



# Rescued

God's Plan For Redemption Revealed In Romans  
Week 19

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# Right Evaluation Of Oneself

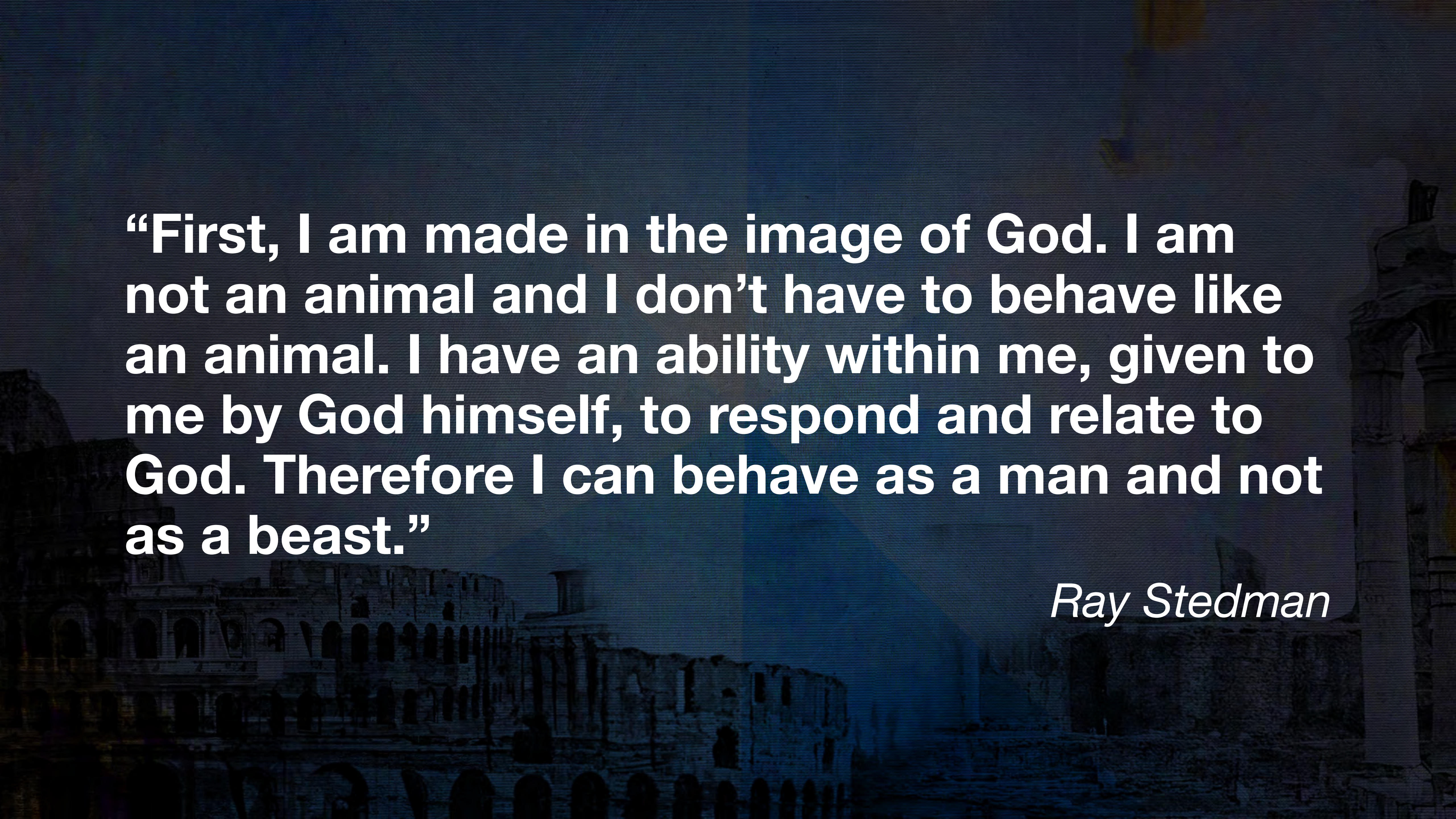
For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think more highly of himself than he ought to think, but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. For as in one body we have many members, and the members do not all have the same function, so we, though many, are one body in Christ, and individually members one of another.

