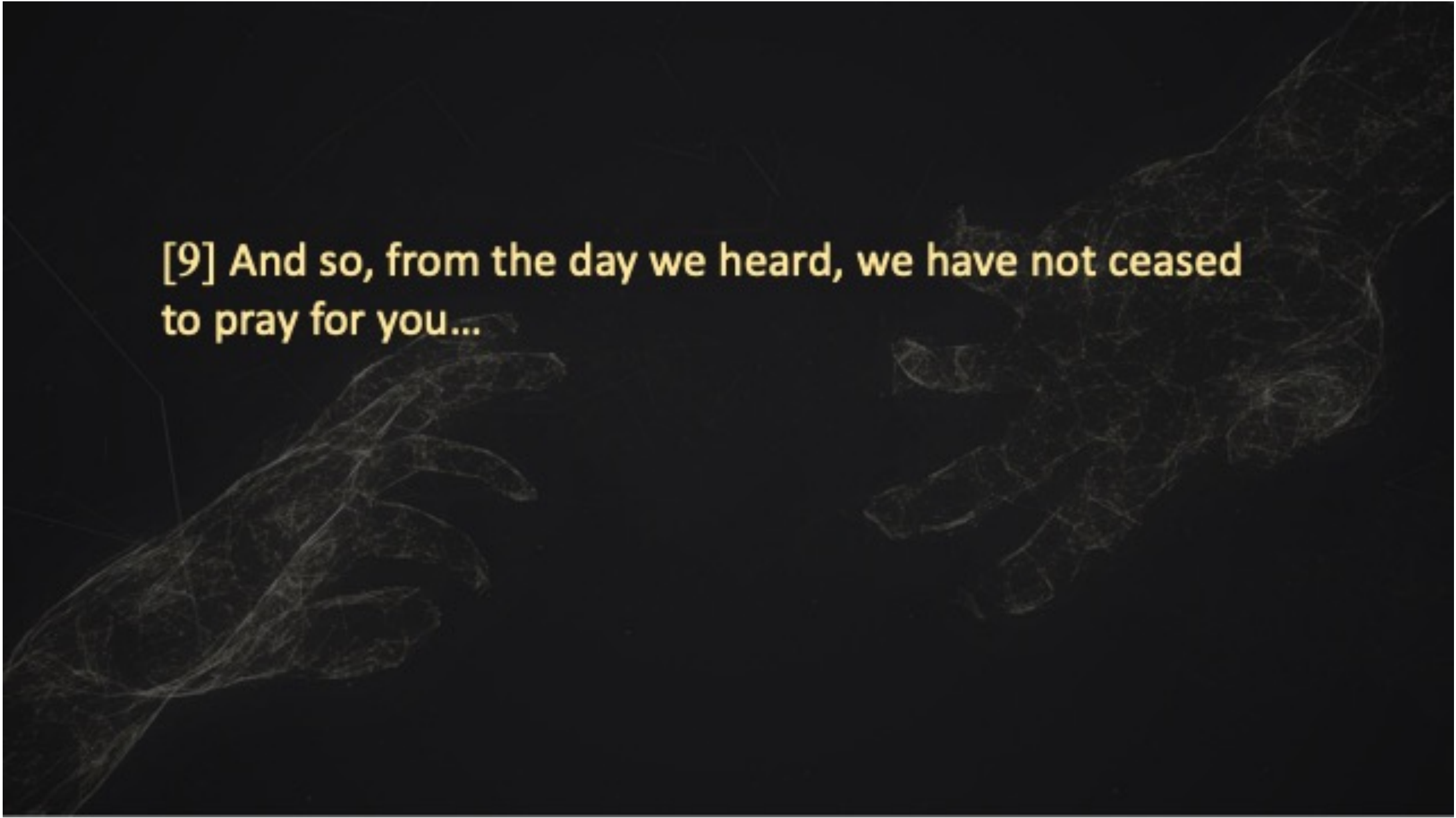





A close-up photograph of a person's hands playing a piano keyboard. The lighting is dim and moody, with a blue tint on the left and a warmer, reddish-orange glow on the right. The person is wearing a dark, short-sleeved shirt and light-colored pants. The piano keys are visible, and the person's fingers are positioned over them. The background is blurred, showing some indistinct shapes and colors.


