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From Despair to Deliverance to Disciple

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- “And when he was come to the other side into the country of the Gergesenes, there met him two possessed with devils, coming out of the tombs, exceeding fierce, so that no man might pass by that way.” *Matthew 8:28*



- “When the disciples and the others saw these fearful creatures rushing toward them, they fled in terror. But presently they discovered that Jesus was not with them, and they turned to see what had been his fate. They beheld him standing calmly where they had left him. He who stilled the tempest, he who had met Satan before and conquered him, did not flee before these demons. When the men, gnashing their teeth, and foaming at the mouth, approached him within a few feet, Jesus raised that hand which had beckoned the waves to rest, and the men could come no nearer.”

• {2SP 311.2}



Romans 7:24, 25

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- “O wretched man that I am! who shall deliver me from the body of this death?”
- 25. I thank God through Jesus Christ our Lord.”

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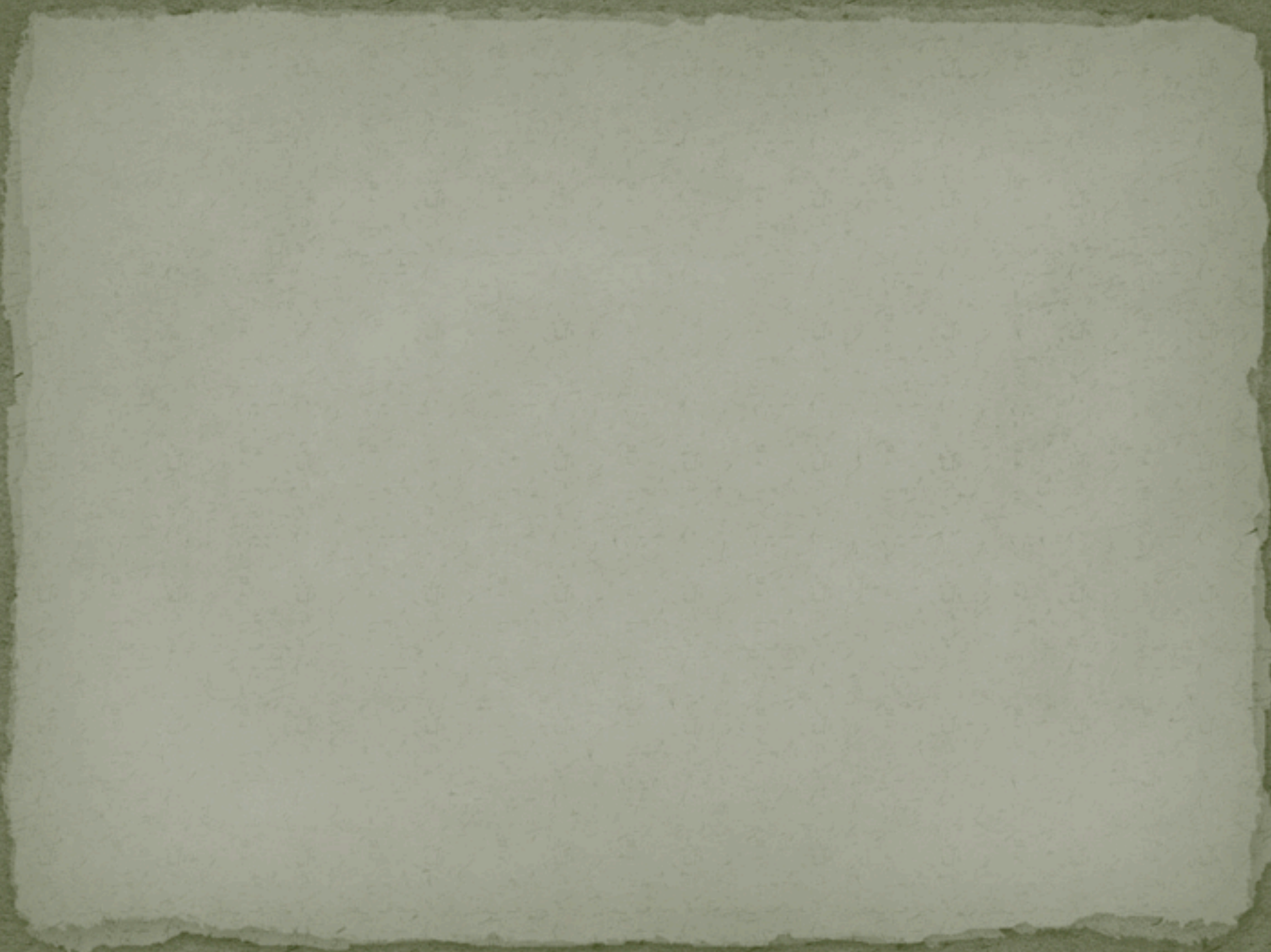
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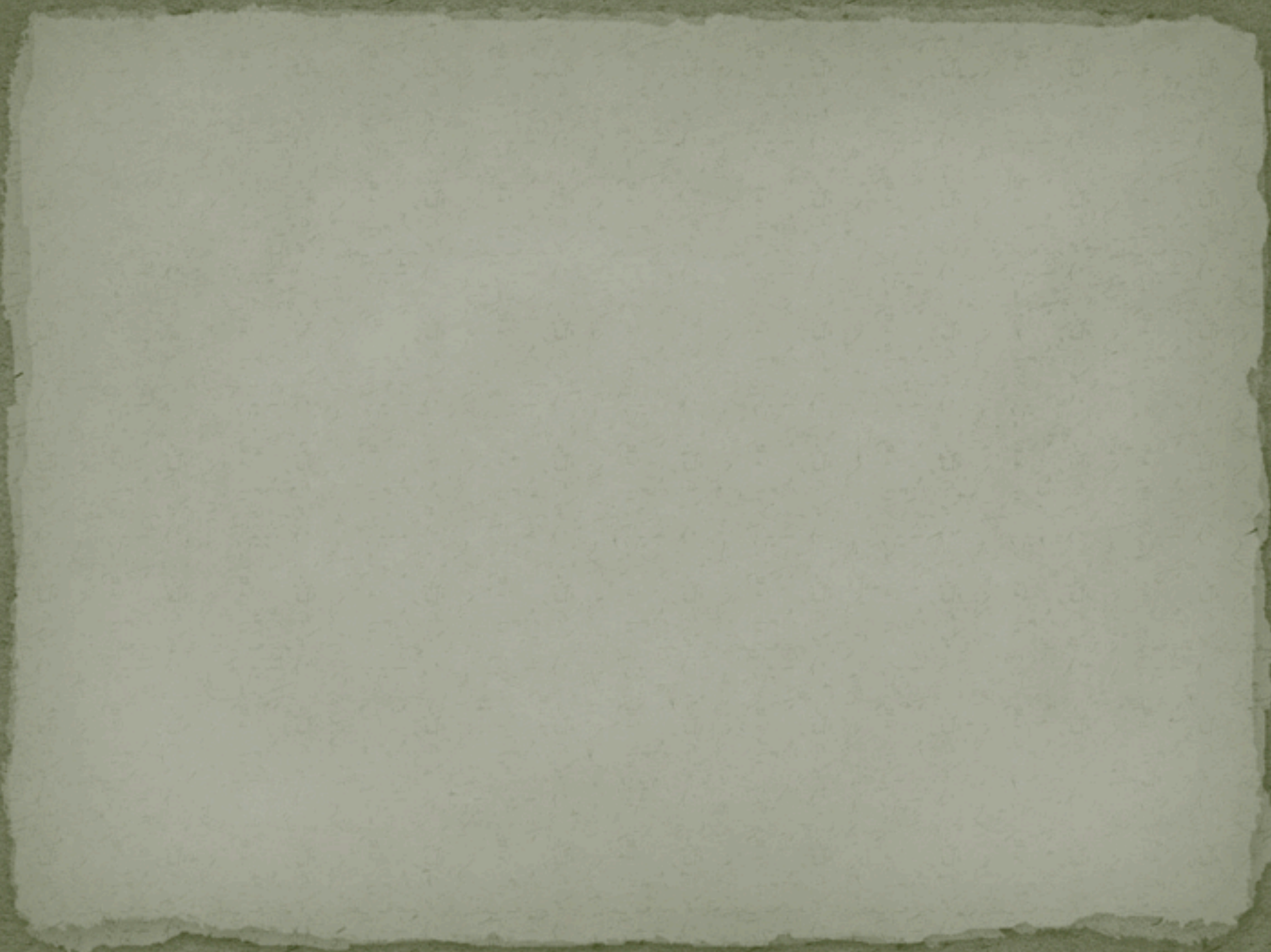
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- **Psalam 37:40** And the LORD shall help them, and deliver them: he shall deliver them from the wicked, and save them, because they trust in him.



