

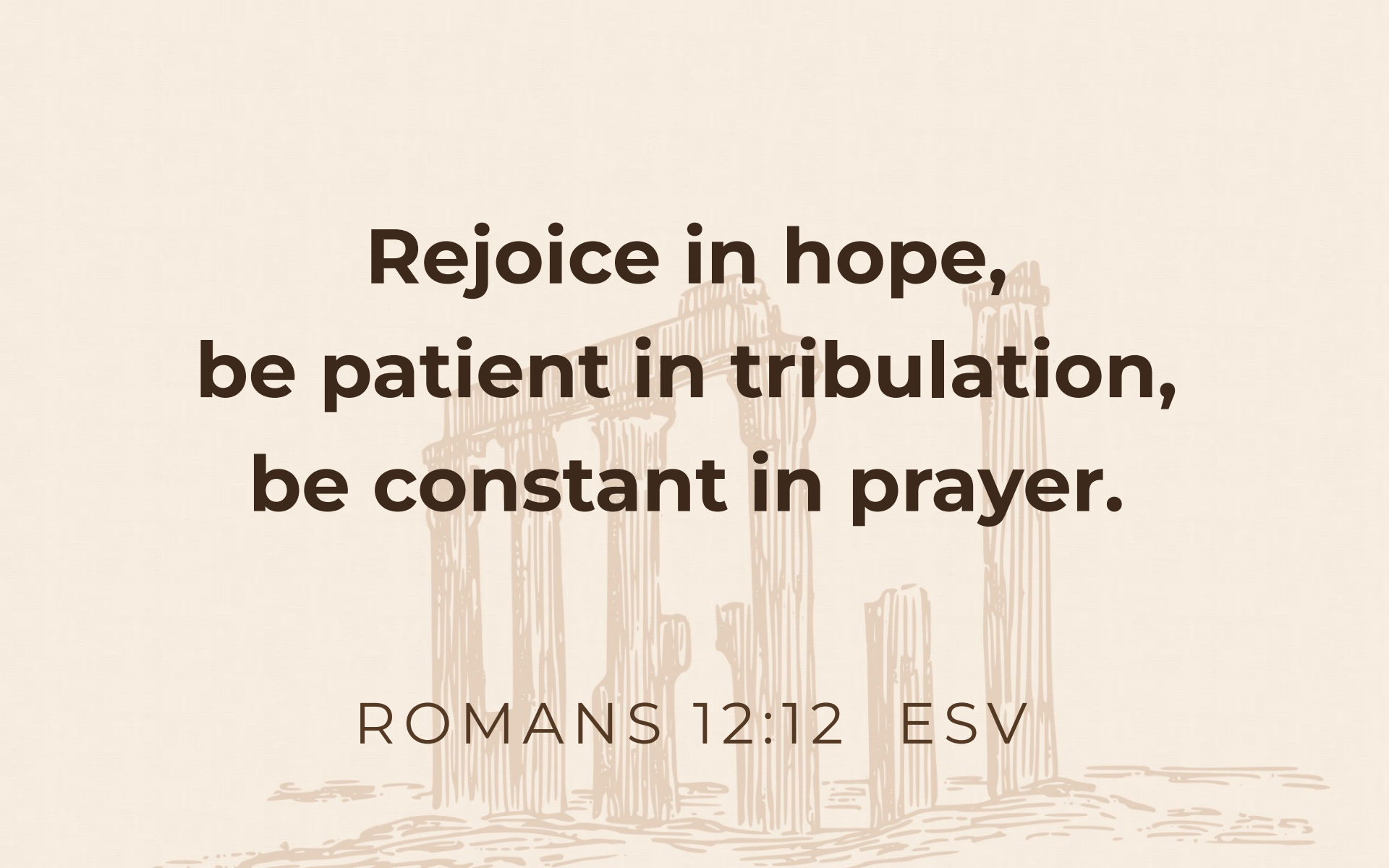
ROMANS TWELVE

XII



LOVE WITH INTEGRITY

Rejoice · Endure · Pray

A faint, light-brown background illustration of several classical columns, possibly from a temple or church, with some columns appearing to be in ruins or partially broken. The columns are arranged in a perspective that recedes into the distance.

