



Romans 1:18 (NLT)

But God shows his anger from heaven against all sinful, wicked people who **suppress the truth** by their wickedness.



Christ in Culture

Authority of Scripture

TRUTH

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“They ain’t nothing ‘til I call them”

Radical **Relativism**

To be personally created

A dark blue-tinted photograph of a city street. On the left, there is a brick building with a curved bay window. On the right, there is a taller brick building with a decorative cornice and several windows. The overall scene is dimly lit, suggesting dusk or dawn.

So... is truth absolute or relative?



Culture

behaviors and beliefs that characterize society at a particular period of time



Isaiah 45:18-19 (NIV)

¹⁸For this is what the Lord says-
he who created the heavens,
he is God;
he who fashioned and made the earth,
he founded it;
he did not create it to be empty,
but formed it to be inhabited-
he says:
“I am the Lord,
and there is no other.”



Isaiah 45:18-19 (NIV)

¹⁹ “I have not spoken in secret,
from somewhere in a land of darkness;
I have not said to Jacob’s descendants,
‘Seek me in vain.’
I, the Lord, speak the truth;
I declare what is right.”

God's Communication to Mankind



reveals —○
inspires —○





2 Peter 1:20-21 (NLT)

Above all, you must realize that no prophecy in Scripture ever came from the prophet's own understanding, or from human initiative. No, those prophets were moved by the Holy Spirit, and they spoke from God.



2 Timothy 3:16-17 (NLT)

All Scripture is inspired by God and is useful to teach us what is **true** and to make us realize what is wrong in our lives. It corrects us when we are wrong and teaches us to do what is right. God uses it to prepare and equip his people to do every good work.

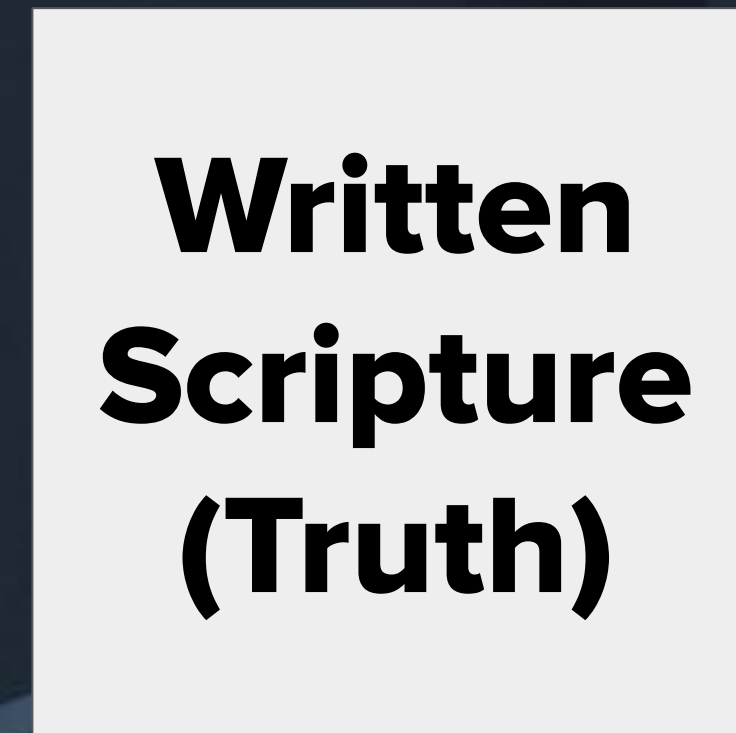
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God's Word of Truth

Jesus, the Living Word

“I am the way, the truth, and the life...”

