

Growing in Purity and Love

1 Thessalonians 4:3-12

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**How should we handle
sexual temptation?**

Growing Together, While Apart

1 Impact of **Faith**

2a Toil of **Love**

2b Orphaned but **Loved**

3 Strength from **Hope**

4 Growing in Purity + **Love**

5a **Hope** of Salvation

5b Acts of **Faith**

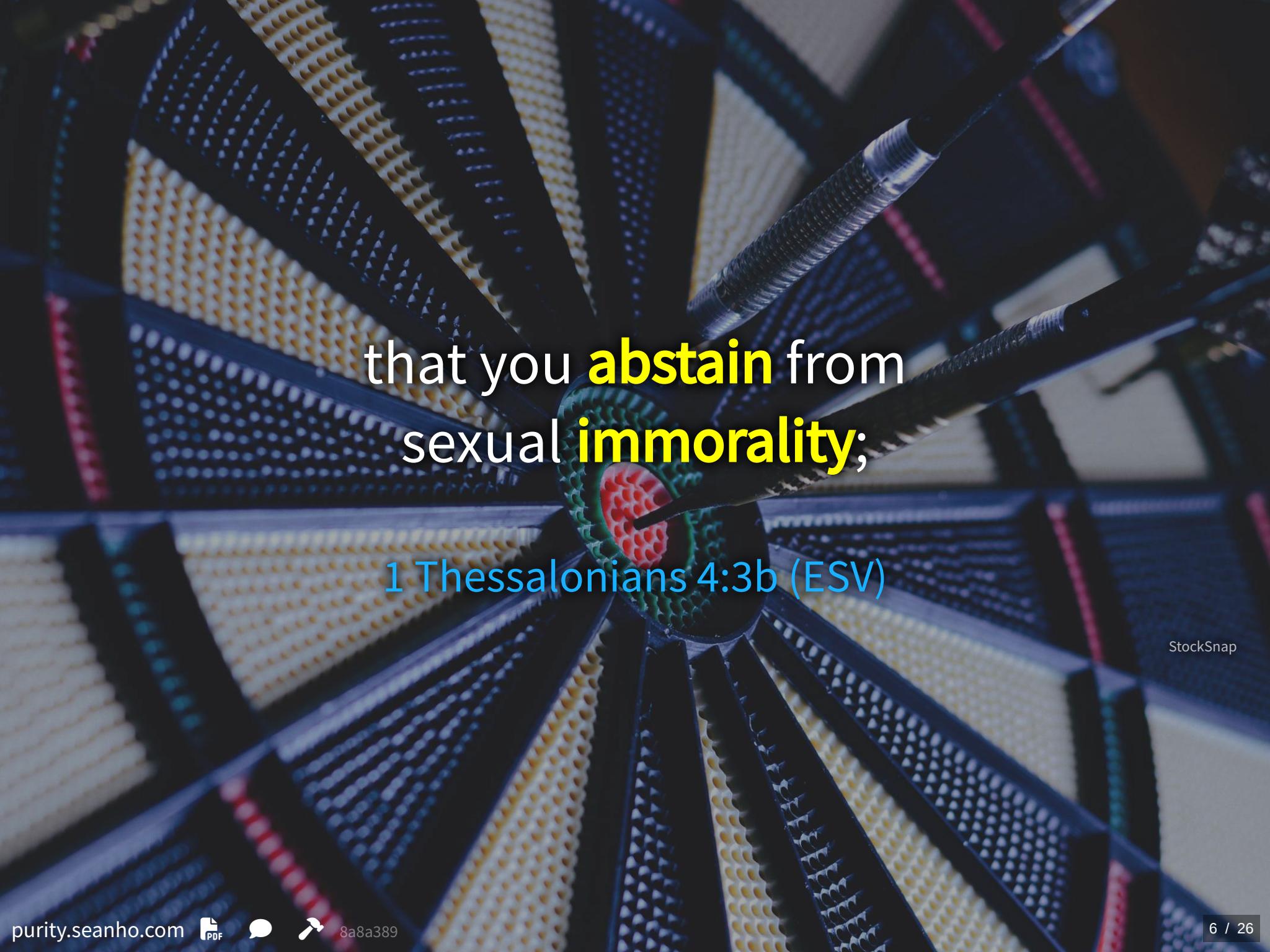
Purity and Love (1Thes4)

1. The **Will** of God (v3-6a)
2. Our **Identity** in Christ (v6b-8)
3. From Selfishness to **Service** (v9-12)

For this is the will of God, your **sanctification**:

1. **Flee** Immorality
2. Honour God with Our Own **Bodies**
3. Honour **Others**

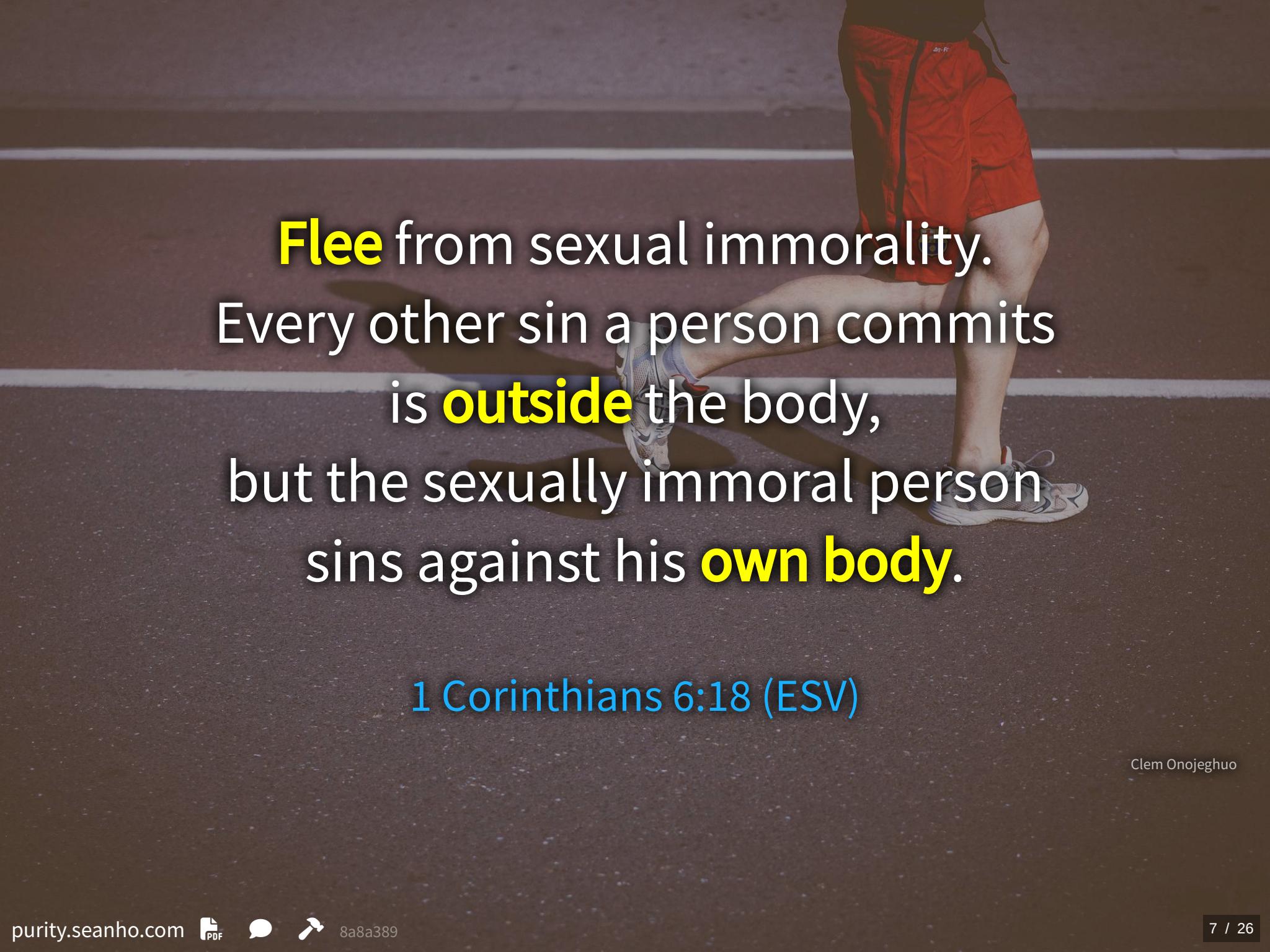
1 Thessalonians 4:3a (ESV)



