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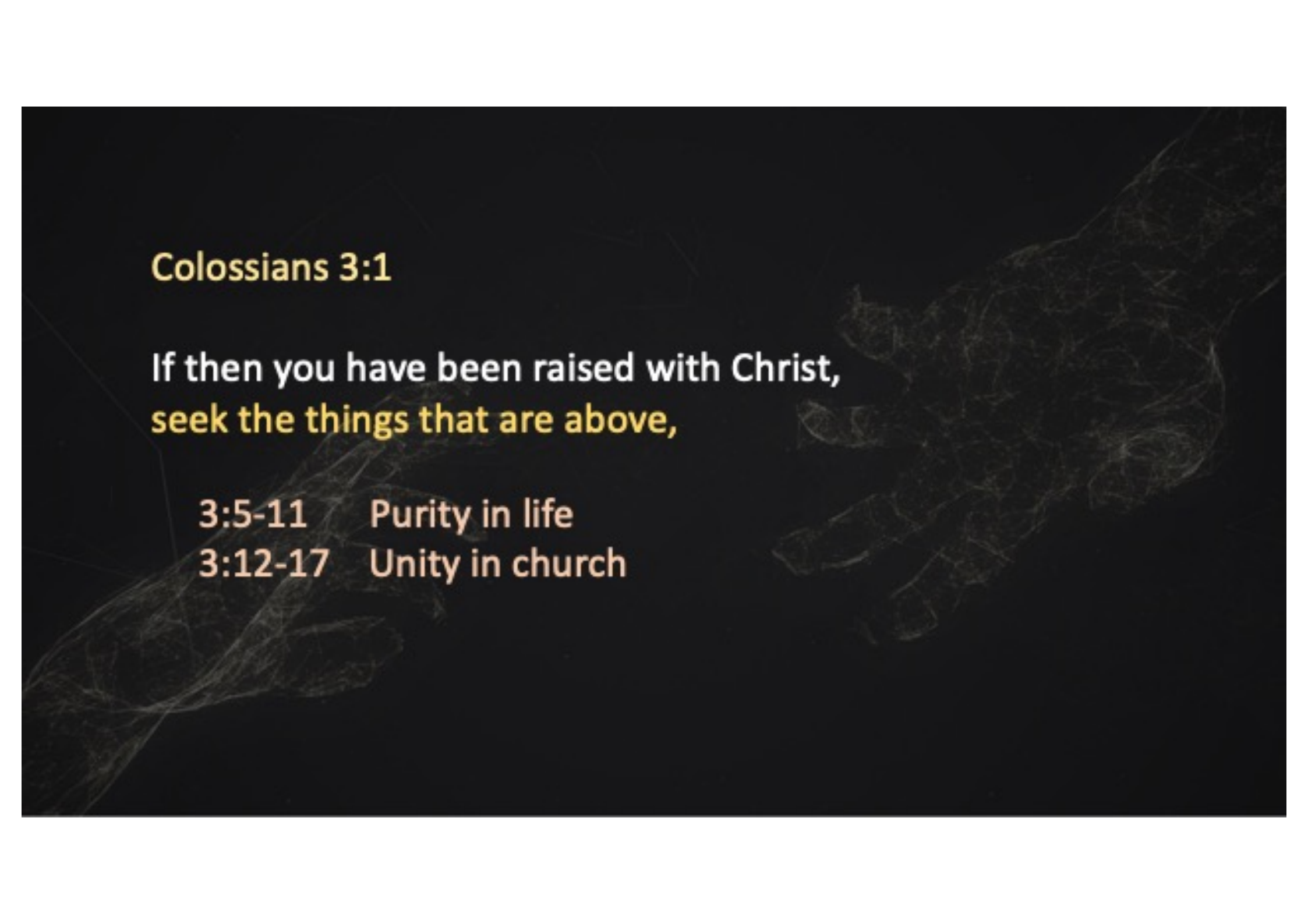
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“proskartereo” = adhere/stick/hold on/persevere

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Acts 1:14

All these with one accord were **devoting** themselves to **prayer**...

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Acts 2:42

And they **devoted** themselves to the apostles' teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the **prayers**.

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Acts 6:4

But we will **devote** ourselves to **prayer** and to the ministry of the word.

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Romans 12:12

Rejoice in hope, be patient in tribulation, be
constant in prayer.

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Ephesians 6:18

praying at all times in the Spirit, with all prayer and supplication. To that end, keep alert with all **perseverance**, making supplication for all the saints,

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Colossians 1:9

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

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FAQ: Why pray?



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Communion**

For what great nation is there that has a god so near to it as the LORD our God is to us, whenever we call upon him? (Deu 4:7)

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I love the LORD, because he has
heard my voice and my pleas for mercy.
(Psa 119:1)

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The LORD is near to all who call on him,
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(Psa 145:18)

