



GALATIANS

A Letter of Grace



An underwater scene with a diver swimming towards the right. The background is a gradient of blue, with a bright light source at the top center. Silhouettes of coral and seaweed are visible along the top and bottom edges. Several small fish are scattered throughout the scene.

A Deep Dive into Galatians

Lesson 1:

This is serious!
We better pay
attention!!!

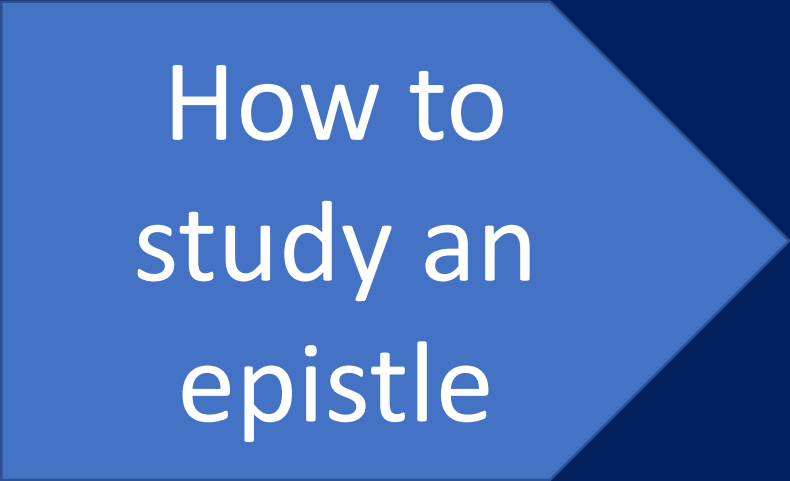


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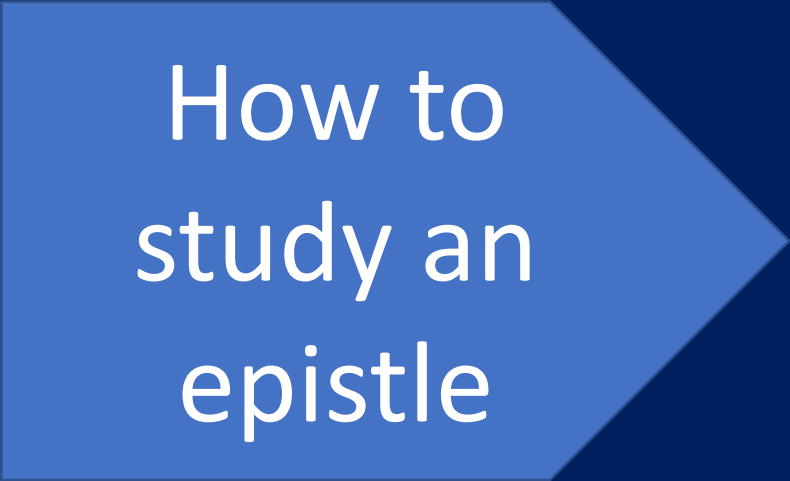