that you **abstain** from
sexual **immorality**;

1 Thessalonians 4:3b (ESV)

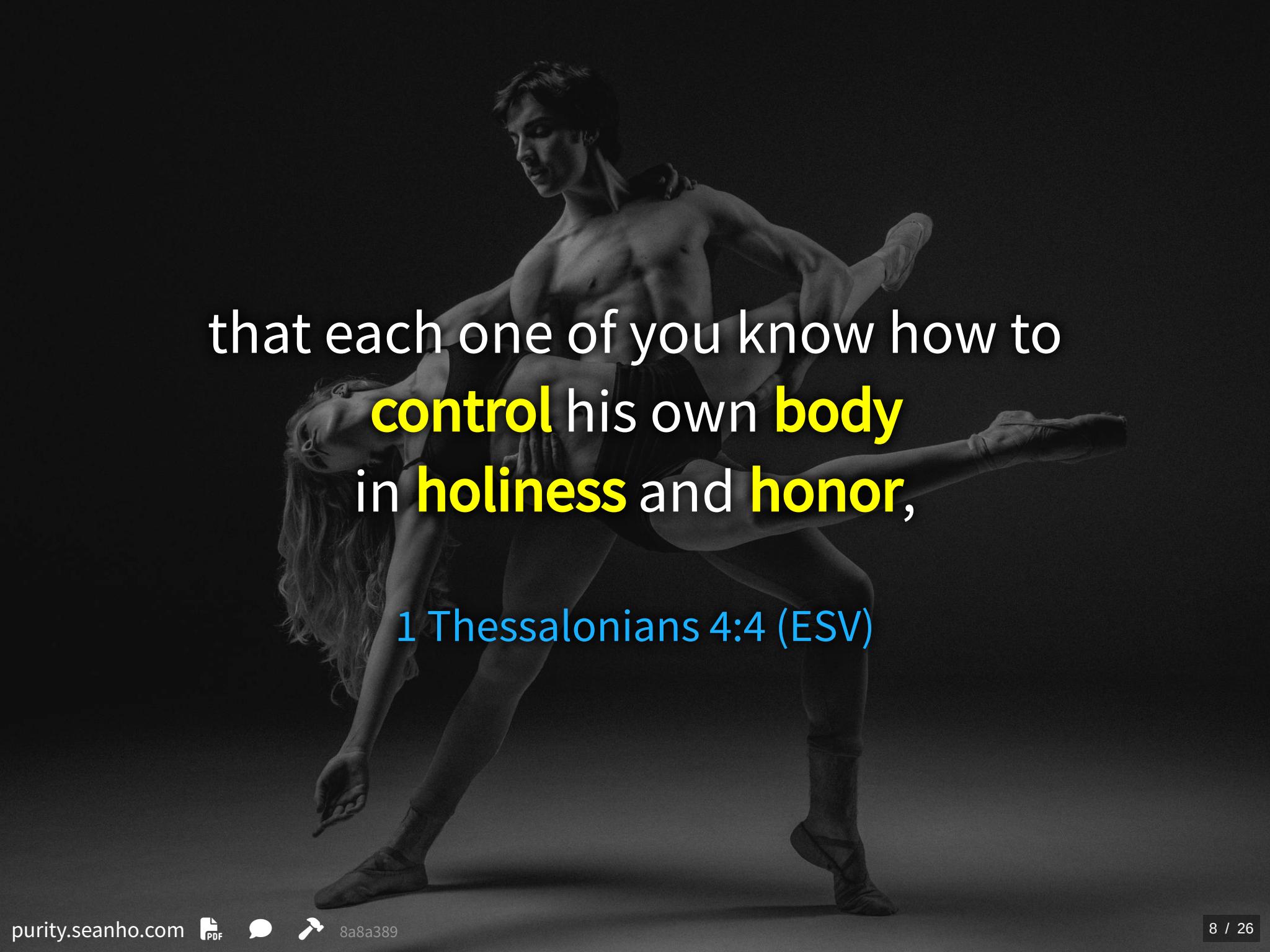
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Flee from sexual immorality.
Every other sin a person commits
is **outside** the body,
but the sexually immoral person
sins against his **own body**.

