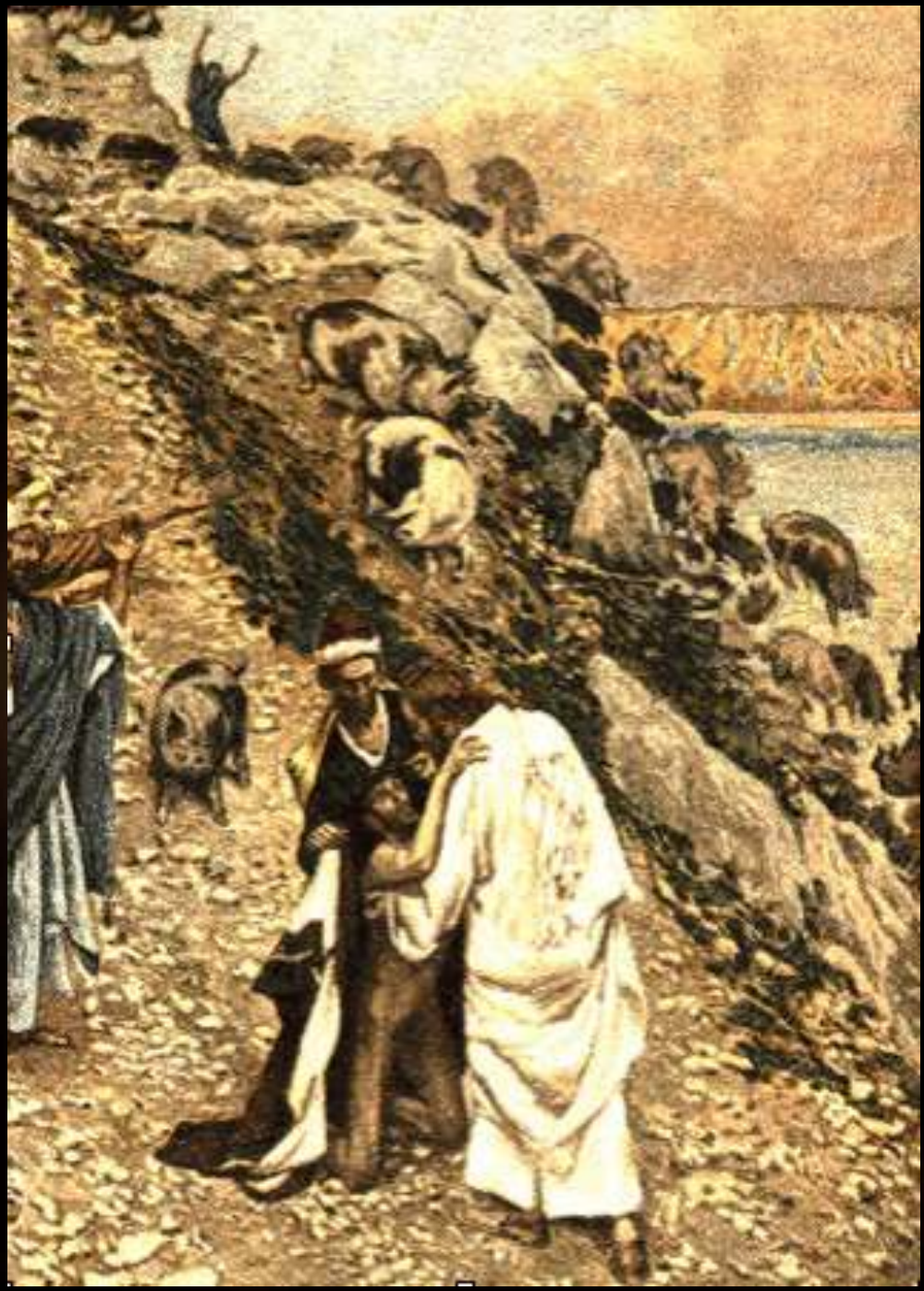




STAND
FIRM







thlípsis = a pressure we
feel in the physical realm
because of the battle in
the spiritual realm.

