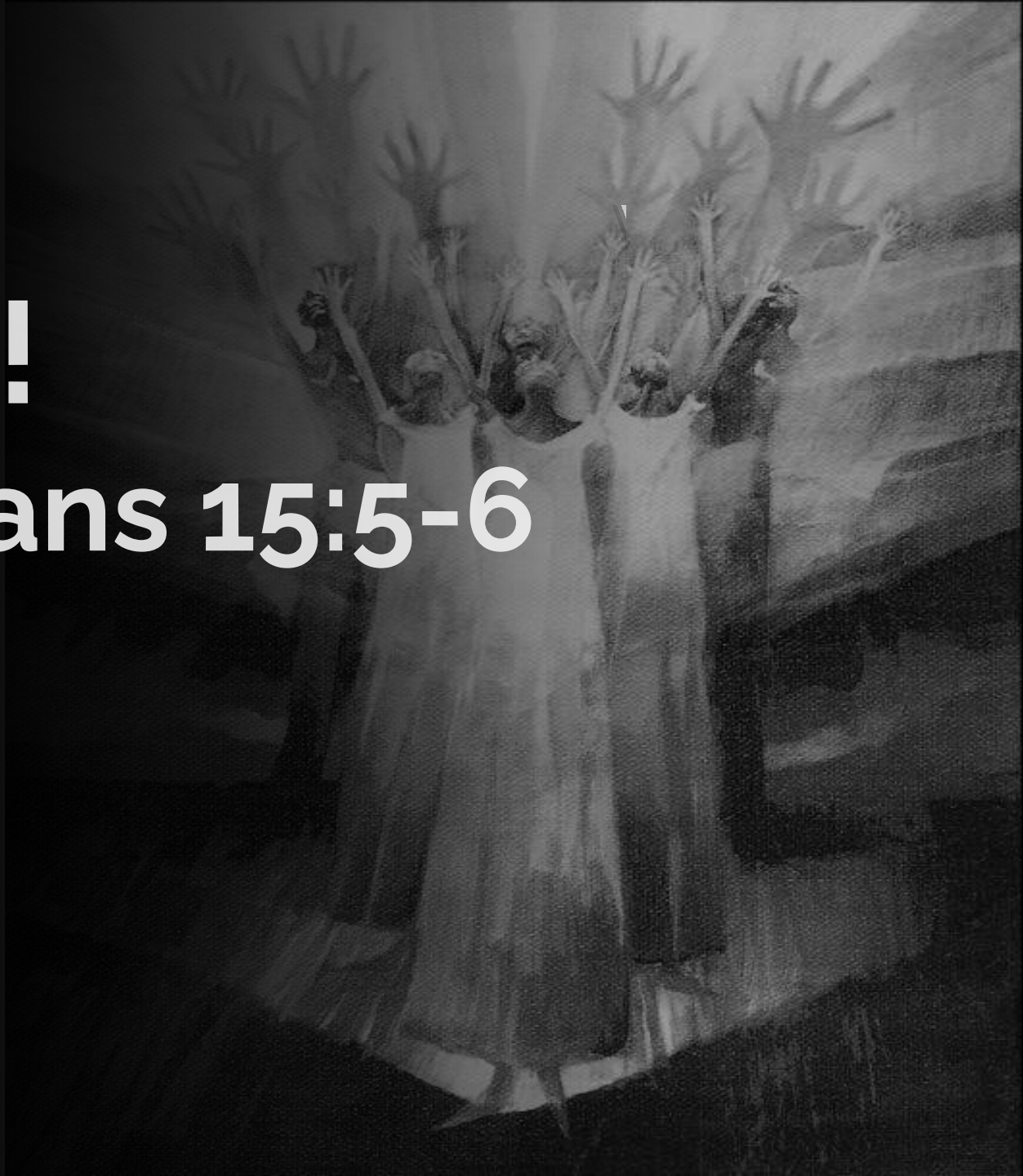
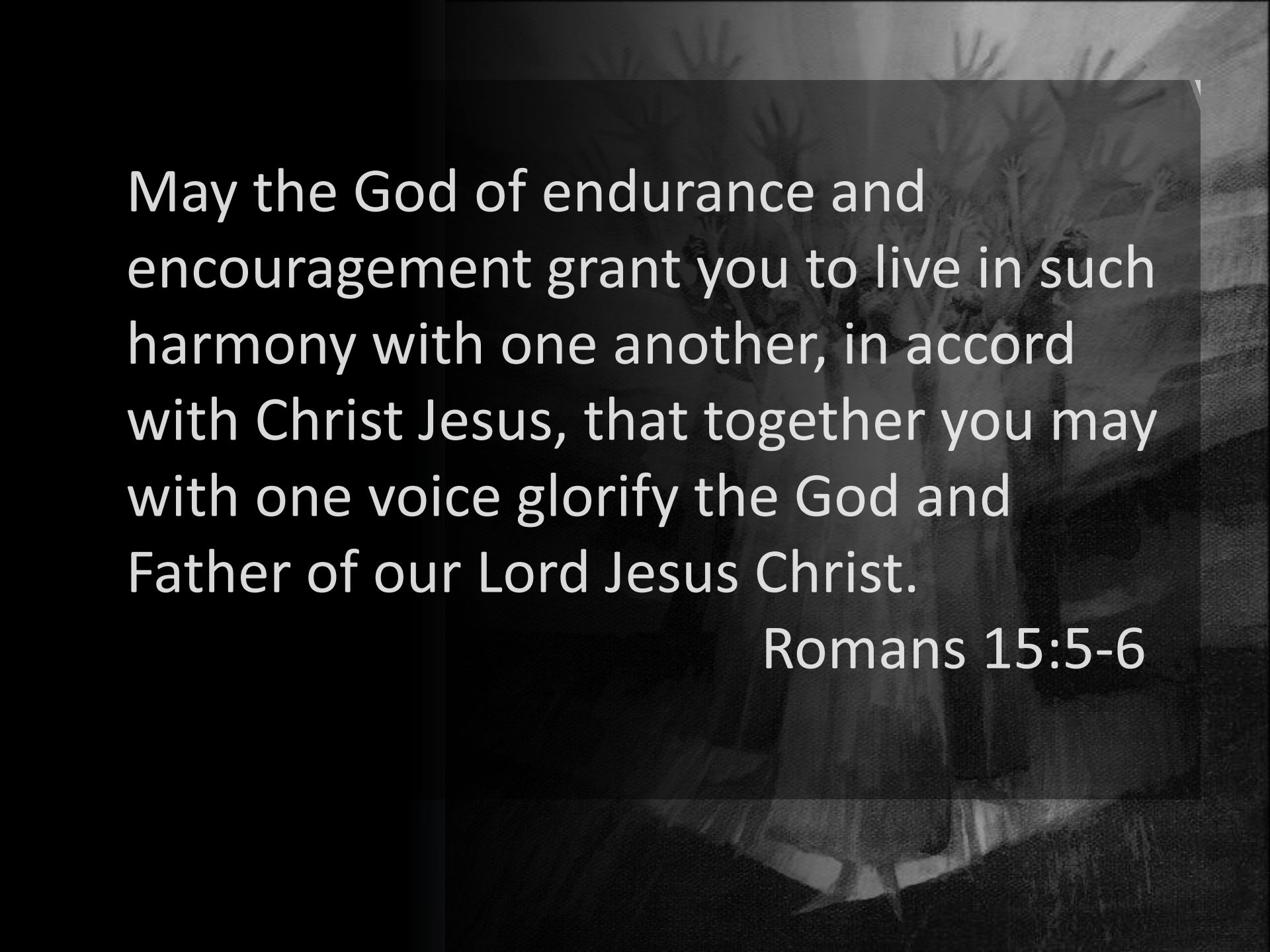


