

2 CORINTHIANS

A Verse-by-Verse Study



2 Corinthians 9: 12 (NASB)

For the ministry of this service is not only fully supplying the needs of the saints, but is also overflowing through many thanksgivings to God.

2 Corinthians 9: 13 (NIV)

Because of the service by which you have proved yourselves, others will praise God for the obedience that accompanies your confession of the gospel of Christ, and for your generosity in sharing with them and with everyone else.

2 Corinthians 9: 14 (NIV)

And in their prayers for you their hearts will go out to you, because of the surpassing grace God has given you.

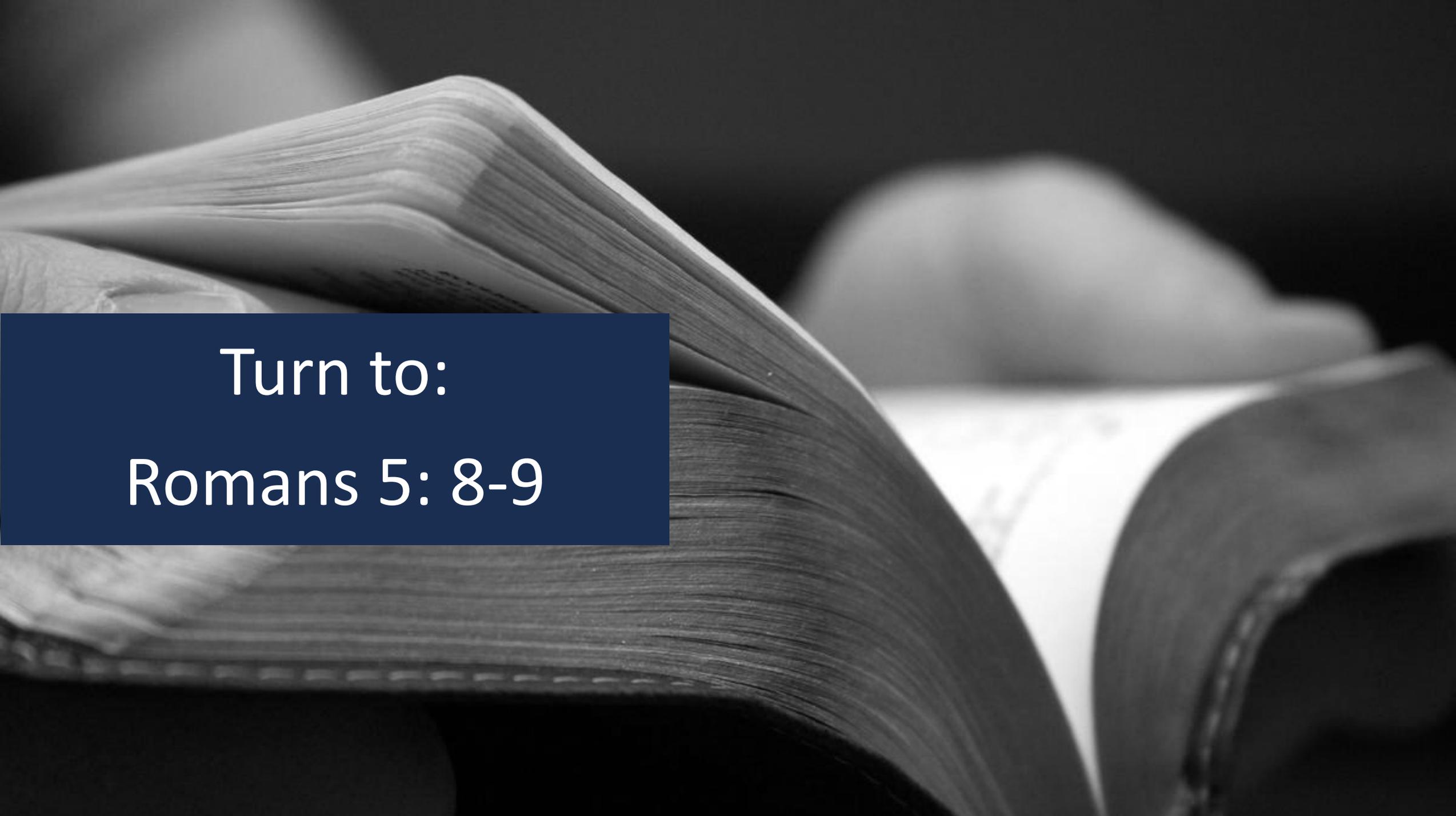
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Turn to:
Romans 5: 8-9

Romans 5: 8-9 (NASB)

*But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, **Christ died for us**. Much more then, having now been justified by His blood, we shall be saved from the wrath of God through Him.*



Turn to:
Ephesians 2: 8-9

Ephesians 2: 8-9 (ESV)

*For **by grace you have been saved** through faith. And this is not your own doing; **it is the gift of God**, not a result of works, so that no one may boast.*

The greatest gift in history is Jesus Christ! The fact that God gave His only Son for us should motivate us to give generously.

Jesus gave His life voluntarily so we should follow His example in our giving.

