



identity

who am I?

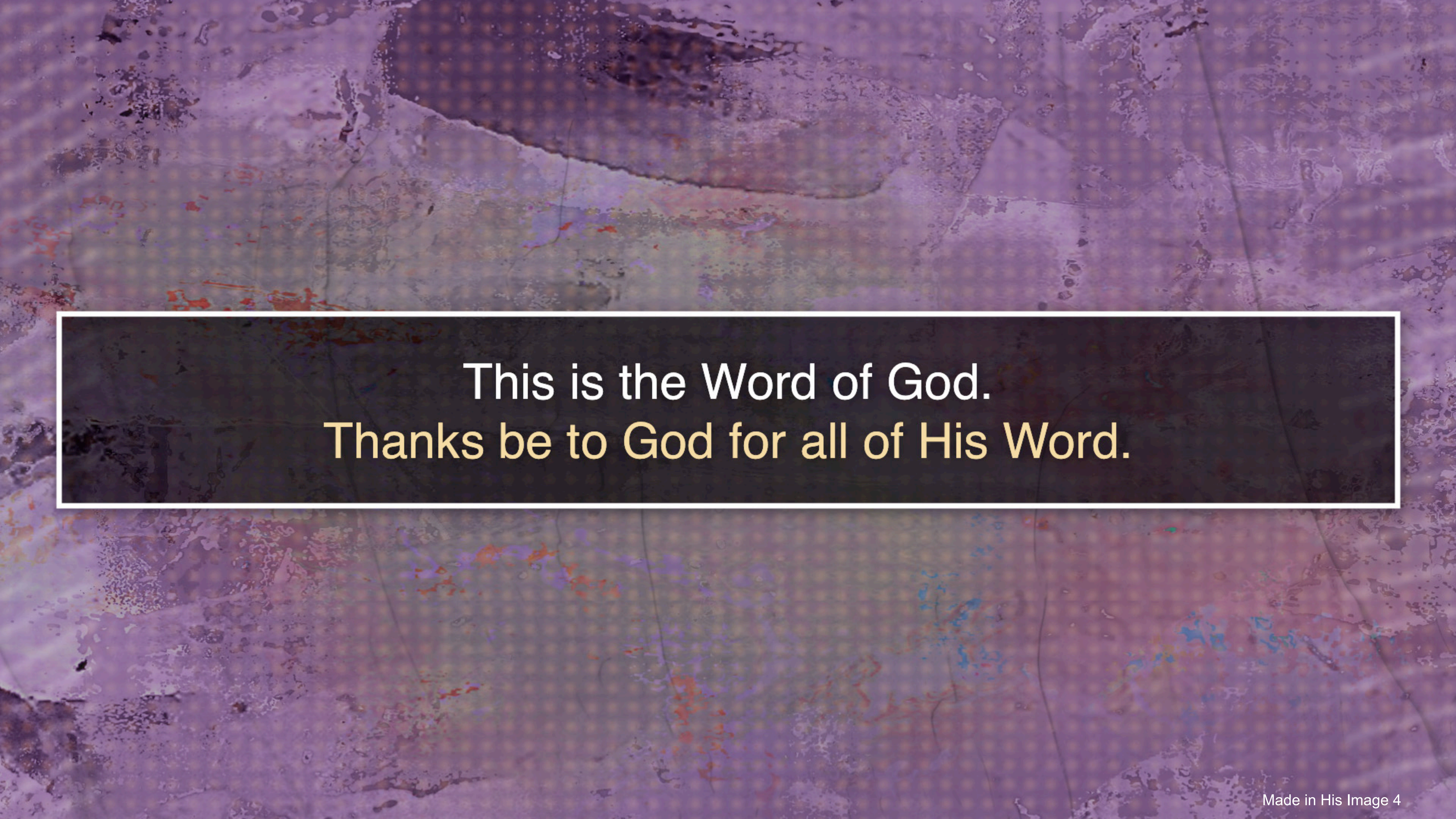
MADE IN HIS IMAGE

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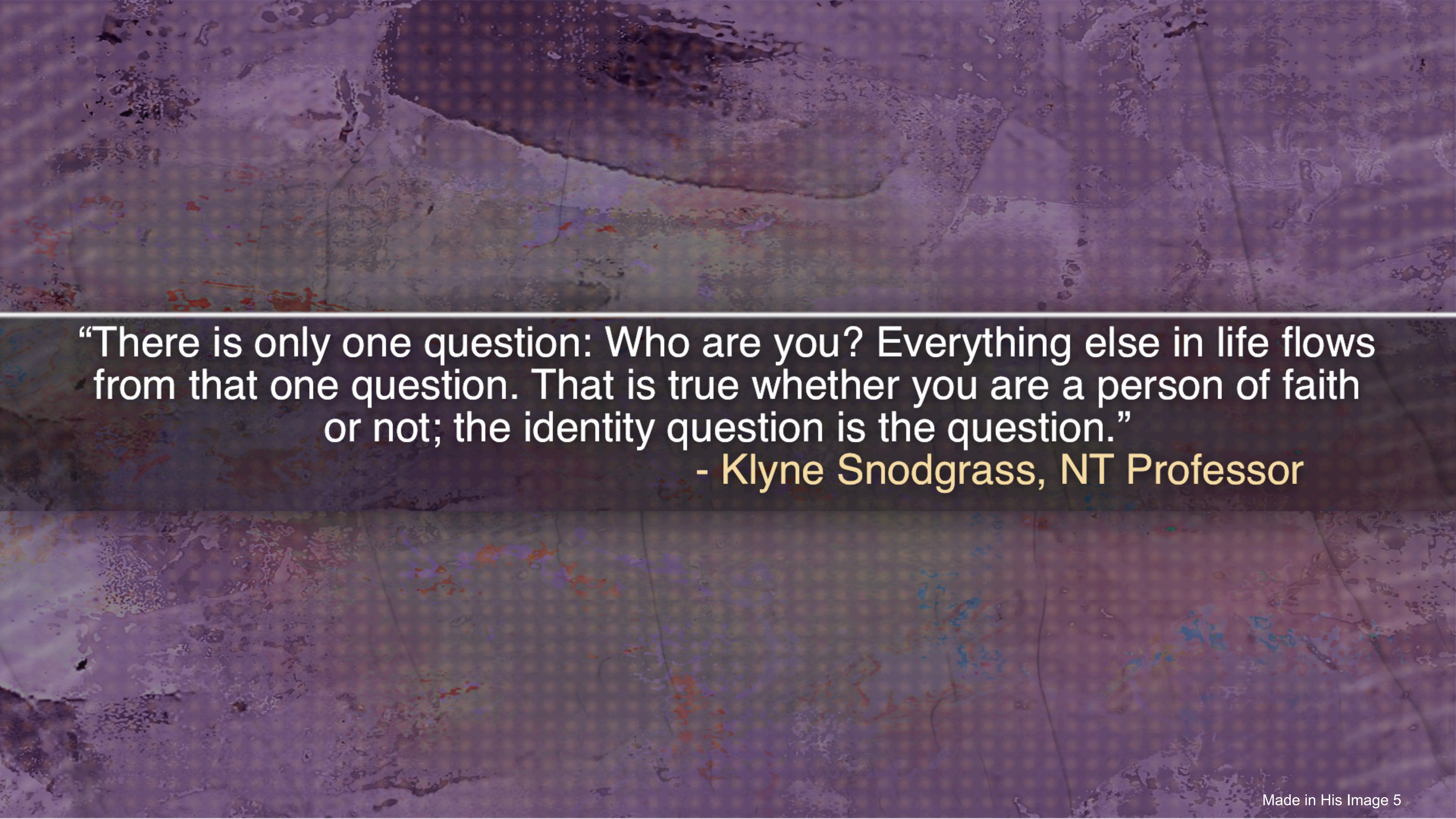
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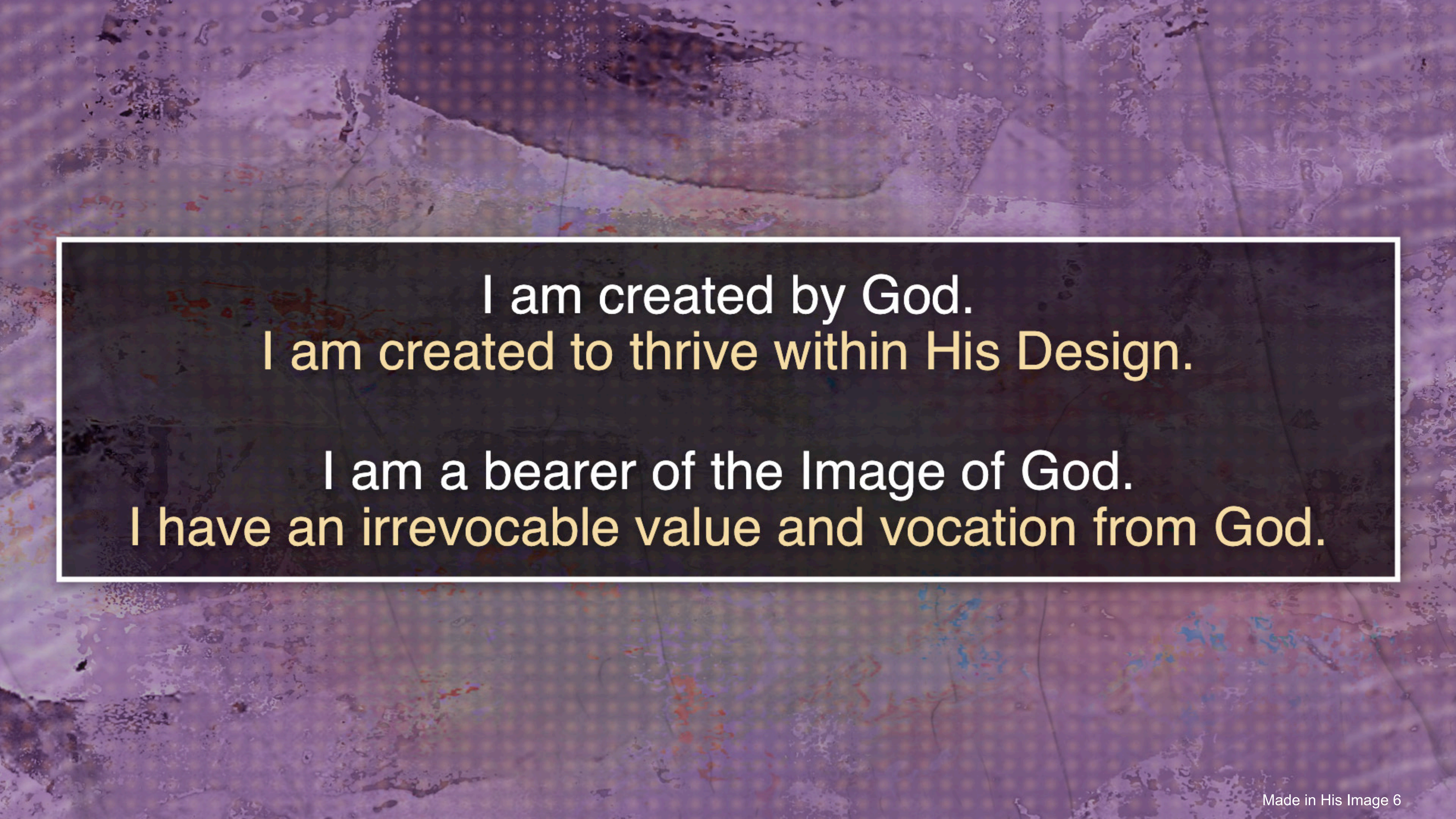
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This is the Word of God.
Thanks be to God for all of His Word.