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Romans 15:5-6



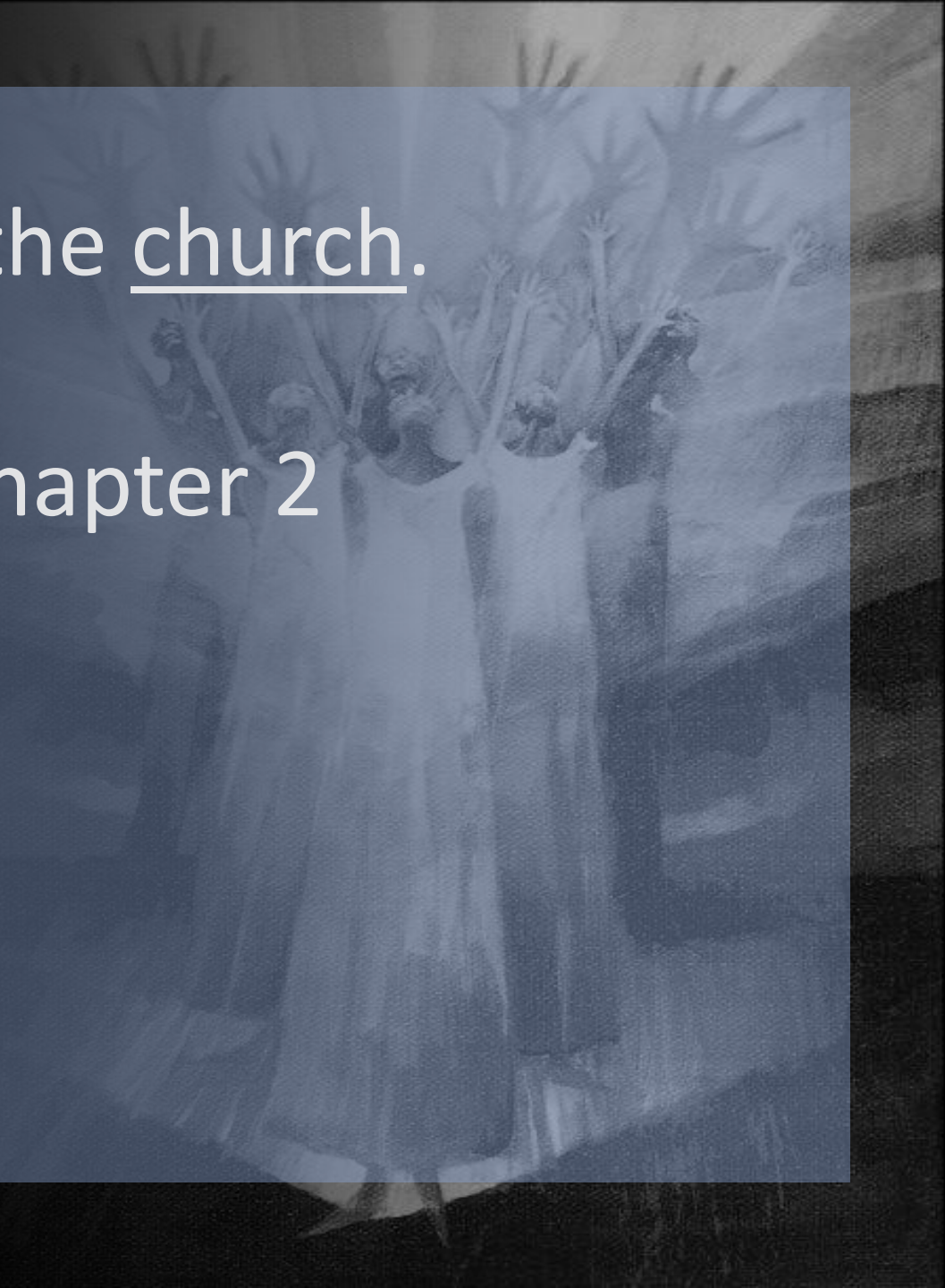


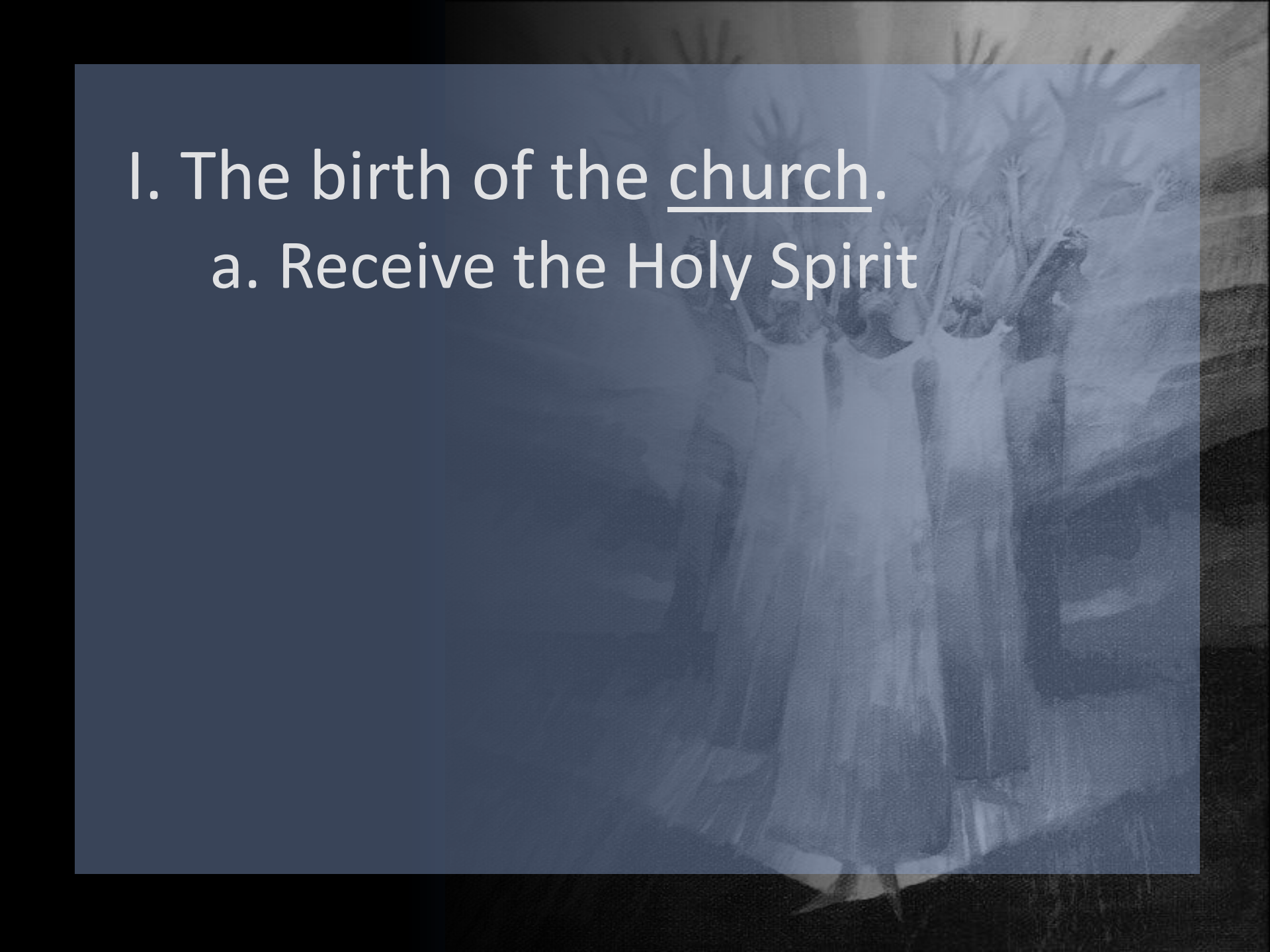
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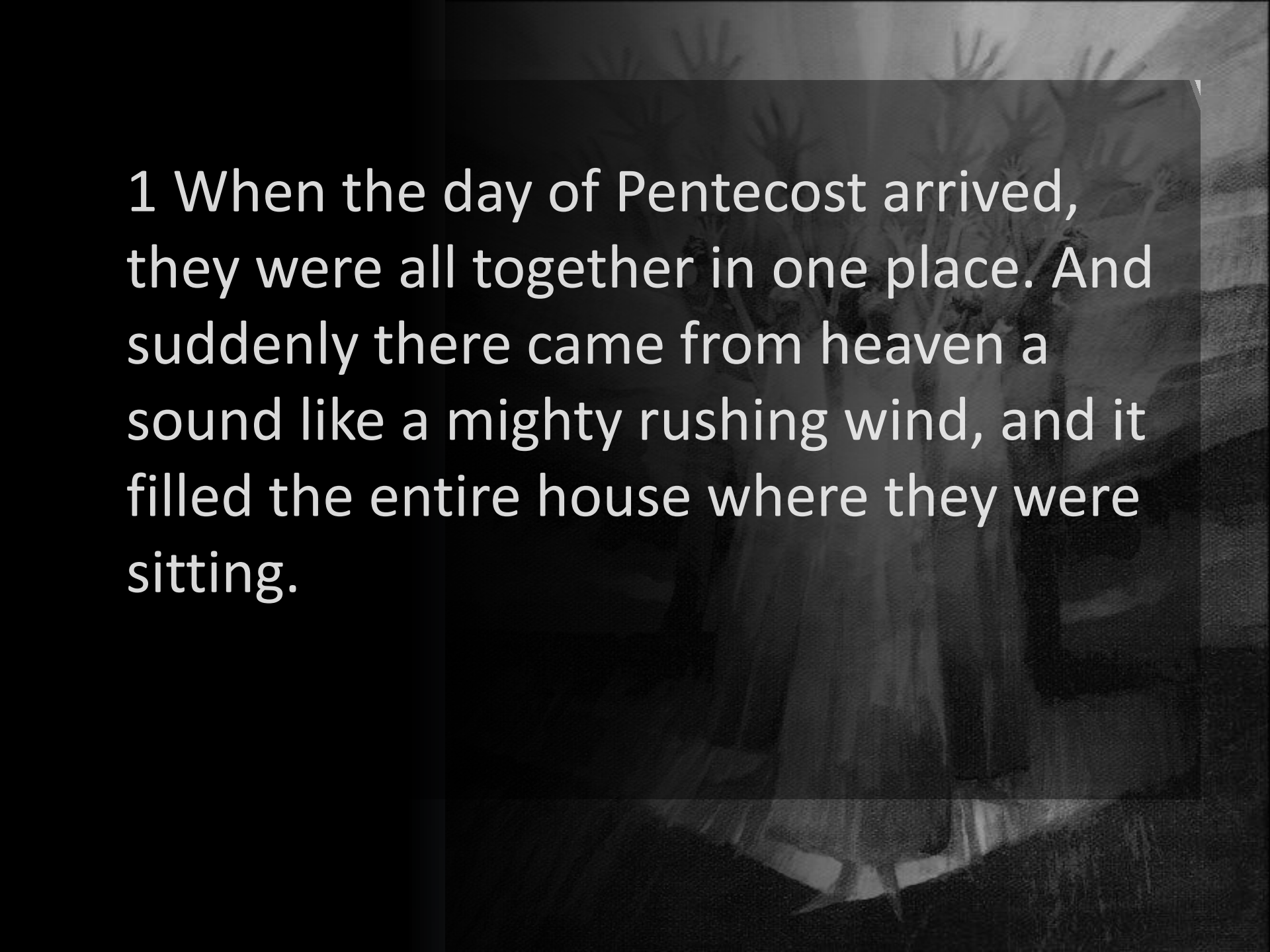
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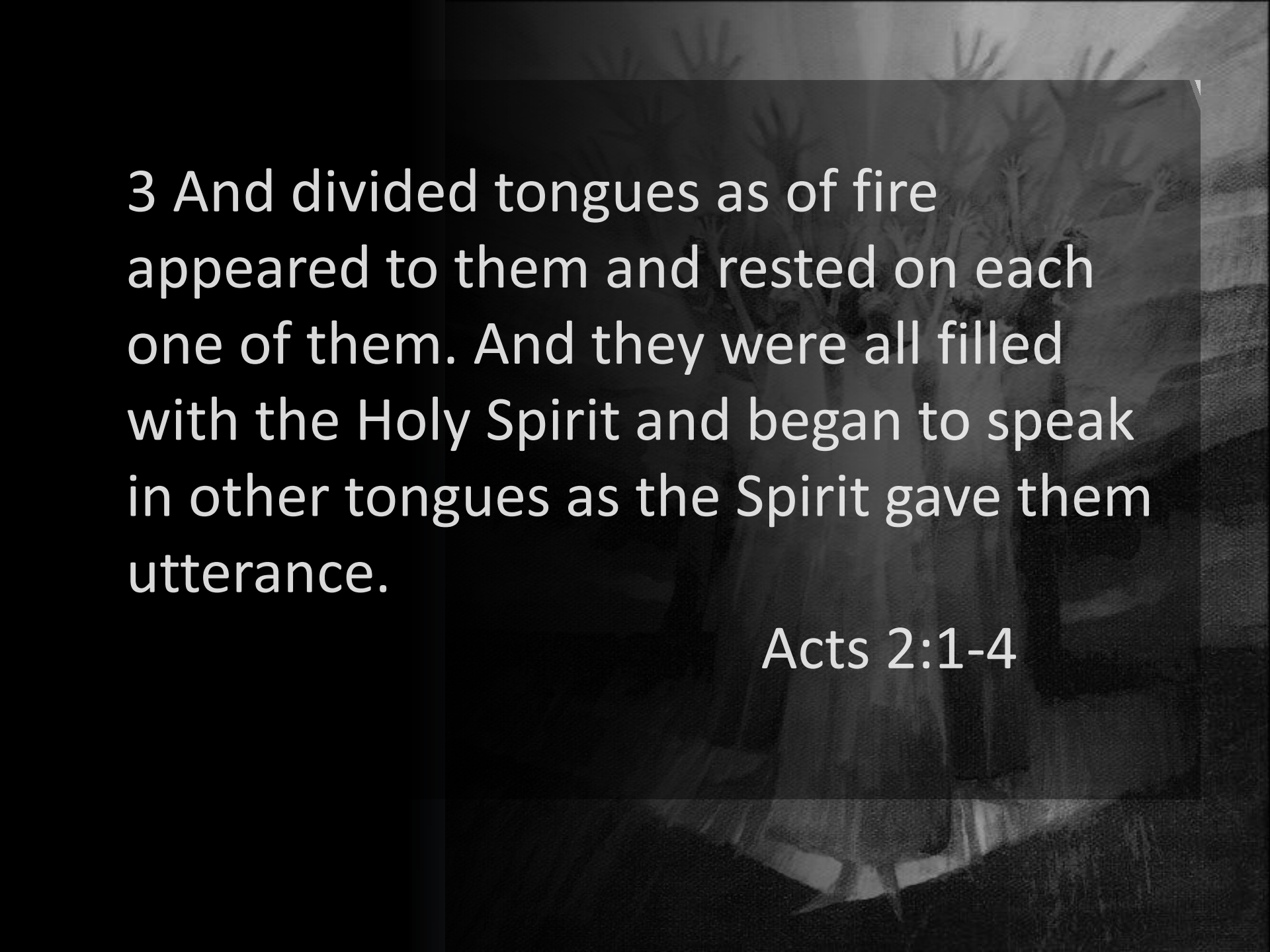
A painting depicting the Pentecost event. In the center, a group of people, including men and women, are shown in white robes with their hands raised in prayer. Above them, numerous tongues of fire are visible, symbolizing the descent of the Holy Spirit. The background is a dark, textured landscape. The entire scene is overlaid with a semi-transparent blue filter.

I. The birth of the church.

a. Receive the Holy Spirit



1 When the day of Pentecost arrived, they were all together in one place. And suddenly there came from heaven a sound like a mighty rushing wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting.

A black and white photograph of a church service. In the foreground, a person is seen from behind, wearing a white robe and having their hands raised in prayer. In the background, a group of people, also in white robes, are standing with their hands raised. The scene is dimly lit, with a focus on the white robes and the gesture of prayer.

3 And divided tongues as of fire
appeared to them and rested on each
one of them. And they were all filled
with the Holy Spirit and began to speak
in other tongues as the Spirit gave them
utterance.

