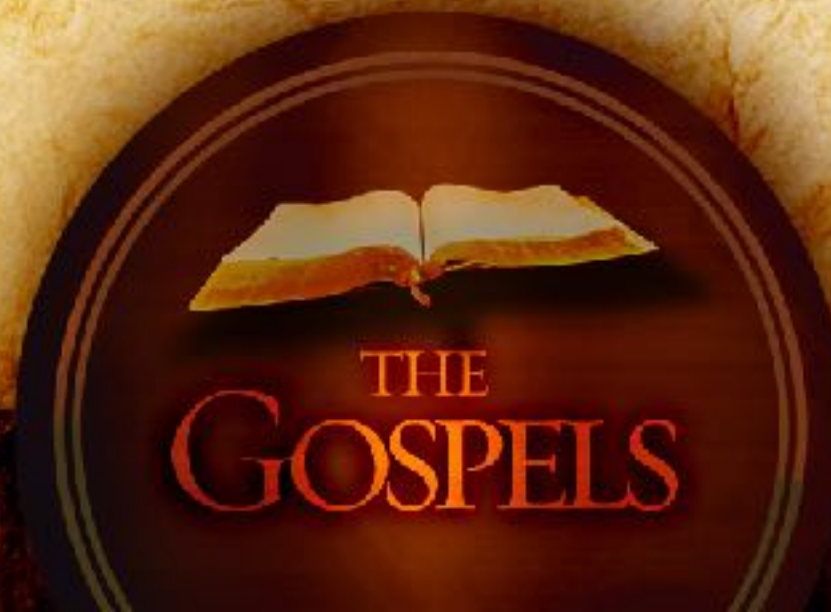





MATTHEW

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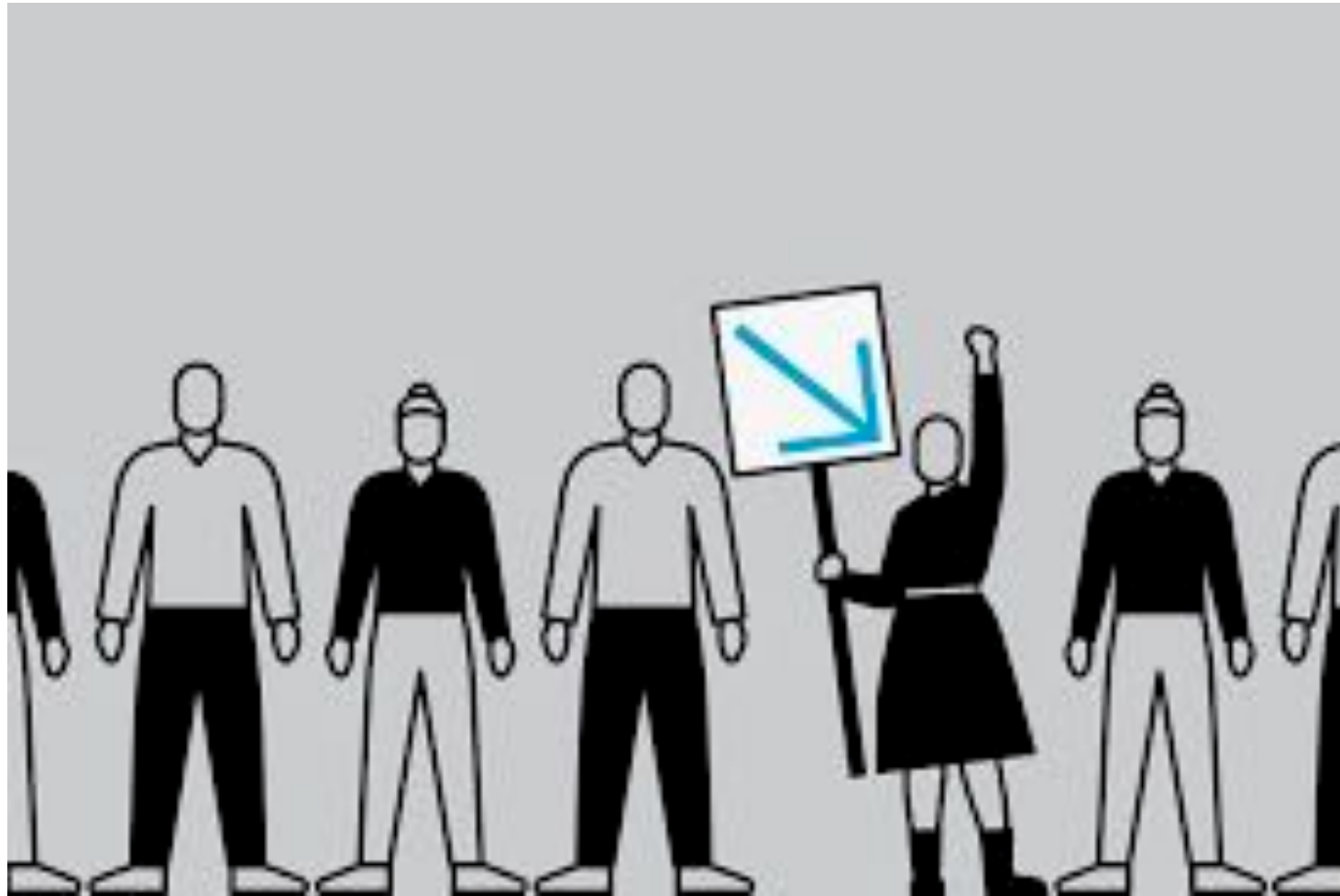
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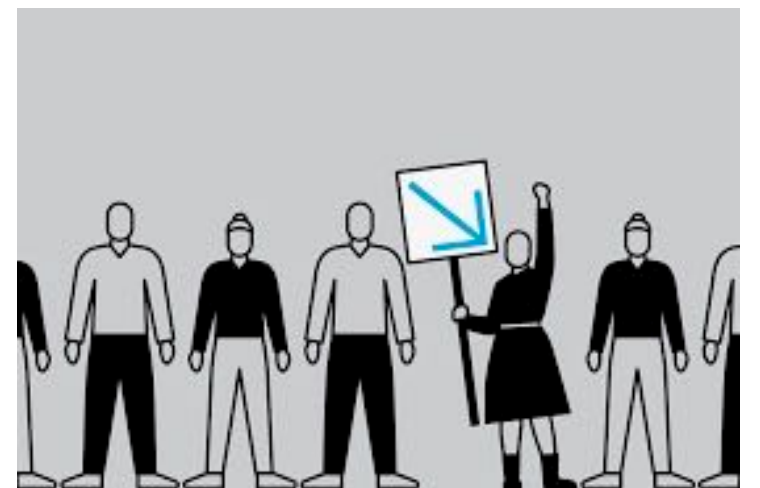
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Matthew 9:20



