



Faith that Loves Impartially

James 2:5-9

Who is **successful**?

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! [Donald Trump]

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James: **Keep the Faith**

- Stands the **Test** (1:2-12)
- Demands a **Change** of Heart (1:19-25)
- Loves **Impartially** (2:5-9)

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Listen, my dear brothers and sisters:
Has not God **chosen** those who are

poor in the eyes of the world
to be **rich in faith**

and to inherit the **kingdom**
he promised those who **love** him?

James 2:5 (NIV) (p.1/3)

6 But you have **dishonored** the poor.
Is it not the rich who are **exploiting** you?

Are they not the ones
who are dragging you into **court**?

7 Are they not the ones
who are **blaspheming** the noble name
of him to whom you belong?

James 2:6-7 (NIV) (p.2/3)

8 If you really keep
the **royal law** found in Scripture,
“**Love your neighbor** as yourself,”
you are doing right.

9 But if you show **favoritism**,
you **sin** and are convicted
by the law as **lawbreakers**.

James 2:8-9 (NIV) (p.3/3)

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1. **Faith** of the Poor (v5)
2. **Pride** of the Rich (v6-7)
3. **Law** of the King (v8-9)

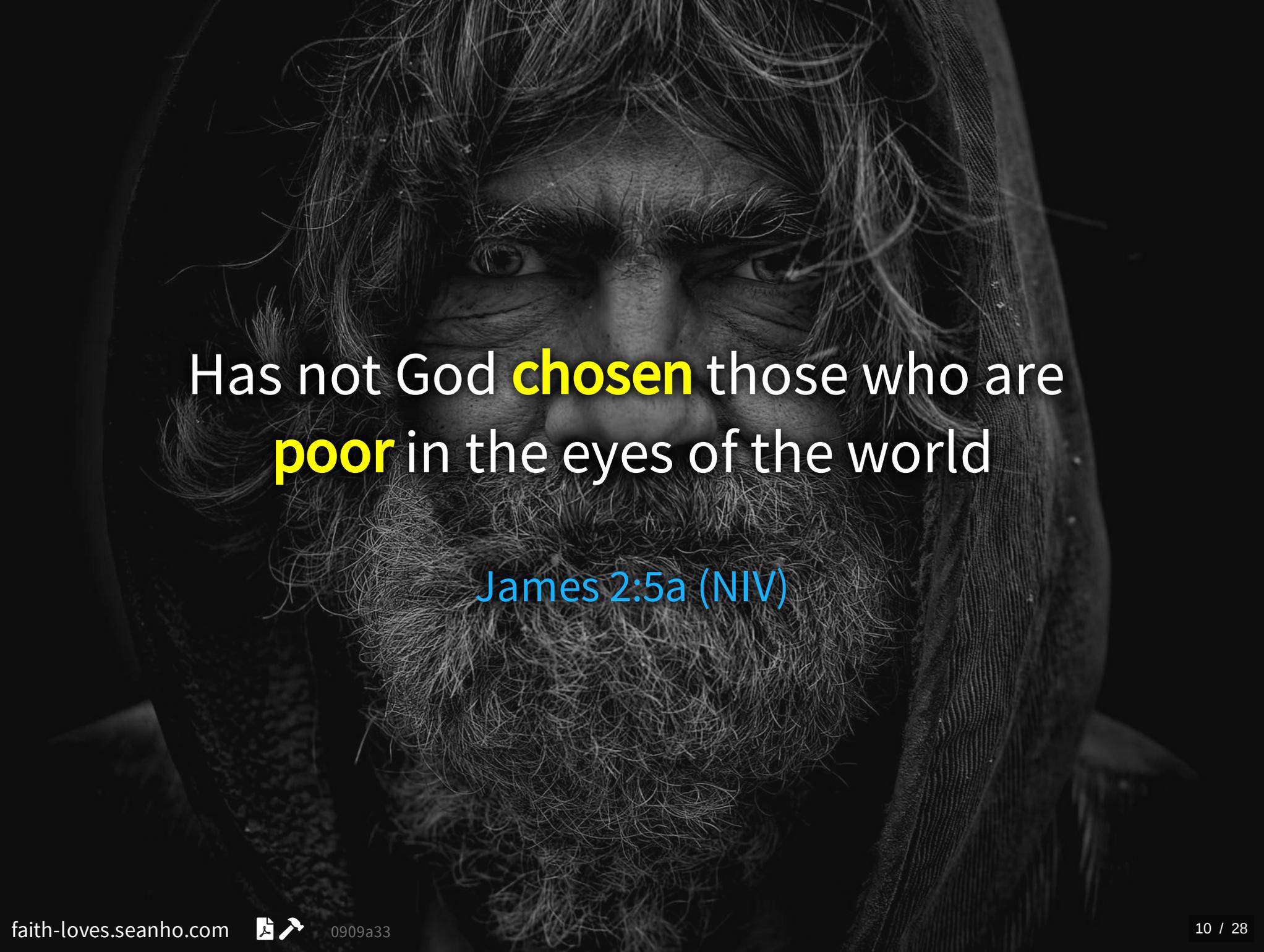
My brothers, show no **partiality**
as you hold the **faith** in our Lord Jesus Christ

