




2 CORINTHIANS

THORN IN THE FLESH



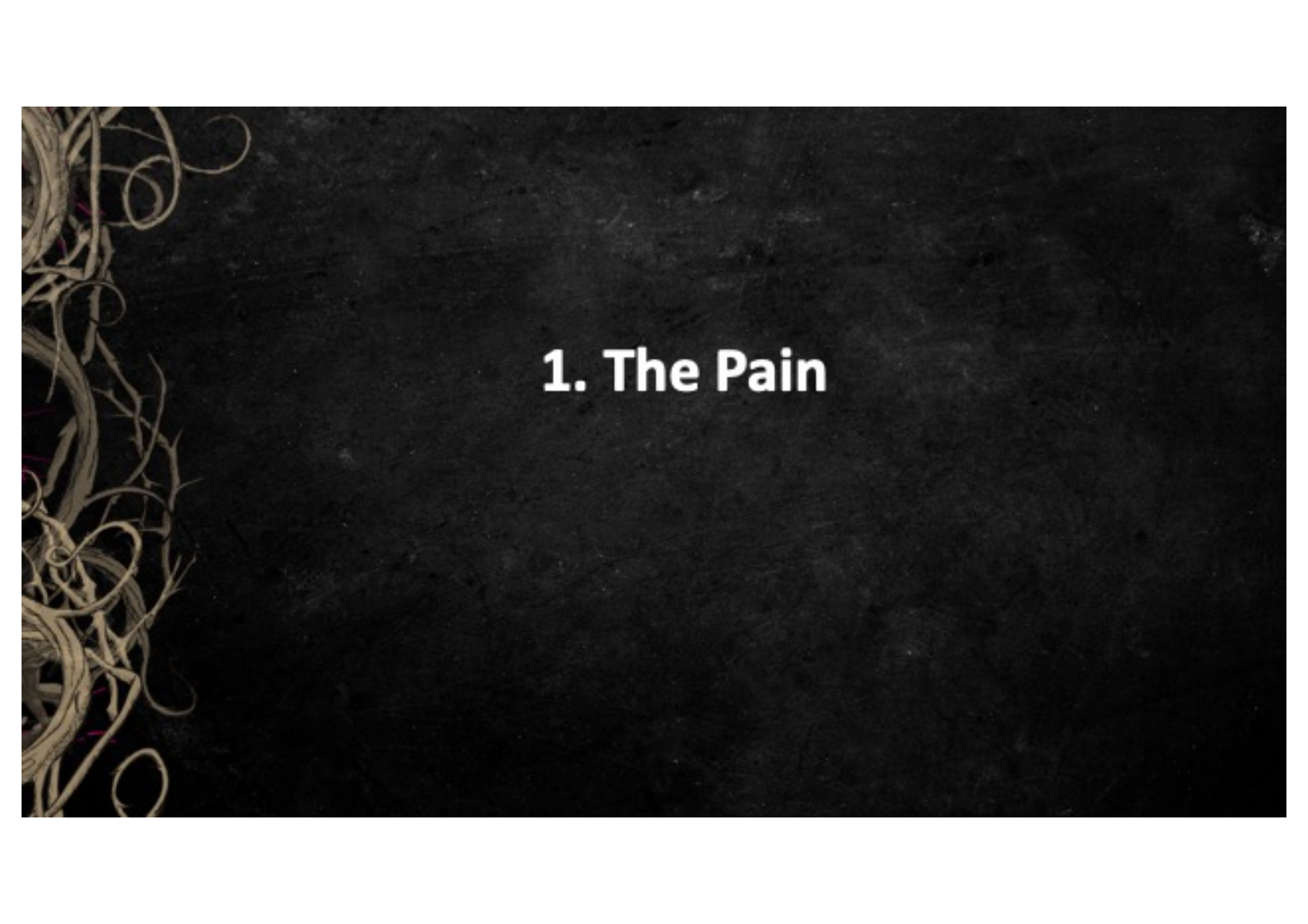
**We all agree that forgiveness is a beautiful idea
until we have to practice it.**

