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**WE DO NOT LOSE HEART
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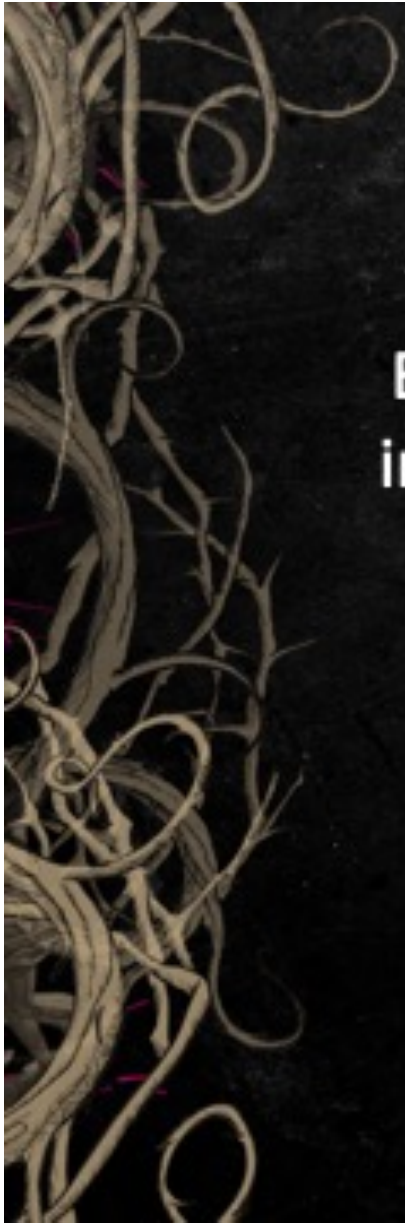
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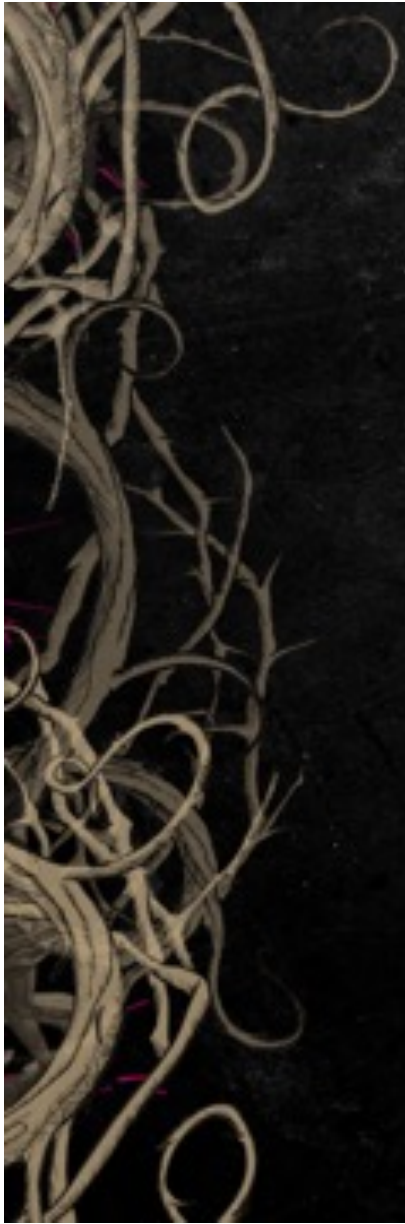
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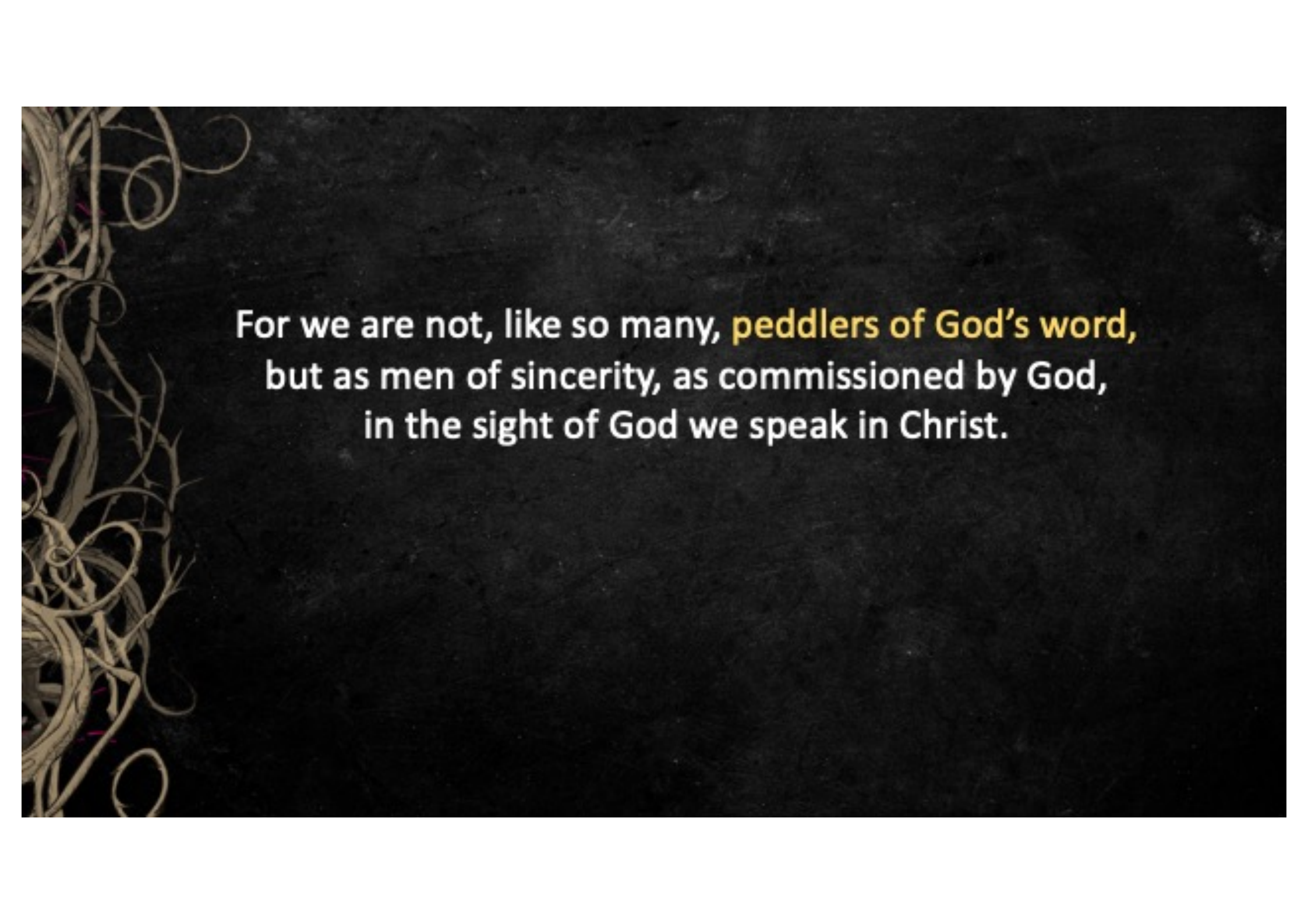
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But thanks be to God, who in Christ always leads us
in triumphal procession, and through us **spreads the
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For we are the aroma of Christ to God
among those who are being saved
and among those who are perishing,
to one a **fragrance from death to death**,
to the other a **fragrance from life to life**.



