
The Shadow Lands


1 Thessalonians 5:12 – 22

The Church's Calling

A "happy" Church

A "praying" Church

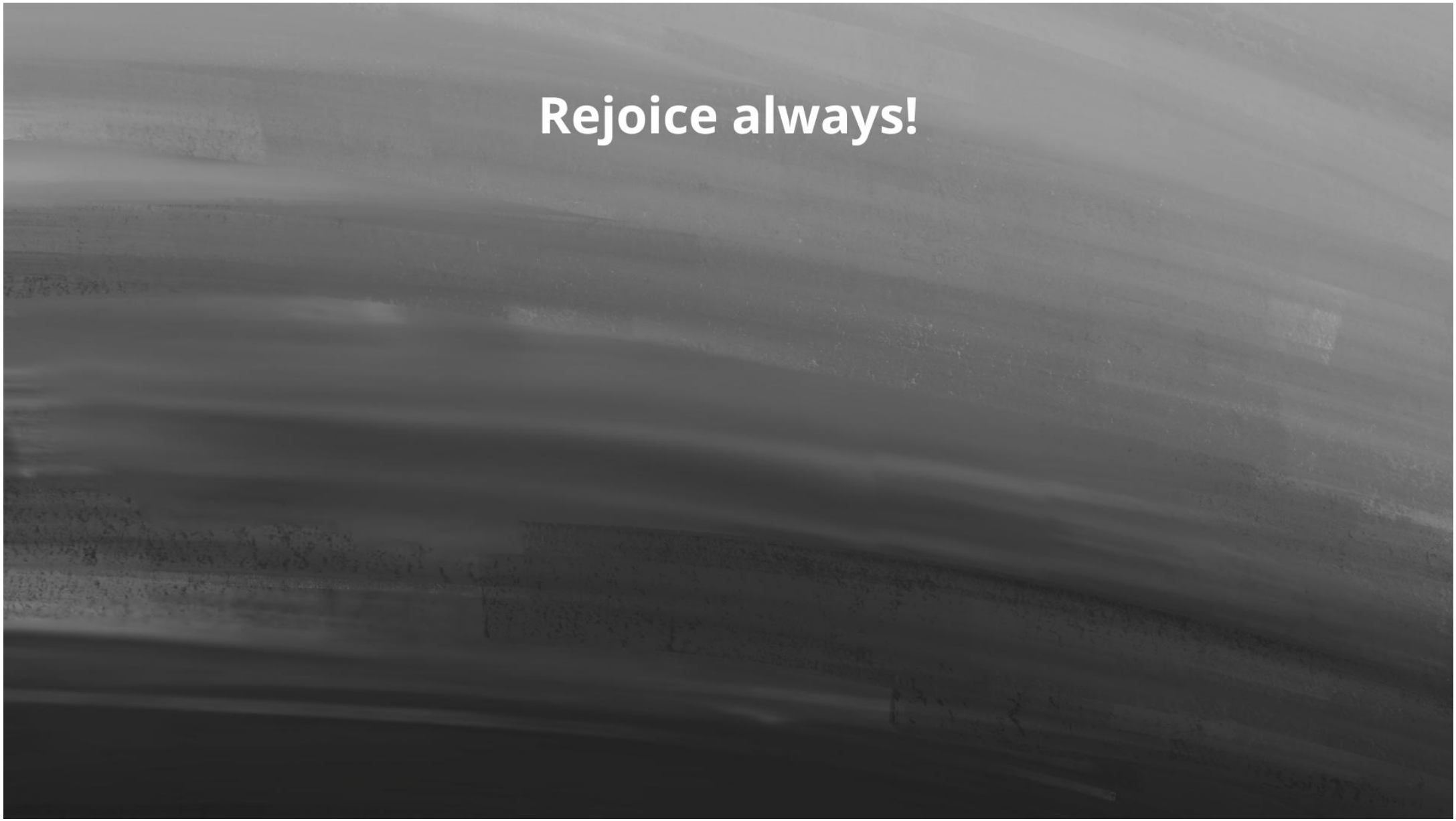
A "thankful" Church

