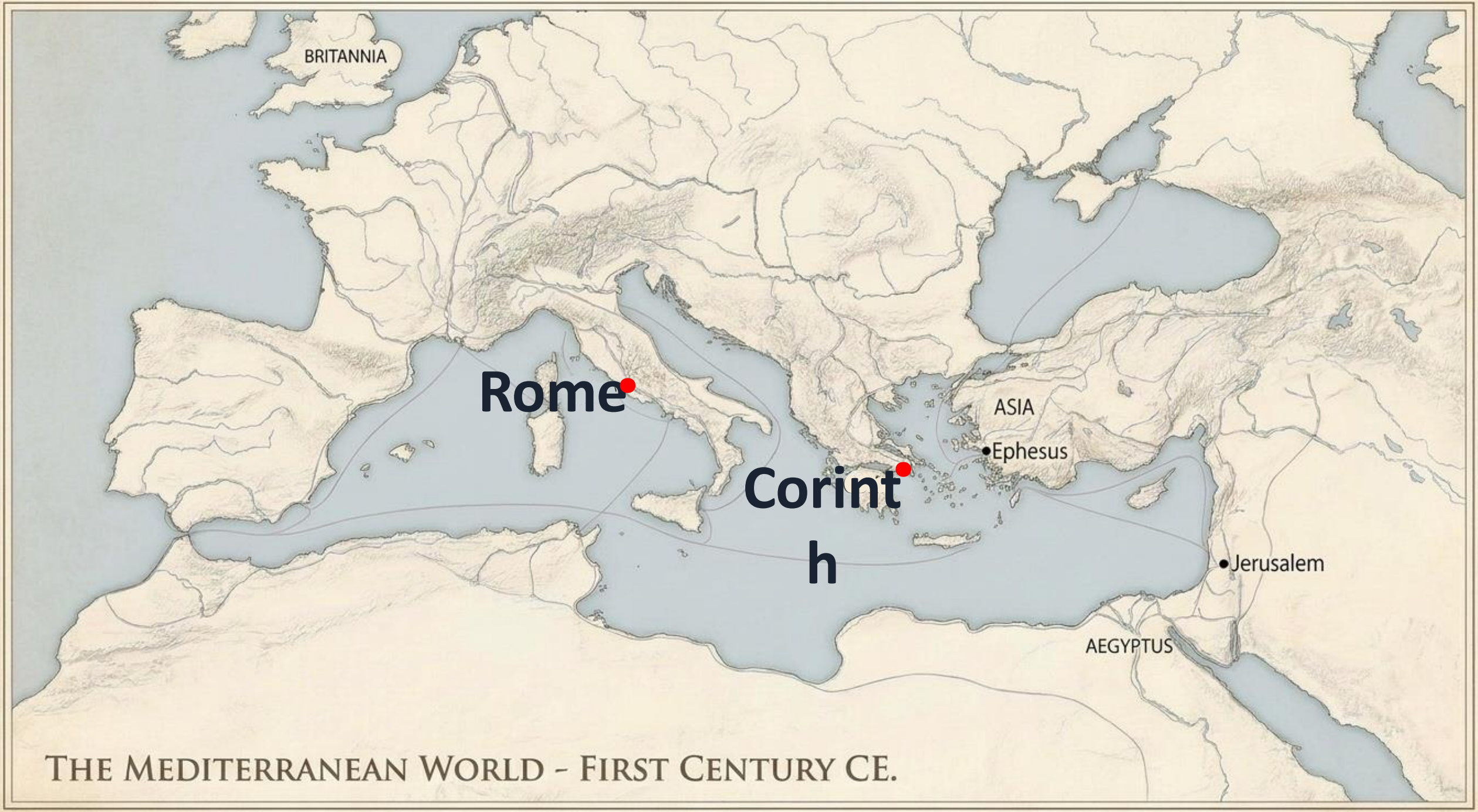
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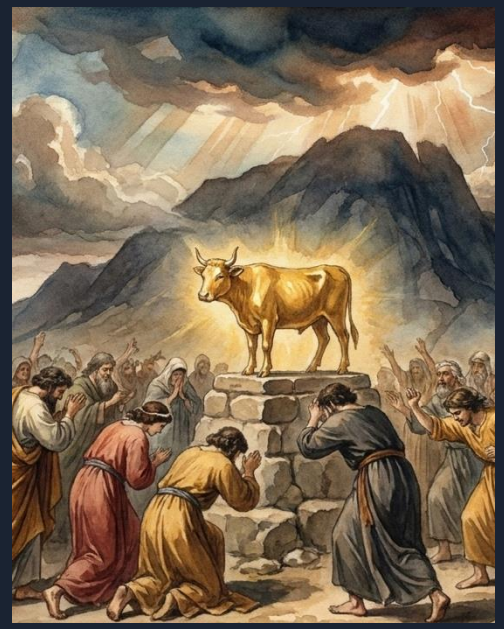


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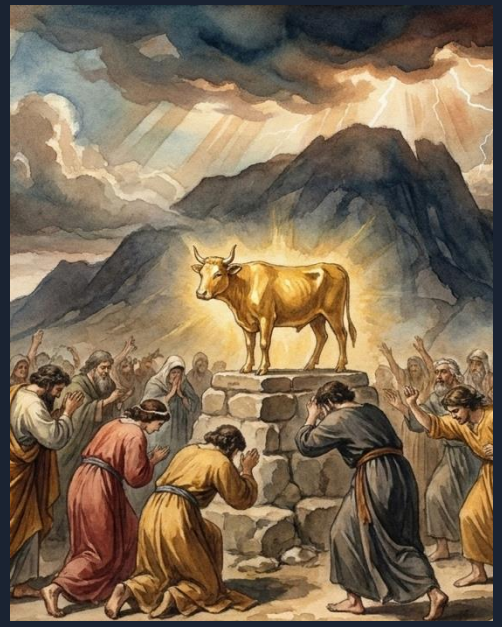


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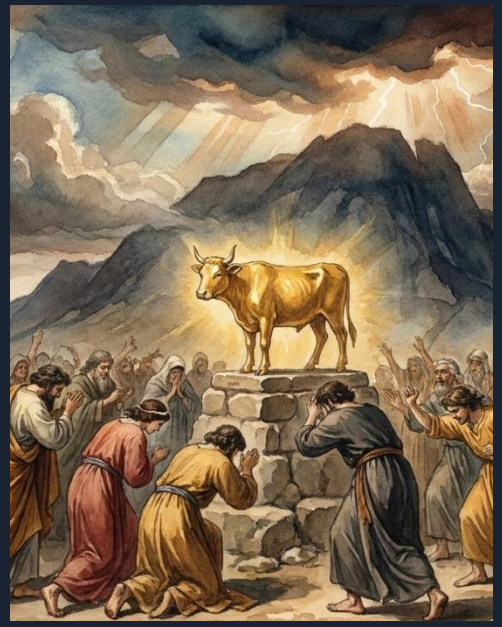


