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"I was flying forwards. Bewildered. I looked around. I saw my own body on the ground. I said to myself, 'Oh [shoot], I'm dead.' I saw people converging on the body. I saw a woman—she had been waiting to

use the phone right behind me position herself over my body, give it CPR....I floated up the stairs—my consciousness came with me. I saw my kids, had the realization that they would be O.K...."



"...Then I was surrounded by a bluish-white light . . . an enormous feeling of well-being and peace. The highest and lowest points of my life raced by me. I had the perception of accelerating, being drawn

up....There was speed and direction.

Then, as I was saying to myself, 'This is the most glorious feeling I have ever had'—slam! I was back."

(Dr. Anthony Cicoria, as quoted in Oliver Sacks' article *A Bolt from the Blue* at newyorker.com, July 16, 2007)











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Acts 3:1-16 (ESV): "Now Peter and John were going up to the temple at the hour of prayer, the ninth hour. 2 And a man lame from birth was being carried, whom they laid daily at the gate of the temple that is called the Beautiful Gate to ask alms of those entering the temple. 3 Seeing Peter and John about to go into the temple, he asked to receive alms. 4 And Peter directed his gaze at him, as did John, and said, 'Look at us.' 5 And he fixed his attention on them, expecting to receive something from them...."

"...6 But Peter said, 'I have no silver and gold, but what I do have I give to you. In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, rise up and walk!' 7 And he took him by the right hand and raised him up, and immediately his feet and ankles were made strong. 8 And leaping up, he stood and began to walk, and entered the temple with them, walking and leaping and praising God. 9 And all the people saw him walking and praising God, 10 and recognized him as the one who sat at the Beautiful Gate of the temple, asking for alms...."

"...And they were filled with wonder and amazement at what had happened to him. 11 While he clung to Peter and John, all the people, utterly astounded, ran together to them in the portico called Solomon's. 12 And when Peter saw it he addressed the people: 'Men of Israel, why do you wonder at this, or why do you stare at us, as though by our own power or piety we have made him walk? 13 The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, the God of our fathers, glorified his servant

"...whom you delivered over and denied in the presence of Pilate, when he had decided to release him. 14 But you denied the Holy and Righteous One, and asked for a murderer to be granted to you, 15 and you killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses. 16 And his name—by faith in his name—has made this man strong whom you see and know, and the faith that is through Jesus has given the man this perfect health in the presence of you all."



Acts 4:1-17 (ESV): "And as they were speaking to the people, the priests and the captain of the temple and the Sadducees came upon them, 2 greatly annoyed because they were teaching the people and proclaiming in Jesus the resurrection from the dead. 3 And they arrested them and put them in custody until the next day, for it was already evening. 4 But many of those who had heard the word believed, and the number of the men came to about five thousand. 5 On the next day their rulers and elders and scribes gathered together in Jerusalem,..."

"...6 with Annas the high priest and Caiaphas and John and Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family. 7 And when they had set them in the midst, they inquired, 'By what power or by what name did you do this?' 8 Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, 'Rulers of the people and elders, 9 if we are being examined today concerning a good deed done to a crippled man, by what means this man has been healed, 10 let it be known to all of you and to all the people of Israel that by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified,..."

"...whom God raised from the dead—by him this man is standing before you well. 11 This Jesus is the stone that was rejected by you, the builders, which has become the cornerstone. 12 And there is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved." 13 Now when they saw the boldness of Peter and John, and perceived that they were uneducated, common men, they were astonished. And they recognized that they had been with Jesus...."



