

# Growing in Purity and Love

1 Thessalonians 4:3-12

Saxon, Switzerland. Artem Sapegin

**How should we handle  
sexual temptation?**

# Growing Together, While Apart

1 Impact of **Faith**

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2a,b Toil of **Love**

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3 Accountability with **Hope**

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4 **Growing in Purity + Love**

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5a **Hope** of Salvation

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5b Acts of **Faith**

# Purity and Love (1Thes4)

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2. Our **Identity** in Christ (v6b-8)
3. From Selfishness to **Service** (v9-12)

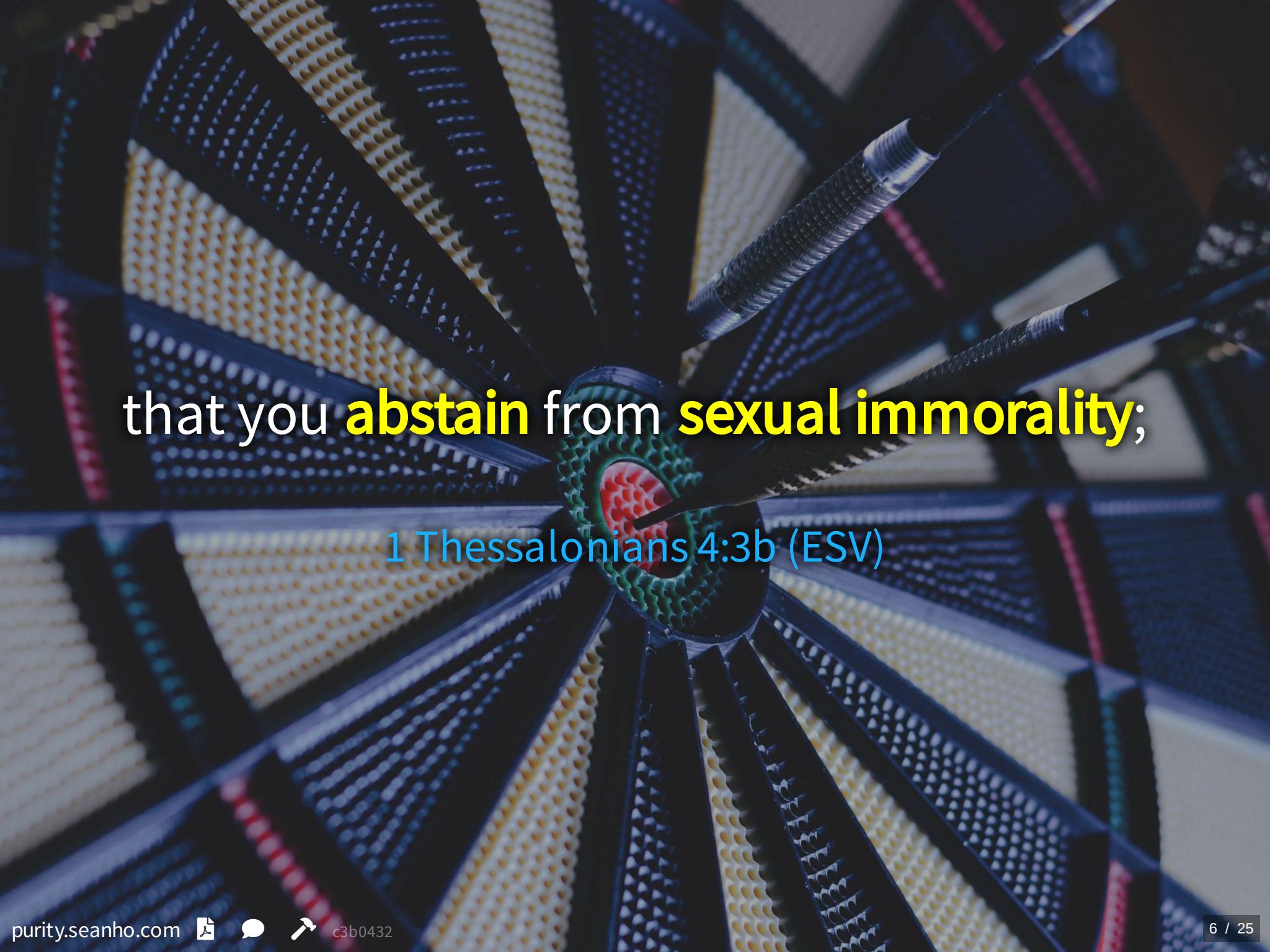
# 1. Will of God

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- A. **Flee** Immorality
- B. Honour Toward Own **Body**
- C. Honour Toward **Others**

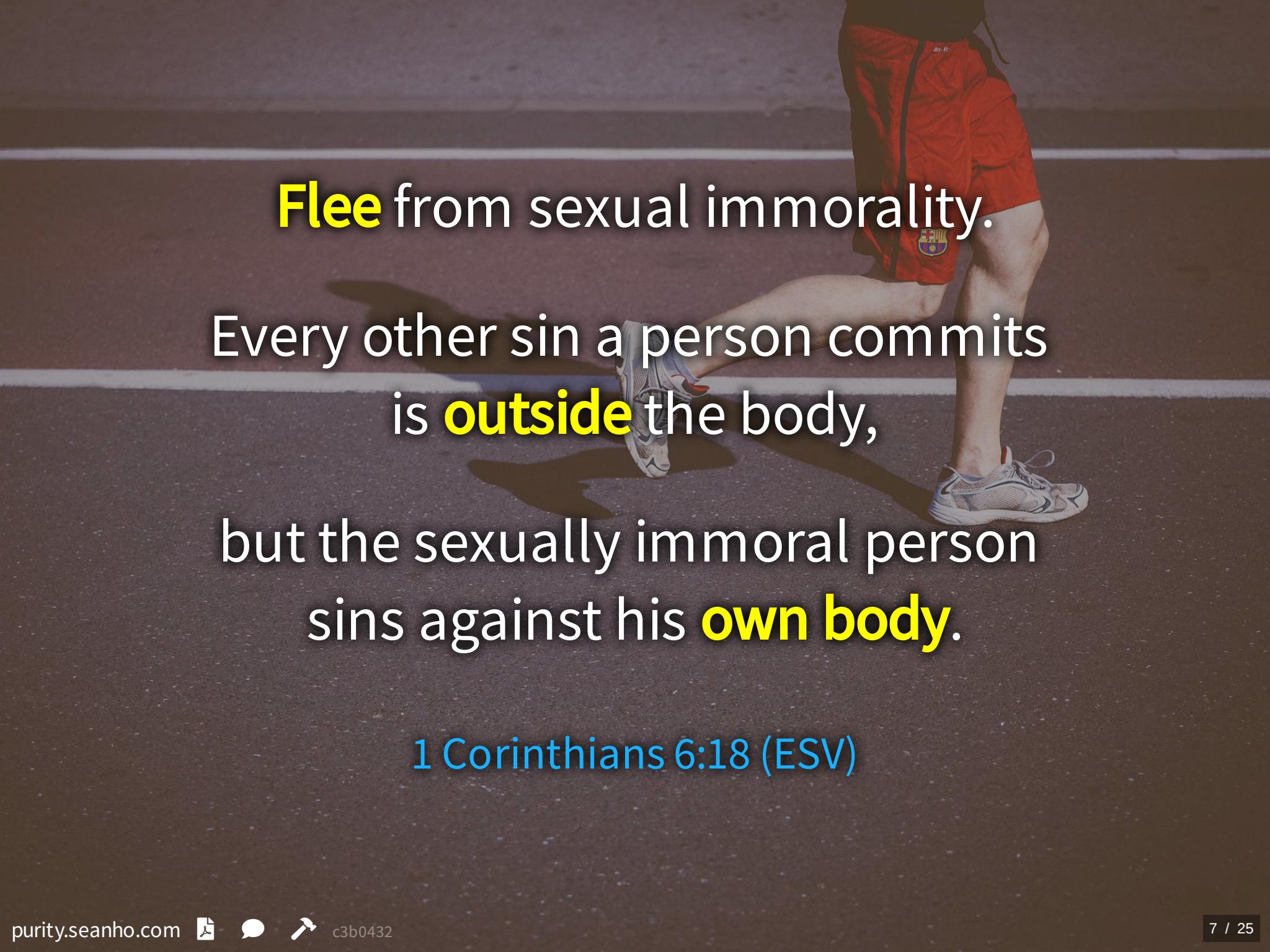
For this is the will of God, your **sanctification**:

