



January Life in the Word Series:

'From Such Turn Away'

**Lesson Three:**

**Allergic to  
Bragging?**





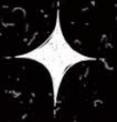
**Foundation  
Scripture:**

**II Timothy  
3:1–5**





II Timothy 3:1-5, But know this, that in the last days perilous times will come: For men will be lovers of themselves, lovers of money, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy, unloving, unforgiving, slanderers,





without self-control, brutal, despisers of good, traitors, headstrong, haughty, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God, having a form of godliness but denying its power. And from such people turn away!



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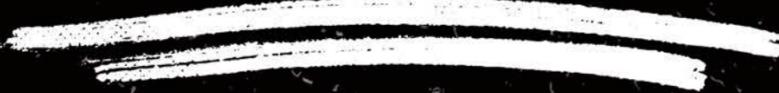
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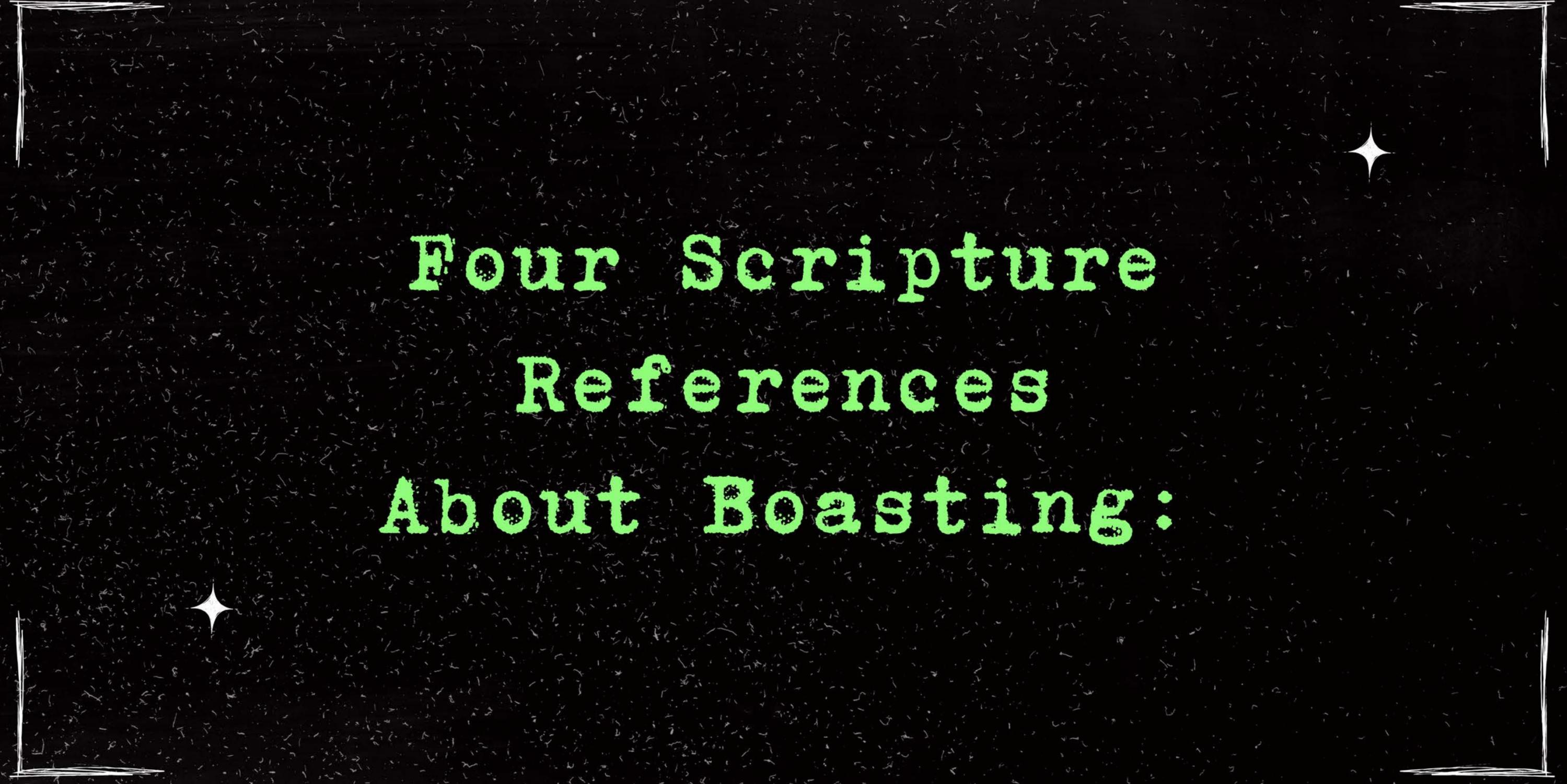


