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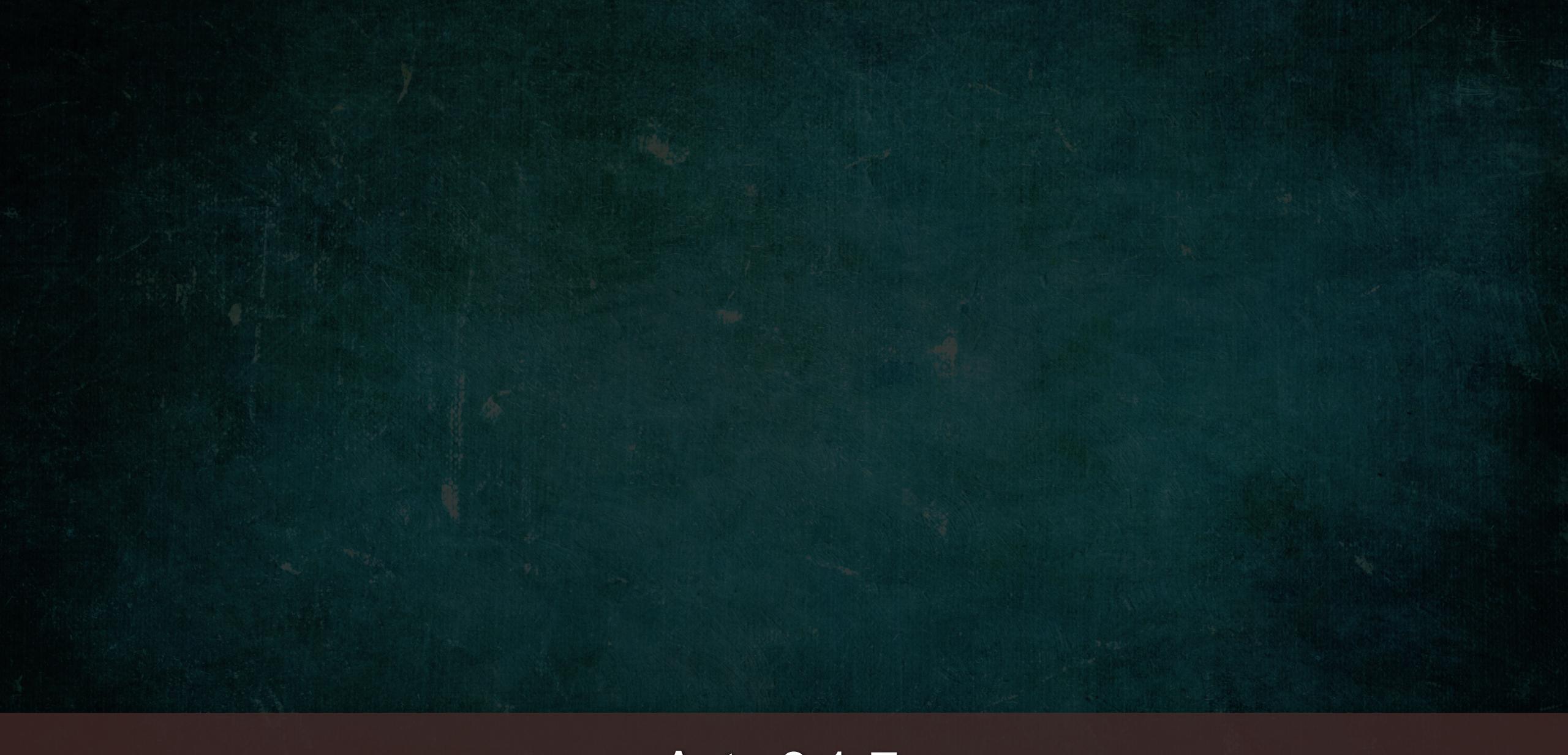
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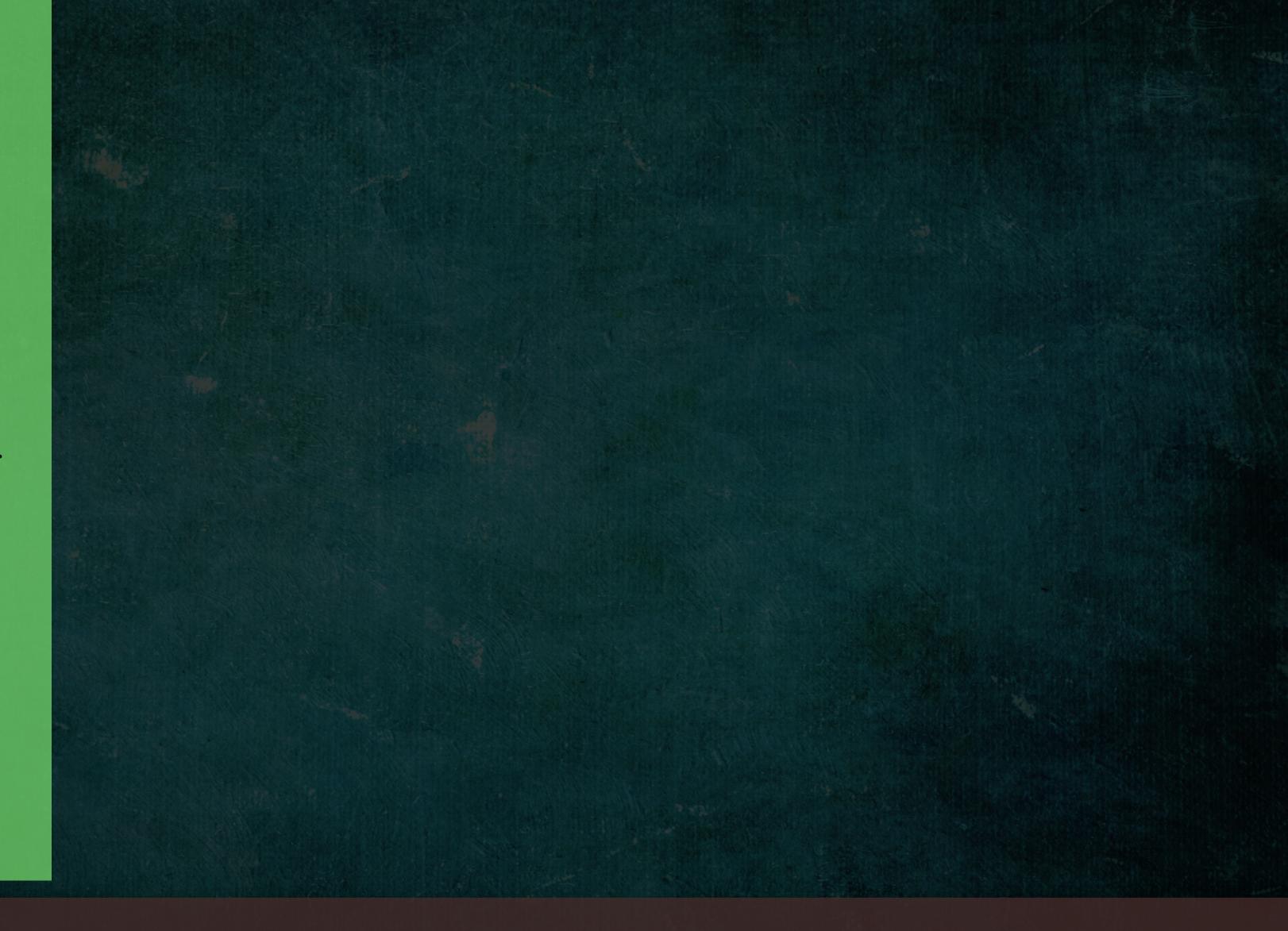
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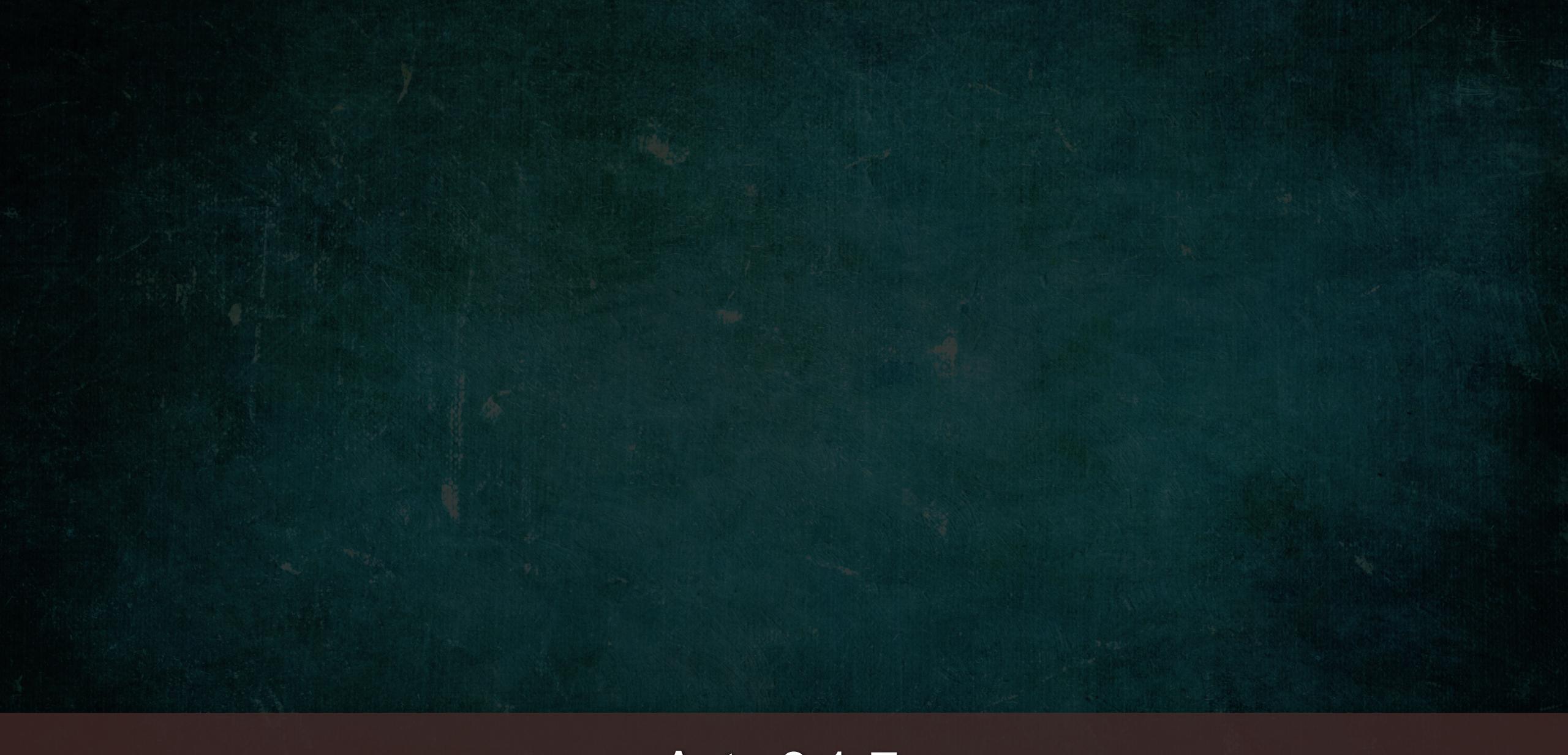
Community: a unified body of individuals