1 Thessalonians 4:3a (ESV)

The background of the slide features a dense, colorful pattern of interlocking plastic straws. The straws are arranged in a complex, overlapping geometric design, creating a textured, three-dimensional appearance. The colors include various shades of blue, yellow, red, and white. The lighting is dramatic, highlighting the ridges and valleys of the straw structures.

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

1 Thessalonians 4:3b (ESV)

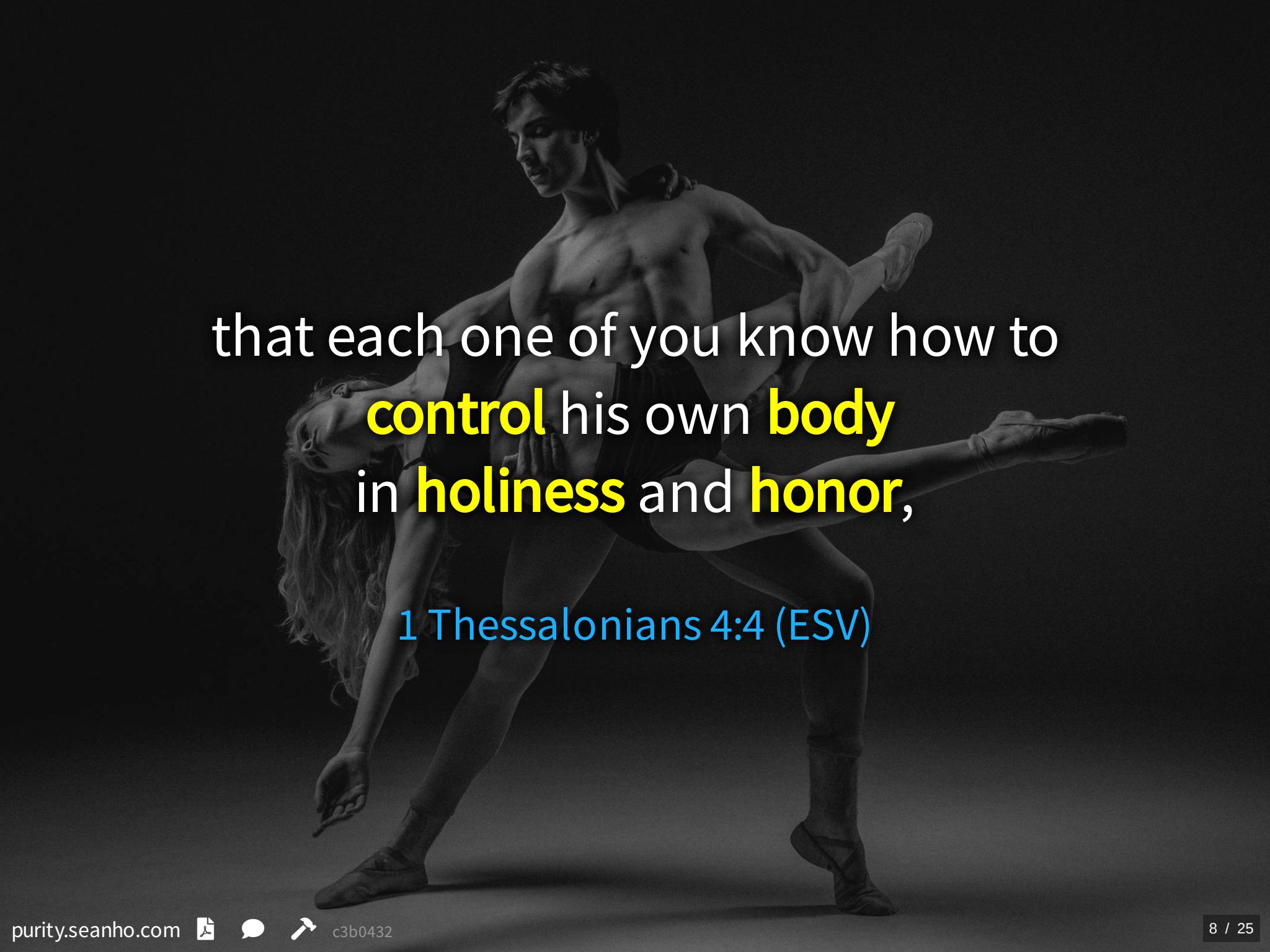
A photograph of a runner's legs and torso in motion on a track. The runner is wearing red shorts with a small emblem on the left thigh and white running shoes. The background is blurred, suggesting movement.