# COLOSSIANS

[9] And so, from the day we heard, we have not ceased  
to pray for you...





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**Please don't mix it up like last year.”**





# **A PLEASING PRAYER**

Colossians 1:9-14

# 1. PETITION



A dark background with two hands, one on the left and one on the right, reaching towards each other. The hands are rendered in a light, ethereal, wireframe-like style, appearing to glow against the black background. The fingers are slightly curled, and the palms are facing each other, creating a sense of tension and connection.

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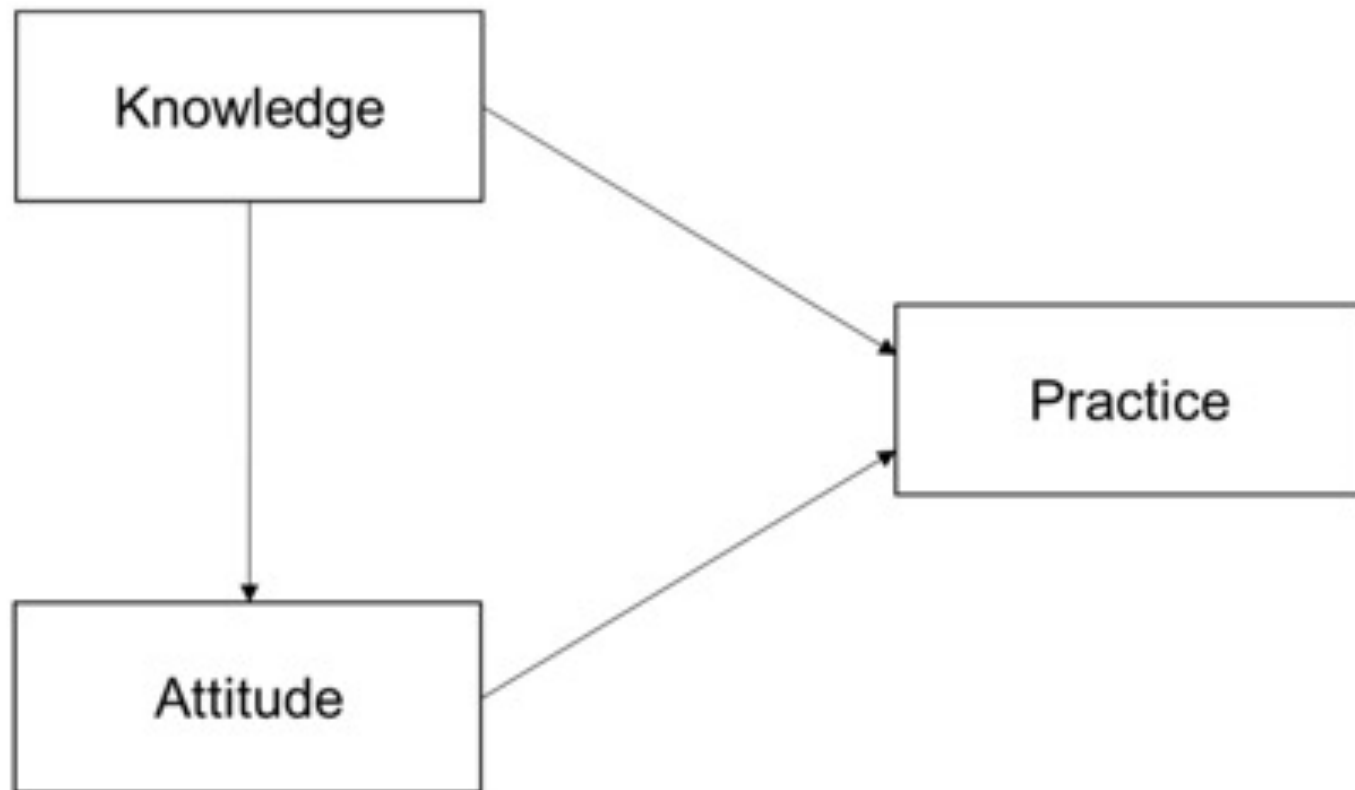
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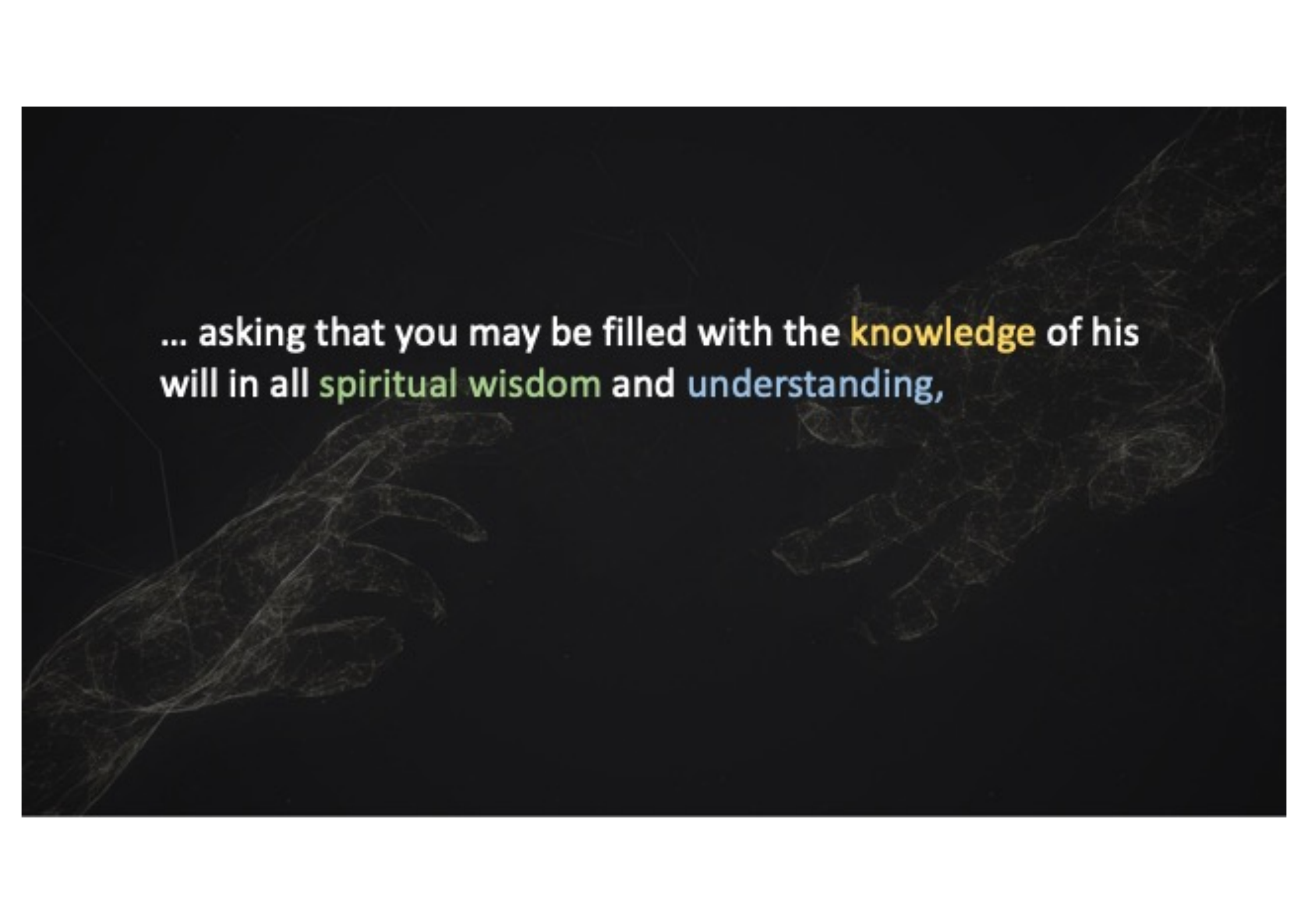




