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Philemon 1:1-25

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Mulan 1998 film Mulan Is Praised By The Emperor



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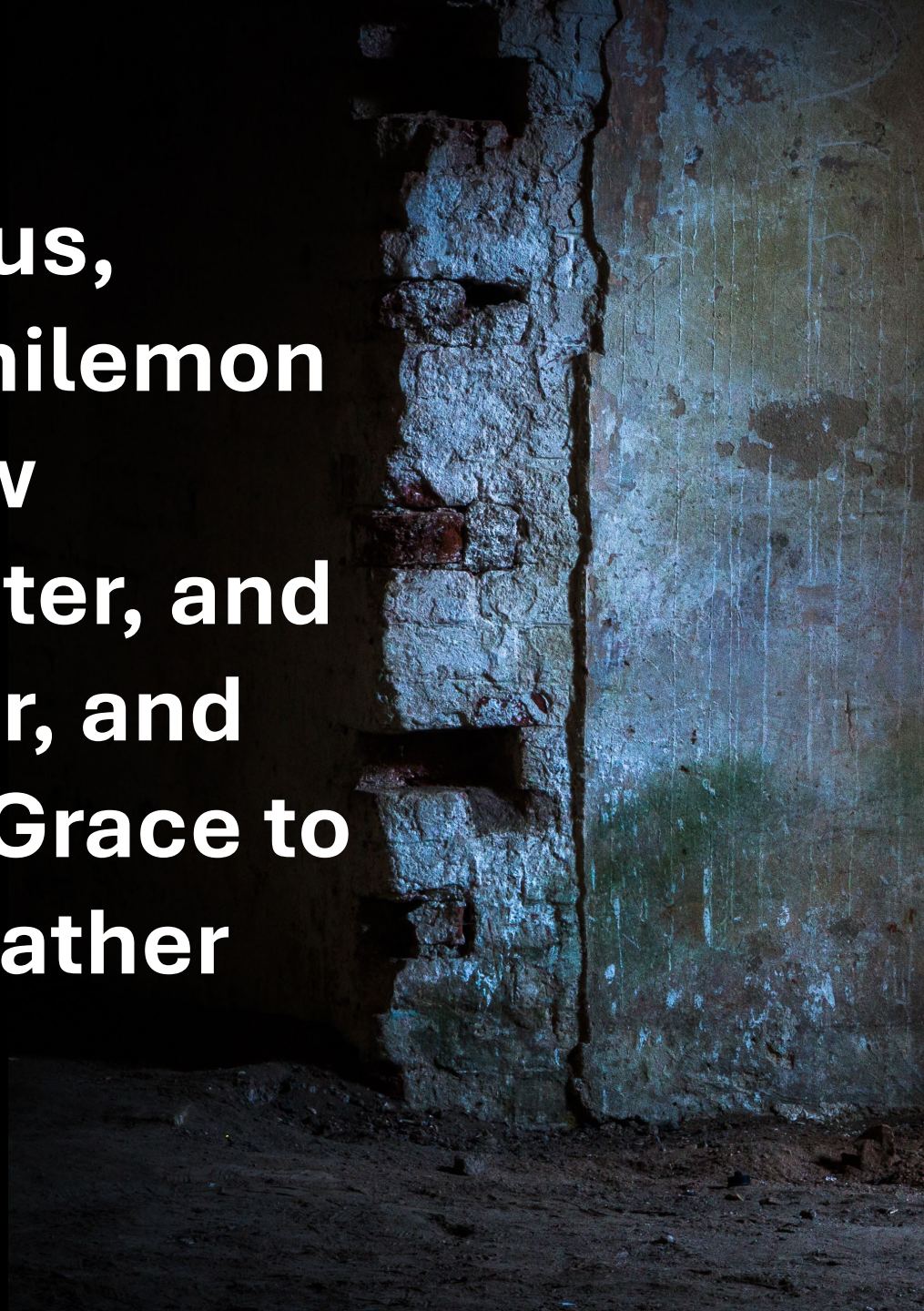
Value does not come
from what you do for
the kingdom. It comes
from what the
kingdom does in you.