Beneath the surface appearance
an unseen spiritual battle is raging.

“For our **struggle** is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the **spiritual forces of evil** in the **heavenly realms**.”

-Eph. 6:12

“But woe to the **earth** and the sea,
because the **devil** has gone down to you!
He is filled with **fury**,
because he knows that his **time is short**...

Then the dragon was **enraged** and went off to **wage war** against those who keep God's commands and hold fast their testimony about Jesus.”

-Rev. 12: 12;17

*“We fight from victory,
not for it.”*

Amy Carmichael

...the full armor of God.

With our Mind, Heart and
Will we put on the Armor.

...the full armor of God.

Many good things are good things, but they're not armor.

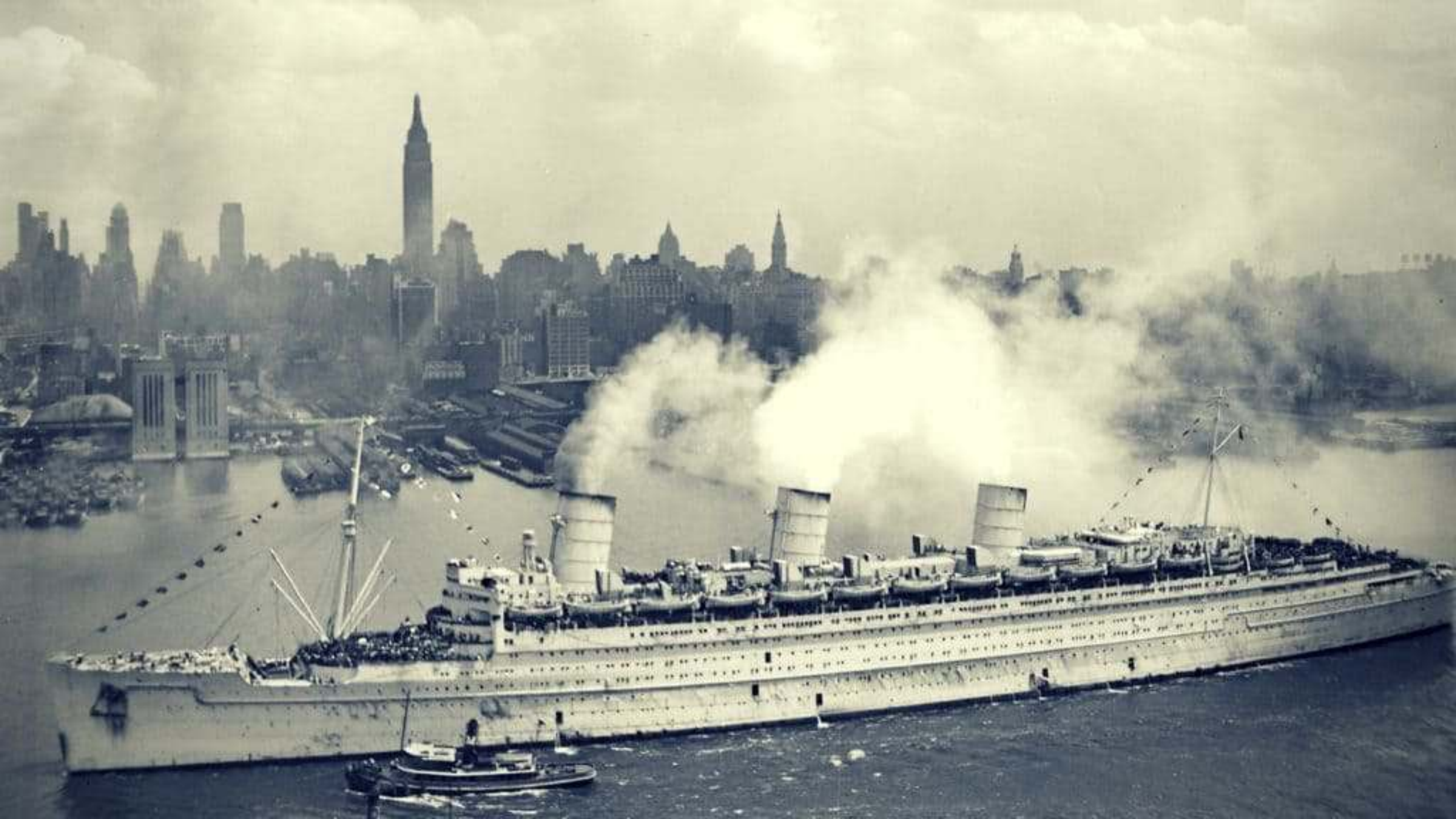
“Finally, be strong **in the Lord** and
in his mighty power.”