CS Lewis



RESTORE THE REPENTANT

2Corinthians 2:5-11

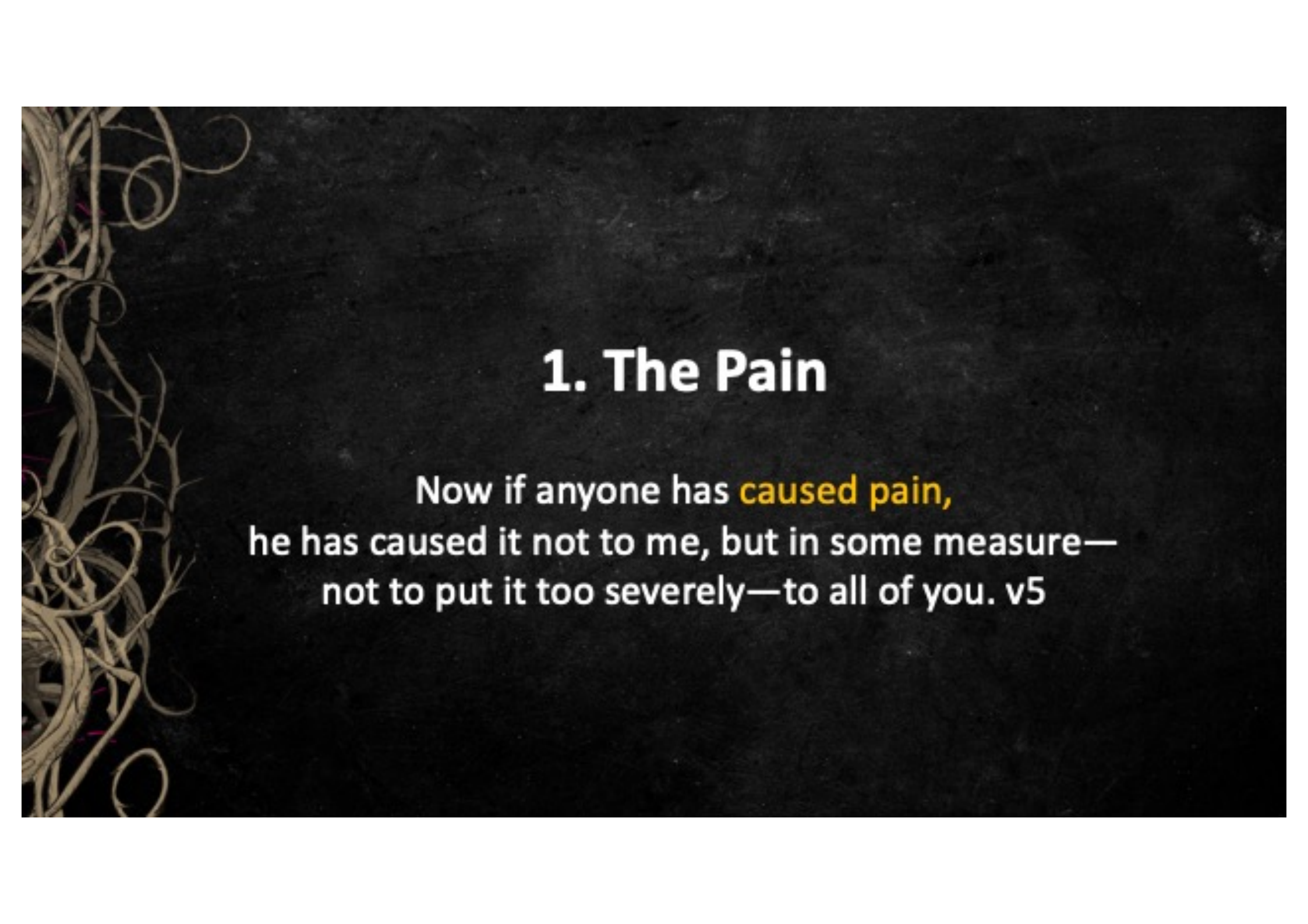


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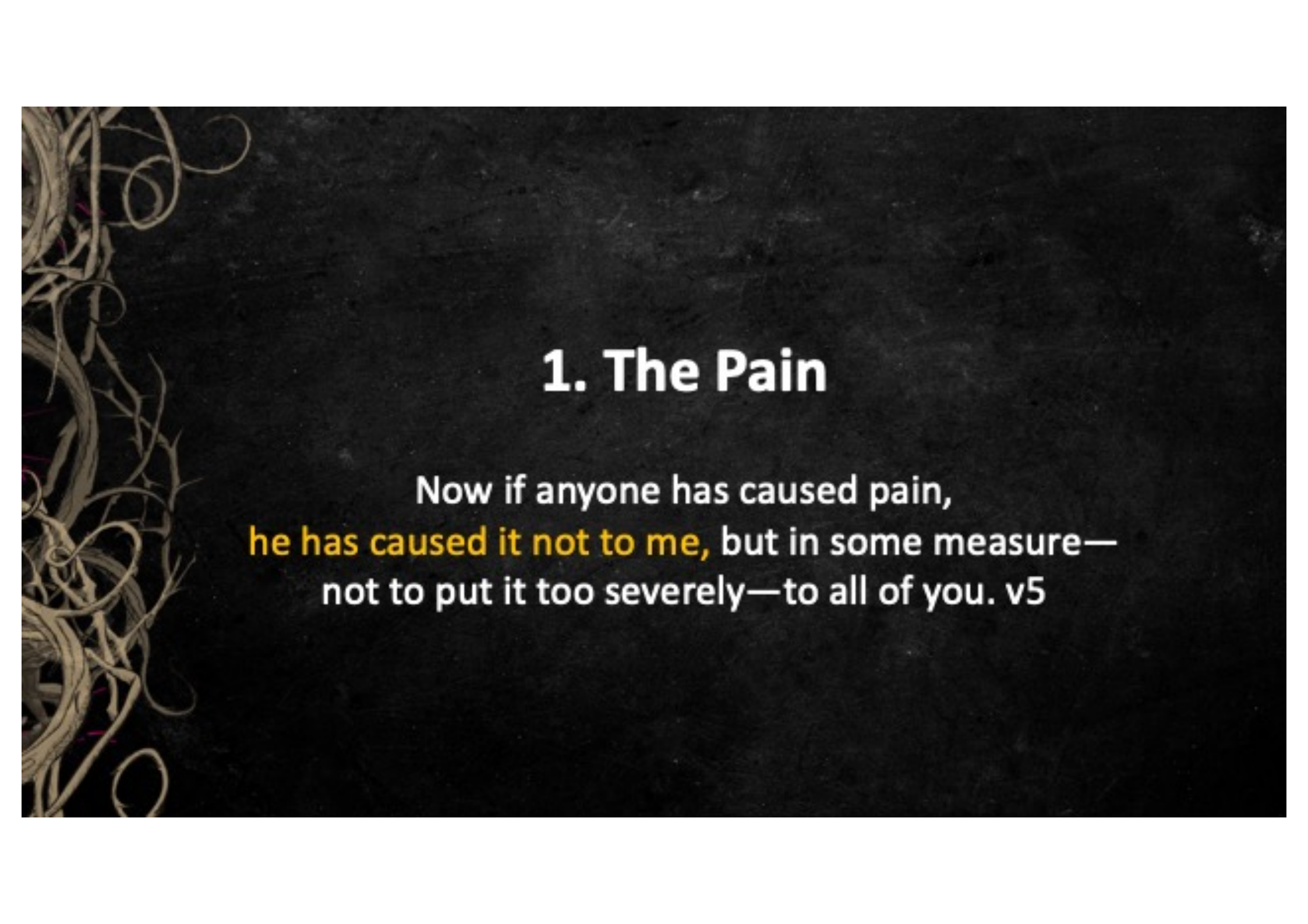
