

2 CORINTHIANS

A Verse-by-Verse Study



2 Corinthians 10: 4 (NIV)

The weapons we fight with are not the weapons of the world. On the contrary, they have divine power to demolish strongholds.

Ephesians 6: 13-18 (NIV)

Therefore put on the full armor of God, so that when the day of evil comes, you may be able to stand your ground, and after you have done everything, to stand.

Ephesians 6: 13-18 (NIV)

Stand firm then, with the belt of truth buckled around your waist, with the breastplate of righteousness in place, and with your feet fitted with the readiness that comes from the gospel of peace.

Ephesians 6: 13-18 (NIV)

In addition to all this, take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil one. Take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.

Ephesians 6: 13-18 (NIV)

*And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, **be alert and always keep on praying** for all the Lord's people.*

2 Corinthians 10: 5 (NIV)

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Demolish

Greek: kathaireó

- To pick apart, piece by piece until there is nothing left.
- To systematically attack until the opposition is demolished.
- To forcibly yank down and destroy.

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Arguments

Greek: logismos

- Man's computations
- Man's reasonings
- Man's science
- Man's logic
- Man's wisdom

Emphasizes *reaching a personal opinion*, i.e. what comes out of a *personal determination*.

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Greek: hupsoma

Pretension

- Something “held up or elevated” above God.
- Things that seek to influence or sway you away from the Truth and doctrines of scripture.
- Anything put in the place of God.

Who does the wisdom of mankind and the pretension of society set themselves up against?



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What is the
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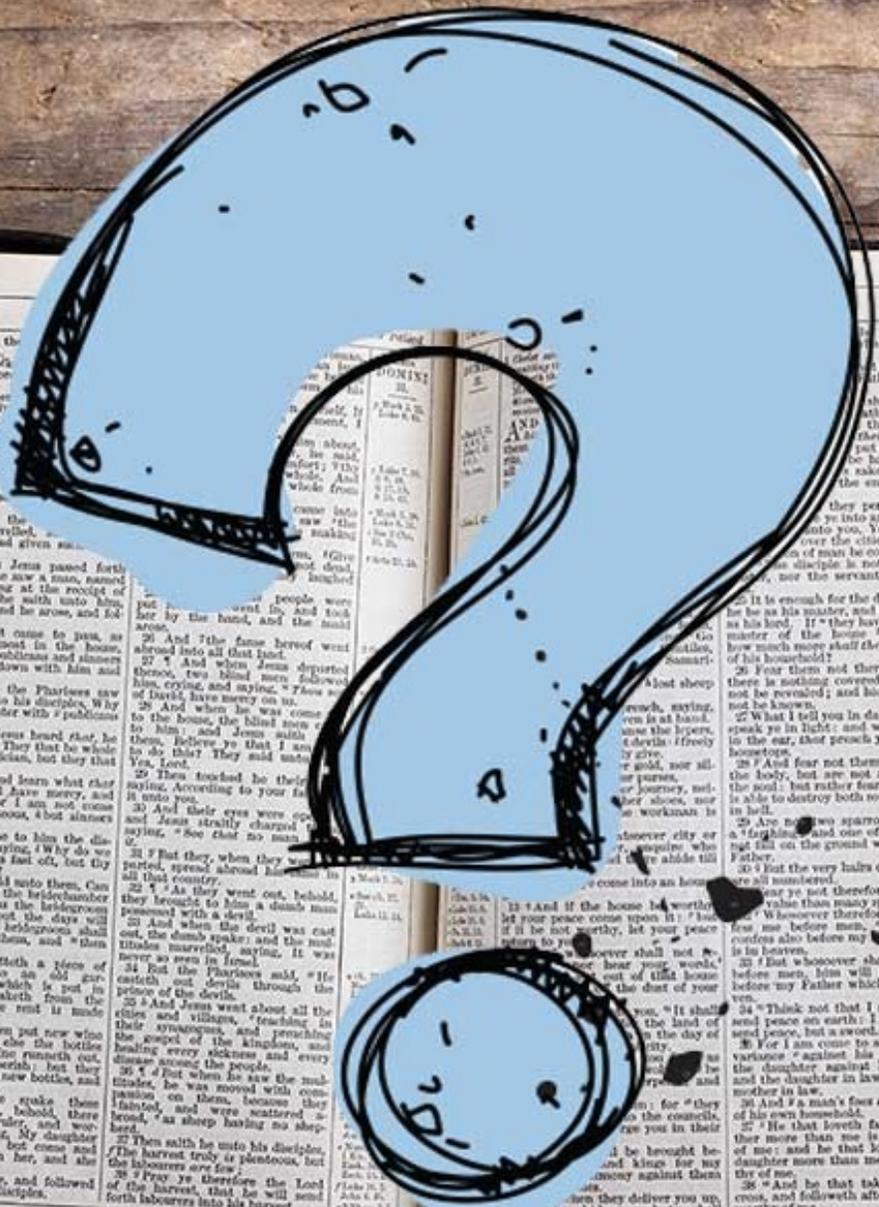
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Isn't it interesting that Evolutionists demand that the idea of a Creator God should be outlawed?

The
Battleground
Today:

Attack against
the knowledge
of God!

Absolute truth does not exist
because society's views of
the day determines what is
true for the moment.

Truth is evolving - The Bible
must be interpreted through
the lens of the current-
culture.

