

*Working Out Our Faith
and Shining Brightly*

Philippians 2:12-16

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Therefore, my dear friends, as you have always obeyed – not only in my presence but now much more in my absence – continue to work out your salvation with fear and trembling, for it is God who works in you to will and to act in order to fulfill His good purpose.

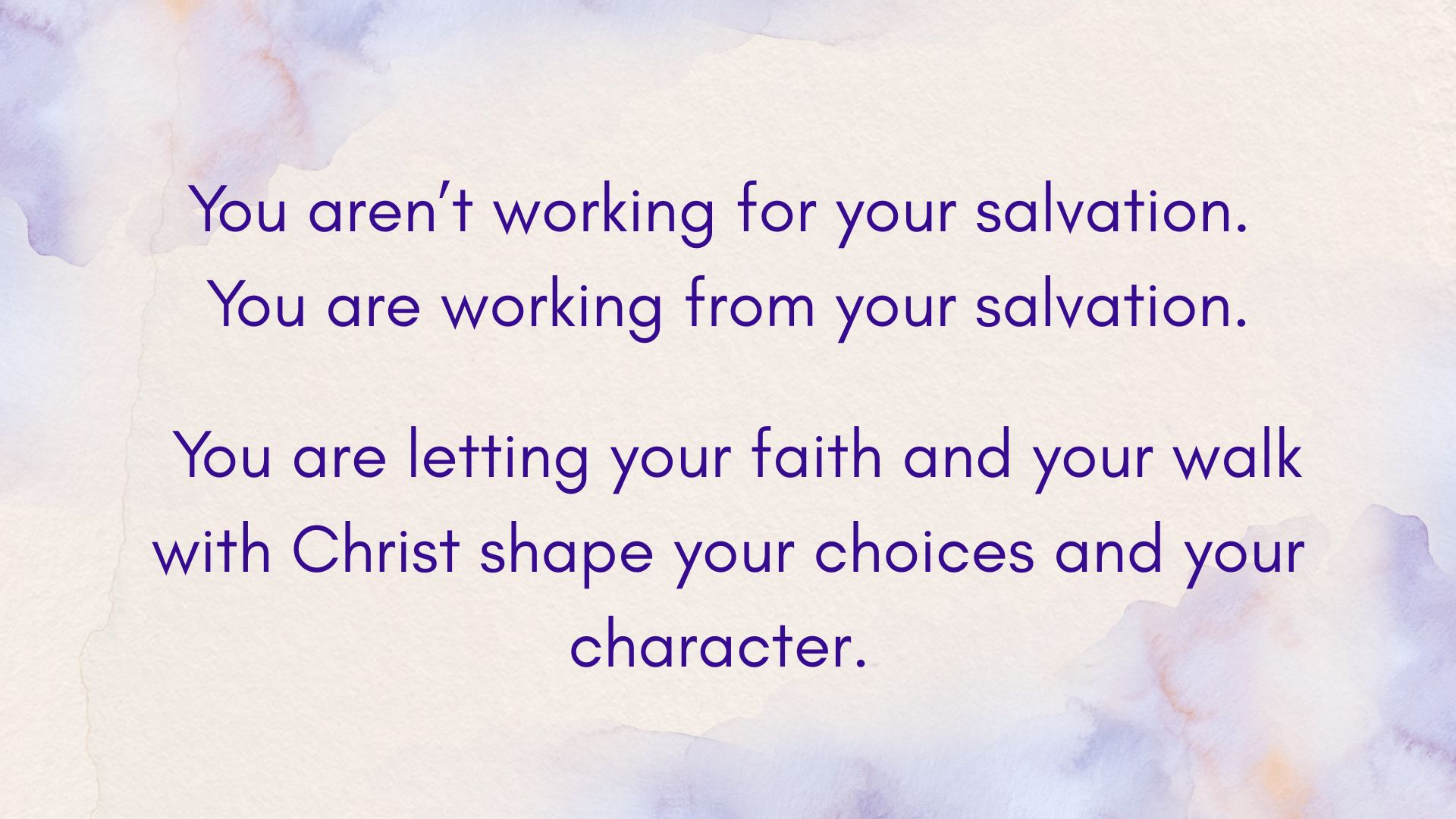
1. Work out vs. Work for

The Greek verb for work out actually means to continually work to bring something to completion.

James 1:22-23

Do not merely listen to the word, and so deceive yourselves. Do what it says.

