

BELIEVE

The Gospel of **John**

Belief
vs
Unbelief



³⁰ Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; ³¹ but these are written so that you may **believe** that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that **by believing** you may have life in his name.

If there is no Light, there is no life.











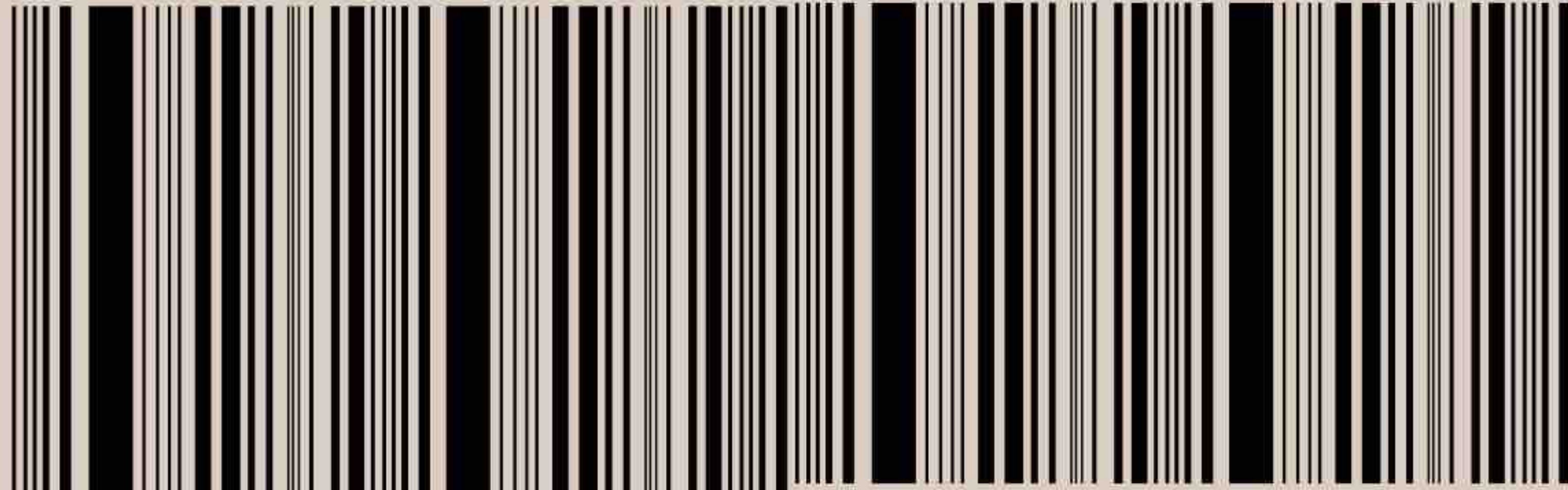
¹² Again Jesus spoke to them, saying, “I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life.” ¹³ So the Pharisees said to him, “You are bearing witness about yourself; your testimony is not true.” ¹⁴ Jesus answered, “Even if I do bear witness about myself, my testimony is true, for I know where I came from and where I am going, but you do not know where I come from or where I am going.

¹⁵ You judge according to the flesh; I judge no one. ¹⁶ Yet even if I do judge, my judgment is true, for it is not I alone who judge, but I and the Father who sent me. ¹⁷ In your Law it is written that the testimony of two people is true. ¹⁸ I am the one who bears witness about myself, and the Father who sent me bears witness about me.”

