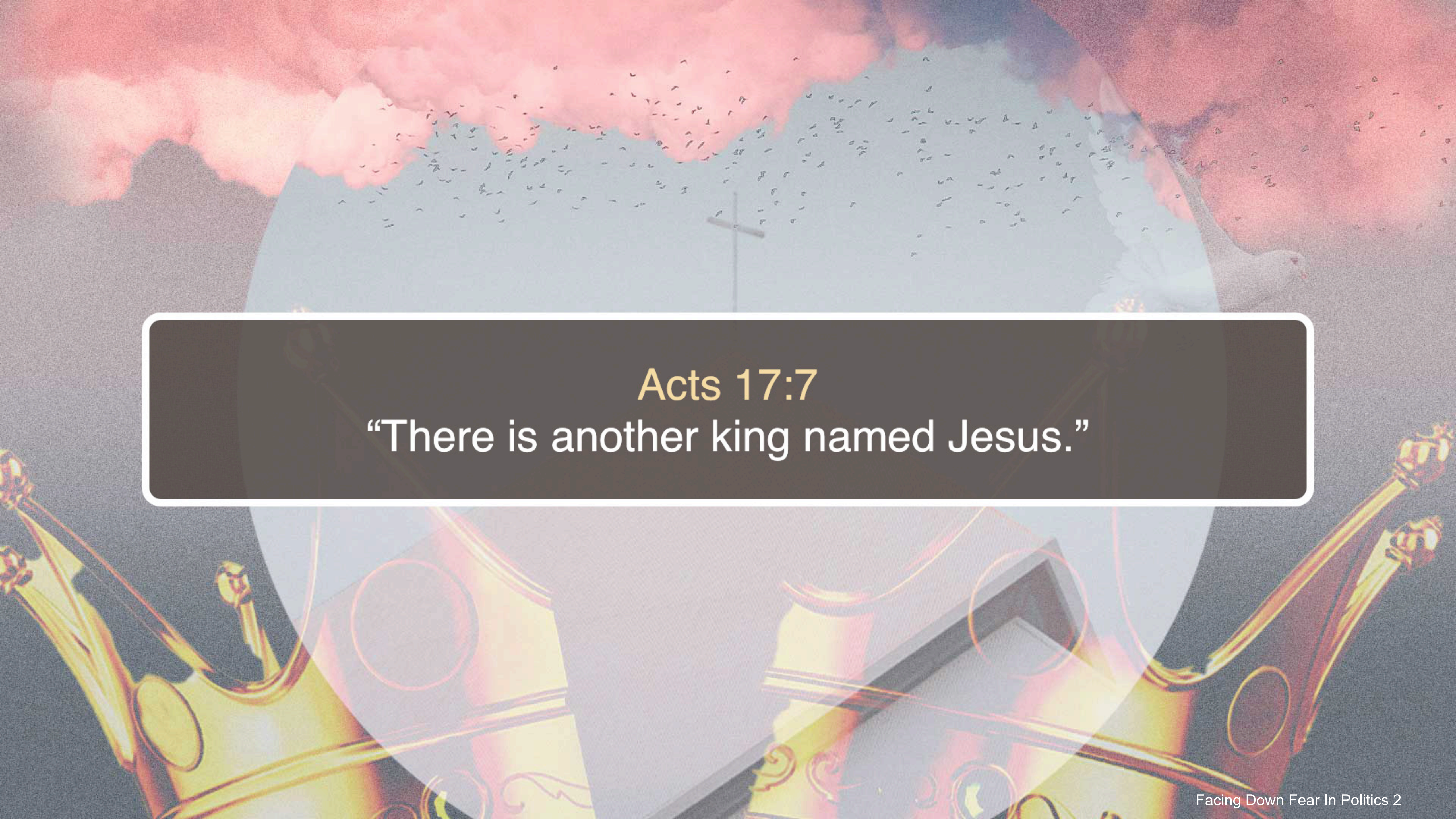


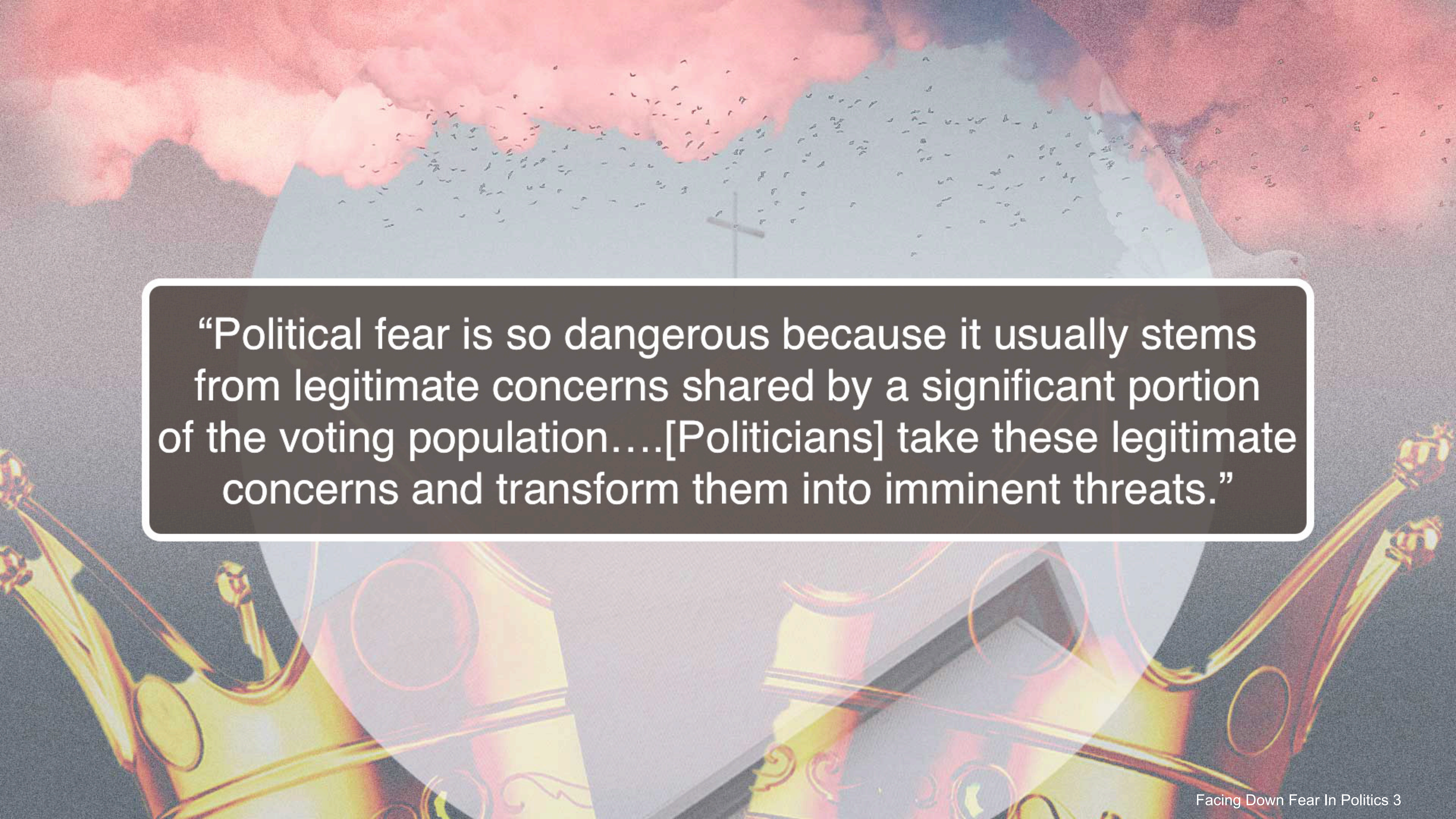
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FACING DOWN FEAR IN POLITICS

