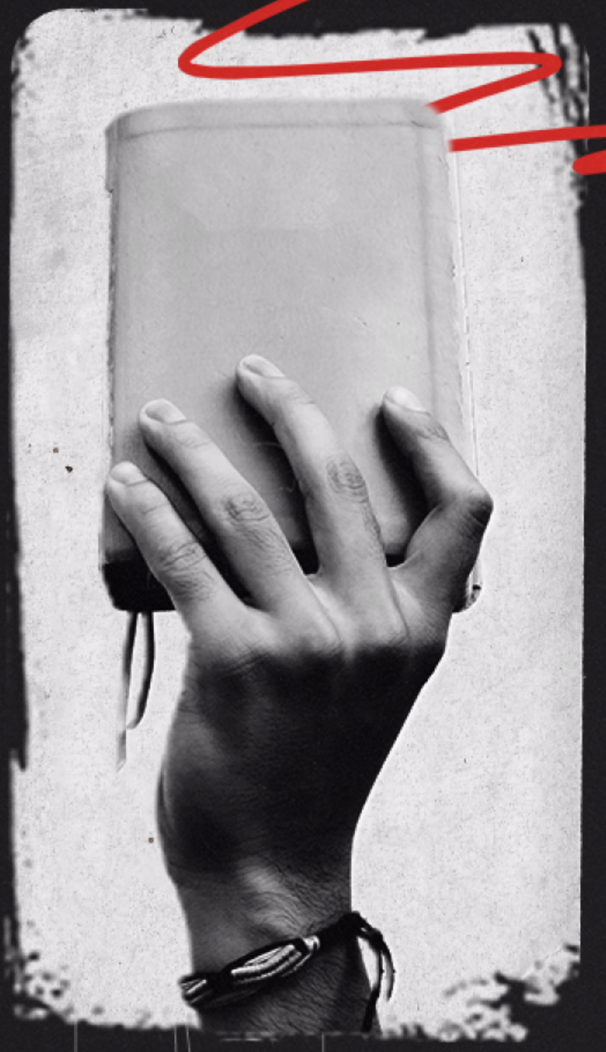
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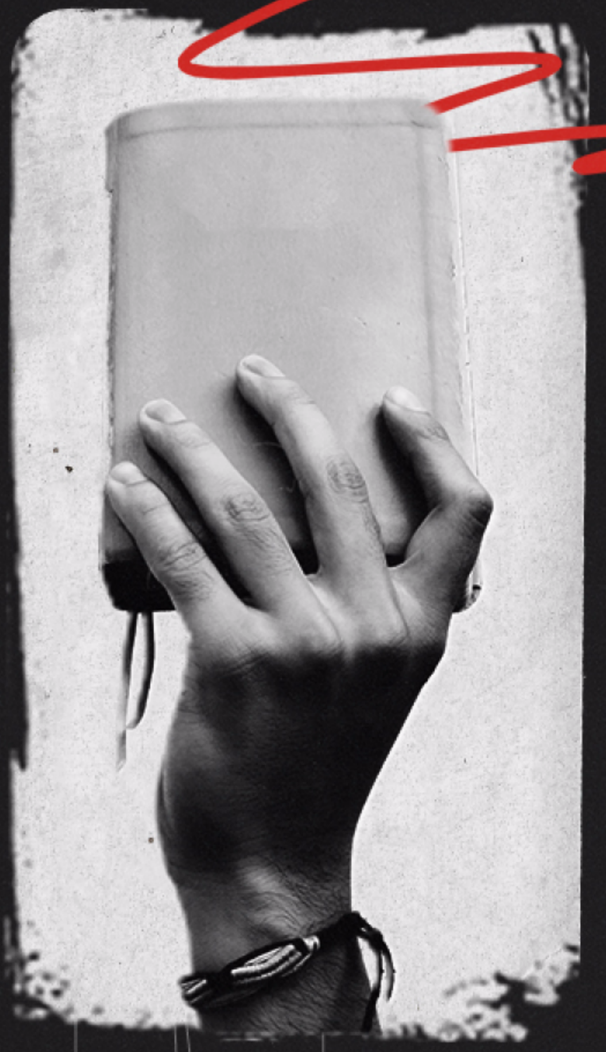
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The battle between a LONGING to be fully known and a FEAR of being fully known.