Anyone who listens to the word, but does not do what it says is like someone who looks at his face in a mirror and after looking at himself, goes away and immediately forgets what he looks like.



You aren't working for your salvation.

You are working from your salvation.

You are letting your faith and your walk
with Christ shape your choices and your
character.

2. Fear and Trembling

“Continue to work out your salvation with fear and trembling.”

2 Corinthians 7:15

And his affection for you is even greater, as he remembers the obedience of you all, how you received him with fear and trembling.

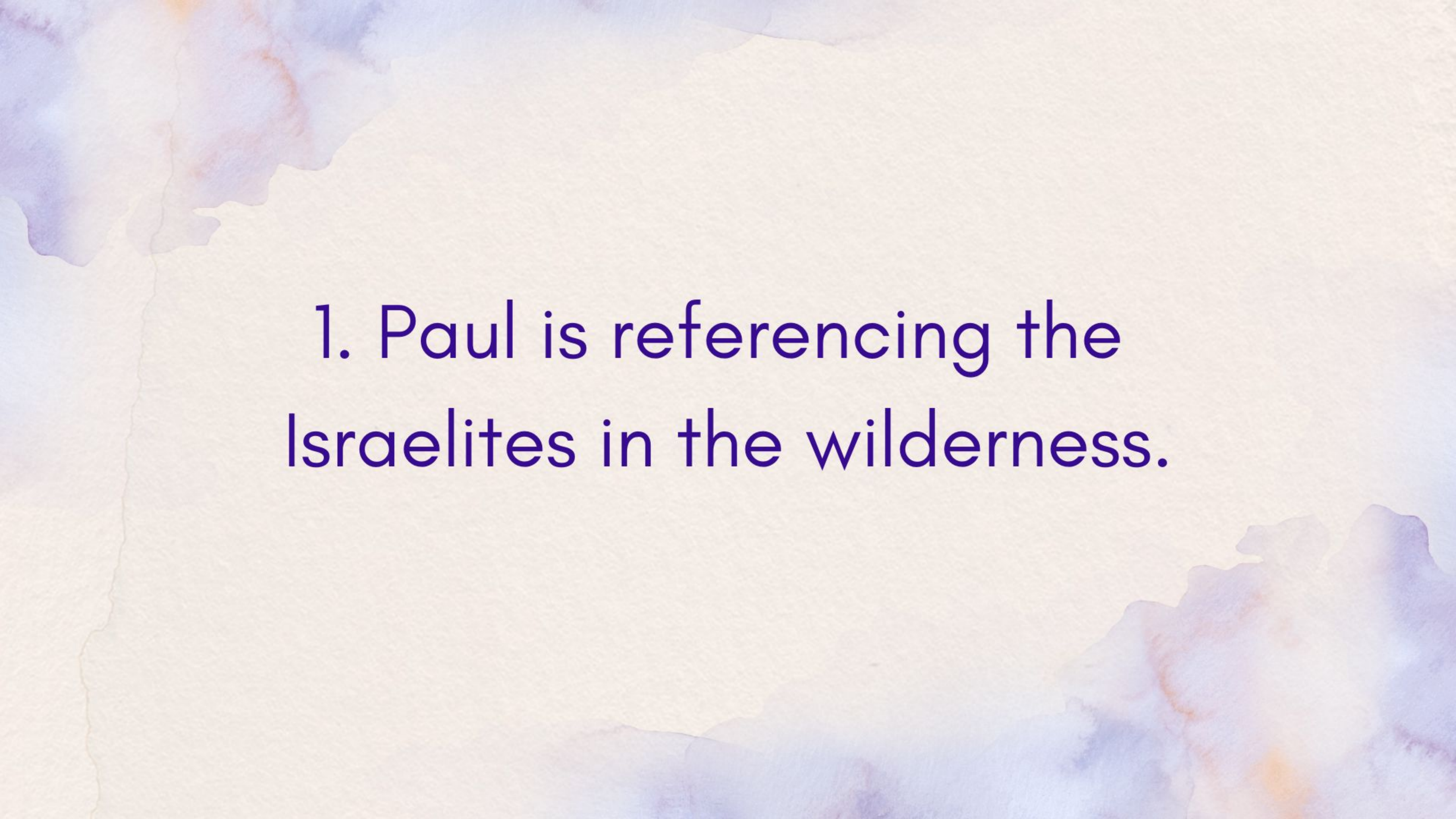
3. We aren't alone in trying to doing the work. God is there.

