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TO SPIRITUAL MATURITY

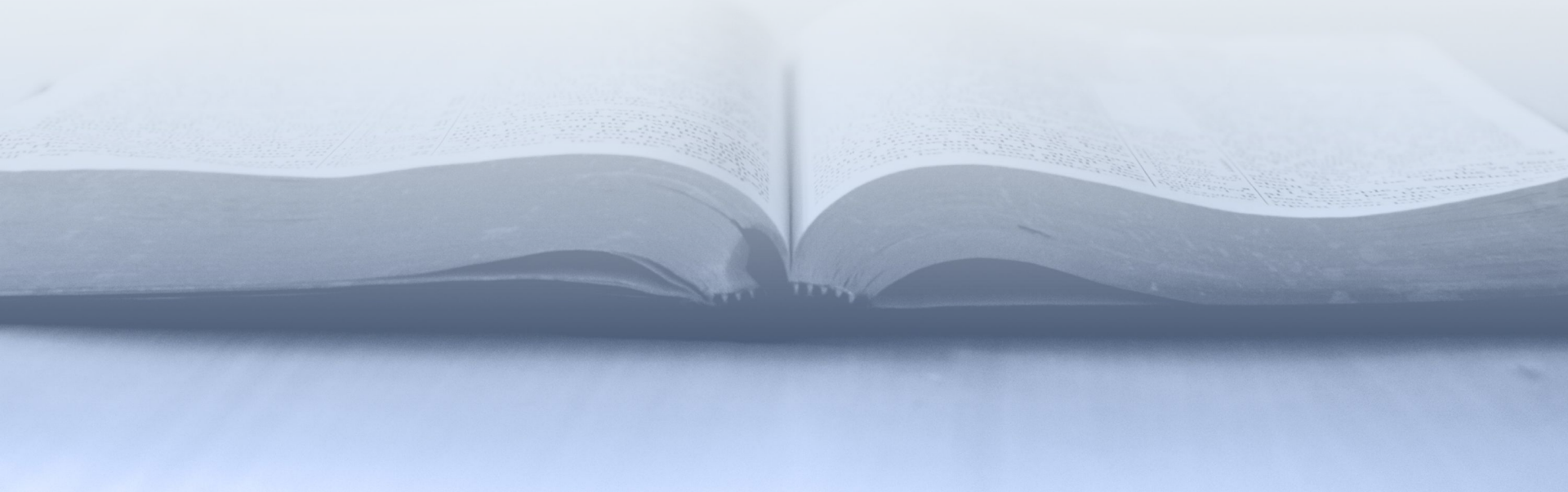


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**“For if these qualities are yours and are increasing, they keep you from being ineffective or unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. For whoever lacks these qualities is so nearsighted that he is blind, having forgotten that he was cleansed from his former sins.”**

## **2 Peter 1:8-9**

English Standard Version



Faith, virtue, knowledge,  
self-control, steadfastness,  
godliness, brotherly  
affection, and love.

Faith, virtue, ~~knowledge~~,  
self-control, steadfastness,  
~~godliness~~, brotherly  
affection, and ~~love~~.

**BLIND, NEARSIGHTED,  
& FORGETFUL**



# PETER'S STRUGGLE



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# Peter's Struggled

## With Blindness

Mark 8:29; 8:32-33



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Matthew 14:28-29; 30-31

**With Forgetfulness**

Mark 14:29-31; 72



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**Peter's Struggled**

**STILL**

**To Maintain  
Clear Vision**

Acts 10:9-16; Gal. 2:11-14

# THE BIG IDEA

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Though we may struggle to see our spiritual condition clearly, we still have time to open our eyes and make progress.



