



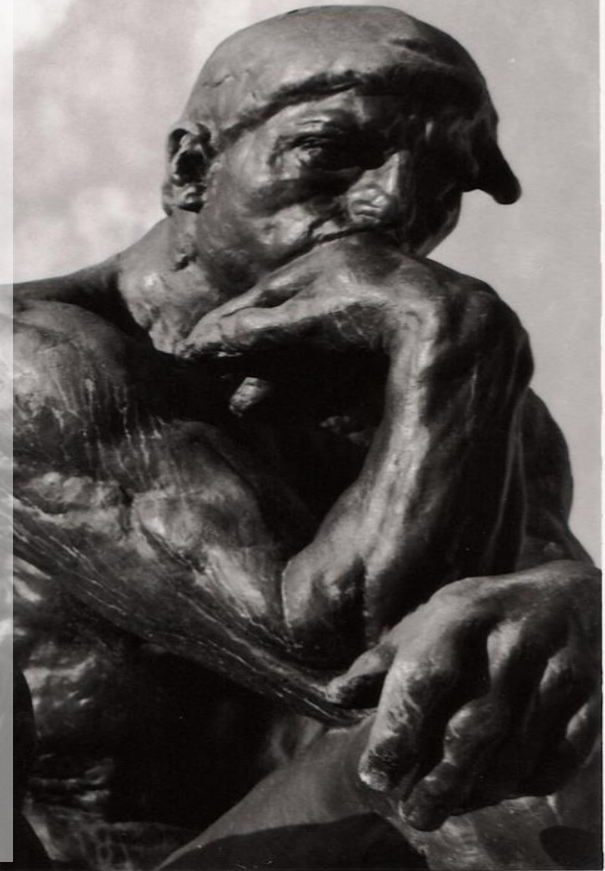
The Conclusion

Ecclesiastes 1:12-14

12 I, the Teacher, was king of Israel, and I lived in Jerusalem.

13 I devoted myself to search for understanding and to explore by wisdom everything being done in the world. I soon discovered that God has dealt a tragic existence to the human race.

