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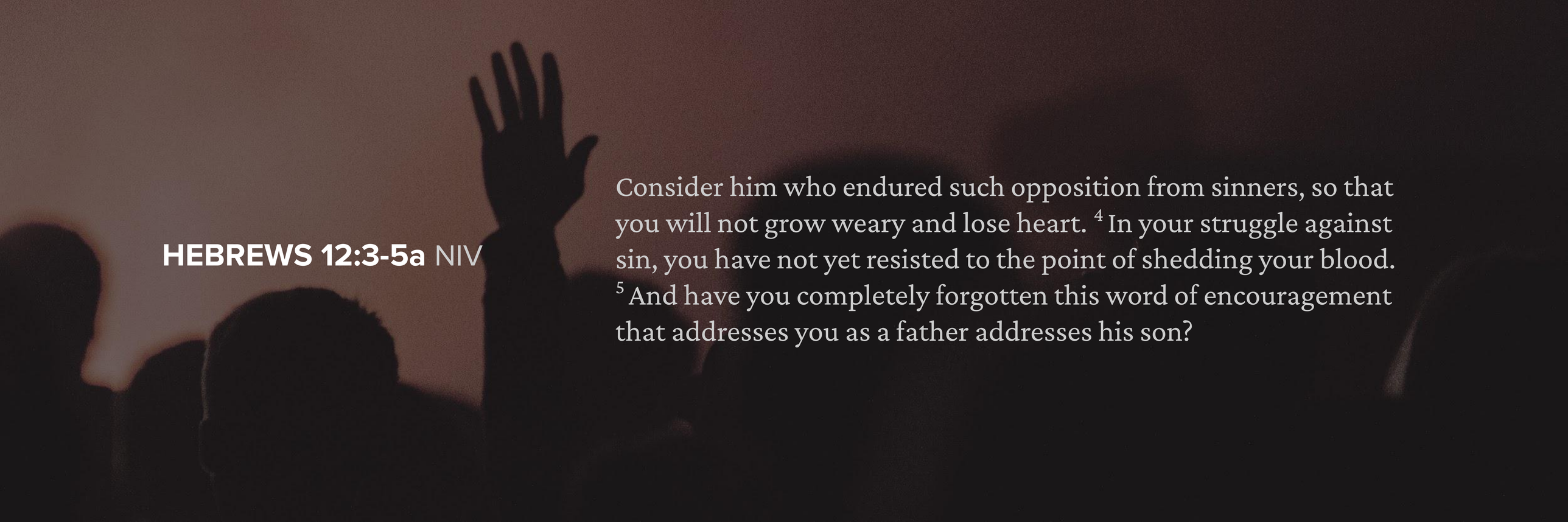

HEBREWS 12:3-5a NIV

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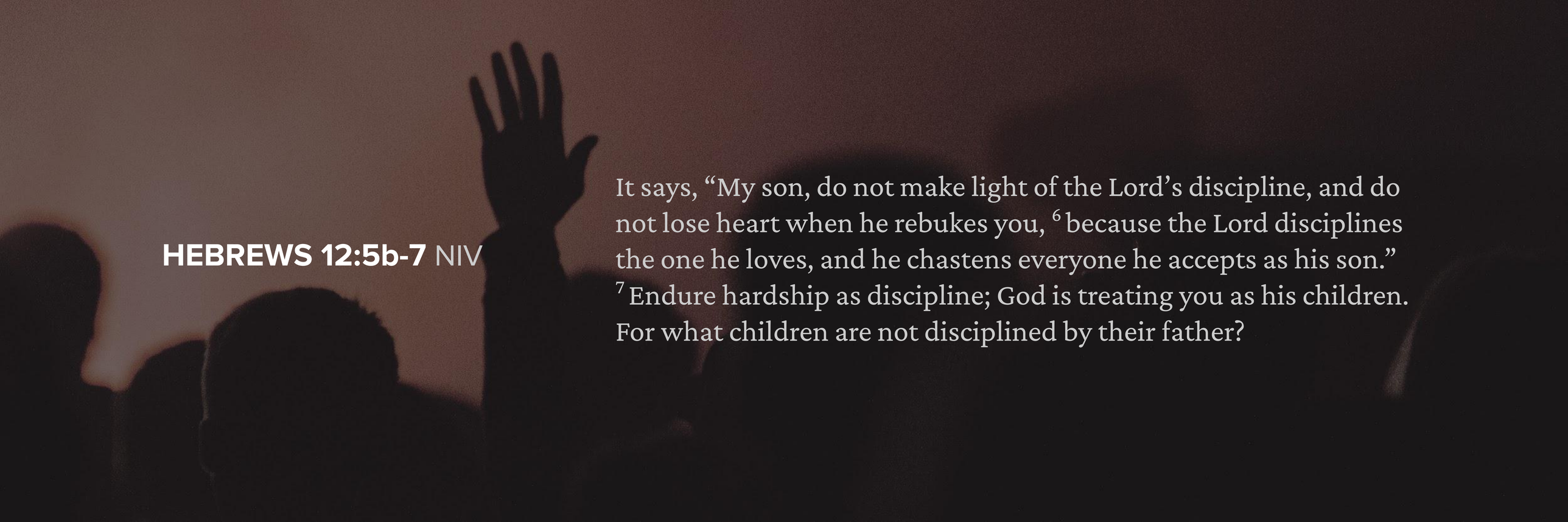

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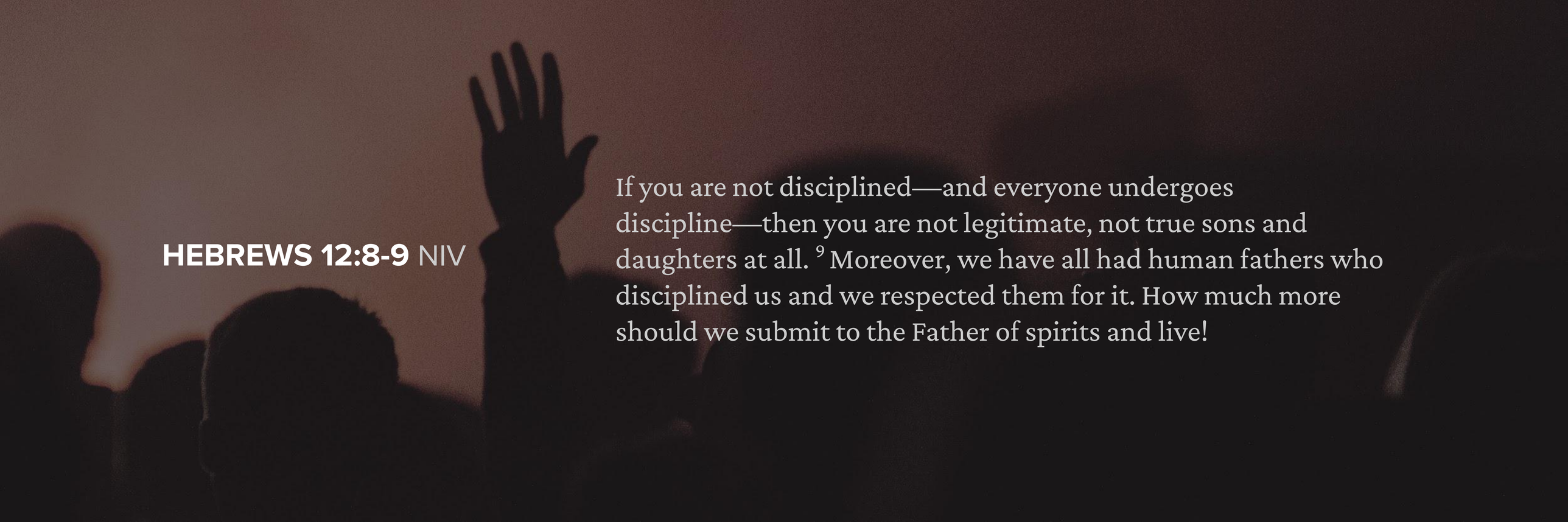

