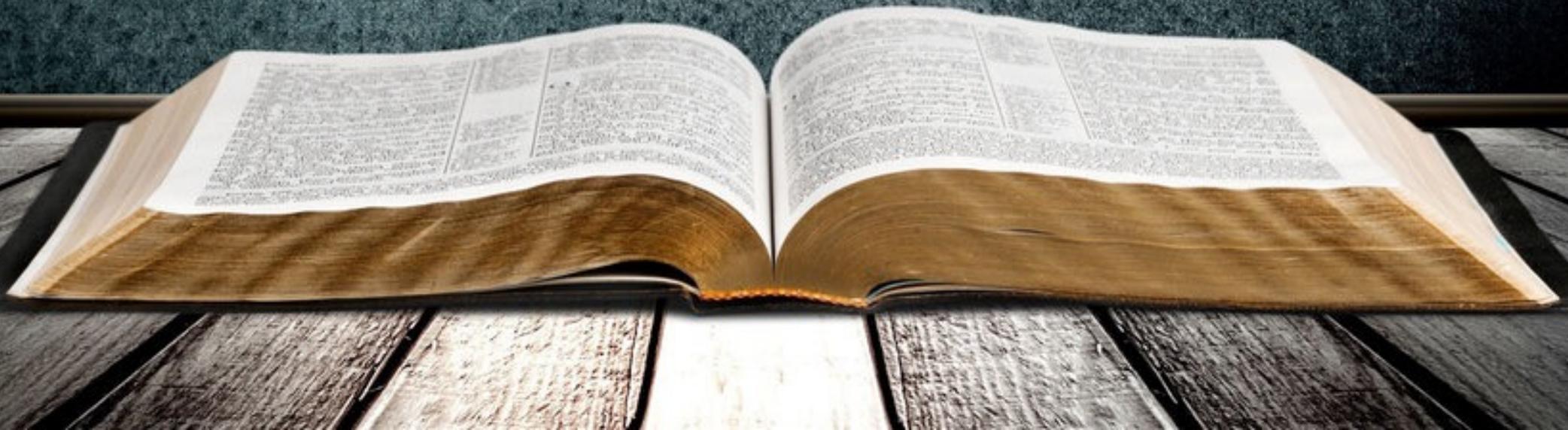


# 2 CORINTHIANS

A Verse-by-Verse Study



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Question?

How can we  
comfort  
others  
during times  
of trouble?

# Ephesians 5:19



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## Ephesians 5: 18b-20 (NASB)

*be filled with the Spirit, speaking to one another with psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit. Sing and make music from your heart to the Lord, always giving thanks to God the Father for everything, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.*

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## 2 Corinthians 1: 7 (NASB)

*and our hope for you is firmly grounded, knowing that as you are partners in our sufferings, so also you are in our comfort.*

Question?

Where do  
you find  
hope in  
suffering?

# Psalm 139: 1-14



## Psalm 139: 1-14 (NLT)

*O Lord, you have examined my heart  
and know everything about me.*

*You know when I sit down or stand up.*

*You know my thoughts even when I'm  
far away. You see me when I travel and  
when I rest at home. You know everything  
I do. You know what I am going to say  
even before I say it, Lord.*

## Psalm 139: 1-14 (NLT)

*You go before me and follow me.  
You place your hand of blessing on my  
head.*

*Such knowledge is too wonderful for me,  
too great for me to understand!*

*I can never escape from your Spirit!  
I can never get away from your  
presence!*

## Psalm 139: 1-14 (NLT)

*If I go up to heaven, you are there;  
if I go down to the grave, you are there.  
If I ride the wings of the morning,  
if I dwell by the farthest oceans,  
even there your hand will guide me and  
your strength will support me.*

## Psalm 139: 1-14 (NLT)

*I could ask the darkness to hide me  
and the light around me to become  
night—*