James 2:1 (ESV)



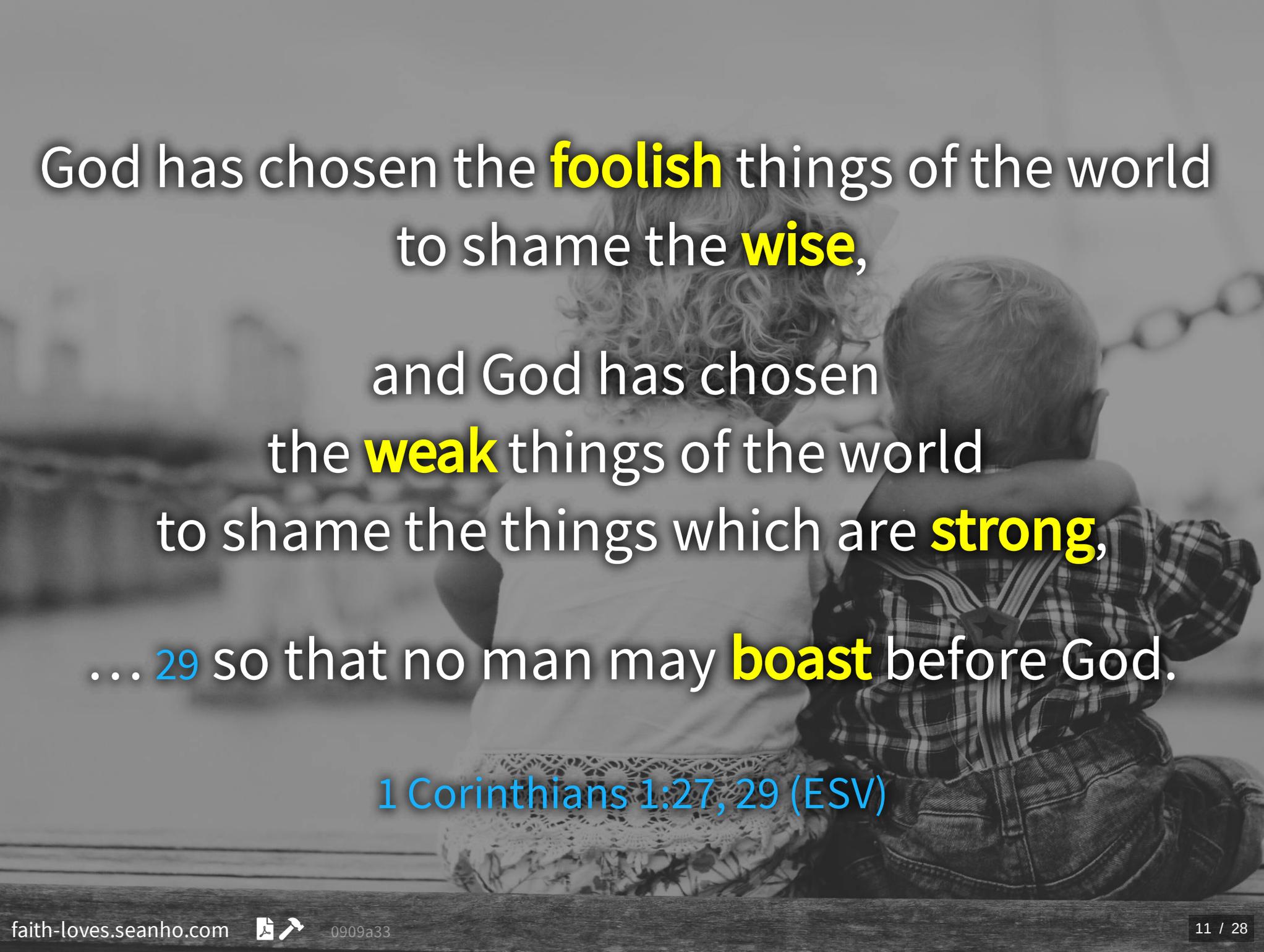
Suppose a man comes into your **meeting**
wearing a **gold** ring and **fine clothes**,
and a **poor** man in **filthy** old clothes
also comes in.

