

A black and white photograph of a dense crowd of people, seen through a rectangular opening in a piece of torn, textured paper. The paper is light-colored with a fibrous texture and irregular, torn edges. The crowd consists of many individuals of various ages and genders, packed closely together. The word "VOICES" is printed in a large, bold, red, sans-serif font across the bottom of the image, partially overlapping the torn paper and the crowd.

VOICES

“When the Bible speaks of the heart, whether Old Testament or New, it is not speaking of our emotional life only but of the central animating center of all we do. It is what gets us out of bed in the mornings and what we daydream about as we drift off to sleep. It is our motivation headquarters. The heart, in biblical terms, is not part of who we are but the center of who we are. Our heart is what defines and directs us.” - Dane Ortlund, *Gentle and Lowly*



Matthew 11:29 - “Take My yoke upon you,
and learn from Me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart,
and you will find rest for your souls.”



Philippians 4:8 - “Fix your thoughts on what is true, and honorable, and right, and pure, and lovely, and admirable. Think about things that are excellent and worthy of praise.”

1 Samuel 3:1-8

Meanwhile, the boy Samuel served the Lord by assisting Eli. Now in those days messages from the Lord were very rare, and visions were quite uncommon. One night Eli, who was almost blind by now, had gone to bed. The lamp of God had not yet gone out, and Samuel was sleeping in the Tabernacle near the Ark of God. Suddenly the Lord called out, "Samuel!" "Yes?" Samuel replied. "What is it?" He got up and ran to Eli. "Here I am. Did you call me?" "I didn't call you," Eli replied. "Go back to bed." So he did.

1 Samuel 3:1-8

Then the Lord called out again, "Samuel!" Again Samuel got up and went to Eli. "Here I am. Did you call me?"

"I didn't call you, my son," Eli said. "Go back to bed."

Samuel did not yet know the Lord because he had never had a message from the Lord before. So the Lord called a third time, and once more Samuel got up and went to Eli.

"Here I am. Did you call me?"

1 Samuel 3:8b-10

Then Eli realized it was the Lord who was calling the boy. So he said to Samuel, "Go and lie down again, and if someone calls again, say, 'Speak, Lord, your servant is listening.'" So Samuel went back to bed. And the Lord came and called as before, "Samuel! Samuel!" And Samuel replied, "Speak, your servant is listening."



Tune-in:

How will you make sure your ears, heart, mind,
and soul are open to what God needs you to hear?



“Speak, your servant is listening.”



Train:
What tools have you acquired
that will help you hear God's voice?

“Whether one likes it or not, every reader is at the same time an interpreter. That is, most of us assume as we read that we also understand what we read. We also tend to think that our understanding is the same thing as the Holy Spirit’s or human author’s intent. However, we invariably bring to the text all that we are, with all of our experiences, culture, and prior understandings of words and ideas. Sometimes what we bring to the text, unintentionally to be sure, leads us astray, or else causes us to read all kinds of foreign ideas into the text.”

