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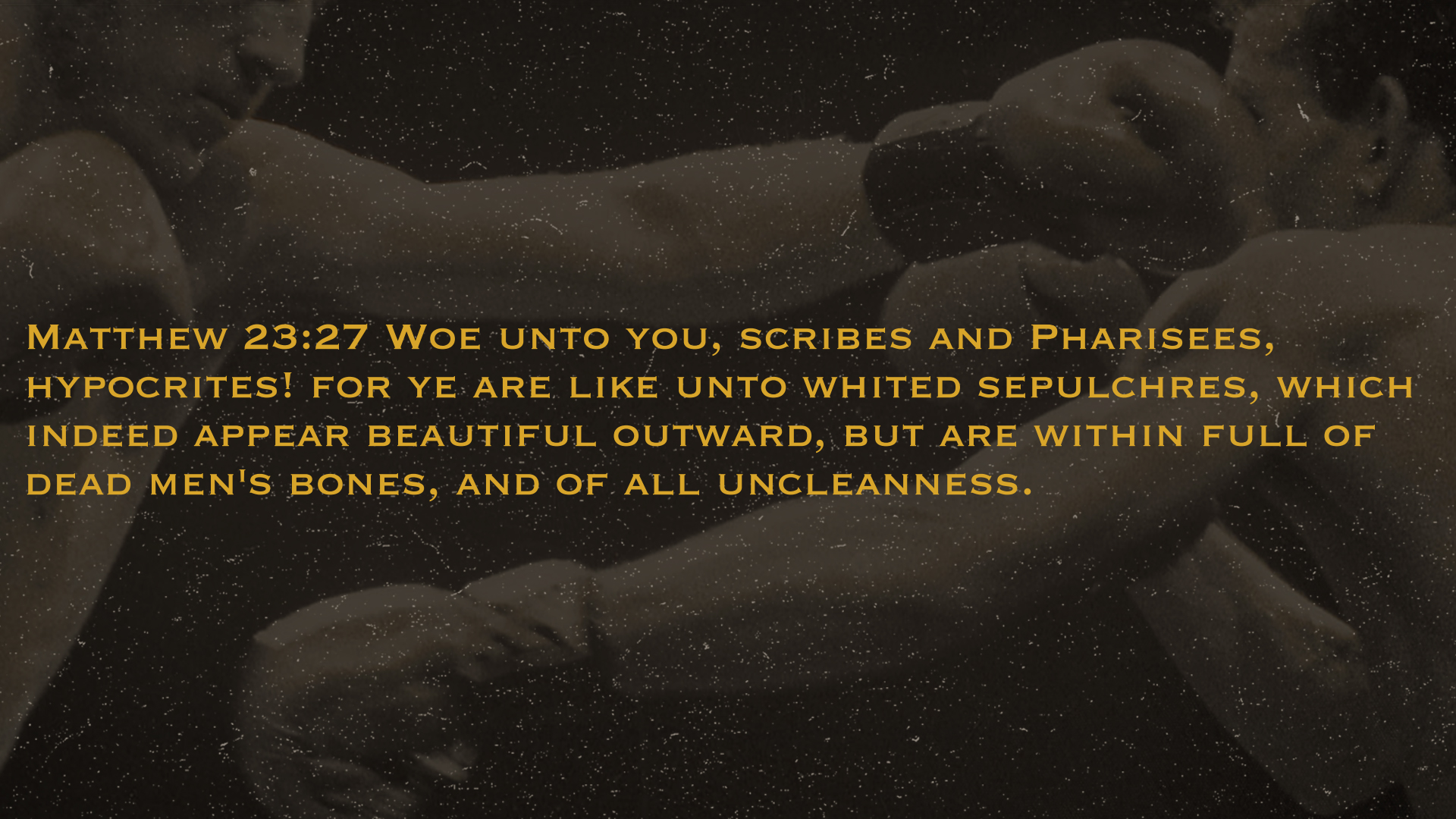
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**MATTHEW 23:27 WOE UNTO YOU, SCRIBES AND PHARISEES,  
HYPOCRITES! FOR YE ARE LIKE UNTO WHITED SEPULCHRES, WHICH  
INDEED APPEAR BEAUTIFUL OUTWARD, BUT ARE WITHIN FULL OF  