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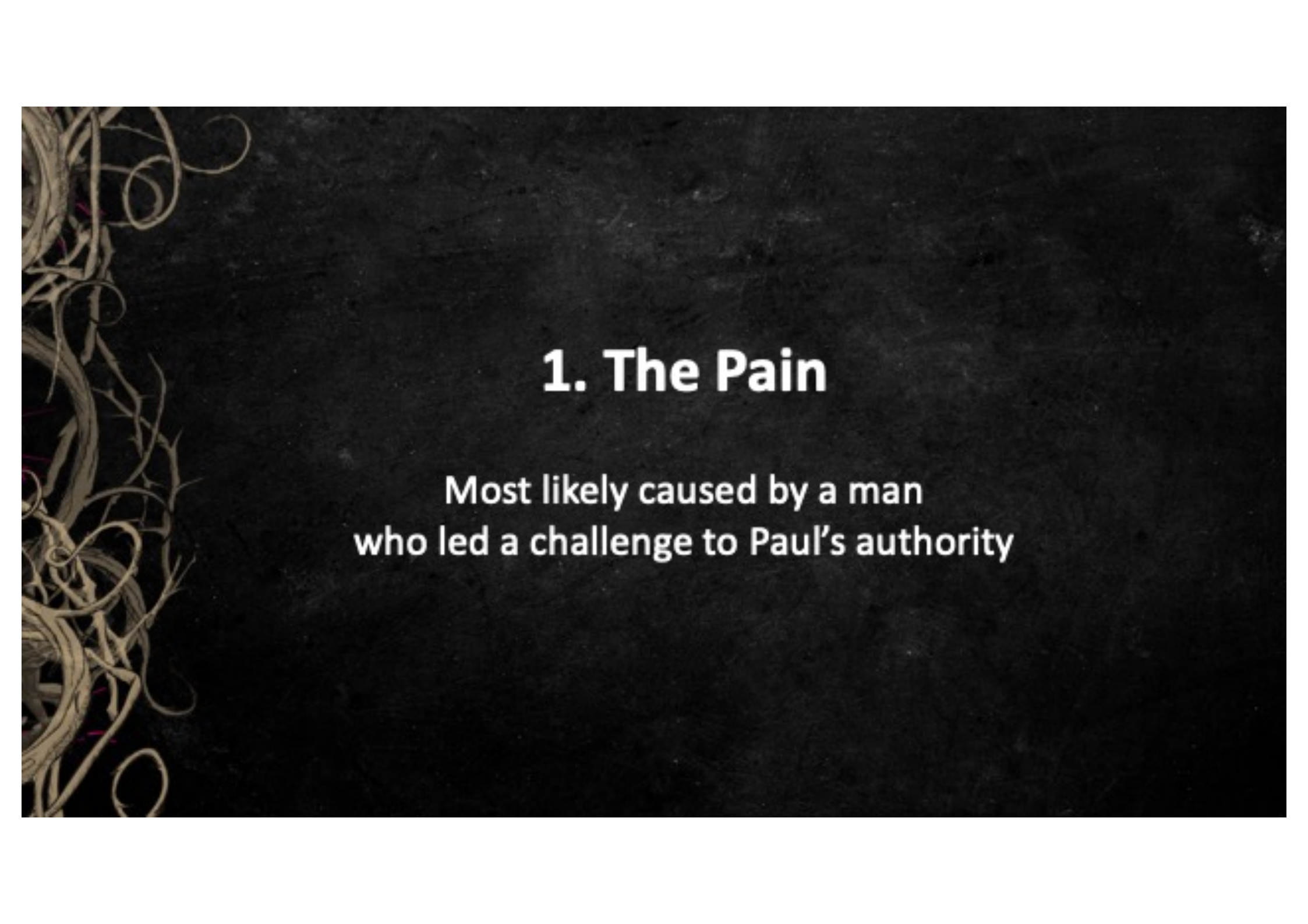
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**Most likely caused by a man
who led a challenge to Paul's authority**



