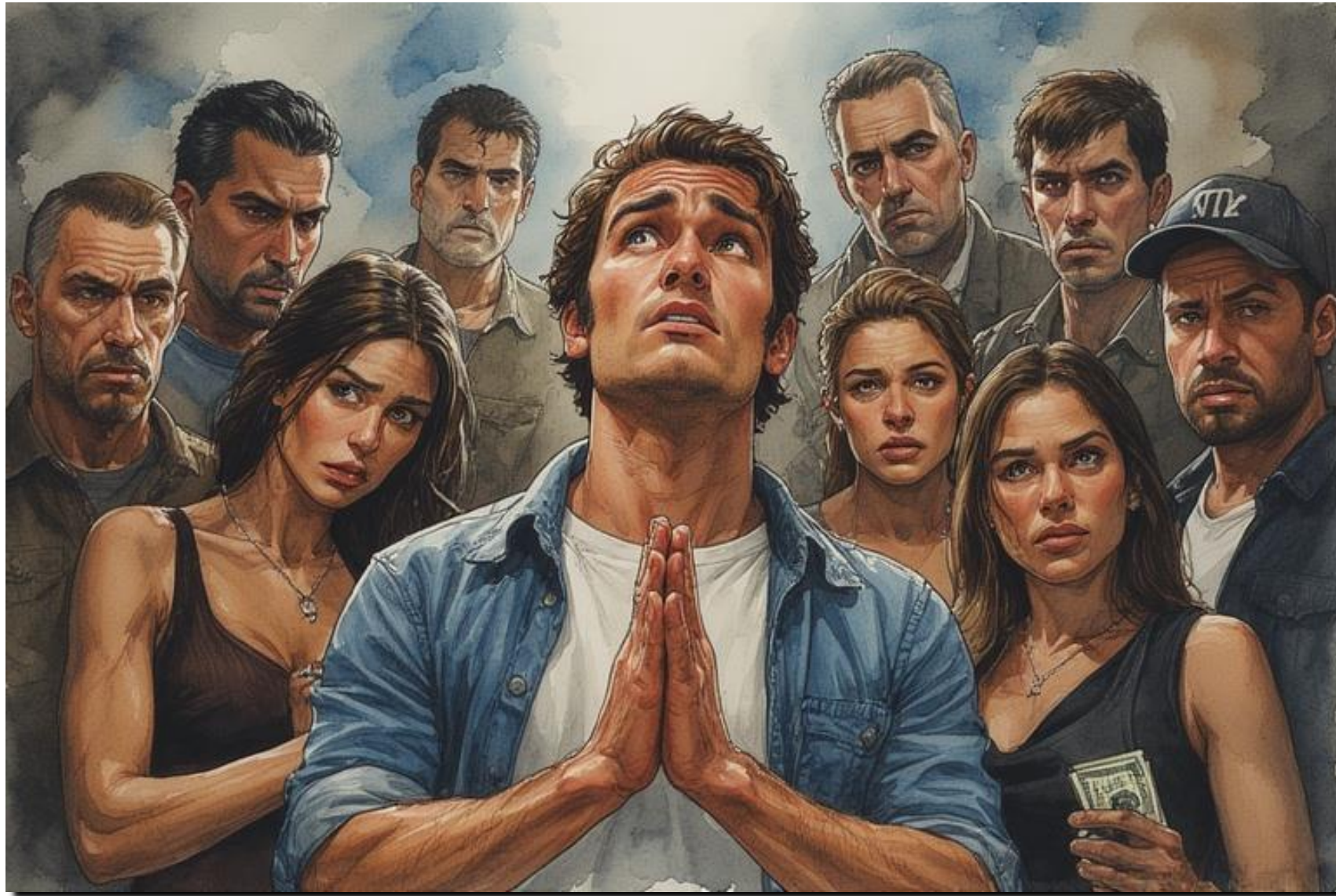


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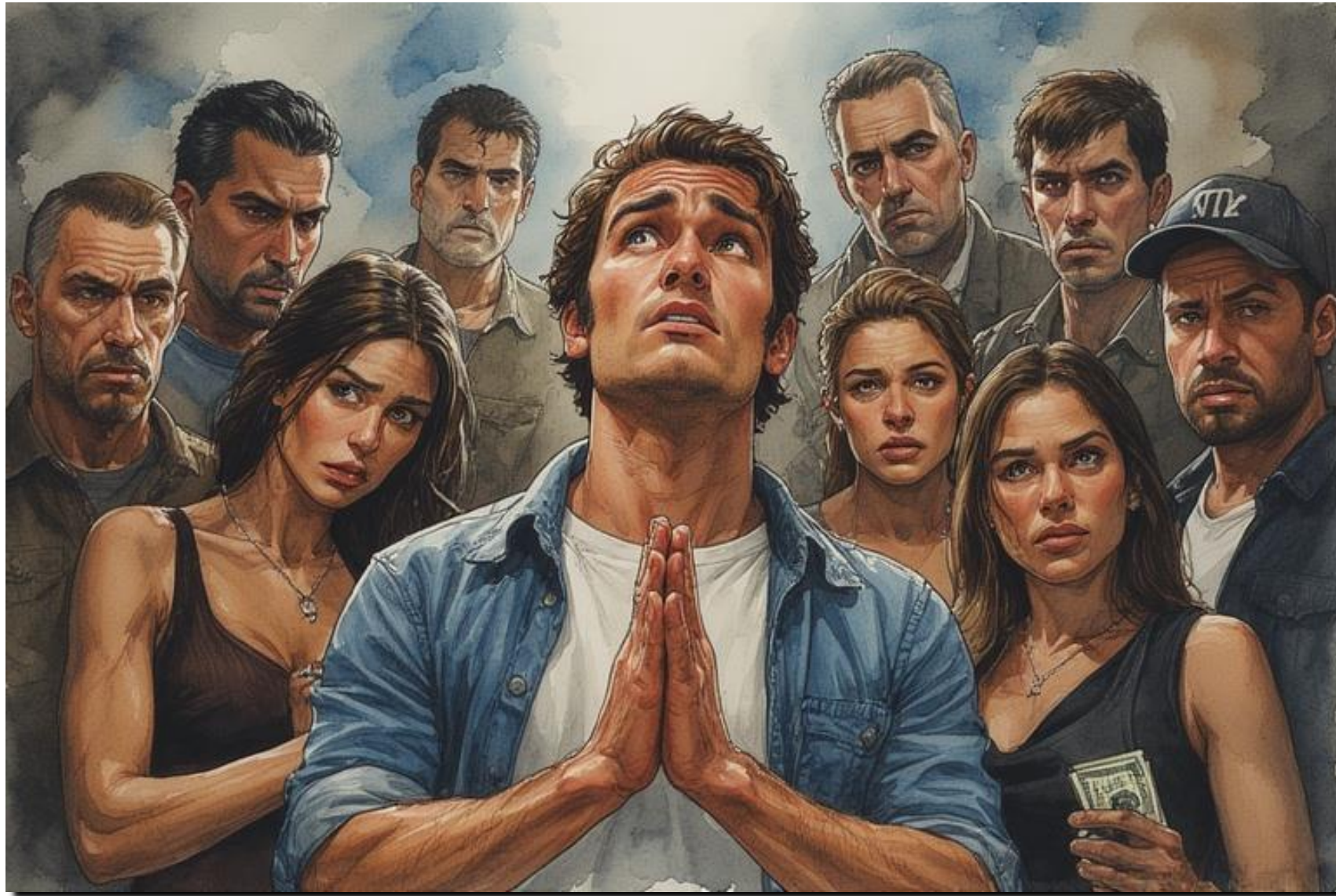
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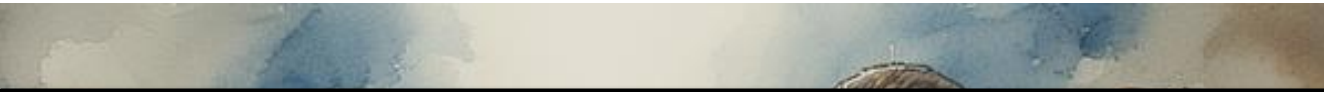
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8 My child, listen when your father corrects you. Don't neglect your mother's instruction.

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13 Think of the great things we'll get! We'll fill our houses with all the stuff we take.  
14 Come, throw in your lot with us; we'll all share the loot."  
15 My child, don't go along with them! Stay far away from their paths.  
16 They rush to commit evil deeds. They hurry to commit murder.  
17 If a bird sees a trap being set, it knows to stay away.  
18 But these people set an ambush for themselves; they are trying to get themselves killed.  
19 Such is the fate of all who are greedy for money; it robs them of life.

