



ACTS 29 | A diverse, global family of church-planting churches



800

TOTAL
CHURCHES



627

TOTAL
MEMBERS



173

TOTAL
CANDIDATES



312

TOTAL
APPLICANTS

STATS ACCURATE TO JUNE 30 2019

52

COUNTRIES REPRESENTED BY ACTS 29 CHURCHES

Albania, Australia, Belgium, Brazil, Burkina Faso, Canada, Chile, China, Colombia, Democratic Republic of Congo, Côte D'Ivoire, Denmark, Ecuador, England, France, Germany, Guatemala, India, Ireland, Italy, Japan, Kenya, Lebanon, Malawi, Mexico, Moldova, Mozambique, Myanmar, Nepal, Netherlands, New Zealand, Nigeria, Northern Ireland, Pakistan, Poland, Romania, Russian Federation, Scotland, Slovakia, South Africa, Spain, Switzerland, Thailand, Turkey, Uganda, Ukraine, United Arab Emirates, United States, Vietnam, Wales, Zambia, Zimbabwe

31

LANGUAGES IN WHICH ACTS 29 SERVICES ARE HELD

American Sign Language, Afrikaans, Albanian, English, Burmese, Chichewa, Danish, Dutch, French, German, Italian, Japanese, Lingala, Luganda, Mandarin, Nepalese, Polish, Portuguese, Pedi, Romanian, Russian, Spanish, Slovak, Swahili, Tagalog, Telugu, Thai, Tsonga, Turkish, Urdu, Zulu.

SINCE THE BEGINNING OF 2018:

NEW COUNTRIES

Albania, Colombia, Côte D'Ivoire, Nepal, Netherlands, Poland, Russian Federation, Spain, Switzerland, Ukraine, Zimbabwe.

NEW LANGUAGES

Albanian, Nepalese, Pedi, Russian, Tagalog, Zulu.



335 OF OUR CHURCHES

HAVE ACTIVE PLANS IN PLACE TO PLANT



\$26.7 MILLION
PLEDGED

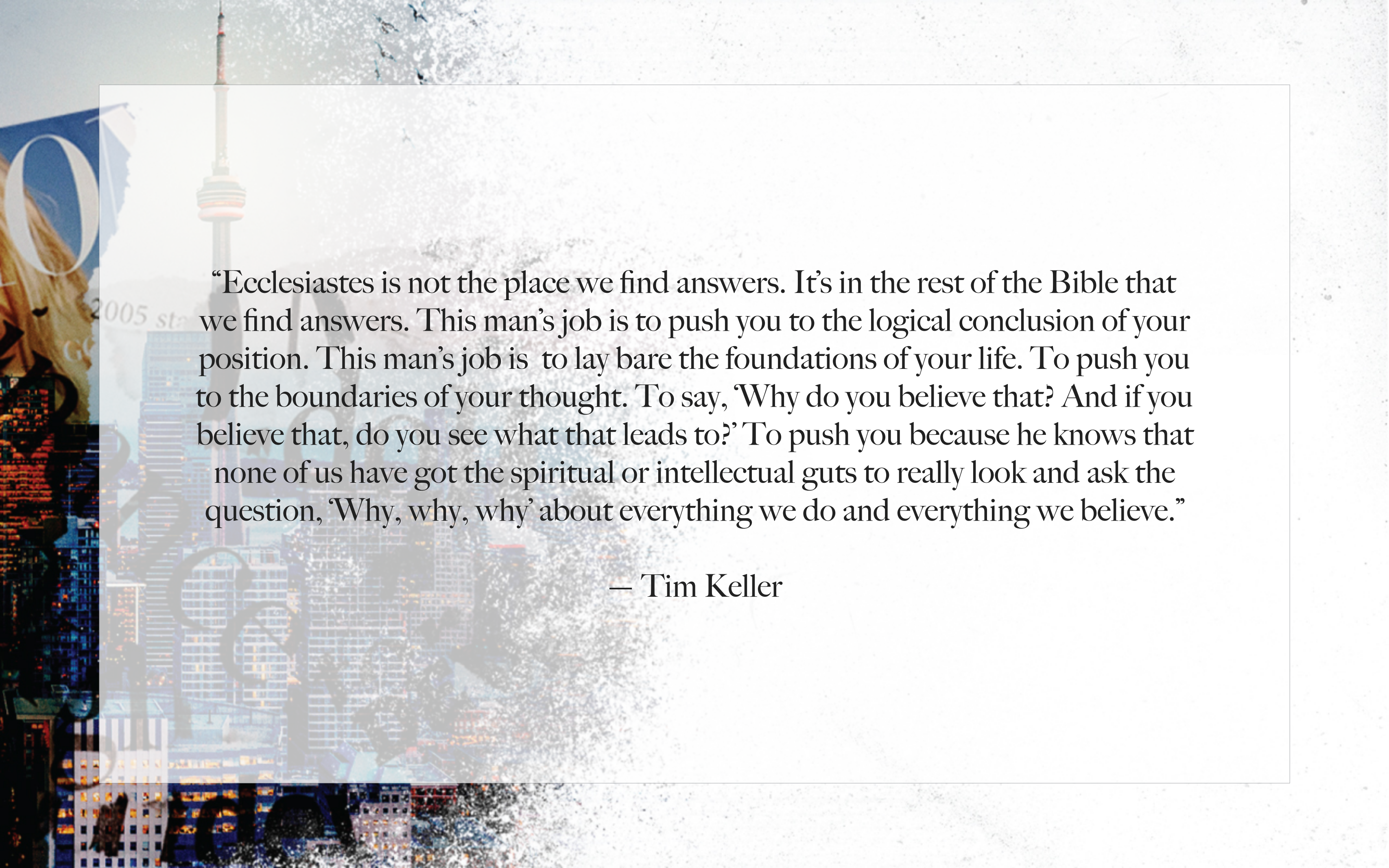
TO CHURCH PLANTING BY ACTS 29 CHURCHES

IN 2019



ECCLESIASTES

MAKING SENSE OF A COMPLEX WORLD



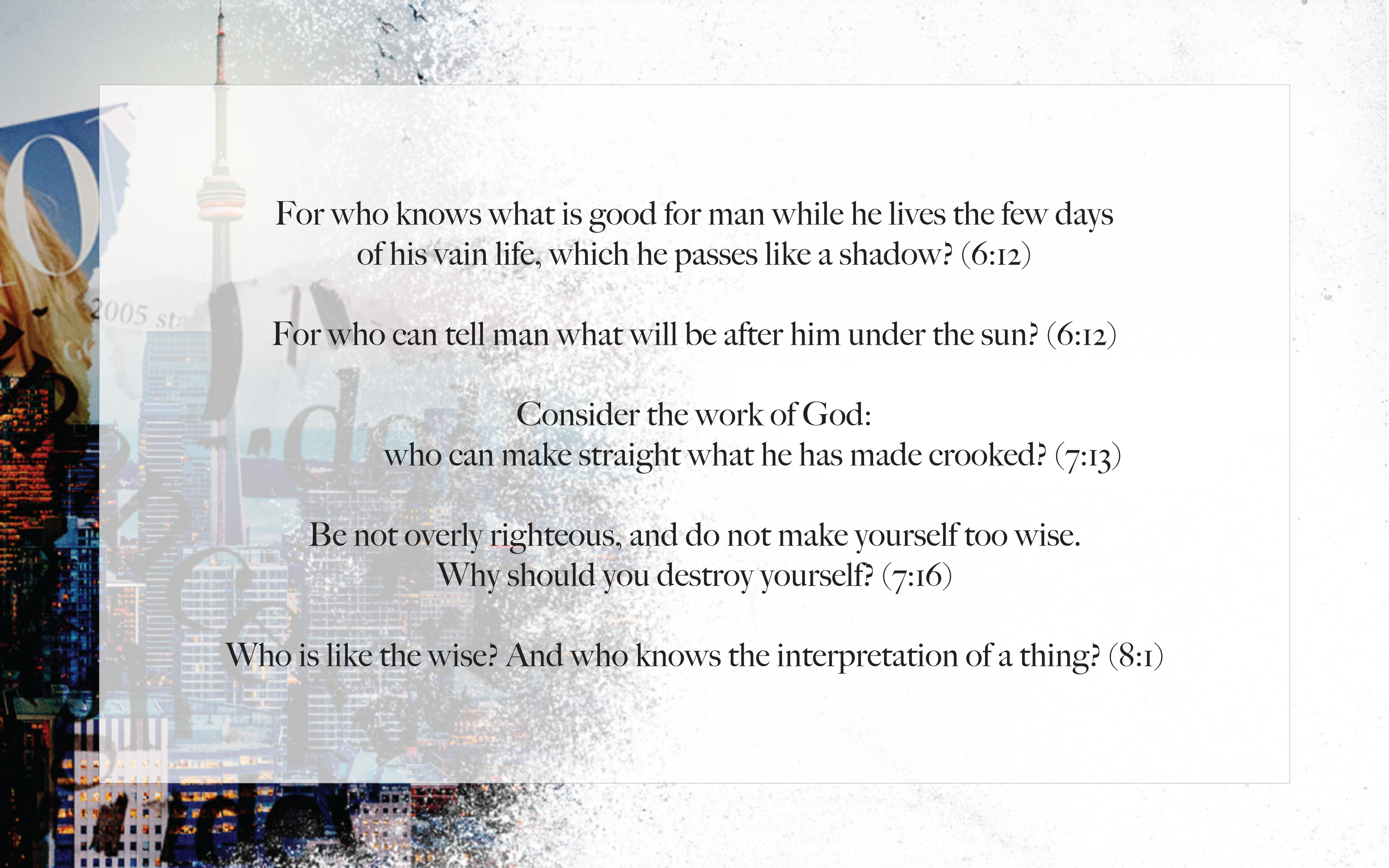
“Ecclesiastes is not the place we find answers. It’s in the rest of the Bible that we find answers. This man’s job is to push you to the logical conclusion of your position. This man’s job is to lay bare the foundations of your life. To push you to the boundaries of your thought. To say, ‘Why do you believe that? And if you believe that, do you see what that leads to?’ To push you because he knows that none of us have got the spiritual or intellectual guts to really look and ask the question, ‘Why, why, why’ about everything we do and everything we believe.”