**Having gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, let us use them: if prophecy, in proportion to our faith; if service, in our serving; the one who teaches, in his teaching; the one who exhorts, in his exhortation; the one who contributes, in generosity; the one who leads, with zeal; the one who does acts of mercy, with cheerfulness.**

*Romans 12:3-8 ESV*

**As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace...in order that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ. To him belong glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.**

*1 Peter 4:10-11 ESV*



**“First, I am made in the image of God. I am not an animal and I don’t have to behave like an animal. I have an ability within me, given to me by God himself, to respond and relate to God. Therefore I can behave as a man and not as a beast.”**

*Ray Stedman*

**“Second, I am filled with the Spirit of God. The most amazing thing has happened! Though I don’t deserve it in the least degree, I have the power of God at work within me. I have become, in some sense, the bearer of God, and God himself is willing to be at work in me through the problems and pressures I go through this day.”**

*Ray Stedman*

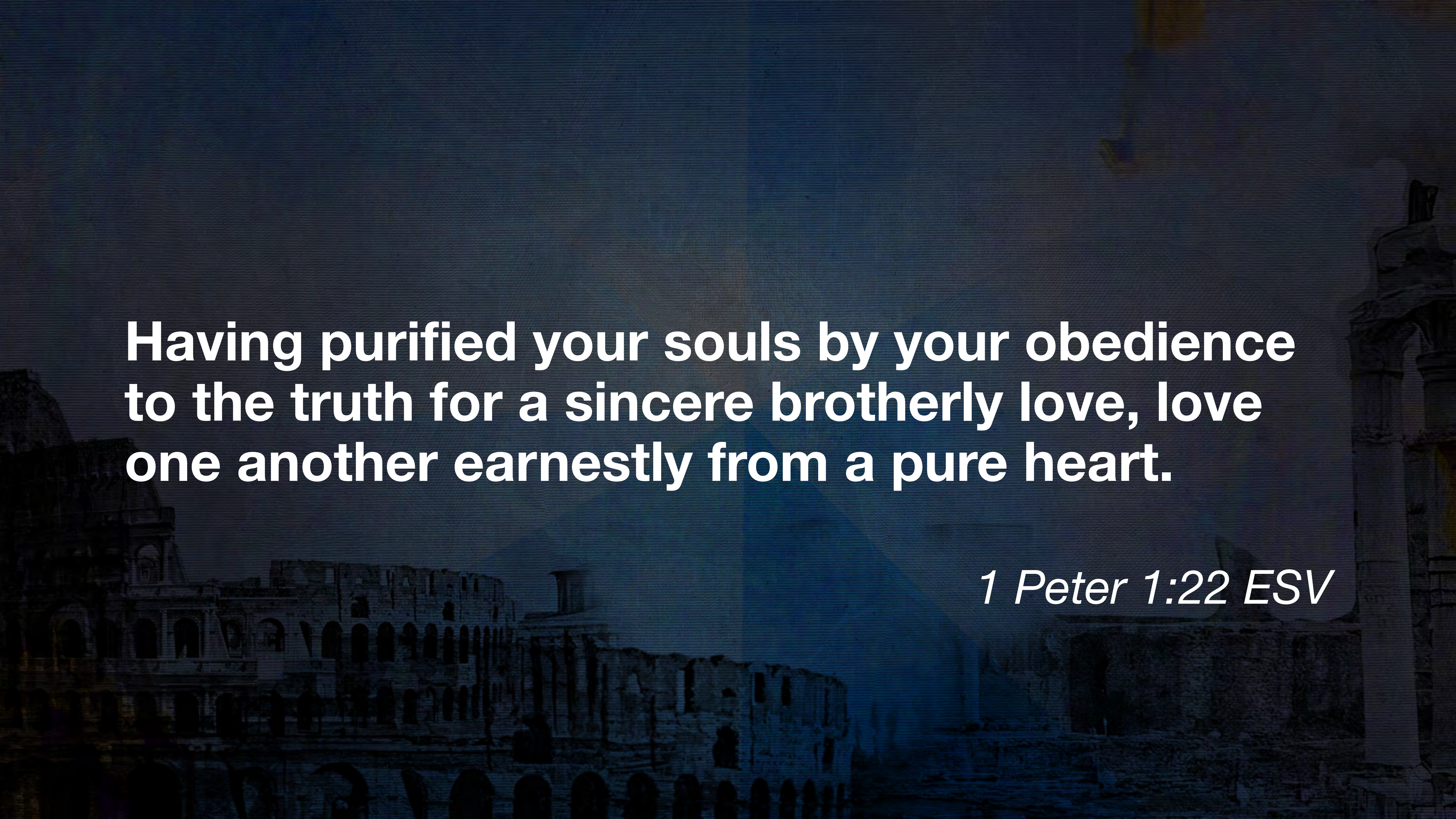
**“Third, I am part of the plan of God. God is working out all things to a great and final purpose in the earth, and I am part of it. What I do today has purpose and significance and meaning. This is not a meaningless day I am going through. Even the smallest incident, the most apparently insignificant word or relationship, is involved in his great plan. Therefore all of it has meaning and purpose.”**

*Ray Stedman*

# Love Without Hypocrisy

Let love be genuine.

