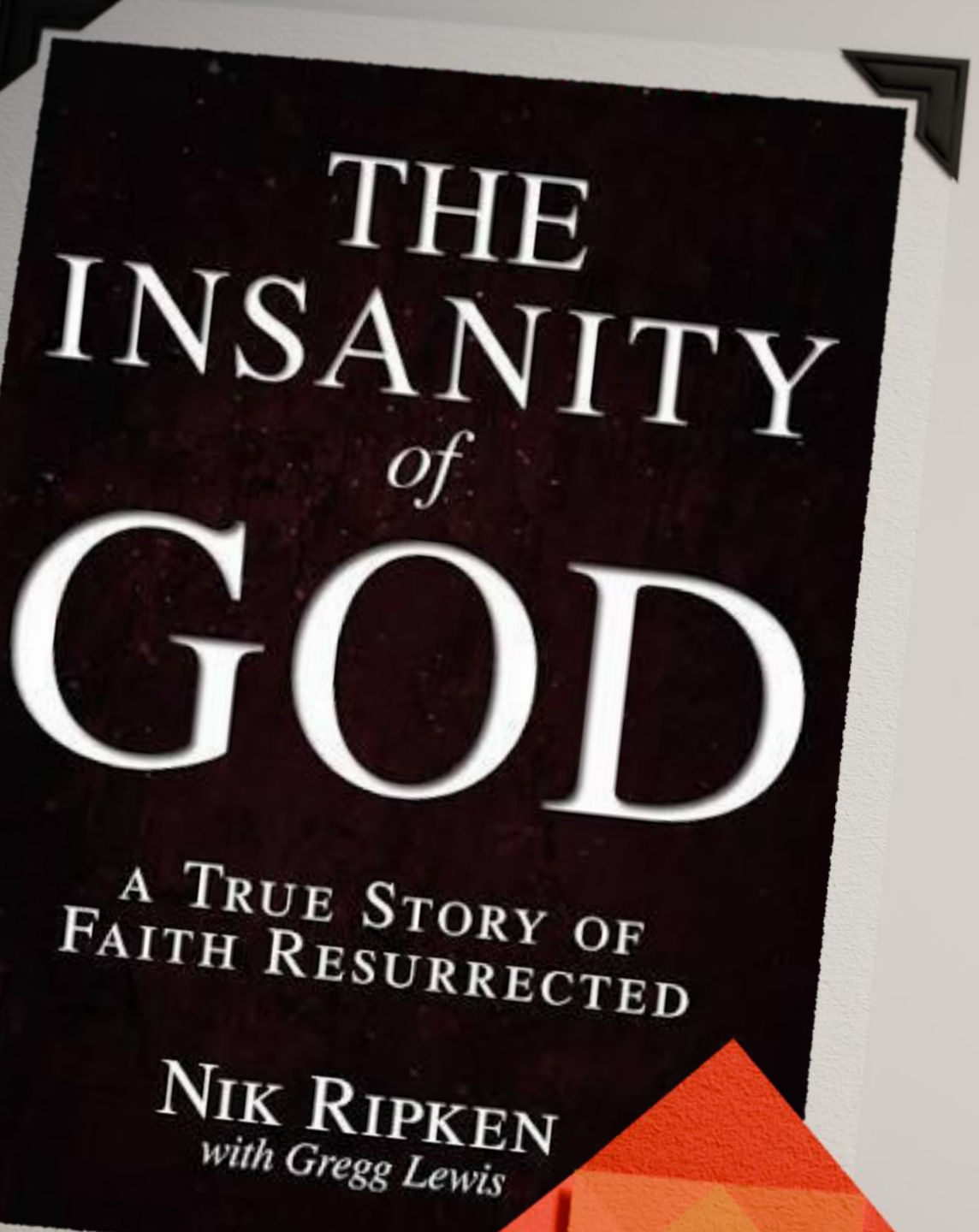


Disputation 4: The God of Justice
in the Midst of Evil

Sunday, November 22, 2026



"I was forced to reconsider both my definition of 'evil' and my understanding of the fallen nature of humanity itself.

I cried out to heaven: 'God, where are you? Do you know what is happening in this place?'

What kind of God would allow this to happen?"

Argument Malachi 2:17

You have wearied the LORD with your words. But you say, “How have we wearied him?” By saying, “Everyone who does evil is good in the sight of the LORD, and he delights in them.” Or by asking, “Where is the God of justice?”