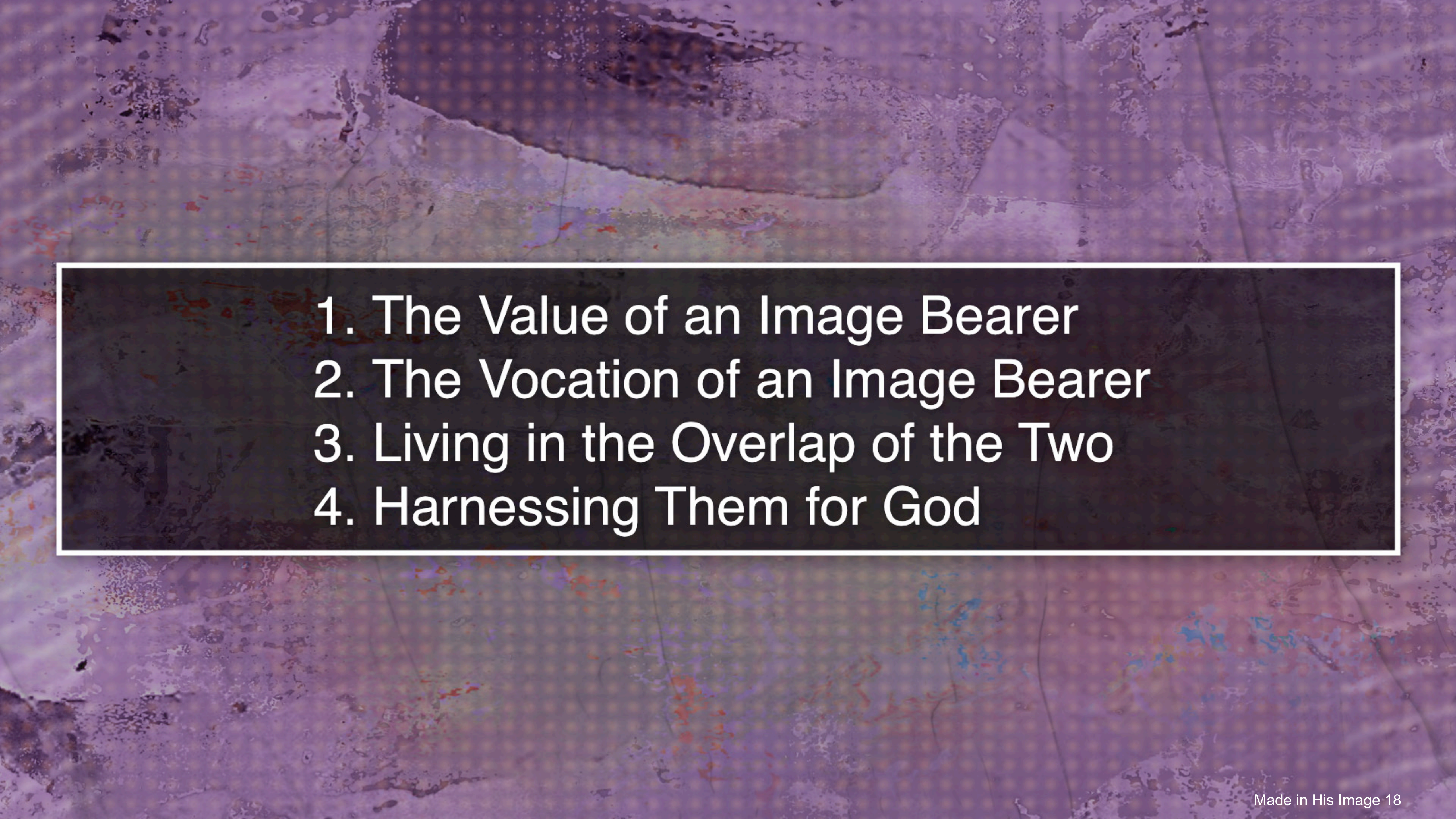
“There is only one question: Who are you? Everything else in life flows from that one question. That is true whether you are a person of faith or not; the identity question is the question.”

