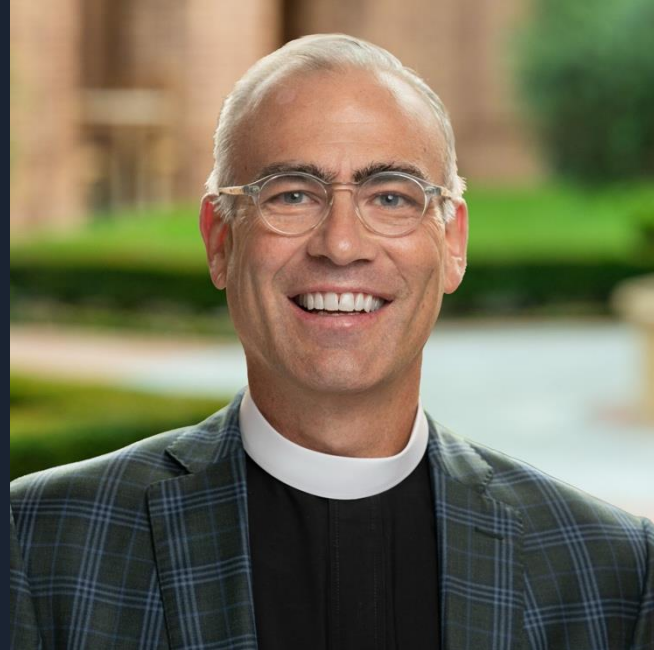


Familiar Ground, New Light







WE'RE BACK

Romans







“I’m telling
the truth”



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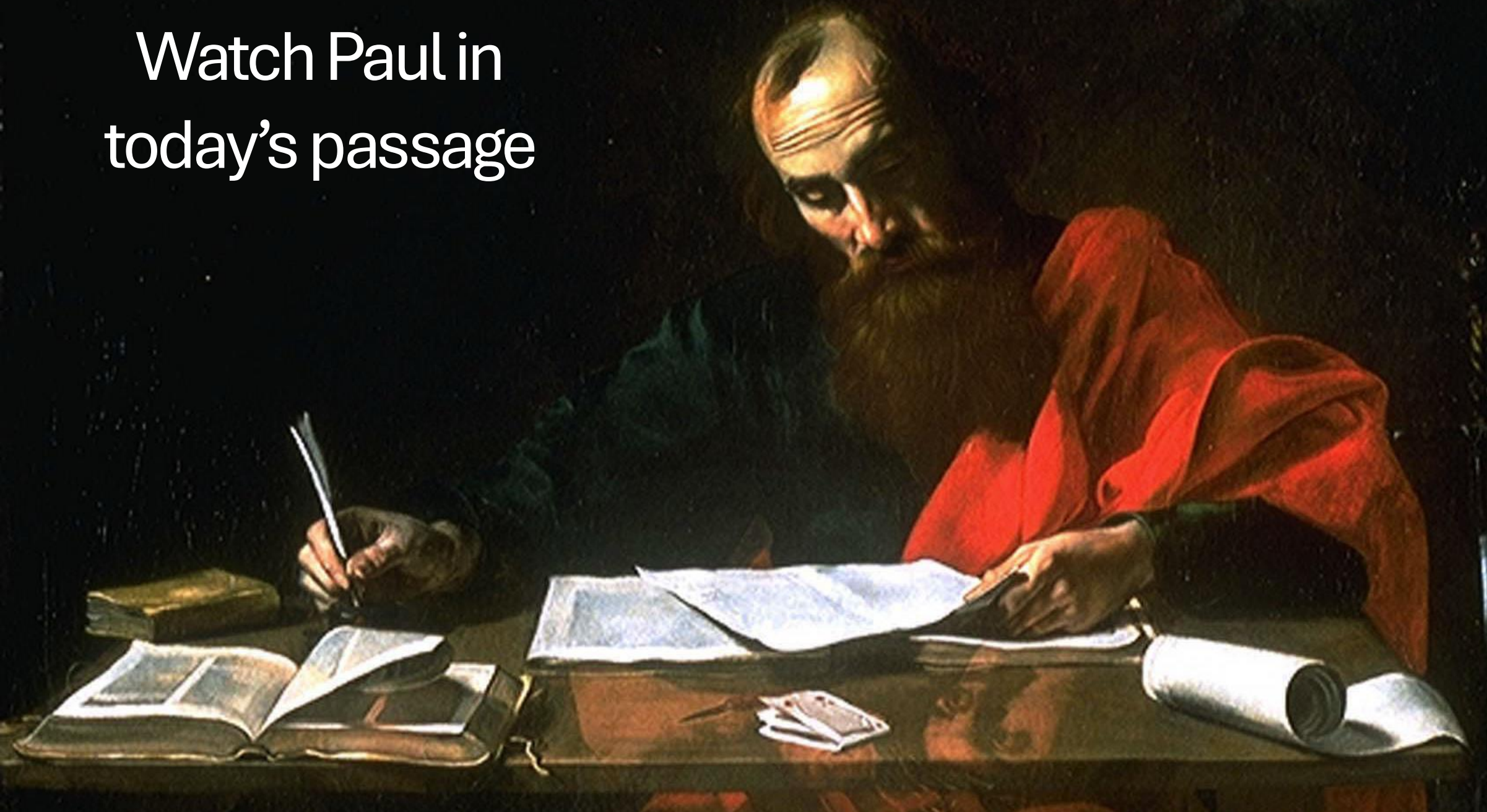
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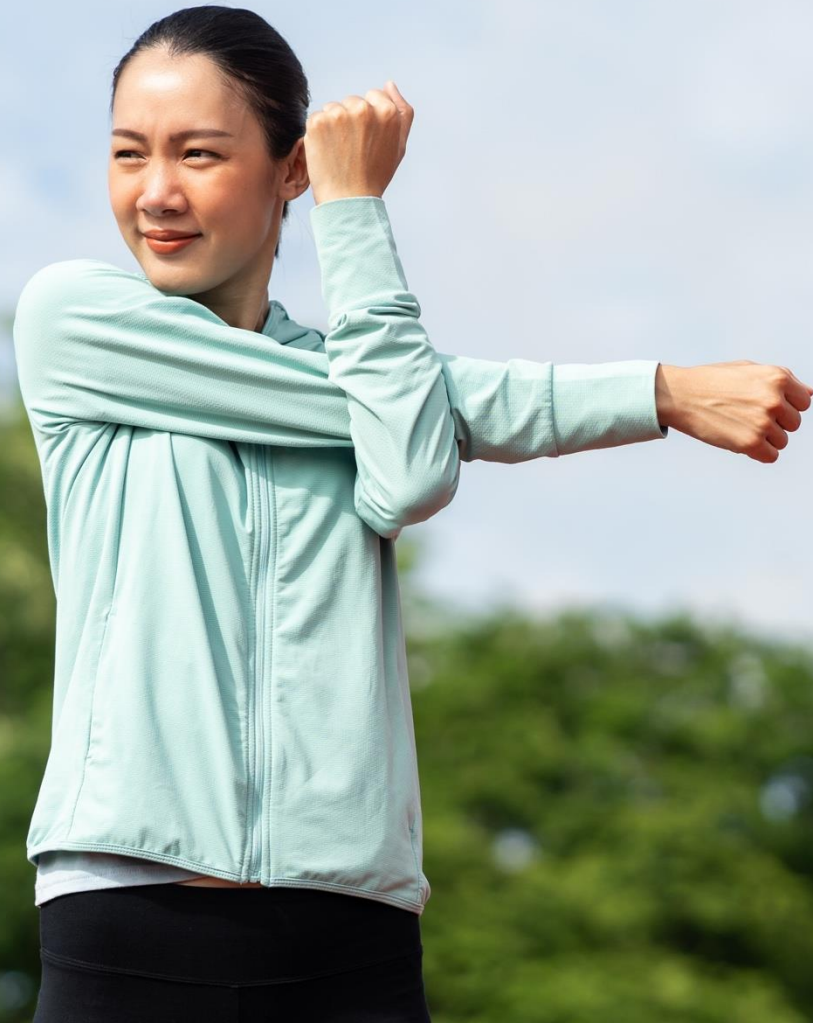
“Ask my
conscience”



Watch Paul in
today's passage



First, a warmup!