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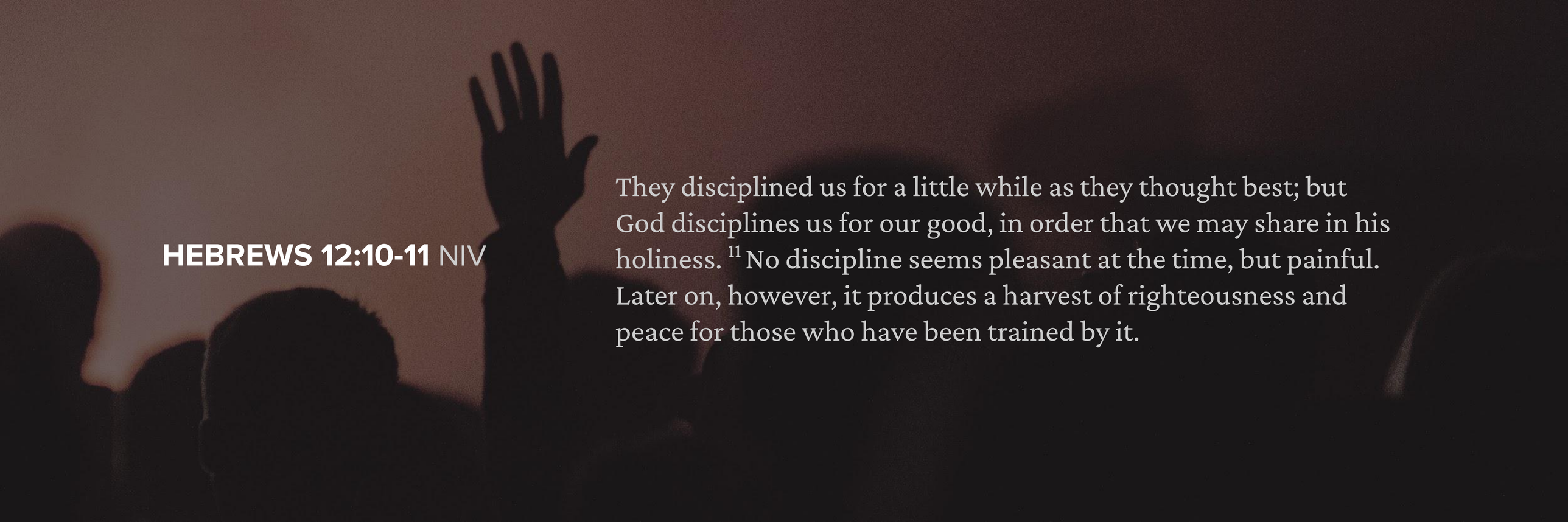

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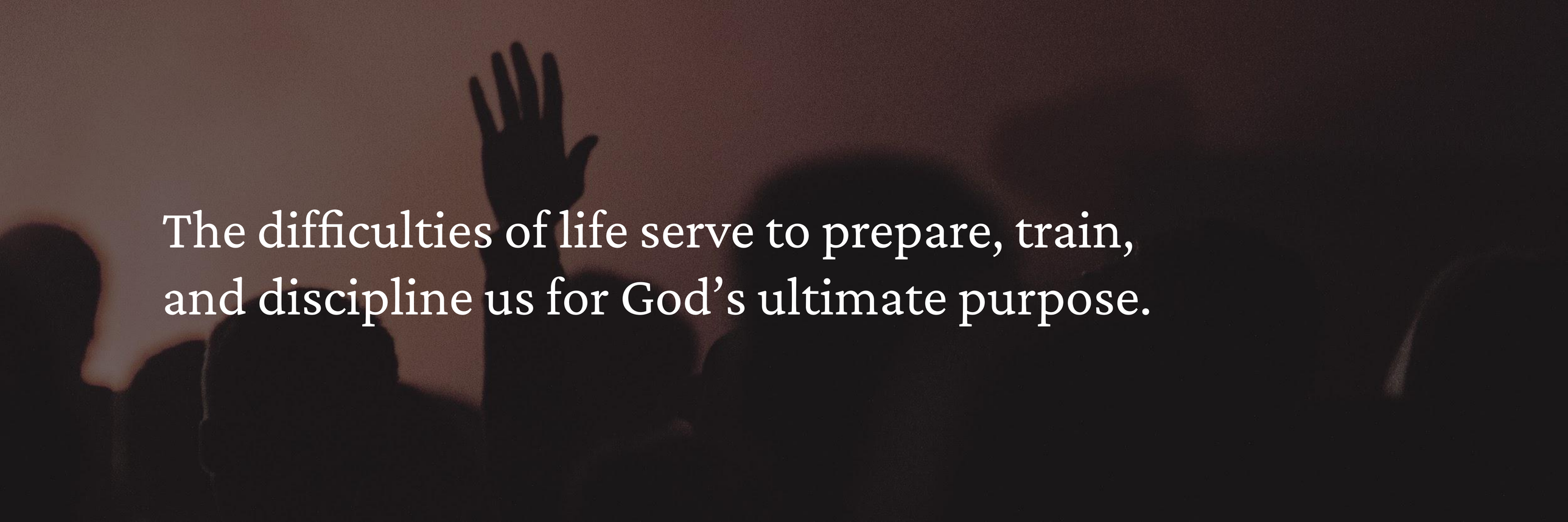

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THREE EXHORTATIONS

...let us draw near to God...

