



# Rescued

God's Plan For Redemption Revealed In Romans  
Week 15 - The End Of Self-Righteousness

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**RESCUED Part 15: Romans 10**  
**The End of Self-Righteousness**

# Romans 9, 10 & 11: Paul's "Hopeful Lament"

- **Written ~22-28 years post-crucifixion**
- **Diverse group of Jewish and Gentile believers**
- **A surprising reversal: many Gentiles, but few Jews coming to faith in Jesus Christ**

# Romans 10: The End of Self-Righteousness

Two big ideas Israel had lost:

1.) **THE LAW CANNOT SAVE** (Salvation through faith in Christ is what God had in mind all along.)

2.) **SALVATION IN CHRIST IS AVAILABLE TO ALL BY FAITH.** (God had always planned to extend mercy to the Gentiles, not only Israel.)

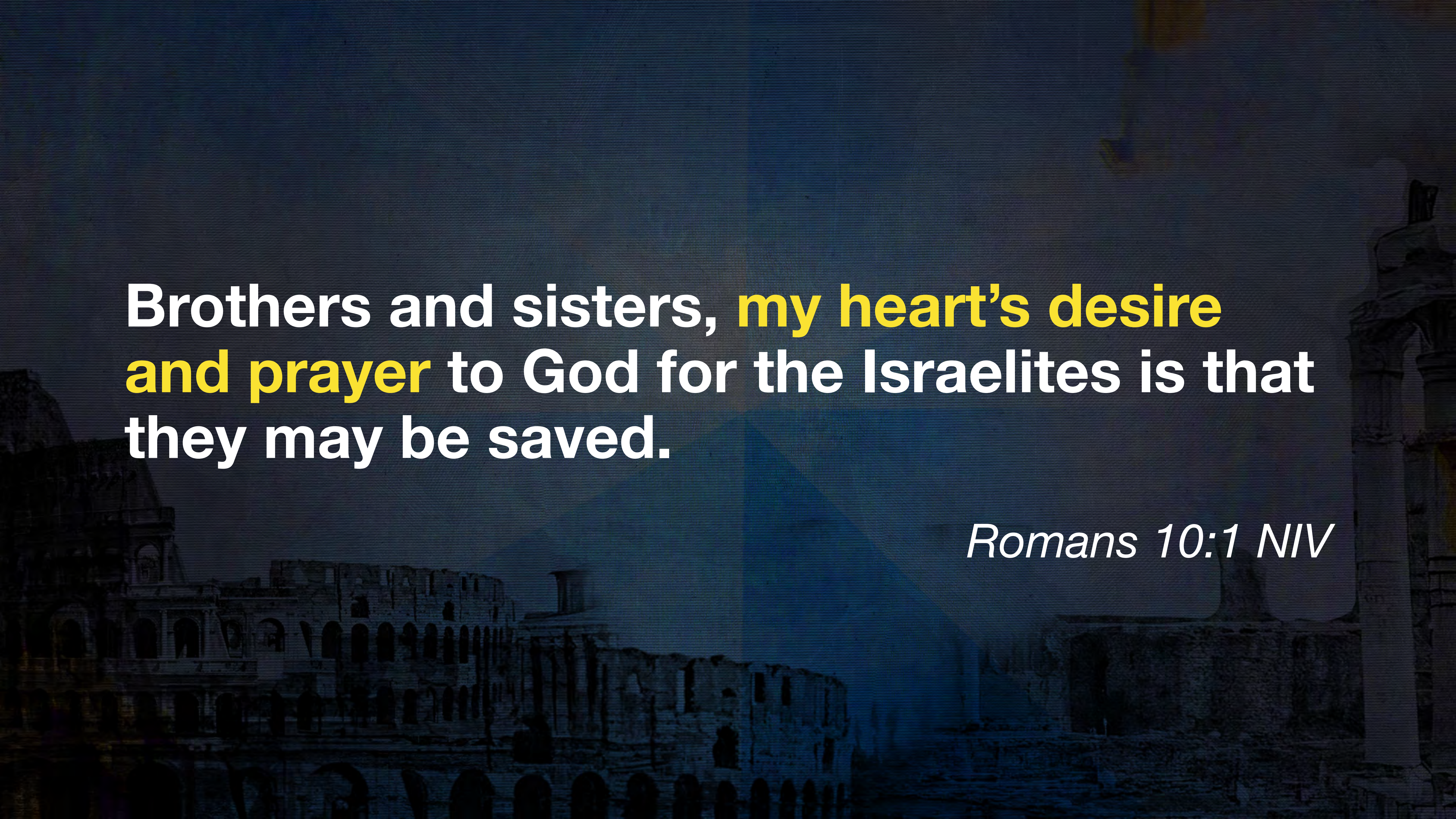
...The **Gentiles**, who did not pursue righteousness, have obtained it ... **by faith**; but the people of **Israel**, who pursued the law as the way of righteousness, have not attained their goal ... They pursued it **not by faith** but as if it were **by works**.

