

# Barna Group

Knowledge to navigate a changing world

# **Barna Group Research**

## **Perceptions of Christians:**

**anti-homosexual**

**judgmental**

**hypocritical**





David Kinnaman

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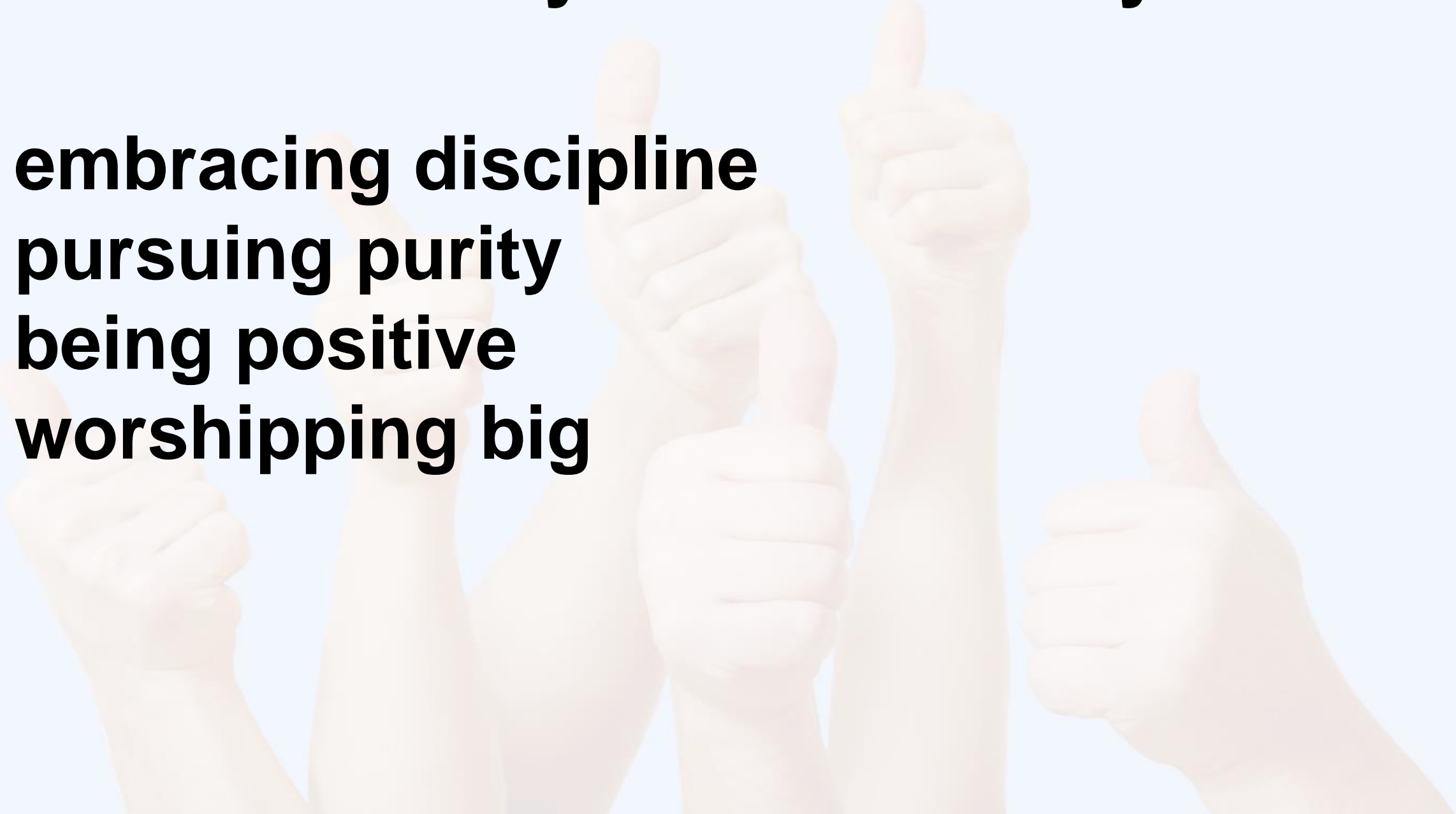
**Are You Positive?**

**(Hebrews 12:18-24)**

**Bouncing Back after Bottoming Out, No. 4**

# We “fix our eyes on Jesus” by...

- 1. embracing discipline**
- 2. pursuing purity**
- 3. being positive**
- 4. worshipping big**



# Two Mountains

**Mount Sinai**

(12:18-21)

