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PAUL'S SECOND EPISTLE
TO THE CORINTHIANS



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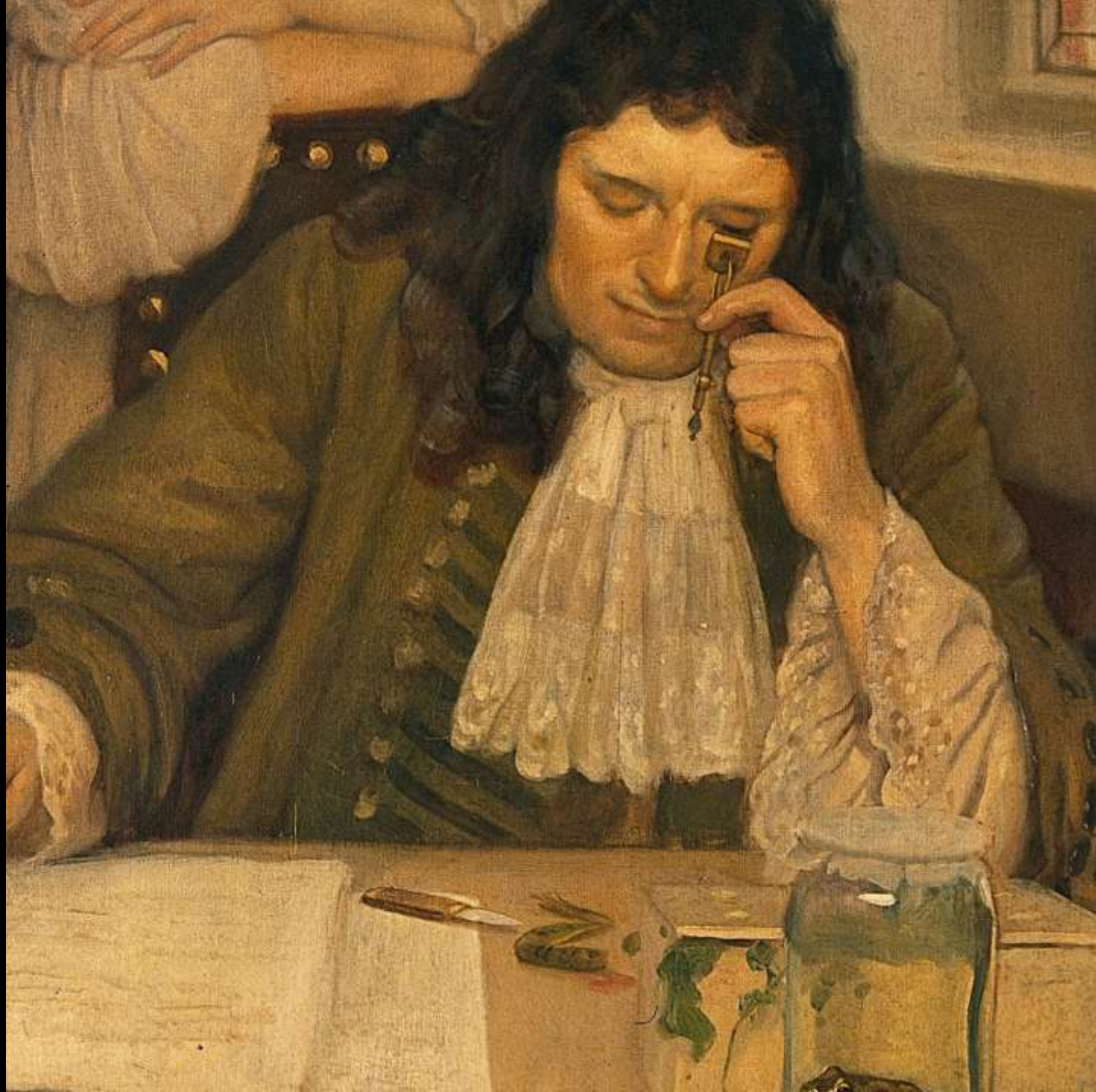
















“From all these observations, we discern most plainly the incomprehensible perfection, the exact order, and the inscrutable providential care with which the most wise Creator and Lord of the Universe had formed the bodies of these animalcules, which are so minute as to escape our sight, to the end that different species of them may be preserved in existence.”

(From *The Select Works of Antony Leeuwenhoek*, Volume 2, page 214)

“[They] were incredibly small; nay, so small, in my sight, that I judged that even if one hundred of these very wee animals lay stretched out one against another, they could not reach to the length of a grain of coarse sand; and if this be true, then ten hundred thousand of these living creatures could scarce equal the bulk of a coarse sand-grain.”

(Antonie van Leeuwenhoek, in his letter to the Royal Society in London, October 9, 1676)

“I have sometimes also seen animalcules a-moving very prettily...Their bodies were somewhat longer than broad, and their belly was flat-like, furnished with sundry little paws, where with they made such a stir in the clear medium and among the globules that you might...fancy you saw a [pillbug] running up against a wall.”

