

*current sermon series*

# 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, which is positioned diagonally across the frame. A shield is visible on the left side, partially obscured by the sword. The lighting is dramatic, highlighting the textures of the metal and fabric. The overall tone is serious and historical.

# 1 Thessalonians 4:1-8

Finally, then, brothers, we ask and urge you in the Lord Jesus, that as you received from us how you ought to walk and to please God, just as you are doing, that you do so more and more. <sup>2</sup> For you know what instructions we gave you through the Lord Jesus. <sup>3</sup> For this is the will of God,

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your sanctification: that you abstain from sexual immorality; <sup>4</sup> that each one of you know how to control his own body in holiness and honor, <sup>5</sup> not in the passion of lust like the Gentiles who do not know God; <sup>6</sup> that no one transgress and wrong his brother in this matter,

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because the Lord is an avenger in all these things, as we told you beforehand and solemnly warned you. <sup>7</sup> For God has not called us for impurity, but in holiness.

<sup>8</sup> Therefore whoever disregards this, disregards not man but God, who gives his Holy Spirit to you.

## Galatians 5:16-24

But I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the **desires of the flesh**.<sup>17</sup> For the **desires of the flesh** are against the Spirit, and the desires of the Spirit are against the flesh, for these are opposed to each other, to keep you from doing the things you want to do.

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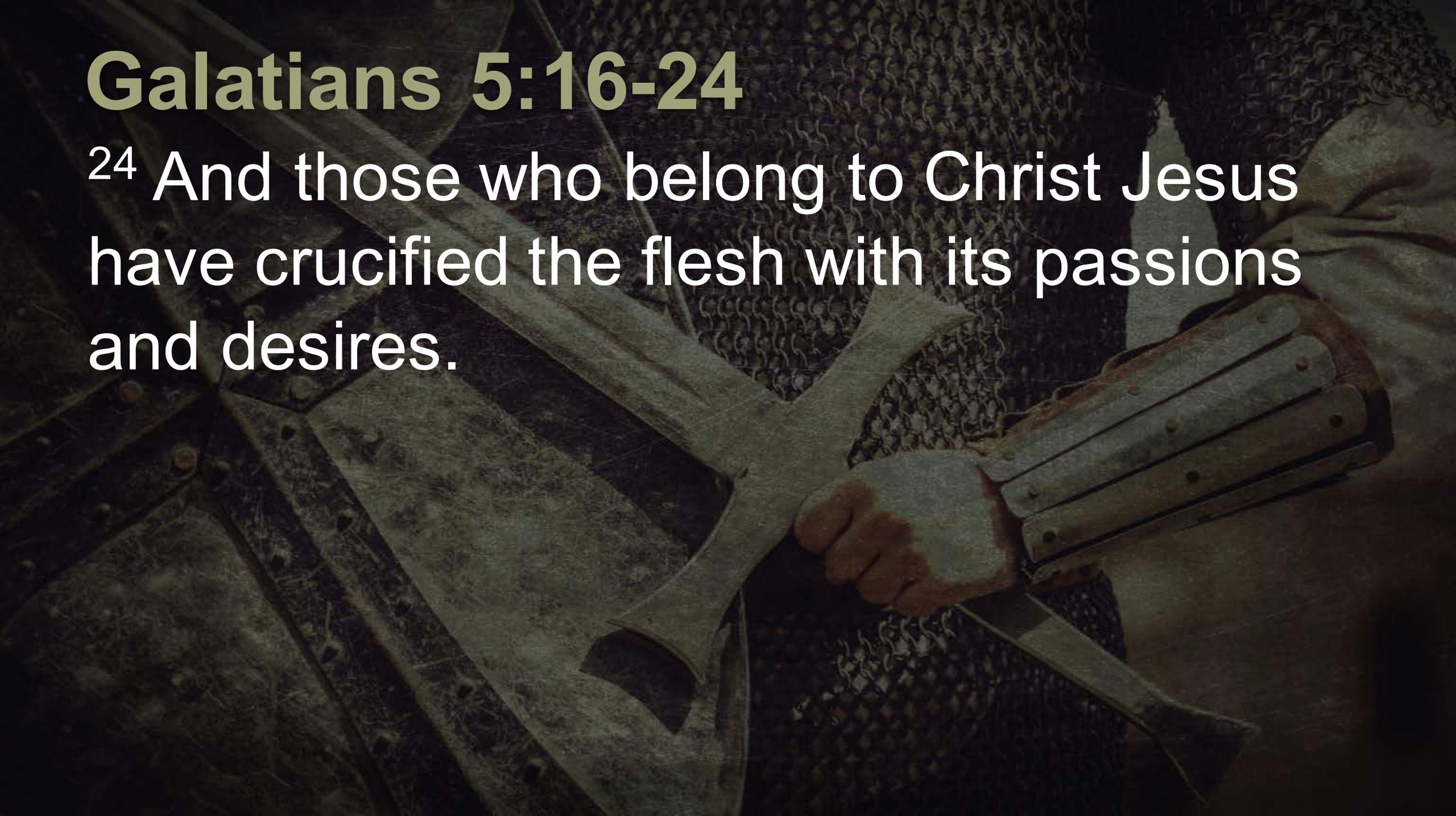
<sup>18</sup> But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the law. <sup>19</sup> Now the works of the flesh are evident: sexual immorality, impurity, sensuality, <sup>20</sup> idolatry, sorcery, enmity, strife, jealousy, fits of anger, rivalries, dissensions, divisions, <sup>21</sup> envy, drunkenness, orgies, and things like

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these. I warn you, as I warned you before, that those who do such things will not inherit the kingdom of God. <sup>22</sup> But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, <sup>23</sup> gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law.