**Rejoice in hope,
be patient in tribulation,
be constant in prayer.**

ROMANS 12:12 ESV

THE LITERAL SENSE

The object, then the engagement.

The hope — rejoicing

The suffering — enduring

The prayer — continuing

**A group project
driven by individual
responsibility.**



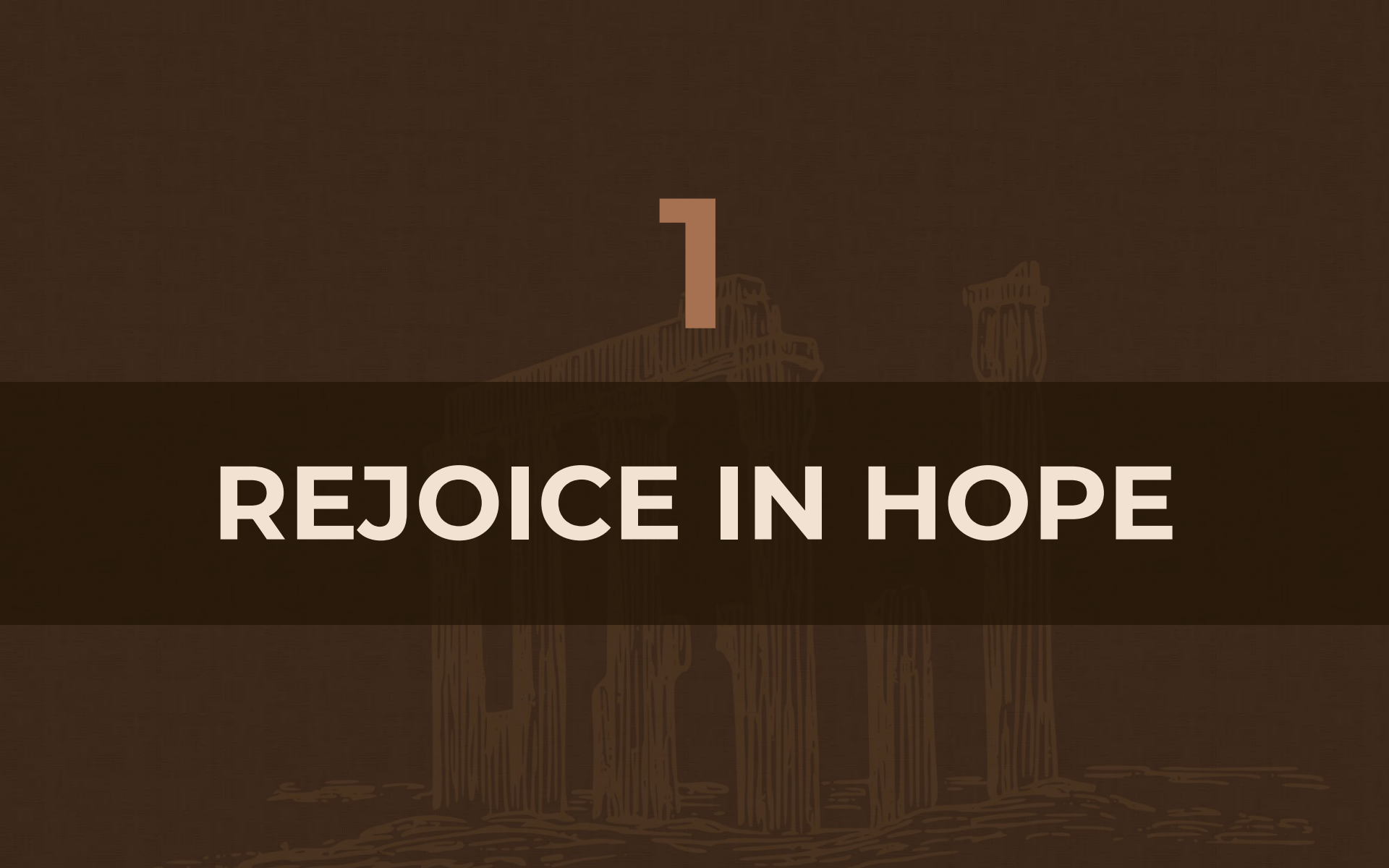
**Love is faith
made incarnate.**

Cooking is love made edible.

