

A close-up of a human hand, palm facing up, reaching out from the right side of the frame. The background is a soft-focus sunset or sunrise with a bright sun low on the horizon, creating a warm orange and yellow glow. The sky transitions to a lighter blue above the horizon. The hand is positioned as if offering help or reaching towards the viewer.

DO YOU WANT TO BE MADE WELL?

A Story of Redemption



JOHN 5:1-18

“At certain seasons the waters of this pool were agitated, and it was commonly believed that this was the result of supernatural power, and that whoever first after the troubling of the pool stepped into the waters, would be healed of whatever disease he had. Hundreds of sufferers visited the place; but so great was the crowd when the water was troubled that they rushed forward, trampling underfoot men, women, and children, weaker than themselves. Many could not get near the pool. Many who had succeeded in reaching it died upon its brink.”

Ellen White, *The Desire of Ages*, pg 201



**DO YOU WANT TO
BE MADE WELL?**

John 5:6

Rise Up

Are you paralyzed with guilt
and burdened by shame with
nothing to live for?

Are you blinded by the world
and all it proclaims alone
in your sins?

Lost in your condition do
you hear Him say, “Do you
want to be made well?”



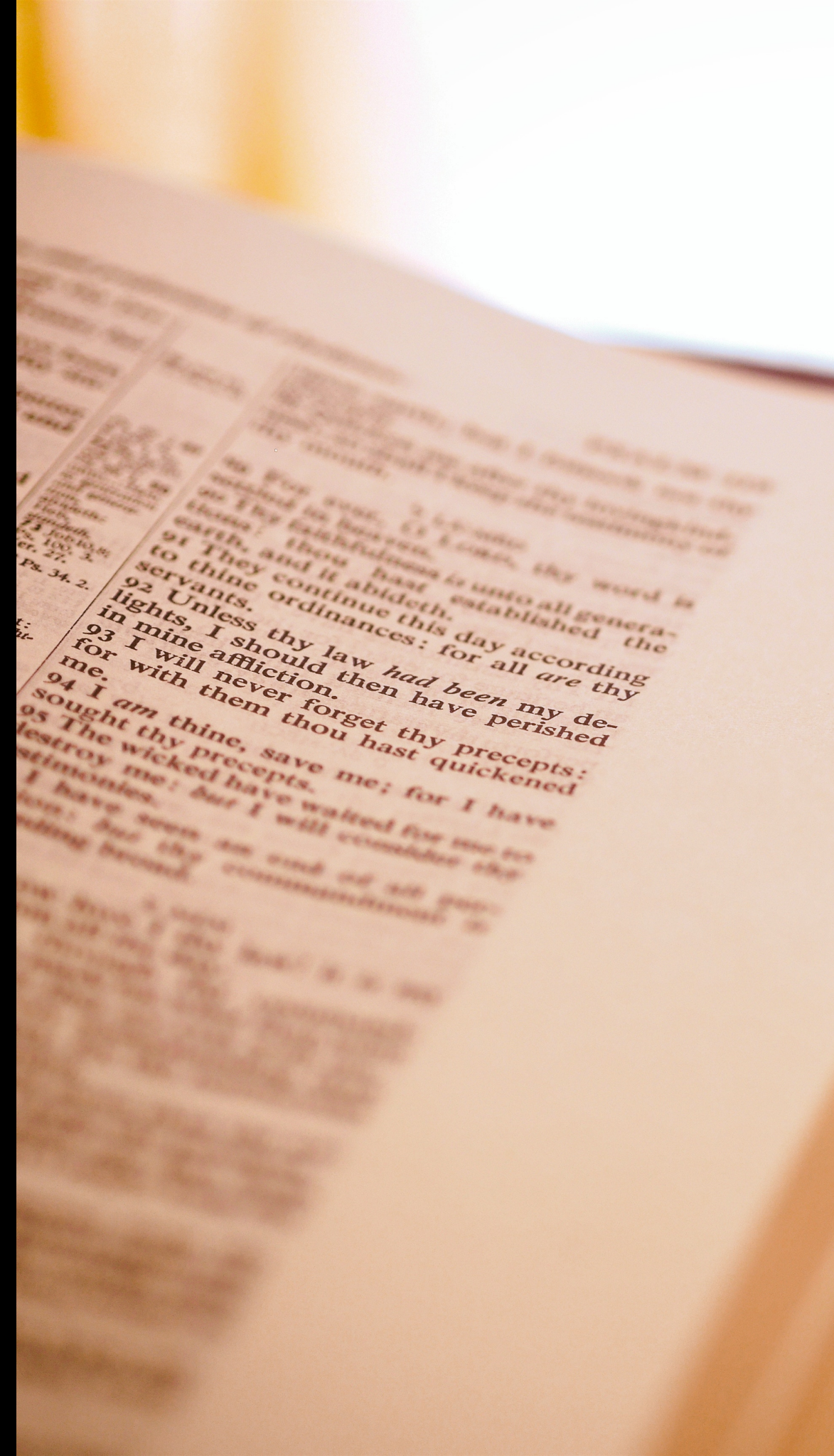
**BUT I FEEL THAT I'M
HOPELESSLY LOST
IN MY CONDITION...**

John 5:7

Innumerable evils
have surrounded me;
my iniquities have
overtaken me, so that
I am not able to look
up; they are more
than the hairs of my
head; therefore my
heart fails me.

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PSALM 40:12



“The sick man was lying on his mat, and occasionally lifting his head to gaze at the pool, when a tender, compassionate face bent over him, and the words, “wilt thou be made whole?” arrested his attention. Hope came to his heart. He felt that in some way he was to have help. But the glow of encouragement soon faded. He remembered how often he had tried to reach the pool, and now he had little prospect of living till it should again be troubled. He turned away wearily, saying, “Sir, I have no man, when the water is troubled, to put me into the pool: but while I am coming, another steppers down before me.””

