



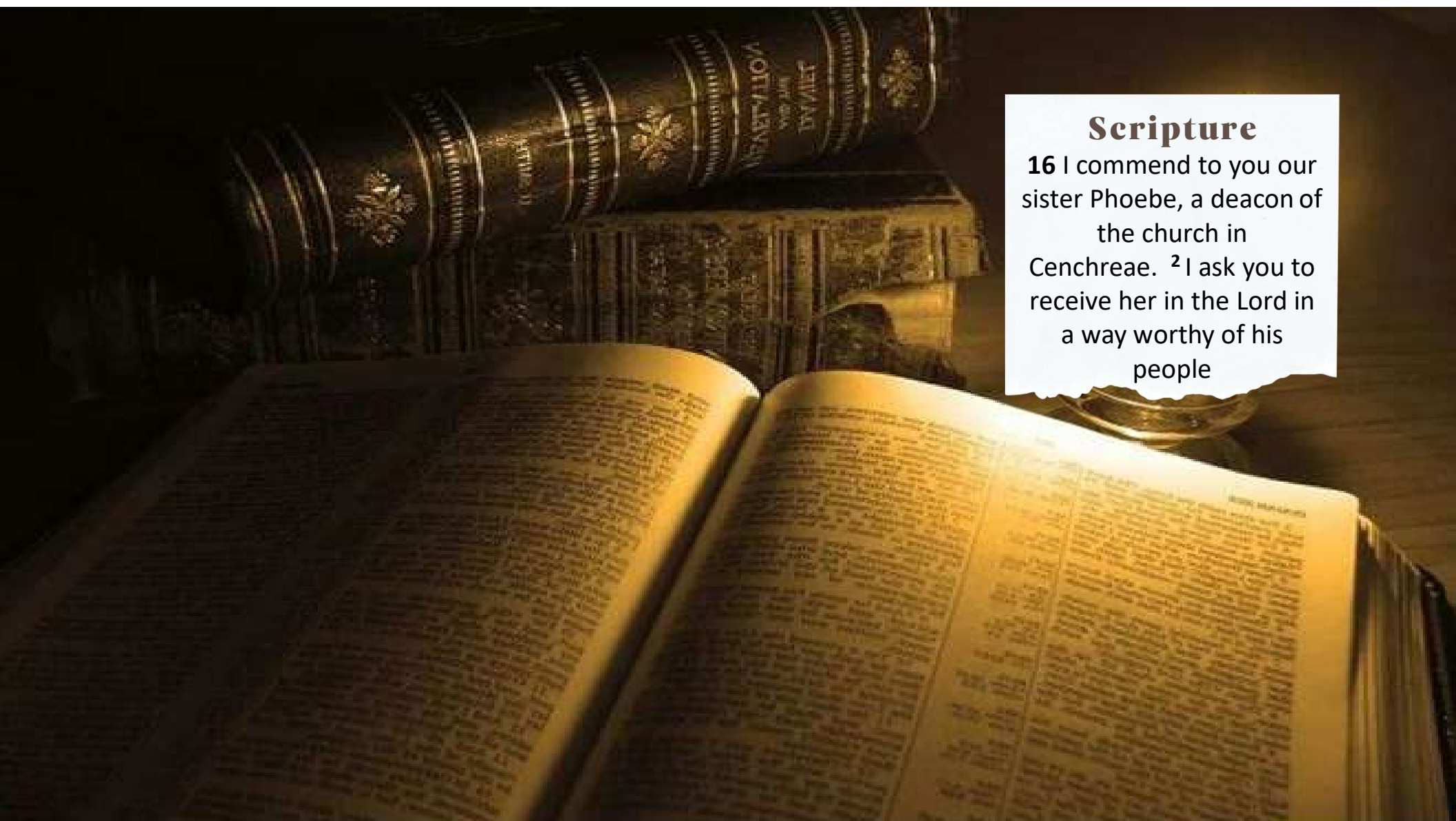
The Story of Phoebe

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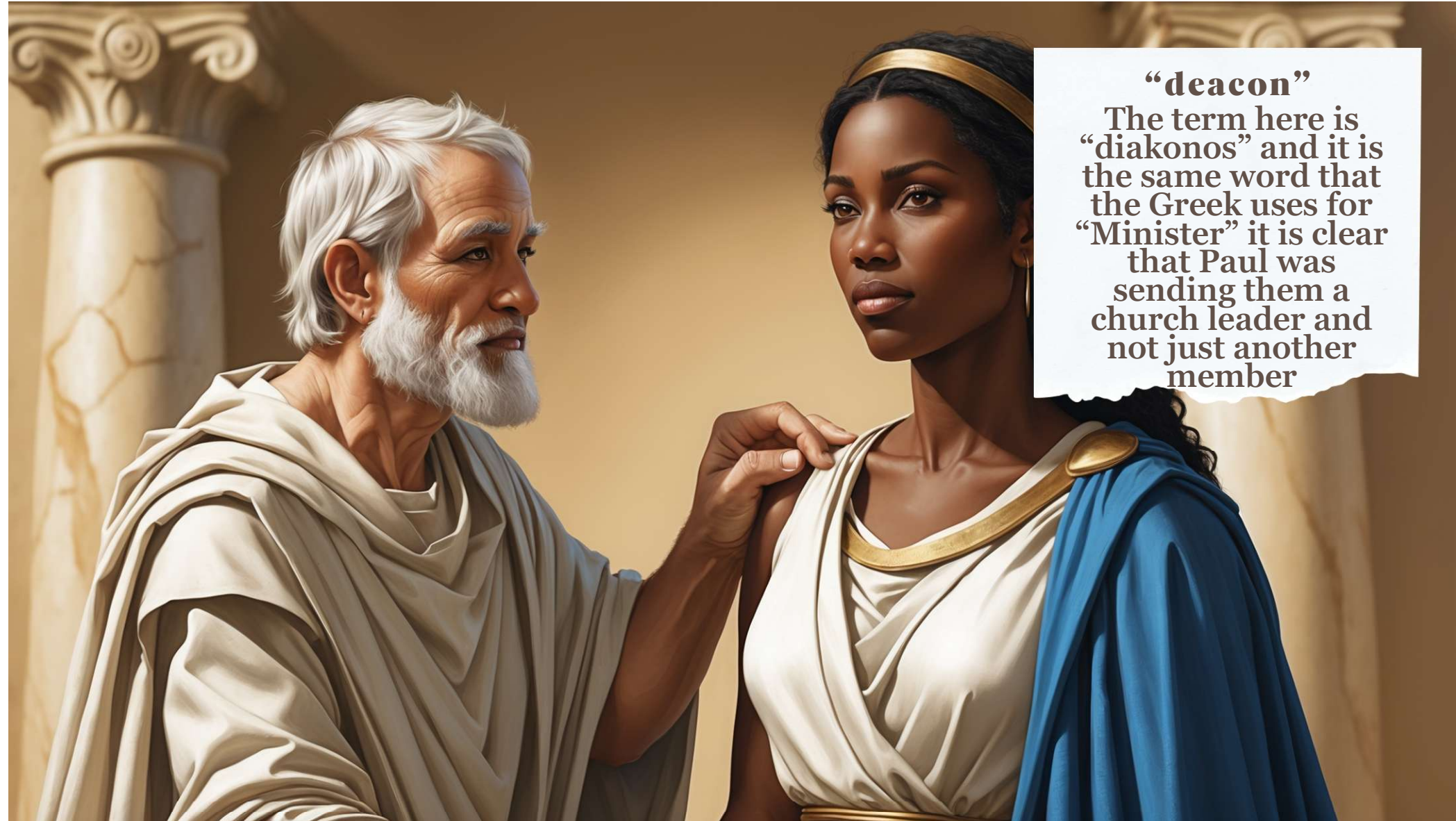
Introduction

This is my third sermon in this series that celebrates Women History Month. I am happy to have covered Deborah, Lydia and today I look at Phoebe



Scripture

16 I commend to you our sister Phoebe, a deacon of the church in Cenchreae. ²I ask you to receive her in the Lord in a way worthy of his people



