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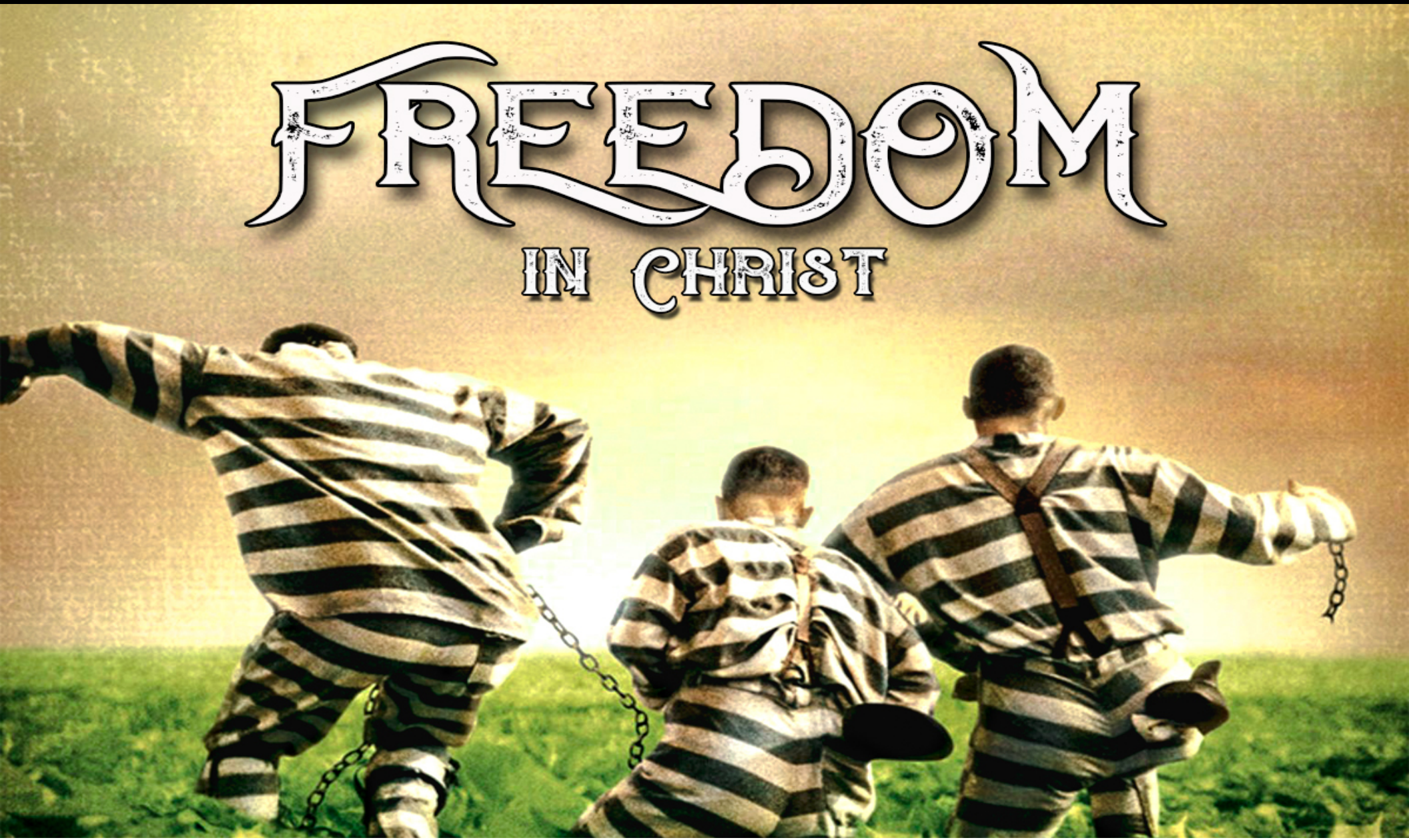

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29 And if you belong to Christ, then you
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Chapter 4 Now I mean that the heir,
as long as he is a minor, is no different
from a slave, though he is the
owner of everything. 2 But he is under
guardians and managers until the date
set by his father.

3 So also we, when we were minors,
were enslaved under the basic
forces of the world. 4 But when the
appropriate time had come, God sent
out his Son, born of a woman, born
under the law, 5 to redeem those who
were under the law, so that we may be
adopted as sons with full rights.