ONE WHEEL, NOT THREE CHORES



...and round again.

A faint, stylized illustration of a classical building with columns and a pediment, rendered in a light brown color against a dark brown background.

1

REJOICE IN HOPE

**Hope has integrity
when it produces
rejoicing.**

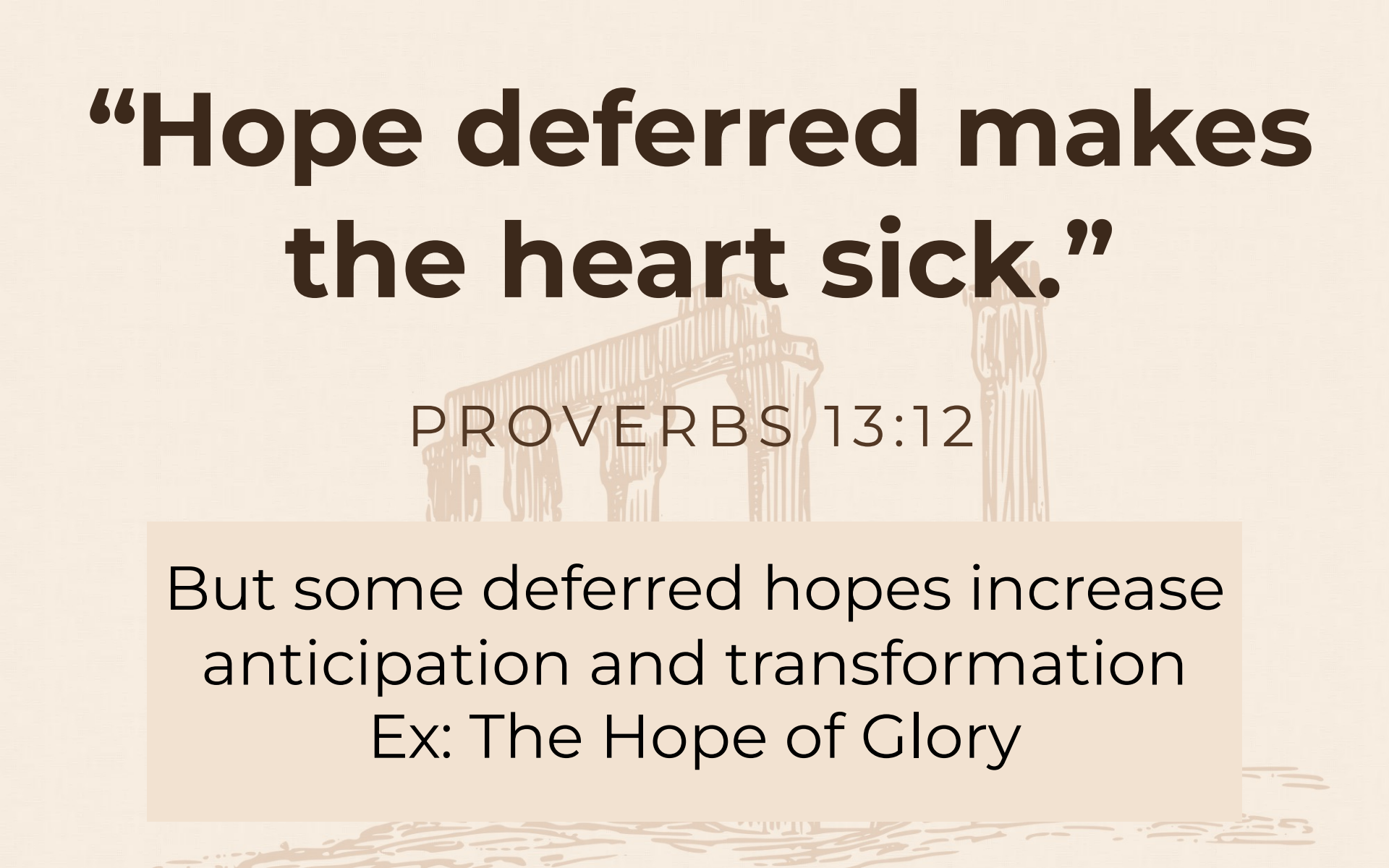
Especially: in sufferings (Romans 5:3)

