

PLEASE GOD IN GOOD WORK AND KNOWING HIM MORE

Part 1

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COLOSSIANS 1:1-14 (NKJV)

Paul, an apostle of Jesus Christ by the will of God, and Timothy our brother, ² To the saints and faithful brethren in Christ who are in Colosse: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

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COLOSSIANS 1:1-14 (NKJV)

Their Faith in Christ

³ We give thanks to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, praying always for you, ⁴ since we heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and of your love for all the saints;

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COLOSSIANS 1:1-14 (NKJV)

5 because of the hope which is laid up for you in heaven, of which you heard before in the word of the truth of the gospel,

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COLOSSIANS 1:1-14 (NKJV)

6 which has come to you, as it has also in all the world, and is bringing forth fruit, as it is also among you since the day you heard and knew the grace of God in truth;

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COLOSSIANS 1:1-14 (NKJV)

7 as you also learned from
Epaphras, our dear fellow servant,
who is a faithful minister of Christ
on your behalf, **8** who also declared
to us your love in the Spirit.

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COLOSSIANS 1:1-14 (NKJV)

Preeminence of Christ

9 For this reason we also, since the day we heard it, do not cease to pray for you, and to ask that you may be filled with the knowledge of His will in all wisdom and spiritual understanding;

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COLOSSIANS 1:1-14 (NKJV)

1^o that you may walk worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing Him, being fruitful in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God;

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COLOSSIANS 1:1-14 (NKJV)

**11 strengthened with all might,
according to His glorious power,
for all patience and longsuffering
with joy; 12 giving thanks to the
Father who has qualified us to be
partakers of the inheritance of
the saints in the light.**

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COLOSSIANS 1:1-14 (NKJV)

13 He has delivered us from the power of darkness and conveyed us into the kingdom of the Son of His love, **14** in whom we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins.”

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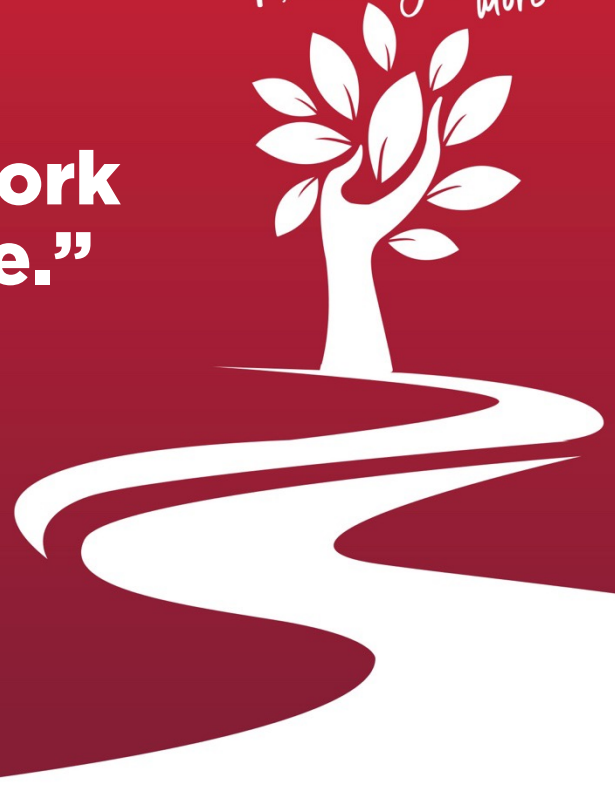


Introduction

a) Church theme for 2025

- Theme for 2025 is
“Pleasing God in good work
and in knowing Him more.”

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COLOSSIANS 1:10 (NKJV)

10 that you may walk worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing Him, being fruitful in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God;

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a) Church theme for 2025

- His desire for our delightful relationship with Him.
- Transcends work and word.

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Introduction

a) Church theme for 2025

- The way we live our life should be aligned with God's desire.
- Aim at walking in a manner worthy of God, and fully pleasing to Him.

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b) Increasing in the knowledge of God

- **Our walk with God encompasses, among other things, serving Him in good works and knowing Him more.**

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b) Increasing in the knowledge of God

- **Balance between works and word in our relationship with God.**

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b) Increasing in the knowledge of God

- **The word of God helps us know Him and helps us understand the depth of God's love for us.**

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EPHESIANS 3:17-19 (NKJV)

17 that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith; that you, being rooted and grounded in love, 18 may be able to comprehend with all the saints what is the width and length and depth and height -

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EPHESIANS 3:17-19 (NKJV)

19 to know the love of Christ which passes knowledge; that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.

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b) Increasing in the knowledge of God

- Paul said about his desire to know God more.**

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PHILIPPIANS 3:7-11 (NKJV)

**7 But what things were gain to me,
these I have counted loss for Christ.**

**8 Yet indeed I also count all things
loss for the excellence of the
knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord,
for whom I have suffered the loss
of all things, and count them as
rubbish, that I may gain Christ**

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PHILIPPIANS 3:7-11 (NKJV)

9 and be found in Him, not having my own righteousness, which is from the law, but that which is through faith in Christ, the righteousness which is from God by faith;

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PHILIPPIANS 3:7-11 (NKJV)

¹⁰ that I may know Him and the power of His resurrection, and the fellowship of His sufferings, being conformed to His death, ¹¹ if, by any means, I may attain to the resurrection from the dead.

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c) Fruitful in every good work

- **The word of God also instructs us, and inspires us to good works.**

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c) Fruitful in every good work

- Helps us to concretise our love for God and our gratitude to God.

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c) Fruitful in every good work

- Our primary motivation to work and to grow in knowledge is to please God.

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c) Fruitful in every good work

- Good resolution for us to have for 2025 is to live our life pleasing God in good work and in knowing Him more.

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d) Coming back to His word

- **How is your word life?**
- **Do you delight yourself in knowing God's word?**
- **Come back to His word.**

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Key Points

- 1) Beginning with the gospel
- 2) Bearing fruits by truth and grace
- 3) Bringing back the word of God

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(1)
**Beginning with
the gospel**



1) Beginning with the gospel

**Beginning with hearing the
word of truth of the gospel.**

COLOSSIANS 1:3-5 (NKJV)

3 We give thanks to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, praying always for you, **4** since we heard of **your faith in Christ Jesus and of your love for all the saints;**

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COLOSSIANS 1:3-5 (NKJV)

5 because of the hope which is laid up for you in heaven, of which you heard before in the word of the truth of the gospel,

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ROMANS 10:14-17 (NKJV)

**How then shall they call on Him in
whom they have not believed?
And how shall they believe in Him
of whom they have not heard?
And how shall they hear without a
preacher?**

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ROMANS 10:14-17 (NKJV)

15 And how shall they preach unless they are sent? As it is written: “How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the gospel of peace, Who bring glad tidings of good things!”

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ROMANS 10:14-17 (NKJV)

16 But they have not all obeyed the gospel. For Isaiah says, “Lord, who has believed our report?” **17** So then faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.

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1) Beginning with the gospel

**I heard the word of God, coming
to me in the gospel, without
which I could not have believed in
Jesus and be saved.**

COLOSSIANS 1:5 (NKJV)

**because of the hope which is laid
up for you in heaven, of which you
heard before in the word of the
truth of the gospel,**

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1) Beginning with the gospel

**Hope was something that
says the future is all right.**



1) Beginning with the gospel

**The future is eternity.
Hope is laid up for me
in heaven!**

COLOSSIANS 1:12-14 (NKJV)

12 giving thanks to the Father who has qualified us to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in the light. **13** He has delivered us from the power of darkness and conveyed us into the kingdom of the Son of His love, **14** in whom we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins.”