Eph. 6: 10

We are only as “strong in the Lord” as we are submitted to the Lord.

What did you expect out of
the Christian life?





“Put on the full armor of God so that you can take your stand against the devil’s schemes.”

-Eph. 6:11

The belt of truth

The breastplate of righteousness

Feet with the gospel of peace

The shield of faith

The helmet of salvation

Take...the **sword of the Spirit**, which is the word of God.

And **pray in the Spirit** on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests.

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Powers
Invisible

Outer
Evidence

Inner
Spirituality

“Christians are often content with ‘tinkering’ with the outer evidences while ignoring the inner spirituality.

Real change only comes by addressing the inner spirituality which is the root of the outer fruit.”

–Walter Wink



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The Word of God not only informs,
but His Word also **performs**; the
Word makes things happen.

“As the rain and the snow come down from heaven, and do not return to it without watering the earth and making it bud and flourish,...

so is my word that goes out from my mouth: It will not return to me empty, **but will accomplish** what I desire and **achieve the purpose** for which I sent it.”

-Isa: 55: 10-11

“For the word of God is **alive and active**.
Sharper than any double-edged sword, it
penetrates even to dividing soul and spirit,
joints and marrow; it judges the **thoughts**
and attitudes of the heart.”

-Heb. 4:12

“In his (Jesus) right hand he held seven stars, and coming **out of his mouth** was a sharp, double-edged sword.”

-Rev. 1:19

“It is written...”



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“Jesus said to them... ‘I was watching Satan fall from heaven like lightning.’”

