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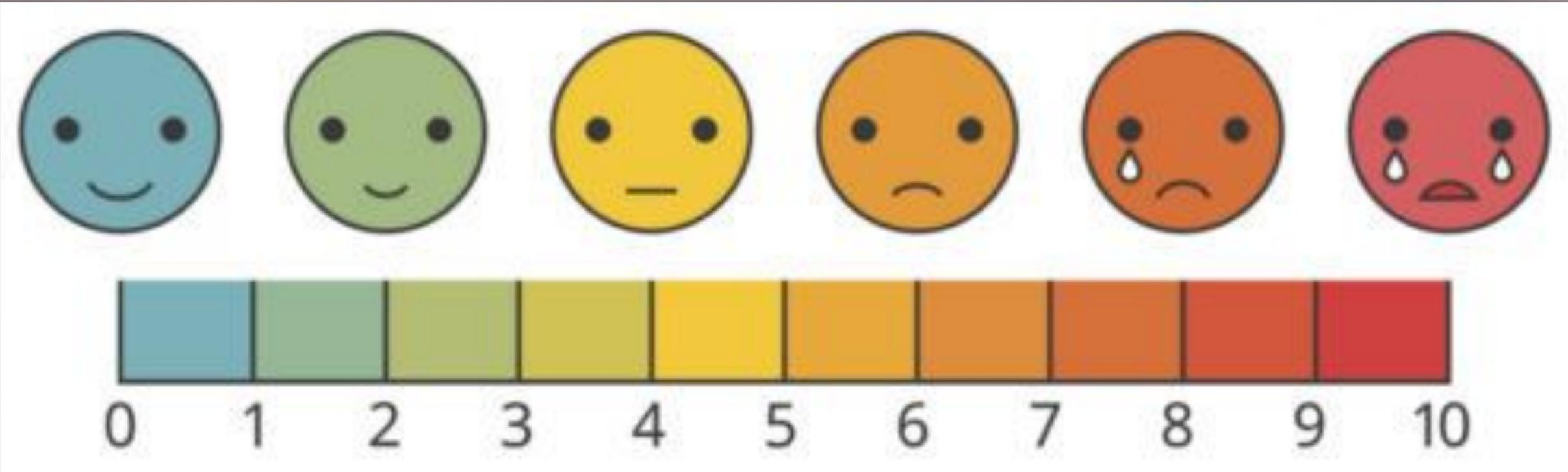
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A hand holds a crystal ball in the foreground, which reflects a city skyline at sunset. The background is a blurred view of the same city skyline. The text "The Right Perspective" is overlaid in the center. "The Right" is in a bold, white, sans-serif font, and "Perspective" is in a white, cursive script font.

