

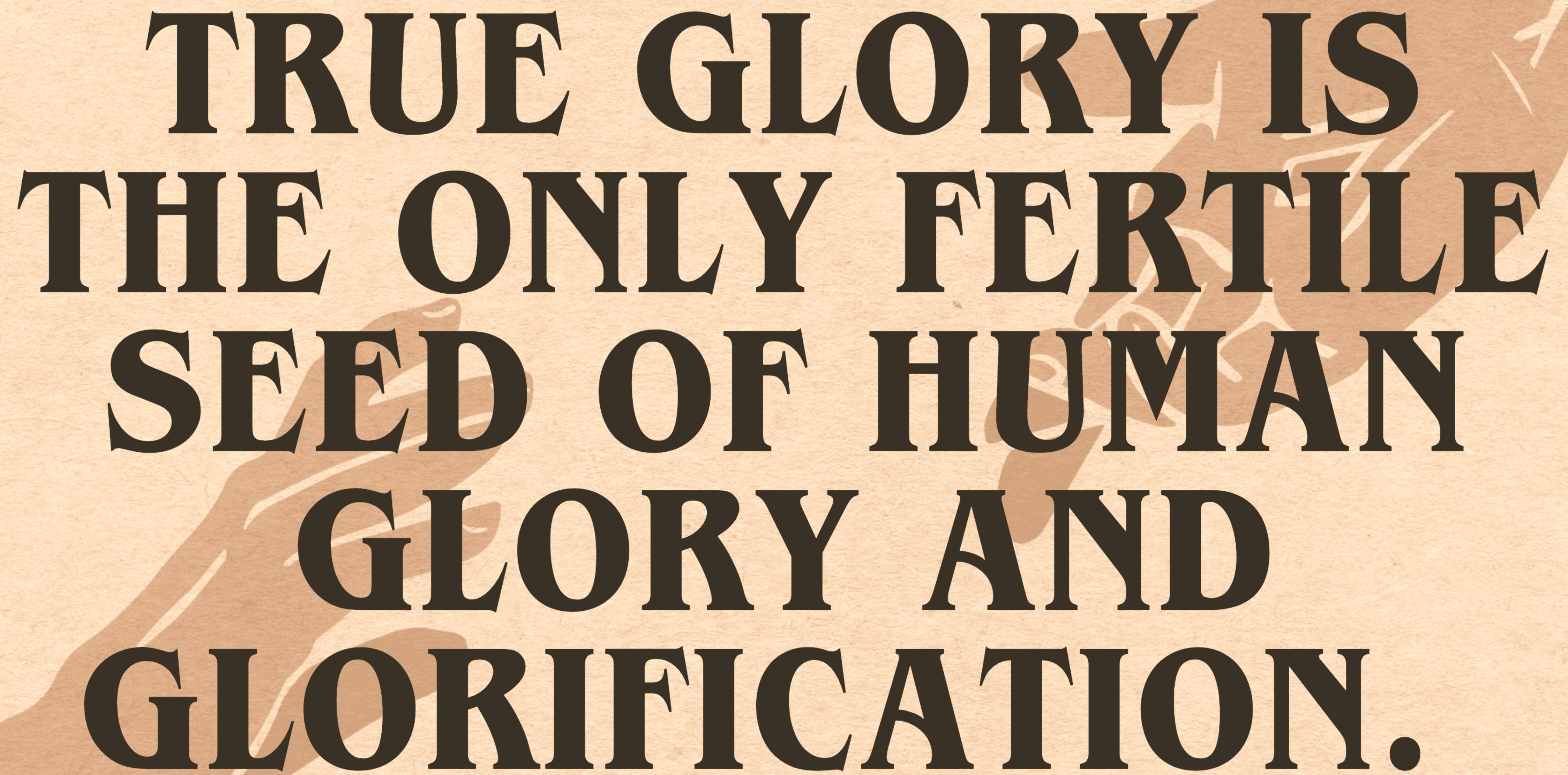


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