

"The PATIENCE of Christ"

Luke 8:22-25

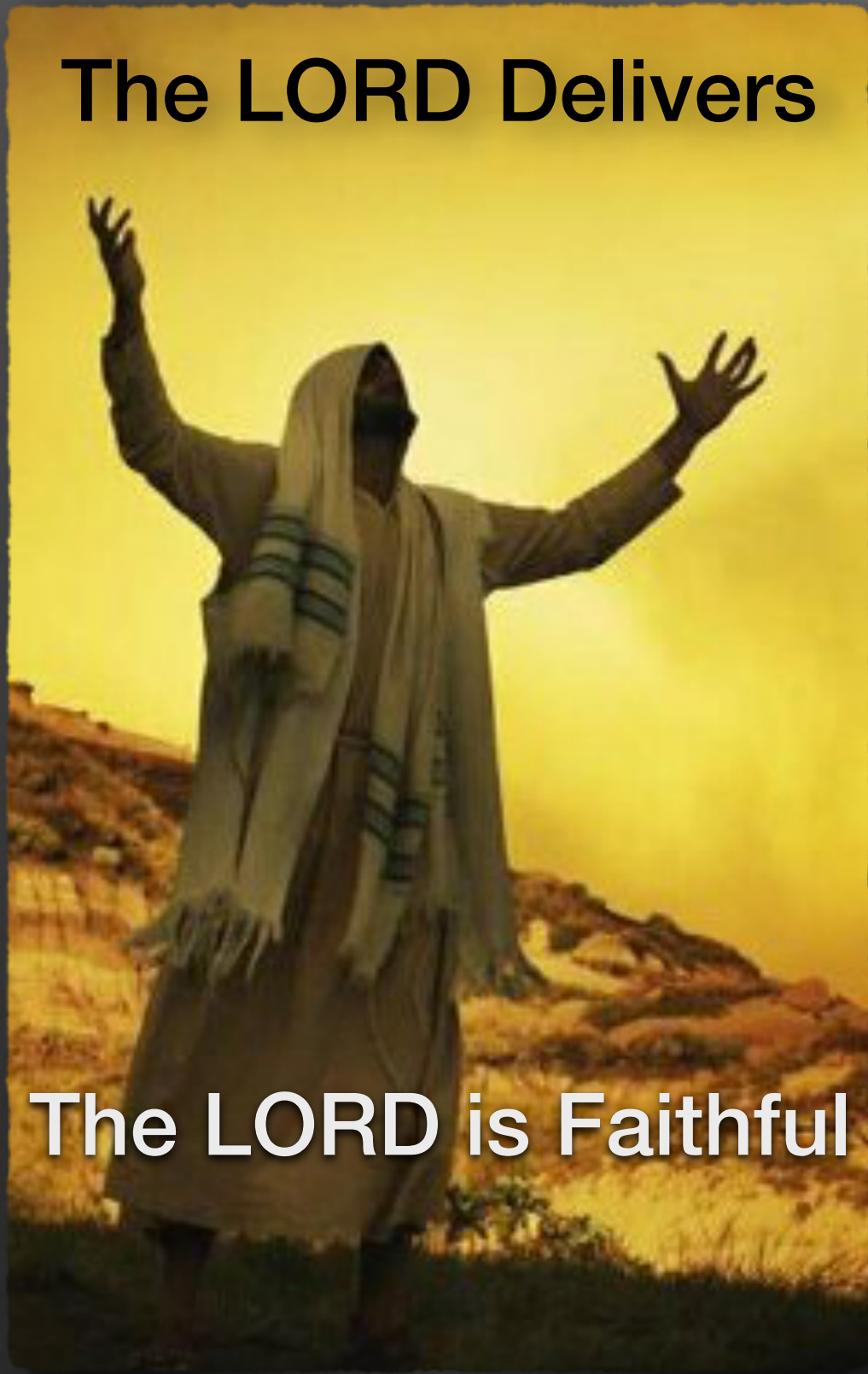
*⁵ "Now may the Lord direct your hearts into the love of
God and into the patience of Christ." -
2 Thessalonians 3:5 (NKJV)*

2 THESSALONIANS 3:1-5 (NKJV)

¹ Finally, brethren, pray for us, that the word of the Lord may run *swiftly* and be glorified, just as *it is* with you, ² and that we may be delivered from unreasonable and wicked men; for not all have faith. ³ But the Lord is faithful, who will establish you and guard you from the evil one. ⁴ And we have confidence in the Lord concerning you, both that you do and will do the things we command you. ⁵ Now may the Lord direct your hearts into the love of God and into the patience of Christ.

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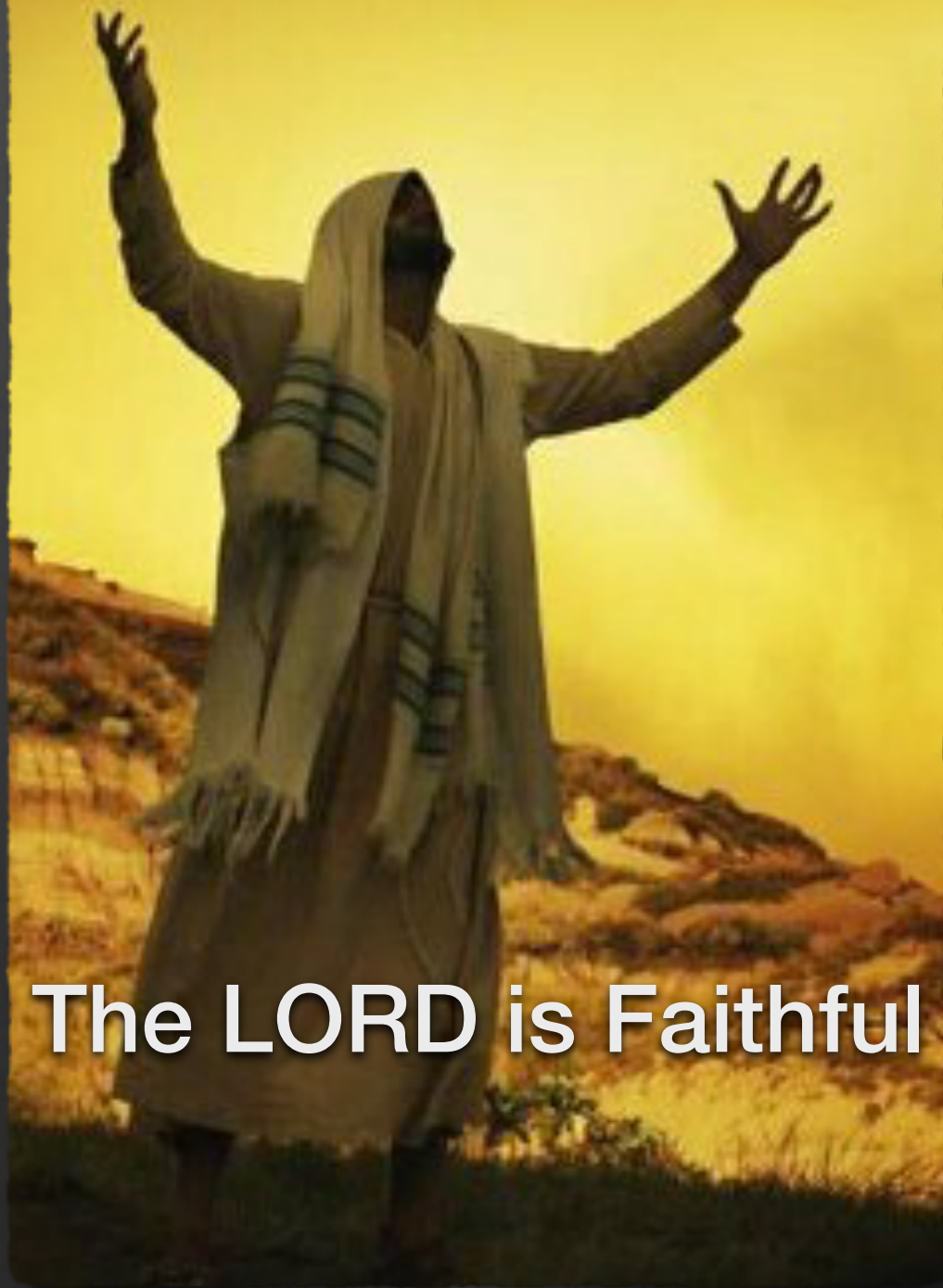
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PSALM 34:4 (NKJV)

