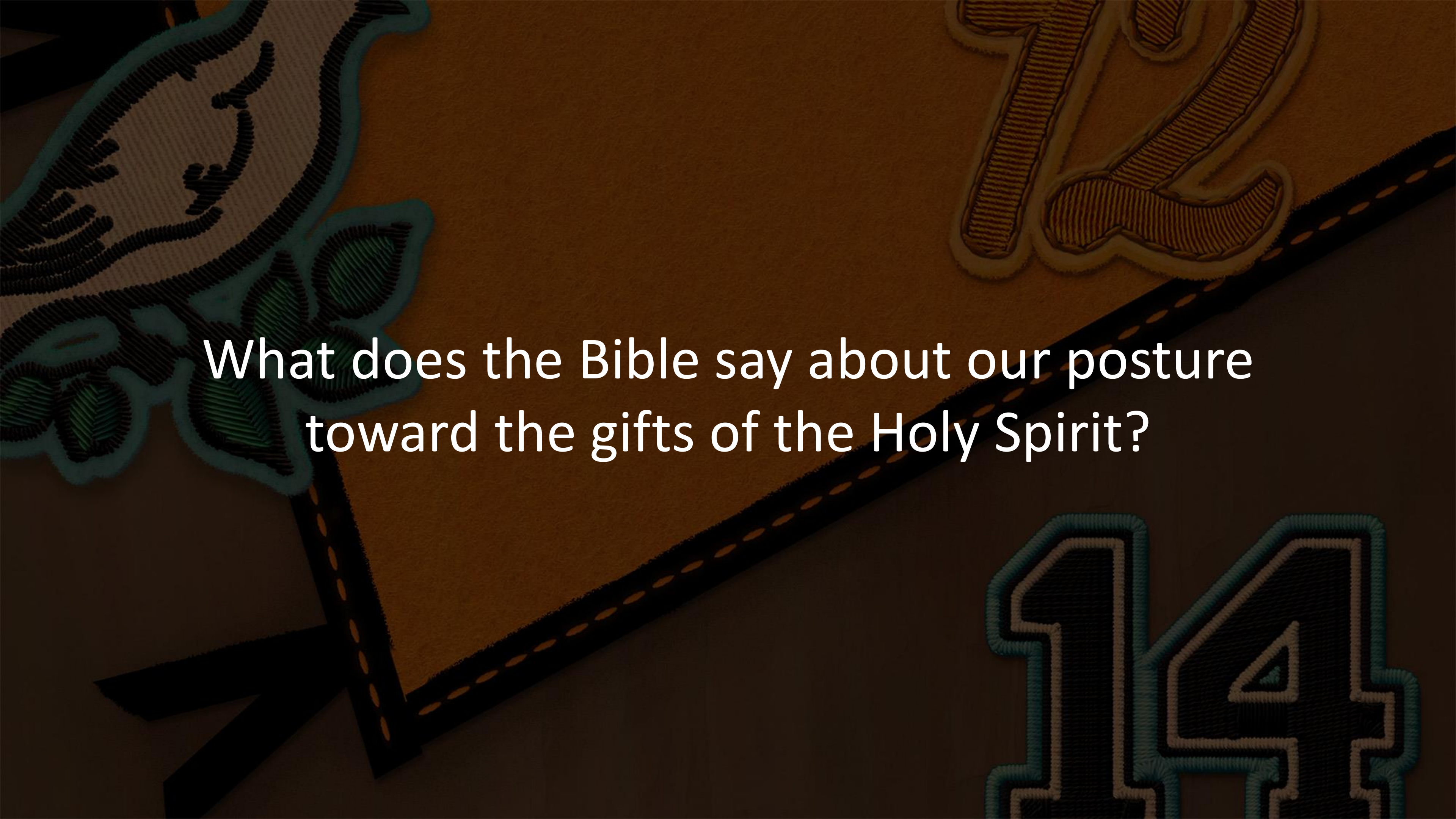
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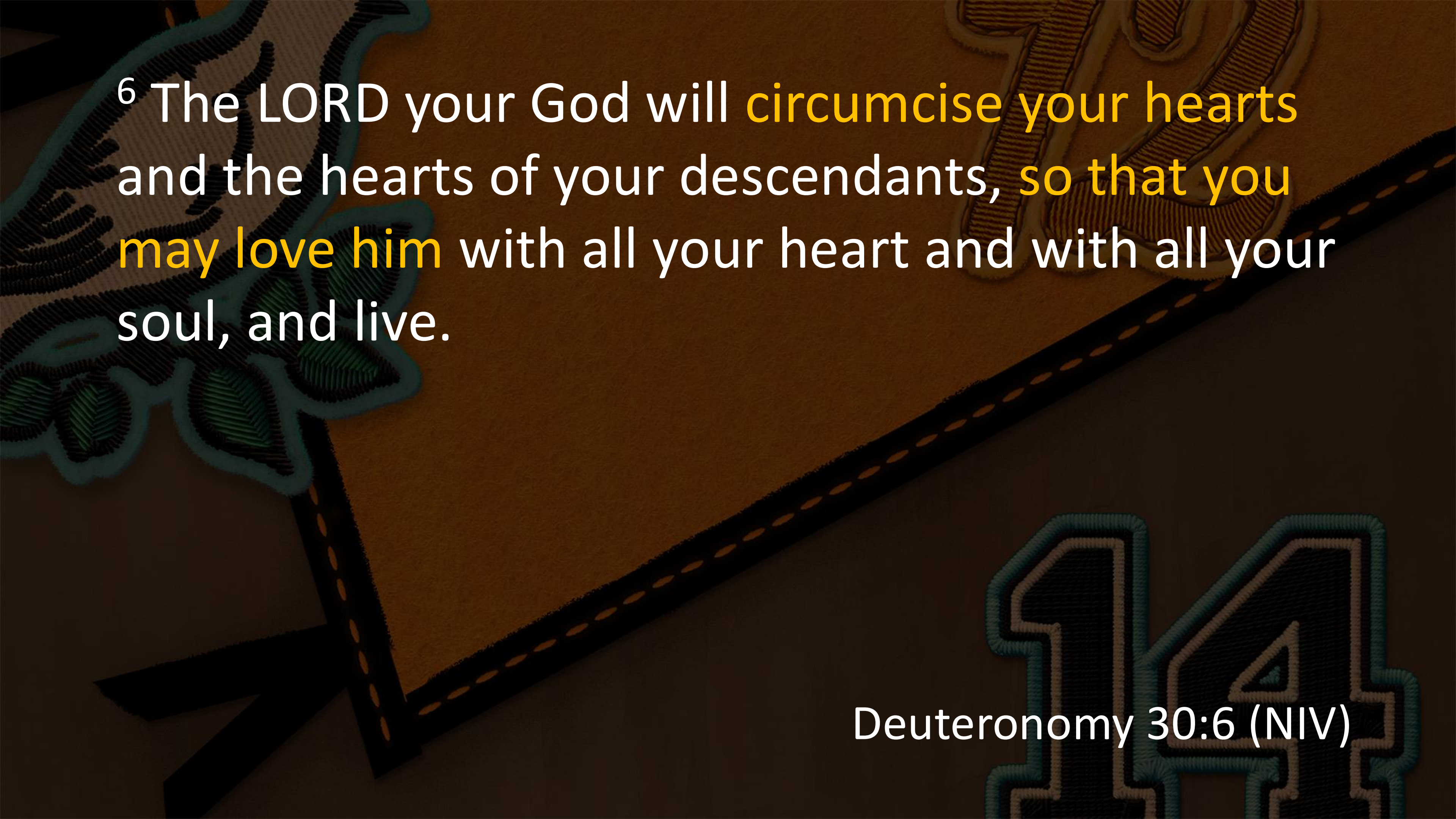
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# God's Plan

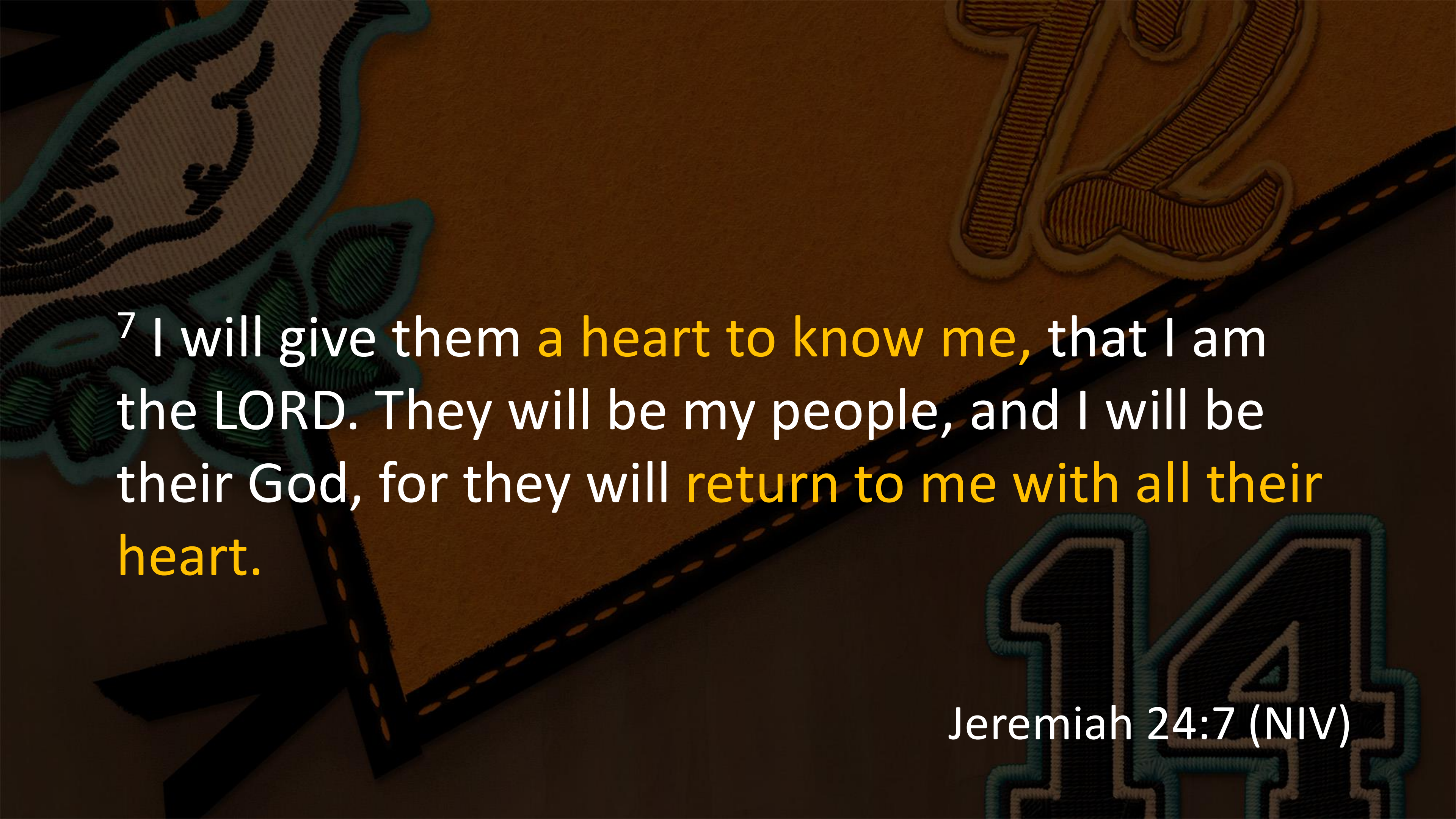
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Deuteronomy 30:6 (NIV)

