



The weight of God

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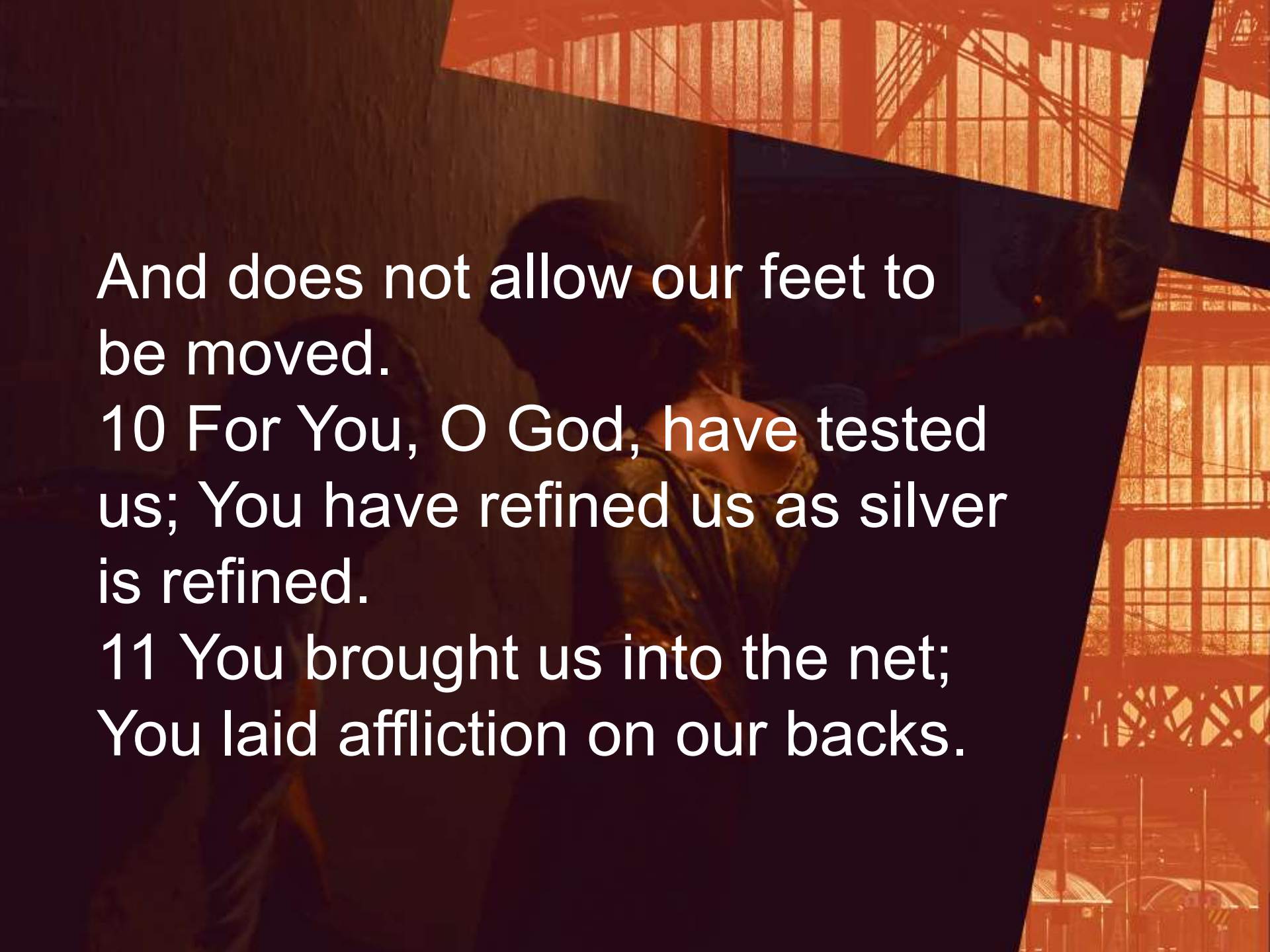


Psalm 66 (NKJV)

8 Oh, bless our God, you
peoples!

And make the voice of His
praise to be heard,

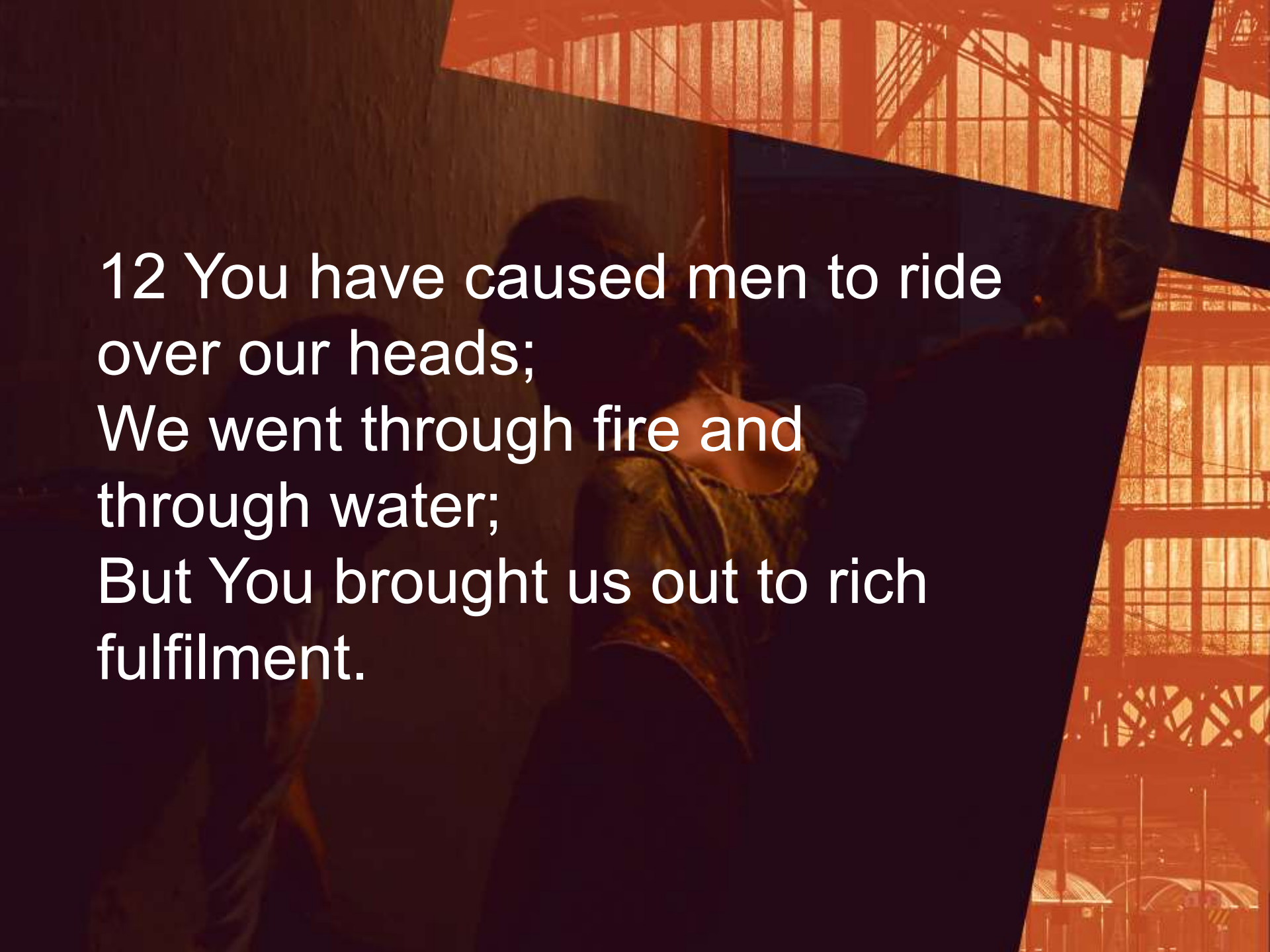
9 Who keeps our soul among
the living,



And does not allow our feet to
be moved.

