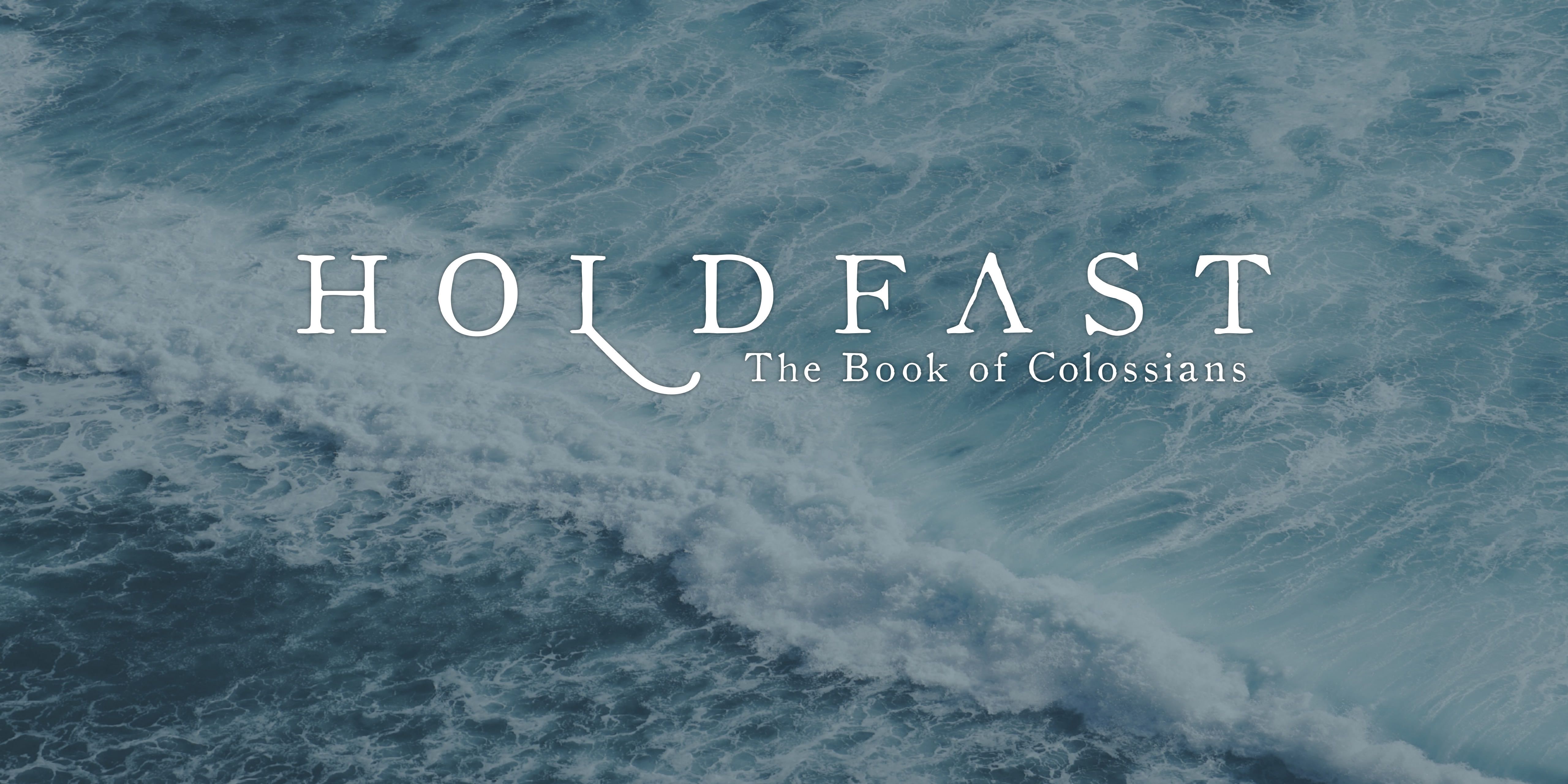




Today's Scripture Reading

Colossians 3:12-17



HOLD FAST

The Book of Colossians



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Colossians 3:12



Clothe Yourself in Christ

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Clothed in *Compassion*

a gut-level ache for another person's suffering.





Clothed in *Compassion*

“He had **compassion** on them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd.”

Matthew 9:36





“Compassion is that pity
which is **not merely**
an emotion but is
translated into action.”

WILLIAM BARCLAY

VIDEO





Clothed in *Kindness*





Clothed in *Kindness*

Kindness is not **niceness** with a lack of **truth**,
kindness is **truth** with a lack of **harshness**.