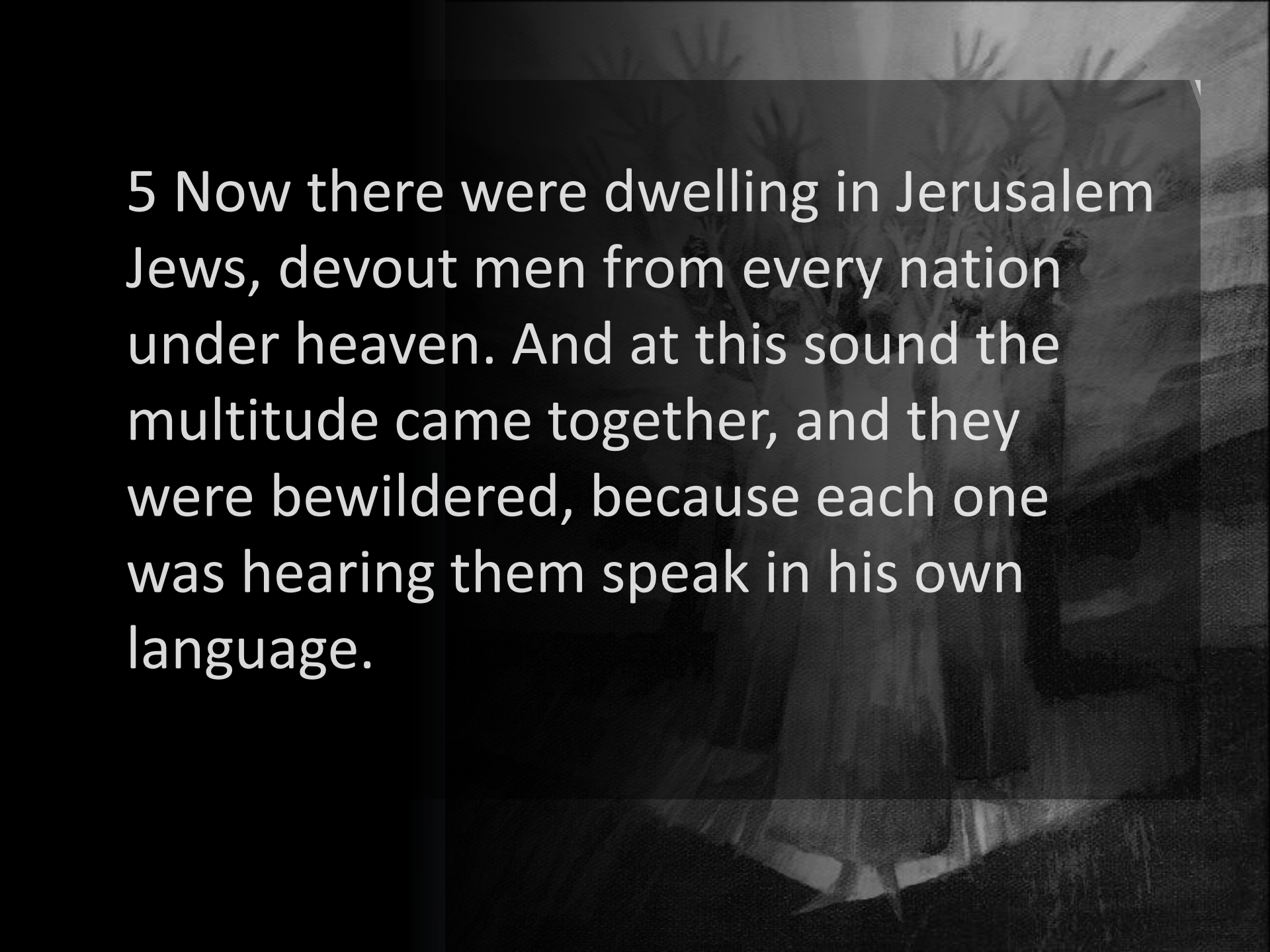
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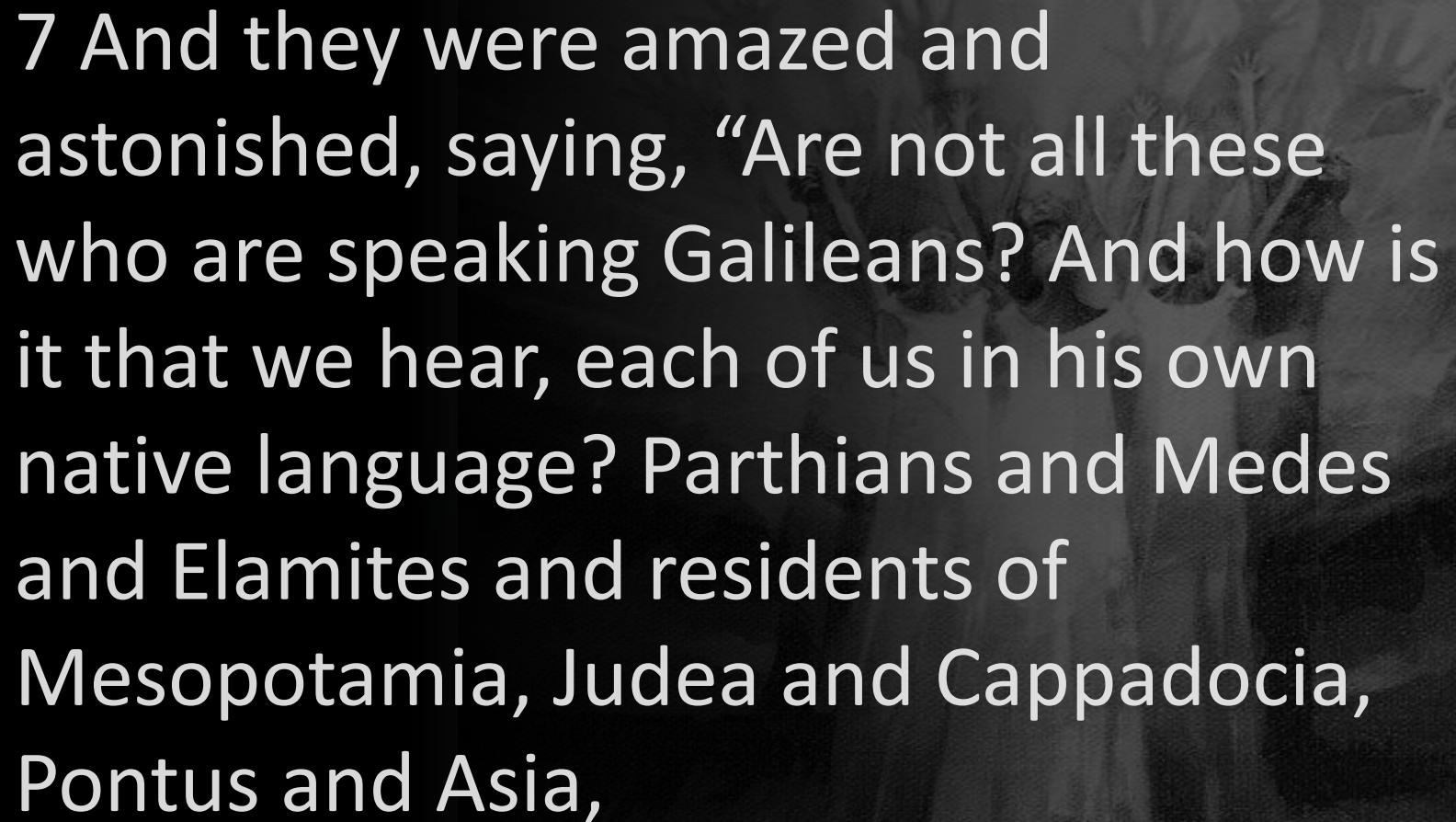
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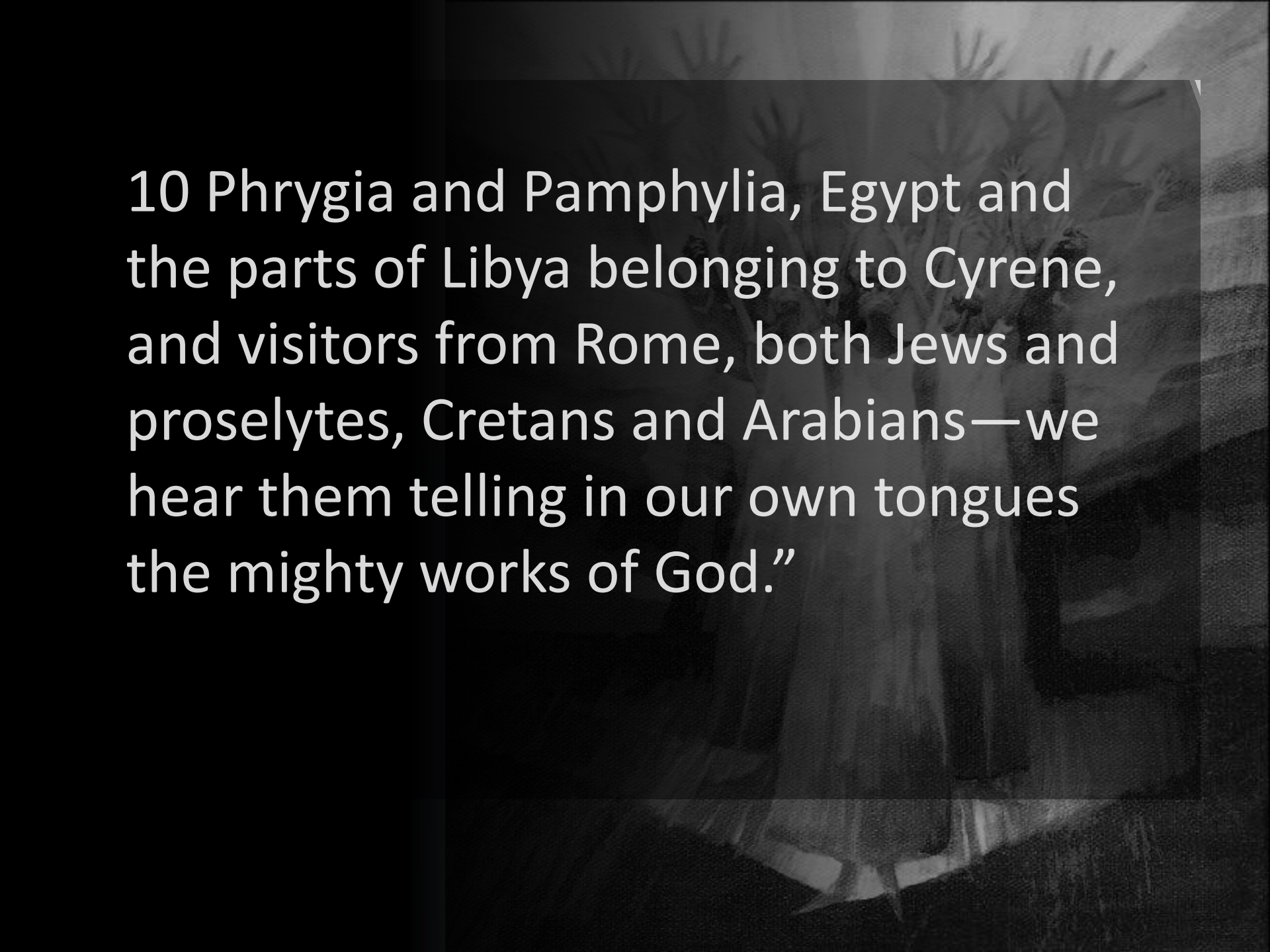
b. Jews gathered in Jerusalem



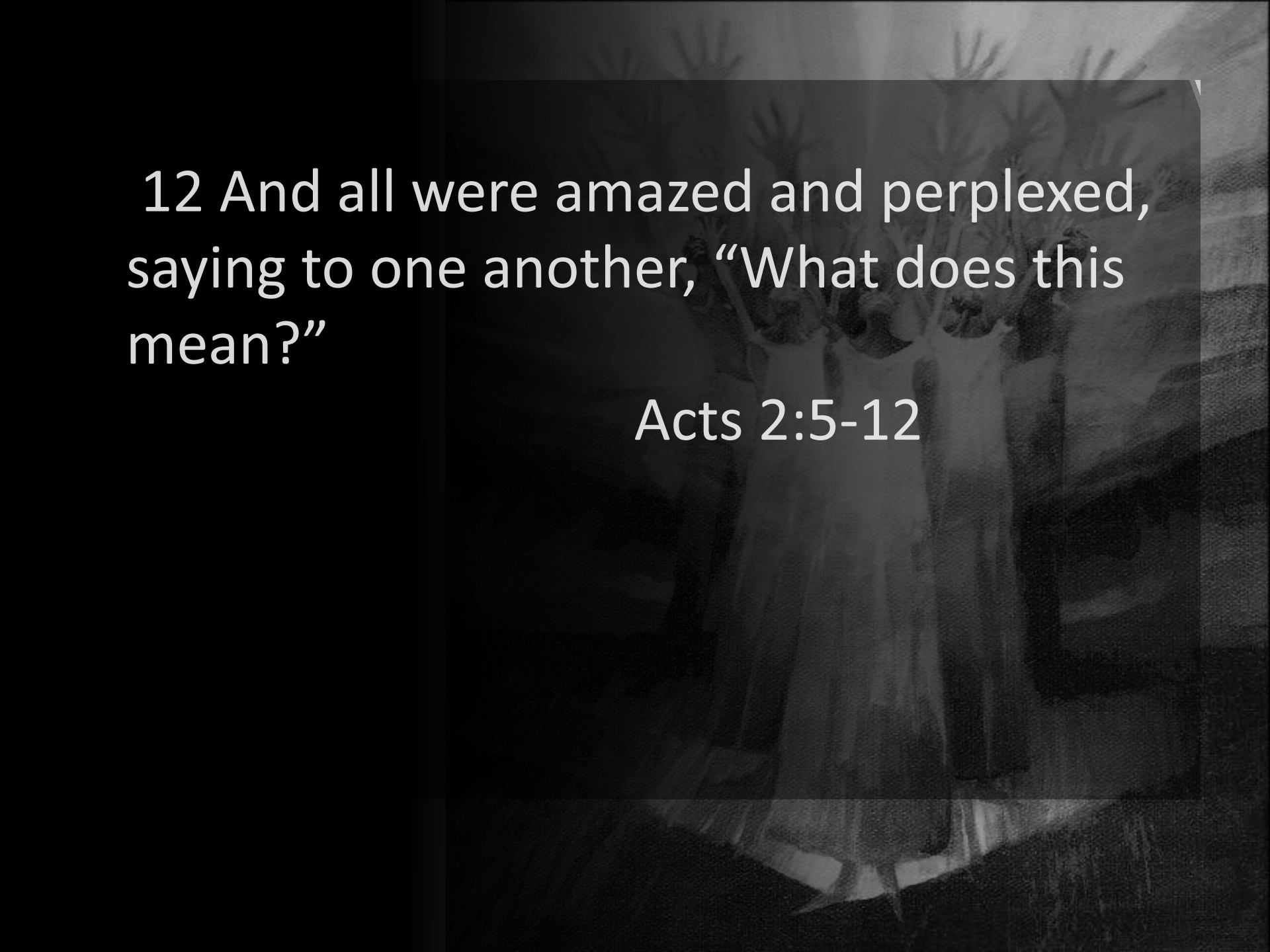
5 Now there were dwelling in Jerusalem Jews, devout men from every nation under heaven. And at this sound the multitude came together, and they were bewildered, because each one was hearing them speak in his own language.



7 And they were amazed and astonished, saying, “Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us in his own native language? Parthians and Medes and Elamites and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia,



10 Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabians—we hear them telling in our own tongues the mighty works of God.”



