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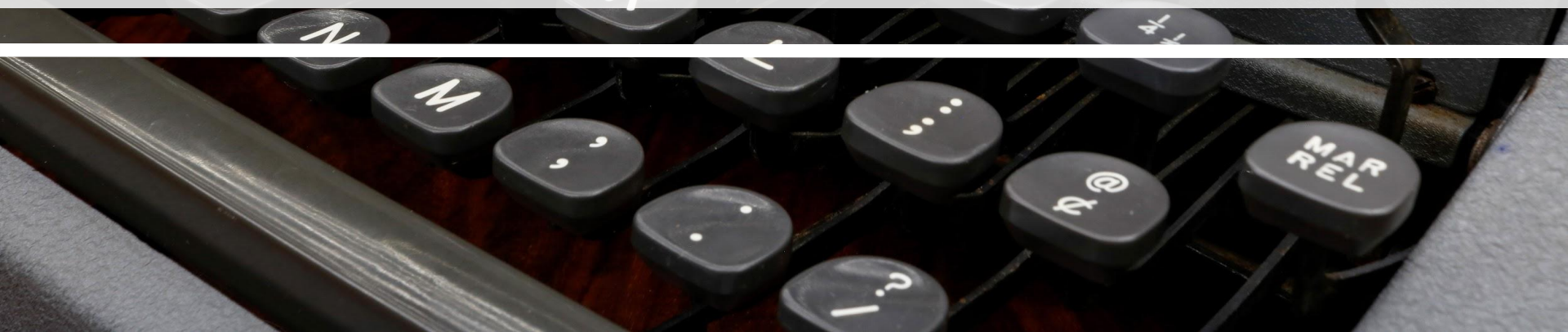
FELLOWSHIP // TIM BORSETH

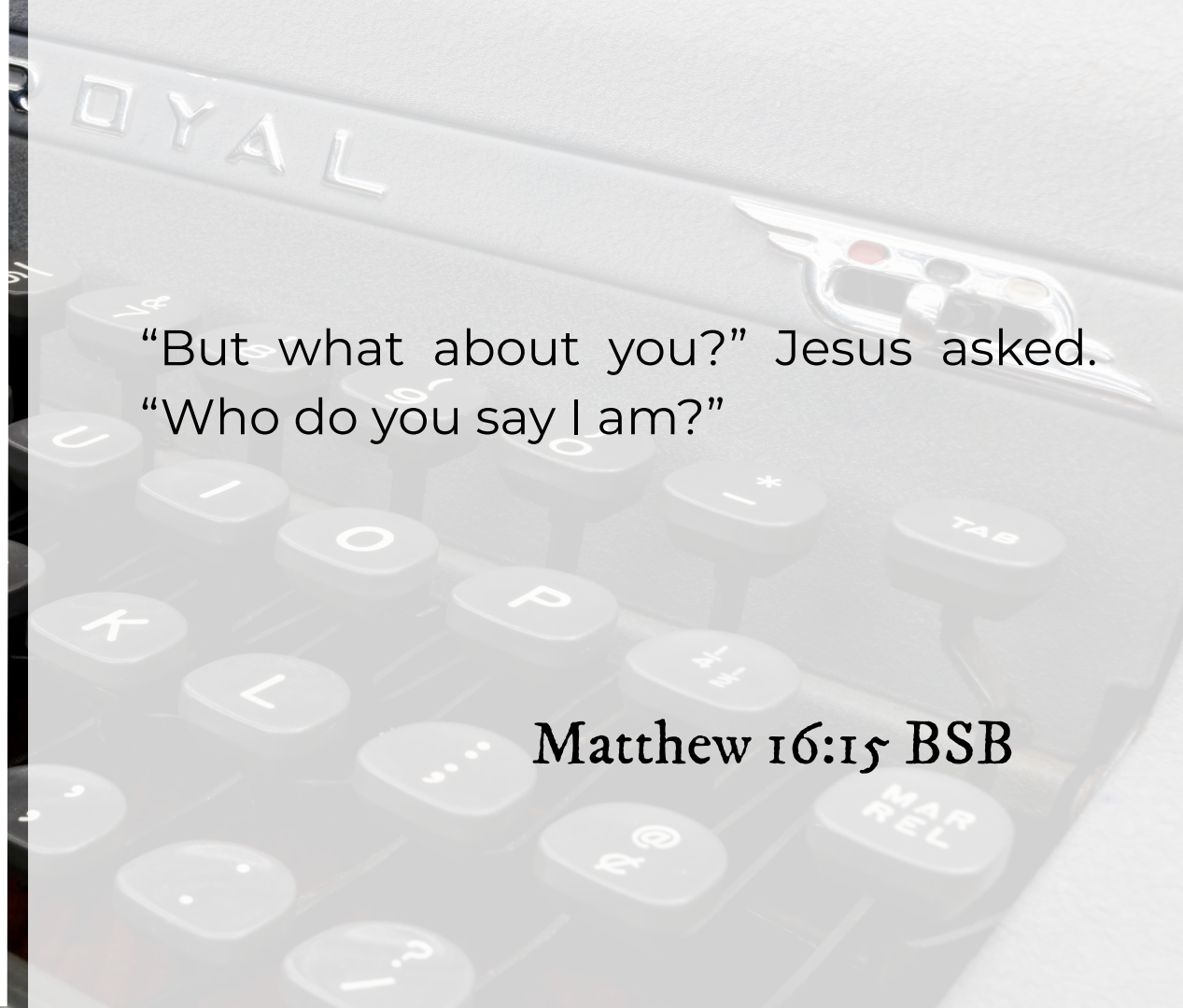
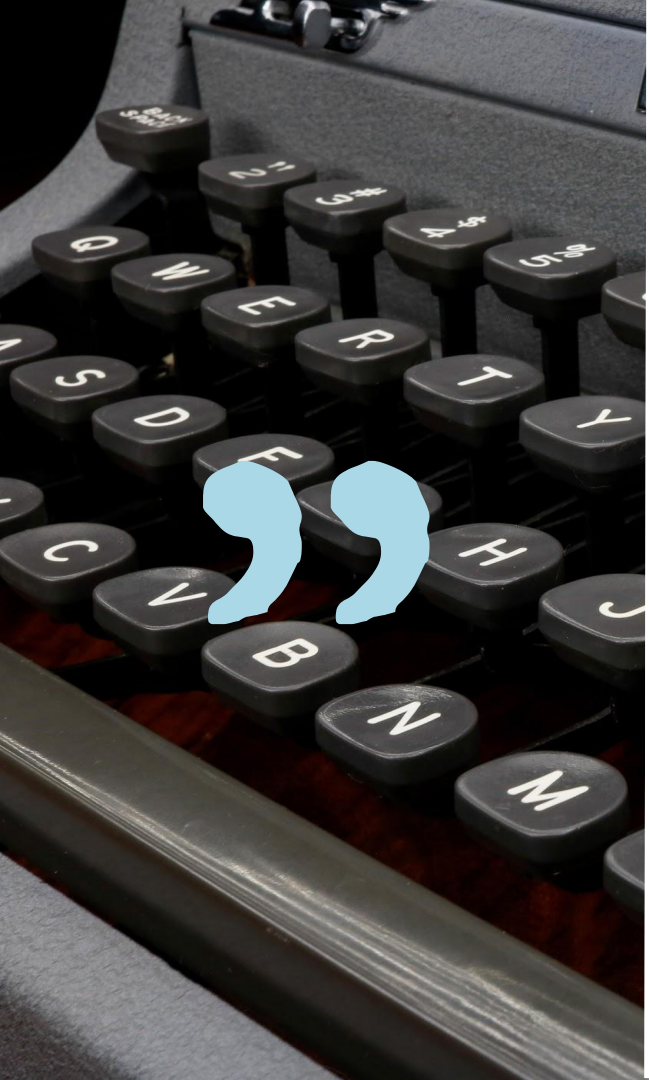
I LOVE
THE CHURCH.





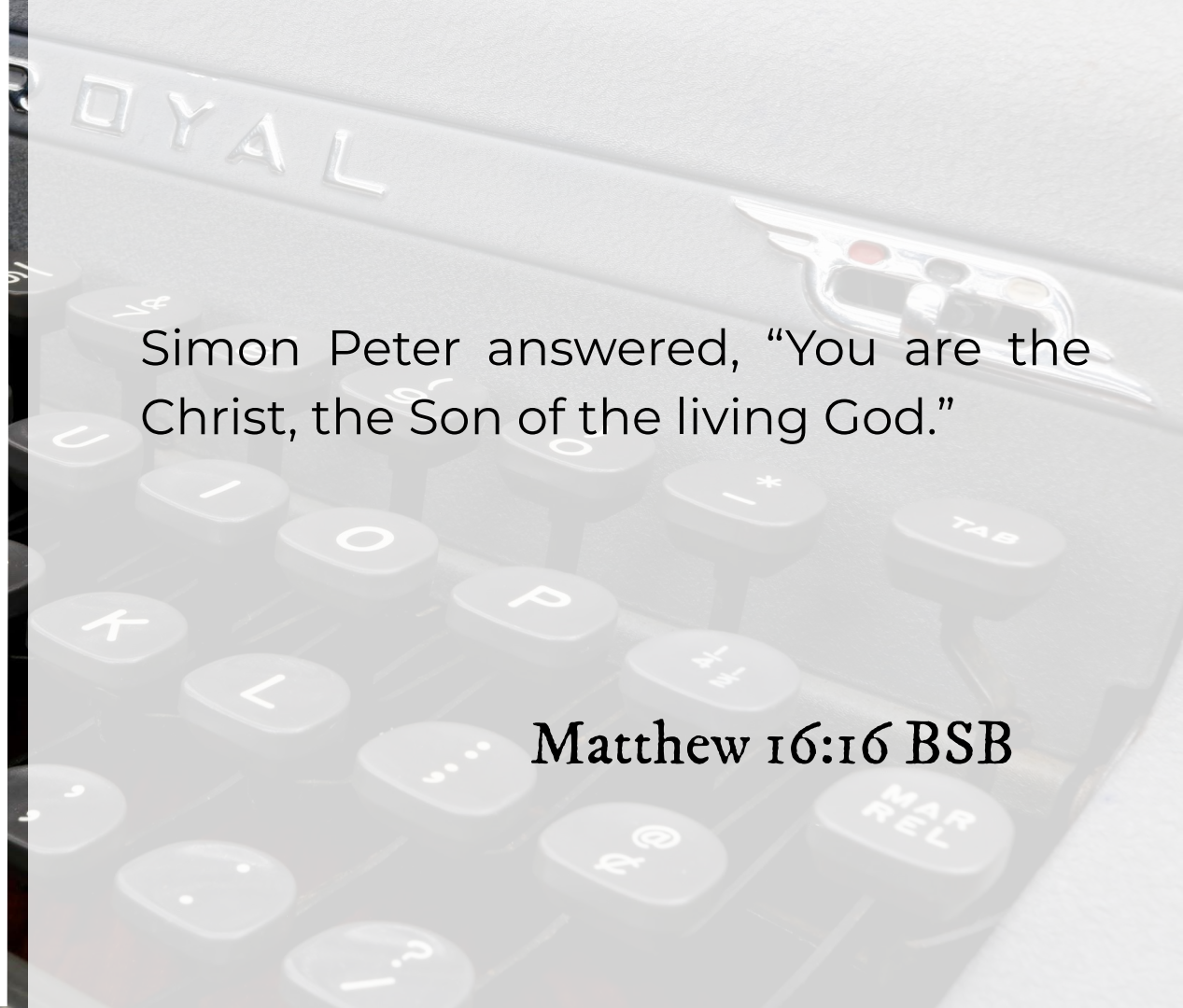
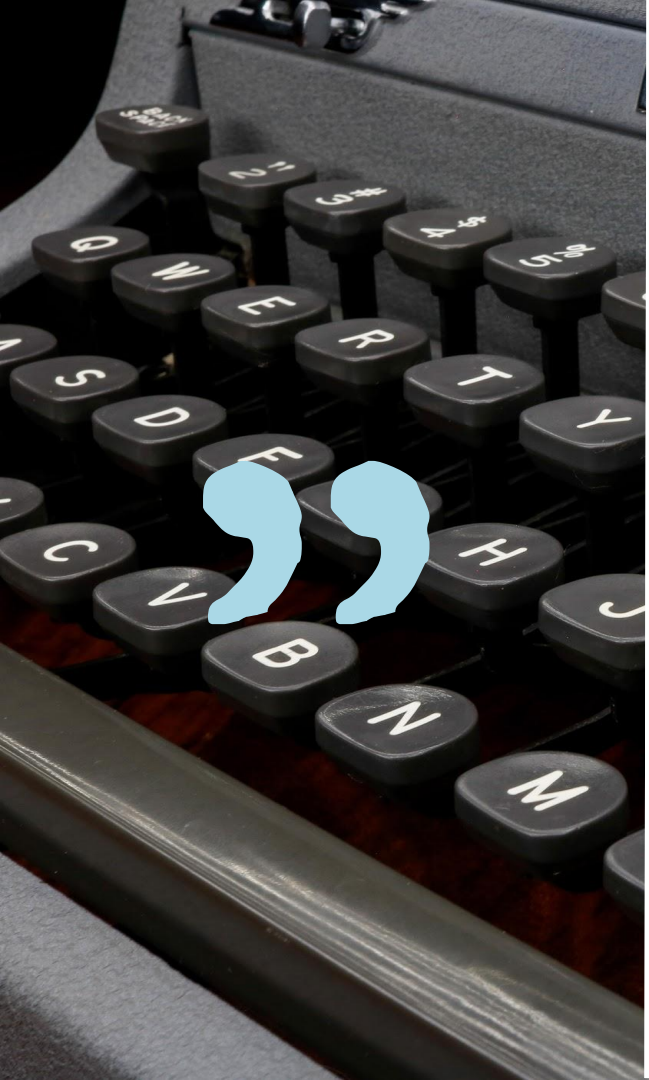
WHAT JESUS THINKS





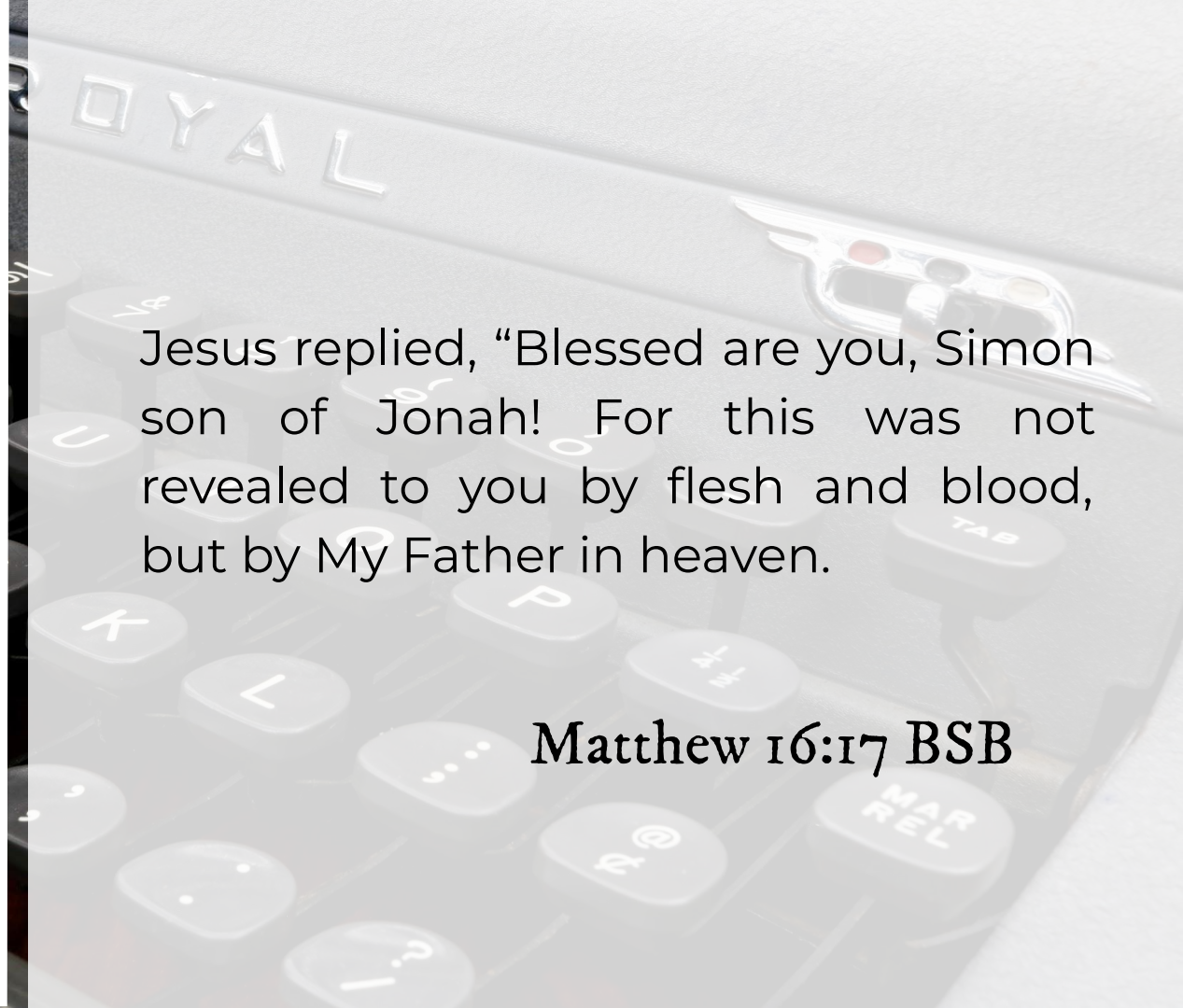
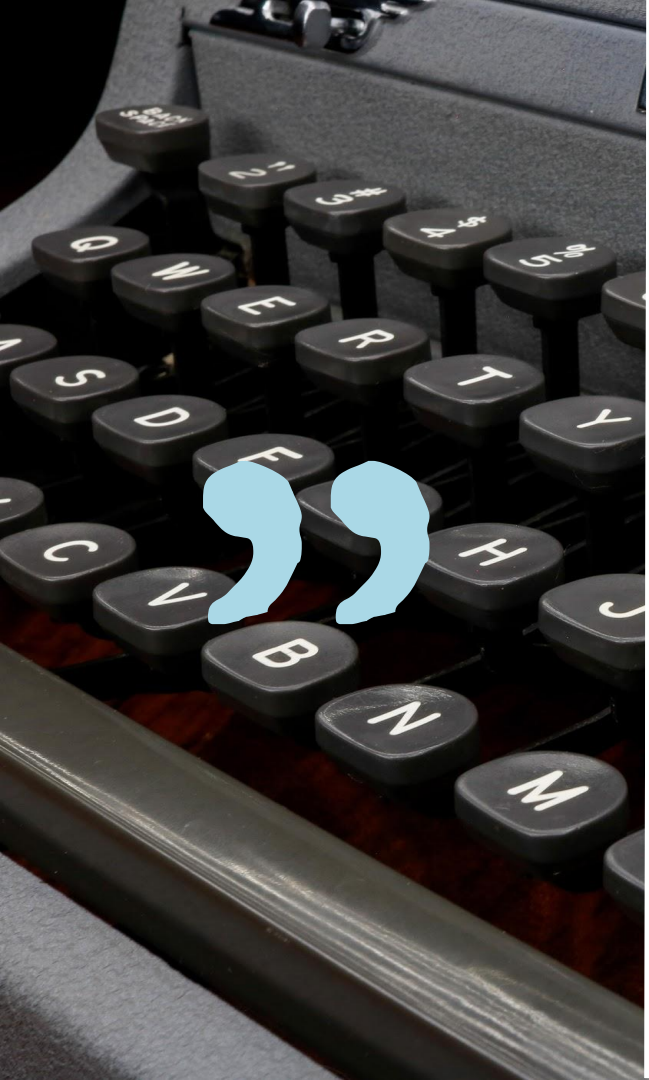
“But what about you?” Jesus asked.
“Who do you say I am?”