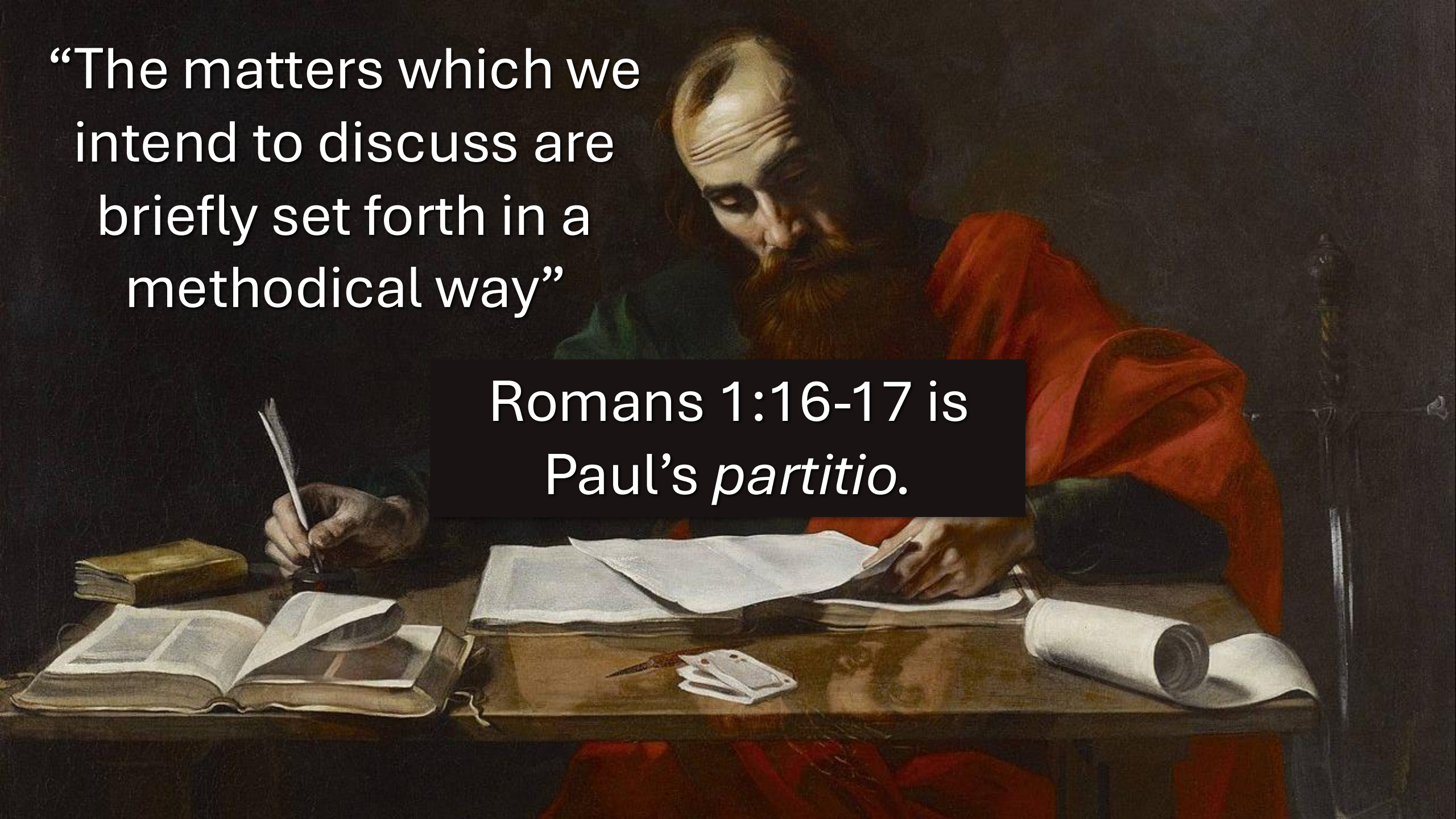


A detailed painting of a man with a long, dark beard and balding head, wearing a red robe over a dark green tunic. He is seated at a wooden desk, leaning forward and writing with a quill pen in his right hand. On the desk are several items: an open book with text on the left, a stack of papers in the center, a rolled-up scroll on the right, and a small object resembling a quill holder or a small box. The background is dark and indistinct. A black rectangular box with white text is superimposed over the center of the image.

