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**How can Christians claim that their religion is the only true one?**

**Who is the Christian to say that he or she is right and everyone else is wrong?**



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- ◆ "Skeptical humility" is the popular, supreme, & cardinal virtue.
- ◆ We're supposed to refuse to be certain or dogmatic about anything.
- ◆ This "mindset" is NOT REAL humility - but rank unbelief!



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*How does that go again? For me to believe in absolute truth, and that the Bible is true, is arrogant - - - but for you to make up your own truth, how ever you please, (relativism), is NOT?*



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**Romans 1:21-22  
(NKJV)**

<sup>21</sup> because, although they knew God, they did not glorify *Him* as God, nor were thankful, but became futile in their thoughts, and their foolish hearts were darkened. <sup>22</sup> Professing to be wise, they became fools,





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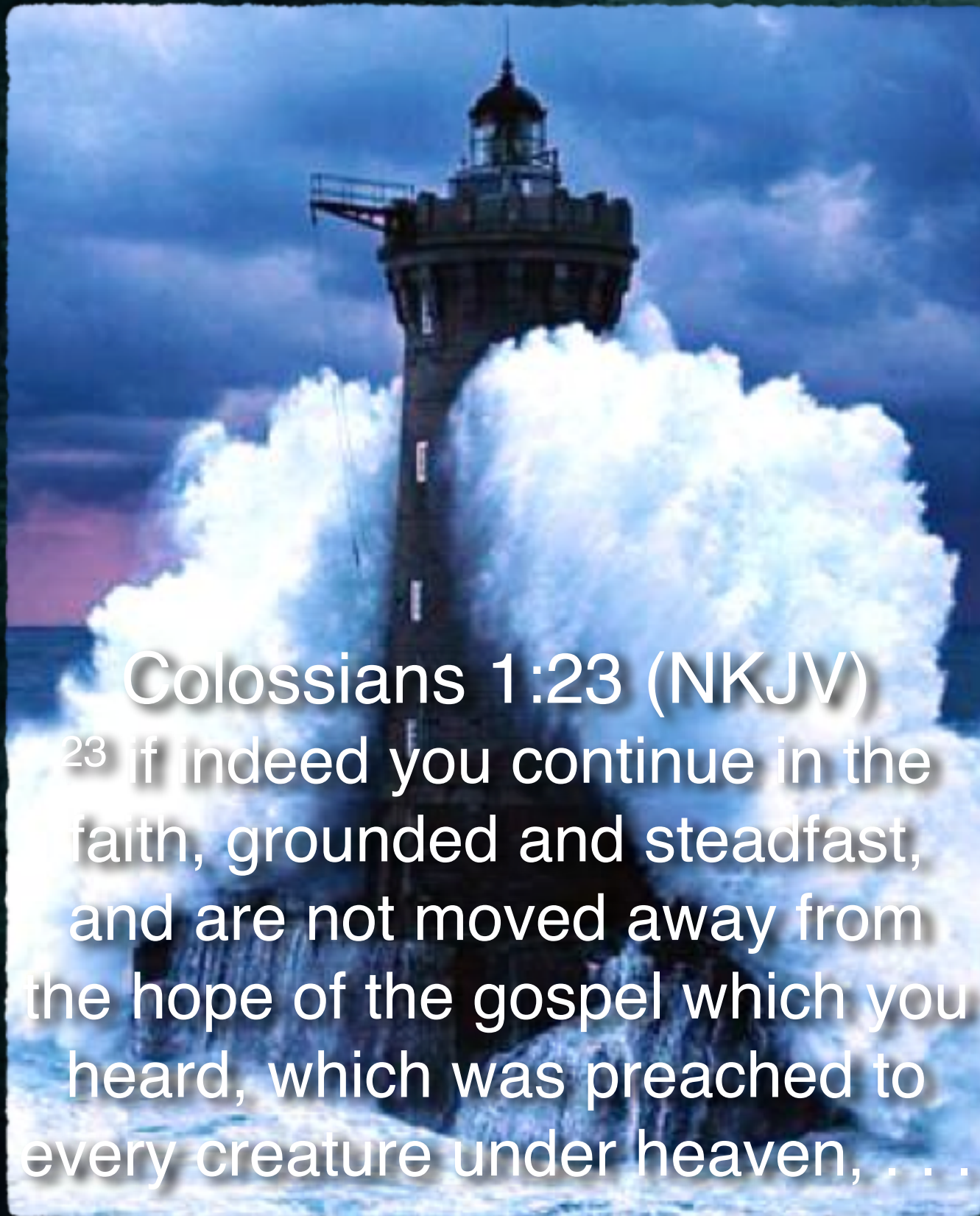
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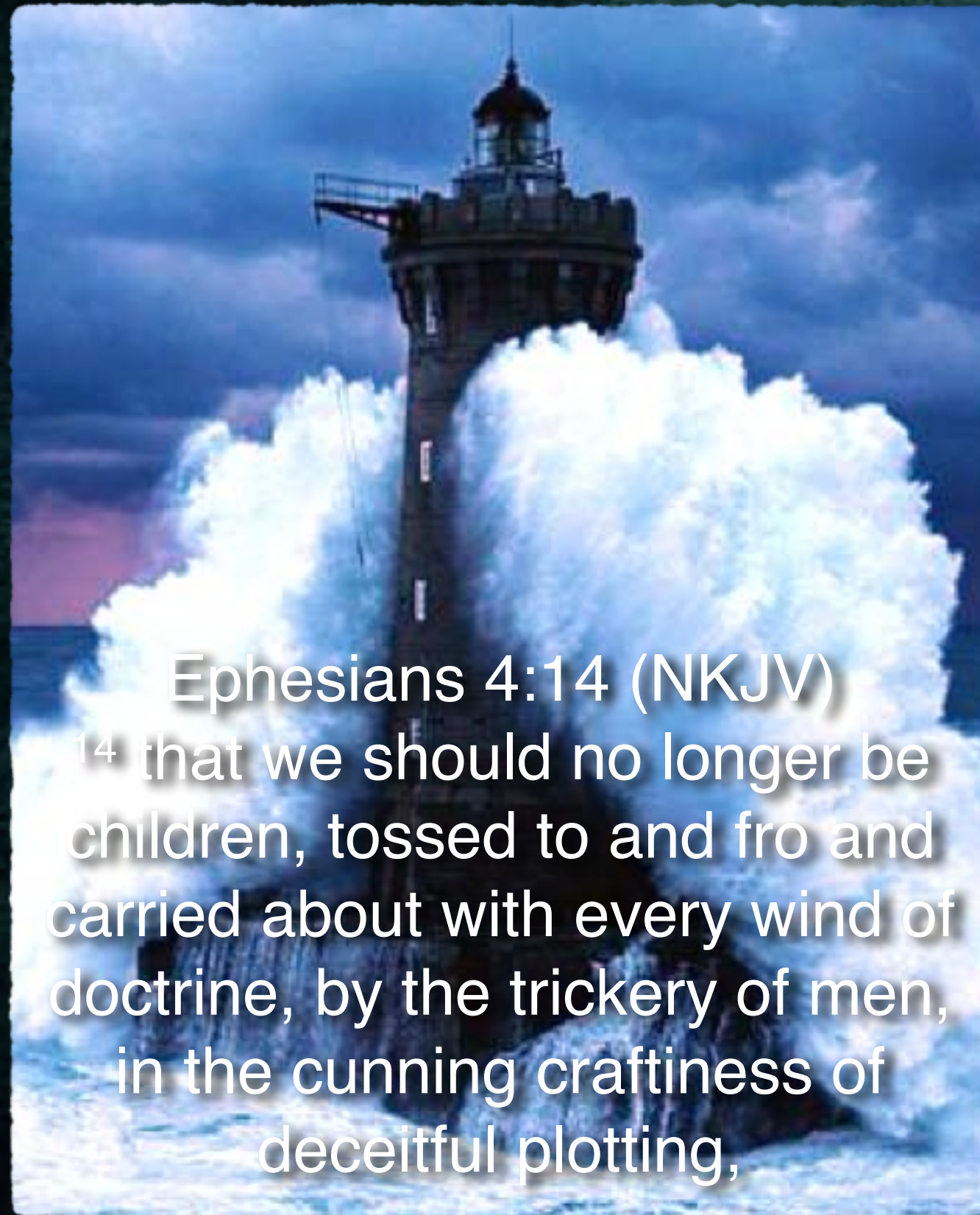
Colossians 1:23 (NKJV)

<sup>23</sup> if indeed you continue in the faith, grounded and steadfast, and are not moved away from the hope of the gospel which you heard, which was preached to every creature under heaven, . . .

