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TALKING
OURSELVES
INTO SIN

TEMPTATIONS WILL COME

James 1:2-8 (NKJV)

² My brethren, count it all joy when you fall into various trials, ³ knowing that the testing of your faith produces patience. ⁴ But let patience have *its* perfect work, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking nothing. ⁵ If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask of God, who gives to all liberally and without reproach, and it will be given to him. ⁶ But let him ask in faith, with no doubting, for he who doubts is like a wave of the sea driven and tossed by the wind.

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James 1:13-16 (NKJV)

¹³ Let no one say when he is tempted, "I am tempted by God"; for God cannot be tempted by evil, nor does He Himself tempt anyone. ¹⁴ But each one is tempted when he is drawn away by his own desires and enticed. ¹⁵ Then, when desire has conceived, it gives birth to sin; and sin, when it is full-grown, brings forth death. ¹⁶ Do not be deceived, my beloved brethren.

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1 Corinthians 10:1-13 (NKJV)

¹ Moreover, brethren, I do not want you to be unaware that all our fathers were under the cloud, all passed through the sea, ² all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea, ³ all ate the same spiritual food, ⁴ and all drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank of that spiritual Rock that followed them, and that Rock was Christ. ⁵ But with most of them God was not well pleased, for *their bodies* were scattered in the wilderness.

