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Generosity to God's Glory

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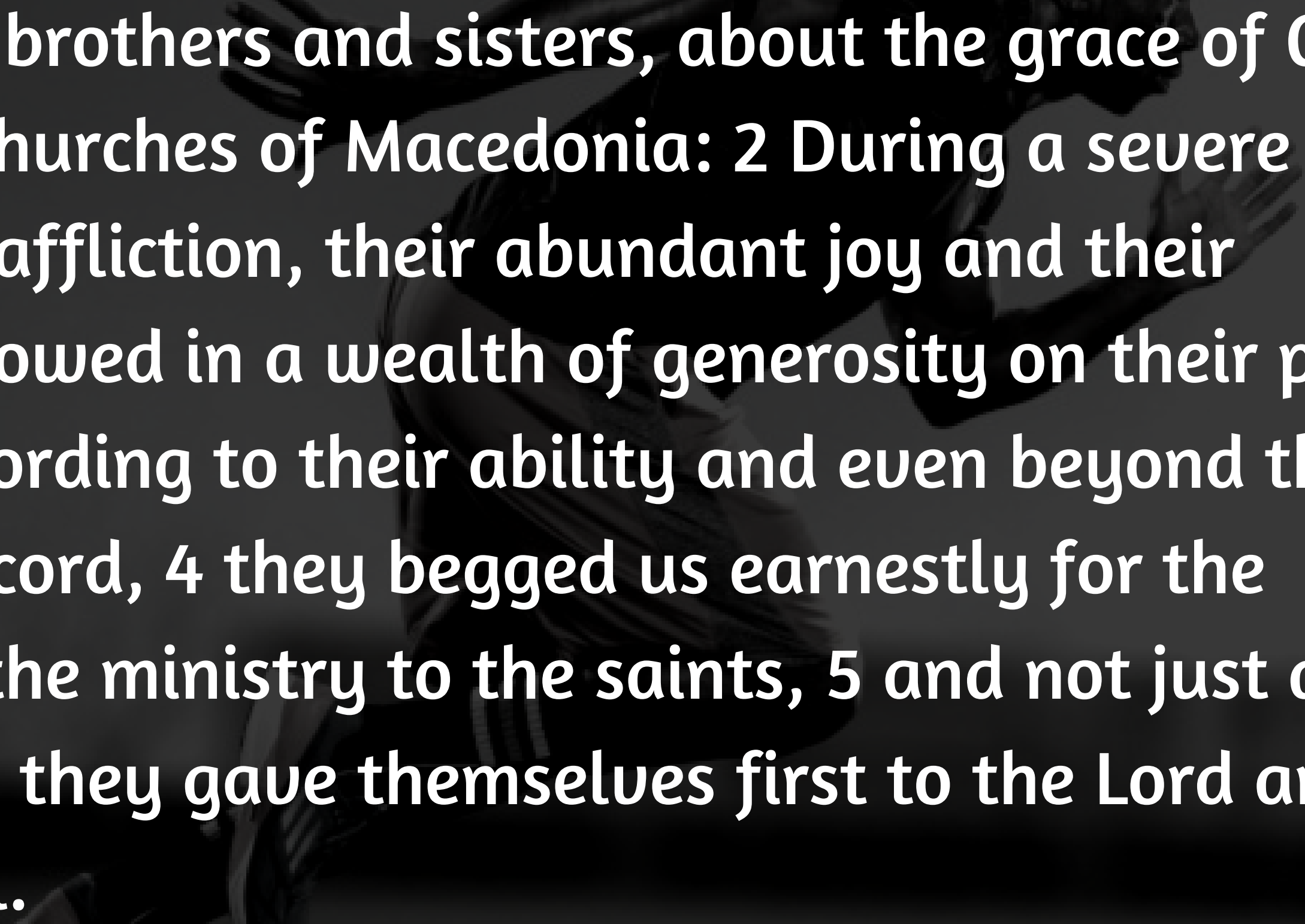
2 Corinthians 9

