

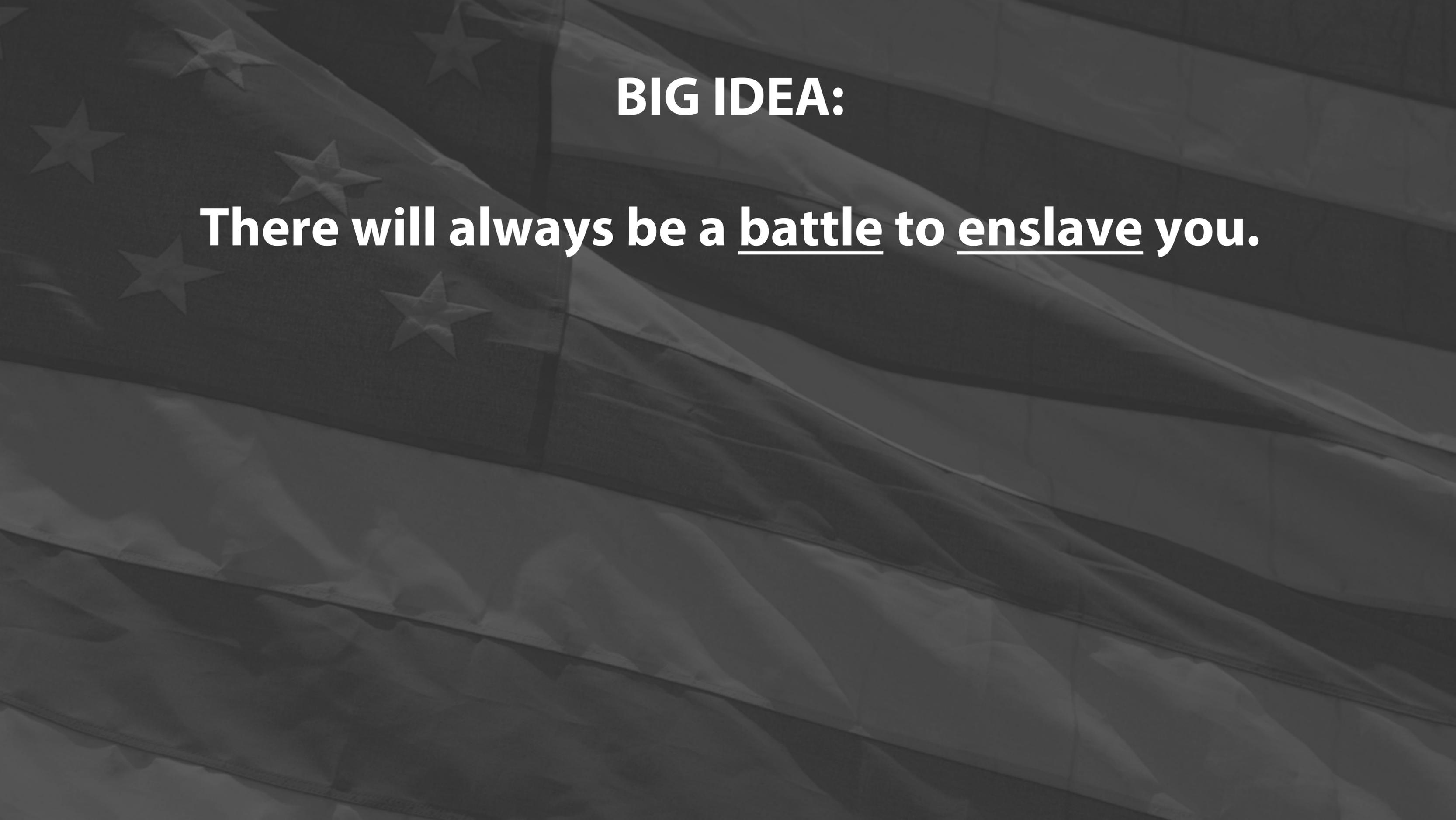


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Freedom in Christ



