

— *Ecclesiastes* —

LIFE UNDER THE SUN





WHY DO
BAD
THINGS HAPPEN TO
GOOD
PEOPLE

Behold, these are the wicked;
always at ease, they increase in riches.
All in vain have I kept my heart clean
and washed my hands in innocence.
For all the day long I have been stricken
and rebuked every morning.

(Psalm 73:12-14 ESV)

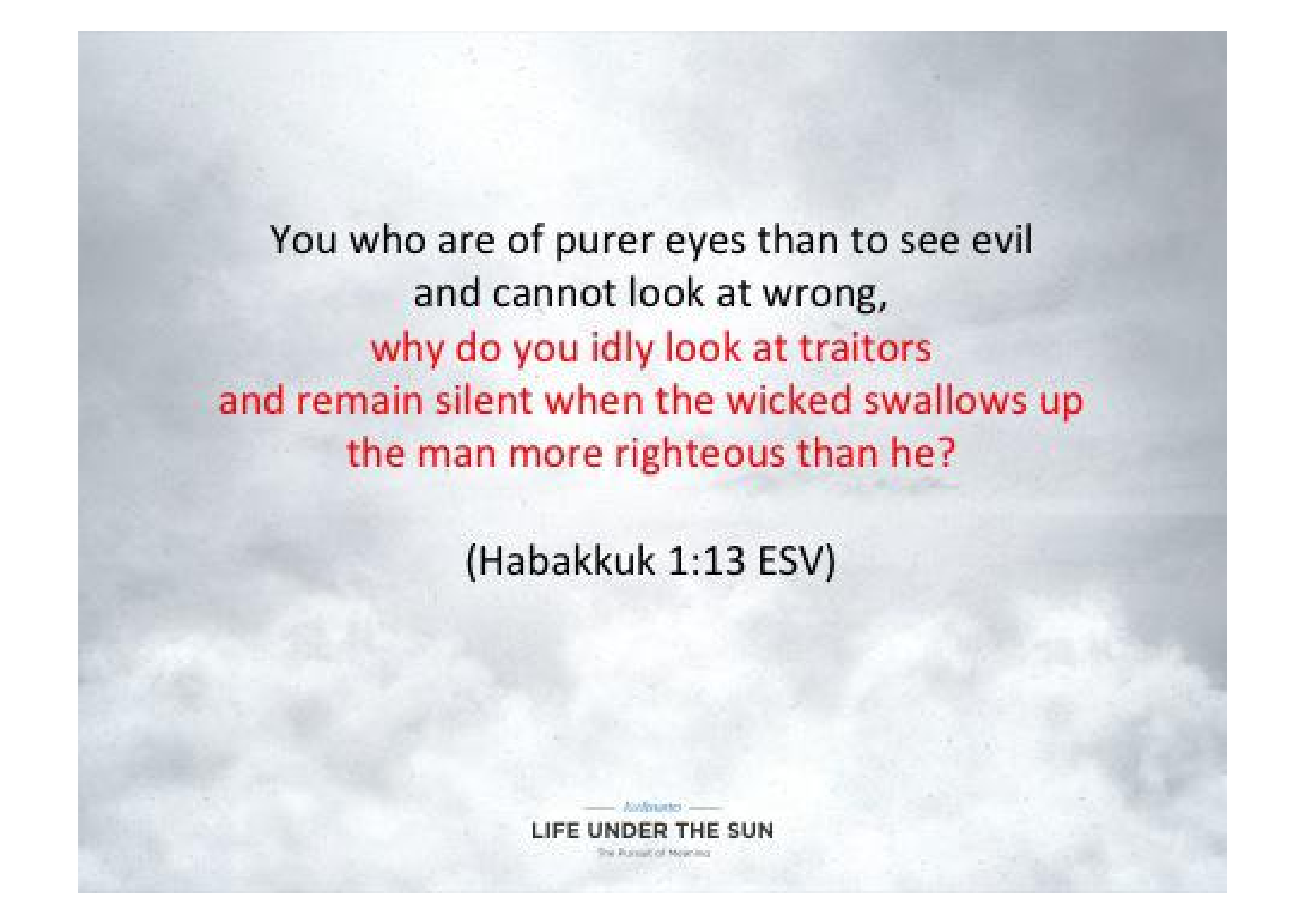
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The Pursuit of Holiness

Righteous are you, O LORD,
when I complain to you;
yet I would plead my case before you.
**Why does the way of the wicked prosper?
Why do all who are treacherous thrive?**

(Jeremiah 12:1 ESV)



You who are of purer eyes than to see evil
and cannot look at wrong,
why do you idly look at traitors
and remain silent when the wicked swallows up
the man more righteous than he?

(Habakkuk 1:13 ESV)

In my vain life I have seen everything.
There is a righteous man who perishes in his
righteousness, and there is a wicked man who
prolongs his life in his evildoing.

(Ecclesiastes 7:15 ESV)

