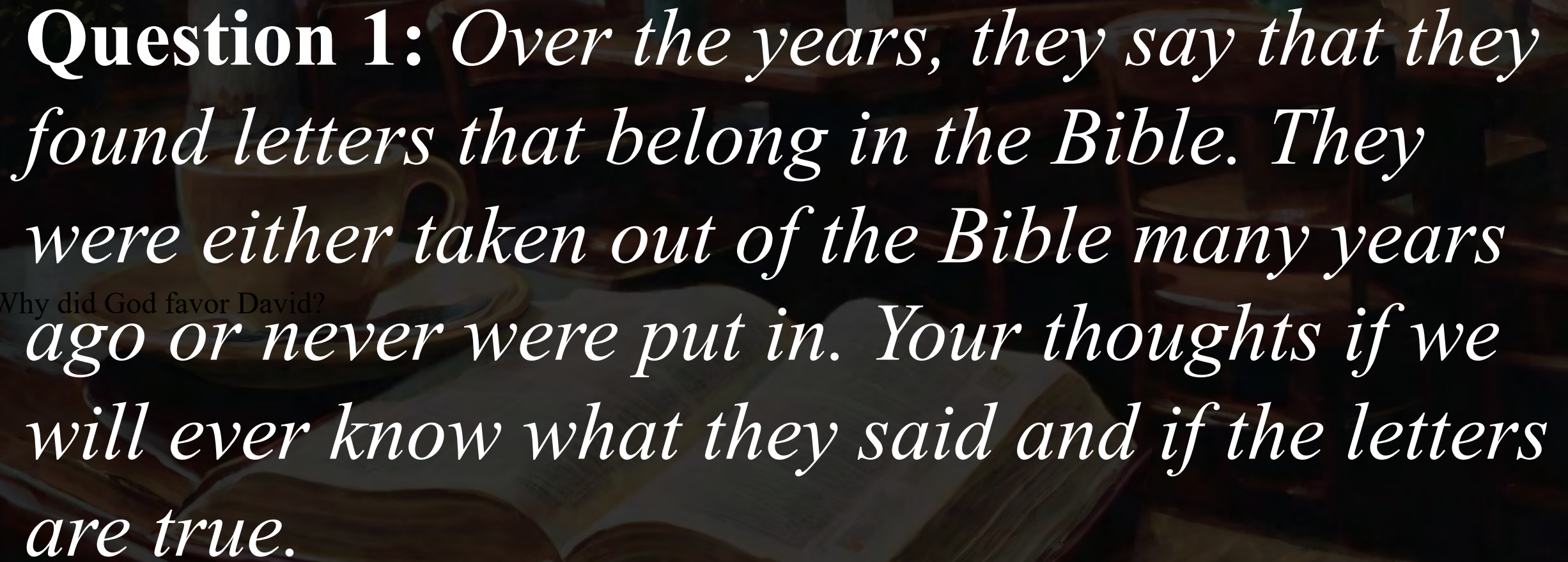


# Ask Away: Navigating Faith's Questions with Scripture





**Question 1:** *Over the years, they say that they found letters that belong in the Bible. They were either taken out of the Bible many years ago or never were put in. Your thoughts if we will ever know what they said and if the letters are true.*

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## Revelation 22:18-19 (ESV)

*"I warn everyone who hears the words of the prophecy of this book: if anyone adds to them, God will add to him the plagues described in this book, and if anyone takes away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God will take away his share in the tree of life and in the holy city, which are described in this book."*



