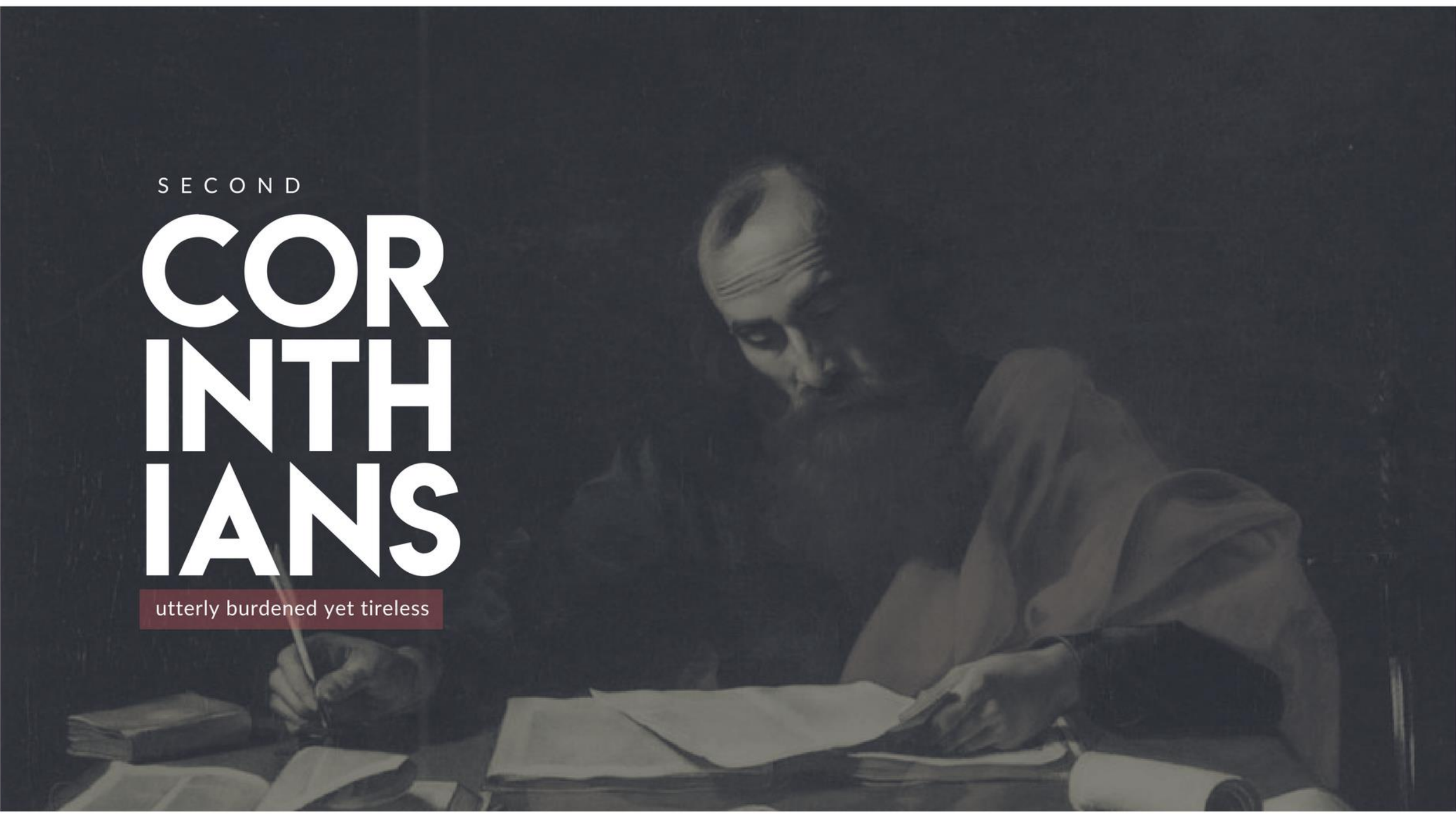


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utterly burdened yet tireless