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1) Beginning with the gospel

Receive in heaven our share of the inheritance of the saints, namely the glory, riches, health, and beauty of the Kingdom of God.



1) Beginning with the gospel

**Stop brooding over your dismal
short-term hope of tomorrow
and next year.**

Anchor your hope in eternity.

A top-down view of a white ceramic bowl with a blue floral pattern, filled with fresh, wet red grapes. The bowl sits on a matching white plate with a blue pattern, all on a wooden surface. The text "(2) Bearing fruits by grace and truth" is overlaid in the center of the bowl.

(2)
**Bearing fruits
by grace and truth**

(2) Bearing fruits by grace and truth

Bearing fruits since hearing and knowing the truth of God's grace.



COLOSSIANS 1:5-6 (NKJV)

5 because of the hope which is laid up for you in heaven, of which you heard before in **the word of the truth of the gospel,**

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COLOSSIANS 1:5-6 (NKJV)

6 which has come to you, as it has also in all the world, and is bringing forth fruit, as it is also among you since the day you heard and knew the grace of God in truth;

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(2) Bearing fruits by grace and truth

God's sovereignly fed me despite my lack of understanding of the word and despite my misunderstanding of the word.



(2) Bearing fruits by grace and truth

**An experience of the grace
of God in my life.**



COLOSSIANS 1:6 (NKJV)

**... bringing forth fruit, as it is also
among you since the day you
heard and knew the grace of God
in truth ...**

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JOHN 16:13-15 (NKJV)

However, when He, the Spirit of truth, has come, He will guide you into all truth; for He will not speak on His own authority, but whatever He hears He will speak; and He will tell you things to come

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JOHN 16:13-15 (NKJV)

14 He will glorify Me, for He will take of what is Mine and declare it to you. **15** All things that the Father has are Mine. Therefore, I said that He will take of Mine and declare it to you.

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(2) Bearing fruits by grace and truth

**Keep reading even if
you do not understand.**



COLOSSIANS 1:9-10 (NKJV)

9 For this reason we also, since the day we heard it, do not cease to pray for you, and to ask that you may be filled with the knowledge of His will in all wisdom and spiritual understanding;

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COLOSSIANS 1:9-10 (NKJV)

10 that you may walk worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing Him, being fruitful in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God;

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(2) Bearing fruits by grace and truth

**2 important aspects
to knowing God's word:**

- **increase knowledge**
- **gain wisdom and spiritual understanding**



PSALM 1:1 (NKJV)

**“He is not blessed who walks (not)
in the counsel of the ungodly,
(Nor) stands in the path of sinners,
(Nor) sits in the seat of the
scornful;”**

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(2) Bearing fruits by grace and truth

**Wisdom and spiritual understanding
come from applying the word of God
to one's life.**



MATTHEW 4:1-4 (NKJV)

Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. ² And when He had fasted forty days and forty nights, afterward He was hungry.

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MATTHEW 4:1-4 (NKJV)

3 Now when the tempter came to Him, he said, “If You are the Son of God, command that these stones become bread.” **4** But **He answered** and said, “It is written, ‘Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds from the mouth of God.’ ”

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PSALM 1:2-3 (NKJV)

But his delight is in the law of the Lord, and in His law he meditates day and night. ³ He shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water, that brings forth its fruit in its season, whose leaf also shall not wither; and whatever he does shall prosper.

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PSALM 1:1 (NKJV)

**Blessed is the man who walks not
in the counsel of the ungodly, Nor
stands in the path of sinners, Nor
sits in the seat of the scornful;"**

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PSALM 1:1 (NLT)

Oh, the joys of those who do not follow the advice of the wicked, or stand around with sinners, or join in with mockers.

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(2) Bearing fruits by grace and truth

**Living by the word means applying
the word of God to life.**

Application

**Preacher's duty is to help
his listeners apply and
act upon the word.**



(2) Bearing fruits by grace and truth

Application

Practical means applicable.

**Not only be hearers of God's word,
we should also be doers of
God's word.**



MATTHEW 7:24-27 (NKJV)

“Therefore, whoever hears these sayings of Mine, and does them, I will liken him to a wise man who built his house on the rock: ²⁵ and the rain descended, the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house; and it did not fall, for it was founded on the rock.

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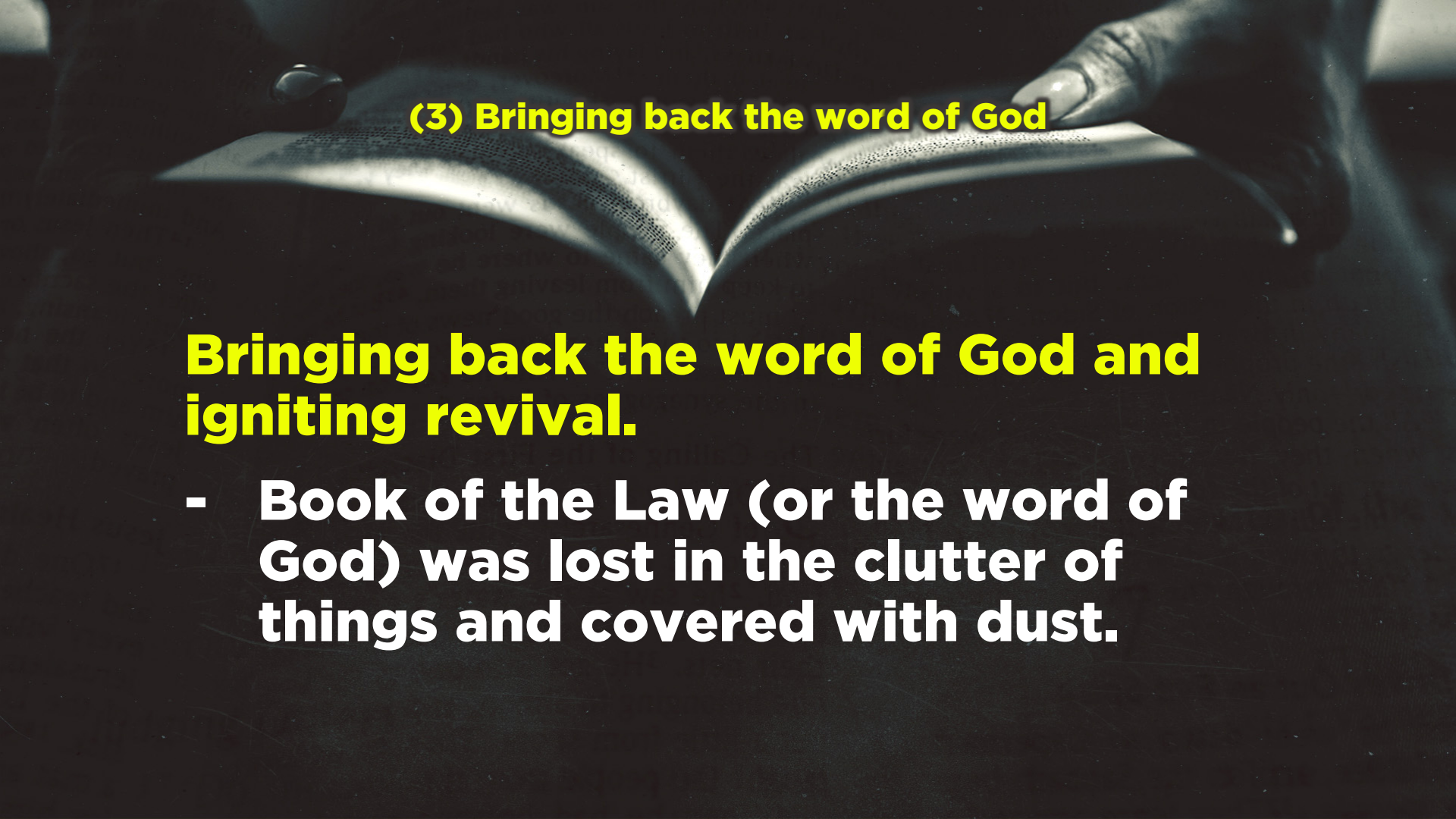
MATTHEW 7:24-27 (NKJV)