10 For You, O God, have tested
us; You have refined us as silver
is refined.

11 You brought us into the net;
You laid affliction on our backs.

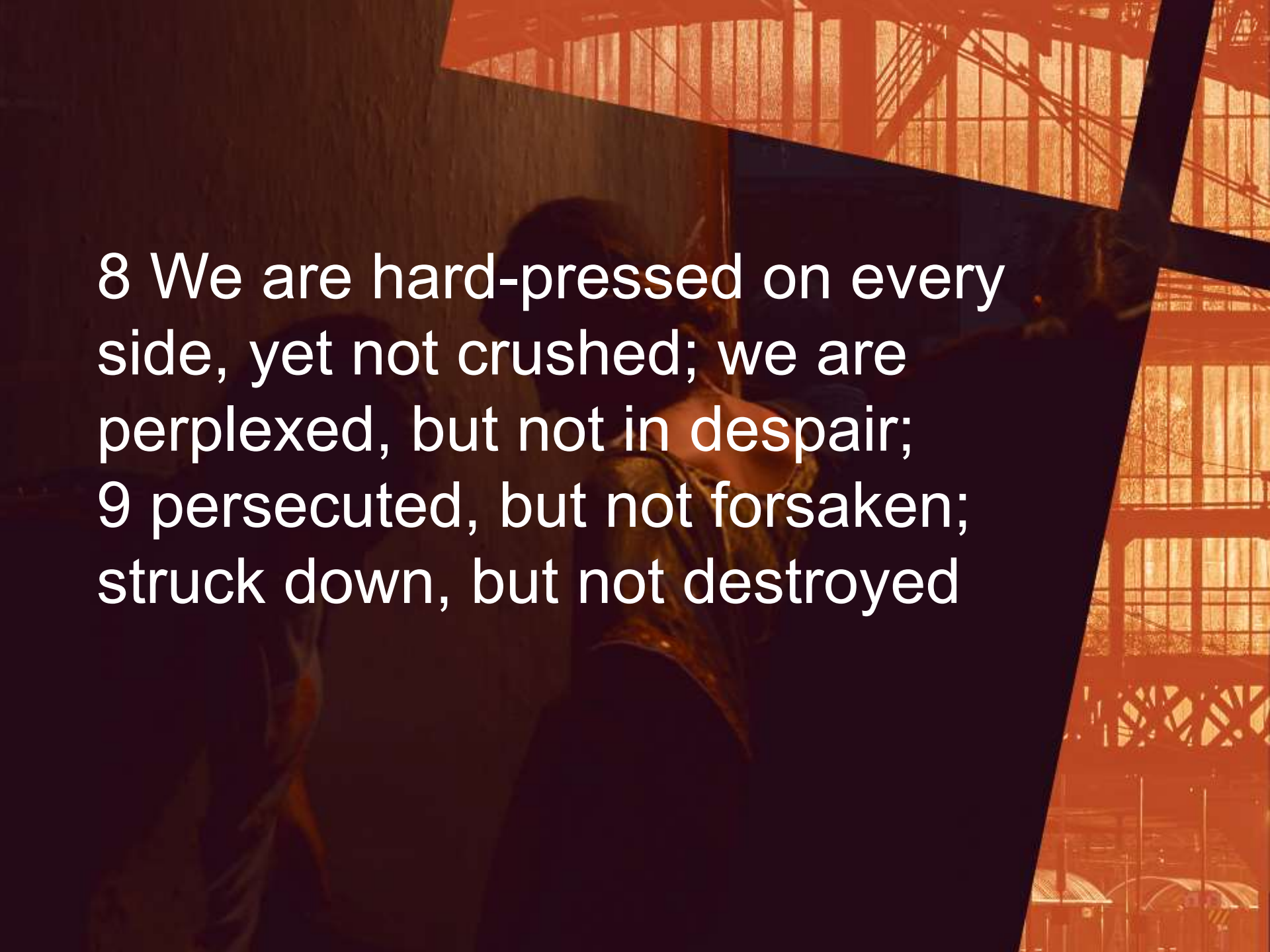
A dark, atmospheric photograph of a woman in a patterned dress, possibly in a museum or gallery setting, with a large, glowing orange structure in the background. The text is overlaid on the left side of the image.

12 You have caused men to ride
over our heads;
We went through fire and
through water;
But You brought us out to rich
fulfilment.

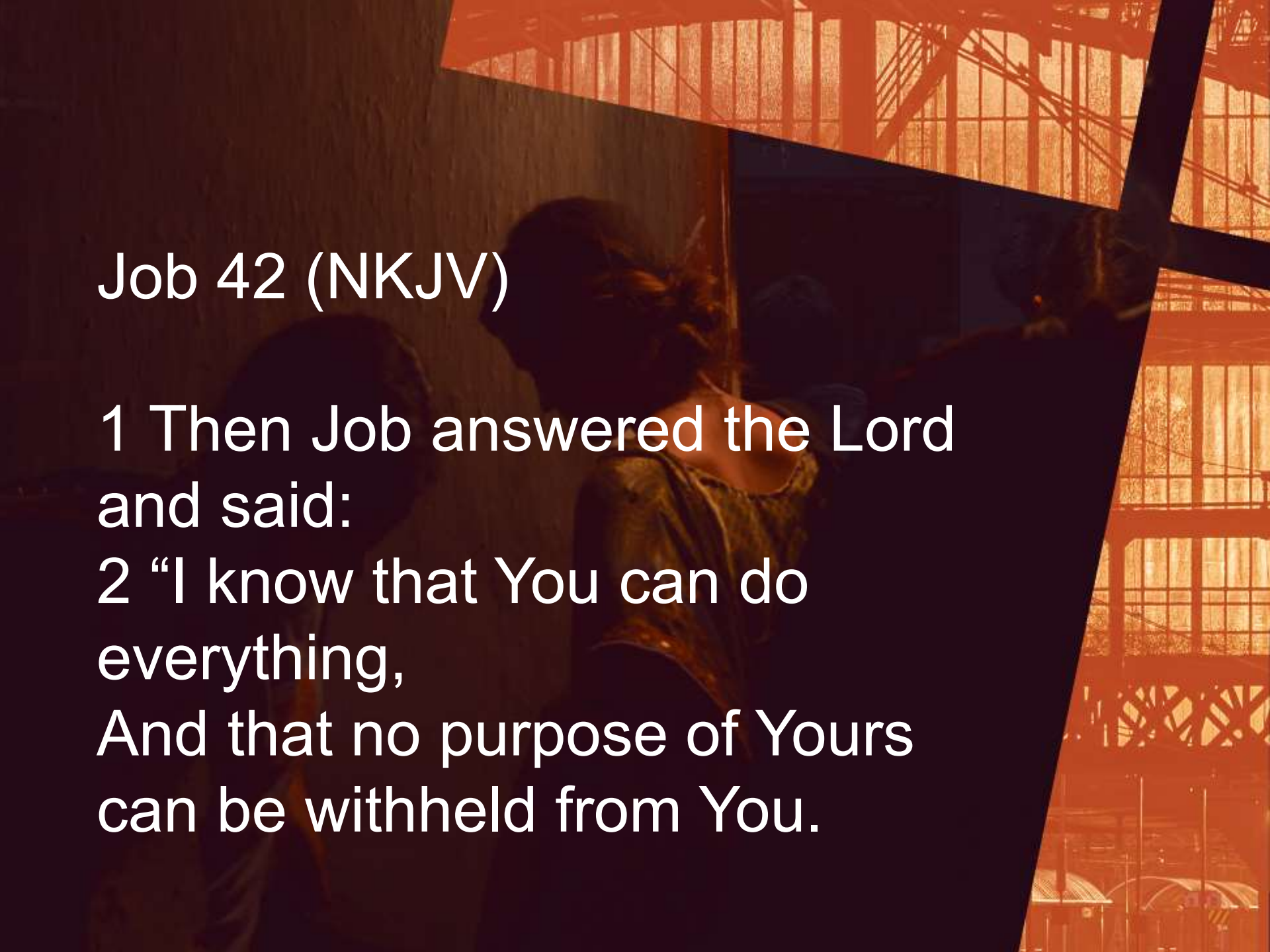
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2 Corinthians 4 (NKJV)