Clothed in *Humility*





Clothed in *Humility*

“**Humility** is not thinking
less of yourself, but
thinking of **yourself less.**”

C.S. LEWIS





Clothed in *Humility*





Clothed in *Humility*

Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, **in humility value others above yourselves**, not looking to your own interests but each of you to the interests of the others. In your relationships with one another, have the same mindset as Christ Jesus.

Philippians 2:3-5





Clothed in *Gentleness*





Clothed in *Gentleness*

Gentleness is **strength** that has learned
to **serve** rather than **dominate**.





Clothed in *Patience*



Bear With & Forgive One Another

“Bear with each other and forgive one another
if any of you has a grievance against someone.

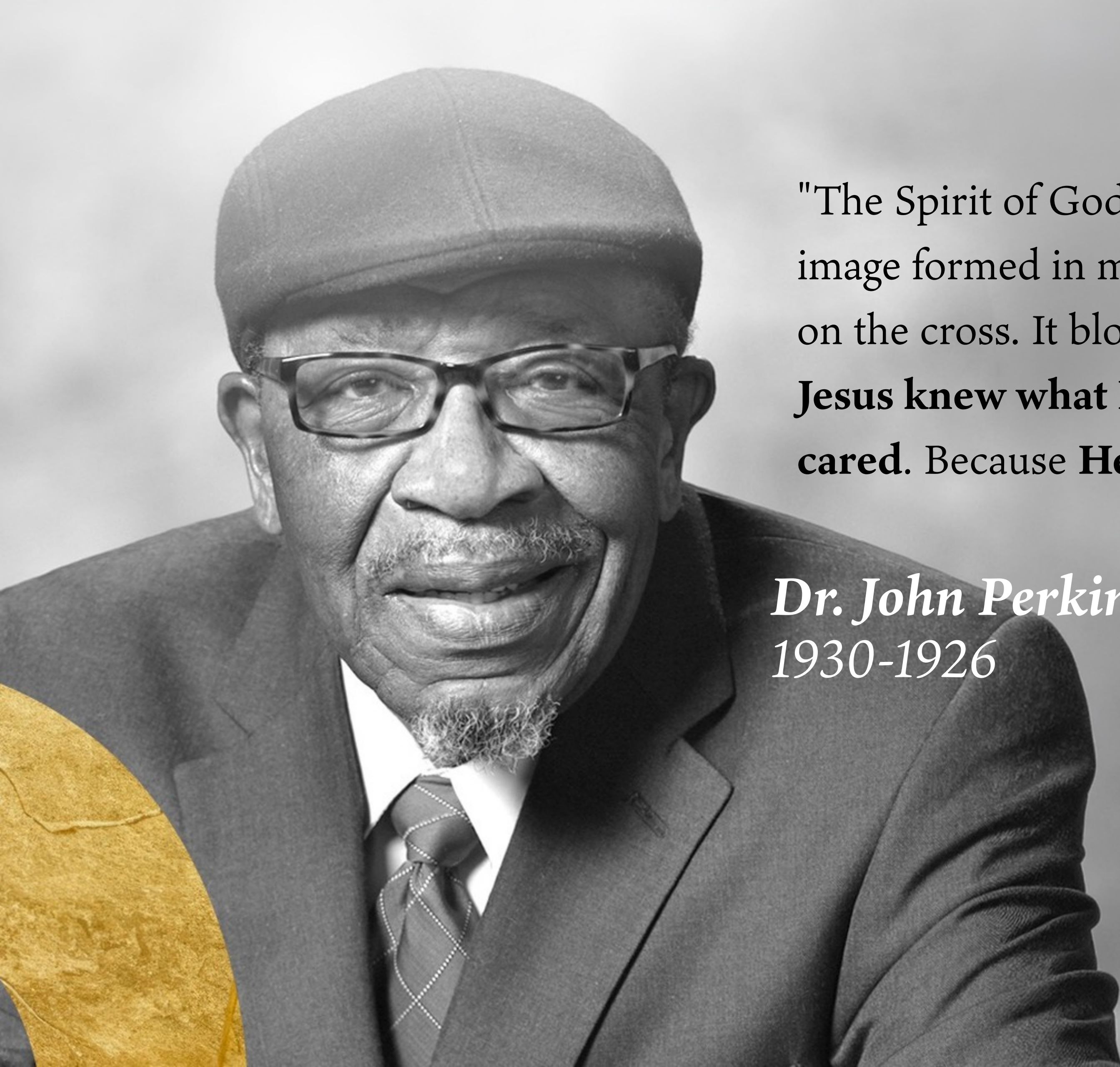
Forgive as the Lord forgave you.”