# OUR STRUGGLE



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# Our Struggle to See

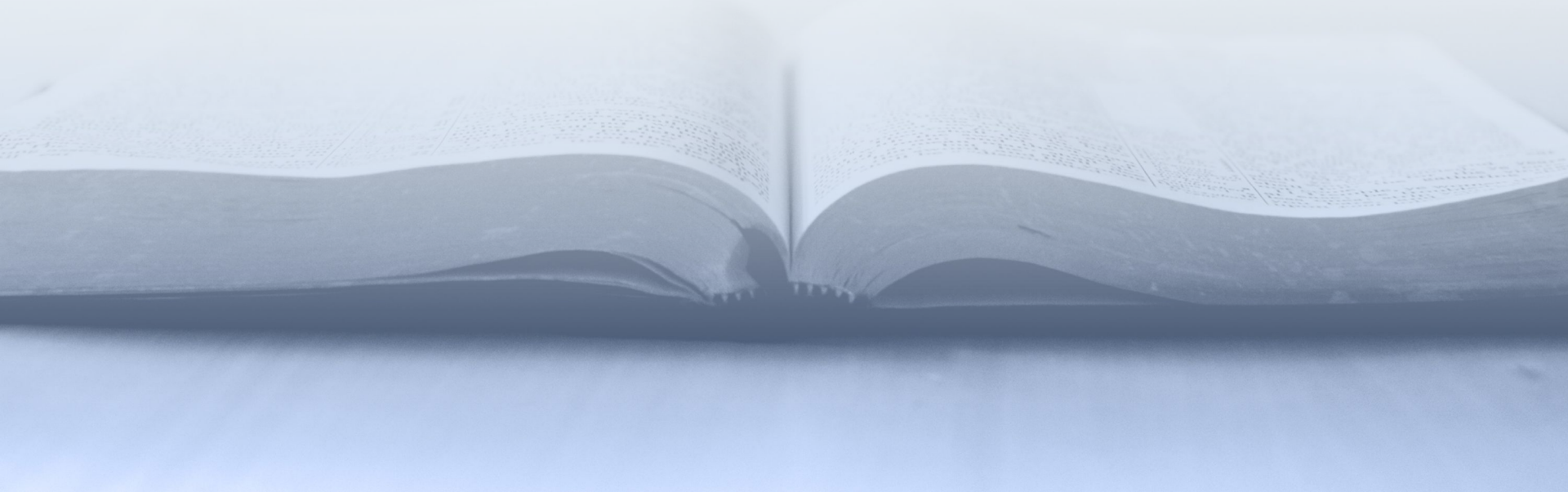
**We're too busy to  
put in the constant  
work of honing our  
character and  
spiritual sight**

Hebrews 5:11–14

“... you have become dull of hearing. For though by this time you ought to be teachers, you need someone to teach you again the basic principles of the oracles of God. You need milk, not solid food, for everyone who lives on milk is unskilled in the word of righteousness, since he is a child. But solid food is for the mature, for those who have their powers of discernment trained by constant practice to distinguish good from evil.”