**You are responsible
for your rejoicing.**



**Root your joy
in FUTURE glory.**

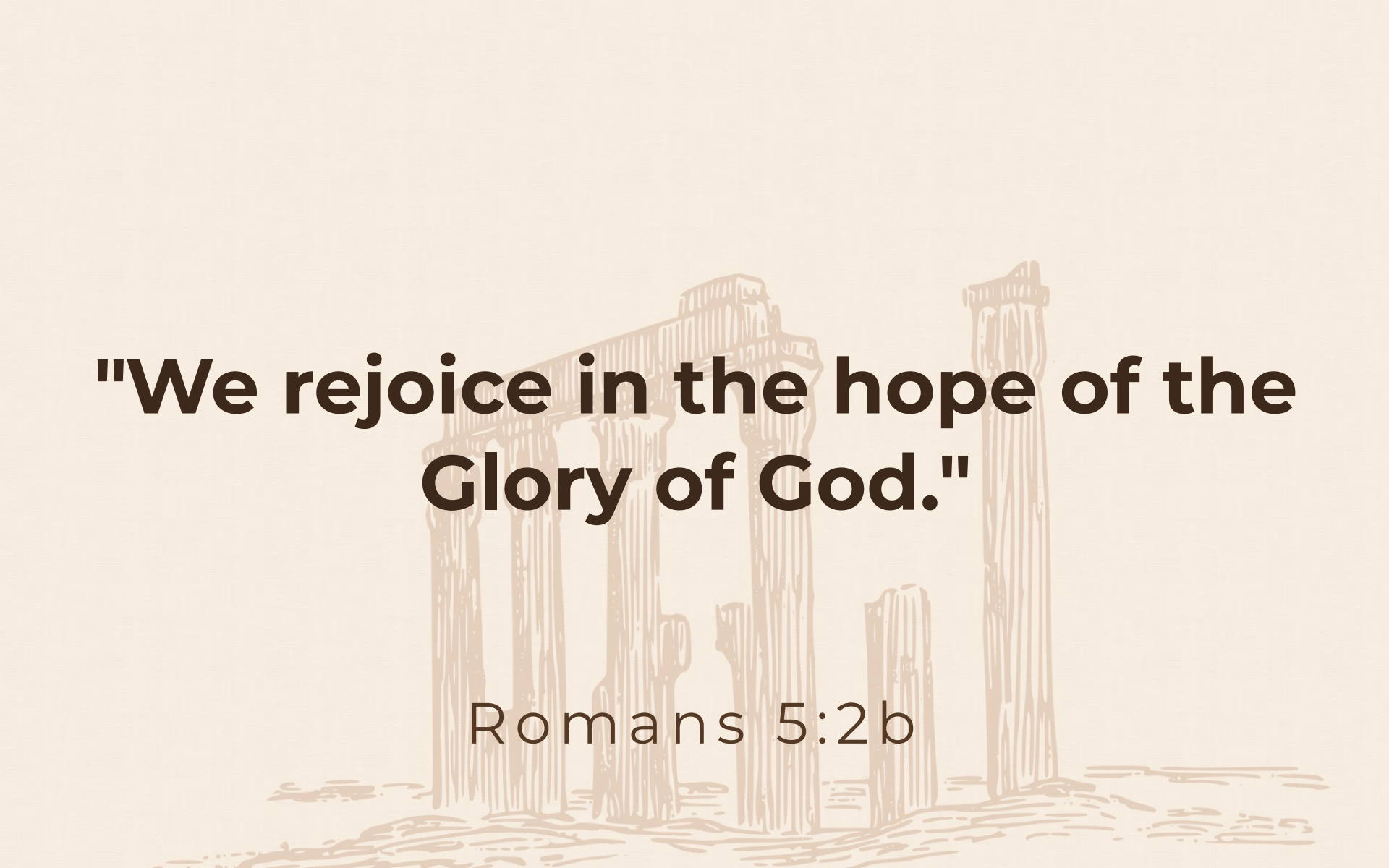
Not only in past or present grace.