THE ARMOR OF GOD

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Ephesians 6:10-17

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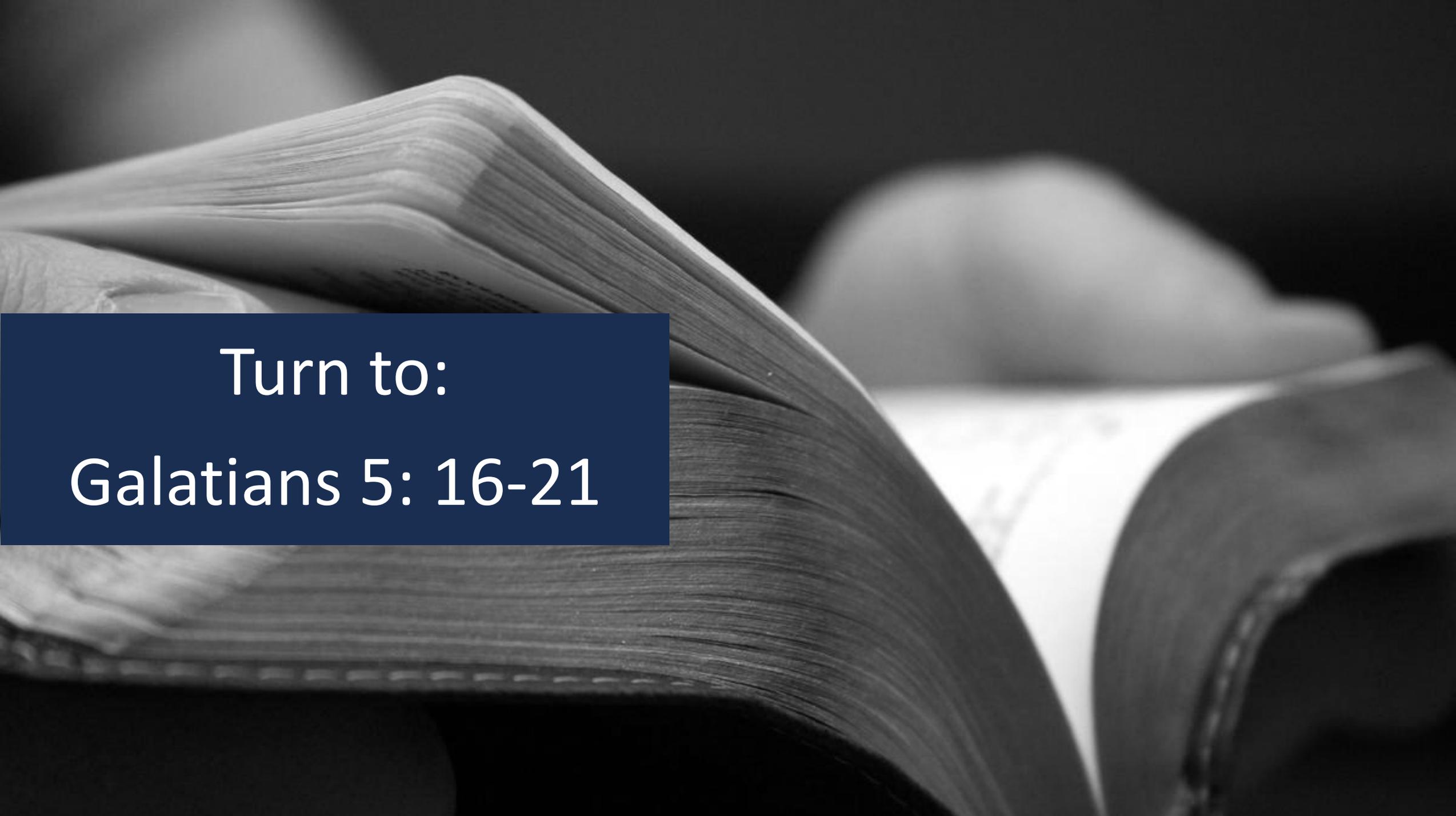
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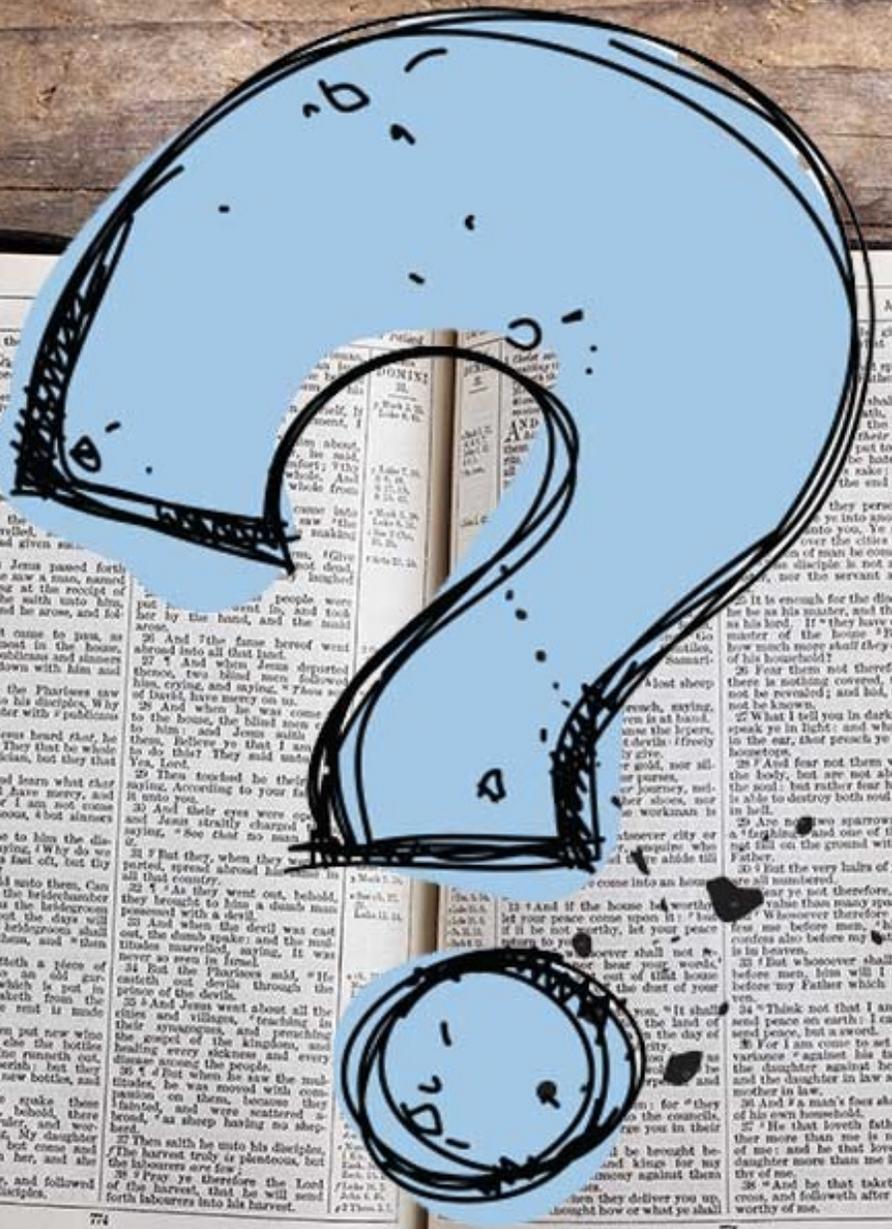


Turn to:
Galatians 5: 16-21

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Who should win
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How do you know when the flesh is winning this battle?

Galatians 5: 16-21 (NIV)

But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the law. The acts of the flesh are obvious: sexual immorality, impurity and debauchery; idolatry and witchcraft; hatred, discord, jealousy, fits of rage, selfish ambition, dissensions, factions and envy; drunkenness, orgies, and the like.

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I warn you, as I did before, that those who live like this will not inherit the kingdom of God.