(Antonie van Leeuwenhoek, as translated in Clifford Dobell's Antony van Leeuwenhoek and His Little Animals, page 224)

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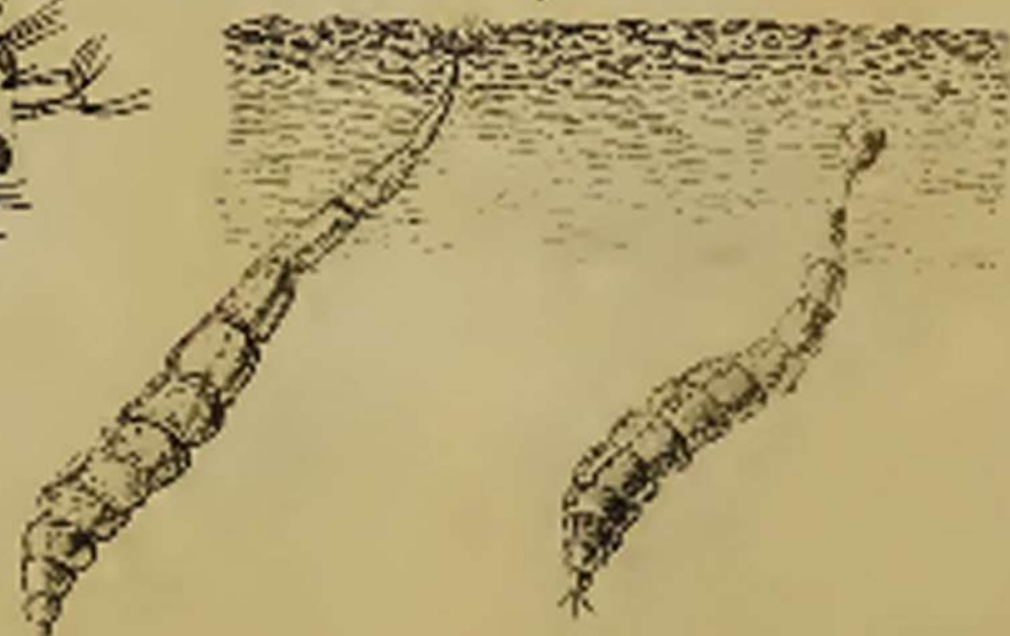
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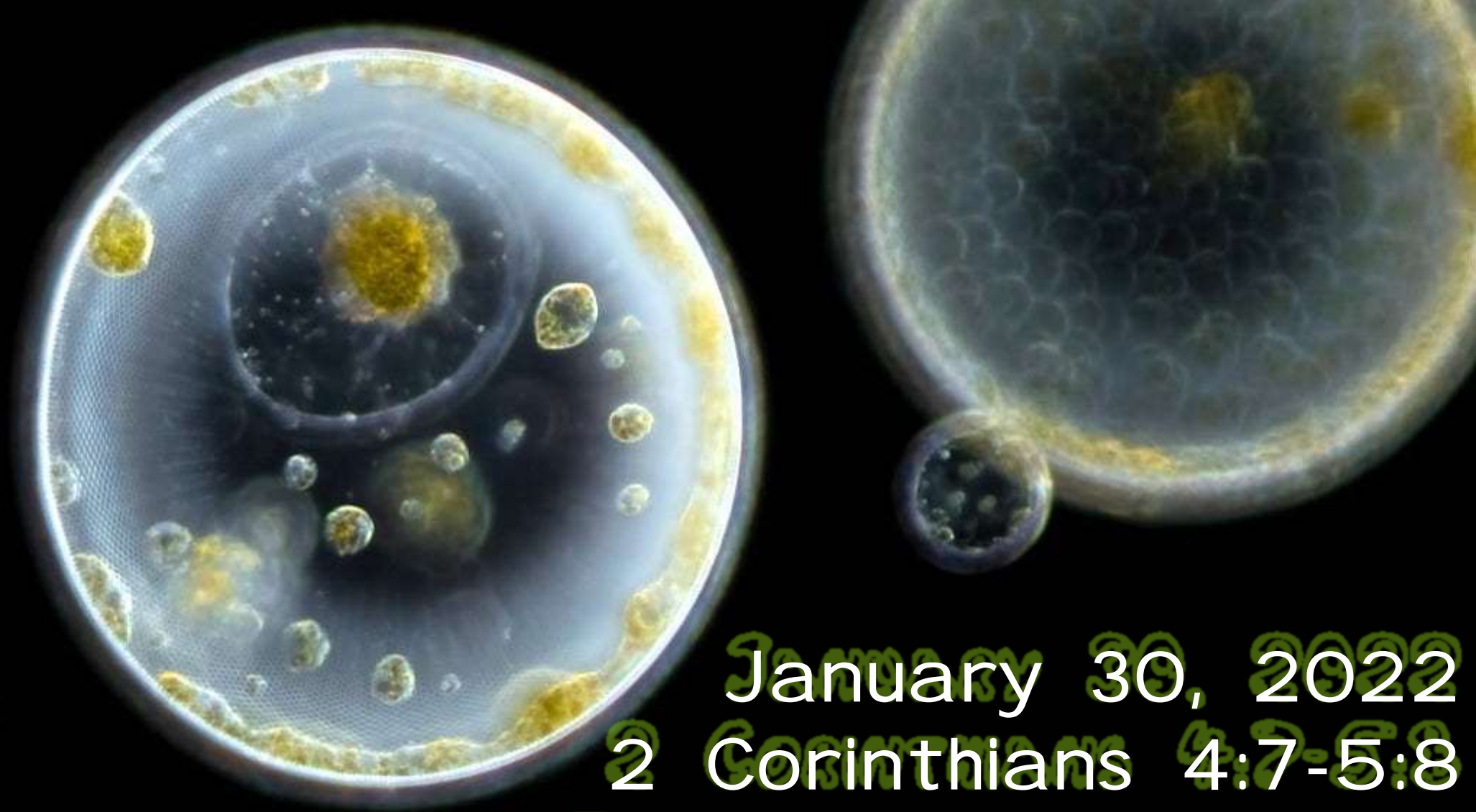
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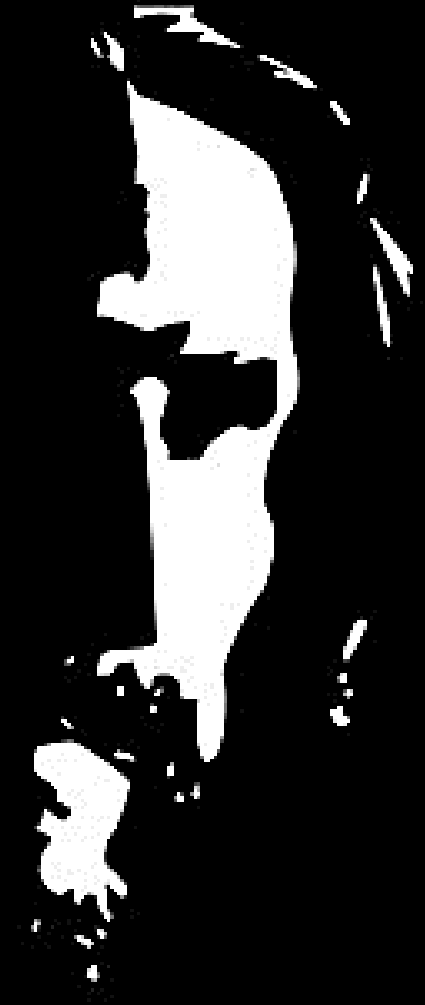