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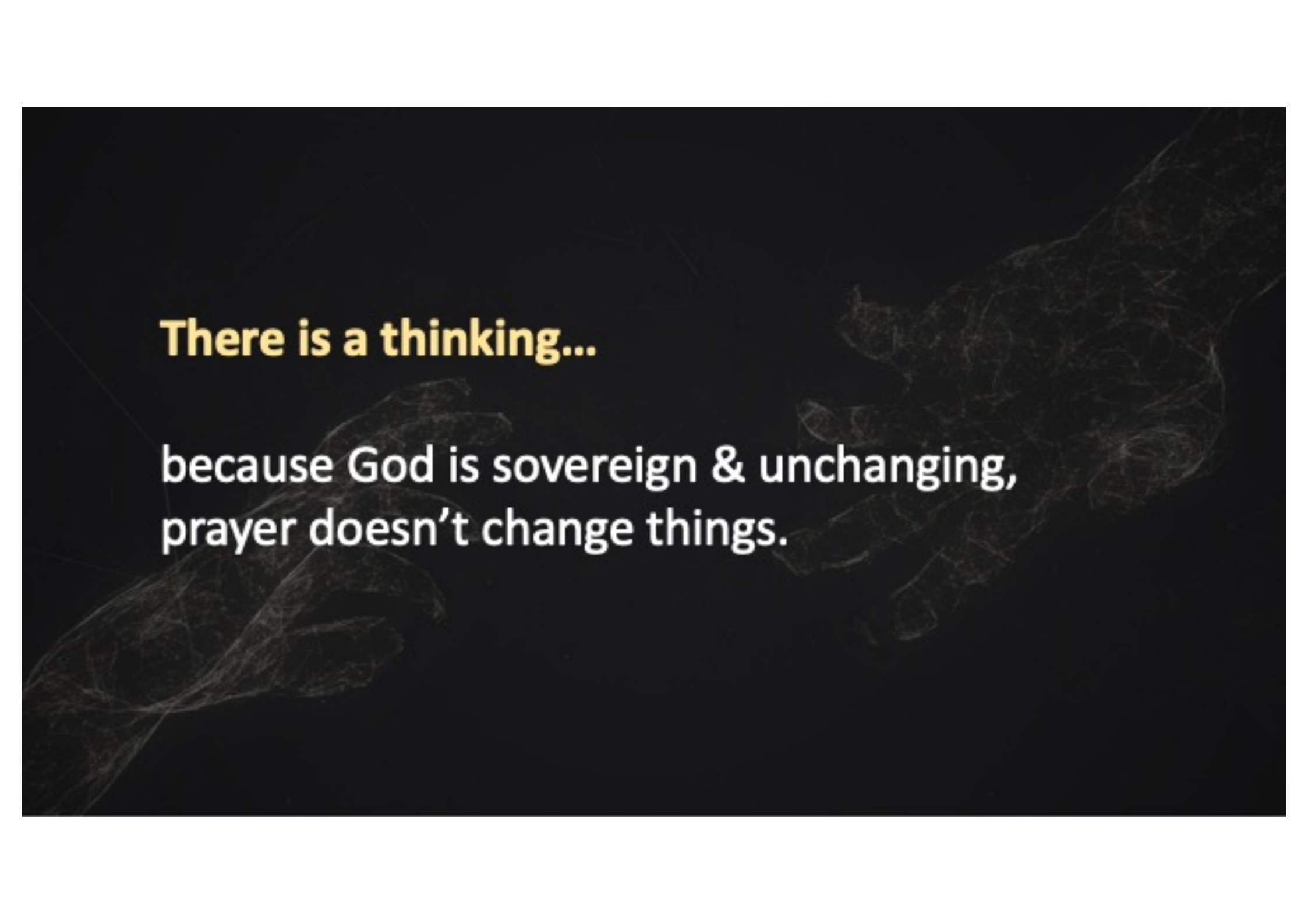
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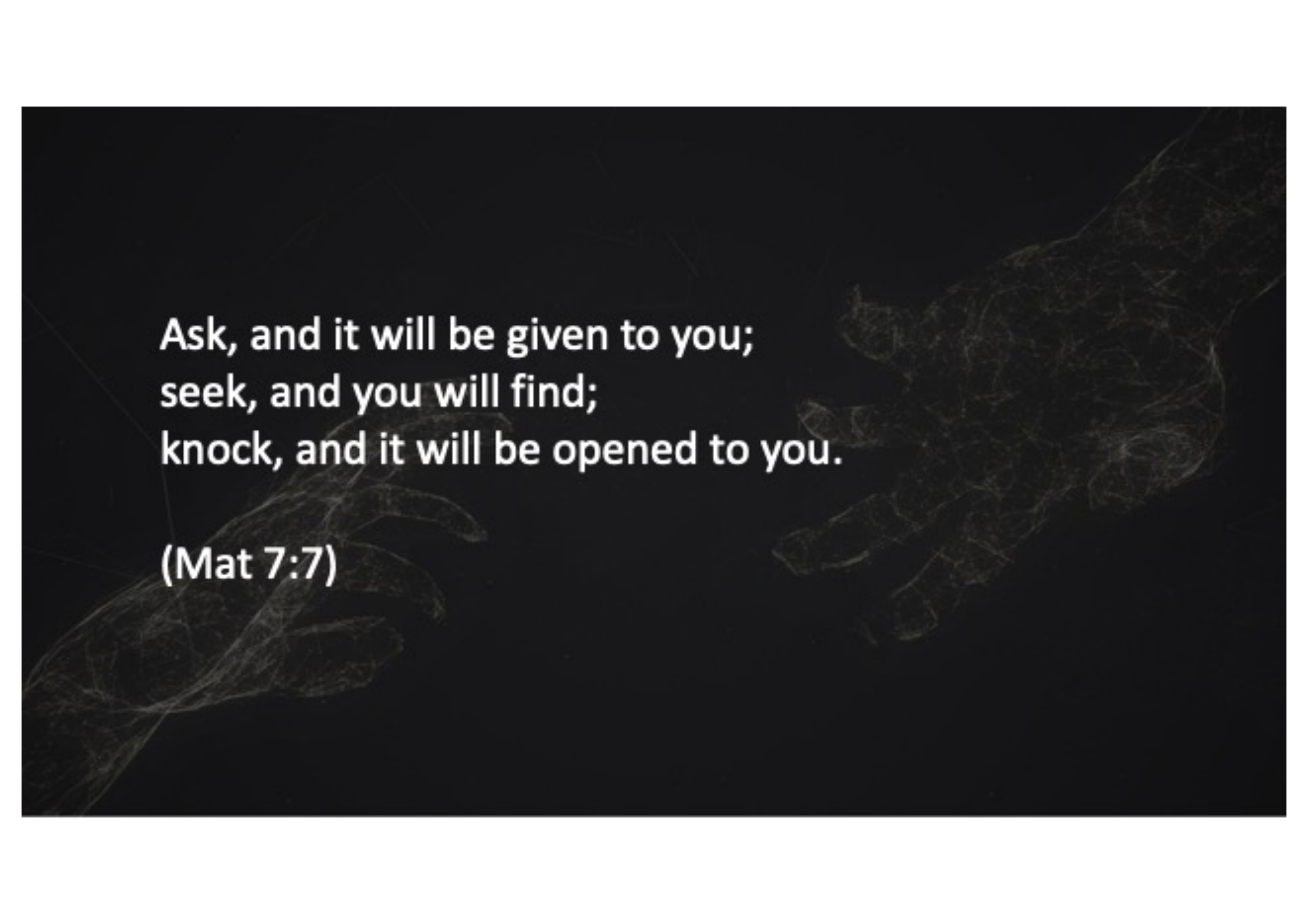
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