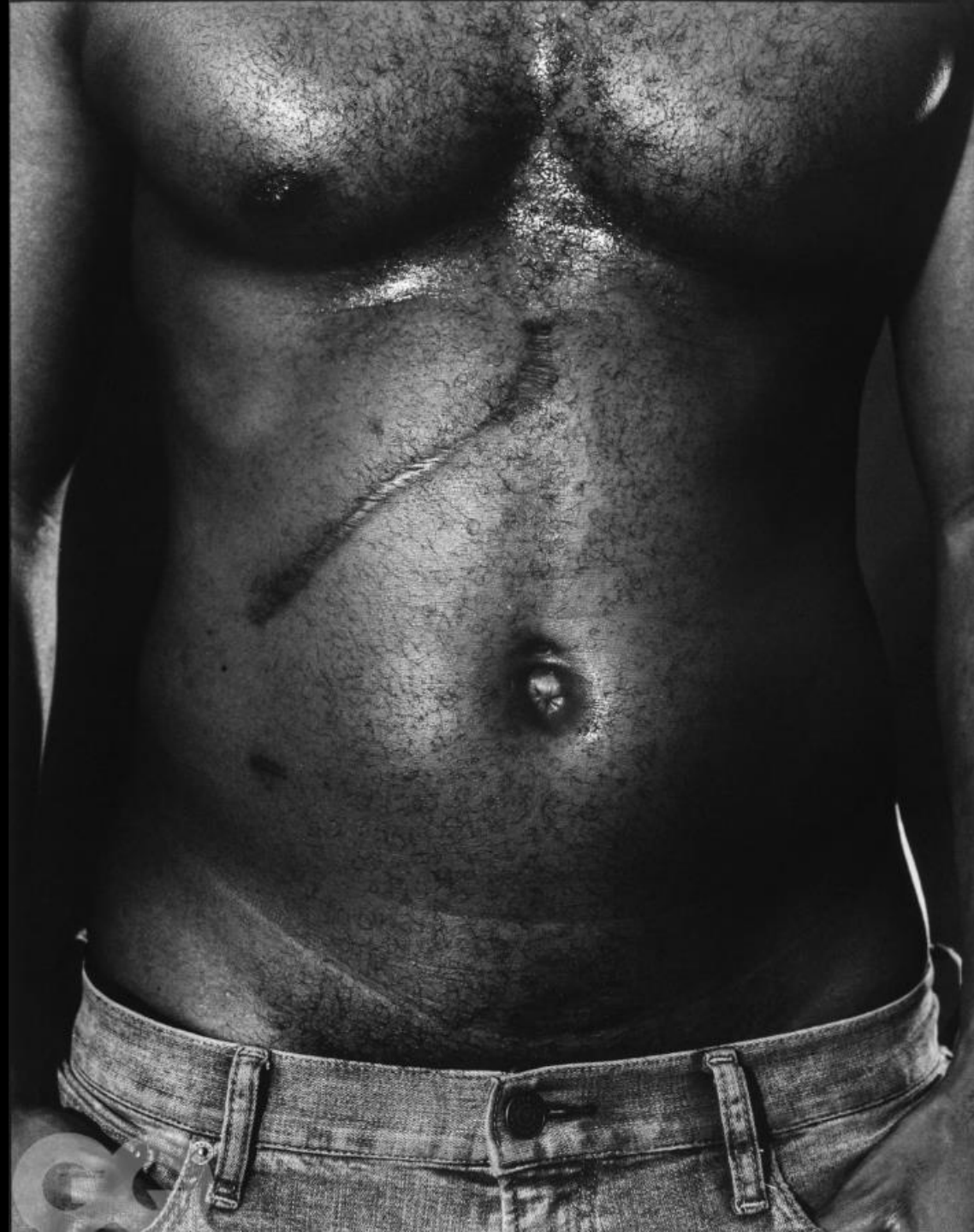


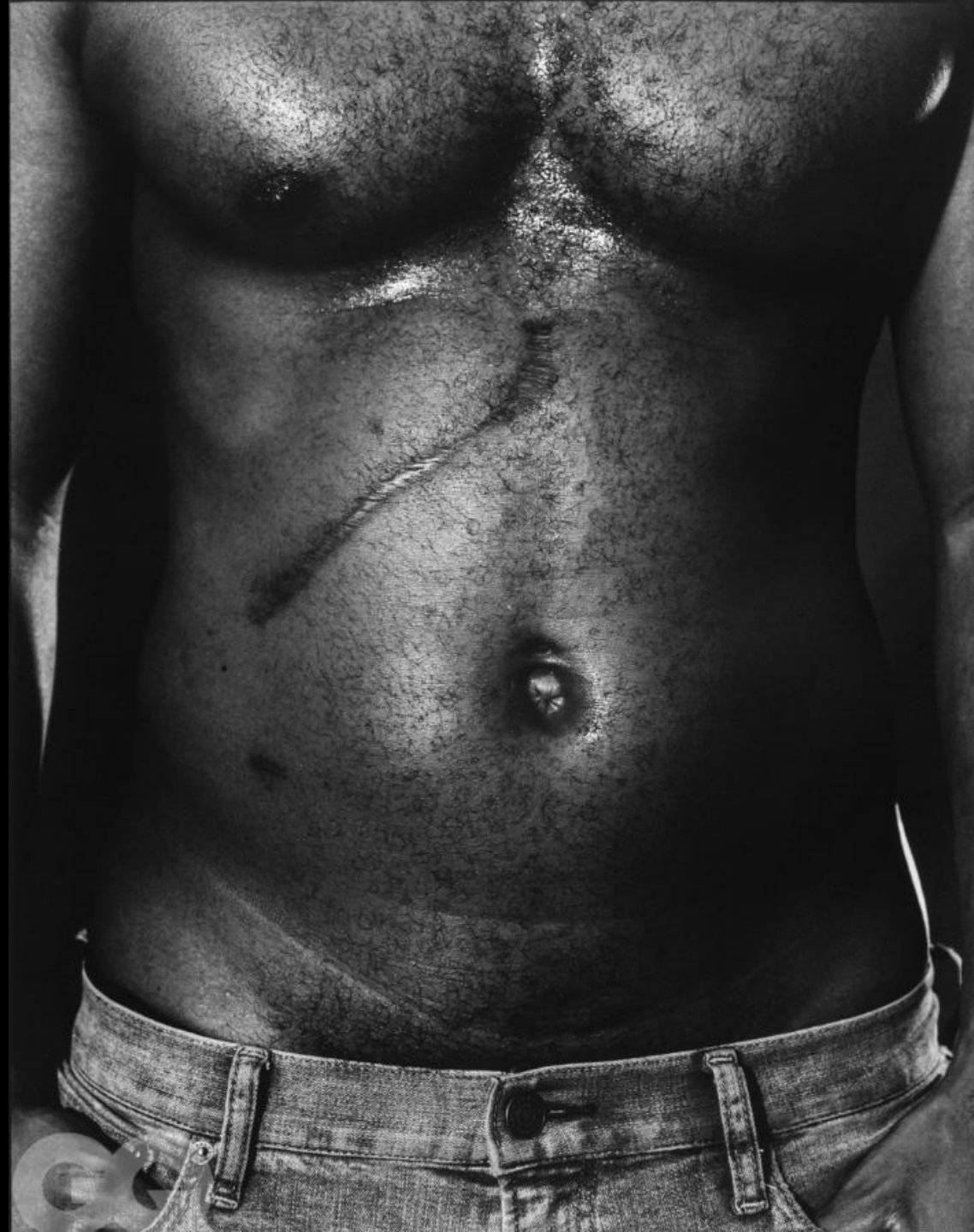
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## John 20:24-28

<sup>24</sup> Now Thomas, one of the Twelve, was not with the disciples when Jesus came. <sup>25</sup> So the other disciples told him, “We have seen the Lord!”