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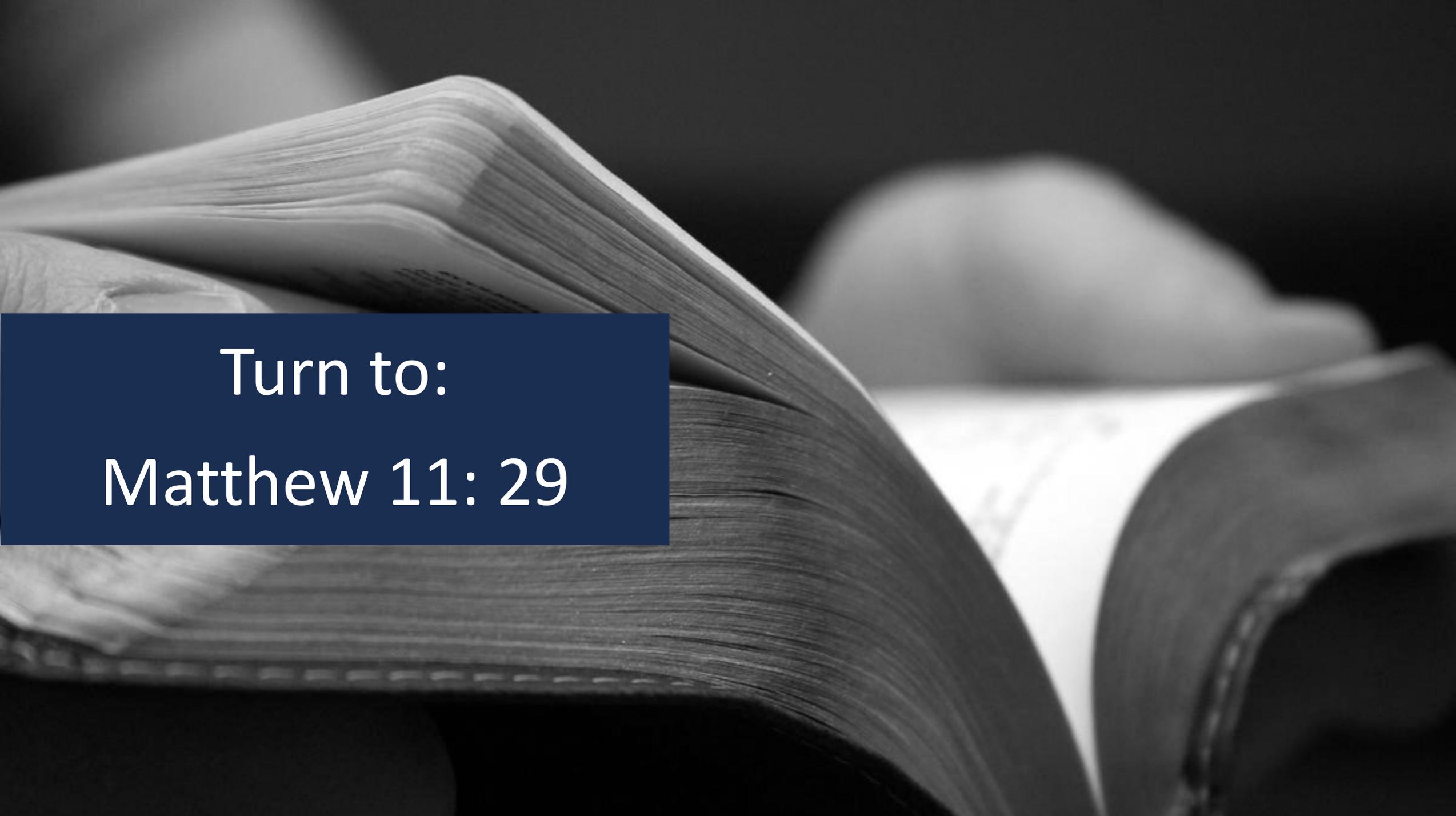
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How was Christ
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Turn to:
Matthew 11: 29

Matthew 11: 29 (NASB)

Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls.

The Jews as well as a group of Judaizers hated Paul and the Gospel so they attacked his appearance and personality.

Paul was known to be a small, unattractive and soft-spoken man.

Meekness

Greek: praiotes (prah-ot' -ace)