**“If you show off  
do not get upset  
when God doesn’t  
show up.”**

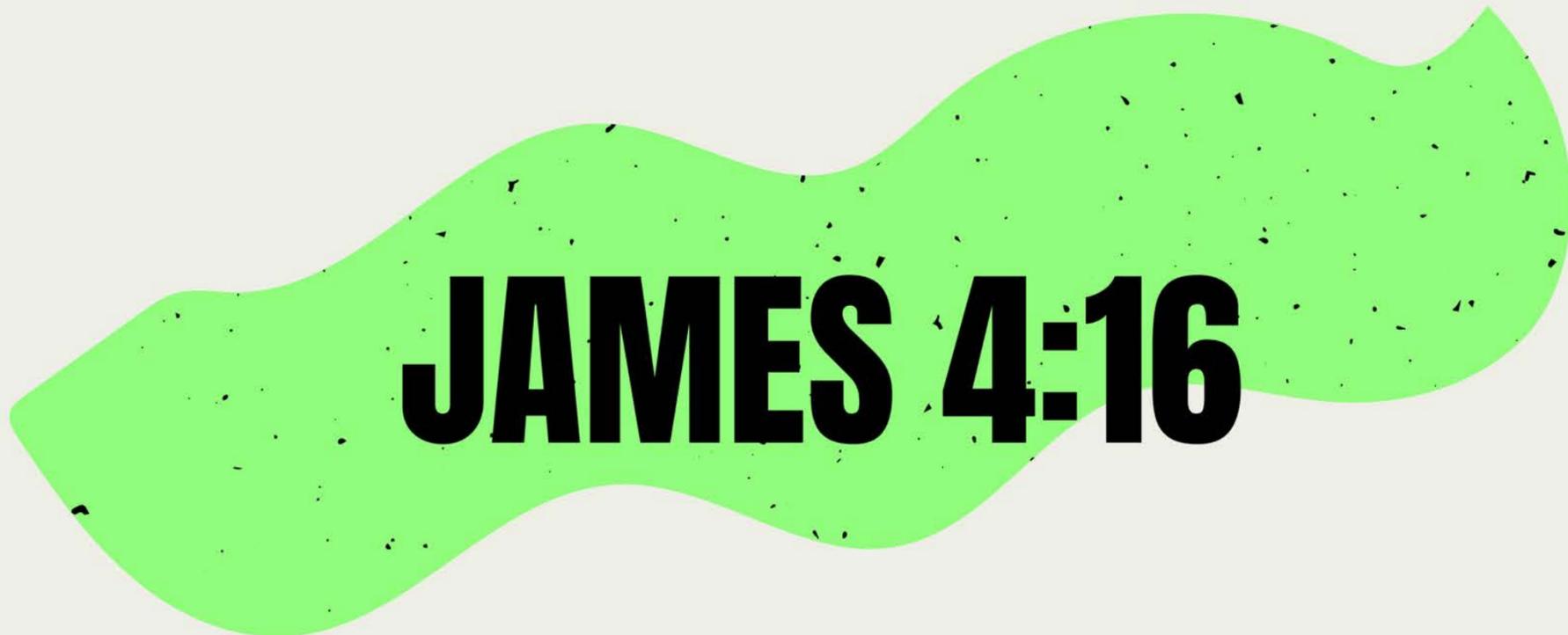


Boasting is "the act of talking excessively about one's achievements, possessions, or abilities."





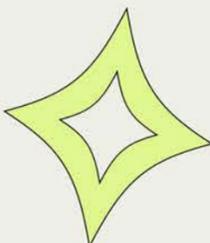
**Four Scripture  
References  
About Boasting:**



# **JAMES 4:16**

As it is, you boast in your  
arrogance. All such  
boasting is evil.

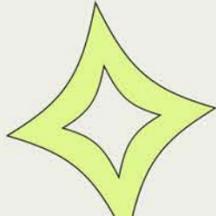
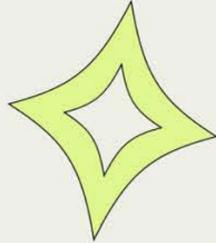


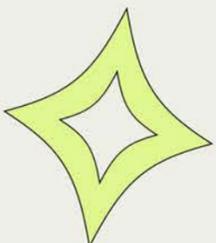


# **JEREMIAH 9:26**

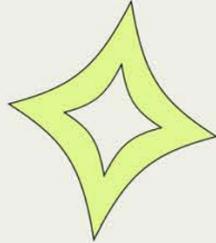


Thus says the Lord: "Let not the wise man boast in his wisdom, let not the mighty man boast in his might, let not the rich man boast in his riches."

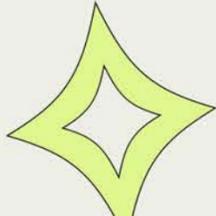




# JUDE 1:16



These are grumblers, malcontents, following their own sinful desires; they are loud-mouthed boasters, showing favoritism to gain advantage.





# **I CORINTHIANS 13:4**

Love is patient and kind;  
love does not envy or  
boast; it is not arrogant.