## Hebrews 5:11-14

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# Our Struggle to See

**Our actions don't  
always line up with  
what we say  
we value**

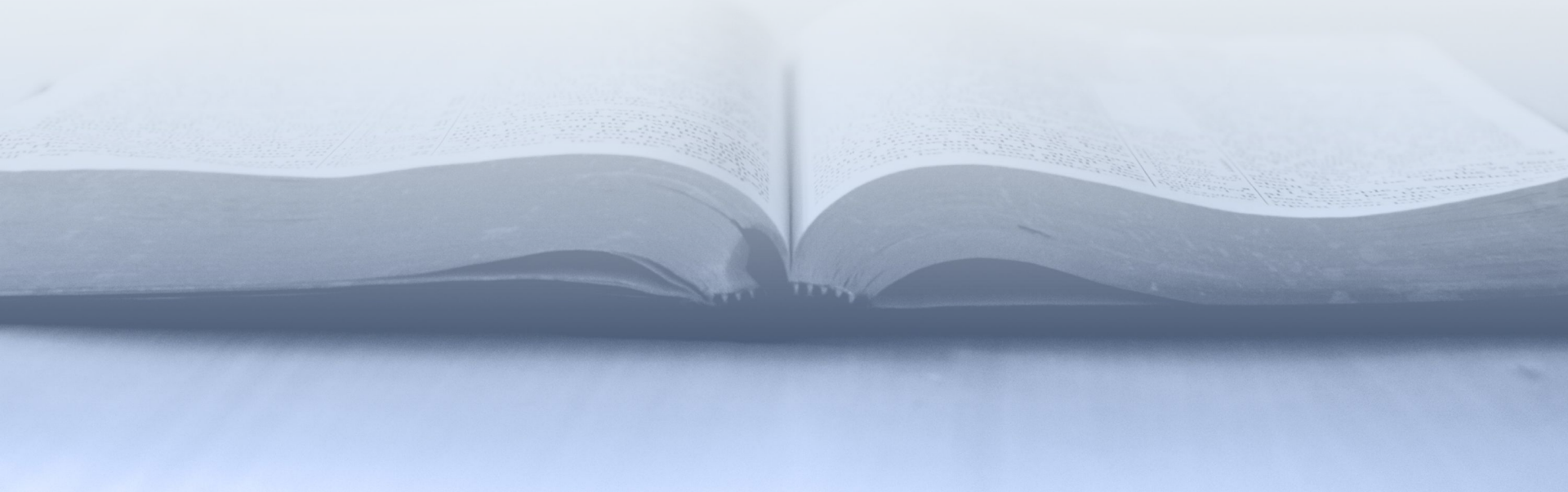
1 John 2:9-11

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**“Whoever says he is in the light and hates his brother is still in darkness. Whoever loves his brother abides in the light, and in him there is no cause for stumbling. But whoever hates his brother is in the darkness and walks in the darkness, and does not know where he is going, because the darkness has blinded his eyes.”**

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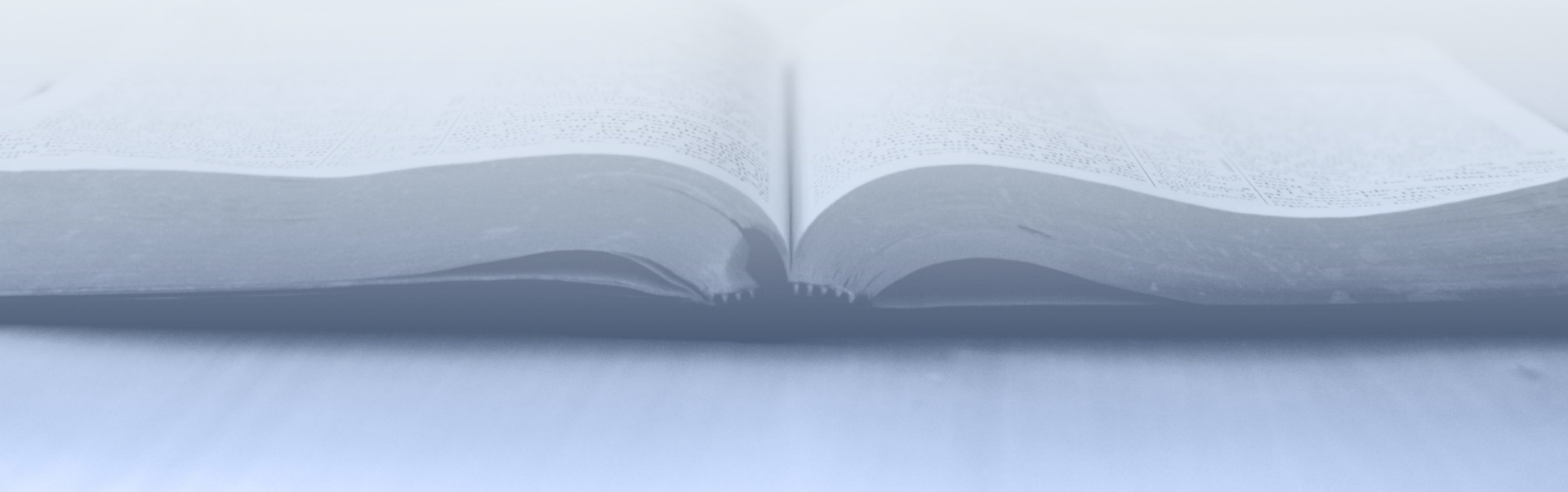
**Our times of  
introspection and  
study don't lead to  
change**

