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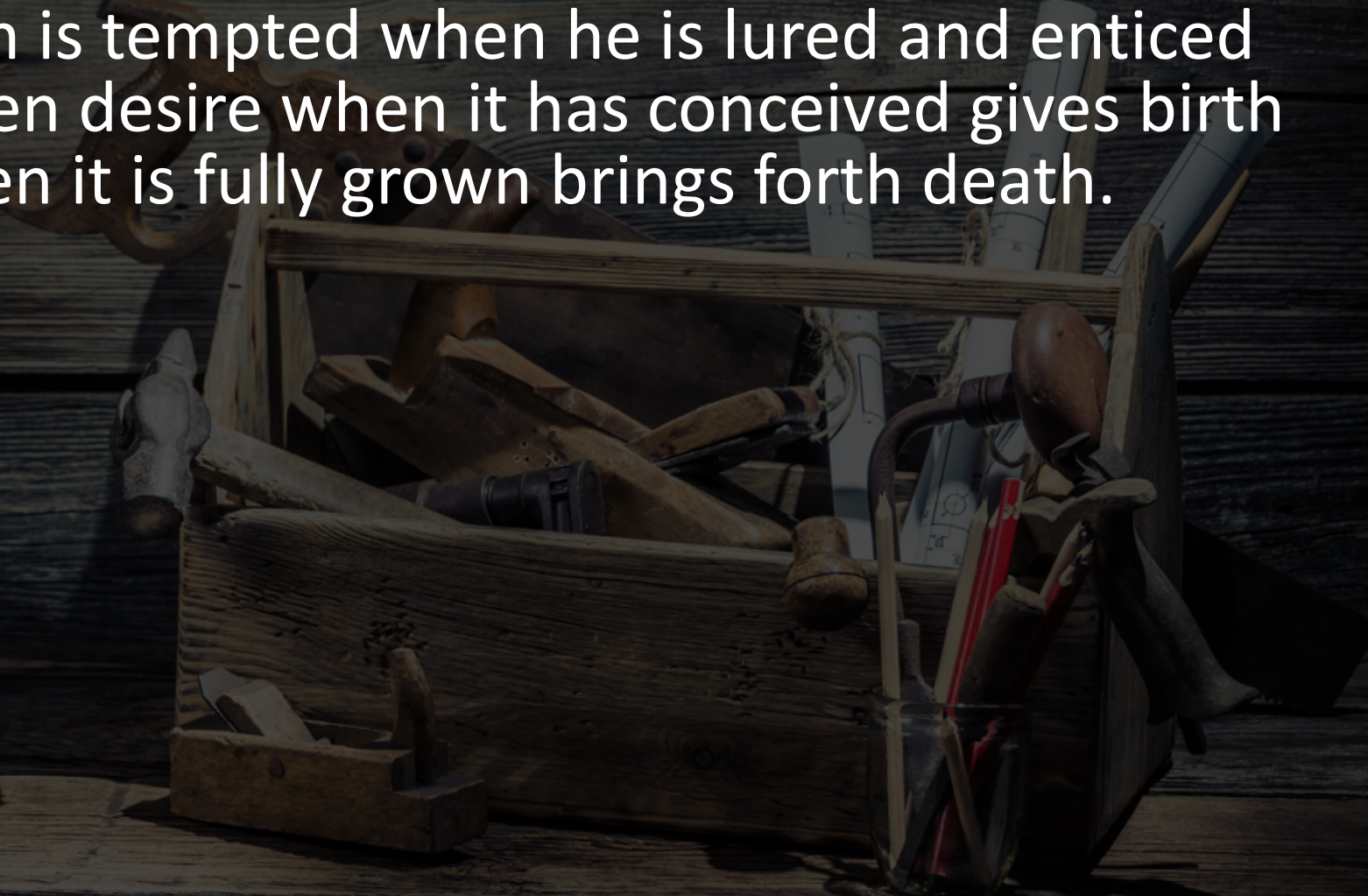
A WORSHIP SERIES
THROUGH THE
BOOK OF JAMES



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Temptations

- Origins
- Promises
- Outcomes

“Tempted” & “Trial” are the same word.
In Trials, we are Tempted to...

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Temptations: *Origins*

¹⁴ But *each person* is tempted when he is *lured and enticed by his own* desire.

Each Person

We each have unique vulnerabilities

Lured and Enticed by His Own

My own heart *seducing* me:
“Trust yourself, not God.”