- Humility
- To be gentle or mild

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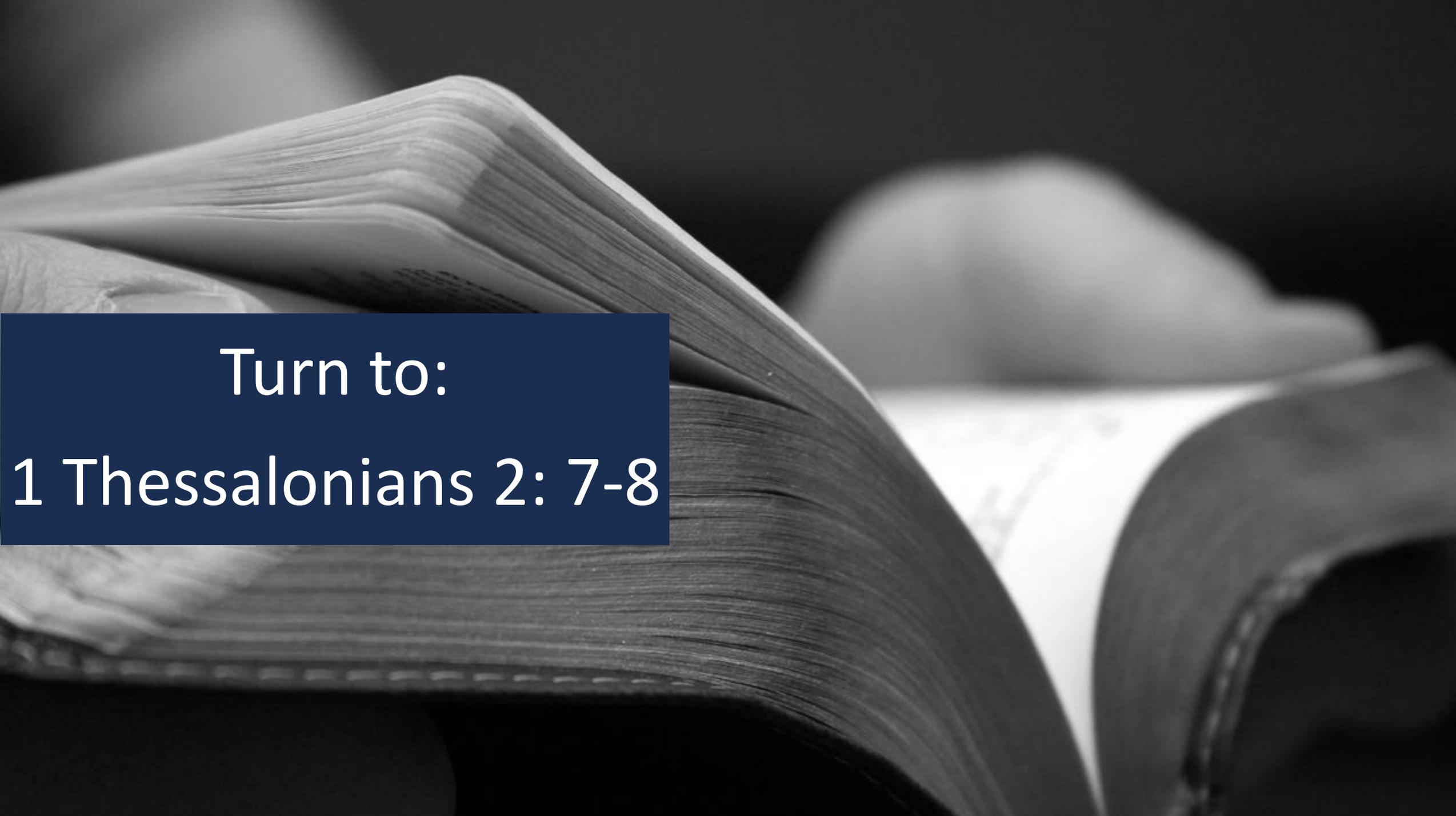
Aristotle said the following about the meaning of the word:

“This word is a perfect action. It speaks of a man who is always angry at the right time about the right thing and never angry at the wrong time about the wrong thing.”

Gentleness

Greek: *epieikeia* (*ep-ee-í-ki-ah*)

- Considerateness
- Fairness
- Gentleness
- Mildness



Turn to:
1 Thessalonians 2: 7-8

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But we proved to be gentle among you. As a nursing mother tenderly cares for her own children,

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in the same way we had a fond affection for you and were delighted to share with you not only the gospel of God, but also our own lives, because you had become very dear to us.

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Ecclesiastes 3:1-8

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*There is a time for everything,
and a season for every activity under the
heavens:*

*a time to be born and a time to die, a time to
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time to heal, a time to tear down and a time
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*a time to mourn and a time to dance, a
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them, a time to embrace and a time to
refrain from embracing, a time to search
and a time to give up,*

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a time to keep and a time to throw away, a time to tear and a time to mend, a time to be silent and a time to speak, a time to love and a time to hate, a time for war and a time for peace.

Paul knew it would be most effective to confront and rebuke the Corinthians by letter. He knew their first response would be to get angry, become defensive and deny or argue so the time to confront them in person was after they read the letter.

By confronting in a letter first it gave them time to contemplate and allow the Holy Spirit to work in them and bring about genuine repentance.

It also allowed Paul to say everything he wanted to say without interruption or distraction.

We should not confuse gentleness and humility with a tolerance for sin. Jesus describes Himself as “gentle” and “humble in heart,” however He confronted sinners. Jesus angrily cleansed the temple, and He directly confronted the hypocrisy of the Pharisees.

The gentleness and humility of Christ did not mean He was silent in the face of sin.

There is a time to be gentle and a time to be bold, we need to let the Spirit lead us as to which one we need to be.

In general, when people willfully pursue sin, that is the time to confront them boldly.

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2 Corinthians 10: 2 (NIV)

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What does it mean to live by the standards of the world?



So, what does this tell us about how some in the Church were wanting to live?