John 8:15-18 ESV



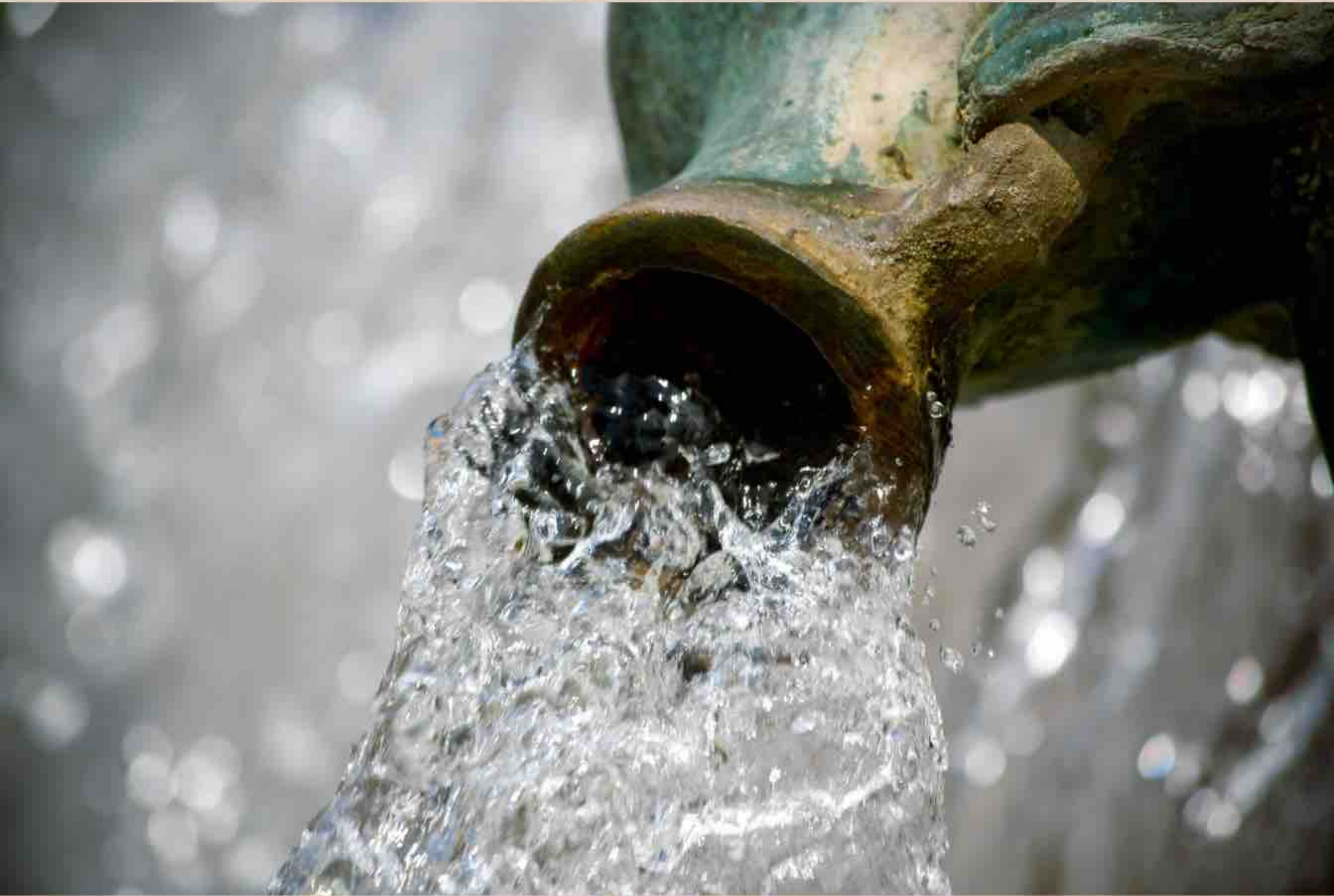
¹⁹ They said to him therefore, “Where is your Father?” Jesus answered, “You know neither me nor my Father. If you knew me, you would know my Father also.” ²⁰ These words he spoke in the treasury, as he taught in the temple; but no one arrested him, because his hour had not yet come.