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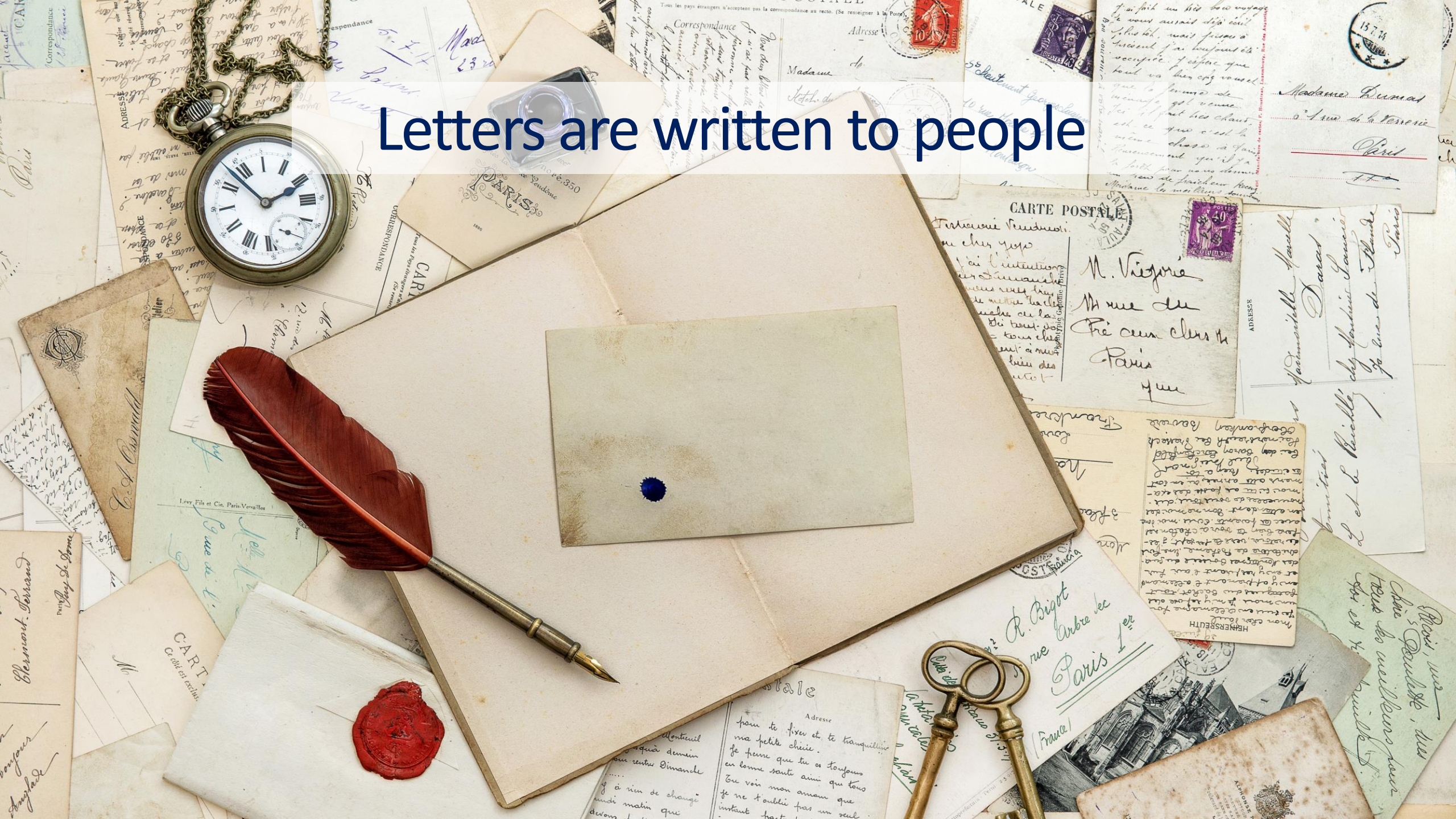
Galatians
1:1-5

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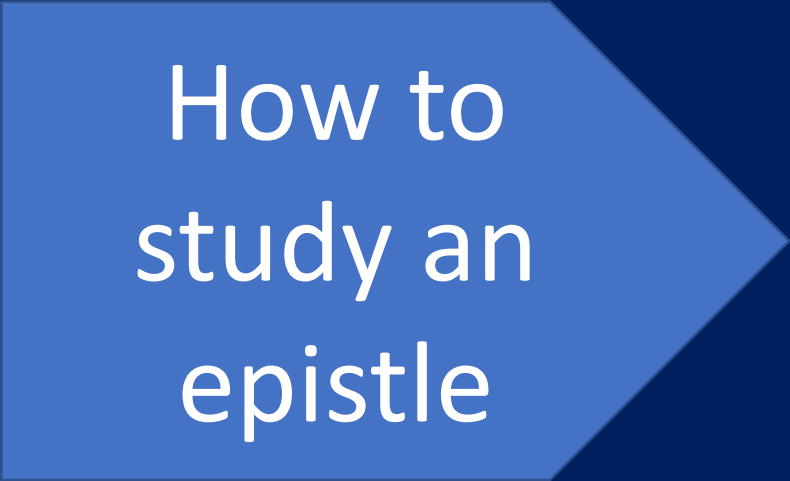
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I Love You

Letters are
written at a
certain time

Happy Valentine's Day

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Letters are written for a reason