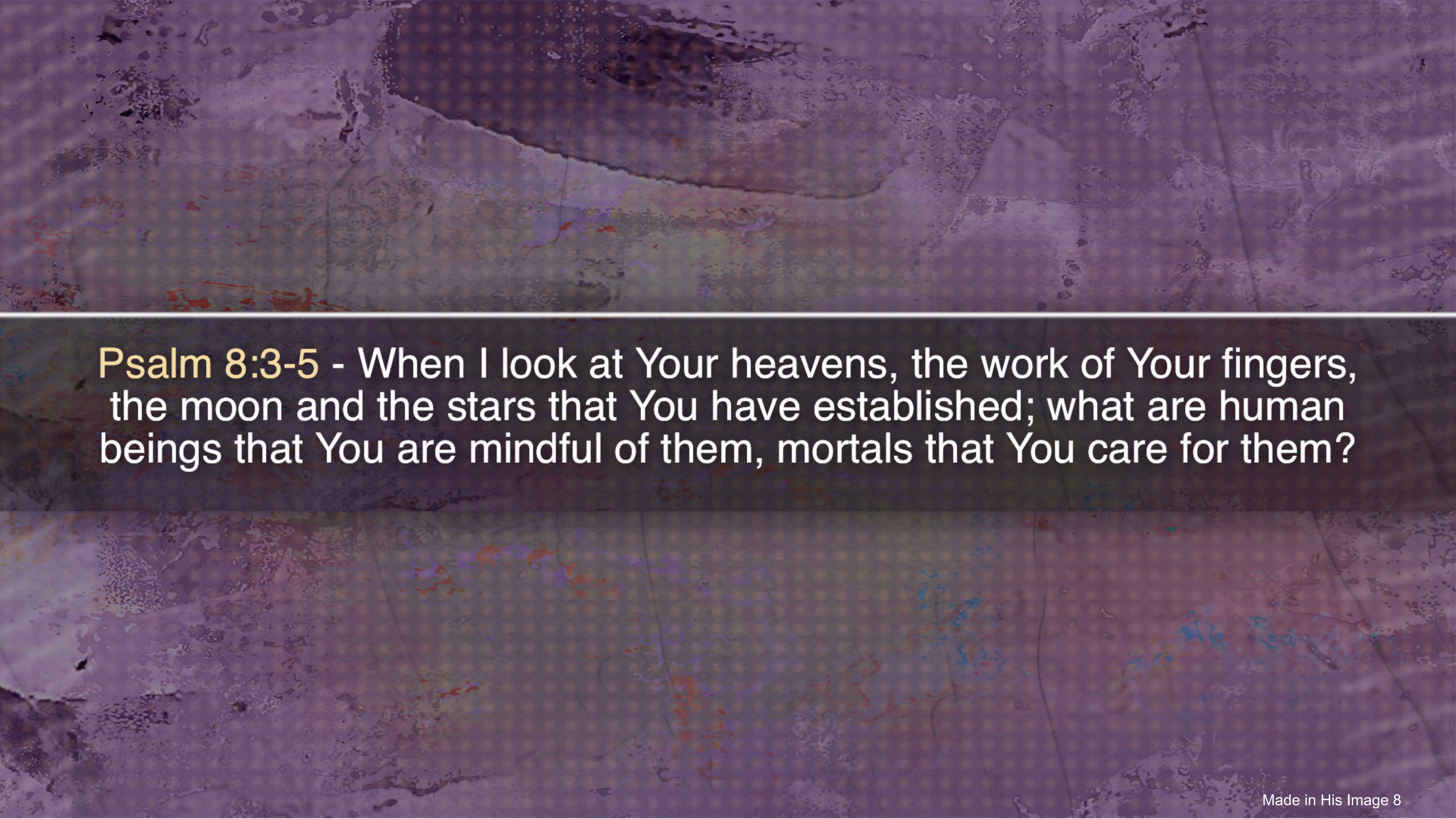
- Klyne Snodgrass, NT Professor



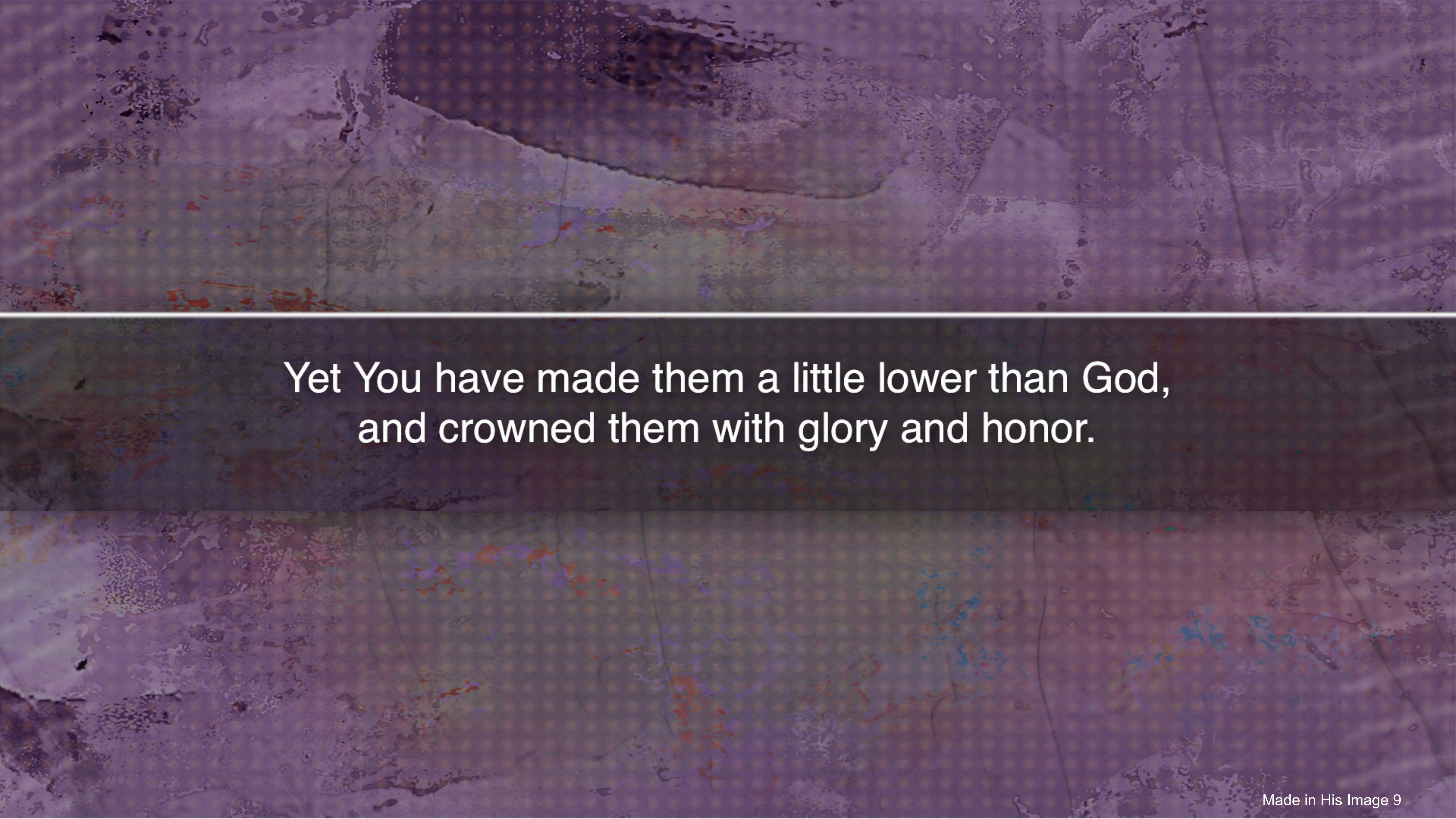
I am created by God.
I am created to thrive within His Design.

I am a bearer of the Image of God.
I have an irrevocable value and vocation from God.