Ellen White, *The Desire of Ages*, pg 202

“I sometimes think that shame, mere awkward, senseless shame, does as much towards preventing good acts and straightforward happiness as any of our vices can do.”

C.S. LEWIS





“Shame corrodes the
very part of us that
believes we are
capable of change.”

BRENÉ BROWN

**Do you ever feel you are the one
hopeless case shut out from
God's mercy?**

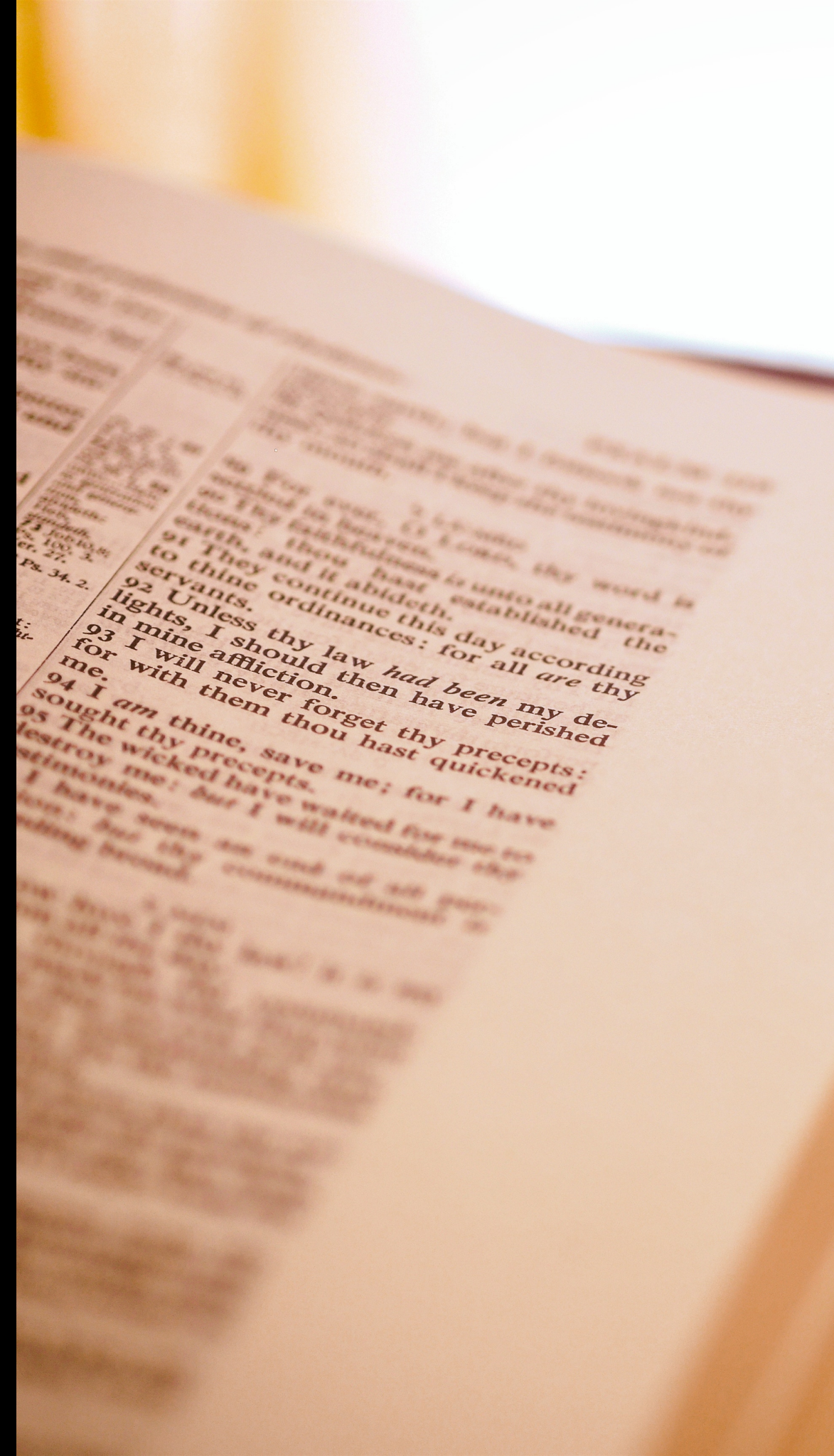
**Have you never heard that
you're not too far from grace
and His matchless love?**

**Lost in your condition
do you hear Him say, "Do
you want to be made well?"**



“He does not deal
with us according to
our sins, nor repay us
according to our
iniquities. For as high
as the heavens are
above the earth, so
great is his steadfast
love toward those who
fear him.”