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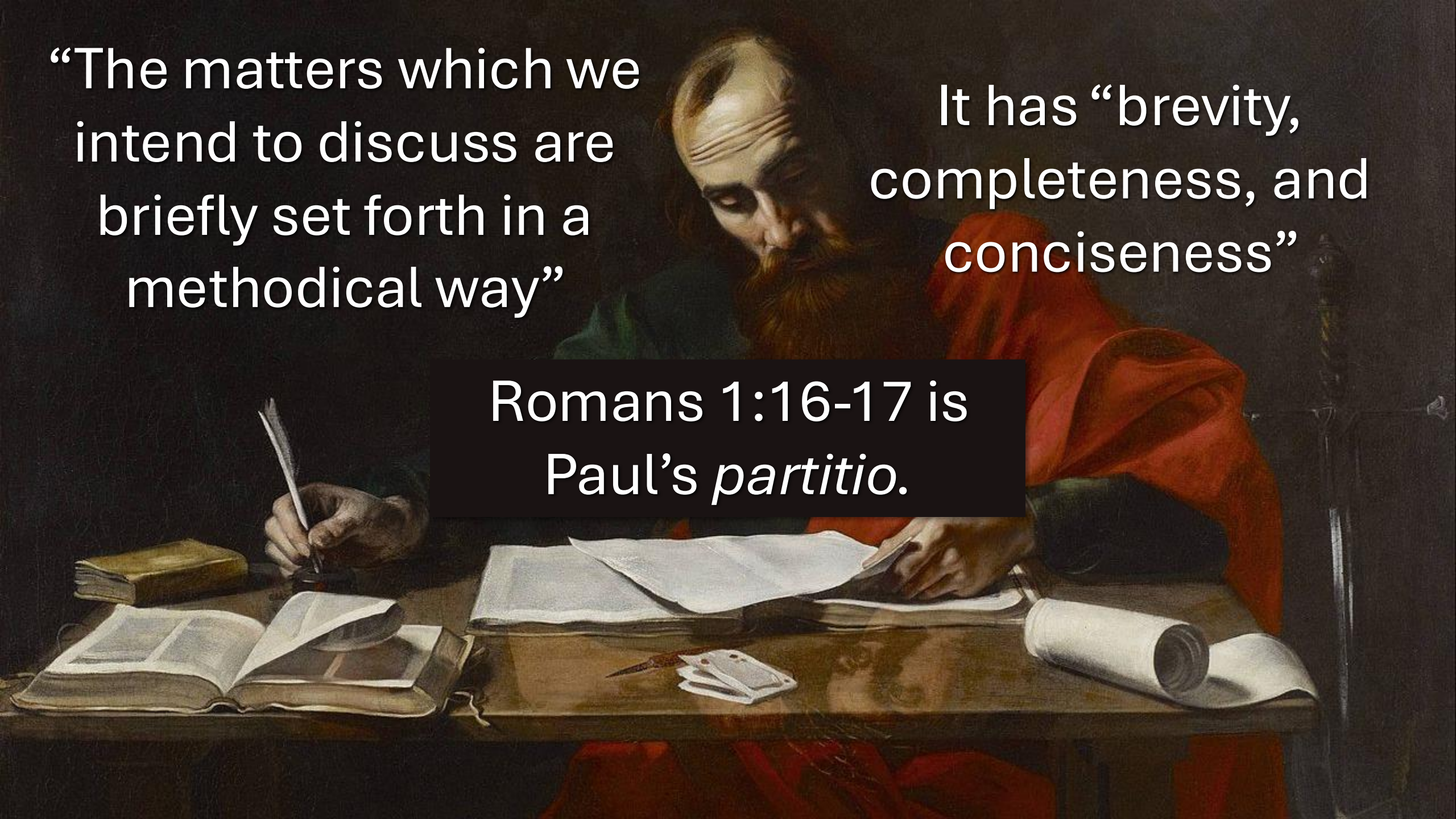
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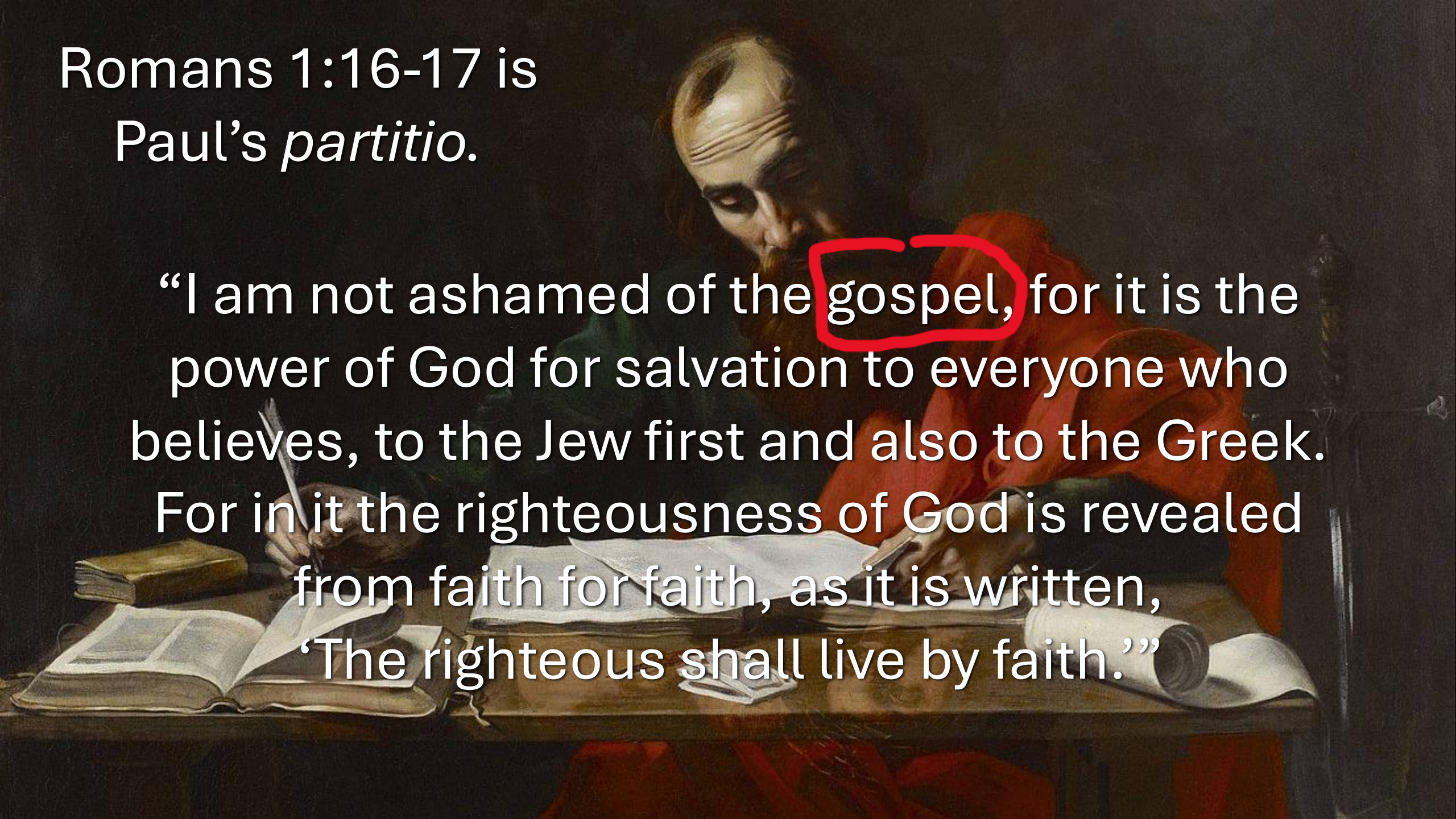
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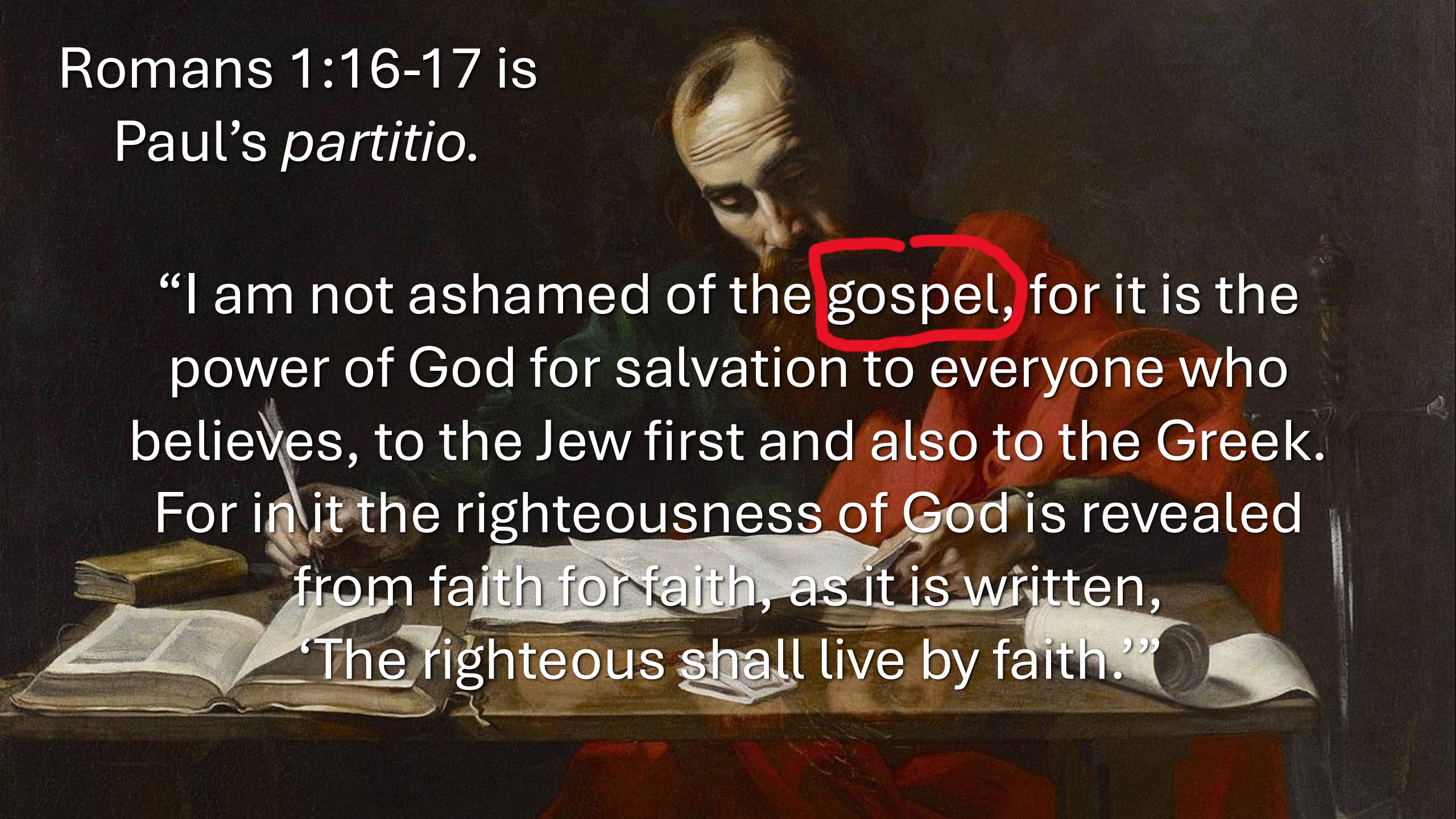