6 And because you are sons, God sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, who calls “Abba! Father!” 7 So you are no longer a slave but a son, and if you are a son, then you are also an heir through God. (New English Translation)

Divisions in Pauls World

-Some Jewish males would greet each new day by praying, ***"Lord, I thank you, that I am not a gentile, a slave, or a woman."*** (Siddur Ashkenaz, Weekday, Shacharit, Preparatory Prayers, Morning Blessings 2-4)

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Josephus wrote,

"woman is inferior to men in every way."

(Against Apion 2:24).

-the division between slave and free was considered a fundamental division in society. Although laws, acknowledge slaves as in one sense people, they also treated them as property. They were sold, and they were distributed as part of a deceased person's estate. Certainly free persons did not eat with slaves nor Jews with Gentiles.

What makes *UNITY* difficult?

a. It's easier to be *judgmental* than to be *gracious*.

Romans 3:23 **for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God**

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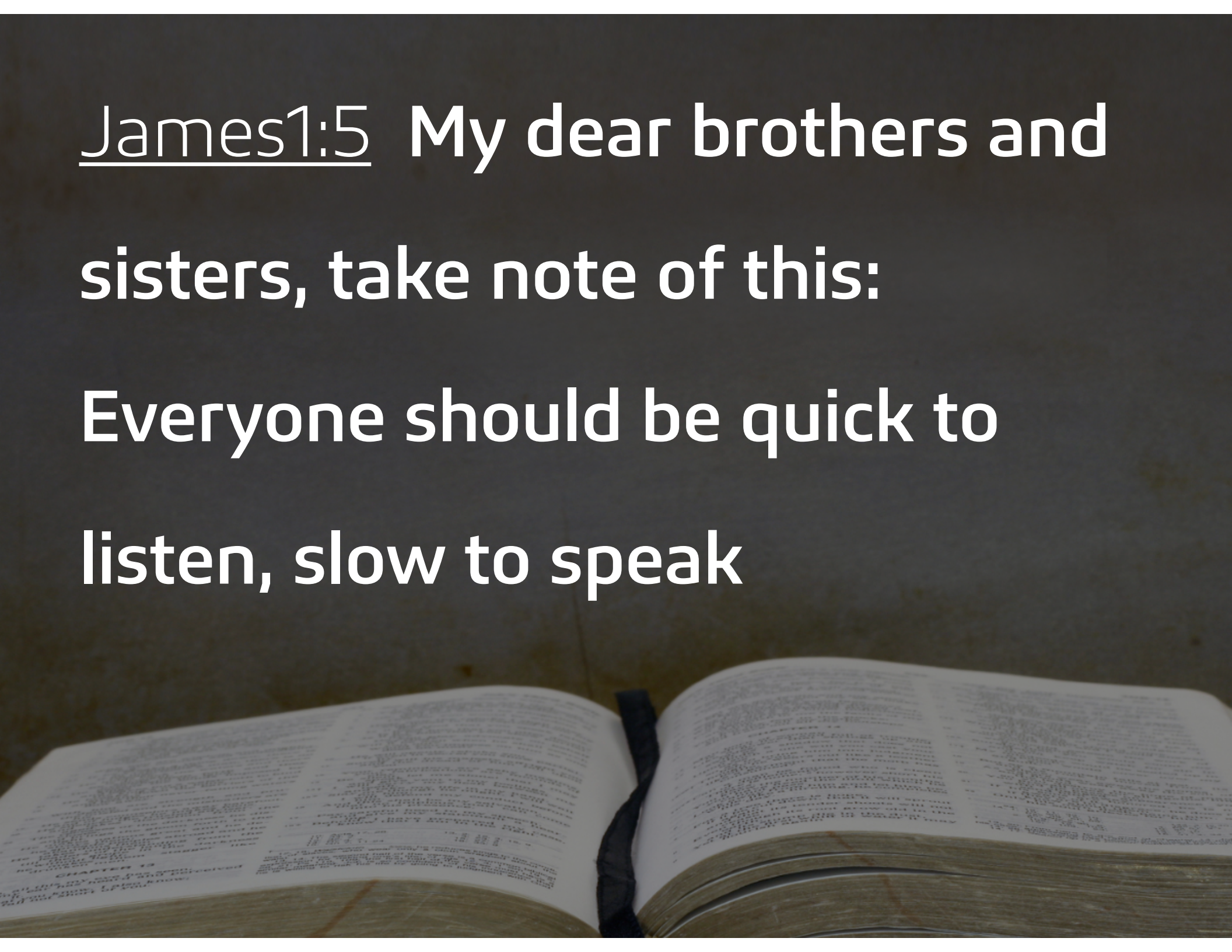
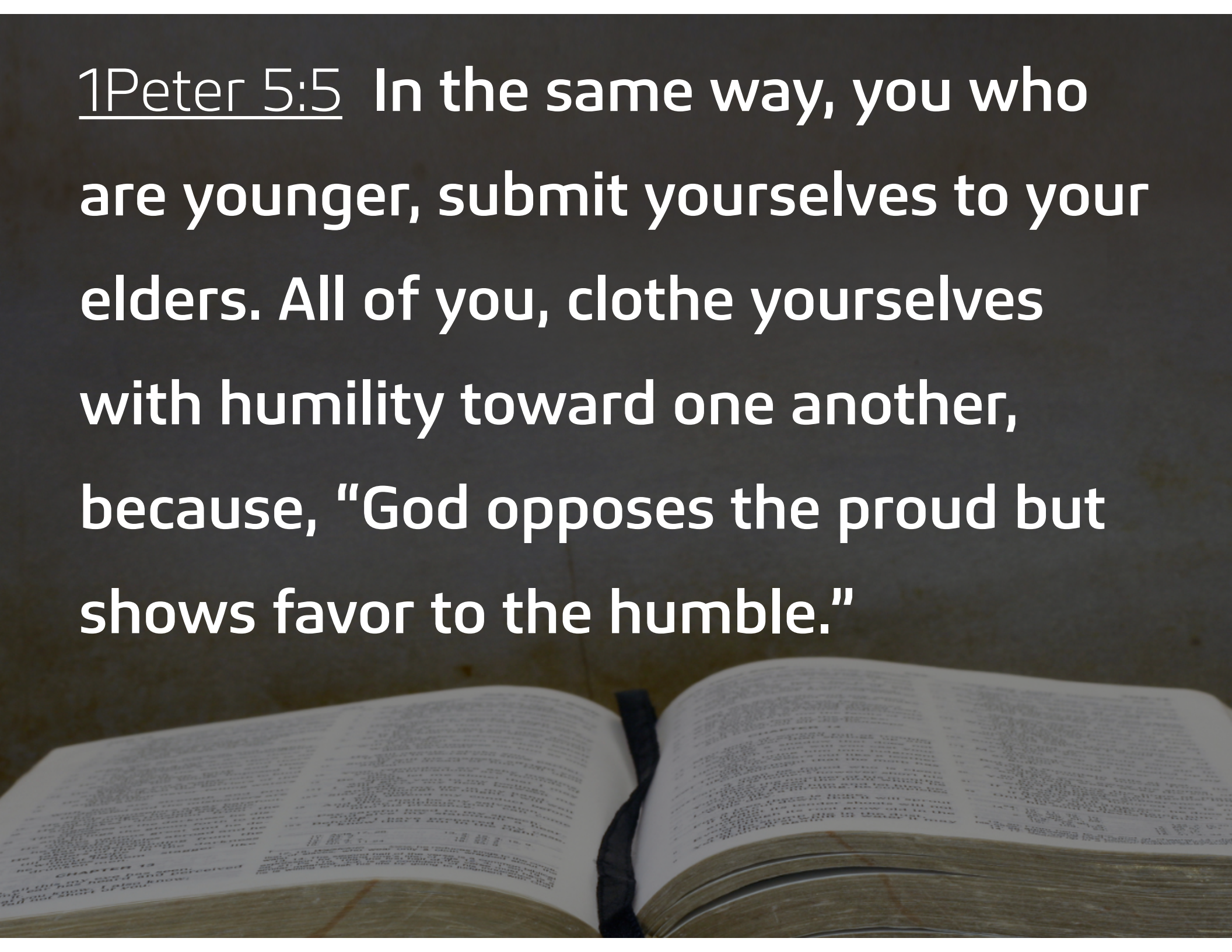
b. We are more ***confident*** in our own opinions than ***humble***, ready to learn.