12 And all were amazed and perplexed,
saying to one another, “What does this
mean?”

Acts 2:5-12



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THE JEWISH DIASPORA AT PENTECOST

- City with a Jewish population at the time of Pentecost
- Region attested at Pentecost (*Acts 2:9ff*)
- Other regions of Jewish diaspora



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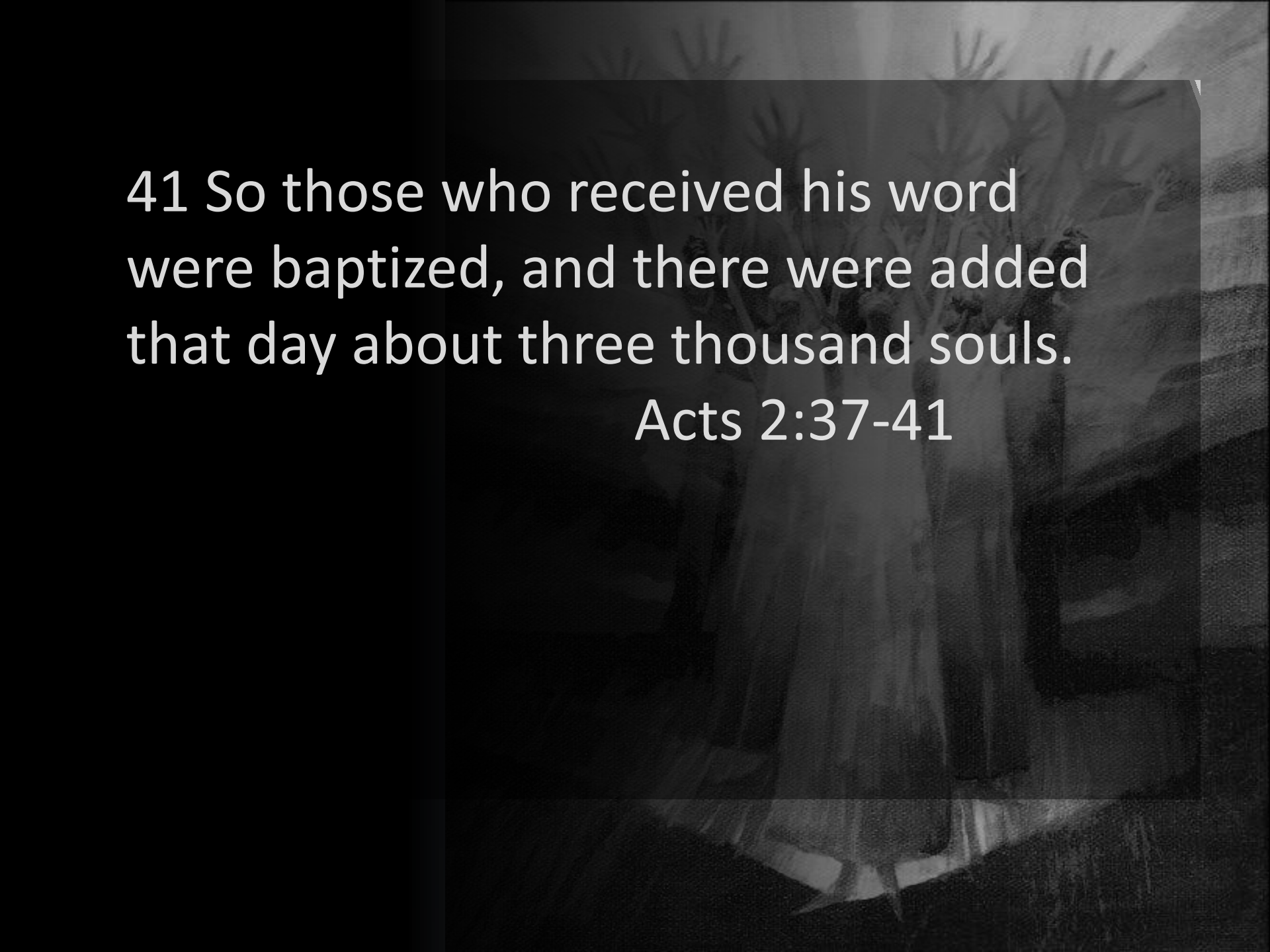
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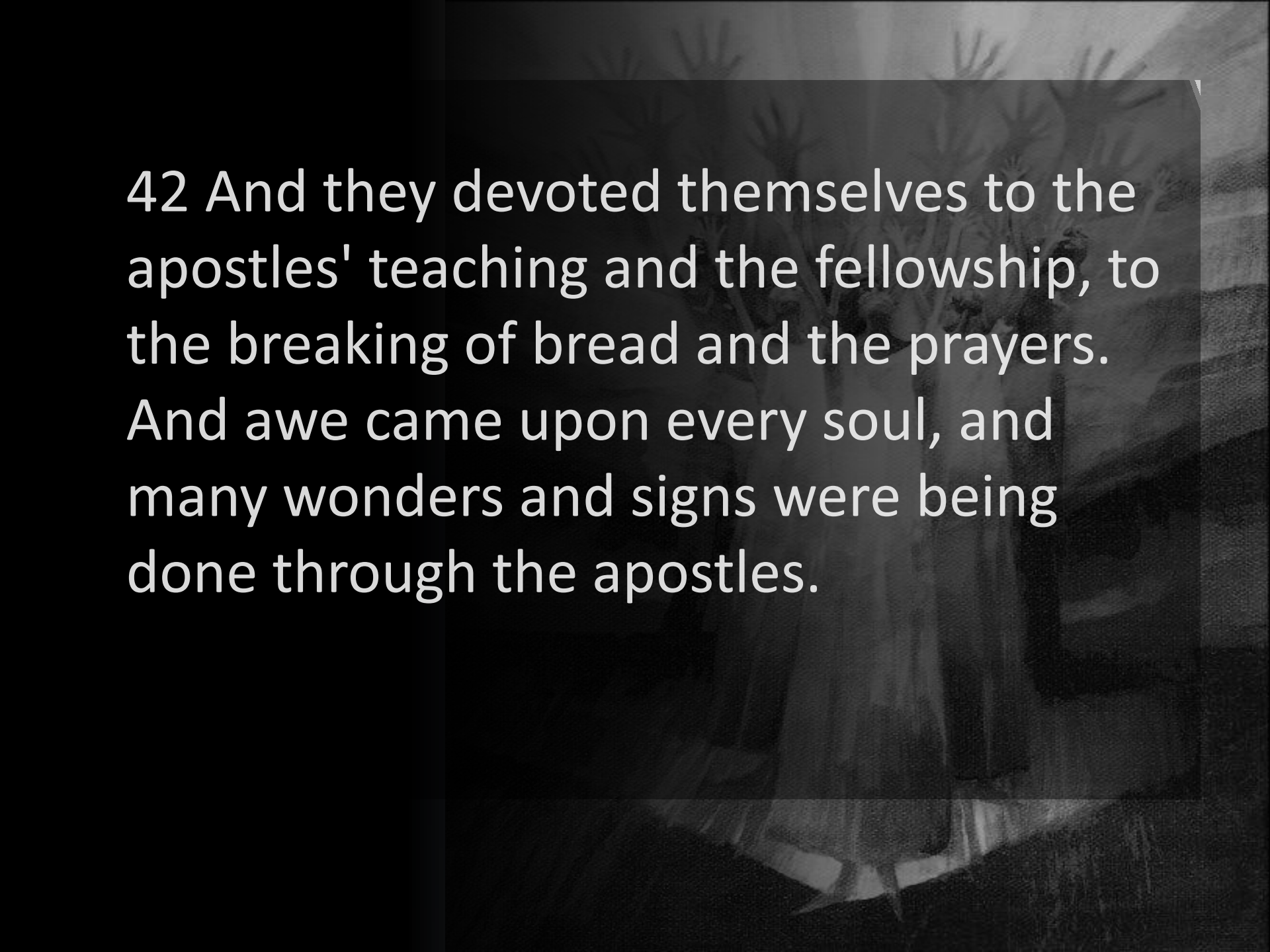
41 So those who received his word
were baptized, and there were added
that day about three thousand souls.

Acts 2:37-41

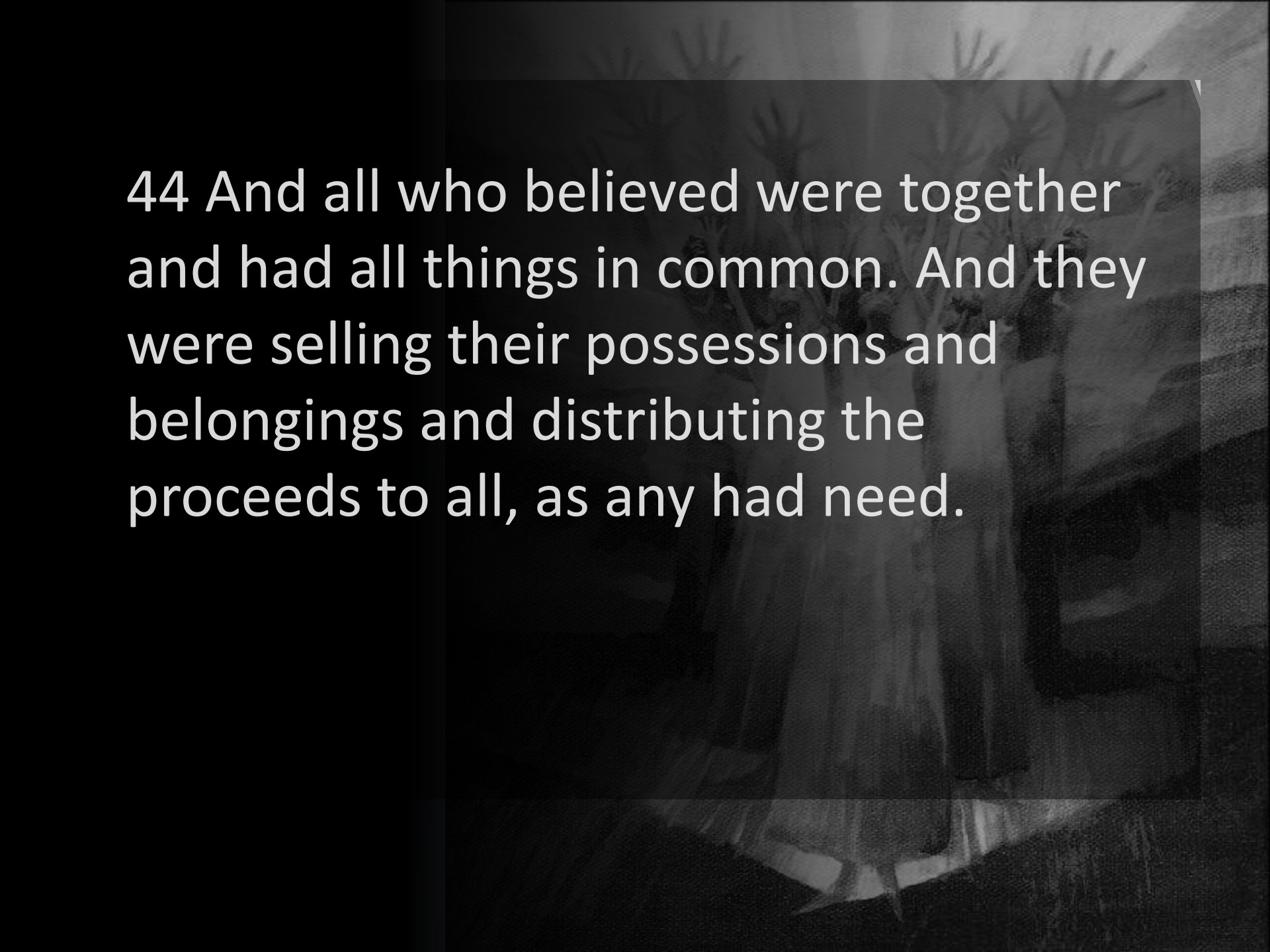


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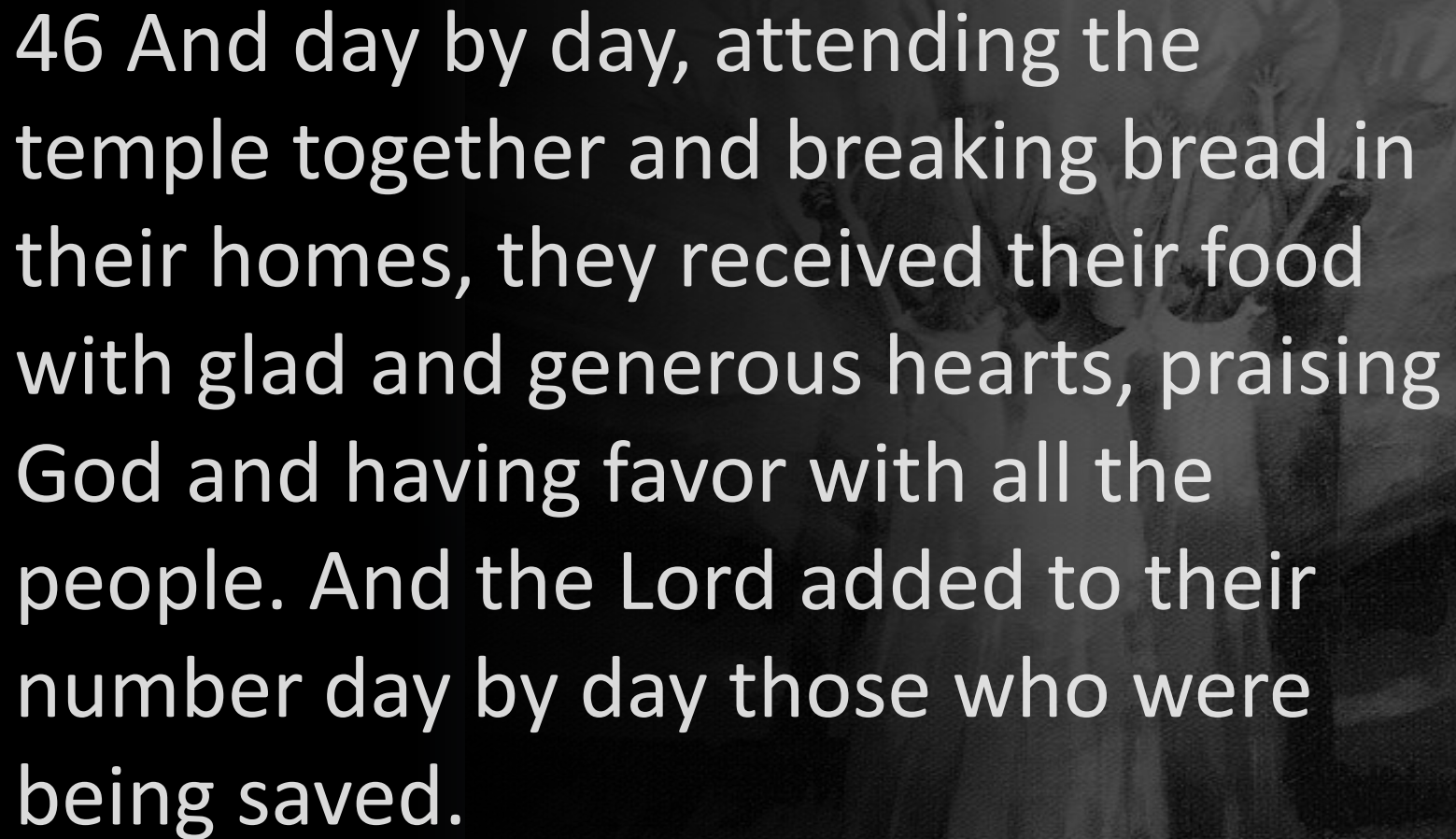
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42 And they devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. And awe came upon every soul, and many wonders and signs were being done through the apostles.