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A detailed oil painting of the Apostle Paul, depicted as an elderly man with a long, grey beard and balding head, wearing a red robe. He is seated at a wooden desk, leaning forward and writing with a quill pen on a large, open scroll. On the desk are several other scrolls, a closed book, and a small container. The background is dark and indistinct. A red hand-drawn circle highlights the word "gospel" in the text overlay.

“I am not ashamed of the **gospel**, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek. For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith for faith, as it is written, ‘The righteous shall live by faith.’”

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A detailed oil painting of the Apostle Paul, depicted as an elderly man with a long, flowing white beard and hair. He is seated at a wooden desk, leaning forward with his head bowed in concentration. He wears a vibrant red robe over a dark green tunic. In his right hand, he holds a quill pen, poised to write on a large, open scroll that lies flat on the desk. To his left, another open book with yellowed pages is visible. On the desk, there are also several other scrolls, some partially unrolled, and a small, dark object that could be a gavel or a writing tool. The background is dark and indistinct, focusing all attention on Paul and his work. The lighting is soft, highlighting the texture of his beard, the folds of his robe, and the details of the scrolls.

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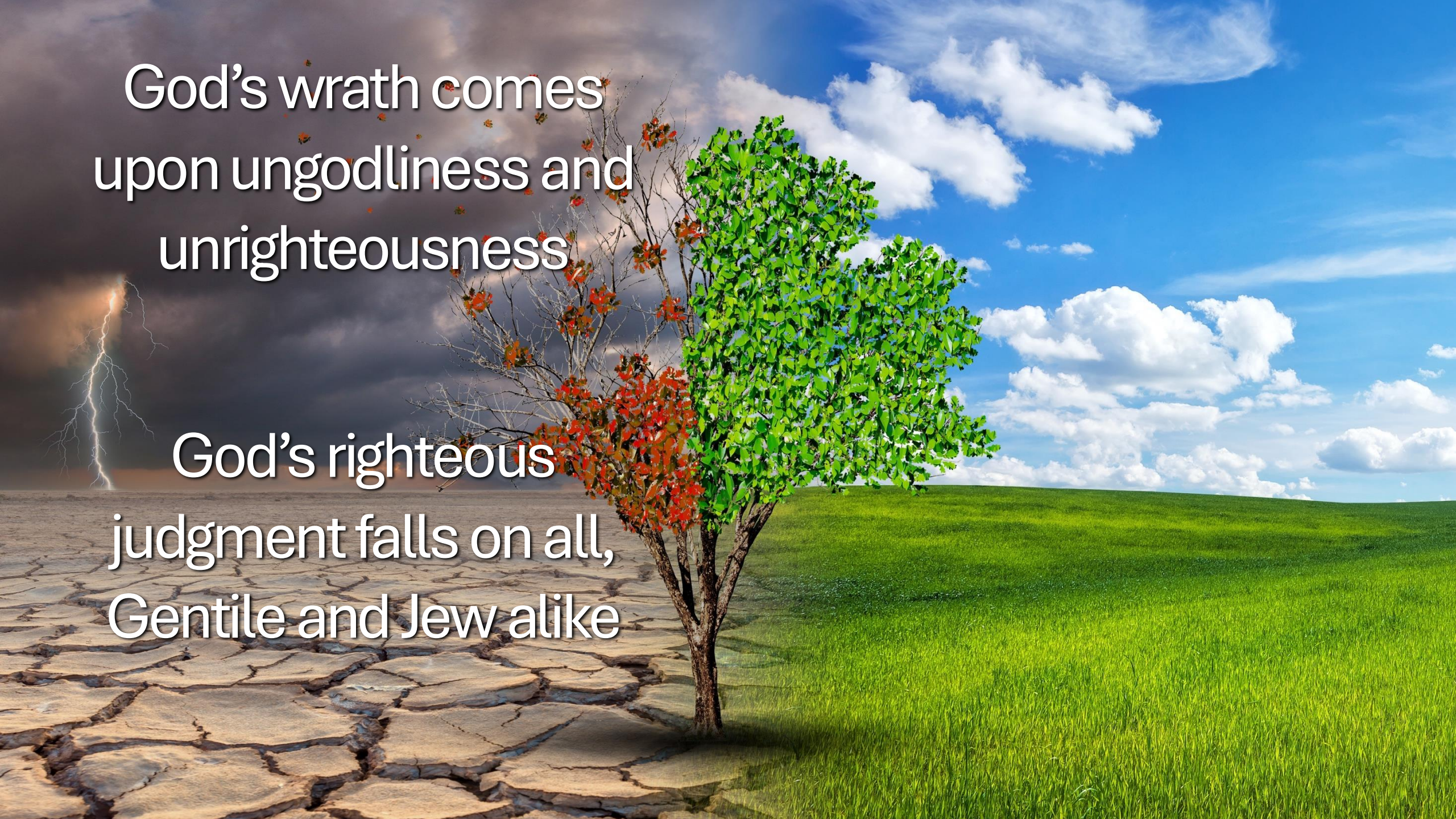
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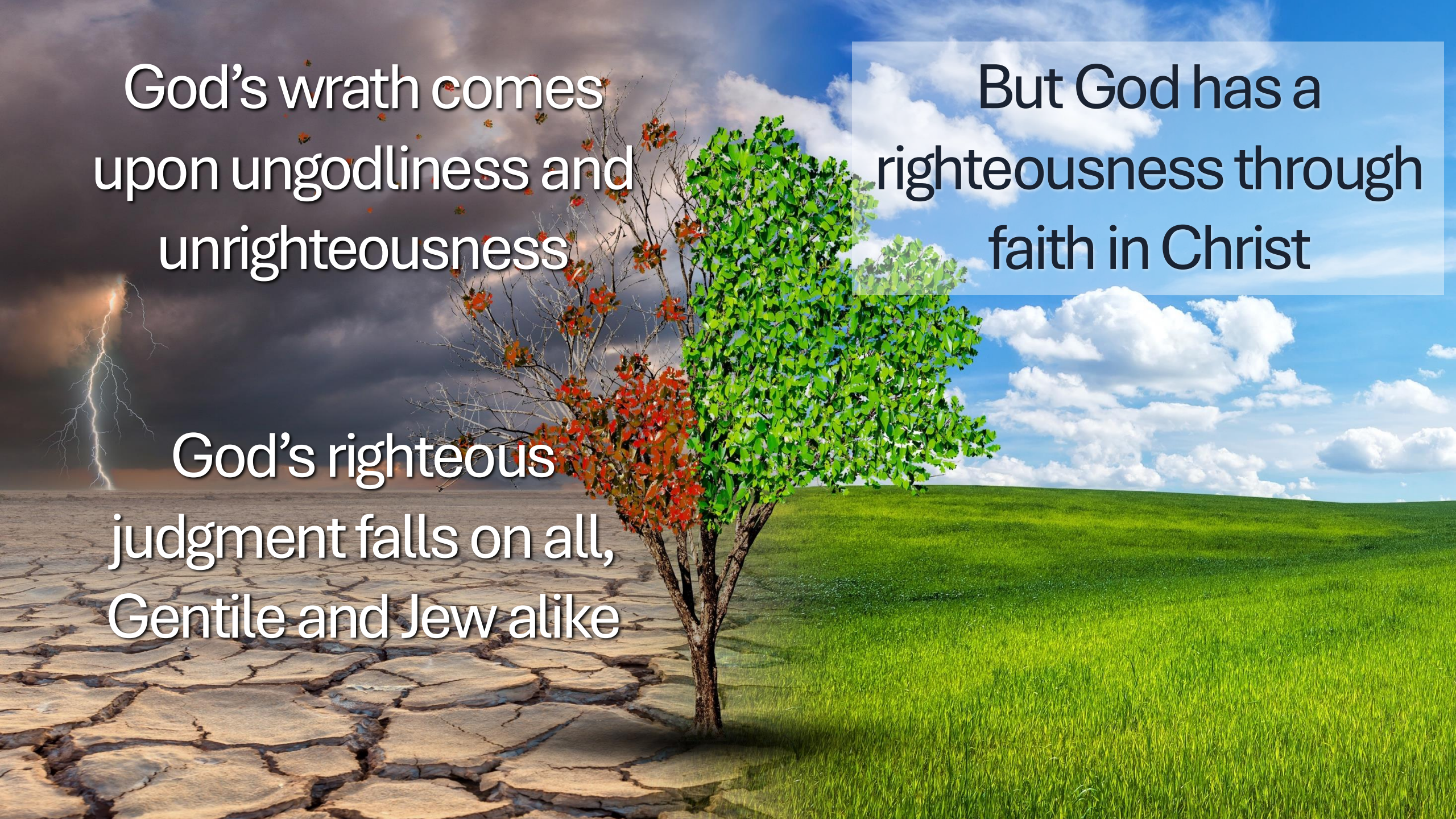
God's righteous
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A tree with a split canopy of green and red leaves stands on a cracked, dry stone path. To the right is a lush green field. The sky is dramatic, with dark clouds on the left where a lightning bolt strikes, and a bright blue sky with white clouds on the right.