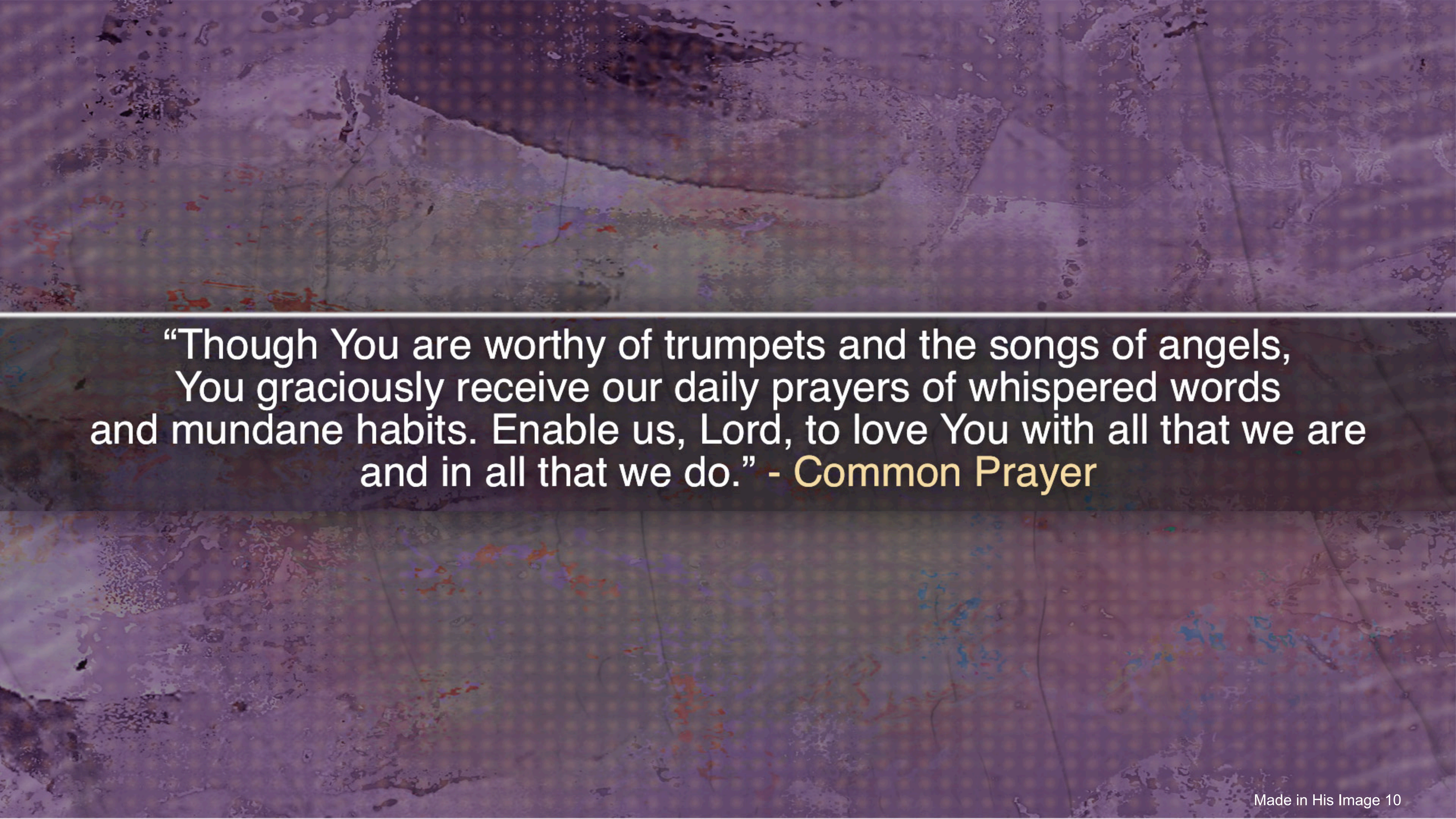
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 2. The Vocation of an Image Bearer
 3. Living in the Overlap of the Two
 4. Harnessing Them for God



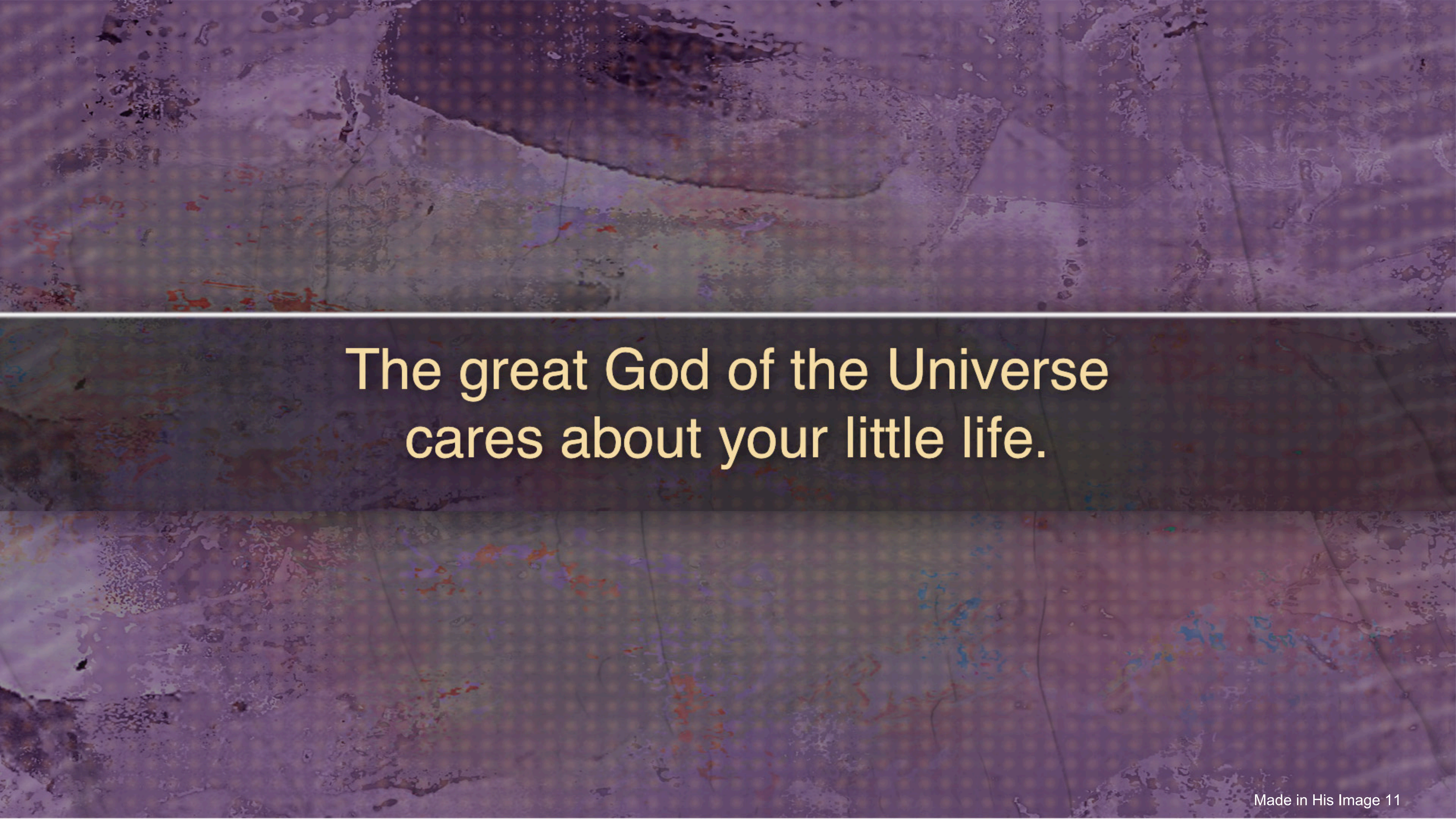
