

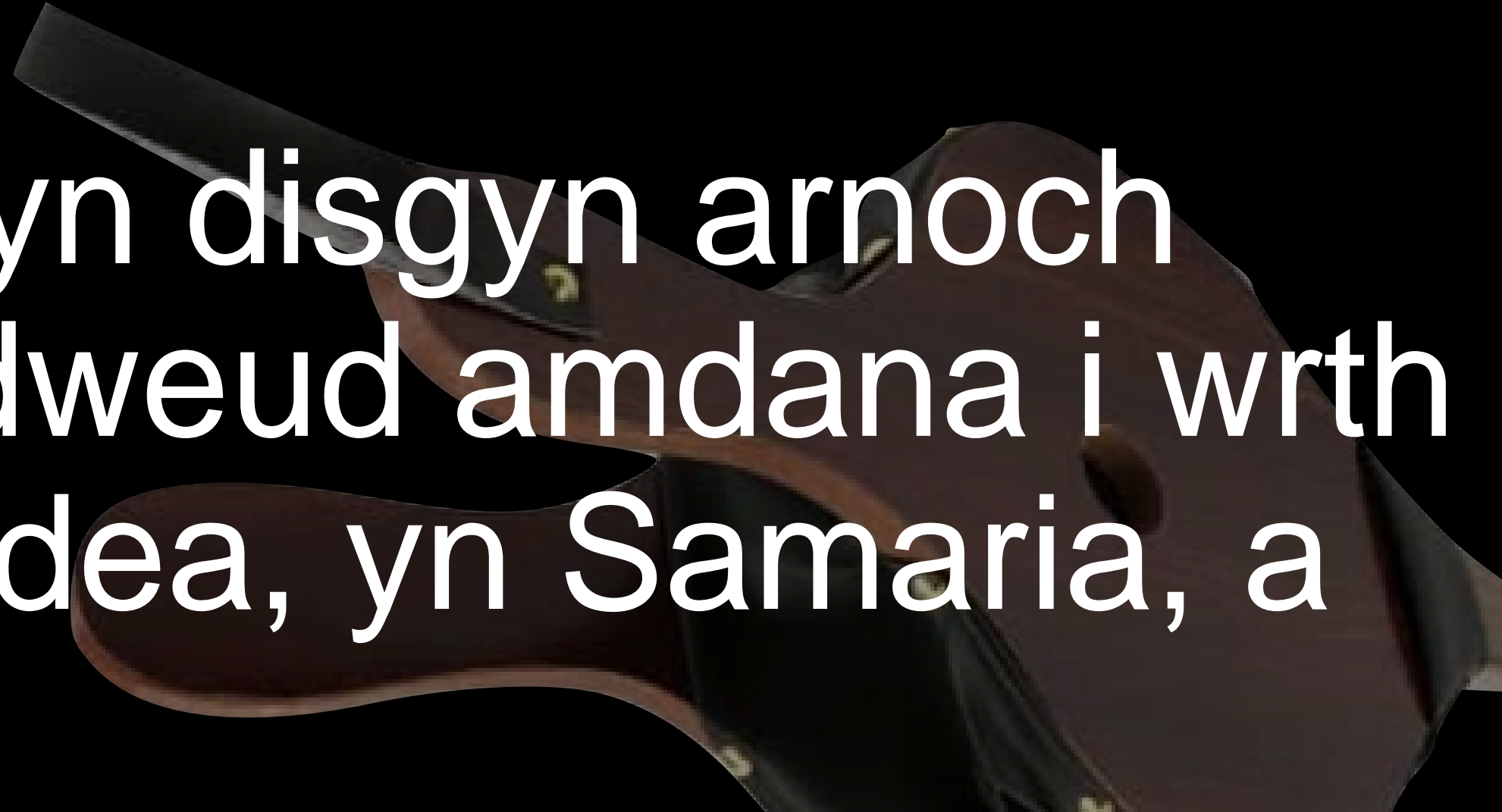
Holy Spirit is For Life Not Just For Pentecost

Part 11 - Quench the Thirst, Not the Fire

September 20th 2020



Acts 1:8

- “But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.”
 - “Ond bydd yr Ysbryd Glân yn disgyn arnoch chi, ac yn rhoi nerth i chi ddweud amdana i wrth bawb – yn Jerwsalem a Jwdea, yn Samaria, a drwy'r byd i gyd.”
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“Let anyone who is thirsty come to me and drink. Whoever believes in me, as Scripture has said, rivers of living water will flow from within them.”



