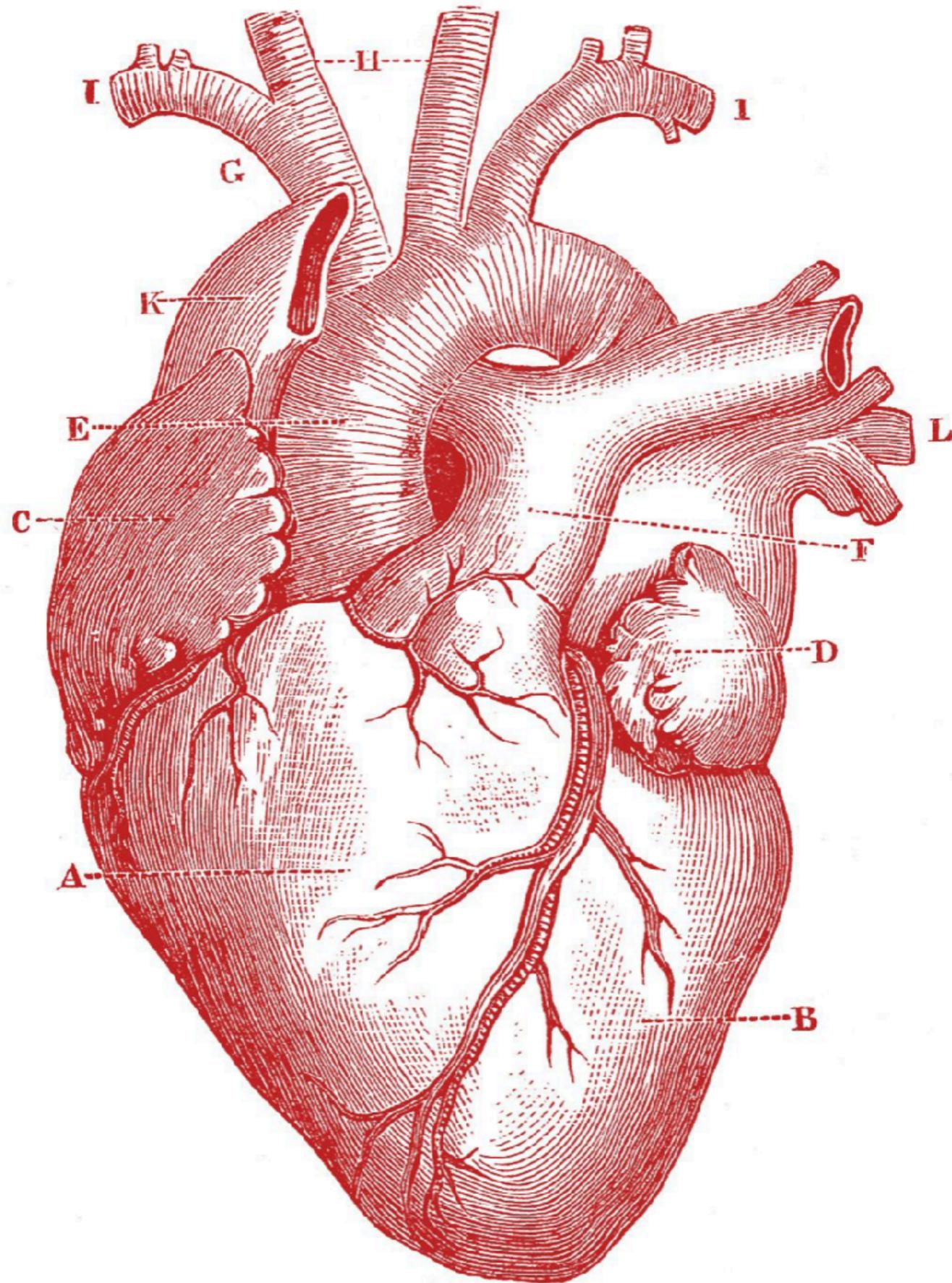


Fig. 37.



# The heart of the matter

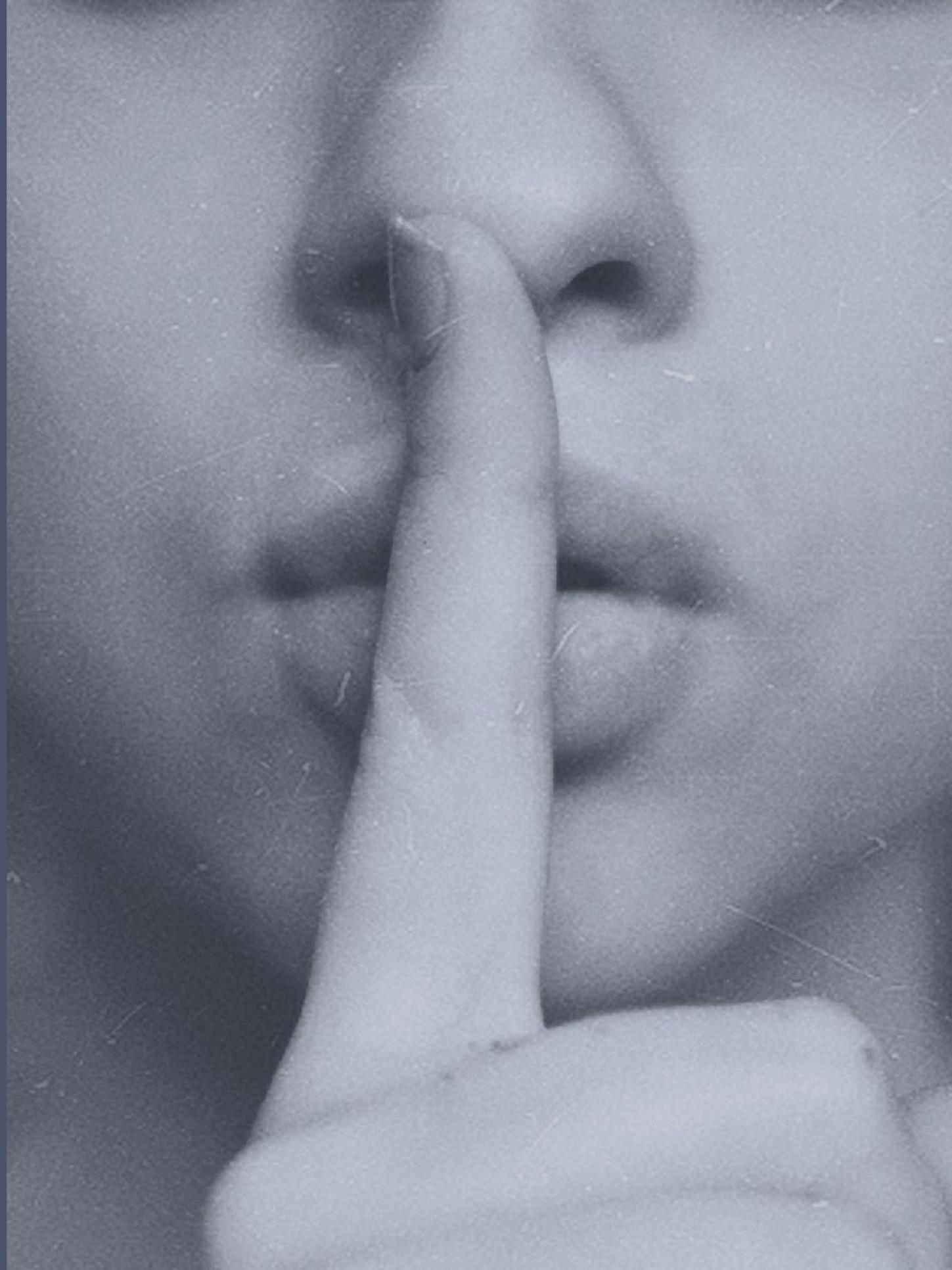
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GOD'S ANATOMY OF OUR HEARTS

