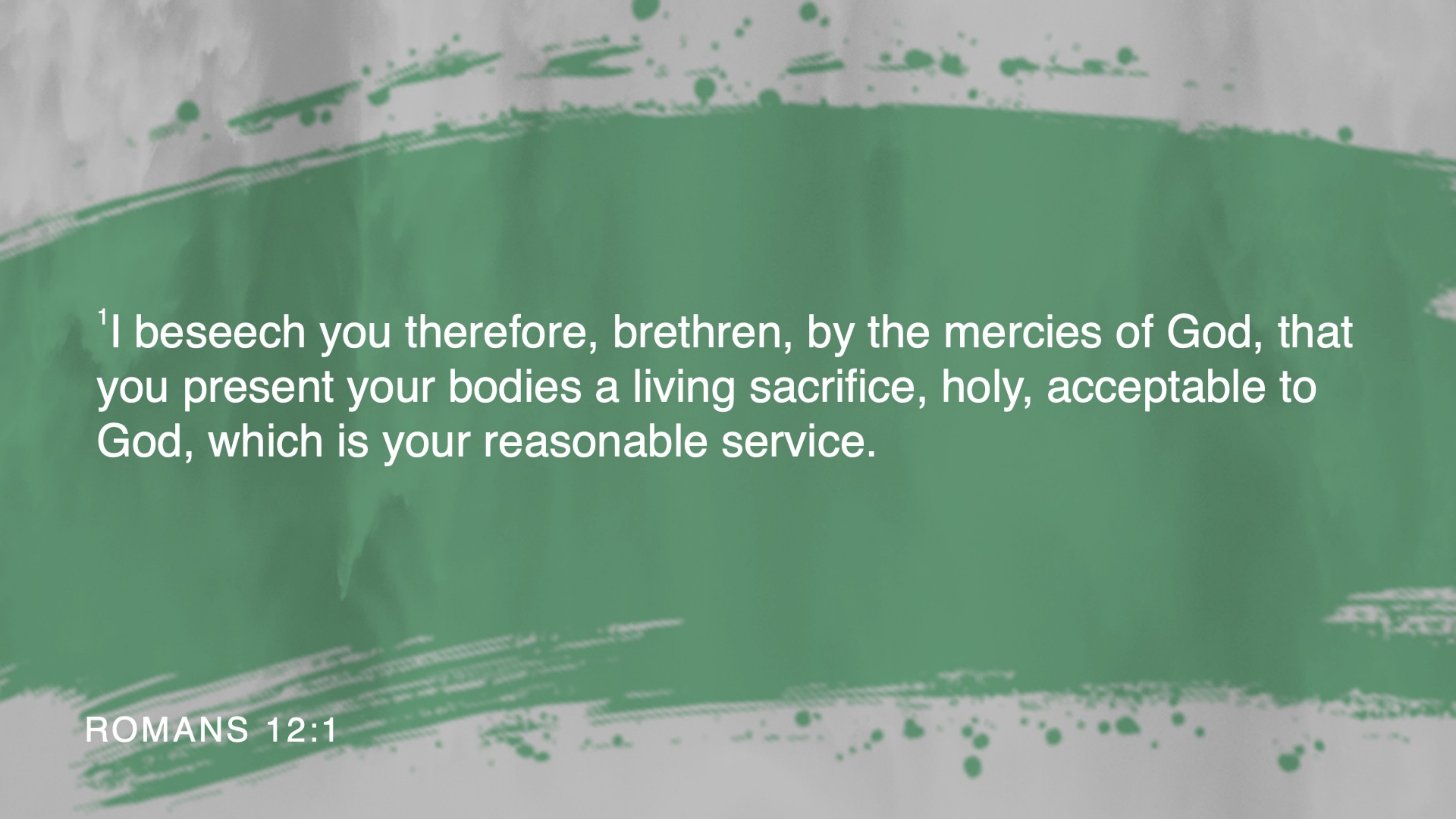


A Living Sacrifice

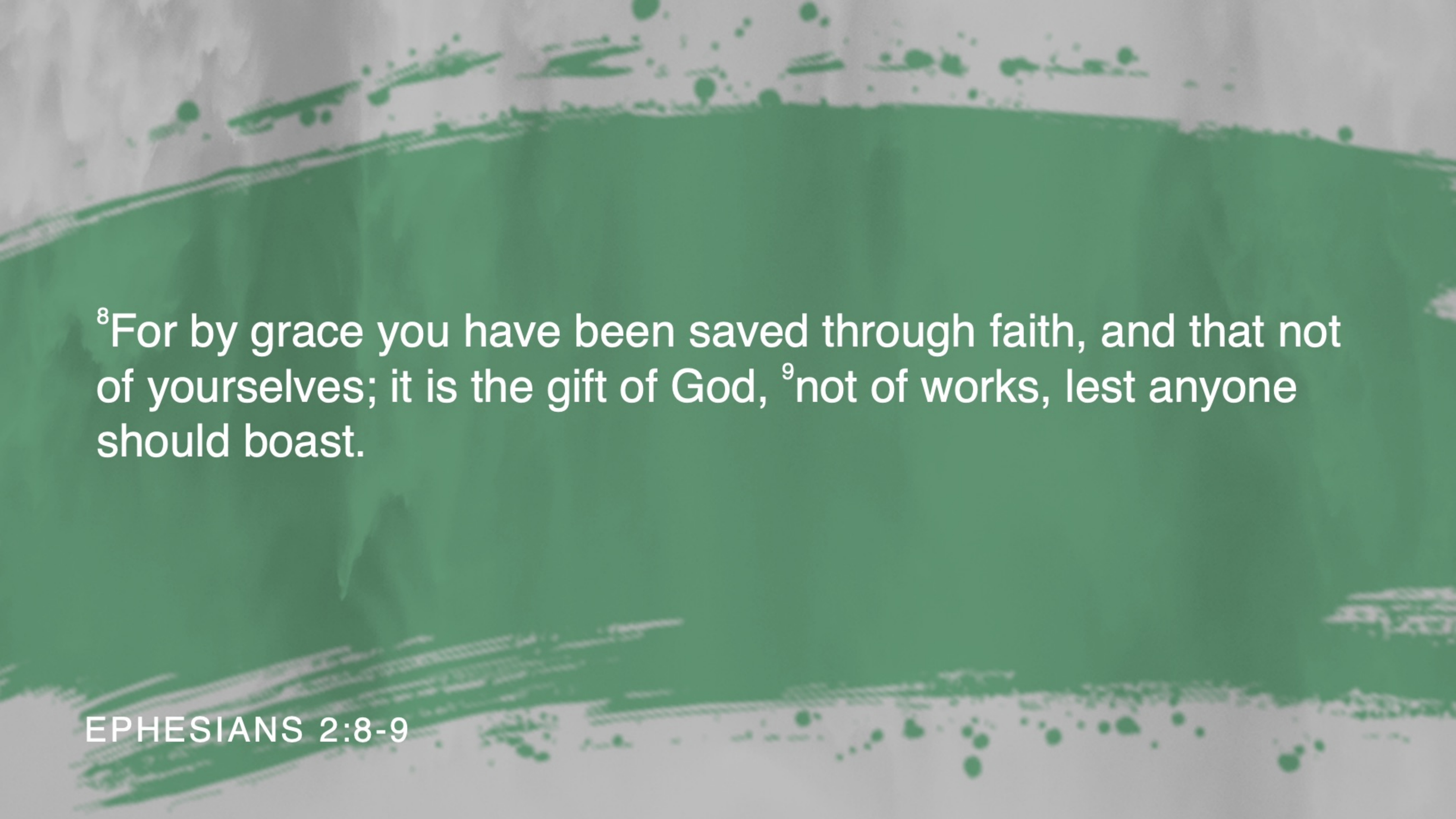




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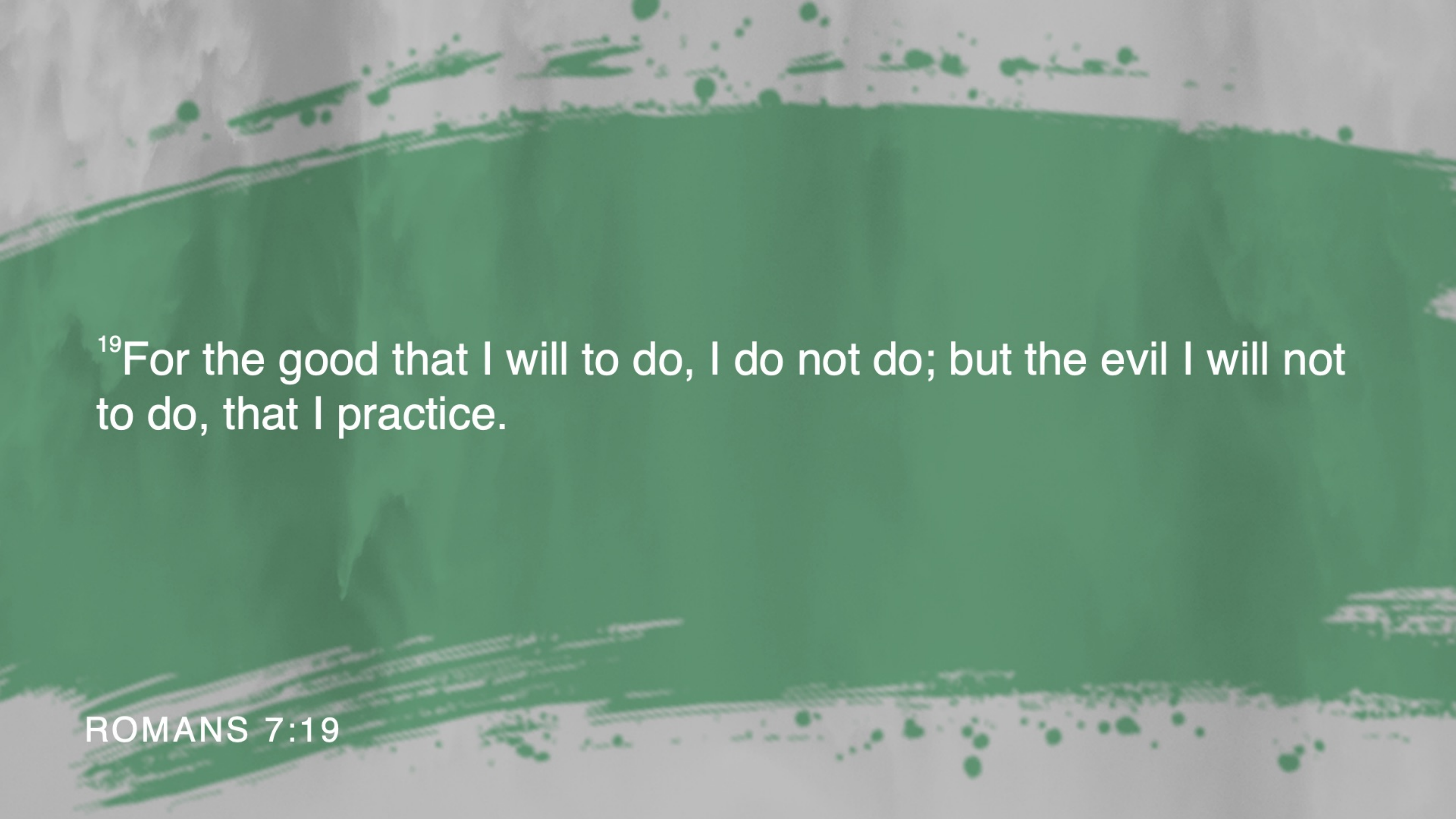
ROMANS 12:1

- **3:23** - for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God,
- **6:23** - For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.
- **5:8** - But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.
- **10:9-10** - that if you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved. For with the heart one believes unto righteousness, and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.
- **10:13** - For “whoever calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.”