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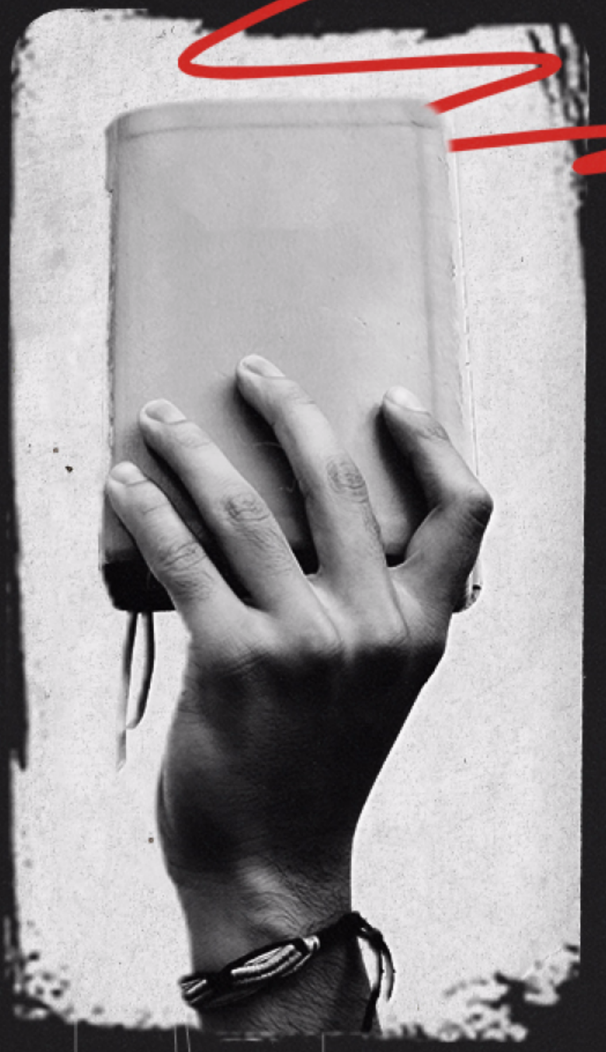
“What we hunger for perhaps more than anything else is to be known in our full humanness, and yet that is often just what we also fear more than anything else.”

Frederick Buechner

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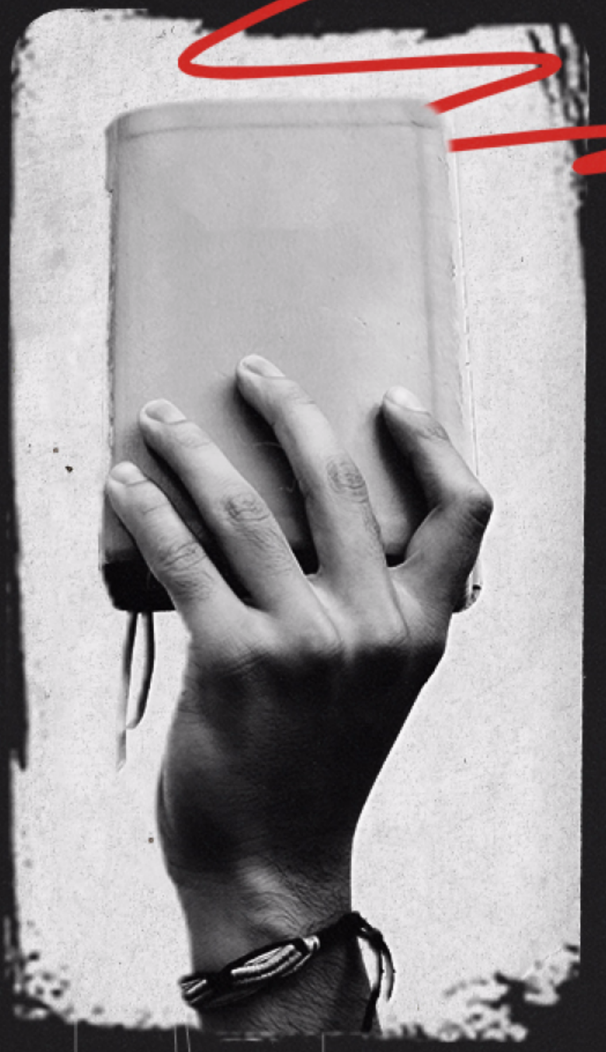
Keep your heart with all vigilance, for from it flow the springs of life.

