



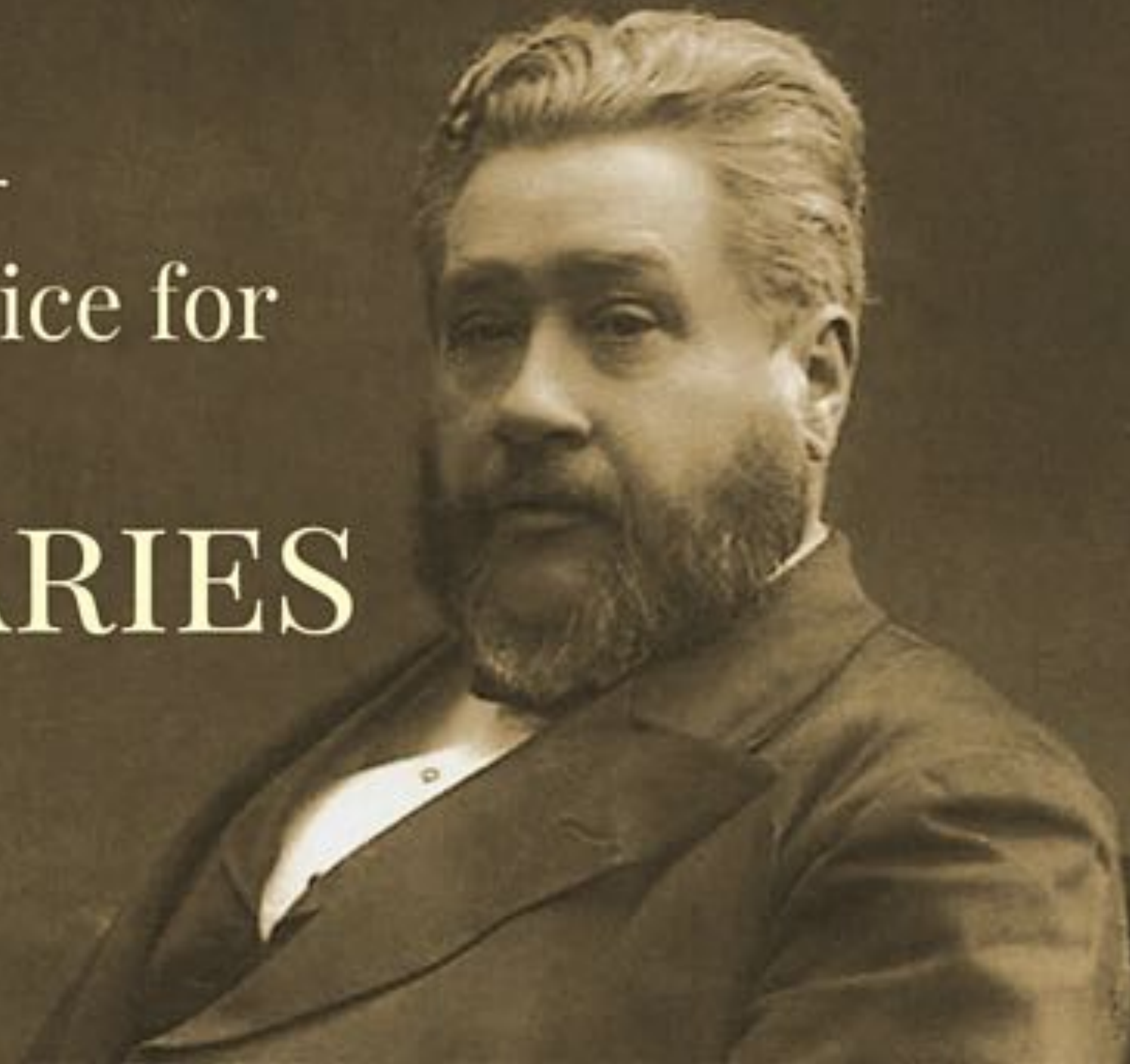
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Go For The Goal

Introduction to 1 Timothy
1:1-11



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Spurgeon's Advice for
MISSIONARIES



Charles Spurgeon: 1834 - 1892

Dr. Mr. Patrick,

I rejoice at the ways cleared for you going to north Africa. As a brother looking to our own funds for support you are the first representative of the foreign mission of the college, and I am the more earnest that you should lead the way gloriously. I am sure from your personal character, and from your course in college that I may place unlimited confidence in you; and far more is my confidence in the Lord whom you and I unitedly serve with our whole hearts. He will help you to play the man. A blend of zeal, patience, and wisdom will be needed in the mission so new, dealing with such a peculiar people.