7 But we have this treasure in earthen vessels, that the excellence of the power may be of God and not of us.



8 We are hard-pressed on every
side, yet not crushed; we are
perplexed, but not in despair;
9 persecuted, but not forsaken;
struck down, but not destroyed

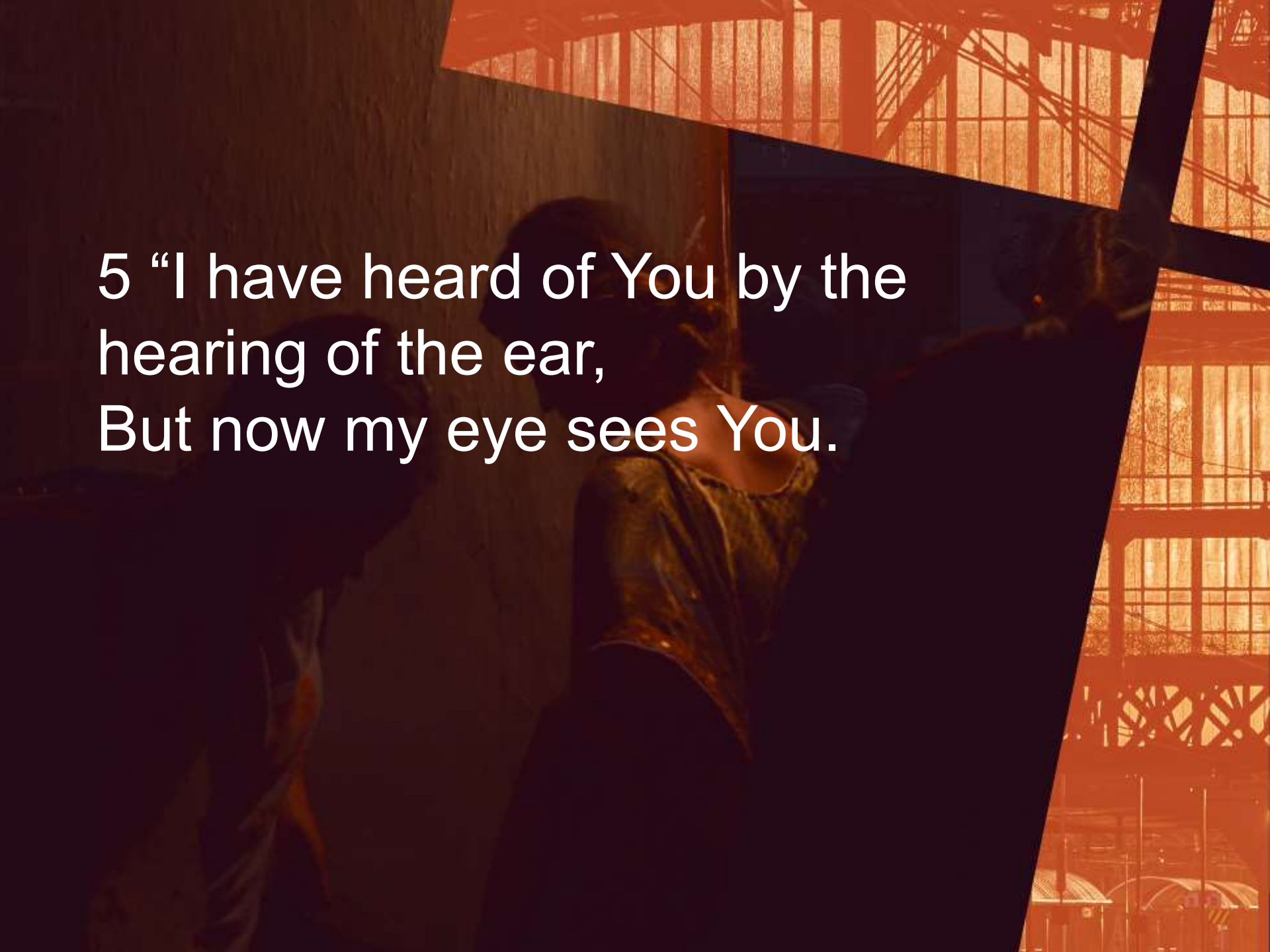


Job 42 (NKJV)

1 Then Job answered the Lord and said:

2 “I know that You can do everything,

And that no purpose of Yours can be withheld from You.