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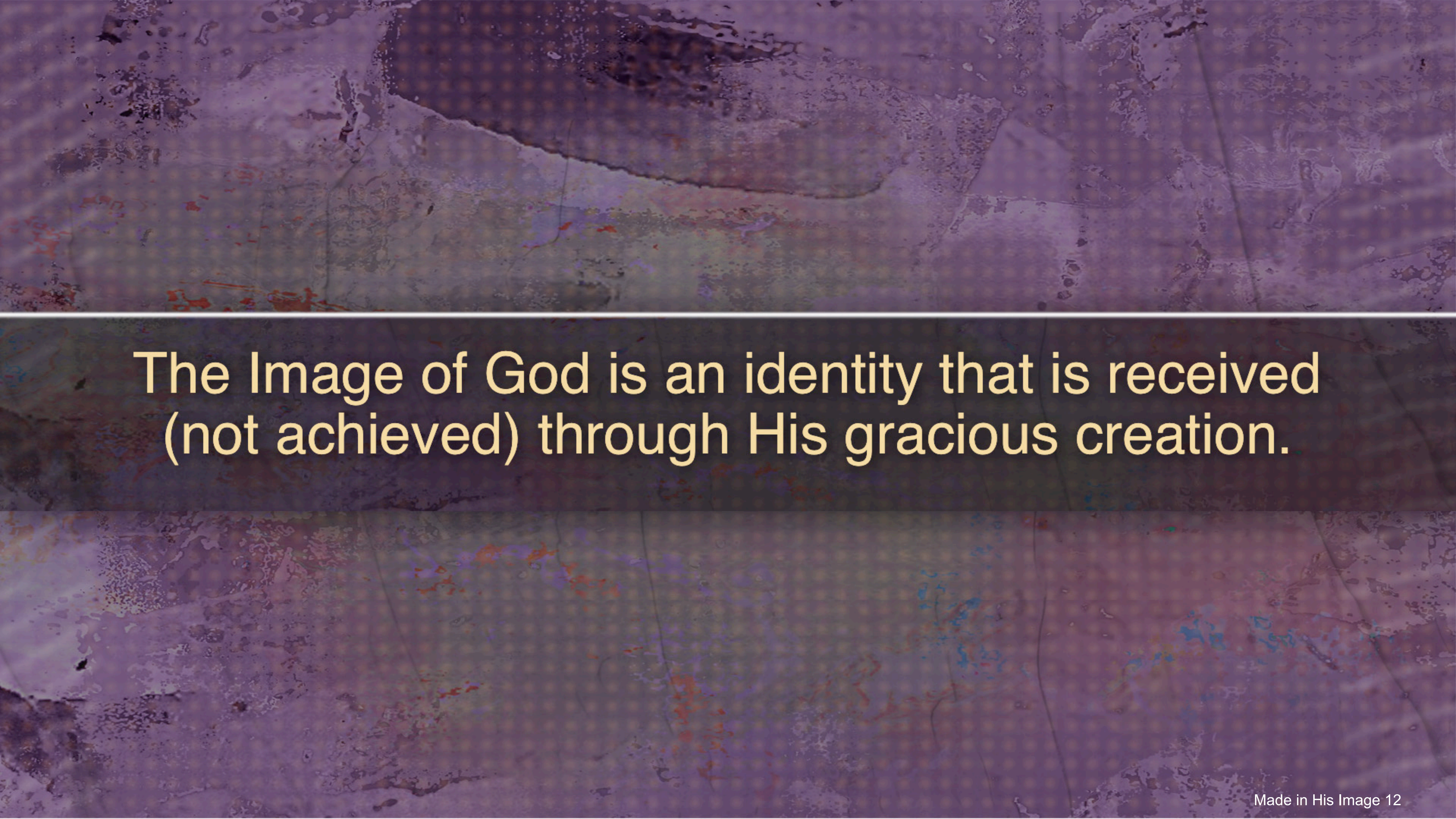
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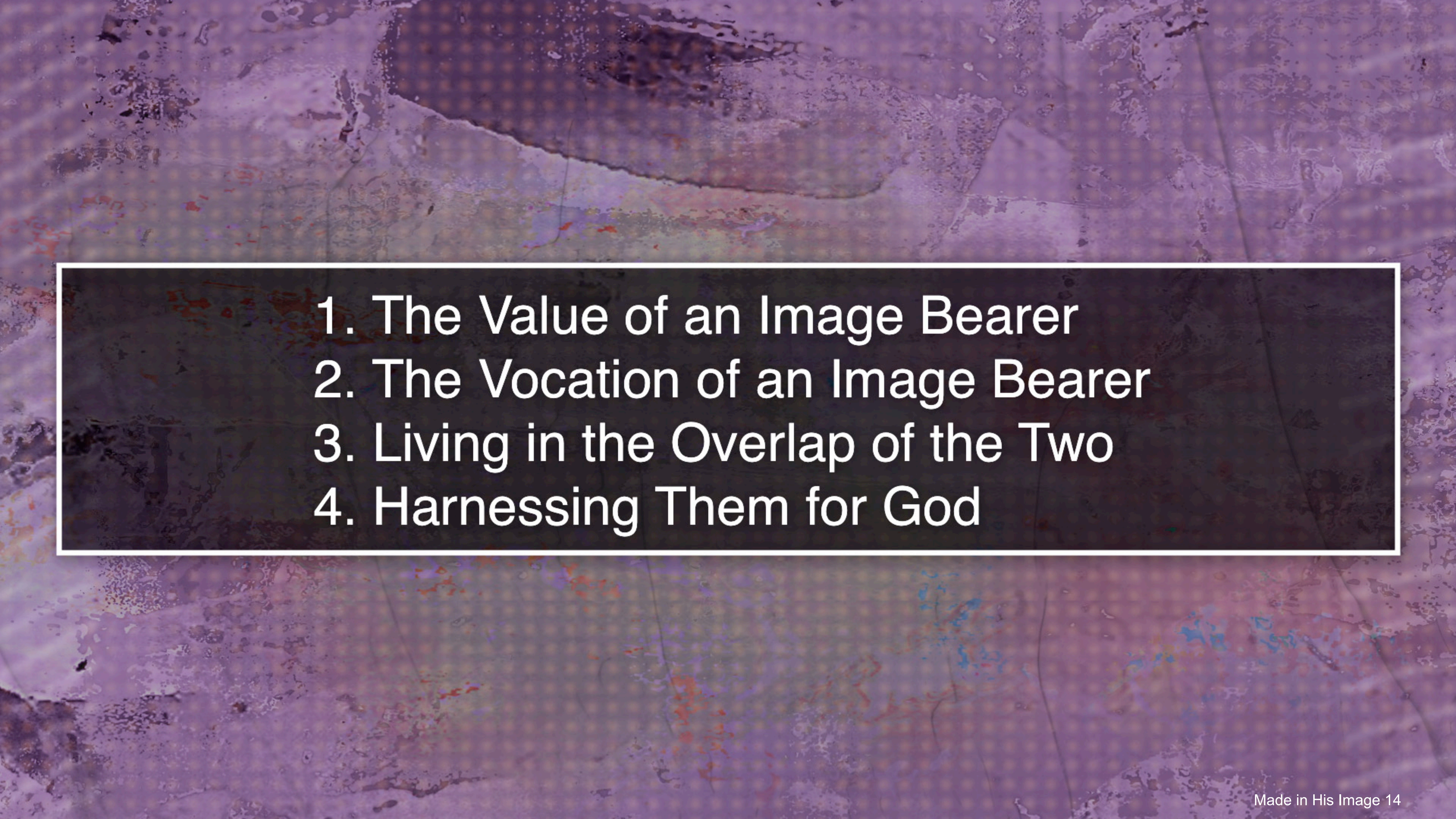
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The great God of the Universe
cares about your little life.

