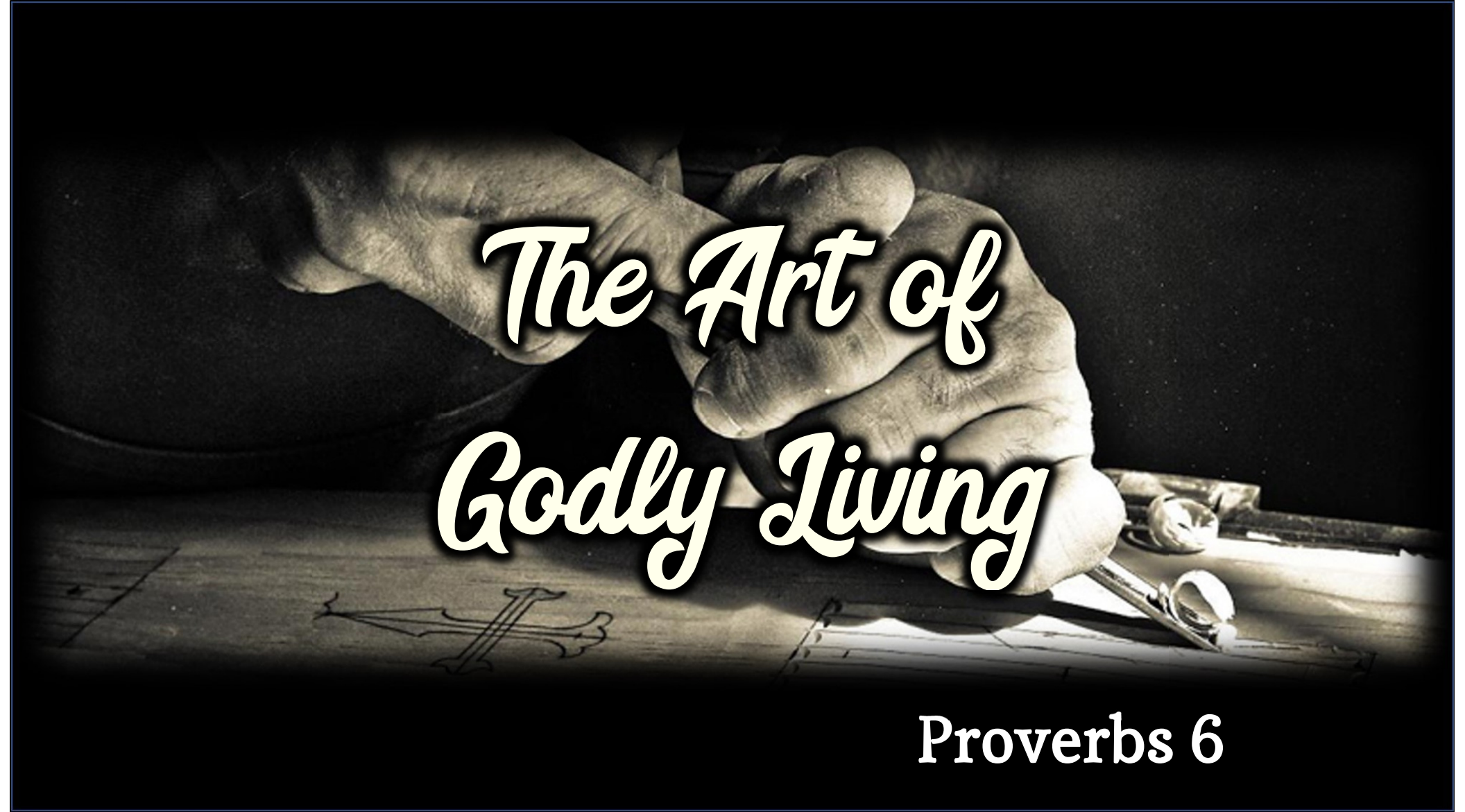
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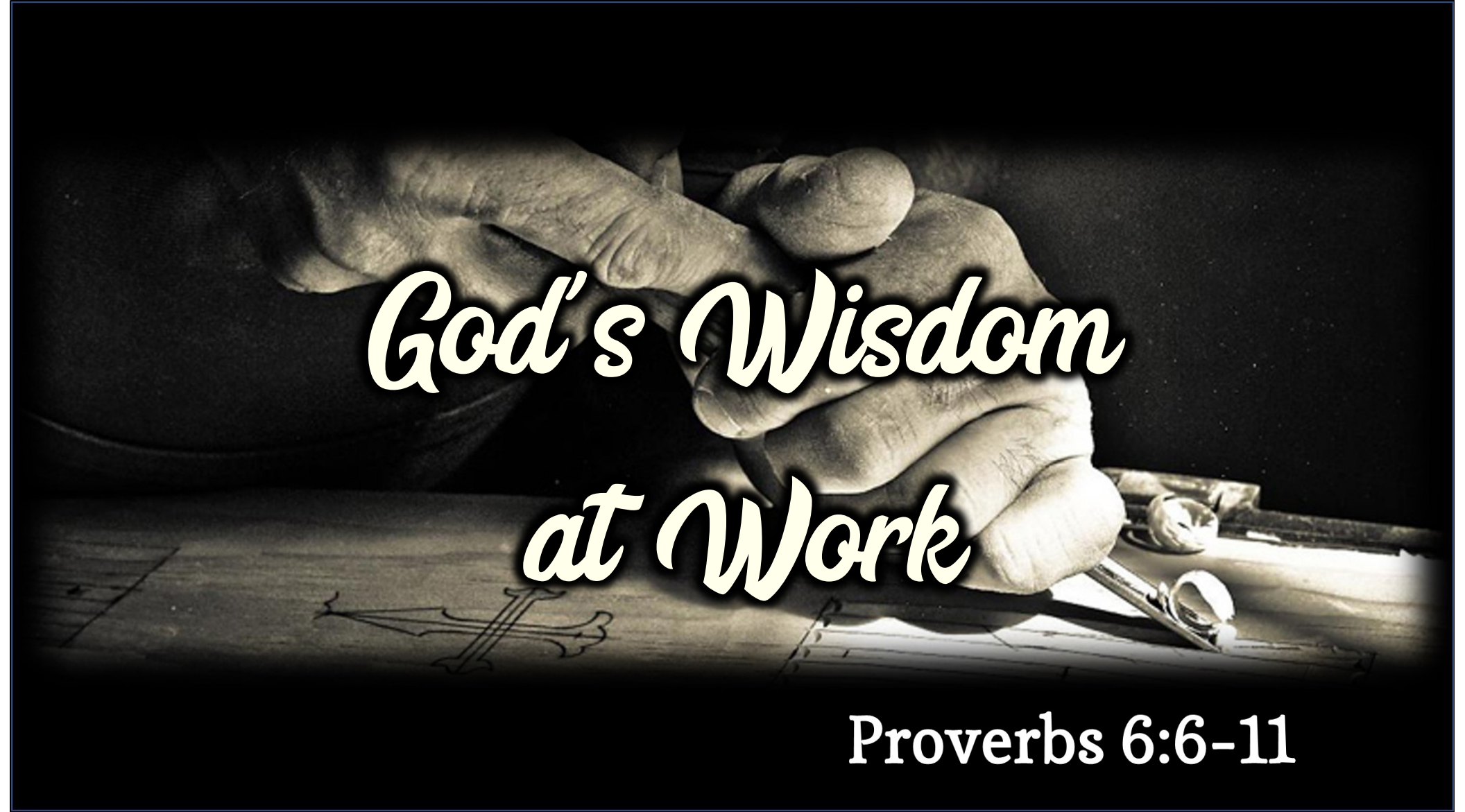
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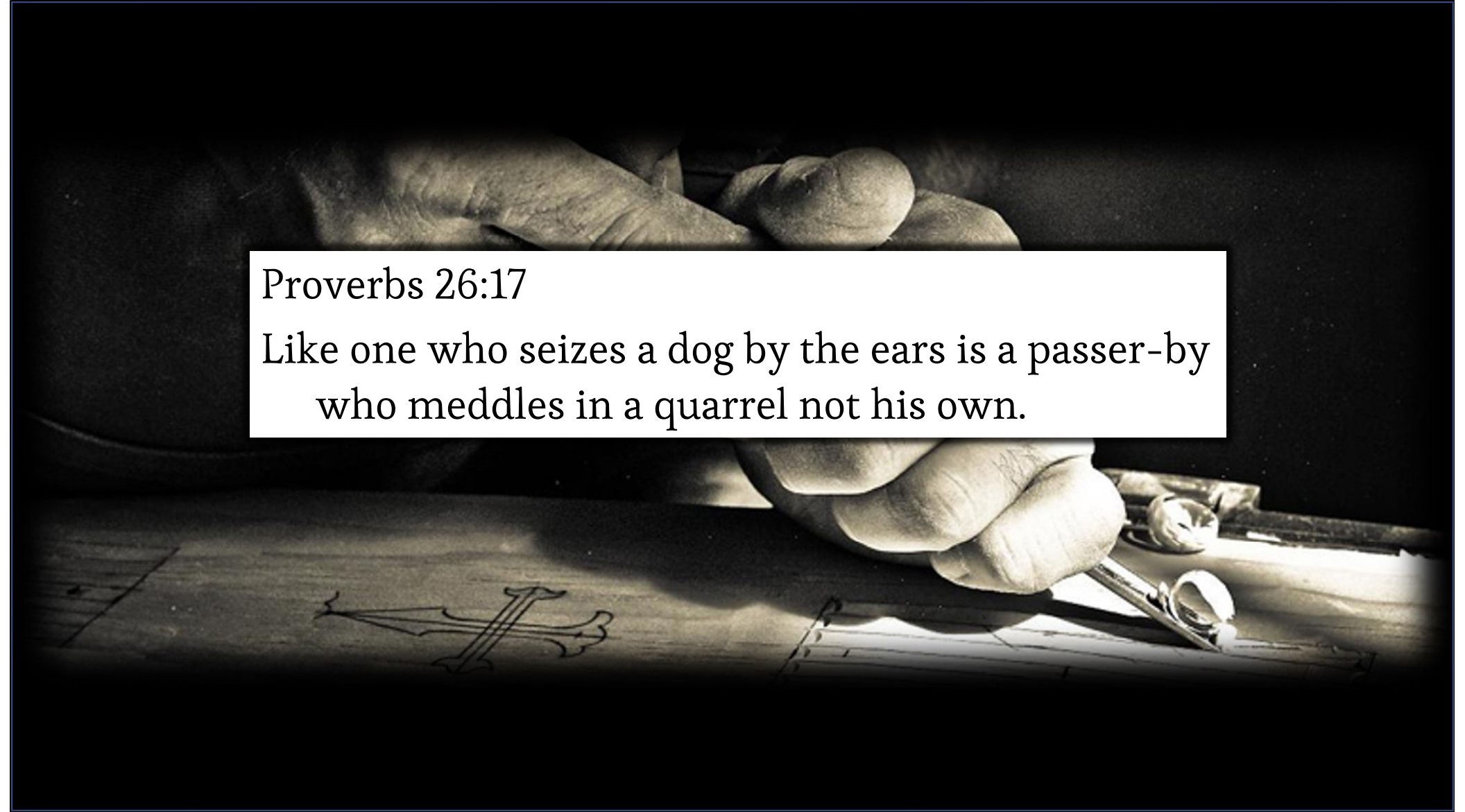
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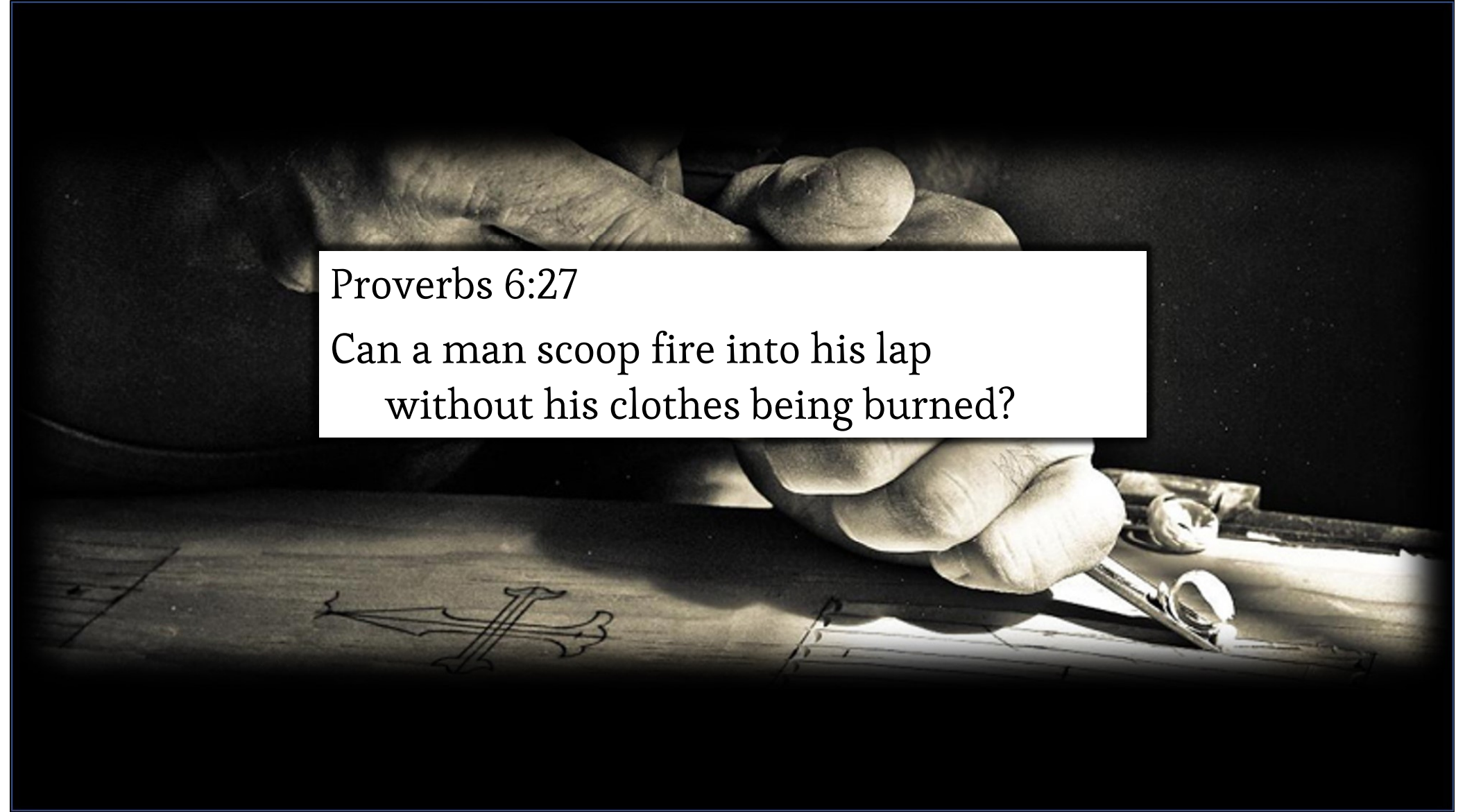
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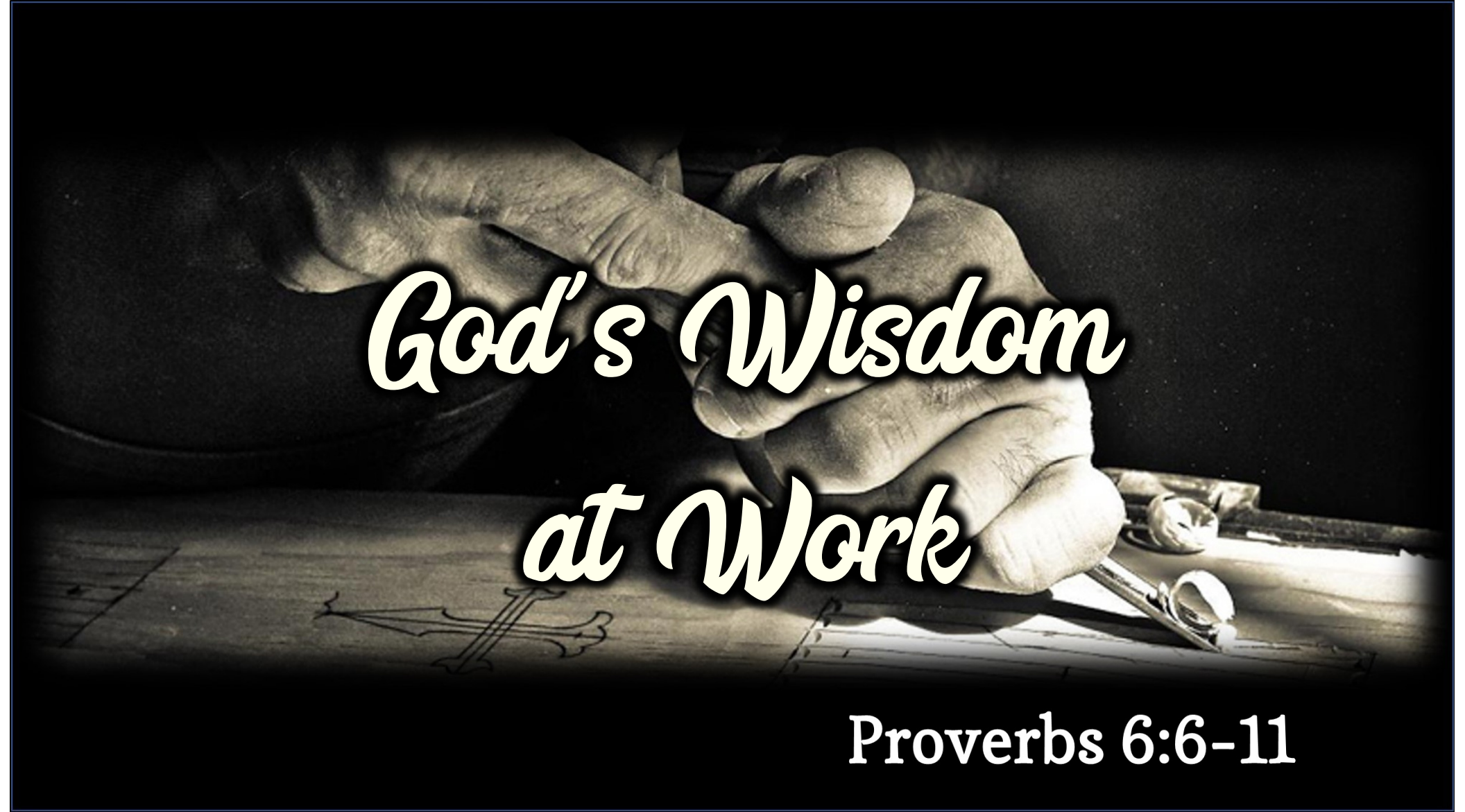
Can a man scoop fire into his lap
without his clothes being burned?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Proverbs 6:6
Go to the ant, you sluggard;
consider its ways and be wise!