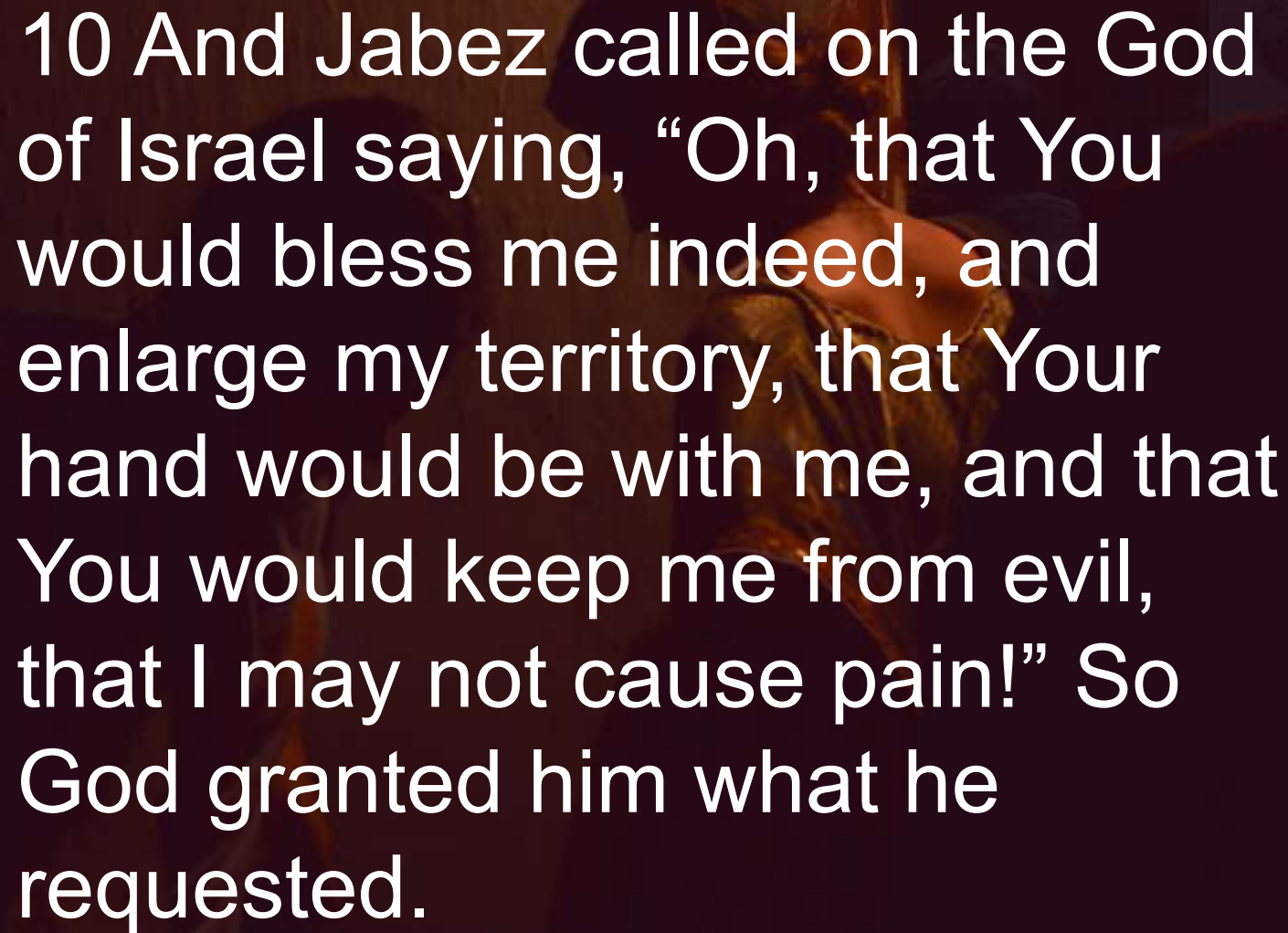


5 “I have heard of You by the
hearing of the ear,
But now my eye sees You.



1 Chronicles 4 (NKJV)

9 Now Jabez was more honorable than his brothers, and his mother called his name Jabez,[a] saying, “Because I bore him in pain.”

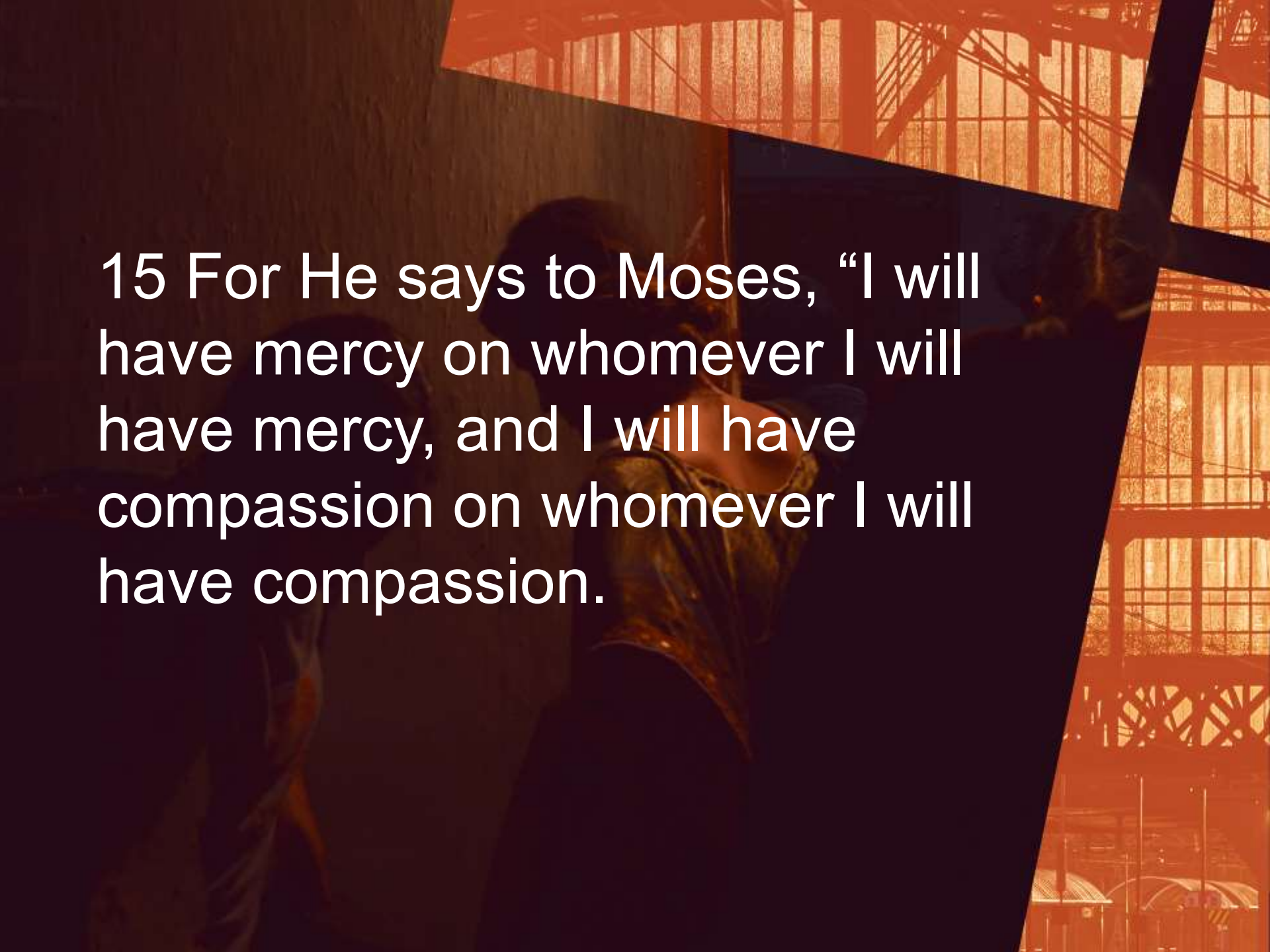
A person is seen from behind, looking out of a window. The scene is dimly lit, with a strong orange glow from the window. The background shows the interior structure of a building, possibly a church or a large hall, with a grid of windows and structural beams. The person is wearing a dark jacket or coat.

