

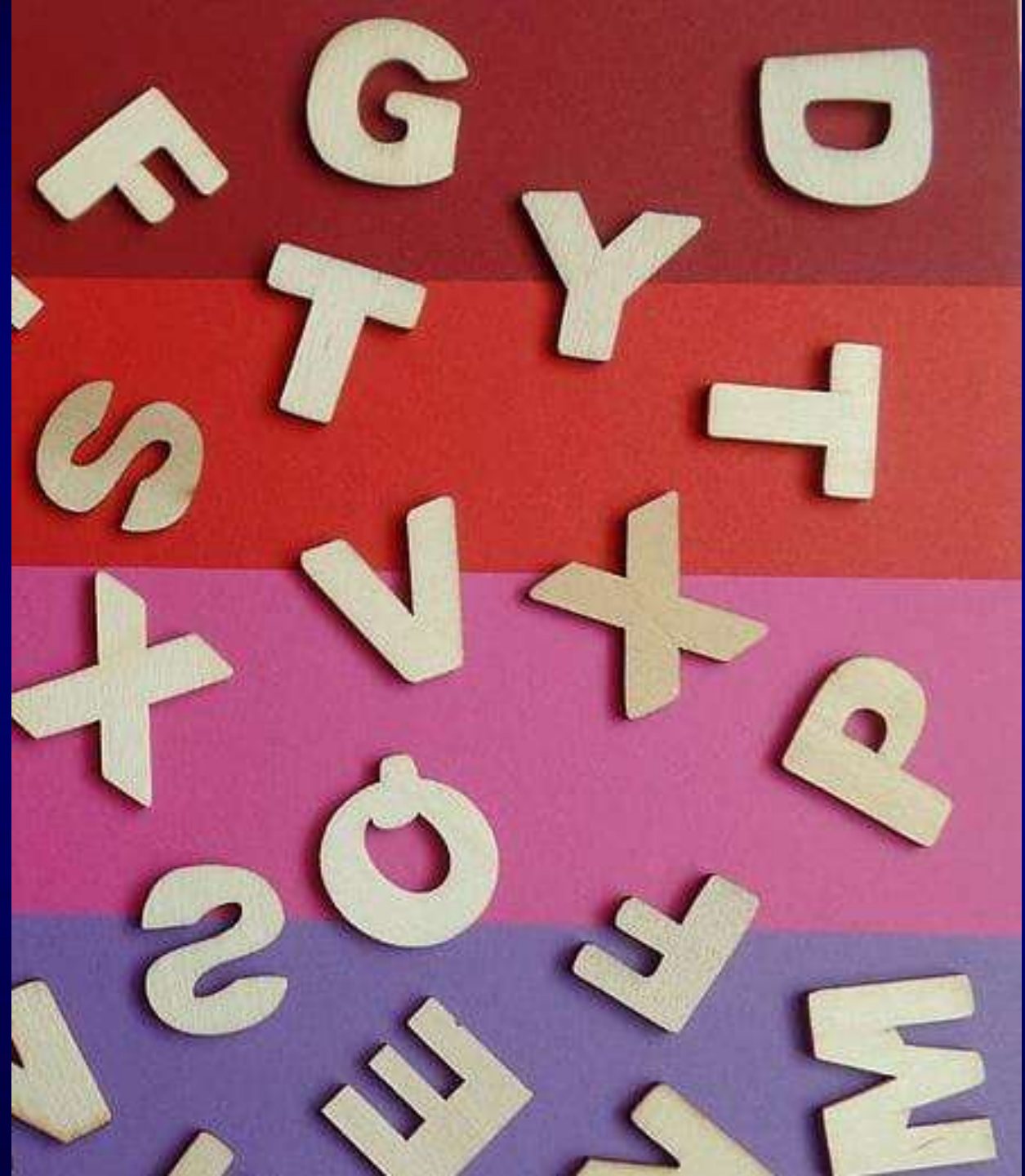


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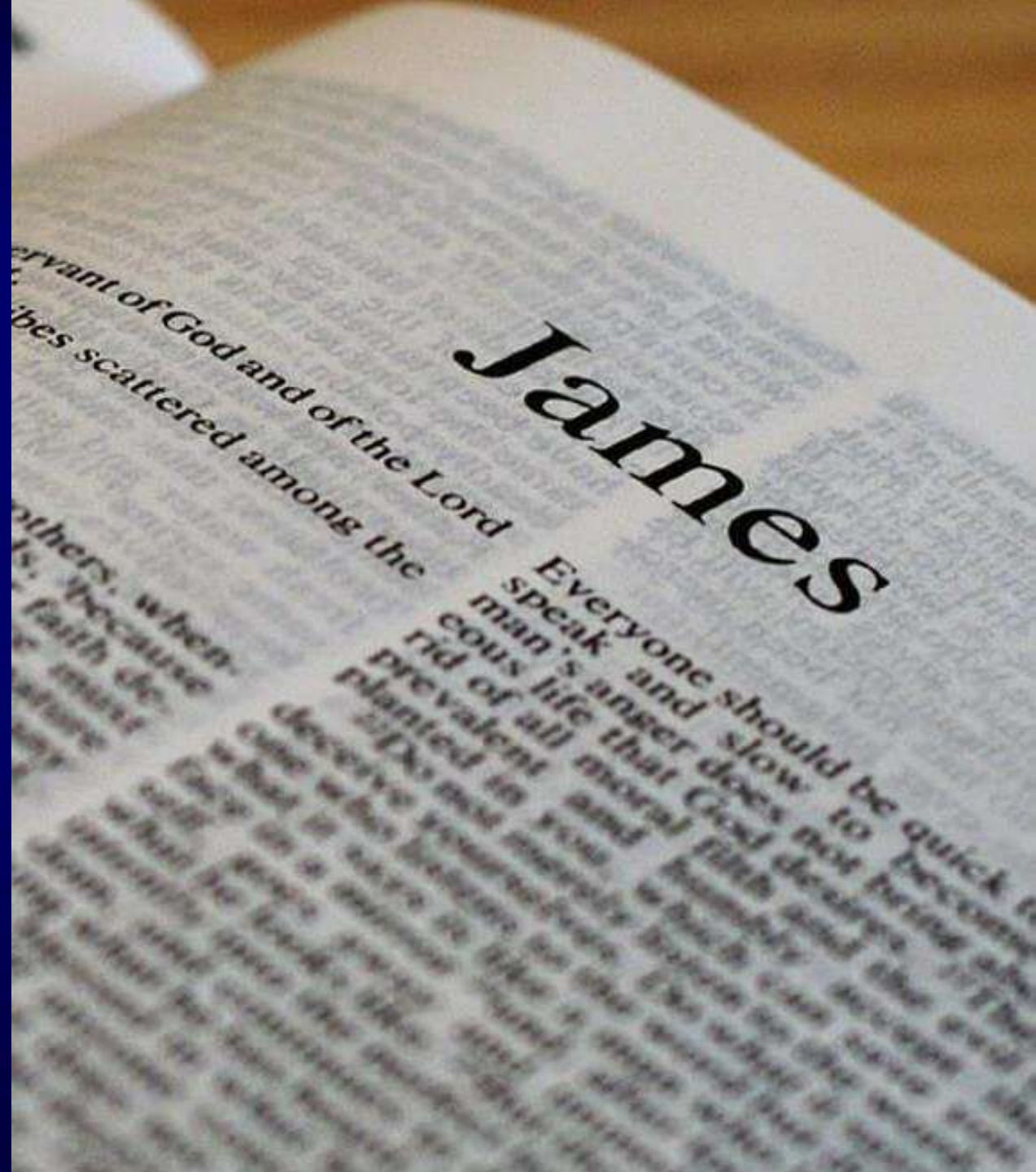




**‘The tongue
has the power
of life and
death...’
(Proverbs 18:21)**



**‘We all stumble in many ways. Anyone who is never at fault in what they say is perfect, able to keep their whole body in check.’
(James 3:2)**



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‘The tongue also is a fire, a world of evil among the parts of the body. It corrupts the whole body, sets the whole course of one’s life on fire, and is itself set on fire by hell. All kinds of animals, birds, reptiles and sea creatures are being tamed and have been tamed by mankind, but no human being can tame the tongue. It is a restless evil, full of deadly poison.’