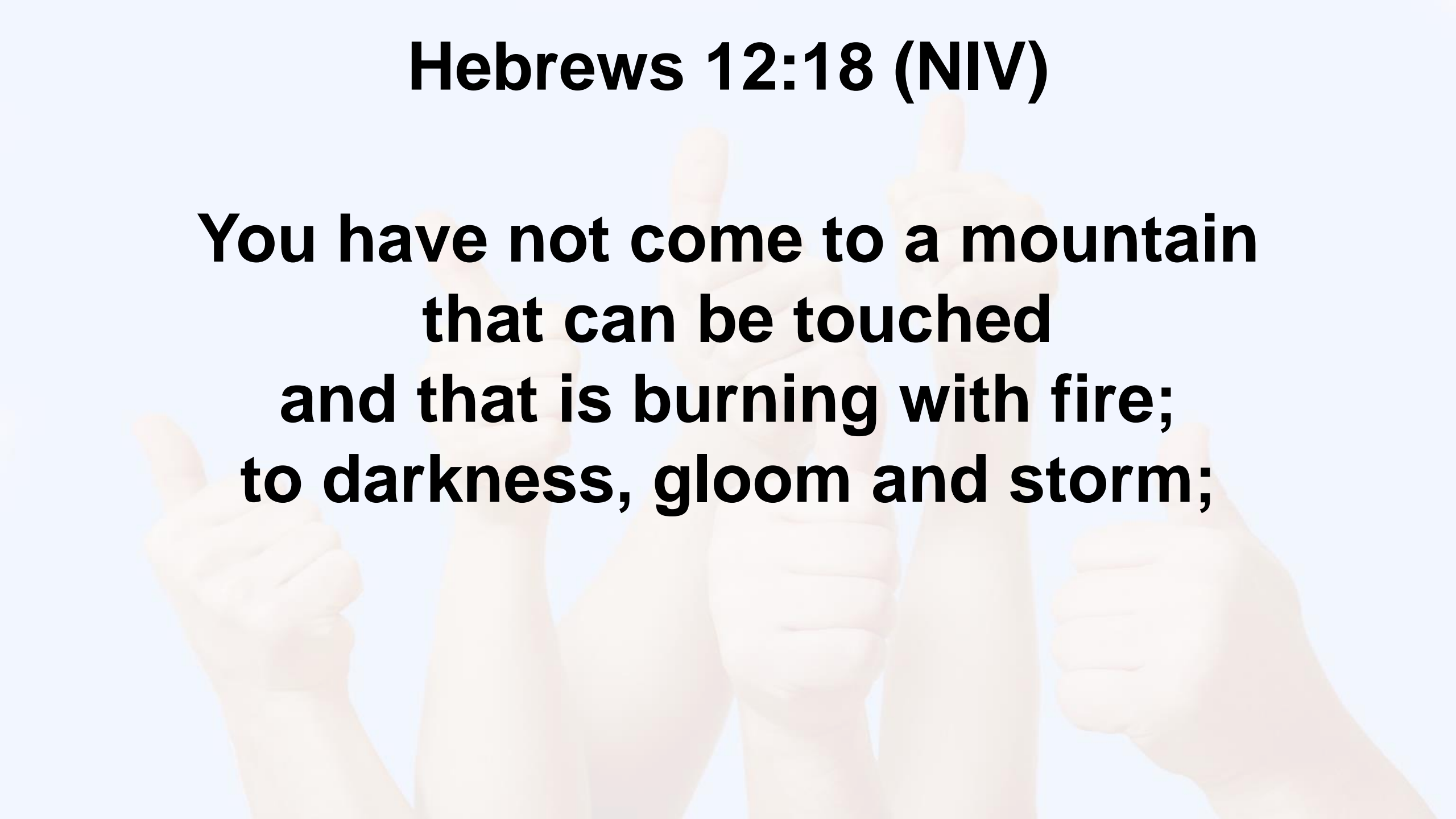
**Mount Zion**

(12:22-24)



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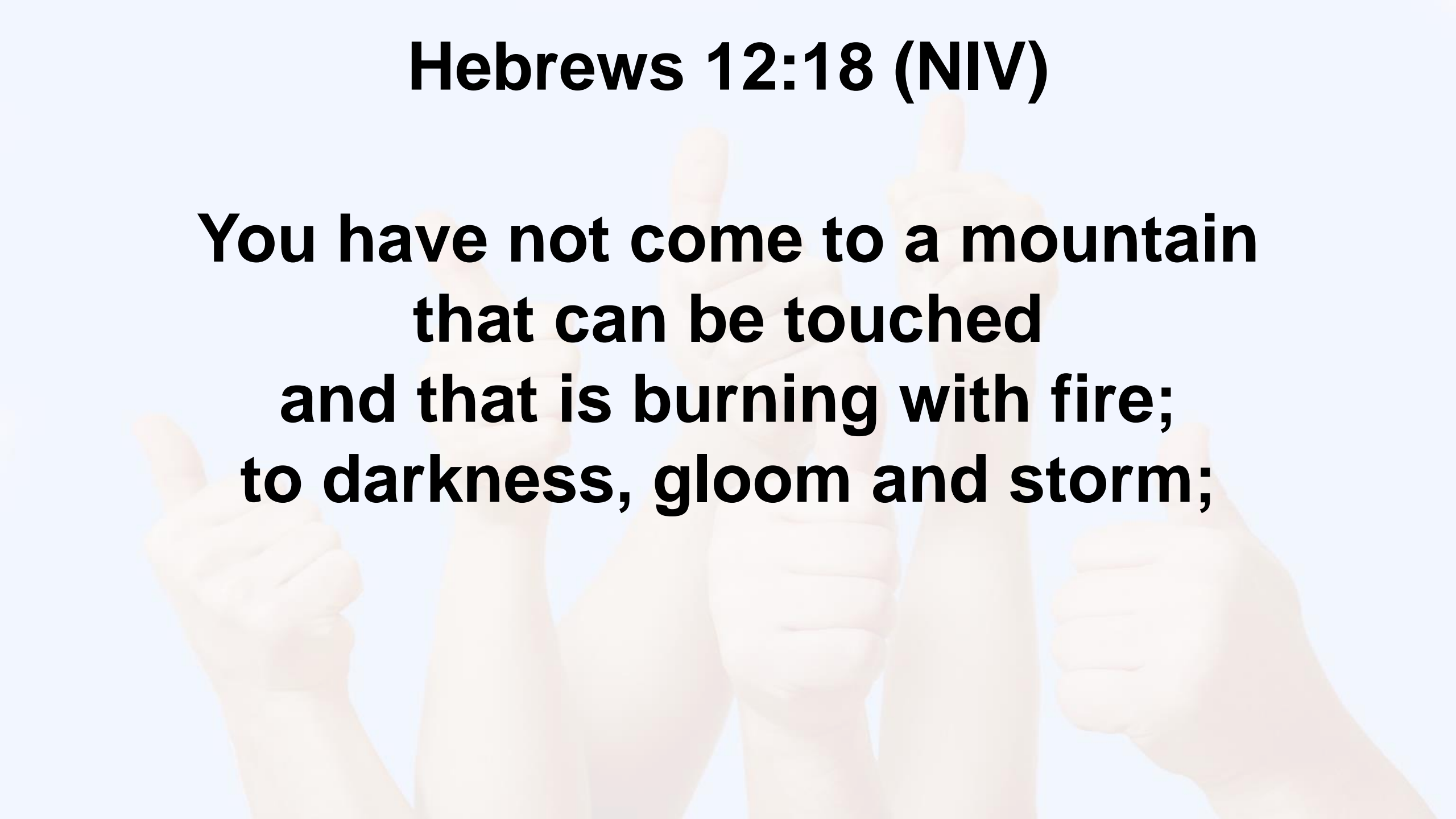
**Sophia Loren**  
**Vittorio de Sica**