The Right
Perspective







God's Hidden Hand

Acts 12



Church in a good place

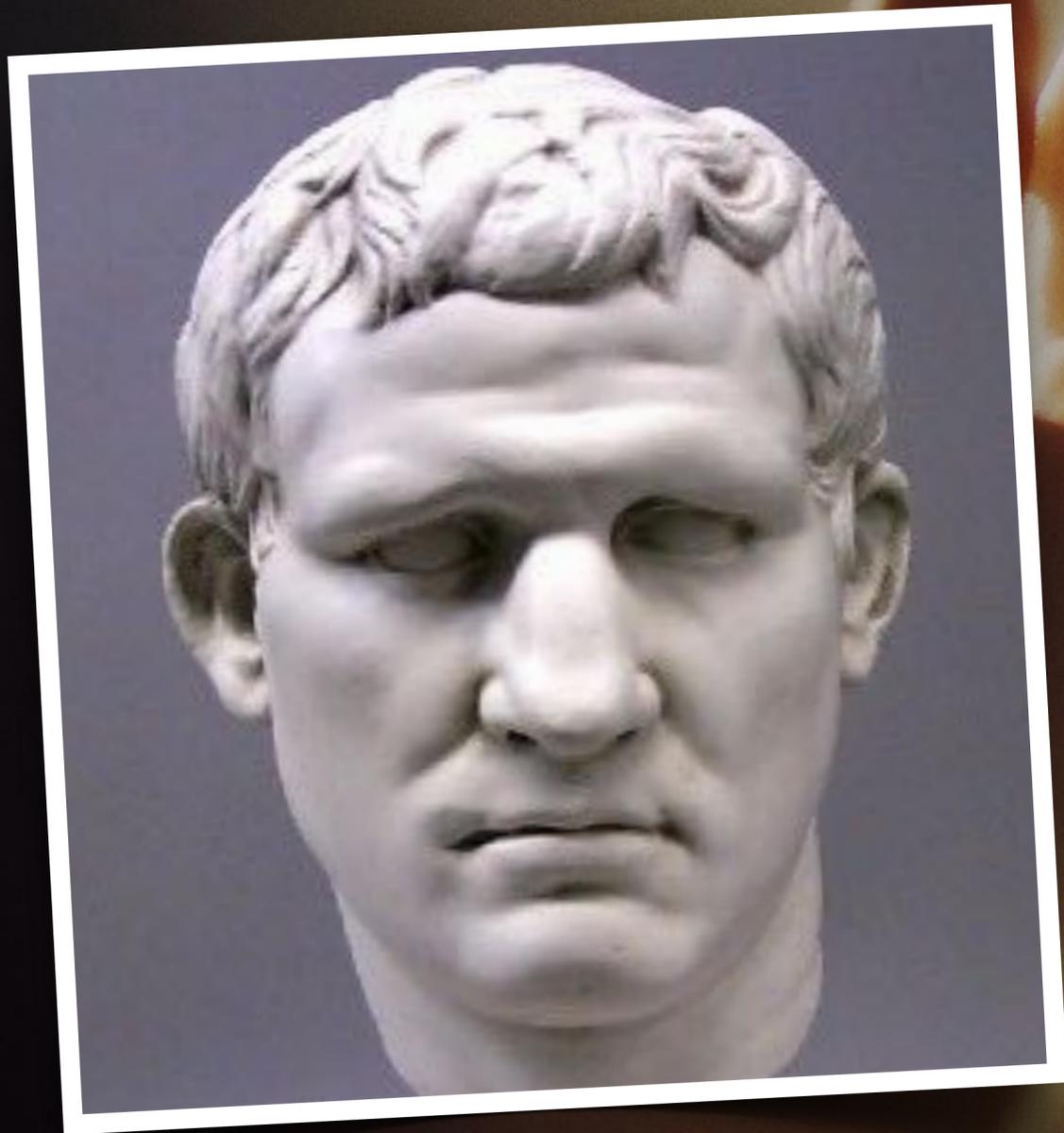
Time of Peace 9:31

Being strengthened 9:32; 43, 11:22-26

Gentiles becoming God's people 10:28; 47, 11:17-18

Church rallied practical support 11:29

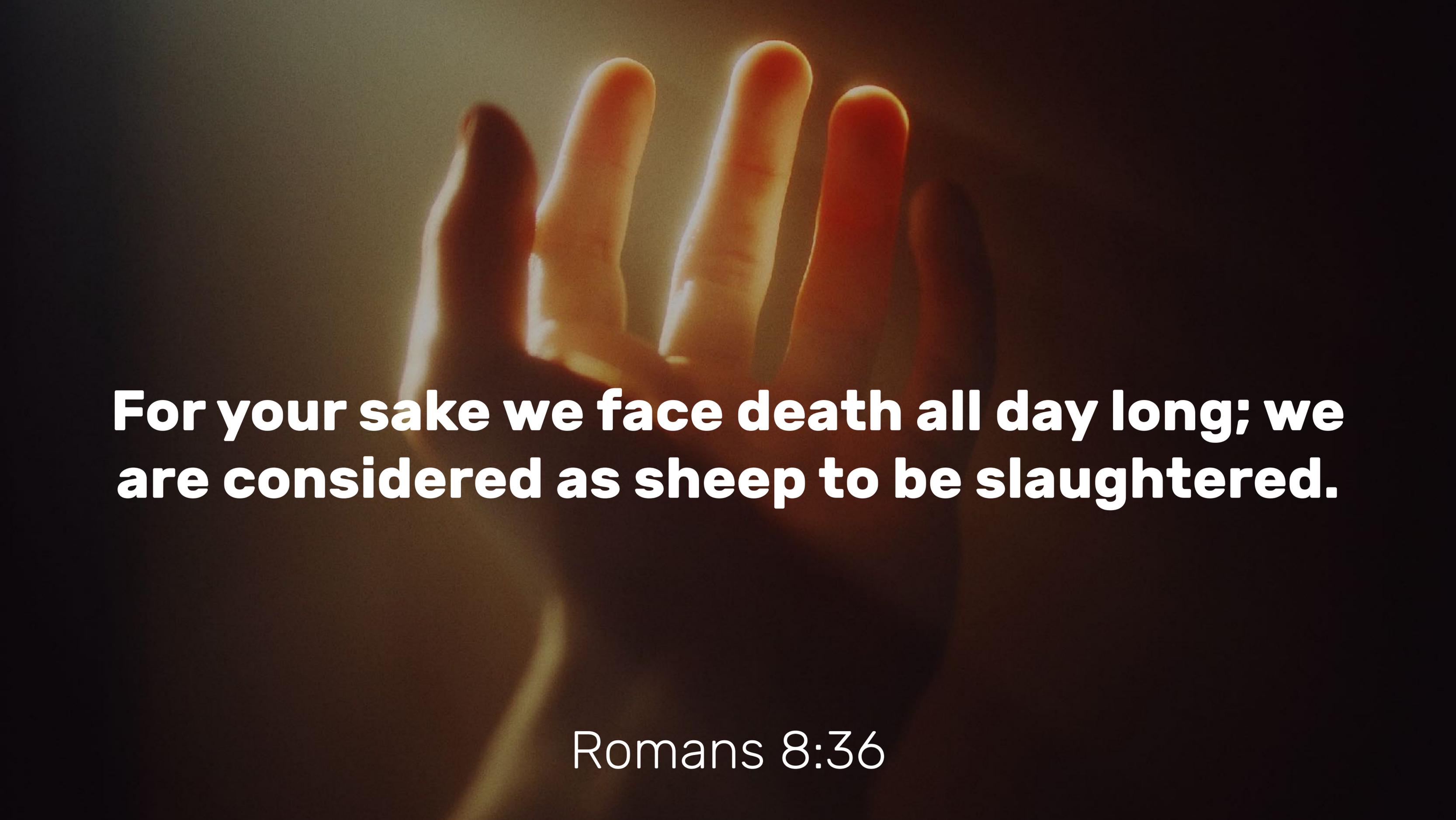
But...



Herod Agrippa 1

He had James, the brother of John, put to death with the sword. He saw that this met with approval among the Jews...

Acts 12:2-3



For your sake we face death all day long; we are considered as sheep to be slaughtered.

Romans 8:36

Being Treated Unfairly

He proceeded to seize Peter also. This happened during the Festival of Unleavened Bread. After arresting him, he put him in prison, handing him over to be guarded by four squads of four soldiers each. Herod intended to bring him out for public trial after the Passover. So Peter was kept in prison...

Acts 12:3-5

Being Treated Unfairly

But the church was
earnestly praying to God for him.

Acts 12:5

Being Treated Unfairly

The night before Herod was to bring him to trial, Peter was sleeping between two soldiers, bound with two chains, and sentries stood guard at the entrance.

Acts 12:6

Being Treated Unfairly

Suddenly an angel of the Lord appeared and a light shone in the cell. He struck Peter on the side and woke him up. "Quick, get up!" he said, and the chains fell off Peter's wrists.