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Temptations: *Promises*

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“Over Desire”

“Not that we want bad things, but want things too badly”
I need _____ to be complete, and THIS is the way to get it.

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***Temptation lies to us,
telling us that God is a liar,
promising us life but giving us death.***

Luke 4:1-4

And Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness ² for forty days, being tempted by the devil. And he ate nothing during those days. And when they were ended, he was hungry. ³ The devil said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become bread." ⁴ And Jesus answered him, "It is written, 'Man shall not live by bread alone.'"

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Genesis 3:1-6

(The serpent) said to the woman, “**Did God actually say**, ‘You shall not eat of any tree in the garden’?...**You will not surely die.**”⁵ For God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.”

⁶ So when the woman saw that the tree was **good for food**, and that it was a **delight to the eyes**, and that the tree was to be **desired** to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate...

The Lies of My Heart:

God isn't good.

God does not want what's best.

God can't be trusted.

My senses are trustworthy.

My personal satisfaction in my way is of utmost importance.

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Temptations: *Outcomes*

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My Own Desire



Sin



Death

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Good and Perfect Gifts

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What we truly want most...Love, Fulfillment, Value...are only given to us by our unchanging, dependable, gracious Father.

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18 Of **his own will** he brought us forth by the **word of truth**,
that we should be a kind of firstfruits of his creatures.

Temptation births Sin,
which births Death.
But God has already
“birthed” us from
death into Life.

John 10:10
The thief comes only to steal
and kill and destroy.
I came that they may have life
and have it abundantly.

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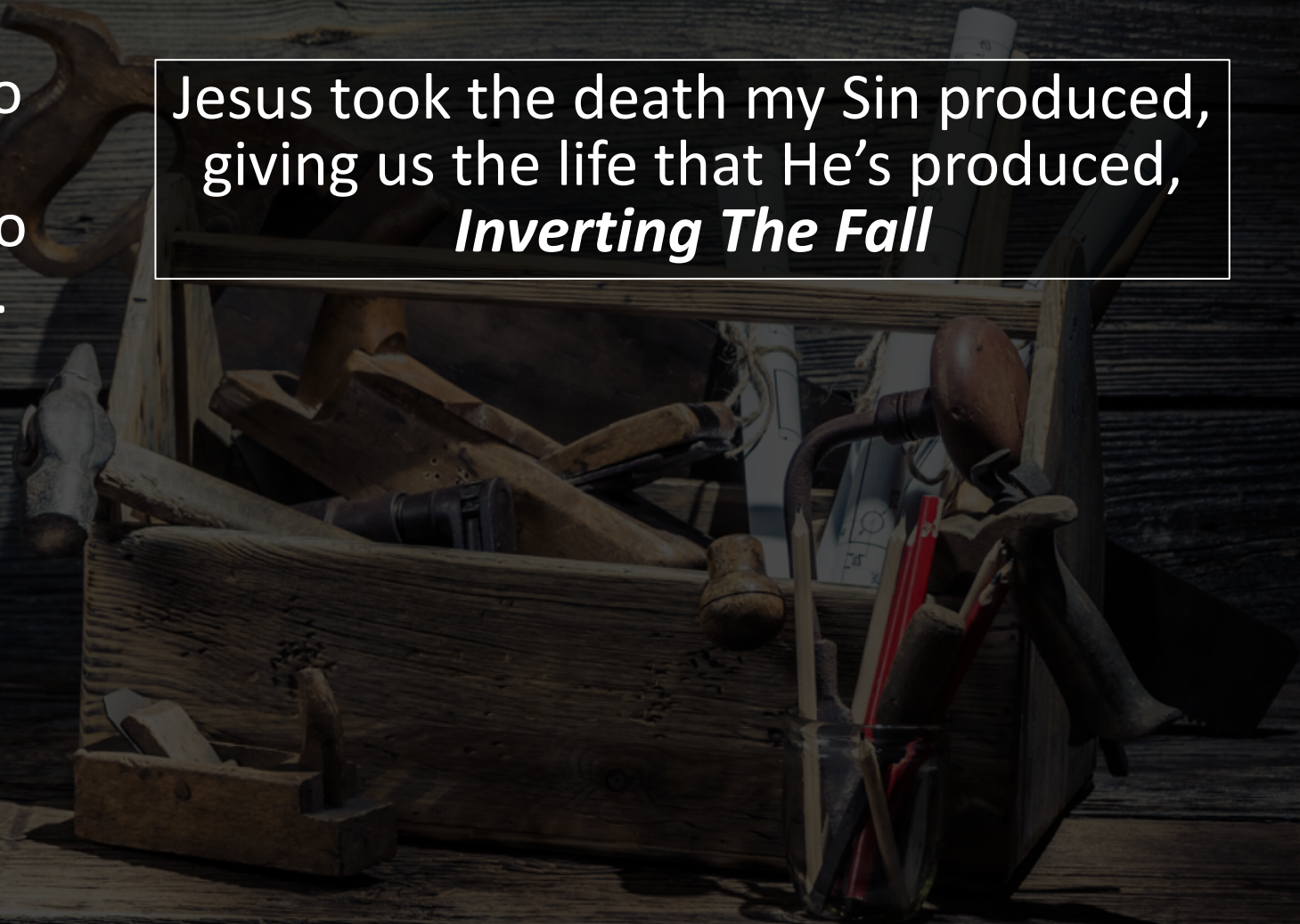
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Romans 5:18

