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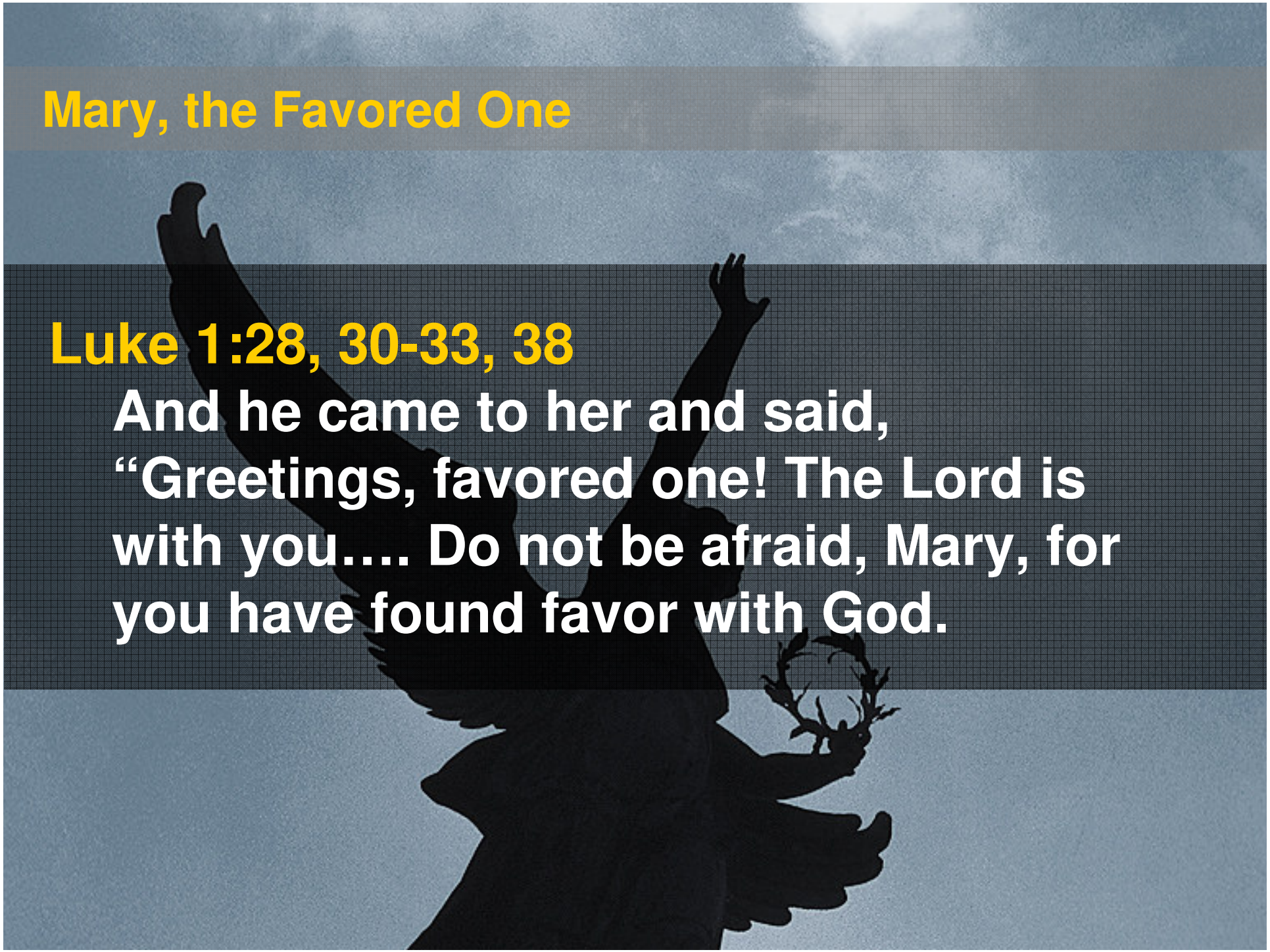

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Luke 1:28, 30-33, 38

And he came to her and said, "Greetings, favored one! The Lord is with you…. Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God.

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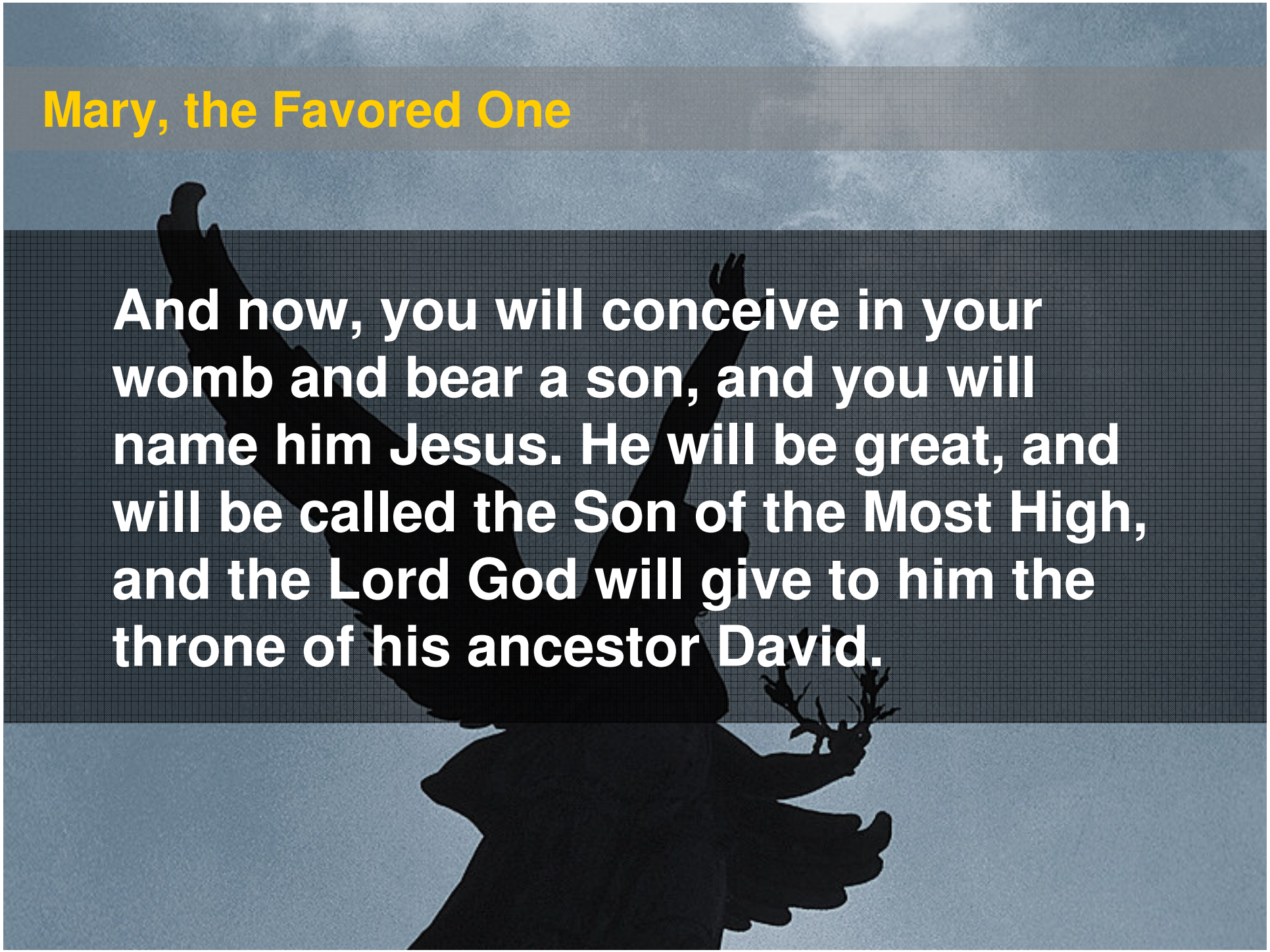

And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus. He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his ancestor David.