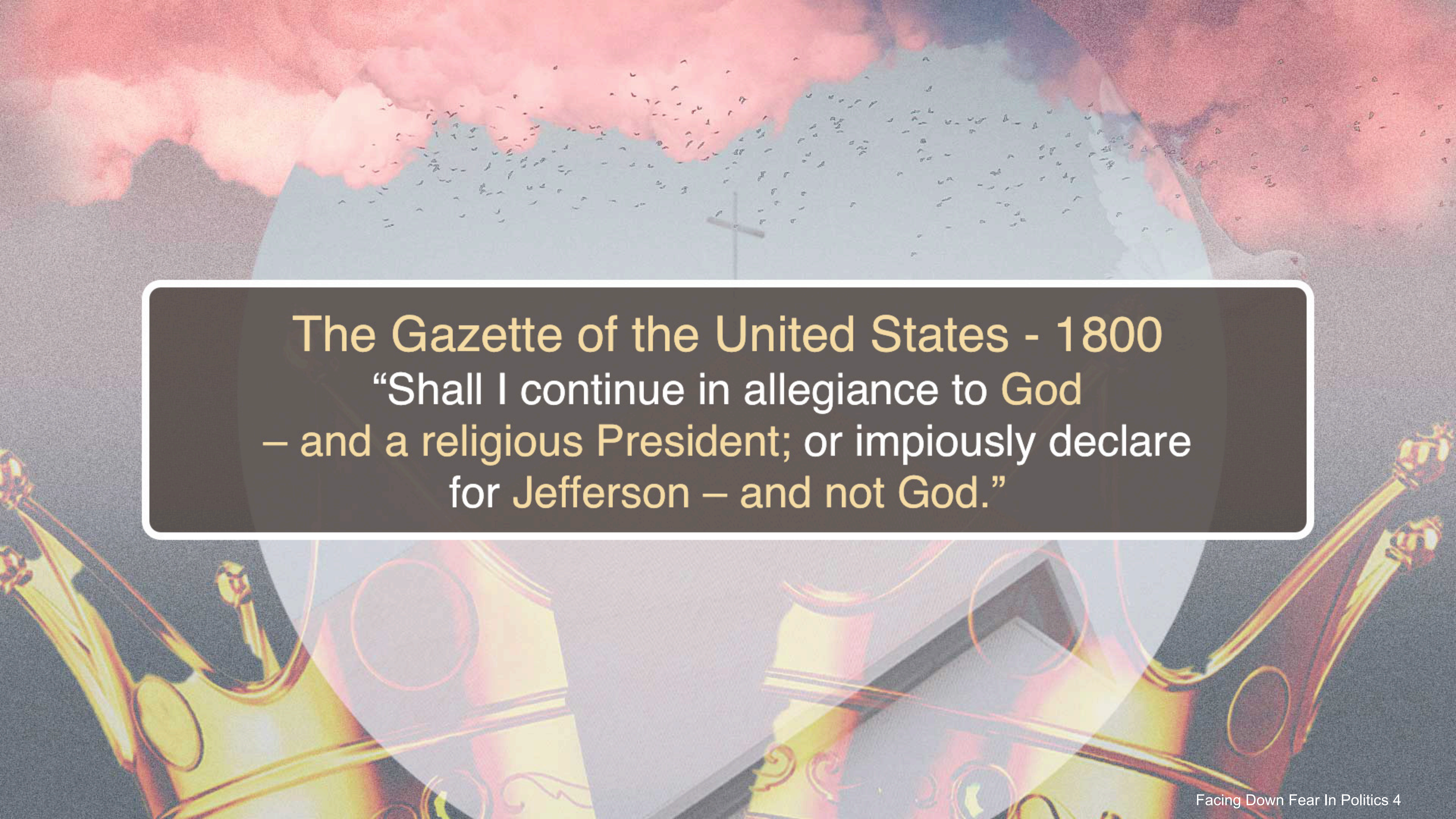


Acts 17:7

“There is another king named Jesus.”



“Political fear is so dangerous because it usually stems from legitimate concerns shared by a significant portion of the voting population....[Politicians] take these legitimate concerns and transform them into imminent threats.”

