

Proclamation Without Compromise

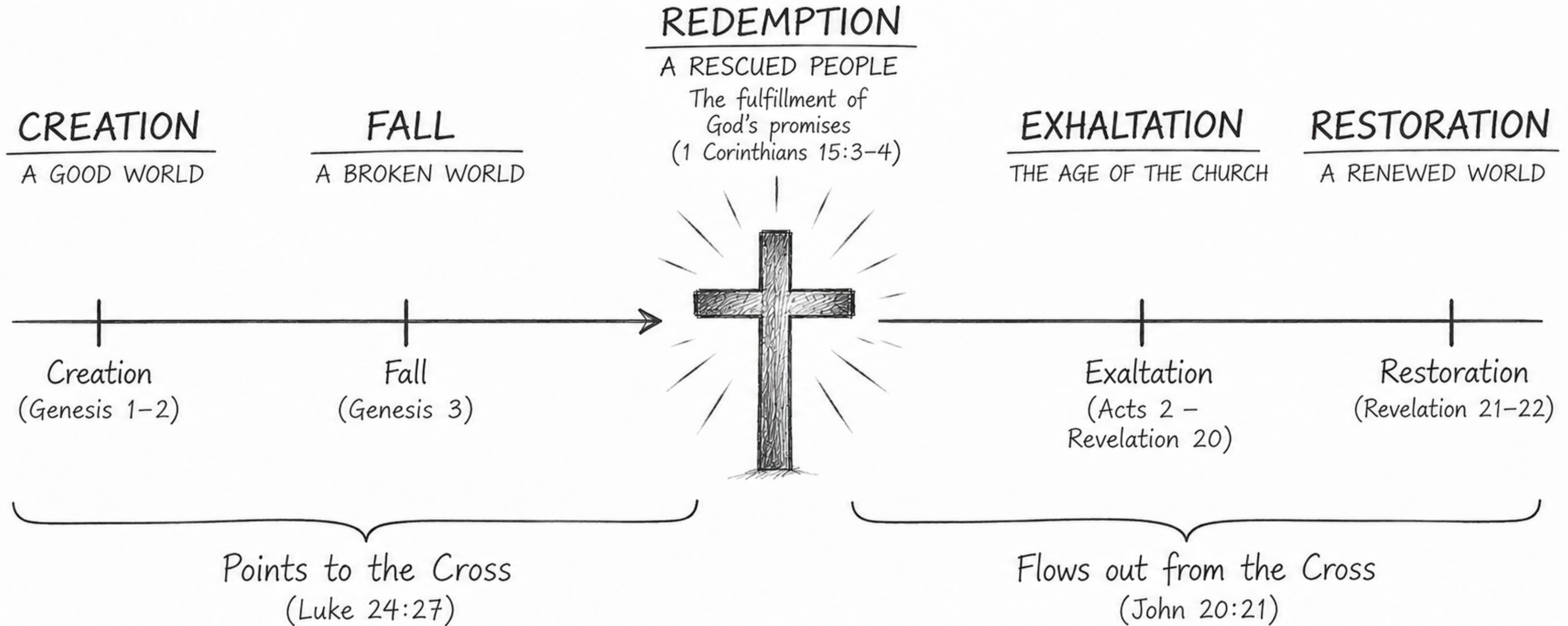


Living in the Tension

Ephesians 4:17-32

A BIBLICAL WORLDVIEW

God's Grand Story for His Glory



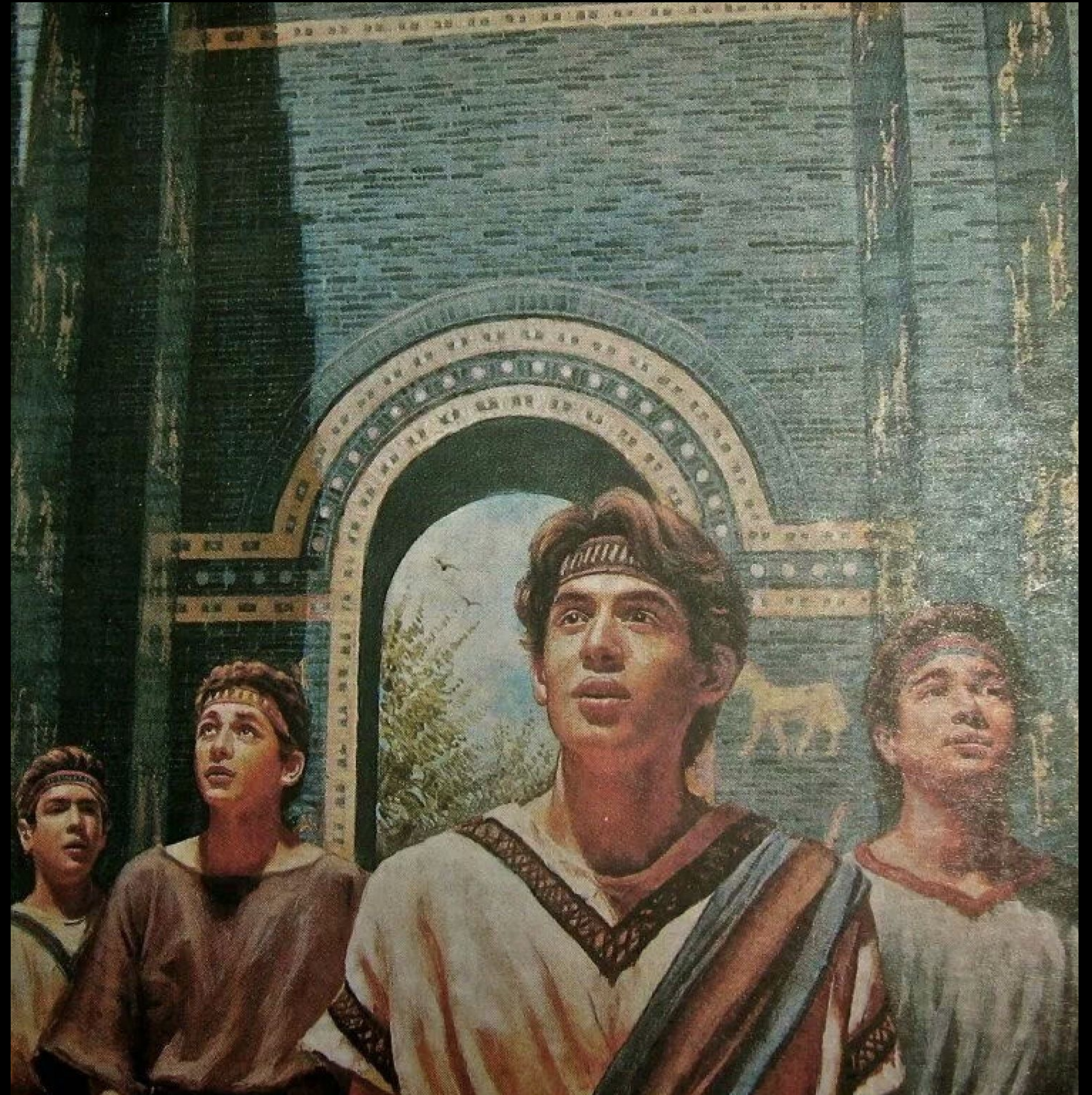
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21 assuming that you have heard about him and were taught in him, as the truth is in Jesus, 22 to put off your old self, which belongs to your former manner of life and is corrupt through deceitful desires, 23 and to be renewed in the spirit of your minds, 24 and to put on the new self, created after the likeness of God in true righteousness and holiness. 25 Therefore, having put away falsehood, let each one of you speak the truth with his neighbor, for we are members one of another. 26 Be angry and do not sin; do not let the sun go down on your anger, 27 and give no opportunity to the devil. 28 Let the thief no longer steal, but rather let him labor, doing honest work with his own hands, so that he may have something to share with anyone in need.

29 Let no corrupting talk come out of your mouths, but only such as is good for building up, as fits the occasion, that it may give grace to those who hear. 30 And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, by whom you were sealed for the day of redemption. 31 Let all bitterness and wrath and anger and clamor and slander be put away from you, along with all malice. 32 Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you.

