



Leadership Through Discipleship

Learning to Lead
by Living to Follow

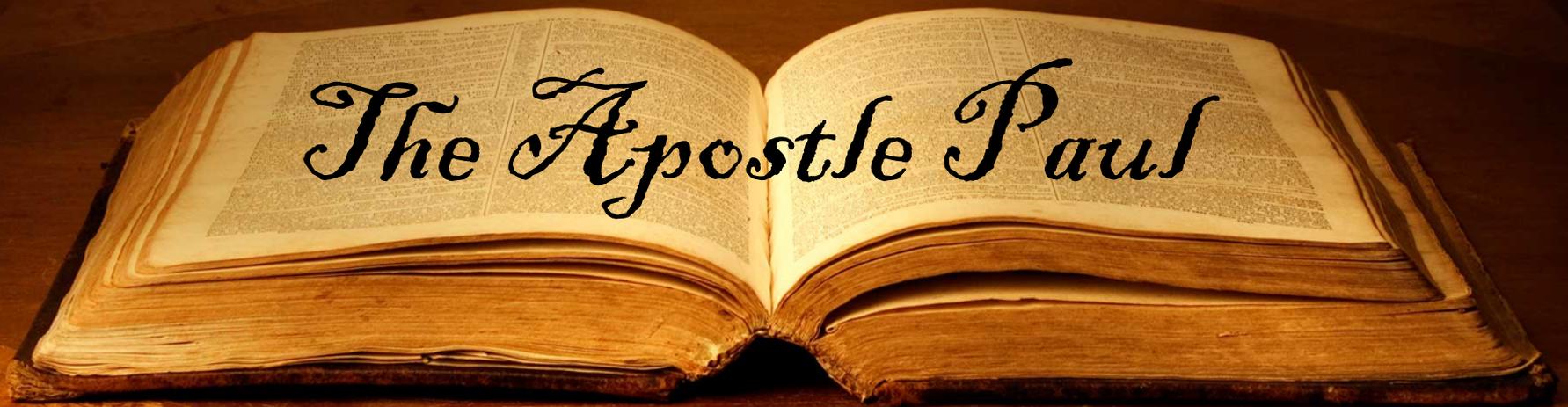
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**Have you ever been
hacked on Facebook?
(as a prank)**



“The salutation of Paul with my own hand, which is a sign in every epistle; so I write.”

—2 Thessalonians 3:17





PAUL

The Power of the Pen

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*Talents of evil intent
become gifts of
ministry when
dedicated to God*

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The Power of the
Pen, “So I write”