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You're only getting
half of the
conversation

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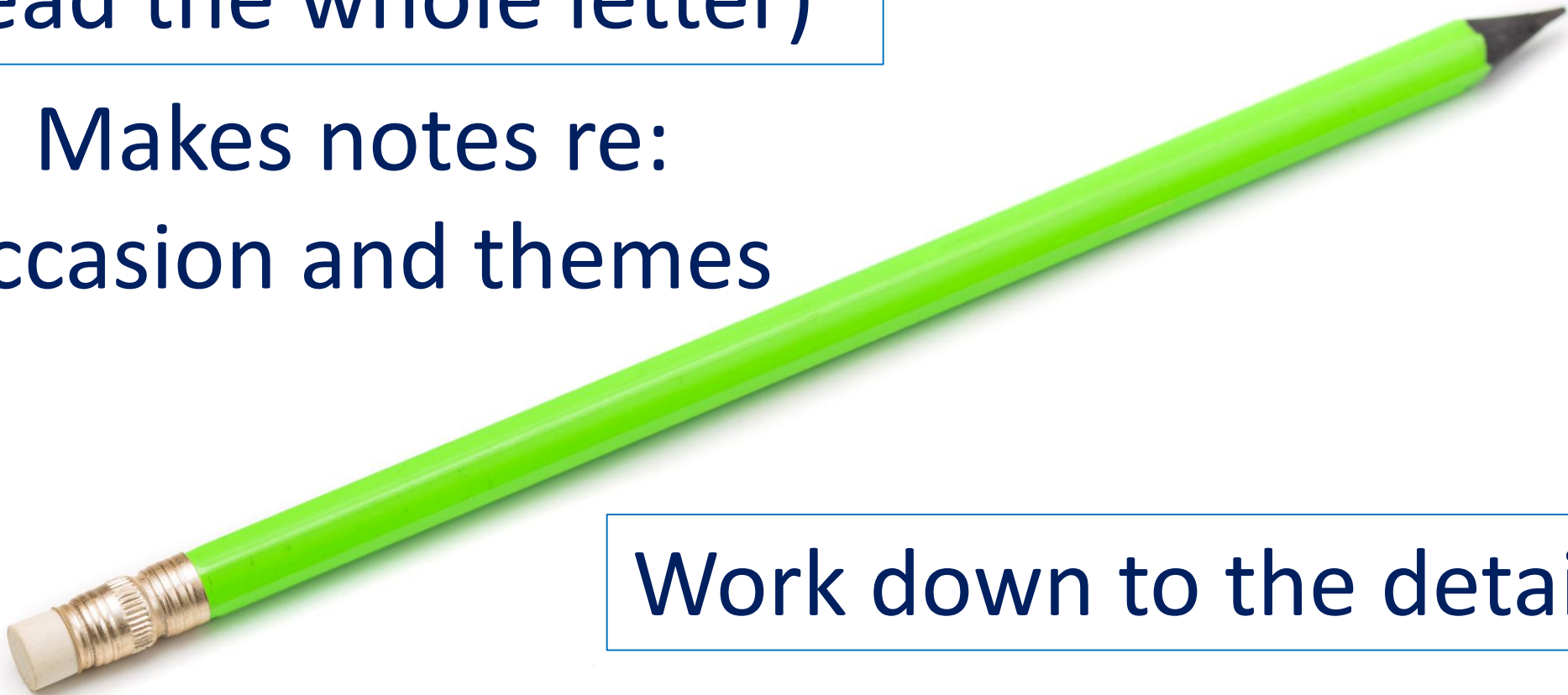
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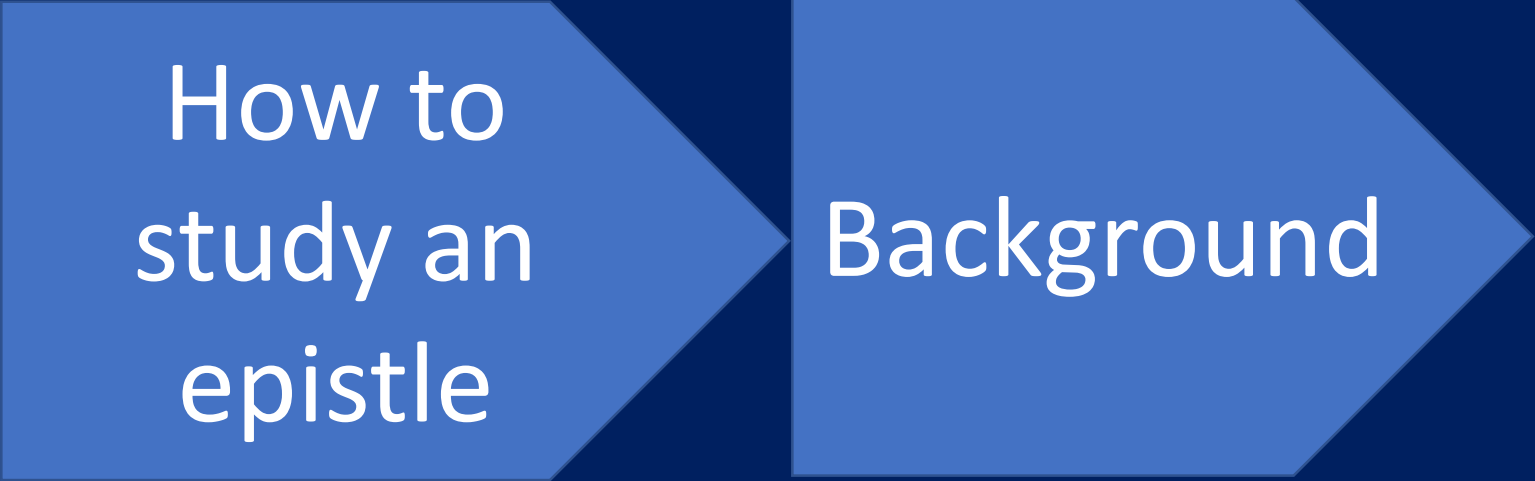
Start with the BIG picture
(Read the whole letter)