- Gordon D. Fee, *How to Read the Bible for All Its Worth*

WORD-FOR-WORD

Form Equivalence

MEANING-FOR-MEANING

Closest Natural Equivalence

THOUGHT-FOR-THOUGHT

Function Equivalence

PARAPHRASE

Retelling

NASB

ESV

NET

KJV

NKJV

GW

CSB

NIV

NLT

NIRV

MSG

GNT

CSB Christian Standard Bible

ESV English Standard Version

GNT Good News Translation

GW GOD'S WORD Translation

KJV King James Version

MSG The Message

NASB New American Standard Bible

NET New English Translation

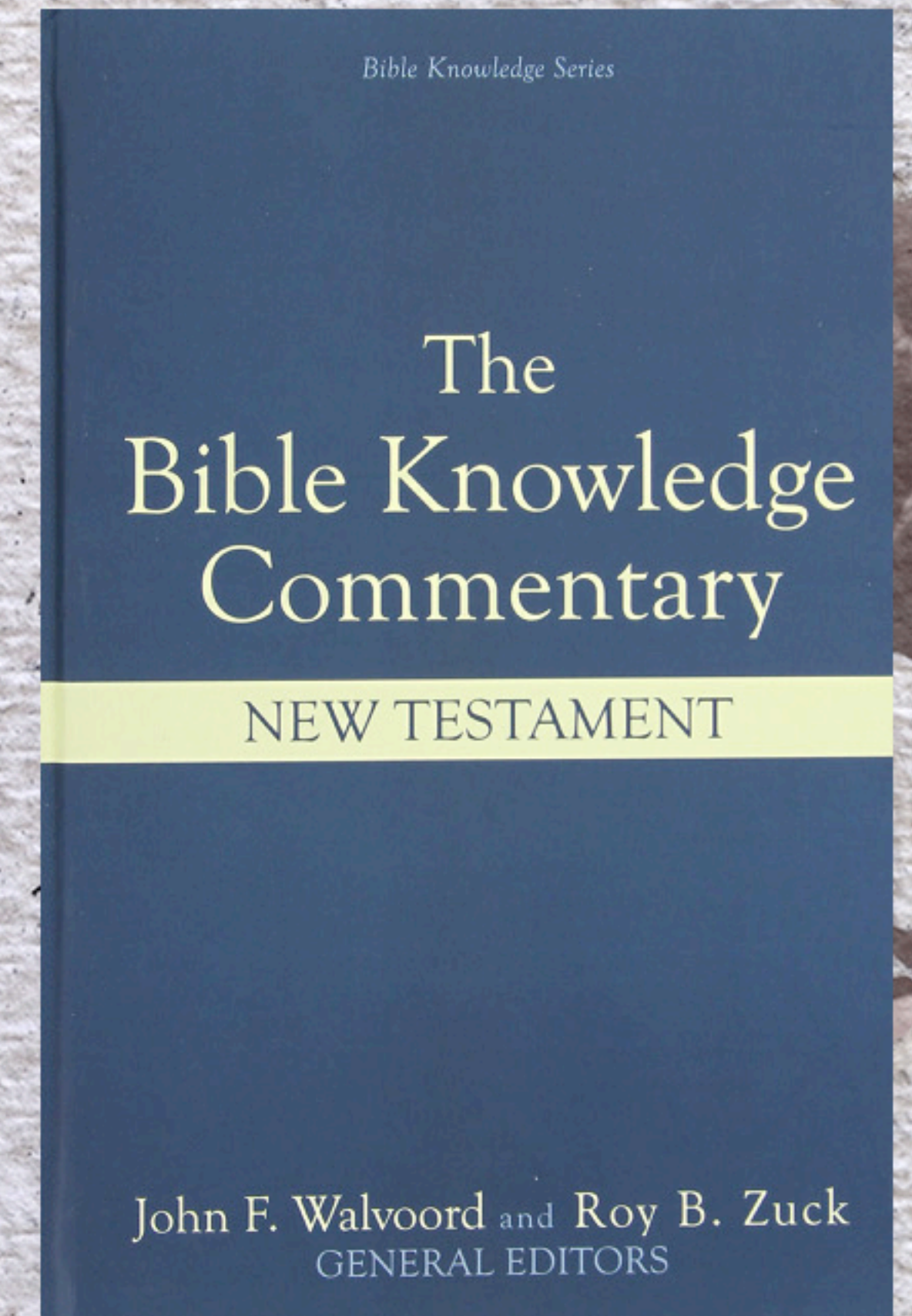
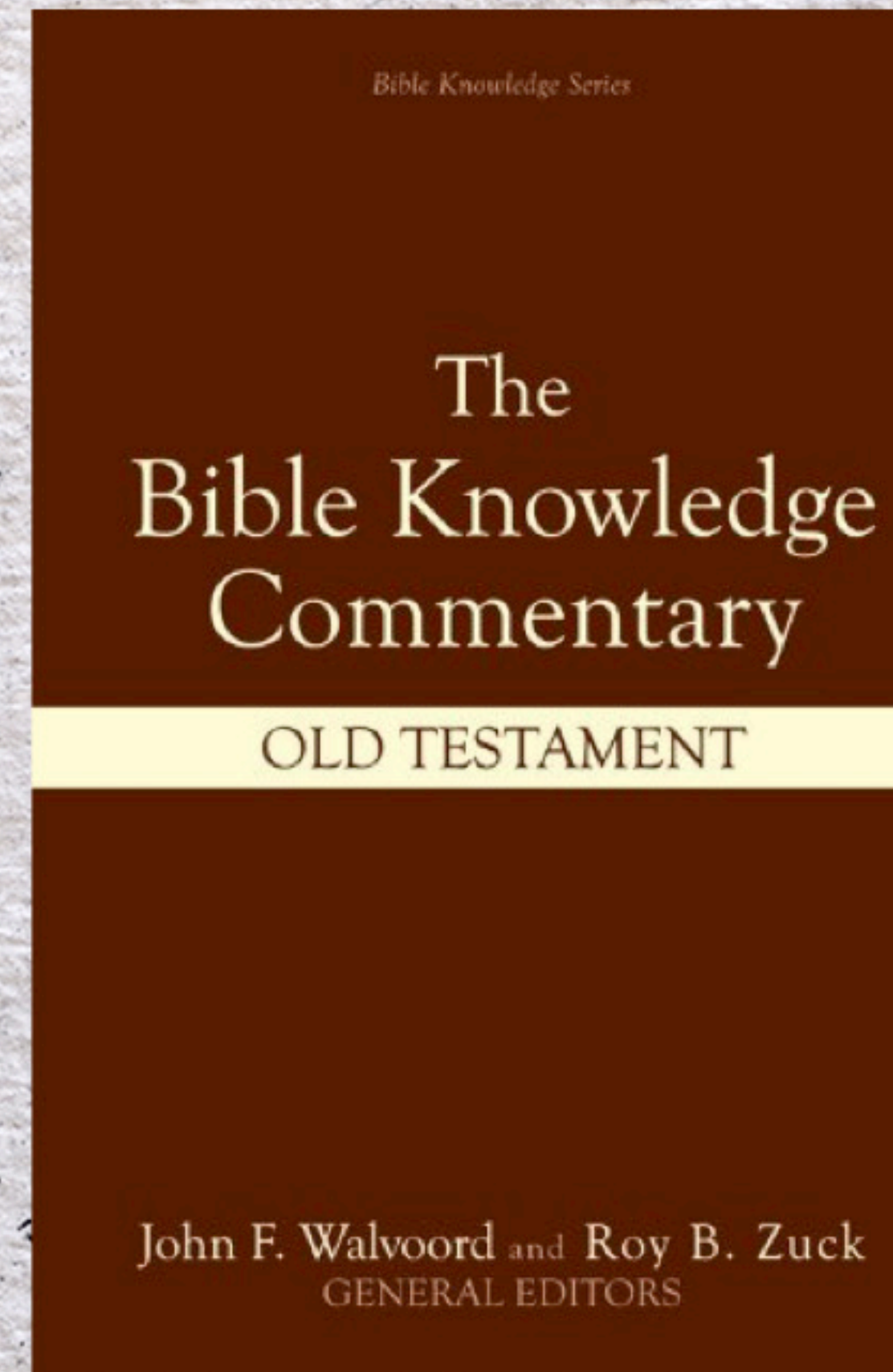