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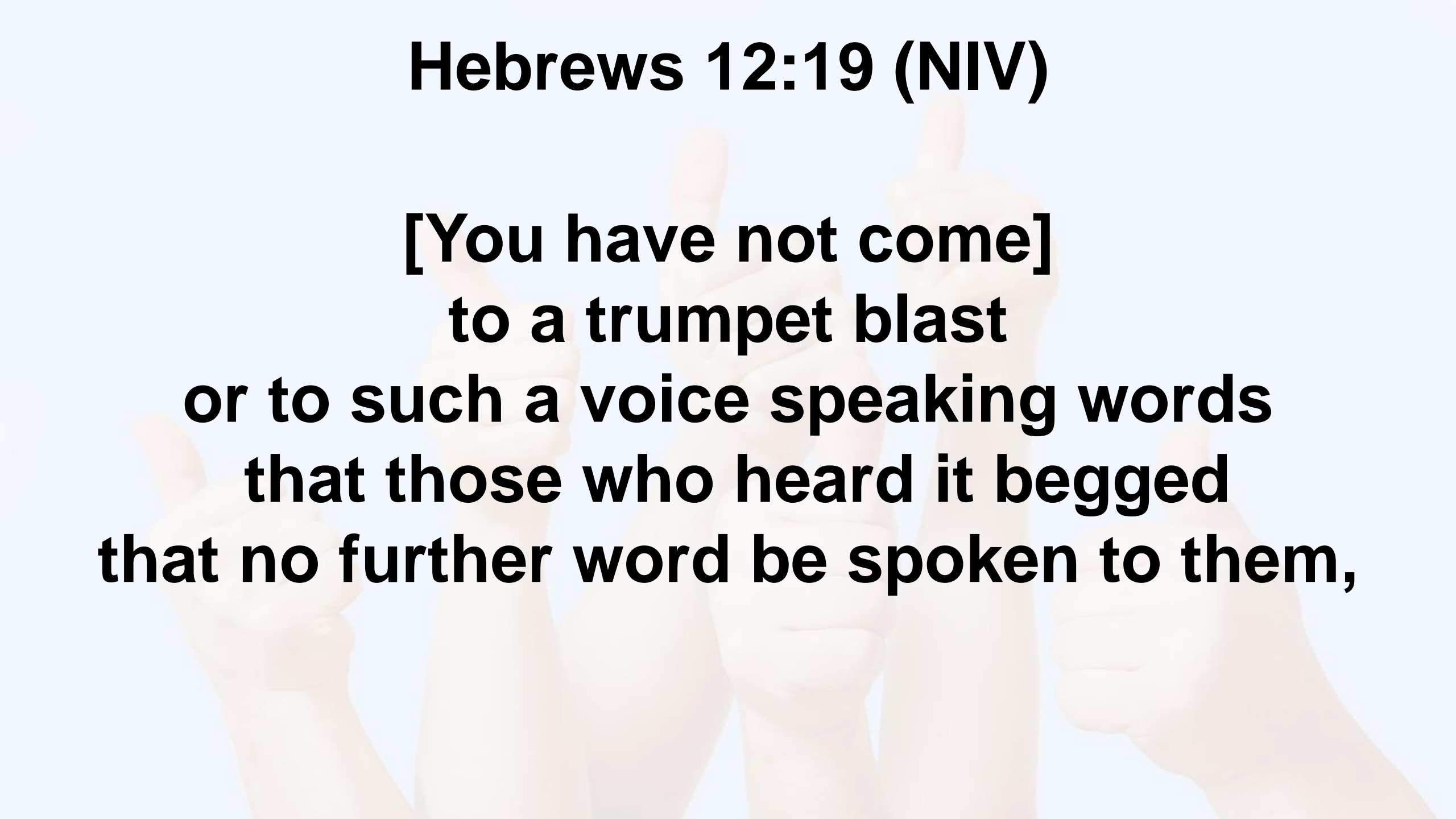
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It was a dark  
and stormy night.



# Hebrews 12:19 (NIV)

**[You have not come]  
to a trumpet blast  
or to such a voice speaking words  
that those who heard it begged  
that no further word be spoken to them,**



