Sure and Steady Truths For Uncertain Times Psalm 33

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# Gibbon's Traits for Rome's Decline

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- Economic instability
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— Jeremiah 18:7-10

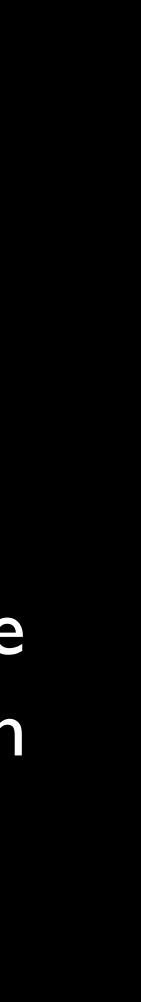


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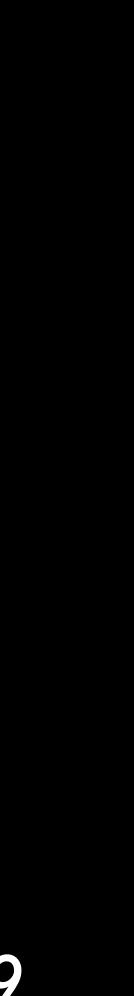




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— I Thessalonians 5:16-19



<sup>12</sup> want you to know, brothers, that what has happened to me has really served to advance the gospel, <sup>13</sup>so that it has become known throughout the whole imperial guard and to all the rest that my imprisonment is for Christ. <sup>14</sup>And most of the brothers, having become confident in the Lord by my imprisonment, are much more bold to speak the word without fear...<sup>18</sup>What then? Only that in every way, whether in pretense or in truth, Christ is proclaimed, and in that I rejoice.

— Philippians 1:12-14,18



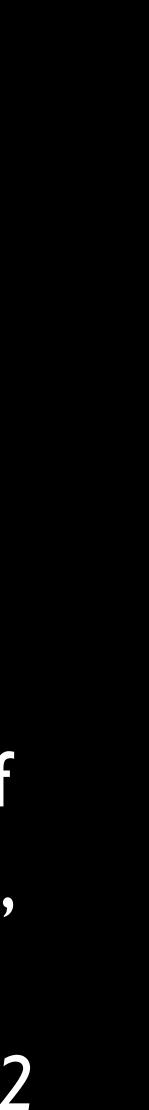
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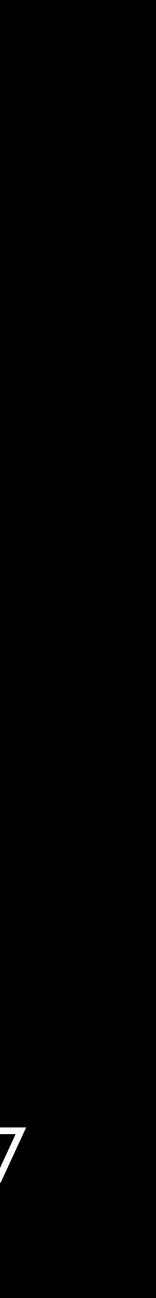
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— Psalm 56:3-4



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Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins.

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- **vs 22:**

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