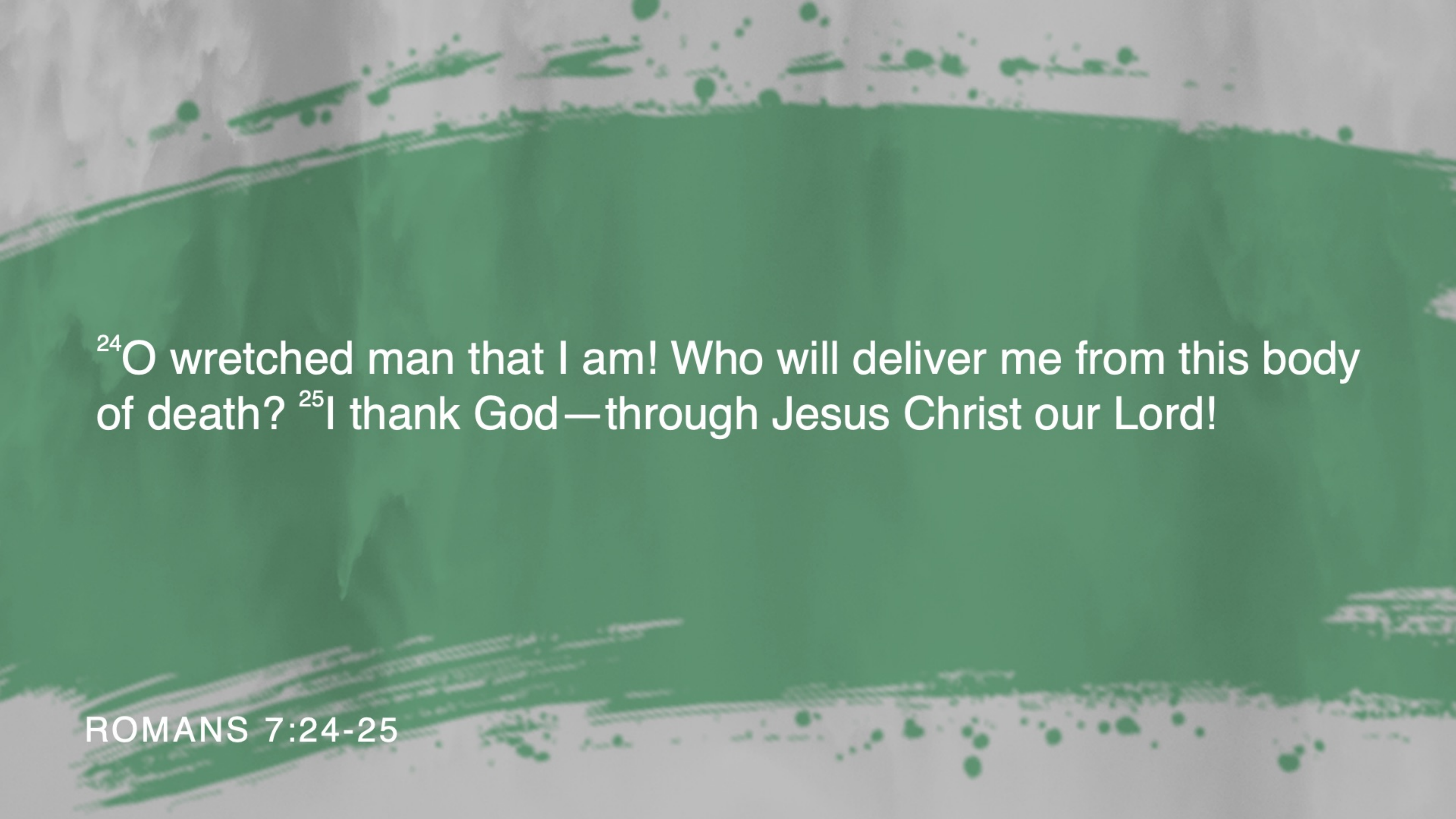
⁸For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God, ⁹not of works, lest anyone should boast.

EPHESIANS 2:8-9



¹⁹For the good that I will to do, I do not do; but the evil I will not to do, that I practice.

ROMANS 7:19

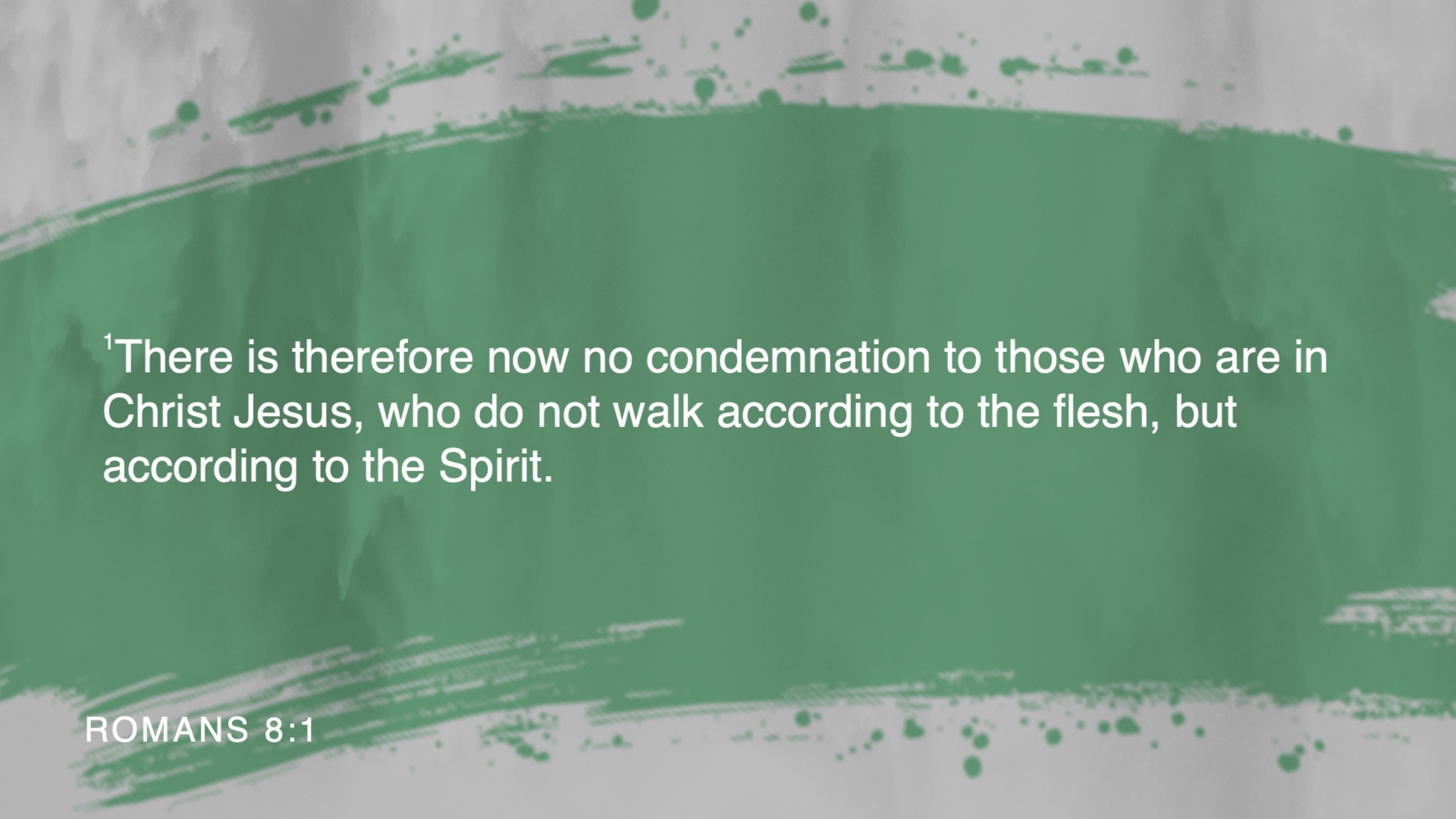


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ROMANS 7:24-25

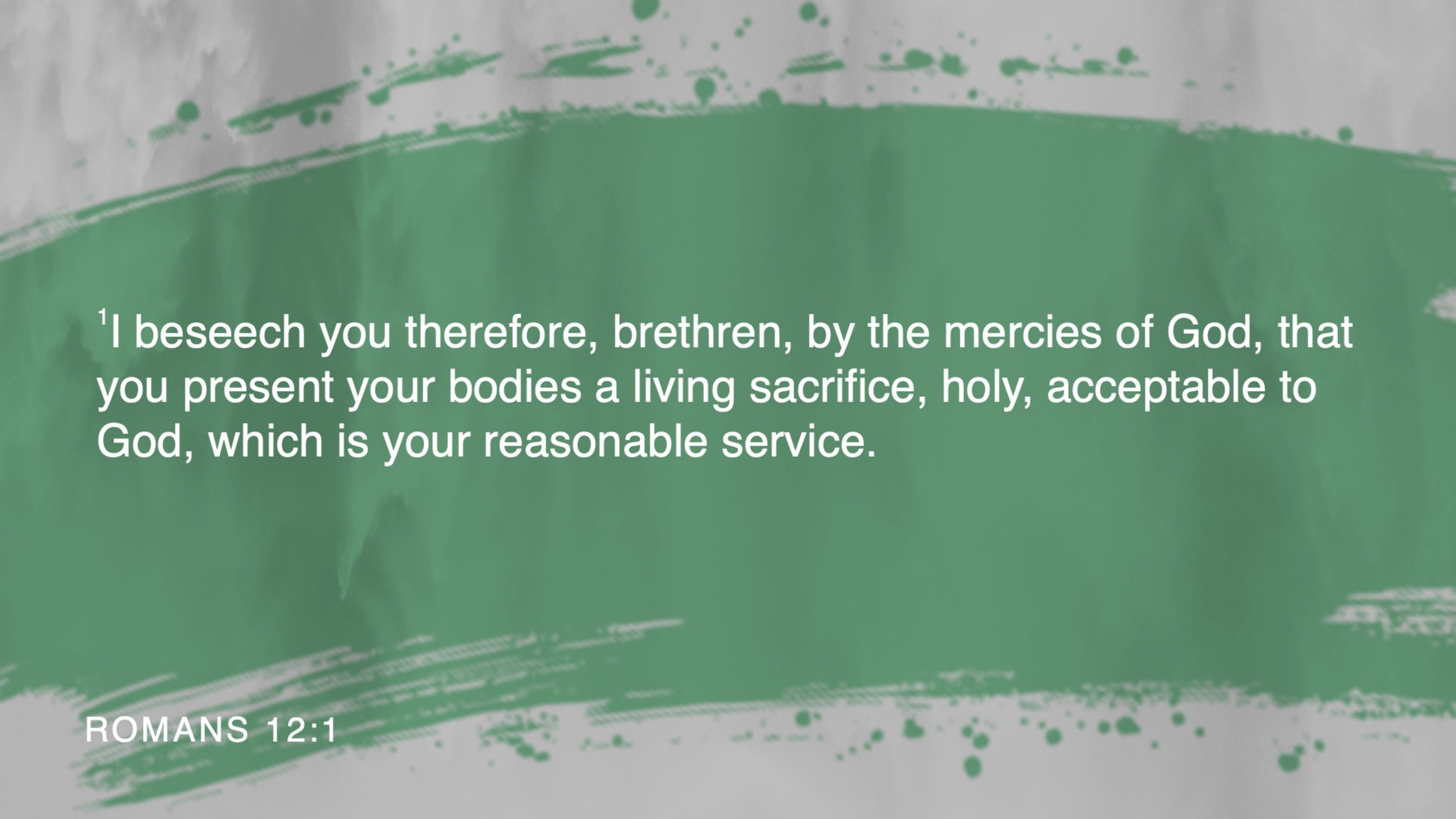
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ROMANS 7:24-25



¹There is therefore now no condemnation to those who are in Christ Jesus, who do not walk according to the flesh, but according to the Spirit.

