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# BATTLING UNBELIEF

The background of the image is a close-up, high-angle shot of a medieval knight. The knight is wearing chainmail armor and a surcoat. They are holding a sword in their right hand, with the blade pointing downwards and to the right. A shield is visible on the left side of the frame, partially obscured by the knight's arm and the sword. The lighting is dramatic, highlighting the textures of the metal and fabric. The overall tone is serious and historical.

## 2 Timothy 1:6-12

<sup>6</sup> For this reason I remind you to fan into flame the gift of God, which is in you through the laying on of my hands,  
<sup>7</sup> for God gave us a spirit not of fear but of power and love and self-control.  
<sup>8</sup> Therefore do not be ashamed of the testimony about our Lord,

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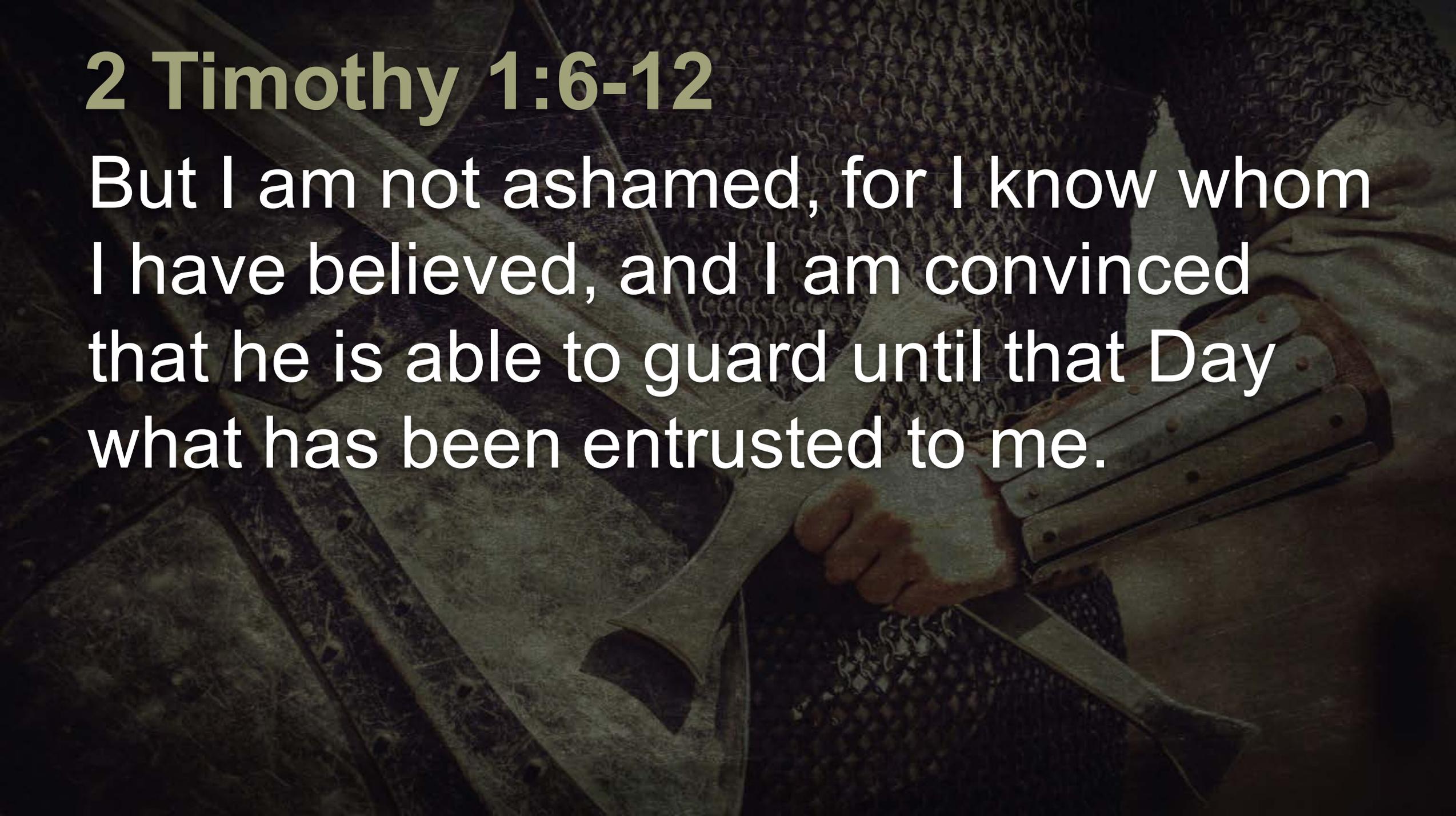
nor of me his prisoner, but share in suffering for the gospel by the power of God,<sup>9</sup> who saved us and called us to a holy calling, not because of our works but because of his own purpose and grace, which he gave us in Christ Jesus before the ages began,

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<sup>10</sup> and which now has been manifested through the appearing of our Savior Christ Jesus, who abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel, <sup>11</sup> for which I was appointed a preacher and apostle and teacher, <sup>12</sup> which is why I suffer as I do.