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⁶ Now these things became our examples, to the intent that we should not lust after evil things as they also lusted. ⁷ And do not become idolaters as *were* some of them. As it is written, "*The people sat down to eat and drink, and rose up to play.*" ⁸ Nor let us commit sexual immorality, as some of them did, and in one day twenty-three thousand fell; ⁹ nor let us tempt Christ, as some of them also tempted, and were destroyed by serpents;

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¹⁰ nor complain, as some of them also complained, and were destroyed by the destroyer. ¹¹ Now all these things happened to them as examples, and they were written for our admonition, upon whom the ends of the ages have come. ¹² Therefore let him who thinks he stands take heed lest he fall.

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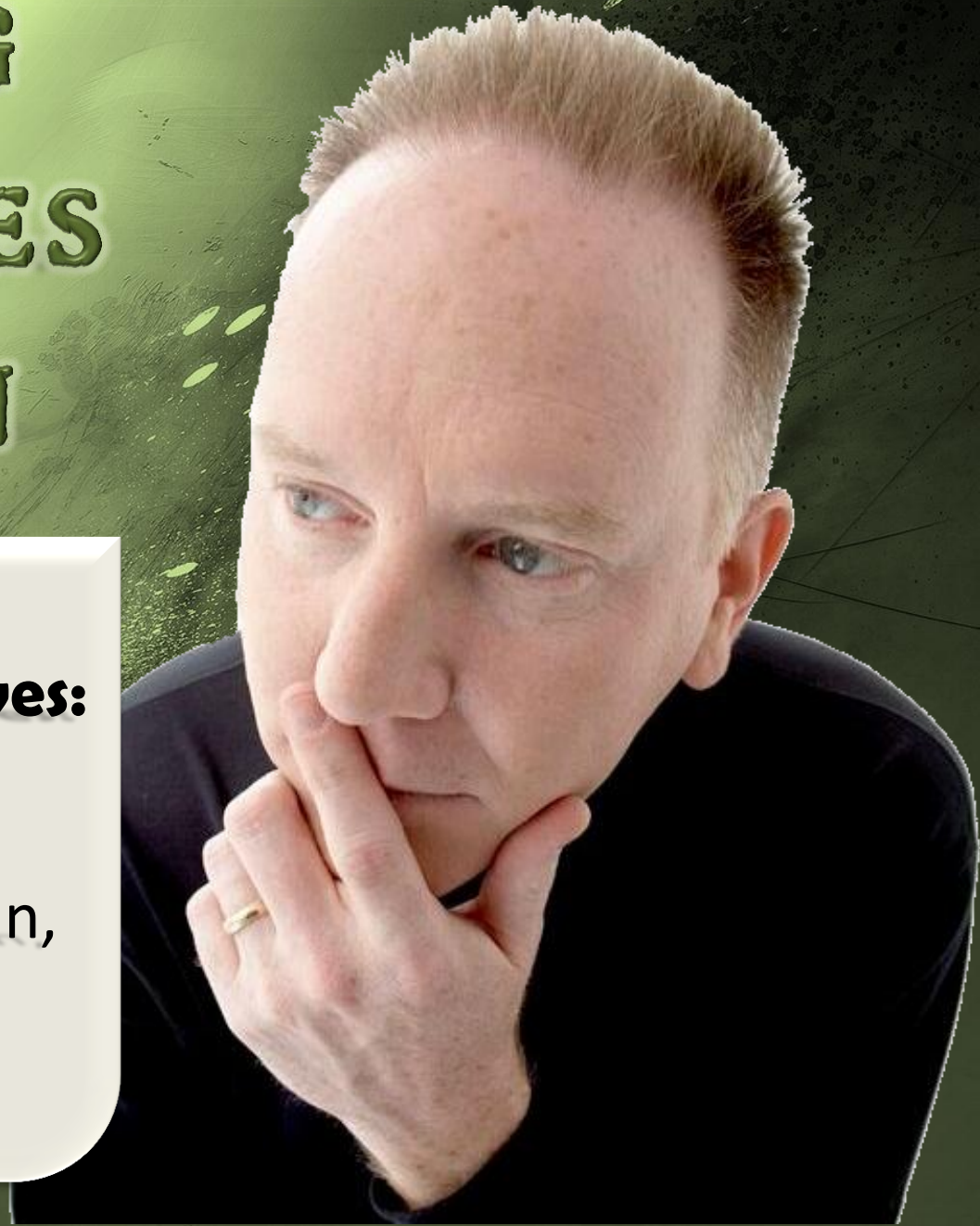
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¹³ No temptation has overtaken you except such as is common to man; but God *is* faithful, who will not allow you to be tempted beyond what you are able, but with the temptation will also make the way of escape, that you may be able to bear *it*.