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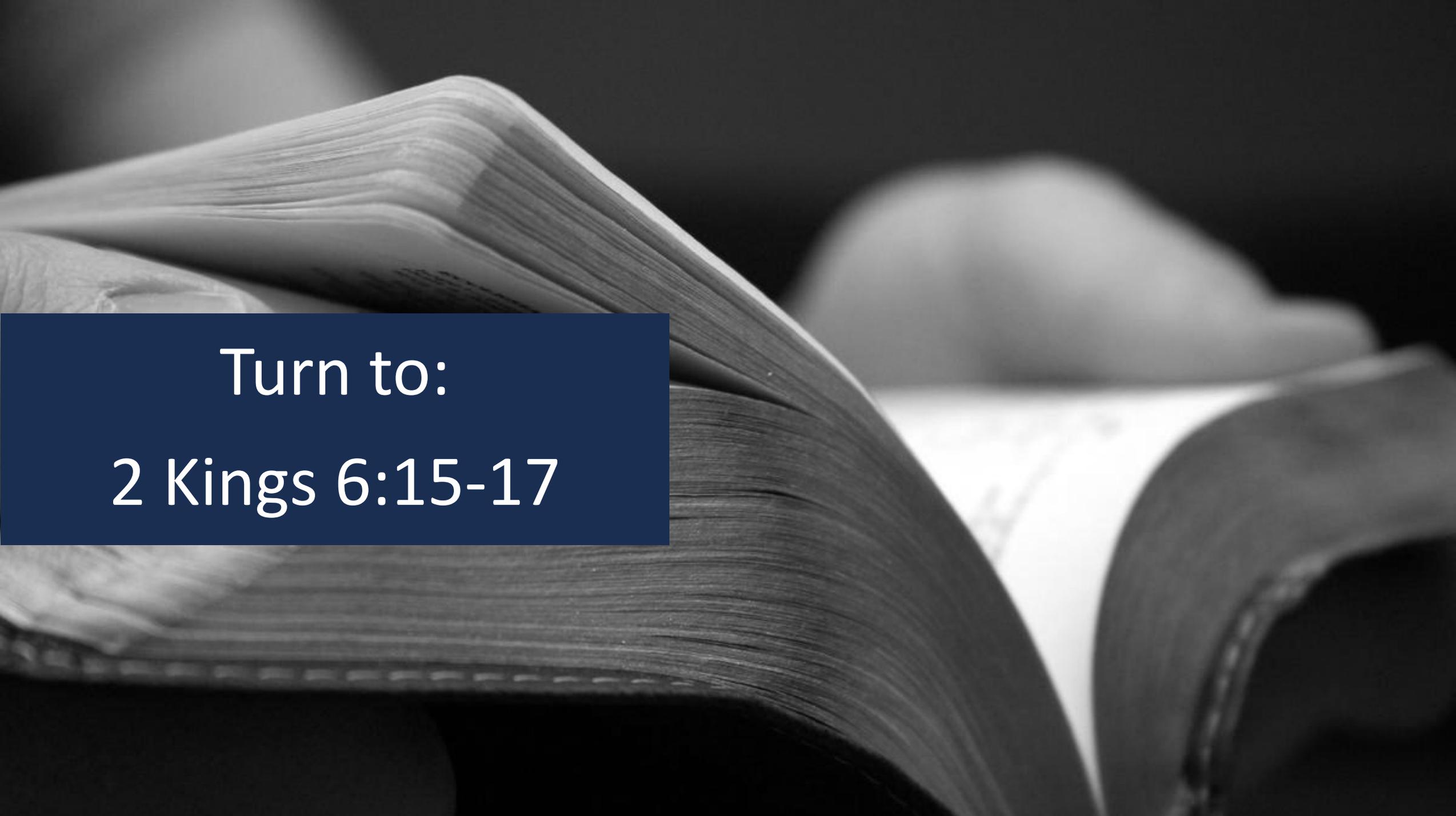
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28 And fear not them which kill
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29 Are not two sparrows sold for
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How do we, as
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war?



Turn to:
2 Kings 6:15-17

2 Kings 6:15-17 (NIV)

When the servant of the man of God got up and went out early the next morning, an army with horses and chariots had surrounded the city. “Oh no, my lord! What shall we do?” the servant asked.

2 Kings 6:15-17 (NIV)

*“Don’t be afraid,” the prophet answered.
“Those who are with us are more than
those who are with them.”*

2 Kings 6:15-17 (NIV)

And Elisha prayed, “Open his eyes, Lord, so that he may see.” Then the Lord opened the servant’s eyes, and he looked and saw the hills full of horses and chariots of fire all around Elisha.

Do we need to
be prepared
for battle?

We must always be prepared.
Our enemy will attack when we
are at our weakest point.

- Serious illness/disease
- Death of spouse/child/loved one
- Loss of job/financial troubles
- Divorce/family issues
- New Christian

Video

The following video is a representation of opening our eyes to see a spiritual battle in the life of someone who has lost a loved one.

Video





How many of Satan's flaming arrows would we see sticking out of our loved one's back's?