44 And all who believed were together and had all things in common. And they were selling their possessions and belongings and distributing the proceeds to all, as any had need.



46 And day by day, attending the temple together and breaking bread in their homes, they received their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to their number day by day those who were being saved.

Acts 2:42-47



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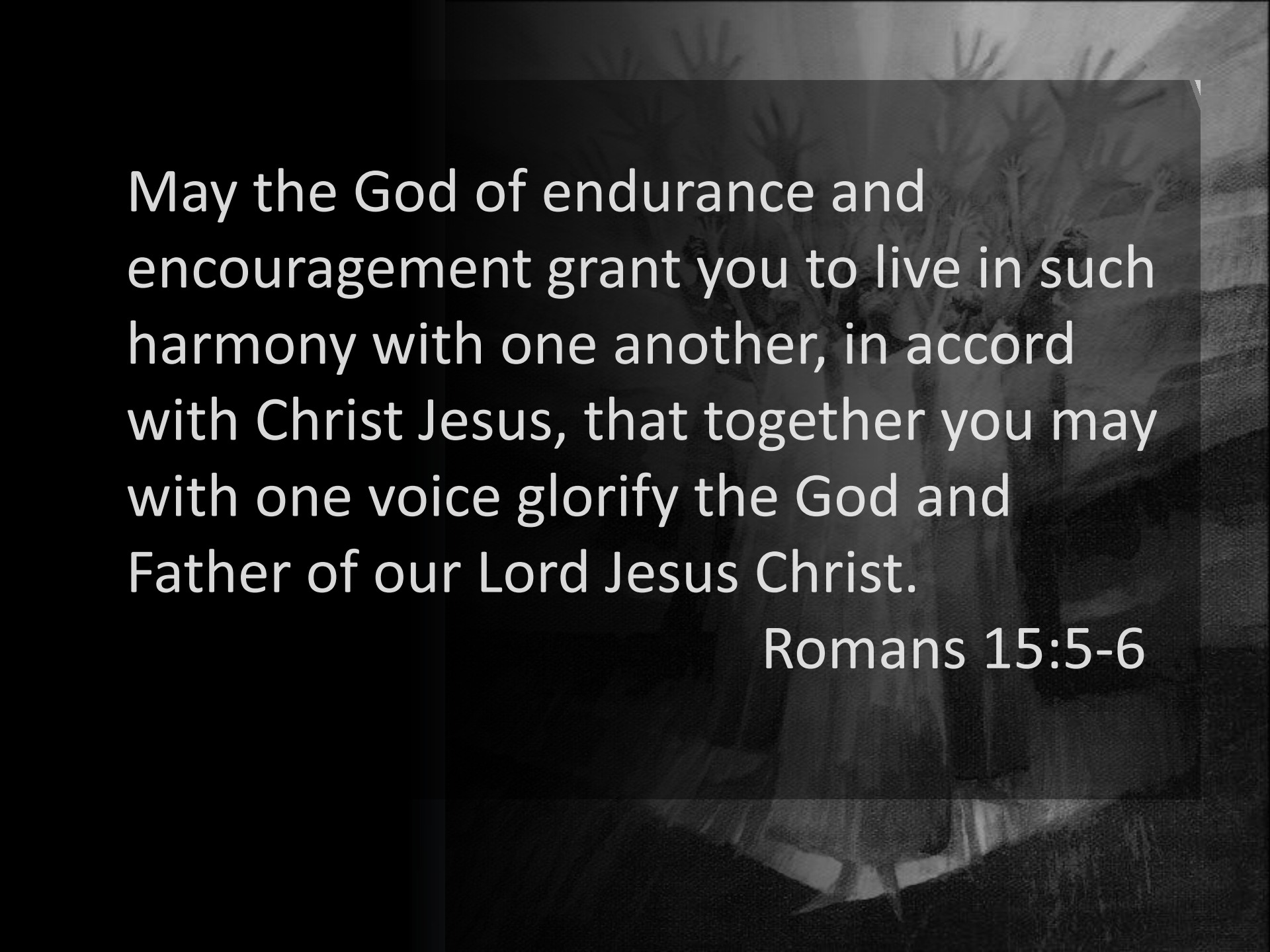
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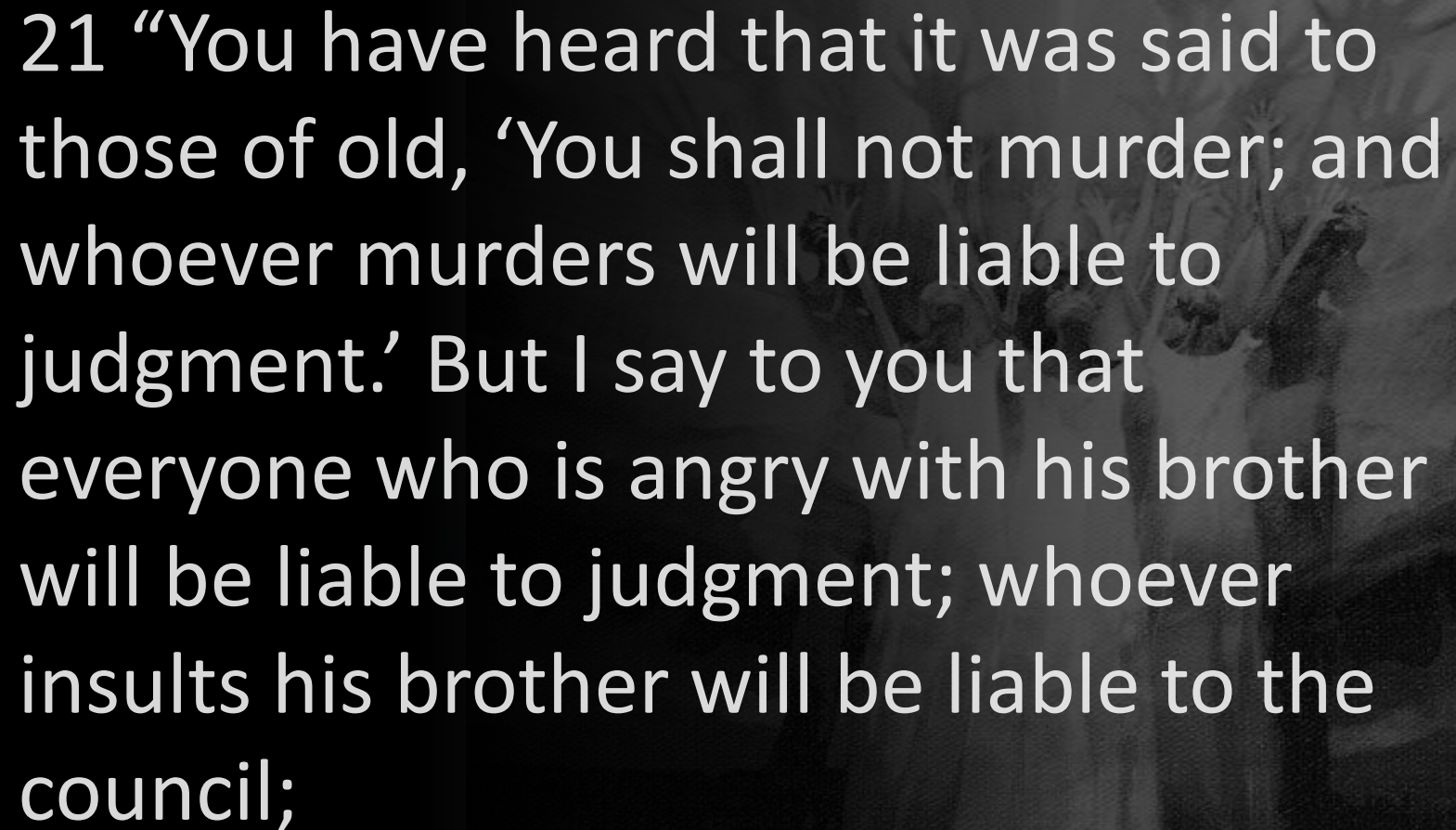
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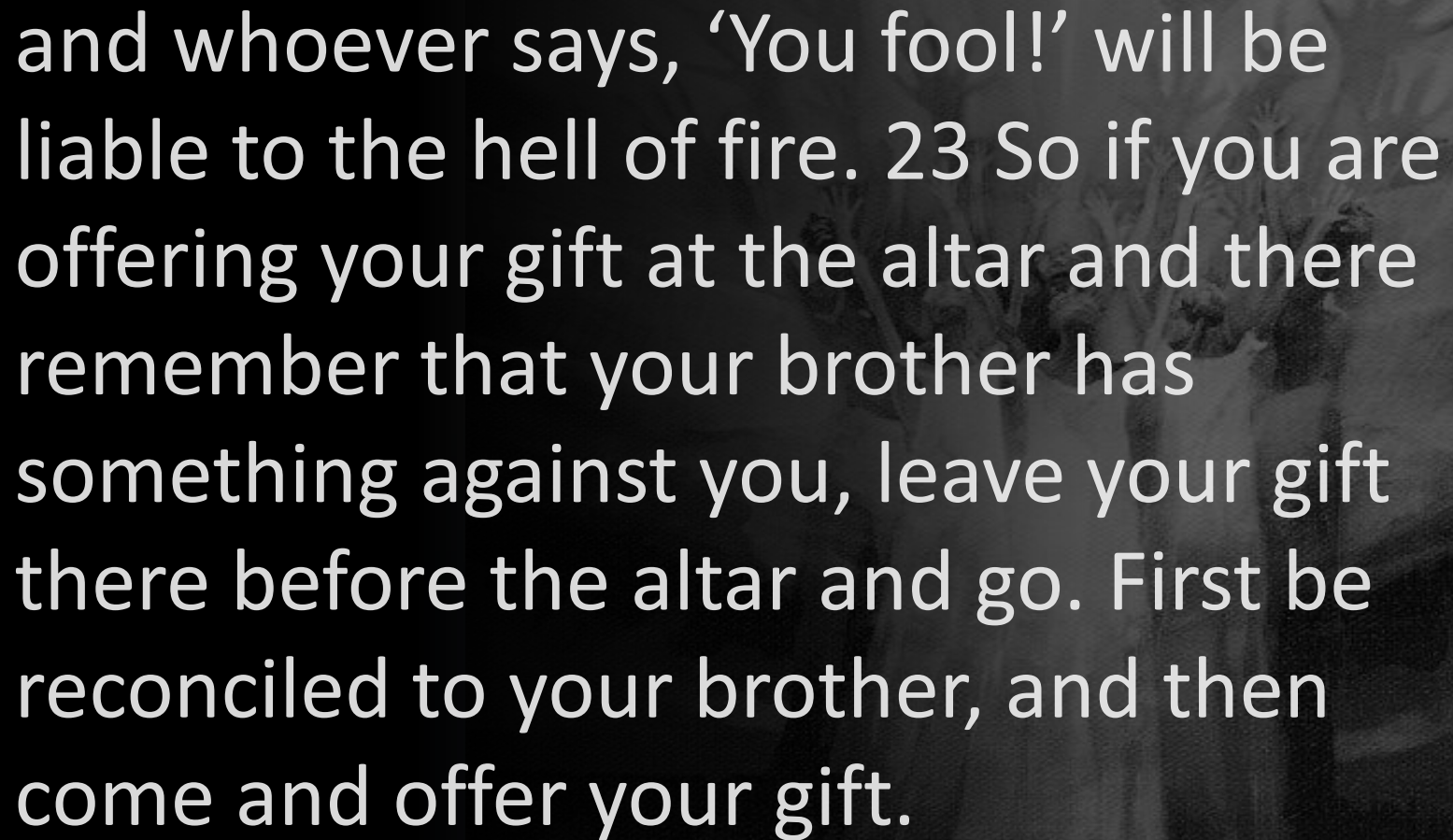