Bible, the Written Word

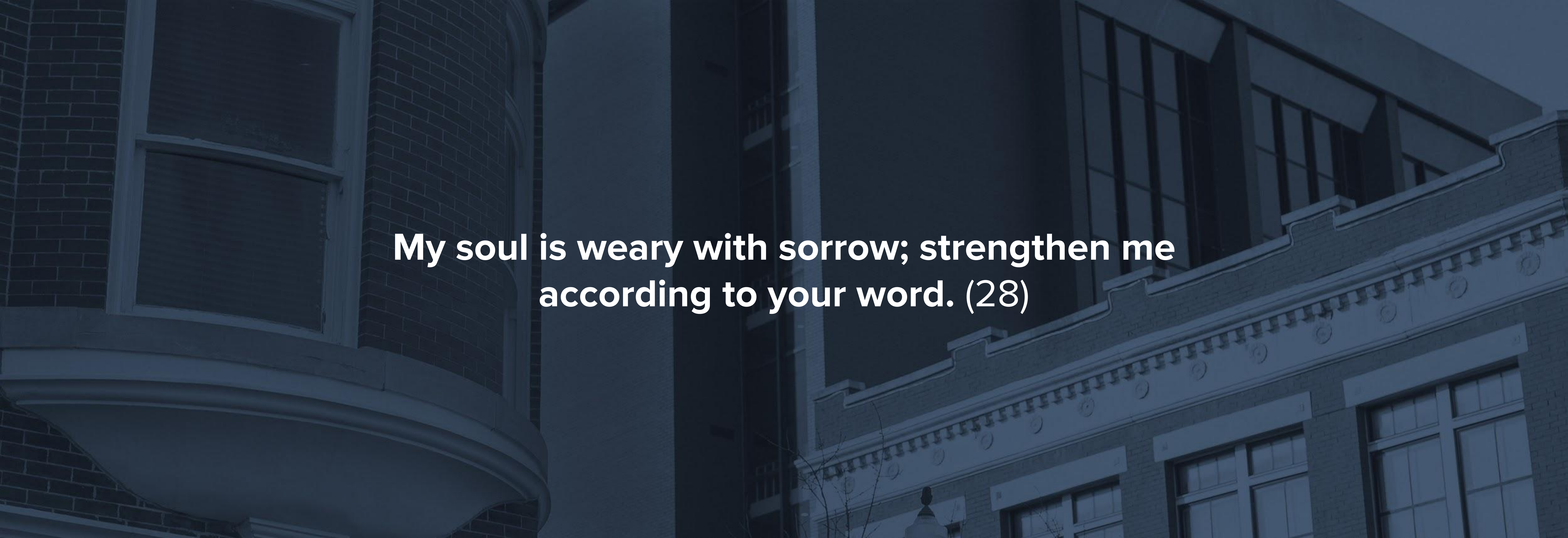
“the sum of your word is truth...”



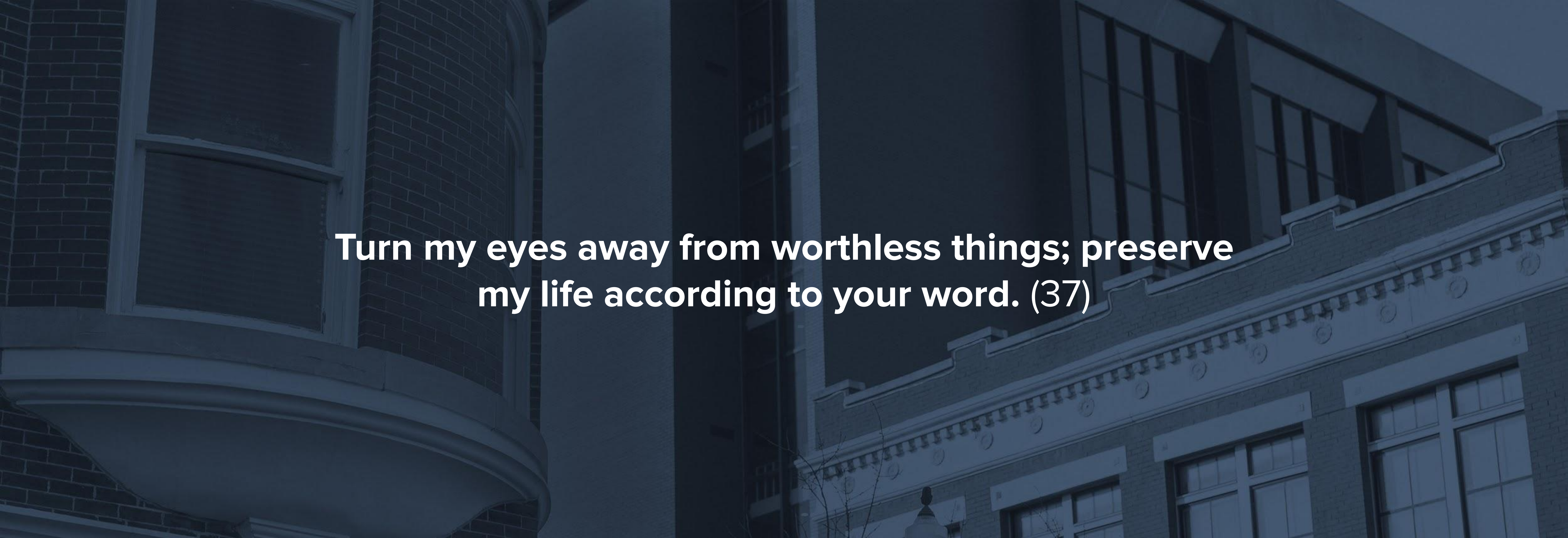
**How can a young person keep his way pure?
By living according to your word. (9)**