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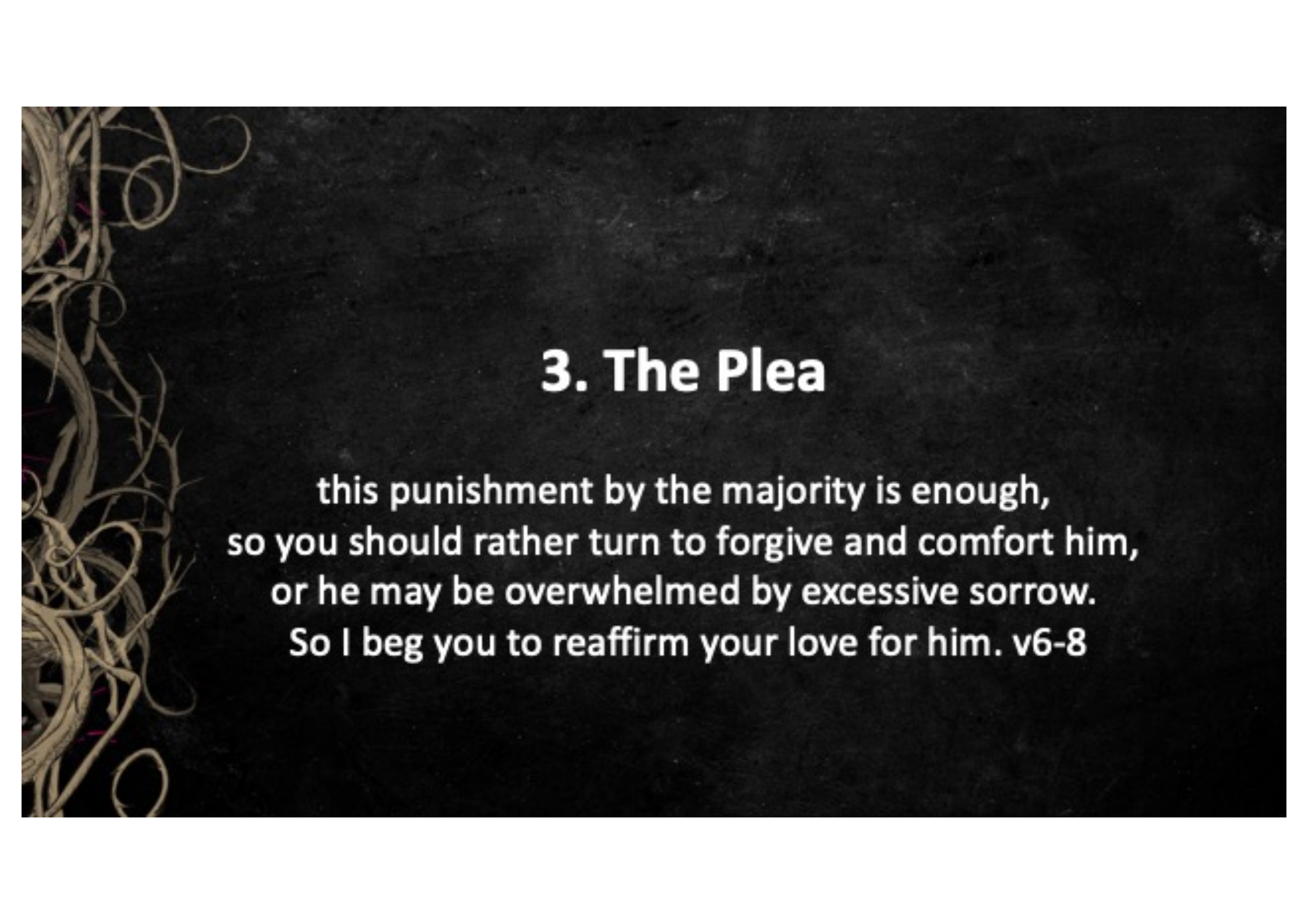
Matthew 18:15 "... go and tell him his fault...
If he listens to you, you have gained your brother."