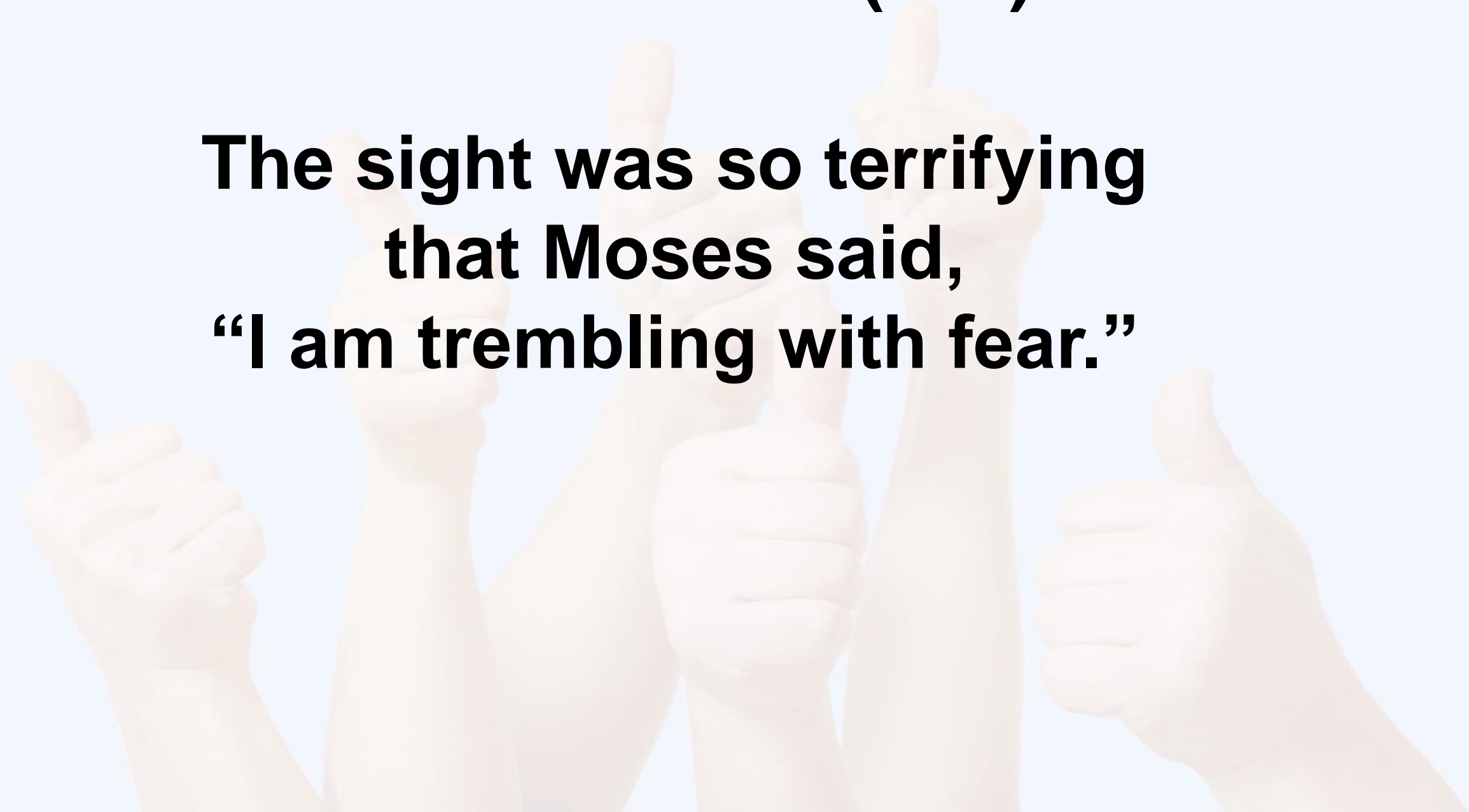
## **Hebrews 12:20 (NIV)**

**because they could not bear  
what was commanded:**

**“If even an animal touches  
the mountain, it must be stoned.”**

# Hebrews 12:21 (NIV)

**The sight was so terrifying  
that Moses said,  
“I am trembling with fear.”**



# **Mount Sinai (12:18-21)**

**material**

**judged**

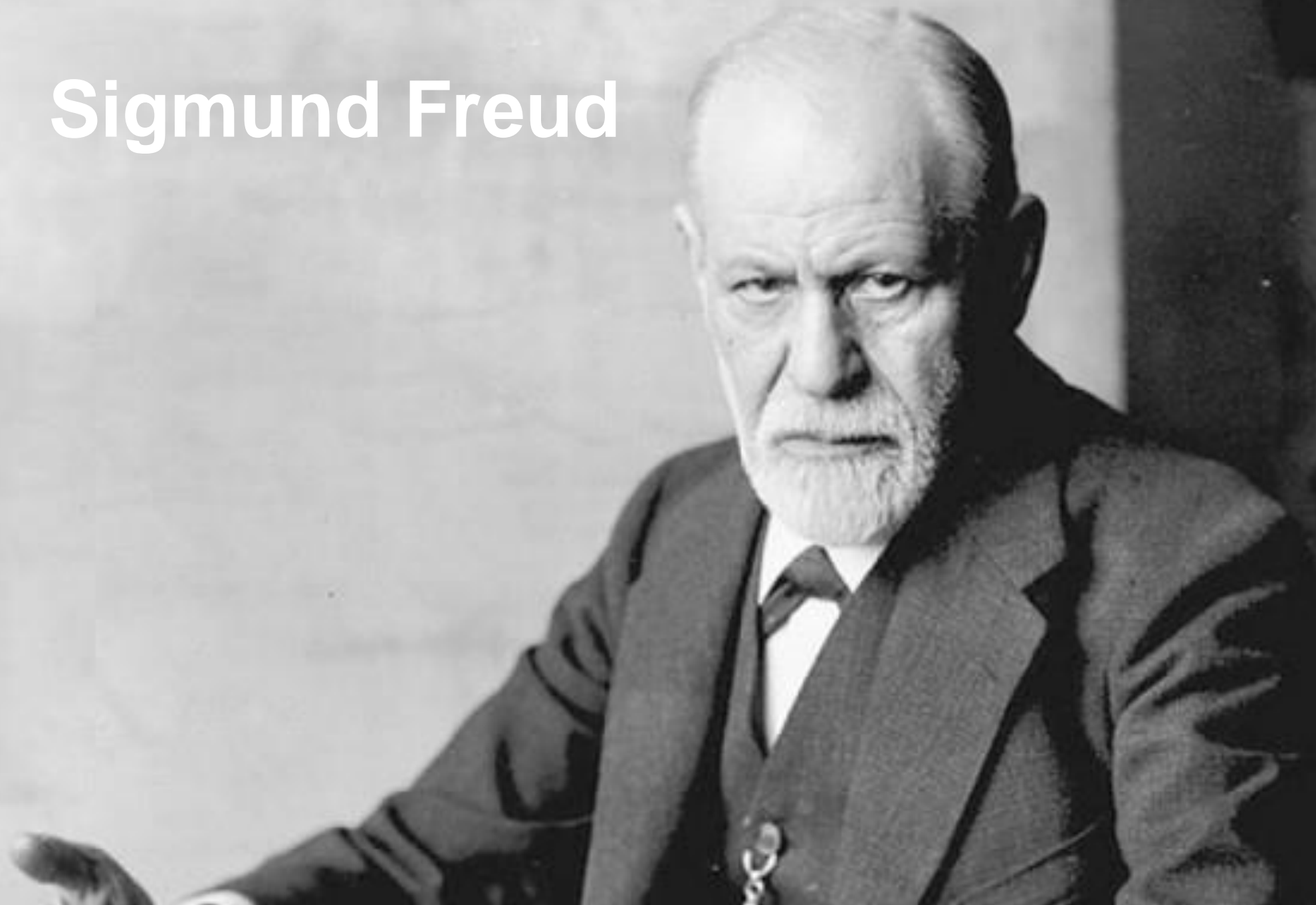
**dark, gloomy and stormy**

**eardrum splitting sound**

**deathly**

**terrifying**

# Sigmund Freud



**—Sigmund Freud**

**“I have found little that is good about human beings on the whole. In my experience most of them are trash, no matter whether they publically subscribe to this or that ethical doctrine or to none at all.”**



# Two Mountains

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(12:18-21)