Acts 12:7

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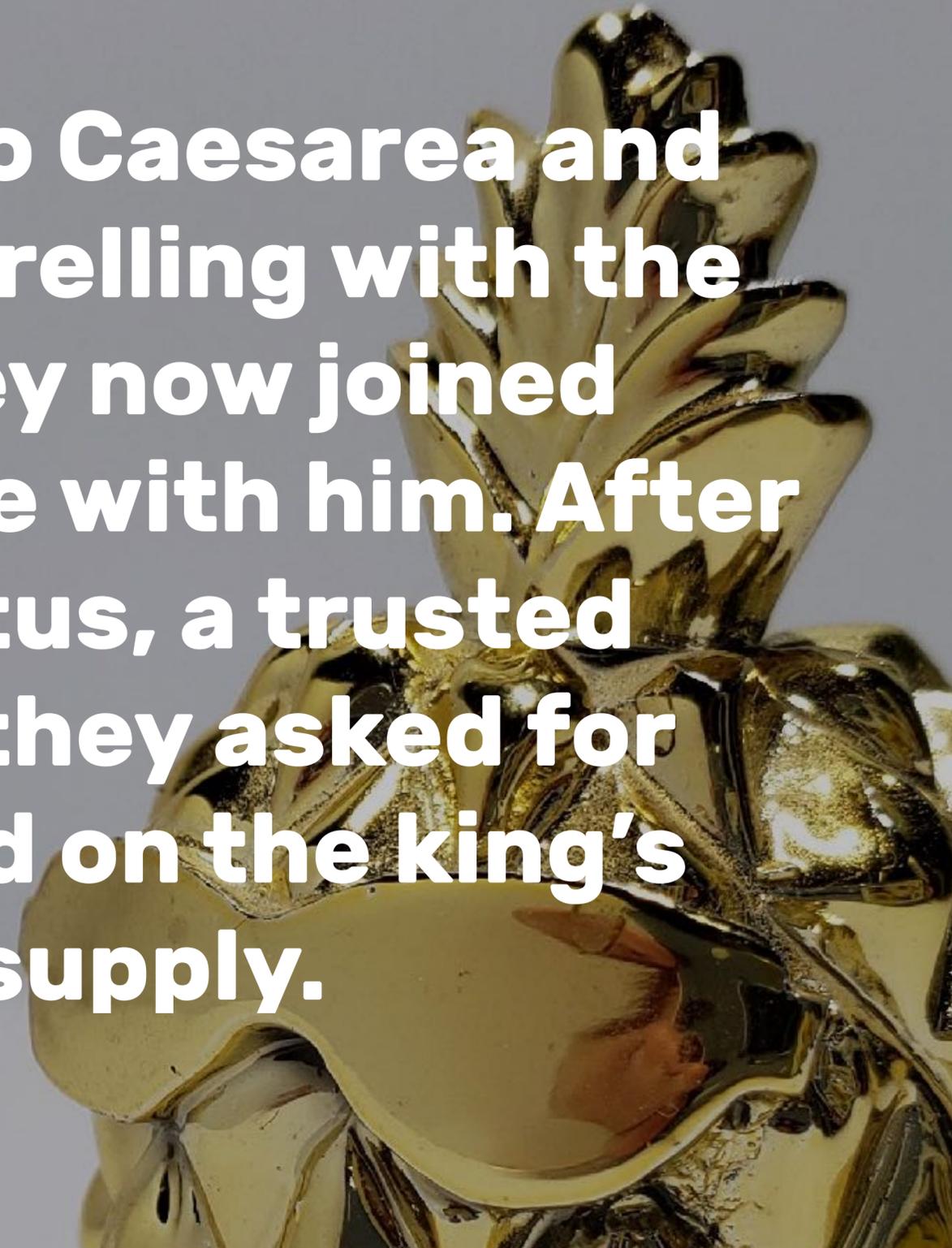
Peter came to himself and said, "Now I know without a doubt that the Lord has sent his angel and rescued me from Herod's clutches and from everything the Jewish people were hoping would happen."

Acts 12:11

Egos

Then Herod went from Judea to Caesarea and stayed there. He had been quarrelling with the people of Tyre and Sidon; they now joined together and sought an audience with him. After securing the support of Blastus, a trusted personal servant of the king, they asked for peace, because they depended on the king's country for their food supply.