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The Image of God is an identity that is received
(not achieved) through His gracious creation.

“Always be sure that you struggle with Christian methods and Christian weapons. Never succumb to the temptation of becoming bitter. As you press on for justice, be sure to move with dignity and discipline, using only the weapon of love. Let no man pull you so low as to hate him. Always avoid violence....In your struggle for justice, let your oppressor know that you are not attempting to defeat or humiliate him, or even to pay him back for injustices that he has heaped on you. Let him know that you are merely seeking justice for him as well as yourself. Let him know that the festering sore of segregation debilitates the white man as well as the [black man]. With this attitude you will be able to keep your struggle on high Christian standards.” - **MLK Jr., The Most Durable Power**


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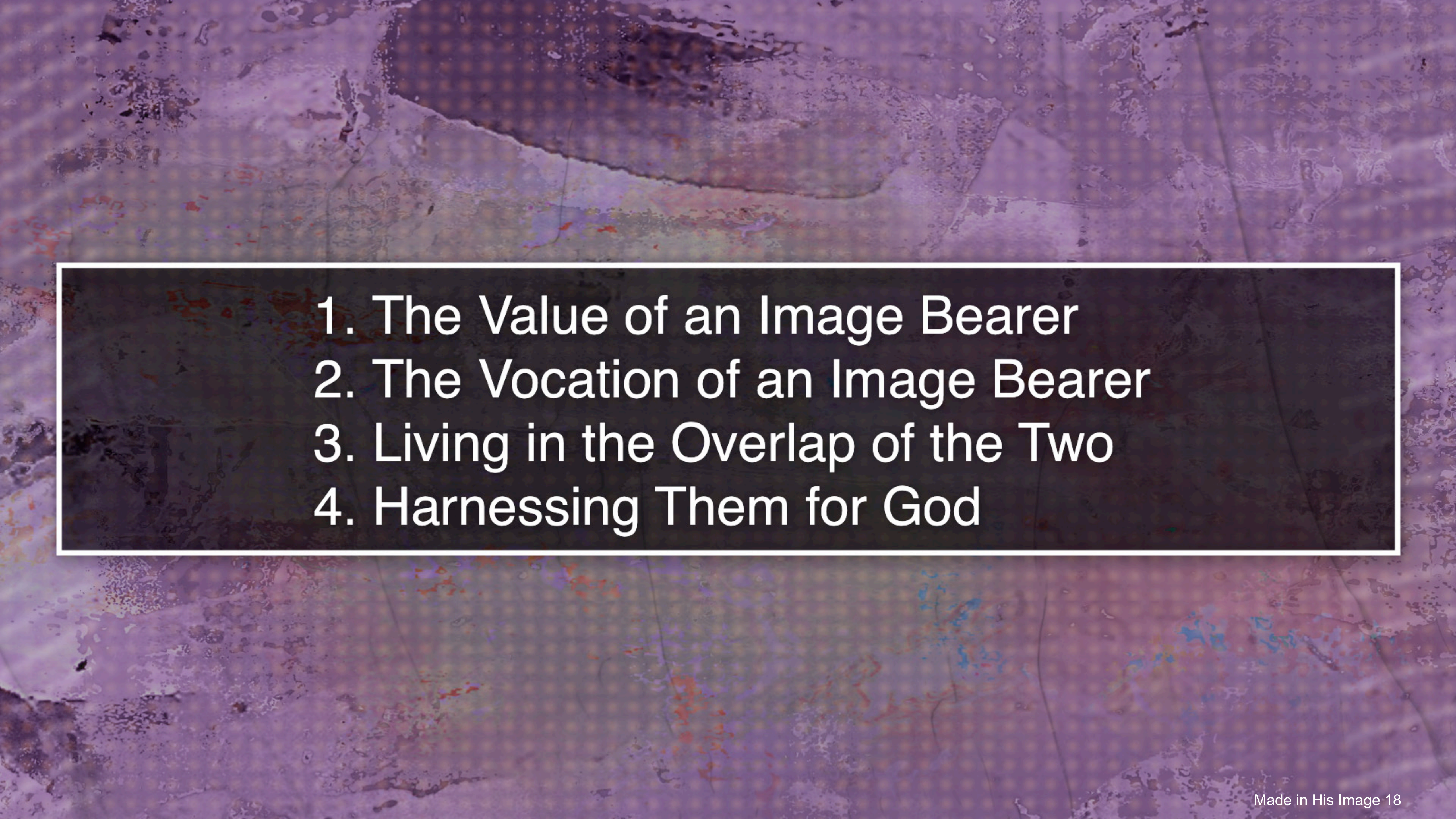
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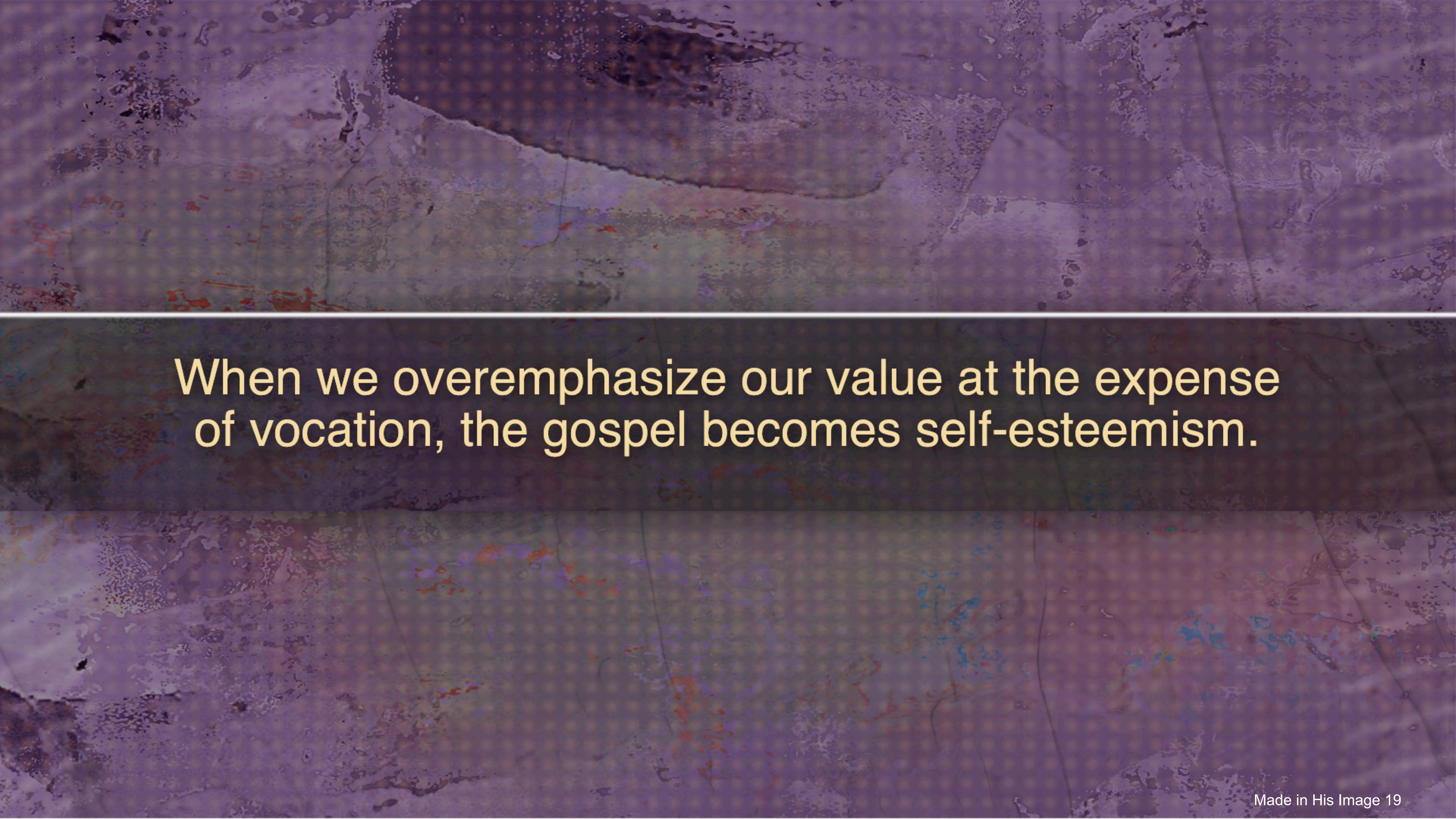
1. Live in God's blessing
2. Be fruitful and multiply
3. Fill the earth
4. Subdue the earth
5. Rule over all the earth.

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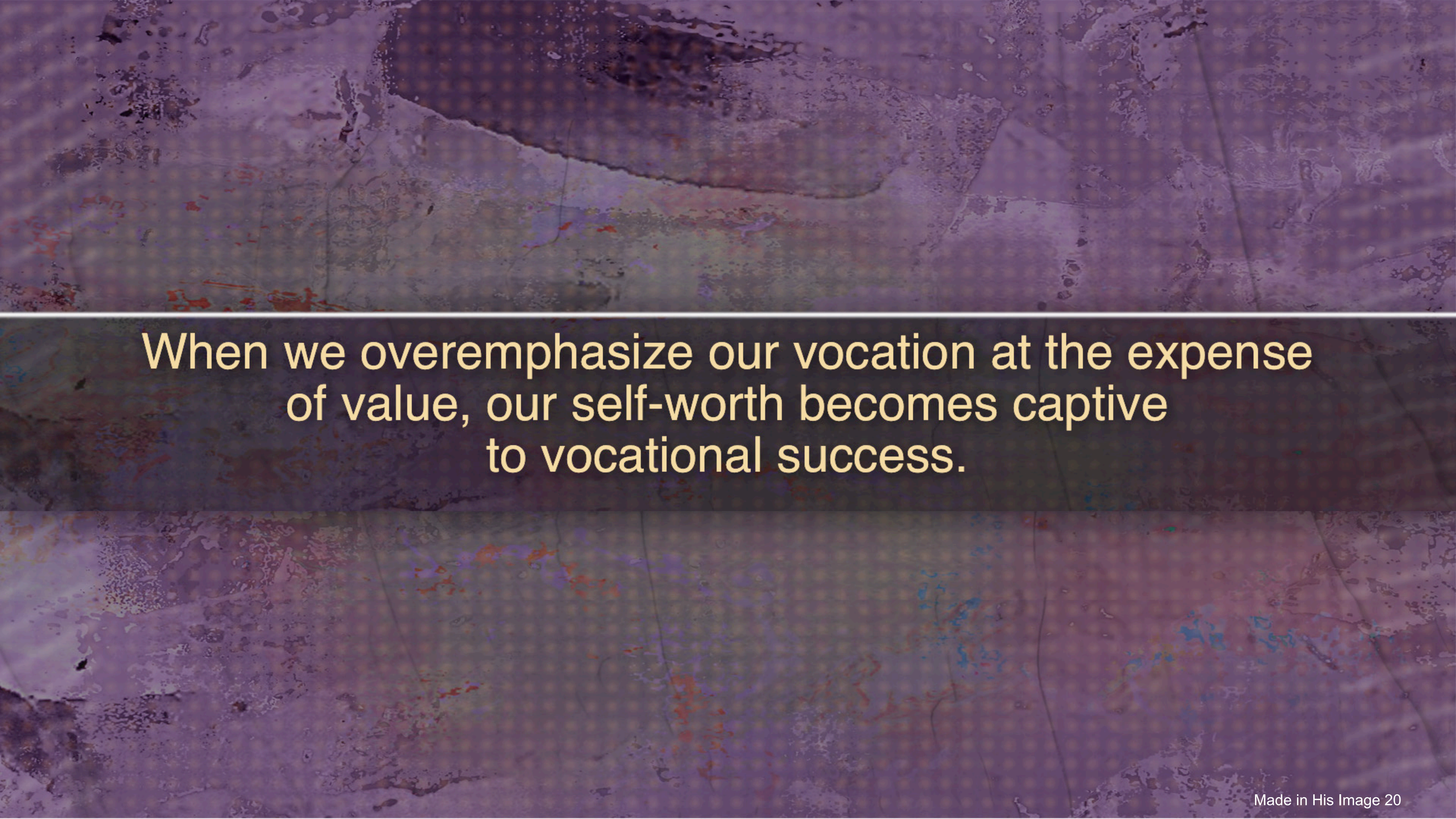
The Cultural Mandate

God's vocational command over humanity
to make culture and build civilization.