**Deuteronomy 4:2 (ESV):**

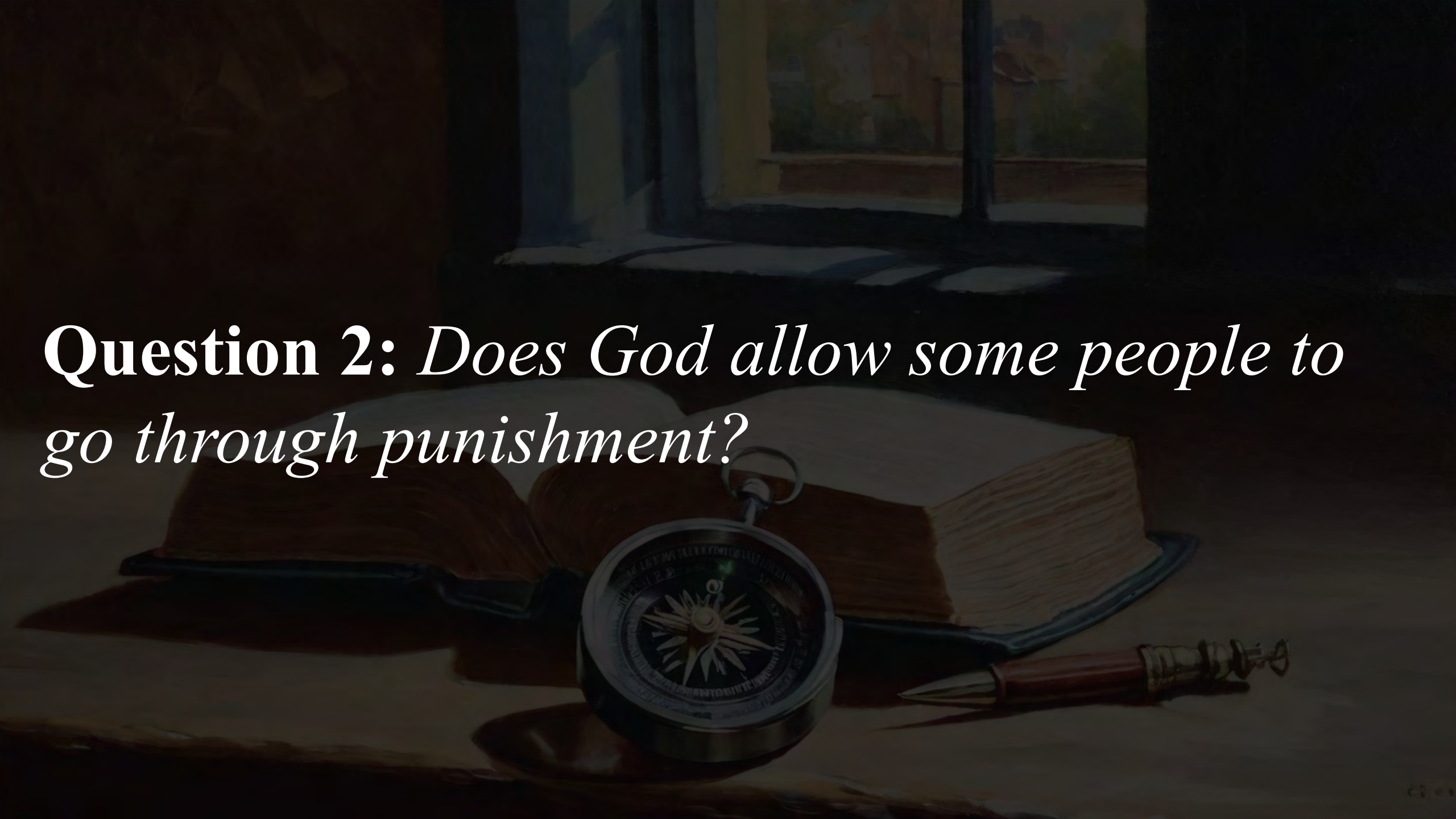
*"You shall not add to the word that I command you, nor take from it, that you may keep the commandments of the Lord your God that I command you."*



**Proverbs 30:5-6 (ESV):**

*"Every word of God proves true; he is a shield to those who take refuge in him. Do not add to his words, lest he rebuke you and you be found a liar."*