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2 Corinthians 10: 6 (NIV)

And we will be ready to punish every act of disobedience, once your obedience is complete.

Greek: hetoimos

- A Greek a term used in the Olympic games for being prepared and conditioned
- To be ready
- To stand in wait
- To be on watch

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Punish

Greek: ekdikeo

- To retaliate against a threat.
- To break or terminate an approaching threat.
- To expose all disobedience by being the Light in the Darkness.

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Disobedience

Greek: parakoé

- A disobedience which springs from an opposing attitude.
- The refusal to listen properly.
- Hearing but not complying.
- An attitude that chooses to disobey because of disinterest.

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Why is it important for you to be obedient before you address disobedience in someone else?

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Do people tend to look at others according to their outward appearance?

The Greek/Roman culture held physical beauty as the most needed prerequisite for a leader.

A person's physical beauty sent a message that he or she was God's gift to man.

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Can we be confident
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A Christian should be confident in their salvation, it should not be questionable.

A Christian should not be insecure about his/her relationship with God.

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Do people desire to have authority?



How can you spot the difference between God given authority versus the authority of mankind?

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True, God given authority seeks to build up others, not self.

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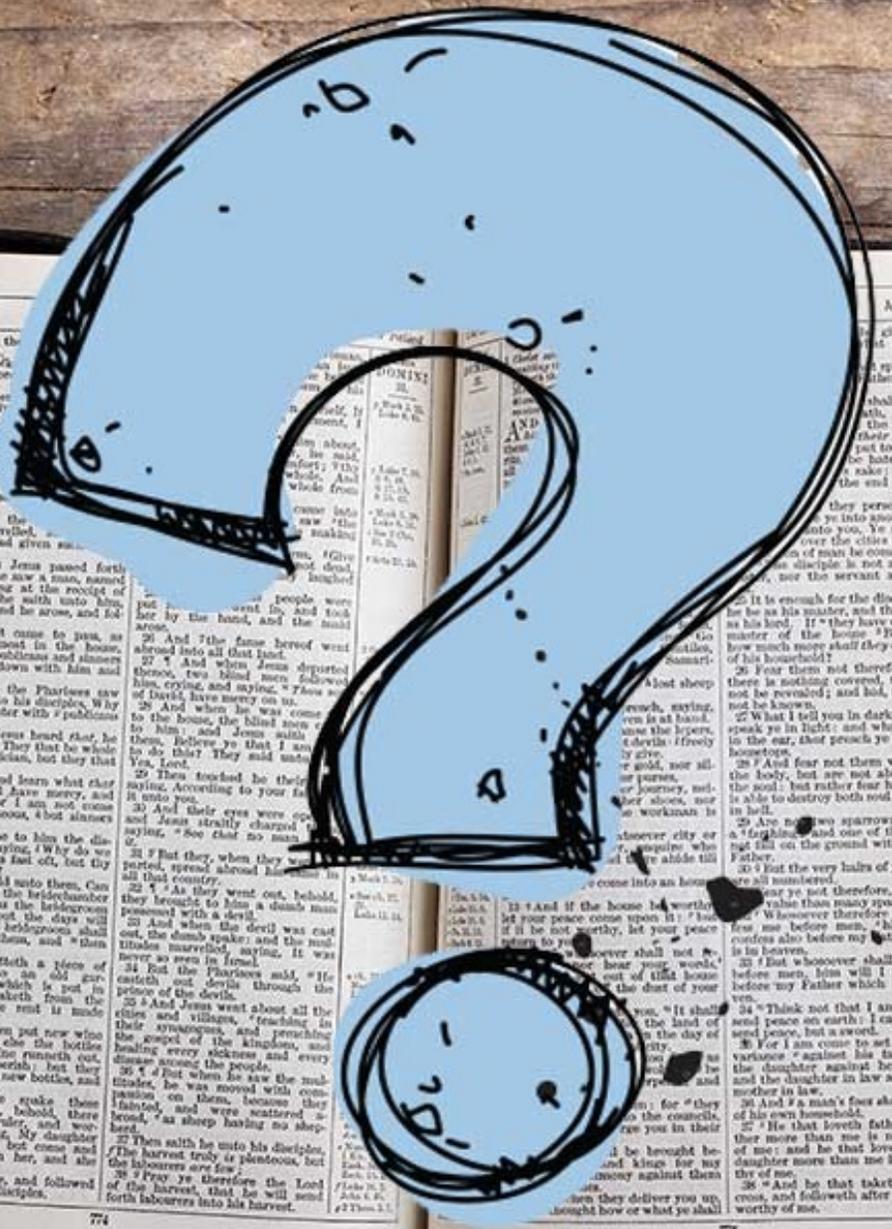
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“Watch out for false prophets. They come to you in sheep’s clothing, but inwardly they are ferocious wolves.”

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Does a wolf seek to build up or destroy?

Matthew 7: 15-20 (NIV)

By their fruit you will recognize them. Do people pick grapes from thornbushes, or figs from thistles? Likewise, every good tree bears good fruit, but a bad tree bears bad fruit.

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A good tree cannot bear bad fruit, and a bad tree cannot bear good fruit. Every tree that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. Thus, by their fruit you will recognize them.