“Hope deferred makes the heart sick.”

PROVERBS 13:12

But some deferred hopes increase
anticipation and transformation
Ex: The Hope of Glory

A faint, artistic sketch of ancient ruins, including several tall columns and a section of a wall, rendered in a light brown color that blends with the background. The style is reminiscent of a pencil or light ink drawing.

**"We rejoice in the hope of the
Glory of God."**

Romans 5:2b

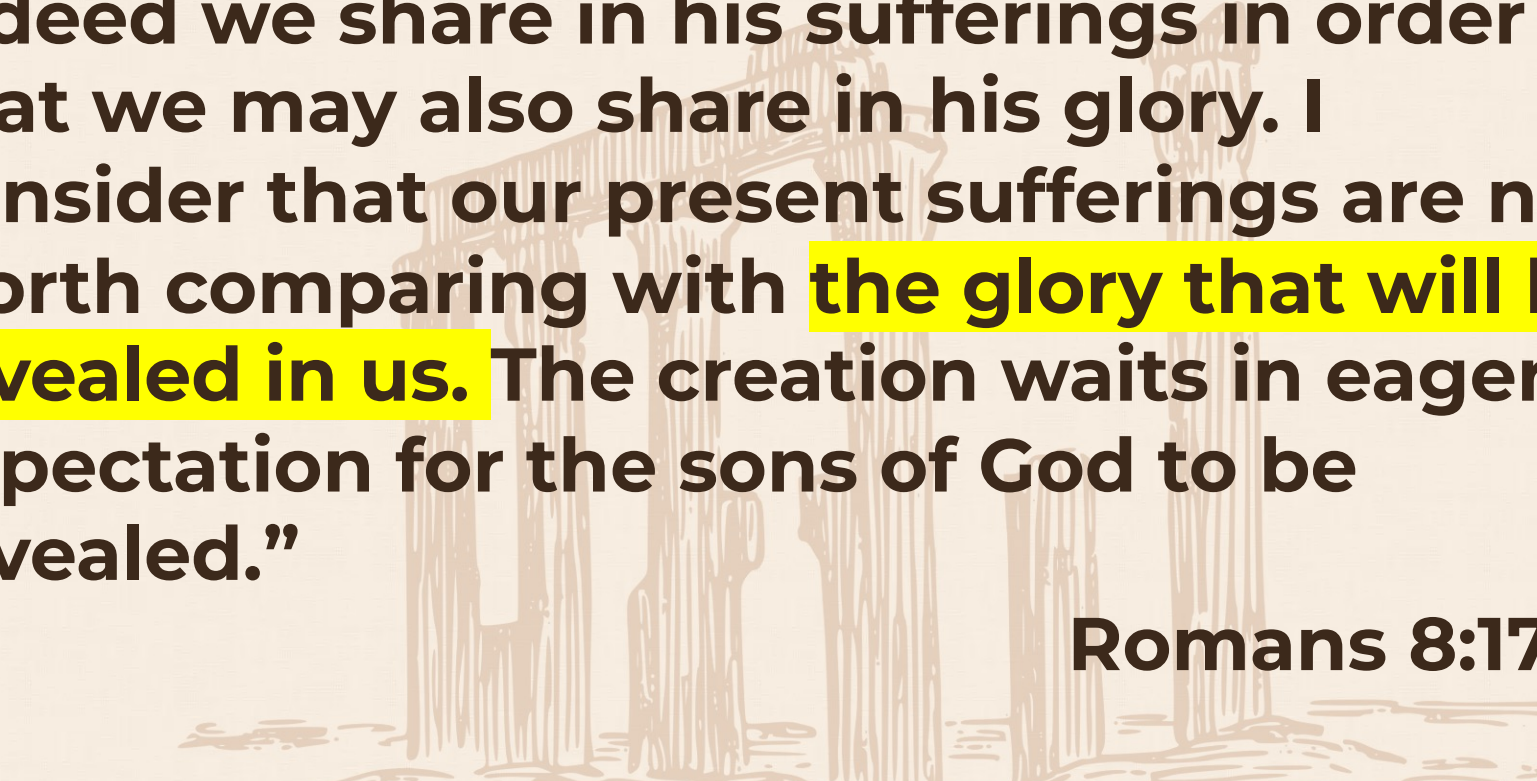
ROMANS 5

- ↓ Hope in God (justification)
- ↓ Rejoicing in suffering
- ↓ Perseverance
- ↓ Character
- ↓ Hope (in the love of God)



**This light and momentary
affliction is preparing in us
an eternal weight of glory
beyond all comparison.**

2 CORINTHIANS 4:17



“Now if we are children, then we are heirs-- heirs of God and co-heirs with Christ, if indeed we share in his sufferings in order that we may also share in his glory. I consider that our present sufferings are not worth comparing with **the glory that will be revealed in us. The creation waits in eager expectation for the sons of God to be revealed.”**

Romans 8:17-19

Midevals: “The Beatific Vision”

Dear friends, now we are children of God, and what we will be has not yet been made known. But we know that when he appears, we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is.

1 JOHN 3:2

SO, WHAT DO I DO?

