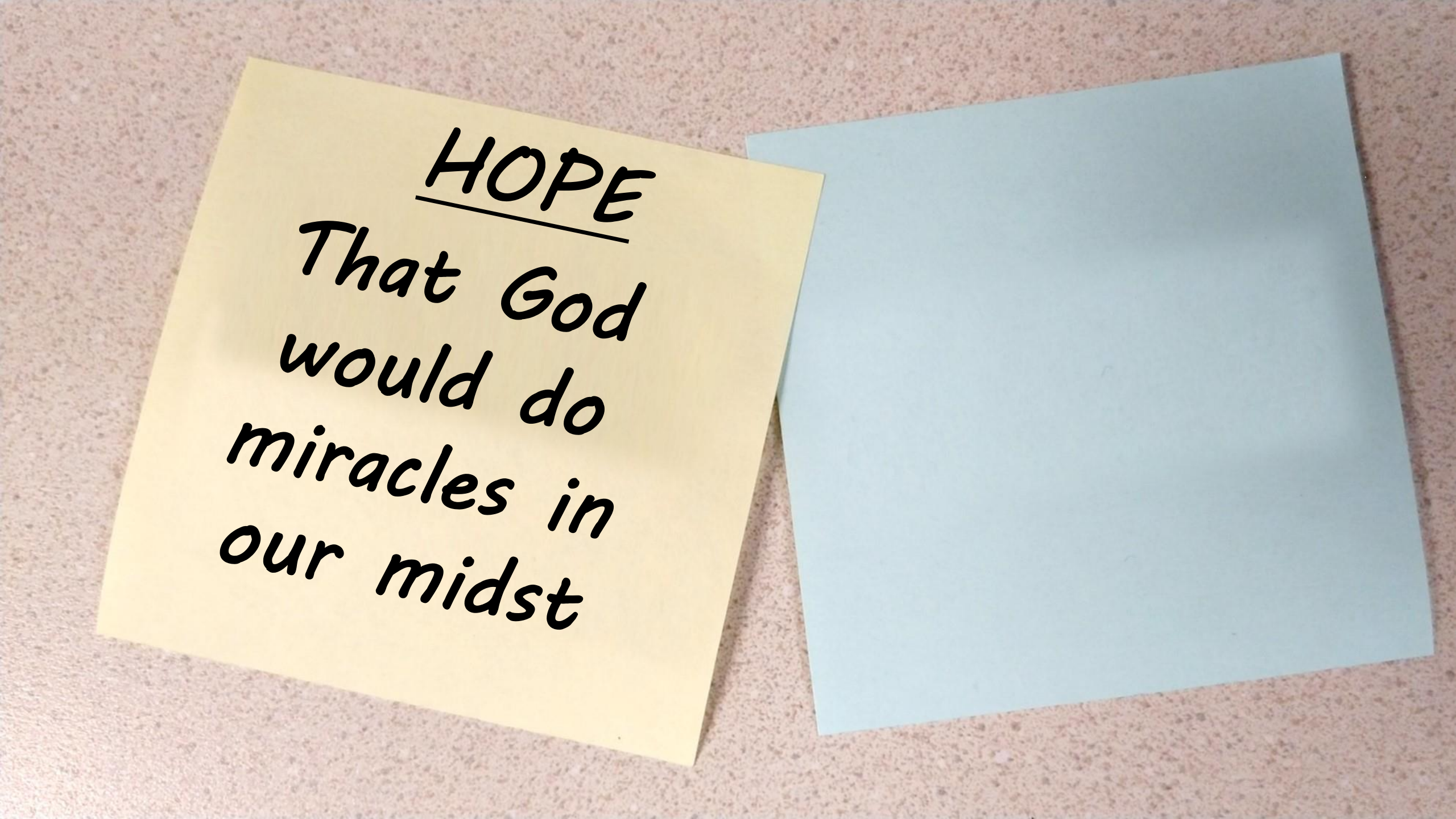
My Hopes and Fears for Evergreen

2 Corinthians 1

Acts 12:5