*Romans 9:30-32 NIV*

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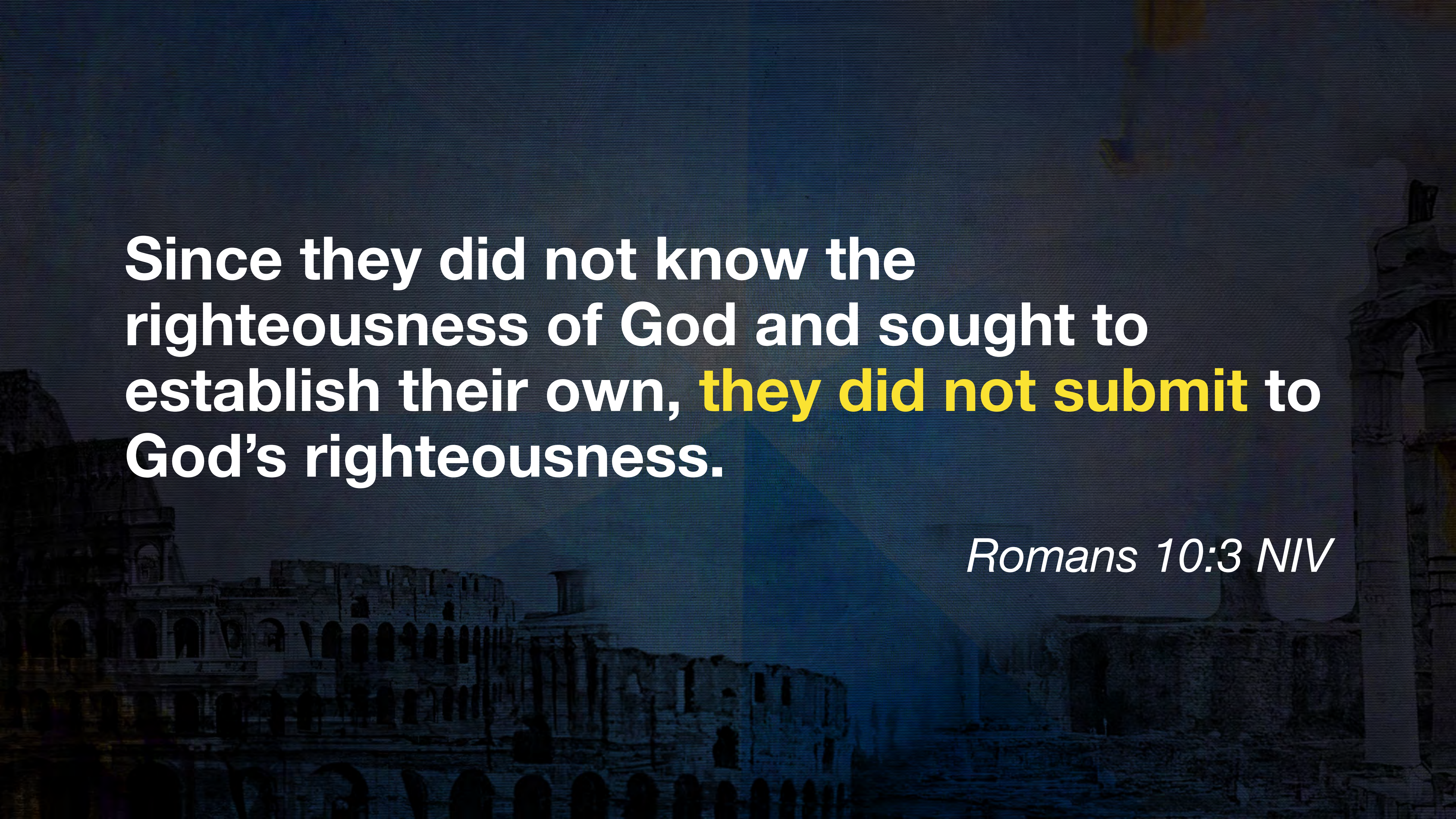
Brothers and sisters, **my heart's desire**  
**and prayer** to God for the Israelites is that  
they may be saved.

*Romans 10:1 NIV*



For I can testify about them that they are  
zealous for God, **but their zeal is not  
based on knowledge.**

*Romans 10:2 NIV*



Since they did not know the righteousness of God and sought to establish their own, **they did not submit** to God's righteousness.

*Romans 10:3 NIV*

**...They are doing everything exactly backward.**

*Romans 10:1-3, The Message*



For Christ is the **end of the law** for  
righteousness to everyone who believes.