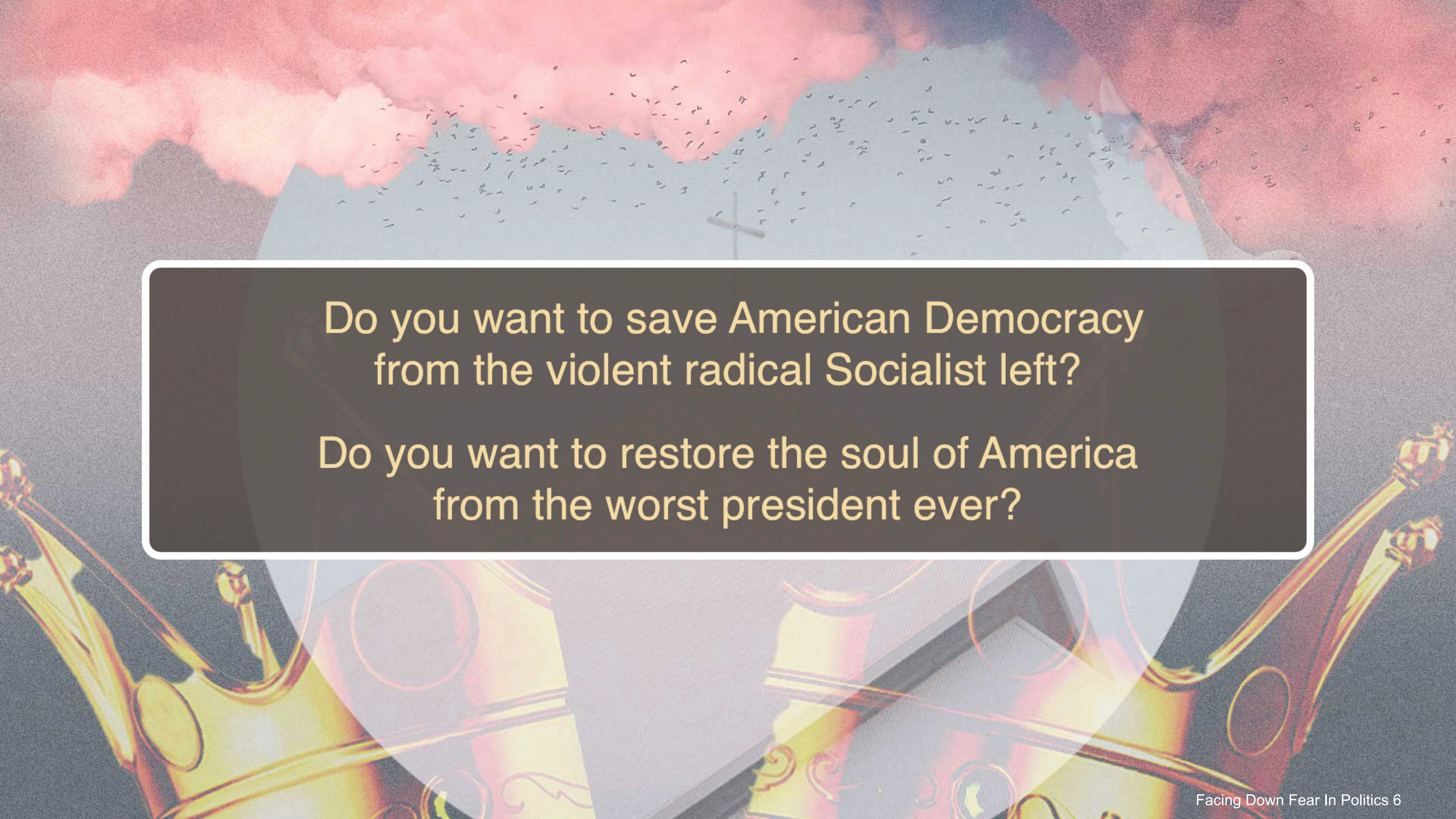


The Gazette of the United States - 1800
“Shall I continue in allegiance to God
– and a religious President; or impiously declare
for Jefferson – and not God.”