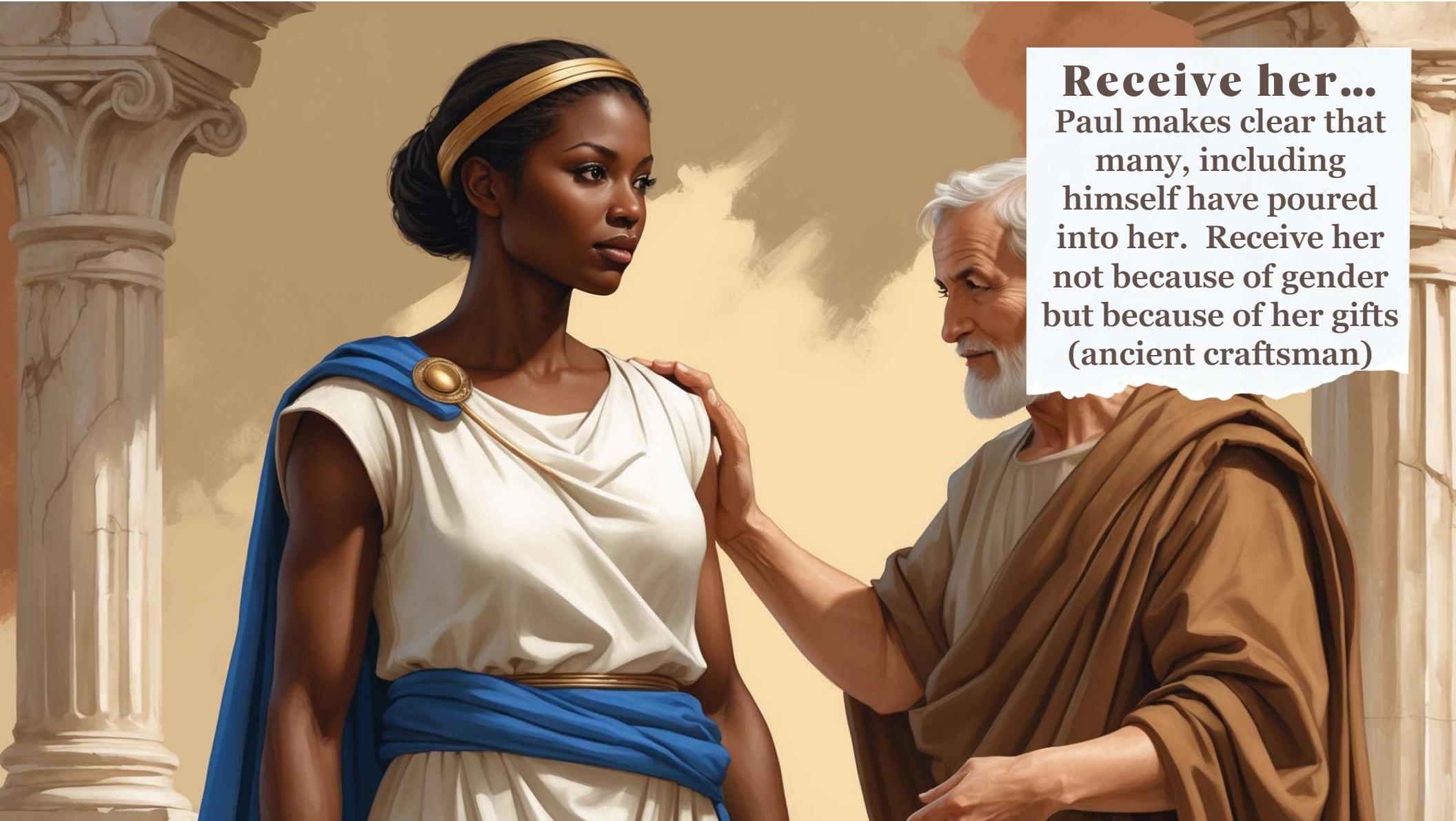
“deacon”

The term here is “diakonos” and it is the same word that the Greek uses for “Minister” it is clear that Paul was sending them a church leader and not just another member



Commend vs Greet

Verses 4-15 lists all those whom Paul greets but Phoebe he commends. She is being sent to them to lead their congregation in Rome



Receive her...
Paul makes clear that many, including himself have poured into her. Receive her not because of gender but because of her gifts (ancient craftsman)