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But God has a
righteousness through
faith in Christ

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Faith and trust is the
way Abraham was
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This brings us peace
with God, not wrath

A woman with long brown hair, wearing a blue sweater, stands in a room, looking at her reflection in a large, ornate gold-framed mirror. Her hands are pressed against her chest, and she has a contemplative or emotional expression. The room is softly lit, with light coming from a window with sheer curtains in the background. A wooden dresser and a small potted plant are visible on a surface in front of the mirror. A yellow text box is overlaid on the lower-left portion of the image.

What does this
mean to me?

A woman with long brown hair, wearing a blue sweater, is looking at her reflection in a large, ornate gold-framed mirror. She has her hands clasped over her chest and a worried expression on her face. The background shows a softly lit room with a window and some furniture.

What does this
mean to me?

Should I sin so
grace may abound?

Rom. 8:35

Who shall separate us
from the love of Christ?
Shall tribulation, or
distress, or
persecution, or famine,
or nakedness, or
danger, or sword?

Rom. 8:35

τίς ἡμᾶς χωρίσει ἀπὸ τῆς
ἀγάπης τοῦ Χριστοῦ;
θλίψις ἢ στενοχωρία ἢ
διωγμὸς ἢ λιμὸς ἢ
γυμνότης ἢ κίνδυνος ἢ
μάχαιρα;

Rom. 8:36

As it is written, “For your sake we are being killed all the day long; we are regarded as sheep to be slaughtered.”

Rom. 8:36

καθὼς γέγραπται ὅτι
ἐνεκεν σοῦ
θανατούμεθα ὅλην
τὴν ἡμέραν,
ἐλογίσθημεν ὡς
πρόβατα σφαγῆς.

Rom. 8:37

No, in all these things
we are more than
conquerors through
him who loved us.

Rom. 8:37

ἀλλ' ἐν τούτοις πᾶσιν
ὑπερνικῶμεν διὰ τοῦ
ἀγαπήσαντος ἡμᾶς.

Rom. 8:38

For I am sure that
neither death nor life,
nor angels nor rulers,
nor things present nor
things to come, nor
powers,

Rom. 8:38

πέπεισμαι γὰρ ὅτι οὔτε
θάνατος οὔτε ζωὴ οὔτε
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Here's a new
chunk in Romans
(Chs. 9-11)



If God's word to Israel failed,
why should we trust him now?





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A woman with dark hair, wearing a dark blue blazer over a white shirt, stands at a wooden witness stand in a courtroom. She has her right hand raised in an oath-taking gesture. On the stand in front of her is a microphone and a thick, old book. In the background, a judge in black robes sits on a bench to the left, and other people are seated in the courtroom. An American flag is visible on the far left.

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Compare:
1 Cor. 1:23
Gal. 1;20
2 Cor. 11:31
1 Tim. 2:7

