

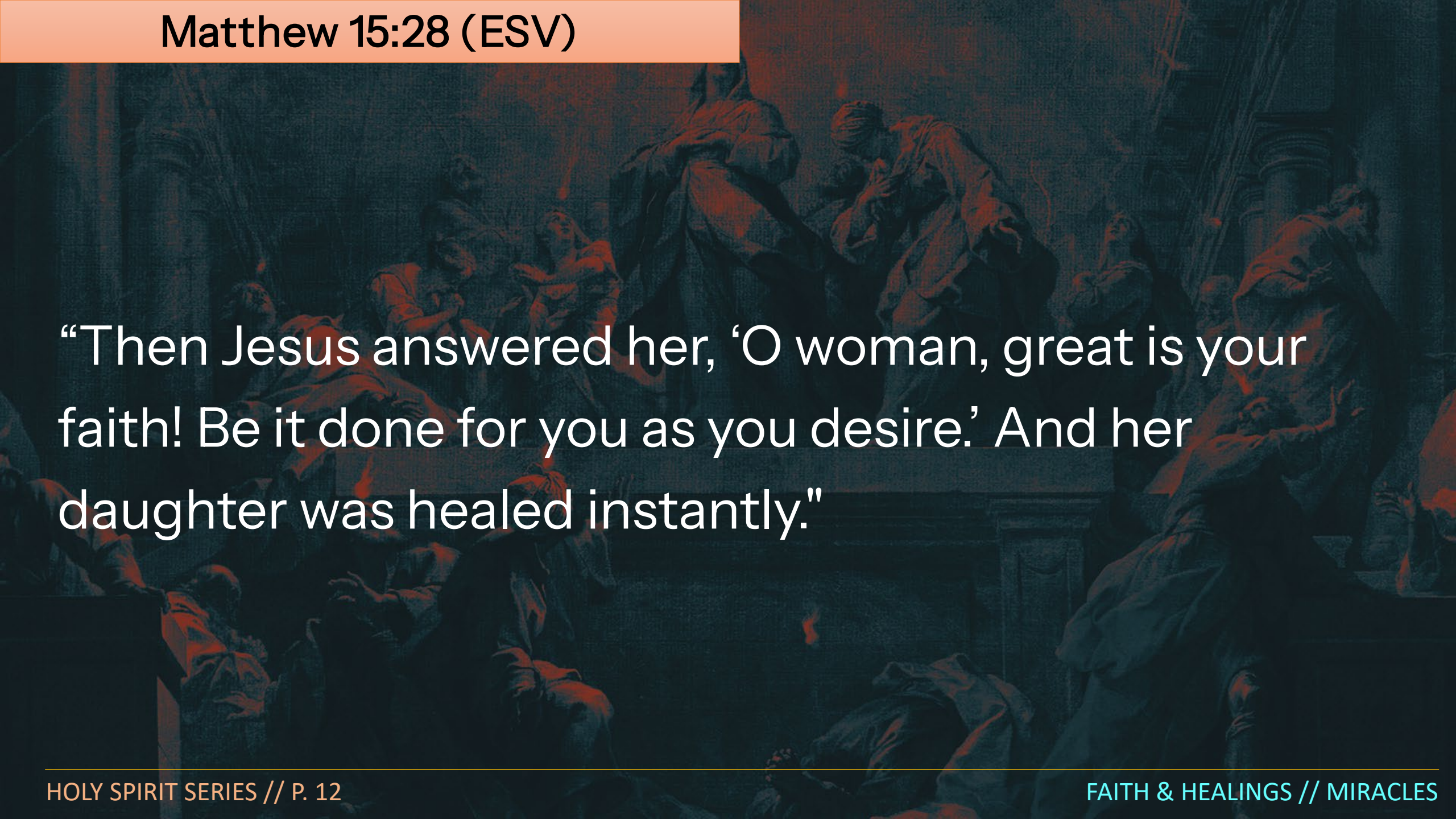


Faith & Healings // Miracles

Characteristics of the Gifts of Healings

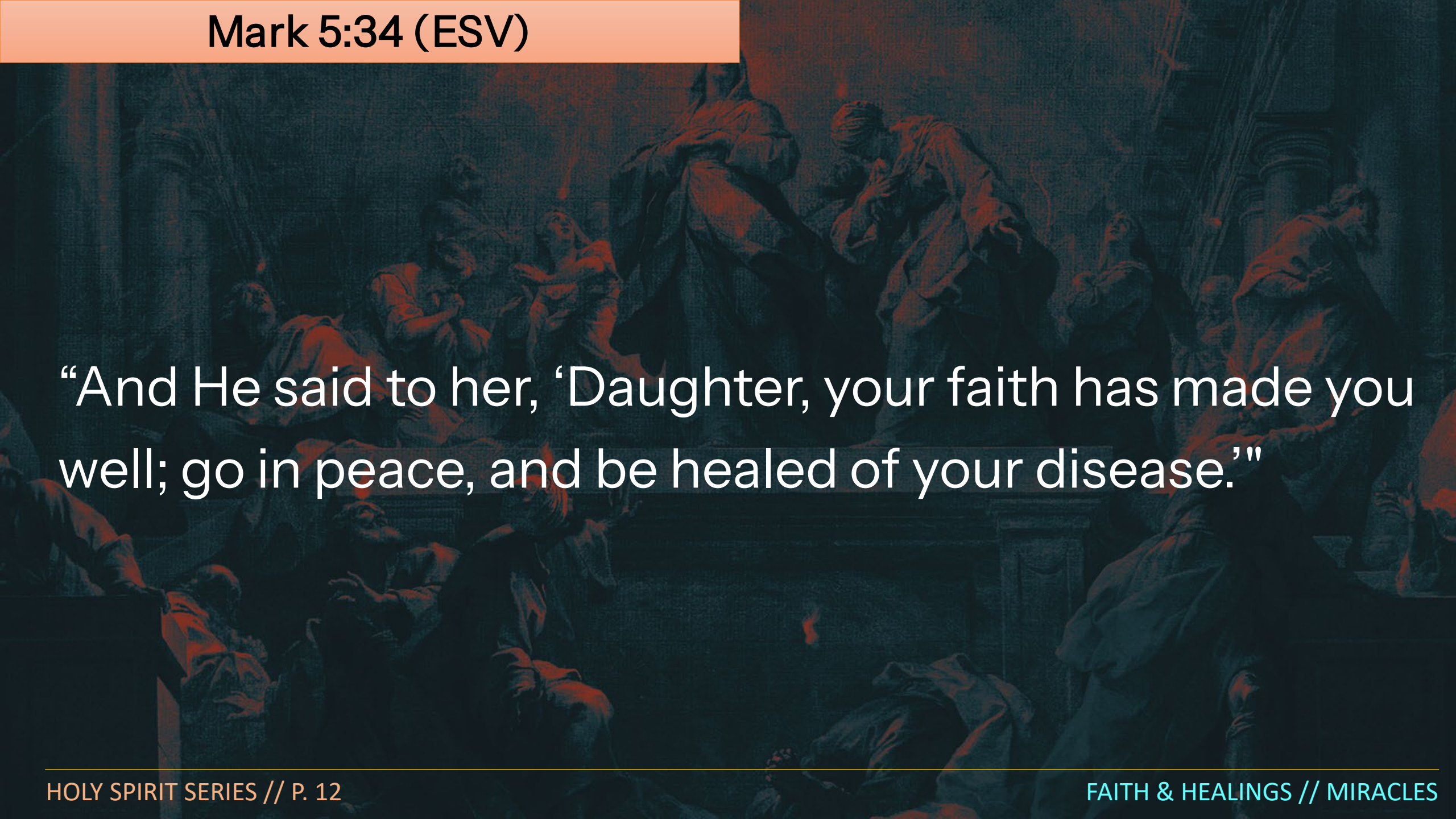
- Believer(s) used by God through whom He supernaturally heals those who suffer
- Related to differing illness/disease, OR each occurrence
- Not a resident gift
- In the Bible, often related to faith

“Elijah was a man with a nature like ours, and he prayed fervently that it might not rain, and for three years and six months it did not rain on the earth. (18) Then he prayed again, and heaven gave rain, and the earth bore its fruit.”



“Then Jesus answered her, ‘O woman, great is your faith! Be it done for you as you desire.’ And her daughter was healed instantly.”

“And Jesus said to him, ‘If you can!’ All things are possible for one who believes.’ (24) Immediately the father of the child cried out and said, ‘I believe; help my unbelief!’”