*but even in darkness I cannot hide from  
you.*

*To you the night shines as bright as day.*

*Darkness and light are the same to  
you.*

## Psalm 139: 1-14 (NLT)

*You made all the delicate, inner parts of  
my body*

*and knit me together in my mother's  
womb.*

*Thank you for making me so wonderfully  
complex!*

*Your workmanship is marvelous—how  
well I know it.*

## 2 Corinthians 1: 7 (NASB)

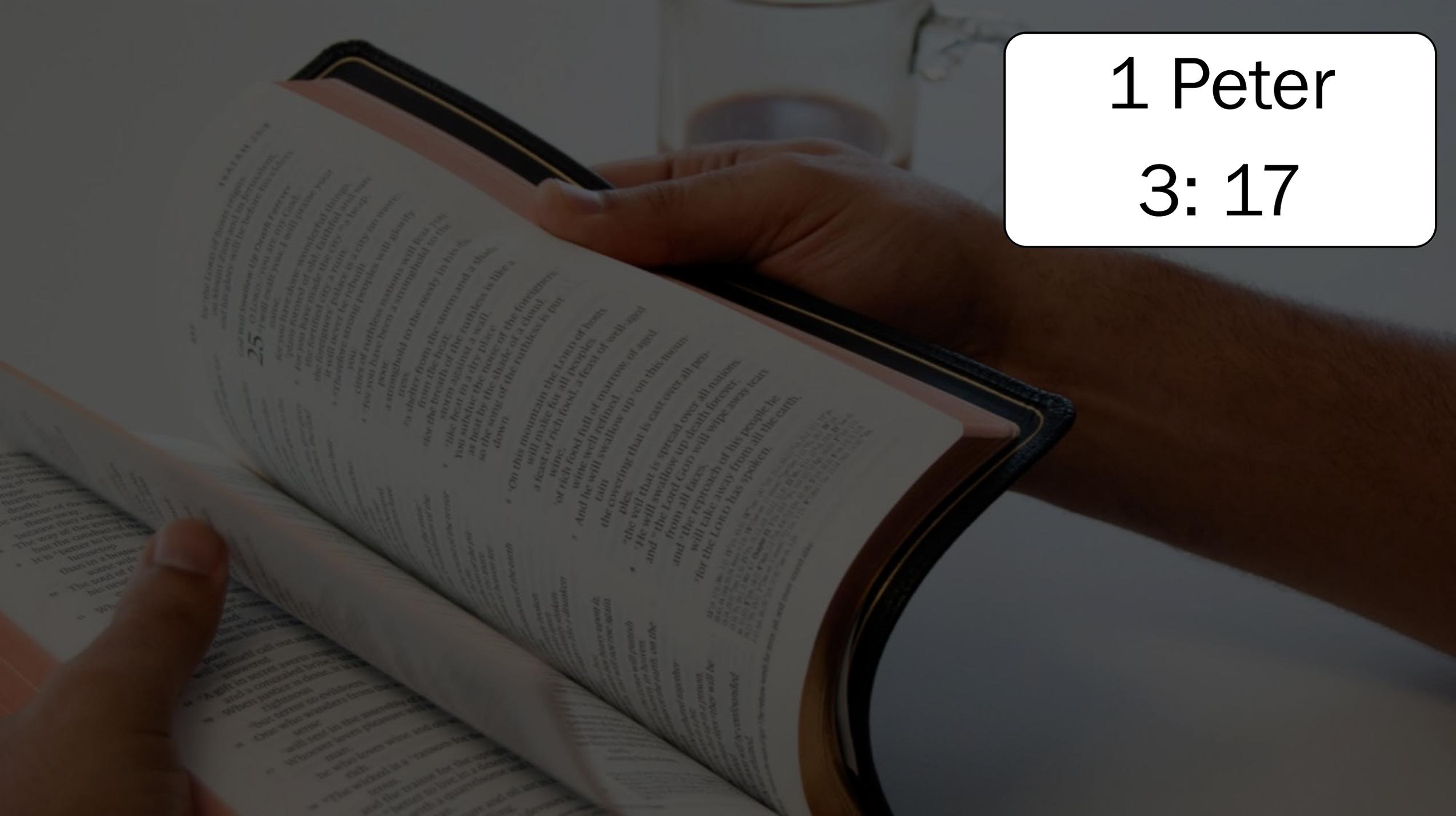
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Question?

What type  
of suffering  
is Paul  
talking  
about?