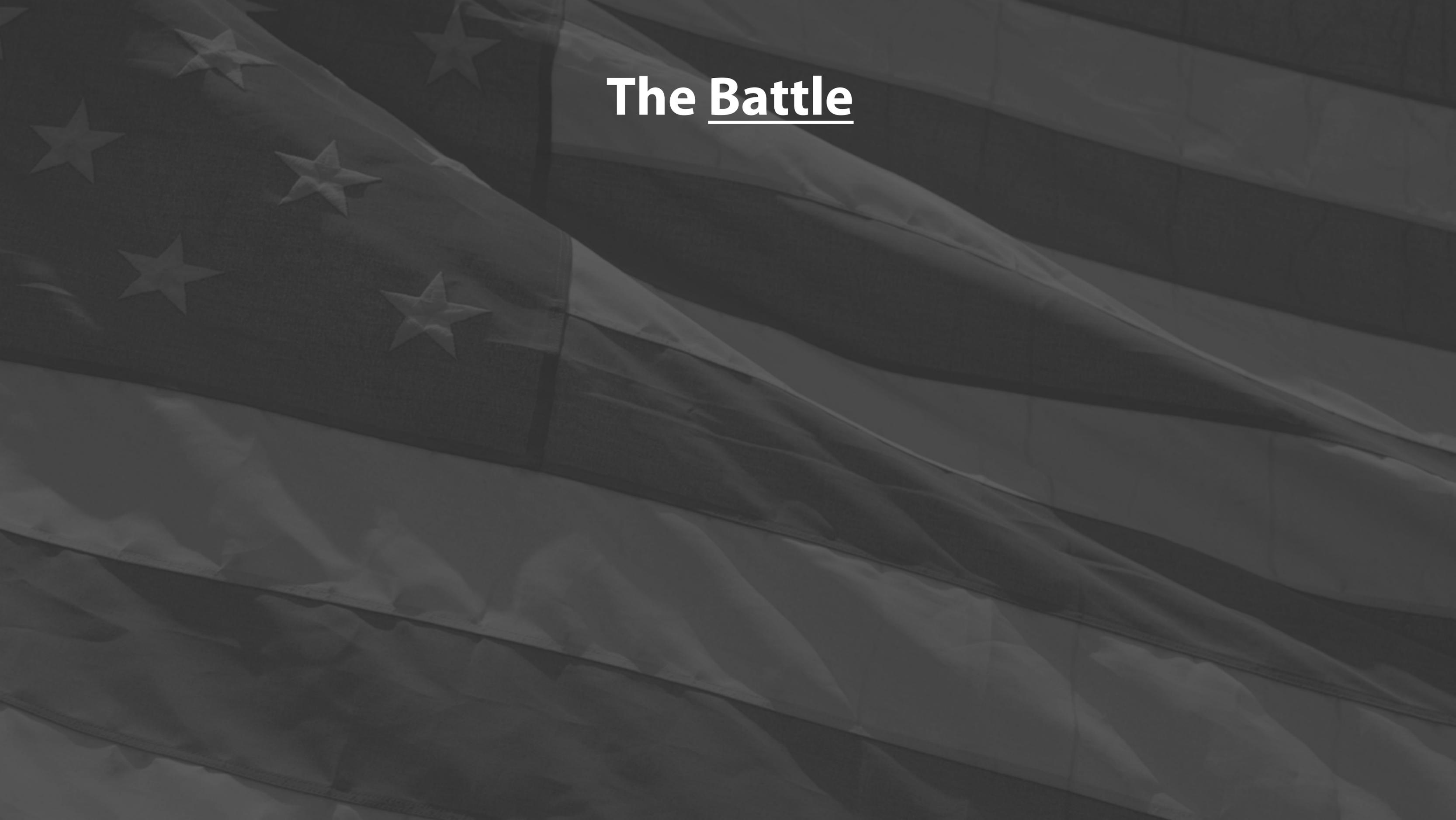
BIG IDEA:

There will always be a battle to enslave you.