**26 “But everyone who hears these sayings of Mine, and does not do them, will be like a foolish man who built his house on the sand:
27 and the rain descended, the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house; and it fell. And great was its fall.”**

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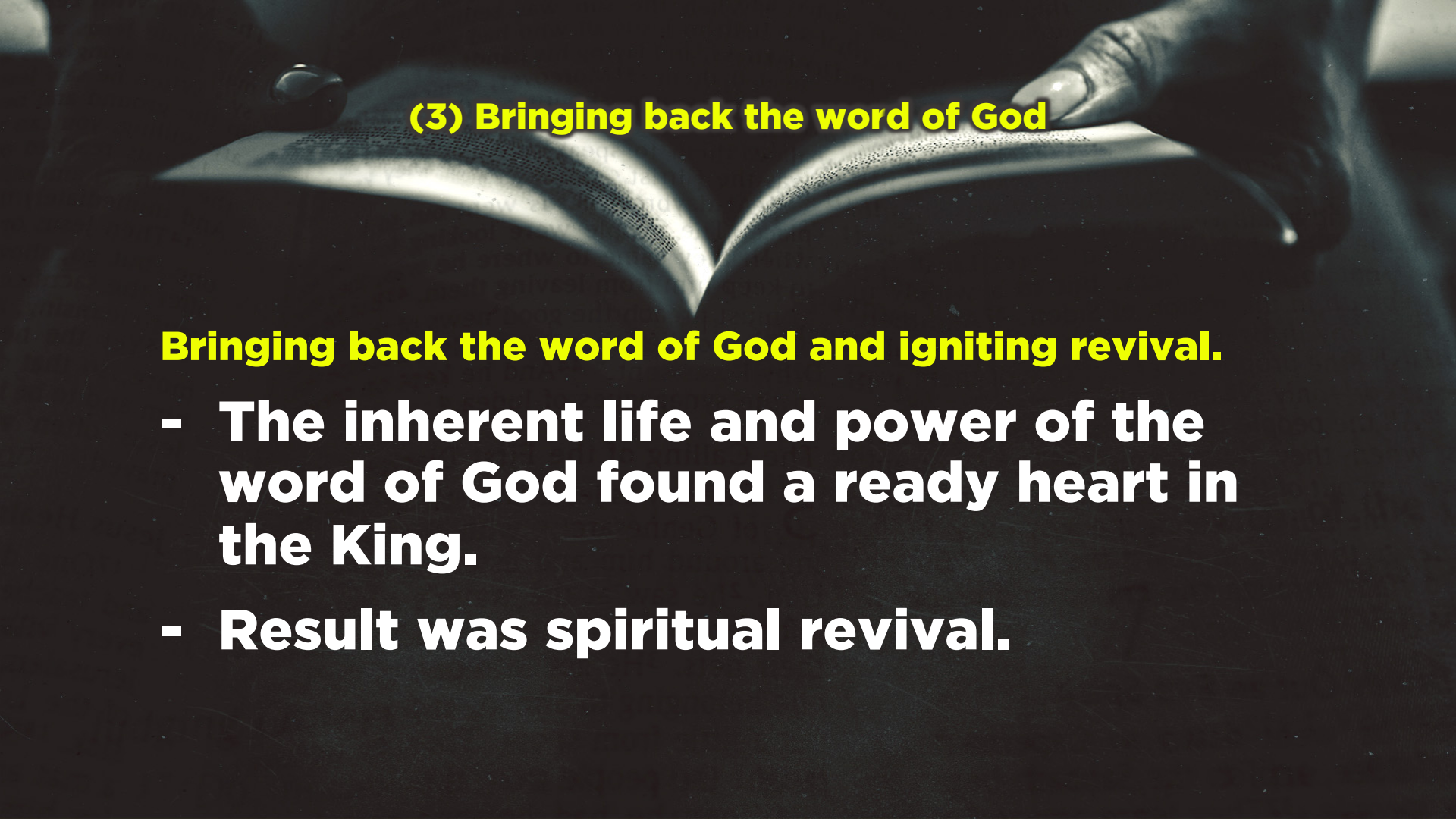
(3)
**Bringing back the
word of God**

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(3) Bringing back the word of God

Bringing back the word of God and igniting revival.

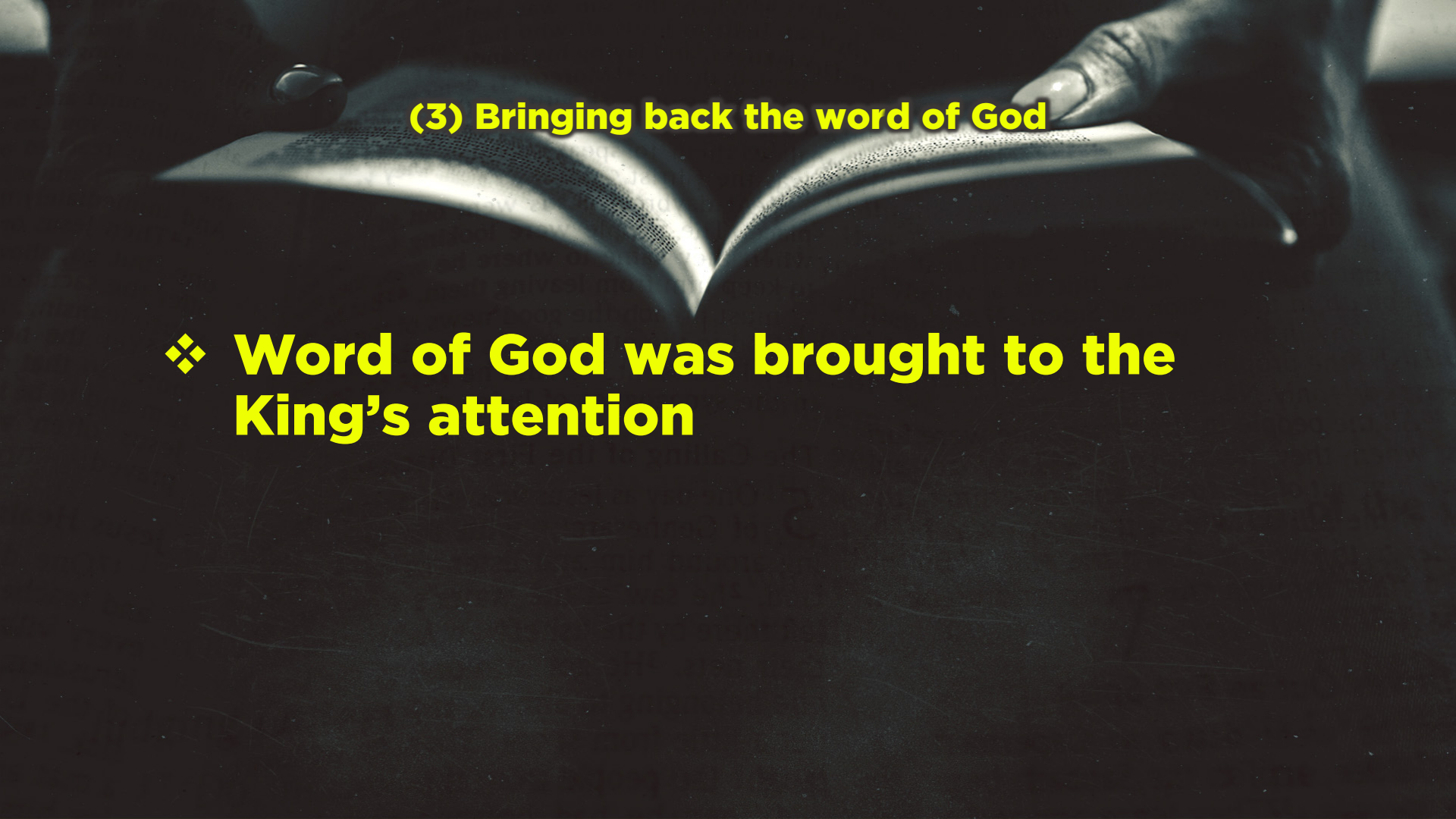
- **Book of the Law (or the word of God) was lost in the clutter of things and covered with dust.**