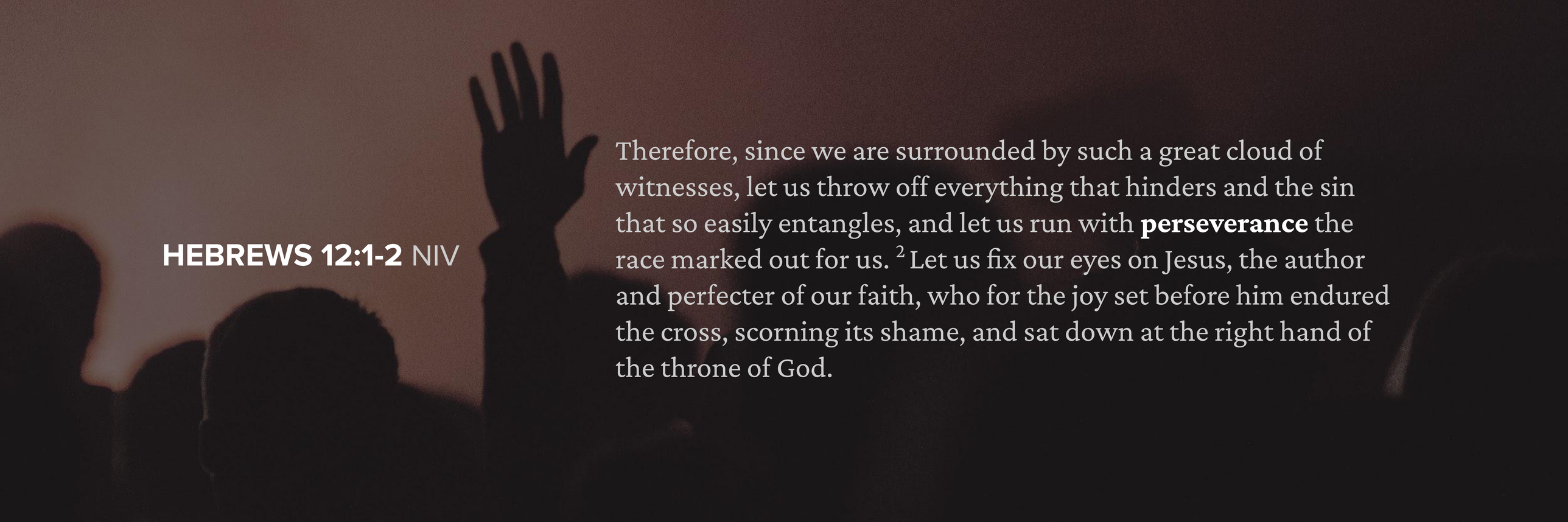
HEBREWS 10:22a NIV

Let us hold unswervingly to the hope we profess...

HEBREWS 10:23a NIV

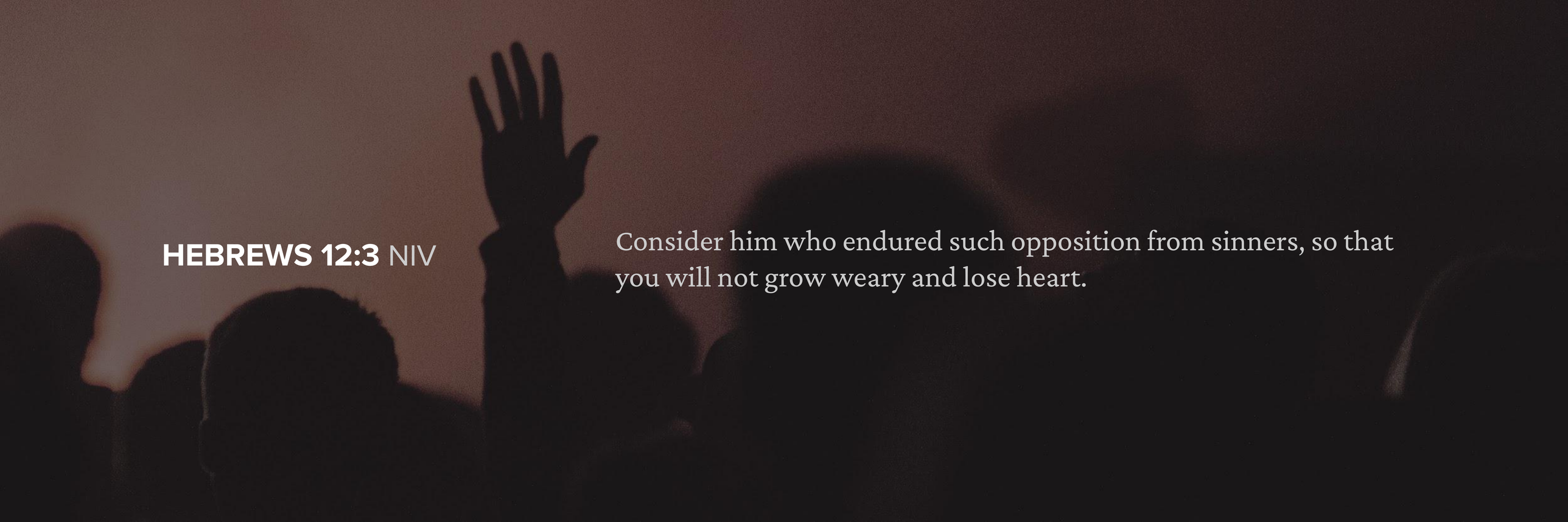
...let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds...

HEBREWS 10:24 NIV



HEBREWS 12:1-2 NIV

Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles, and let us run with **perseverance** the race marked out for us. [2] Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy set before him endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.



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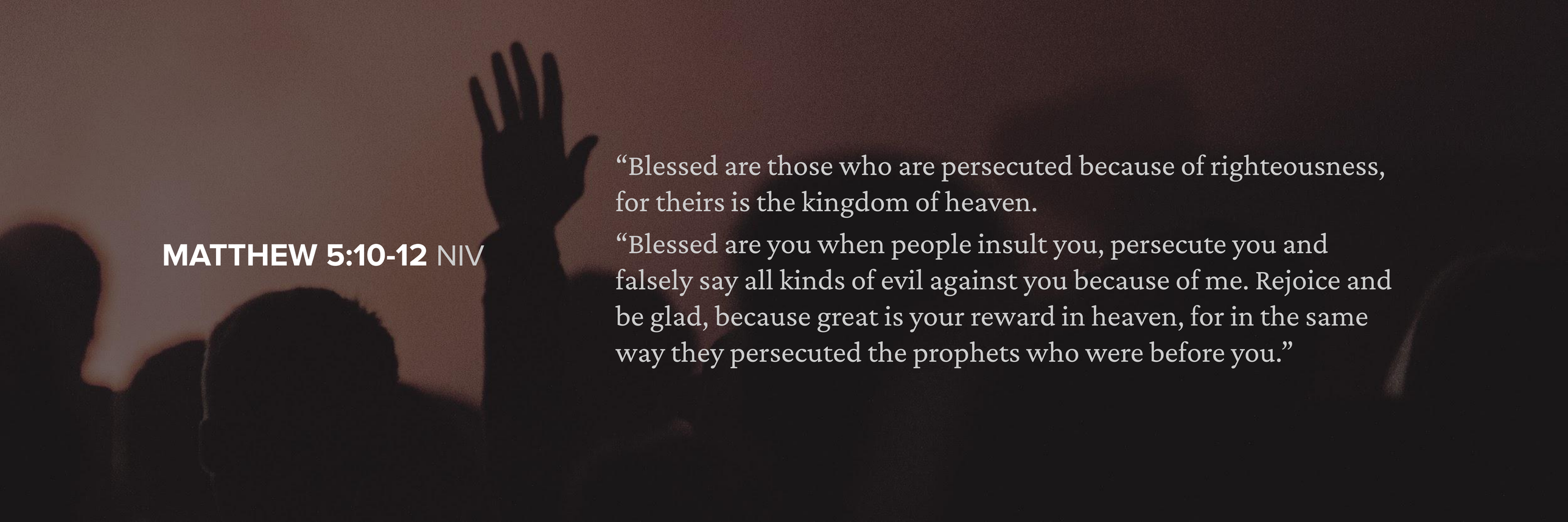

