

Advent Series: Week 1



Faith & Hope

Romans 5:1-5; Luke 1

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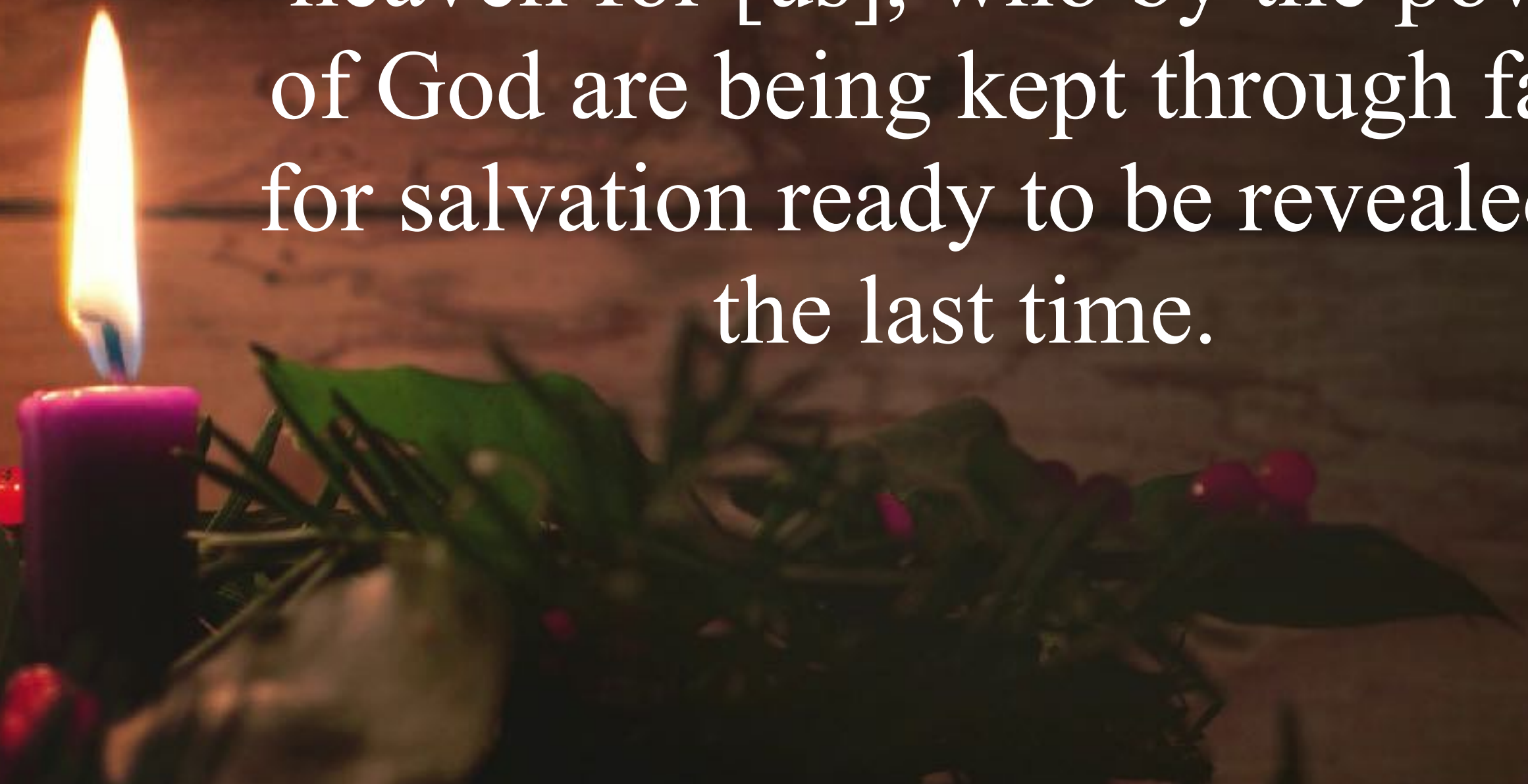
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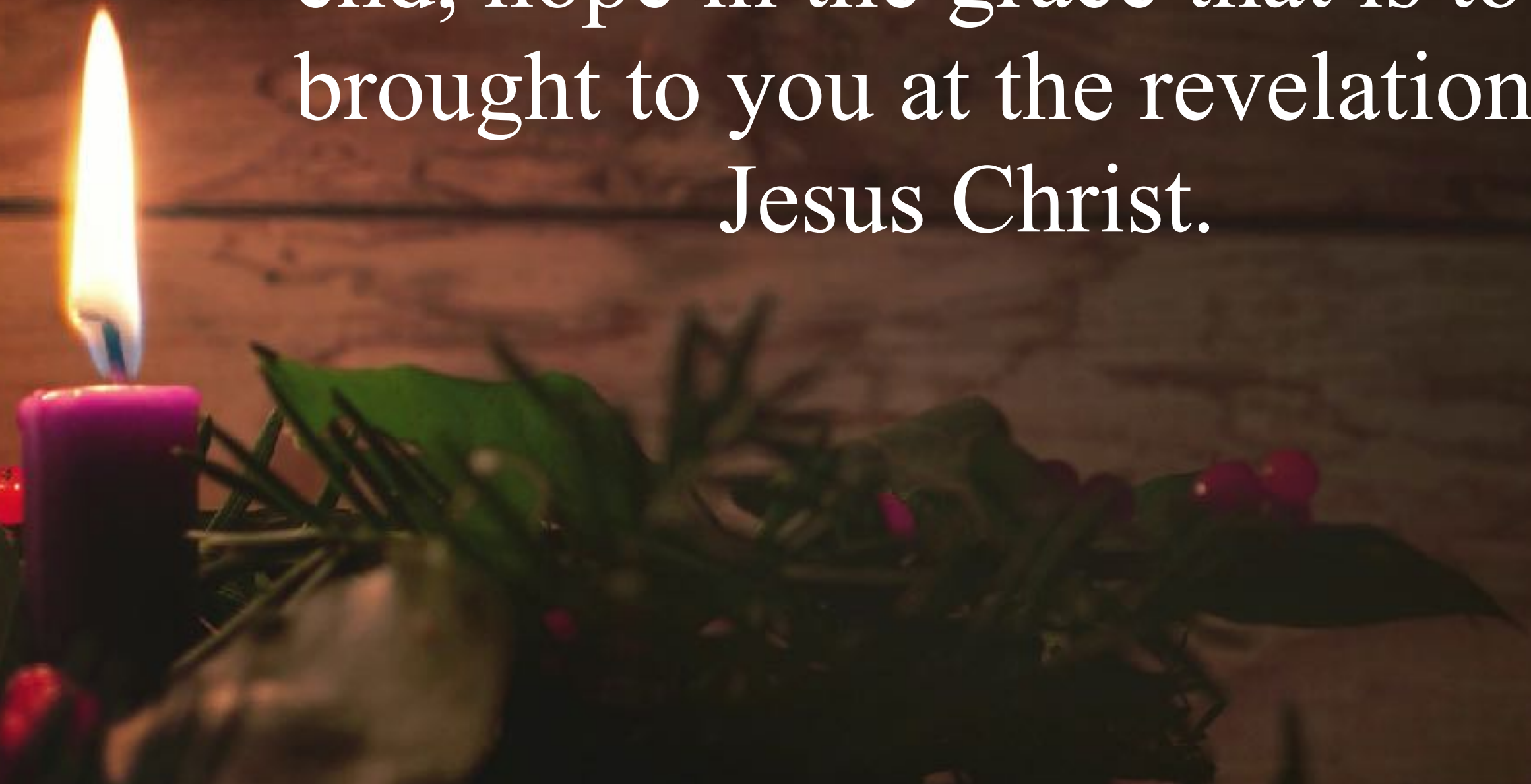
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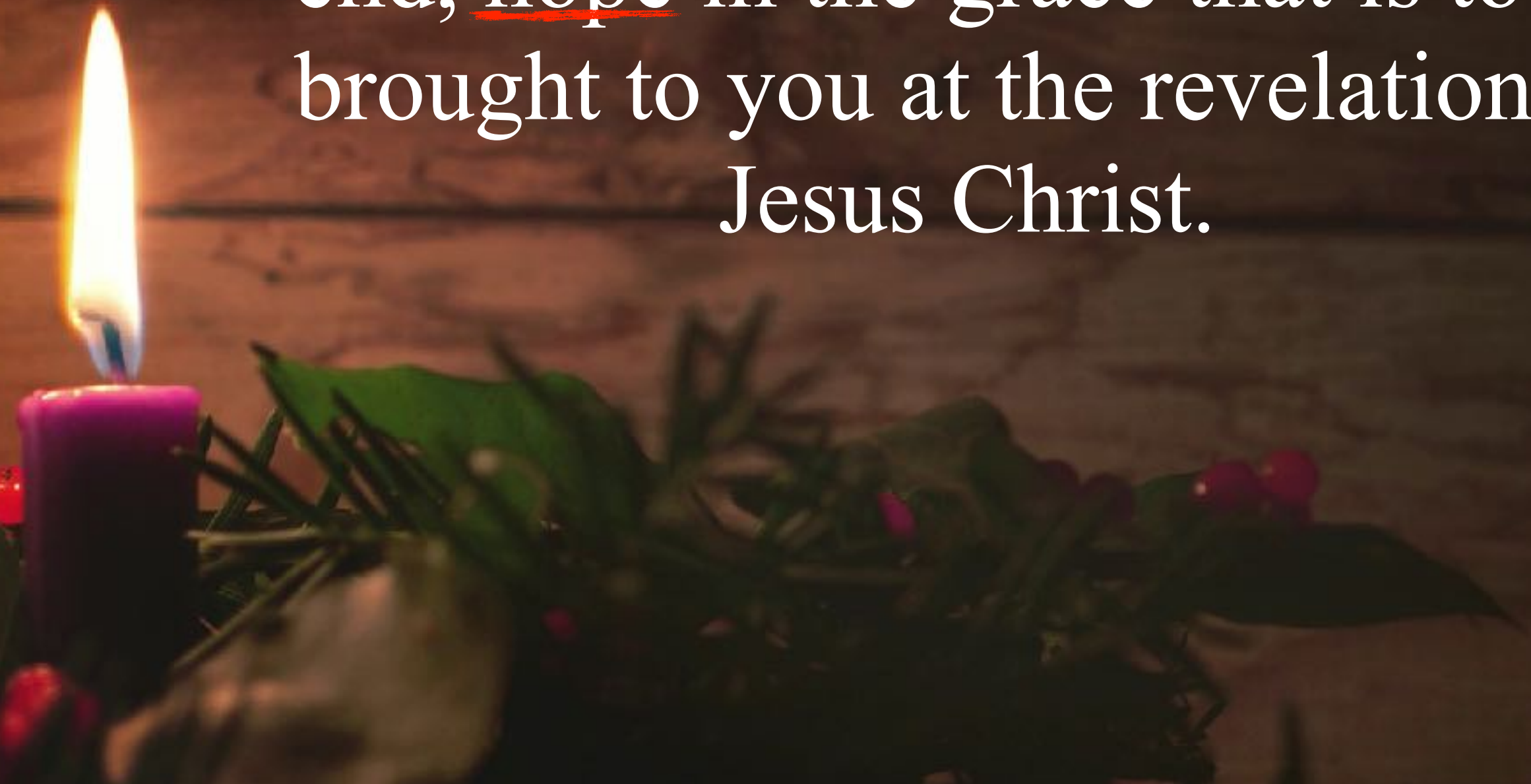
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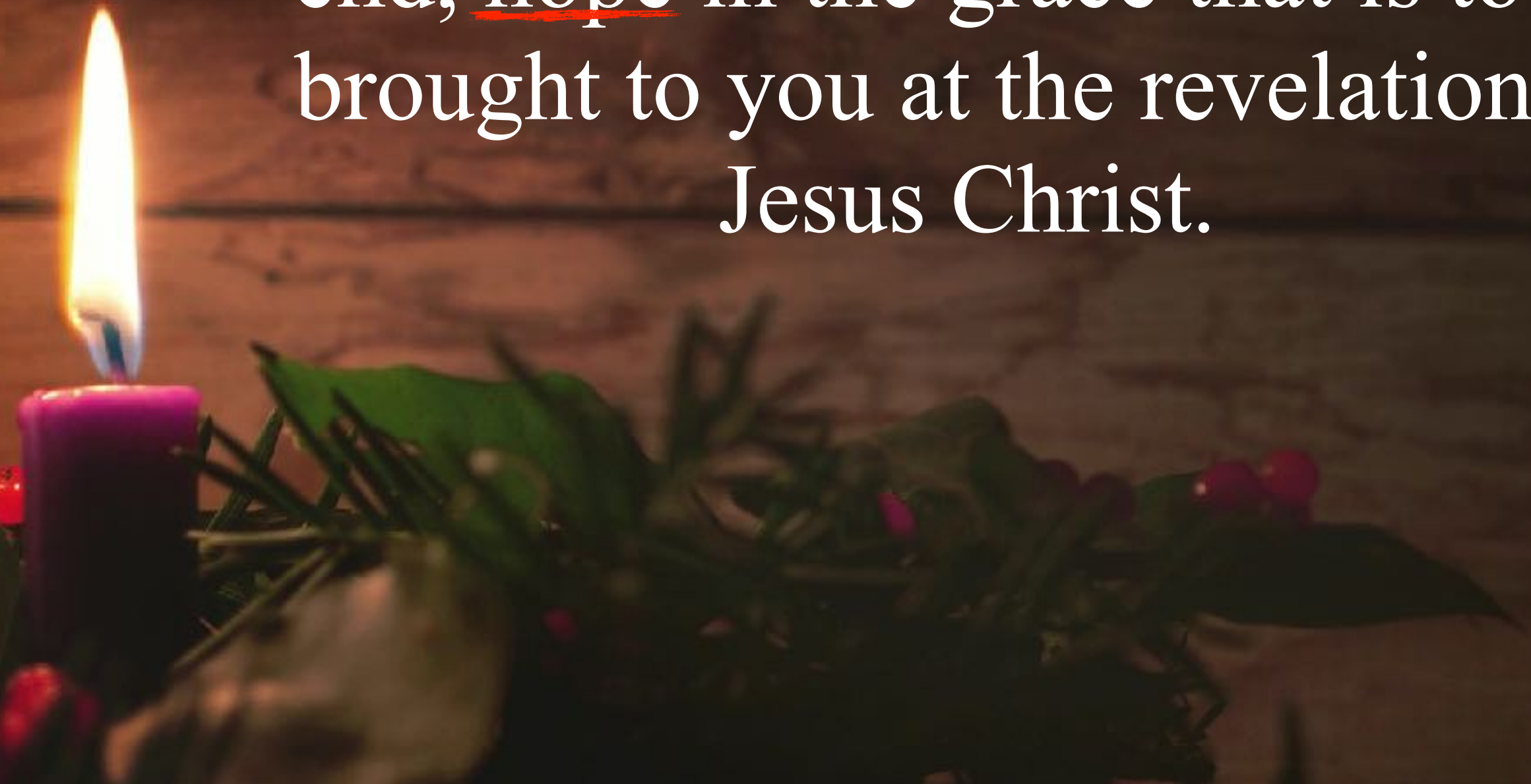
