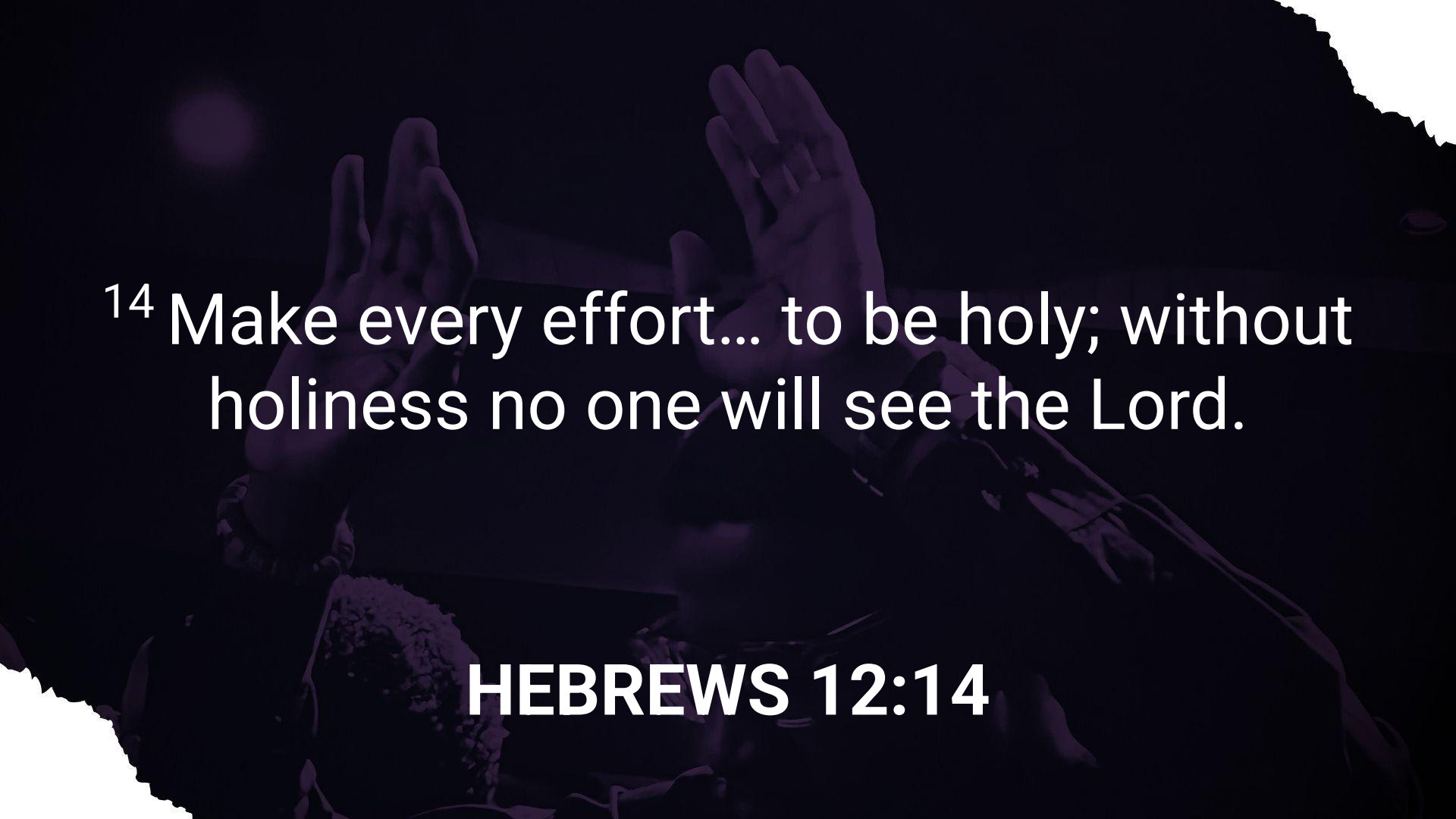
³² Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you.