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WISDOM SEES THE LORD

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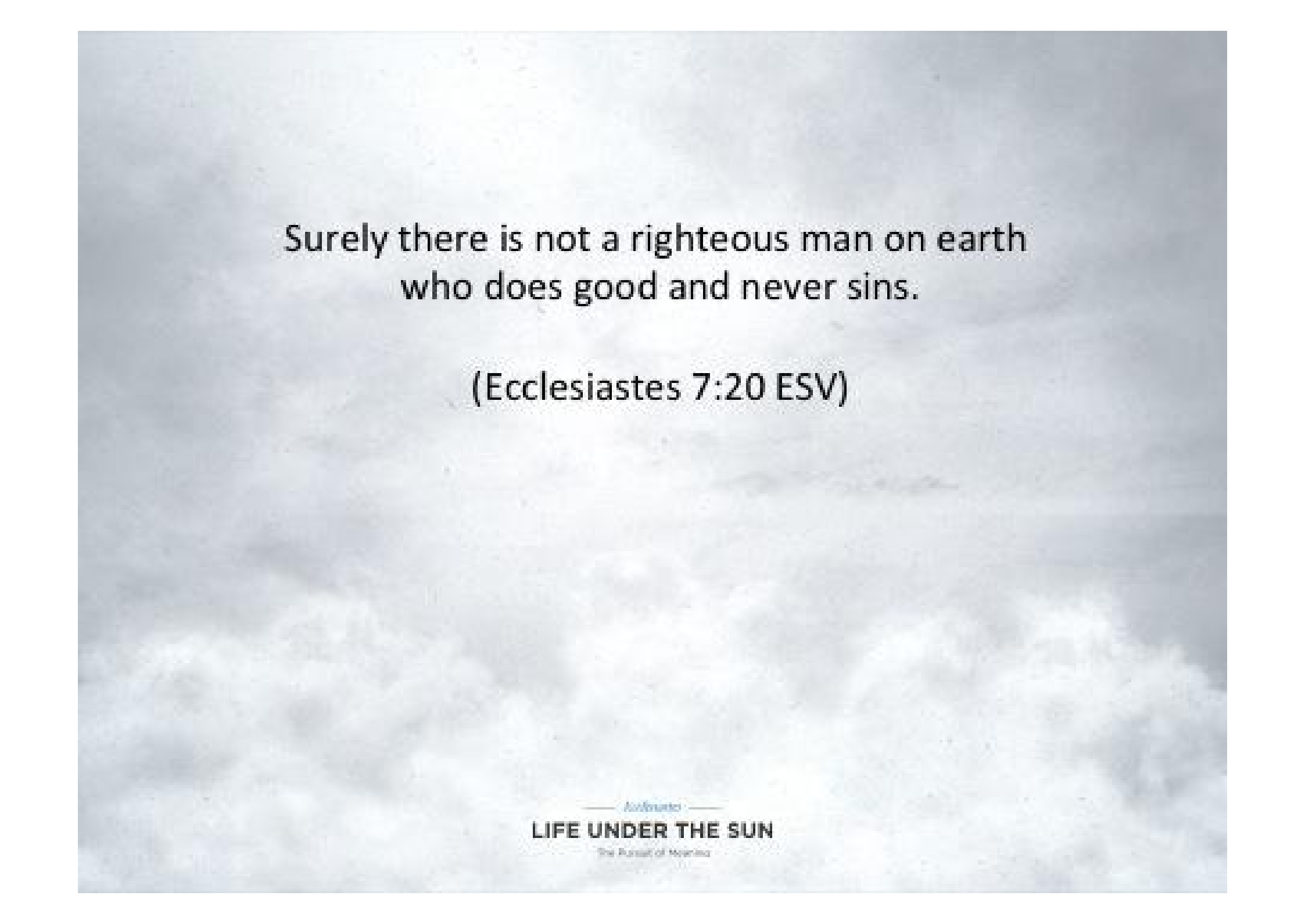
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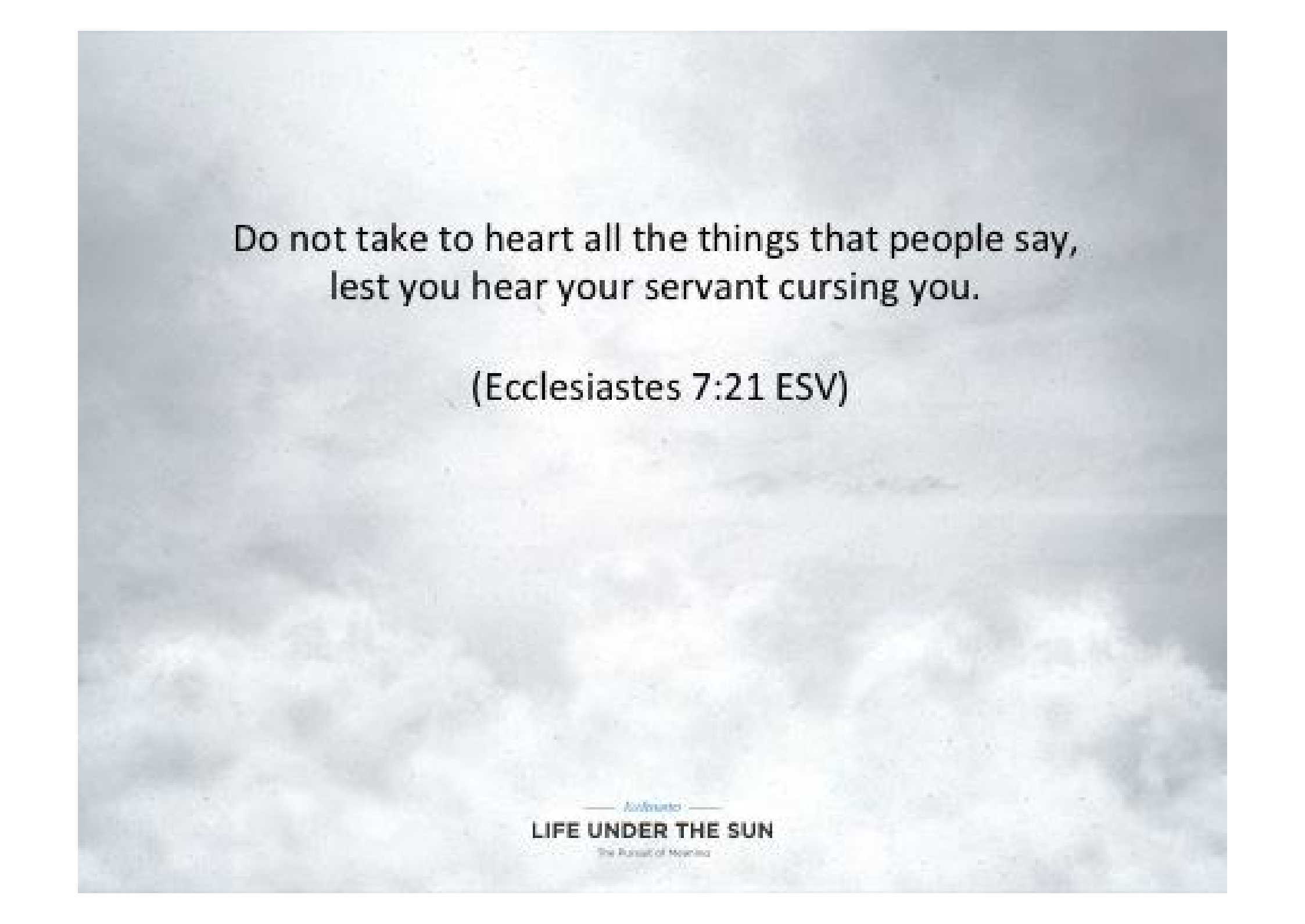
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Surely there is not a righteous man on earth
who does good and never sins.

(Ecclesiastes 7:20 ESV)



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lest you hear your servant cursing you.

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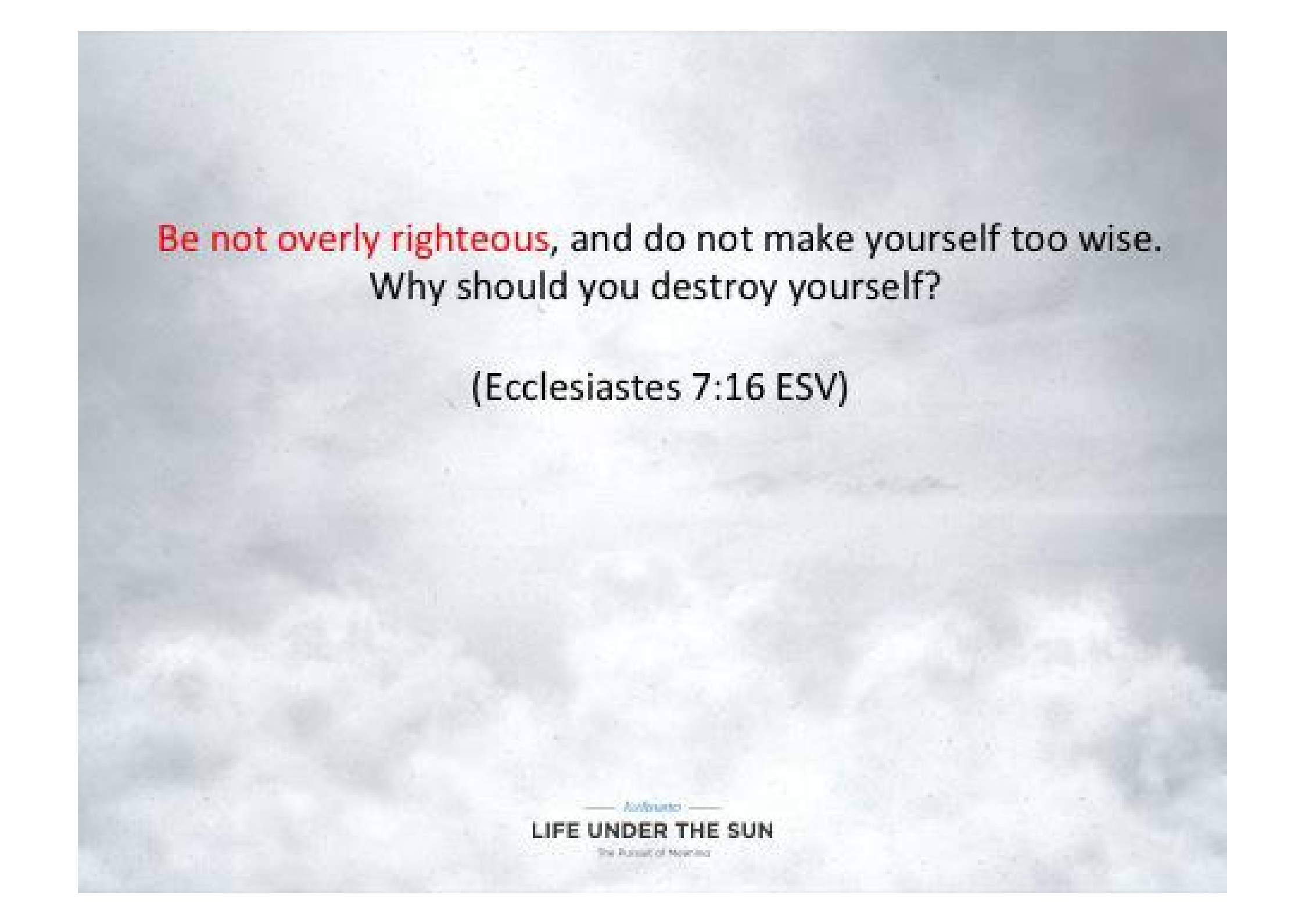
Your heart knows that many times
you yourself have cursed others.

