

(2 Corinthians 7:2-16)

CORINTHIANS

THE *Second Letter* OF PAUL TO THE CORINTHIANS

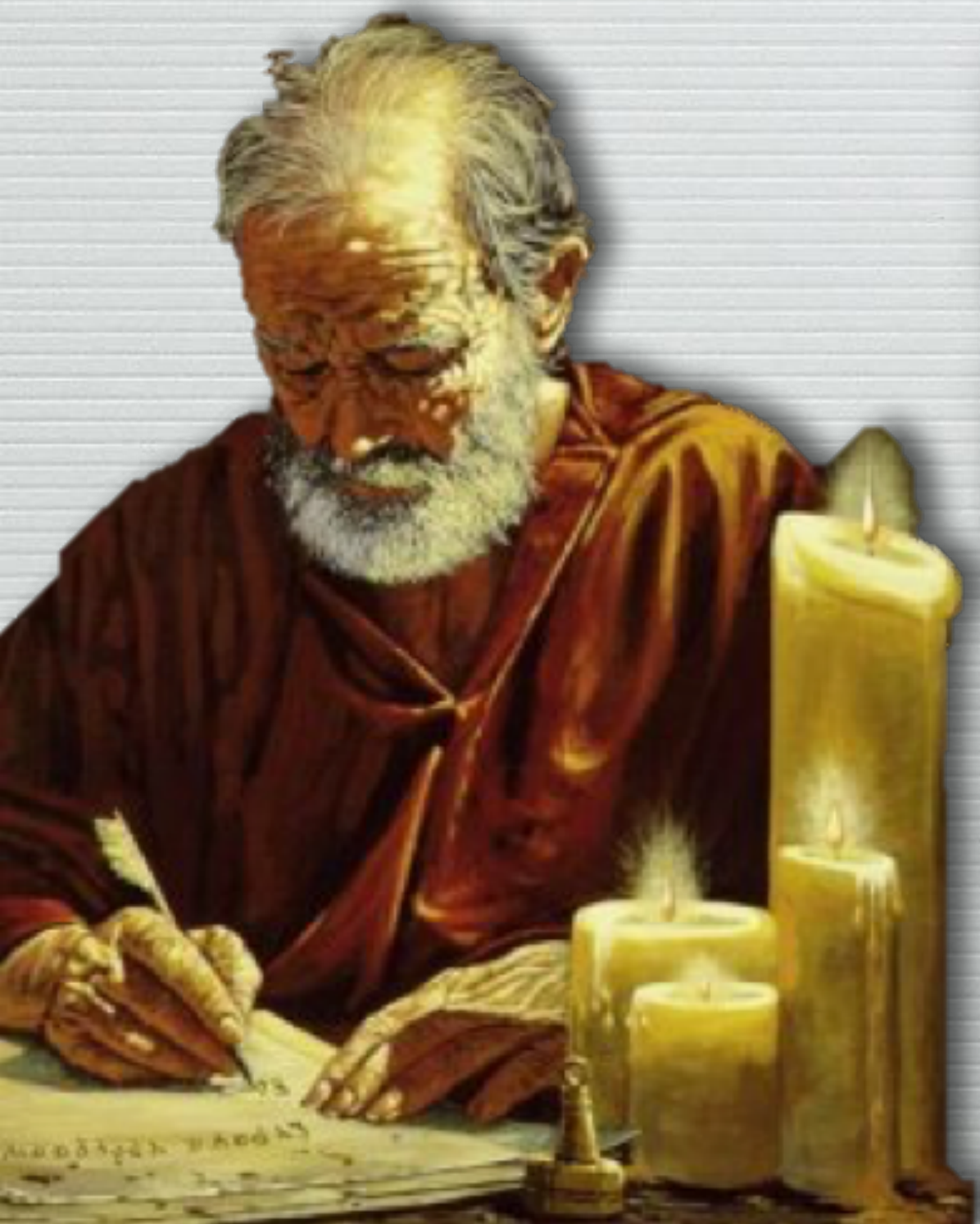
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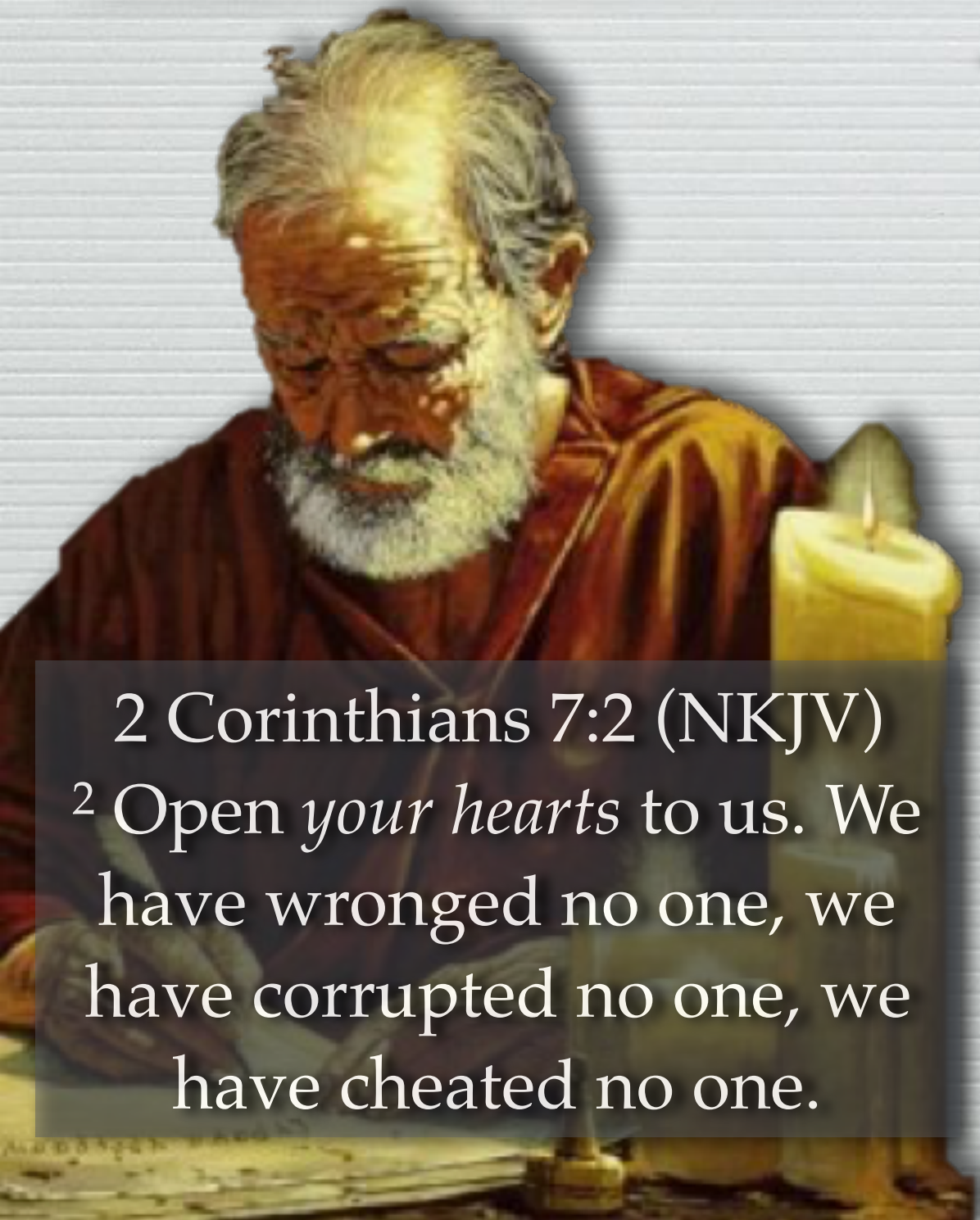
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- ◆ After having admonished the Corinthians to pursue righteousness, purity & holiness, Paul resumes his appeal for reciprocal love - (7:2; cf. 6:11-13)
- ◆ *“Make room for us in your hearts” – (cf. 6:12,13)*
- ◆ *We have wronged no-one – done no harm; led none into error; had not taken advantage of them - (6:3-7; 11:7; 1 Cor. 9:18)*