**Mount Zion**  
(12:22-24)



# Hebrews 12:22 (NIV)

**But you have come to Mount Zion,  
to the heavenly Jerusalem,  
the city of the living God.**

**You have come  
to thousands upon thousands of angels  
in joyful assembly,**

# Hebrews 12:23 (NIV)

**to the church of the firstborn,  
whose names are written in heaven.**

**You have come  
to God, the judge of all men,  
to the spirits of righteous men  
made perfect,**

# Hebrews 12:24 (NIV)

**to Jesus  
the mediator of a new covenant,  
and to the sprinkled blood  
that speaks a better word  
than the blood of Abel.**

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# Action Points

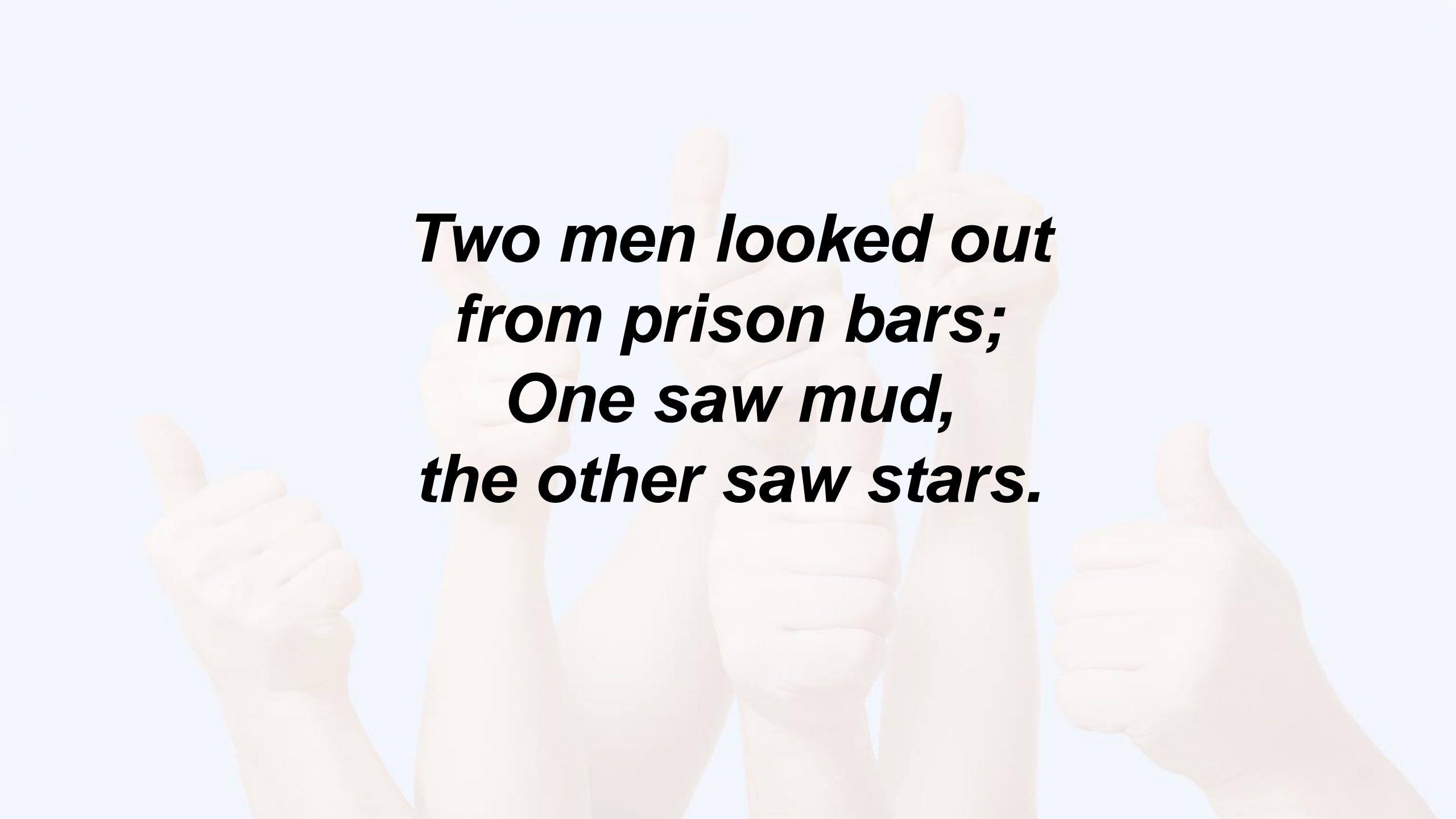
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**2.**

