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**AND THE CHURCH IN THE COMMUNITY**

A warm, cozy living room scene. In the background, a fireplace with a stone mantel has a fire burning inside. To the right, a lamp with a warm glow sits on a surface. In the foreground, a patterned rug is partially visible. The overall atmosphere is inviting and comfortable.

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A warm, cozy living room scene with a fireplace and a lamp. The fireplace is lit, and the lamp is on, creating a warm and inviting atmosphere. The text "Welcome Home" is written in a large, elegant, cursive font at the top left of the image.

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Britannia

Germania

Belgica

Sarmatia

Gallia

Mare Caspium

Pontus Euxinus

Hispania

Rome

Italia

Illyricum

Asia

Antioch

Mauretania

Mare Internum

Athenae

Cyprus

Alexandria

Jerusalem

Africa

Cyrene

Cyrenaica

Aegyptus

Arabia

N

0 Miles 500

Bible History Online



Macedonia

Antioch

Jerusalem





Macedonia

Corinth

Antioch

Jerusalem

Britannia

Germania

Sarmatia

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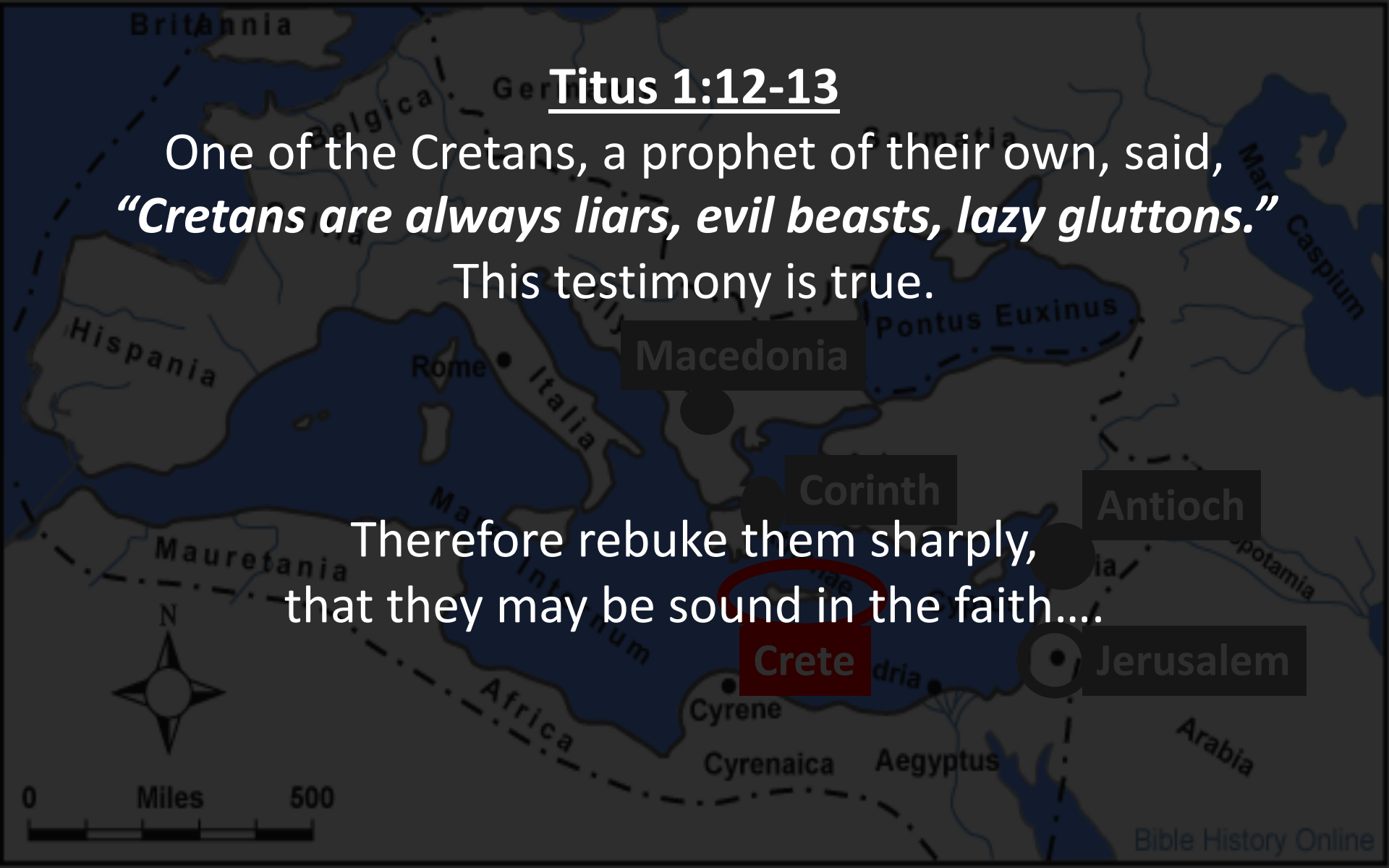