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(3) Bringing back the word of God

Bringing back the word of God and igniting revival.

- The inherent life and power of the word of God found a ready heart in the King.**
- Result was spiritual revival.**

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(3) Bringing back the word of God

❖ Word of God was brought to the King's attention

2 KINGS 22:8-10 (NKJV)

8 Then Hilkiah the high priest said to Shaphan the scribe, “I have found the Book of the Law in the house of the Lord.” And Hilkiah gave the book to Shaphan, and he read it.

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2 KINGS 22:8-10 (NKJV)

9 So Shaphan the scribe went to the king, bringing the king word, saying, “Your servants have gathered the money that was found in the house, and have delivered it into the hand of those who do the work, who oversee the house of the Lord.”

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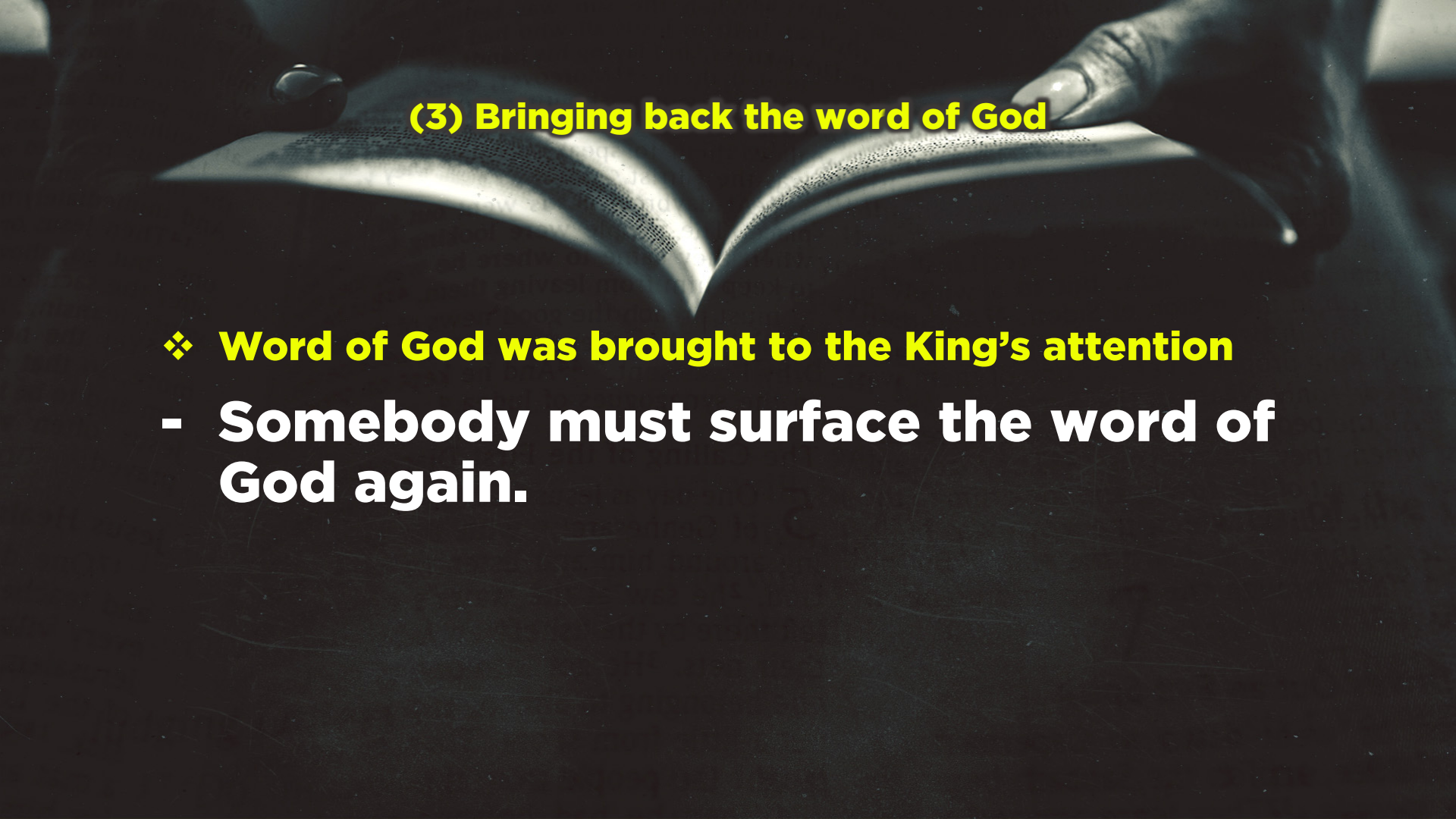


2 KINGS 22:8-10 (NKJV)

10 Then Shaphan the scribe showed the king, saying, “Hilkiah the priest has given me a book.” And Shaphan read it before the king.