Matthew 16:15 BSB



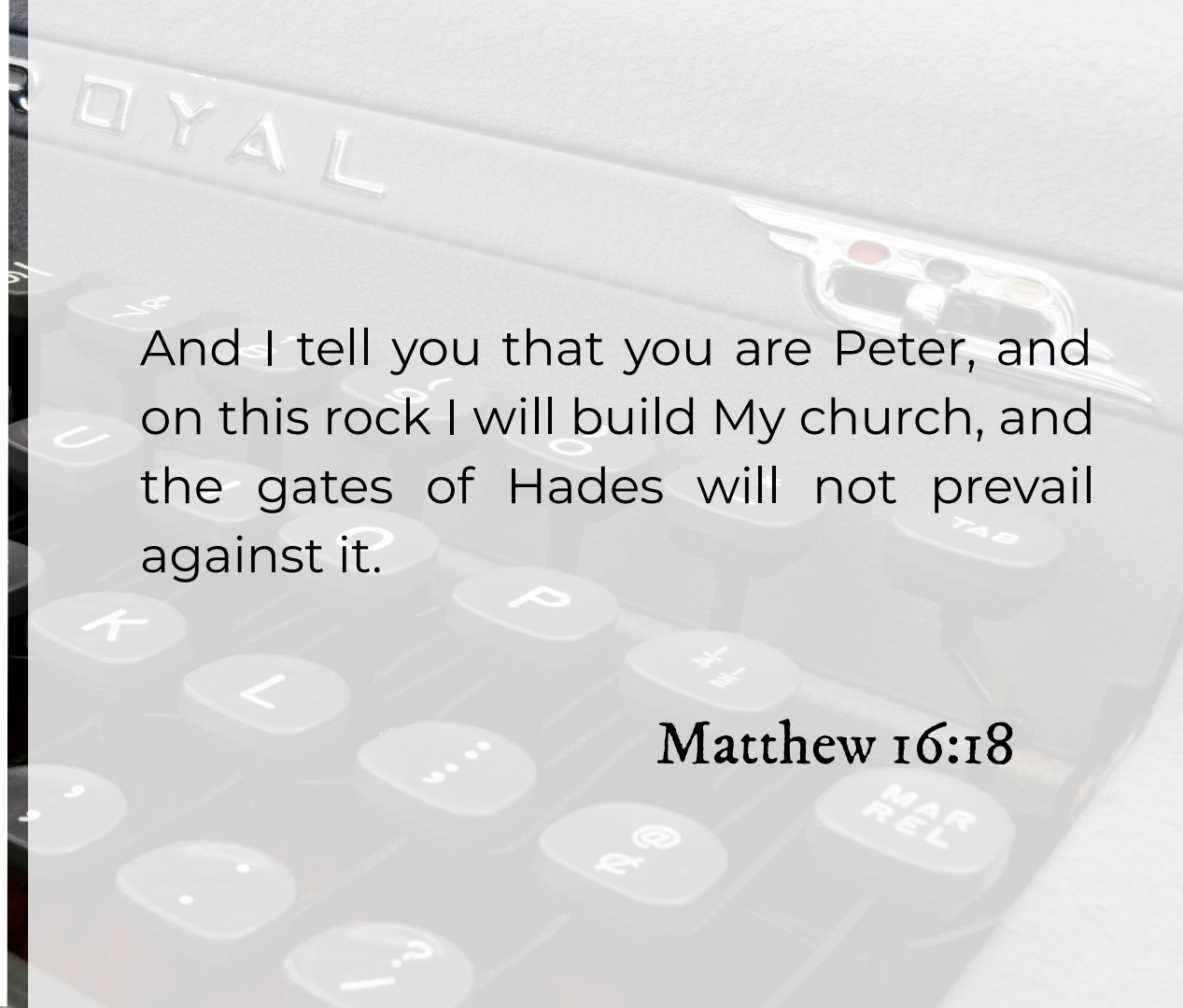
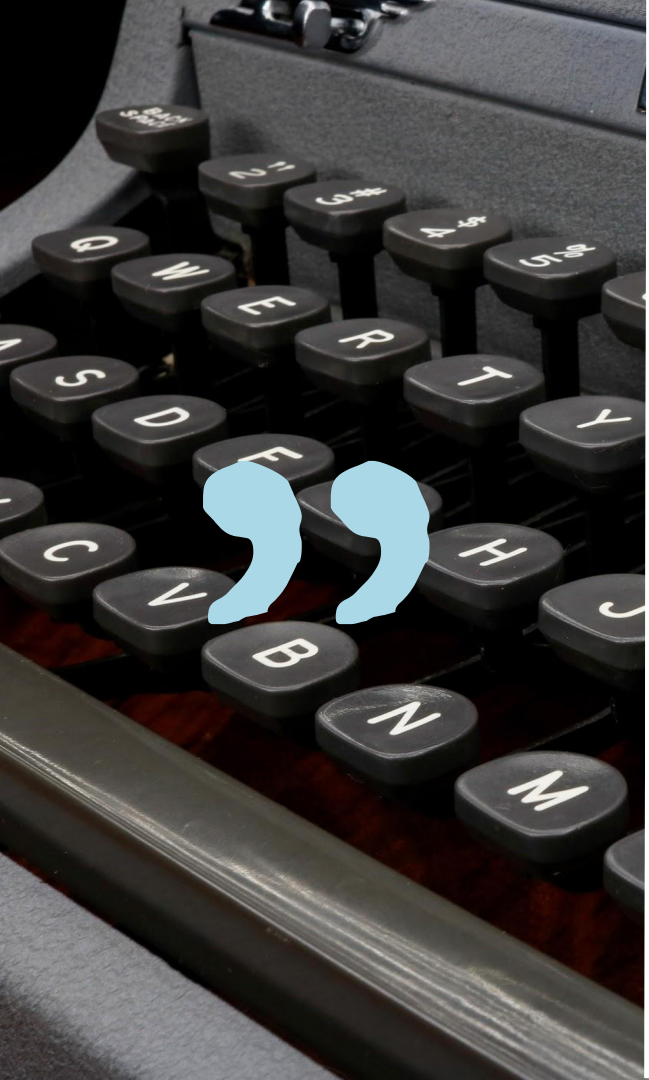
Simon Peter answered, “You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.”

Matthew 16:16 BSB



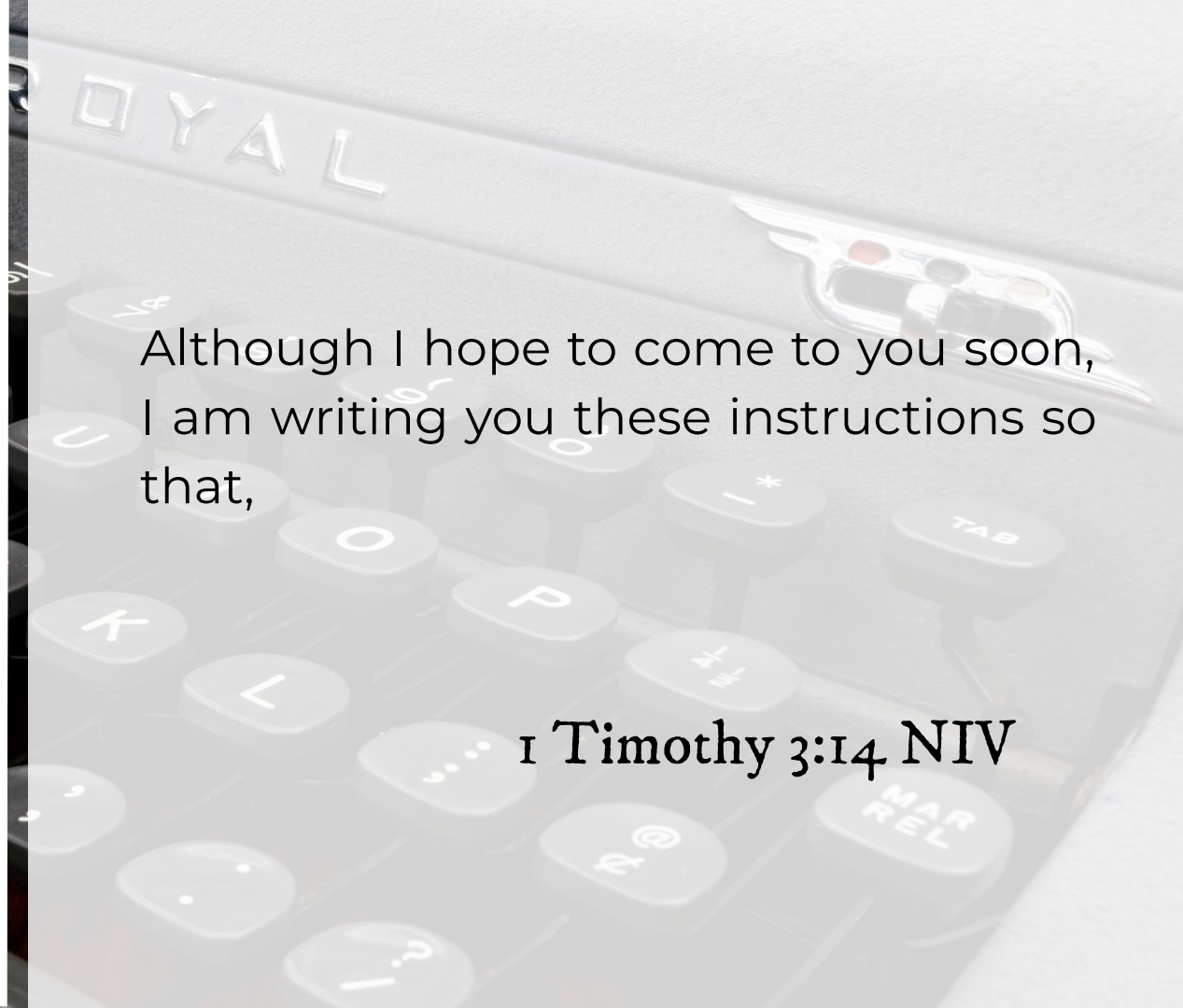
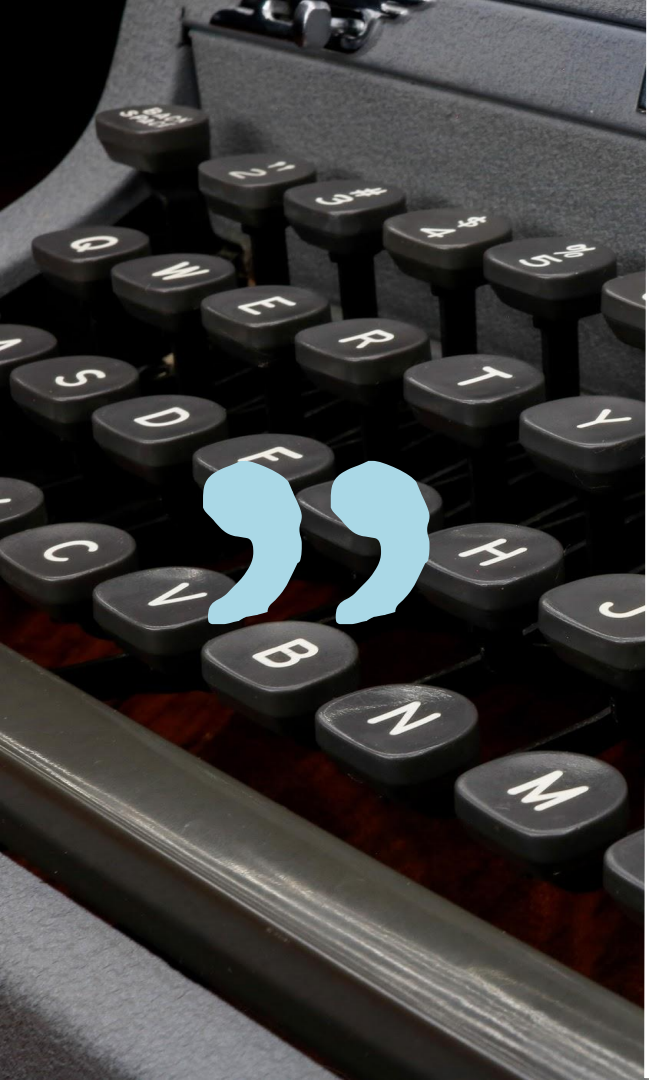
Jesus replied, “Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For this was not revealed to you by flesh and blood, but by My Father in heaven.

Matthew 16:17 BSB



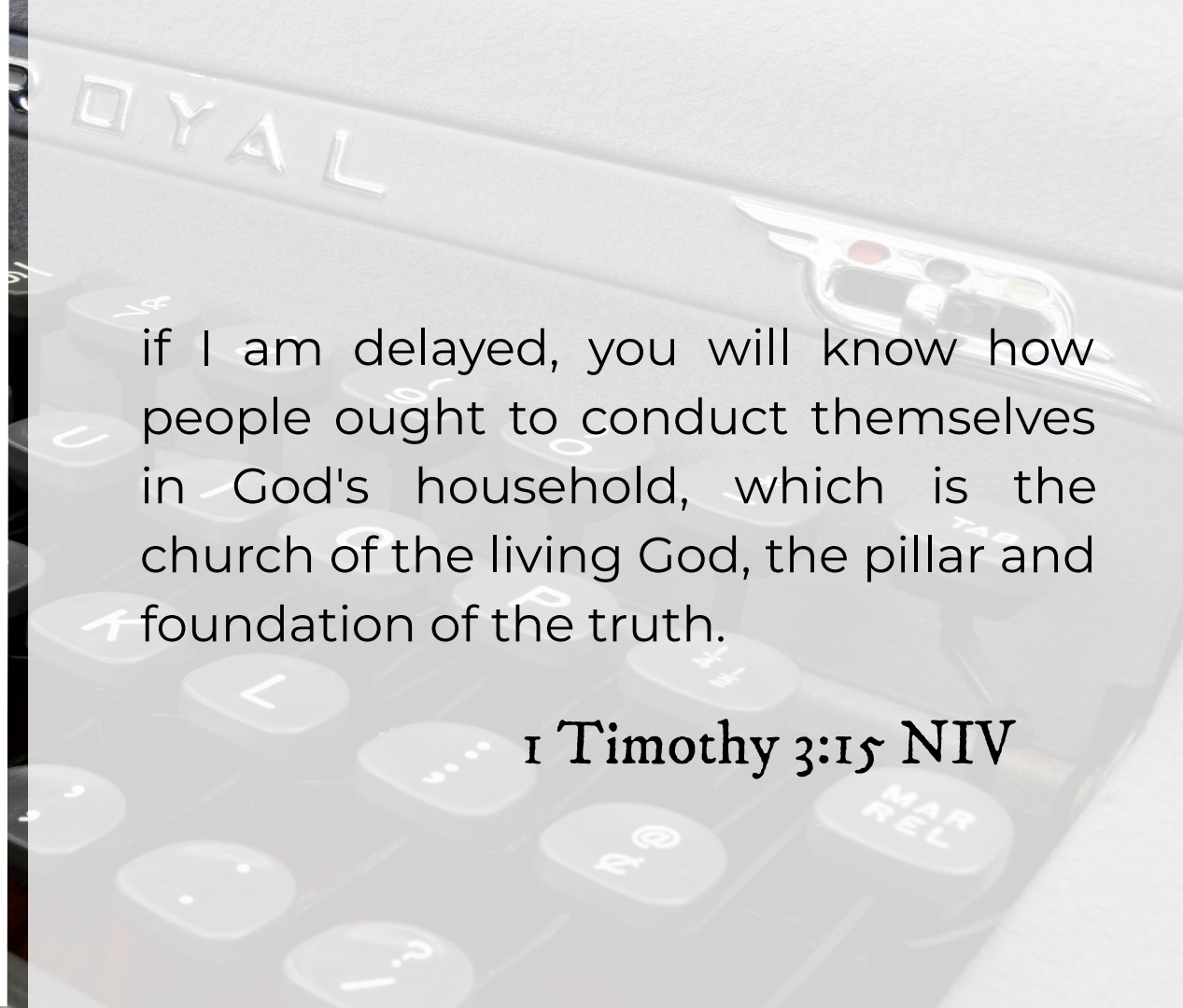
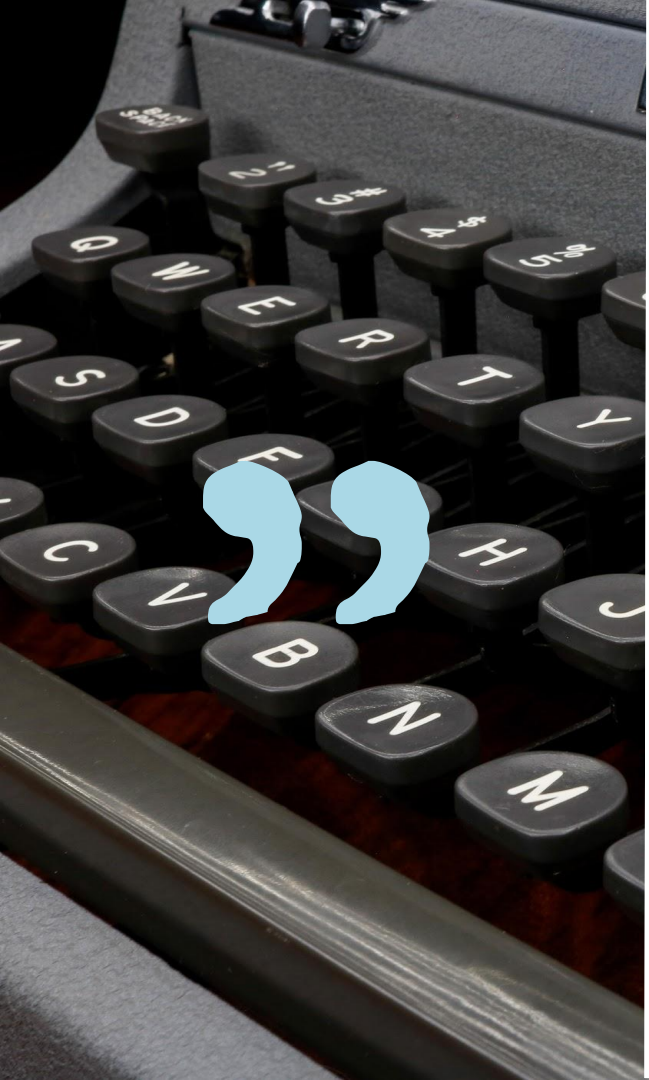
And I tell you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build My church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it.

