

Faith that Tames the Tongue

James 3:6-10

Kristina Flour

Do my **words**
matter to God?

James: Keep the Faith

- Stands the **Test** (1:2-12)
- Demands a **Change** of Heart (1:19-25)
- Loves **Impartially** (2:5-9)
- **Acts** (2:15-24)
- Tames the **Tongue** (3:6-10)

Plattenkogel, Austria. Lukas Budimaier

6 The **tongue** also is a **fire**,
a **world of evil** among the parts of the body.

It **corrupts** the whole body,
sets the whole **course** of one's life on fire,
and is itself set on fire by **hell**.

James 3:6 (NIV) (p.1/3)

7 All kinds of **animals**, birds, reptiles and sea creatures are being **tamed** and have been tamed by mankind,

8 but **no** human being can **tame the tongue**. It is a **restless evil**, full of **deadly poison**.

James 3:7-8 (NIV) (p.2/3)

9 With the tongue
we **praise** our Lord and Father,
and with it we **curse** human beings,
who have been made in God's **likeness**.

10 Out of the **same** mouth
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My brothers and sisters, this **should not be**.

James 3:9-10 (NIV) (p.3/3)

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James 3a

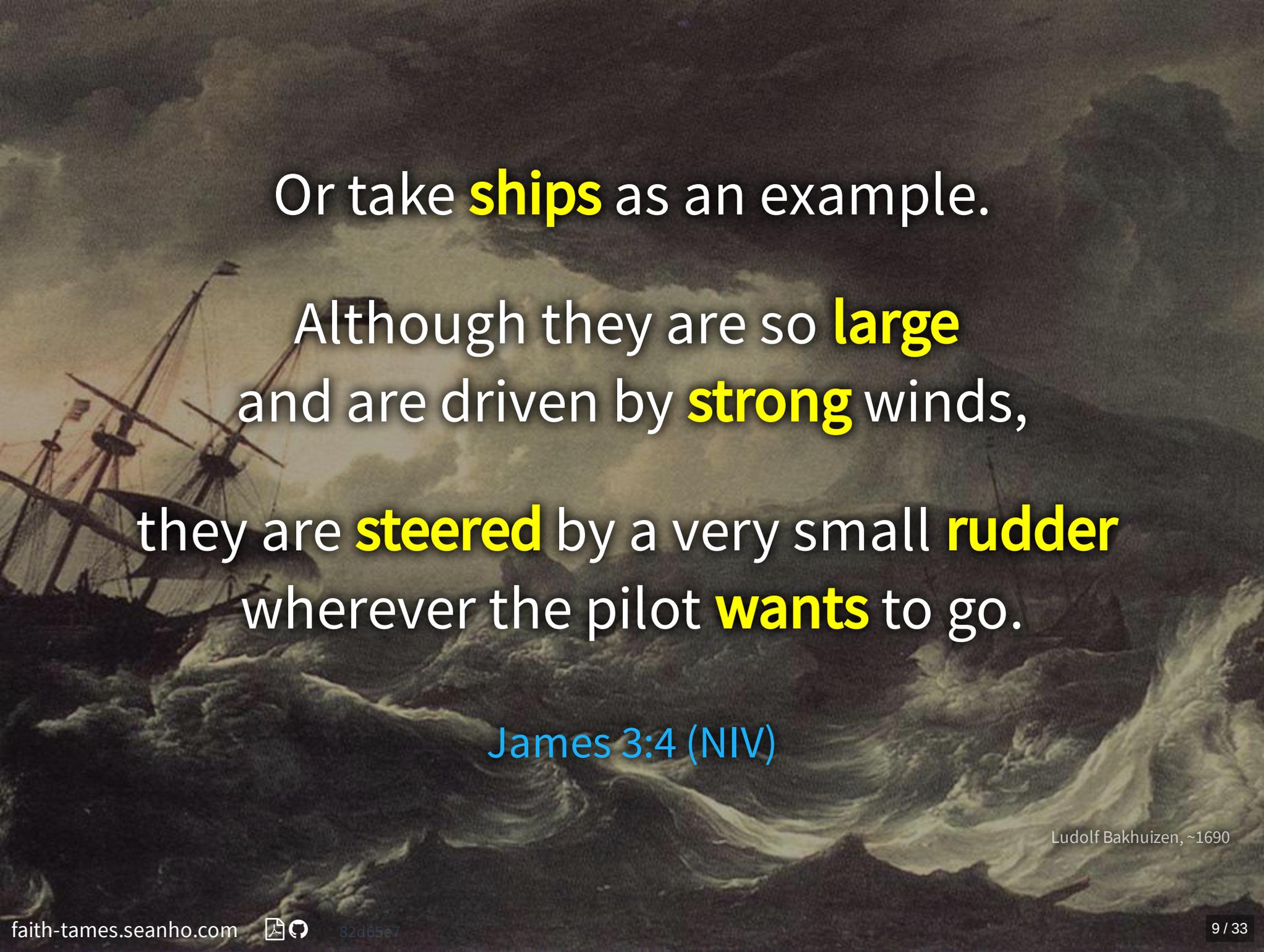
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2. **Control** (v7-8)
3. **Cleanliness** (v9-10)