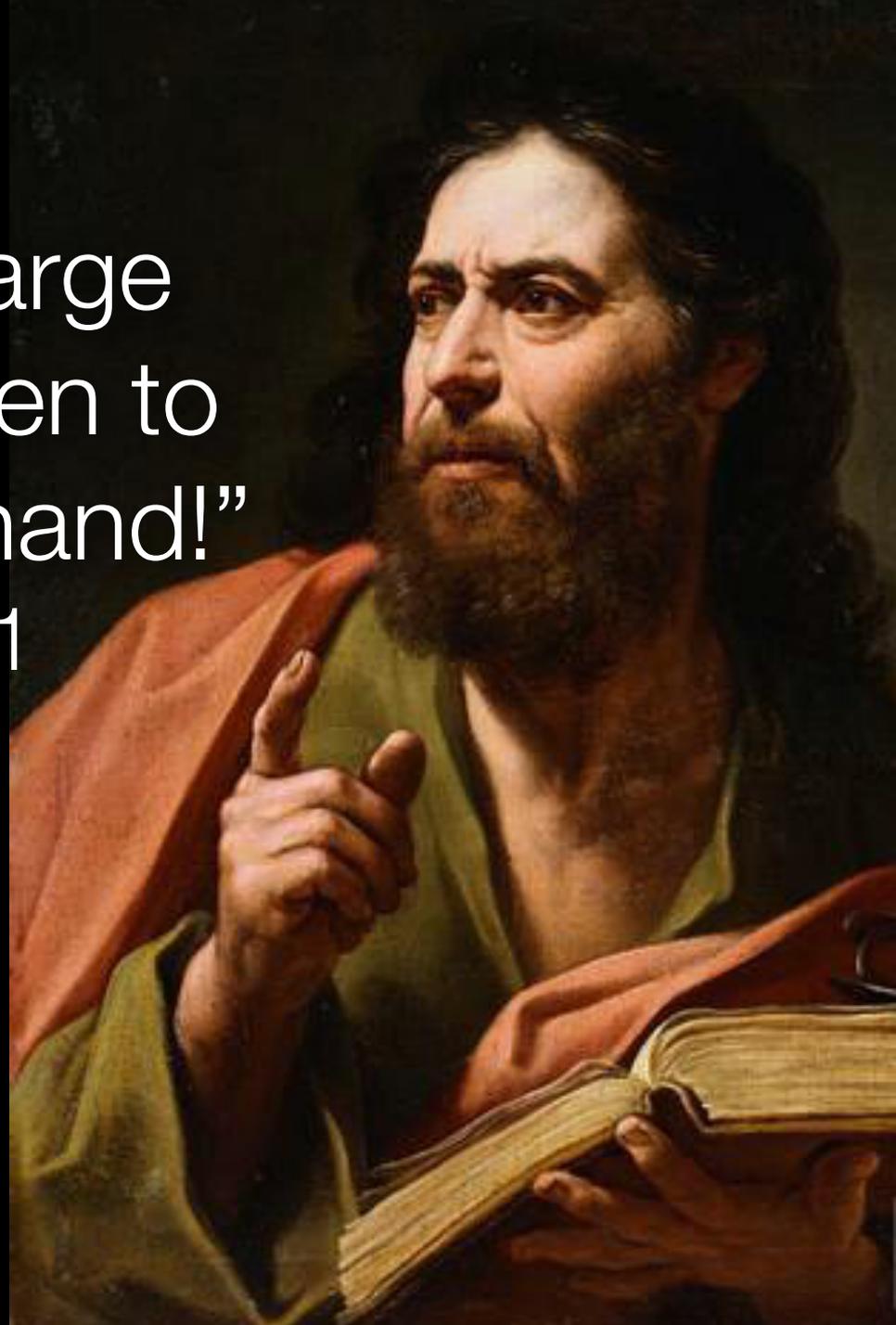


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“See with what large letters I have written to you with my own hand!”

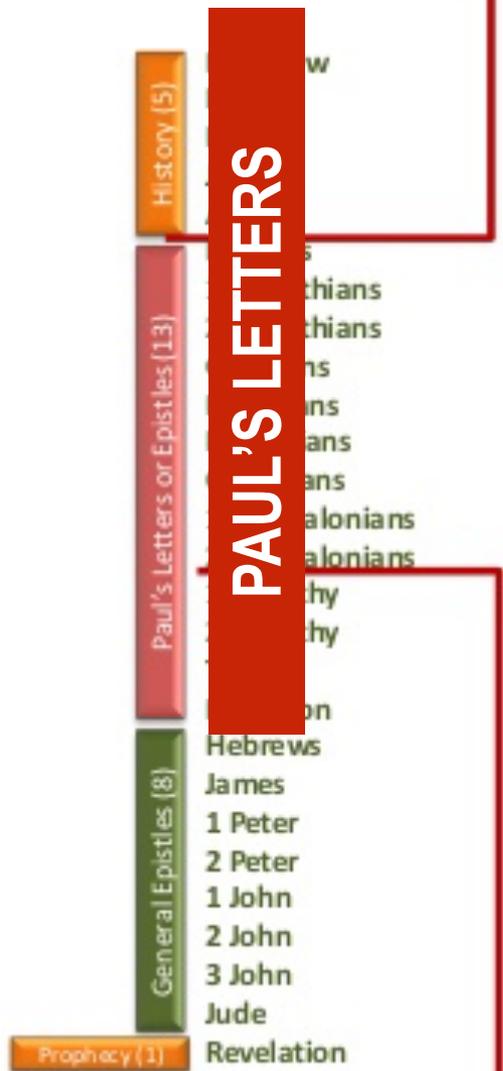
—Galatians 6:11



PAUL'S LETTERS

Theme: Faith in Jesus Christ
 Rom 3:20 All have sinned
 Rom 10:9 Confess with you mouth,
 believe in your heart

Letter	Church's location	Modern Day	Setting
Romans	Rome	Italy	
1 & 2 Cor	Corinth	Greece	
Galatians	Galatia (group)	Turkey	
Ephesians	Ephesus (group)	Turkey	} From Prison
Philippians	Philippi	Greece	
Colossians	Colossae	Turkey	
1 & 2 Thess	Thessalonica	Greece	Prob earliest



So I Write!

- 1. Paul writes because of his inability to be present.
- 2 Corinthians 13:2 I have told you before, and foretell as if I were present the second time, and now being absent I write to those who have sinned before, and to all the rest, that if I come again I will not spare -- since you seek a proof of Christ speaking in me, who is not weak toward you, but mighty in you.