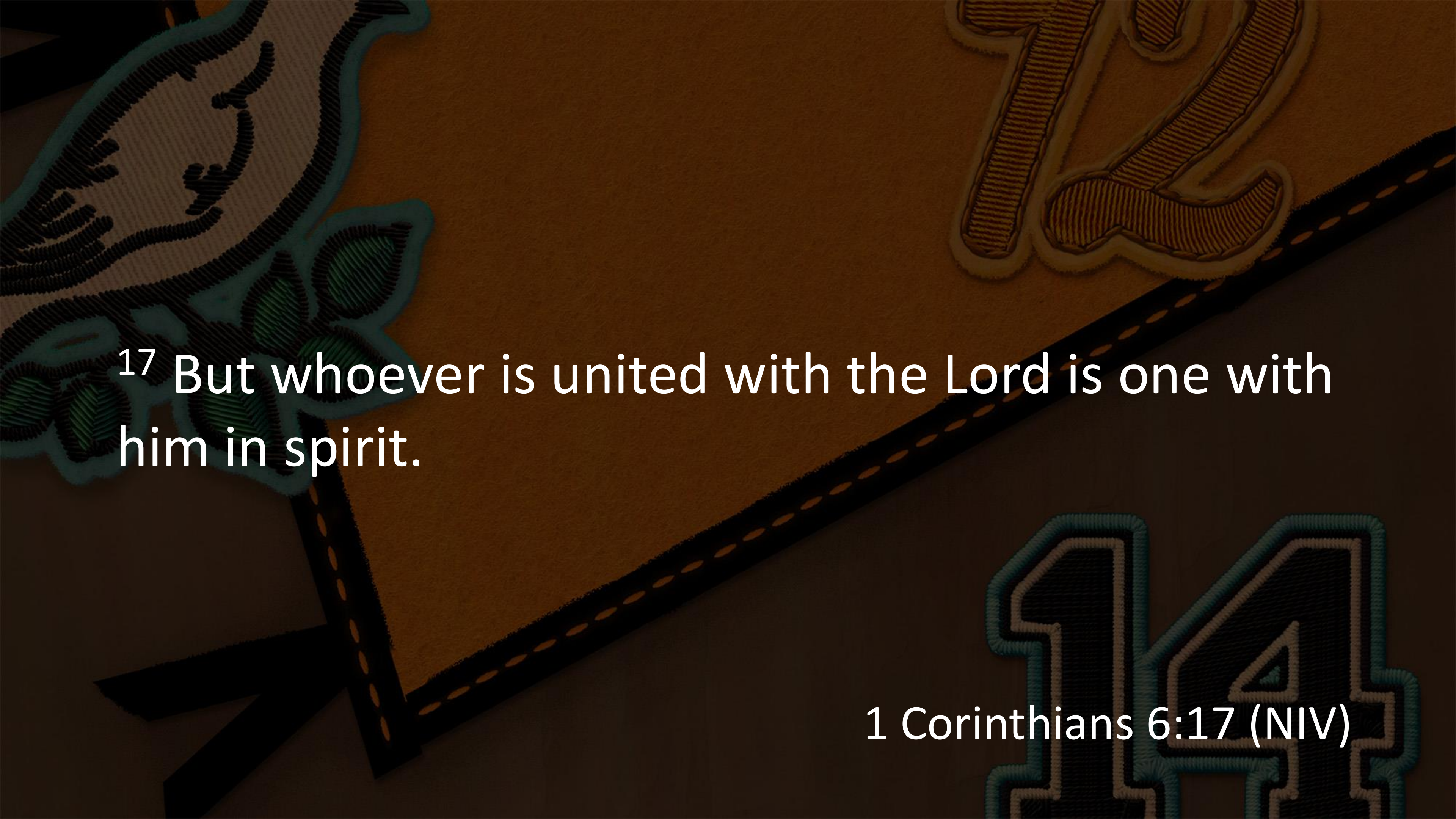
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Jeremiah 24:7 (NIV)

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Ezekiel 36:26-27 (NIV)

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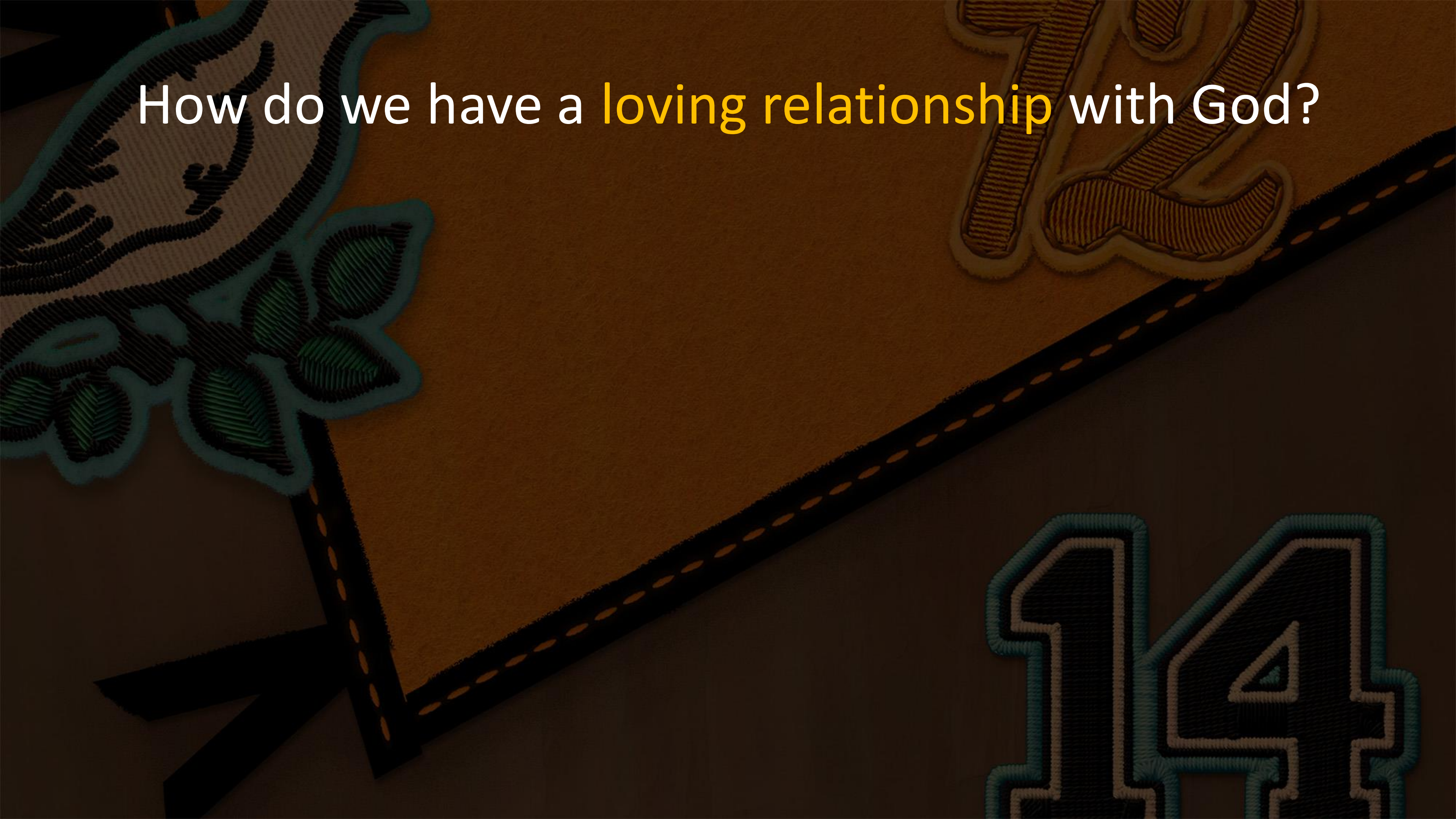
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The Holy Spirit → God in us

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Galatians 4:6 (NIV)

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Galatians 5:22-23a (NIV)

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1 Corinthians 12:4-6 (NIV)

<sup>7</sup> Now to each one the manifestation of the Spirit is given for the common good. <sup>8</sup> To one there is given through the Spirit a message of wisdom, to another a message of knowledge by means of the same Spirit, <sup>9</sup> to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by that one Spirit,

1 Corinthians 12:7-9 (NIV)

<sup>10</sup> to another miraculous powers, to another prophecy, to another distinguishing between spirits, to another speaking in different kinds of tongues, and to still another the interpretation of tongues.