1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

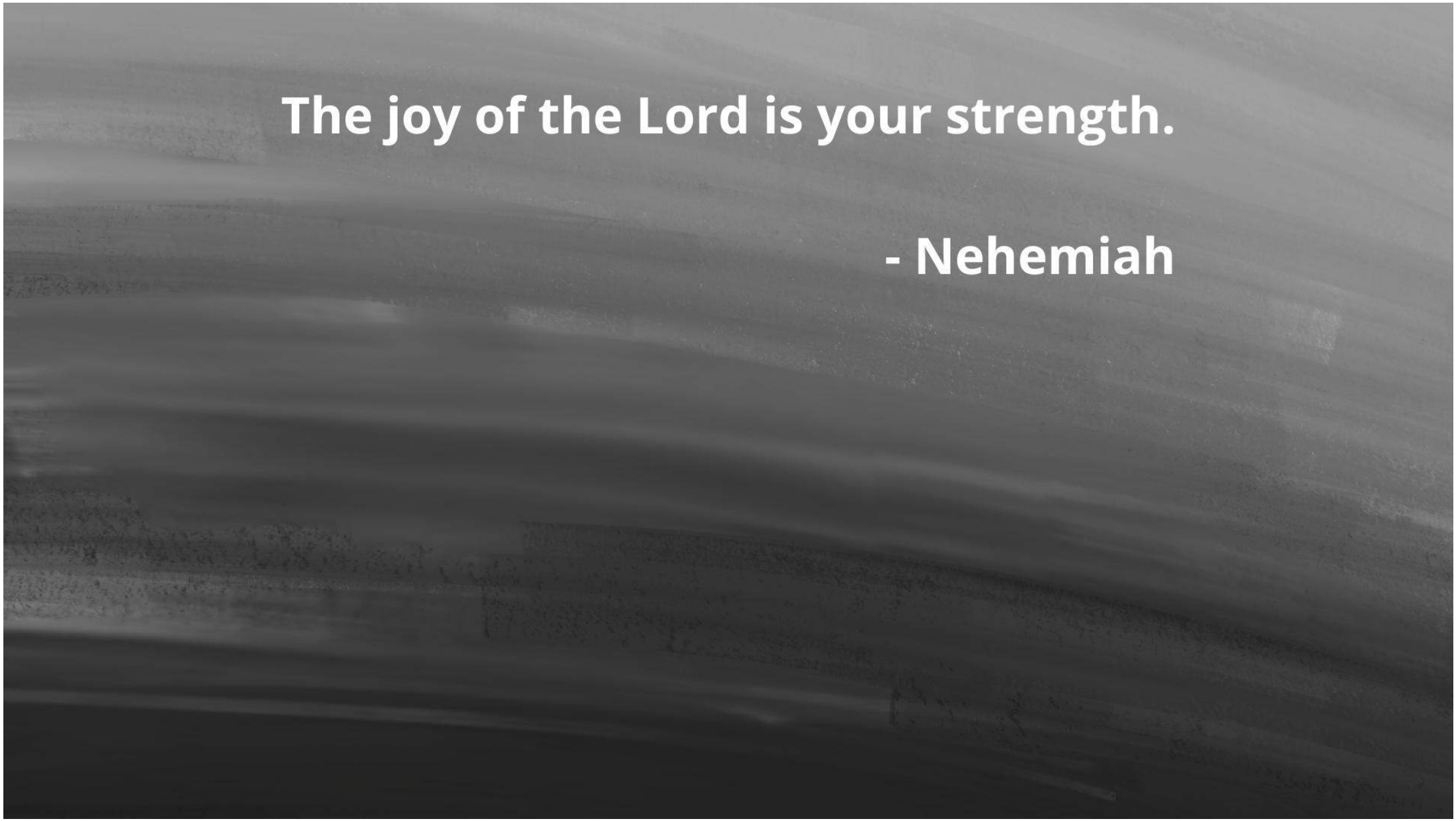
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Hello?
Anybody out there?