# The deceitful heart

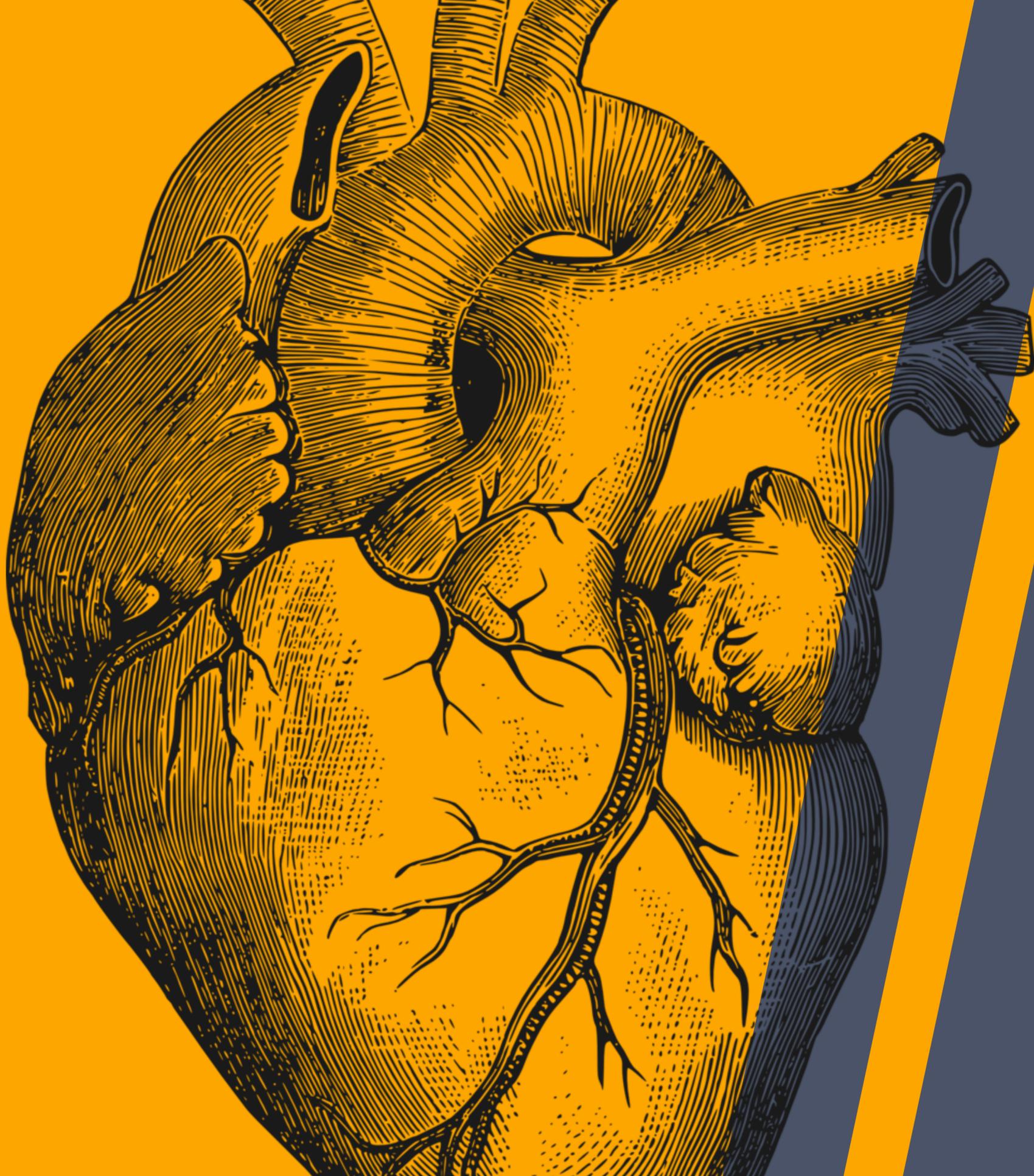
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JEREMIAH 17:9



# THE HEART — ACCORDING TO THE BIBLE

Our hidden, innermost self,  
where our deepest hopes,  
desires, commitments and  
loves are found.



The  
heart is  
deceitful

The heart is deceitful above  
all things and beyond cure.  
Who can understand it?

