



God's Design for Husbands

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try doing it the
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told you •**

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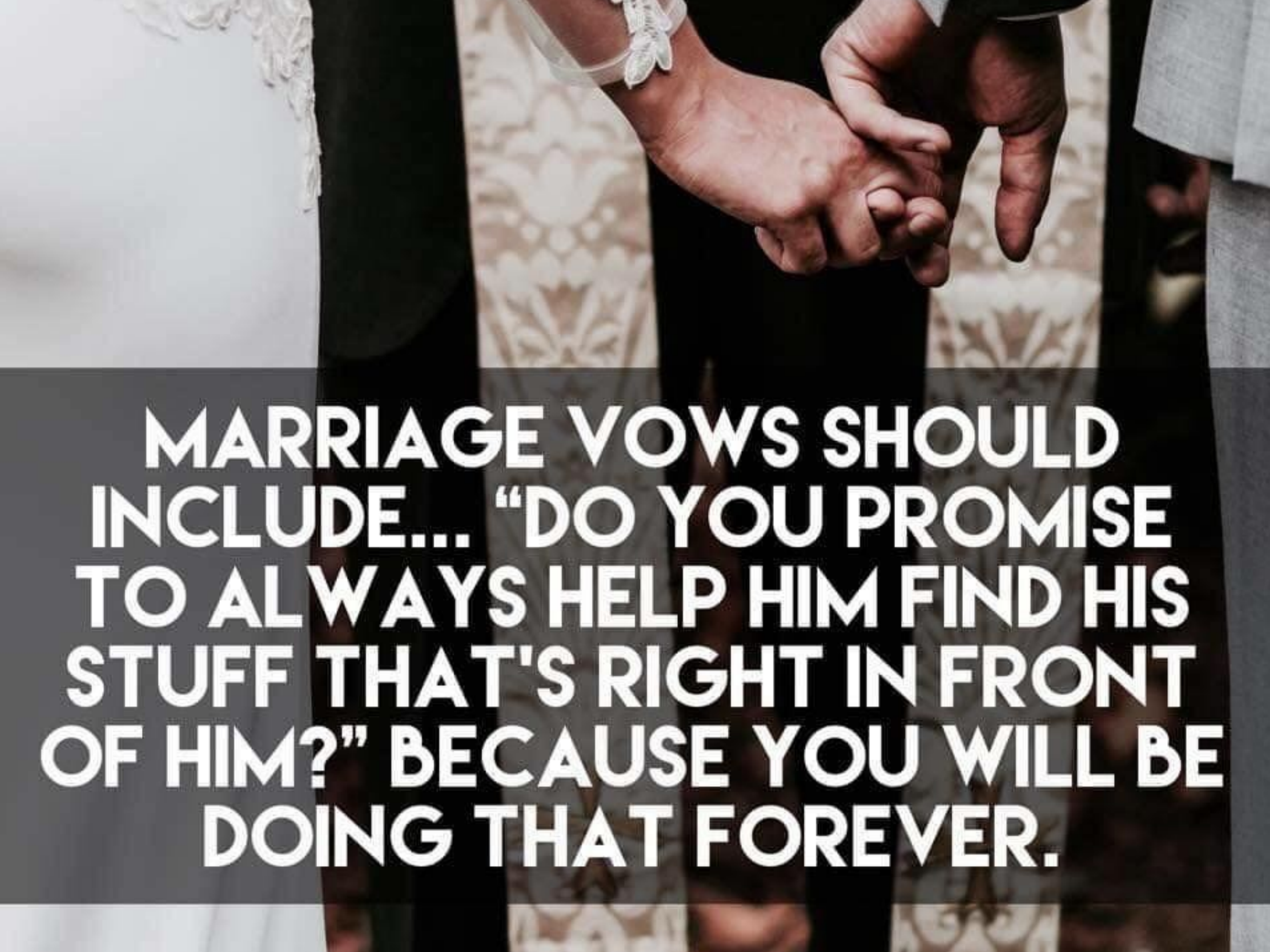
- Maryon Pearson





MARRIAGE

The only war
where you sleep with the enemy"



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INCLUDE... "DO YOU PROMISE
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STUFF THAT'S RIGHT IN FRONT
OF HIM?" BECAUSE YOU WILL BE
DOING THAT FOREVER.**