When we put **bits**
into the mouths of **horses**
to make them **obey** us,
we can **turn** the whole animal.

James 3:3 (NIV)

Violeta Pencheva



Or take **ships** as an example.

Although they are so **large**
and are driven by **strong** winds,
they are **steered** by a very small **rudder**
wherever the pilot **wants** to go.

James 3:4 (NIV)

Ludolf Bakhuizen, ~1690



Consider what a great **forest**
is set on **fire** by a small **spark**.

James 3:5 (NIV)

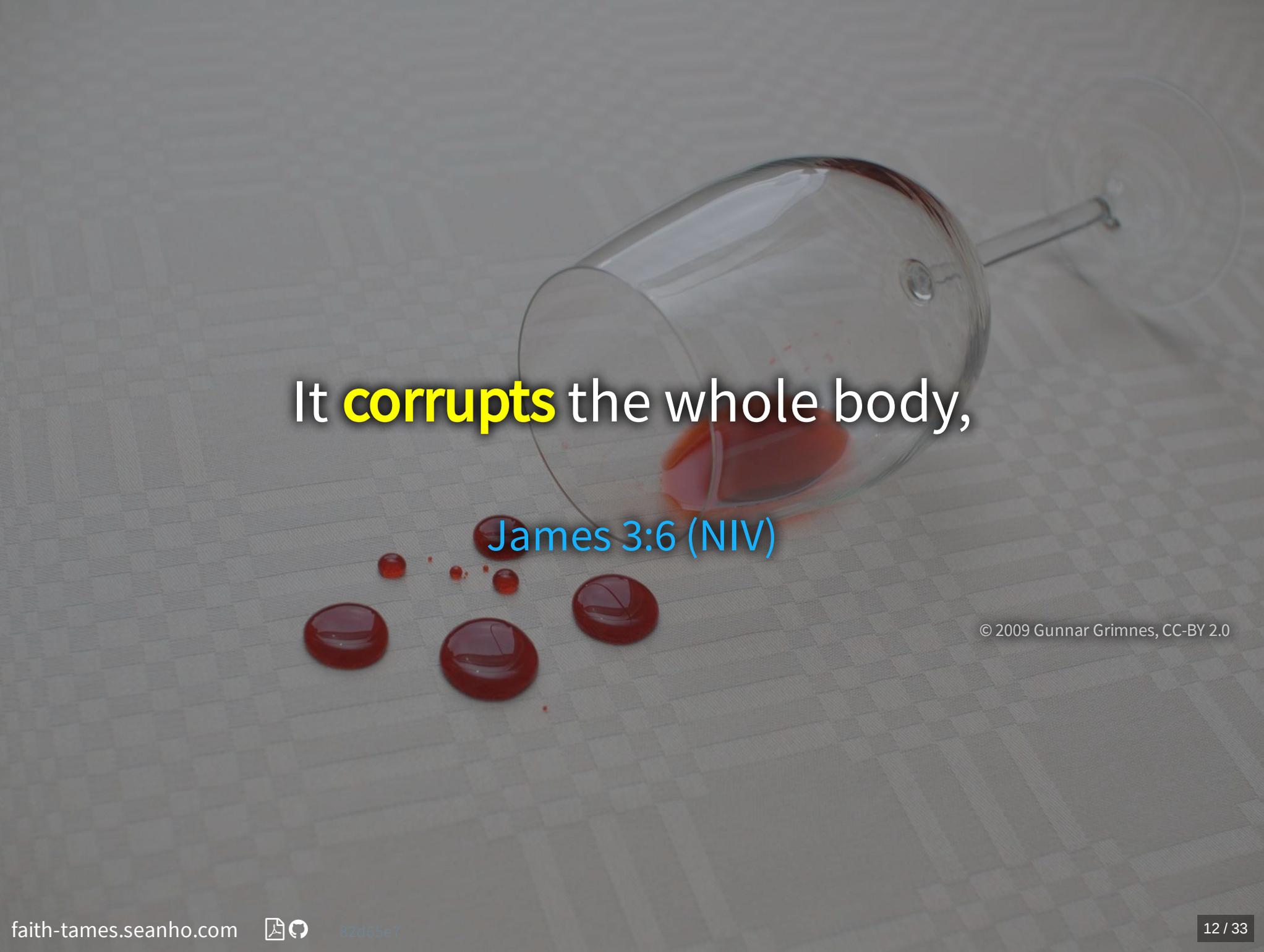
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James 3:6 (NIV)