So Peter was kept in prison,
but the church was earnestly
praying to God for him.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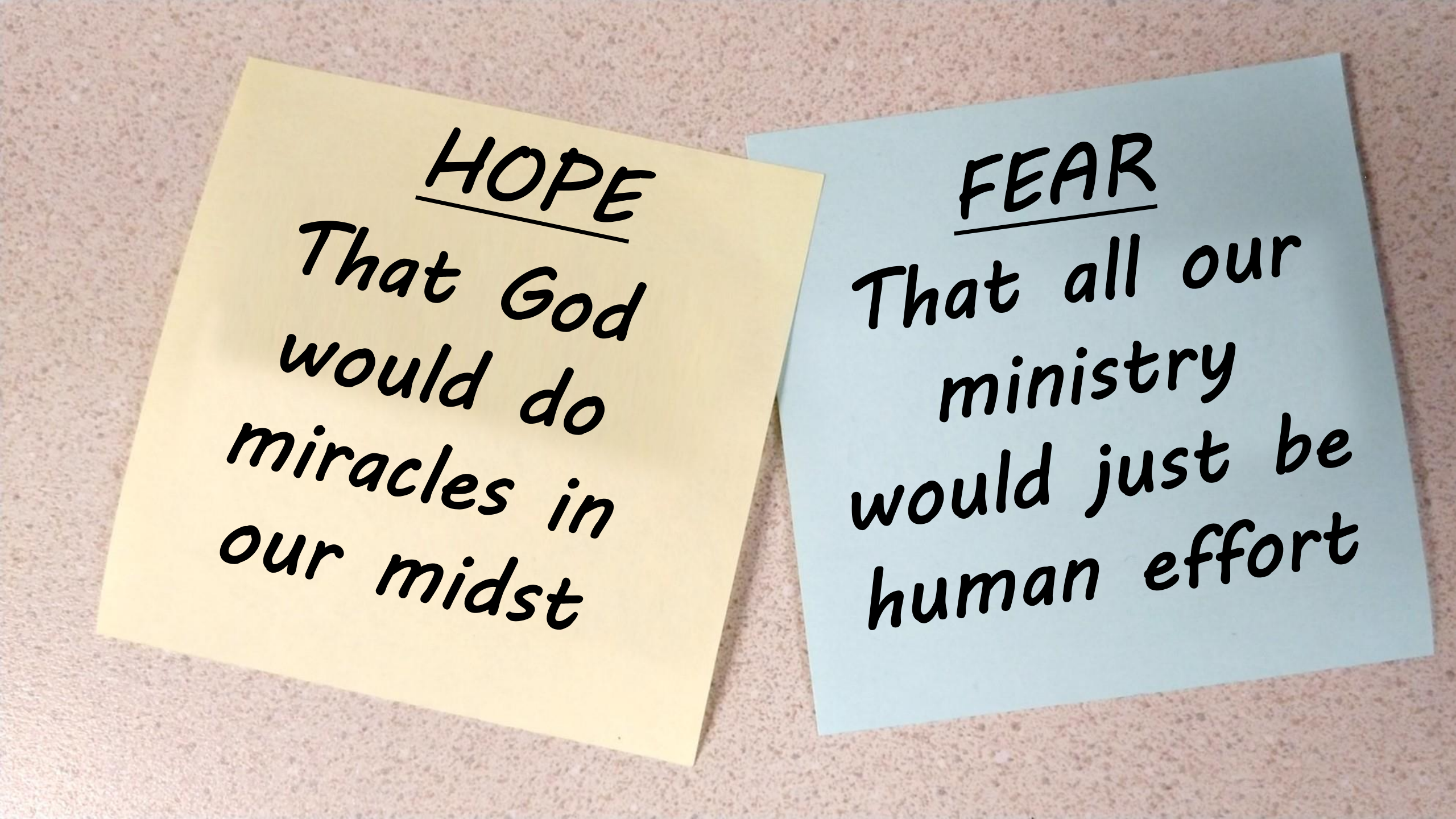
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