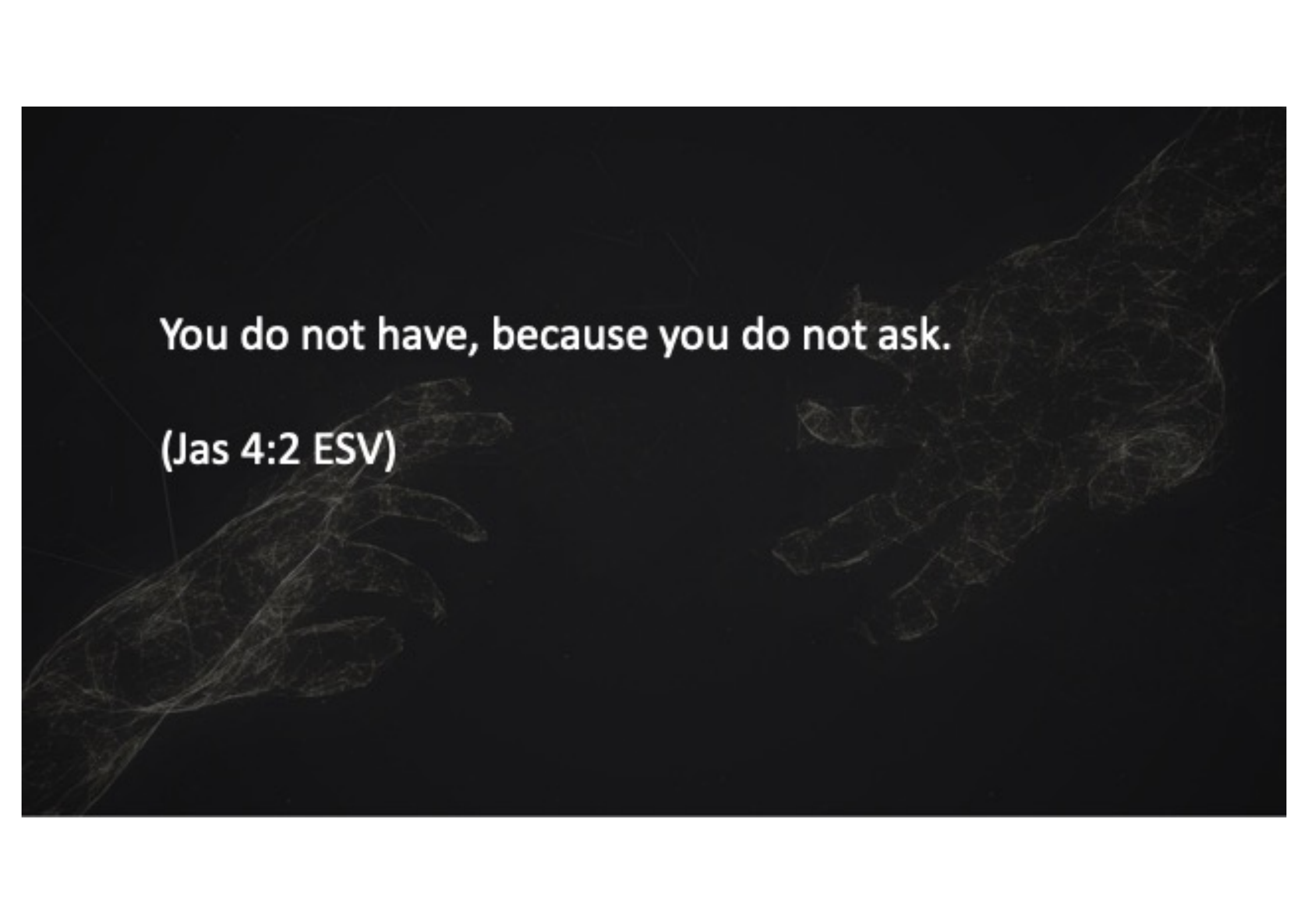
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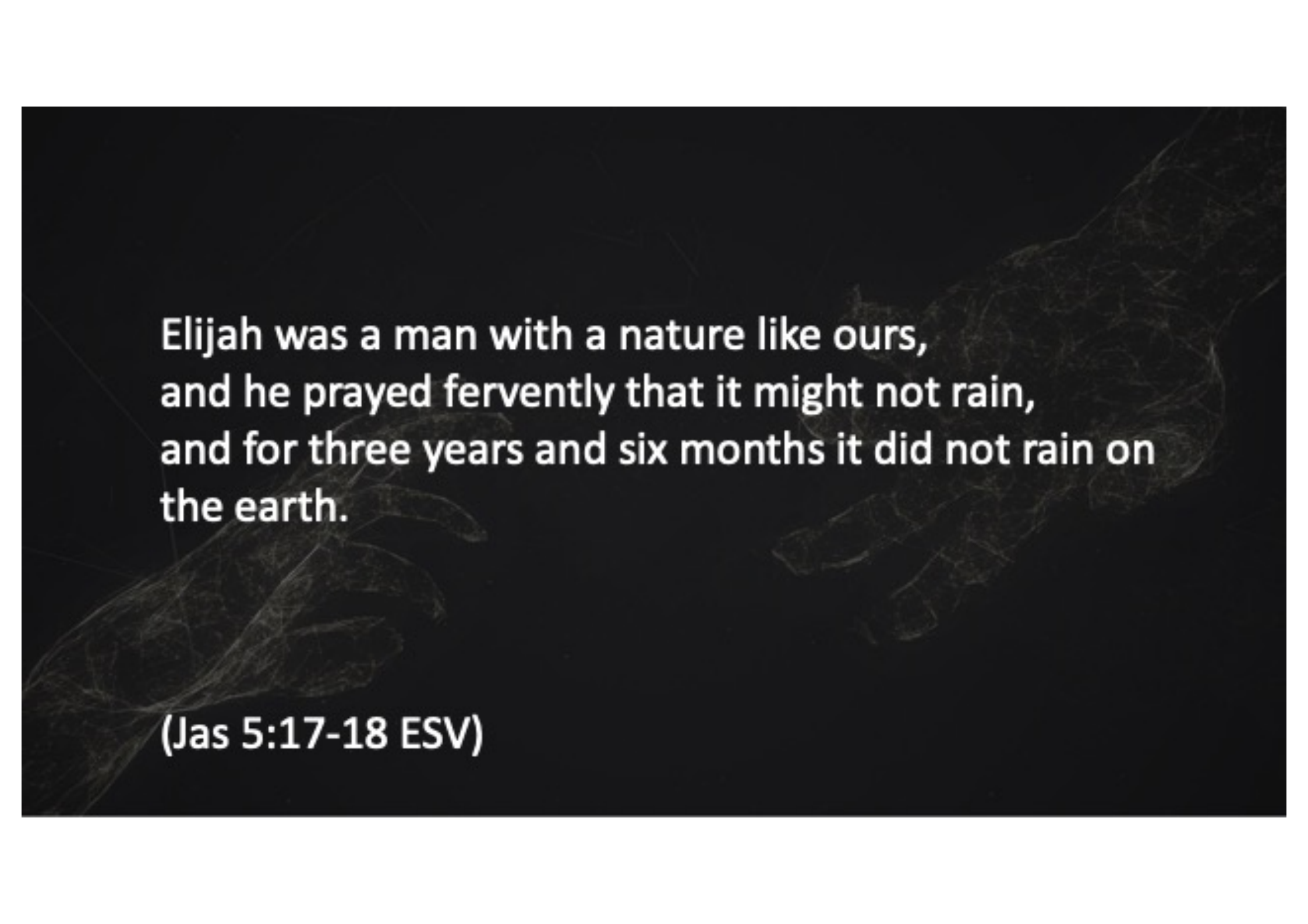
Ask, and it will be given to you;
seek, and you will find;
knock, and it will be opened to you.