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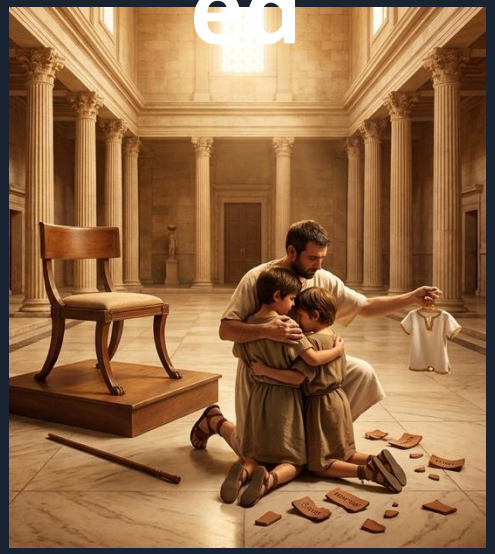
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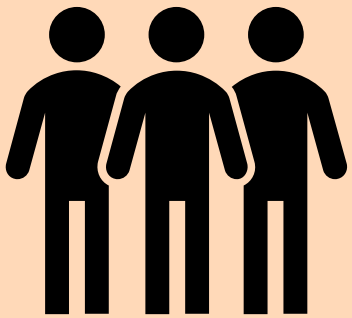
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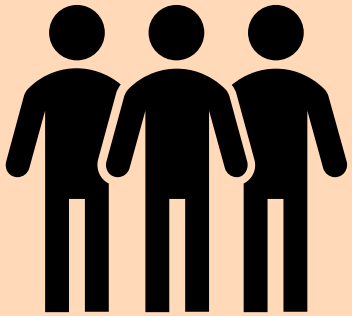
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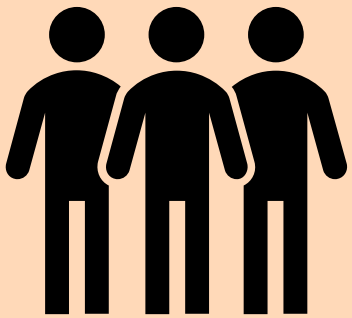
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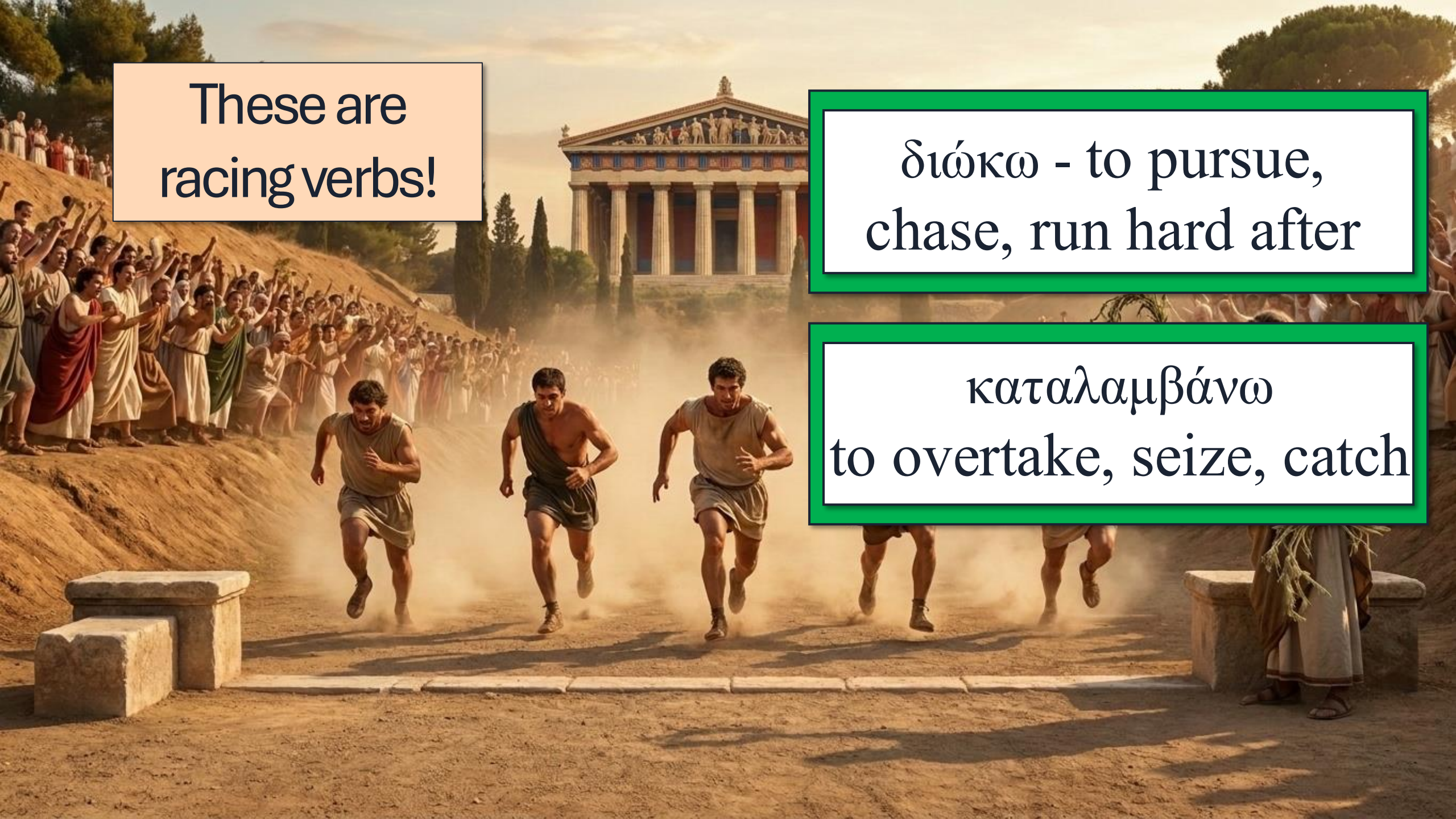
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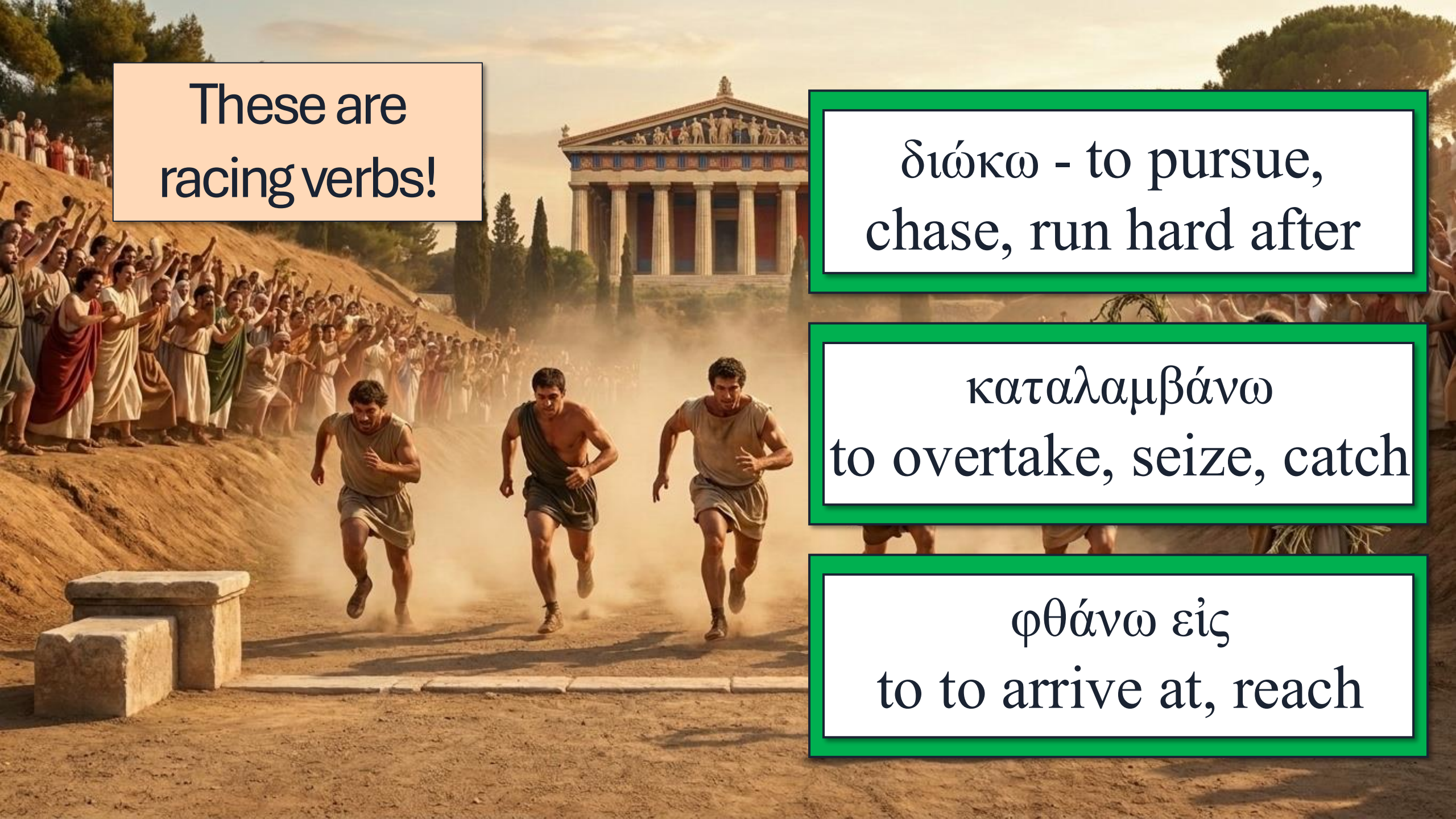
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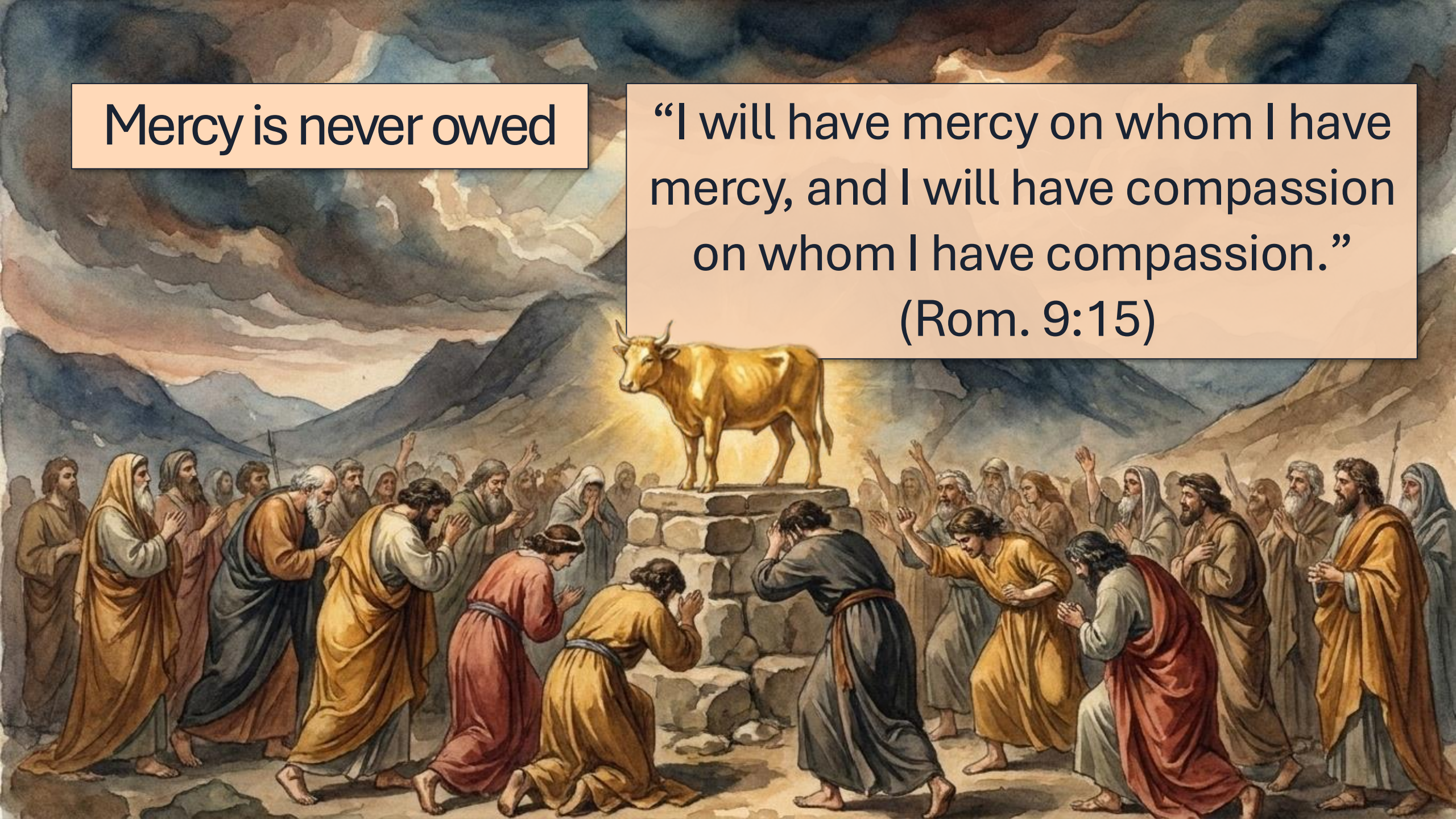
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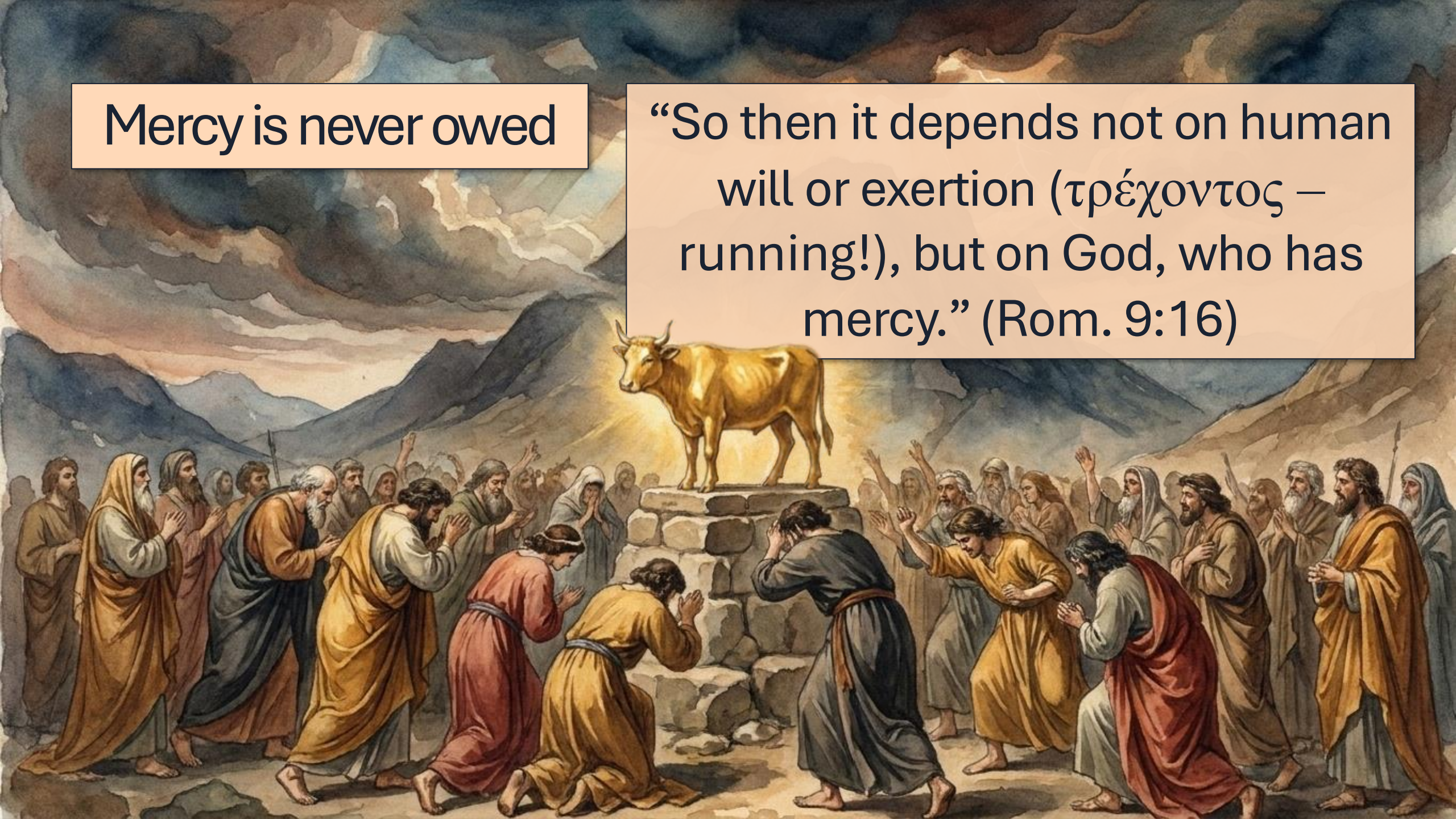

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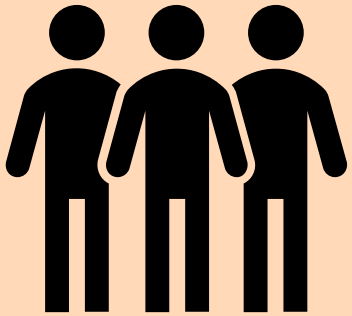
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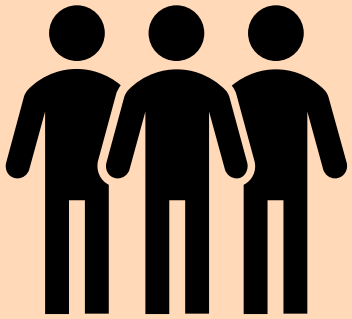
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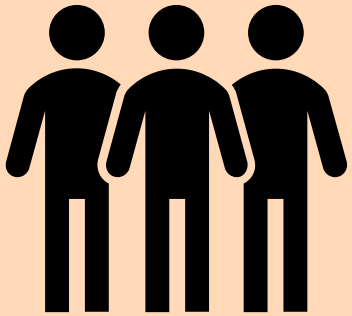


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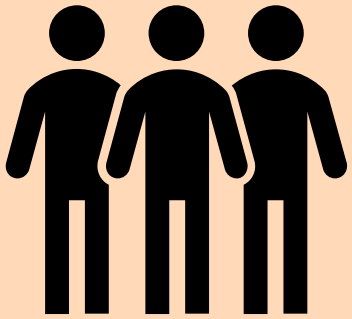


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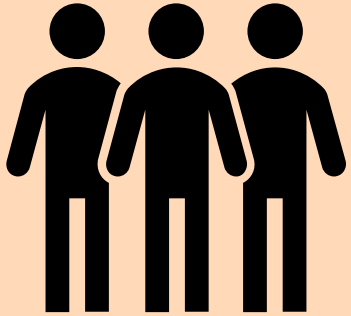