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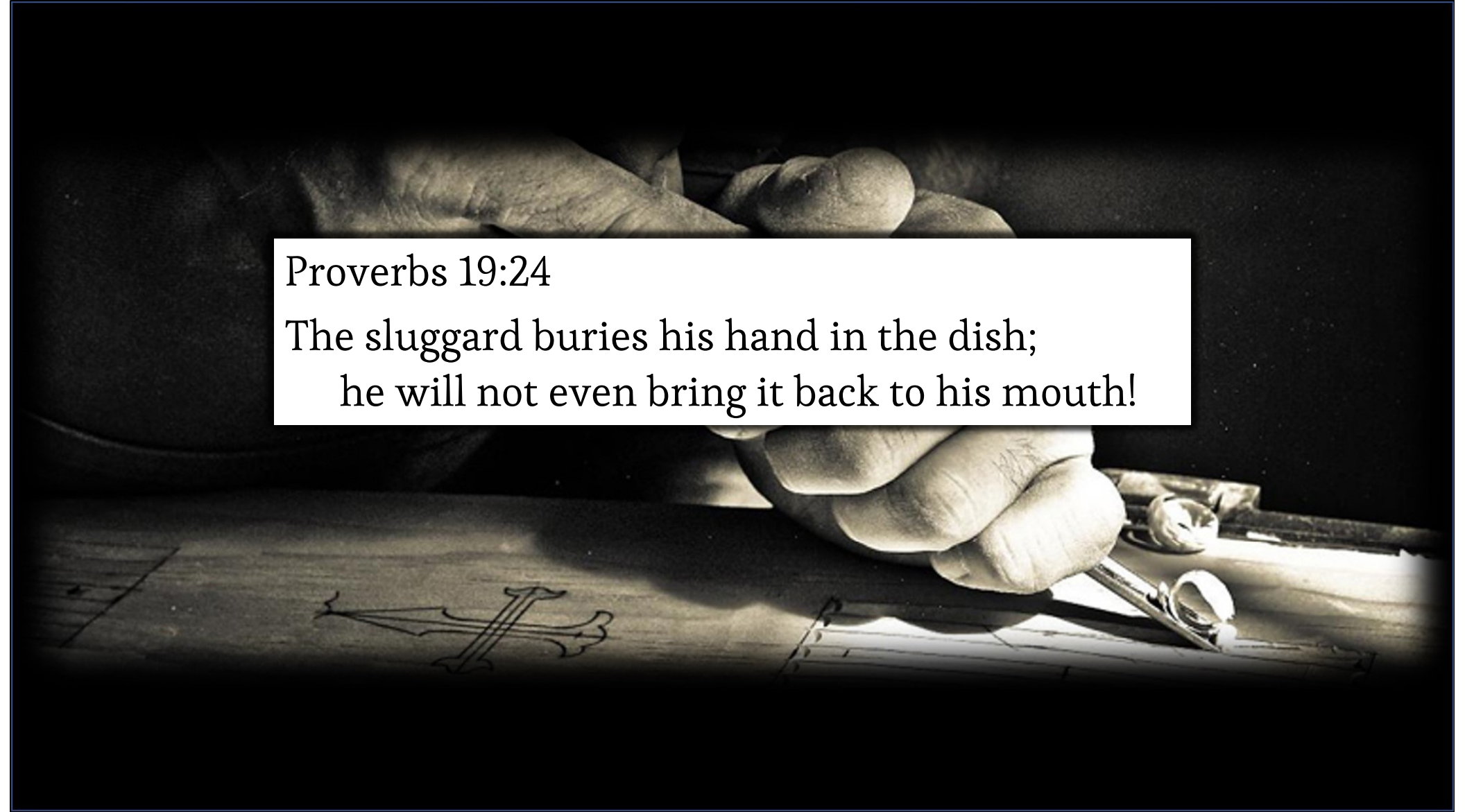
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The sluggard buries his hand in the dish;
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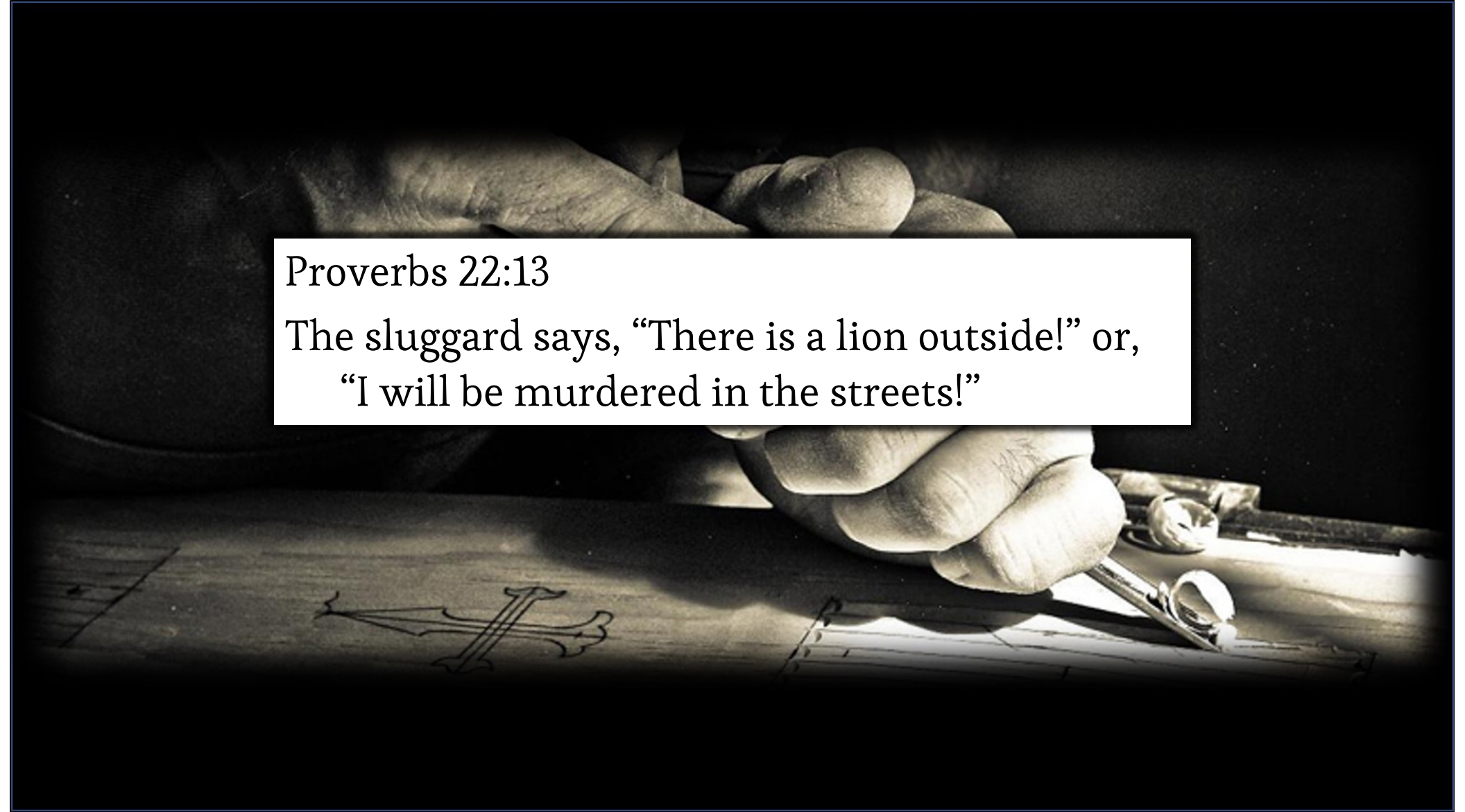
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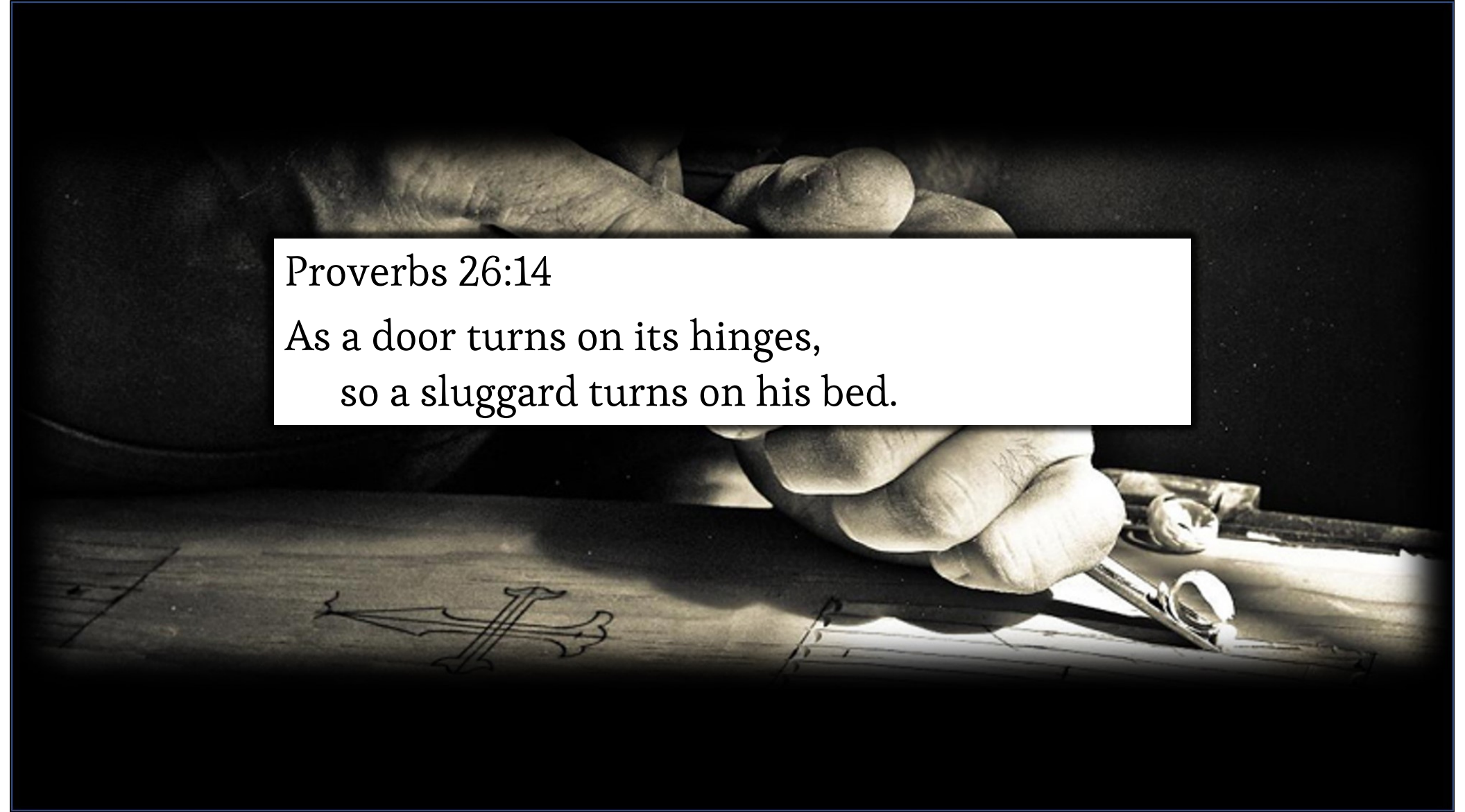
The sluggard says, “There is a lion outside!” or,
“I will be murdered in the streets!”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As a door turns on its hinges,
so a sluggard turns on his bed.

