

When the Ketchup Doesn't Come

A man with glasses and a grey shirt is sitting at a table in a restaurant, pouring ketchup from a bottle onto a burger. He is smiling and looking at the bottle. The table has a white plate with a burger, a glass of water, and a small cup. A brown leather bag is on the table. In the background, there are other people and a plant.

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Luke 18:1-8 (NIV)

18 Then Jesus told his disciples a parable to show them that they should always pray and not give up. ² He said: “In a certain town there was a judge who neither feared God nor cared what people thought. ³ And there was a widow in that town who kept coming to him with the plea, ‘Grant me justice against my adversary.’

Luke 18:1-8 (NIV)

⁴ “For some time he refused. But finally he said to himself, ‘Even though I don’t fear God or care what people think, ⁵ yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will see that she gets justice, so that she won’t eventually come and attack me!’”

Luke 18:1-8 (NIV)

⁶ And the Lord said, “Listen to what the unjust judge says.⁷ And will not God bring about justice for his chosen ones, who cry out to him day and night? Will he keep putting them off? ⁸ I tell you, he will see that they get justice, and quickly. However, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on the earth?”



This Parable Teaches:

 **There Will be Times of Testing**

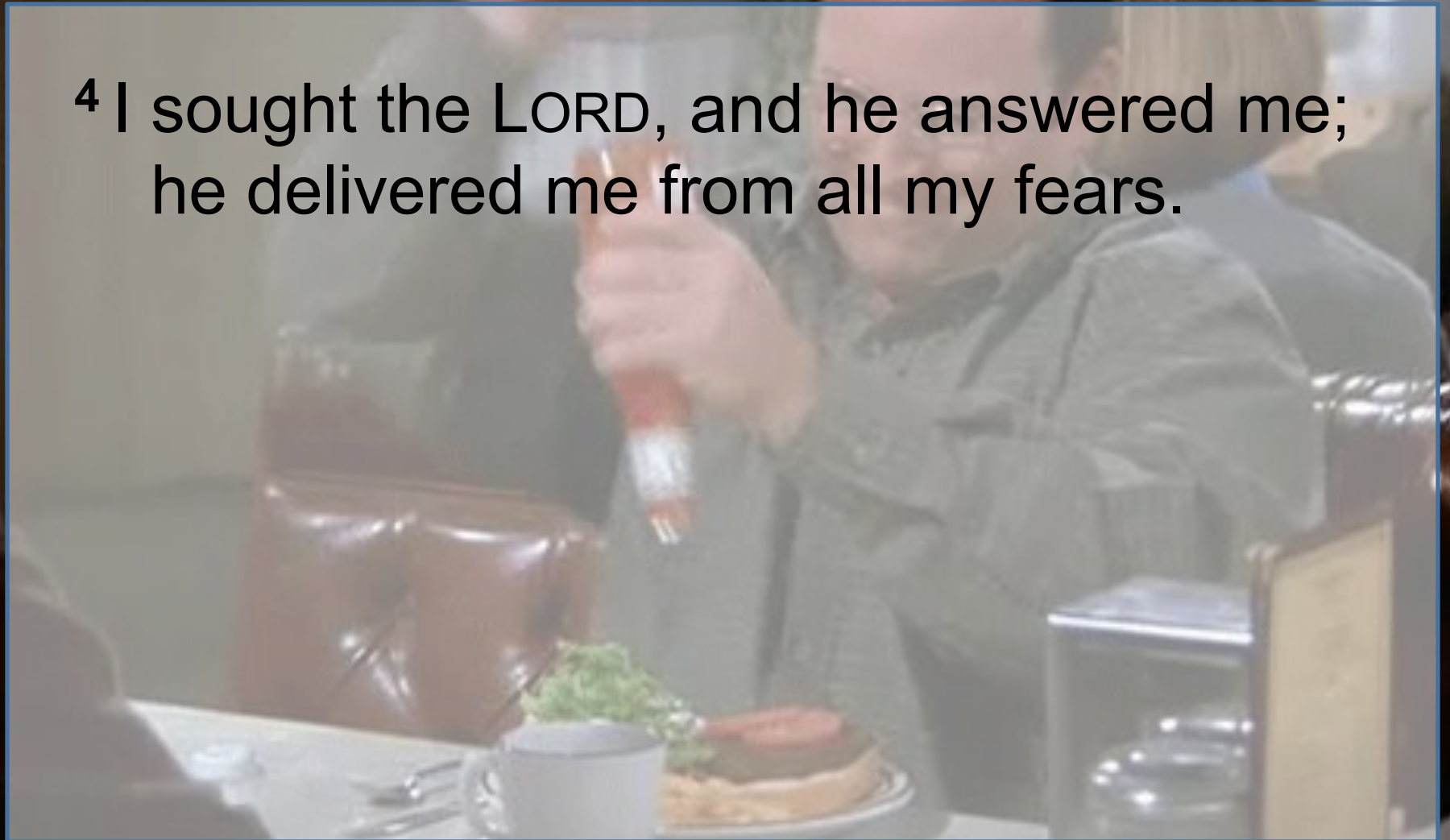
 **God Will Answer** s

Matthew 7:7-8 (NIV)

⁷ “Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. ⁸ For everyone who asks receives; the one who seeks finds; and to the one who knocks, the door will be opened.

Psalm 34:4 (NIV)

⁴ I sought the LORD, and he answered me;
he delivered me from all my fears.



John 14:13-14 (NIV)

¹³ And I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. ¹⁴ You may ask me for anything in my name, and I will do it.

Application:



Stand Firm in Faith

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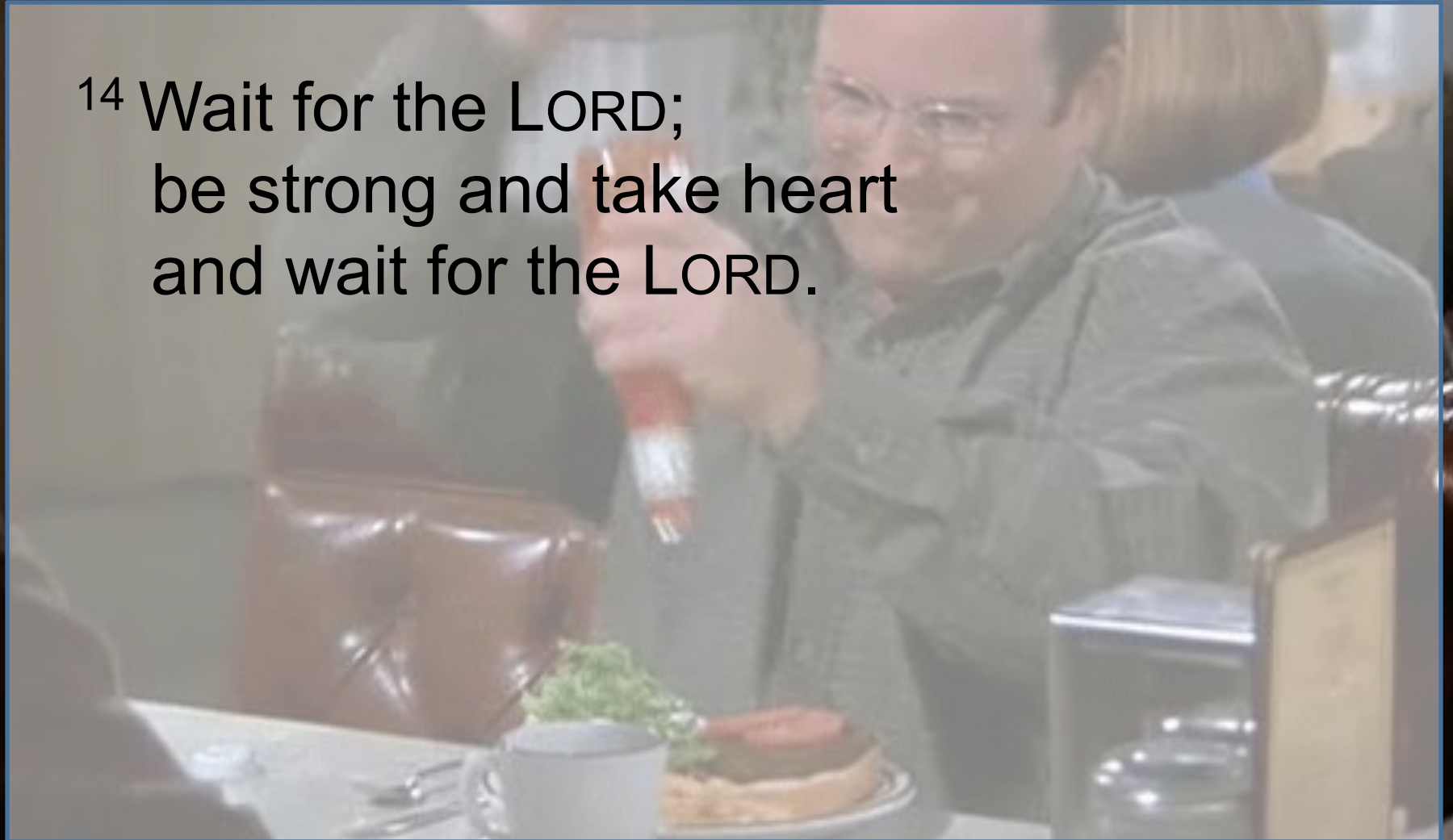