1. Tend your hope.
2. Say it out loud.
3. Put dread to death.



**"Nothing makes the soul
so courageous
as a good hope."**

St. CHRYSOSTOM

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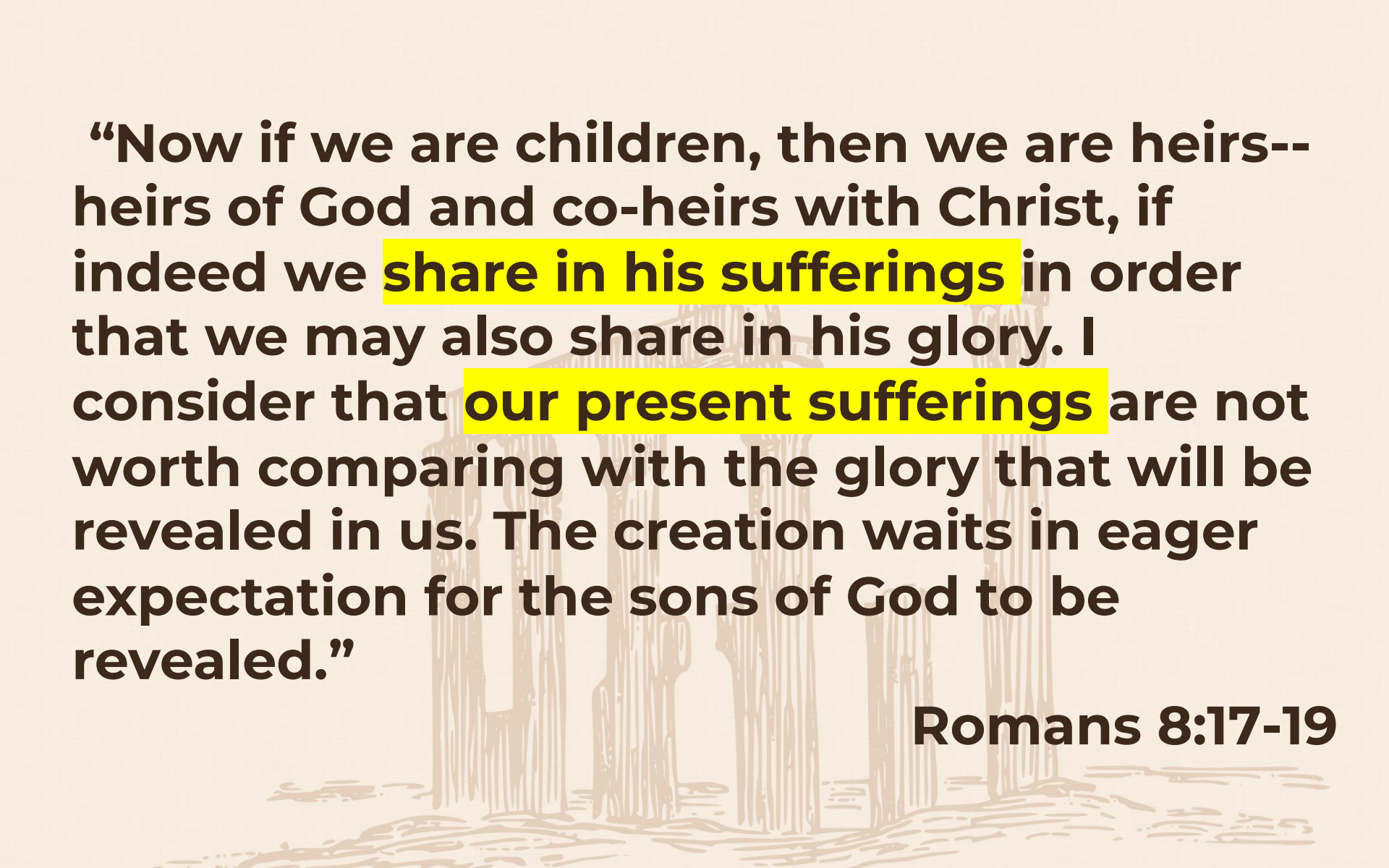
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**BE PATIENT IN
TRIBULATION**

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**Love never fails.
Love never quits.**

These assume love endures turbulations, crucibles and afflictions

TRIBULUM

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WHAT THE THRESHING SEPARATES

THE KERNEL

Comes back down.

THE CHAFF

Blows away.

Most of what we love is chaff.

**Tribulation is (also)
God getting to the part
of you that lives forever.
(and getting rid of the rest)**



**"Never let tribulation
do you harm.
Make it teach you."**

Dr. MARTIN LLOYD-JONES

SO WHAT DO I DO?