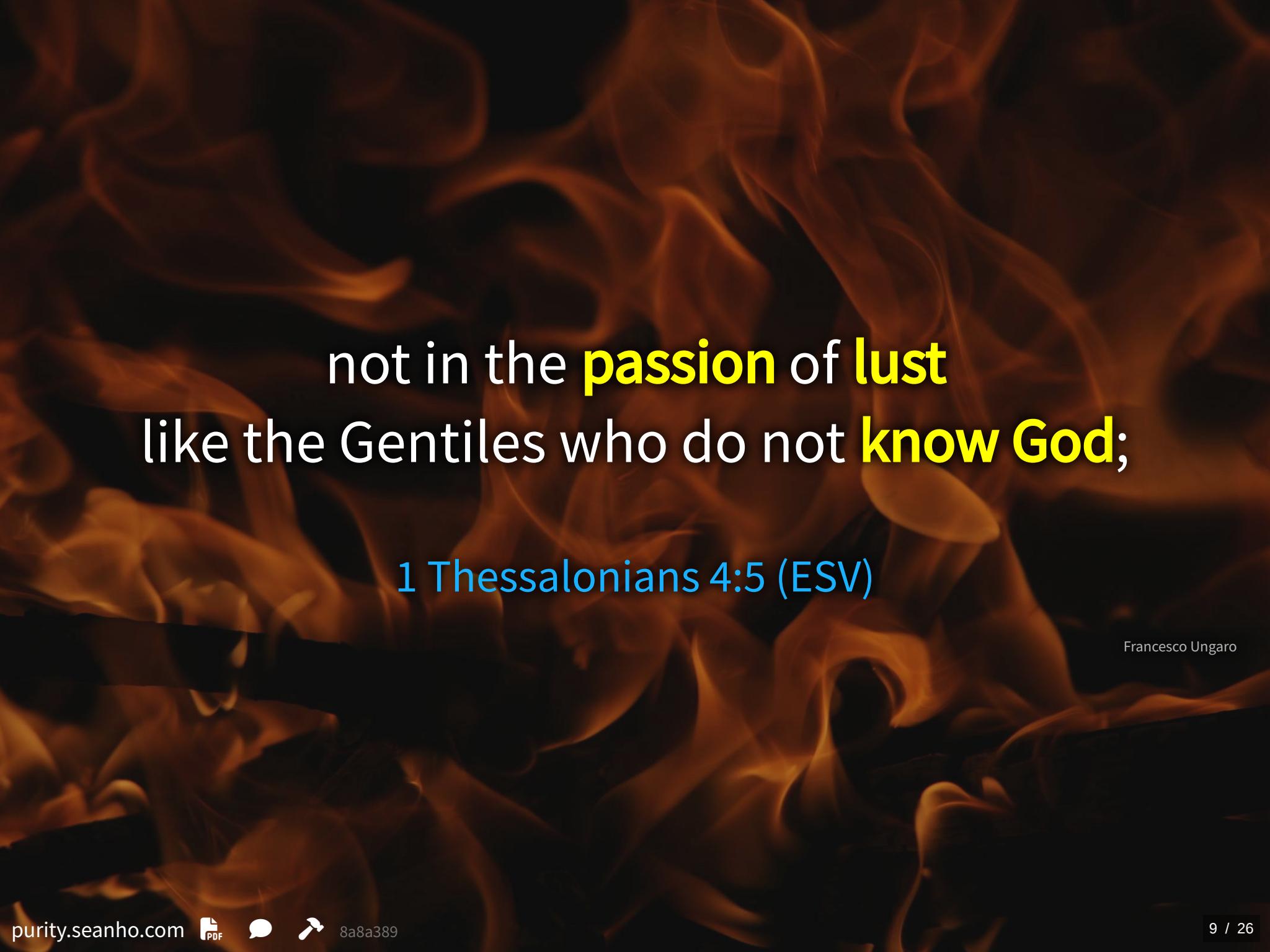
1 Corinthians 6:18 (ESV)

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that each one of you know how to
control his own **body**
in **holiness** and **honor**,

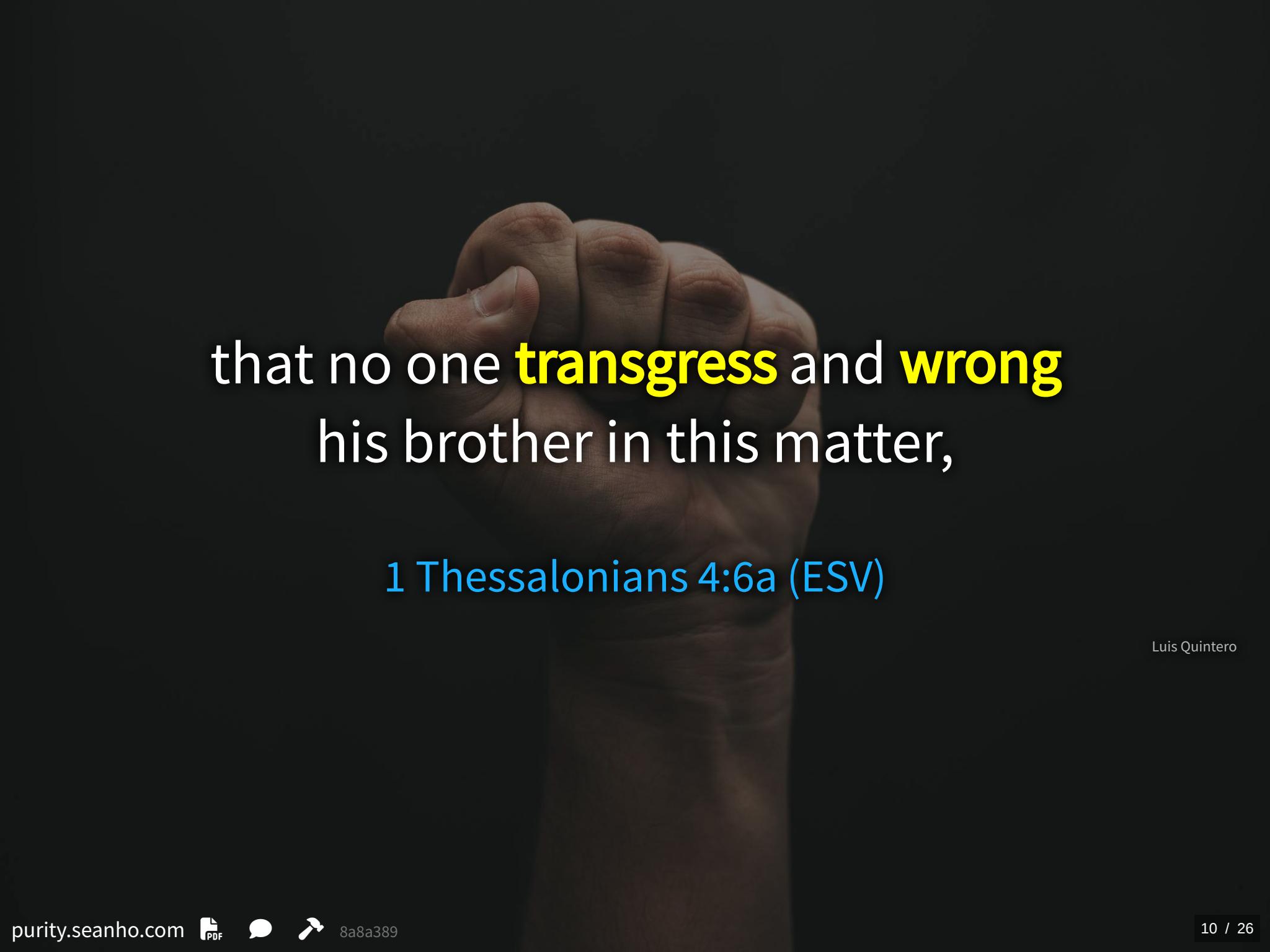
1 Thessalonians 4:4 (ESV)