10 And Jabez called on the God of Israel saying, “Oh, that You would bless me indeed, and enlarge my territory, that Your hand would be with me, and that You would keep me from evil, that I may not cause pain!” So God granted him what he requested.

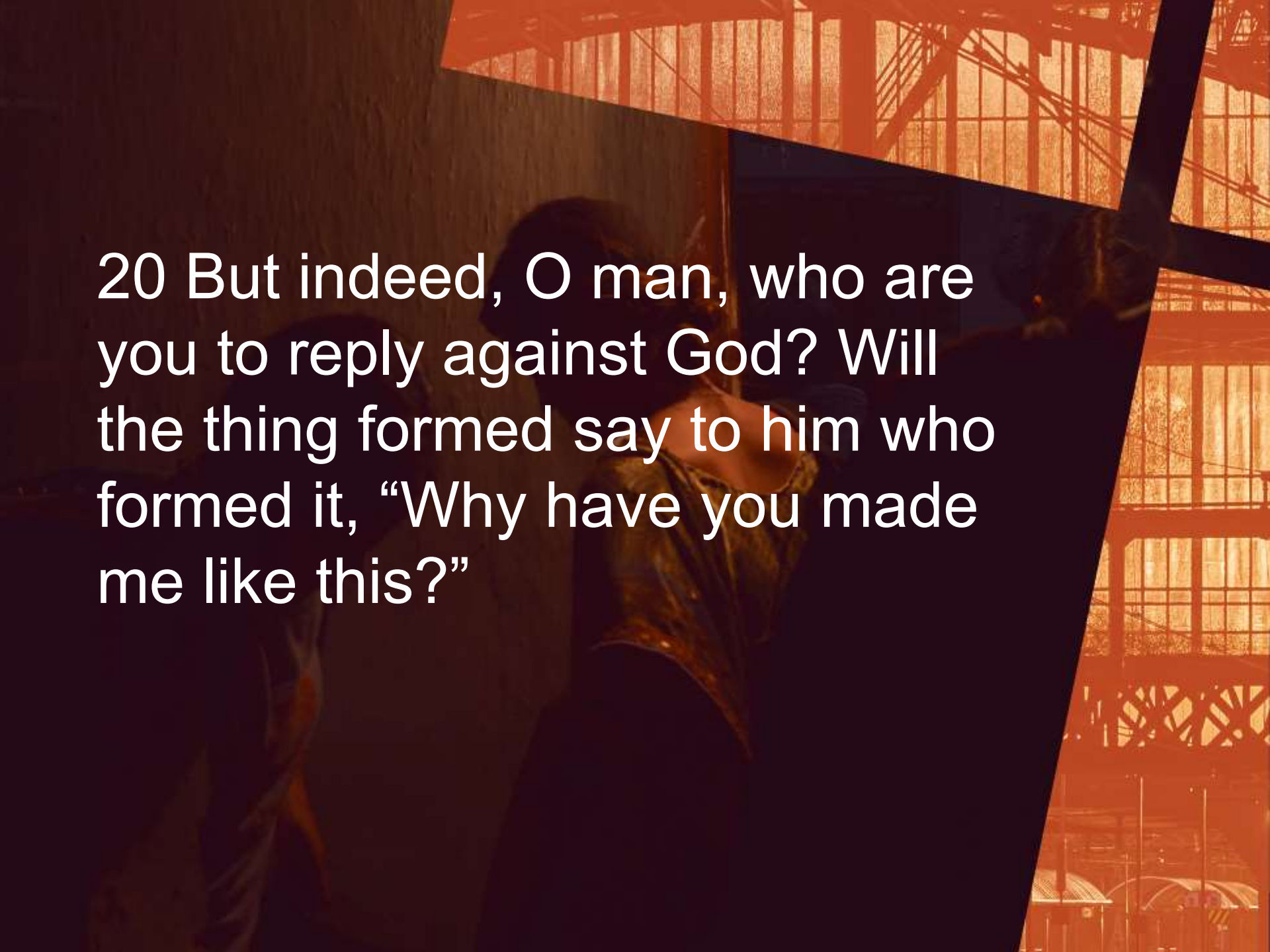
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Romans 9

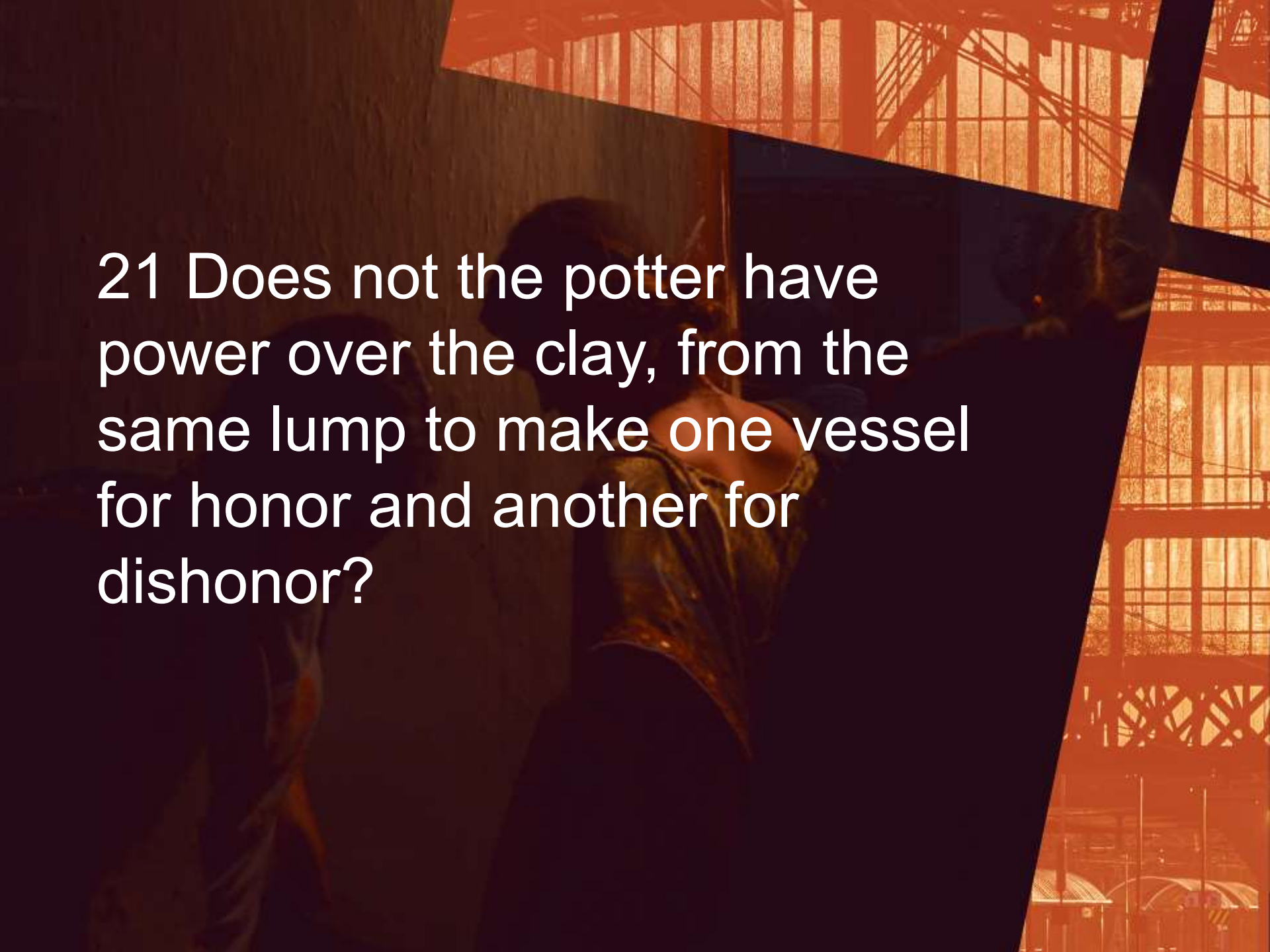
14 What shall we say then? Is there unrighteousness with God? Certainly not!