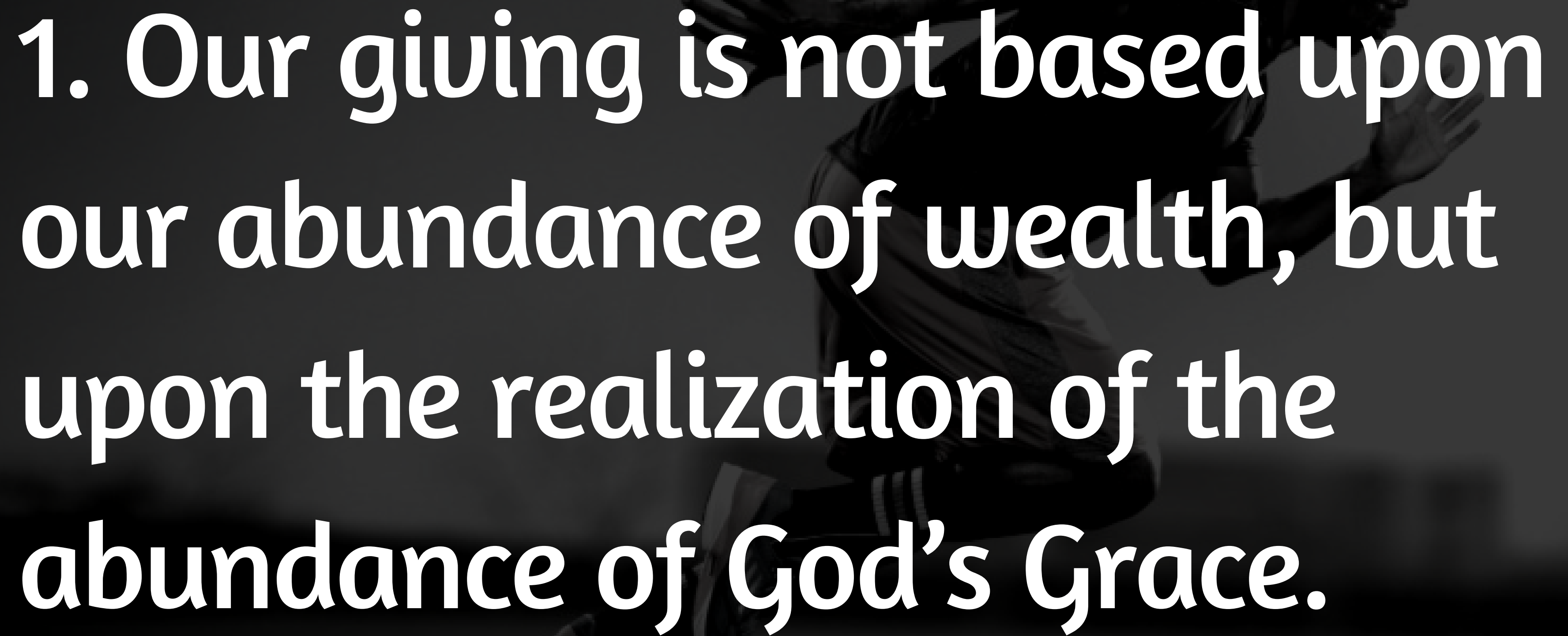
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2 Corinthians 8:1-5

We want you to know, brothers and sisters, about the grace of God that was given to the churches of Macedonia: 2 During a severe trial brought about by affliction, their abundant joy and their extreme poverty overflowed in a wealth of generosity on their part. 3 I can testify that, according to their ability and even beyond their ability, of their own accord, 4 they begged us earnestly for the privilege of sharing in the ministry to the saints, 5 and not just as we had hoped. Instead, they gave themselves first to the Lord and then to us by God's will.



A silhouette of a man in a starting crouch, overlaid with white text. The man is positioned in the background, leaning forward with his arms extended and hands on the ground, ready to start a race. The text is centered over the image and reads:

1. Our giving is not based upon our abundance of wealth, but upon the realization of the abundance of God's Grace.



2. Our giving in grace is followed through by our willing commitment to give

A silhouette of a man in a running pose, overlaid on a dark background. The man is shown from the side, leaning forward with his arms and legs in a dynamic running motion. The background is a dark, solid color, and the silhouette is rendered in a lighter shade, creating a strong contrast.

1 Corinthians 16:1-2

Now regarding your question about the money being collected for God's people in Jerusalem. You should follow the same procedure I gave to the churches in Galatia. 2 On the first day of each week, you should each put aside a portion of the money you have earned. Don't wait until I get there and then try to collect it all at once.