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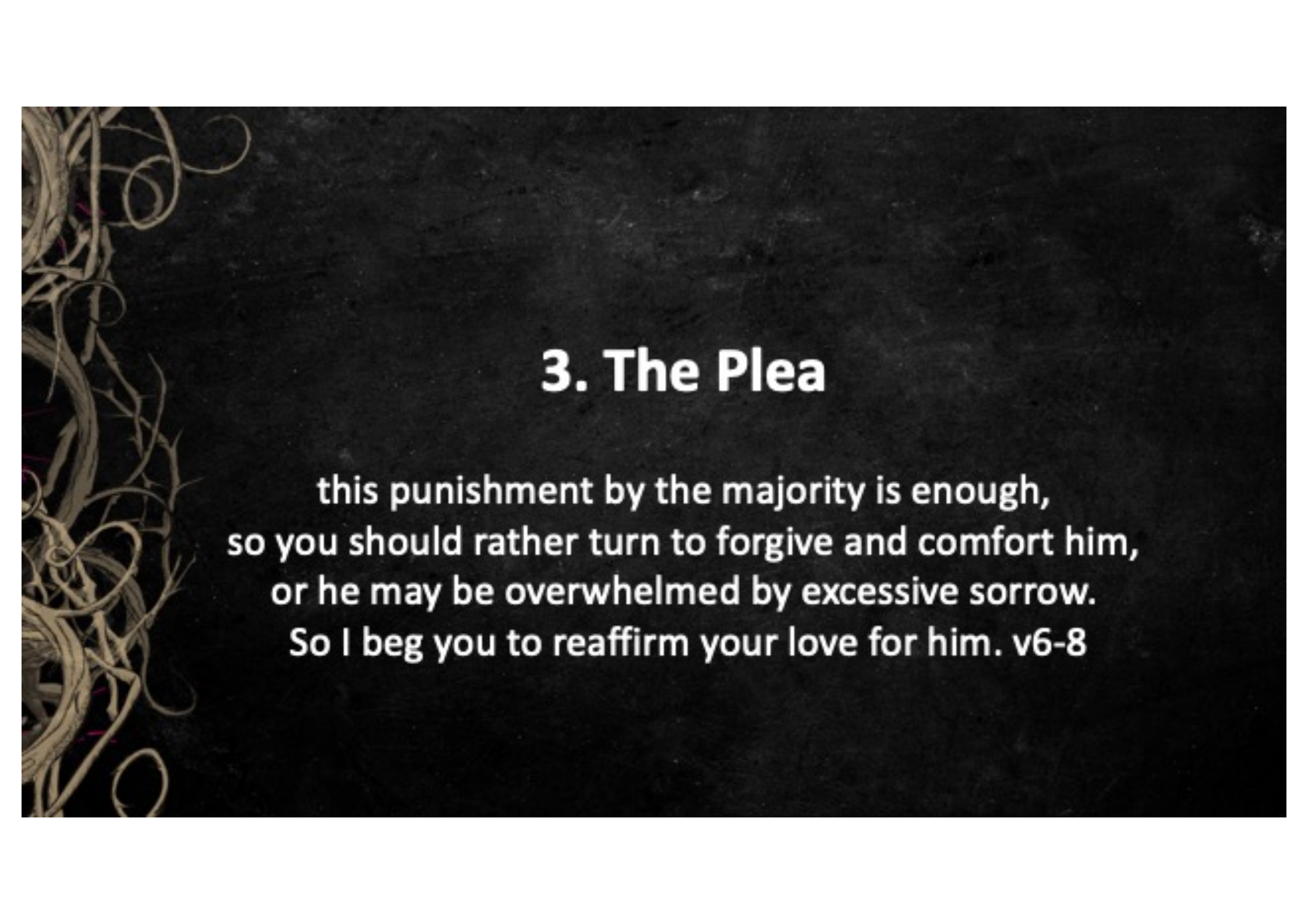
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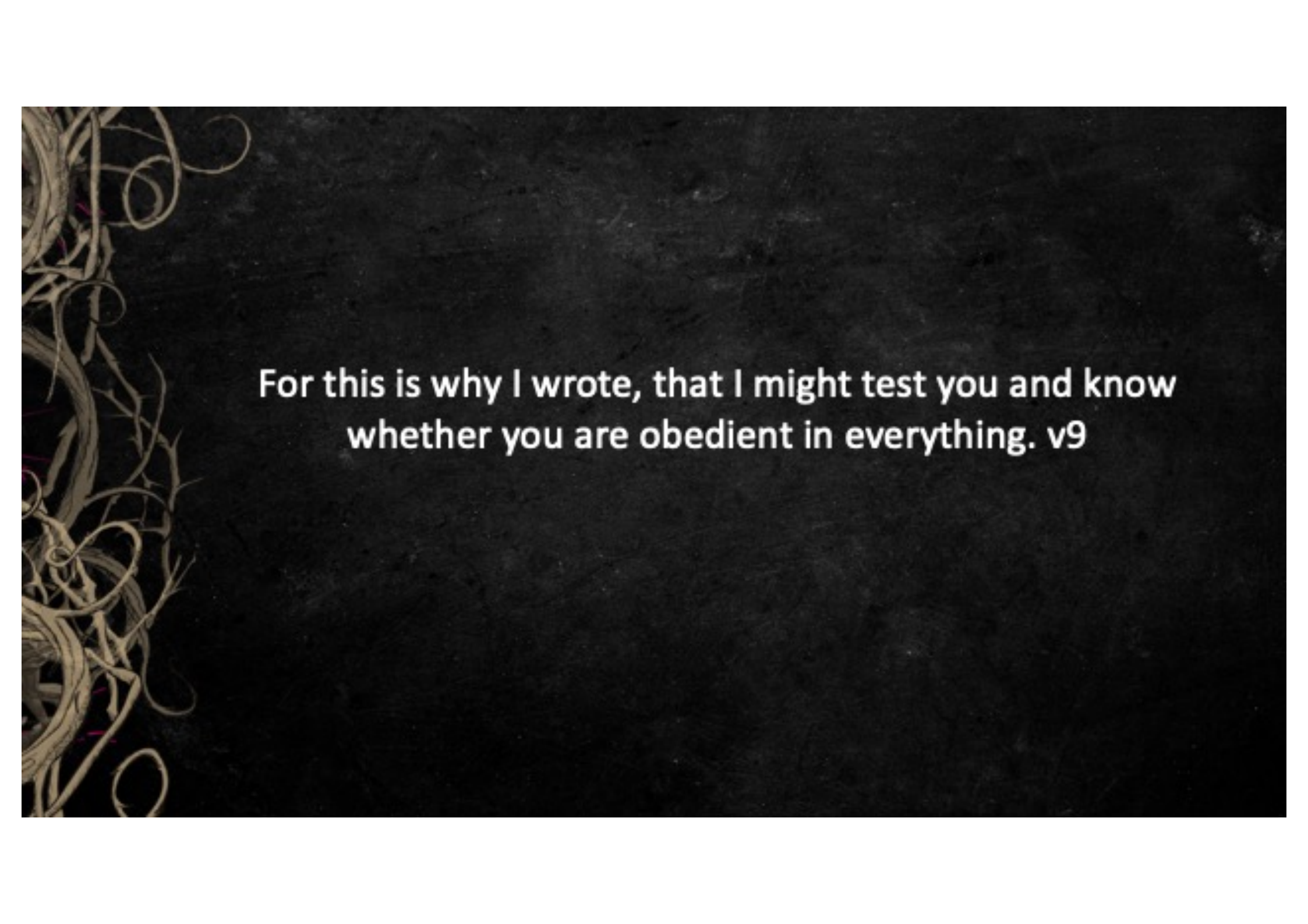