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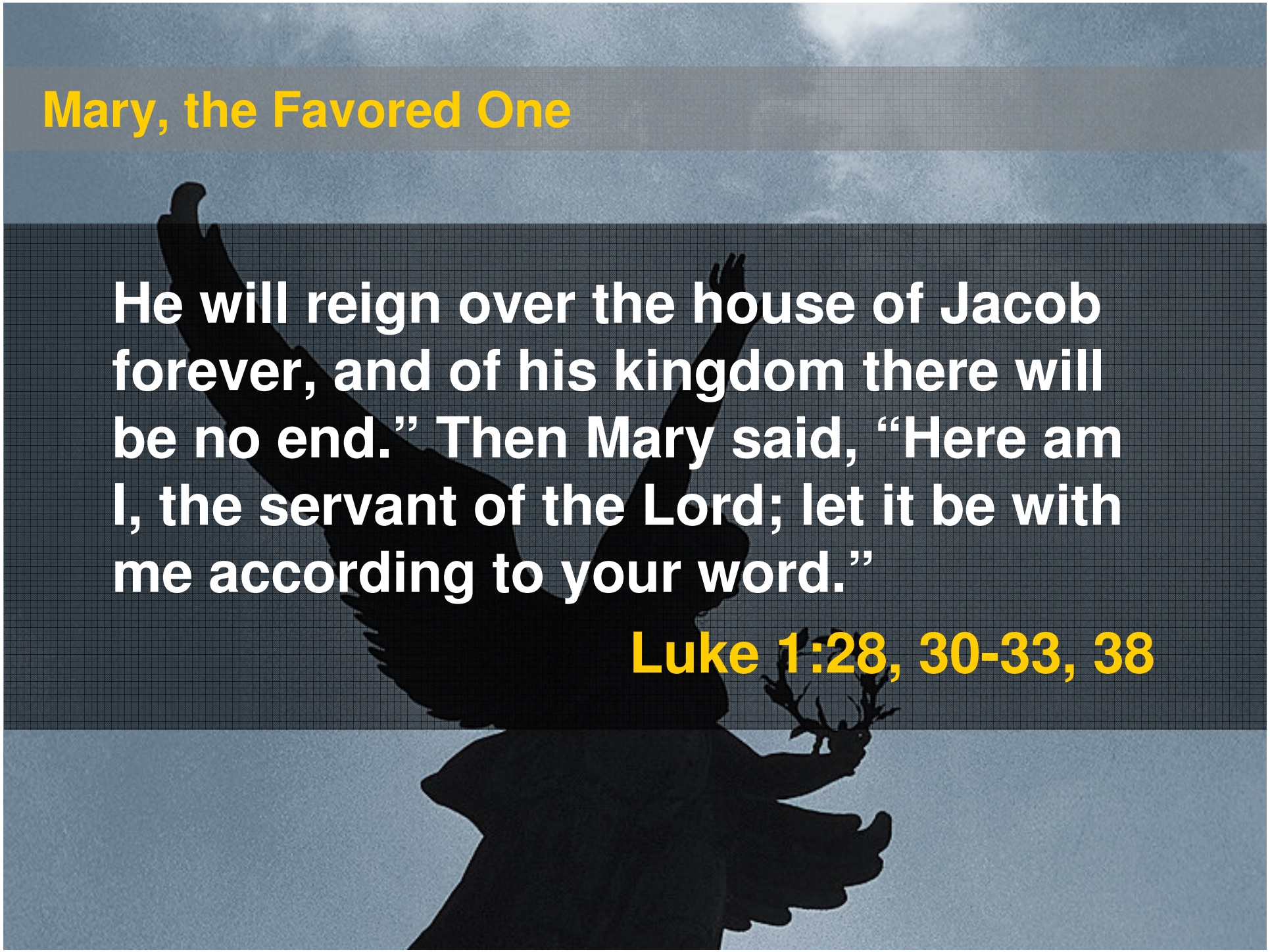

He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end." Then Mary said, "Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word."

Luke 1:28, 30-33, 38

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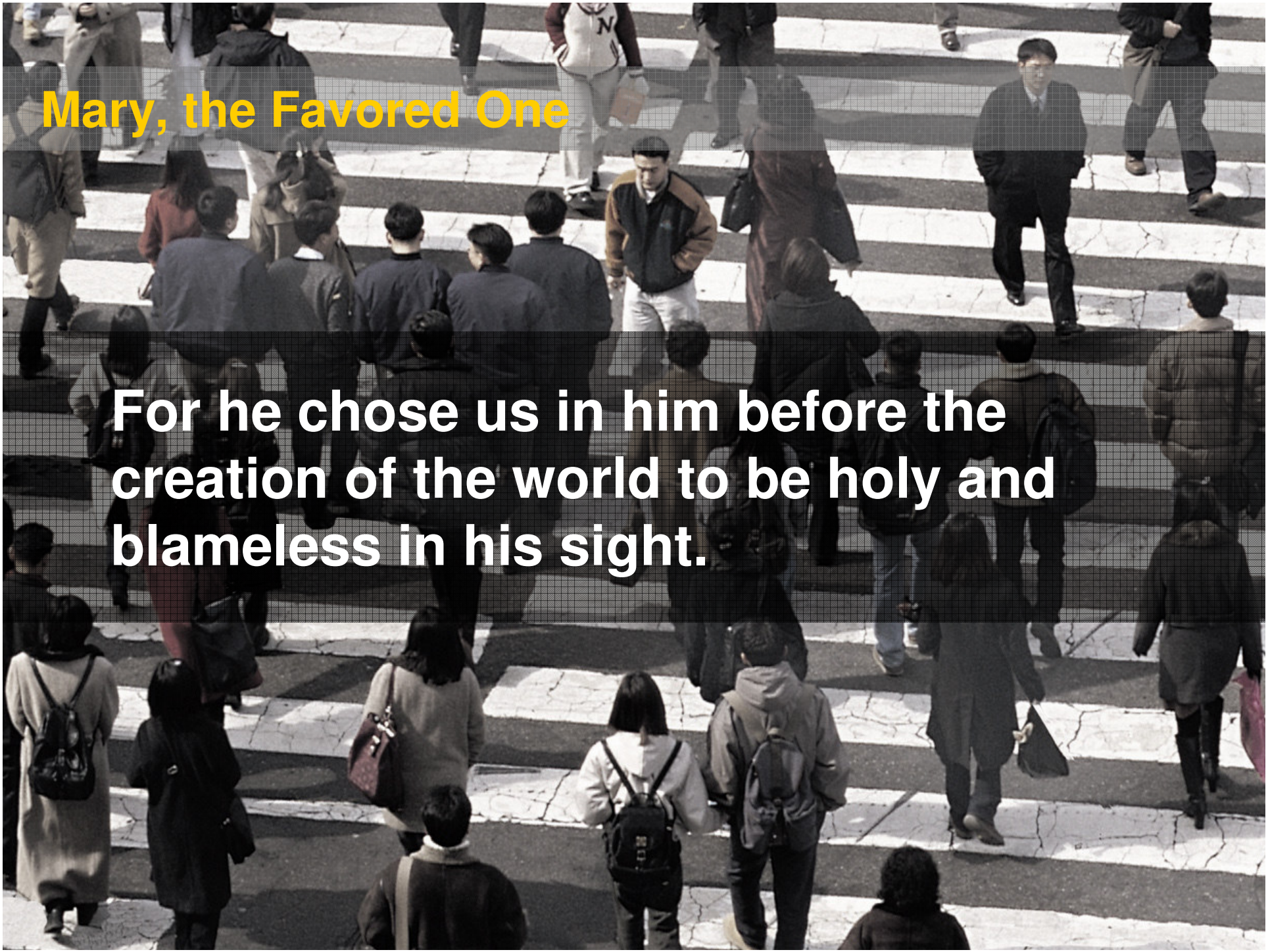
Ephesians 1:4-5

Praise be to God the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in the heavenly realms with every spiritual blessing in Christ.