MATTHEW 5:10-12 NIV

"Blessed are those who are persecuted because of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

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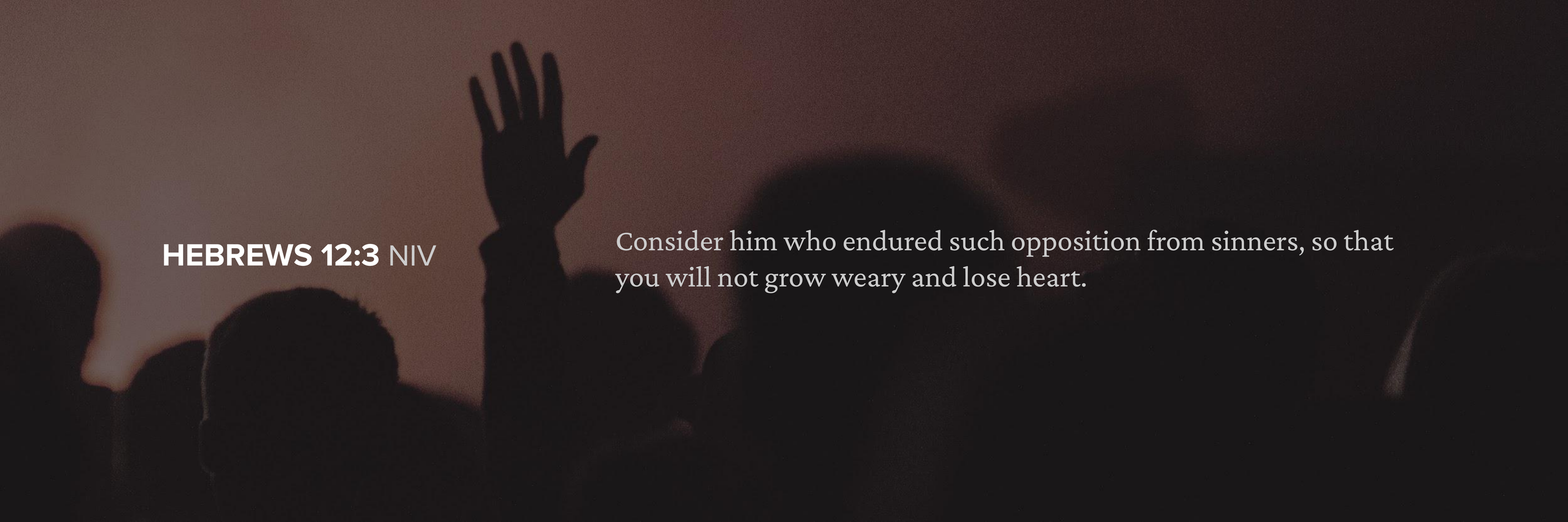

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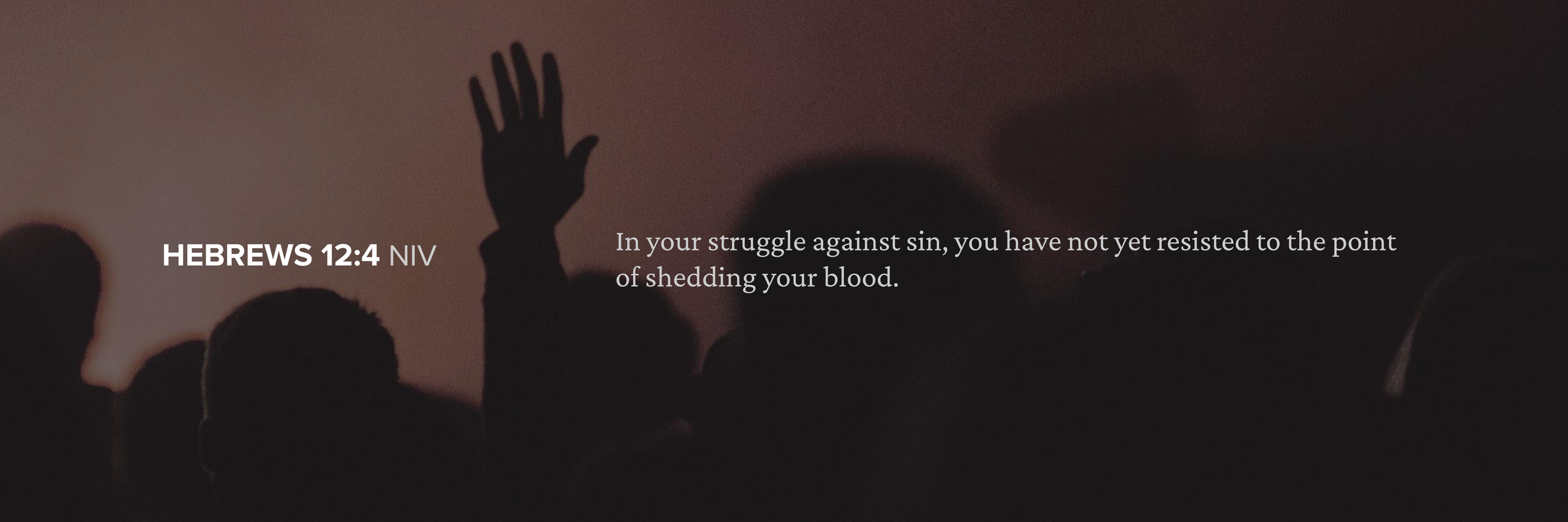
BENEFITS OF "CONSIDERING HIM"

- Changes our perspective on life's difficult situations.
- Presents the opportunity to rise above the circumstances.
- Gives witness to others that God is at work in our lives.
- Reminds us that we belong to Him.
- Gives us hope for the future.