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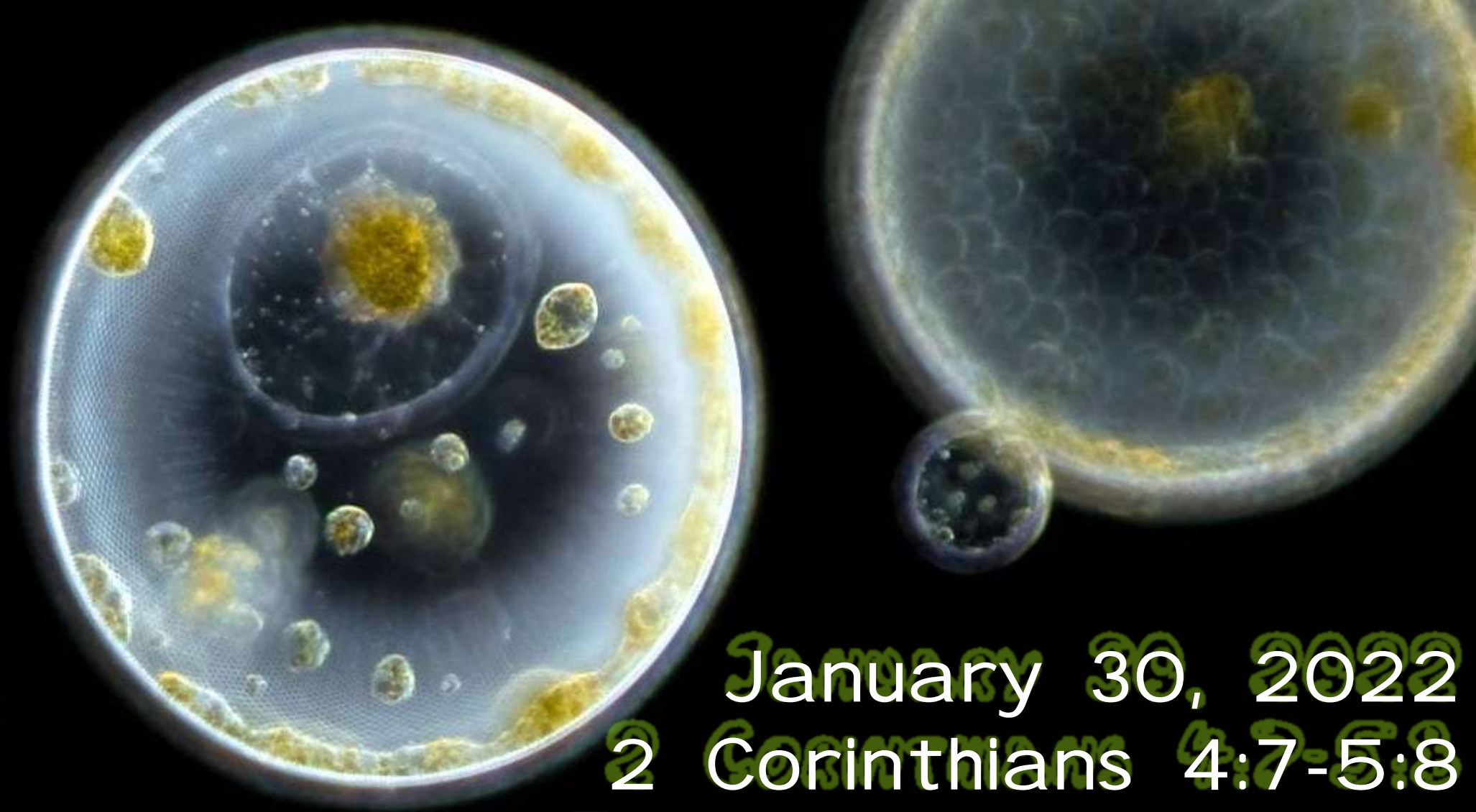
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2 Corinthians 4:7-5:8 (ESV): “But we have this treasure in jars of clay, to show that the surpassing power belongs to God and not to us. **8** We are afflicted in every way, but not crushed; perplexed, but not driven to despair; **9** persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed; **10** always carrying in the body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be manifested in our bodies....”