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**¹ Paul, a prisoner of Christ Jesus,
and Timothy our brother, To Philemon
our beloved *brother* and fellow
worker, ² and to Apphia our sister, and
to Archippus our fellow soldier, and
to the church in your house: ³ Grace to
you and peace from God our Father
and the Lord Jesus Christ.**





**Our status with
fellow believers
is equal in God's
economy.**





**⁴ I thank my God always, making
mention of you in my prayers,
⁵ because I hear of your love and of the
faith which you have toward the Lord
Jesus and toward all the saints; ⁶ *and I*
pray that the fellowship of your faith
may become effective through
the knowledge of every good thing
which is in you for the sake of Christ.**



**⁷ For I have had great joy and comfort
in your love, because the hearts of
the saints have been refreshed
through you, brother**



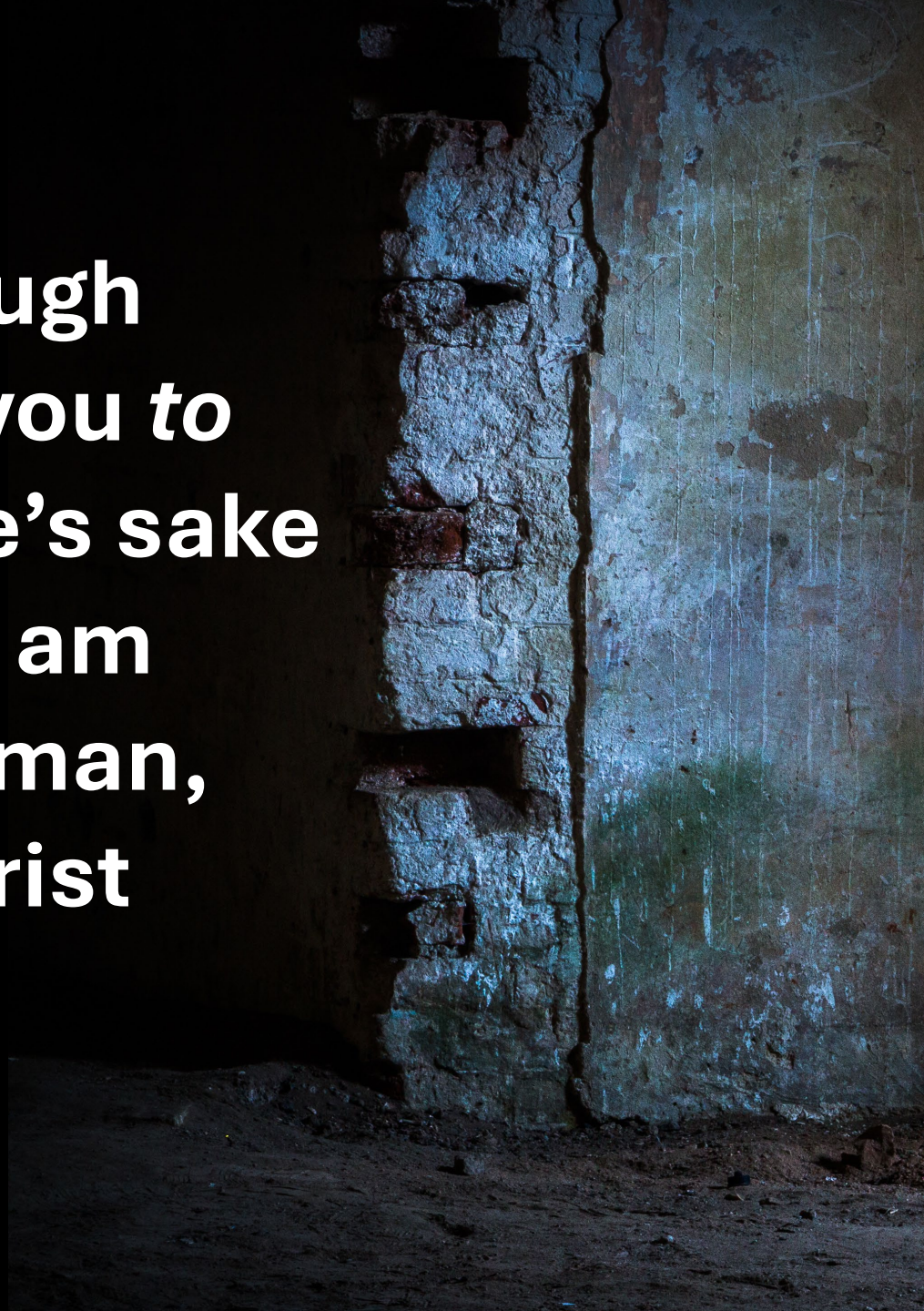


**It is an expectation
of Christians to show
grace to one another.**





⁸Therefore, though I have enough confidence in Christ to order you *to do what is proper*, ⁹*yet* for love's sake I rather appeal *to you*—since I am such a person as Paul, an old man, and now also a prisoner of Christ Jesus—





**¹⁰ I appeal to you for my son
Onesimus, whom I fathered in my
imprisonment, ¹¹ who previously was
useless to you, but now is useful
both to you and to me.**