(Mat 7:7)

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You do not have, because you do not ask.

(Jas 4:2 ESV)



Elijah was a man with a nature like ours,
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Then he prayed again, and heaven gave rain,
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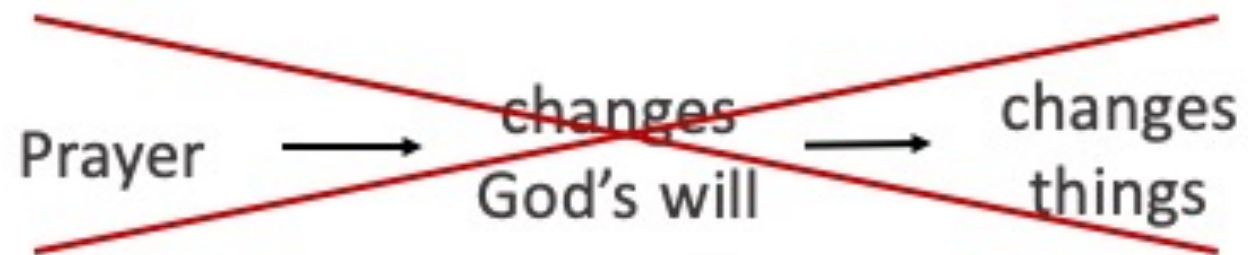
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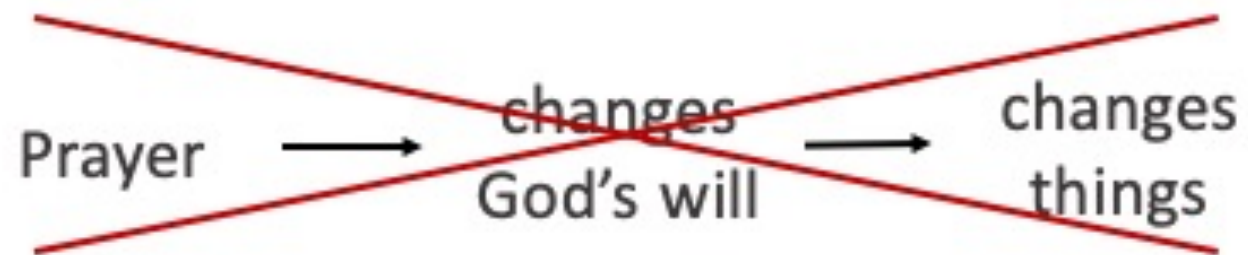
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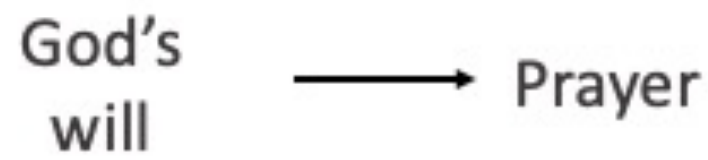
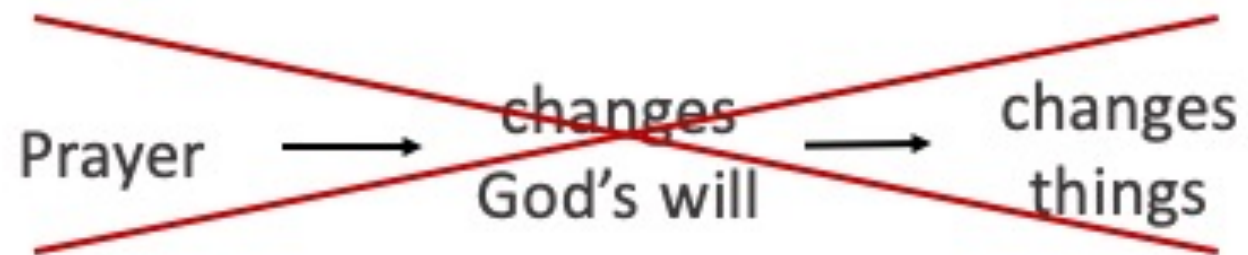
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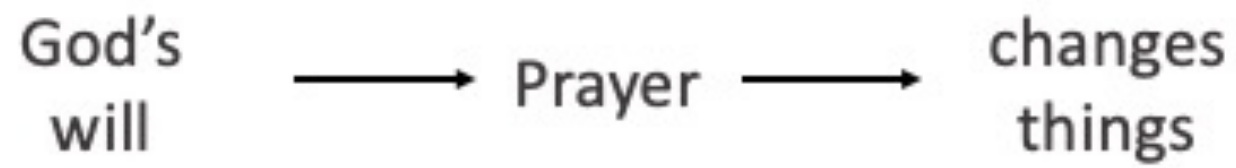
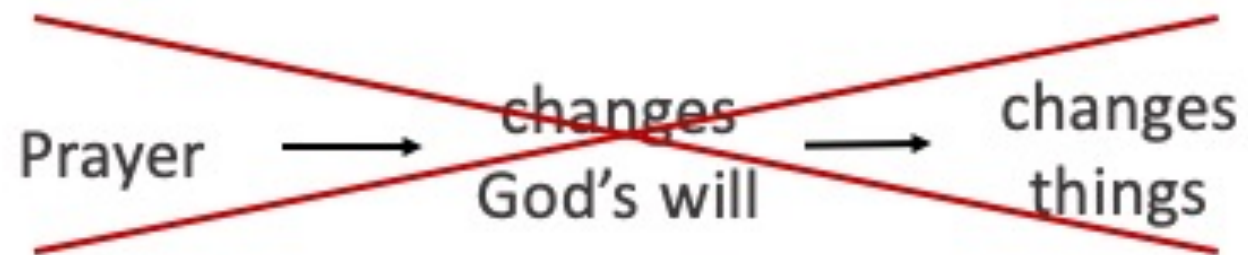
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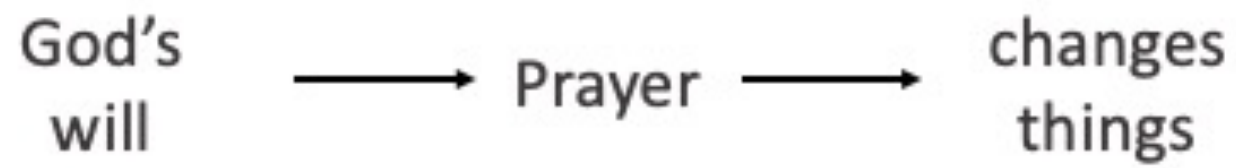
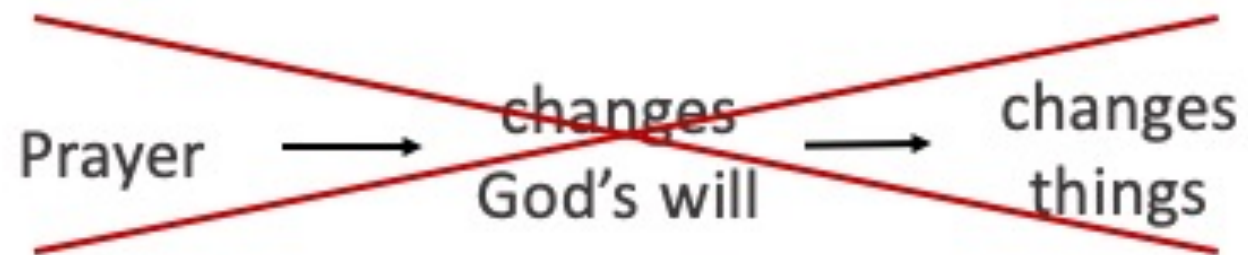
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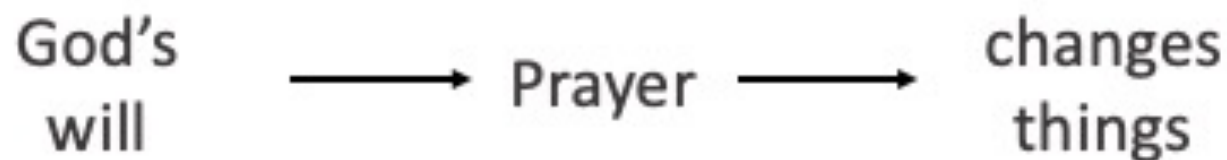
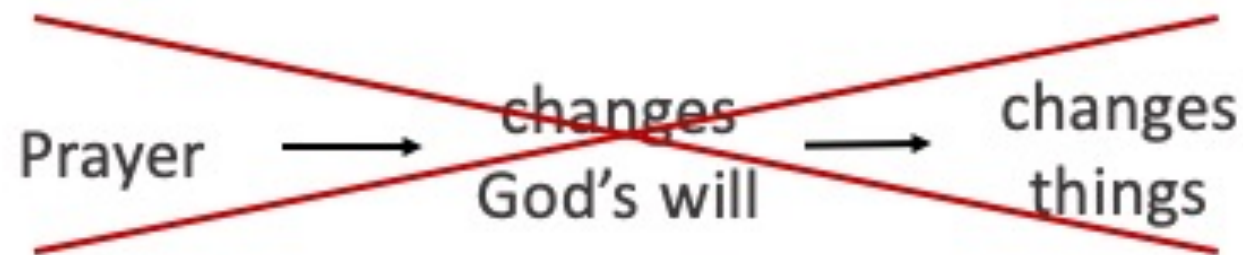