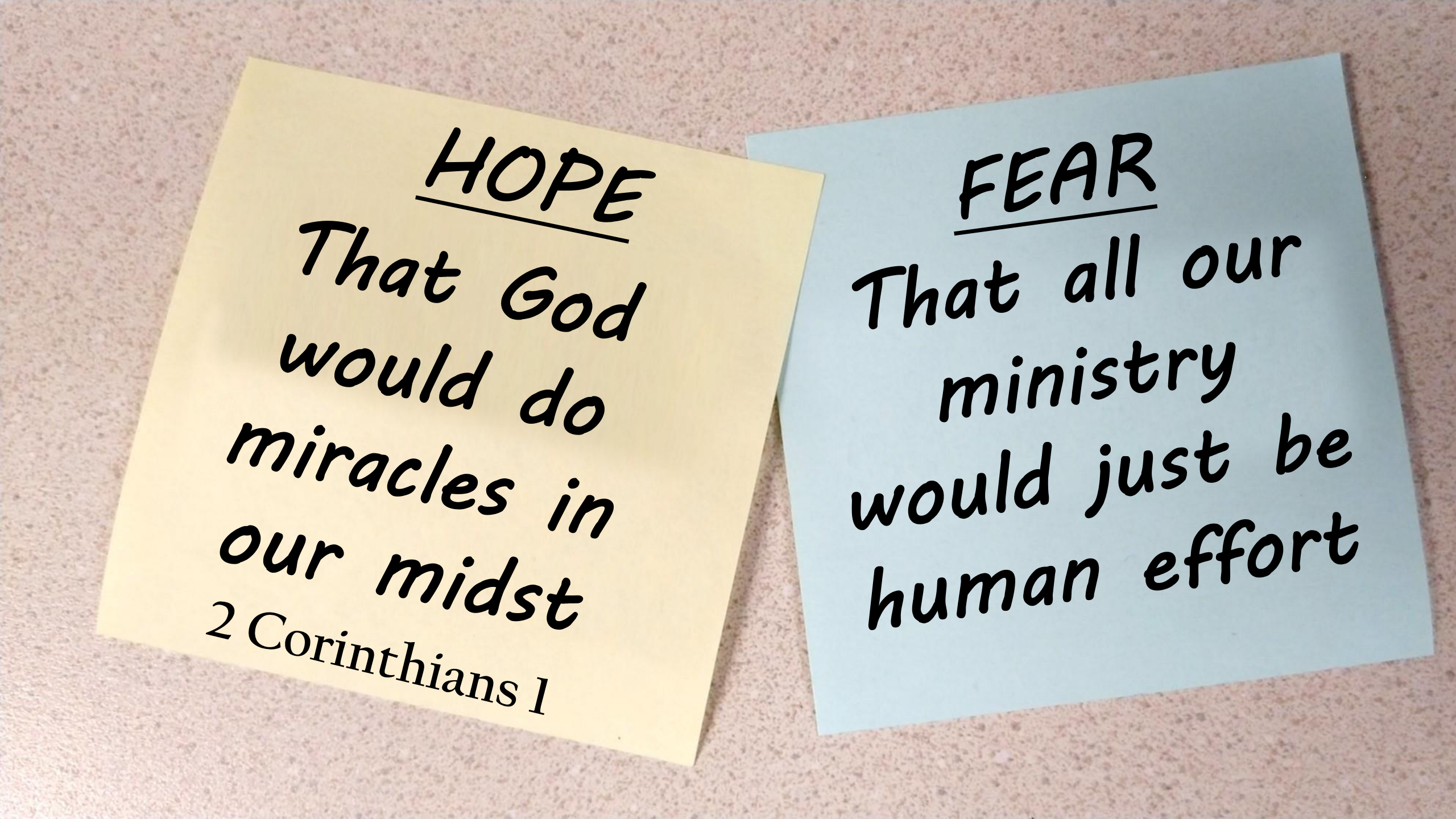
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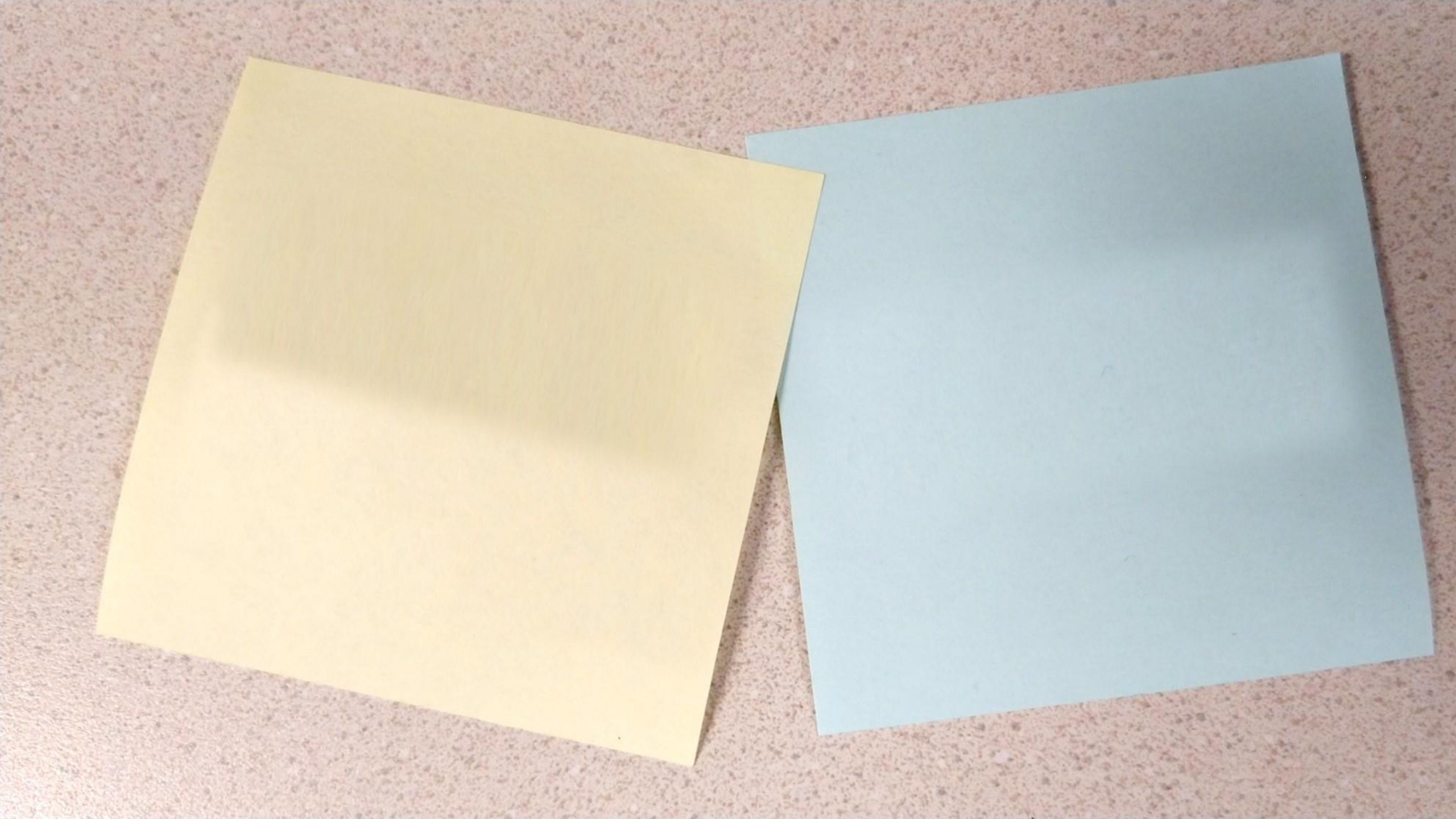