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- ♦ Paul expresses concern that his “boldness of speech might be understood” — 7:3
- ♦ “Not to shame, but to warn” — (cf. 4:14)
- ♦ “You are in our hearts” - (3:2; 11:11; 12:15; cf. Phi. 1:8, 9)
- ♦ To face deadly peril, and to face deliverance with them (1:4-7), — perhaps pointing to dying with Christ and living together with Him — (6:14-17)



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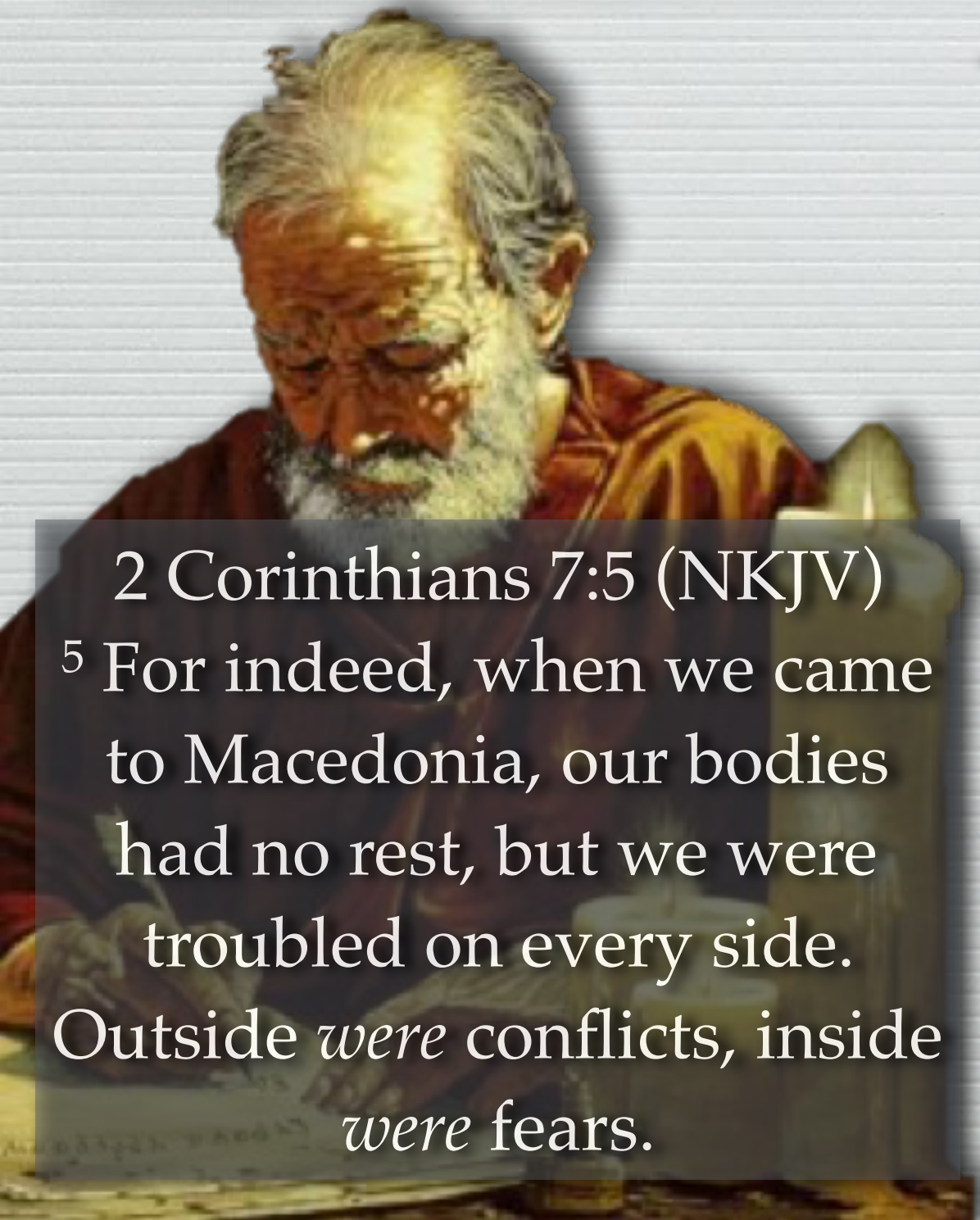
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- ♦ Paul expresses his confidence in the Corinthians — 7:4
- ♦ *“Boldness of speech” — Paul had confidence that the truth would produce positive results (cf. 3:12)*
- ♦ *“Great is my boasting” — Paul had high expectations of them - (1:14; 9:2–4.)*
- ♦ *Paul was comforted by Titus’ report, (6,7), — He KNOWS his efforts have not been in vain — (6:10; Phili 2:17; Col 1:24)*