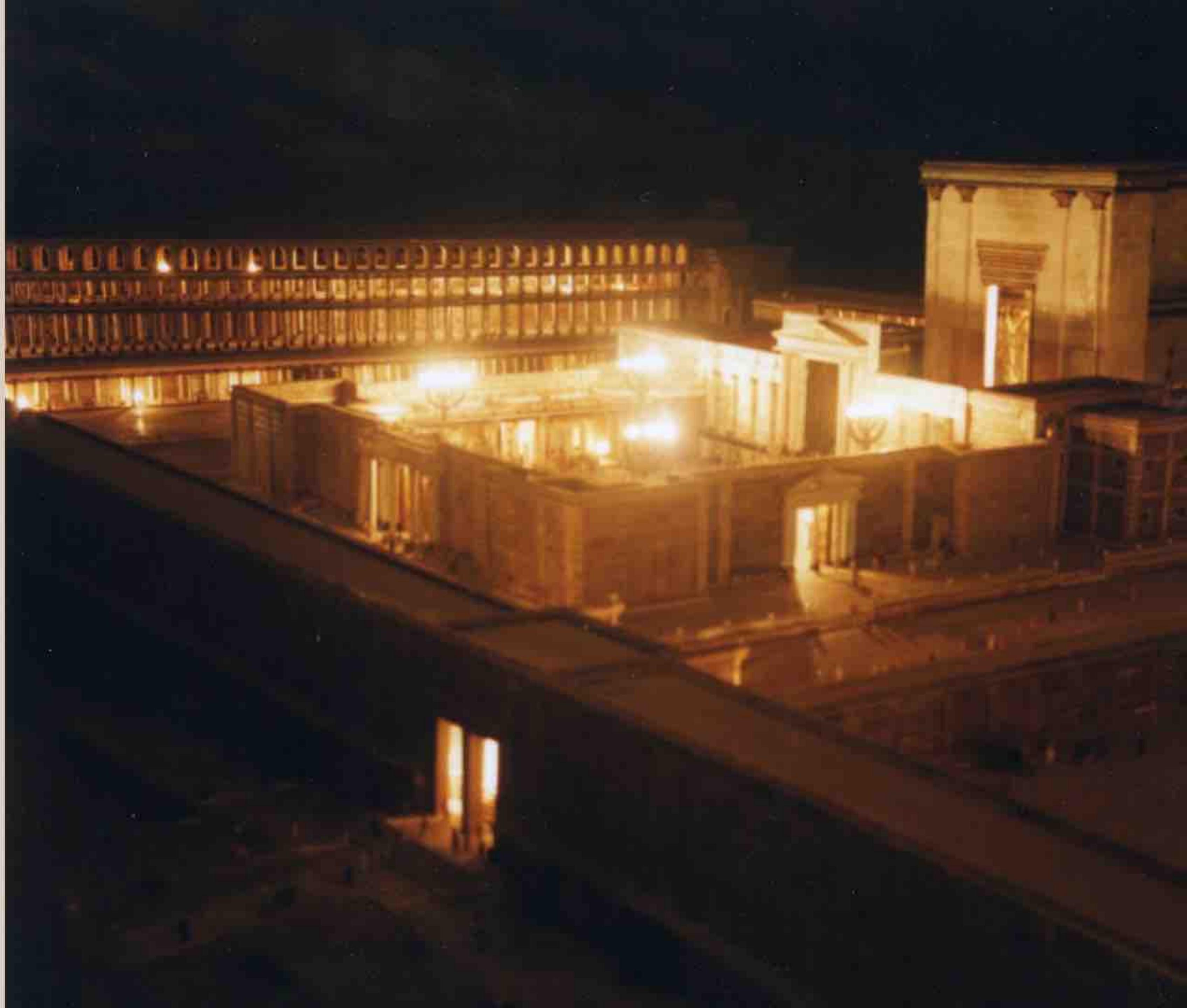


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