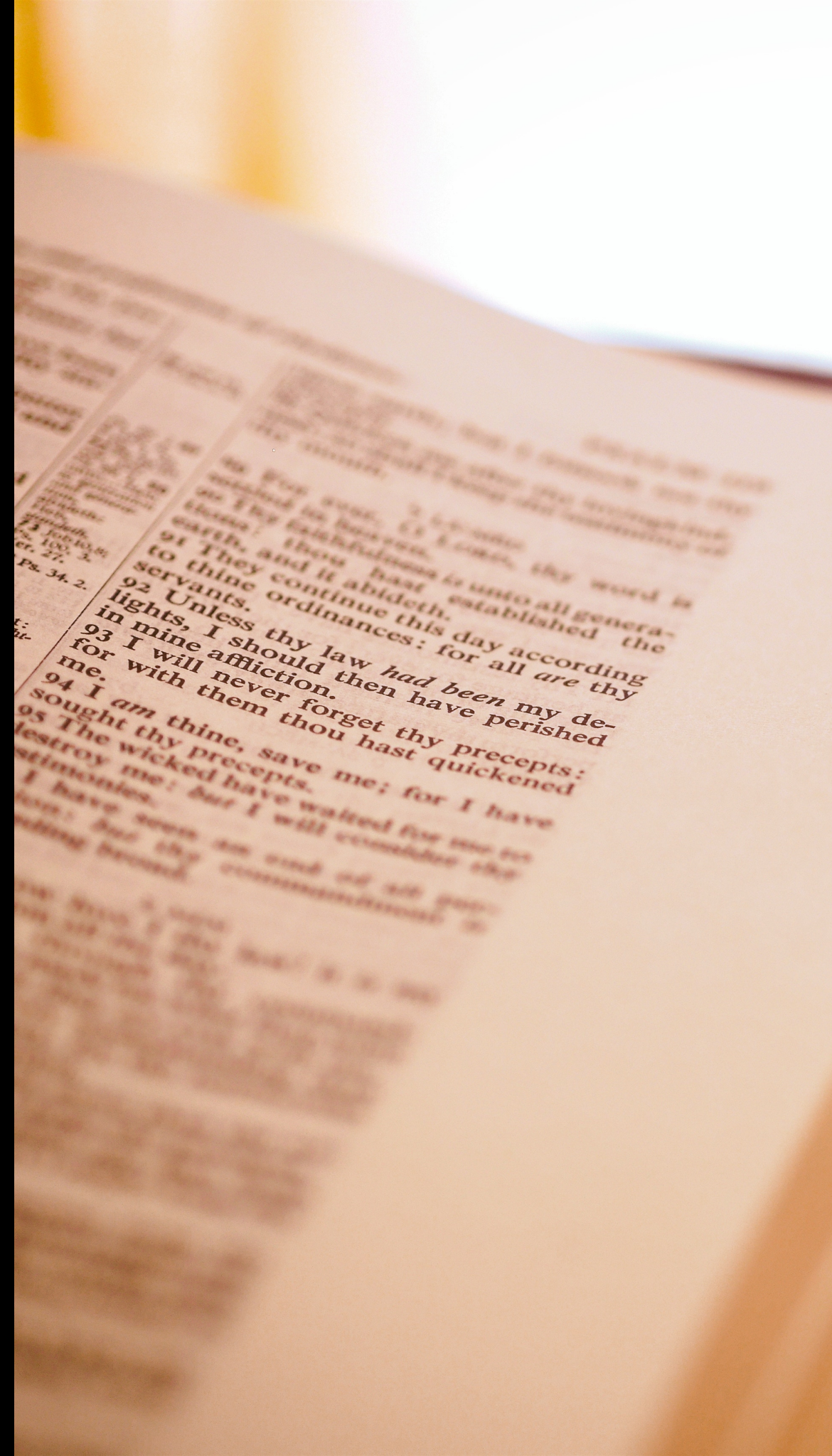
PSALM 103:10,11 (ESV)



“Hope does not put us to shame, because God’s love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us. For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. For one will scarcely die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person one would dare even to die—but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.”

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ROMANS 5:5–8 (ESV)



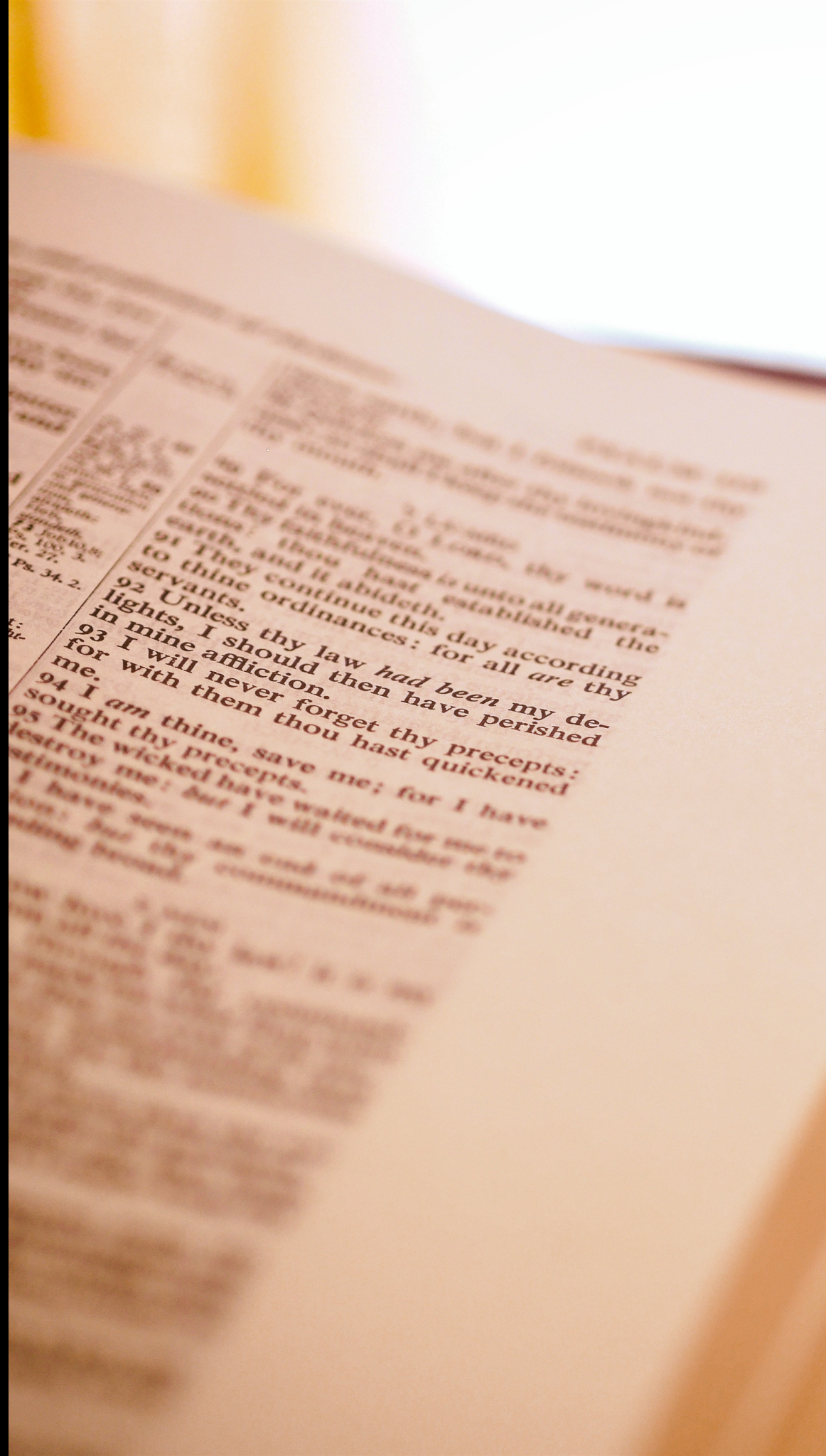
**"To heal we must
first forgive...
and sometimes the
person we must
forgive is
ourselves."**