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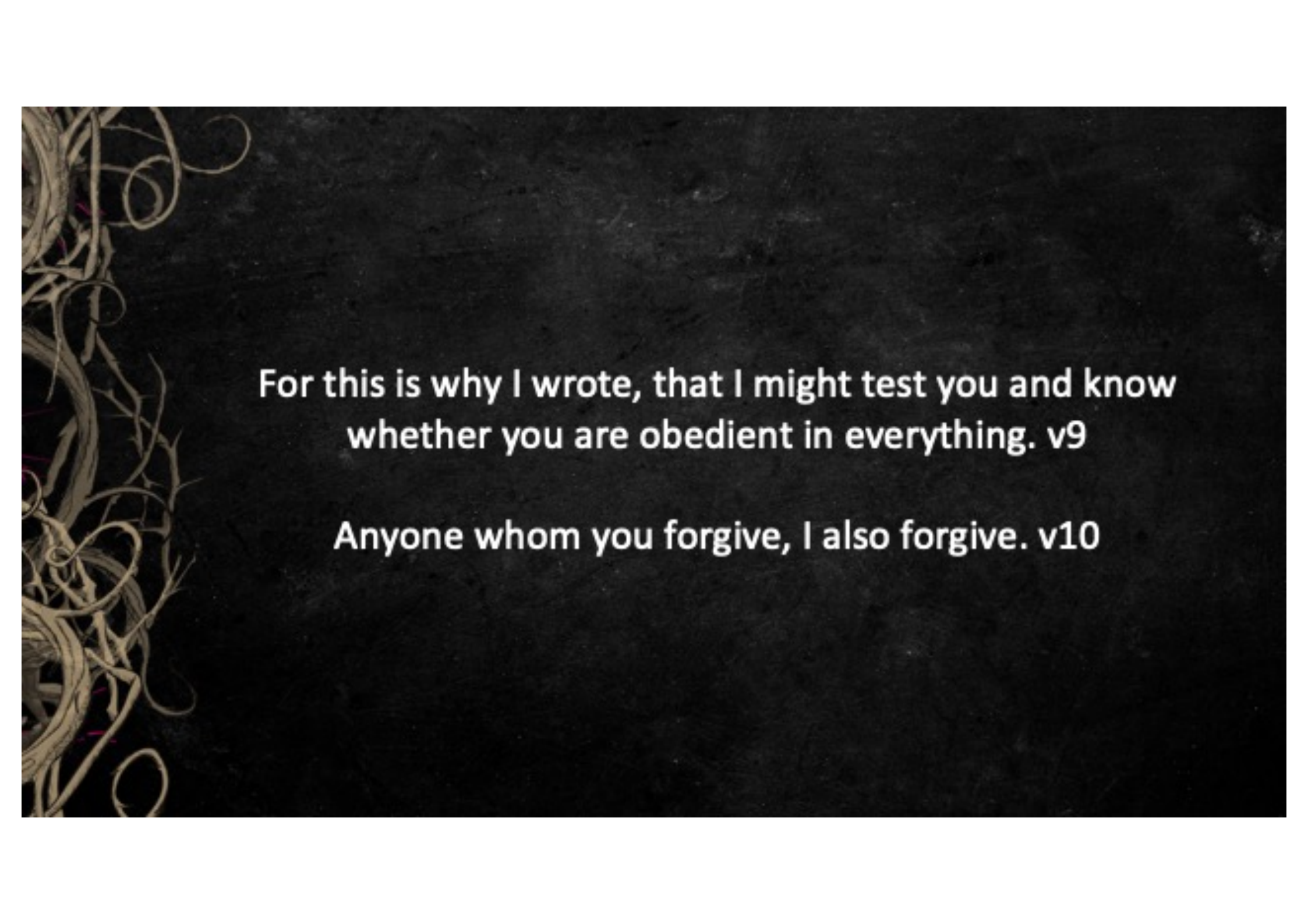
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Anyone whom you forgive, I also forgive. v10