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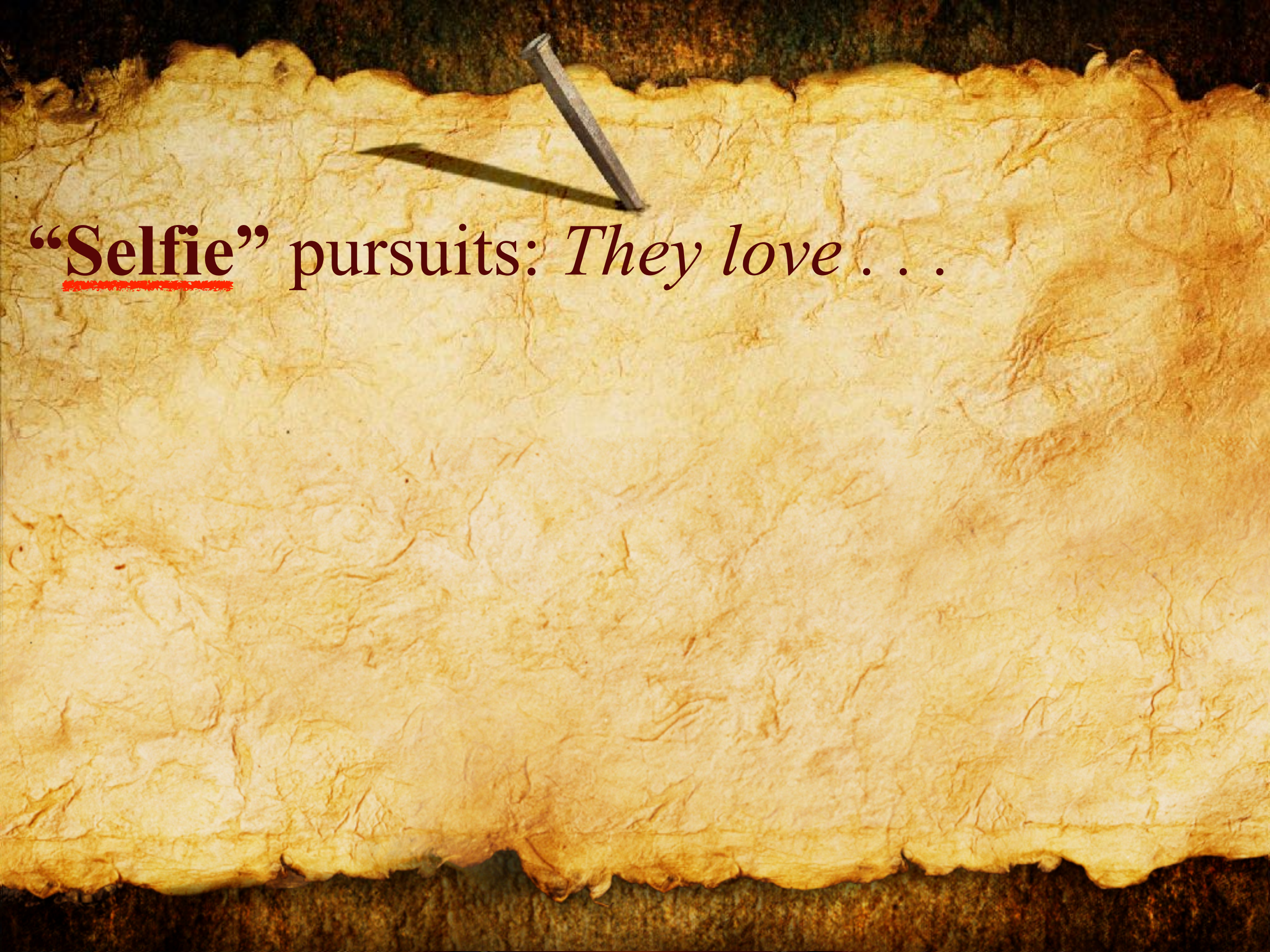
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