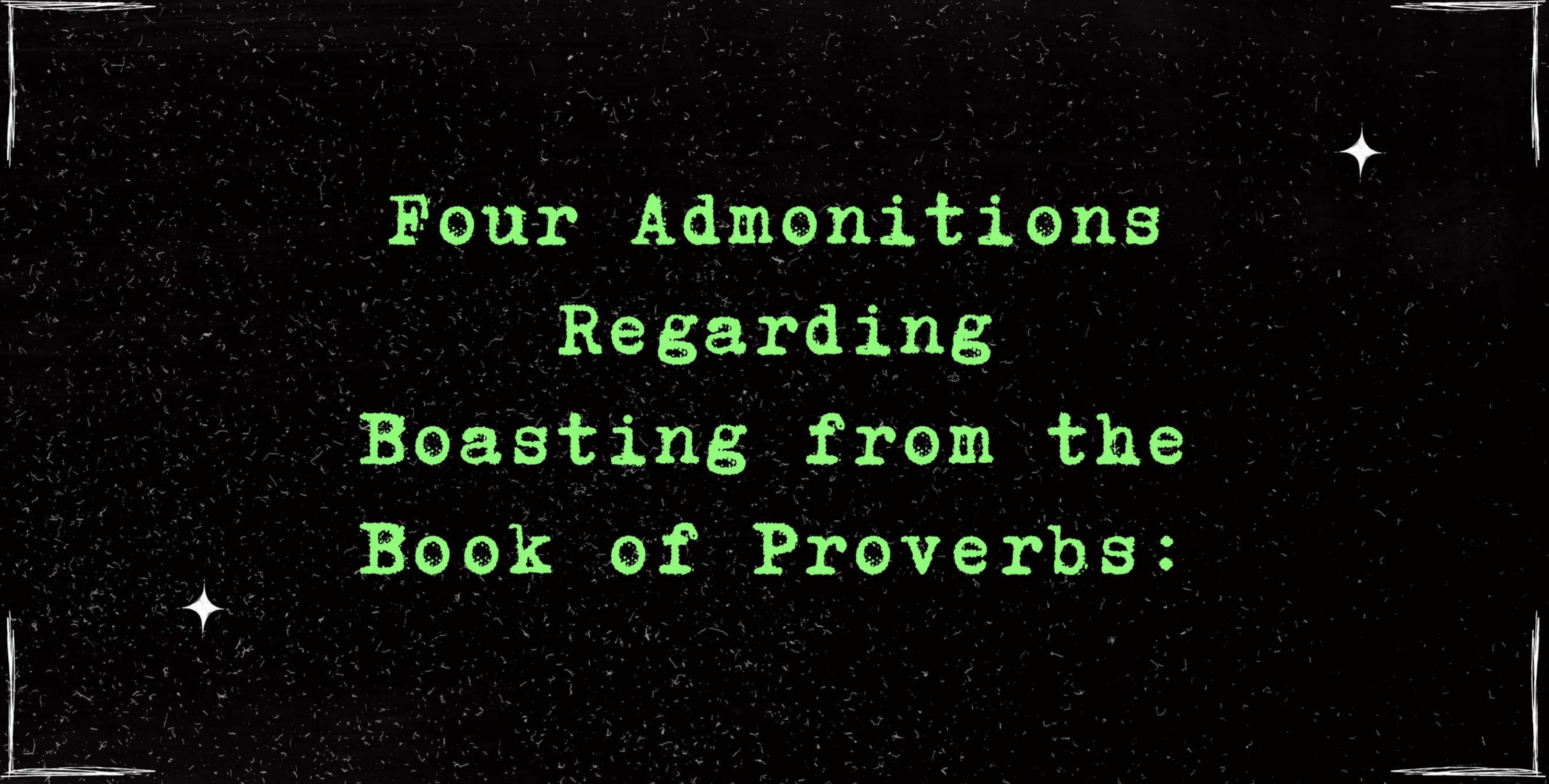




# The Story of King Nebuchadnezzar

Daniel Chapter 4





**Four Admonitions  
Regarding  
Boasting from the  
Book of Proverbs:**

**I.**

**Do Not Engage  
In Self-Praise.  
Proverbs 27:2**



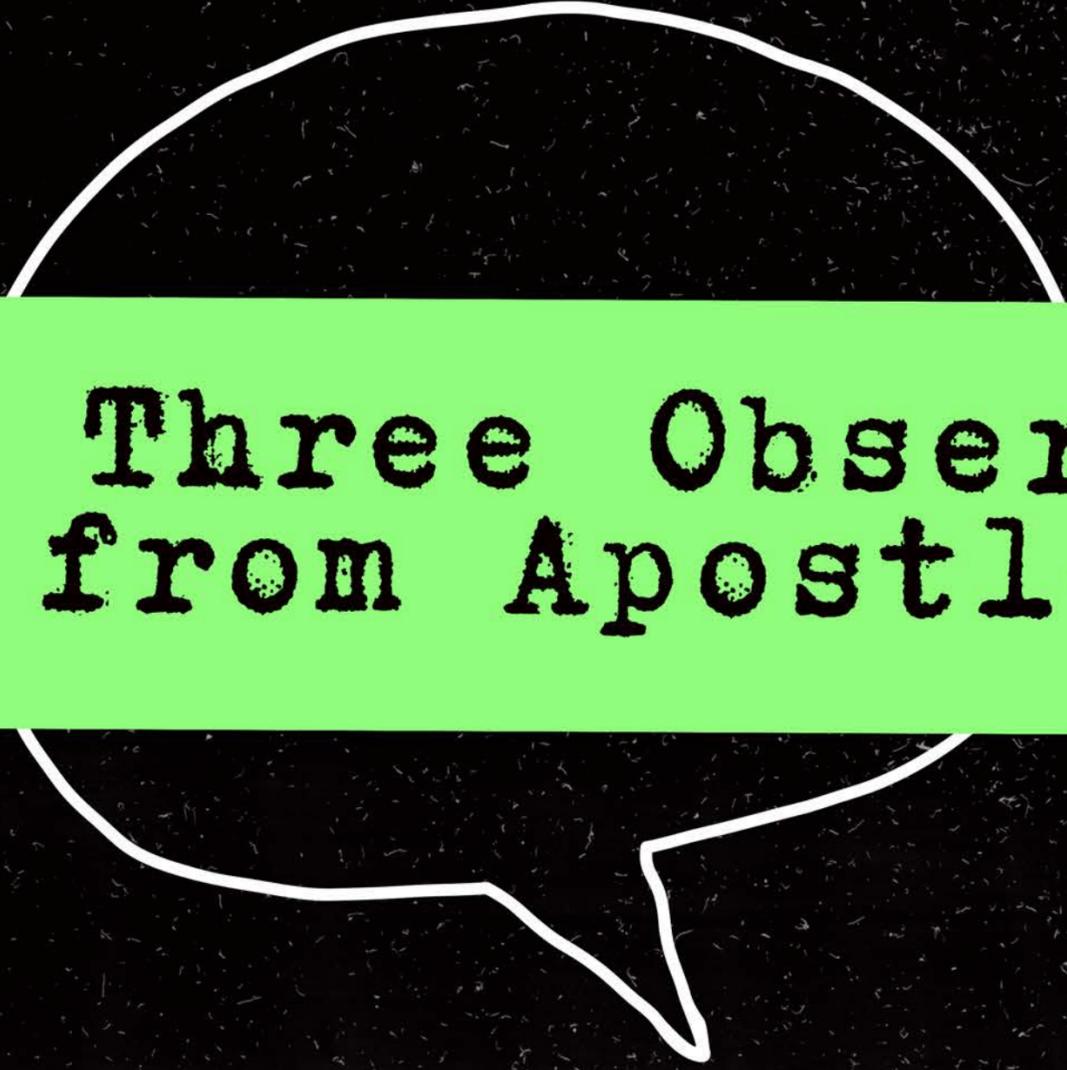