Proverbs 4:23 ESV

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16 “For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.

John 3:16-21 ESV

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[17]For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.

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[18]Whoever believes in him is not condemned,
but whoever does not believe is condemned
already, because he has not believed in the
name of the only Son of God.

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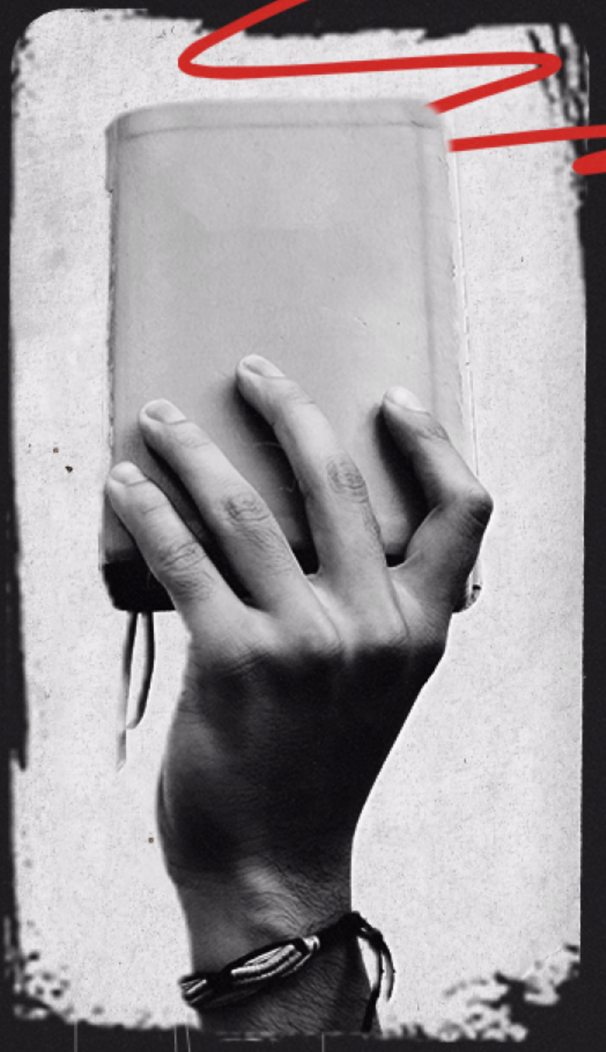
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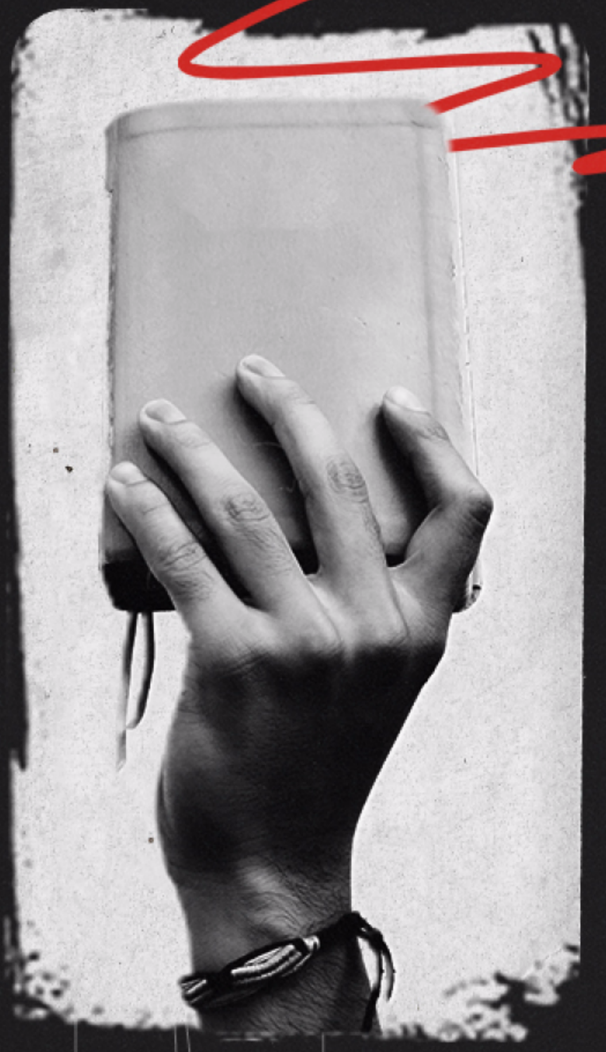
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[4]In him was life, and the life was the light of men. [5]The light shines in the darkness...