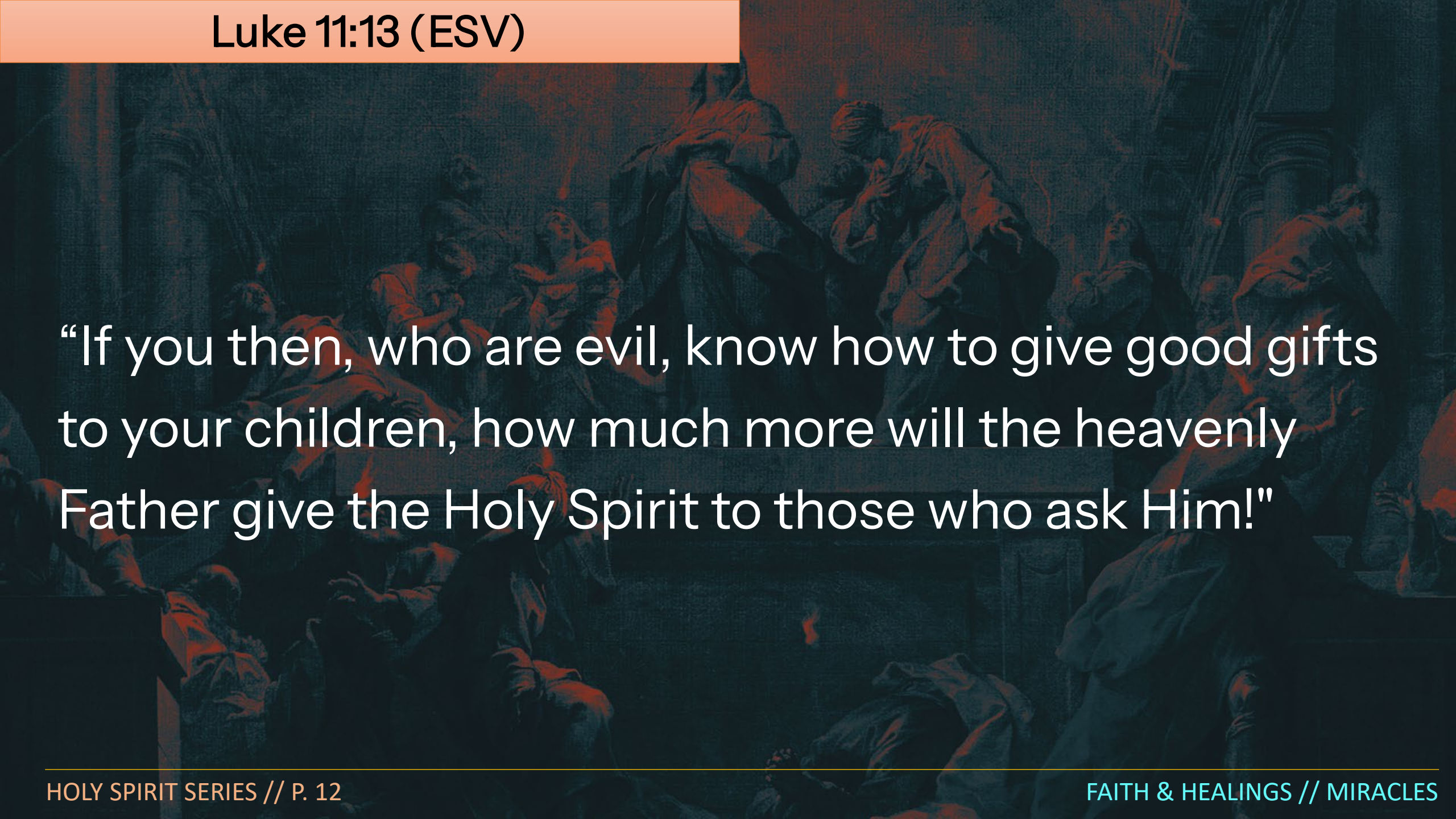
“And He said to her, ‘Daughter, your faith has made you well; go in peace, and be healed of your disease.’”

The need for faith

FAITH:

- Glorifies God
- Redirects (from *us* to HIM)
- Humbly expresses our weakness, and need for Him
- Isn't about the ability to believe, but in God's ability to do what's otherwise impossible
- Is accompanied by *expectation* (because of God's character)

“Behold, the eye of the LORD is on those who fear Him, on those who hope in His steadfast love, (19)that He may deliver their soul from death and keep them alive in famine. (20)Our soul waits for the LORD; He is our help and our shield. (21)For our heart is glad in Him, because we trust in His holy name. (22)Let Your steadfast love, O LORD, be upon us, even as we hope in You.”