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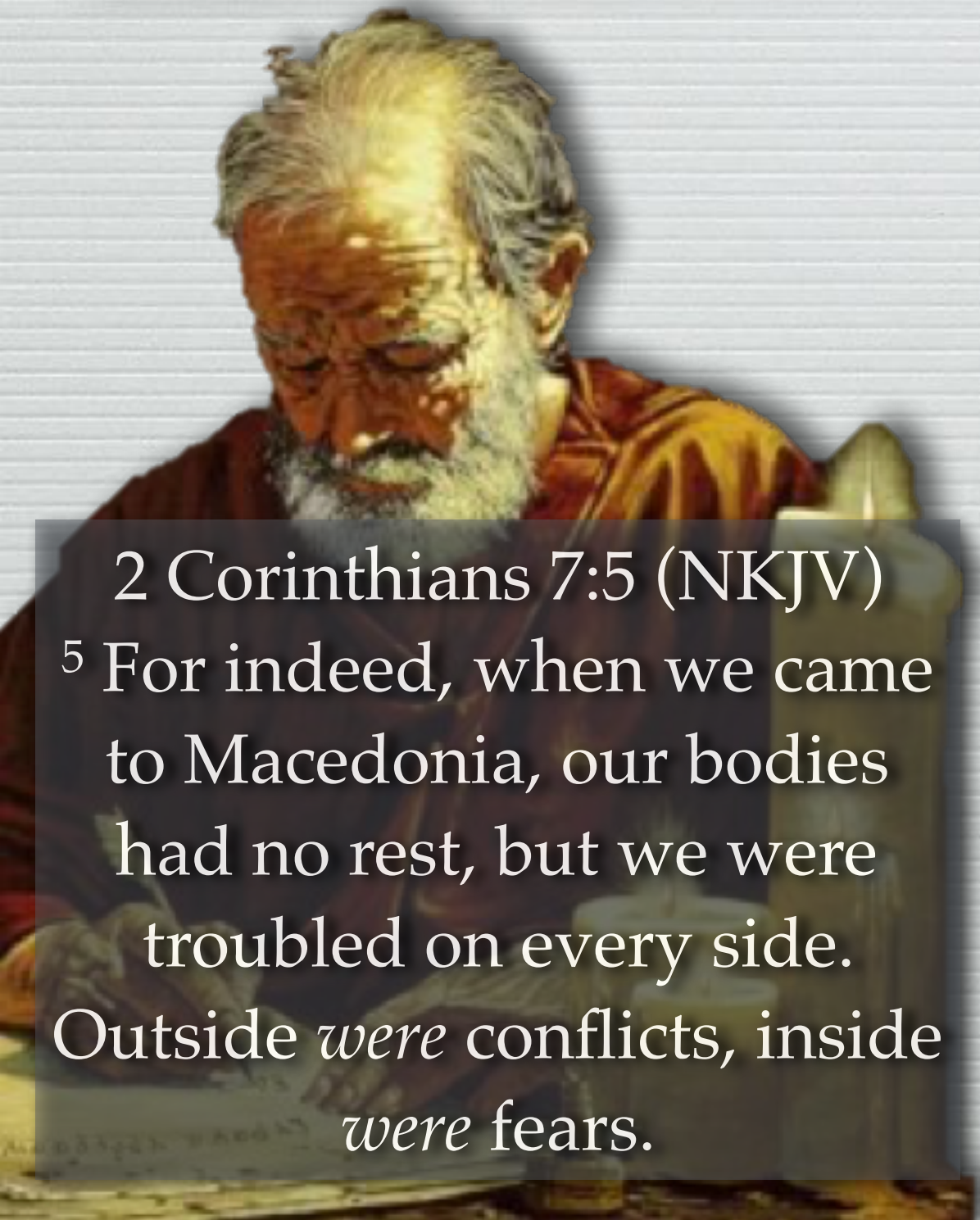
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- ♦ *His concern for them (cf. 2:4)*
- ♦ *His concern for himself — he experienced trouble on every side — (cf. 4:8)*
- ♦ *Paul was deeply concerned for Titus — (2:13)*
- ♦ *Paul was feeling the effects of his battles - but ...*

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Paul's Joy Over Their Repentance - (7:8-11)

- ✦ Paul had not relished his role as a disciplinarian — Yet due of the results, his regret turns to great joy (cf. 2:6; 7:9).