- Mila Bron



“I am writing to
you, little
children, because
your sins have
been forgiven
you for His
name's sake.”

1 JOHN 2:12 (NASB)



1 JOHN 3:20 (NASB)

“Even if we feel guilty, God is greater than our feelings, and he knows everything.” (NIV)

“In whatever our heart condemns us; for God is greater than our heart and knows all things.” (NASB)

“For whenever our heart condemns us, God is greater than our heart, and he knows everything.” (ESV)

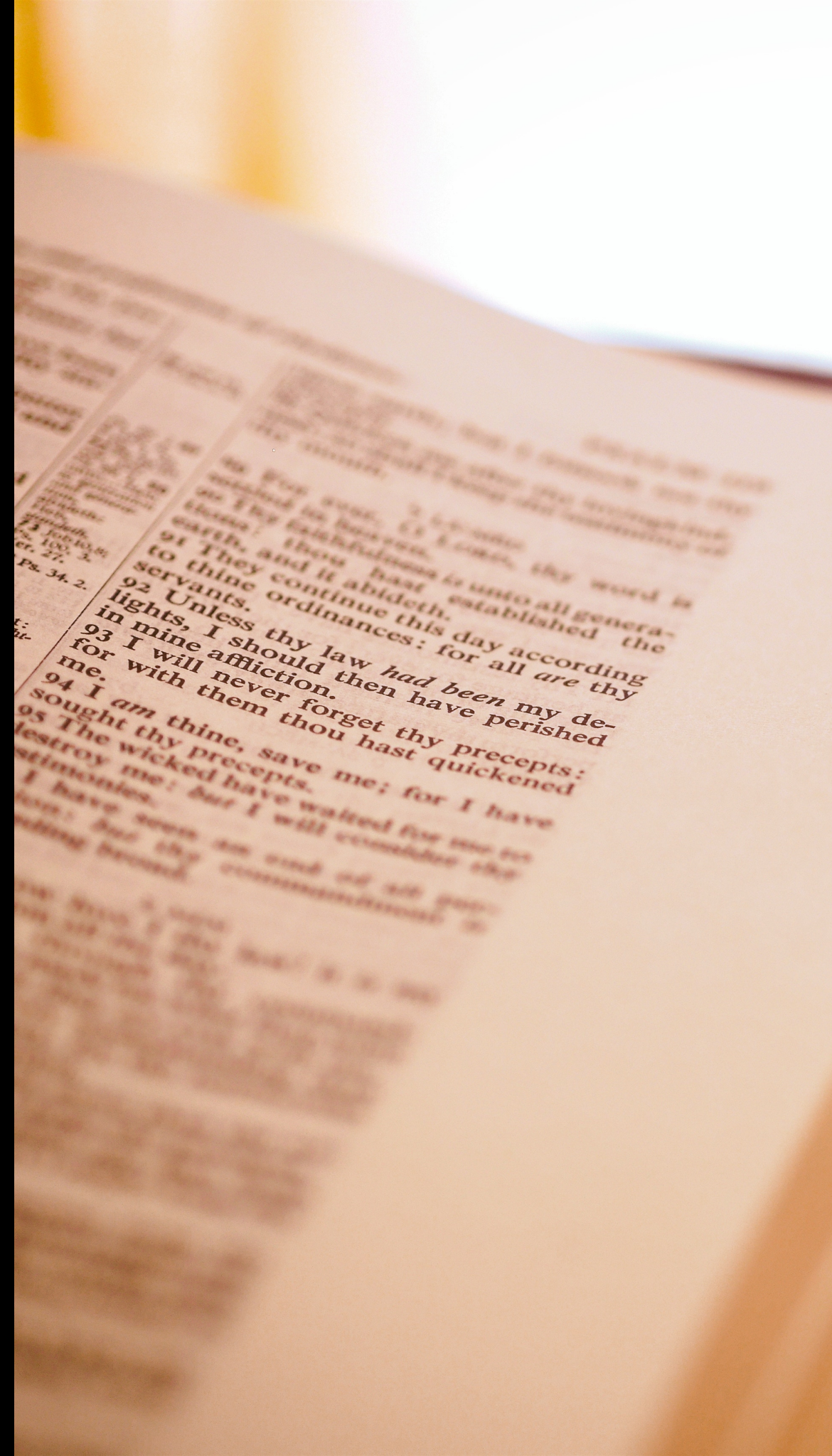
“One of the hardest things was learning that I was worth recovery.”