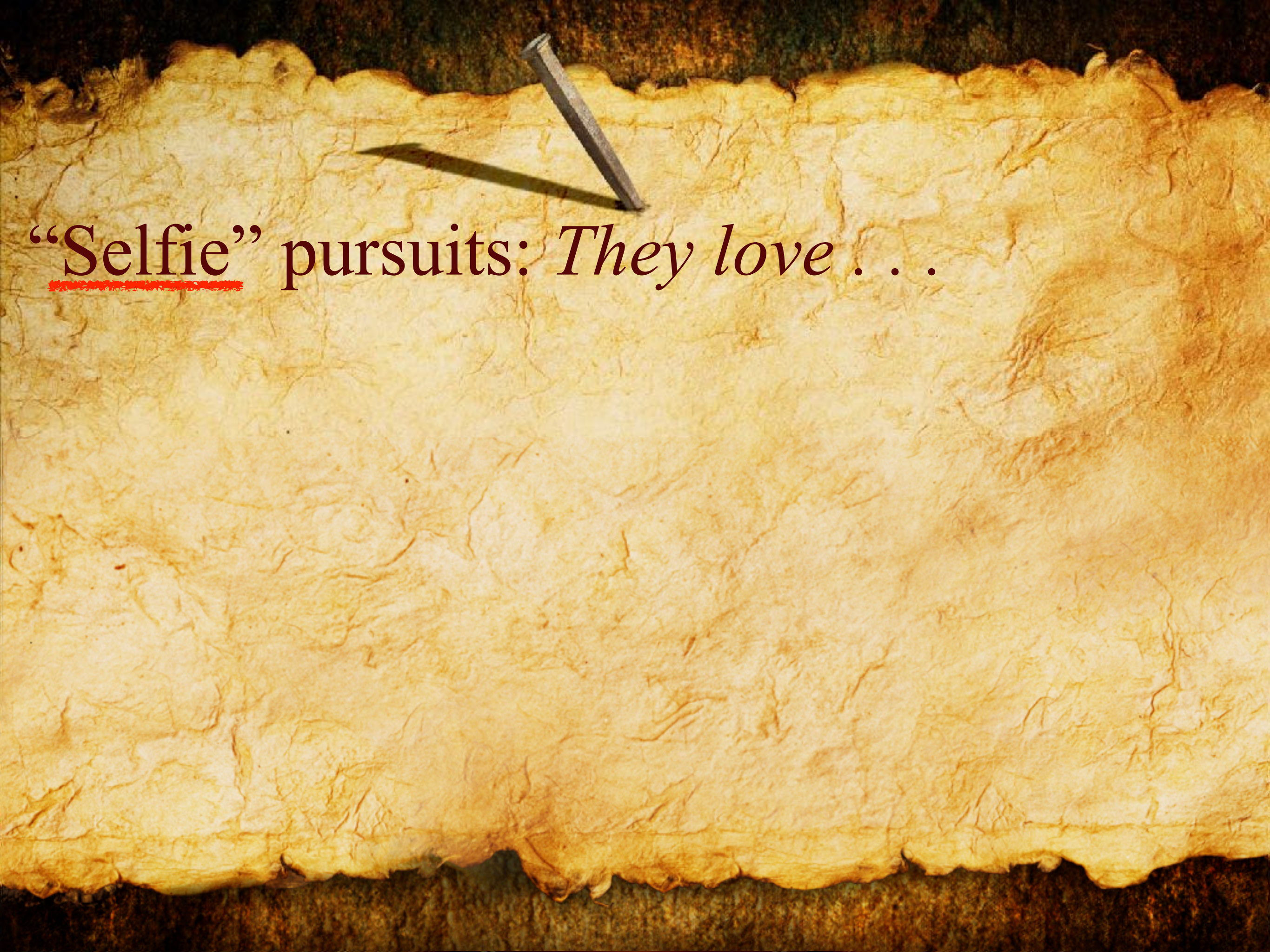
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Praise (deeply revered by all)