**Great marriages
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match ...**



**... two people
working hard to
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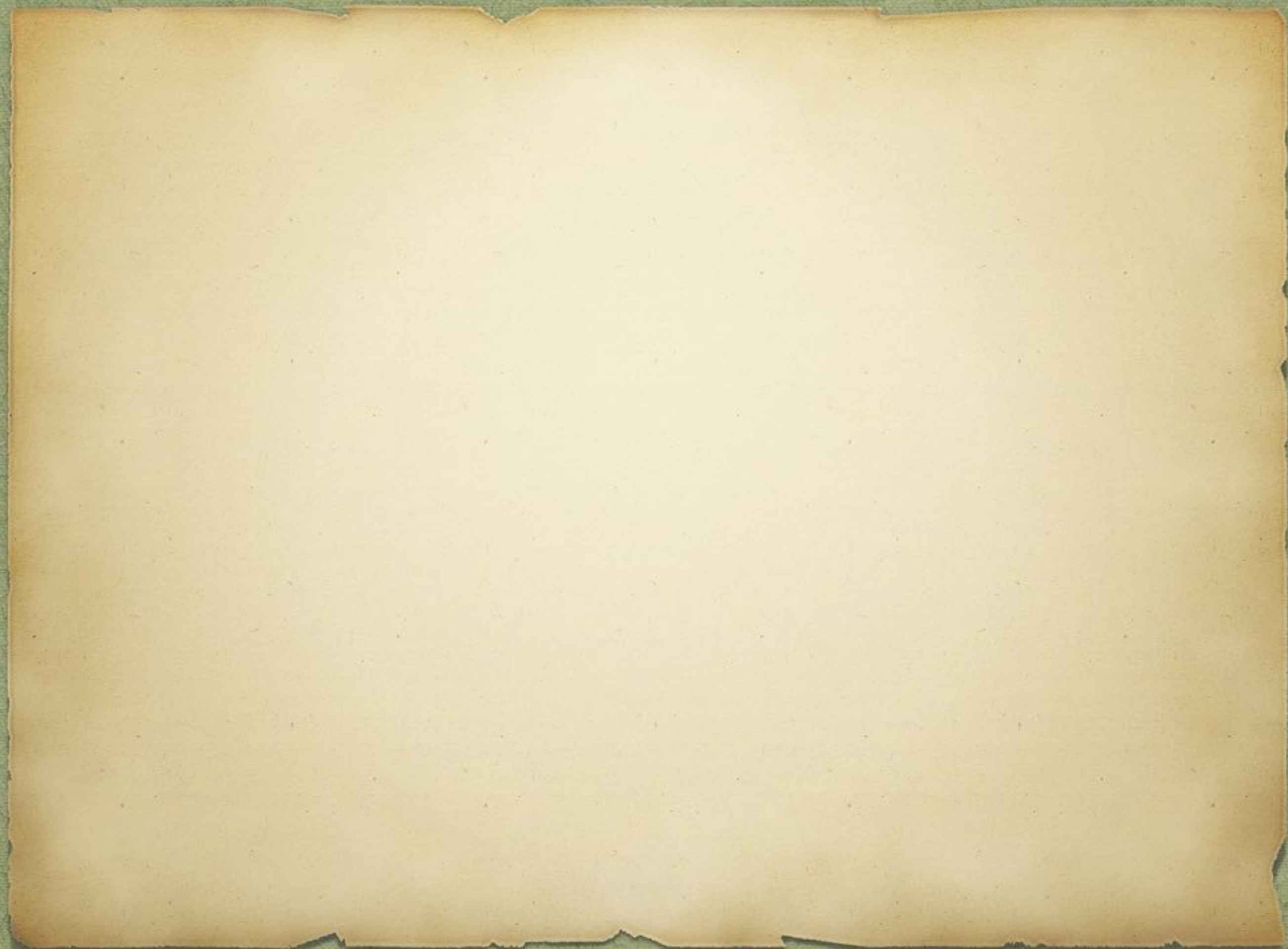