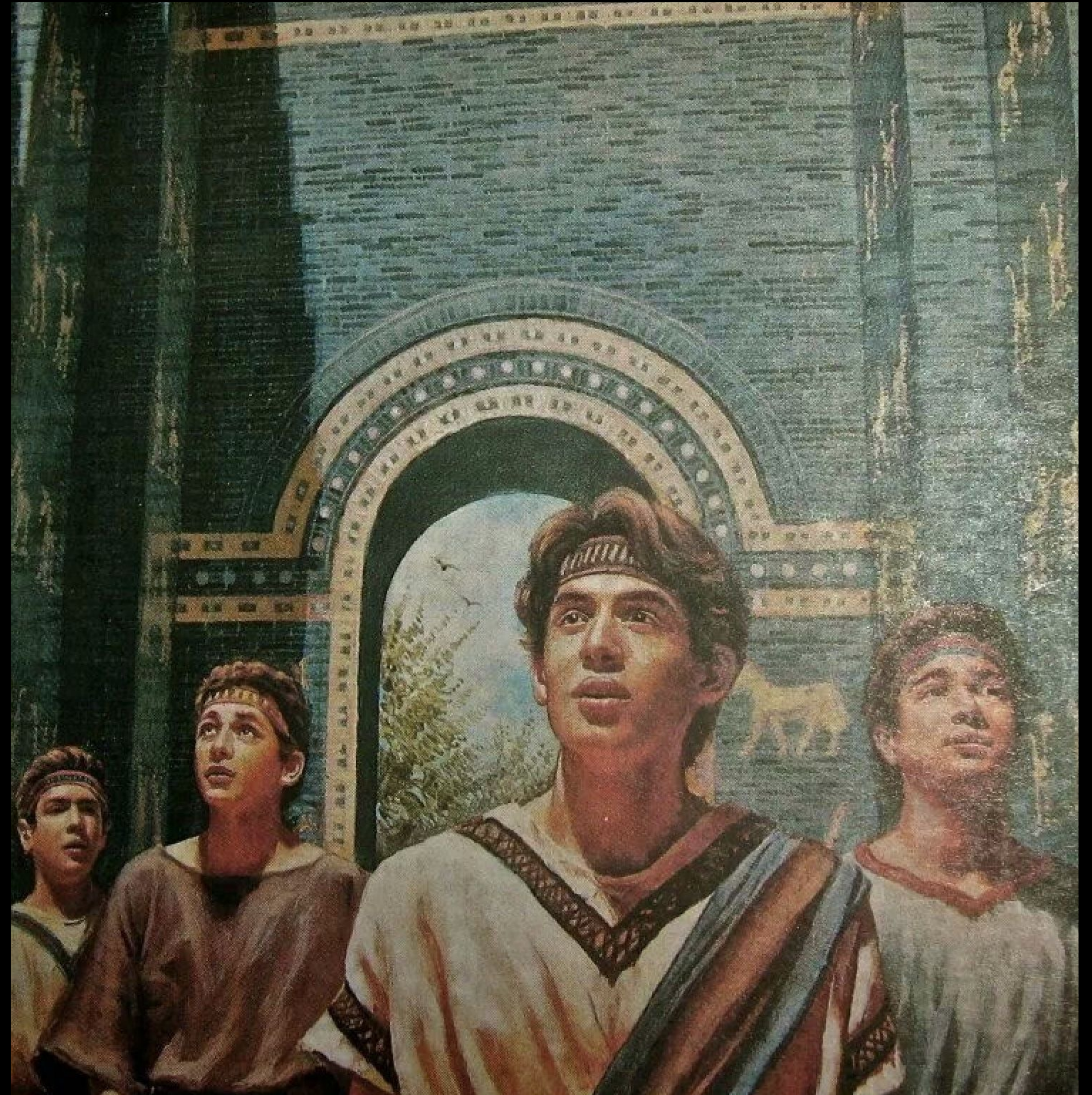
- Ephesians 4:17-32

Daniel lived in Tension With the World Around Him



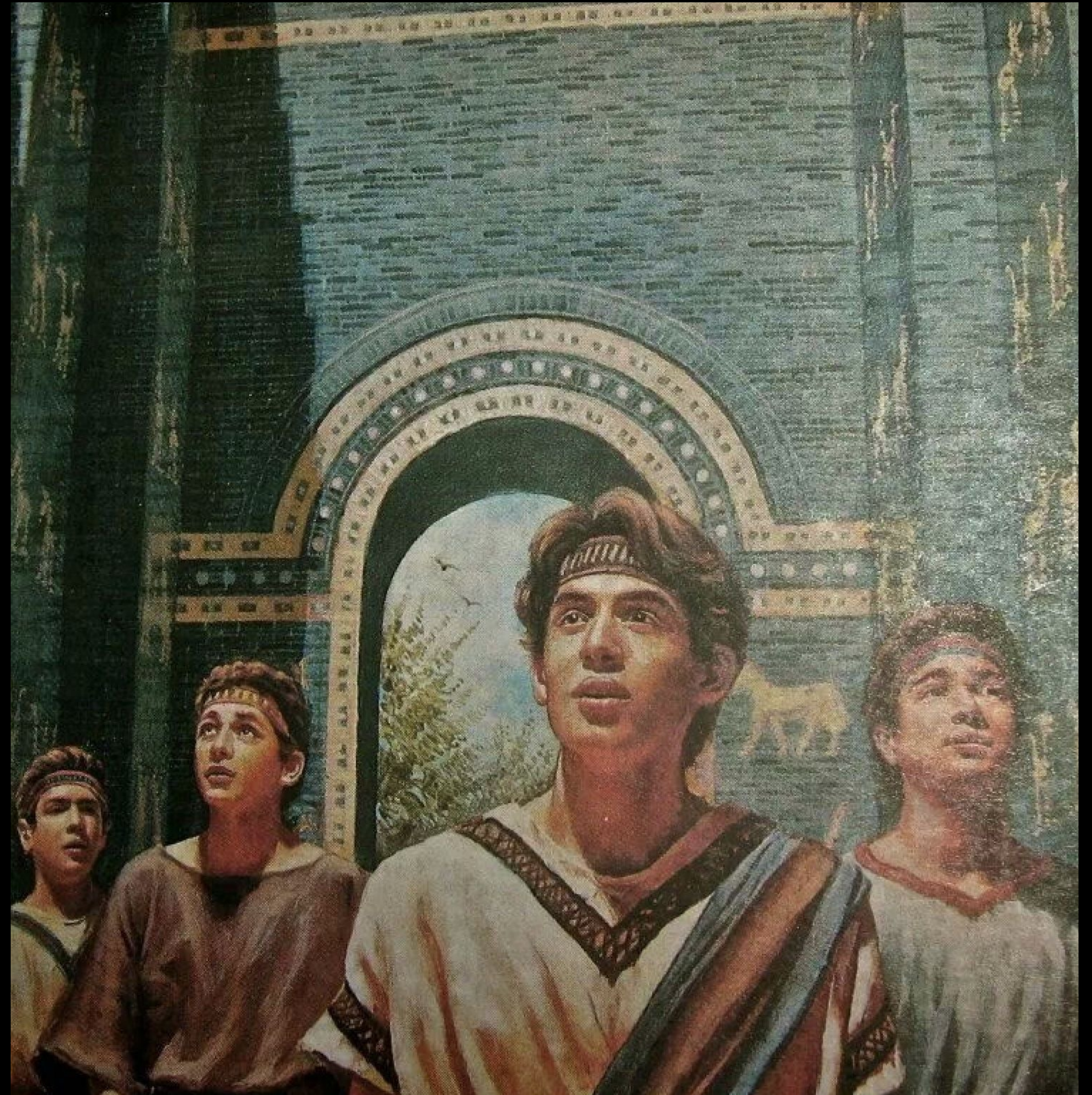
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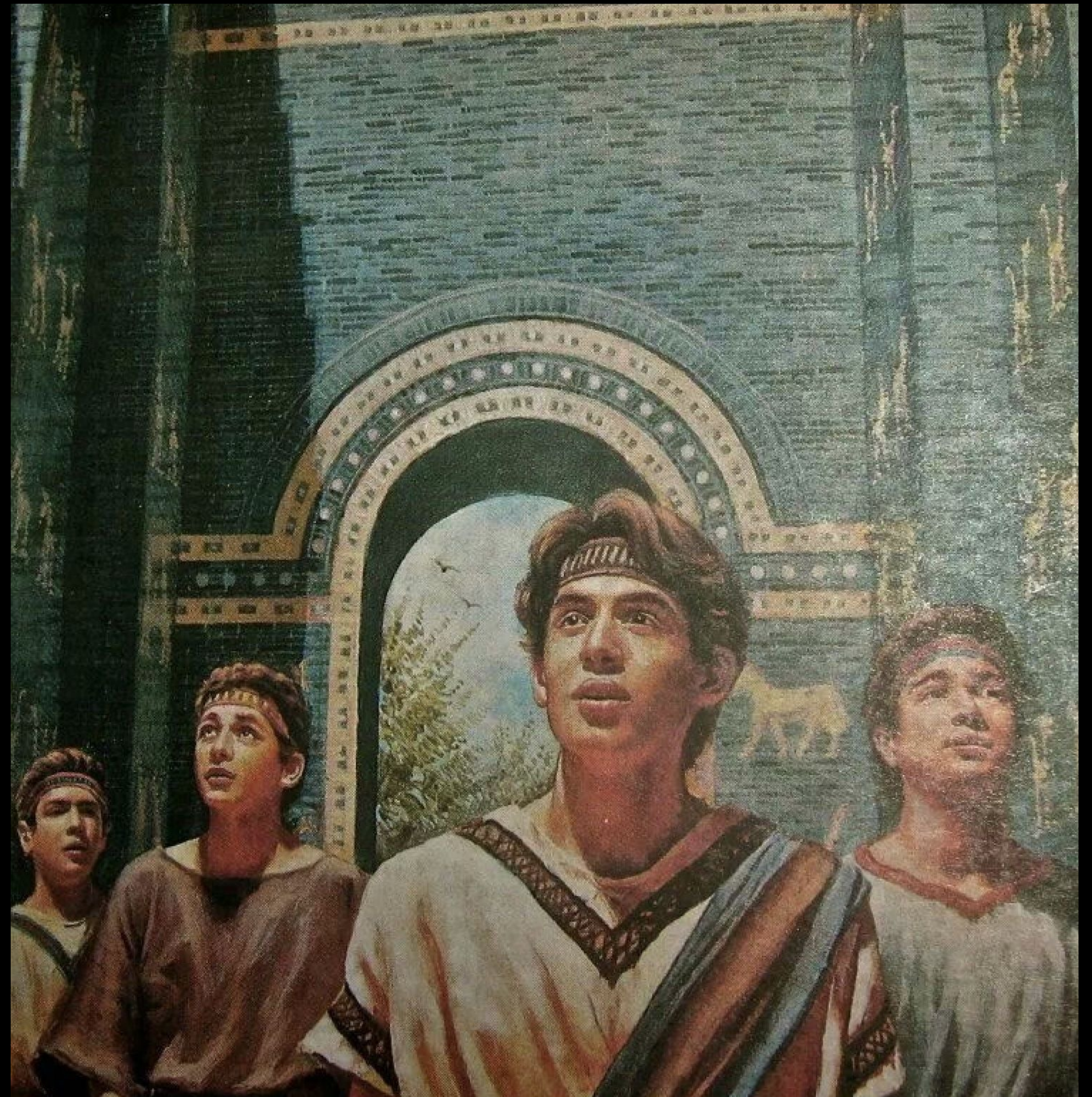
And in every matter of wisdom and understanding about which the king inquired of them (Daniel and his friends), he found them ten times better than all the magicians and enchanters that were in all his kingdom.

