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(n) Paraklēsis – (v) parakaleō

- Lit. -“to call to one’s side, call for, summon”:
- “to admonish, exhort”: —“to beg, entreat, beseech” —“to console, to encourage and strengthen by consolation, to comfort,” - it combines the ideas of exhorting and comforting and encouraging . . .

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(Merriam Webster)



Encourage
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def: To improve someone's spirit by giving them hope or confidence. eg. I encouraged him to apply for a better job.

- 1 a: to inspire with courage, spirit, or hope : hearten - b: to attempt to persuade : urge
- 2: to spur on : stimulate
- 3: to give help or patronage to : foster

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***Life's Experience Demands...**

- Courage
- Confidence
- Hope
- Interdependence!

Hebrews 10:24-25 (NKJV)

²⁴ And let us **consider one another** in order to **stir up love and good works**, ²⁵ not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as is the manner of some, but **exhorting one another**, and so much the more as you see the Day approaching.

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I Thessalonians 4:18; 5:11,14-15 (NKJV)

4:18 Therefore **comfort** one another with these words.

5:11 Therefore **comfort** each other and edify one another, just as you also are doing.

5:14,15 Now we **exhort** you, brethren, **warn** those who are unruly, **comfort** the fainthearted, **uphold** the weak, be **patient** with all. ¹⁵ See that no one renders evil for evil to anyone, but always **pursue what is good** both for yourselves and for all.

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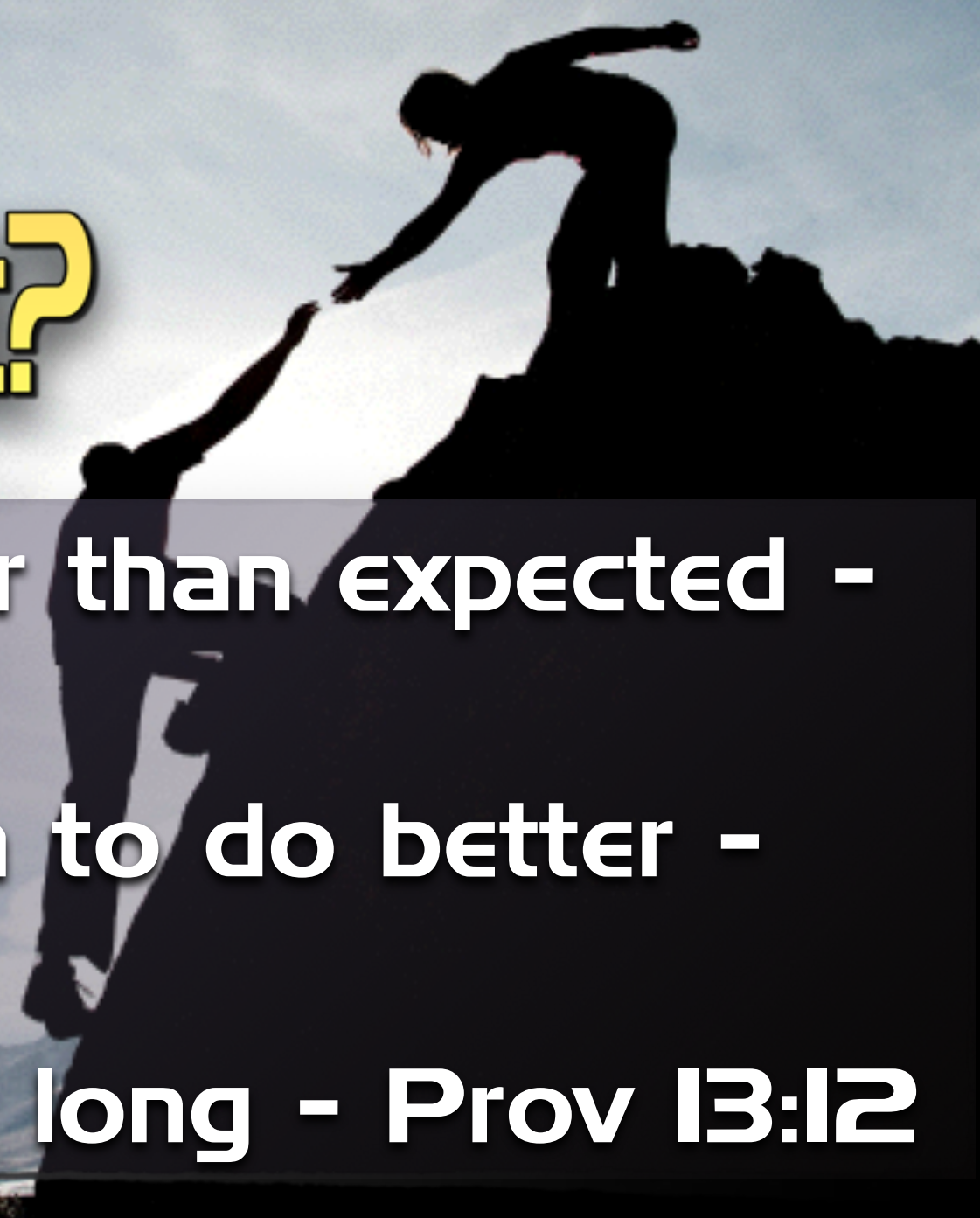
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Who Has Never Needed Encouragement?