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- God delights to work

Genesis 2:2

By the seventh day God had finished the work he had been doing; so on the seventh day he rested from all his work.

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Psalm 104:24

How many are your works, O LORD!
In wisdom you made them all;
the earth is full of your creatures.

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- God delights to work
- God designed us to work

Genesis 2:15

The LORD God took the man and put him in the Garden of Eden to work it and take care of it.

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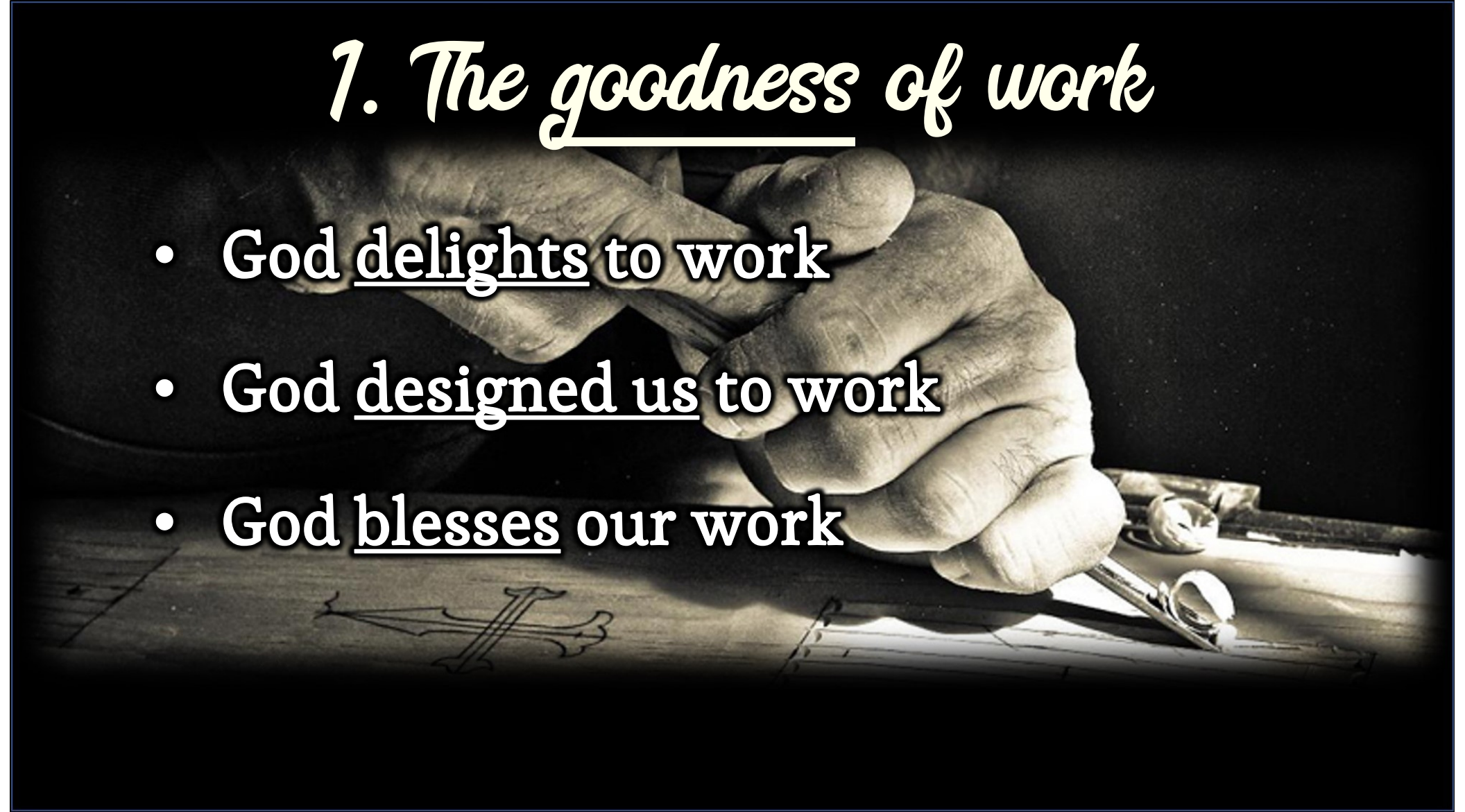