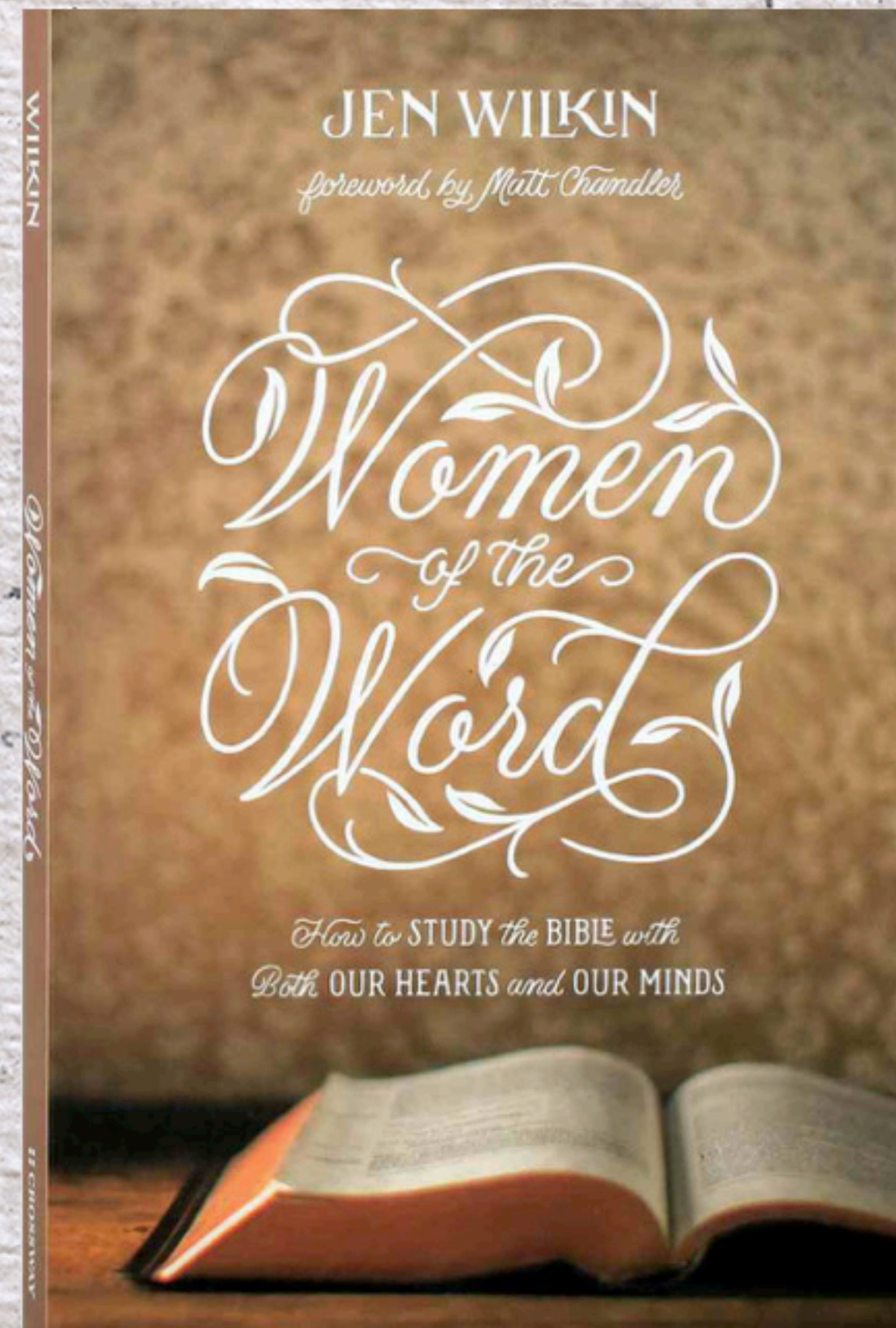
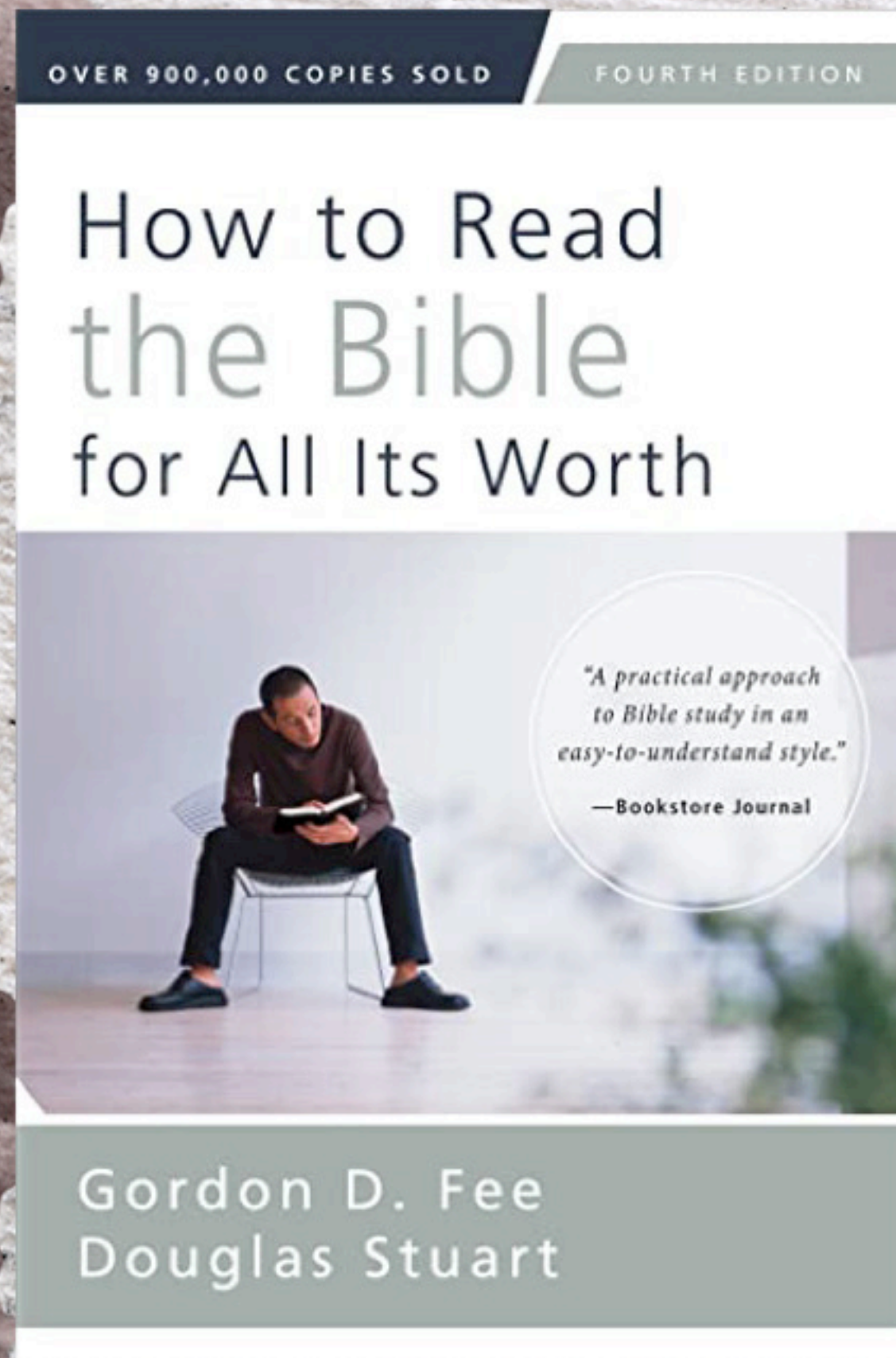
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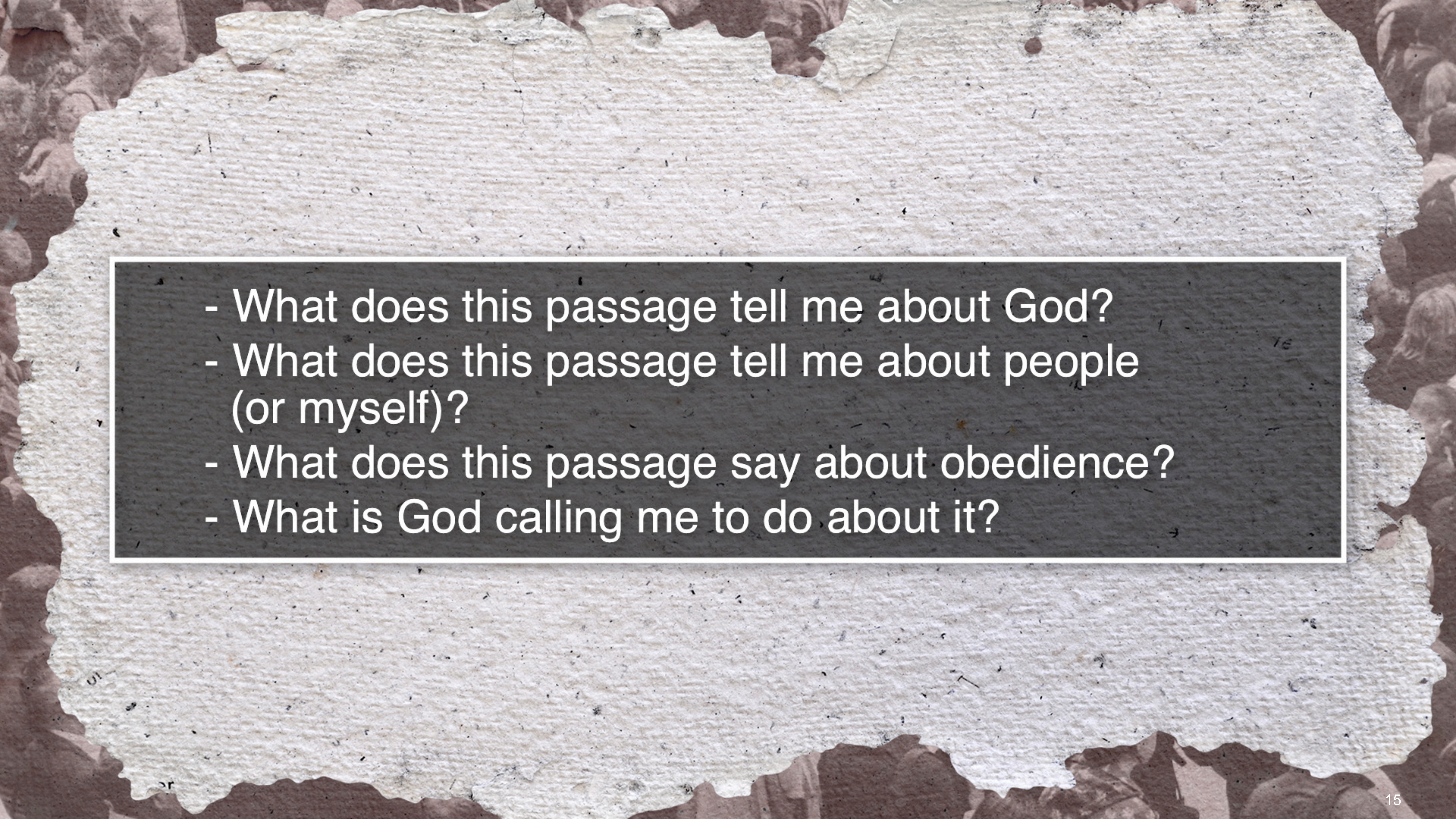
NIV New International Version