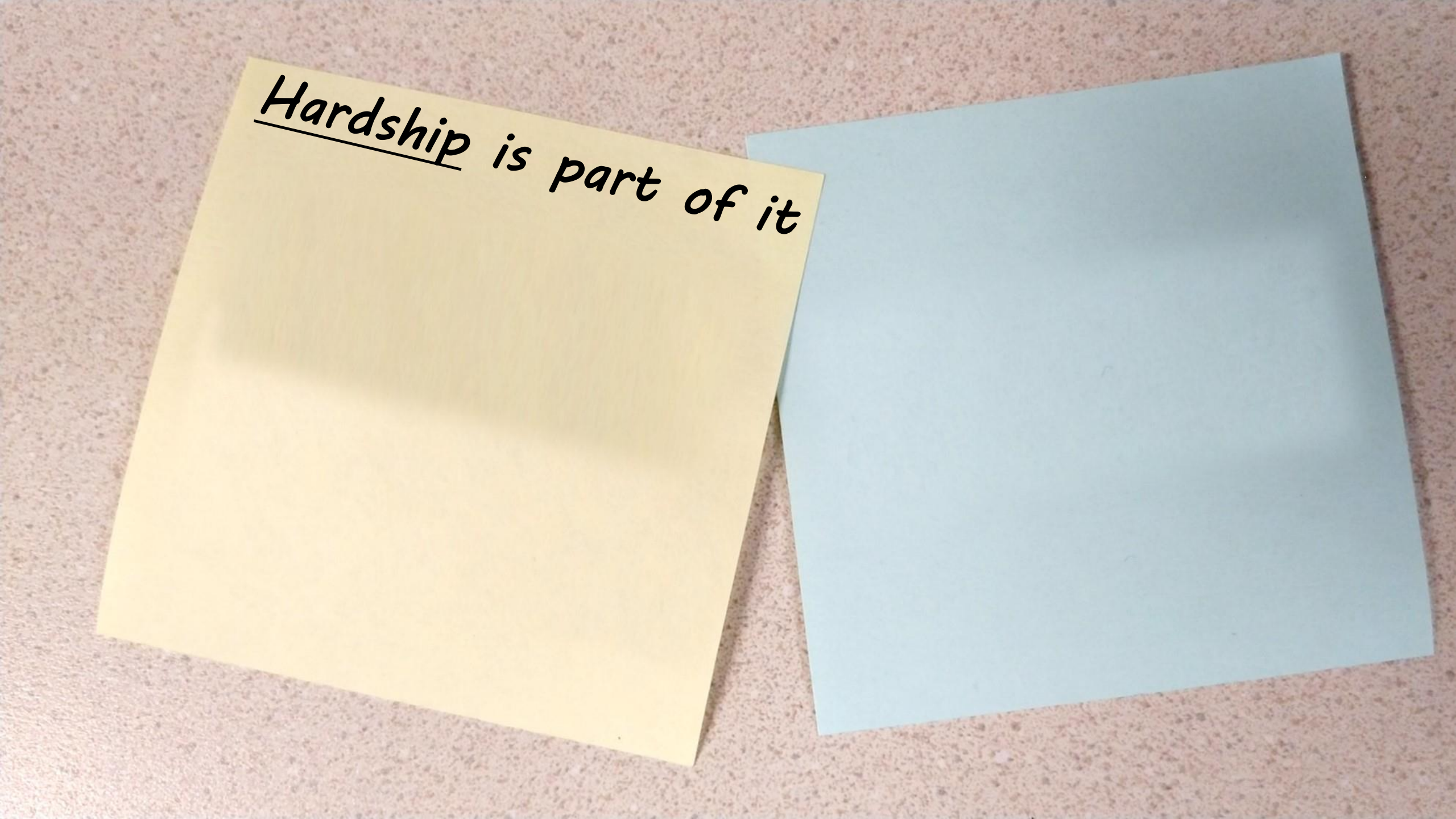
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