Gulf of Mexico. NASA



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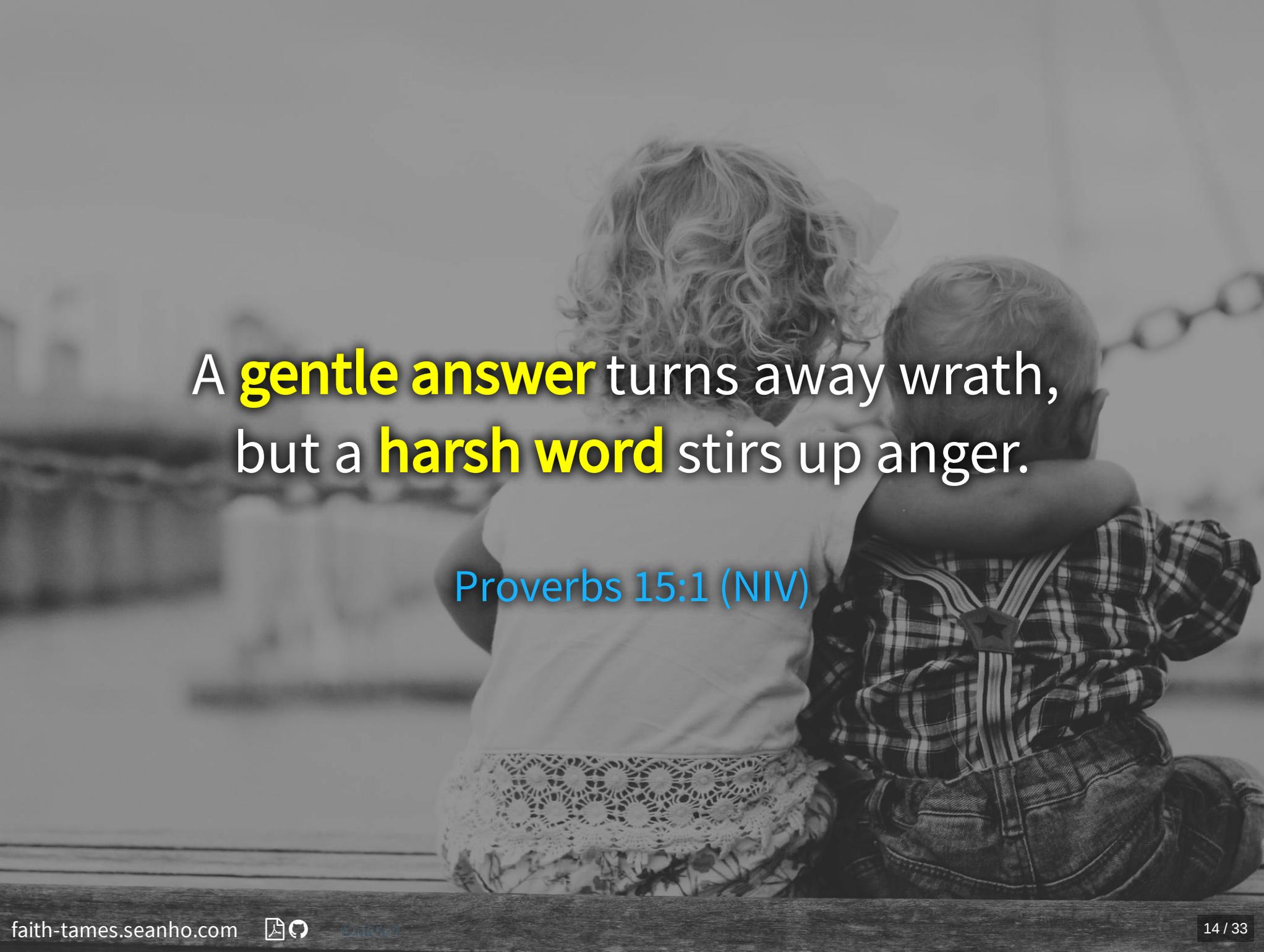
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James 3:6 (NIV)

Peter John Maridable



A **gentle answer** turns away wrath,
but a **harsh word** stirs up anger.

