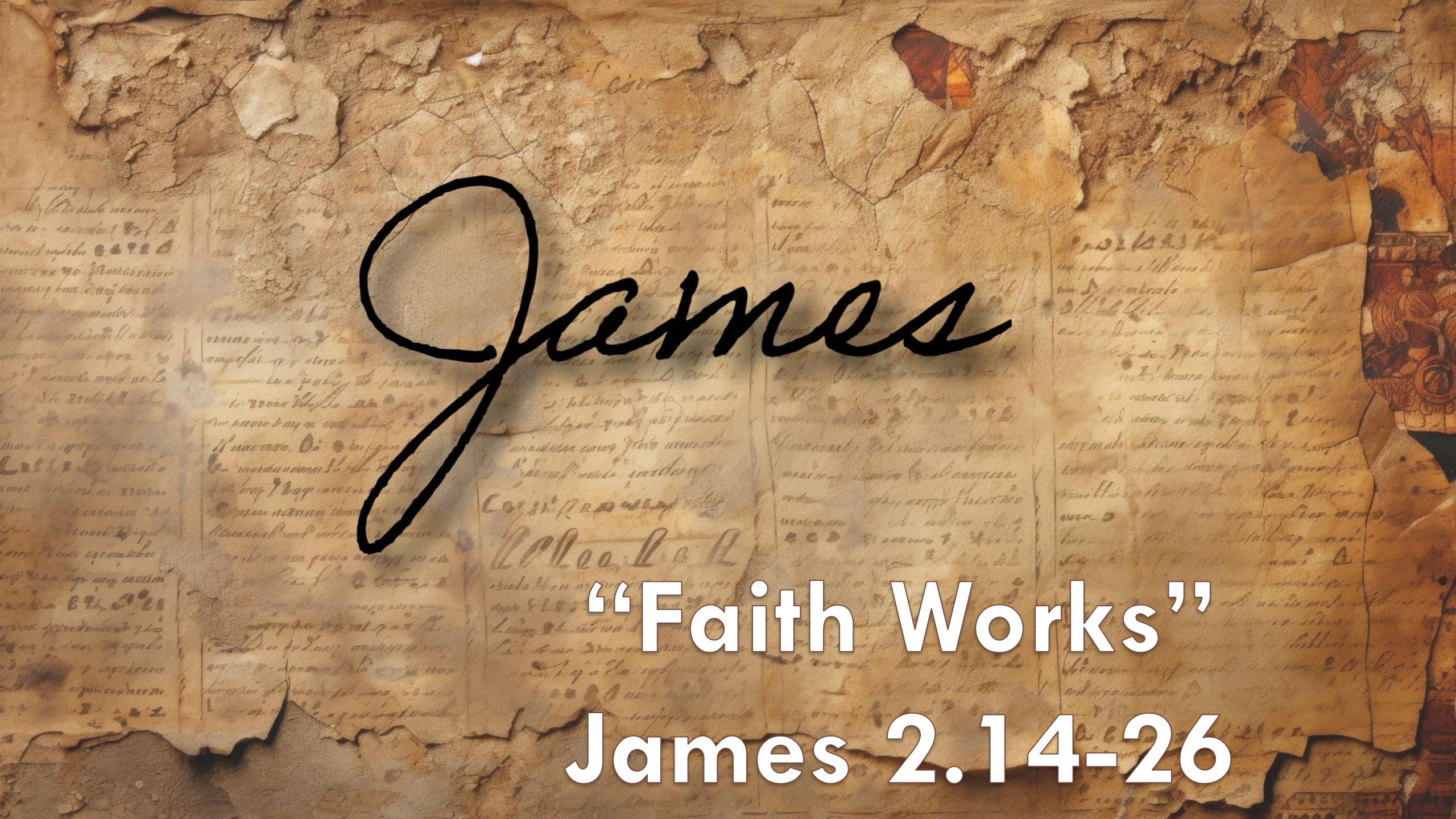
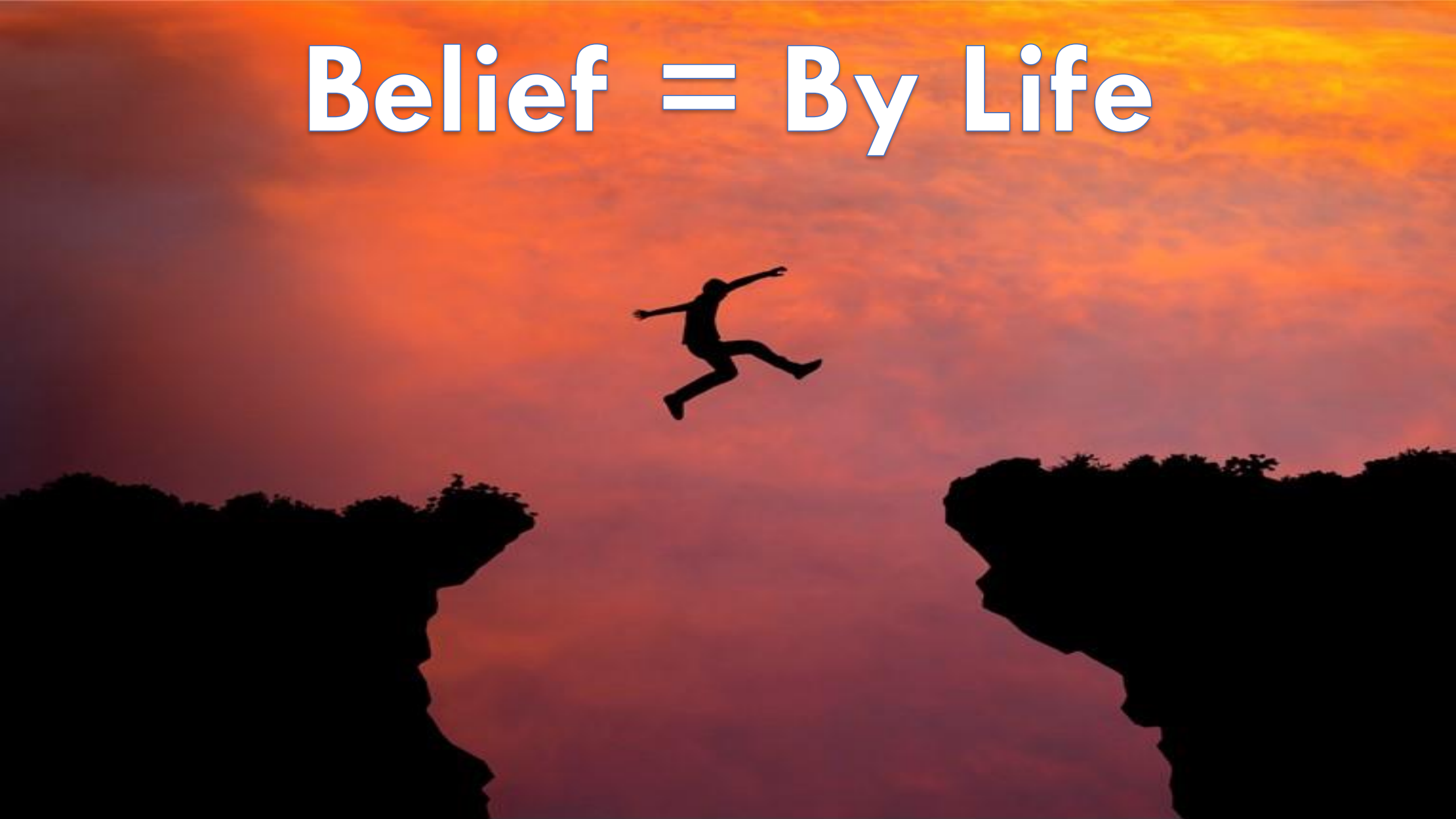

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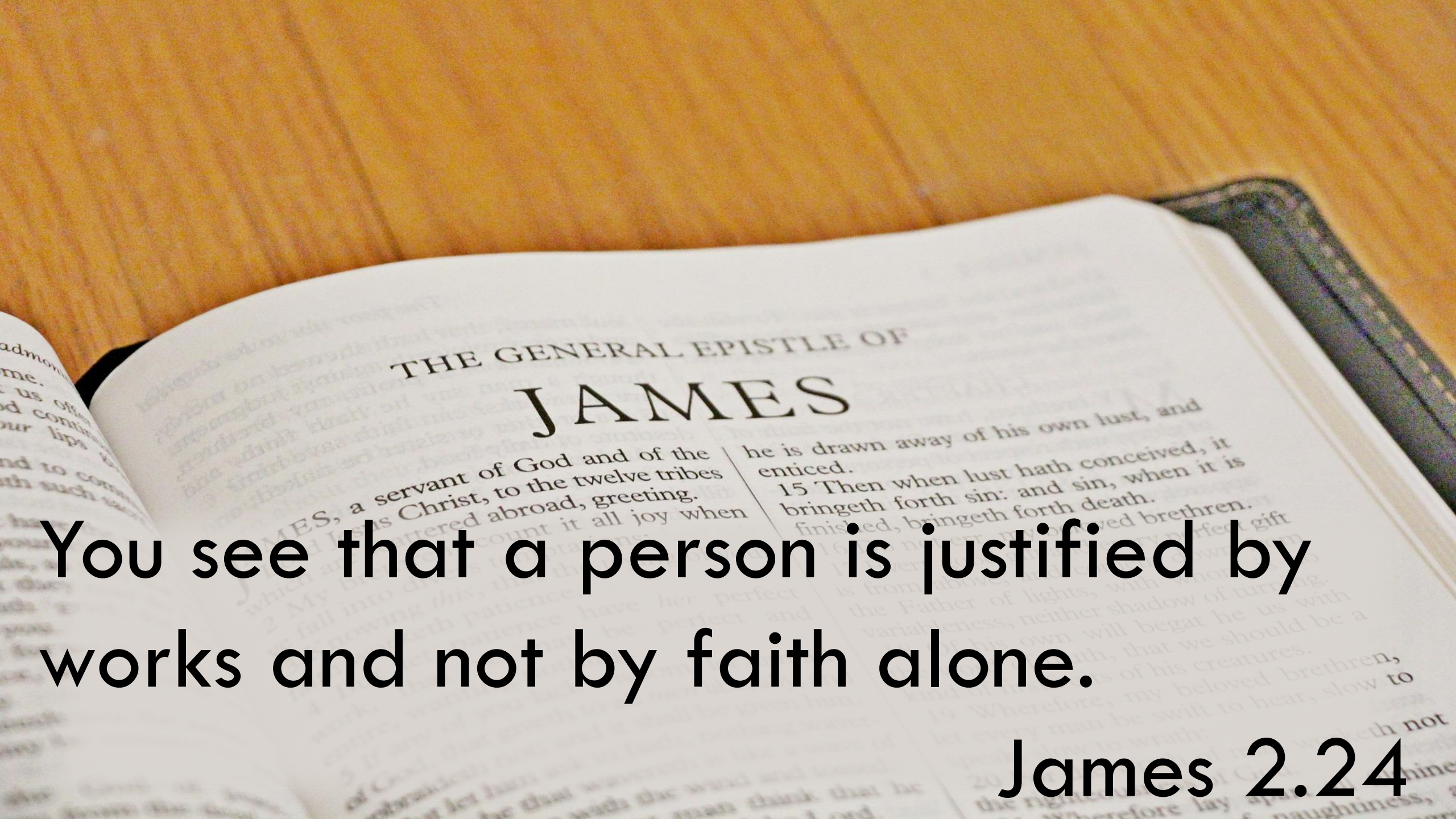




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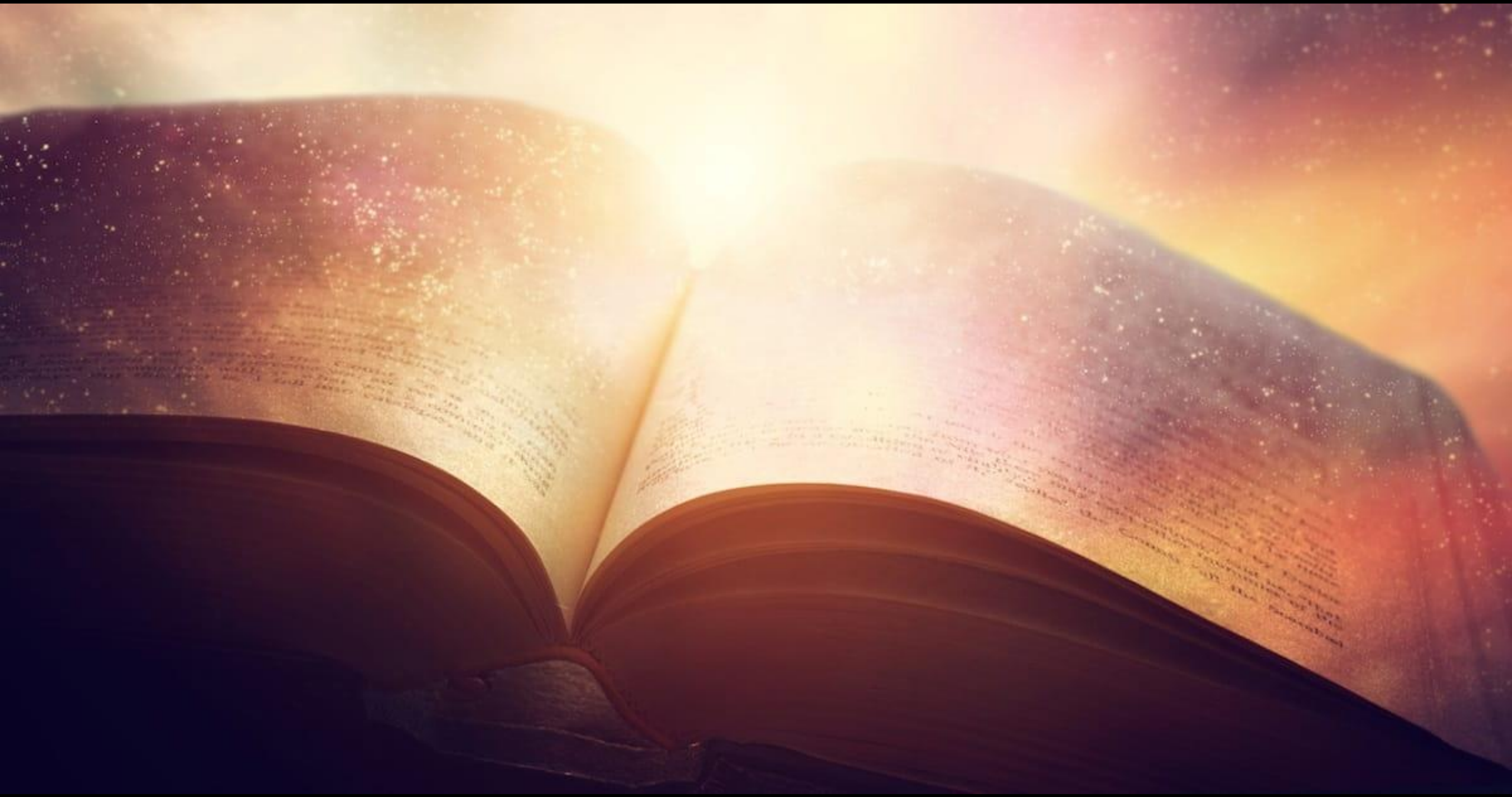
