

SECOND TIMOTHY

THE LAST WORDS
OF THE APOSTLE PAUL

“Paul; An Example
of Endurance”
(2 Tim. 3:10-13)



2 TIMOTHY



- Trusting in God's grace, mercy and peace in the midst of trials, staying true to the scriptures (1:2,3).
- Concern and support for those who contend for the faith (1:4)
- Genuine faith is gained from God's word (1:5; 2 Tim 3:15)
- Fulfilling our duties to God (1:6)
- Faith extinguishes fear (1:7)
- The Value of Being Committed To The Lord, No Matter The Cost" (1:8-12)
- Hold Fast The Pattern (1:13,14)
- Disloyalty vs. Friendship (1:15-18)
- Grace Includes Keeping Rules! (2:1-7)
- Need Endurance & Faithfulness (2:8-13)
- Workers Approved & Honorable Vs. Rejected & Devil Enslaved (2:14-26).

Paul; An Example of Endurance



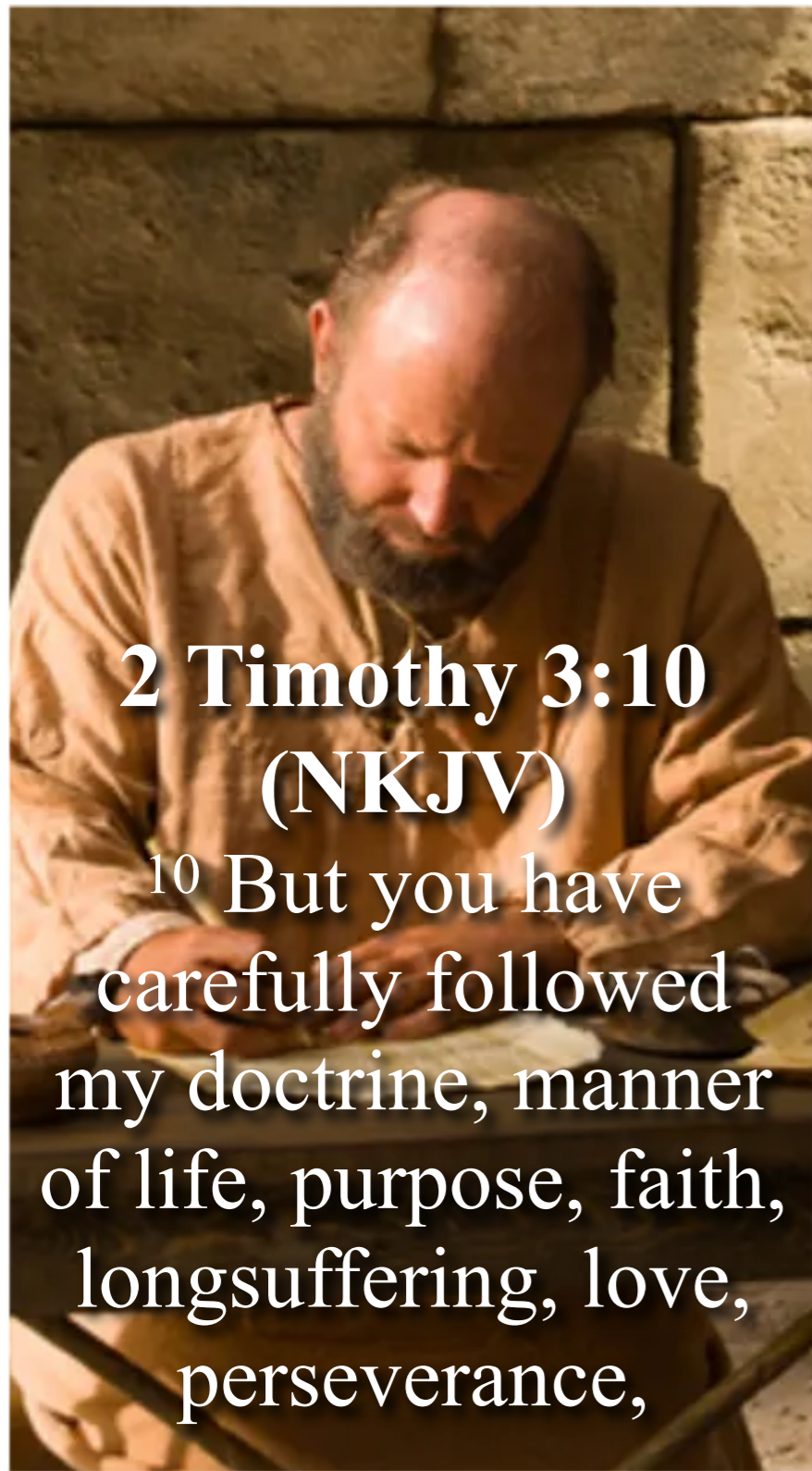