Proverbs 15:1 (NIV)

**Do I believe my
words
can affect the
course of my life?**

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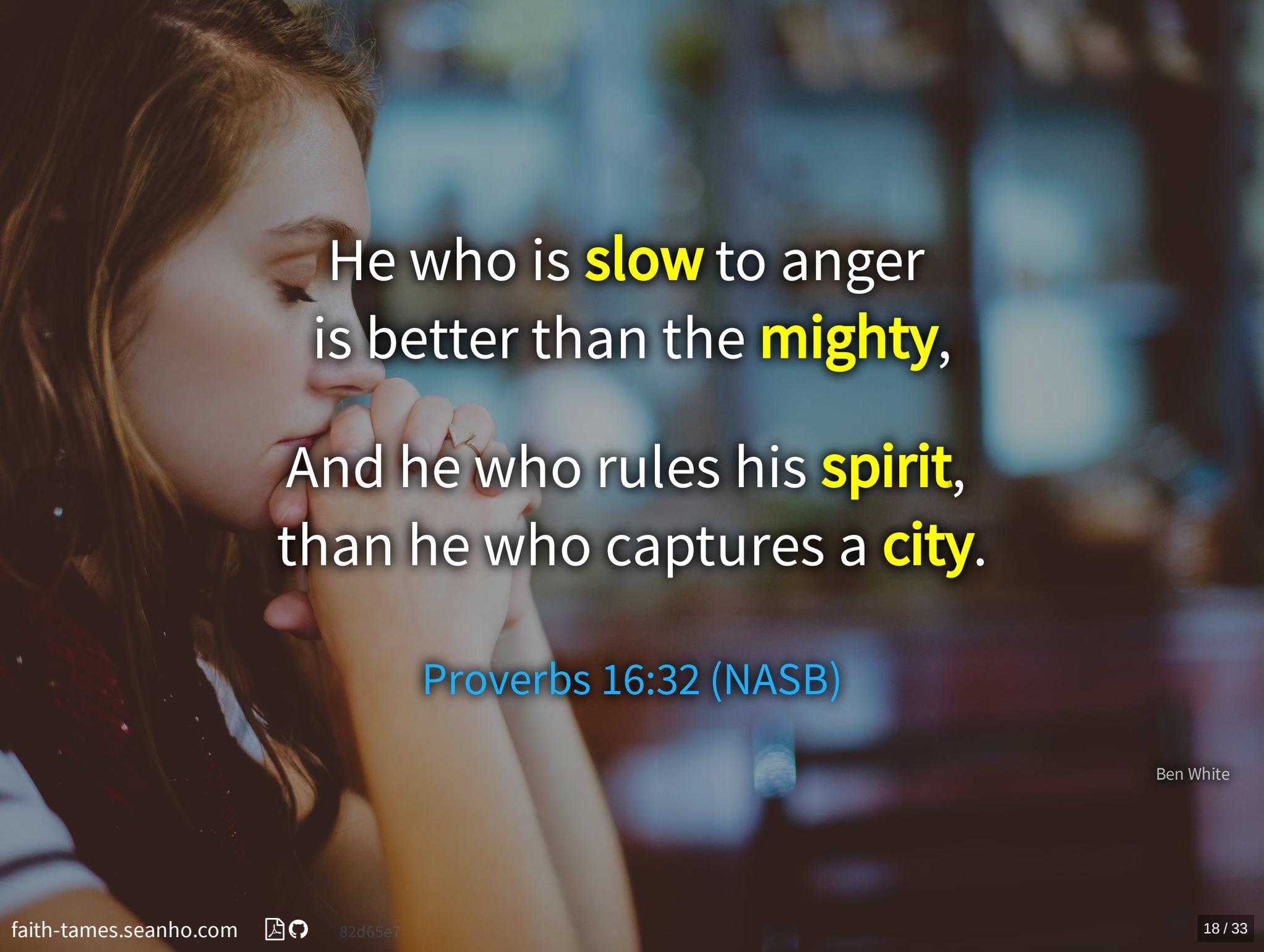
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James 3:7-8 (NIV)

Flangan, Norberg. Adam Morse



He who is **slow** to anger
is better than the **mighty**,
And he who rules his **spirit**,
than he who captures a **city**.