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One is your Teacher, the Christ, and
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Matthew 23:8





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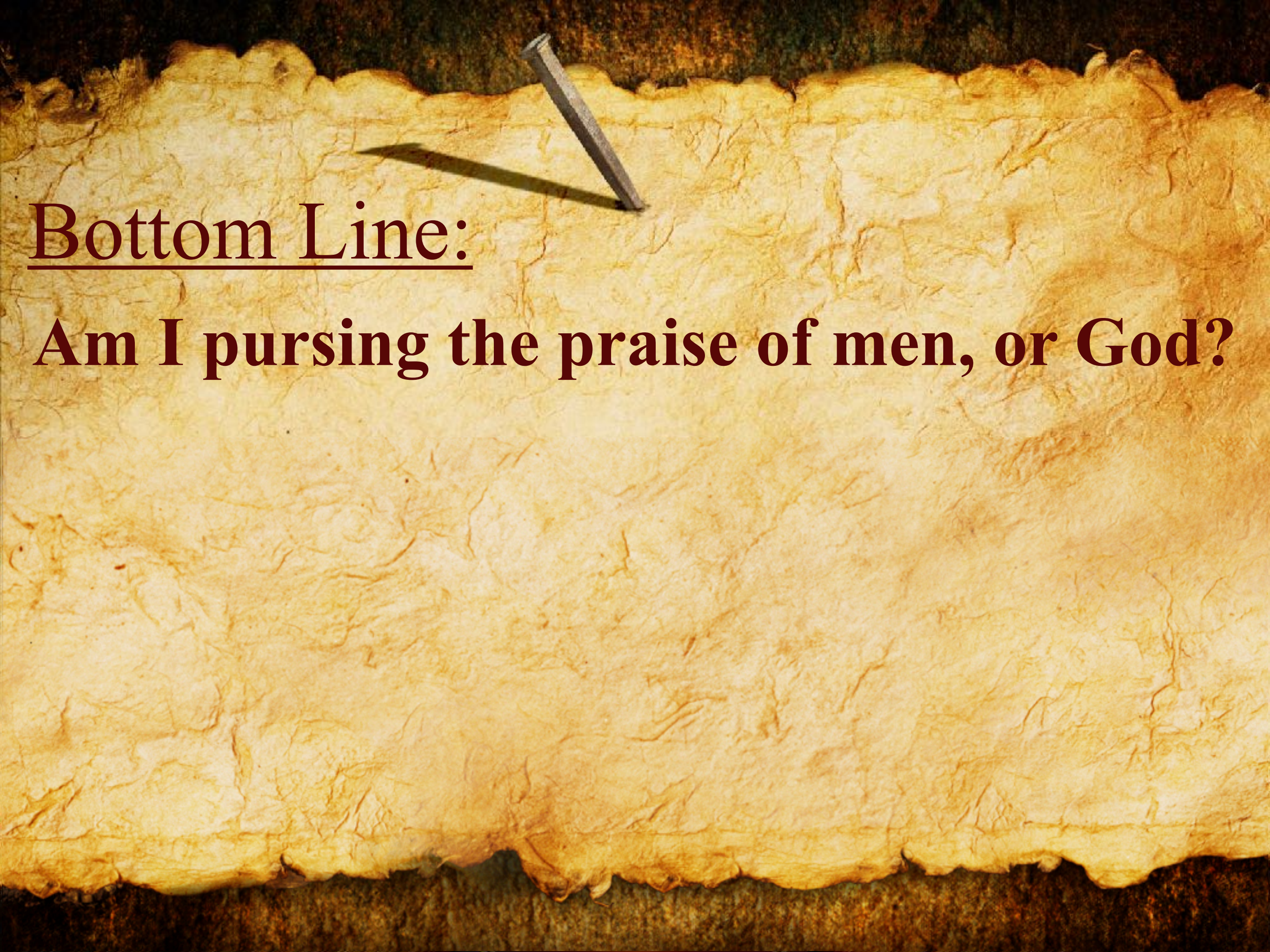