Matthew 16:18



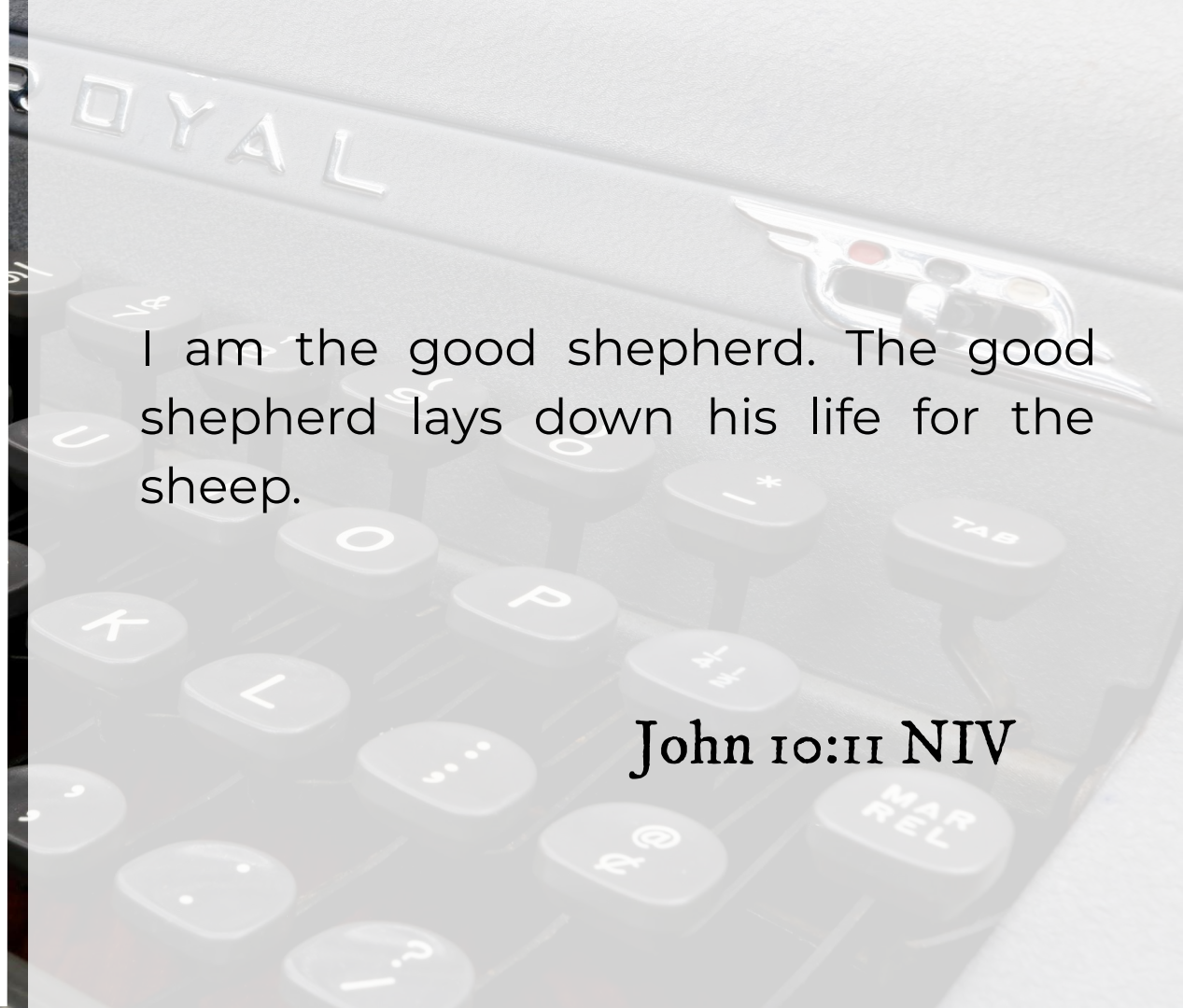
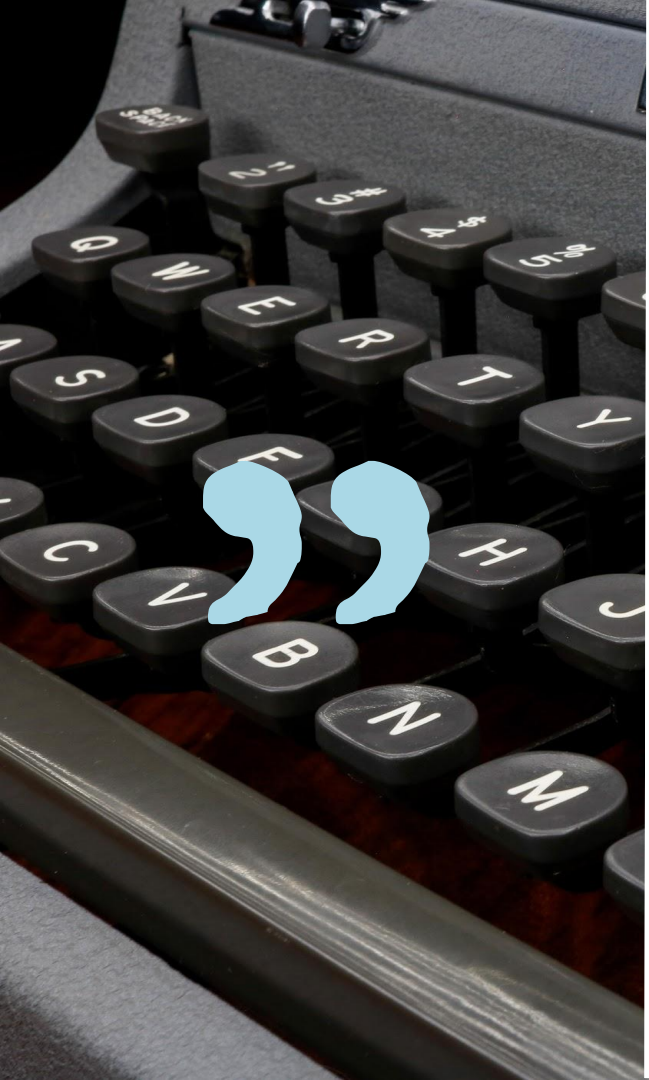
Although I hope to come to you soon,
I am writing you these instructions so
that,

1 Timothy 3:14 NIV



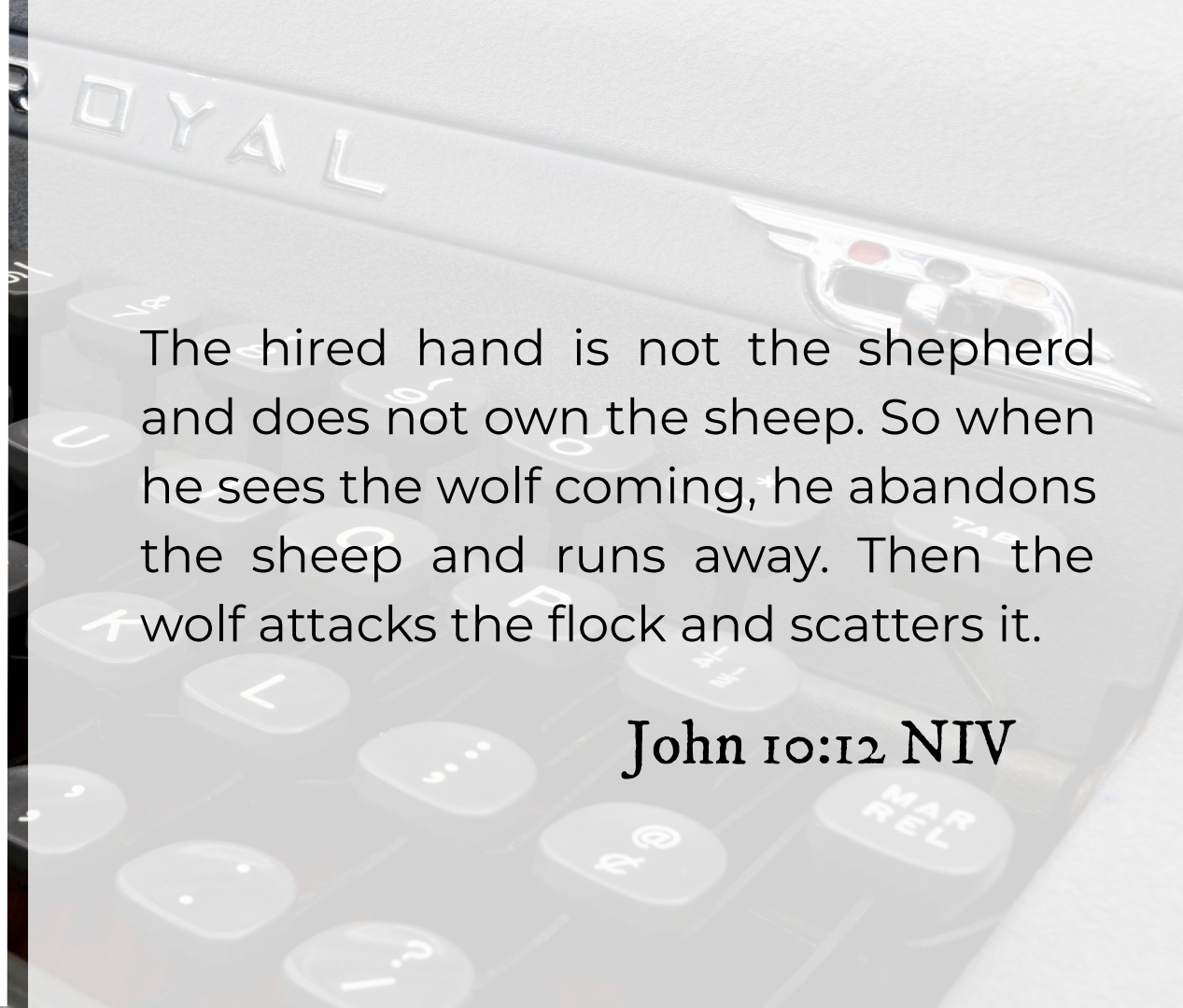
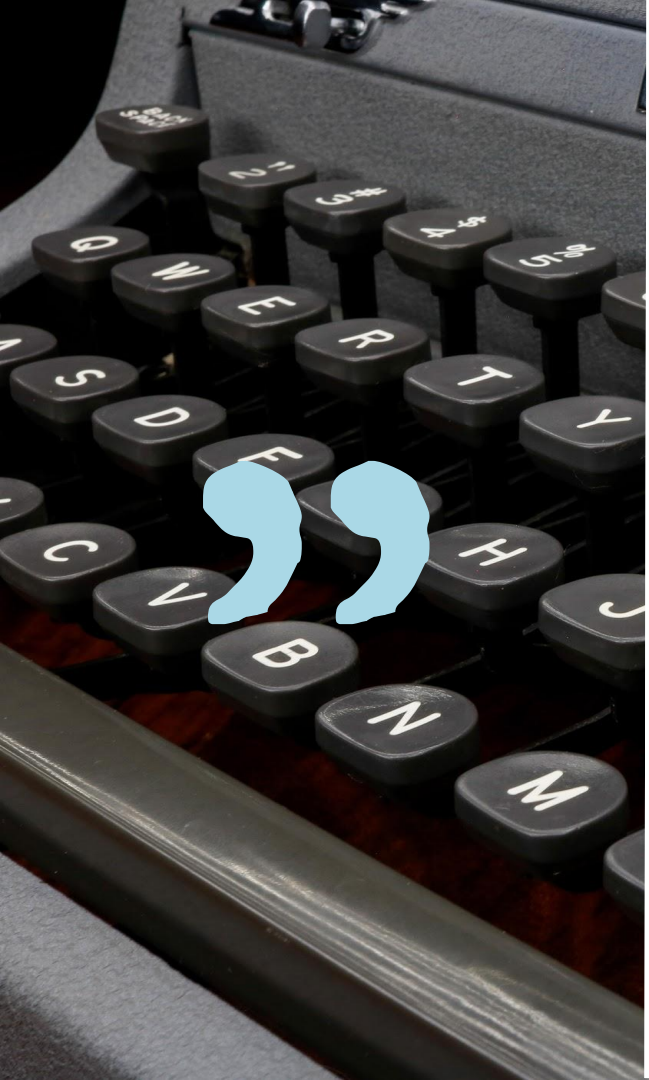
if I am delayed, you will know how people ought to conduct themselves in God's household, which is the church of the living God, the pillar and foundation of the truth.

1 Timothy 3:15 NIV



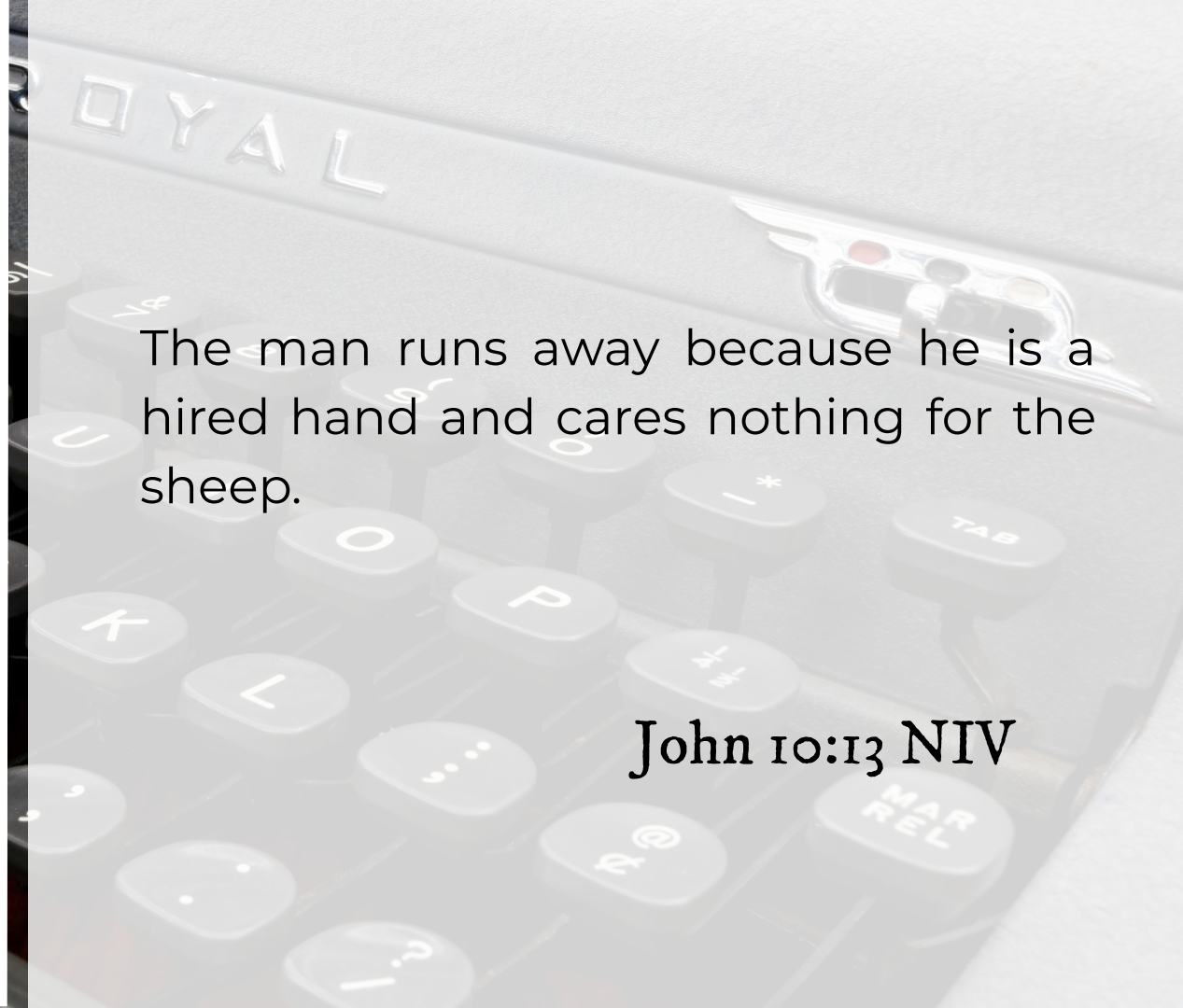
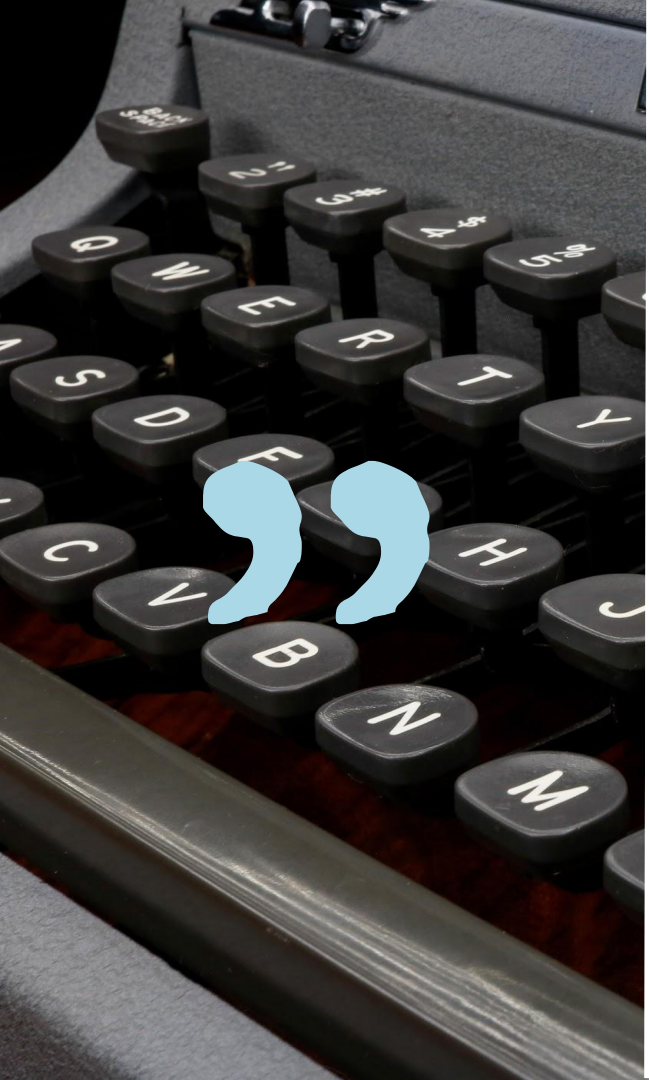
I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep.