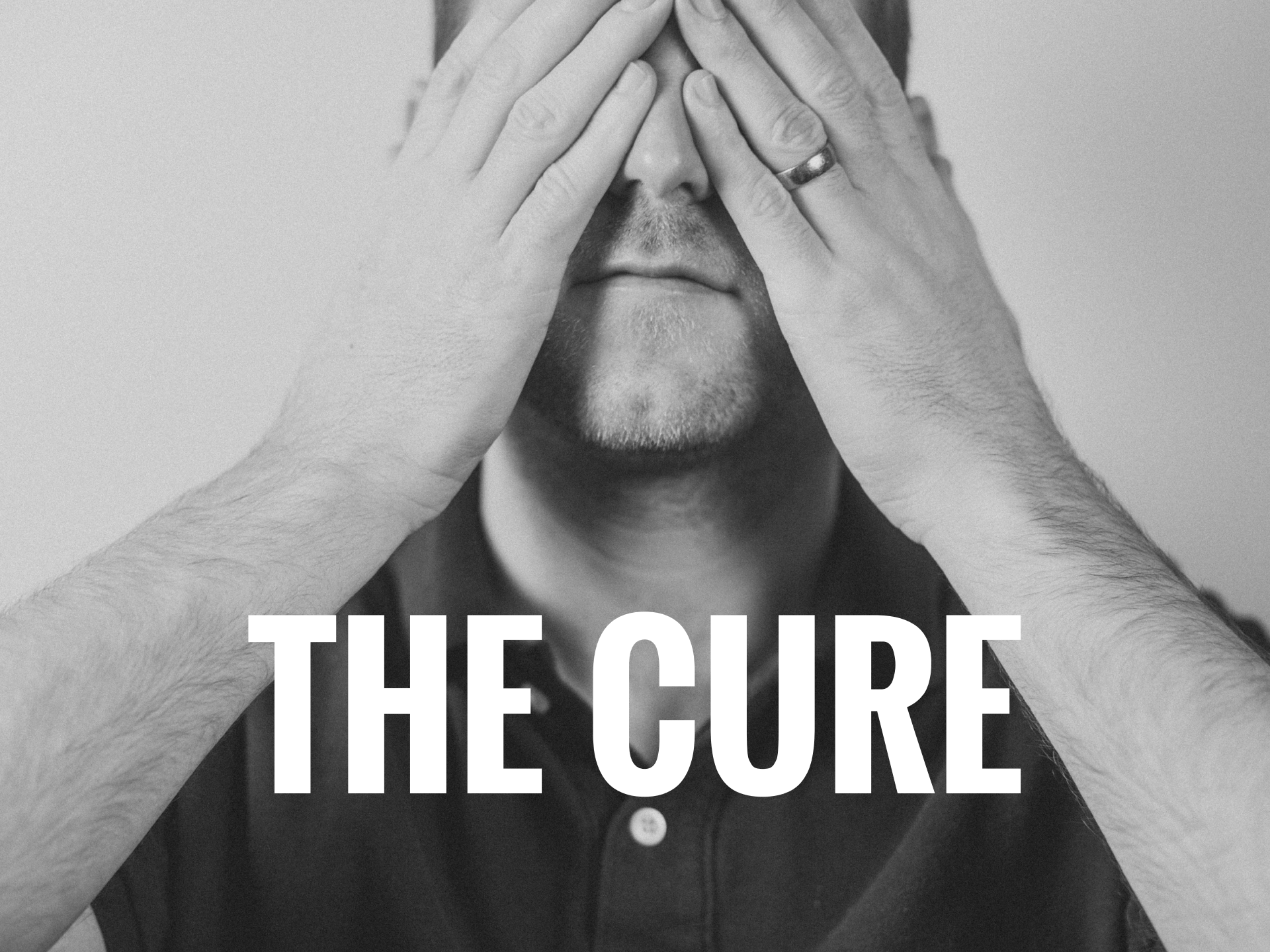
James 1:22-25

“But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves. For if anyone is a hearer of the word and not a doer, he is like a man who looks intently at his natural face in a mirror. For he looks at himself and goes away and at once forgets what he was like. But the one who looks into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and perseveres, being no hearer who forgets but a doer who acts, he will be blessed in his doing.”

## James 1:22-25

English Standard Version





# THE CURE



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# The Cure

## Zealously Repent

Rev. 3:17-19



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# The Cure

**Zealously Repent**

Rev. 3:17-19

**Look to the hope  
ahead of you**

Eph. 1:18



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# The Cure

**Zealously Repent**

Rev. 3:17-19

**Look to the hope  
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Eph. 1:18

**Stir up your  
constant reminder**

2 Peter 1:12-15

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