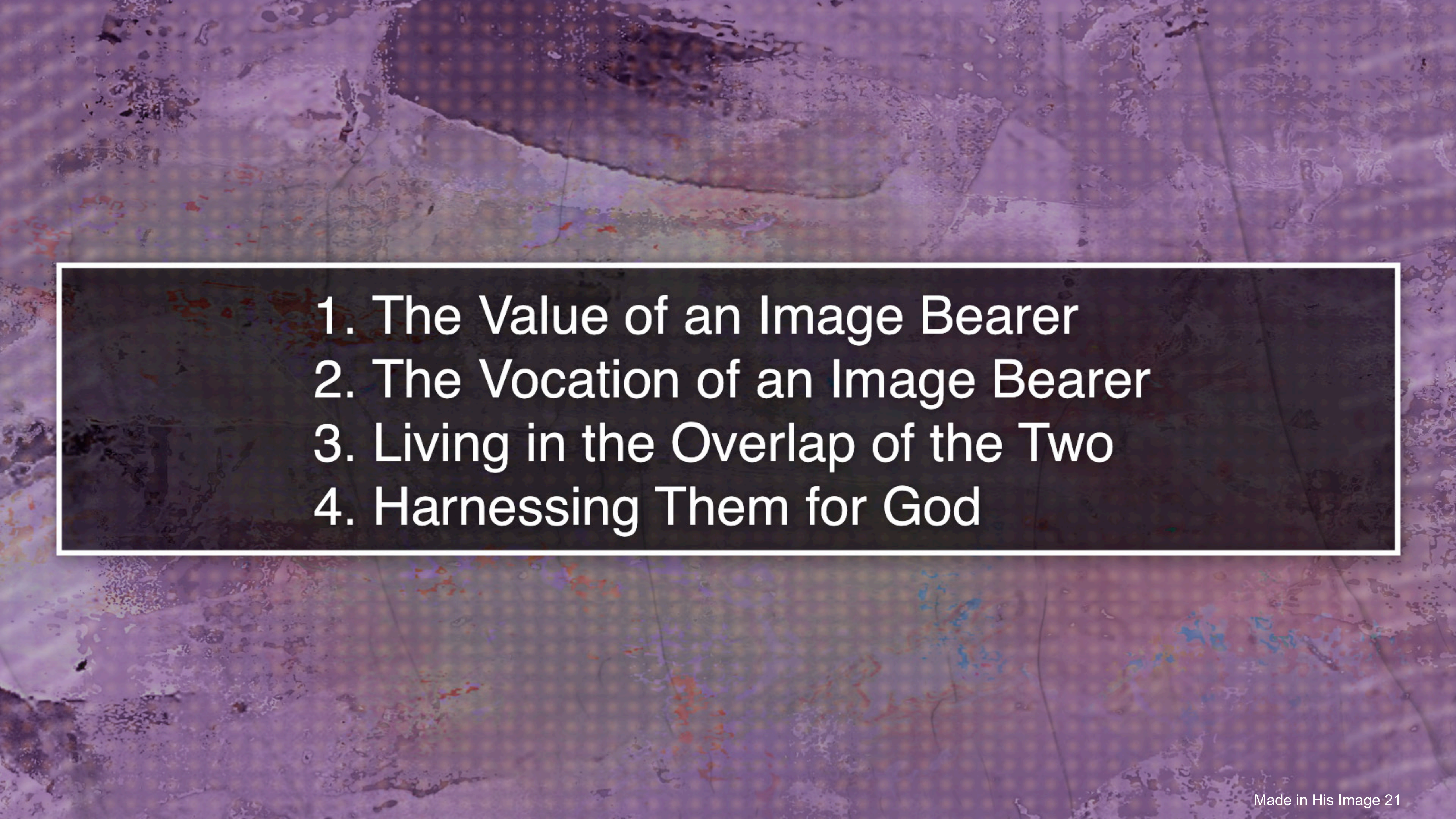
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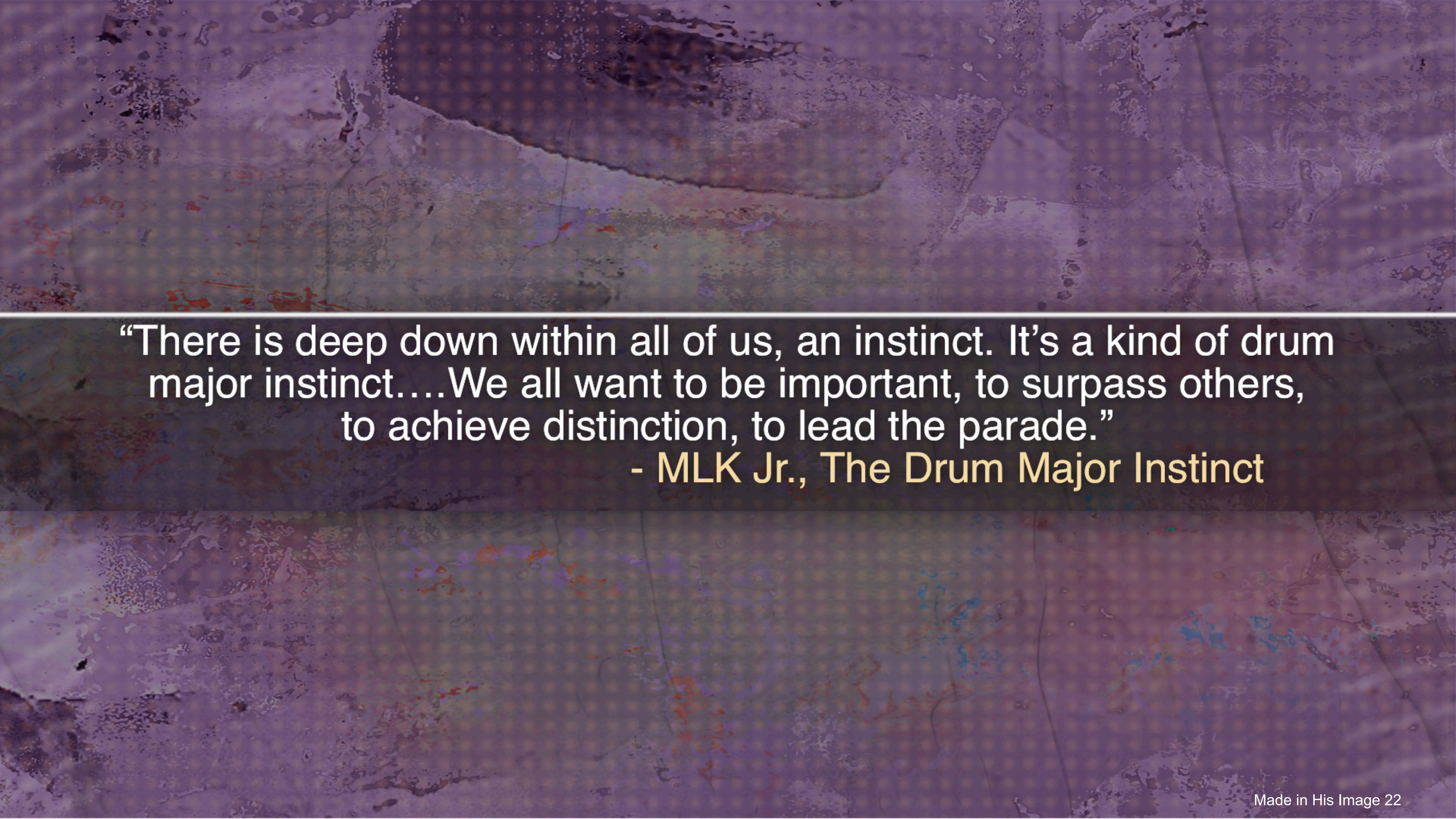
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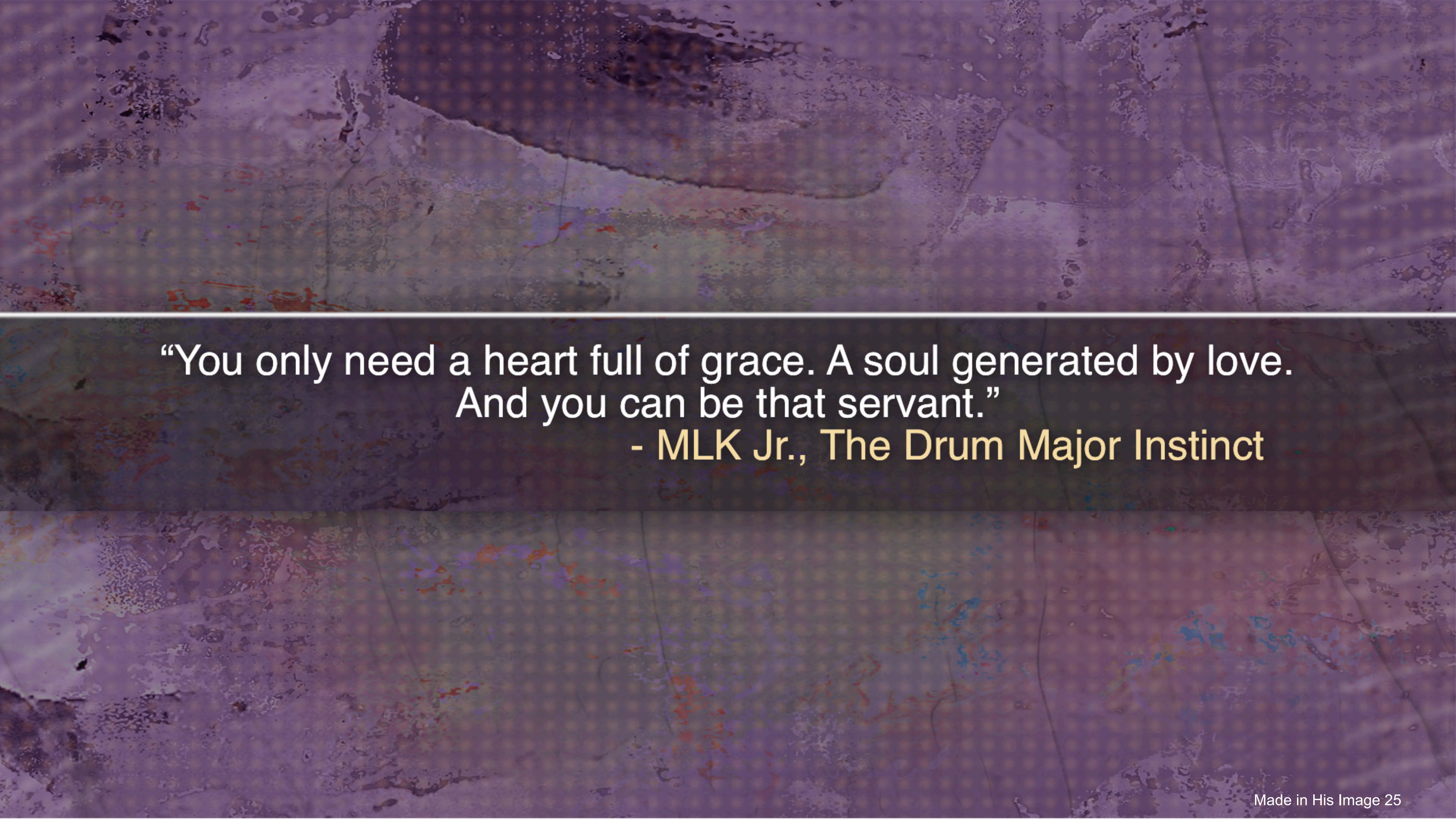
“There is deep down within all of us, an instinct. It’s a kind of drum major instinct....We all want to be important, to surpass others, to achieve distinction, to lead the parade.”

