



# giant of sloth



I passed by the field of a sluggard, by the vineyard of a man lacking sense, **31** and behold, it was all overgrown with thorns; the ground was covered with nettles, and its stone wall was broken down. **32** Then I saw and considered it; I looked and received instruction.

PROVERBS 24:30-32



# insidious nature of sloth



1. Sloth =  
**excessive  
laziness**

"As a door turns on  
its hinges, so does a  
 sluggard on his bed."

PROVERBS 26:14

2. Sloth =  
**the spirit of  
indifference/  
apathy**

Acedia is more  
accurately translated  
as '**uncaring**' /  
'**indifference**'

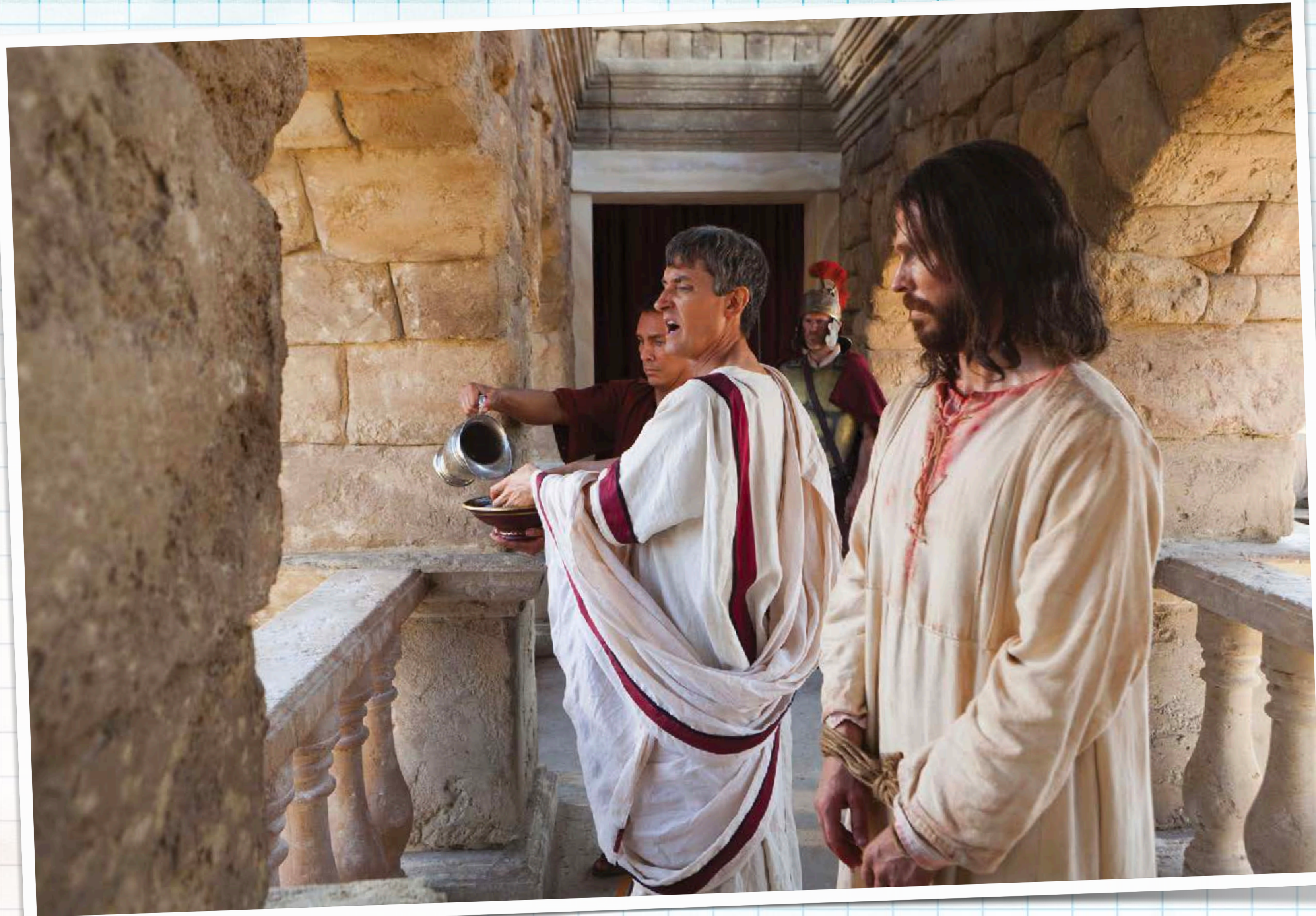
Slothfulness is  
**sheer apathy** in the  
face of the known will  
of God.

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Slothfulness is a disdain for responsibility  
because it encroaches on our freedom.

It's a rejection or refusal of God's design for  
our lives and what we're made for.



# boredom



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what is  
boredom  
telling  
us?

One of the **most serious threats** to the human spirit is boredom. Boredom is the **breeding ground for wickedness**. Bored people are **easy targets** of the flesh and the Devil. It's like putting a bull's-eye on your chest with a sign: 'Tempt me. I'm easy!' Why?

