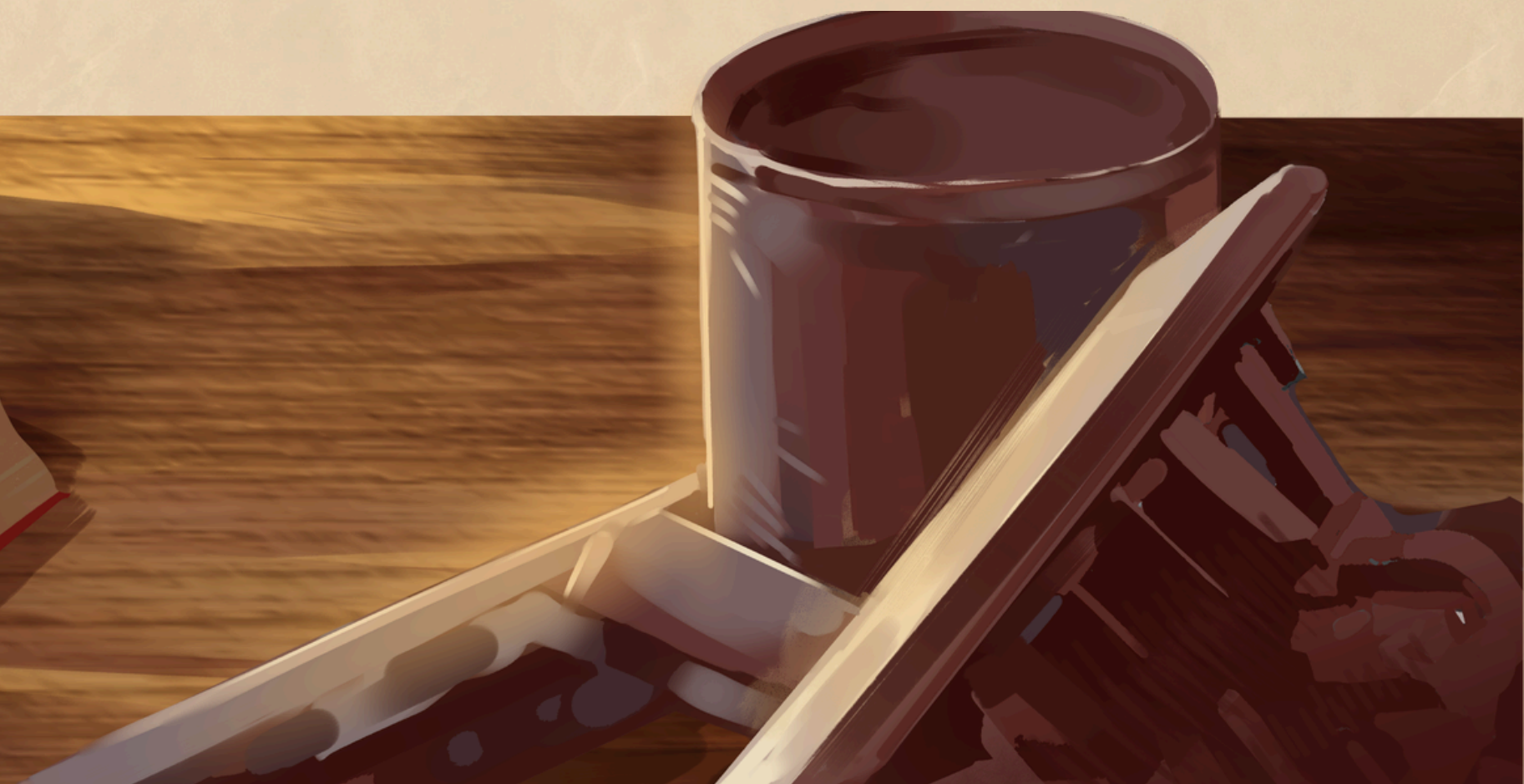
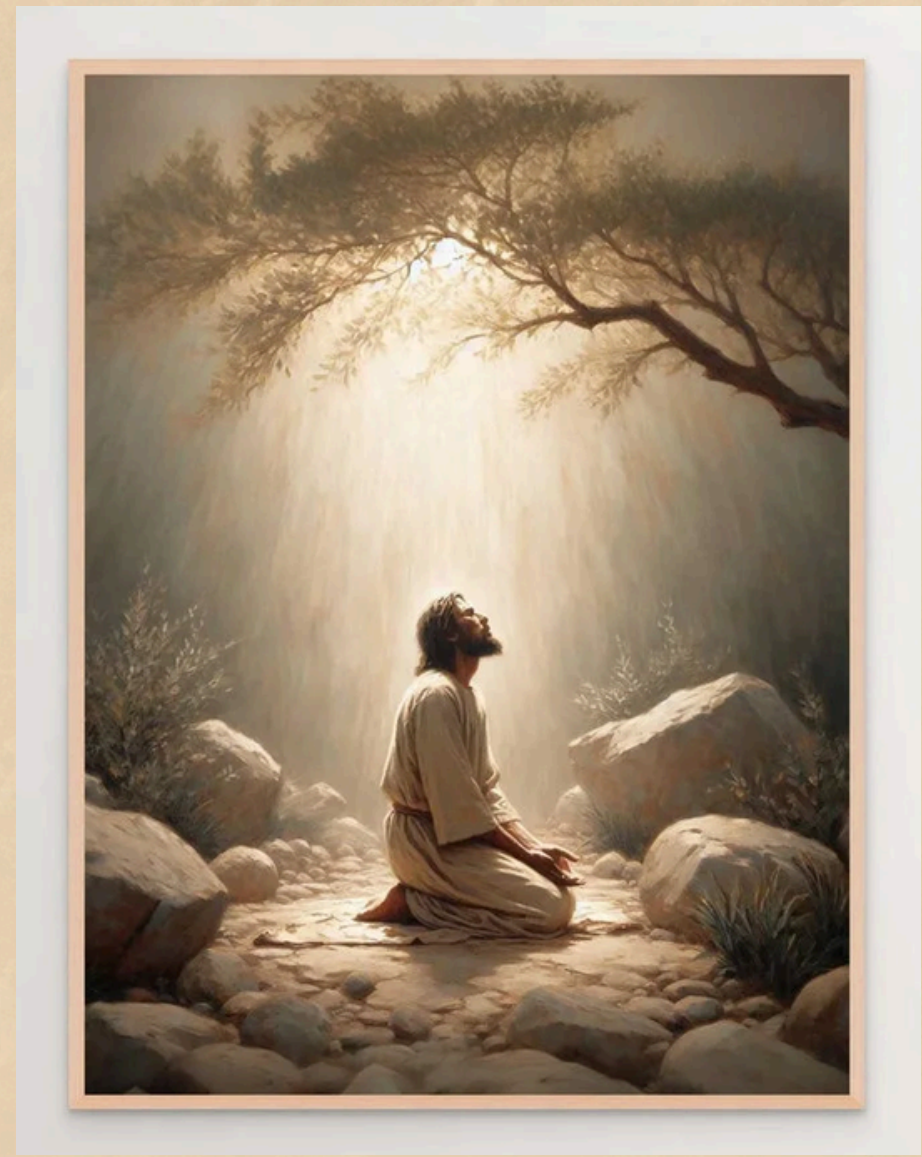