Proverbs 16:32 (NASB)

Ben White



It is a **restless evil**, full of **deadly poison**.

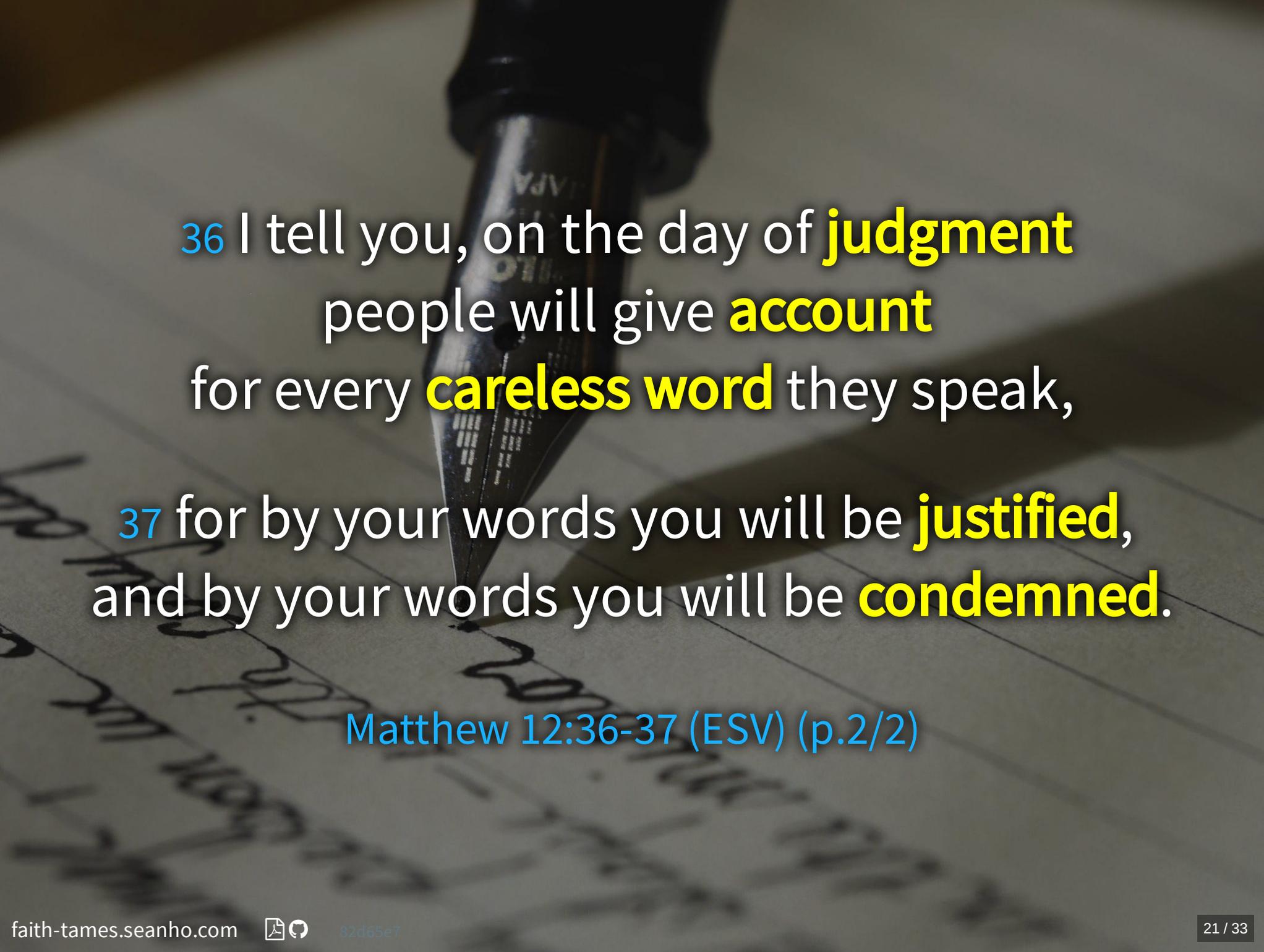
James 3:8 (NIV)

Tainan City, Taiwan. Boris Smokrovic

For out of the abundance of the **heart**
the **mouth** speaks.