A happy
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- Ruth Bell Graham

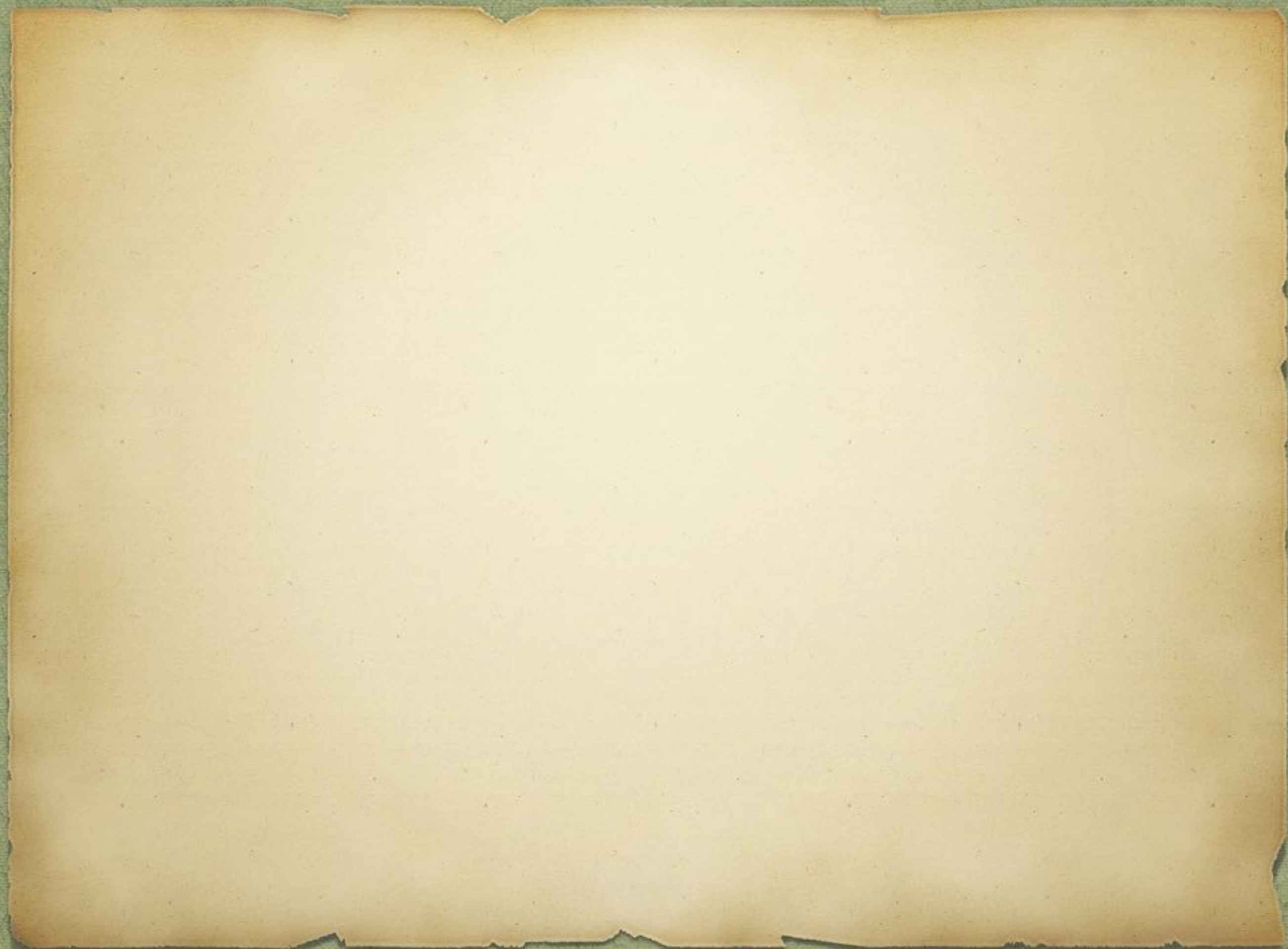
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- It points the world to Christ... in the midst of suffering.