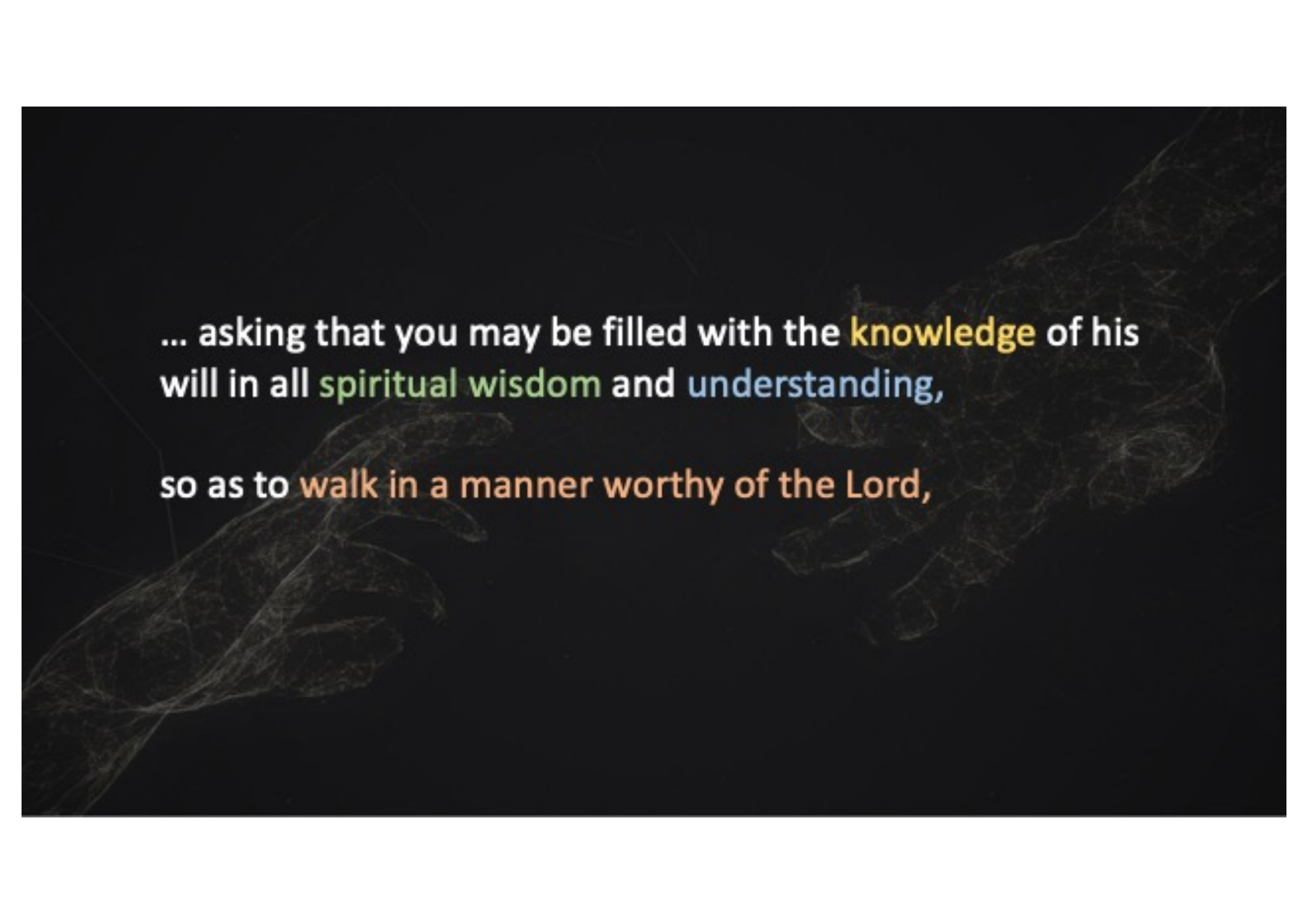
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