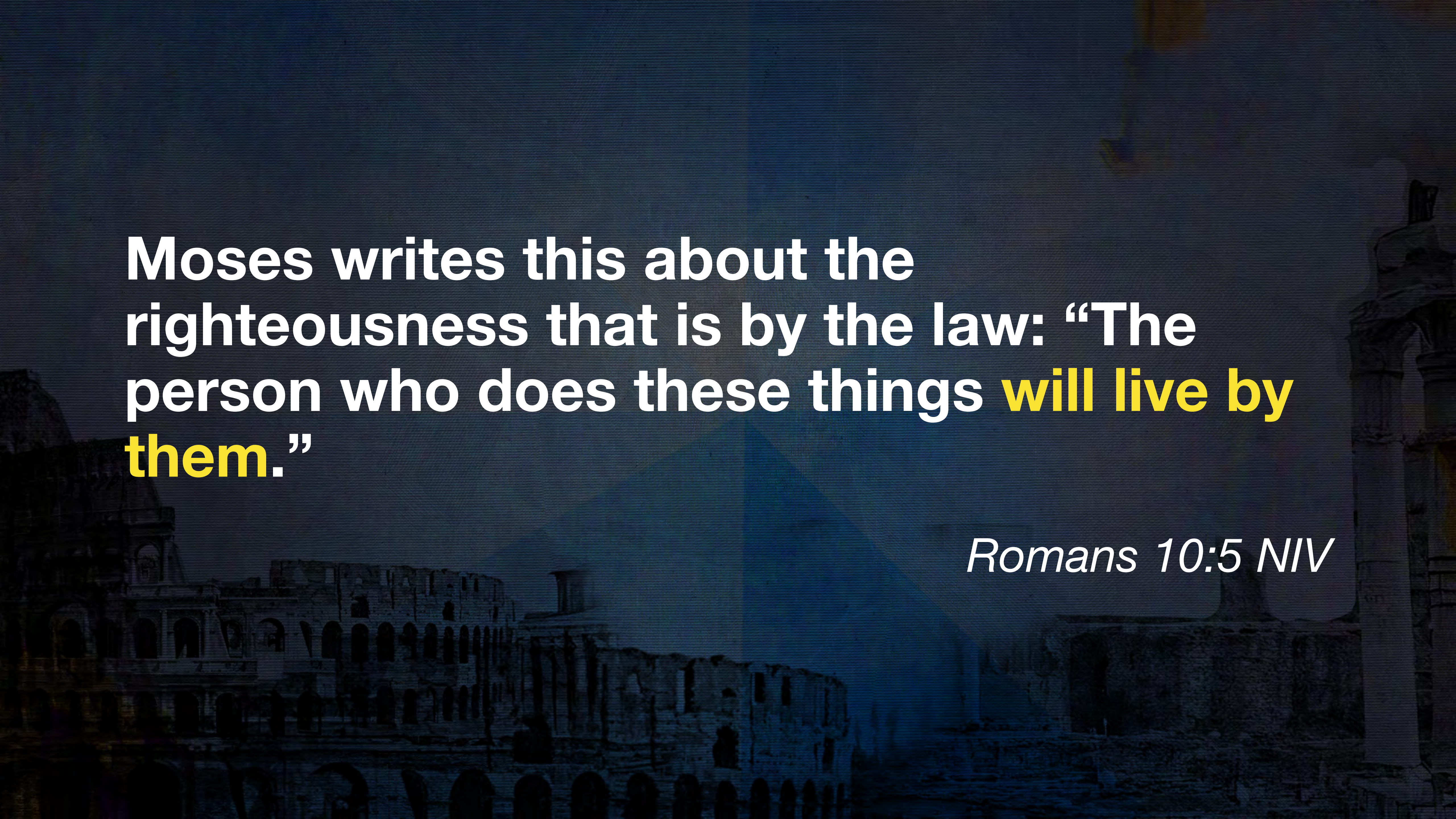
*Romans 10:4 ESV*

**The law is only a shadow of the good things that are coming - not the realities themselves. For this reason it can never ... make perfect those who draw near to worship.**

*Hebrews 10:1 NIV*

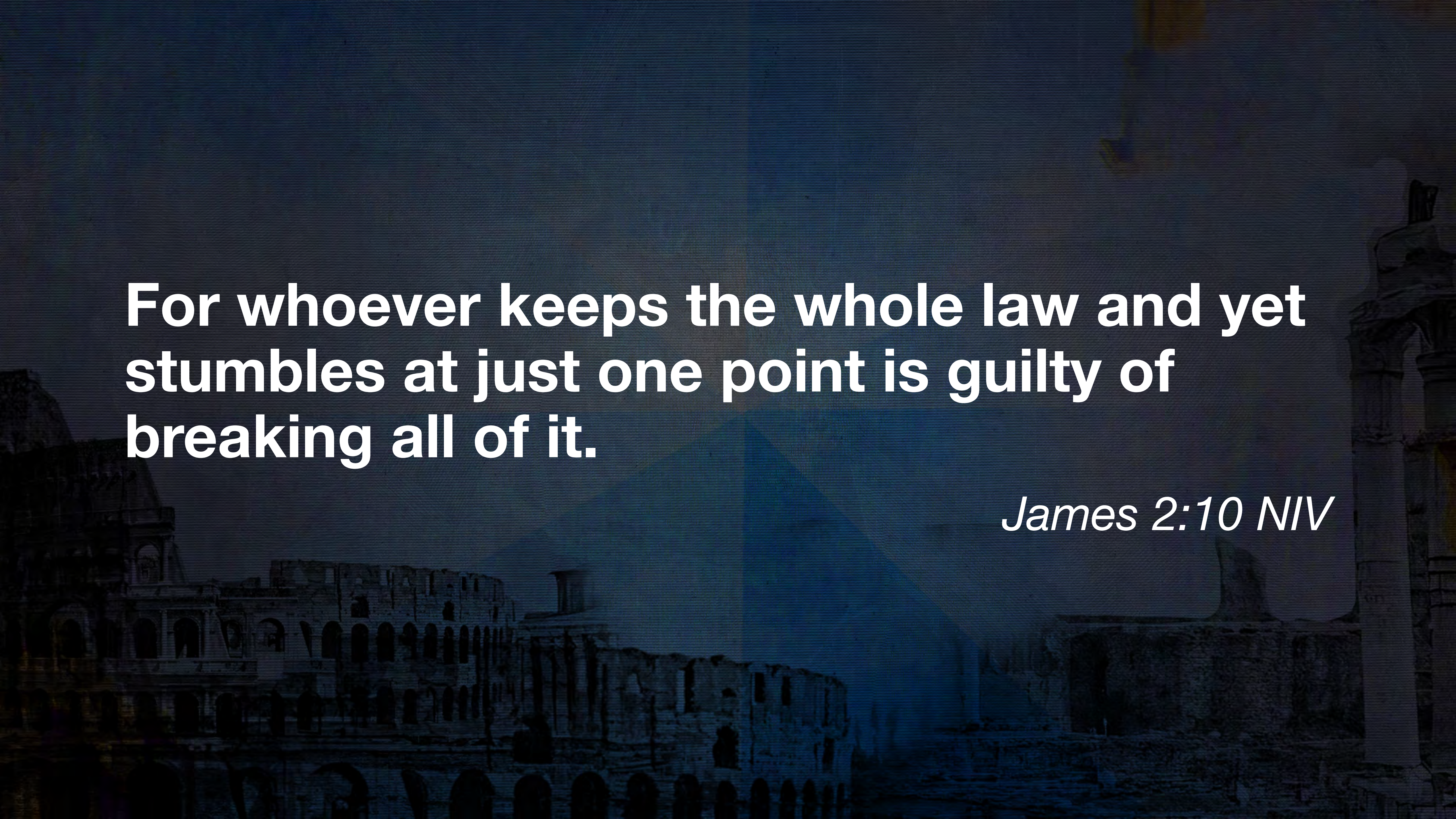
**So then, the law was our guardian [tutor, schoolmaster] until Christ came, in order that we might be justified by faith.**