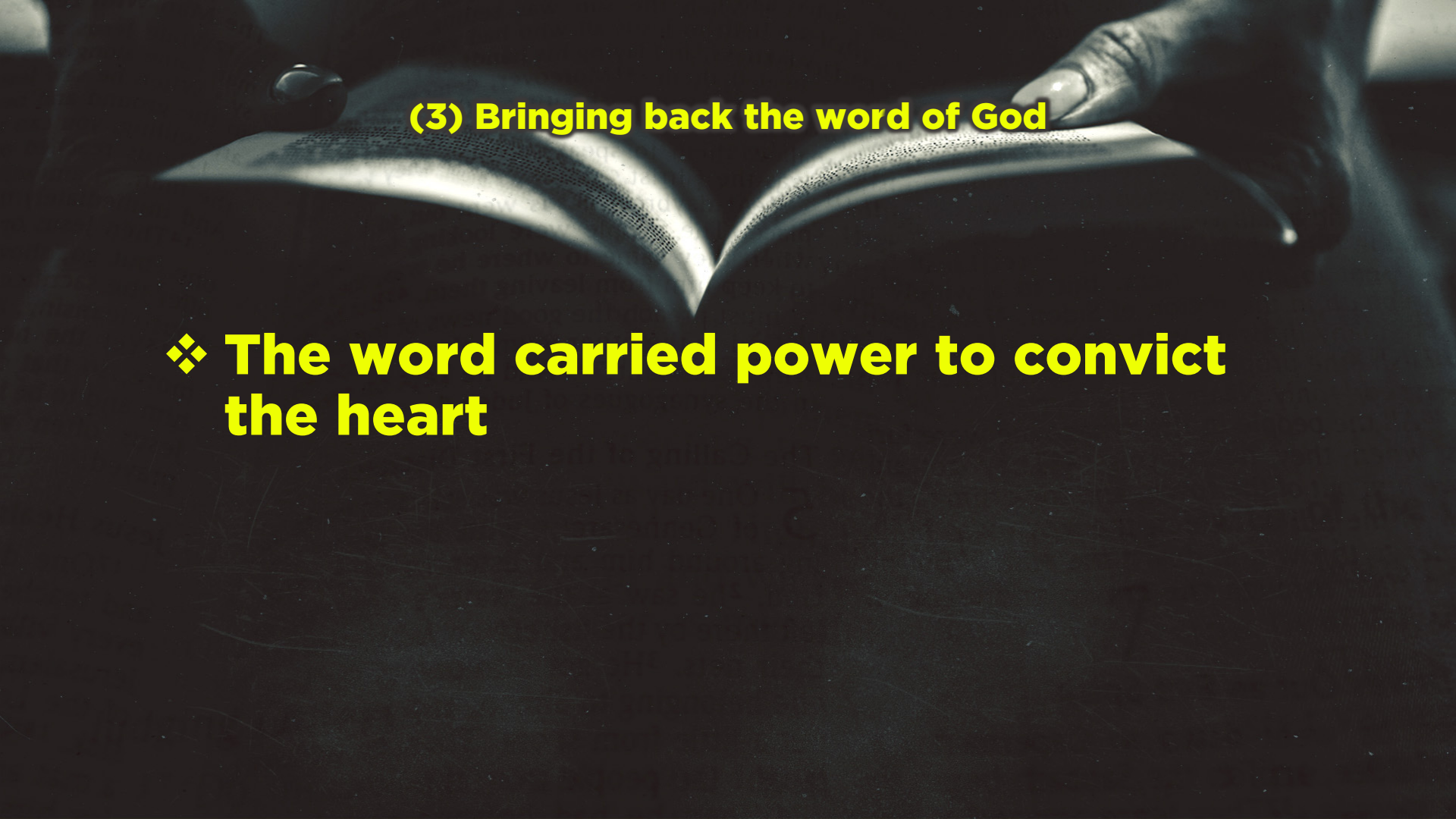
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(3) Bringing back the word of God

- ❖ **Word of God was brought to the King's attention**
- **Somebody must surface the word of God again.**

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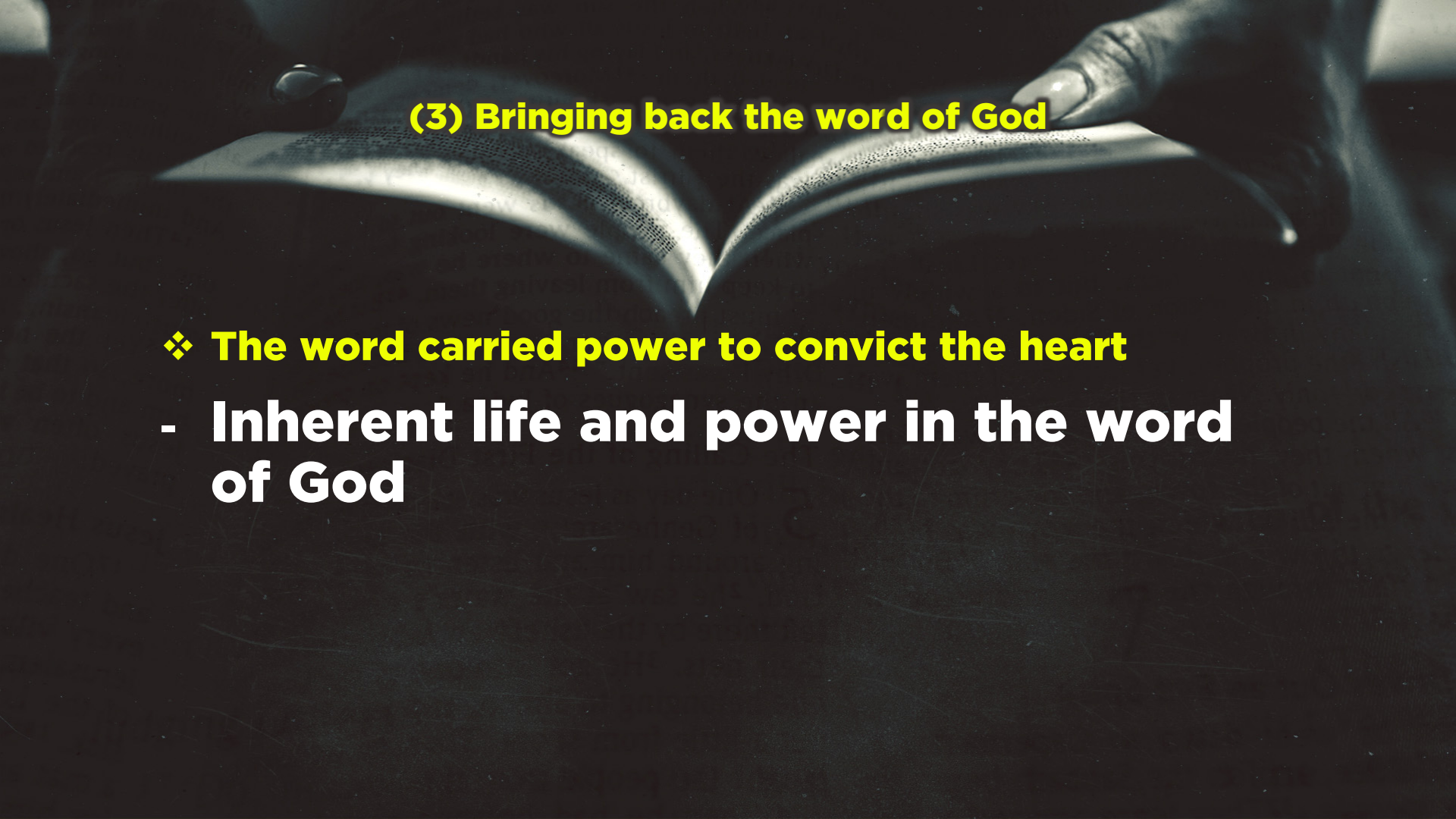
❖ The word carried power to convict the heart