## 2 Timothy 1:6-12

But I am not ashamed, for I know whom I have believed, and I am convinced that he is able to guard until that Day what has been entrusted to me.



# Battling Unbelief

The core sin under every other sin is unbelief- the refusal to rest (believe, trust) in the promises, assurances, and truths of the gospel.

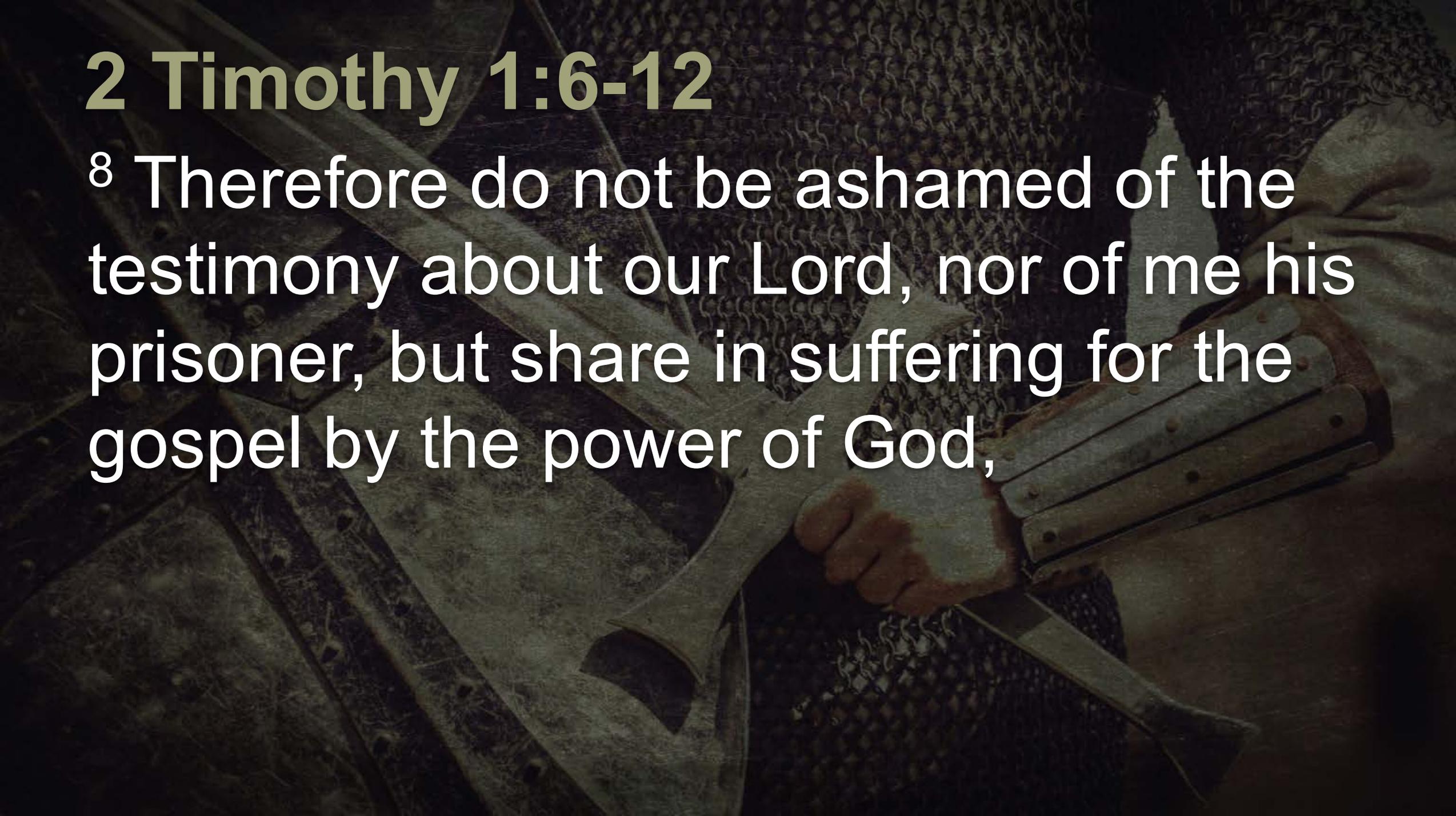
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Shame is a painful emotion caused by a consciousness of guilt or shortcoming or impropriety.

- Properly Placed Shame
- Misplaced Shame

## 2 Timothy 1:6-12

<sup>8</sup> Therefore do not be ashamed of the testimony about our Lord, nor of me his prisoner, but share in suffering for the gospel by the power of God,

A person wearing medieval chainmail armor is shown from the chest down, holding a sword. The sword has a wooden hilt and a metal blade. The background is dark and textured, suggesting a historical or dramatic setting.