**Flee** from sexual immorality.

Every other sin a person commits  
is **outside** the body,

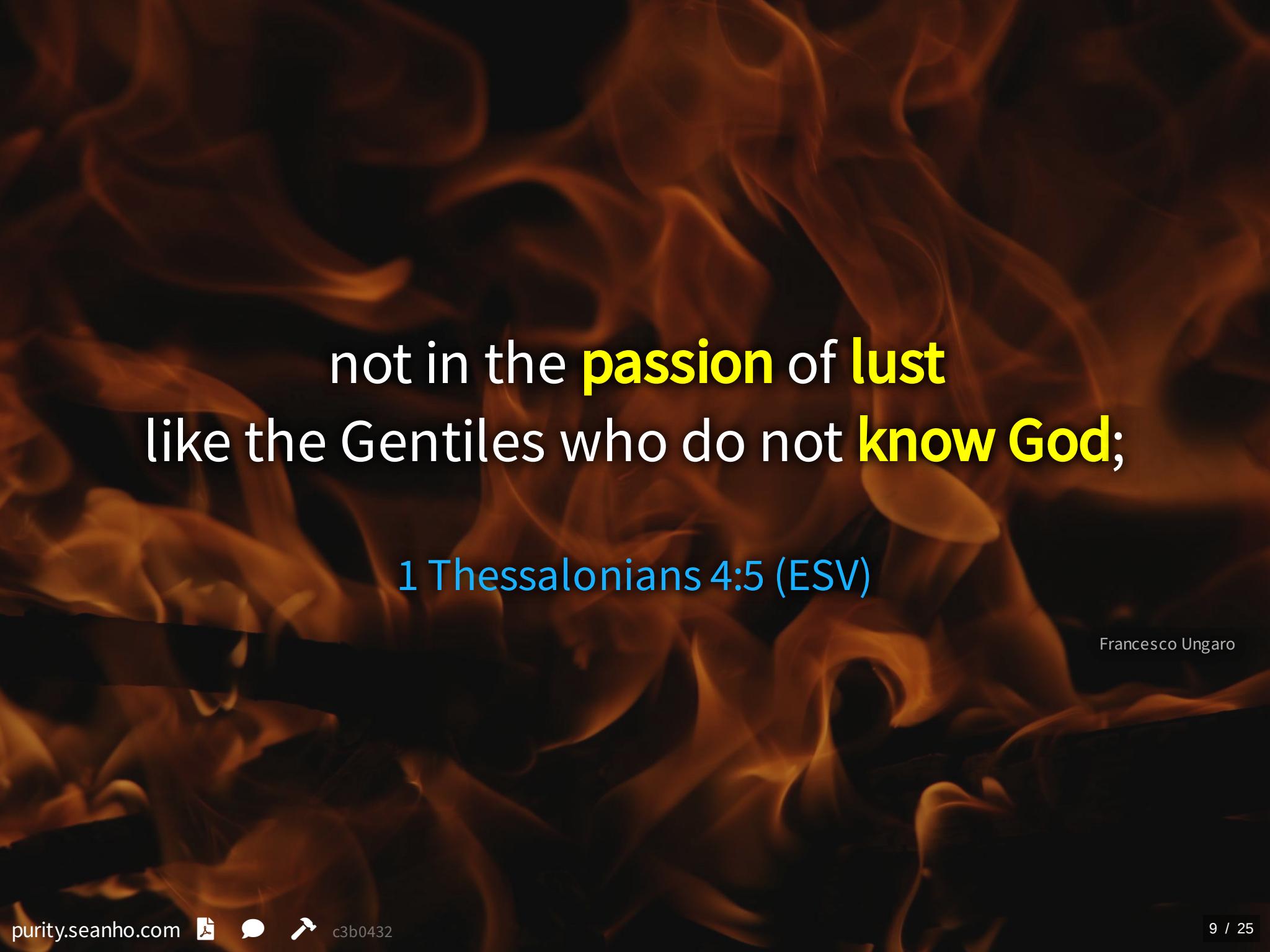
but the sexually immoral person  
sins against his **own body**.

1 Corinthians 6:18 (ESV)



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

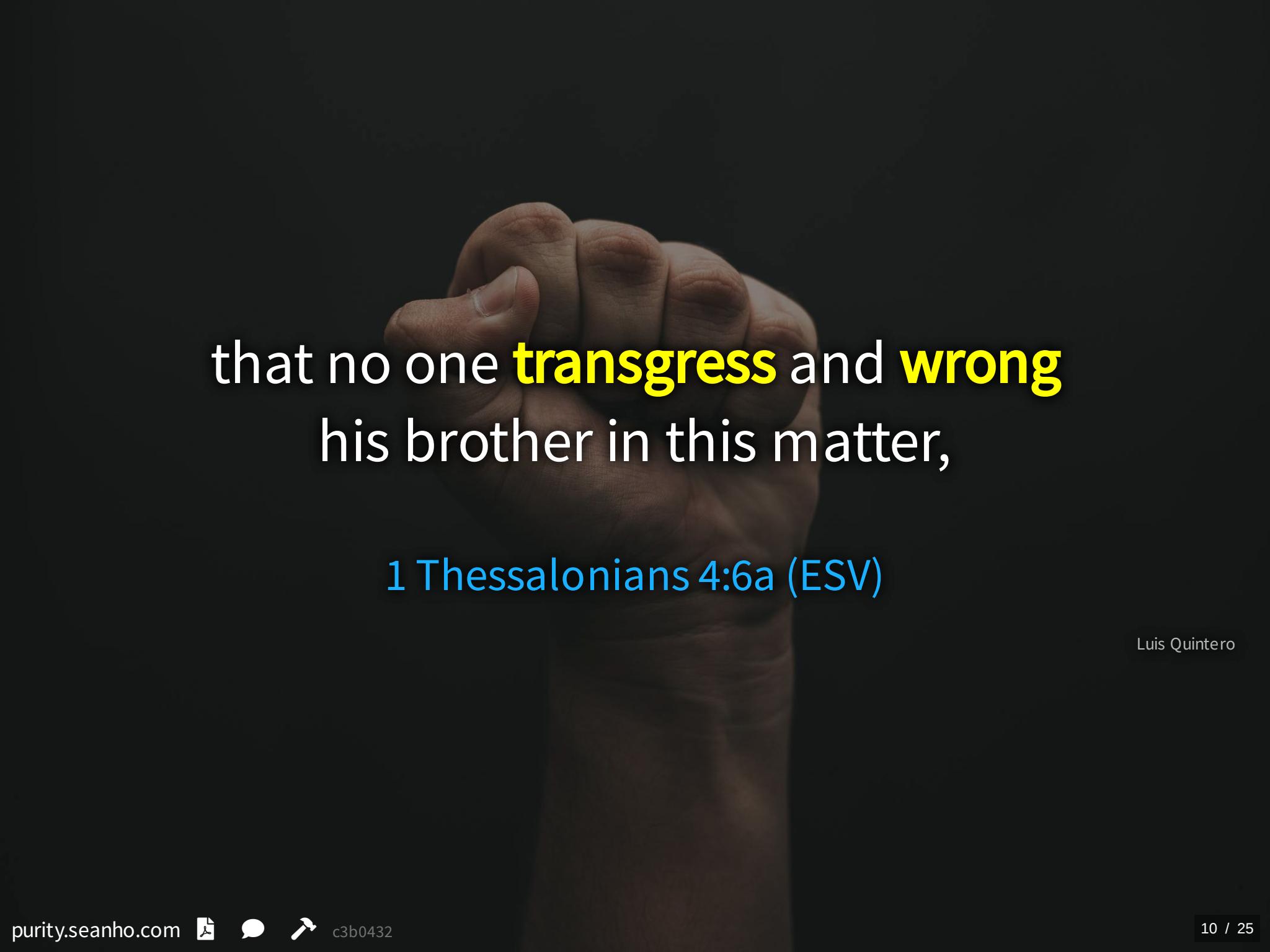
1 Thessalonians 4:4 (ESV)

A close-up photograph of intense orange and yellow flames against a dark background, serving as a dramatic backdrop for the text.