ROMANS 8:1



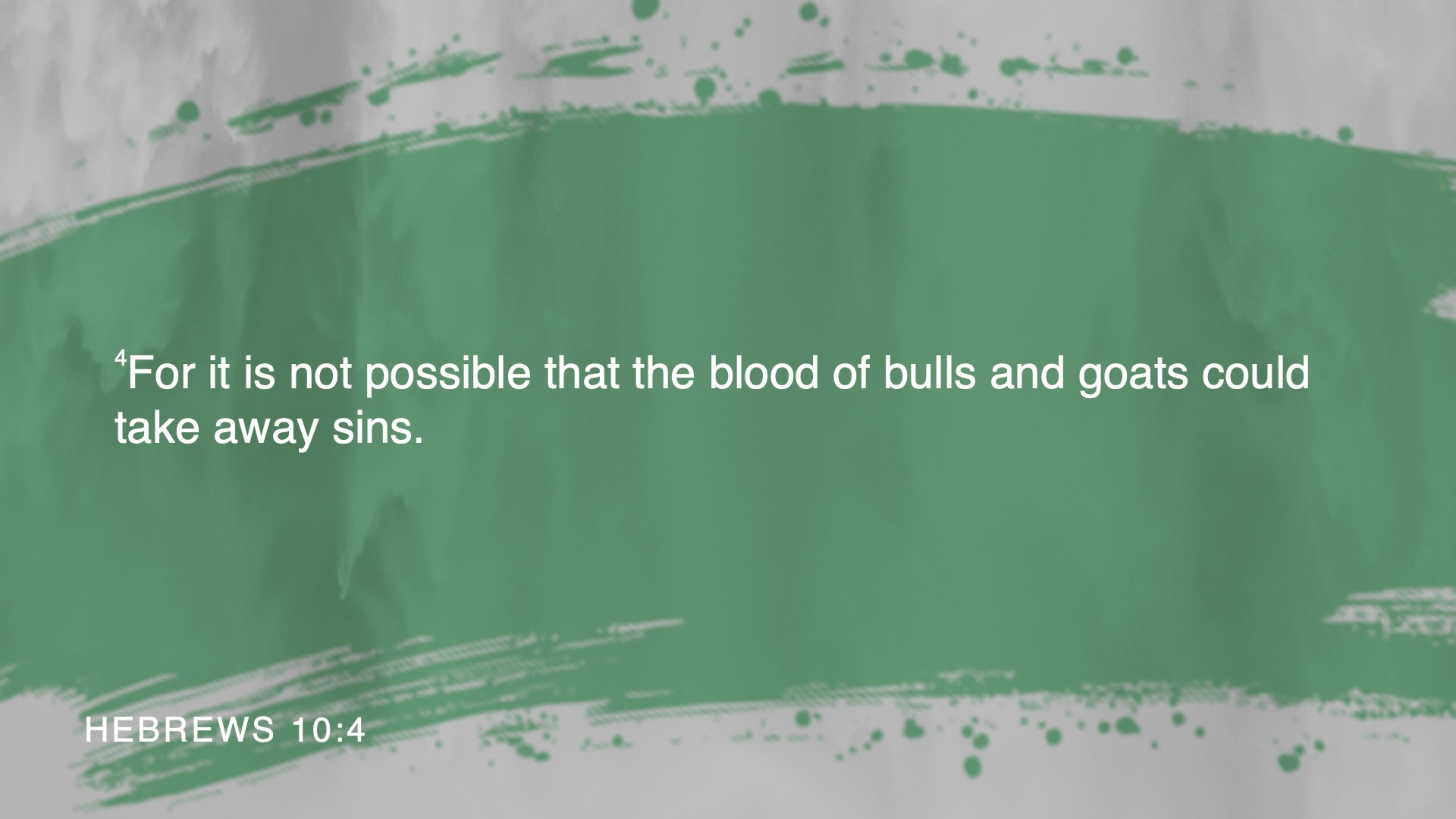
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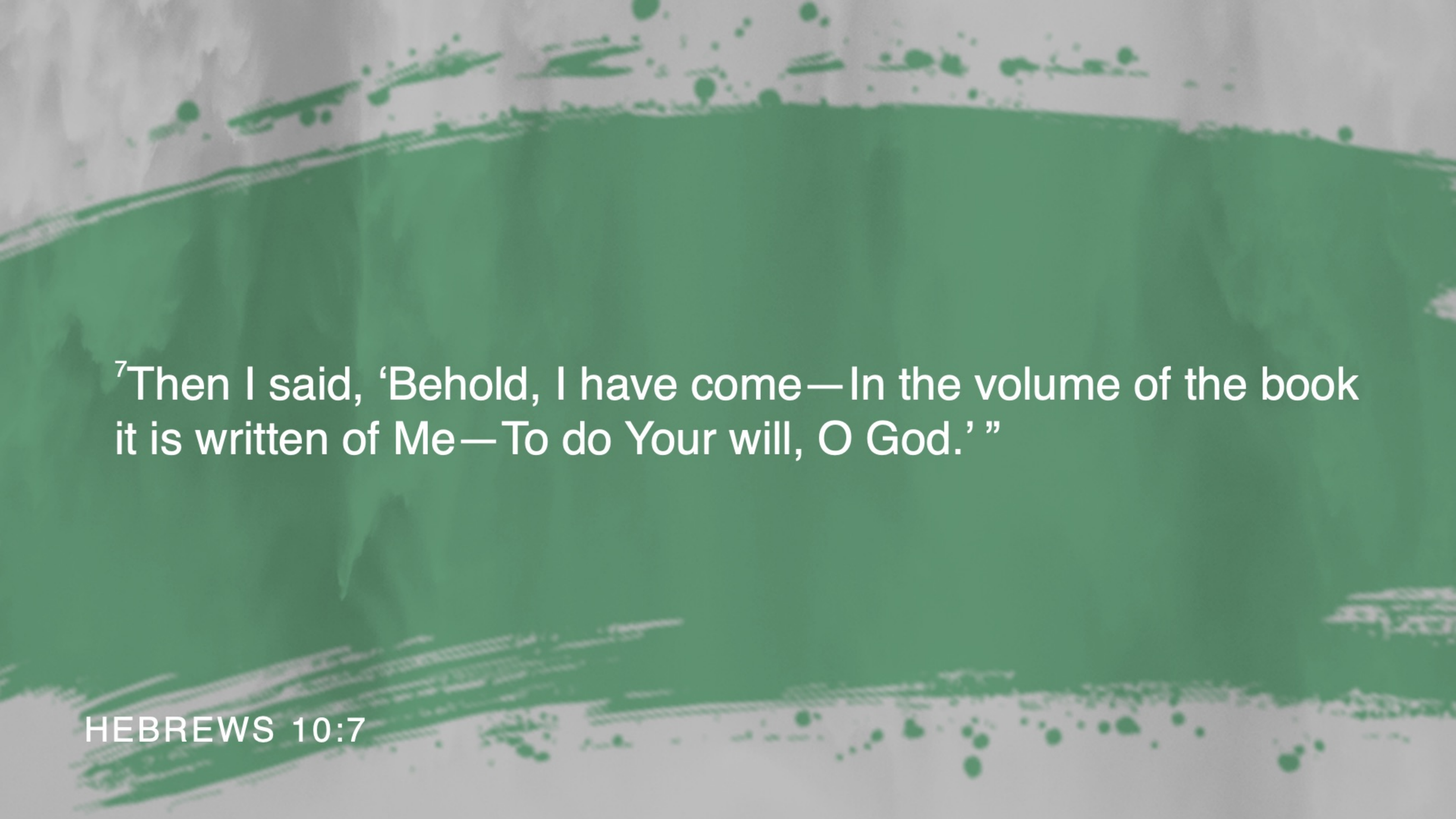
¹For the law, having a shadow of the good things to come, and not the very image of the things, can never with these same sacrifices, which they offer continually year by year, make those who approach perfect.

HEBREWS 10:1



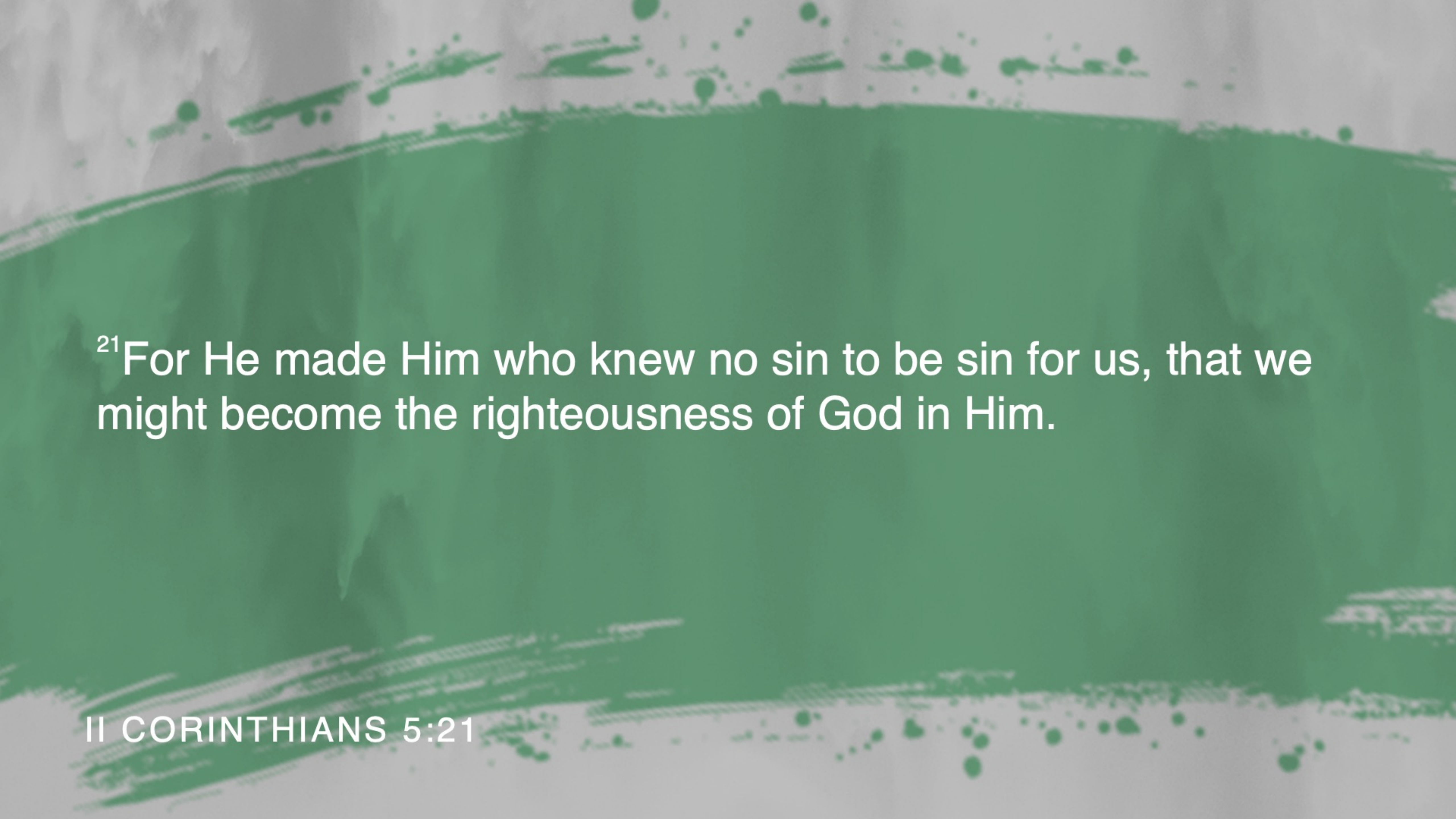
⁴For it is not possible that the blood of bulls and goats could take away sins.

HEBREWS 10:4



⁷Then I said, ‘Behold, I have come—In the volume of the book
it is written of Me—To do Your will, O God.’ ”

HEBREWS 10:7

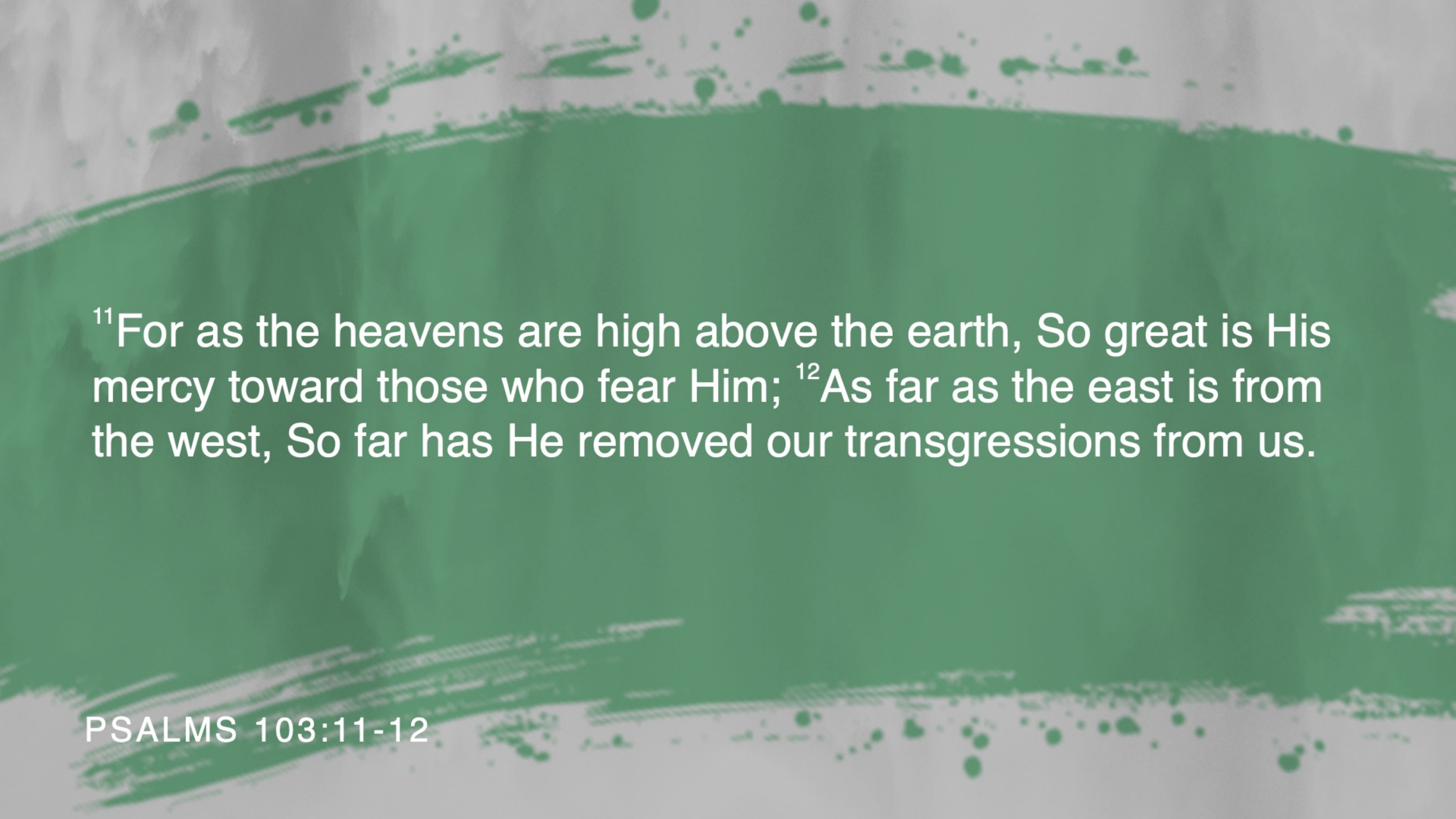


²¹For He made Him who knew no sin to be sin for us, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.