John 1:4-5 ESV

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9 The true light, which gives light to everyone,
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John 1:9 ESV

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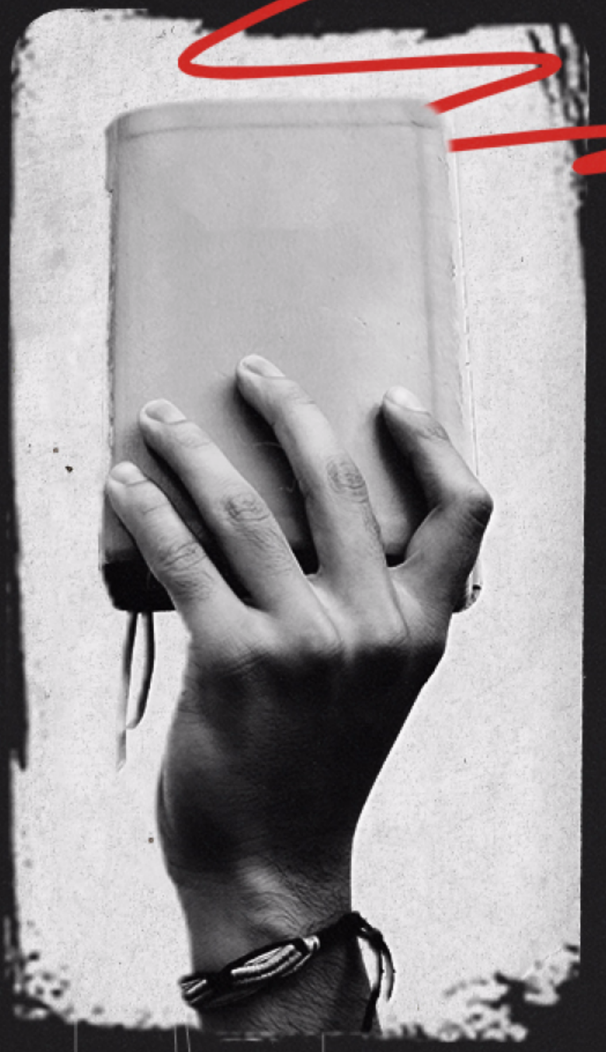
[12]Again Jesus spoke to them, saying, “I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life.