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A person is shown from the chest down, wearing an orange jumpsuit and black handcuffs. Their hands are resting on the vertical metal bars of a prison cell. The background is dark and out of focus, with some vertical bars visible. The lighting is dramatic, with a strong red glow on the left side of the frame.

# Top crimes in Australia by police statistics 2023-25

- Theft (including motor vehicle & cyber crime)
- Assault
- Malicious damage to property
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God's call to be wise



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20 Wisdom shouts in the streets. She cries out in the public square.

21 She calls to the crowds along the main street, to those gathered in front of the city gate:

22 “How long, you simpletons, will you insist on being simpleminded? How long will you mockers relish your mocking? How long will you fools hate knowledge?

23 Come and listen to my counsel. I'll share my heart with you and make you wise.



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## Chapter 9

1 Wisdom has built her house; she has carved its seven columns.

2 She has prepared a great banquet, mixed the wines, and set the table.

3 She has sent her servants to invite everyone to come.



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13 The woman named Folly is brash. She is ignorant and doesn't know it.

14 She sits in her doorway on the heights overlooking the city.

15 She calls out to men going by who are minding their own business.

16 "Come in with me," she urges the simple. To those who lack good judgment, she says,

17 "Stolen water is refreshing; food eaten in secret tastes the best!"

18 But little do they know that the dead are there. Her guests are in the depths of the grave.



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# Christian author confesses years-long extramarital affair, declaring he 'disqualified' himself from ministry



Christian author Philip Yancey, who has been married for more than five decades, confessed to engaging in a multi-year affair, telling Christianity Today in a statement that he had "disqualified" himself from ministry. Yancey did not mince words or seek to defend the affair — he acknowledged the sinfulness of his behavior and the devastating consequences of his actions.



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# Baptist Preacher Says There's 'No Biblical Basis' for Abstaining From Premarital Sex

By Janna Firestone



Screengrab via YouTube / @Mt. Ennon Baptist Church

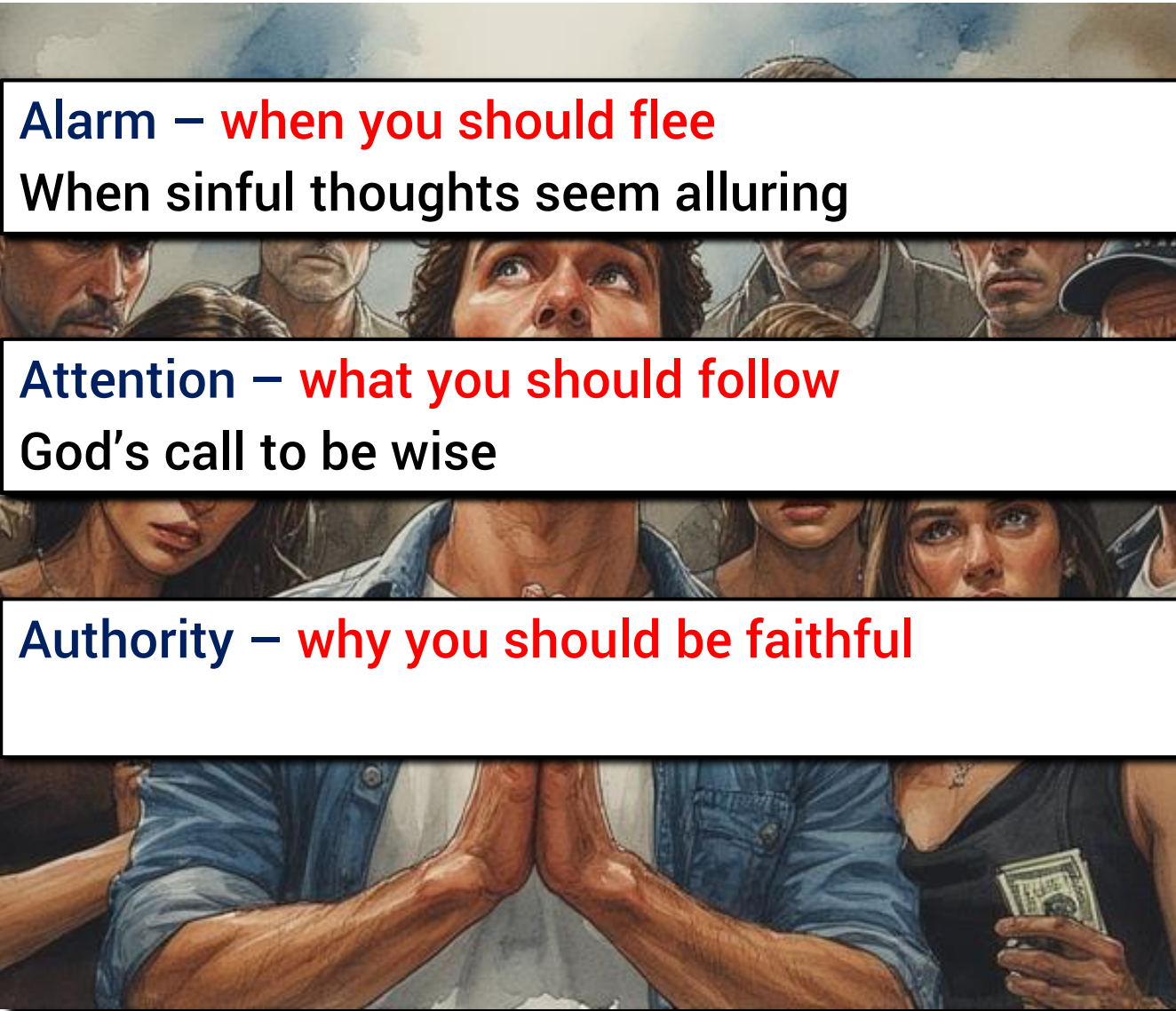
"I am obligated as a preacher of the Word of God to preach the truth of the Bible and not to further myths, superstitions, and lies," said Coates.