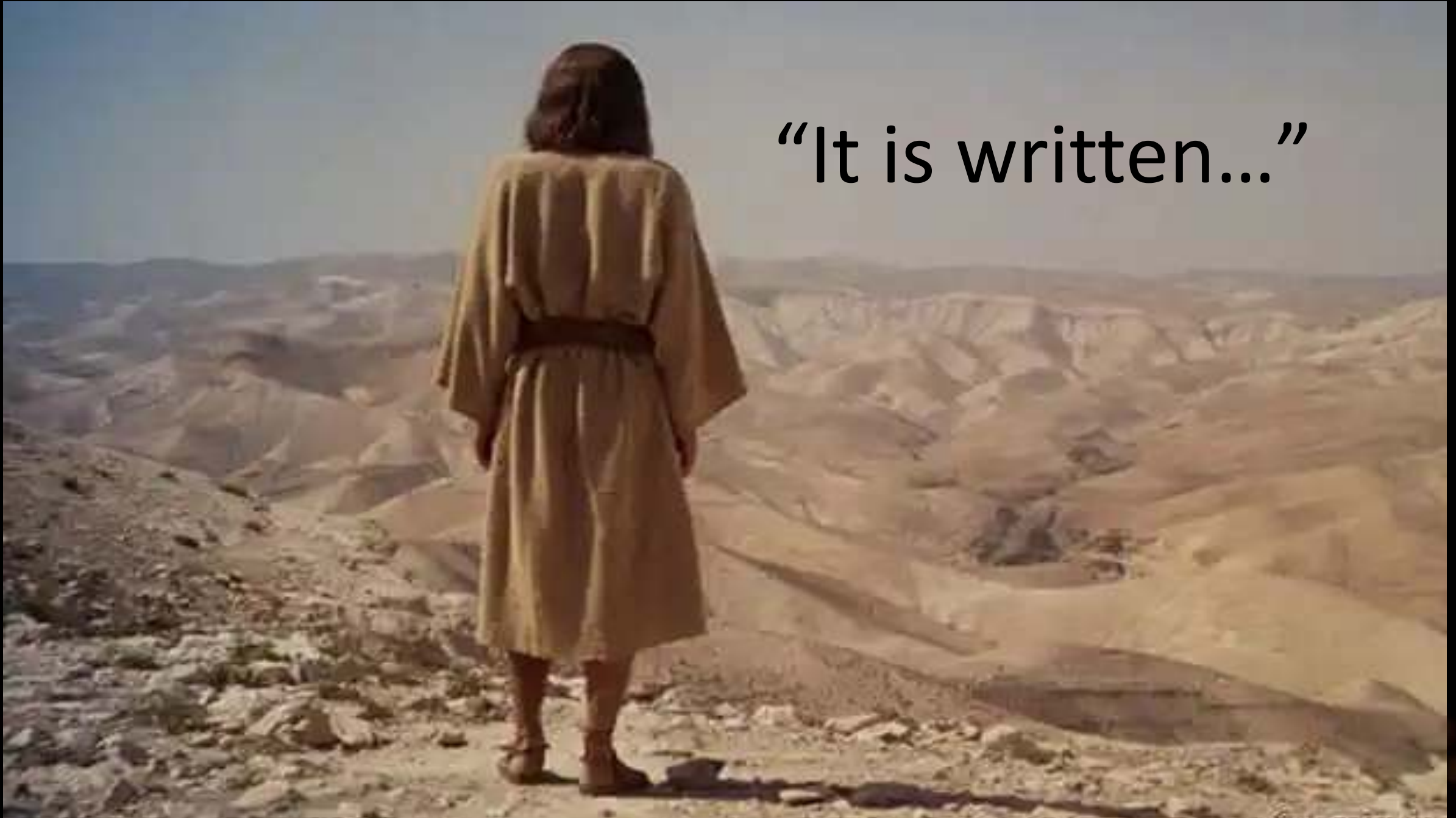
-Lk. 10:18

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“Opponents must be gently **instructed**, in the hope that God will grant them repentance leading them to a **knowledge of the truth**, and that they will come to their senses and escape from the trap of the devil, who has taken them **captive** to do his will.”

2 Tim. 2:25

“It is written...”