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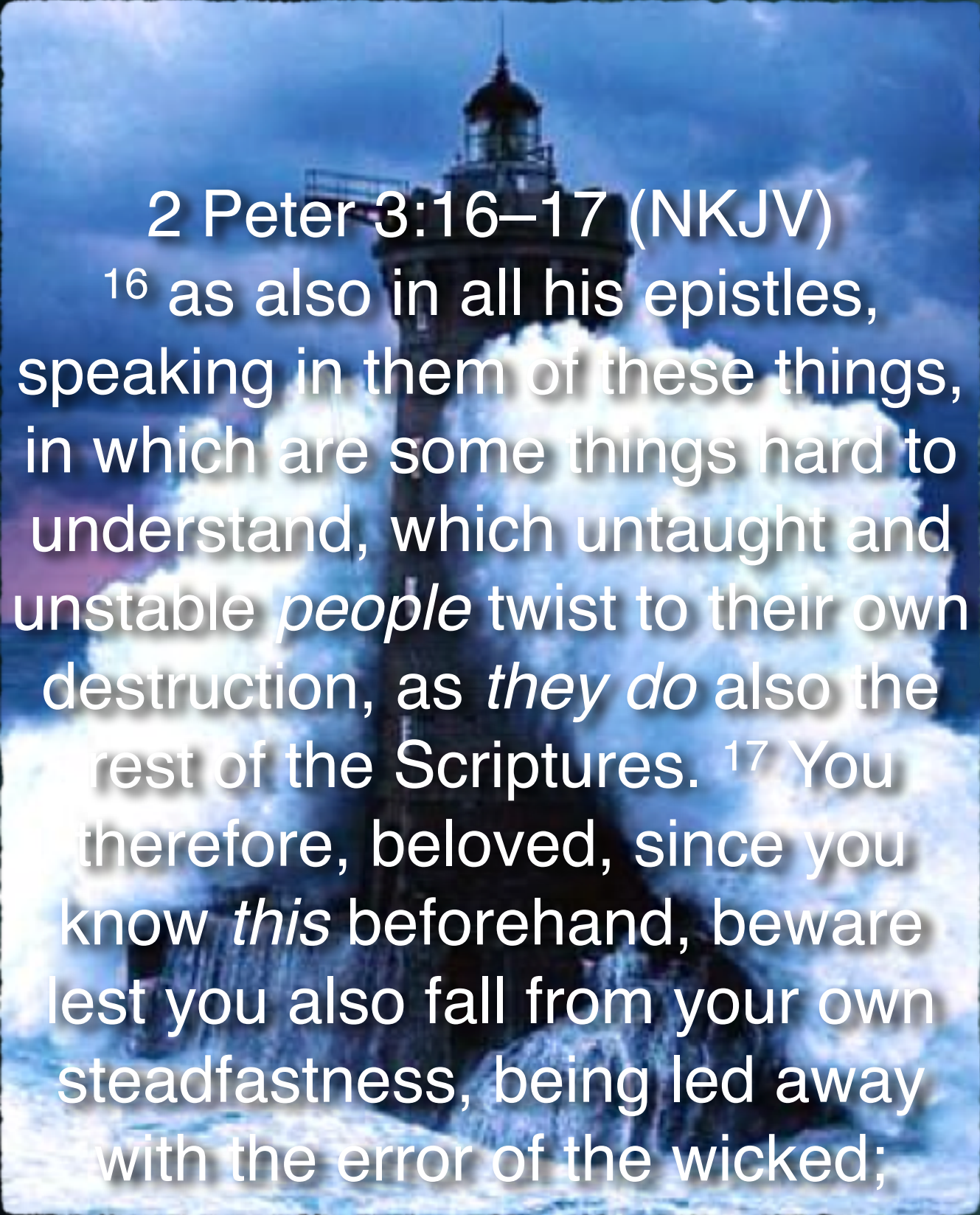
Ephesians 4:14 (NKJV)