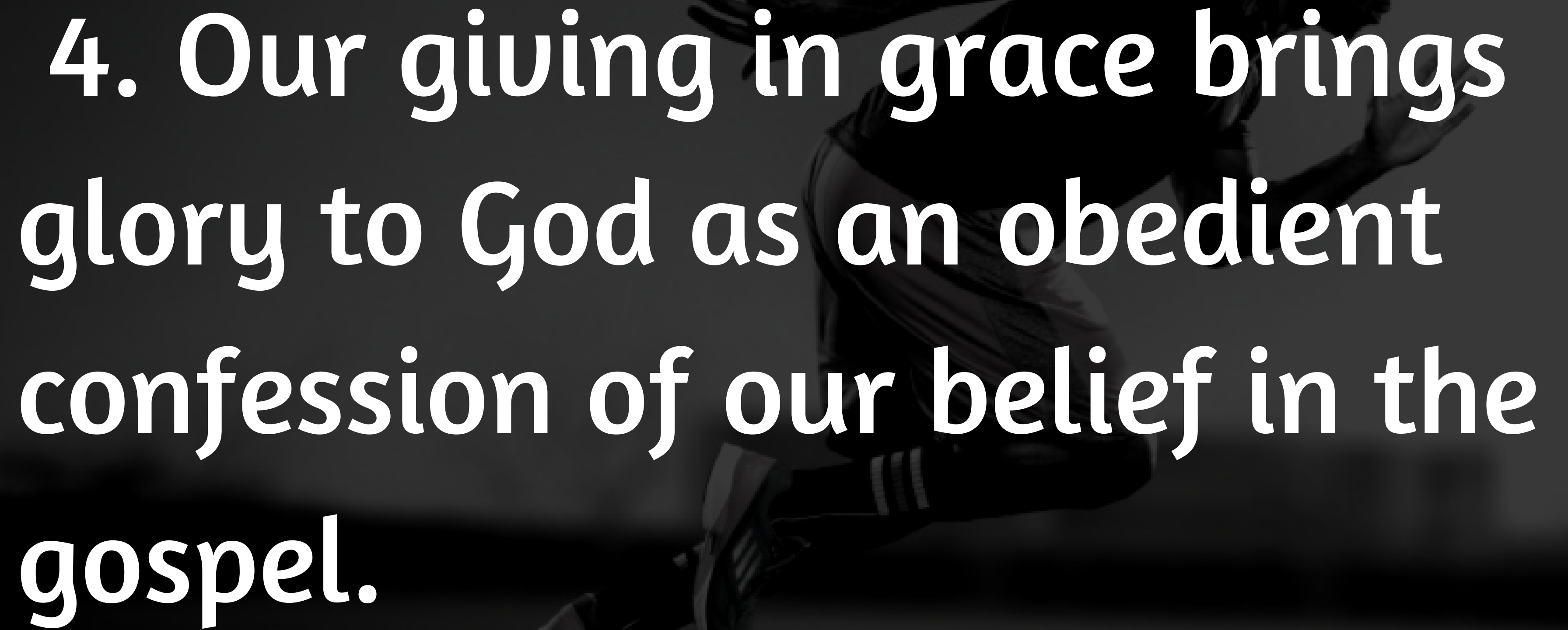
1 Corinthians 9:13-14

13 Don't you realize that those who work in the temple get their meals from the offerings brought to the temple? And those who serve at the altar get a share of the sacrificial offerings. 14 In the same way, the Lord ordered that those who preach the Good News should be supported by those who benefit from it.



3. Our commitment to give in grace comes with promises of reward from God's economy.

- We're promised a return on investment in our giving.**
- We're promised enough left over to continually share with others.**
- We're promised overflowing grace in every way, in all things, and for every good work.**

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4. Our giving in grace brings glory to God as an obedient confession of our belief in the gospel.



