



Welcome!

to

First Presbyterian Church of Arlington Heights

May 2, 2021



Celebration Sunday!





Leader 1: Come let us worship God.

Leader 2: With music and dancing,
with songs of praise.

Leader 1: Come let us worship God.

Leader 2: Not just with our mouths, but
also with our deeds and lives.

Leader 1: Come let us worship God.



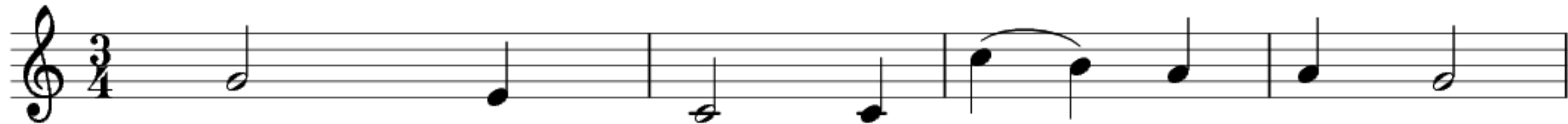
Glory to God #309

Come, Great God of All the Ages

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1. Come, great God of all the a - ges;



make your earth - ly mis - sion known;



speak through ev - ery deed and per - son;



let your way and will be shown.



Guide the church to true com-mit-ment;



give di-rec-tion now, we ask;



fit us for the work of build-ing;



ded-i-cate us to the task.



2. Come, Christ Je - sus, flesh and spir - it,



sure foun - da - tion, cor - ner - stone;



help us form the church e - ter - nal;



may your vi - sion be our own.





3. Come, great Spir - it, in and with us,



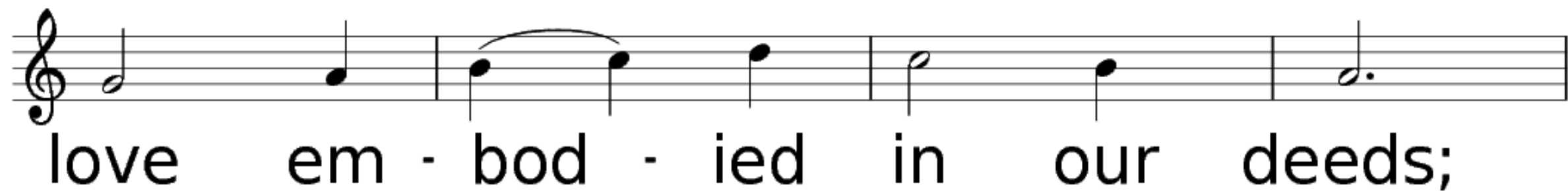
tune our ears to hear your call;



through the mov - ing of your pres - ence,



let re - deem - ing love re - call





4. Come, O come, in cel - e - bra - tion,



house - hold of the one true God;



in com - mit - ment and re - joic - ing



let us go where Christ has trod;





God of mercy, forgive us for our iniquities. With our mouths we cry out Lord, Lord, but we don't always do your will. Too often we think that our belief alone, our presence alone, is enough to save us. We forget that you are a God who calls us to action, who calls us to go out, who calls us to do.