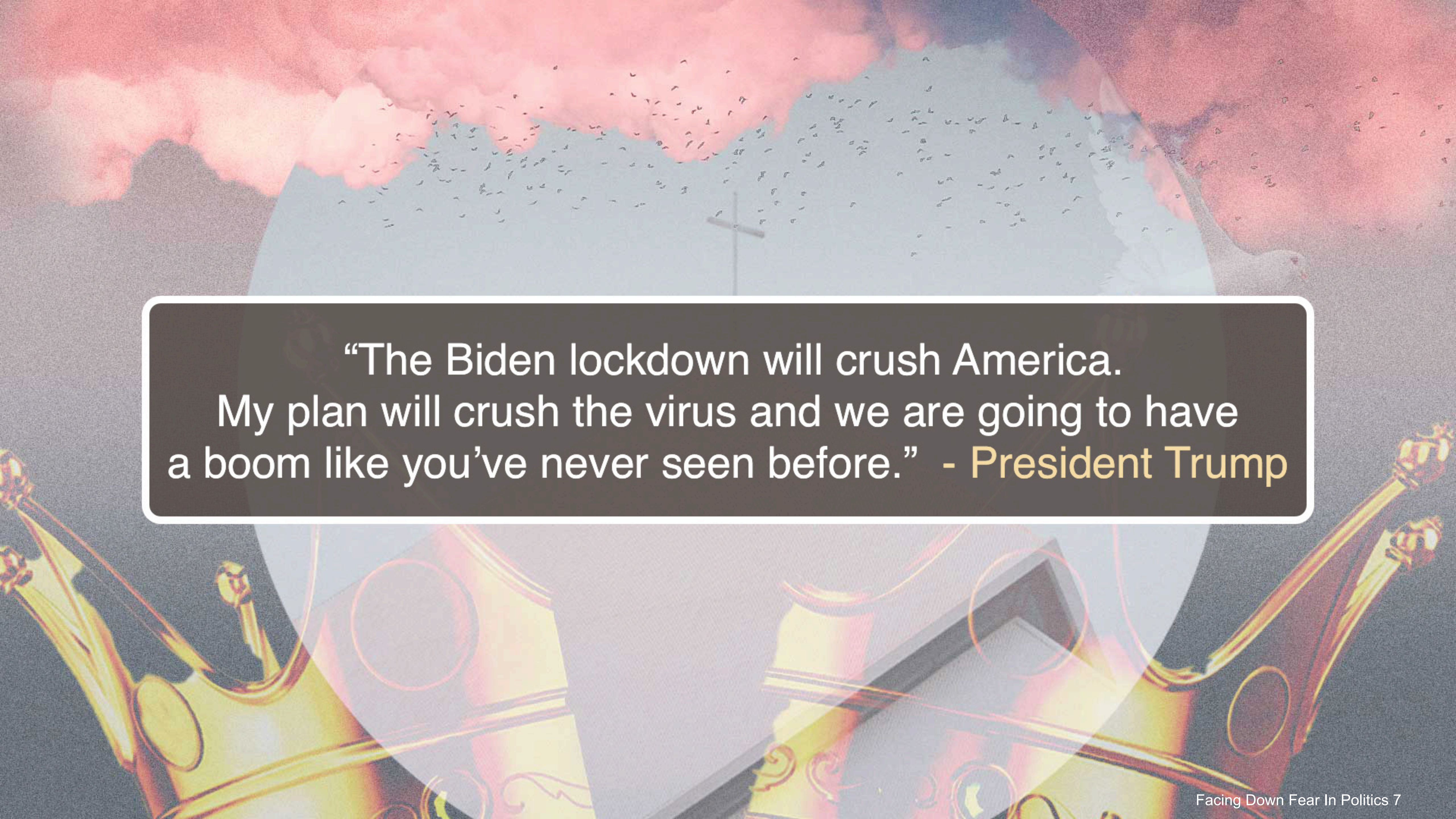
The Connecticut Courant - 1800

“If Jefferson wins, the country will deal with a wave of murder, atheism, rape, adultery, and robbery.”