A close-up photograph of intense orange and yellow flames against a dark background, serving as the primary visual element.

not in the **passion** of **lust**
like the Gentiles who do not **know God**;

1 Thessalonians 4:5 (ESV)

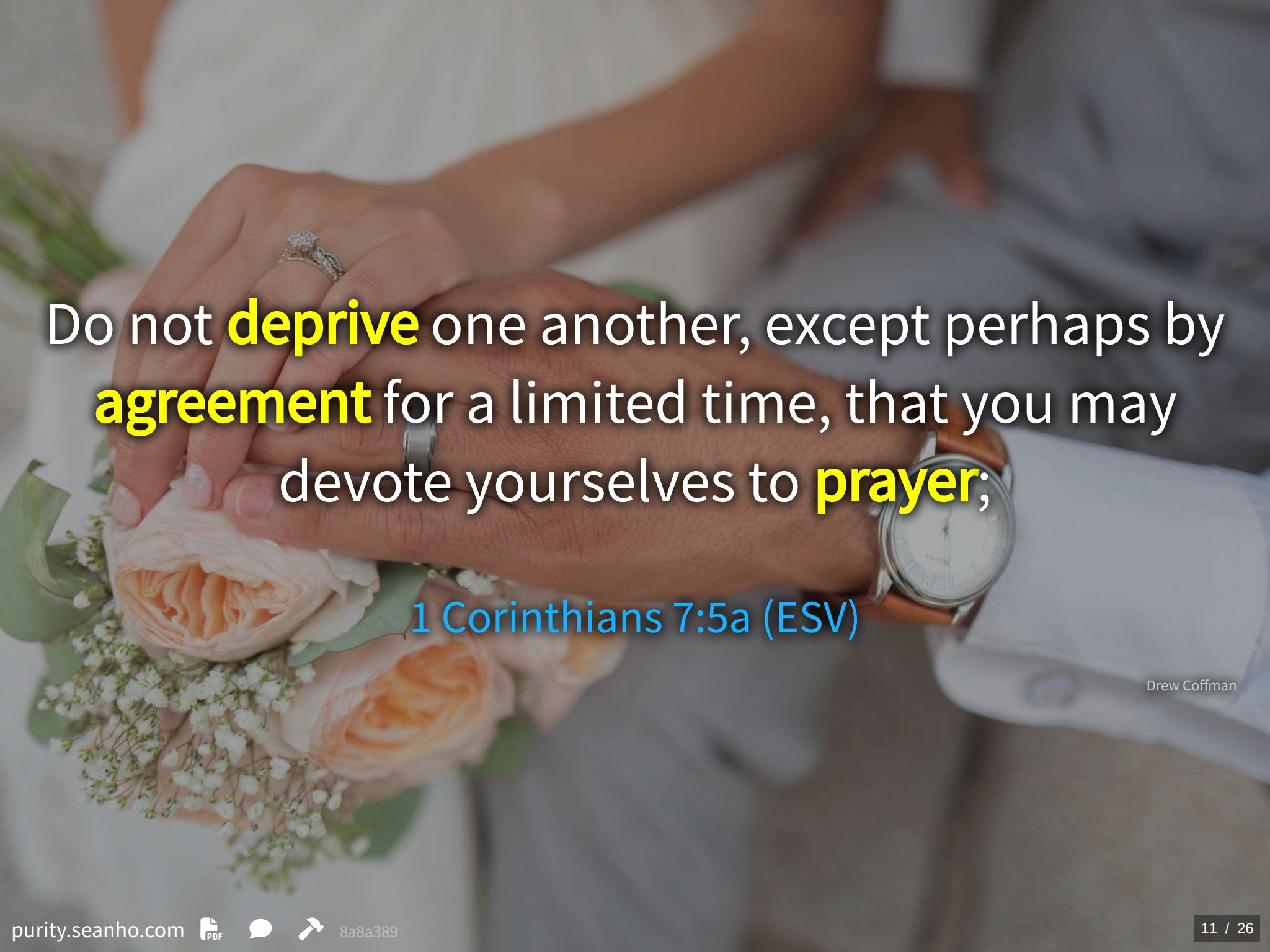
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that no one **transgress** and **wrong**
his brother in this matter,

1 Thessalonians 4:6a (ESV)

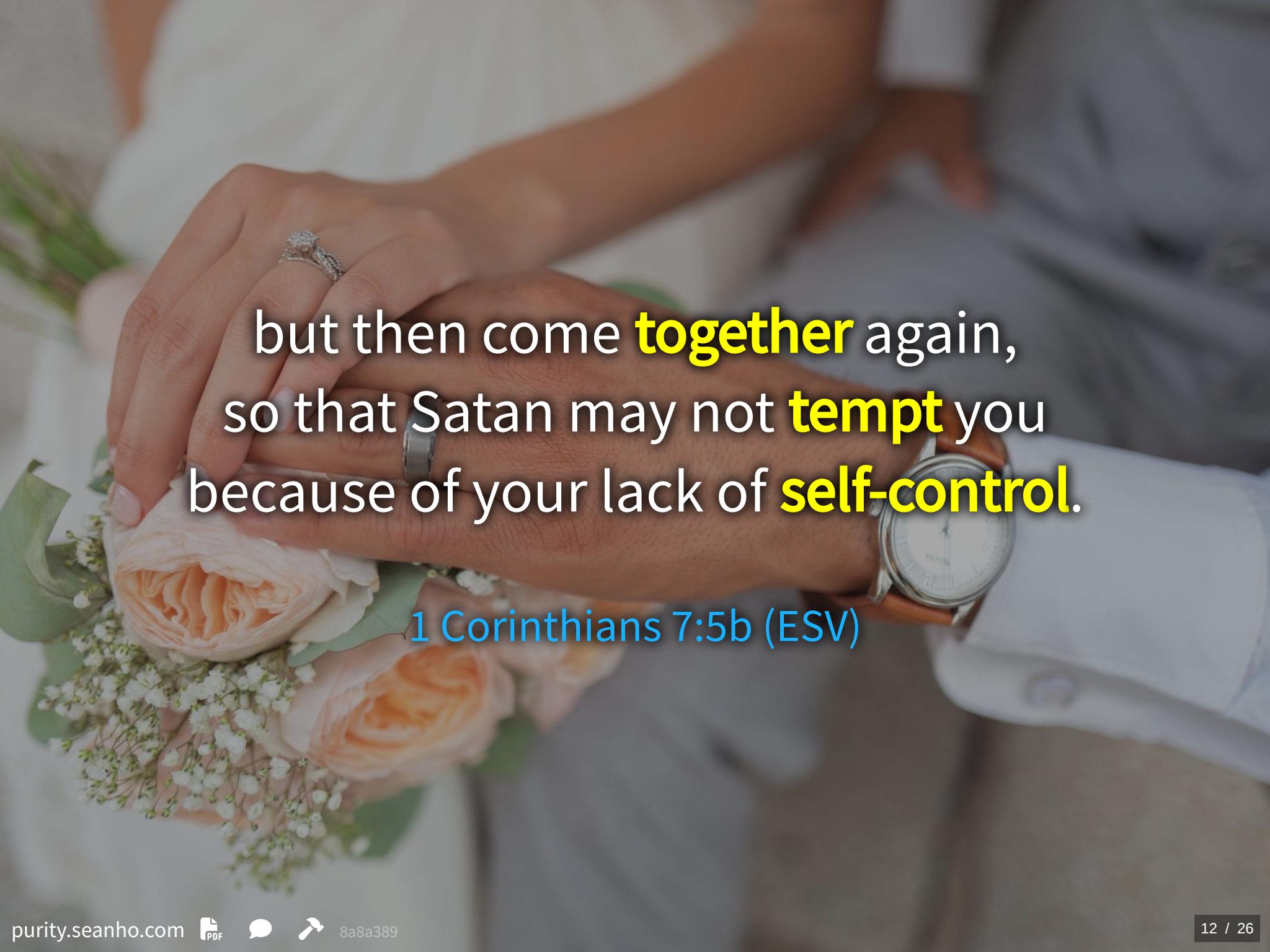
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Do not **deprive** one another, except perhaps by
agreement for a limited time, that you may
devote yourselves to **prayer**;