*Romans 12:9a ESV*



**Having purified your souls by your obedience to the truth for a sincere brotherly love, love one another earnestly from a pure heart.**

*1 Peter 1:22 ESV*

# Embrace What Is Right

**Abhor what is evil; hold fast to what is good.**

*Romans 12:9b ESV*

# Love With Affection

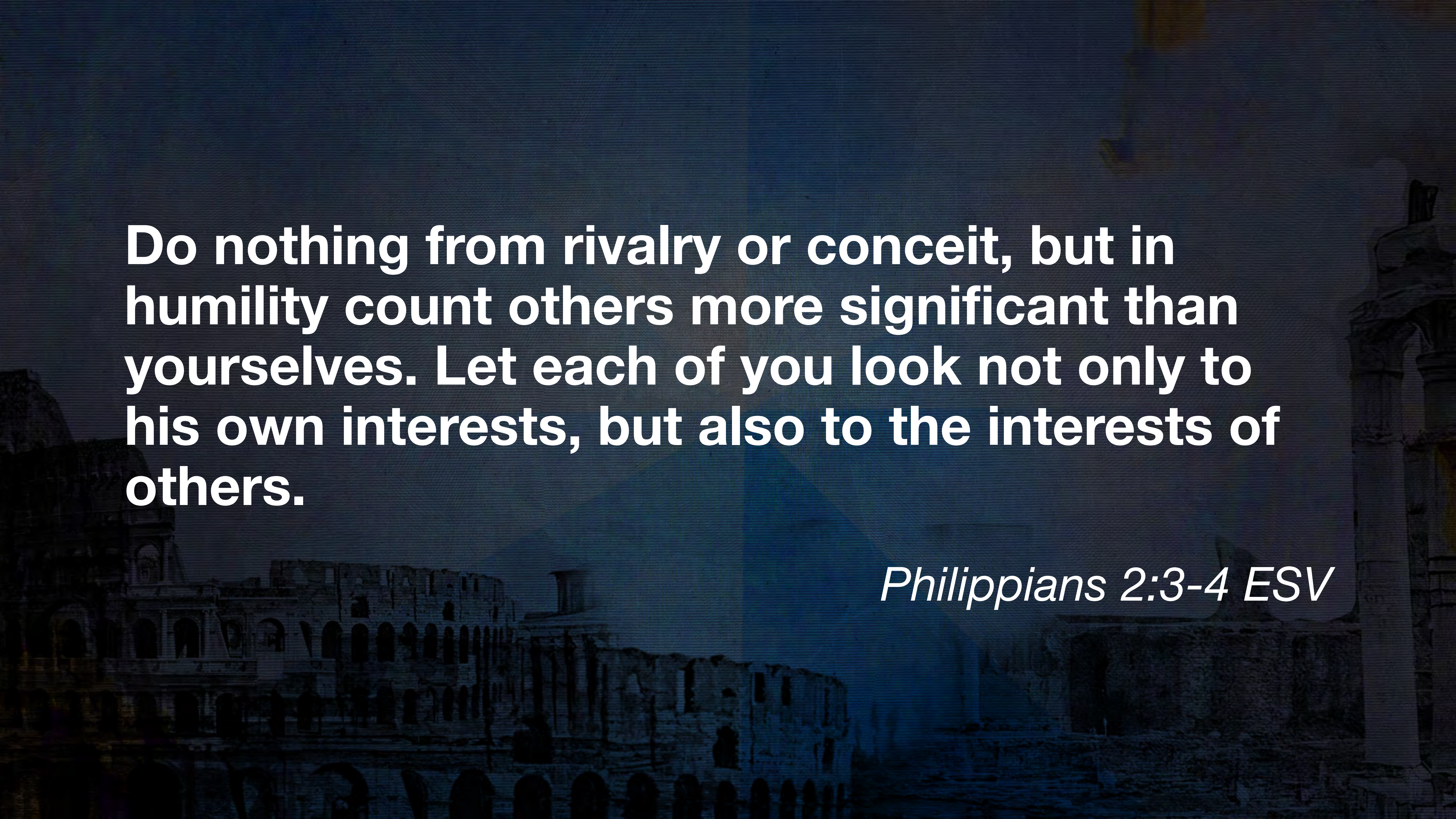
Love one another with brotherly affection.

*Romans 12:10a ESV*

# Honor One Another

Outdo one another in showing honor.