14 that we should no longer be children, tossed to and fro and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the trickery of men, in the cunning craftiness of deceitful plotting,

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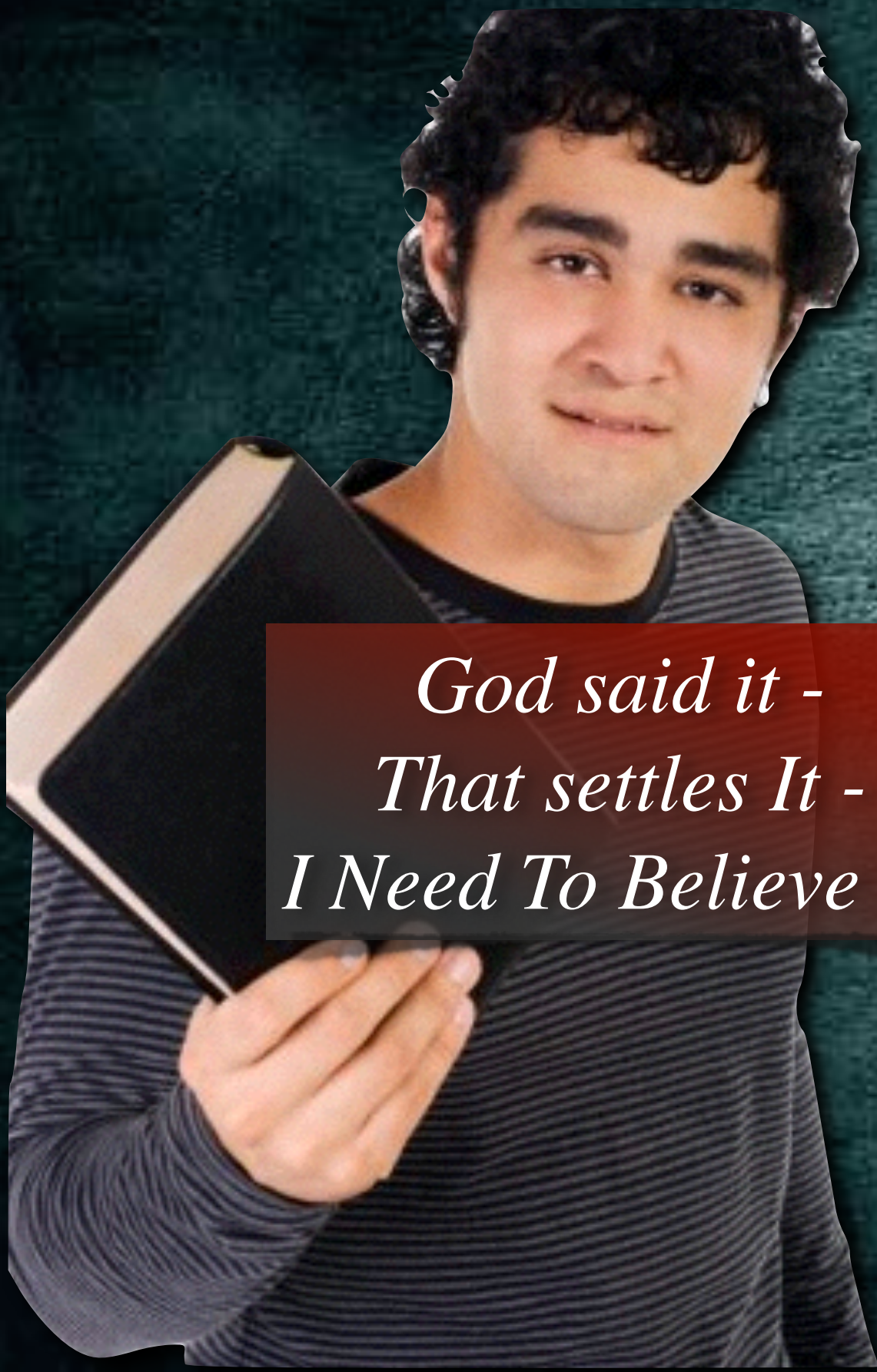
2 Peter 3:16–17 (NKJV)