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- ◆ The FRUIT of true repentance - 7:11
 - ❖ Diligence
 - ❖ Clearing of themselves
 - ❖ Indignation (*righteous*)
 - ❖ Fear (*reverence*)
 - ❖ Vehement desire (*right*)
 - ❖ Zeal - (*effort*)
- ◆ Proved their repentance!

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Paul's Concern Was Their Obedience - (7:12)

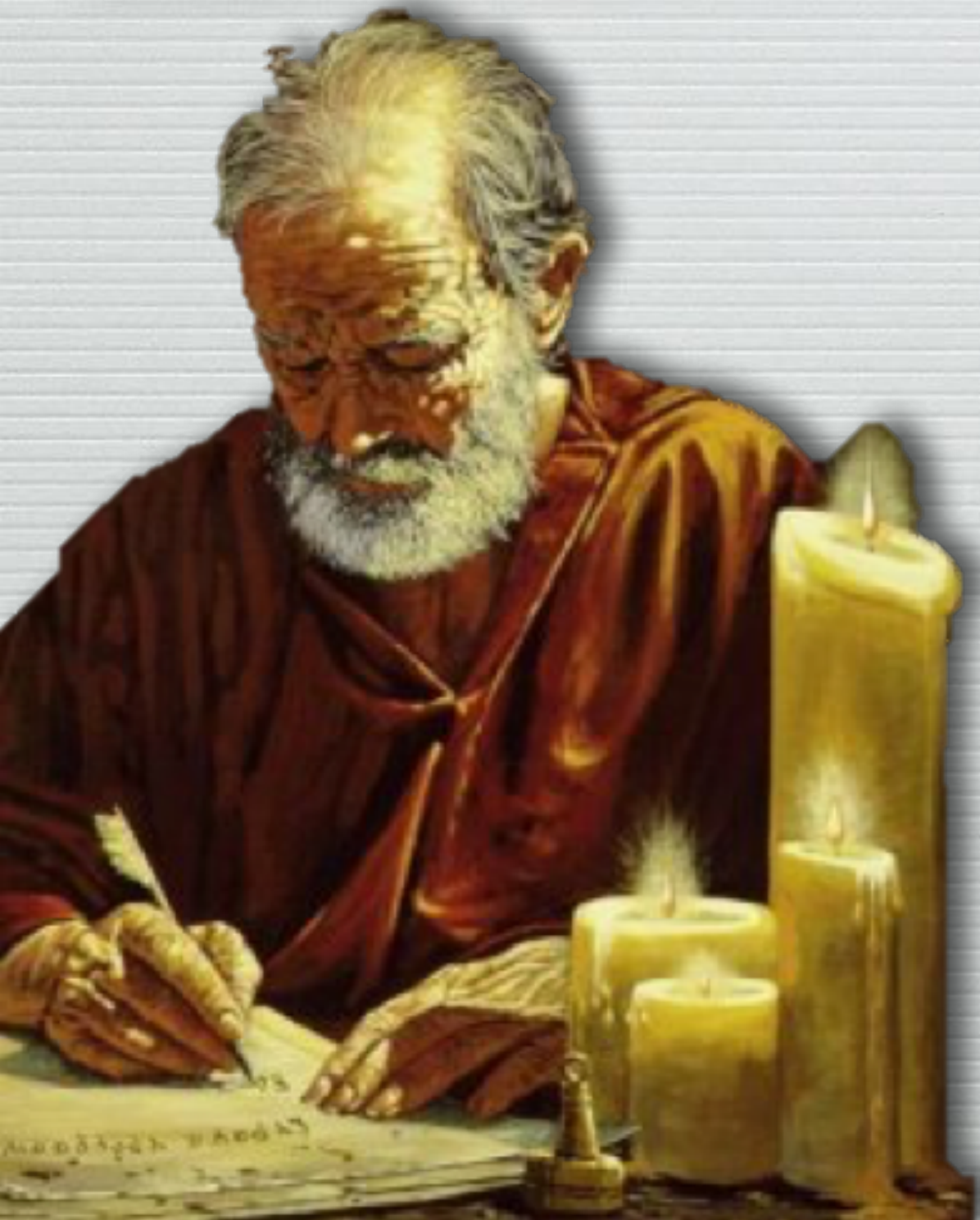


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- ✦ Paul's primary concern was that the Corinthian's deal with the sin that was in the camp — (1 Cor. 5)
- ✦ Also that they accept his authority as an apostle of Jesus Christ — (1 Cor 14:37)
- ✦ Paul rejoiced however at the results for all parties involved.