- * Sometimes life is harder than expected -
Num 21:4; Neh. 4:10
- * Sometimes others seem to do better -
Ps 73:2-3
- * Sometimes it takes too long - Prov 13:12



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How Can We Fail?

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- * **Inaction** - James 4:17
 - * **Wrong actions** - Our sin / hypocrisy / inconsiderate - Mat 18:6-9; Rom 2:24; 14:10-17
 - * **Wrong words** - Job's wife & 3 friends - Job 2:9-13 (Eliphaz 4:7,8; Bildad 8:2-7; Zophar 11:13,14)

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Job 16:2-5 (NKJV)

² “I have heard many such things; Miserable comforters are you all! ³ Shall words of wind have an end? Or what provokes you that you answer? ⁴ I also could speak as you do, If your soul were in my soul’s place. I could heap up words against you, And shake my head at you; ⁵ But I would strengthen you with my mouth, And the comfort of my lips would relieve your grief.

Job wanted his comforters to stop talking. Stop blowing hot air. Stop criticizing and judging. He longed for them to listen. Encourage him.

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2 Corinthians 1:3-11



- The Father, Jesus and Holy Spirit – 2 Cor. 1:3-7; 2 Thes. 2:16; Acts 9:31
- The Scriptures – Rom 15:4; Heb 13:22
- One another – Phile 1:7; Heb 10:24,25

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"God cannot give us a happiness and peace apart from Himself, because it is not there. There is no such thing."

- C. S. Lewis

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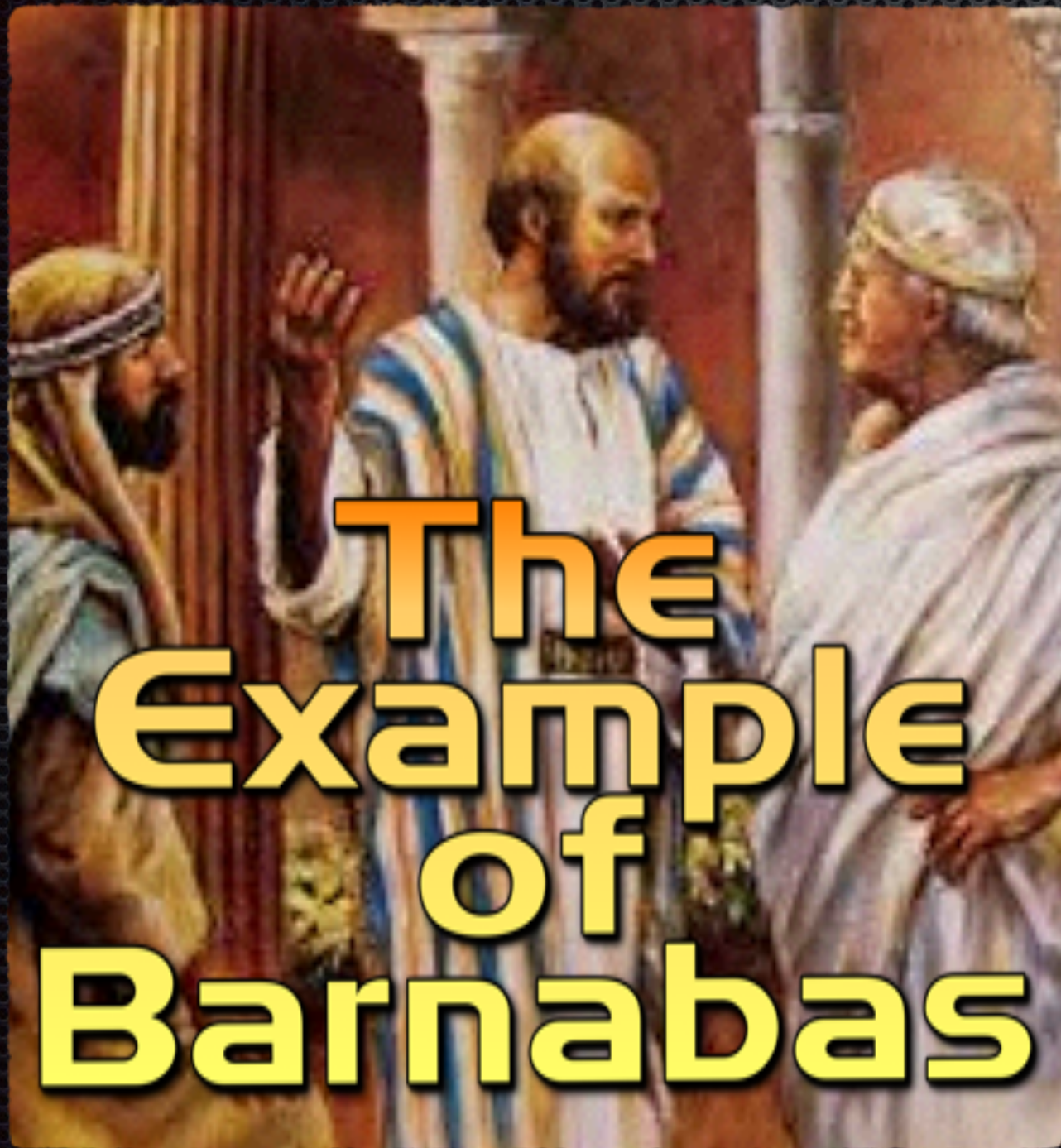
- Not everyone has the same talents -
Rom 12:3-8
- But all have a responsibility -
1 Thes. 5:9-11, 14