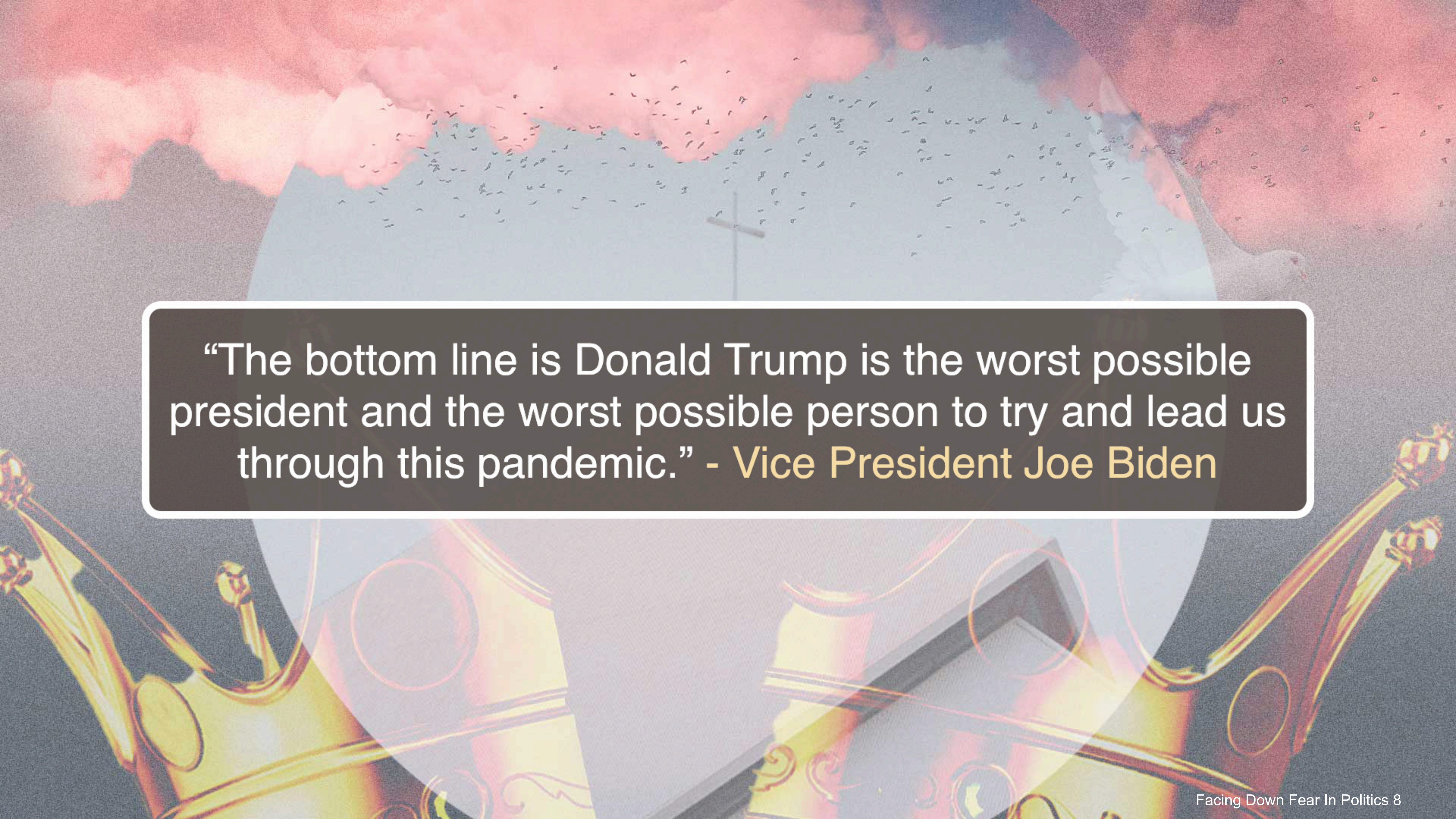


Do you want to save American Democracy
from the violent radical Socialist left?

Do you want to restore the soul of America
from the worst president ever?



“The Biden lockdown will crush America.
My plan will crush the virus and we are going to have
a boom like you’ve never seen before.” - **President Trump**



“The bottom line is Donald Trump is the worst possible president and the worst possible person to try and lead us through this pandemic.” - Vice President Joe Biden



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Political parties: "BE AFRAID."
Jesus: "Do not be afraid."



Acts 4:5-12

The next day the council of all the rulers and elders and teachers of religious law met in Jerusalem. Annas the high priest was there, along with Caiaphas, John, Alexander, and other relatives of the high priest. They brought in the two disciples and demanded, “By what power, or in whose name, have you done this?” Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, “Rulers and elders of our people, are we being questioned today because we’ve done a good deed for a crippled man?”


Acts 4:5-12

“Do you want to know how he was healed? Let me clearly state to all of you and to all the people of Israel that he was healed by the powerful name of Jesus Christ the Nazarene, the Man you crucified but whom God raised from the dead. For Jesus is the one referred to in the Scriptures, where it says, ‘The stone that you builders rejected has now become the cornerstone.’ There is salvation in no one else! God has given no other name under heaven by which we must be saved.”