Therefore, teaching Christians that sex before outside of marriage is a sin, may be tradition, it may be something that's been passed down from generation to generation, it may be something that you learned from an esteemed Bible preacher or teacher, but it is not something supported by the Word of God."



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## Psalm 111

1 Praise the LORD ! I will thank the LORD with all my heart as I meet with his godly people.

2 How amazing are the deeds of the LORD ! All who delight in him should ponder them.

3 Everything he does reveals his glory and majesty. His righteousness never fails.

4 He causes us to remember his wonderful works. How gracious and merciful is our LORD !

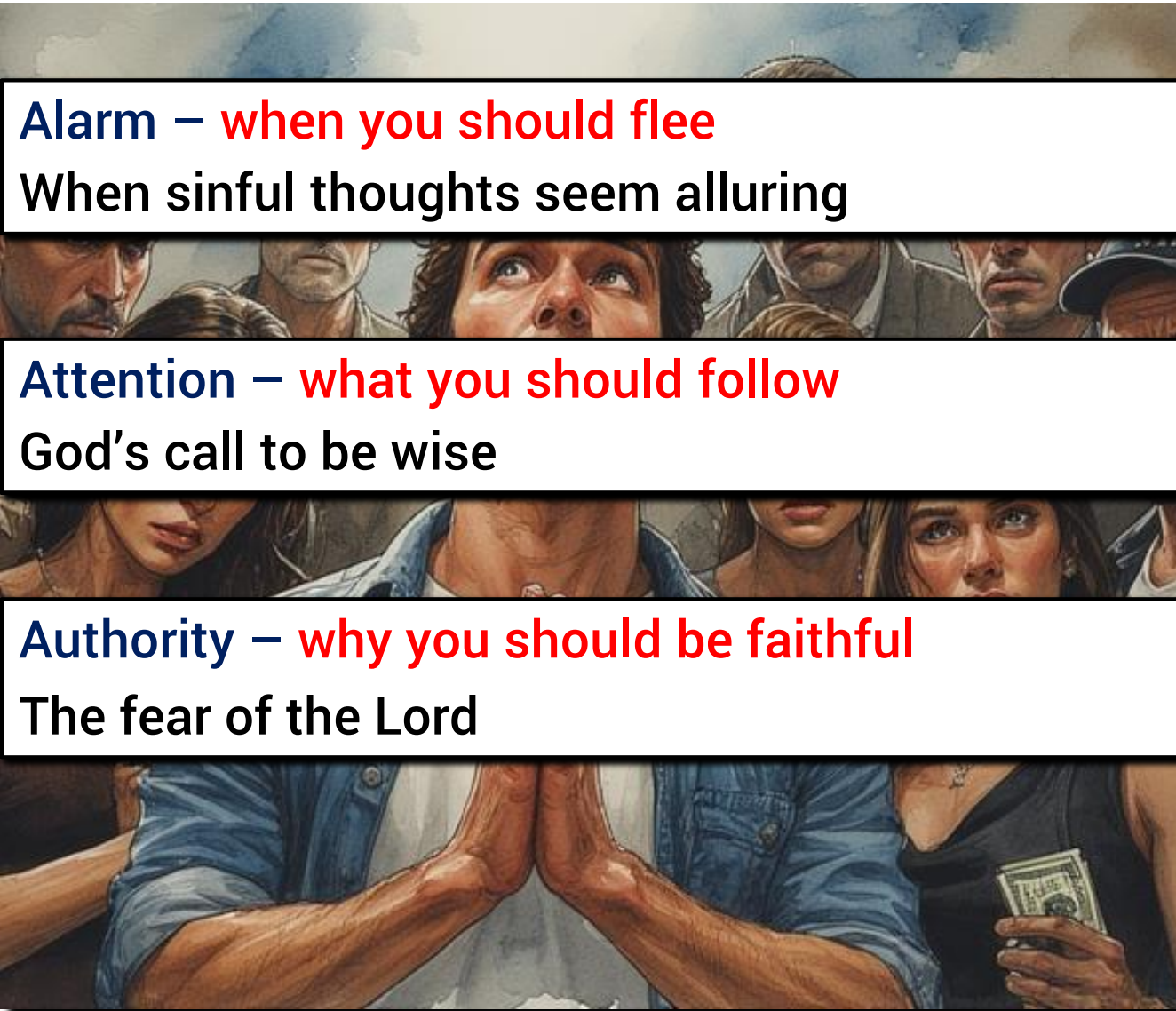
5 He gives food to those who fear him; he always remembers his covenant.