TALKING OURSELVES INTO SIN

Some Things We Sometimes Tell Ourselves:

- ◆ That set us up for sin,
- ◆ That encourage us to sin,
- ◆ In an attempt to justify our sins.

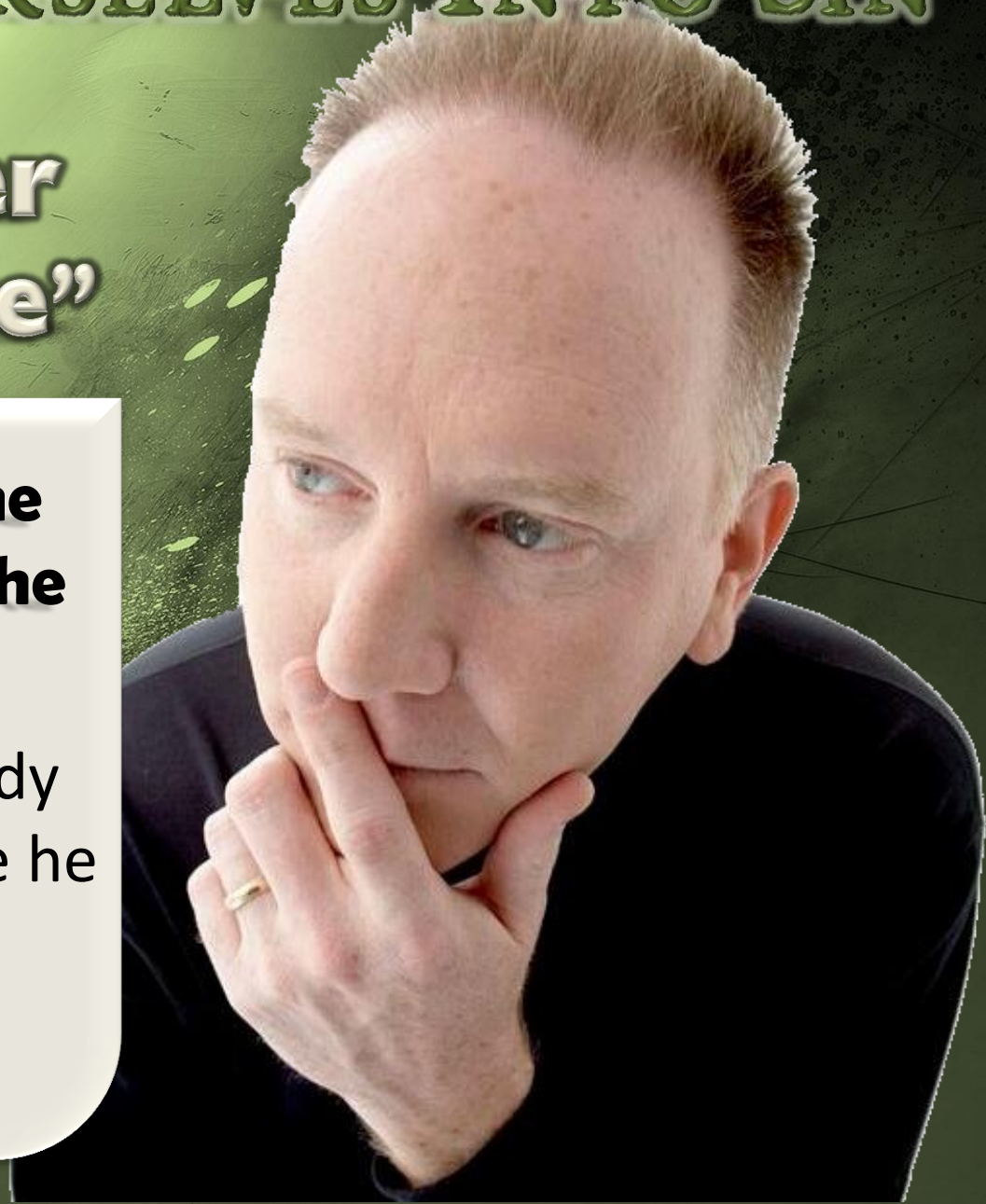


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**“That’ll Never
Happen To Me”**