You believe that the gospel will meet the need of any creature in the form of man, whether Jew or Gentile, Mahometan or heathen. You will keep wholly and only to the cross. There hangs our hope, as well as the hope of those to whom we go. Hammer away with the old gospel; and let those who like it use the miserable wooden mallet of mere reason. The Lord will be with you.

Take special care to be much with HIM. Without the means of grace in the lone land as you will probably ere long, 'give attention to reading' the one and only book, and be often carried away to heaven on the wings of prayer and meditation.

Write us often that you may keep up the interest of the brethern, and of my constituency in the glorious work. Be of good courage while you are dumb and the language of the people, and feel the fire burning within with the power to let its heat warm the people. Carry your daily worries to your master and they will not be worries.

Aspire to be another 'Patrick' – The apostle of north Africa, as he was of Ireland.

On your head may the Holy Spirit pour of the anointing oil and may you often be constrained to sing as I do, –

Oh to grace how great the debtor

Daily I'm constrained to be.

God himself bless you

Yours in Christ Jesus,

C. H. Spurgeon



The New Testament World

in the Time of the Roman Empire





1 Timothy 1:1-5 NLT

This letter is from Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus, appointed by the command of God our Savior and Christ Jesus, who gives us hope.

I am writing to Timothy, my true son in the faith.

May God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord give you grace, mercy, and peace.

When I left for Macedonia, I urged you to stay there in Ephesus and stop those whose teaching is contrary to the truth. Don't let them waste their time in endless discussion of myths and spiritual pedigrees. These things only lead to meaningless speculations, which don't help people live a life of faith in God.

The purpose of my instruction is that all believers would be filled with love that comes from a pure heart, a clear conscience, and genuine faith.

The goal of this command is love, which comes from a pure heart and a good conscience and a sincere faith. (NIV)





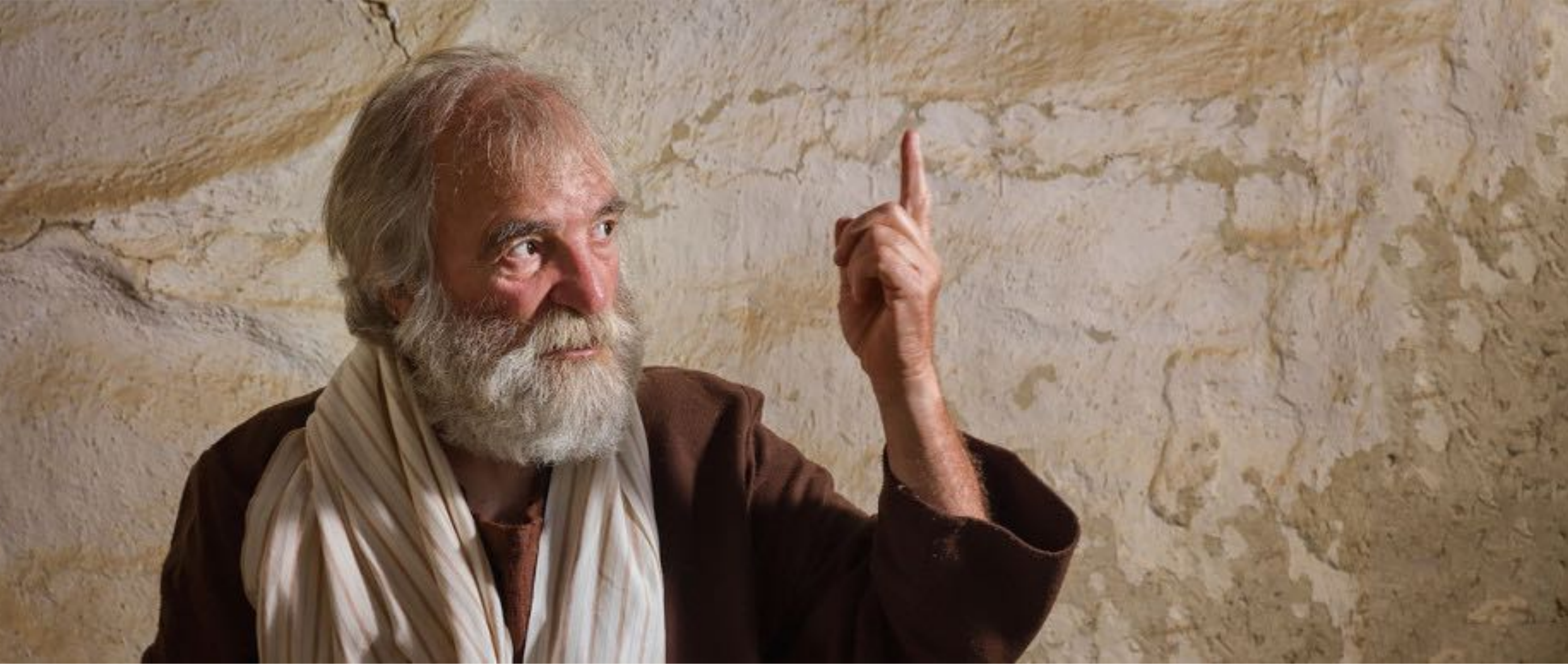
What is the problem?