John 10:11 NIV



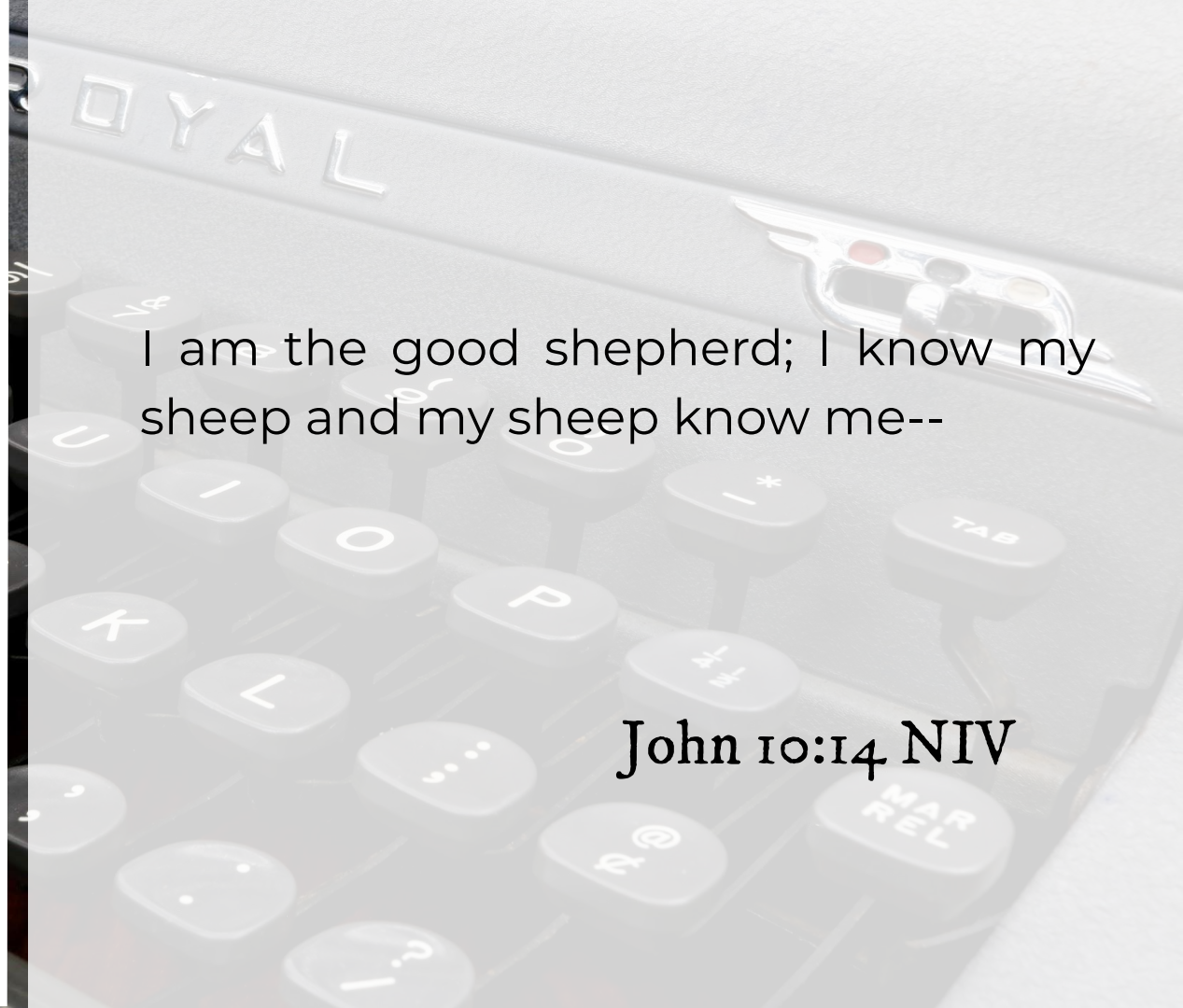
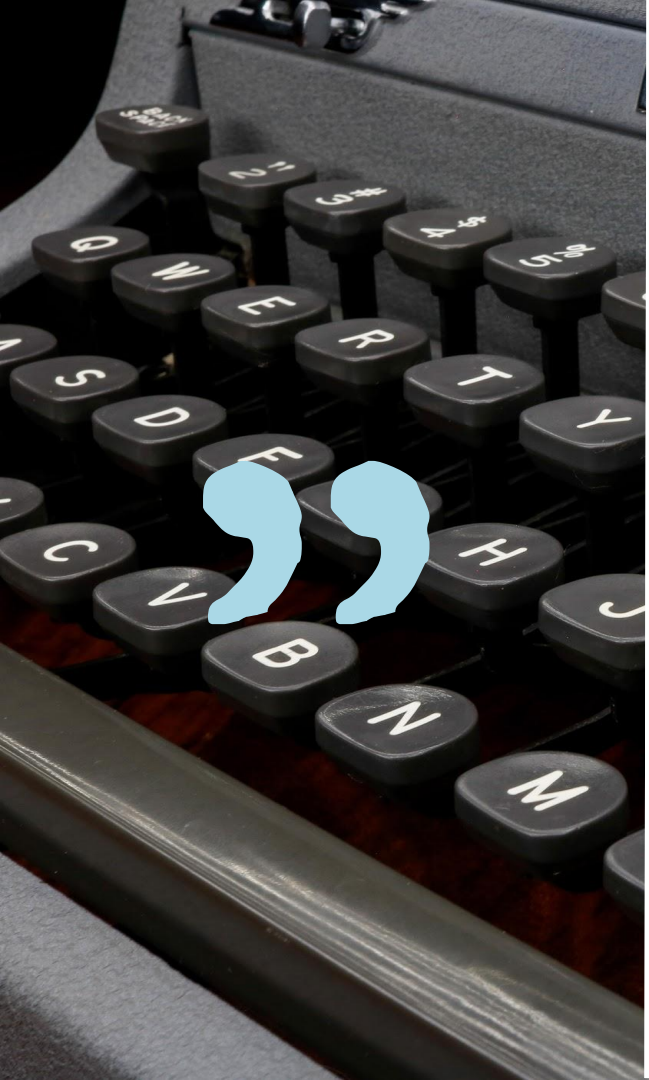
The hired hand is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep. So when he sees the wolf coming, he abandons the sheep and runs away. Then the wolf attacks the flock and scatters it.

John 10:12 NIV



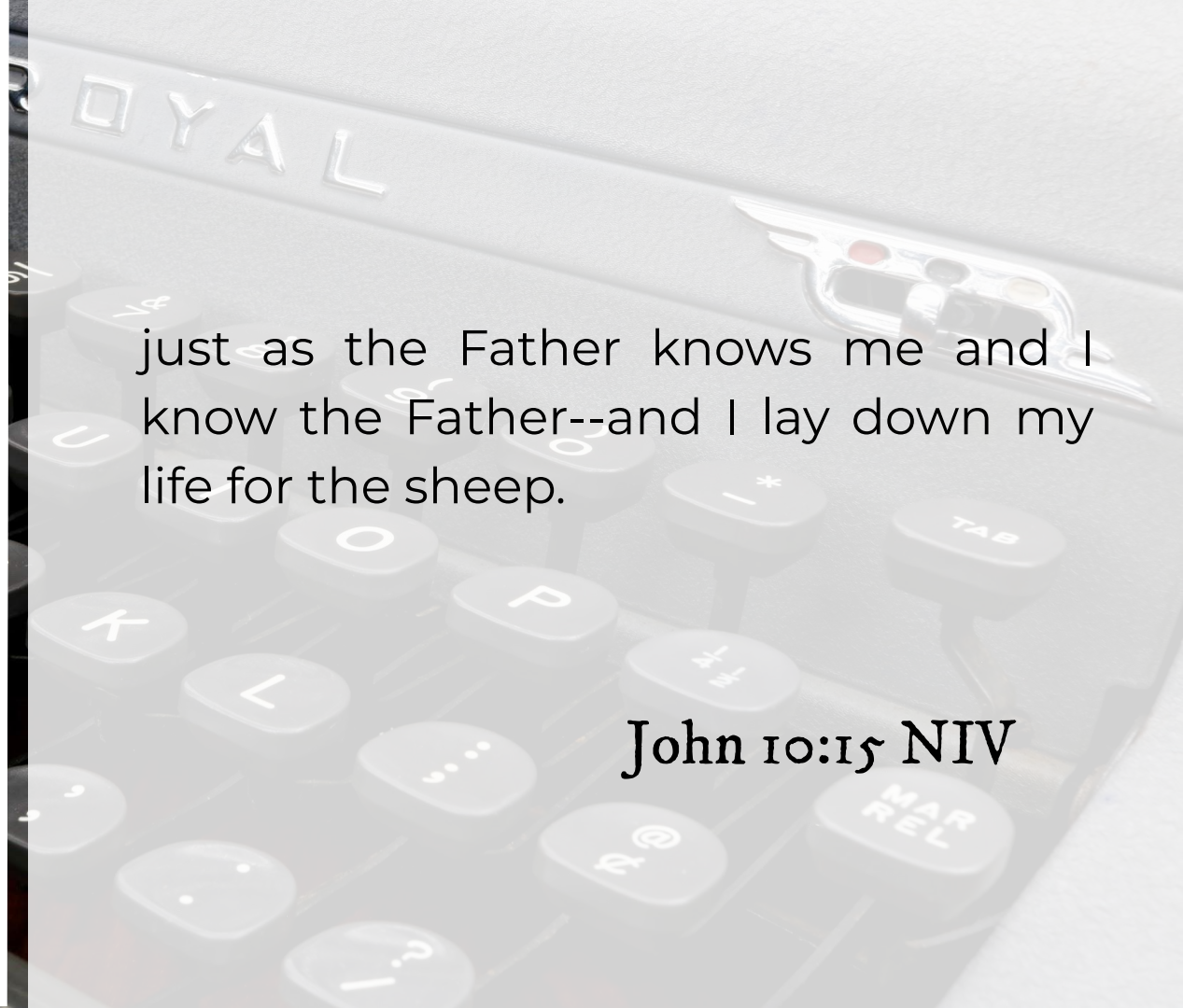
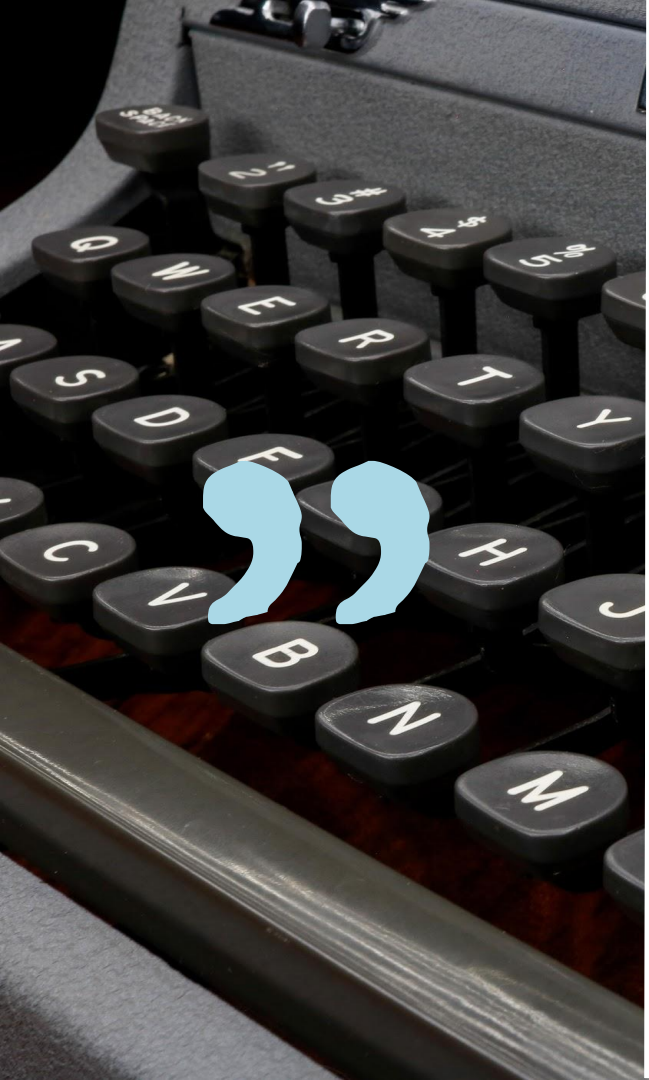
The man runs away because he is a hired hand and cares nothing for the sheep.

John 10:13 NIV



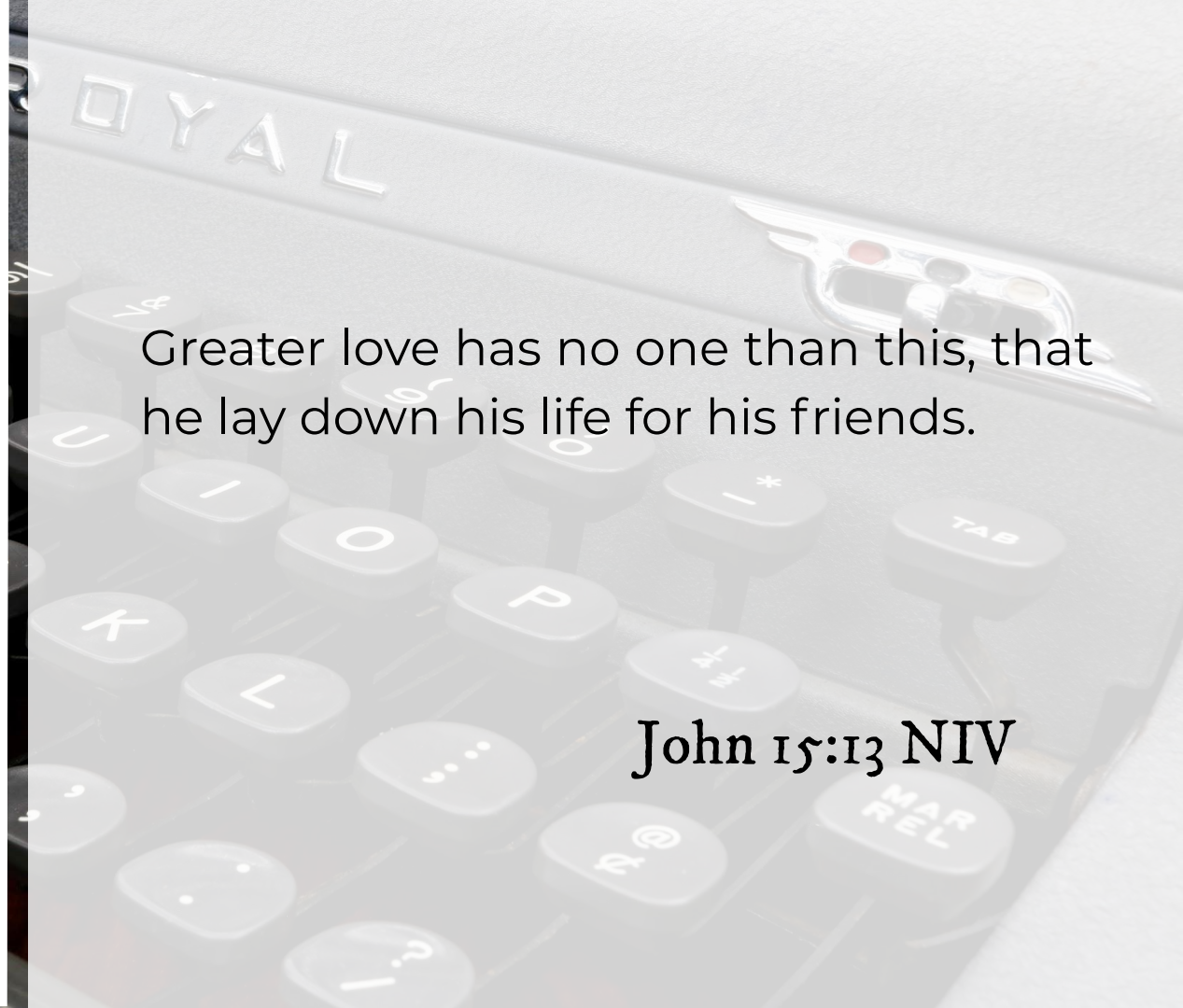
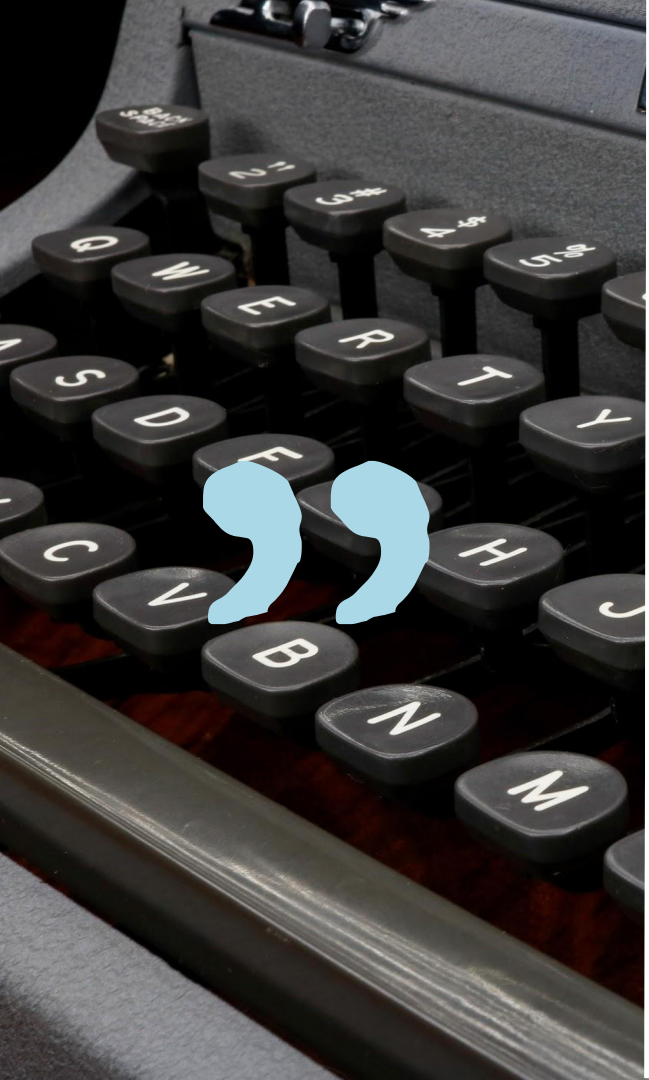
I am the good shepherd; I know my
sheep and my sheep know me--

John 10:14 NIV



just as the Father knows me and I know the Father--and I lay down my life for the sheep.