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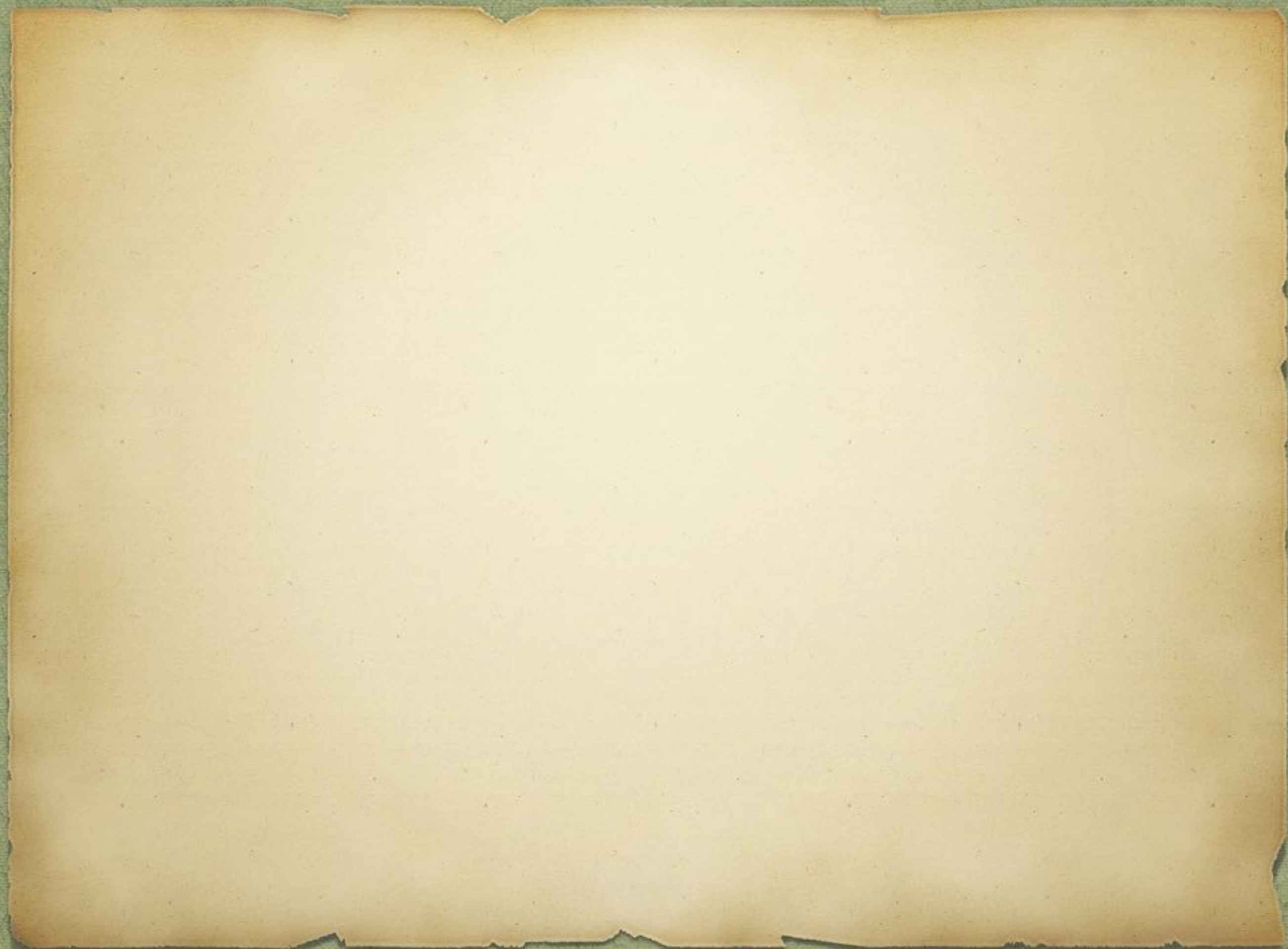
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- Likewise, all believers should refuse to obey instructions which oppose God's revealed will for us.