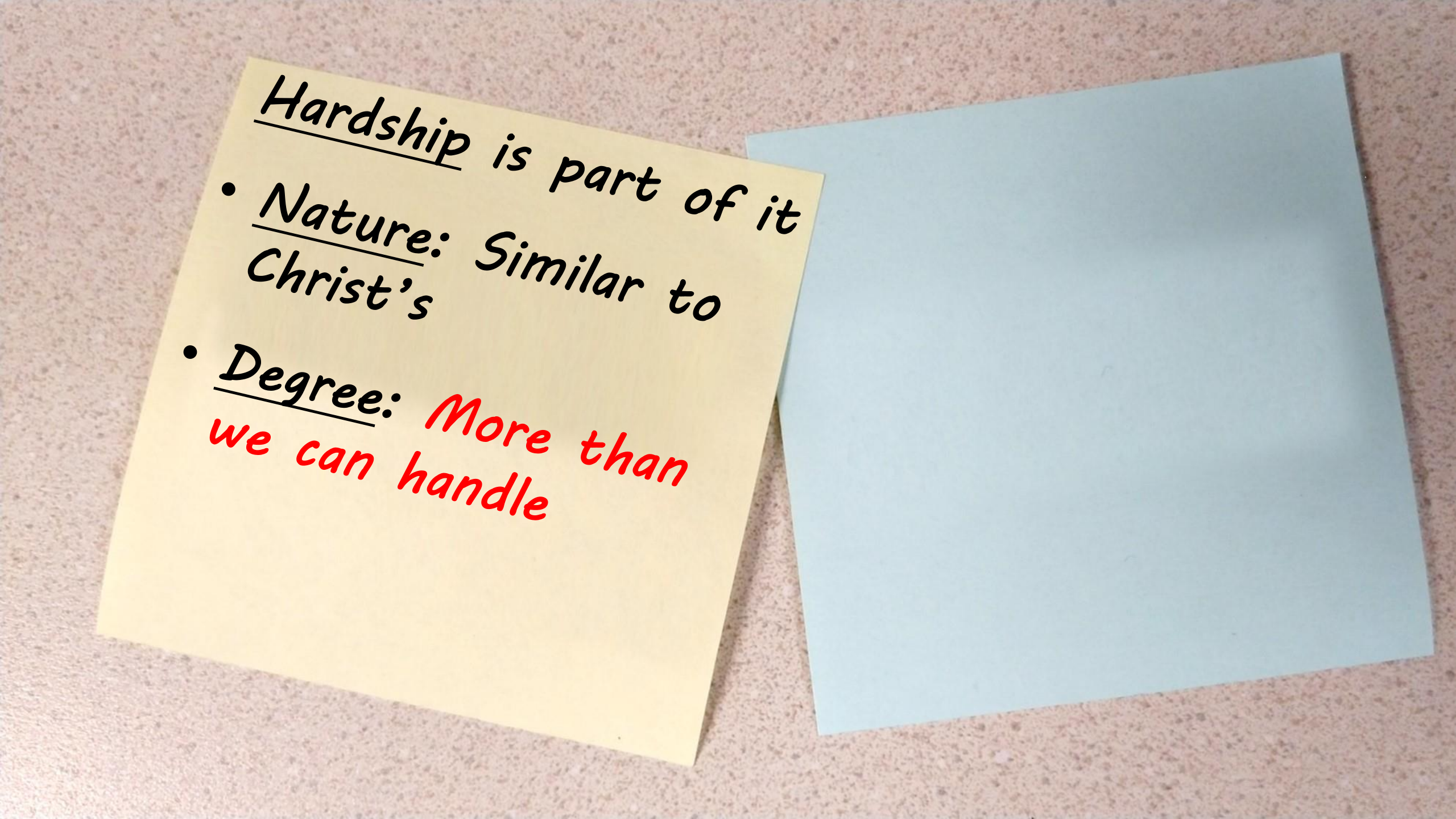
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2 Corinthians 1:8–9