Therefore, as one trespass led to
condemnation for all men, so
one act of righteousness leads to
justification and life for all men.

Jesus took the death my Sin produced,
giving us the life that He's produced,
Inverting The Fall

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Fightings

1Peter 5:8

Be **sober-minded**; be watchful. Your adversary the devil prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour. ⁹ Resist him, **firm in your faith**, knowing that the same kinds of suffering are being experienced by your brotherhood throughout the world.

1 Corinthians 10:13

No temptation has overtaken you that is not common to man. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tempted beyond your ability, but with the temptation he will also provide the way of escape, that you may be able to endure it. ¹⁴ Therefore, my beloved, **flee from idolatry**.

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Fightings

“The only way to break the hold of a beautiful object on the soul
is to show it an object even more beautiful.”

Thomas Chalmers (c1820) The Expulsive Power of a New Affection

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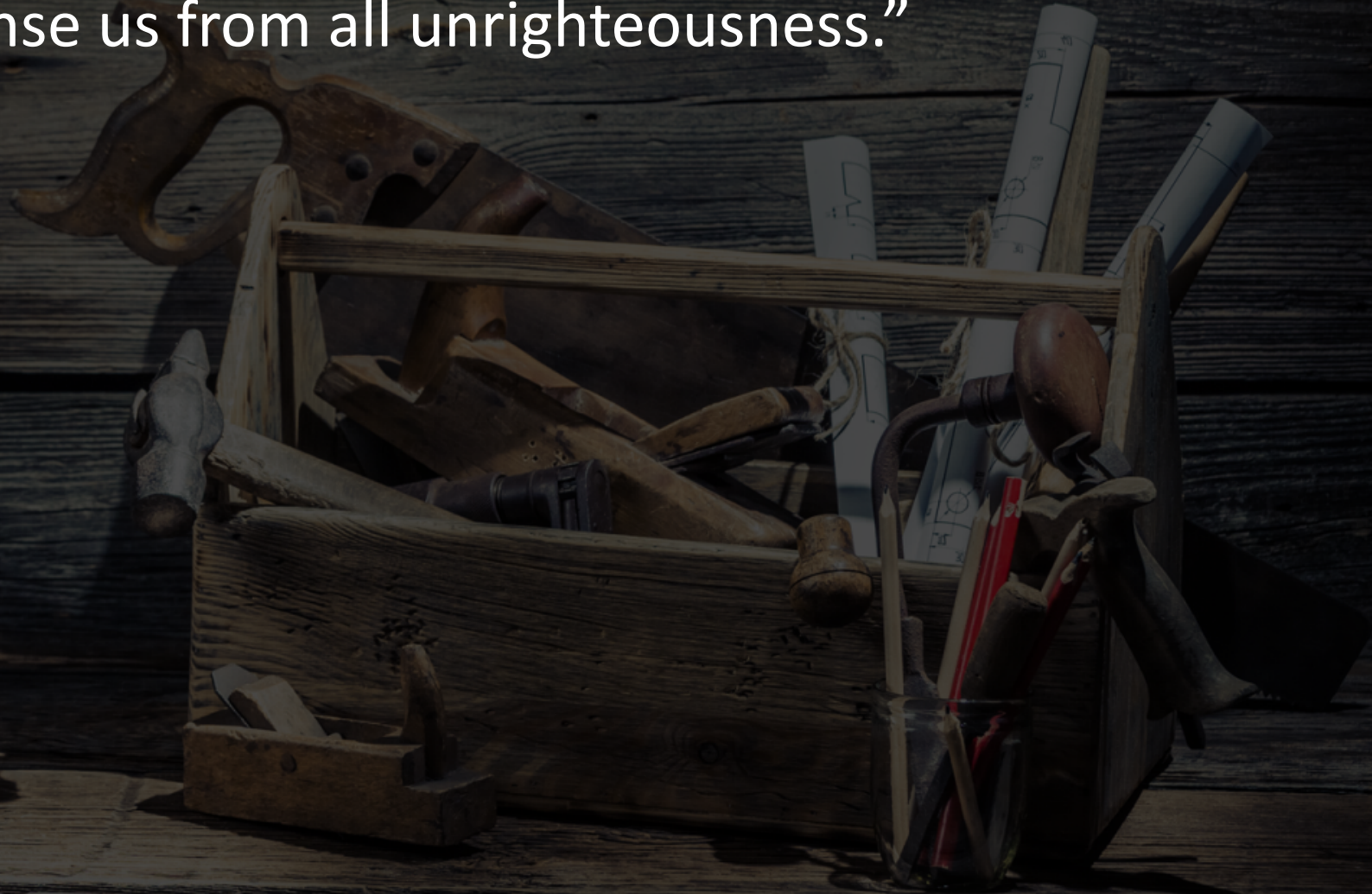