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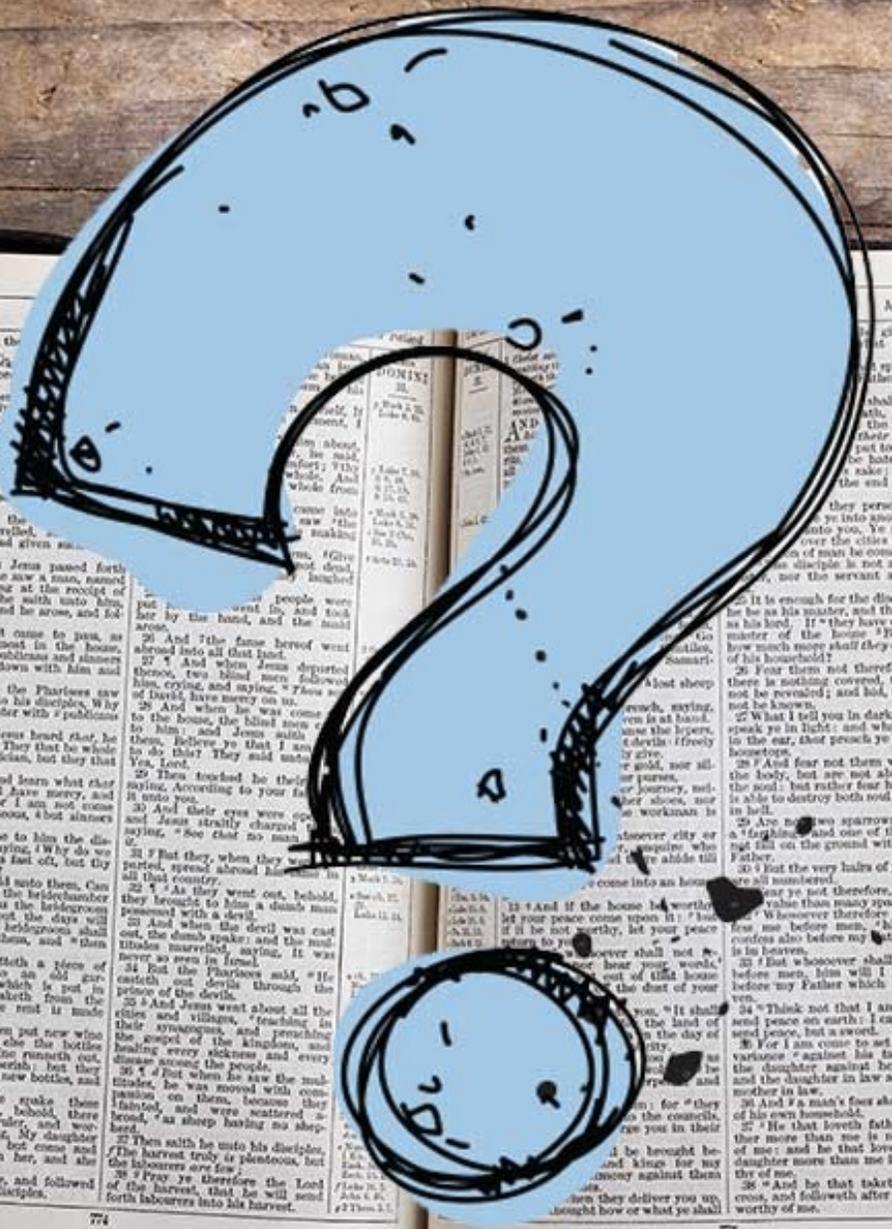
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*I do not want to seem to be trying to
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shipped him, saying, My daughter
is even now dead: but come and
lay thy hand upon her, and she
shall live.
19 And Jesus arose, and followed
him, and so did his disciples.



Why was Paul more confrontational and direct in his letters than in person?

2 Corinthians 10: 11 (NIV)

Such people should realize that what we are in our letters when we are absent, we will be in our actions when we are present.

2 Corinthians 10: 12 (NIV)

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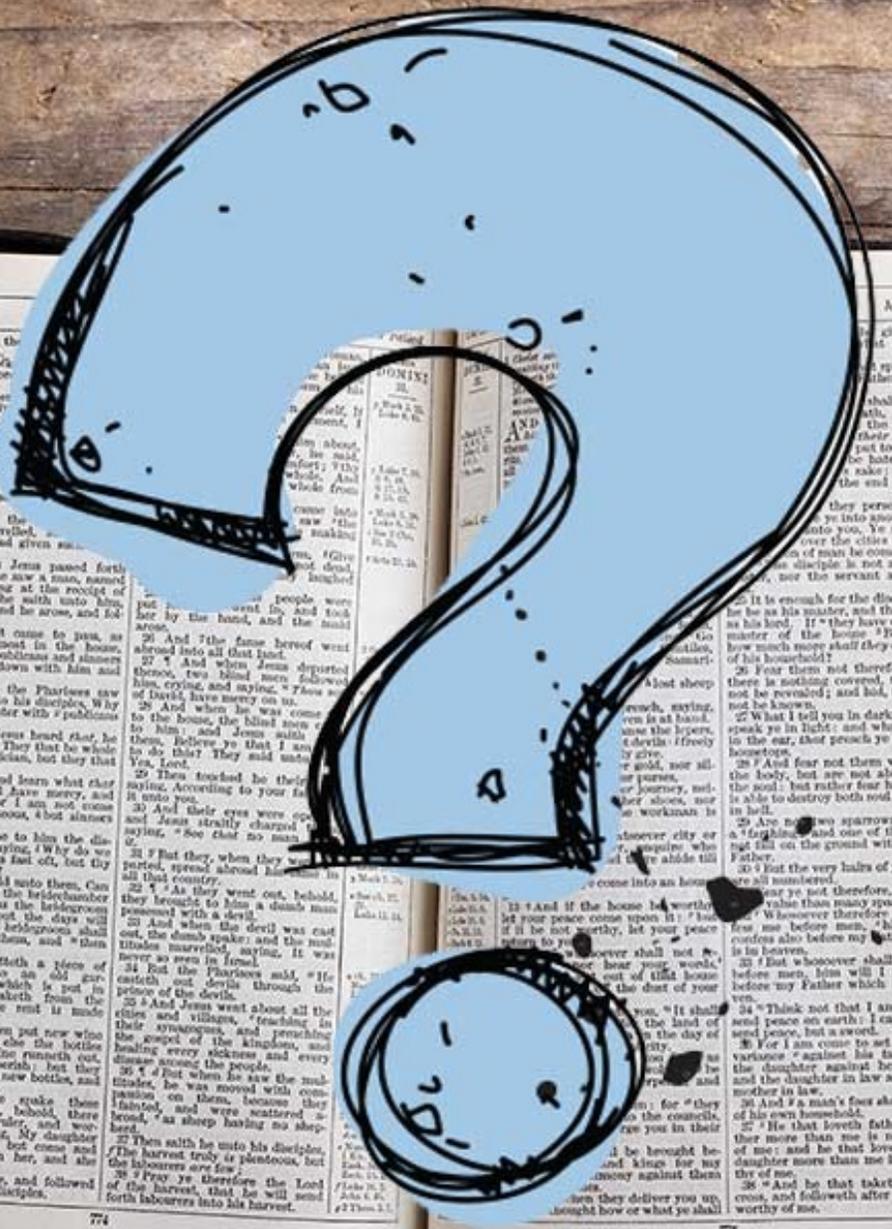
Is someone who commends themselves a person with God given authority or the authority given by men?