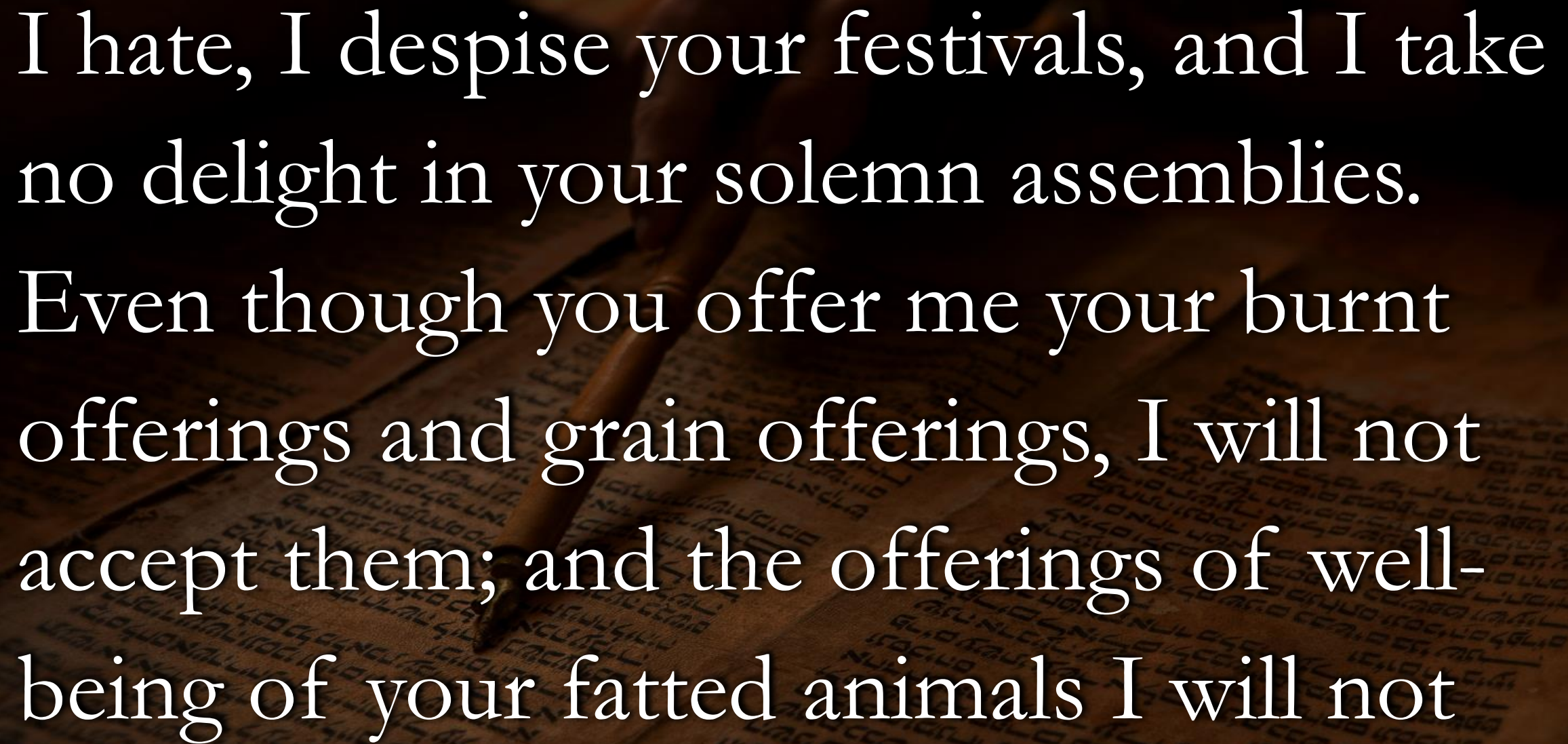
Please forgive our resistance to show our faith with our actions. Move in us and compel us to be your servants in the world, to serve the least and lost, and to truly follow your will for our lives. Amen.