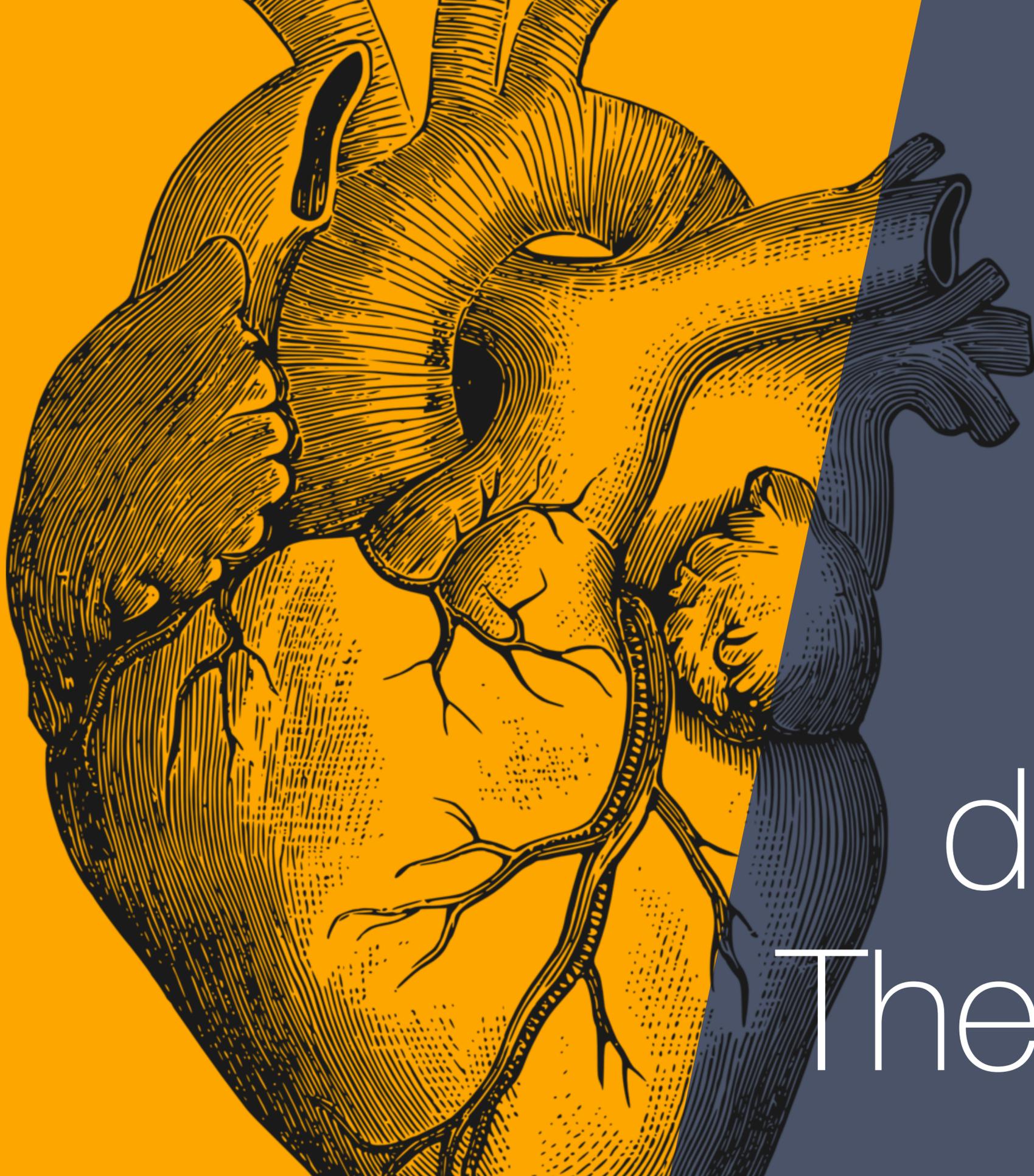
**JEREMIAH 17:9**

...every inclination of  
the human heart is  
evil from childhood.  
**GENESIS 8:21**

Surely I was sinful at birth,  
sinful from the time my  
mother conceived me.  
**PSALM 51:5**

21 For it is from within, out of a person's heart, that evil thoughts come – sexual immorality, theft, murder, 22 adultery, greed, malice, deceit, lewdness, envy, slander, arrogance and folly. 23 All these evils come from inside and defile a person.'

**MARK 7:21-23**



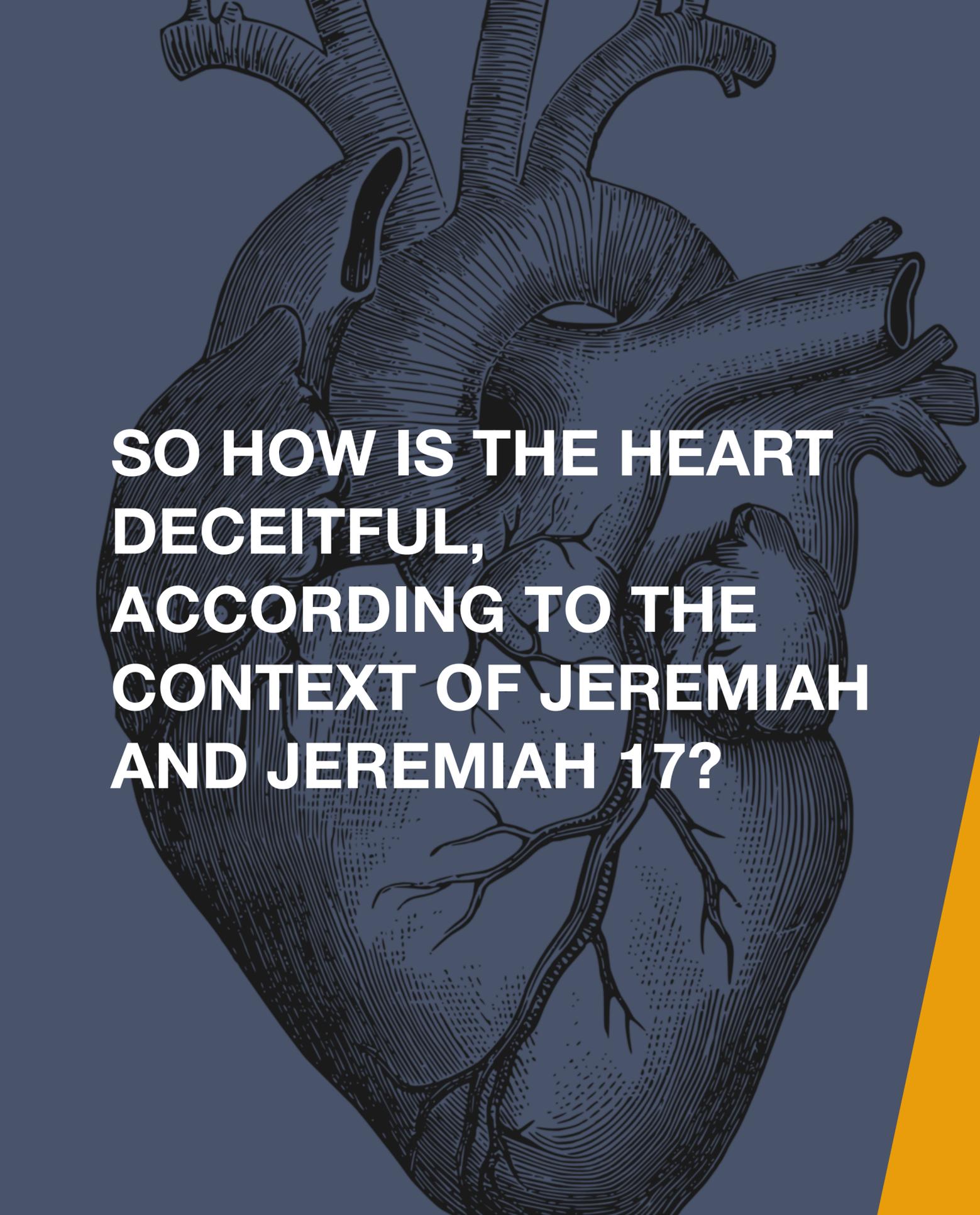
How is  
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deceitful?