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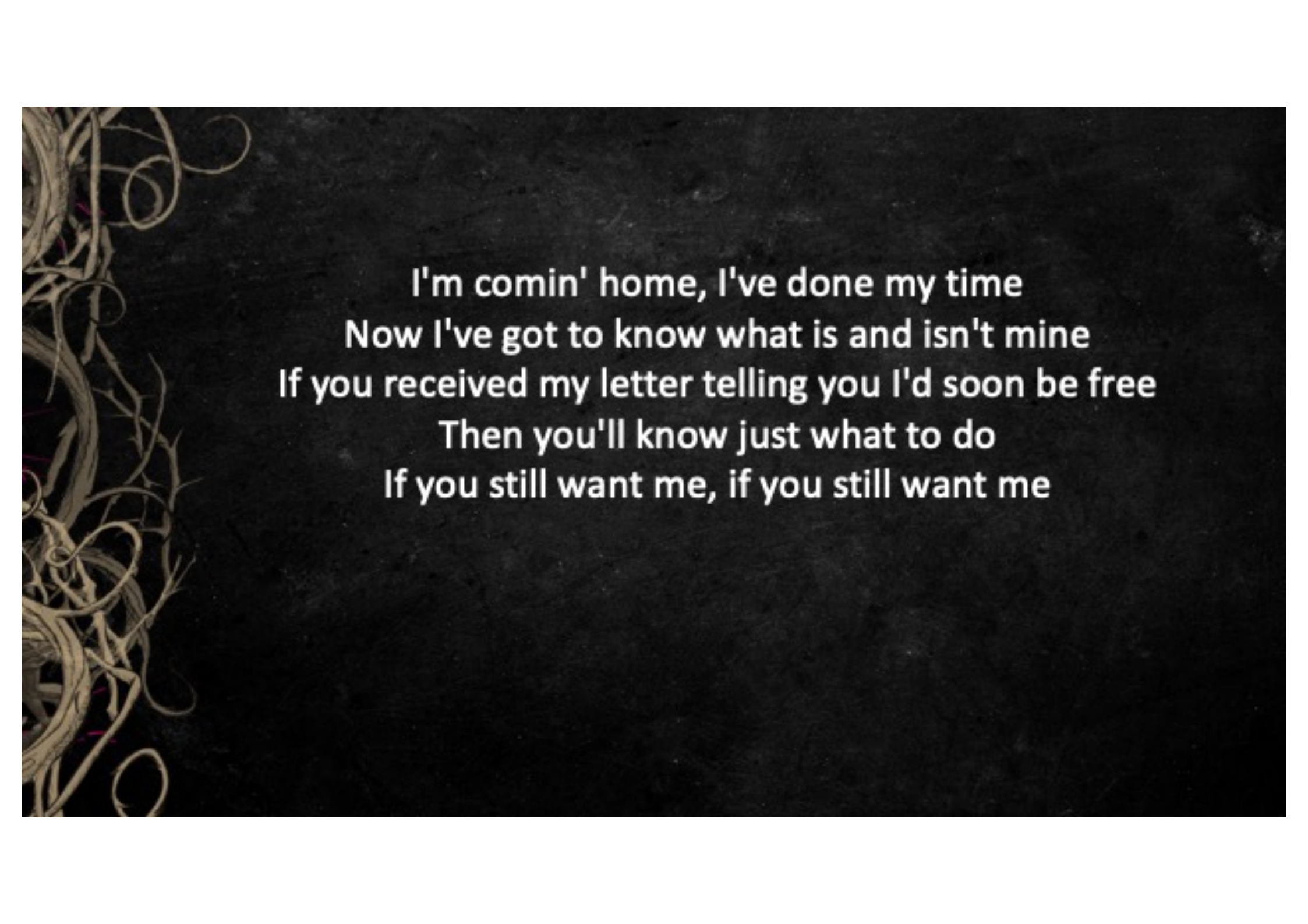
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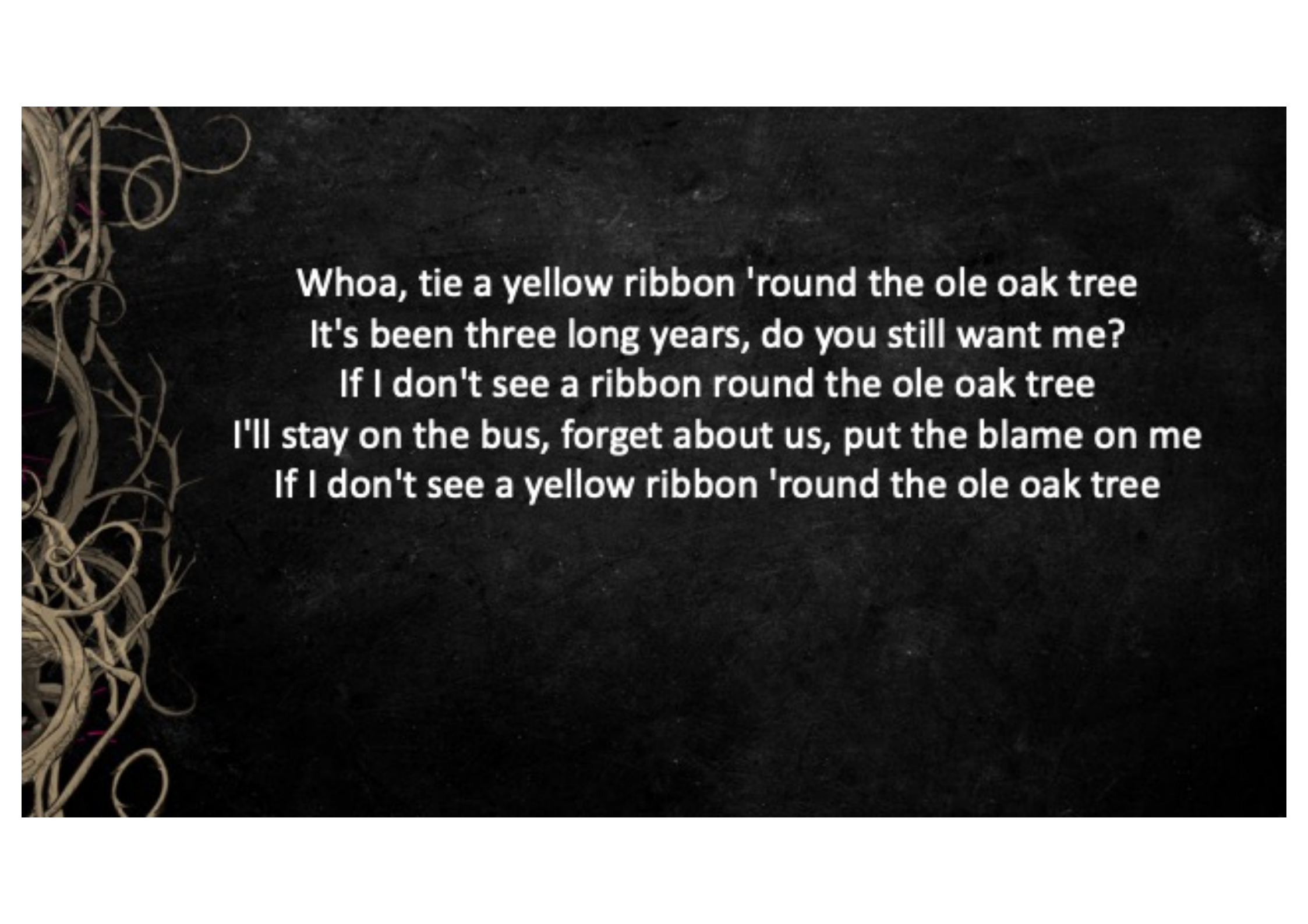
**Tie a Yellow Ribbon
'Round the Old Oak Tree**