(Ecclesiastes 7:21-22 ESV)

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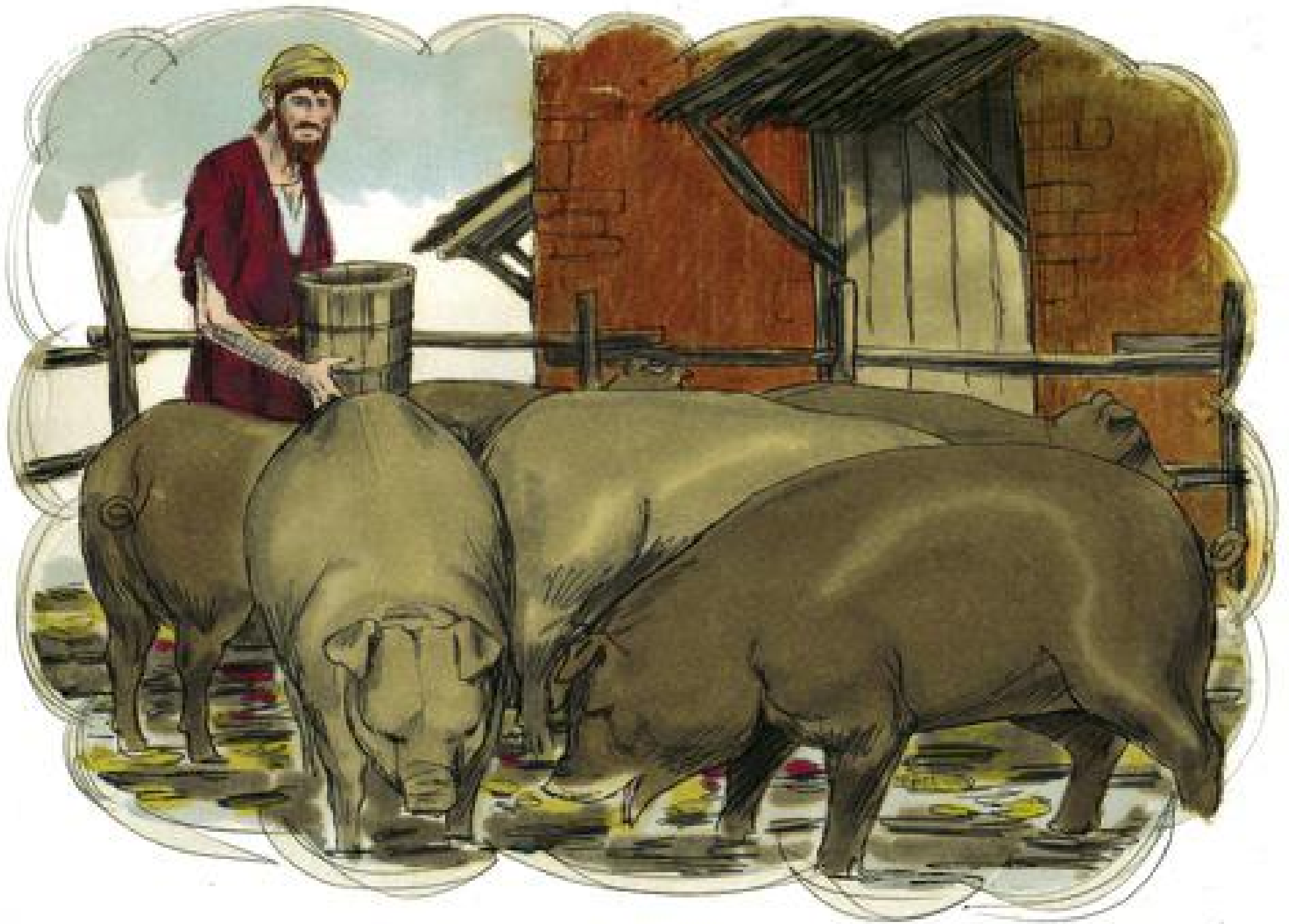
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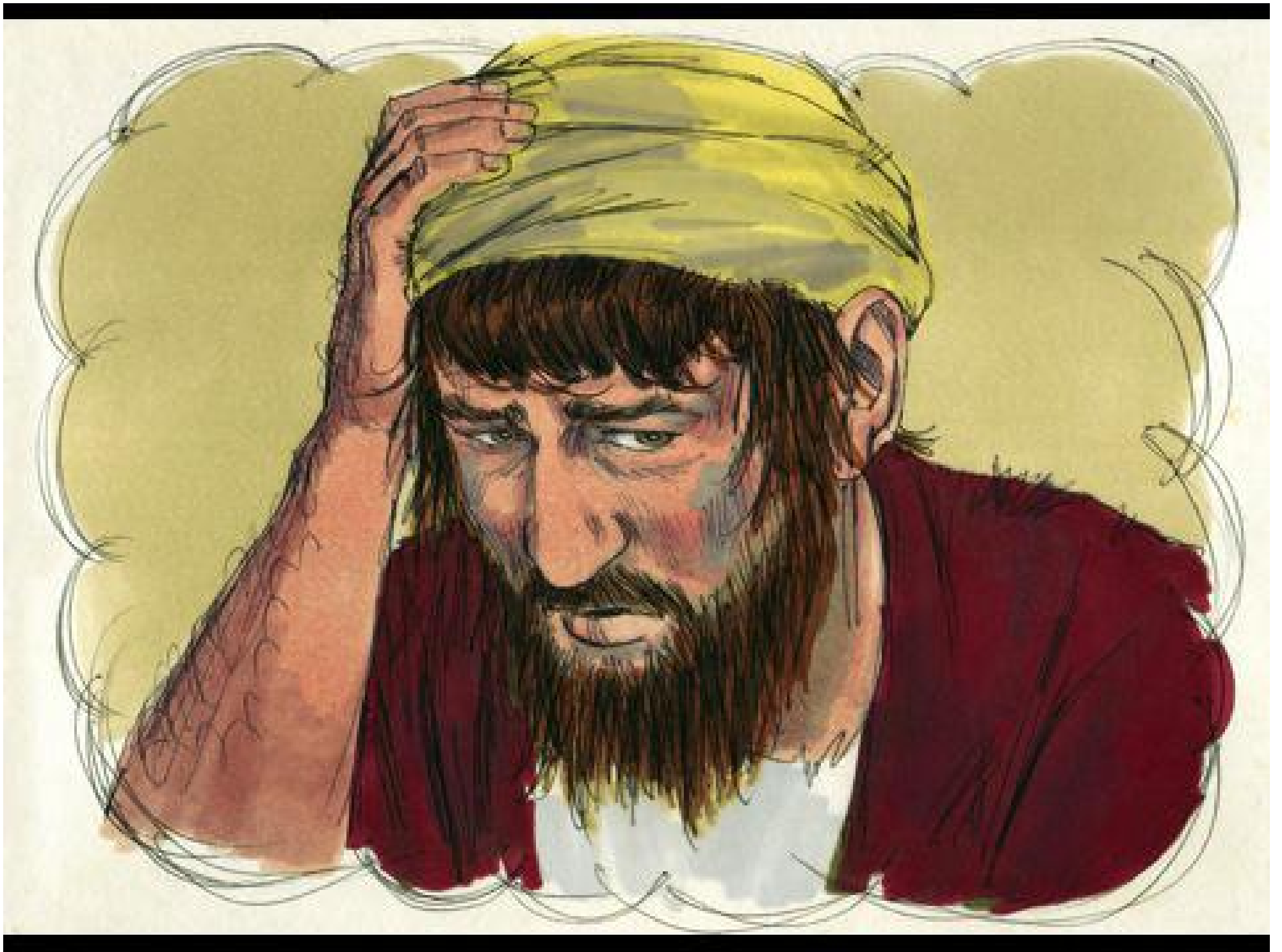