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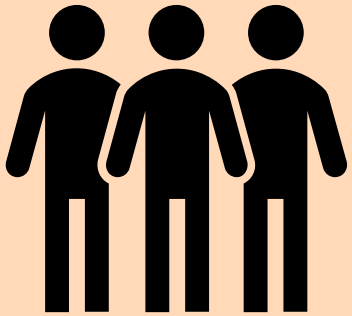
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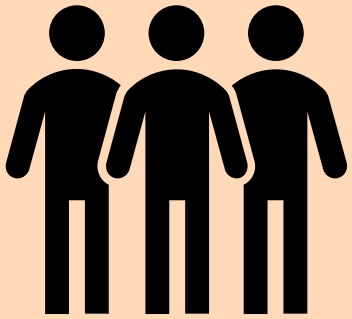


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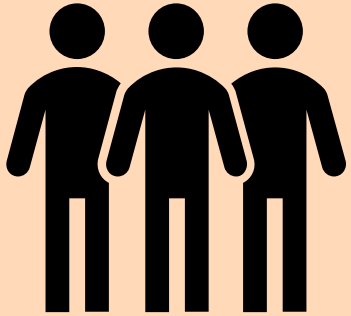


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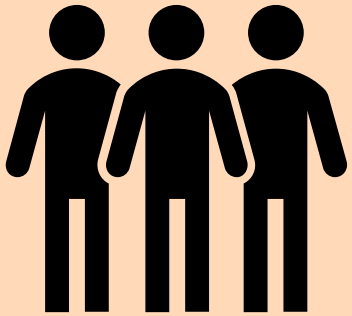


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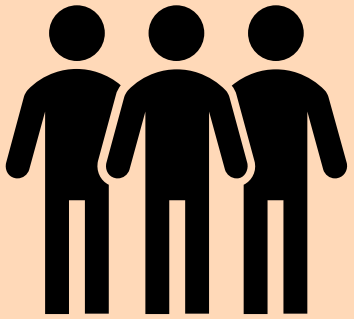
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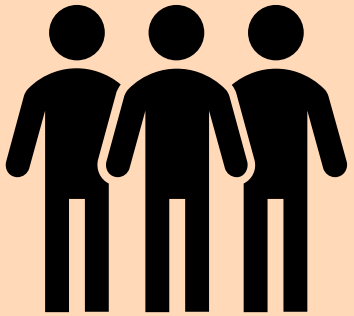
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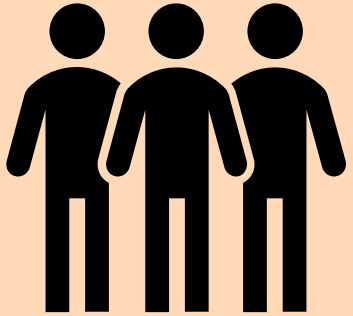


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Wrong focus!



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Rom. 9:32

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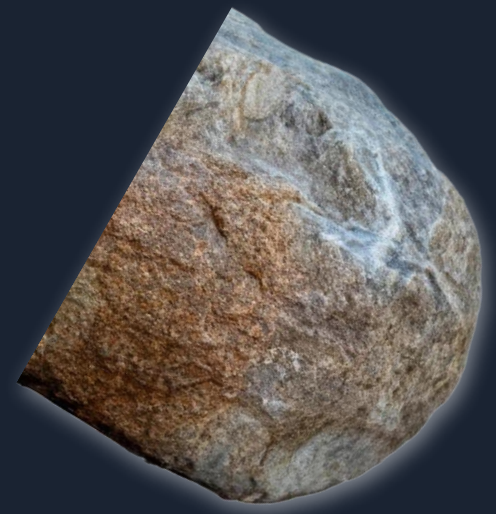
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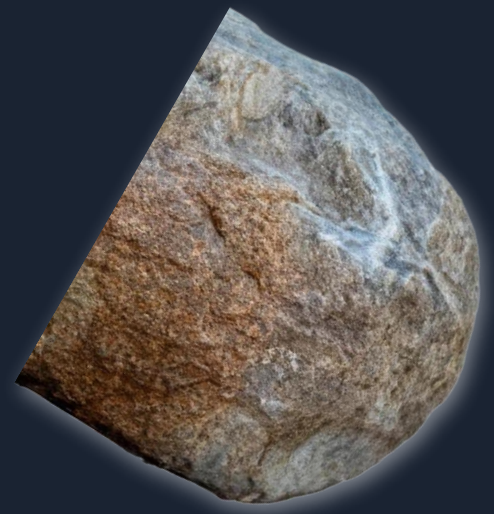
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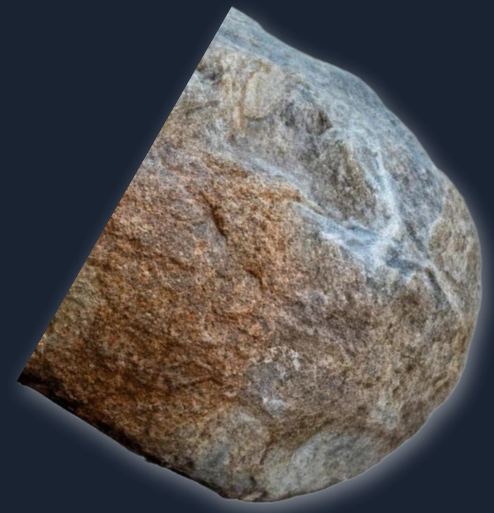




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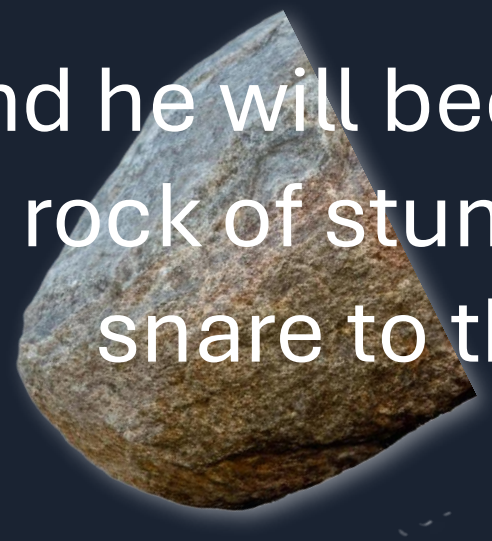
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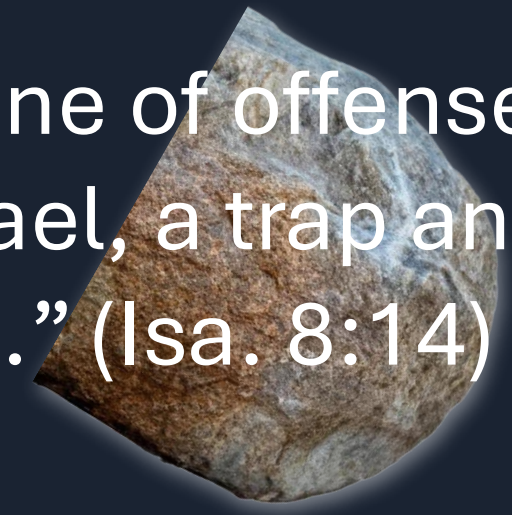


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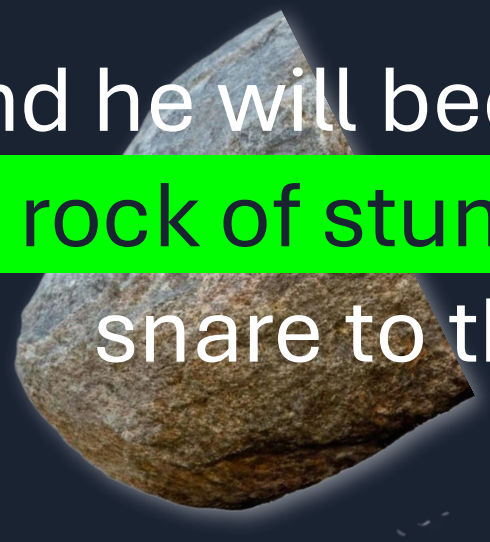


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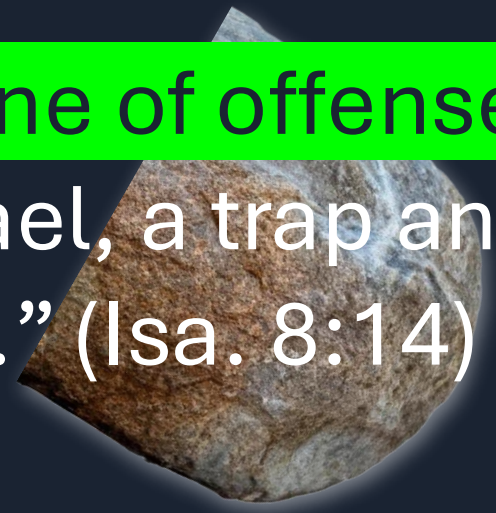


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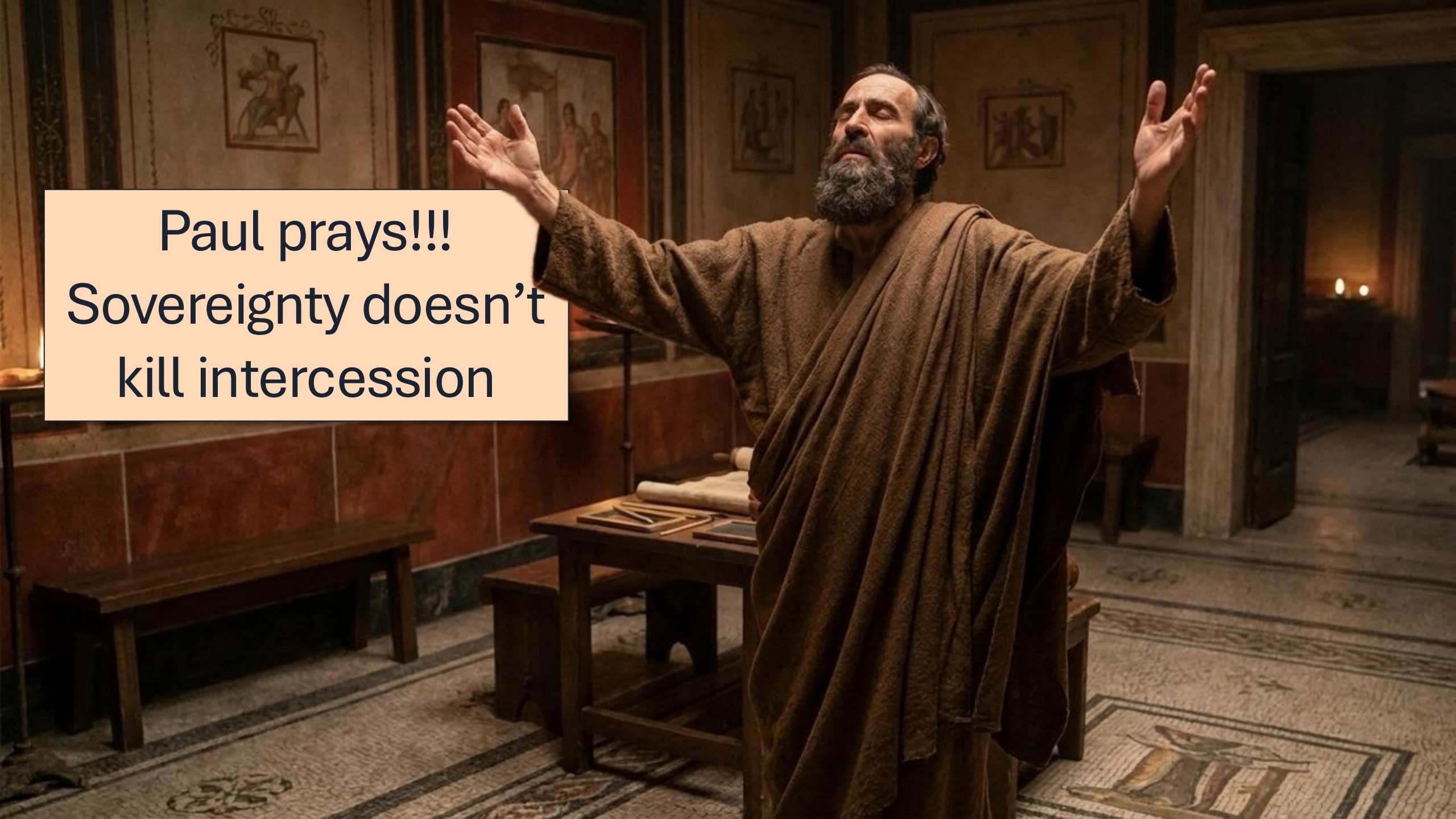
Zeal, Ignorance, and the Finish Line (10:1–4)

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Paul prays!!!
Sovereignty doesn’t kill intercession