**“let him who thinks he
stands take heed lest he
fall” – verse 12**

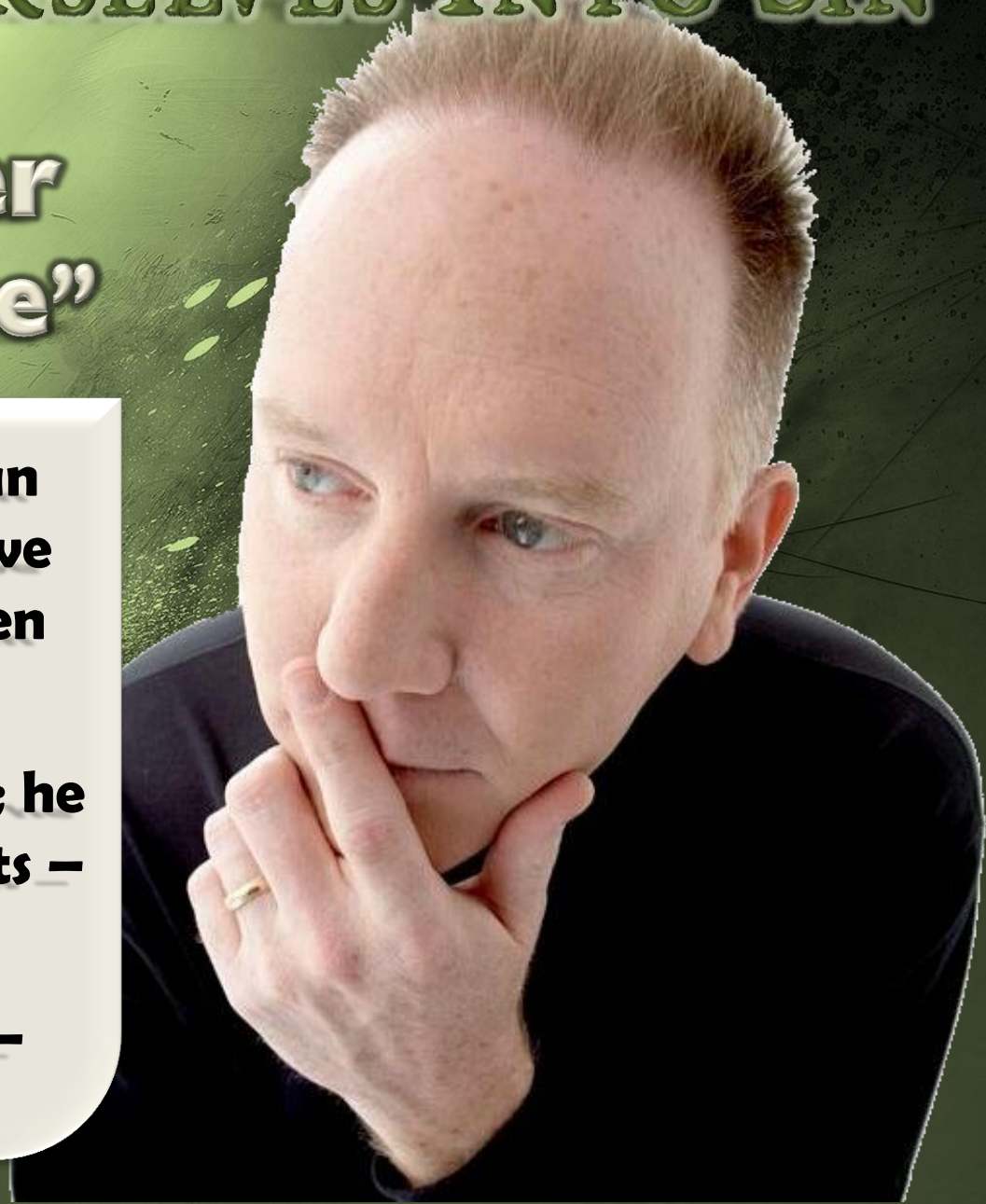
◆ **Peter** – (Peter was ready
to fight for Jesus before he
denied Jesus) - Mat.
26:31-35, 69-75



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**“That’ll Never
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- ◆ **“The temptations of Satan are often stronger than we imagine, and we are often weaker than we think.”**
- ◆ **Satan is patient & crafty; he doesn’t disclose the results –**
(David – 1 Sam 12,13)
- ◆ **The need to be vigilant! –**
(2 Pet. 1:5-10)



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“No One Has Had To Face This Kind Of Temptation”

“No temptation has overtaken you except such as is common to man” –
verse 13a

- ◆ **Same elements** – (desire & enticement - Js.1:13-14)
- ◆ **Same method** – (1 Jn.2:15-16; Gen 3:1-8; Mat 4:1-11)



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“No One Has Had To Face This Kind Of Temptation”

- ◆ **Is your world more wicked than Noah's?**
- ◆ **Have you suffered more tragedy in your life than Job?**
- ◆ **Is your temptation more appealing than Moses'?**
- ◆ **Are you more alone than Joseph or Daniel?**
- ◆ **Have you been more unfairly treated than Jesus?**