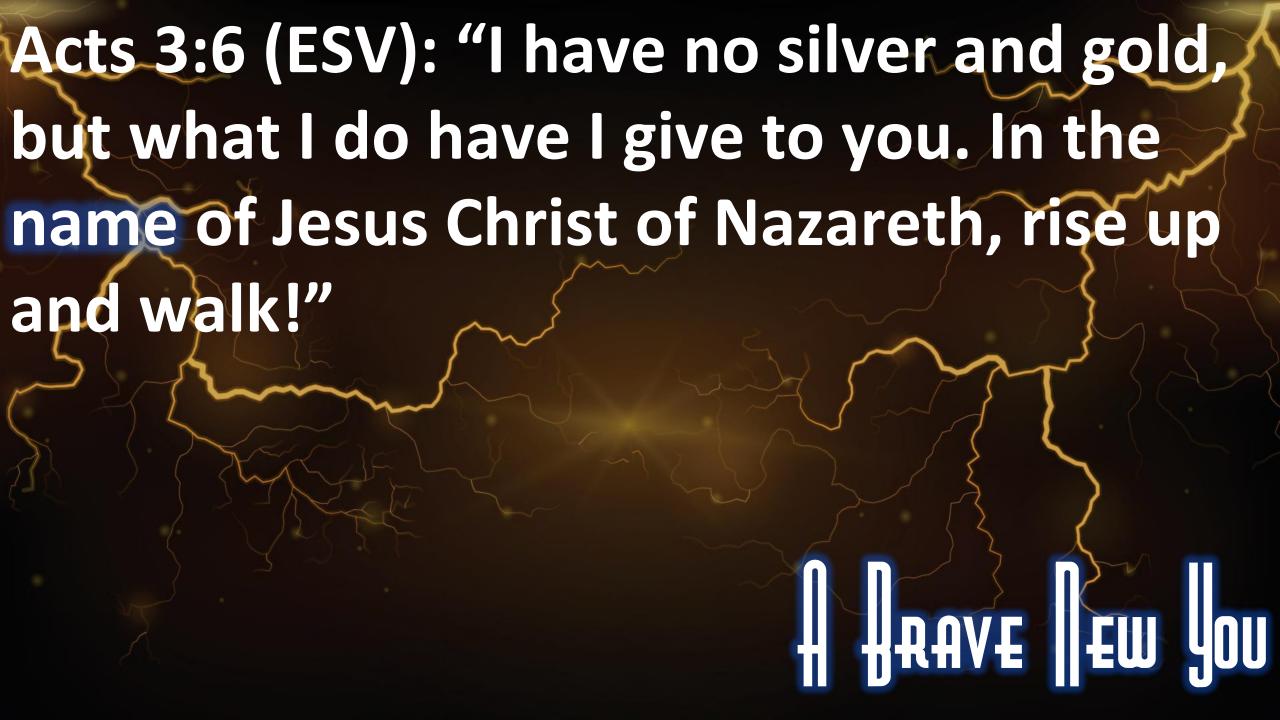
"...14 But seeing the man who was healed standing beside them, they had nothing to say in opposition. 15 But when they had commanded them to leave the council, they conferred with one another, 16 saying, 'What shall we do with these men? For that a notable sign has been performed through them is evident to all the inhabitants of Jerusalem, and we cannot deny it. 17 But in order that it may spread no further among the people, let us warn them to speak no more to anyone in this name."