BAND OF BROTHERS



Psalm 27:14 (NIV)

¹⁴ Wait for the LORD;
be strong and take heart
and wait for the LORD.

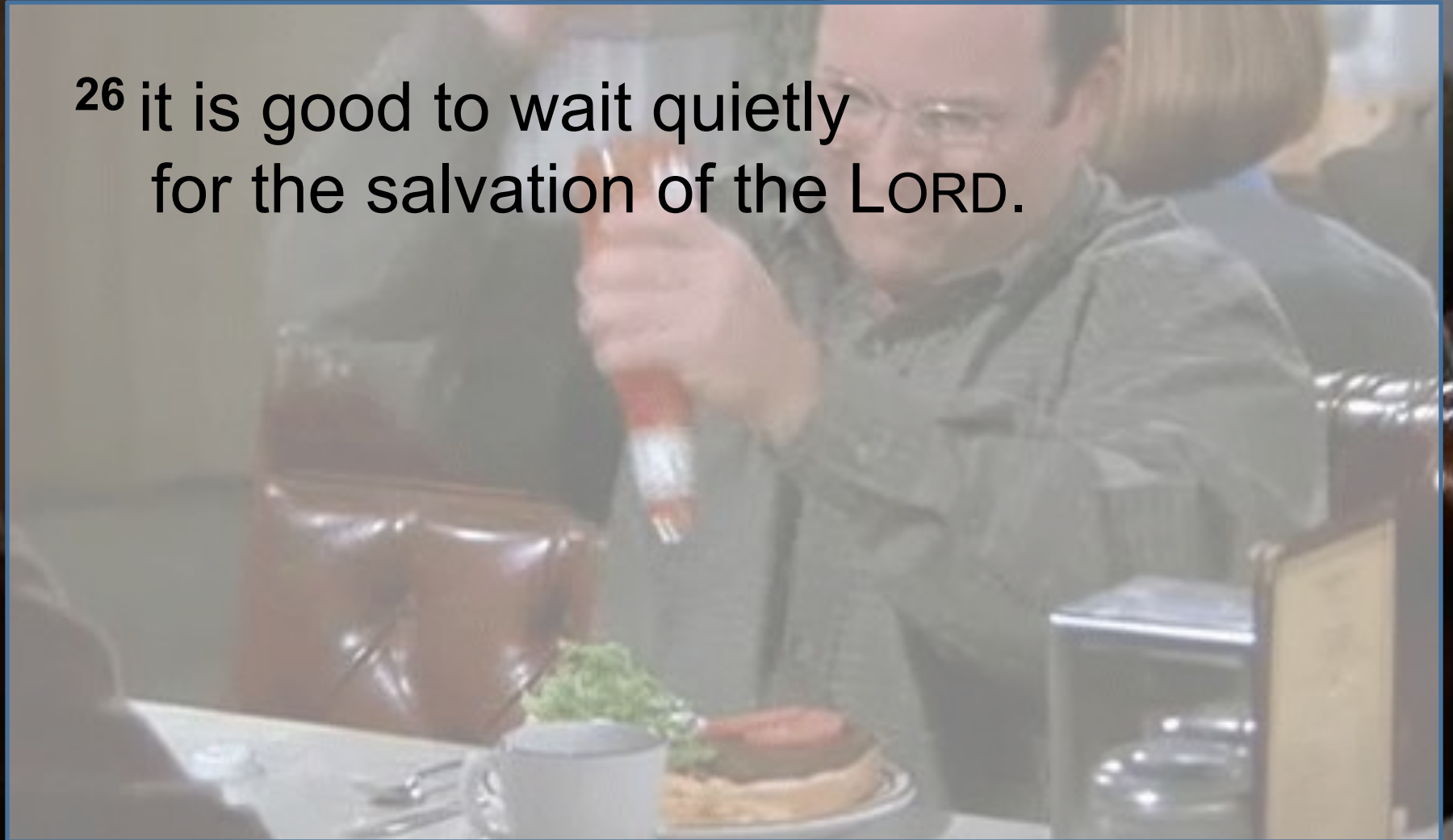


Psalm 37:7 (NIV)

⁷ Be still before the LORD
and wait patiently for him;
do not fret when people succeed in their
ways,
when they carry out their wicked
schemes.