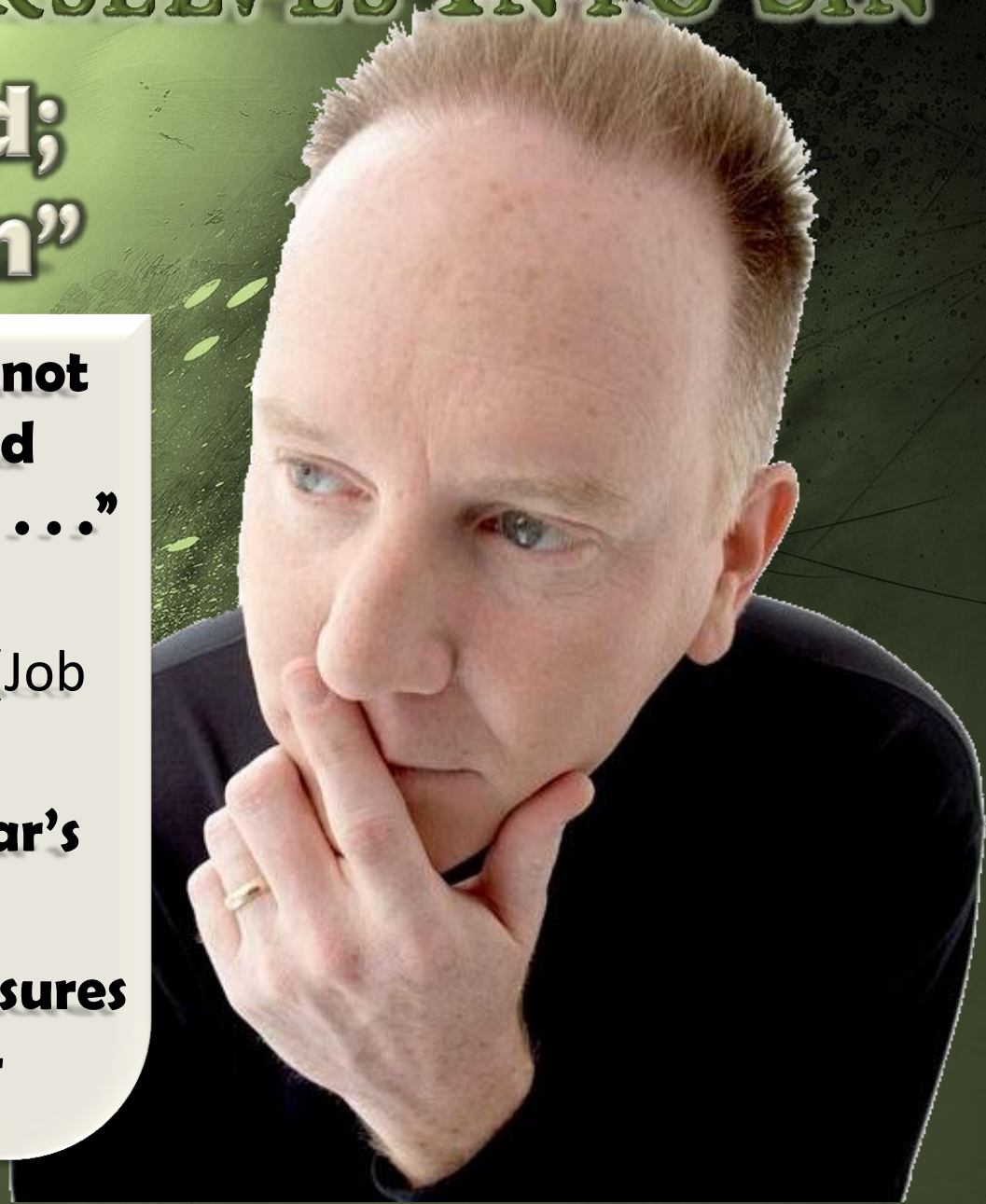


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**“I have to yield;
I’m only human”**

**“God is faithful, who will not
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verse 13b

- ◆ **Job said no to his wife** – (Job 1:20-22; 2:9,10)
- ◆ **Joseph said no to Potiphar’s wife** – (Gen. 39:7-13)
- ◆ **Moses said no to the treasures and pleasures of Egypt** – (Heb 11:24-27)