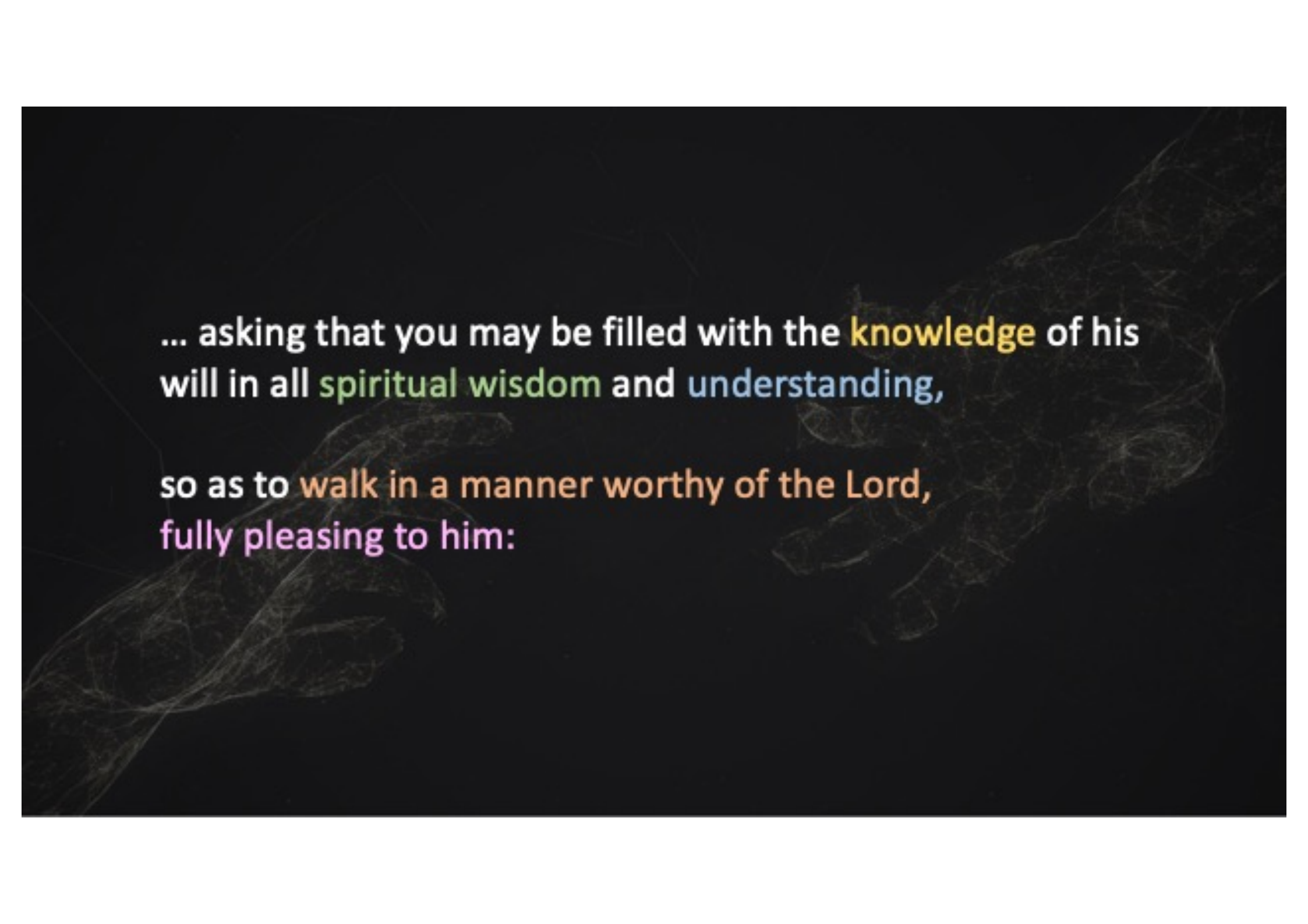