**II.**

**Do Not Boast  
About Tomorrow.  
Proverbs 27:1**



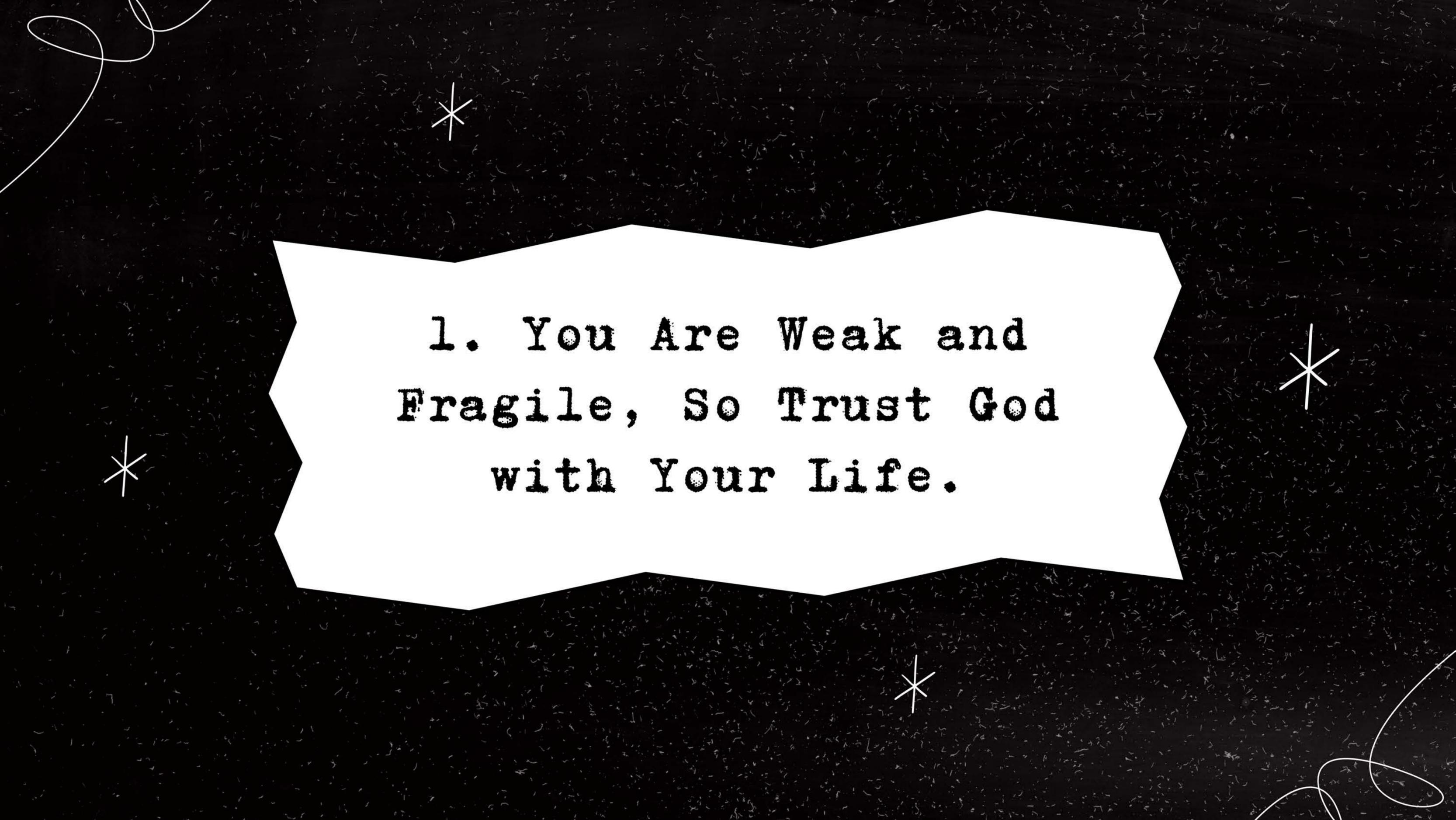
James 4:13-16, You should know better than to say, "Today or tomorrow we will go to the city. We will do business there for a year and make a lot of money!"