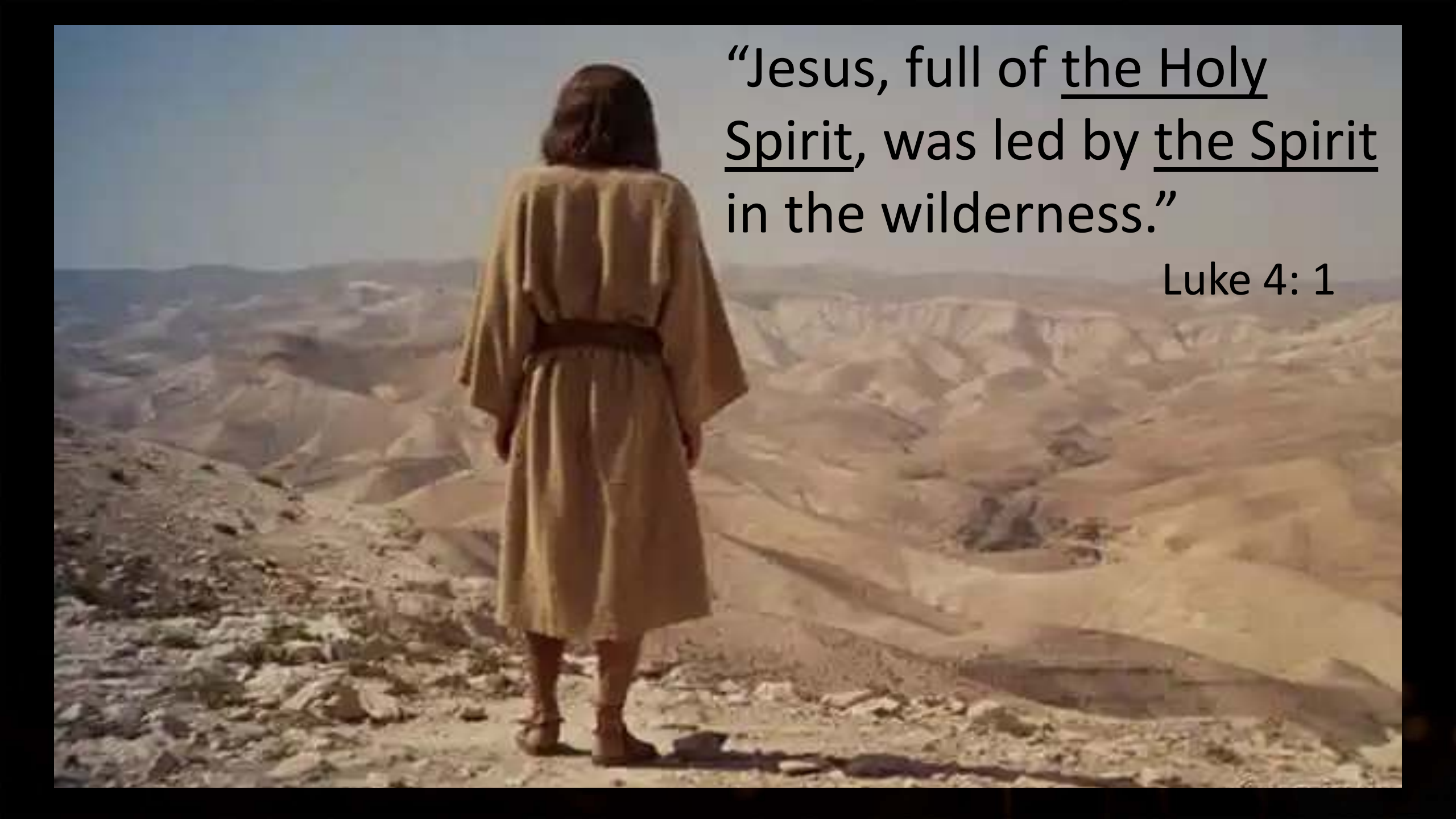


“I seek you with all my heart;
do not let me stray from your
commands.

I have hidden your word in my heart
that I might not sin against you.”

-Ps. 119:10-11



A person with long dark hair, wearing a brown, long-sleeved robe with a dark sash, stands with their back to the camera. They are looking out over a vast, arid desert landscape with rolling hills and a clear blue sky. The ground is rocky and uneven. The lighting suggests a bright, sunny day.

“Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, was led by the Spirit in the wilderness.”

Luke 4: 1

Praying in the Spirit on all occasions:

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Strength for the Spiritual battle
is received through prayer.

Praying in the Spirit on all occasions:

When God's people pray in the Spirit, something **always** happens.

“Another angel, who had a golden censer, came and stood at the altar. He was given much incense to offer, with **the prayers of all God's people**, on the golden altar in front of the throne. The smoke of the incense, together with the **prayers of God's people**, went up before God from the angel's hand.”

-Rev. 8:4-5



“When the Roman officials ordered the Christians to worship the Spirit of Rome, they refused; instead **they offered prayers** on behalf of the emperor. And history shows that this seemingly innocent act was far more powerful than any outright rebellion would have been...

When we pray we go over the heads of the powers and bring the **inner spirituality** of the powers before the ONE Who IS Head over all things...therefore, the Christian who prays is more influential on society than any other. Truly, **history belongs to the intercessors.**"

Walter Wink

Don't ignore the promptings of
the Spirit to Pray!

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“Finally, be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power. Put on the full armor of God, so that you can take your stand against the devil’s schemes. For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms.

Therefore put on the full armor of God, so that when the day of evil comes, you may be able to stand your ground, and after you have done everything, to stand. Stand firm then, with the belt of truth buckled around your waist, with the breastplate of righteousness in place,

and with your feet fitted with the readiness that comes from the gospel of peace. In addition to all this, take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil one. Take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.

And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the Lord's people."

Eph. 6:10-18