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## DA Carson

**“one of the reasons the Bible seems so dead and cold to you sometimes, one of the reasons why you don’t seem to be getting anywhere is because you’re sleeping with your girlfriend or your boyfriend or because you’re cheating on exams or because you’re not disciplining yourself in matters of prayer or because you’re nurturing bitterness.”**

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## Colossians 1:12-14

giving thanks to the Father, who has qualified you to share in the inheritance of the saints in light. He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

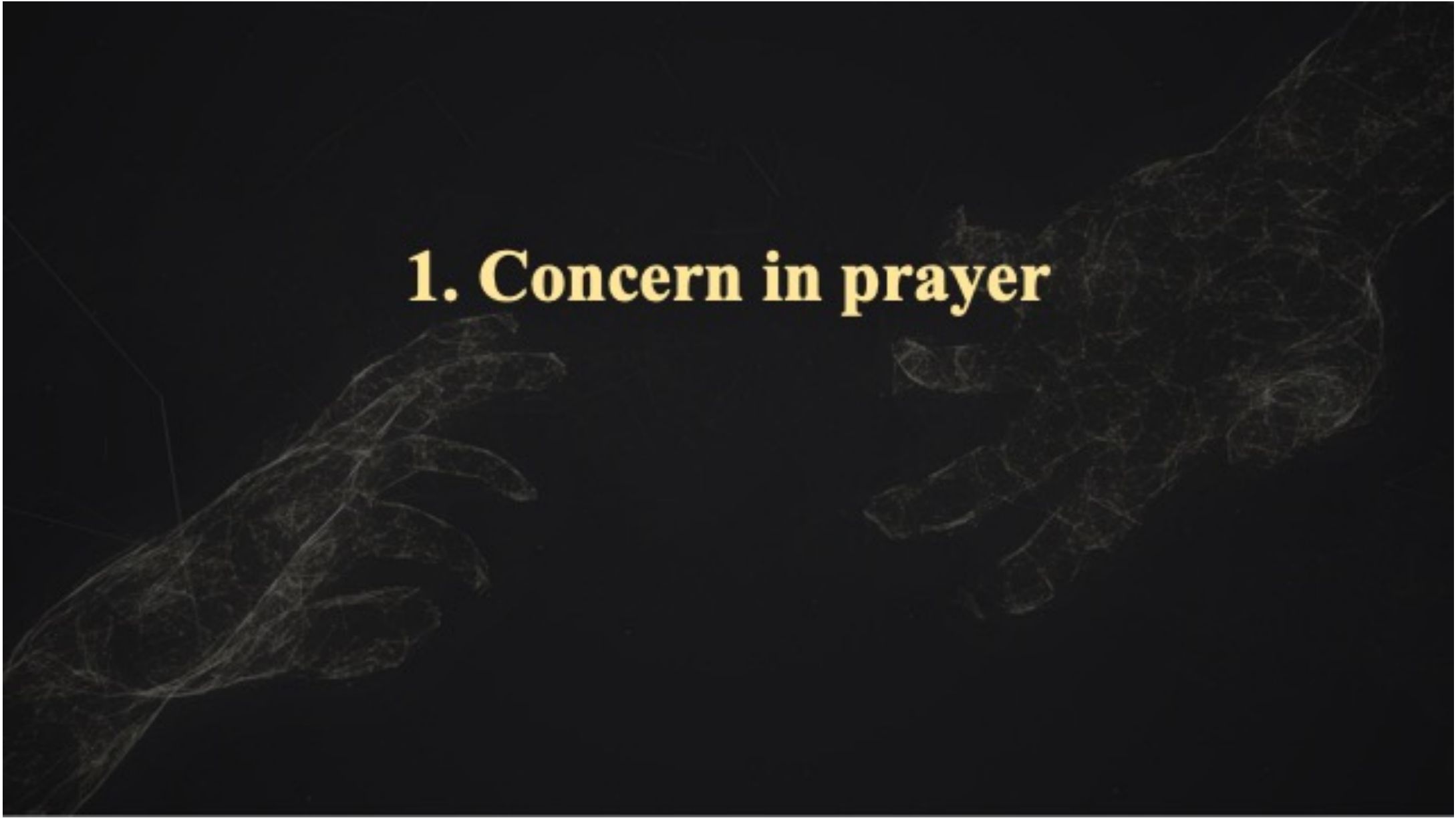




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Colossians 1:9-14

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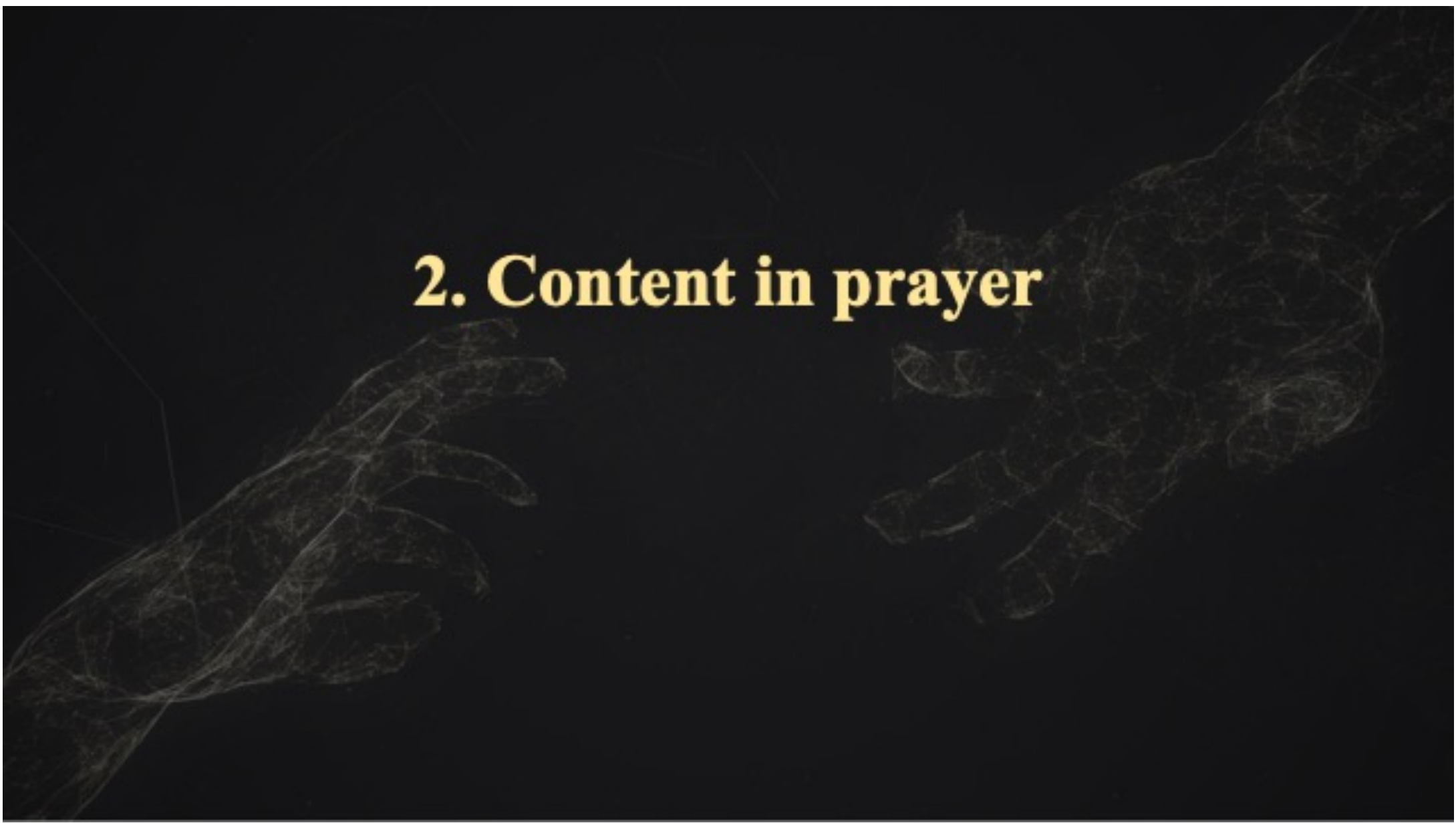
“his will”

“walk worthy of the Lord”

“fully pleasing to him”

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“every good work” “increase in knowledge of God” “joy”

### **3. Commitment to prayer**





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“we have not ceased to pray for you”

*Lord*



*OF ALL*

*a Series in Colossians*