*Galatians 3:24 ESV*



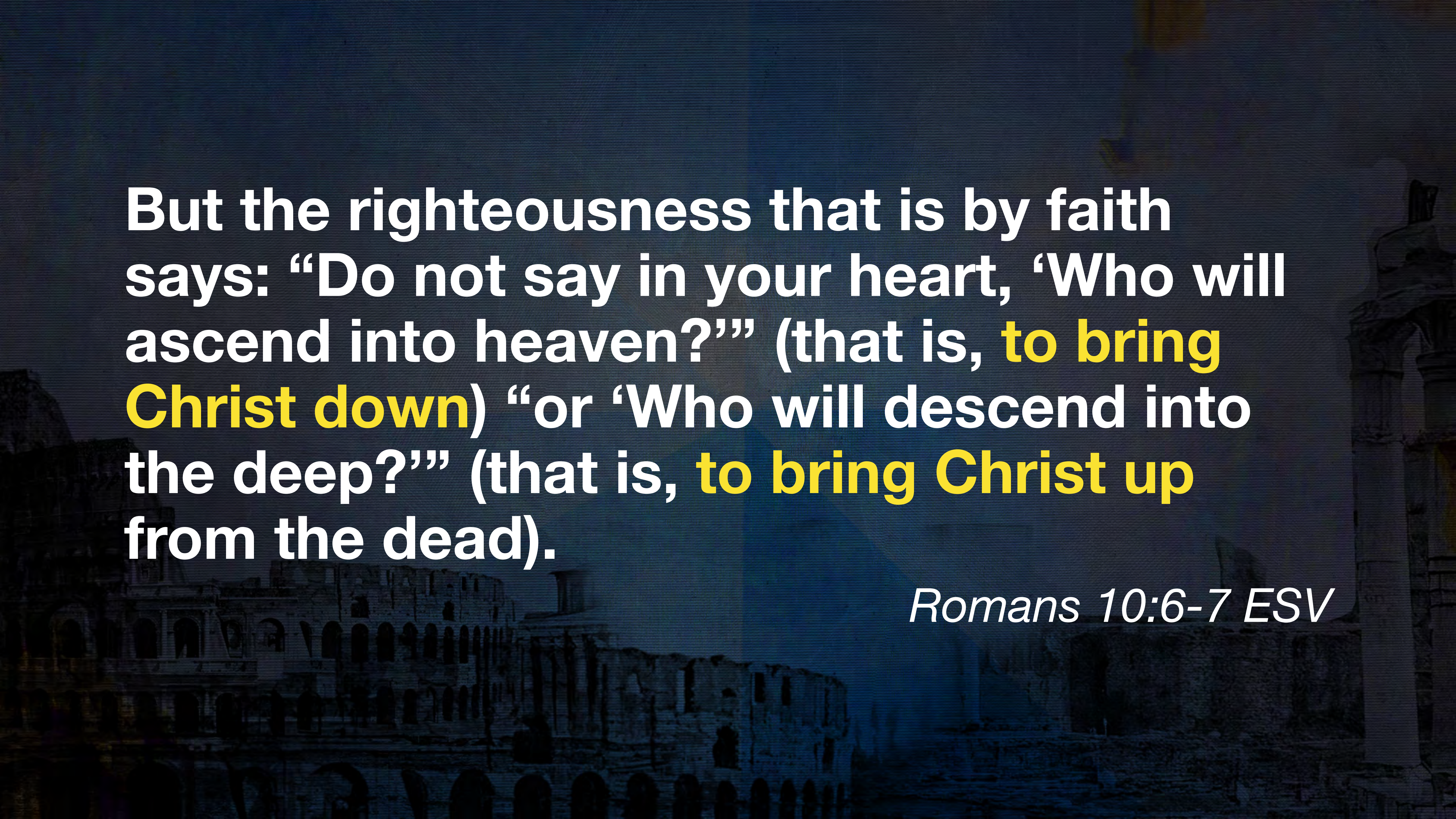
Moses writes this about the righteousness that is by the law: “The person who does these things **will live by them.**”