- *Many professed Christians of our time banish Jesus from them for the sake of worldly gain. They may not use the exact words of the Gadarenes, but their acts plainly indicate, that, in their various avocations, they do not desire his presence. The world is exalted above his mercy. The love of gain crowds out the love of Christ.”*

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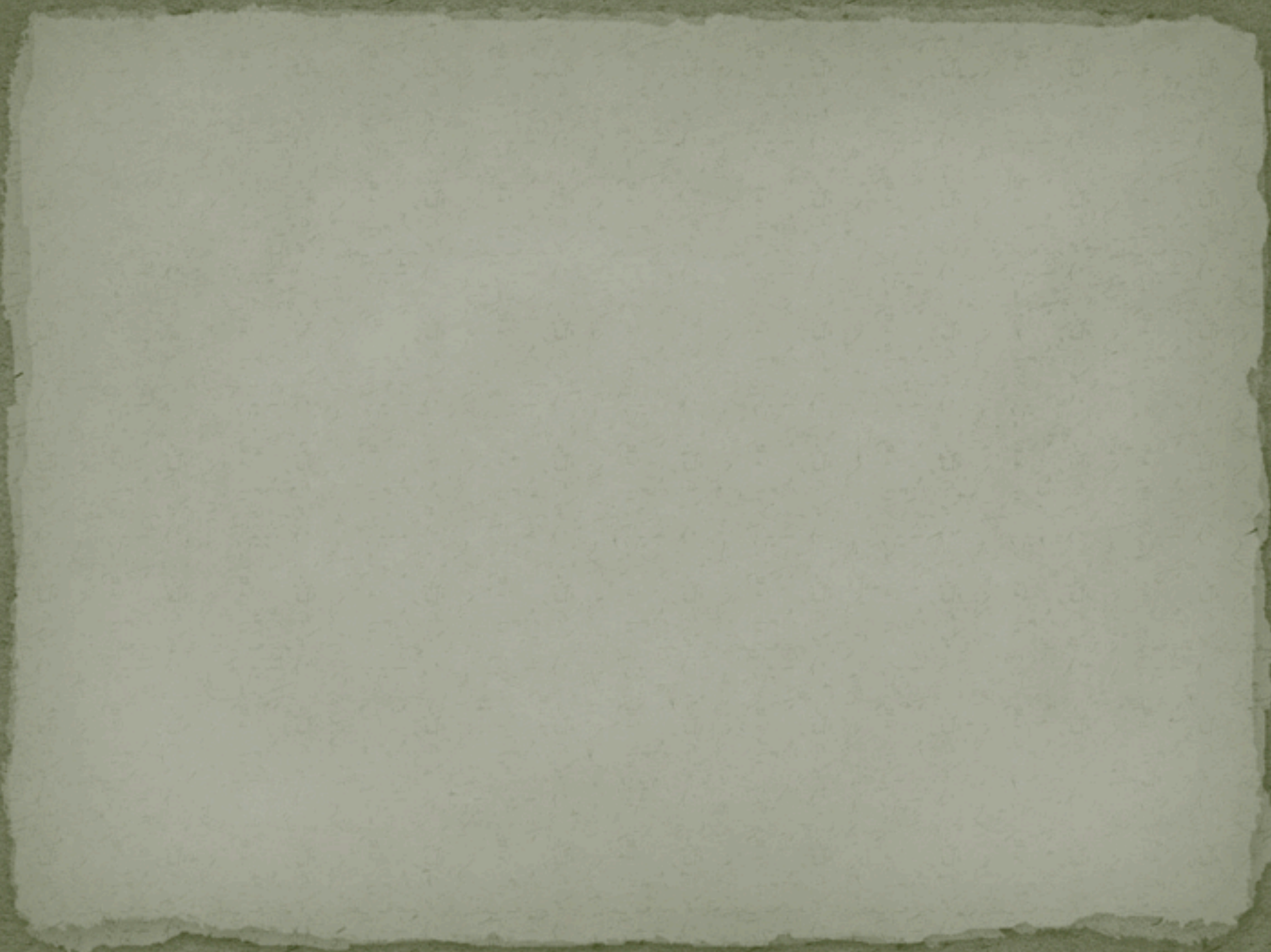
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- *“He who begins with a little knowledge, in a humble way and tells what he knows, while seeking diligently for further knowledge will find the whole heavenly treasure awaiting his demand. The more he seeks to impart light, the more light he will receive. The more one tries to explain the Word of God to others with a love for souls the plainer it becomes to himself.”*