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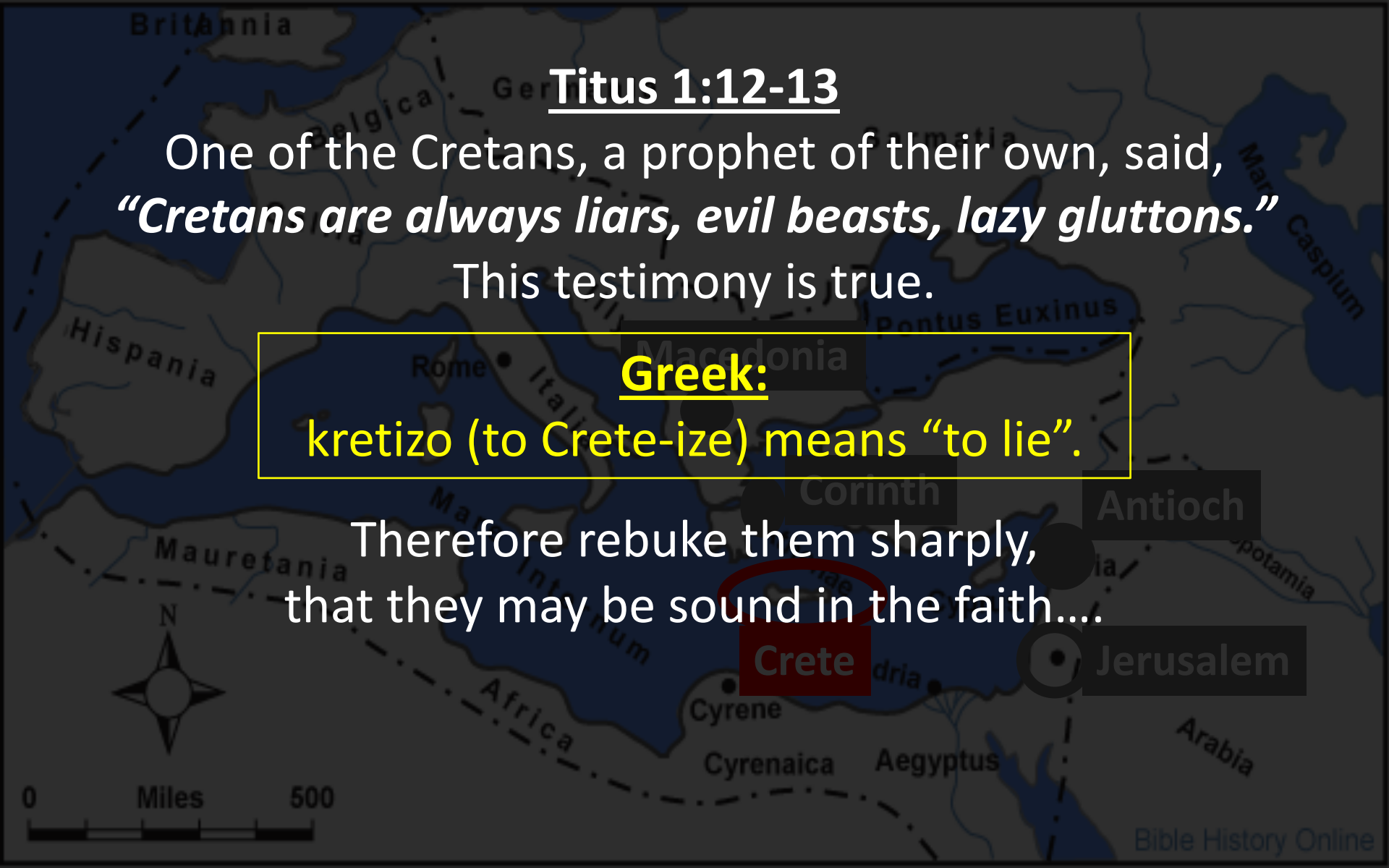
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