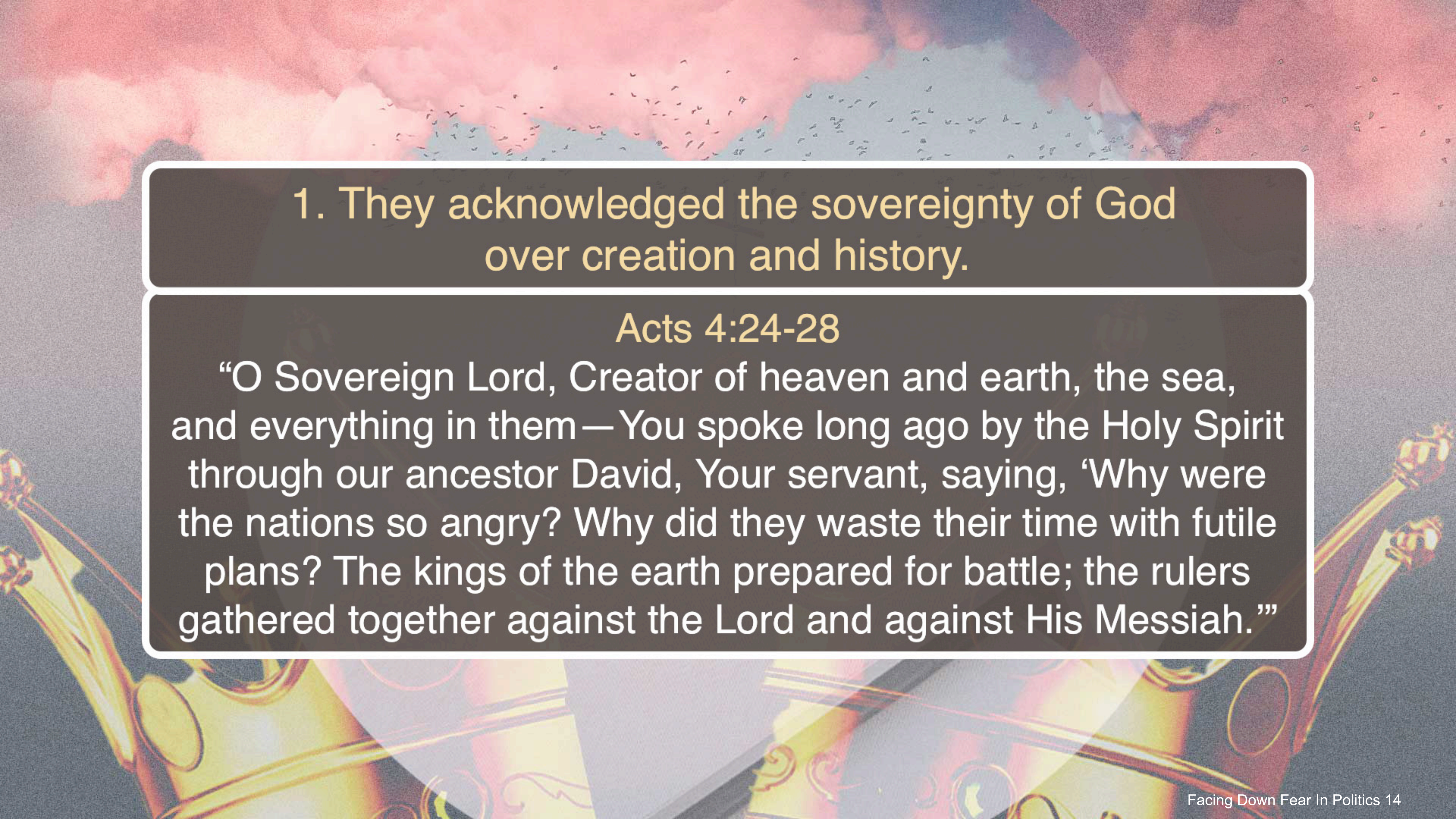


Acts 4:23-24a

As soon as they were freed, Peter and John returned to the other believers and told them what the leading priests and elders had said. When they heard the report, all the believers lifted their voices together in prayer to God.




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Acts 4:24-28

“O Sovereign Lord, Creator of heaven and earth, the sea, and everything in them—You spoke long ago by the Holy Spirit through our ancestor David, Your servant, saying, ‘Why were the nations so angry? Why did they waste their time with futile plans? The kings of the earth prepared for battle; the rulers gathered together against the Lord and against His Messiah.’”



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Acts 4:24-28

“In fact, this has happened here in this very city! For Herod Antipas, Pontius Pilate the governor, the Gentiles, and the people of Israel were all united against Jesus, Your holy servant, whom You anointed. But everything they did was determined beforehand according to Your will.”

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Proverbs 6:16-19

There are six things that the Lord hates, seven that are an abomination to Him: haughty eyes, a lying tongue, and hands that shed innocent blood, a heart that devises wicked plans, feet that hurry to run to evil, a lying witness who testifies falsely, and one who sows discord in a family.

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“And now, O Lord, hear their threats, and give us, your servants... a politician to save us and protect us. Bless us with First Amendment rights, foremost of which is religious liberty. Bless us also with Second Amendment rights just in case someone infringes upon the First. And also bless us with a 6-3 super-majority so we might always know where the court stands. Give us a government that makes our taxes smaller, our 401ks bigger, and our debts disappeared. And set the White House straight! No, actually the Senate! No, really the House! No, wait! What I mean is the Supreme Court. No, to be specific, just Amy Coney Barret!”

Acts 4:29-30

“And also, the rich! No, the gun lobby! No, the Electoral College! No, the ballot dumps! No, the cops! No, BLM! No, the old white men! No, my mommas. No, your mommas! No, your momma! Oh, and build a wall, secure the borders, tax the rich, expose China, drain the swamp, lock em up, pack the courts, open the economy, stop the censorship, provide us with healthcare. And save the environment! No, save the immigrants! No, save the unborn! No, save the minorities! No, save the women! No, save the suburbs! No, save the Christians! And most important, save me! “Restore the soul of America.” In Jesus’ name, Amen.”



Acts 4:29-30

“And now, O Lord, hear their threats, and give us,
Your servants, great boldness in preaching Your word.
Stretch out Your hand with healing power; may miraculous
signs and wonders be done through the name
of Your holy servant Jesus.”