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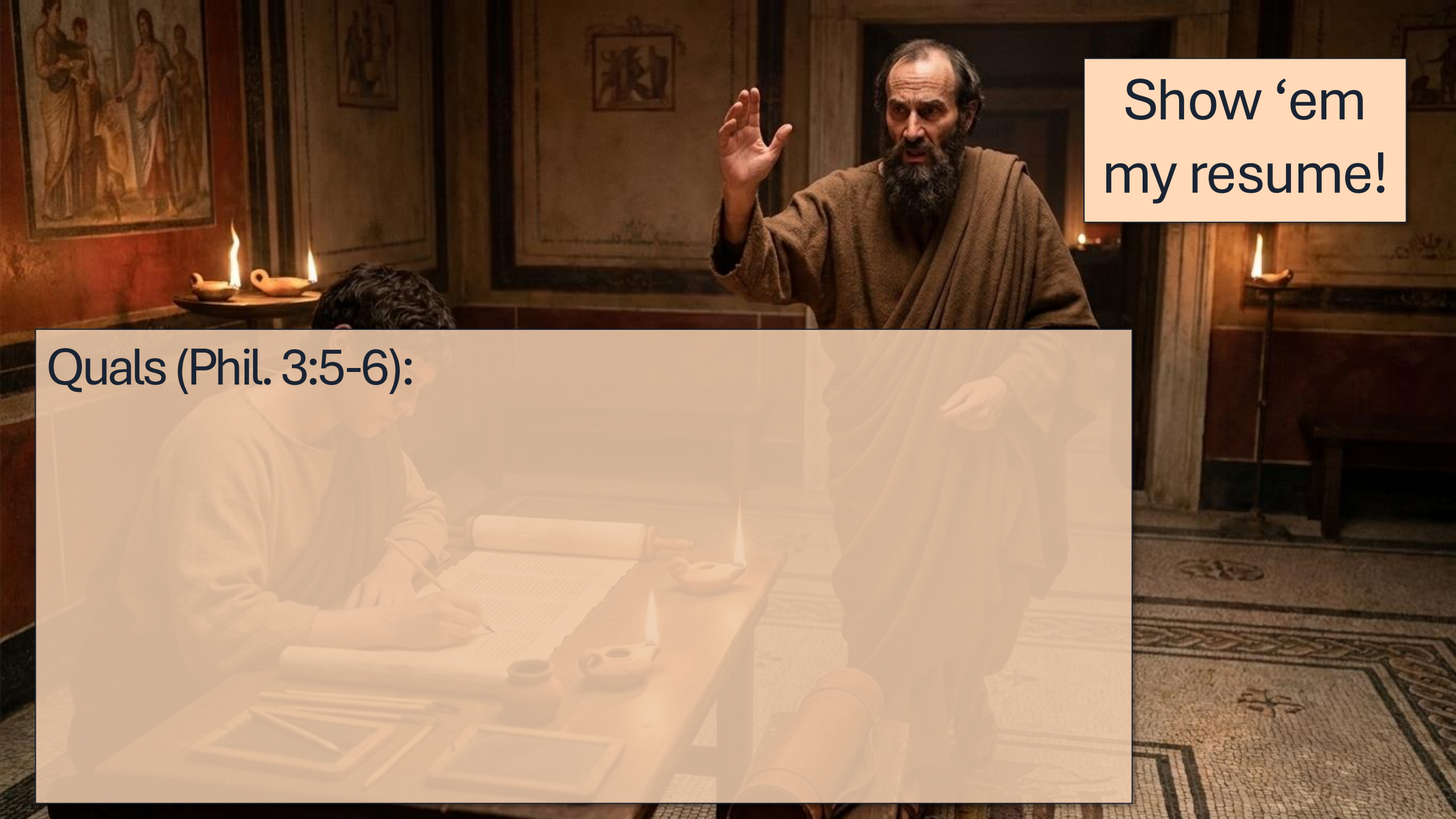
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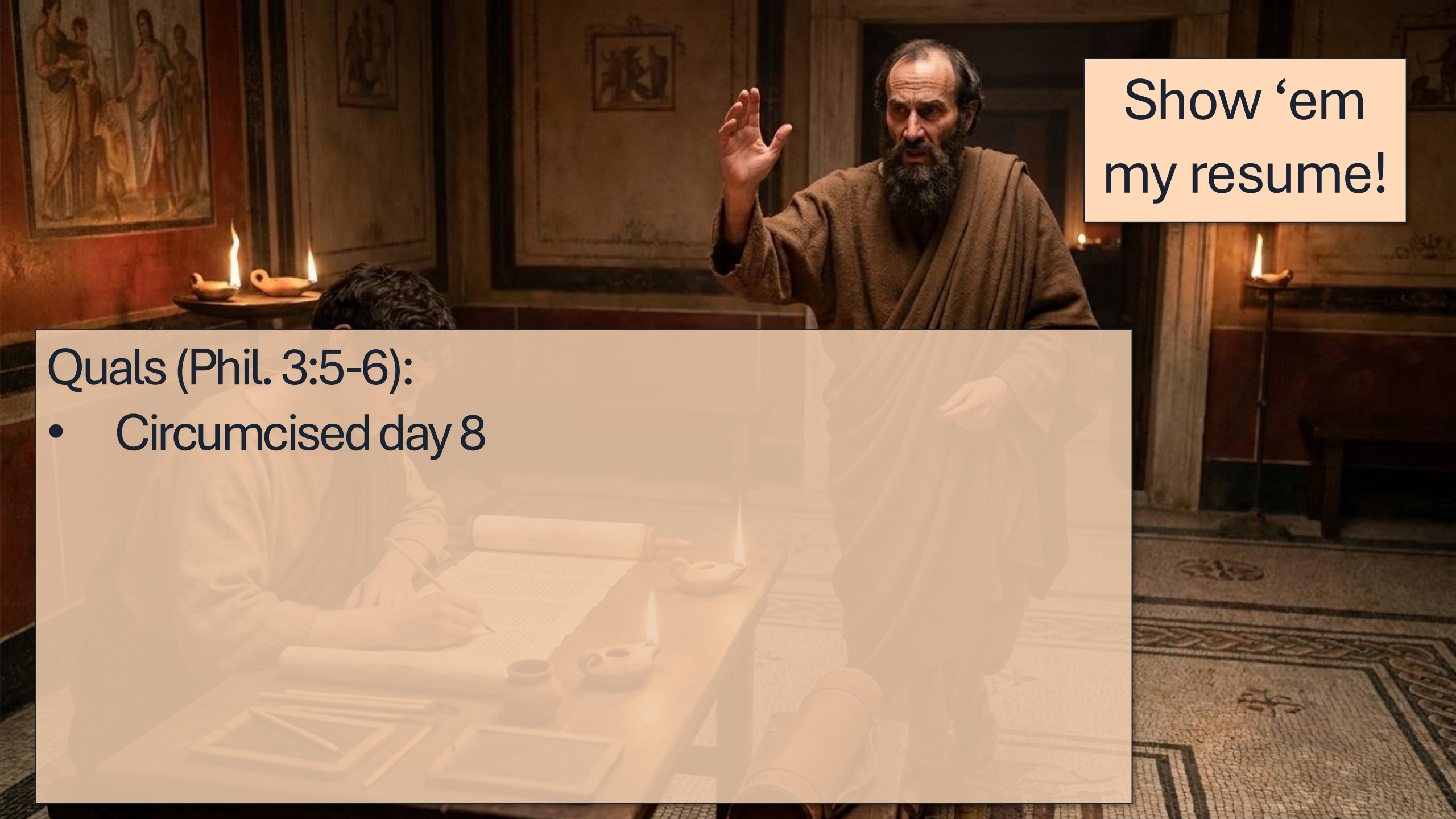