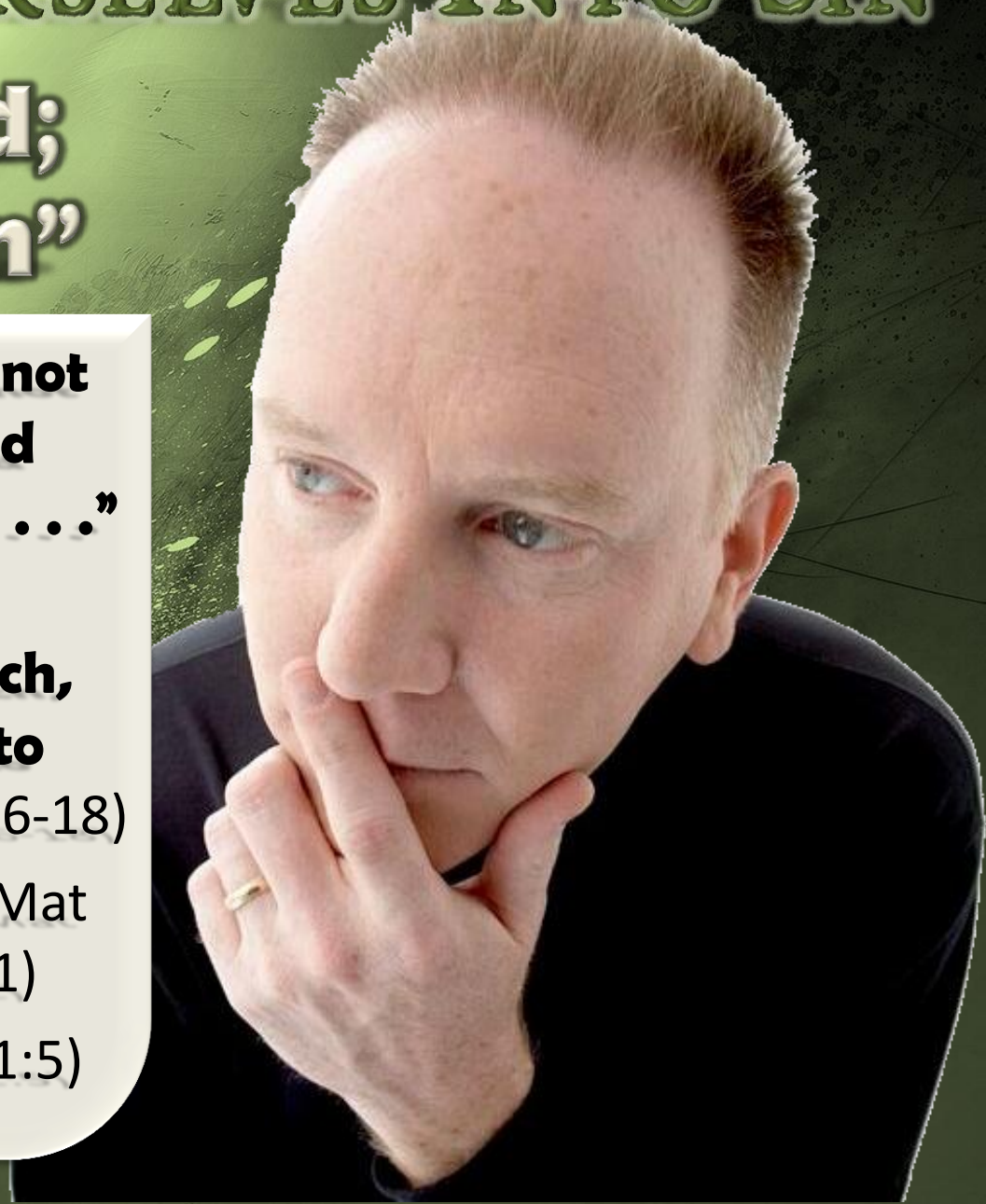


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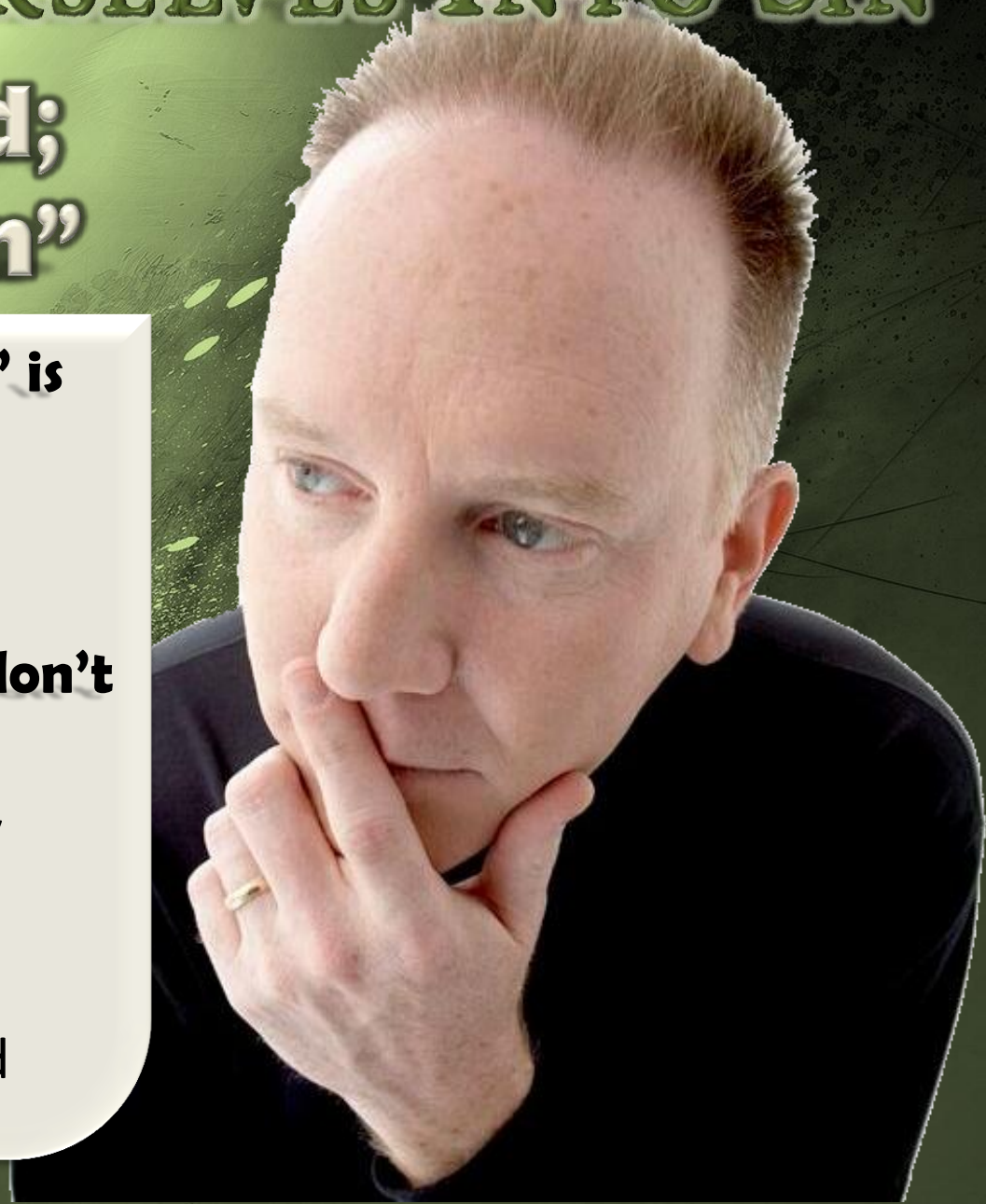
- ◆ **Daniel, Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-Nego said no to the king** – (Daniel 1:8; 3:16-18)
- ◆ **Jesus said no to Satan** – (Mat 4:1-11; Heb 4:15; 1 Pet 2:21)
- ◆ **We have a choice** – (Jam 1:5)