2 KINGS 22:1 (NKJV)

**“Now it happened, when the king
heard the words of the Book of the
Law, that he tore his clothes.”**

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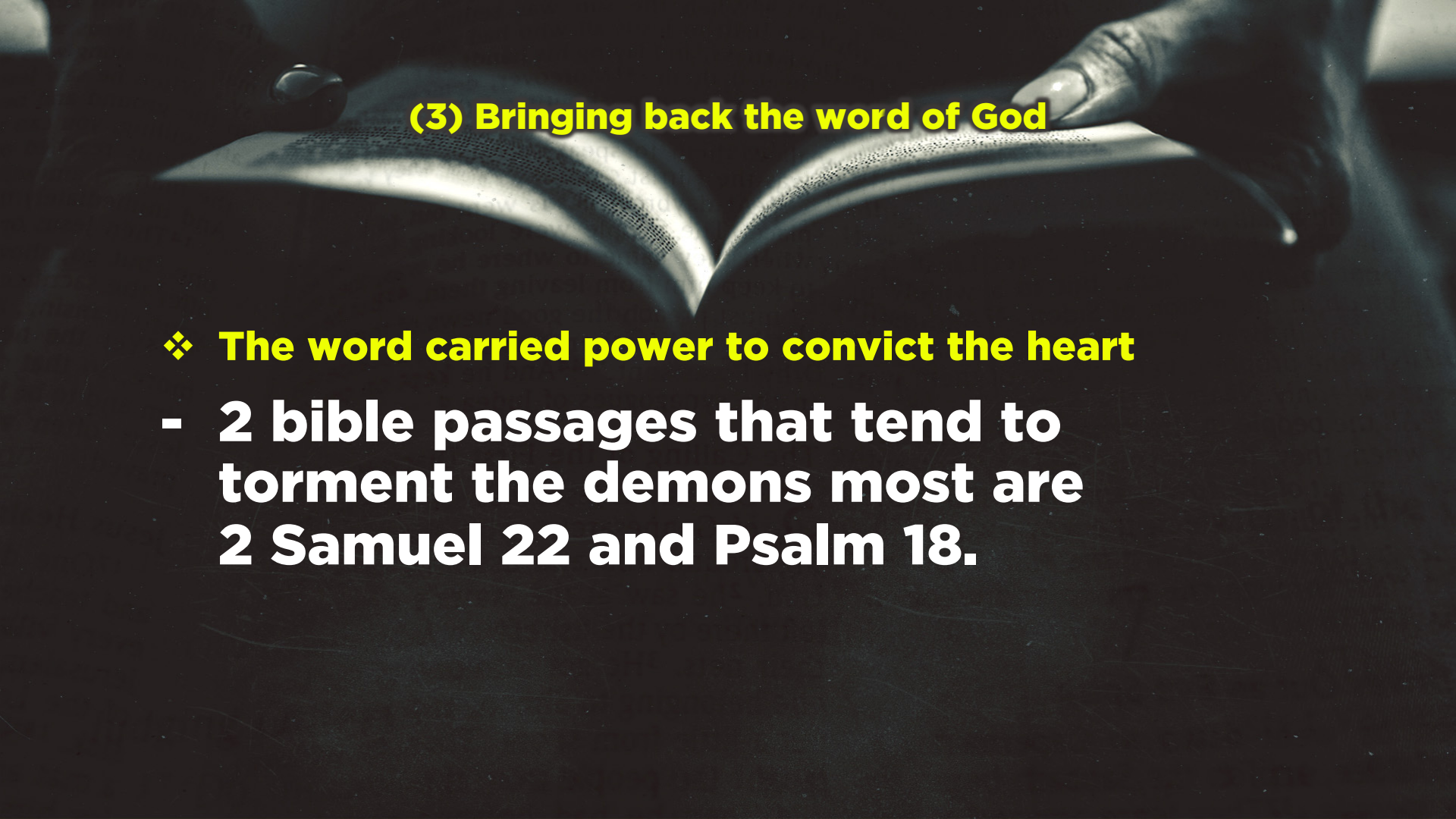
- ❖ **The word carried power to convict the heart**
- **Inherent life and power in the word of God**

HEBREWS 4:12 (NKJV)

For the word of God is living and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the division of soul and spirit, and of joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart.

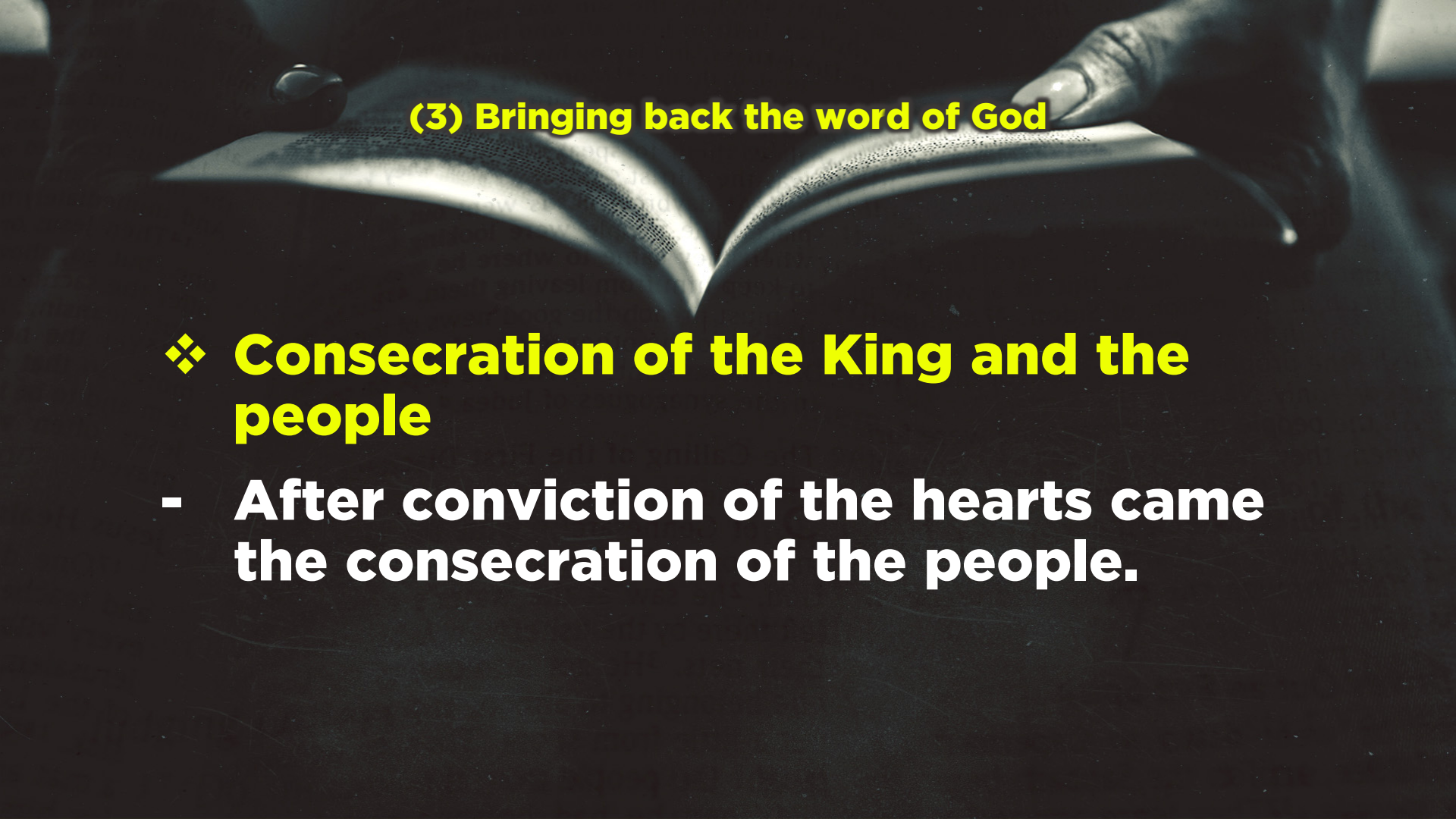
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(3) Bringing back the word of God

- ❖ **The word carried power to convict the heart**
- **2 bible passages that tend to torment the demons most are 2 Samuel 22 and Psalm 18.**