15 For He says to Moses, “I will have mercy on whomever I will have mercy, and I will have compassion on whomever I will have compassion.

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20 But indeed, O man, who are you to reply against God? Will the thing formed say to him who formed it, “Why have you made me like this?”

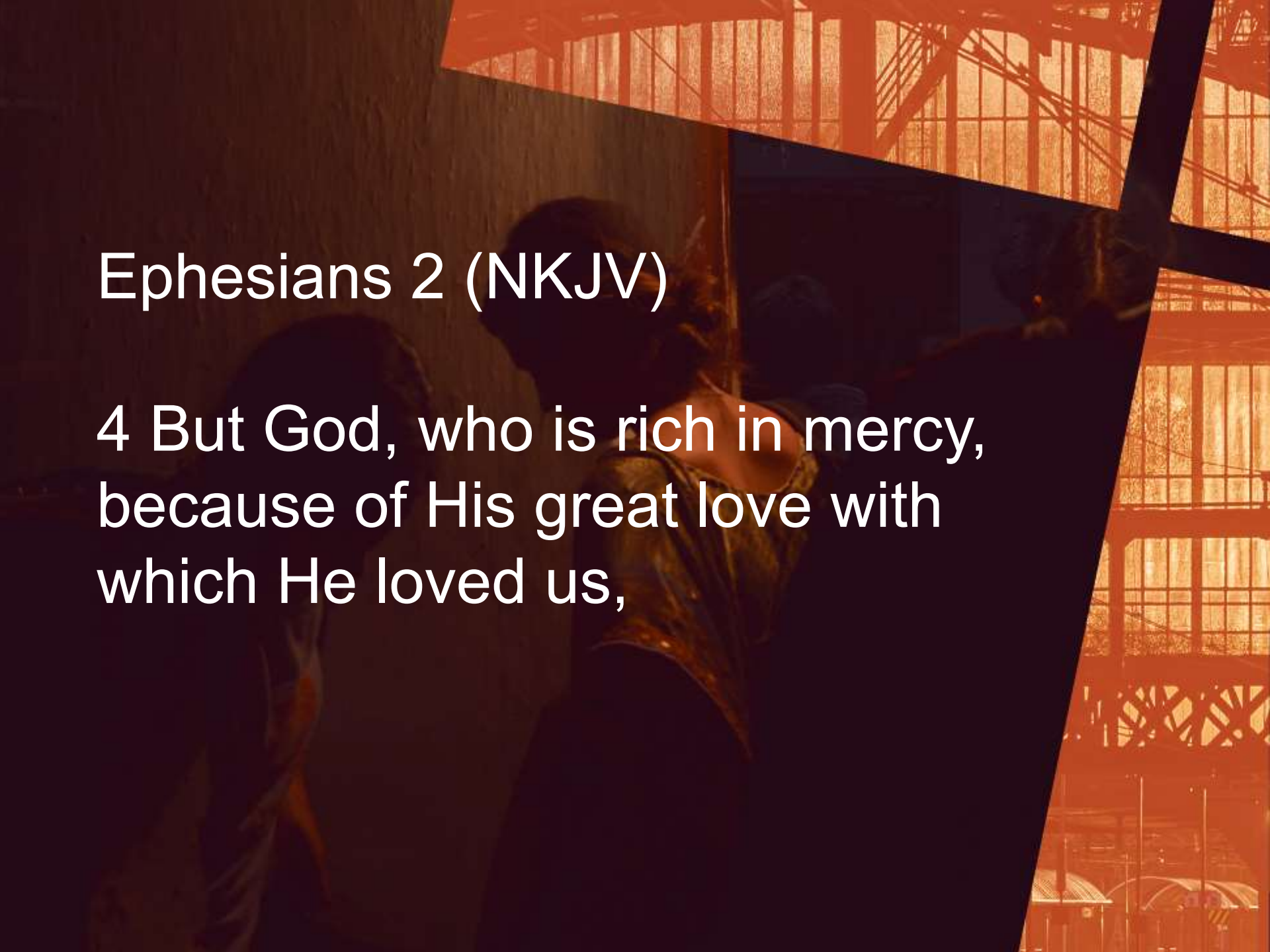


21 Does not the potter have power over the clay, from the same lump to make one vessel for honor and another for dishonor?