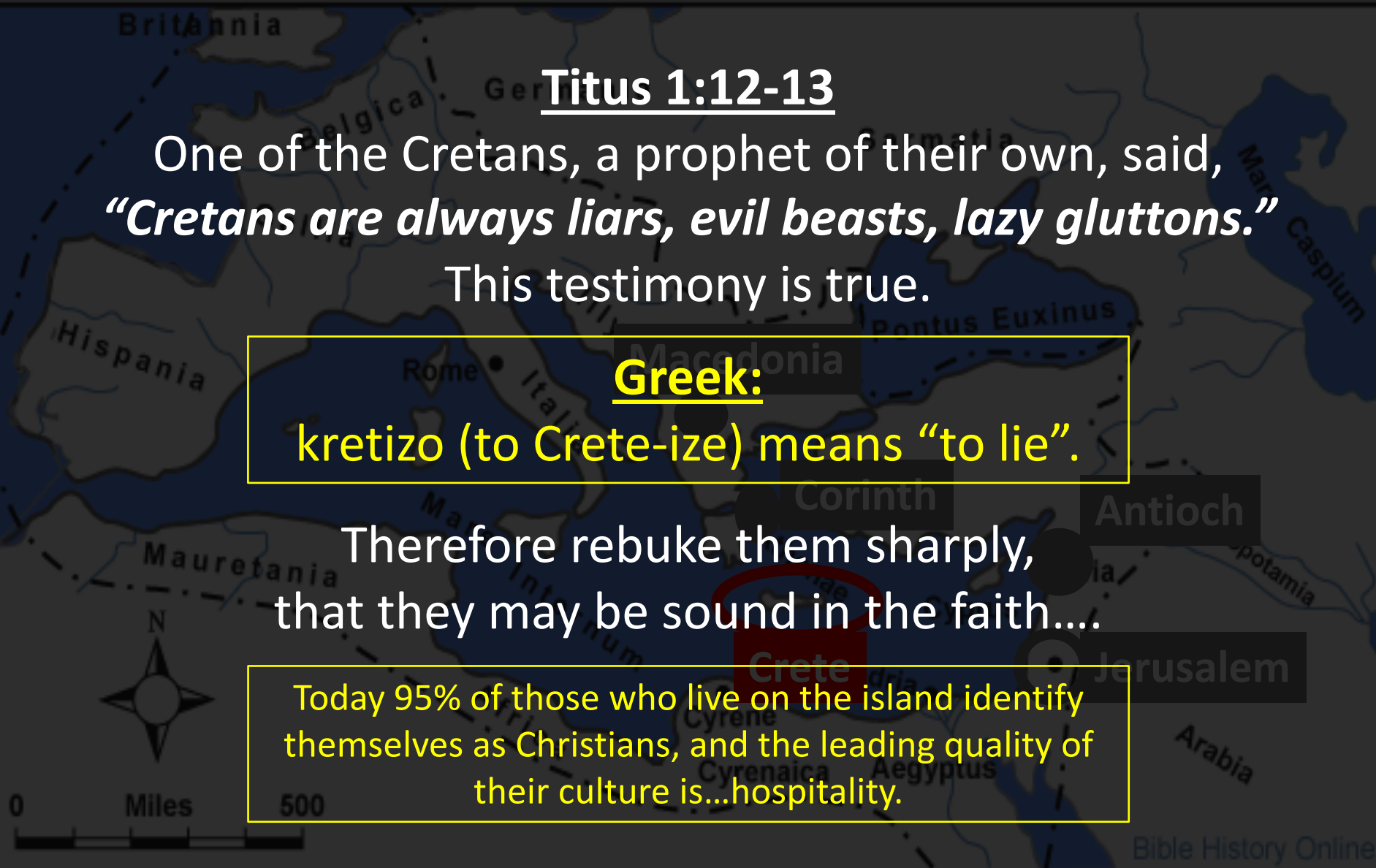
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