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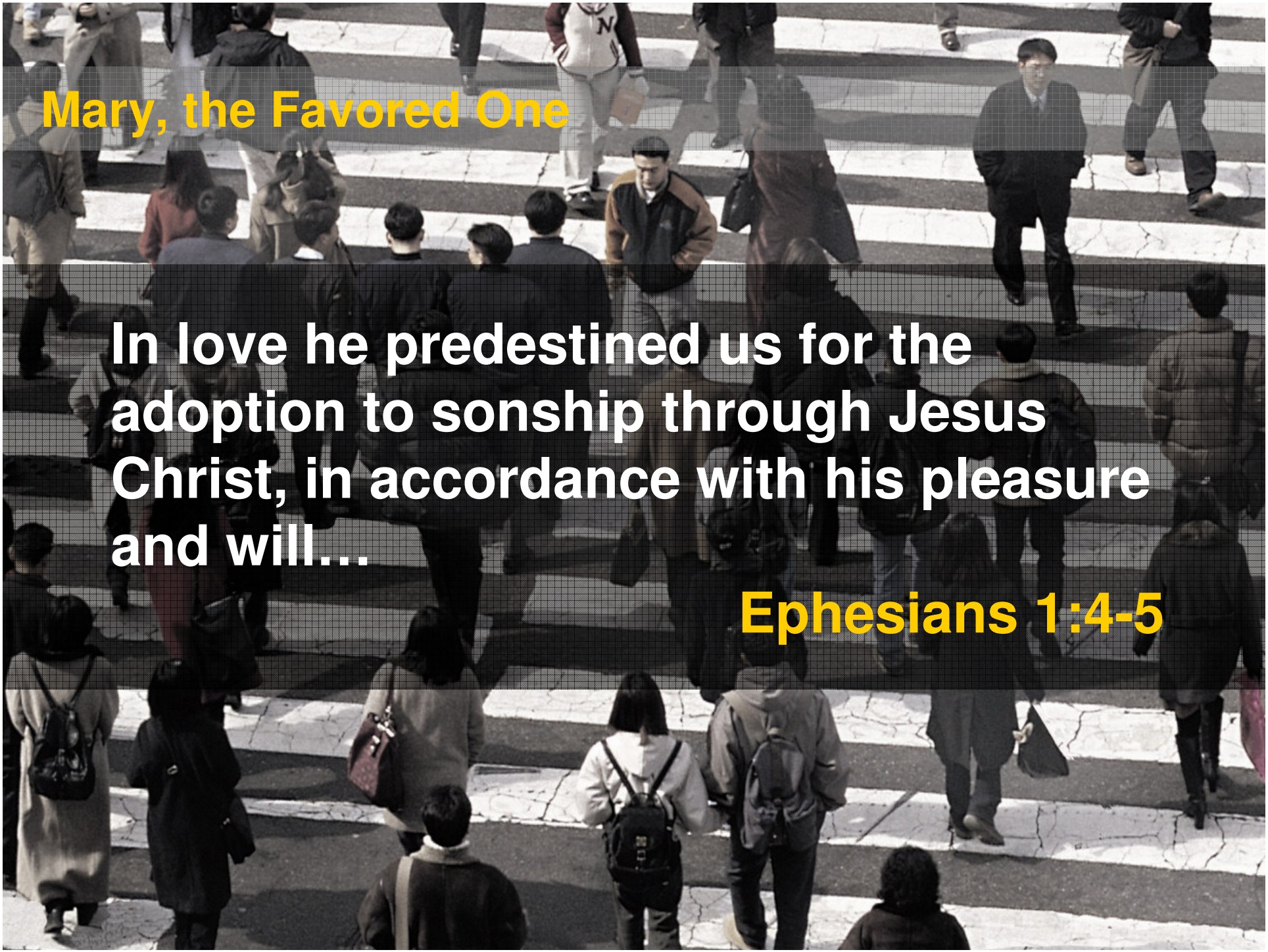
For he chose us in him before the creation of the world to be holy and blameless in his sight.

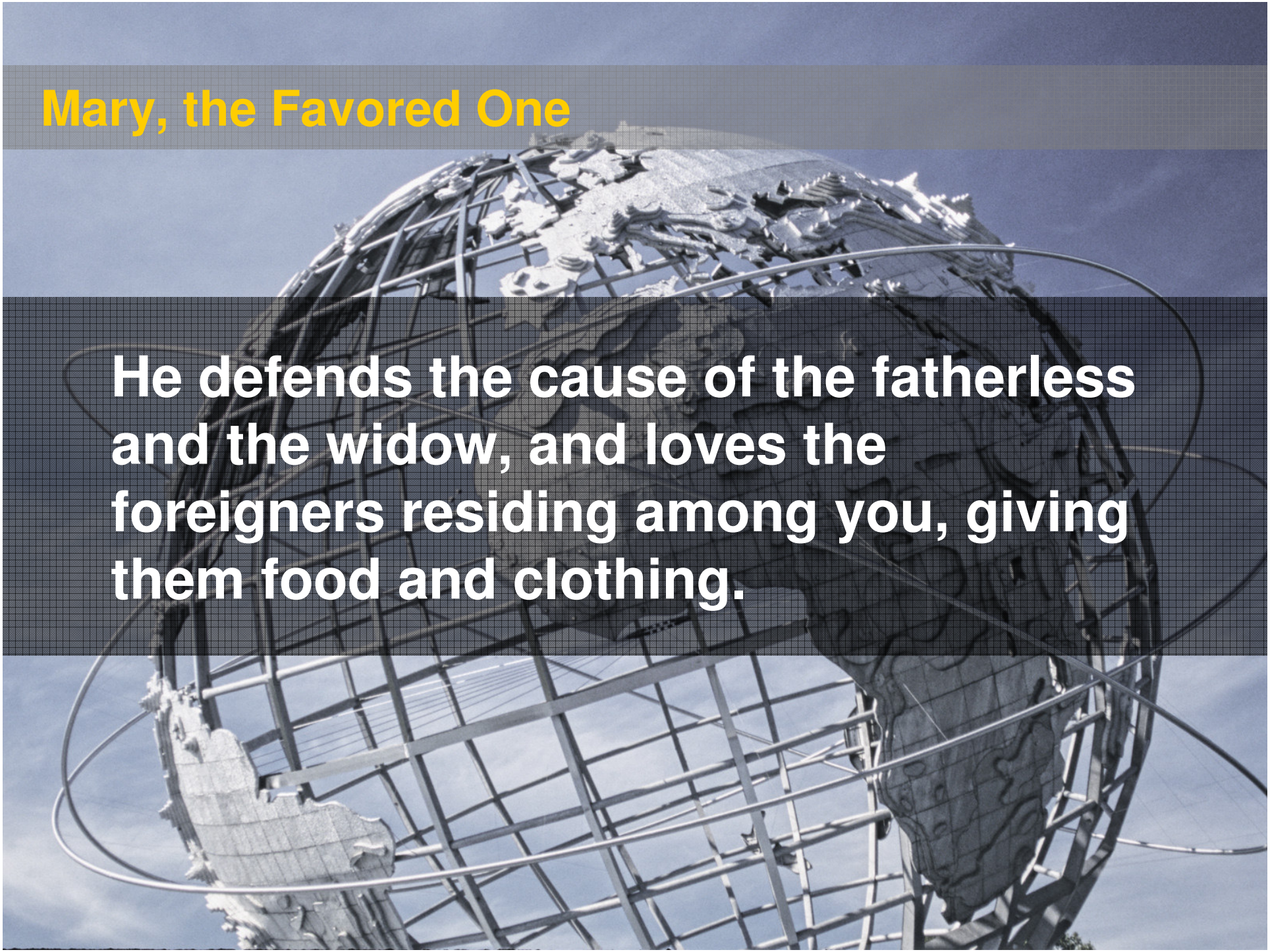

Mary, the Favored One
In love he predestined us for the adoption to sonship through Jesus Christ, in accordance with his pleasure and will…
Ephesians 1:4-5

Mary, the Favored One
I John 4:8 God is love.