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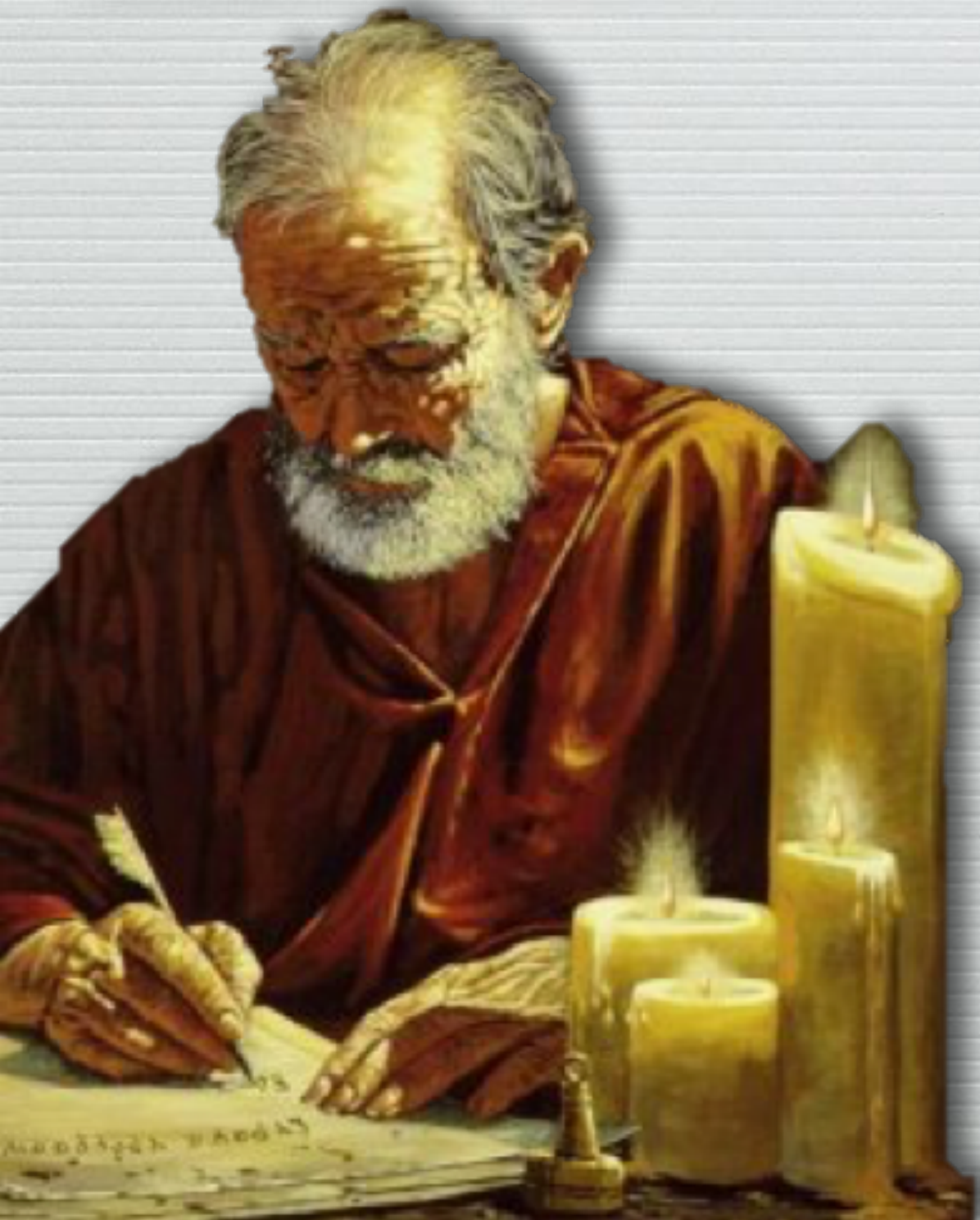