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**1 PETER 1:15 BUT AS HE WHICH HATH CALLED YOU IS HOLY, SO BE YE HOLY IN ALL MANNER OF CONVERSATION;**

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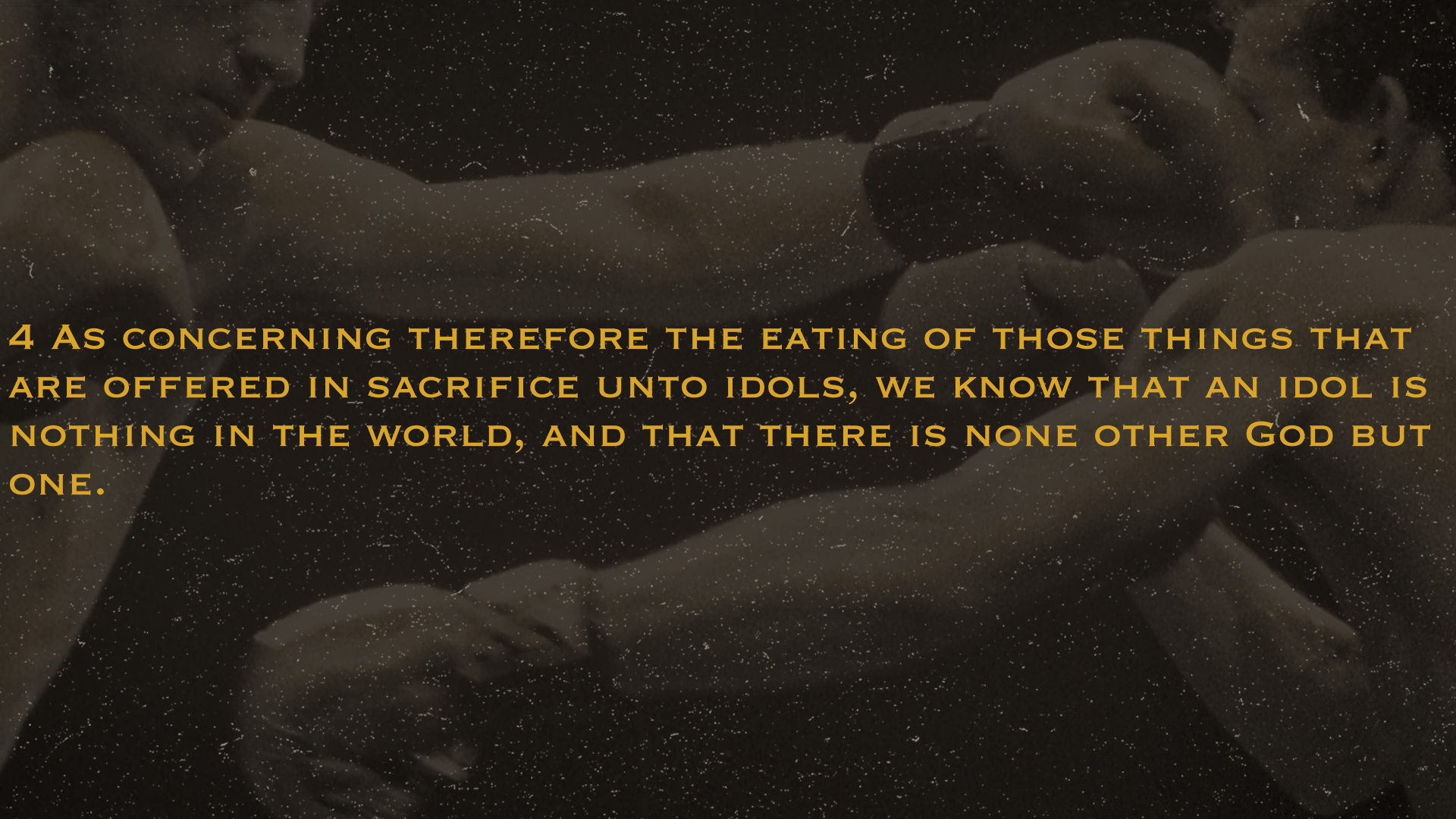
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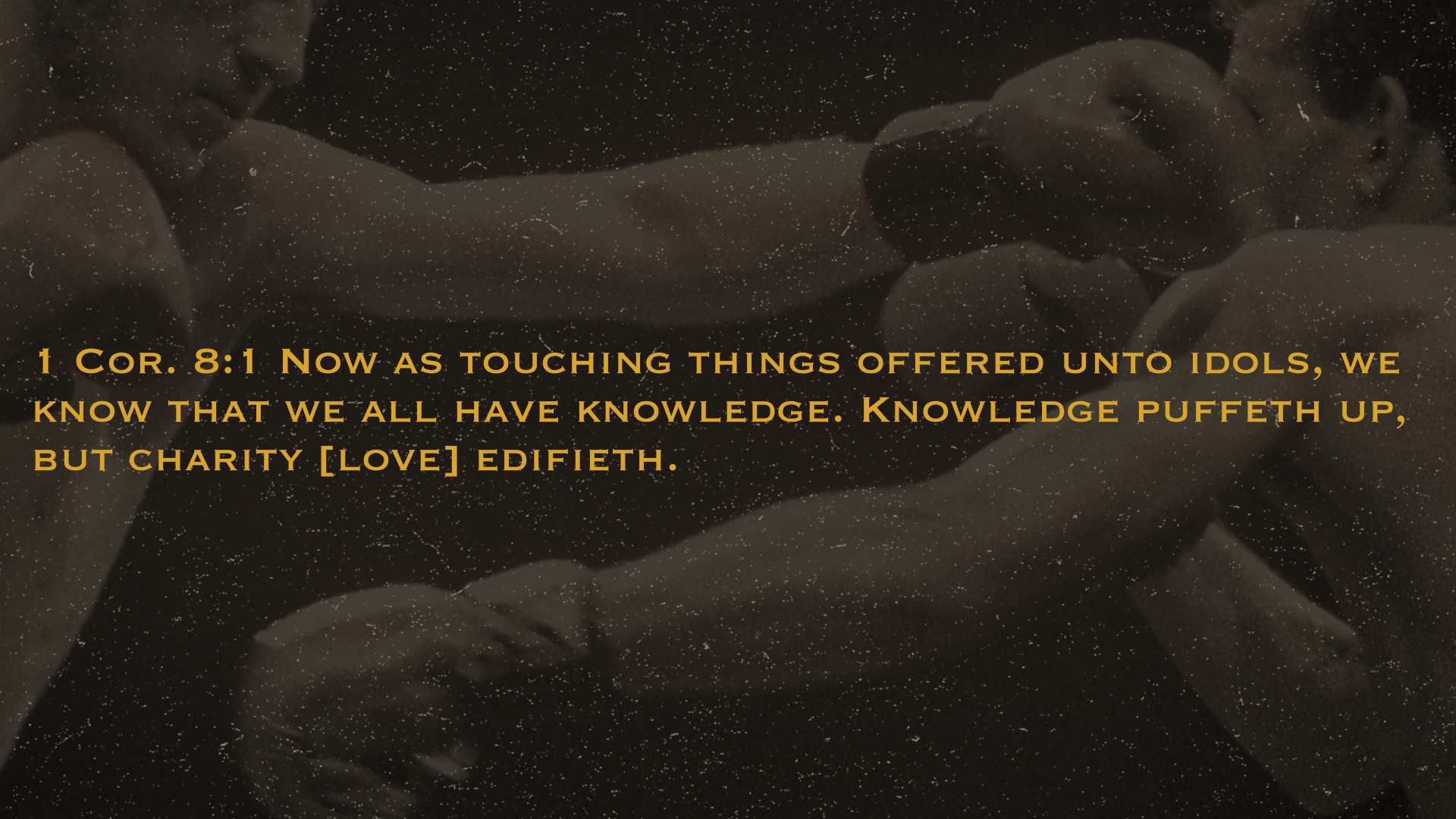