Mary, the Favored One

Deuteronomy 10:17-19

For the Lord your God is God of gods and Lord of lords…who shows no partiality and accepts no bribes.



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He defends the cause of the fatherless and the widow, and loves the foreigners residing among you, giving them food and clothing.

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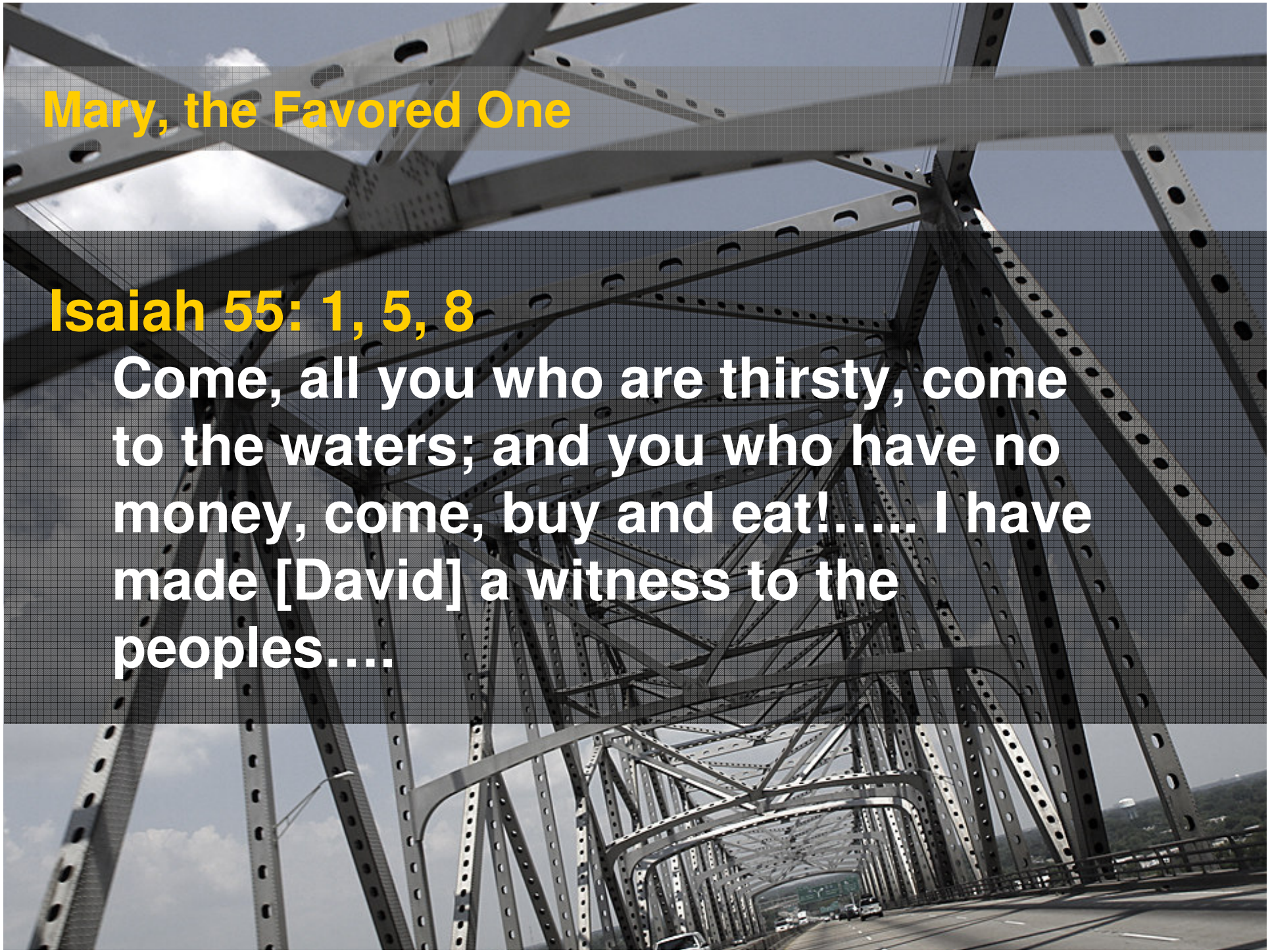
And you (therefore) are to love those who are foreigners.

Deuteronomy 10:17-19



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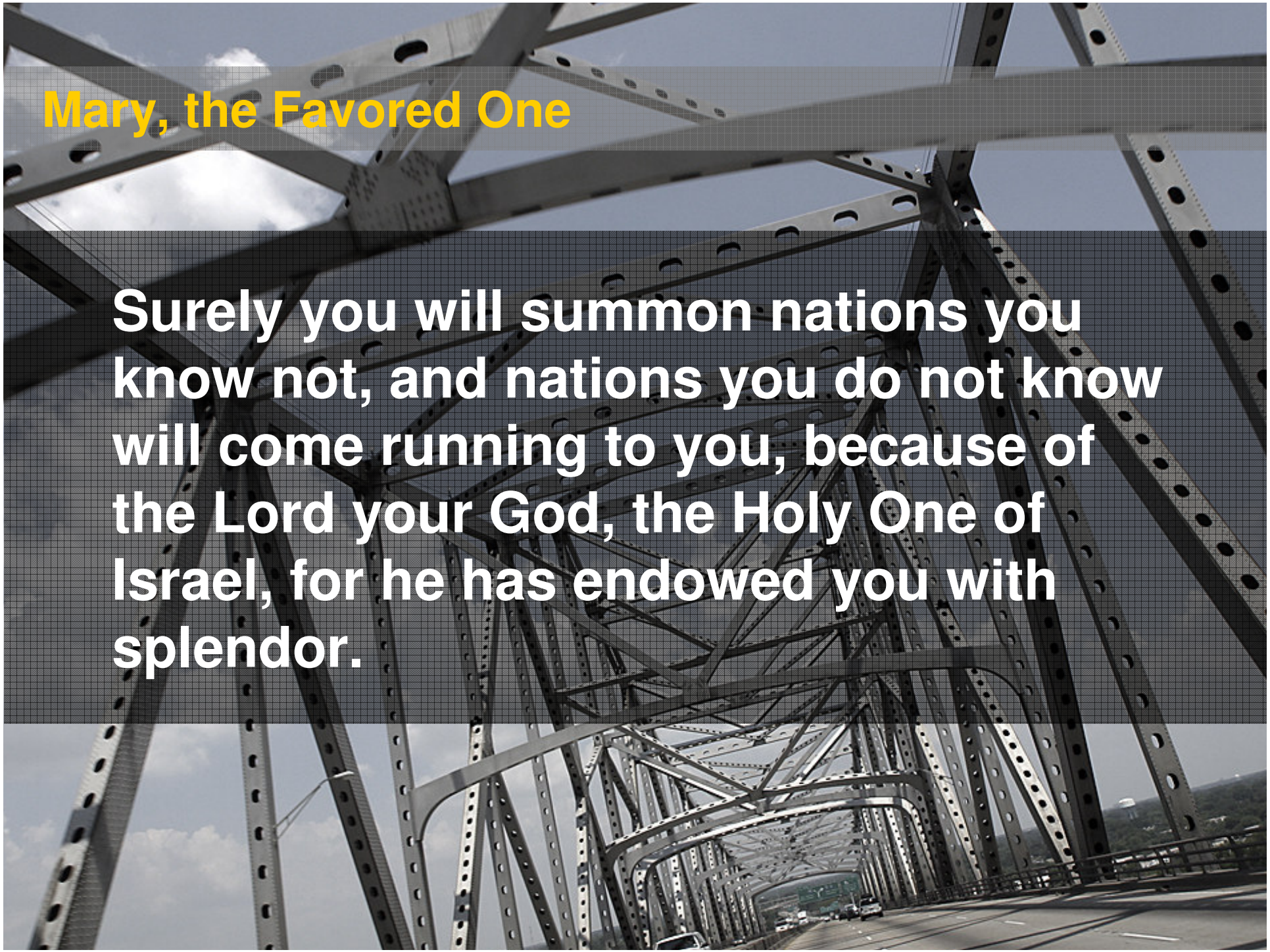
Isaiah 55: 1, 5, 8