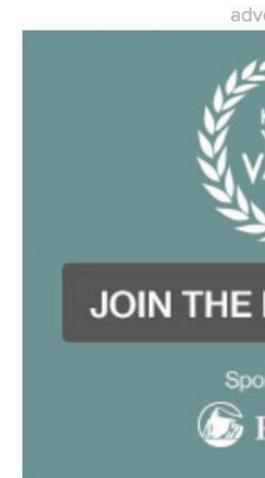
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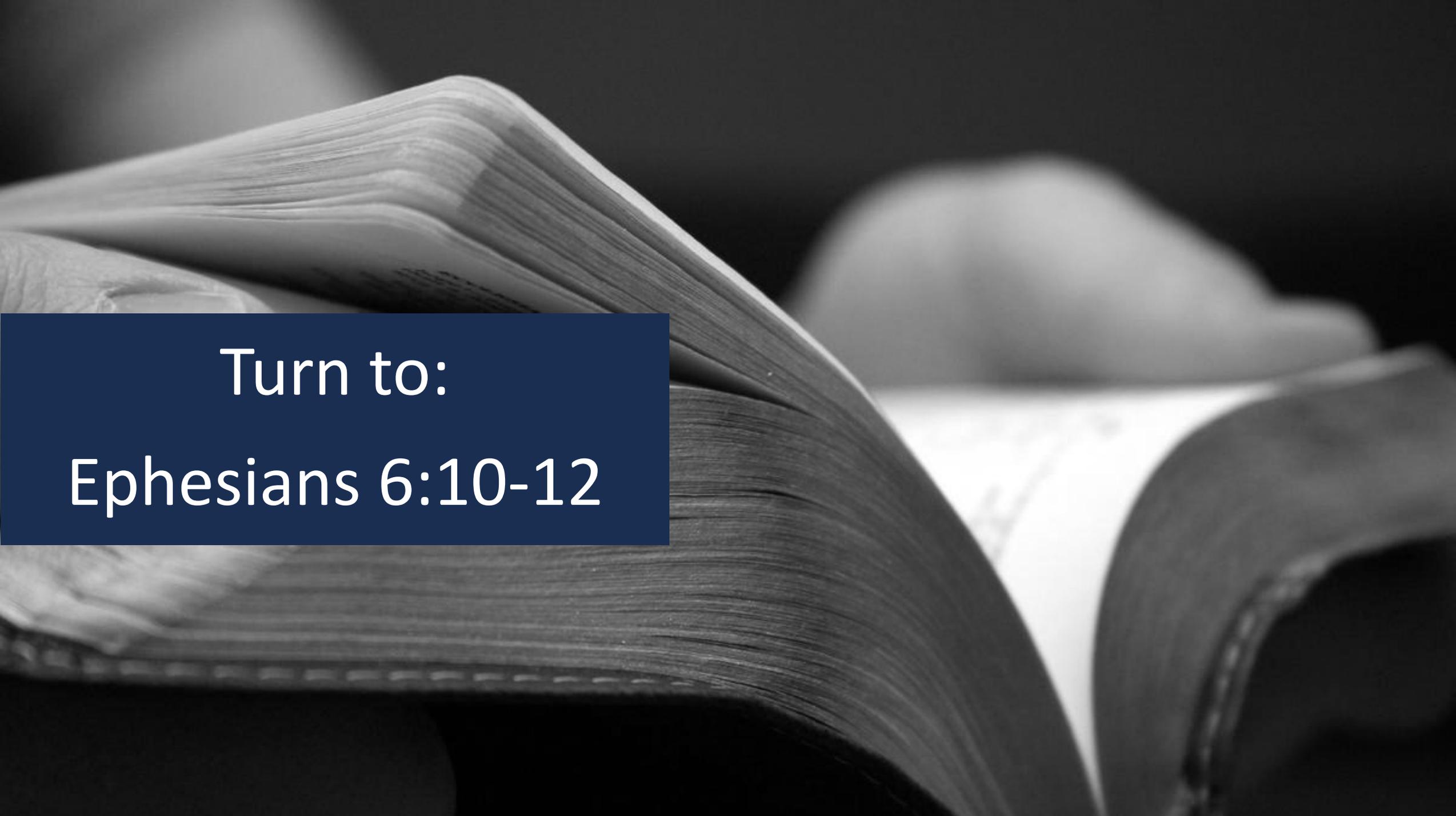
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Some professing Christians don't believe in an actual devil or demons. Some believe the devil exists but they don't relate their personal and spiritual struggles to a spiritual attack.

The devil, his demons and the spiritual battle is very real and we must be prepared. Many Christians go to Church on Sunday and live peaceful lives in their physical body unaware of the war being waged against their souls.

We must also be aware and keep in prayer our many brothers and sisters in Christ who are living in areas where their physical life is also in jeopardy to attack by Satan.