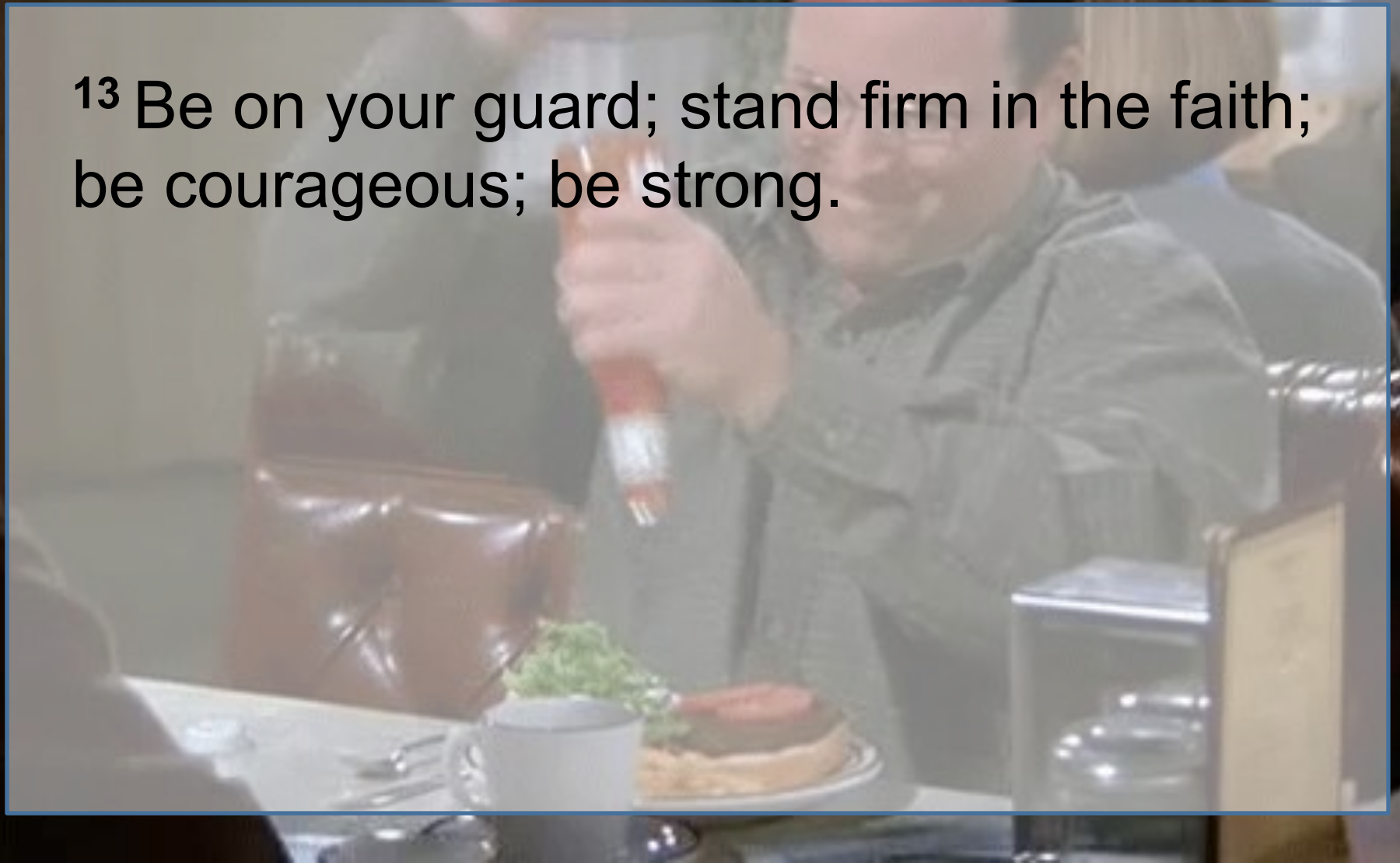
Lamentations 3:26 (NIV)

²⁶ it is good to wait quietly
for the salvation of the LORD.



1 Corinthians 16:13 (NIV)

¹³ Be on your guard; stand firm in the faith;
be courageous; be strong.



Hebrews 10:35-36 (NIV)

³⁵ So do not throw away your confidence; it will be richly rewarded.

³⁶ You need to persevere so that when you have done the will of God, you will receive what he has promised.

James 1:2-4 (NIV)

² Consider it pure joy, my brothers and sisters, whenever you face trials of many kinds, ³ because you know that the testing of your faith produces perseverance. ⁴ Let perseverance finish its work so that you may be mature and complete, not lacking anything.

Romans 12:2 (NIV)

² Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will.

2 Corinthians 4:7-8 (NIV)

⁷ But we have this treasure in jars of clay to show that this all-surpassing power is from God and not from us. ⁸ We are hard pressed on every side, but not crushed; perplexed, but not in despair;



Application:



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Keep Your Thinking Straight

Psalm 77:7-8 (NIV)

⁷ “Will the Lord reject forever?