- Daniel 1:20

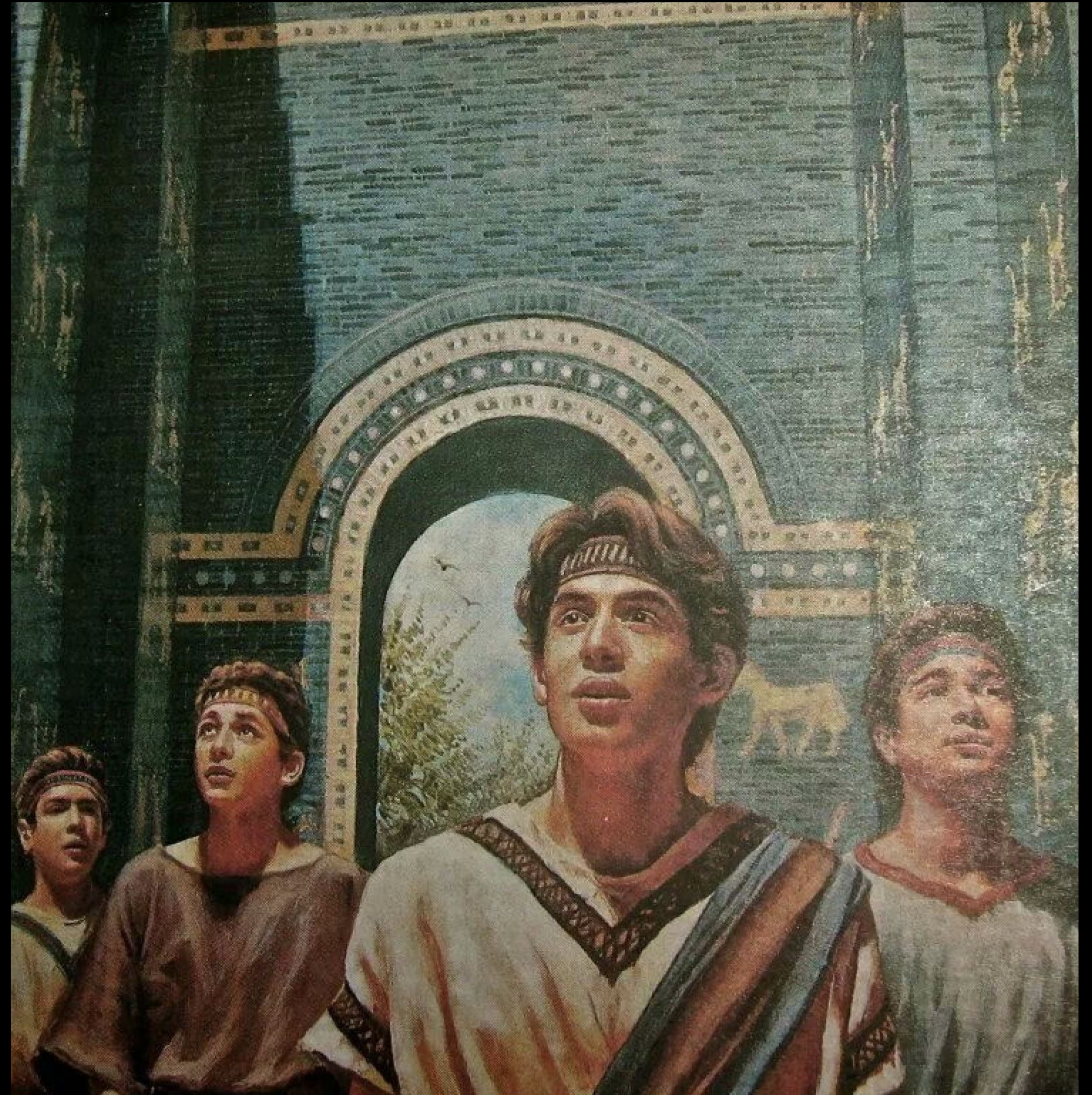


When Daniel knew that the document had been signed, he went to his house where he had windows in his upper chamber open toward Jerusalem. He got down on his knees three times a day and prayed and gave thanks before his God, as he had done previously.

- Daniel 6:10



- Secure in his identity, rooted in his relationship with God.
- Engaged with Culture without compromise or withdrawal.
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Ephesians 4:17-32

- Main Idea: Living in the tension, is a process of daily putting off the old and living into our true identity in Christ.
 - vss 17-19: Putting off the old self
 - vss 20-21: Learning Christ
 - vs 22-24: Putting On the new self
 - vss 25-32: Living in the tension

17 Now this I say and testify in the Lord, that you must no longer walk as the Gentiles do, in the futility of their minds. 18 They are darkened in their understanding, alienated from the life of God because of the ignorance that is in them, due to their hardness of heart. 19 They have become callous and have given themselves up to sensuality, greedy to practice every kind of impurity.

-Ephesians 4:17-19

The “flow” of Ephesians 4:17-19:

futile thinking—>leads to a darkened understanding of the world
—>alienation from the life of God—> because of the hardness of
their hearts—>given themselves up to immorality.

Sanctification: “To be made holy”

To sanctify something is to set it apart so it can be used for God.

20 But that is not the way you learned Christ!— 21 assuming that you have heard about him and were taught in him, as the truth is in Jesus,

-Ephesians 4:20-21

And he said to all, “If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me.

- Luke 9:23

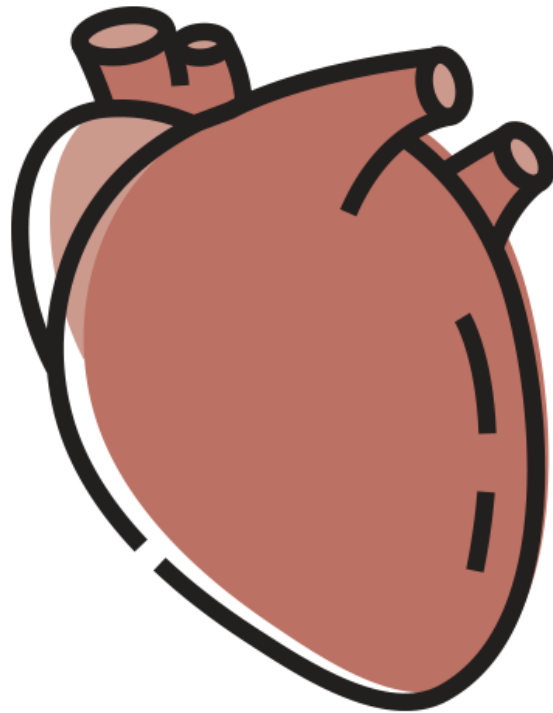
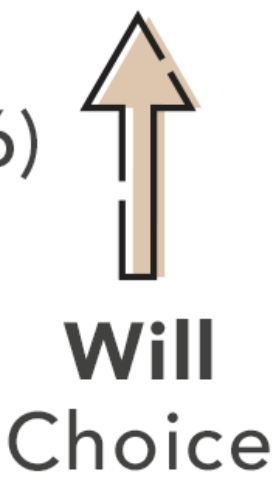
3 And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, that where I am you may be also. 4 And you know the way to where I am going.” 5 Thomas said to him, “Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?” 6 Jesus said to him, “I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.