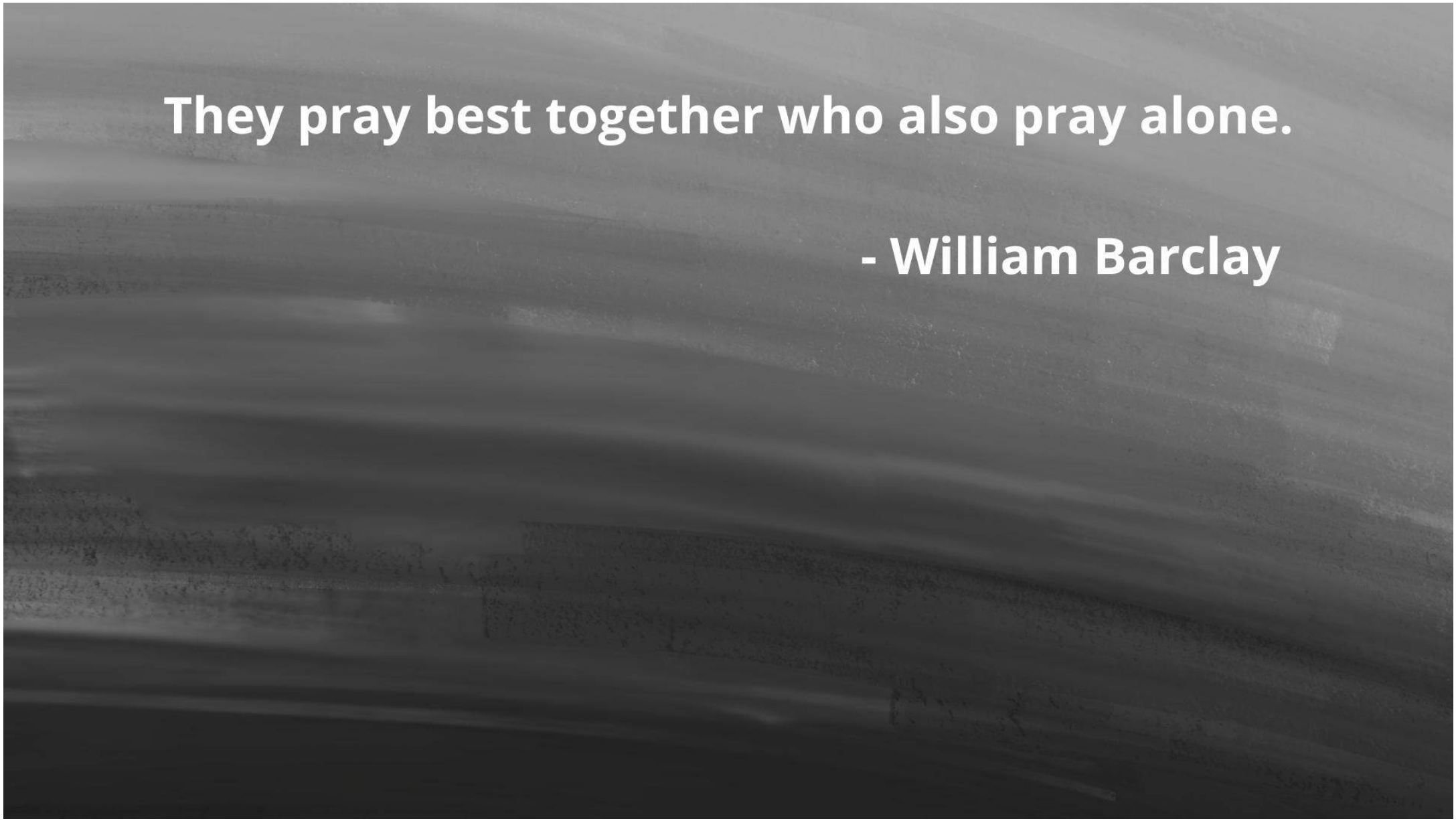

Paul provided three practices to
help us keep our eyes on the SON.


Rejoice always!