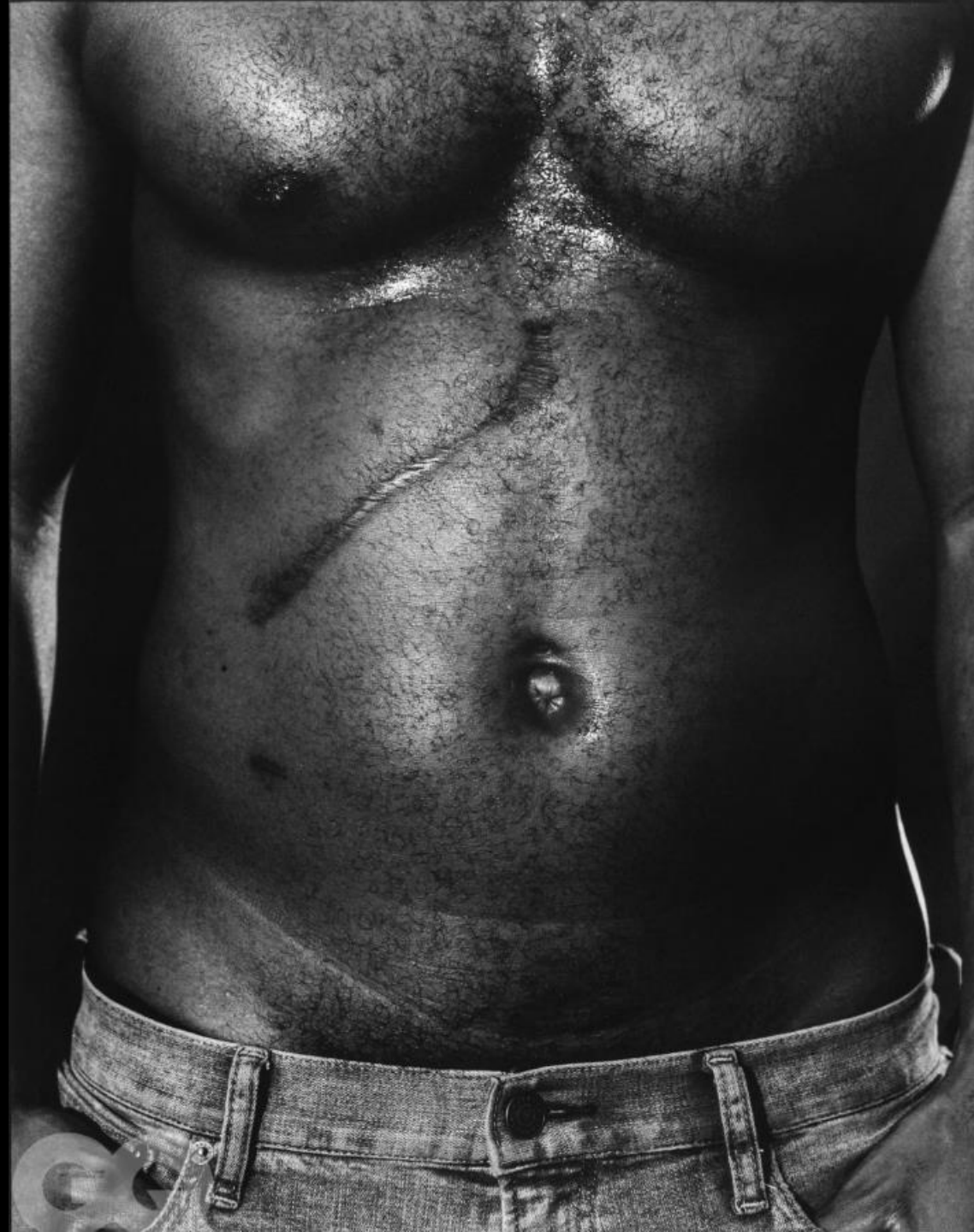
But he said to them, “Unless I see the nail marks in his hands and put my finger where the nails were, and put my hand into his side, I will not believe.”