- MLK Jr., The Drum Major Instinct

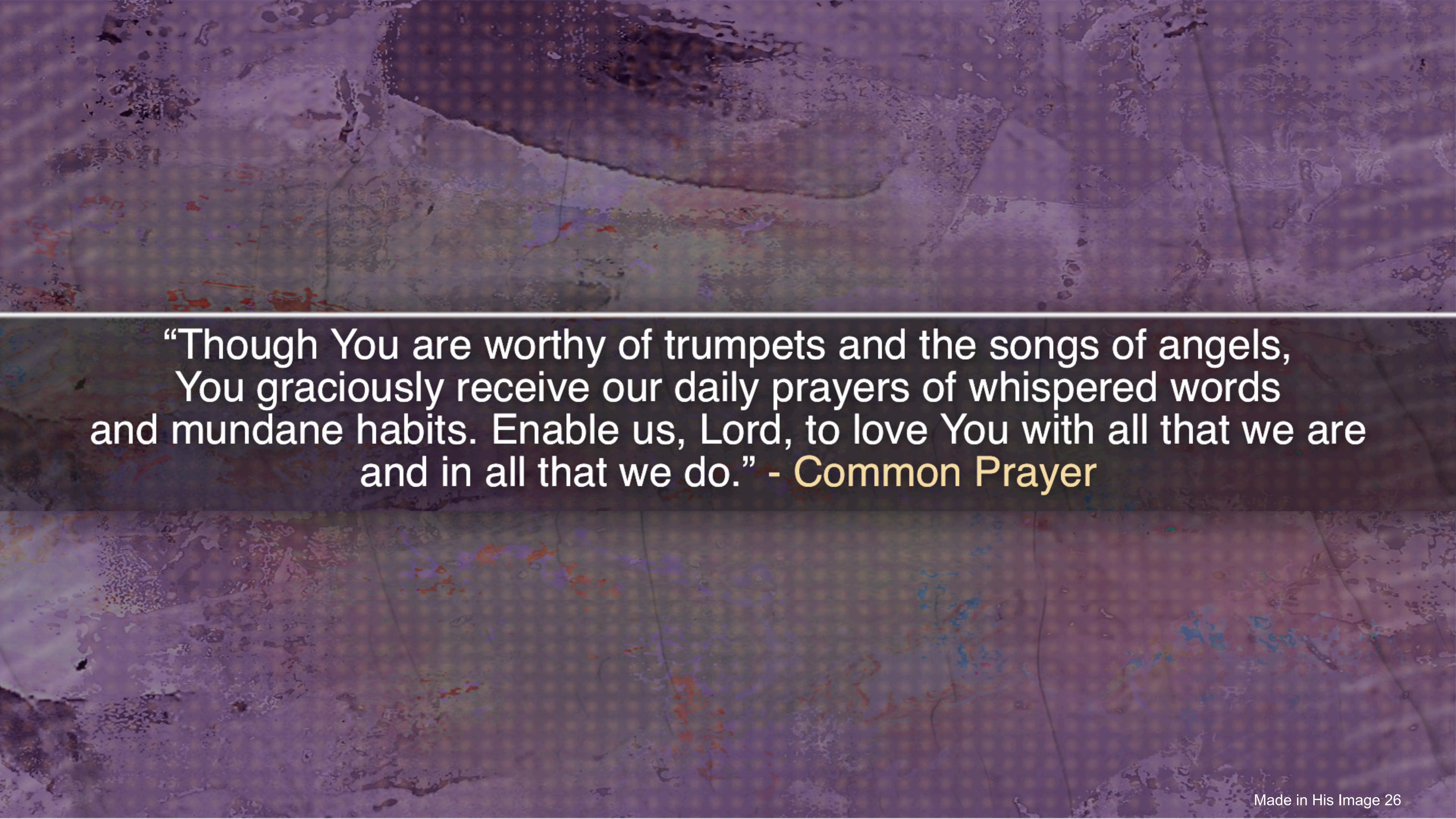
- Joiners
- “Yes men”
- Social Climbers
- Desire Power
- Taken by Advertisers
- Materialistic
- Wealth Signalers
- Self-obsessed
- Talk about self
- Name-droppers
- Workaholics
- Achievement Addicted
- Approval Hungry
- Snobbish
- Exclusive
- Racist
- Prejudiced

“Jesus said in substance, ‘Oh, I see, you want to be first. You want to be great. You want to be important. You want to be significant. Well you ought to be. If you’re going to be My disciple, you must be. Yes, don’t give up that instinct. Keep feeling the need for being important. Keep feeling the need for being first. But I want you to be first in love. I want you to be first in moral excellence. I want you to be first in generosity. That is what I want you to do....Recognize that he who is greatest among you shall be your servant. That’s your new definition of greatness.’”

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