Numbers 14

[20] Then the LORD said, “I have
pardoned, according to your word.
[21] But truly, as I live, and as all the
earth shall be filled with the glory of
the LORD, [22] none of the men who
have seen my glory and my signs that
I did in Egypt and in the wilderness,
and yet have put me to the test these
ten times and have not obeyed my
voice, [23] shall see the land that I
swore to give to their fathers. And
none of those who despised me shall
see it.



The Problem of Evil

How can an all-powerful, all-knowing and completely good God allow suffering and wickedness to exist in the world?

Where is the God of Justice?

Response Malachi 3:1-5

- The messenger to prepare the way

- The messenger of the covenant



The messenger of the covenant

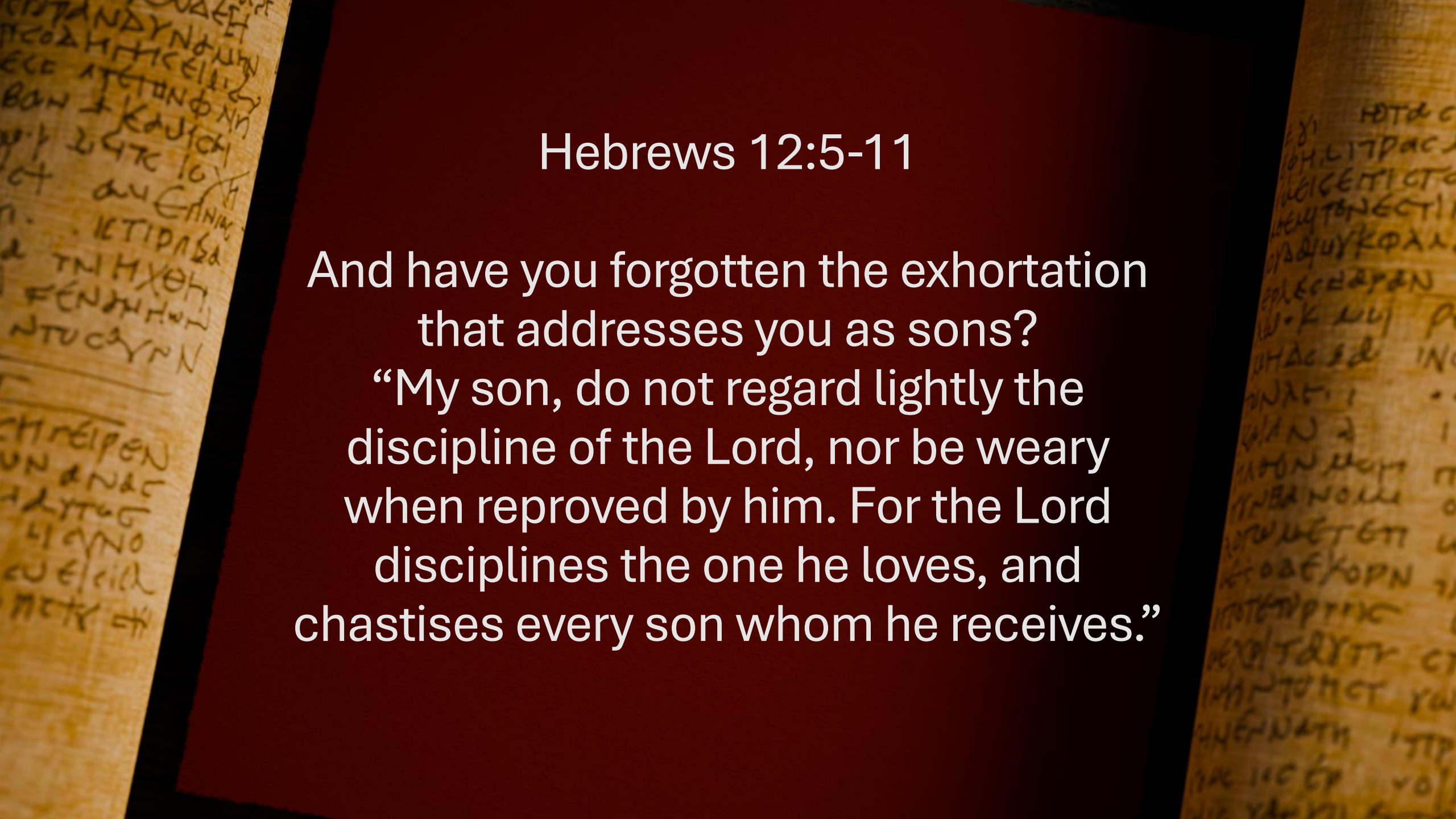
- The promise of purification of sinners