*Romans 12:10b ESV*



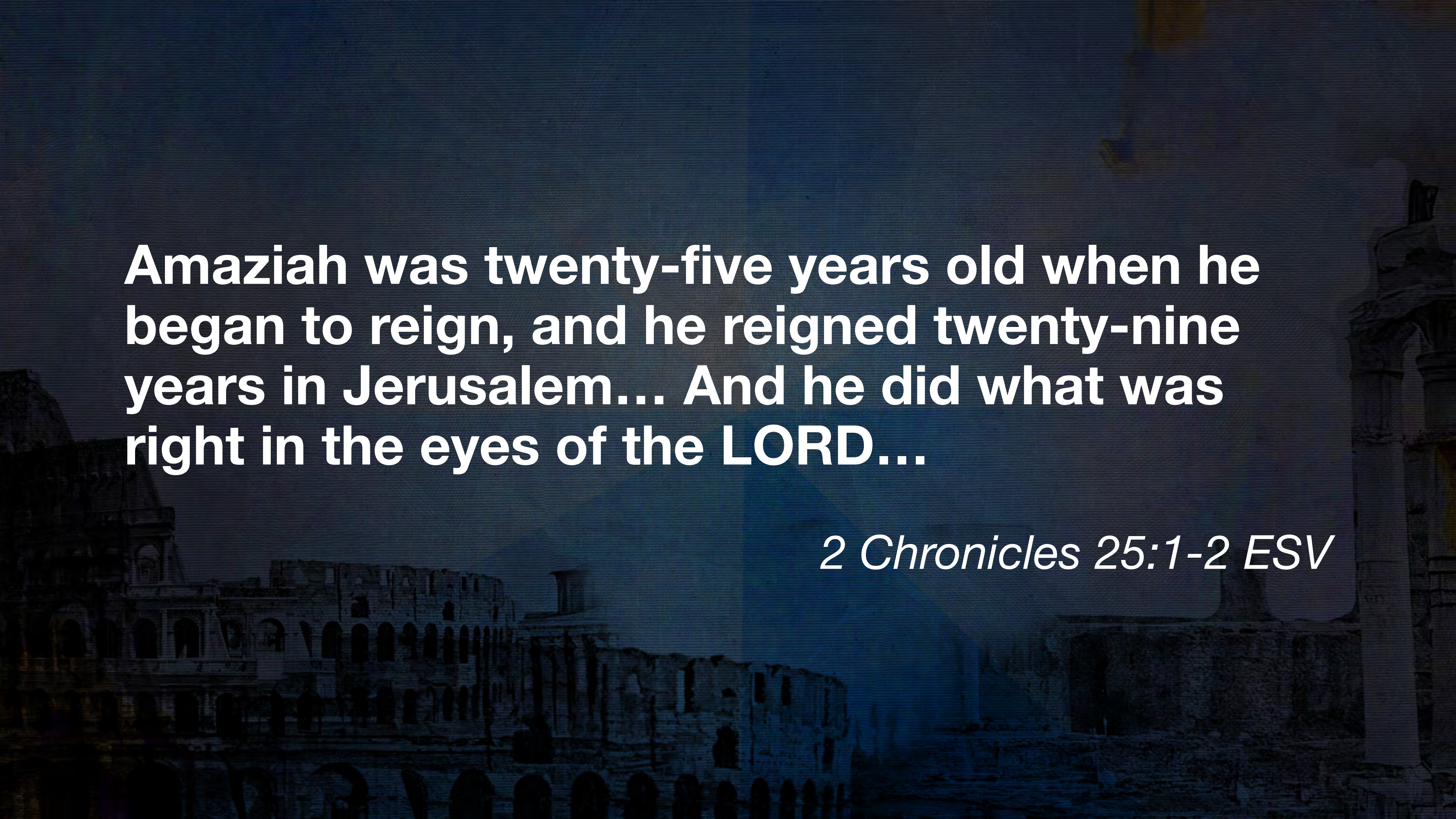
**Do nothing from rivalry or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves. Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others.**

*Philippians 2:3-4 ESV*

# Serve Christ Fervently

**Do not be slothful in zeal, be fervent in spirit,  
serve the Lord.**

*Romans 12:11 ESV*



**Amaziah was twenty-five years old when he began to reign, and he reigned twenty-nine years in Jerusalem... And he did what was right in the eyes of the LORD...**

*2 Chronicles 25:1-2 ESV*



**... yet not with a whole heart.**

*2 Chronicles 25:2 ESV*

Thus Hezekiah did throughout all Judah, and he did what was good and right and faithful before the LORD his God. And every work that he undertook in the service of the house of God and in accordance with the law and the commandments, seeking his God, he did with all his heart, and prospered.

*2 Chronicles 31:20-21 ESV*

# Rejoice In Hope

Rejoice in hope.