**Question 2:** *Does God allow some people to go through punishment?*

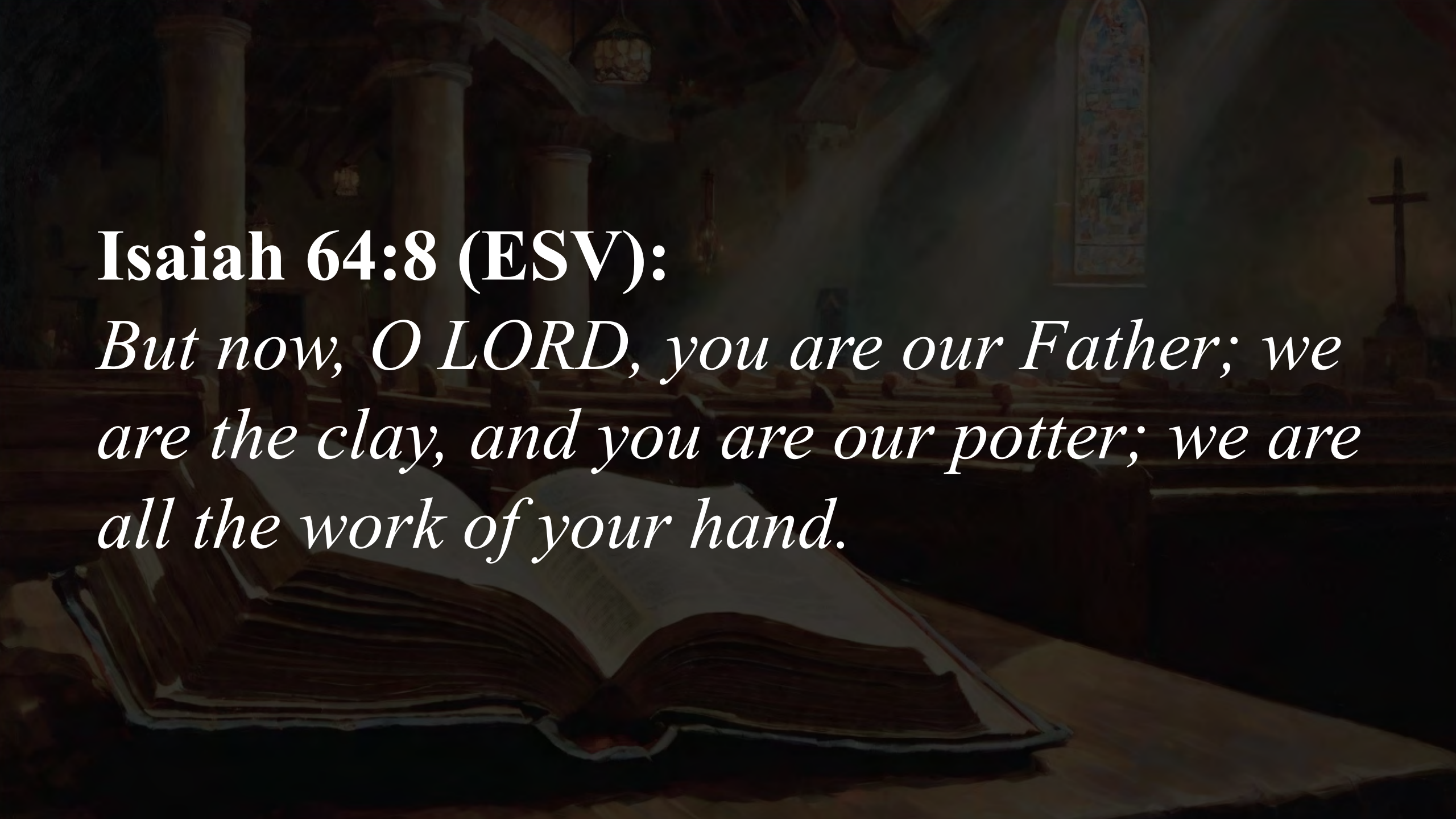




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A dimly lit church interior with an open book in the foreground. The background shows a cross on the wall and a stained glass window. The text is overlaid on the image.

**Isaiah 64:8 (ESV):**

*But now, O LORD, you are our Father; we are the clay, and you are our potter; we are all the work of your hand.*



**Hebrews 12:6 (ESV)**

*"For the Lord disciplines the one he loves,  
and chastises every son whom he receives."*

**Proverbs 3:12 (ESV)**

*"for the Lord reproves him whom he loves,  
as a father the son in whom he delights."*



**2 Peter 2:9 (ESV):** *"Then the Lord knows how to rescue the godly from trials, and to keep the unrighteous under punishment until the day of judgment."*

**Revelation 3:19 (ESV):** *"Those whom I love, I reprove and discipline, so be zealous and repent."*

A still life composition featuring a wooden desk. In the background, a glass mug filled with coffee sits on a saucer. In the foreground, an open book with aged pages is visible. A brass compass with a wooden handle and a pair of glasses are also present. A fountain pen lies horizontally across the bottom of the frame. The entire scene is dimly lit, creating a warm, contemplative atmosphere.