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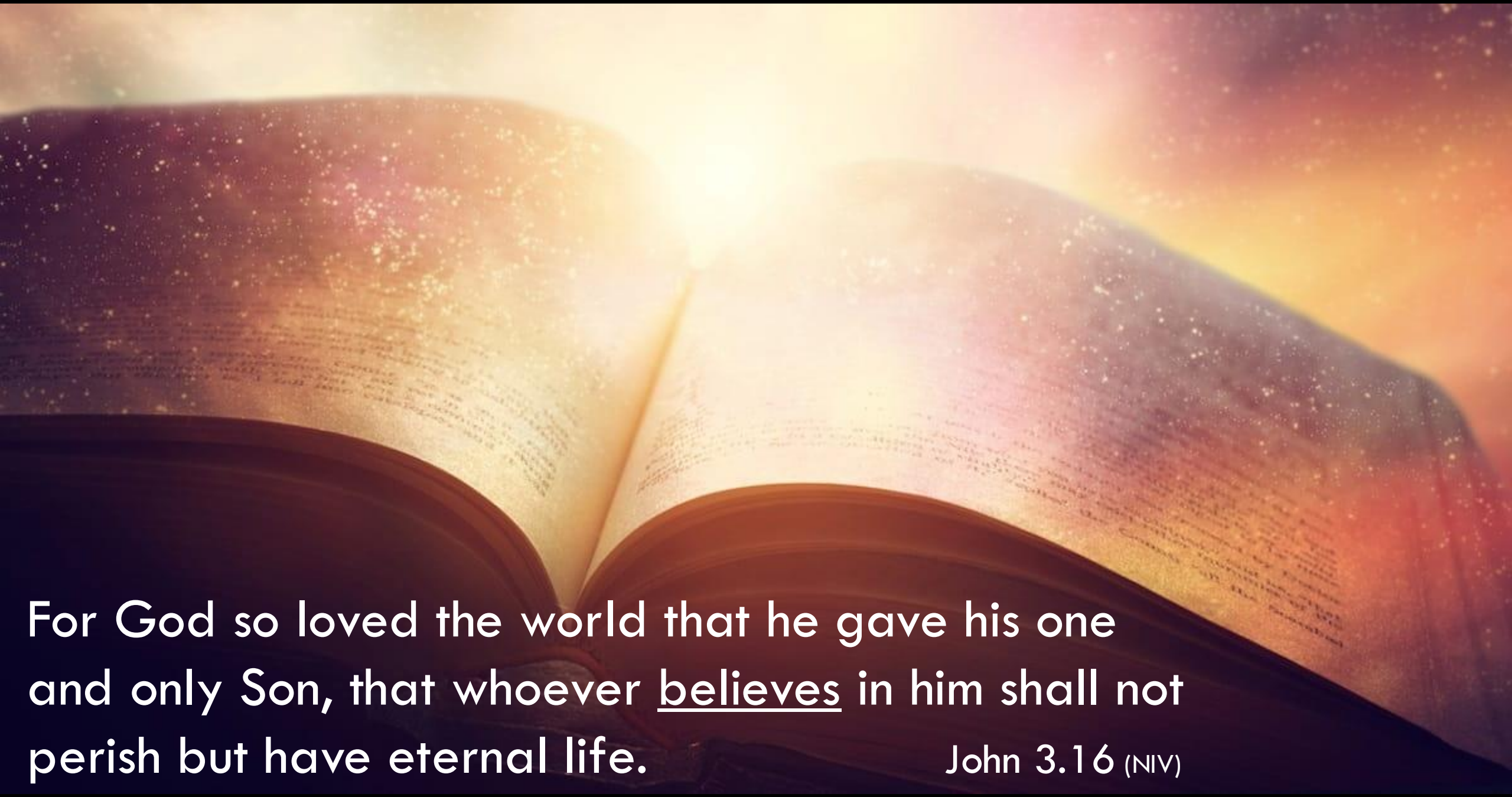
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2 My brethren, count it all joy when ye fall into divers temptations;
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4 But let patience have *her* perfect work, that ye may be perfect and entire, wanting nothing.
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6 But let him ask in faith, nothing wavering. For he that wavereth is like a wave of the sea driven with the wind and tossed.
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15 Then when lust hath conceived, it bringeth forth sin: and sin, when it is finished, bringeth forth death.
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17 Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and cometh down from the Father of lights, with whom is no variableness, neither shadow of turning.