■ CHAPTER 3

- ◆ In this chapter emphasis is placed upon the need for adherence, in word and in deed.
- ▶ (1) Warning of future Perilous Times (3:1-9)
- ▶ (2) Paul—An Example of Endurance (3:10-13);
- ▶ (3) The Scriptures—Our Safeguard (3:14-17).

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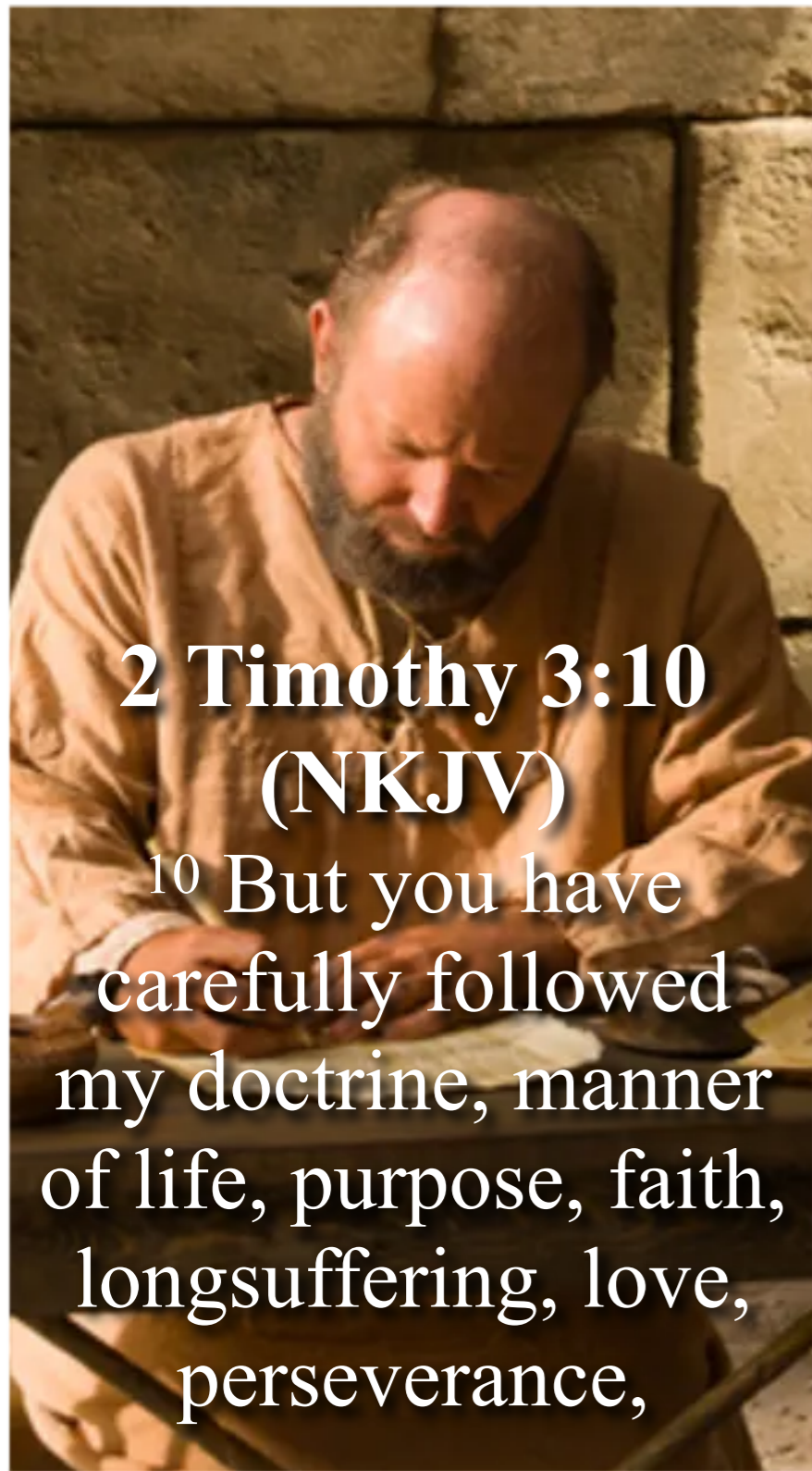
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- ❖ **But:** A contrast between the False teachers and Timothy. (3:8,9)
- ❖ **You have carefully followed my:** For over 14 years Timothy had the honor of serving the Lord with Paul. Timothy was not only fully aware of Paul’s teaching and how he lived his life, but also imitated Paul as Paul followed Christ. Timothy experienced Paul’s hardships firsthand (cf. 1 Cor. 11:1; Phil. 2:20, 22)