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(3) Bringing back the word of God

❖ Consecration of the King and the people

- After conviction of the hearts came the consecration of the people.**

2 KINGS 23:1-3 (NKJV)

Now the king sent them to gather all the elders of Judah and Jerusalem to him. ² The king went up to the house of the Lord with all the men of Judah, and with him all the inhabitants of Jerusalem -

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2 KINGS 23:1-3 (NKJV)

the priests and the prophets and all the people, both small and great And he read in their hearing all the words of the Book of the Covenant which had been found in the house of the Lord. ³ Then the king stood by a pillar and made a covenant before the Lord, to follow the Lord and to keep His

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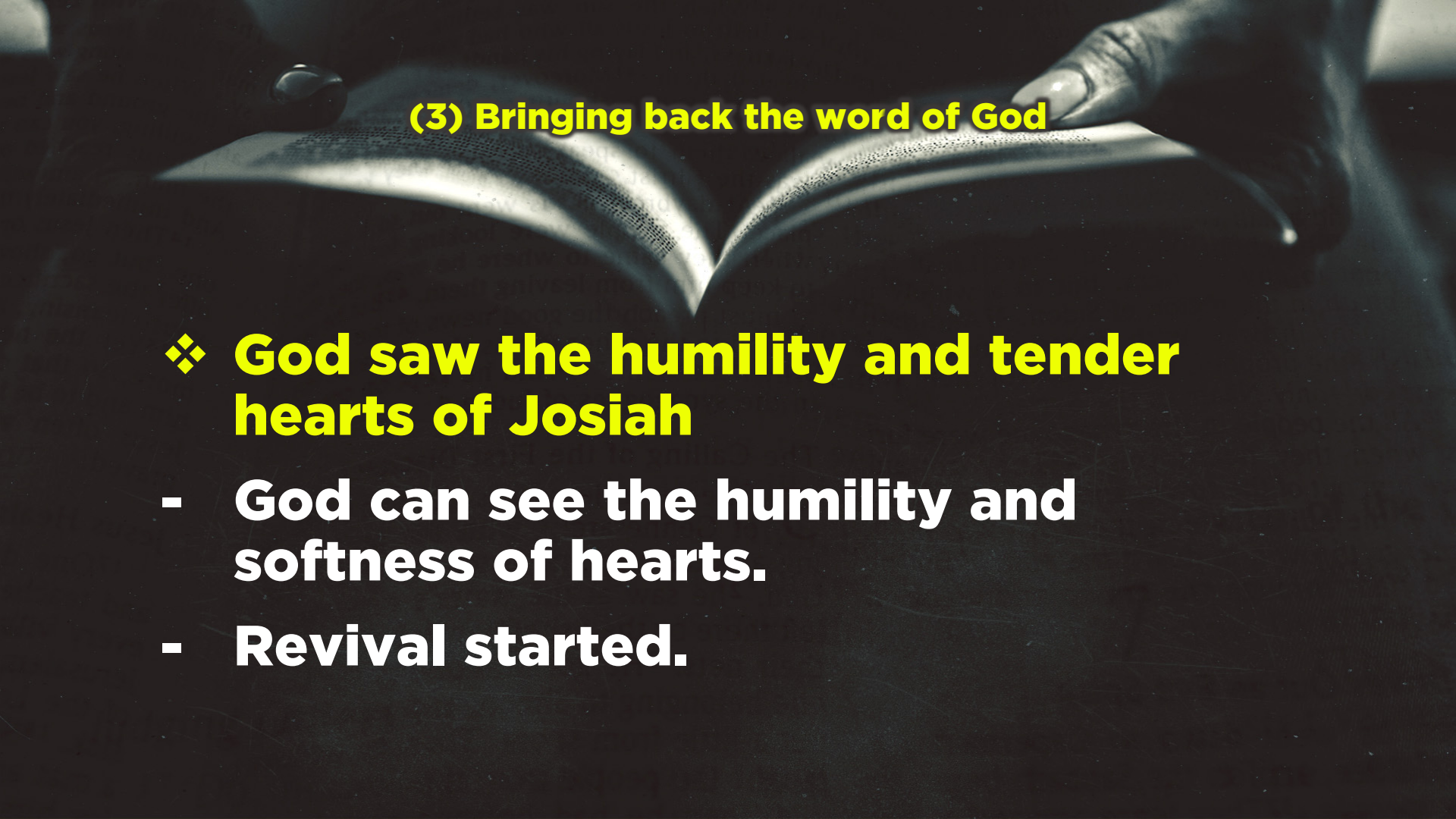


2 KINGS 23:1-3 (NKJV)

commandments and His testimonies and His statutes, with all his heart and all his soul, to perform the words of this covenant that were written in this book. And all the people took a stand for the covenant.

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(3) Bringing back the word of God

- ❖ **God saw the humility and tender hearts of Josiah**
- **God can see the humility and softness of hearts.**
- **Revival started.**

2 KINGS 22:18-20 (NKJV)

But as for the king of Judah, who sent you to inquire of the Lord, in this manner you shall speak to him, 'Thus says the Lord God of Israel: "Concerning the words which you have heard - ¹⁹ because your heart was tender, and you humbled

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2 KINGS 22:18-20 (NKJV)

yourself before the Lord when you heard what I spoke against this place and against its inhabitants, that they would become a desolation and a curse, and you tore your clothes and wept before Me, I also have heard you,” says the Lord.

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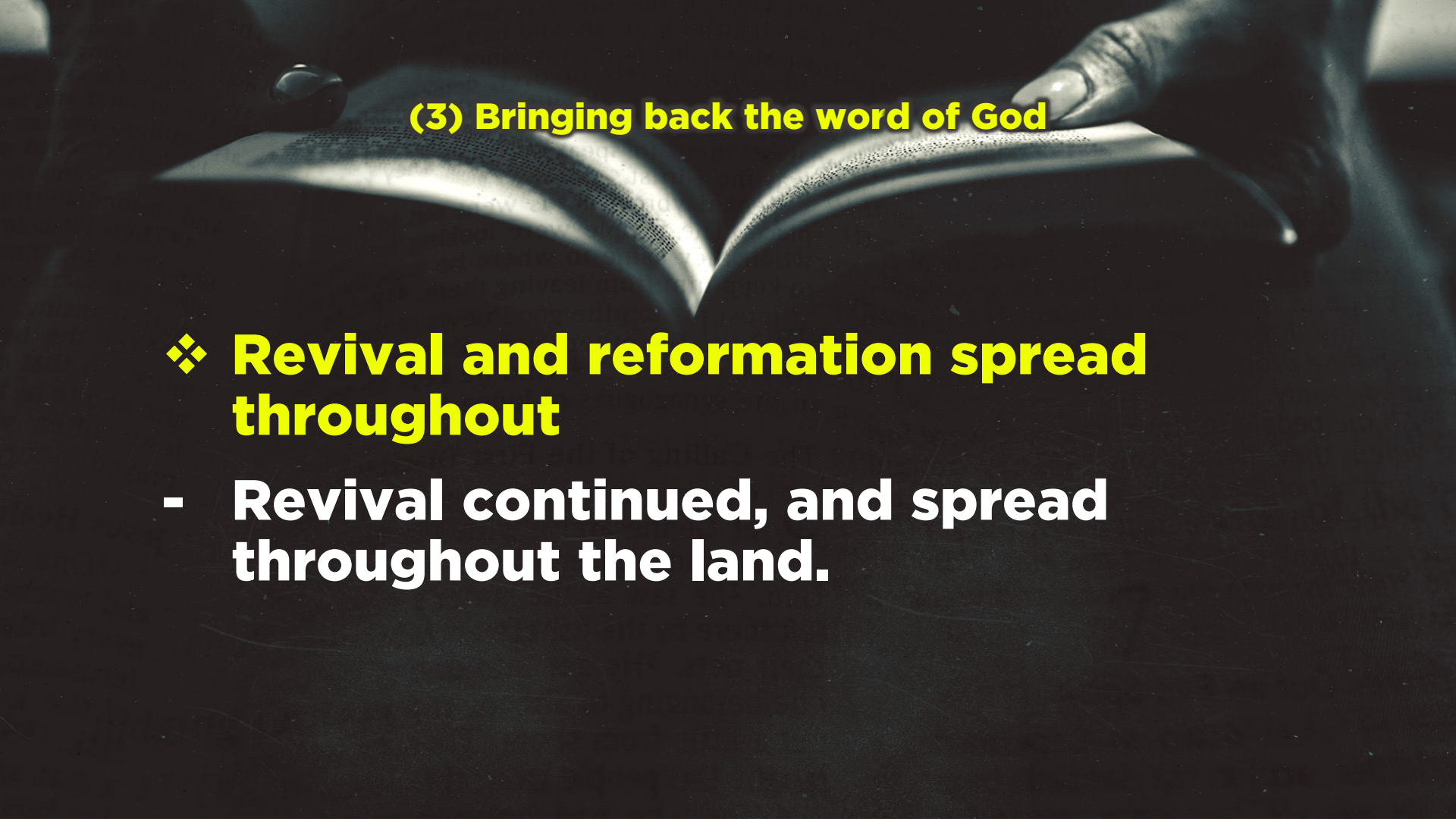


