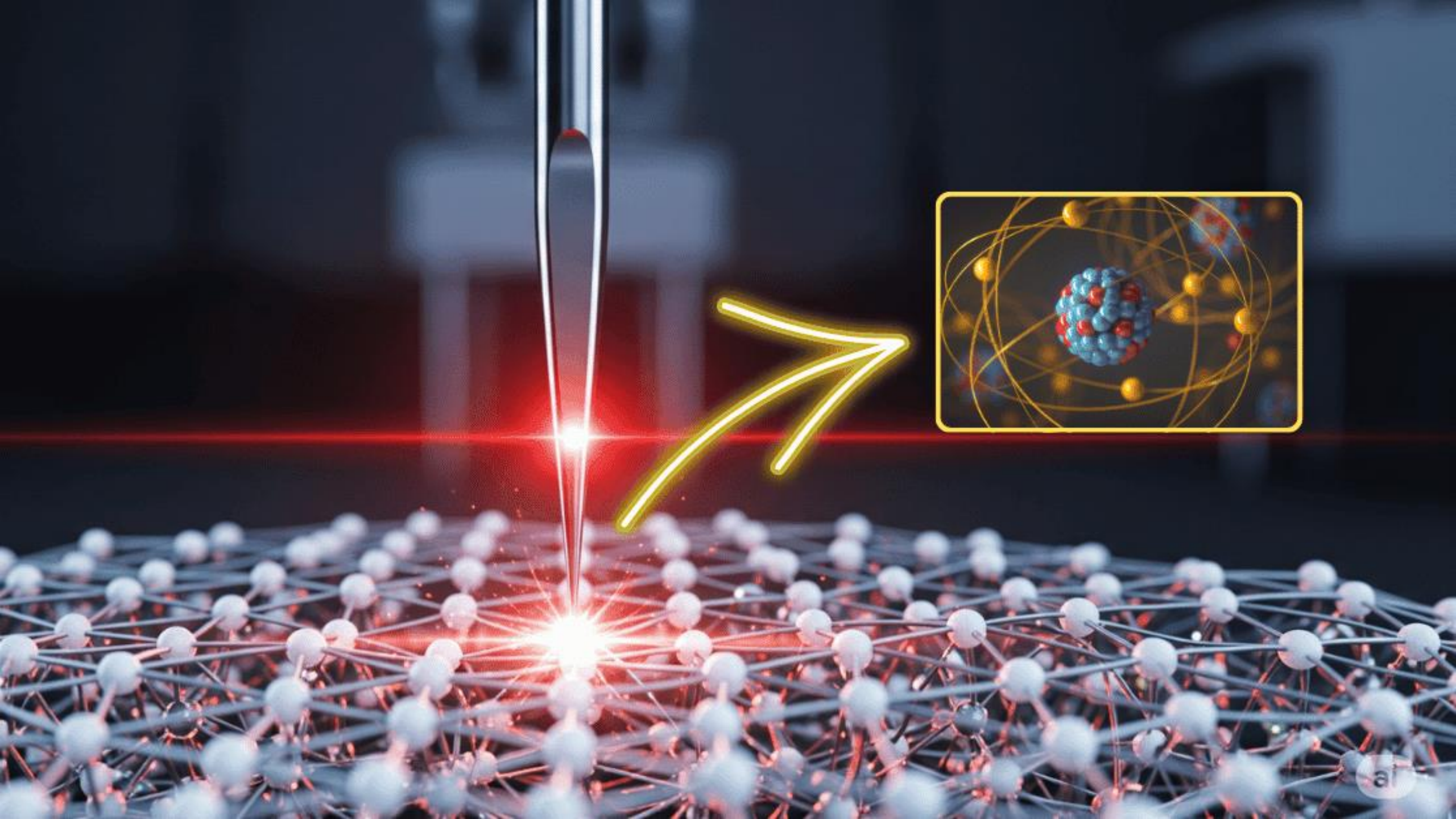


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