After many days the word of the LORD came to Elijah, in the third year, saying, "Go, show yourself to Ahab, and I will send rain upon the earth." (1Kin 18:1 ESV)



Prayer changes things but not God's will



Prayer changes things but not God's will
It is God's will that uses our prayer to change things

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FAQ: Why pray?

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Communion

Consequential


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do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by **prayer** and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the **peace** of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

(Phi 4:6,7)



O what peace we often forfeit,
O what needless pain we bear,
All because we do not carry
Everything to God in prayer!

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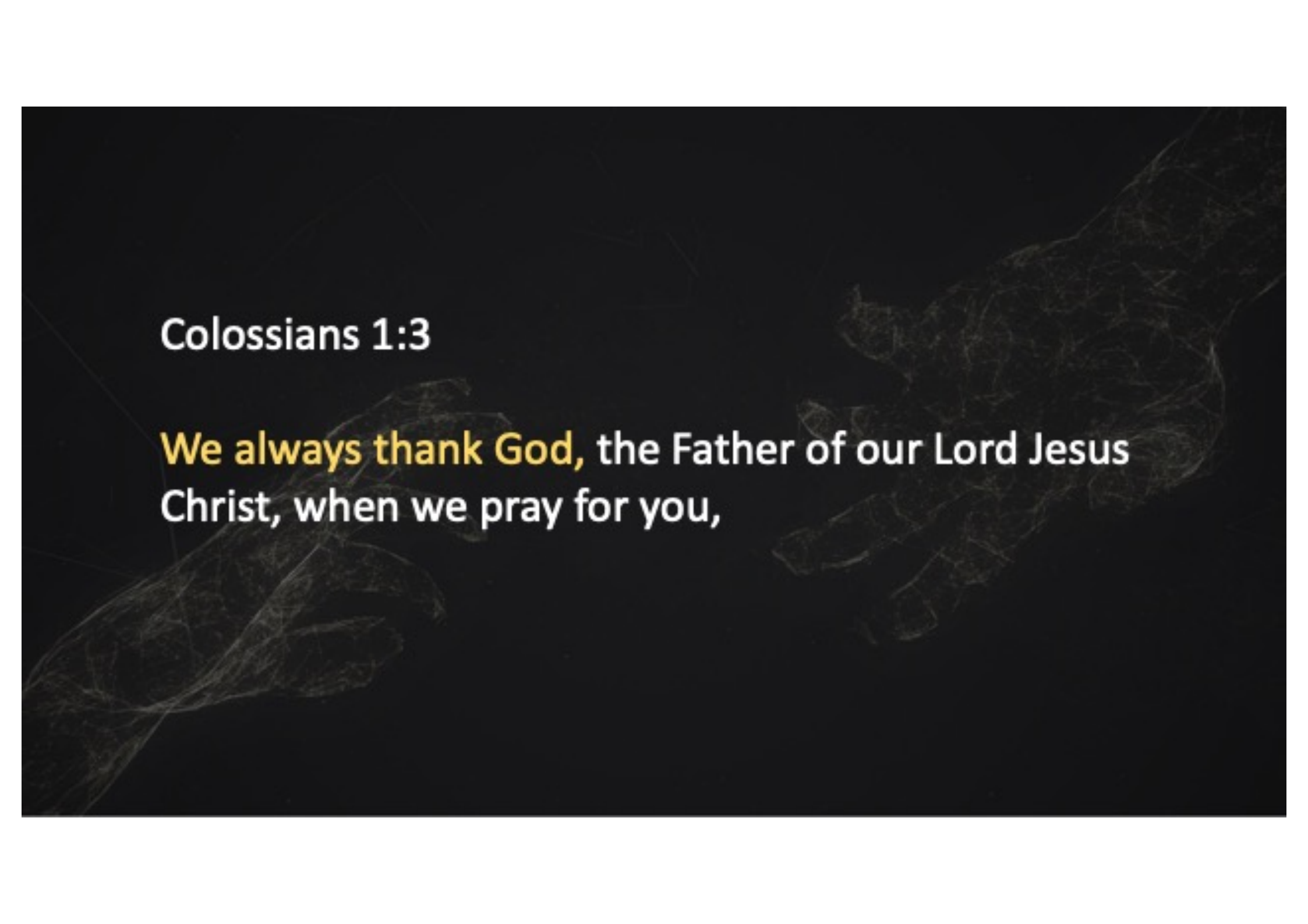


