

- Series: Talking to God
- **Part 1. “Make Every Conversation Count.”**
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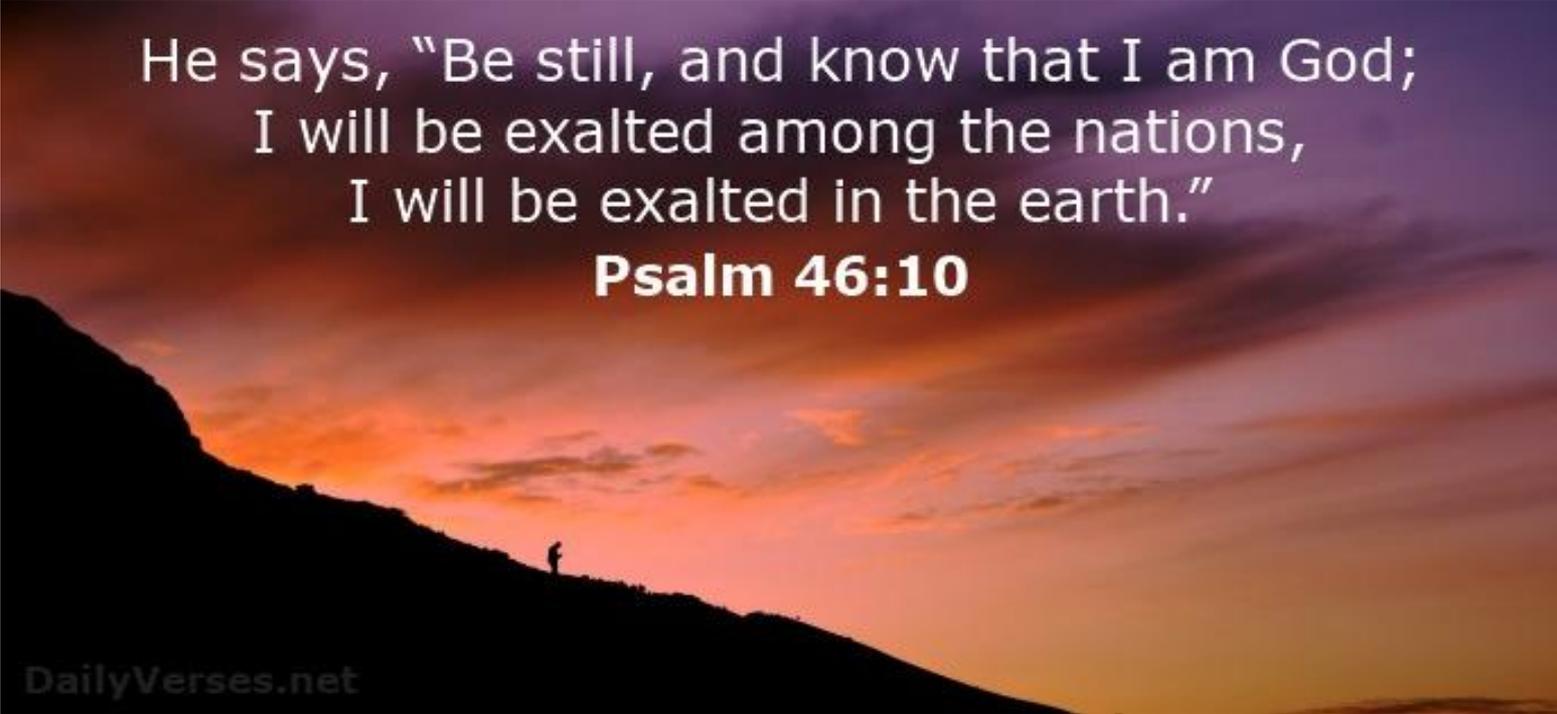
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- **Ecclesiastes 3:1, 7b—<sup>1</sup>There is an appointed time for everything. And there is a time for every event under heaven—  
<sup>7</sup>...A time to be **silent...** (NASB)**

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A Time to be Speak...





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Jeremiah 33:3

<sup>3</sup> 'Call to me and I will answer you and tell you great and unsearchable things you do not know.' (NIV)

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- 1 Peter 3:12
- For the eyes of the Lord are on the righteous and his ears are attentive to their prayer, but the face of the Lord is against those who do evil."