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Why is Paul so
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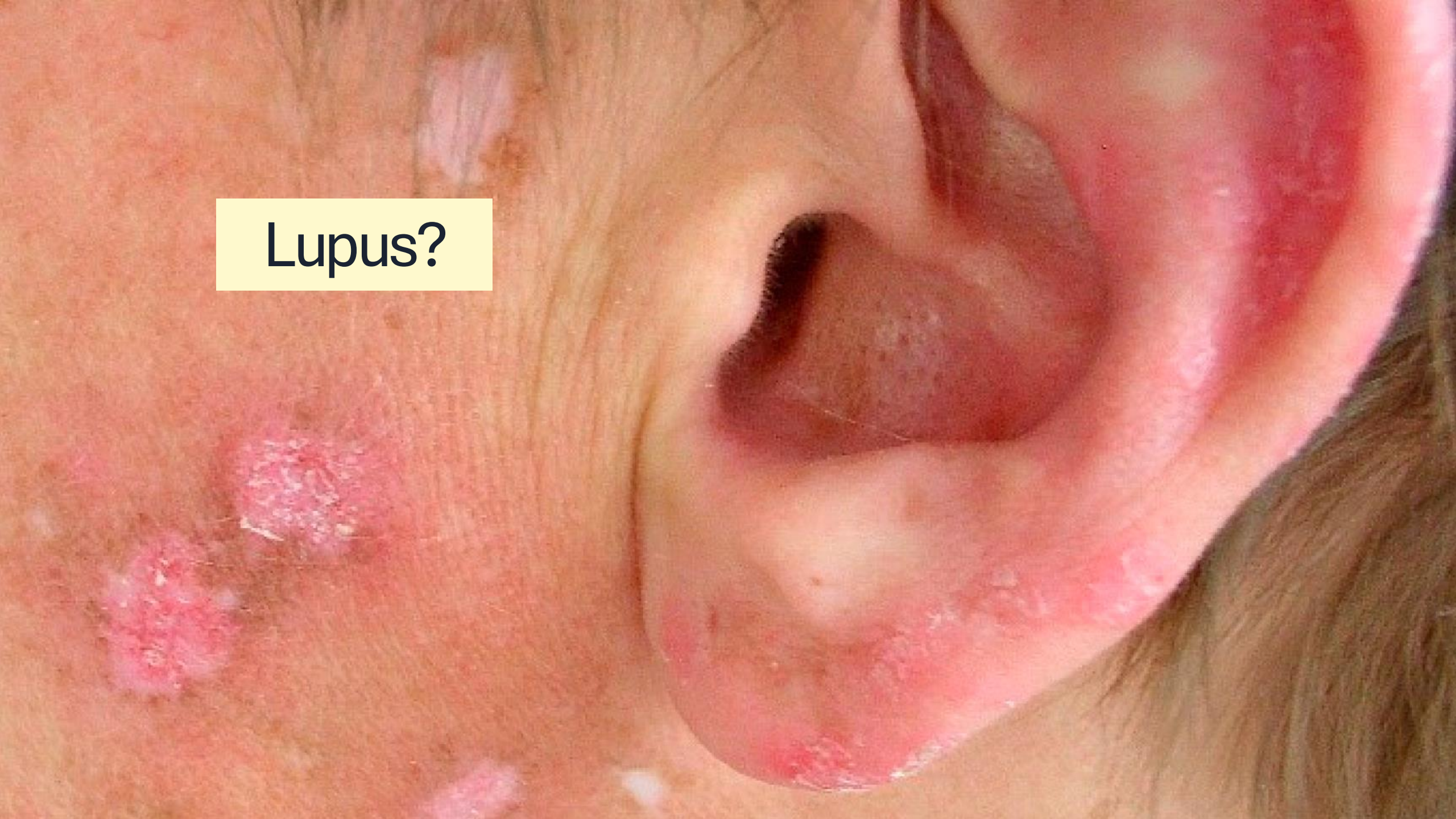
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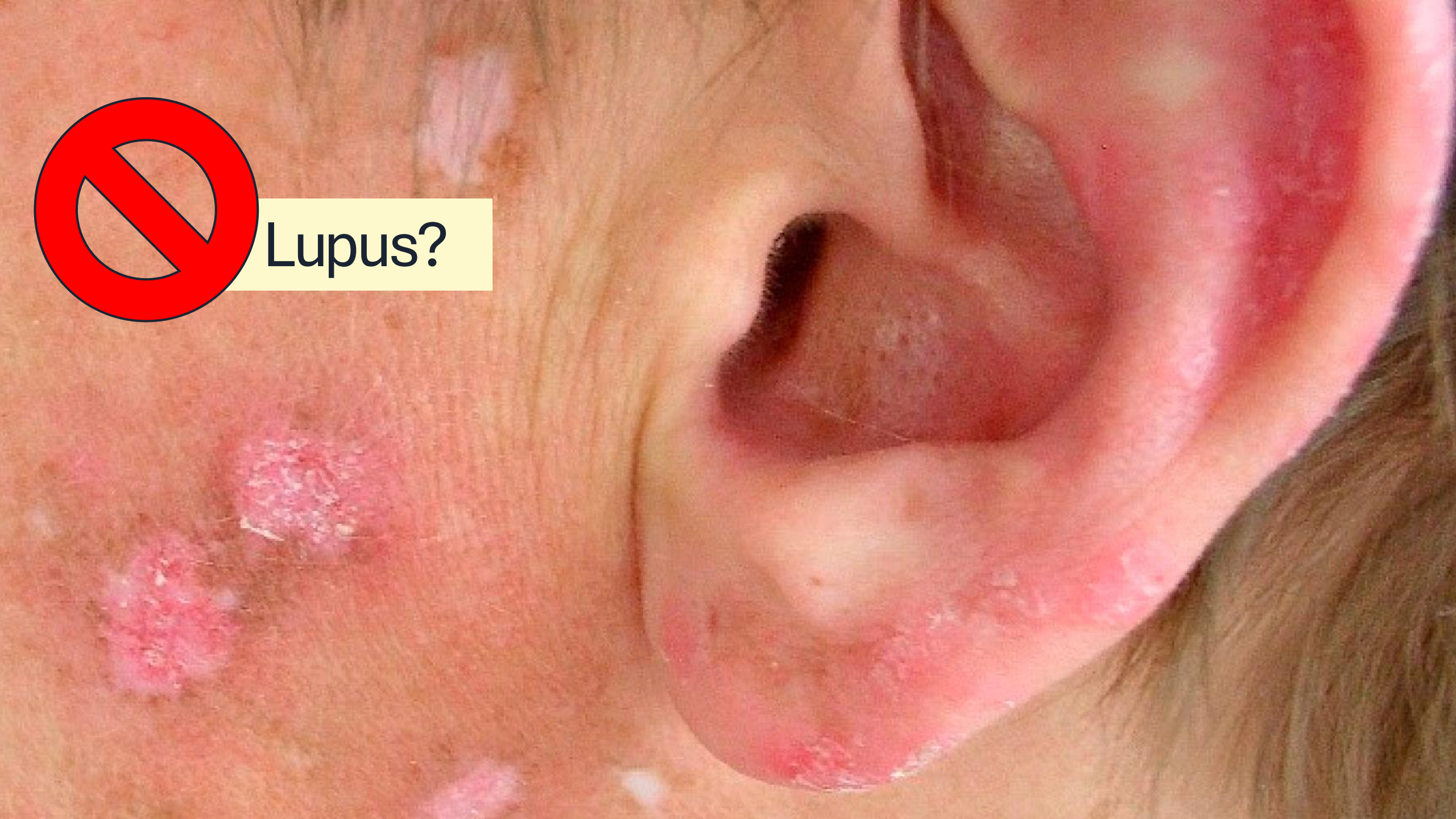
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John 16:21-22
Phil. 2:21

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“I could almost
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Devoted to destruction
Josh 6:17

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lament, and
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Jer. 8:18-9:1

Micah 7:1-7, 18-20

Hosea 11:8-9

LAMENTATIONS



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“The steadfast love of the Lord
never ceases... (Lam. 3:22-23)

Hold this...



Hold this...

Paul's lament sets
up all that follows...





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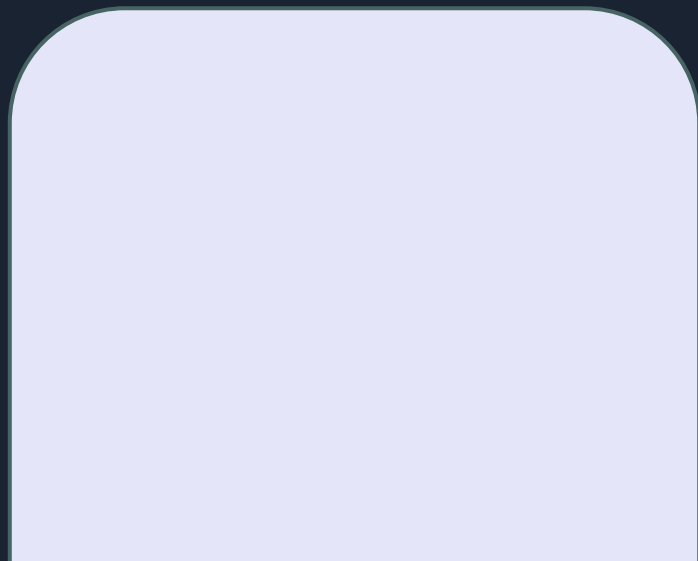
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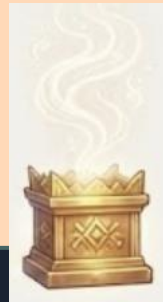


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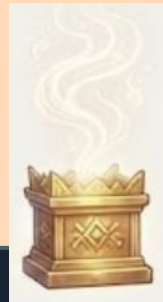