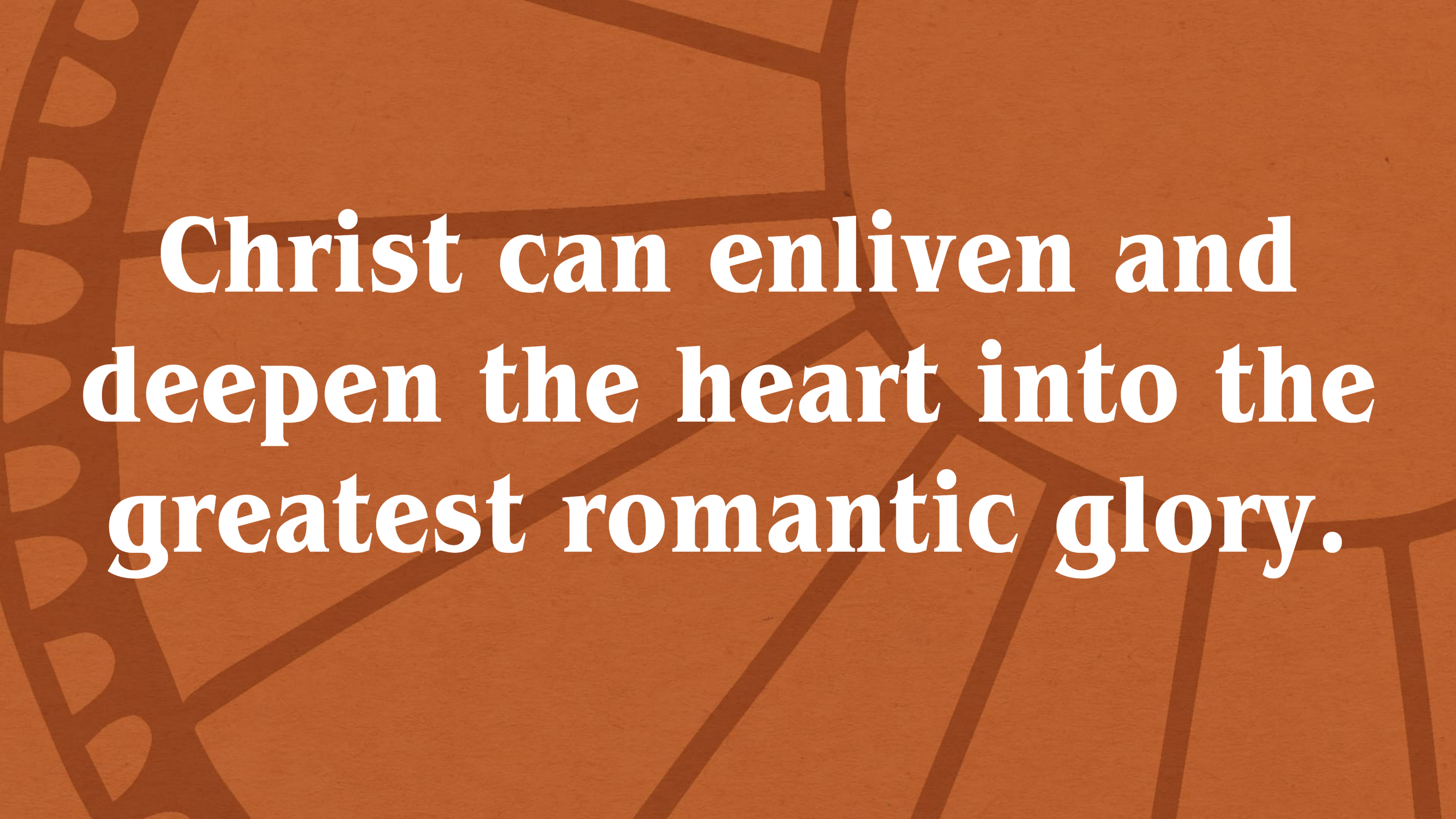
PHILIPPIANS 2:1 – 18