John 8:12 ESV

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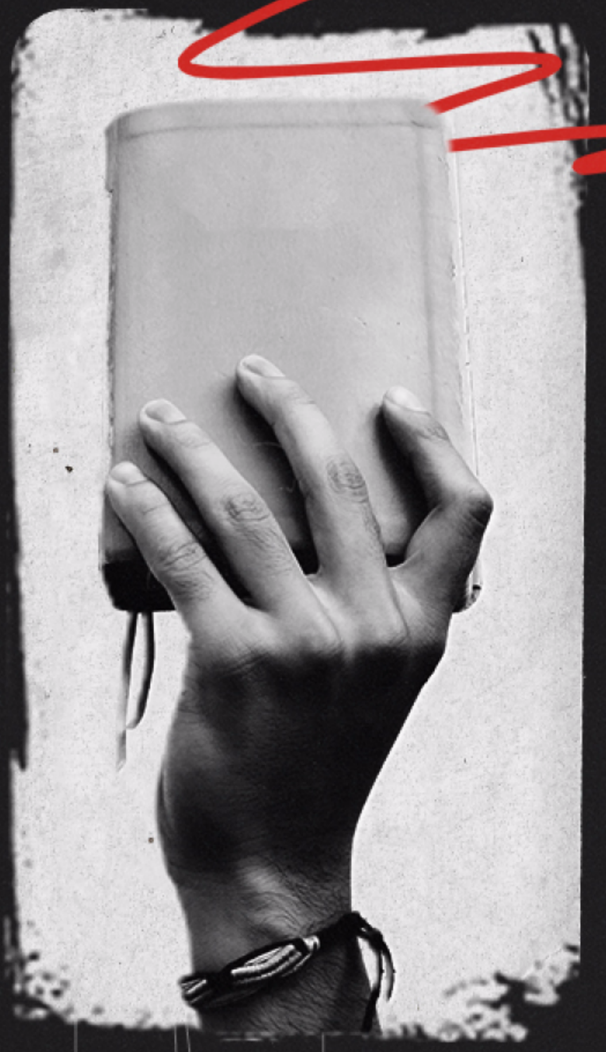
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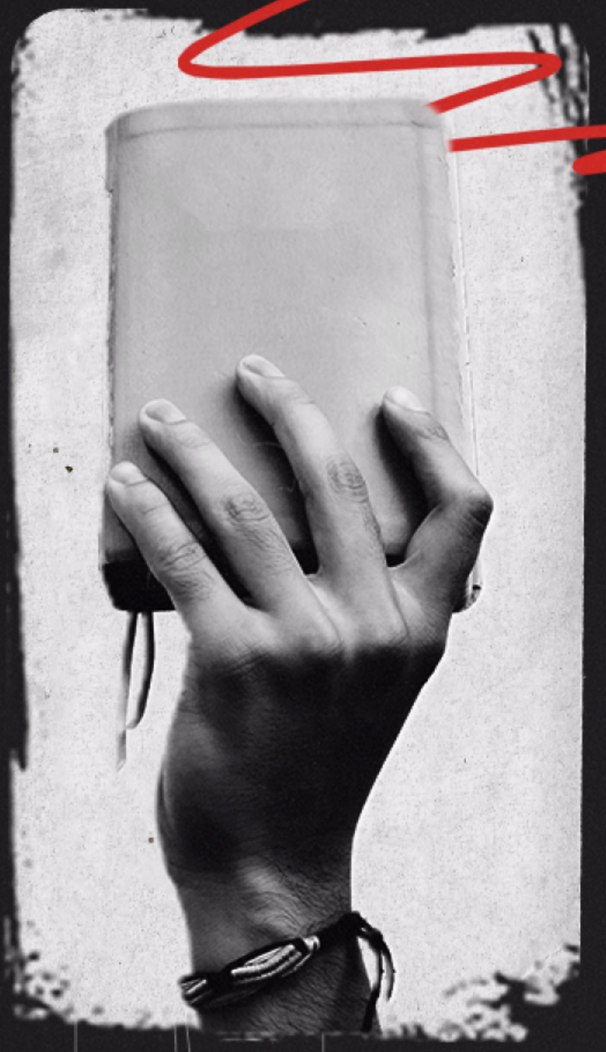
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“Having others see you as you want and need to be seen will verify your sense of self. It will assure you that who you believe you are is understandable and justified.”

Leon F Seltzer (Psychology Today)