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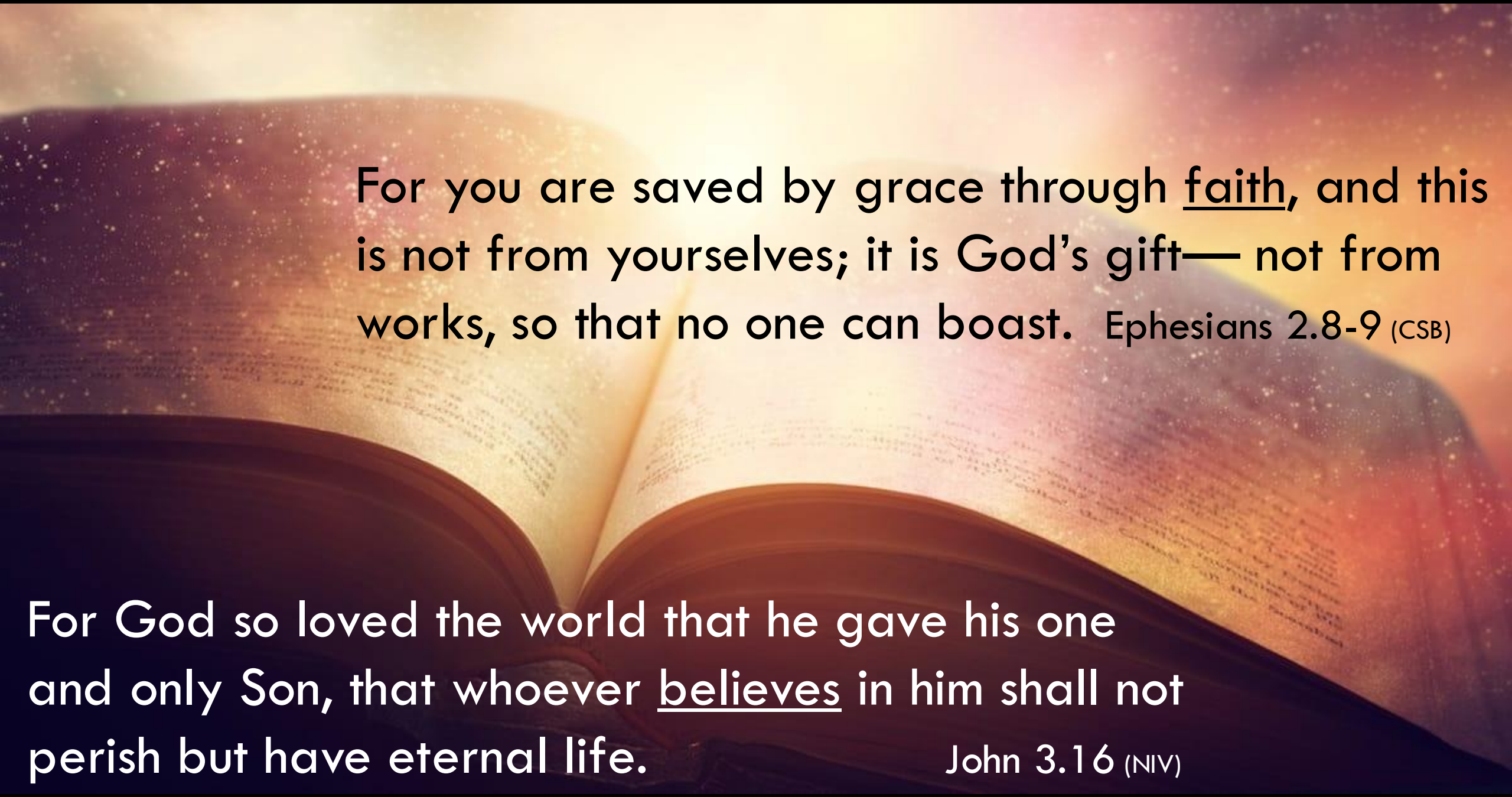


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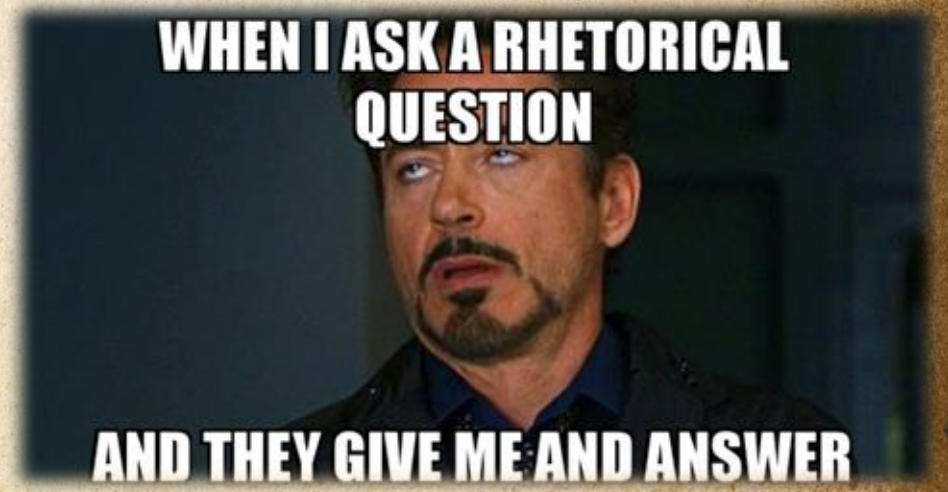