James1:5 My dear brothers and sisters, take note of this: Everyone should be quick to listen, slow to speak


1Peter 5:5 In the same way, you who are younger, submit yourselves to your elders. All of you, clothe yourselves with humility toward one another, because, “God opposes the proud but shows favor to the humble.”

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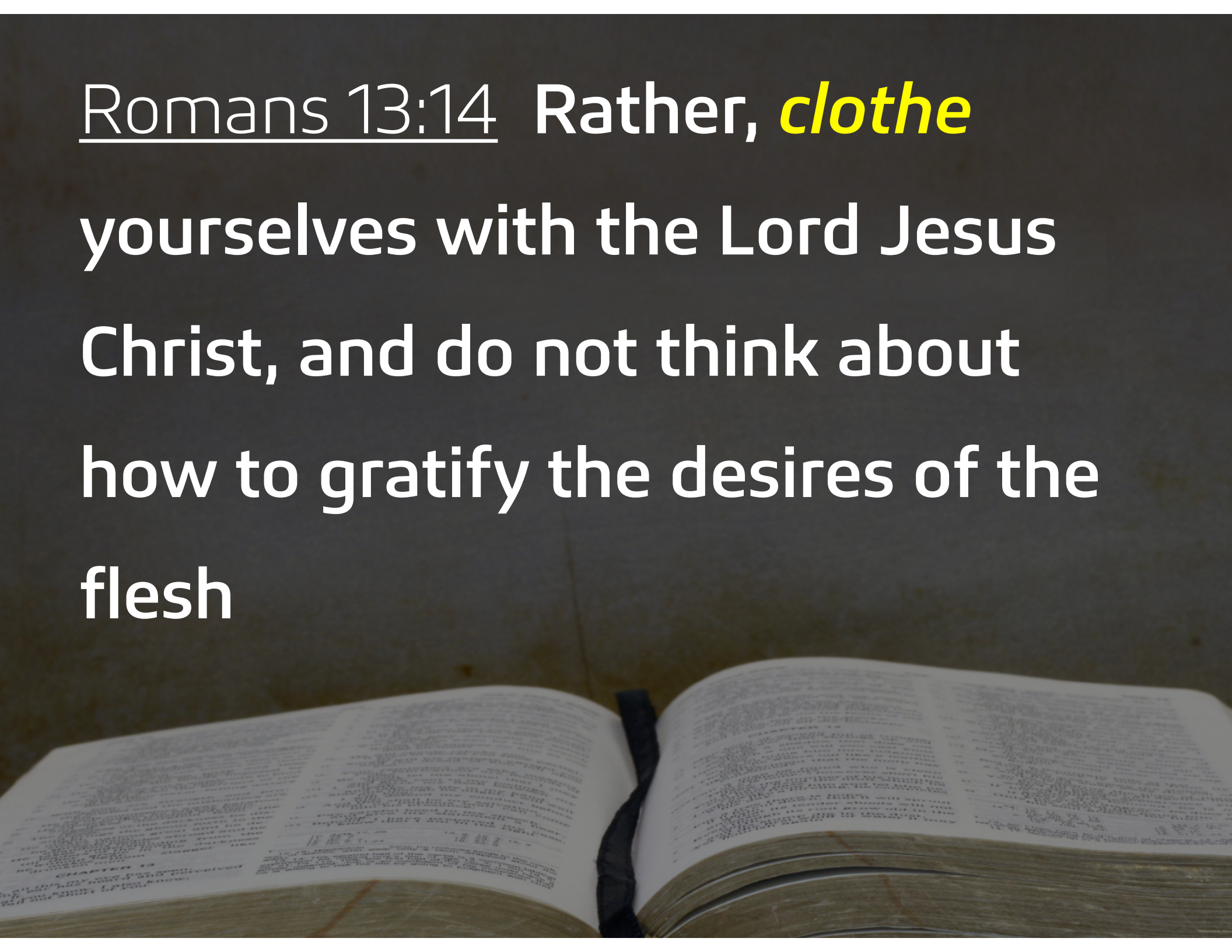
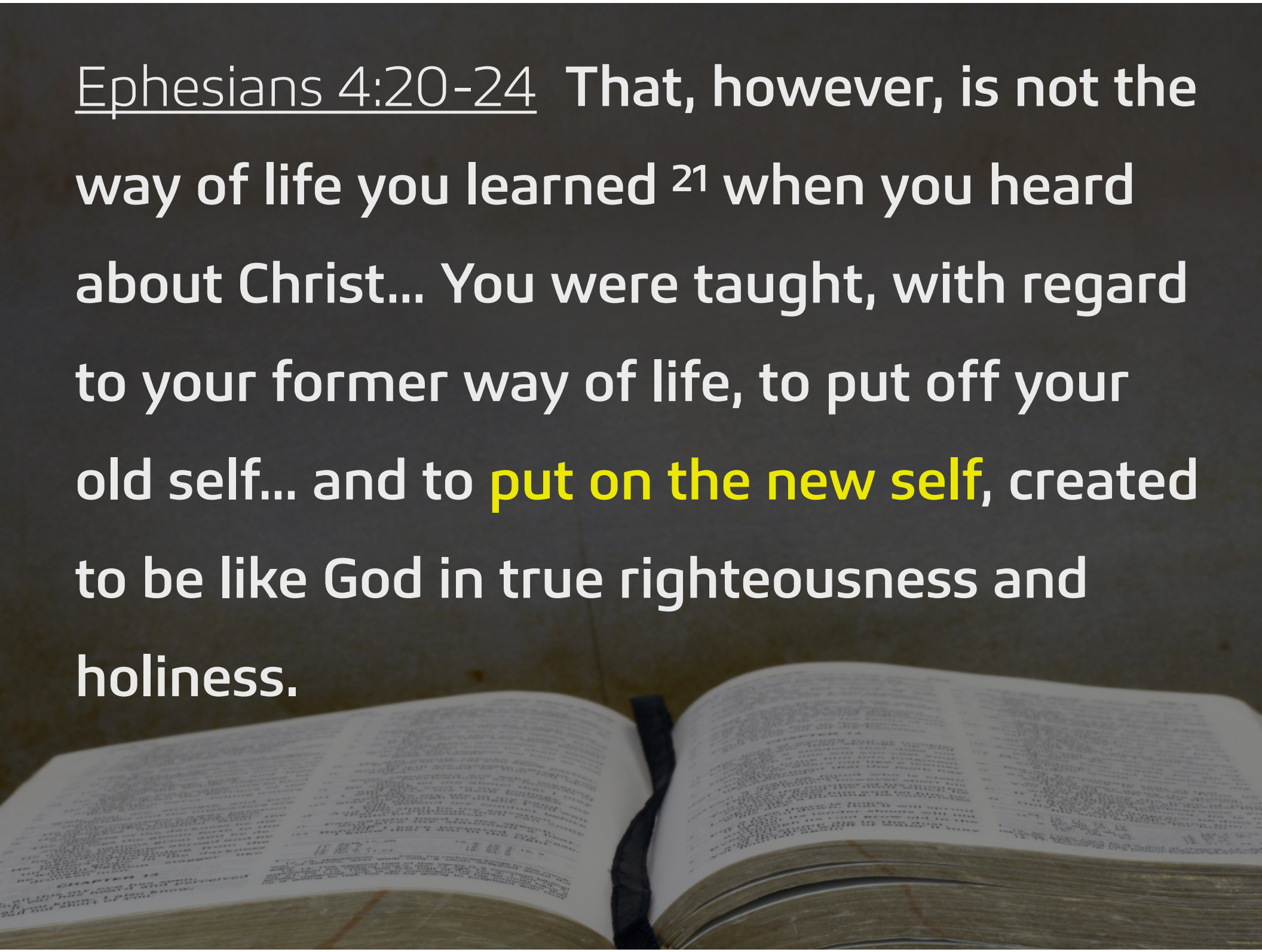