**TONY ORLANDO
and Dawn**



I'm comin' home, I've done my time
Now I've got to know what is and isn't mine
If you received my letter telling you I'd soon be free
Then you'll know just what to do
If you still want me, if you still want me



Whoa, tie a yellow ribbon 'round the ole oak tree
It's been three long years, do you still want me?
If I don't see a ribbon round the ole oak tree
I'll stay on the bus, forget about us, put the blame on me
If I don't see a yellow ribbon 'round the ole oak tree



And I can't believe I see
A hundred yellow ribbons
'round the ole oak tree
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**Yellow
Ribbon**
PROJECT

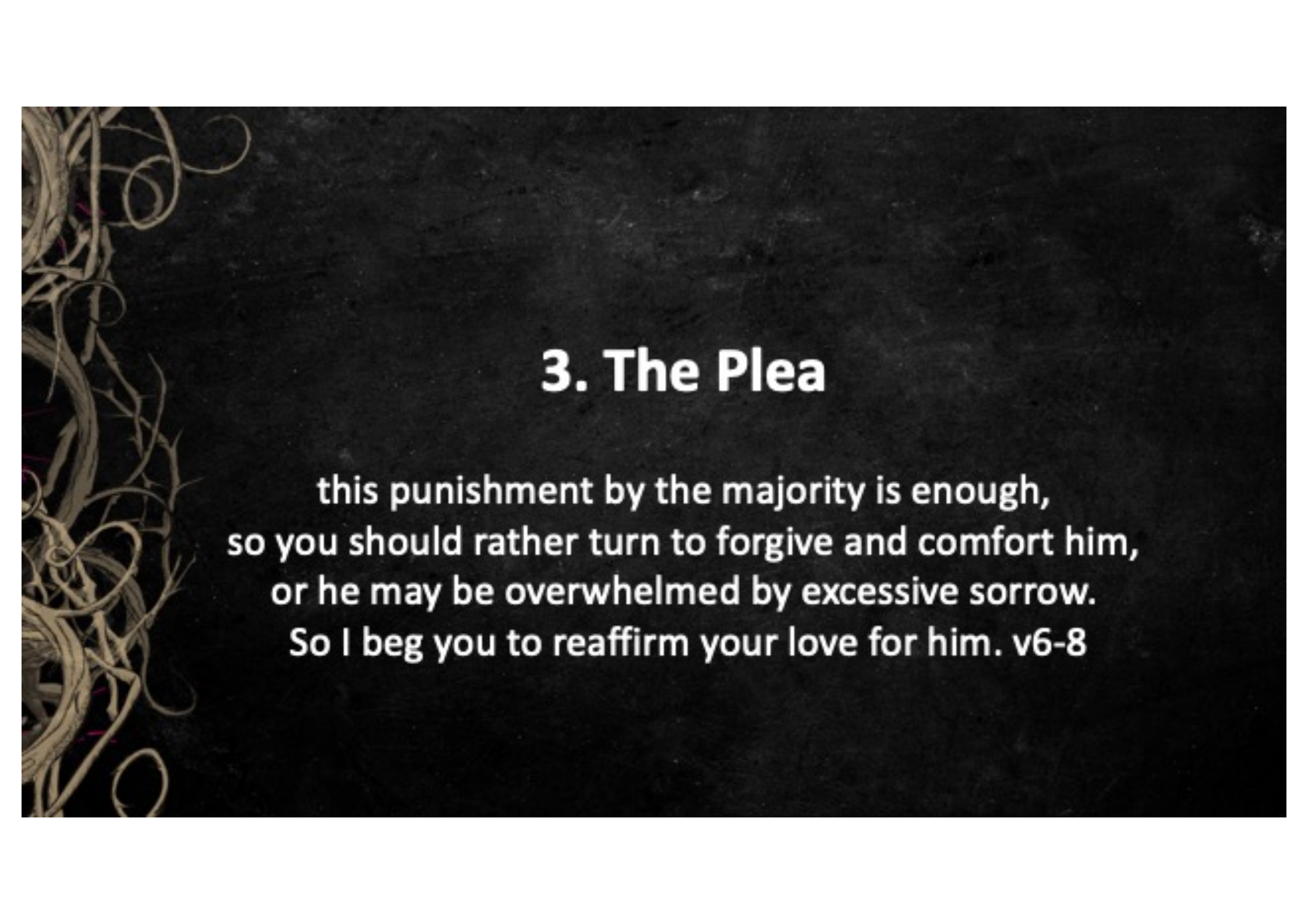
Help Unlock the Second Prison

**THE ROAD TO
ACCEPTANCE**

A close-up photograph of a tree trunk with rough, grey bark. A bright yellow ribbon is tied around the trunk in a bow. To the right of the ribbon, some green ivy is climbing the tree. The background is a blurred park scene with a wooden fence, green grass, and trees with autumn-colored leaves under a soft sky.

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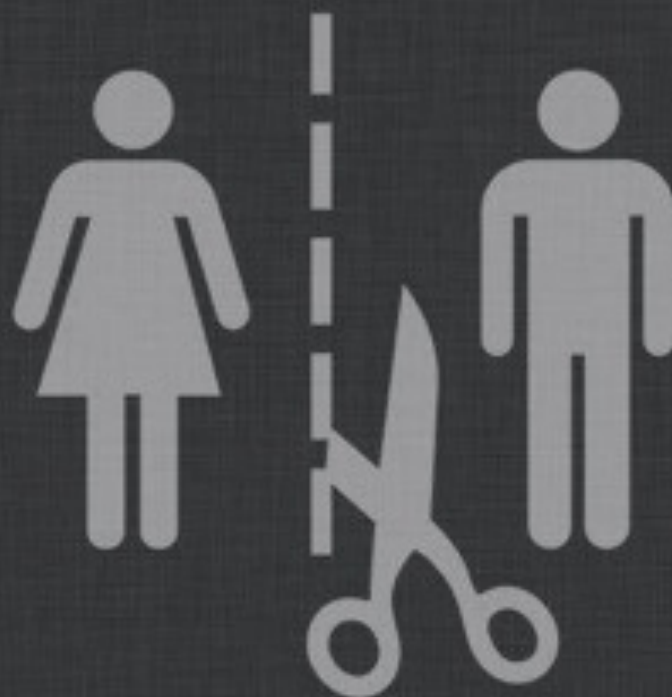


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Indeed, what I have forgiven, if I have forgiven anything, has been for your sake in the presence of Christ, so that we would not be **outwitted by Satan;**
for we are not ignorant of his designs. v10,11







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