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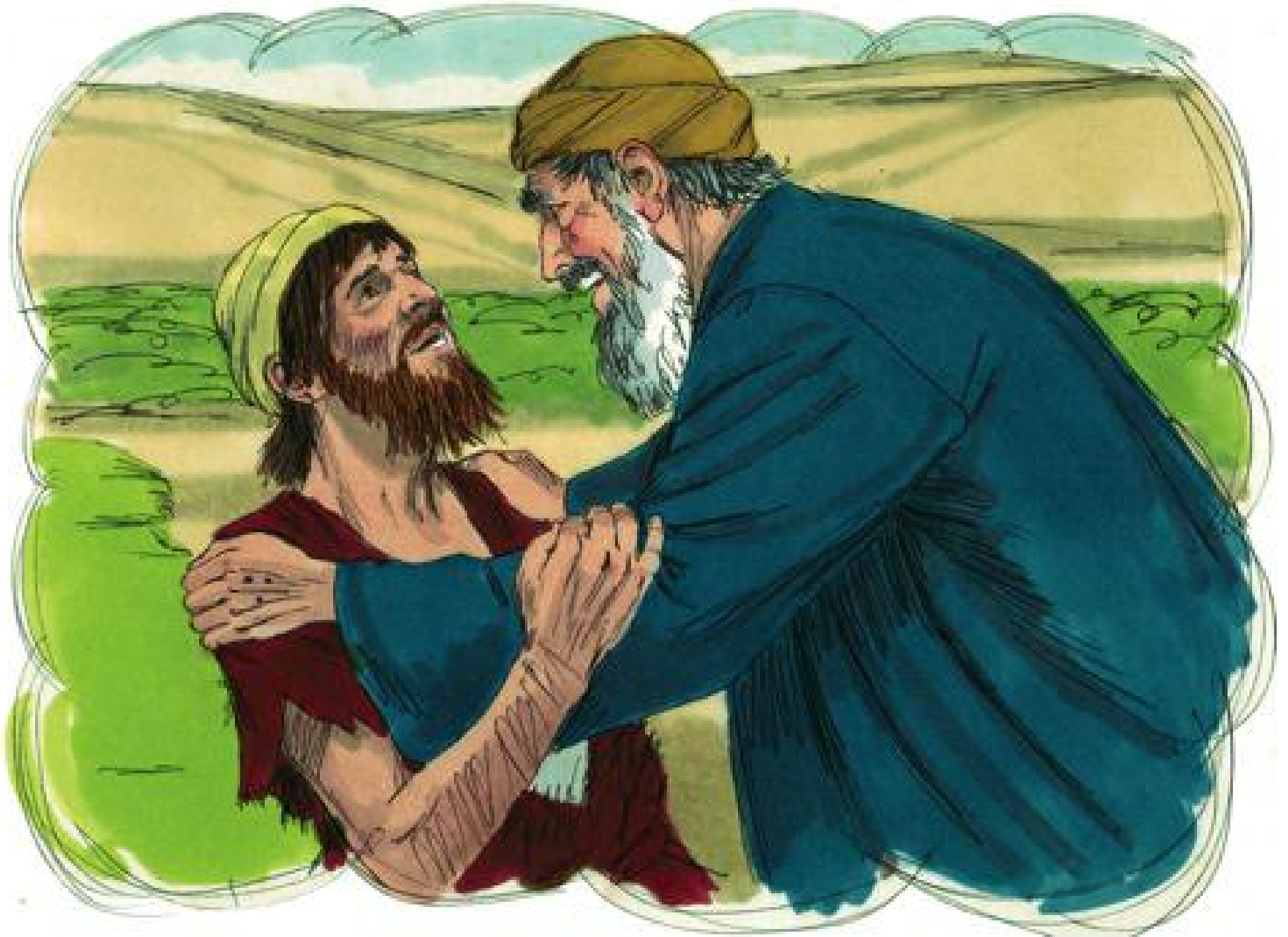
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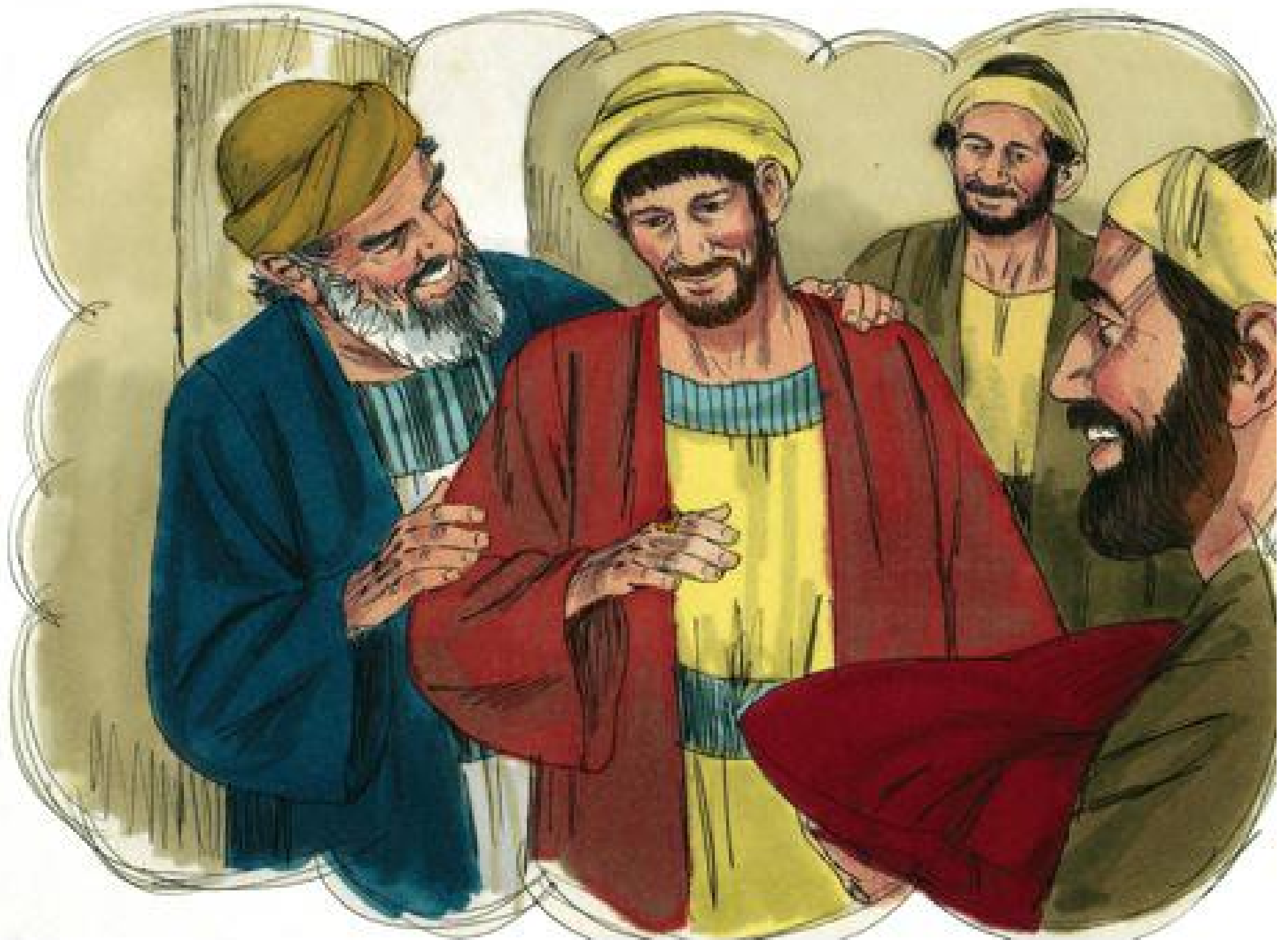