James 2:2 (NIV)



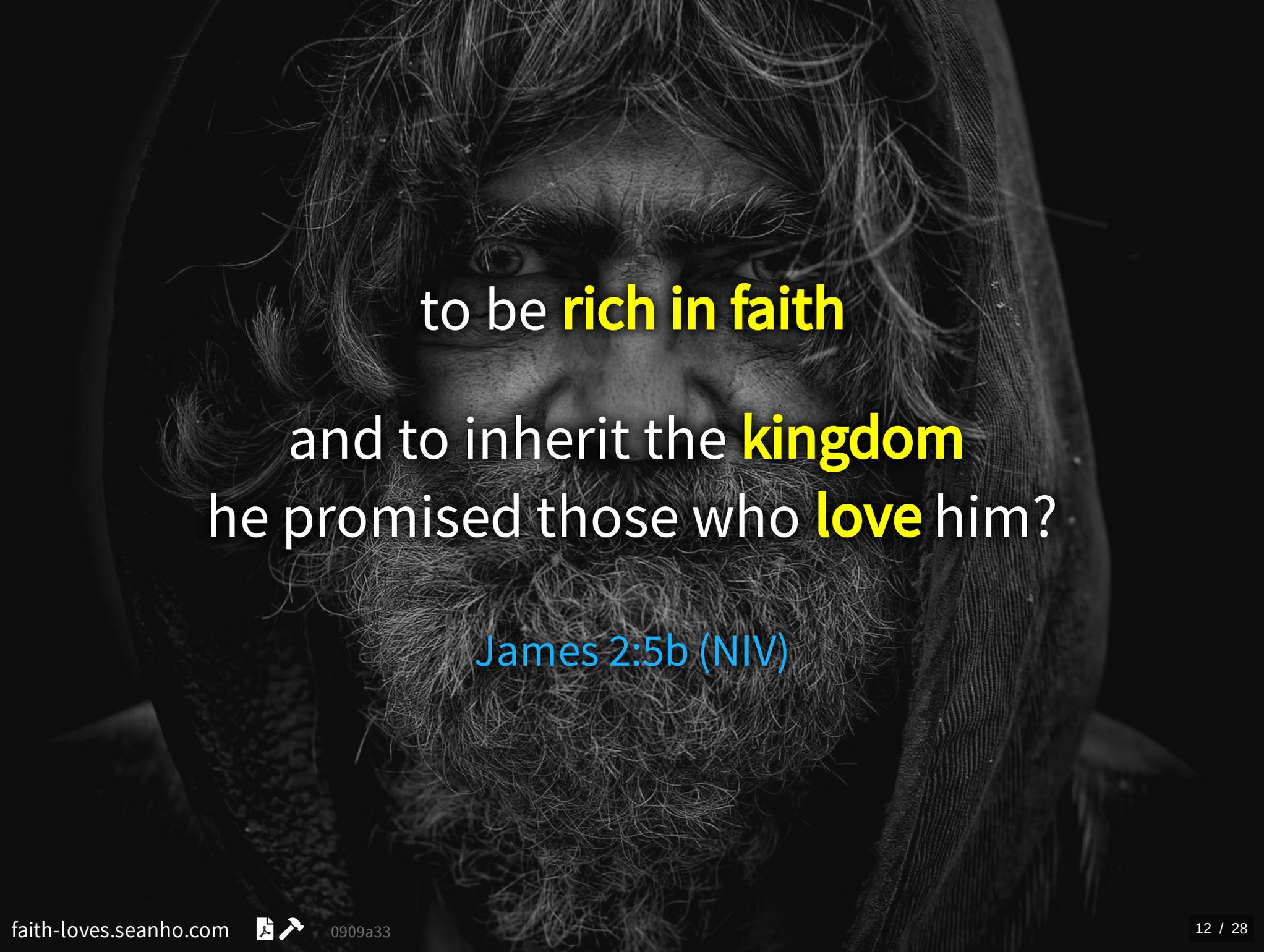
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James 2:5a (NIV)



God has chosen the **foolish** things of the world
to shame the **wise**,
and God has chosen
the **weak** things of the world
to shame the things which are **strong**,
... **29** so that no man may **boast** before God.

1 Corinthians 1:27, 29 (ESV)



to be **rich in faith**
and to inherit the **kingdom**
he promised those who **love** him?

James 2:5b (NIV)



Let the **little children** come to me,
for the **kingdom of God**
belongs to such as these

Mark 10:14 (NIV)

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rich in **faith**?