*Romans 10:5 NIV*



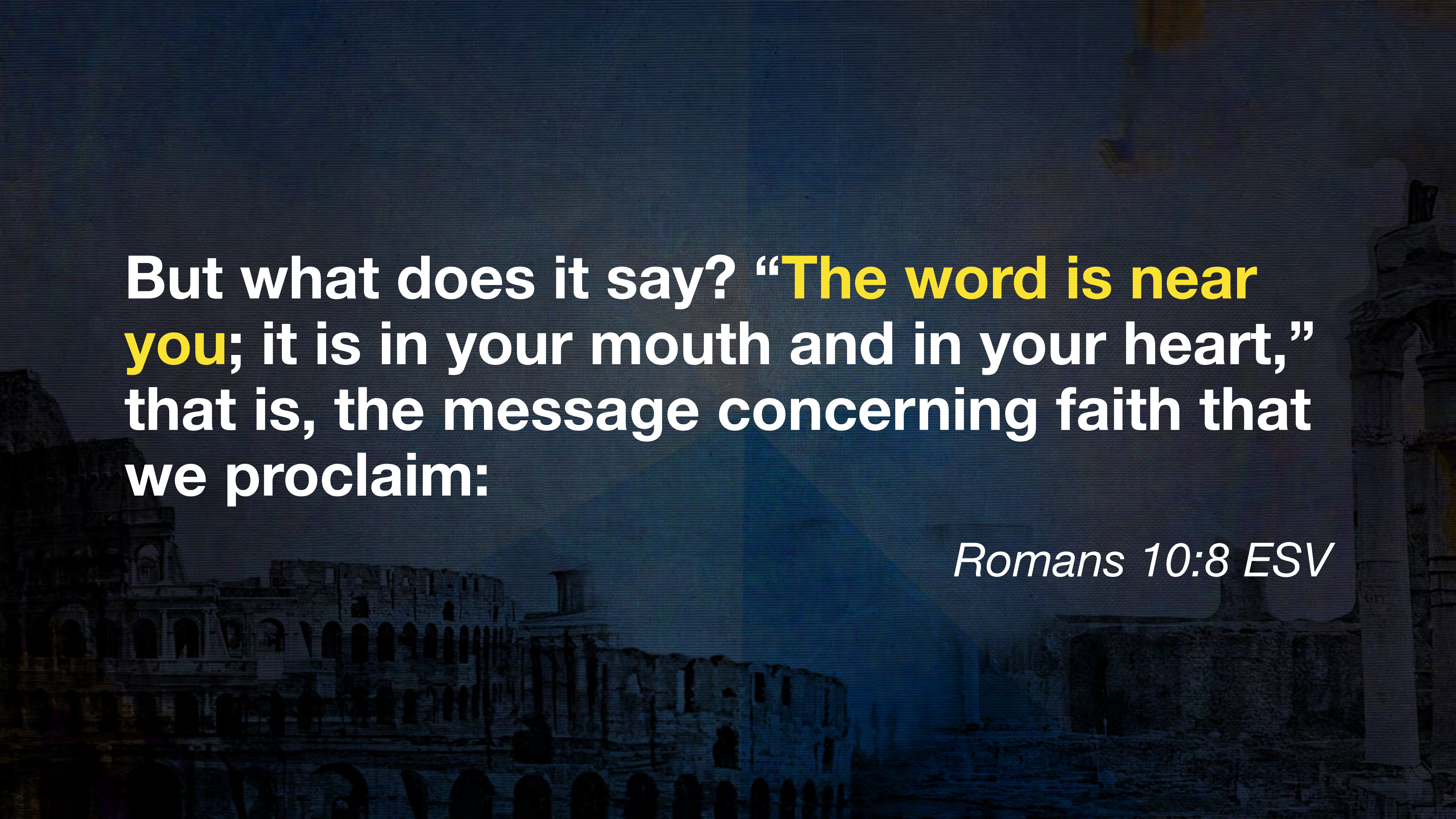
**For whoever keeps the whole law and yet stumbles at just one point is guilty of breaking all of it.**