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**Matthew 26:40-41—<sup>40</sup>Then he returned to his disciples and found them sleeping. "Couldn't you men keep watch with me for one hour?" he asked Peter. <sup>41</sup>"Watch and pray so that you will not fall into temptation. The spirit is willing, but the flesh is weak." (NIV)**

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Now He was telling them a parable to show that at all times they ought to pray and not to lose heart, (NASB)

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- <sup>4</sup> "For some time he refused. But finally he said to himself, 'Even though I don't fear God or care what people think, <sup>5</sup>yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will see that she gets justice, so that she won't eventually come and attack me!'" (NIV)



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- Luke 18:2-8
- <sup>6</sup>And the Lord said, "Listen to what the unjust judge says, <sup>7</sup>And will not God bring about justice for his chosen ones, who cry out to him day and night? Will he keep putting them off? <sup>8</sup>I tell you, he will see that they get justice, and quickly. However, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on the earth?" (NIV)



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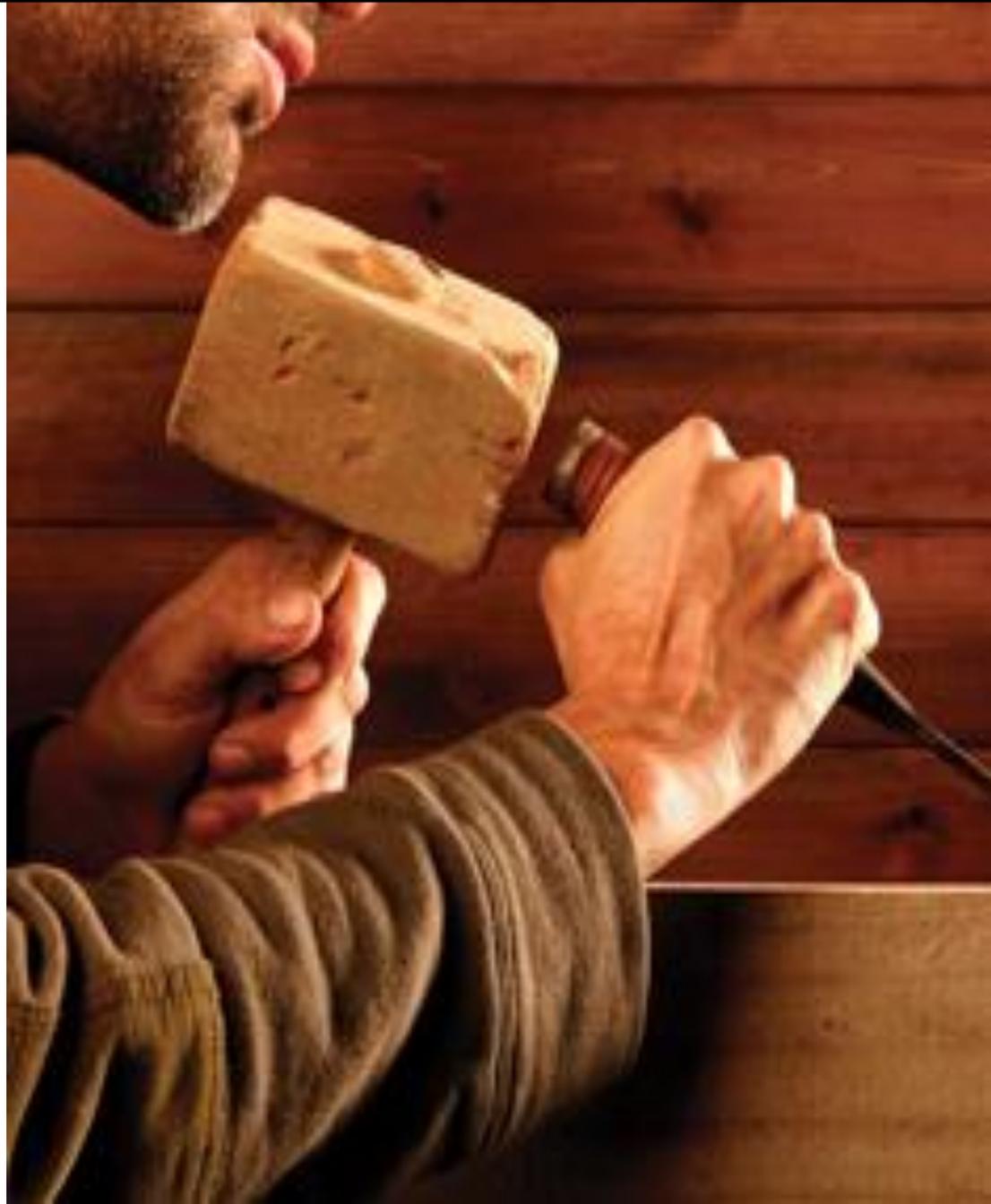
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- **Matthew 6:7—“And when you are praying, do not use meaningless repetition as the Gentiles do, for they suppose that they will be heard for their many words. (NASB)**