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

1 Thessalonians 4:5 (ESV)

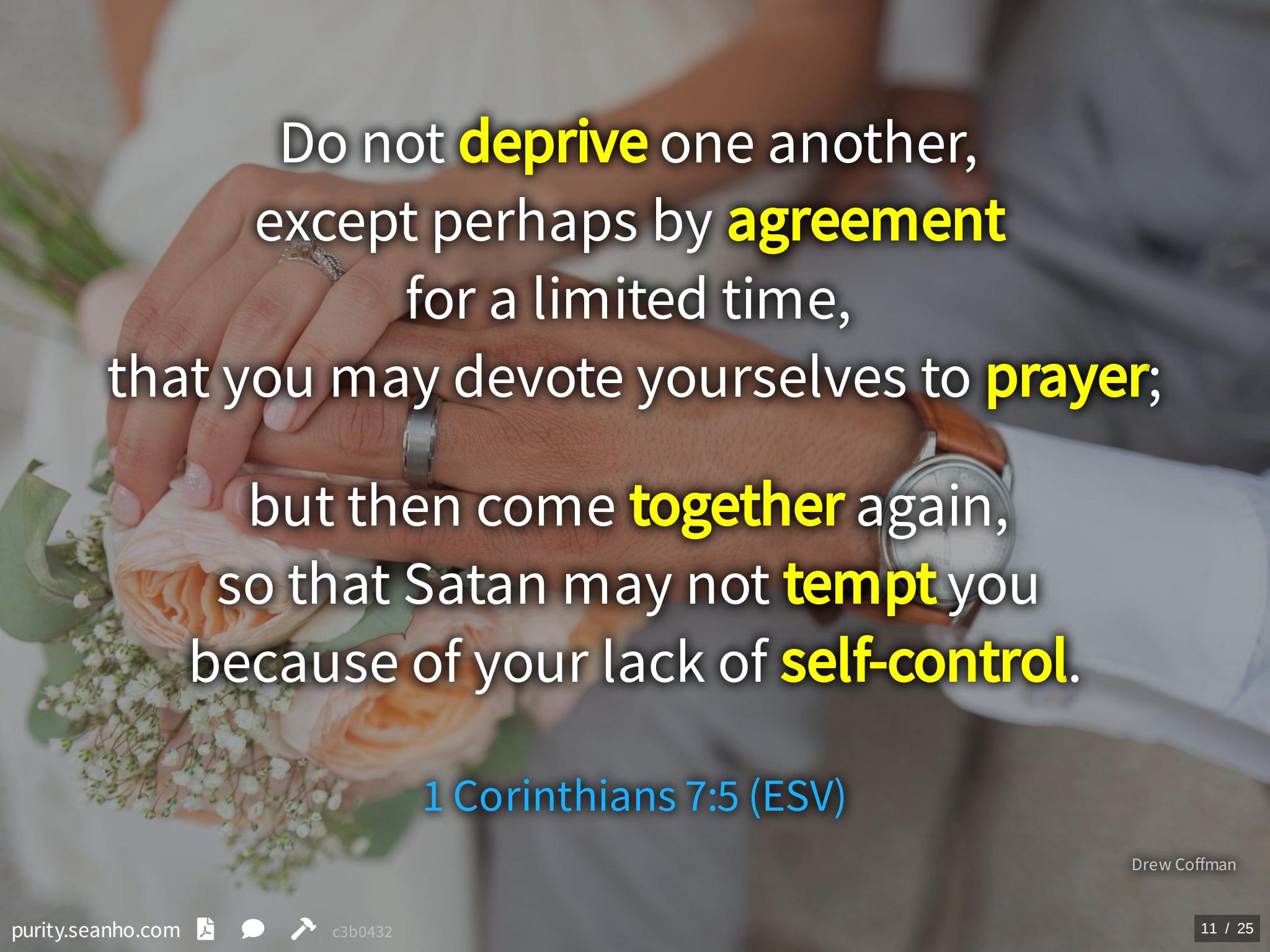
Francesco Ungaro



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

1 Thessalonians 4:6a (ESV)

Luis Quintero



Do not **deprive** one another,  
except perhaps by **agreement**  
for a limited time,  
that you may devote yourselves to **prayer**;  
  
but then come **together** again,  
so that Satan may not **tempt** you  
because of your lack of **self-control**.