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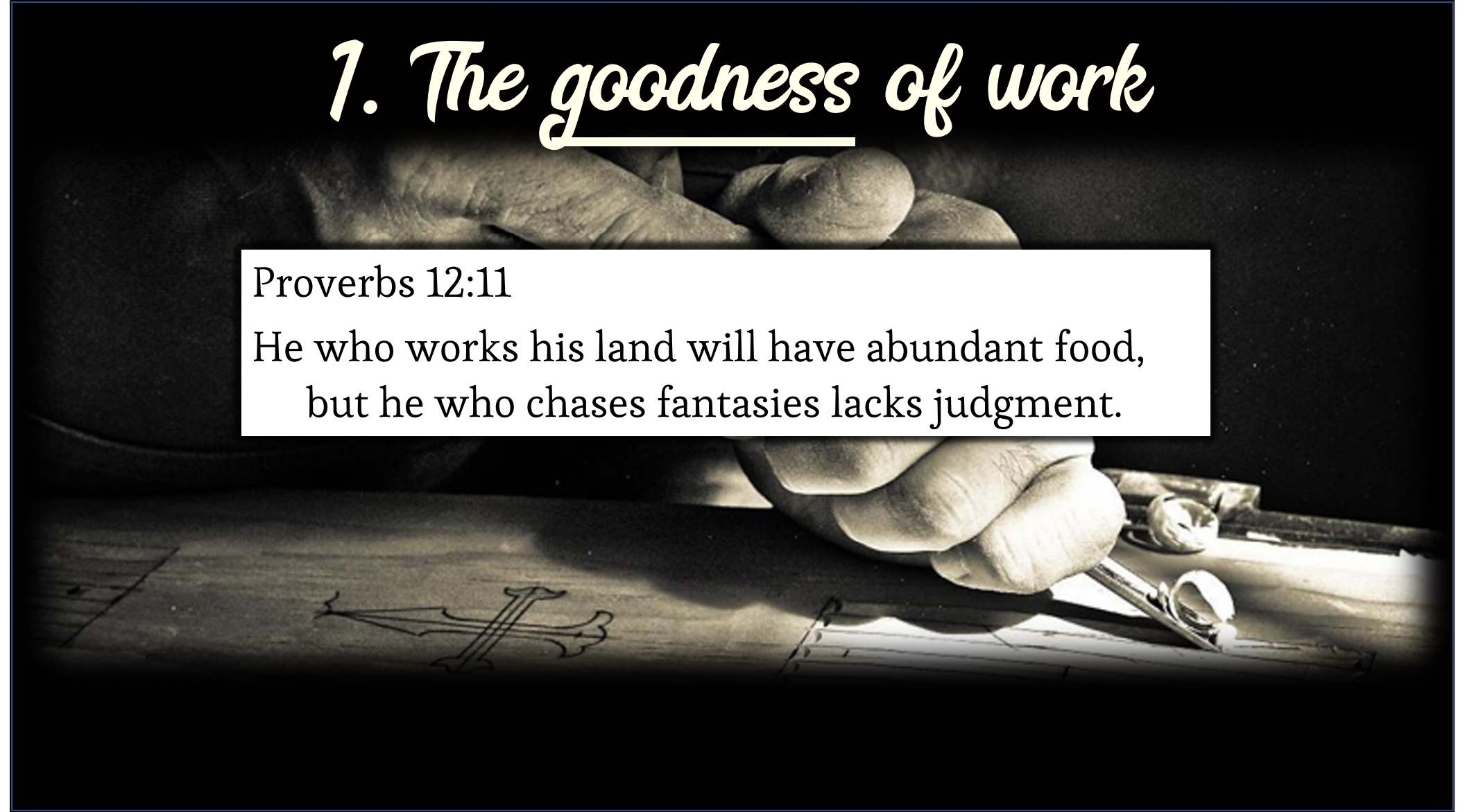

Proverbs 12:11

He who works his land will have abundant food,
but he who chases fantasies lacks judgment.

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Proverbs 14:31

He who oppresses the poor shows contempt for their Maker, but whoever is kind to the needy honors God.

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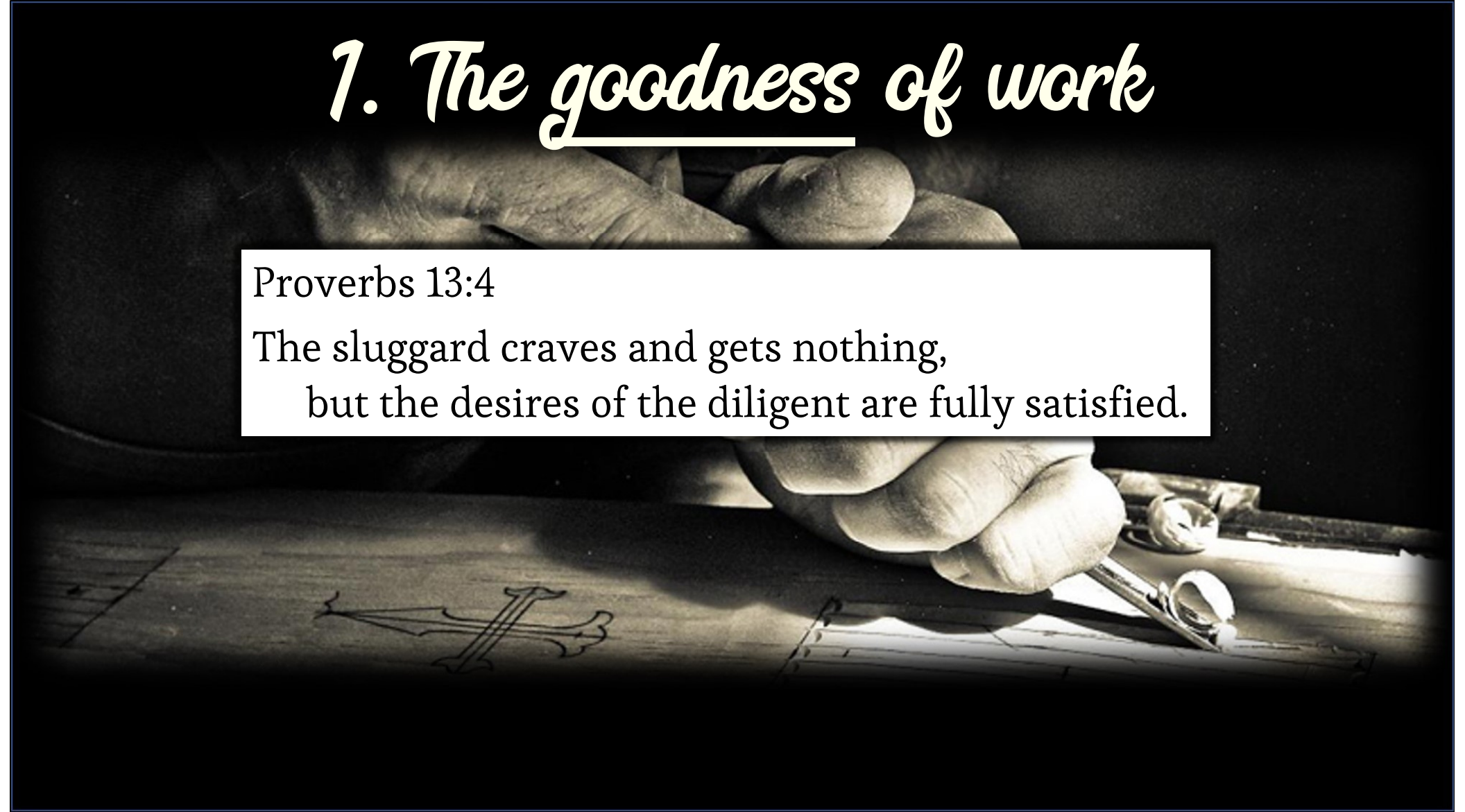

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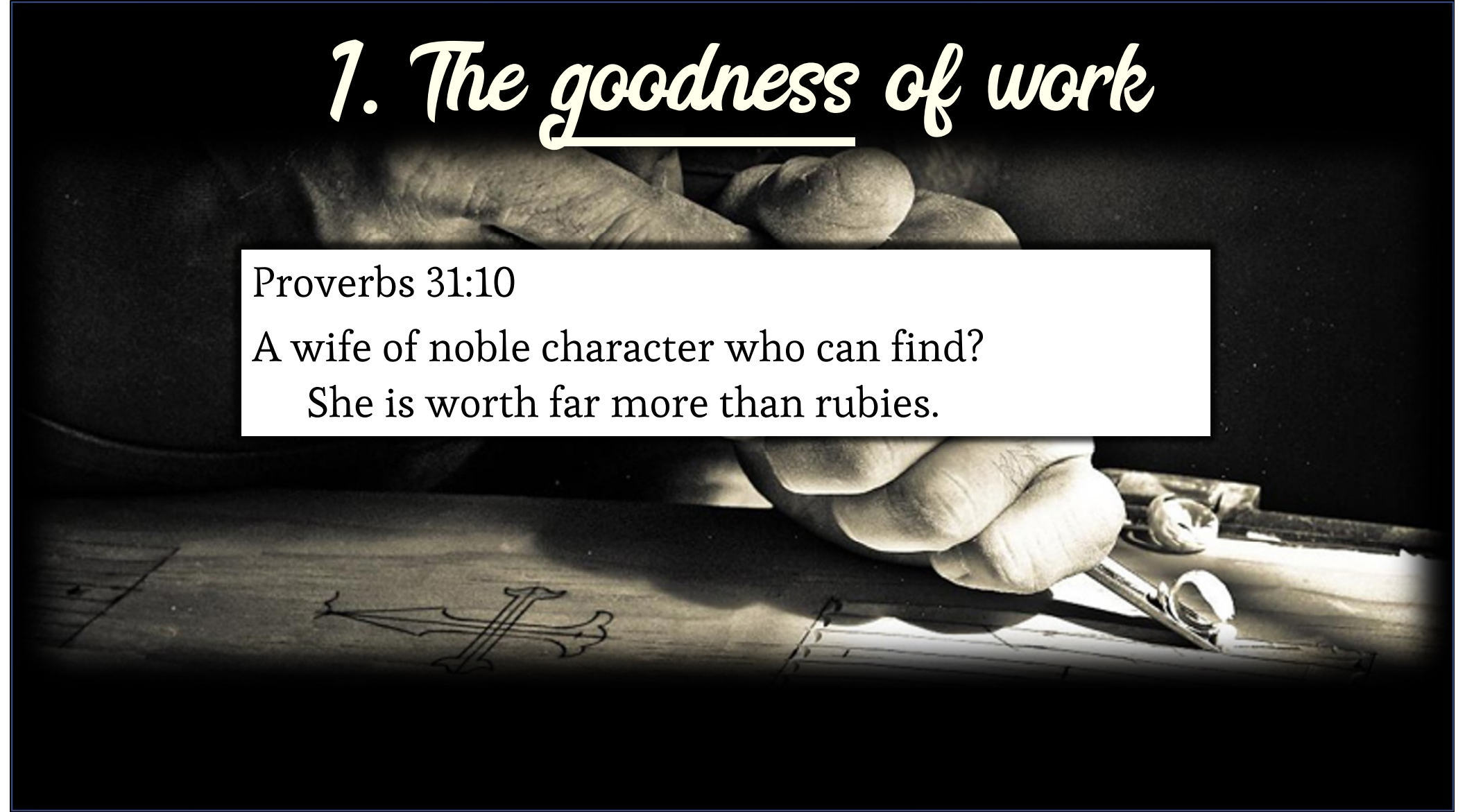

Proverbs 31:10

A wife of noble character who can find?
She is worth far more than rubies.