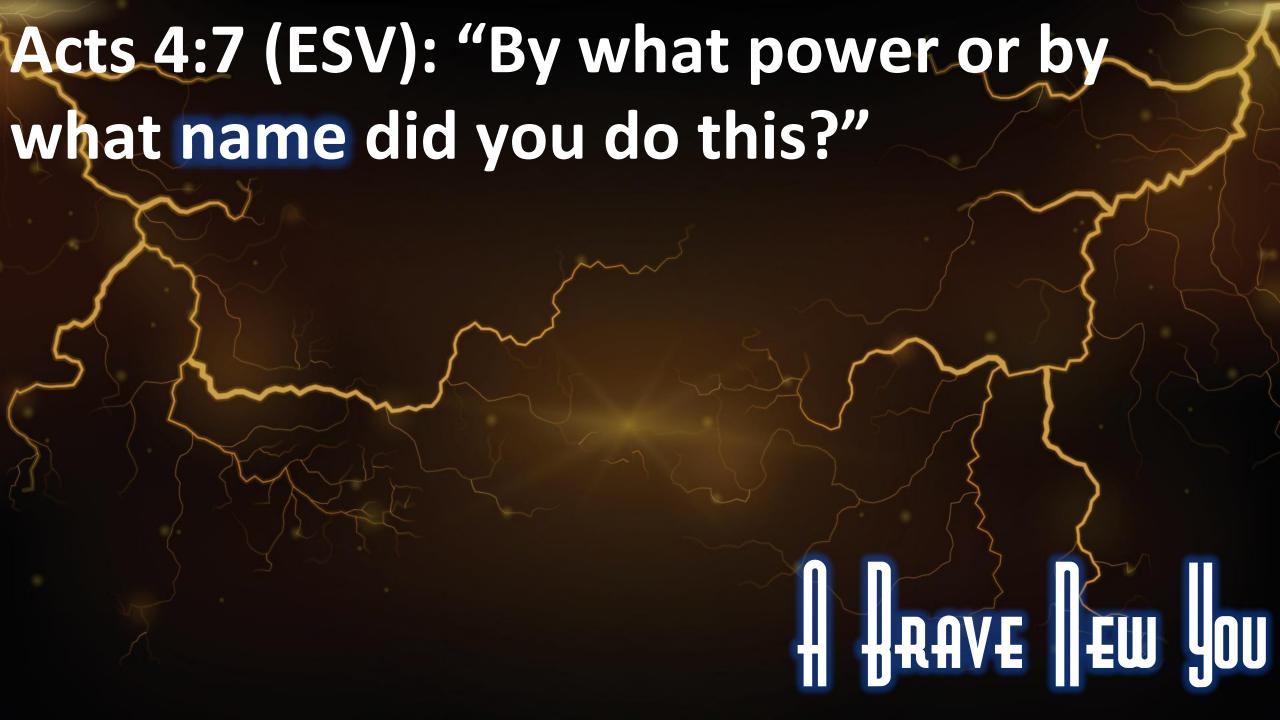
John 6:40 (ESV): "For this is the will of my Father, that everyone who looks on the Son and believes in him should have eternal life, and I will raise him up on the last day."





Acts 3:16 (ESV): "And his name—by faith in his name—has made this man strong whom you see and know, and the faith that is through Jesus has given the man this perfect health in the presence of you all."





Acts 4:10 (ESV): "Let it be known to all of you and to all the people of Israel that by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead—by him this man is standing before you well."



Acts 4:12 (ESV): "And there is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved."



Acts 4:17 (ESV): "But in order that it may spread no further among the people, let us warn them to speak no more to anyone in this name." HAAVE JEW HOU Matthew 1:21-25 (ESV): "She will bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins.' 22 All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had spoken by the prophet: 23 'Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall call his name Immanuel' (which means, God with us). 24 When Joseph woke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him: he took his wife, 25 but knew her not until she had given birth to a son. And he called his name Jesus."