a: people with common interests

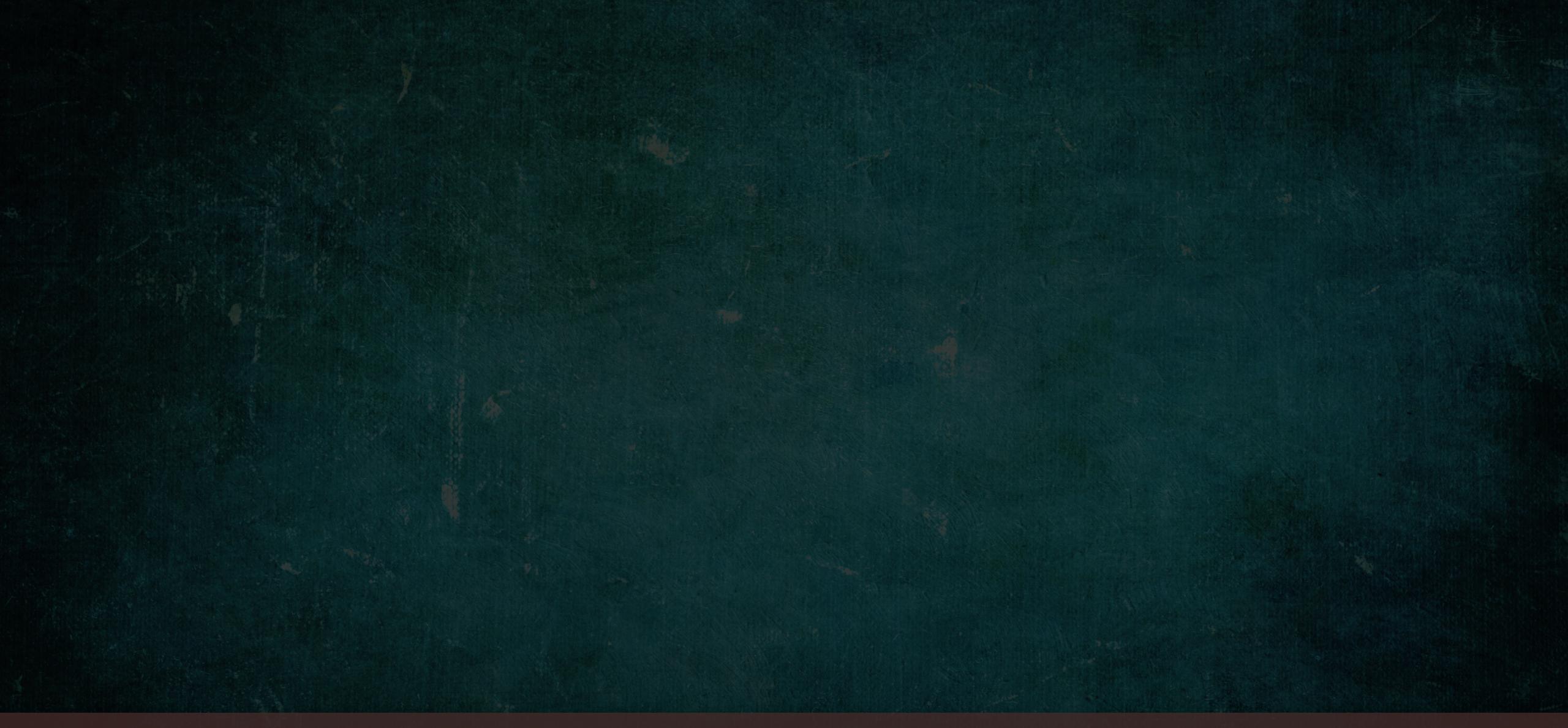
b: a body of persons
having a common history
or common social,
economic, and political
interests