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**2. According to God's  
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- 1 John 5:14
- This is the confidence we have in approaching God: that if we ask anything according to his will, he hears us.



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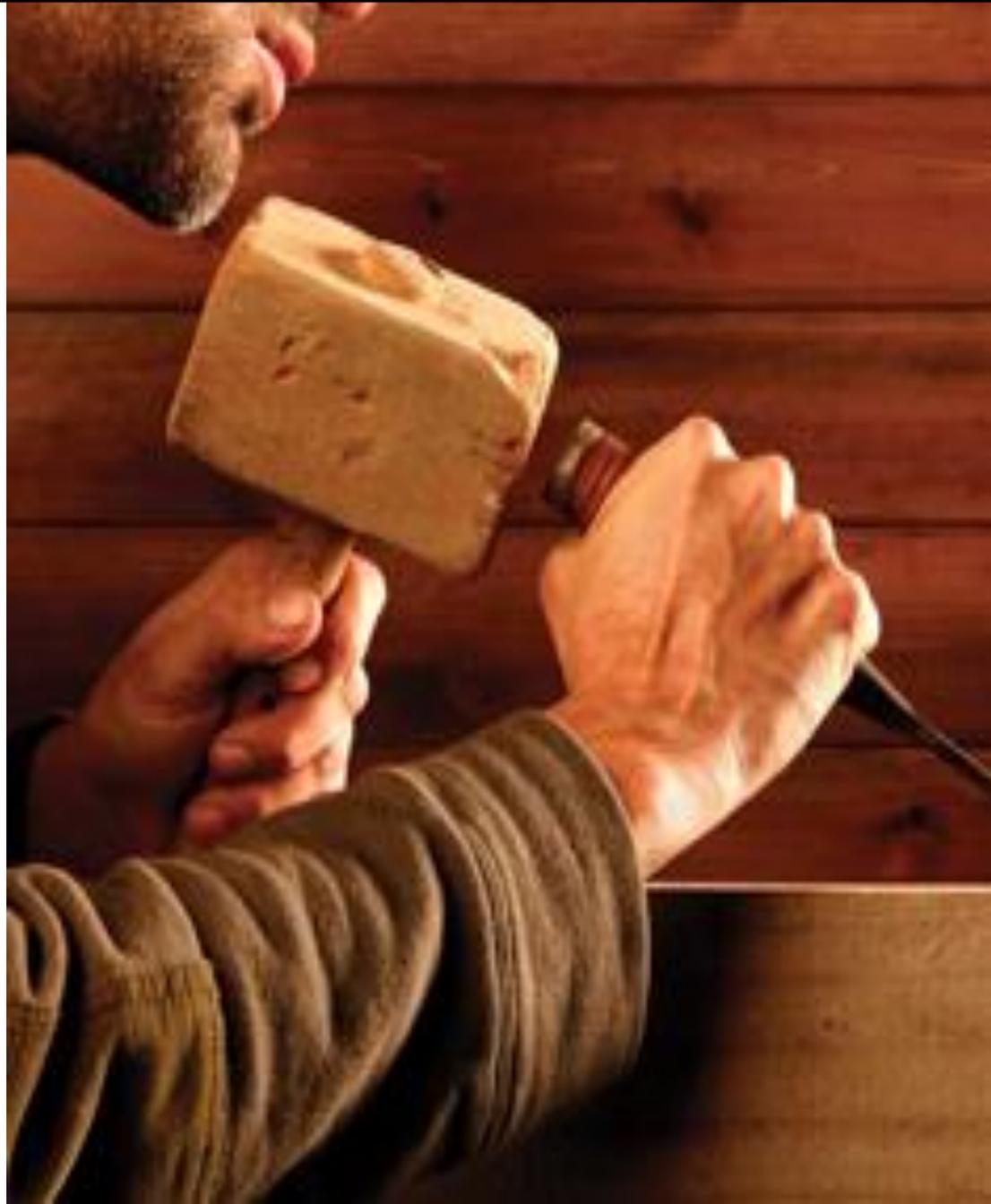
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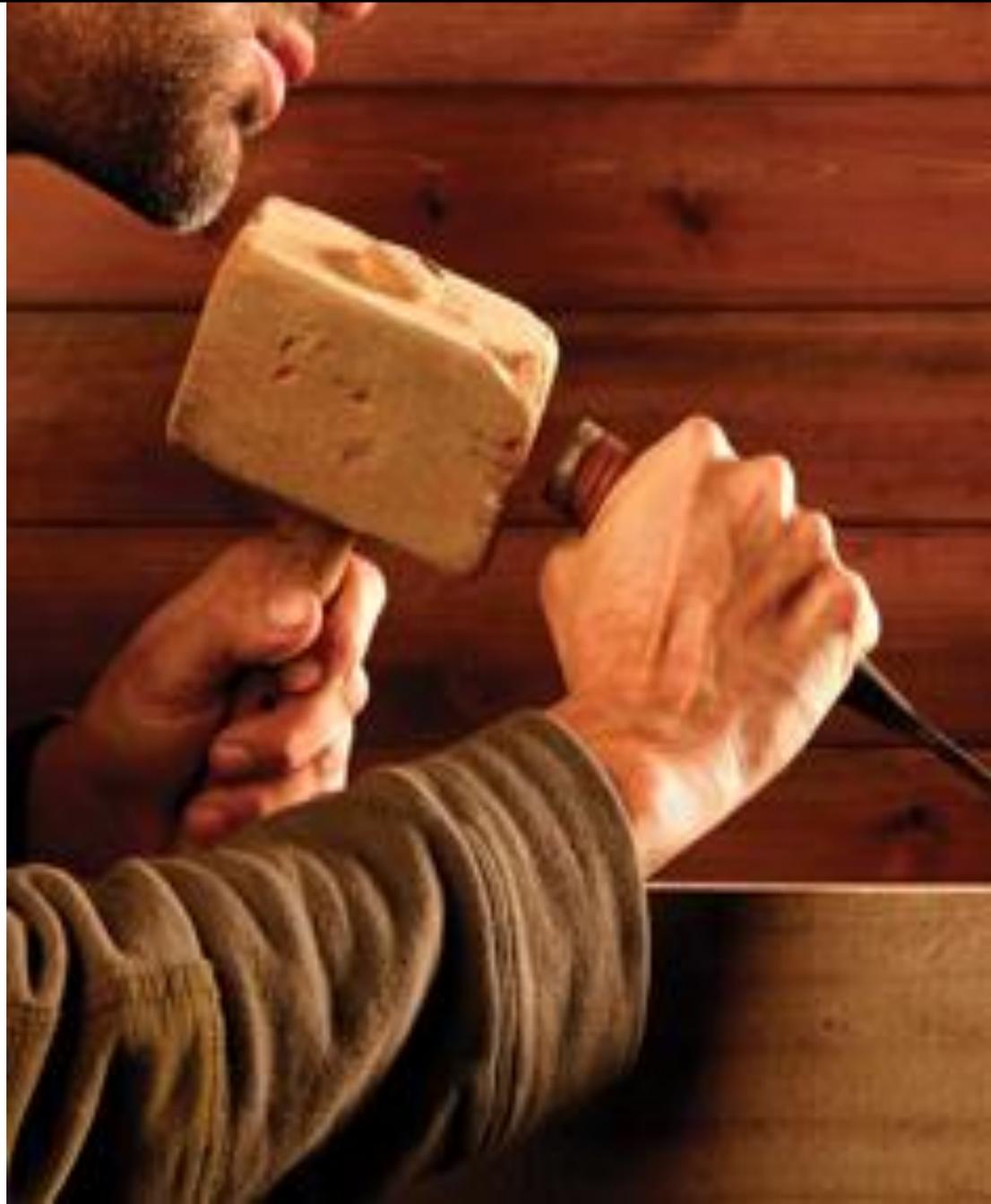
- James 4:3
- <sup>3</sup> When you ask, you do not receive, because you ask with wrong motives, that you may spend what you get on your pleasures. (NIV)



