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THE **BOOK** WITH THE
THE **BIG IDEAS**



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When people abandon truth, they
don't believe nothing, they
believe anything.

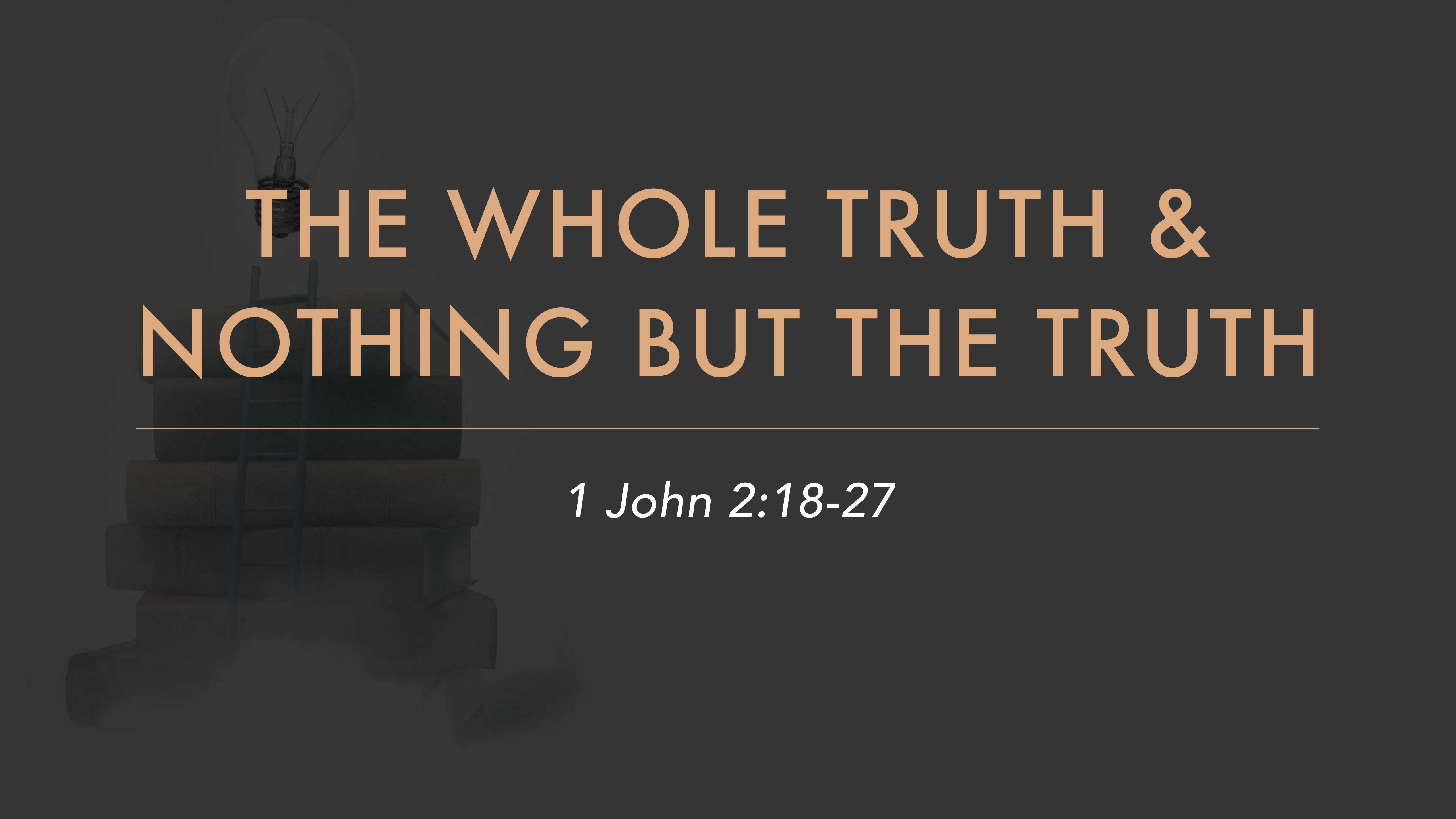
G.K. Chesterton

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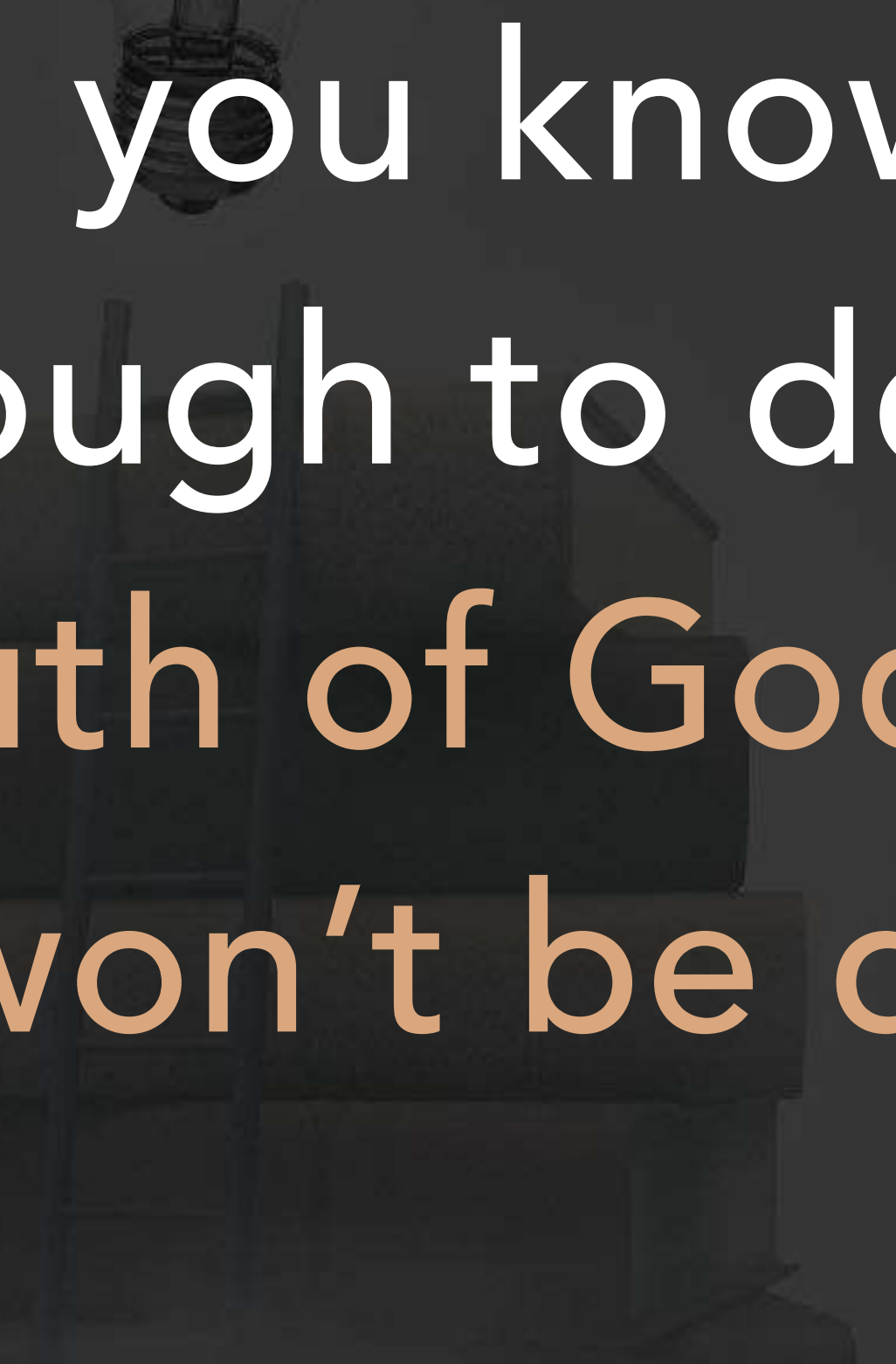
TWO THINGS ACCOUNTING FOR THE DECEPTION IN THE CHURCH

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1. A lack of grounding in the Word of God
 2. A lack of life in the Holy Spirit