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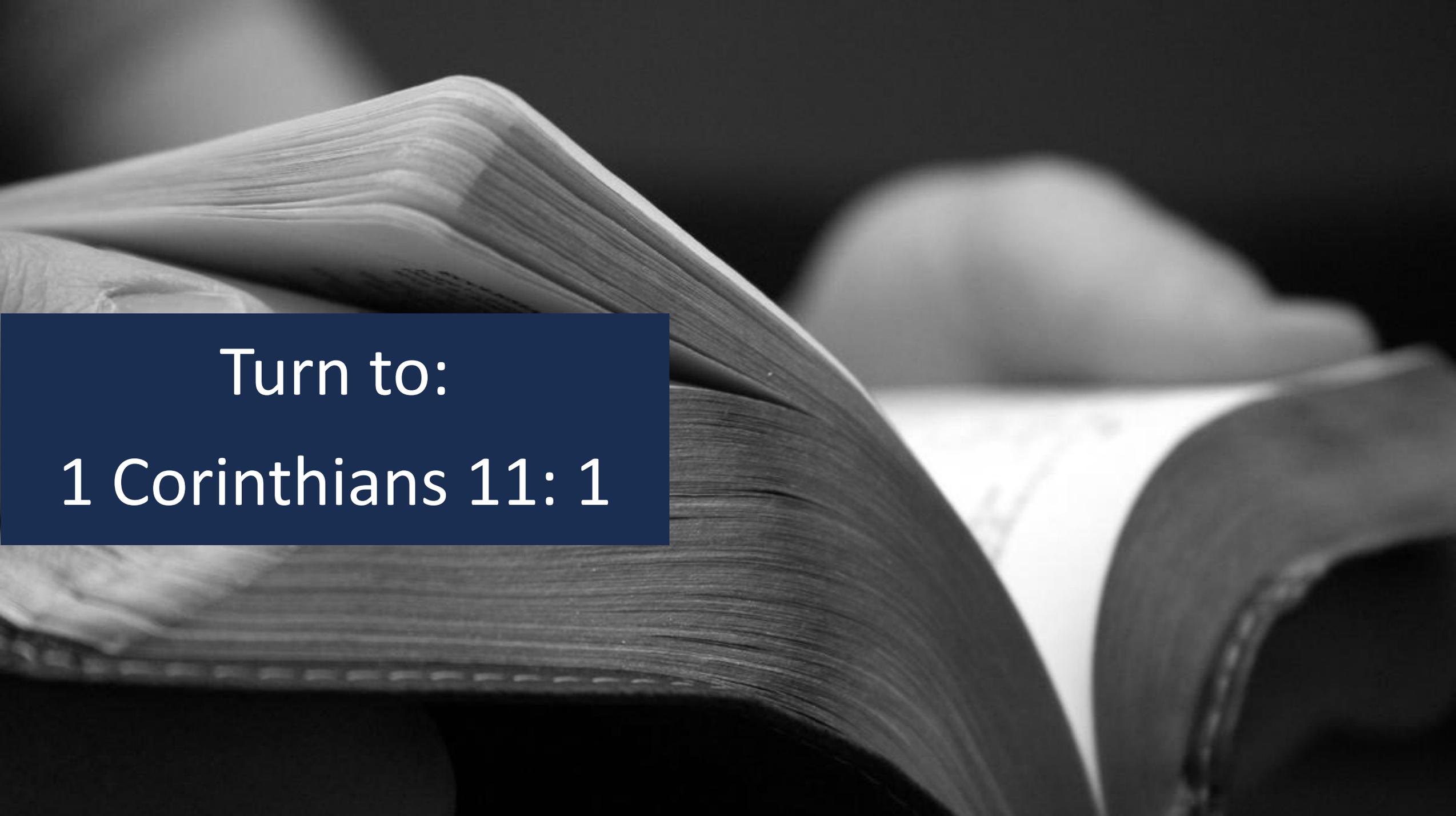
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9 ¶ And as Jesus passed forth
from thence, he saw a man, named
Matthew, sitting at the receipt of
custom: and he said unto him,
Follow me. And he arose, and fol
lowed him.
10 And it came to pass, as
Jesus sat at meat in the house,
behold, many publicans and sinners
came and sat down with him and
his disciples.
11 And when the Pharisees saw
it, they said unto his disciples, Why
eateth your Master with publicans
and sinners?
12 But when Jesus heard that, he
said unto them, They that be whole
need not a physician, but they that
are sick.
13 But go ye and learn what this
meaneth, I will have mercy, and
not sacrifice: for I am not come
to call the righteous, but sinners
to repentance.
14 ¶ Then came to him the dis
ciples of John, saying, Why do we
and the Pharisees fast oft, but thy
disciples fast not?
15 And Jesus said unto them, Can
the children of the bridechamber
mourn, as long as the bridegroom
is with them? but the days will
come, when the bridegroom shall
be taken from them, and then
shall they fast.
16 No man putteth a piece of
new cloth into an old garment,
for that which is put in
the garment, and the rent is made
worse.
17 Neither do men put new wine
into old bottles: else the bottles
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What happens
when we measure
ourselves against
others?

When comparing ourselves to another person it is easy to say, “I’m as good as they are”.

For example, I have never stolen anything, I have never used drugs, I don’t cheat on my wife, I go to church every Sunday, etc...

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Turn to:
1 Corinthians 11: 1

1 Corinthians 11: 1 (NIV)

Follow my example, as I follow the example of Christ.