## John 20:24-28

<sup>26</sup> A week later his disciples were in the house again, and Thomas was with them. Though the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you!"

<sup>27</sup> Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here; see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it into my side. Stop doubting and believe."



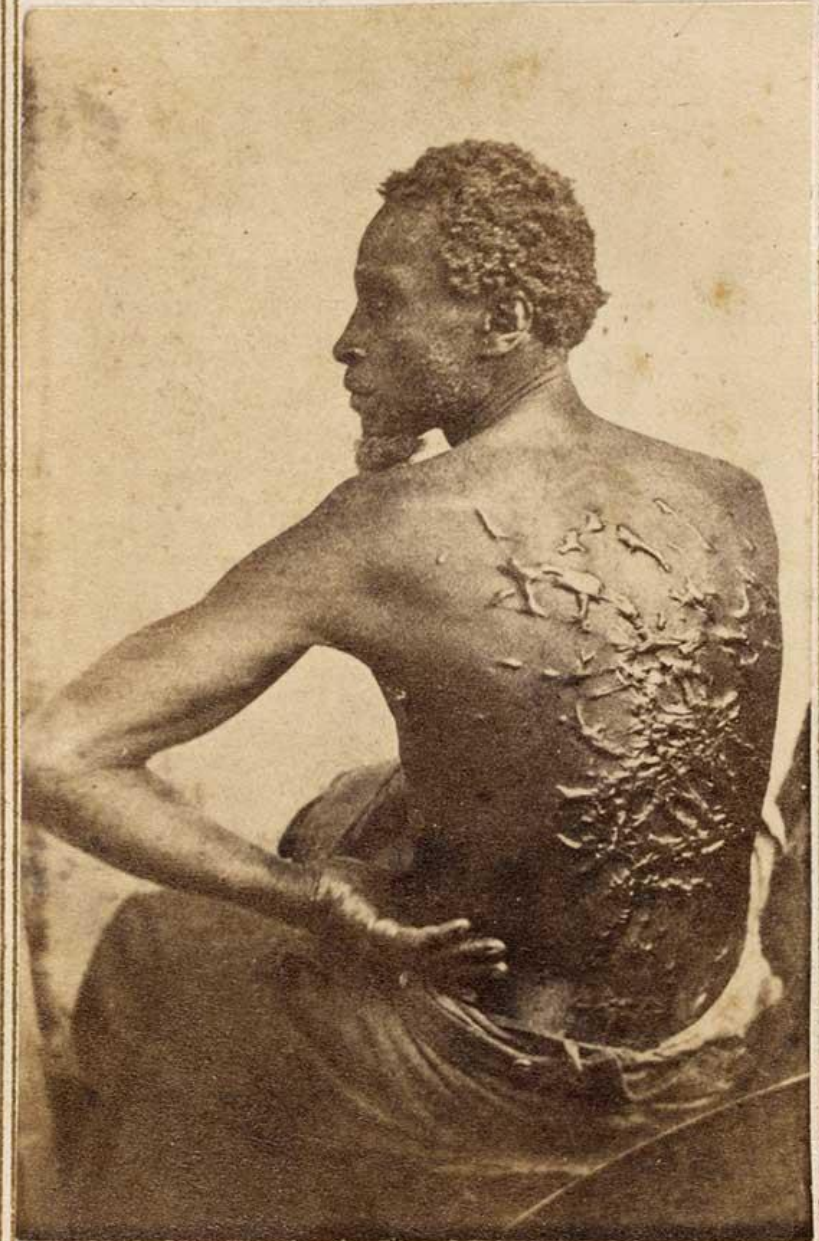


# Our scars tell our story

Galatians 6:17

From now on let no one  
cause me trouble, for I  
bear on my body the  
marks of Jesus.