**Your value as a
servant in God's
Kingdom is not
dependent on your
qualifications and
skillset.**



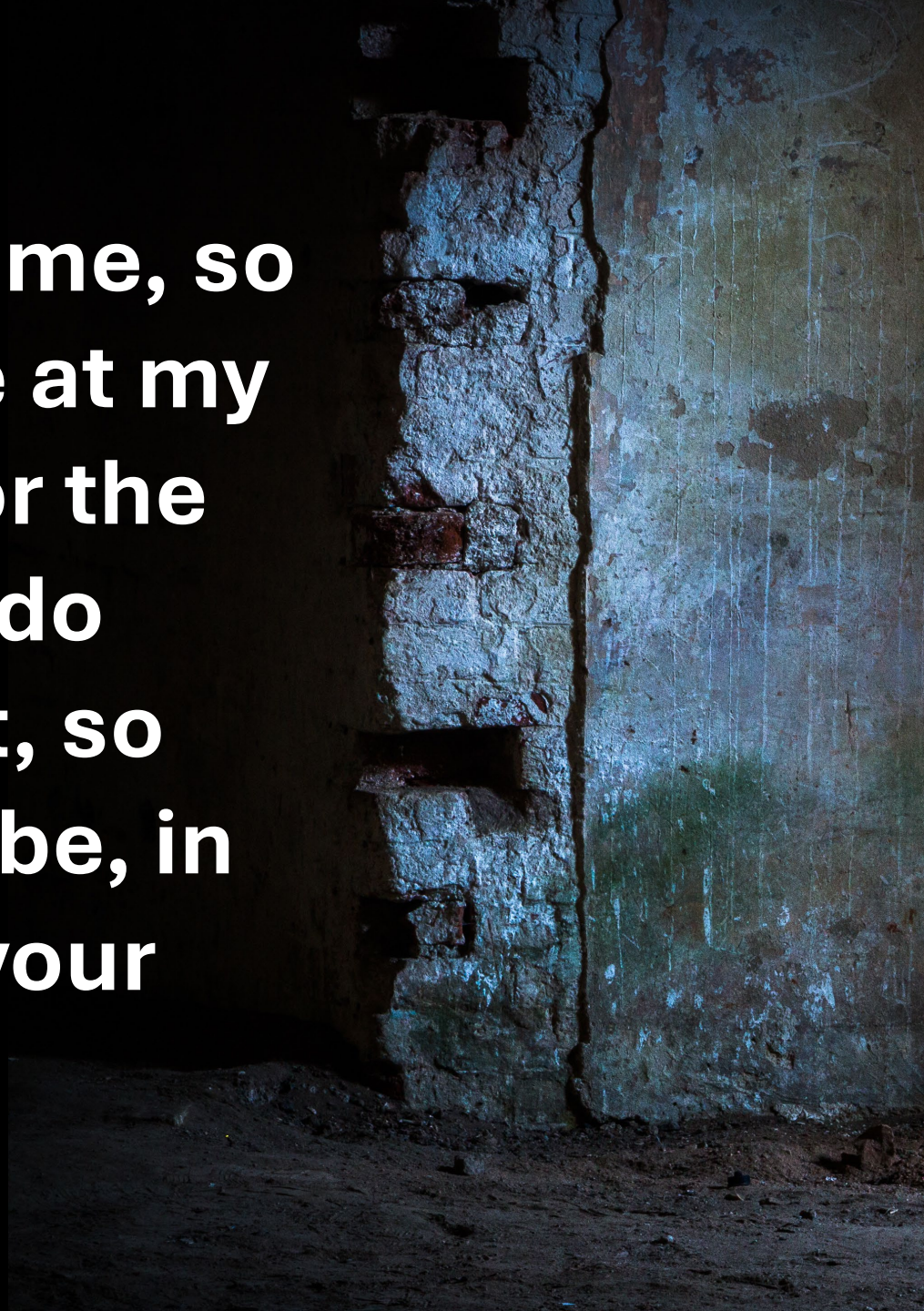


**¹² I have sent him back to you
in person, that is, *sending* my
very heart,**



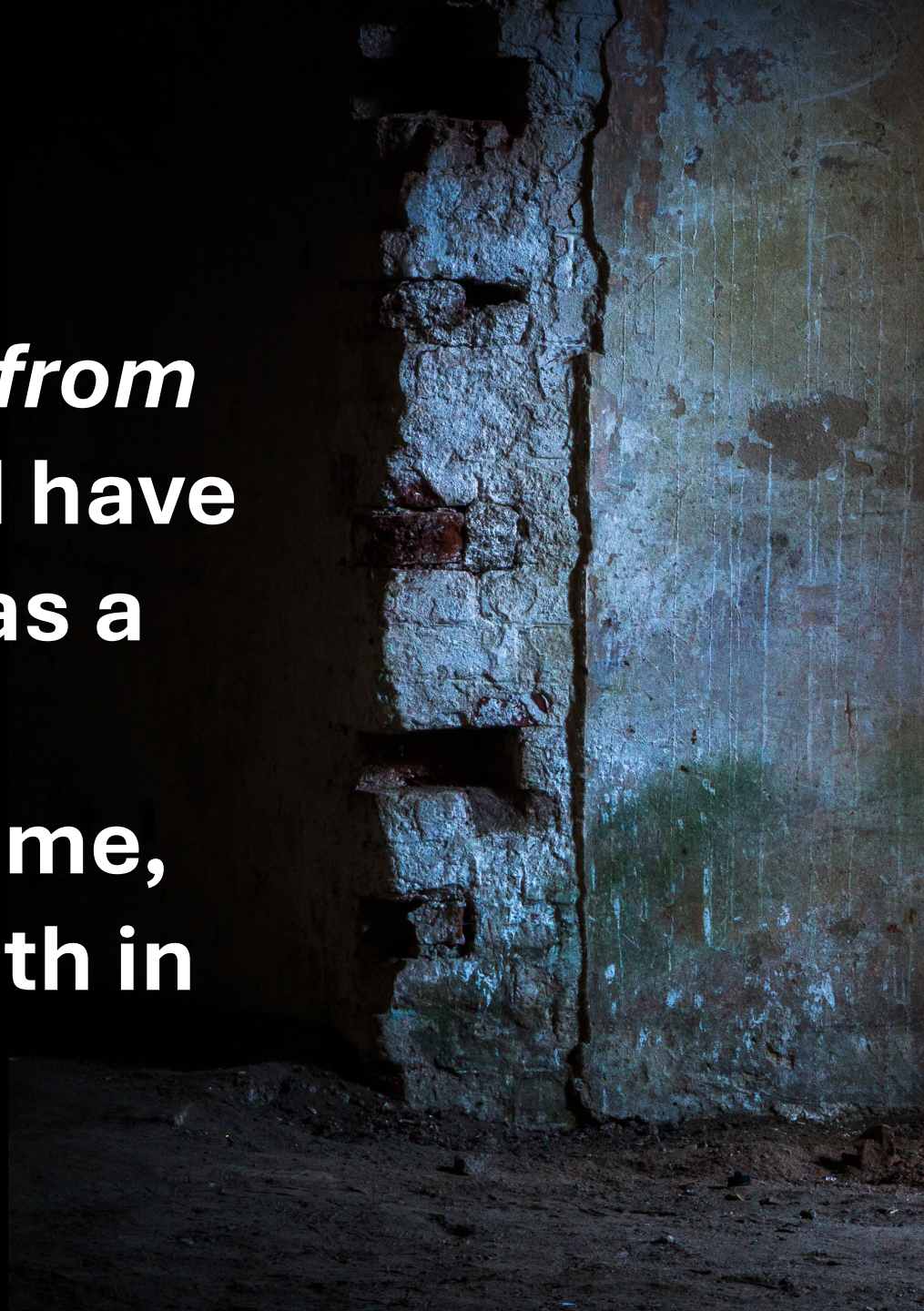


¹³whom I wanted to keep with me, so that in your behalf he might be at my service in my imprisonment for the gospel; ¹⁴but I did not want to do anything without your consent, so that your goodness would not be, in effect, by compulsion, but of your own free will.





¹⁵ For perhaps *it was* for this reason *that* he was separated *from* you for a while, that you would have him back forever, ¹⁶ no longer as a slave, but more than a slave, a beloved brother, especially to me, but how much more to you, both in the flesh and in the Lord.





**Never dismiss
anyone as
being useless,
because God
sees value in them.**





¹⁷ If then you regard me *as* a partner, accept him as *you would* me. ¹⁸ But if he has wronged you in any way or owes *you anything*, charge that to my account; ¹⁹ I, Paul, have written *this* with my own hand, I will repay *it* (not to mention to you that you owe to me even your own self as well).





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²⁰ Yes, brother, let me benefit from you in the Lord; refresh my heart in Christ.

²¹ Having confidence in your obedience, I write to you, since I know that you will do even more than what I say. ²² At the same time also prepare me a guest room, for I hope that through your prayers I will be given to you.



**²³ Epaphras, my fellow prisoner in
Christ Jesus, greets you, ²⁴ *as*
do Mark, Aristarchus, Demas, *and*
Luke, my fellow workers.**

**²⁵ The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ
be with your spirit.**





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Matthew 25:34-40

31 “But when the Son of Man comes in His glory, and all the angels with Him, then He will sit on His glorious throne. 32 And all the nations will be gathered before Him; and He will separate them from one another, just as the shepherd separates the sheep from the goats; 33 and He will put the sheep on His right, but the goats on the left.