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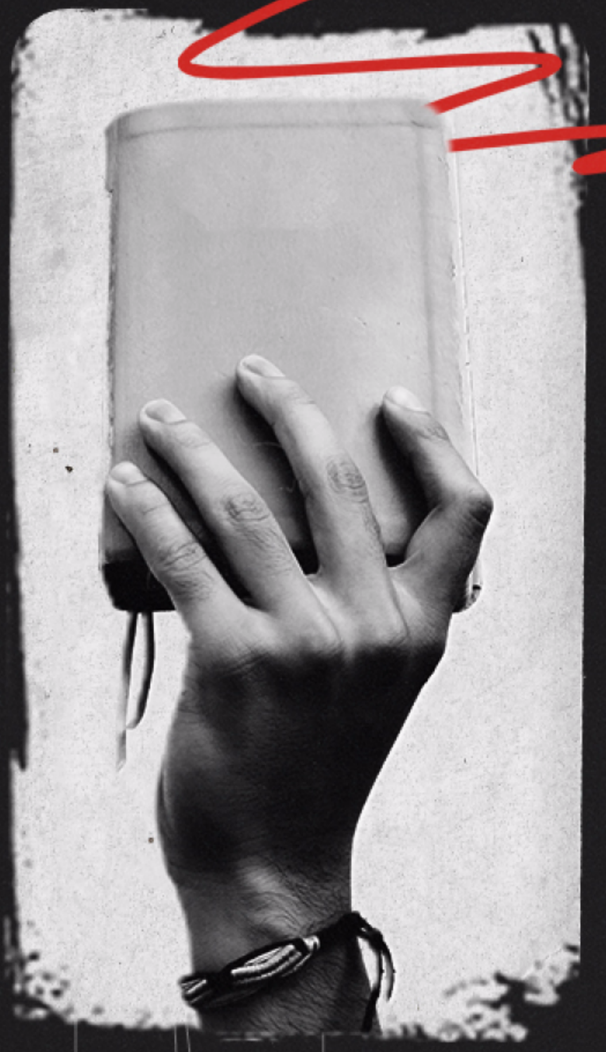
[46]I have come into the world as light, so that whoever believes in me may not remain in darkness.

John 12:46 ESV

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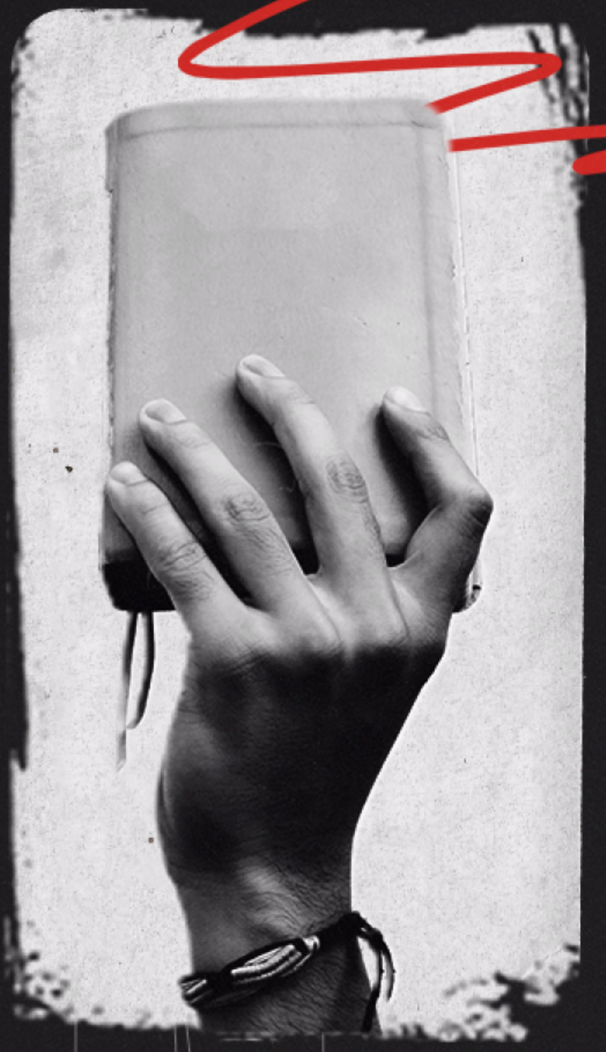
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[8]for at one time you were darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Walk as children of light [9](for the fruit of light is found in all that is good and right and true),