The context



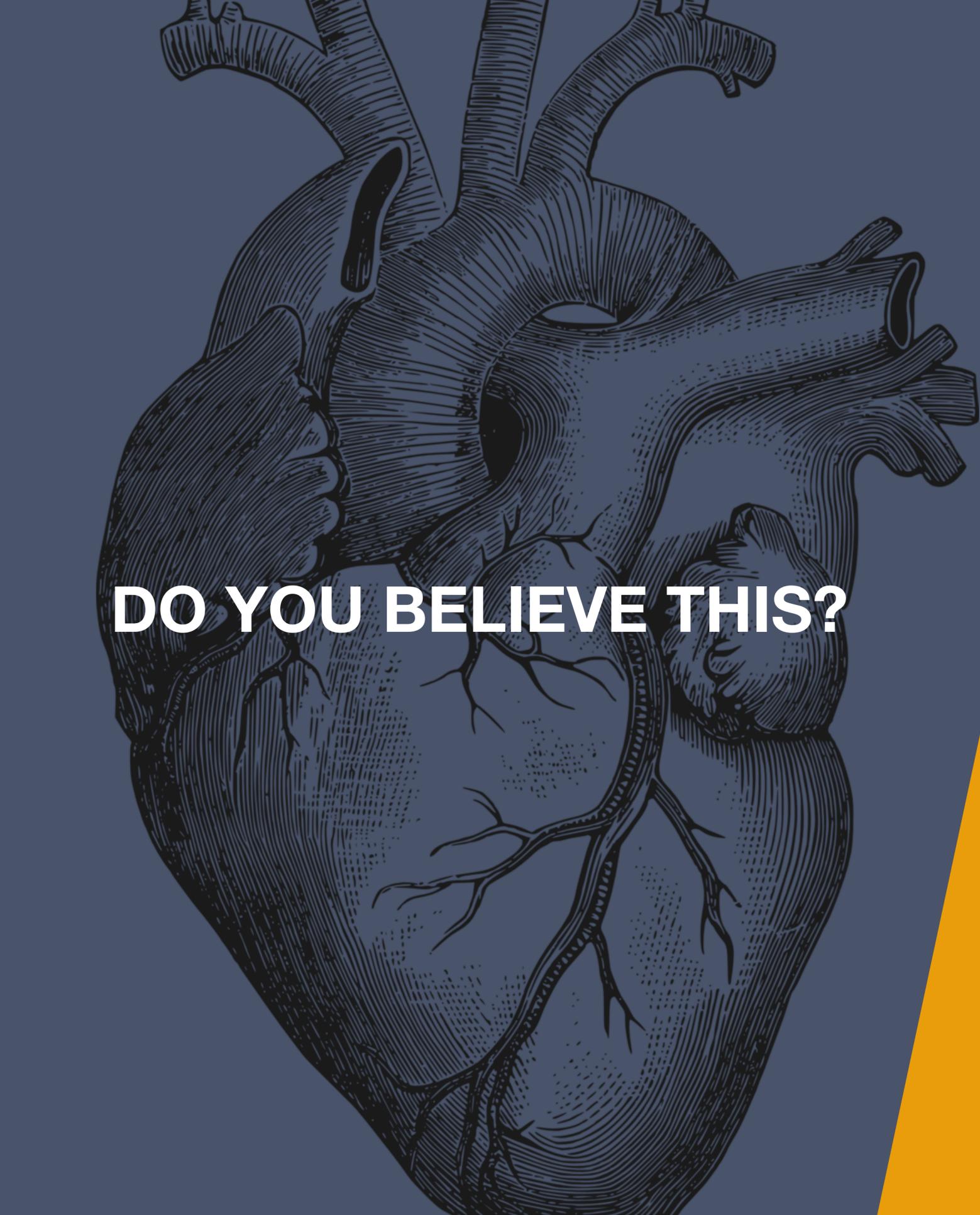
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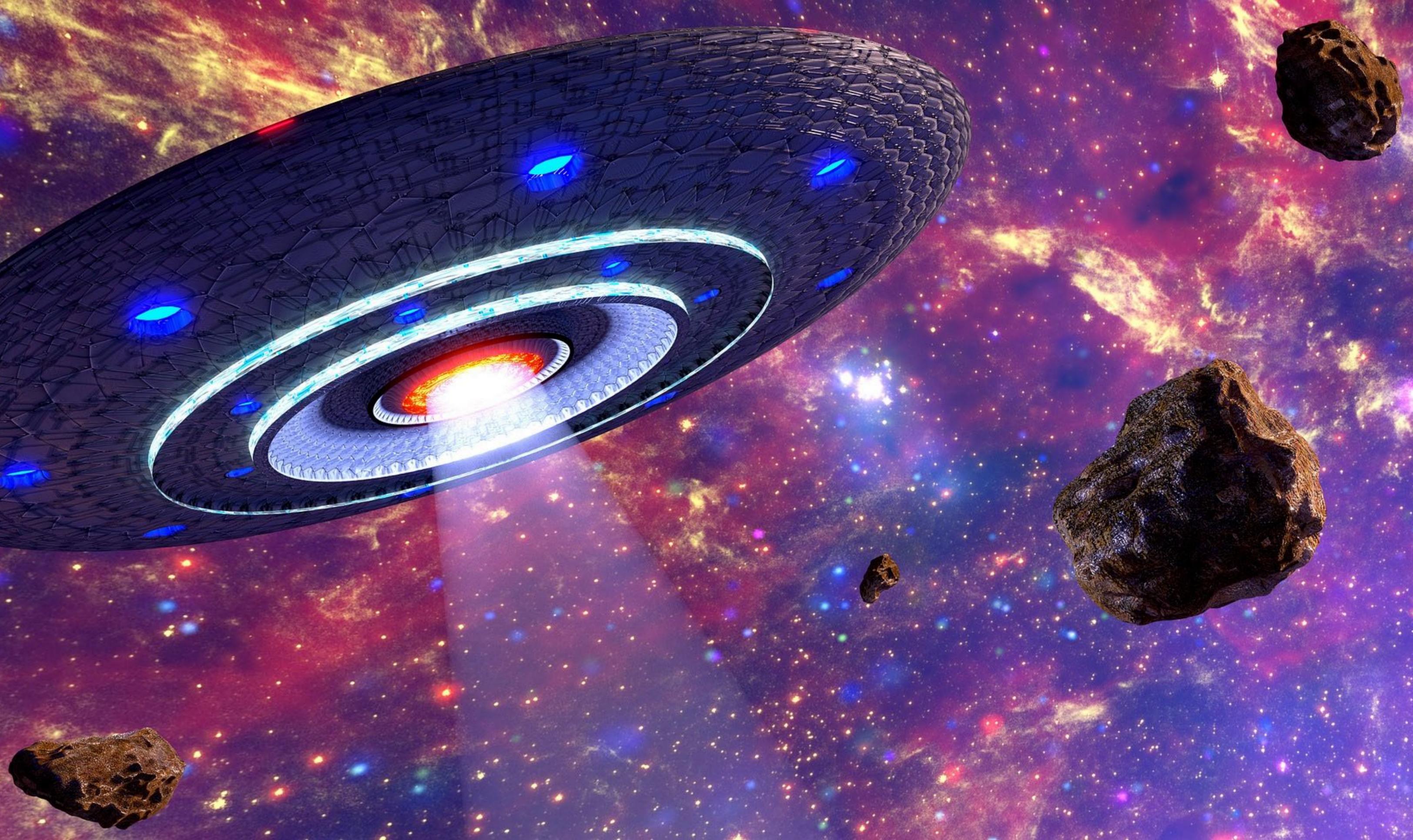
**SO HOW IS THE HEART  
DECEITFUL,  
ACCORDING TO THE  
CONTEXT OF JEREMIAH  
AND JEREMIAH 17?**