- The promise of judgment on evil

The messenger of the covenant

- The promise of purification of sinners



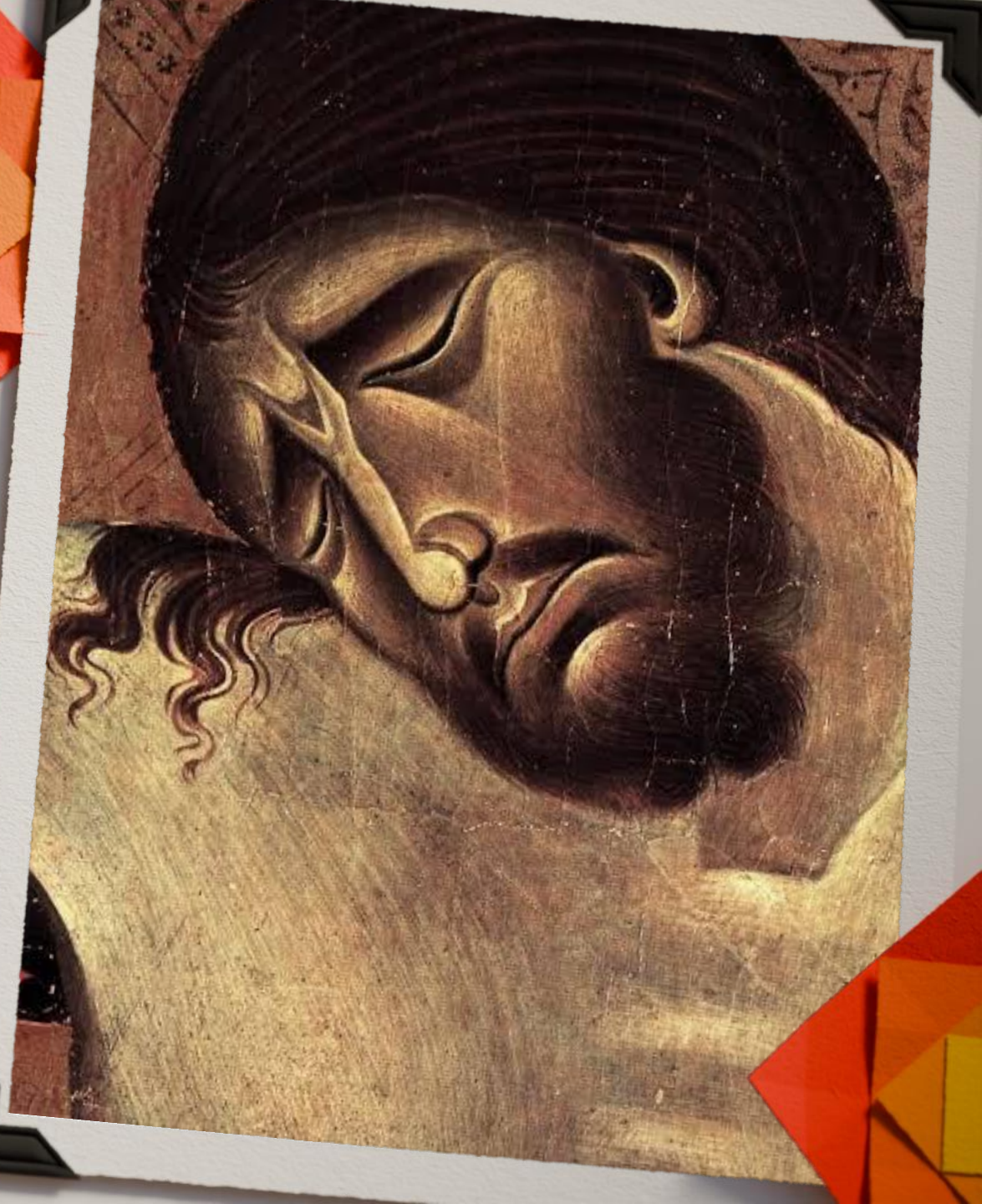


Hebrews 12:5-11

And have you forgotten the exhortation
that addresses you as sons?
“My son, do not regard lightly the
discipline of the Lord, nor be weary
when reproved by him. For the Lord
disciplines the one he loves, and
chastises every son whom he receives.”