**4 I sought the
Lord, and He
heard me, And
delivered me
from all my
fears.**

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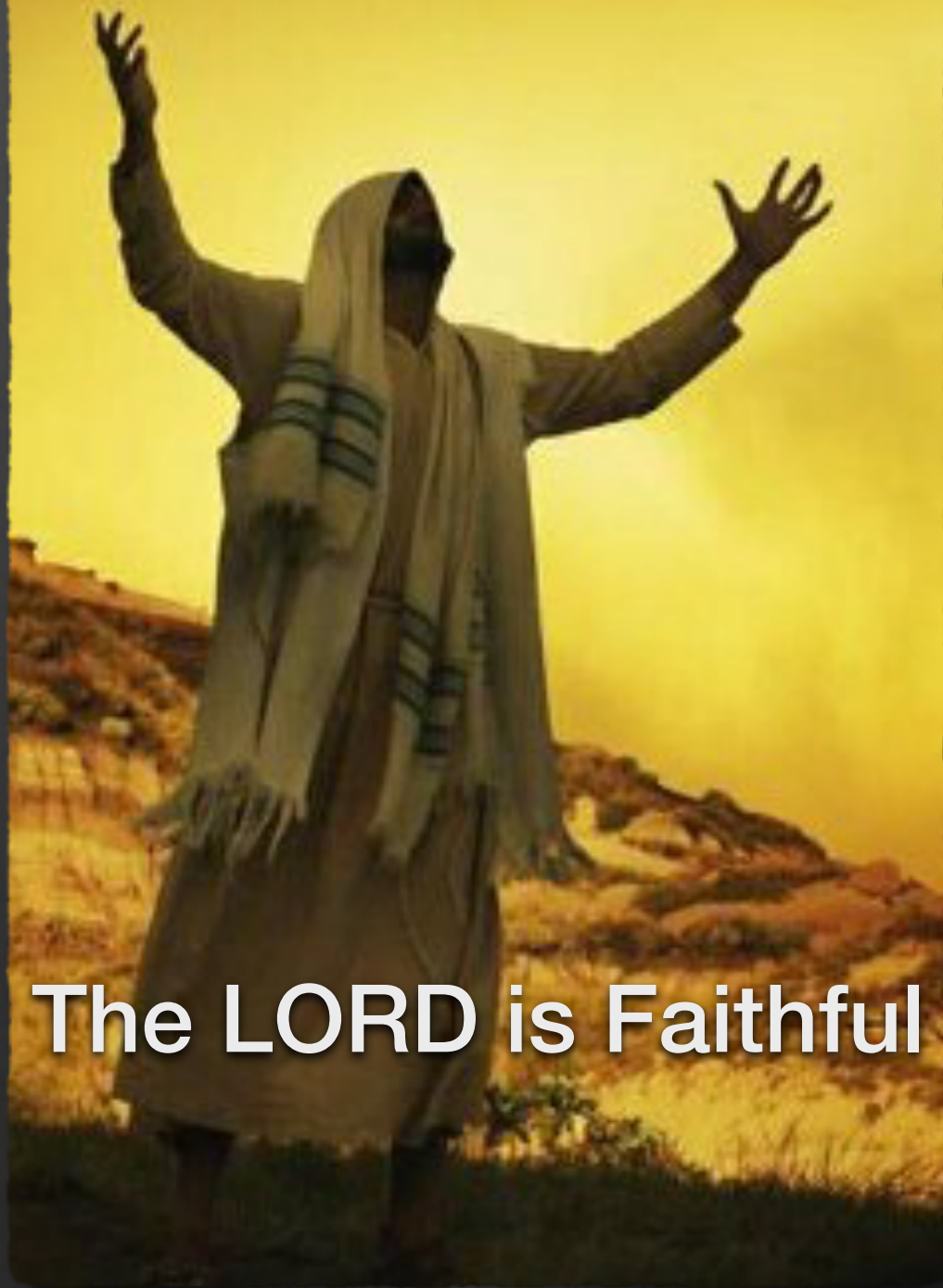
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**1 CORINTHIANS 10:13
(NKJV)**

¹³ No temptation has overtaken you except such as is common to man; but God is faithful, who will not allow you to be tempted beyond what you are able, but with the temptation will also make the way of escape, that you may be able to bear *it*.

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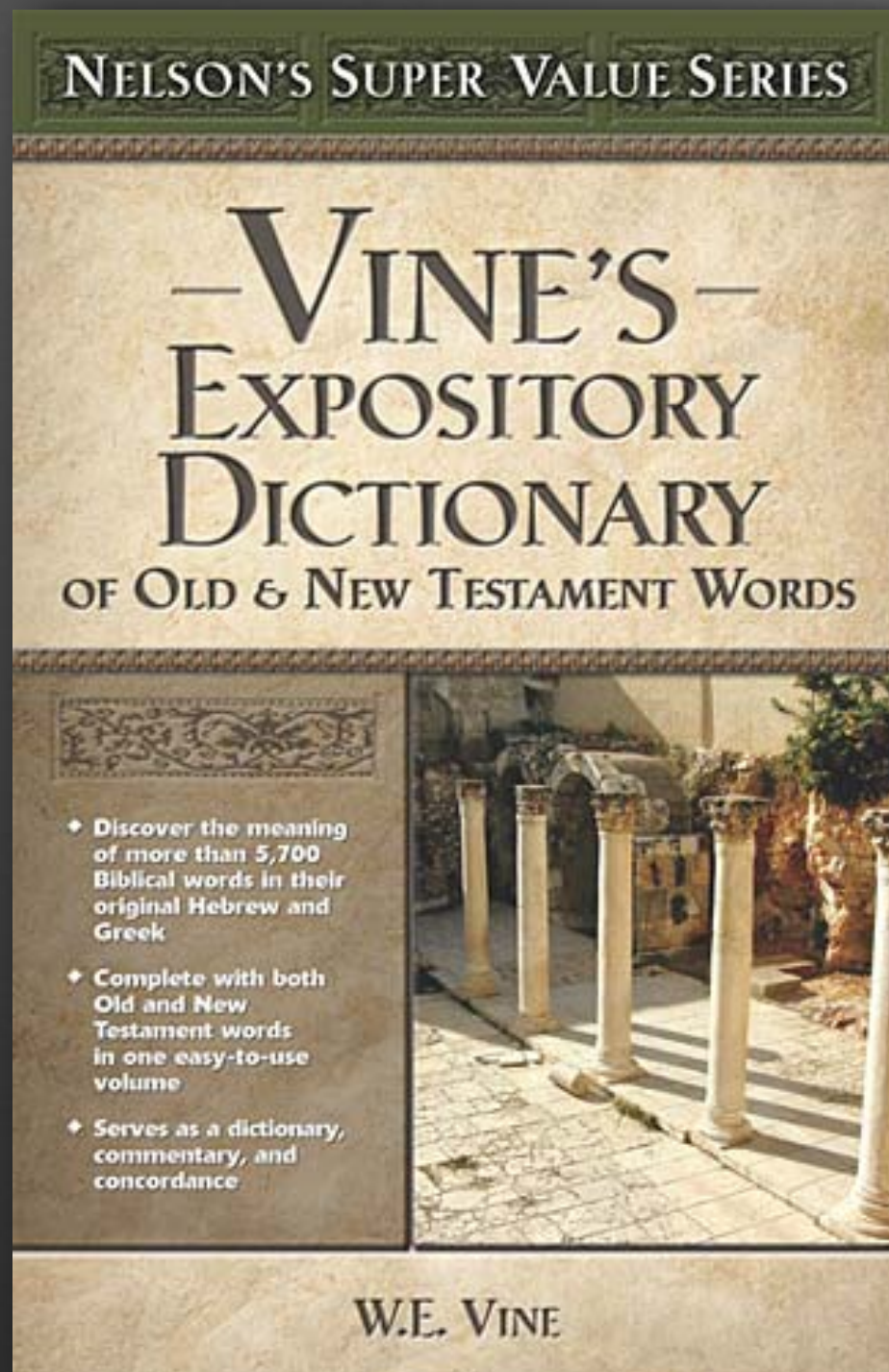
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1 Chronicles 29:18 (NKJV)

¹⁸ O Lord God of Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, our fathers, keep this forever in the intent of the thoughts of the heart of Your people, and fix their heart toward You.

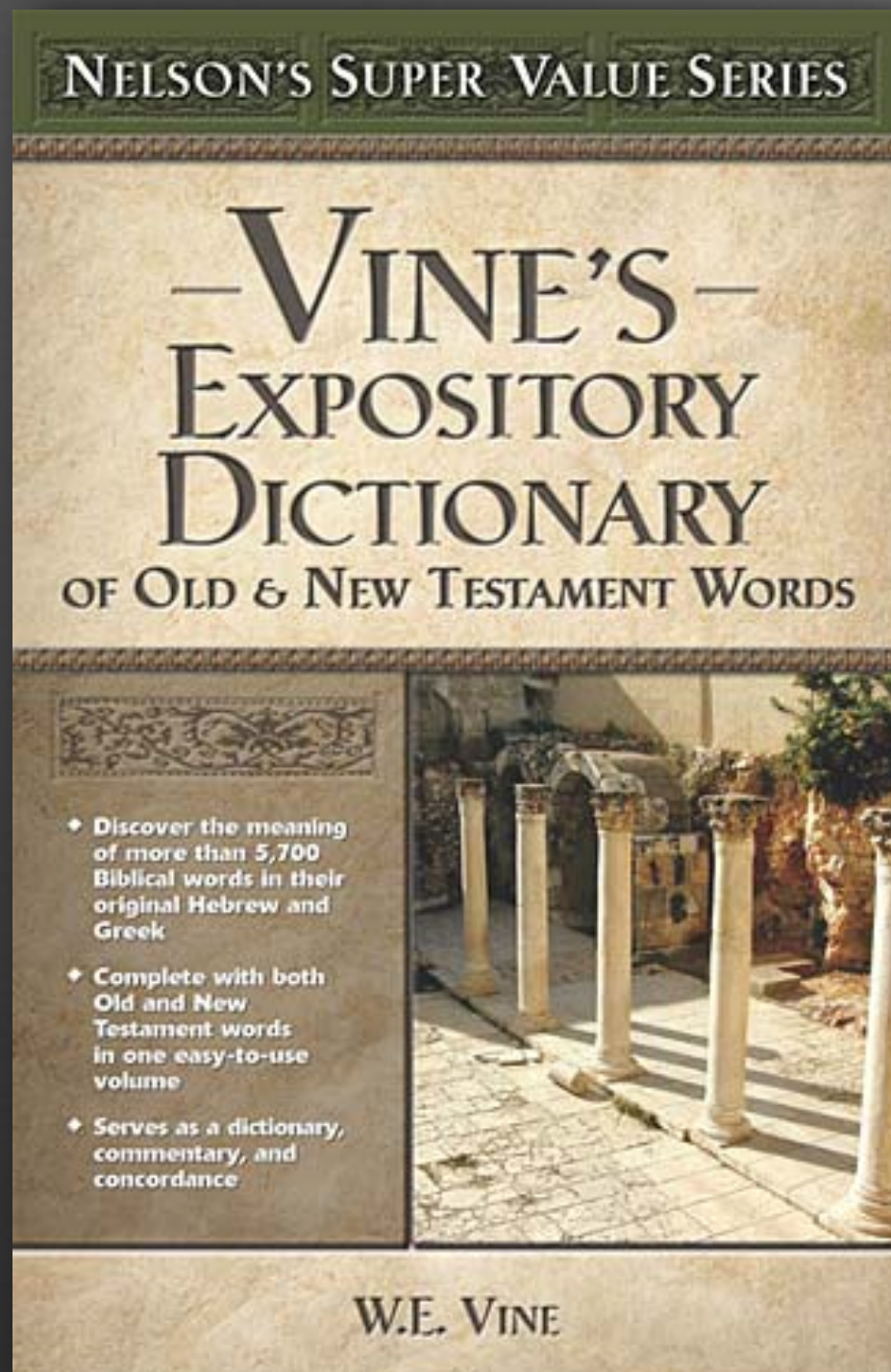
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I. **Patience** - *hupomone*
(ὑπομονή, 5281), lit., "an
abiding under" (*hupo*,
"under," *meno*, "to abide"),
is almost invariably
rendered "patience." ... =
endurance. ...