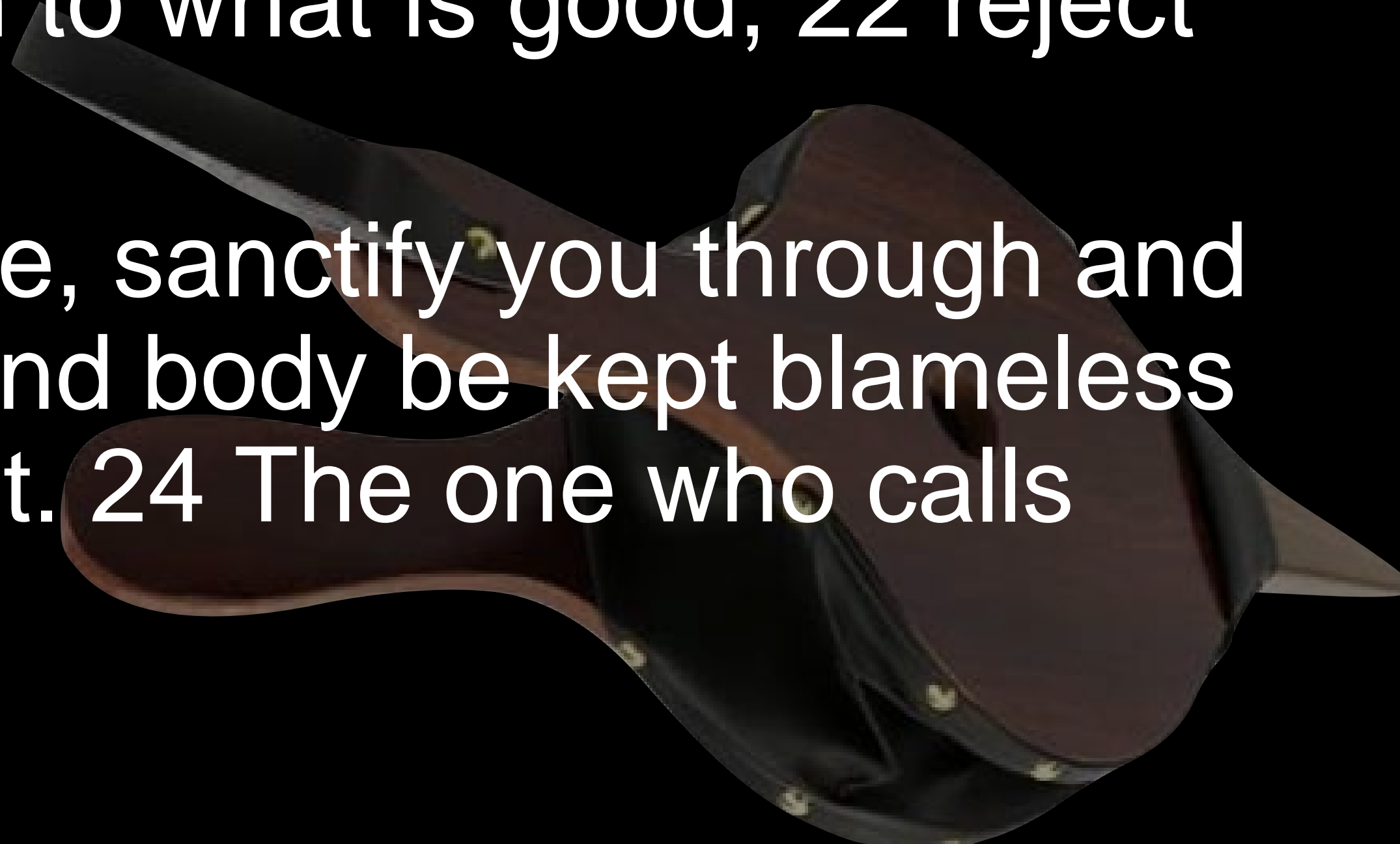
1 Thessalonians 5

(NIV)

16 Rejoice always, 17 pray continually, 18 give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.

19 Do not quench the Spirit. 20 Do not treat prophecies with contempt 21 but test them all; hold on to what is good, 22 reject every kind of evil.

23 May God himself, the God of peace, sanctify you through and through. May your whole spirit, soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. 24 The one who calls you is faithful, and he will do it.