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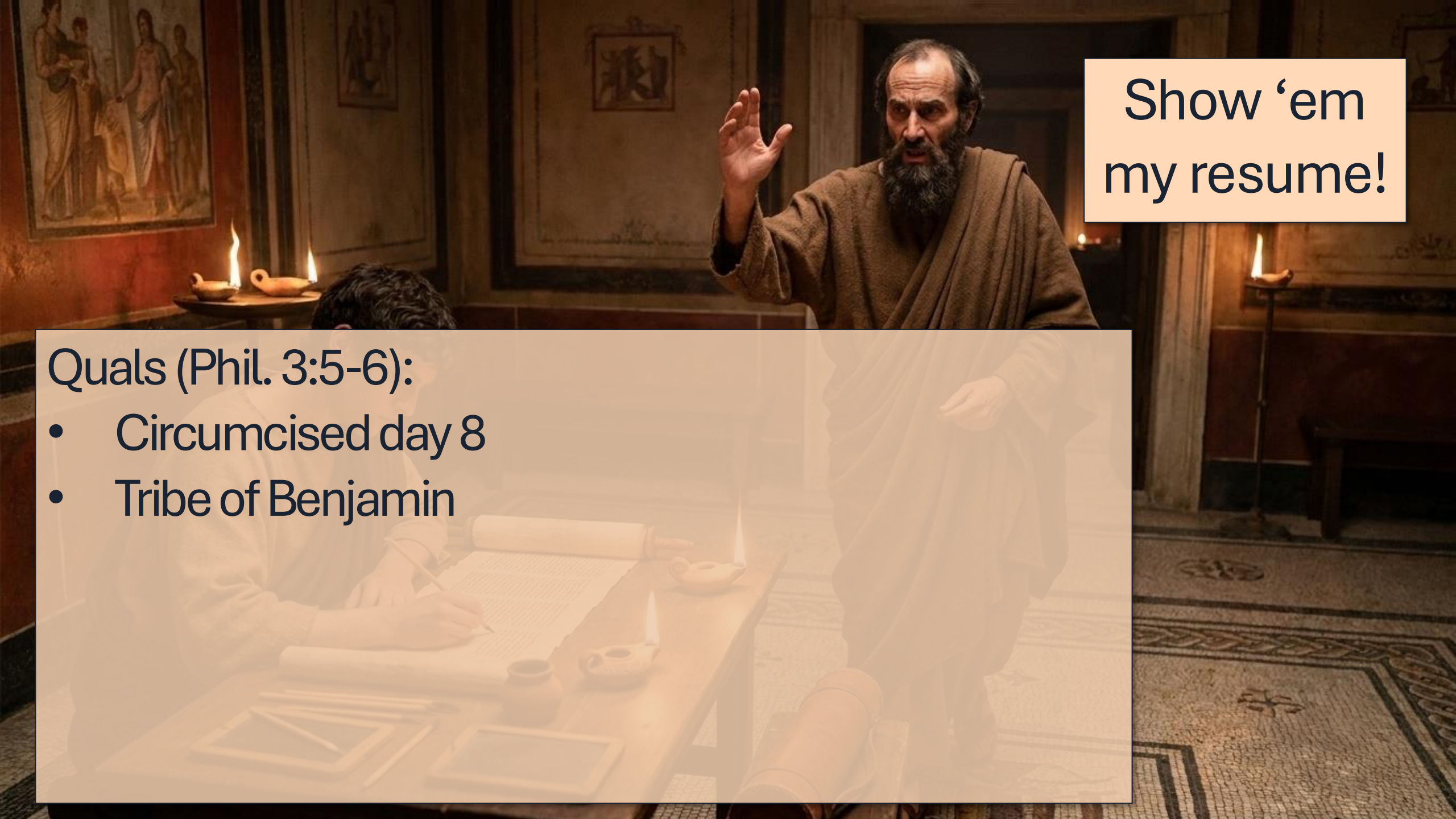
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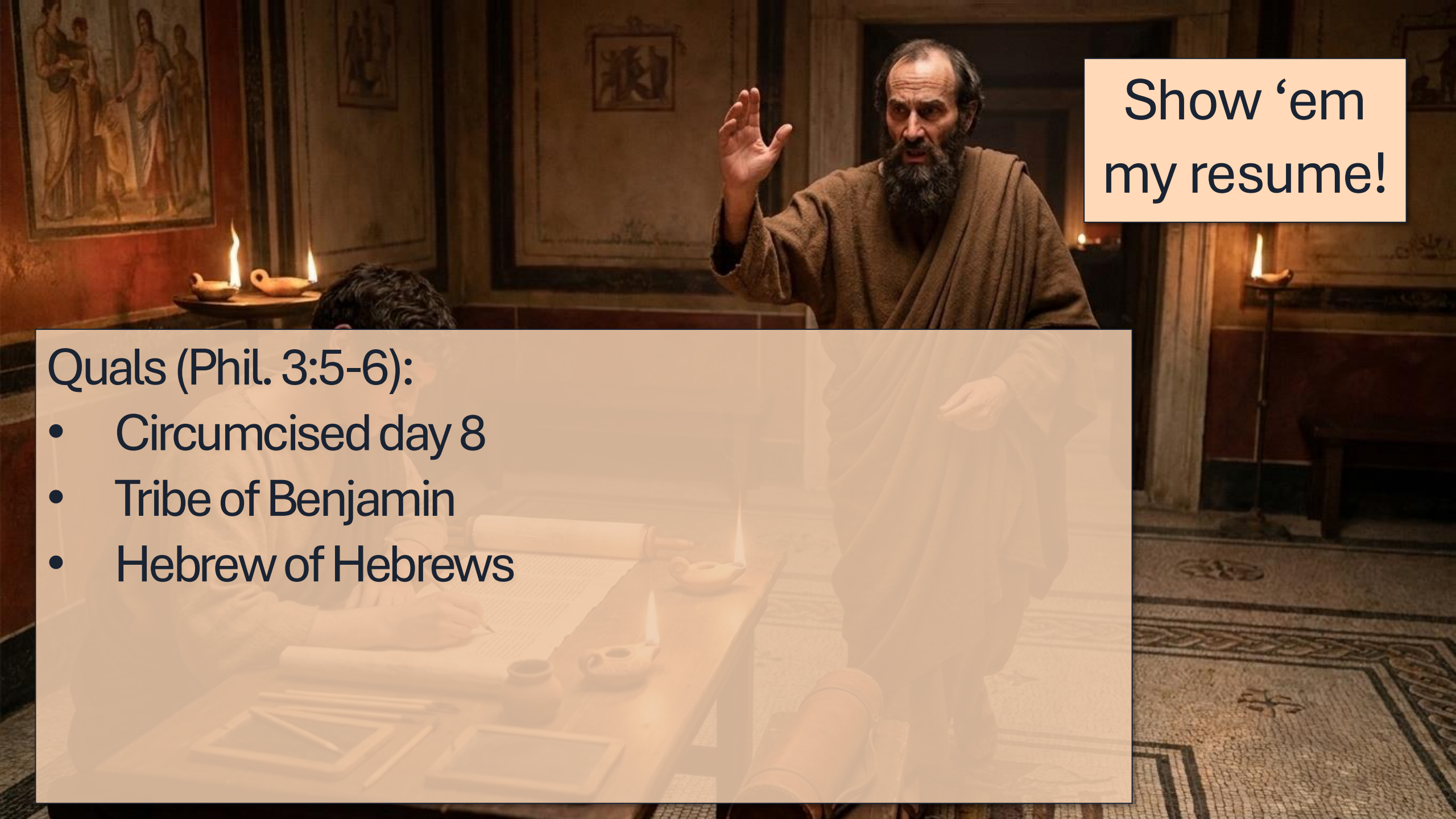
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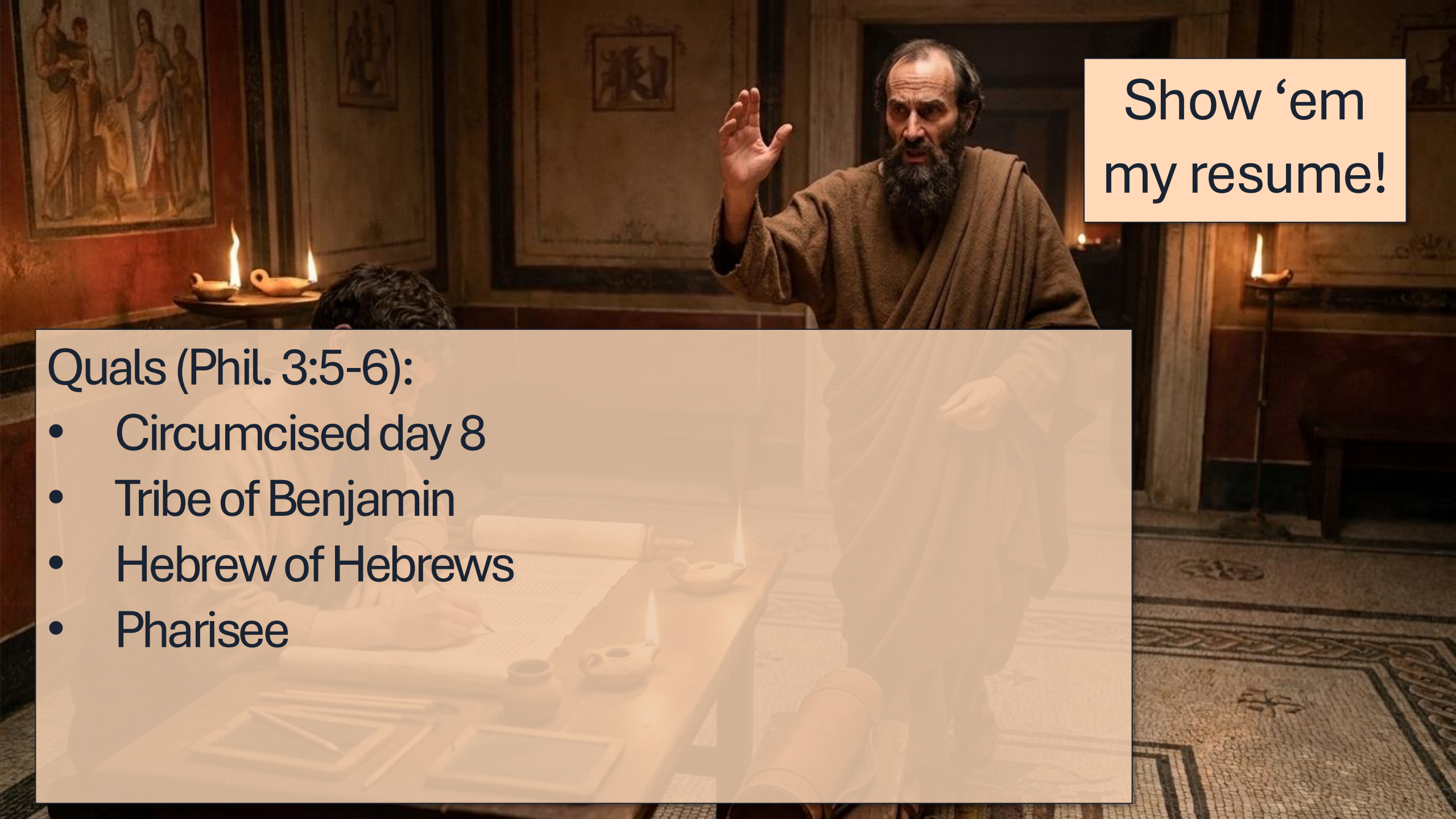
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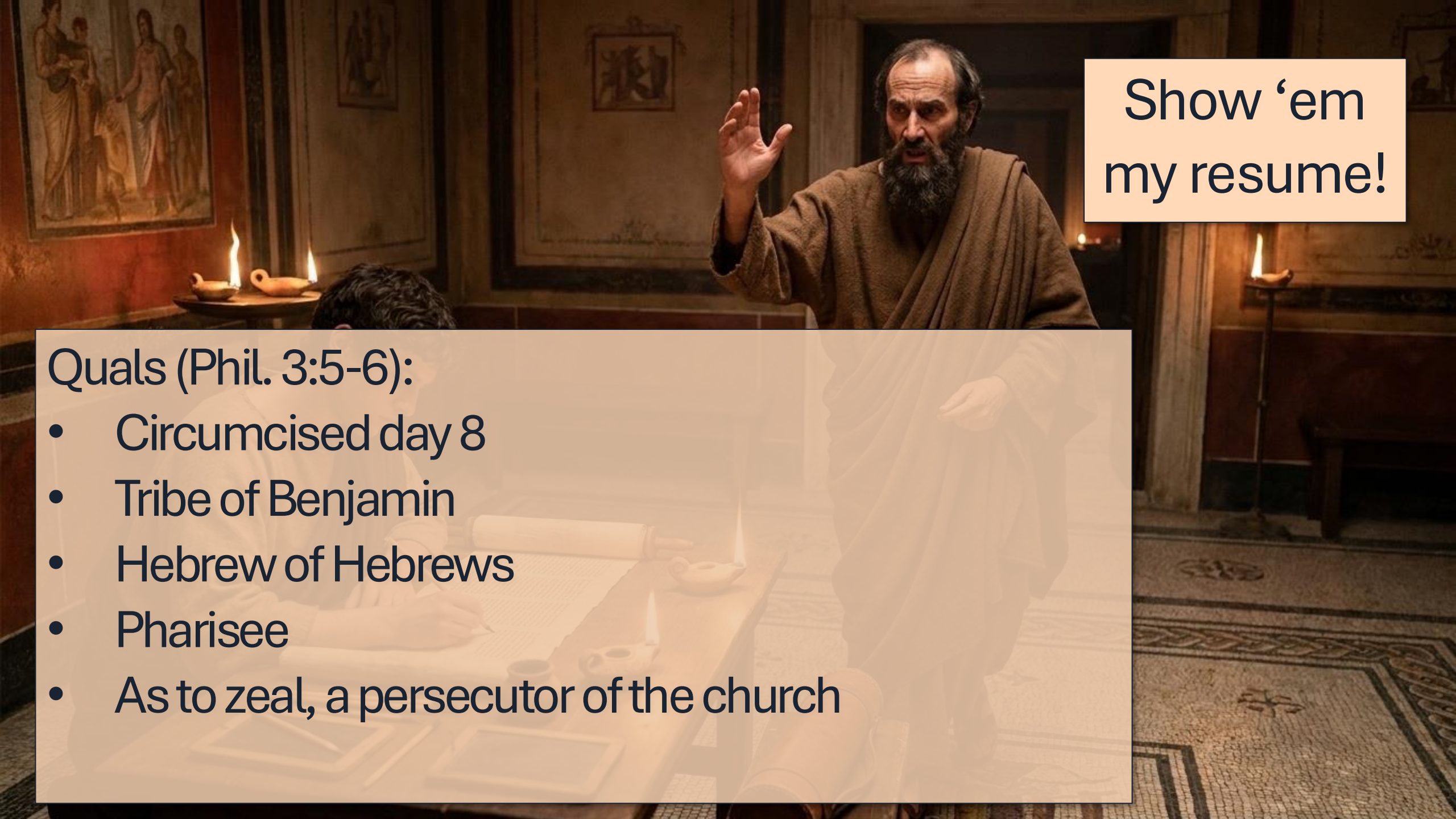
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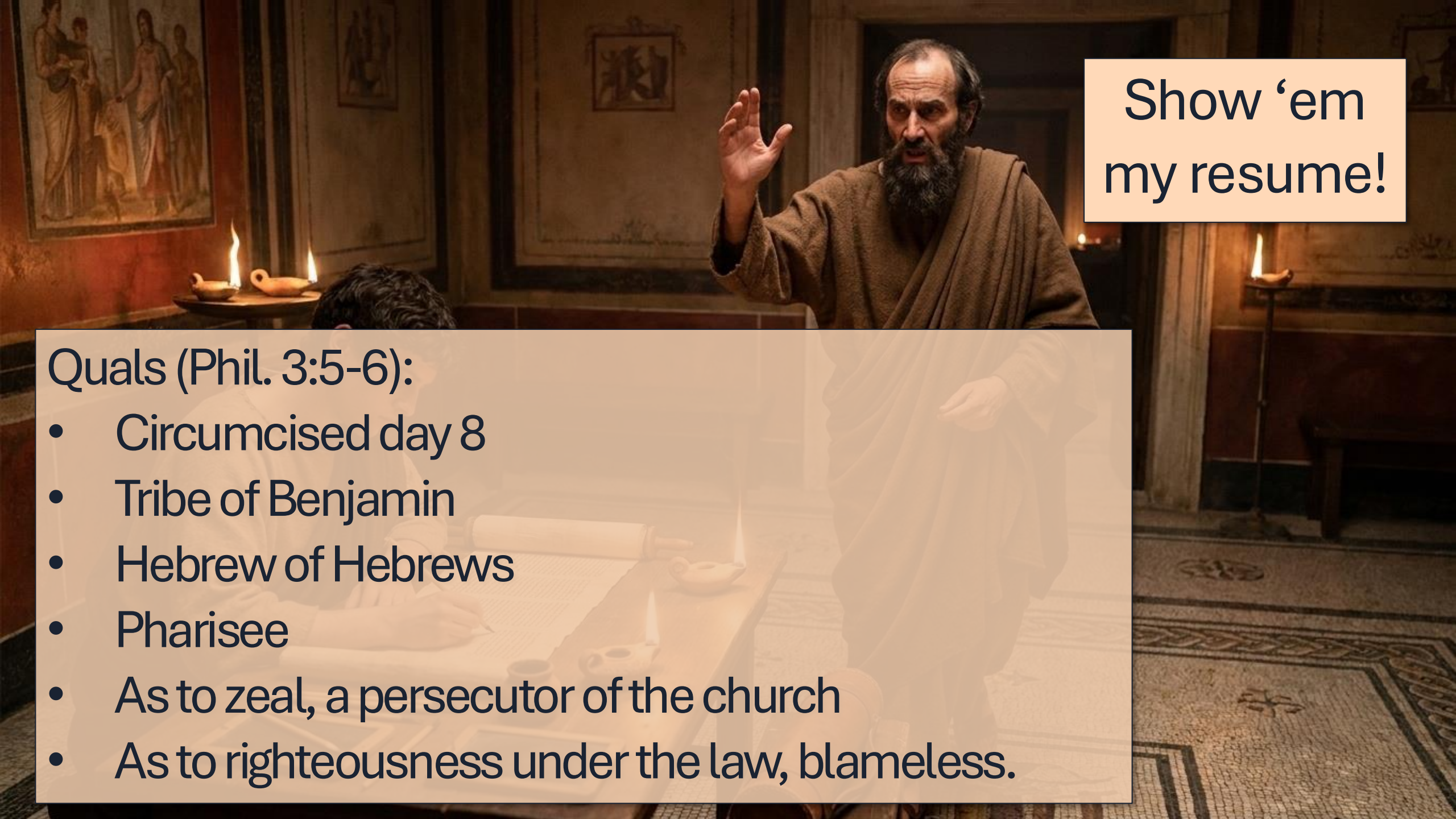
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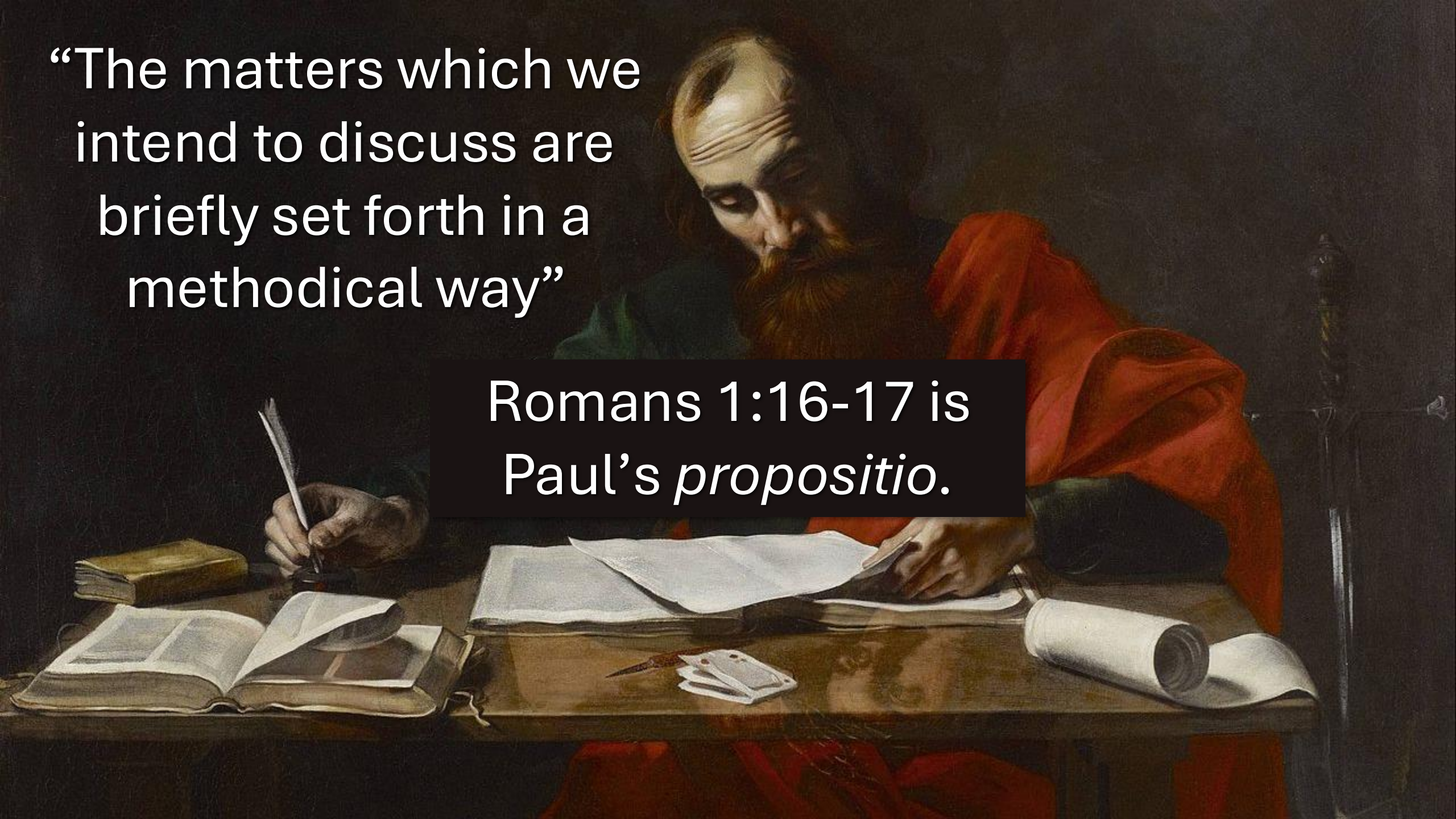
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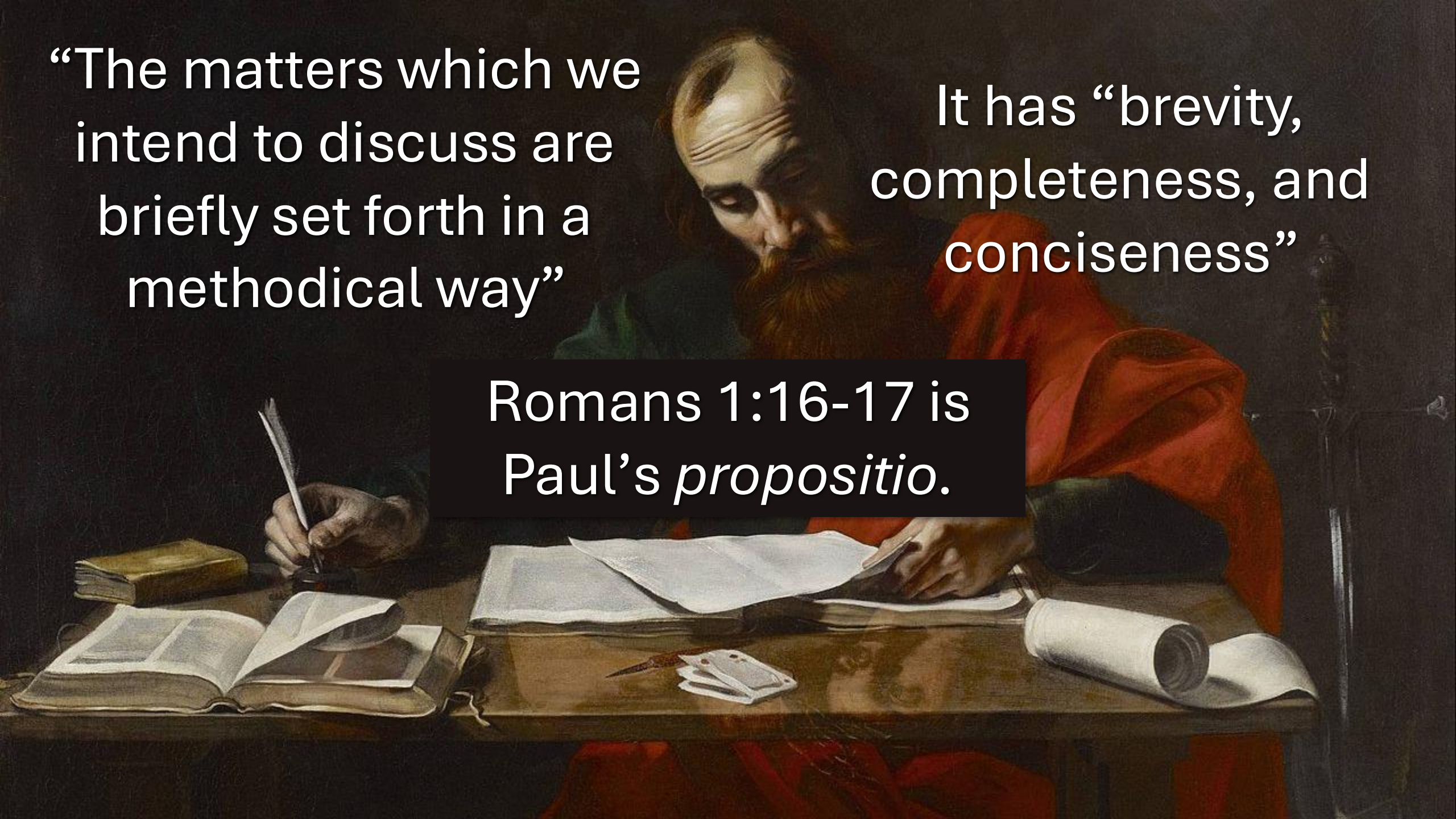
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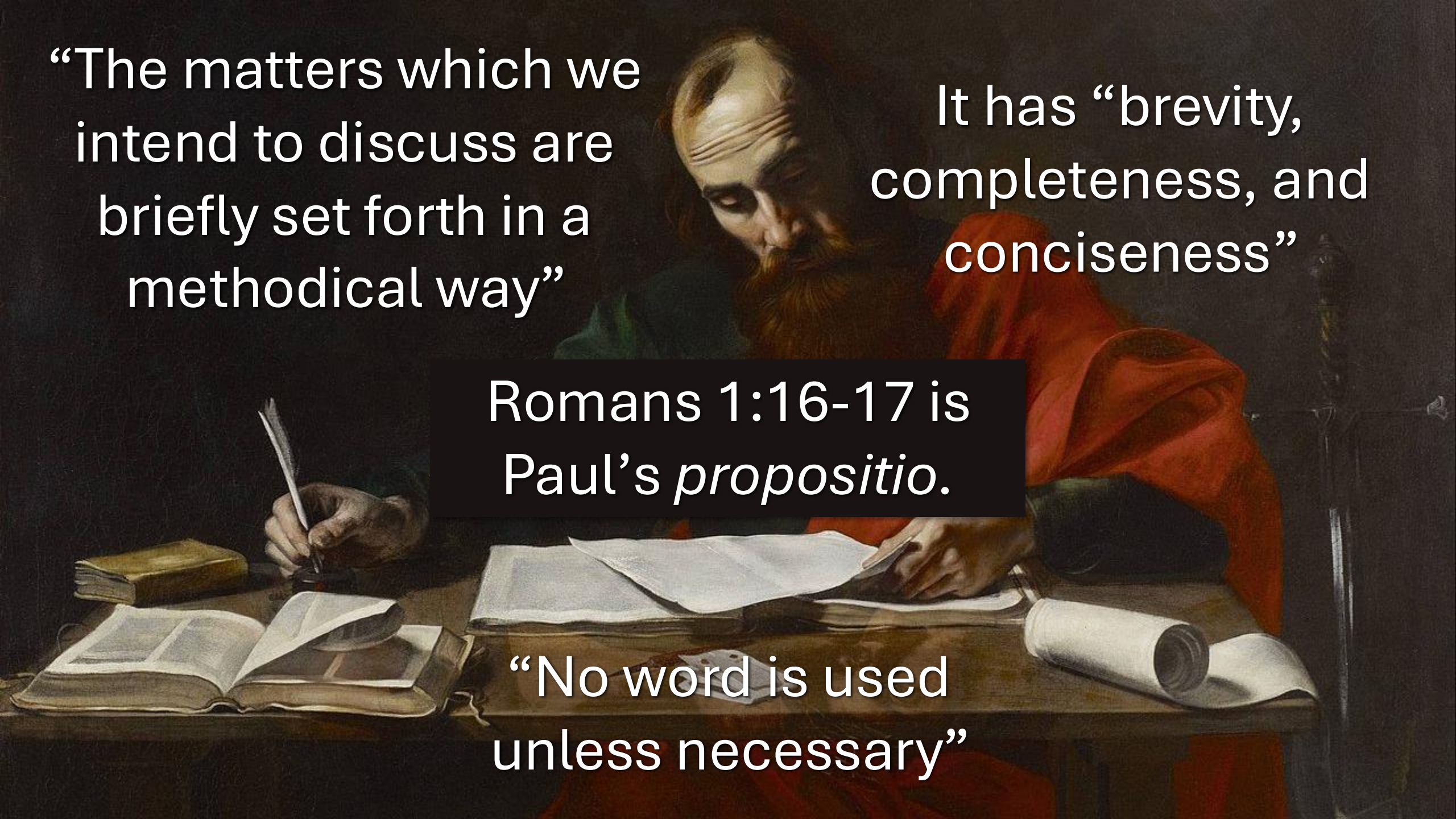