So I Write!

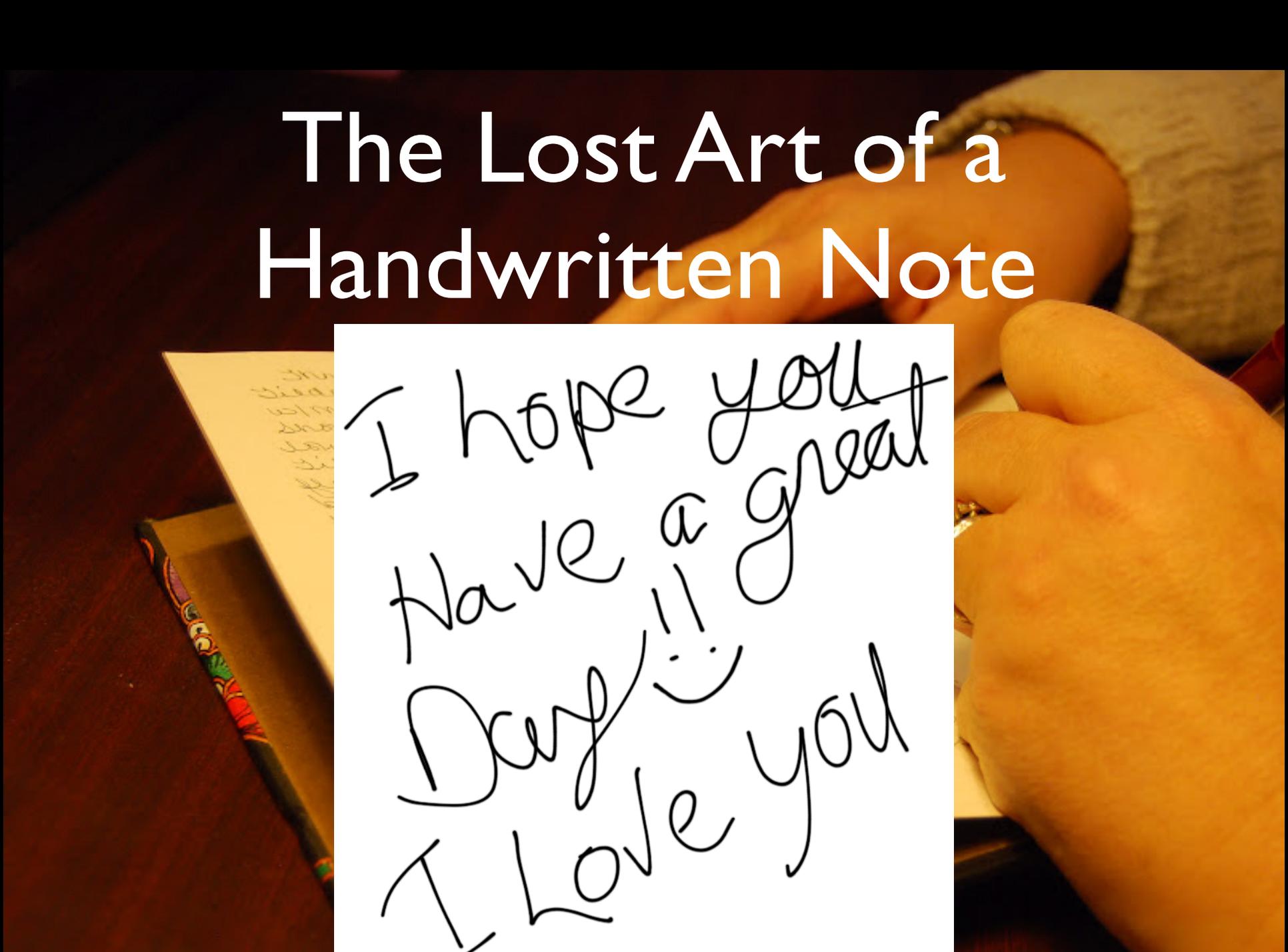
- 1. Paul writes because of his inability to be present.
 - 2 Corinthians 13:10 Therefore I write these things being absent, lest being present I should use sharpness, according to the authority which the Lord has given me for edification and not for destruction.
 - NIV “... *the authority the Lord gave me for building you up, not for tearing you down*”

Insight One



- Communication should always be for the purpose of edification, never to humiliate or destroy.
 - 2 Timothy 4:2 Preach the word! Be ready in season *and* out of season. Convince, rebuke, exhort, with all longsuffering and teaching

The Lost Art of a Handwritten Note



I hope you
have a great
Day!!
I Love you

So I Write!