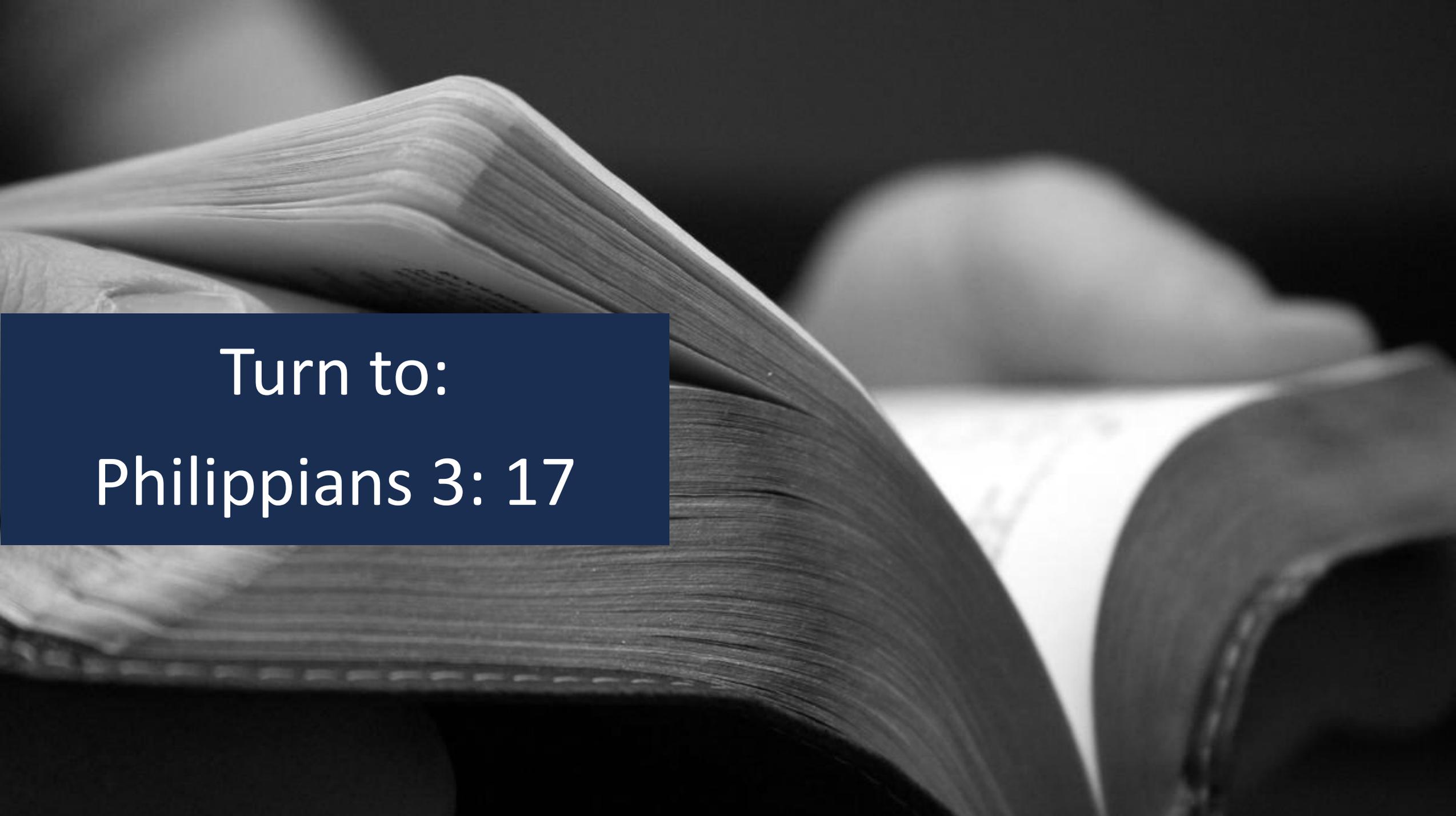
Follow the
example

Greek: mimetes

- To mimic
- To copy
- The relationship between a journeyman and his apprentice
- A follower
- To become a “Life-Like” model of another

Christ is who we should be seeking to imitate.

Men and women who's lives and heart reflect a dedication to following and imitating Christ also serve as examples for us to follow.



Turn to:
Philippians 3: 17

Philippians 3: 17 (NIV)

Join together in following my example, brothers and sisters, and just as you have us as a model, keep your eyes on those who live as we do.

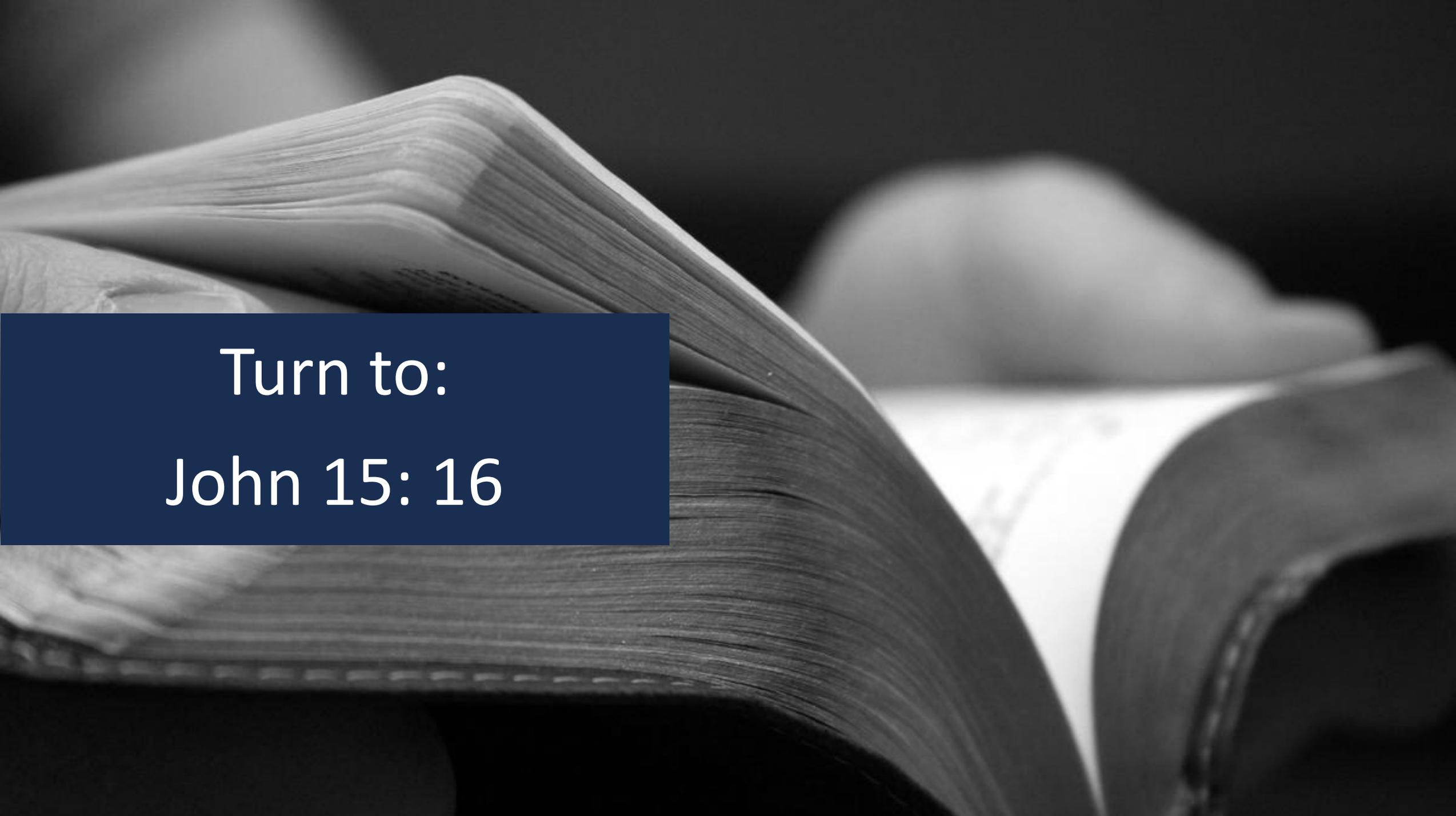
2 Corinthians 10: 13 (NIV)

*We, however, will not boast beyond proper limits, but will confine our boasting to the sphere of service **God himself has assigned to us**, a sphere that also includes you.*