— Tim Keller



A FLY IN THE OINTMENT

Ecclesiastes 9:13-10:20



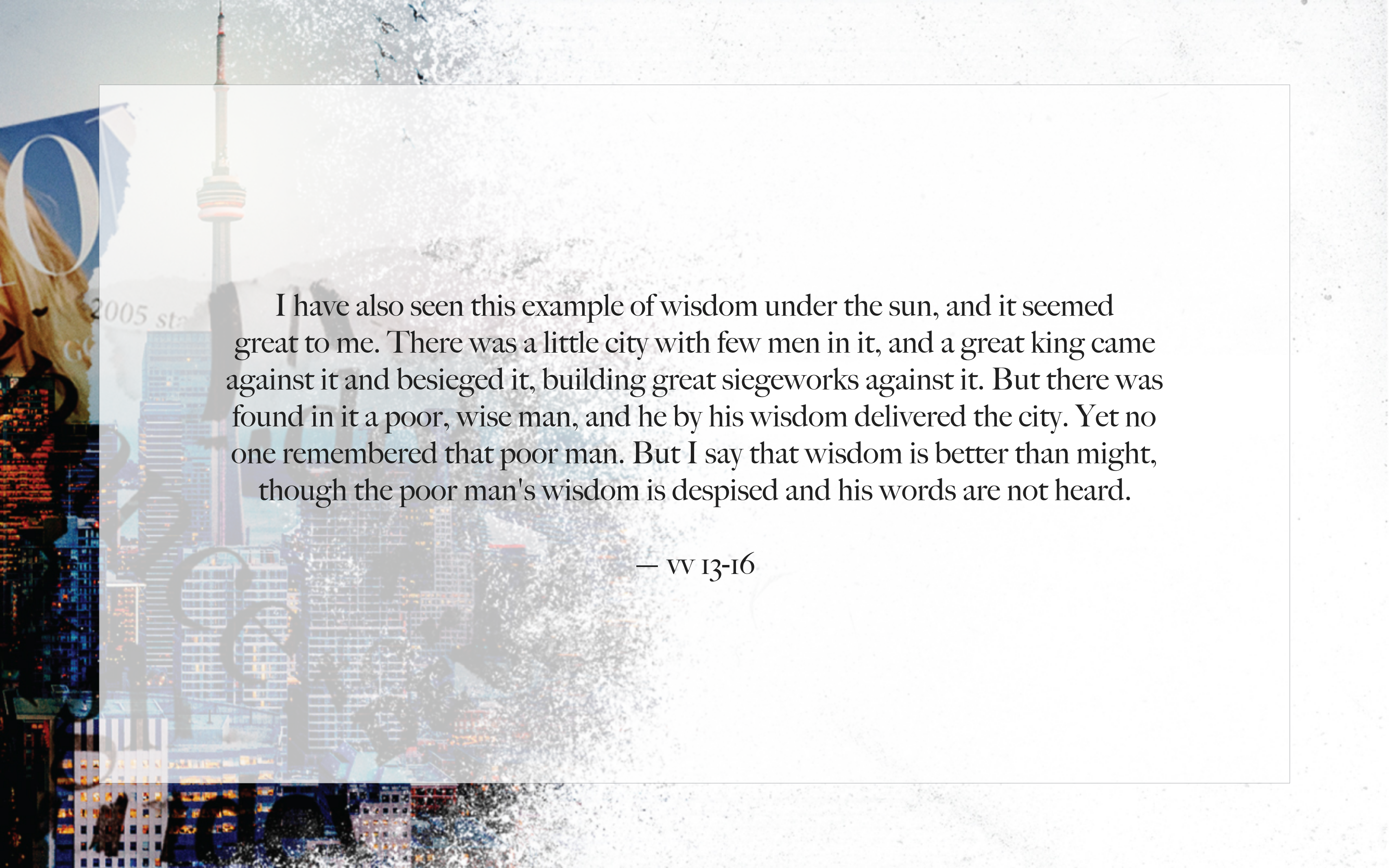
For who knows what is good for man while he lives the few days
of his vain life, which he passes like a shadow? (6:12)

For who can tell man what will be after him under the sun? (6:12)

Consider the work of God:
who can make straight what he has made crooked? (7:13)

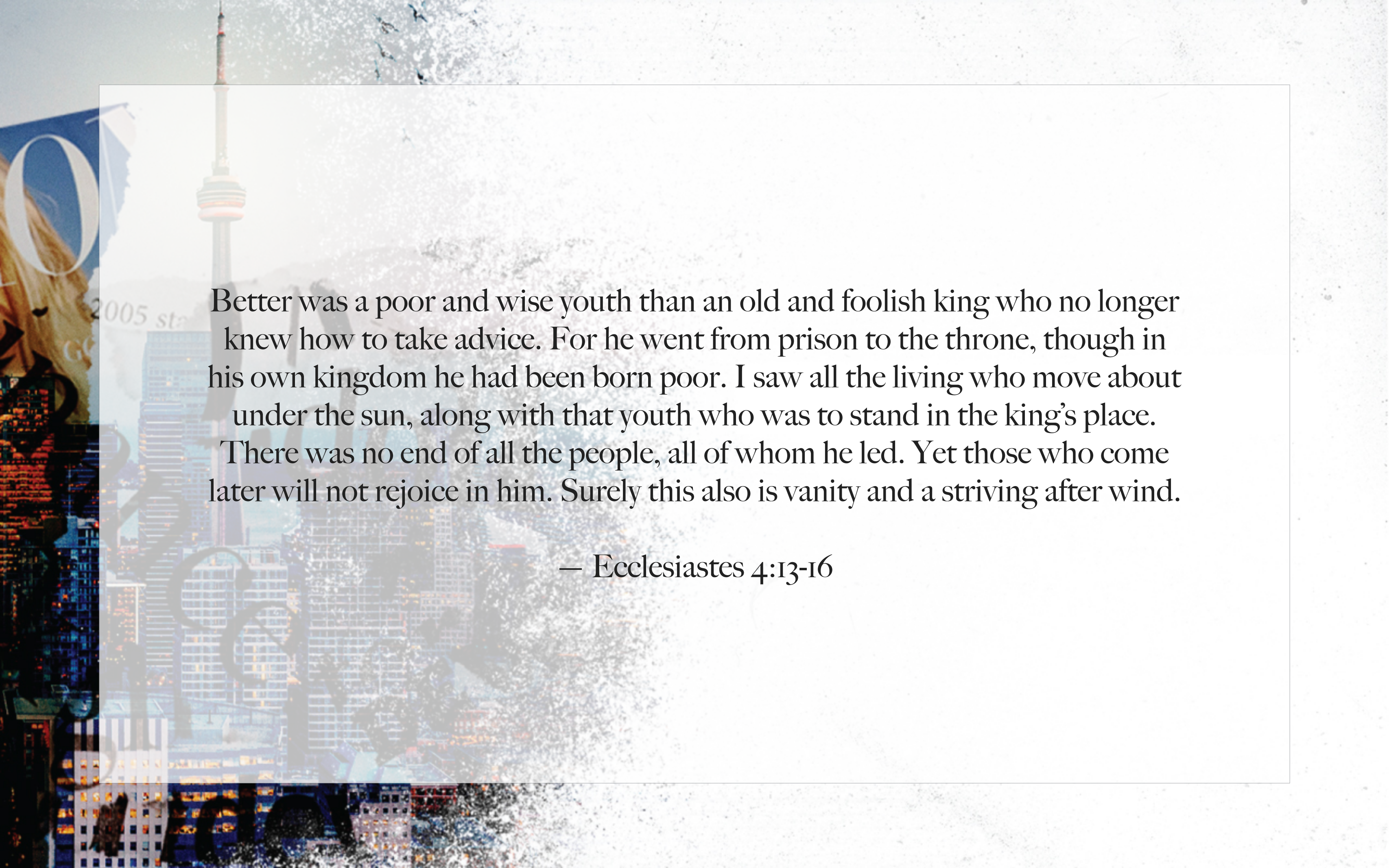
Be not overly righteous, and do not make yourself too wise.
Why should you destroy yourself? (7:16)

Who is like the wise? And who knows the interpretation of a thing? (8:1)



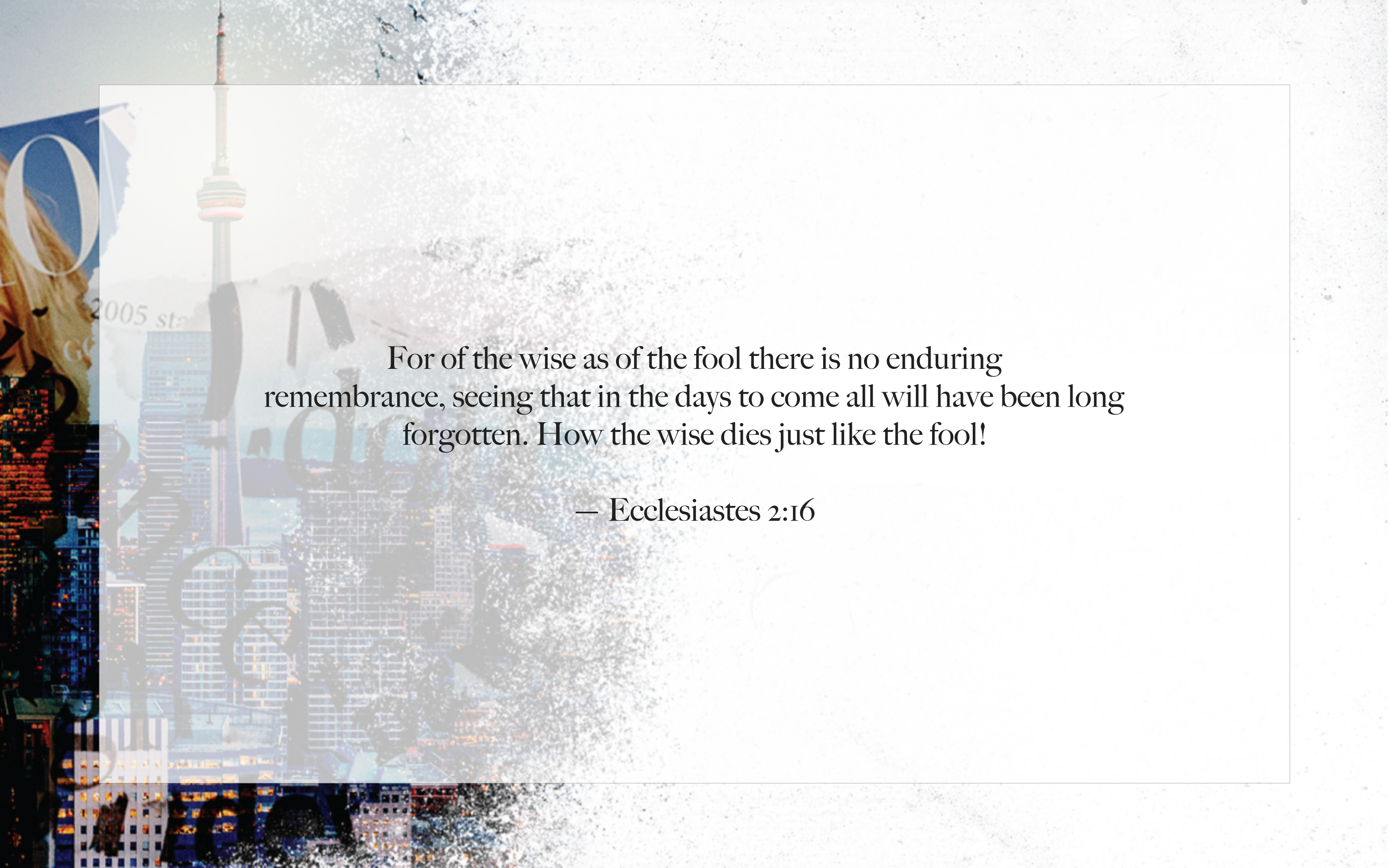
I have also seen this example of wisdom under the sun, and it seemed great to me. There was a little city with few men in it, and a great king came against it and besieged it, building great siegeworks against it. But there was found in it a poor, wise man, and he by his wisdom delivered the city. Yet no one remembered that poor man. But I say that wisdom is better than might, though the poor man's wisdom is despised and his words are not heard.