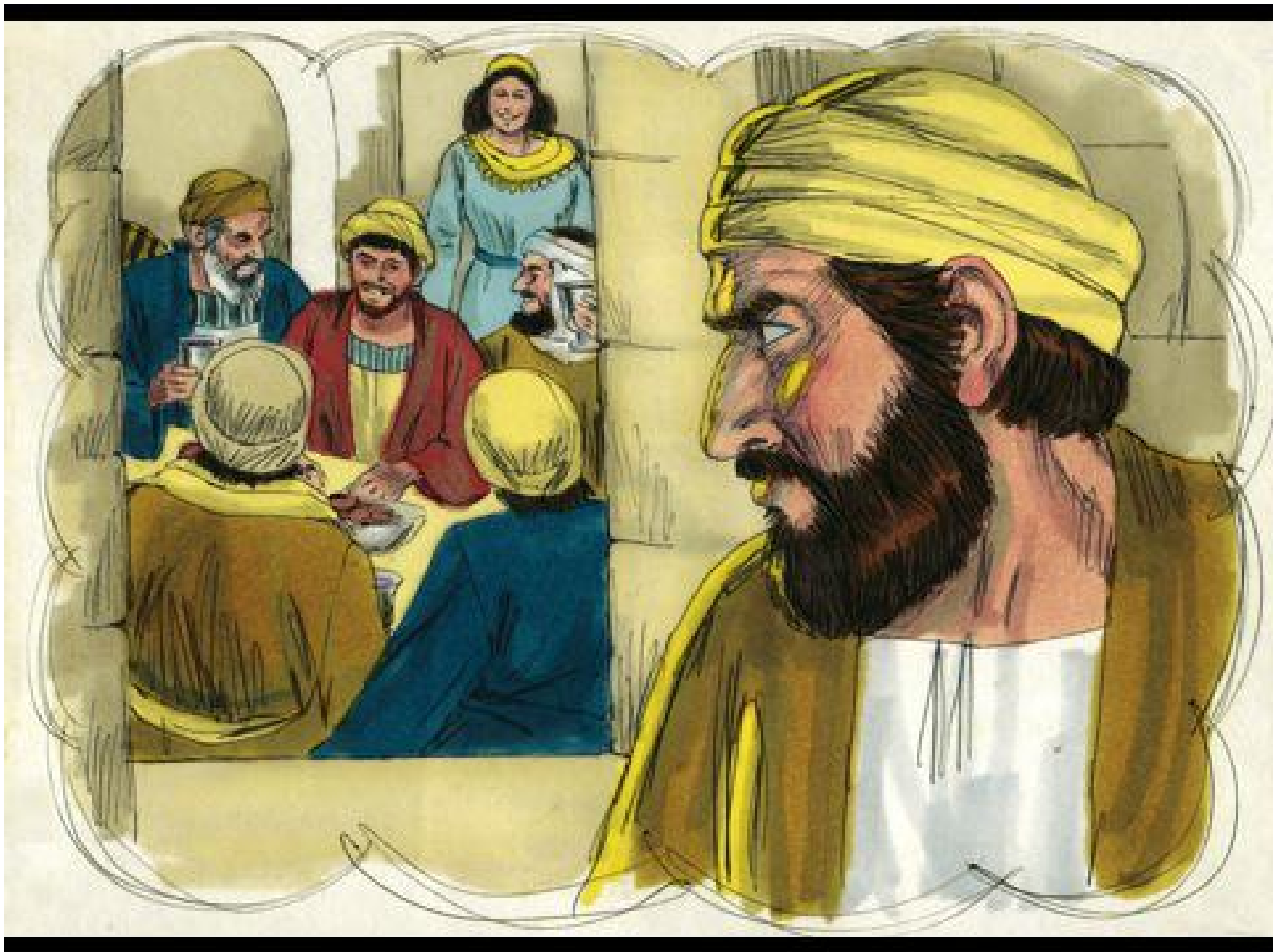
give me the share of property that is coming to me.
(Luke 15:12 ESV)