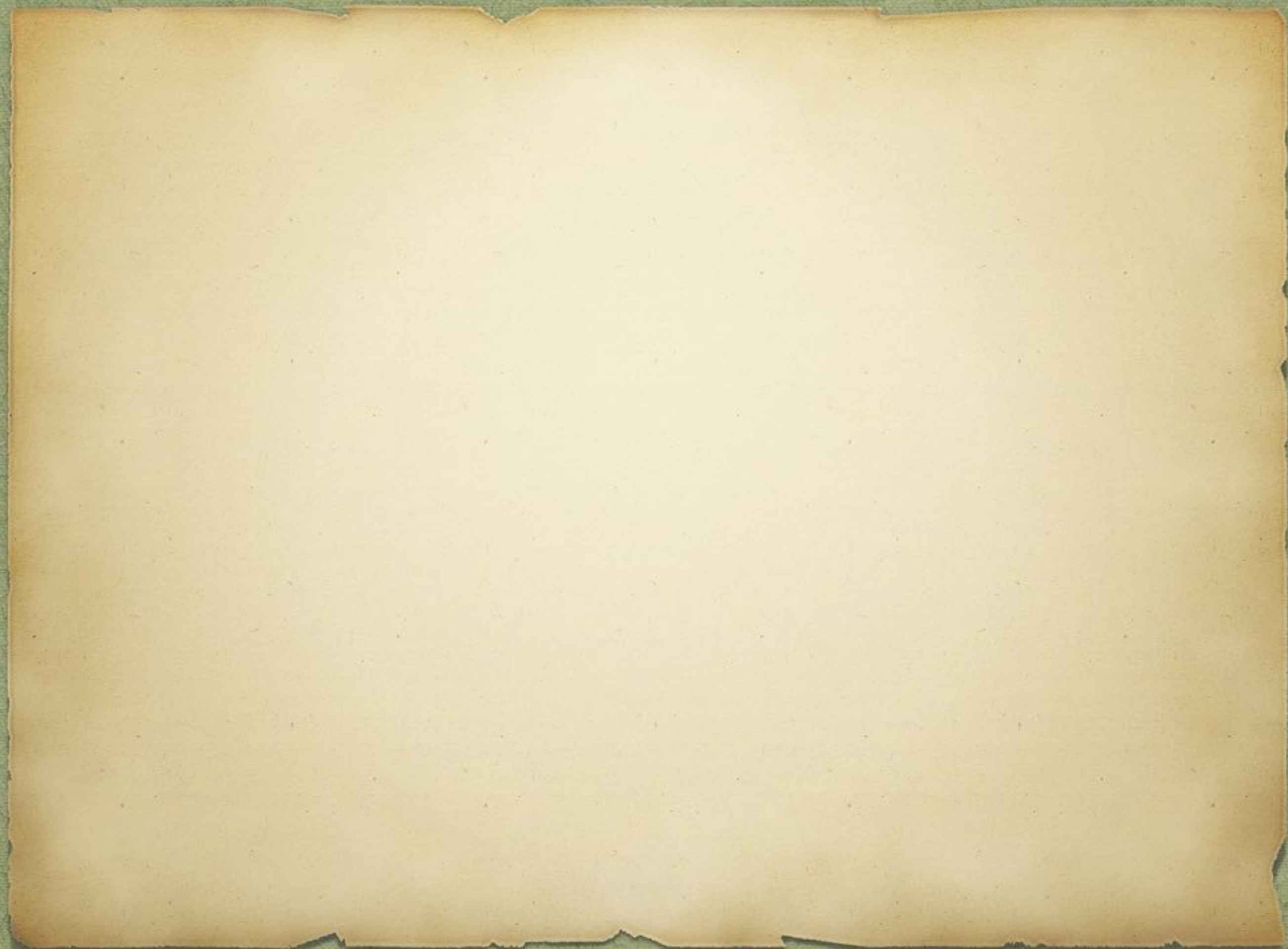
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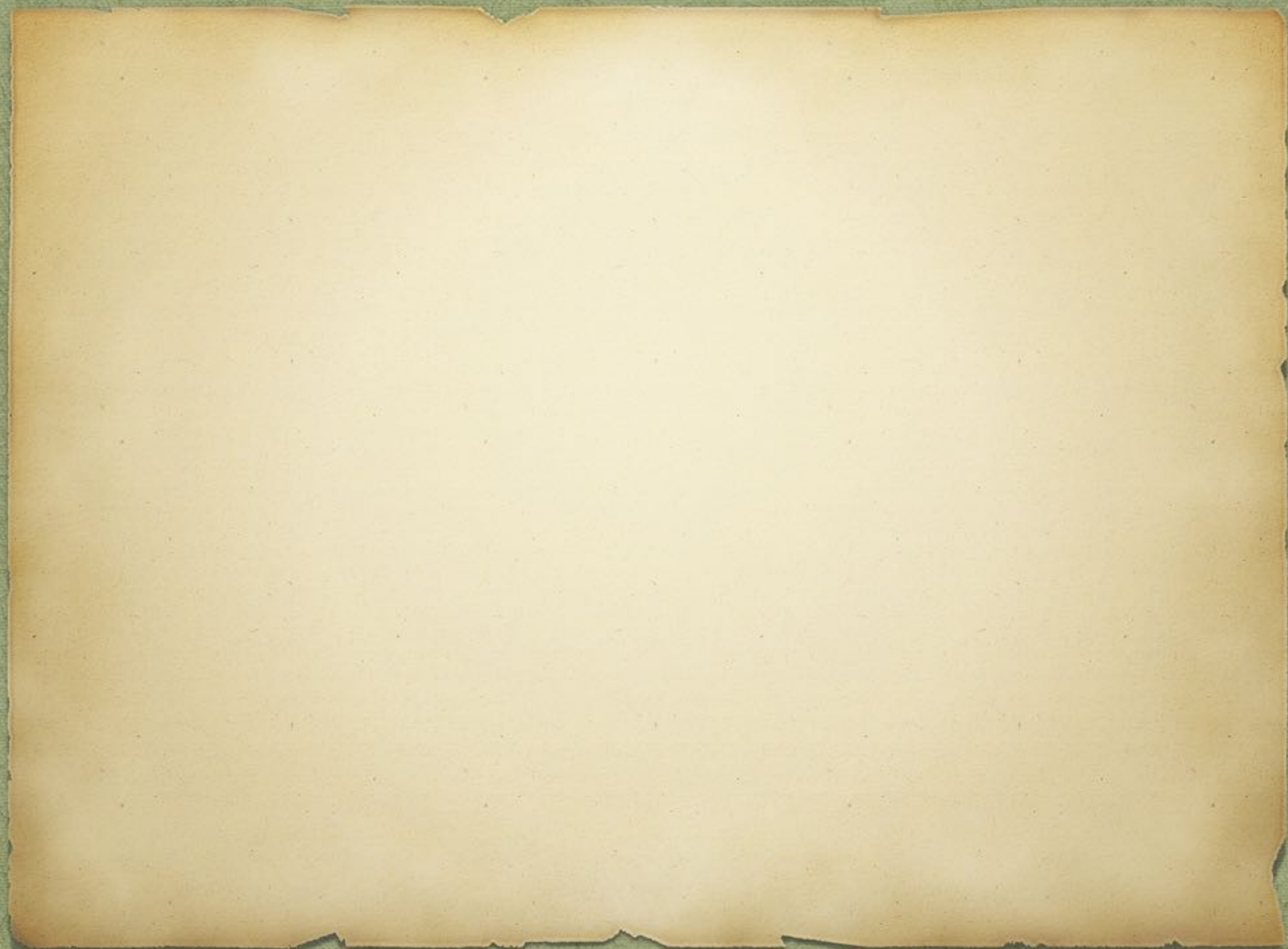