<sup>16</sup> as also in all his epistles, speaking in them of these things, in which are some things hard to understand, which untaught and unstable *people* twist to their own destruction, as *they do* also the rest of the Scriptures. <sup>17</sup> You therefore, beloved, since you know *this* beforehand, beware lest you also fall from your own steadfastness, being led away with the error of the wicked;

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The question is  
not WHAT do I  
think is right &  
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but WHAT IS  
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## **2 Timothy 1:8, 12 (NKJV)**

<sup>8</sup> Therefore do not be ashamed of the testimony of our Lord, nor of me His prisoner, but share with me in the sufferings for the gospel according to the power of God, . . . <sup>12</sup> For this reason I also suffer these things; nevertheless I am not ashamed, for I know whom I have believed and am persuaded that He is able to keep what I have committed to Him until that Day.



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## **2 Timothy 1:13 (NKJV)**

<sup>13</sup> Hold fast the pattern of sound words which you have heard from me, in faith and love which are in Christ Jesus.



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## 2 Timothy 2:24-26 (NKJV)

<sup>24</sup> And a servant of the Lord must not quarrel but be gentle to all, able to teach, patient, <sup>25</sup> in humility correcting those who are in opposition, if God perhaps will grant them repentance, so that they may know the truth, <sup>26</sup> and *that* they may come to their senses *and escape* the snare of the devil, having been taken captive by him to *do* his will.



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### **2 Timothy 3:1-9**

<sup>2</sup> For men will be lovers of themselves, lovers of money, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy, <sup>3</sup> unloving, unforgiving, slanderers, without self-control, brutal, despisers of good, <sup>4</sup> traitors, headstrong, haughty, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God, <sup>5</sup> having a form of godliness but denying its power. And from such people turn away!



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<sup>6</sup> For of this sort are those who creep into households and make captives of gullible women loaded down with sins, led away by various lusts, <sup>7</sup> always learning and never able to come to the knowledge of the truth.

<sup>8</sup> Now as Jannes and Jambres resisted Moses, so do these also resist the truth: men of corrupt minds, disapproved concerning the faith; <sup>9</sup> but they will progress no further, for their folly will be manifest to all, as theirs also was.



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### 2 Timothy 3:10-4:5

<sup>10</sup> But you have carefully followed my doctrine, manner of life, purpose, faith, longsuffering, love, perseverance, <sup>11</sup> persecutions, afflictions, which happened to me at Antioch, at Iconium, at Lystra—what persecutions I endured. And out of *them* all the Lord delivered me. <sup>12</sup> Yes, and all who desire to live godly in Christ Jesus will suffer persecution.



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<sup>13</sup> But evil men and impostors will grow worse and worse, deceiving and being deceived. <sup>14</sup> But you must continue in the things which you have learned and been assured of, knowing from whom you have learned *them*, <sup>15</sup> and that from childhood you have known the Holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus.



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### **2 Timothy 3:10-4:5**

<sup>16</sup> All Scripture *is* given by inspiration of God, and *is* profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, <sup>17</sup> that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work.



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<sup>1</sup> I charge *you* therefore before God and the Lord Jesus Christ, who will judge the living and the dead at His appearing and His kingdom: <sup>2</sup> Preach the word! Be ready in season *and* out of season. Convince, rebuke, exhort, with all longsuffering and teaching.