**3.**

**4.**

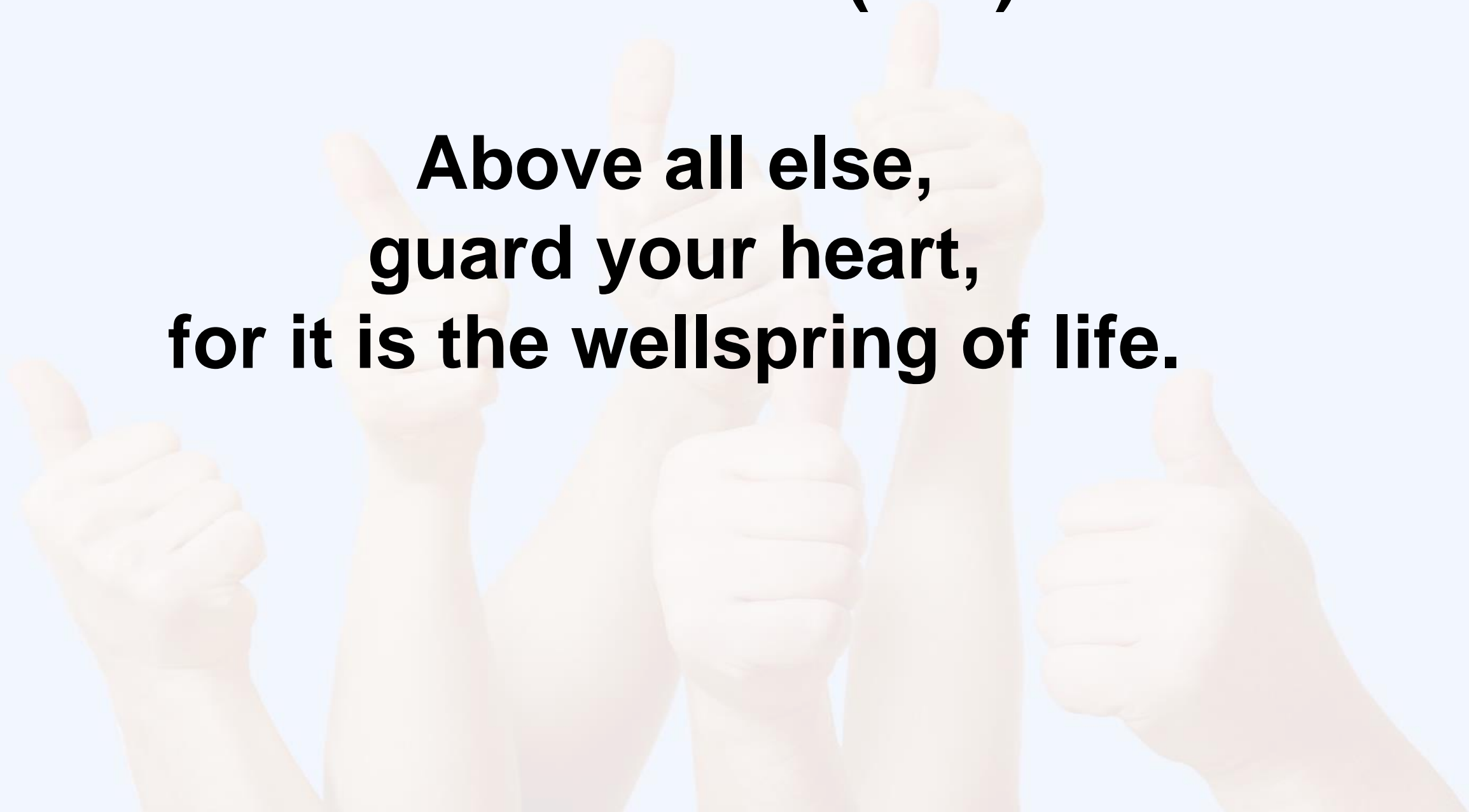


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***Two men looked out  
from prison bars;  
One saw mud,  
the other saw stars.***