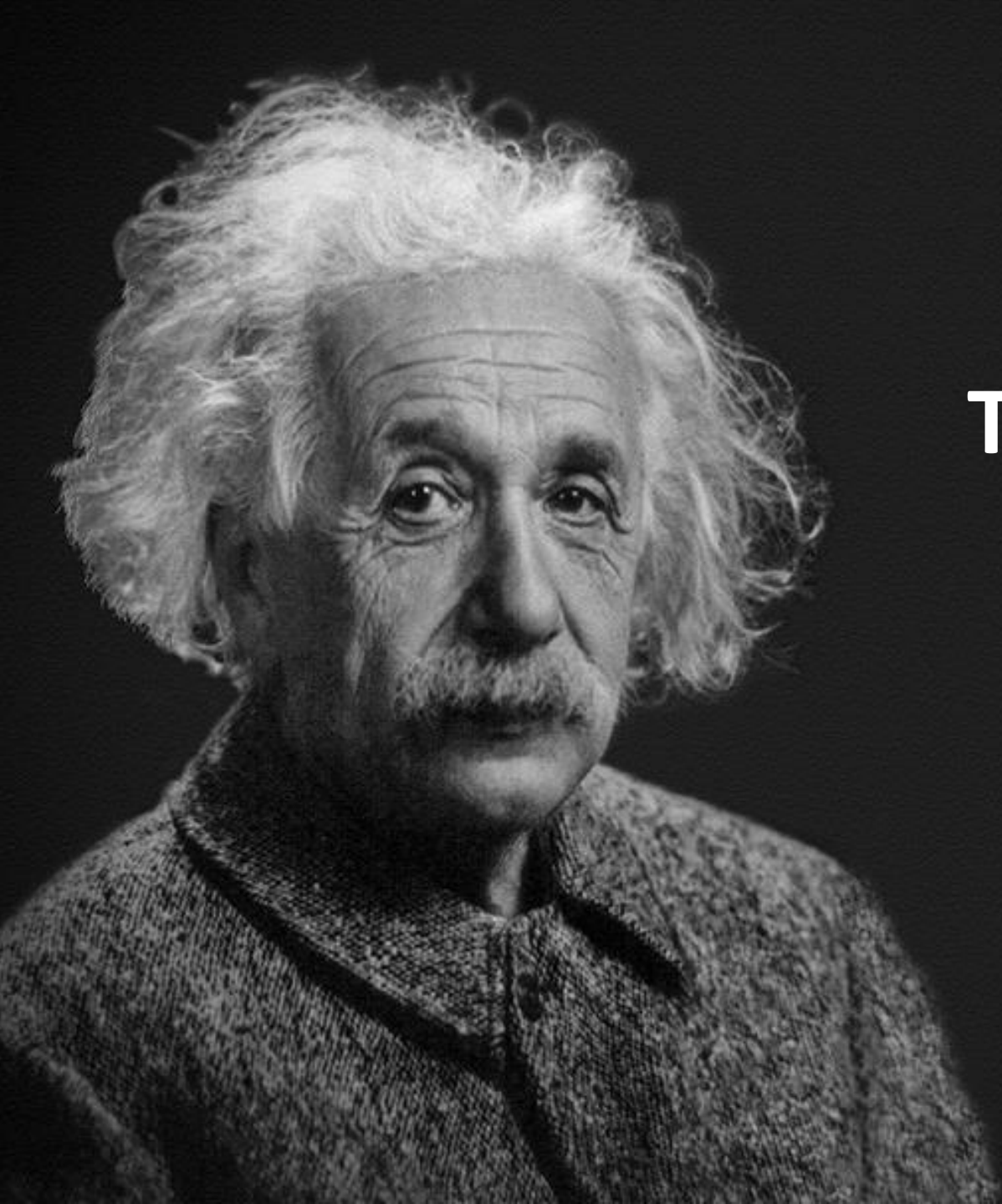