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“...**11** For we who live are always being given over to death for Jesus’ sake, so that the life of Jesus also may be manifested in our mortal flesh. **12** So death is at work in us, but life in you. **13** Since we have the same spirit of faith according to what has been written, “I believed, and so I spoke,” we also believe, and so we also speak, **14** knowing that he who raised the Lord Jesus will raise us also with Jesus and bring us with you into his presence....”



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“...**15** For it is all for your sake, so that as grace extends to more and more people it may increase thanksgiving, to the glory of God. **16** So we do not lose heart. Though our outer self is wasting away, our inner self is being renewed day by day. **17** For this light momentary affliction is preparing for us an eternal weight of glory beyond all comparison, **18** as we look not to the things that are seen but to the things that are unseen....”

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“...For the things that are seen are transient, but the things that are unseen are eternal. 5 For we know that if the tent that is our earthly home is destroyed, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens. 2 For in this tent we groan, longing to put on our heavenly dwelling, 3 if indeed by putting it on we may not be found naked. 4 For while we are still in this tent, we groan, being burdened – not that we would be unclothed,...”

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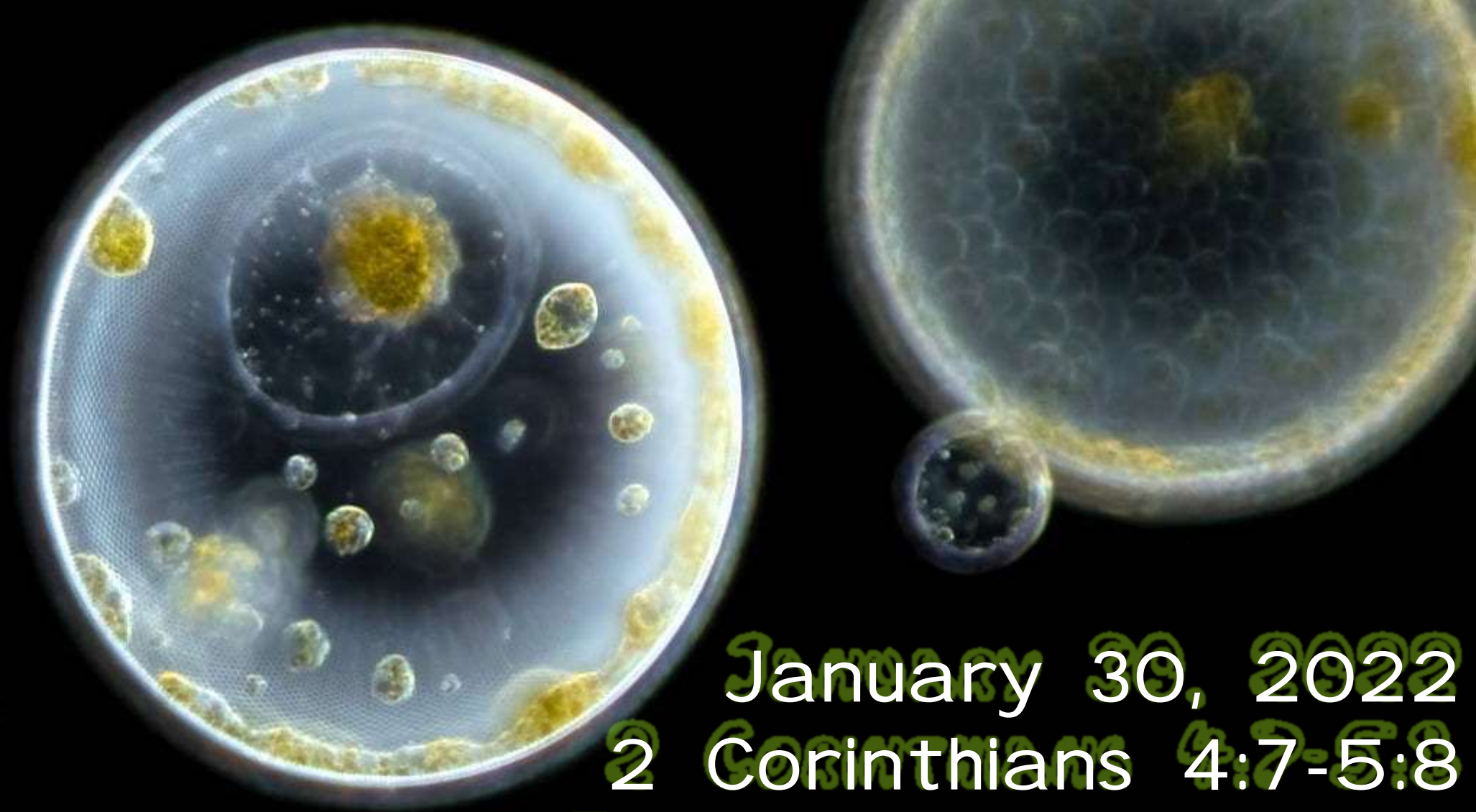
“...but that we would be further clothed, so that what is mortal may be swallowed up by life. 5 He who has prepared us for this very thing is God, who has given us the Spirit as a guarantee. 6 So we are always of good courage. We know that while we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord, 7 for we walk by faith, not by sight. 8 Yes, we are of good courage, and we would rather be away from the body and at home with the Lord.”