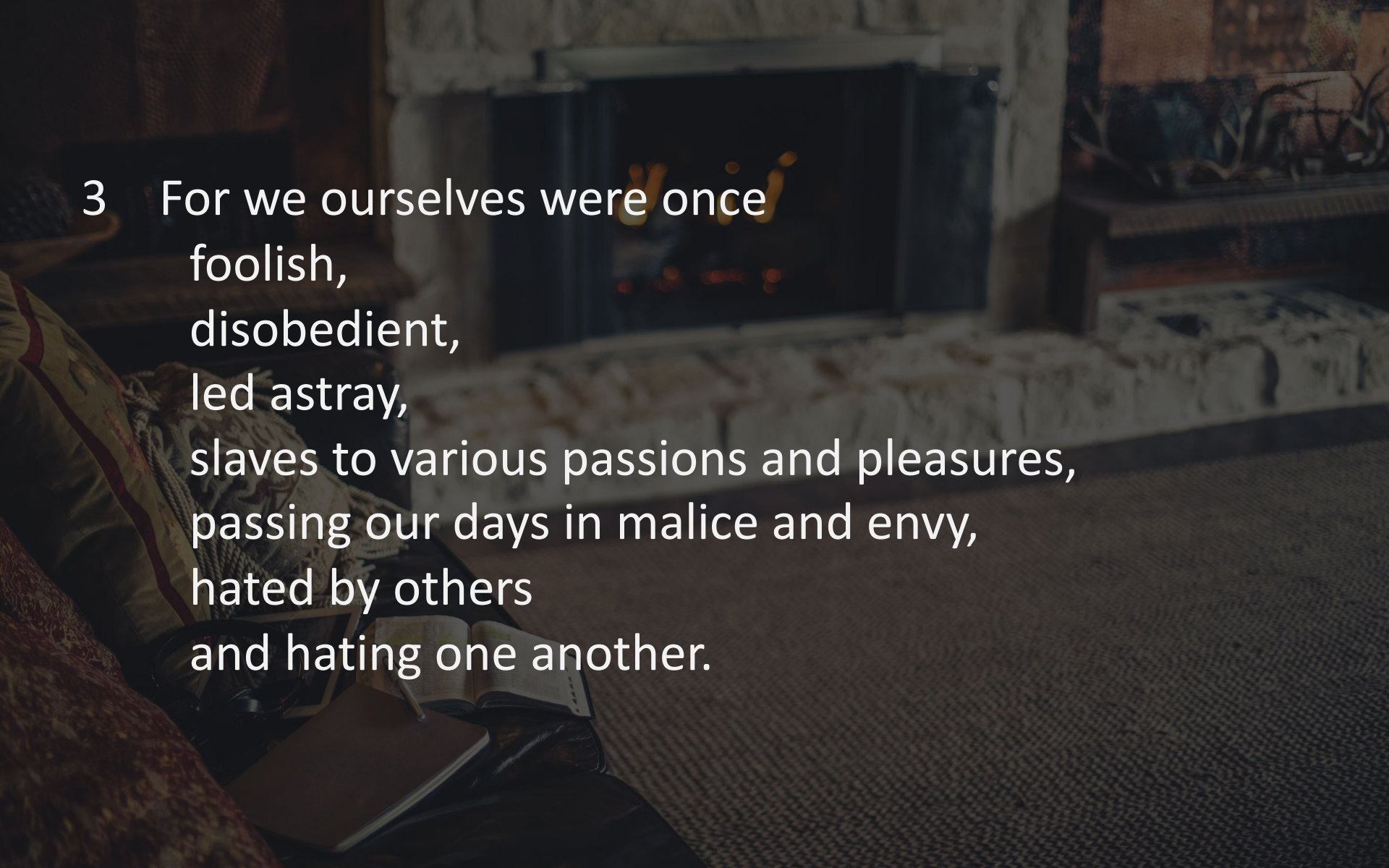
to be submissive to rulers and authorities,  
to be obedient,  
to be ready for every good work,