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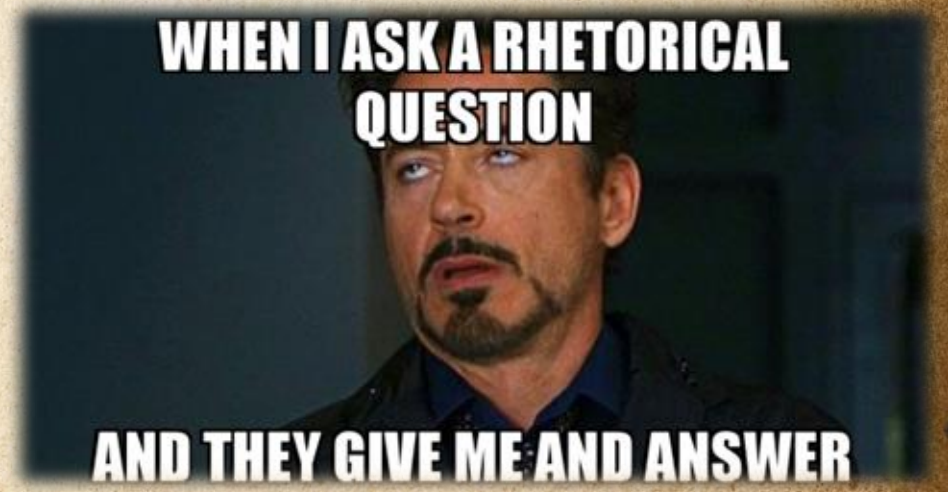
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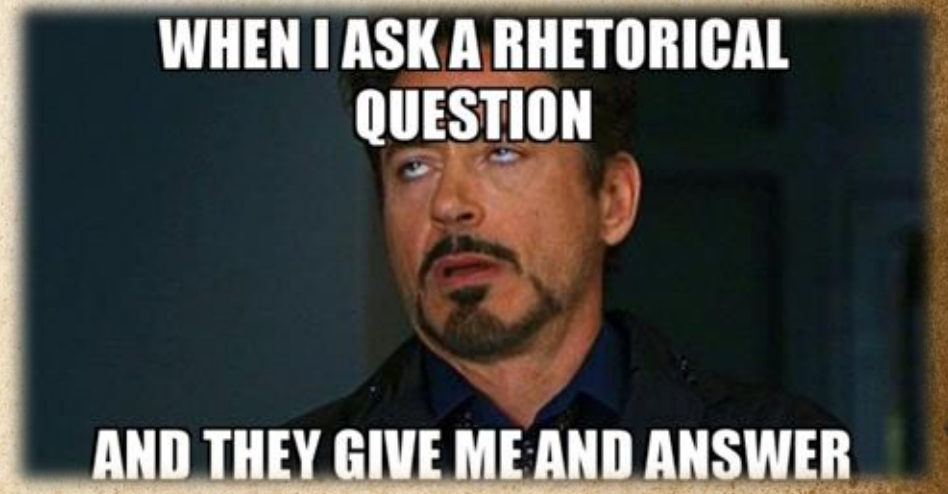