*Romans 12:12a ESV*

# Persevere In Difficulty

**Be patient in tribulation.**

*Romans 12:12b ESV*

**And not only this, but we also exult in our tribulations; knowing that tribulation brings about perseverance; and perseverance, proven character; and proven character, hope; and hope does not disappoint; because the love of God has been poured out within our hearts through the Holy Spirit who was given to us.**

*Romans 5:3-5 NASB*

# Keep Praying

**Be constant in prayer.**

*Romans 12:12c ESV*

# Give Generously

Contribute to the needs of the saints...

*Romans 12:13a ESV*

**The point is this: whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Each one must give as he has made up his mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.**

*2 Corinthians 9:6-7 ESV*

# Welcome Others

... seek to show hospitality.

*Romans 12:13b ESV*

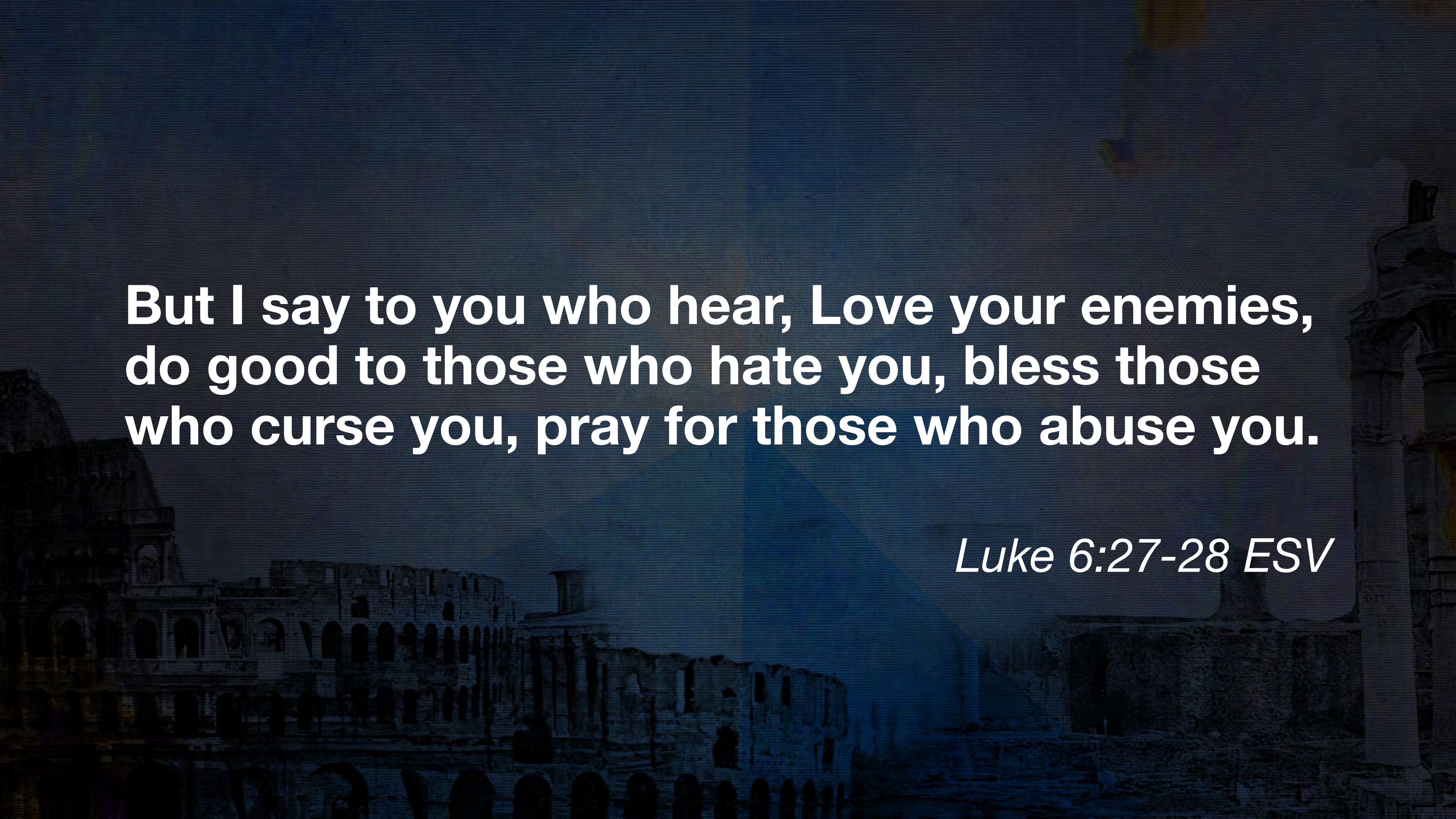
**Beloved, it is a faithful thing you do in all your efforts for these brothers, strangers as they are, who testified to your love before the church. You will do well to send them on their journey in a manner worthy of God. For they have gone out for the sake of the name, accepting nothing from the Gentiles.**

*3 John 5-7 ESV*

# Bless Those Who Oppose You

**Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them.**

*Romans 12:14 ESV*



**But I say to you who hear, Love your enemies,  
do good to those who hate you, bless those  
who curse you, pray for those who abuse you.**

*Luke 6:27-28 ESV*

# Empathize With Others

**Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep.**

*Romans 12:15 ESV*

# Live In Harmony

Live in harmony with one another.