35 The good **person** out of his good **treasure**
brings forth **good**,
and the evil **person** out of his evil **treasure**
brings forth **evil**.

Matthew 12:34-35 (ESV) (p.1/2)



36 I tell you, on the day of **judgment**
people will give **account**
for every **careless word** they speak,
37 for by your words you will be **justified**,
and by your words you will be **condemned**.

Matthew 12:36-37 (ESV) (p.2/2)

A close-up, high-resolution photograph of a human ear, showing the intricate details of the ear canal and the surrounding skin. The lighting is soft, highlighting the texture of the ear and the surrounding hair.

Everyone should be quick to **listen**,
slow to **speak** and slow to become **angry**

James 1:19 (NIV)

How have I **tried**
and **failed** to
control my **tongue**?

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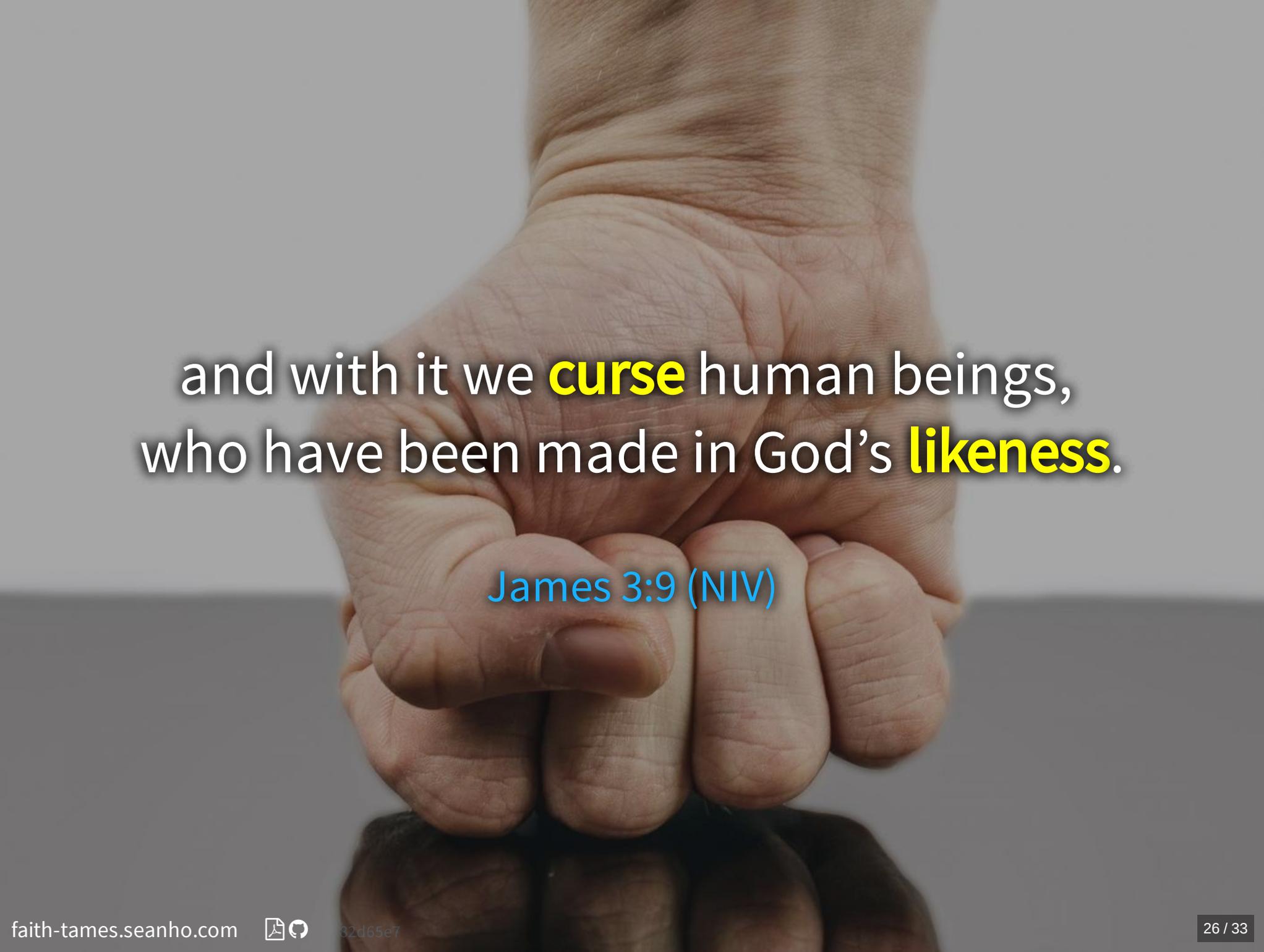
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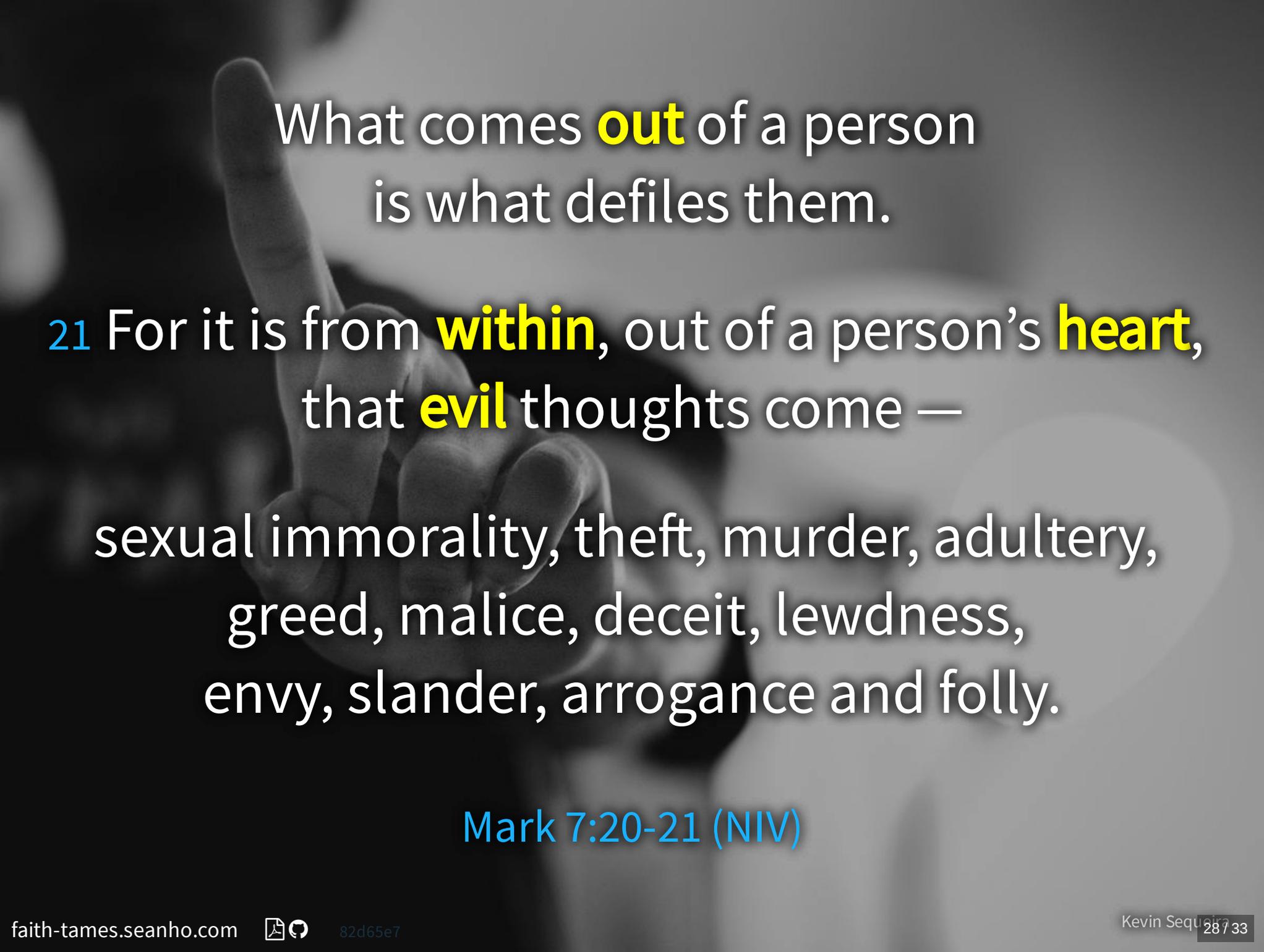
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James 3:10 (NIV)

Litchfield National Park, Australia. Andy Fitzsimon



What comes **out** of a person
is what defiles them.