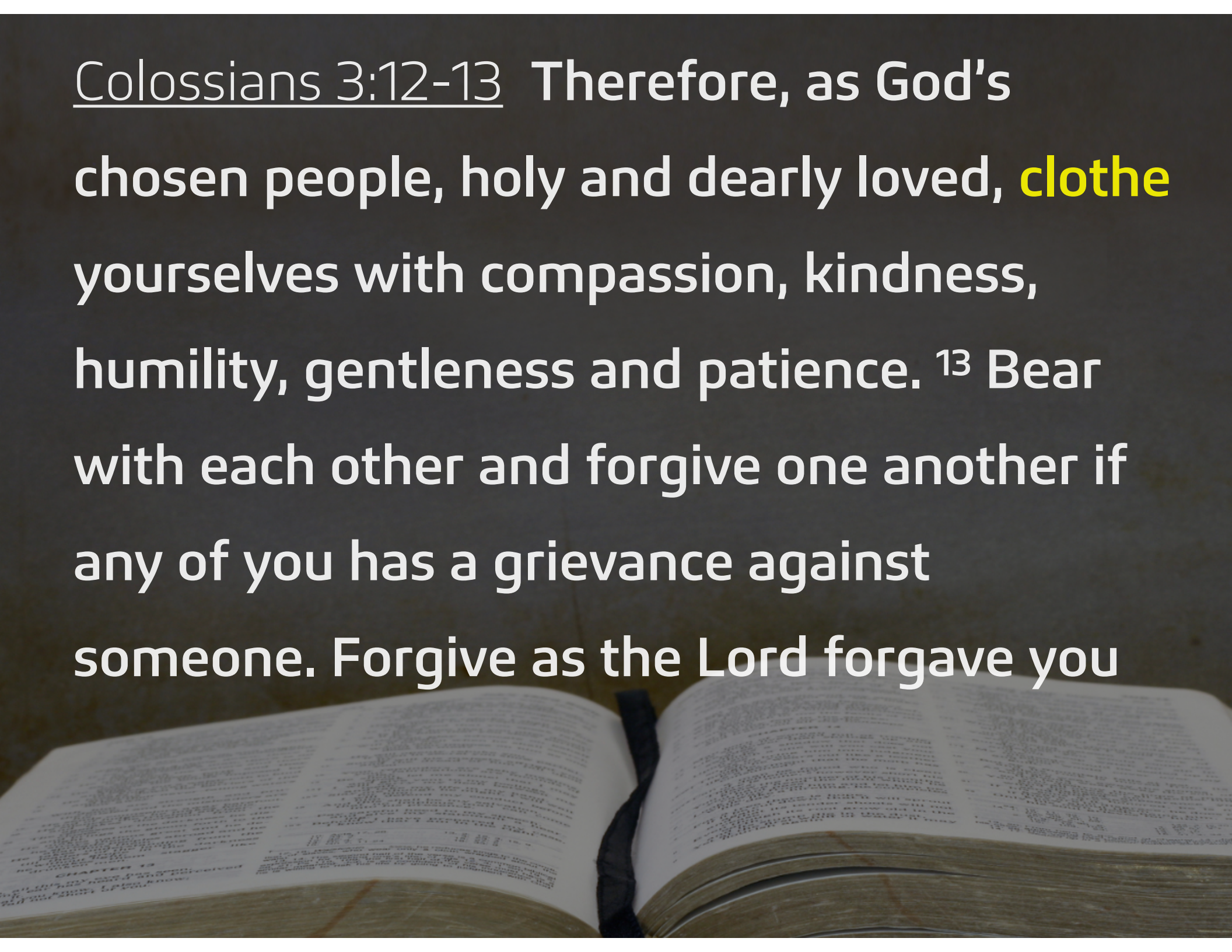
What are you WEARING?

What does it mean to "have **clothed yourselves with Christ"**?

In the Greek this is an AORIST MIDDLE INDICATIVE which ***emphasizes a purposeful action on our part.*** This involves the idea of our "putting on" (as a garment).


Romans 13:14 Rather, clothe yourselves with the Lord Jesus Christ, and do not think about how to gratify the desires of the flesh


Ephesians 4:20-24 That, however, is not the way of life you learned 21 when you heard about Christ... You were taught, with regard to your former way of life, to put off your old self... and to put on the new self, created to be like God in true righteousness and holiness.


Colossians 3:12-13 Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience. 13 Bear with each other and forgive one another if any of you has a grievance against someone. Forgive as the Lord forgave you