**Question 3:** *Did God say that He would not allow Israel to be attacked by its enemies ever again?*



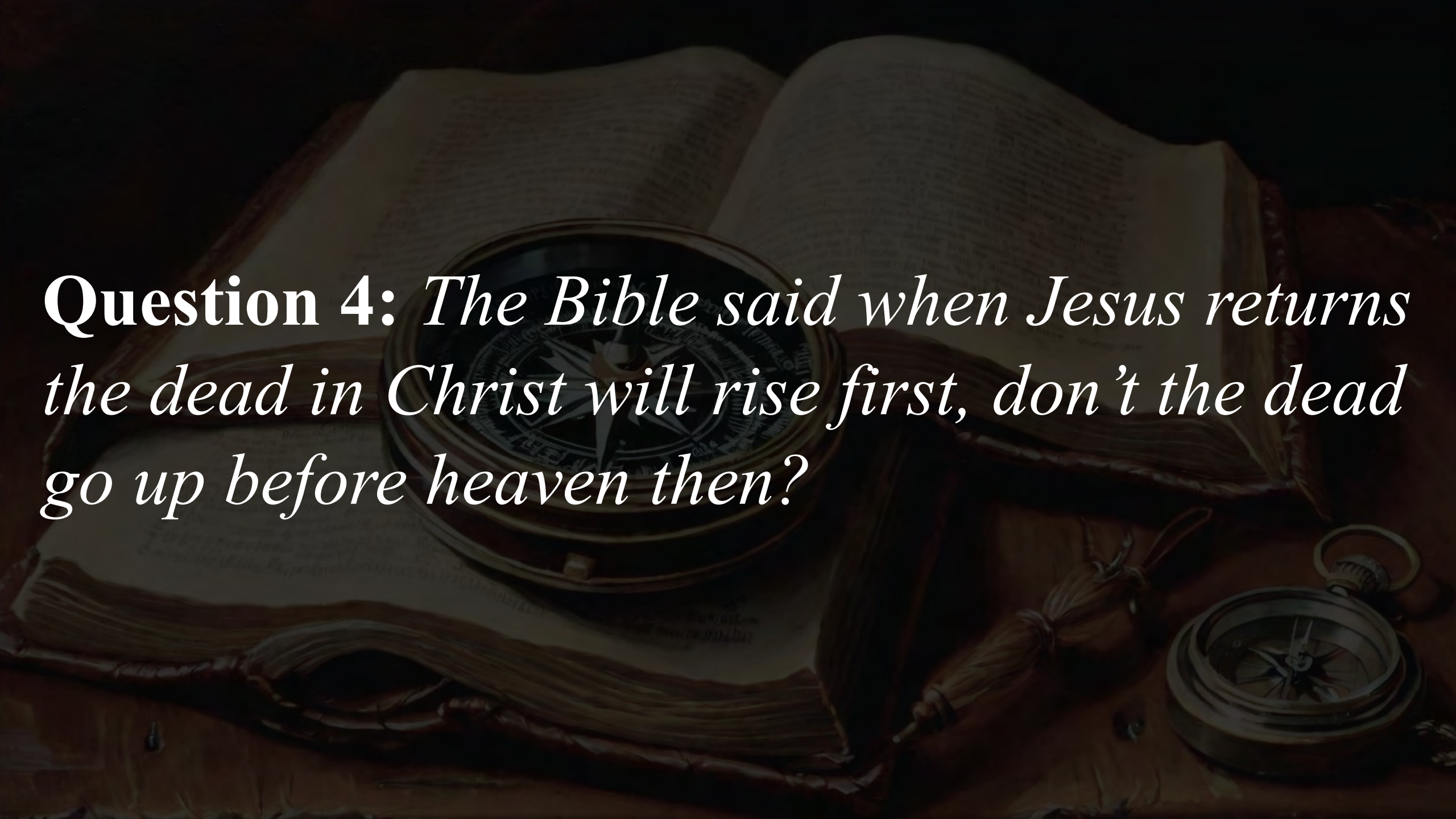
**Isaiah 60:18 (ESV):**

*“Violence shall no more be heard in your land, devastation or destruction within your borders you shall call your walls Salvation, and your gates Praise.*”

## **Ezekiel 37:26-28 (ESV):**

*"I will make a covenant of peace with them. It shall be an everlasting covenant with them. And I will set them in their land and multiply them, and will set my sanctuary in their midst forevermore. My dwelling place shall be with them, and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. Then the nations will know that I am the Lord who sanctifies Israel when my sanctuary is in their midst forevermore."*



An open book with a compass and a quill pen. The book is open, showing two pages of text. A compass is placed on the left page, and a quill pen is on the right page. The background is dark and textured.

**Question 4:** *The Bible said when Jesus returns the dead in Christ will rise first, don't the dead go up before heaven then?*

## **1 Thessalonians 4:16-17 (ESV)**

*"For the Lord himself will descend from heaven with a cry of command, with the voice of an archangel, and with the sound of the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air, and so we will always be with the Lord."*