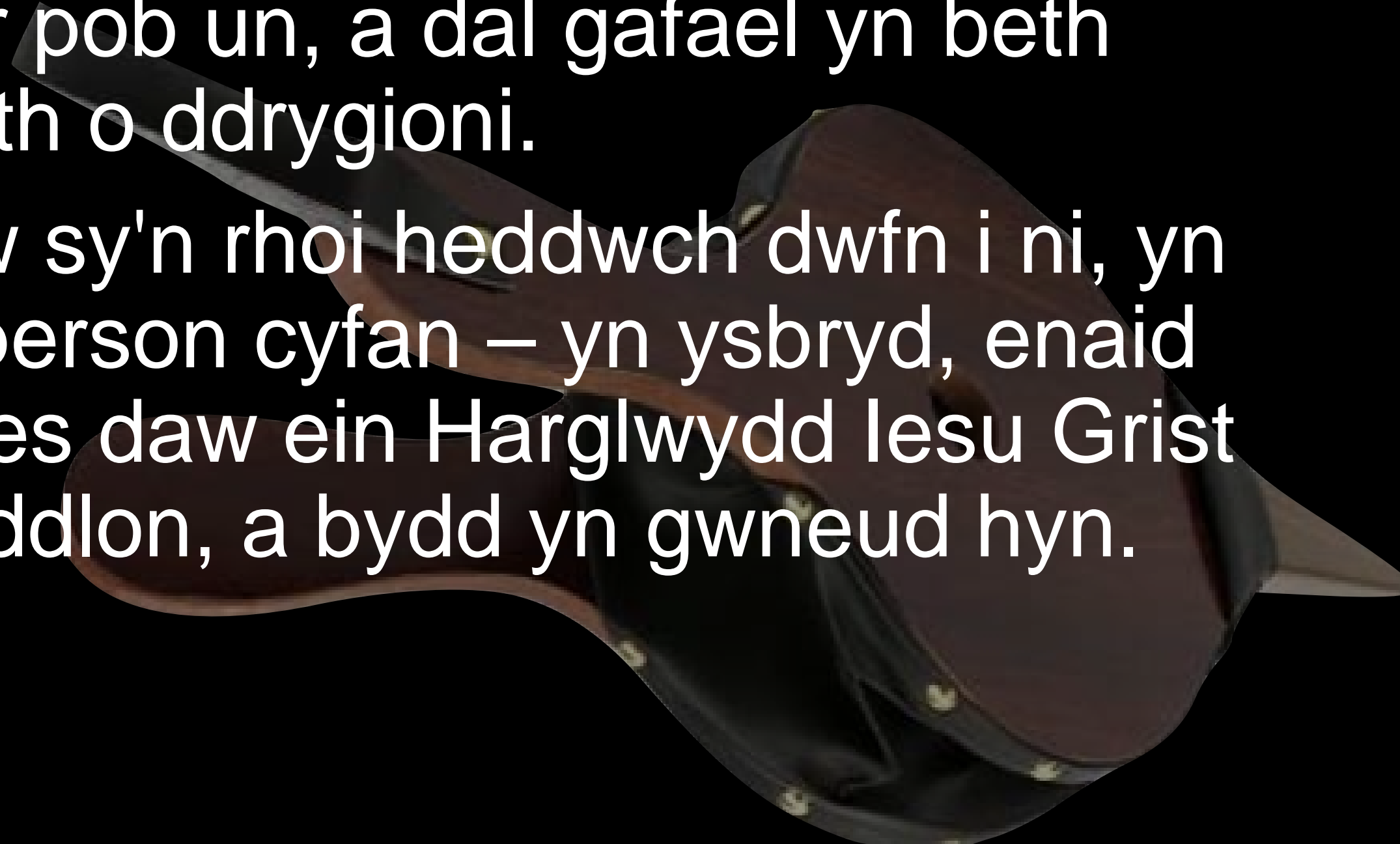
1 Thesalonïaïd 5

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16 Peidiwch byth â stopio gorfoleddu! 17 Daliwch ati i weddïo. 18 Byddwch yn ddiolchgar beth bynnag ydy'ch sefyllfa chi. Dyna sut mae Duw am i chi ymddwyn, fel pobl sy'n perthyn i'r Meseia Iesu.