1 Corinthians 7:5 (ESV)

Drew Coffman

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

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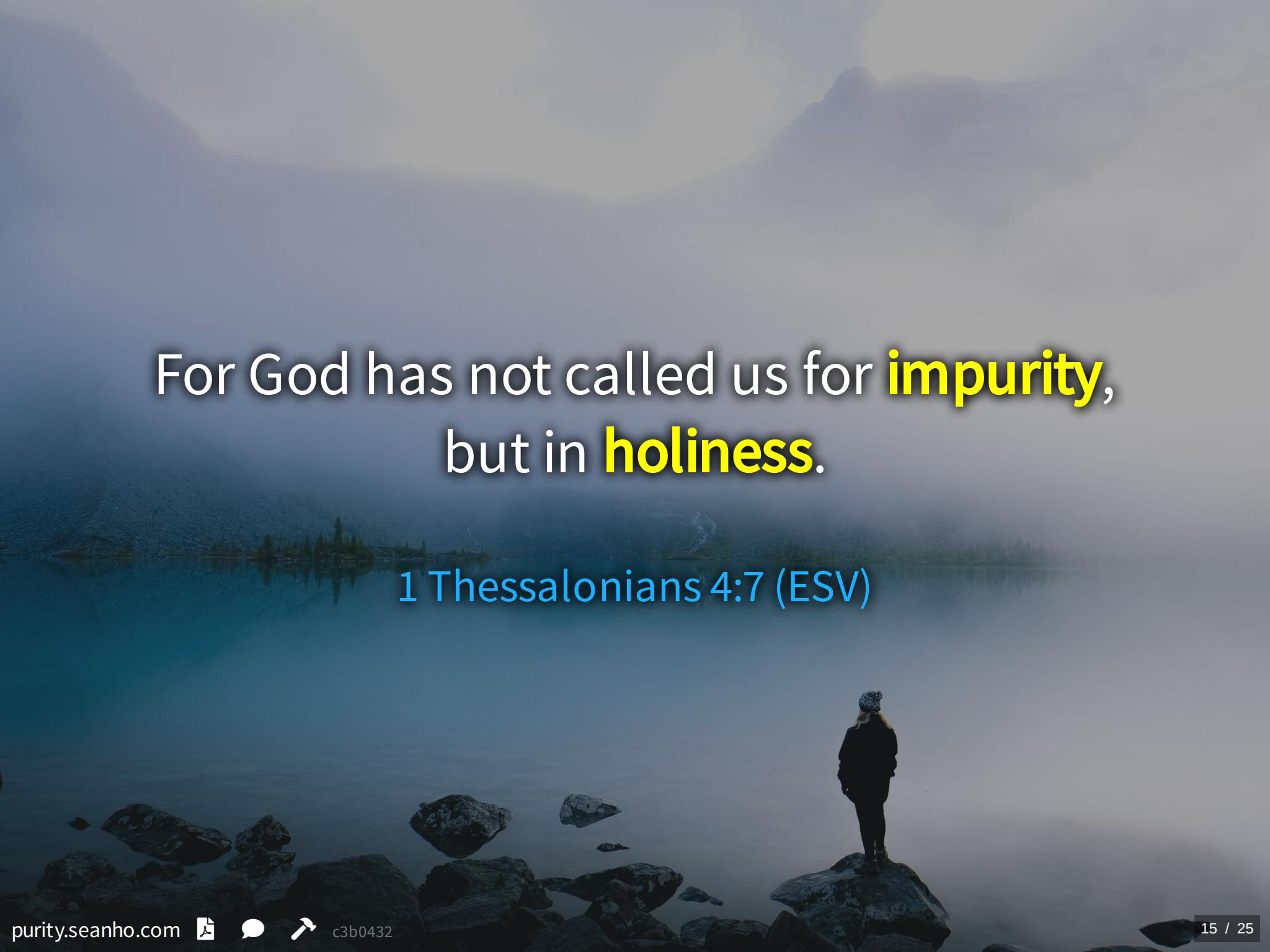
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because the Lord is an **avenger**  
in all these things,  
as we told you beforehand  
and solemnly warned you.

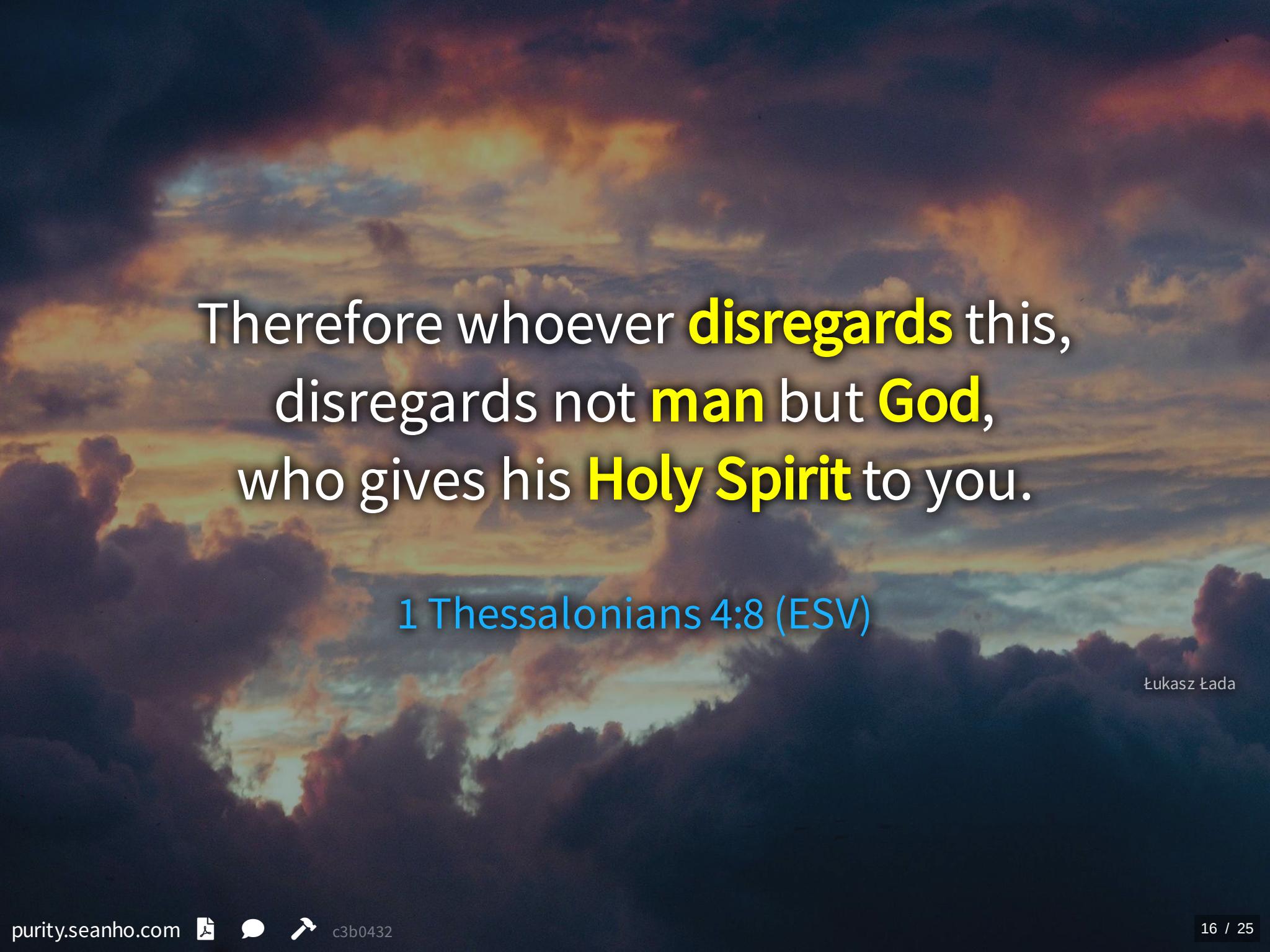
1 Thessalonians 4:6b (ESV)

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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**.