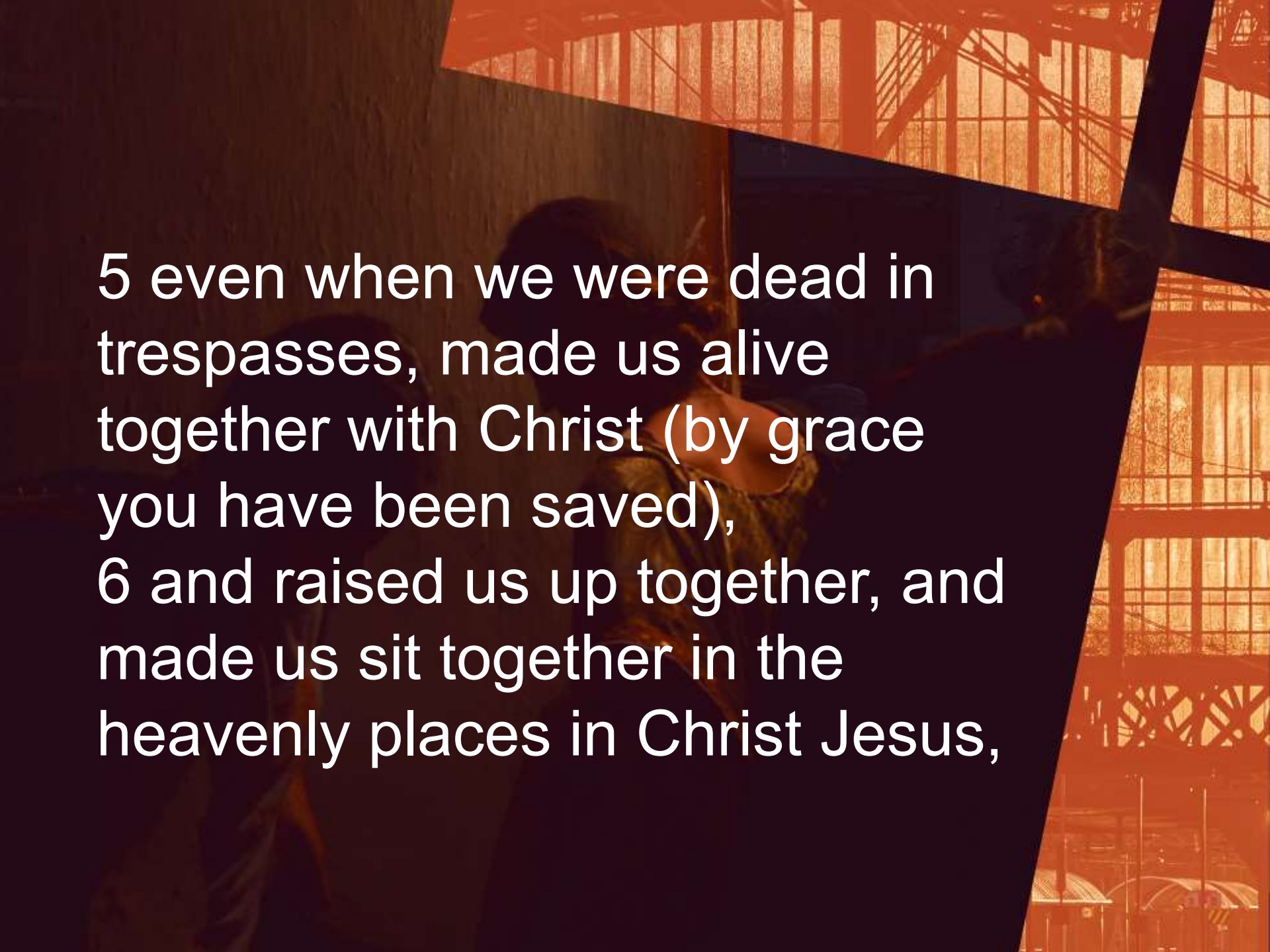
Matthew 11 (NKJV)

28 Come to Me, all you who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.

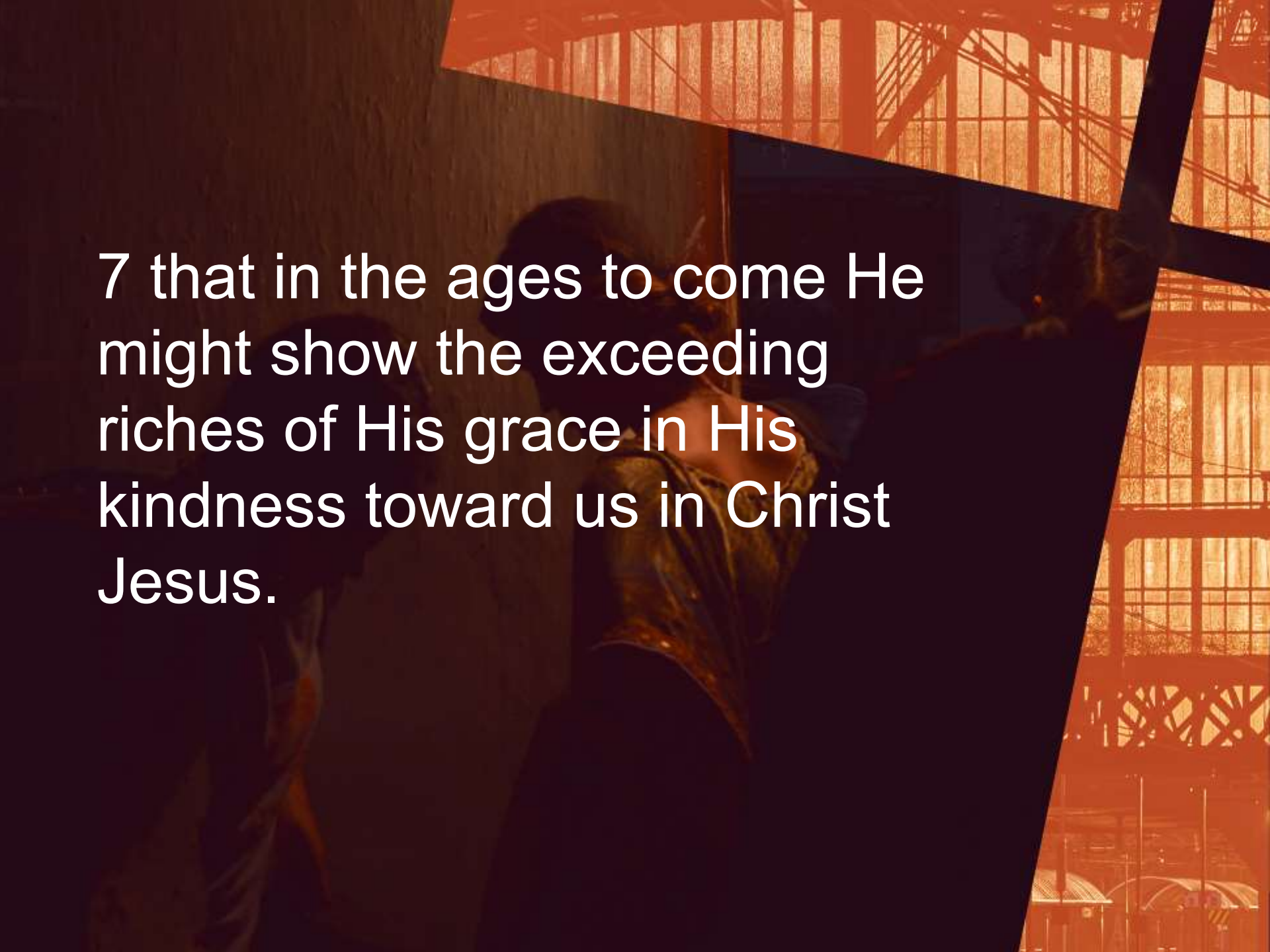
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Ephesians 2 (NKJV)

