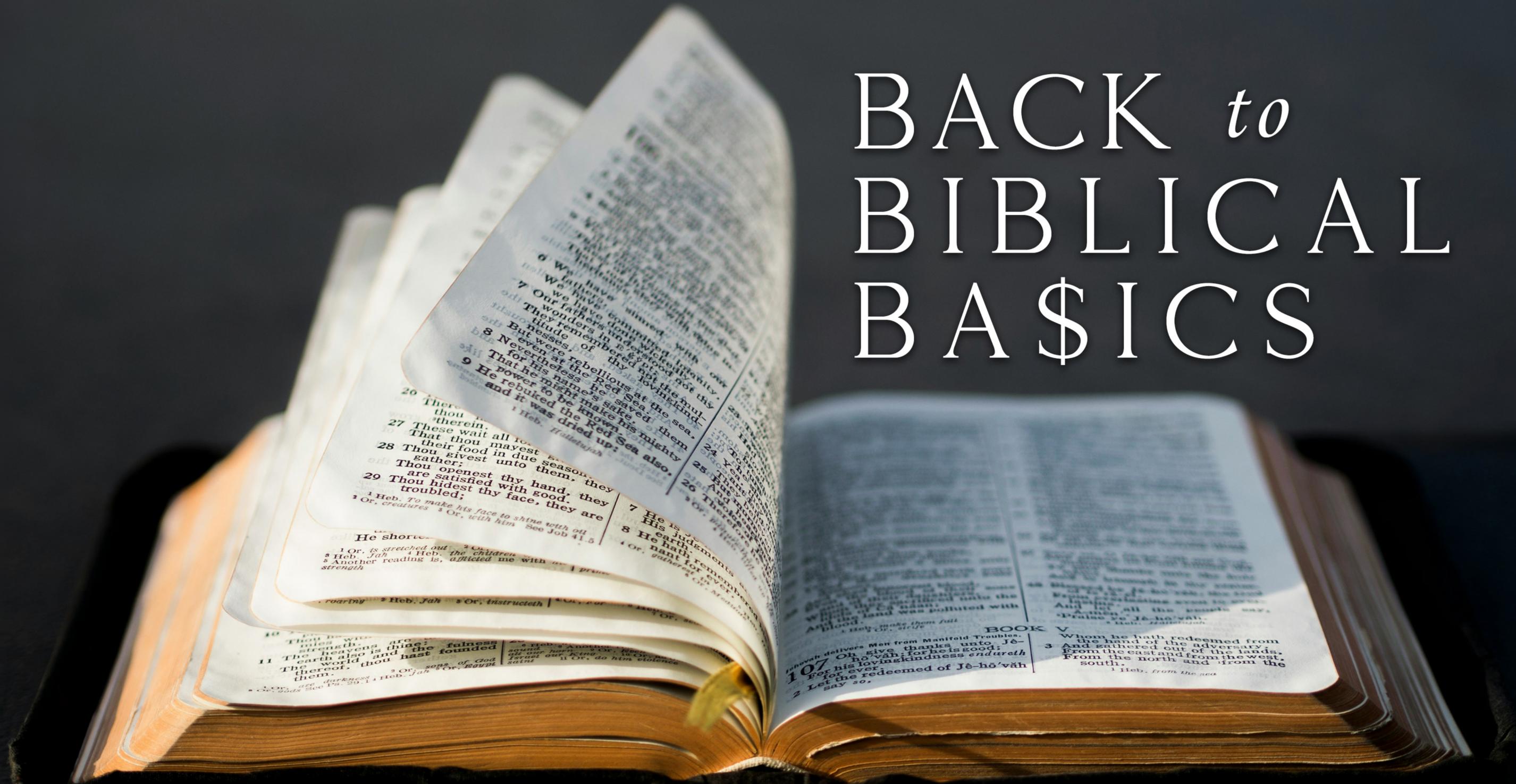


BACK *to* BIBLICAL BASICS

SAVING

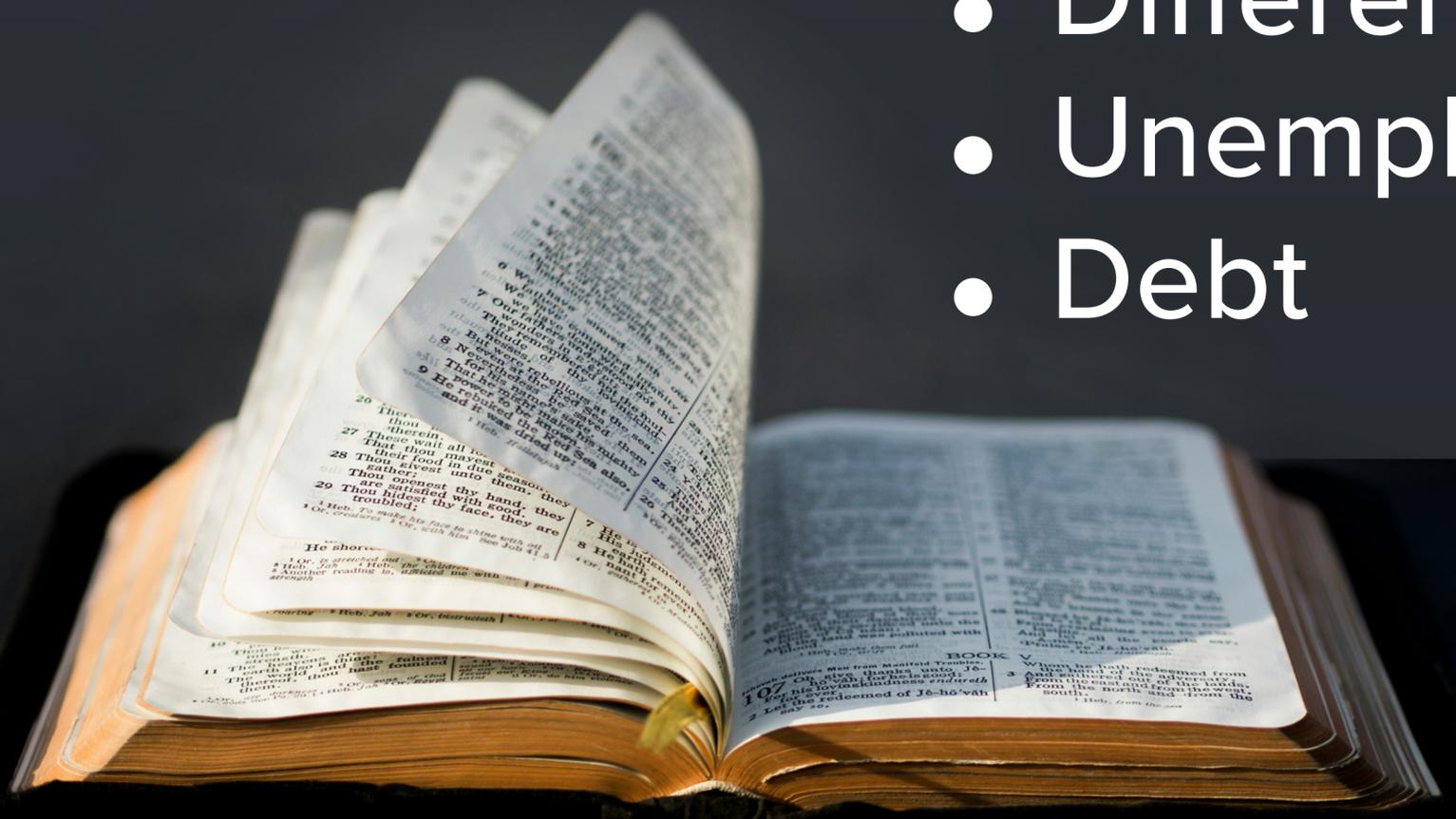


Why do a series about money?



6 Financial Issues That Lead to Divorce

- Financial abuse
- Lack of communication
- Different habits
- Different priorities
- Unemployment
- Debt



Source: <https://www.mcjglaw.com/blog/6-financial-issues-that-can-lead-to-divorce/>

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Why do we *not* talk about money?