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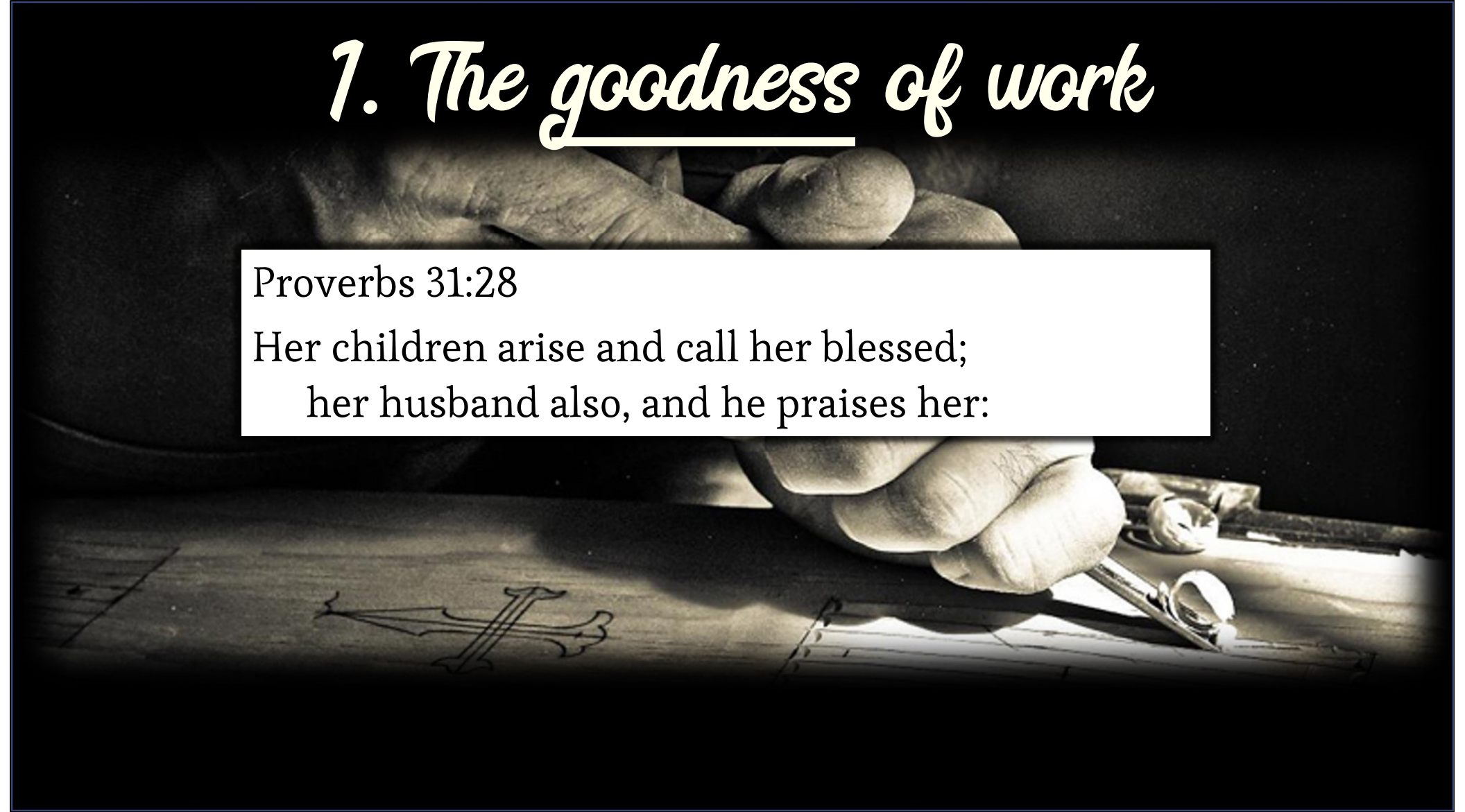

Proverbs 31:28

Her children arise and call her blessed;
her husband also, and he praises her:

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Give her the reward she has earned, and let her works bring her praise at the city gate.

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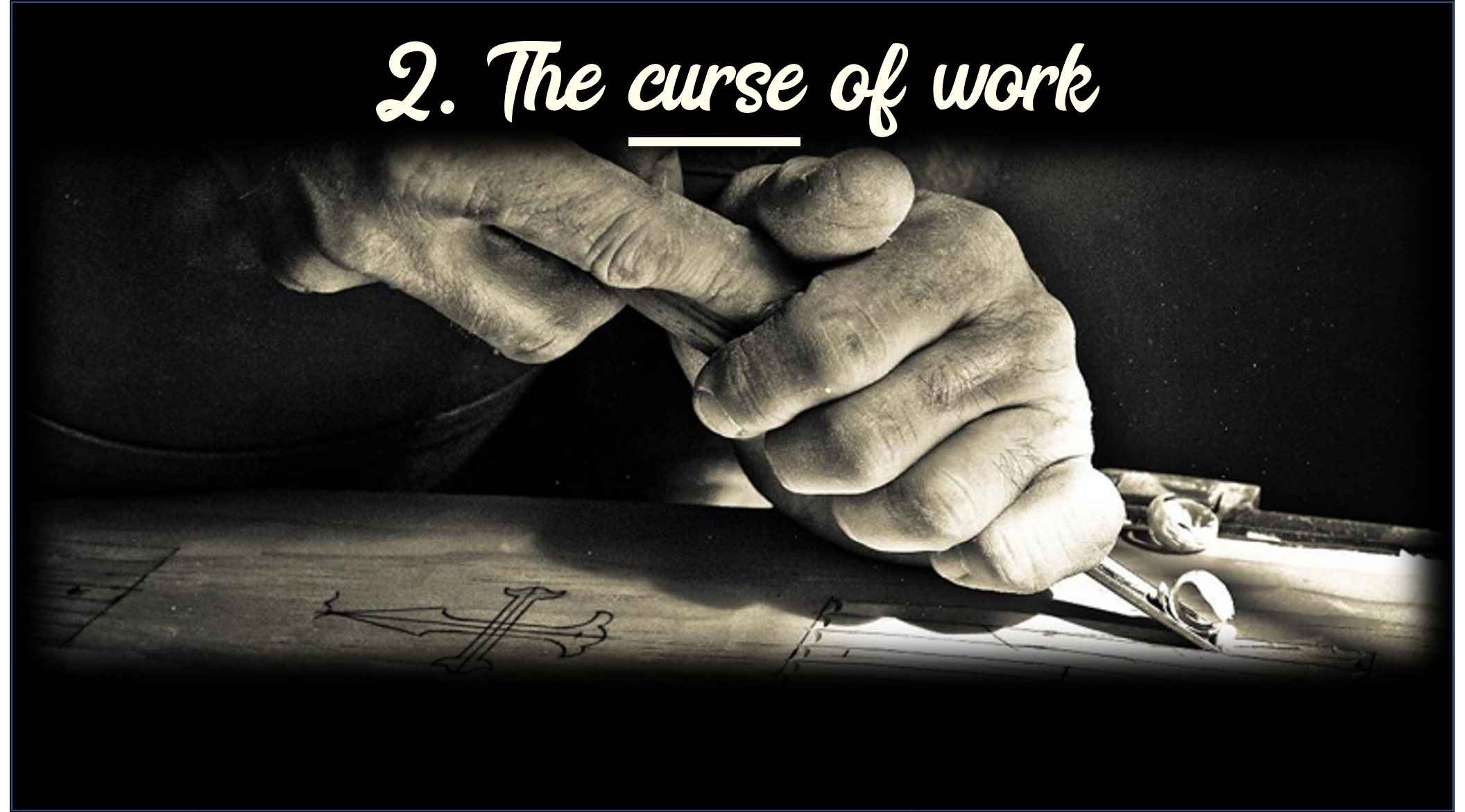

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Genesis 3:17–19

To Adam he said, “Because you listened to your wife and ate from the tree about which I commanded you, ‘You must not eat of it,’ “Cursed is the ground because of you; through painful toil you will eat of it all the days of your life. It will produce thorns and thistles for you, and you will eat the plants of the field. By the sweat of your brow you will eat your food until you return to the ground, since from it you were taken; for dust you are and to dust you will return.”