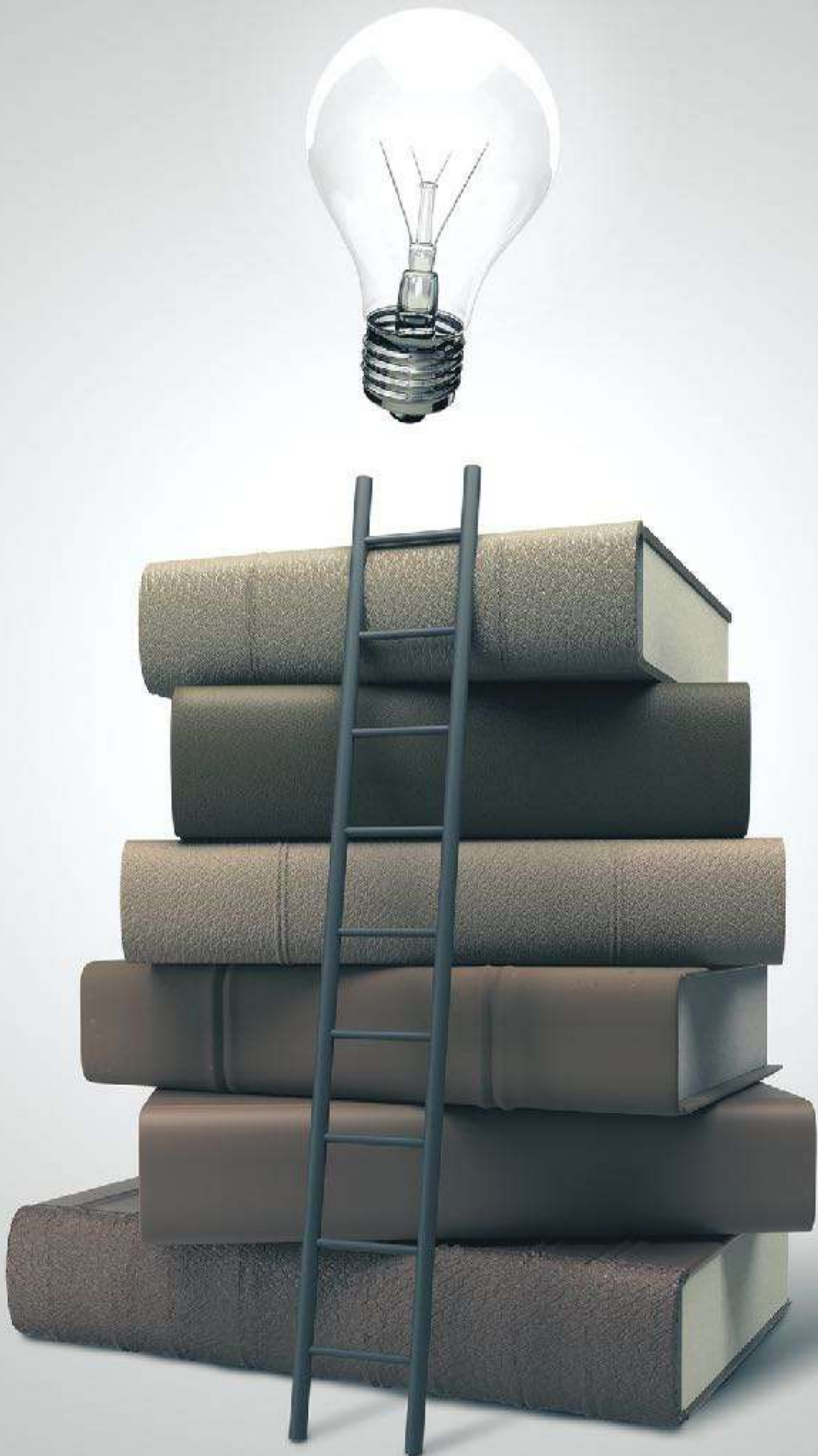
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THE WHOLE TRUTH & NOTHING BUT THE TRUTH

1 John 2:18-27



Do you know the truth of God's Word
enough to defend it? Do you know the
truth of God's Word enough that you
won't be duped into believing the
wrong thing?



YOU MUST BE AWARE OF THE REALITY OF FALSE TEACHERS

1. The reality of false teachers is uncovered by a truth that we know

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I have not written this warning as if I were writing to men who don't know what error is. I write because your eyes are clear enough to discern a lie when you come across it.

J.B. Philips literal translation of 1 John 2:21

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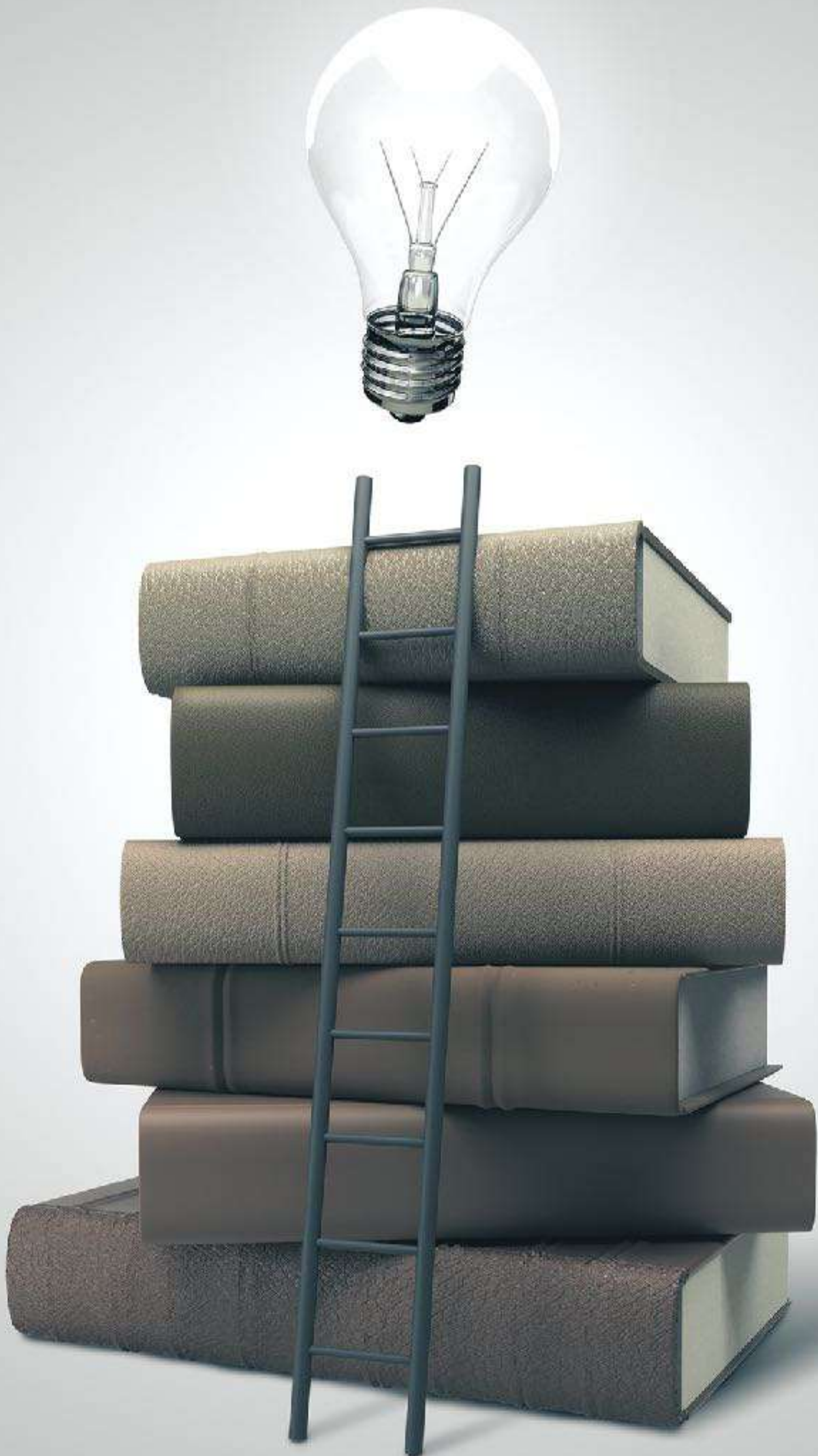


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When the Spirit of truth comes,
he will guide you into all truth.