Compare: 2 Corinthians 11:23-33, 12:7-10



*Brady*

*Washington*

*Scars are our body's response to wounds*





**1** Our scars are  
witness to our  
weakness  
- visible and invisible  
*signs of grace.*

These bring daily *comfort.*



2 Corinthians 11:23-33, 12:7-10

Are [those who claim to be apostles] servants of Christ? I am a better one... with far greater labors, far more imprisonments, with countless beatings, and often near death.

Five times I received at the hands of the Jews the forty lashes less one. Three times I was beaten with rods. Once I was stoned. Three times I was shipwrecked; a night and a day I was adrift at sea; on frequent journeys...





## 2 Corinthians 11:23-33, 12:7-10

...in danger from rivers, danger from robbers, danger from my own people, danger from Gentiles, danger in the city, danger in the wilderness, danger at sea, danger from false brothers; in toil and hardship, through many a sleepless night, in hunger and thirst, often without food, in cold and exposure. And, apart from other things, there is the daily pressure on me of my anxiety for all the churches.





2 Corinthians 11:23-33, 12:7-10

If I must boast, I will boast of the things that show my weakness...

[I had heavenly revelations...] So to keep me from becoming conceited because of the surpassing greatness of the revelations, a thorn was given me in the flesh, a messenger of Satan to harass me, to keep me from becoming conceited. Three times I pleaded with the Lord about this, that it should leave me.



2 Corinthians 11:23-33, 12:7-10

But he said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness."

Therefore I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may rest upon me.

For the sake of Christ, then, I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and calamities. For when I am weak, then I am strong.





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*signs of grace.*

These bring daily *comfort.*



**2** Our scars are  
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## 1 Peter 1:6-7

<sup>6</sup> In this you rejoice, though now for a little while, if necessary, you have been grieved by various trials,

<sup>7</sup> so that the tested genuineness of your faith—more precious than gold that perishes though it is tested by fire—may be found to result in praise and glory and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ.



## Galatians 6:17

From now on let no one cause  
me trouble, for I bear on my  
body the marks of Jesus.





**2** Our scars are  
witness to tests  
we've been through  
- visible and invisible  
*signs of faith.*

These bring daily *confidence.*



**3** Our scars are  
witness to a fading,  
fallible world  
- visible and invisible  
*signs of hope.*

These bring daily *joy.*





## 2 Corinthians 4:16-18

<sup>16</sup> Therefore we do not lose heart. Though outwardly we are wasting away, yet inwardly we are being renewed day by day.