Makes notes re:
occasion and themes



Work down to the details

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A satellite map of the Galatia region in central Turkey. The map shows a mix of brownish-tan terrain, green forested areas, and blue water bodies. The Euphrates River is visible on the right side. The text "Northern Galatia" is centered in the upper half, and "Southern Galatia" is centered in the lower half, both in white font. The map is oriented with North at the top.

Northern Galatia

Southern Galatia



Southern Galatia

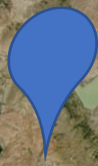
A satellite map of Southern Galatia, showing a rugged, mountainous landscape with a mix of green vegetation and brown, rocky terrain. The region is bordered by the Mediterranean Sea to the west and the Black Sea to the north. The text "Southern Galatia" and "Acts 13-14" is overlaid in white. The map includes various geographical features such as rivers, lakes, and mountain ranges. The text is centered in the lower half of the image.

Southern Galatia

Acts 13-14



Pisidian
Antioch
(Yalvaç)



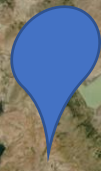


A satellite map of Turkey showing its geographical features, including the Black Sea to the north, the Aegean Sea to the west, and the Mediterranean Sea to the south. The interior of the country is characterized by a mix of green, brown, and white terrain, representing forests, arid regions, and snow-capped mountains respectively. Two specific locations are highlighted with blue teardrop-shaped markers. The first marker is located in the southwestern part of the country, near the coast, and is labeled 'Pisidian Antioch (Yalvaç)'. The second marker is located further inland, in the central part of the country, and is labeled 'Iconium (Konya)'. The text is in a white, sans-serif font.