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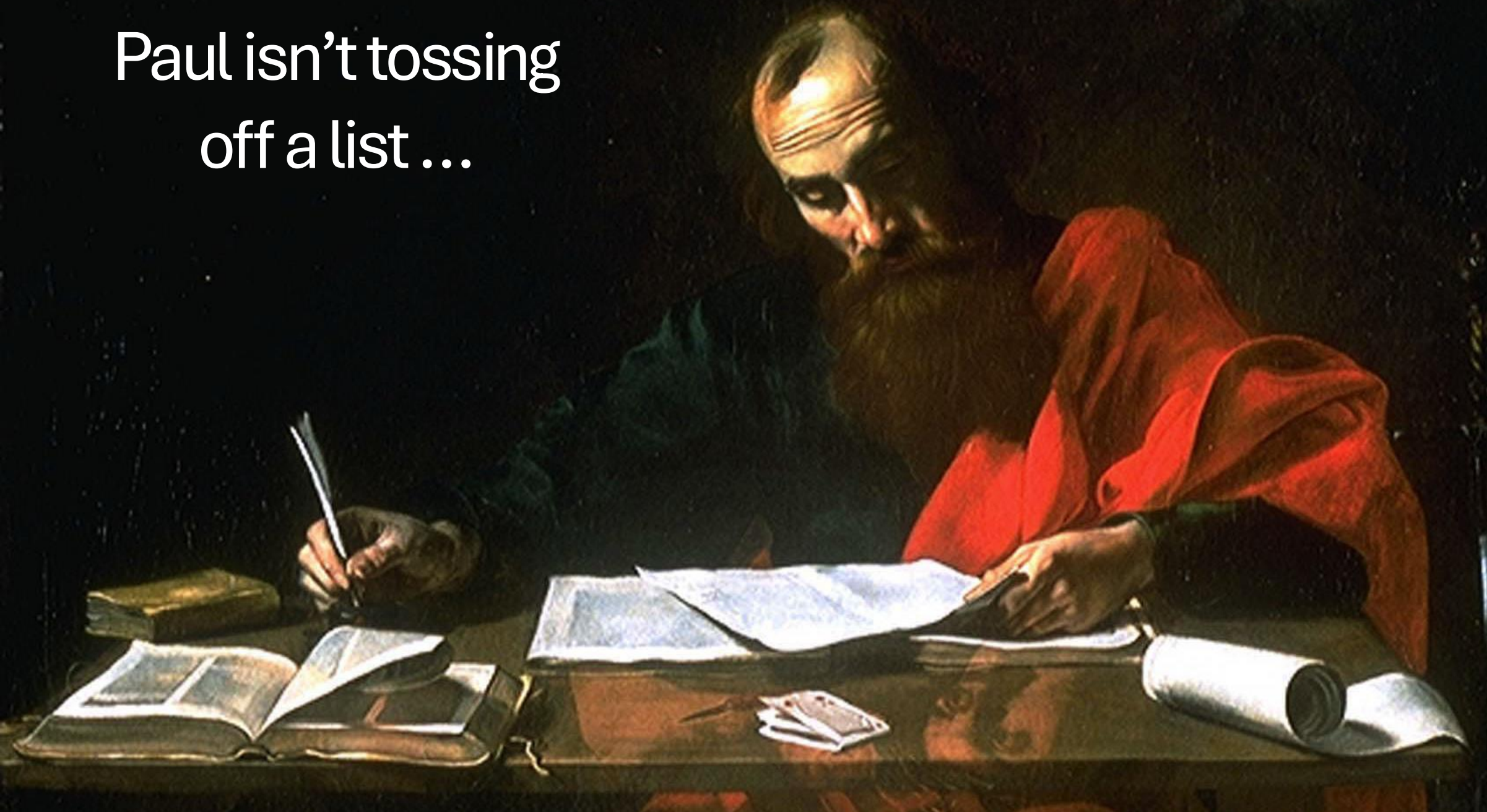
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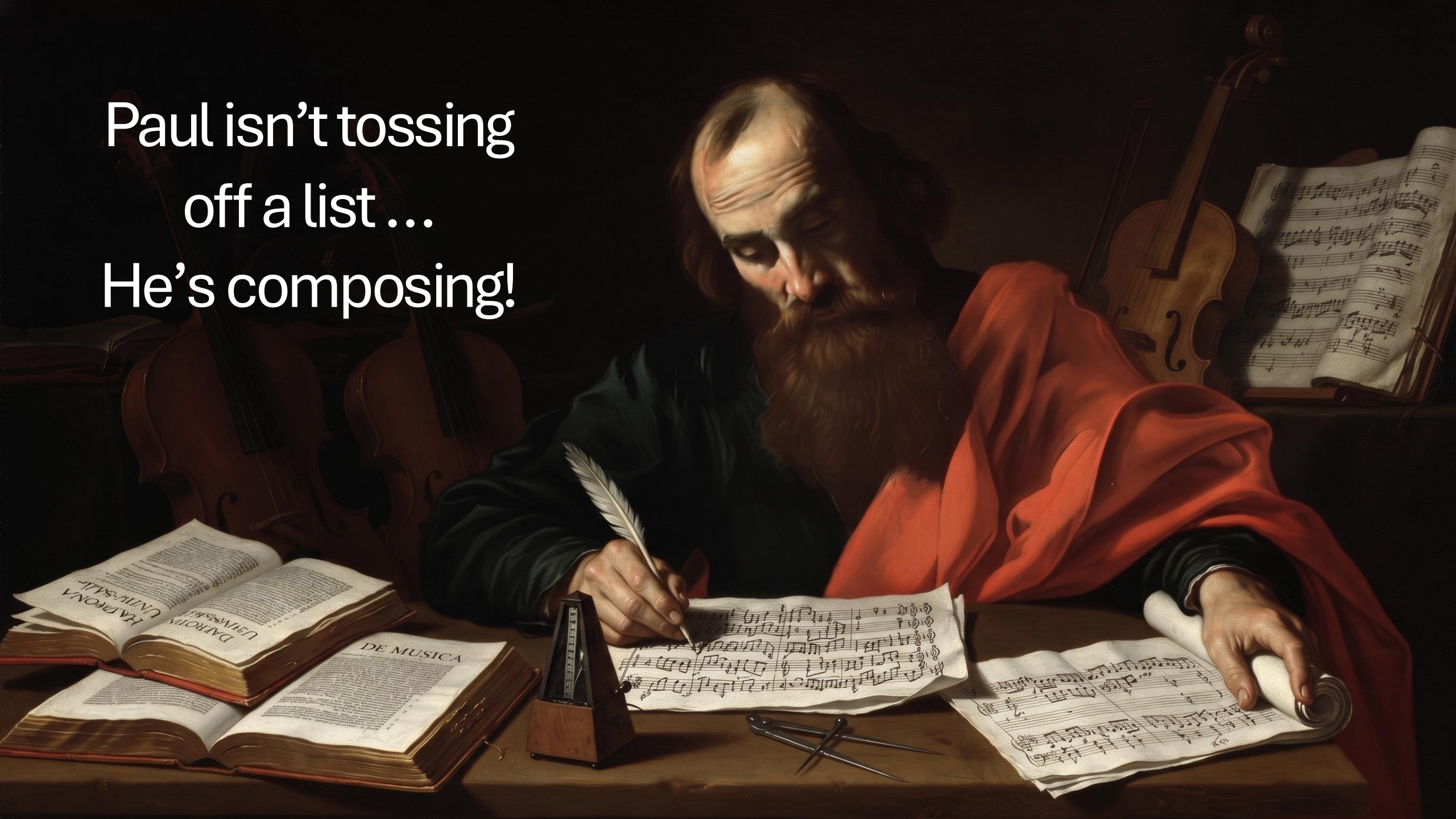
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Paul isn't tossing
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FROM POSSESSIONS TO PURPOSE

Possessions (9:4)

Purpose (9:5a)

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THE
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THE
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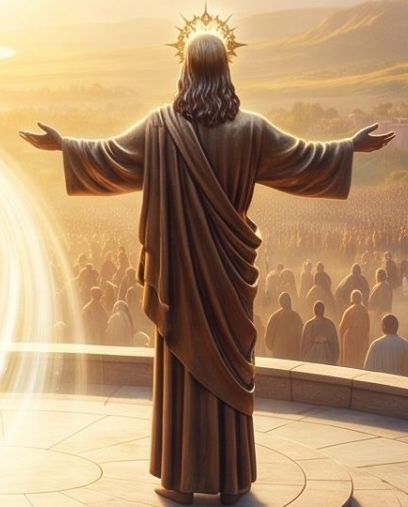


THE
PROMISE



THE PATRIARCHS

THE MESSIAH



This raises many
questions....