- John 14:3-6

22 to put off your old self, which belongs to your former manner of life and is corrupt through deceitful desires, 23 and to be renewed in the spirit of your minds, 24 and to put on the new self, created after the likeness of God in true righteousness and holiness.

- Ephesians 4:22-24

Honor God
(Jesus' heart, Mark 14:32-36)

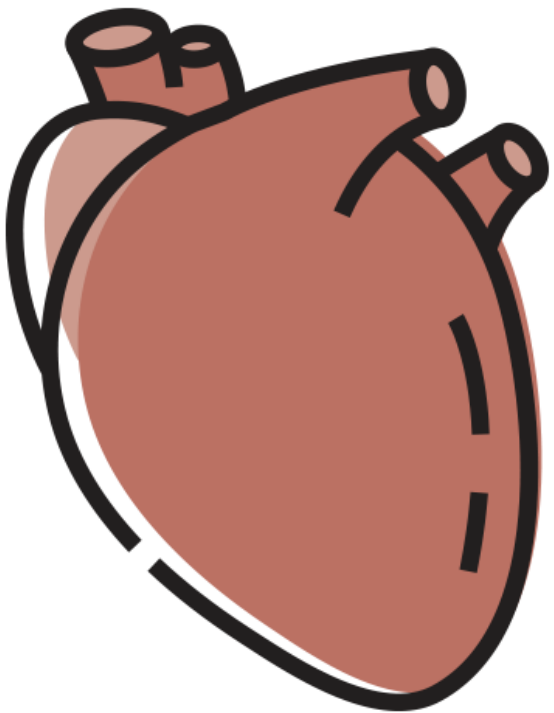


Thoughts/beliefs
God can do all things,
even remove suffering

Desires
To not suffer
(Mark 14)

Emotions
Sorrowful/troubled

Sin
(Eve's heart, Genesis 3:6)



Thoughts/beliefs
God is withholding
good from me

Desires
To be wise like God

Emotions
Delight

For from within the hearts of men come evil thoughts, sexual immorality, theft, murder, adultery, greed, wickedness, deceit, debauchery, envy, slander, arrogance, and foolishness. All these evils come from within, and these are what defile a man.

- Mark 7:21-23

I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit within you; I will remove your heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh.

- Ezekiel 36:26

17 For the flesh desires what is contrary to the Spirit, and the Spirit what is contrary to the flesh. They are in conflict with each other, so that you are not to do whatever you want.

- Galatians 5:17

“The right ordering of love is that we should love what ought to be loved, and love it in the way it ought to be loved.”

— Augustine, *On Christian Doctrine*, I.27–28

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Therefore, having put away falsehood, let each one of you speak the truth with his neighbor, for we are members one of another.
-Ephesians 4:25

Ephesians 4:25-32- Put off and Put on
From disordered loves to reordered loves

Put off	Underlying disordered love	Put on	Reordered love
Falsehood / lying (v.25)	Love of self-preservation, or advantage	Truth — speak truth to your neighbour (Zech 8:16)	Love of God and neighbour expressed through honesty

Let no corrupting talk come out of your mouths, but only such as is good for building up, as fits the occasion, that it may give grace to those who hear. -Ephesians 4:29

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Put off	Underlying disordered love	Put on	Reordered love
Corrupt / destructive speech(v.29)	Love of self-importance, power, approval, or winning	Edifying speech — build others up (Col. 3:12	Compassion, humility and gentleness

31 Let all bitterness and wrath and anger and clamor and slander be put away from you, along with all malice. 32 Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you. -Ephesians 4:31-32

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Put off	Underlying disordered love	Put on	Reordered love
All of the Above Collectively (v.31-32)	Love of self as ultimate	Forgiveness — as God forgave you in Christ. (vs.32)	Love of the Gospel of God's grace, mercy