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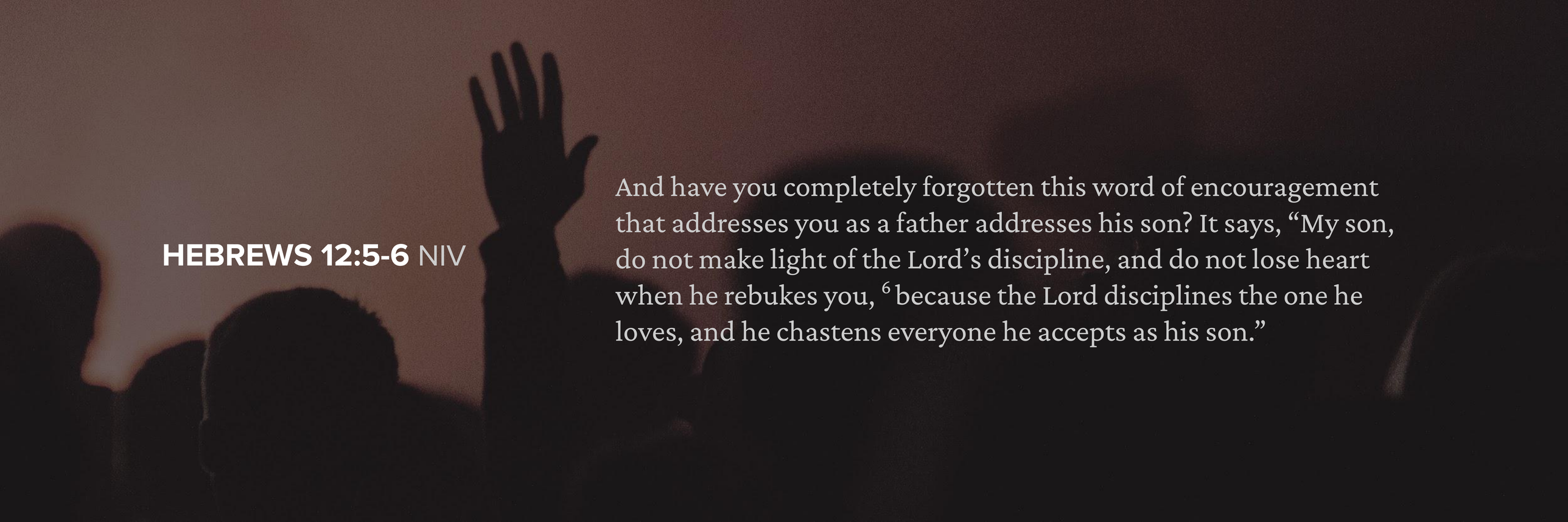

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FOUR ELEMENTS OF VERSES 5-6

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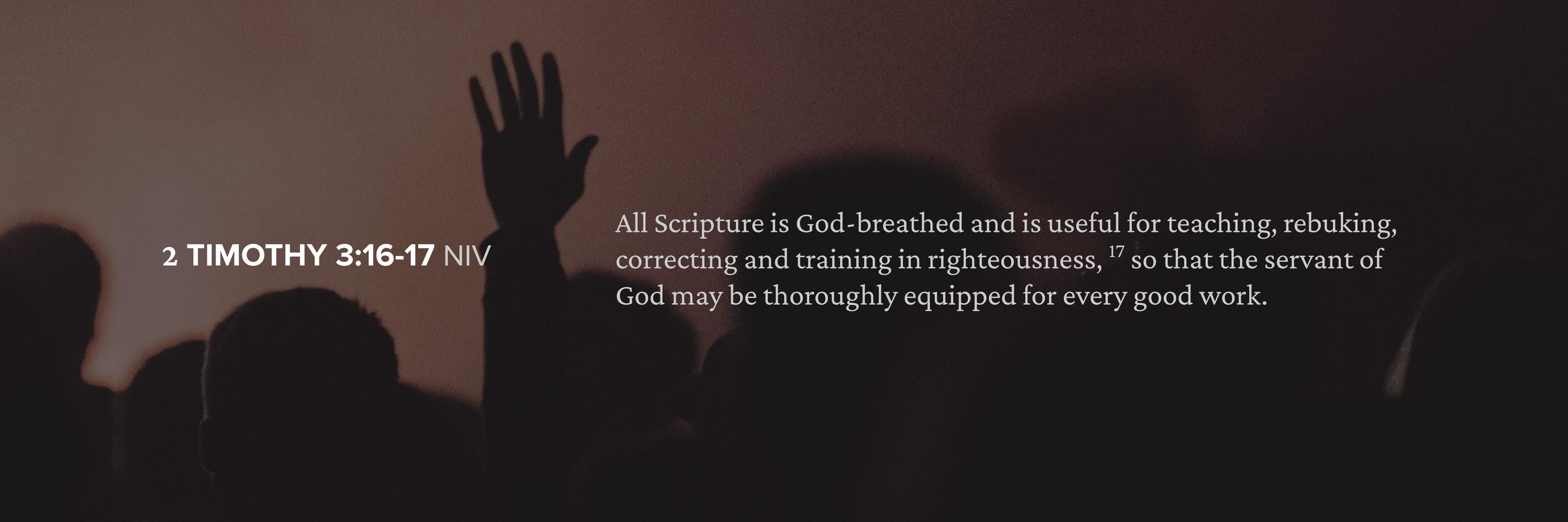
- He punishes everyone He accepts as a son.