**I am laid low in the dust; preserve and revive my life
according to your word. (25)**



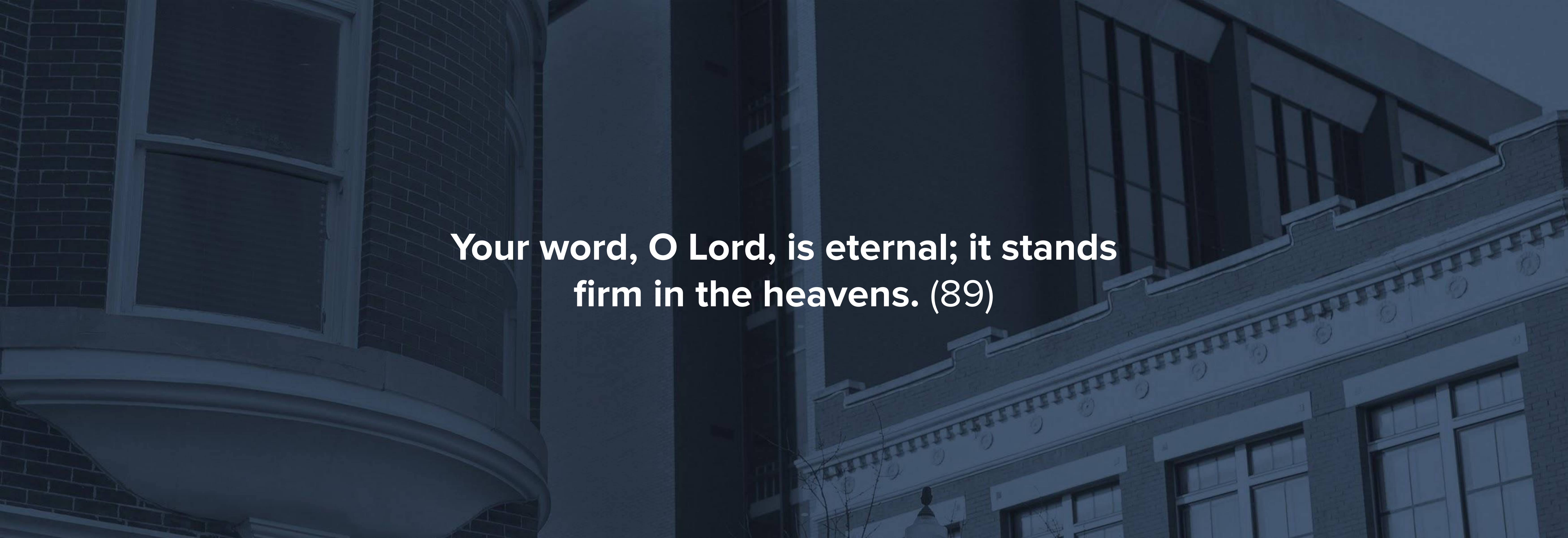
**My soul is weary with sorrow; strengthen me
according to your word. (28)**