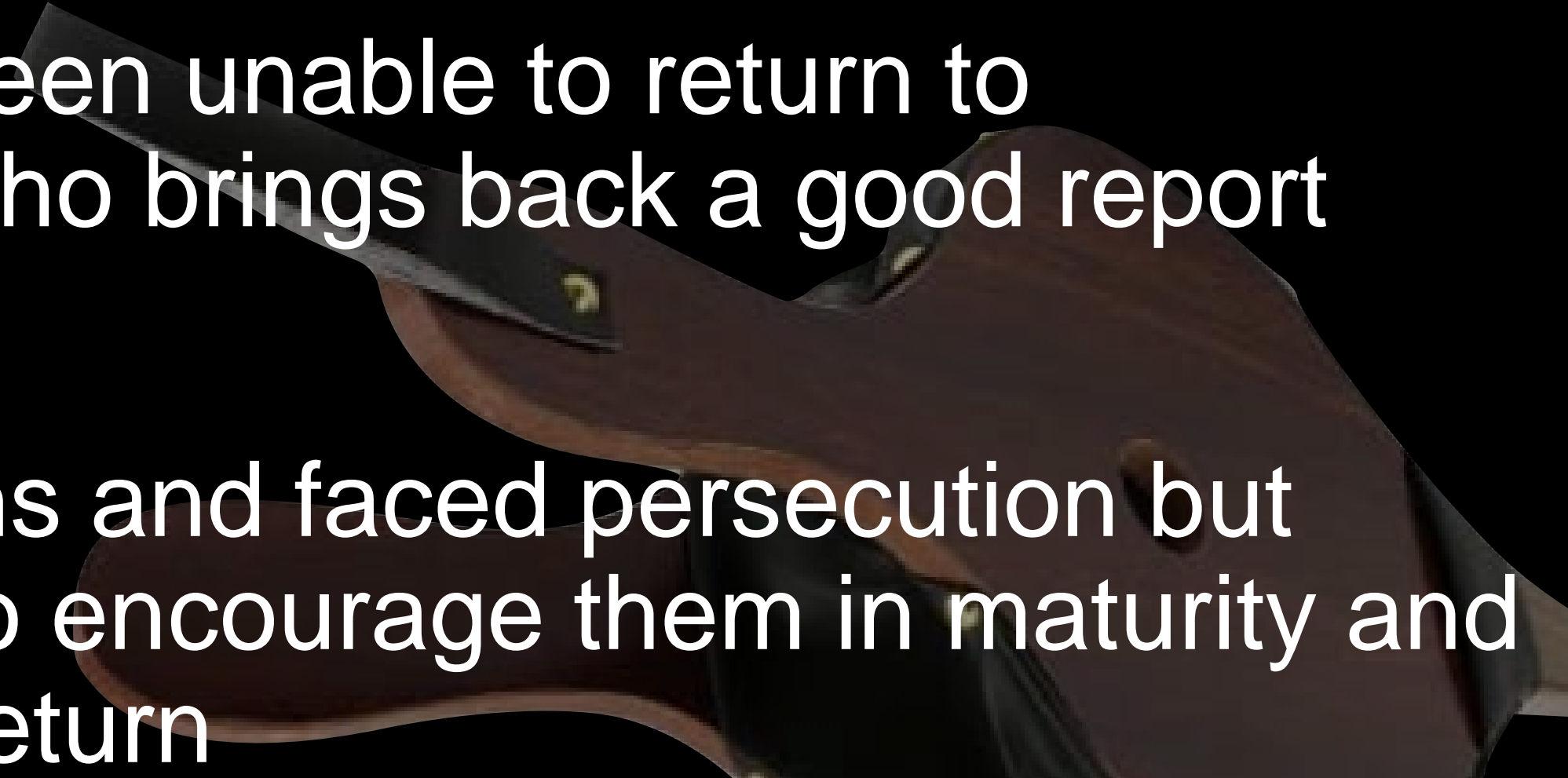
19 Peidiwch bod yn rhwystr i waith yr Ysbryd Glân. 20 Peidiwch wfftio proffwydoliaethau. 21 Dylech bwyso a mesur pob un, a dal gafael yn beth sy'n dda. 22 Cadwch draw oddi wrth bob math o ddrygioni.

23 Dw i'n gweddïo y bydd Duw ei hun, y Duw sy'n rhoi heddwch dwfn i ni, yn eich gwneud chi'n berffaith lân, ac y bydd y person cyfan – yn ysbryd, enaid a chorff – yn cael ei gadw'n ddi-fai ganddo nes daw ein Harglwydd Iesu Grist yn ôl. 24 Mae'r Duw sy'n eich galw chi yn ffyddlon, a bydd yn gwneud hyn.



