
I WILL GIVE YOU A
NEW HEART AND PUT
A NEW SPIRIT
IN YOU; I WILL
REMOVE FROM YOU
YOUR HEART
OF STONE AND
GIVE YOU
A HEART OF FLESH.

— *Ezekiel 36:26* —

EZEKIEL 36-37

HEART PROBLEMS

CHARACTERISTICS OF A HEART OF STONE:

- ▶ **1. Closed Minded**
 - ▶ New questions discouraged
- ▶ **2. Apathetic**
 - ▶ Showing no interest
- ▶ **3. Lacking Empathy**
 - ▶ Unwilling to understand and share feelings with others
- ▶ **4. Not easily formed (changed)**
 - ▶ Unwilling to consider alternatives



COMMON CHURCH PEOPLE PROBLEMS

- ▶ 1. Pride
 - ▶ Same sin removed Satan from Heaven
- ▶ 2. Lack of Direction
 - ▶ Attendance without external action
- ▶ 3. Lack of Honesty
 - ▶ Who do you trust?
- ▶ 4. Bad Publicity
 - ▶ Christians are struggling to identify their faith as adding value to society







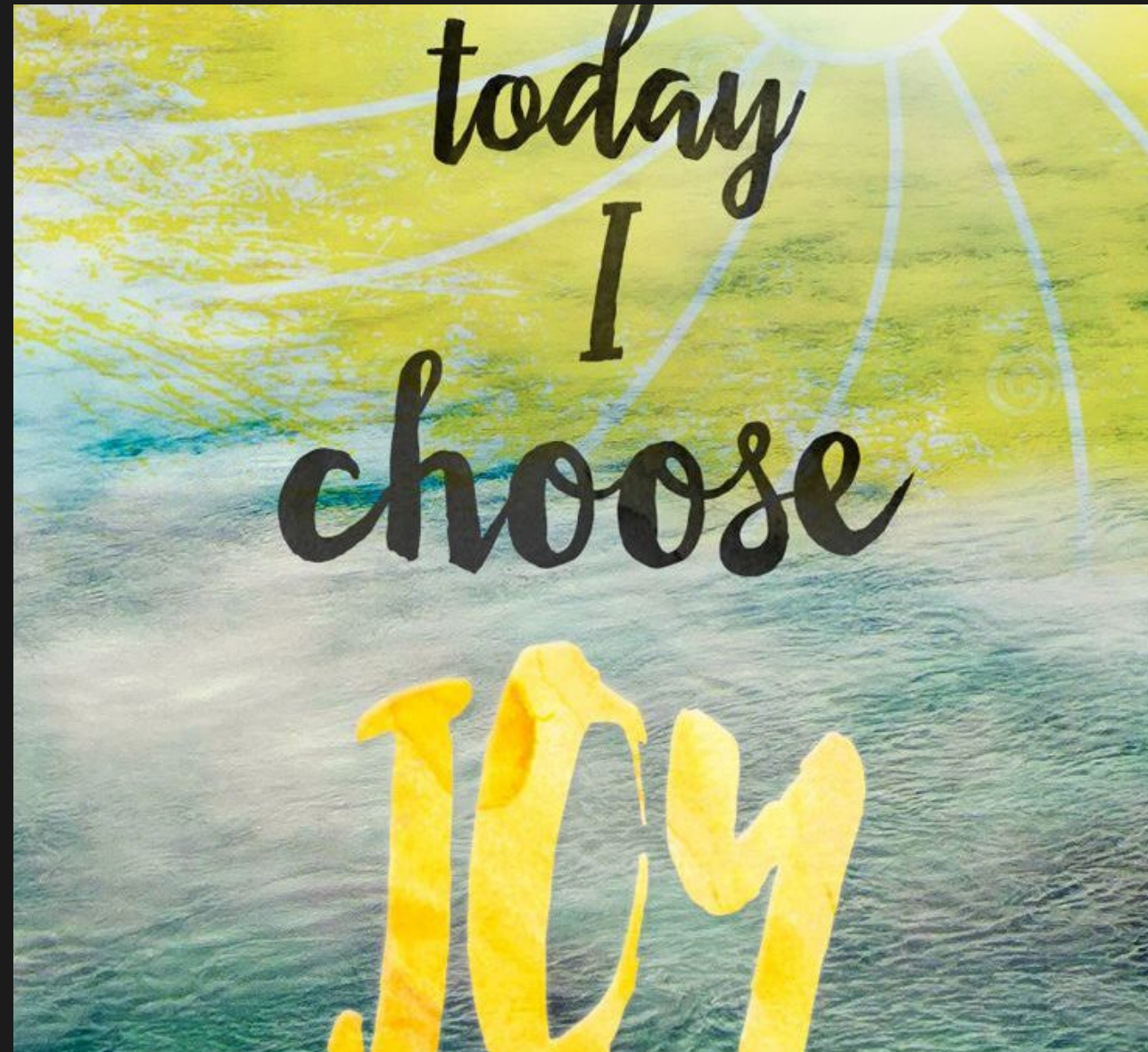
HOW FAR CAN A
HARD HEART
TAKE US ?