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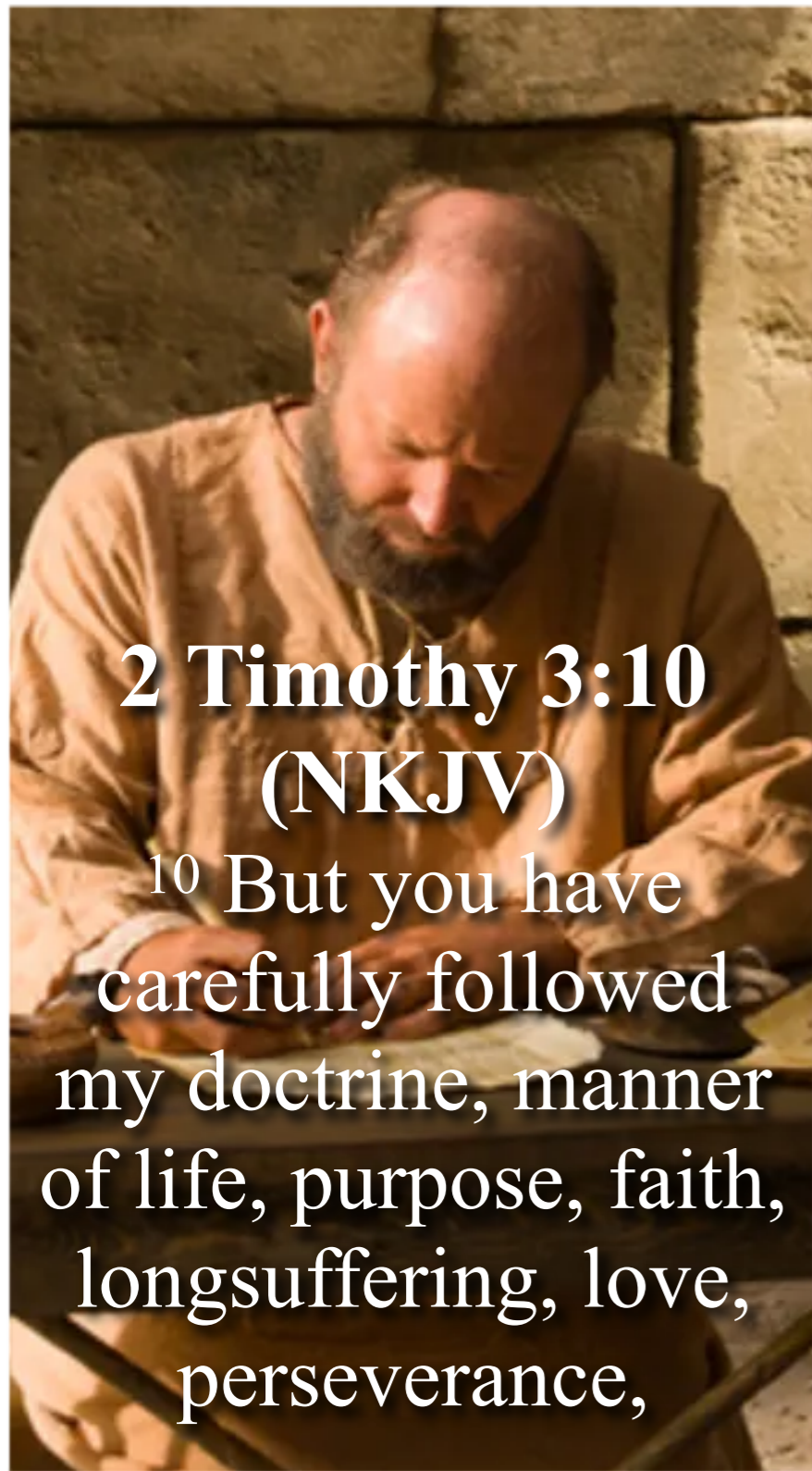
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- **DOCTRINE:** The teaching Paul had received from the Lord (Gal. 1:11,12; Eph. 3:3–5)
- **MANNER OF LIFE:** Paul was dedicated to reproducing the life of Christ in his own life, as was Timothy (Phil. 1:21; Gal. 2:20)
- **PURPOSE:** Involves decision, determination, and dedication. Paul and Timothy shared the same goal and pursued it relentlessly (cf. Dan. 1:8; Acts 26:16-18; 11:23; Phil. 3:11-14)