1 Thessalonians

A Little of the Context for the Letter

- Written by the Apostle Paul (with Silas and younger associate Timothy) to the church he had planted in this significant port-city in Macedonia a number of months (or maybe more) earlier
 - They had to leave under duress and had been unable to return to encourage them before sending Timothy who brings back a good report
 - The church had suffered unexpected deaths and faced persecution but Paul is pleased with their faith and seeks to encourage them in maturity and the certain hope that is to come in Jesus' return
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Words to Toughen in Trial

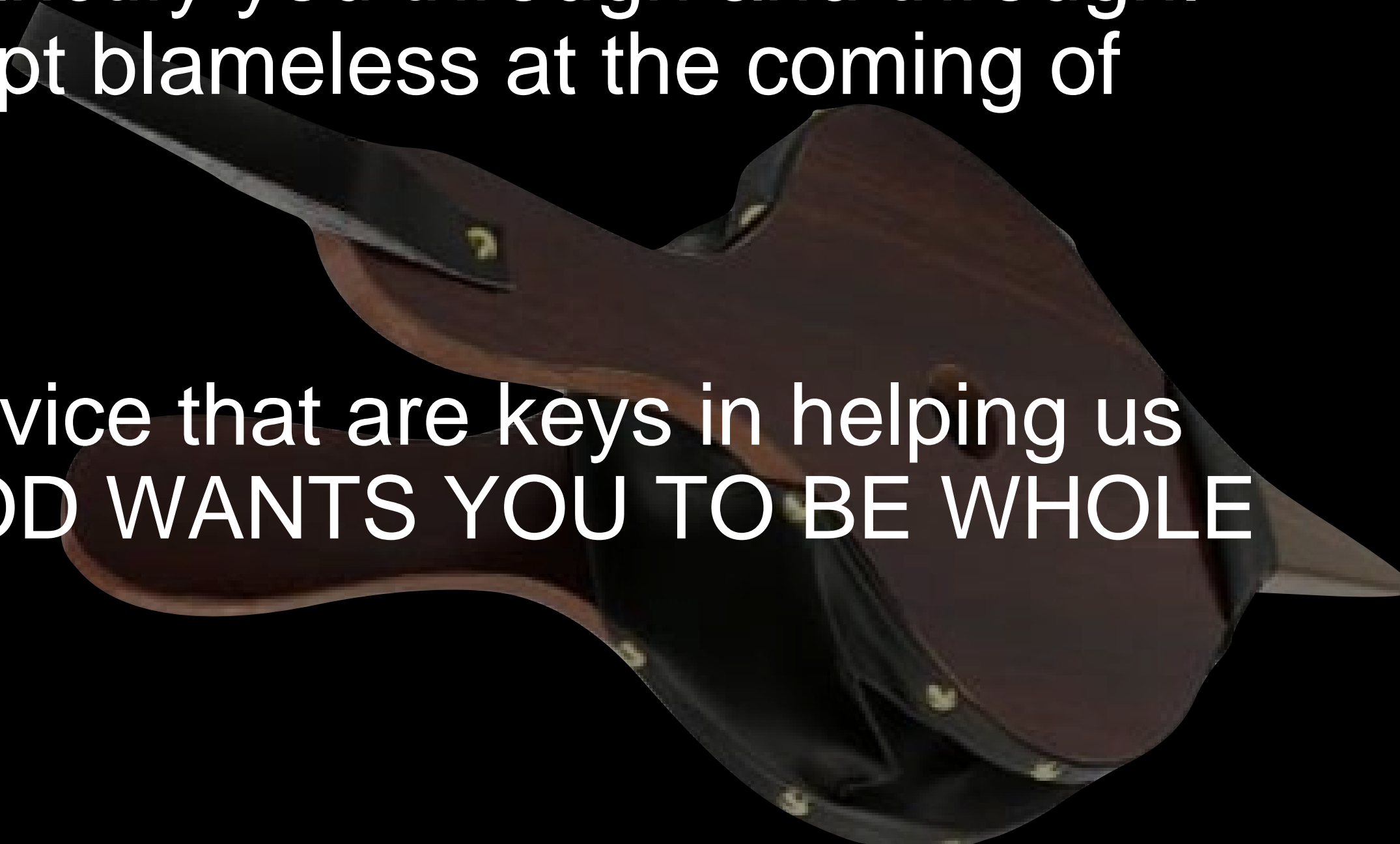
- 1 Thessalonians 5 comes as part of Paul's closing statement, exhortation and encouragement - these are foundational priorities for their church community and as individual believers growing in faith
- He has been telling them to stand strong, and to encourage one another - especially focusing on our identity and hope in Christ that sustains us during dark and challenging times
- This is good for us to hear today!