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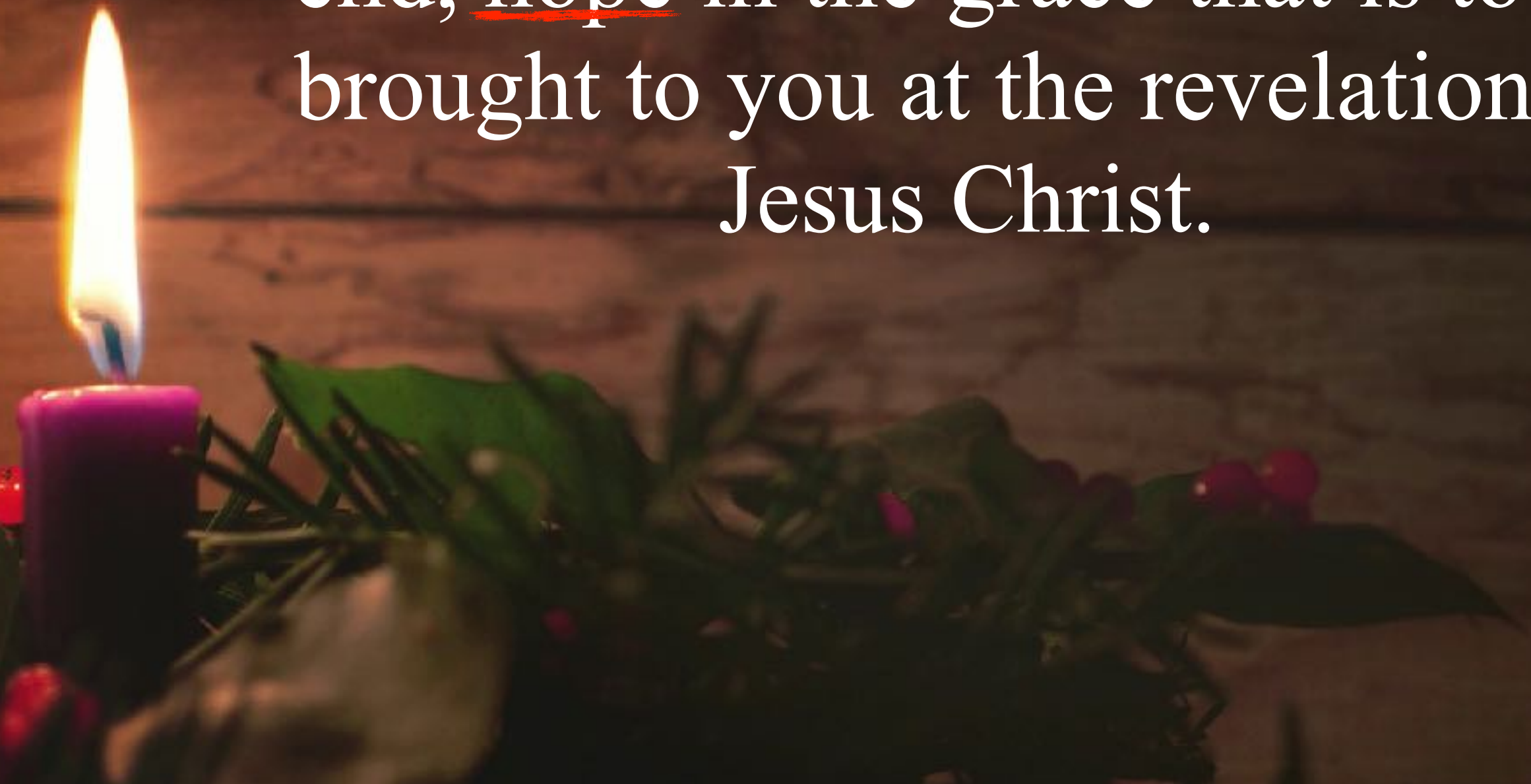
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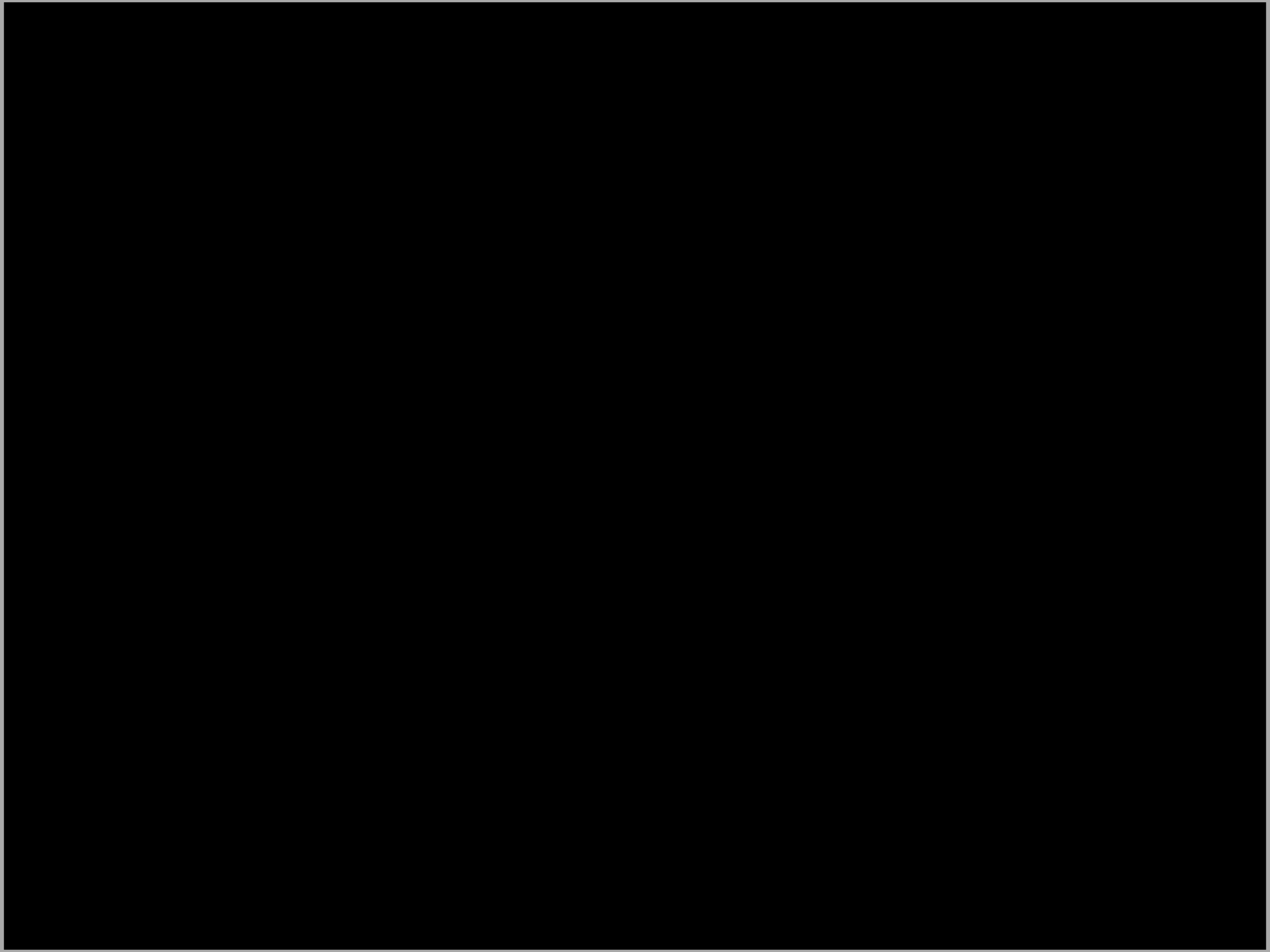
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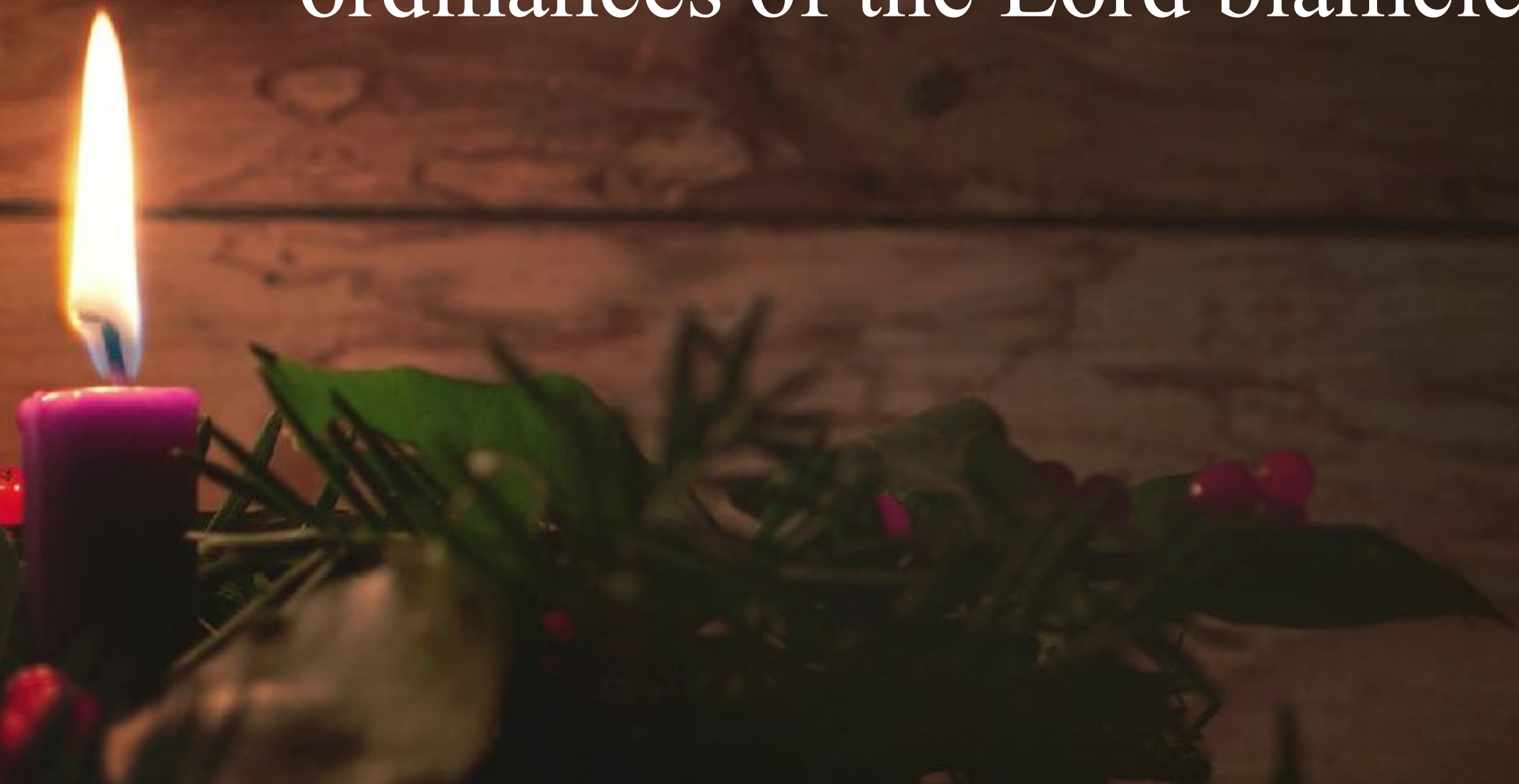
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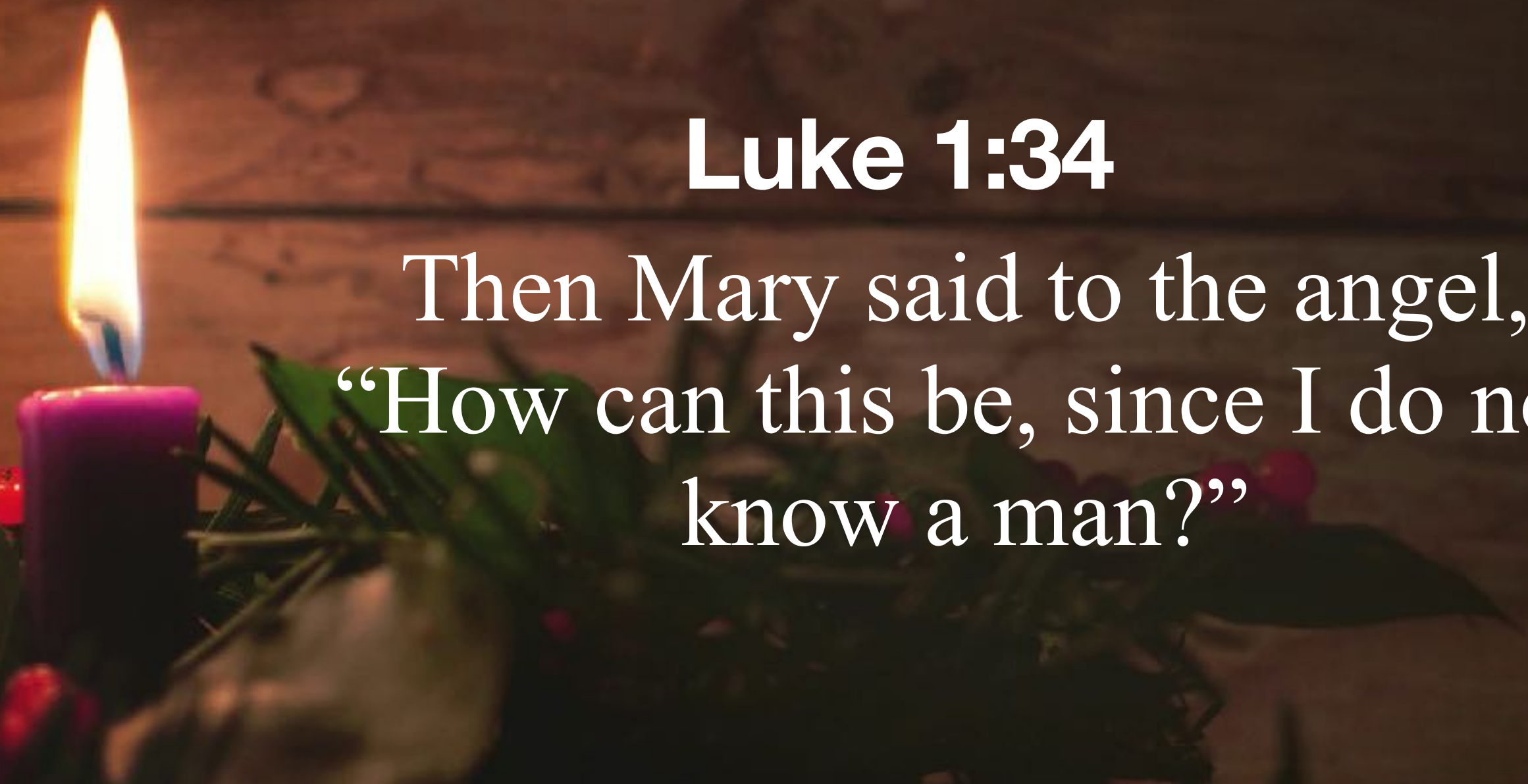