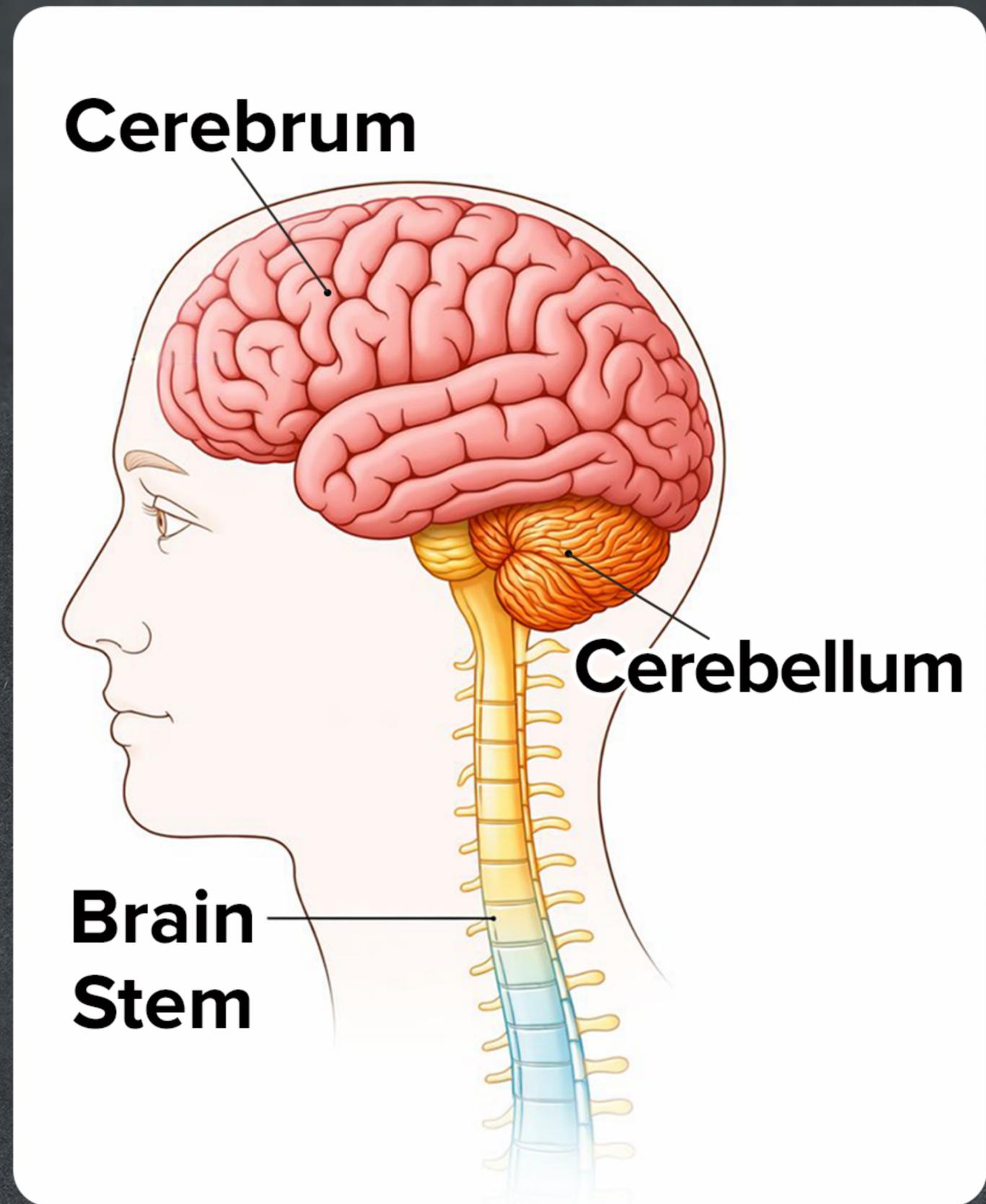


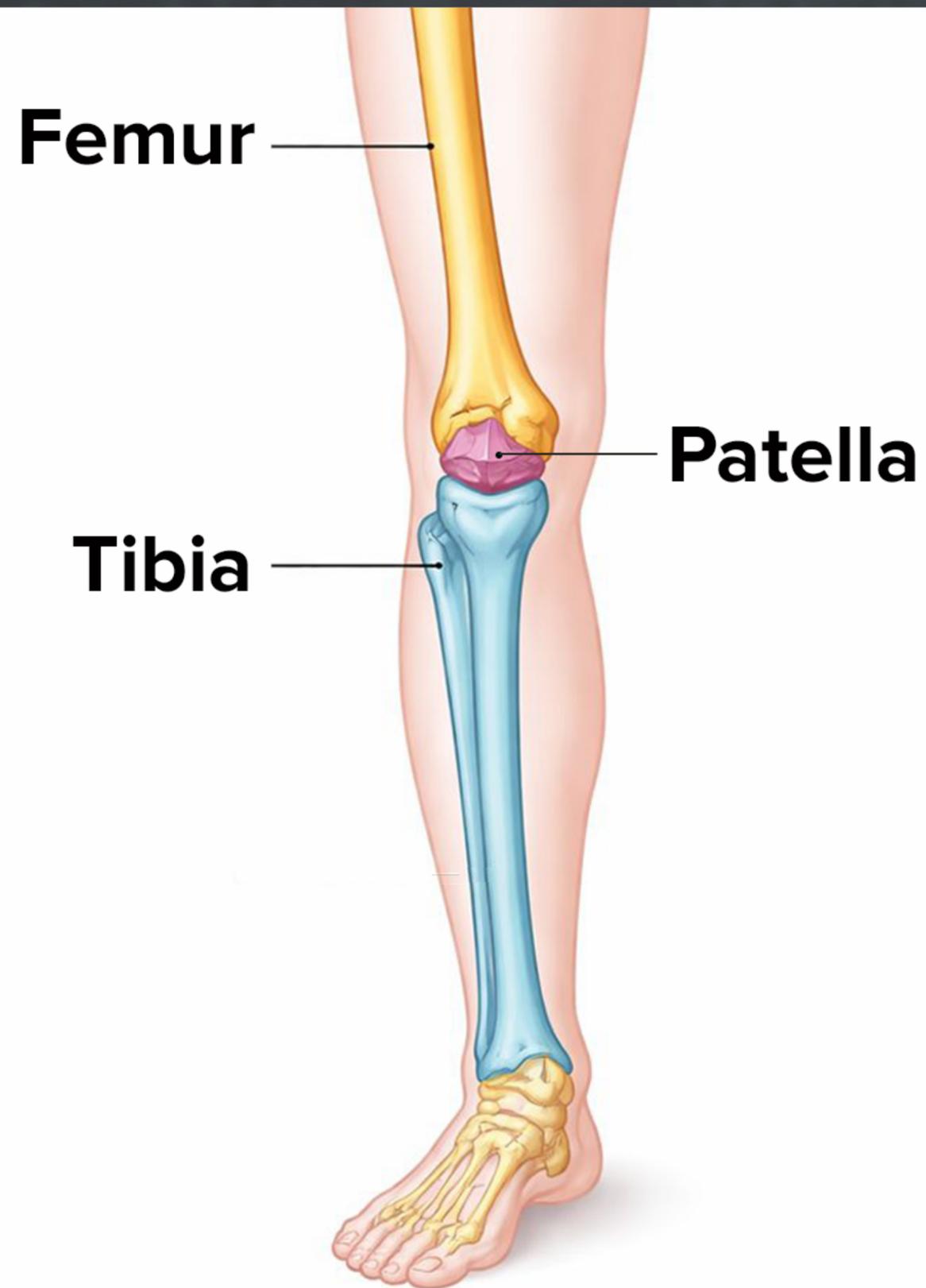
GIVE

SPEND

SAVE

The brain has three main components for intellectual processing, balance and coordination, and basic function.





