



Faith that Loves Impartially

James 2:5-9

Who is successful?

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James: Keep the Faith

- Stands the **Test** (1:2-12)
- Demands a **Change** of Heart (1:19-25)
- Loves **Impartially** (2:5-9)

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Listen, my dear brothers and sisters:
Has not God **chosen** those who are
poor in the eyes of the world
to be **rich in faith**
and to inherit the **kingdom**
he promised those who **love** him?

James 2:5 (NIV) (p.1/3)

6 But you have **dishonored** the poor.
Is it not the rich who are **exploiting** you?

Are they not the ones
who are dragging you into **court**?

7 Are they not the ones
who are **blaspheming** the noble name
of him to whom you belong?

James 2:6-7 (NIV) (p.2/3)

8 If you really keep
the **royal law** found in Scripture,
“**Love your neighbor** as yourself,”
you are doing right.

9 But if you show **favoritism**,
you **sin** and are convicted
by the law as **lawbreakers**.

James 2:8-9 (NIV) (p.3/3)

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1. **Faith** of the Poor (v5)
2. **Pride** of the Rich (v6-7)
3. **Law** of the King (v8-9)

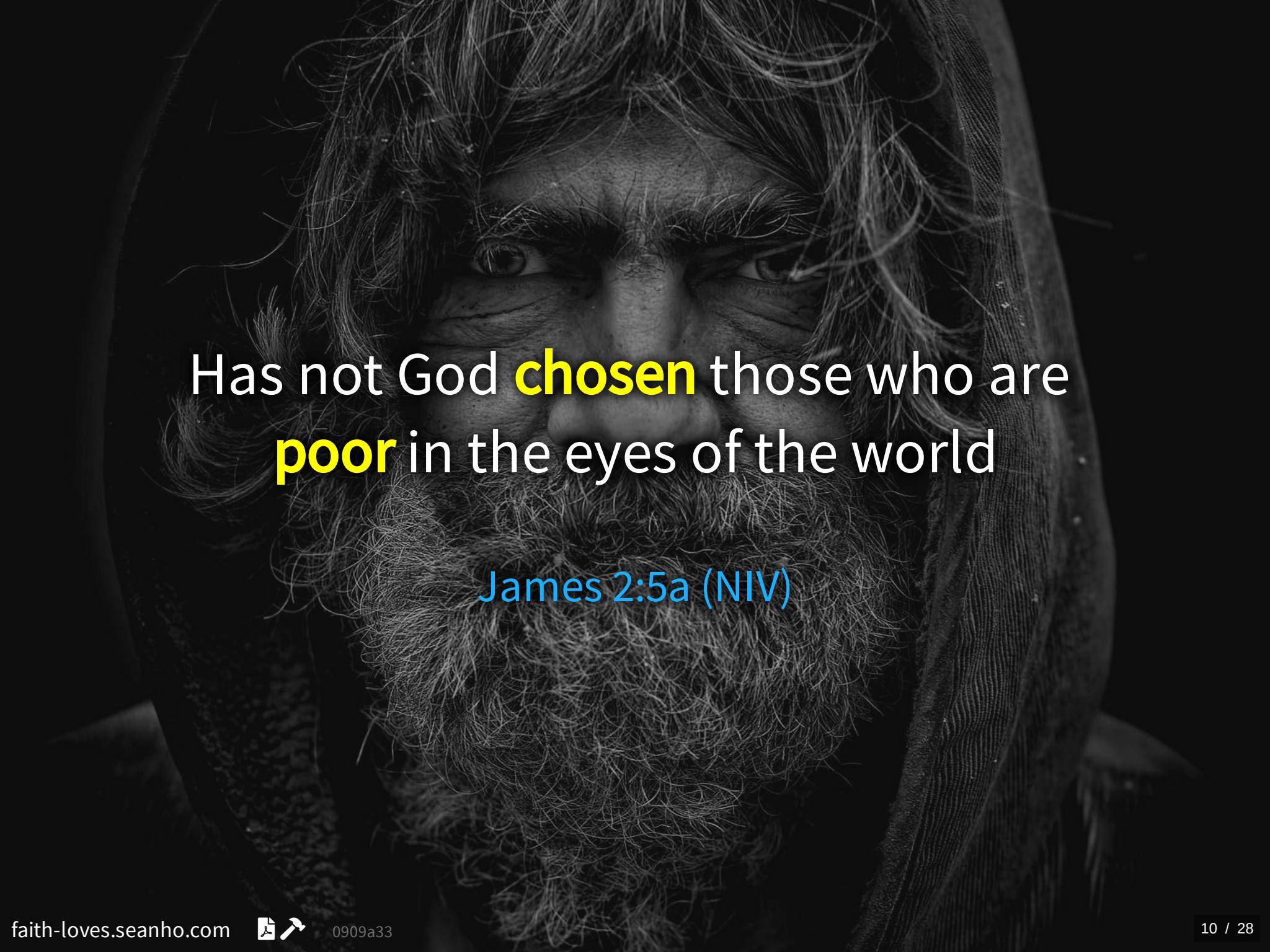
My brothers, show no **partiality**
as you hold the **faith** in our Lord Jesus Christ