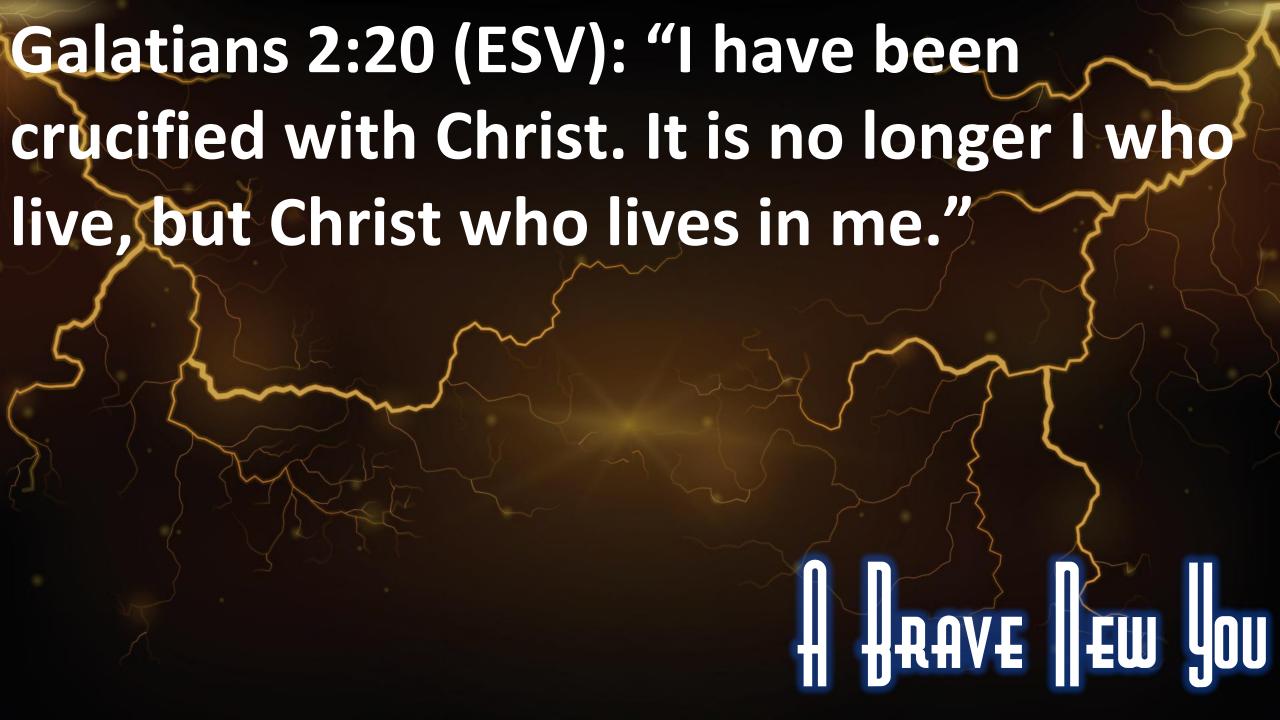
Acts 5:15 (ESV): "They even carried out the sick into the streets and laid them on cots and mats, that as Peter came by at least his shadow might fall on some of



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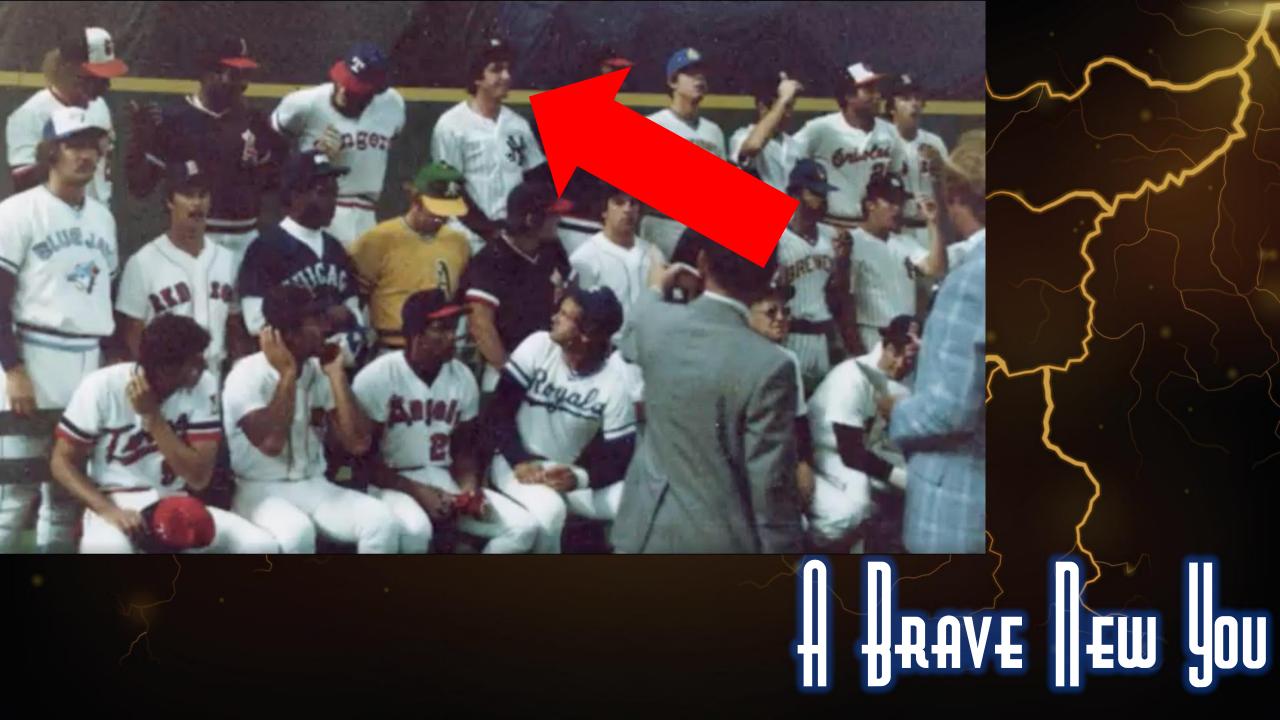
Ephesians 3:14-19 (ESV): "For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, 15 from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named, 16 that according to the riches of his glory he may grant you to be strengthened with power through his Spirit in your inner being, 17 so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith—that you, being rooted and grounded in love, 18 may have strength to comprehend with all the saints what is the breadth and length and height and depth, 19 and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, that you may be filled with all the fullness of God." + RAVE FW