The knee joint has three parts that coordinate for movement.

We avoid talking about money
because it's painful, embarrassing,
and debilitating.



We avoid talking about money
because it can be a god.



Exodus 16:11-32

¹¹ The Lord said to Moses, ¹² “I have heard the grumbling of the Israelites. Tell them, ‘At twilight you will eat meat, and in the morning you will be filled with bread. Then you will know that I am the Lord your God.’”

¹³ That evening quail came and covered the camp, and in the morning there was a layer of dew around the camp. ¹⁴ When the dew was gone, thin flakes like frost on the ground appeared on the desert floor. ¹⁵ When the Israelites saw it, they said to each other, “What is it?” For they did not know what it was.

Moses said to them, “It is the bread the Lord has given you to eat.
¹⁶ This is what the Lord has commanded: ‘Everyone is to gather as much as they need. Take an omer for each person you have in your tent.’”

¹⁷ The Israelites did as they were told; some gathered much, some little. ¹⁸ And when they measured it by the omer, the one who gathered much did not have too much, and the one who gathered little did not have too little. Everyone had gathered just as much as they needed.

¹⁹ Then Moses said to them, “No one is to keep any of it until morning.”

²⁰ However, some of them paid no attention to Moses; they kept part of it until morning, but it was full of maggots and began to smell. So Moses was angry with them.

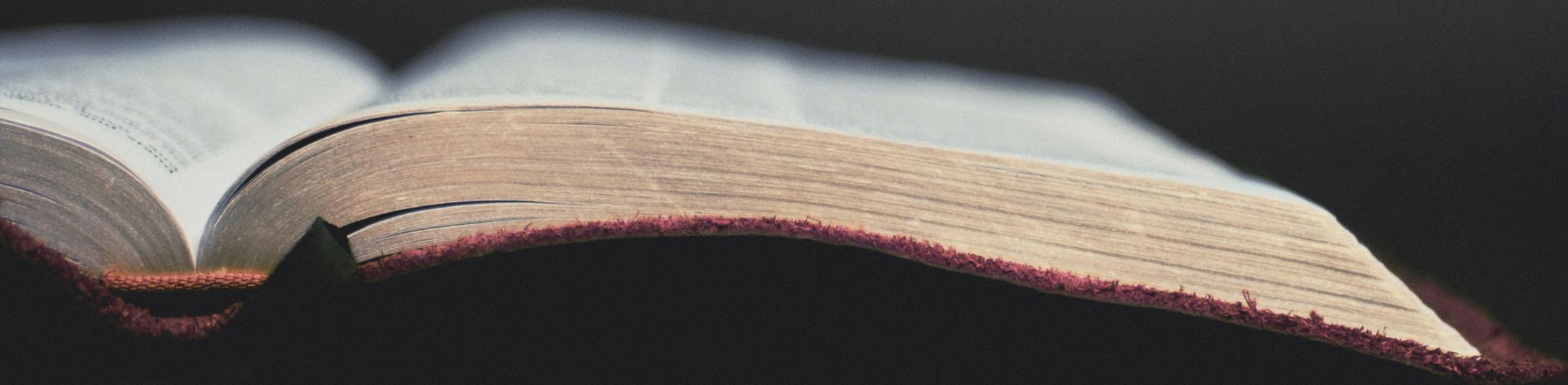
²¹ Each morning everyone gathered as much as they needed, and when the sun grew hot, it melted away. ²² On the sixth day, they gathered twice as much—two omers for each person—and the leaders of the community came and reported this to Moses. ²³ He said to them, “This is what the Lord commanded: ‘Tomorrow is to be a day of sabbath rest, a holy sabbath to the Lord. So bake what you want to bake and boil what you want to boil. Save whatever is left and keep it until morning.’”

²⁴ So they saved it until morning, as Moses commanded, and it did not stink or get maggots in it. ²⁵ “Eat it today,” Moses said, “because today is a sabbath to the Lord. You will not find any of it on the ground today. ²⁶ Six days you are to gather it, but on the seventh day, the Sabbath, there will not be any.”