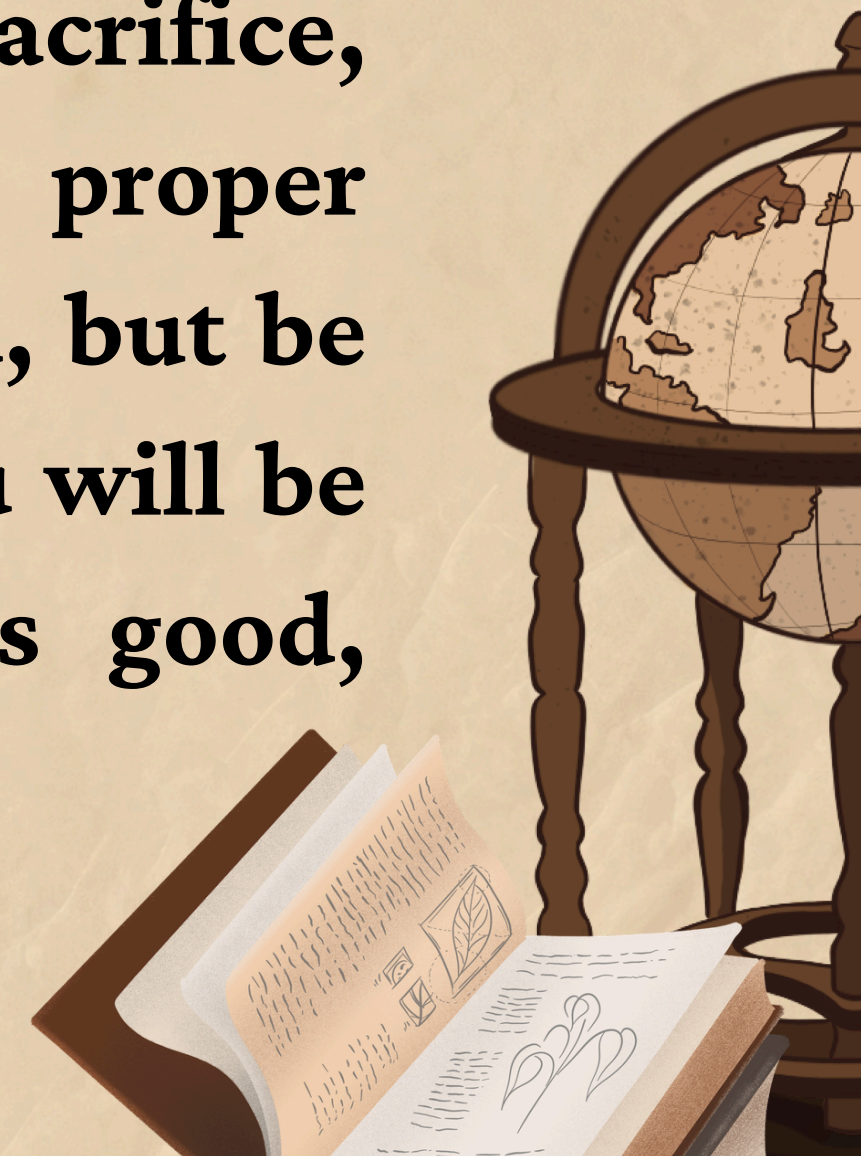
A Living Sacrifice





Background Scripture

Romans 12:1-2 Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God—this is your true and proper worship. Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will. The New International Version (NIV)





Biblical Meaning

A living sacrifice is a believer offering their whole life—body, mind, and actions—to God as an ongoing act of worship, holy and pleasing to Him.