**Feeling settled in an  
unsettled situation**

II Corinthians 2:13-3:6



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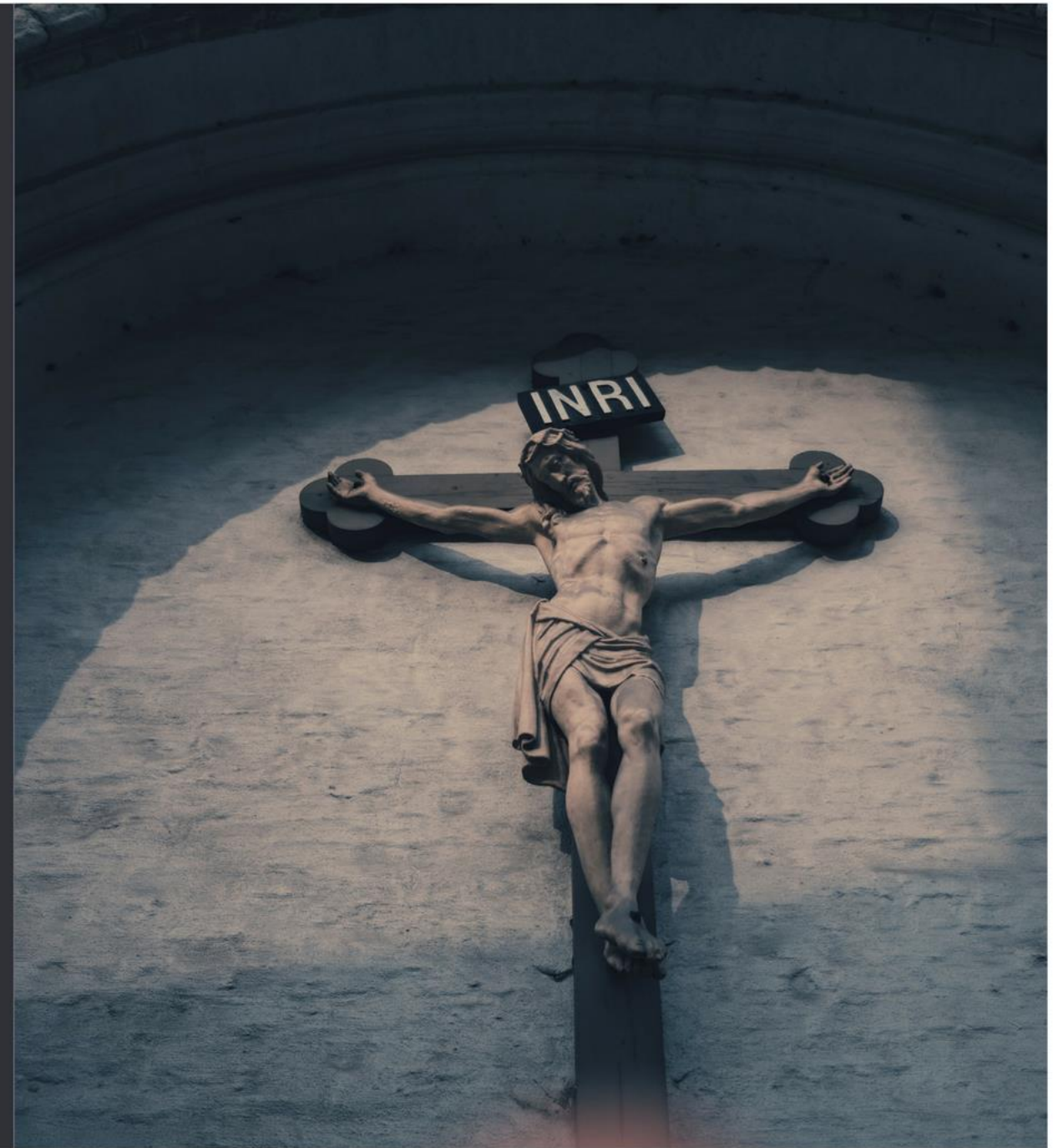
A dark, moody painting of a man with a beard, likely Paul, sitting at a desk and writing. He is wearing a white robe and is focused on his work. The scene is dimly lit, with the light source coming from the left, highlighting his face and the papers on the desk. The background is dark and indistinct.