The background of the slide is a dark, atmospheric painting of a church interior. It depicts a group of people in various postures of prayer and devotion. Some are kneeling, some are standing with their hands raised, and others are looking upwards with expressions of awe. The lighting is dramatic, with strong highlights and deep shadows, creating a sense of mystery and spiritual intensity. The overall color palette is dominated by dark blues, greys, and muted reds, with the text overlaid in a bright, clean white font.

“If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask Him!”

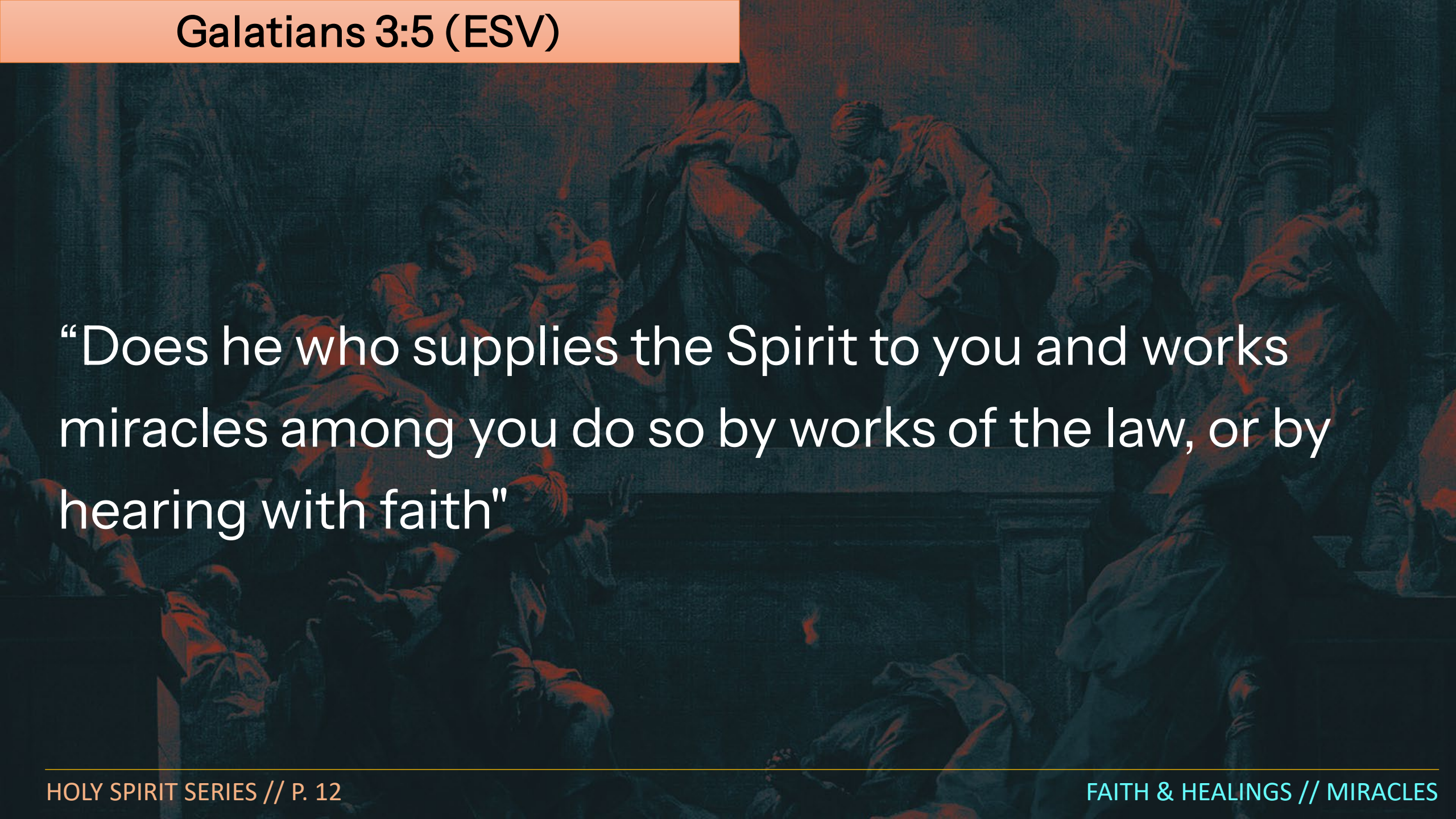
“For to one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, (9) to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, (10) to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the ability to distinguish between spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues.”