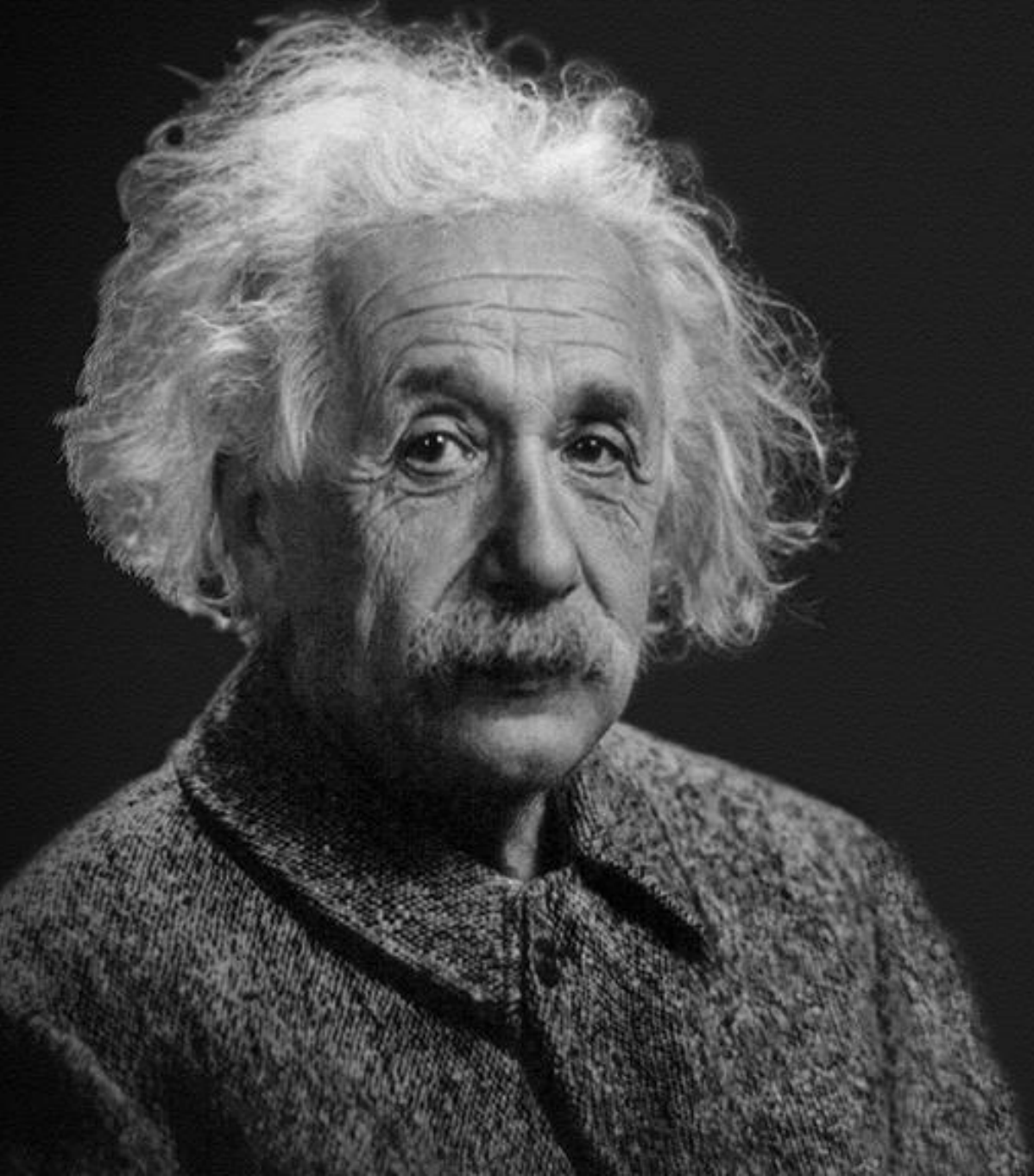






“I have been engrossed in Boltzmann’s works on the kinetic theory of gases. These last few days I wrote a short paper myself that provides the missing key-stone in the chain of proofs that he started.”