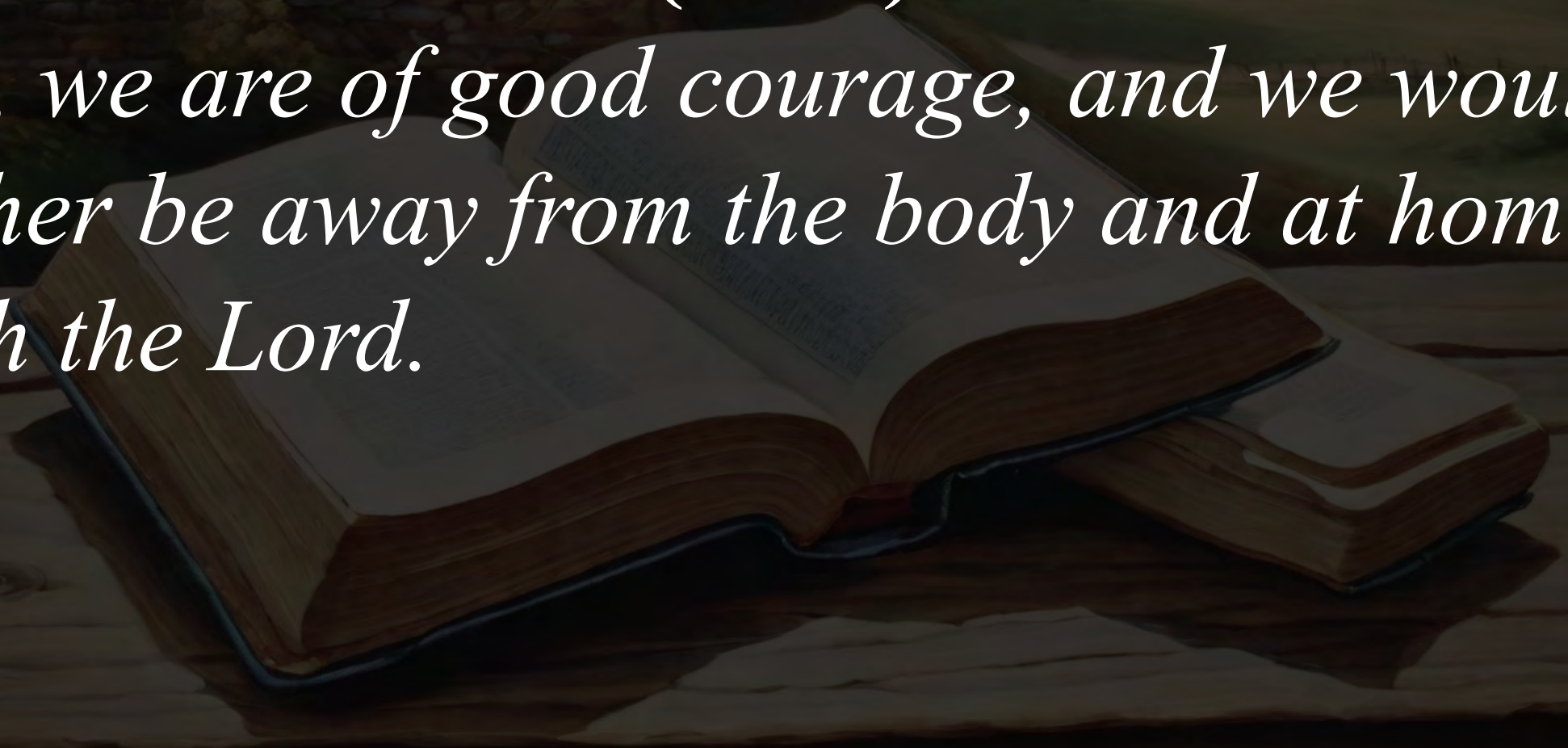


## **Corinthians 15:52 (ESV)**

*"In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised imperishable, and we shall be changed."*

**2 Corinthians 5:8 (ESV):**

*Yes, we are of good courage, and we would rather be away from the body and at home with the Lord.*





## **Philippians 1:21-23 (ESV):**

*"For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain. If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labor for me. Yet which I shall choose I cannot tell. I am hard pressed between the two. My desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better."*

A still life composition featuring an open book, a compass, a quill pen, and a cup of coffee on a wooden table. The scene is dimly lit, with the objects casting soft shadows. The text is overlaid on the left side of the image.

**Question 5:** *Can someone who commits suicide be saved?*



**Romans 8:38-39 (ESV):**

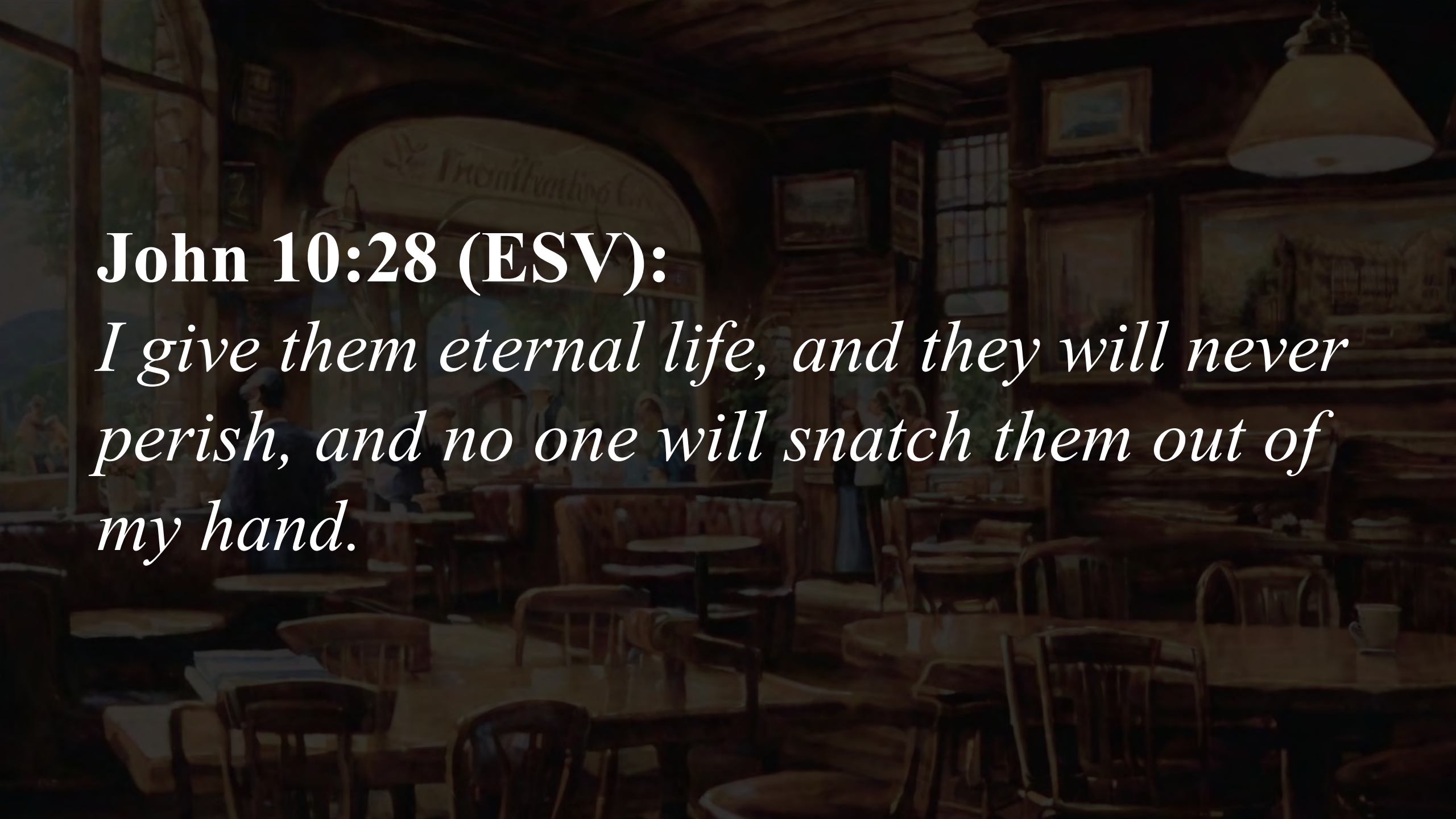
*"For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord."*