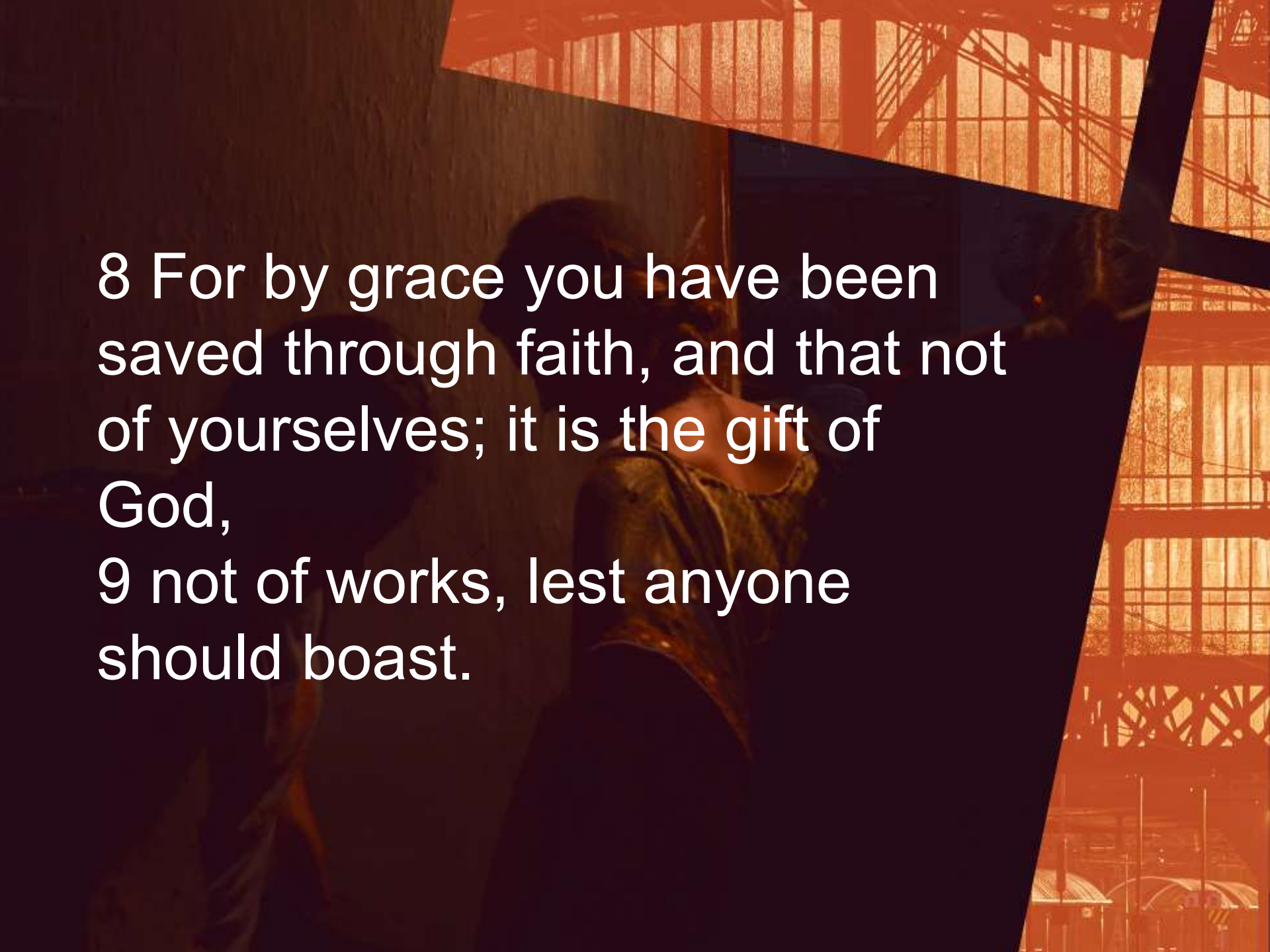
4 But God, who is rich in mercy,
because of His great love with
which He loved us,



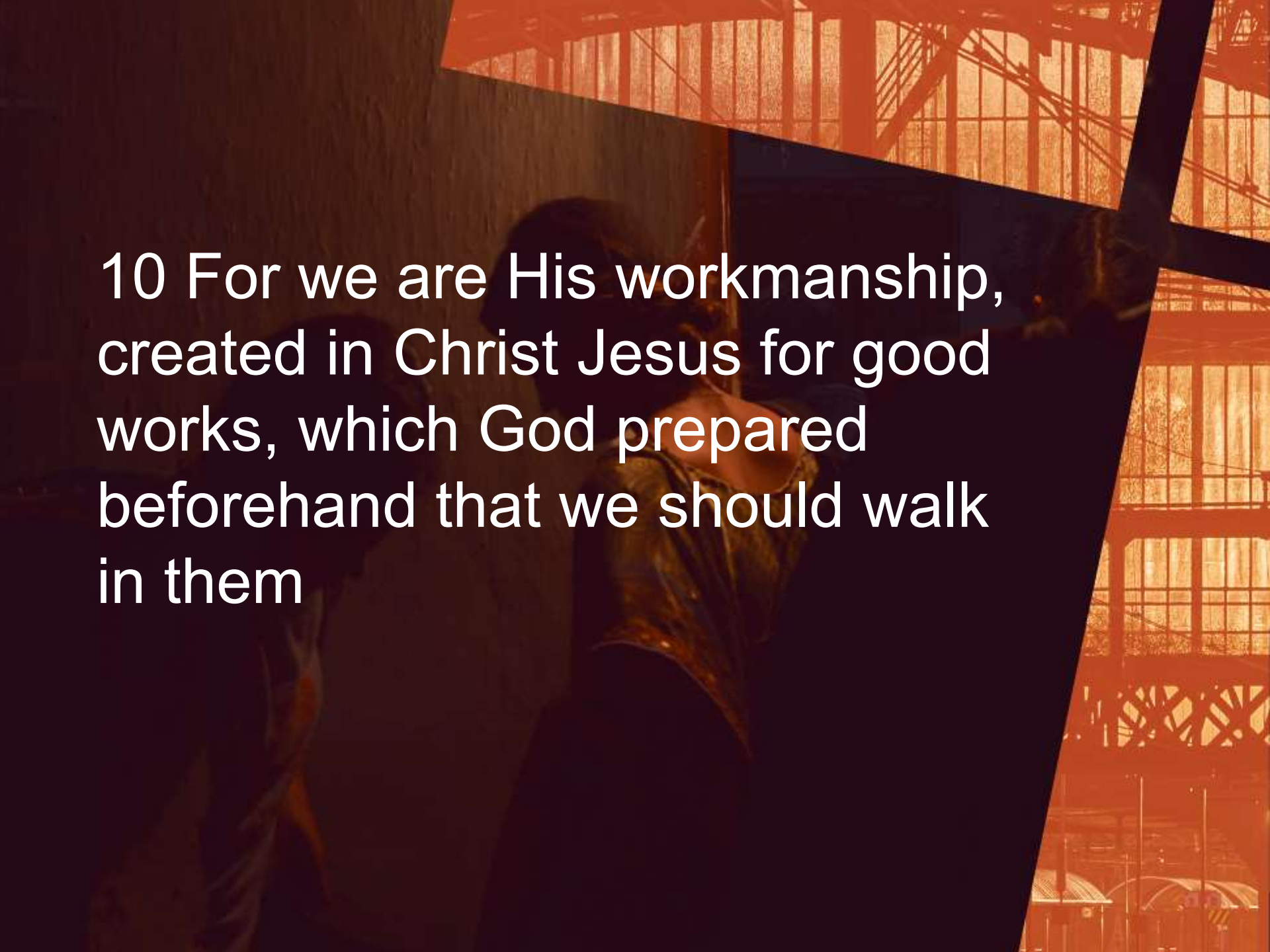
5 even when we were dead in
trespasses, made us alive
together with Christ (by grace
you have been saved),
6 and raised us up together, and
made us sit together in the
heavenly places in Christ Jesus,

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7 that in the ages to come He might show the exceeding riches of His grace in His kindness toward us in Christ Jesus.



8 For by grace you have been
saved through faith, and that not
of yourselves; it is the gift of
God,
9 not of works, lest anyone
should boast.



10 For we are His workmanship,
created in Christ Jesus for good
works, which God prepared
beforehand that we should walk
in them