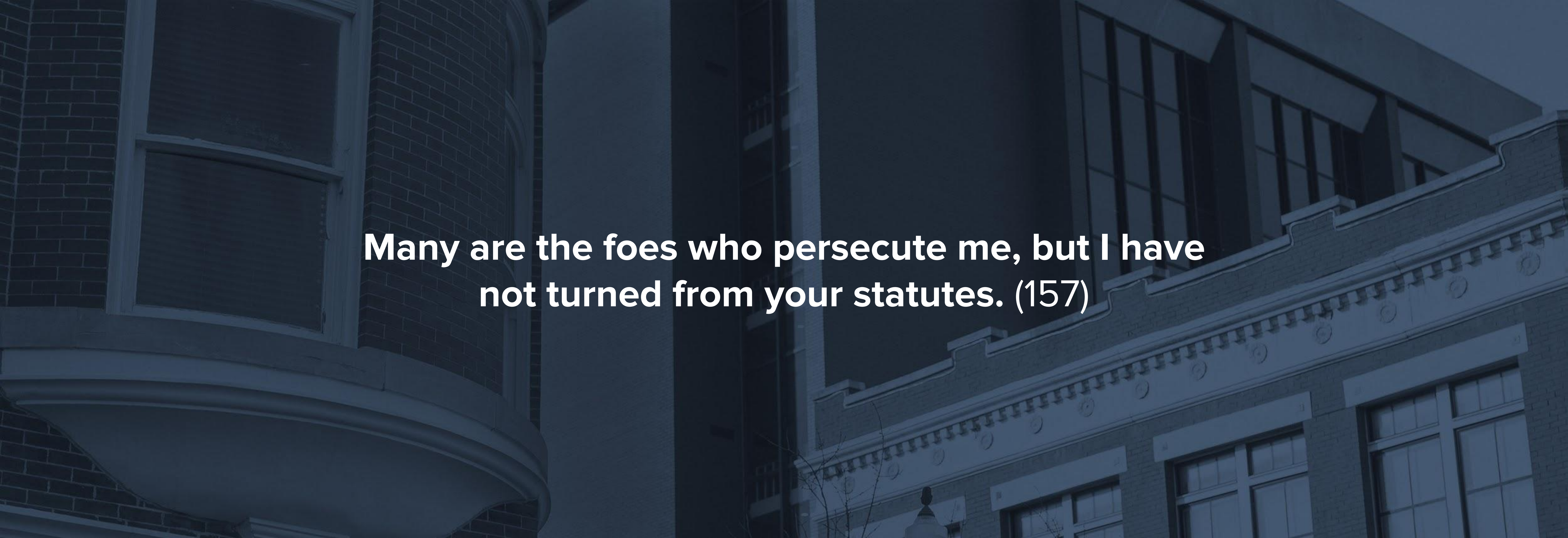
**Turn my eyes away from worthless things; preserve
my life according to your word. (37)**



**Your hands made me and formed me; give me
understanding to learn your commands. (93)**



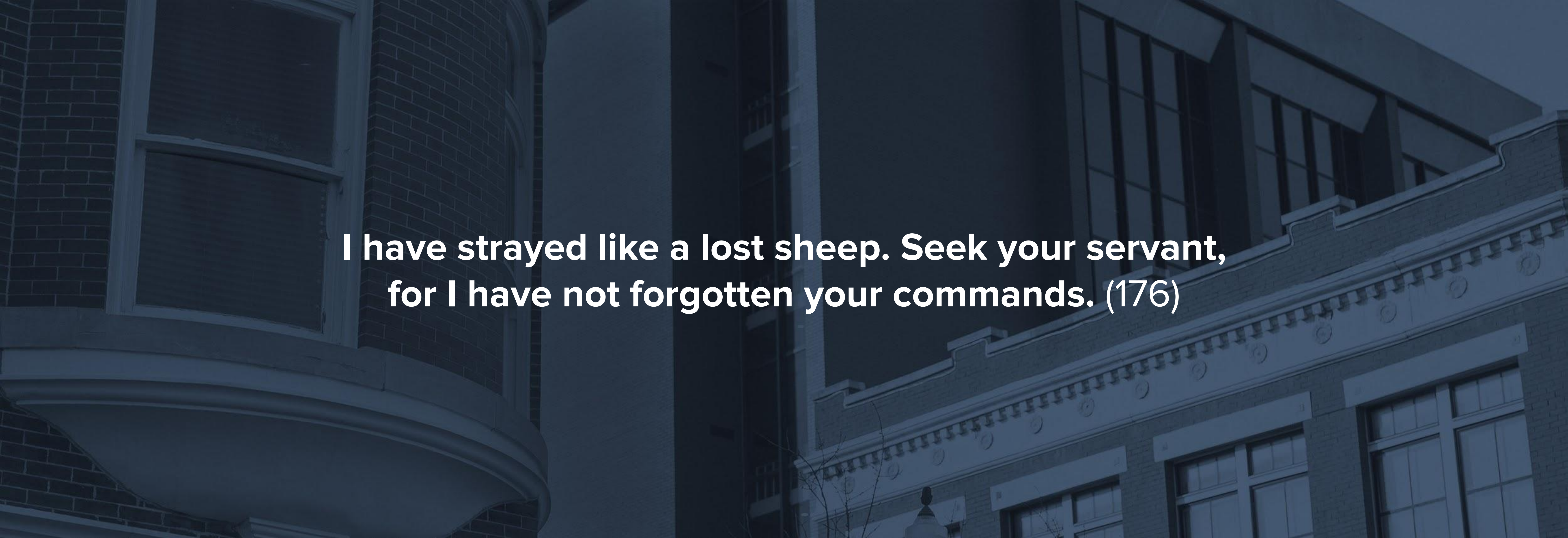
**Your word, O Lord, is eternal; it stands
firm in the heavens. (89)**