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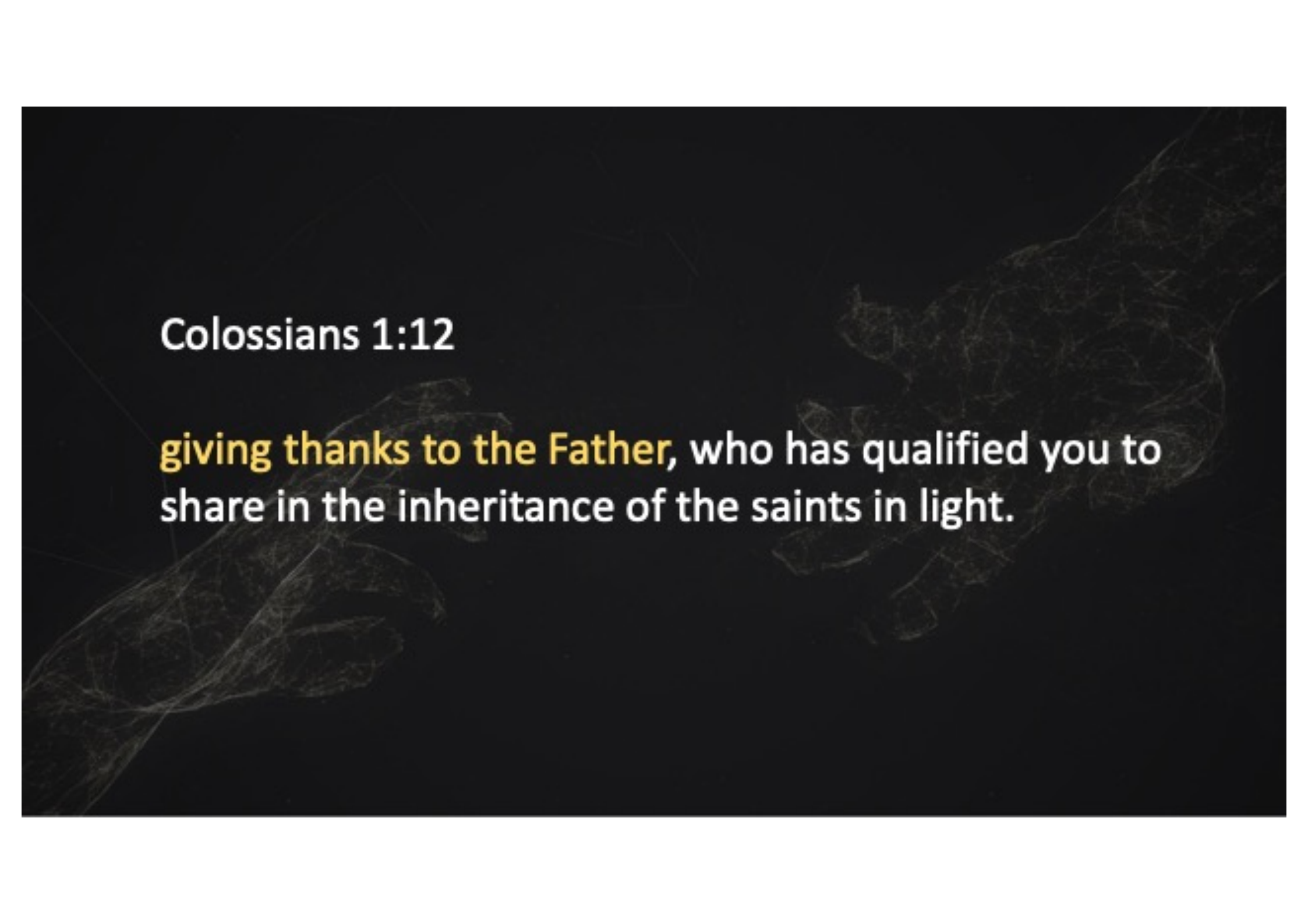
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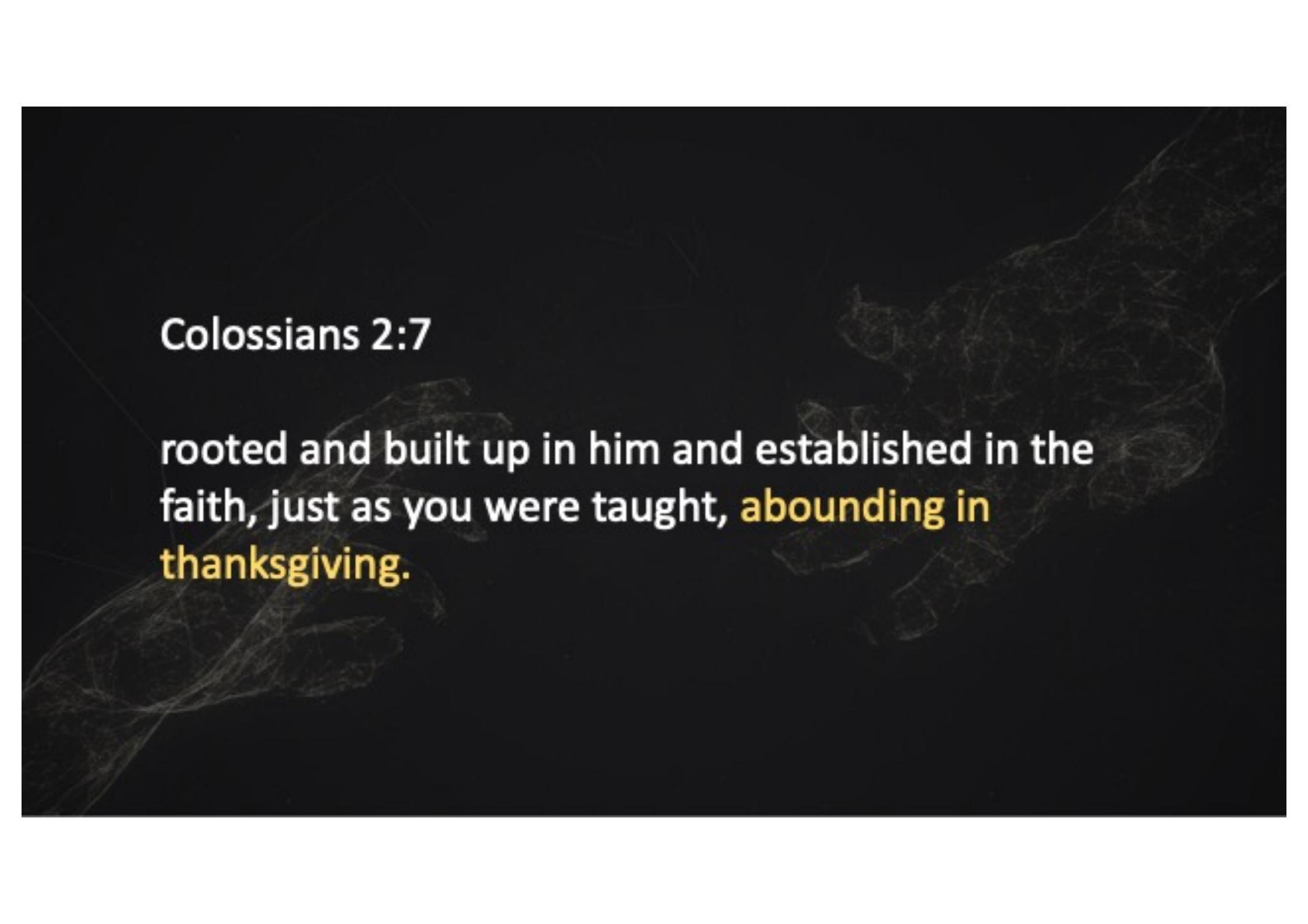
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We always thank God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, when we pray for you,