EZEKIEL 37



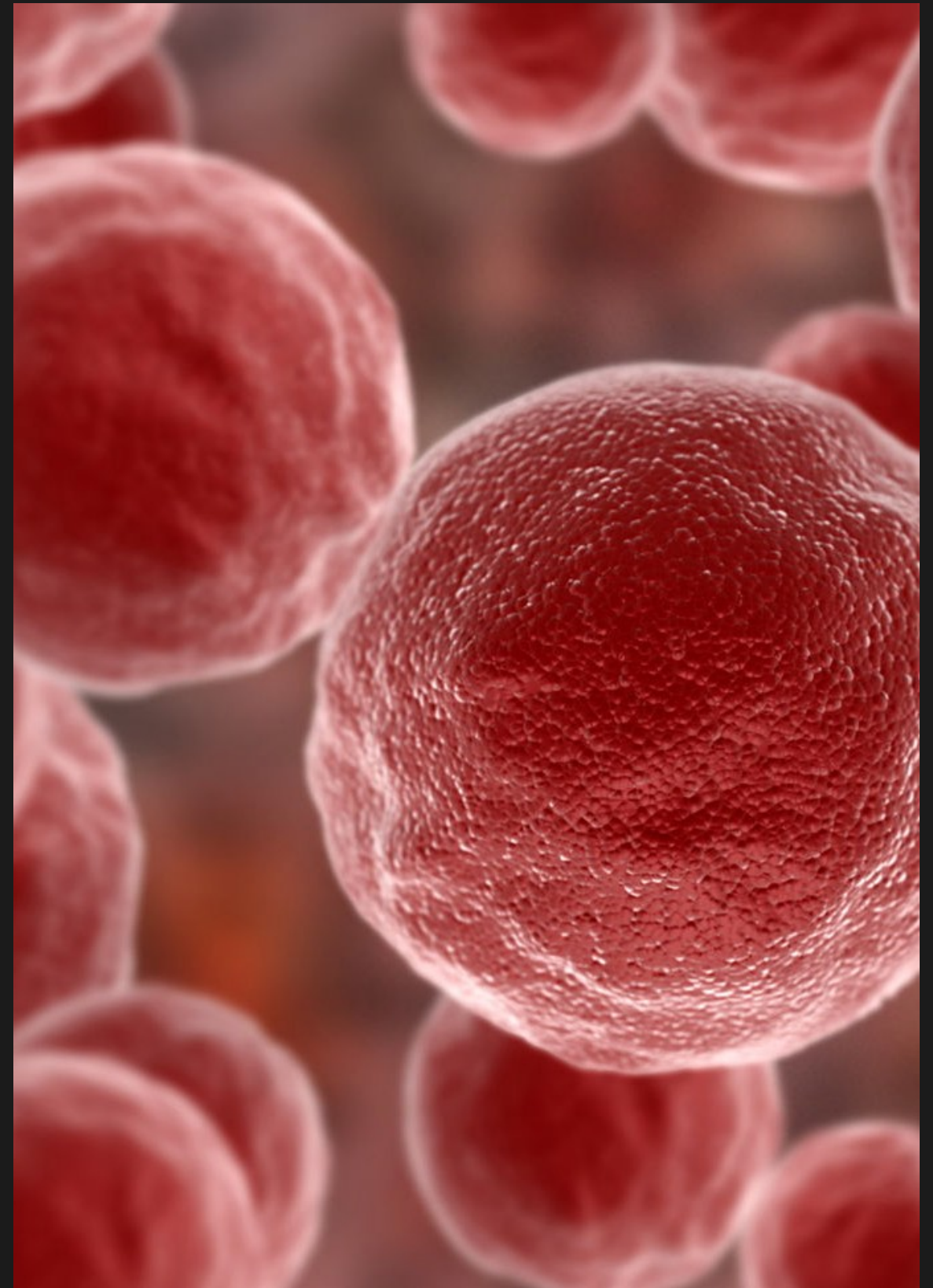
GOD BREATHES LIFE

- ▶ Genesis 1:3 “Then God **said**, ‘Let there be light’; and there was light.”
- ▶ Genesis 2:7 “Then the Lord God formed a man from the dust of the ground and **breathed** into his nostrils the breath of life, and the man became a living being”
- ▶ Job 33:4 “The Spirit of God has made me, And the **breath** of the Almighty gives **life**.”