God's Promise to Abram



**“I will make you into a great nation, and I will bless you; I will make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and him who dishonors you I will curse, and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed”
(Genesis 12:1-3).**





Steps of Abram



- **Act in faith.**
- **Leave behind everything familiar.**
- **Follow without knowing the destination.**
- **Demonstrate obedience and trust in God's plan.**





Abram and Sarai

When Abram was ninety-nine years old, the Lord appeared to him and said, “I am God Almighty; walk before me faithfully and be blameless. Then I will make my covenant between me and you and will greatly increase your numbers.”

Abram fell facedown, and God said to him, “As for me, this is my covenant with you: You will be the father of many nations. No longer will you be called Abram; your name will be Abraham, for I have made you a father of many nations. (Genesis 17:1-6)

God also said to Abraham, “As for Sarai your wife, you are no longer to call her Sarai; her name will be Sarah. I will bless her and will surely give you a son by her. I will bless her so that she will be the mother of nations; kings of peoples will come from her.” (Genesis 17:15,16)





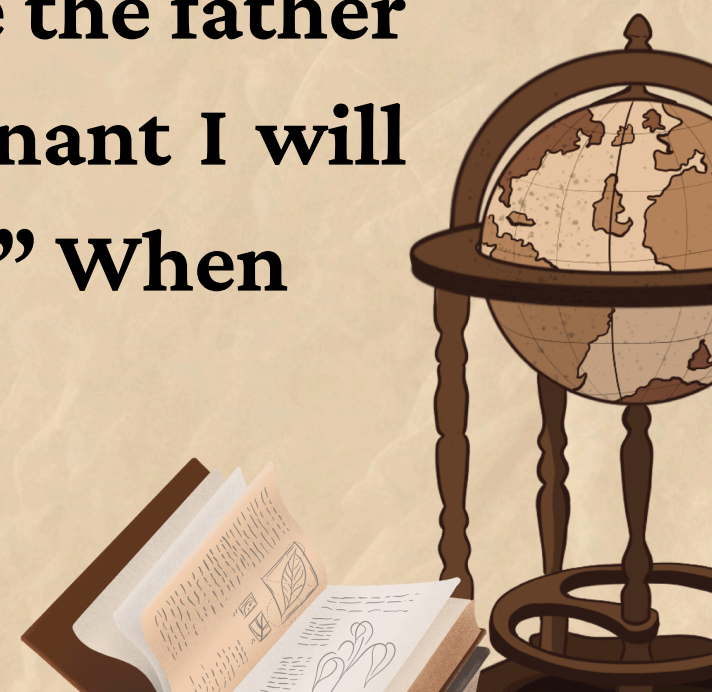
Abraham

Abraham fell facedown; he laughed and said to himself, “Will a son be born to a man a hundred years old? Will Sarah bear a child at the age of ninety?” And Abraham said to God, “If only Ishmael might live under your blessing!”

(Genesis 17:17,18)

Then God said, “Yes, but your wife Sarah will bear you a son, and you will call him Isaac. I will establish my covenant with him as an everlasting covenant for his descendants after him. And as for Ishmael, I have heard you: I will surely bless him; I will make him fruitful and will greatly increase his numbers. He will be the father of twelve rulers, and I will make him into a great nation. But my covenant I will establish with Isaac, whom Sarah will bear to you by this time next year.” When he had finished speaking with Abraham, God went up from him.

(Genesis 17:19-22)





Prophecy of Jesus



Isaiah 9:6-7 (King James Version) For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace. Of the increase of his government and peace there shall be no end, upon the throne of David, and upon his kingdom, to order it, and to establish it with judgment and with justice from henceforth even for ever. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will perform this.



Sound Mind

Lastly, the importance of a sound mind cannot be overlooked. A sound mind allows us to think clearly, make wise choices, and stay focused on our purposes. It helps us discern what is true and right, especially in a world filled with confusion and distractions. With a sound mind, we can navigate challenges with confidence and clarity.





Conclusion

In examining 2 Timothy 1:6-7, we discover valuable truths about fear, empowerment, love, and clarity of thought. God has equipped us with everything we need to face the challenges of life, urging us to live boldly and lovingly. This verse serves as encouragement for all of us, reminding us that we are not alone and that we have a divine backing guiding our steps. Embracing this truth allows us to impact our communities positively and seek to uplift each other through faith and love.



Thank You