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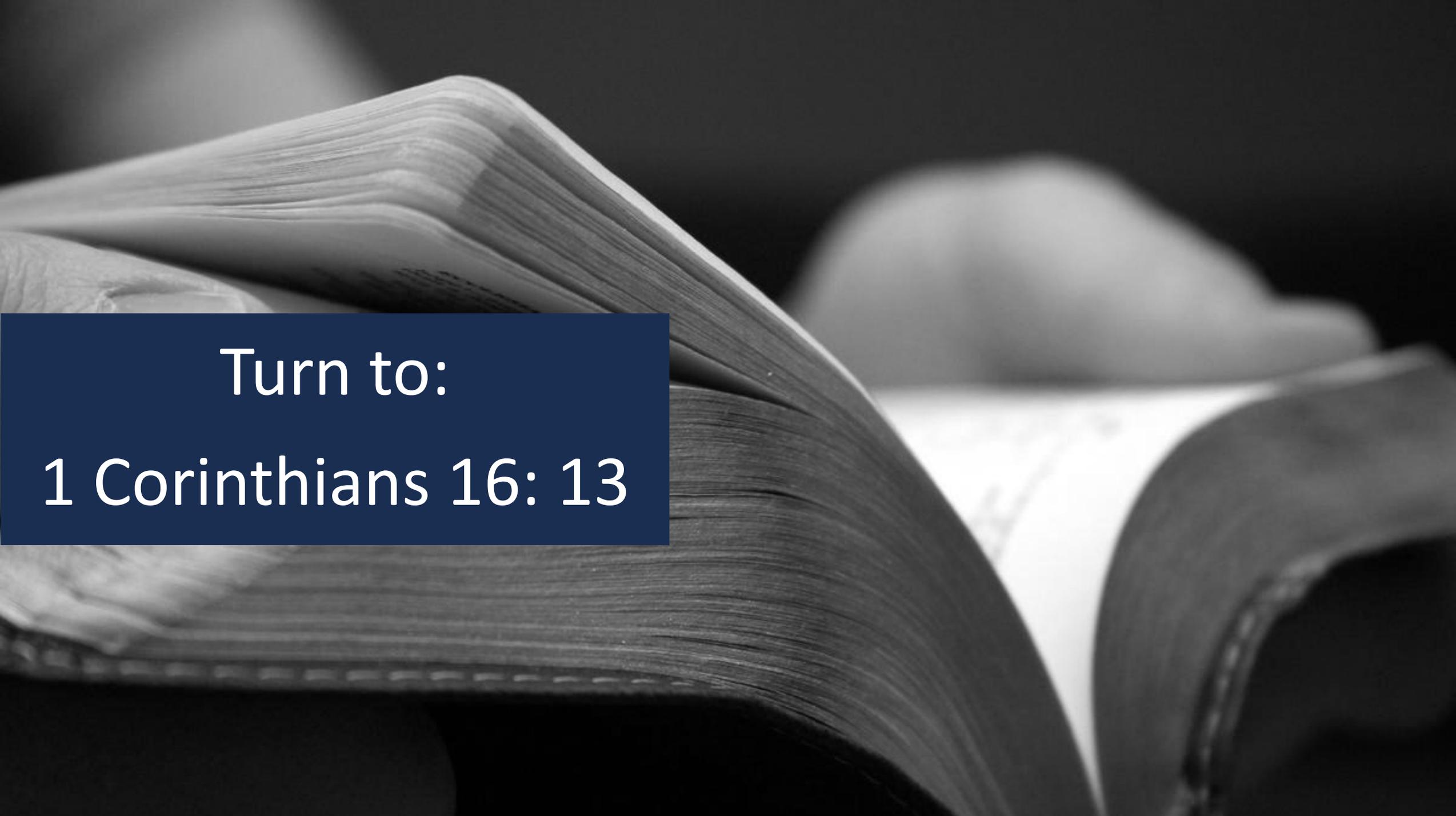
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Finally, be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power. Put on the full armor of God, so that you can take your stand against the devil's schemes.

Ephesians 6:10-12 (NIV)

For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms.

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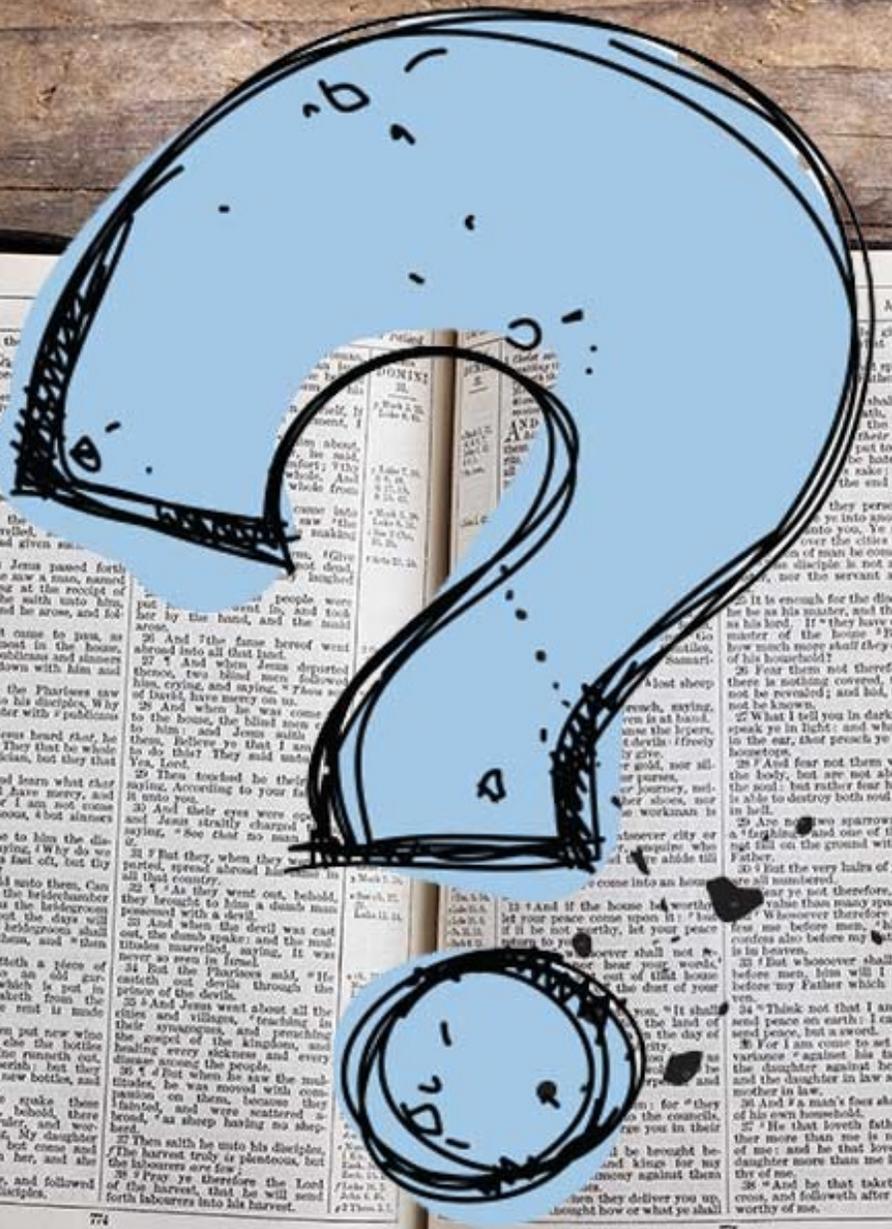
Turn to:

1 Corinthians 16: 13

1 Corinthians 16: 13 (NASB)

Be on the alert, stand firm in the faith, act like men, be strong

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Why is Paul warning this Church to be on alert?

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What does it mean to stand firm in the faith?

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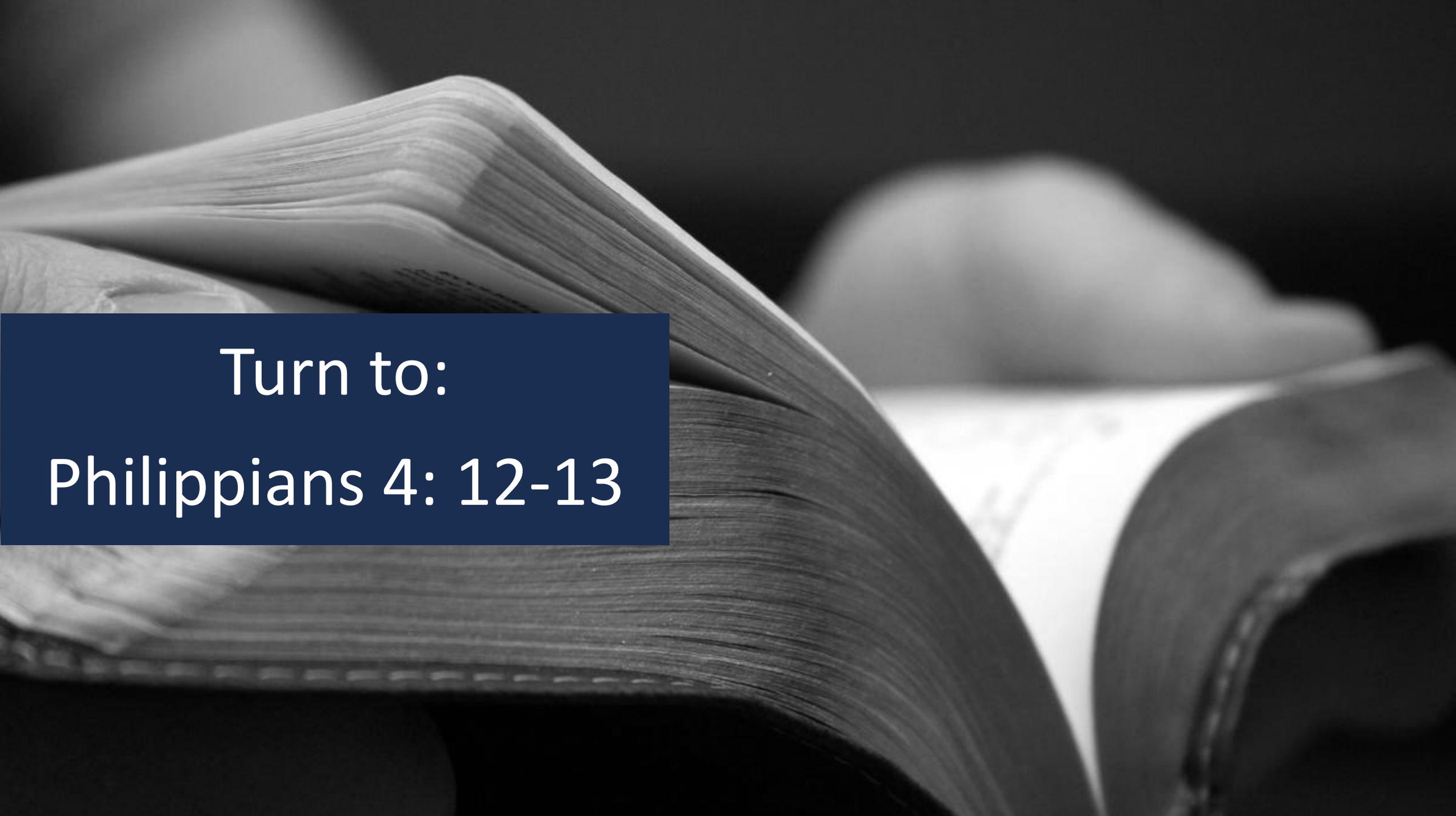
Act like men

Greek: andrízomai;

to act as a a full
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It refers to protection
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Turn to:
Philippians 4: 12-13

Philippians 4: 12-13 (NIV)

I know what it is to be in need, and I know what it is to have plenty. I have learned the secret of being content in any and every situation, whether well fed or hungry, whether living in plenty or in want.