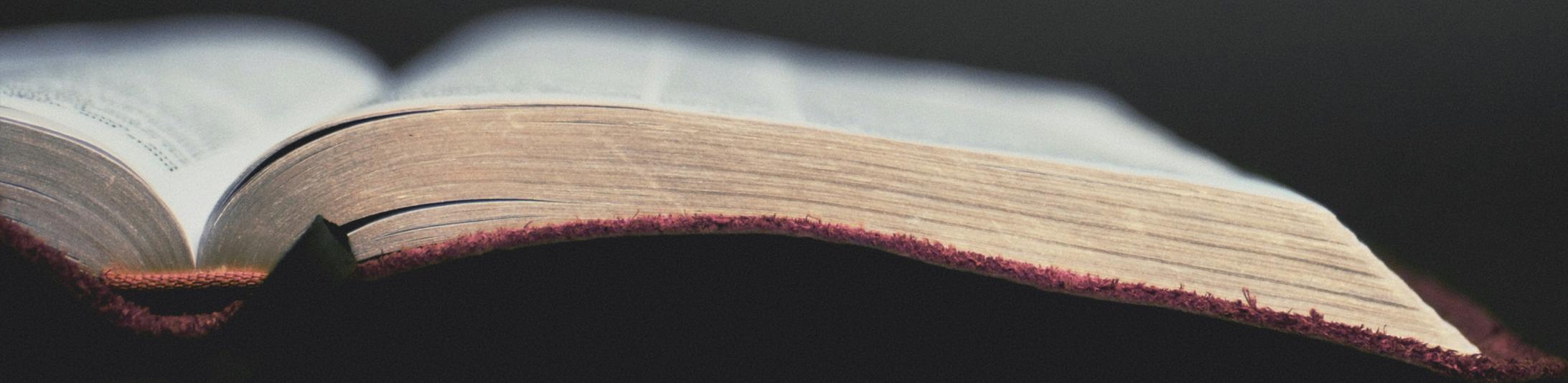
²⁷ Nevertheless, some of the people went out on the seventh day to gather it, but they found none. ²⁸ Then the Lord said to Moses, “How long will you refuse to keep my commands and my instructions? ²⁹ Bear in mind that the Lord has given you the Sabbath; that is why on the sixth day he gives you bread for two days. Everyone is to stay where they are on the seventh day; no one is to go out.” ³⁰ So the people rested on the seventh day.

³¹ The people of Israel called the bread manna. It was white like coriander seed and tasted like wafers made with honey. ³² Moses said, “This is what the Lord has commanded: ‘Take an omer of manna and keep it for the generations to come, so they can see the bread I gave you to eat in the wilderness when I brought you out of Egypt.’”

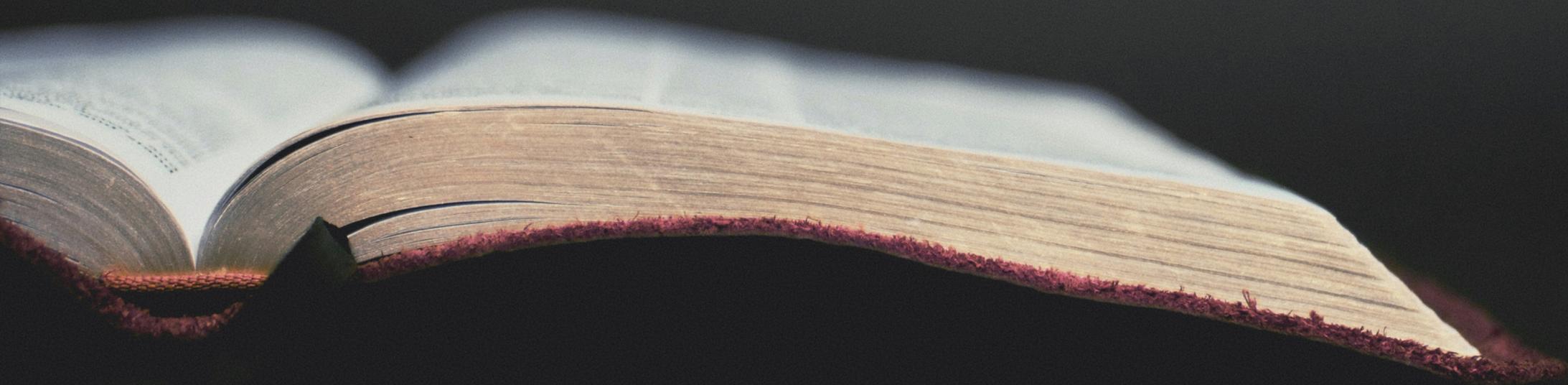
Money and possessions are not the *source* of dignity, identity, and purpose. God *made* the Israelites His people and then *trained* them to live like it.



The Source of dignity, identity, and purpose is also the Source of wisdom on money and possessions. You are a son before you're a steward of resources; you're a daughter before you're a financial administrator.