John 10:15 NIV



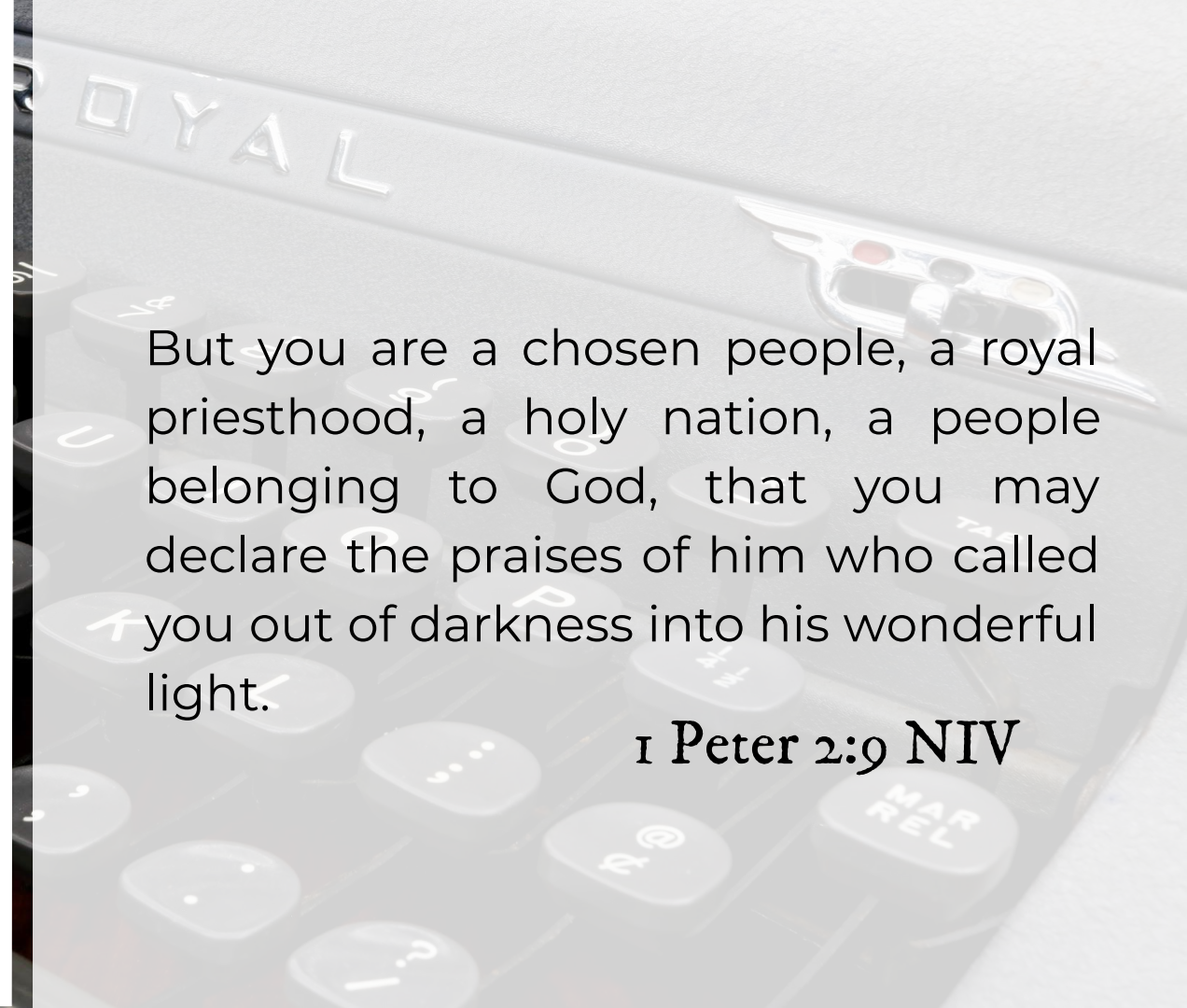
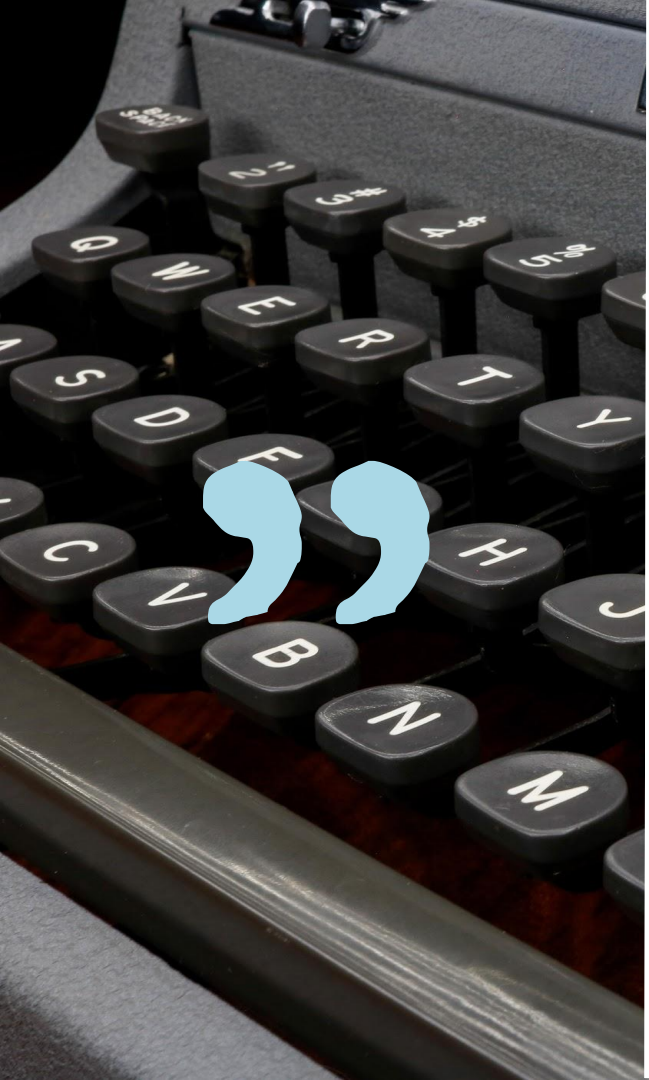
Greater love has no one than this, that
he lay down his life for his friends.

John 15:13 NIV



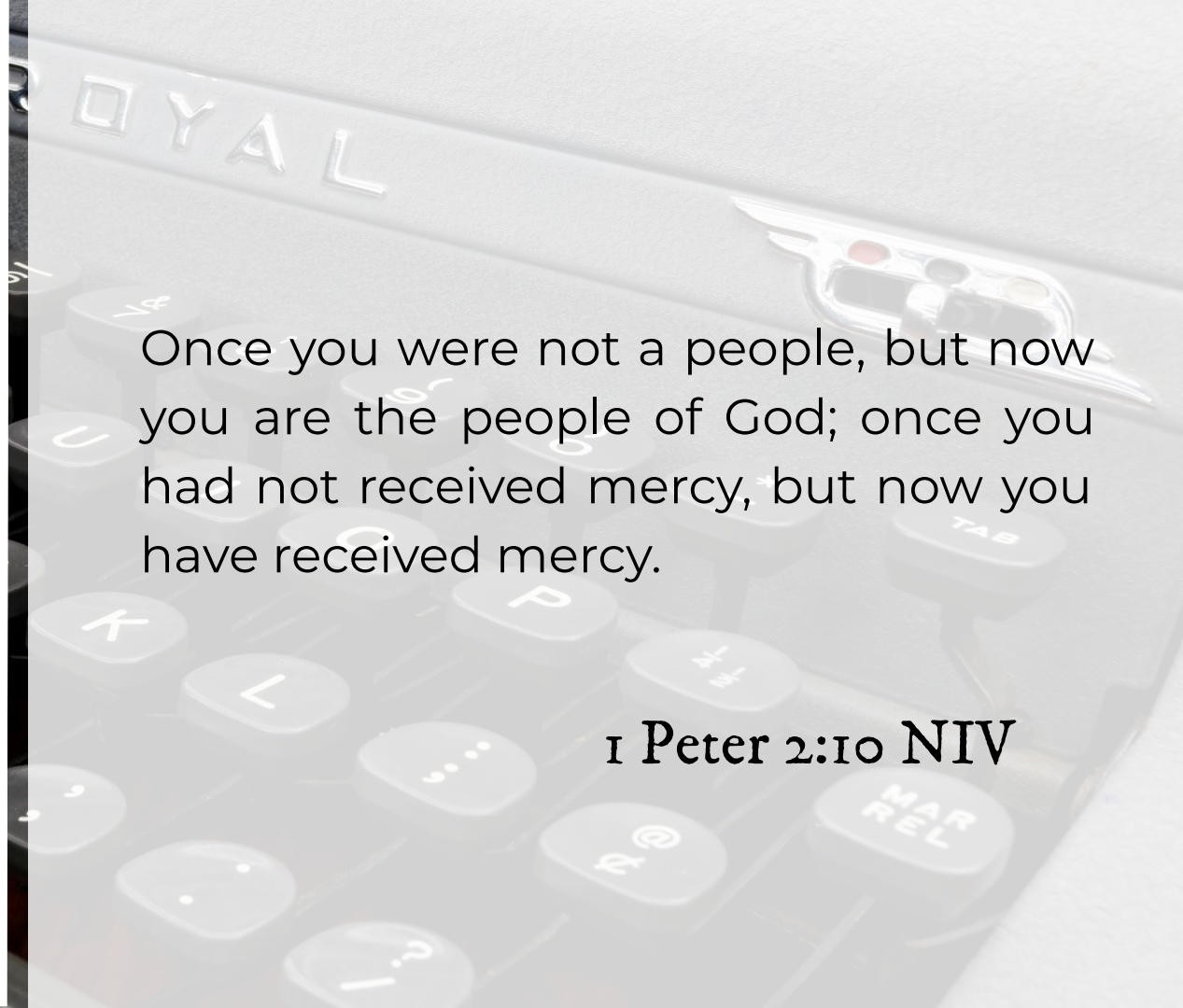
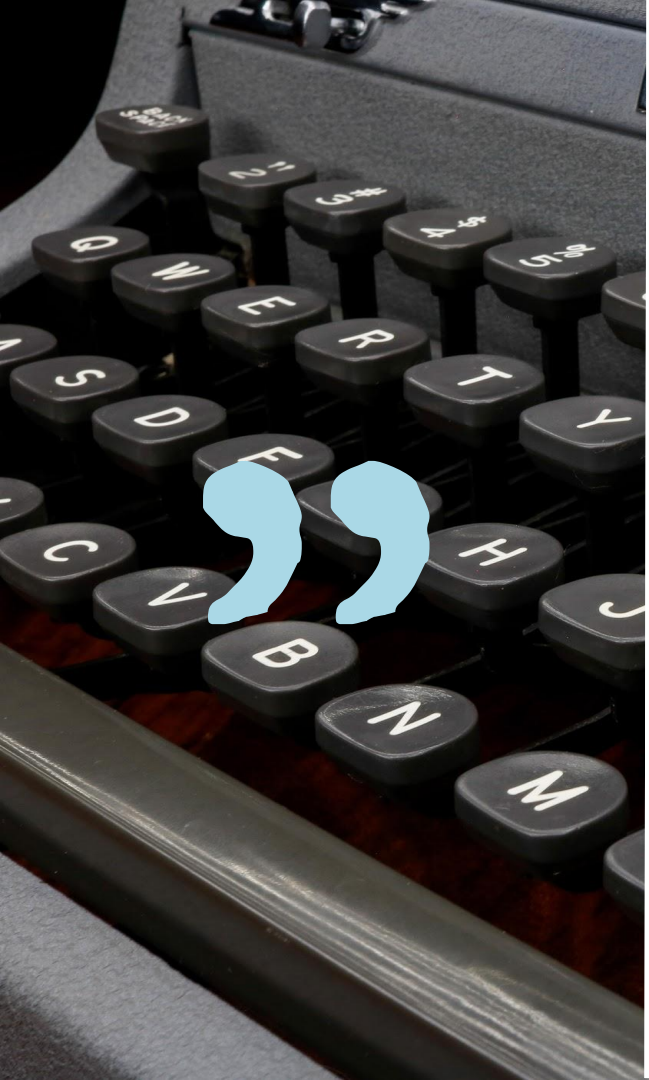
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But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people belonging to God, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light.

1 Peter 2:9 NIV



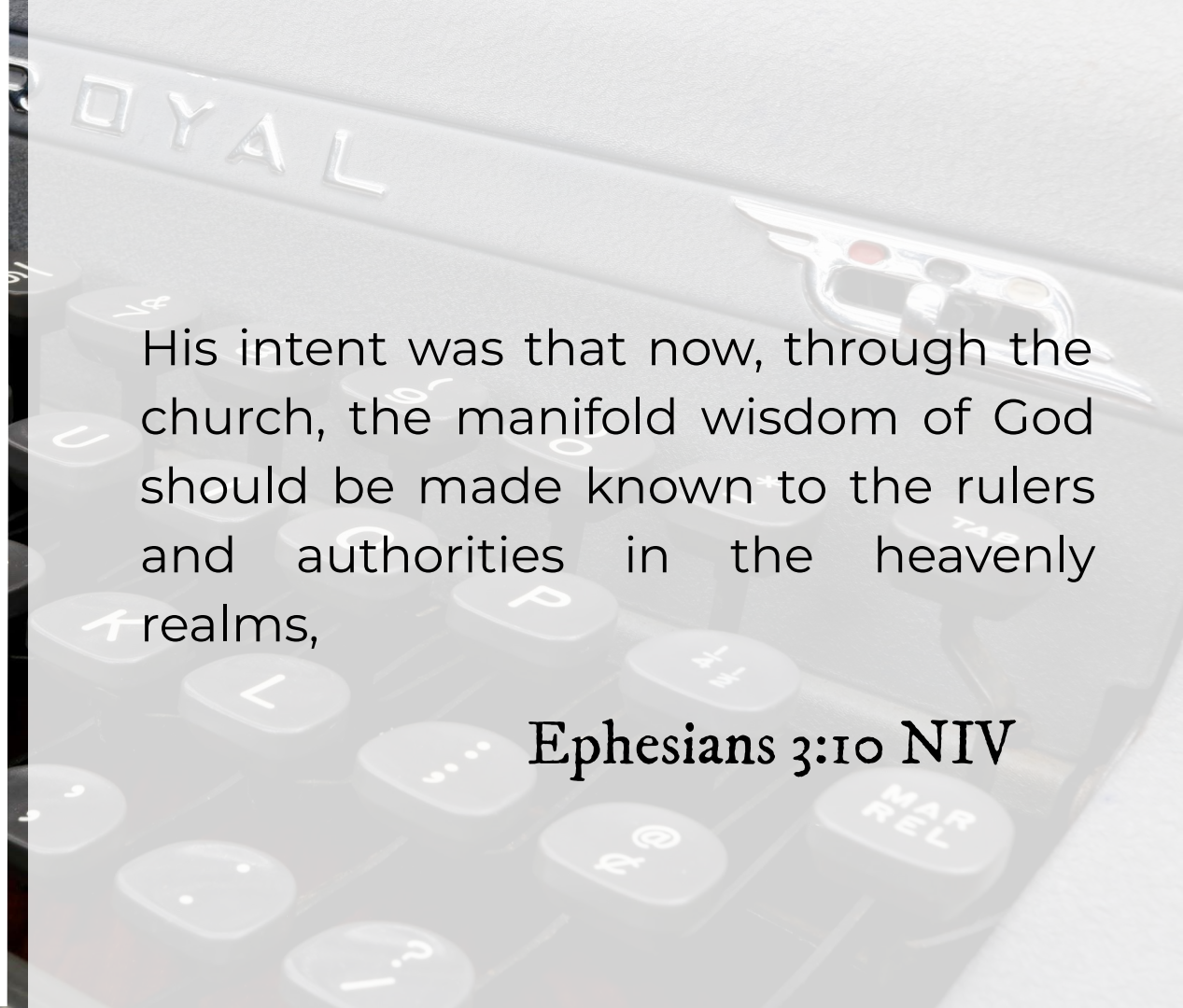
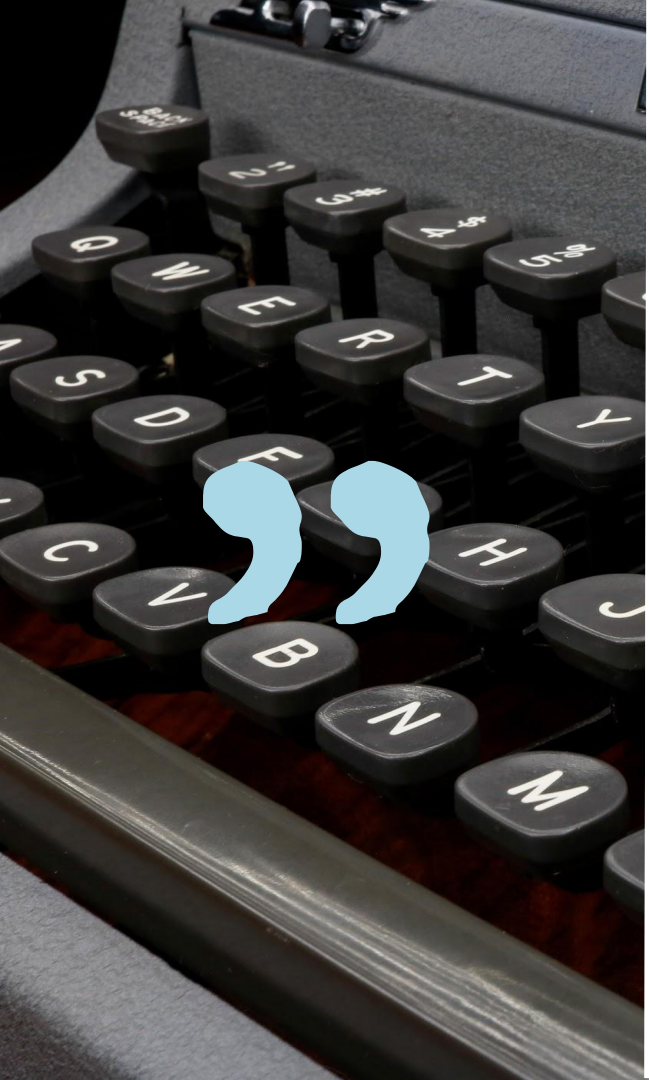
Once you were not a people, but now you are the people of God; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