Ephesians 5:8-11 ESV

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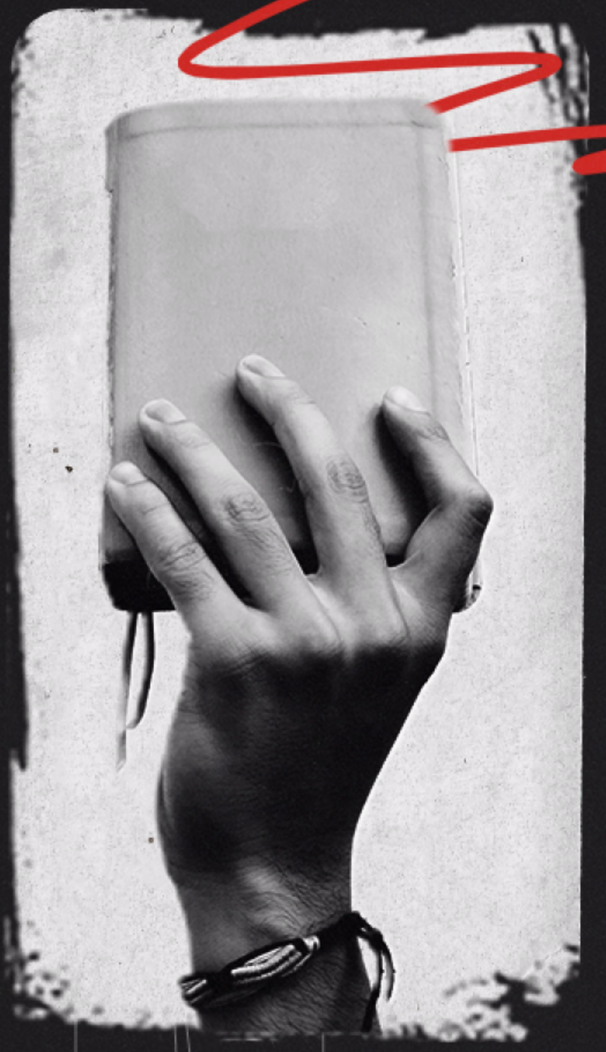
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Ephesians 5:8-11 ESV

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The Gospel

Where the Central Paradox of Humanity comes to DIE!

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“The gospel is this: We are more sinful and flawed in ourselves than we ever dared believe, yet at the very same time we are more loved and accepted in Jesus Christ than we ever dared hope.”

Timothy Keller

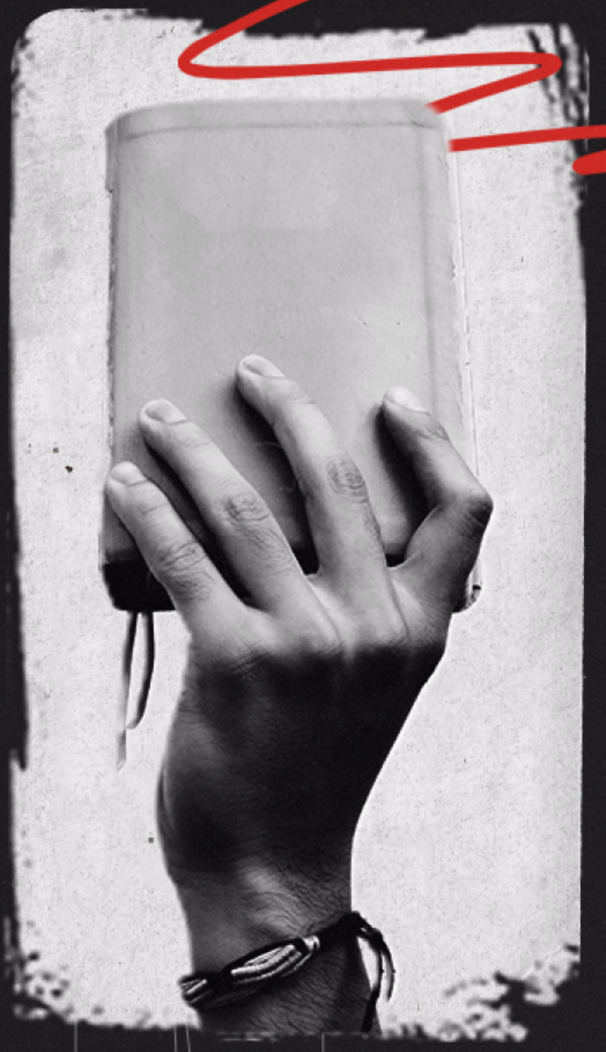
[6]For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. [7]For one will scarcely die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person one would dare even to die— [8]but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

Romans 5:6-8 ESV

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