1 Corinthians 7:5a (ESV)

Drew Coffman



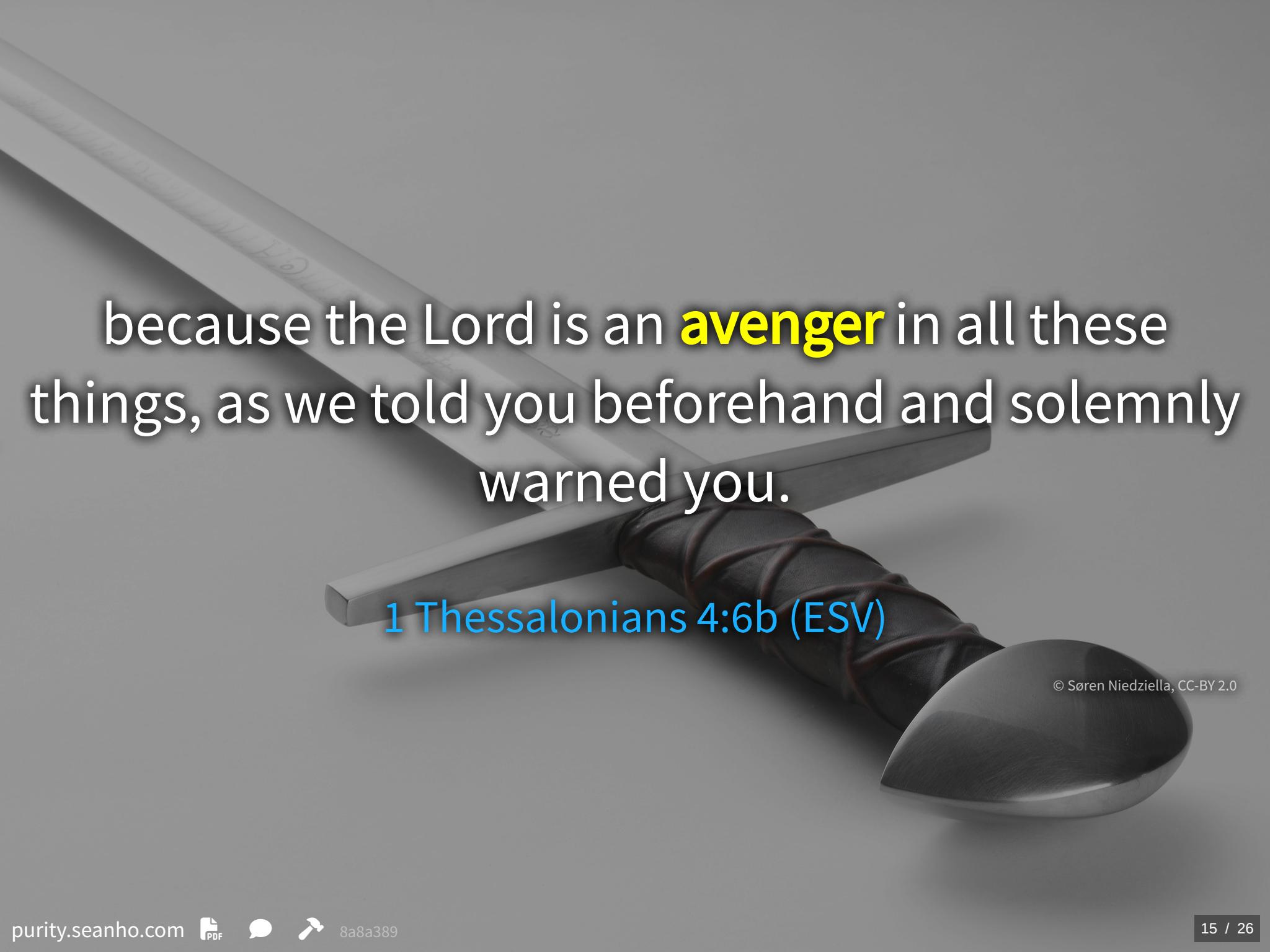
but then come **together** again,
so that Satan may not **tempt** you
because of your lack of **self-control**.