II CORINTHIANS 5:21

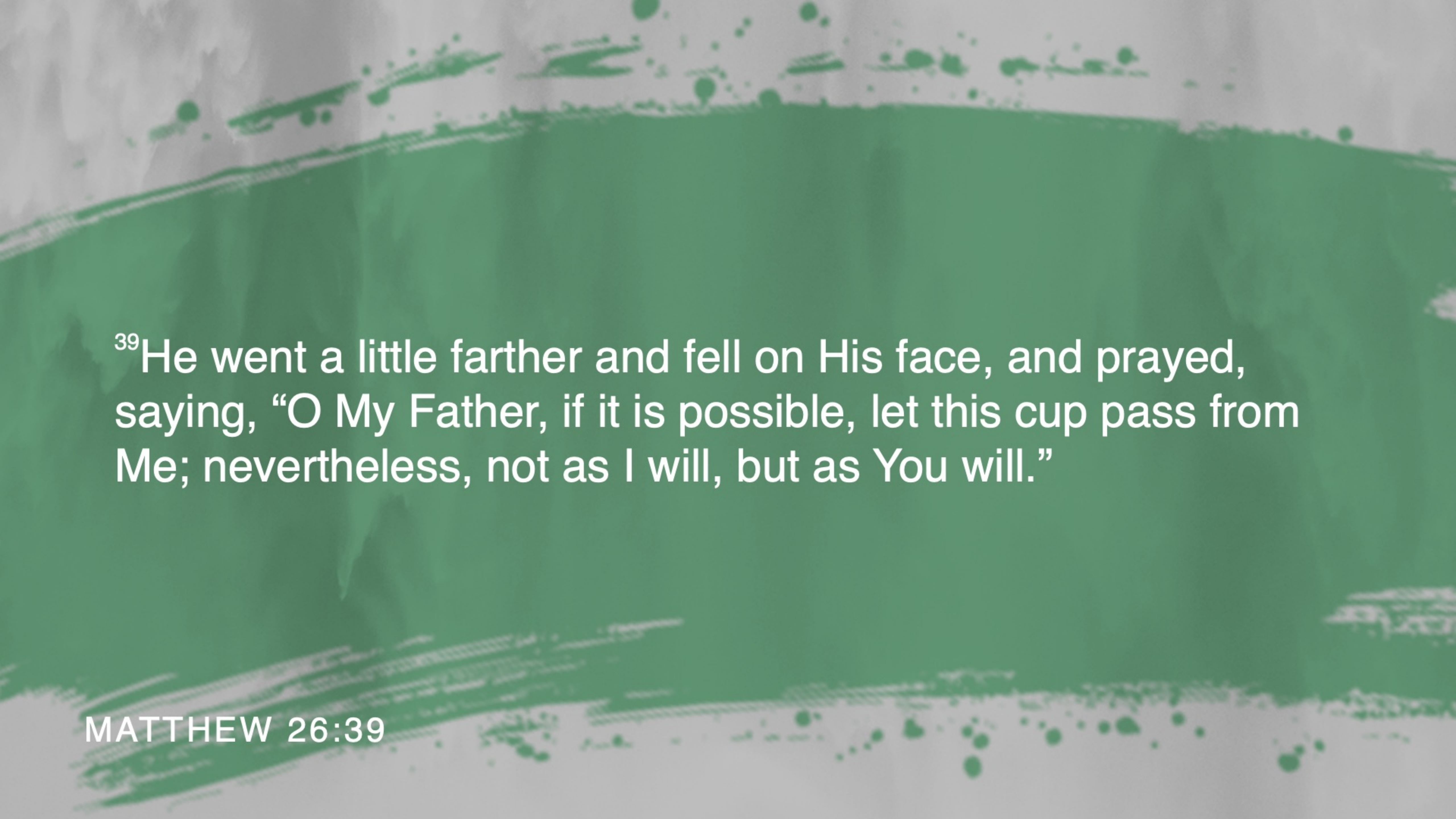
⁵Therefore, when He came into the world, He said: "Sacrifice and offering You did not desire, But a body You have prepared for Me. ⁶In burnt offerings and sacrifices for sin You had no pleasure.

HEBREWS 10:5-6



¹¹For as the heavens are high above the earth, So great is His mercy toward those who fear Him; ¹²As far as the east is from the west, So far has He removed our transgressions from us.

PSALMS 103:11-12

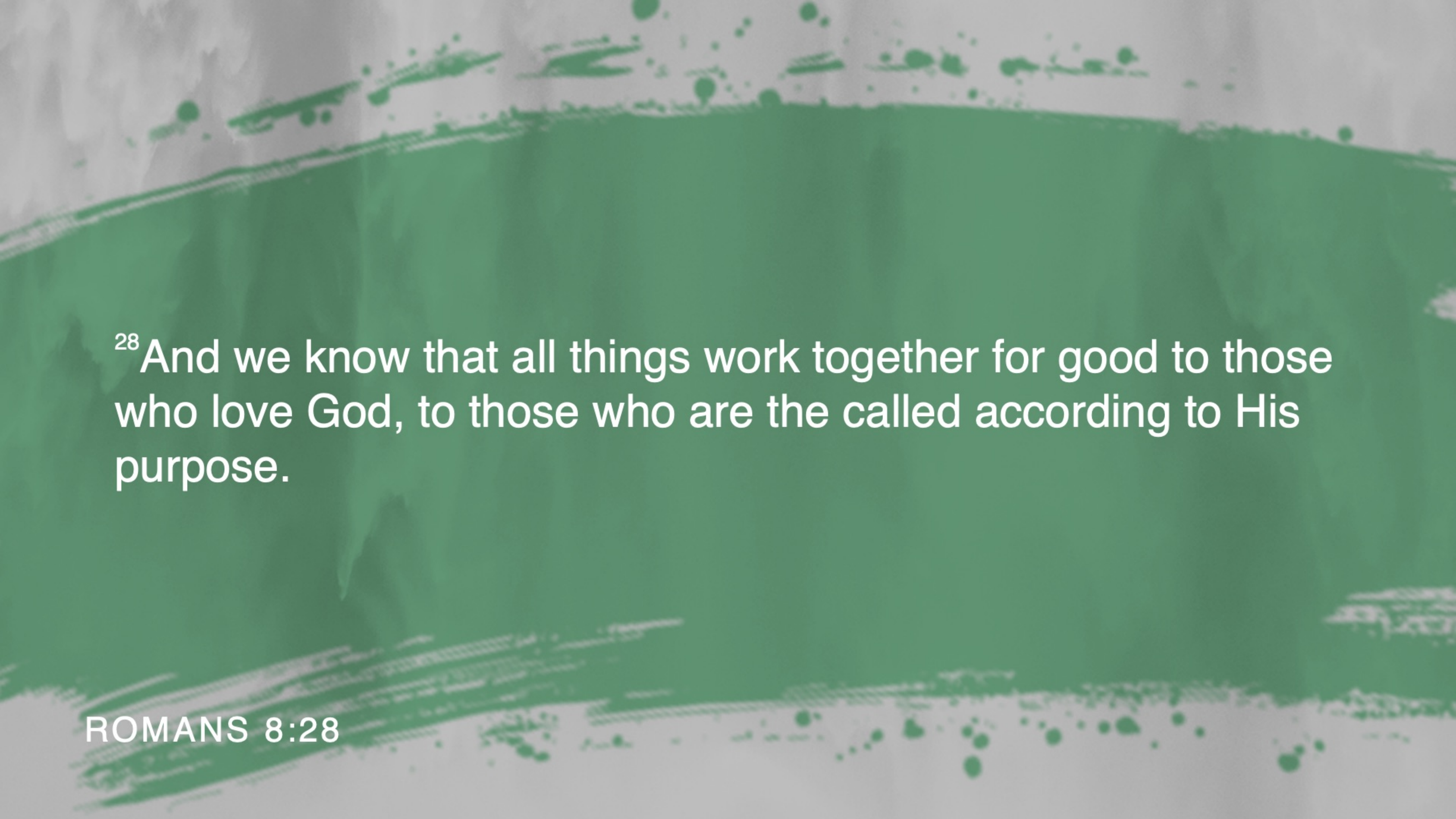


³⁹He went a little farther and fell on His face, and prayed, saying, “O My Father, if it is possible, let this cup pass from Me; nevertheless, not as I will, but as You will.”

MATTHEW 26:39

¹¹And every priest stands ministering daily and offering repeatedly the same sacrifices, which can never take away sins. ¹²But this Man, after He had offered one sacrifice for sins forever, sat down at the right hand of God,

HEBREWS 10:11-12



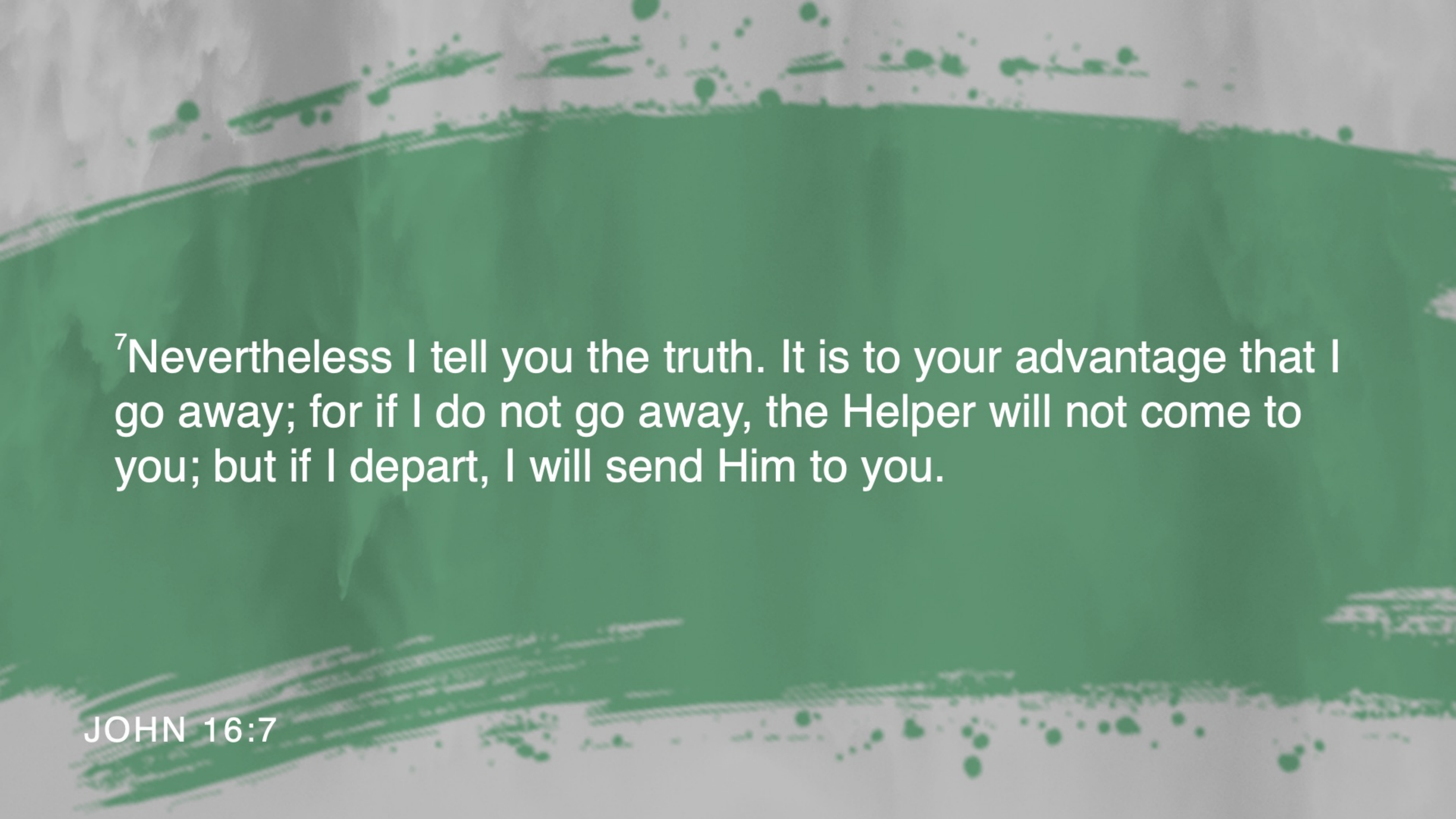
²⁸And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are the called according to His purpose.

ROMANS 8:28



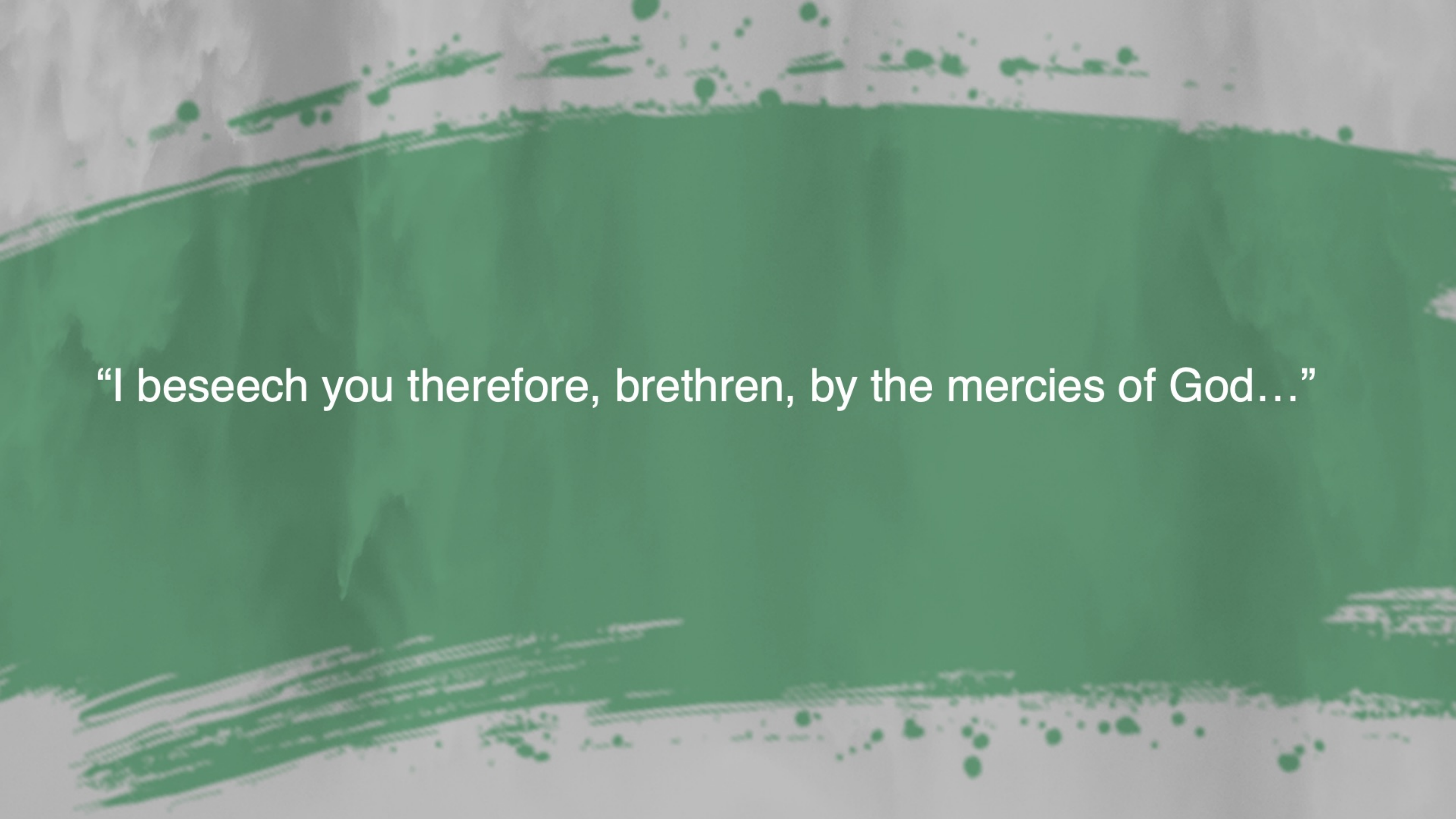
³⁰And you shall love the LORD your God with all your heart,
with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength.’
This is the first commandment.