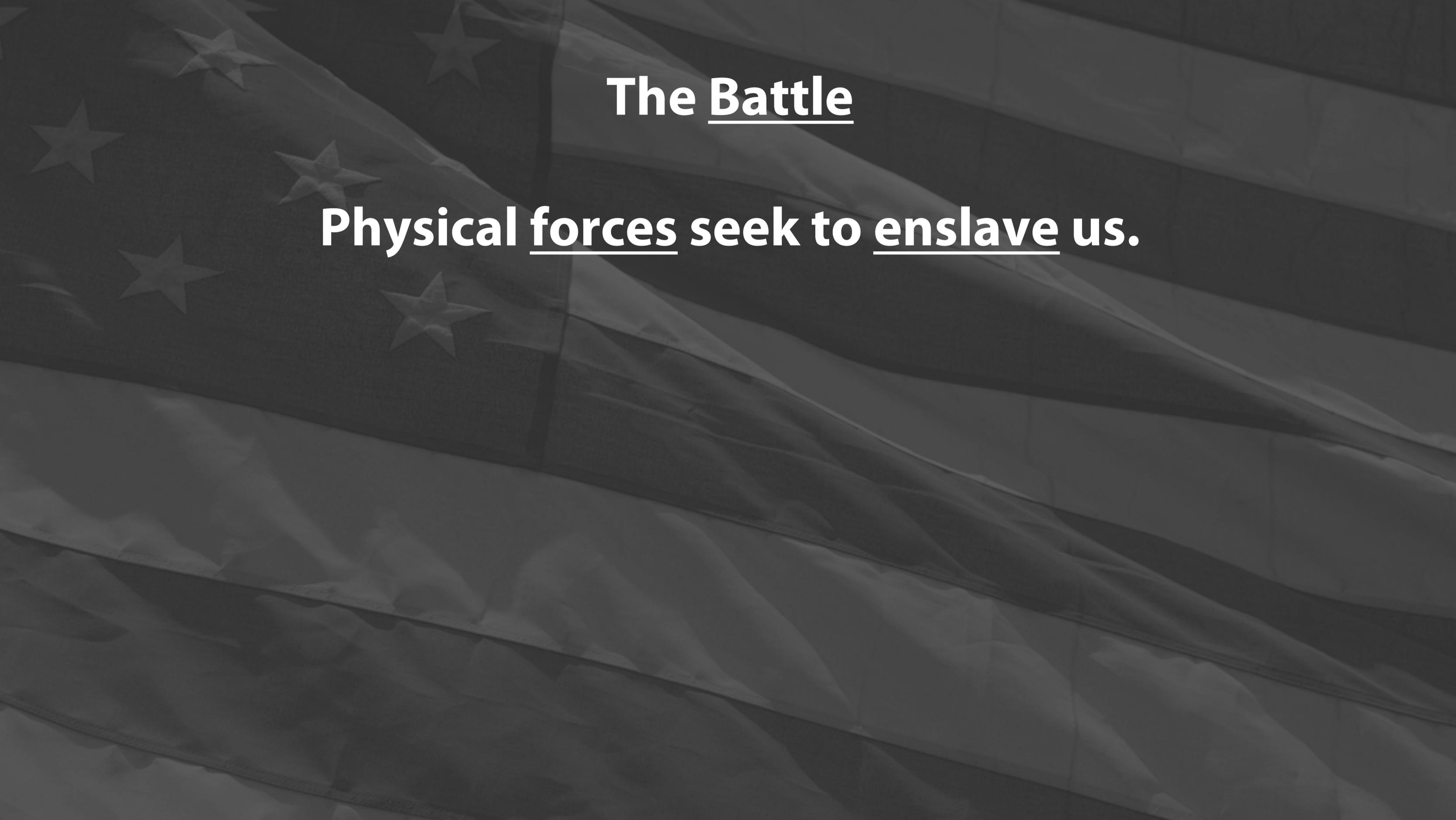


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The Battle



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Physical forces seek to enslave us.

Exodus 1:8-12 (ESV)

Now there arose a new king over Egypt, who did not know Joseph. And he said to his people, "Behold, the people of Israel are too many and too mighty for us. Come, let us deal shrewdly with them, lest they multiply, and, if war breaks out, they join our enemies and fight against us and escape from the land." Therefore they set taskmasters over them to afflict them with heavy burdens. They built for Pharaoh store cities, Pithom and Raamses. But the more they were oppressed, the more they multiplied and the more they spread abroad. And the Egyptians were in dread of the people of Israel.

John 16:33 (ESV)

I have said these things to you, that in me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation. But take heart; I have overcome the world.”