14 Everything under the sun is meaningless, like chasing the wind. (NLT)



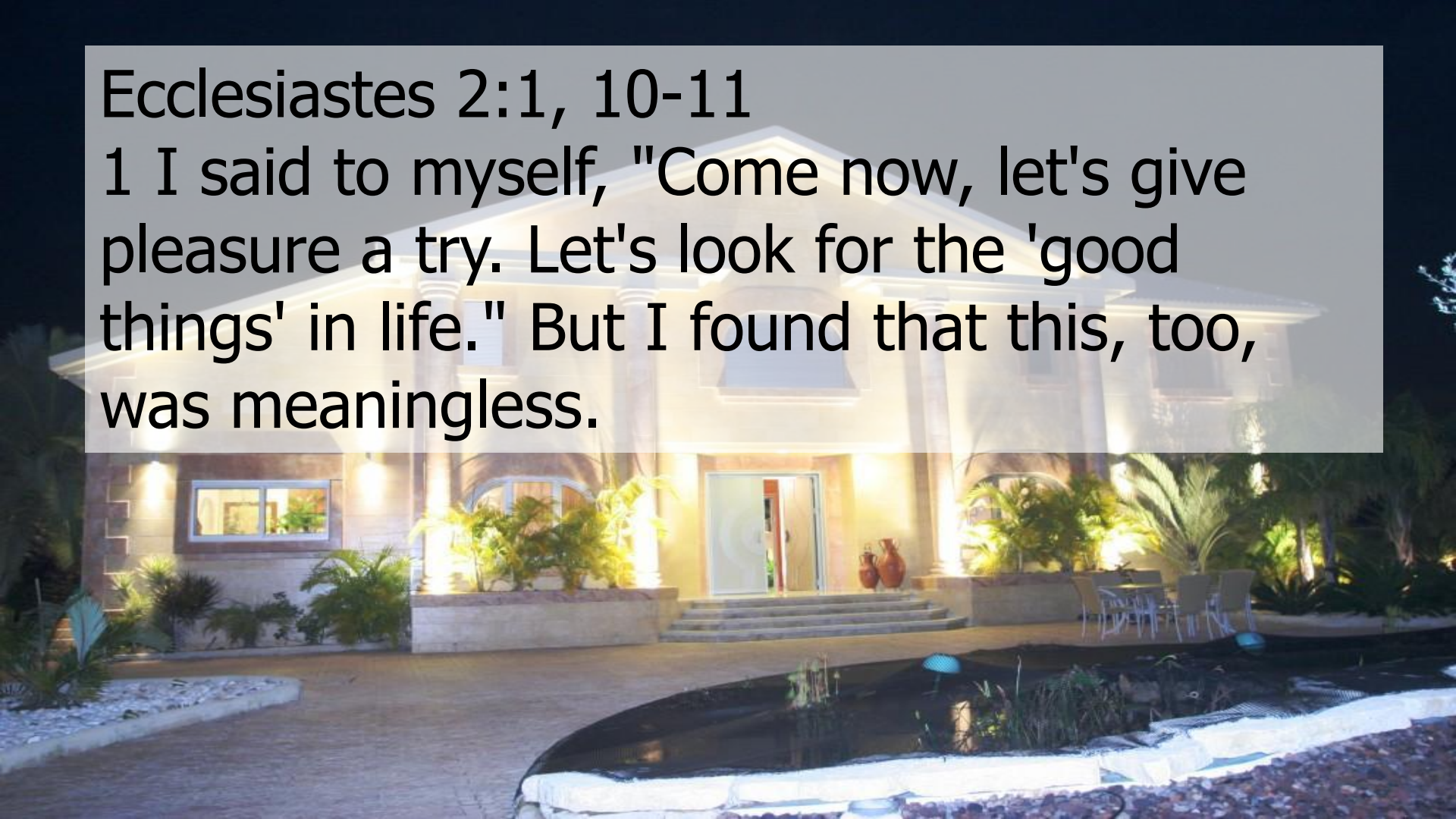
Ecclesiastes 1:18

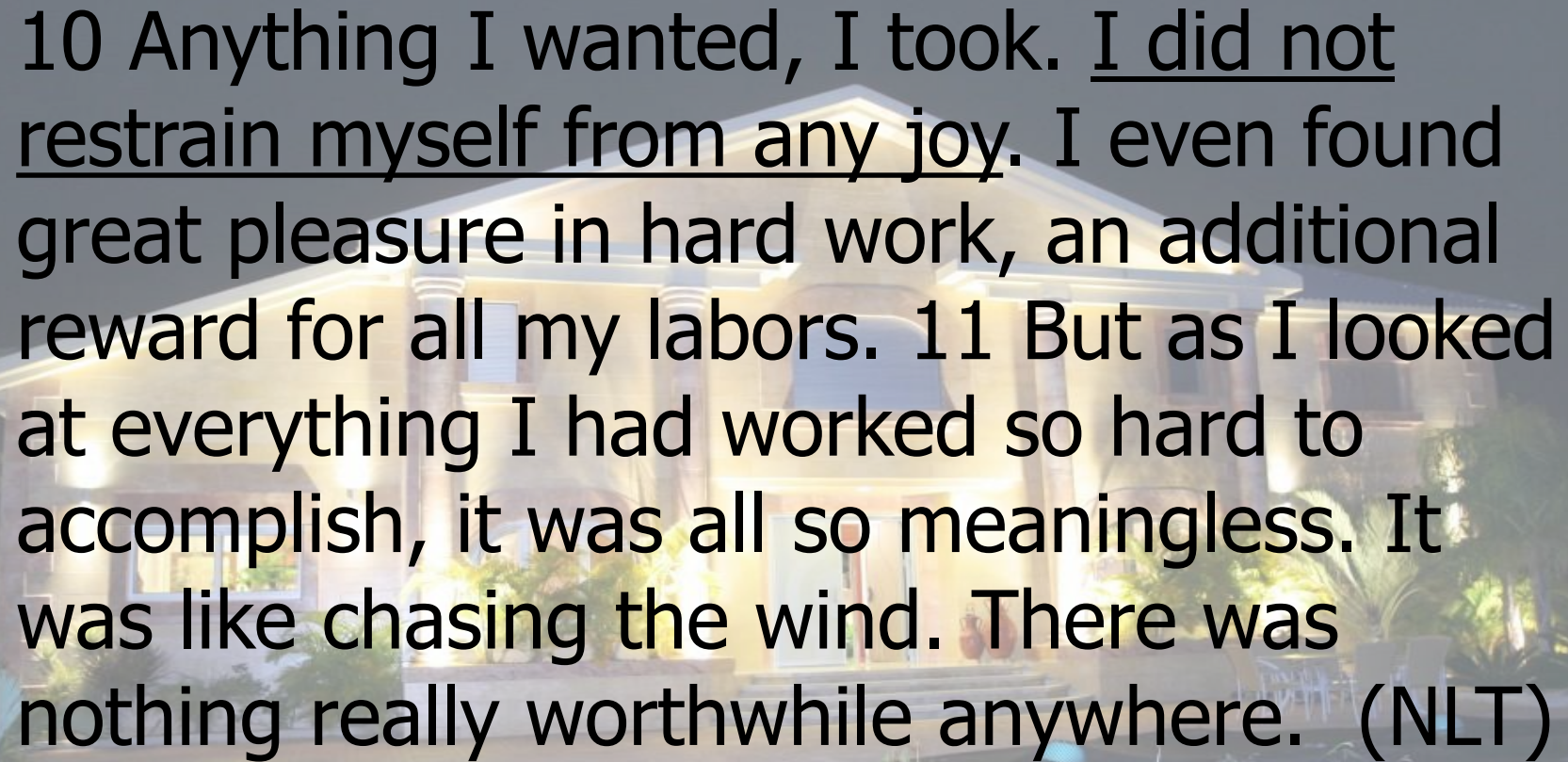
18 For the greater my wisdom, the greater my grief. To increase knowledge only increases sorrow. (NLT)



Ecclesiastes 2:1, 10-11

1 I said to myself, "Come now, let's give pleasure a try. Let's look for the 'good things' in life." But I found that this, too, was meaningless.



A large, modern house with a prominent portico and columns is illuminated at night. In the foreground, there is a swimming pool with a dark cover and a stone border. The scene is set against a dark night sky.

10 Anything I wanted, I took. I did not restrain myself from any joy. I even found great pleasure in hard work, an additional reward for all my labors. 11 But as I looked at everything I had worked so hard to accomplish, it was all so meaningless. It was like chasing the wind. There was nothing really worthwhile anywhere. (NLT)

1 Kings 11:9-10

11:9 Now the LORD was angry with Solomon because his heart was turned away from the LORD, the God of Israel, who had appeared to him twice, 11:10 and had commanded him concerning this thing, that he should not go after other gods; but he did not observe what the LORD had commanded.

Ecclesiastes 12:13-14

12:13 The conclusion, when all has been heard, is: fear God and keep His commandments, because this applies to every person.