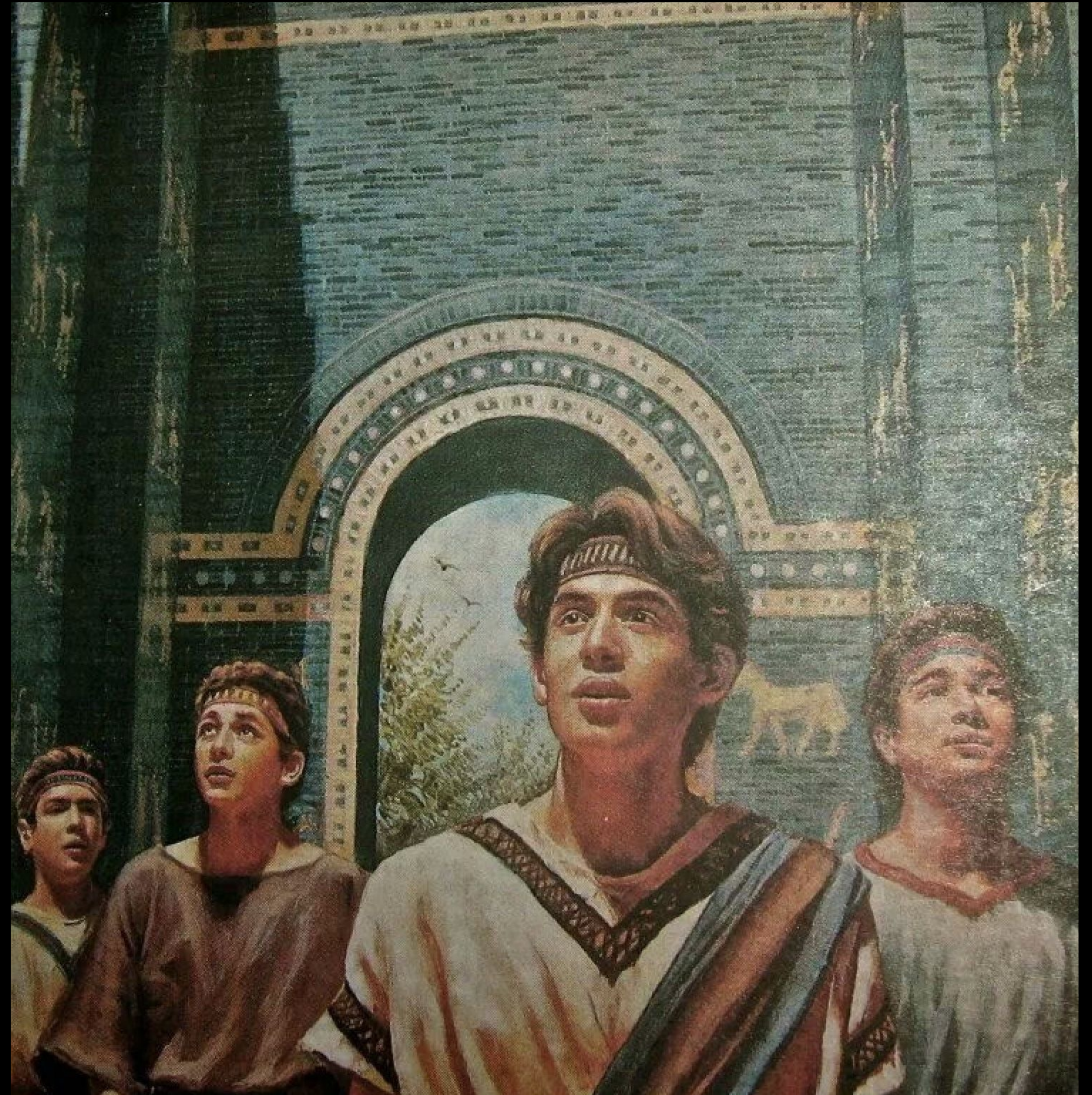
God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us. For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. . . but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

- Romans 5:5-8

Delight yourself in the Lord, and he will give you the desires of your heart.