1 Corinthians 7:5b (ESV)

**What is God's will for us
regarding sexuality?**

Purity and Love (1Thes4)

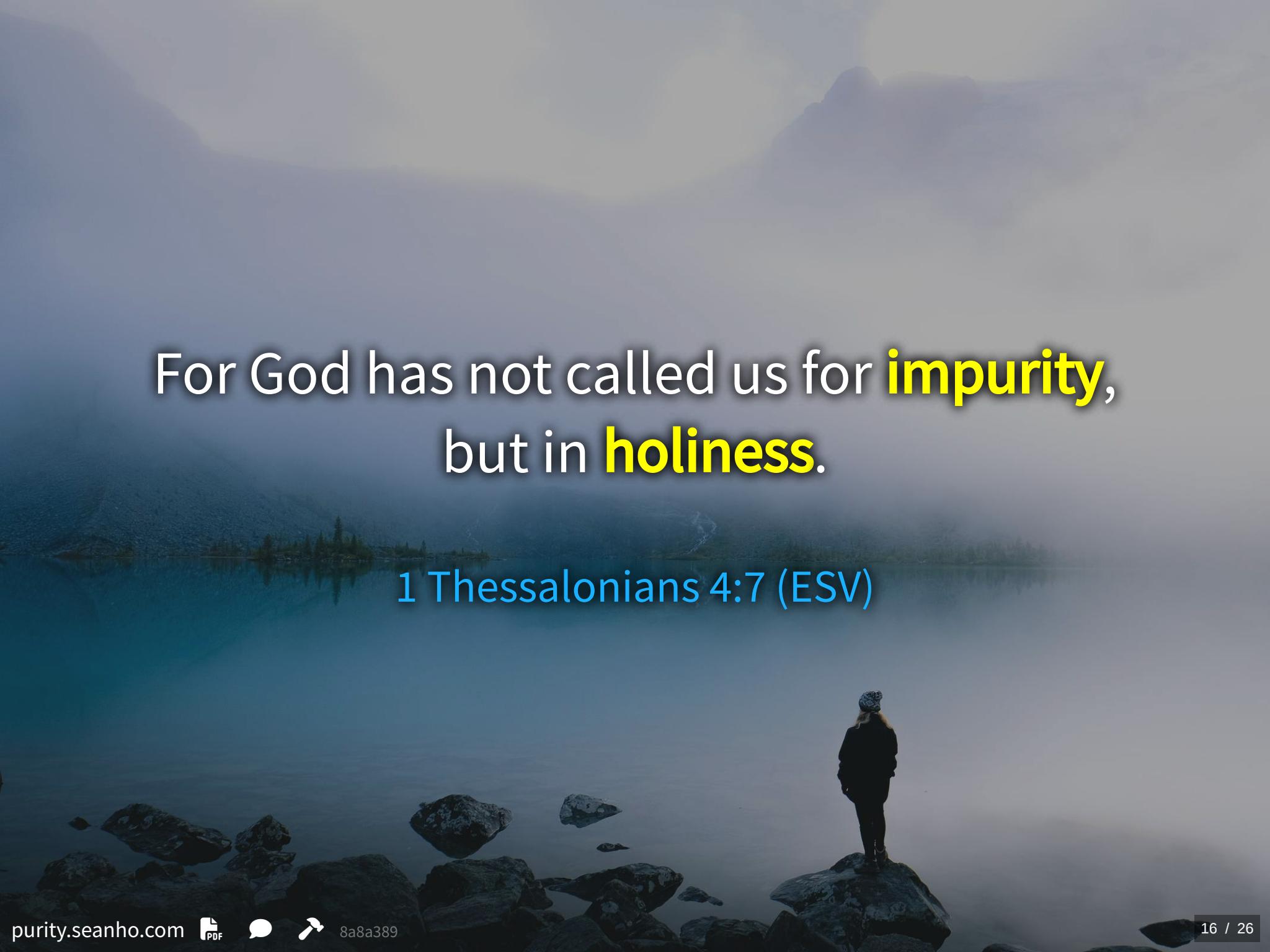
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3. From Selfishness to Service (v9-12)



because the Lord is an **avenger** in all these things, as we told you beforehand and solemnly warned you.

1 Thessalonians 4:6b (ESV)

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A photograph of a person standing on a large rock in the foreground, looking out over a calm lake towards a range of mountains partially obscured by mist. The scene is peaceful and contemplative.

For God has not called us for **impurity**,
but in **holiness**.

1 Thessalonians 4:7 (ESV)



Therefore whoever **disregards** this,
disregards not **man** but **God**,
who gives his **Holy Spirit** to you.

1 Thessalonians 4:8 (ESV)

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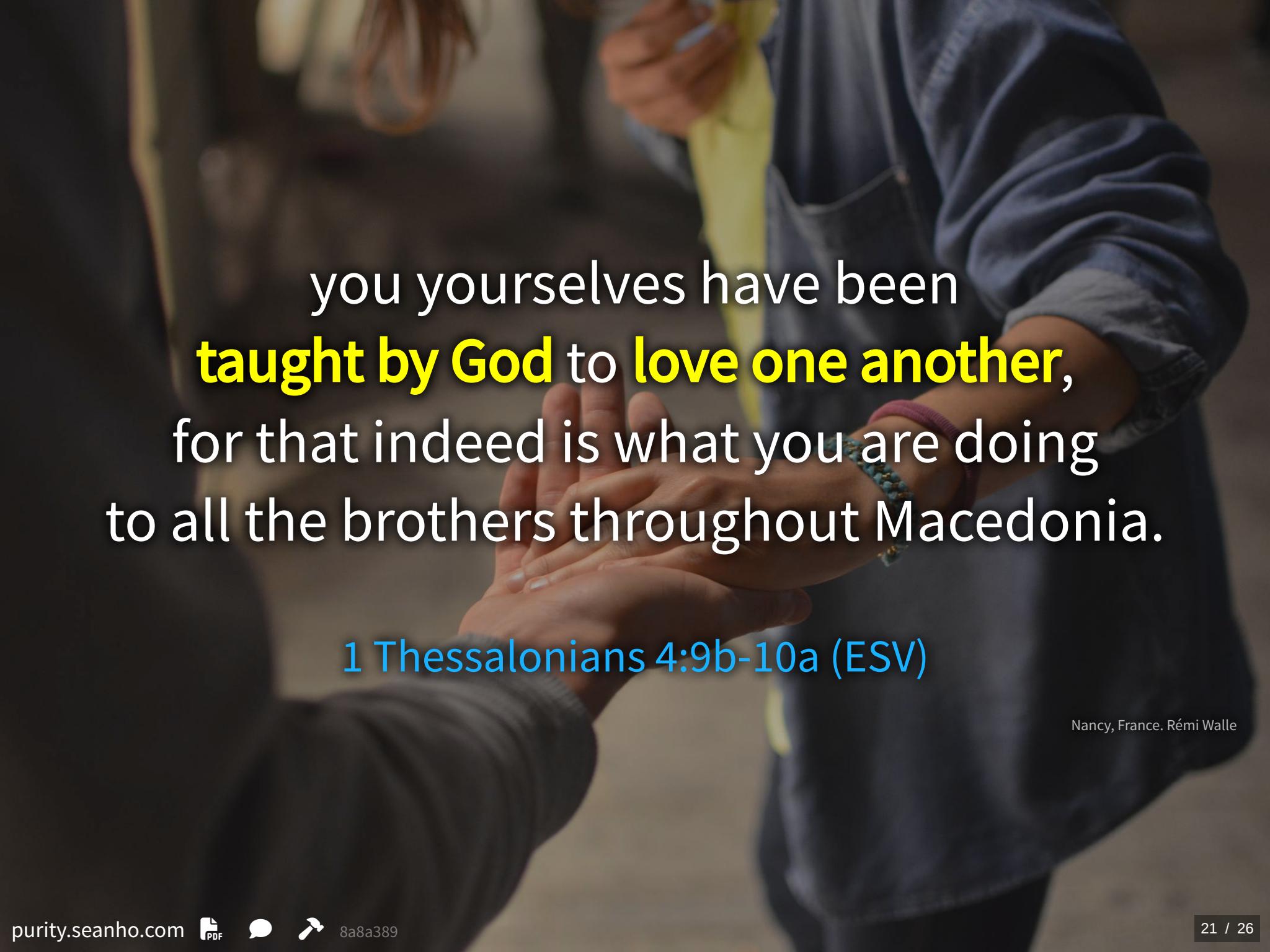
1 Thessalonians 4:7 (ESV)

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What role does
sexuality play in
our **identity** in Christ?