EPHESIANS 4:32



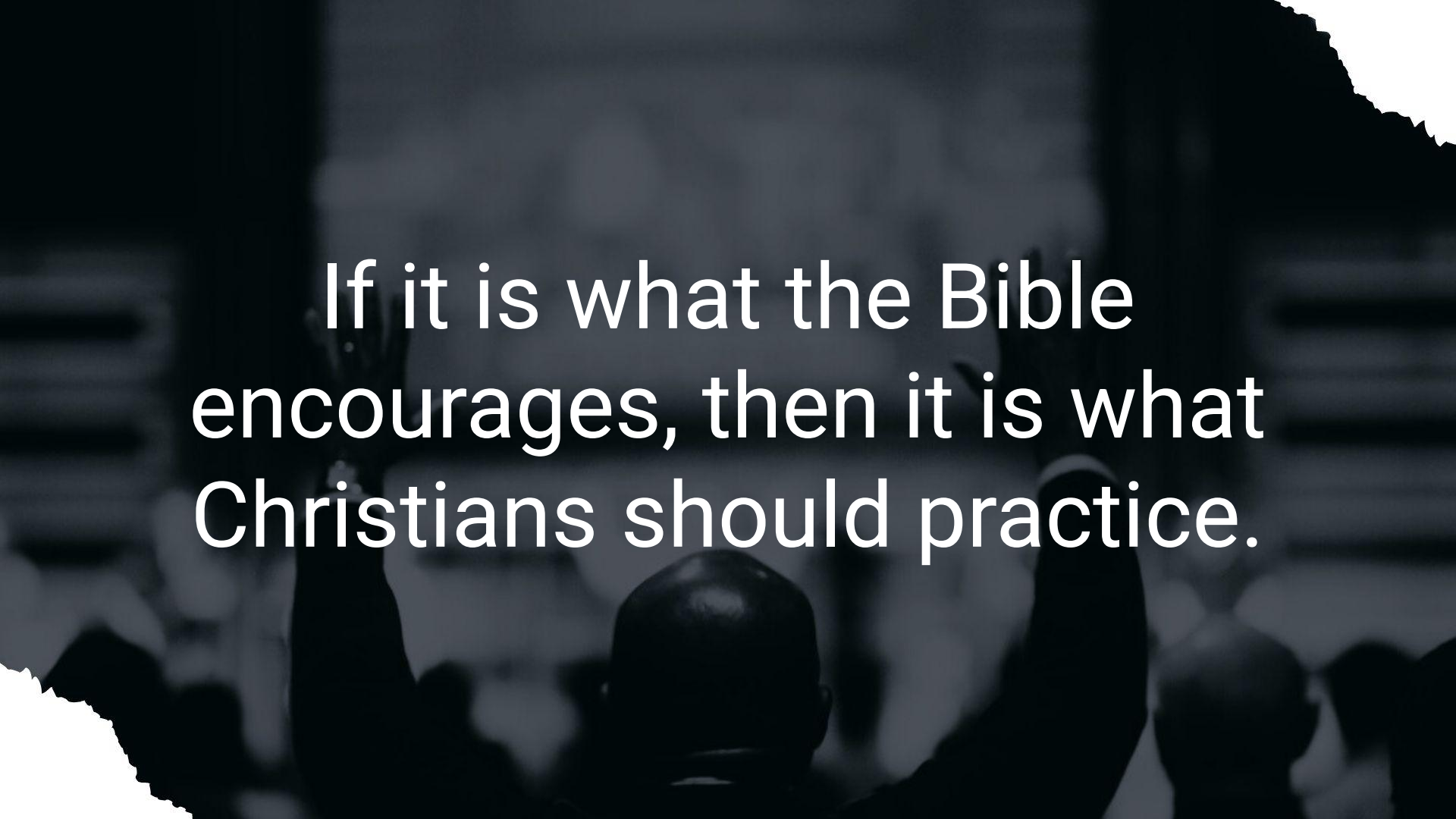
Walk in the way of love, just as
Christ loved us.