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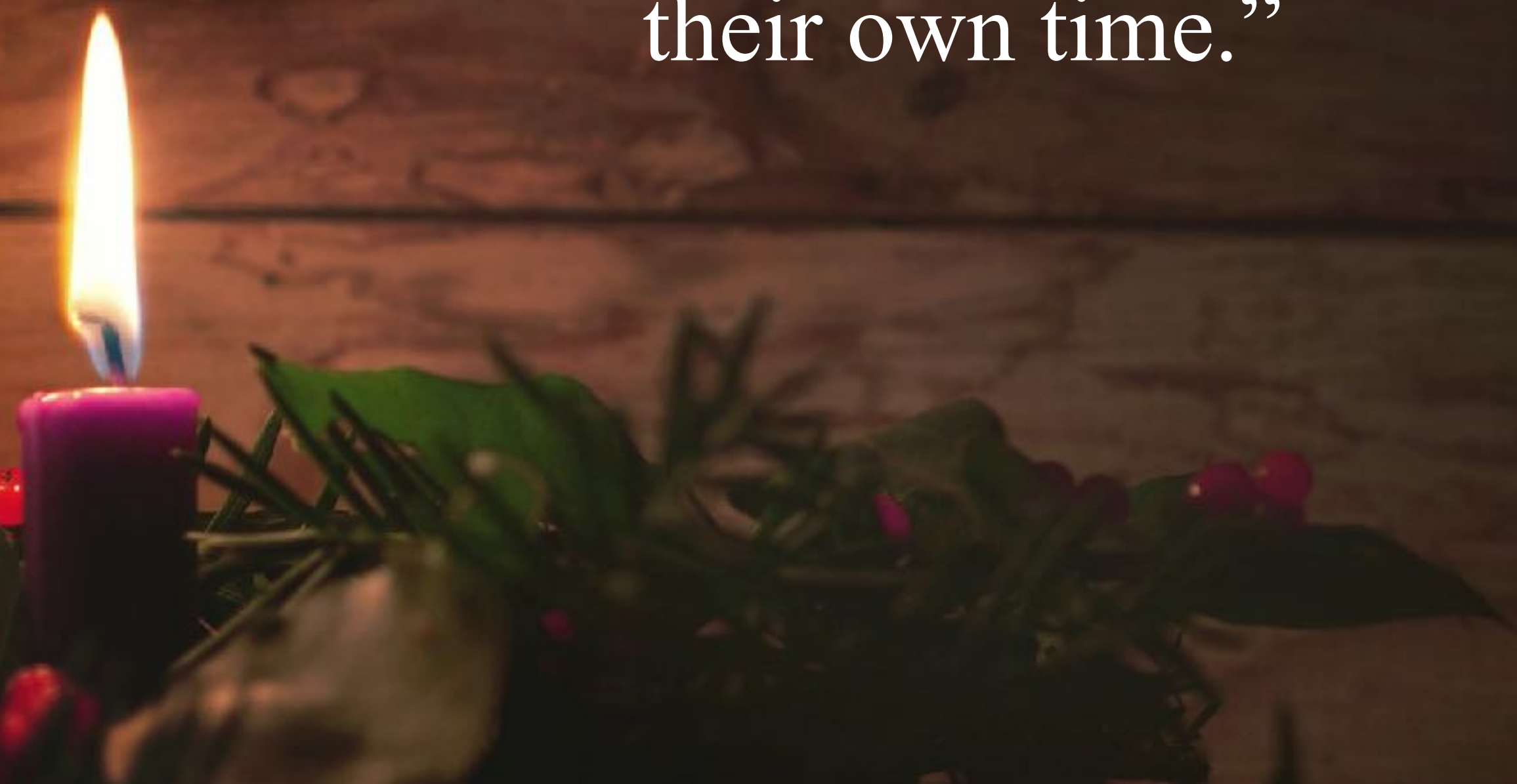
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Luke 1:7b

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Elizabeth was barren, and they
were both well advanced in years.



Acts 14:22b

We must through
many tribulations
enter the kingdom of God.