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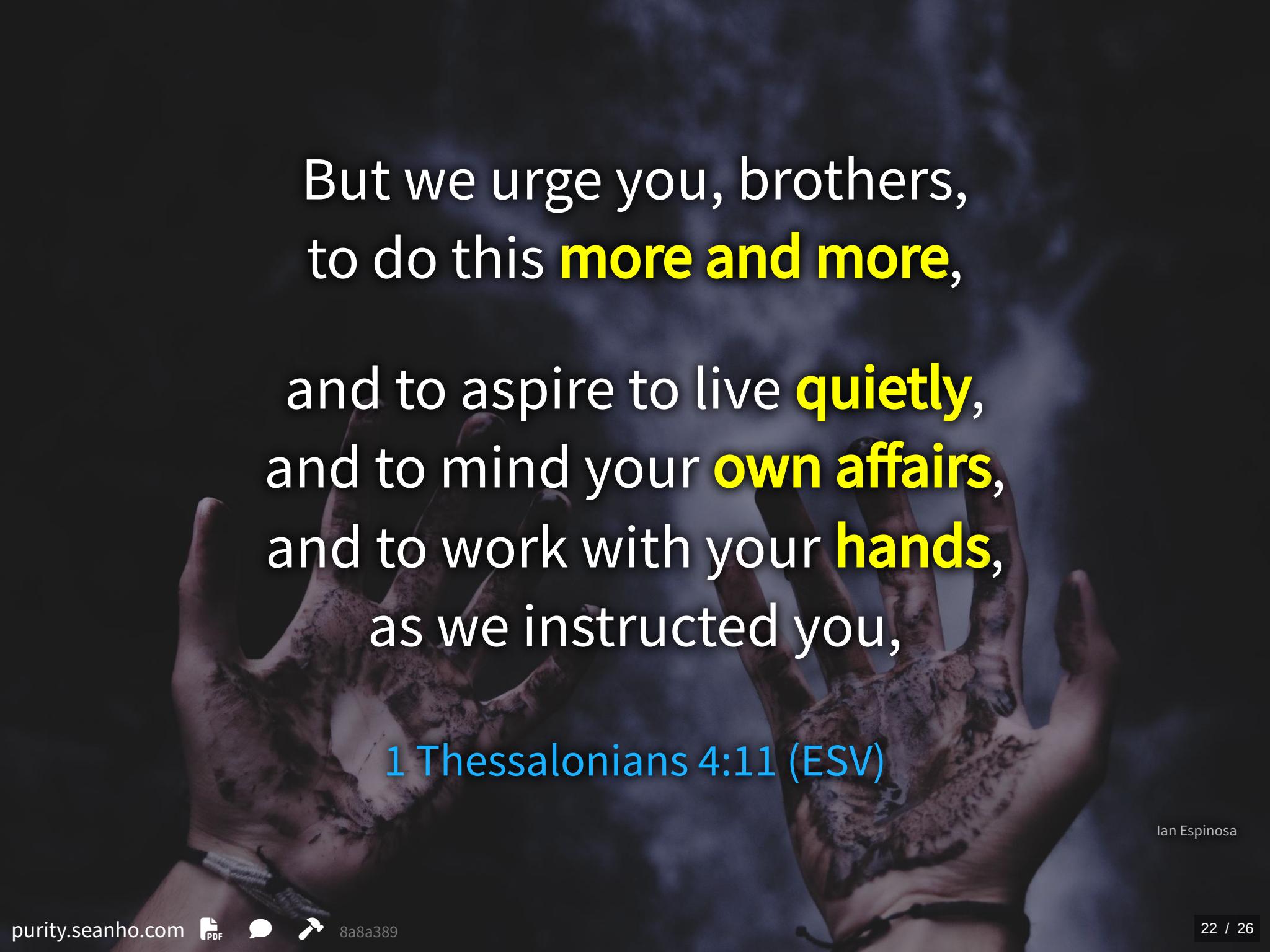
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you yourselves have been
taught by God to love one another,
for that indeed is what you are doing
to all the brothers throughout Macedonia.