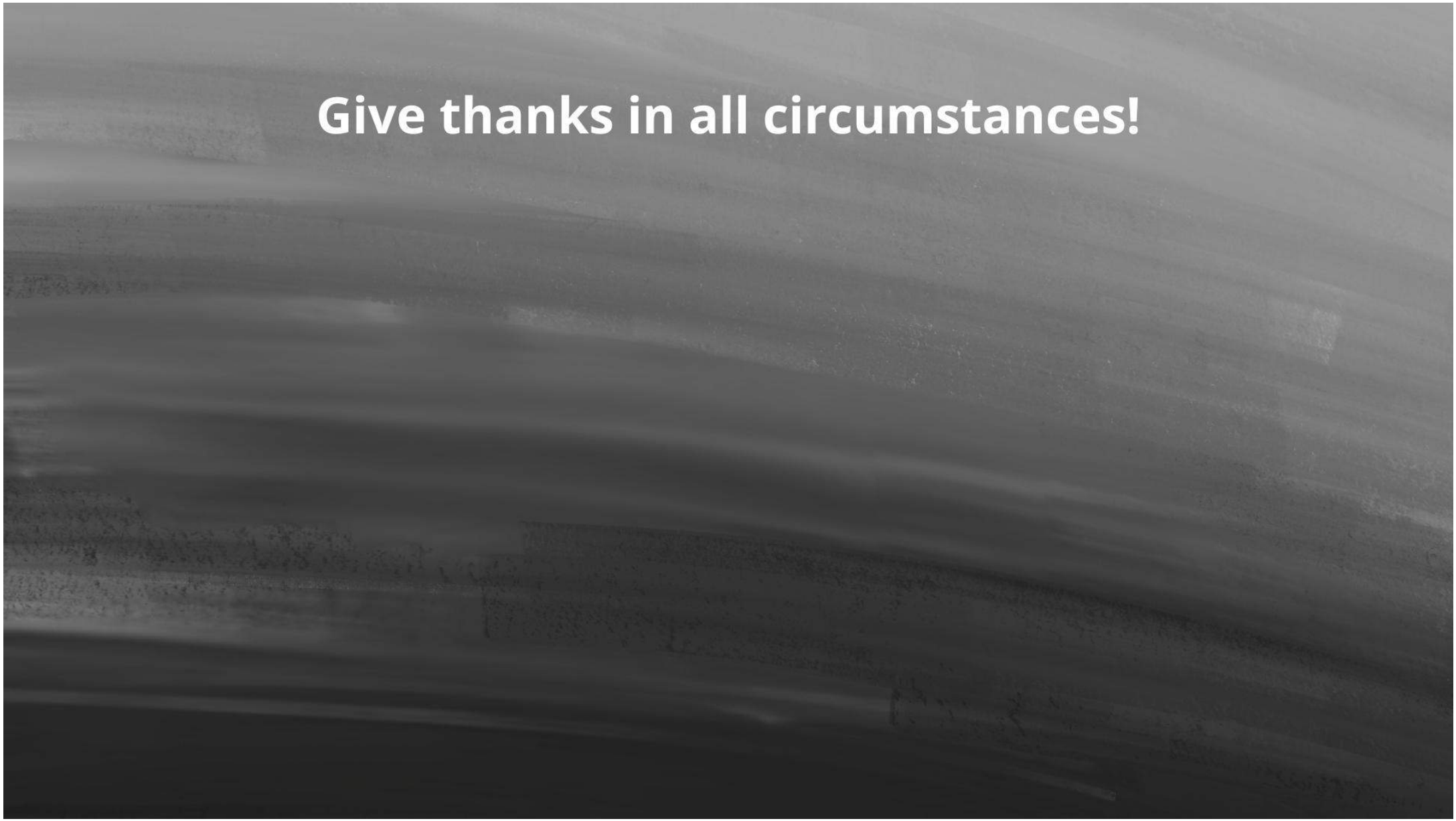

The joy of the Lord is your strength.
- Nehemiah

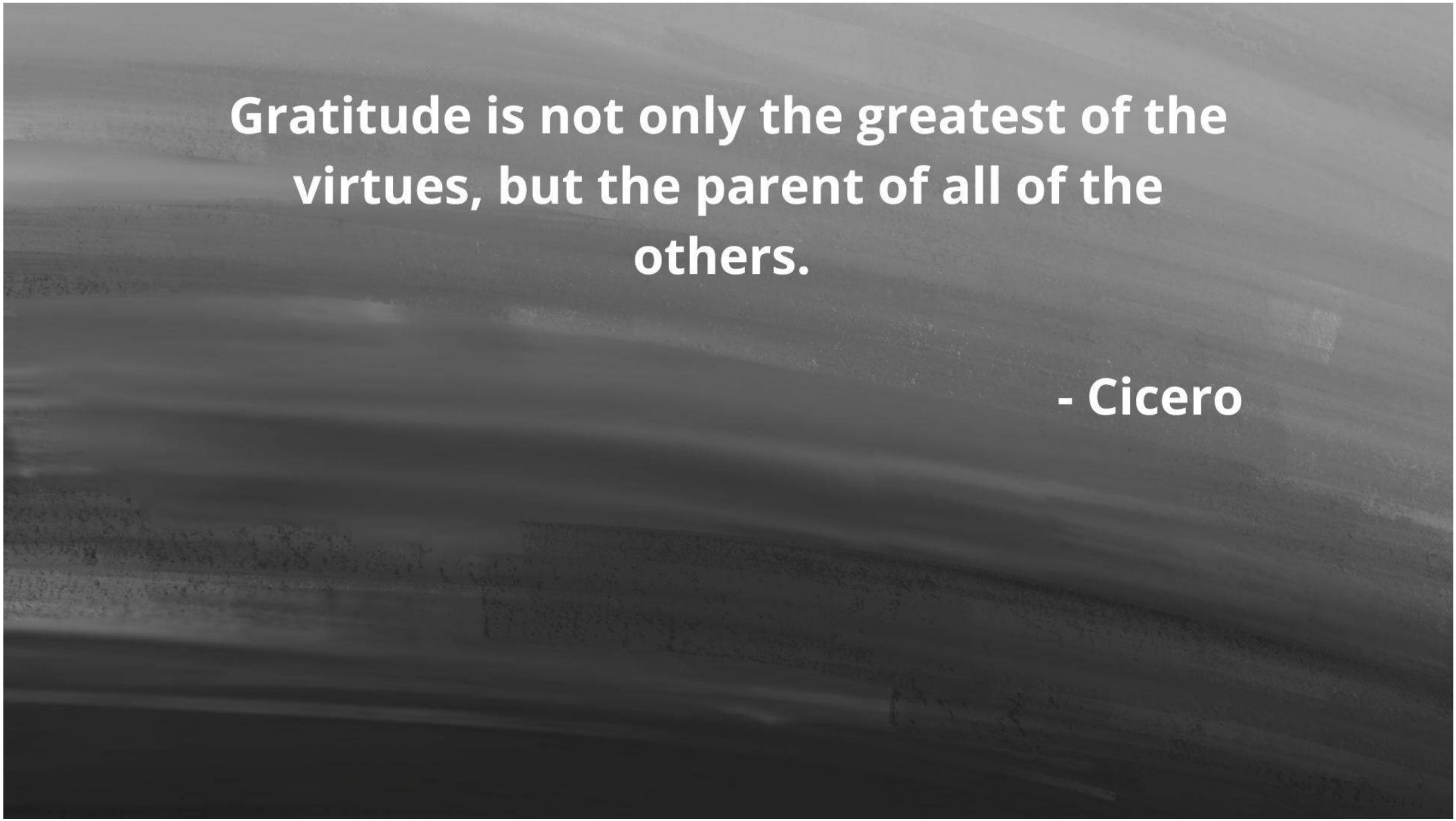

Pray continually!