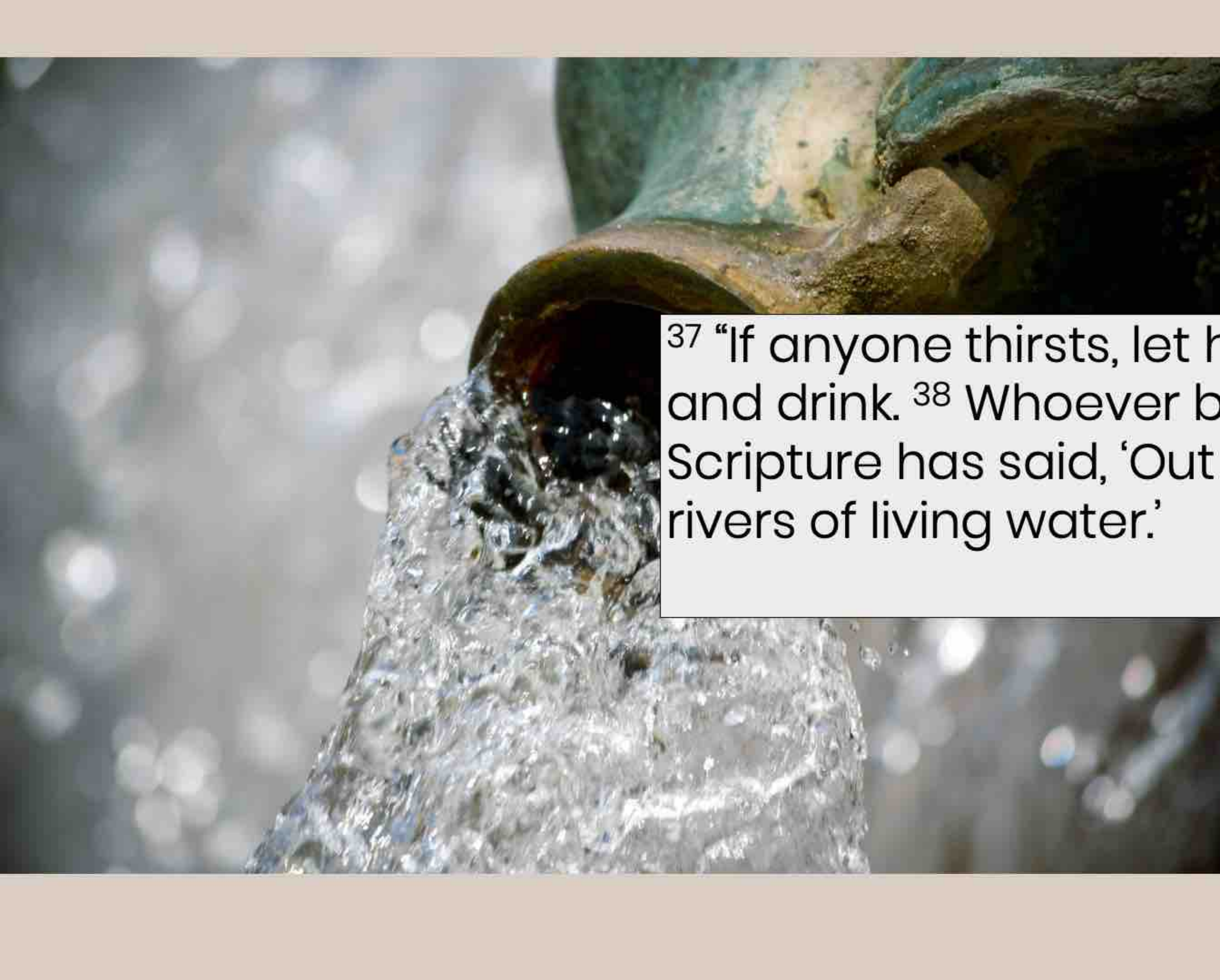