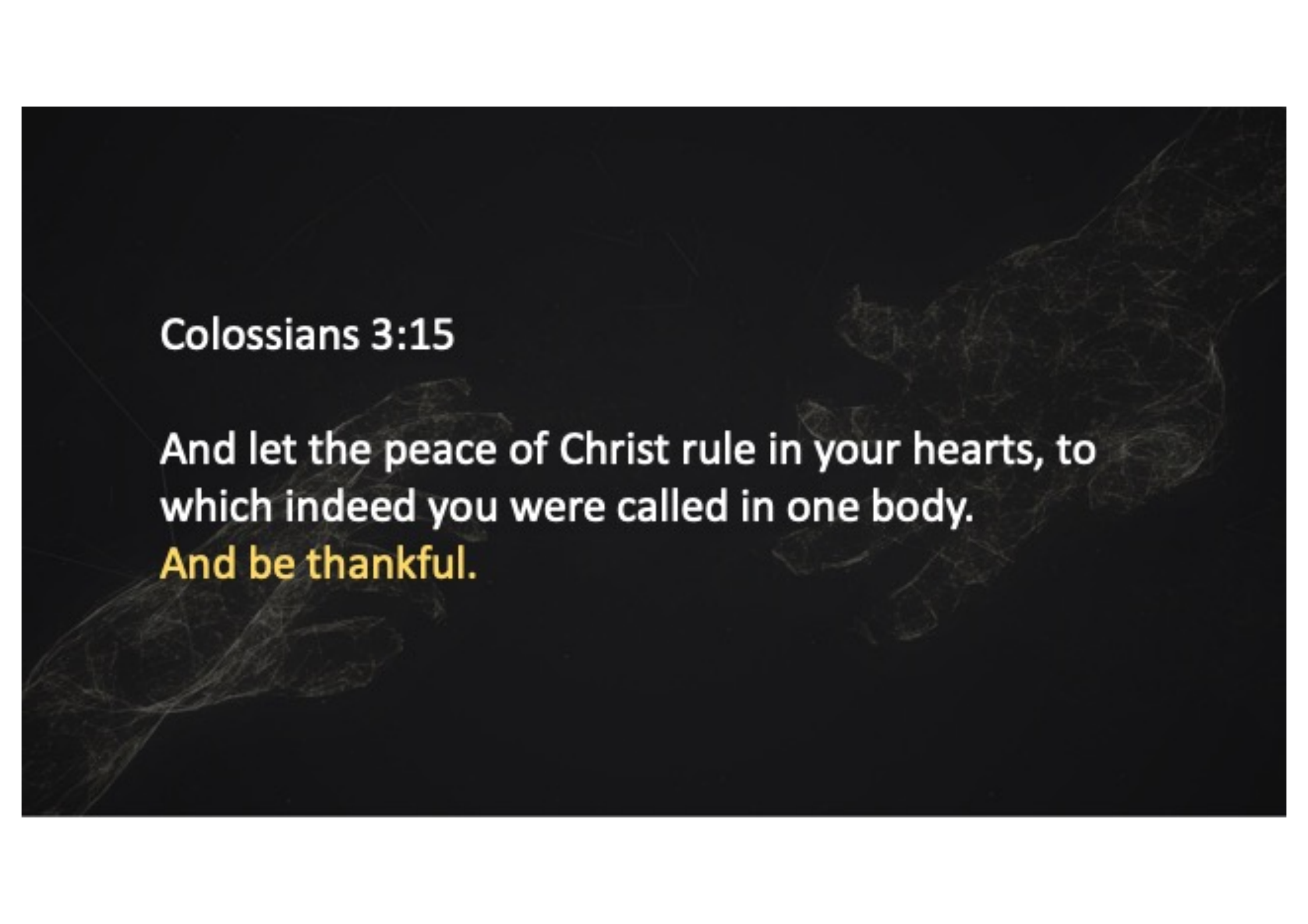
Colossians 1:12

giving thanks to the Father, who has qualified you to share in the inheritance of the saints in light.



Colossians 2:7

rooted and built up in him and established in the
faith, just as you were taught, **abounding in
thanksgiving.**



Colossians 3:15

And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body.

And be thankful.

Colossians 3:16

Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, **with thankfulness in your hearts to God.**