What do you know about tomorrow? How can you be so sure about your life? It is nothing more than mist that appears for only a little while before it disappears. You should say, "If the Lord lets us live, we will do these things." Yet you are stupid enough to brag, and it is wrong to be so proud.

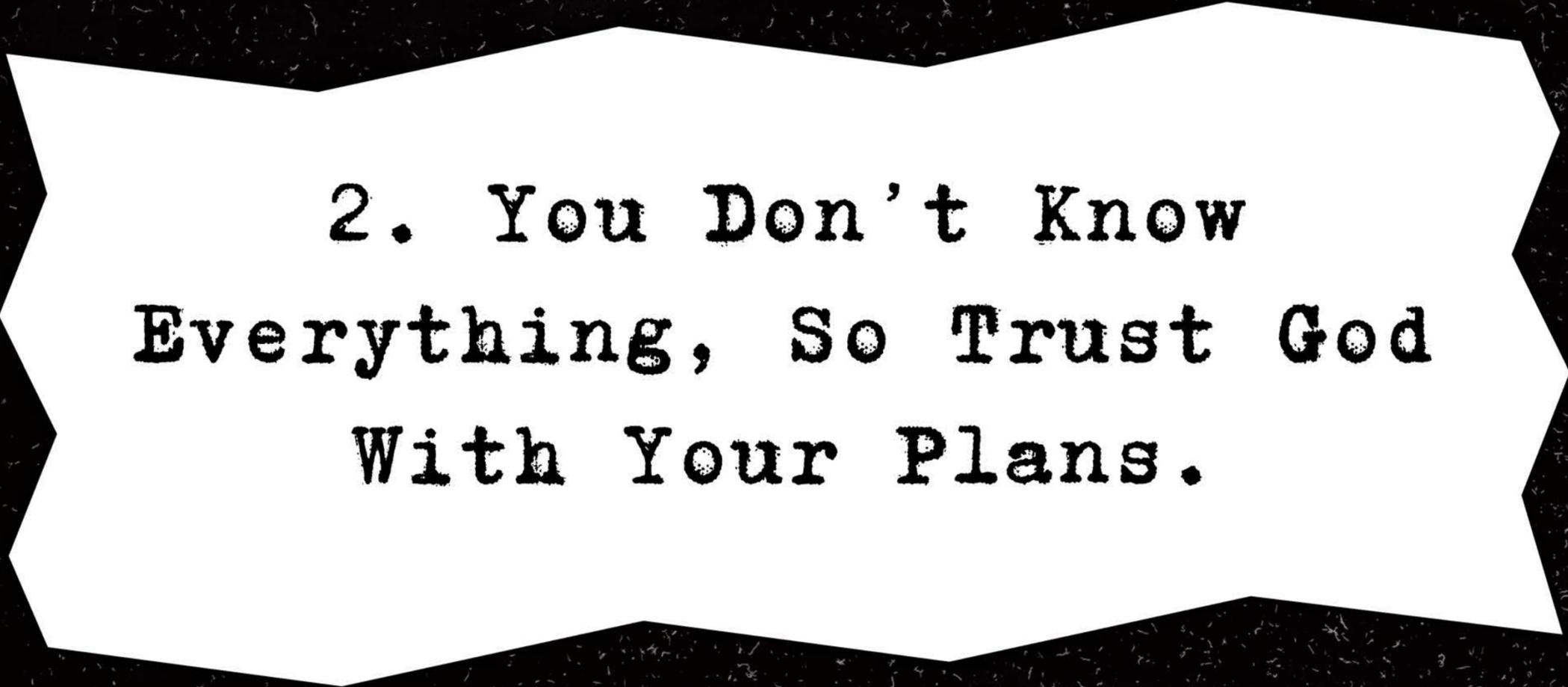


**Three Observations  
from Apostle James:**