Failures

1 John 1:9

“If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins
and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.”

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Gospel Applied

Before

Grow together in the truth of the goodness of God and His gifts.

Refine your “lie detector”

Avoid the snake pits
(places and situations where you are more vulnerable)

During

Recognize and Pray
Look for His “escape”
Have brothers and sisters on speed dial

After

- 1) Praise and credit to the one that delivers us.
- 2) Confession and Assurance of Pardon after our failures.
- 3) Grace to those who fell

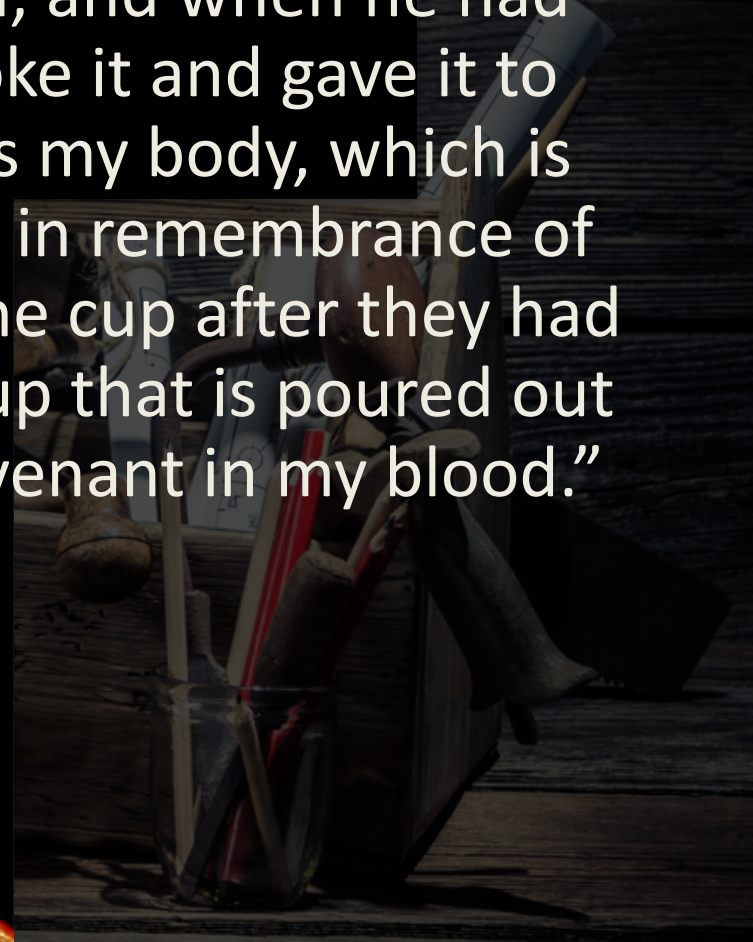
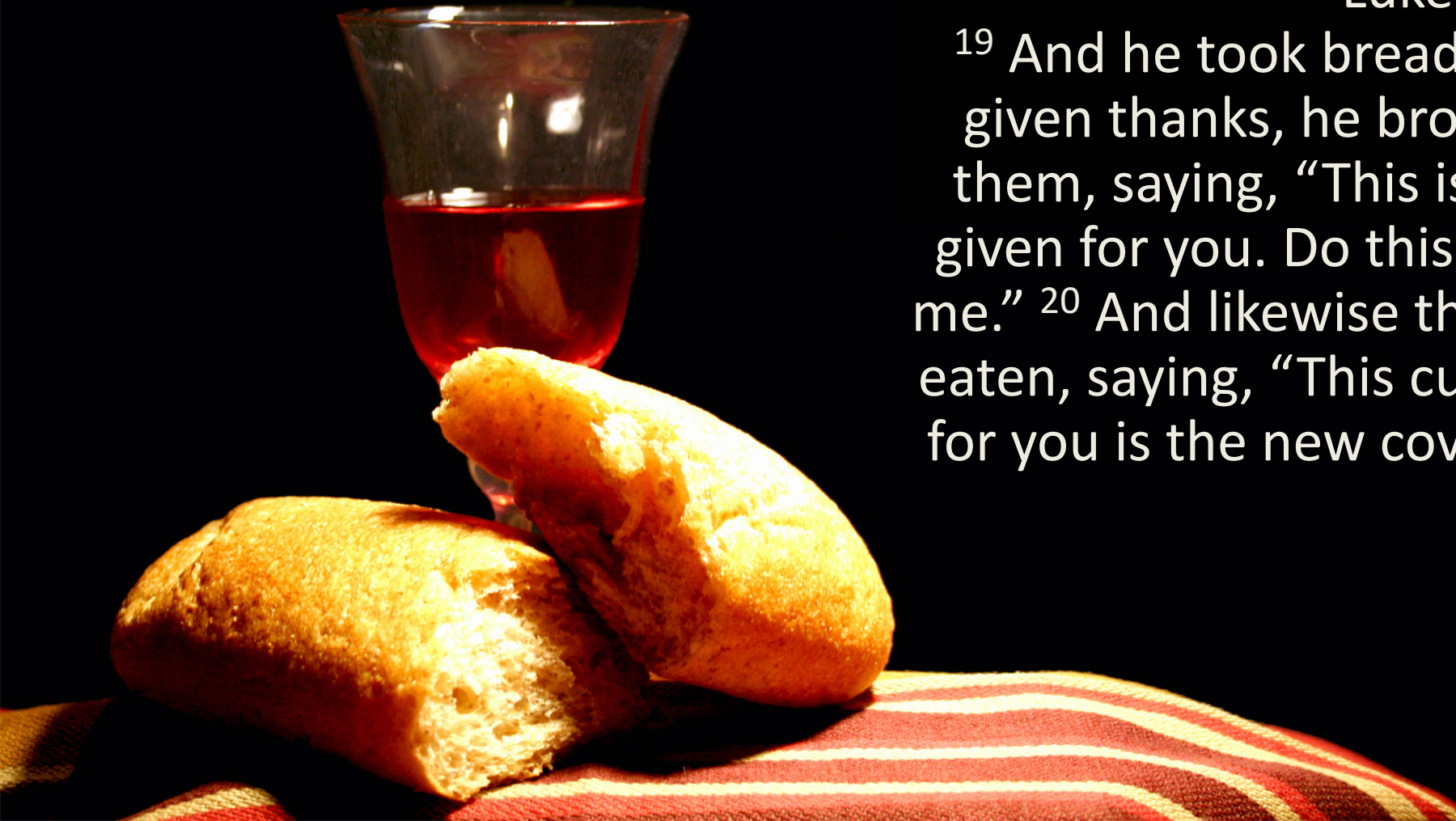
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Isaiah 53:5

But he was pierced for our transgressions, he was crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was on him, and by his wounds we are healed.

Luke 22

¹⁹ And he took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to them, saying, "This is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me." ²⁰ And likewise the cup after they had eaten, saying, "This cup that is poured out for you is the new covenant in my blood."



Benediction

Jude

²⁴ Now to him who is able to keep you from stumbling and to present you blameless before the presence of his glory with great joy, ²⁵ to the only God, our Savior, through Jesus Christ our Lord, be glory, majesty, dominion, and authority, before all time and now and forever. Amen.

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