(Albert Einstien, in his letter to Marcel Grossman, written sometime between 1906-1907)



**“I adhered scrupulously
to the precept of that
brilliant theoretical
physicist L. Boltzmann.”**

**(From the preface of Albert Einstein’s
Relativity: The Special and General
Theory, 1916)**



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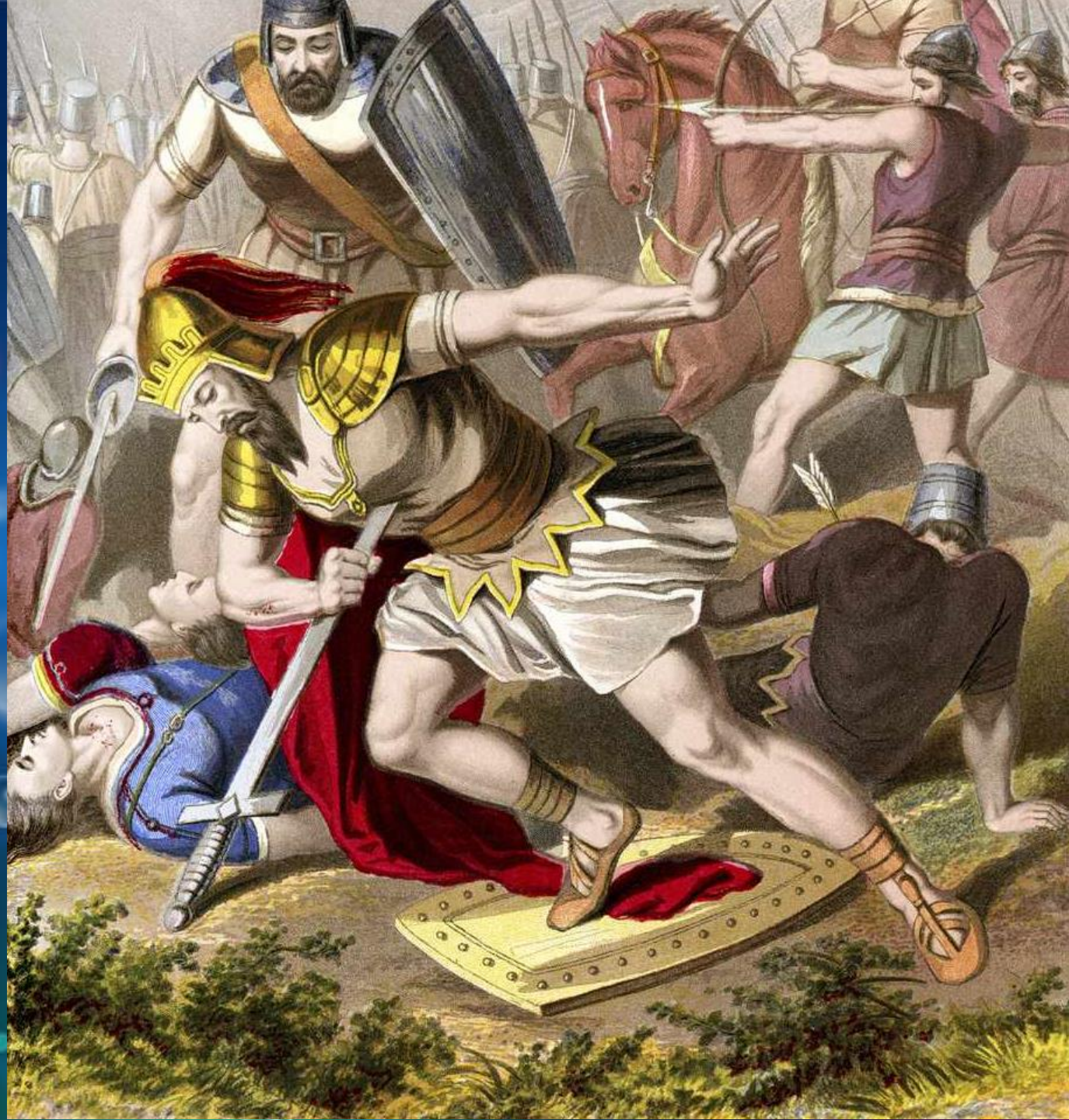
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1 Samuel 31:2-7 (ESV): “And the Philistines overtook Saul and his sons, and the Philistines struck down Jonathan and Abinadab and Malchi-shua, the sons of Saul. 3 The battle pressed hard against Saul, and the archers found him, and he was badly wounded by the archers. 4 Then Saul said to his armor-bearer, ‘Draw your sword, and thrust me through with it, lest these uncircumcised come and thrust me through, and mistreat me.’ But his armor-bearer would not, for he feared greatly....”