## Some key perspectives & approaches

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- II. Paul had a deep sense of his worth to God

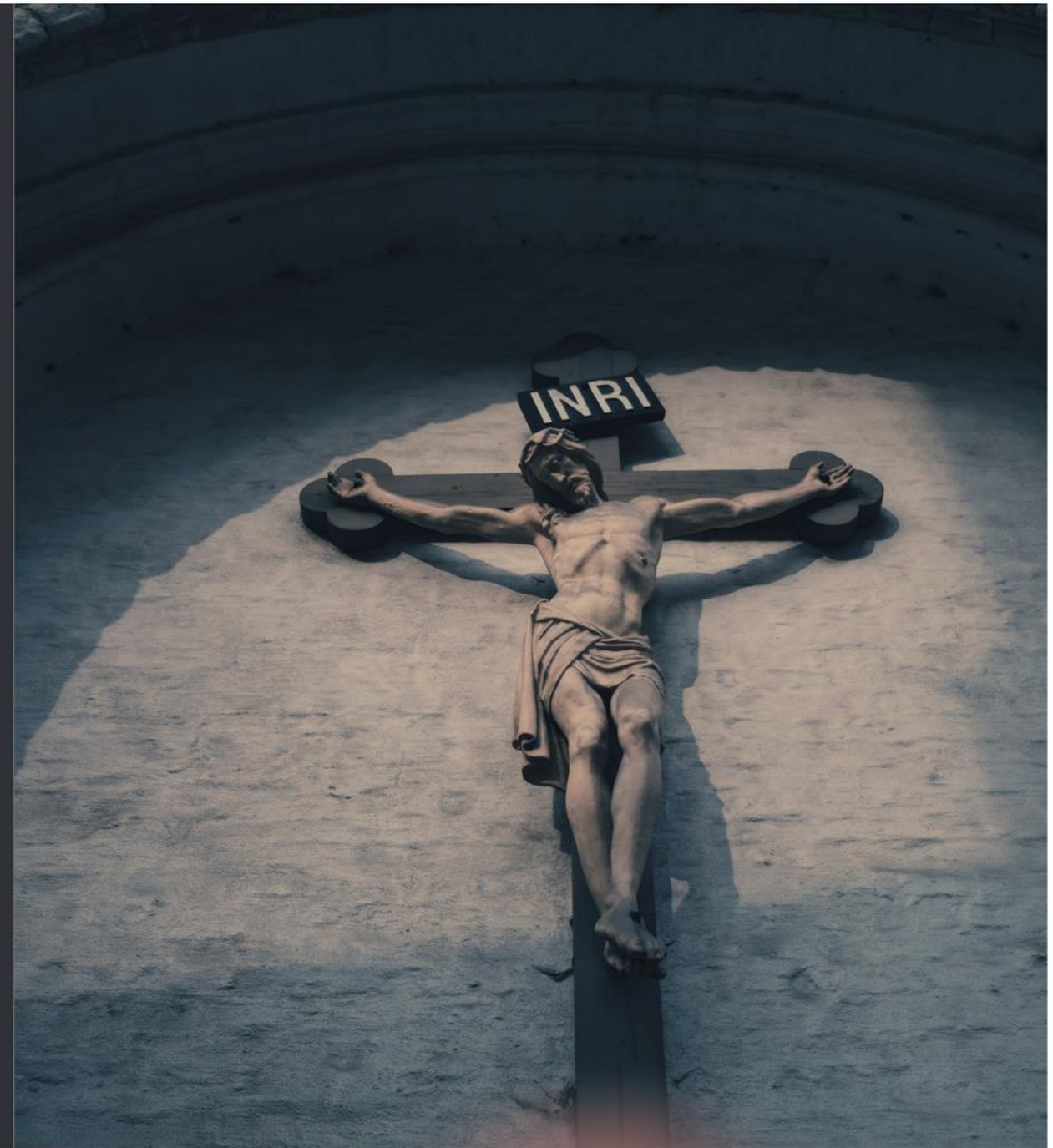


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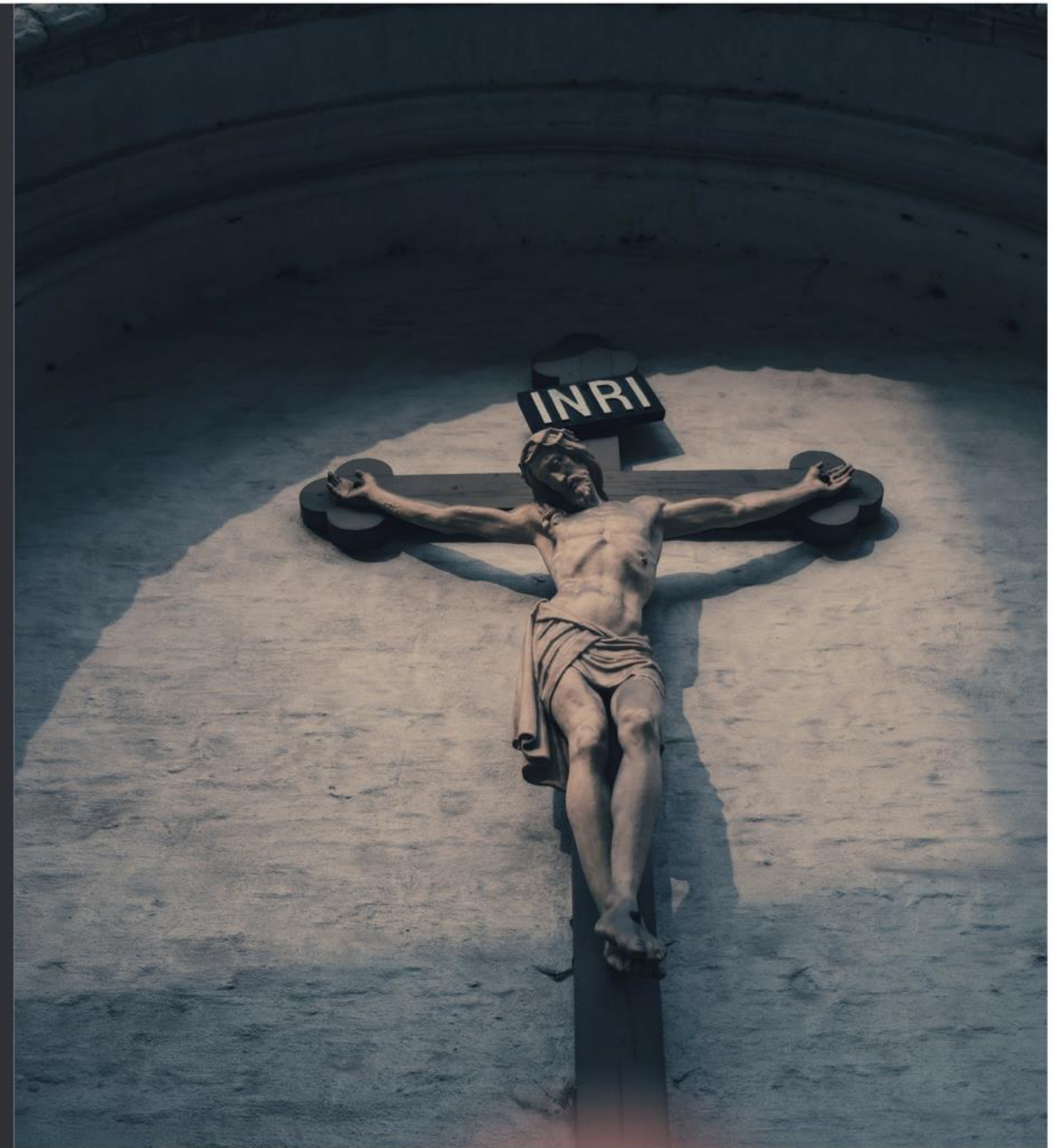
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Not