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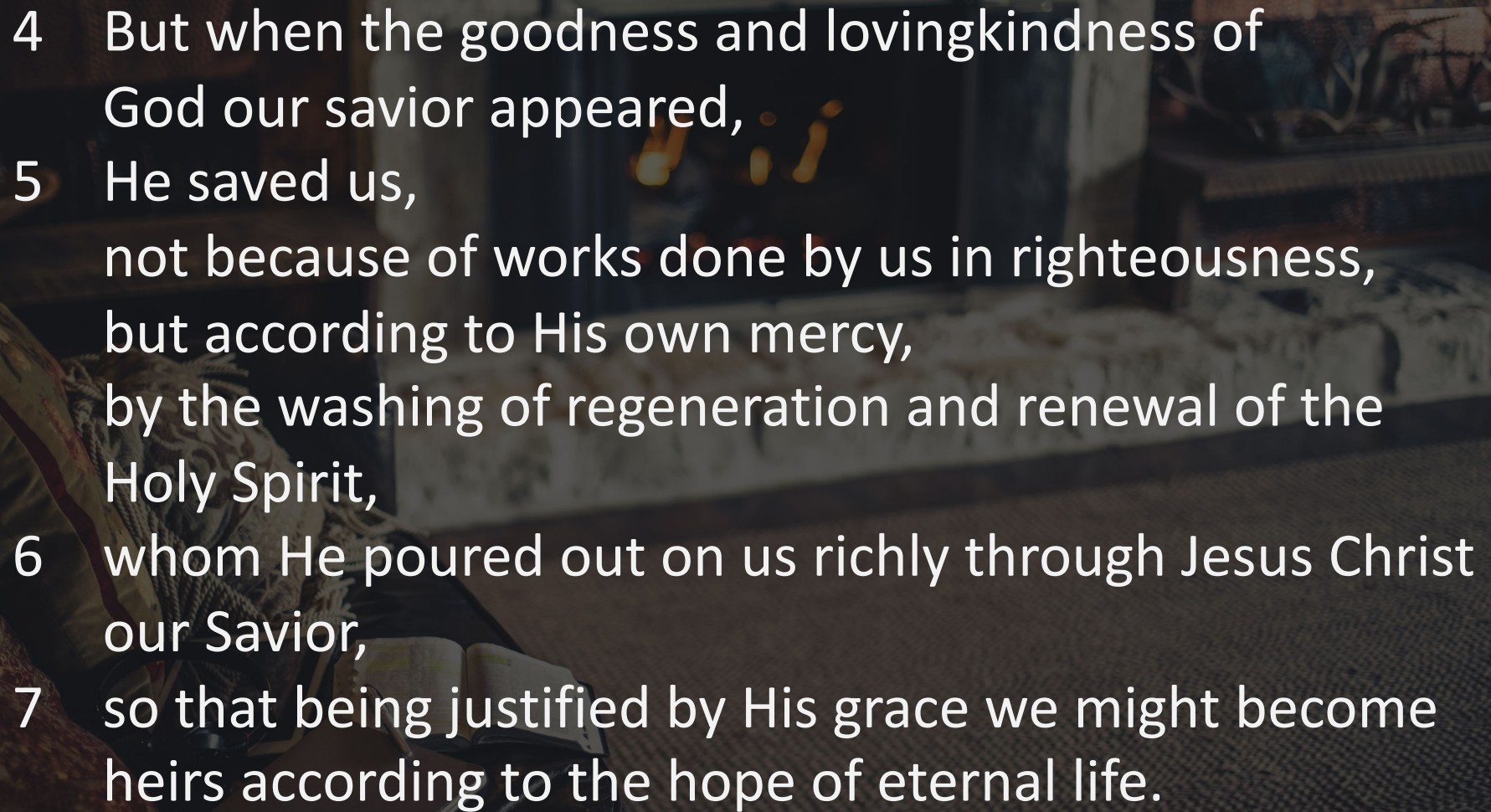
to avoid quarreling,  
to be gentle,