James 2:1 (ESV)



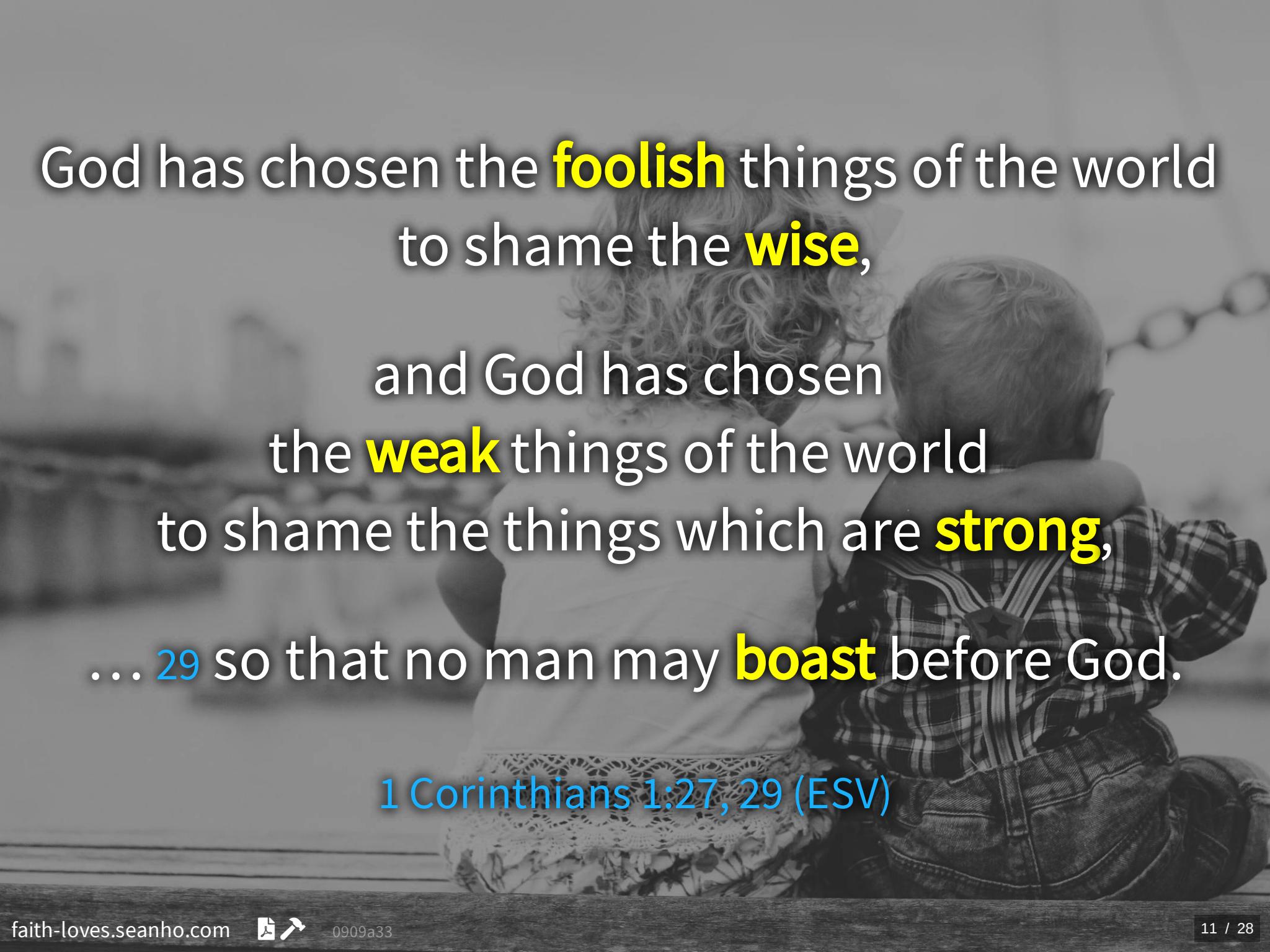
Suppose a man comes into your **meeting**
wearing a **gold** ring and **fine clothes**,
and a **poor** man in **filthy** old clothes
also comes in.