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“...Therefore Saul took his own sword and fell upon it. 5 And when his armor-bearer saw that Saul was dead, he also fell upon his sword and died with him. 6 Thus Saul died, and his three sons, and his armor-bearer, and all his men, on the same day together. 7 And when the men of Israel who were on the other side of the valley and those beyond the Jordan saw that the men of Israel had fled and that Saul and his sons were dead, they abandoned their cities and fled.”

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1 Samuel 20:31 (ESV): “For as long as the son of Jesse lives on the earth, neither you nor your kingdom shall be established.”

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1 Samuel 24:21 (ESV): “Swear to me therefore by the Lord that you will not cut off my offspring after me, and that you will not destroy my name out of my father’s house.”

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1 Samuel 28:19 (ESV): “The Lord will give Israel also with you into the hand of the Philistines, and tomorrow you and your sons shall be with me.”

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2 Samuel 9:1-8 (ESV): “David said, ‘Is there still anyone left of the house of Saul, that I may show him kindness for Jonathan’s sake?’ 2 Now there was a servant of the house of Saul whose name was Ziba, and they called him to David. And the king said to him, ‘Are you Ziba?’ And he said, ‘I am your servant.’ 3 And the king said, ‘Is there not still someone of the house of Saul, that I may show the kindness of God to him?’...”

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“...Ziba said to the king, ‘There is still a son of Jonathan; he is crippled in his feet.’ 4 The king said to him, ‘Where is he?’ And Ziba said to the king, ‘He is in the house of Machir the son of Ammiel, at Lodebar.’ 5 Then King David sent and brought him from the house of Machir the son of Ammiel, at Lodebar. 6 And Mephibosheth the son of Jonathan, son of Saul, came to David and fell on his face and paid homage. And David said,...”

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“...‘Mephibosheth!’ And he answered, ‘Behold, I am your servant.’ 7 And David said to him, ‘Do not fear, for I will show you kindness for the sake of your father Jonathan, and I will restore to you all the land of Saul your father, and you shall eat at my table always.’” 8 And he paid homage and said, ‘What is your servant, that you should show regard for a dead dog such as I?’”

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2 Samuel 4:4 (ESV): “Jonathan, the son of Saul, had a son who was crippled in his feet. He was five years old when the news about Saul and Jonathan came from Jezreel, and his nurse took him up and fled, and as she fled in her haste, he fell and became lame. And his name was Mephibosheth.”

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2 Samuel 9:11 (ESV): So Mephibosheth
ate at David's table, like one of the king's
sons."

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EVERYTHING THAT SAUL WOULD
CLAW FOR,
IN THE END WAS FREELY
OFFERED.

~~MAIN POINT~~

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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John 3:16-17 (ESV): “For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. 17 For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.”

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John 1:12 (ESV): “To all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God.”

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Romans 8:32 (ESV): “He who did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us all, how will he not also with him graciously give us all things?”

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Psalm 50:8-13 (ESV): “Not for your sacrifices do I rebuke you; your burnt offerings are continually before me. 9 I will not accept a bull from your house or goats from your folds. 10 For every beast of the forest is mine, the cattle on a thousand hills. 11 I know all the birds of the hills, and all that moves in the field is mine. 12 If I were hungry, I would not tell you, for the world and its fullness are mine. 13 Do I eat the flesh of bulls or drink the blood of goats?”

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Mark 10:45 (ESV): “For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.”

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**Psalm 103:10 (ESV): “He does not treat us
as our sins deserve or repay us according
to our iniquities.”**

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Isaiah 53:5 (ESV): “Upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace, and with his wounds we are healed.”

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Matthew 10:8 (NIV): “Freely you have received; freely give.”

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Ecclesiastes 9:2 (ESV): “It is the same for all, since the same event happens to the righteous and the wicked.”

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**STOP TRYING TO
ACHIEVE
WHAT YOU CAN ONLY
RECEIVE
WHEN YOU SIMPLY
BELIEVE.**

APPLICATION

**Mark 10:15 (ESV): “Truly, I say to you,
whoever does not receive the kingdom of
God like a child shall not enter it.”**

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**Mark 11:24 (ESV): “Therefore I tell you,
whatever you ask for in prayer, believe
that you have received it, and it will be
yours.”**

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BREAKING AND
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