1:3-4 NLT

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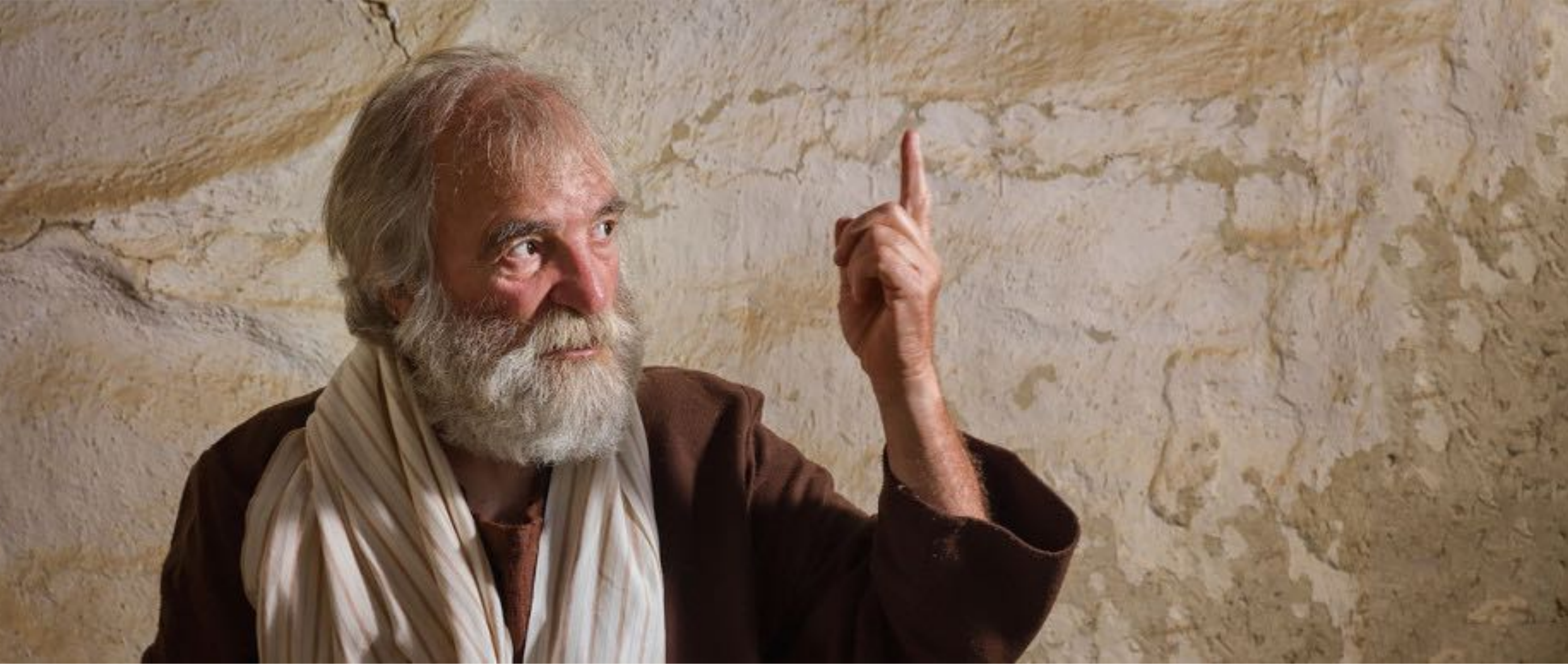
1:6-7 NLT

But some people have **missed this whole point**. They have turned away from these things and spend their time in meaningless discussions. They want to be known as teachers of the law of Moses, but they don't know what they are talking about, even though they speak so confidently.



1:8-11 KJV

But we know that the law is good, if a man use it lawfully; Knowing this, that the law is not made for a righteous man, but for the lawless and disobedient, for the ungodly and for sinners, for unholy and profane, for murderers of fathers and murderers of mothers, for manslayers, For whoremongers, for them that defile themselves with mankind, for menstealers, for liars, for perjured persons, and if there be any other thing that is contrary to sound doctrine; According to the glorious gospel of the blessed God, which was committed to my trust.





There is one God and one Mediator who can reconcile God and humanity—the man Christ Jesus. He gave his life to purchase freedom for everyone. 2:5-6 NLT



Fight the good fight for the true faith. Hold tightly to the eternal life to which God has called you

6:12 NLT