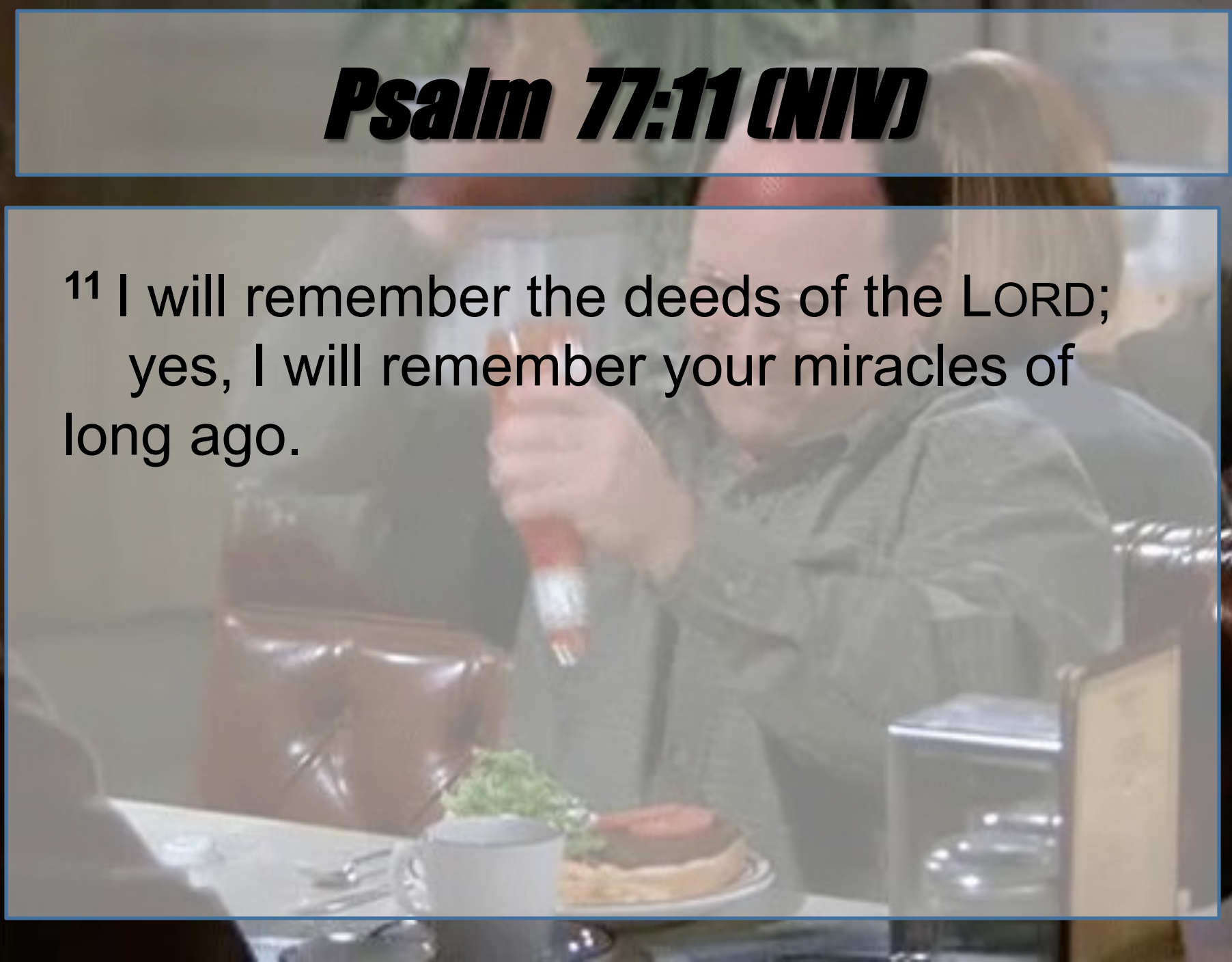
Will he never show his favor again?

⁸ Has his unfailing love vanished forever?

Has his promise failed for all time?