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John 12:43

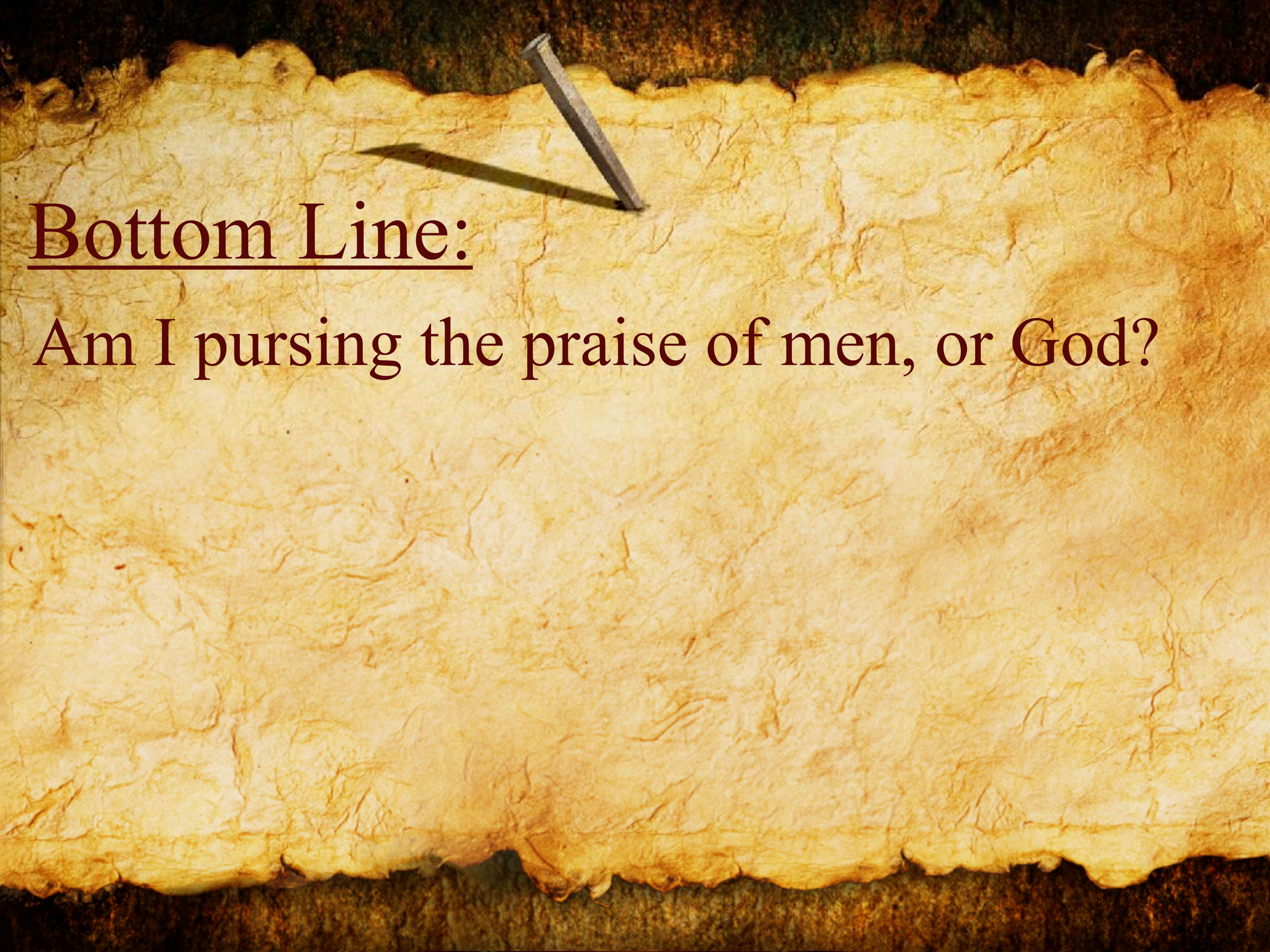


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Colossians 3:1-2



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Philippians 2:5-6



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Philippians 2:9-11



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