An open book with white pages and a dark cover lies on a wooden surface. To its right is a white ceramic cup filled with coffee, resting on a matching saucer. The background is dark and out of focus, suggesting a window with blinds. The overall lighting is soft and warm.

**John 3:16 (ESV):**

*"For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life."*





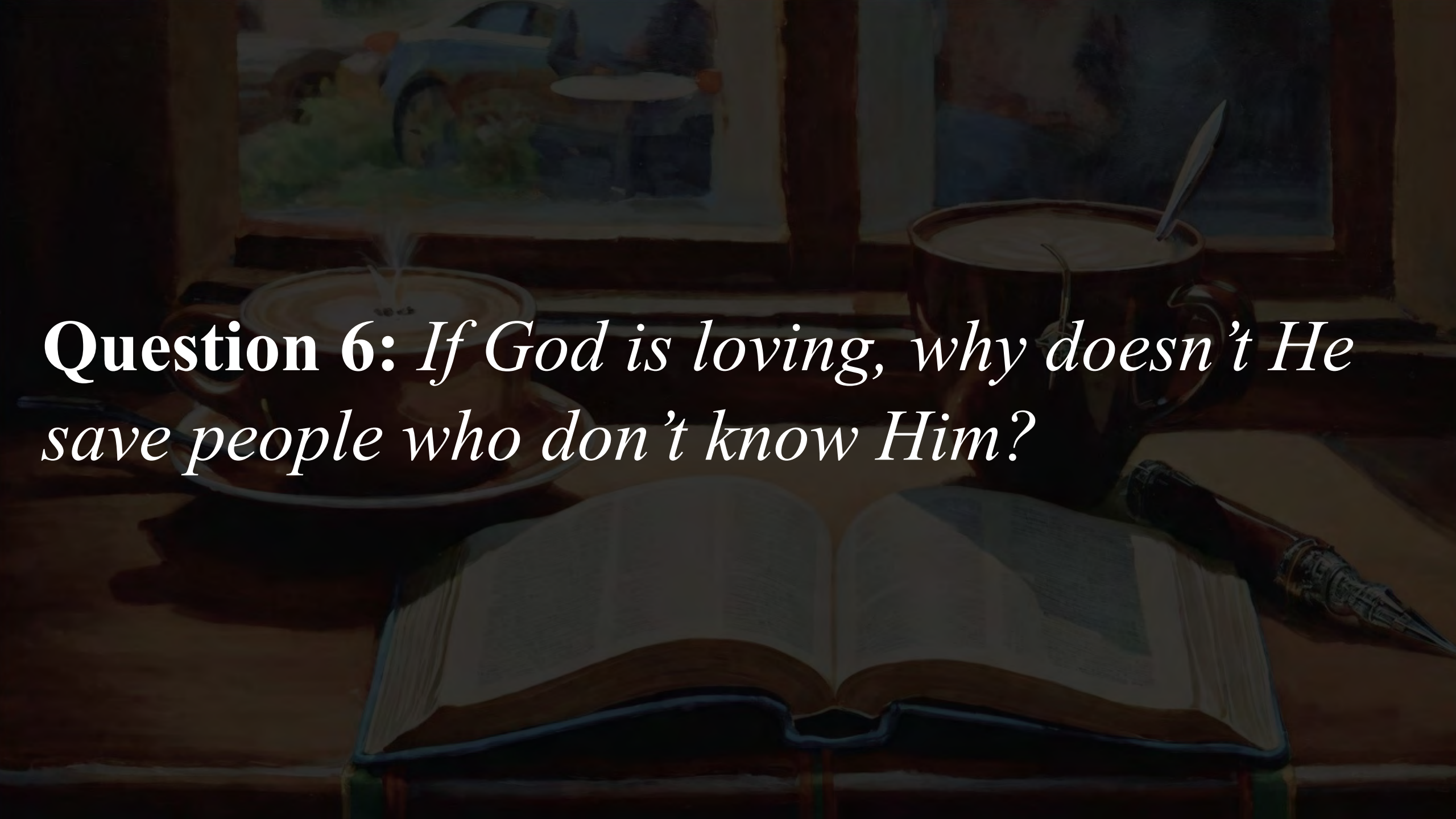
**John 10:28 (ESV):**

*I give them eternal life, and they will never  
perish, and no one will snatch them out of  
my hand.*