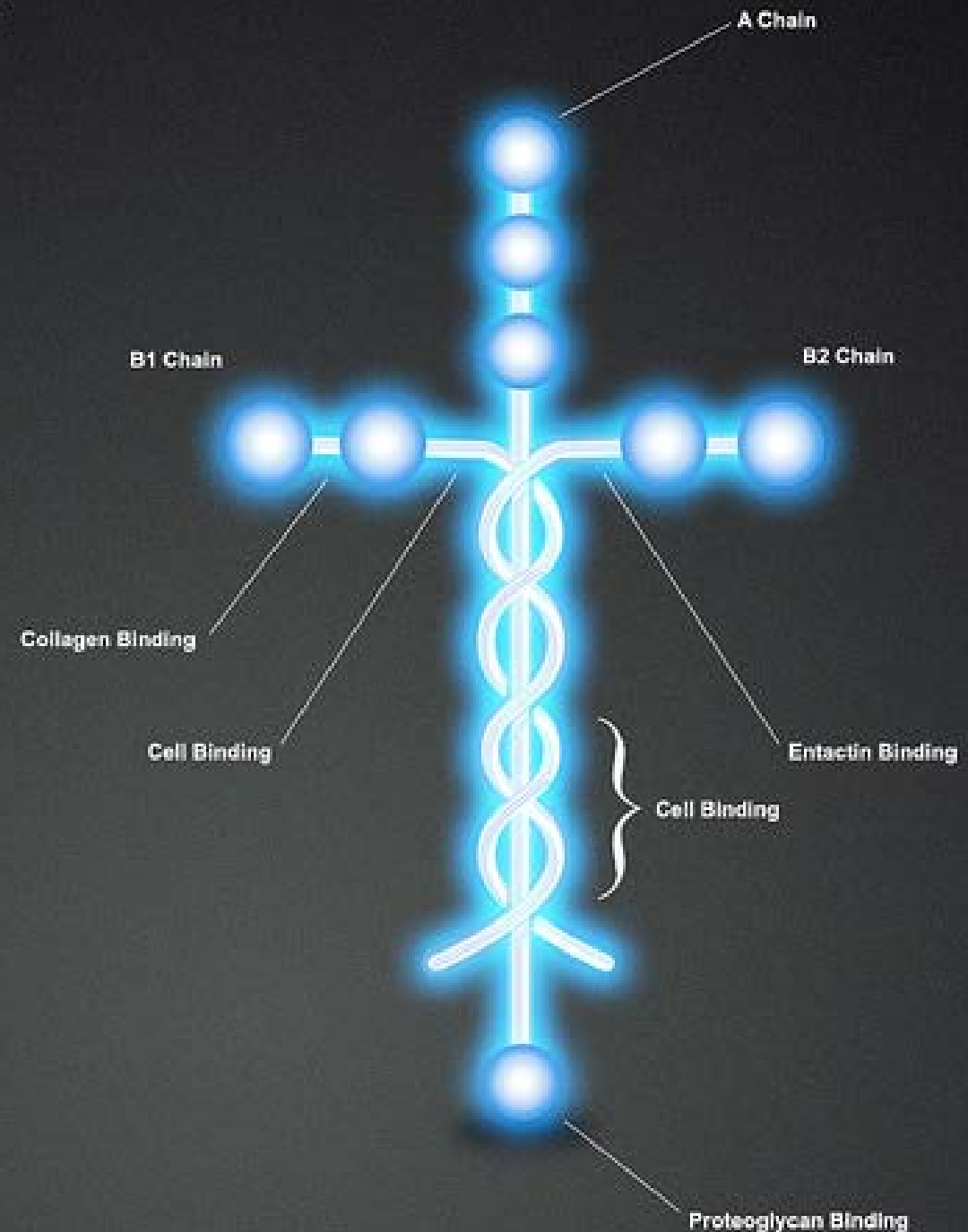
THE HUMAN BODY:

- ▶ Began with 2 cells
- ▶ Multiplies to around 37.2 trillion cells
- ▶ Cells are held together by a protein called “laminin” that is essential to all organ function



LAMININ

A cell adhesion protein molecule found in the "extracellular matrix", the sheets of protein that form the substrate of all internal organs also called the "basement membrane". Laminin is vital to making sure overall body structures *hold together*. -Wiki



He (Jesus) is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. For by Him all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things were created by him and for him. He is before all things, *and in him all things hold together*.