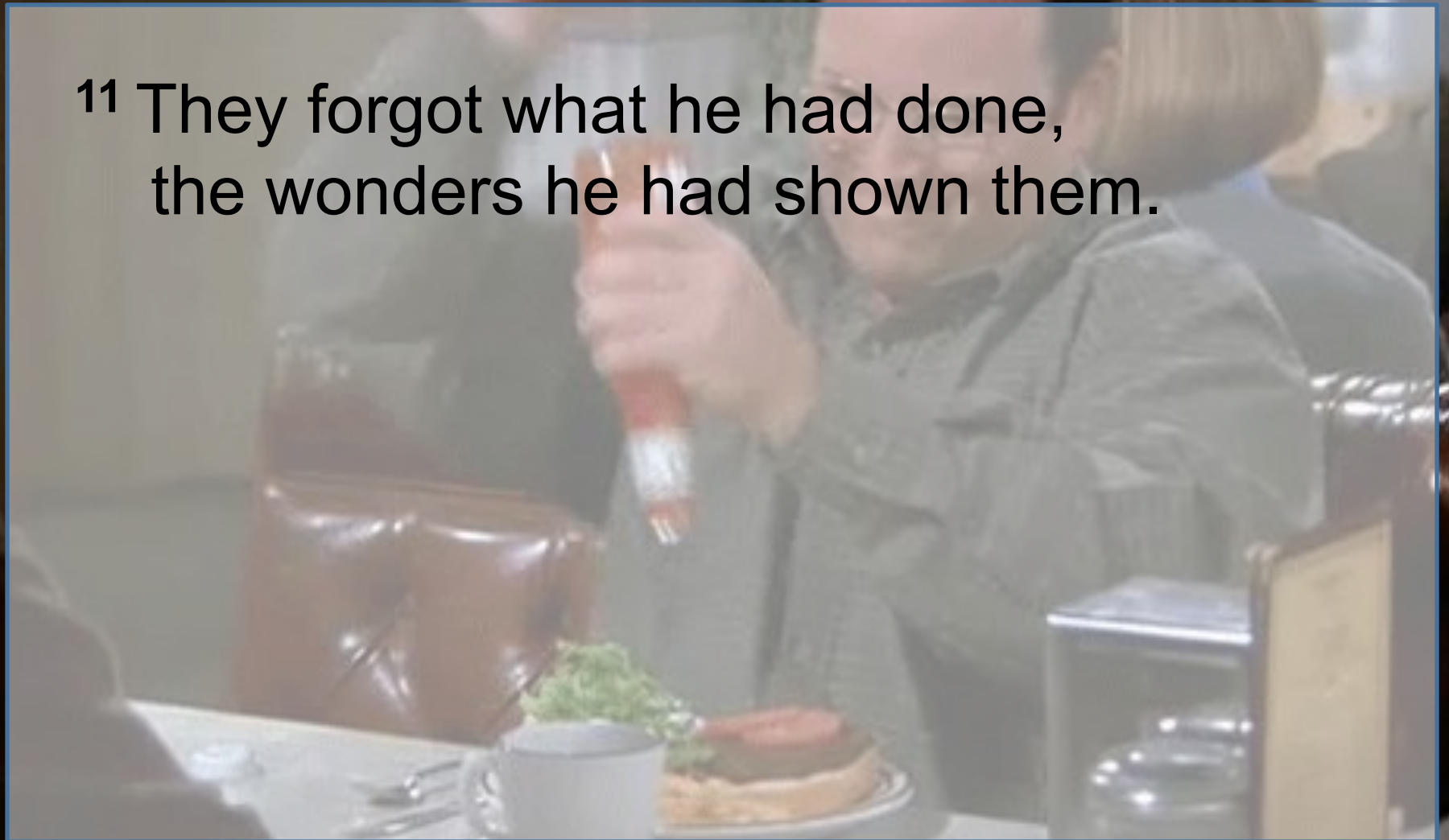
Psalm 77:11 (NIV)

**¹¹ I will remember the deeds of the LORD;
yes, I will remember your miracles of
long ago.**



Psalm 78:11 (NIV)