James 2:2 (NIV)



Has not God **chosen** those who are
poor in the eyes of the world

James 2:5a (NIV)

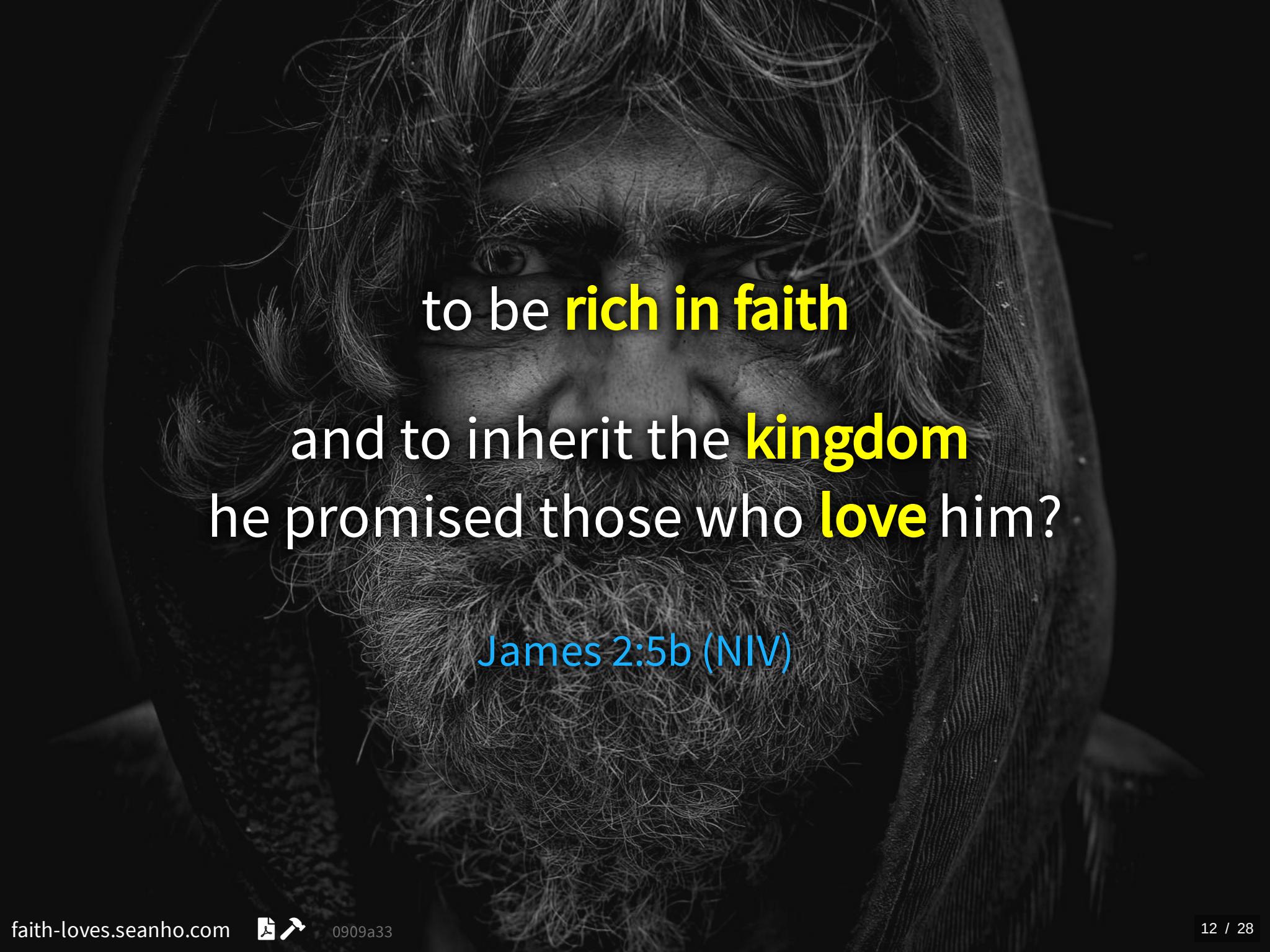
A black and white photograph showing a man and a woman from behind, sitting close together and looking out over a body of water. The woman has curly hair and is wearing a patterned top. The man is wearing a plaid shirt and jeans.