2 KINGS 22:18-20 (NKJV)

20 “Surely, therefore, I will gather you to your fathers, and you shall be gathered to your grave in peace; and your eyes shall not see all the calamity which I will bring on this place.” ’ ” So they brought back word to the king.

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(3) Bringing back the word of God

❖ Revival and reformation spread throughout

- Revival continued, and spread throughout the land.**

2 KINGS 23:21-25 (NKJV)

Then the king commanded all the people, saying, “Keep the Passover to the Lord your God, as it is written in this Book of the Covenant.”

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2 KINGS 23:21-25 (NKJV)

22 Such a Passover surely had never been held since the days of the judges who judged Israel, nor in all the days of the kings of Israel and the kings of Judah. **23** But in the eighteenth year of King Josiah this Passover was held before the Lord in Jerusalem.

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2 KINGS 23:21-25 (NKJV)

24 Moreover Josiah put away those who consulted mediums and spiritists, the household gods and idols, all the abominations that were seen in the land of Judah and in Jerusalem, that he might perform the words of the law which were written in the

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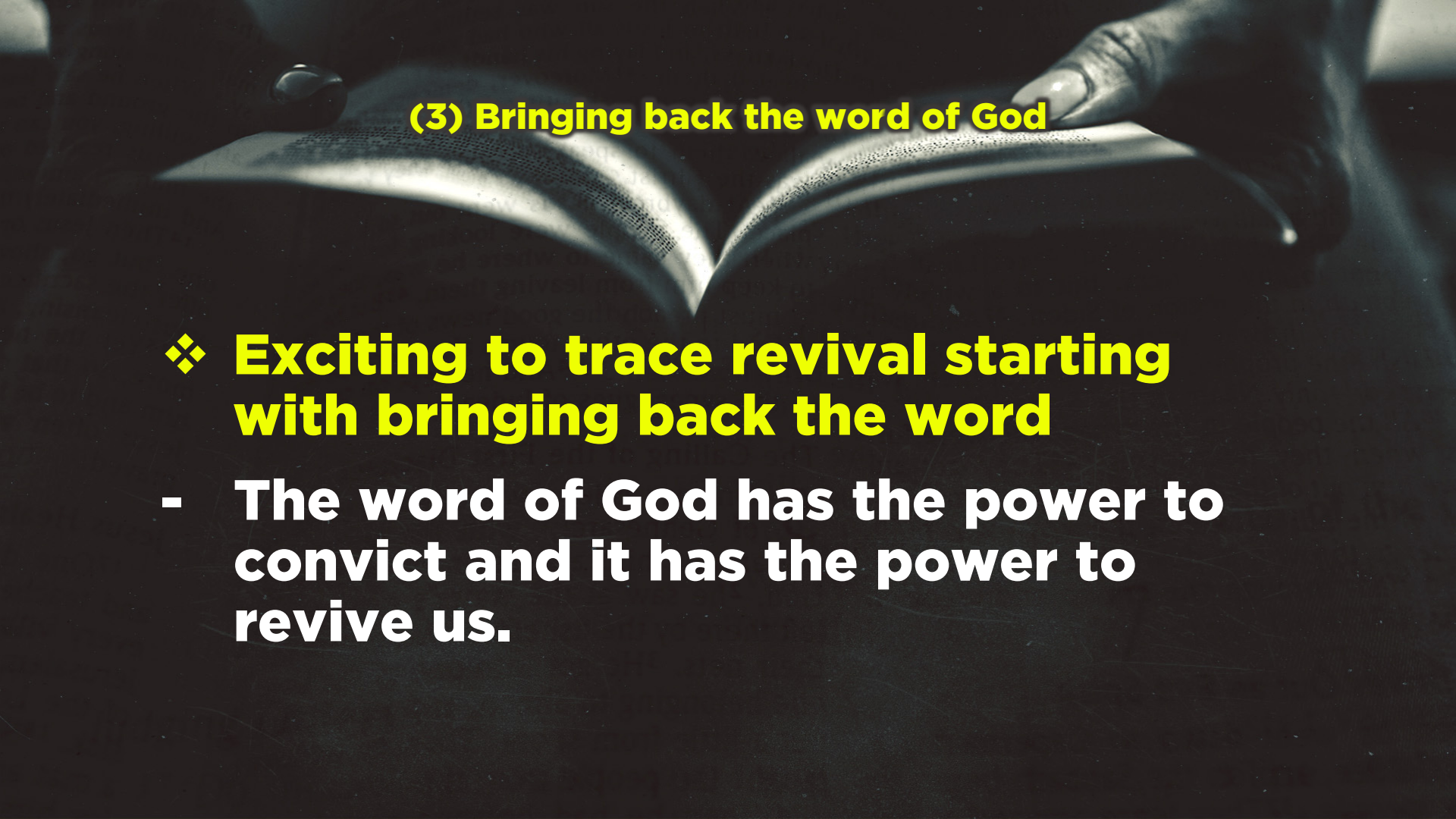


2 KINGS 23:21-25 (NKJV)

book that Hilkiyah the priest found in the house of the Lord. ²⁵ Now before him there was no king like him, who turned to the Lord with all his heart, with all his soul, and with all his might, according to all the Law of Moses; nor after him did any arise like him.

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(3) Bringing back the word of God

- ❖ **Exciting to trace revival starting with bringing back the word**
- **The word of God has the power to convict and it has the power to revive us.**

Conclusion

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PSALM 19:7-8 (NLT)

7 The instructions of the Lord are perfect, **reviving the soul**. The decrees of the Lord are trustworthy, **making wise the simple**. **8** The commandments of the Lord are right, **bringing joy to the heart**. The commands of the Lord are clear, **giving insight for living**.

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