c: a group linked by a common policy





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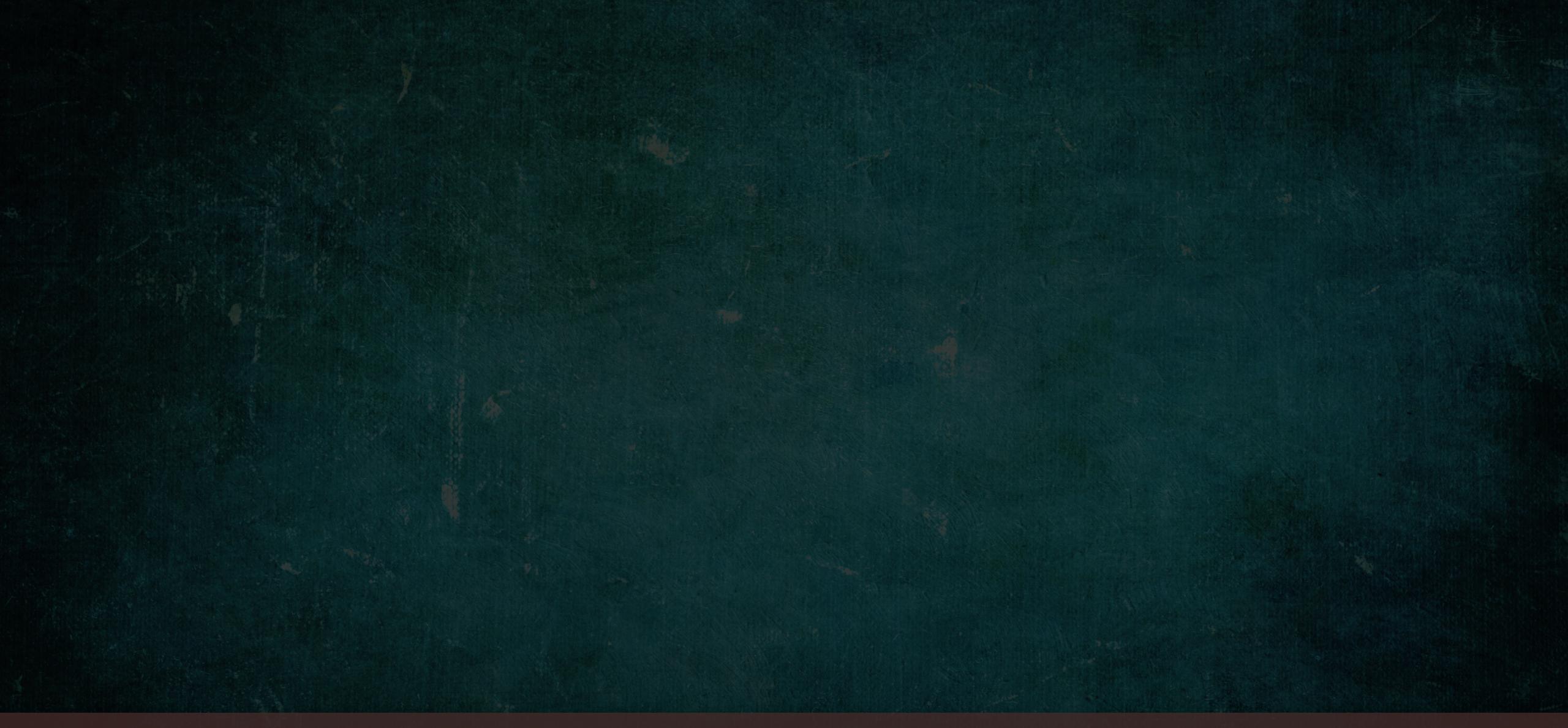
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David Guzik, Enduring Word Commentary

Hebrews tended to regard Hellenists as unspiritual compromisers with Greek culture, and Hellenists regarded Hebrews as holier-than-thou traditionalists.

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#### Galatians 5

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14 For all the law is fulfilled in one word, even in this: "You shall love your neighbor as yourself."

15 But if you bite and devour one another, beware lest you be consumed by one another!

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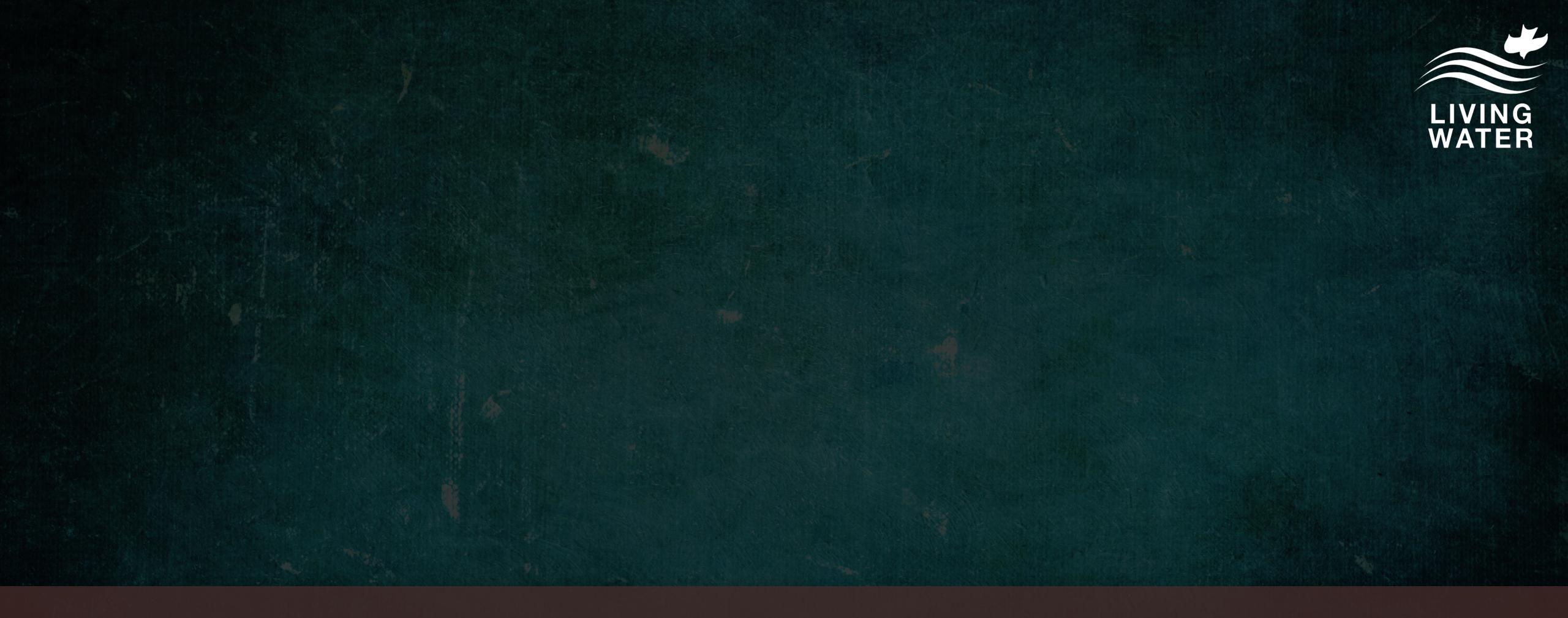
#### 1 Corinthians 12