and to show perfect courtesy toward all people.



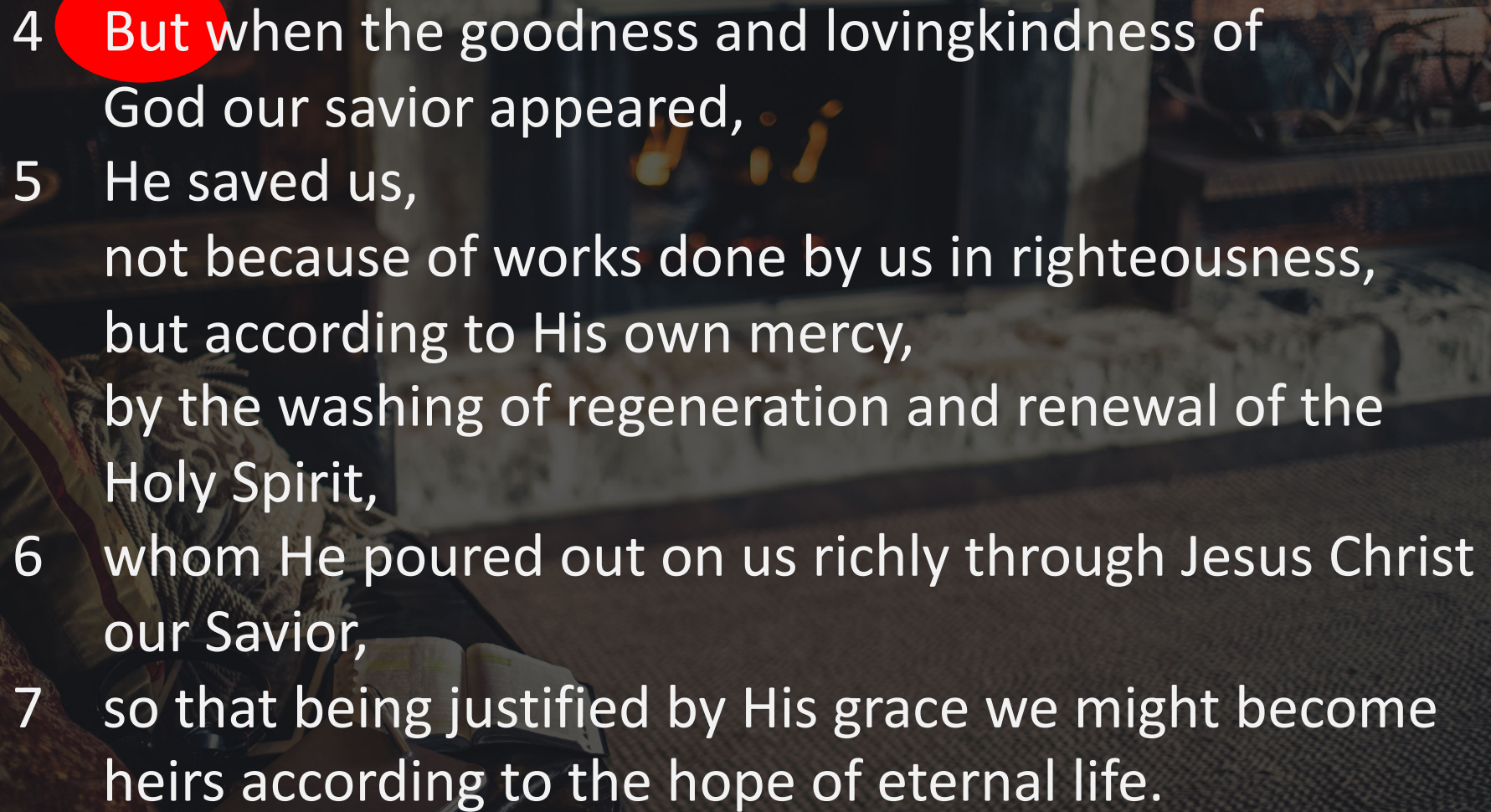
A dimly lit, cozy living room. In the background, a fireplace with a stone mantel has a warm fire burning inside. To the right, a wooden mantelpiece holds a decorative arrangement of dried branches. In the foreground, a dark, textured rug covers the floor. On the left, a portion of a patterned sofa is visible. In the lower-left foreground, an open book with a dark cover lies on a surface, with a pen resting on it.