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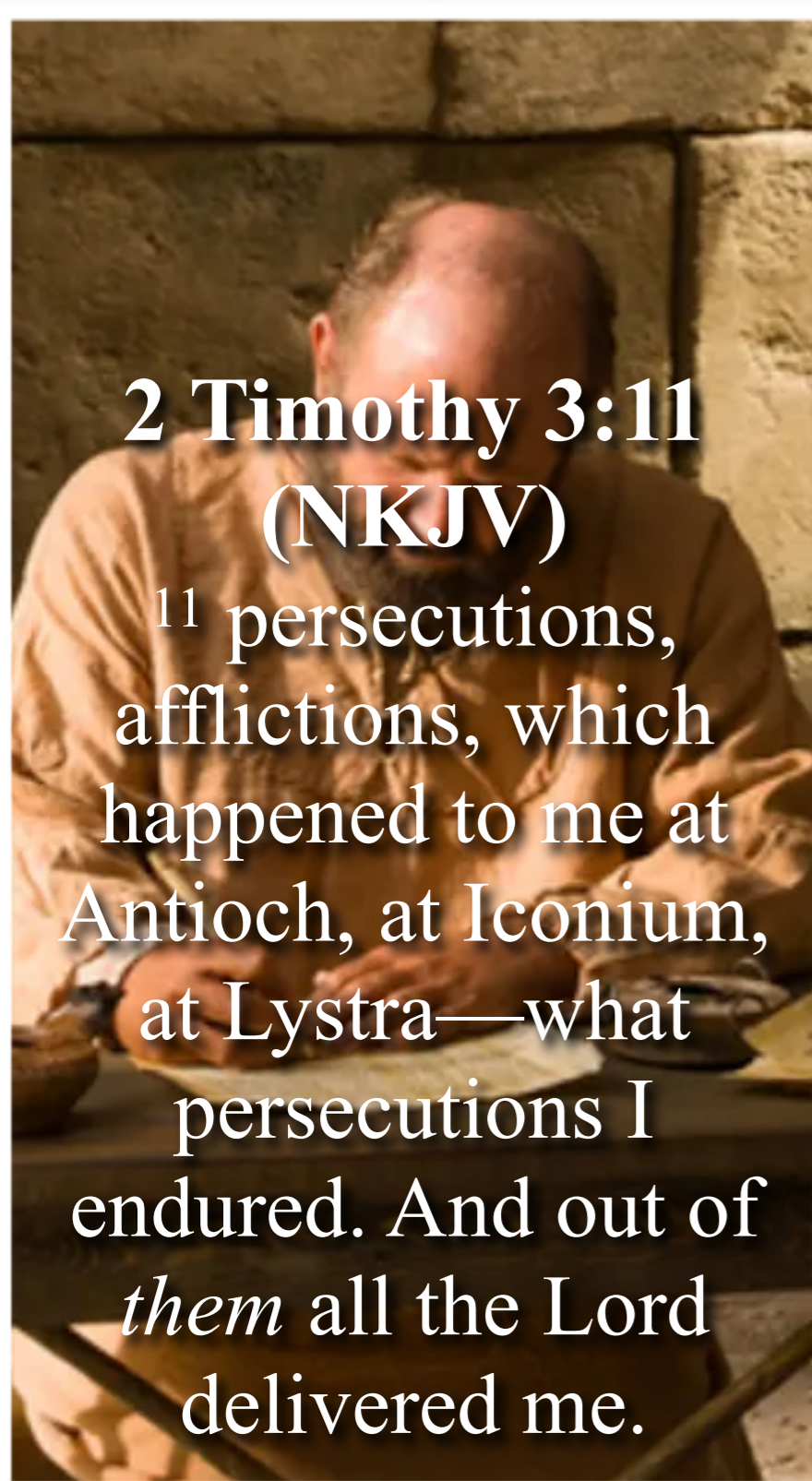
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- **FAITH:** Probably refers to their shared conviction & trust in the Lord, which encompasses all He says. (1:12,13).
- **LONGSUFFERING:** “a state of emotional calm in the face of provocation or misfortune and without complaint or irritation” (Lou-Nida) (cf. Phil. 4:6-13)
- **LOVE:** The charity (love) set forth by Paul in 1 Corinthians 13
- **PERSEVERANCE:** patiently remains under the load, enduring trials, standing steadfastly (1 Cor. 15:58).