Philippians 2:13

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Philippians 2:14-17

Do everything without grumbling or arguing so that you may become blameless and pure, "children of God without fault in a warped and crooked generation." Then you will shine among them like stars in the sky as you hold firmly to the word of life.



1. Paul is referencing the
Israelites in the wilderness.

Deuteronomy 32:5

They have corrupted themselves; they are not His children, because of their blemish; A perverse and crooked generation.



2. One of the best ways to be different from the world is to choose to not be a grumbler and a complainer.

Matthew 5:14-16

You are the light of the world. A town built on a hill cannot be hidden. Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand it gives light to everyone in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven.

Philippians 2: 15–16

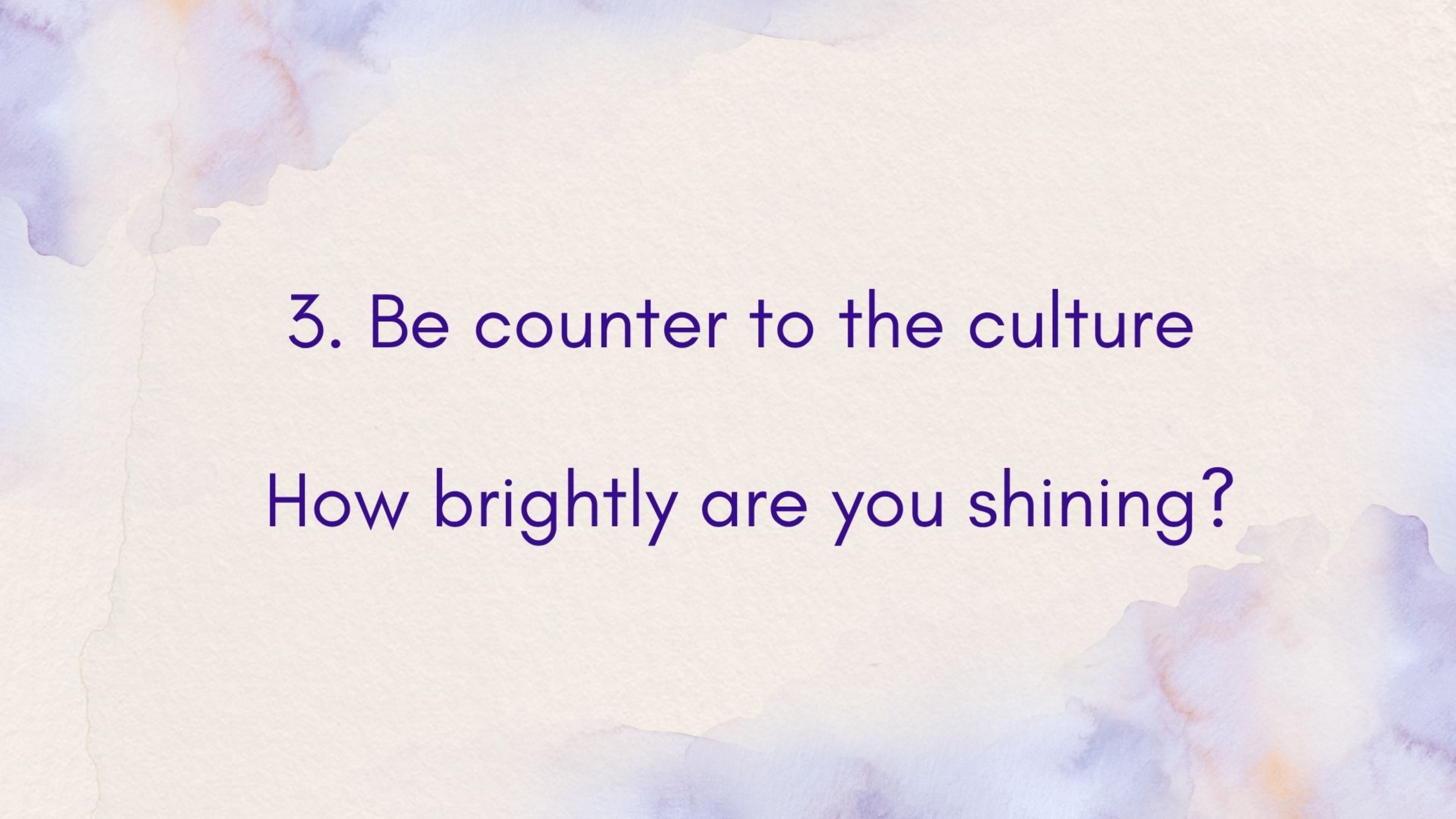
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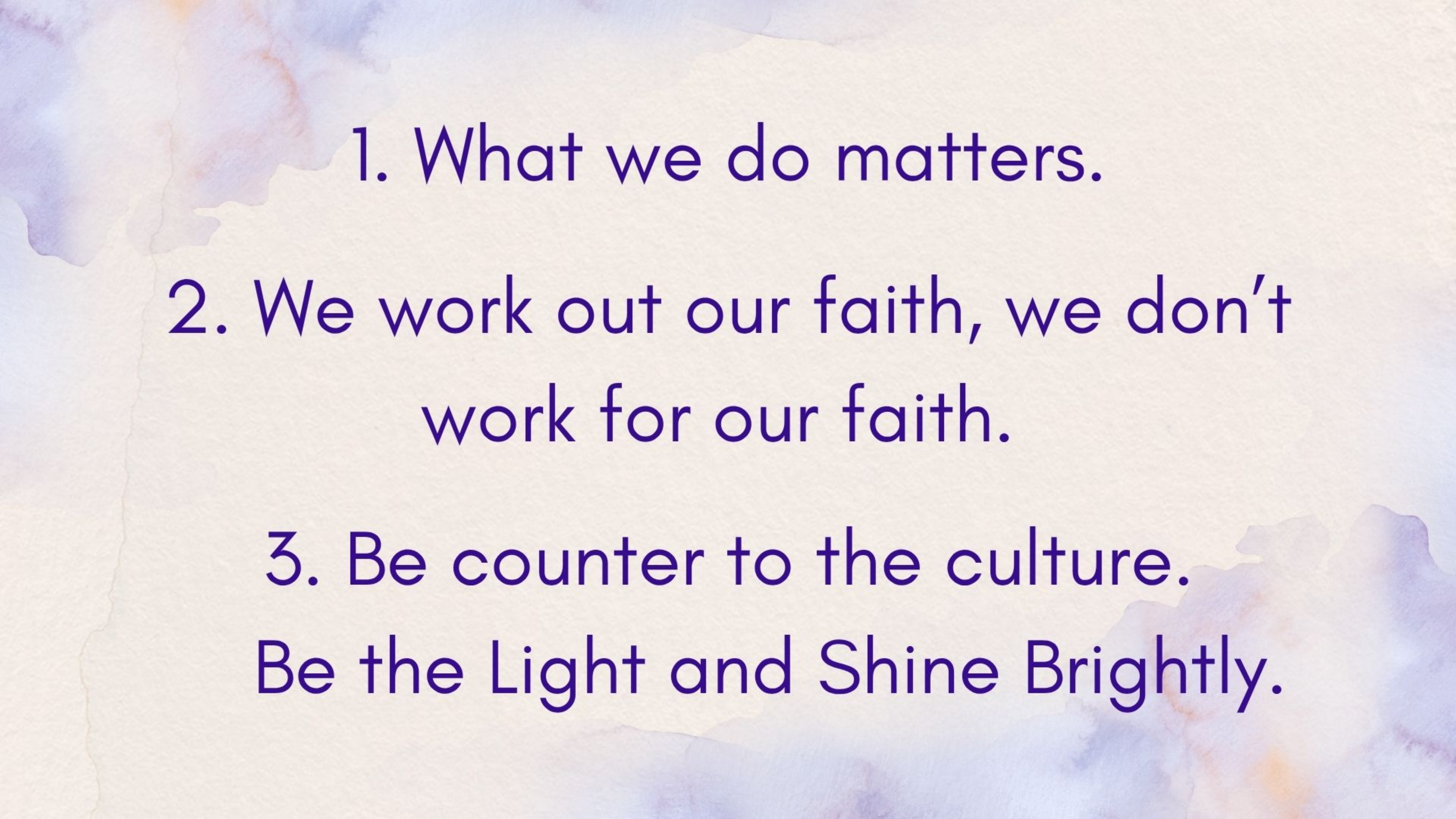
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3. Be counter to the culture

How brightly are you shining?

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