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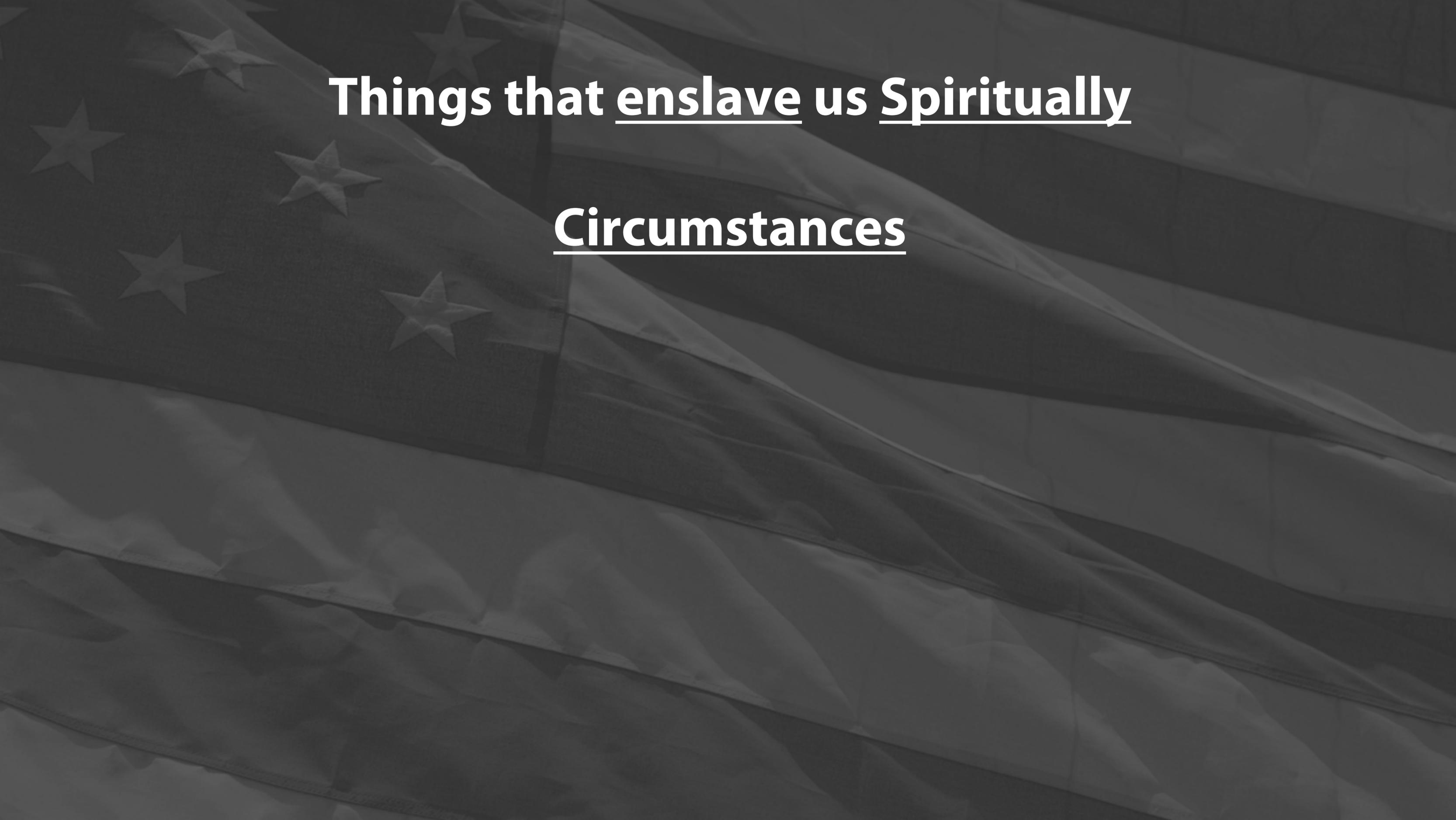


Things that enslave us Spiritually

Satan/World

Ephesians 6:12 (ESV)

For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers over this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places.