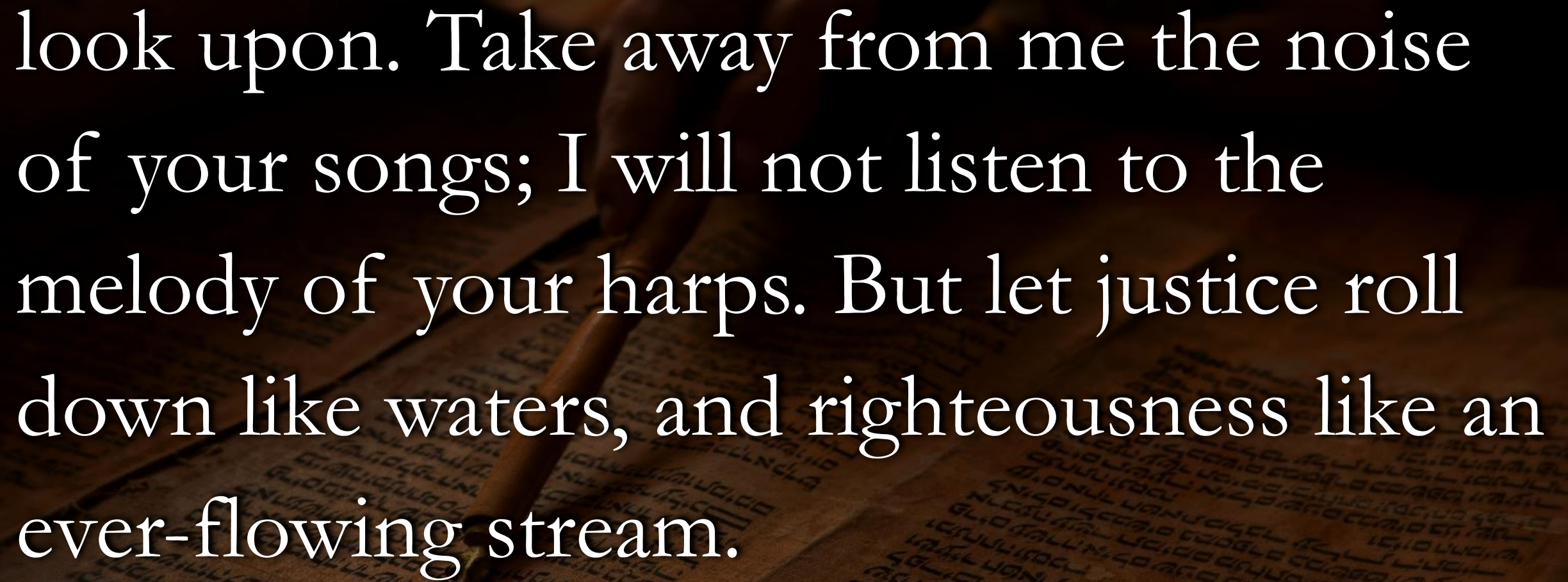
Amos 5:21-24

(NRSV)



A close-up, dimly lit photograph of a hand holding a quill pen, poised to write on an open book. The book's pages are filled with dense, handwritten text in a cursive script, likely Hebrew. The lighting is warm and focused on the pen and the immediate area of writing, creating a sense of historical or religious significance. The background is dark and out of focus.

I hate, I despise your festivals, and I take
no delight in your solemn assemblies.
Even though you offer me your burnt
offerings and grain offerings, I will not
accept them; and the offerings of well-
being of your fattened animals I will not

A close-up, dimly lit photograph of an open book with Hebrew text. A hand holds a quill pen, poised to write on the right page. The text is in a traditional Hebrew script, and the lighting creates a warm, scholarly atmosphere.

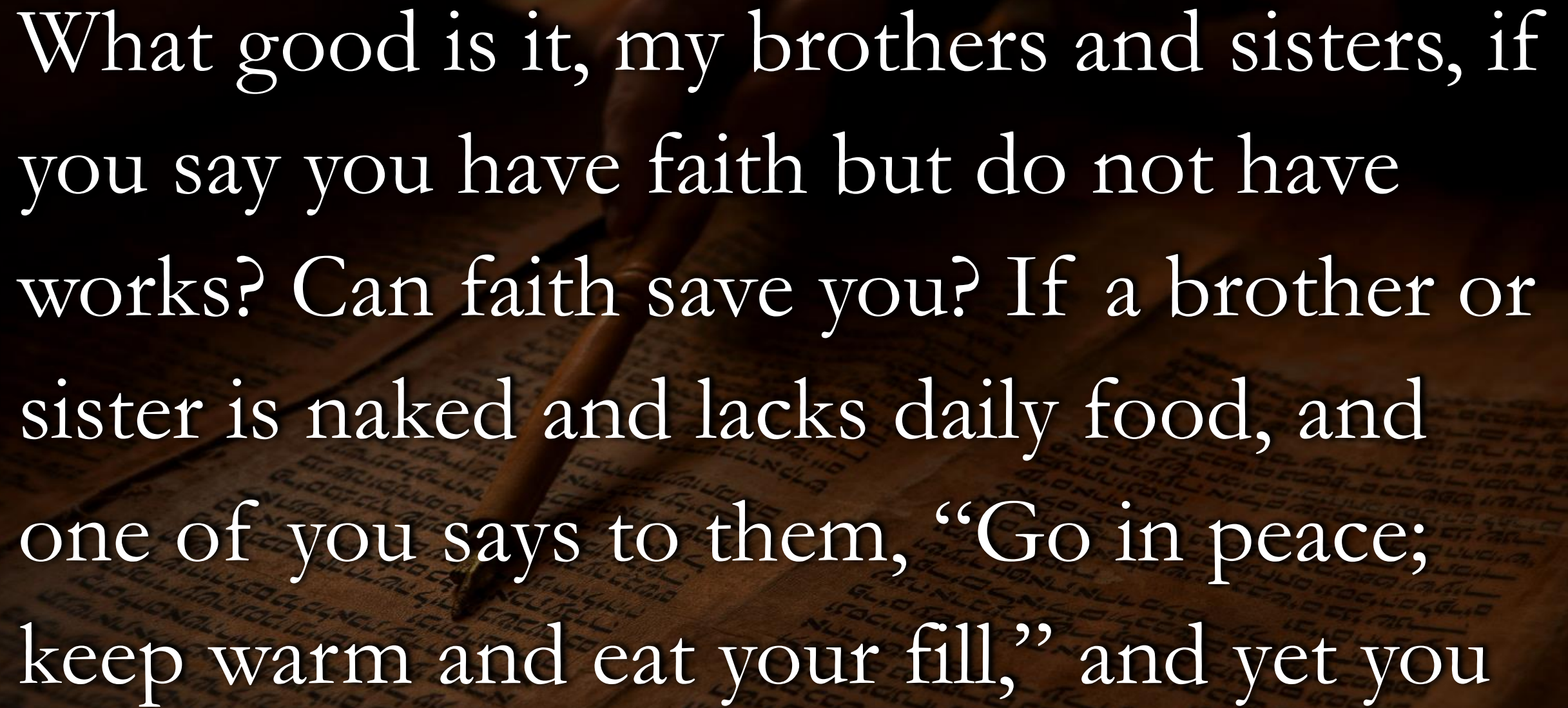
look upon. Take away from me the noise
of your songs; I will not listen to the
melody of your harps. But let justice roll
down like waters, and righteousness like an
ever-flowing stream.