(James 3:6-8)

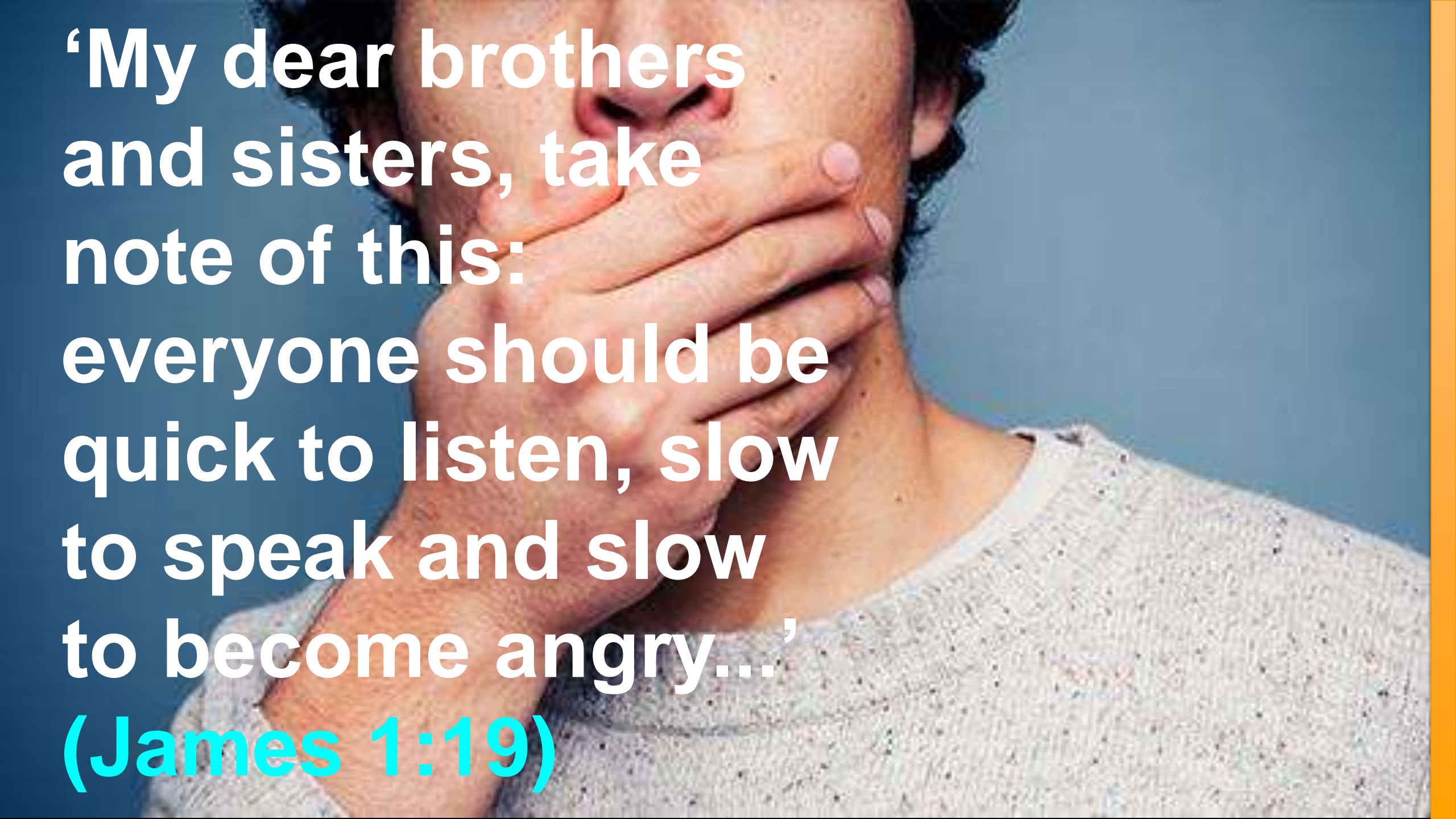
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- **Gossip and Slander – Proverbs 16:28**
- **Flattery – Proverbs 26:28**
- **Bragging – Proverbs 27:2**
- **Breaking Confidence – Proverbs 11:13**
- **Complaining – Philippians 2:14**
- **Lying – Proverbs 12:22**
- **Crude Humour/Language – Eph. 5:3-4, Col. 3:8**
- **Deceit, Cursing and Bitterness – Rom. 3:13-14**



**how
should we
use our
tongues?**





**‘My dear brothers
and sisters, take
note of this:
everyone should be
quick to listen, slow
to speak and slow
to become angry...’**

(James 1:19)