John 16:13

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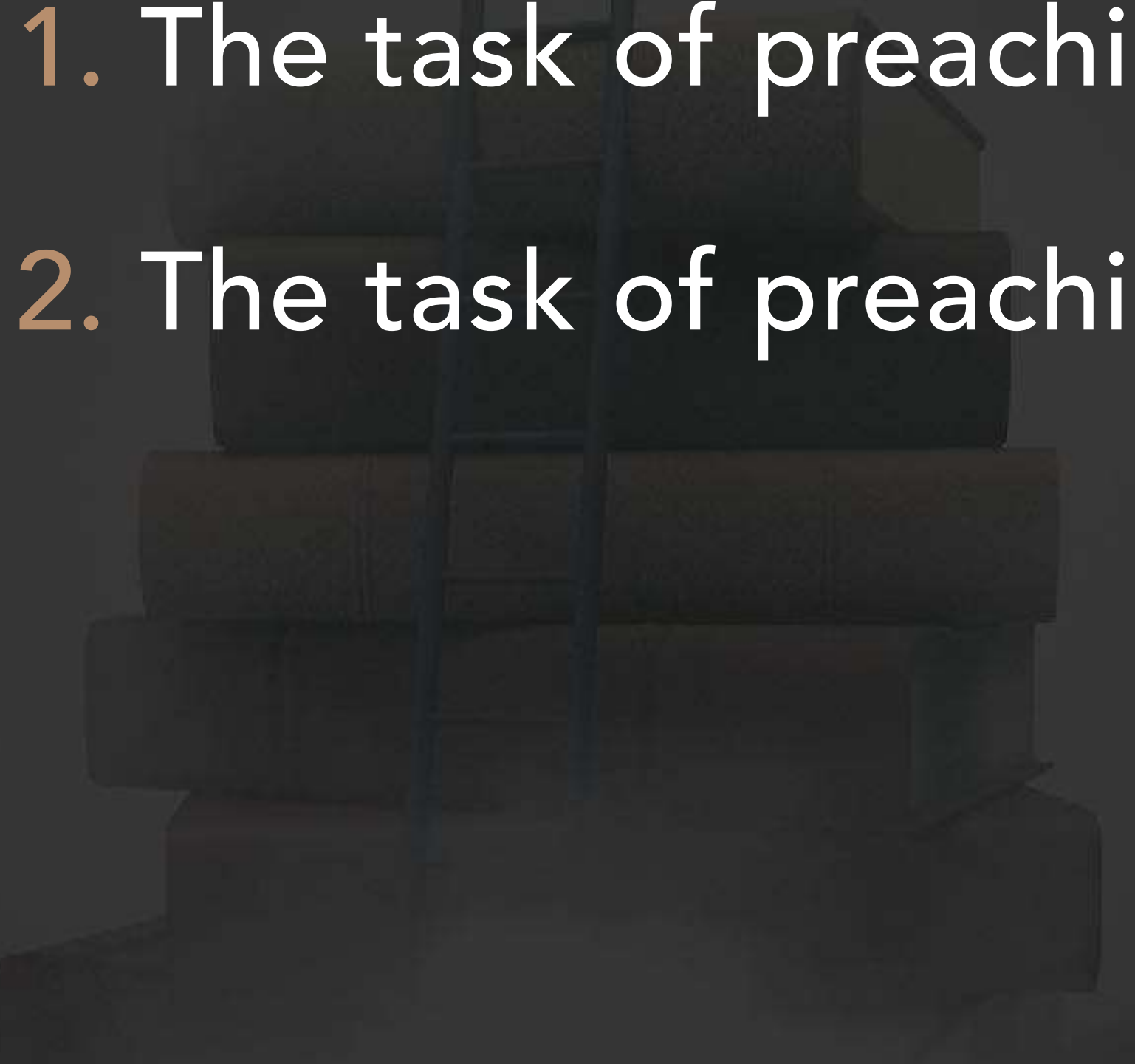


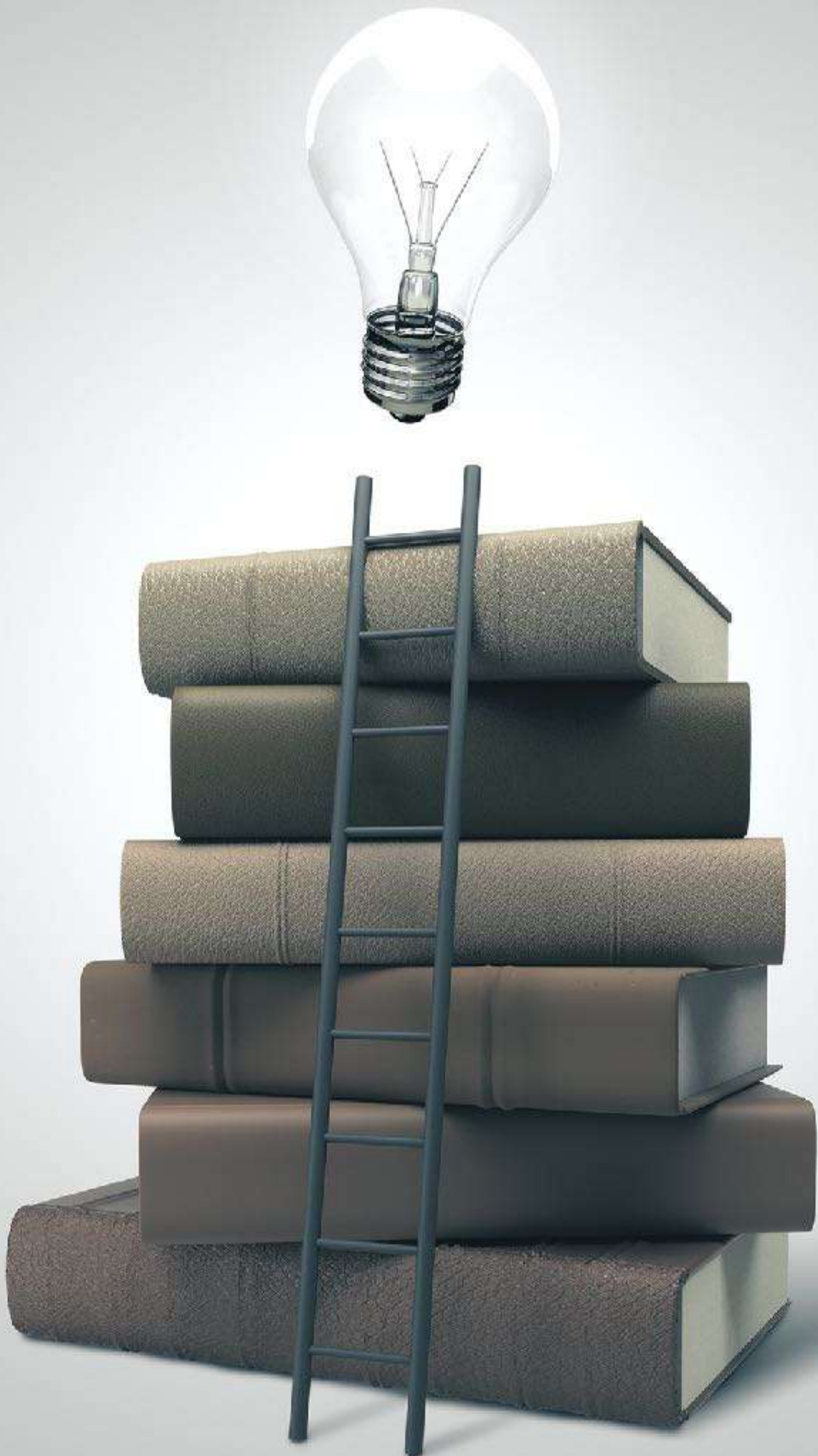
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IMPORTANT REMINDERS FROM THIS TEXT WHEN IT COMES TO PREACHING

1. The task of preaching and teaching is not a task of *innovation*
 2. The task of preaching and teaching is a task of *confirmation*
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2. The reality of false teachers confronts an error that we face



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For false christs and false prophets will arise and perform signs and wonders, to lead astray, if possible, the elect. But be on guard; I have told you all things beforehand.