EPHESIANS 5:2

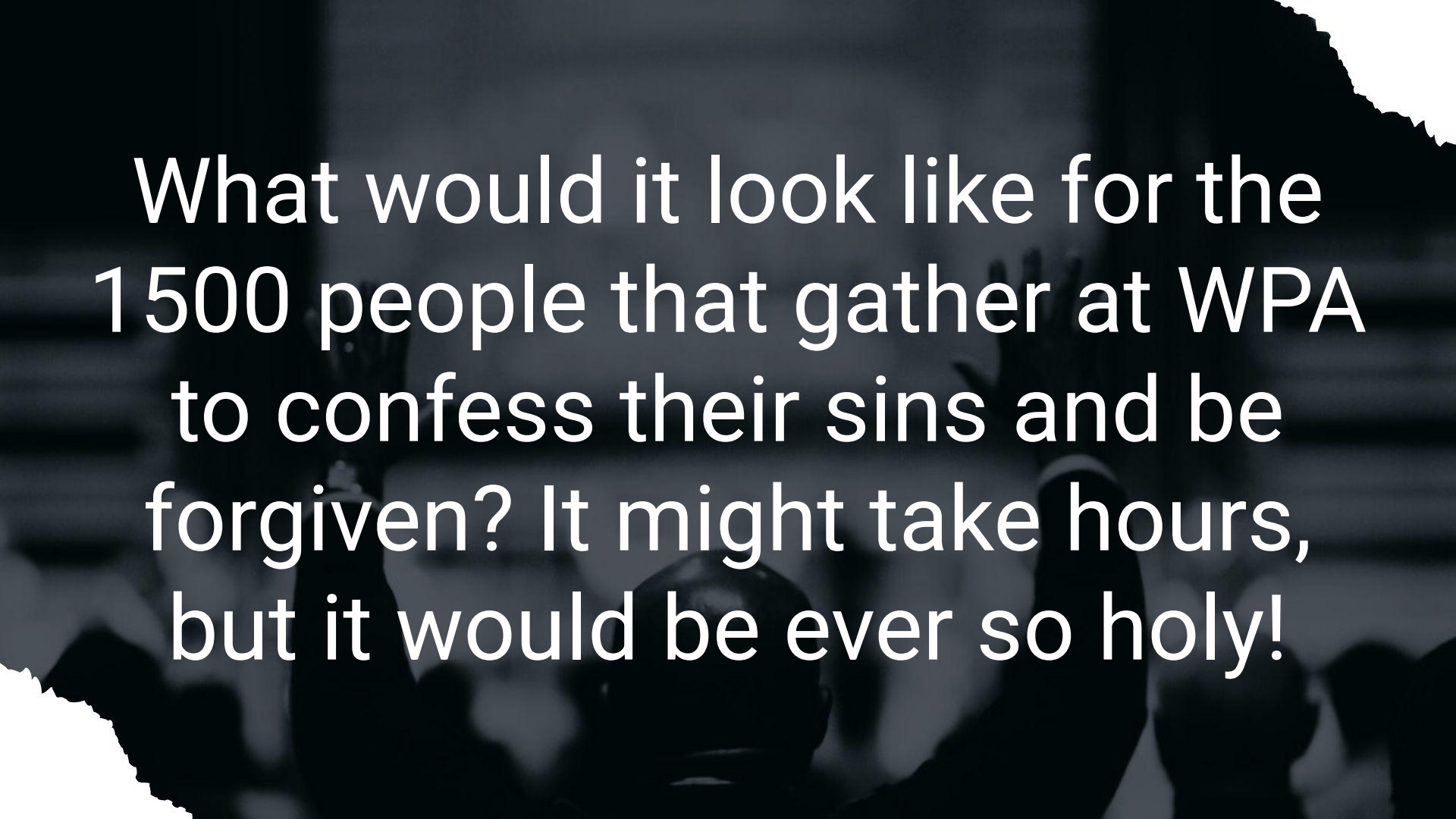
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¹⁴ Make every effort... to be holy; without holiness no one will see the Lord.

HEBREWS 12:14



If it is what the Bible
encourages, then it is what
Christians should practice.



What would it look like for the
1500 people that gather at WPA
to confess their sins and be
forgiven? It might take hours,
but it would be ever so holy!



SERMON REVIEW:

- 1) VIGILANCE
- 2) OBEDIENCE
- 3) LIKENESS



THE PURSUIT