HOW CAN OUR WORDS BE LIFE-GIVING? PT. 1

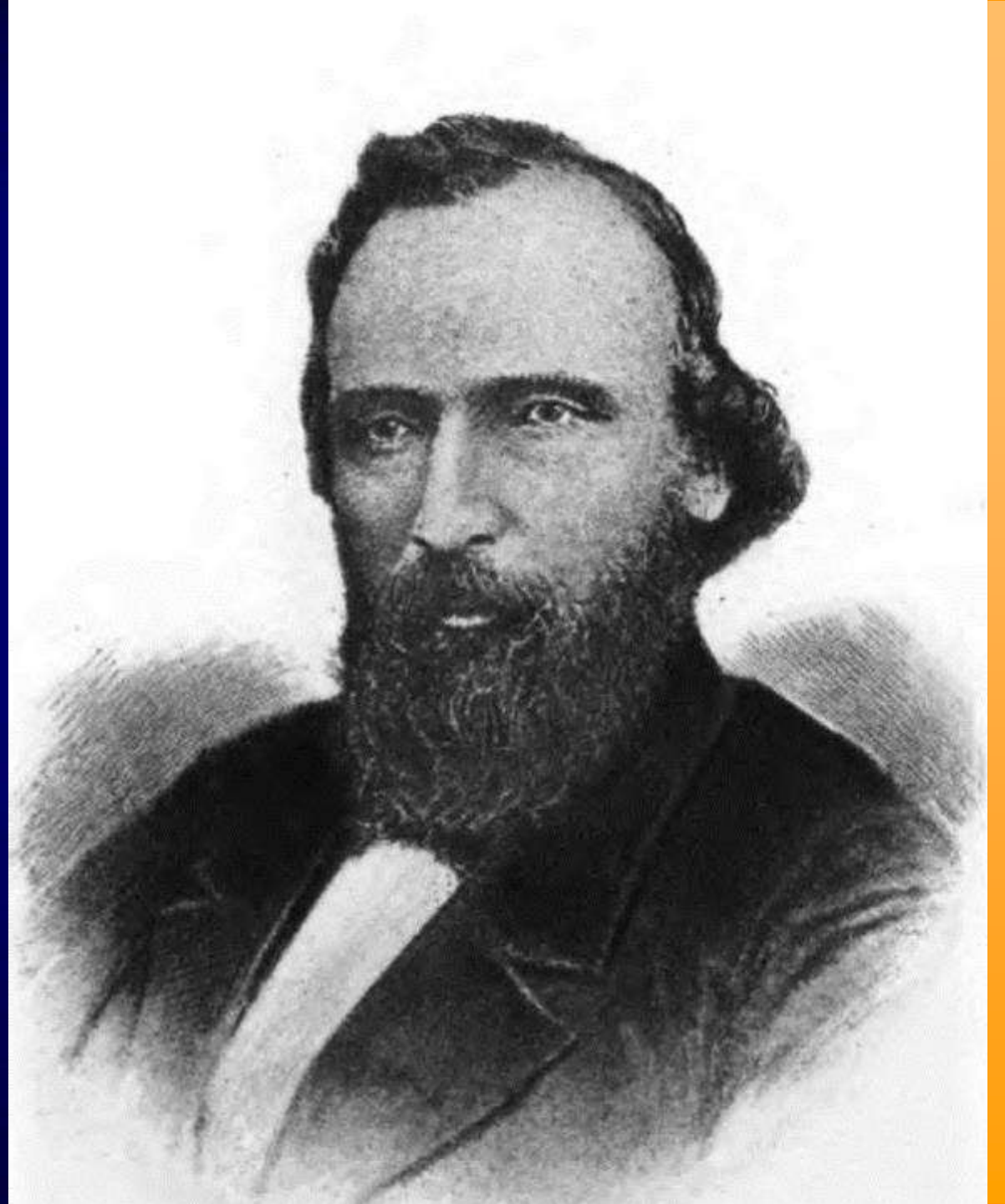
‘each of you must put off falsehood and speak truthfully to your neighbour...‘In your anger do not sin’: do not let the sun go down while you are still angry...Do not let any unwholesome talk come out of your mouths, but only what is helpful for building others up according to their needs...Get rid of all bitterness, rage and anger, brawling and slander, along with every form of malice. Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other...’ (Eph. 4:25-32)

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**‘In order to see
Christianity,
one must forget
almost all the
Christians.’**