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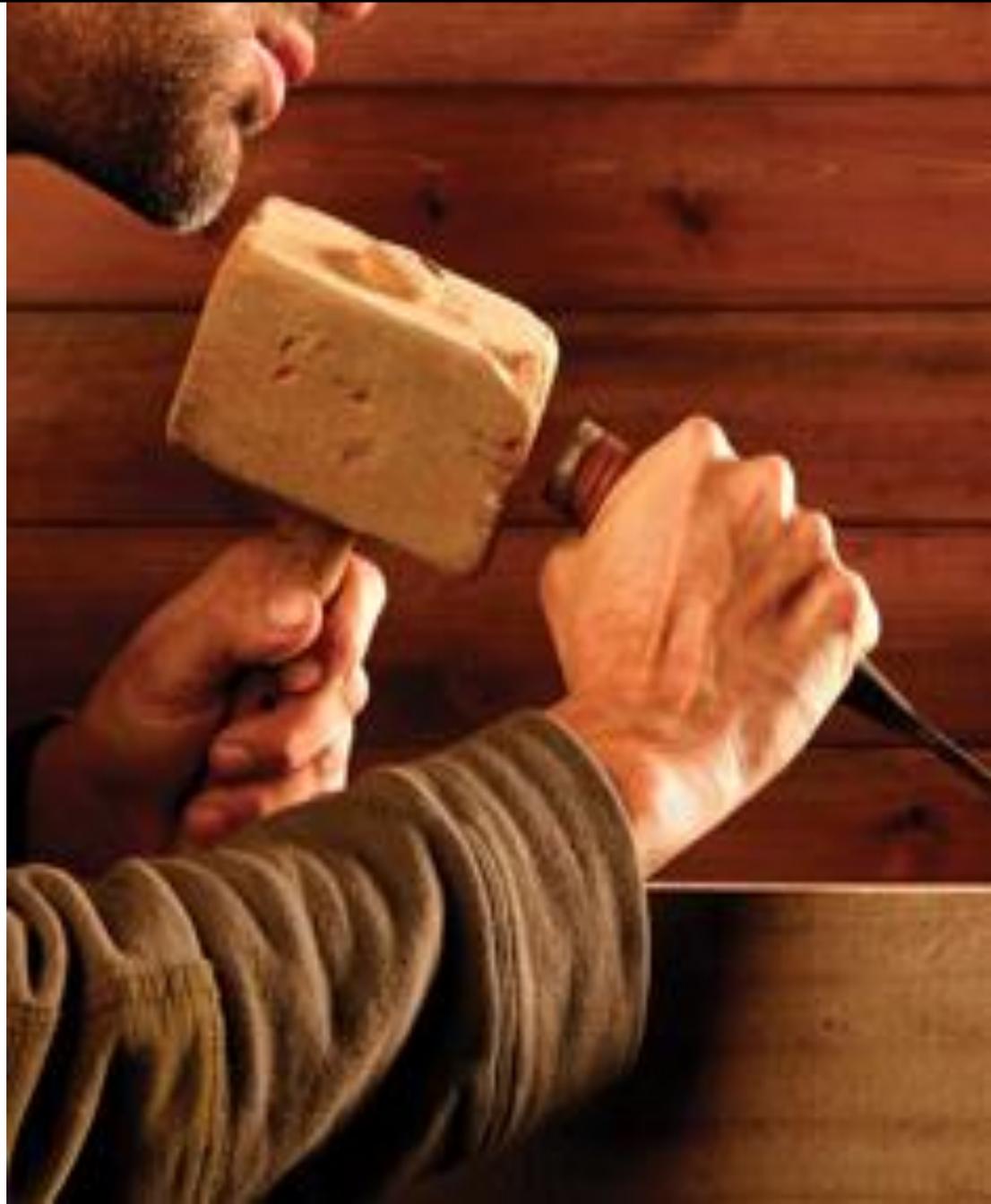
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- Remember, the devil follows you in!



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- **1 Corinthians 16:9**
- **because a great door for effective work has opened to me, and there are many who oppose me. (NIV)**



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# Speaking Face to Face...

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an inheritance that is  
**IMPERISHABLE,**  
undefiled, & **unfading,**  
kept in heaven for you.

1 PETER 1:4



- Acts 22:16  
16 Now why do you delay? Get up and be baptized, and wash away your sins, calling on His name.'  
(NASB)