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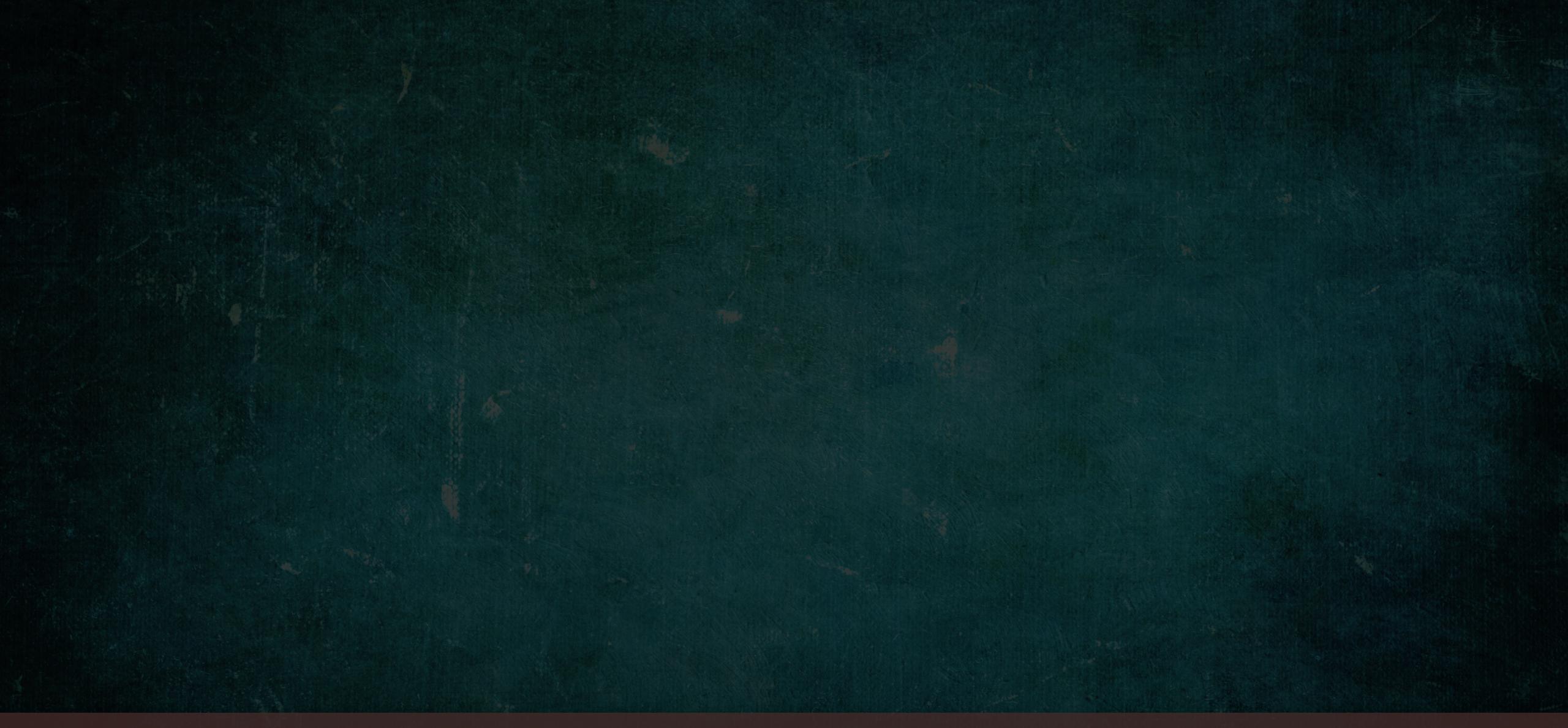
26 And if one member suffers, all the members suffer with it; or if one member is honored, all the members rejoice with it.