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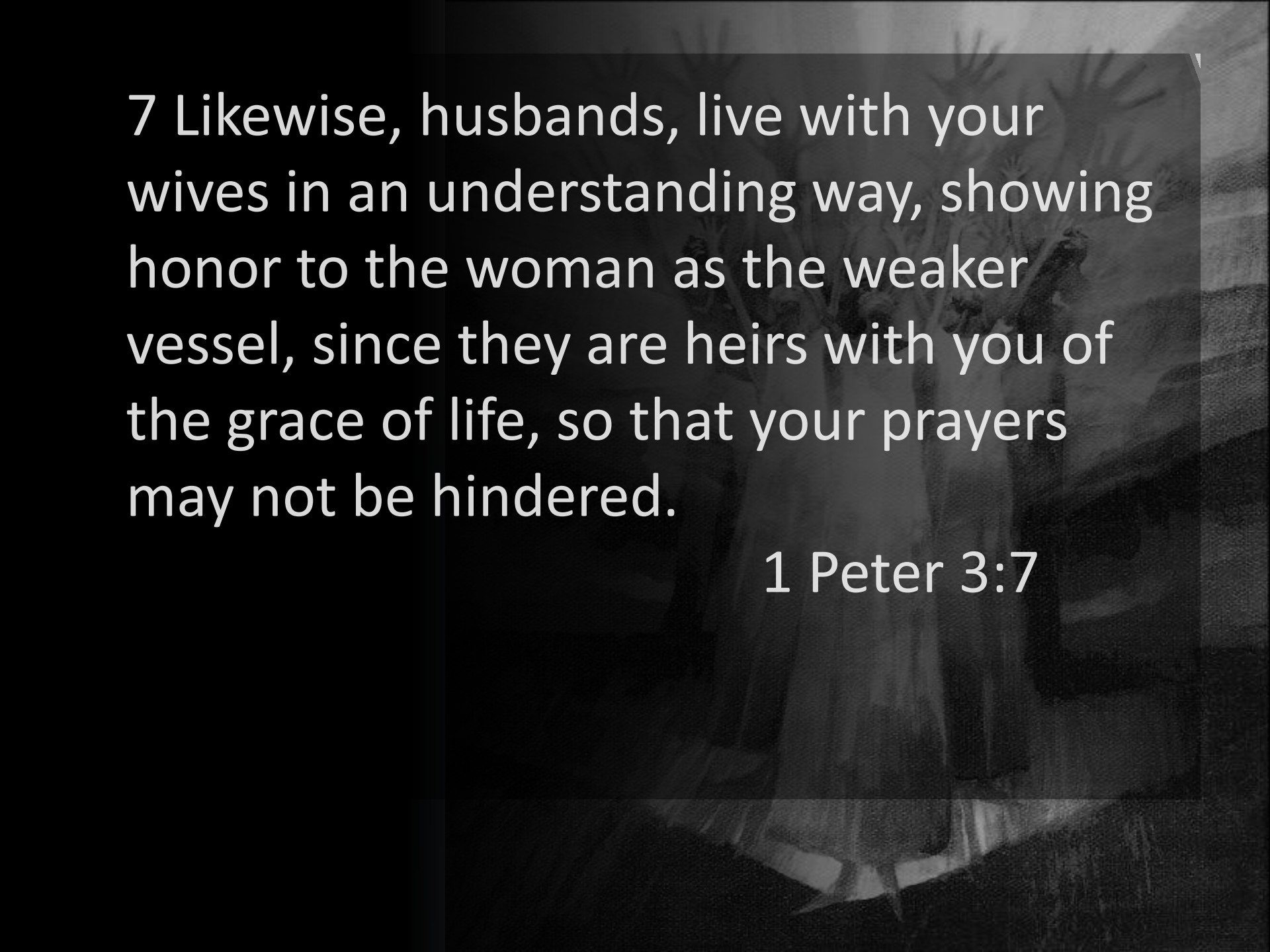


21 “You have heard that it was said to those of old, ‘You shall not murder; and whoever murders will be liable to judgment.’ But I say to you that everyone who is angry with his brother will be liable to judgment; whoever insults his brother will be liable to the council;

A group of people in a church setting, with some raising their hands in prayer or praise. The background is dark and slightly blurred, focusing attention on the text.

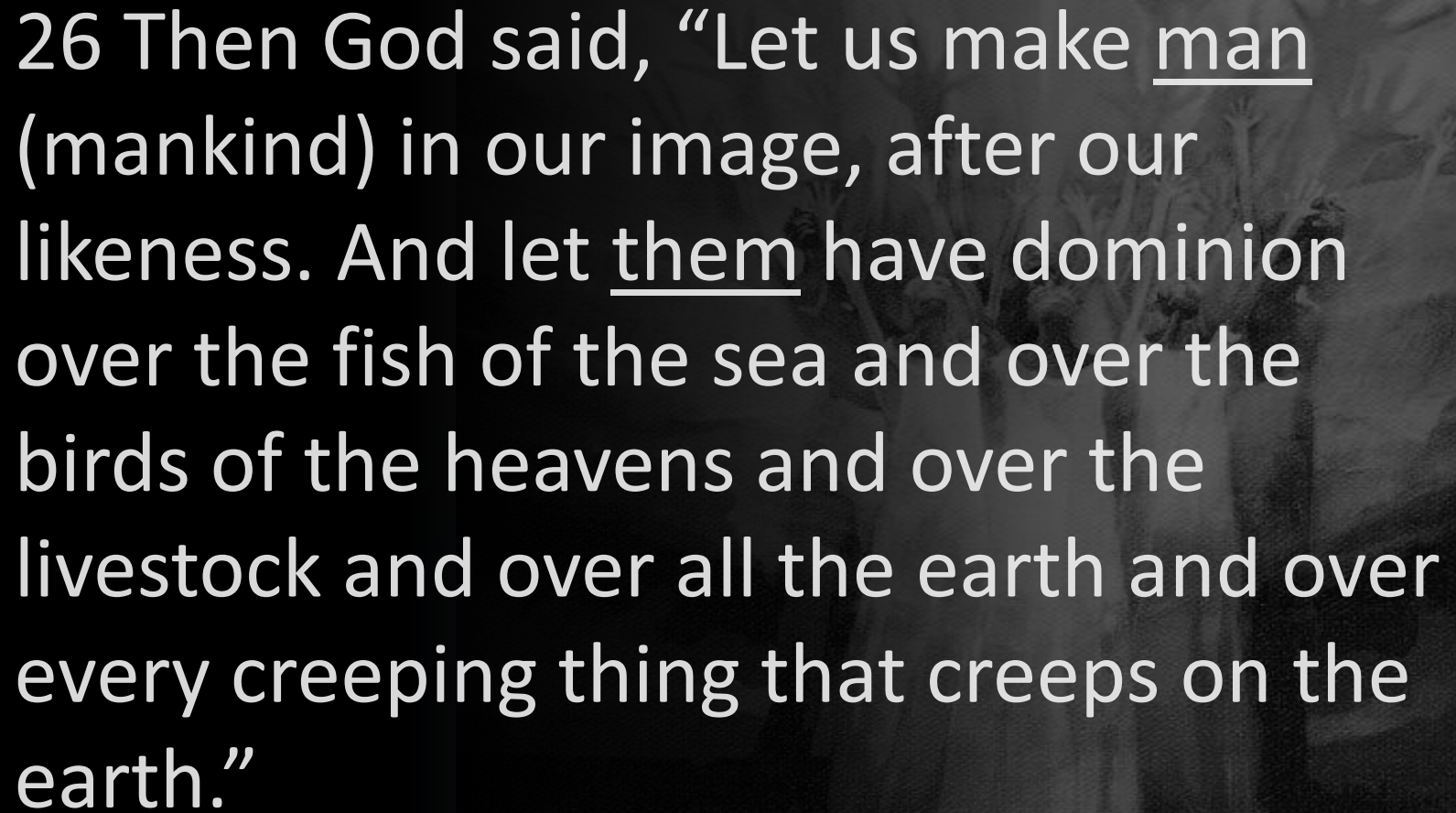
and whoever says, 'You fool!' will be liable to the hell of fire. 23 So if you are offering your gift at the altar and there remember that your brother has something against you, leave your gift there before the altar and go. First be reconciled to your brother, and then come and offer your gift.

Matthew 5:21-23

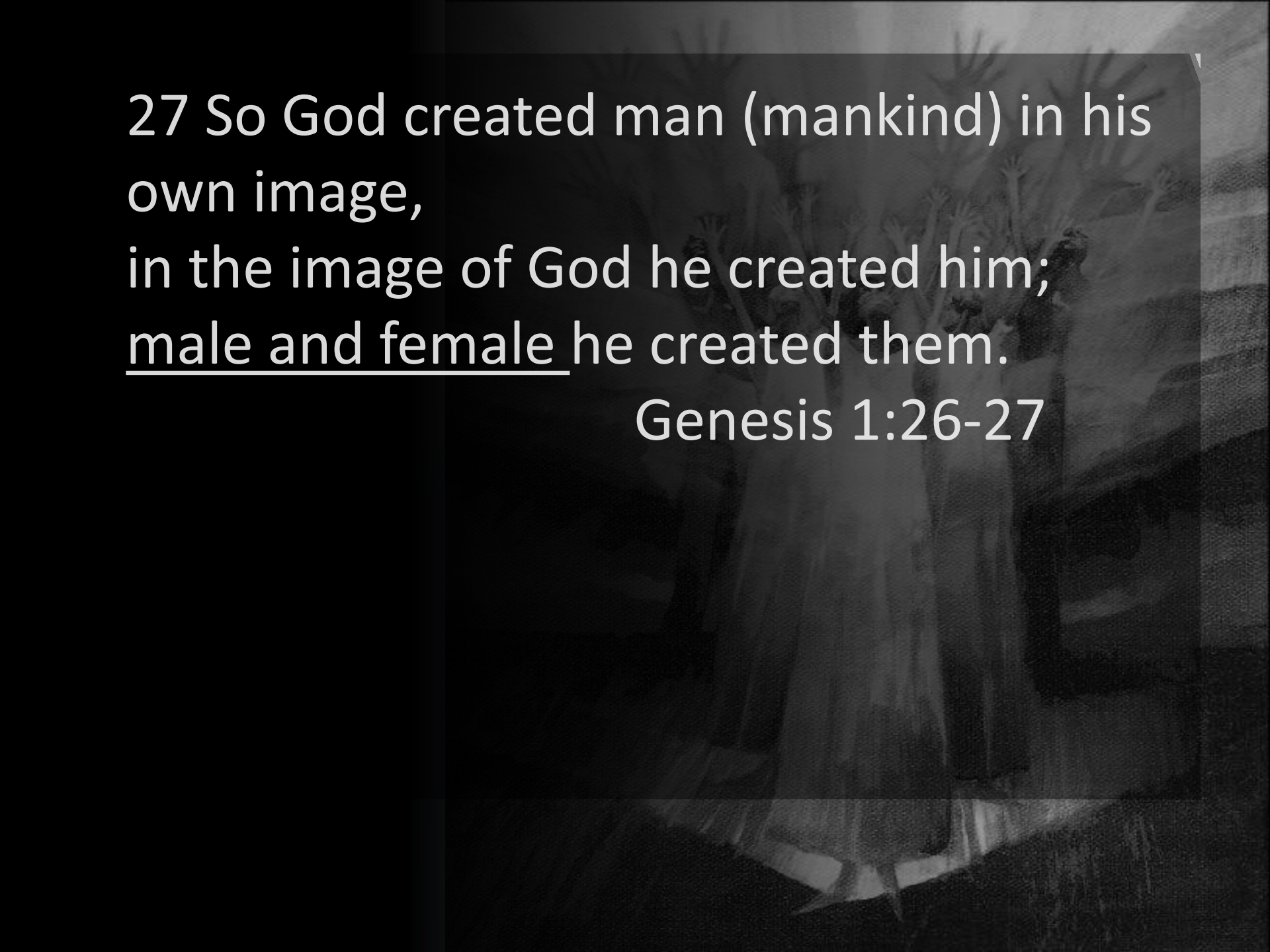


7 Likewise, husbands, live with your wives in an understanding way, showing honor to the woman as the weaker vessel, since they are heirs with you of the grace of life, so that your prayers may not be hindered.