NKJV New King James Version

NLT New Living Translation

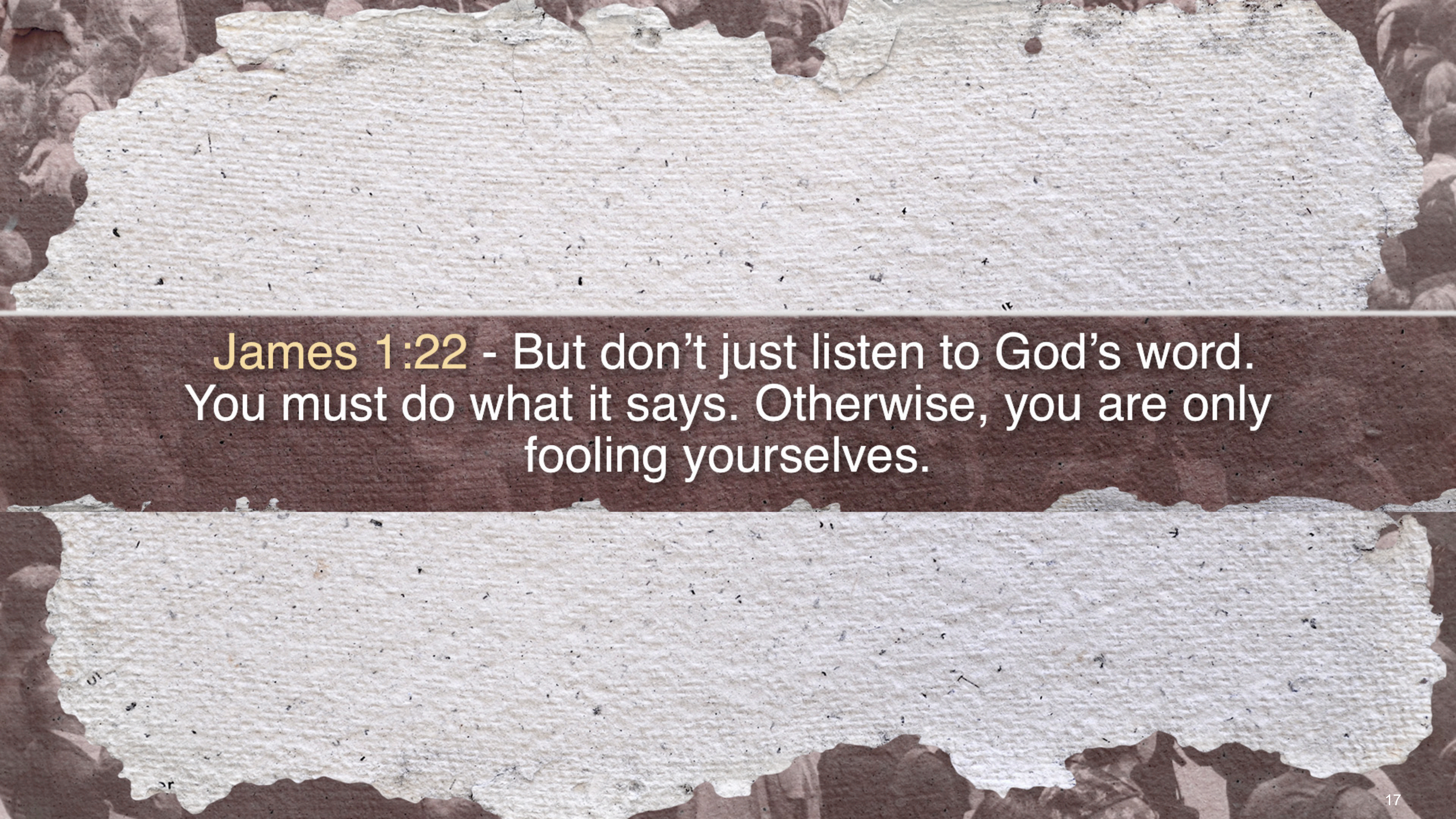




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- The background of the slide is a piece of torn, aged, light-colored paper. The edges of the paper are irregular and ragged. In the center of the paper is a dark, rectangular box with a thin white border. Inside this box, there is a list of four questions, each preceded by a hyphen. The text is white and clearly legible against the dark background of the box.
- What does this passage tell me about God?
 - What does this passage tell me about people (or myself)?
 - What does this passage say about obedience?
 - What is God calling me to do about it?