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... “In 2 Thess. 3:5, the phrase ‘the patience of Christ,’ *rv*, may ... *be* paraphrased: ‘the Lord teach and enable you to love as God loves, and to be patient as Christ is patient.’”*

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HEBREWS 12:1-4
(NKJV)

¹ Therefore we also, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which so easily ensnares us, and let us run with **endurance** the race that is set before us,

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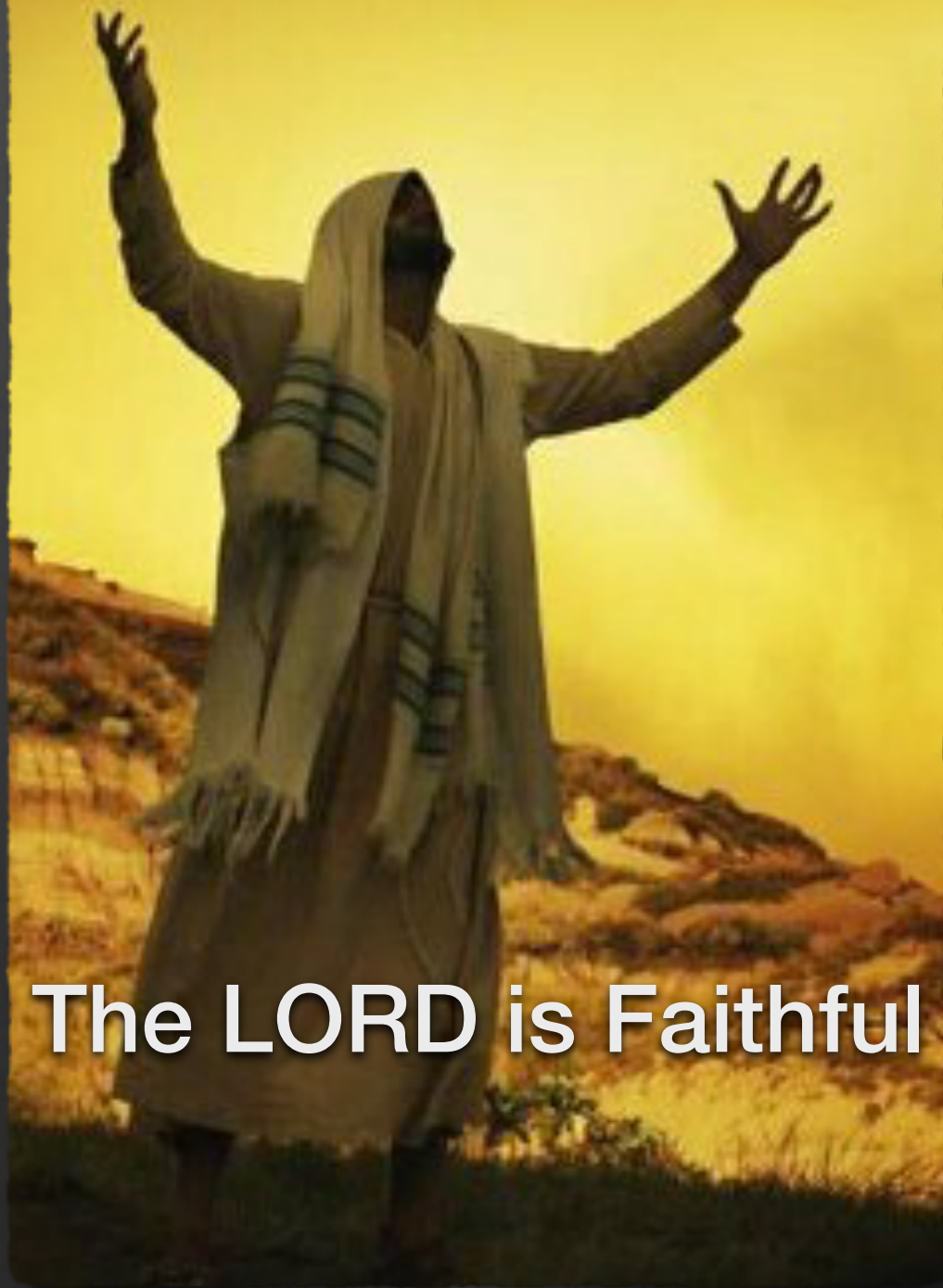
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(NKJV)

² looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of *our* faith, who for the joy that was set before Him **endured** the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.

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HEBREWS 12:1-4
(NKJV)

³ For consider Him who **endured** such hostility from sinners against Himself, lest you become weary and discouraged in your souls.
⁴ You have not yet resisted to bloodshed, striving against sin.

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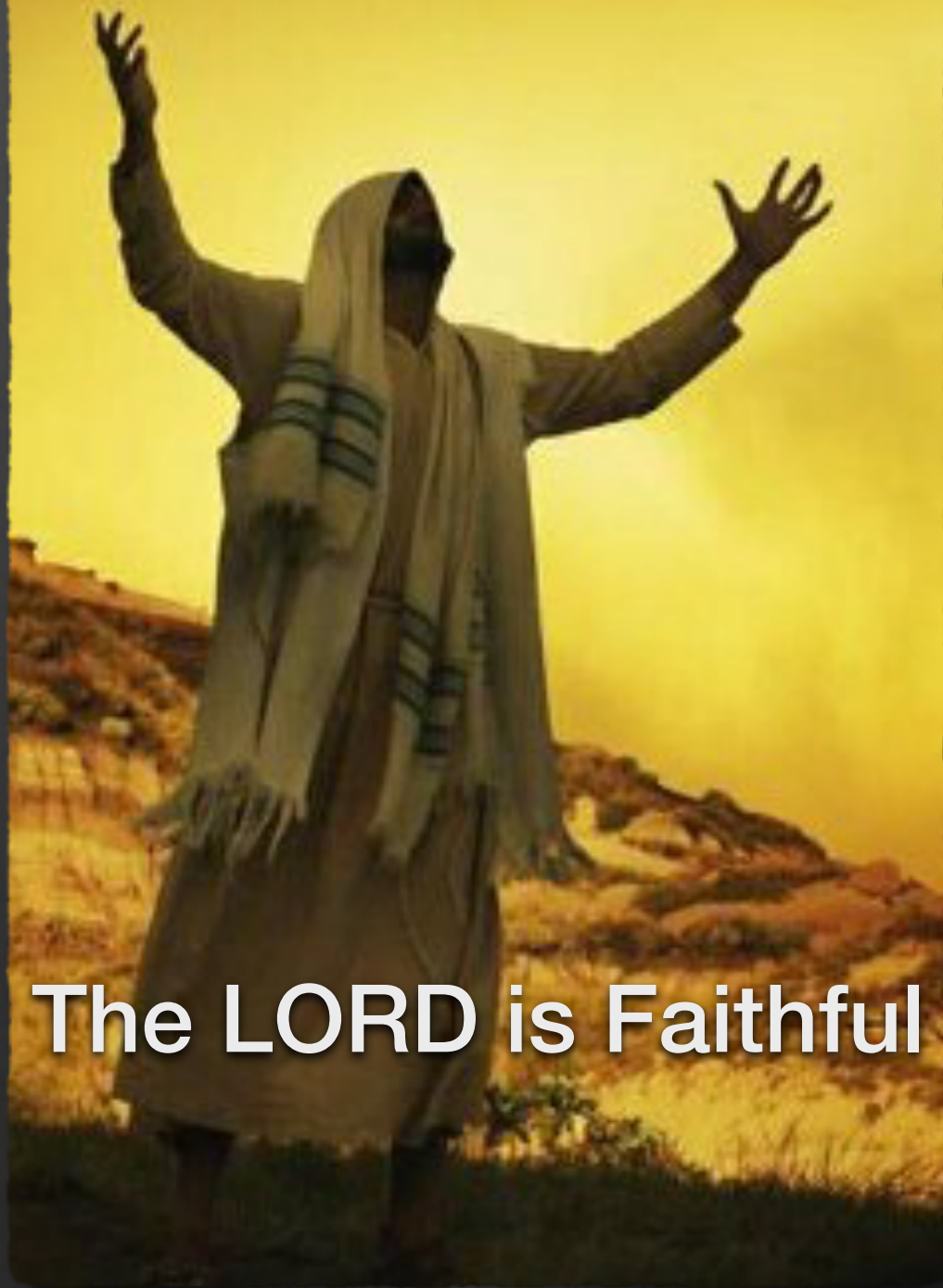
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2 CORINTHIANS 1:6
(NKJV)

⁶ Now if we are afflicted, *it is* for your consolation and salvation, which is effective for **enduring** the same sufferings which we also suffer. Or if we are comforted, *it is* for your consolation and salvation.