DEMI LOVATO



“For this is
how God loved
the world: He
gave his one
and only Son.”

JOHN 3:16A (NLT)

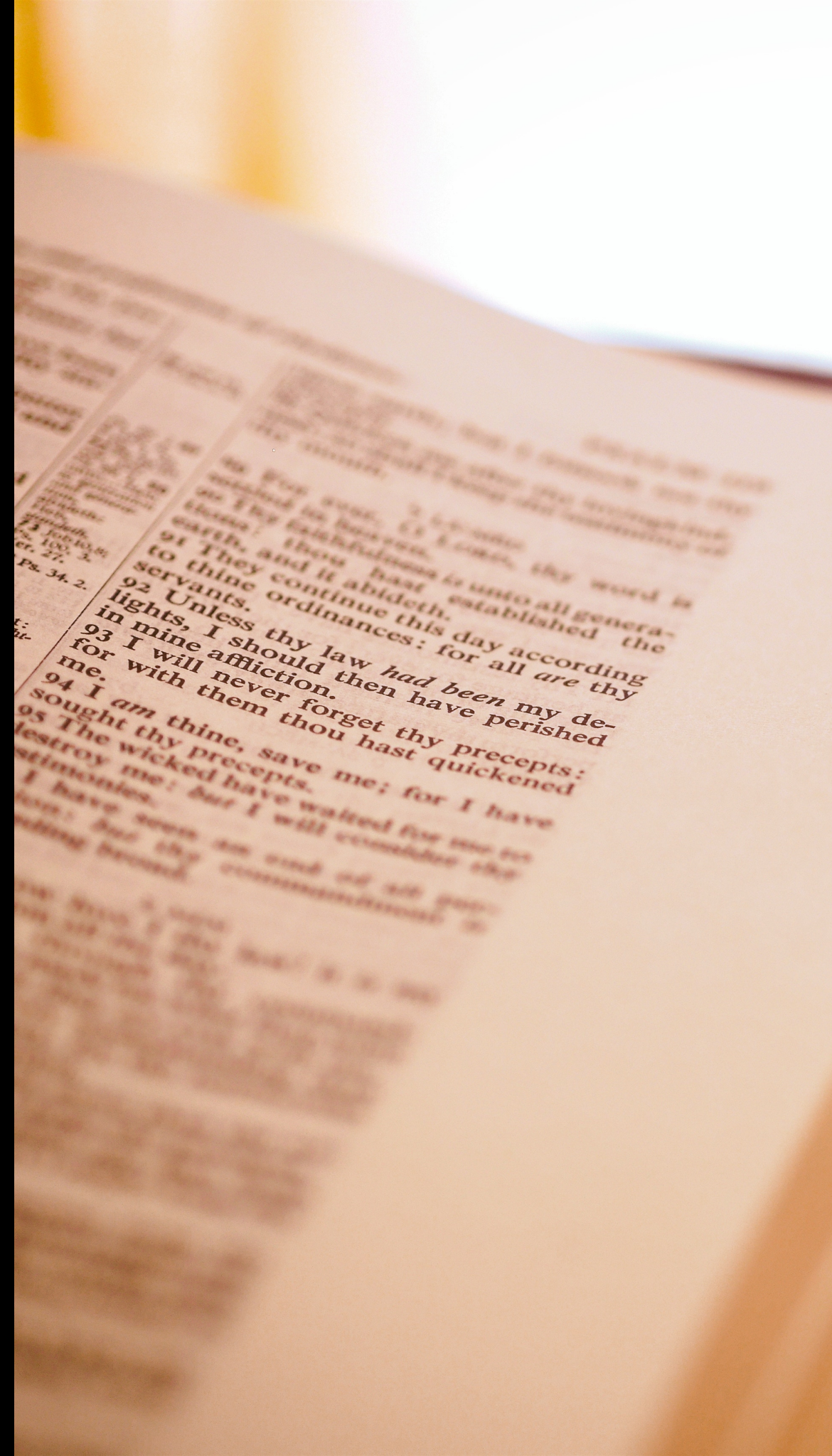


“The Lord is disappointed when His people place a low estimate upon themselves. He desires His chosen heritage to value themselves according to the price He has placed upon them. God wanted them, else He would not have sent His Son on such an expensive errand to redeem them.”

Ellen White, *The Desire of Ages*, pg 668

“For this reason
the Father loves
Me, because I
lay down My
life so that I
may take it
again.”

JOHN 10:17 (NASB)