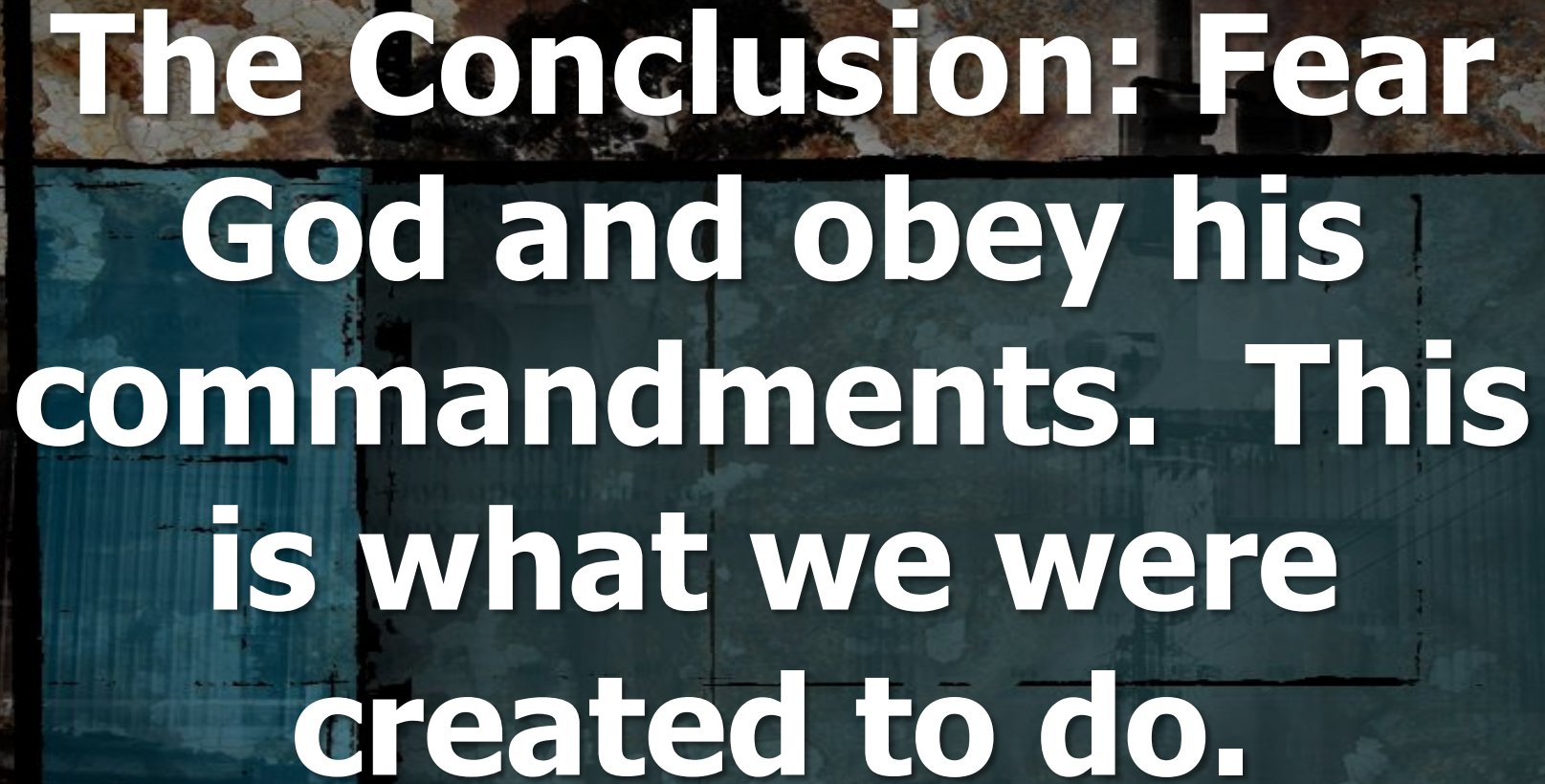
12:14 For God will bring every act to judgment, everything which is hidden, whether it is good or evil .

Matthew 22:37-40

37 Jesus replied, "You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, all your soul, and all your mind. 38 This is the first and greatest commandment. 39 A second is equally important: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.' 40 All the other commandments and all the demands of the prophets are based on these two commandments."

Joshua 24:15

24:15 But if serving the Lord seems undesirable to you, then choose for yourselves this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your forefathers served beyond the River, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land you are living. But as for me and my household, we will serve the Lord."



**The Conclusion: Fear
God and obey his
commandments. This
is what we were
created to do.**