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Luke 1:13b

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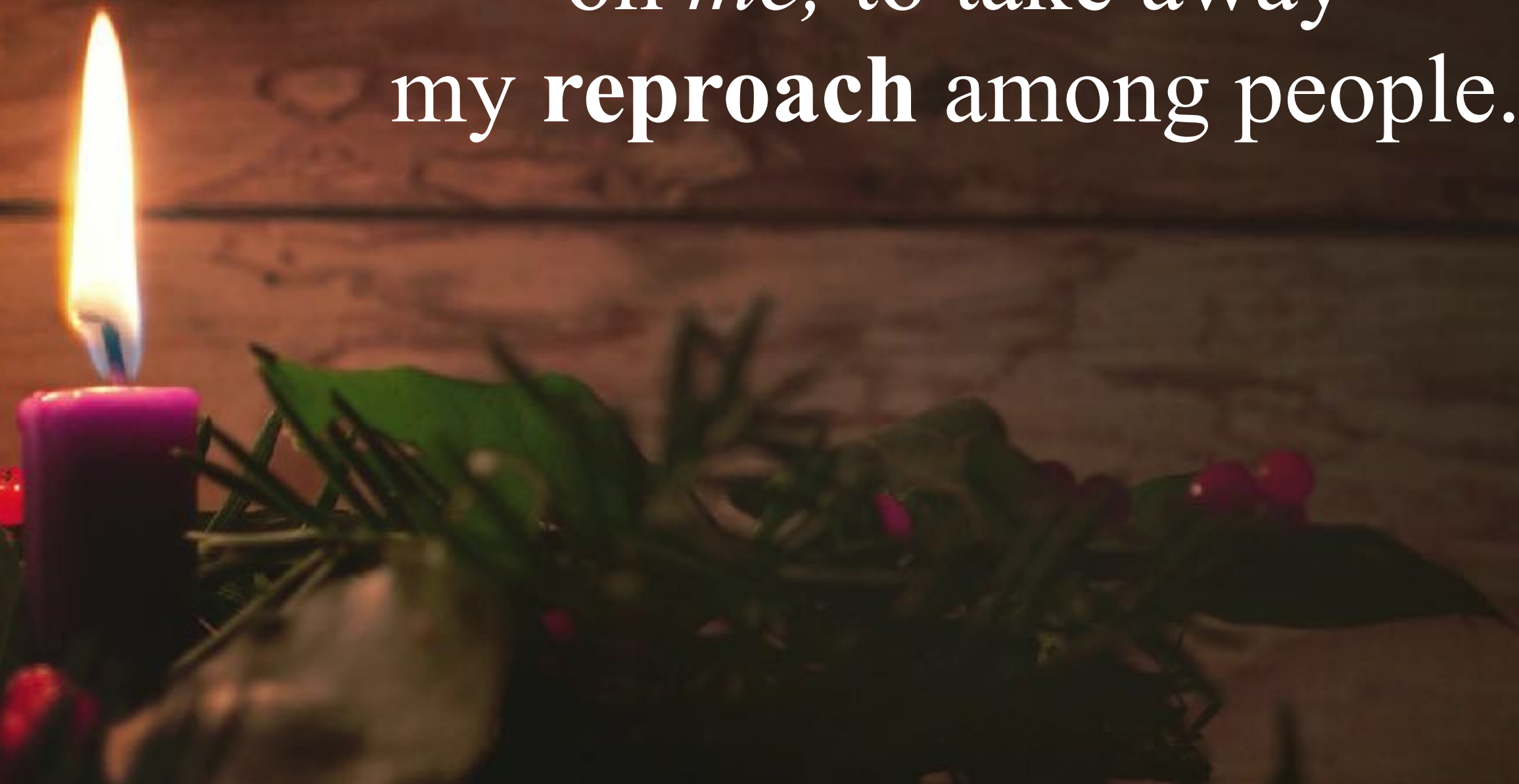
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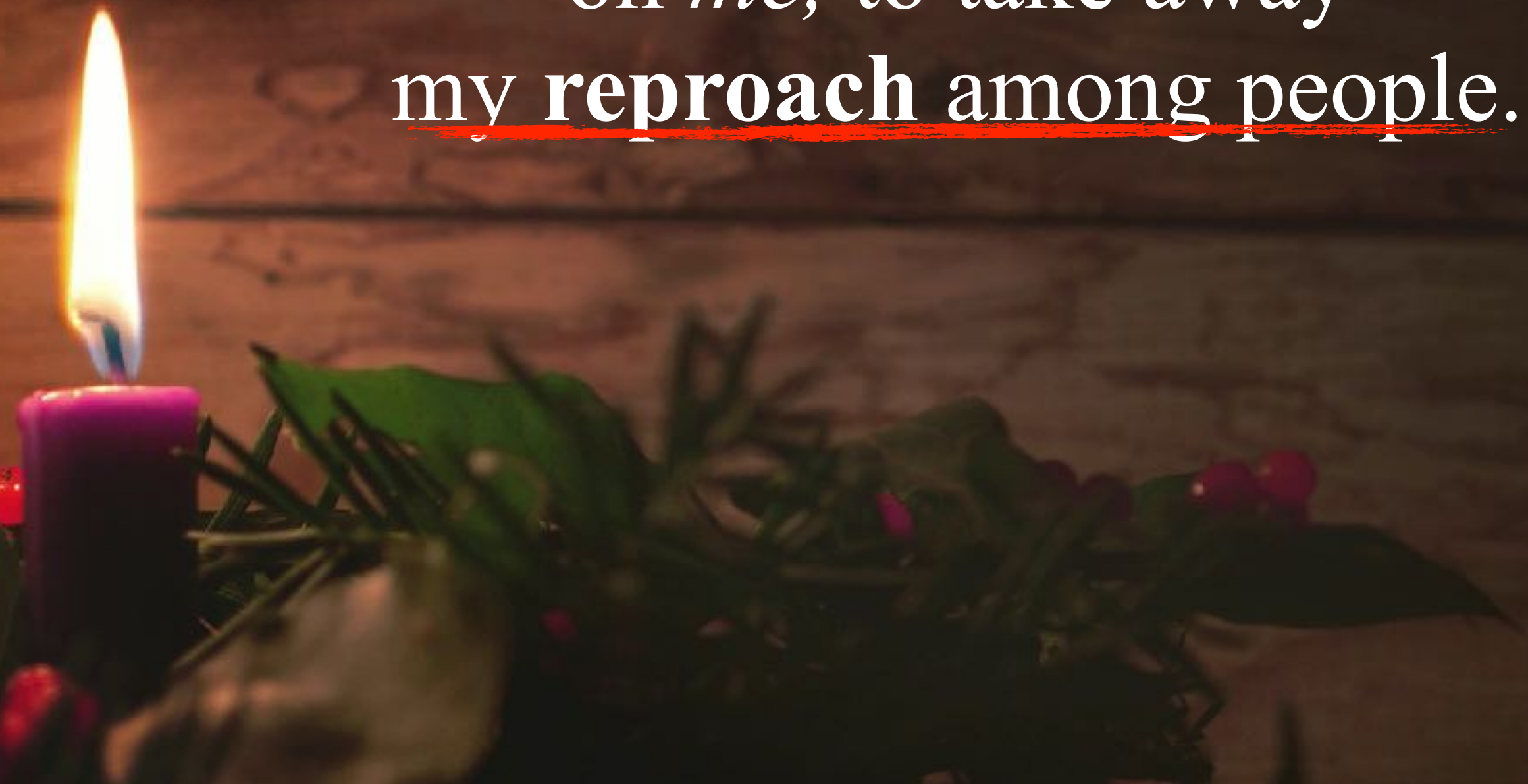
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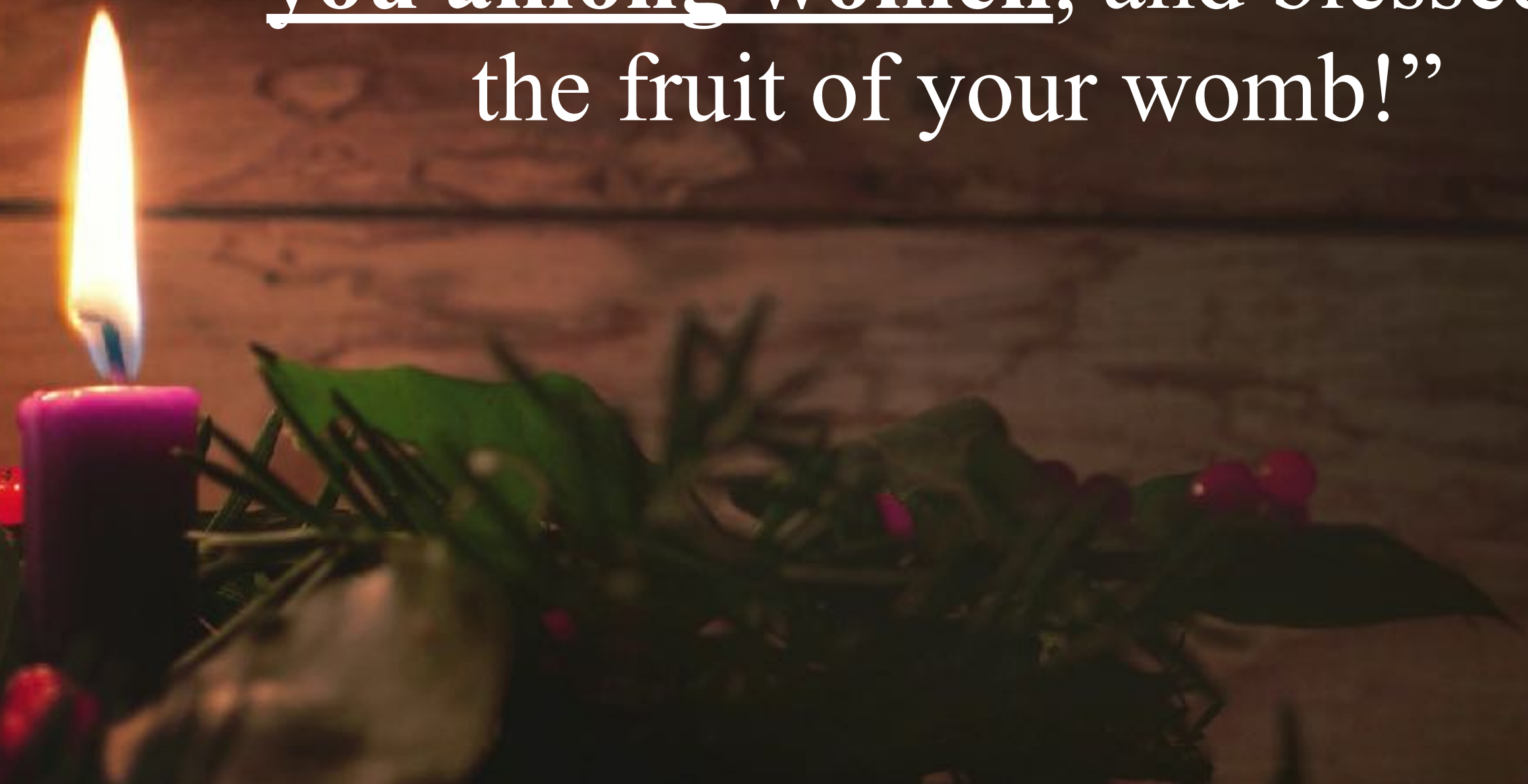
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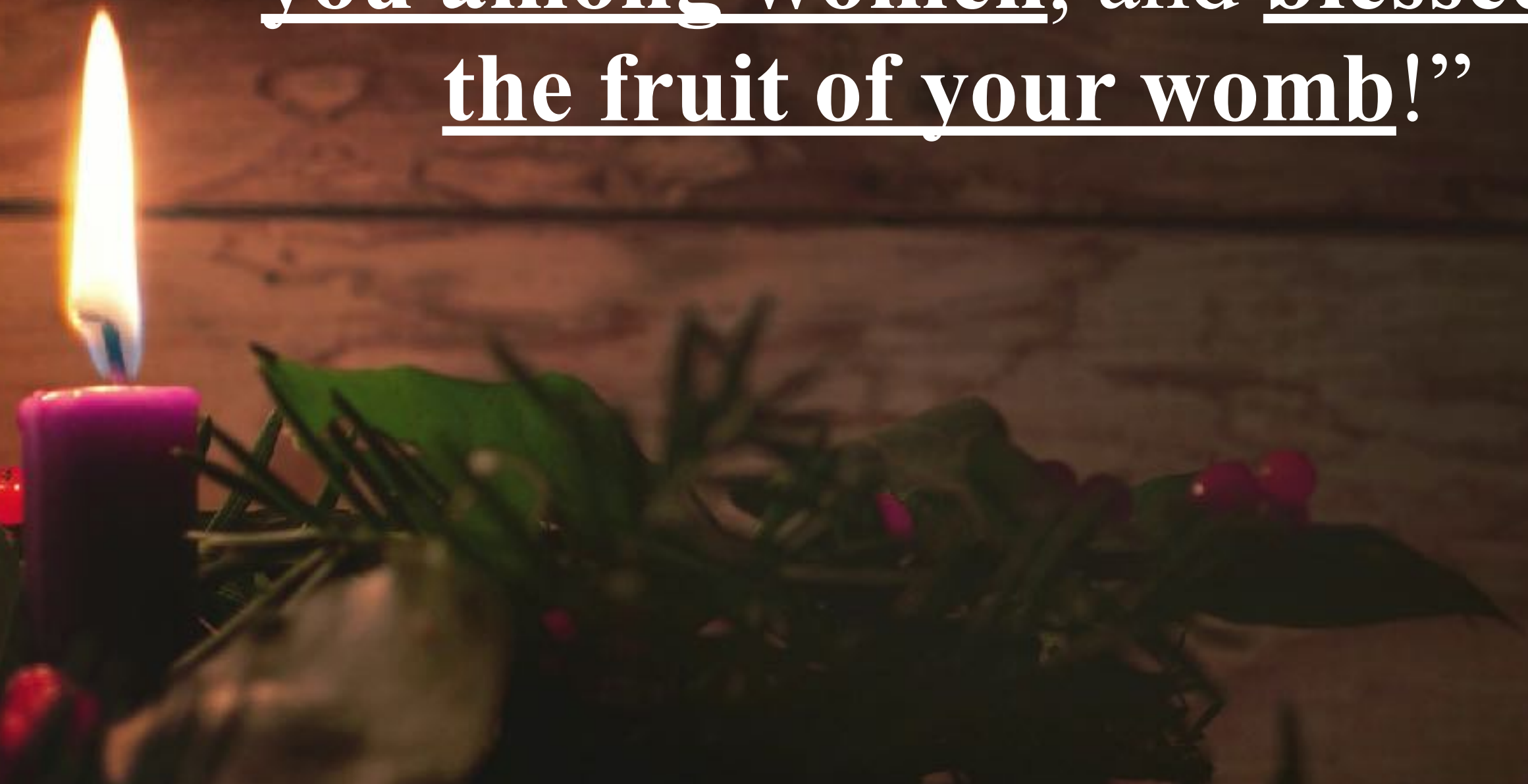
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3 John 1:4

I have no greater joy than to hear
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Luke 1:15b