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- A daily task - Heb 3:12-13
- A duty to each other - Heb 10:23-25
- A blessing - 1 Pet 3:8-9

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ACTS 4:36-37

³⁶ And Joses, who was also named Barnabas by the apostles (which is translated Son of Encouragement), a Levite of the country of Cyprus,
³⁷ having land, sold it, and brought the money and laid it at the apostles' feet.

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Those In Need - By Helping Them



- Like Barnabas – Acts 4:36-37
- God does not ask us to give what we do not have – Acts 3:6
- Applies to both physical and spiritual needs – Acts 20:35; Gal 6:1-6
- Giving those in need WHAT THEY NEED is most often NOT the same as giving people what they WANT!

How Can I Be An ENCOURAGEMENT TO Others?

By Believing In Those Who Repent



- Barnabas defended Paul as a new Christian – Acts 9:26-27
- It is not always easy to see the good in others – Acts 9:1,36; Luke 14:3-6
- Love believes “all things” – 1 Cor. 13:7; Heb 10:24,25

How Can I Be An ENCOURAGEMENT TO Others?

By Helping New Christians Grow



- Barnabas Sent as far as Antioch – Acts 11:22-24
- Encouraged them “all that with purpose of heart they should continue with the Lord.” – cf. Phili 4:4-13
- EXAMPLE – Good man, full of Holy Spirit, full of faith

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By Providing Opportunities To Serve



- Barnabas sought out Saul – Acts 11:25,26; 12:25; 13:2,7,43,46,50
- Barnabas & Saul – Acts 12:25; 13:2,7 - - - Paul & Barnabas – Acts 13:9,13,16, 43,46,50
- Barnabas helped Paul to become a leader – Some are jealous of others who have greater potential than they.

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By Giving Another Opportunity



- Barnabas wants to give John Mark another chance – Acts 15:35-39
- John Mark had left them on an earlier journey – Acts 13:13
- Paul insisted that Mark not be allowed to go – Acts 15:38
- Paul and Barnabas separate – Acts 15:39
- Paul later commends Mark – Col. 4:10; 2 Tim 4:11; Phile. 1:24; (cf. 1 Pet 5:13)

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How Can I Be An ENCOURAGEMENT TO Others?

- * By helping those in need –
- * By extending support –
- * By building them up –
- * By providing opportunities –
- * By giving them second chances –



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Hebrews 3:12-13 (NKJV)

Beware, brethren, lest there be in any of you an evil heart of unbelief in departing from the living God; but exhort one another daily, while it is called "Today," lest any of you be hardened through the deceitfulness of sin.



How Can I Be An ENCOURAGEMENT TO Others?



- Obey the gospel today!
- Repent today!
- Do you know someone needing encouragement today? Give it today!