God has chosen the **foolish** things of the world
to shame the **wise**,

and God has chosen
the **weak** things of the world
to shame the things which are **strong**,

... 29 so that no man may **boast** before God.

1 Corinthians 1:27, 29 (ESV)



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and to inherit the **kingdom**
he promised those who **love** him?

James 2:5b (NIV)



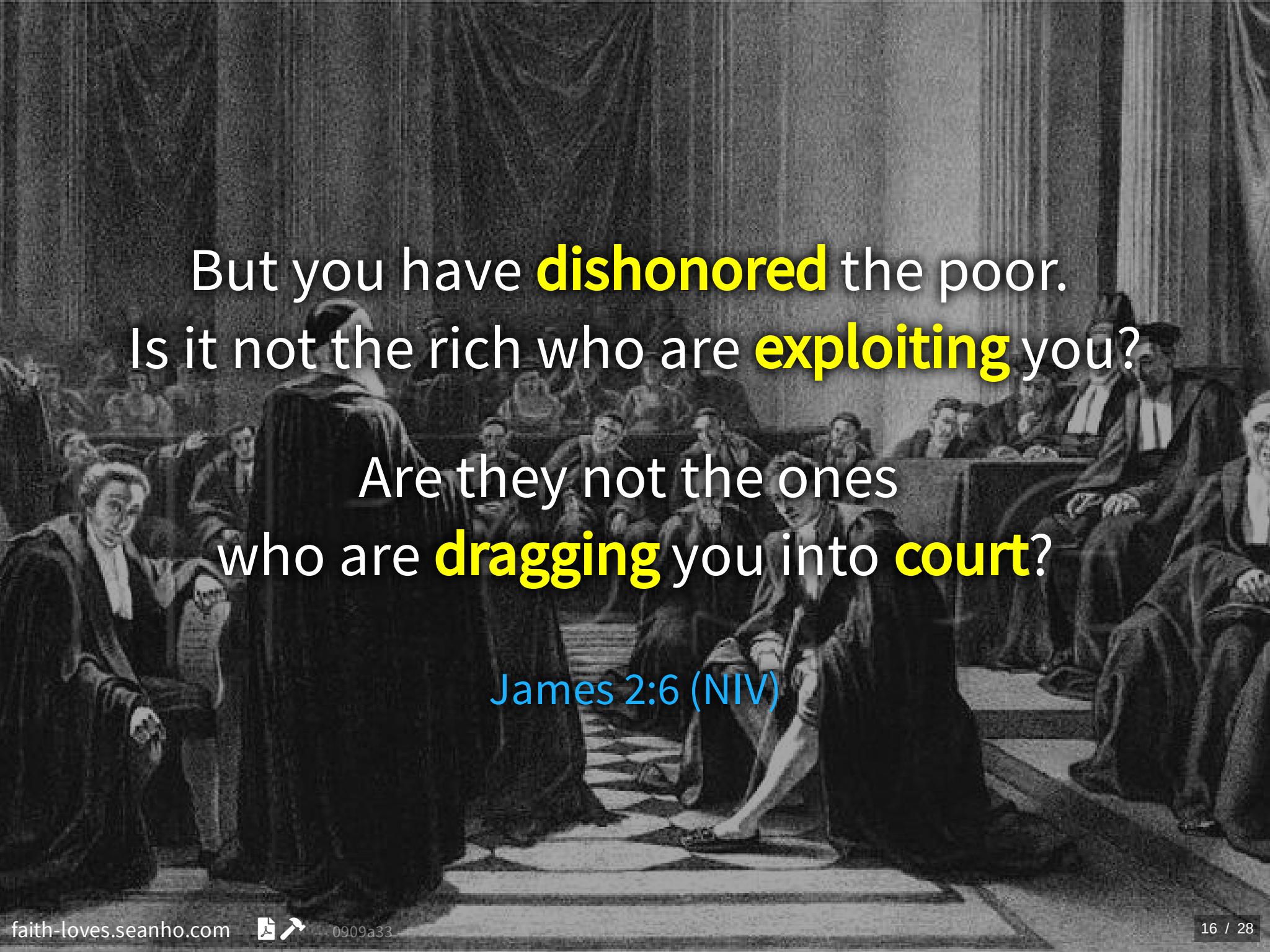
Let the **little children** come to me,
for the **kingdom of God**
belongs to such as these