# **Proverbs 4:23 (NIV)**

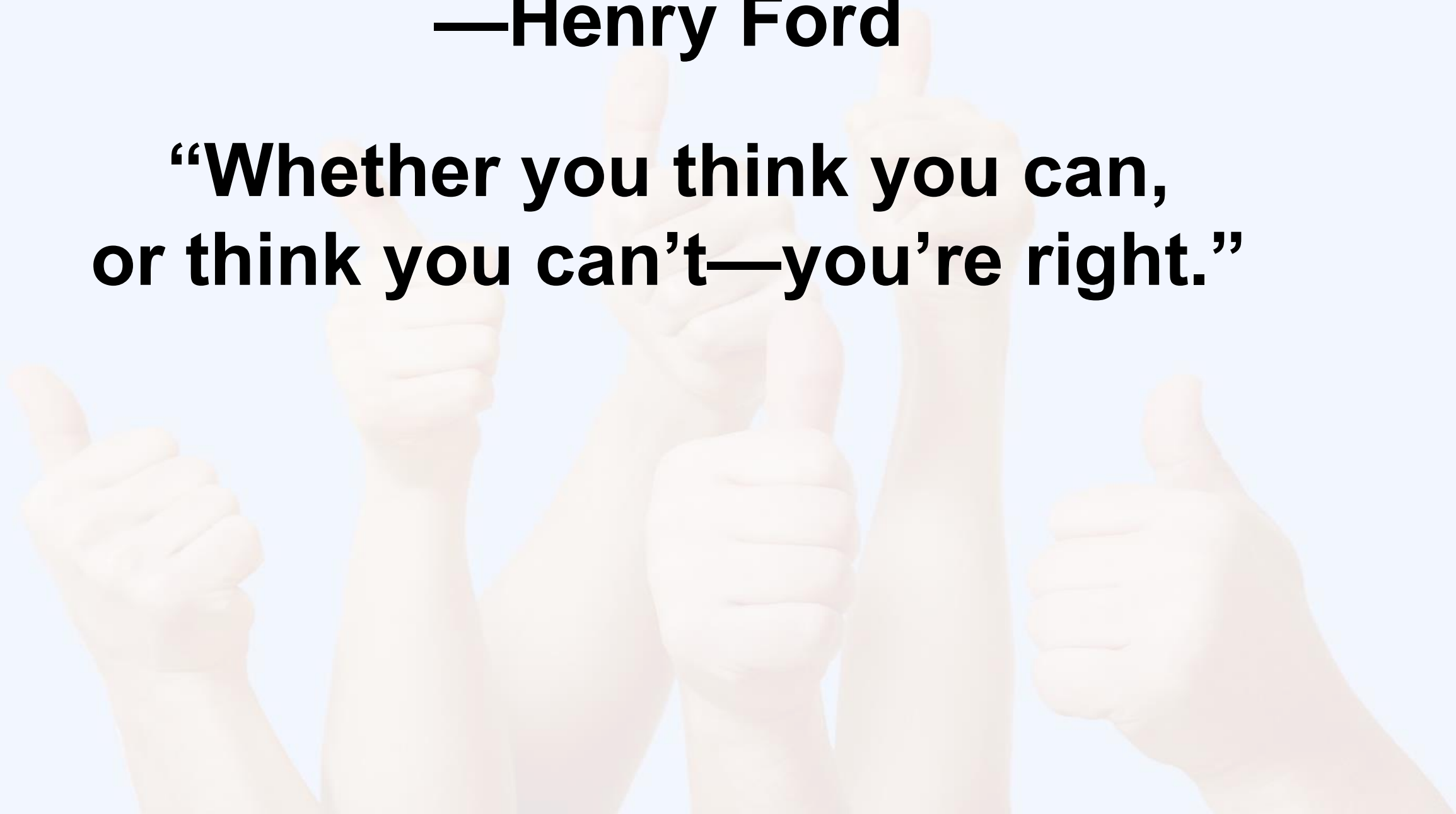
**Above all else,  
guard your heart,  
for it is the wellspring of life.**





**—Henry Ford**

**“Whether you think you can,  
or think you can’t—you’re right.”**



## **We can...**

- **Choose to love rather than hate.**
- **Choose to smile rather than frown.**
- **Choose to build rather than destroy.**
- **Choose to persevere rather than quit.**
- **Choose to praise rather than criticize.**

## **We can...**

- **Choose to heal rather than wound.**
- **Choose to give rather than grasp.**
- **Choose to act rather than delay.**
- **Choose to pray rather than despair.**
- **Choose to forgive rather than curse.**



# 1915

- **Average life expectancy for men was 47 years**
- **14% of homes had a bathtub**
- **8% of the homes had a telephone**
- **95% of all births took place at home**
- **Most women washed their hair once a month using Borax or egg yolks for shampoo**

# 1915

- **Average US wage was \$.22 per hour**
- **Average US worker made between \$200 and \$400 per year**
- **Accountant—\$2,000 per year**
- **Dentist—\$2,500 per year**
- **Veterinarian—\$1,500-\$4,000 per year**
- **Mechanical Engineer—\$5,000 per year**

# 1915

- **2 out of every 10 adults couldn't read or write**
- **Only 6% of Americans had graduated from HS**
- **90% of all MD's had no college education**