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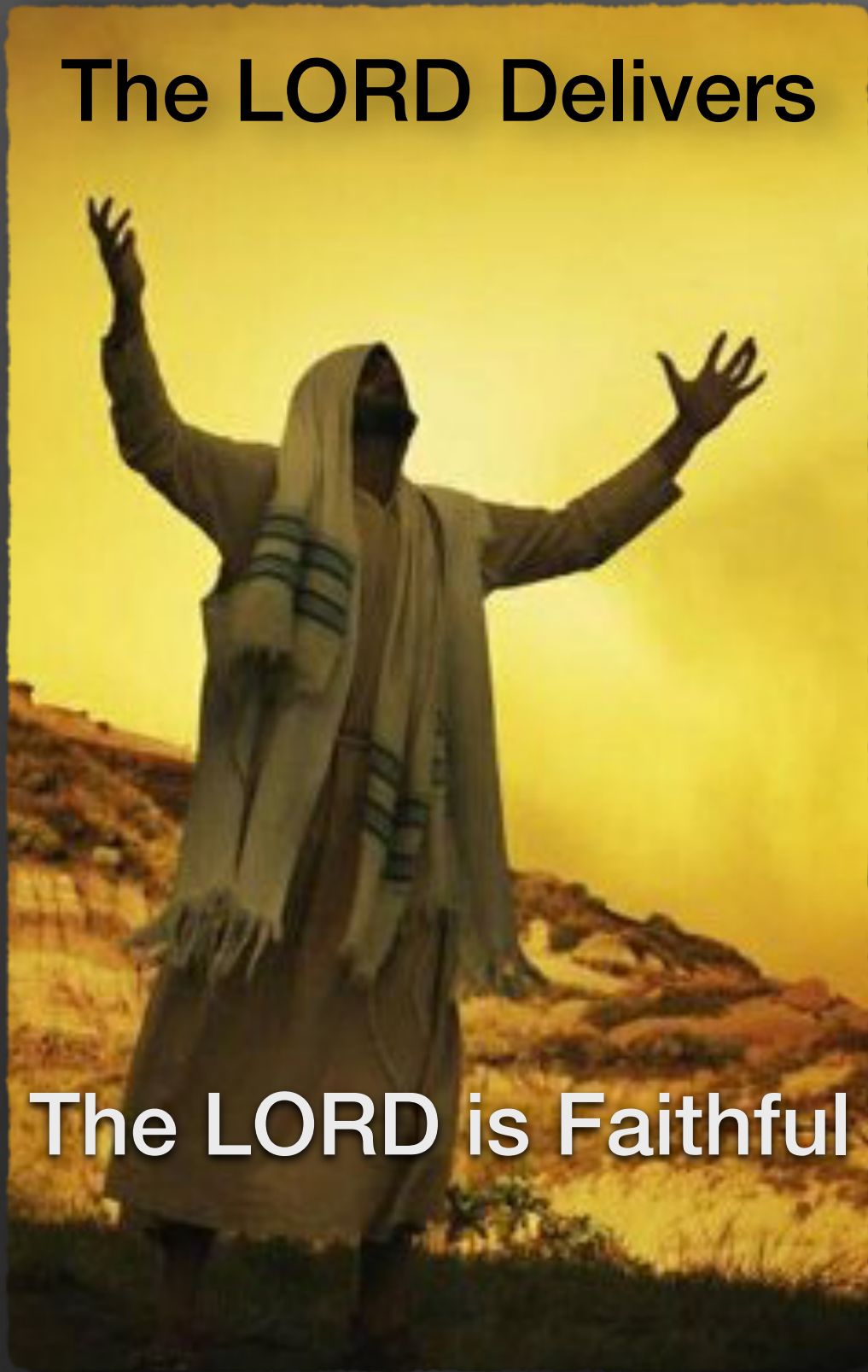
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LUKE 8:15 (NKJV)

¹⁵ But the ones *that* fell on the good ground are those who, having heard the word with a noble and good heart, keep *it* and bear fruit with **patience.**

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LUKE 21:19 (NKJV)

**19 By your
patience
possess your
souls.**

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ROMANS 2:6-7
(NKJV)

⁶ who “will render to each one according to his deeds”: ⁷ eternal life to those who by **patient continuance** in doing good seek for glory, honor, and immortality;

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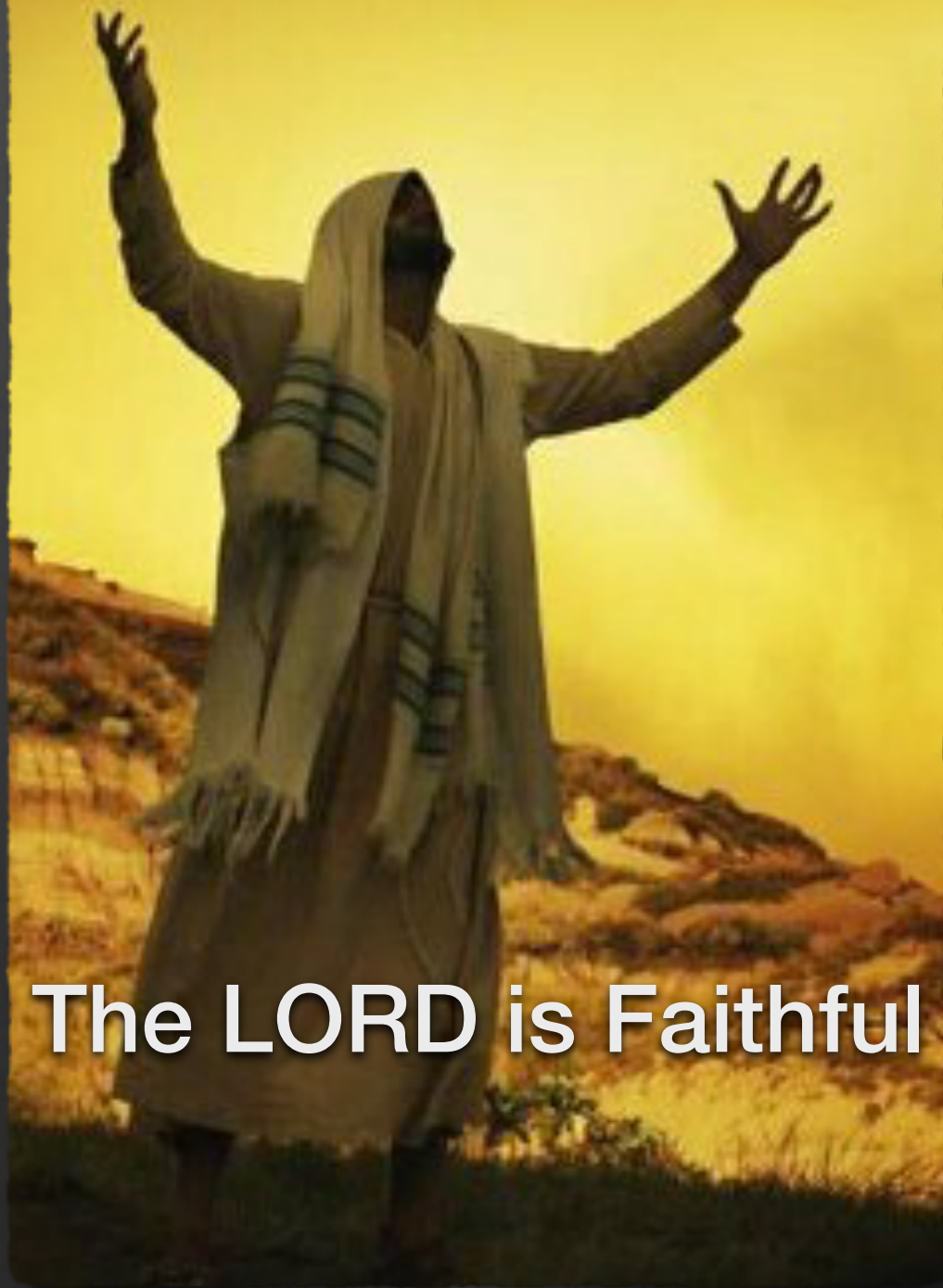
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ROMANS 5:1-4
(NKJV)

¹ Therefore, having been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, ² through whom also we have access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and rejoice in hope of the glory of God.

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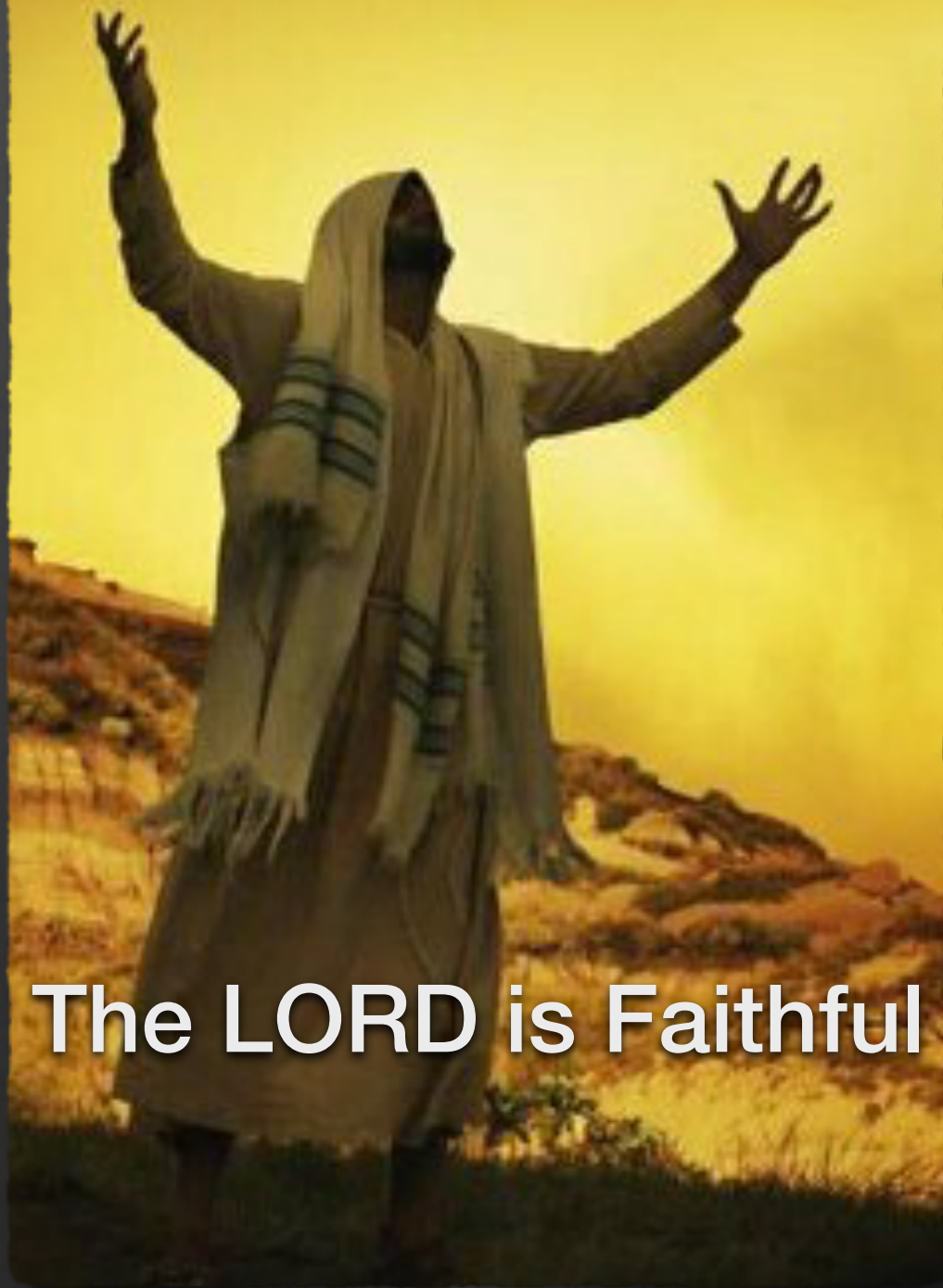
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(NKJV)