3 For we ourselves were once  
foolish,  
disobedient,  
led astray,  
slaves to various passions and pleasures,  
passing our days in malice and envy,  
hated by others  
and hating one another.

A warm, dimly lit living room scene. In the background, a fireplace with a white mantel contains a fire. To the right, a wooden shelf holds various decorative items. In the foreground, a dark-colored book lies open on a textured surface, with a patterned blanket draped over it. The overall atmosphere is cozy and intimate.

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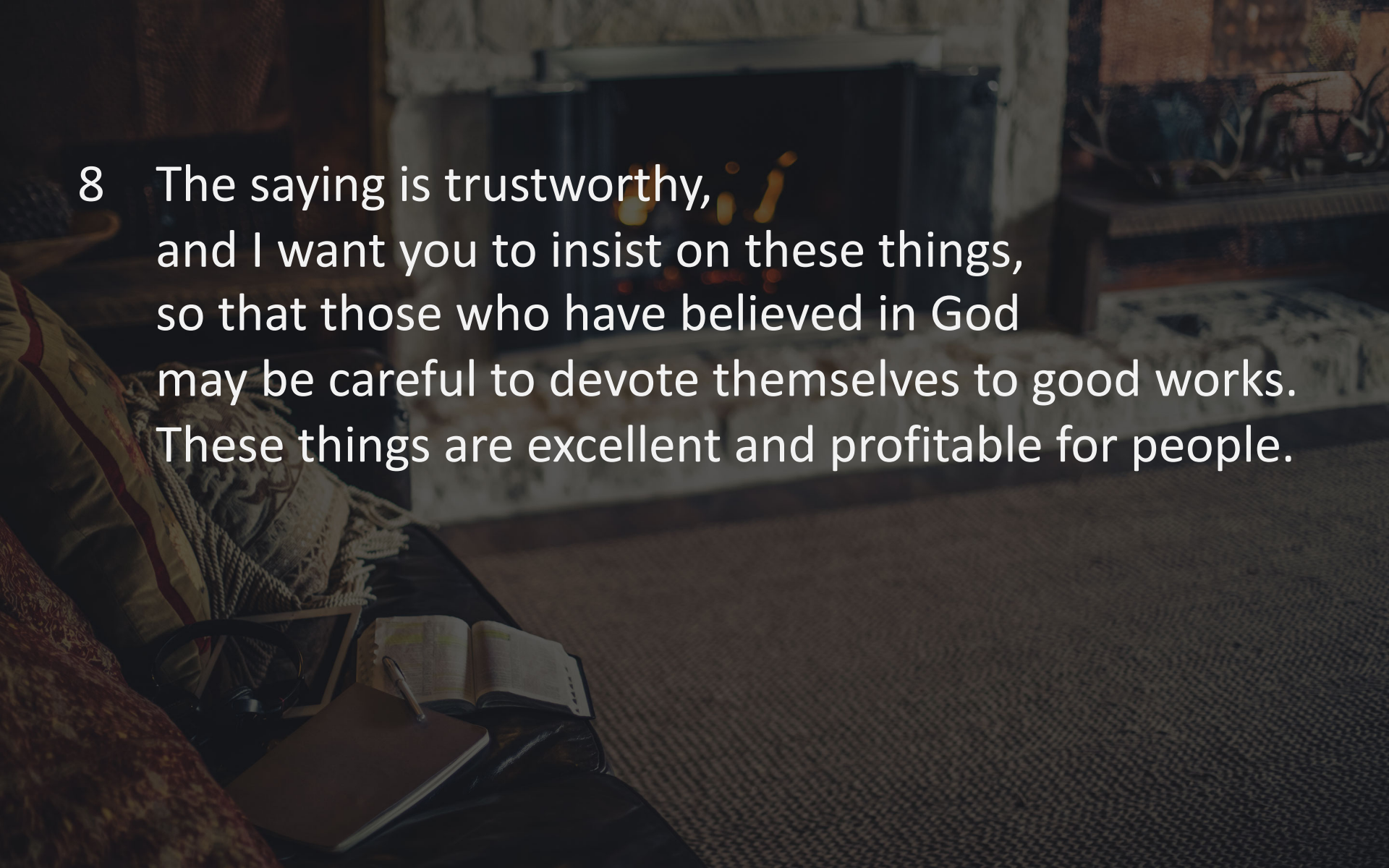
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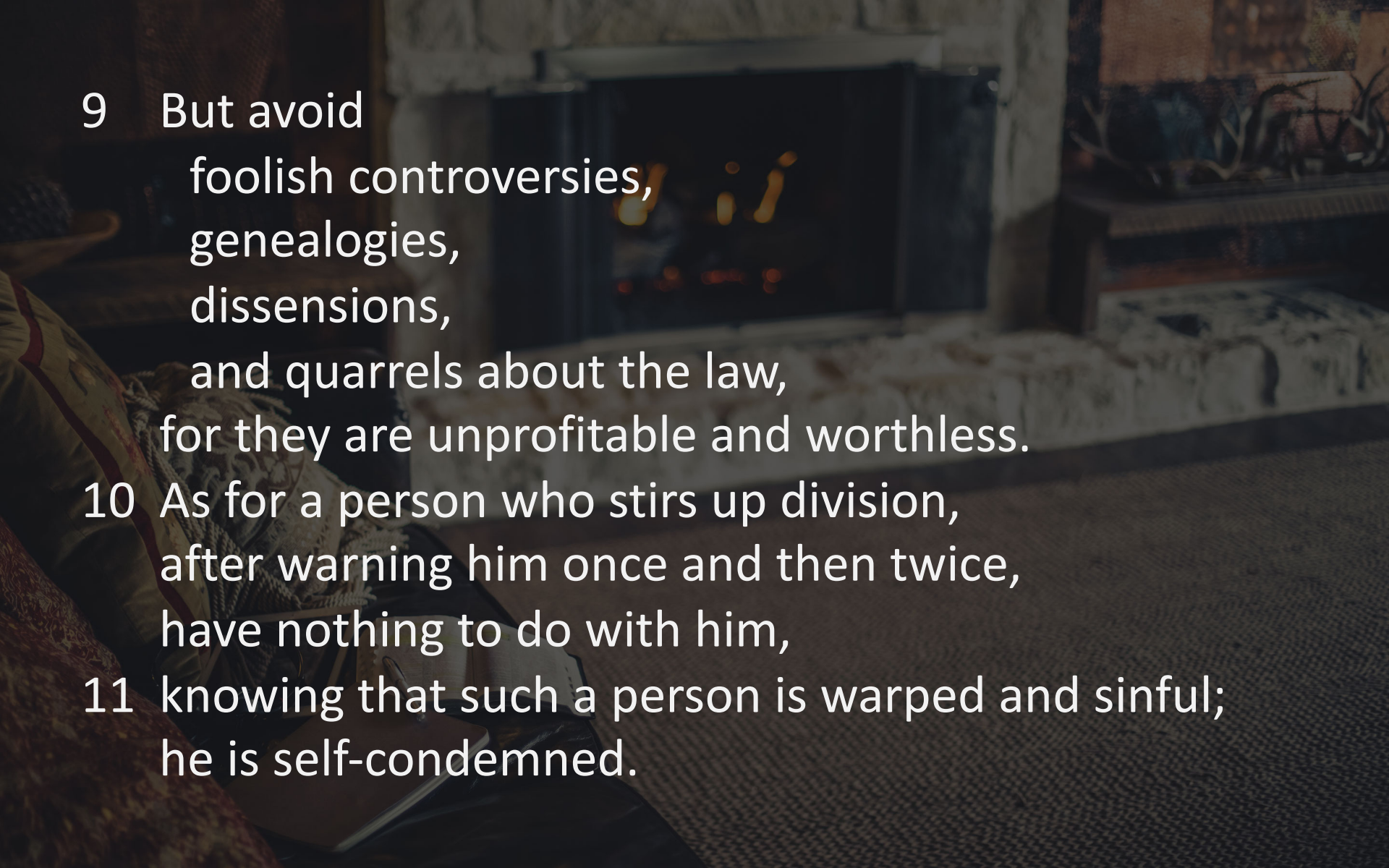
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A cozy living room interior. In the background, a fireplace with a dark metal grate contains a warm fire. To the right, a wooden bookshelf holds various decorative items, including a large, dark, branching object. The foreground features a patterned rug and a portion of a sofa with a light-colored, textured throw blanket. The overall atmosphere is warm and inviting.

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and quarrels about the law,  
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**Refuse to go back.**

**September 1996**





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