Pisidian
Antioch
(Yalvaç)

Iconium
(Konya)


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Antioch
(Yalvaç)



Iconium
(Konya)



Lystra




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Antioch
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See Acts
13:45, 50;
14:1-2, 19

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Acts
14:24

WHEN

Acts
15:6





Acts
15:6



Galatians is the earliest of Paul's letters





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(ταράσσοντες)



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Agitators-5:12
(ἀναστατούντες)

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“It is no light evil to
quench the brightness
of the gospel.”
- John Calvin

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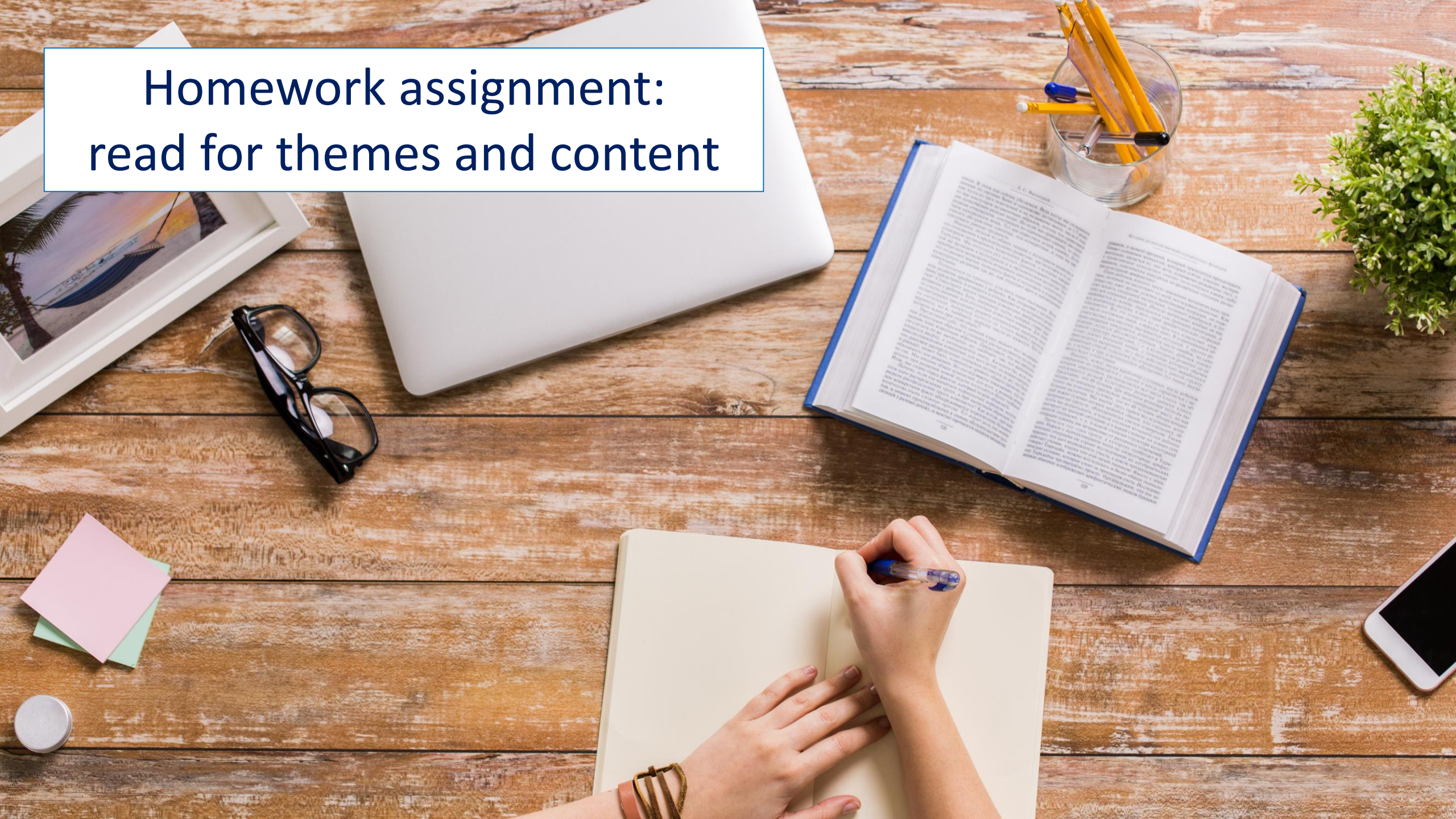
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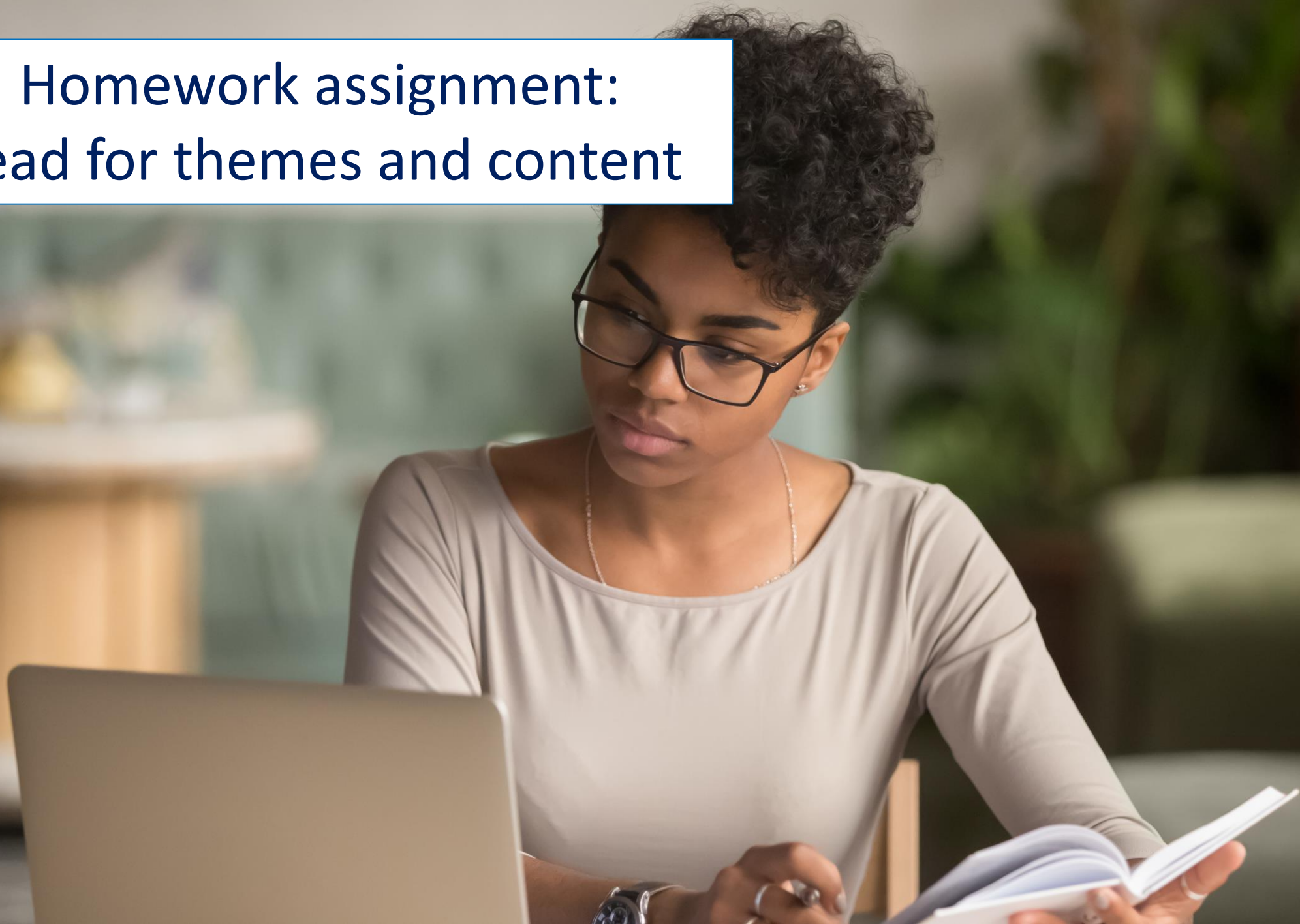
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Homework assignment: read for themes and content