MARK 12:30



⁷Nevertheless I tell you the truth. It is to your advantage that I go away; for if I do not go away, the Helper will not come to you; but if I depart, I will send Him to you.

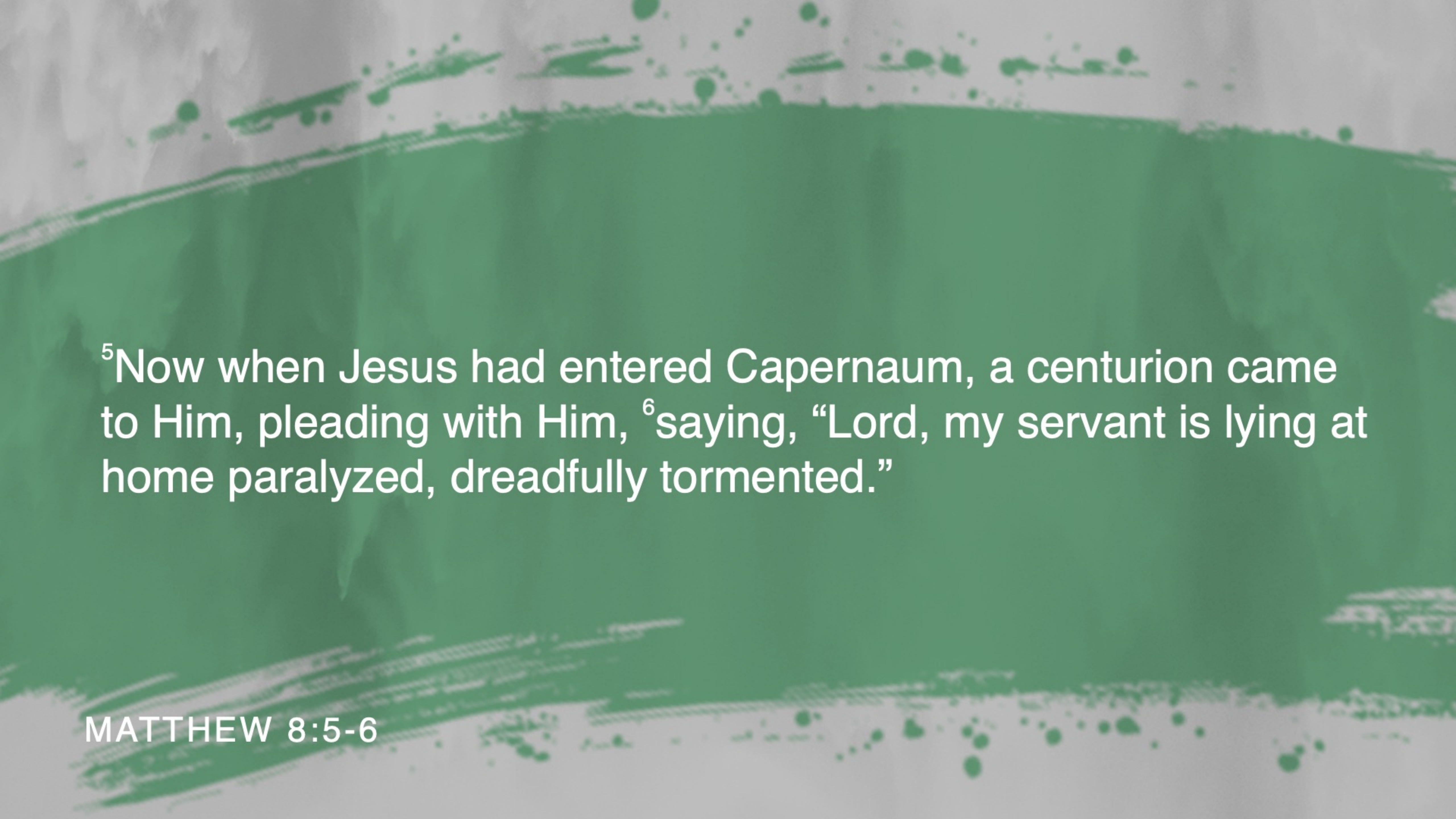
JOHN 16:7



“I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God...”

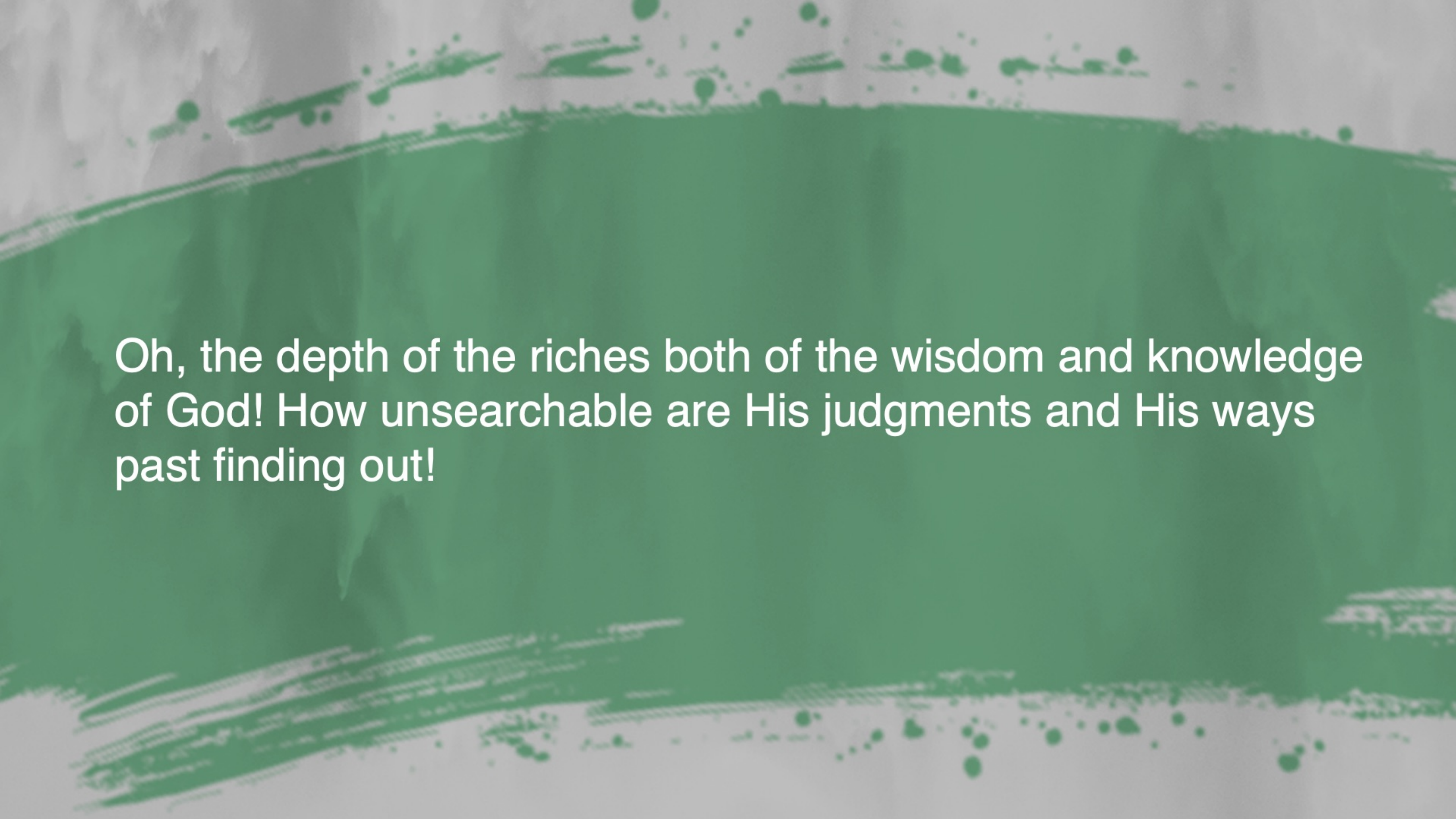
⁴¹And behold, there came a man named Jairus, and he was a ruler of the synagogue. And he fell down at Jesus' feet and begged Him to come to his house, ⁴²for he had an only daughter about twelve years of age, and she was dying. But as He went, the multitudes thronged Him.

LUKE 8:41-42

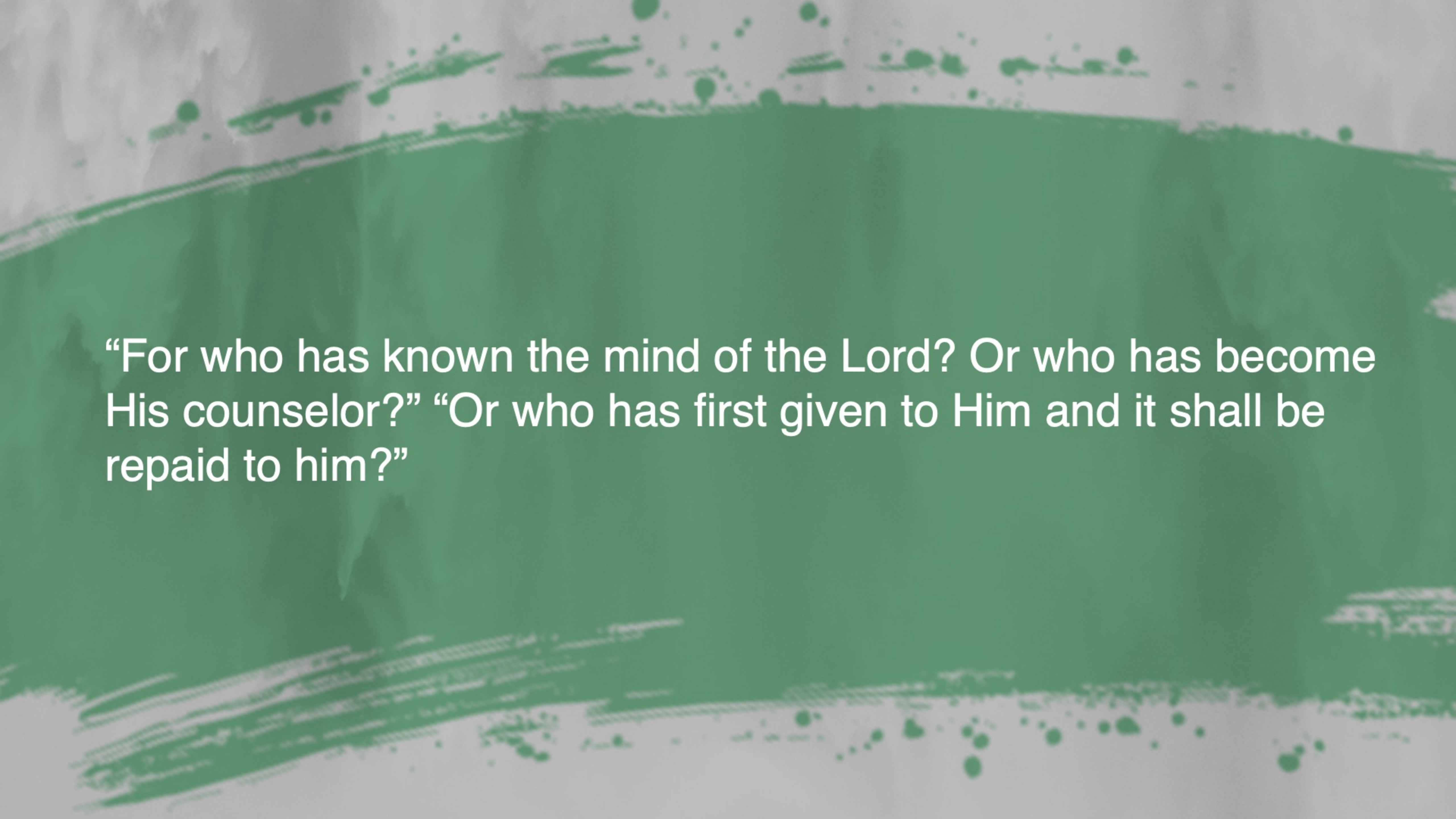


⁵Now when Jesus had entered Capernaum, a centurion came to Him, pleading with Him, ⁶saying, “Lord, my servant is lying at home paralyzed, dreadfully tormented.”