“O foolish Galatians! Who has bewitched you? It was before your eyes that Jesus Christ was publicly portrayed as crucified. (2) Let me ask you only this: Did you receive the Spirit by works of the law or by hearing with faith? (3) Are you so foolish? Having begun by the Spirit, are you now being perfected by the flesh?”

“In Him you also, when you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and believed in Him, were sealed with the promised Holy Spirit, (14) who is the guarantee of our inheritance until we acquire possession of it, to the praise of His glory.”



“And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, by whom you were sealed for the day of redemption.”



“Does he who supplies the Spirit to you and works miracles among you do so by works of the law, or by hearing with faith”

Characteristics of the Gift of Miracles

- Related to faith
- “workings of powers” (1 Cor. 12:10)
 - All gifts *qualify*
 - Implies potential for *limitless* unlisted gifts
- Not a resident gift

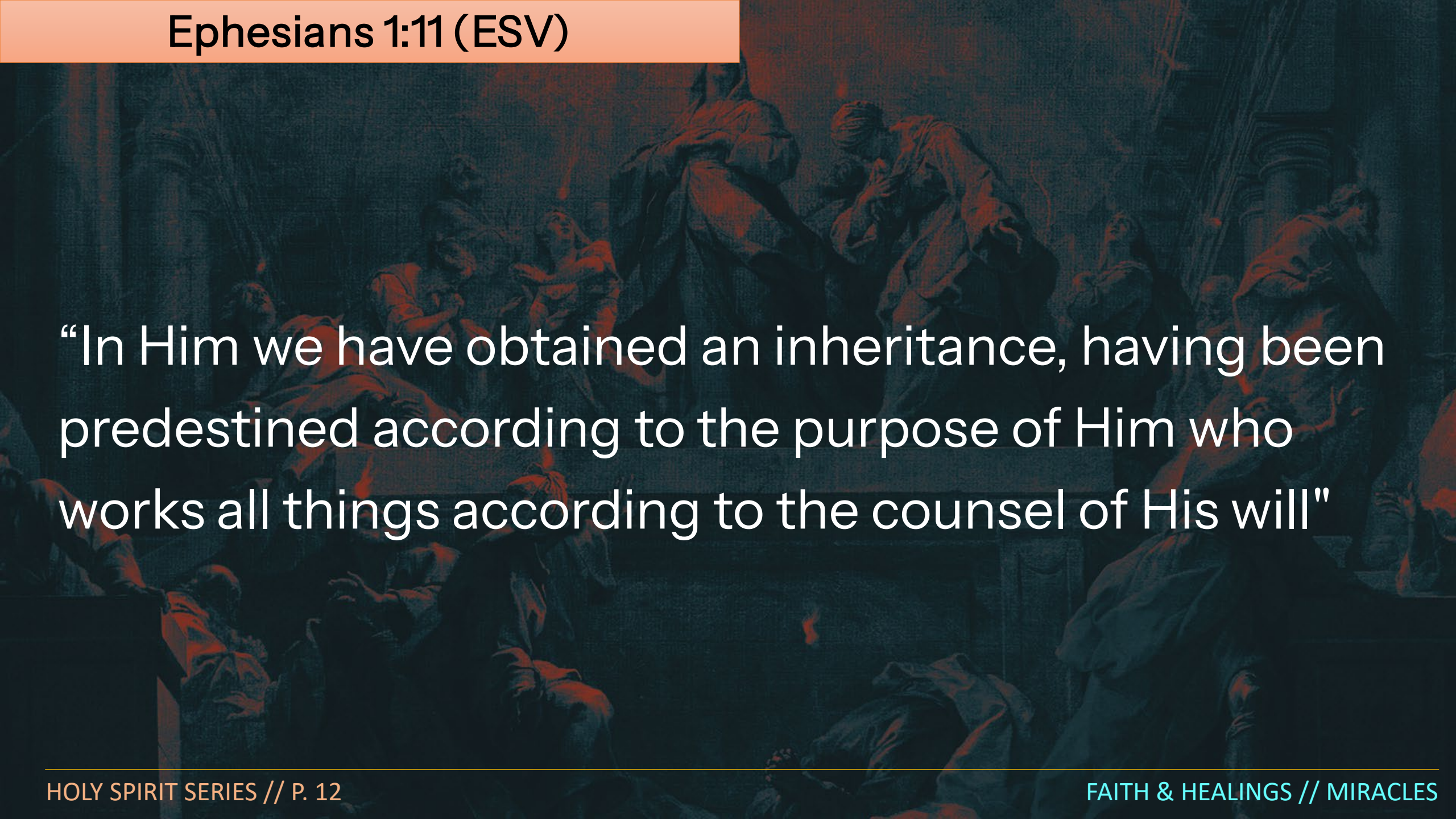
‘Universal’ understanding of miracles

God’s direct, supernatural intervention in a circumstance which produces an outcome that defies ‘natural’ explanation.