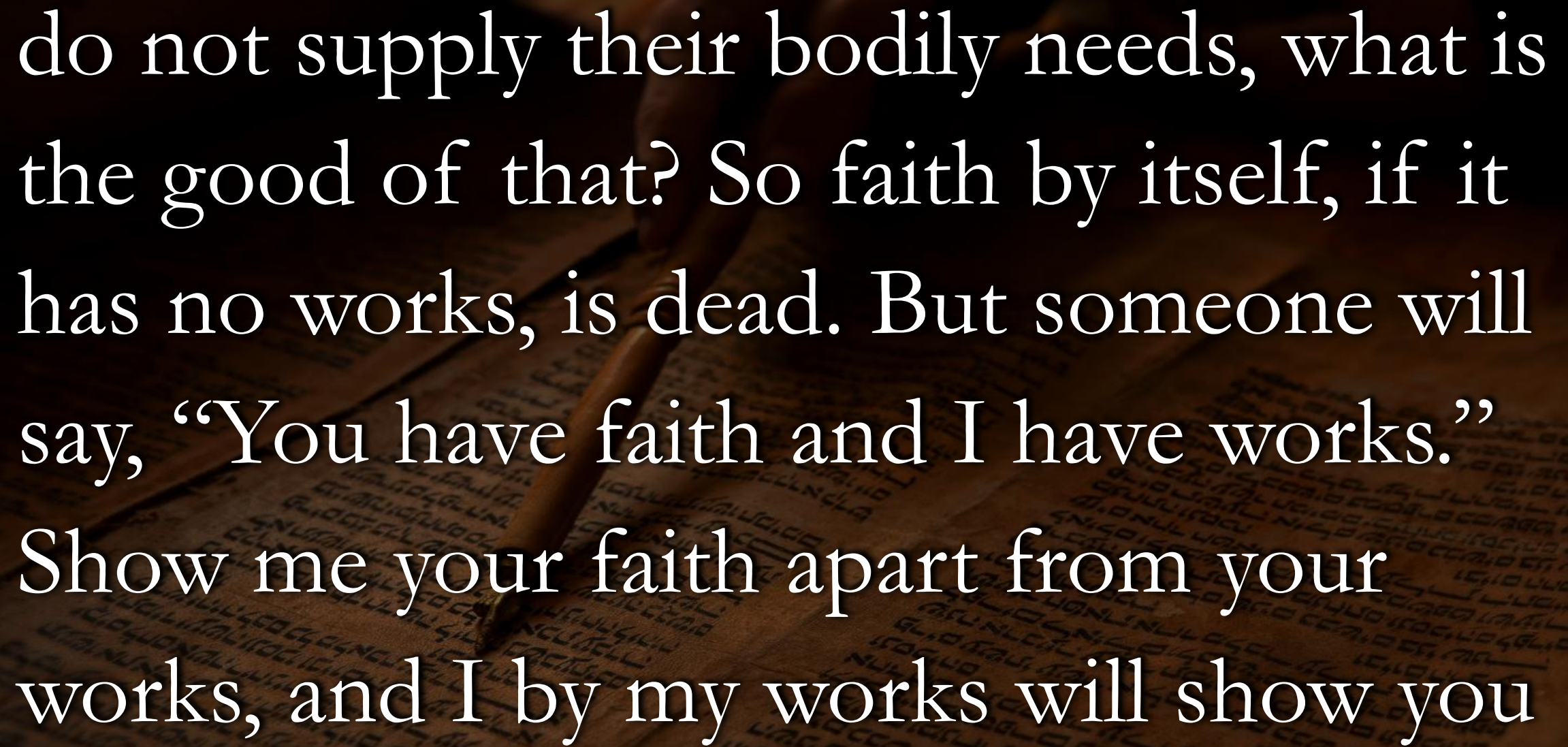
James 2:14-26