Philippians 4: 12-13 (NASB)

*I can do all things through Him
who strengthens me.*

Quote by J.C. Ryle [1816-1900]

“The true Christian is called to be a soldier and behave as such from the day of his conversion to the day of his death. He is not meant to live a life of religious ease, indolence, and security. He must never imagine for a moment that he can sleep and doze all the way to heaven.”

2 Corinthians 10: 3 (NIV)

For though we live in the world, we do not wage war as the world does.

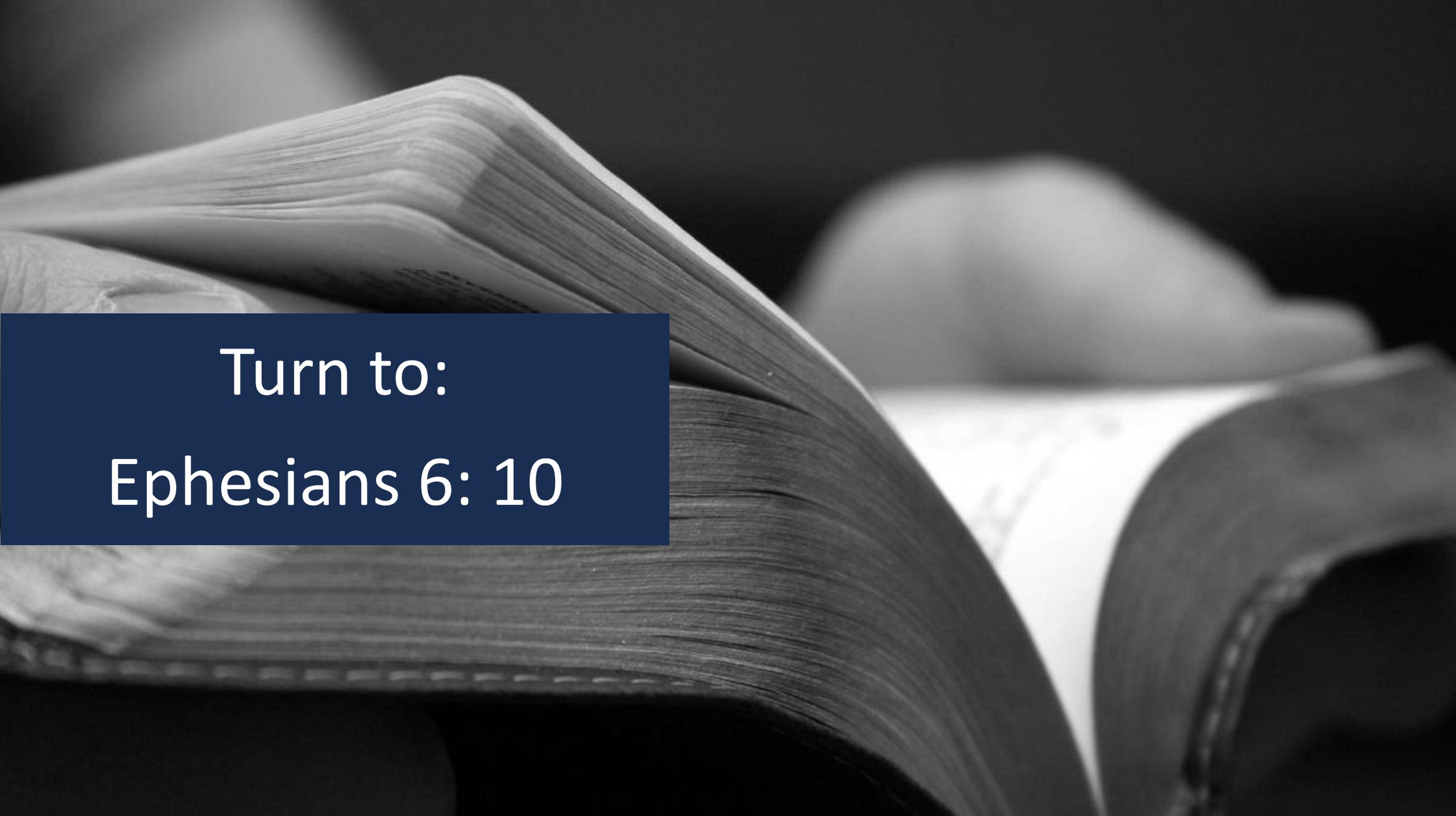
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The weapons we fight with are not the weapons of the world. On the contrary, they have divine power to demolish strongholds.

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What kind of
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Turn to:
Ephesians 6: 10

Ephesians 6: 10-14a (NIV)

Finally, be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power. Put on the full armor of God, so that you can take your stand against the devil's schemes.

Ephesians 6: 10-14a (NIV)

For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms.

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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.

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Stand firm then, with the belt of truth buckled around your waist,