Mark 13:22-23 (ESV)

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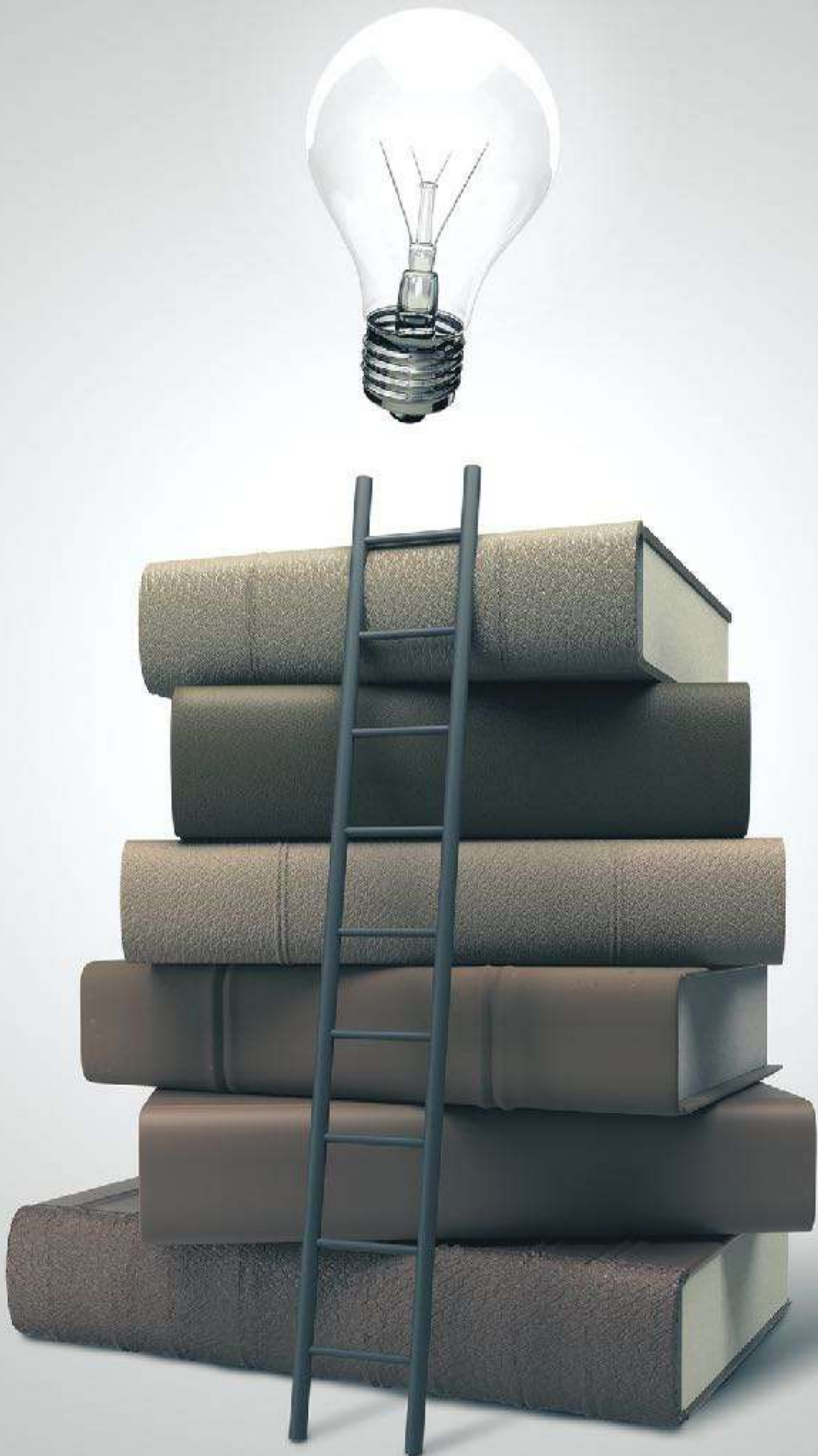


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Many deceivers have gone out into the world; they do not confess the coming of Jesus Christ in the flesh. This is the deceiver and the antichrist.

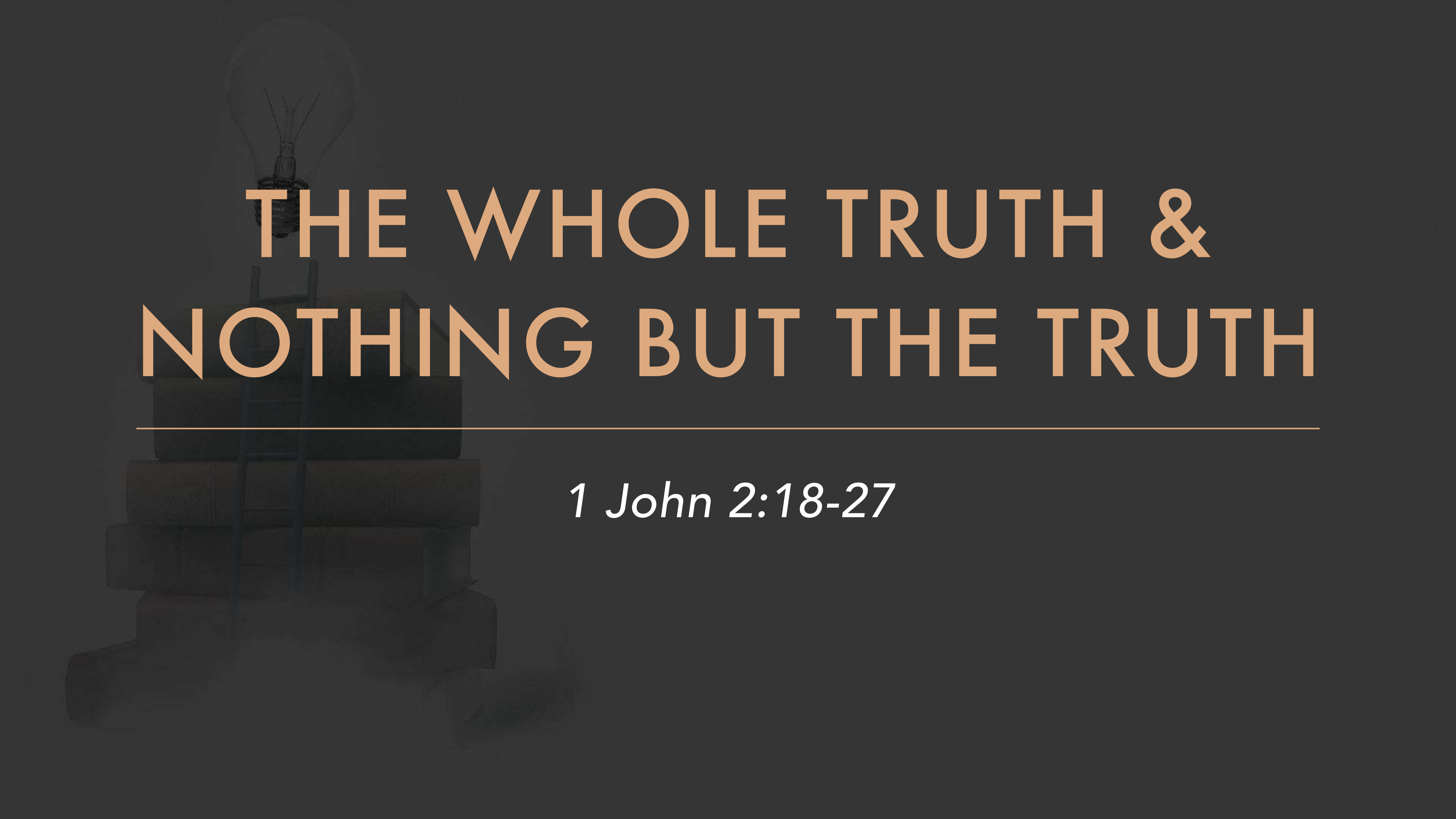
2 John 1:7 (HCSB)