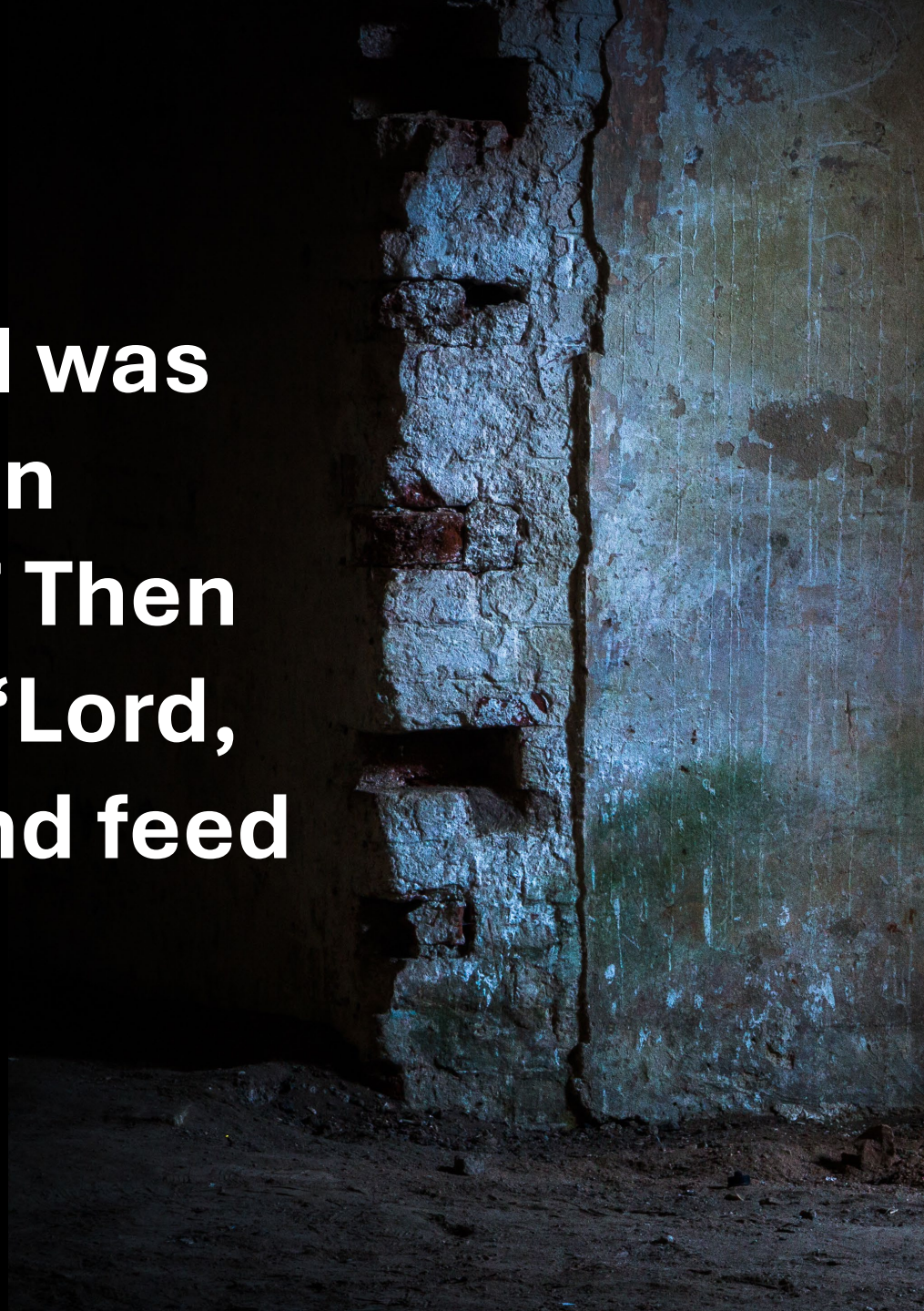


34 “Then the King will say to those on His right, ‘Come, you who are blessed of My Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world. 35 For I was hungry, and you gave Me *something* to eat; I was thirsty, and you gave Me *something* to drink; I was a stranger, and you invited Me in;





36 naked, and you clothed Me; I was sick, and you visited Me; I was in prison, and you came to Me.’ 37 Then the righteous will answer Him, ‘Lord, when did we see You hungry, and feed You, or thirsty, and give You *something* to drink?