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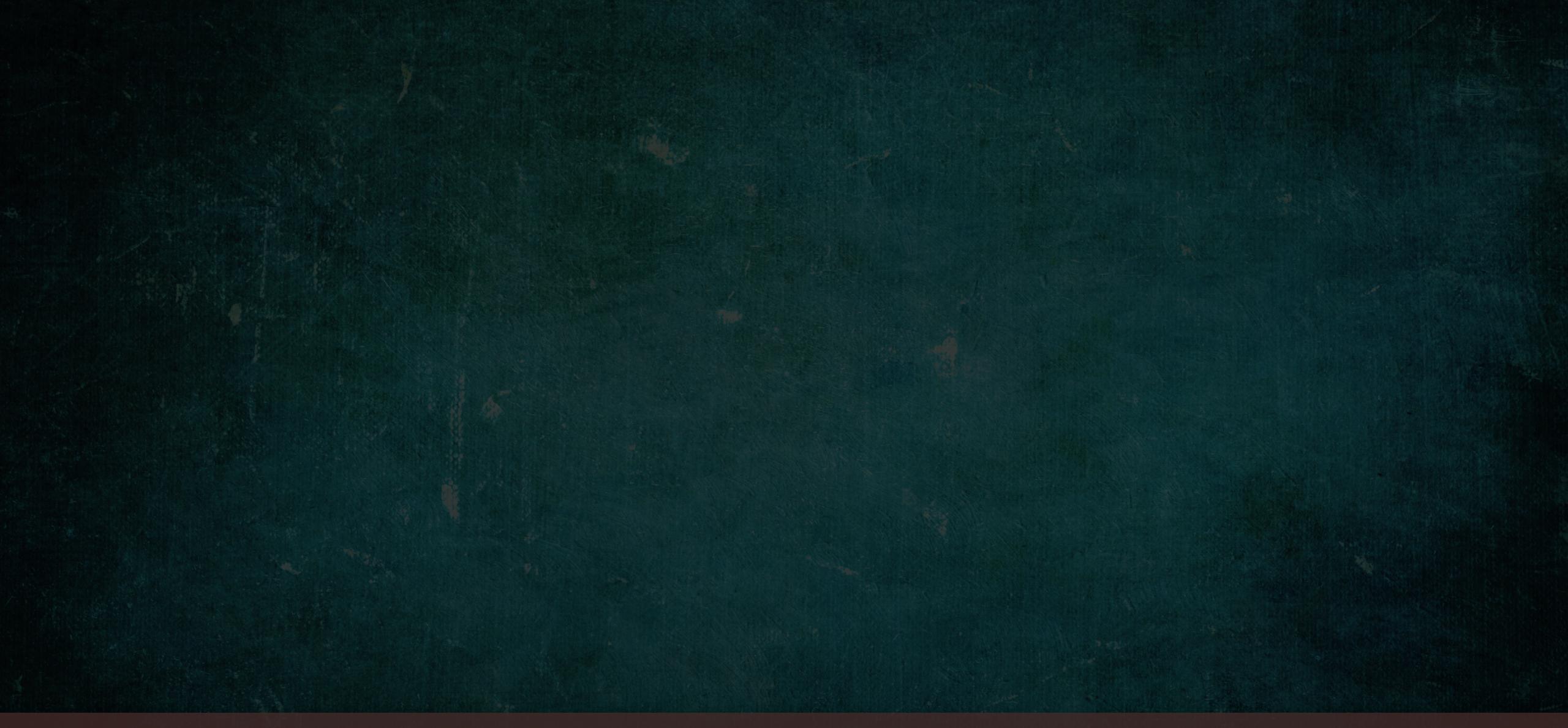
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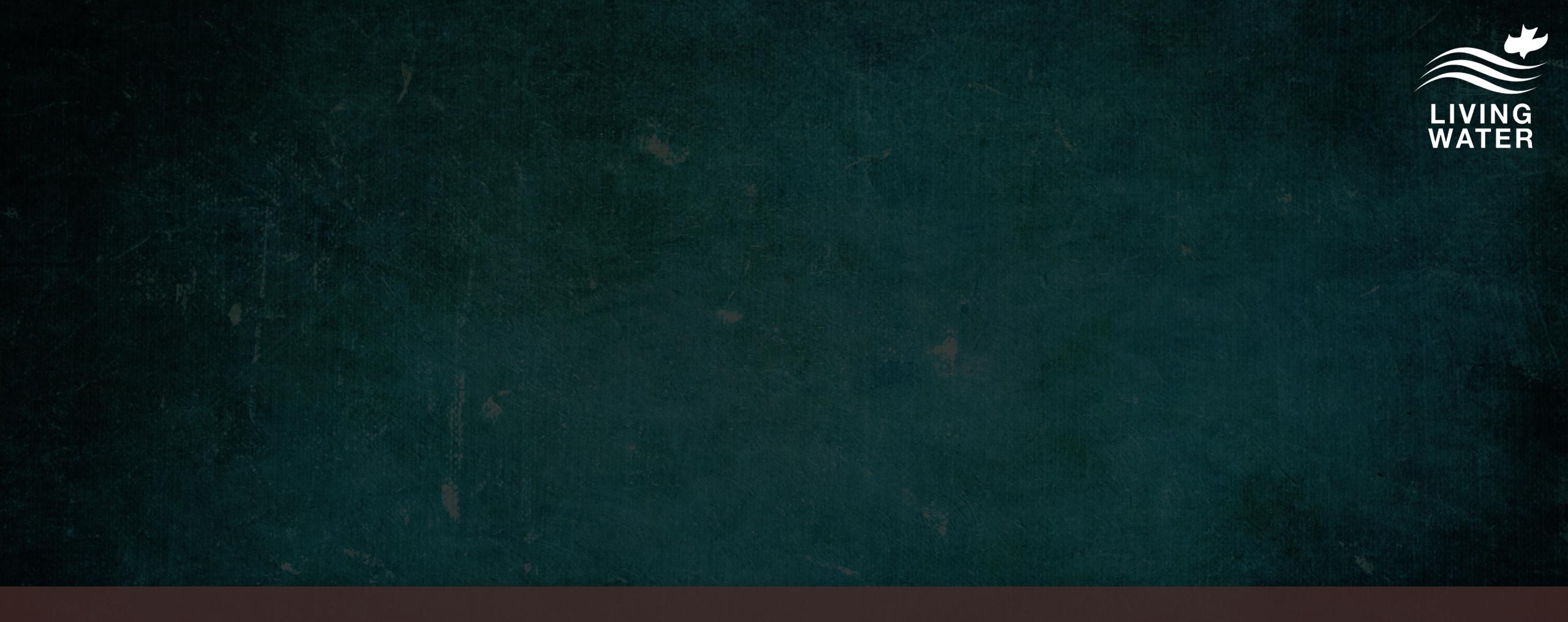
Church problems give us an opportunity to exercise our faith, not only faith in the Lord, but also faith in each other. The leaders suggested a solution, and all the members agreed with it. The assembly selected seven qualified men, and the Apostles set them apart for ministry.