1 Peter 3:7

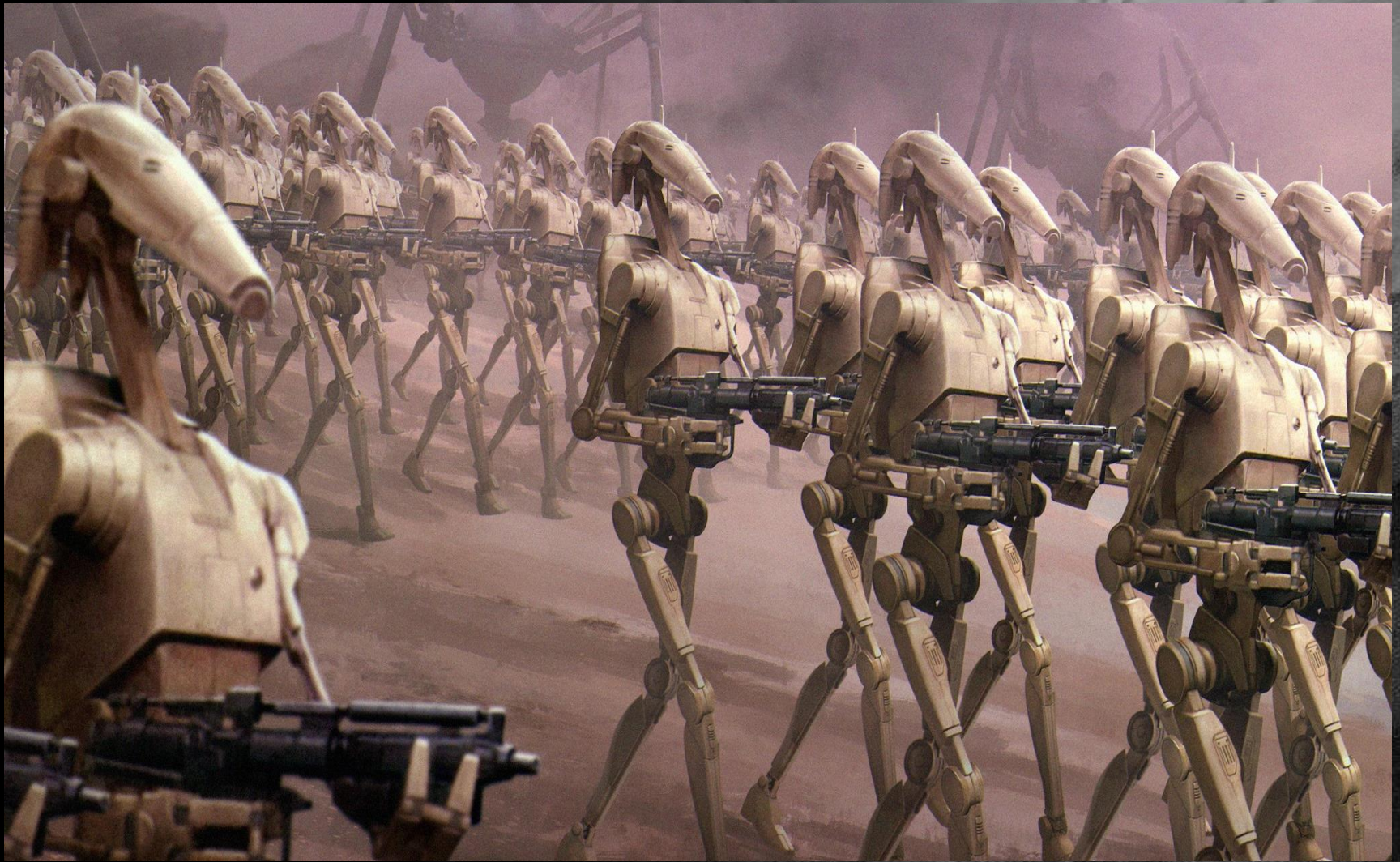


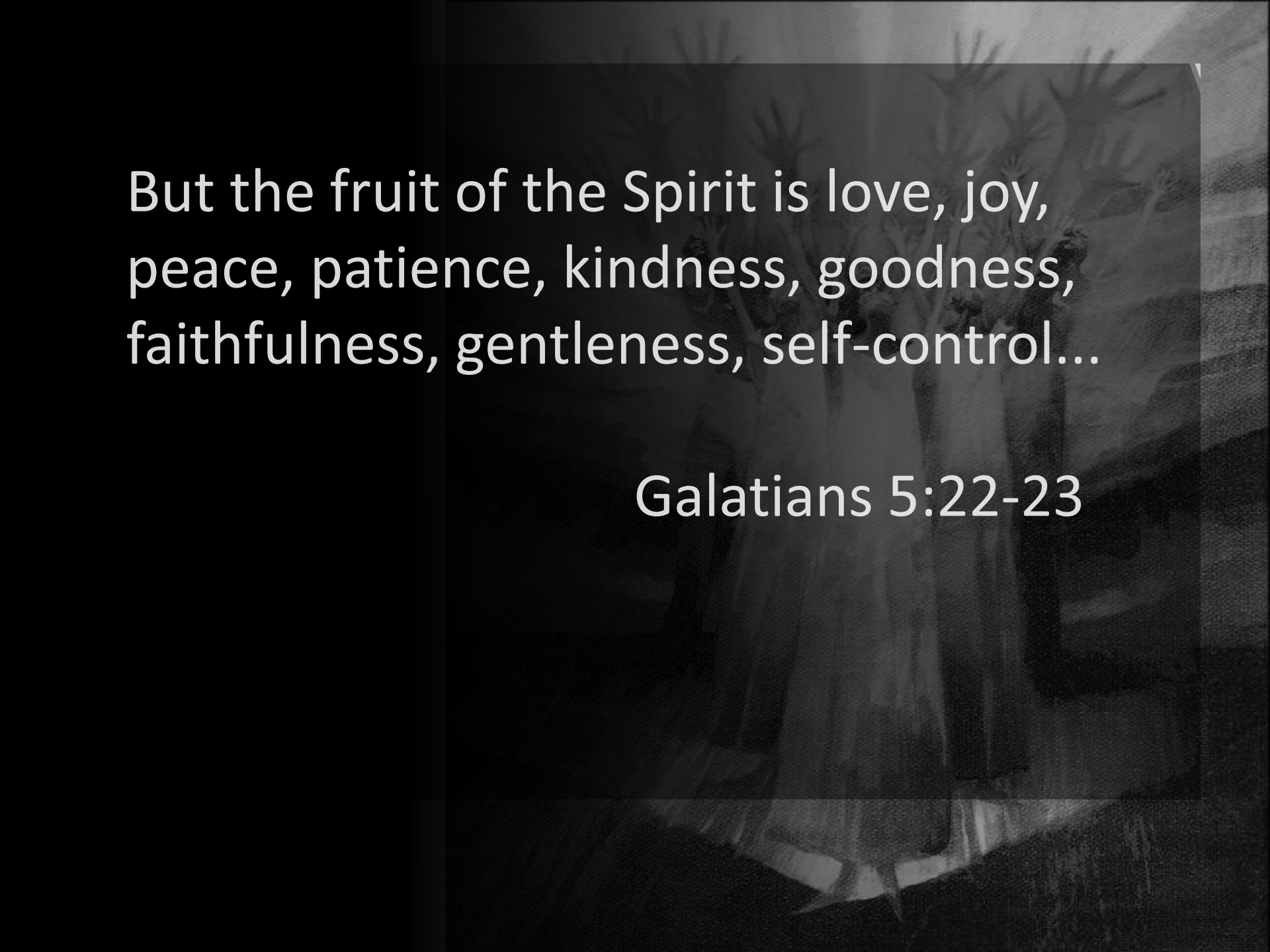
26 Then God said, “Let us make man (mankind) in our image, after our likeness. And let them have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over the livestock and over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth.”

A group of people, likely a choir or a group of worshippers, are shown from the chest up. They are wearing long, flowing white robes. Their arms are raised high, with hands open, in a gesture of praise or prayer. The background is dark and out of focus, suggesting an indoor setting with dramatic lighting. The overall mood is solemn and reverent.

27 So God created man (mankind) in his
own image,
in the image of God he created him;
male and female he created them.

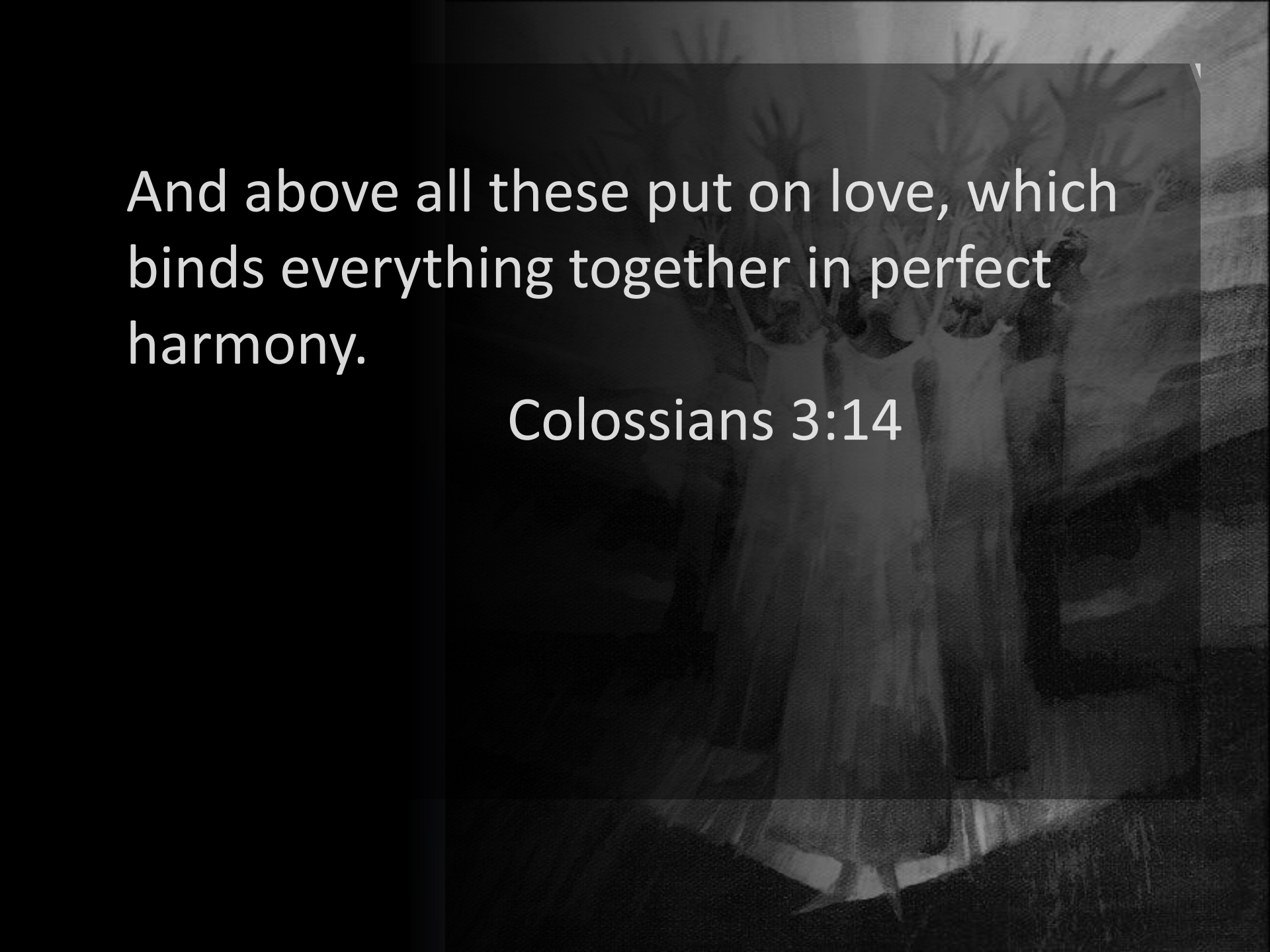
Genesis 1:26-27



A grayscale photograph of a group of people, likely a choir or a group of worshippers, wearing long white robes. They are standing in a line, and their hands are raised in the air, palms facing forward, in a gesture of prayer or praise. The background is dark and out of focus, suggesting an indoor setting like a church or a concert hall. The overall mood is solemn and reverent.

But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy,
peace, patience, kindness, goodness,
faithfulness, gentleness, self-control...

Galatians 5:22-23

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And above all these put on love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony.

Colossians 3:14

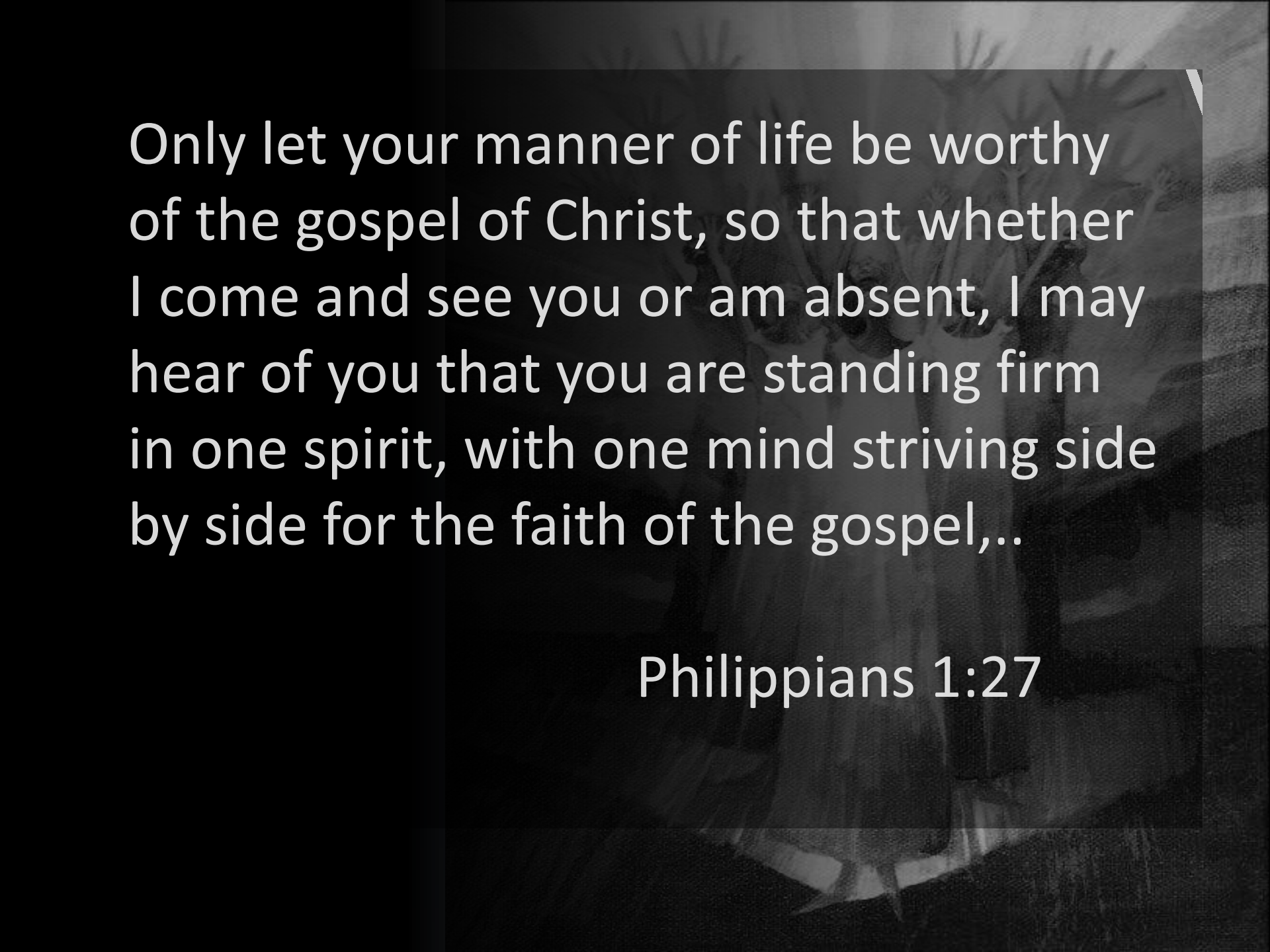
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Only let your manner of life be worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that whether I come and see you or am absent, I may hear of you that you are standing firm in one spirit, with one mind striving side by side for the faith of the gospel,..