— vv 13-16



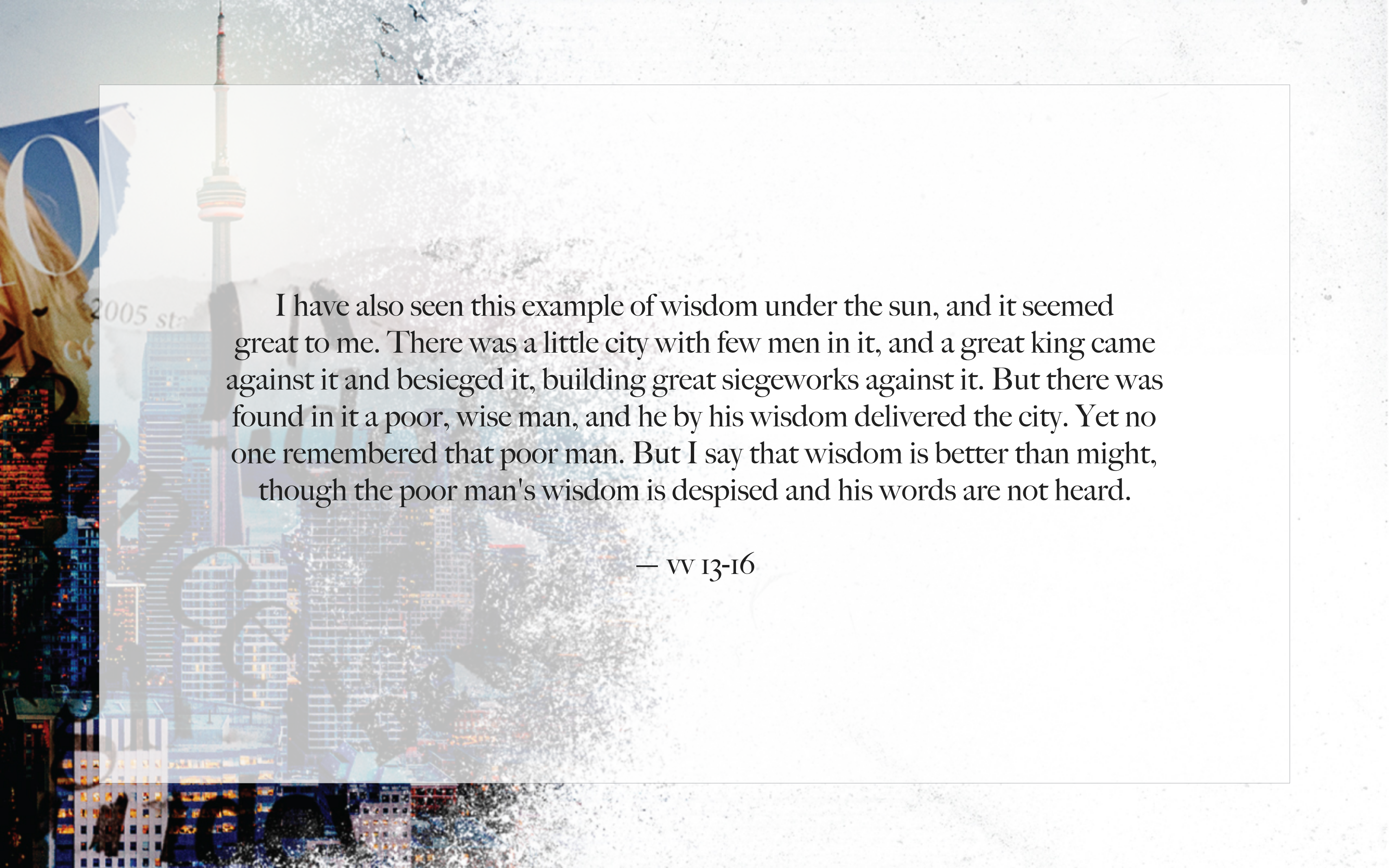
Better was a poor and wise youth than an old and foolish king who no longer knew how to take advice. For he went from prison to the throne, though in his own kingdom he had been born poor. I saw all the living who move about under the sun, along with that youth who was to stand in the king's place. There was no end of all the people, all of whom he led. Yet those who come later will not rejoice in him. Surely this also is vanity and a striving after wind.

— Ecclesiastes 4:13-16



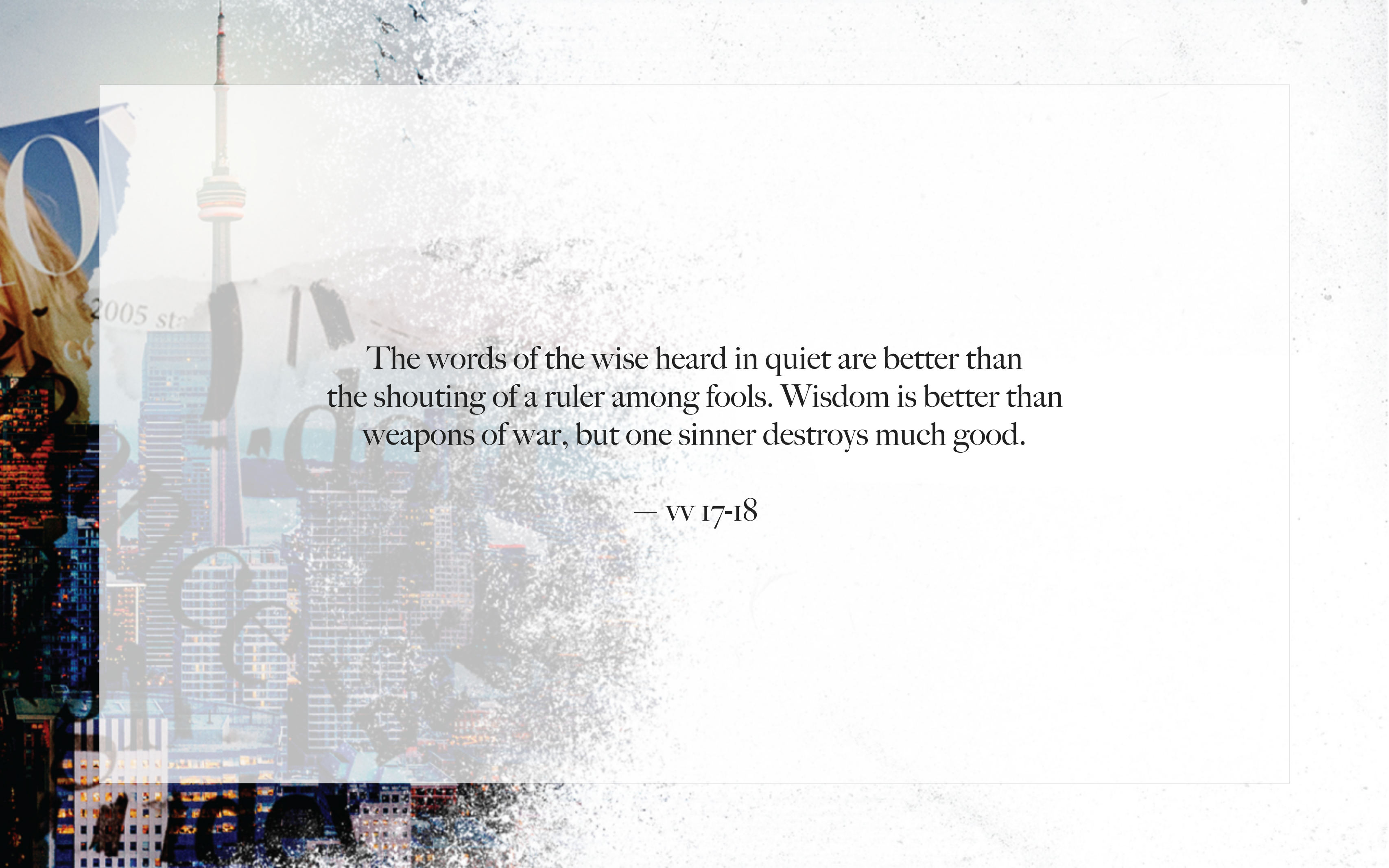
For of the wise as of the fool there is no enduring remembrance, seeing that in the days to come all will have been long forgotten. How the wise dies just like the fool!

— Ecclesiastes 2:16



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The words of the wise heard in quiet are better than
the shouting of a ruler among fools. Wisdom is better than
weapons of war, but one sinner destroys much good.

— vv 17-18



Dead flies make the perfumer's ointment give off a stench;
so a little folly outweighs wisdom and honor.

— VS I



A wise man's heart inclines him to the right,
but a fool's heart to the left.

— VS 2



Even when the fool walks on the road, he lacks sense,
and he says to everyone that he is a fool.