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Main Point:
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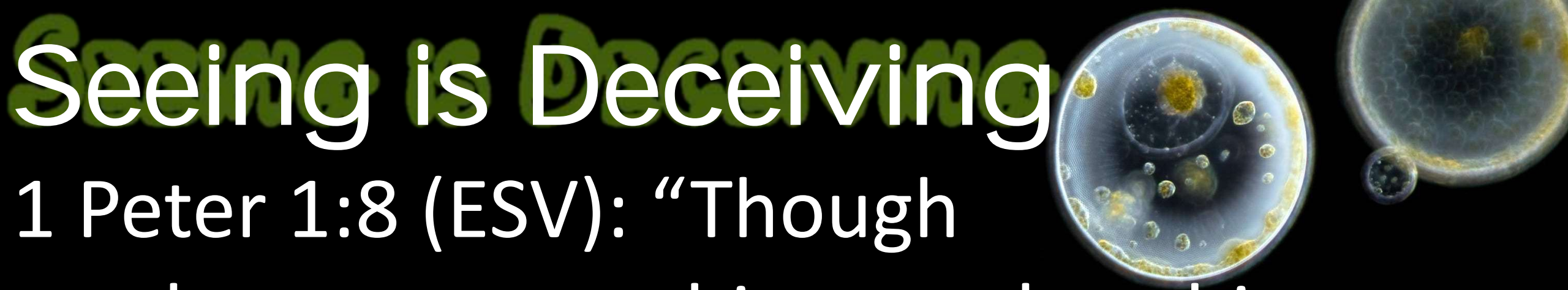
Romans 8:24-25 (ESV): “Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what he sees? 25 But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.”



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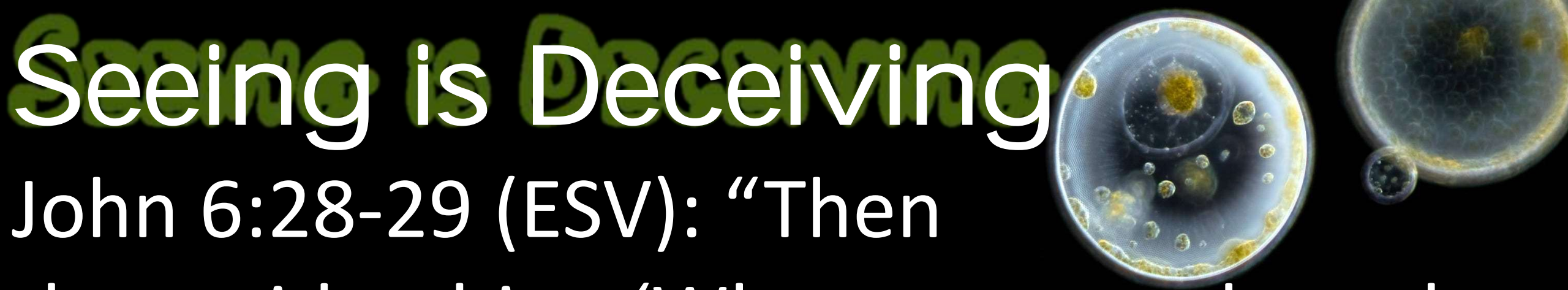


Hebrews 11:1-3 (ESV): “Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. **2** For by it the people of old received their commendation. **3** By faith we understand that the universe was created by the word of God, so that what is seen was not made out of things that are visible.”



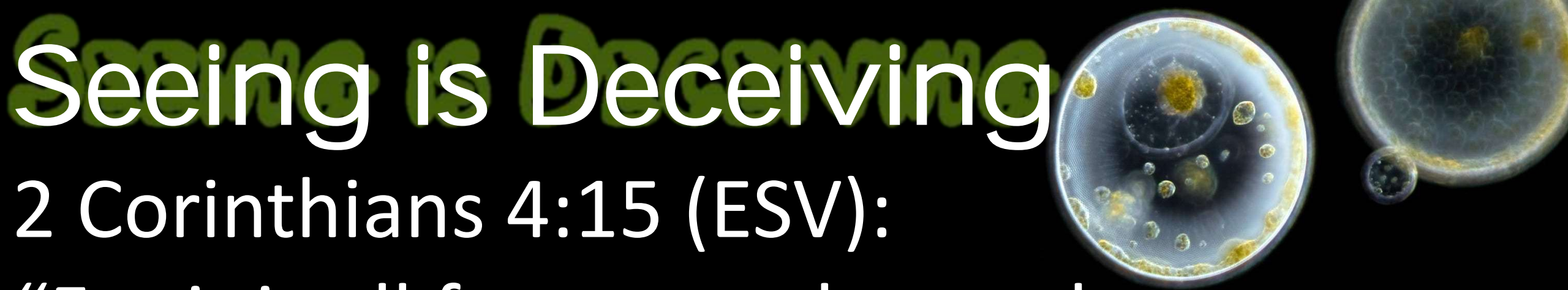
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1 Peter 1:8 (ESV): “Though you have not seen him, you love him. Though you do not now see him, you believe in him and rejoice with joy that is inexpressible and filled with glory.”