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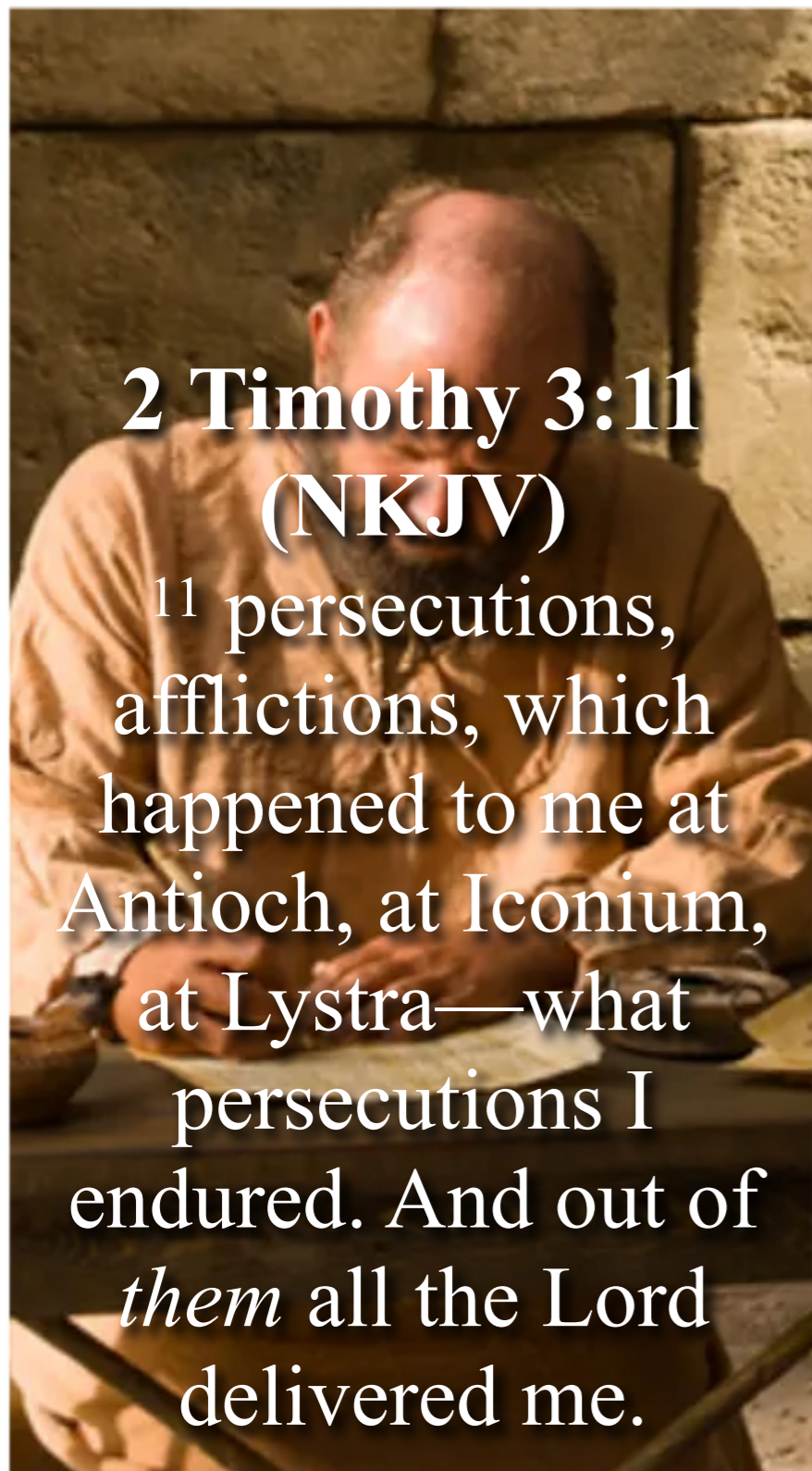
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- ◆ Persecutions, afflictions, which happened to me at Antioch, at Iconium, at Lystra: Paul refers to things which Timothy witnessed at the very beginning of his life as a Christian.
- ◆ What if you had witnessed and experienced such things when you first learned thee truth, would you have been discouraged from becoming a Christian? Would you have been willing to give your life to such a work?