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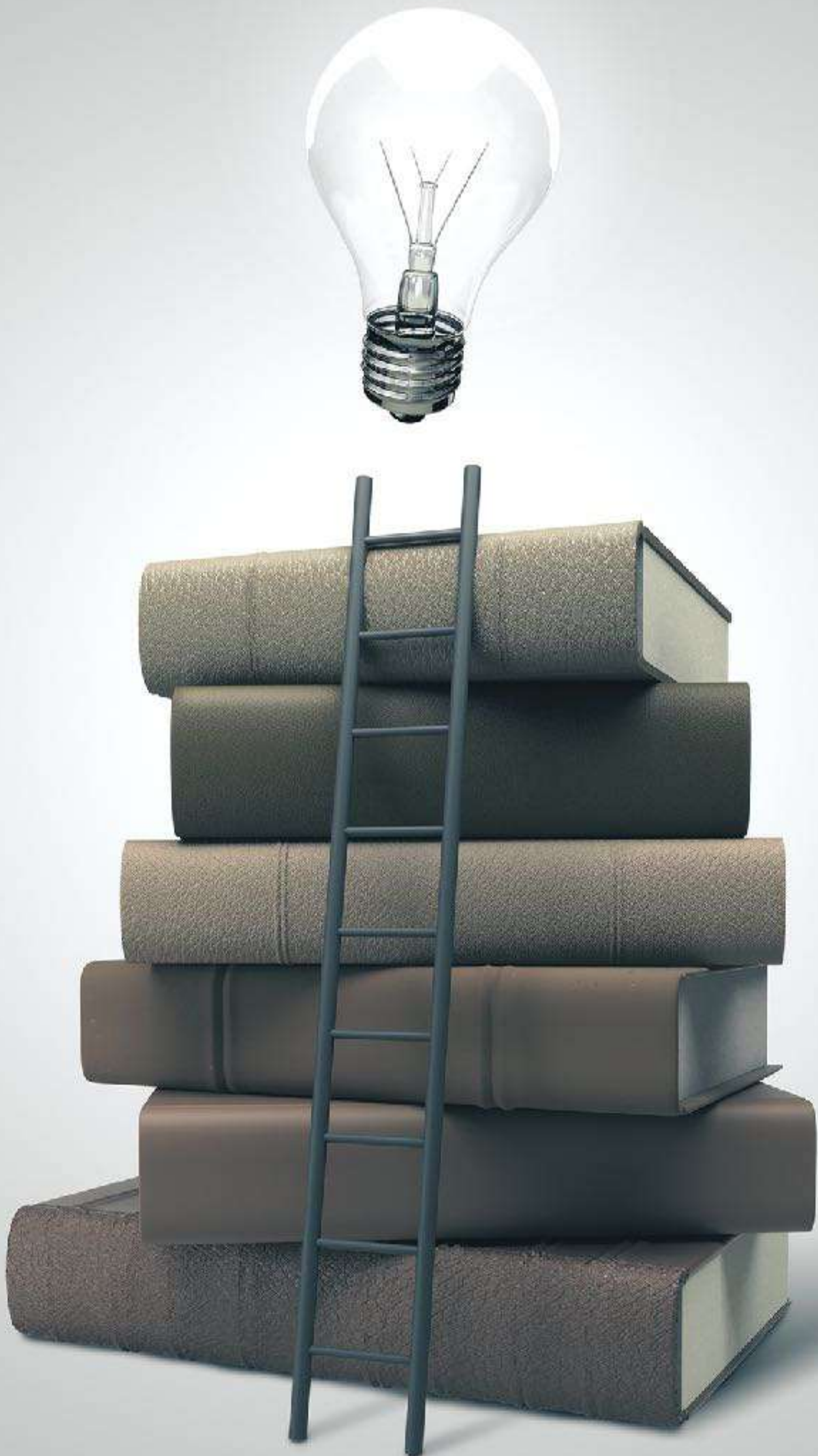
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 - *The departure of an individual from a place of worship is evidence of the fact that that individual does not really follow Jesus.*