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**4 AS CONCERNING THEREFORE THE EATING OF THOSE THINGS THAT ARE OFFERED IN SACRIFICE UNTO IDOLS, WE KNOW THAT AN IDOL IS NOTHING IN THE WORLD, AND THAT THERE IS NONE OTHER GOD BUT ONE.**



**13. WHEREFORE, IF MEAT MAKE MY BROTHER TO OFFEND, I WILL  
EAT NO FLESH WHILE THE WORLD STANDETH, LEST I MAKE MY  
BROTHER TO OFFEND.**



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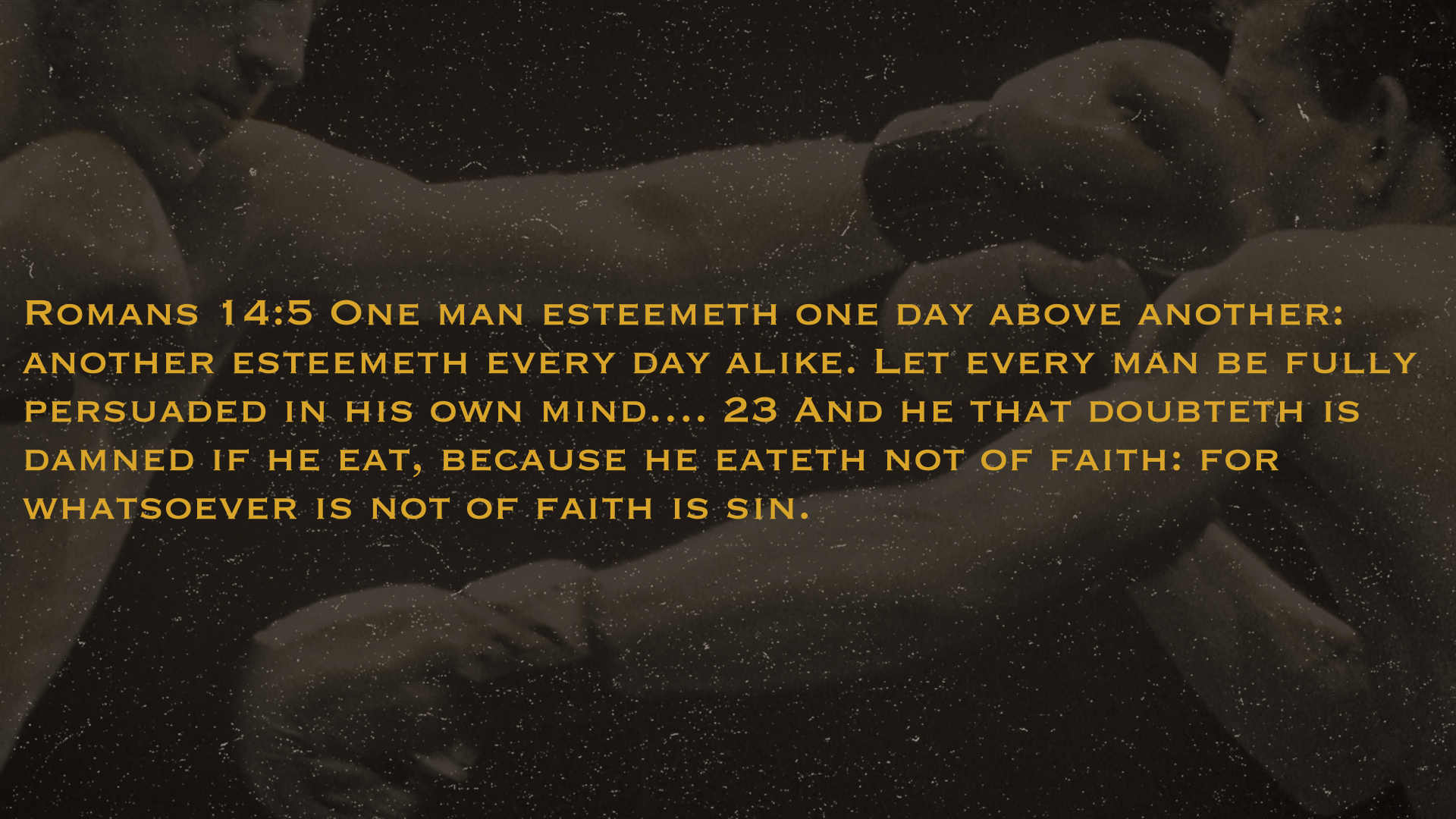
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**ROMANS 14:5 ONE MAN ESTEEMETH ONE DAY ABOVE ANOTHER:  
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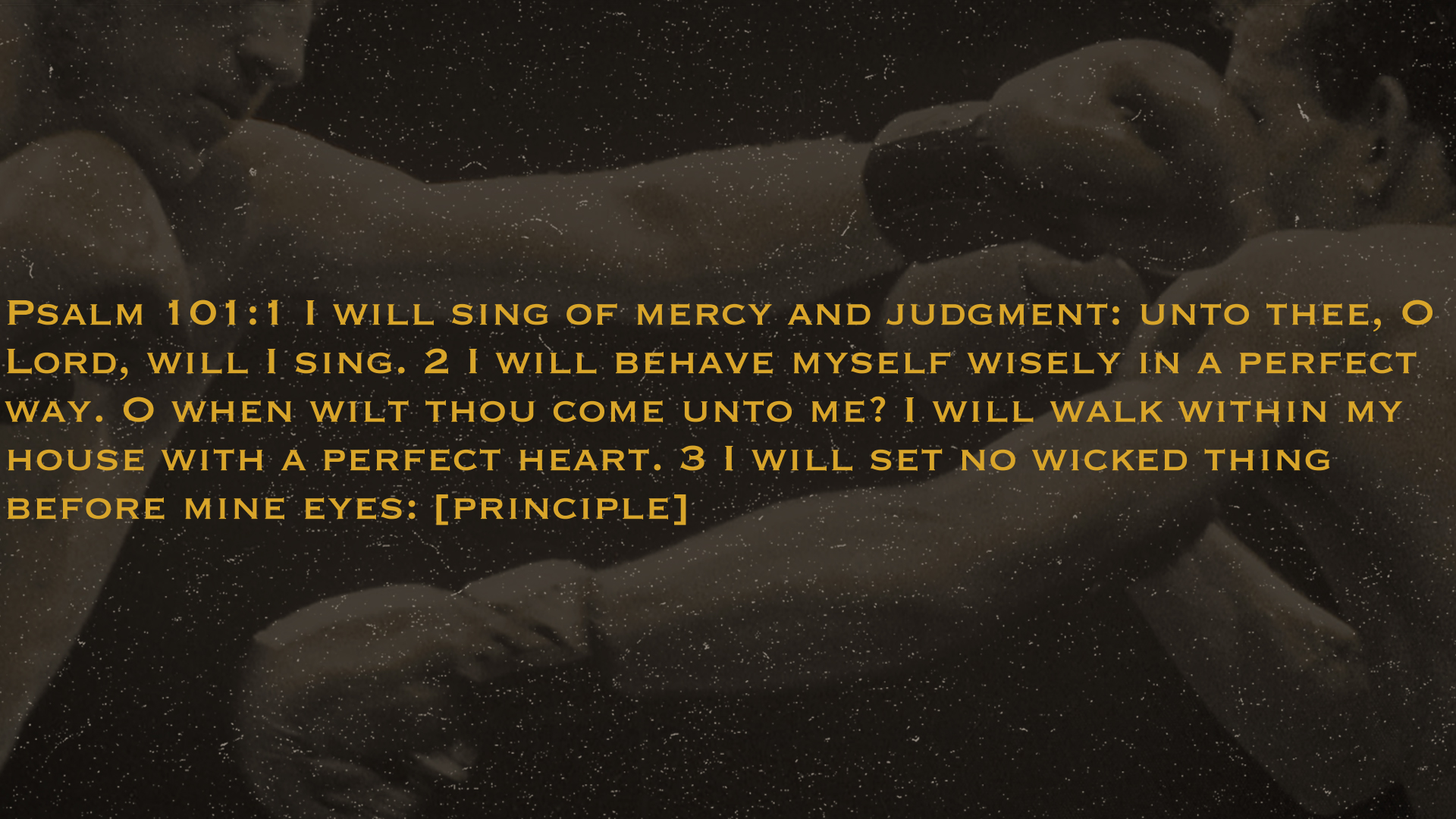