Mark 10:14 (NIV)

**Who is successful
rich in faith?**

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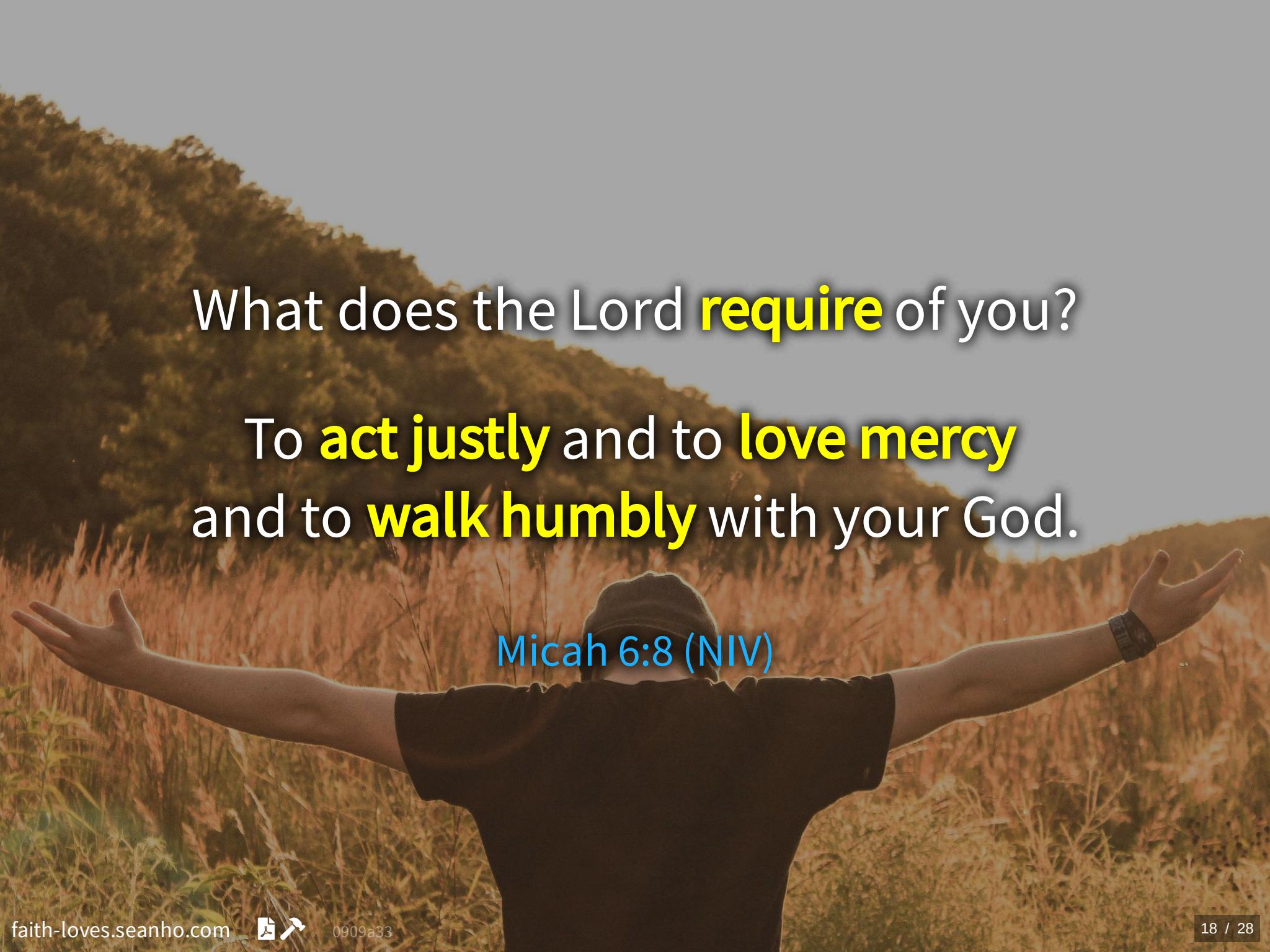
James 2:6 (NIV)