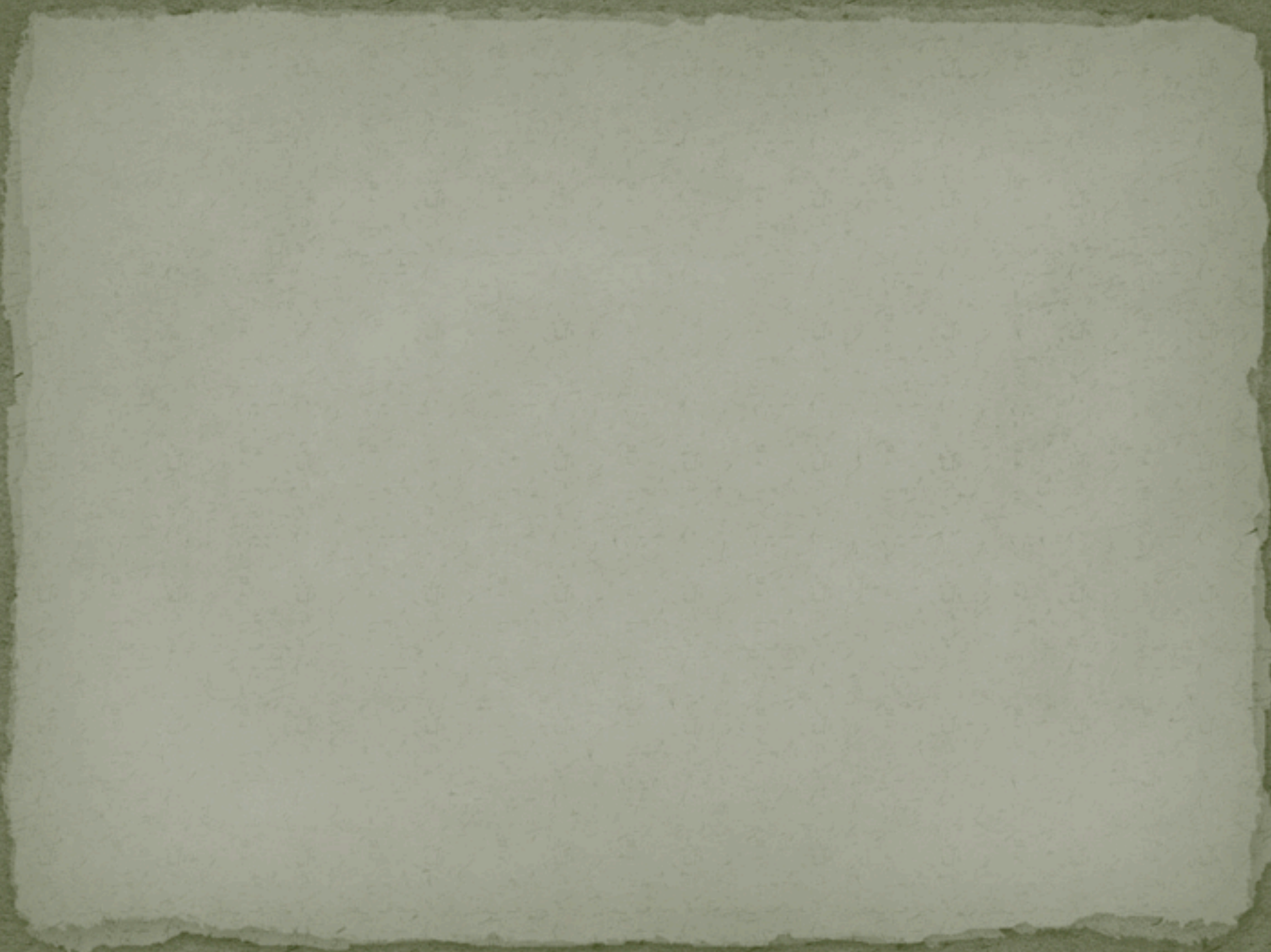
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● *“The two restored demoniacs were the first missionaries whom Christ sent to teach the gospel in the region of Decapolis. For a short time only, these men had listened to His words. Not one sermon from His lips had ever fallen upon their ears. They could not instruct the people as the disciples who had been daily with Christ were able to do. But they could tell what they knew; what they themselves had seen, and heard, and felt of the Saviour's power. This is what everyone can do whose heart has been touched by the grace of God.*