— VS 3



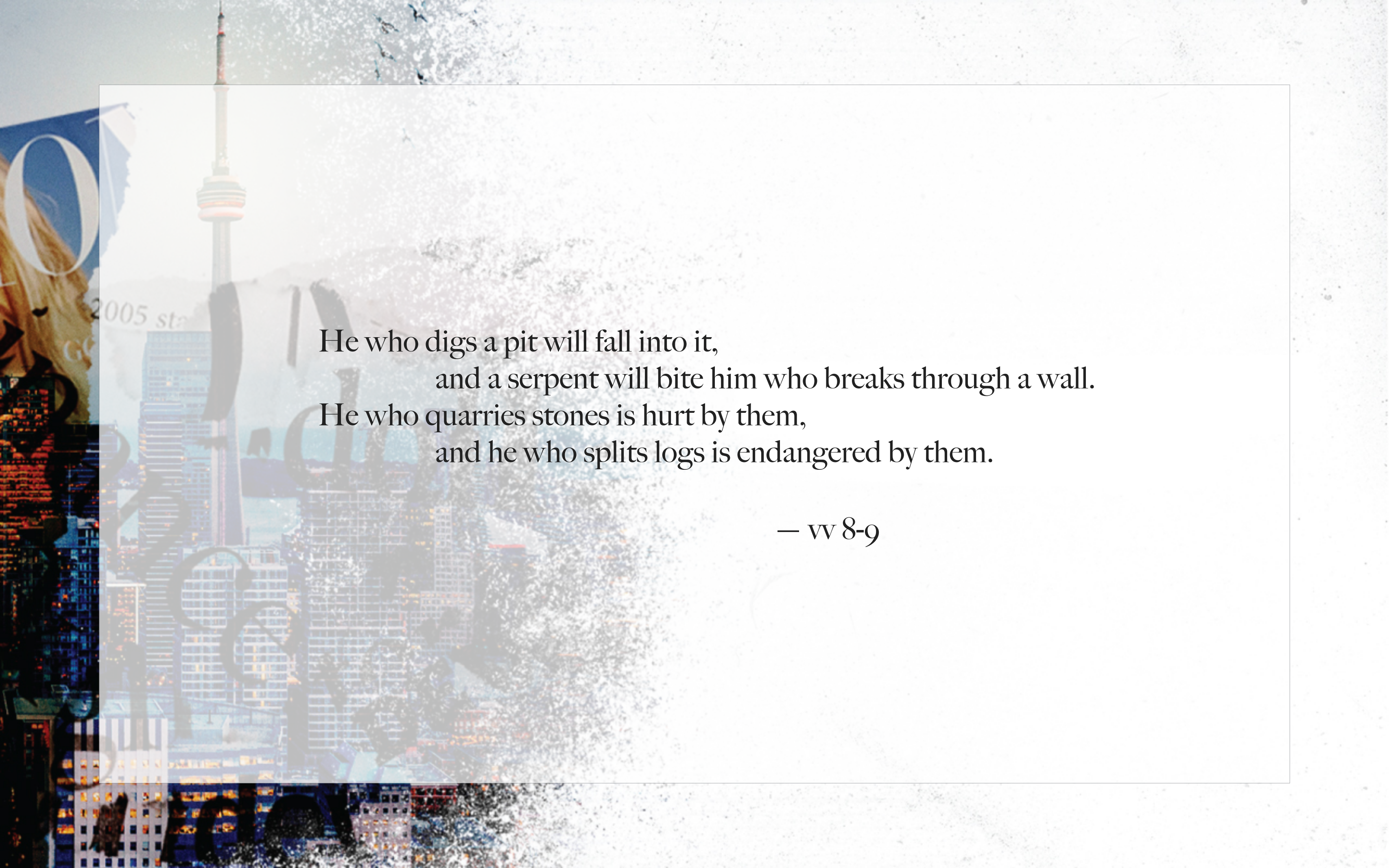
If the anger of the ruler rises against you, do not leave your place,
for calmness will lay great offenses to rest.

— VS 4




There is an evil that I have seen under the sun, as it were an error proceeding from the ruler: folly is set in many high places, and the rich sit in a low place. I have seen slaves on horses, and princes walking on the ground like slaves.

— vv 5-7



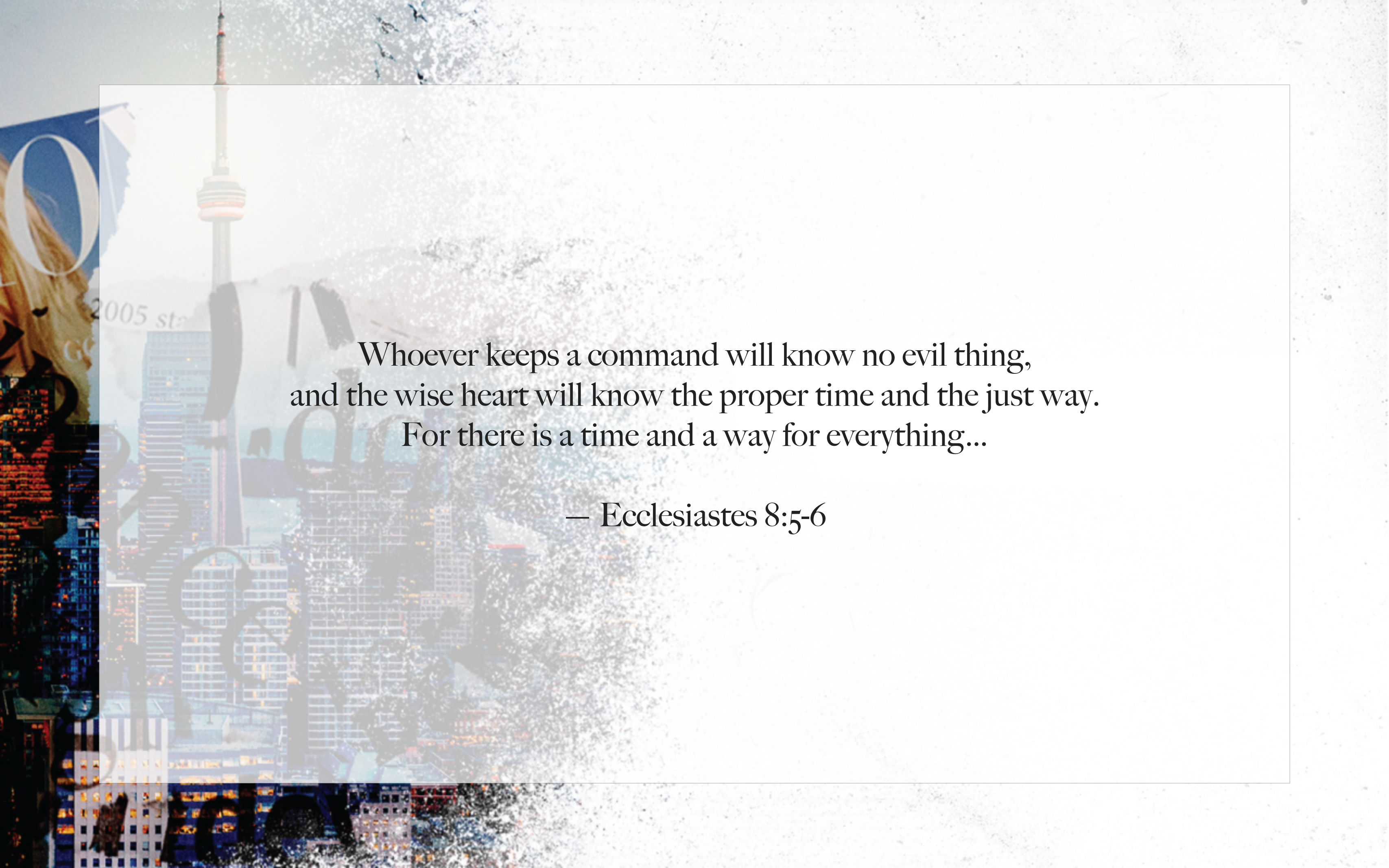
He who digs a pit will fall into it,
and a serpent will bite him who breaks through a wall.
He who quarries stones is hurt by them,
and he who splits logs is endangered by them.

— vv 8-9



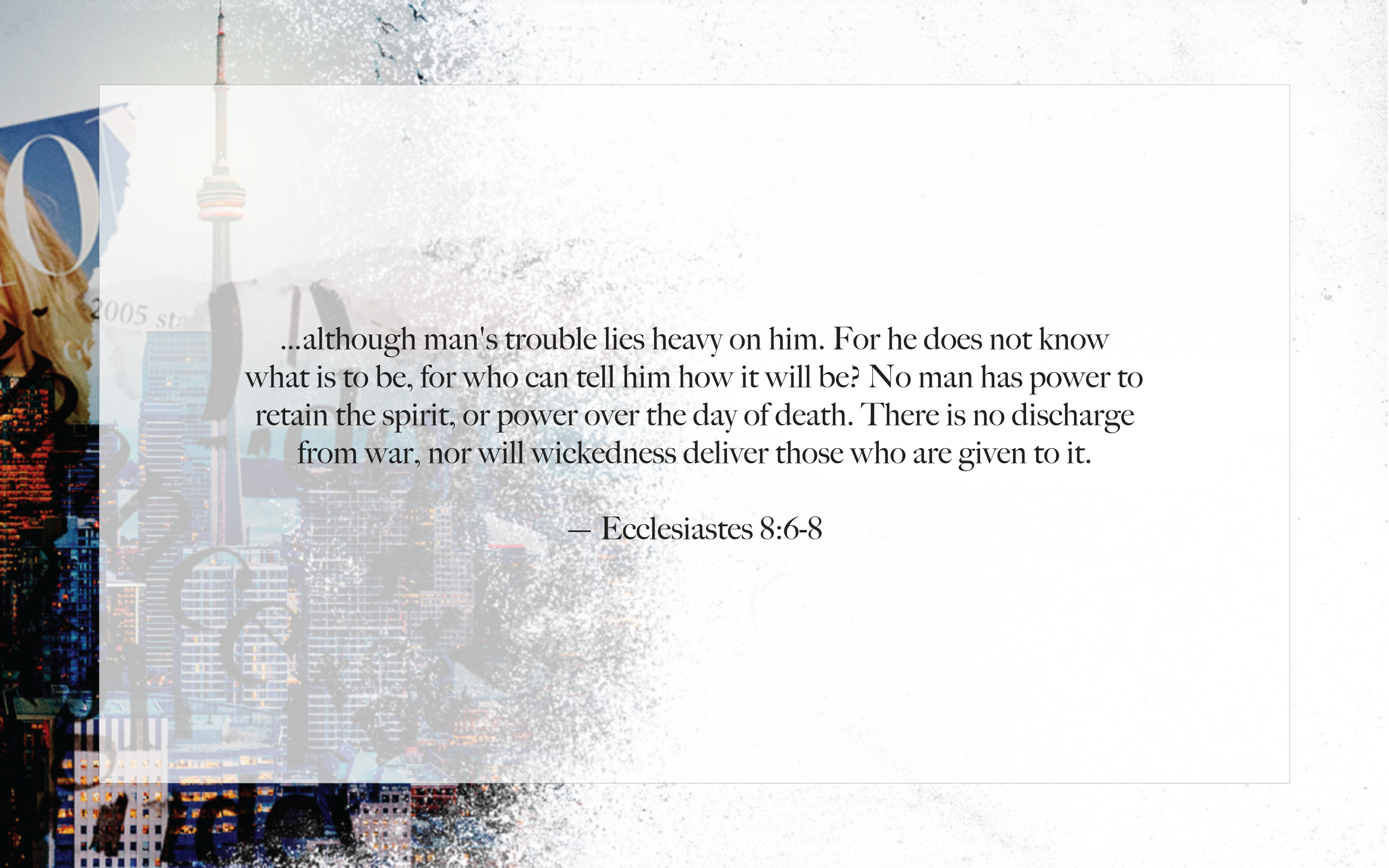
If the iron is blunt, and one does not sharpen the edge,
he must use more strength,
but wisdom helps one to succeed.
If the serpent bites before it is charmed,
there is no advantage to the charmer.