Our hearts trust  
in man, and  
manmade  
things,  
rather than  
trusting in God.

An anatomical illustration of a human heart, showing the four chambers (right and left atria and ventricles) and the major blood vessels (superior and inferior vena cava, pulmonary artery, and aorta). The illustration is rendered in a dark blue, engraved style against a lighter blue background.

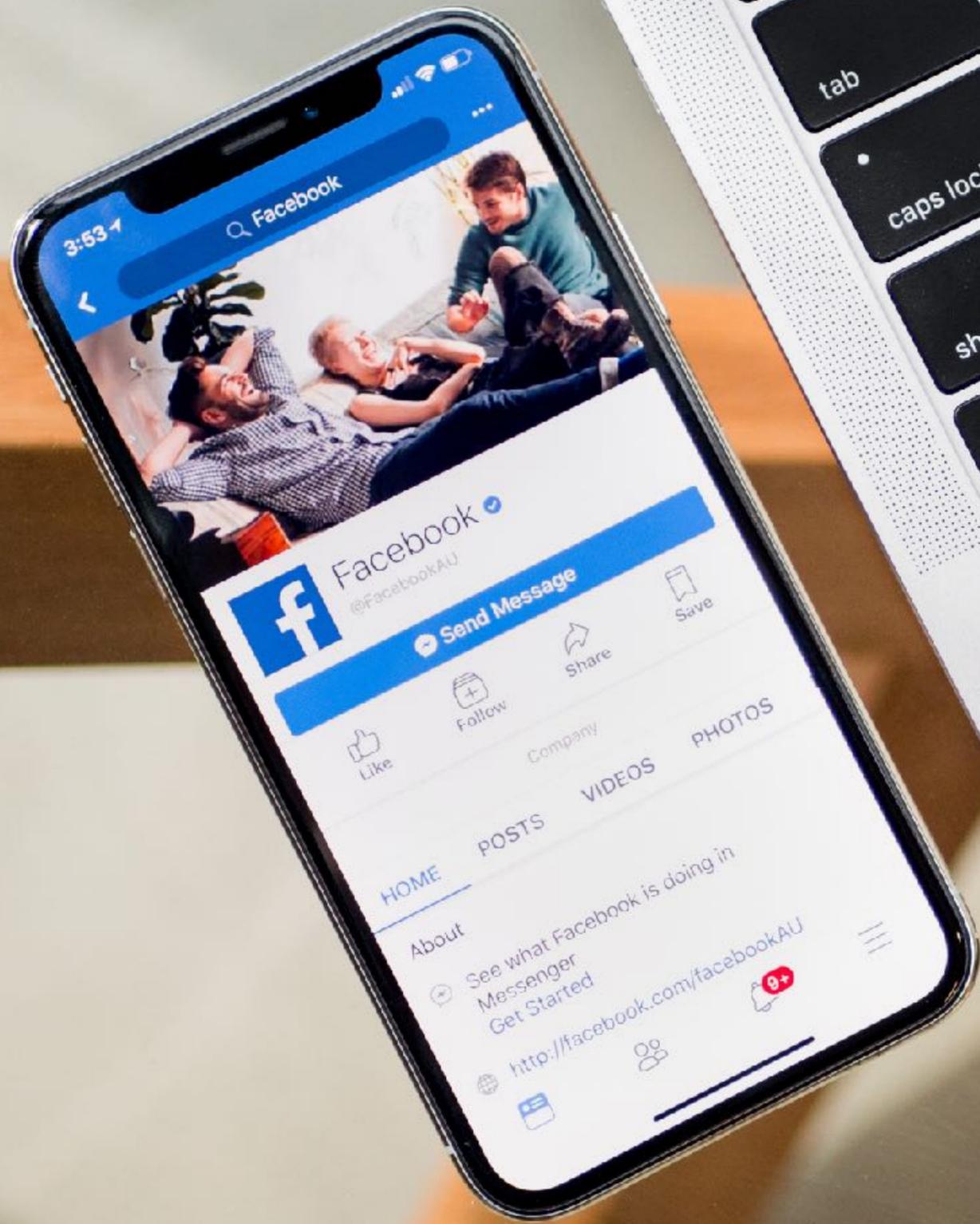
**DO YOU BELIEVE THIS?**

That the  
heart is  
deceitful by  
trusting in  
man rather  
than God?