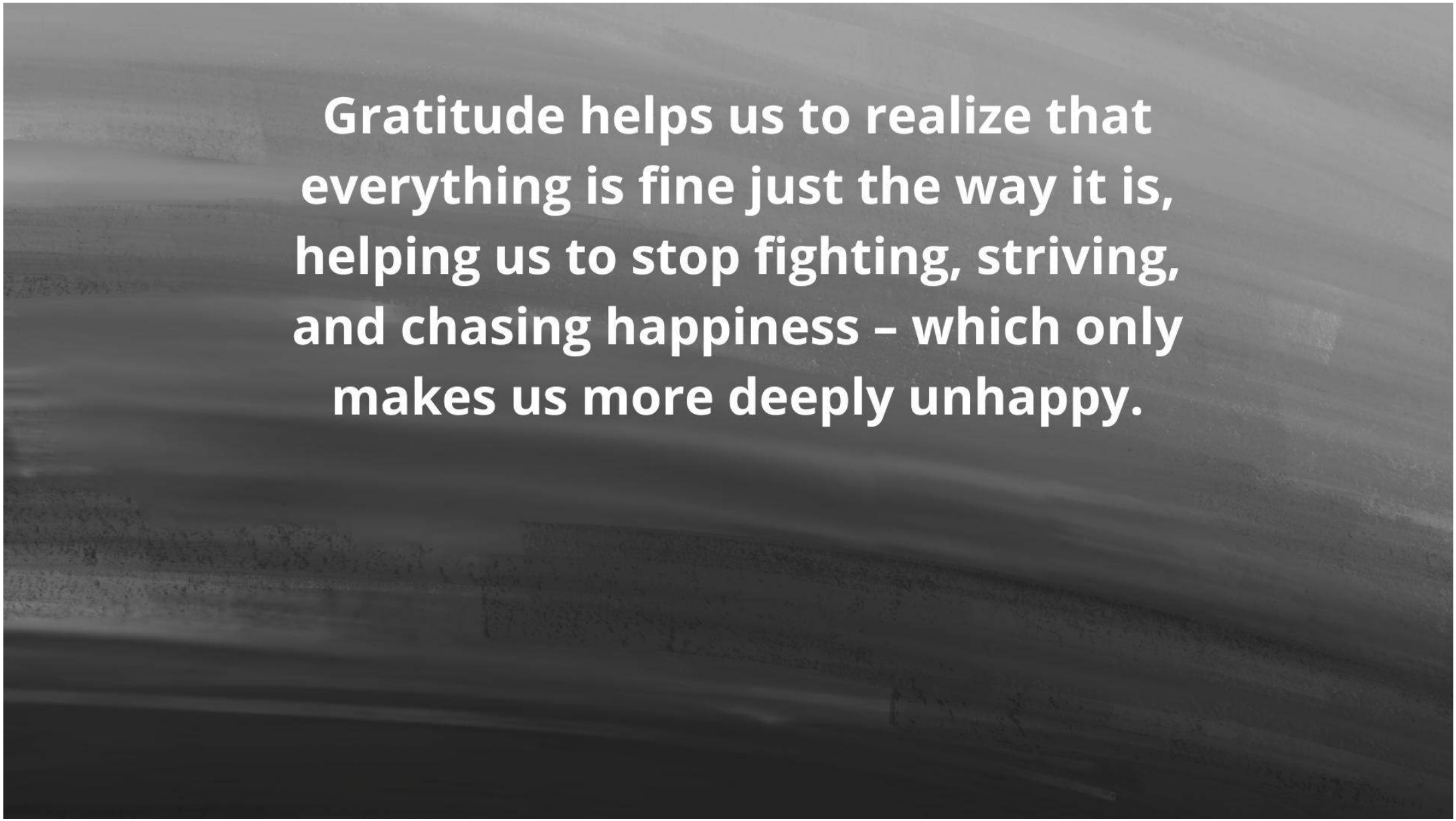

They pray best together who also pray alone.
- William Barclay





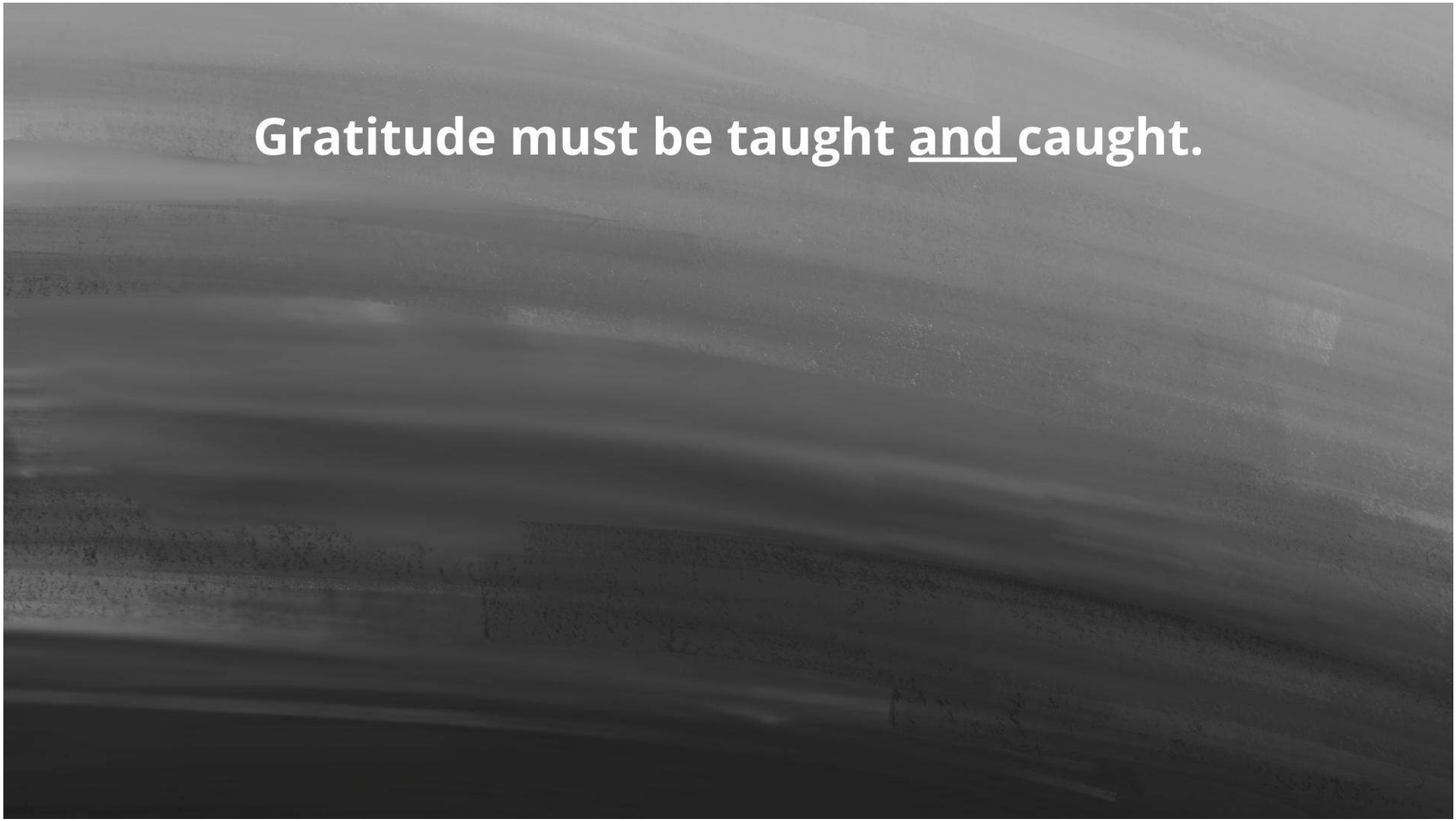

Give thanks in all circumstances!


Gratitude is not only the greatest of the virtues, but the parent of all of the others.
- Cicero