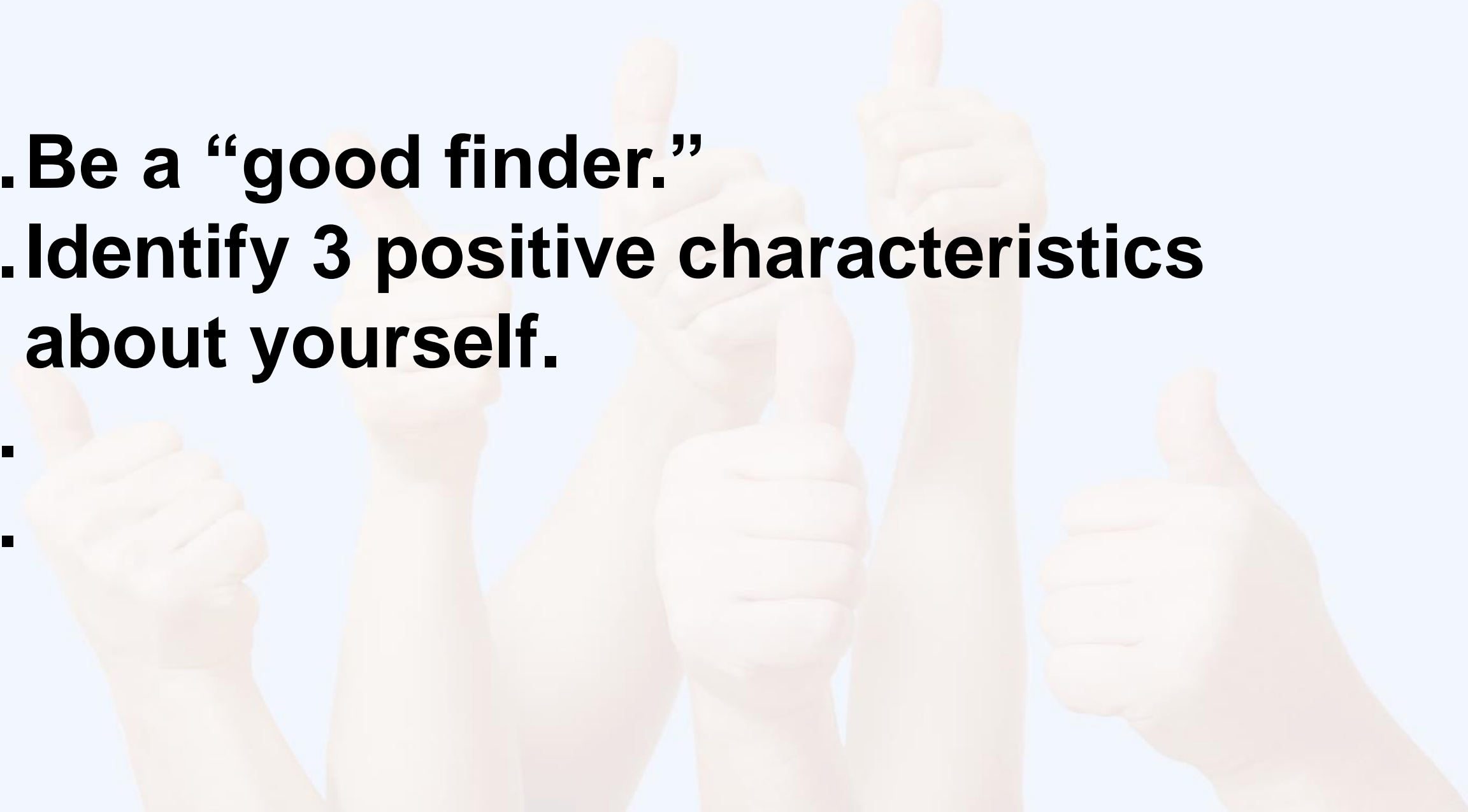
# 1915

- **5 leading causes of death were:**
  - 1) Pneumonia and influenza**
  - 2) Tuberculosis**
  - 3) Diarrhea**
  - 4) Heart disease**
  - 5) Stroke**



# Action Points

- 1. Be a “good finder.”**
- 2. Identify 3 positive characteristics about yourself.**
- 3.**
- 4.**





# UNDERACHIEVEMENT

BECAUSE SOARING WITH THE EAGLES REQUIRES SO MUCH MORE EFFORT.

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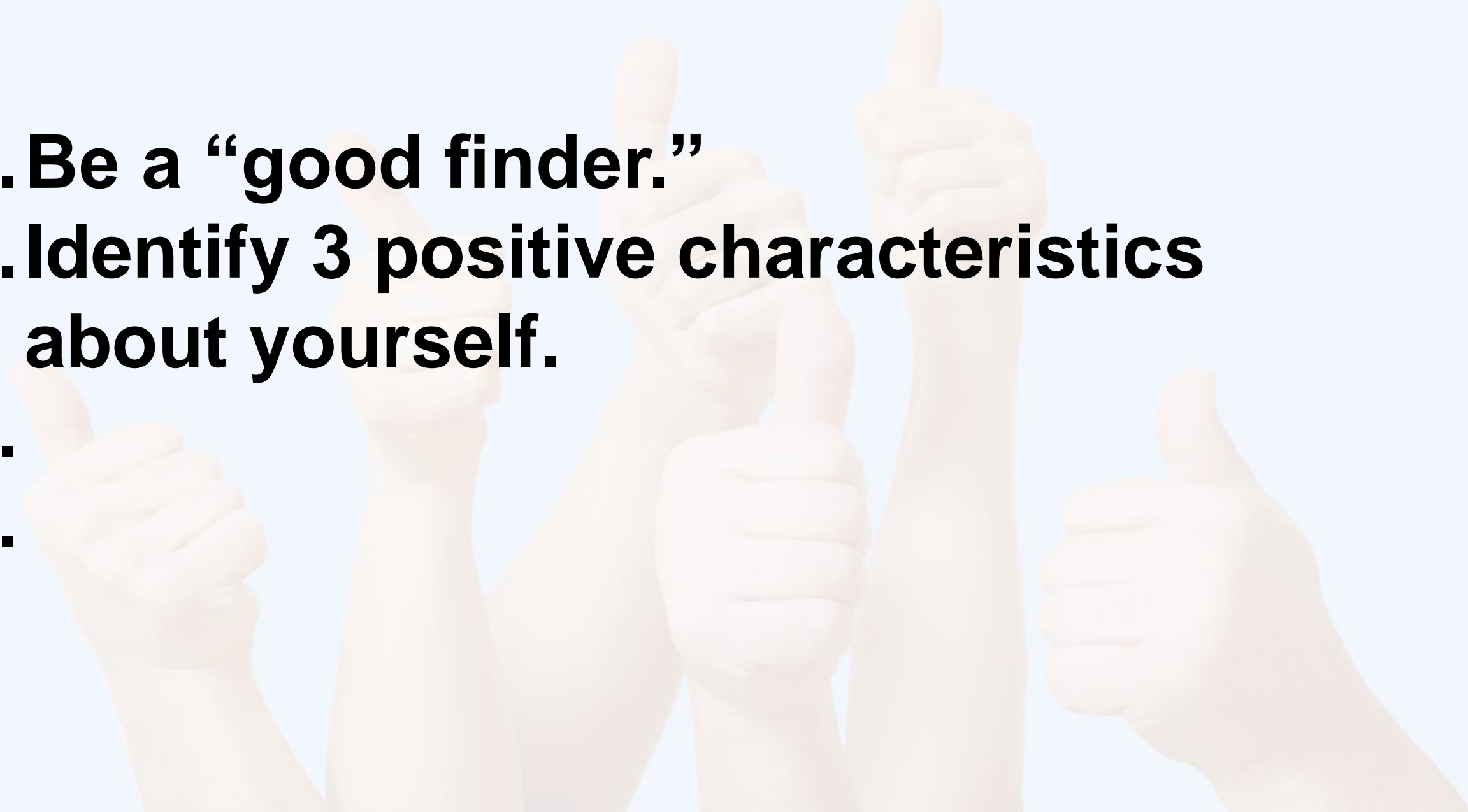


# MISTAKES

IT COULD BE THAT THE PURPOSE OF YOUR LIFE IS  
ONLY TO SERVE AS A WARNING TO OTHERS.

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- 4. Identify 3 positives about your church.**