³ And not only *that*, but we also glory in tribulations, knowing that tribulation produces **perseverance**; ⁴ and **perseverance**, character; and character, hope.

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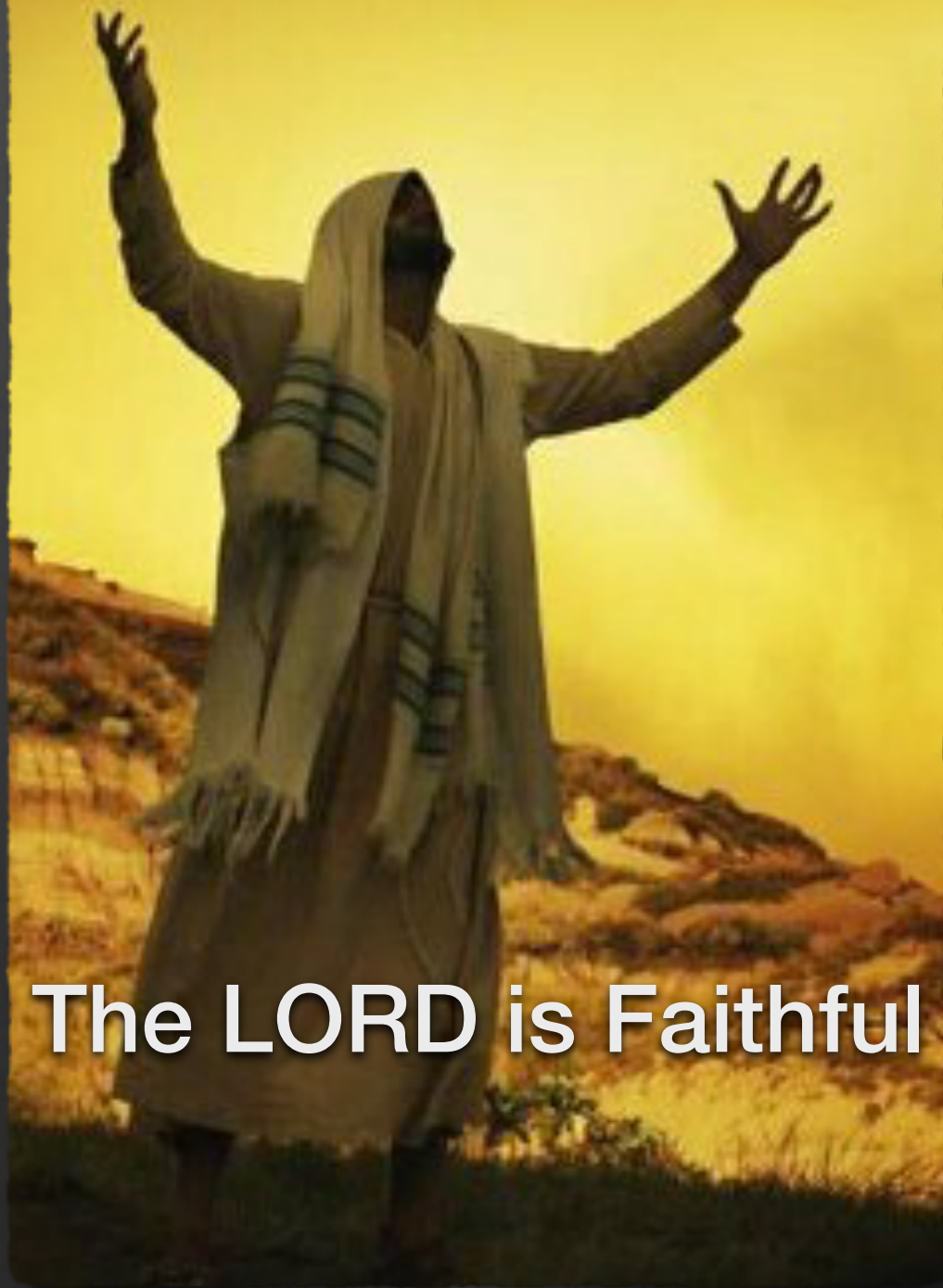
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ROMANS 8:24-25
(NKJV)

²⁴ For we were saved in this hope, but hope that is seen is not hope; for why does one still hope for what he sees? ²⁵ But if we hope for what we do not see, we eagerly wait for it with **perseverance**.

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1 THESSALONIANS 1:3
(NKJV)

³ remembering
without ceasing your
work of faith, labor of
love, and **patience** of
hope in our Lord Jesus
Christ in the sight of
our God and Father,

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HEBREWS 10:36-39
(NKJV)

³⁶ For you have need of **endurance**, so that after you have done the will of God, you may receive the promise: ... ³⁸ *Now the just shall live by faith; But if anyone draws back, My soul has no pleasure in him.*" ³⁹

But we are not of those who draw back to perdition, but of those who believe to the saving of the soul.

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2. *makrothumeo*

(μακροθυμέω, 3114), akin to A, No. 2, "to be long-tempered," is translated "to have patience," or "to be patient," in Matt.

18:26, 29; 1 Thess. 5:14, kjv ... Jas. 5:7 (1st part, "be patient"; 2nd part, rv, "being patient," ...

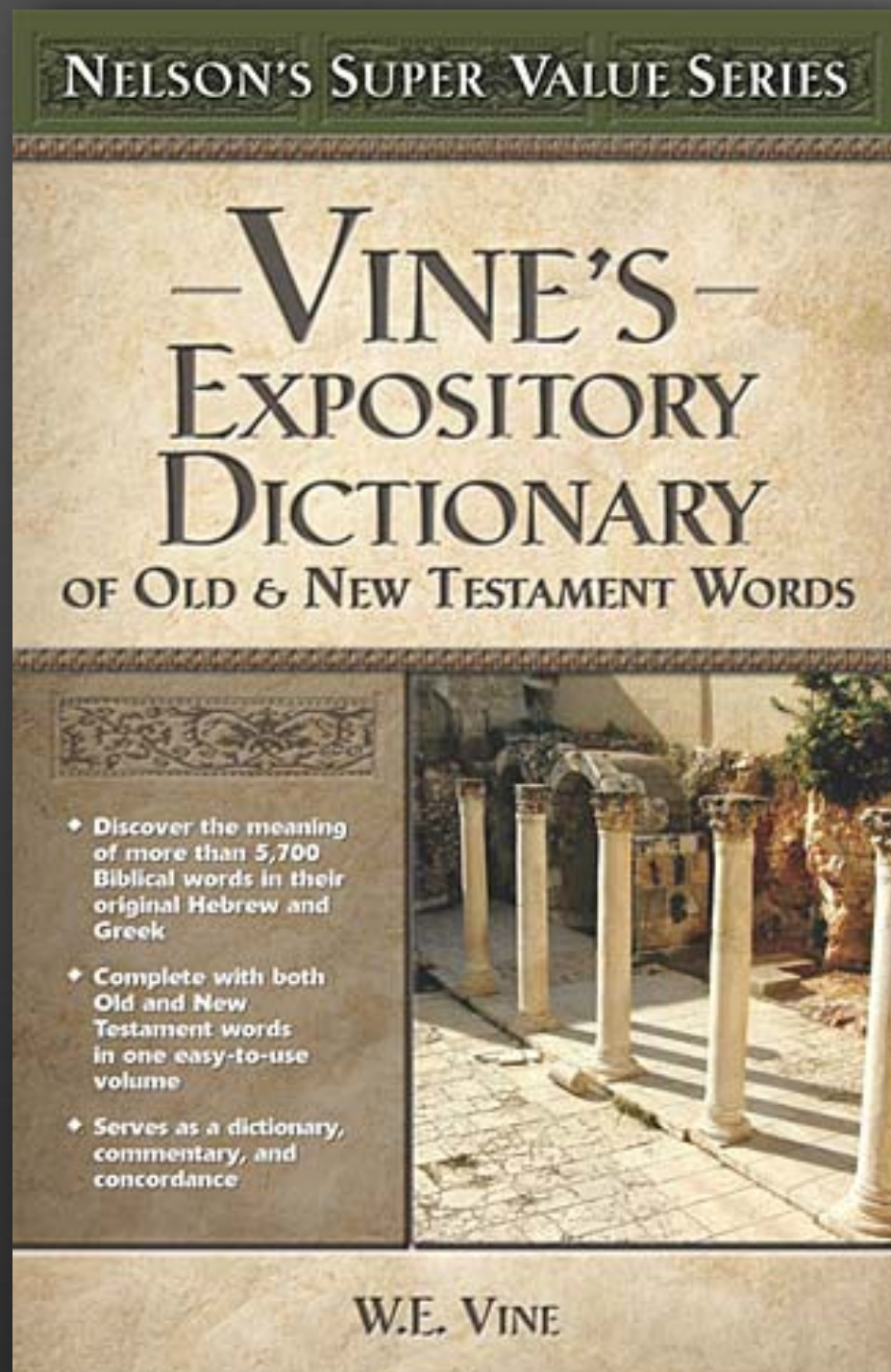
Vine, W. E.,

COLOSSIANS 1:10-11 (NKJV)