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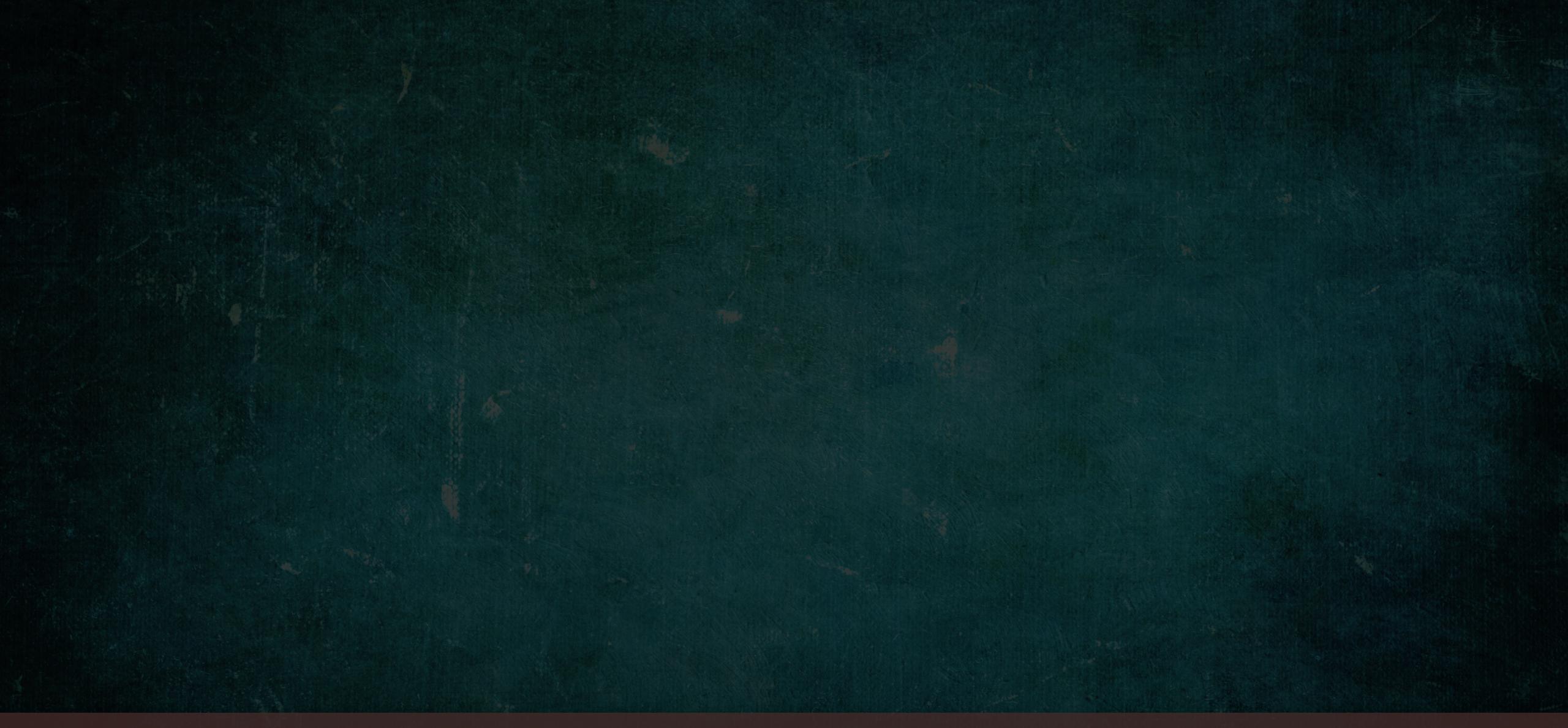
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#### 1 Timothy 4

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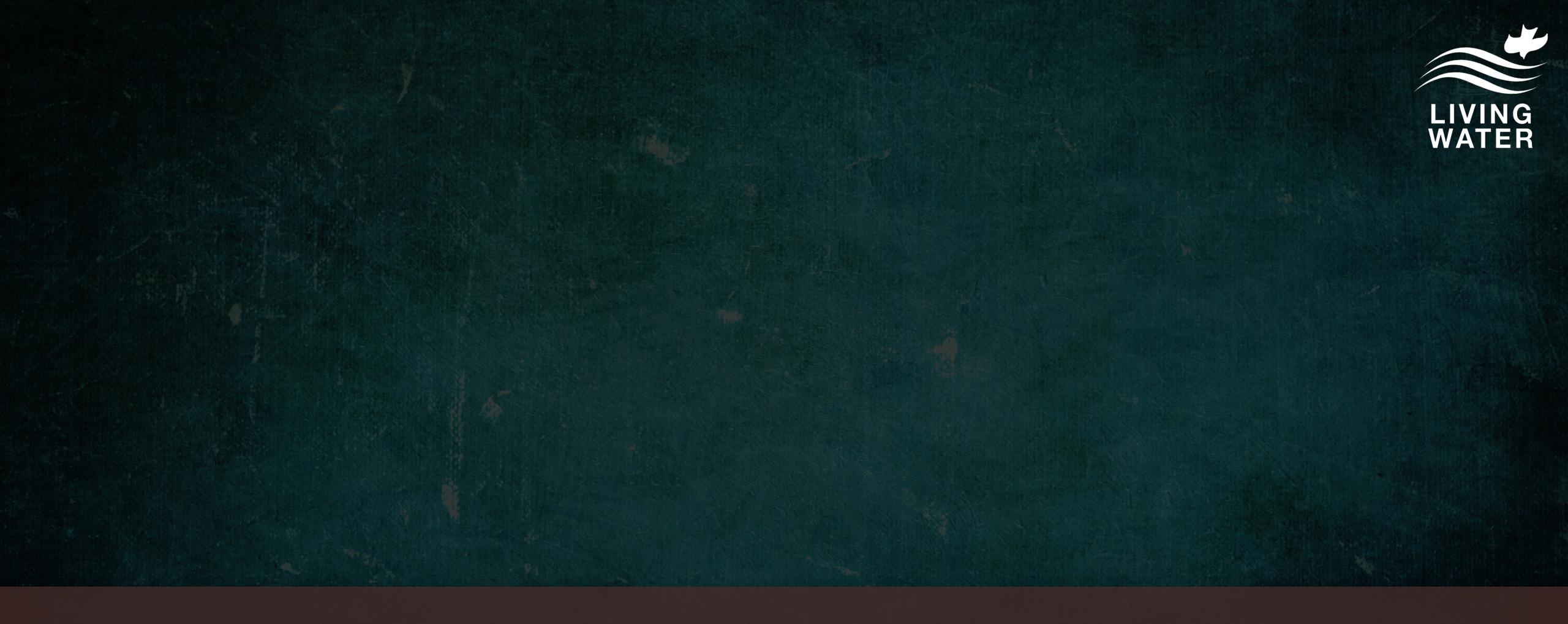
12 Let no one despise your youth, but be an example to the believers in word, in conduct, in love, in spirit, in faith, in purity.

- 13 Till I come, give attention to reading, to exhortation, to doctrine.
- 14 Do not neglect the gift that is in you, which was given to you by prophecy with the laying on of the hands of the eldership.