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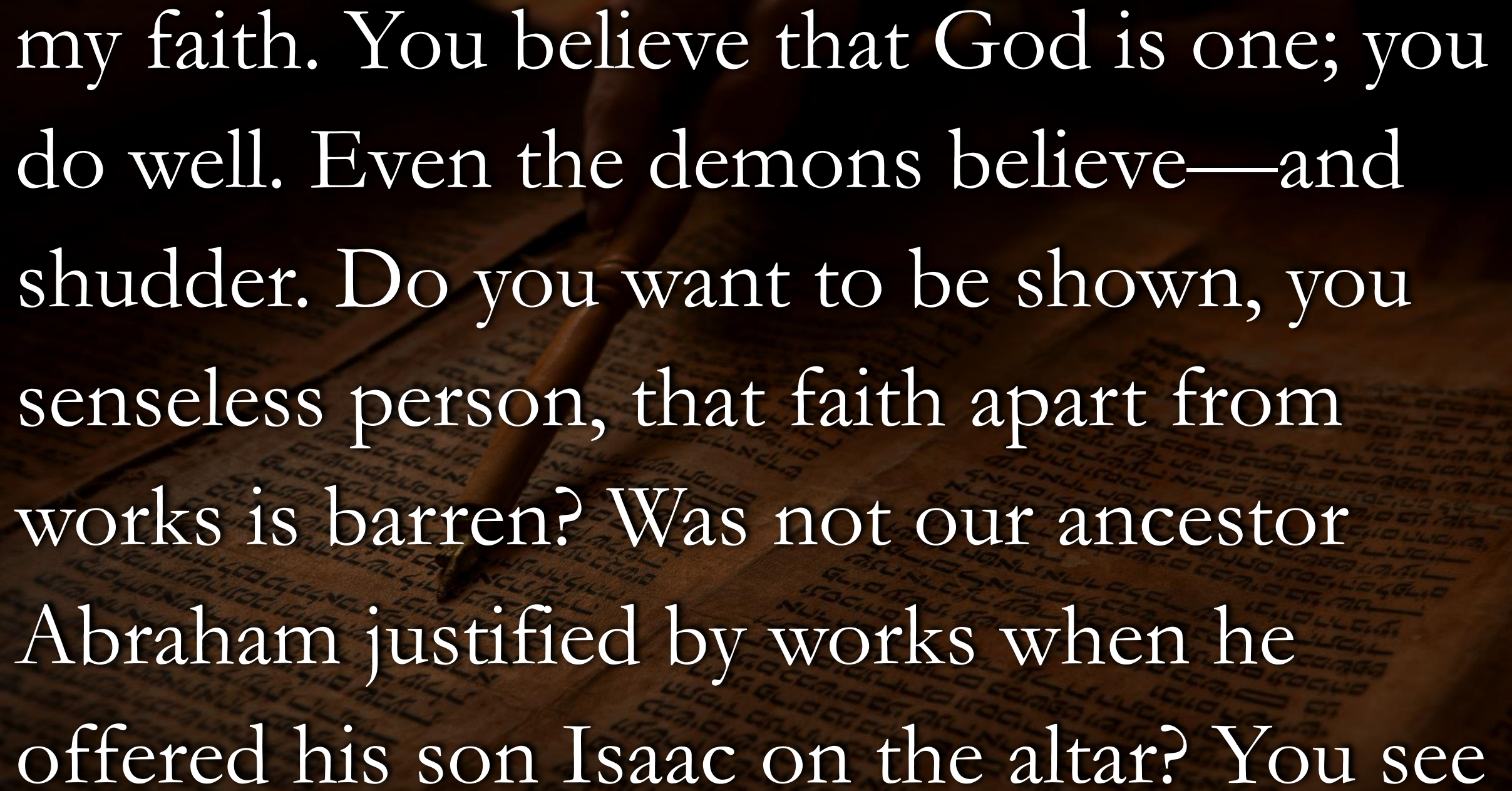