**HEBREWS 12:6 FOR WHOM THE LORD LOVETH HE CHASTENETH, AND  
SCOURGETH EVERY SON WHOM HE RECEIVETH.**



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**PSALM 101:1 I WILL SING OF MERCY AND JUDGMENT: UNTO THEE, O LORD, WILL I SING. 2 I WILL BEHAVE MYSELF WISELY IN A PERFECT WAY. O WHEN WILT THOU COME UNTO ME? I WILL WALK WITHIN MY HOUSE WITH A PERFECT HEART. 3 I WILL SET NO WICKED THING BEFORE MINE EYES: [PRINCIPLE]**

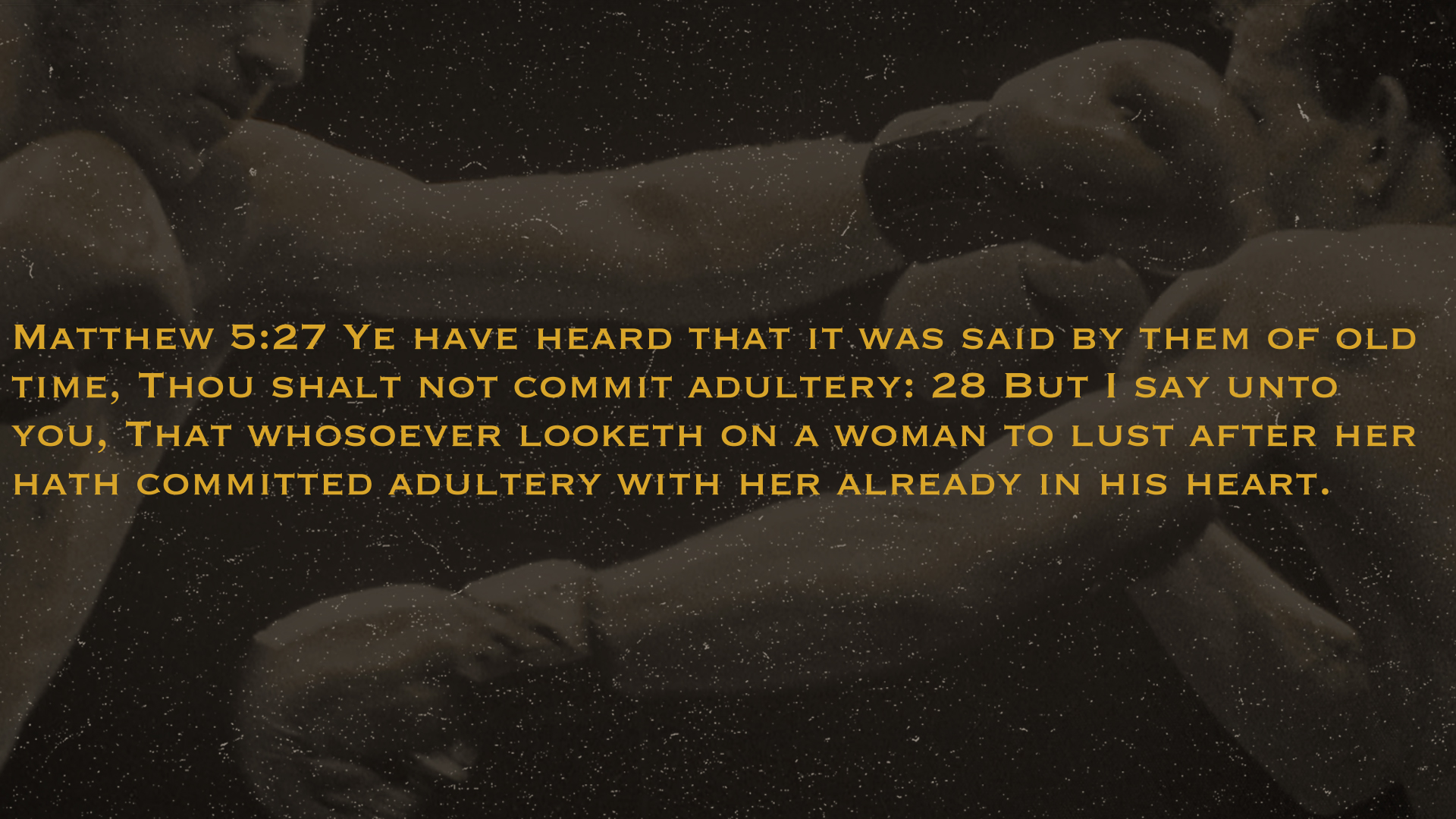


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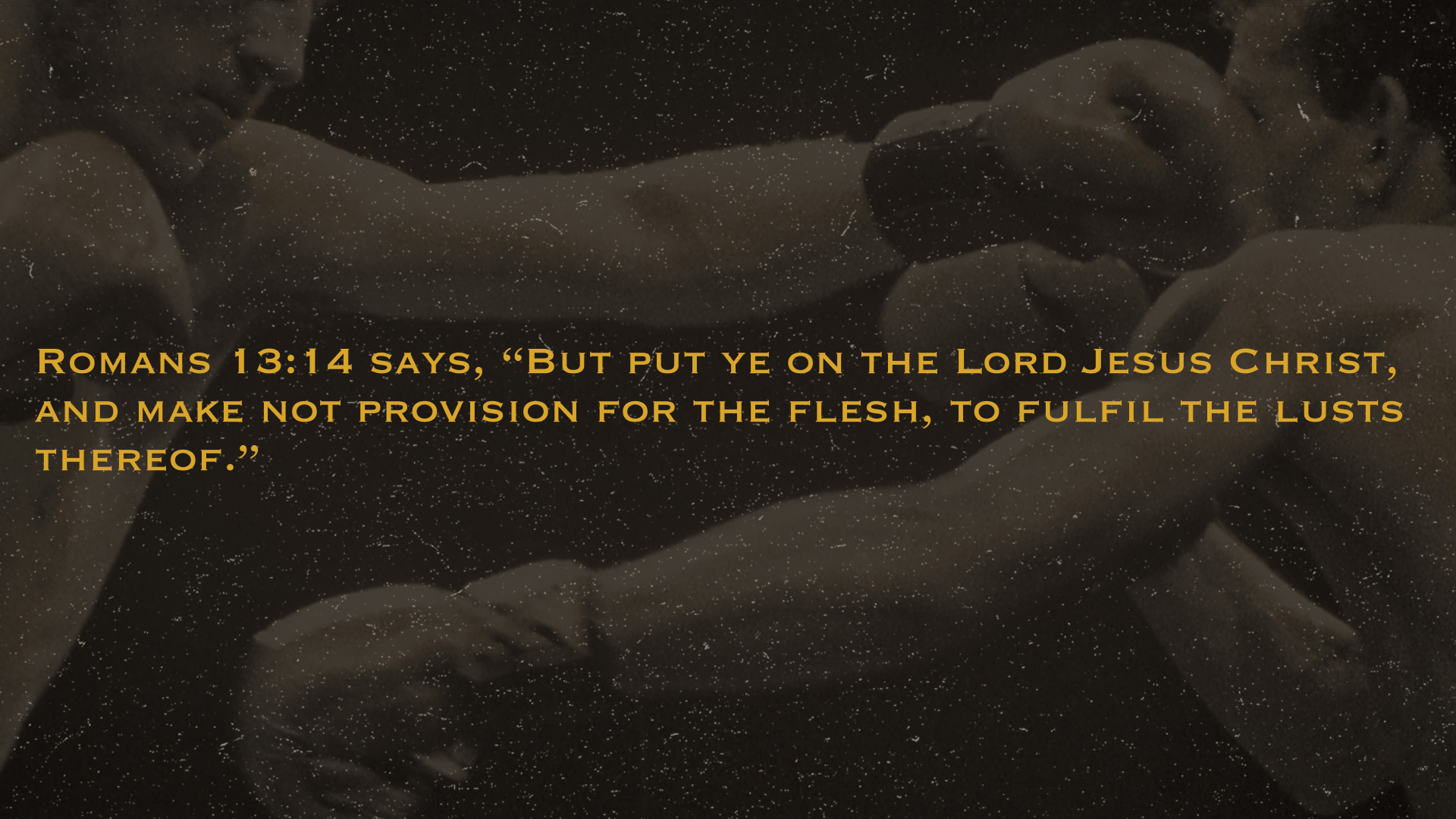
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**MATTHEW 5:27 YE HAVE HEARD THAT IT WAS SAID BY THEM OF OLD TIME, THOU SHALT NOT COMMIT ADULTERY: 28 BUT I SAY UNTO YOU, THAT WHOSOEVER LOOKETH ON A WOMAN TO LUST AFTER HER HATH COMMITTED ADULTERY WITH HER ALREADY IN HIS HEART.**



**ROMANS 13:14 SAYS, “BUT PUT YE ON THE LORD JESUS CHRIST,  
AND MAKE NOT PROVISION FOR THE FLESH, TO FULFIL THE LUSTS  
THEREOF.”**





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