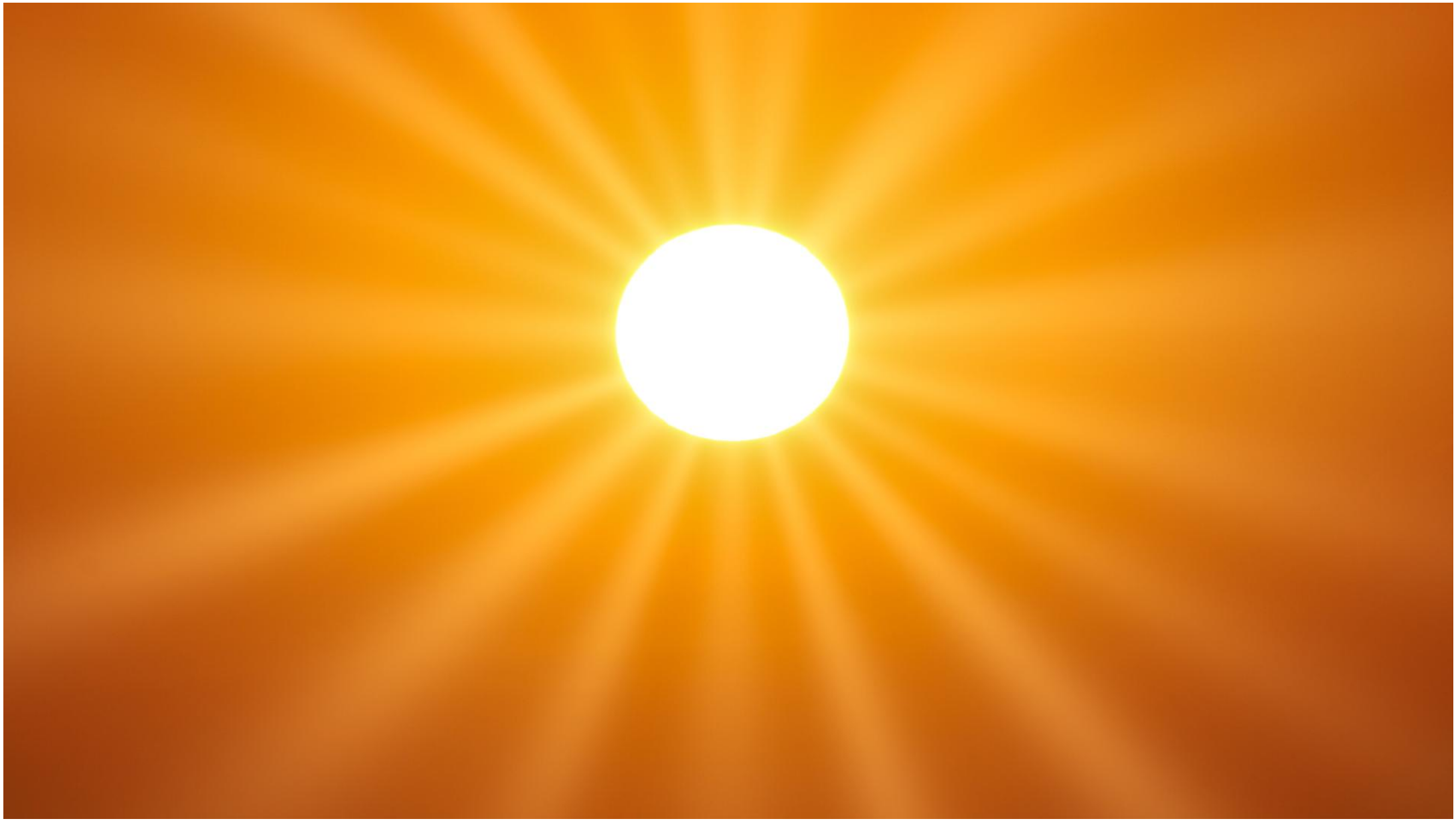

Gratitude helps us to realize that
everything is fine just the way it is,
helping us to stop fighting, striving,
and chasing happiness – which only
makes us more deeply unhappy.


Gratitude is a choice.


What do you say?
- Voice in My Head


Gratitude must be taught and caught.