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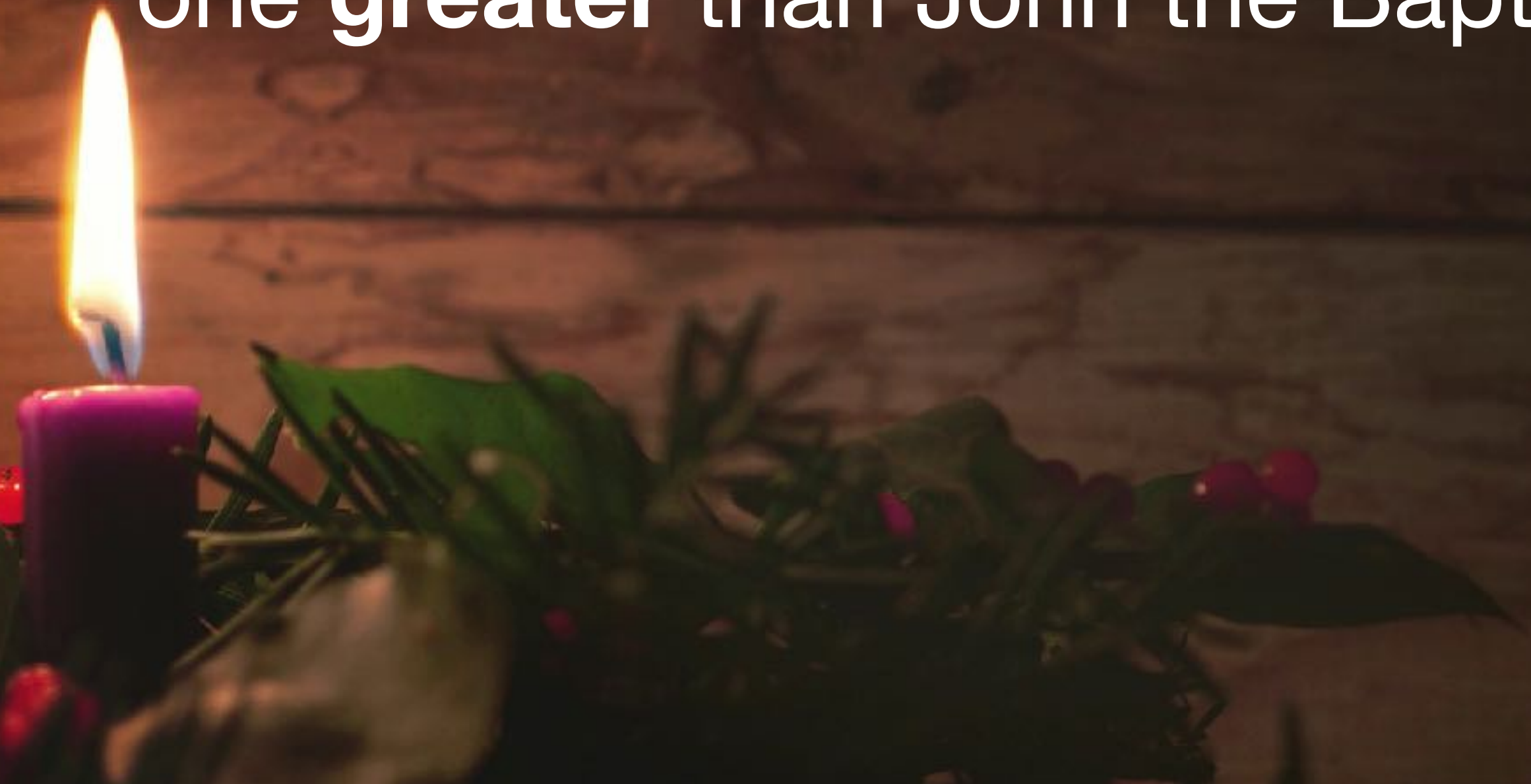
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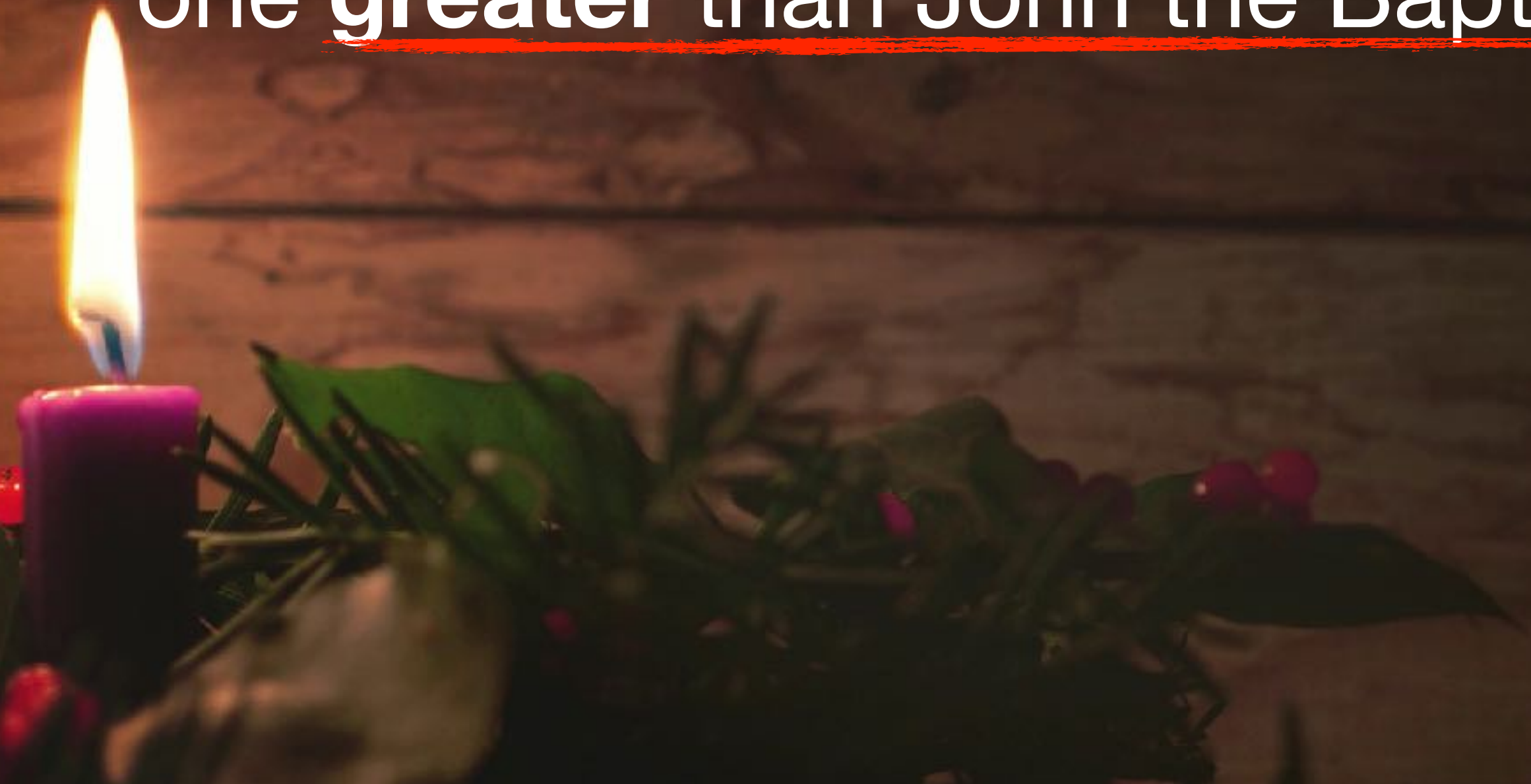
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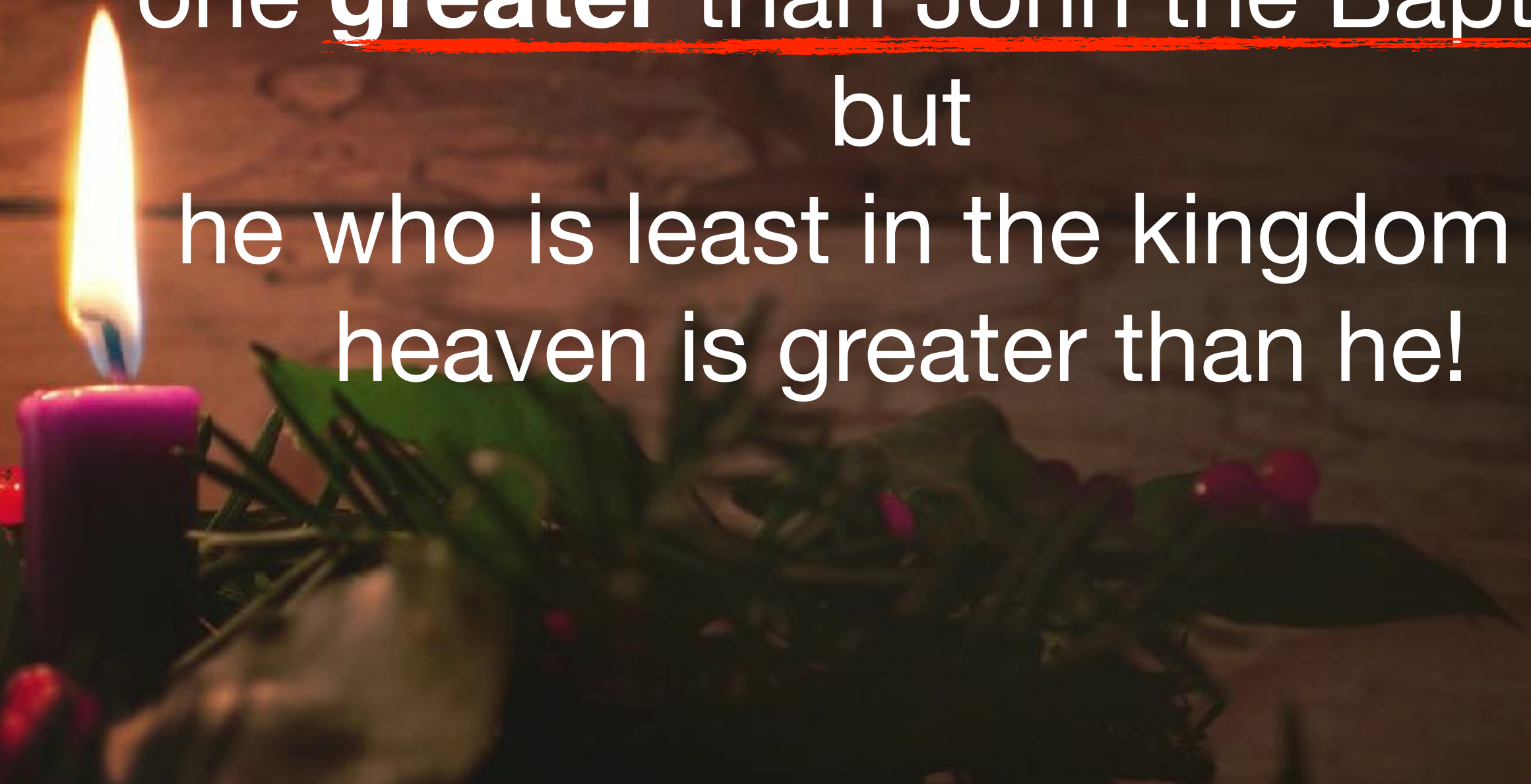
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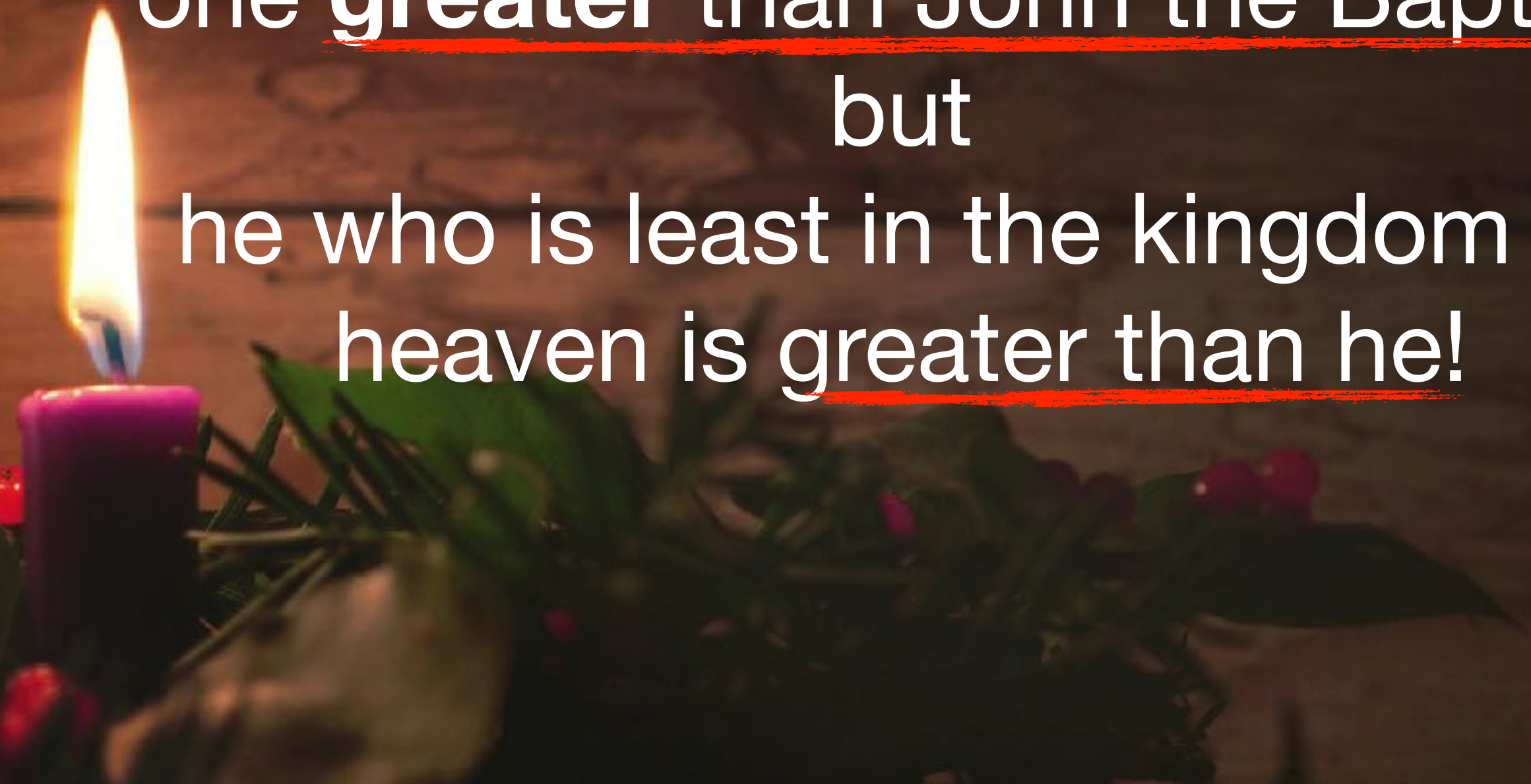
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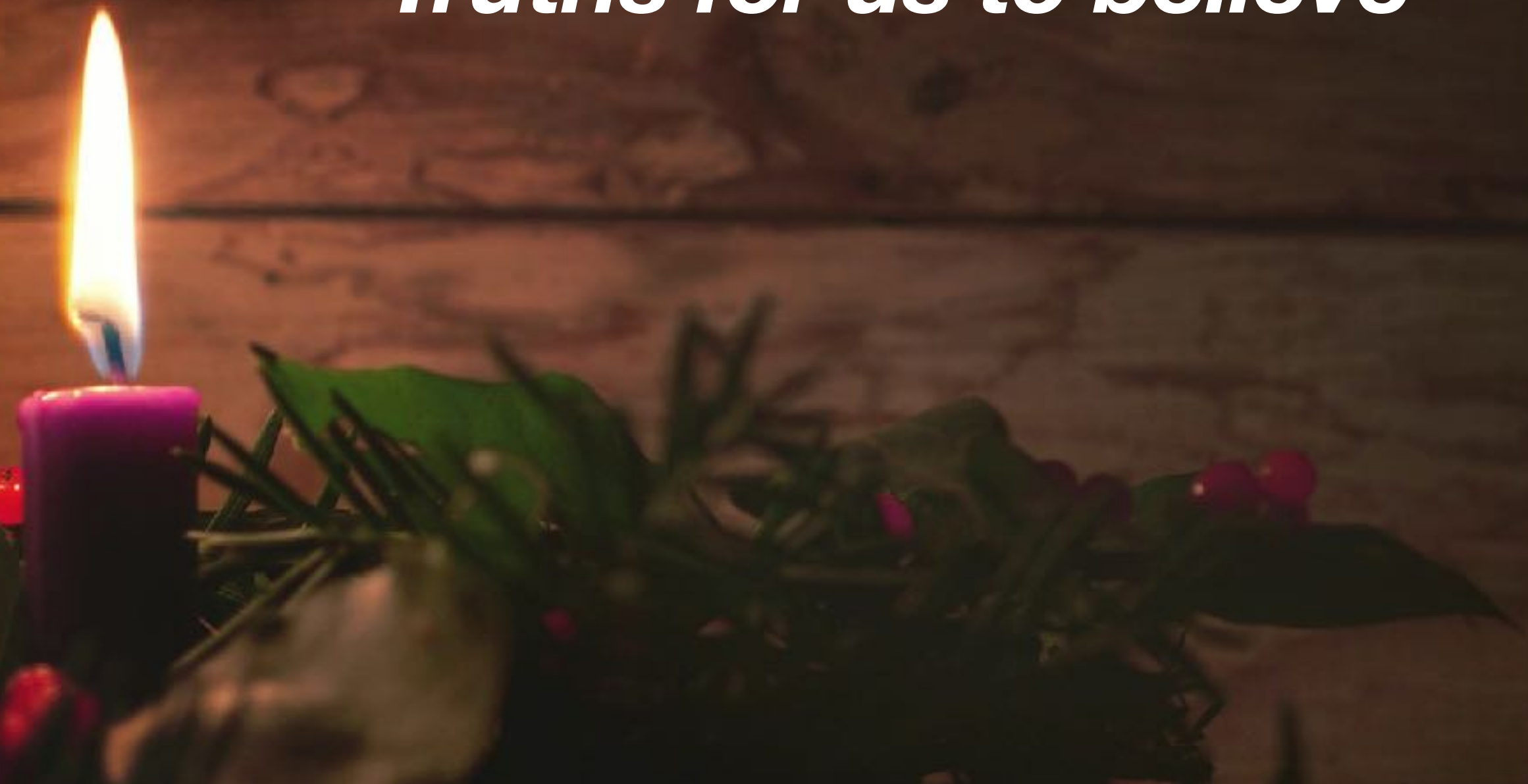
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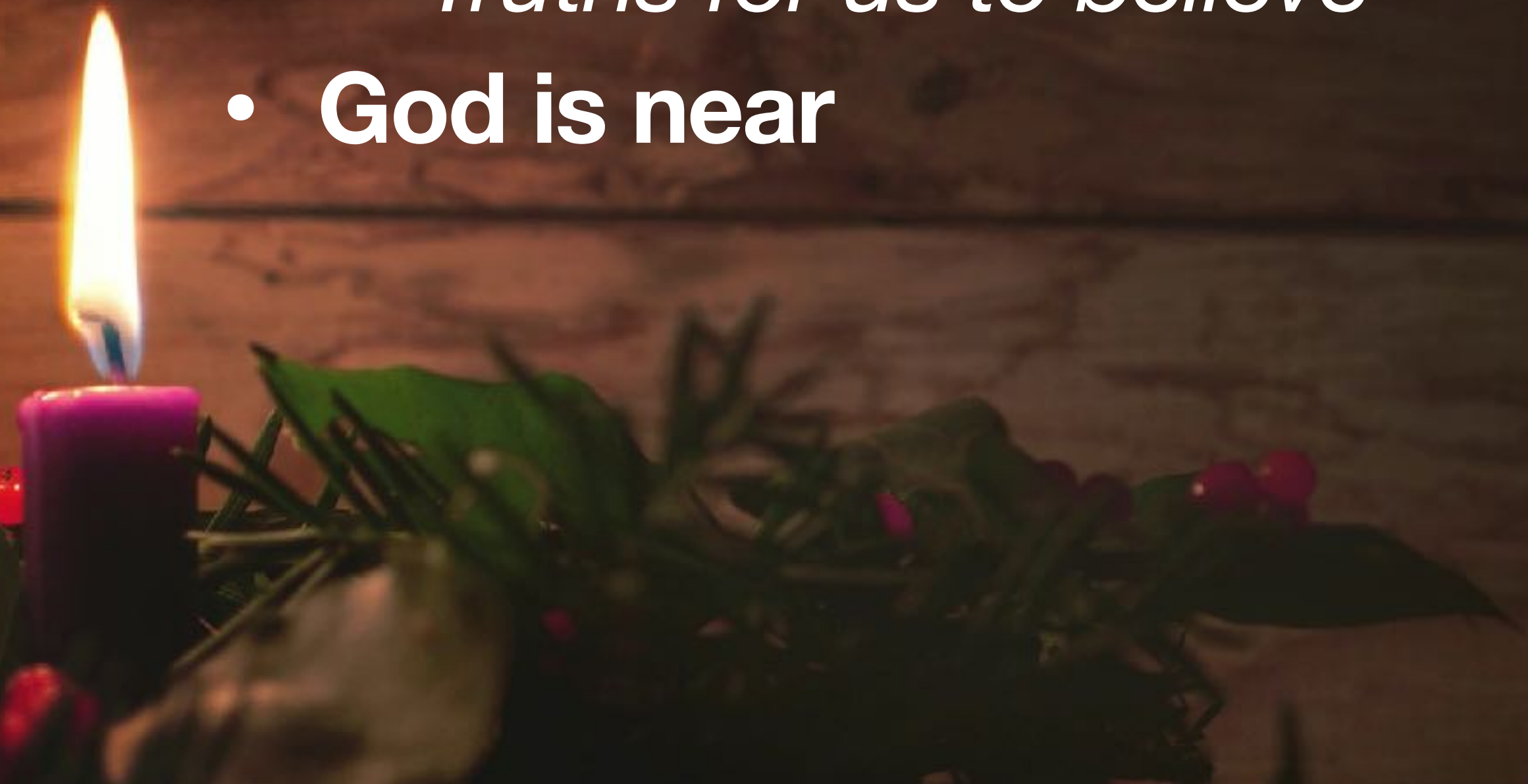