¹⁰ that you may walk worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing Him, being fruitful in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God; ¹¹ strengthened with all might, according to His glorious power, for all **patience** and **longsuffering** with joy;

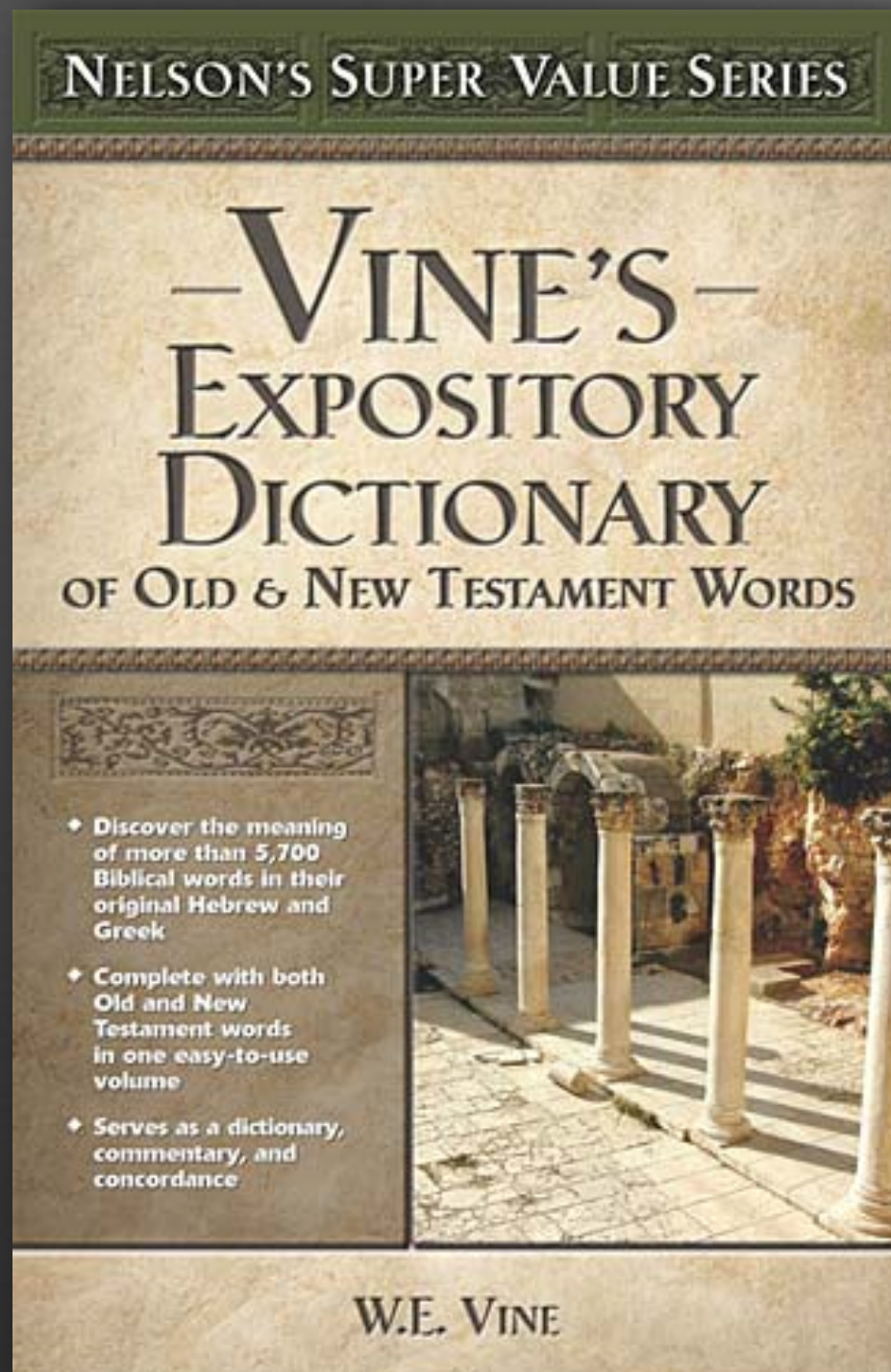
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"Longsuffering is that quality of self-restraint in the face of provocation which does not hastily retaliate or promptly punish; it is the opposite of anger, and is associated with mercy, and is used of God, **Exod. 34:6 (Sept.); Rom. 2:4; 1 Pet. 3:20.**



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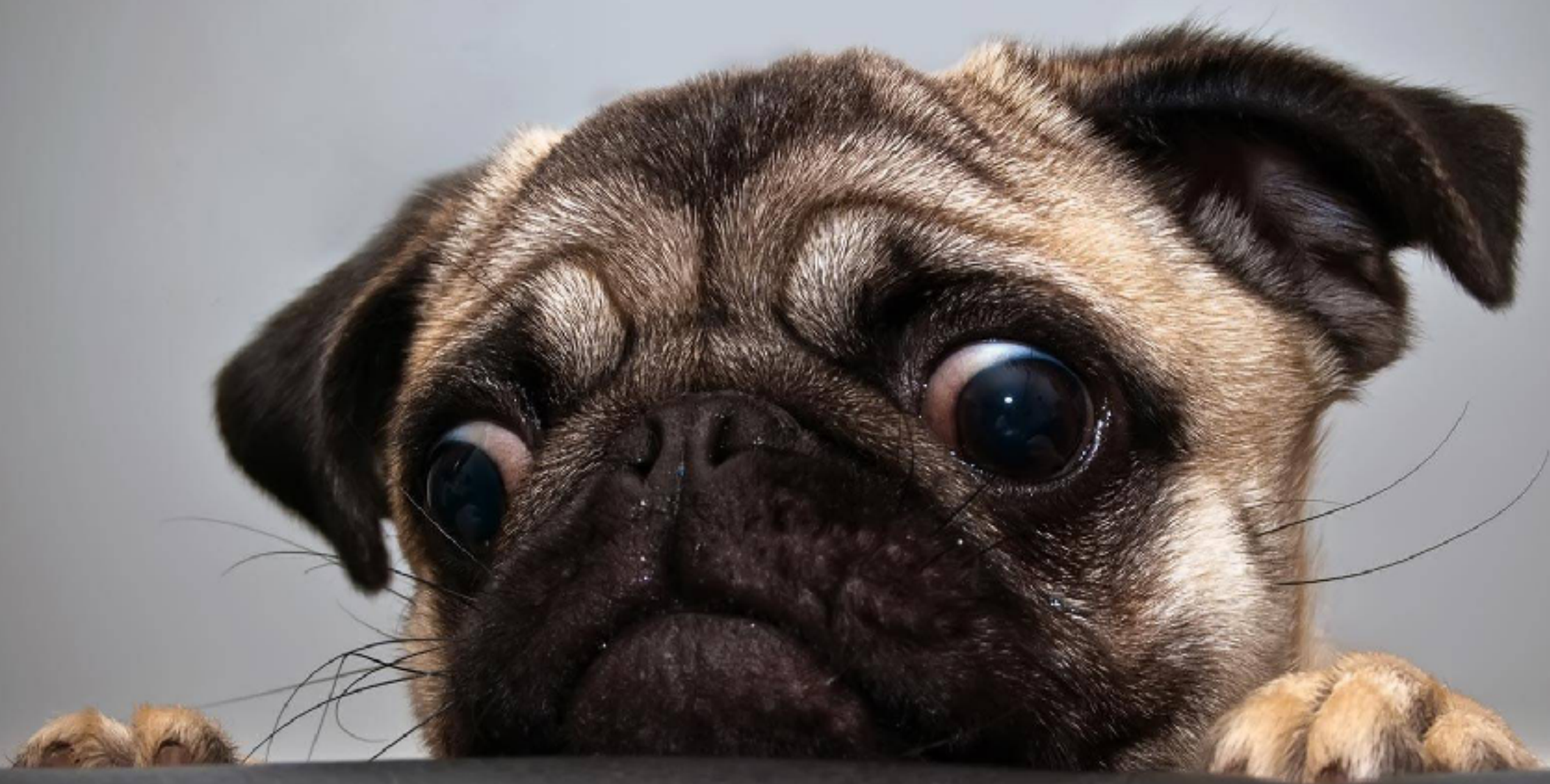
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“Patience is the quality that does not surrender to circumstances or succumb under trial; it is the opposite of despondency and is associated with hope, 1 Thess. 1:3; it is not used of God.”