MATTHEW 8:5-6

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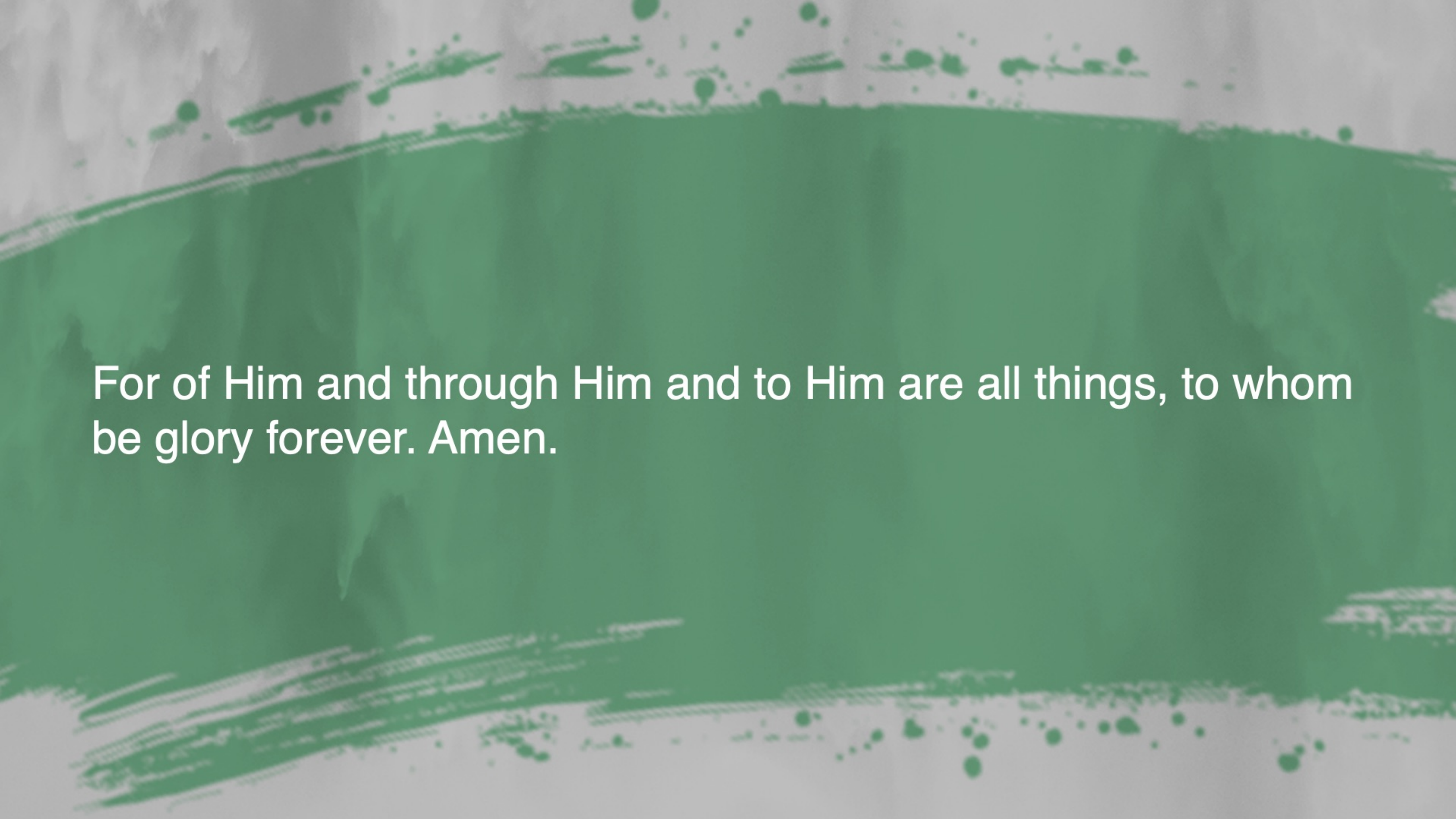
Oh, the depth of the riches both of the wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are His judgments and His ways past finding out!

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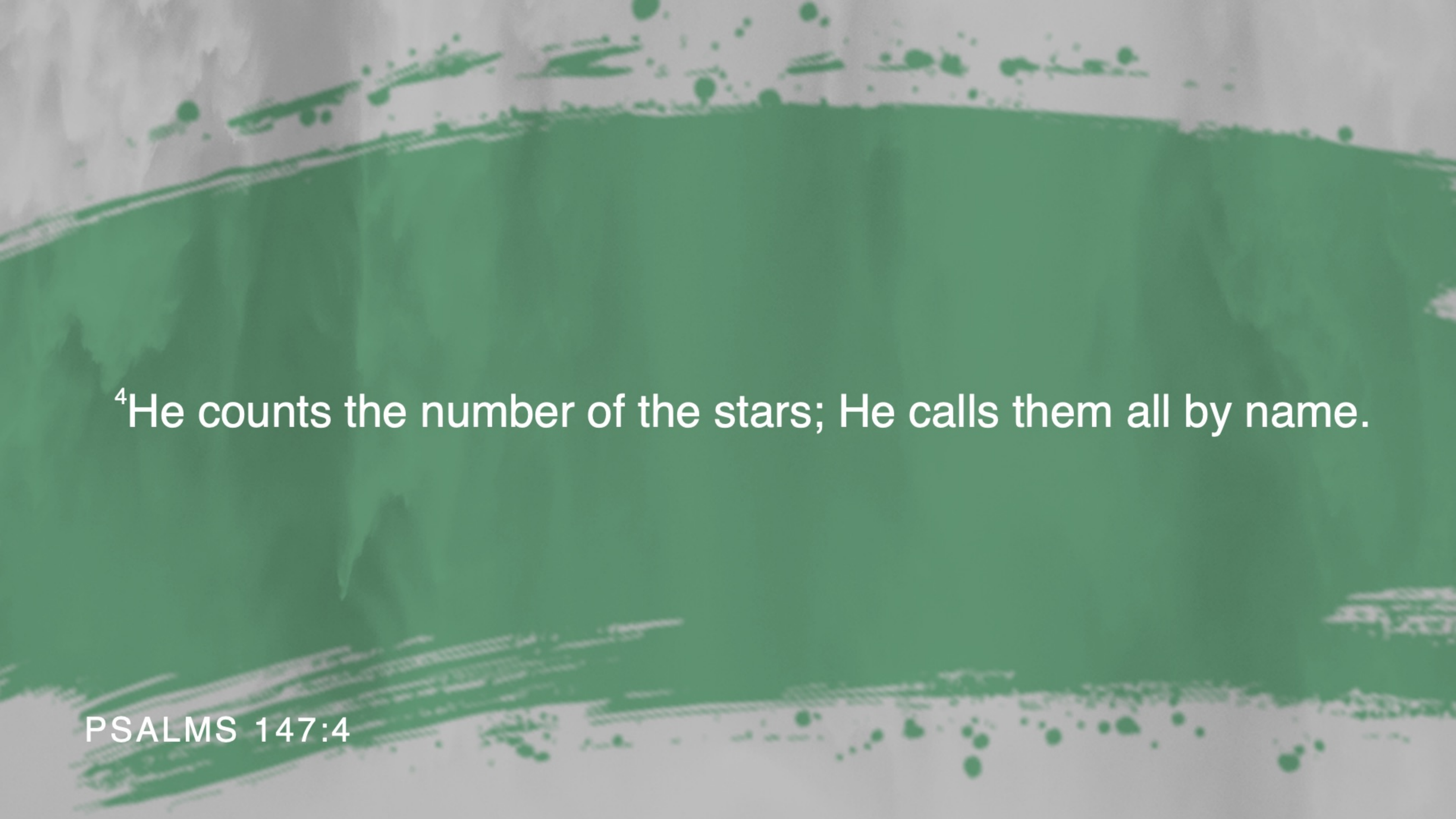
“For who has known the mind of the Lord? Or who has become His counselor?” “Or who has first given to Him and it shall be repaid to him?”

¹²Who has measured the waters in the hollow of His hand, Measured heaven with a span And calculated the dust of the earth in a measure? Weighed the mountains in scales And the hills in a balance? ¹³Who has directed the Spirit of the LORD, Or as His counselor has taught Him? ¹⁴With whom did He take counsel, and who instructed Him, And taught Him in the path of justice? Who taught Him knowledge, And showed Him the way of understanding?

ISAIAH 40:12-14

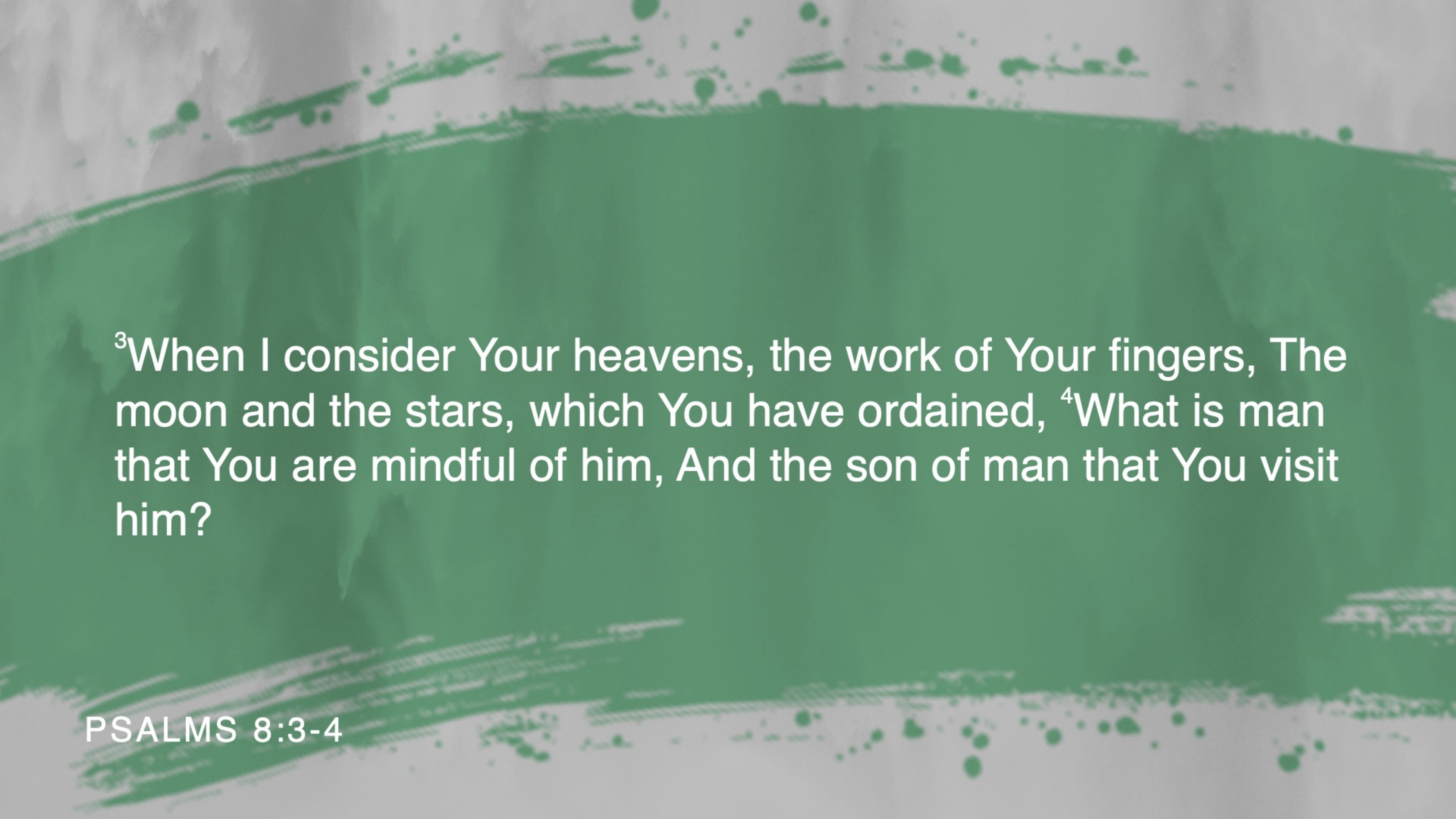
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For of Him and through Him and to Him are all things, to whom
be glory forever. Amen.