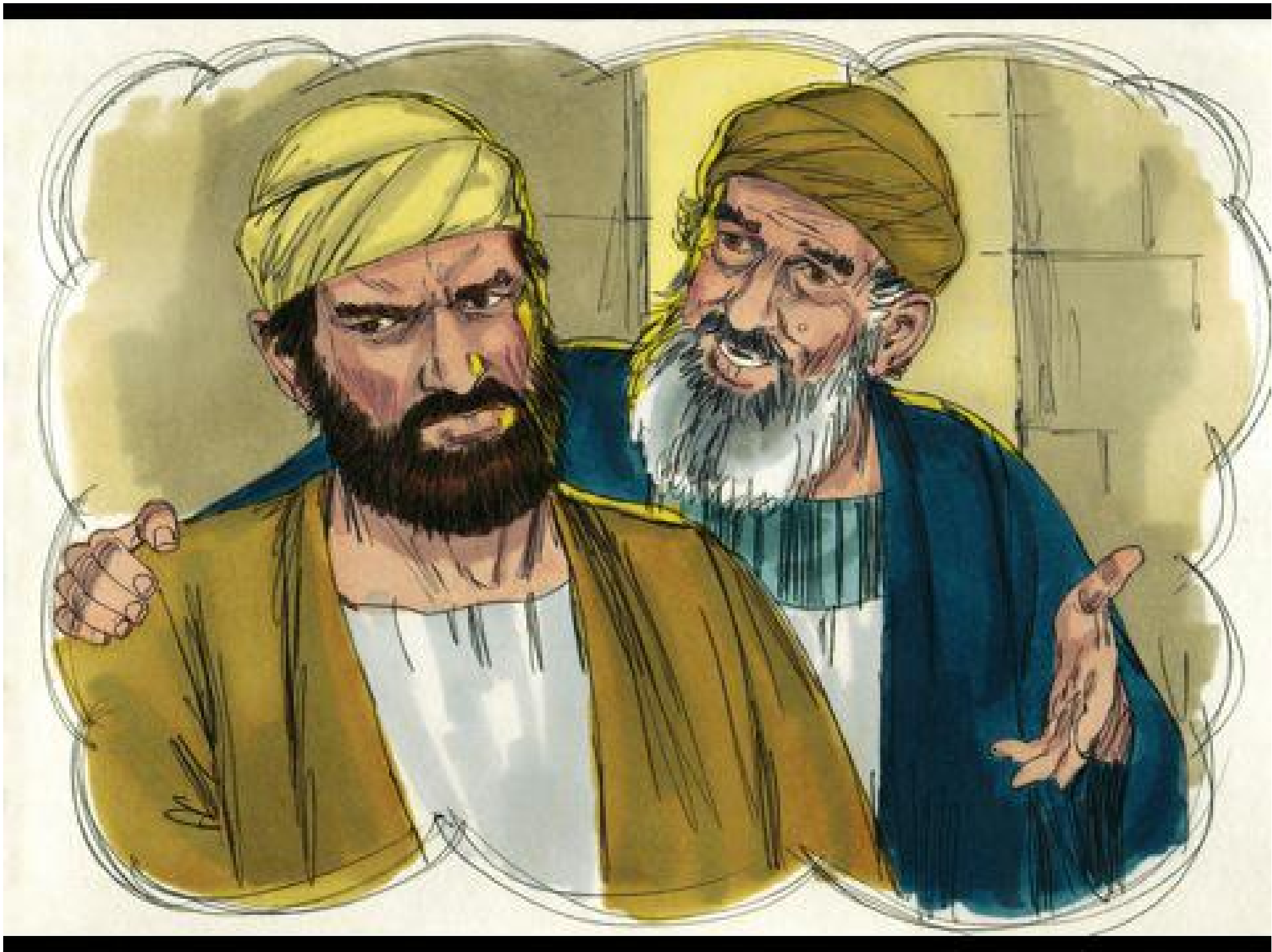








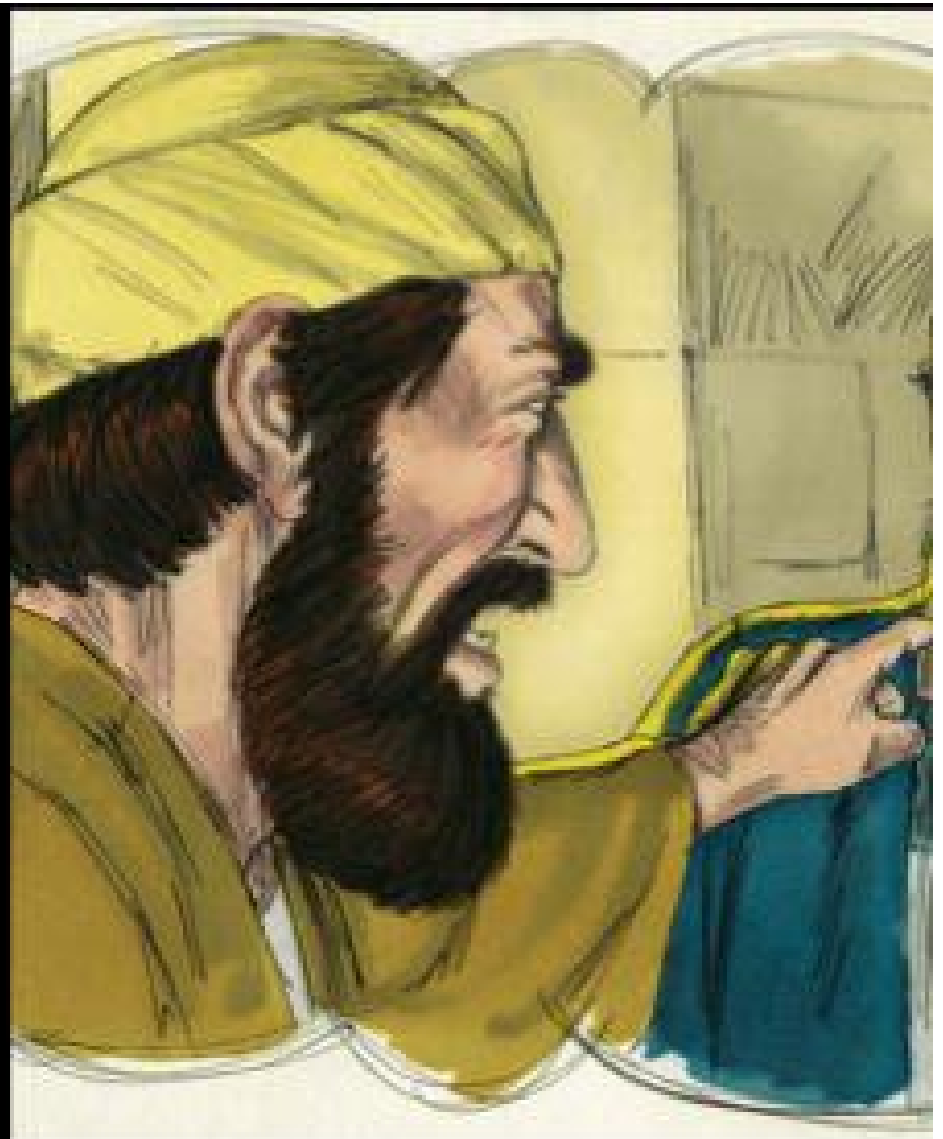






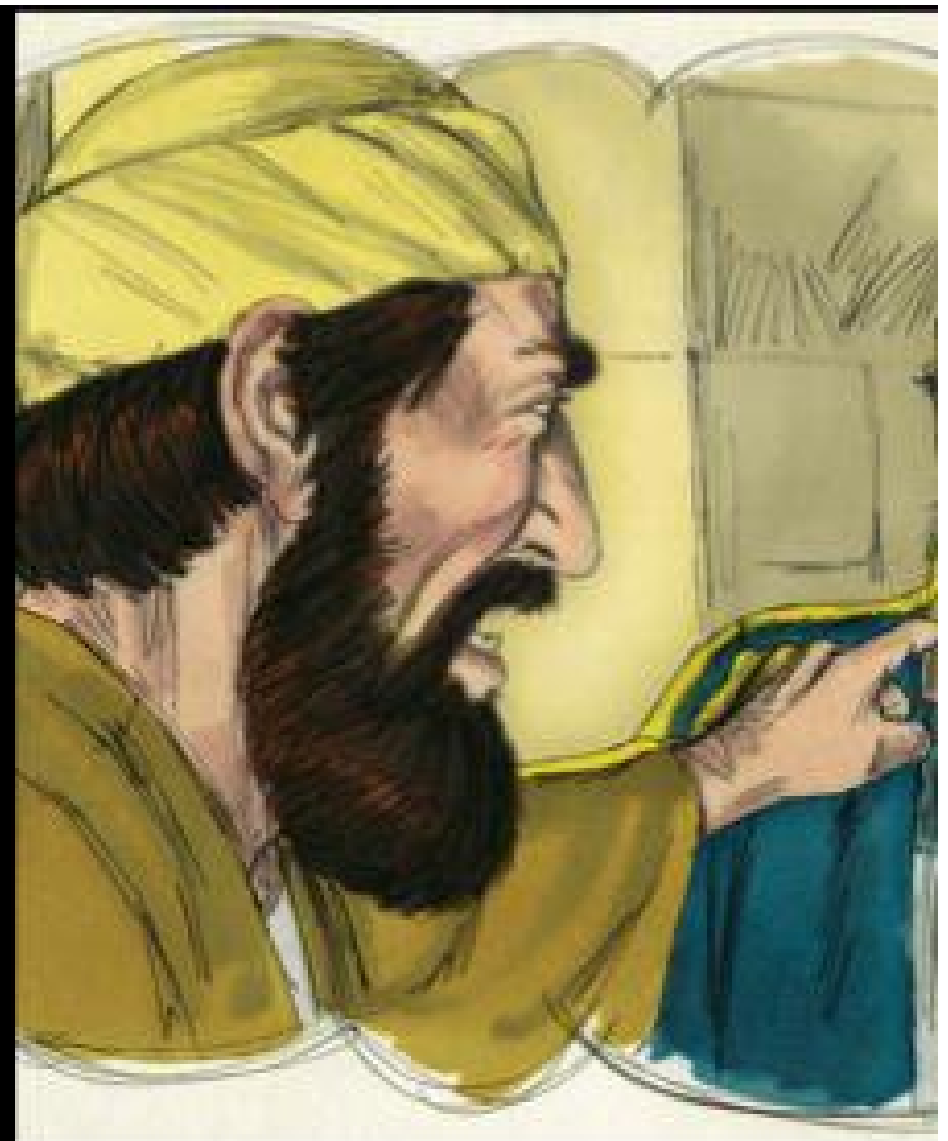
‘Look, these many years I have served you, and I never disobeyed your command, yet you never gave me a young goat, that I might celebrate with my friends.

(Luke 15:29 ESV)





Rebellious



Religious

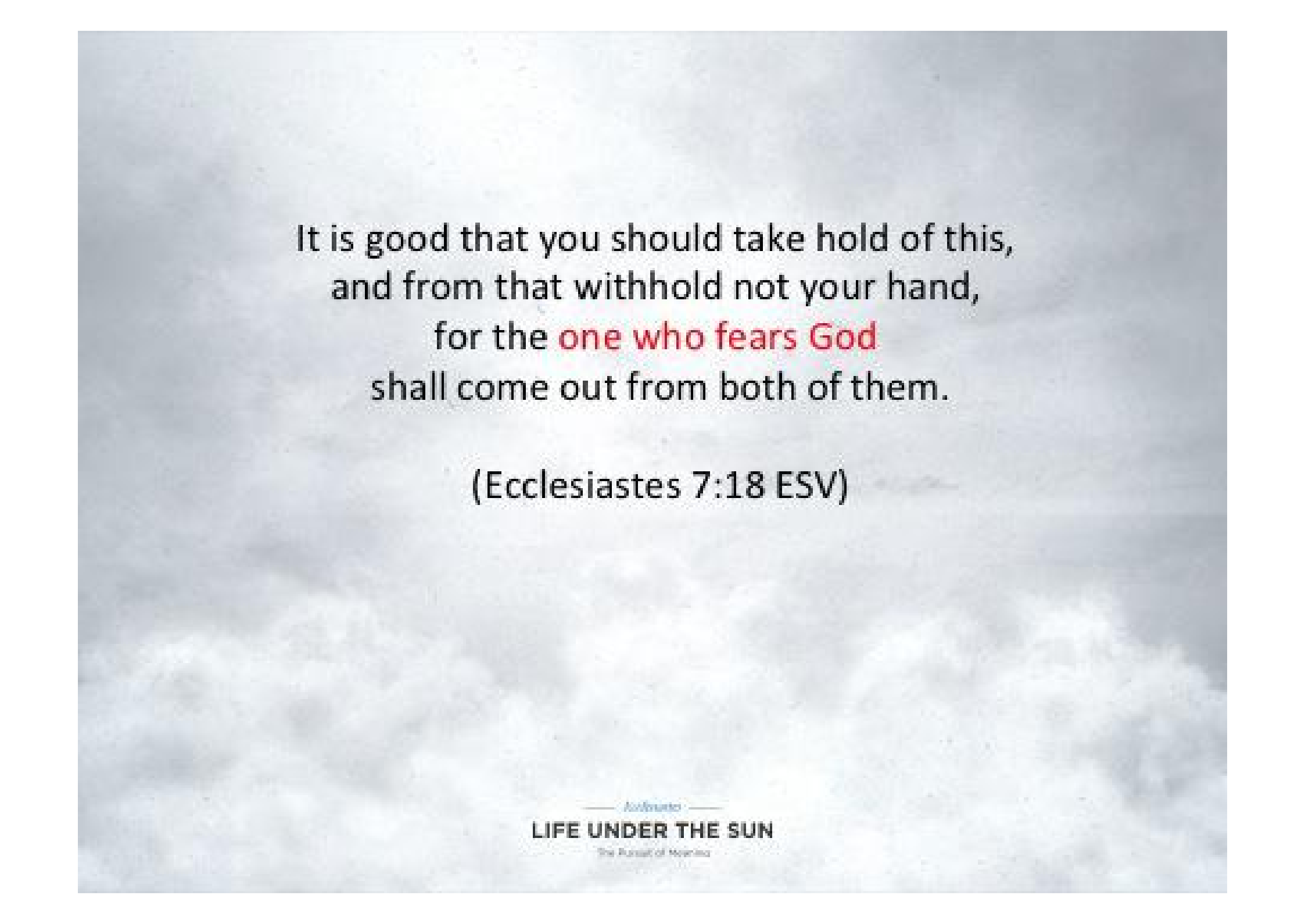
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The Pursuit of Happiness