Come, all you who are thirsty, come to the waters; and you who have no money, come, buy and eat!..... I have made [David] a witness to the peoples....



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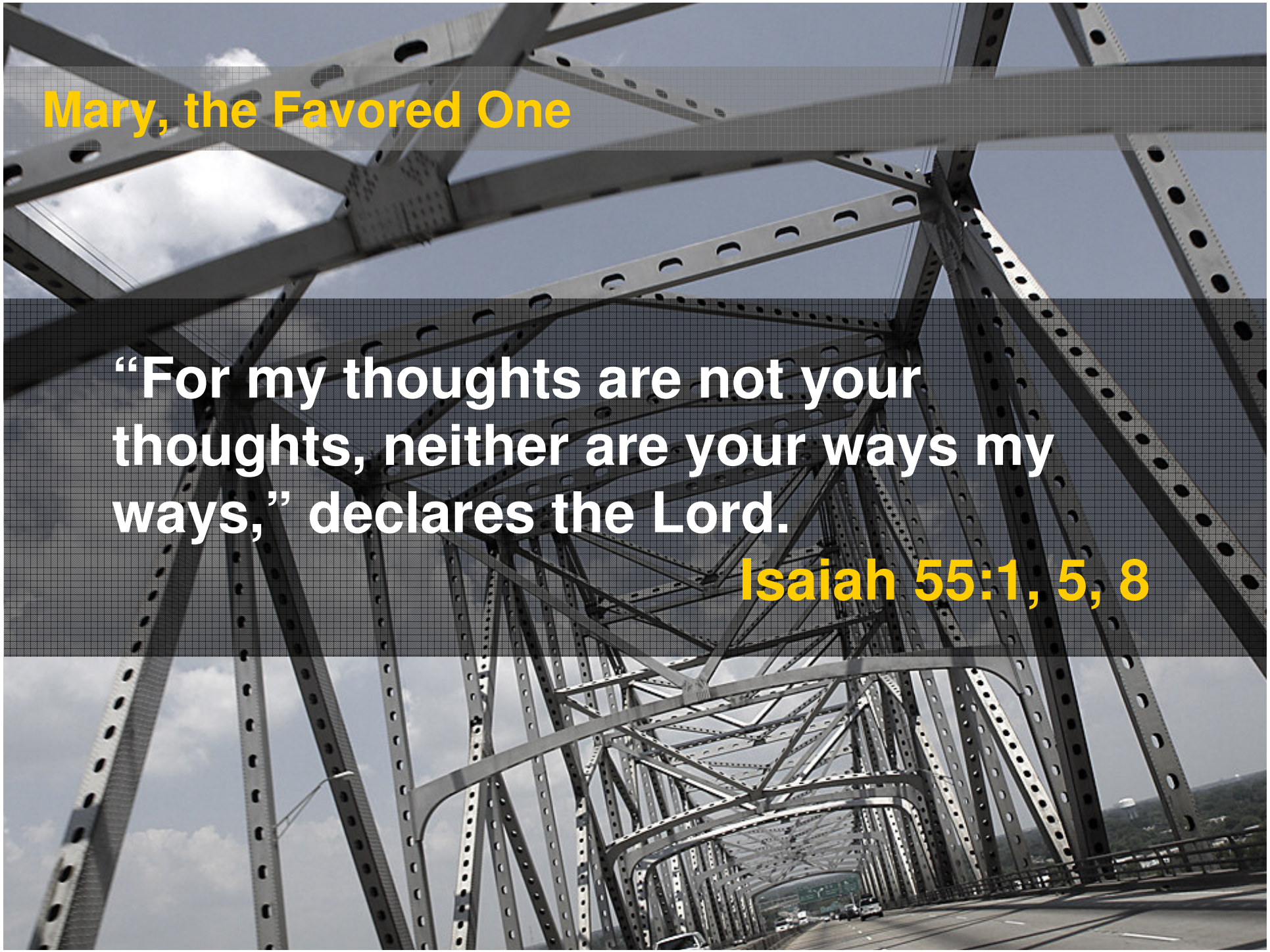
Surely you will summon nations you know not, and nations you do not know will come running to you, because of the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel, for he has endowed you with splendor.



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"For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways," declares the Lord.

Isaiah 55:1, 5, 8

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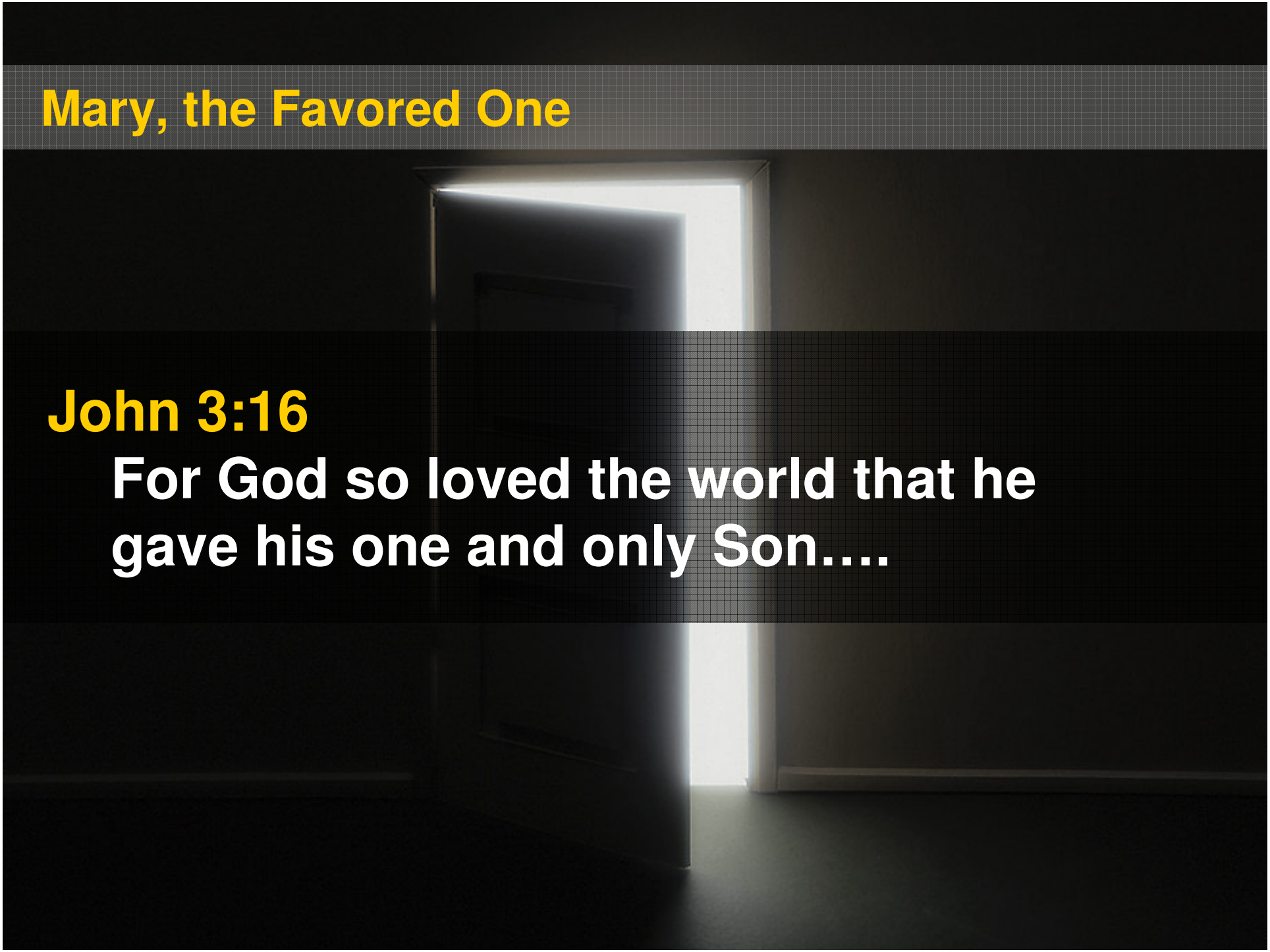