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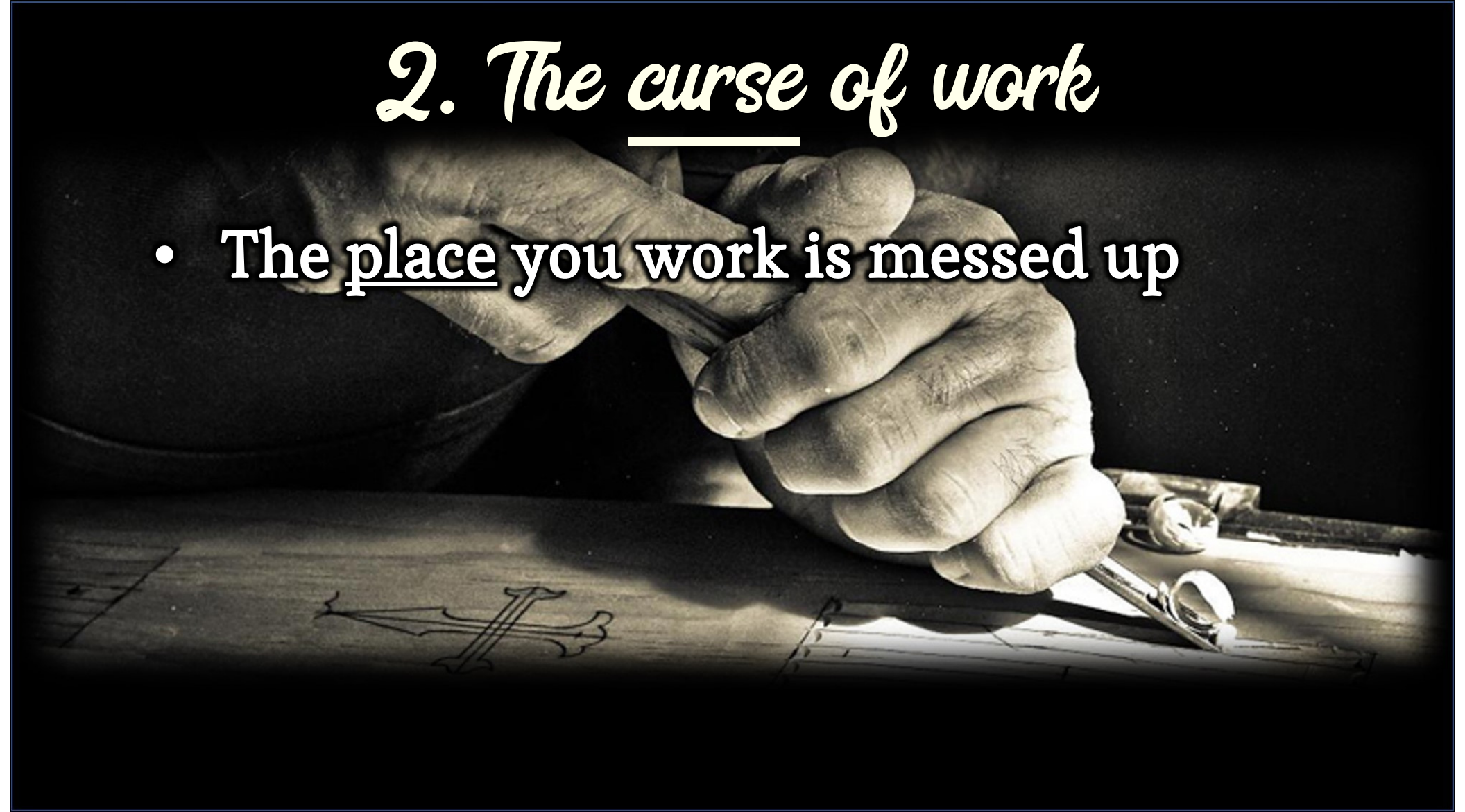

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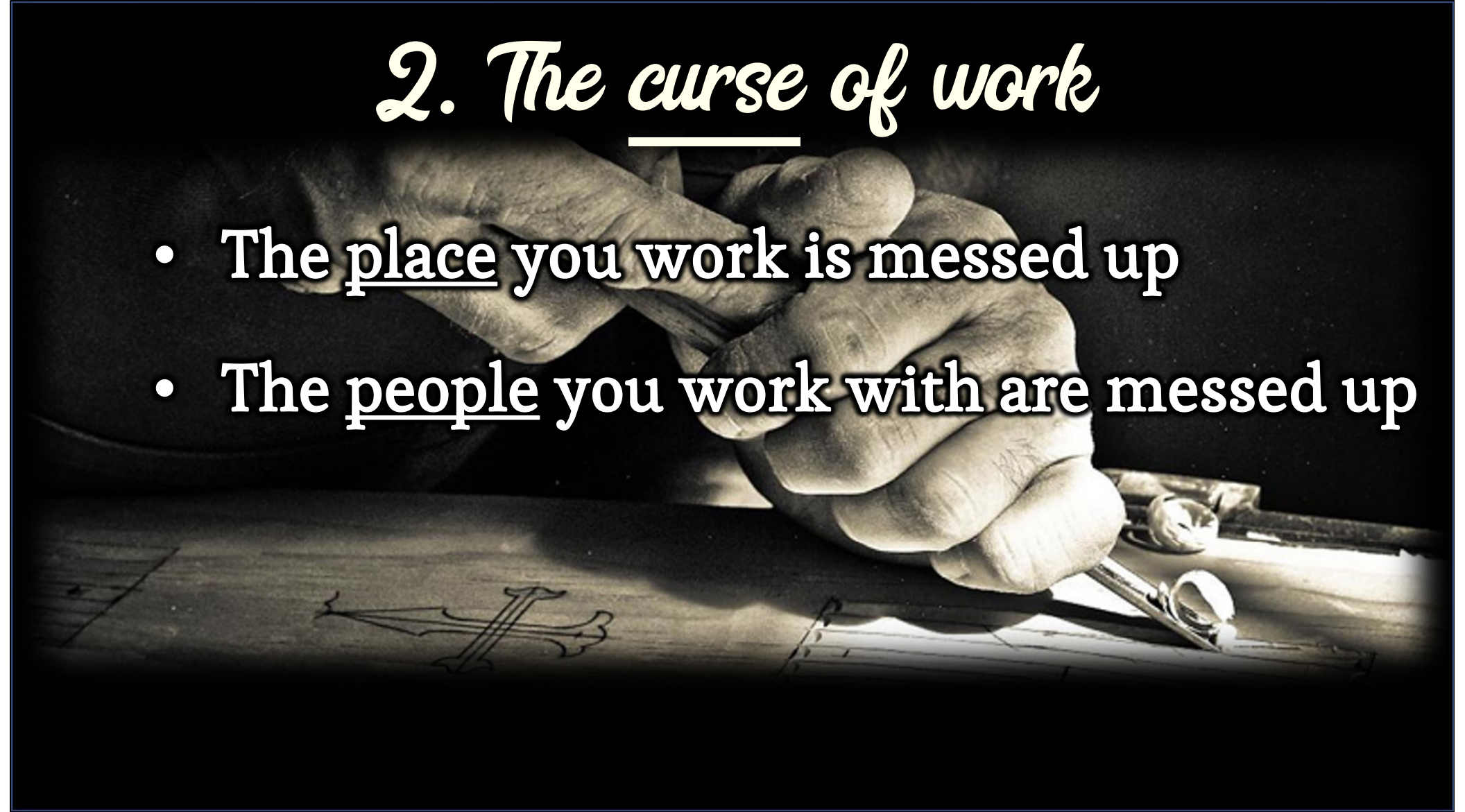

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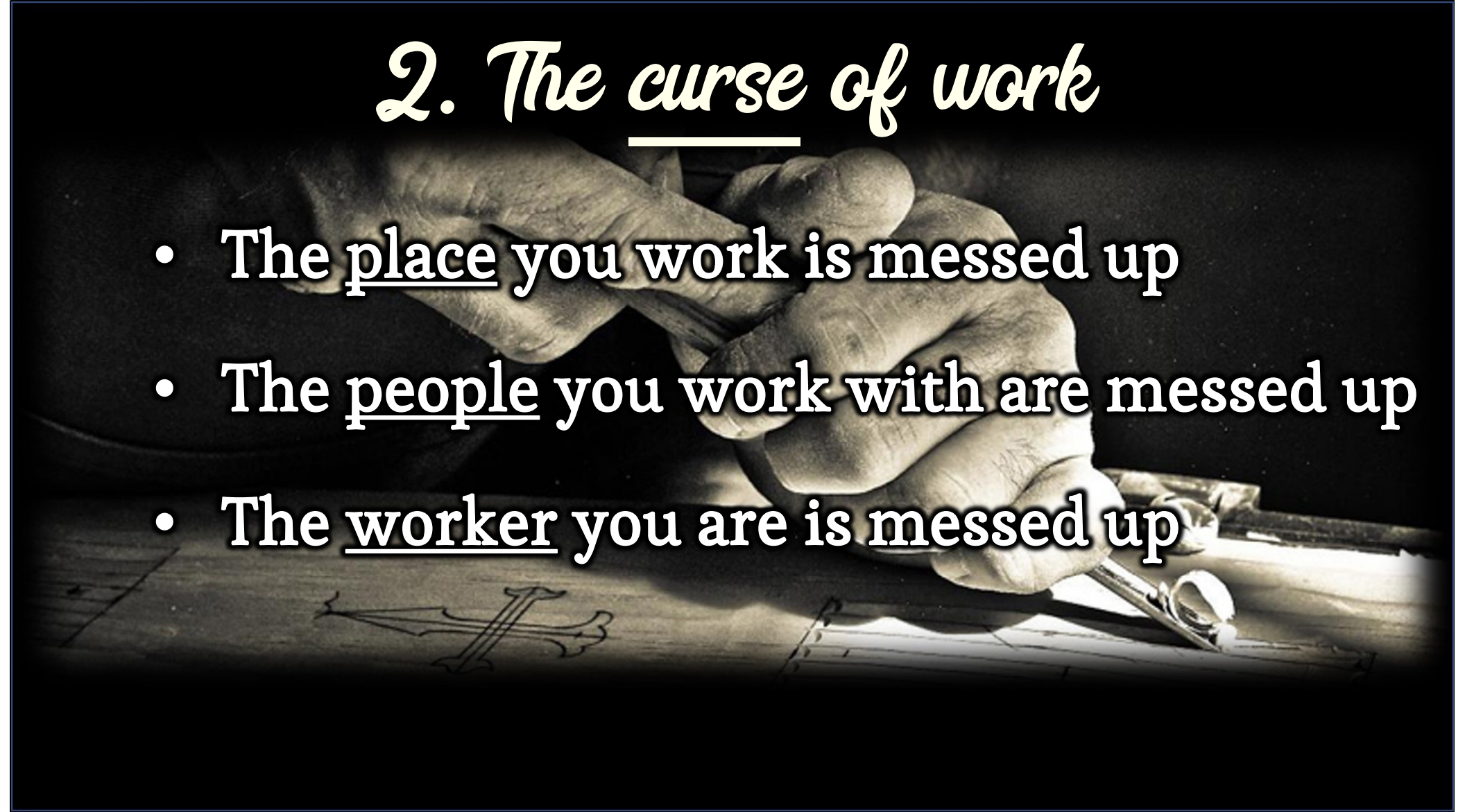