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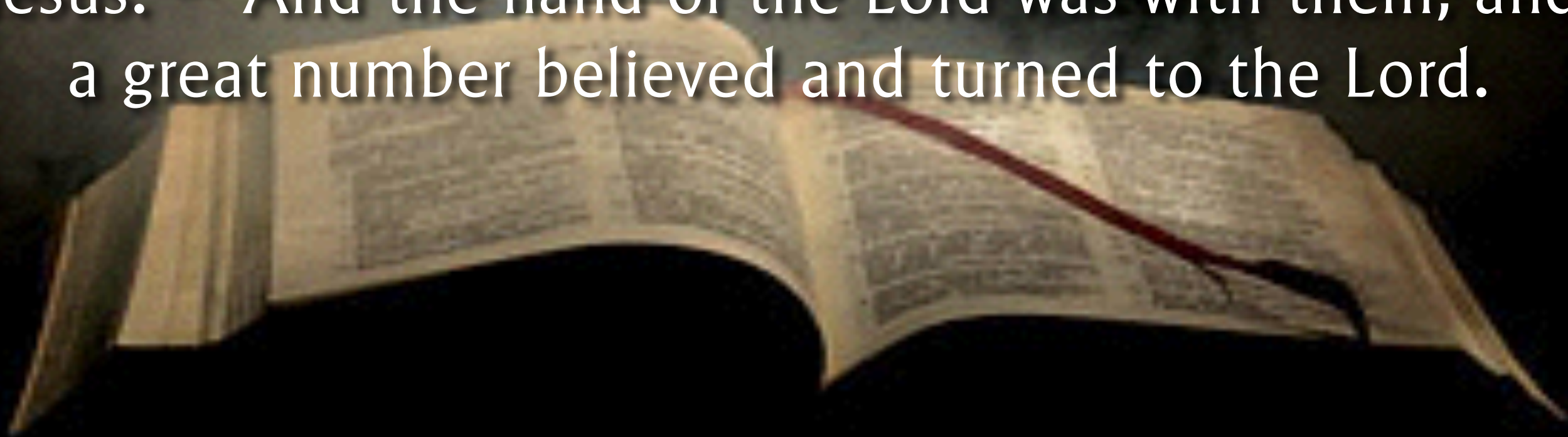
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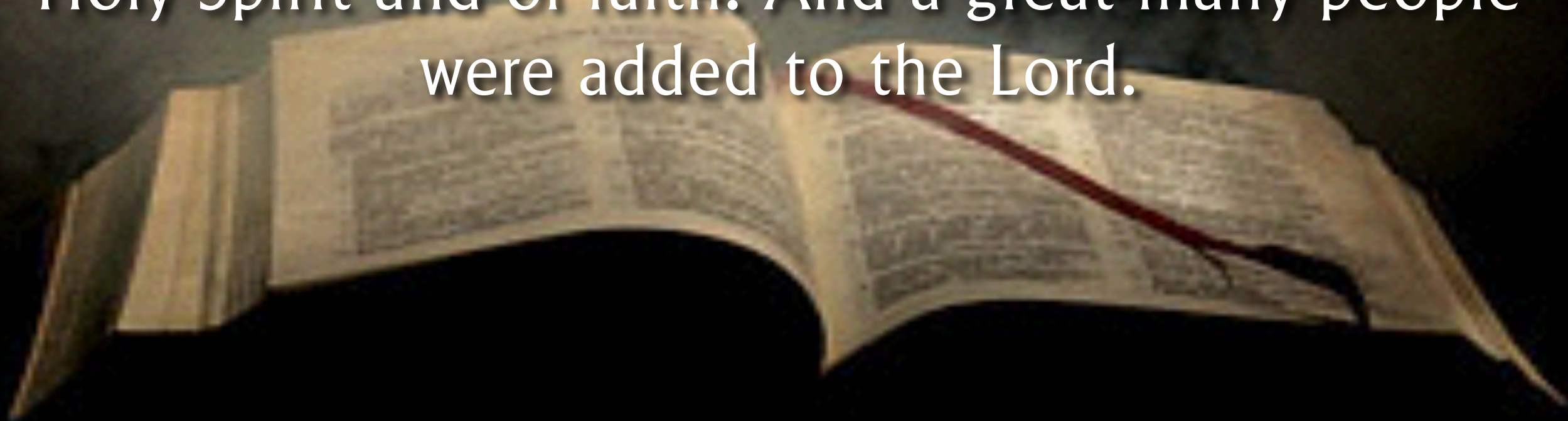
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