Henri Amiel

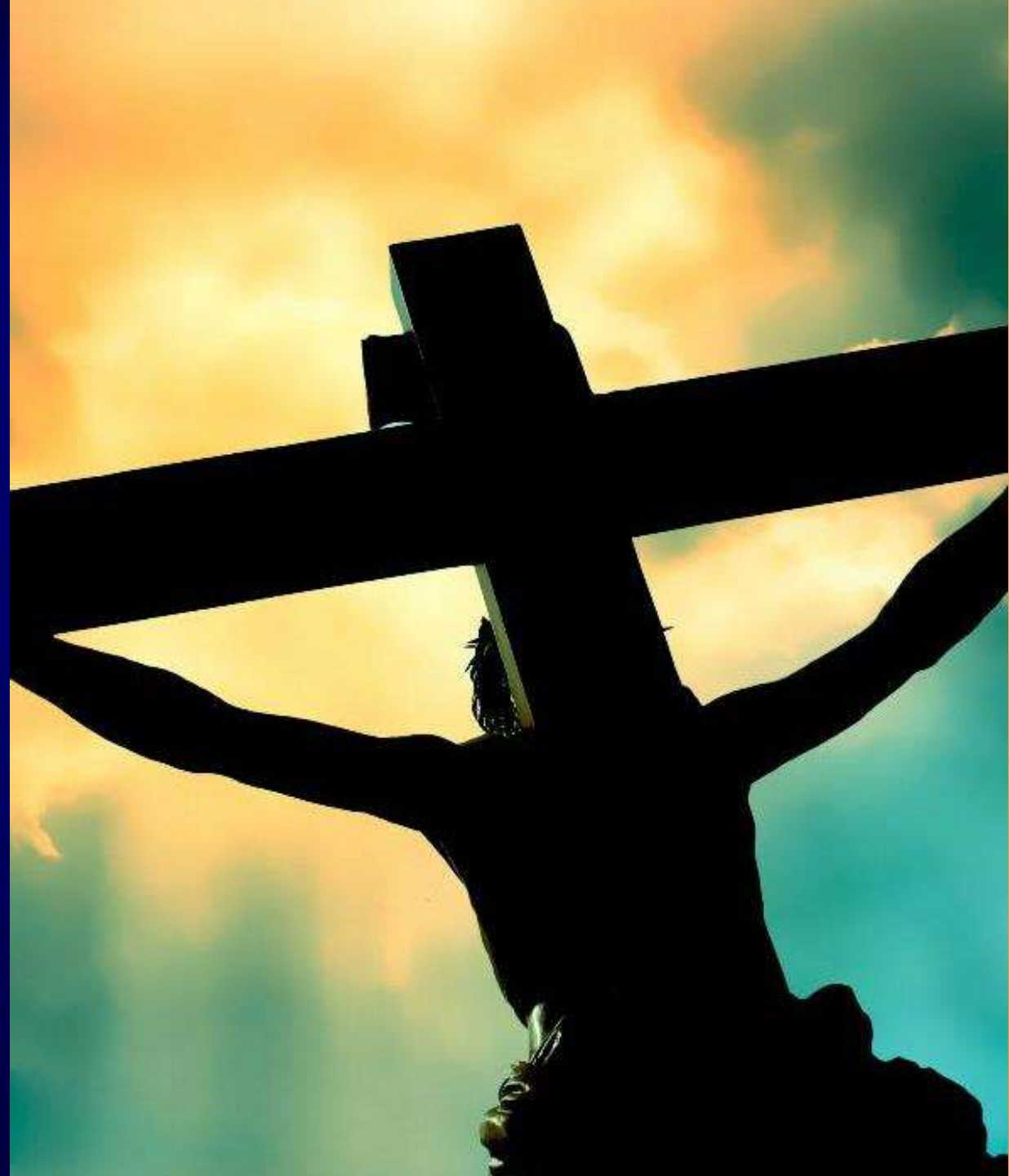
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HOW CAN OUR WORDS BE LIFE-GIVING? PT. 1

**‘I came
to give life —
life in all its
fullness.’**

**Jesus
(John 10:10)**



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(Eph. 4:26-27)

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‘With the tongue we praise our Lord and Father, and with it we curse human beings, who have been made in God’s likeness. Out of the same mouth come praise and cursing. My brothers and sisters, this should not be. Can both fresh water and salt water flow from the same spring? My brothers and sisters, can a fig-tree bear olives, or a grapevine bear figs? Neither can a salt spring produce fresh water.’

(James 3:9-12)

HOW CAN OUR WORDS BE LIFE-GIVING? PT. 2

‘...we are all members of one body...do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, with whom you were sealed for the day of redemption... [forgive] each other, just as in Christ God forgave you. Follow God’s example, therefore, as dearly loved children and live a life of love...’