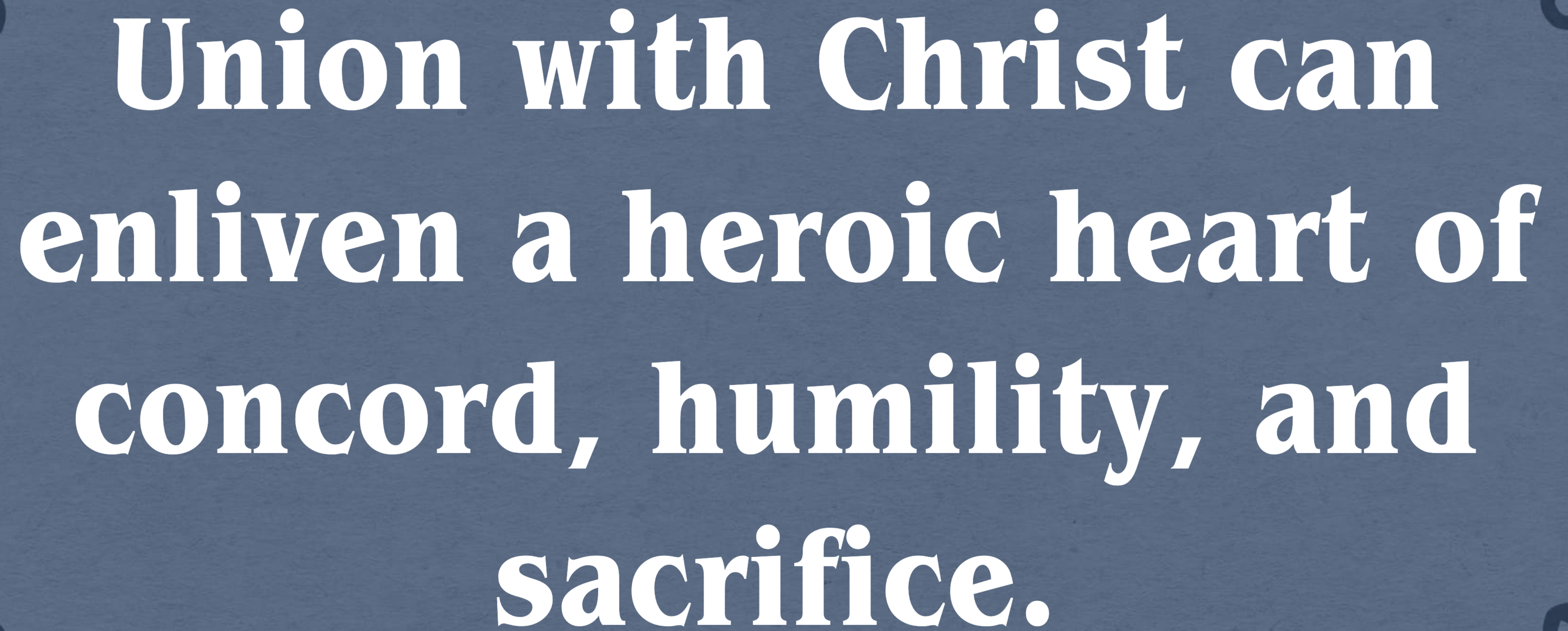
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The background of the image features a light beige, textured surface. Overlaid on this is a faint, stylized illustration of two hands, one from the left and one from the right, cupping a globe. The hands are rendered in a darker shade of beige, and the globe is a slightly lighter shade, creating a subtle, warm-toned composition.

**TRUE GLORY IS
THE ONLY FERTILE
SEED OF HUMAN
GLORY AND
GLORIFICATION.**

The background is a solid brown color. On the left side, there is a faint, stylized graphic of a film reel. On the right side, there is a faint, stylized graphic of a chair. The text is centered and reads:

**Christ can enliven and
deepen the heart into the
greatest romantic glory.**

The image features a dark blue background with a subtle, fine-grained texture. In each of the four corners, there is a decorative motif consisting of stylized, dark blue leaves and small circular berries, arranged in a symmetrical, corner-pointing pattern. The central text is written in a large, white, bold, serif font, with all letters capitalized. The text is arranged in four lines, centered horizontally and vertically on the page.