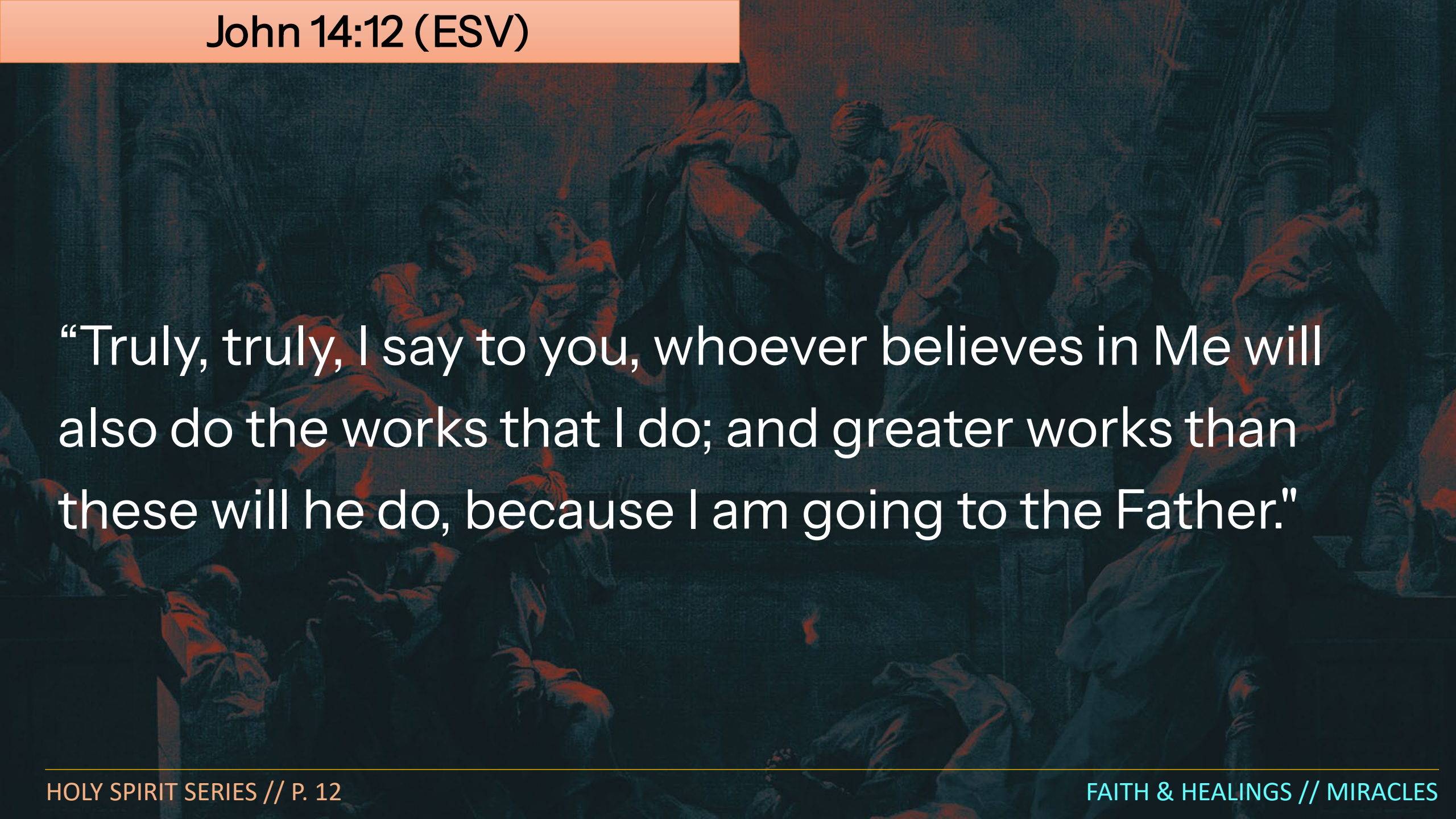
Ultimately draws attention to the Lord (awe, glory, wonder, gratitude, belief, etc.)

“(14)You cause the grass to grow for the livestock and plants for man to cultivate, that he may bring forth food from the earth... (21)The young lions roar for their prey, seeking their food from God.”