1 Peter 2:10 NIV

A vintage black Corona typewriter is shown from a top-down perspective, resting on a dark, textured wooden surface. The typewriter's keyboard, carriage, and various mechanical components are visible. A white-bordered rectangular box is superimposed on the left side of the image, containing the text 'II because of what she's doing'.

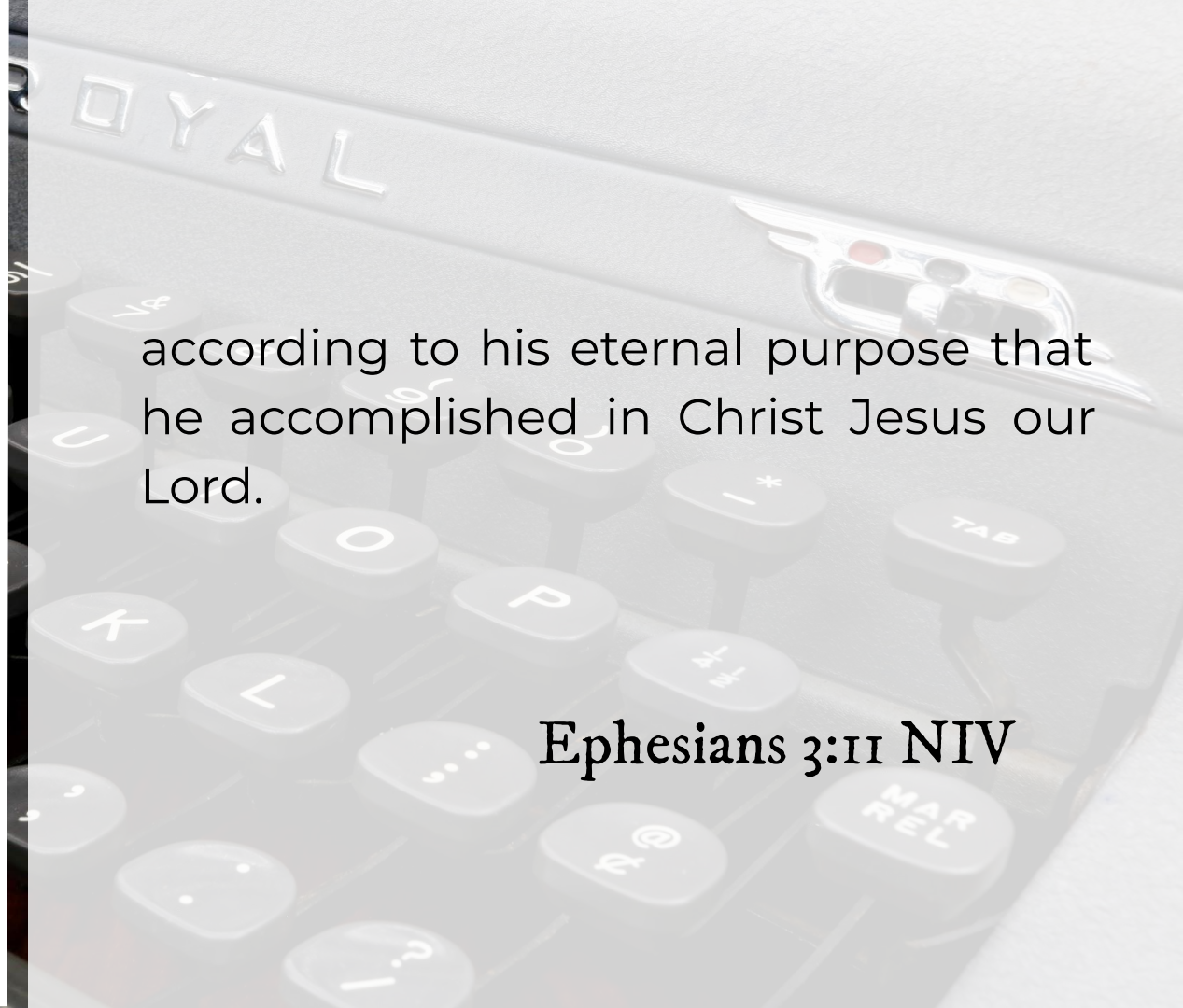
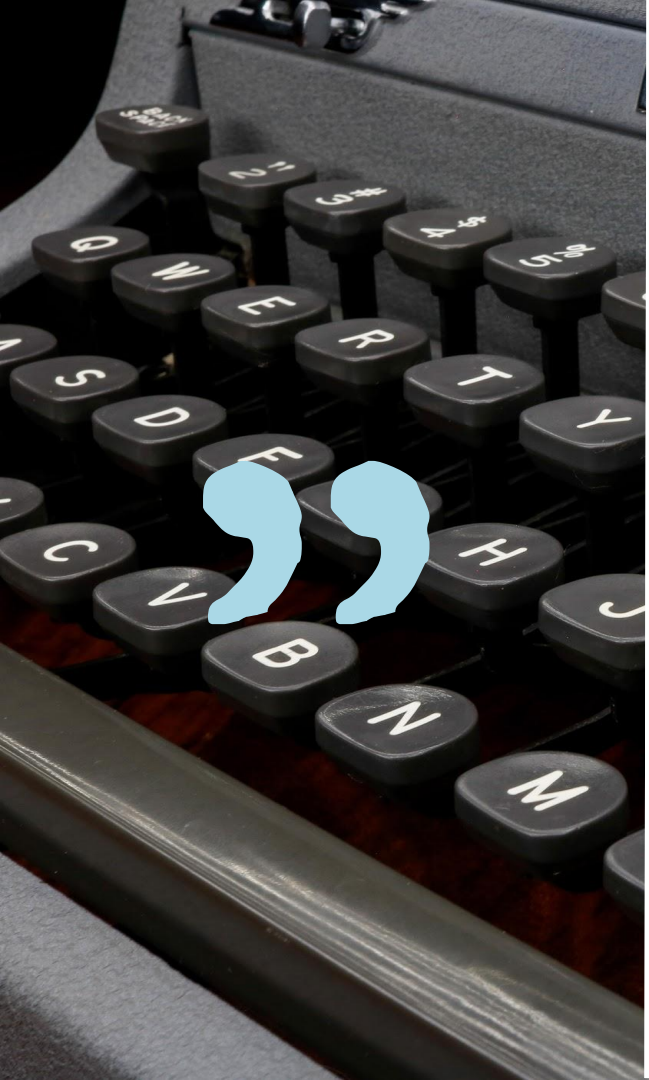
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His intent was that now, through the church, the manifold wisdom of God should be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly realms,

Ephesians 3:10 NIV



according to his eternal purpose that
he accomplished in Christ Jesus our
Lord.

Ephesians 3:11 NIV



Elaborate political celebrations, like this party rally of Frankfurt, are a big part of the new ersatz religion fed to the German people to relieve their hunger for spiritual reassurance.

BLACK STAR

Hitler Can't Do Business With the Church

By REV. STEWART W. HERMAN, JR.

But horrors of the Russian campaign have renewed the Nazi drive to sell Germans an ersatz religion based on Führer worship.

UNTIL the bloody Russian campaign of last winter, the Nazi regime in Germany had been content to keep its drive for an ersatz religion in low gear. The bald fact was that ever since Hitler's rise to power the conquest of the individual German soul—at least among the adults—had been going badly, and the leaders had stochically classified it as the only delayed item on their timetable for the complete taking over of the national life. The helpless Jewish minority had been either kielohed out or walled within ghettos. Industry was a prisoner, and so was labor. The universities had swung into line under pressure and those intellectuals who

weren't in prison had learned to goose-step. But the people, after almost a decade of persecution and harassment, were still going to church and keeping their fingers crossed against the government attempt to substitute worship of the Führer for the worship of God. Bishops and clergymen of the Christian faith were still talking back and braving the concentration camp.

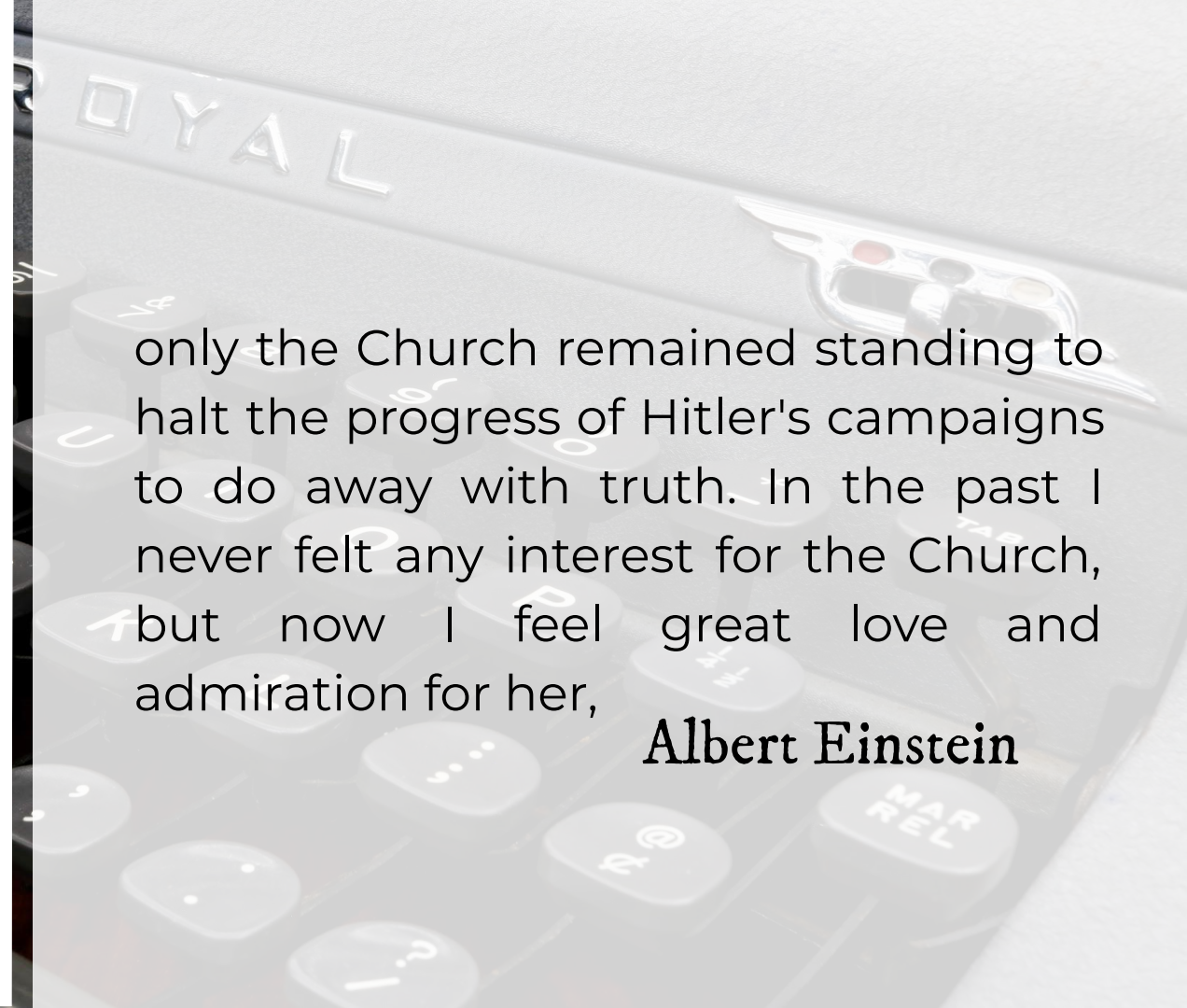
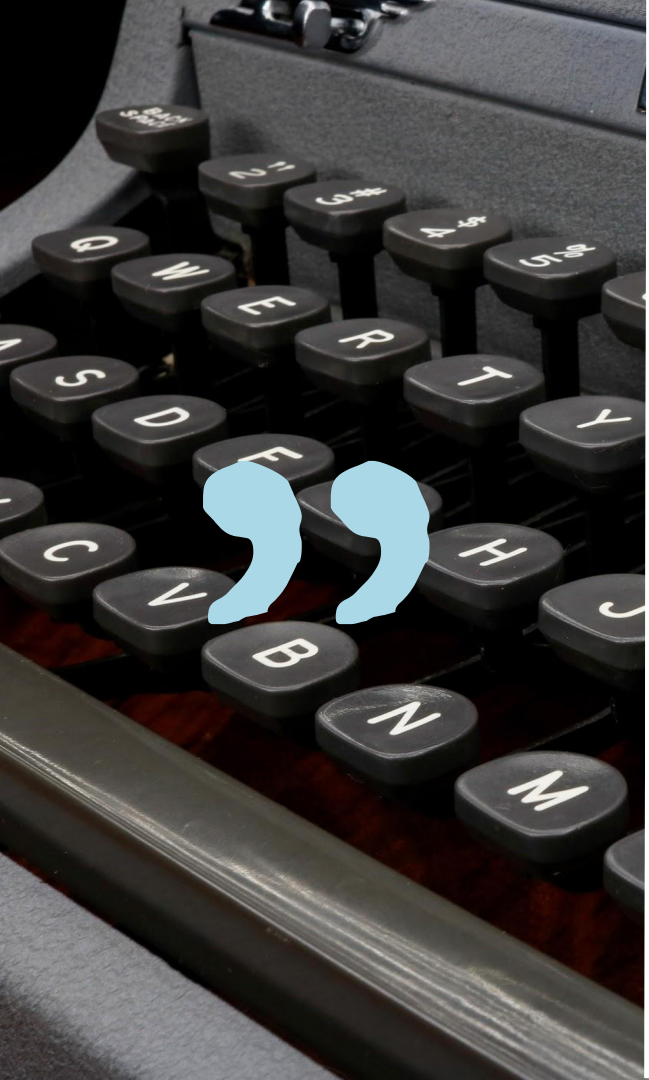
Perplexed, but seemingly patient, as they always are when their previous blunders are temporarily upset, the Nazis listed their drive to unseat Christianity as a bit of unfinished business, to be accelerated only gradually under the cover of war and to be taken up again seriously when the military timetable had been fulfilled. They had already developed and put partly into effect a gradual evolutionary technique for channeling the natural religious instinct of the people the way they wanted it to go. New ceremonies, holidays and anniversaries had been instituted, such as the Nurem-

berg Party Day and the Bückeburg Harvest Home. The press glorified these mass meetings and, by degrees, they had changed from political gatherings into solemn assemblies, and then into quasi-religious ceremonies. And except for the unexpected reverses on the eastern front, Christianity might eventually have been wiped out by this slow process.

Horrible tragedies, however, have a way of turning the human mind toward the solace which religion offers, and in the midst of the winter's unforeseen toll of death and suffering the Nazi leaders saw the desirability of stepping up their drive to establish a full-fledged Nazi church. From my vantage point in Berlin, where for six years I had been pastor of the Interdenominational American Church on the Metzstrasse, and even at Bad Nauheim, where we were interned, I had a firsthand opportunity to observe what was going on.