Assigned

Greek: merizo

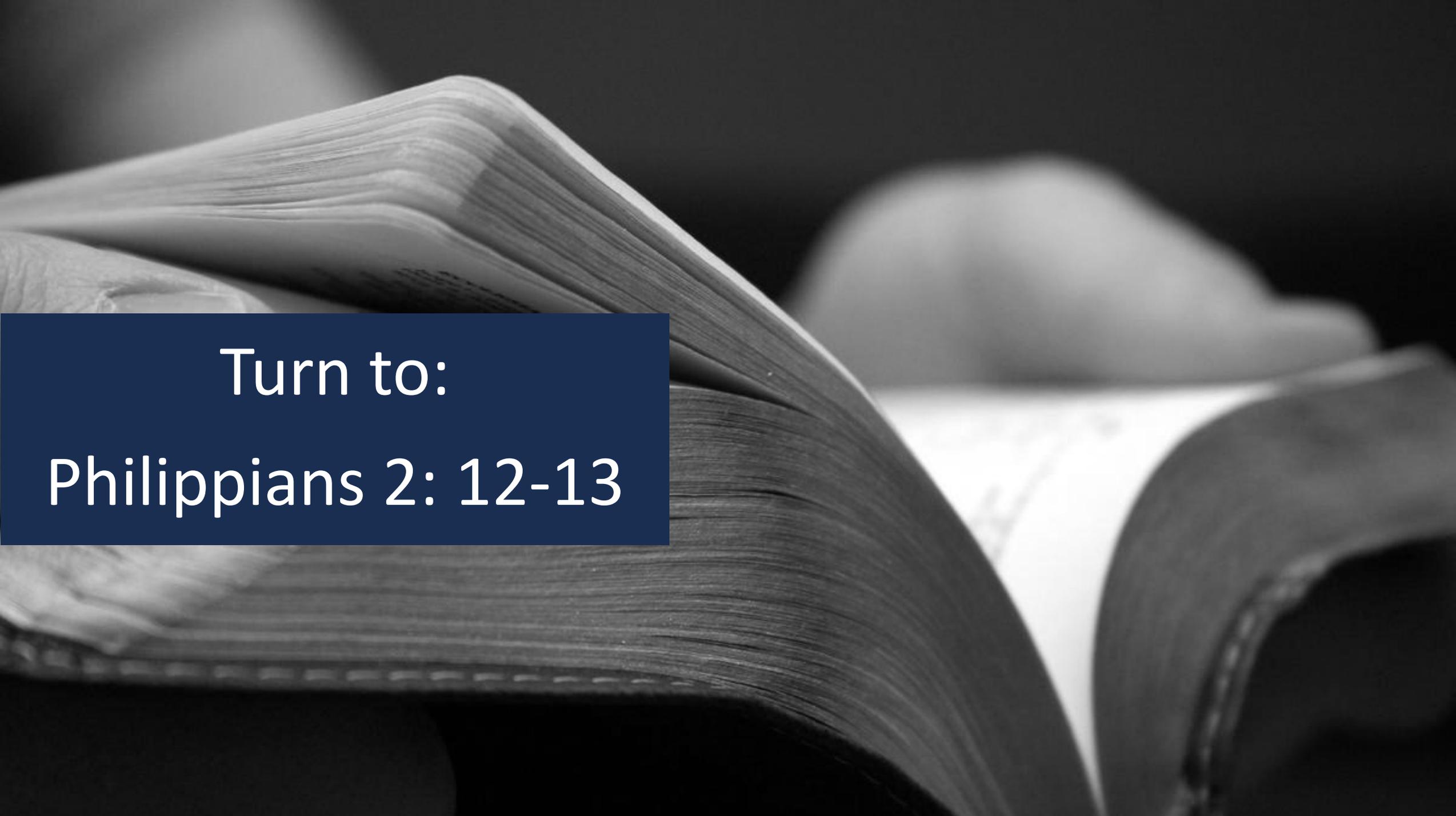
- To set in place or to determine
- To measure out and specify
- To assign to a specific task



Turn to:
John 15: 16

John 15: 16 (NIV)

*You did not choose me, but **I chose you and appointed you** so that you might go and bear fruit—fruit that will last—and so that whatever you ask in my name the Father will give you.*



Turn to:
Philippians 2: 12-13

Philippians 2: 12-13 (NIV)

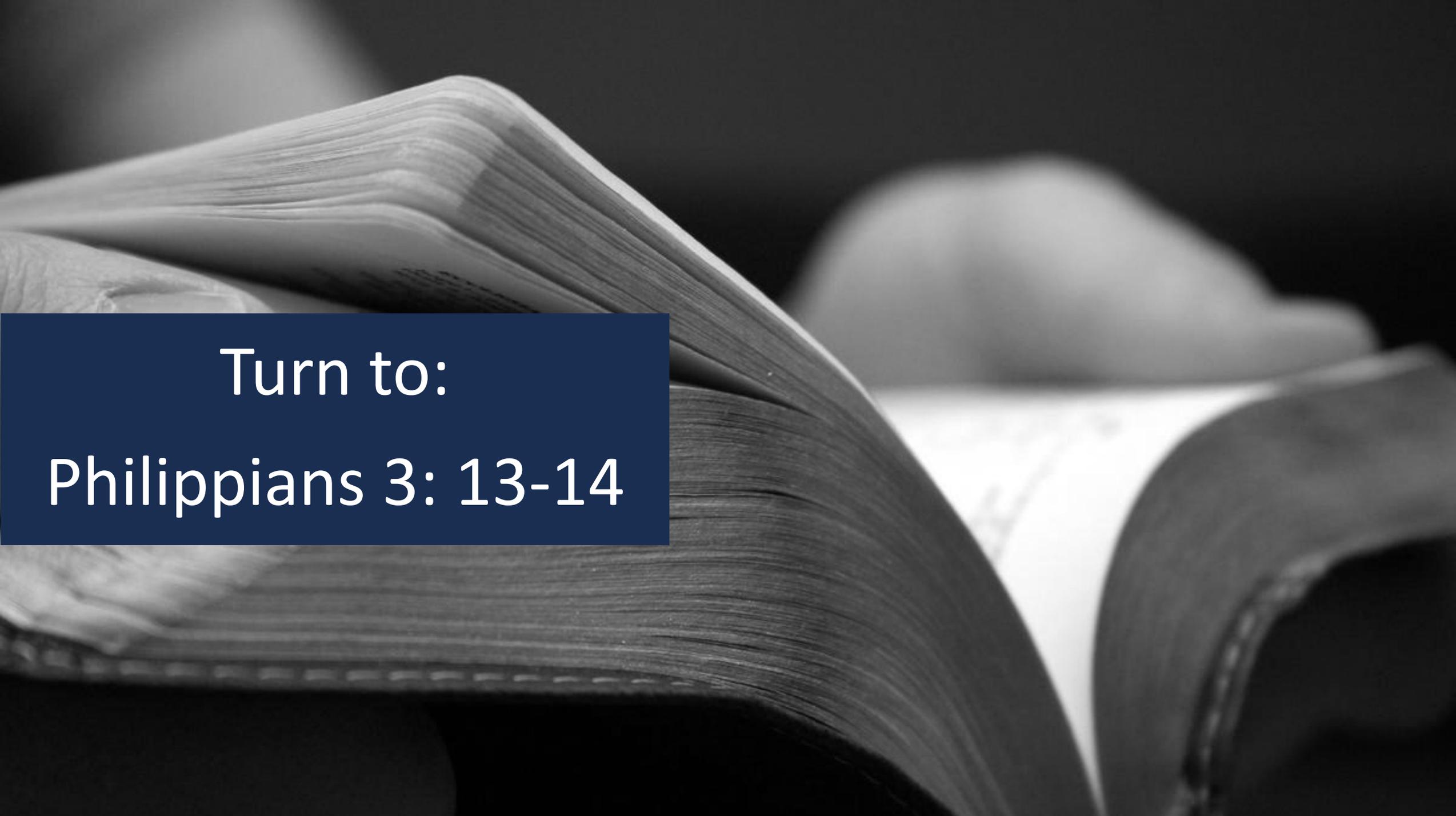
Therefore, my dear friends, as you have always obeyed—not only in my presence, but now much more in my absence—continue to work out your salvation with fear and trembling,