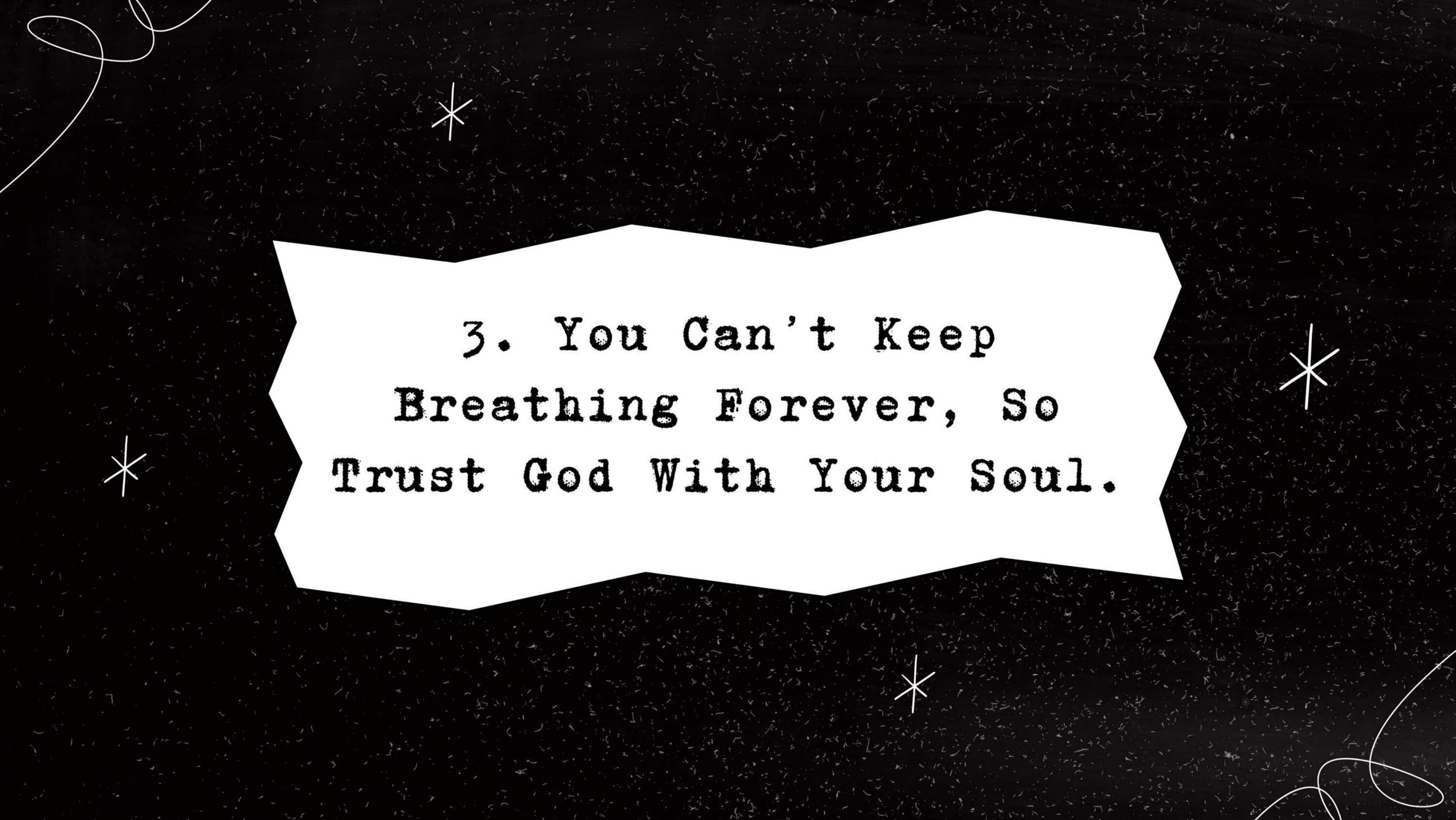




1. You Are Weak and  
Fragile, So Trust God  
with Your Life.



**2. You Don't Know  
Everything, So Trust God  
With Your Plans.**



3. You Can't Keep  
Breathing Forever, So  
Trust God With Your Soul.

**III.**

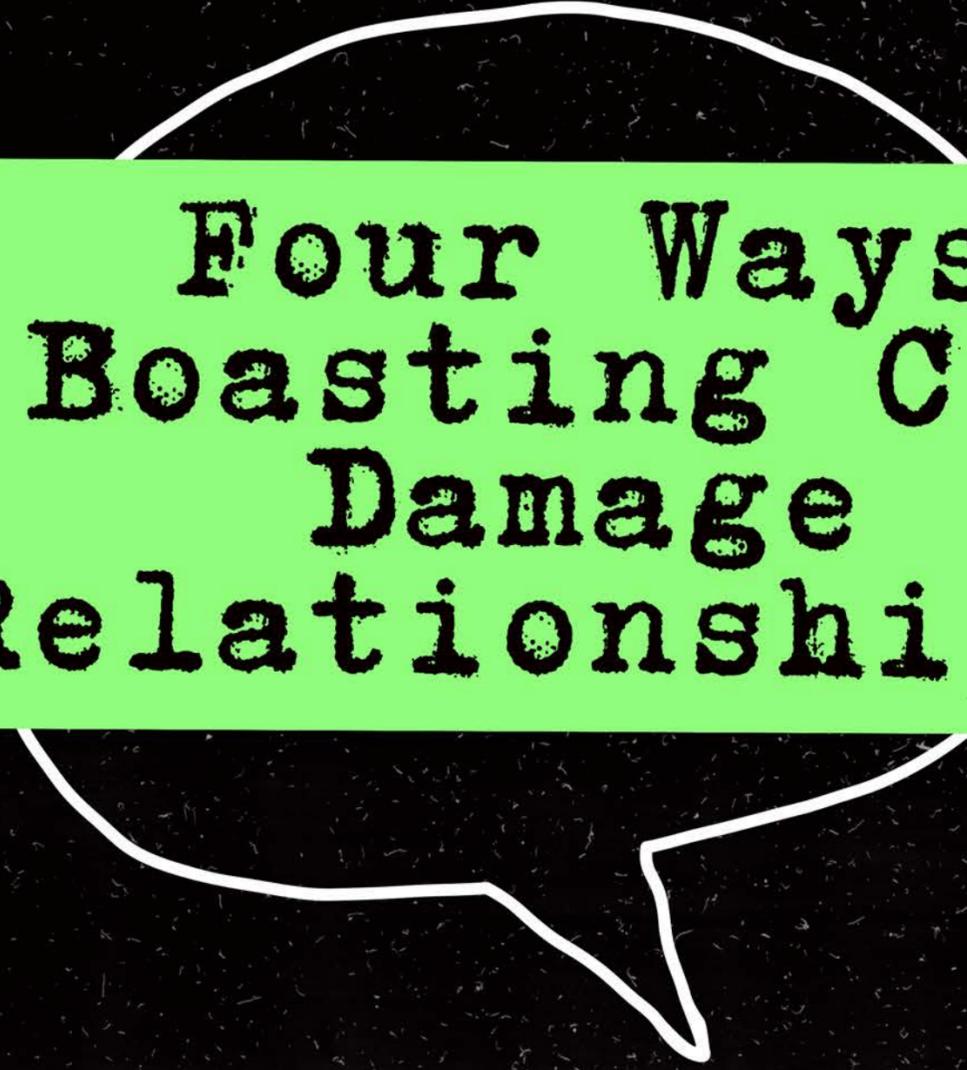
**Do Not Boast  
About Your  
Unjust Gains.  
Proverbs 20:14**