in defeat, not with an ending but  
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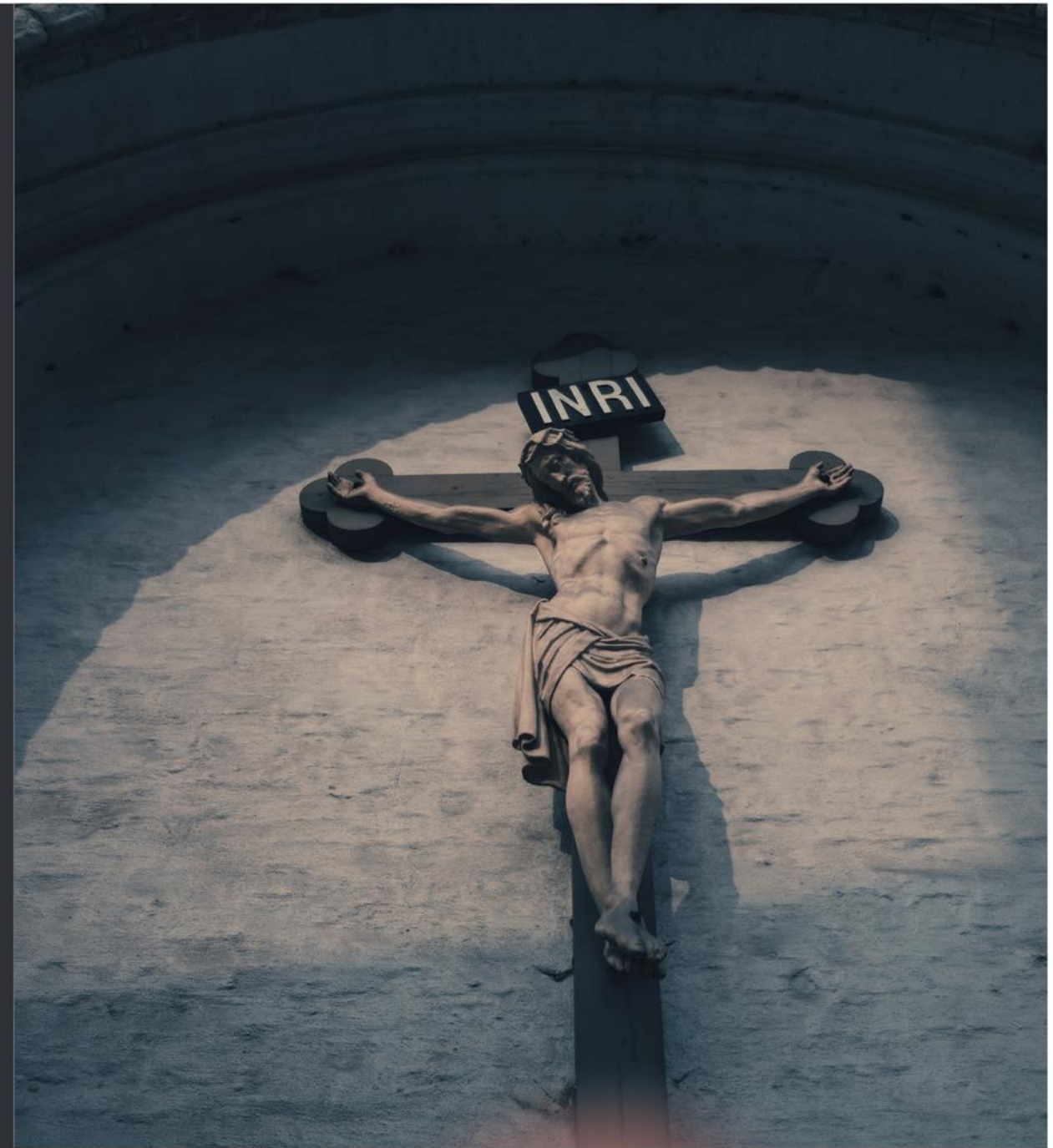