Colossians 3:13



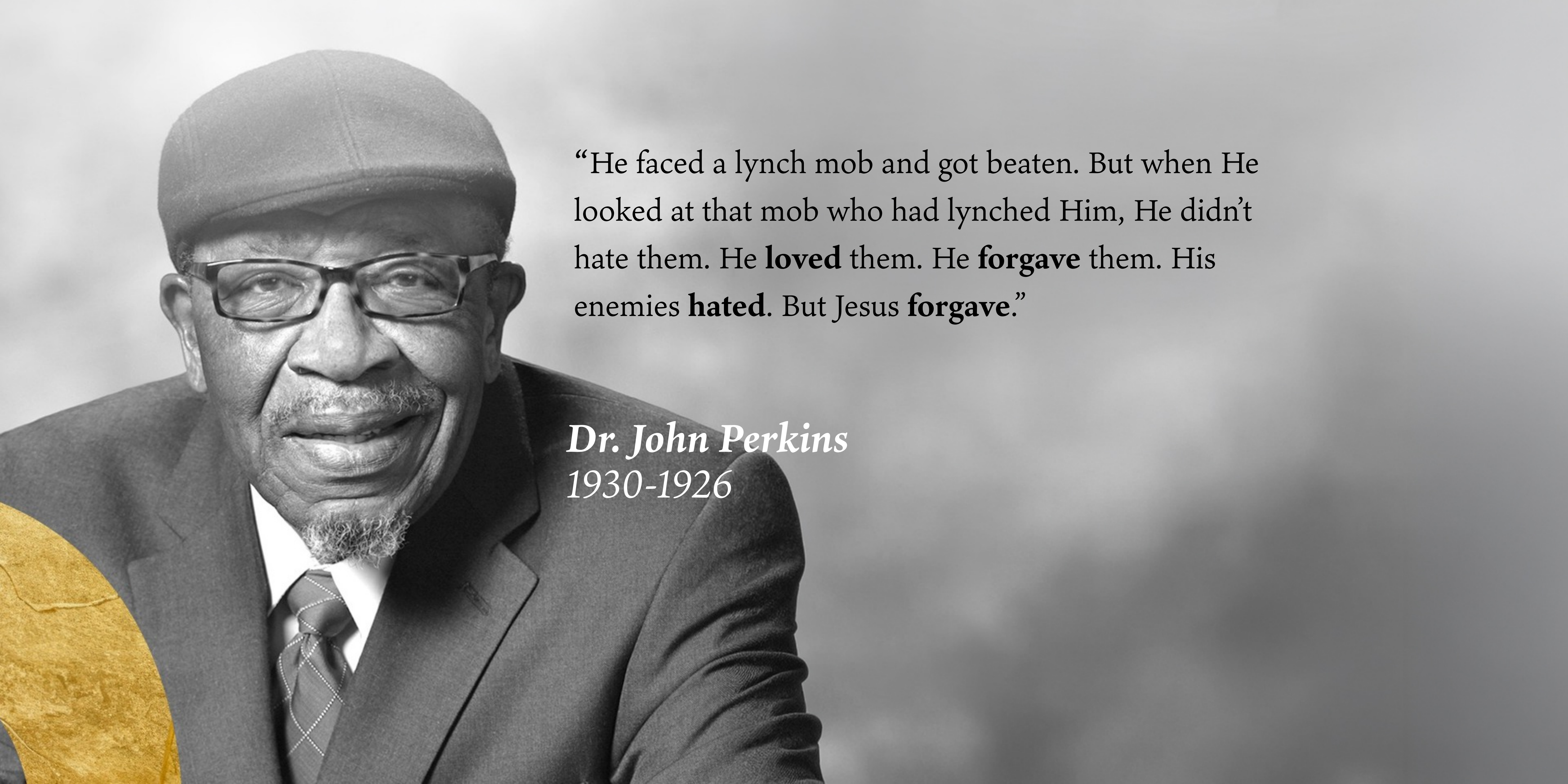


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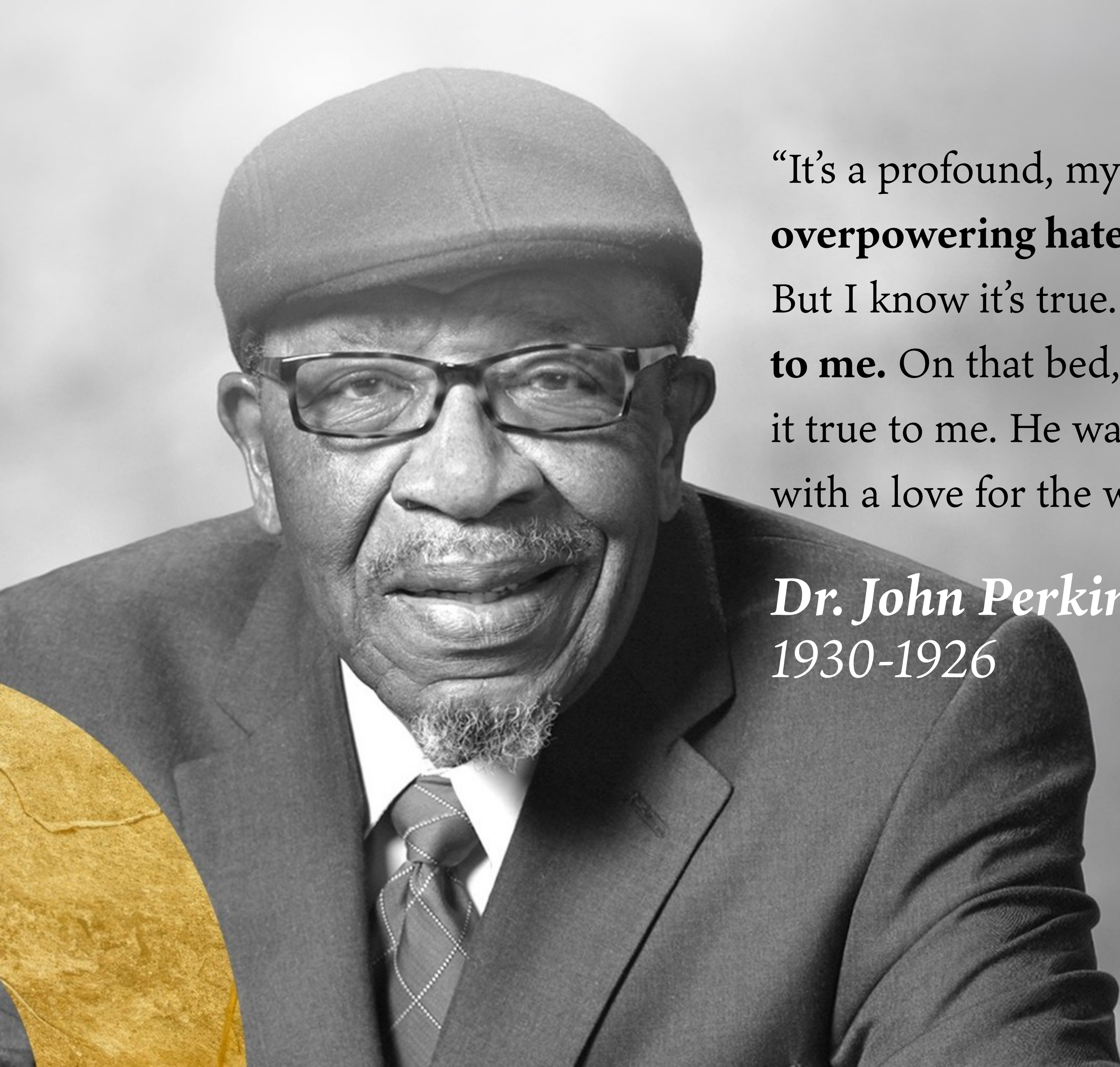
"The Spirit of God worked on me as I lay in that bed. An image formed in my mind. The image of the cross – Christ on the cross. It blotted out everything else in my mind. **Jesus knew what I had suffered. He understood. He cared. Because He had experienced it all Himself. ”**

Dr. John Perkins
1930-1926



“He faced a lynch mob and got beaten. But when He looked at that mob who had lynched Him, He didn’t hate them. He **loved** them. He **forgave** them. His enemies **hated**. But Jesus **forgave**.”

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“It’s a profound, mysterious truth – **Jesus’ concept of love overpowering hate.** I may not see its victory in my lifetime. But I know it’s true. **I know it’s true, because it happened to me.** On that bed, full of bruises and stitches – God made it true to me. He washed my hatred away and replaced it with a love for the white man in rural Mississippi.”

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Forgiveness is not
excusing evil.
Forgiveness is refusing
to let **evil** have
the final word.



Let Peace Rule

Let the *peace of Christ rule* in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace.

COLOSSIANS 3:16



Let The Word Dwell

Let the **word of Christ dwell** among you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom through psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit, singing to God with gratitude in your hearts.

COLOSSIANS 3:16



Live In His Name

And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, **do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus**, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

COLOSSIANS 3:16