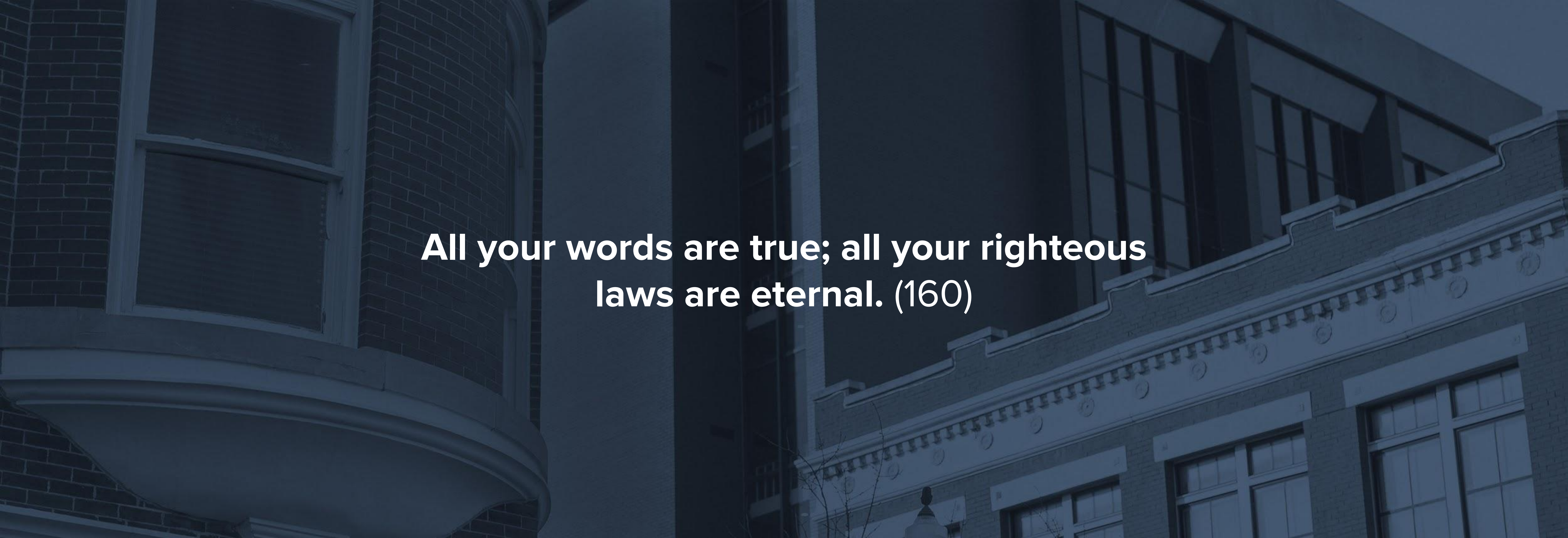
**Many are the foes who persecute me, but I have
not turned from your statutes. (157)**



**Great peace have they who love your law, and
nothing can make them stumble. (165)**



**I have strayed like a lost sheep. Seek your servant,
for I have not forgotten your commands. (176)**



**All your words are true; all your righteous
laws are eternal. (160)**

A blue-tinted photograph of a city street. On the left, a brick building features a prominent curved bay window with multiple panes. To the right, another brick building with a decorative cornice and several windows is visible. The overall scene is captured in a low-angle, slightly tilted perspective.

Verses from Psalm 119