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Here is the next step to Paul's  
explanation...

Just as Paul saw his life of struggle as a  
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So Paul sees his life of unsettledness &  
adversity as walking out the resurrection





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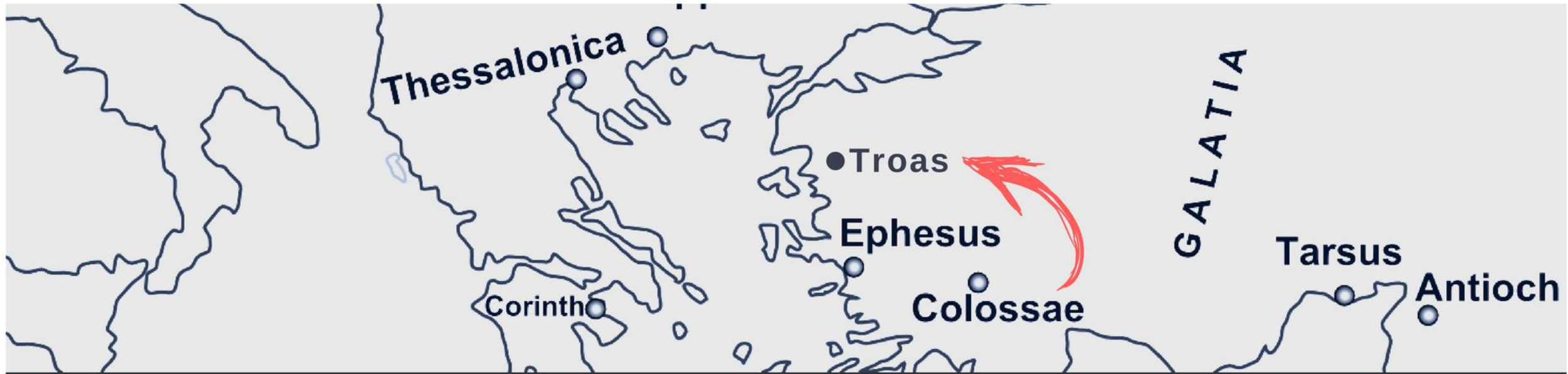
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II. How do you overcome unrest & adversity without closure?

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- b) Paul anchors on what qualifies him





For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.

*Ephesians 2:10*

## II Cor. 3:4-6

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### Matt. 10:24

*“A disciple is not above his teacher, nor a servant above his master. [25] It is enough for the disciple to be like his teacher, and the servant like his master. If they have called the master of the house Beelzebul, how much more will they malign those of his household.*

Jesus went on to say  
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**Matt. 10: 29**

Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? And not one of them will fall to the ground apart from your Father. [30] But even the hairs of your head are all numbered. [31] Fear not, therefore; you are of more value than many sparrows. [32] So everyone who acknowledges me before men, I also will acknowledge before my Father who is in heaven,



## II Cor. 3:4-6

How do we face adversarial things that come at us, questioning us, putting us down unfairly, and assume the worst about us?

- a) If it happened to Jesus, it will happen to you!
- b) Only God qualifies us!