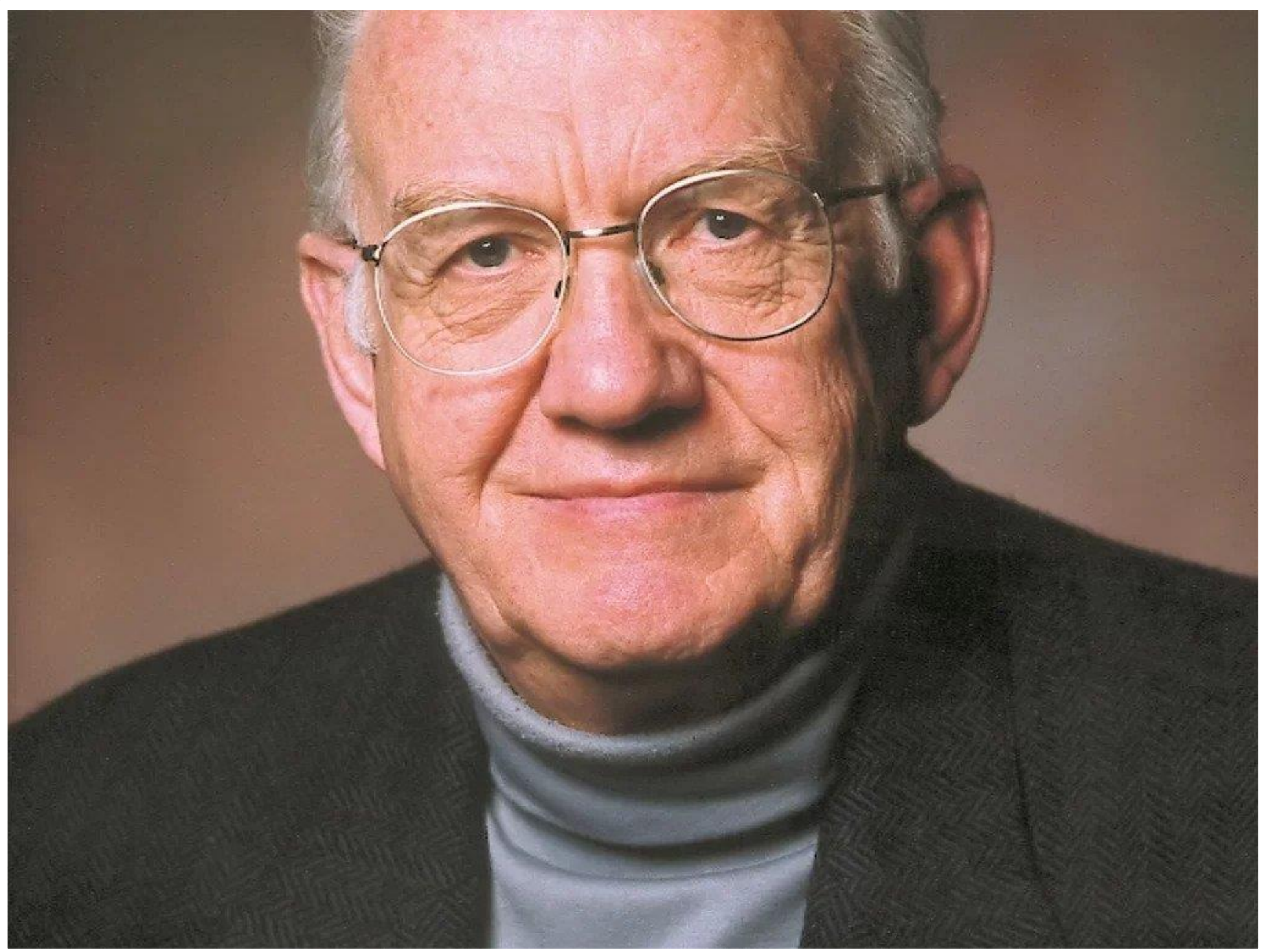
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