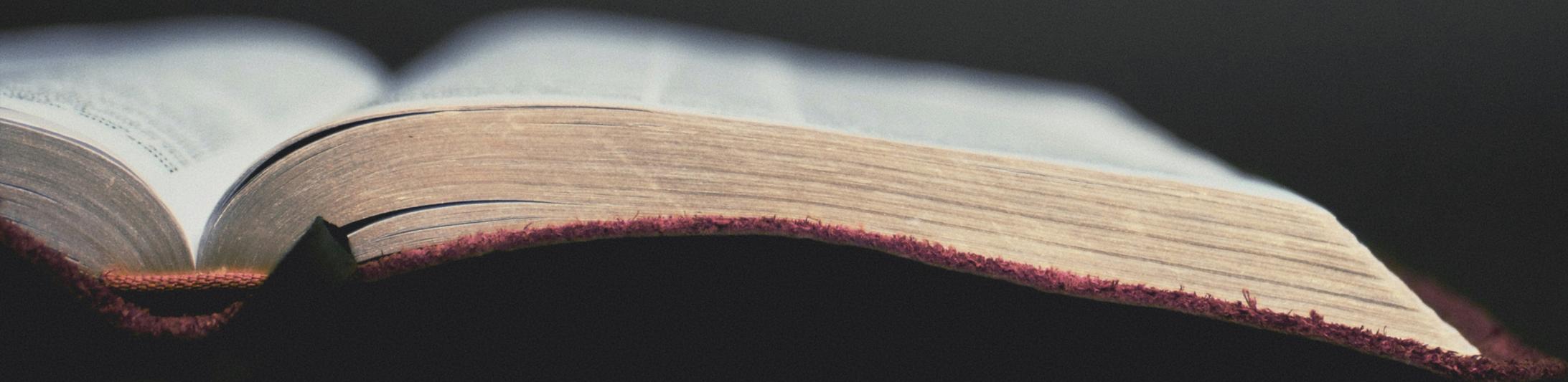


**To be a steward is not to exert *control over*,
but to exercise *responsibility within*. We are
not strong enough to be in control of
money and possessions. We act as
stewards by—and only by—God's power.**



We don't have a relationship with money.

**We have a relationship with God that
shines through *all* aspects of our lives,
including our use (or abuse) of money.**



Proverbs 21:20

²⁰ The wise store up choice food and olive oil,
but fools gulp theirs down.

What is *saving*?

Saving is setting aside some of what God has provided in the present to use for God's purposes in the future.

Saving is caring for resources in the present so that they last longer into the future.

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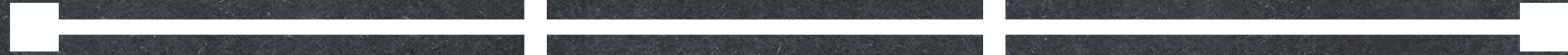


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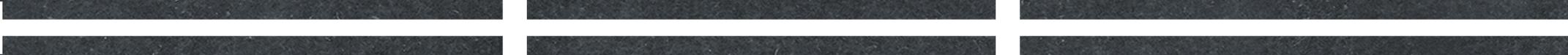


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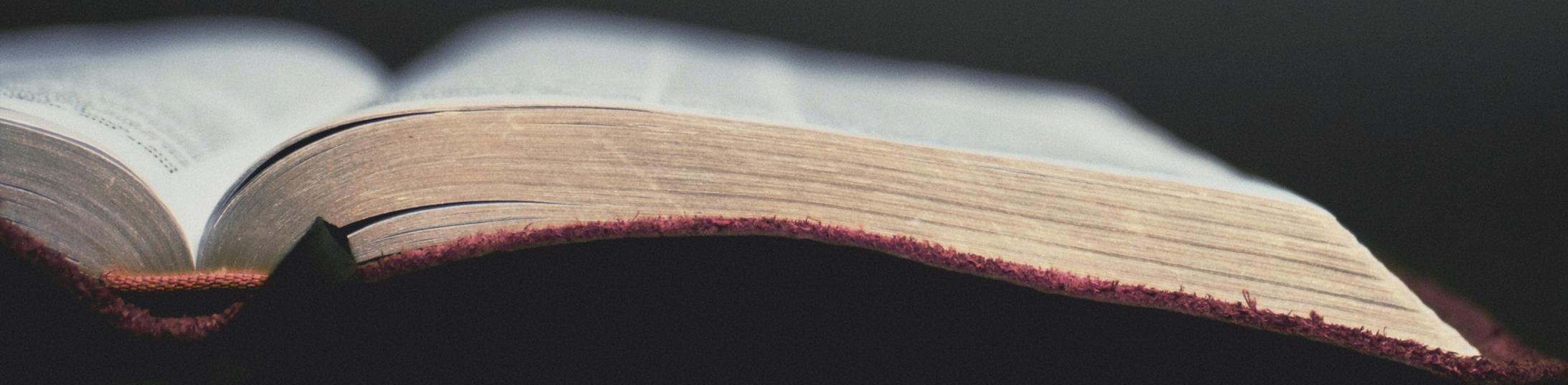
**Faithful saving is practicing
allegiance to God.**

**Faithful saving is fasting
from (some of) my wants to
be attached to God and
connected with others.**

**Faithful saving is an act of
humility because it reminds
me I'm dependent on God.**

How can I save?

- Start now.



Proverbs 27:12

¹² The prudent see danger and take refuge,
but the simple keep going and pay the penalty.