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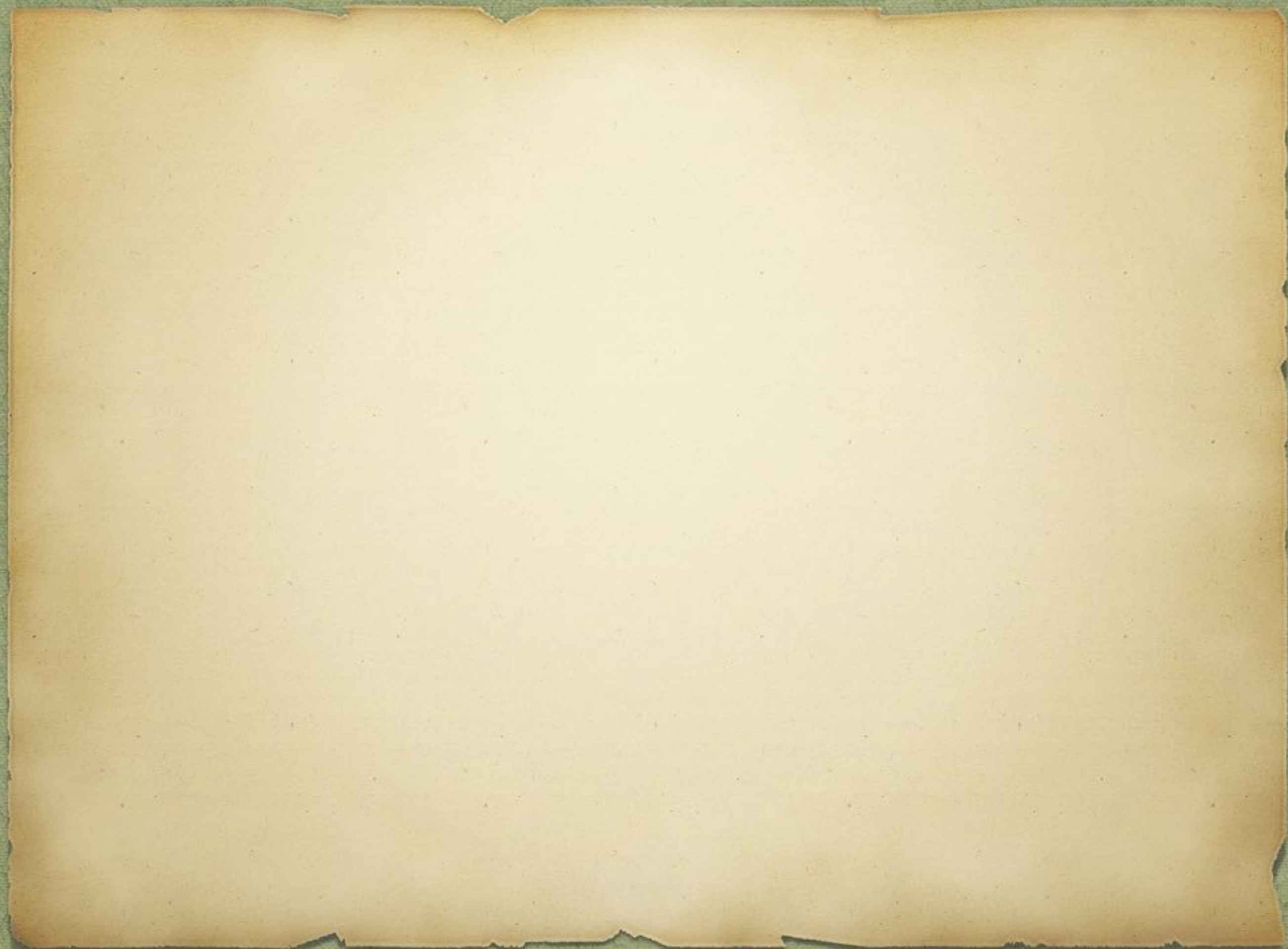
Can women compete against
men in the Olympics?