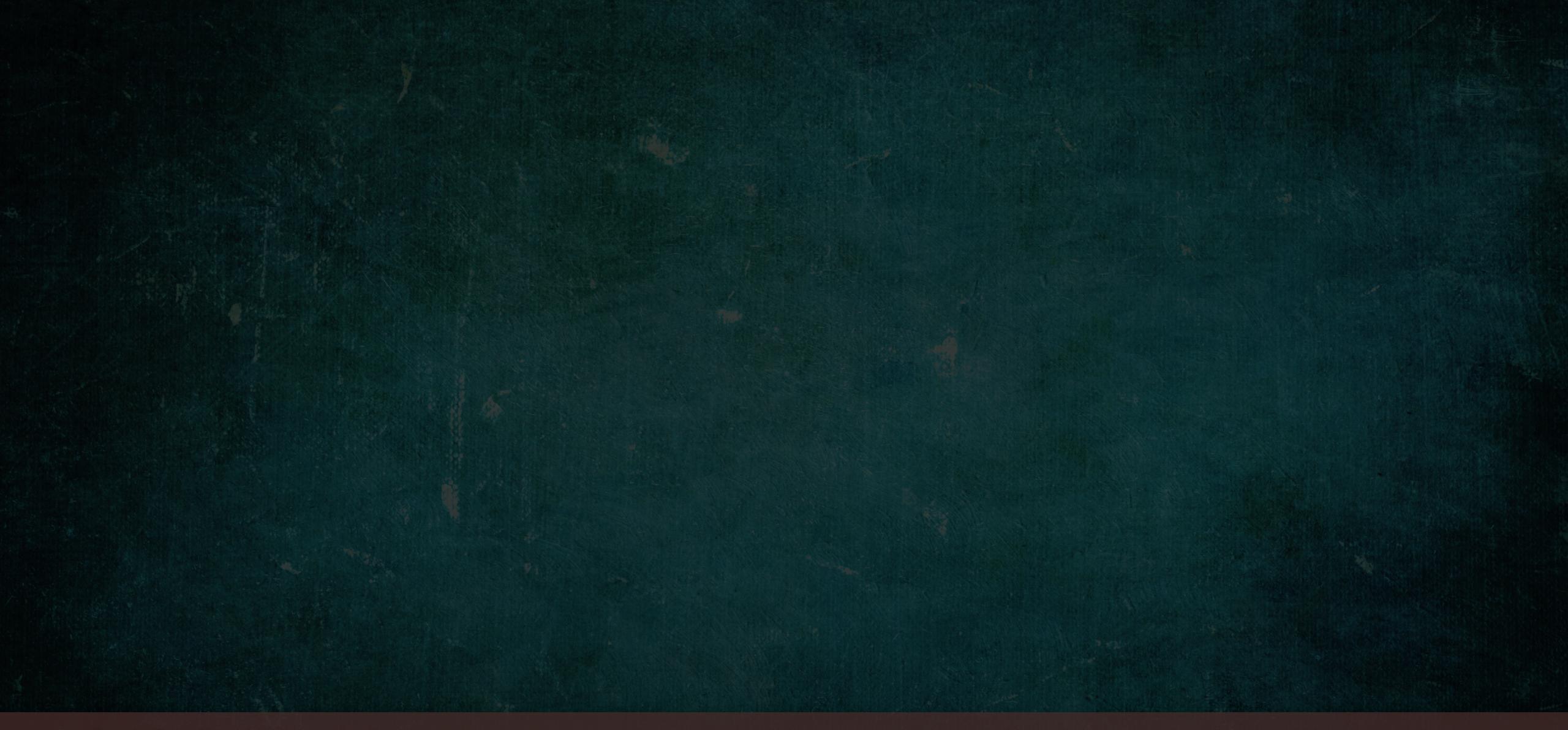
15 Meditate on these things; give yourself entirely to them, that your progress may be evident to all.

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3. Cultivate Qualities To Serve The Community



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#### Luke 4

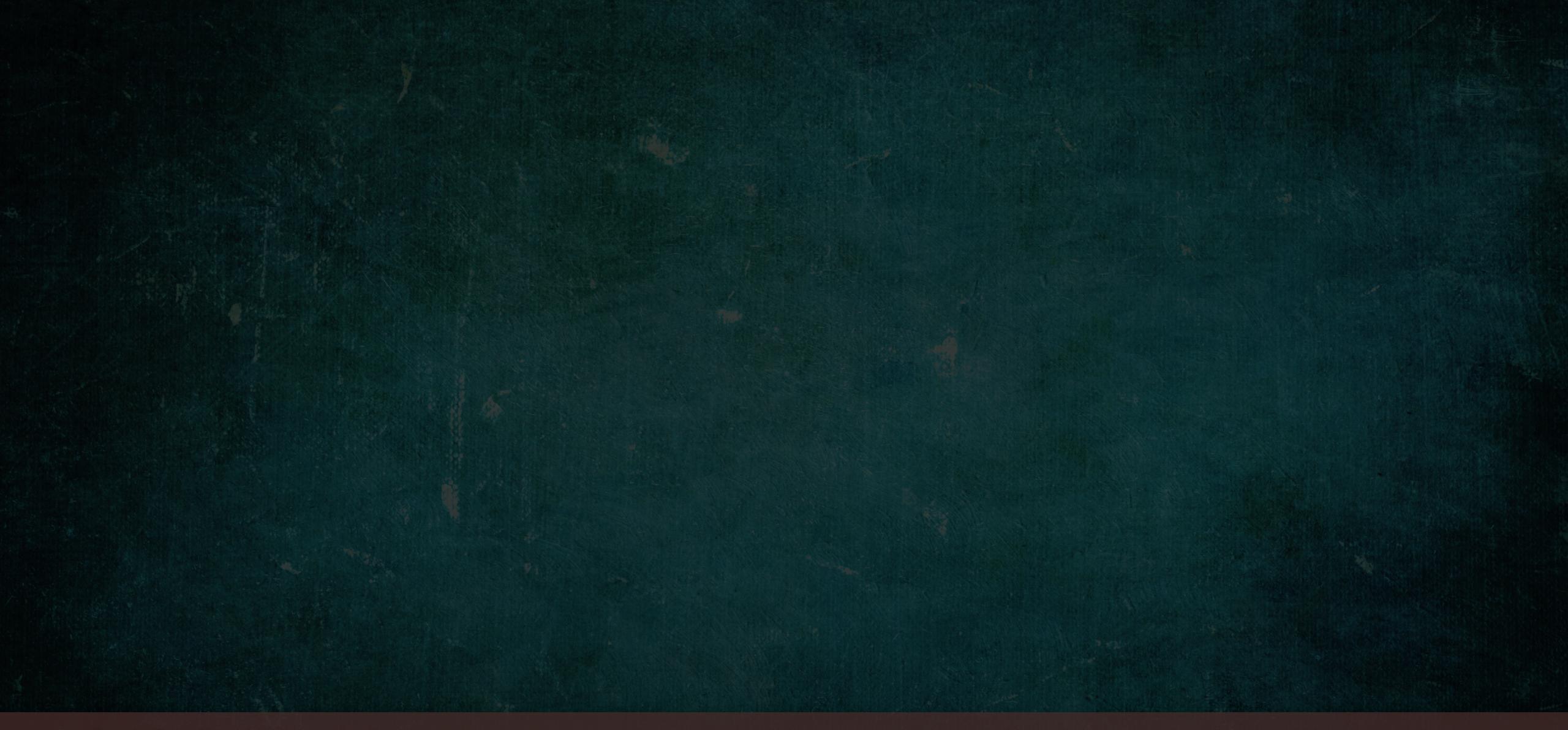
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42 Now when it was day, He departed and went into a deserted place. And the crowd sought Him and came to Him, and tried to keep Him from leaving them;

43 but He said to them, "I must preach the kingdom of God to the other cities also, because for this purpose I have been sent."