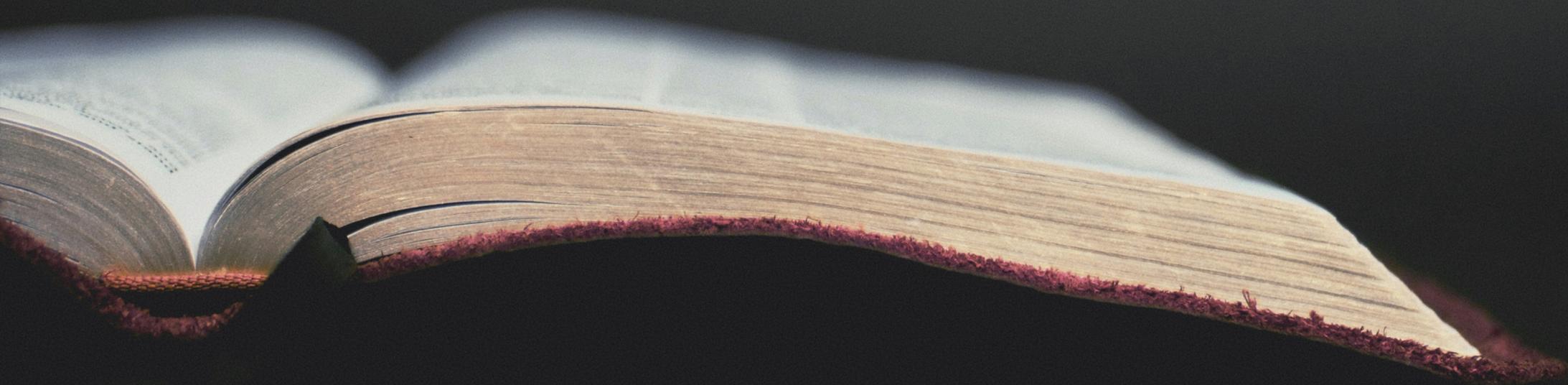


To save, especially early on and in difficult times, you must do without something you want now—and that others now have.



How can I save?

- Start now.
- Start small.



Proverbs 13:11

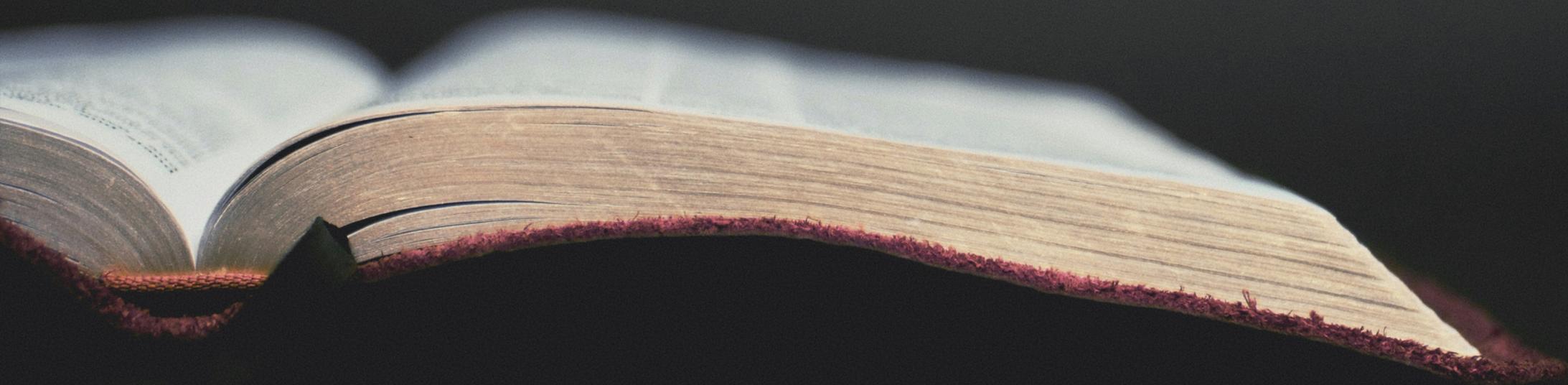
¹¹ Dishonest money dwindles away,
but whoever gathers money **little by little** makes
it grow.



Savings goal: \$1000 for an emergency fund.

How can I save?

- Start now.
- Start small (\$1000 emergency fund).
- Be steady.



Proverbs 21:5

The plans of the *diligent* lead to profit as surely as haste leads to poverty. (NIV)

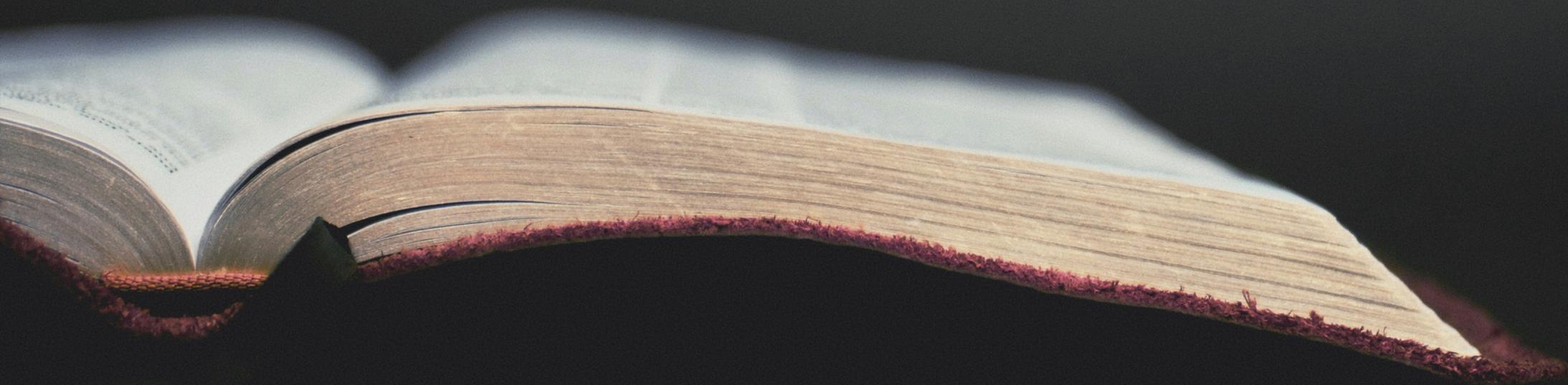
Steady plodding brings prosperity;
hasty speculation brings poverty.