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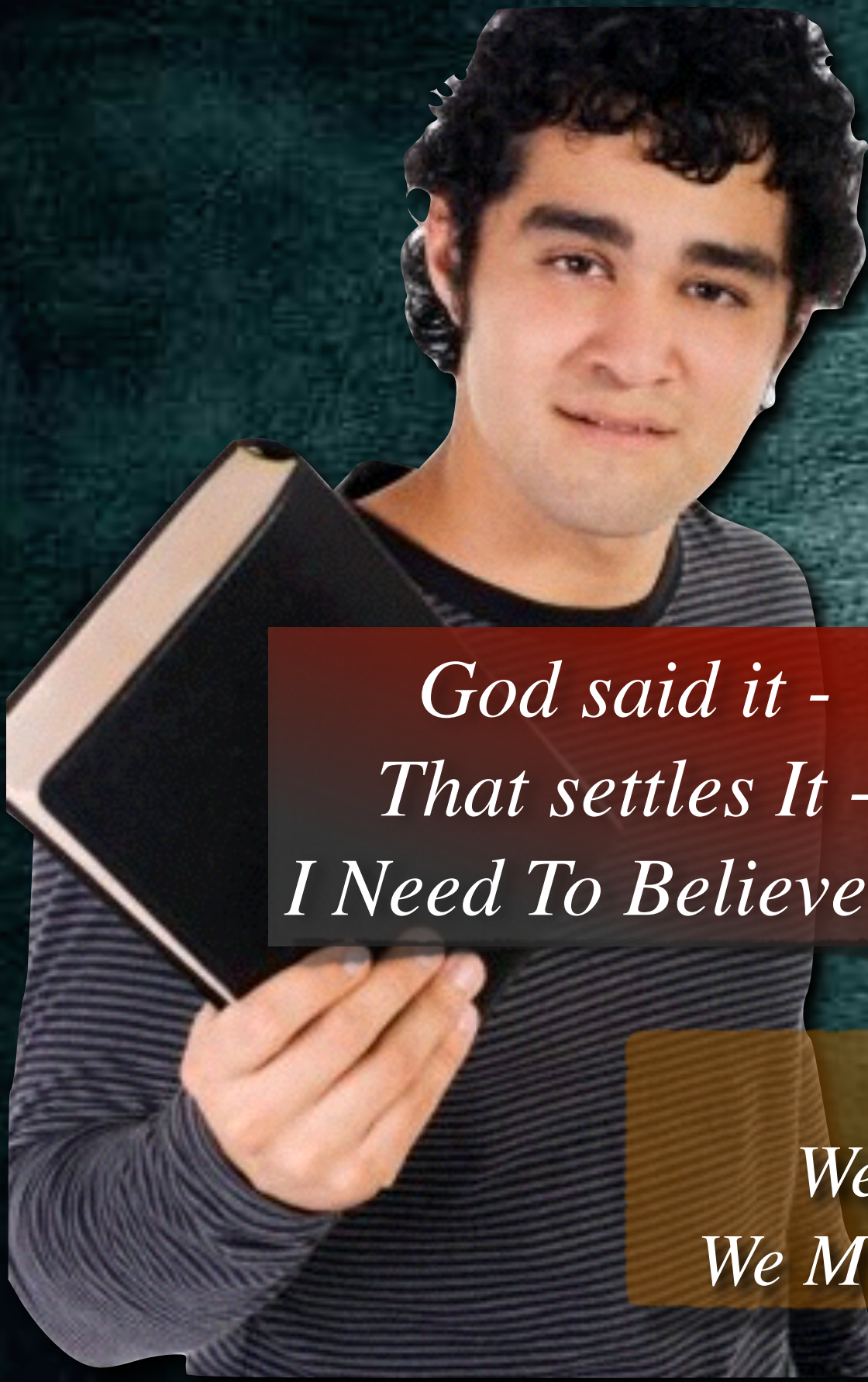
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<sup>3</sup> For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine, but according to their own desires, *because* they have itching ears, they will heap up for themselves teachers; <sup>4</sup> and they will turn *their* ears away from the truth, and be turned aside to fables. <sup>5</sup> But you be watchful in all things, endure afflictions, do the work of an evangelist, fulfill your ministry.