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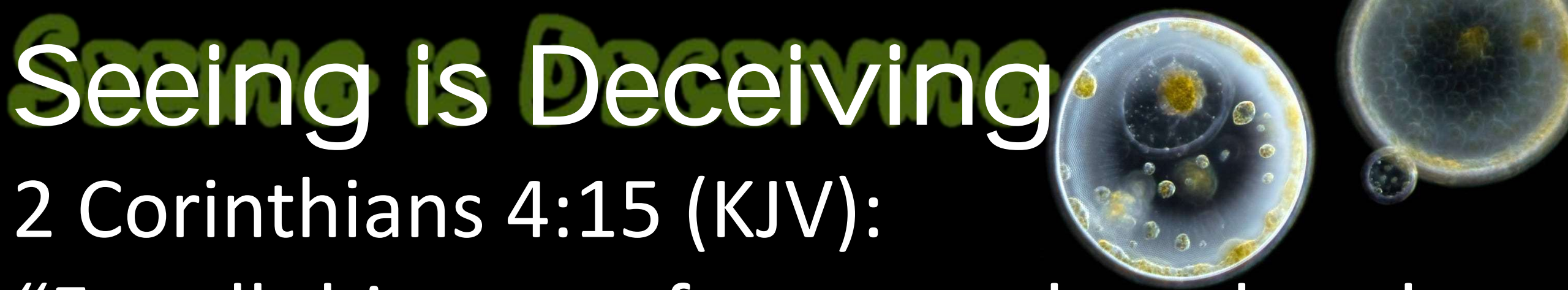
John 6:28-29 (ESV): “Then they said to him, ‘What must we do, to be doing the works of God?’ 29 Jesus answered them, ‘This is the work of God, that you believe in him whom he has sent.’”



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2 Corinthians 4:15 (ESV):

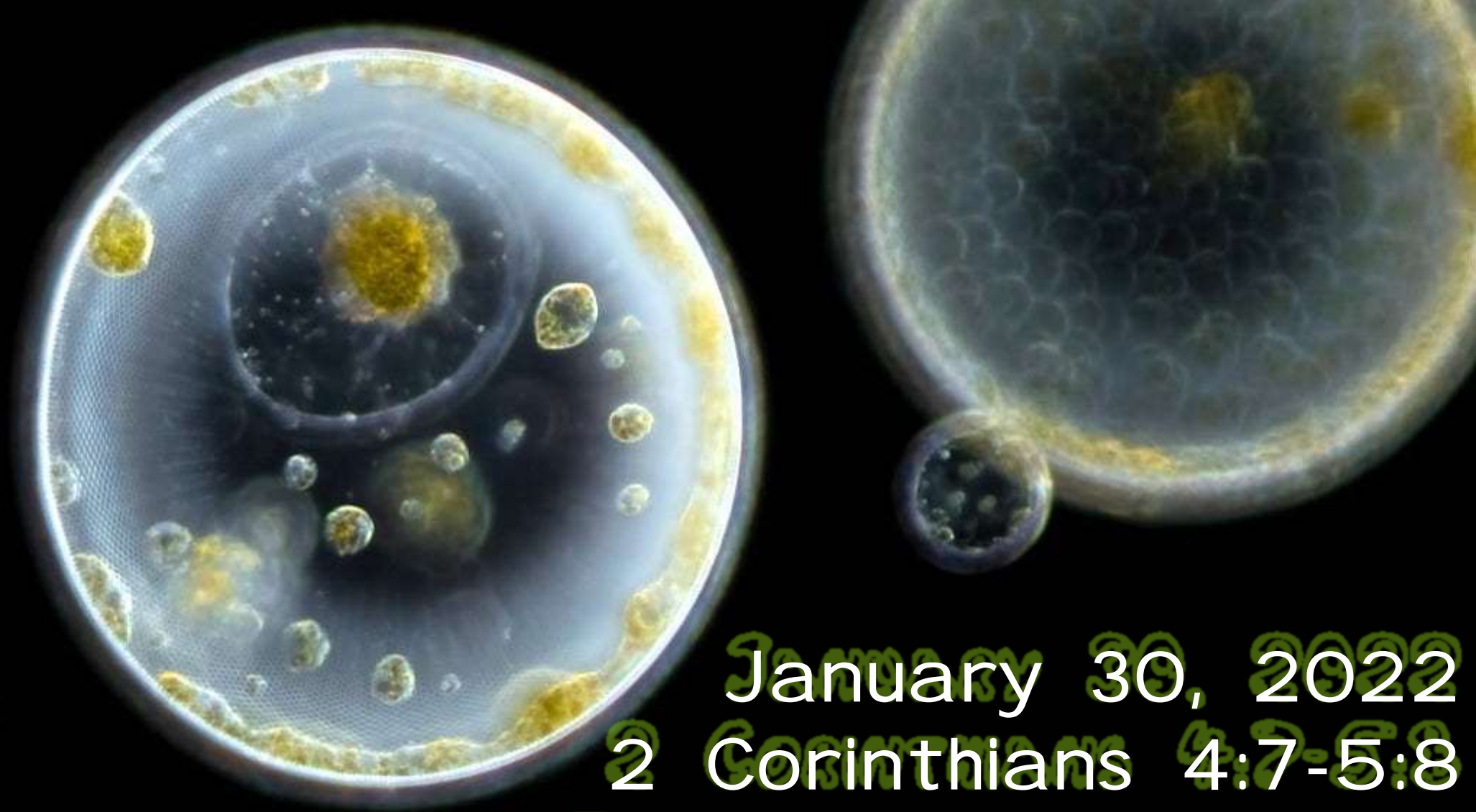
“For it is all for your sake, so that as grace extends to more and more people it may increase thanksgiving, to the glory of God.”