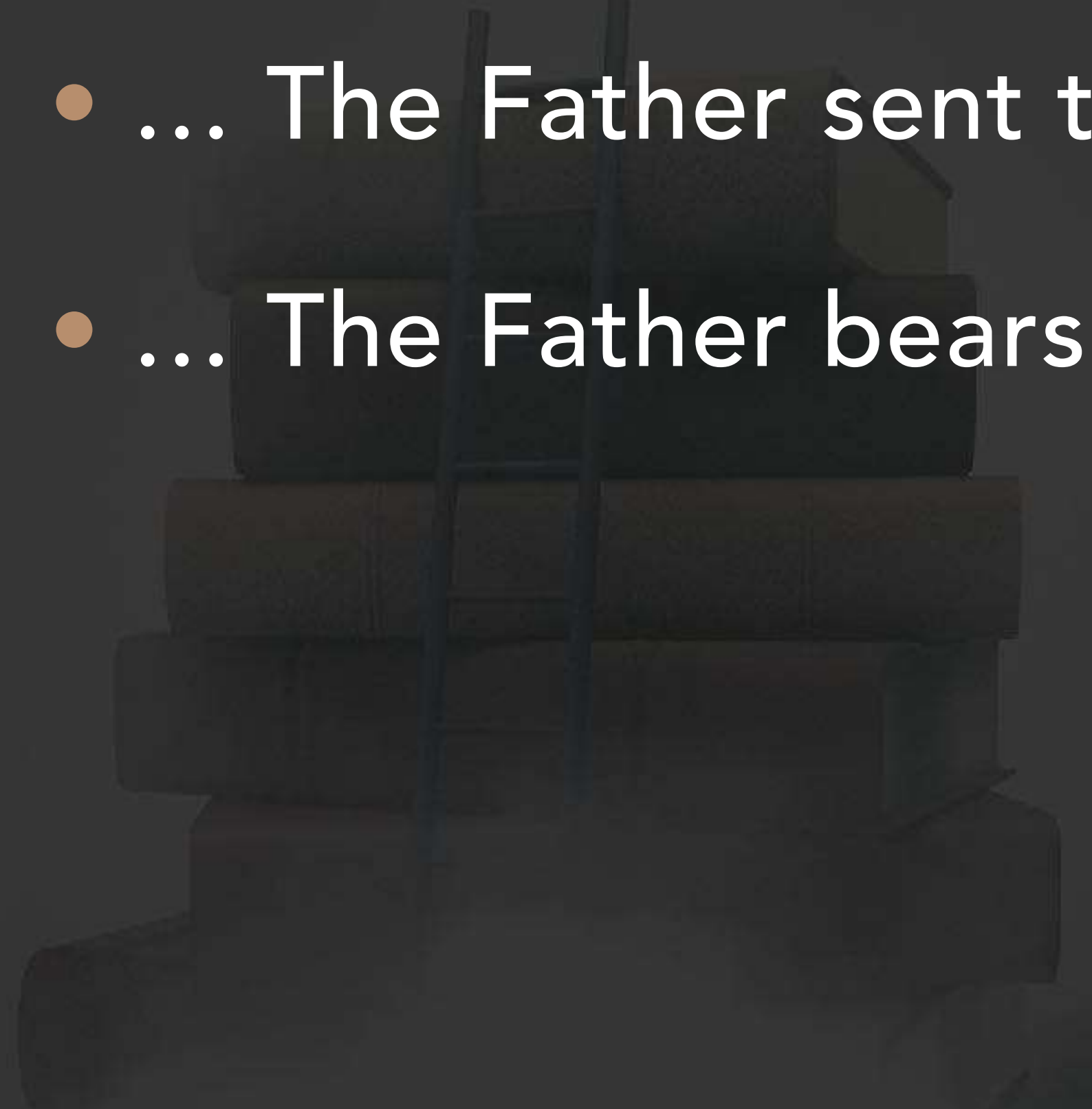


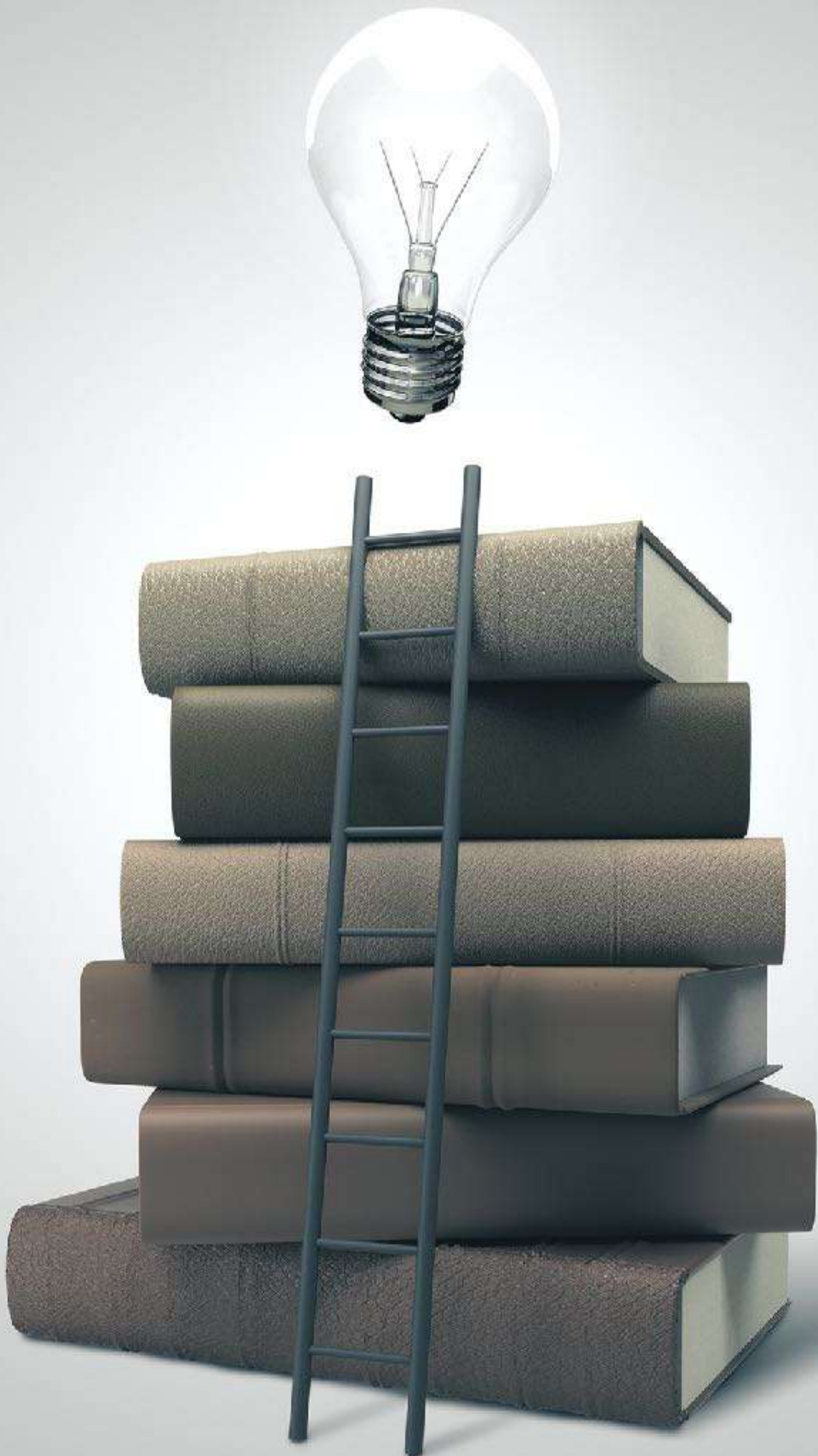
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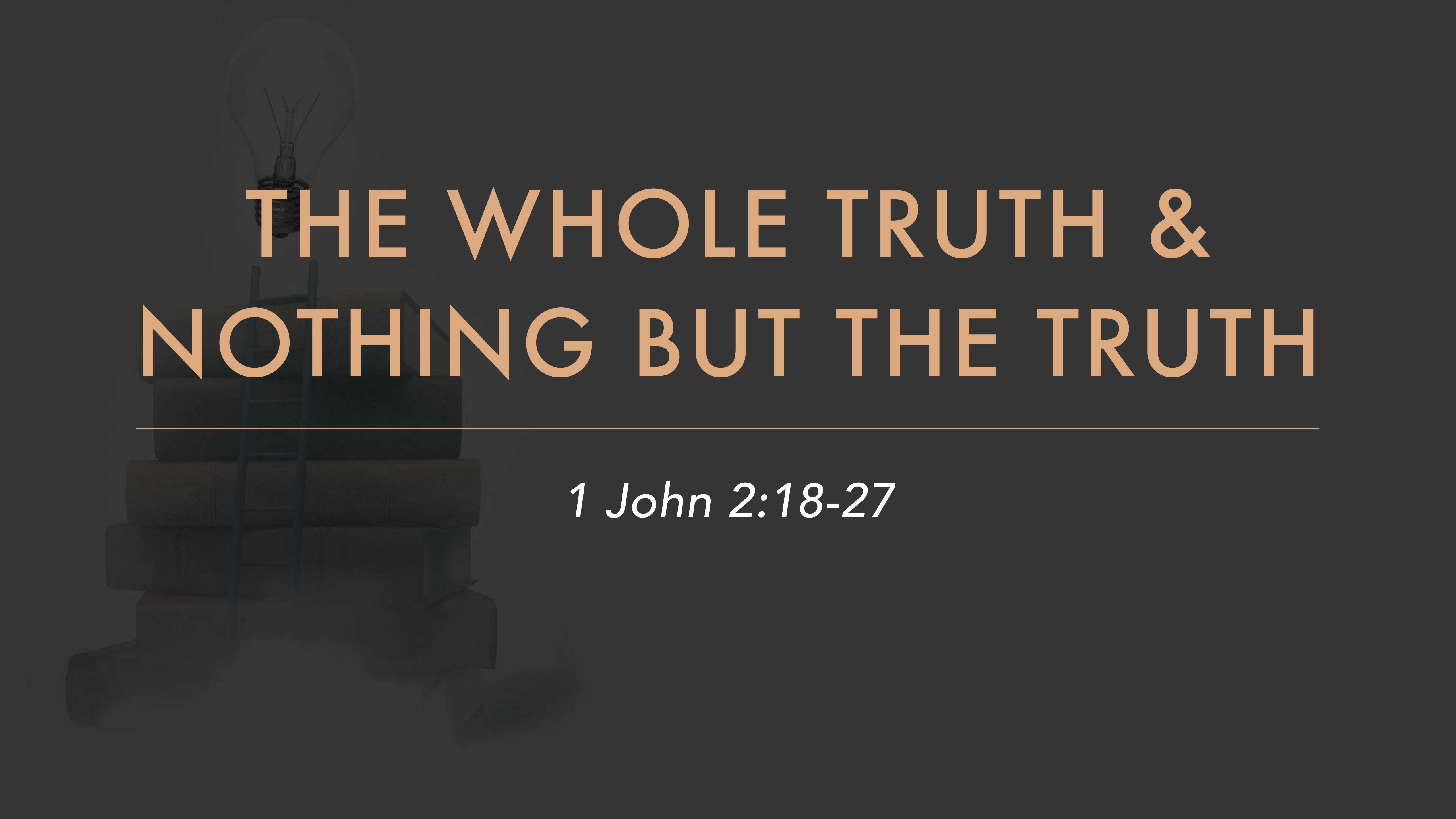
DENYING THE SON IS A DENIAL OF THE FATHER AS WELL SINCE ...