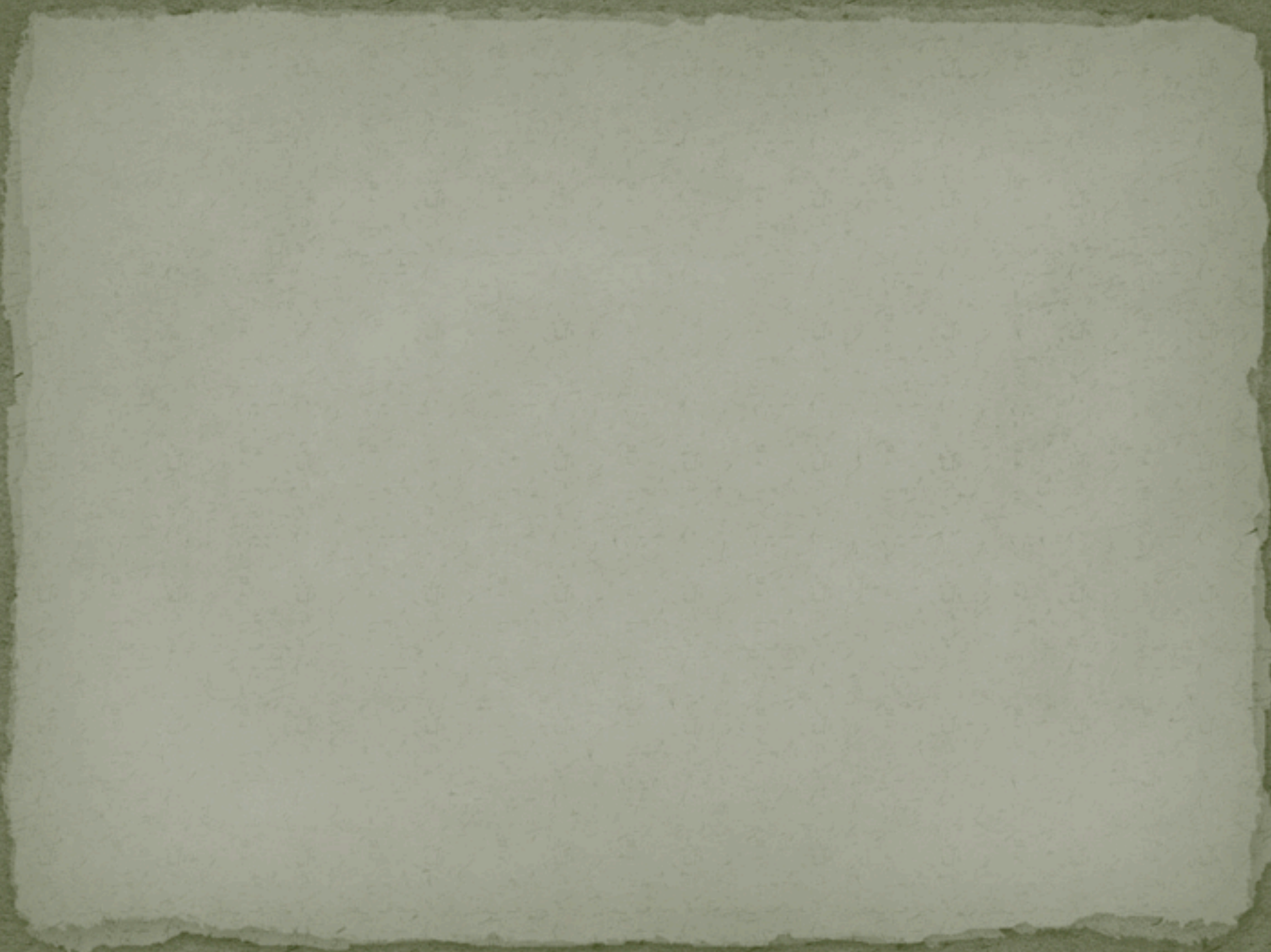


- “Whatever one’s calling in life, his first interest should be to win souls for Christ.”

● DA p.822



- “Loma Linda is a place that the Lord has especially designated as a center for the training of medical missionaries”.--Letter 188, 1907. {LDE 107.1}



Matthew 4:19

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- “Follow me and I will make you fishers of men.”