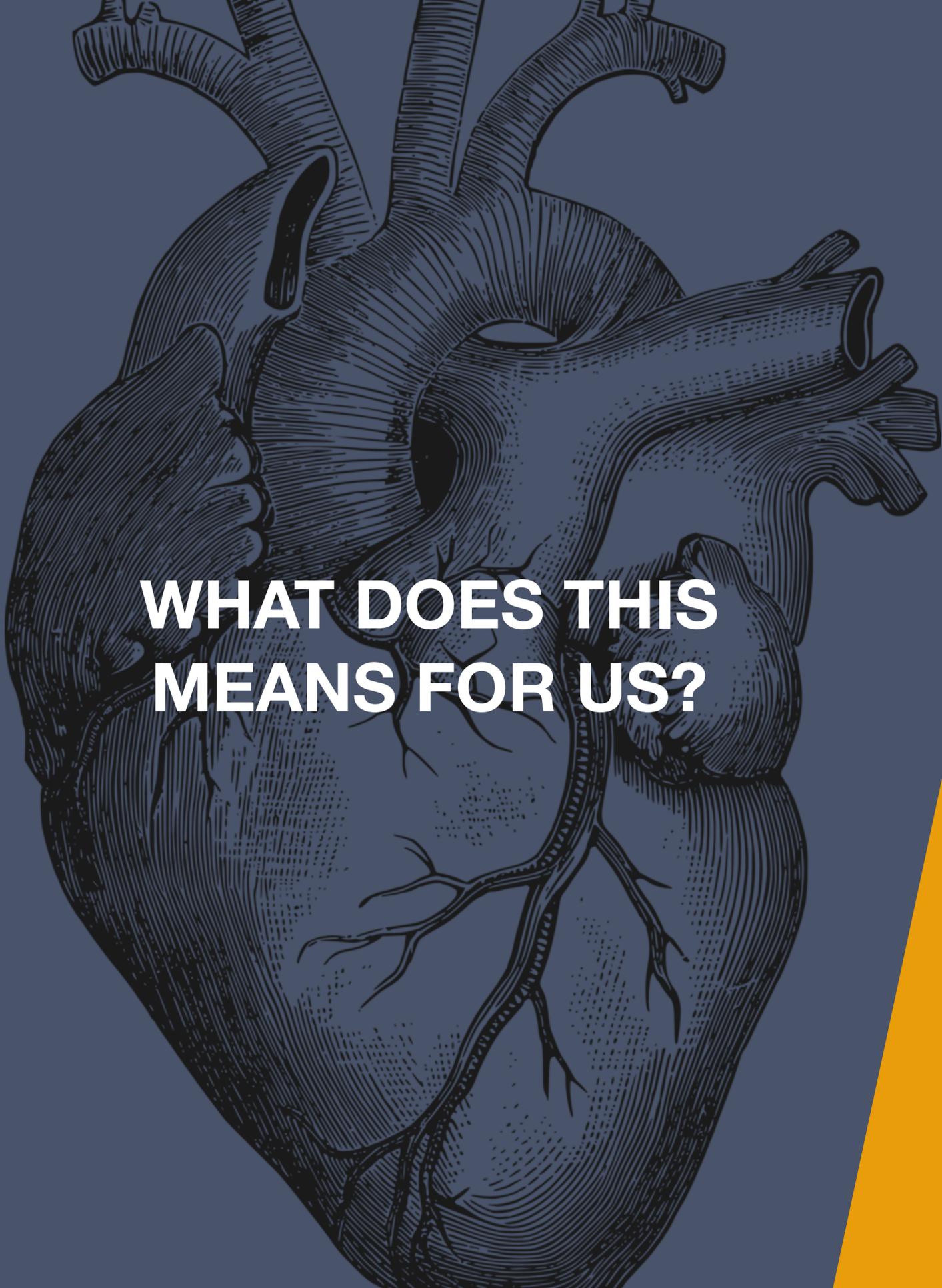












**WHAT DOES THIS  
MEANS FOR US?**

Beware of  
your heart~ it  
will persuade  
you to trust  
in man, not  
God.

The heart is deceitful above  
all things and beyond cure.  
Who can understand it?

**JEREMIAH 17:9**

...the Lord searches  
every heart and  
understands every  
desire and every  
thought.

1 CHRONICLES 28:9

...you [God] alone know  
every human heart.  
1 KINGS 8:39



Who  
can cure our  
deceitful hearts?

The heart is deceitful above  
all things and beyond cure.

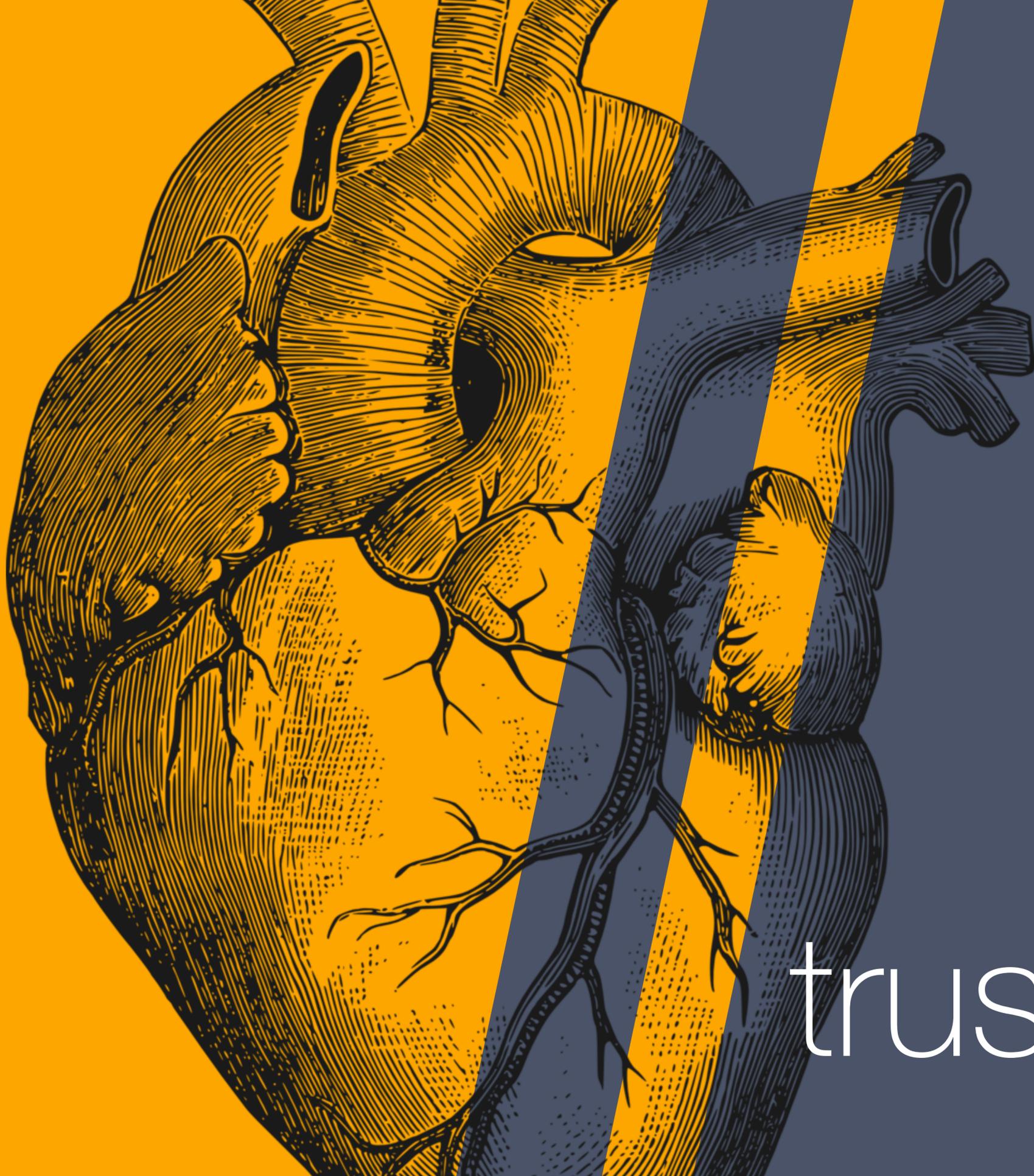
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**JEREMIAH 17:9**