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#### 1 Corinthians 1

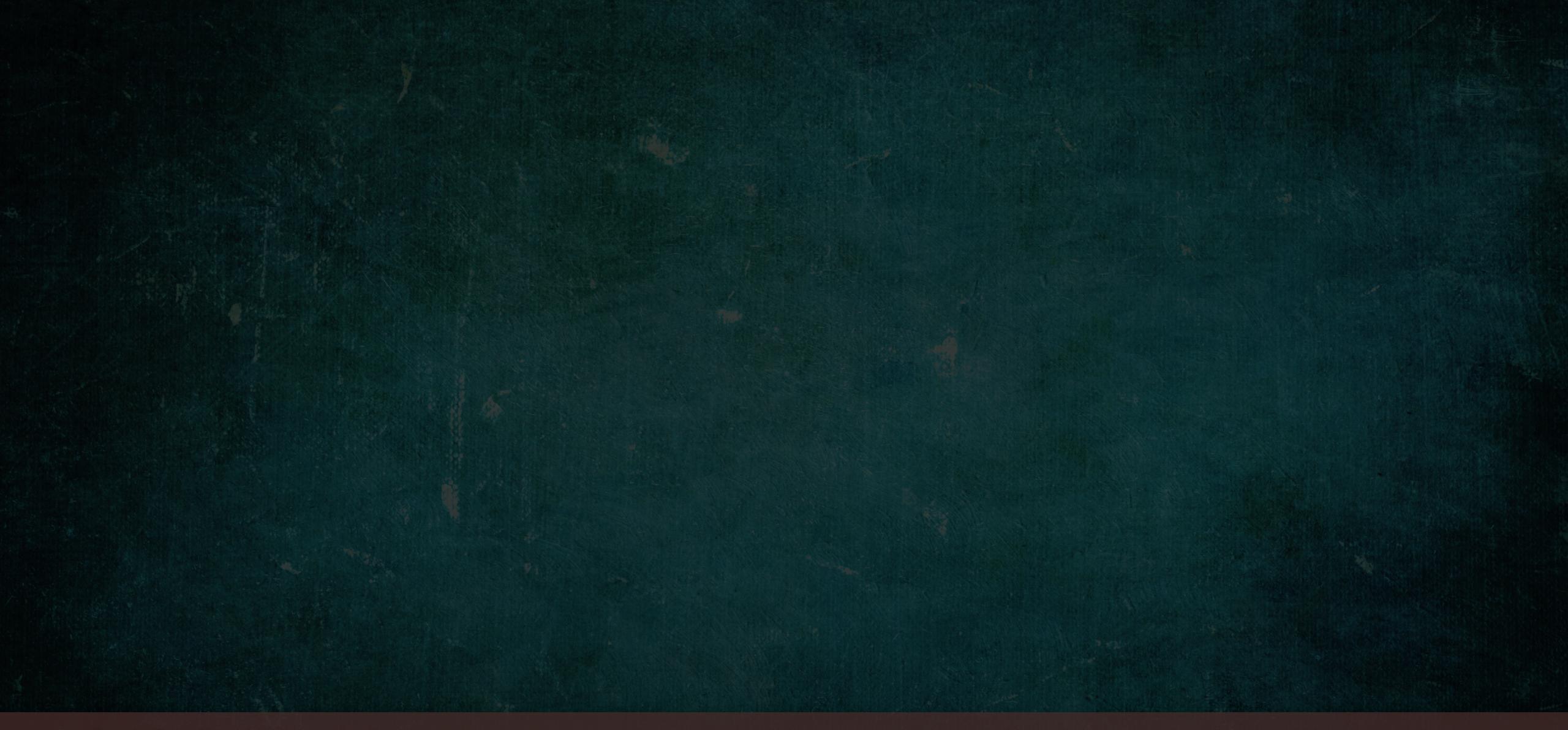
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- 14 I thank God that I baptized none of you except Crispus and Gaius,
  - 15 lest anyone should say that I had baptized in my own name.
- 16 Yes, I also baptized the household of Stephanas. Besides, I do not know whether I baptized any other.

17 For Christ did not send me to baptize, but to preach the gospel, not with wisdom of words, lest the cross of Christ should be made of no effect.

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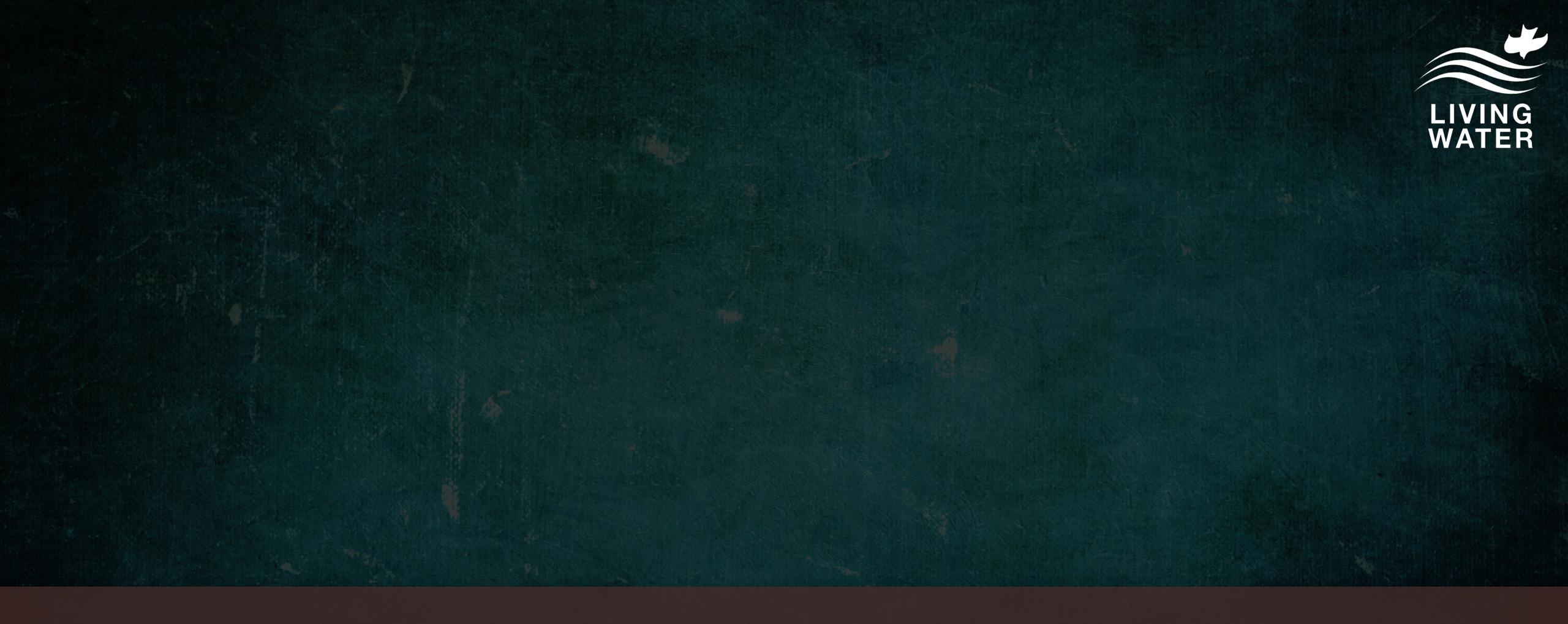
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People filled with the Spirit see no small jobs or big places. They see only their Master and the opportunity to glorify Him.



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