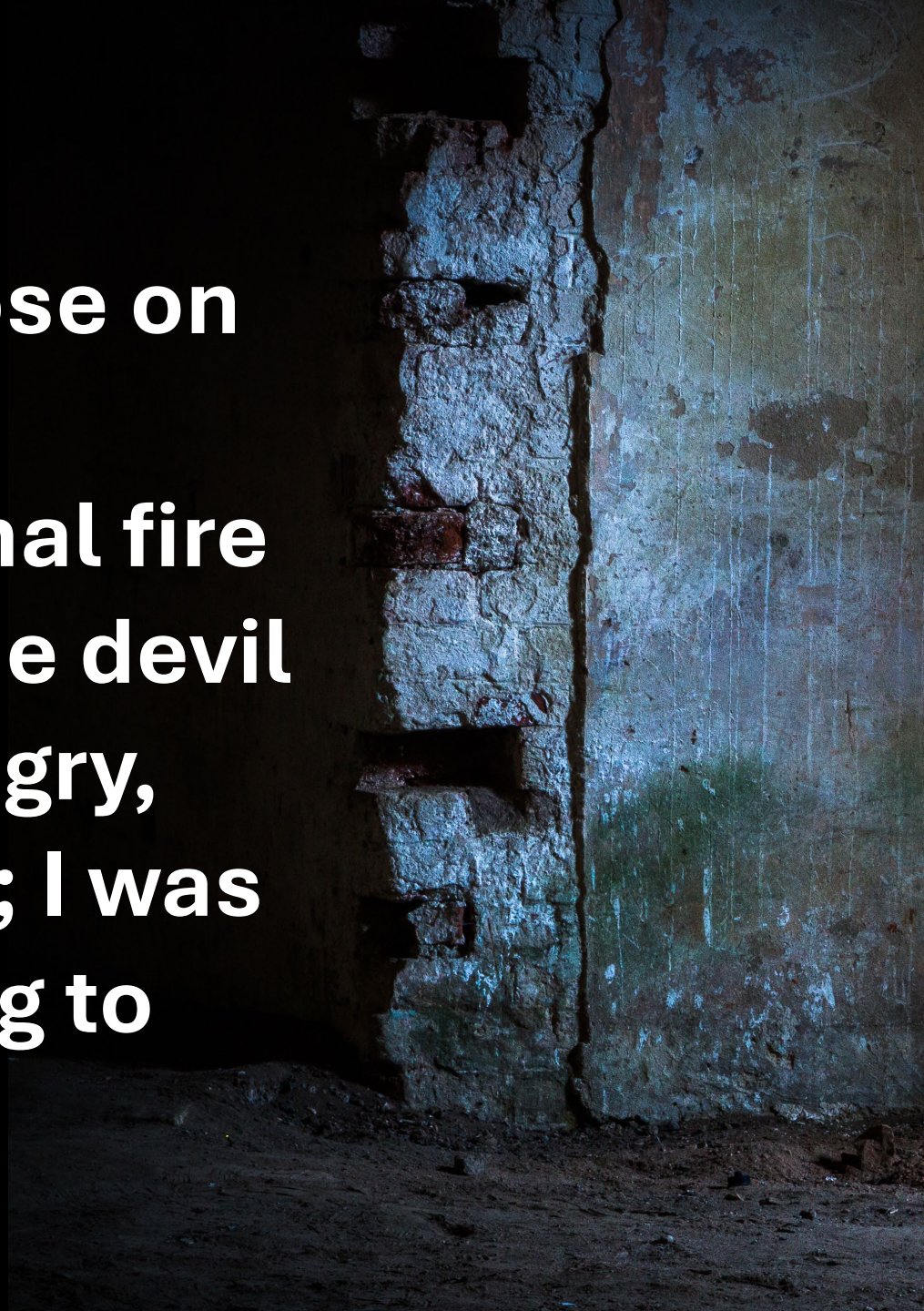


38 And when did we see You *as a* stranger, and invite You in, or naked, and clothe You? 39 And when did we see You sick, or in prison, and come to You?’ 40 And the King will answer and say to them, ‘Truly I say to you, to the extent that you did *it* for one of the least of these brothers *or sisters* of Mine, you did *it* for Me.’





41 “Then He will also say to those on His left, ‘Depart from Me, you accursed people, into the eternal fire which has been prepared for the devil and his angels; 42 for I was hungry, and you gave Me nothing to eat; I was thirsty, and you gave Me nothing to drink;





43 I was a stranger, and you did not invite Me in; naked, and you did not clothe Me; sick, and in prison, and you did not visit Me.’ 44 Then they themselves also will answer, ‘Lord, when did we see You hungry, or thirsty, or *as a stranger*, or naked, or sick, or in prison, and did not take care of You?’





45 Then He will answer them, ‘Truly I say to you, to the extent that you did not do *it* for one of the least of these, you did not do *it* for Me, either.’ 46 These will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life.”





**When you give to
the least of these,
you give to me.**

– Jesus





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Galatians 3:26-29

²⁶ For you are all children of God through faith in Christ Jesus. ²⁷ And all who have been united with Christ in baptism have put on Christ, like putting on new clothes. ²⁸ There is no longer Jew or Gentile, slave or free, male and female. For you are all one in Christ Jesus. ²⁹ And now that you belong to Christ, you are the true children of Abraham. You are his heirs, and God's promise to Abraham belongs to you.



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