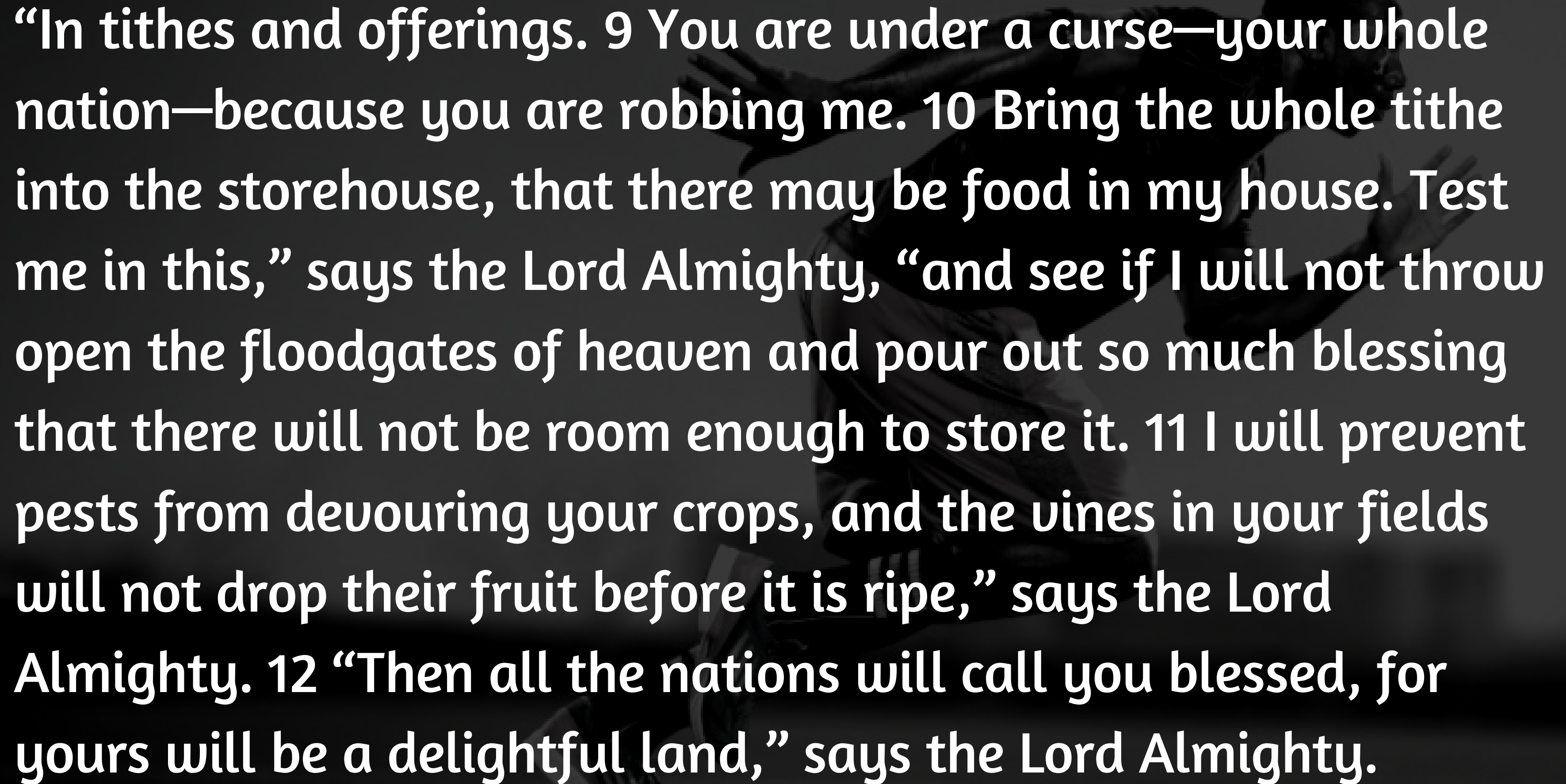
Malachi 3:6-12

“I the Lord do not change. So you, the descendants of Jacob, are not destroyed. 7 Ever since the time of your ancestors you have turned away from my decrees and have not kept them. Return to me, and I will return to you,” says the Lord Almighty.

“But you ask, ‘How are we to return?’

8 “Will a mere mortal rob God? Yet you rob me.

“But you ask, ‘How are we robbing you?’



“In tithes and offerings. 9 You are under a curse—your whole nation—because you are robbing me. 10 Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house. Test me in this,” says the Lord Almighty, “and see if I will not throw open the floodgates of heaven and pour out so much blessing that there will not be room enough to store it. 11 I will prevent pests from devouring your crops, and the vines in your fields will not drop their fruit before it is ripe,” says the Lord Almighty. 12 “Then all the nations will call you blessed, for yours will be a delightful land,” says the Lord Almighty.