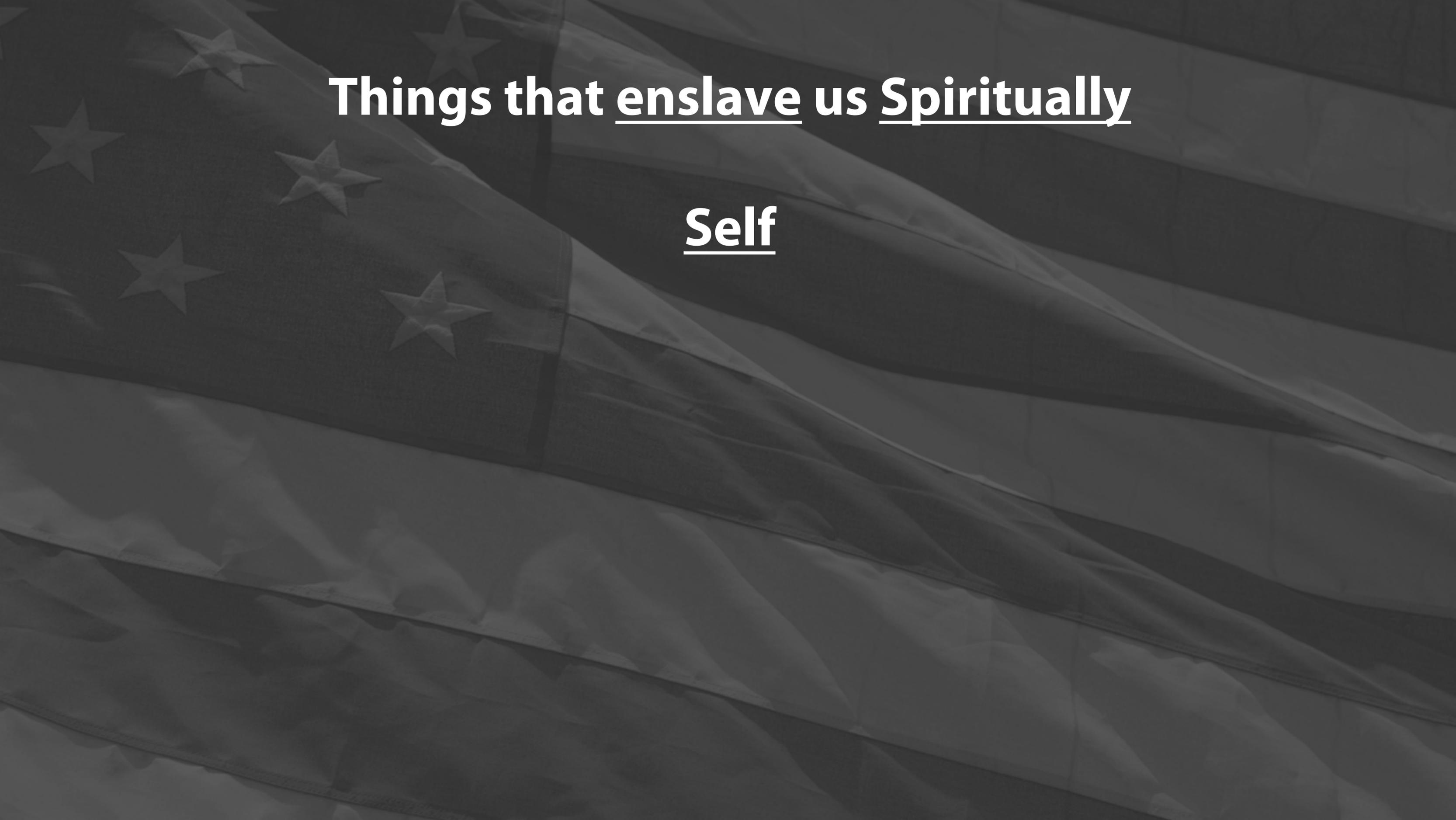


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Circumstances

James 1:2 (ESV)

Count it all joy, my brothers, when you meet trials of various kinds,



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Self

Jeremiah 17:9 (ESV)