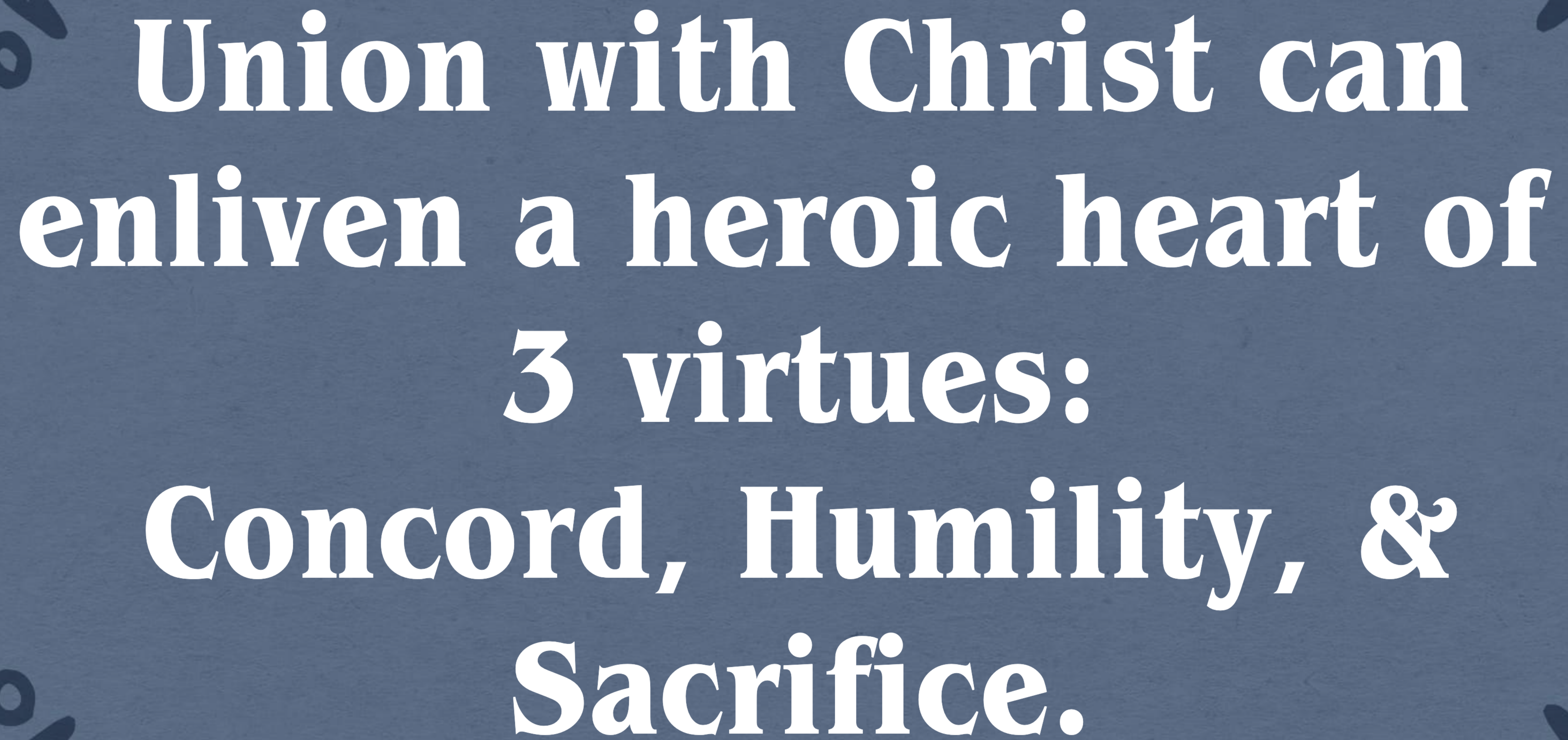
**Union with Christ can
enliven a heroic heart of
concord, humility, and
sacrifice.**

Philippians 2:1 – 2

“If you have any **encouragement** from being united with Christ, if any **comfort** from his love, if any **fellowship** with the Spirit, if any **tenderness and compassion**, then make my **joy complete...**”

The emotions of faith

- Encouragement from Union
- Comfort from Love
- Fellowship in Spirit
- Bowels of Emotion
- Mercies of Concern
- Complete Joy



**Union with Christ can
enliven a heroic heart of
3 virtues:
Concord, Humility, &
Sacrifice.**

1. Concord

Real unity of heart and mind that makes for productive unity, shared course, and productive cooperation. It is the spiritual sharing of hearts.