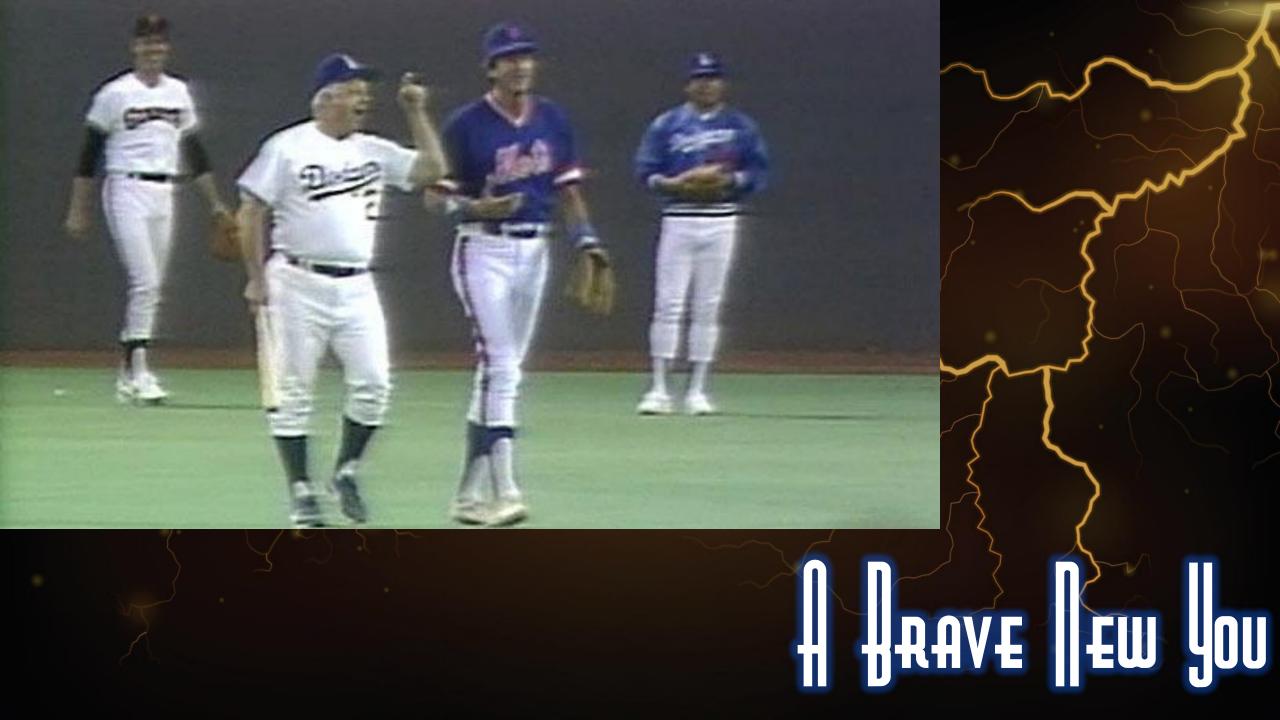


2 Corinthians 5:17 (ESV): "Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come." 

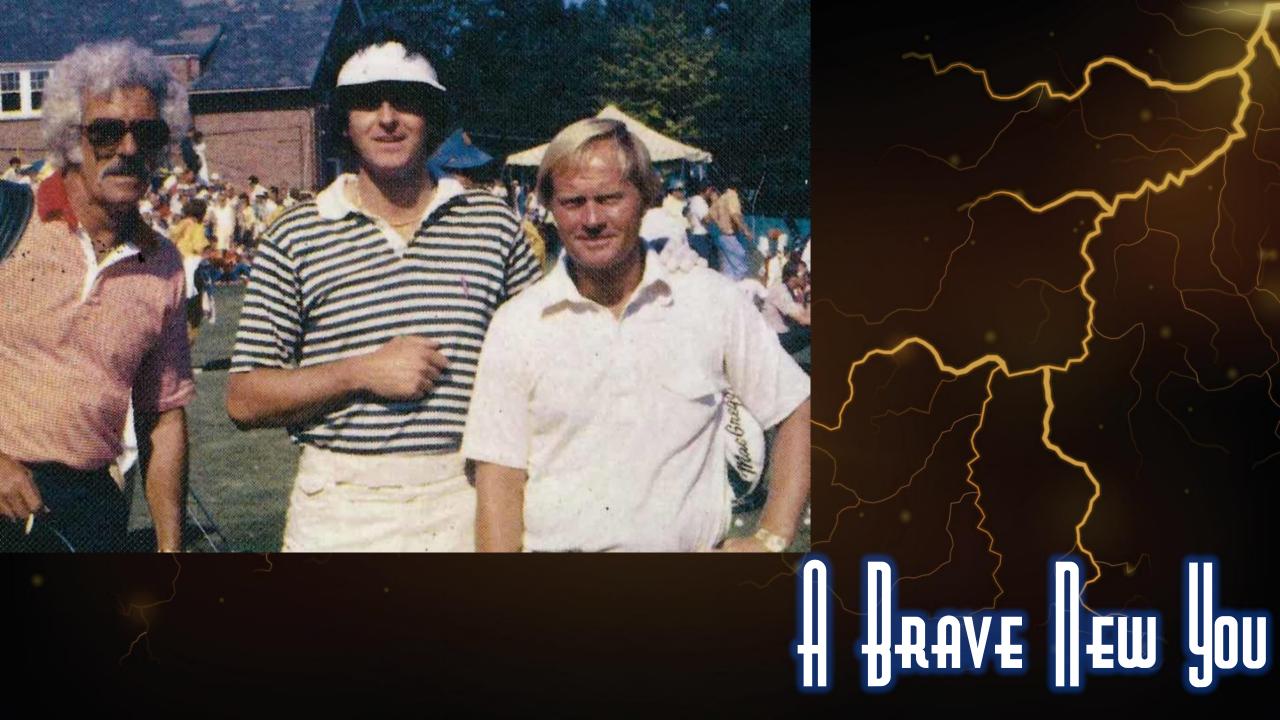












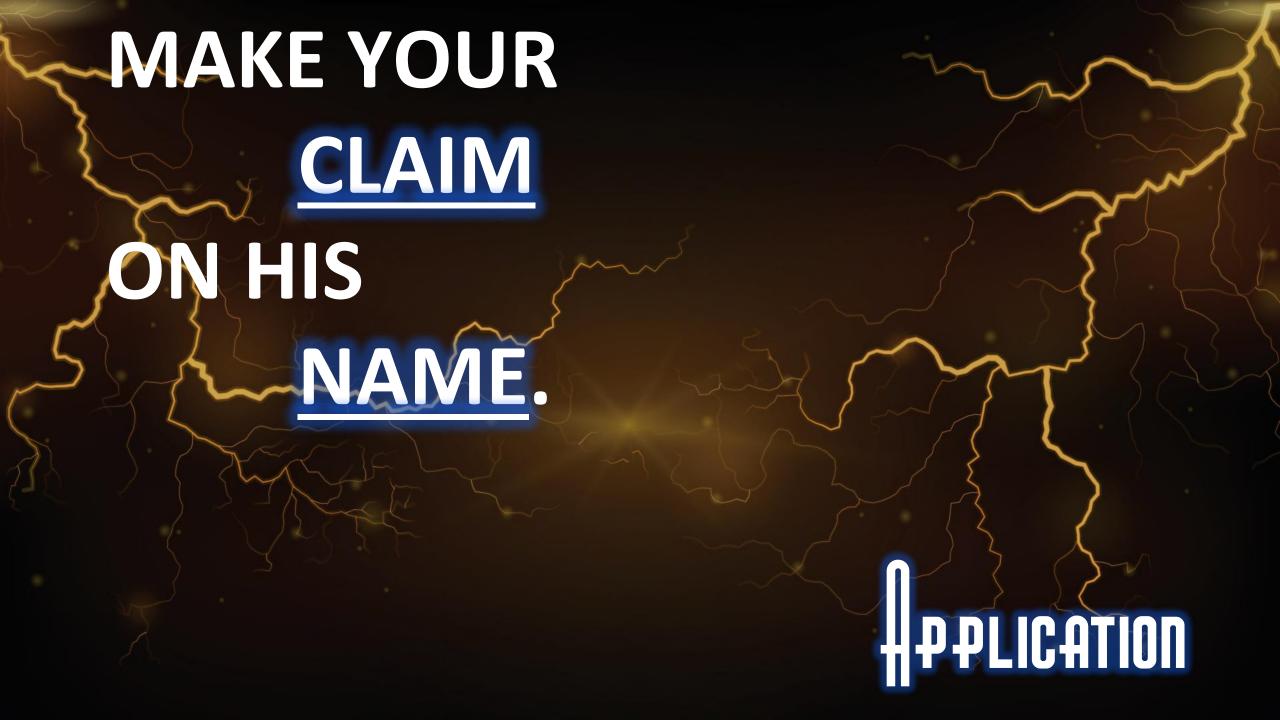


"My dad was the funniest guy, just a complete character: 6'4", handsome, just super confident, super friendly." (Noah Bremen, in an interview on episode 24 of Jason Hennessey's podcast, March 30, 2022)