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The glory
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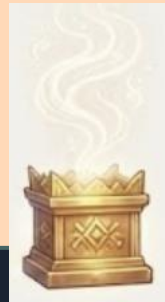


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Rom. 8:15

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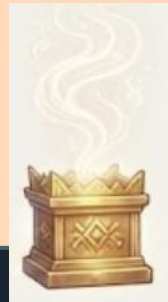
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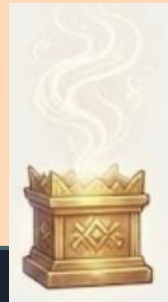
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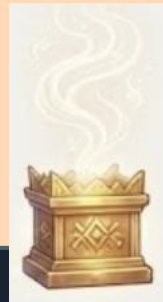


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Rom. 8:28-30

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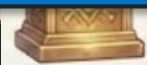
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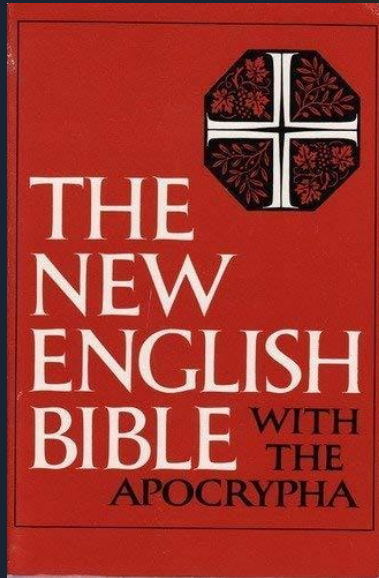
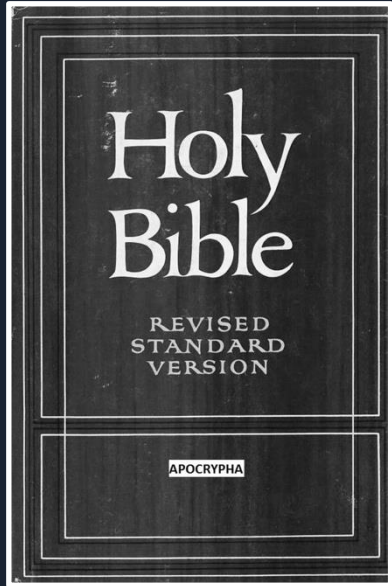
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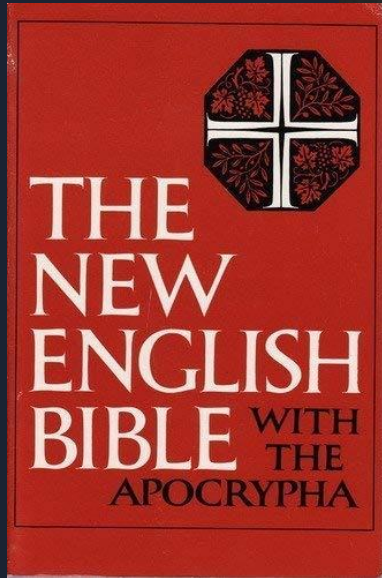
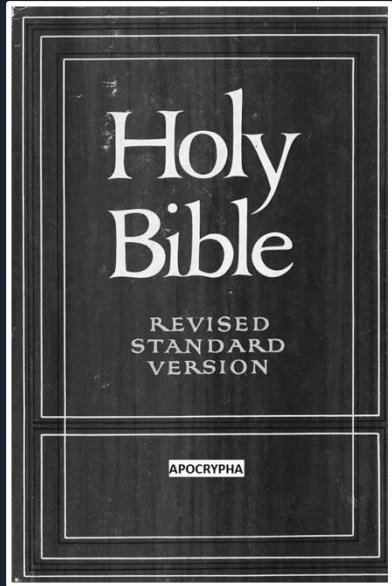


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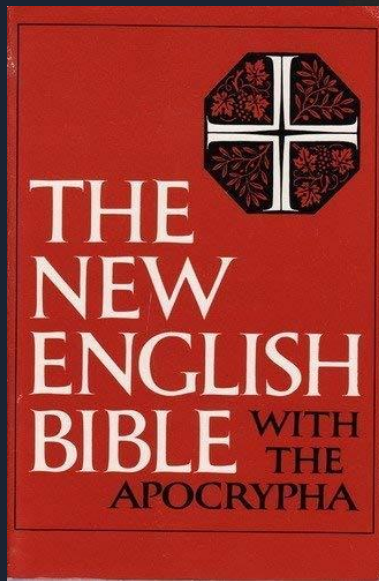
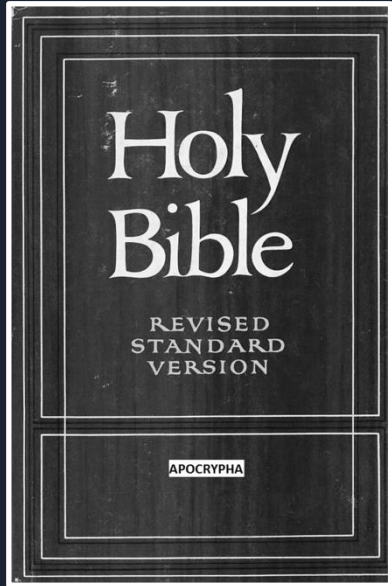


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Jer. 8:18-9:1

Micah 7:1-7, 18-20

Hosea 11:8-9

“I’m telling
the truth”

“I’m not
lying”

“Ask my
conscience”





Points for
Home



Points for
Home

Carry the ache



Points for
Home

Carry the ache

“I have great sorrow and
unceasing anguish in my
heart.”

(Rom. 9:2)



Points for
Home



Points for
Home

Guard privilege from
presumption



Points for
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“to them belong...”
(Rom. 9:4)



Points for
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Don't let privilege
become presumption



Points for
Home



Points for
Home

Bless God in grief,
not just after!



Points for
Home

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“Christ, who is God
over all, blessed
forever. Amen.”
(Rom. 9:5)

Lunch topic:



A photograph of three people sitting at a light-colored table outdoors, eating lunch. On the left, a man with dark hair and a beard, wearing a white button-down shirt, is looking down at a white takeout container of salad. In the center, a woman with brown hair tied back, wearing a white short-sleeved blouse, is looking towards the right and eating from a fork. On the right, a man with short dark hair, wearing a light blue button-down shirt, is looking towards the woman. The table has several white takeout containers of salad, a glass of water, and a plate with orange slices. The background is a wooden slat wall.

Lunch topic:

Think about the person you ache
for, and when you pray do you
end up in worry or worship?

Romans