"Like-mindedness"

Philippians 2:2

"Then make my joy complete by being like-**-minded**, having the same love, being one in spirit and **mind**."

"Like-mindedness"

Not:

- Mirror-mindedness
- Closed-mindedness
- Open-mindedness

Colossians 3:12 – 15

Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience. Bear with each other and forgive one another if any of you has a grievance against someone. Forgive as the Lord forgave you...

Colossians 3:12 – 15 (continued)

...And over all these virtues put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity. Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace. And be thankful.



2. Humility

The self-forgetfulness that discovers others.



Philippians 2:3

"Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility reckon others above yourselves..."



Misguided Humility

When humility means handsome people thinking they are ugly and clever people thinking they are dumb, the opposite of humility is achieved, since it focuses on the self more.



Selfish Ambition

Rivalry, emotional disputes of status and position, selfishness in the context of open discord. (Philippians 1:17)

See James 3:14 – 18

Vain Conceit

Inflated self-regard, Empty attentiveness,
inordinate, misappropriated devotion.

"keno-doxa"- "empty glory"



KJV: "Vain-glory"



Glory

That which must have the limelight of attention. That which attracts concentration, animates devotion, quickens admiration, and induces imitation.



Glory is the object of worship
(and the purpose).





Vain-glory

Giving the limelight of our attention to empty and lesser glories. Allowing such things to focus our concentration, excite our affection, animate our devotion, quicken our admiration, and induce our imitation.



Jesus: Emptied Unto Glory

...who being in his very nature God...

emptied himself...therefore God
exalted him to the highest place...to the
glory of God the father...

Jesus: Emptied Unto Glory

Instead of leaving us to worship the empty,
he emptied himself to show us the
substance of what must be worshipped.

3. Sacrifice

Philippians 2:4

Each of you should look not only to your own interests, but also to the interests of others.

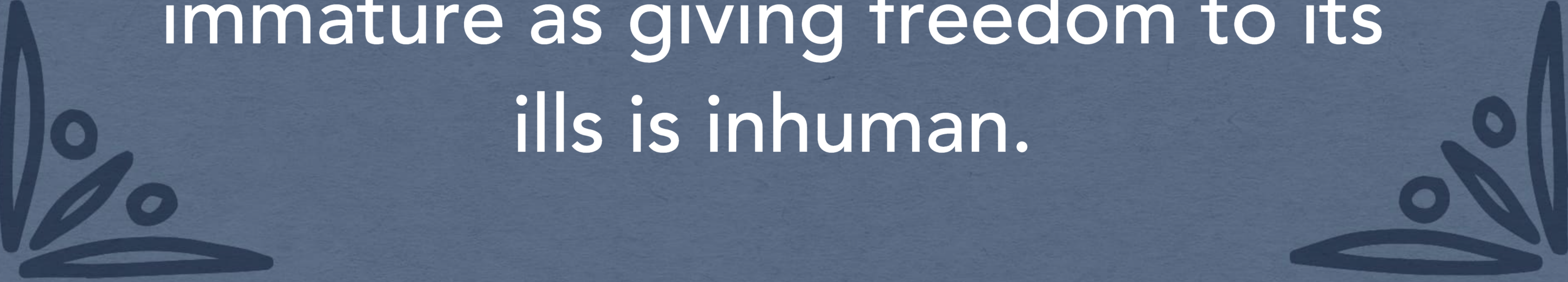
Love and sacrifice

Humility is the precondition of love. but
only the the bowels of felt concern can
motivate sacrifice-
the highest human glory.



Jesus, savior of the heart's life

Denying your heart's humanity is as
immature as giving freedom to its
ills is inhuman.





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