The messenger of the covenant

- The promise of judgment on evil

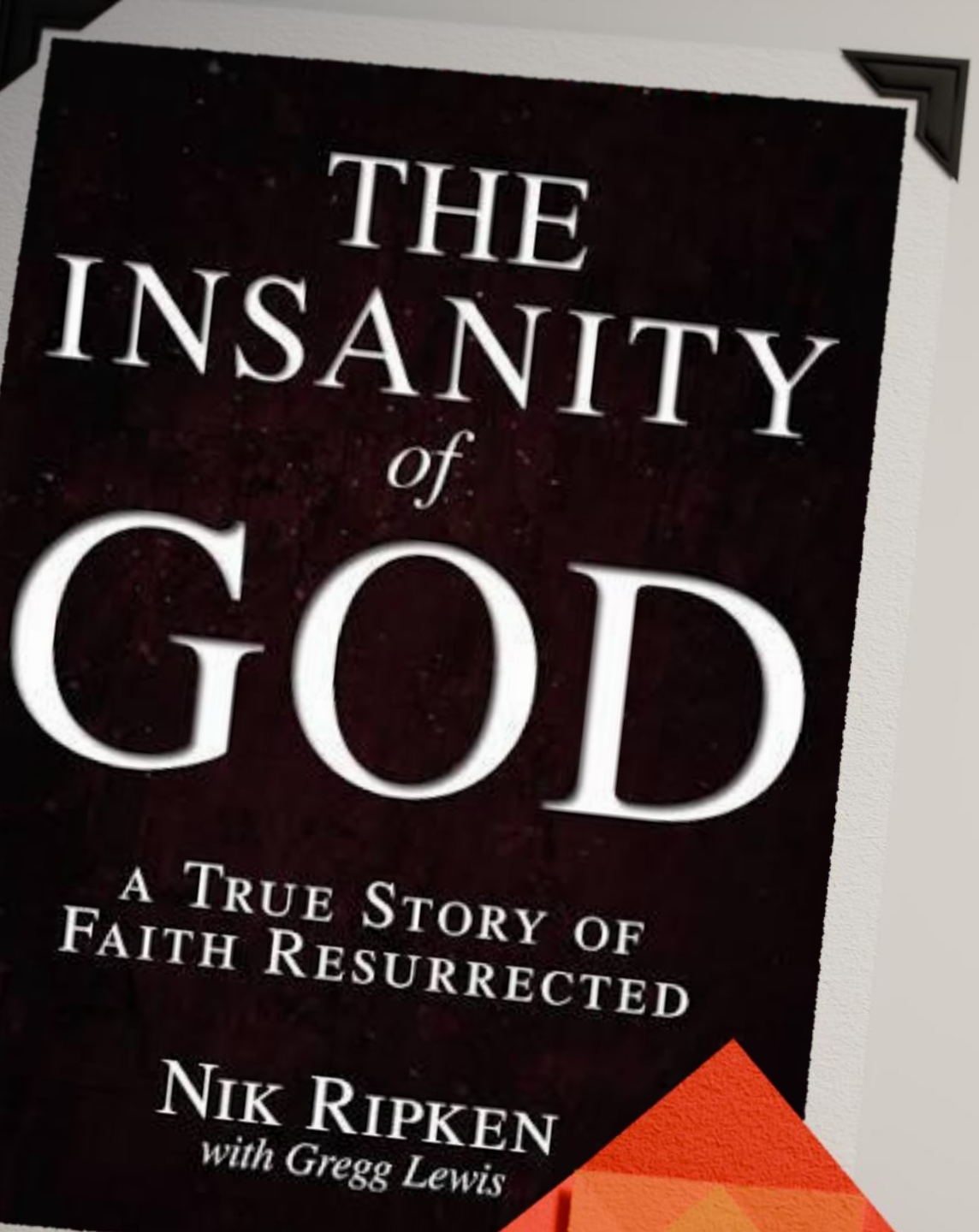


Matthew 11:9-10

What then did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet. This is he of whom it is written,

“Behold, I send my messenger before your face, who will prepare your way before you.”





“It is even more crucial to remember that our all-powerful God is able to work with or without us, that our all-knowing God is not blind to the evil in his world, and that our ever-present God is there, whether we are or not. Indeed, one of the most exciting and encouraging lessons that my journey was teaching me was that God is always present and always working even in the most hostile places on earth. I understood that He had been at work in Somalia long before Ruth and I ever showed up.”