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◆ **“What persecutions I endured:”**

Timothy was well aware of the sufferings Paul experienced, but more importantly, he knew Paul endured them (2 Cor. 11:23-33).

◆ **“And out of them all the Lord delivered me:”** The Lord was with Paul through every experience, and gave him strength to endure, and overcome. (1 Cor. 10:13; 2 Co. 1:10)

◆ The life of a Christian does not lead around afflictions, but rather, through them (Ps. 34:19; 1 Pe. 1:3-9; 2 Pe. 2:9)

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- It was important for Timothy, as for all Christians, to realize that persecution awaits everyone who wants to live a godly life in Christ (cf. John 15:18–21)
- This spiritual warfare has been going on since the fall of man and will continue till time shall be no more.
- While we may not suffer the physical persecution endured by early Christians here in the US, (yet), many in other parts of the world do!

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- “THOSE WHO TRULY FOLLOW CHRIST
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- ◆ There are other forms of persecution
besides physical!
 - ▶ Peer pressure,
 - ▶ Exclusion & ostracism,
 - ▶ Ridicule
 - ▶ Cancelation
 - ▶ False accusations
- ◆ Christians today have to make their
way in a wicked, sensual, hostile,
atheistic world, and the wicked do
not play nice or fair!

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- “BUT EVIL MEN AND IMPOSTORS WILL GROW WORSE AND WORSE”
- This verse describes the natural progression of sin in the heart of an individual. It is not static. Its natural tendency is to grow worse.
- Not only describes what is true of sin in one’s heart if unchecked, but is true with reference to the future—it is going to get worse (3:1-9).
- Error feeds on itself until it consumes all truth in ones mind, and like a virus, it loves to spread. (2 Pet. 2:3; Mat. 15:14; 2 Thess. 2:10-12).

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We too need to carefully follow Paul's doctrine, manner of life, purpose, faith, longsuffering, love, perseverance, persecutions, afflictions (1 Cor. 11:1)

We can endure whatever evil men may throw at us (Heb. 4:16; 1 Cor. 10:13; Phili. 4:13)

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**Please understand,
suffering, and even
suffering persecution, in
and of itself, is NOT a
sign one is godly!**

**BUT - What if we are not
suffering persecution in
some form?**

**Could it be because we are
not living GODLY?**

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“Perilous Times”
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Genesis 6:5–12 (NKJV)

⁵ Then the Lord saw that the wickedness of man *was* great in the earth, and *that* every intent of the thoughts of his heart *was* only evil continually. ⁶ And the Lord was sorry that He had made man on the earth, and He was grieved in His heart. ⁷ So the Lord said, “I will destroy man whom I have created from the face of the earth, both man and beast, creeping thing and birds of the air, for I am sorry that I have made them.” ⁸ But Noah found grace in the eyes of the Lord. ⁹ This is the genealogy of Noah. Noah was a just man, perfect in his generations. Noah walked with God. ¹⁰ And Noah begot three sons: Shem, Ham, and Japheth. ¹¹ The earth also was corrupt before God, and the earth was filled with violence. ¹² So God looked upon the earth, and indeed it was corrupt; for all flesh had corrupted their way on the earth.