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Matthew 28:20b

Lo, I am with you always, *even* to
the end of the age!



Hebrews 13:5b

“I will never leave you nor forsake
you.”



Psalm 34:18b

The Lord *is* near to those who have
a broken heart.



Romans 8:26b

the Spirit Himself makes
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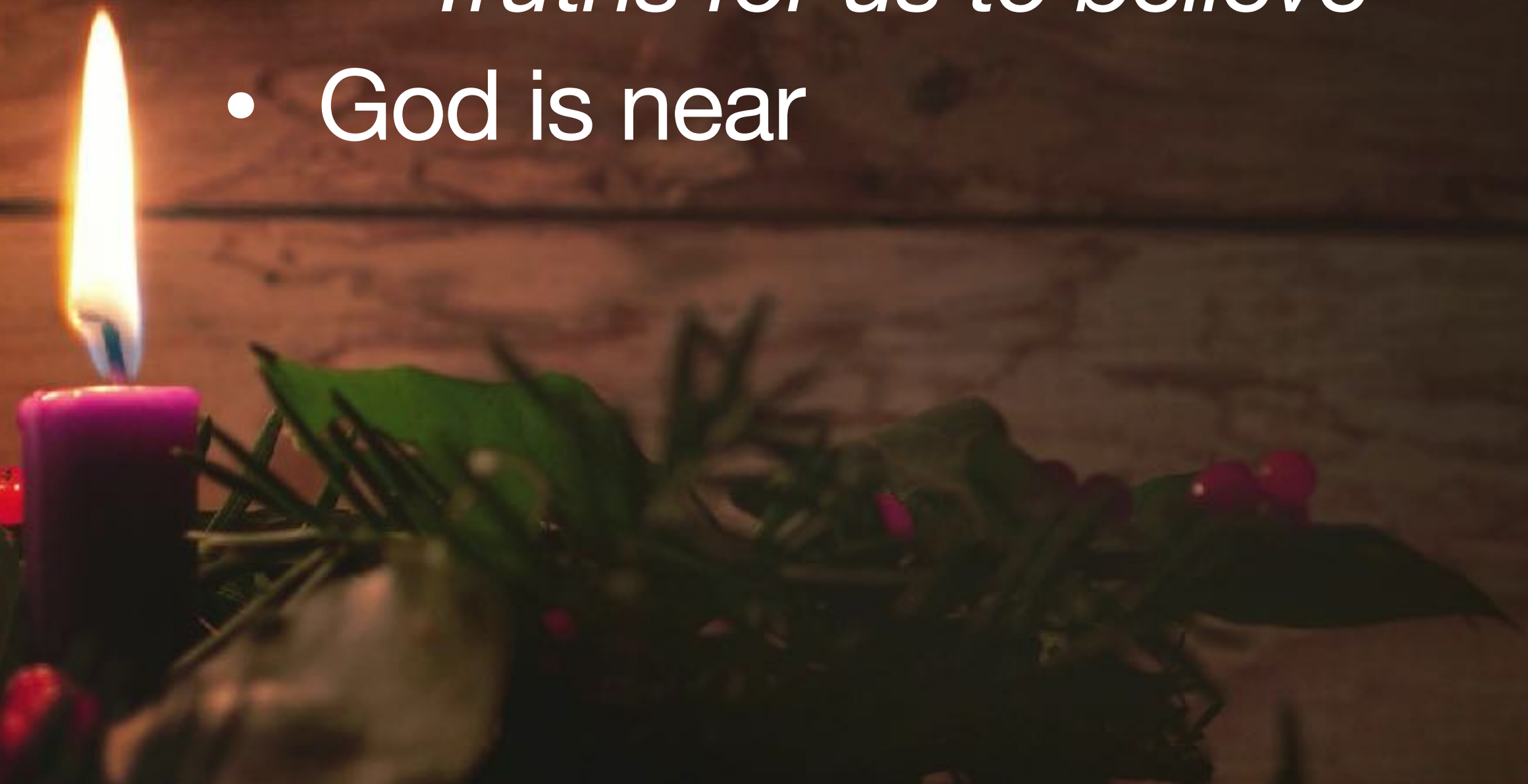


