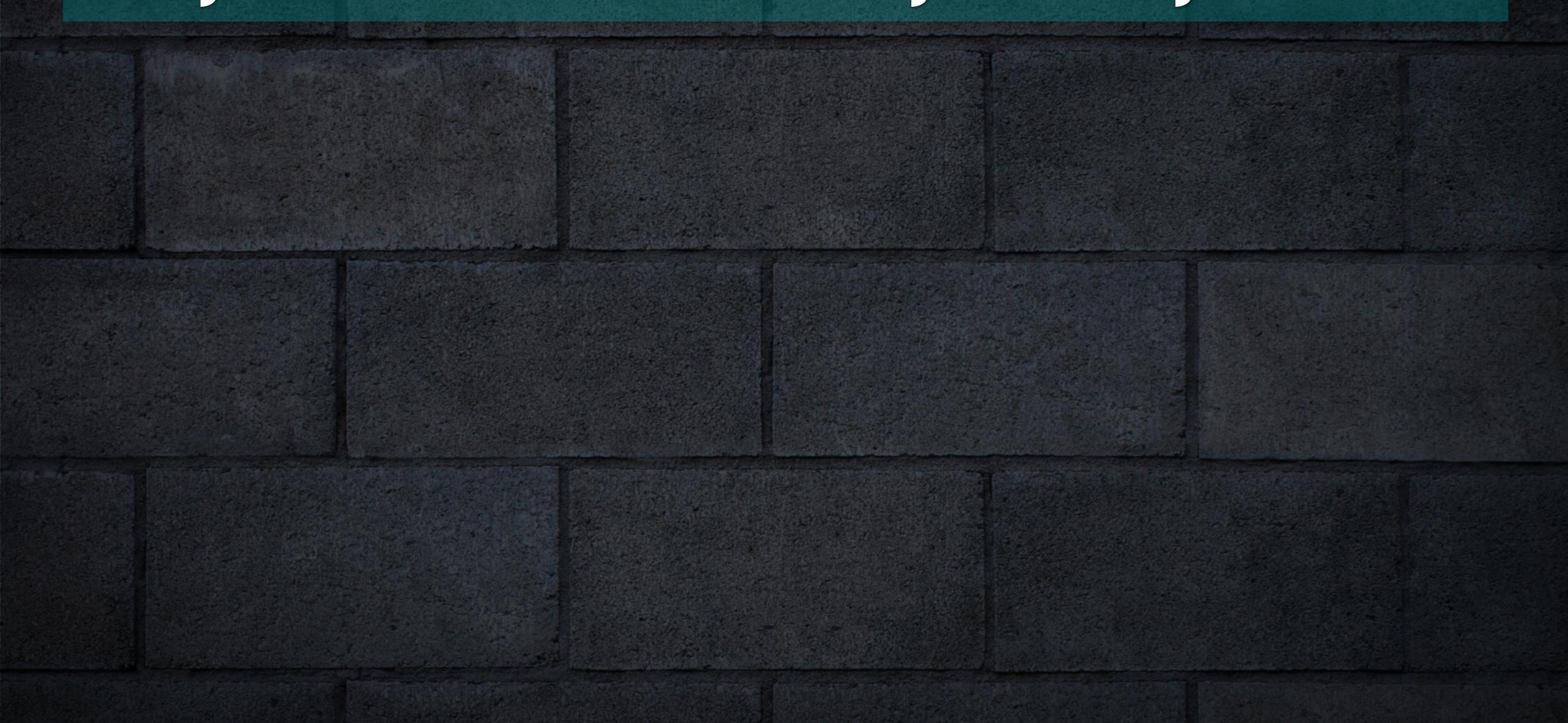
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EPHESIANS 1:15-23

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In the prison prayers of Paul we discover the blessings he wanted his converts to enjoy. In none of these prayers does Paul request material things. His emphasis is on spiritual perception and real Christian character. He does not ask God to give them what they do not have, but rather prays that God will reveal to them what they already have. >>

Warren Wiersbe, Wiersbe's Expository Commentary

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Philippians 4

12 I know how to be abased, and I know how to abound. Everywhere and in all things I have learned both to be full and to be hungry, both to abound and to suffer need.

13 I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.

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If the Ephesians will know all God has given them in Jesus, it will take a supernatural work. It will require that the eyes of your understanding be enlightened by God.

David Guzik, Enduring Word Commentary

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But the natural man does not receive the things of the Spirit of God, for they are foolishness to him; nor can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned.

1 Corinthians 2:14

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looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith, who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.

Hebrews 12:2

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What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us?

Romans 8:31

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And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are the called according to His purpose.

Romans 8:28

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