*James 2:10 NIV*



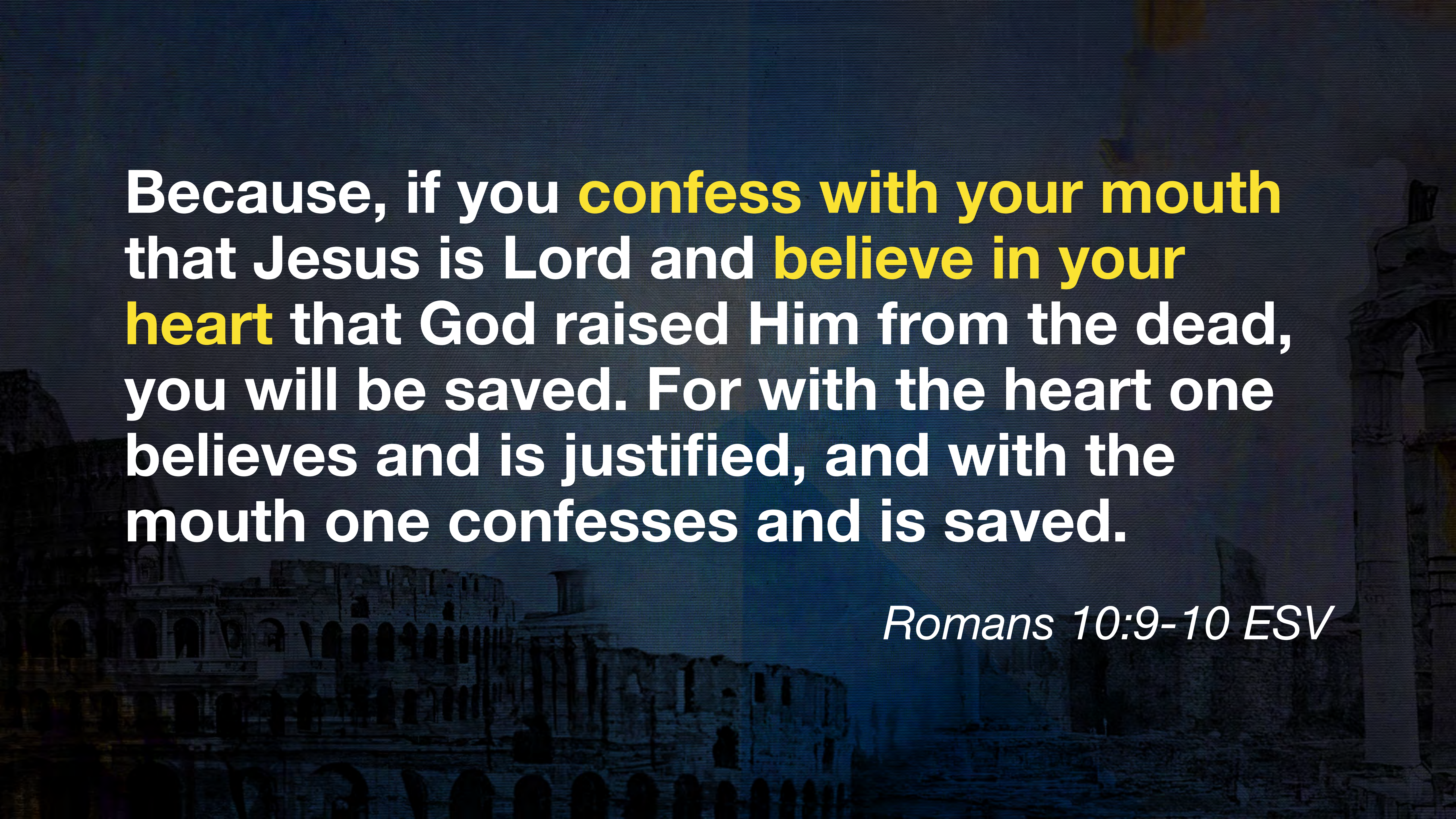
But the righteousness that is by faith says: “Do not say in your heart, ‘Who will ascend into heaven?’” (that is, **to bring Christ down**) “or ‘Who will descend into the deep?’” (that is, **to bring Christ up from the dead**).

*Romans 10:6-7 ESV*



But what does it say? **“The word is near you;** it is in your mouth and in your heart,” that is, the message concerning faith that we proclaim:

*Romans 10:8 ESV*



Because, if you **confess with your mouth** that Jesus is Lord and **believe in your heart** that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved. For with the heart one believes and is justified, and with the mouth one confesses and is saved.

*Romans 10:9-10 ESV*



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The crowd listened to Paul until he said this.  
Then they raised their voices and shouted,  
“**Rid the earth of him! He’s not fit to live!**”