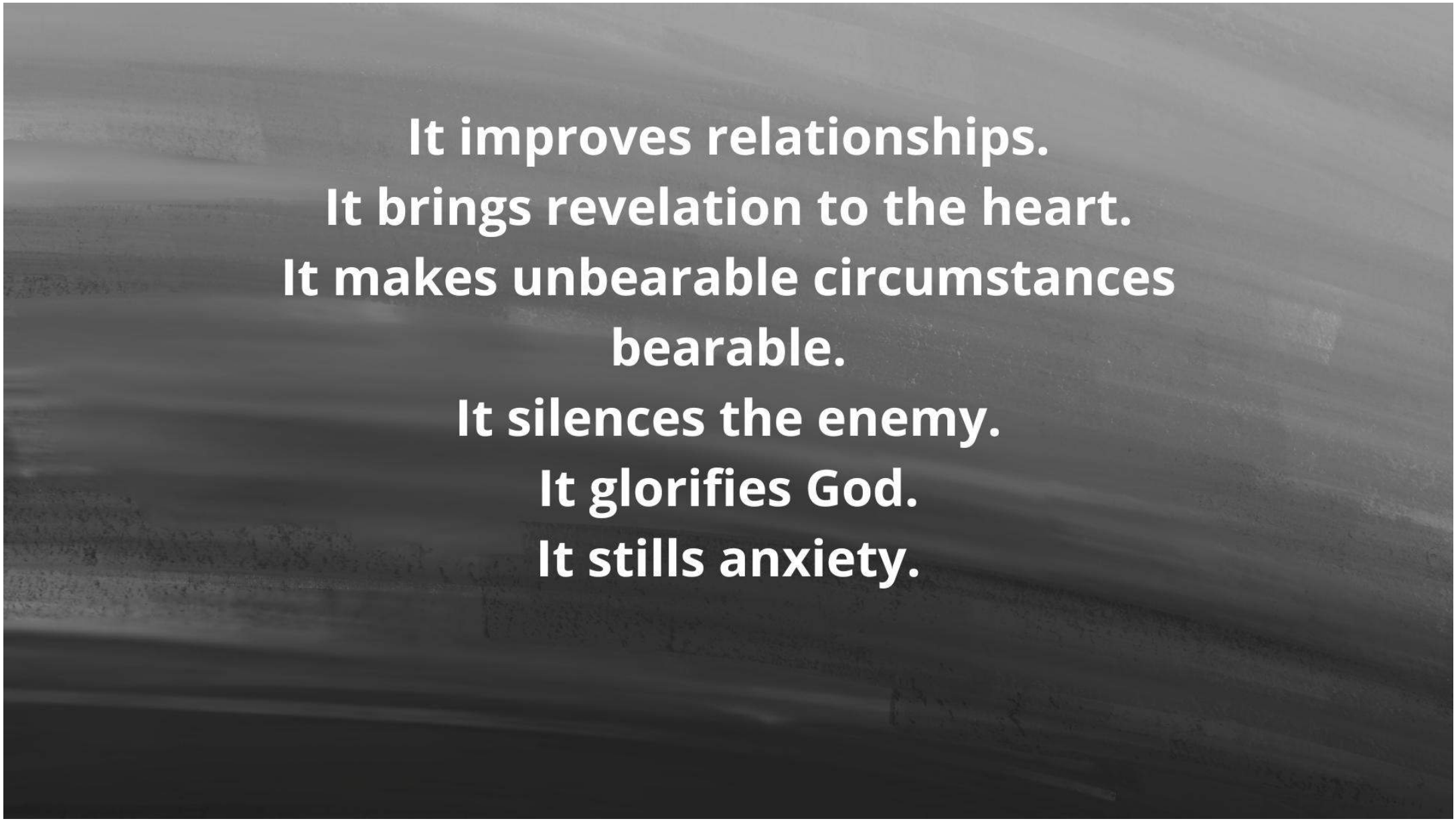


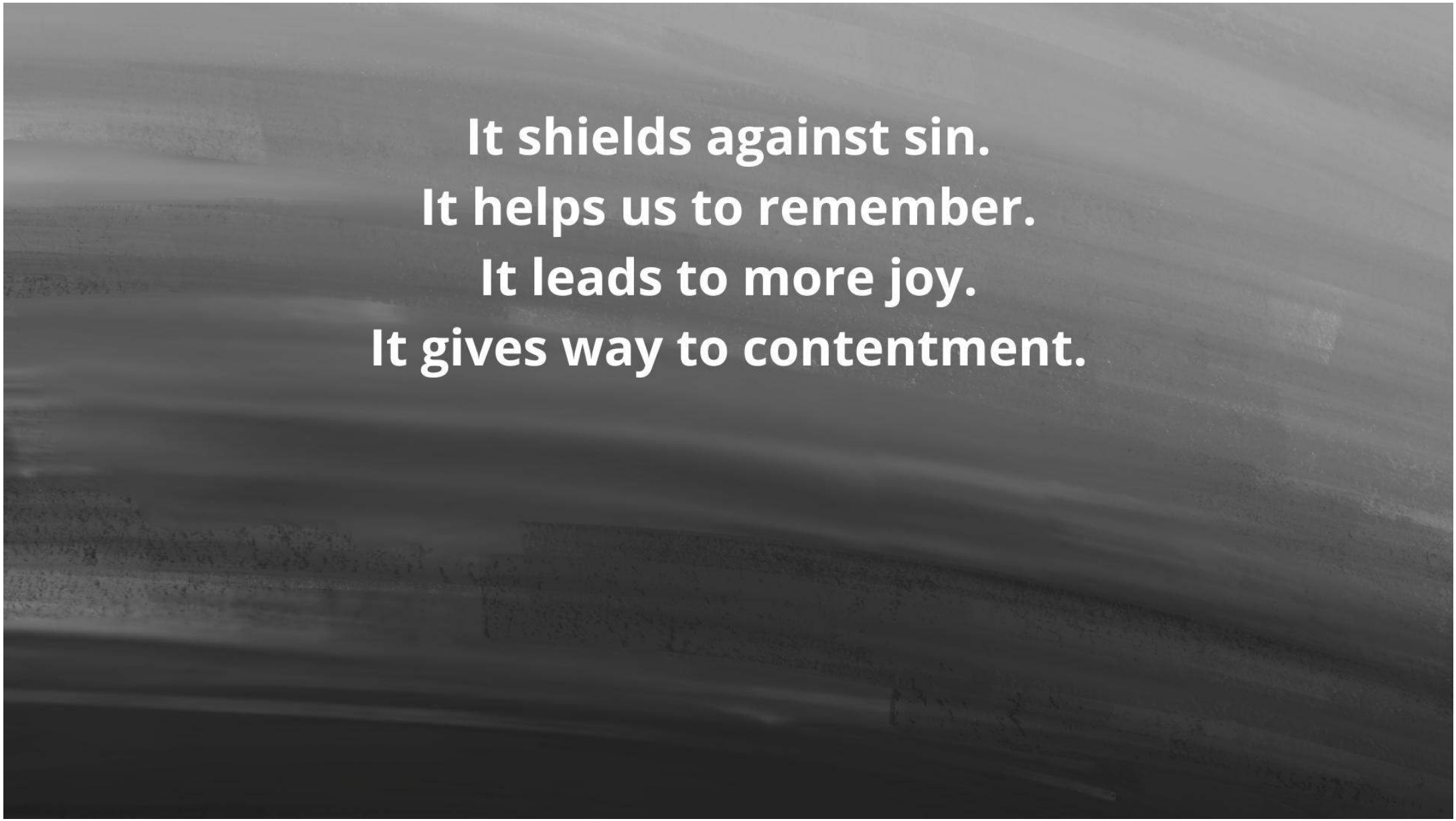


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Improves contentment and less materialistic
More sympathetic and forgiving
Reduces stress
Helps you to sleep more deeply
Strengthens you spiritually
More fulfilling relationships
Long-term happiness


It improves relationships.
It brings revelation to the heart.
It makes unbearable circumstances bearable.
It silences the enemy.
It glorifies God.
It stills anxiety.


It shields against sin.
It helps us to remember.
It leads to more joy.
It gives way to contentment.


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