**¹¹ They forgot what he had done,
the wonders he had shown them.**

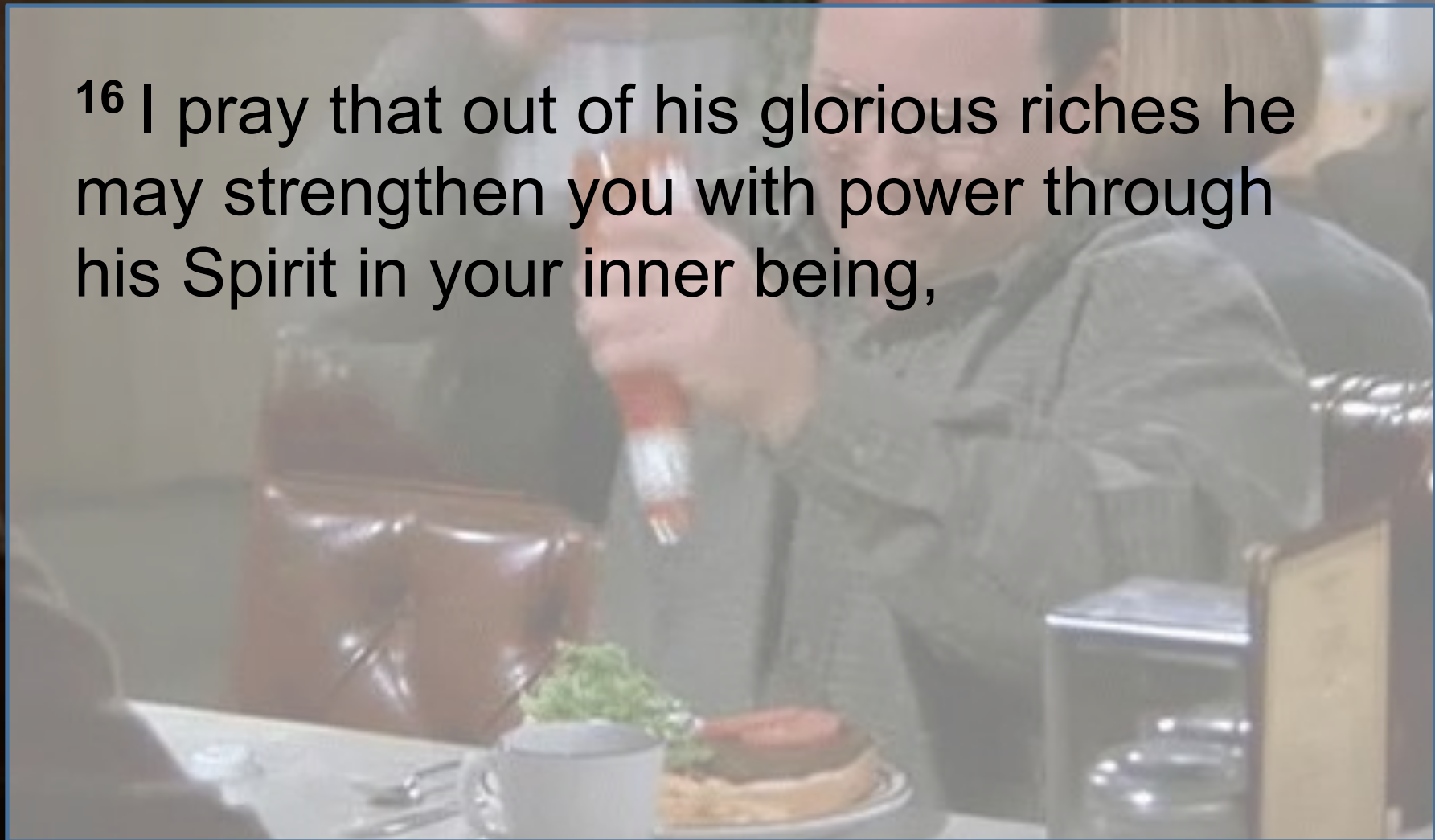


Hebrews 12:2 (NIV)

² fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith. For the joy set before him he endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.

Ephesians 3:16 (NIV)

¹⁶ I pray that out of his glorious riches he may strengthen you with power through his Spirit in your inner being,



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