— VV IO-II



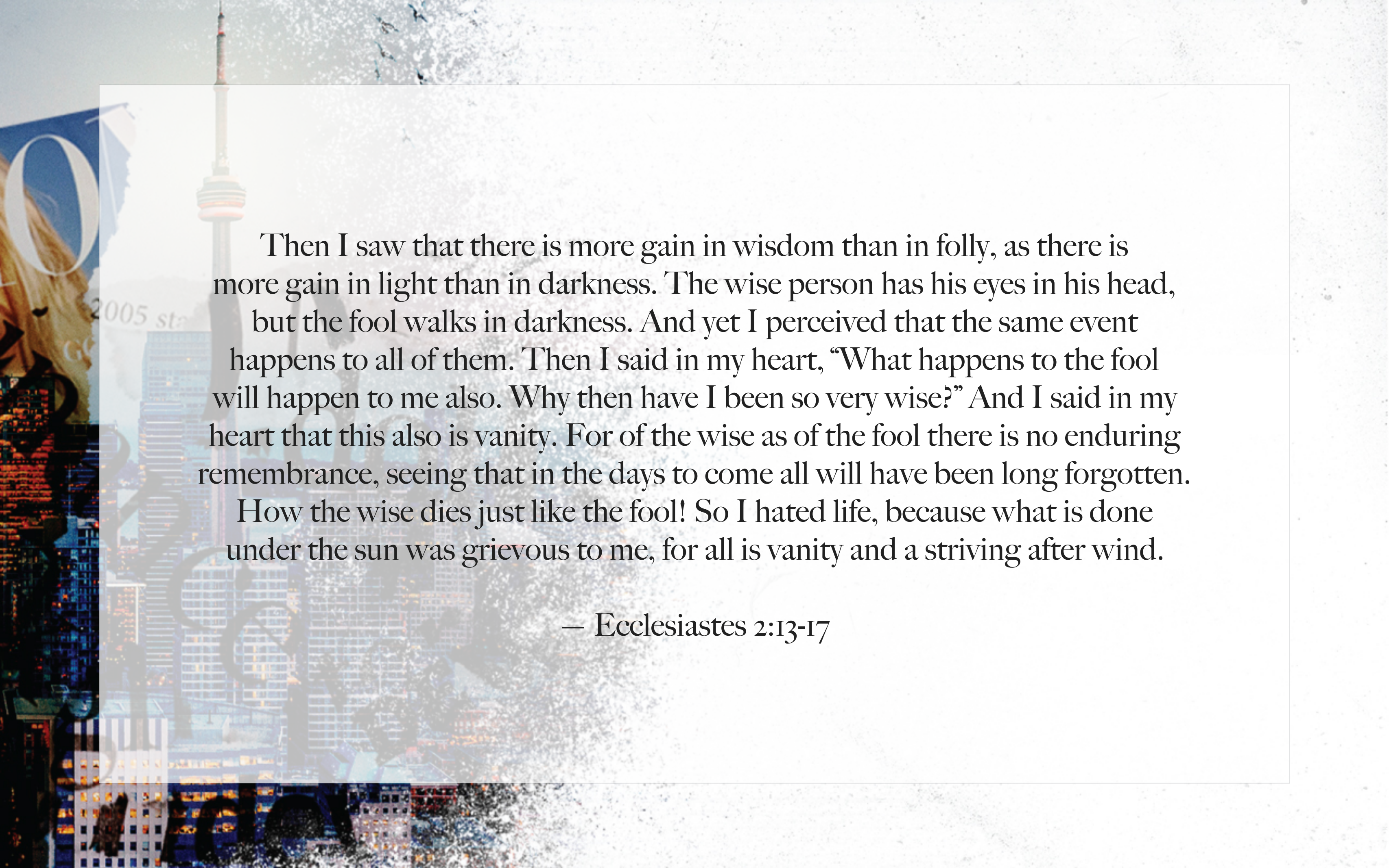
Whoever keeps a command will know no evil thing,
and the wise heart will know the proper time and the just way.
For there is a time and a way for everything...

— Ecclesiastes 8:5-6



...although man's trouble lies heavy on him. For he does not know what is to be, for who can tell him how it will be? No man has power to retain the spirit, or power over the day of death. There is no discharge from war, nor will wickedness deliver those who are given to it.

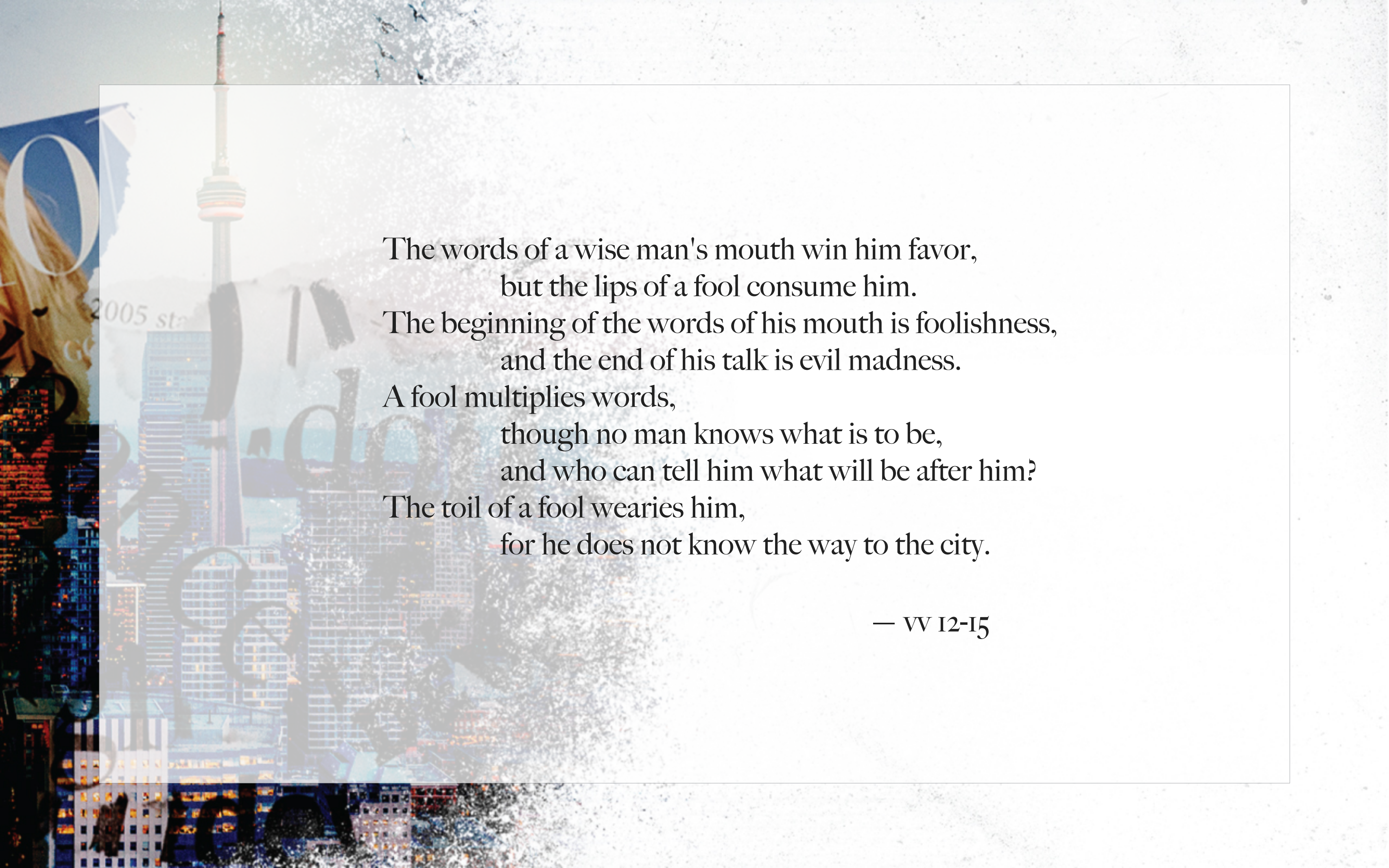
— Ecclesiastes 8:6-8



Then I saw that there is more gain in wisdom than in folly, as there is more gain in light than in darkness. The wise person has his eyes in his head, but the fool walks in darkness. And yet I perceived that the same event happens to all of them. Then I said in my heart, “What happens to the fool will happen to me also. Why then have I been so very wise?” And I said in my heart that this also is vanity. For of the wise as of the fool there is no enduring remembrance, seeing that in the days to come all will have been long forgotten.