²¹ And the Lord went before them by day in a pillar of cloud to lead them along the way, and **by night in a pillar of fire to give them light**, that they might travel by day and by night. ²² The pillar of cloud by day and the pillar of fire by night did not depart from before the people.


Exodus 13:21-22 ESV



A close-up photograph of water flowing from a faucet. The water is clear and bubbly, cascading downwards. The faucet is made of a dark, possibly bronze or copper, material and is set against a blurred background of light-colored bokeh.

³⁷ “If anyone thirsts, let him come to me and drink. ³⁸ Whoever believes in me, as the Scripture has said, ‘Out of his heart will flow rivers of living water.’

John 7:37-38



¹² I am the light of the world.
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John 8:12

Light of the World

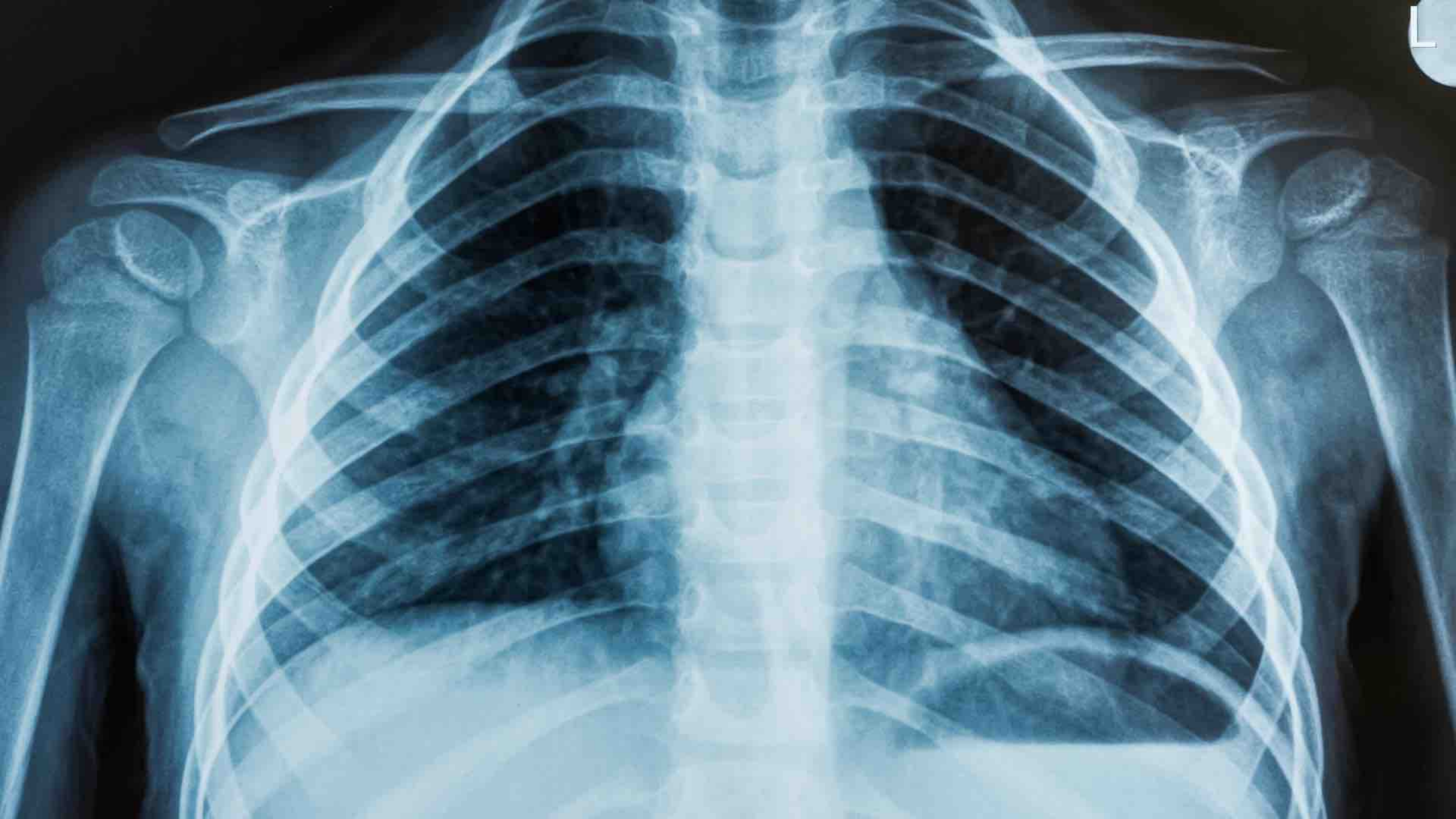
I. Light Reveals



I. **Light Reveals**

a. Truth







¹⁹ And this is the judgment: the light has come into the world, and **people loved the darkness** rather than the light because their works were evil. ²⁰ For everyone who does wicked things hates the light and does not come to the light, lest his works should be exposed.

⁶ For God, who said, “Let light shine out of darkness,” has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

2 Corinthians 4:6 ESV



I. Light Reveals

- a. Truth
- b. Sin



¹¹ Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead **expose them**. ¹² For it is shameful even to speak of the things that they do in secret. ¹³ But when anything is exposed by the light, it becomes visible, ¹⁴ for anything that becomes visible is light.

Ephesians 5:11-14 ESV



How does Jesus reveal our sin?

1. Conviction



⁸ And when he comes, **he will convict the world** concerning sin and righteousness and judgment.

John 16:8 ESV



How does Jesus reveal our sin?

1. Conviction
2. Consequence



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1. Conviction
2. Consequence
3. Community



Light of the World

I. Light Reveals

II. Light Guides



¹² Again Jesus spoke to them, saying, “I am the light of the world. **Whoever follows me** will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life.”

John 8:12 ESV



II. Light Guides

a. To Righteousness



⁸ for at one time you were darkness, **but now you are light** in the Lord. Walk as children of light ⁹ (for the fruit of light is found in all that is good and right and true), ¹⁰ and try to discern what is pleasing to the Lord.

Ephesians 5:8-10 ESV



46 I have come into the world as light, so that whoever believes in me **may not remain in darkness.**

John 12:45 ESV



Cultivating Righteousness

1. Daily time with God

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2. Accountability with others



II. Light Guides

- a. To Righteousness
- b. To Shine for Others



¹⁴ **“You are the light of the world.** A city set on a hill cannot be hidden. ¹⁵ Nor do people light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a stand, and it gives light to all in the house. ¹⁶ In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven.

Matthew 5:14-16 ESV



How to Shine:

1. Live with Integrity



How to Shine:

1. Live with Integrity
2. Be Joyful and Hopeful



How to Shine:

1. Live with Integrity
2. Be Joyful and Hopeful
3. Serve Selflessly



How to Shine:

1. Live with Integrity
2. Be Joyful and Hopeful
3. Serve Selflessly
4. Share the Gospel



Light of the World

- I. Light Reveals
- II. Light Guides
- III. Light Gives Life



⁹ The true light, which gives light to everyone, was coming into the world. ¹⁰ He was in the world, and the world was made through him, yet the world did not know him. ¹¹ He came to his own, and his own people did not receive him. ¹² But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God,

⁶ Jesus said to him, **“I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.**

John 14:6 ESV





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