John 3:16

For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son….

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Acts 10:34

Then Peter began to speak: “I now realize how true it is that God does not show favoritism but accepts those from every nation who fear him and do what is right.”

Mary, the Favored One

Romans 2:10-11

…glory, honor and peace for everyone who does good: first for the Jew, then for the Gentile. For god does not show favoritism.

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Ephesians 6:9

…masters, treat your servants in the same way. Do not threaten them, since you know that he who is both their Master and yours is in heaven, and there is no favoritism with him.

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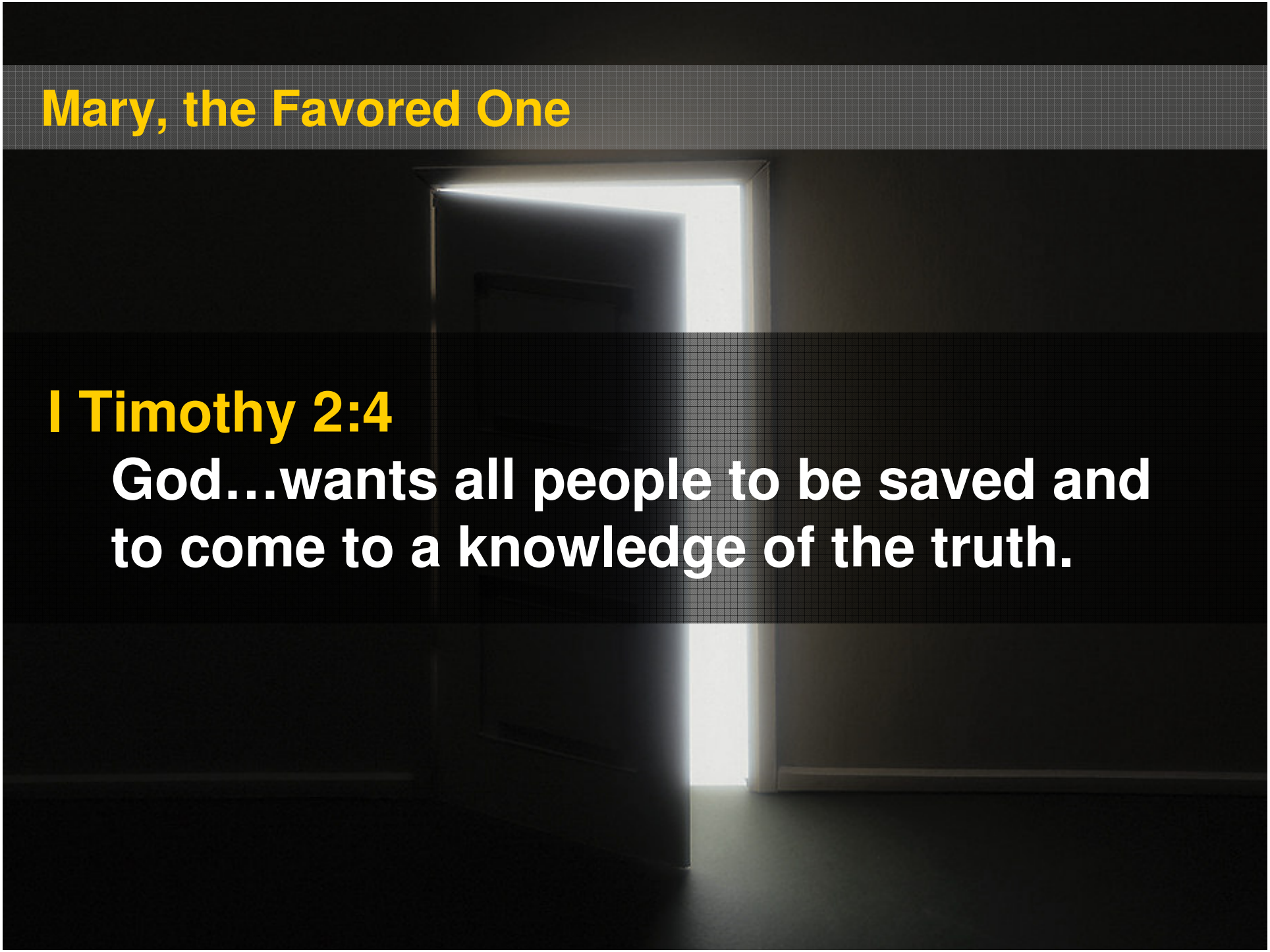

I Timothy 2:4

God…wants all people to be saved and to come to a knowledge of the truth.