Because boredom is **contrary** to the natural, God-given impulse for fascination, excitement, pleasure, and exhilaration.

It's a **warning** and an **invitation**.



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# solutions

1. **Identify** the reasons behind your slothful behaviour.

2. Stay under the **right yoke**.

3. Good intentions are **not good enough**.

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Be not rash with your mouth, nor let your heart be hasty to utter a word before God, for God is in heaven and you are on earth. Therefore let your words be few. <sup>4</sup> When you vow a vow to God, do not delay paying it, for he has no pleasure in fools. Pay what you vow. <sup>5</sup> It is better that you should not vow than that you should vow and not pay. <sup>6</sup> Let not your mouth lead you into sin, and do not say before the messenger that it was a mistake. Why should God be angry at your voice and destroy the work of your hands?

ECCLESIASTES 5:2,4-6



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Intentions can never replace the action of biblical obedience

3. Good intentions are **not good enough**.

4. Be in **community**.

our thoughts need to be counteracted with truth from the lives of dynamic Christians around us.

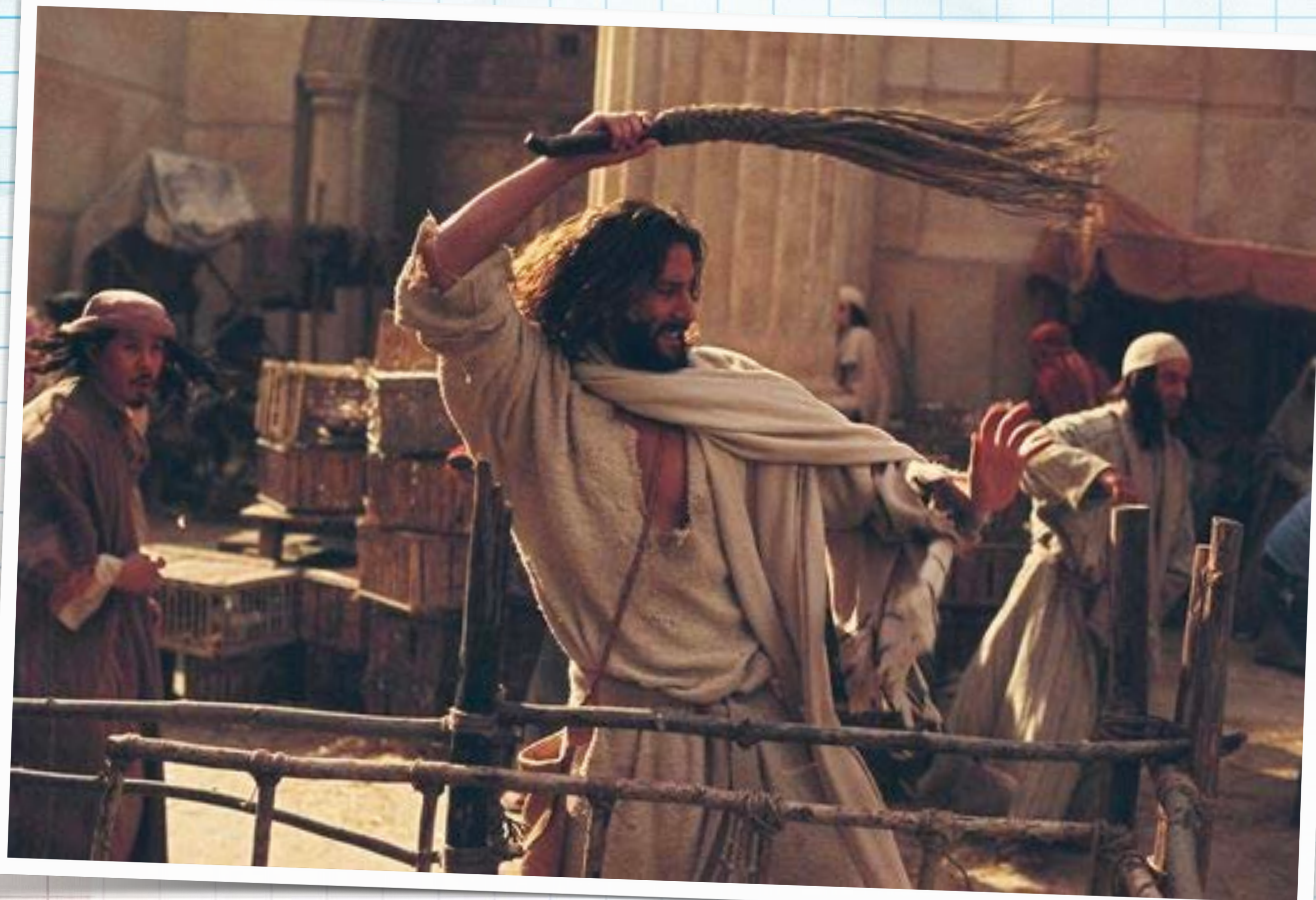
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And Jesus entered the temple and drove out all who sold and bought in the temple, and he overturned the tables of the money-changers and the seats of those who sold pigeons.

MATTHEW 21:12