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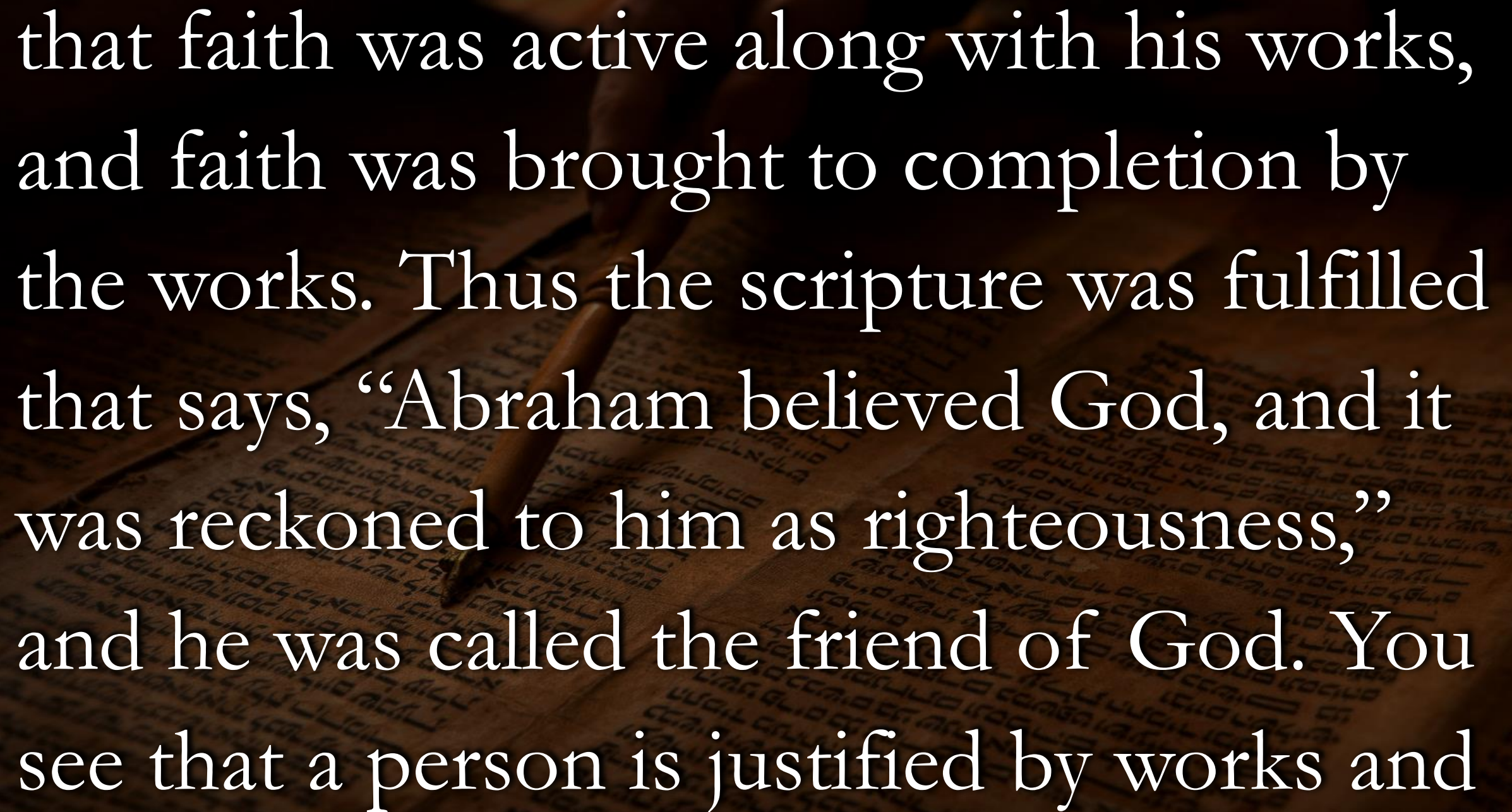
What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if you say you have faith but do not have works? Can faith save you? If a brother or sister is naked and lacks daily food, and one of you says to them, “Go in peace; keep warm and eat your fill,” and yet you