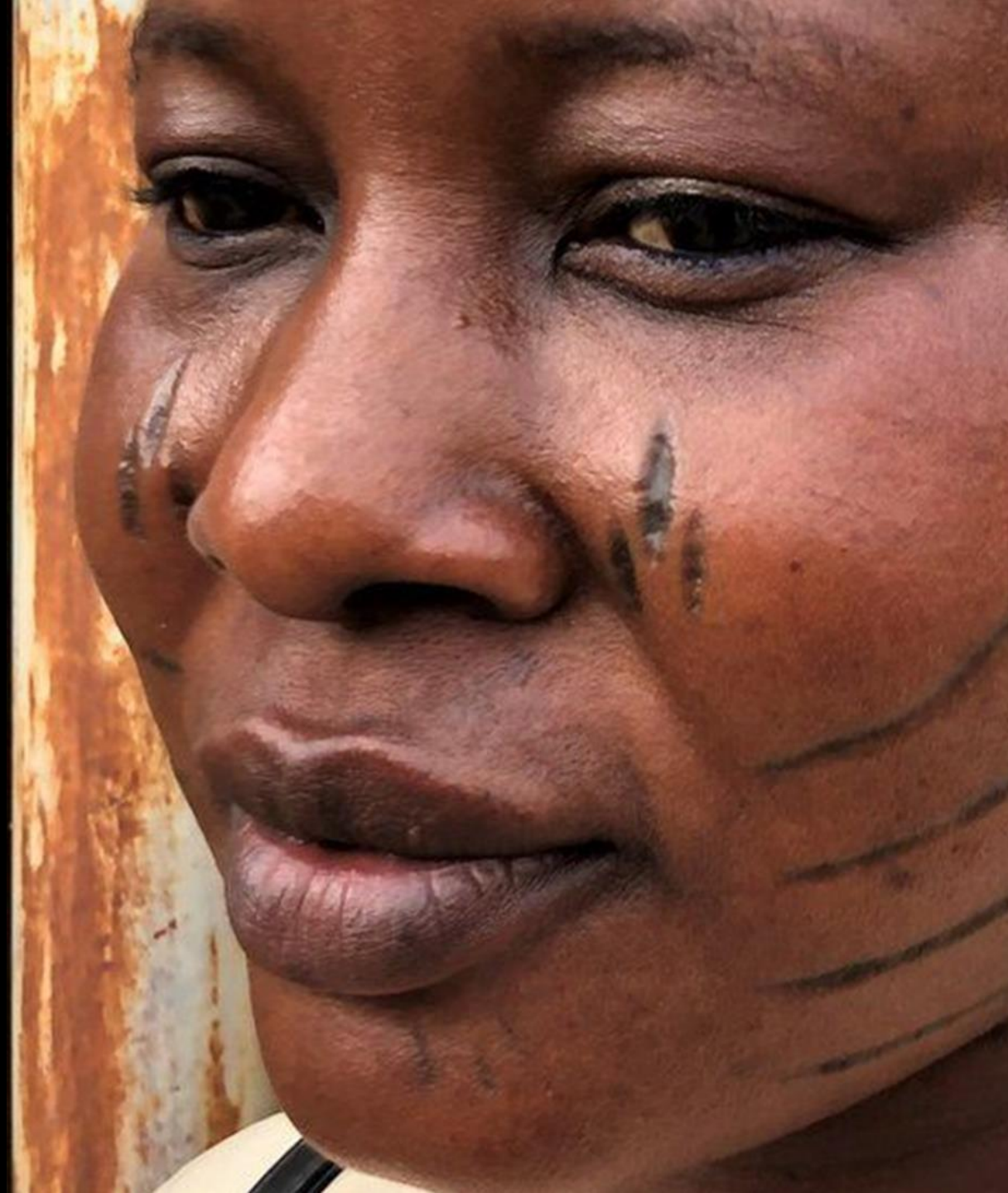
<sup>17</sup> For our light and momentary troubles are achieving for us an eternal glory that far outweighs them all. <sup>18</sup> So we fix our eyes not on what is seen, but on what is unseen, since what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal.



## Revelation 21:4-5

<sup>4</sup> He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning, nor crying, nor pain anymore, for the former things have passed away.”

<sup>5</sup> And he who was seated on the throne said, “Behold, I am making all things new.”





**4** Our scars are  
reminder of Christ's  
marks

- visible and invisible  
*signs of love.*

These bring daily *devotion.*



## John 20:24-28

<sup>27</sup> Then he said to Thomas, “Put your finger here; see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it into my side. Stop doubting and believe.”





## Revelation 5:4-7

<sup>4</sup> and I began to weep loudly because no one was found worthy to open the scroll or to look into it. <sup>5</sup> And one of the elders said to me, “Weep no more; behold, the Lion of the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, has conquered, so that he can open the scroll and its seven seals.”

<sup>6</sup> And between the throne and the four living creatures and among the elders I saw a Lamb standing, as though it had been slain, with seven horns and with seven eyes...



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signs of *faith*

signs of *hope*

signs of *love*