Three For Three

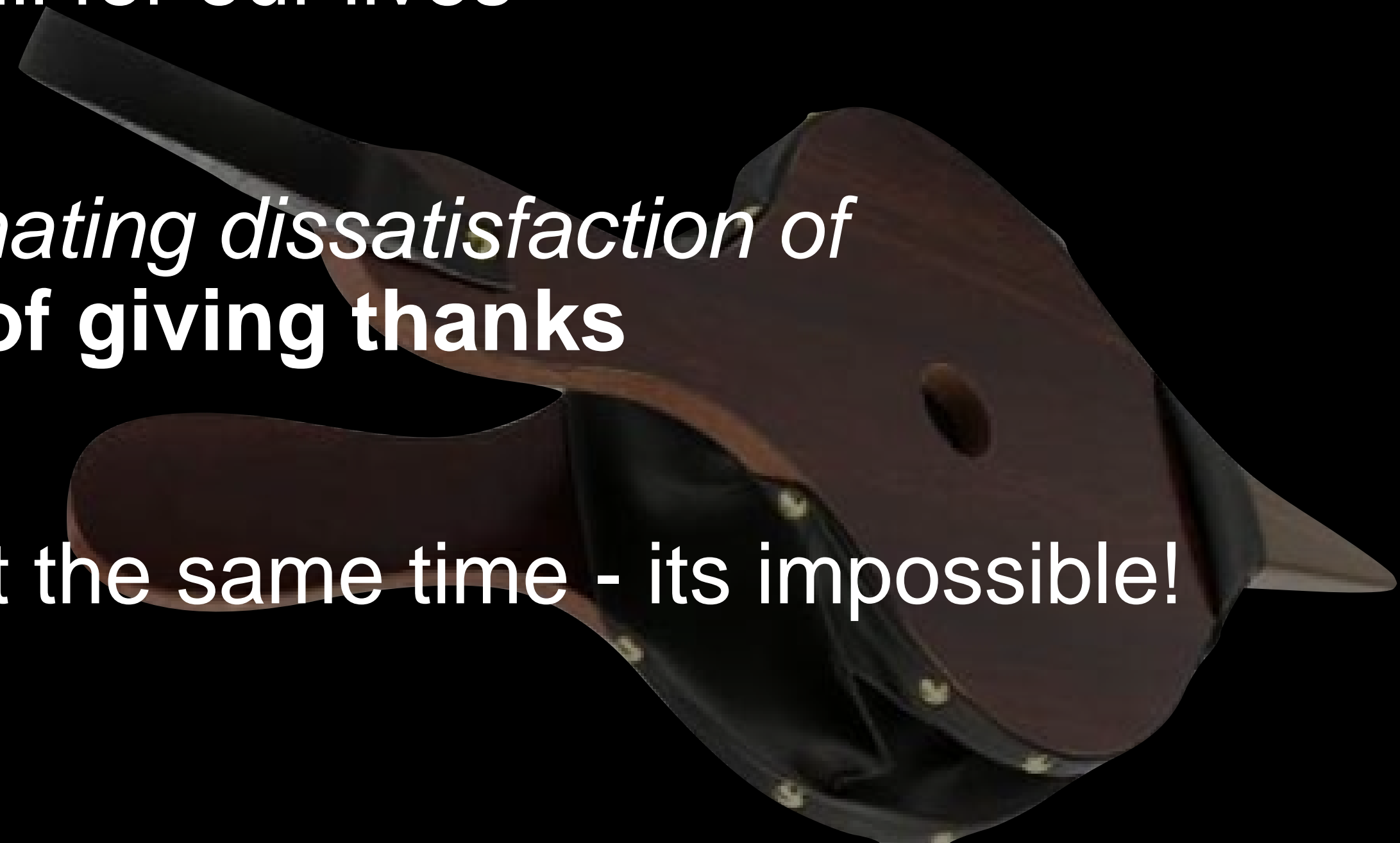
A Wholesome RPG!

- “16 **Rejoice** always, 17 **pray** continually, 18 **give thanks** in all circumstances”
- “23 May God himself, the God of peace, sanctify you through and through. May your whole **spirit**, **soul** and **body** be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ”
- **RPG** - Simple (but challenging to apply) advice that are keys in helping us unlock the route to shalom wholeness - **GOD WANTS YOU TO BE WHOLE**