Philippians 2: 12-13 (NIV)

*Therefore, my dear friends, as you have always obeyed—not only in my presence, but now much more in my absence—
continue to work out your salvation with
fear and trembling,*

The Greek verb translated “work out” means “to continually work to bring something to completion or fruition.”

We do this by actively pursuing obedience in the process of sanctification, which Paul explains further in Philippians.

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Philippians 3: 13-14

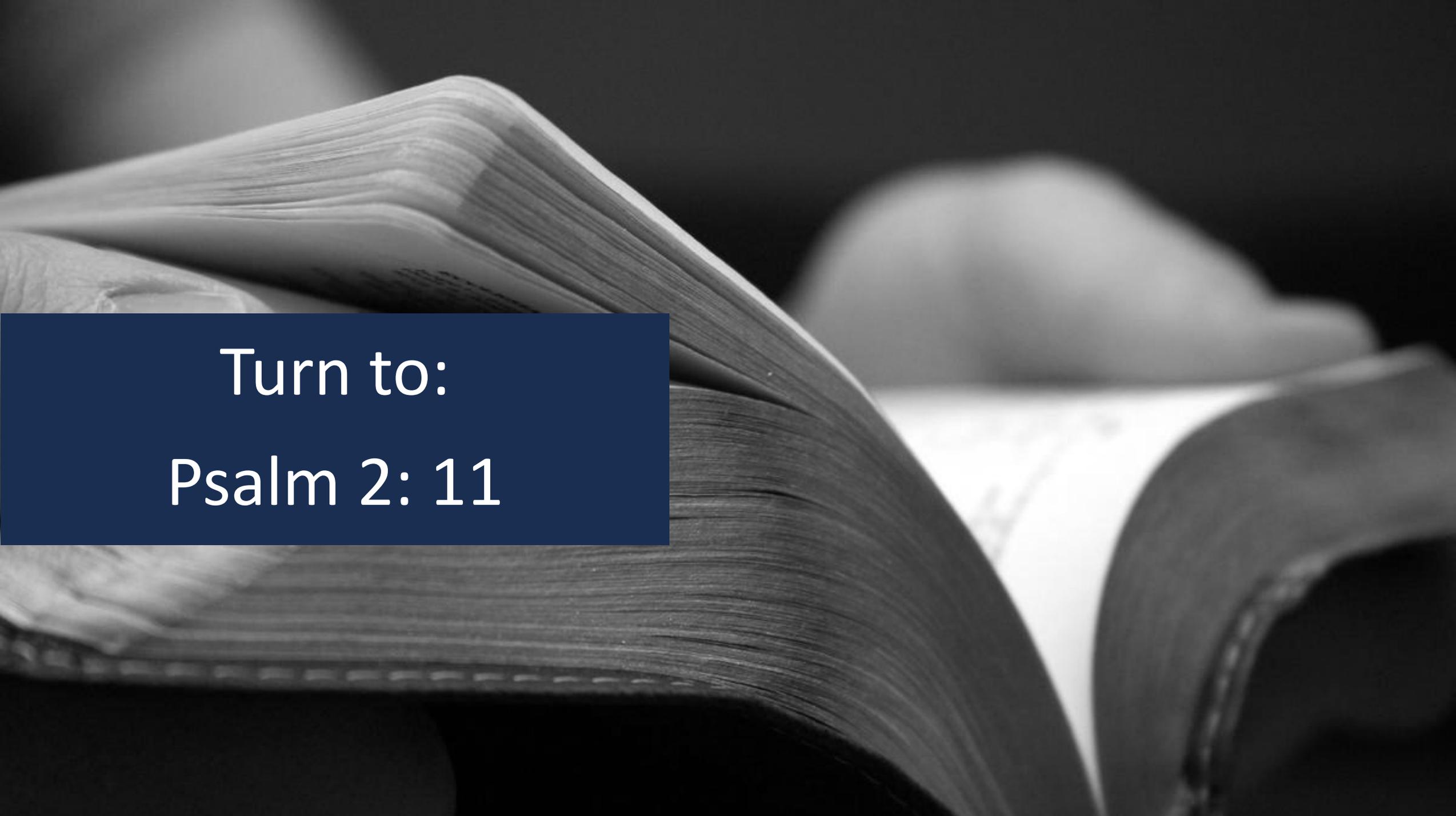
Philippians 3: 13-14 (NIV)

Brothers and sisters, I do not consider myself yet to have taken hold of it. But one thing I do: Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead,

Philippians 3: 13-14 (NIV)

I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus.

The “trembling” Paul describes is the attitude Christians are to have in pursuing this goal—a healthy fear of offending God through disobedience and an awe and respect for His majesty and Holiness. Psalm 2: 11 sums it up perfectly!



Turn to:
Psalm 2: 11

Psalm 2: 11 (NIV)

*Serve the Lord with fear
and celebrate his rule with trembling.*

We work out our salvation by going to the very source of our salvation—the Word of God—wherein we renew our hearts and minds, coming into His presence with a spirit of reverence and awe.