**IV.**

**Do Not Boastfully  
Speak Of A Gift  
Not Given Yet.  
Proverbs 25:14**





**Four Ways  
Boasting Can  
Damage  
Relationships:**



1. It Breeds  
Resentment



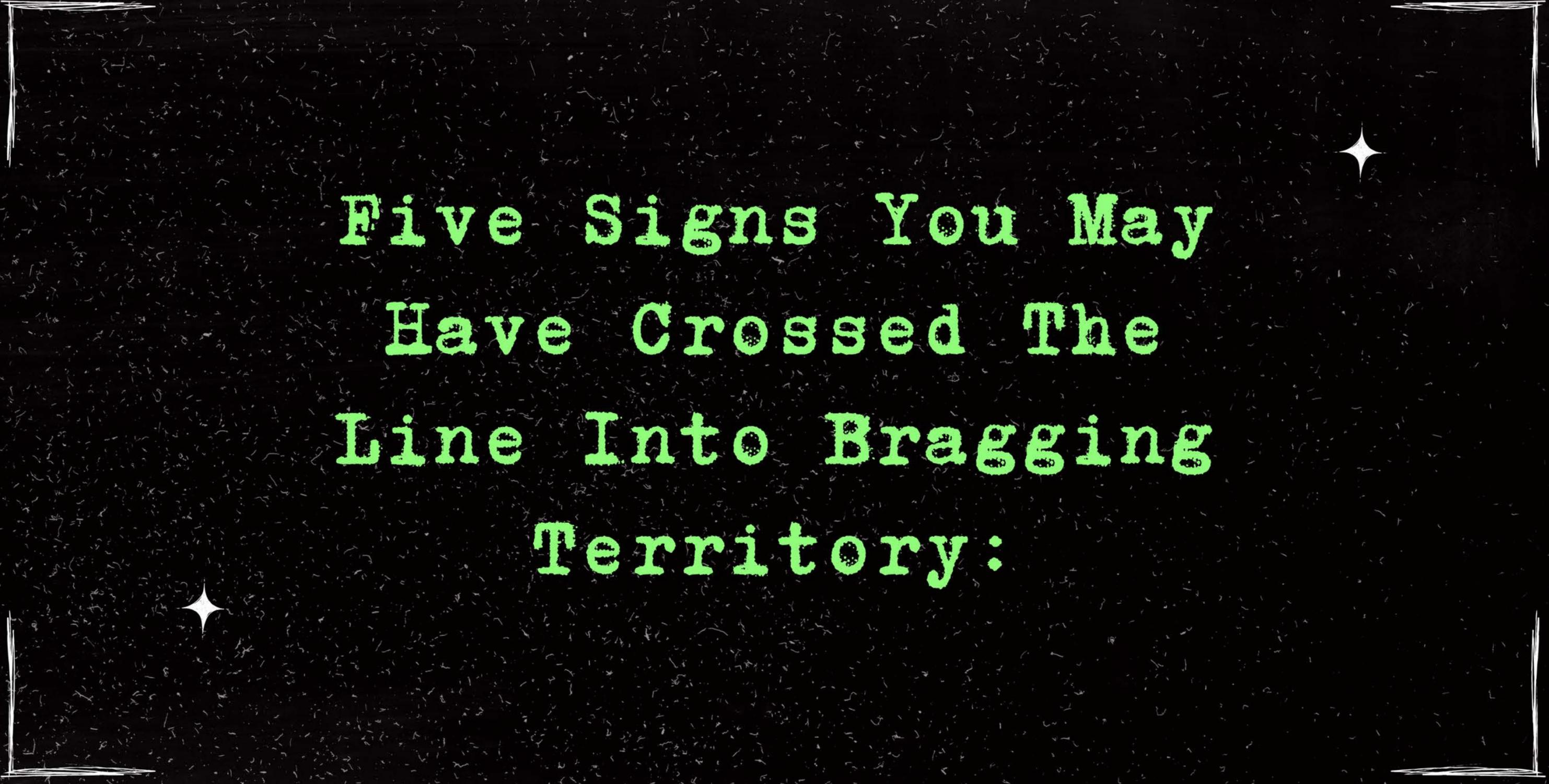
2. It's Annoying



3. It Damages  
Trust



4. It Highlights  
Insecurity



**Five Signs You May  
Have Crossed The  
Line Into Bragging  
Territory:**



1. You share good news  
or achievements even  
when no one asks.





2. You provide  
excessive details to  
impress others.





3. You frequently  
steer conversations  
back to yourself and  
your accomplishments.





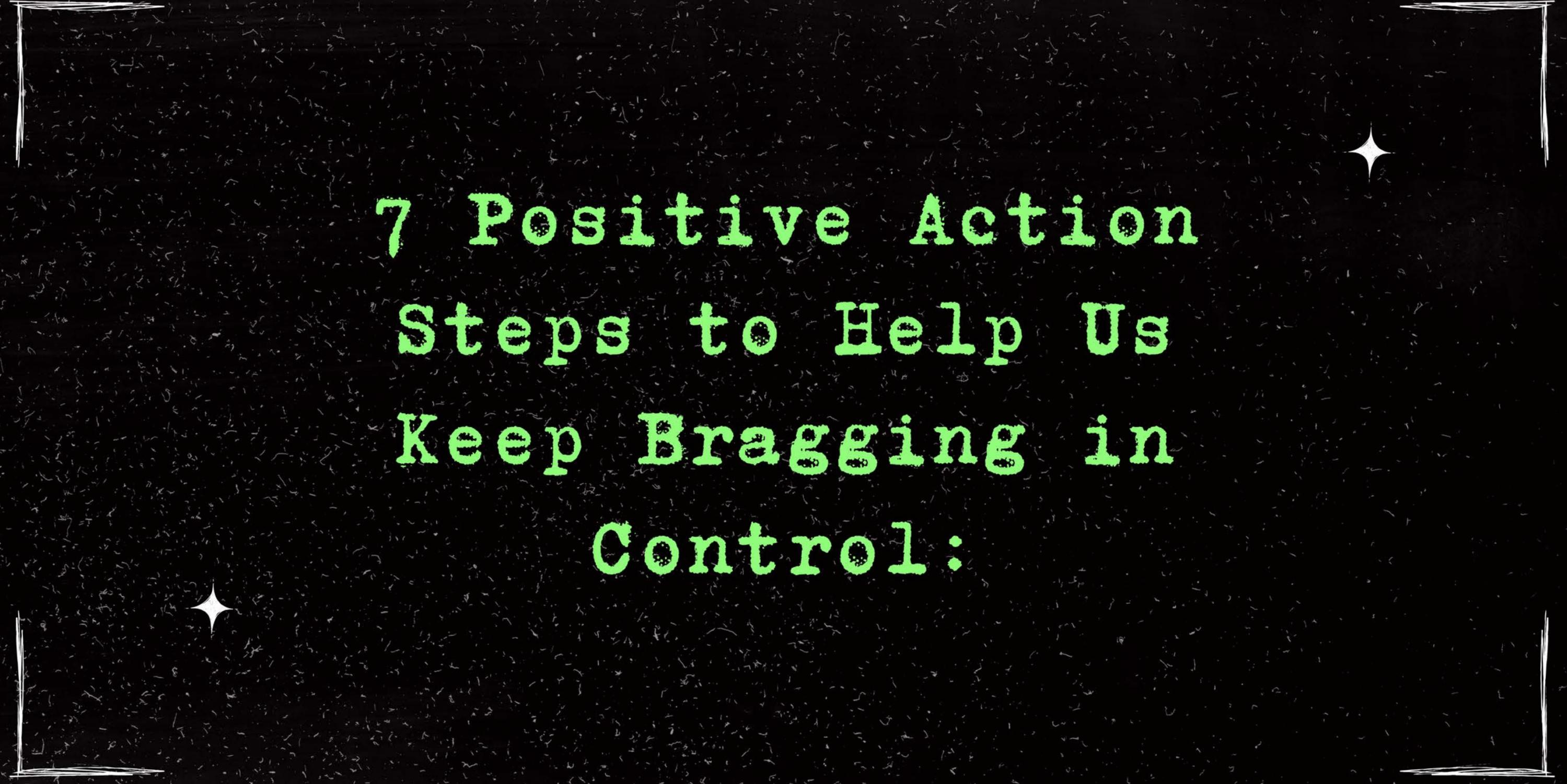
4. You feel threatened  
by the success of  
others and need to  
one-up them.





5. You judge your own self-worth by external measures of status or achievement.





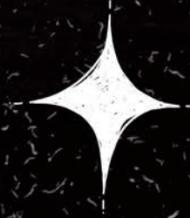
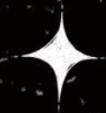
**7 Positive Action  
Steps to Help Us  