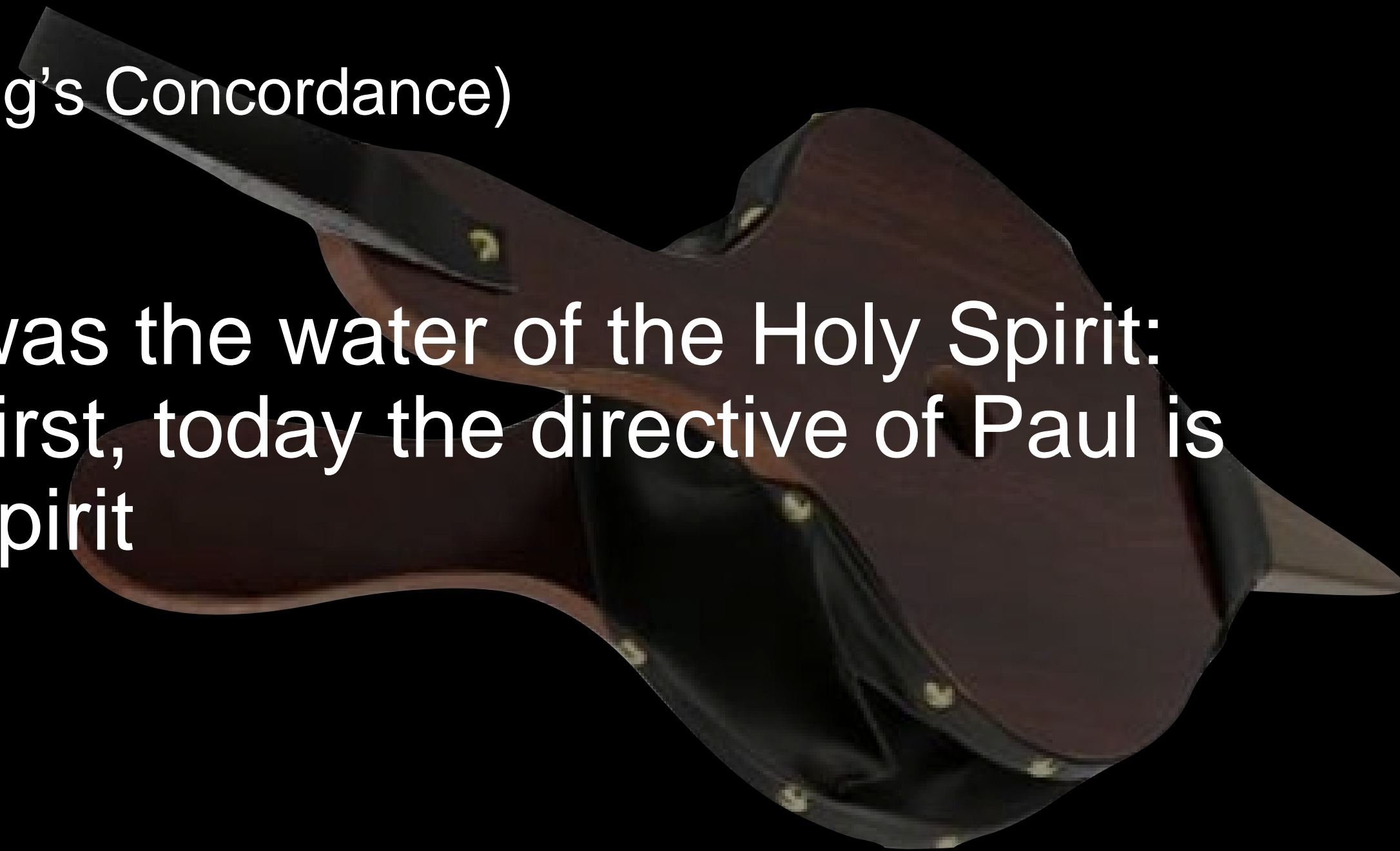
GrAttitude

- Gratitude is a great attitude - giving thanks is an atmosphere revolutioniser
- When we learn to rejoice, pray and give thanks in ALL circumstances we position ourselves in the centre of God's will for our lives
- Many of us need to stop living in the *dominating dissatisfaction of unquenchable desire* and a **daily routine of giving thanks**
- Try being genuinely grateful and grumpy at the same time - its impossible!