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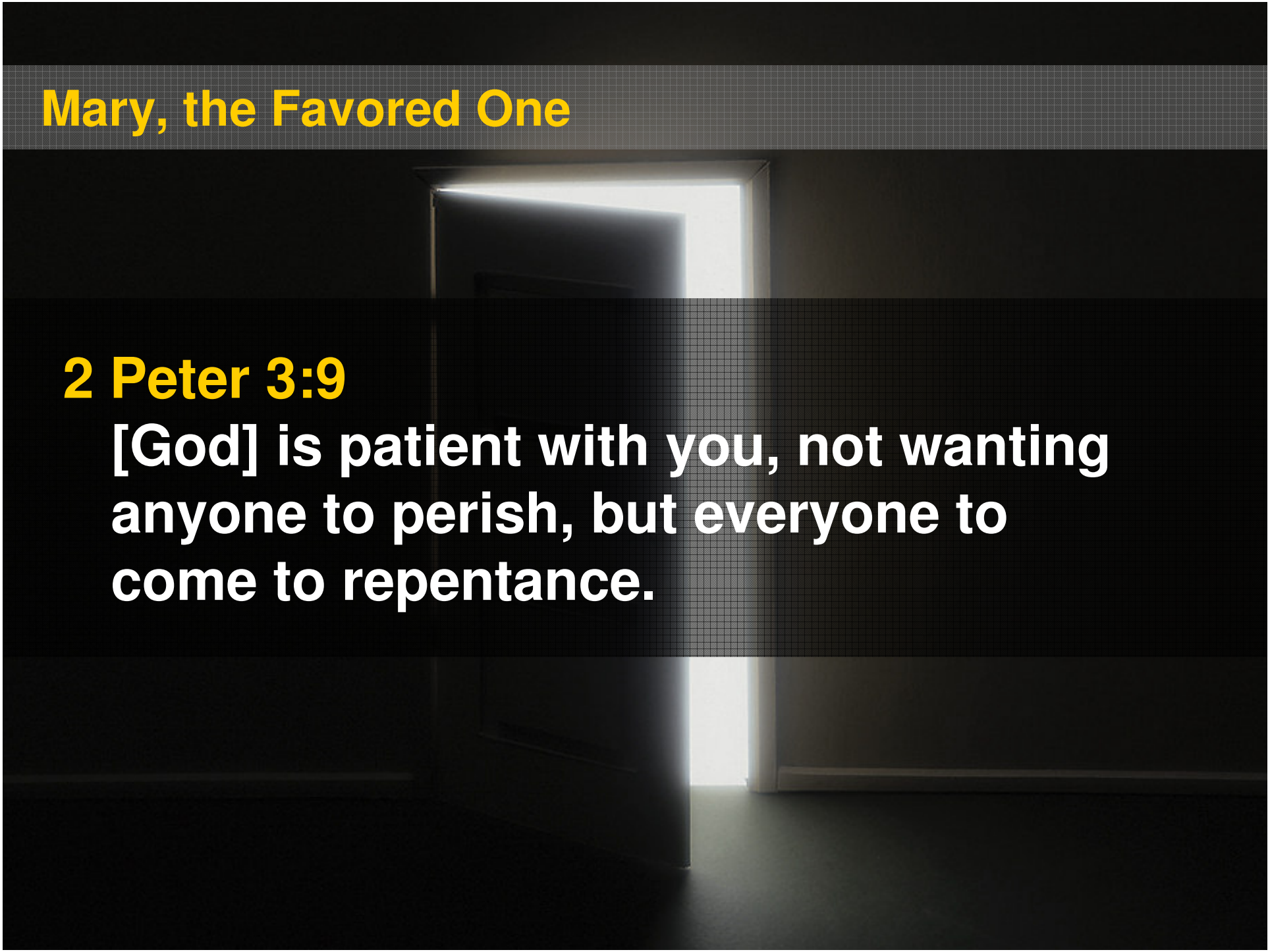

2 Peter 3:9

[God] is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance.

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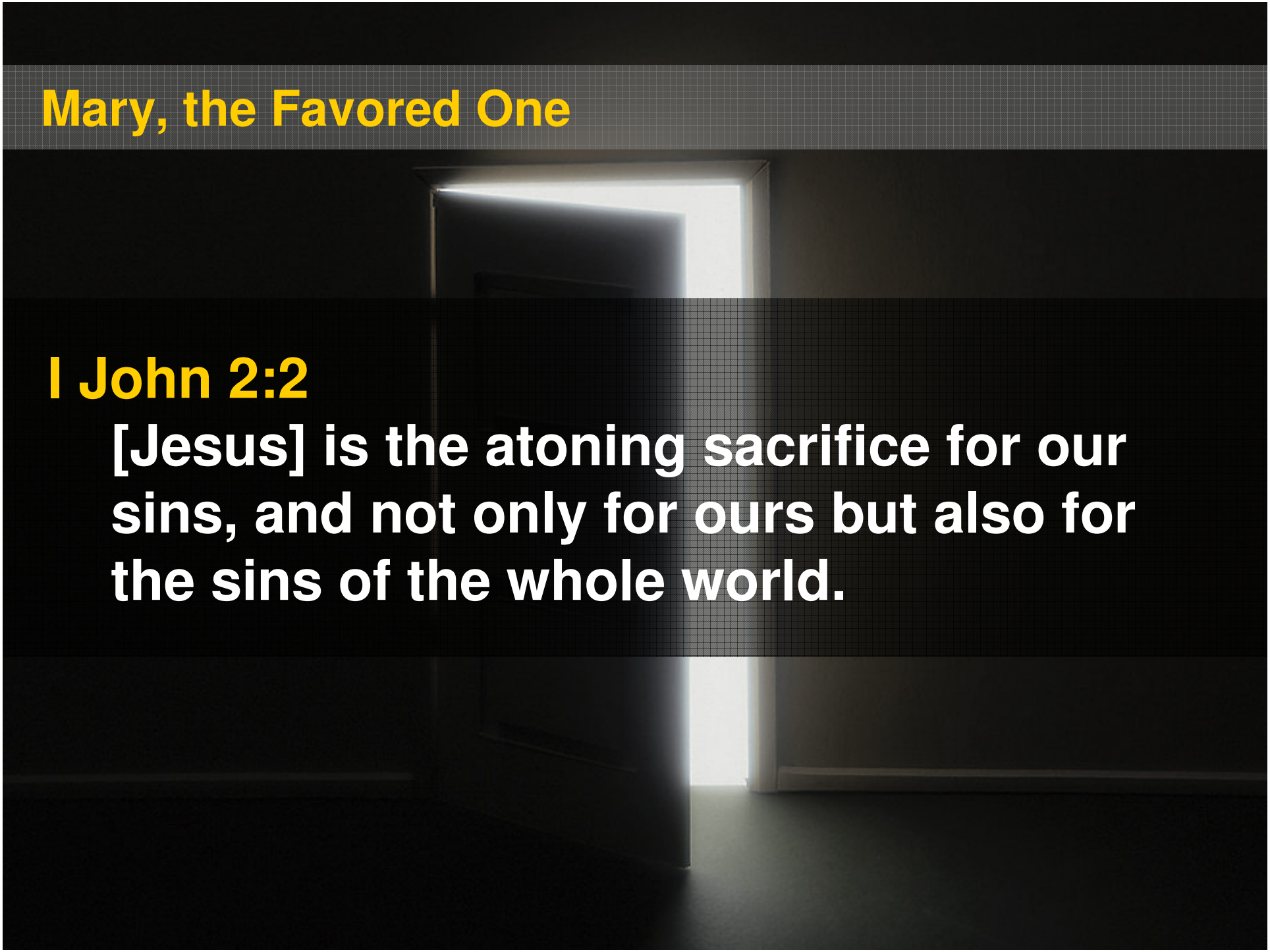

I John 2:2

[Jesus] is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not only for ours but also for the sins of the whole world.

Mary, the Favored One
Does not say…
God chose us *to be* in Christ…
Does say…
God chose us *in Christ* to be holy and blameless…