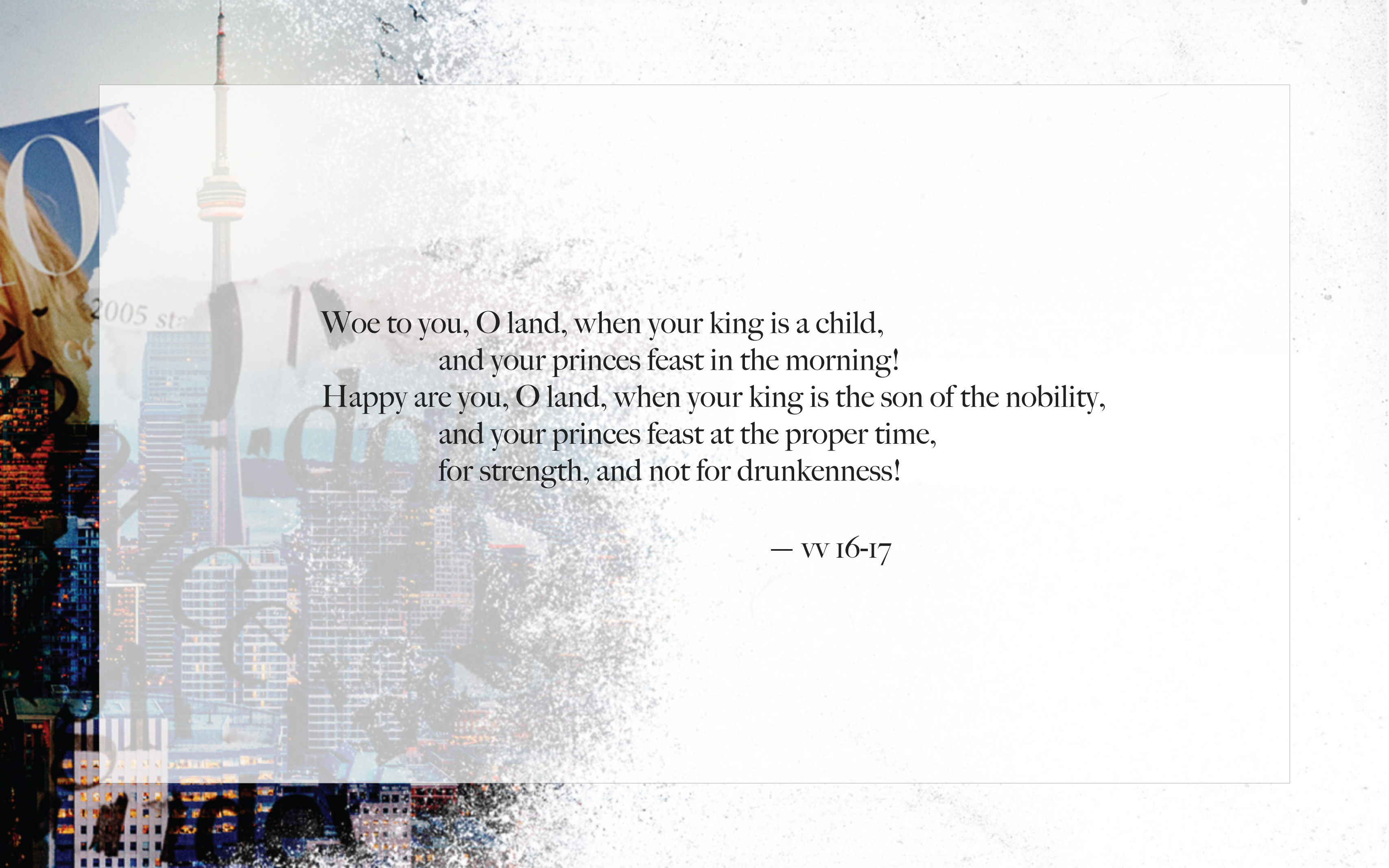
How the wise dies just like the fool! So I hated life, because what is done under the sun was grievous to me, for all is vanity and a striving after wind.

— Ecclesiastes 2:13-17



The words of a wise man's mouth win him favor,
but the lips of a fool consume him.
The beginning of the words of his mouth is foolishness,
and the end of his talk is evil madness.
A fool multiplies words,
though no man knows what is to be,
and who can tell him what will be after him?
The toil of a fool wearies him,
for he does not know the way to the city.

— VV 12-15



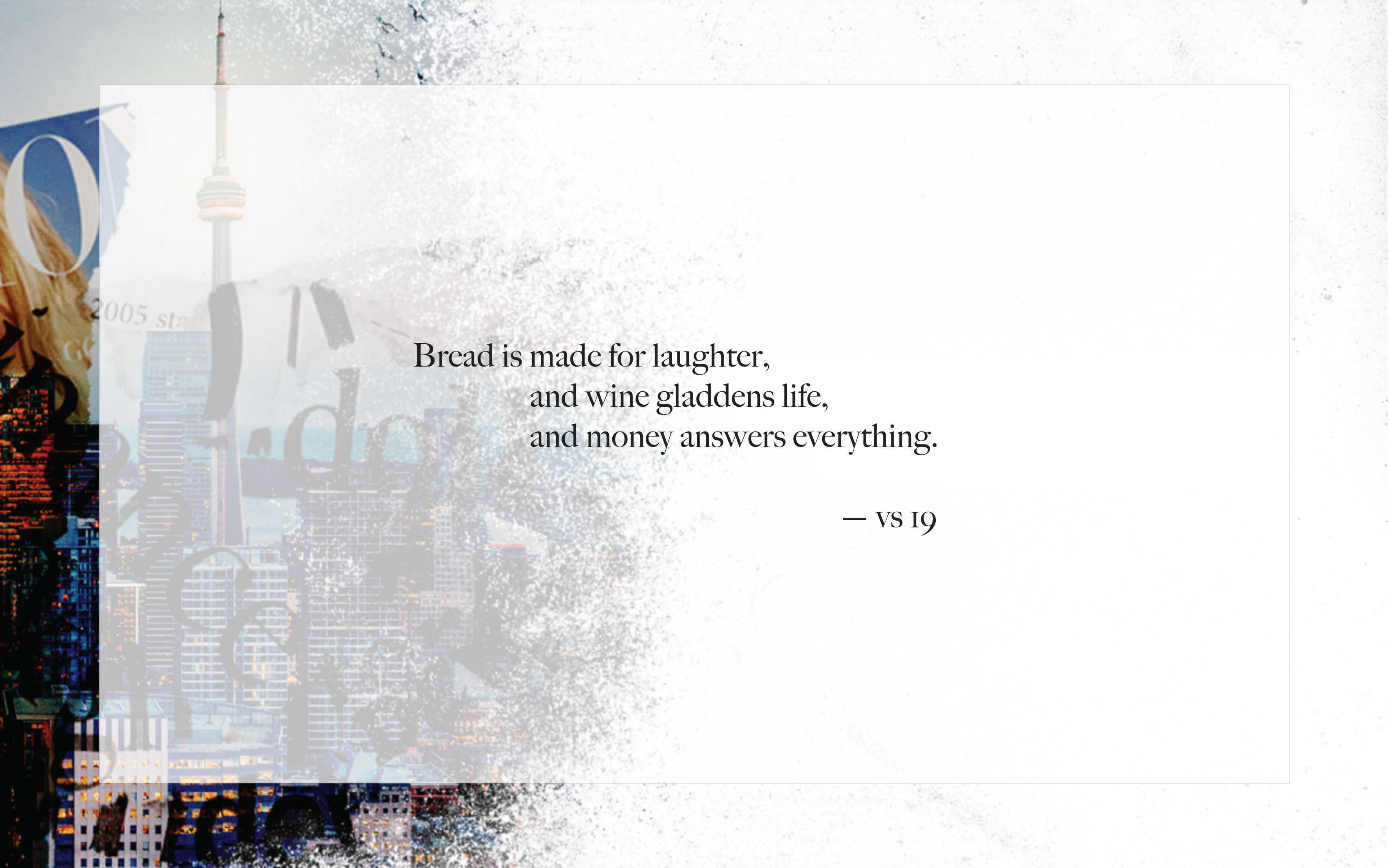
Woe to you, O land, when your king is a child,
and your princes feast in the morning!
Happy are you, O land, when your king is the son of the nobility,
and your princes feast at the proper time,
for strength, and not for drunkenness!

— vv 16-17



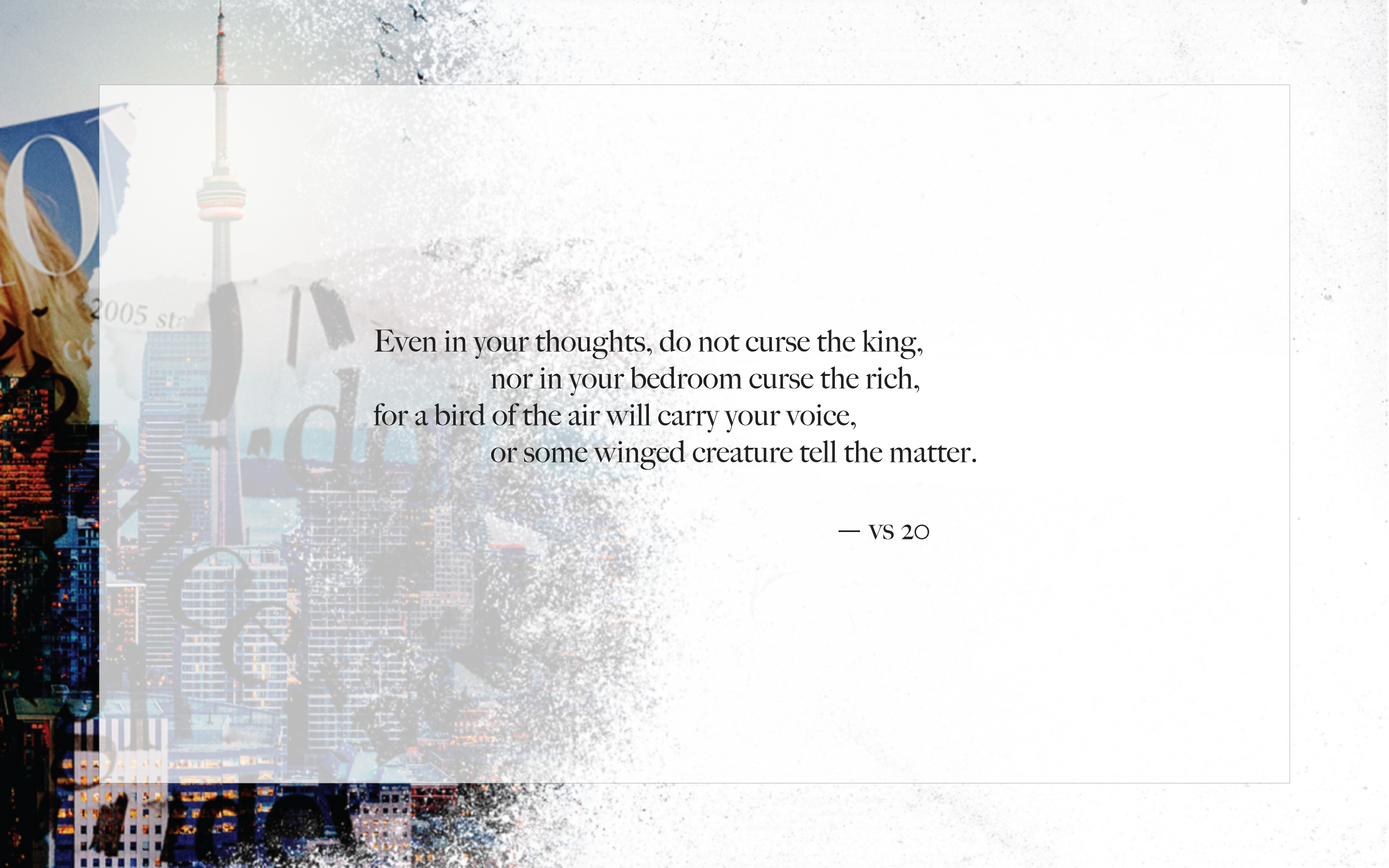
Through sloth the roof sinks in,
and through indolence the house leaks.