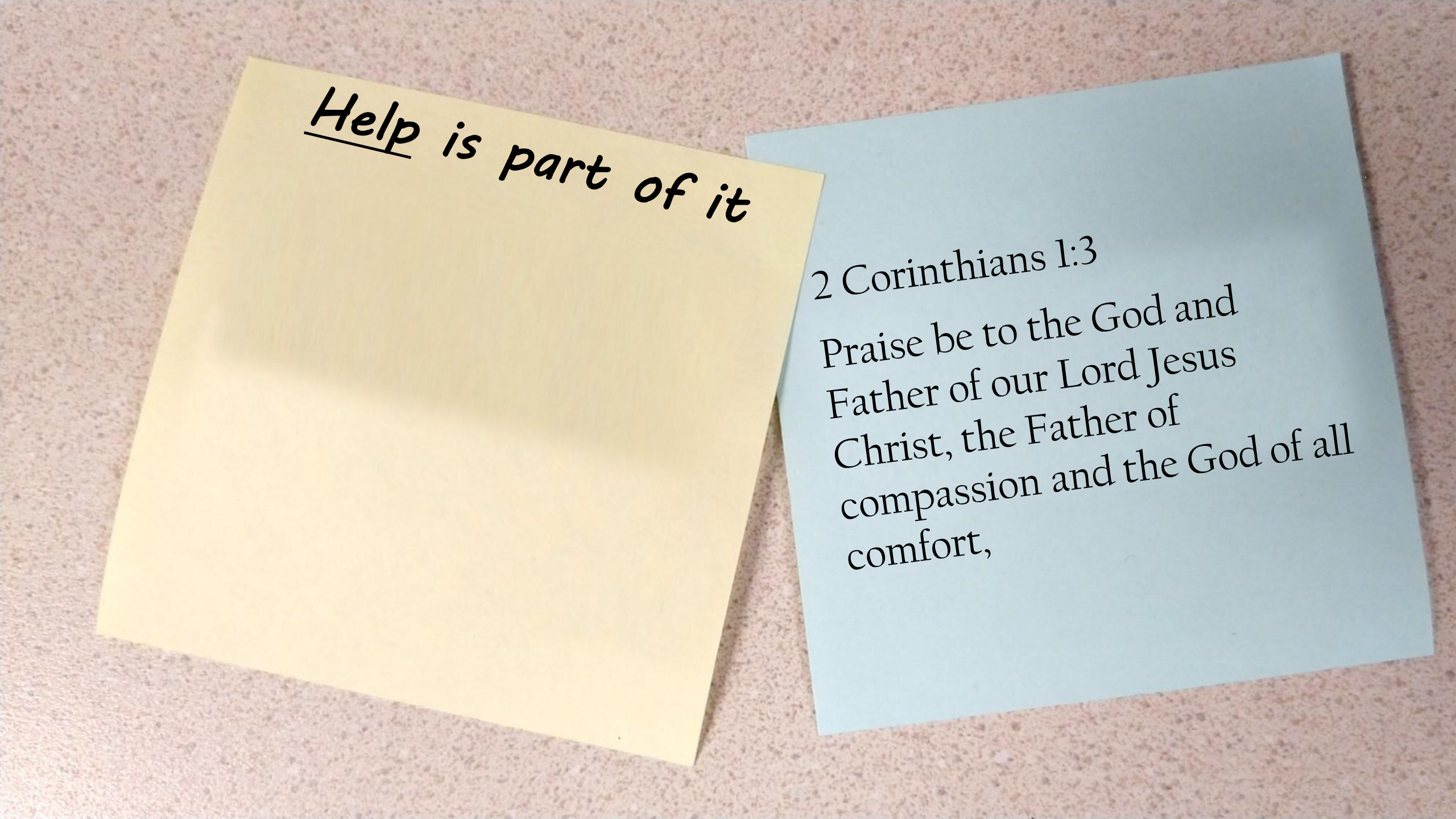
We were under great pressure, far beyond our ability to endure, so that we despaired even of life. Indeed, in our hearts we felt the sentence of death.