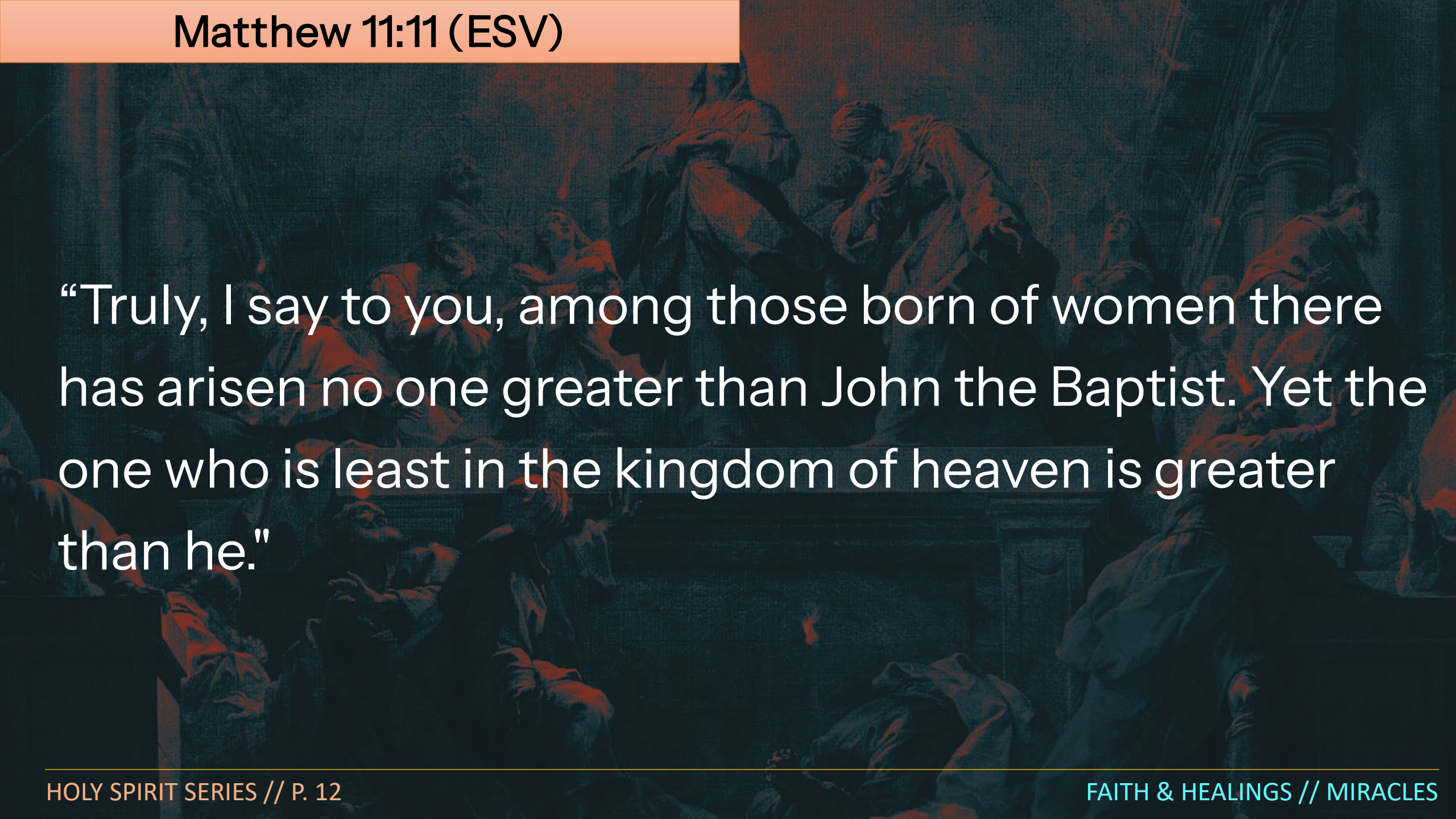
“And He is before all things, and in Him all things hold together.”