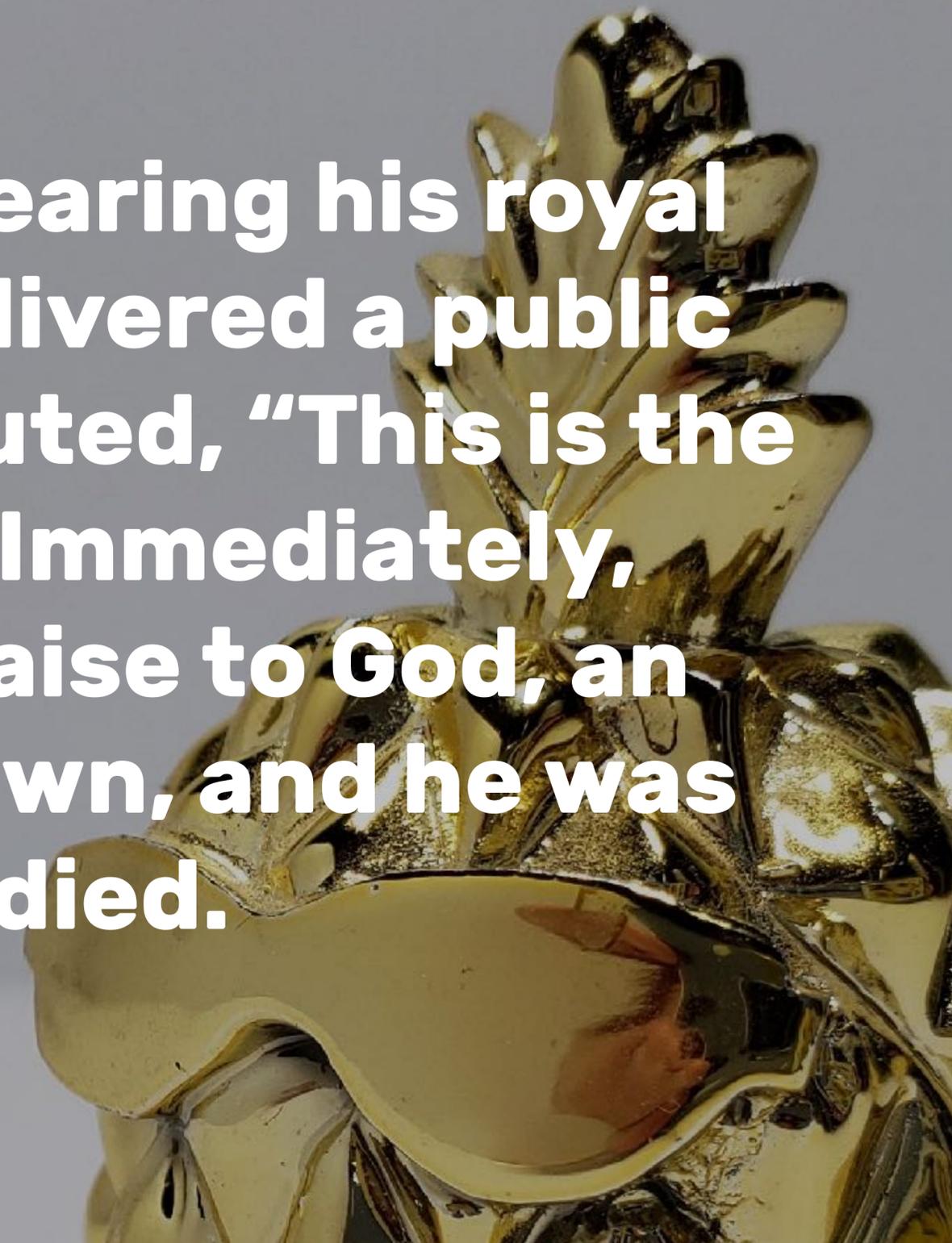
Acts 12:19-20



Egos

On the appointed day Herod, wearing his royal robes, sat on his throne and delivered a public address to the people. They shouted, "This is the voice of a god, not of a man." Immediately, because Herod did not give praise to God, an angel of the Lord struck him down, and he was eaten by worms and died.

Acts 12:21-23



Church Growth

But the word of God continued
to spread and flourish.

Acts 12:24

The Perspective We Need Today

For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Romans 8:38-39