1 Thessalonians 4:9b-10a (ESV)

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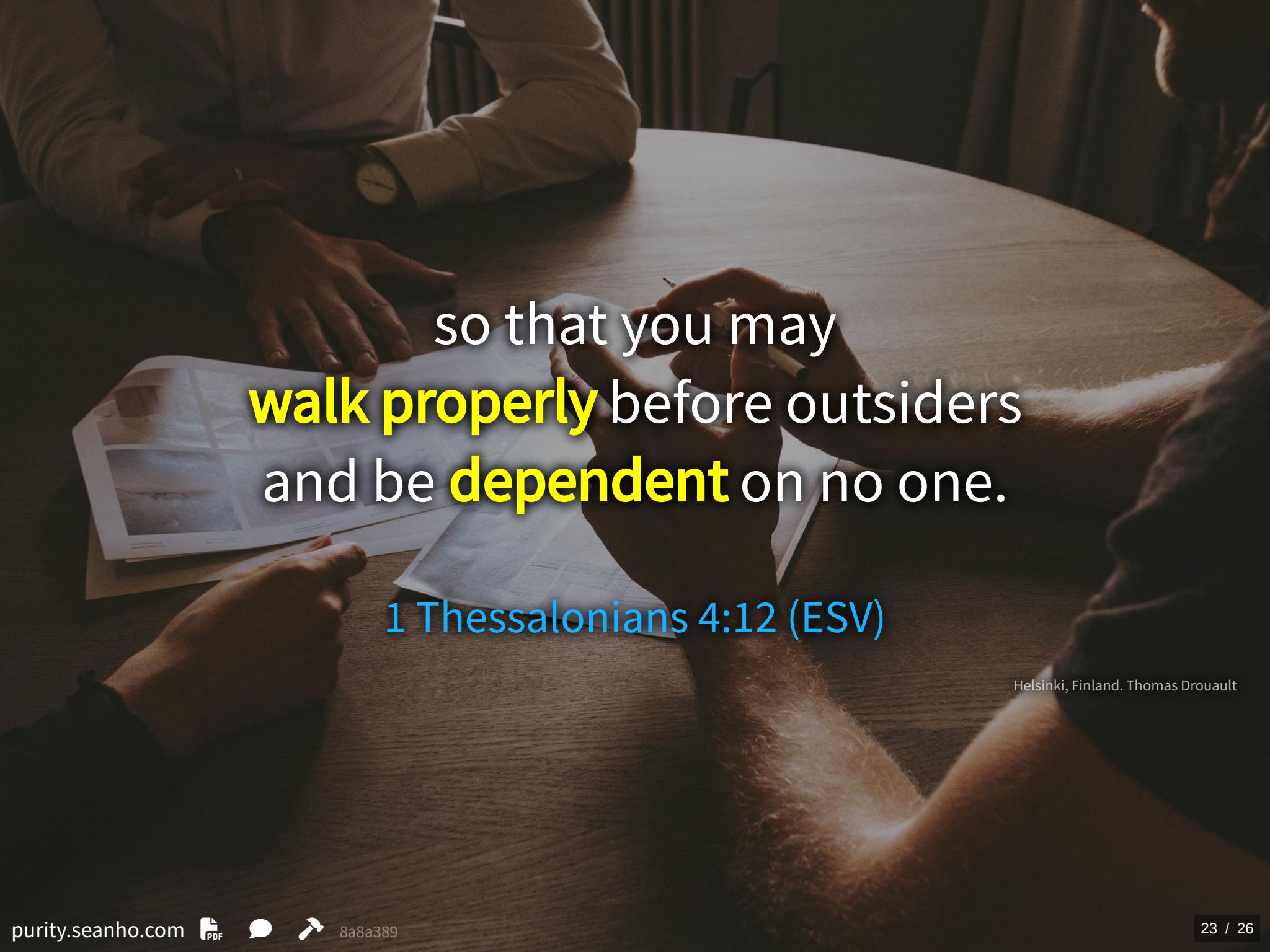


But we urge you, brothers,
to do this **more and more**,

and to aspire to live **quietly**,
and to mind your **own affairs**,
and to work with your **hands**,
as we instructed you,

1 Thessalonians 4:11 (ESV)

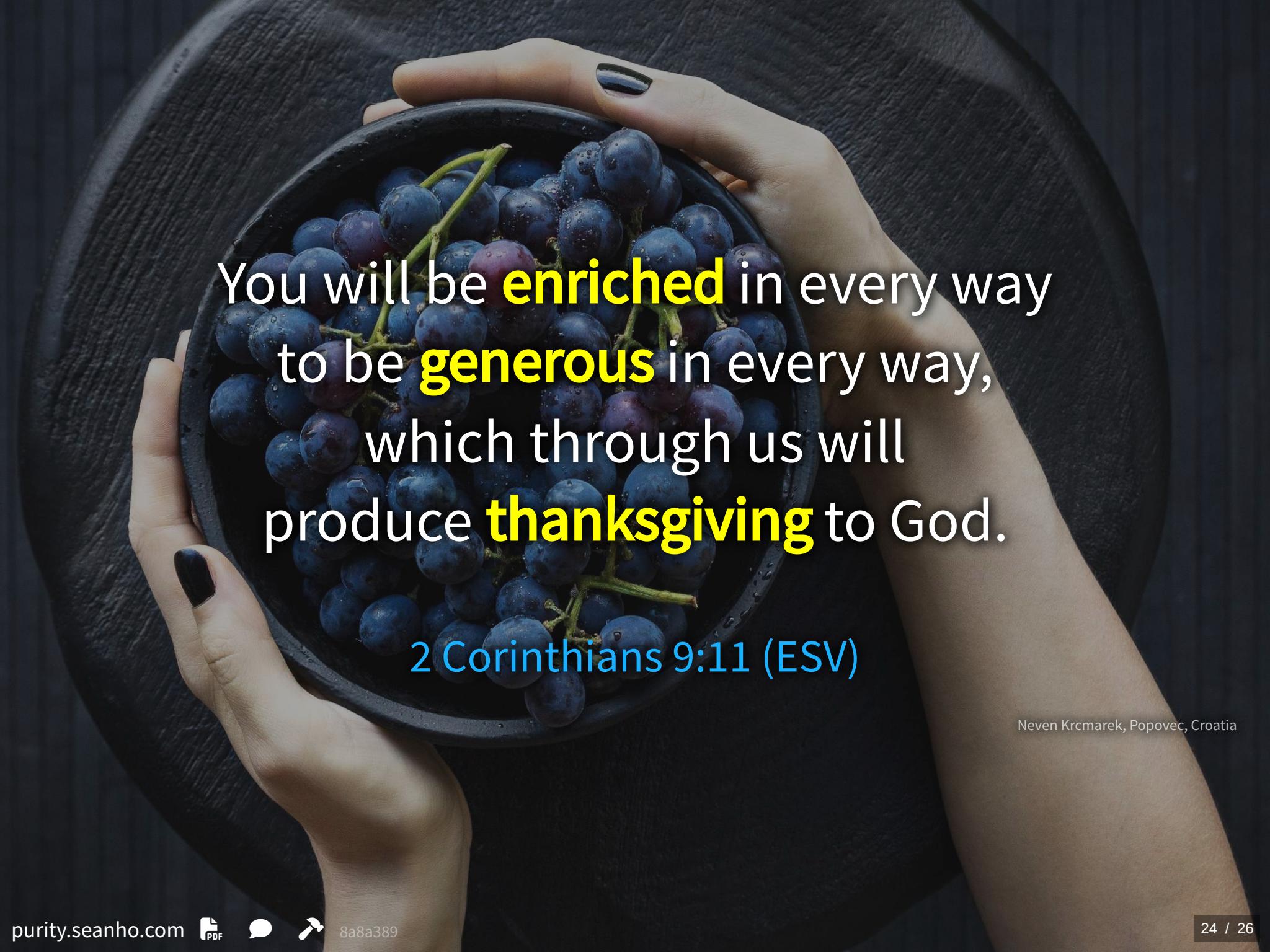
Ian Espinosa

A photograph showing a person's hands working on architectural blueprints spread out on a light-colored wooden table. One hand holds a pencil, and the other points at a specific part of the drawing. The background is dark.

so that you may
walk properly before outsiders
and be **dependent** on no one.

1 Thessalonians 4:12 (ESV)

Helsinki, Finland. Thomas Drouault



You will be **enriched** in every way
to be **generous** in every way,
which through us will
produce **thanksgiving** to God.

2 Corinthians 9:11 (ESV)

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How can I **abound** in love
for fellow **believers**?