# 1 Peter

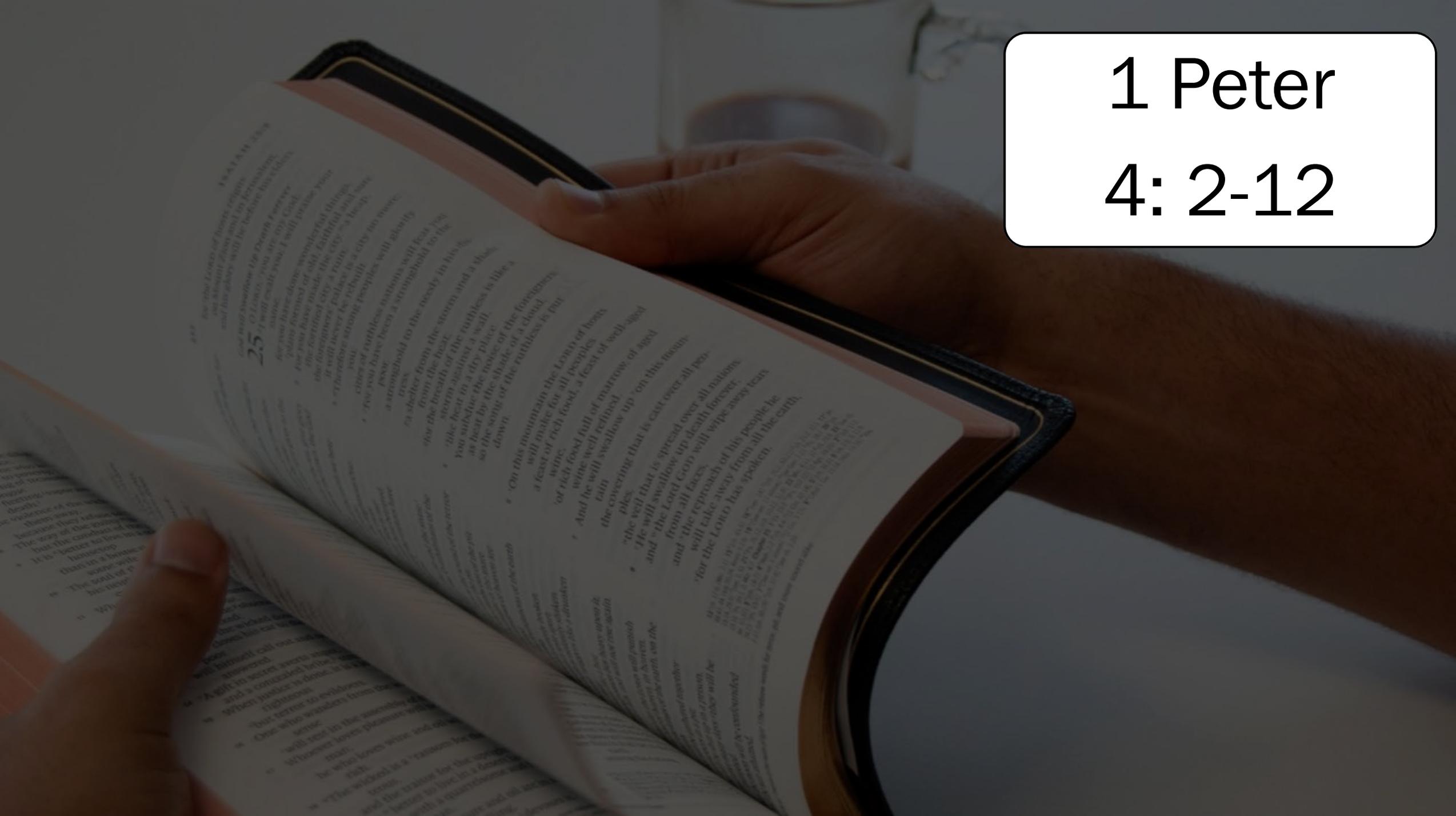
## 3: 17



# 1 Peter 3: 17 (NASB)

*For it is better, if God should will it so, that you suffer for doing what is right rather than for doing what is wrong.*