A photograph showing two individuals holding protest signs. On the left, a man wearing a white baseball cap and sunglasses holds a sign that reads "YOU WILL EAT YOUR BABIES" in large black letters on a yellow background. Below it, another sign says "GOD HATES AMERICA" in white on a red background. In the center, a person in a white t-shirt with a skull and crossbones graphic and a blue t-shirt with a Star of David and a handprint holds a sign that says "GOD IS YOUNG" in blue and white. To the right, a young boy in a red t-shirt holds a sign that reads "GOD HATES FAGS" in green and yellow. The background shows a building with "Broken Yolk" signage and palm trees.

Are they not the ones
who are **blaspheming** the noble **name**
of Him to whom you belong?

James 2:7 (NIV)

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A photograph of a person from behind, standing in a field of tall, golden grass. They are wearing a dark t-shirt and have their arms wide open. In the background, there is a large, green, forested hillside under a clear sky.

What does the Lord **require** of you?

To **act justly** and to **love mercy**
and to **walk humbly** with your God.

Micah 6:8 (NIV)

Do I assert **power**,
seek to **punish** others,
or **project** slander
to God's name?

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A painting depicting the Last Supper. In the center, Jesus is kneeling and washing the feet of one of his apostles. The apostle receiving the foot washing is leaning forward, looking down. The other apostles are seated around a table covered with a white cloth, which has various plates and bread on it. The scene is set in a room with architectural details like columns and a balcony in the background.

If you really keep
the **royal law** found in Scripture,
“Love your neighbor as yourself,”
you are doing right.

James 2:8 (NIV)

The commandments,

“You shall not commit **adultery**,”

“You shall not **murder**,”

“You shall not **steal**,”

“You shall not **covet**,”

and whatever other **command** there may be,

Romans 13:9 (NIV) (p.1/2)

are summed up in this one command:

“Love your neighbor as yourself.”

Love does **no harm** to a neighbor.

Therefore love is the **fulfillment** of the law.

Romans 13:10 (NIV) (p.2/2)



Speak and act as those who will be judged by the law that gives freedom ...

James 2:12 (NIV)





Mercy triumphs over judgment!

James 2:13 (NIV)

If I want God
to show mercy,
do I show mercy?

A close-up photograph of a person's face, partially obscured by a baseball cap. The cap is dark with light-colored embroidery that reads "LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOUR". The person has a beard and is looking slightly to the side. In the background, there are other people, suggesting a public or community setting.

Therefore **love** is the **fulfillment** of the law.

Romans 13:10 (NIV)