A study by Duke Law
Center for Sports Law
and Policy, article
*Comparing Athletic
Performances: The Best Elite
Women to Boys and Men*

Then the righteous
will shine like the sun in the
kingdom of their Father. He
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Matthew 13:43



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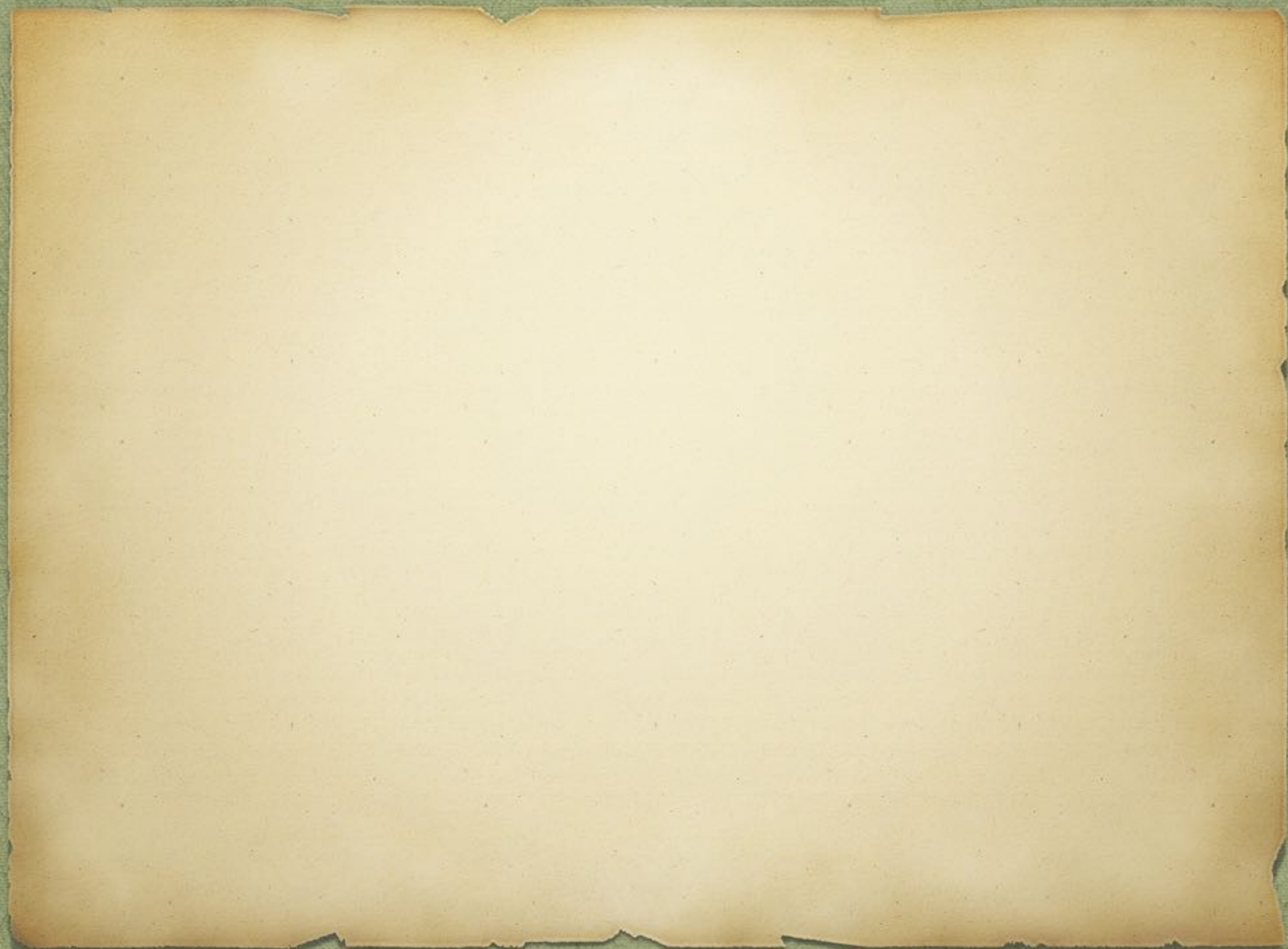
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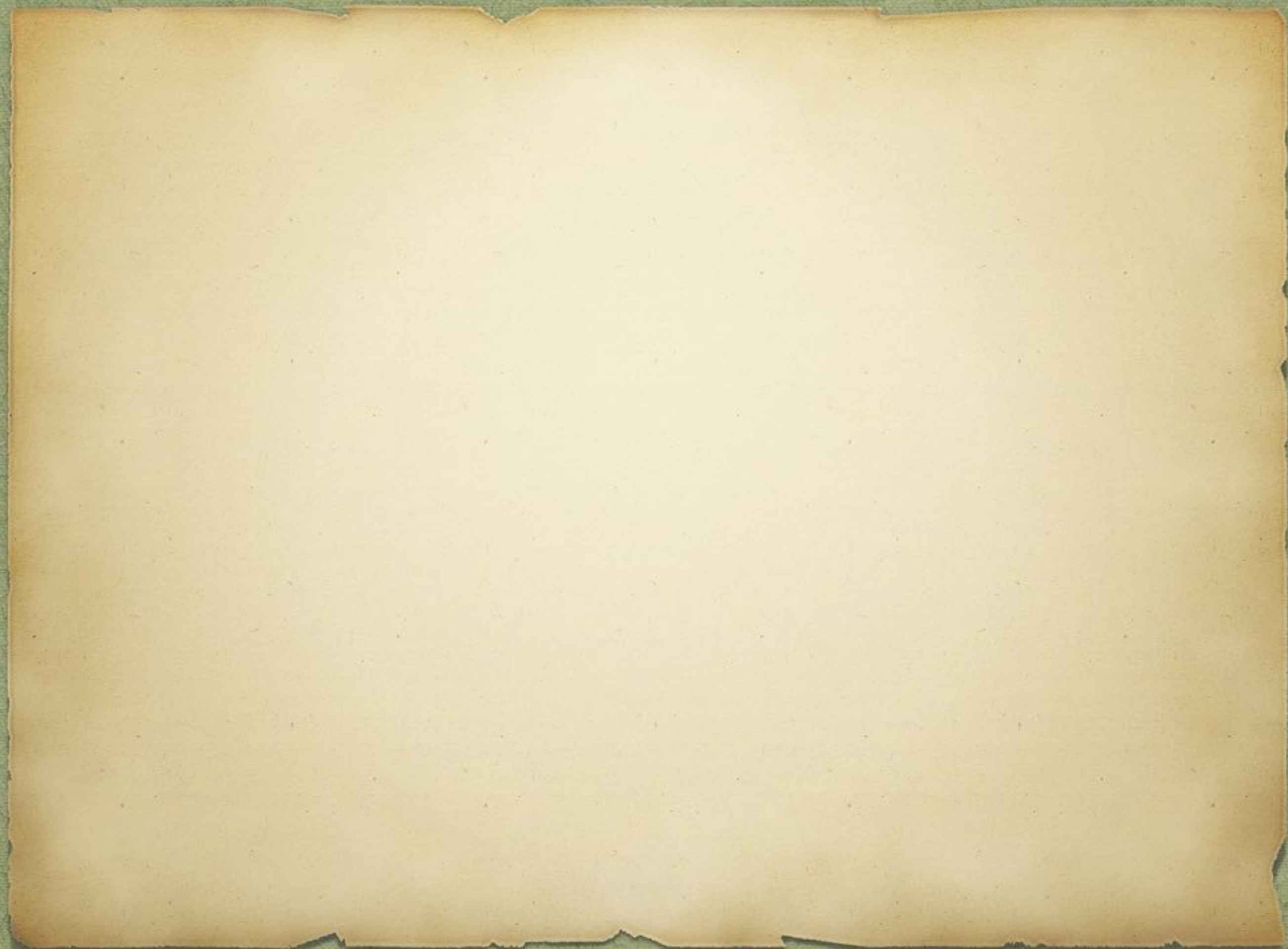
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all three teach us not that
praying helps us live right,
but that living right helps us
pray right.

1 Peter 3:9-10

For this reason we also, since the day we heard about it, have not ceased praying for you and asking that you may be filled with the knowledge of His will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding, so that you will walk in a manner worthy of the Lord, to please Him in all respects, bearing fruit in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God;

1 Peter 3:9-10



There are ways to live that
hinder prayer;
and

There is a way to live that helps
prayer;

But the bottom line is -
Right Living Helps Our Praying.

Seek first the Kingdom of God
and His righteousness and all
these things shall be added unto
you.

Matthew 6:33

but like the Holy One who
called you, be holy yourselves
also in all your behavior;
because it is written: “You shall
be holy, for I am holy.”

1 Peter 1:15-16

Whatever you do in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks through Him to God the Father.

Colossians 3:17



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