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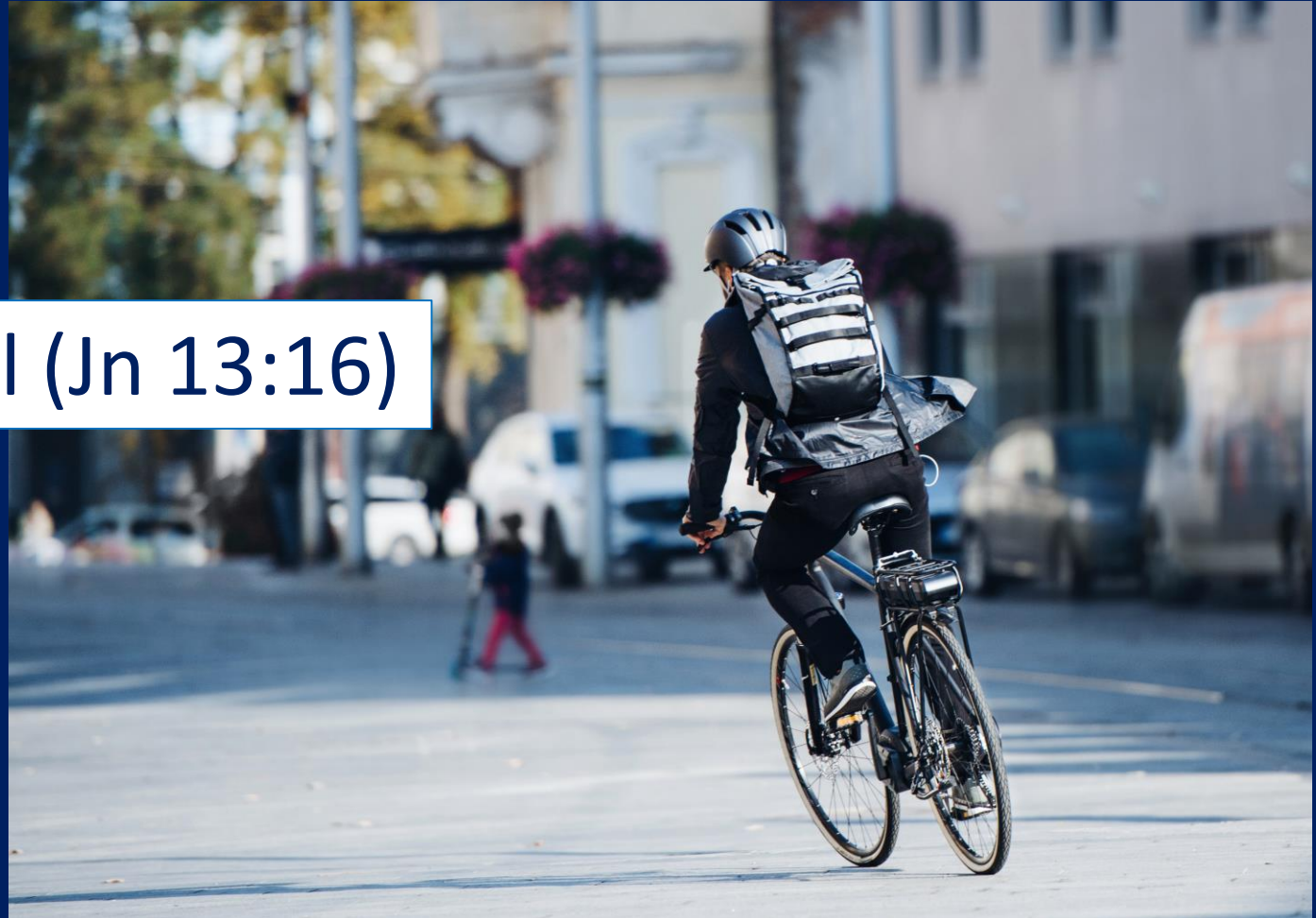
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General (Jn 13:16)



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General (Jn 13:16)

Commissioned
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Would have read
Gal. 1:11-17

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A typical Greek greeting at the
start of a letter

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Would have read
Gal. 1:6; 2:21



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The word "SHALOM" is rendered in a playful, stylized font. Each letter is filled with a different vibrant pattern, including chevrons, polka dots, and geometric shapes, in a color palette of teal, yellow, green, and white. The letters are outlined in black and set against a light blue rectangular background.

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equal parts



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Grace of God (2:21)
or Christ (1:6)



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Peace of God (Phi 4:7)
or Christ (Col. 3:15)



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Deliver
(ἐξέληται)

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Gouge out; carve out; tear out; rescue

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Gouge out; carve out; tear out; rescue



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We live in the “age”,
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