- ... The Father sent the Son (4:10)
 - ... The Father bears witness to the Son (5:9-10)
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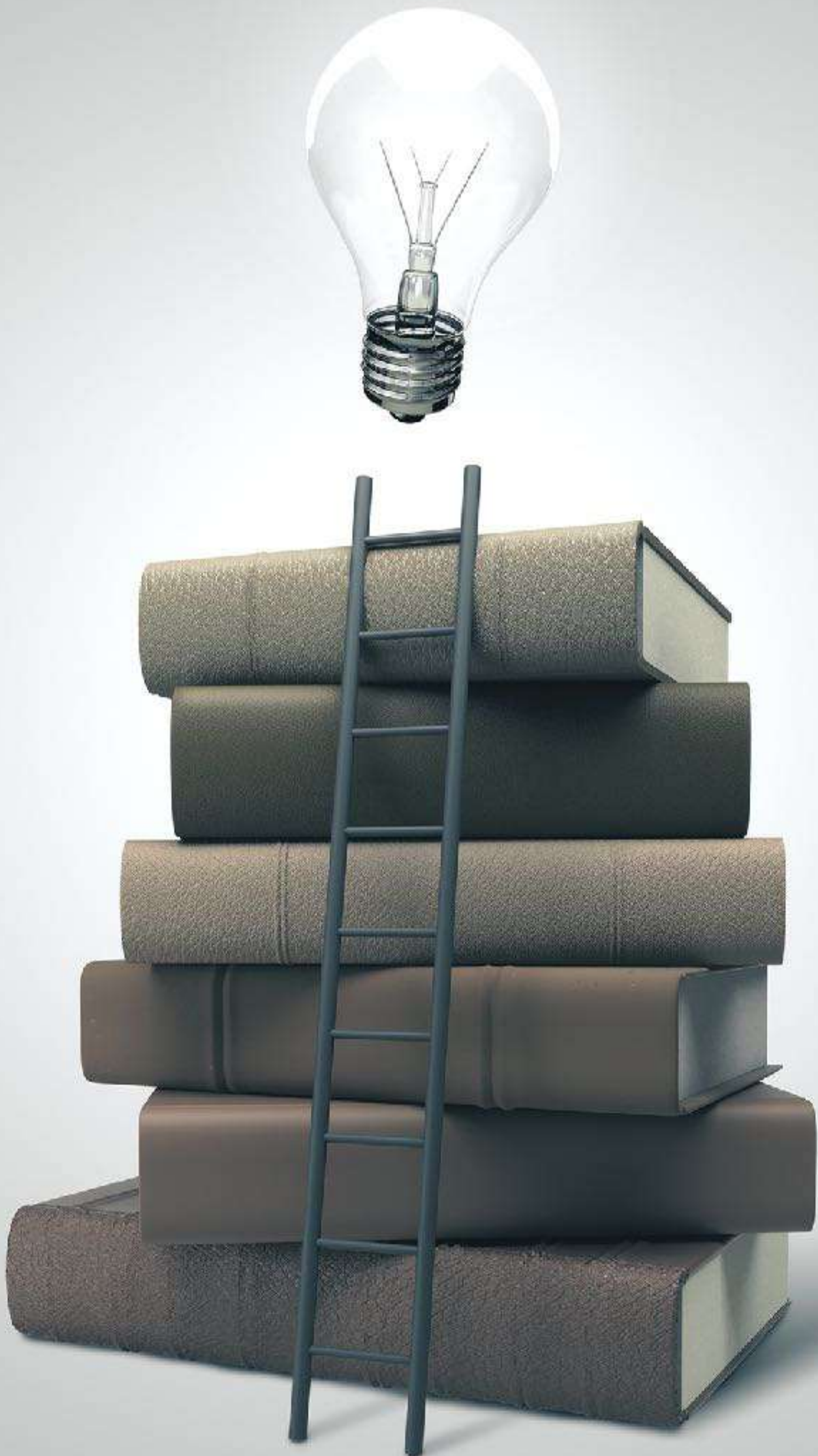
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3. False professors deceive people who love Christ (v. 26)

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YOU MUST BE AWARE OF THE REMEDY TO AVOID FALSE TEACHERS

1. The anointing we've received provides an antidote



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But to each one of us grace was
given according to the measure of
Christ's gift.

Ephesians 4:7 (NASB)

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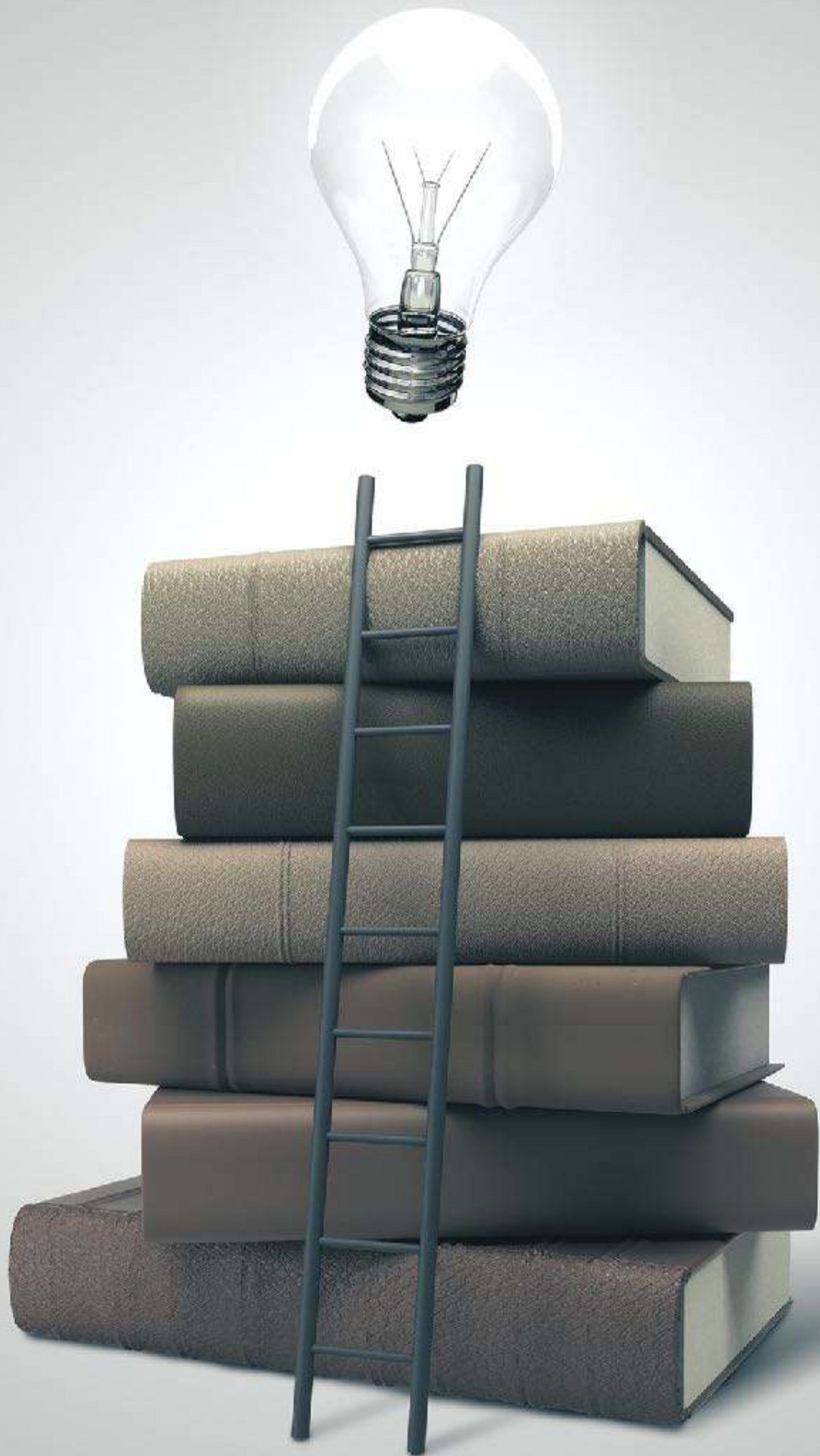
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Now he who establishes us with you
in Christ and has anointed us is God.