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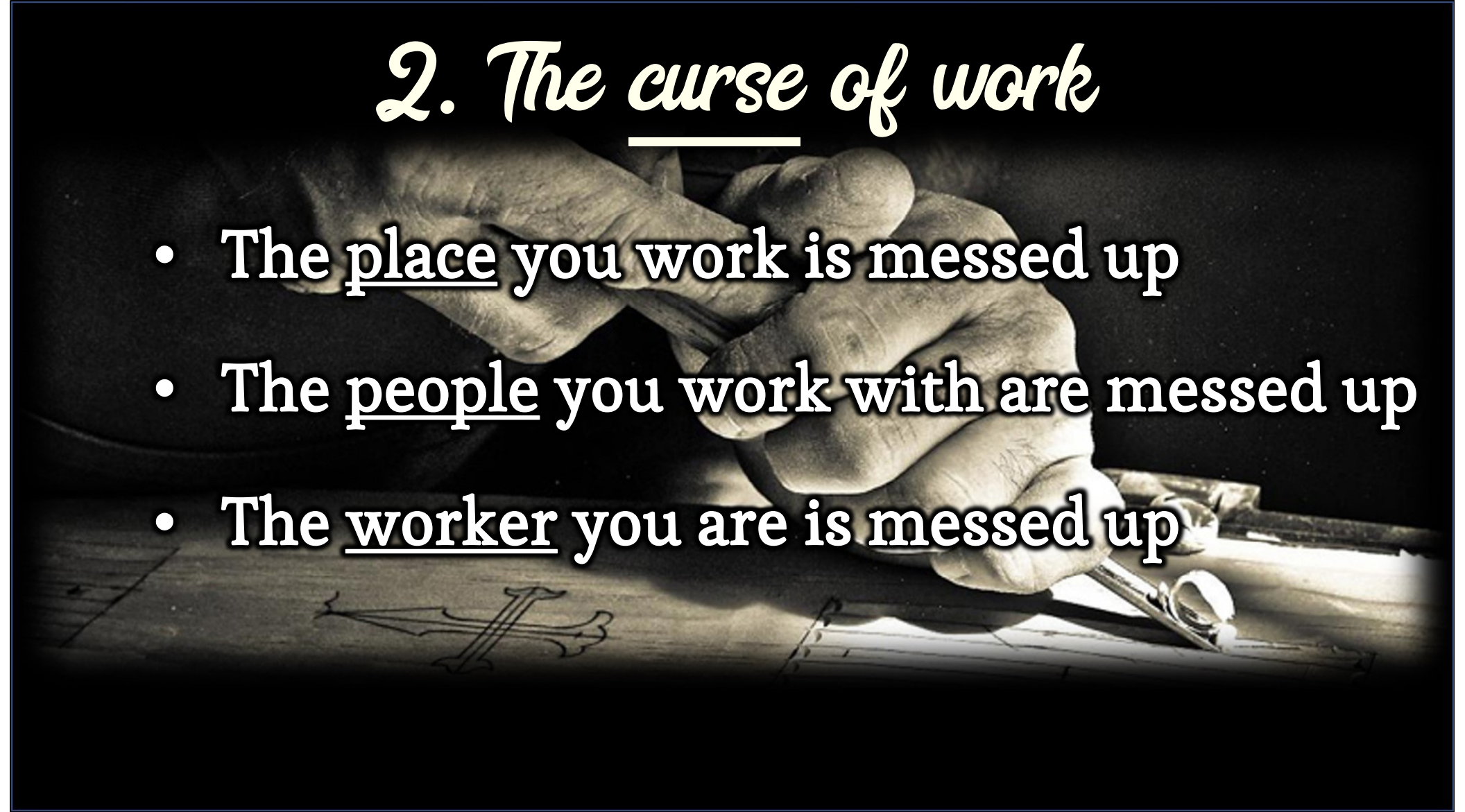

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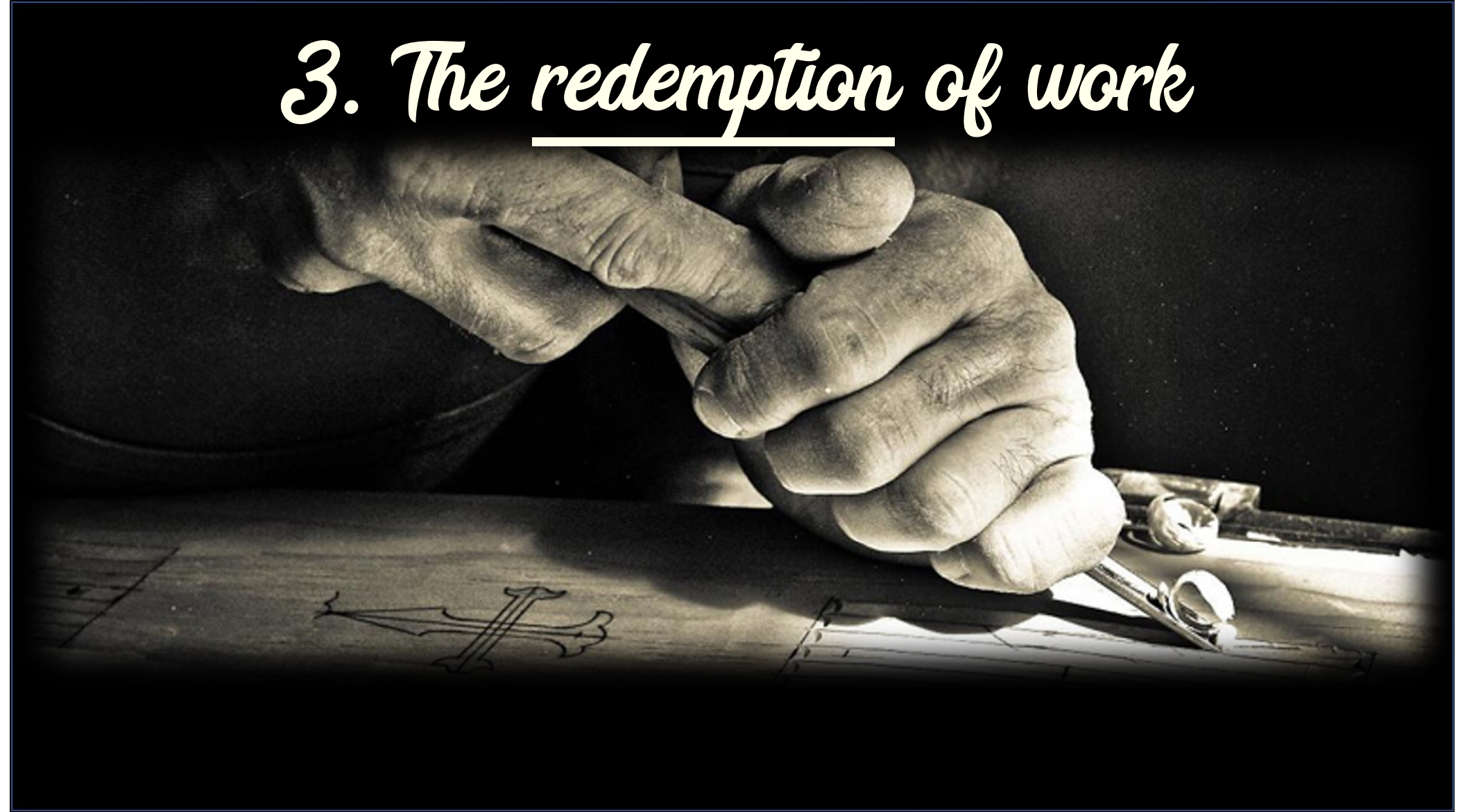

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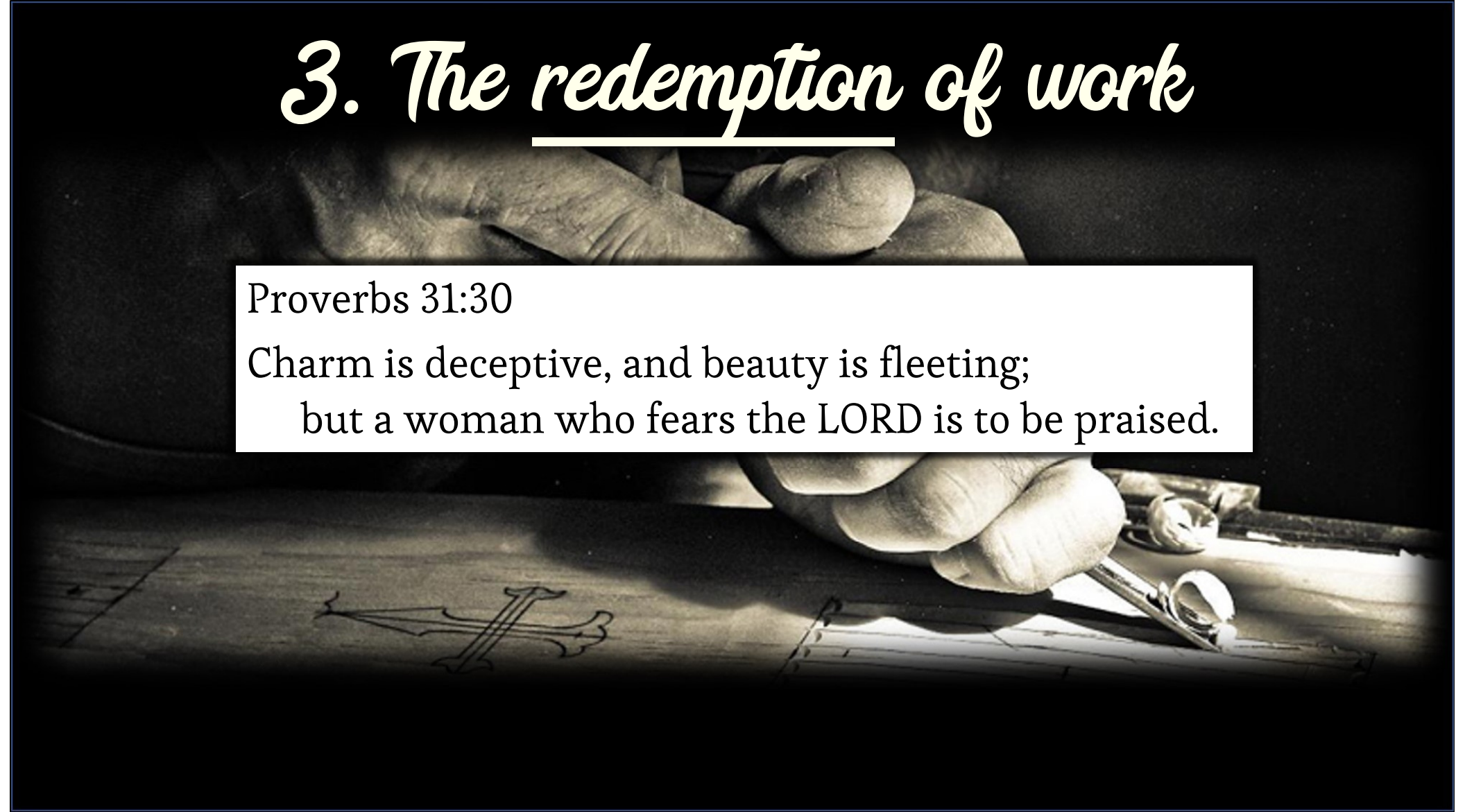

Proverbs 31:30

Charm is deceptive, and beauty is fleeting;
but a woman who fears the LORD is to be praised.

3. The redemption of work

1 Corinthians 15:58

Therefore, my dear brothers, stand firm.
Let nothing move you. Always give yourselves fully to the work of the Lord, because you know that your labor in the Lord is not in vain.

3. The redemption of work

- **Redeemed work honors Christ**

Colossians 3:23–24

Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for men, since you know that you will receive an inheritance from the Lord as a reward. It is the Lord Christ you are serving.

3. The redemption of work

- Redeemed work honors Christ
- Redeemed work reflects grace

1 Peter 2:18

Slaves, submit yourselves to your masters with all respect, not only to those who are good and considerate, but also to those who are harsh.

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- Redeemed work fulfills responsibility

1 Timothy 5:8

If anyone does not provide for his relatives, and especially for his immediate family, he has denied the faith and is worse than an unbeliever.

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- Redeemed work fulfills responsibility
- Redeemed work enables compassion

Ephesians 4:28

He who has been stealing must steal no longer, but must work, doing something useful with his own hands, that he may have something to share with those in need.

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- **Redeemed work earns respect**

1 Thessalonians 4:11–12

Make it your ambition to lead a quiet life, to mind your own business and to work with your hands, just as we told you, so that your daily life may win the respect of outsiders and so that you will not be dependent on anybody.