(The Living Bible)



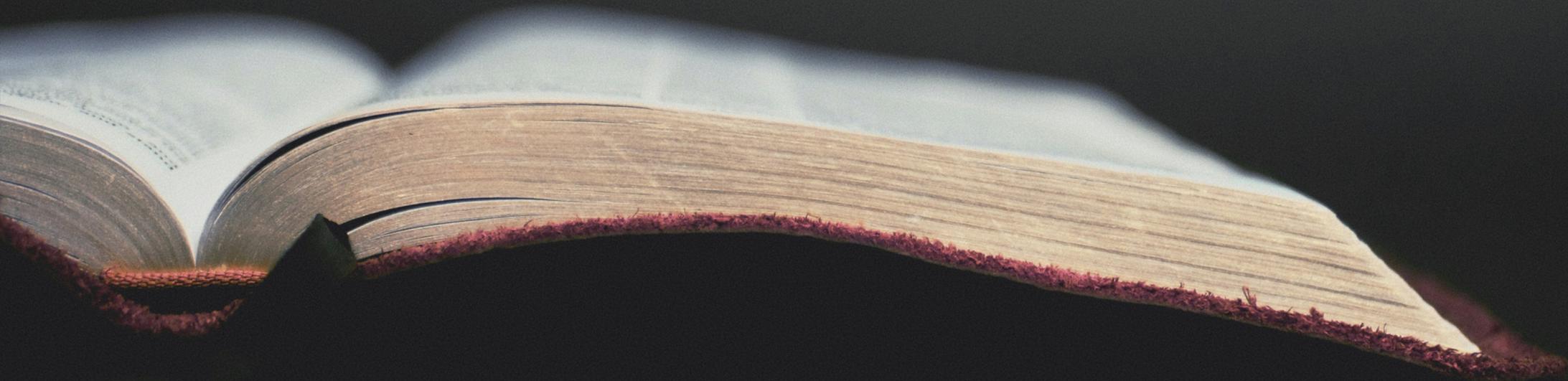
Savings goal: 3 months of expenses.

The best predictor of the future is the past.
If you don't have a long past, you've got a
good chance to change your future.

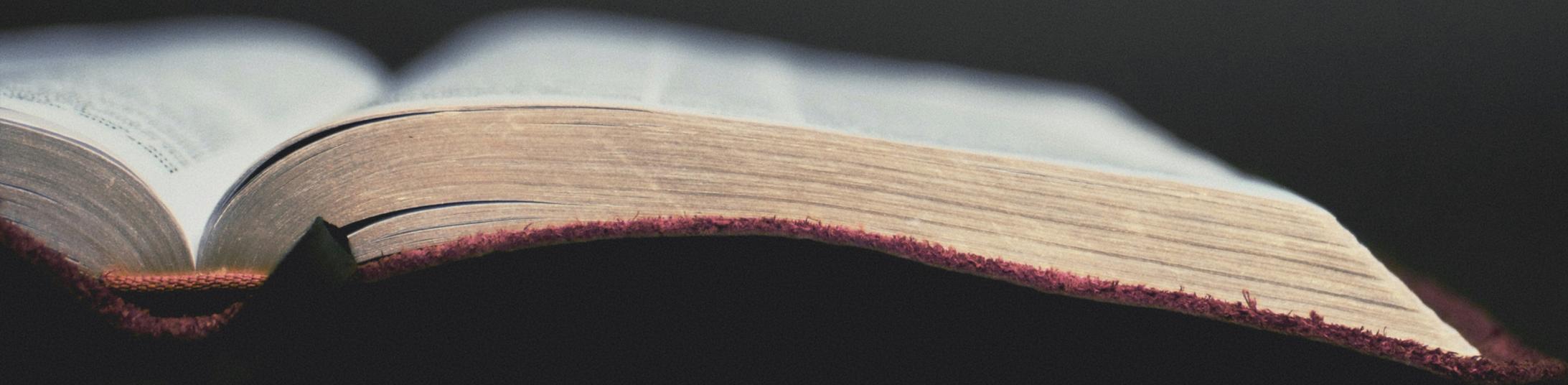


How can I save?

- Start now.
- Start small (\$1000 emergency fund).
- Be steady.
- Spend time with people who are pursuing God.



Some of your wants are formed by the people you're around. We want what we want because someone we admire wanted it and obtained it. (James 4:1-3)



There may never be the “right time” to *start* saving. There might be a right time to *start giving* what you’ve saved.