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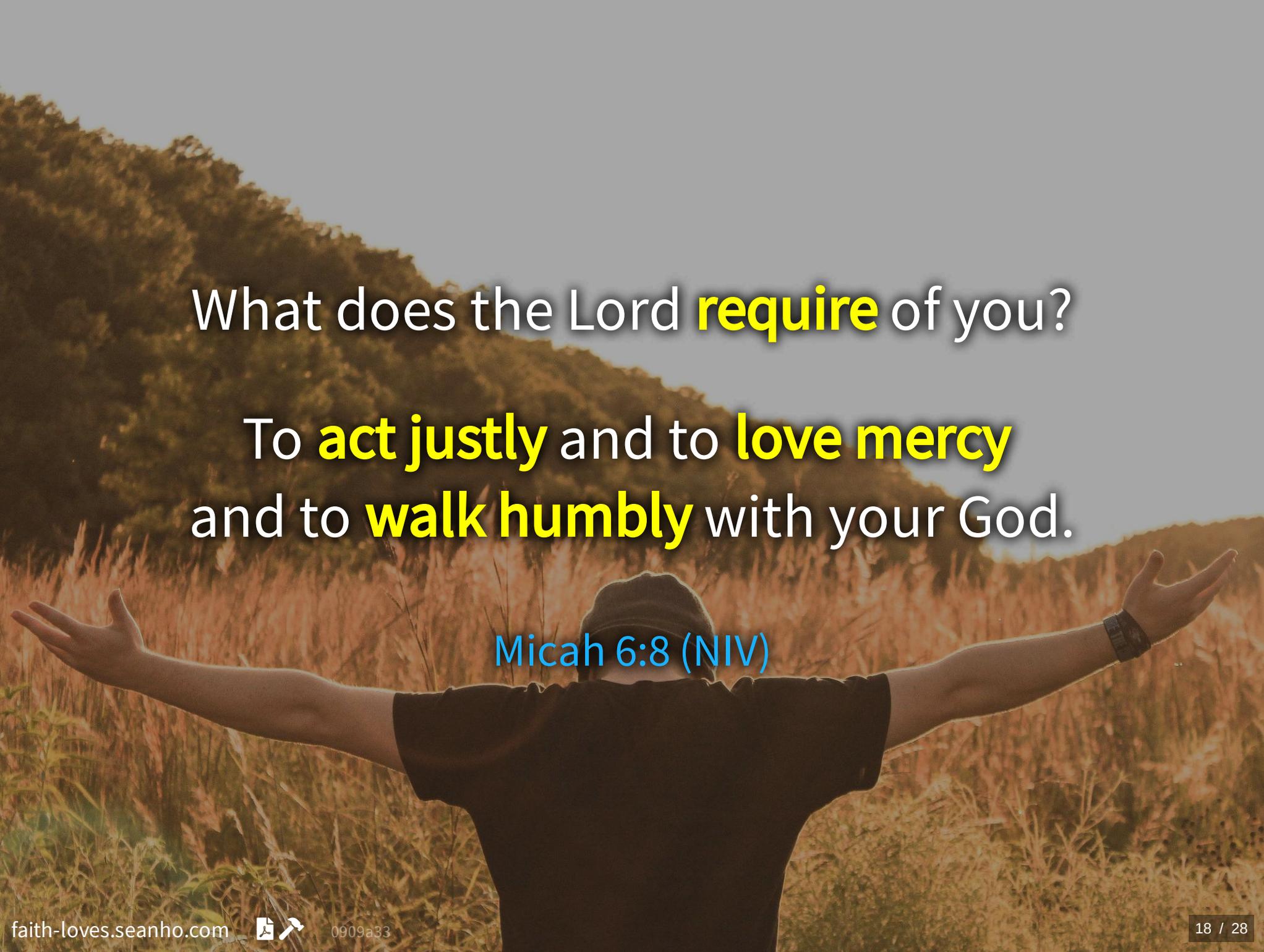
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James 2:6 (NIV)

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James 2:7 (NIV)

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What does the Lord **require** of you?

To **act justly** and to **love mercy**
and to **walk humbly** with your God.

Micah 6:8 (NIV)

Do I assert **power,
seek to **punish** others,
or **project** slander
to God's name?**

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James 2:8 (NIV)

The commandments,

“You shall not commit **adultery**,”

“You shall not **murder**,”

“You shall not **steal**,”

“You shall not **covet**,”

and whatever other **command** there may be,

Romans 13:9 (NIV) (p.1/2)

are summed up in this one command:

“Love your neighbor as yourself.”

Love does **no harm** to a neighbor.
Therefore love is the **fulfillment** of the law.

Romans 13:10 (NIV) (p.2/2)

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Speak and **act** as those who will be judged
by the **law** that gives **freedom** ...

James 2:12 (NIV)



Mercy triumphs over **judgment!**

James 2:13 (NIV)

**If I want God
to show mercy,
do I show mercy?**



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Romans 13:10 (NIV)

LOVE YOUR
NEIGHBOUR