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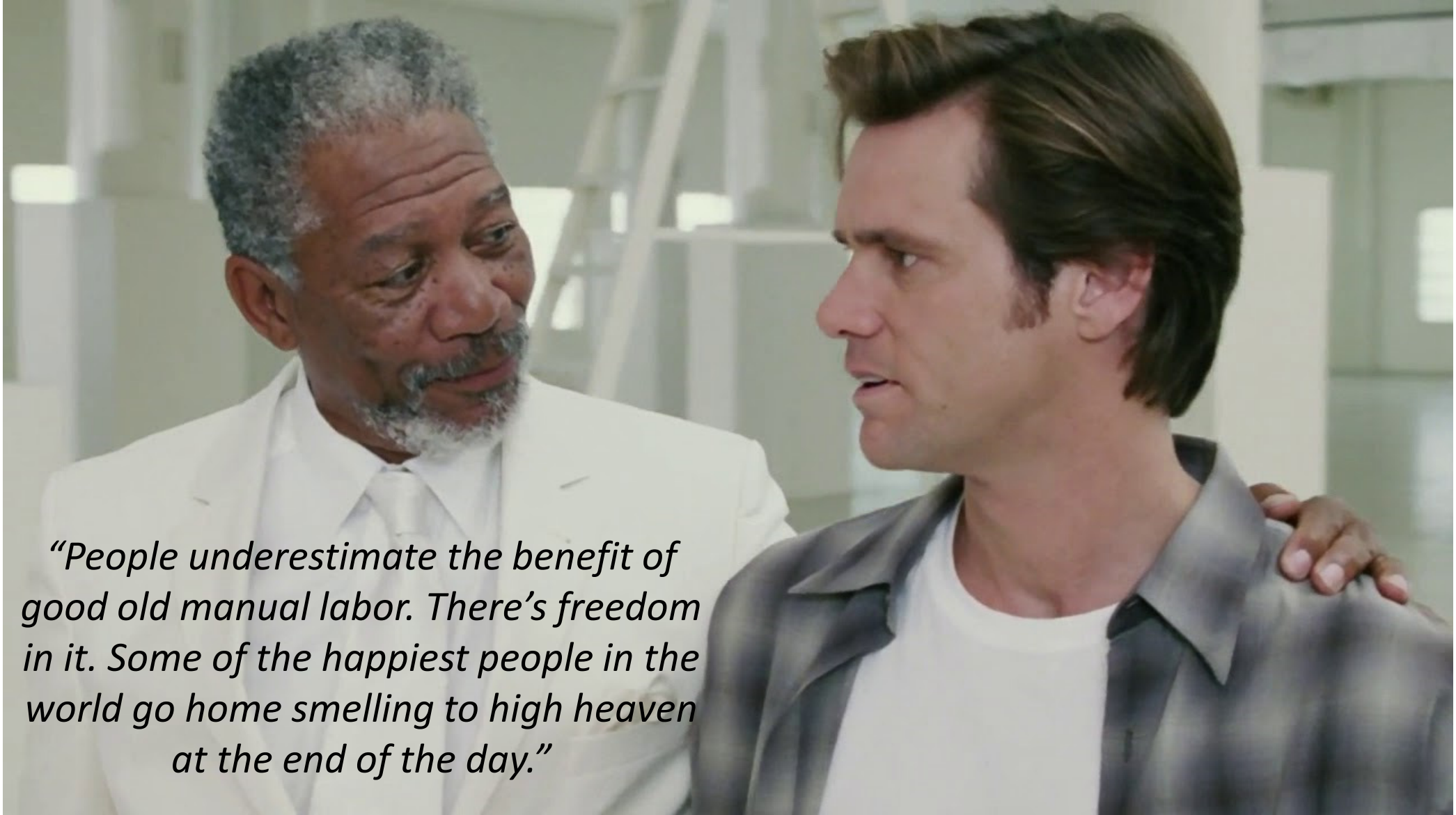
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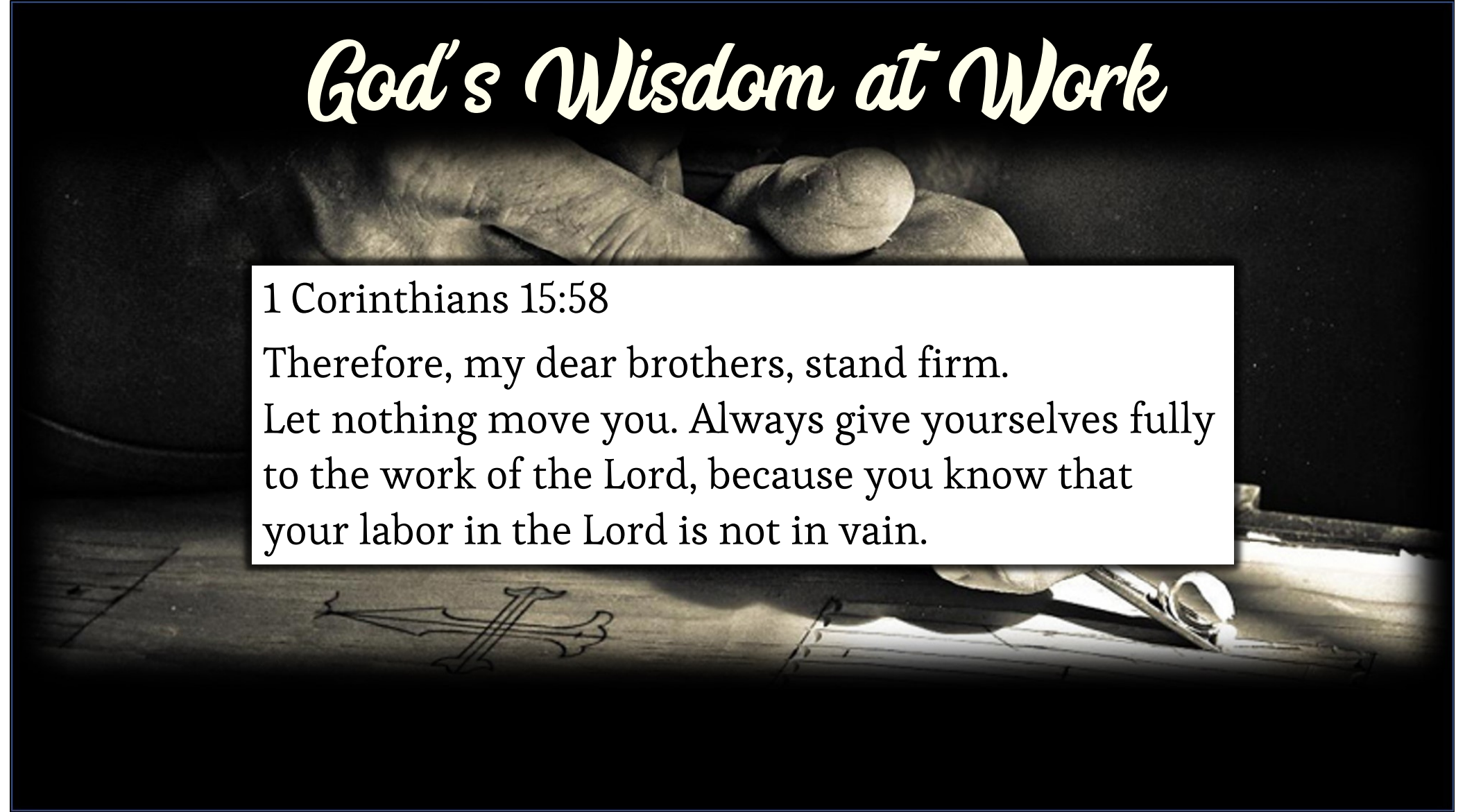

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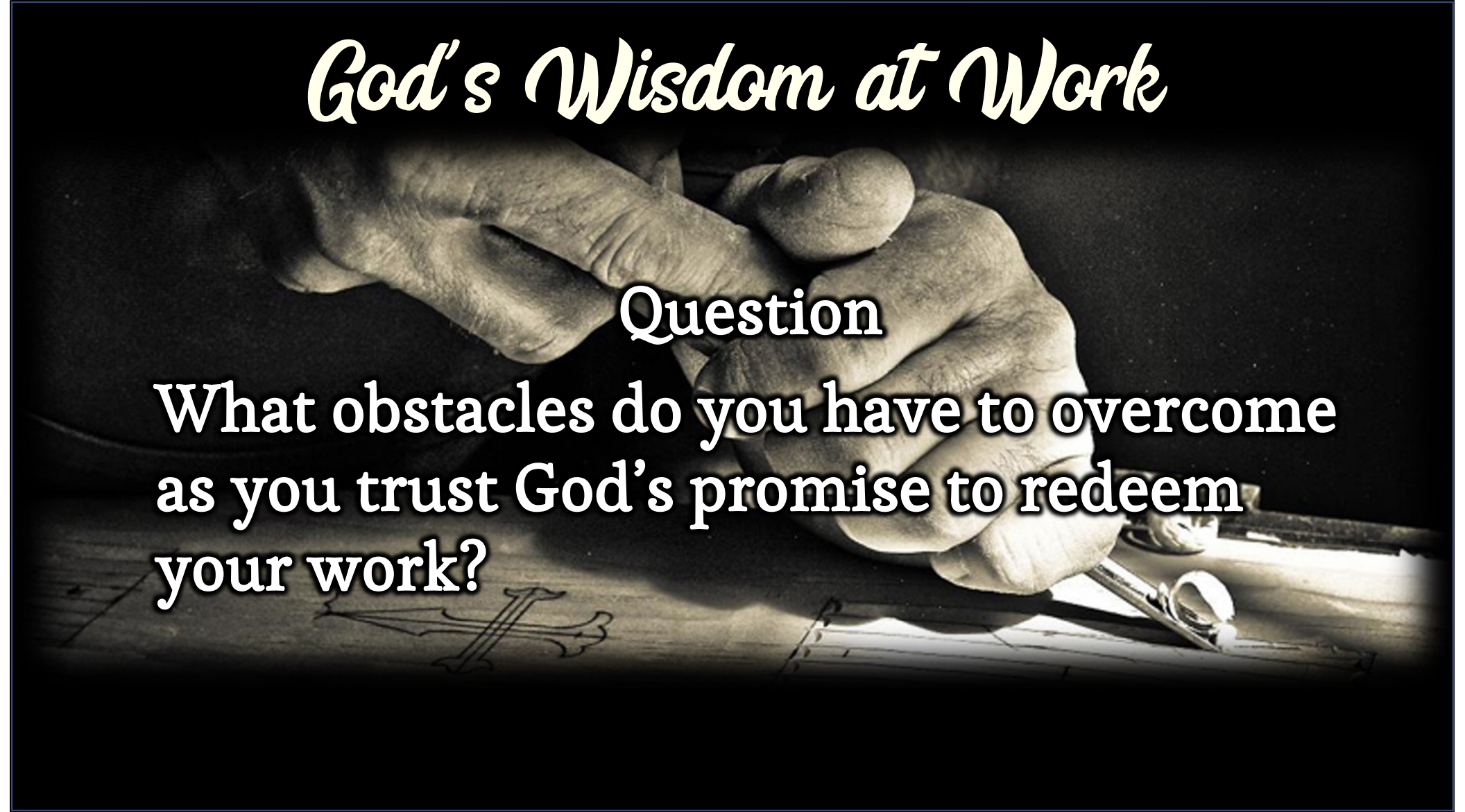

Question

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