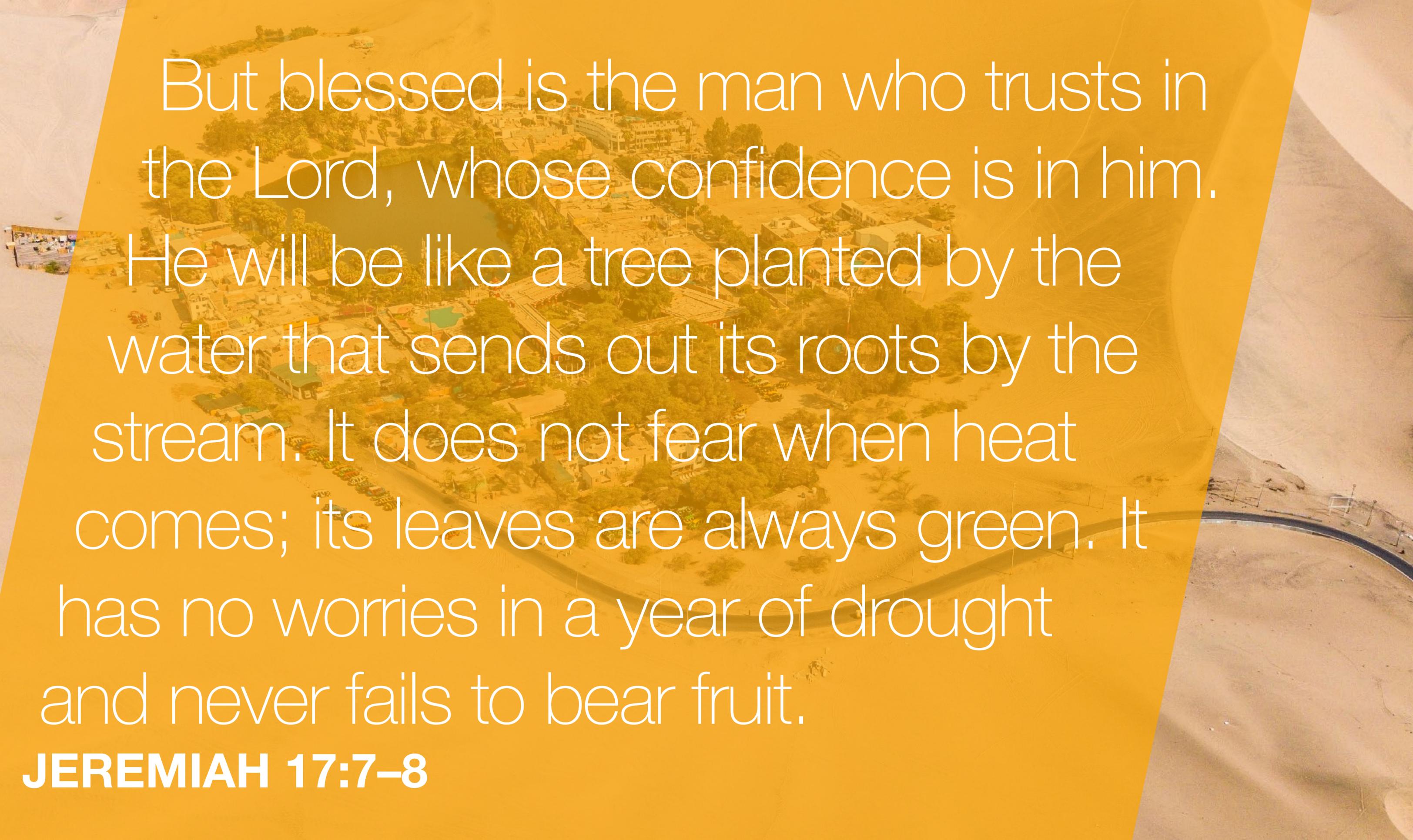
Heal me, Lord, and I shall  
be healed;  
save me and I shall be  
saved,  
for you are the one I  
praise.

**JEREMIAH 17:14**





What  
are the  
benefits of  
trusting God?

An aerial photograph of a town built on a hillside in a dry, arid environment. A stream flows through the town, and the surrounding landscape is mostly brown and sandy. The text is overlaid on a semi-transparent orange banner that covers the top and middle portions of the image.

But blessed is the man who trusts in  
the Lord, whose confidence is in him.  
He will be like a tree planted by the  
water that sends out its roots by the  
stream. It does not fear when heat  
comes; its leaves are always green. It  
has no worries in a year of drought  
and never fails to bear fruit.