*Romans 12:16a ESV*

# Don't Overestimate Yourself

**Do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly. Never be wise in your own sight.**

*Romans 12:16b ESV*

# Be Honorable

**Repay no one evil for evil, but give thought to do what is honorable in the sight of all.**

*Romans 12:17 ESV*

# Pursue Peace

**If possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all.**

*Romans 12:18 ESV*



**But the wisdom from above is first pure, then  
peaceable....**

*James 3:17 ESV*

# Don't Seek Revenge

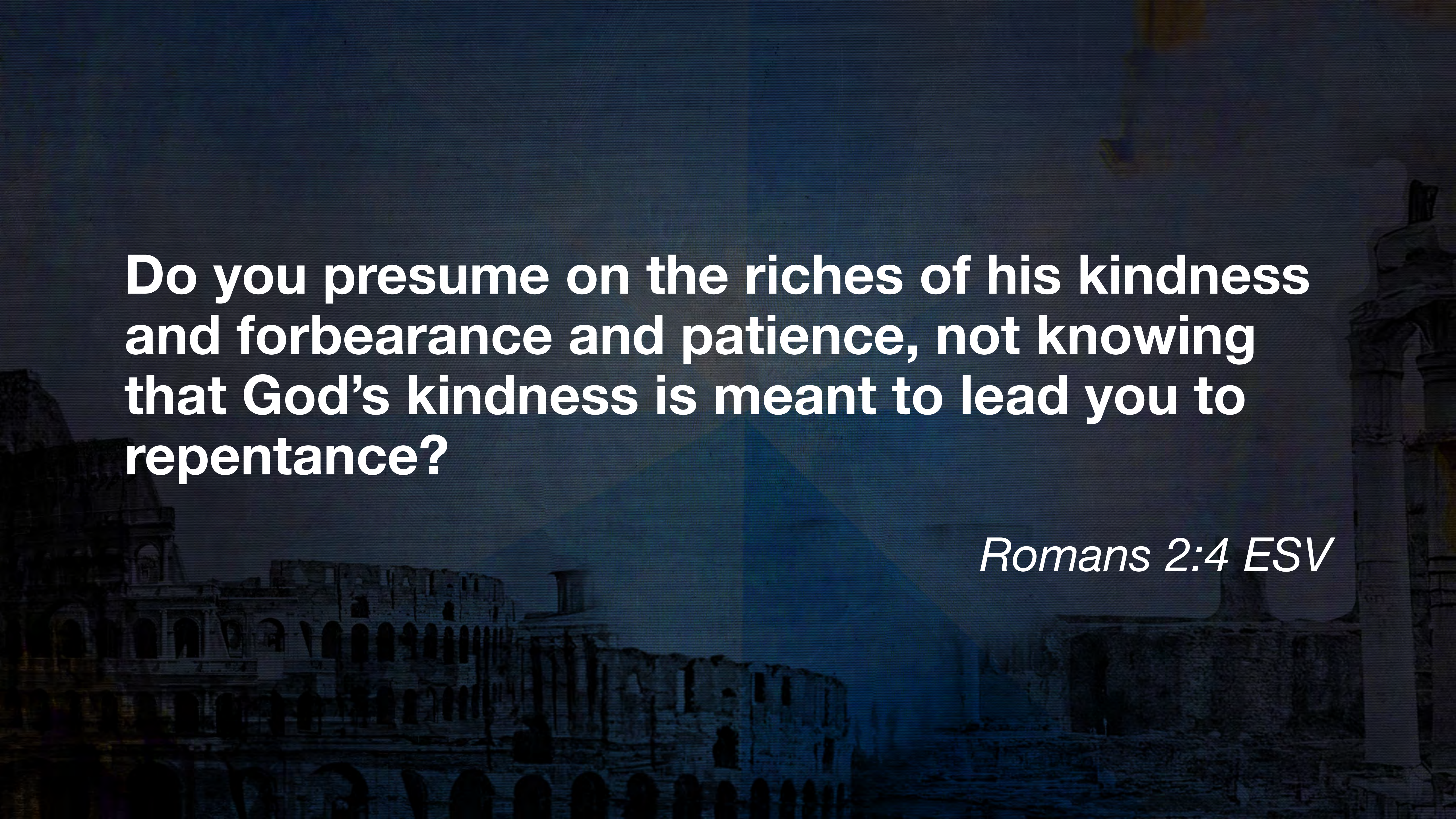
**Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave it to the wrath of God, for it is written, "Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord."**