Transform:
How will your life be changed
because of what you just experienced?



James 1:22 - But don't just listen to God's word.
You must do what it says. Otherwise, you are only
fooling yourselves.



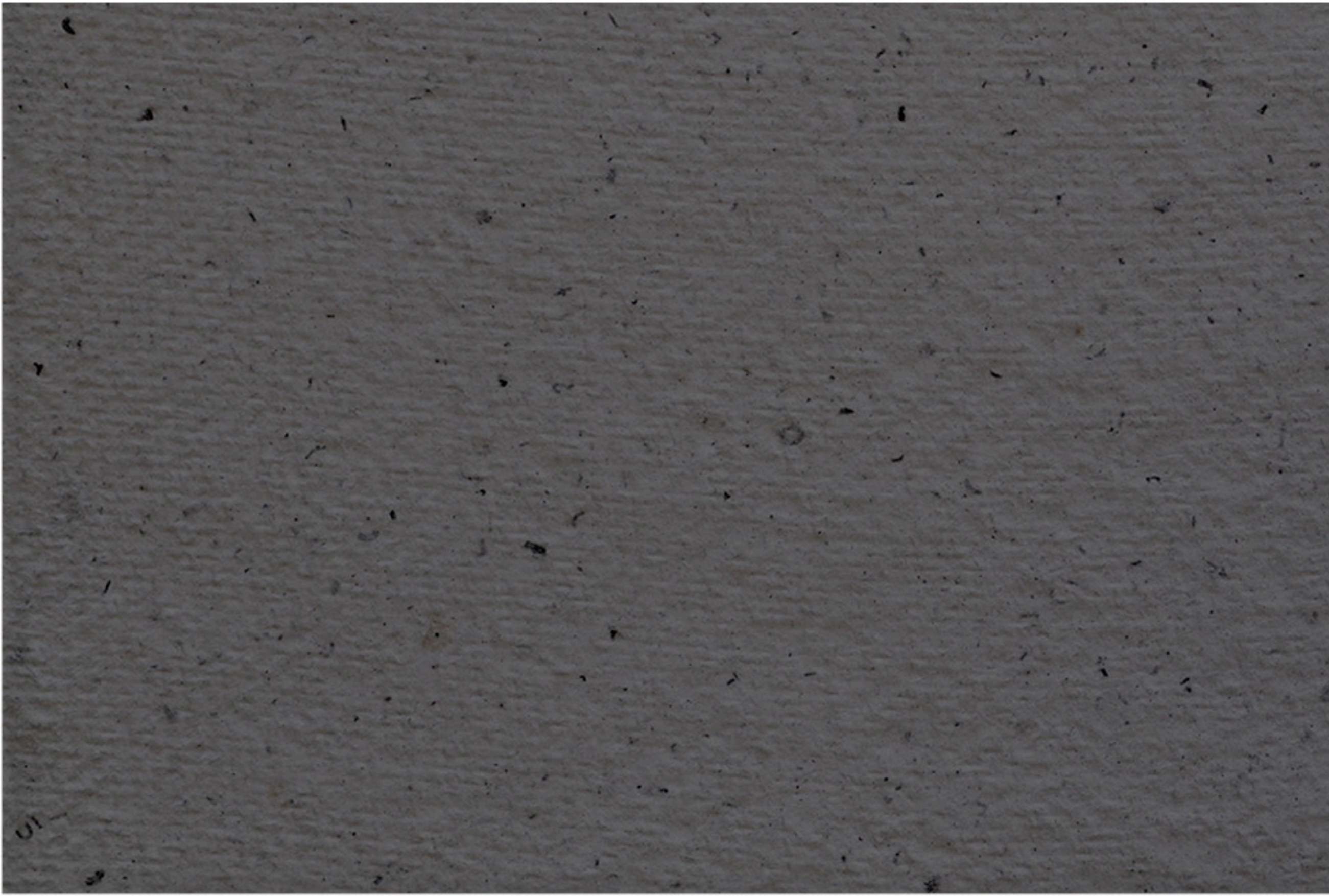
“The most effective way to change your habits is to focus on not what you want to achieve but who you wish to become.”
- James Clear, Atomic Habits



After/Before (CURRENT HABIT),
I will (NEW HABIT).