2 TIMOTHY 3:16-17 NIV

All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking,
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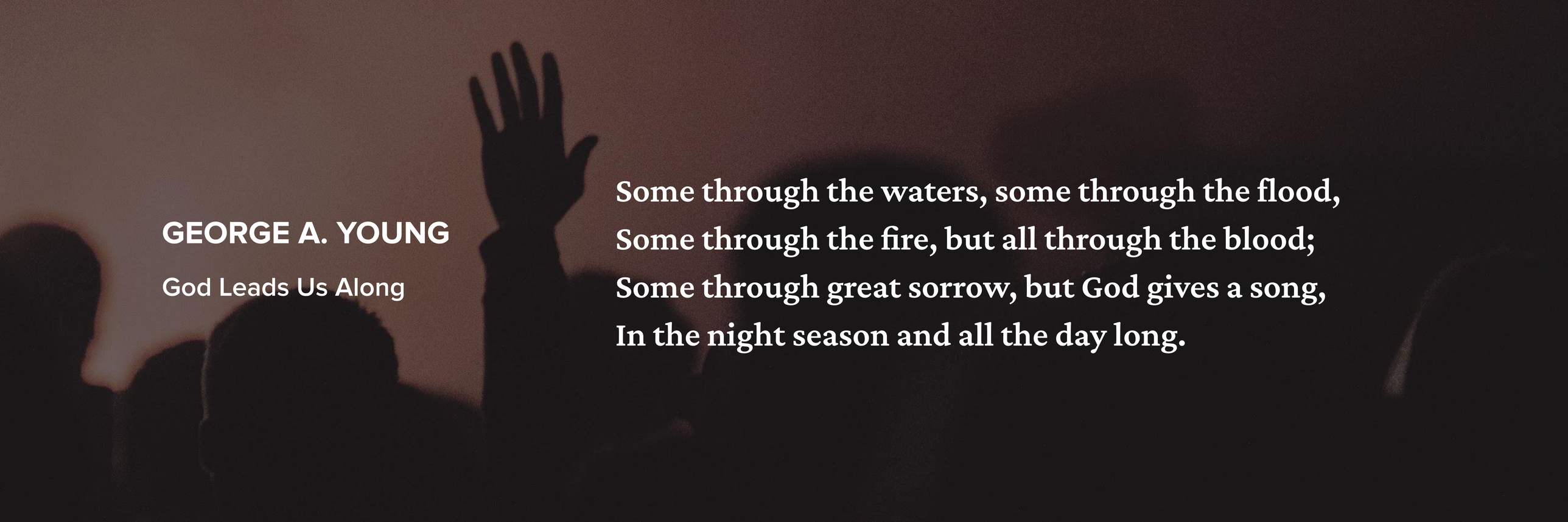
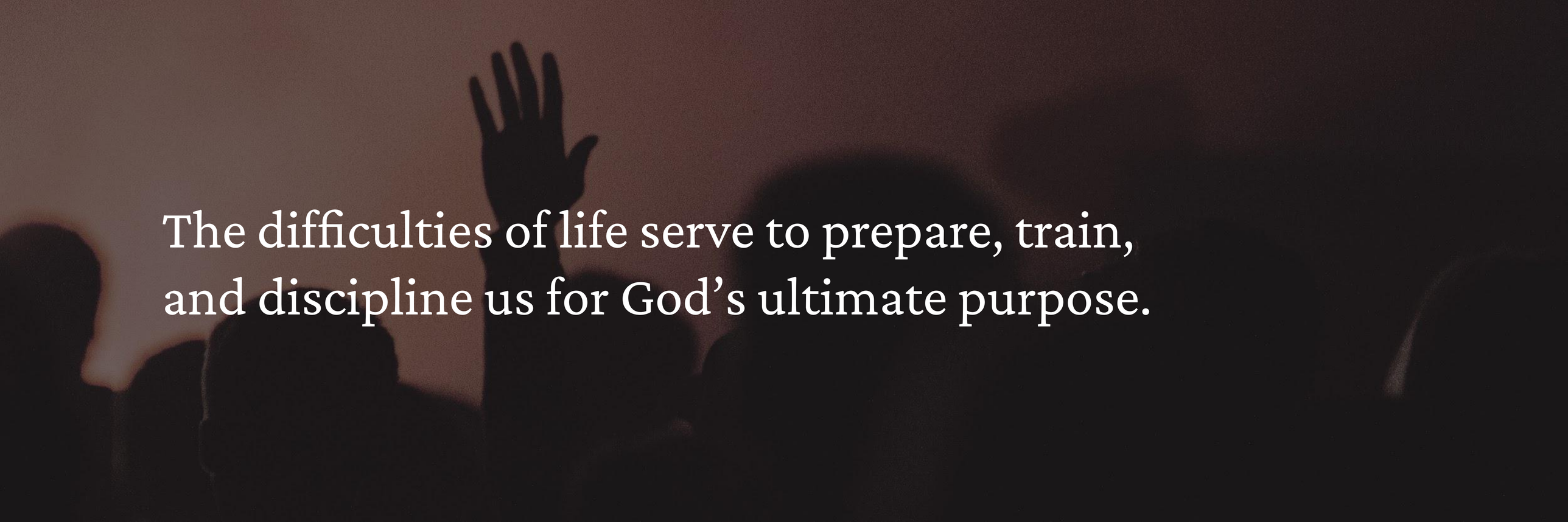


GEORGE A. YOUNG

God Leads Us Along

Some through the waters, some through the flood,
Some through the fire, but all through the blood;
Some through great sorrow, but God gives a song,
In the night season and all the day long.



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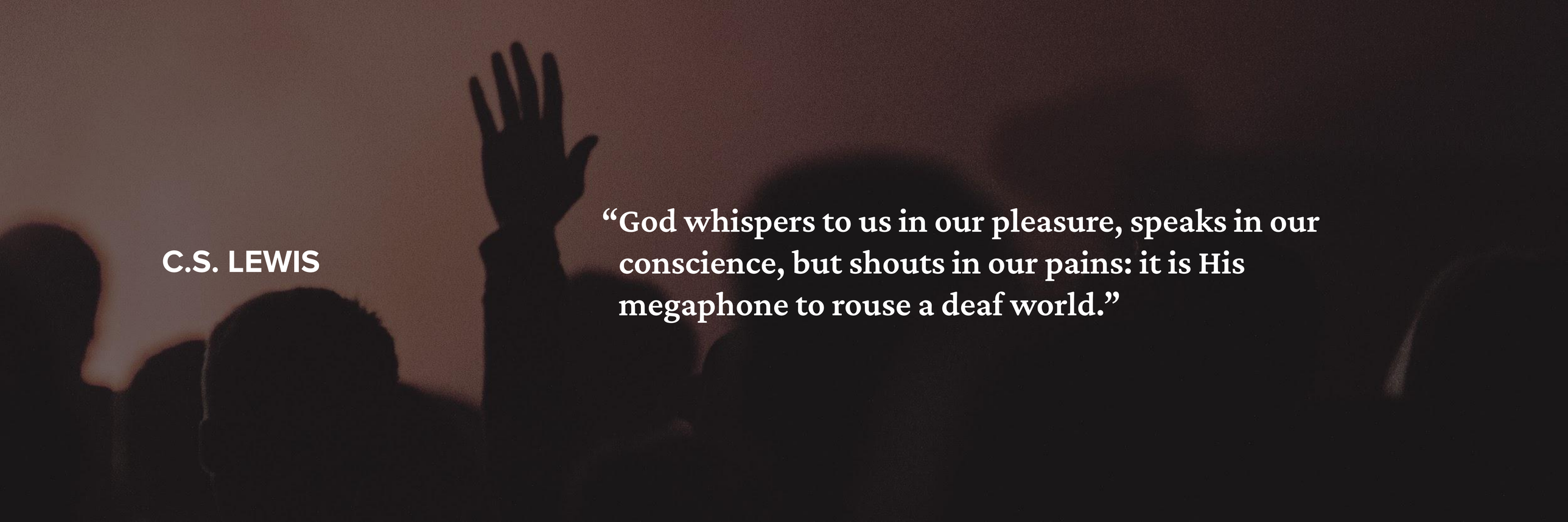

C.S. LEWIS

“God whispers to us in our pleasure, speaks in our conscience, but shouts in our pains: it is His megaphone to rouse a deaf world.”