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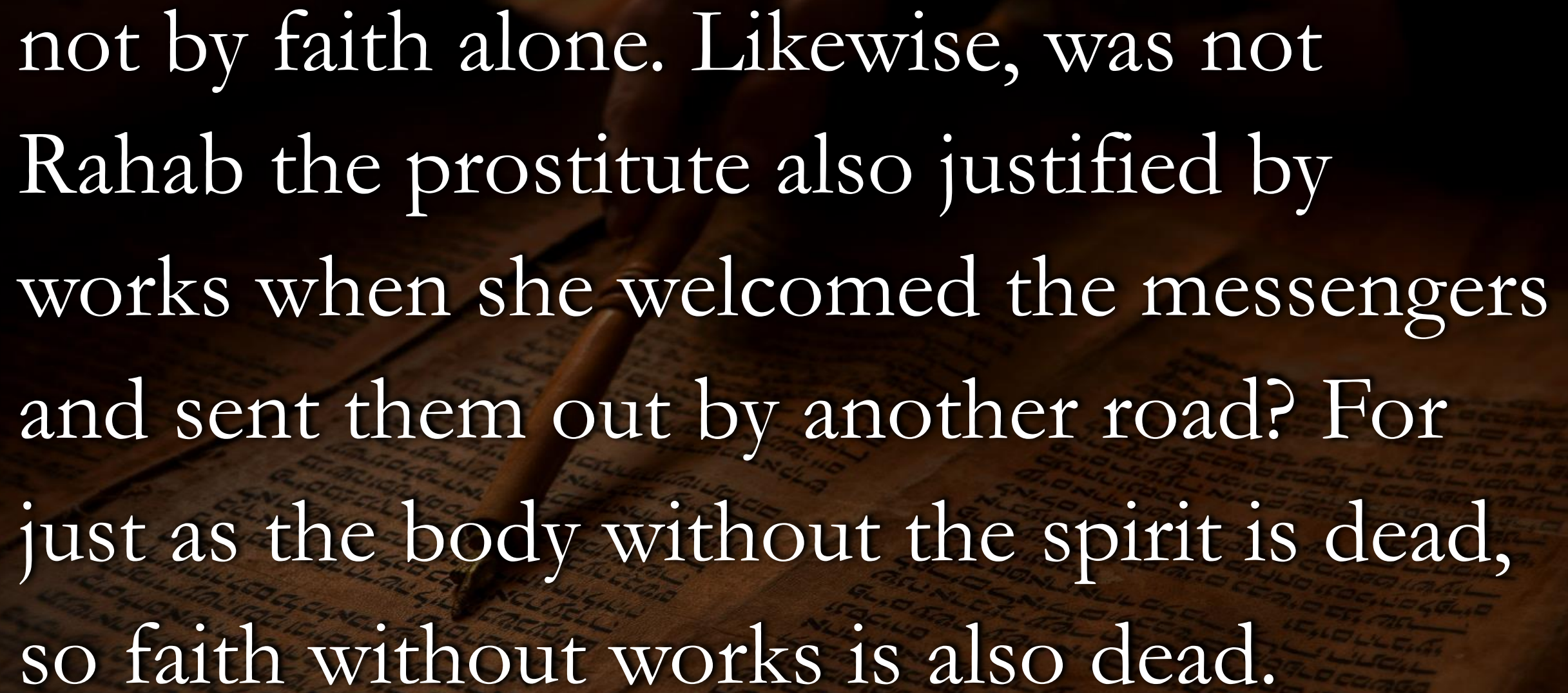
do not supply their bodily needs, what is
the good of that? So faith by itself, if it
has no works, is dead. But someone will
say, “You have faith and I have works.”
Show me your faith apart from your
works, and I by my works will show you

A hand holding a quill pen is positioned over an open book. The book's pages are filled with text in Hebrew script. The background is dark and moody, with the light focused on the book and the hand. The text is overlaid on the image in a white, serif font.

my faith. You believe that God is one; you do well. Even the demons believe—and shudder. Do you want to be shown, you senseless person, that faith apart from works is barren? Was not our ancestor Abraham justified by works when he offered his son Isaac on the altar? You see

A hand holding a quill pen is positioned over an open book. The book's pages are filled with text, and the quill is resting on one of the pages. The background is dark and slightly blurred, focusing attention on the hand and the book.

that faith was active along with his works,
and faith was brought to completion by
the works. Thus the scripture was fulfilled
that says, “Abraham believed God, and it
was reckoned to him as righteousness,”
and he was called the friend of God. You
see that a person is justified by works and

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not by faith alone. Likewise, was not Rahab the prostitute also justified by works when she welcomed the messengers and sent them out by another road? For just as the body without the spirit is dead, so faith without works is also dead.





Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.



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Called as Partners in Christ's Service

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1. Called as part - ners in Christ's ser - vice,



called to min - is - tries of grace,



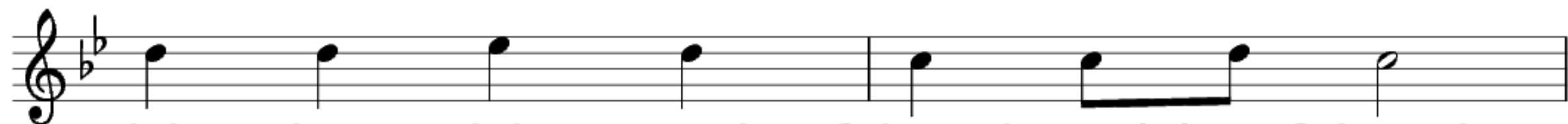
we re - spond with deep com - mit - ment



fresh new lines of faith to trace.



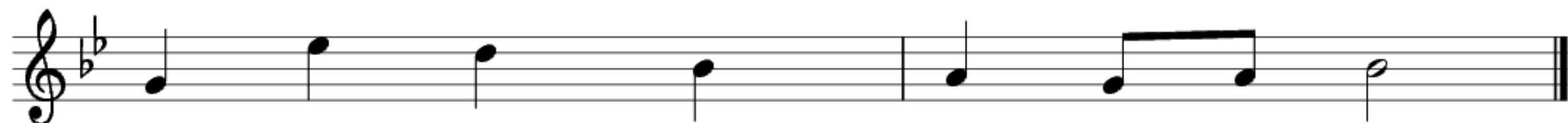
May we learn the art of shar - ing,



side by side and friend with friend,



e - qual part - ners in our car - ing



to ful - fill God's cho - sen end.



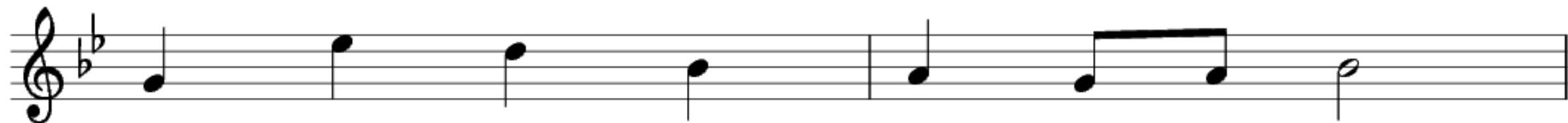
2. Christ's ex - am - ple, Christ's in - spir - ing,



Christ's clear call to work and worth,



let us fol - low, nev - er fal - tering,



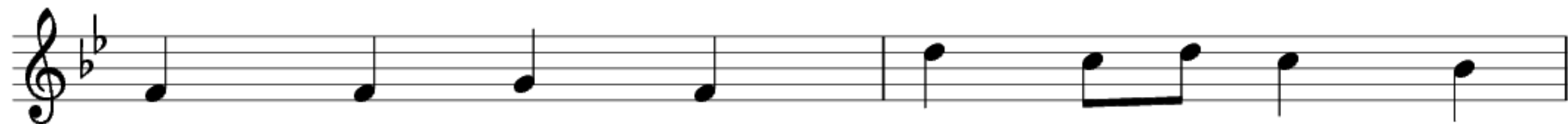
rec - on - cil - ing folk on earth.



Men and wom - en, rich - er, poor - er,



all God's peo - ple, young and old,



blend - ing hu - man skills to - geth - er



gra - cious gifts from God un - fold.



3. Thus new pat-terns for Christ's mis-sion,



in a small or glob-al sense,



help us bear each oth-er's bur-dens,



break-ing down each wall or fence.



Words of com - fort, words of vi - sion,



words of chal - lenge, said with care,



bring new power and strength for ac - tion,



make us col - leagues, free and fair.









CHOOSE *Love*
SO we can BE *the* LIGHT
THAT *Changes*
THE *World*