# 1 Peter 4: 2-12

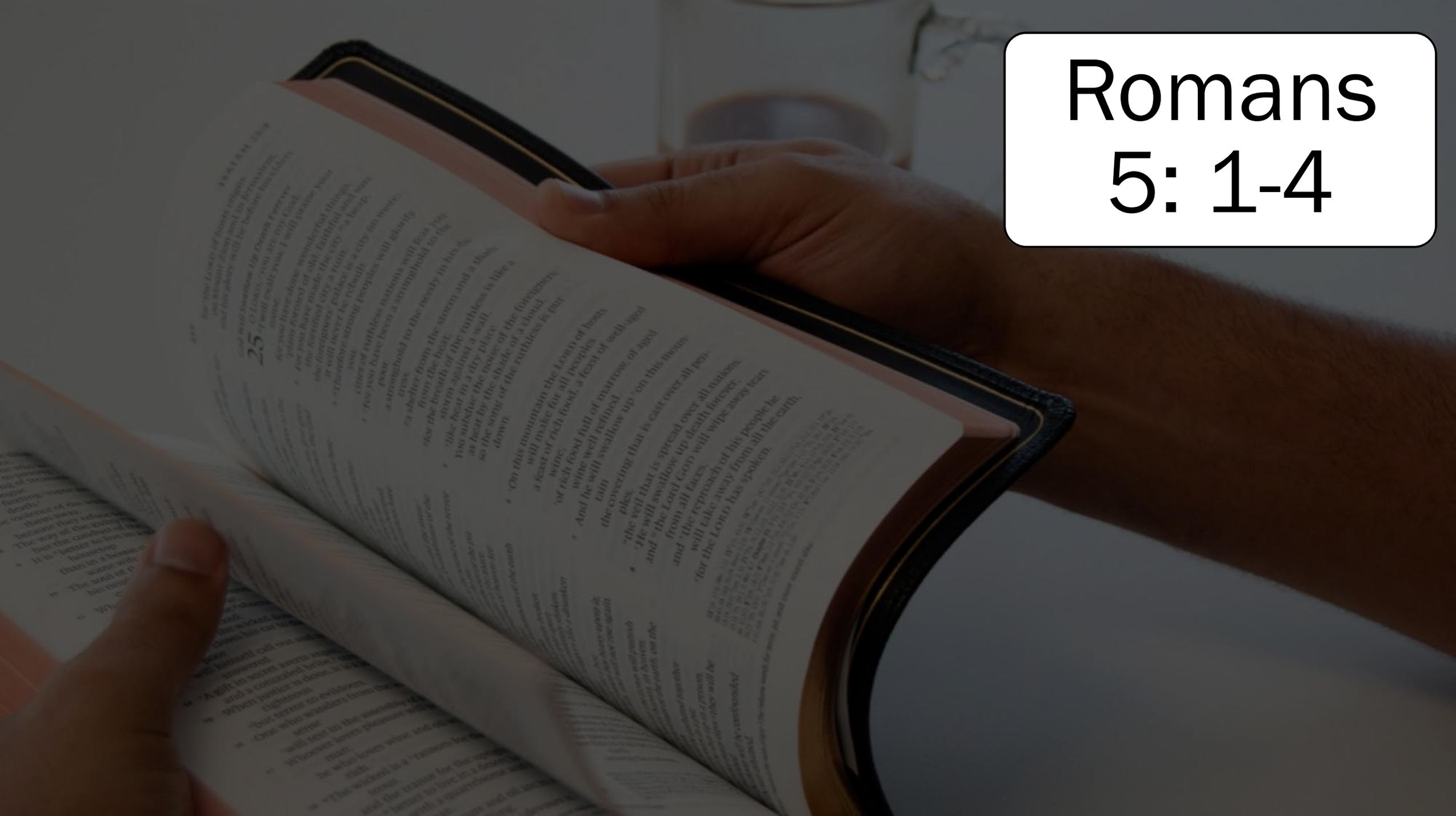


## 1 Peter 4: 12-13 (NASB)

*Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery ordeal among you, which comes upon you for your testing, as something strange were happening to you; but to the degree that you share the sufferings of Christ, keep on rejoicing, so that at the revelation of His glory you may also rejoice and be overjoyed.*

# Romans

## 5: 1-4



## Romans 5: 1-4 (NASB)

*Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we have **peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ**, through whom we have gained access by faith into this **grace** in which we now stand.*

## Romans 5: 1-4 (NASB)

*And we boast in the hope of the glory of God. Not only so, but we also glory in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces perseverance; perseverance, character; and character, hope.*

Question?