Colossians 1:15-20

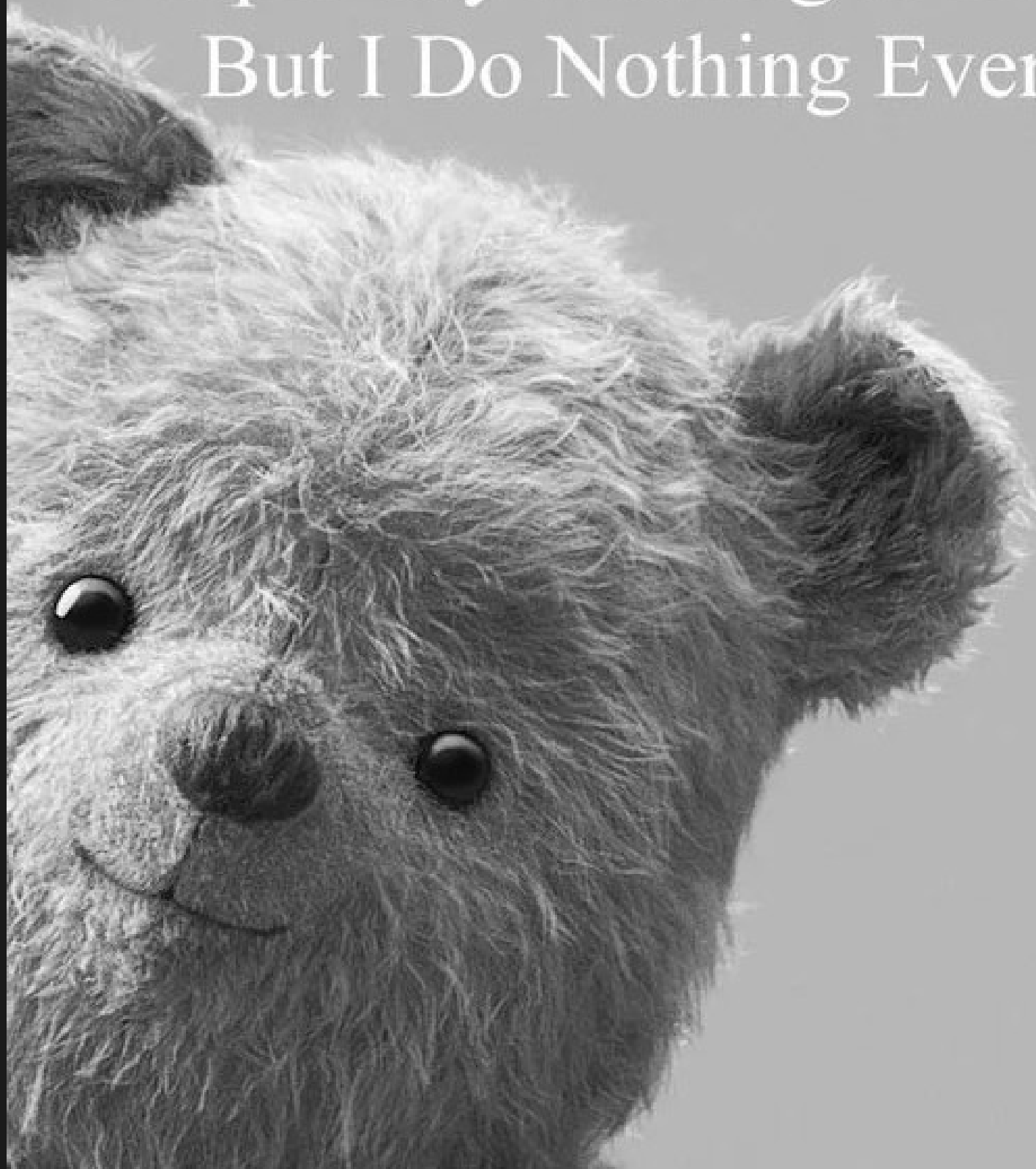
“KNOW THIS, MY BELOVED BROTHERS:
LET EVERY PERSON BE **QUICK TO**
HEAR, SLOW TO SPEAK, SLOW TO
ANGER, FOR THE ANGER OF MAN
DOES NOT PRODUCE THE
RIGHTEOUSNESS OF GOD.”

James

**HOW CAN WE
IMPROVE?**

**FIRST WE HAVE TO
WILLING TO LOOK FOR
WAYS...**

People Say Nothing Is Impossible,
But I Do Nothing Every Day





"When I was a boy and I would see scary things in the news, my mother would say to me, 'Look for the helpers. You will always find people who are helping.' To this day, especially in times of "disaster," I remember my mother's words, and I am always comforted by realizing that there are still so many helpers — so many caring people in this world." — Fred Rogers (Mr. Rogers)