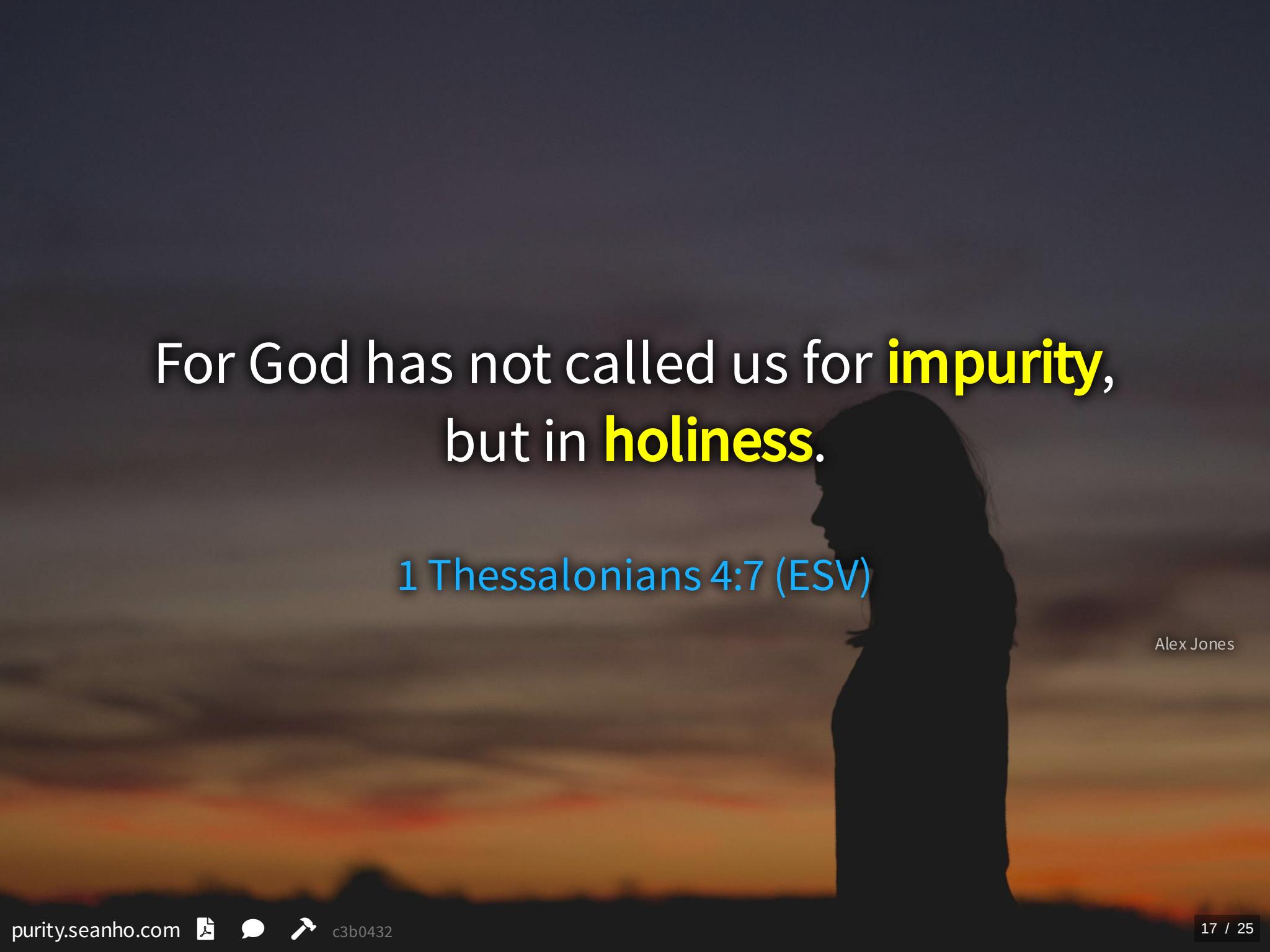
1 Thessalonians 4:7 (ESV)



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

1 Thessalonians 4:8 (ESV)

Łukasz Łada

A dark silhouette of a person's head and shoulders facing left, standing against a background of a sunset or sunrise with orange and yellow hues.

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1 Thessalonians 4:7 (ESV)