**Matthew 11:28-30 (ESV):**

*"Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light."*



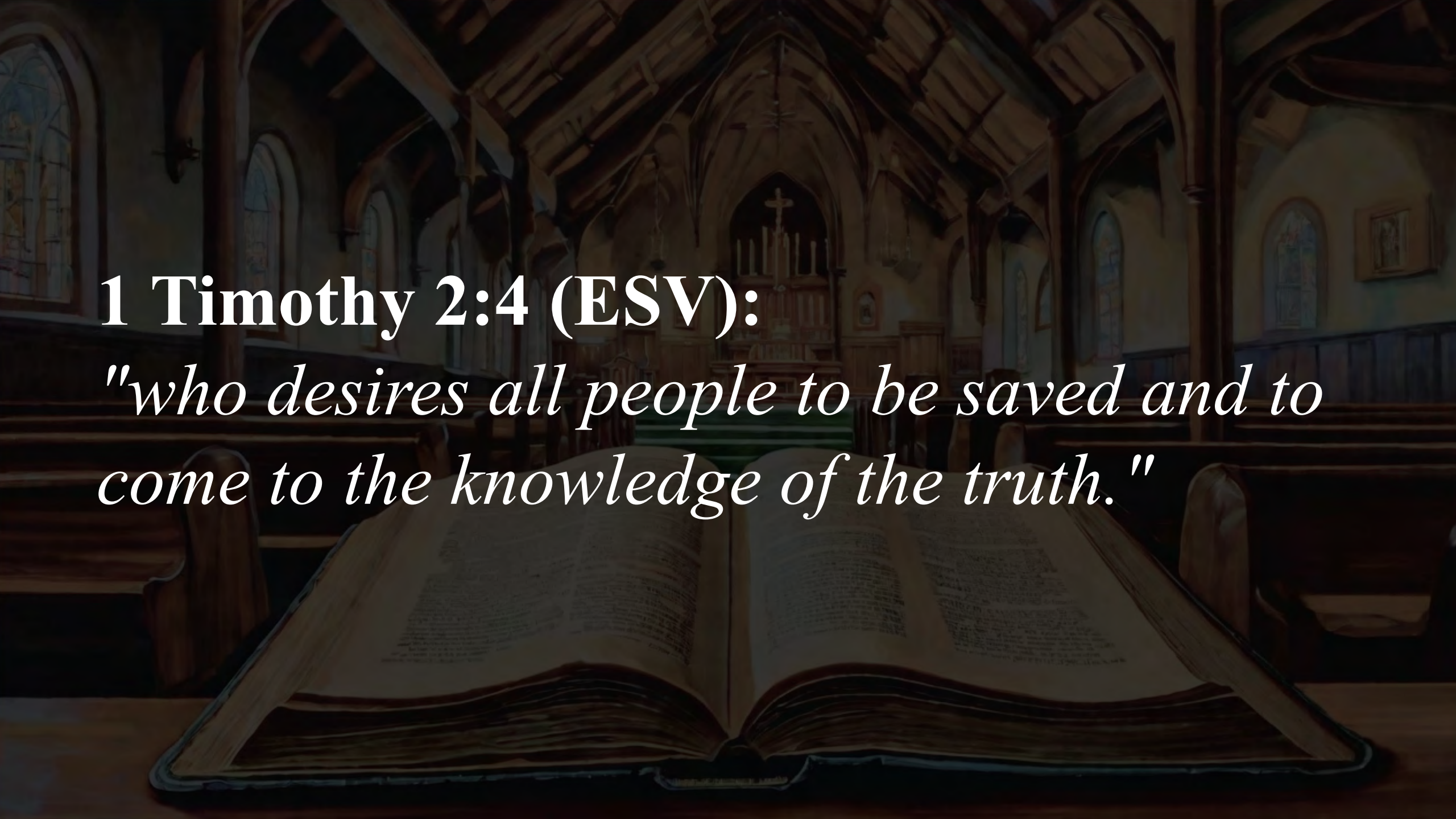
A still life painting of a study desk. In the foreground, an open book with blank pages lies flat. To its right, a fountain pen with a dark barrel and a silver nib rests on the desk. In the background, a white coffee cup filled with a light-colored beverage sits on a matching saucer. The scene is set on a wooden desk with a window in the background showing a view of a building. The overall lighting is soft and warm, creating a contemplative atmosphere.

**Question 6:** *If God is loving, why doesn't He save people who don't know Him?*

**2 Peter 3:9 (ESV):**

*"The Lord is not slow to fulfill his promise as some count slowness, but is patient toward you, not wishing that any should perish, but that all should reach repentance."*



A dark, atmospheric photograph of a church interior. In the foreground, an open Bible lies flat on a wooden surface, its pages slightly aged and the text faintly visible. The background shows the interior of a church with high, vaulted ceilings, wooden pews, and a central altar area with a cross. The lighting is dim, creating a solemn and contemplative mood.