2 Corinthians 1:12 (NKJV)

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Hold fast the form of sound words,
which thou hast heard of me, in faith
and love which is in Christ Jesus.

2 Timothy 1:13

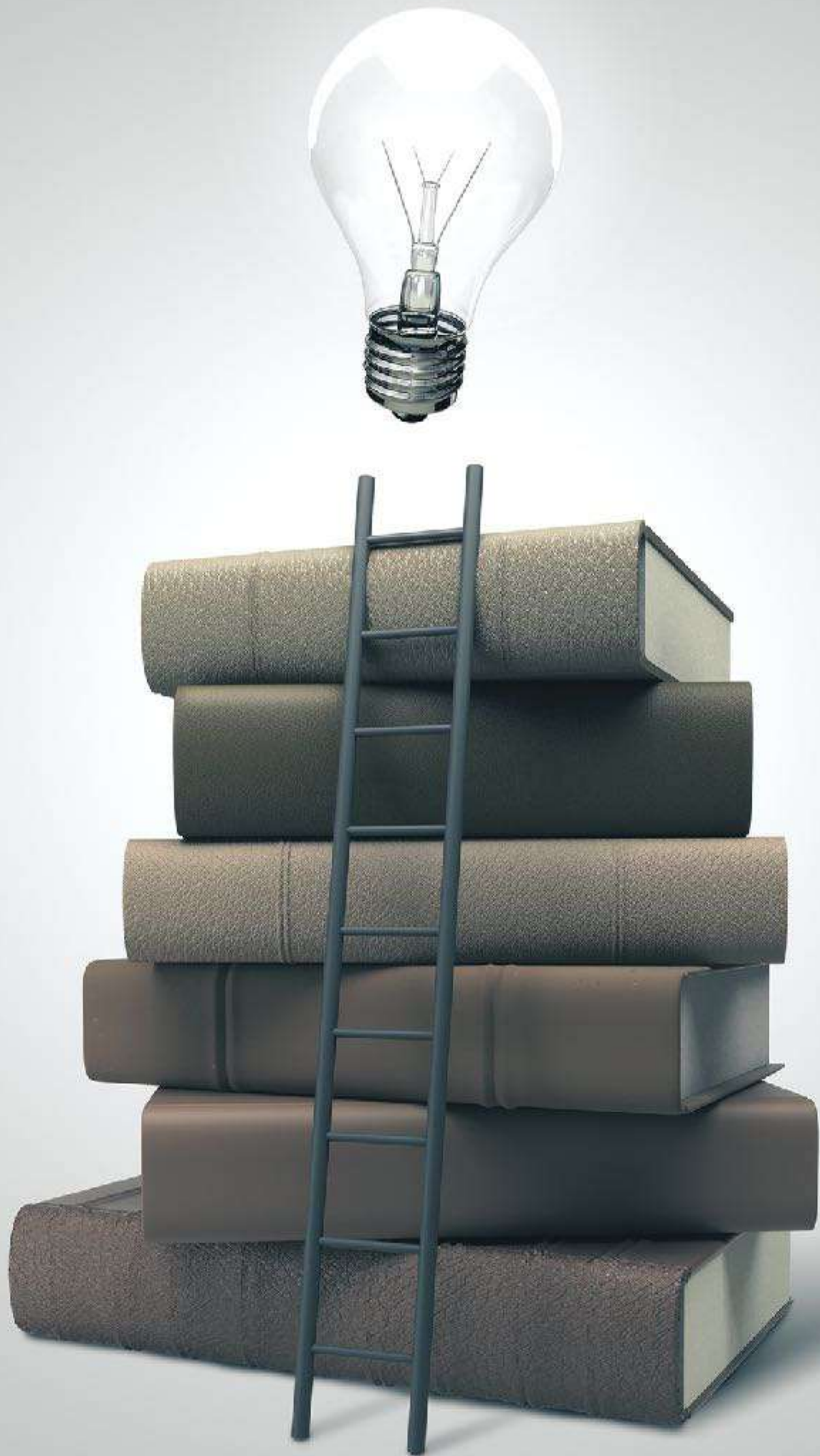
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So then, brothers and sisters, stand firm and hold to the traditions you were taught, whether by what we said or what we wrote.

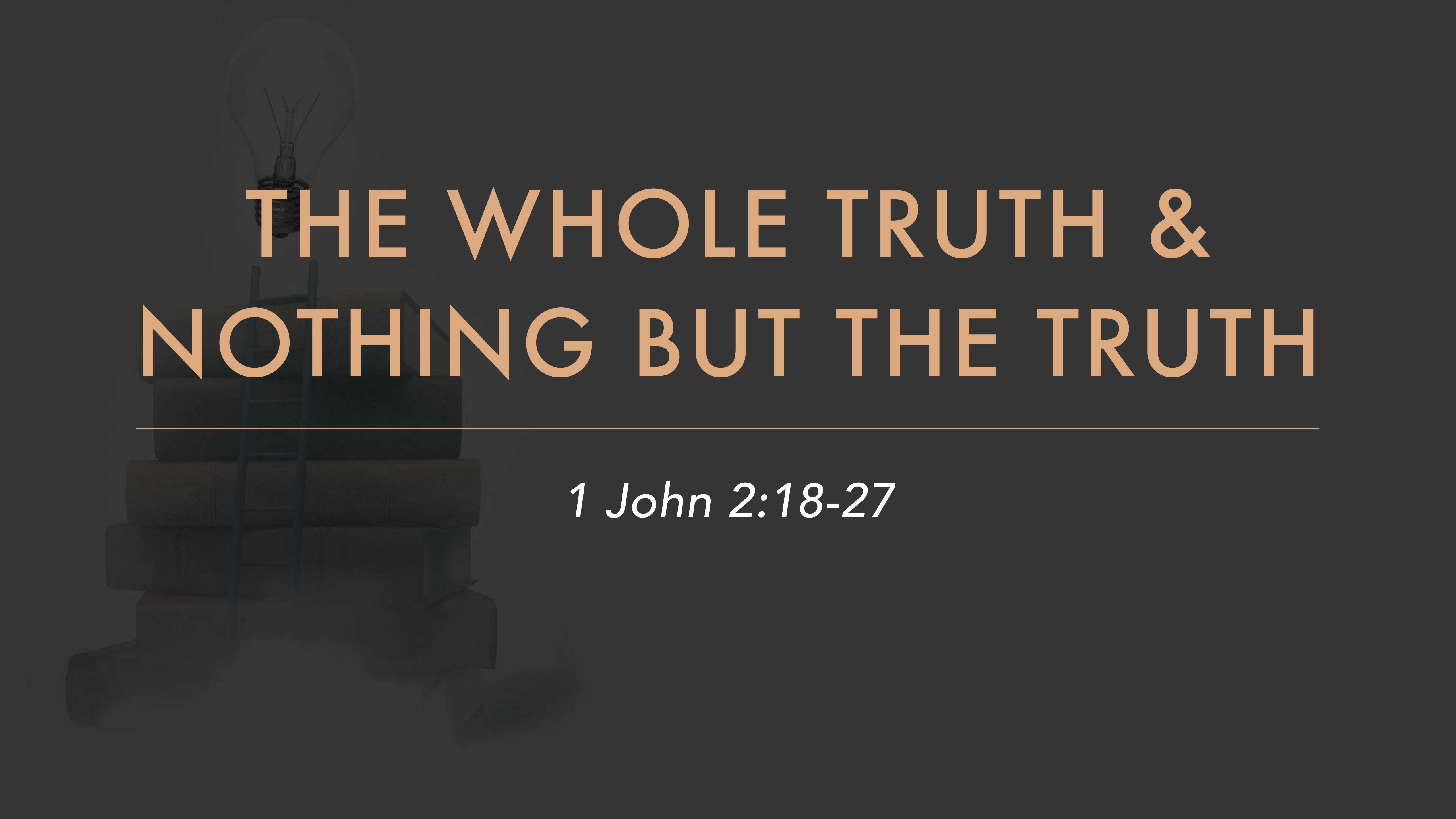
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