Keep Bragging in  
Control:**

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1. Reflect on Your Intentions
  2. Practice Gratitude
  3. Embrace Humility
  4. Celebrate Others
  5. Listen More, Talk Less
  6. Seek Spiritual Growth
  7. Consult Bible Verses



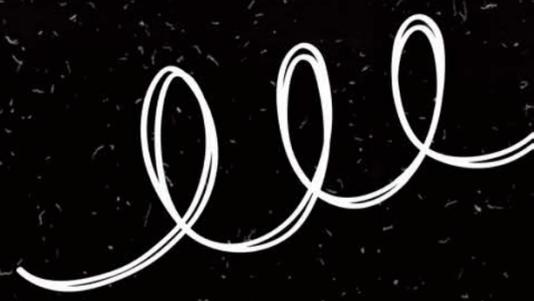
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“God sends no one  
away empty except  
those who are full  
of themselves.”





Life in the Word Follow Up Questions:

1. What is your definition of a boaster?
  2. Is it ever ok to boast?
  3. What did God turn King Nebuchadnezzar into? Why?
  4. Name the four admonitions from the Book of Proverbs.
  5. Why is it unwise to boast about tomorrow?
  6. In what way(s) can boasting damage relationships?
  7. How can we avoid boasting?
  8. How can you apply this lesson to your spiritual walk?
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