**JEREMIAH 17:7–8**



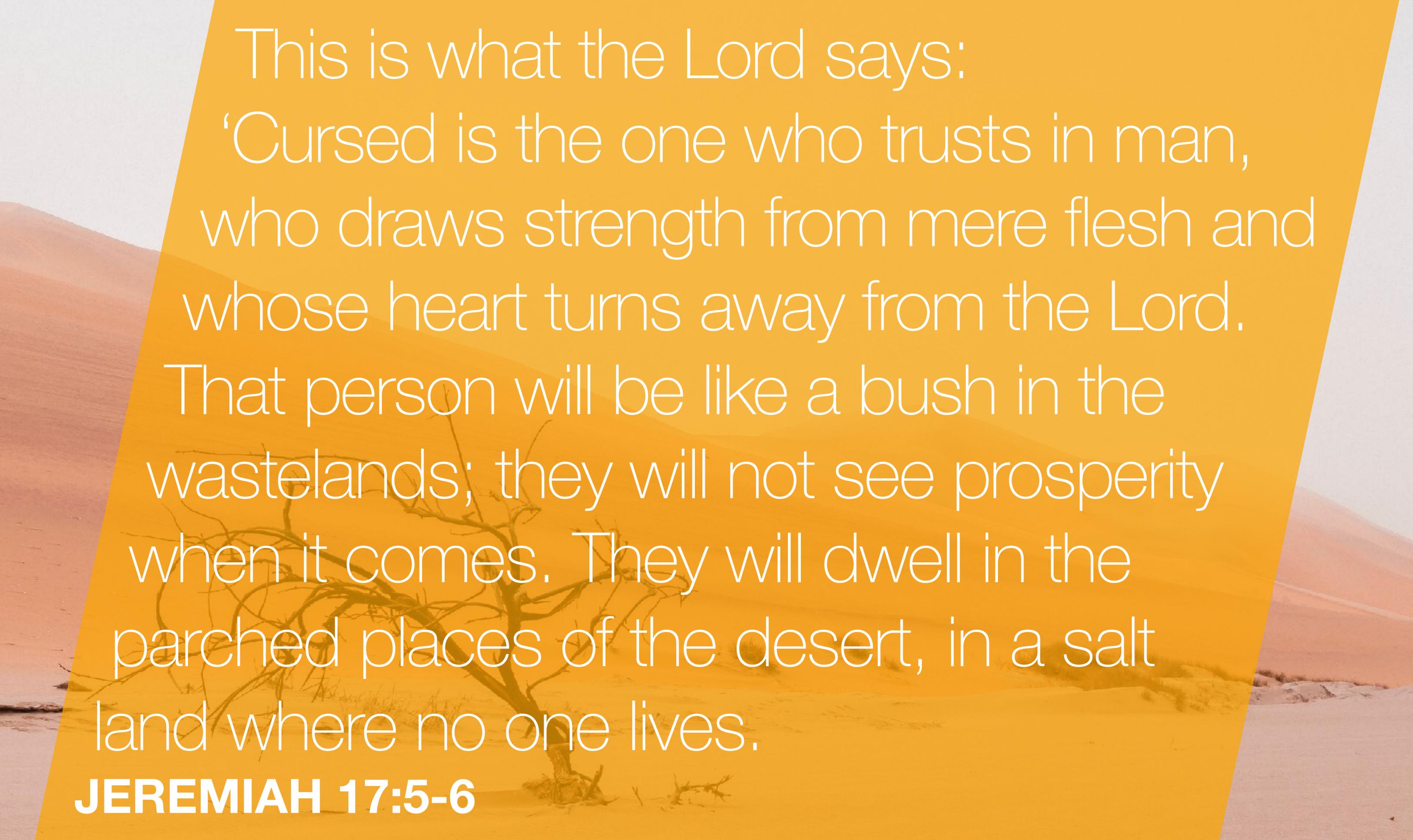






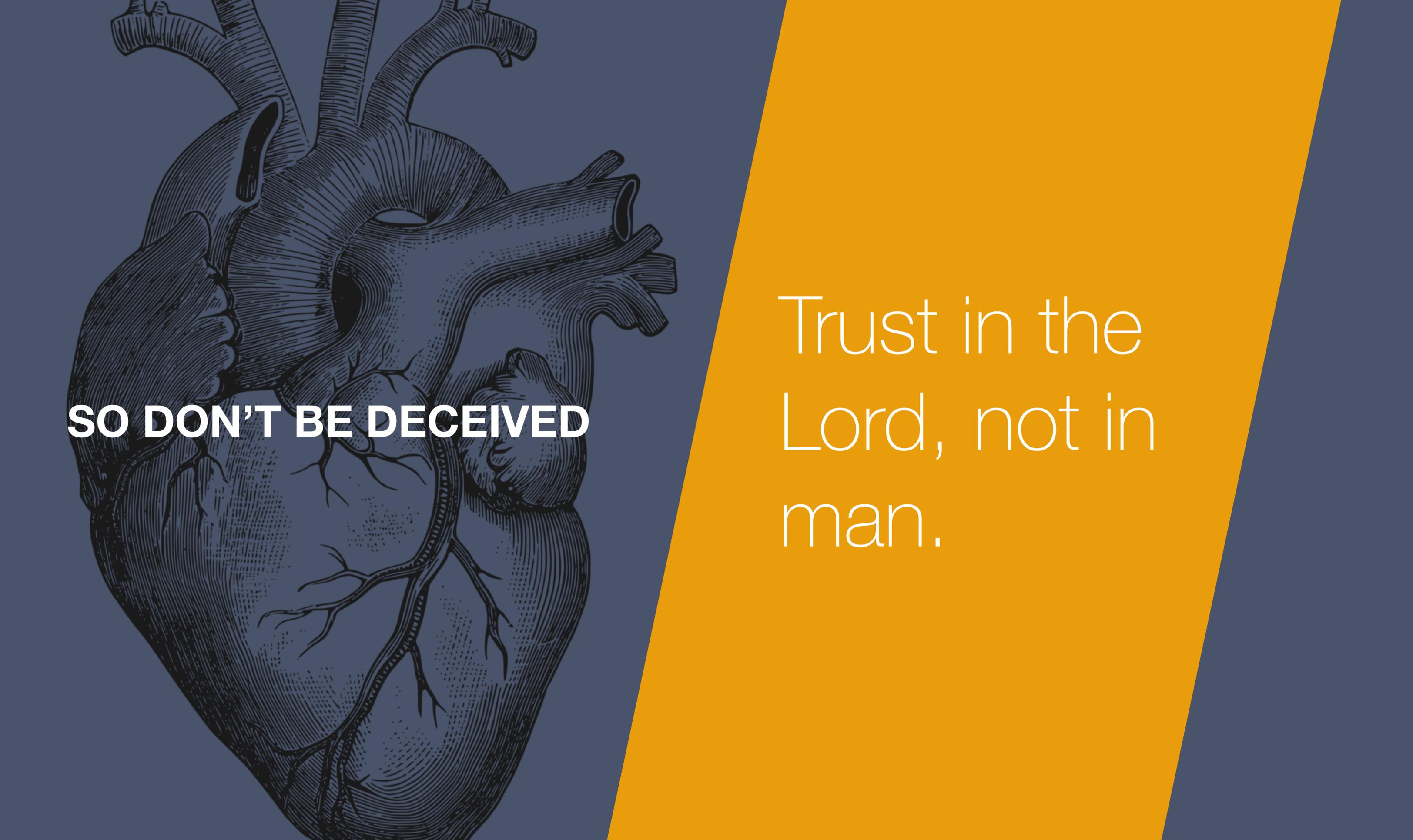






This is what the Lord says:  
'Cursed is the one who trusts in man,  
who draws strength from mere flesh and  
whose heart turns away from the Lord.  
That person will be like a bush in the  
wastelands; they will not see prosperity  
when it comes. They will dwell in the  
parched places of the desert, in a salt  
land where no one lives.

**JEREMIAH 17:5-6**

An anatomical illustration of a human heart, rendered in a dark blue, engraved style. The heart is shown from a slightly elevated, anterior perspective, with its major blood vessels (aorta, pulmonary artery, and pulmonary veins) clearly visible. The drawing is set against a dark blue background. A large, bright yellow diagonal shape cuts across the right side of the image, containing white text. The text 'SO DON'T BE DECEIVED' is written in a bold, white, sans-serif font across the middle of the heart.

**SO DON'T BE DECEIVED**

Trust in the  
Lord, not in  
man.