- 2. Paul writes for warning.
 - 1 Corinthians 4:12 And we labor, working with our own hands. Being reviled, we bless; being persecuted, we endure; 13 being defamed, we entreat. We have been made as the filth of the world, the offscouring of all things until now. 14 I do not write these things to shame you, but as my beloved children I warn you.

Insight Two



- The motive for warning should stem from a heart of love. The Lord disciplines those He loves.
 - **Hebrews 12:5-6** And you have forgotten the exhortation which speaks to you as to sons: “ My son, do not despise the chastening of the LORD, Nor be discouraged when you are rebuked by Him; 6 For whom the LORD loves He chastens, And scourges every son whom He receives.”

Insight Two



- The motive for warning should stem from a heart of love. The Lord disciplines those He loves.
- Proverbs 3:11-12 (NIV)
“My son, do not despise the Lord’s discipline, and do not resent his rebuke, because the Lord disciplines those he loves, as a father the son he delights in.”

So I Write!

- 3. Paul writes with Scriptural authority.
 - 1 Corinthians 14:36 Or did the word of God come *originally* from you? Or *was it* you only that it reached? 37 If anyone thinks himself to be a prophet or spiritual, let him acknowledge that the things which I write to you are the commandments of the Lord.

So I Write!

- 3. Paul writes with Scriptural authority.
 - 2 Peter 3:14 Therefore, beloved, looking forward to these things, be diligent to be found by Him in peace, without spot and blameless; 15 and consider *that* the longsuffering of our Lord *is* salvation...

So I Write!

- 3. Paul writes with Scriptural authority.
 - 2 Peter 3:15
 - as also our beloved brother Paul, according to the wisdom given to him, has written to you, 16 as also in all his epistles, speaking in them of these things, in which are some things hard to understand, which untaught and unstable *people* twist to their own destruction, as they do also the rest of the Scriptures.

Insight Three



- Receive the inspired epistles as “God breathed” and apply the instruction to your life.
 - **2 Timothy 3:14** But you must continue in the things which you have learned and been assured of, knowing from whom you have learned *them*, 15 and that from childhood you have known the Holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus.

Insight Three



- Receive the inspired epistles as “God breathed” and apply the instruction to your life.
 - **2 Timothy 3:16** All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and *is* profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, **17** that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work.

So I Write!

- 4. Paul writes the truth.
 - Galatians 1:20 (Now *concerning* the things which **I write to you**, indeed, before God, I do not lie.)



So I Write!

- 4. Paul writes the truth.
 - 2 Corinthians 7:8 For even if I made you sorry **with my letter**, I do not regret it; though I did regret it. For I perceive that the same epistle made you sorry, though only for a while. 9 Now I rejoice, not that you were made sorry, but that your sorrow led to repentance. For you were made sorry in a godly manner, that you might suffer loss from us in nothing.

Insight Four



- Our words should be true and our profession honest. Hypocrisy and deception are deplorable and bring dishonor to the reputation of Christianity.
- **Ephesians 4:14** that we should no longer be children, tossed to and fro and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the trickery of men, in the cunning craftiness of deceitful plotting, **15** but, speaking the truth in love, may grow up in all things into Him who is the head—Christ—

The result of a true and honest witness is conversion of the unbeliever and repentance on the part of the wrong doer.



Conviction produces
repentance,
repentance produces
conversion.



So I Write!

- 5. Paul writes to share ethical conduct.
 - 1 Timothy 3:14 These things I **write** to you, though I hope to come to you shortly; 15 but if I am delayed, I **write** so that you may know how you ought to conduct yourself in the house of God, which is the church of the living God, the pillar and ground of the truth.

So I Write!

- 5. Paul writes to share ethical conduct.
 - Philemon 1:19 I, Paul, am writing with my own hand. I will repay -- not to mention to you that you owe me even your own self besides. 20 Yes, brother, let me have joy from you in the Lord; refresh my heart in the Lord. 21 Having confidence in your obedience, I write to you, knowing that you will do even more than I say.

Insight Five



- Christian conduct is one of the greatest witnesses of the genuineness of our faith. Our actions speak louder than our words and our reputation is of more value than outward show.



No need to Write!