They asked for missional urgency and power.

Acts 4:31

After this prayer, the meeting place shook, and they were all filled with the Holy Spirit. Then they preached the word of God with boldness.



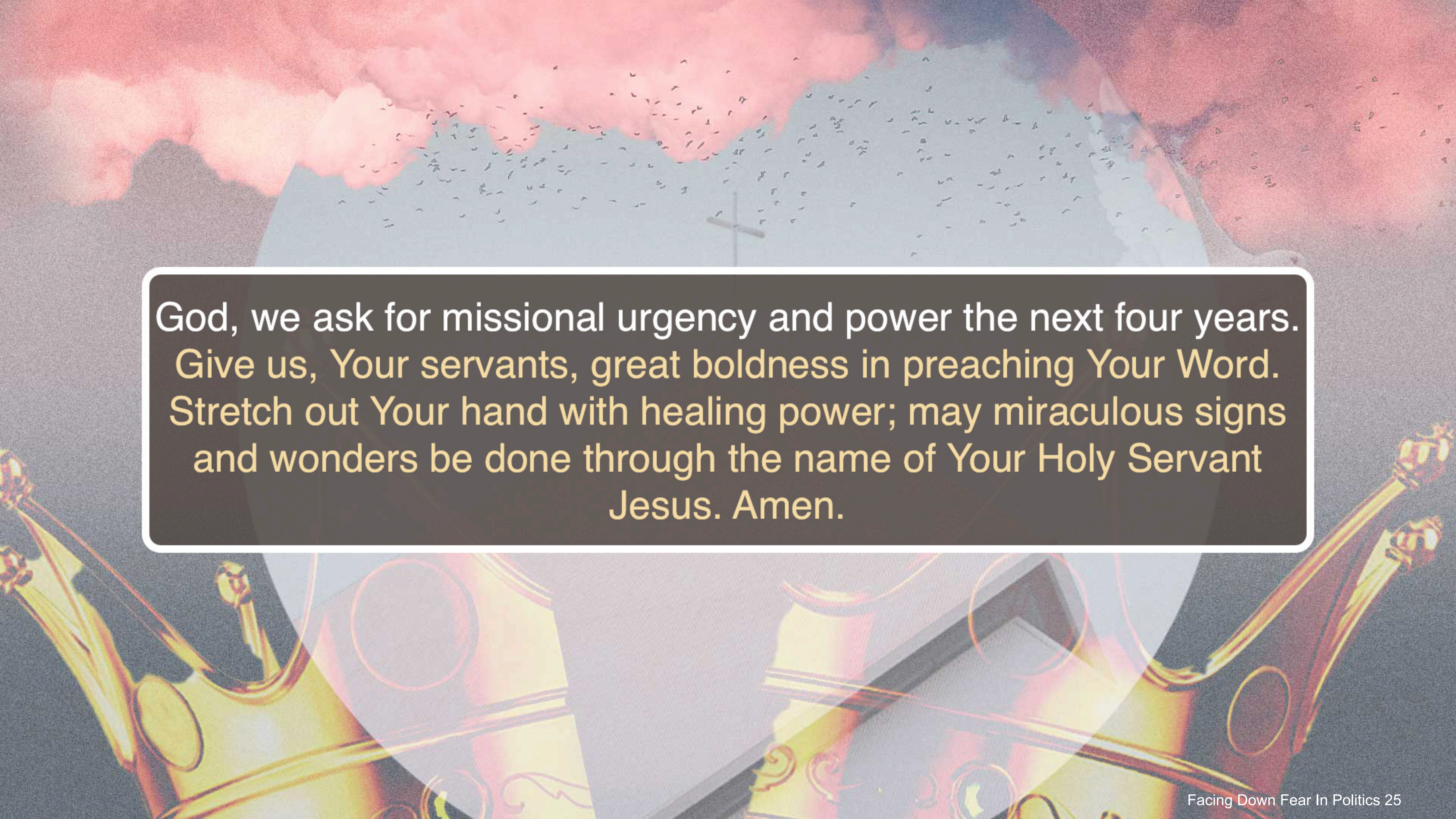
God, there is so much to fear today.

We acknowledge You are sovereign—creating everything, ordaining government, guiding redemption history, promising accountability and justice, and preparing resurrection glory.

God, we repent of our misplaced loyalties.

Government cannot make us or break us, save us or ruin us.

We passionately participate with Kingdom aspirations now, but we hold back our hopes for the age to come. We reserve the throne of our hearts for King Jesus. There will be no end to the increase of His government.



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