6 He has shown his great power to his people by giving them the lands of other nations.

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## Isaiah 11

11 There shall come forth a shoot from the stump of Jesse, and a branch from his roots shall bear fruit.

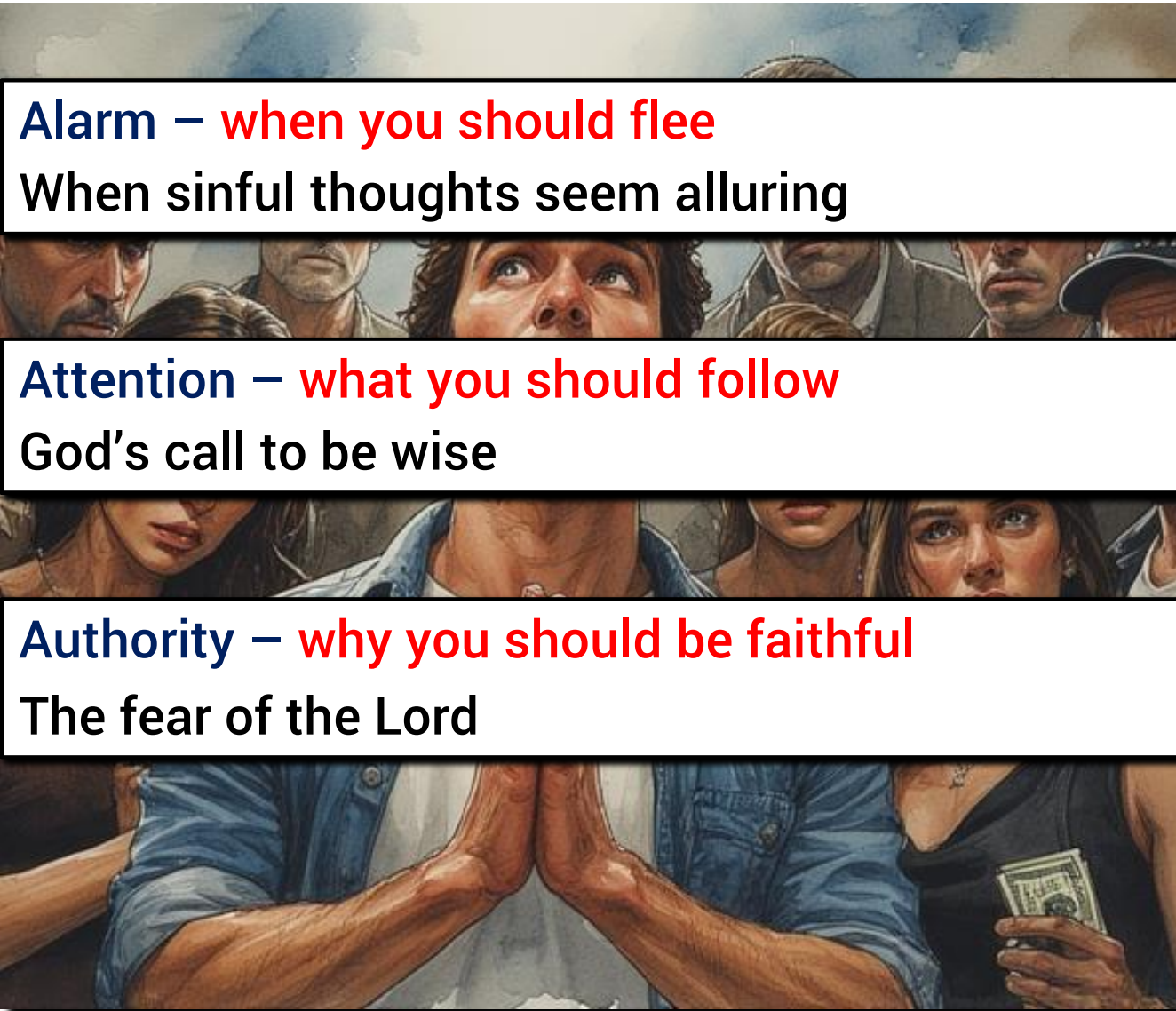
2 And the Spirit of the Lord shall rest upon him, the Spirit of wisdom and understanding, the Spirit of counsel and might,