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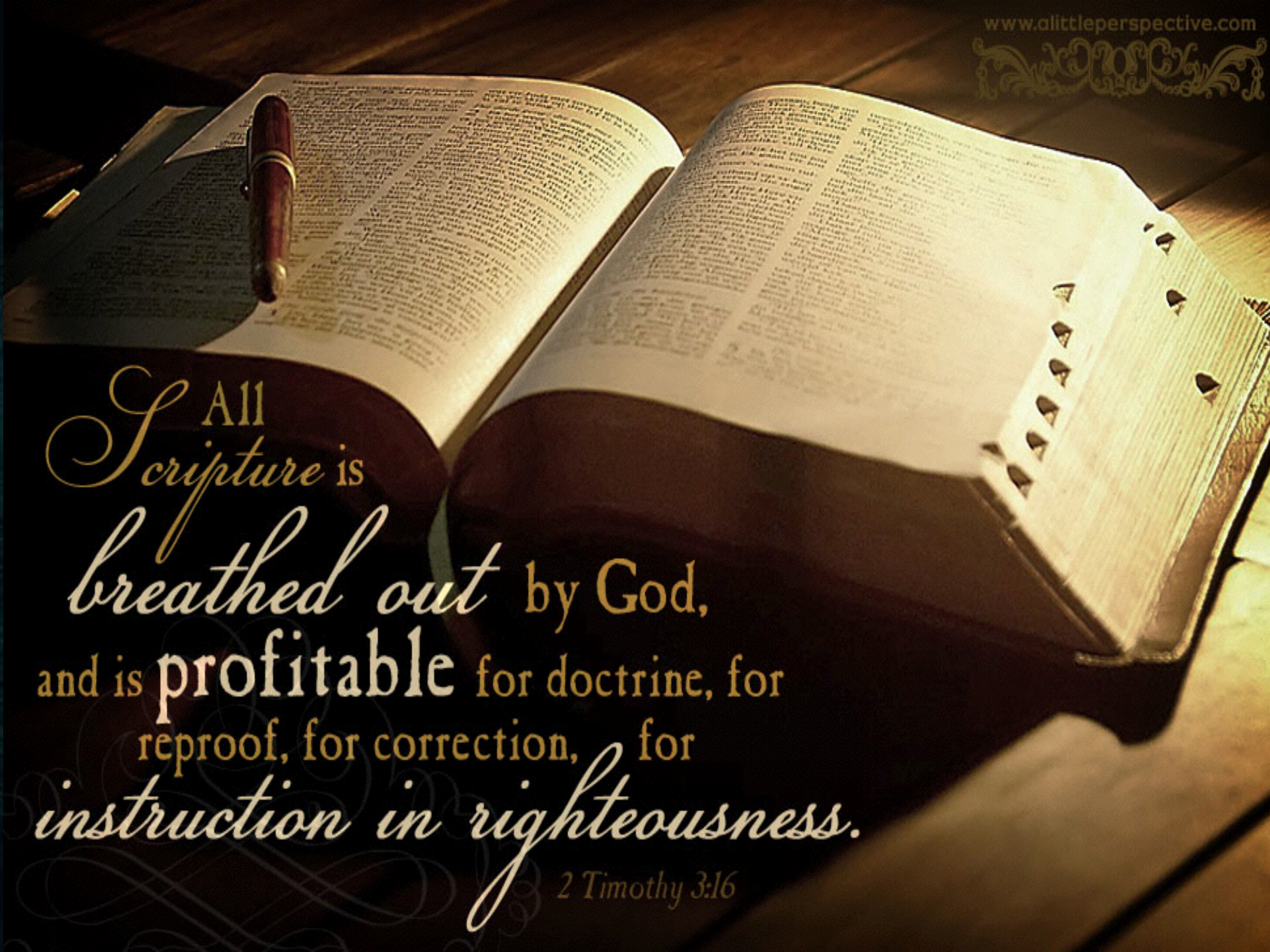


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- ✦ Are we to turn away from logic
- ✦ Are we to forfeit our convictions
- ✦ Are we to abandon Scripture

*Truth Is Consistent  
We Must Be True To Our Convictions  
We MUST Hold To Scripture In Every Area!*