What  
produces  
hope in our  
lives?

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Question?

Do we see  
persecution  
against the  
Church in  
the United  
States?



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[Ellen Page](#) put [Chris Pratt](#) on blast in a social media post sent to her 1.4 million Twitter followers that criticized his involvement with an “infamously” anti-LGBTQ church. Pratt appeared on the February 7 edition of CBS’ “The Late Show” to promote his animated sequel “The Lego Movie 2: The Second Part” and spoke to host Stephen Colbert about a recent fast he did that was inspired by his religion.

Pratt identifies as a non-denominational Christian. The actor’s church, Hillsong, has made headlines for not “affirming” the LGBTQ lifestyle. In a [statement](#) released in August 2015, Hillsong global pastor Brian Houston said he “holds to traditional Christian thought on gay lifestyles and gay marriage” and that “God’s word is clear that marriage is between a man and a woman.”

Question?

What does  
satan hope  
to achieve  
through  
persecution?

# Chick-fil-A no longer donates to controversial Christian charities after LGBTQ protests

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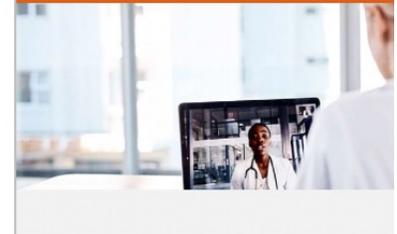
- Chick-Fil-A said on Monday that it has stopped funding two Christian charities with histories of opposing same-sex marriage.
- The fast-food chain has faced criticism in the past for its charitable donations and CEO Dan Cathy’s public comments opposing gay marriage.
- A spokeswoman for Chick-fil-A tells the Thomson Reuters Foundation the company would focus its giving on “education, homelessness and hunger.”



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# 1 Corinthians 16: 13 (NASB)

- *Be on the alert*
- *stand firm in the faith*
- *act like men*
- *be strong.*

Question?

What  
happens to  
Christ's  
Church when  
it is  
persecuted?

## 2 Corinthians 1: 7 (NASB)

*and our hope for you is firmly grounded, knowing that as you are partners in our sufferings, so also you are in our comfort.*

## 2 Corinthians 1: 8 (NASB)

*For we do not want you to be unaware, brothers and sisters, of our affliction which occurred in Asia, that we were burdened excessively, beyond our strength, so that we despaired even of life.*

Paul spent a significant amount of time in Ephesus, which was in the region of Asia. It's possible the event Paul is referring to happened there. Whatever happened, it brought Paul to his knees. He describes himself and his brothers and sisters in Christ as being *“excessively burdened, beyond our strength”*. The burden was so great that they felt they would die: *“we despaired even of life.”*