— vs i8



Bread is made for laughter,
and wine gladdens life,
and money answers everything.

— VS 19

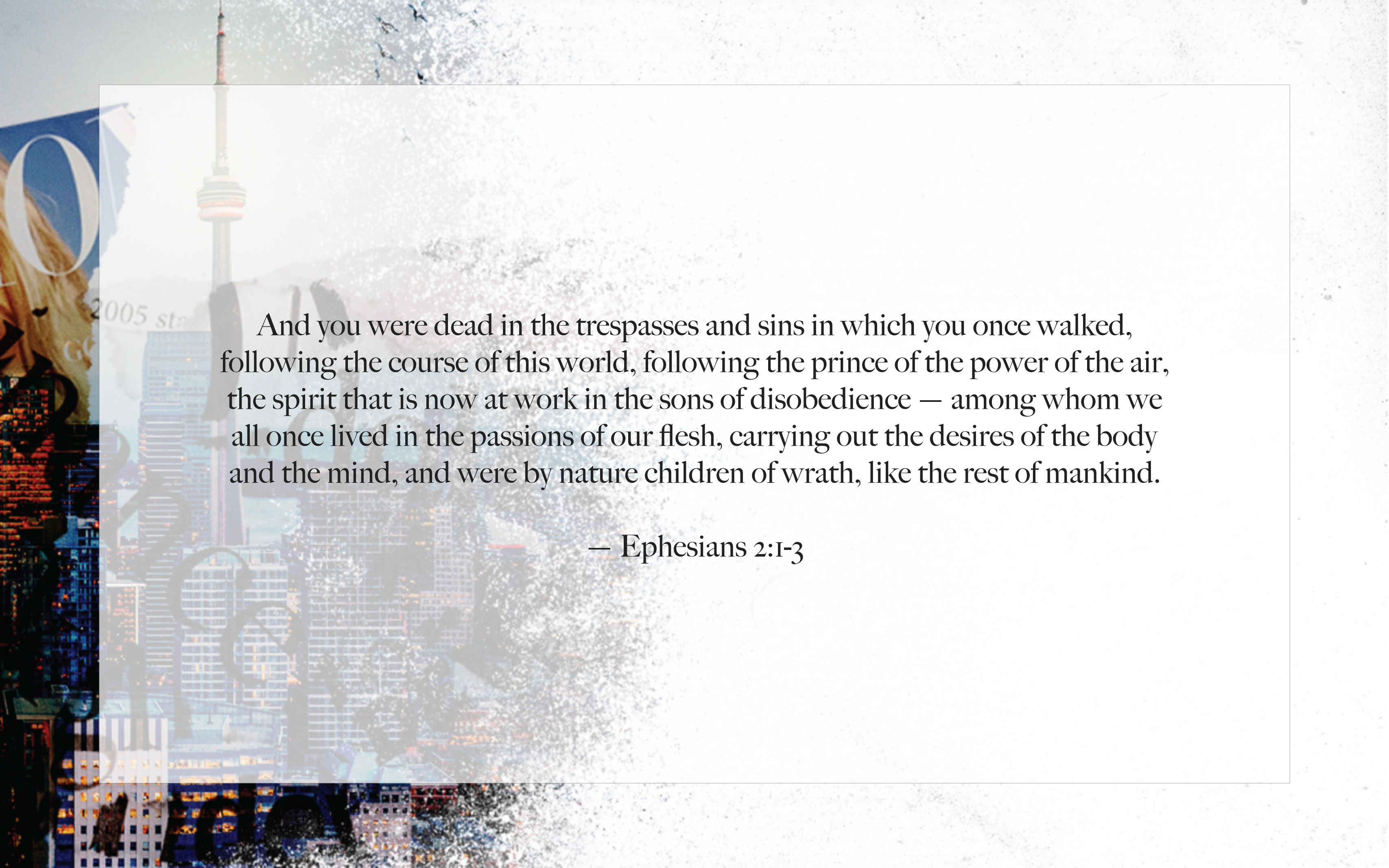


Even in your thoughts, do not curse the king,
nor in your bedroom curse the rich,
for a bird of the air will carry your voice,
or some winged creature tell the matter.

— VS 20

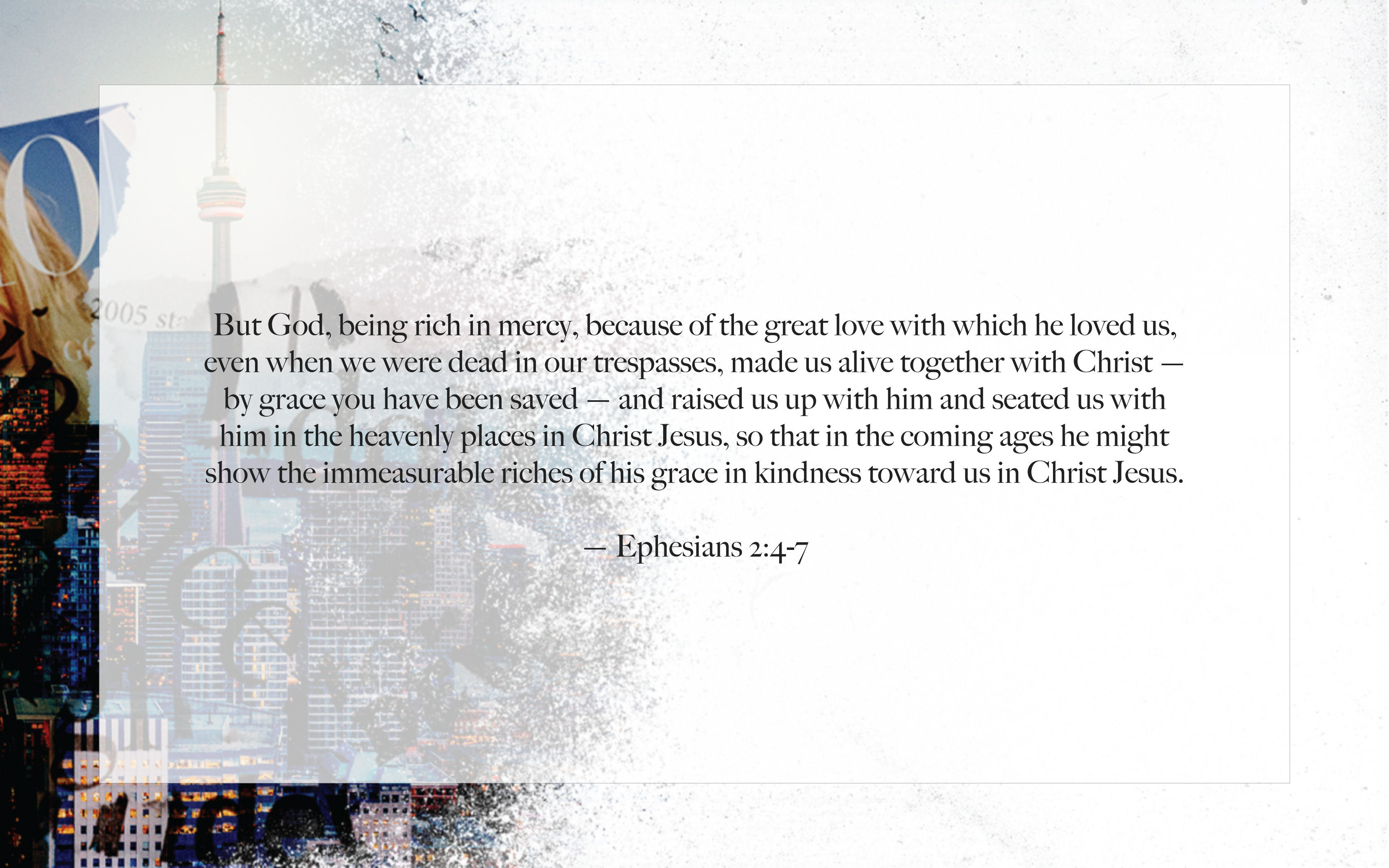


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THE SUN
hope



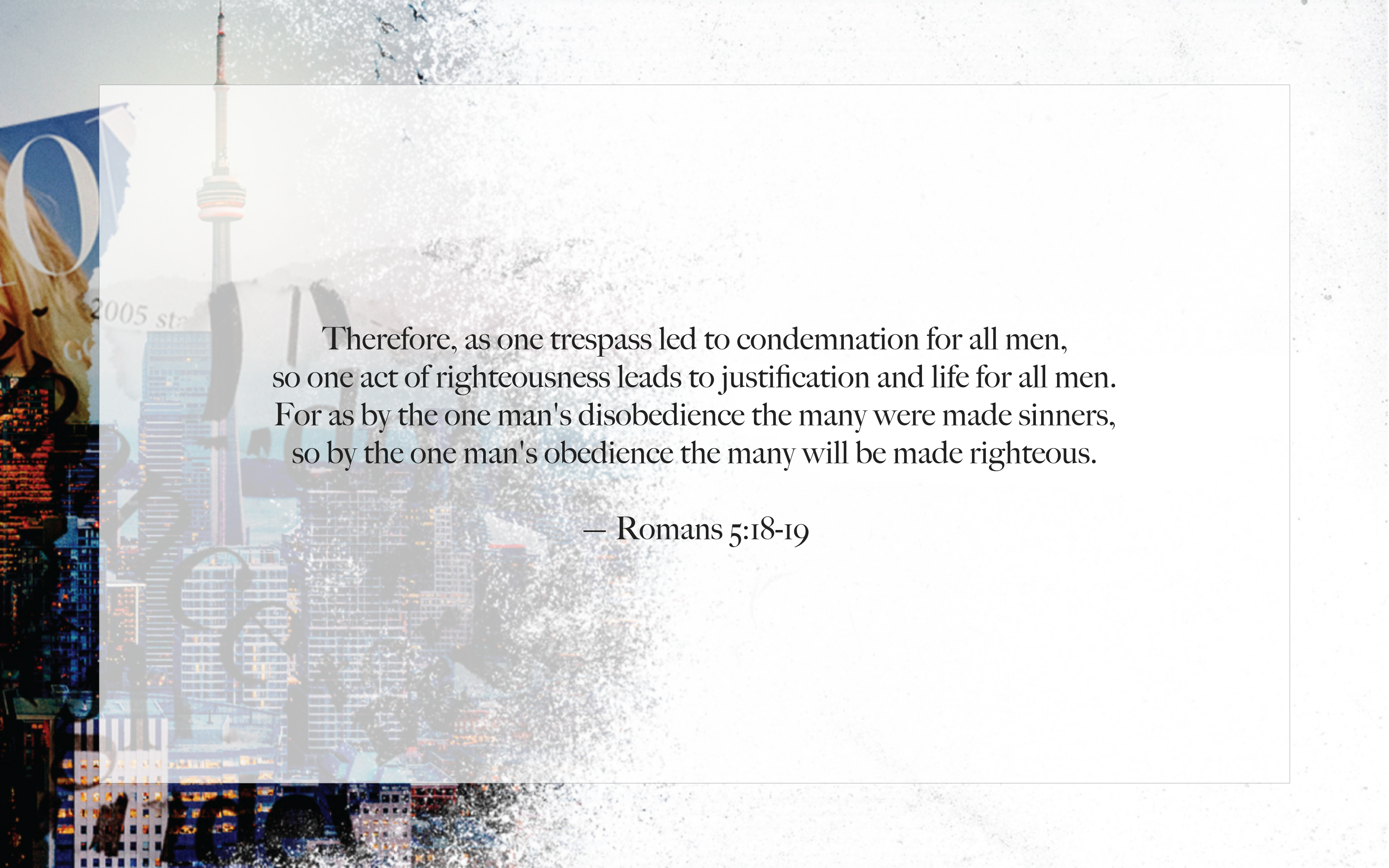
And you were dead in the trespasses and sins in which you once walked, following the course of this world, following the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work in the sons of disobedience — among whom we all once lived in the passions of our flesh, carrying out the desires of the body and the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, like the rest of mankind.