**The heart is deceitful above all things,
and desperately sick;
who can understand it?**

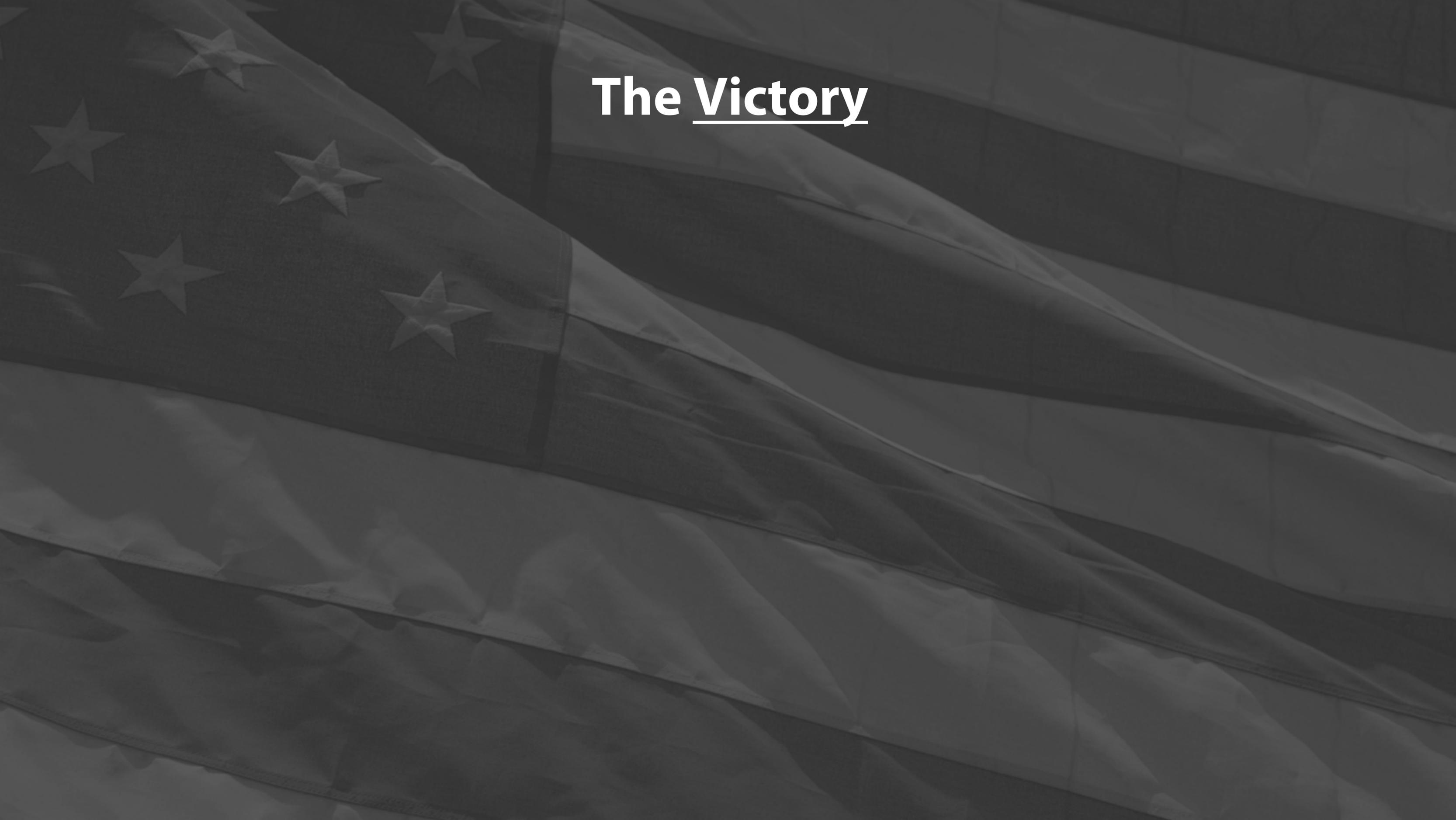
James 1:14-15 (ESV)

But each person is tempted when he is lured and enticed by his own desire. Then desire when it has conceived gives birth to sin, and sin when it is fully grown brings forth death.