**HOW DO YOU EXPECT
JESUS TO MEET YOU?**

John 5:7

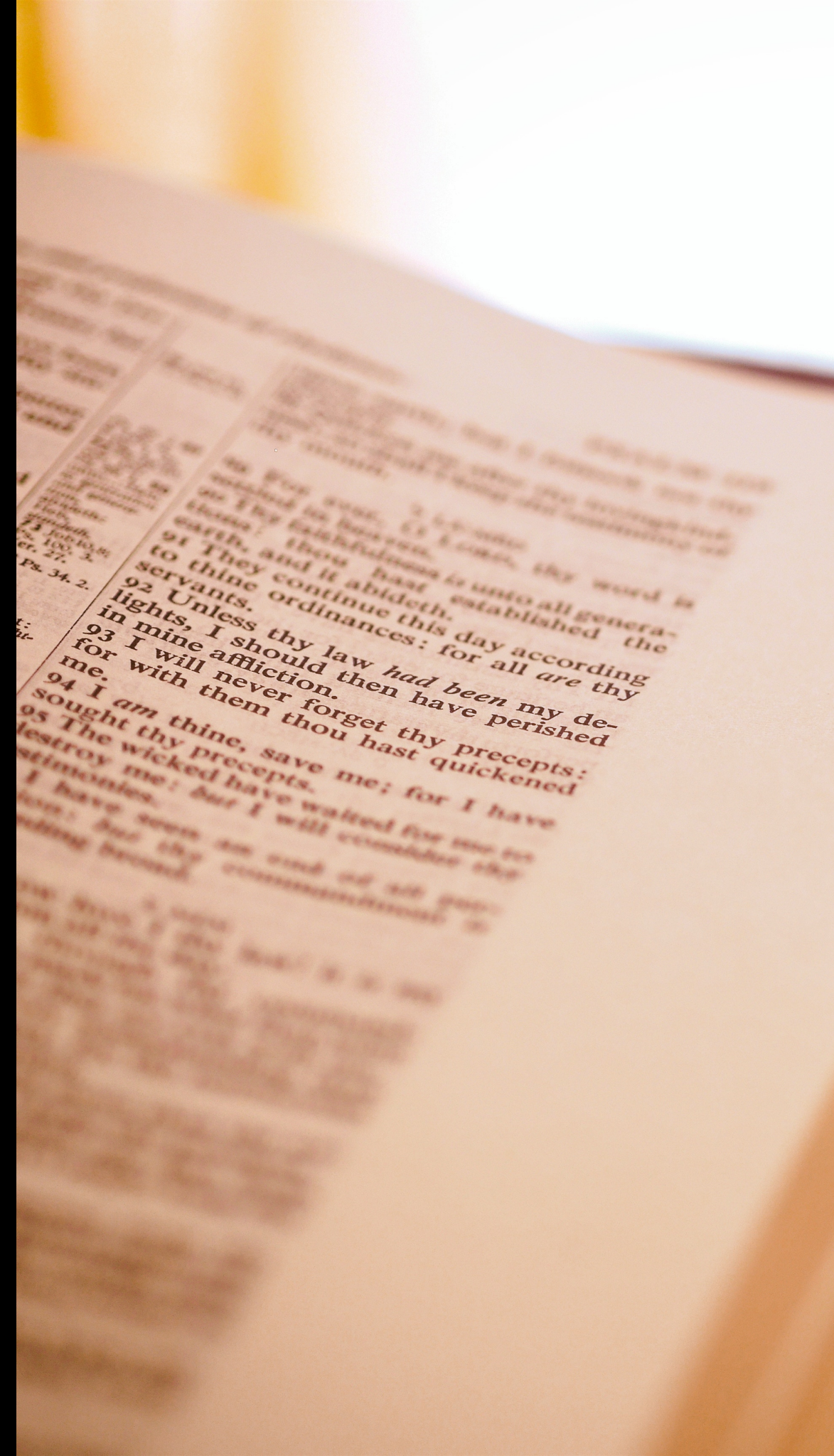


“Vulnerability is the
birthplace of
innovation, creativity
and change.”

BRENÉ BROWN

“If we are
faithless, He
remains
faithful; He
cannot deny
Himself.”

2 TIMOTHY 2:13



THE GOD WHO STAYS

If I were You I would've **given up** on me by now,
I would've labeled me a **lost cause**.

'Coz I **feel** just like a lost cause

If I were You I would've turned
around and **walked away**,

I would've labeled me

beyond repair,

Cause I **feel** like I'm beyond repair.

But somehow **You don't**

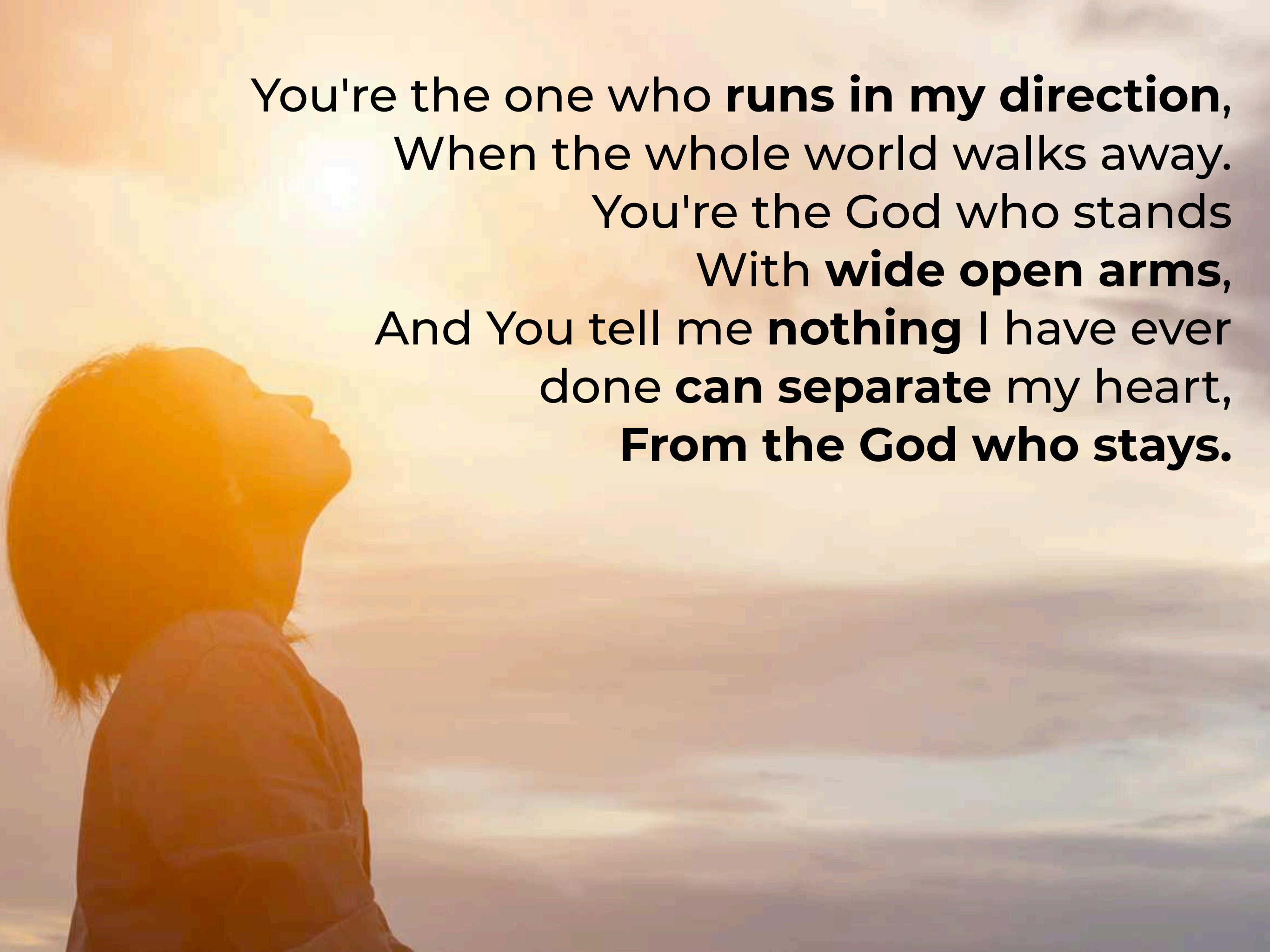
see me like I do.