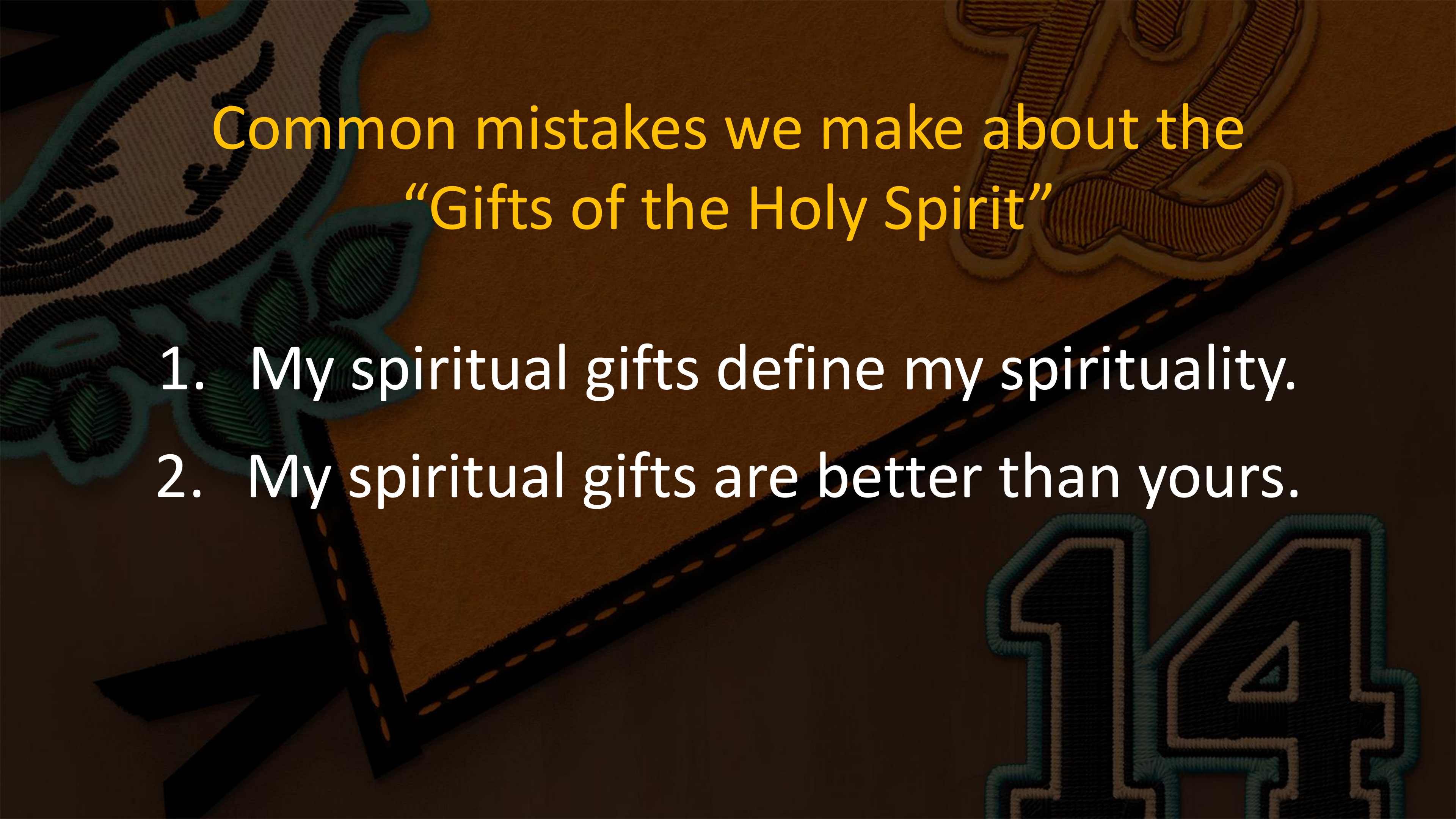
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