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The Pursuit of Happiness

Rebellious

Eg Prodigal Son (Before)

Religious

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Repentant

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The Pursuit of Holiness

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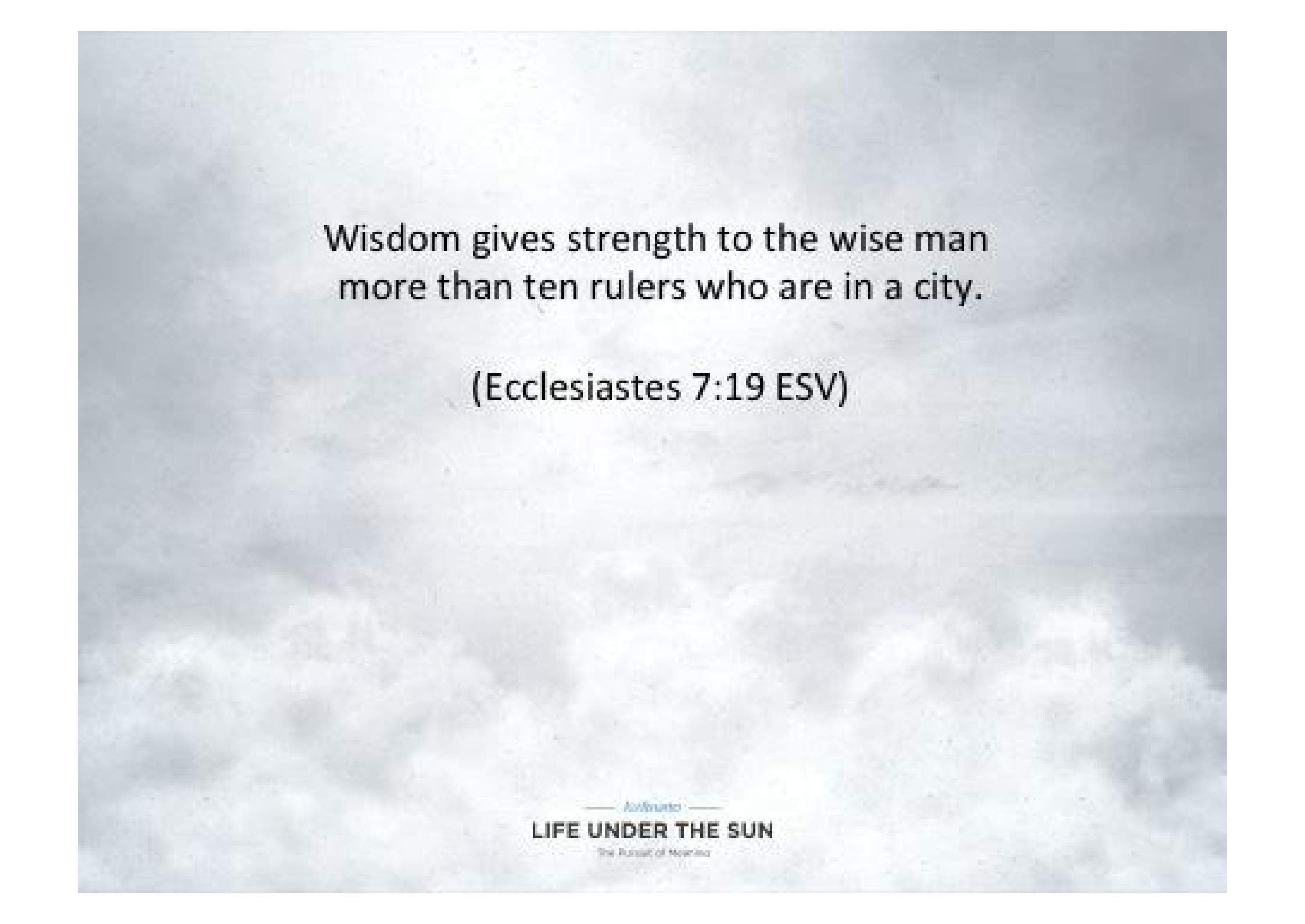
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— Acclamator —

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The Pursuit of Holiness



Wisdom gives strength to the wise man
more than ten rulers who are in a city.

(Ecclesiastes 7:19 ESV)

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The Pursuit of Meaning

Blessed is the one who finds wisdom,
and the one who gets understanding,
for the gain from her is better than gain from silver
and her profit better than gold.
She is more precious than jewels,
and nothing you desire can compare with her.
Long life is in her right hand;
in her left hand are riches and honor.
Her ways are ways of pleasantness,
and all her paths are peace.
She is a tree of life to those who lay hold of her;
those who hold her fast are called blessed.

(Proverbs 3:13-18 ESV)

Get wisdom; get insight; do not forget,
and do not turn away from the words of my mouth.
Do not forsake her, and she will keep you;
love her, and she will guard you.
The beginning of wisdom is this: Get wisdom,
and whatever you get, get insight.
Prize her highly, and she will exalt you;
she will honor you if you embrace her.
She will place on your head a graceful garland;
she will bestow on you a beautiful crown.”

(Proverbs 4:5-9 ESV)

Wisdom is the principal
thing;
Therefore get wisdom.
And in all your getting, get
understanding
- Proverbs 4:7 -

All this I have tested by wisdom. I said, "I will be wise,"
but it was far from me. That which has been is far off,
and deep, very deep; who can find it out?

I turned my heart to know and to search out and to seek
wisdom and the scheme of things, and to know the
wickedness of folly and the foolishness that is madness.

(Ecclesiastes 7:23-25 ESV)

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And I find something more bitter than death:
the woman whose heart is snares and nets,
and whose hands are fetters.
He who pleases God escapes her,
but the sinner is taken by her.

(Ecclesiastes 7:26 ESV)