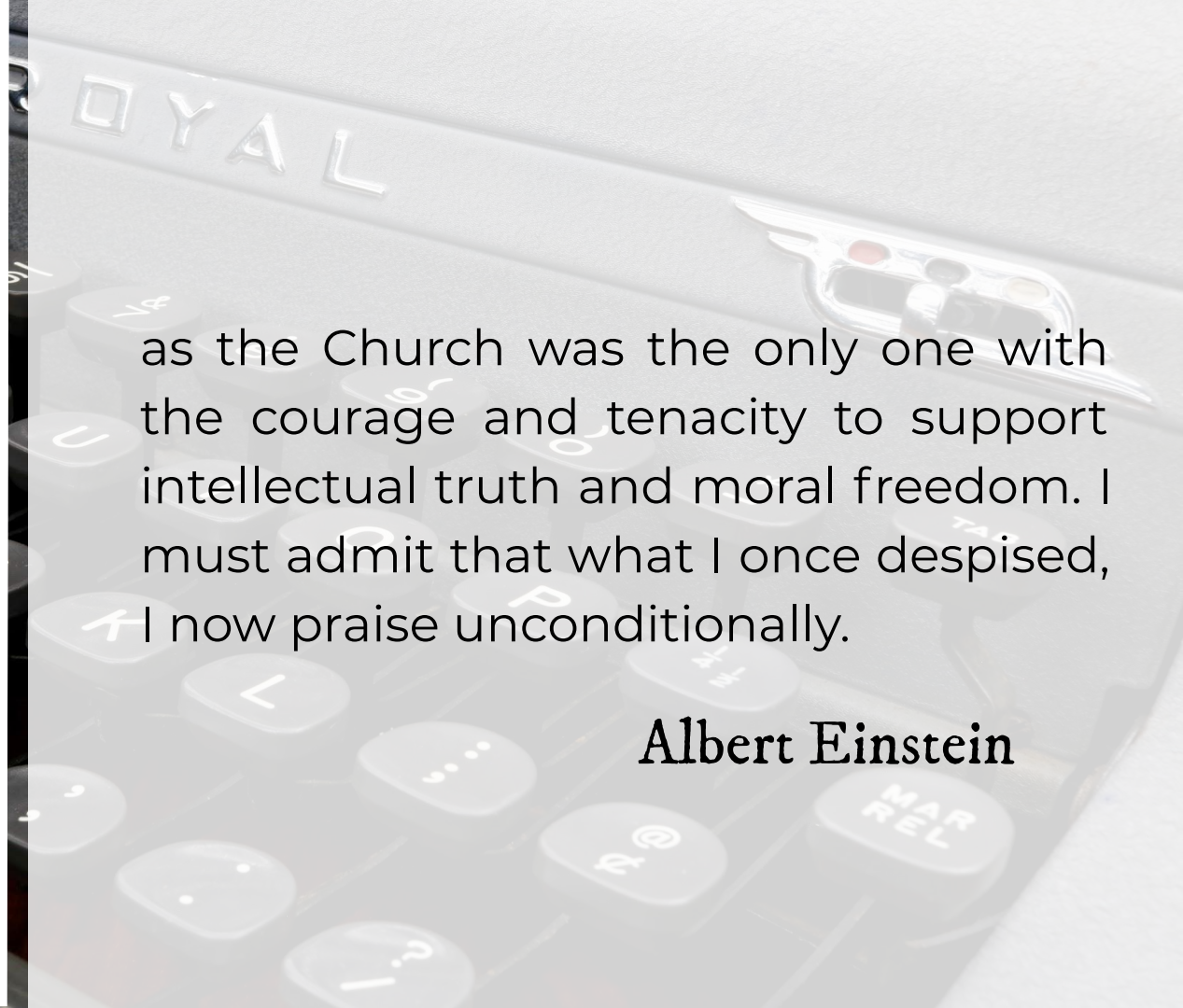
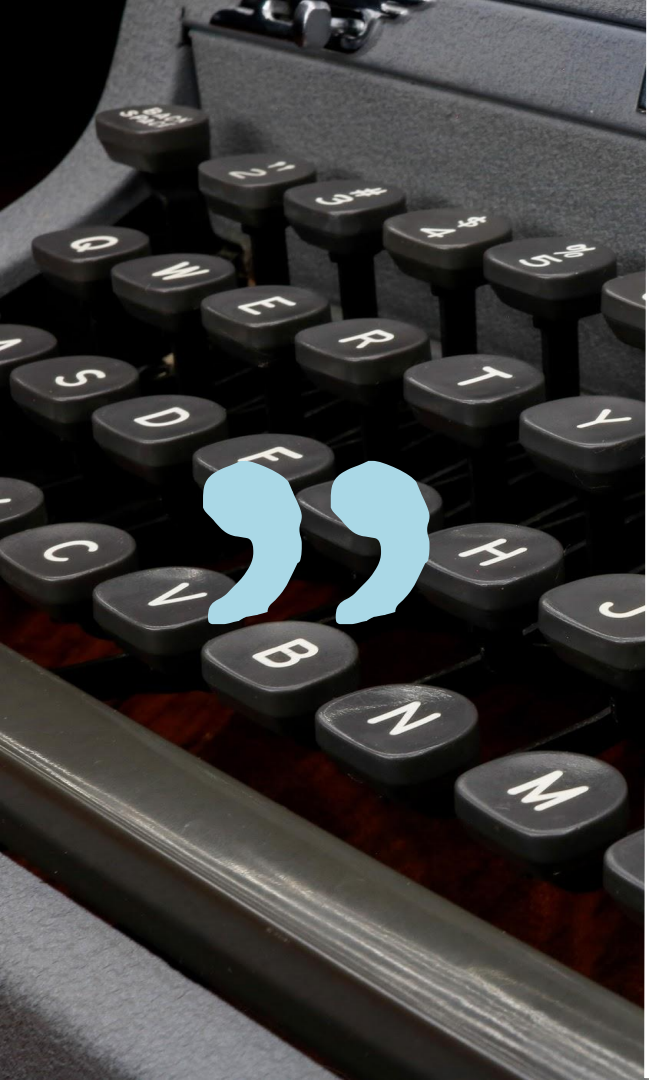
The battles of Poland, Norway, the Netherlands, France and the Balkans

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only the Church remained standing to halt the progress of Hitler's campaigns to do away with truth. In the past I never felt any interest for the Church, but now I feel great love and admiration for her,

Albert Einstein



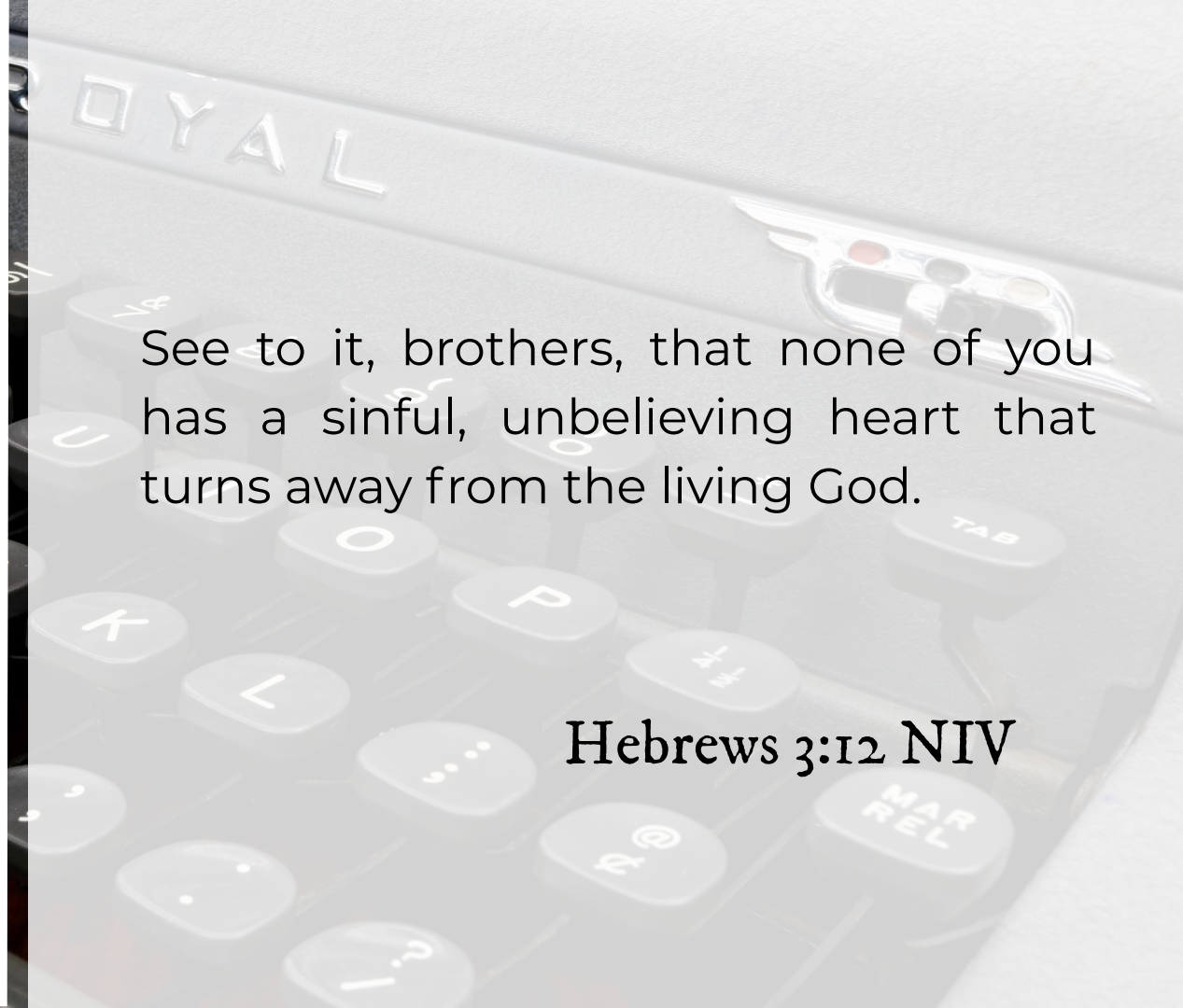
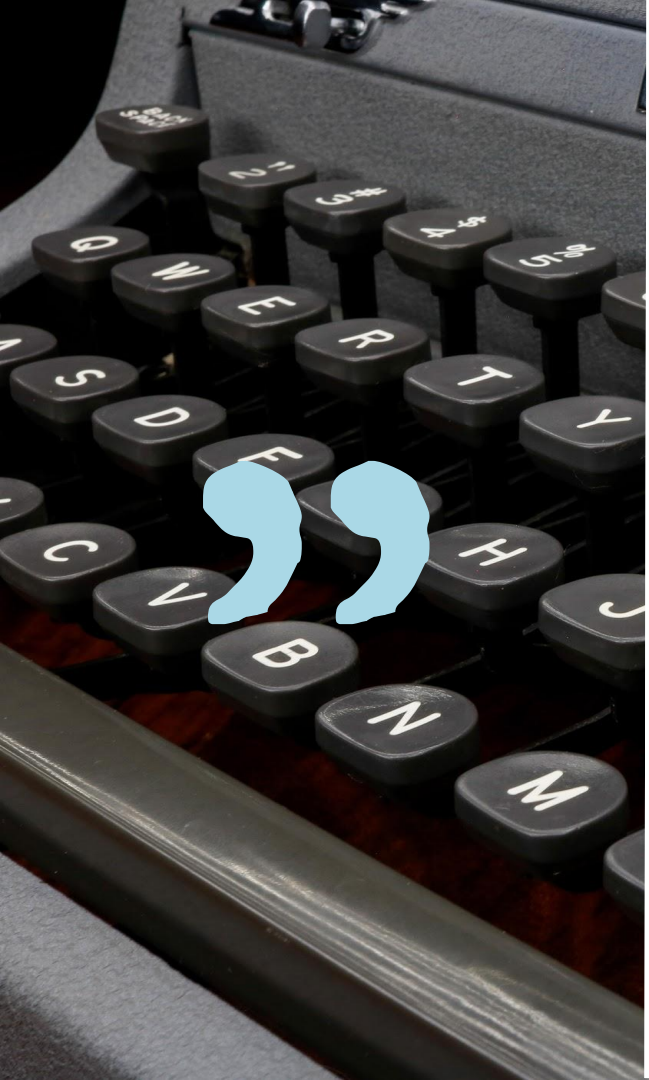
as the Church was the only one with the courage and tenacity to support intellectual truth and moral freedom. I must admit that what I once despised, I now praise unconditionally.

Albert Einstein

How to **LOVE** the Church.

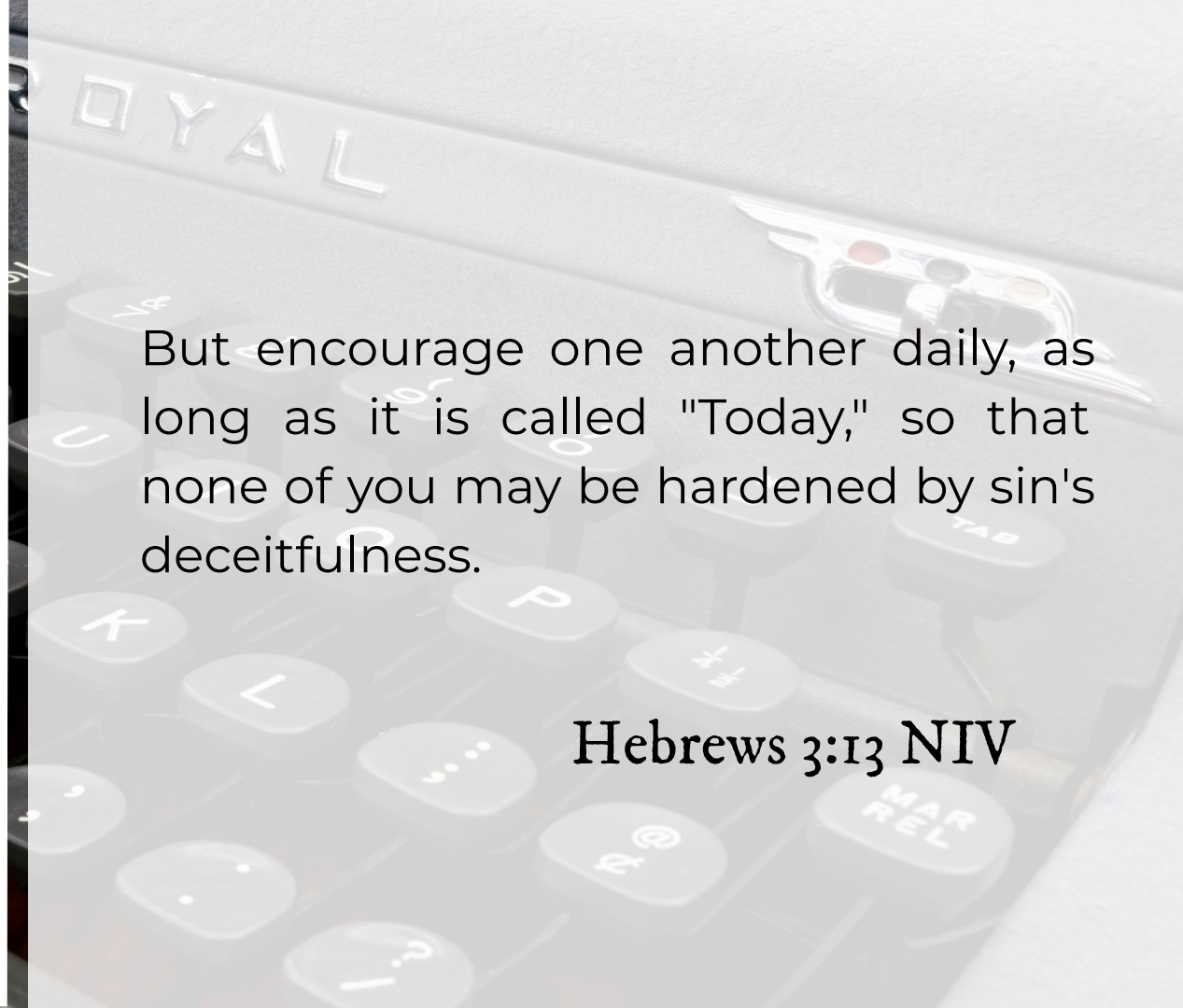
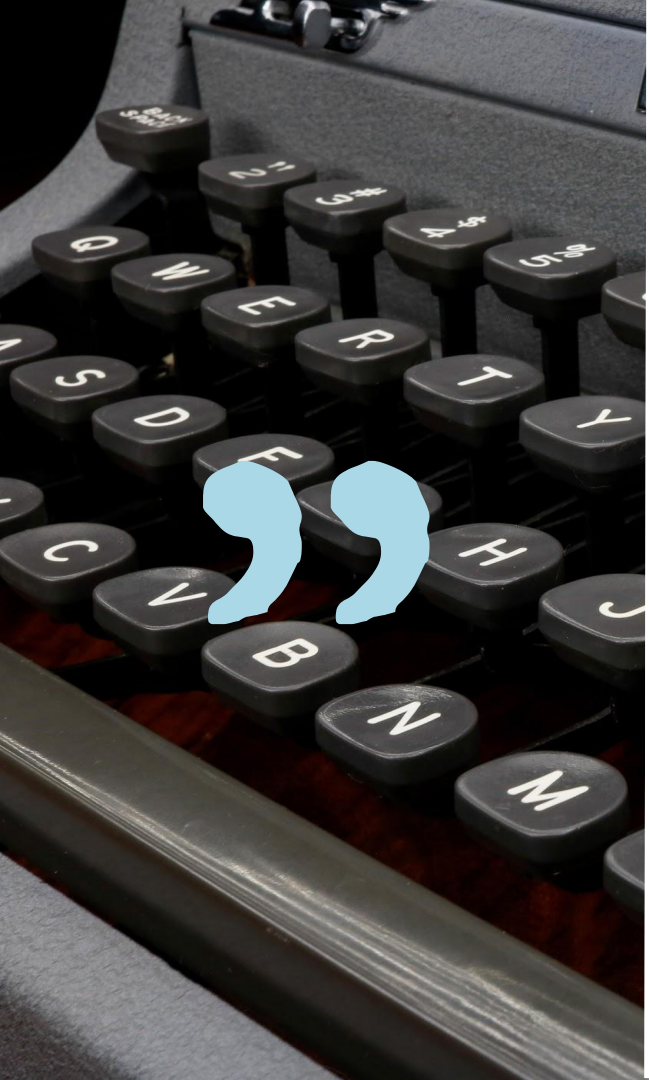
LOVE THE CHURCH

- I. Make Sunday morning services a “must happen” part of your life.



See to it, brothers, that none of you has a sinful, unbelieving heart that turns away from the living God.