1. Suffering is normal.
2. It is cause for joy.
3. Give it meaning.
4. Make no deals.

**This will define me.
It will not control me.**





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**BE CONSTANT
IN PRAYER**

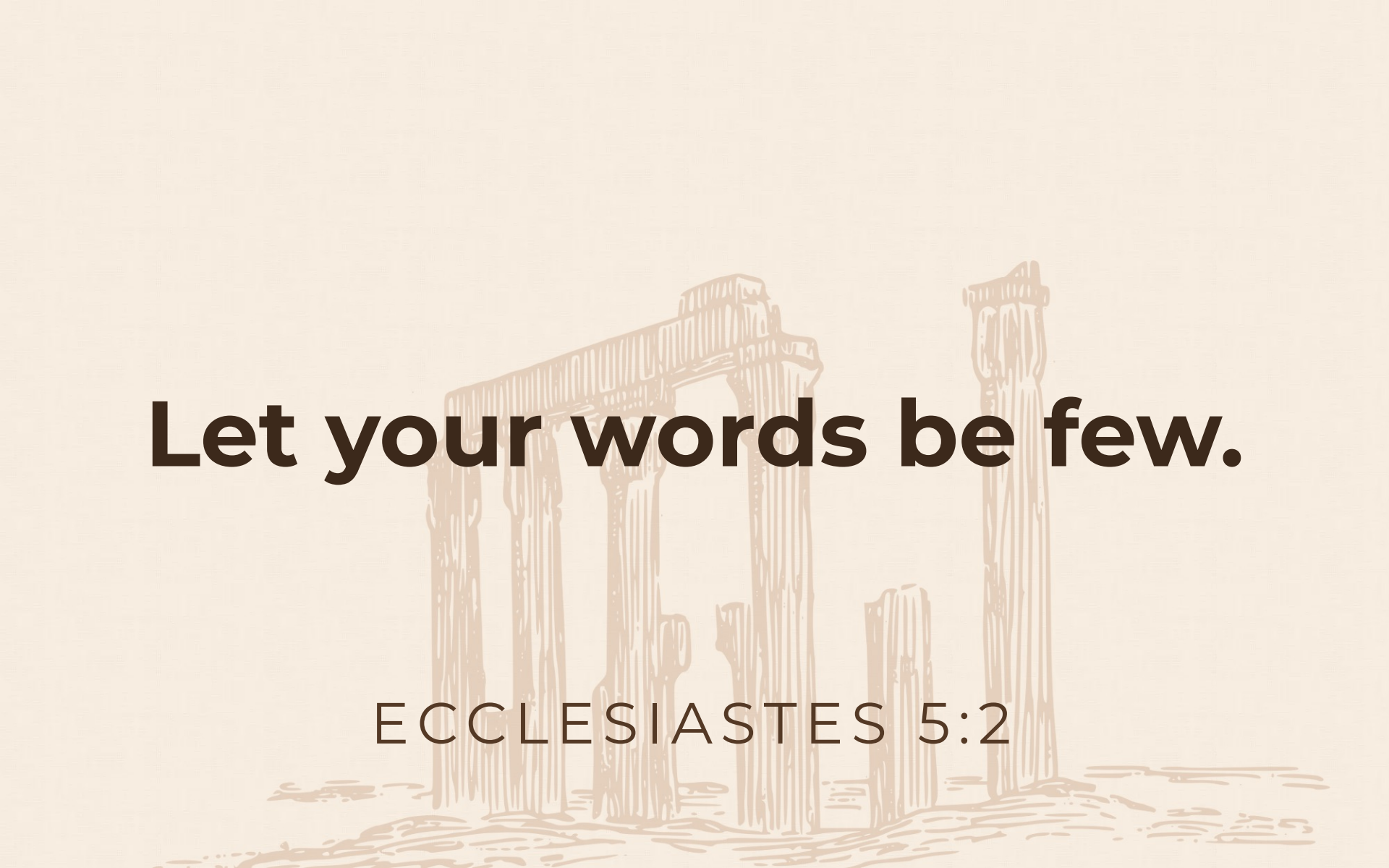
**Prayer is not an
interruption of your life.
It is your post.**



LUKE 18

**The question is not
whether God will answer.
It is whether you
will keep praying.**





Let your words be few.

ECCLESIASTES 5:2

SO WHAT DO I DO?

1. Don't quit praying. Or unquit
2. Reps over length.
3. Pray for real things.
4. Never mind how long.

**The world calls it agency.
God calls it faith.**



LOOK AT THE THREE AGAIN

Rejoice in hope.

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Be constant in prayer.

Jesus didn't do this mainly to be an example. He did it to be a savior.

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