THE NECESSITY OF DISCIPLINE

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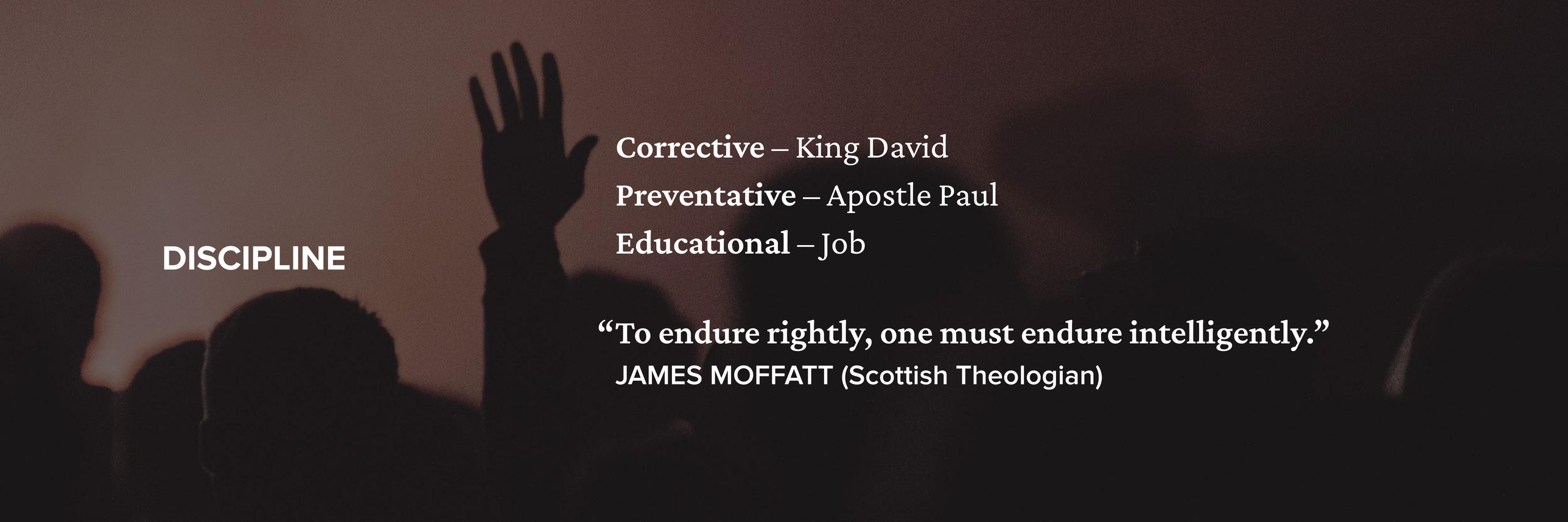
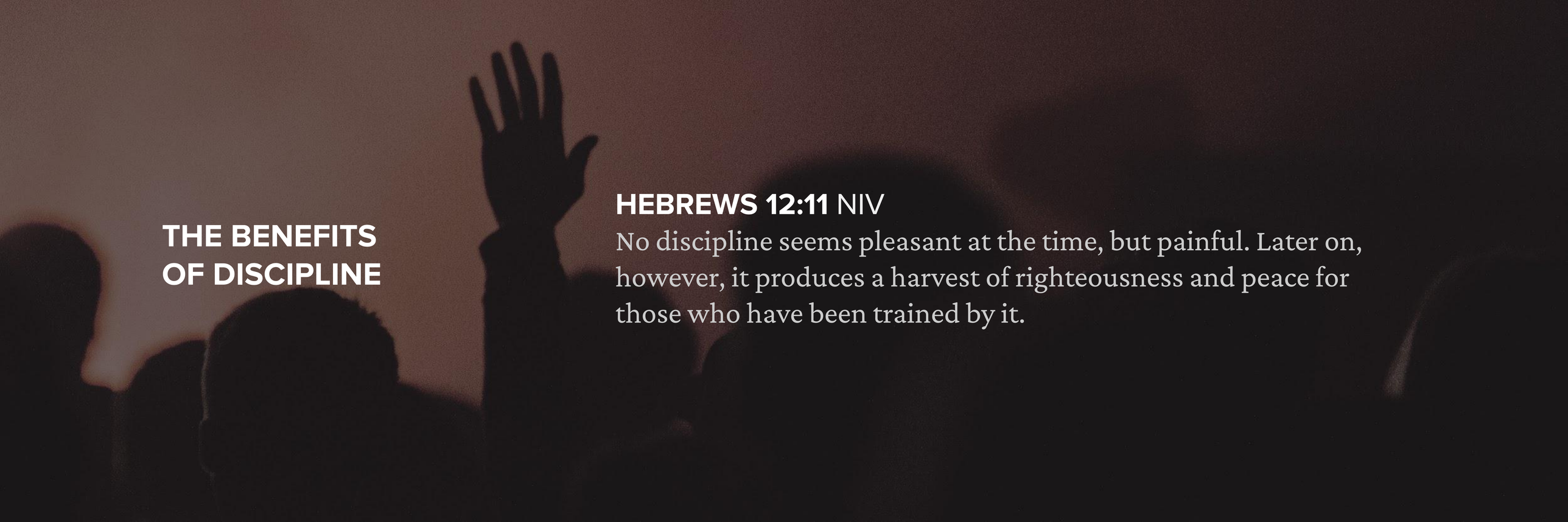


DISCIPLINE

Corrective – King David
Preventative – Apostle Paul
Educational – Job

"To endure rightly, one must endure intelligently."
JAMES MOFFATT (Scottish Theologian)