## 2 Corinthians 1: 8 (NASB)

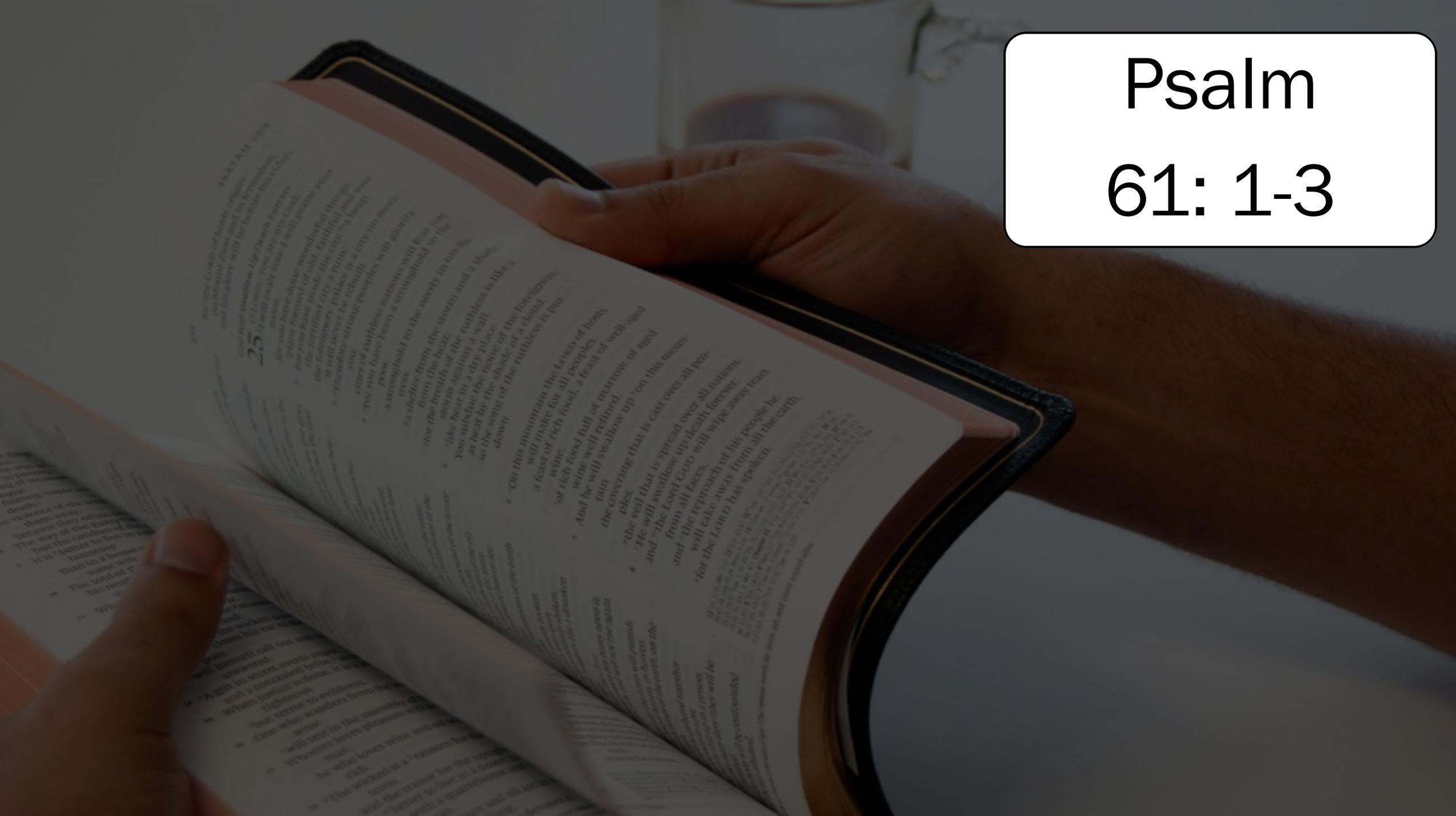
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Question?

What does it  
mean to be  
burdened  
beyond your  
strength?

- Paul is saying that he didn't have enough strength to endure this event.
- Paul saw his self-deficiency. He is saying that he had come to the end of himself.
- It's only when we have died to our "self-resources" that we can experience the power of God.

# Psalm 61: 1-3



## Psalm 61: 1-3 (NLT)

*O God, listen to my cry!  
Hear my prayer!*

*From the ends of the earth, I cry to you for  
help when my heart is overwhelmed.  
Lead me to the towering rock of safety,  
for you are my safe refuge, a fortress  
where my enemies cannot reach me.*

## 2 Corinthians 1: 8 (NASB)

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# Despaired

Greek: exaporeomai, ex-ap-or-eh'-om-ahee;

- To be utterly at a loss.
- To go to the depths of despondency.
- Full and total despair.

## 2 Corinthians 1: 9 (NASB)

*Indeed, we had the sentence of death*  
*within ourselves so that we would not*  
*trust in ourselves, but in God who raises*  
*the dead,*

# sentence

Greek: apokrima, ap-ok'-ree-mah;

- A judicial decision.
- A sentence handed down by the judge or judges.
  - ✓ in this case, the world has judged the Christians and condemned them to death.

Question?

Who does the  
Church turn  
to when  
facing death  
due to  
persecution?

