

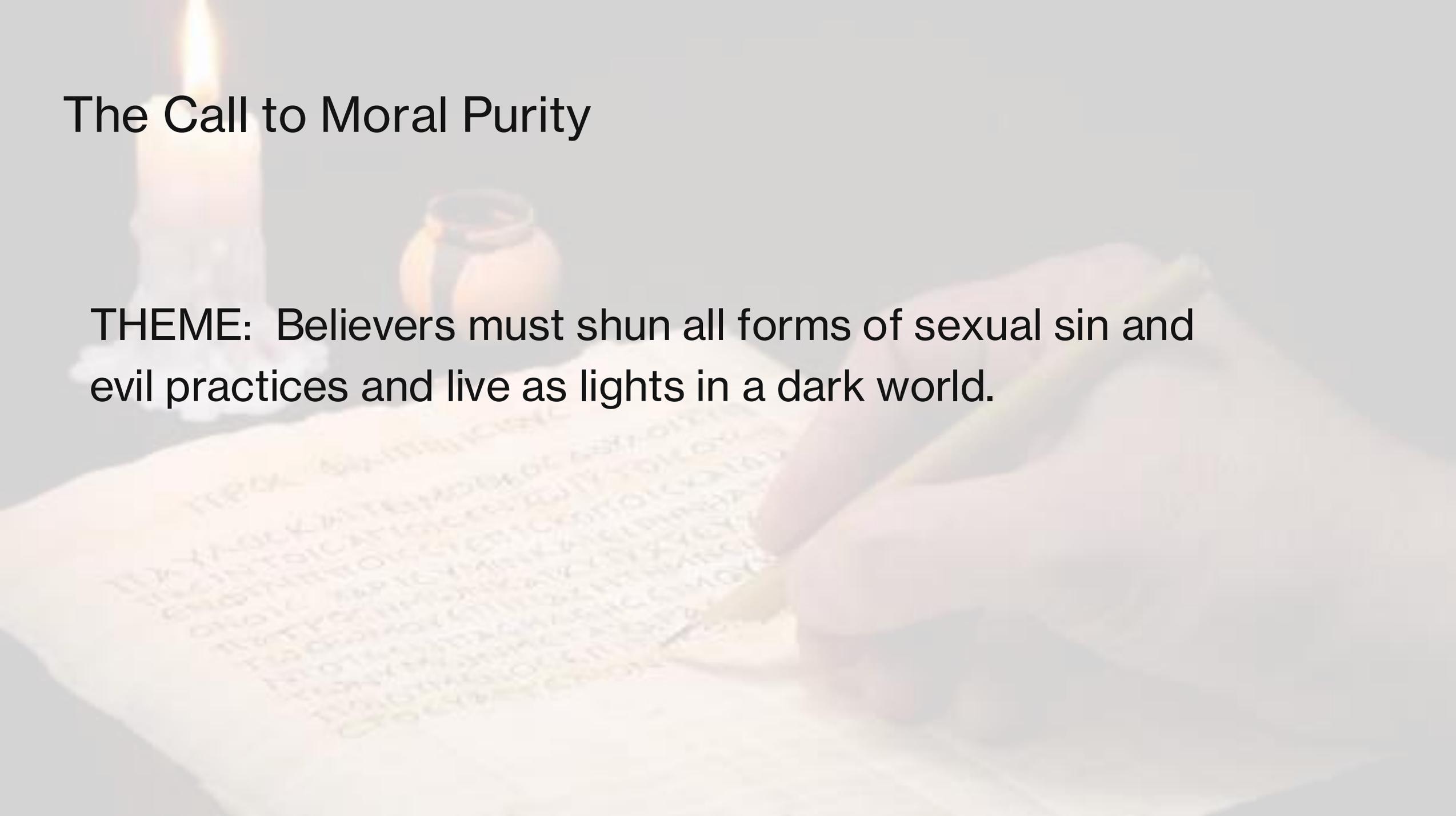
The Call to Moral Purity

Ephesians 5:3-14

Letters of Paul
Sojourners Fellowship



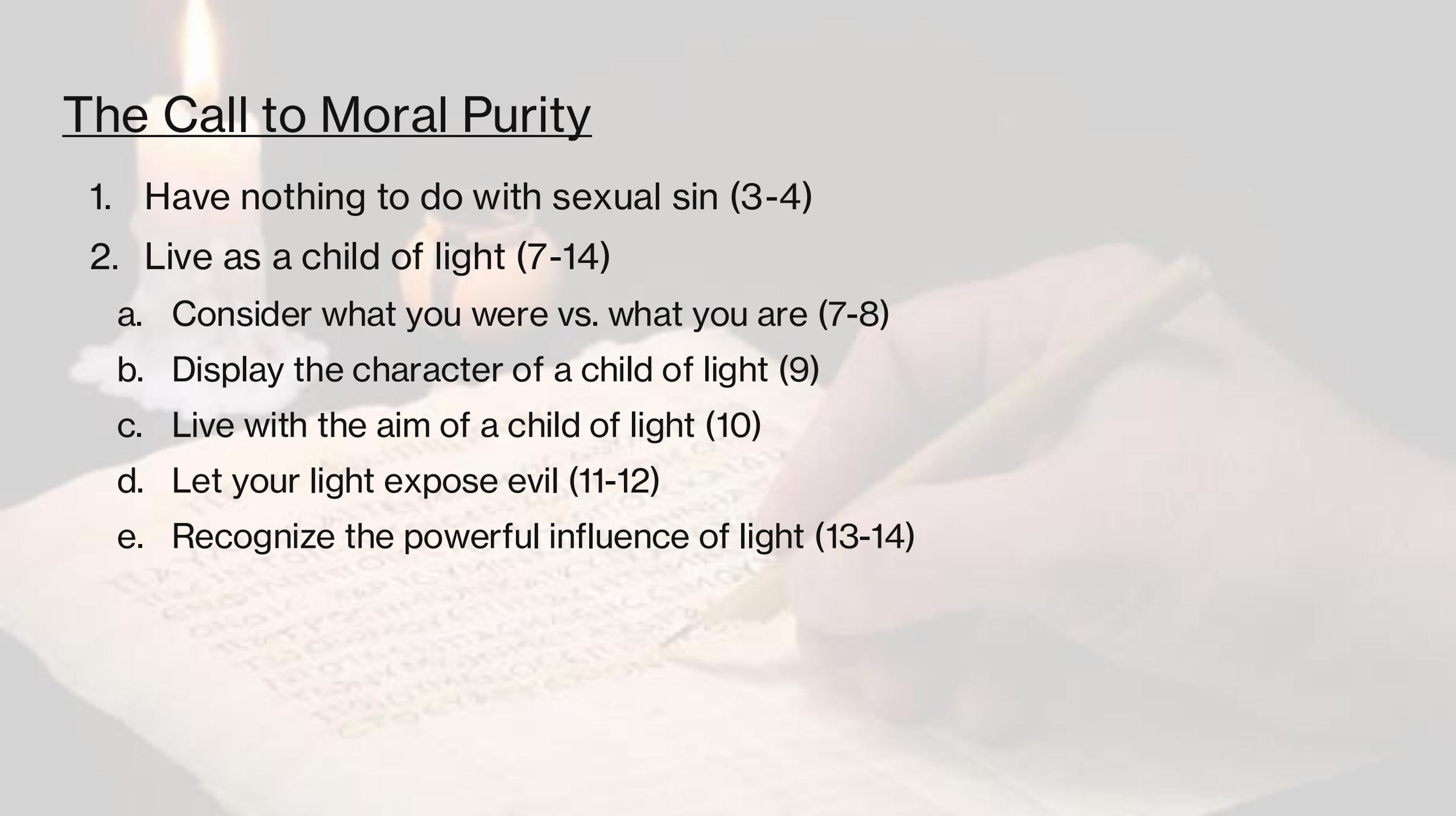
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The background image is a soft-focus, sepia-toned photograph. On the left, a lit candle in a glass holder casts a warm glow. In the center, a quill pen rests on a piece of parchment or aged paper. To the right of the quill is a small, dark inkwell. The parchment has some faint, illegible text written on it. The overall atmosphere is one of quiet study and historical significance.

THEME: Believers must shun all forms of sexual sin and evil practices and live as lights in a dark world.

The Call to Moral Purity

1. Have nothing to do with sexual sin (3-4)
 - a. Avoid it in actions and thoughts (3)
 - b. Avoid it in speech (4)
 - c. Realize its disastrous consequences (5)
 - d. Don't be misled (6)

A lit candle is visible in the upper left corner, casting a warm glow. In the lower right, a hand holds a yellow pen over a document with faint, illegible text. The background is a soft, out-of-focus light gray.

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1. Have nothing to do with sexual sin (3-4)
2. Live as a child of light (7-14)
 - a. Consider what you were vs. what you are (7-8)
 - b. Display the character of a child of light (9)
 - c. Live with the aim of a child of light (10)
 - d. Let your light expose evil (11-12)
 - e. Recognize the powerful influence of light (13-14)

Implications and Applications

1. Be careful to anticipate and avoid situations in which you might be tempted toward sexual sin, whether in action, thought or speech
2. Be thankful to God for His gift of the sexual relationship in marriage
3. If you are in Christ, rejoice in the fact that you who were once darkness are now light!
4. Walk as a child of light, exposing deeds of darkness through your godly example and words, that others might also repent and become light.
5. “Let your light shine before men in such a way that they may see your good works and glorify your Father who is in heaven.” Mt 5:16