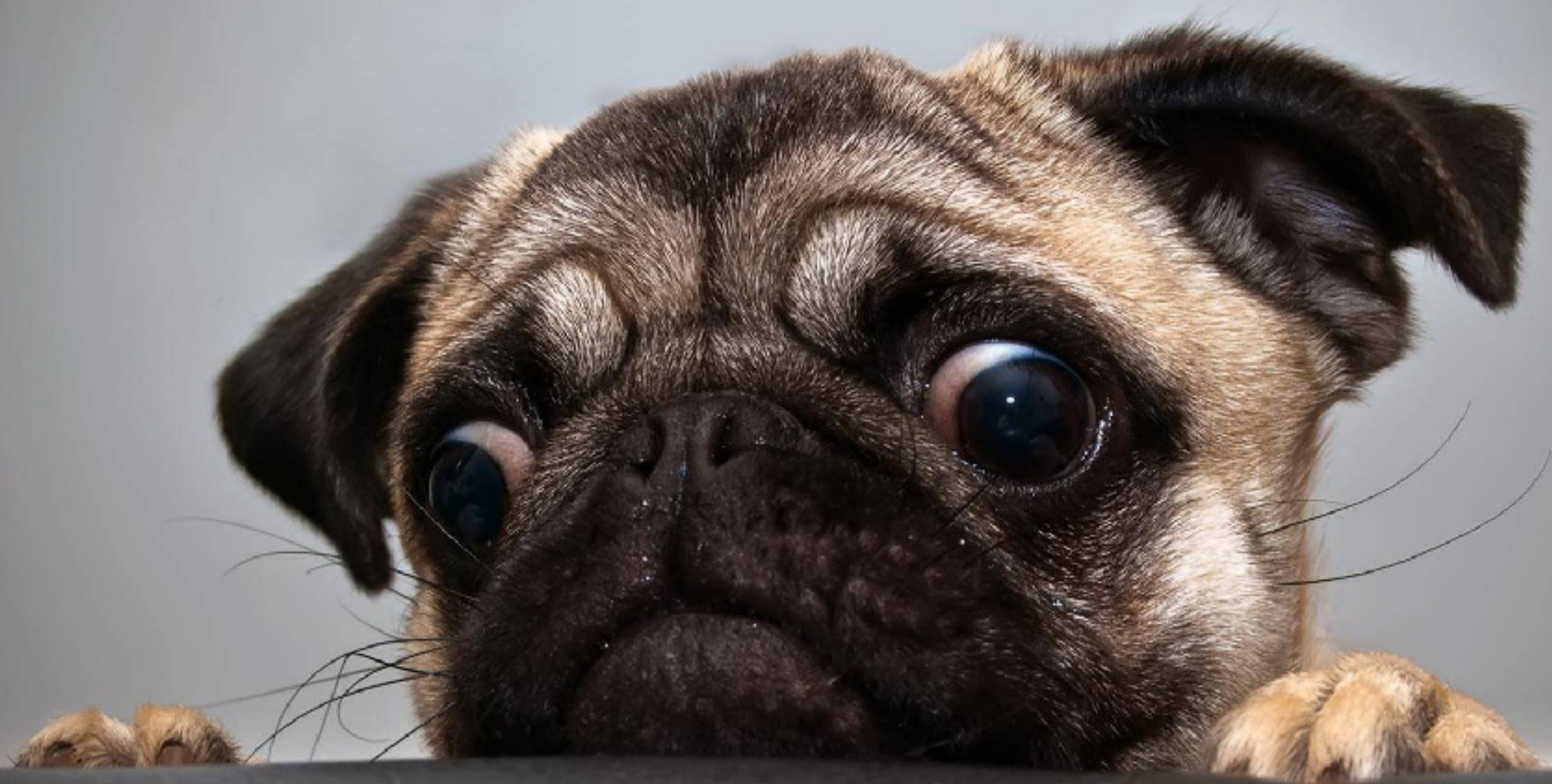
[From Notes on Thessalonians, by Hogg and Vine, pp. 183,184.]—

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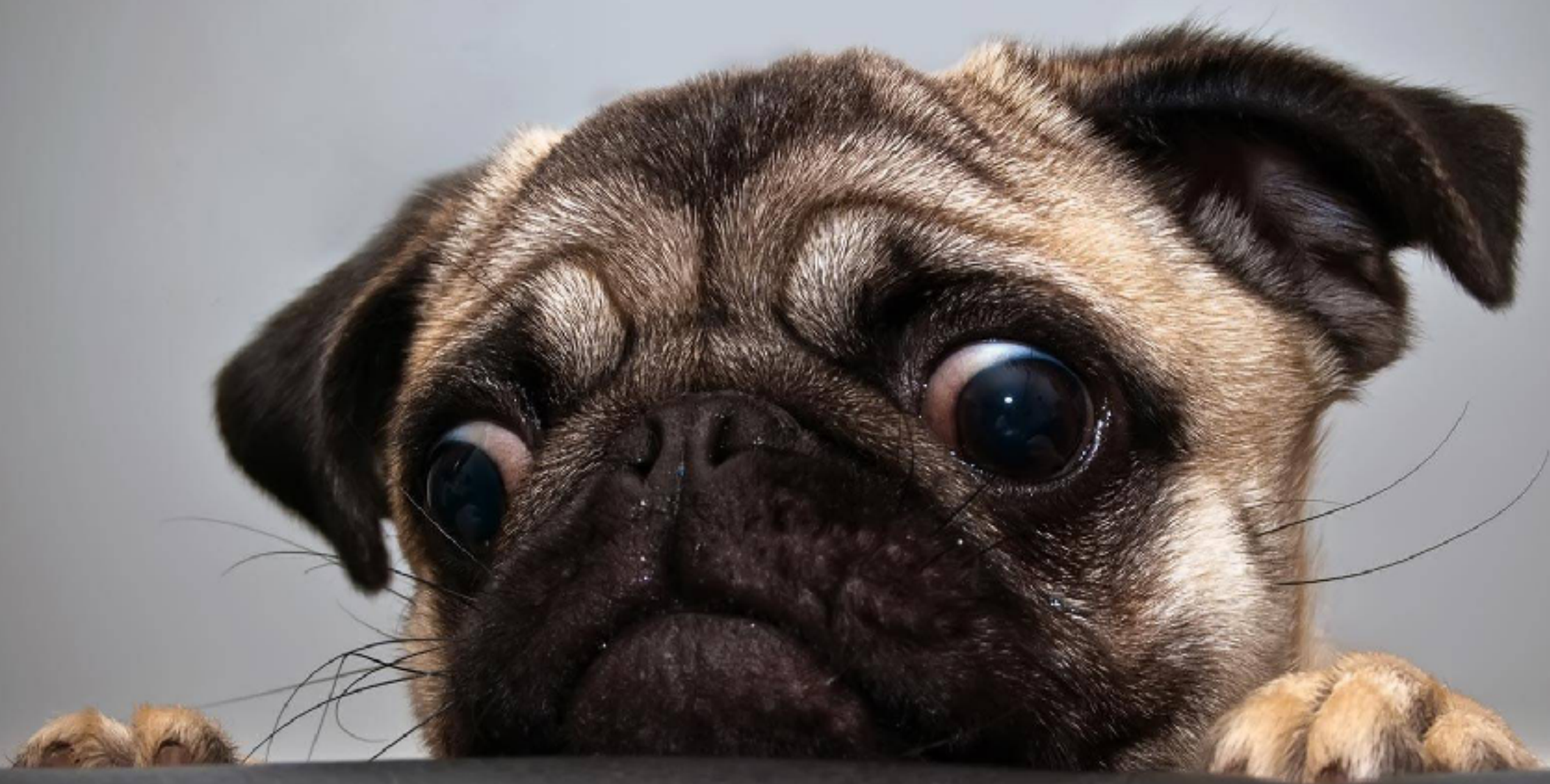
Psalms 37:7 (NKJV) - "Rest in the LORD, and wait patiently for Him; Do not fret because of him who prospers in his way, Because of the man who brings wicked schemes to pass."

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“Patience is waiting. Not passively waiting. That is laziness. But to keep going when the going is hard and slow - that is patience.” (Author Unknown)

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"Patience is not passive; on the contrary, it is active; it is concentrated strength" - Edward G. Bulwer- (British politician, poet, critic and prolific novelist, 1803-1873)

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JAMES 5:7-10 (NKJV)

⁷ Therefore be patient, brethren, until the coming of the Lord. See *how* the farmer waits for the precious fruit of the earth, waiting patiently for it until it receives the early and latter rain. ⁸ You also be patient. Establish your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is at hand. ⁹ Do not grumble against one another, brethren, lest you be condemned. Behold, the Judge is standing at the door!

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JAMES 5:7-10 (NKJV)

¹⁰ My brethren, take the prophets, who spoke in the name of the Lord, as an example of suffering and patience. ¹¹

Indeed we count them blessed who endure. You have heard of the perseverance of Job and seen the end *intended by* the Lord—that the Lord is very compassionate and merciful.

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"Therefore Be Patient Brethren"

James 5:7-12



- The need for continuance – (vs. 7; Rom. 2:7; Heb. 6:11,12; Rev. 2:10)
- Example of the farmer – (vs. 7; Dependence upon God's provisions – Hos. 6:3; Joel 2:23)
- Establish your hearts – (vs. 8; Ps 27:14; 28:7; 112:7,8; Prov. 3:5; 4:23)
- Do not complain and grumble – (vs. 9; 1 Cor. 10:10; 1 Pet. 4:9)

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**Until the coming of
the Lord (7)**

**For the coming of the
Lord is at hand (8)**

**The judge is standing
at the door (9)**

**Lest you fall into
judgment (12)**

- Consider the prophets and their end – (vs. 10, 11a; Acts 7:52; Heb. 11:32-12:3; Mat. 5:10,11; 10:22)
- Consider the perseverance of Job and the end intended by God – (vs. 11; Job 23:10; 42:10-17; Ecl. 7:8; 1 Pt. 1:6,7; 2 Pet. 2:9)
- Consider our lack of control – (vs. 12; 4:13-17; Mat. 5:33-37; 6:25-34)

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JOB 13:13-16 (NKJV)

¹³ "Hold your peace with me, and let me speak, Then let come on me what *may!* ¹⁴ Why do I take my flesh in my teeth, And put my life in my hands? ¹⁵

Though He slay me, yet will I trust Him. Even so, I will defend my own ways before Him. ¹⁶ He also *shall* be my salvation, For a hypocrite could not come before Him.