## 2 Corinthians 1: 9 (NASB)

*Indeed, we had the sentence of death within ourselves so that we would not trust in ourselves, but in God who raises the dead,*

## 2 Corinthians 1: 10 (NASB)

*who rescued us from so great a danger of death, and will rescue us, He on whom we have set our hope. And He will yet deliver us,*

# 2 Timothy 4: 16-18



25 *For you have made the city a ruin, it will never be rebuilt, you, the fortress, the palace is a heap of rubble, a stronghold to the needy, a refuge for the oppressed, a shelter from the storm and a refuge from the breath of the wind. You subdue the land in a dry place, as heat by the shade of a cloud.*

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## 2 Timothy 4: 16-18 (NASB)

*The first time I was brought before the judge, no one came with me. Everyone abandoned me. May it not be counted against them. But the Lord stood with me and gave me strength so that I might preach the Good News in its entirety for all the Gentiles to hear. And he rescued me from certain death.*

## 2 Timothy 4: 16-18 (NASB)

*Yes, and the Lord will deliver me from every evil attack and will bring me safely into his heavenly Kingdom. All glory to God forever and ever! Amen.*

## 2 Corinthians 1: 11 (NASB)

*if you also join in helping us through your prayers, so that thanks may be given by many persons in our behalf for the favor granted to us through the prayers of many.*

## 2 Corinthians 1: 12 (NASB)

*For our proud confidence is this: the testimony of our conscience, that in holiness and godly sincerity, not in fleshly wisdom but in the grace of God, we have conducted ourselves in the world, and especially toward you.*

Question?

What point is Paul making when he says “we have conducted ourselves in the grace of God”?

# Acts 1: 8



## Acts 1: 8 (NASB)

*but you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; **and you shall be My witnesses** both in Jerusalem and in all Judea, and Samaria, and as far as the remotest part of the earth.”*

## 2 Corinthians 1: 13 (NASB)

*For we write nothing else to you than what you read and understand, and I hope you will understand until the end;*

Question?

What does it  
sound like Paul  
is concerned  
about?

## 2 Corinthians 1: 13 (NASB)

*For we write nothing else to you than what you read and understand, and **I** hope you will understand until the end;*

## 2 Corinthians 1: 14 (NASB)

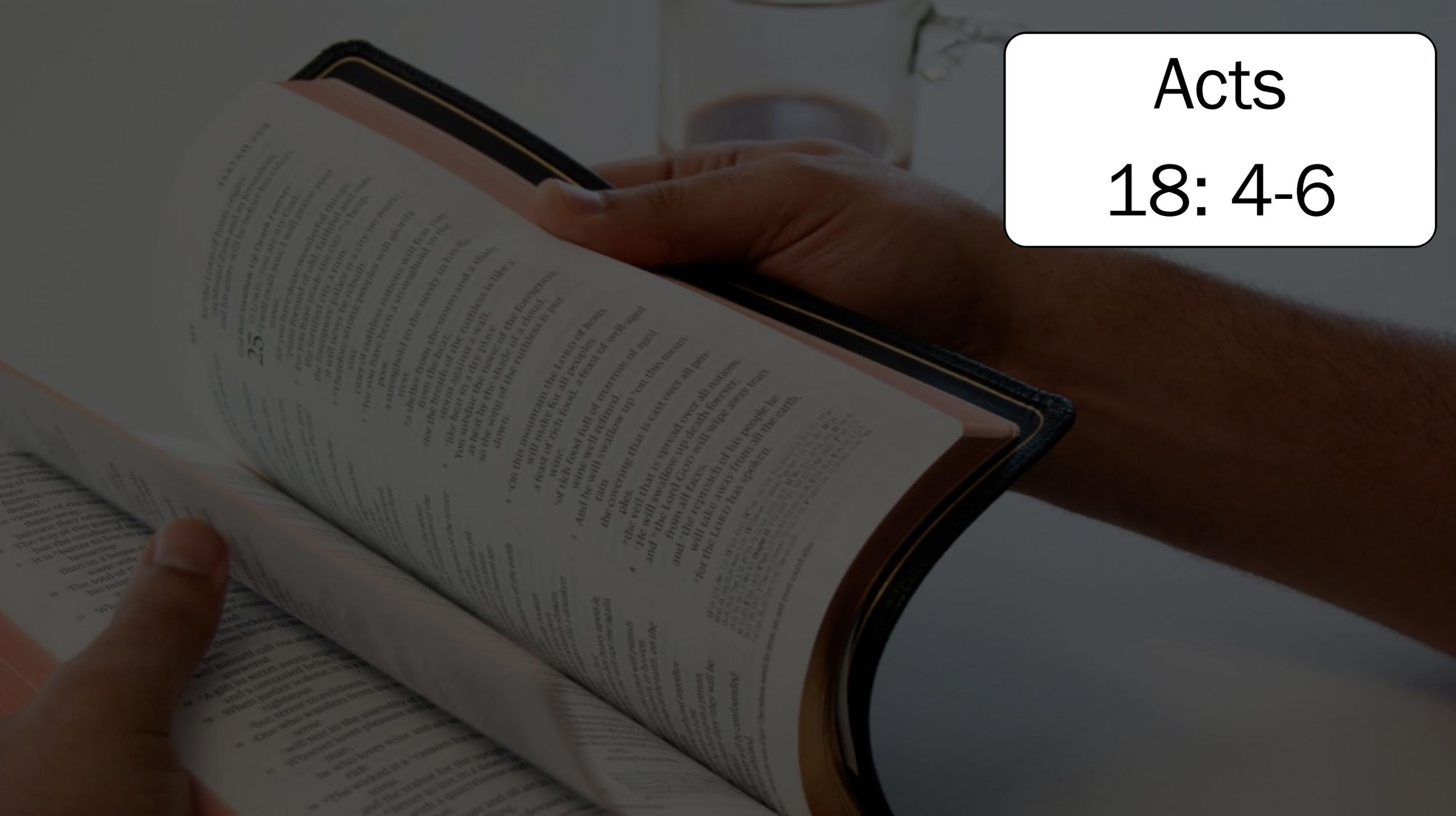
*just as you also partially did understand us, that we are your reason to be proud as you also are ours, on the day of our Lord Jesus.*