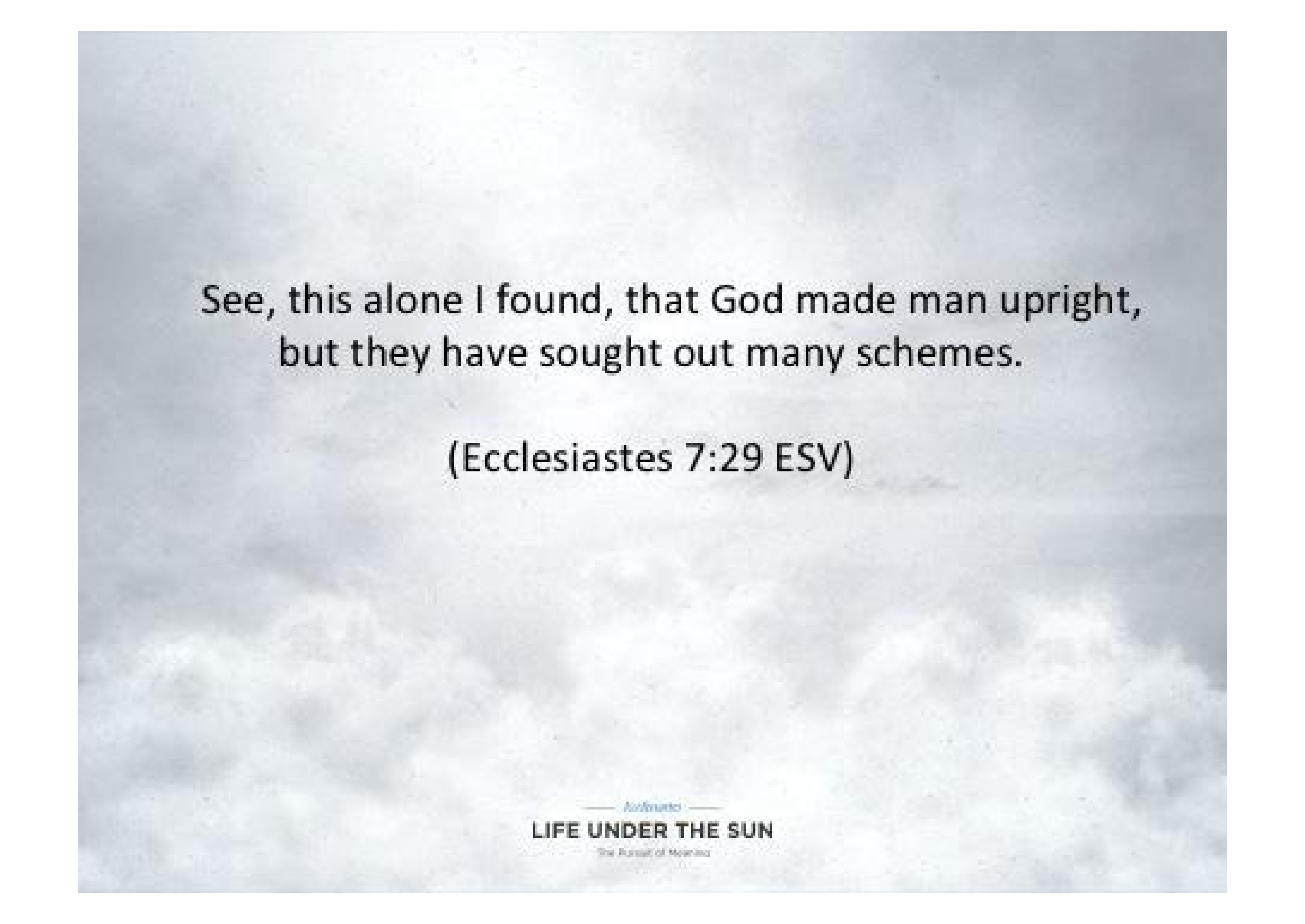
The woman Folly is loud;
she is seductive and knows nothing.

She sits at the door of her house;
she takes a seat on the highest places of the town,
calling to those who pass by,
who are going straight on their way,
“Whoever is simple, let him turn in here!”
And to him who lacks sense she says,
“Stolen water is sweet,
and bread eaten in secret is pleasant.”
But he does not know that the dead are there,
that her guests are in the depths of Sheol.

(Proverbs 9:13-18 ESV)

Behold, this is what I found, says the Preacher,
while adding one thing to another to find the scheme of
things—which my soul has sought repeatedly, but I have not
found. One man among a thousand I found, but a woman
among all these I have not found.

(Ecclesiastes 7:27-28 ESV)



See, this alone I found, that God made man upright,
but they have sought out many schemes.

(Ecclesiastes 7:29 ESV)

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My son, if you receive my words and treasure up my commandments with you, making your ear attentive to wisdom and inclining your heart to understanding; yes, if you call out for insight and raise your voice for understanding, if you seek it like silver and search for it as for hidden treasures, then you will understand the fear of the LORD and find the knowledge of God.

(Proverbs 2:1-5 ESV)

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Trust in the LORD with all your heart,
and do not lean on your own understanding.
In all your ways acknowledge him,
and he will make straight your paths.

(Proverbs 3:5-6 ESV)

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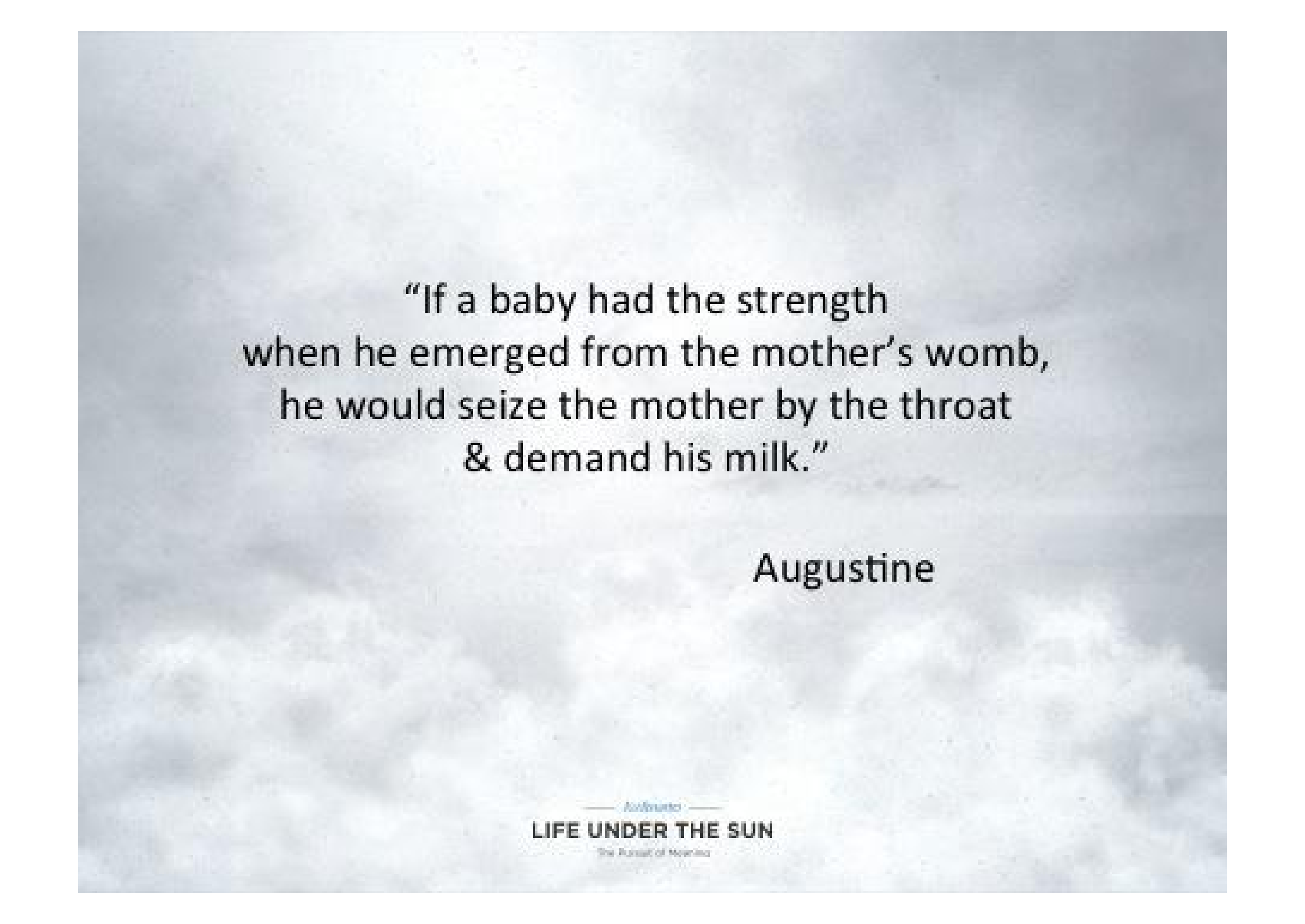
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“If a baby had the strength
when he emerged from the mother’s womb,
he would seize the mother by the throat
& demand his milk.”

Augustine

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"WHY DO BAD THINGS HAPPEN TO GOOD PEOPLE?"



**"WHY DO BAD THINGS HAPPEN TO GOOD PEOPLE?
THAT ONLY HAPPENED ONCE, AND HE VOLUNTEERED."**

R.C. SPROUL JR

*“Be not wise in thine
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LORD, and depart
from evil.”*

Proverbs 3:7 KJV