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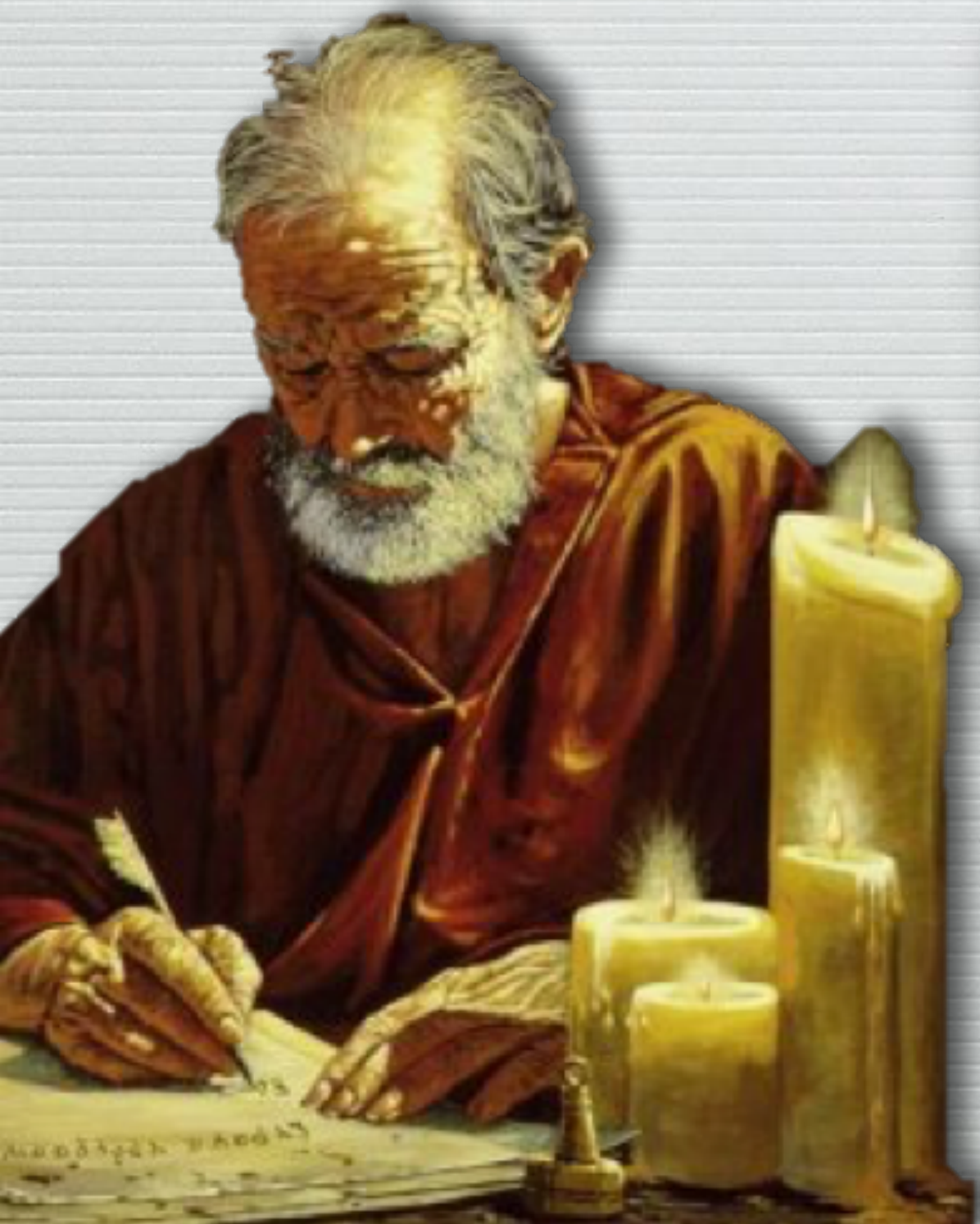
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For Whom does Repentance Bring Joy?

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LUKE 5:29–32 (NKJV)

29 Then Levi gave Him a great feast in his own house. And there were a great number of tax collectors and others who sat down with them. 30 And their scribes and the Pharisees complained against His disciples, saying, “Why do You eat and drink with tax collectors and sinners?”

LUKE 5:29–32 (NKJV)

³¹ Jesus answered and said to them, “Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. ³² I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners, to repentance.”