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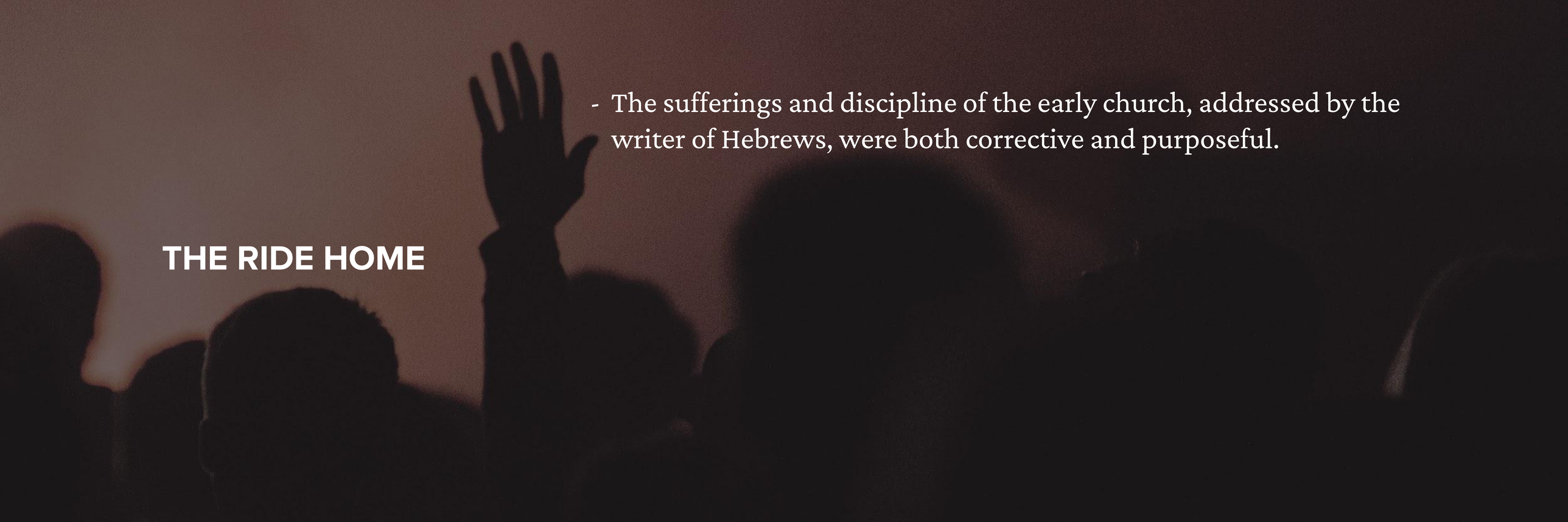

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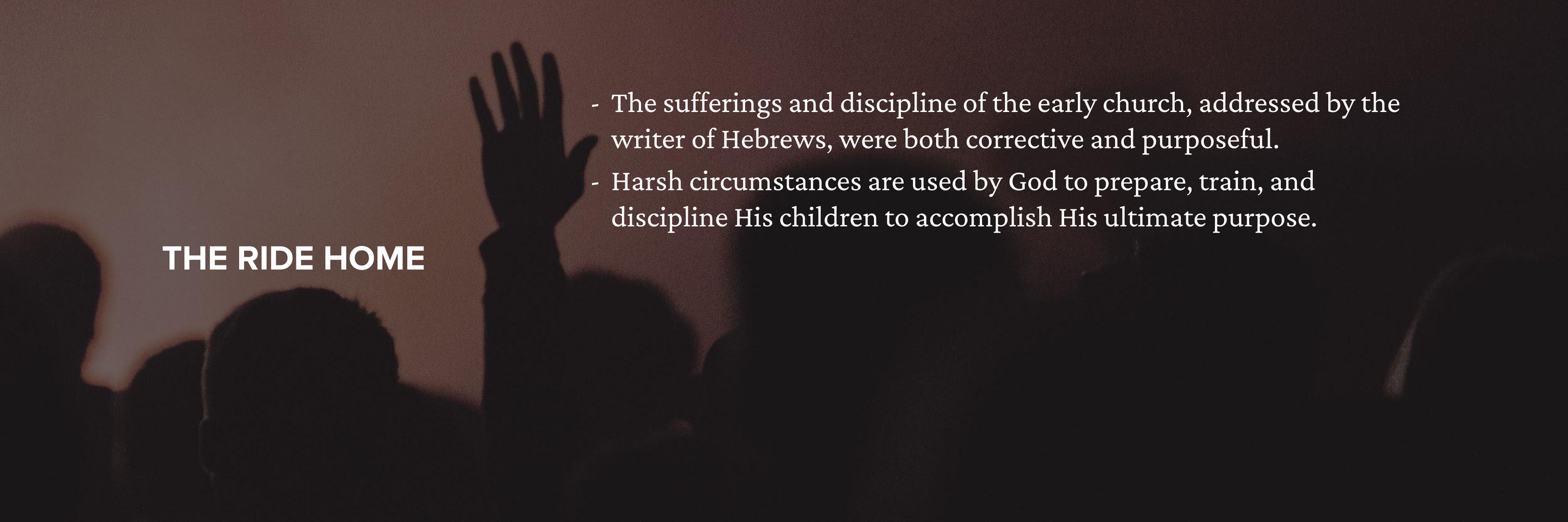

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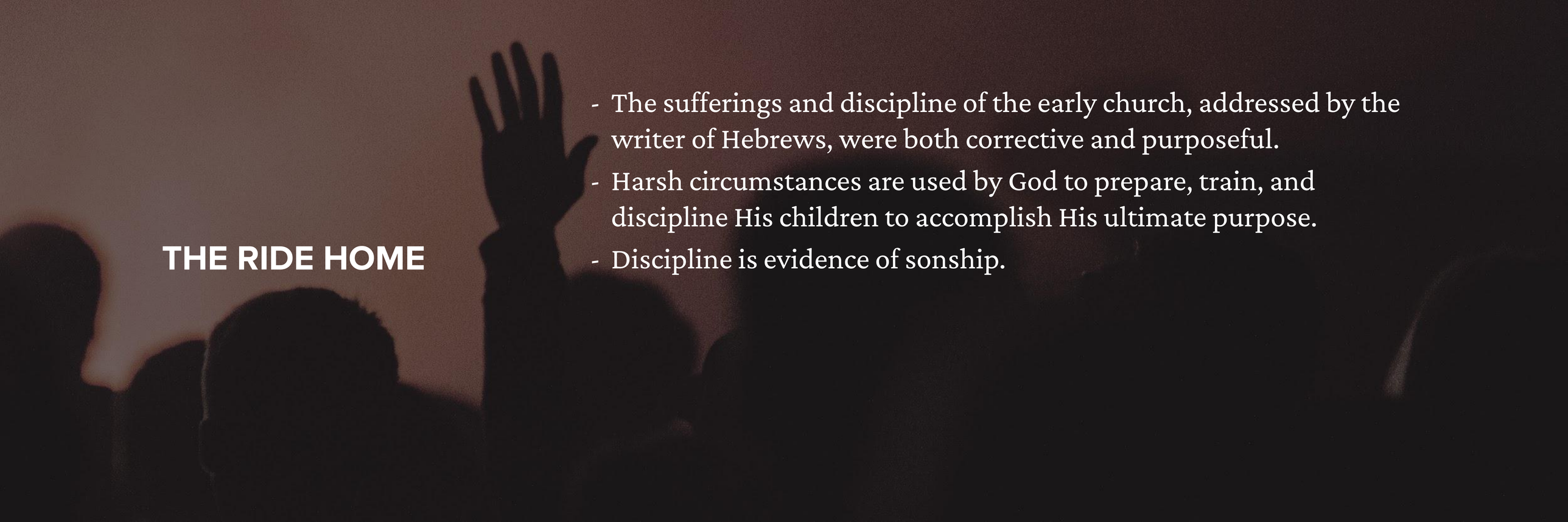

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