Hardship is part of it

- Nature: Similar to Christ's
- Degree: More than we can handle
- Purpose: Produces Enduring hope in God

2 Corinthians 1:9

But this happened that we might not rely on ourselves but on God, who raises the dead. On him we have set our hope...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Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of compassion and the God of all comfort,

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2 Corinthians 4:7

But we have this treasure in jars of clay to show that this all-surpassing power is from God and not from us.

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2 Corinthians 4:8–10

We are hard pressed on every side, but not crushed; perplexed, but not in despair; persecuted, but not abandoned; struck down, but not destroyed. We always carry around in our body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be revealed in our body.

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2 Corinthians 1:10

He has delivered us from such a deadly peril, and he will deliver us. On him we have set our hope that he will continue to deliver us,

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- **Purpose:** Strengthens the faith of others

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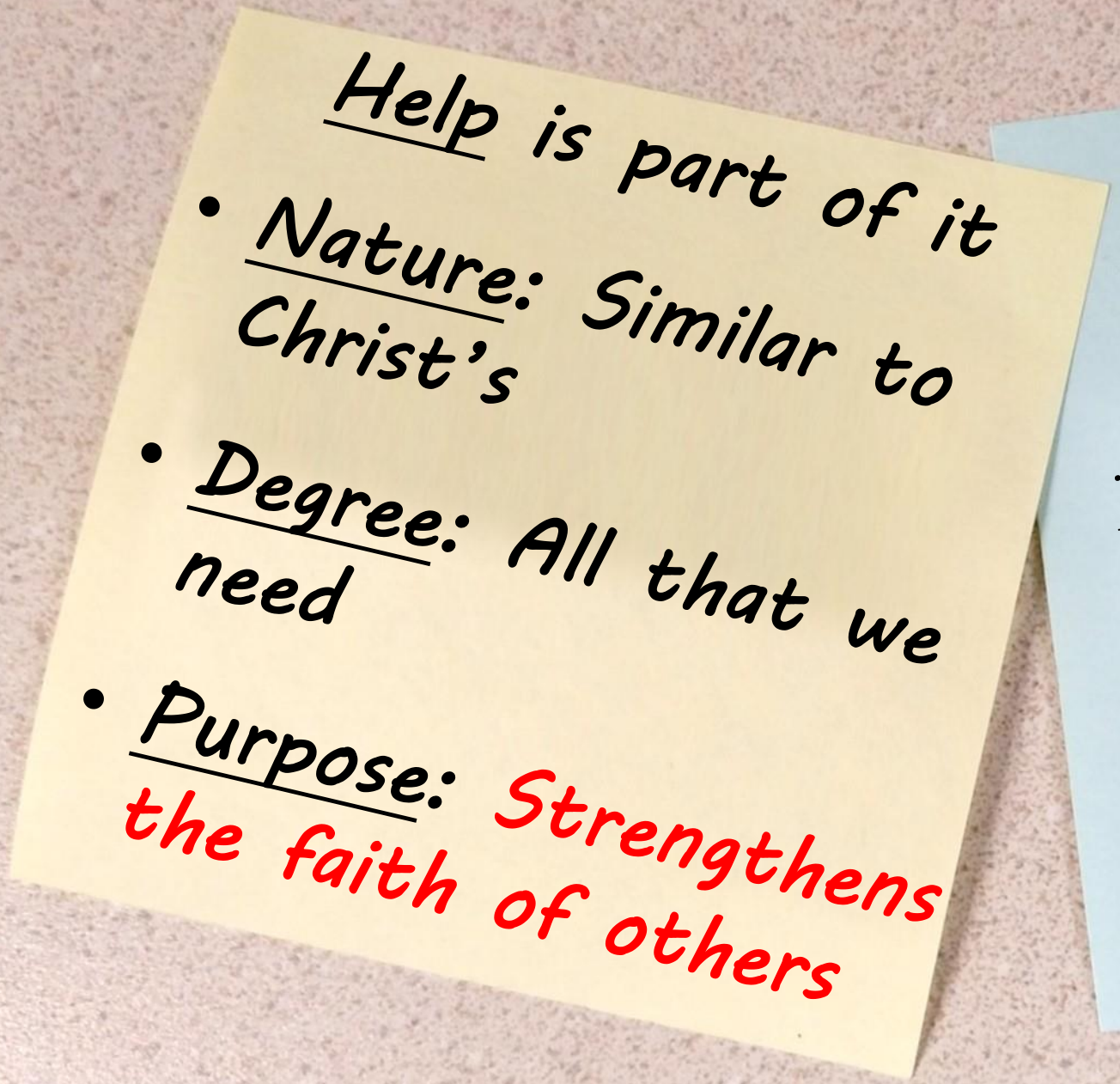

2 Corinthians 1:11

...as you help us by your prayers. Then many will give thanks on our behalf for the gracious favor granted us in answer to the prayers of many.