- ... about brotherly love to the Thessalonians
 - 1 Thessalonians 4:9 But concerning brotherly love **you have no need that I should write to you**, for you yourselves are taught by God to love one another;

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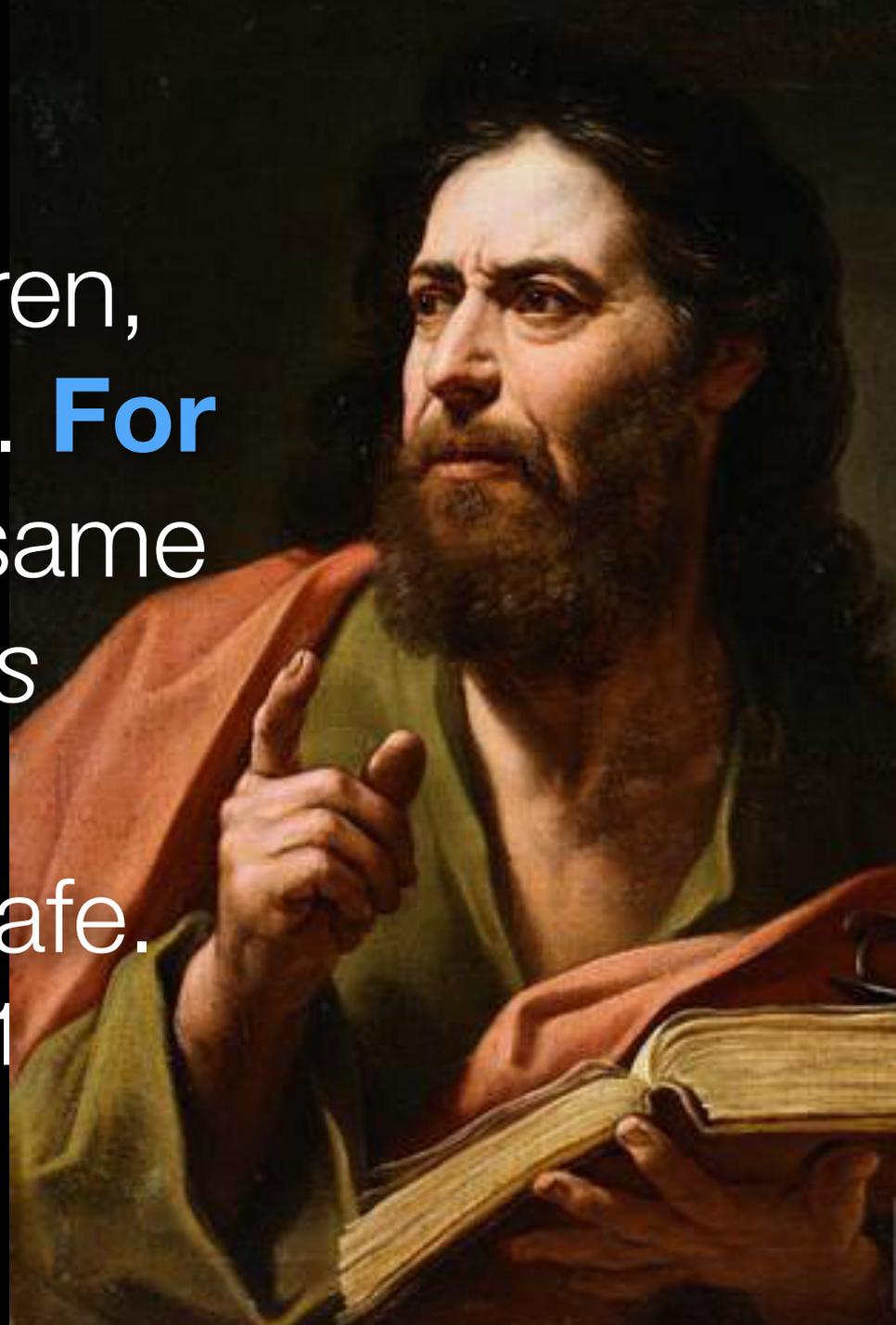
- ... about ministering to the saints among the Corinthians
 - 2 Corinthians 9:1 Now concerning the ministering to the saints, **it is superfluous for me to write to you**; 2 for I know your willingness, about which I boast of you to the Macedonians, that Achaia was ready a year ago; and your zeal has stirred up the majority.

No need to Write!

- ... about times or seasons to the Thessalonians.
 - 1 Thessalonians 5:1 But concerning the times and the seasons, brethren, **you have no need that I should write to you.**
 - 2 For you yourselves know perfectly that the day of the Lord so comes as a thief in the night.

PAUL

Finally, my brethren,
rejoice in the Lord. **For
me to write** the same
things to you *is*
not tedious,
but for you *it is* safe.
—Philippians 3:1



Jesus doesn't
call leaders,

He calls followers,
who become
leaders!



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