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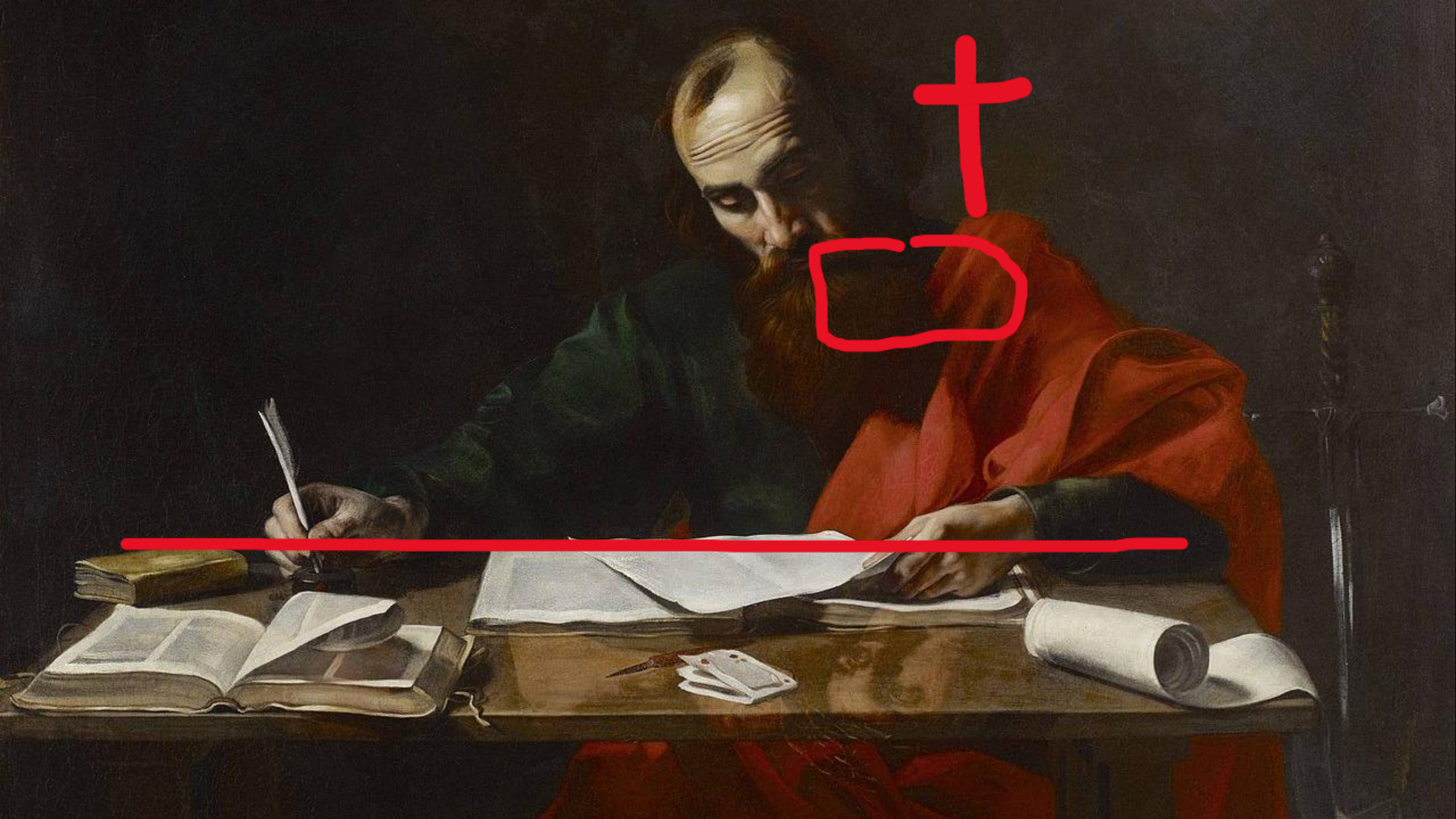