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The Victory



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Physical redeemers

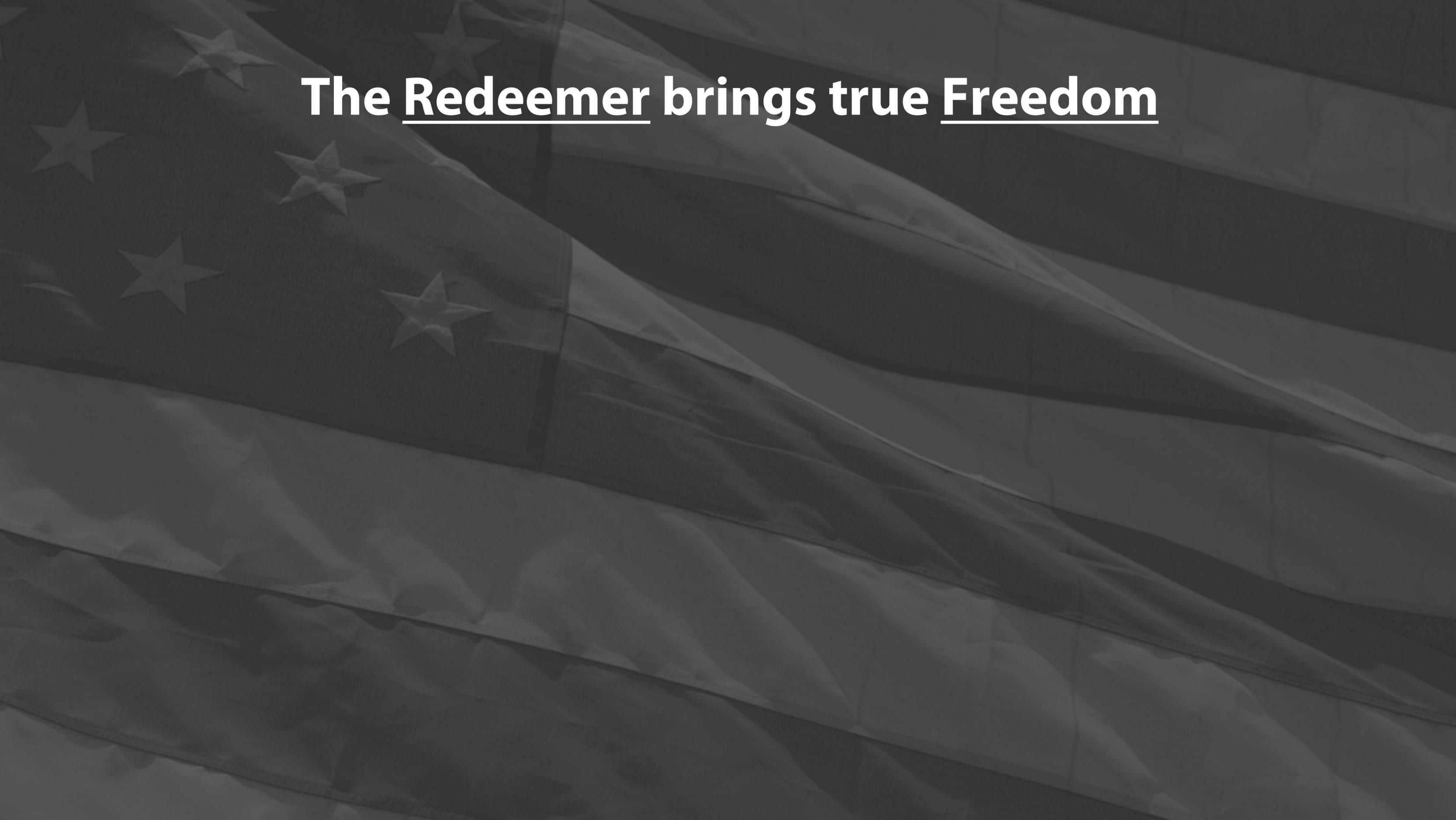
Exodus 3:7-8 (ESV)

Then the Lord said, “I have surely seen the affliction of my people who are in Egypt and have heard their cry because of their taskmasters. I know their sufferings, and I have come down to deliver them out of the hand of the Egyptians and to bring them up out of that land to a good and broad land, a land flowing with milk and honey, to the place of the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Amorites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites.