Somehow You're still here!

You're the God who stays,

You're the God who stays.

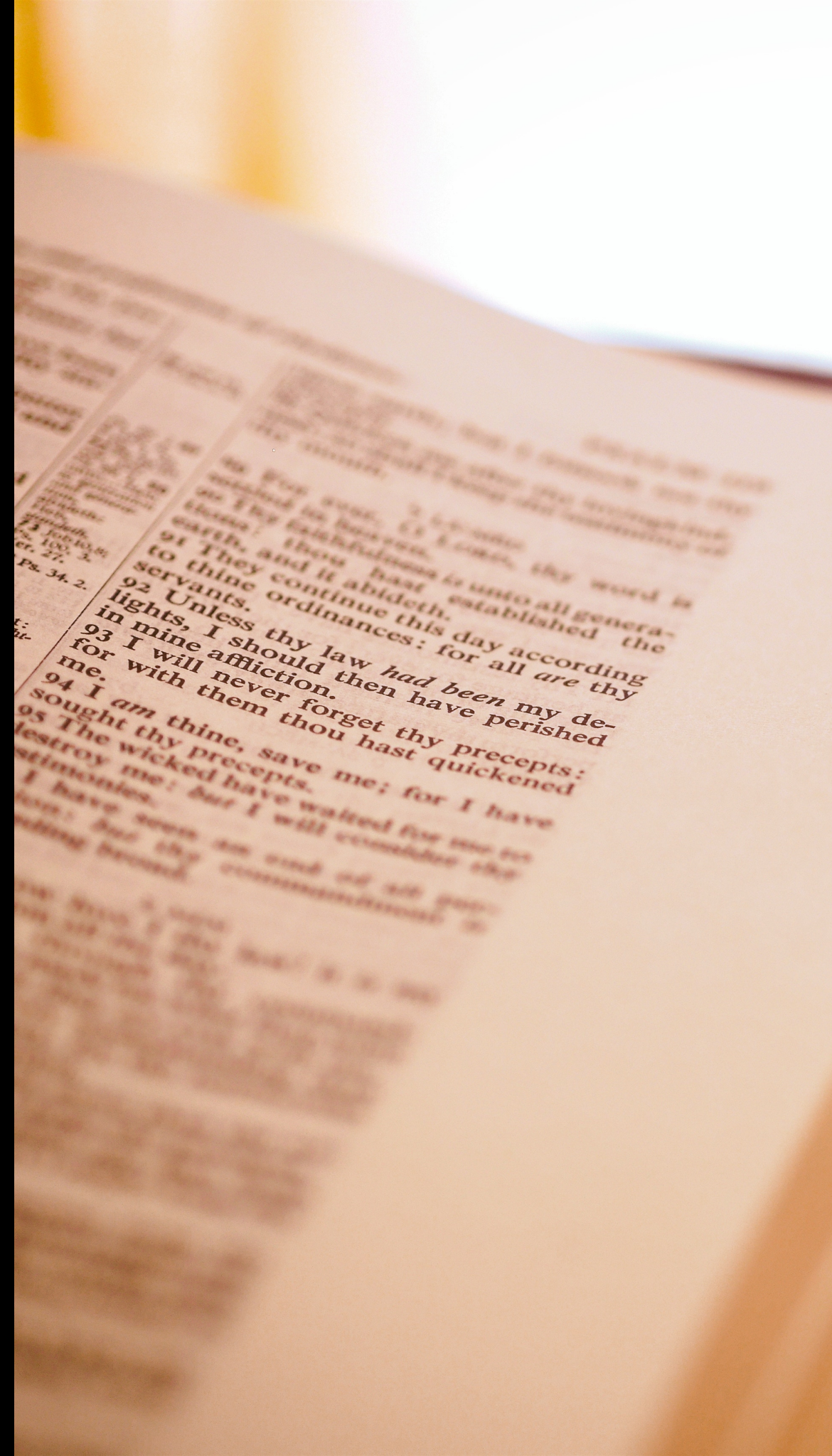


A person is shown in profile on the left side of the image, looking upwards towards a bright, hazy sunset or sunrise. The sky is filled with soft, warm light and some light clouds. The person's head is tilted back, and their face is partially obscured by the bright light. The overall mood is contemplative and hopeful.