— Ephesians 2:1-3



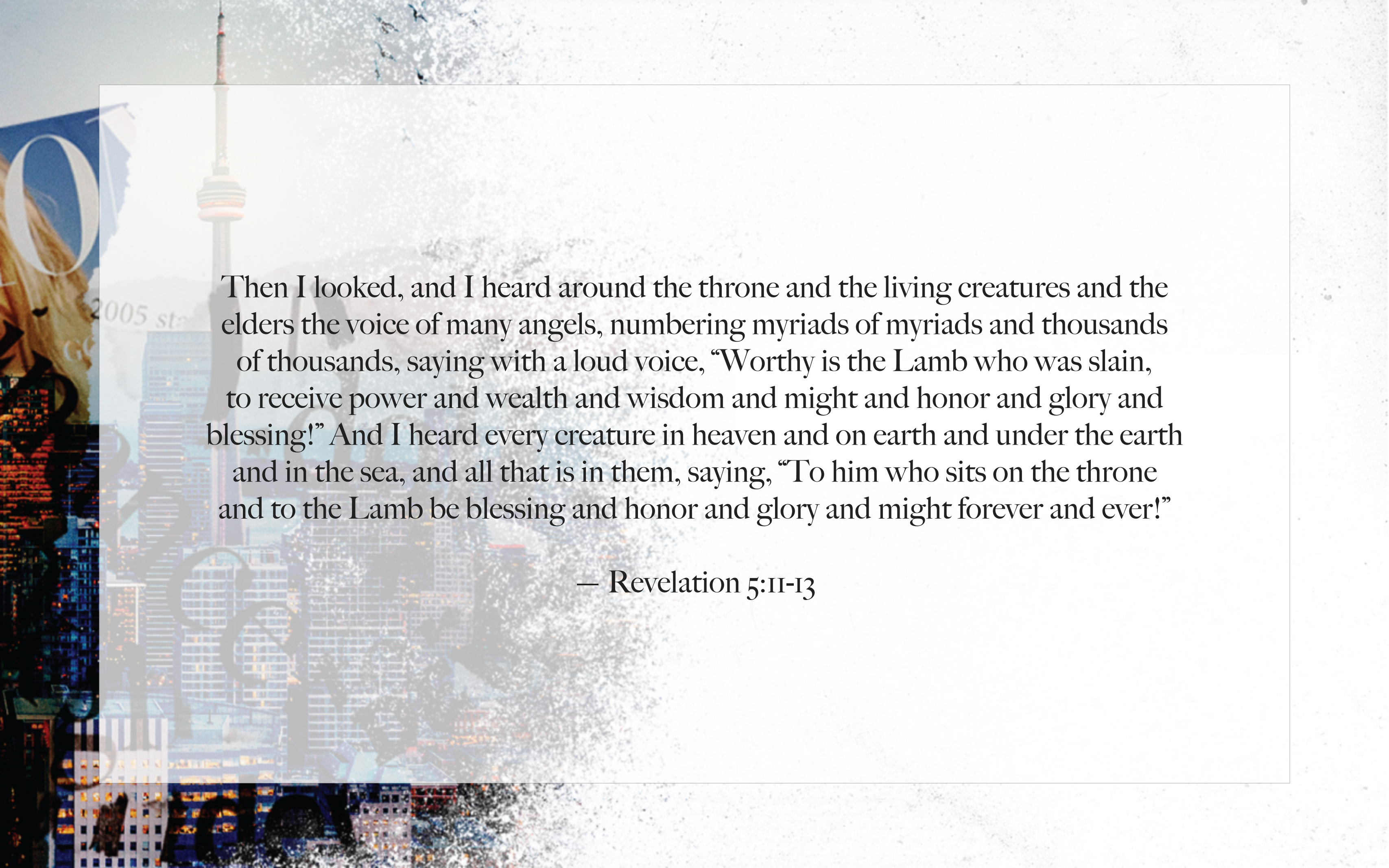
But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ — by grace you have been saved — and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, so that in the coming ages he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus.

— Ephesians 2:4-7



Therefore, as one trespass led to condemnation for all men,
so one act of righteousness leads to justification and life for all men.
For as by the one man's disobedience the many were made sinners,
so by the one man's obedience the many will be made righteous.

— Romans 5:18-19



Then I looked, and I heard around the throne and the living creatures and the elders the voice of many angels, numbering myriads of myriads and thousands of thousands, saying with a loud voice, “Worthy is the Lamb who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might and honor and glory and blessing!” And I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and in the sea, and all that is in them, saying, “To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be blessing and honor and glory and might forever and ever!”

— Revelation 5:11-13



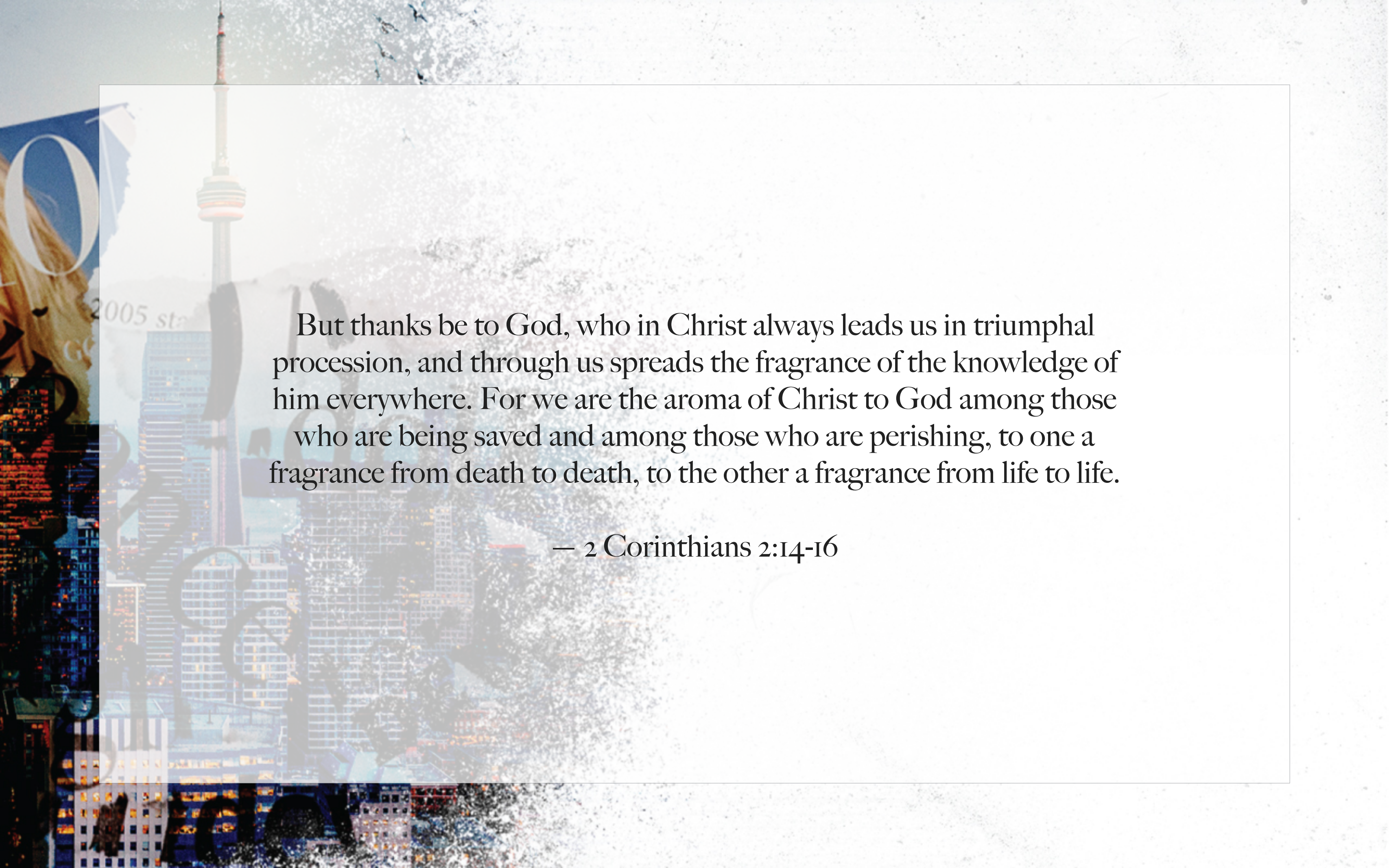
For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing;
it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast.

— Ephesians 2:8-9



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



But thanks be to God, who in Christ always leads us in triumphal procession, and through us spreads the fragrance of the knowledge of him everywhere. For we are the aroma of Christ to God among those who are being saved and among those who are perishing, to one a fragrance from death to death, to the other a fragrance from life to life.

— 2 Corinthians 2:14-16



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