## 2 Corinthians 1: 15-16 (NASB)

*In this confidence I intended at first to come to you, so that you might twice receive a blessing; that is, to pass your way into Macedonia, and again from Macedonia to come to you, and by you to be helped on my journey to Judea.*

Apparently, some people in the Church were accusing Paul of being unpredictable, impulsive and erratic because he would often change his plans, but it was the Spirit leading him!

# Acts 18: 4-6



## Acts 18: 4-6 (NKJV)

*And he reasoned in the synagogue every Sabbath, and **persuaded both Jews and**  
**Greeks.***

## Acts 18: 4-6 (NKJV)

*When Silas and Timothy had come from Macedonia, Paul was compelled by the Spirit, and testified to the Jews that Jesus is the Christ.*

## Acts 18: 4-6 (NKJV)

*But when they opposed him and blasphemed, he shook his garments and said to them, “Your blood be upon your own heads; I am clean. From now on I will go to the Gentiles.”*

## 2 Corinthians 1: 17 (NASB)

Therefore, *I was not vacillating when I intended to do this, was I?* Or what I decide, do I decide according to the flesh, so that with me there will be yes, yes and no, no at the same time?

## 2 Corinthians 1: 17 (NLT)

*You may be asking why I changed my plan. Do you think I make my plans carelessly? Do you think I am like people of the world who say “Yes” when they really mean “No”?*

Question?

What is Paul  
saying in the  
following  
verses 18-20?

## 2 Corinthians 1: 18 (NASB)

*But as God is faithful, our word to you is not yes and no.*

## 2 Corinthians 1: 29 (NASB)

*For the Son of God, Christ Jesus, who was preached among you by us—by me and Silvanus and Timothy—was not yes and no, but has been yes in Him.*

## 2 Corinthians 1: 19 (NLT)

*For Jesus Christ, the Son of God, does not waver between “Yes” and “No.” He is the one whom Silas, Timothy, and I preached to you, and as God’s ultimate “Yes,” he always does what he says.*

## 2 Corinthians 1: 20 (NLT)

*For all of **God's promises have been fulfilled in Christ with a resounding "Yes!"***  
*And through Christ, our "Amen" (which means "Yes") ascends to God for his glory.*