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Habakkuk 3:17-18

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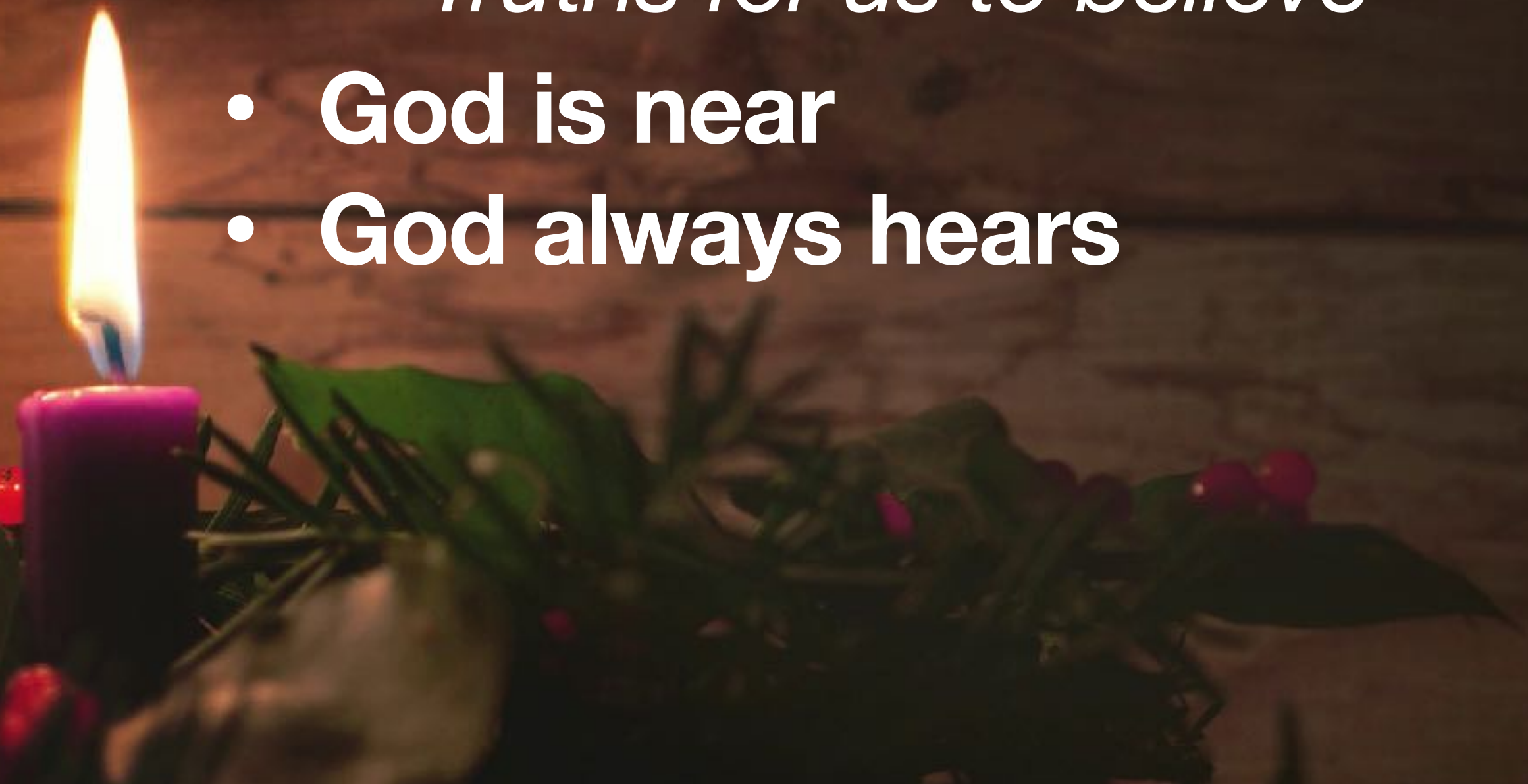


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Luke 1:49

He who is mighty has done great things for me, and holy is His name!



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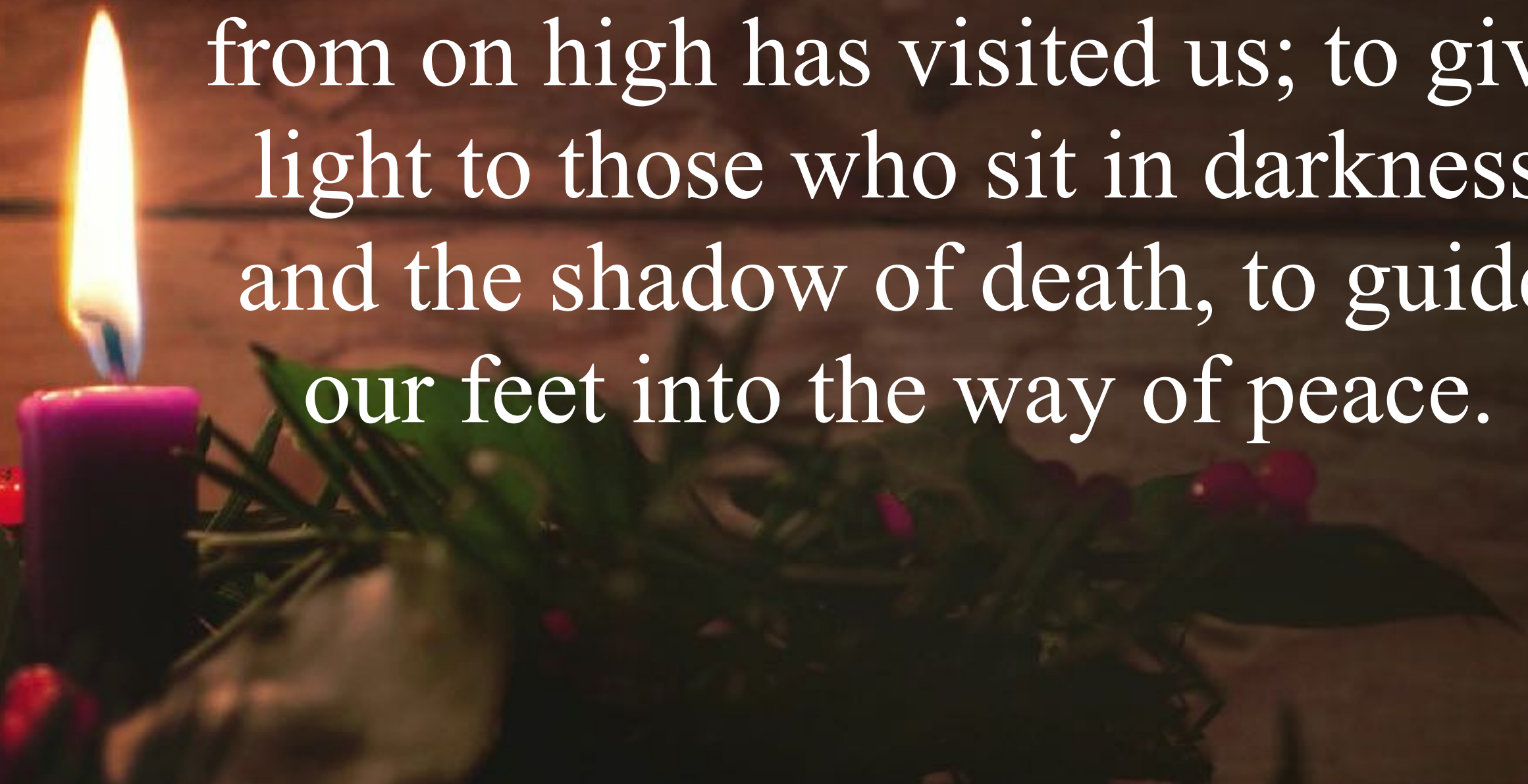
Luke 1:68-69a

Blessed *is* the Lord God of Israel,
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people, and raised up a horn of
salvation for us . . .