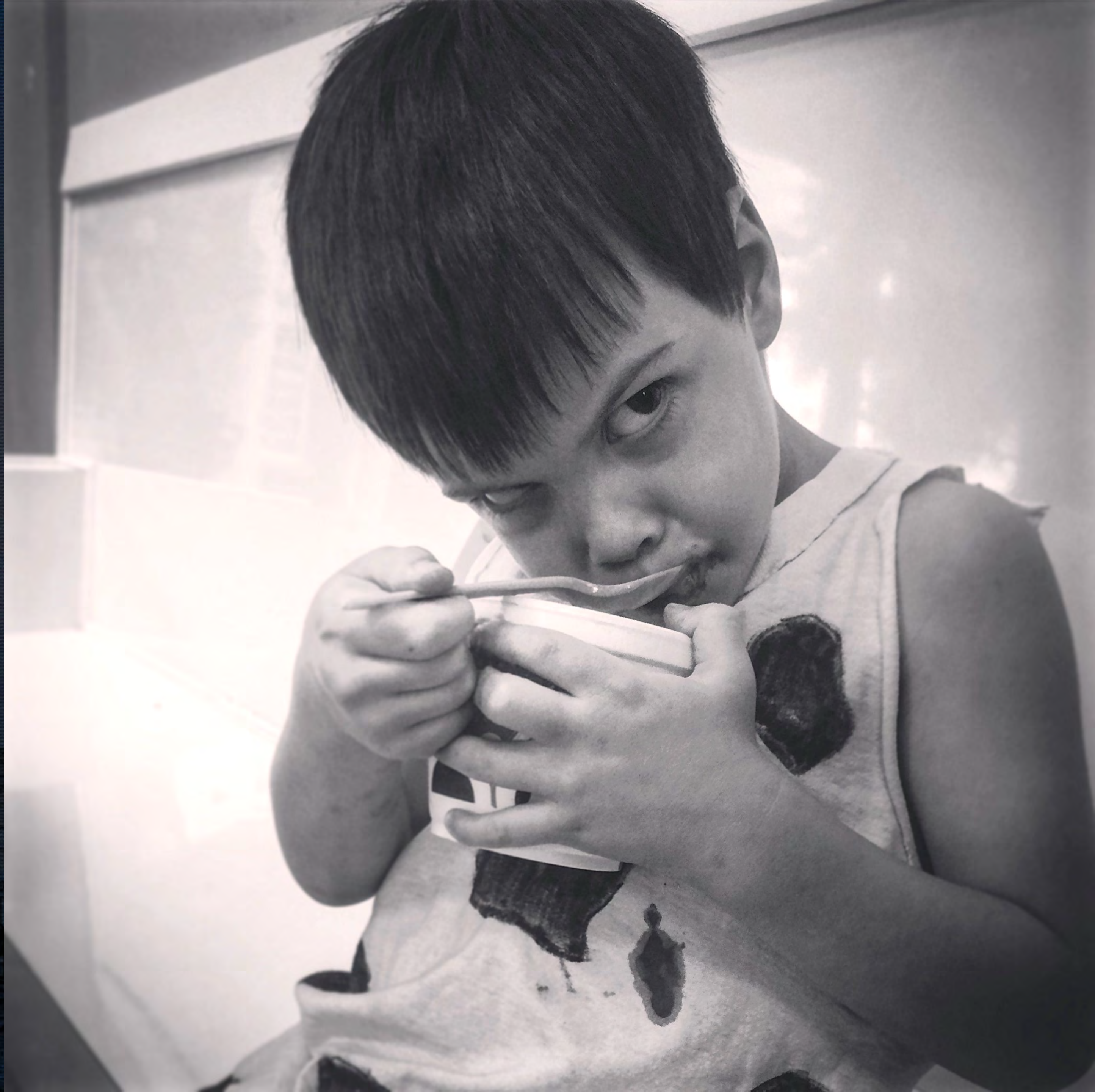
*Acts 22:22 NIV*

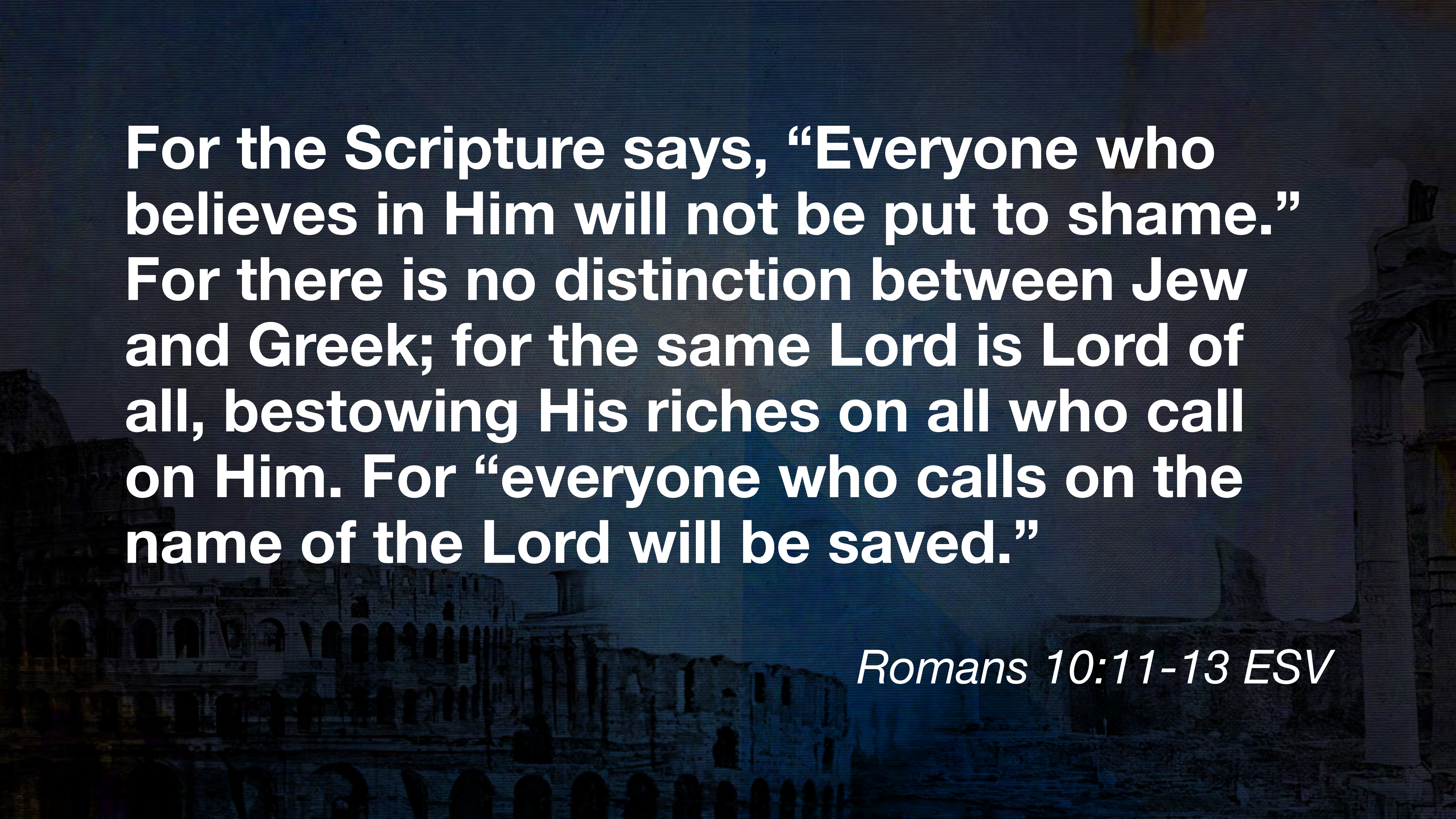
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...There were many widows in Israel in Elijah's time ... Yet **Elijah** was not sent to any of them, but to a widow in Zarephath in the region of Sidon. And there were many in Israel with leprosy in the time of **Elisha** the prophet, yet not one of them was cleansed—**only Naaman the Syrian.**