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The Redeemer brings true Freedom

Isaiah 61:1 (ESV)

**The Spirit of the Lord God is upon me,
because the Lord has anointed me
to bring good news to the poor;
he has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted,
to proclaim liberty to the captives,
and the opening of the prison to those who are bound;**

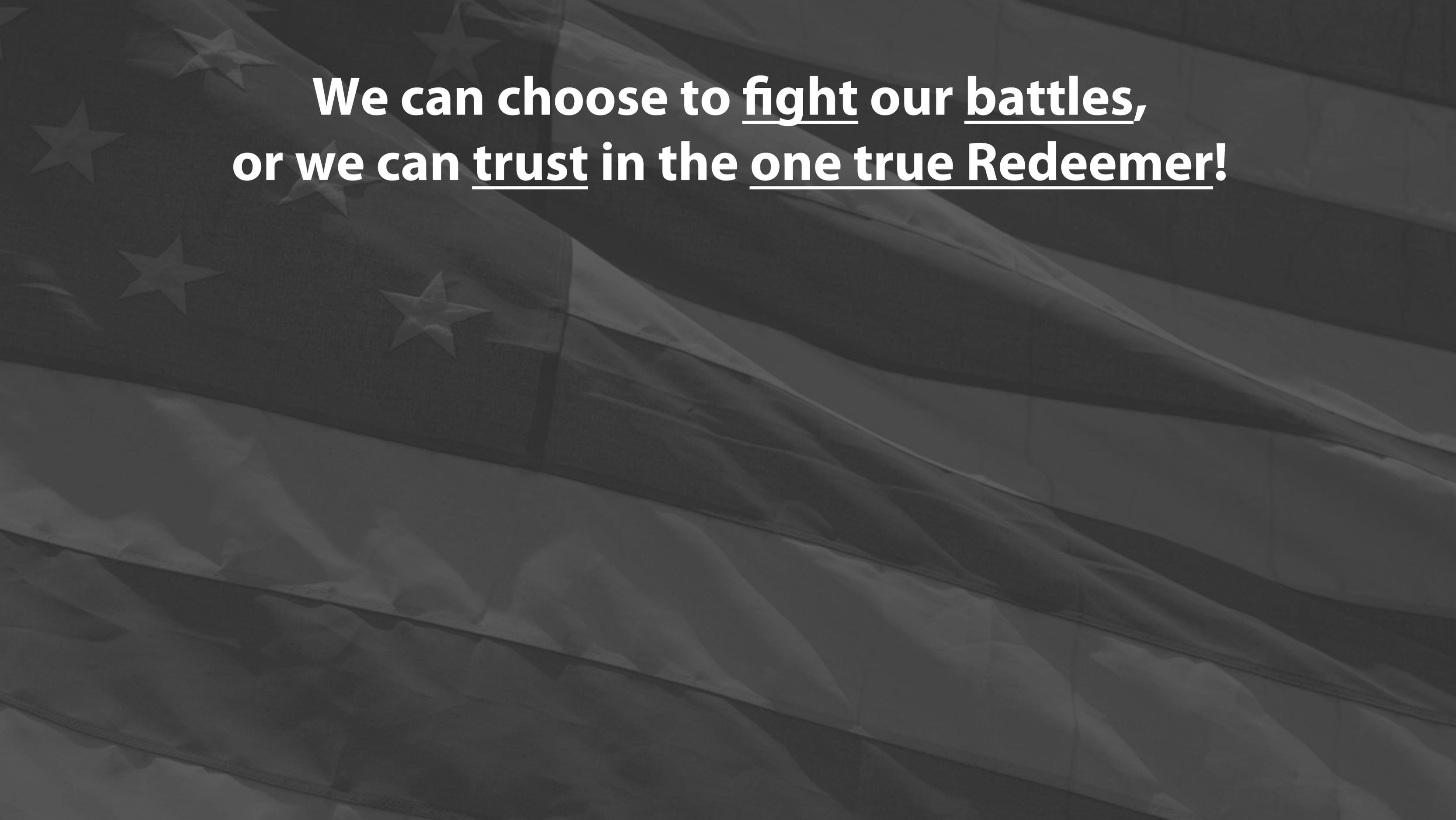
Galatians 5:1 (ESV)

**For freedom Christ has set us free; stand firm therefore,
and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery.**



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**We can choose to fight our battles,
or we can trust in the one true Redeemer!**



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