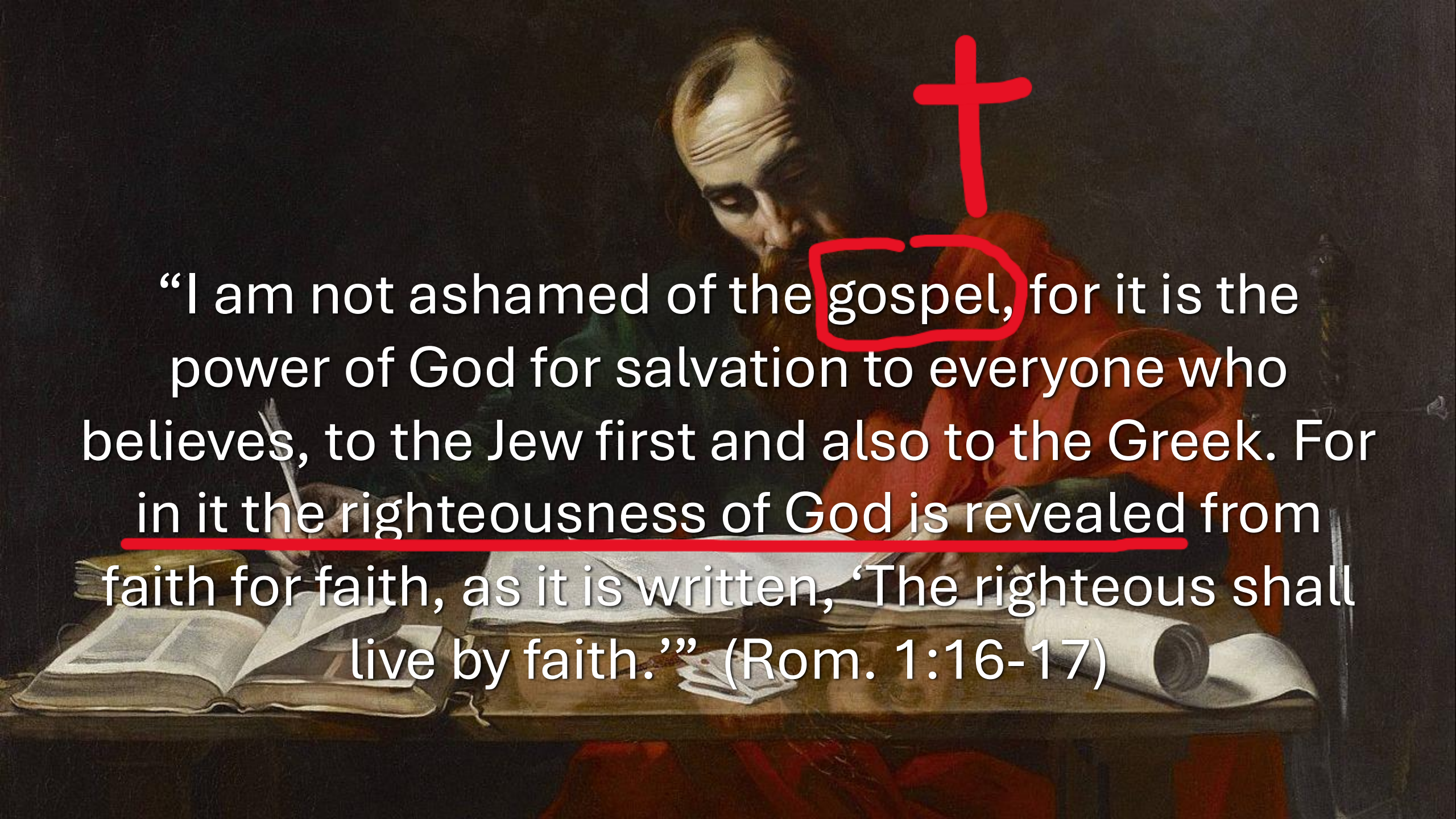
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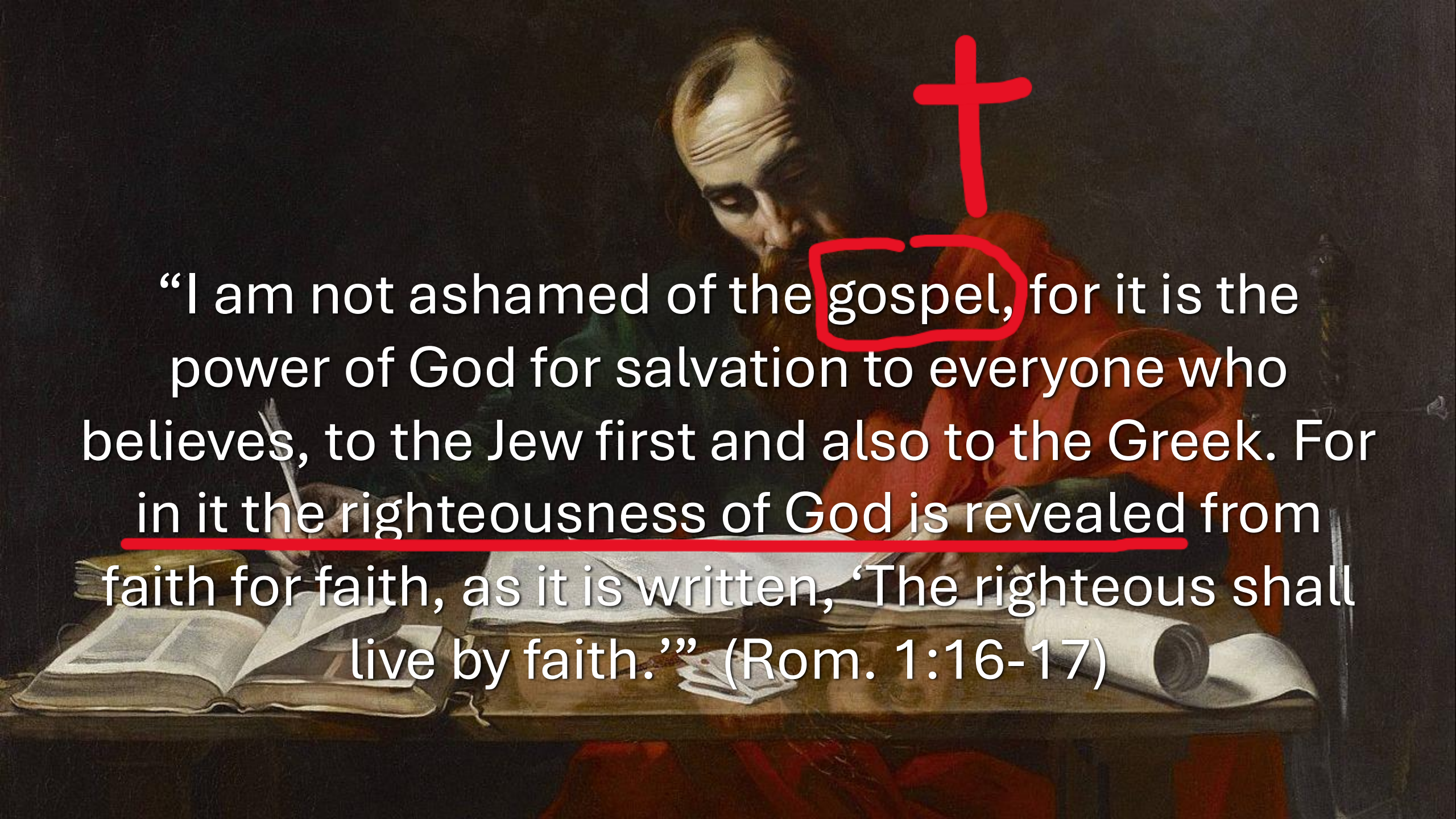
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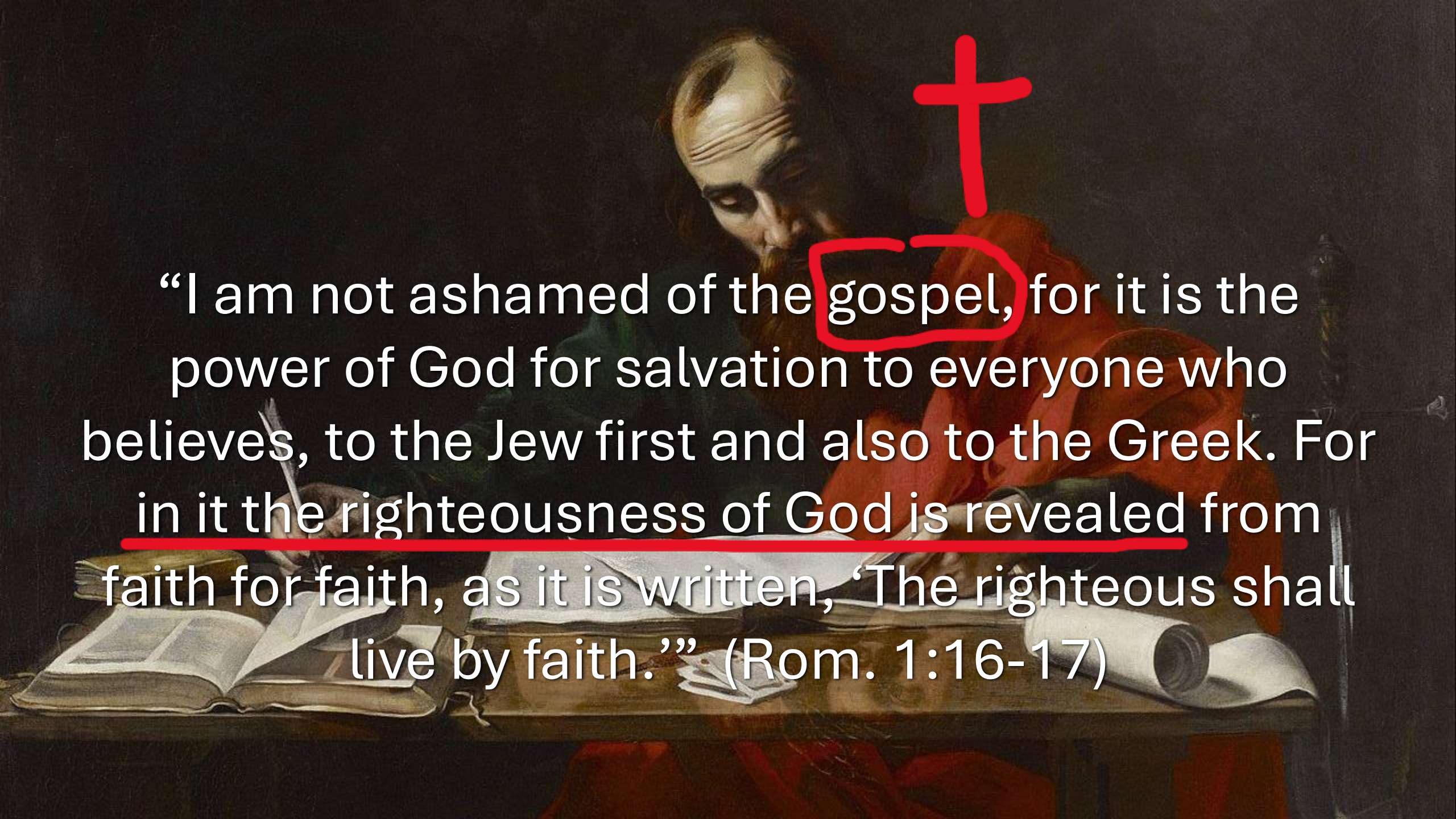