21 For it is from **within**, out of a person's **heart**,
that **evil** thoughts come —

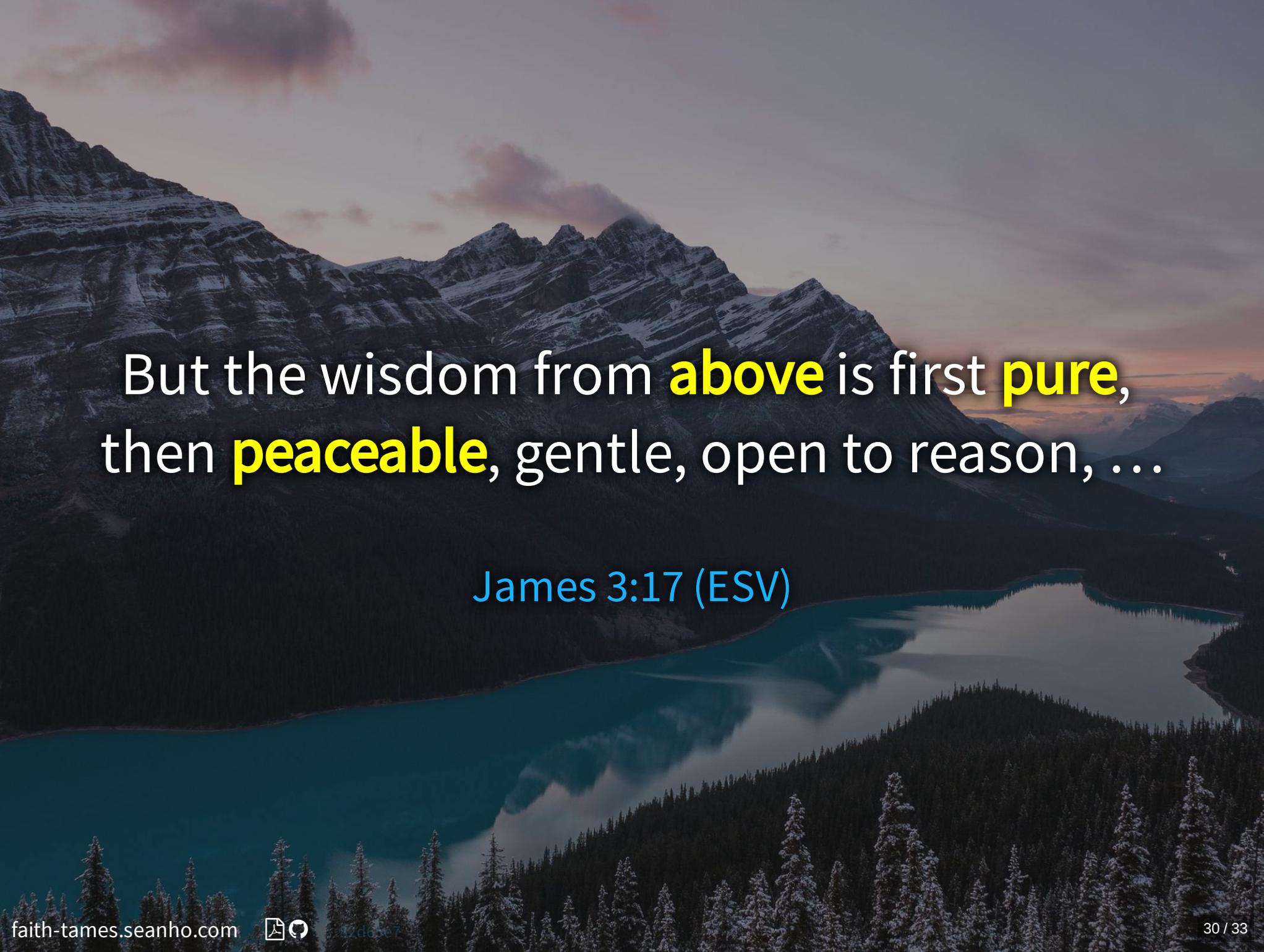
sexual immorality, theft, murder, adultery,
greed, malice, deceit, lewdness,
envy, slander, arrogance and folly.

Mark 7:20-21 (NIV)



Anyone who is never at **fault**
in what they **say**
is **perfect**,
able to keep their whole body **in check**.

James 3:2 (NIV)



But the wisdom from **above** is first **pure**,
then **peaceable**, gentle, open to reason, ...

James 3:17 (ESV)

Does my **pattern**
of speech **differ**
at home, at work,
and at church?



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