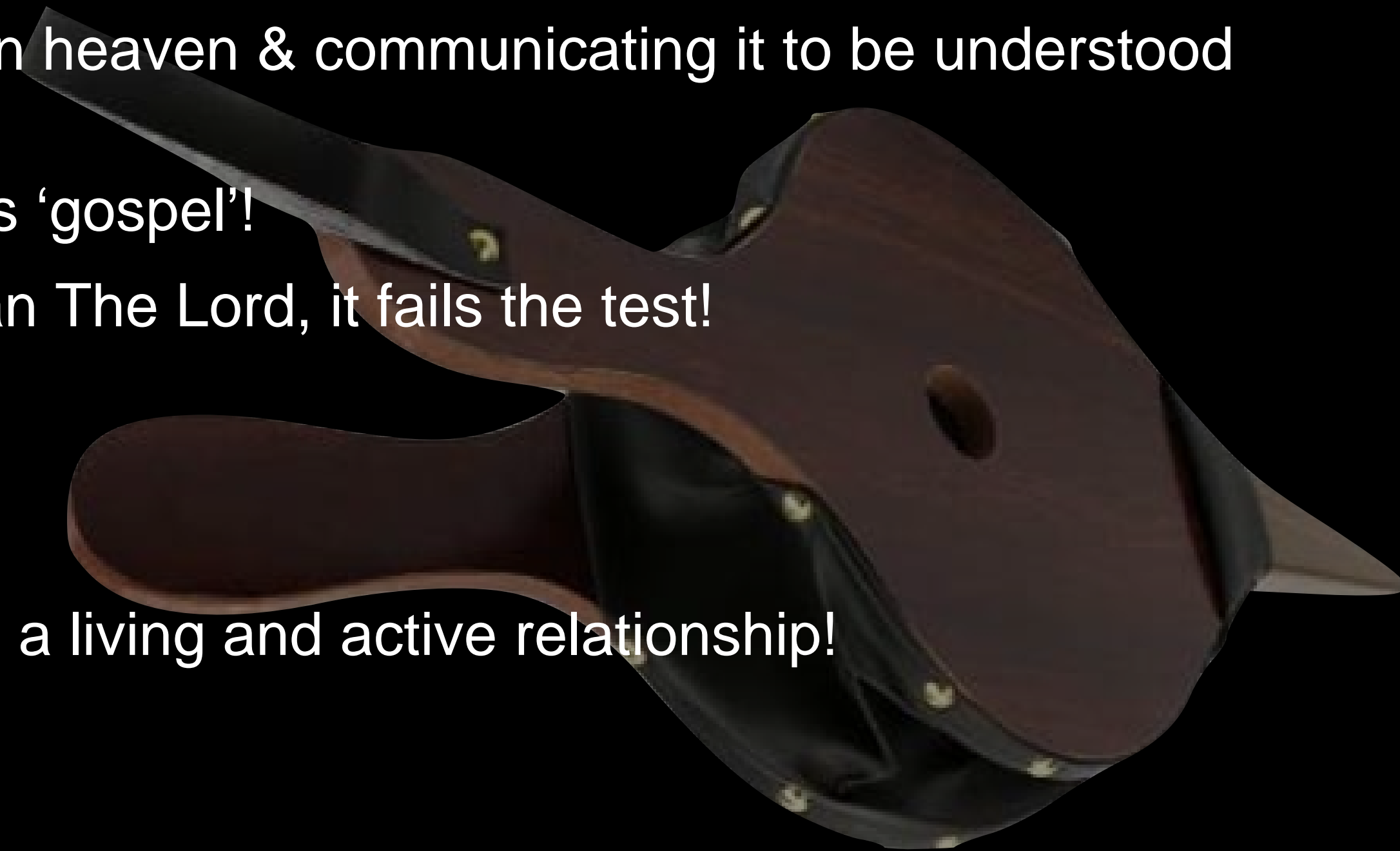
Quenching the Spirit

- “19 Do not quench the Spirit. 20 Do not treat prophecies with contempt 21 but test them all; hold on to what is good, 22 reject every kind of evil.”
- σβέννυμι / sbennumi
 - (a) I extinguish, quench, (b) I suppress, thwart. (Strong’s Concordance)
- Jesus’ promise that we studied last week was the water of the Holy Spirit: the only true way to quench our spiritual thirst, today the directive of Paul is that we do not extinguish the work of the Spirit



Quenching the Spirit

- Pouring water on the flames of what the Holy Spirit is doing, or saying, in the life of an individual or fellowship
- Do not treat prophecies with contempt - listen, weigh & respond
 - Prophecy: hearing or seeing what God is saying or doing in heaven & communicating it to be understood on earth
 - This is not to say we have to take everything that is said as 'gospel'!
 - If it contradicts scripture or glorifies an individual rather than The Lord, it fails the test!
- We need to hear God's voice today
 - Not because scripture is insufficient but because we are in a living and active relationship!



Sanctified

- "23 May God himself, the God of peace, sanctify you through and through. May your whole spirit, soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ."
- ἁγιάζω / hagiázó: to make holy, consecrate, sanctify
- As we look to the return of Christ, God wants us to be holy and whole in Him in body, spirit, soul, heart and mind



Elim Christian Bellowship?!

- Only by fanning the flame of the Holy Spirit in us and each other will we be fulfilled and able to help others to quench their spiritual thirst in Him too!



He is the Holy Spirit

- “24 The one who calls you is faithful, and he will do it.”
- It is Him not us from whom the ability to sanctify flows
- He is HOLY, He is FAITHFUL and He WILL do it
- Holy Spirit empowers us to live for, witness to and glorify Jesus