*Romans 12:19 ESV*

# Overdo Kindness

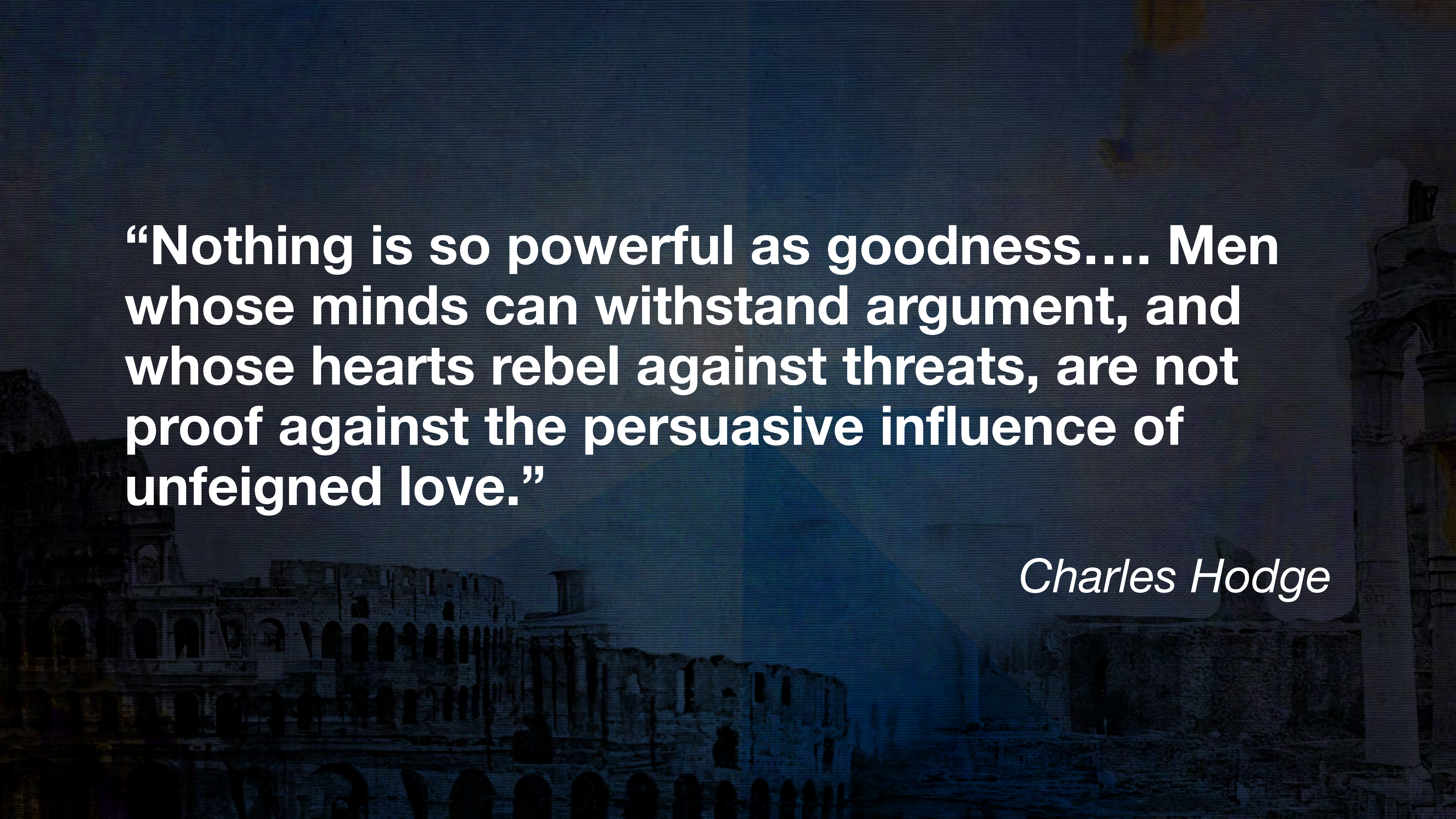
**To the contrary, “if your enemy is hungry, feed him; if he is thirsty, give him something to drink; for by doing so you will heap burning coals on his head.”**

*Romans 12:20 ESV*



**Do you presume on the riches of his kindness and forbearance and patience, not knowing that God's kindness is meant to lead you to repentance?**