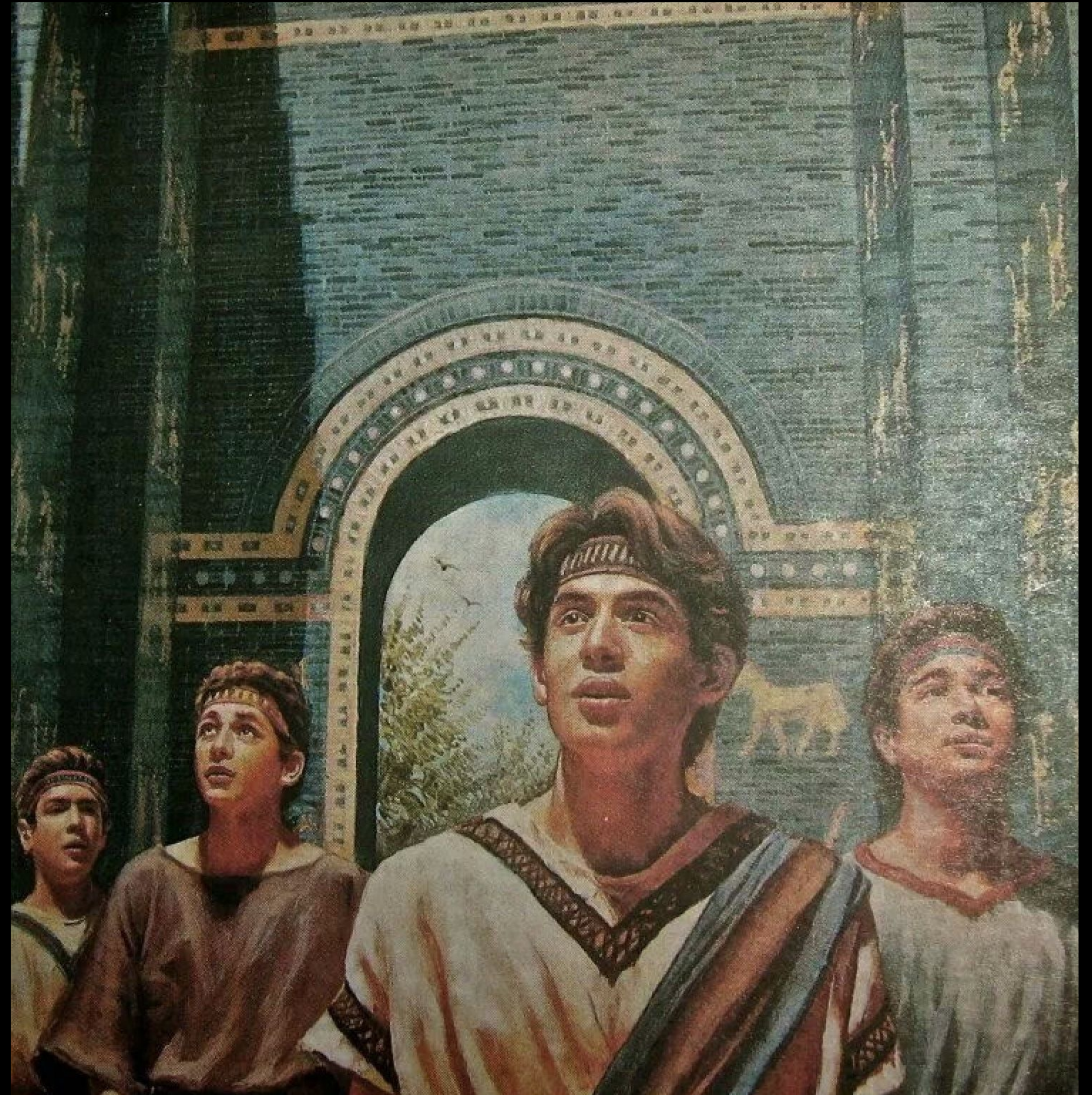
- Psalm 37:4

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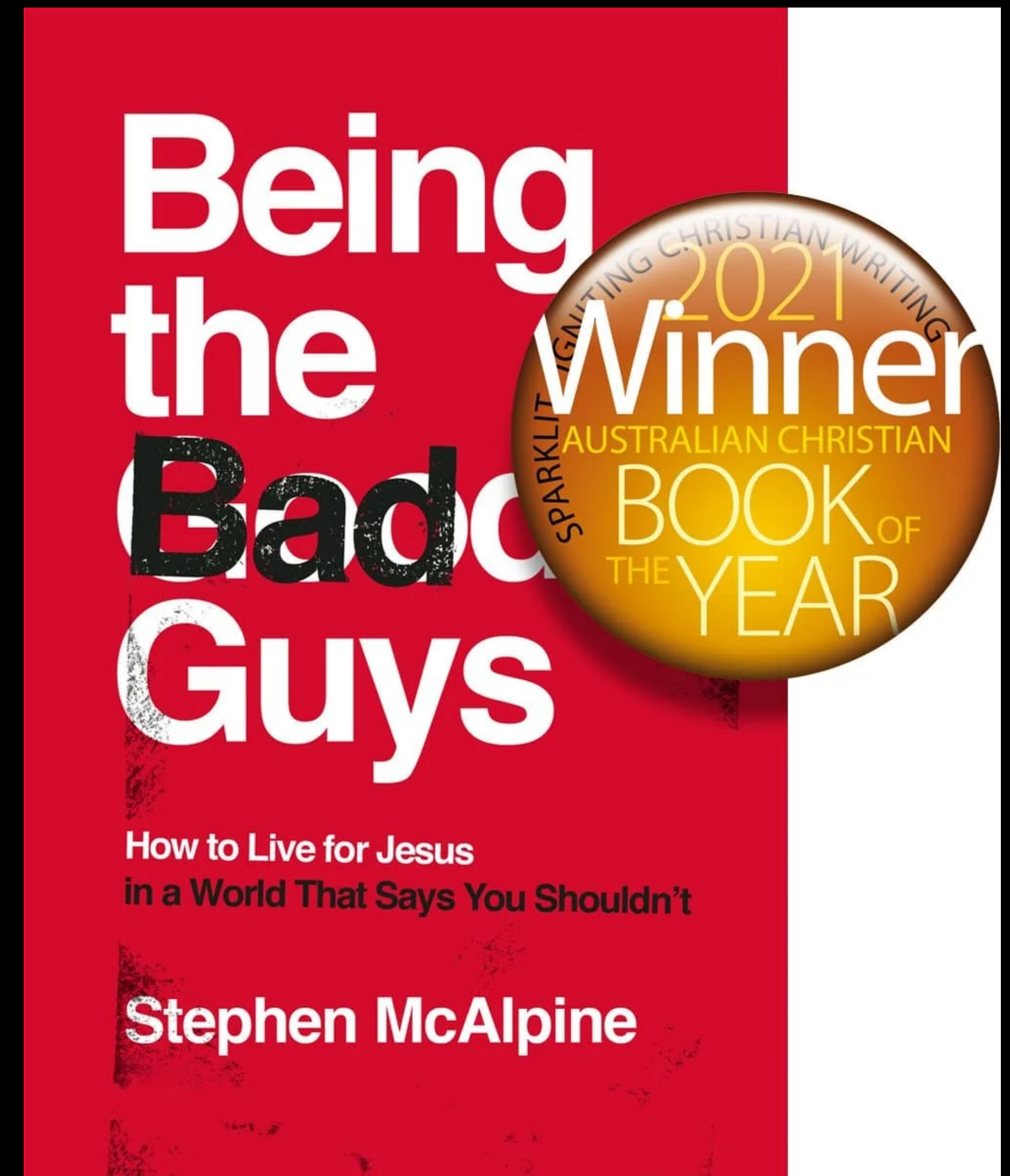


Live such good lives among the pagans that, though they accuse you of doing wrong, they may see your good deeds and glorify God on the day he visits us.

- 1 Peter 2:12

“When the actual victims of the culture start looking for grace and solace from its bruising brutality, we should make it easy for them to conclude that we have been the ones to provide that all along.”

-Stephen McAplaine, “Being the Bad Guys”, p. 76







You make known to me the path of life; in your presence there is fullness of joy; at your right hand are pleasures forevermore.

- Psalm 16:11