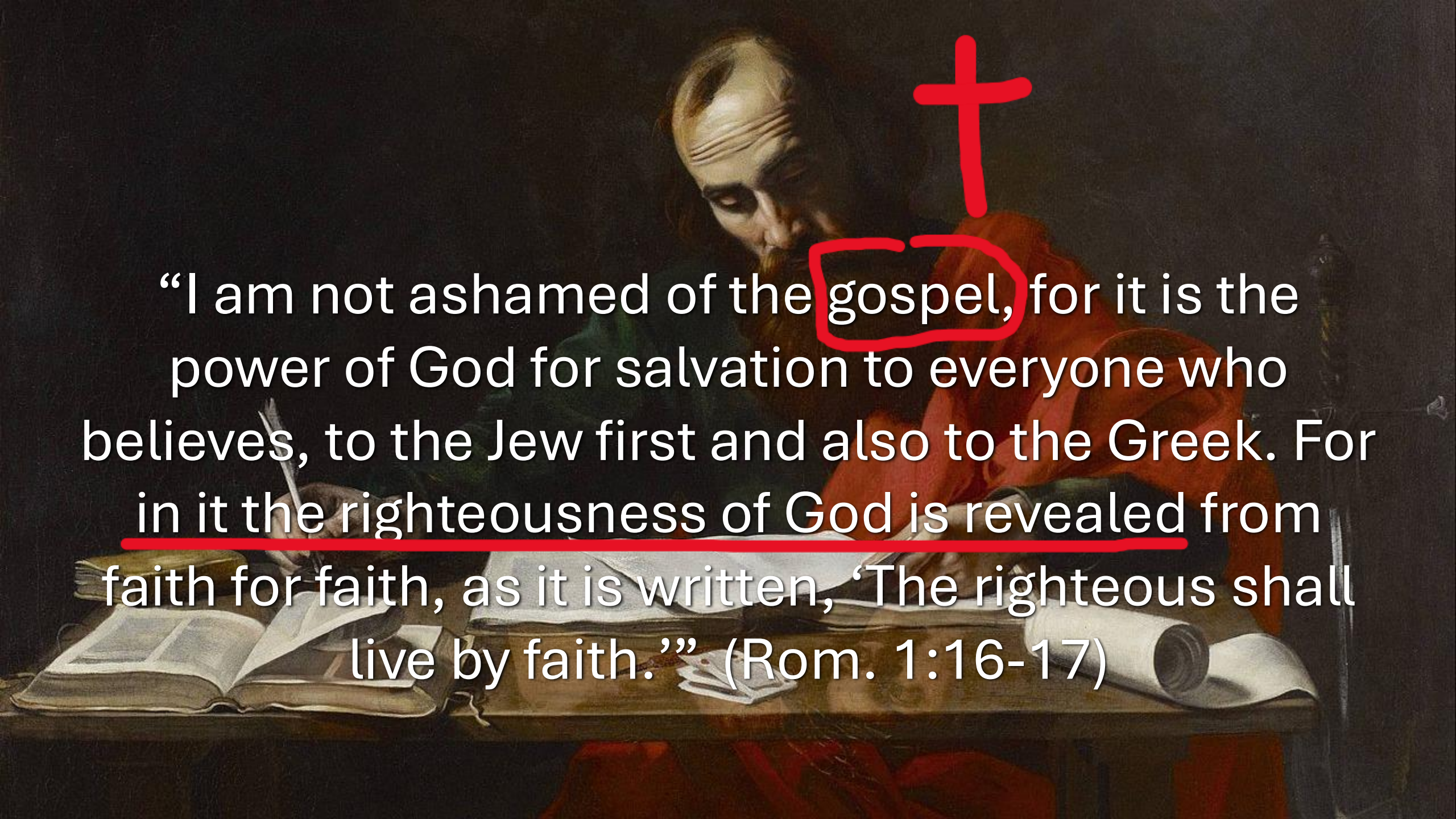
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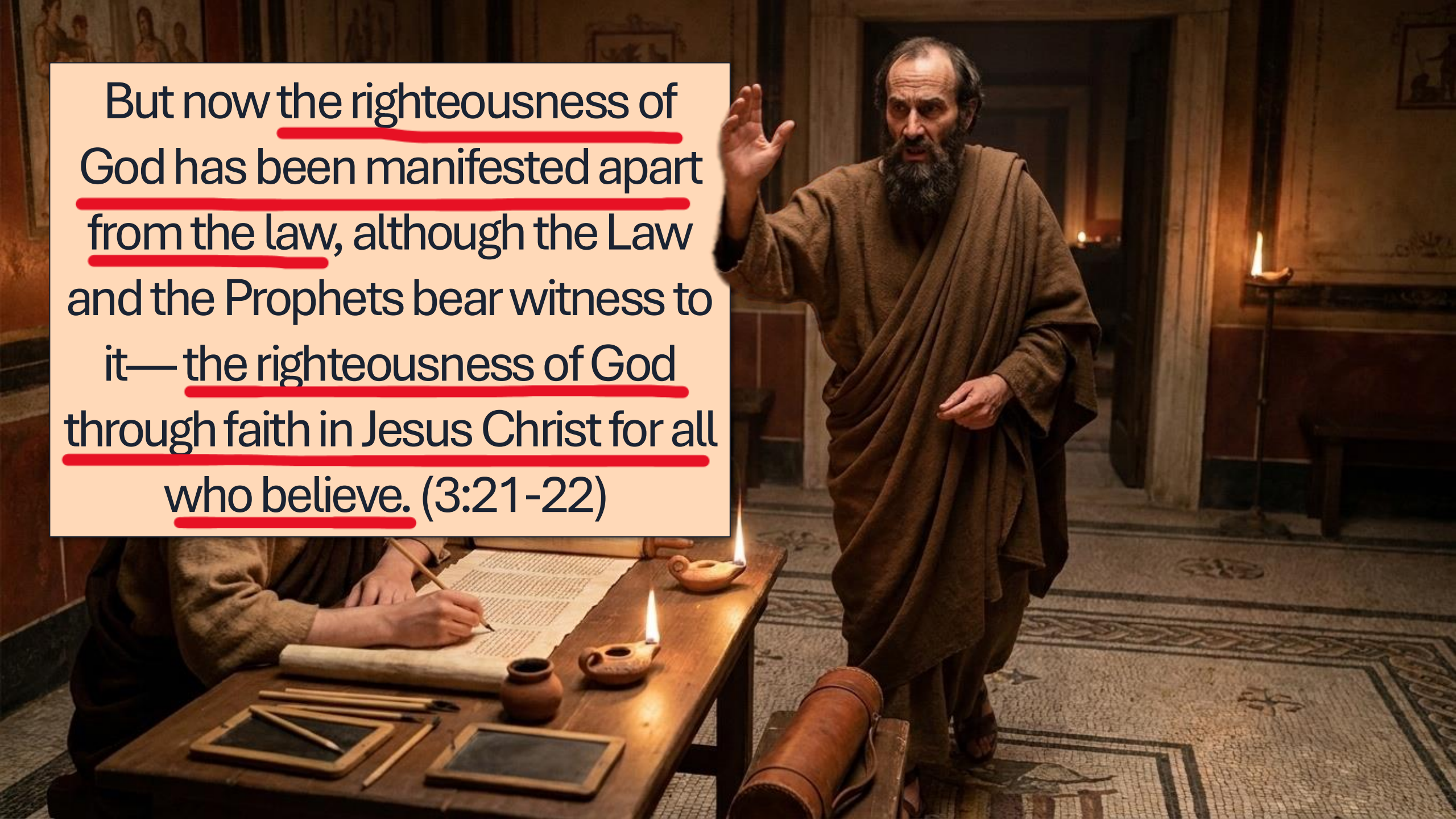
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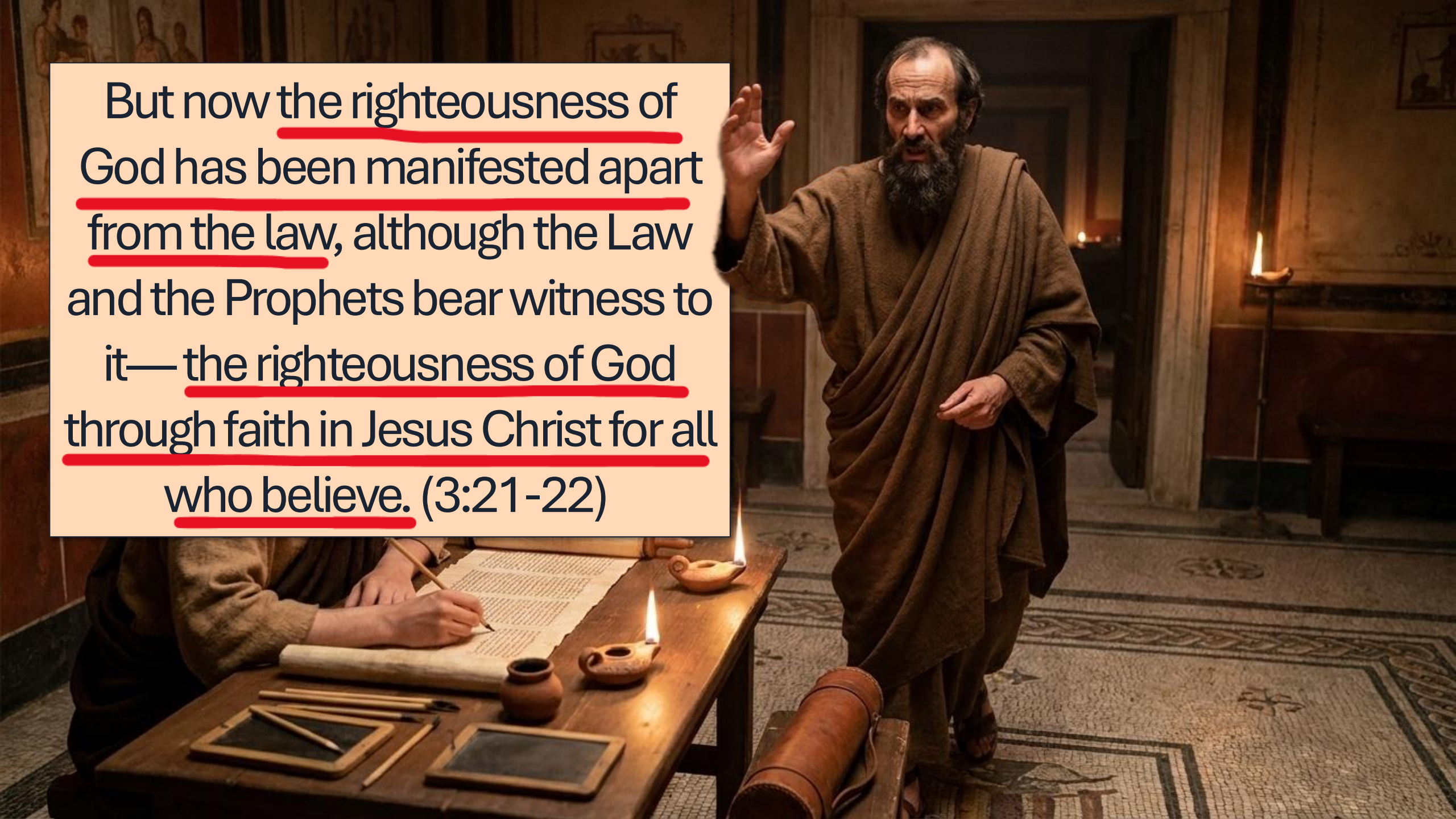


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τέλος (*telos*)
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Isthmus
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Isthmus
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The termination and the end!



Points for Home



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Stop running and stand on Christ!



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“…the righteousness of God through faith in Christ Jesus”
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Lunch topic:


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How do you run your race?

Romans