*Romans 2:4 ESV*



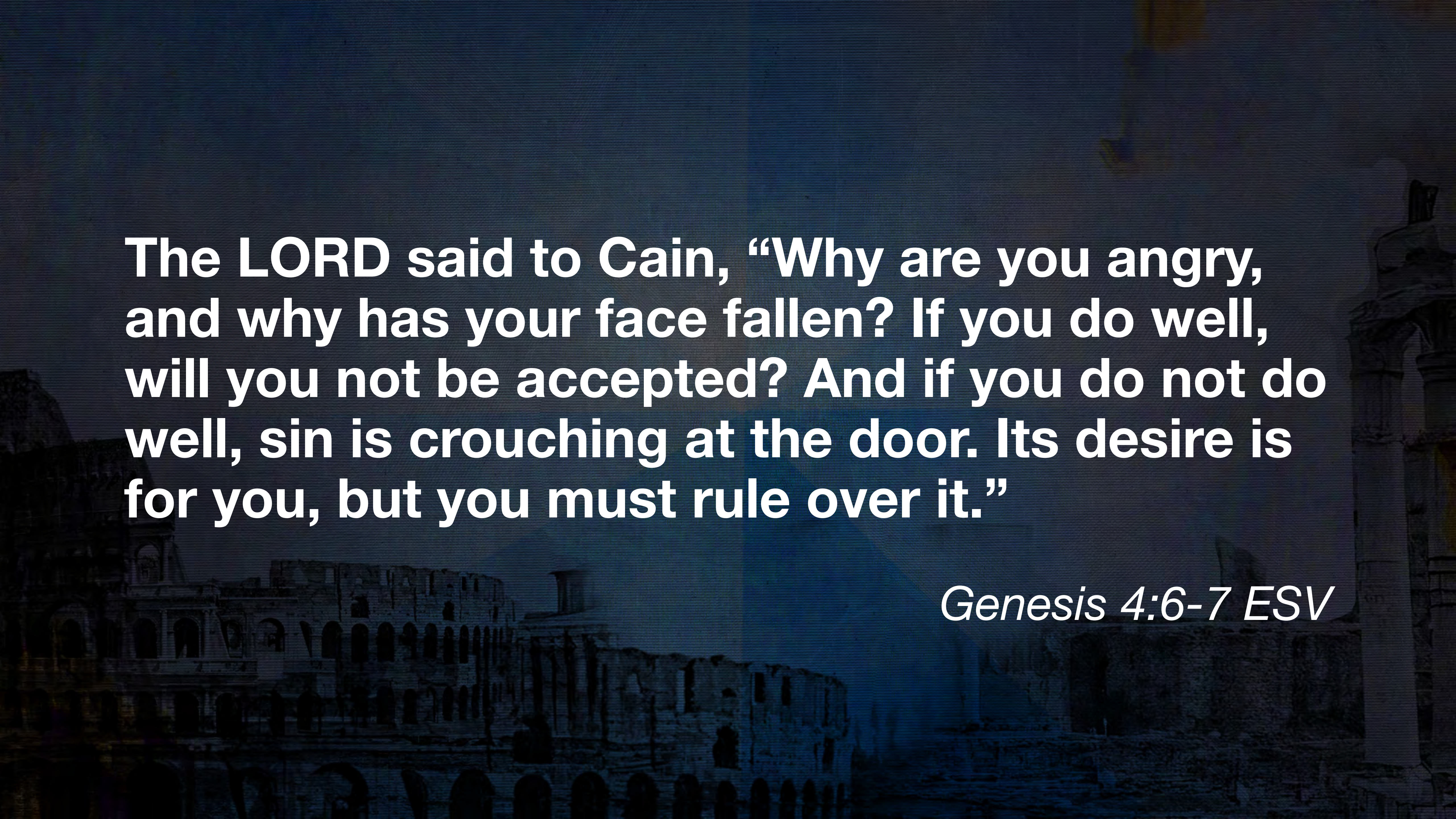
**“Nothing is so powerful as goodness.... Men whose minds can withstand argument, and whose hearts rebel against threats, are not proof against the persuasive influence of unfeigned love.”**

*Charles Hodge*

# Conquer Evil By Doing Good

**Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.**

*Romans 12:21 ESV*



**The LORD said to Cain, “Why are you angry, and why has your face fallen? If you do well, will you not be accepted? And if you do not do well, sin is crouching at the door. Its desire is for you, but you must rule over it.”**

*Genesis 4:6-7 ESV*




# The Not-So-Secret Secrets To Success

# 1. Consecration

A dark, blue-tinted photograph of the Colosseum in Rome, Italy. The image is mostly obscured by a dark blue gradient, with the title '1. Consecration' overlaid in white text in the center. The background shows the iconic tiered arches of the Colosseum, with some details visible on the left and right sides.

## 2. Be being transformed





**3. Allow the Holy Spirit, who lives within you,  
to empower you to obey**