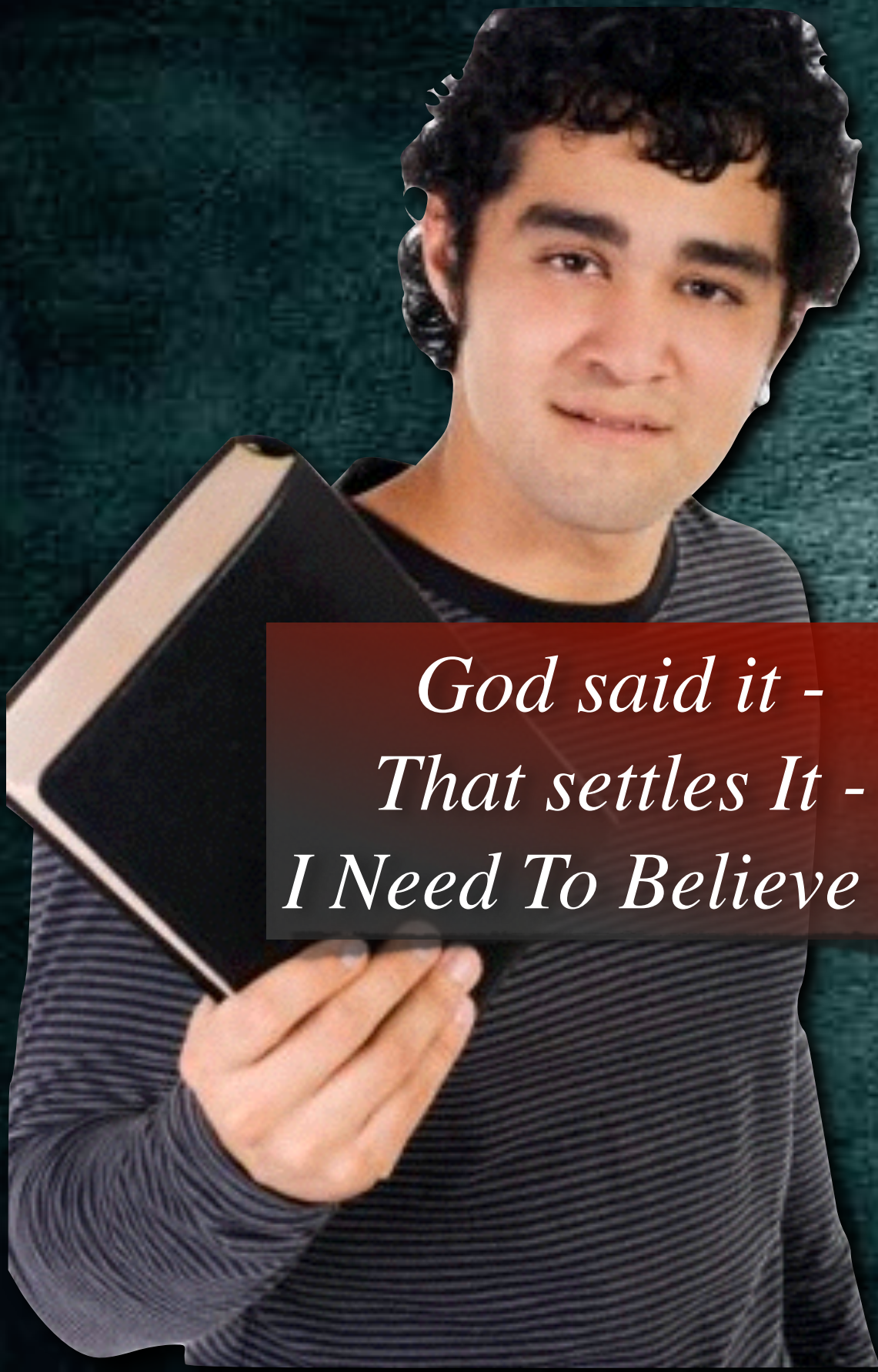


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- ✦ God's existence
- ✦ The Bible is God's word & all sufficient
- ✦ Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God.
- ✦ The NT teaching on the church of Jesus
- ✦ The NT's answer to "what must I do to be saved."
- ✦ Living as a Christian, Morality, MDR, etc . . .



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"Stand Firm"



IN THE FAITH  
I Cor 16:13,14

Let us never be guilty of  
apologizing for our faith  
& conviction in God &  
His word!

Let us always be brave  
enough to speak the  
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