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2 Corinthians 4:15 (KJV):

“For all things are for your sakes, that the abundant grace might through the thanksgiving of many redound to the glory of God.”



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Application:

FUEL YOUR

IMAGINATION,

TRANSFORMATION,

AND

REFORMATION

BY EXPRESSING

APPRECIATION.



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Luke 17:16-19 (KJV): “And fell down on his face at his feet, giving him thanks: and he was a Samaritan. **17** And Jesus answering said, ‘Were there not ten cleansed? But where are the nine? **18** There are not found that returned to give glory to God, save this stranger.’ **19** And he said unto him, ‘Arise, go thy way: thy faith hath made thee whole.’”



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1 Thessalonians 5:18-19 (ESV):

“Give thanks in all circumstances;
for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.
19 Do not quench the Spirit.”



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“At 52, I owned a law practice, but after working hard at it all year I found I had earned nothing. Actually, having lost money, I earned less than nothing. As a result, I could not afford to pay Christmas bonuses to my employees, a failing that greatly embarrassed me. My firm was losing its lease, and I could not afford a new one....”

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“...After a divorce, I was living in a cheap apartment instead of my own home. Even the hopeful aspects of my life had just deflated with sudden and despondent developments: A woman I had been dating ended our relationship suddenly before Christmas, and a million dollar jury verdict that would have bailed me out was nullified by a judge’s ruling.”

(From John Kralik’s article “A Grateful Heart” in *Parade*, January 1, 2012)

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“In the mountains, I heard a voice I did not recognize.

Wherever it came from, it did not seem to come from me. It told me I needed to learn to be grateful for the things I had, rather than to focus on the things I wanted, or the many things I felt I had lost.”

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“Knowing that you had to work on Thanksgiving, of all days, I thought I’d express my gratitude that you have taken the time and made the effort to learn my name and greet me each day in a way that makes me feel like a person instead of a number. It’s a small thing, but on any given day, it can make all the difference. Thank you!”

(Reprinted in John Kralik’s article “A Grateful Heart” in Parade, January 1, 2012)

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“By being thankful for what I had, I realized that I had everything I needed.”

(From John Kralik's book *365 Thank Yous*, Chapter 22)



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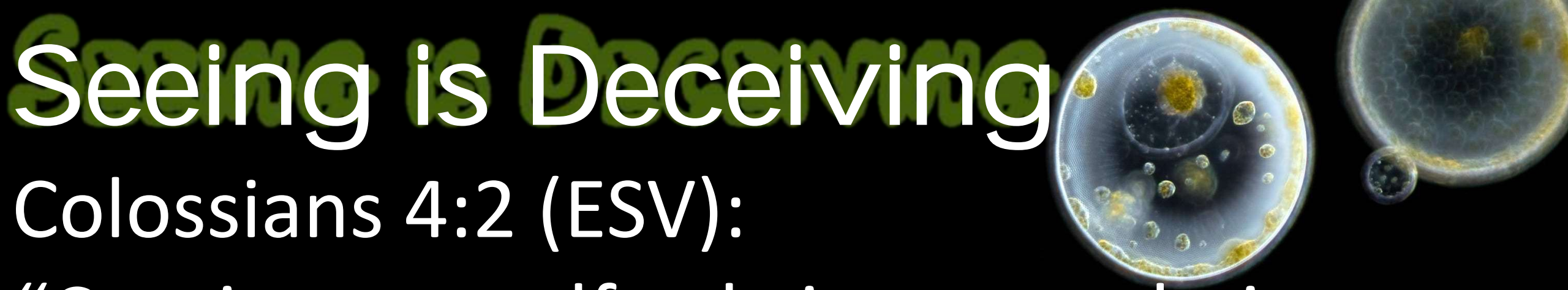
John 6:11 (ESV): “Jesus then took the loaves, and when he had given thanks, he distributed them to those who were seated.”



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Acts 27:35 (ESV): “And when he had said these things, he took bread, and giving thanks to God in the presence of all he broke it and began to eat.”





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Colossians 4:2 (ESV):

“Continue steadfastly in prayer, being watchful in it with thanksgiving.”

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2 Thessalonians 1:3 (ESV):

“But we ought always to give thanks to God.”