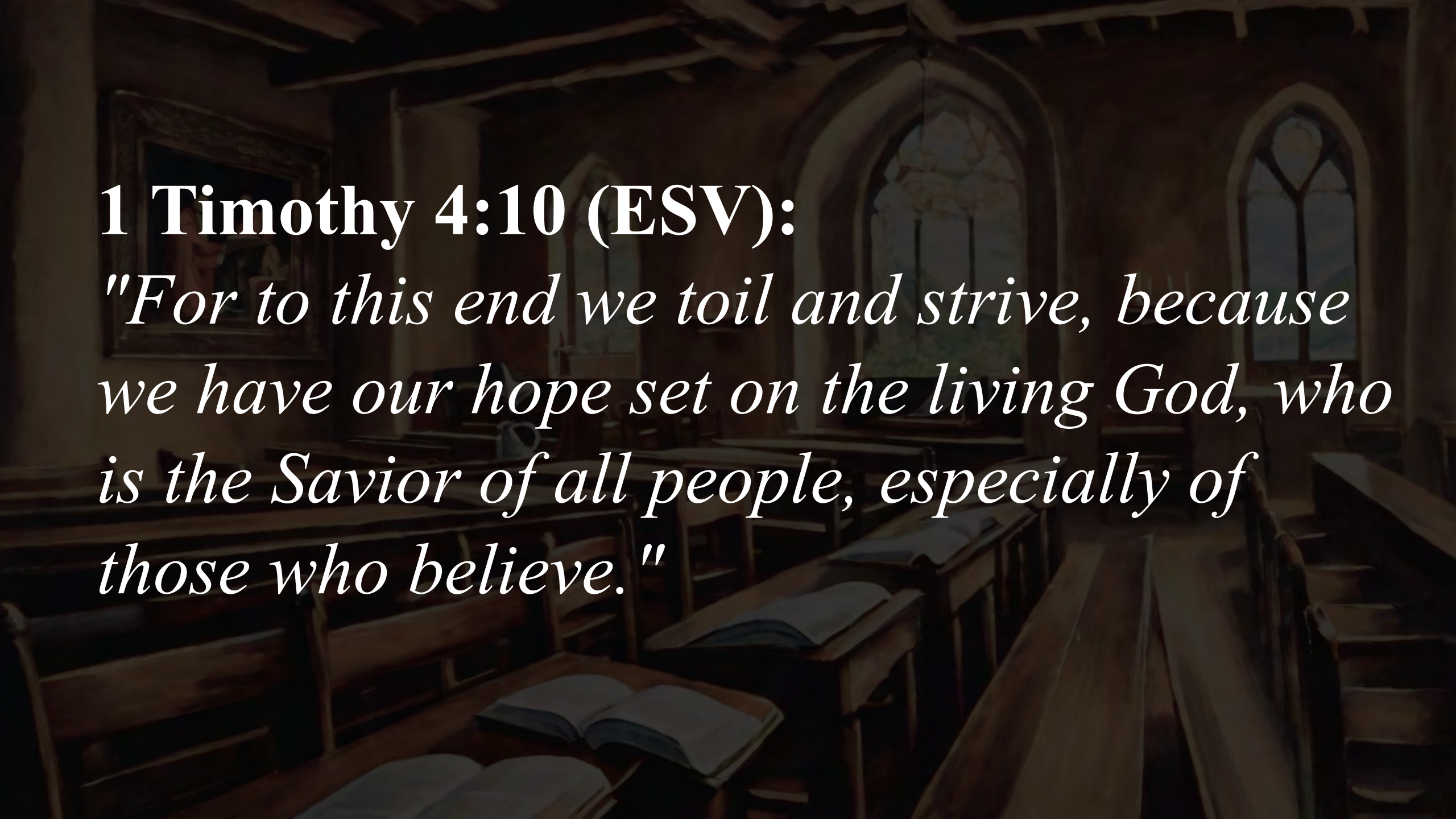
**1 Timothy 2:4 (ESV):**

*"who desires all people to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth."*

**Ezekiel 18:23 (ESV):**

*"Have I any pleasure in the death of the wicked, declares the Lord God, and not rather that he should turn from his way and live?"*





**1 Timothy 4:10 (ESV):**

*"For to this end we toil and strive, because we have our hope set on the living God, who is the Savior of all people, especially of those who believe."*

A still life illustration on a wooden table. In the center is a large, ornate brass compass with a wooden handle. To its right is an open book with aged, yellowed pages. Below the compass is a smaller pocket watch with a chain. To the left of the compass is a quill pen. In the upper right corner, there is a cup of coffee on a saucer. The scene is dimly lit, creating a warm, historical atmosphere.

**Question 7:** *Why did God favor David?*



**Acts 13:22 (ESV):**

*"And when he had removed him, he raised up David to be their king, of whom he testified and said, 'I have found in David the son of Jesse a man after my heart, who will do all my will.'"*

**1 Samuel 13:14 (ESV):**

*"But now your kingdom shall not continue. The Lord has sought out a man after his own heart, and the Lord has commanded him to be prince over his people, because you have not kept what the Lord commanded you."*