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<sup>24</sup> And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires.



## James 4:1-4

What causes quarrels and what causes fights among you? Is it not this, that your **passions** are at war within you? <sup>2</sup> You **desire** and do not have, so you murder. You covet and cannot obtain, so you fight and quarrel. You do not have, because you do not ask.

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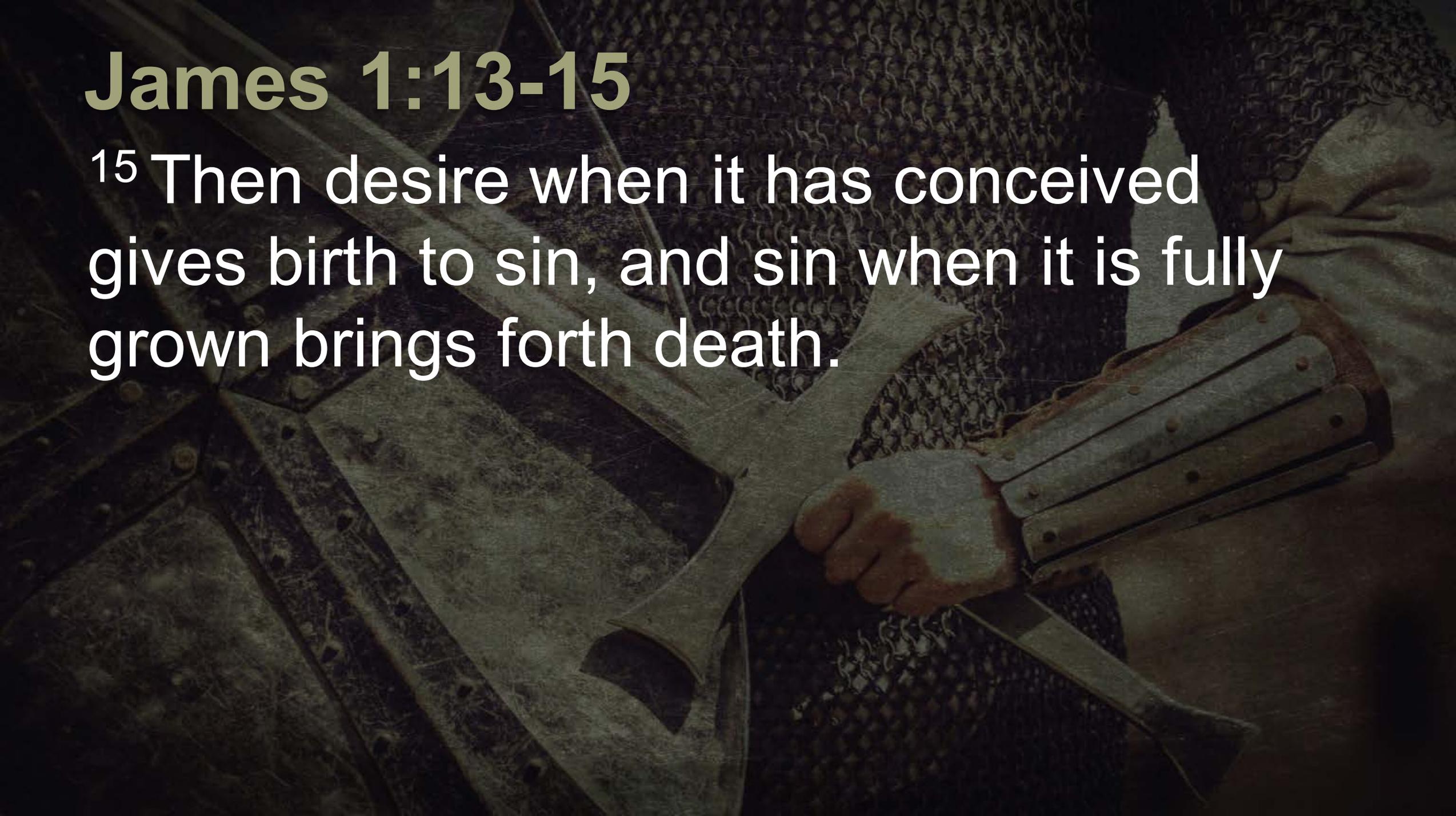
<sup>3</sup> You ask and do not receive, because you ask wrongly, to spend it on your **passions**. <sup>4</sup> You adulterous people! Do you not know that friendship with the world is enmity with God? Therefore whoever wishes to be a friend of the world makes himself an enemy of God.

## James 1:13-15

<sup>13</sup> Let no one say when he is tempted, "I am being tempted by God," for God cannot be tempted with evil, and he himself tempts no one. <sup>14</sup> But each person is tempted when he is lured and enticed by his own desire.  
death.

# James 1:13-15

<sup>15</sup> Then desire when it has conceived gives birth to sin, and sin when it is fully grown brings forth death.



## 2 Peter 1:3-5

His divine power has granted to us all things that pertain to life and godliness, through the knowledge of him who called us to his own glory and excellence,  
<sup>4</sup> by which he has granted to us his precious and very great promises, so that through them you may

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become partakers of the divine nature, having escaped from the corruption that is in the world because of sinful desire.

<sup>5</sup> For this very reason, make every effort to supplement your faith with virtue, and virtue with knowledge,