Until the coming of
the Lord (7)

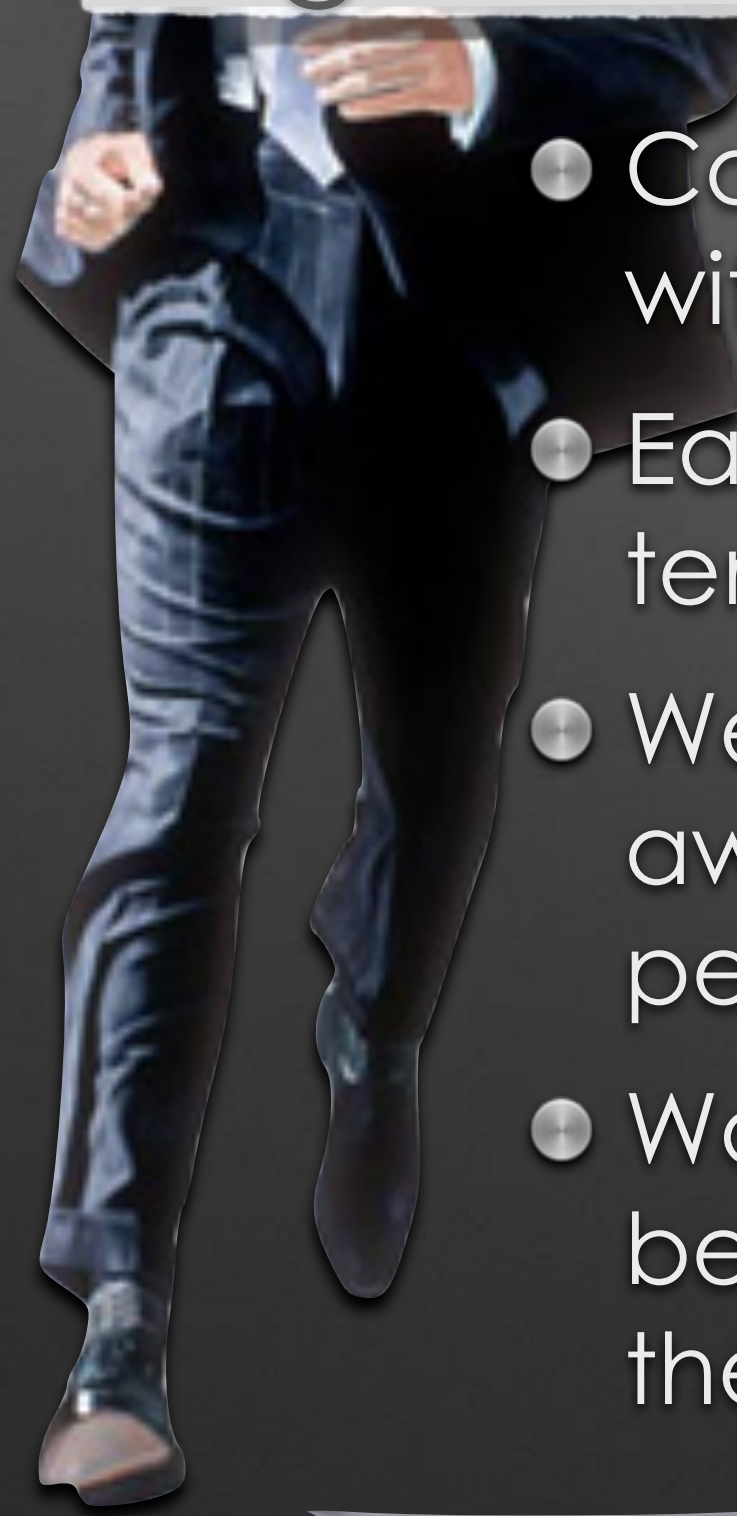
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Negative Consequences Of Impatience

- 
- Constantly dissatisfied, upset, and angry with ourselves -
 - Easily lose our control - outbursts of anger, temper, and blaming others.
 - We become a member of the "throw away" generation, discarding relationships, people, jobs, school, churches etc.
 - Waste energy worrying about things beyond our control instead of directing the energy toward things we can.

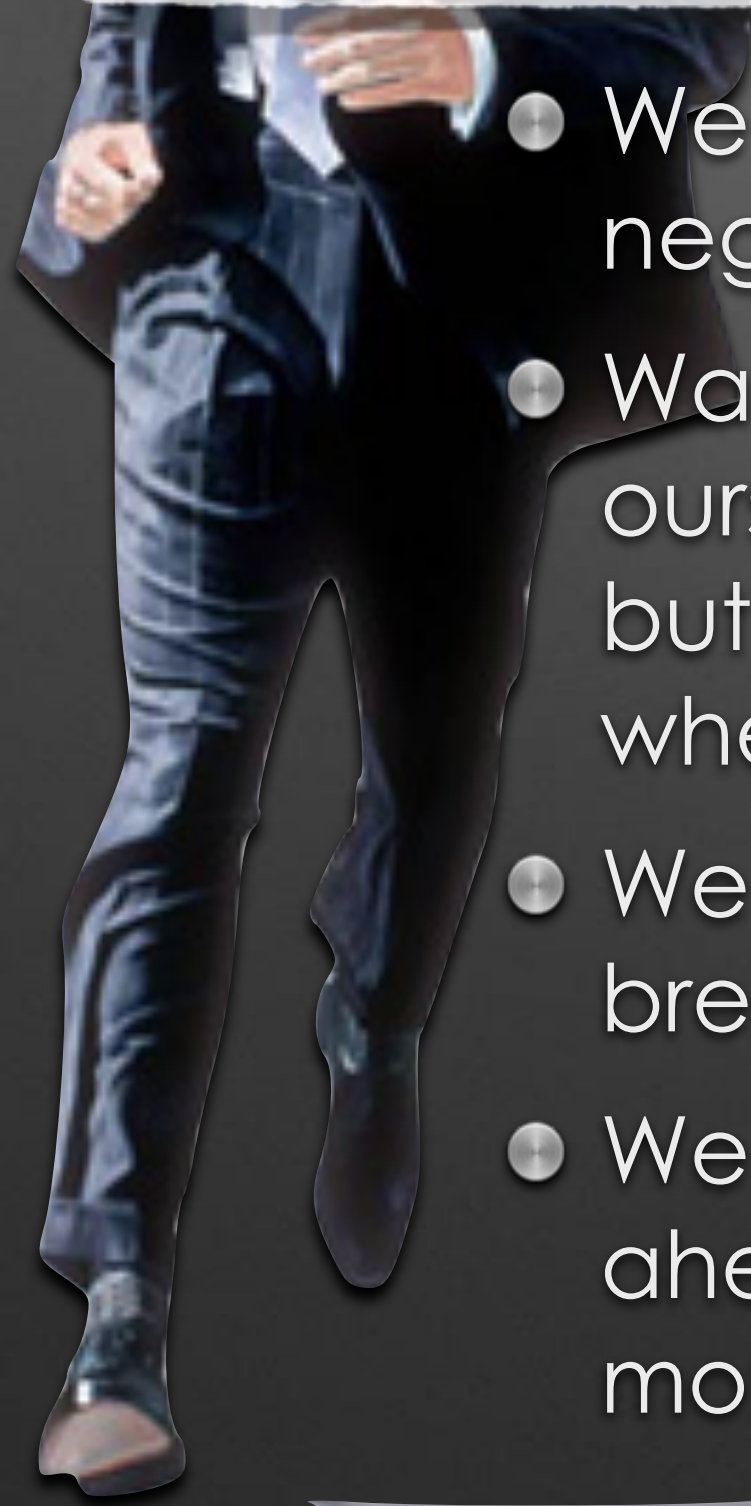
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Negative Consequences Of Impatience

- 
- Withdrawing prematurely from a task, service or duty because we are not seeing an immediate pay off for our efforts.
 - We sacrifice friendships and relationships prematurely because the other person is not changing as quickly or as thoroughly as we desire.
 - We ignore all of the positive gains we and others have made on the road to recovery and growth, only concentrating on what has not yet been accomplished.

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Negative Consequences Of Impatience

- 
- We become pessimistic about life and neglect to count our blessings.
 - Wanting to see certain results now, we burn ourselves out – we rush things, neglect small but necessary things, & become discouraged when the goals are not instantly realized.
 - We lose the ability to take a large goal and break it down into manageable increments.
 - We become overwhelmed by the large tasks ahead of us and lose the hope and motivation to keep on trying.

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- Building strength in the physical body requires hard work, time and perseverance –
- Building spiritual strength also requires hard work, time and perseverance –

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- Growth takes time –
- Change takes time –
- Obtaining or achieving anything valuable and important takes time and continual effort –
- Most importantly, it takes trust and confidence in God & His word!

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**"God's way of
answering the
Christian's prayer for
more patience,
experience, hope and
love often is to put
him into the furnace
of affliction"**

Richard Cecil

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James 1:2-4 (NKJV)

² My brethren, count it all joy when you fall into various trials, ³ knowing that the testing of your faith produces patience. ⁴ But let patience have *its* perfect work, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking nothing.

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"Lord grant me the serenity to accept the things I cannot change, the courage to change the things I can, and the wisdom to know the difference."

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5 "Now may the Lord direct your hearts into the love of God and into the patience of Christ." -

2 Thessalonians 3:5 (NKJV)

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HEBREWS 12:1-7 (NKJV)

⁴ You have not yet resisted to bloodshed, striving against sin. ⁵ And you have forgotten the exhortation which speaks to you as to sons: *“My son, do not despise the chastening of the Lord, Nor be discouraged when you are rebuked by Him; ⁶ For whom the Lord loves He chastens, And scourges every son whom He receives.”* ⁷ If you endure chastening, God deals with you as with sons; for what son is there whom a father does not chasten?