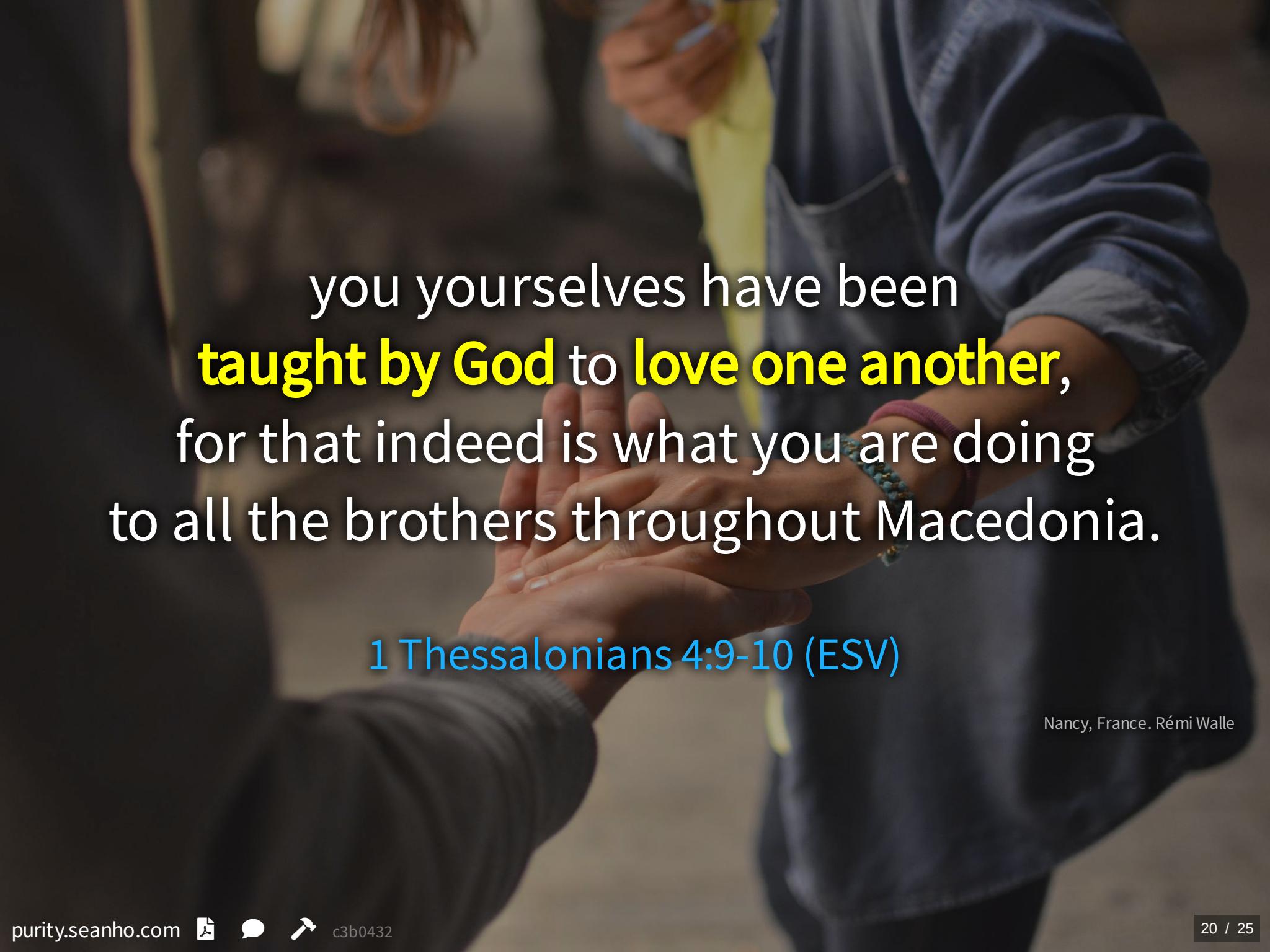
Alex Jones

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

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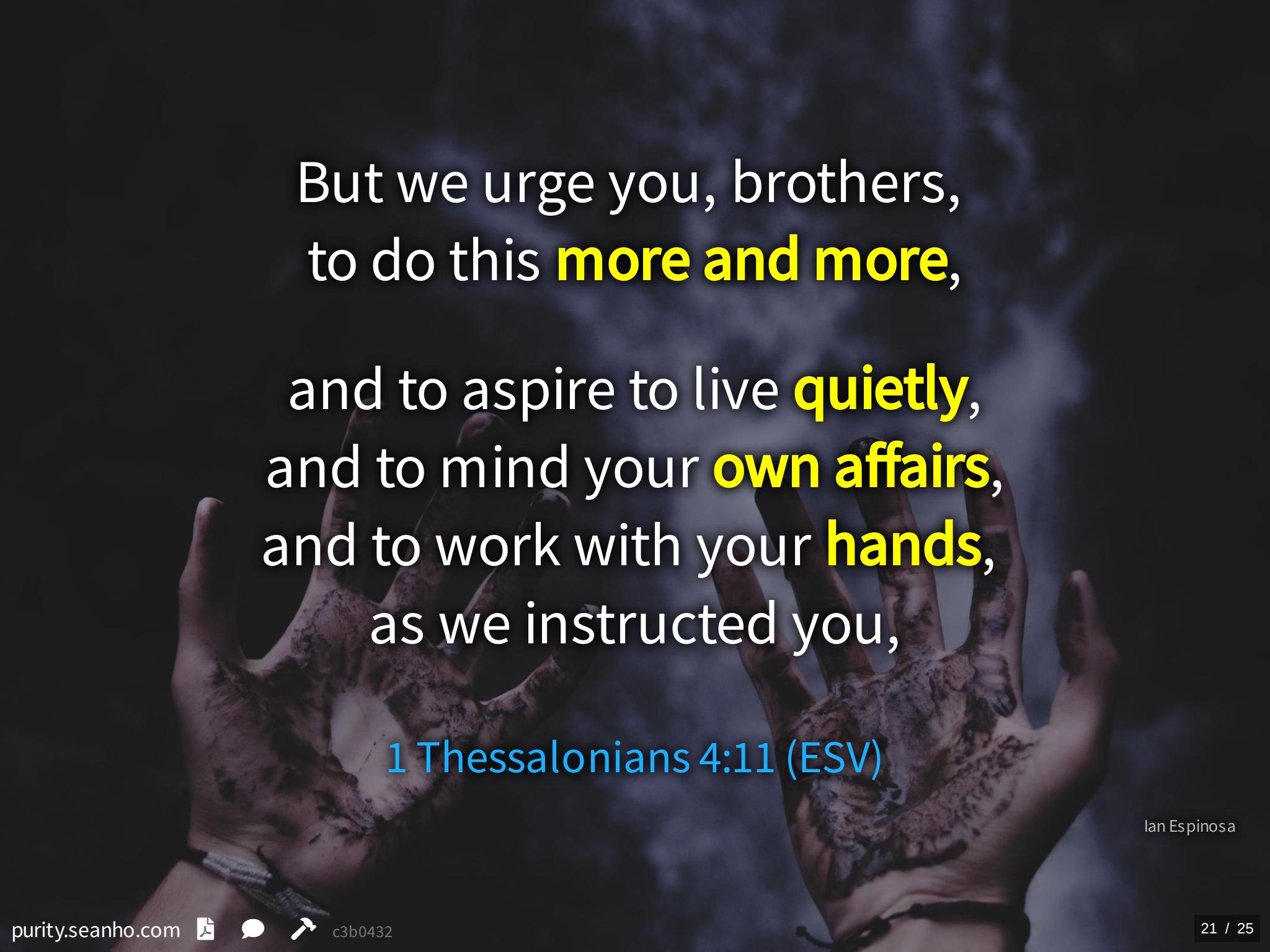
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you yourselves have been  
**taught by God to love one another,**  
for that indeed is what you are doing  
to all the brothers throughout Macedonia.