Luke 1:77b-79

By the remission of theirs sin,
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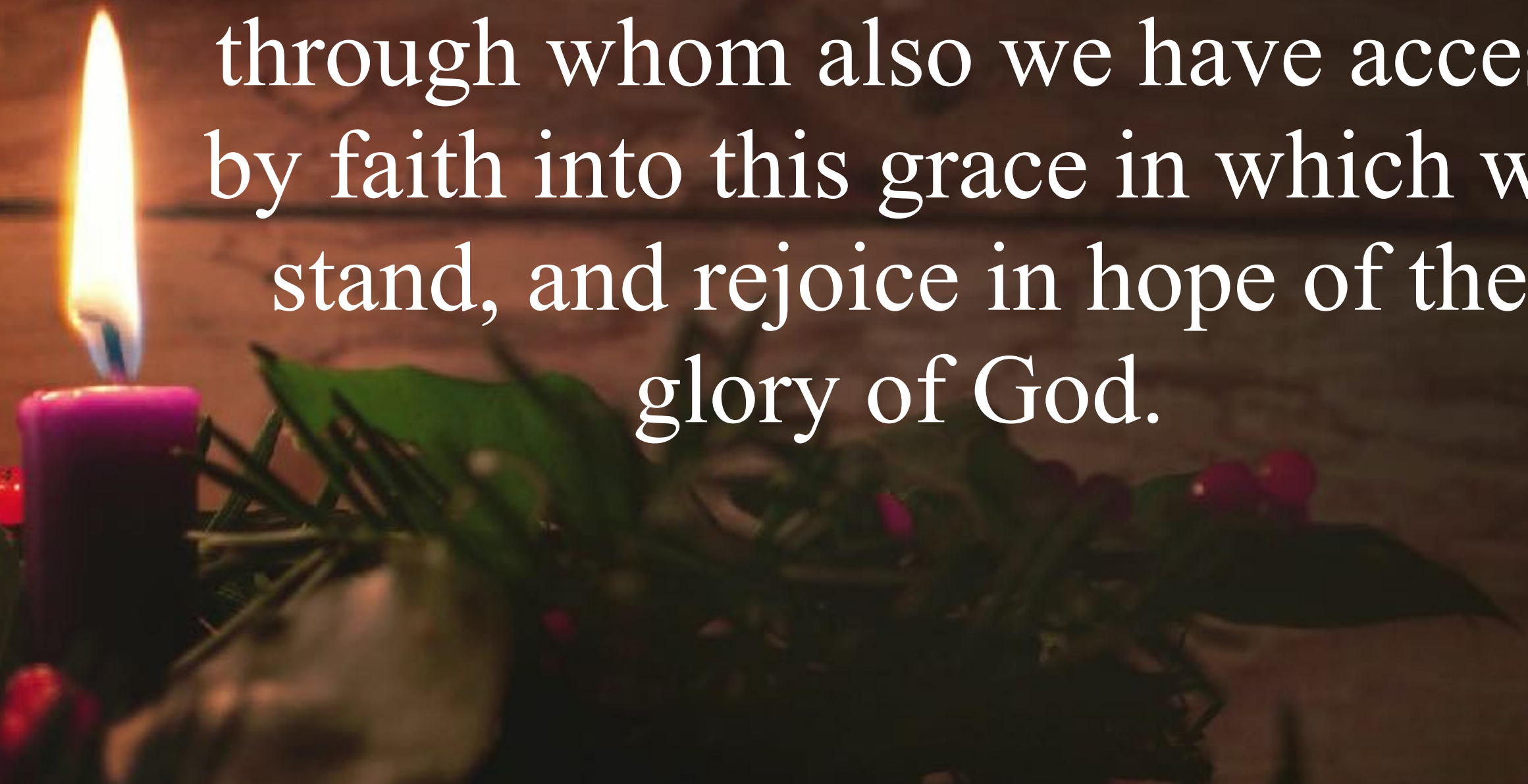
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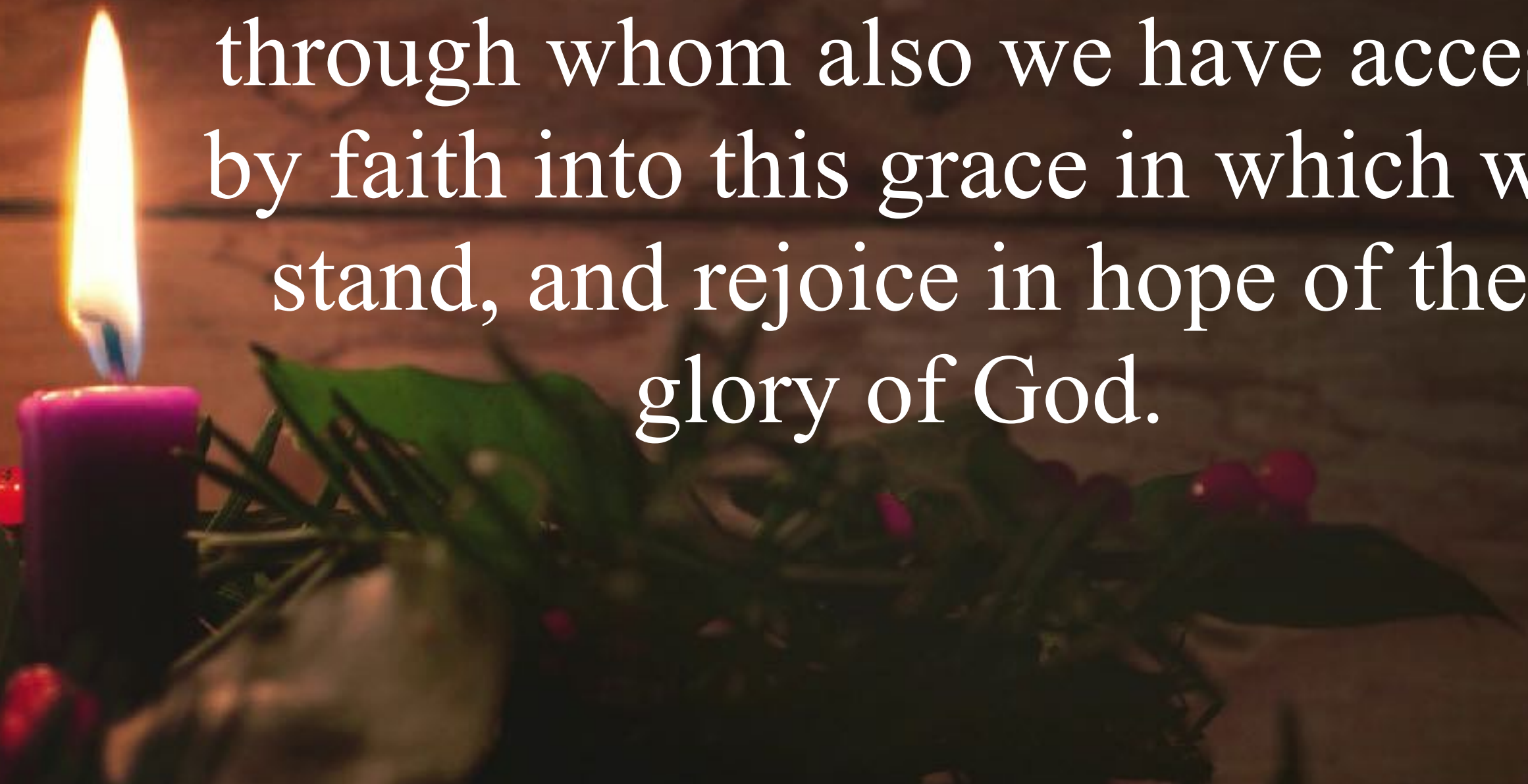
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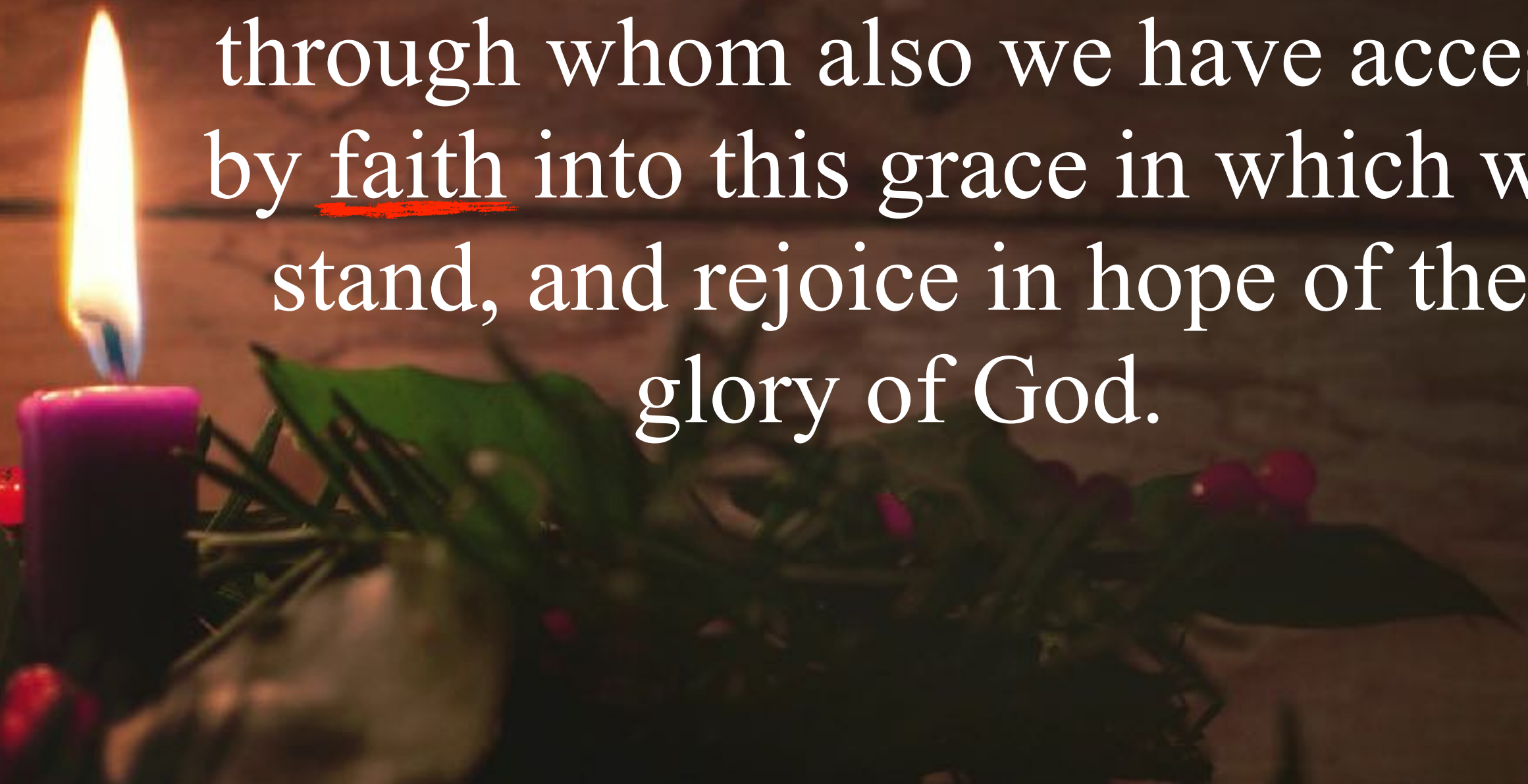
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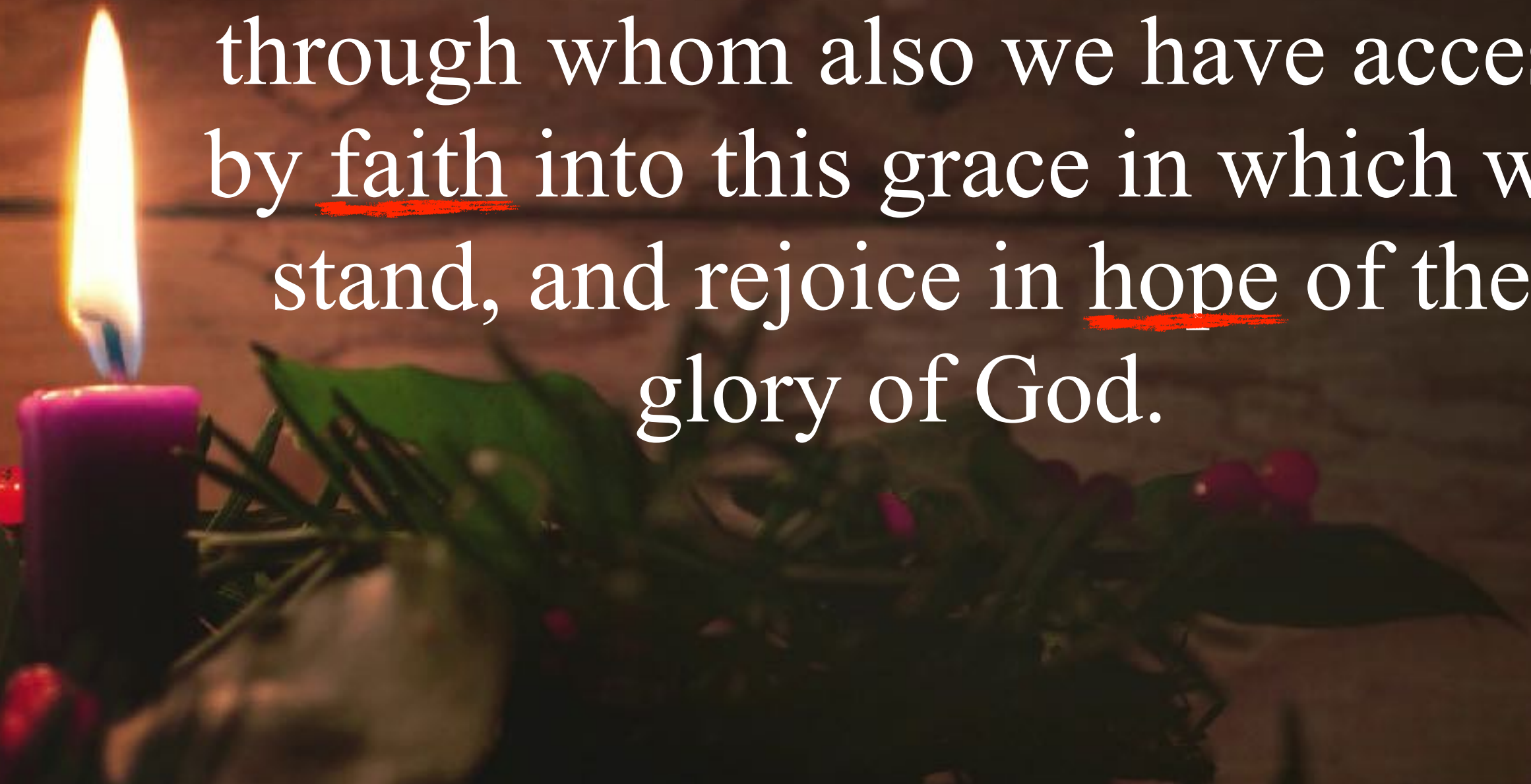
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