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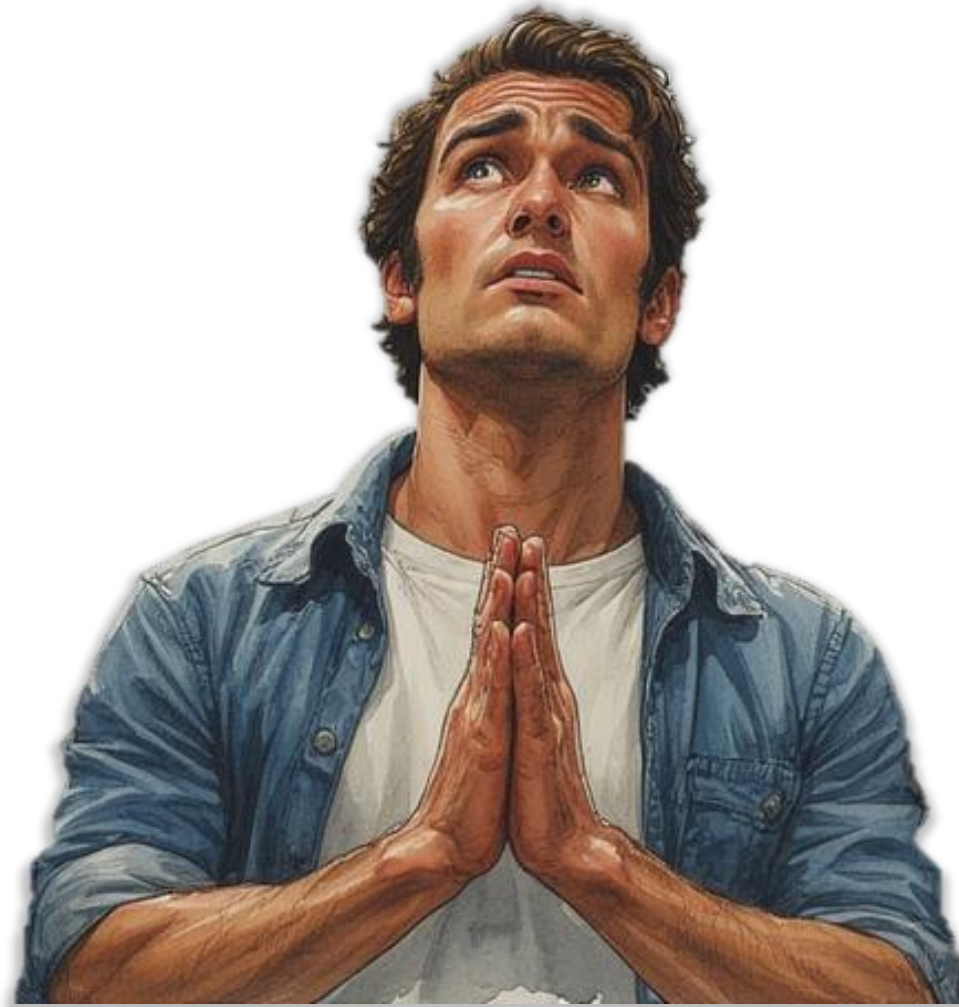
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