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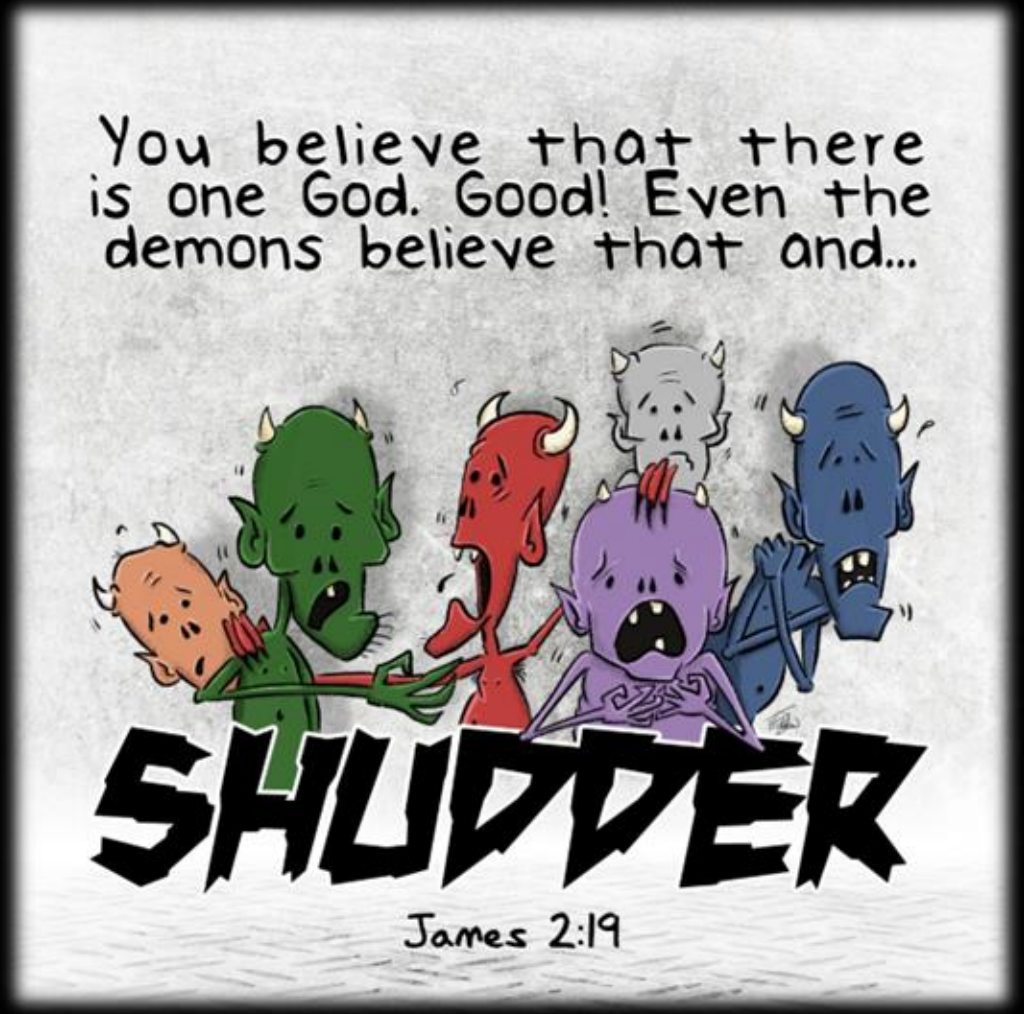
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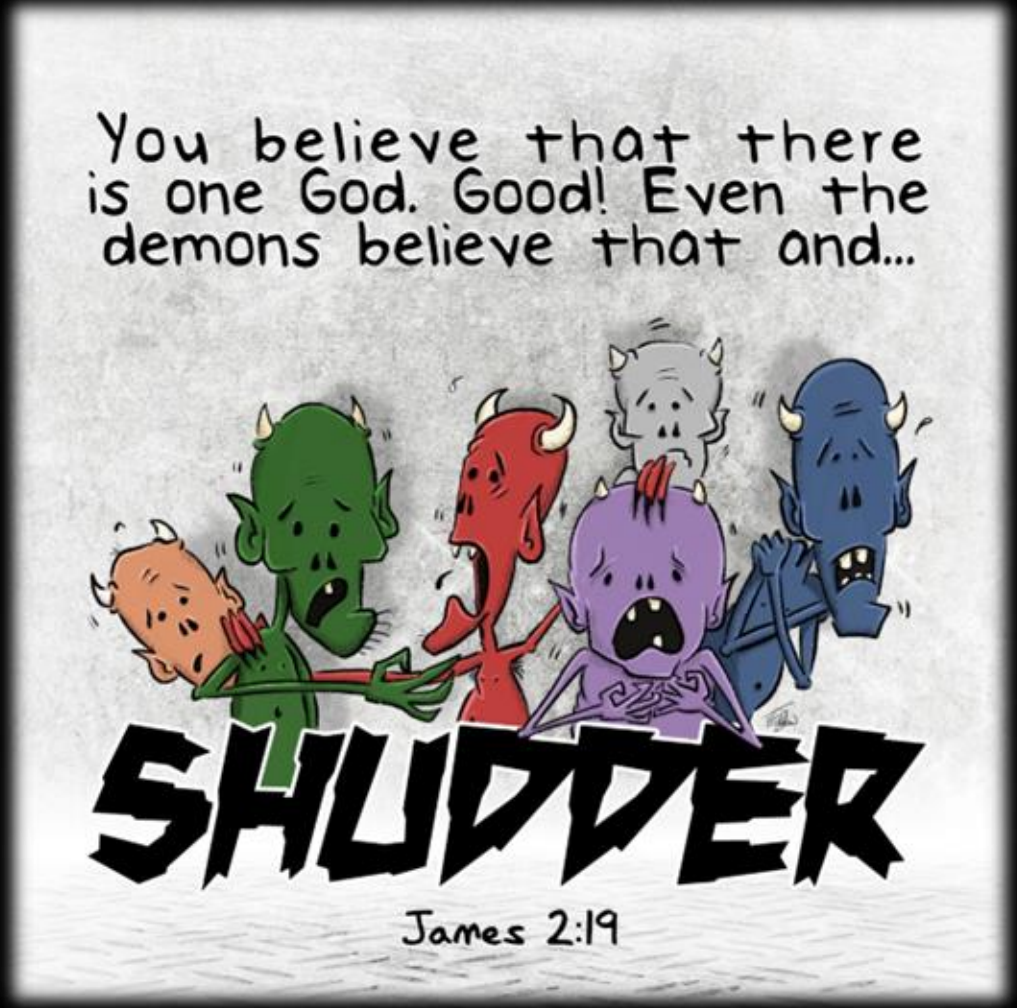
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