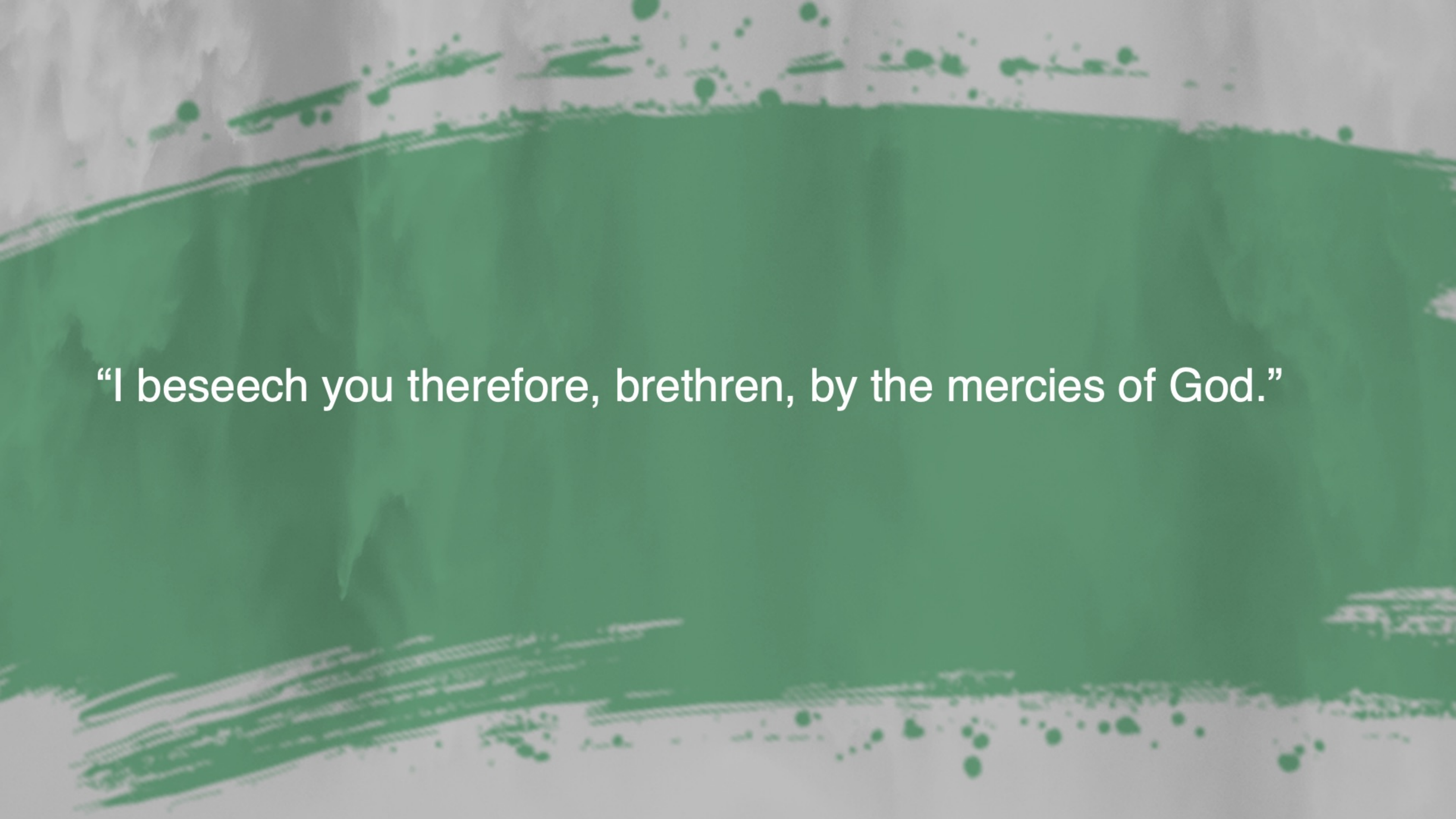
⁴He counts the number of the stars; He calls them all by name.

PSALMS 147:4

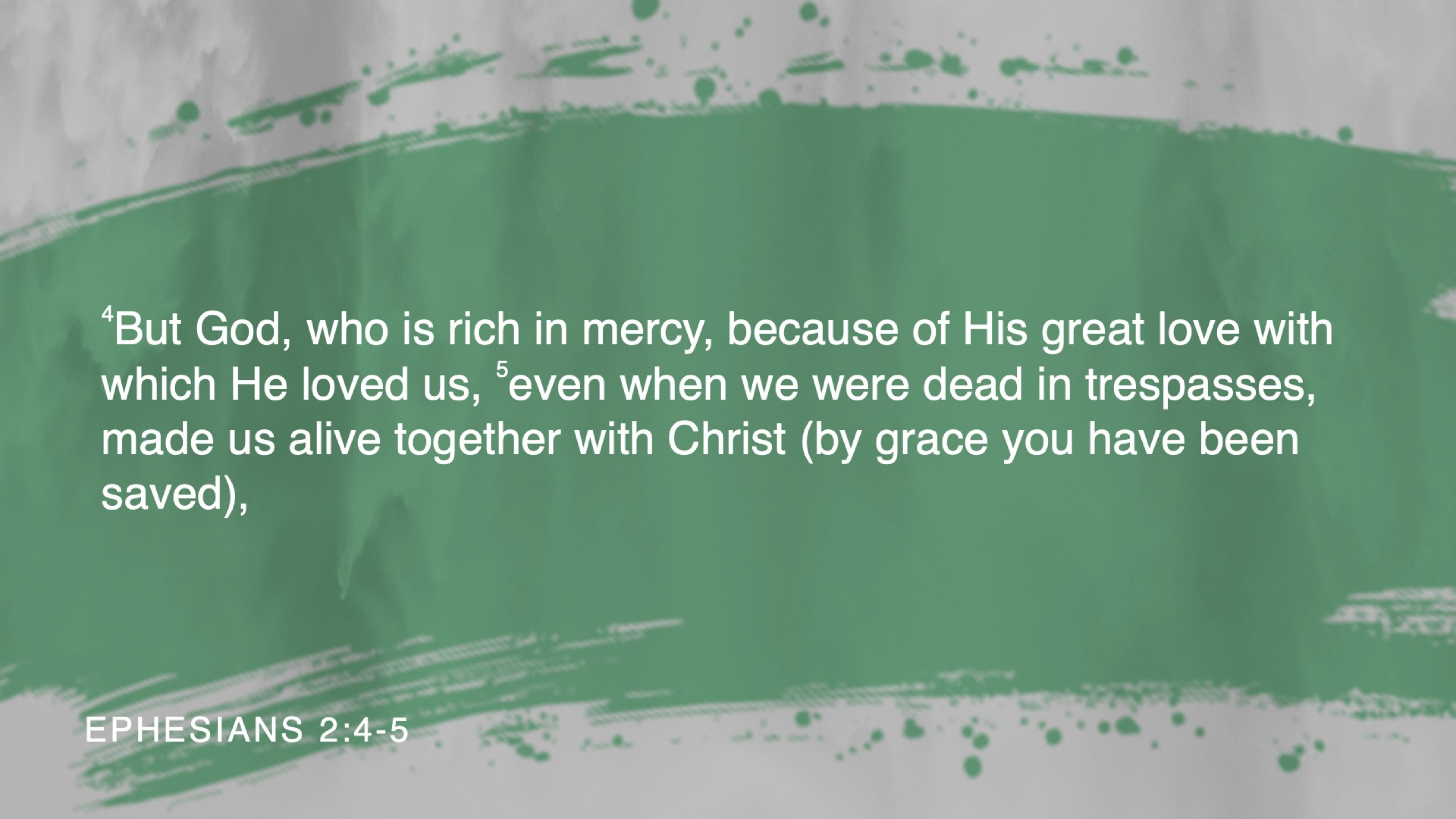


³When I consider Your heavens, the work of Your fingers, The moon and the stars, which You have ordained, ⁴What is man that You are mindful of him, And the son of man that You visit him?

PSALMS 8:3-4

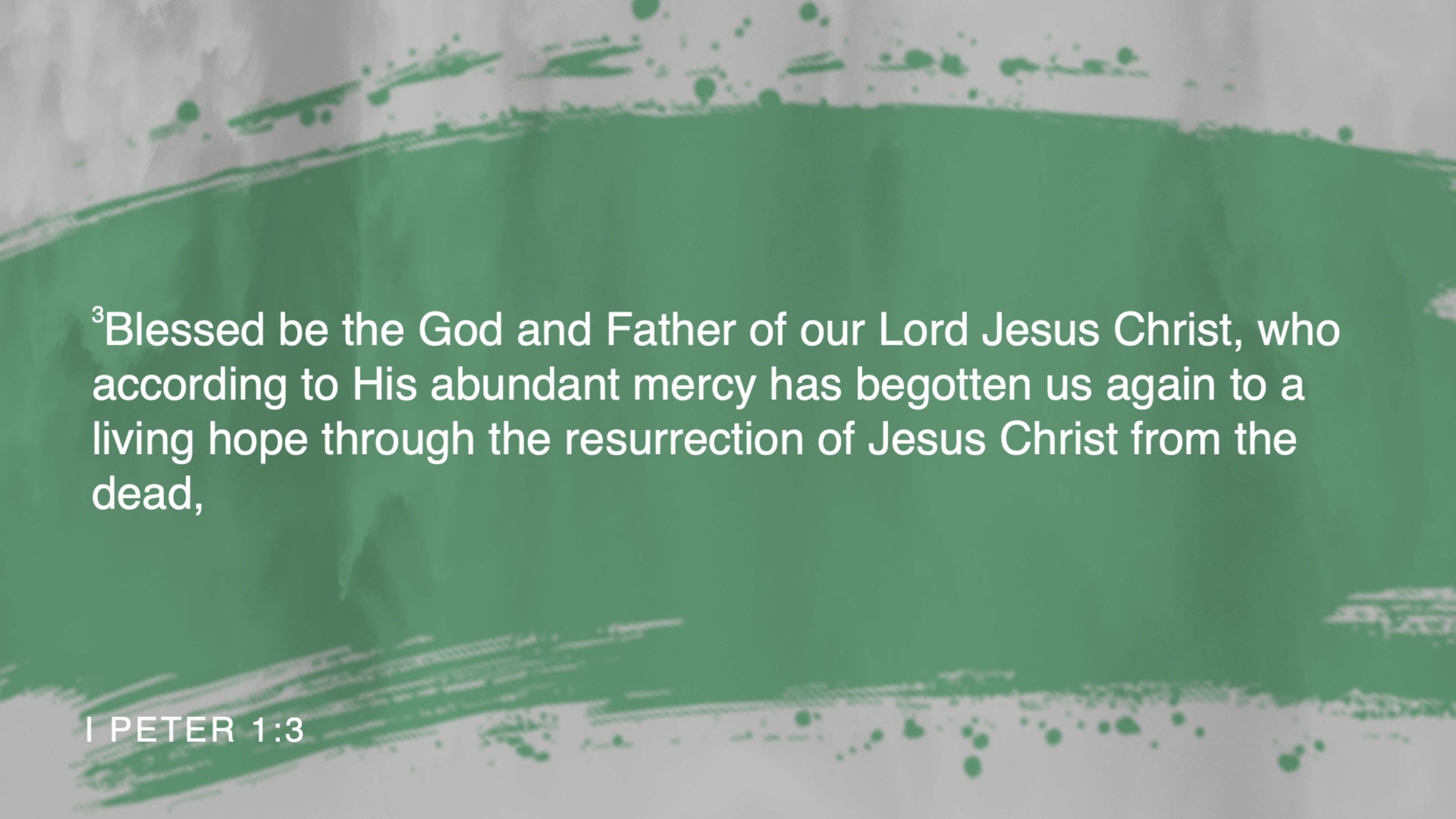
A watercolor illustration of a green hill with a winding path, a small white building, and a body of water under a cloudy sky. The text "I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God." is overlaid on the hill.

“I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God.”



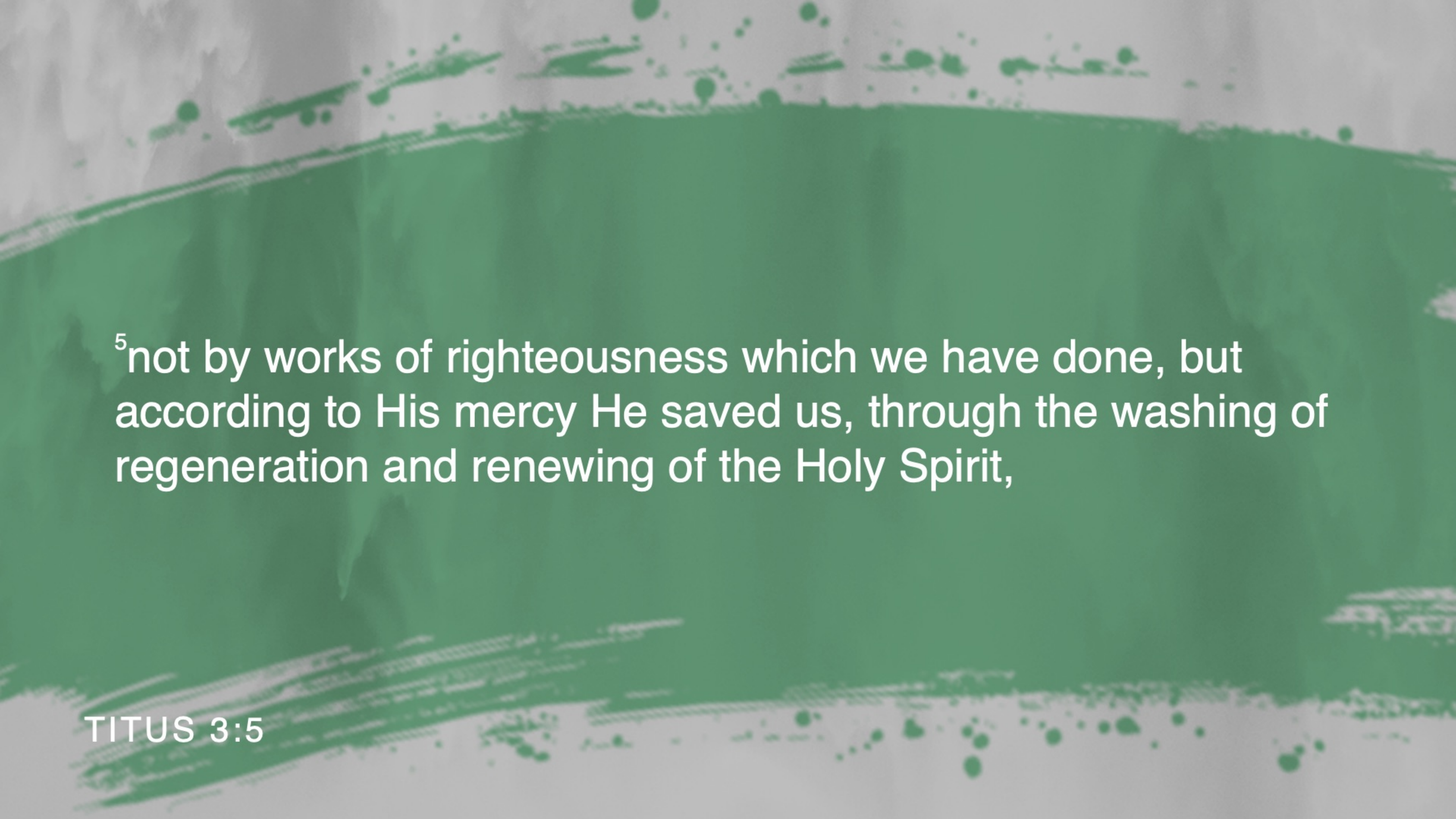
⁴But God, who is rich in mercy, because of His great love with which He loved us, ⁵even when we were dead in trespasses, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved),