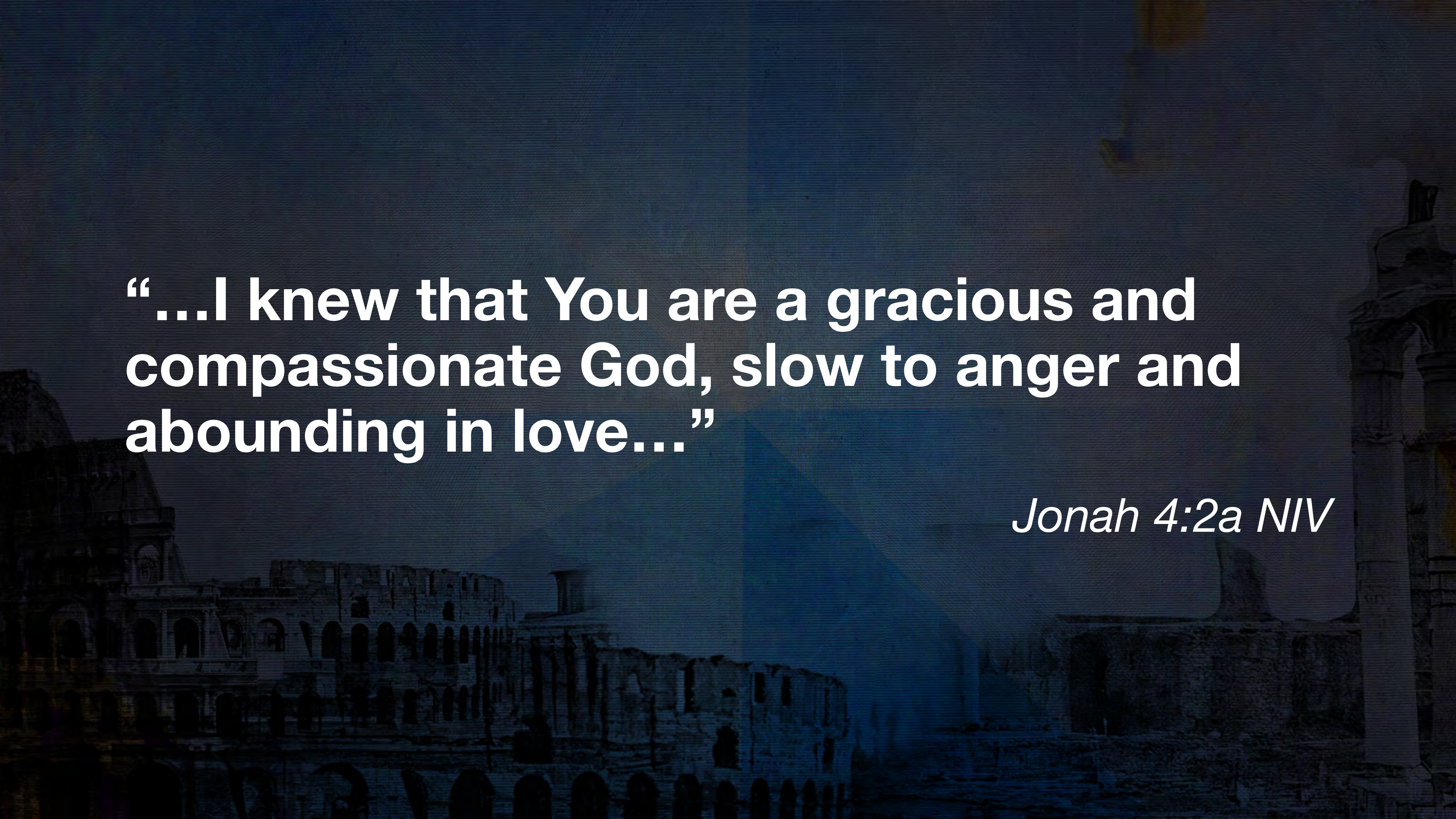
*Luke 4:25-27 NIV*





**For the Scripture says, “Everyone who believes in Him will not be put to shame.” For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; for the same Lord is Lord of all, bestowing His riches on all who call on Him. For “everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.”**

*Romans 10:11-13 ESV*



**“...I knew that You are a gracious and  
compassionate God, slow to anger and  
abounding in love...”**

*Jonah 4:2a NIV*

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**How, then, can they call on the One they have not believed in? And how can they believe in the One of whom they have not heard? And how can they hear without someone preaching to them? And how can anyone preach unless they are sent? As it is written: “How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!”**

*Romans 10:14-15 NIV*

**But not all the Israelites accepted the good news. For Isaiah says, “Lord, who has believed our message?”**

**Consequently, faith comes from hearing the message, and the message is heard through the word about Christ.**

*Romans 10:16-17 NIV*

But I ask: Did they not hear? Of course they did: “Their voice has gone out into all the earth, their words to the ends of the world.” Again I ask: Did Israel not understand? First, Moses says, “I will make you envious by those who are not a nation; I will make you angry by a nation that has no understanding.” And Isaiah boldly says, **“I was found by those who did not seek Me; I revealed Myself to those who did not ask for Me.”**

*Romans 10:18-20 ESV*



**But of Israel he says, “All day long I have held out My hands to a disobedient and contrary people.”**

*Romans 10:21 ESV*