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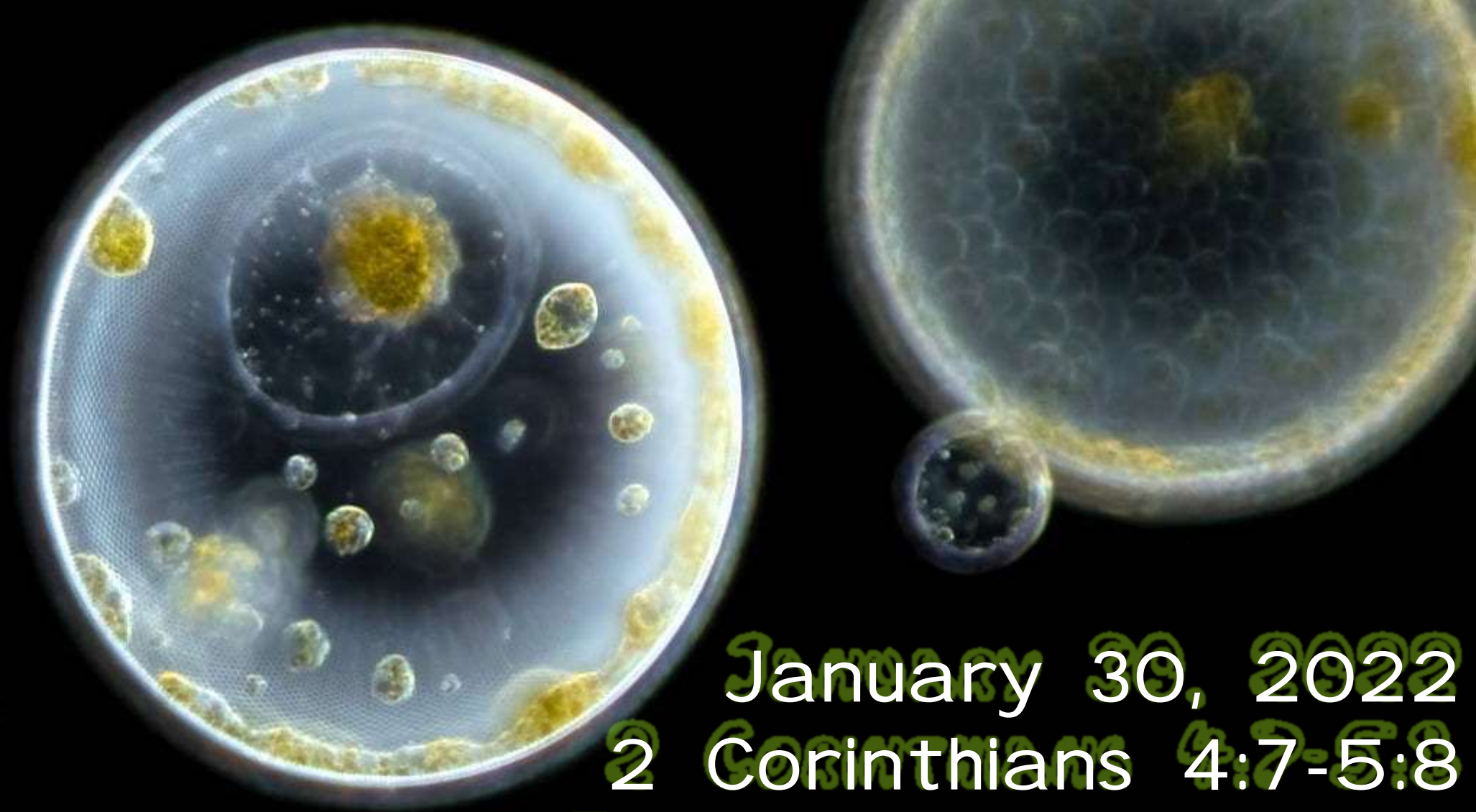
1 Timothy 2:1 (ESV): “First of all, then, I urge...thanksgivings be made for all people.”



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John 7:38 (ESV): “Whoever believes in me, as the Scripture has said, ‘Out of his heart will flow rivers of living water.’”

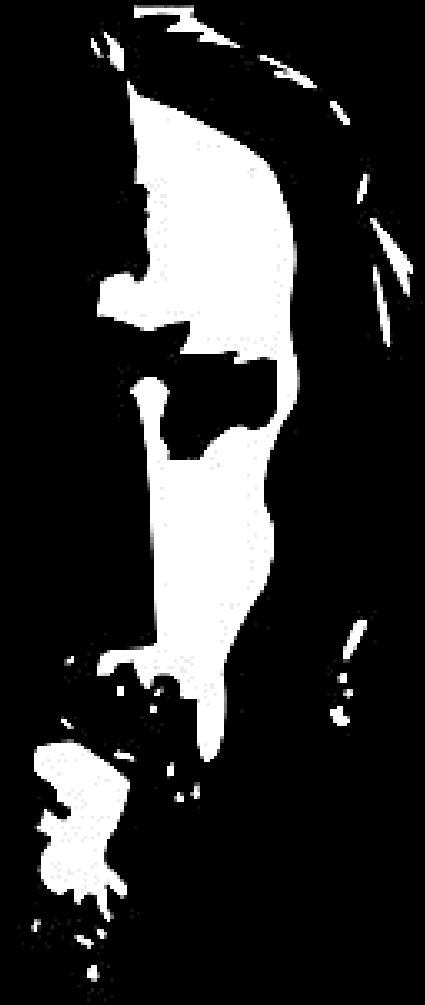




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