EPHESIANS 2:4-5



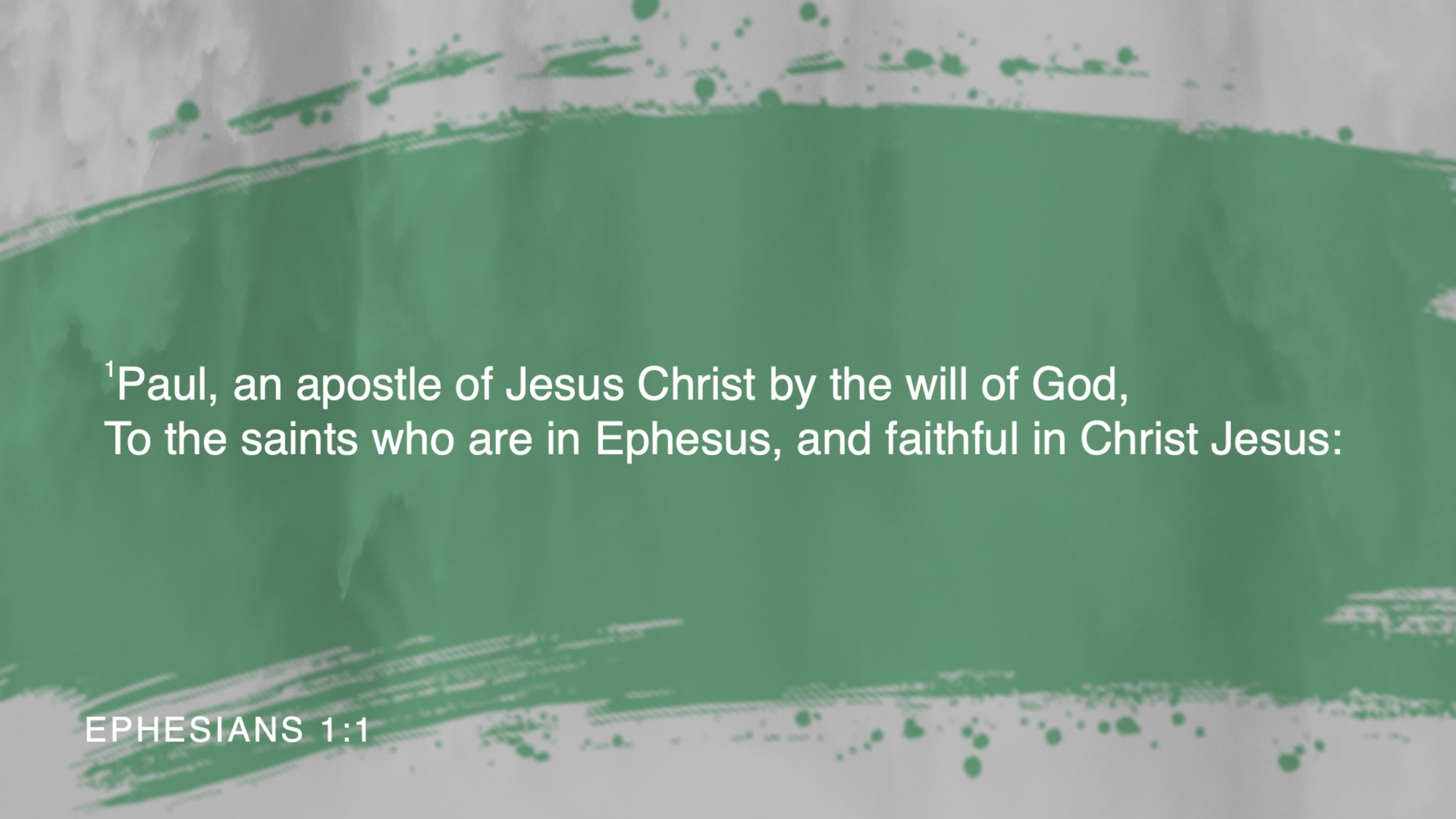
³Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who according to His abundant mercy has begotten us again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead,

I PETER 1:3



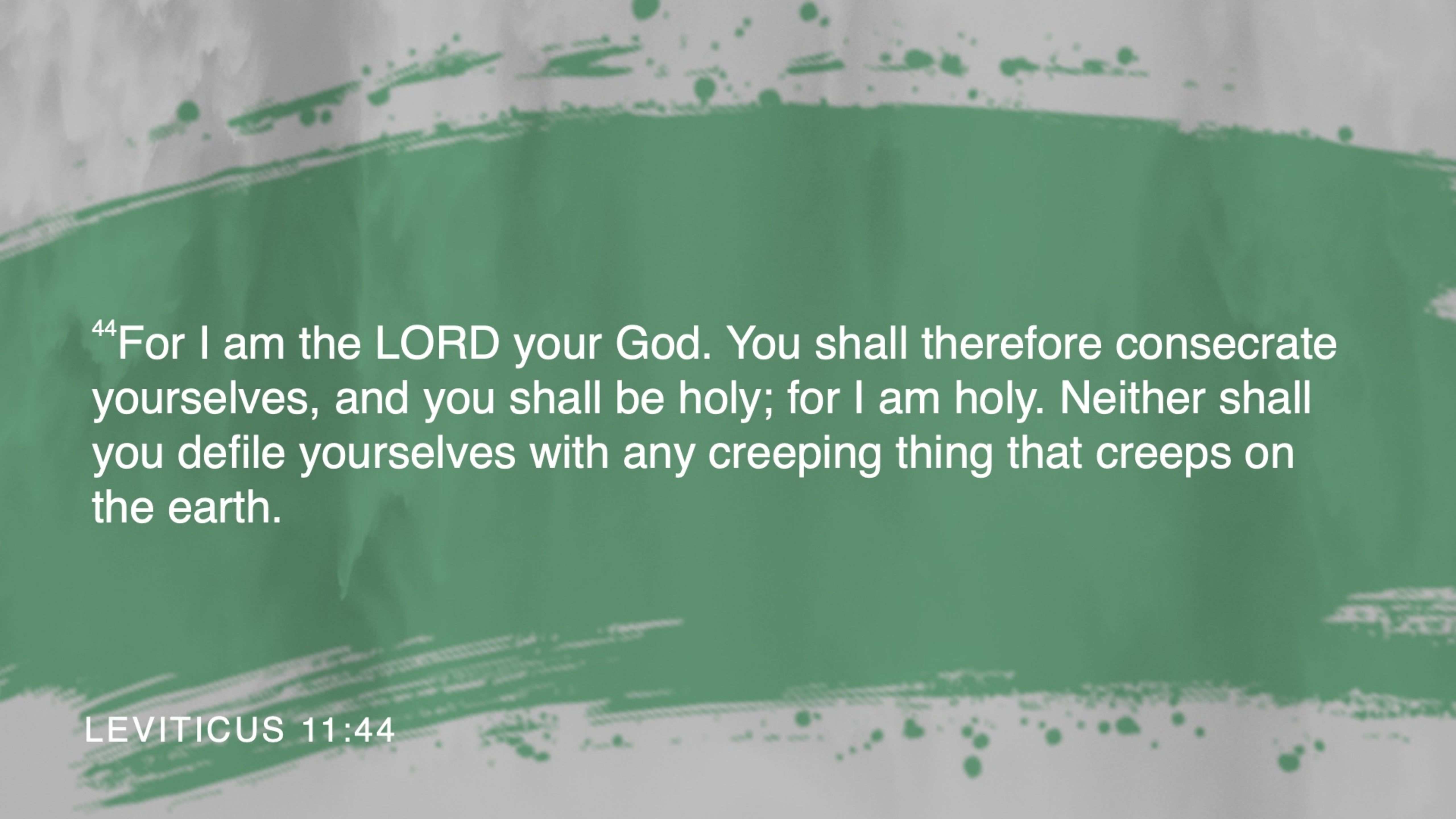
⁵not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to His mercy He saved us, through the washing of regeneration and renewing of the Holy Spirit,

TITUS 3:5



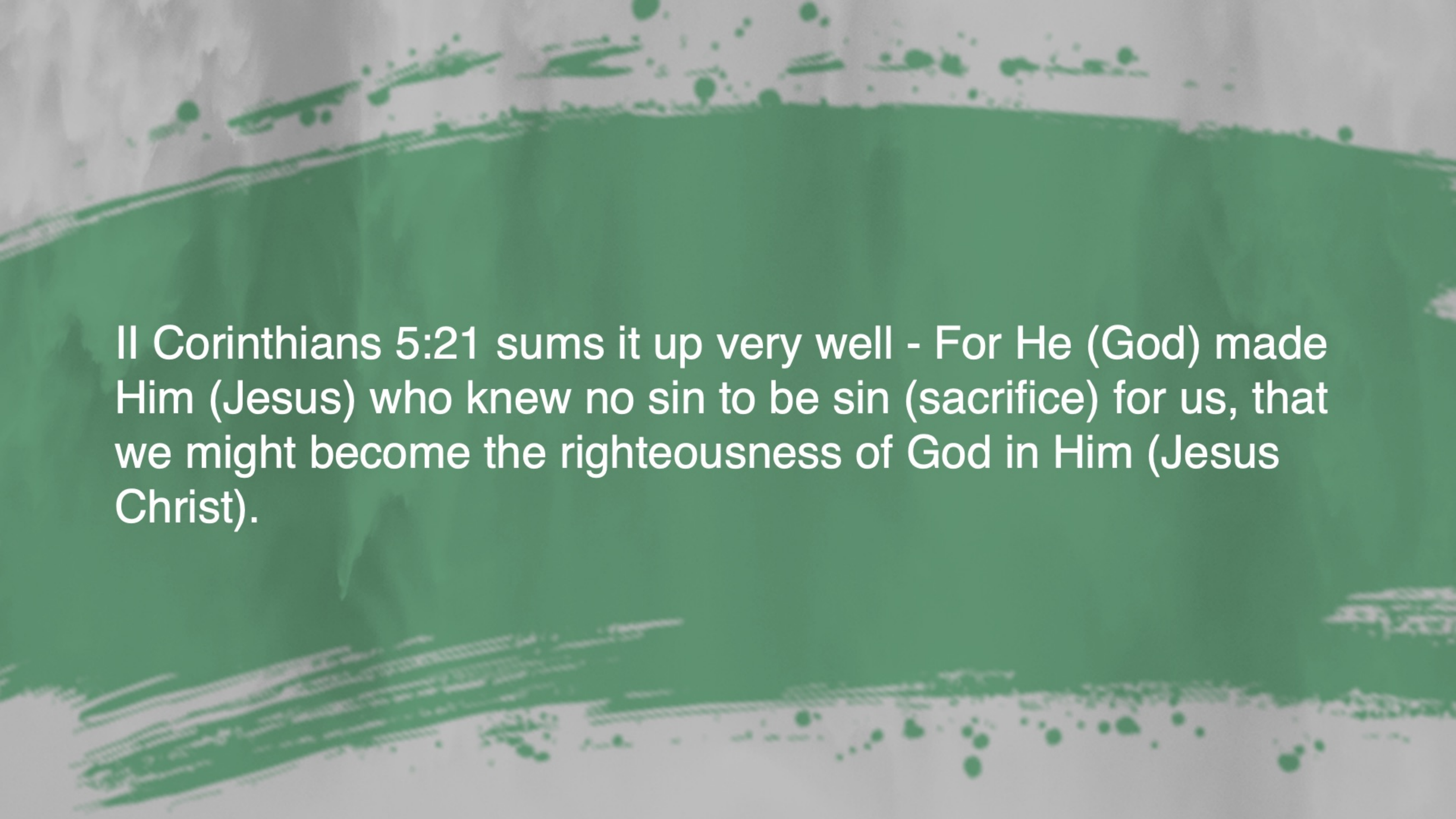
¹Paul, an apostle of Jesus Christ by the will of God,
To the saints who are in Ephesus, and faithful in Christ Jesus:

EPHESIANS 1:1



⁴⁴For I am the LORD your God. You shall therefore consecrate yourselves, and you shall be holy; for I am holy. Neither shall you defile yourselves with any creeping thing that creeps on the earth.

LEVITICUS 11:44



II Corinthians 5:21 sums it up very well - For He (God) made Him (Jesus) who knew no sin to be sin (sacrifice) for us, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him (Jesus Christ).

²⁷Therefore whoever eats this bread or drinks this cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty of the body and blood of the Lord. ²⁸But let a man examine himself, and so let him eat of the bread and drink of the cup. ²⁹For he who eats and drinks in an unworthy manner eats and drinks judgment to himself, not discerning the Lord's body. ³⁰For this reason many are weak and sick among you, and many sleep.

I CORINTHIANS 11:27-30

²³For I received from the Lord that which I also delivered to you: that the Lord Jesus on the same night in which He was betrayed took bread;
²⁴and when He had given thanks, He broke it and said, "Take, eat; this is My body which is broken for you; do this in remembrance of Me." ²⁵In the same manner He also took the cup after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in My blood. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me." ²⁶For as often as you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord's death till He comes.

I CORINTHIANS 11:23-29

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