“In Him we have obtained an inheritance, having been predestined according to the purpose of Him who works all things according to the counsel of His will”

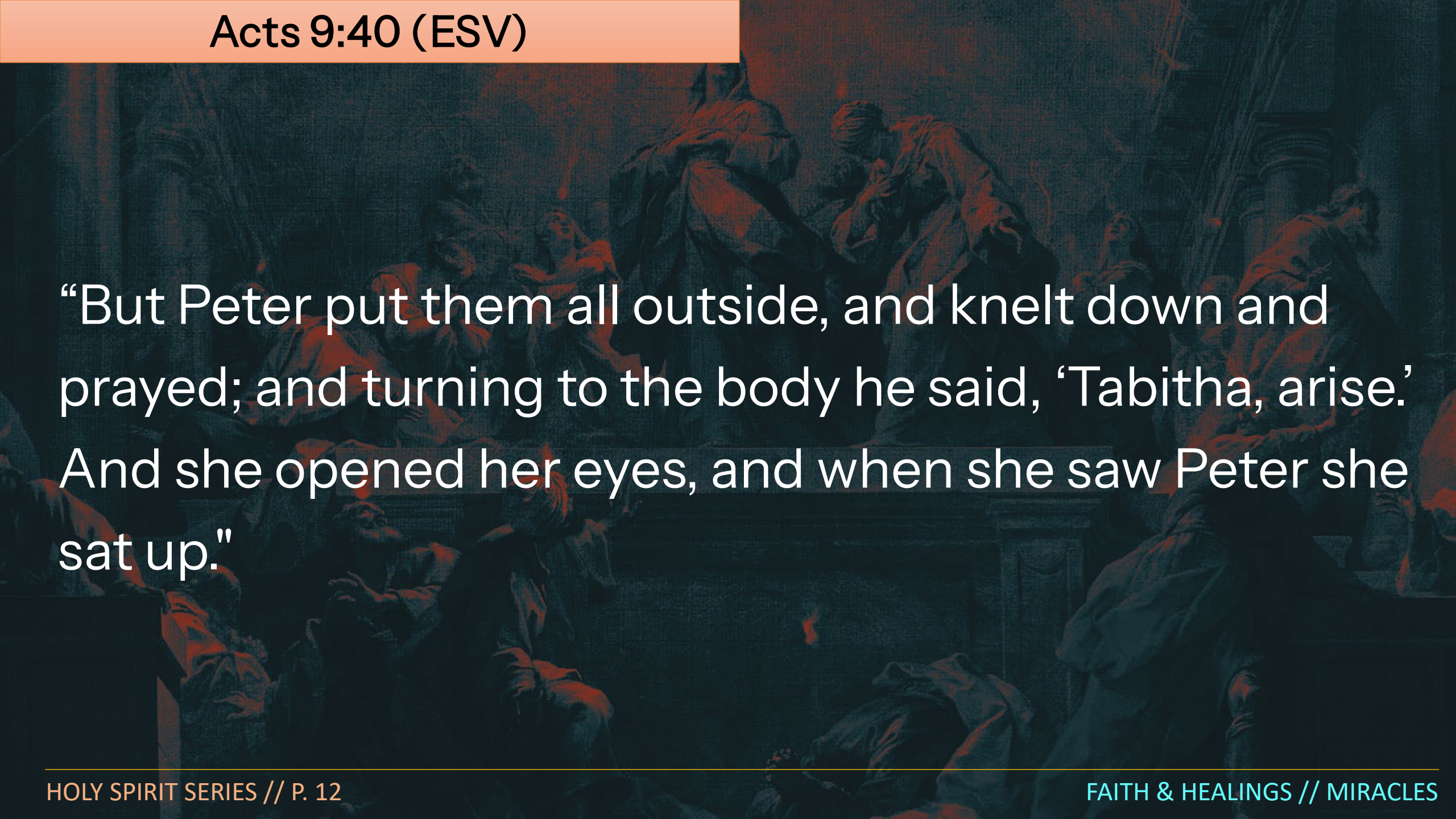


“Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever believes in Me will also do the works that I do; and greater works than these will he do, because I am going to the Father.”



“Truly, I say to you, among those born of women there has arisen no one greater than John the Baptist. Yet the one who is least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he.”

“Philip said to Him, ‘Lord, show us the Father, and it is enough for us.’ (9) Jesus said to him, ‘Have I been with you so long, and you still do not know Me, Philip? Whoever has seen Me has seen the Father. How can you say, ‘Show us the Father’?’ ... (11) Believe Me that I am in the Father and the Father is in Me, or else believe on account of the works themselves. (12) Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever believes in Me will also do the works that I do; and greater works than these will he do, because I am going to the Father.’”



“But Peter put them all outside, and knelt down and prayed; and turning to the body he said, ‘Tabitha, arise.’ And she opened her eyes, and when she saw Peter she sat up.”