## Mark 8:38

For whoever is ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of him will the Son of Man also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.

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The unbelief in misplaced shame of the gospel:

We believe that the Kingdom of God and the Kingdom of this world can coexist.

## Ephesians 5:8-12

for at one time you were darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Walk as children of light <sup>9</sup> (for the fruit of light is found in all that is good and right and true), <sup>10</sup> and try to discern what is pleasing to the Lord. <sup>11</sup> Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them.

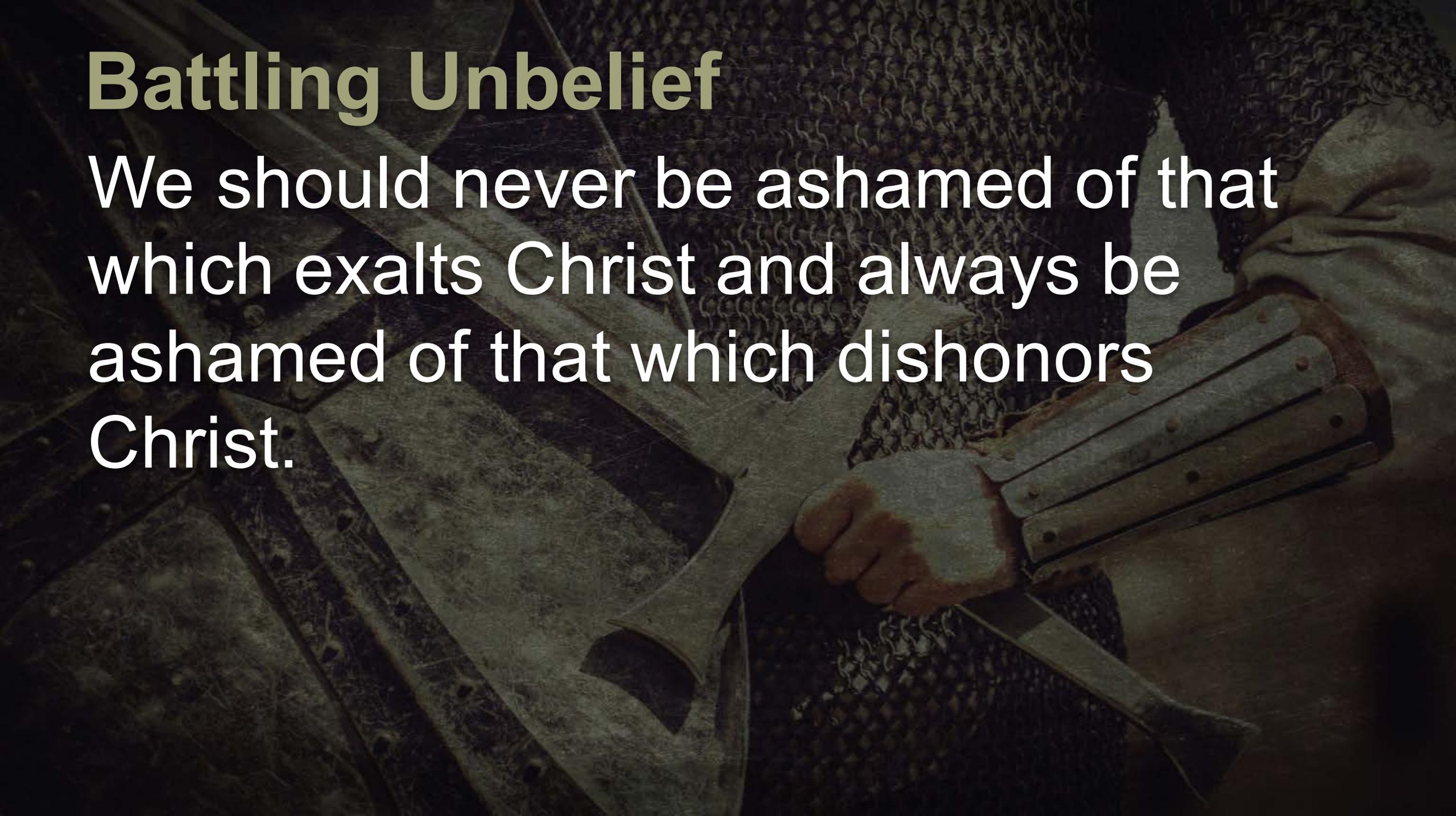
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<sup>12</sup> For it is shameful even to speak of the things that they do in secret.



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We should never be ashamed of that which exalts Christ and always be ashamed of that which dishonors Christ.



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The unbelief in misplaced shame of the gospel:

We believe that the Kingdom of God and the Kingdom of this world can coexist.

We believe that we need the approval and respect of this world.