Philippians 1:27



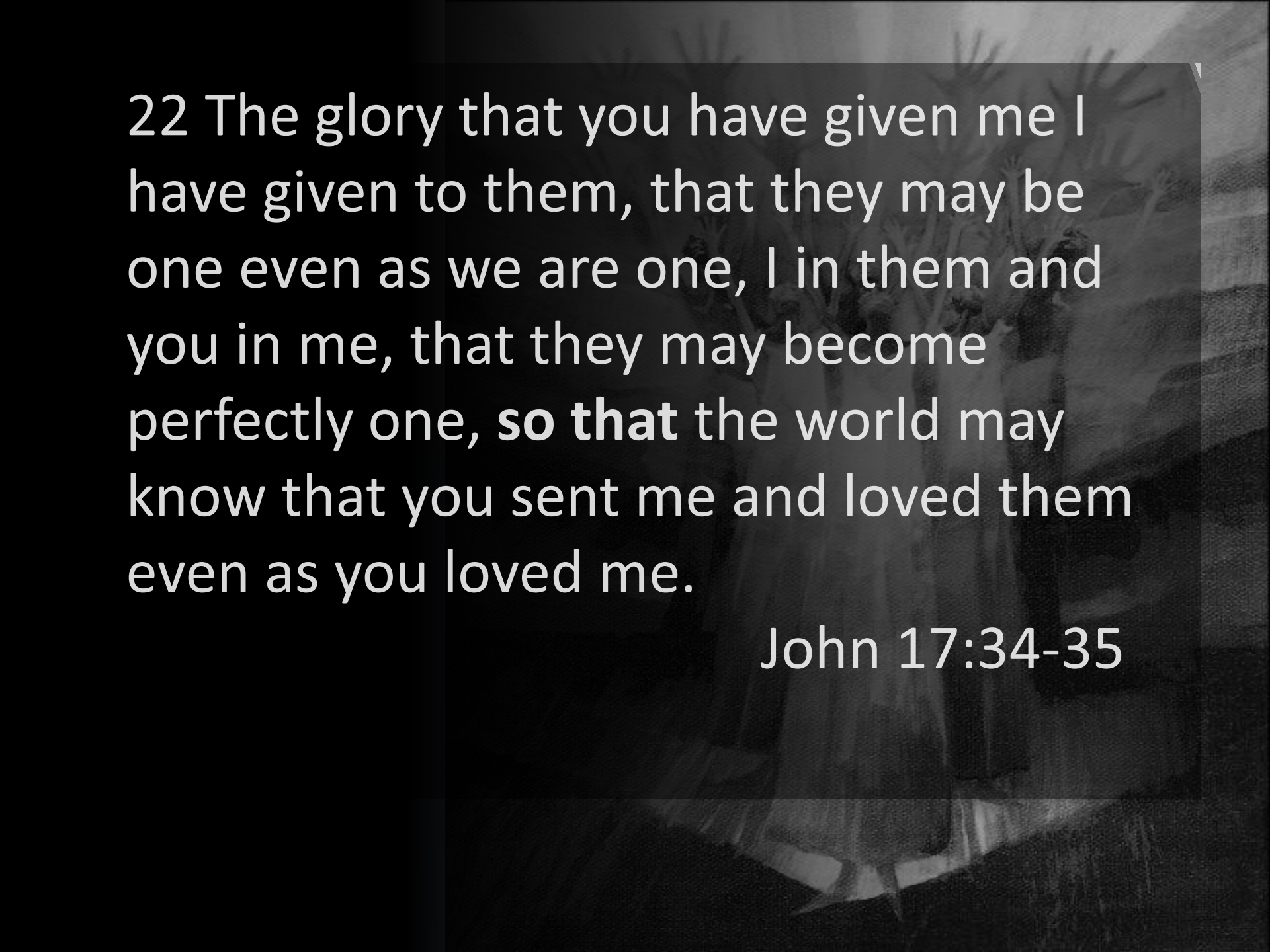
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1. Striving together
2. Glorifying God with one voice!

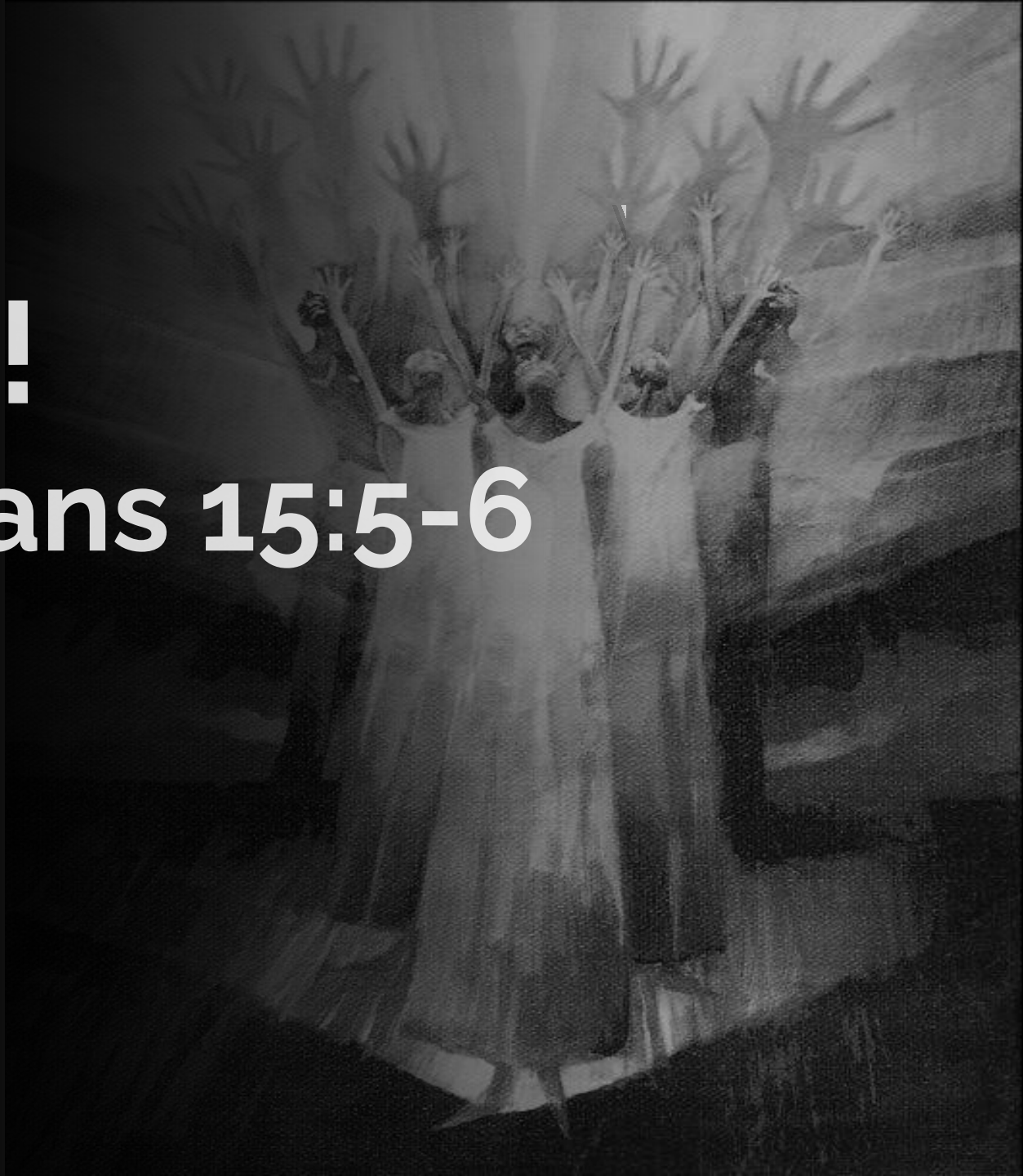


22 The glory that you have given me I have given to them, that they may be one even as we are one, I in them and you in me, that they may become perfectly one, **so that** the world may know that you sent me and loved them even as you loved me.

John 17:34-35

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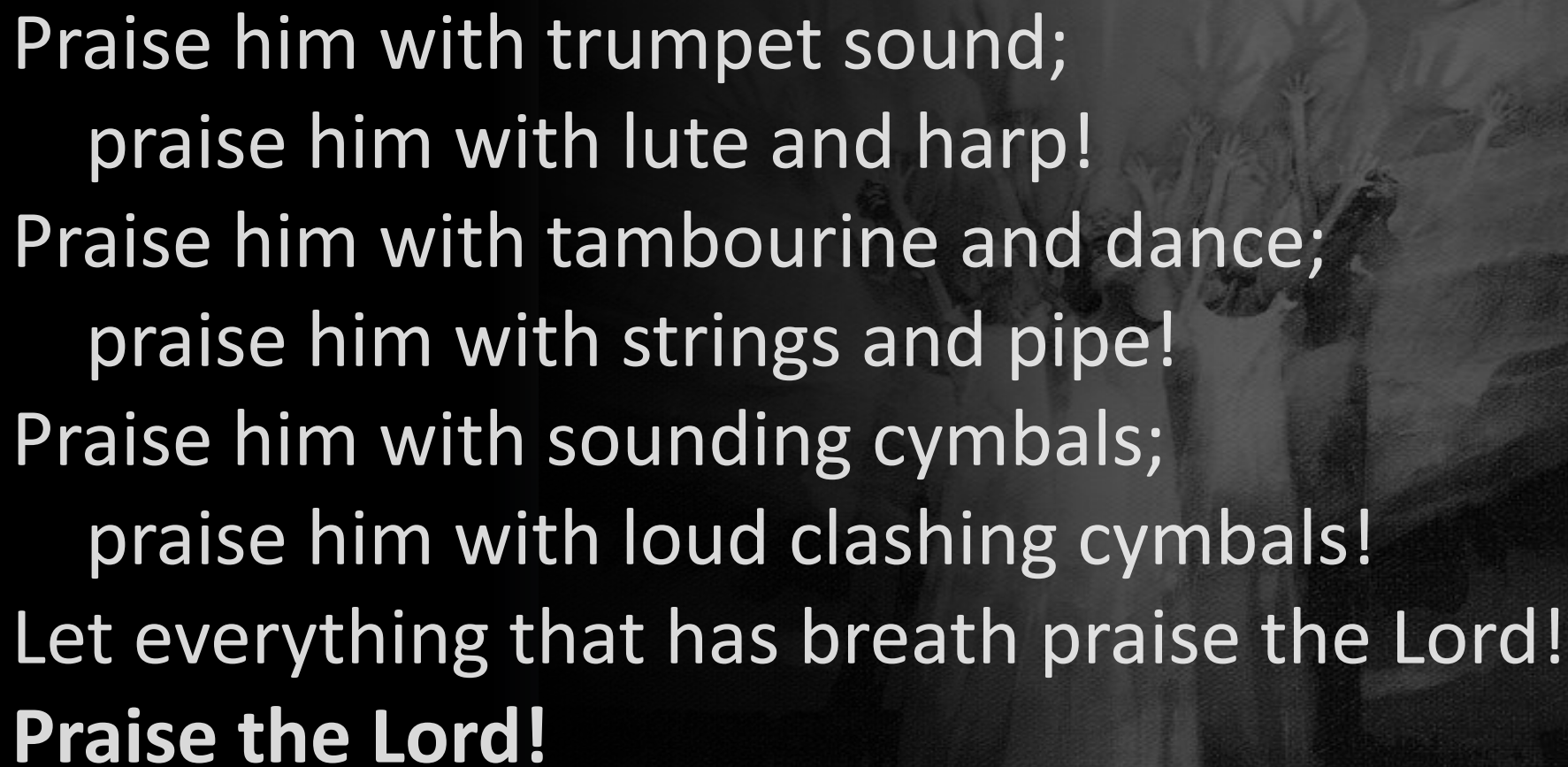




Praise the Lord!

Praise God in his sanctuary;
praise him in his mighty heavens!

Praise him for his mighty deeds;
praise him according to
his excellent greatness!



Praise him with trumpet sound;
praise him with lute and harp!
Praise him with tambourine and dance;
praise him with strings and pipe!
Praise him with sounding cymbals;
praise him with loud clashing cymbals!
Let everything that has breath praise the Lord!
Praise the Lord!

Psalm 150