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Does not say…
God predestined us *to be* in Christ…
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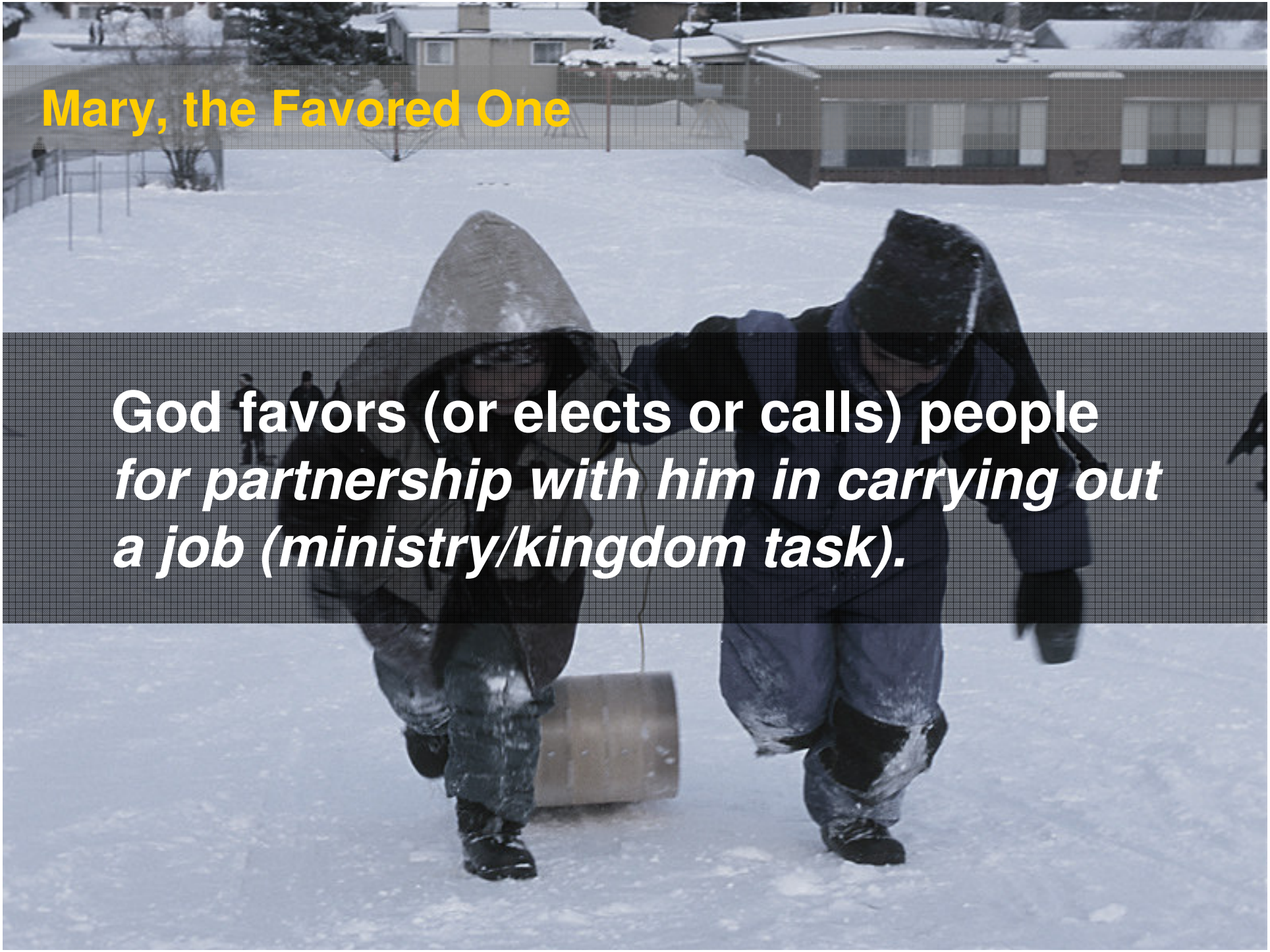
In Christ he predestined us for the adoption to sonship…



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God favors (or elects or calls) people *for partnership with him in carrying out a job (ministry/kingdom task).*

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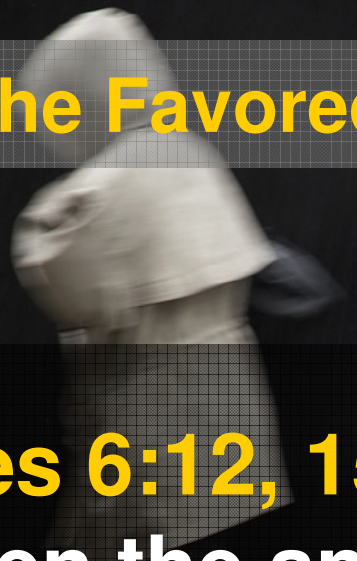
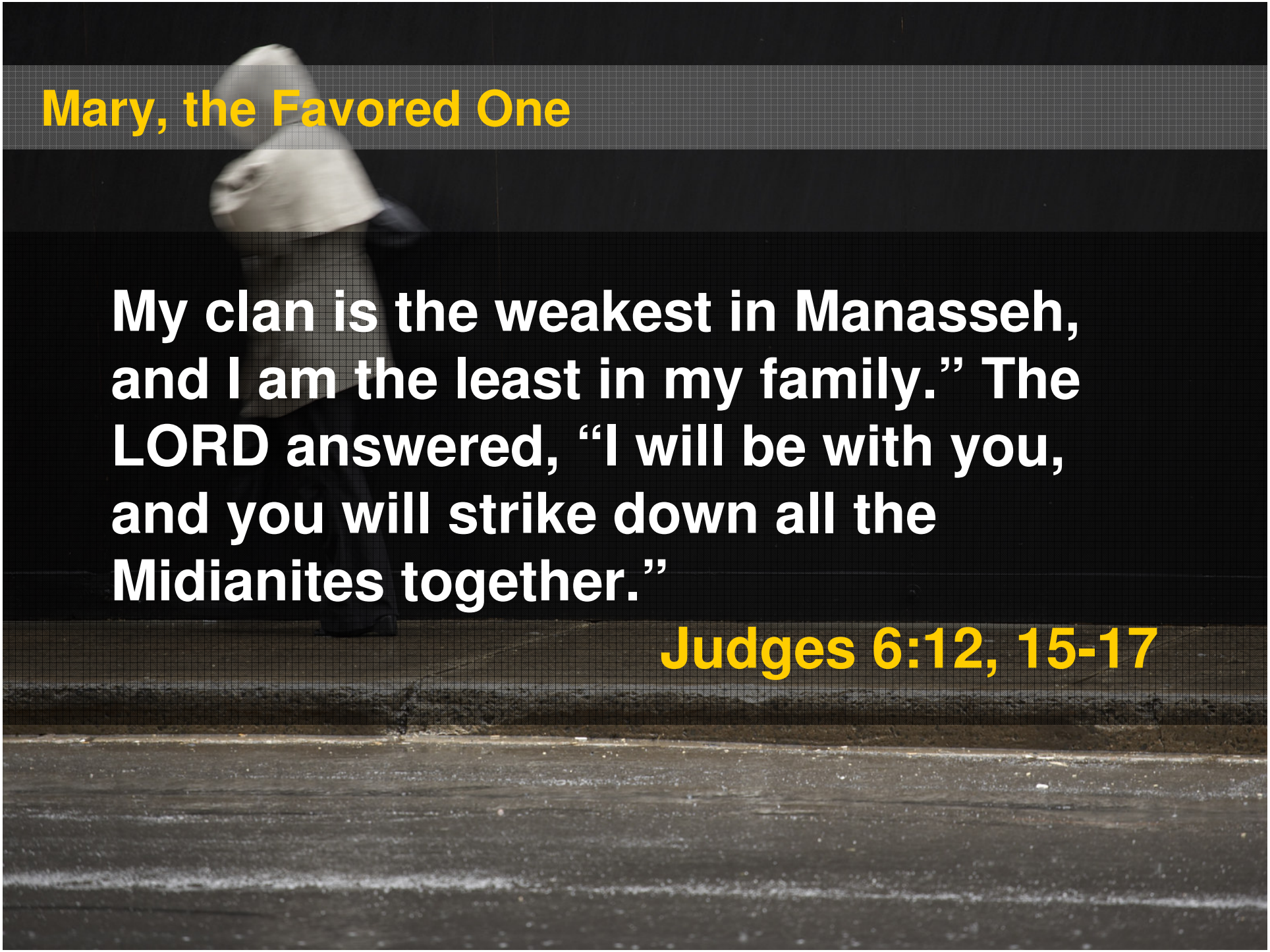


Judges 6:12, 15-17

When the angel of the LORD appeared to Gideon, he said, “The LORD is with you, mighty warrior.” “But Lord,” Gideon asked, “how can I save Israel?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My clan is the weakest in Manasseh, and I am the least in my family.” The LORD answered, “I will be with you, and you will strike down all the Midianites together.”
Judges 6:12, 15-17

Mary, the Favored One

Partnering with God and serving others…

1. Is the greatest possible honor
2. Gives life eternal significance
3. Blesses you