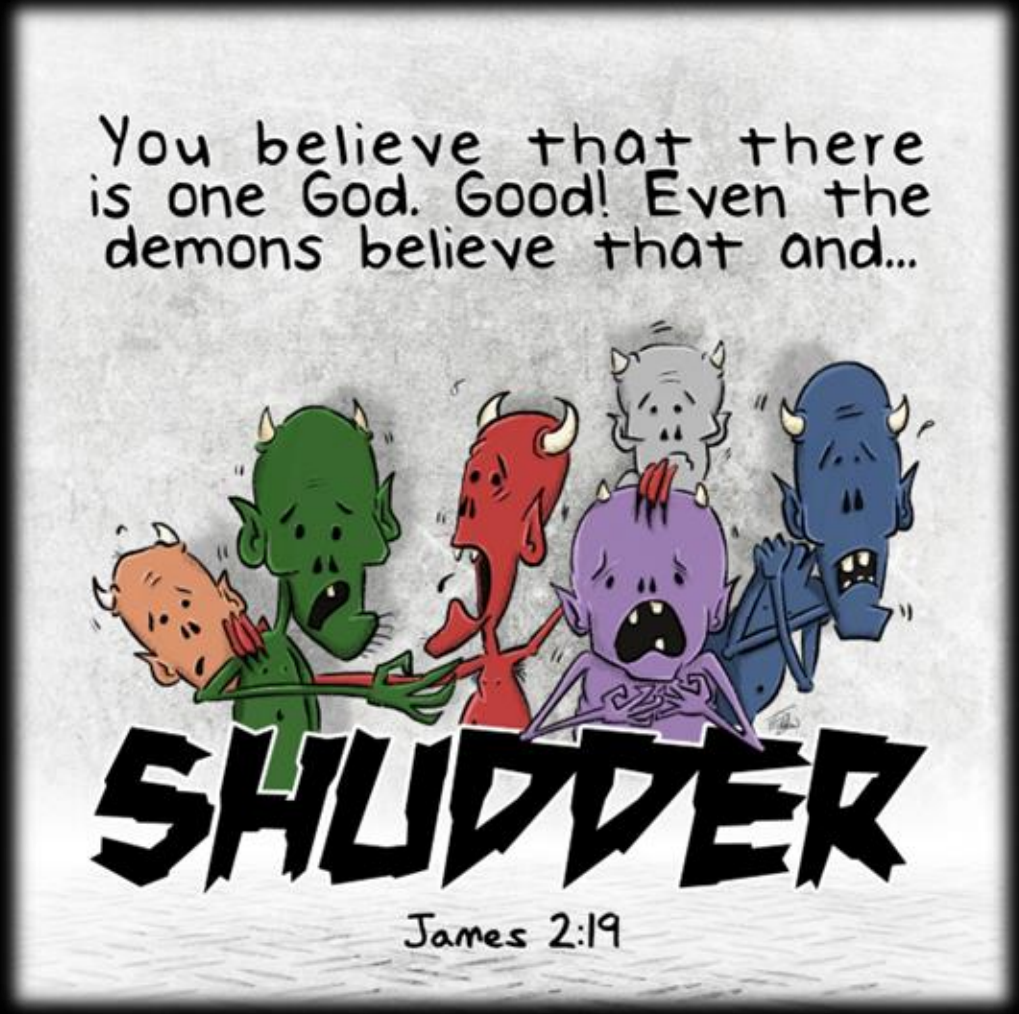
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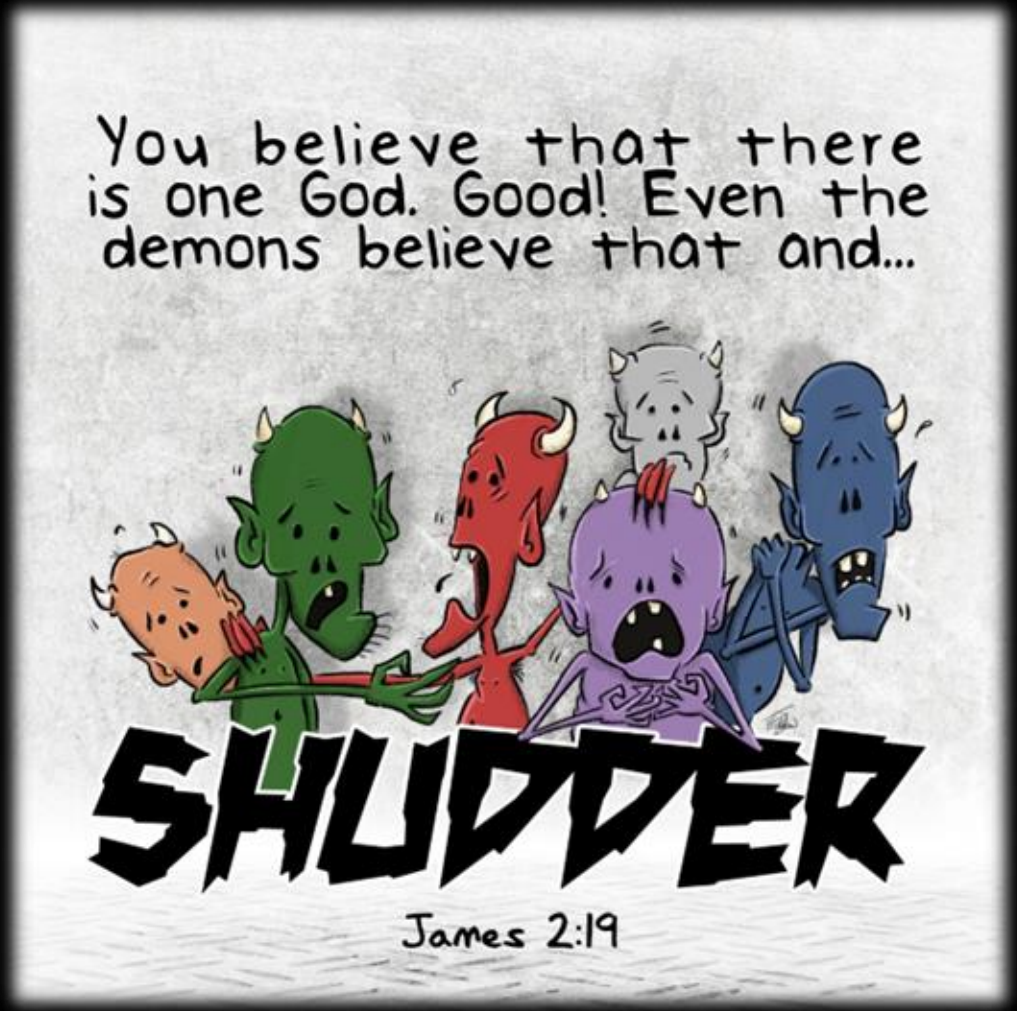
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