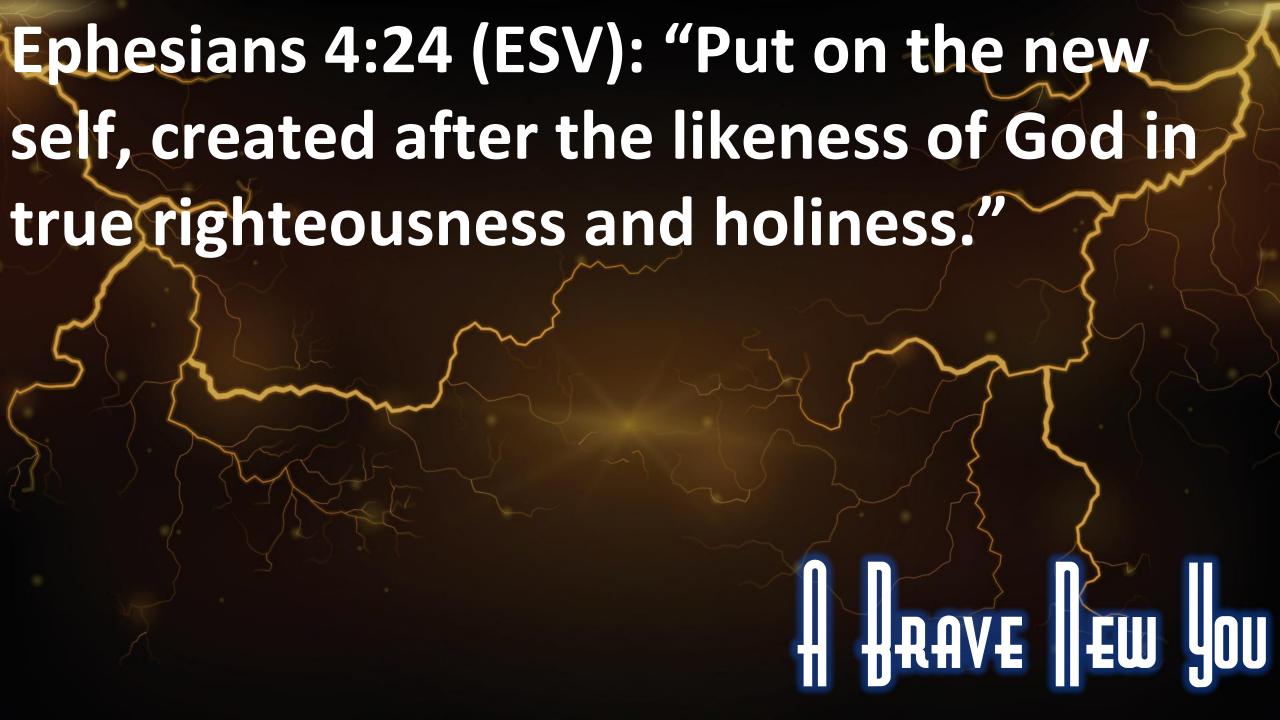




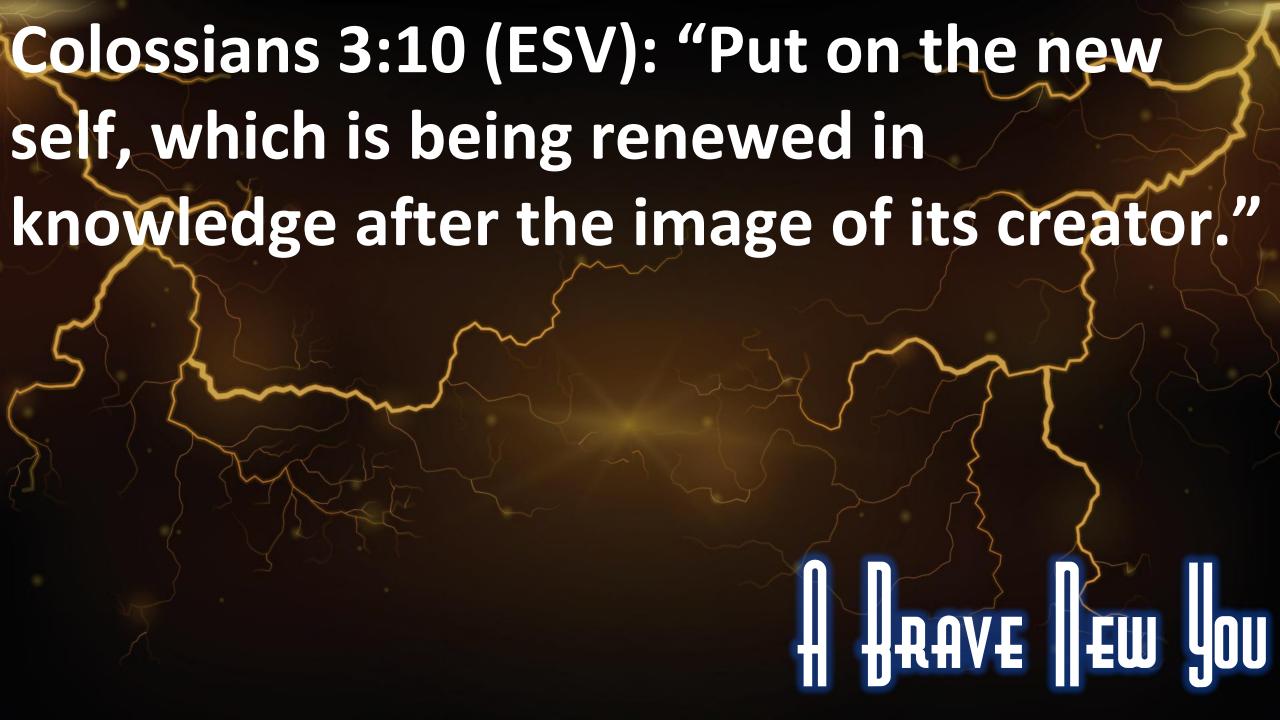
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