(Eph. 4: 25, 30, 32; 5:1-2)

HOW CAN OUR WORDS BE LIFE-GIVING? PT. 2

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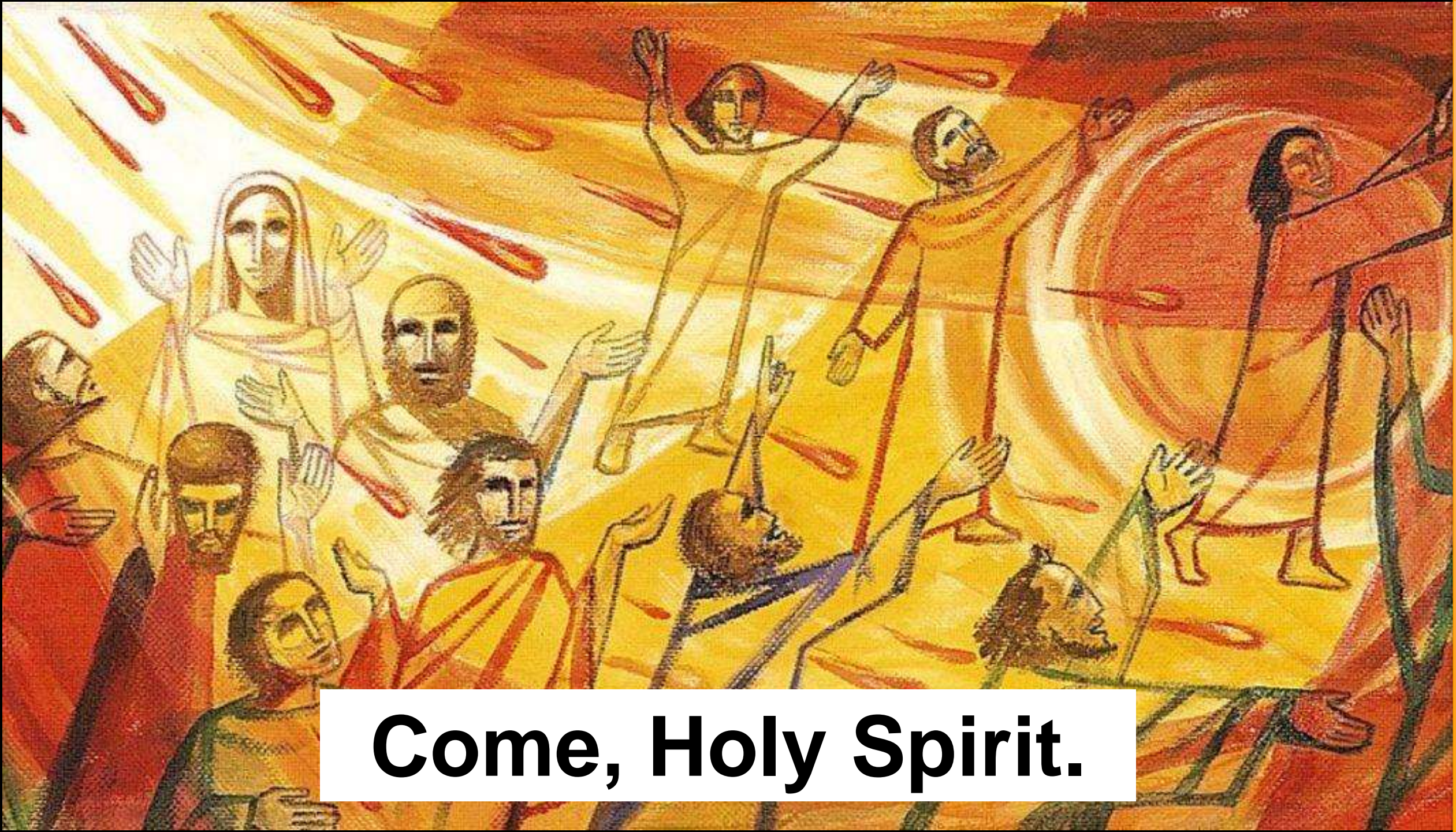
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‘...be filled with the Spirit.’
(Ephesians 5:18)

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‘All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them.’ (Acts 2:4)

‘After they prayed, the place where they were meeting was shaken. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and spoke the word of God boldly.’ (Acts 4:31)



Come, Holy Spirit.