You're the one who **runs in my direction,**
When the whole world walks away.
You're the God who stands
With **wide open arms,**
And You tell me **nothing** I have ever
done **can separate** my heart,
From the God who stays.

“Though the mountains be shaken and the hills be removed, yet my unfailing love for you will not be shaken nor my covenant of peace be removed,” says the LORD, who has compassion on you.”

ISAIAH 54:10 (NIV)



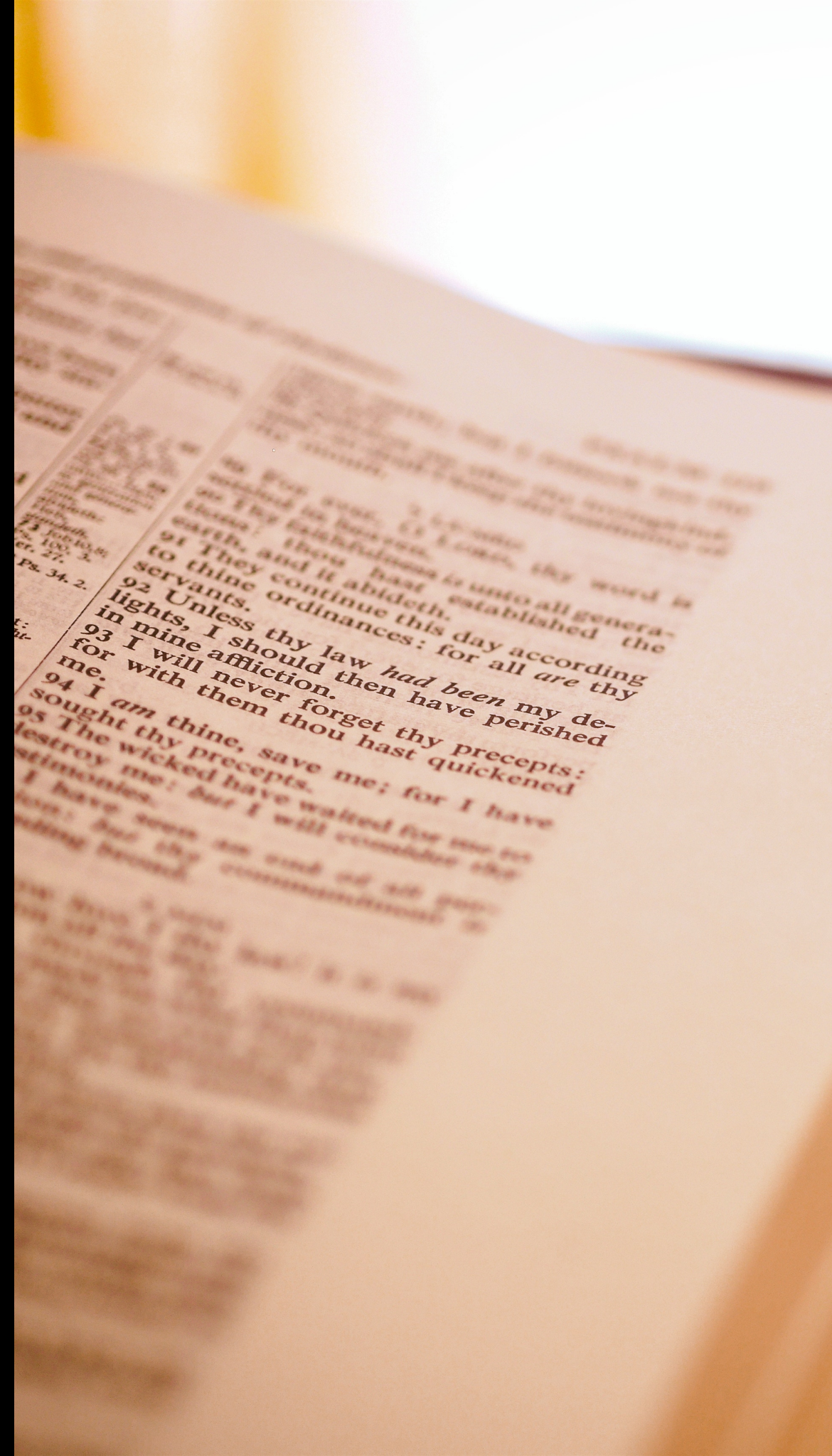
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“Or do you show contempt for the riches of his kindness, forbearance and patience, not realising that God's kindness is intended to lead you to repentance?”

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ROMANS 2:4 (NIV)



“No sooner does the sheep go astray than the shepherd is filled with grief and anxiety. He counts and recounts the flock. When he is sure that one sheep is lost, he slumbers not. He leaves the ninety and nine within the fold, and goes in search of the straying sheep. The darker and more tempestuous the night and the more perilous the way, the greater is the shepherd's anxiety and the more earnest his search...

“He makes every effort to find that one lost sheep. With what relief he hears in the distance its first faint cry. Following the sound, he climbs the steepest heights, he goes to the very edge of the precipice, at the risk of his own life. Thus he searches, while the cry, growing fainter, tells him that his sheep is ready to die. At last his effort is rewarded; the lost is found. Then he does not scold it because it has caused him so much trouble...

He does not drive it with a whip. He does not even try to lead it home. In his joy he takes the trembling creature upon his shoulders; if it is bruised and wounded, he gathers it in his arms, pressing it close to his bosom, that the warmth of his own heart may give it life. With gratitude that his search has not been in vain, he bears it back to the fold.”

Ellen White, Christ's Object Lessons, pg 188



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