1 Thessalonians 4:9-10 (ESV)

Nancy, France. Rémi Walle

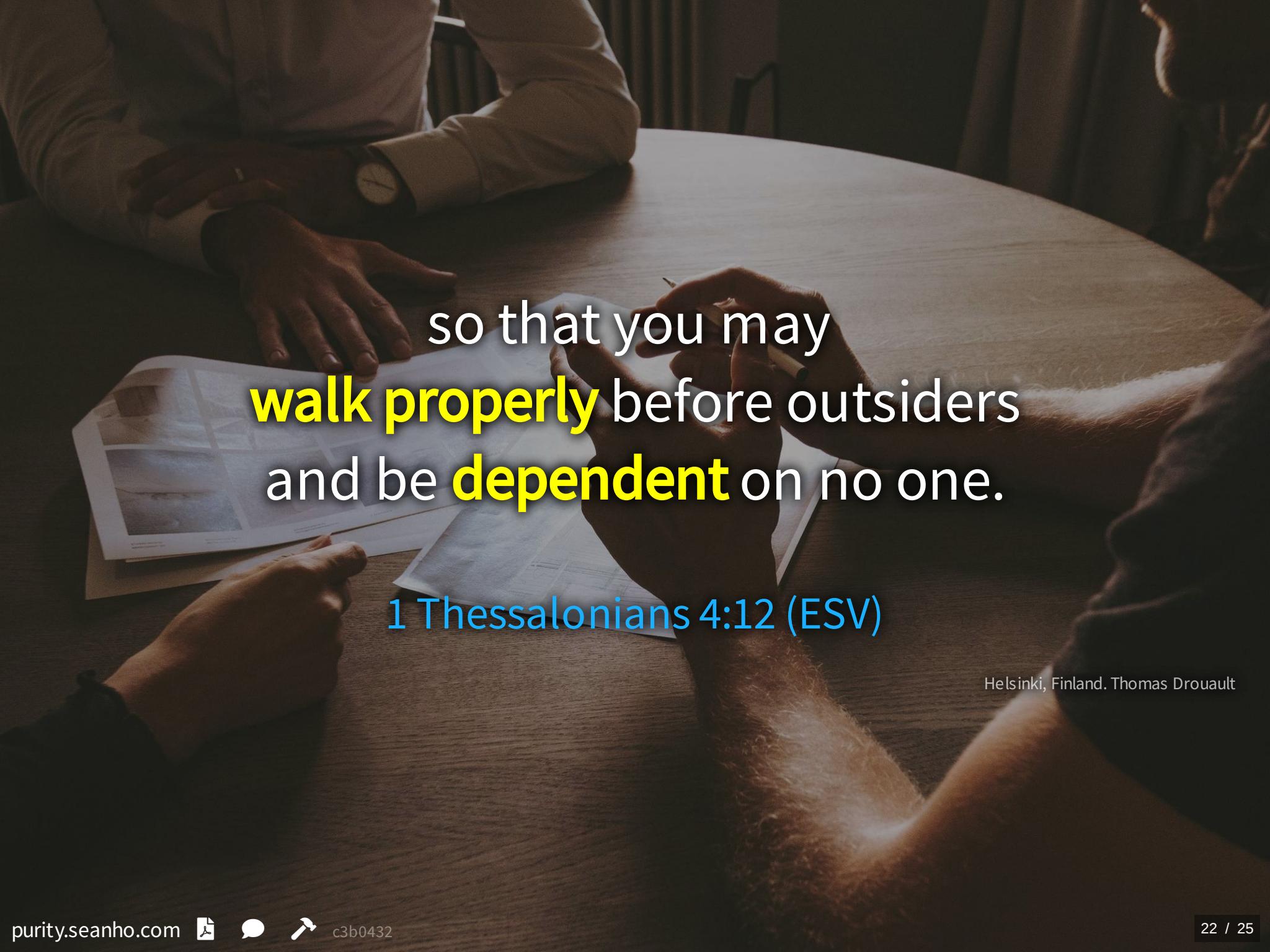


But we urge you, brothers,  
to do this **more and more**,

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)

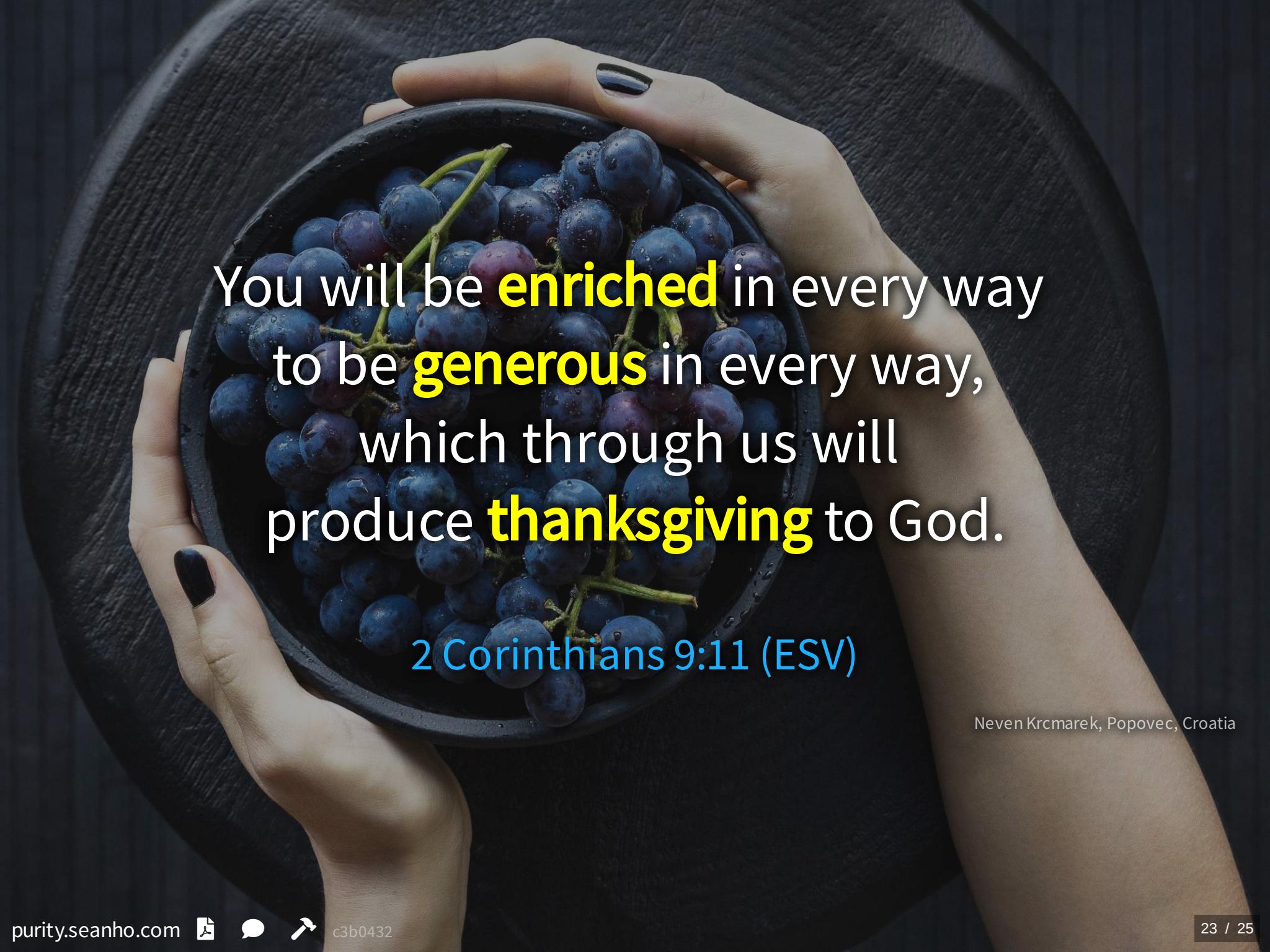
Ian Espinosa

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)

Neven Krcmarek, Popovec, Croatia

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