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In their case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God.

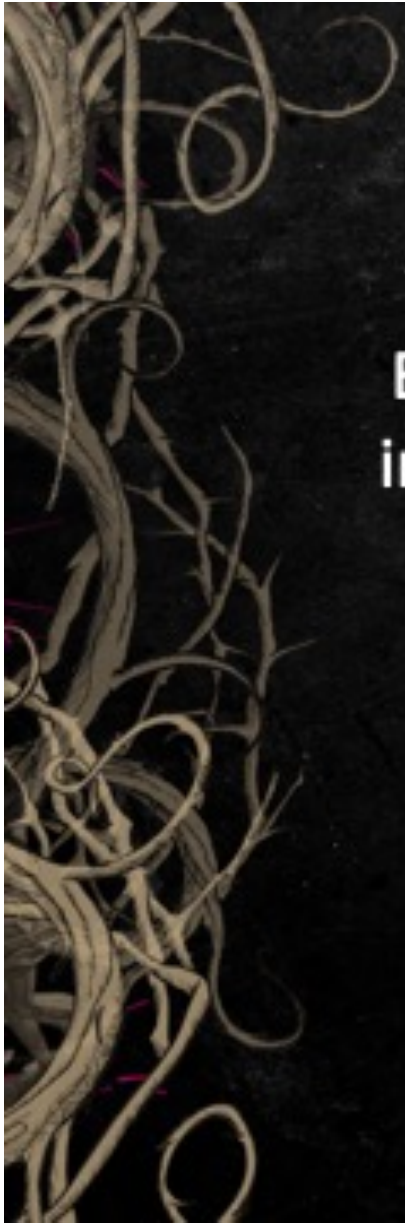
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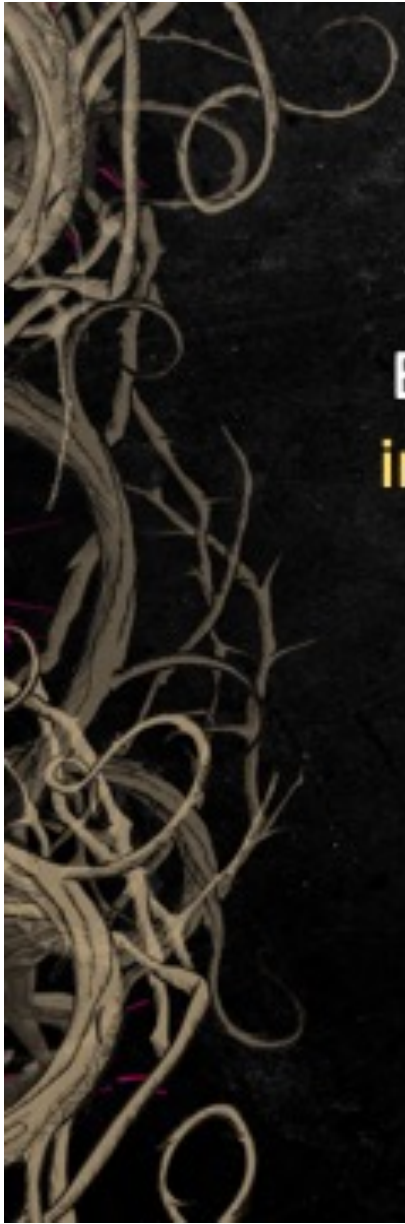
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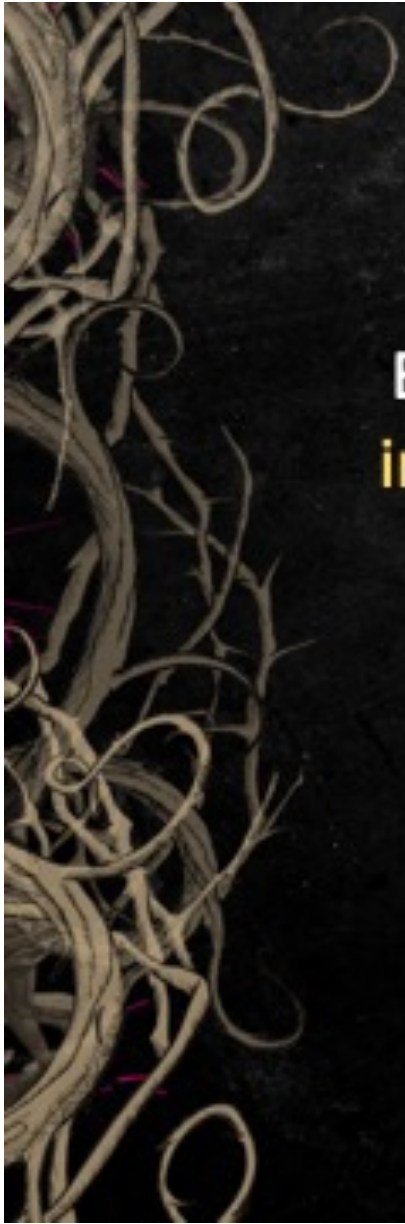


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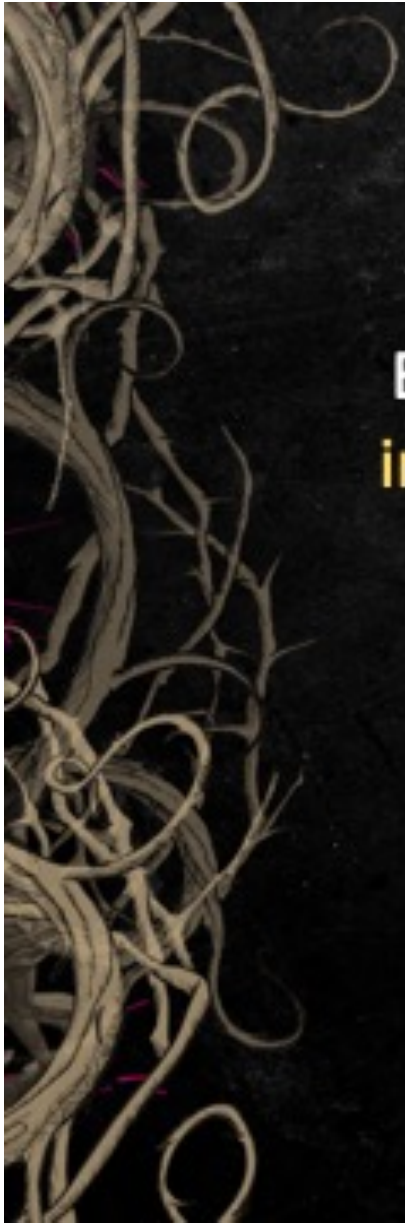
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“We, who were formerly the enemies of God, are now captives in a display that glorifies Him.”



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The glory & power of God is seen through the suffering & weakness of His servants

2 Corinthians 4:5

For what we proclaim is not ourselves, but Jesus Christ as Lord, with ourselves as your servants for Jesus' sake.

2 Corinthians 4:6

For God, who said, "Let light shine out of darkness,"
has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge
of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

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