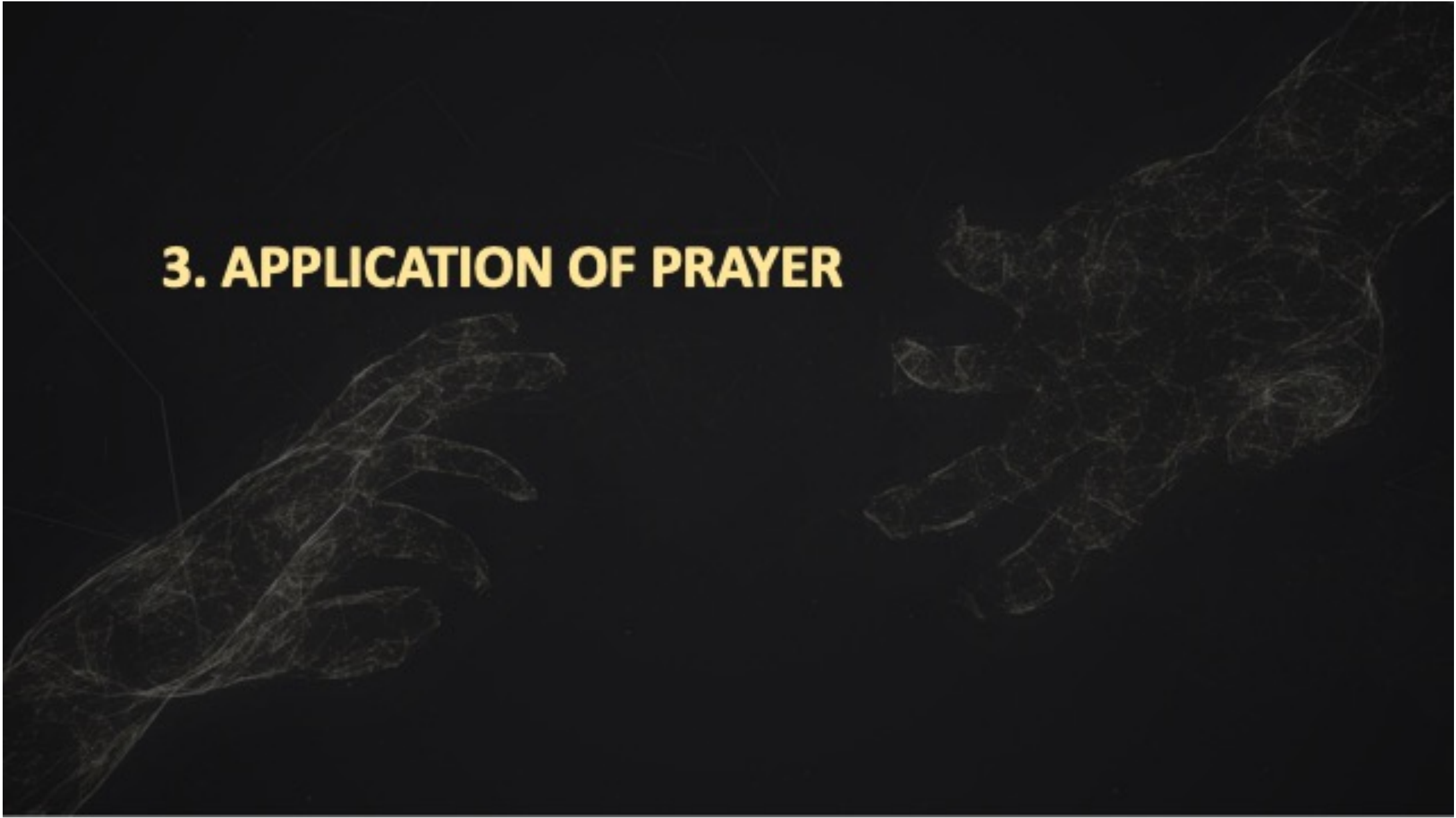
Colossians 3:17

And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

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Colossians 1:25–26

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hidden for ages and generations but now revealed...

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Ephesians 6:18–20

...**praying** at all times... keep alert with all perseverance, making supplication... and also for me... **to proclaim the mystery of the gospel**, for which I am an ambassador in chains, that I may declare it boldly, as I ought to speak.

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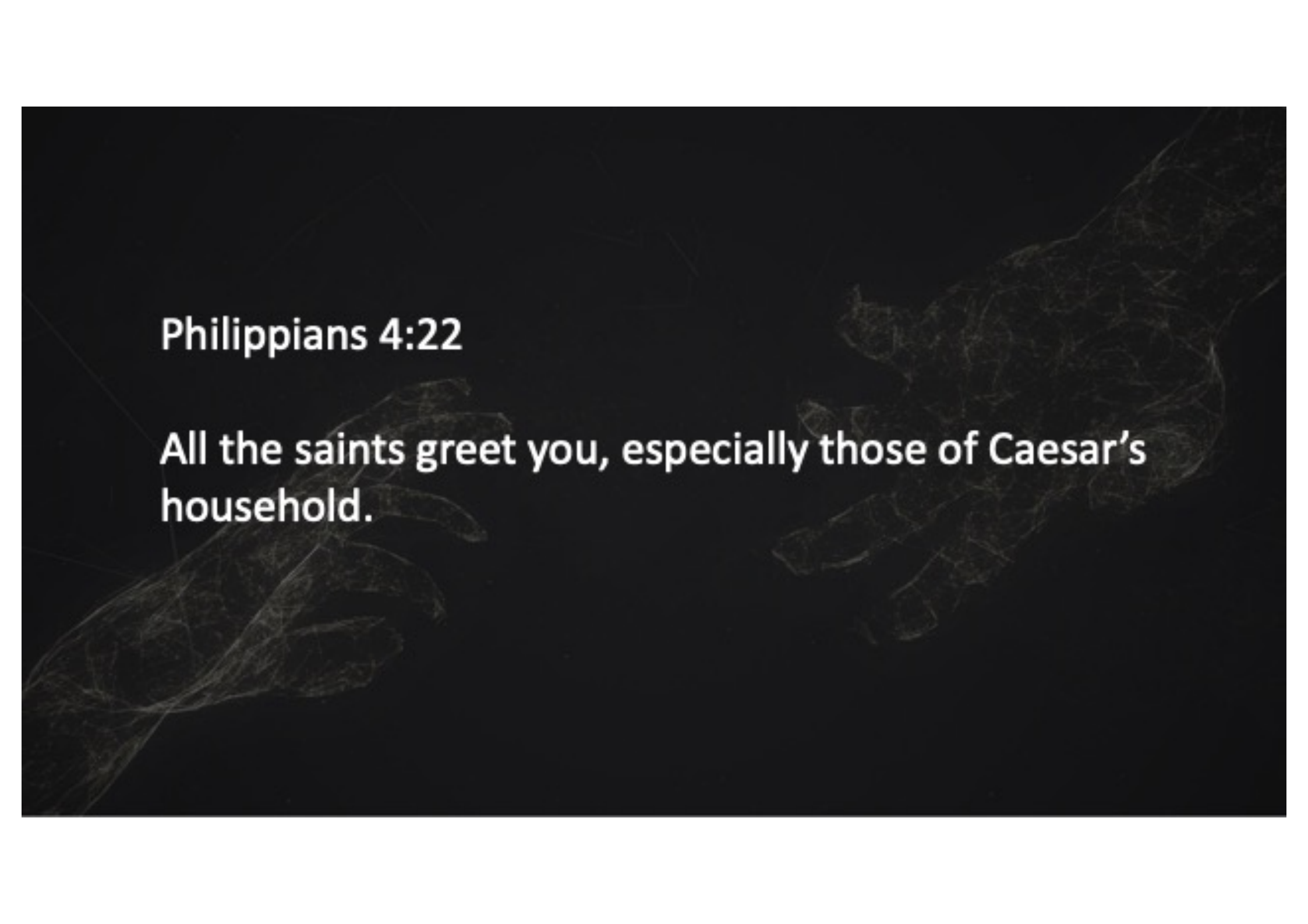
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Philippians 1:12–13

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I want you to know, brothers, that what has happened to me has really served to advance the gospel, so that it has become known throughout the whole imperial guard and to all the rest that my imprisonment is for Christ.



Philippians 4:22

All the saints greet you, especially those of Caesar's household.



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