Daily Habit

Positive (+) Negative (-)
or Neutral (=)



Daily Habit

Positive (+) Negative (-)
or Neutral (=)

- Wake up
- Pick up my phone
- Scroll social media, emails, texts
- Get ready for the day
- Put Amelia on the bus
- Eat breakfast
- Waste time until Ryland wakes up
- Drive Ryland to school or grandma's
- Drive to work with
worship music playing

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Daily Habit

Positive (+) Negative (-)
or Neutral (=)

- Start work day
- Take lunch break
- End work day
- Pick up kids
- Prepare dinner
- Sit down for dinner
- Put kids to bed
- Crash/zone-out for 30 minutes
- Get in bed

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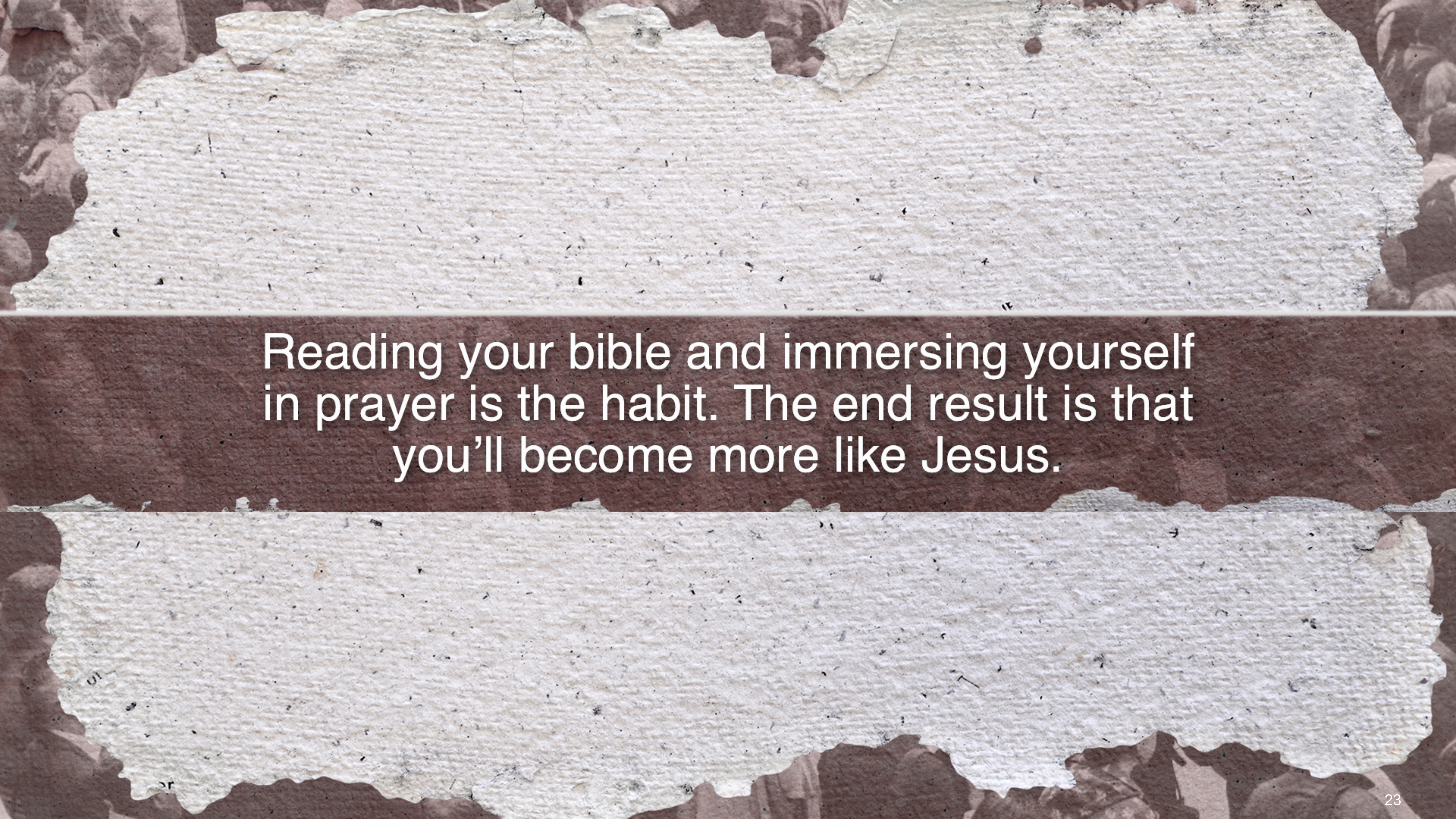
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Reading your bible and immersing yourself
in prayer is the habit. The end result is that
you'll become more like Jesus.

After/Before (CURRENT HABIT),
I will (NEW HABIT).

Daily Habit

Positive (+) Negative (-)
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