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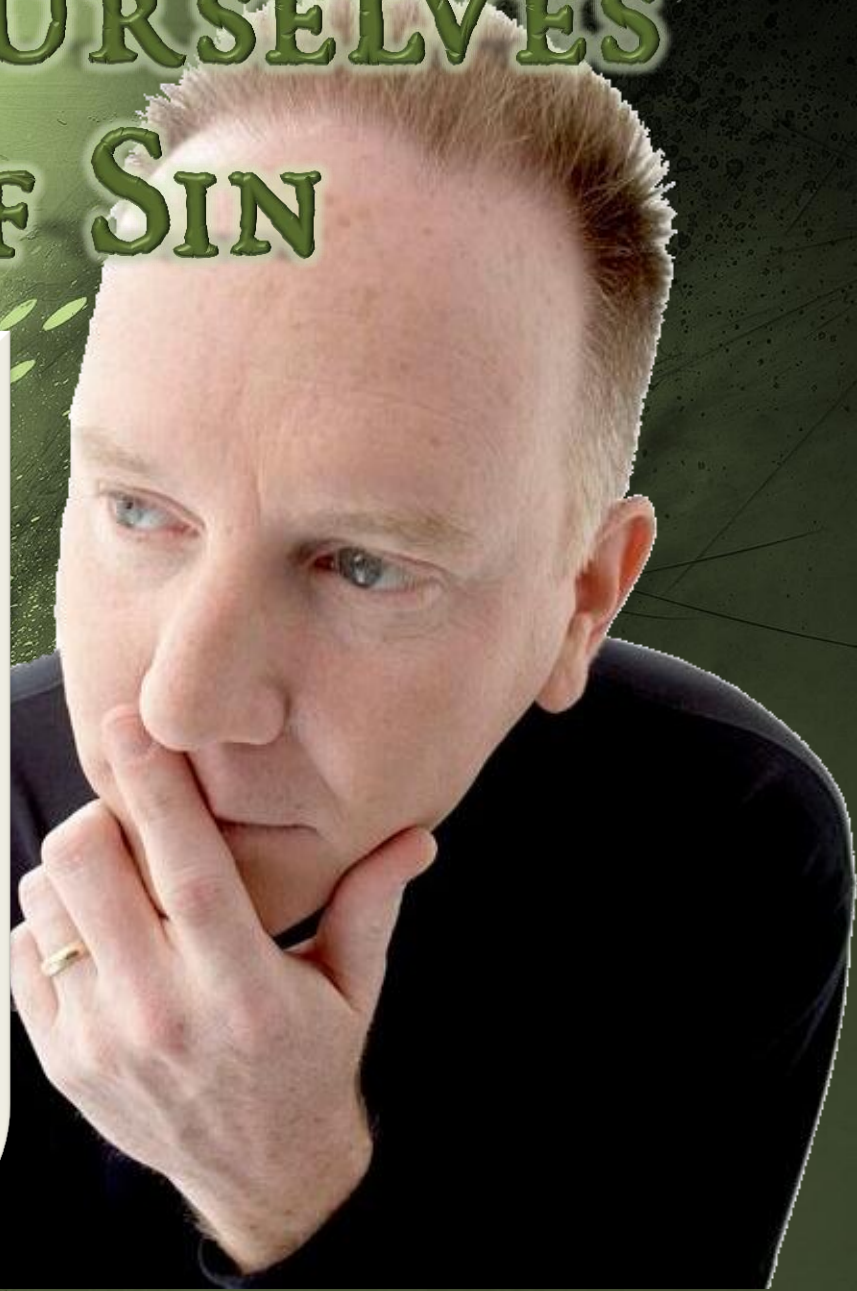
- ◆ **To say “I can’t overcome” is to call God a liar –** (An attempt to dodge duty!).
- ◆ **To say: “I don’t have a choice” really means - I don’t like the choices—**
 - ❖ To forego some earthly pleasure or treasure
 - ❖ To undergo some “hardship” that we had rather not suffer . . .



TALKING OURSELVES OUT OF SIN

REMEMBER:

- ◆ **Proper reverence for God** –
Prov. 16:6
- ◆ **Proper view of sin** – Mat 5:29,30
- ◆ **Proper view of God's love** – John
3:16; Rom 8:5; 2 Cor. 5:15
- ◆ **Proper view of God's word** –
Psalm 119:11;; 40:8
- ◆ **Proper view of ourselves** – Eccl.
12:13,14; Rm 12:1-3; 2 Pt. 1:5-10



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A person is crouching in a dark tunnel, looking towards a bright light at the end. The tunnel walls are textured and the light creates a strong glow at the far end.

- ◆ Two things you have no choice in--- death and judgment; things that make it imperative that we resist temptation and overcome sin – (Ecc. 12:7; Acts 17:30,31; 2 Pet 3:10-13)
- ◆ Even if we have yielded, there is still hope – (John 8:24; Acts 2:38; 8:22; 1 John 1:9)
- ◆ Talk yourself out of sin, not into it.

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