Hebrews 3:12 NIV

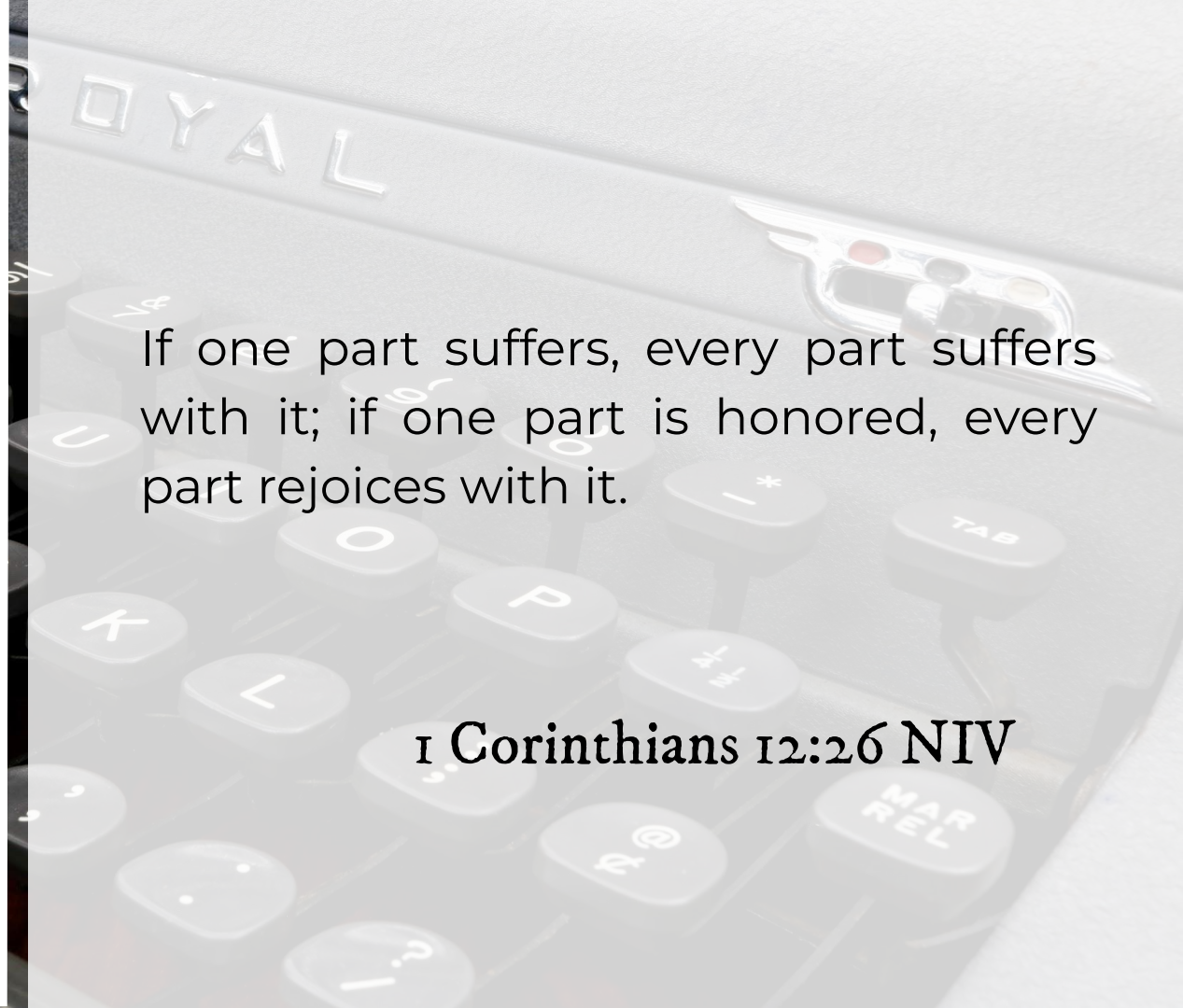
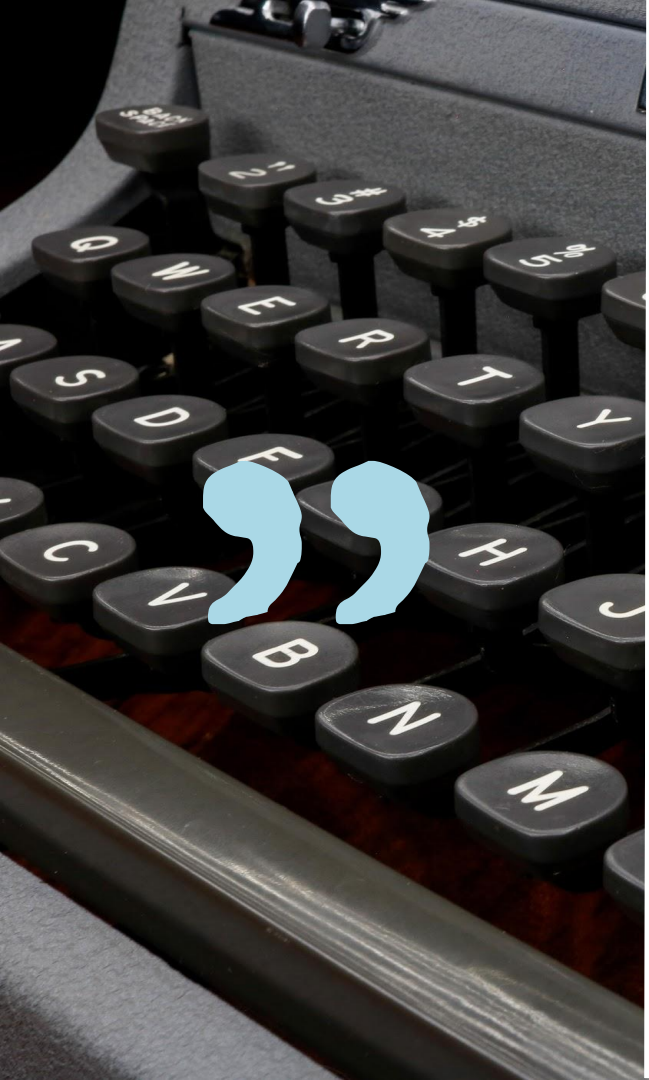


But encourage one another daily, as long as it is called "Today," so that none of you may be hardened by sin's deceitfulness.

Hebrews 3:13 NIV

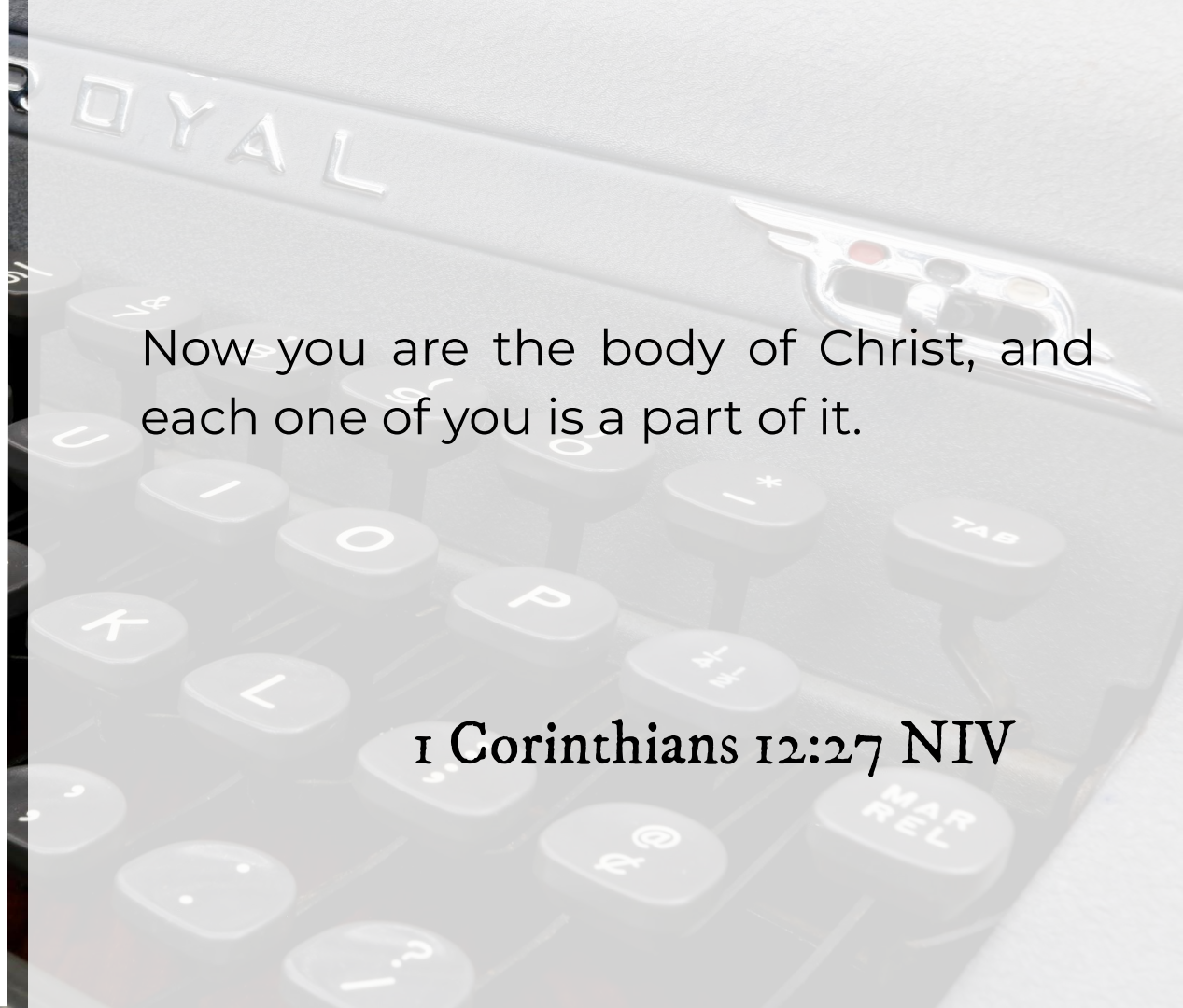
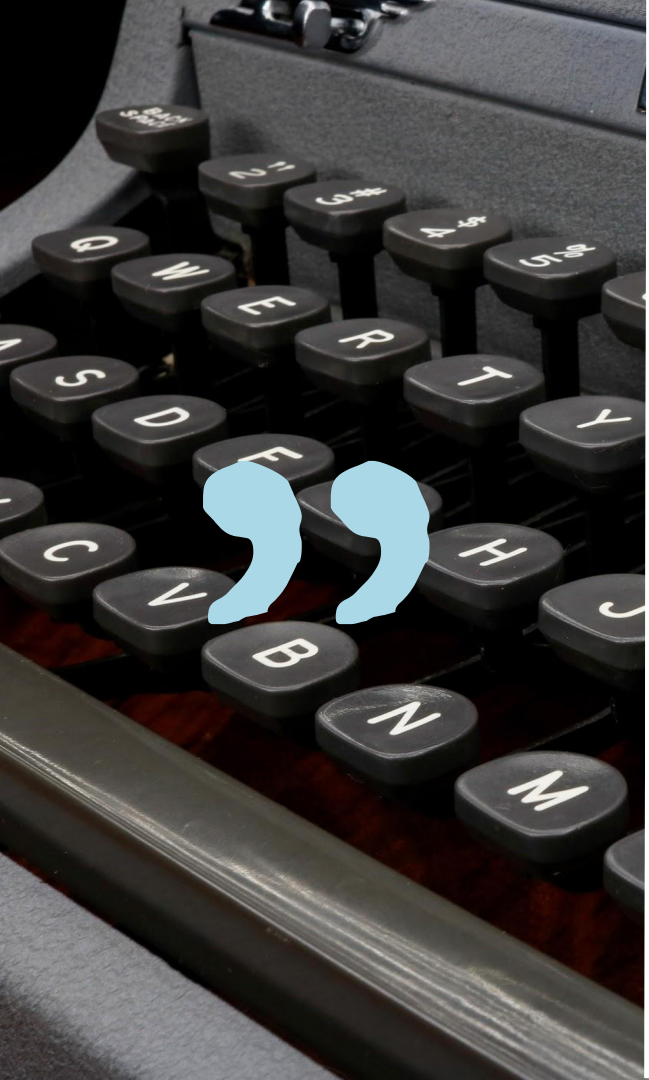
LOVE THE CHURCH

- I. Make Sunday morning services a “must happen” part of your life.
- II. Get involved in a small group.



If one part suffers, every part suffers with it; if one part is honored, every part rejoices with it.

1 Corinthians 12:26 NIV

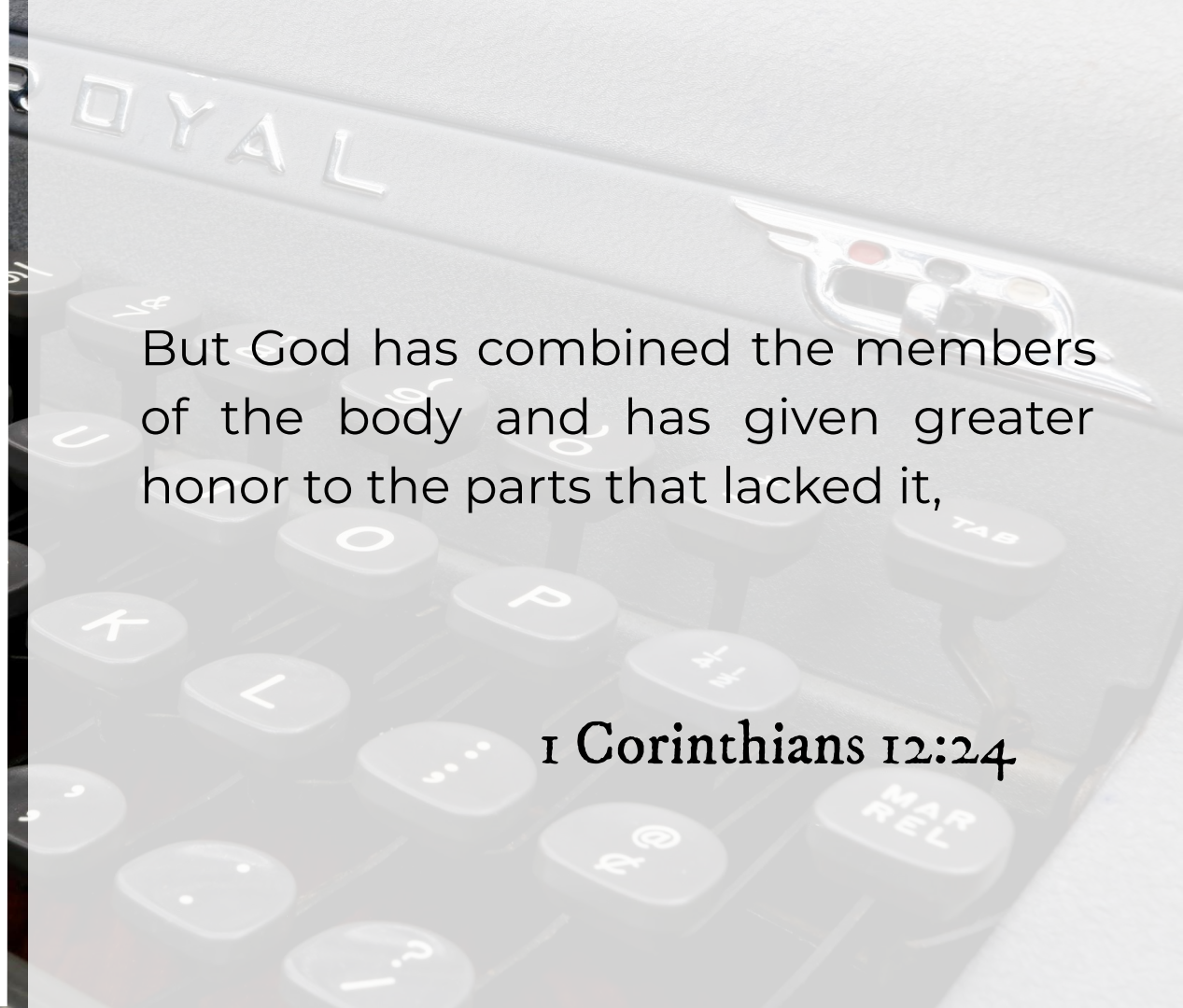
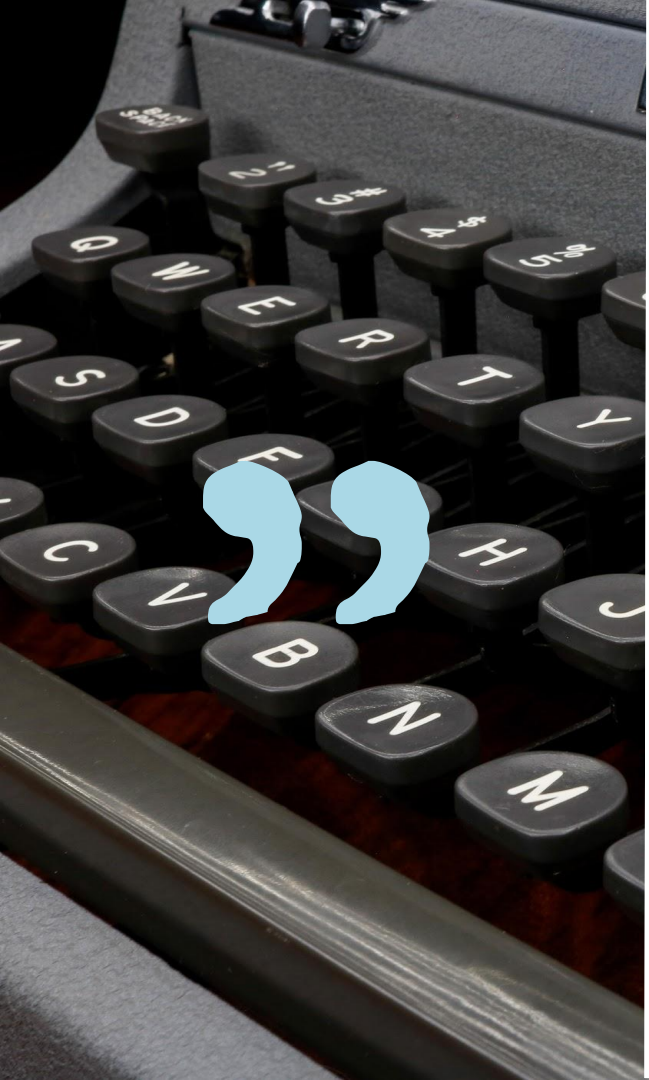


Now you are the body of Christ, and each one of you is a part of it.

1 Corinthians 12:27 NIV

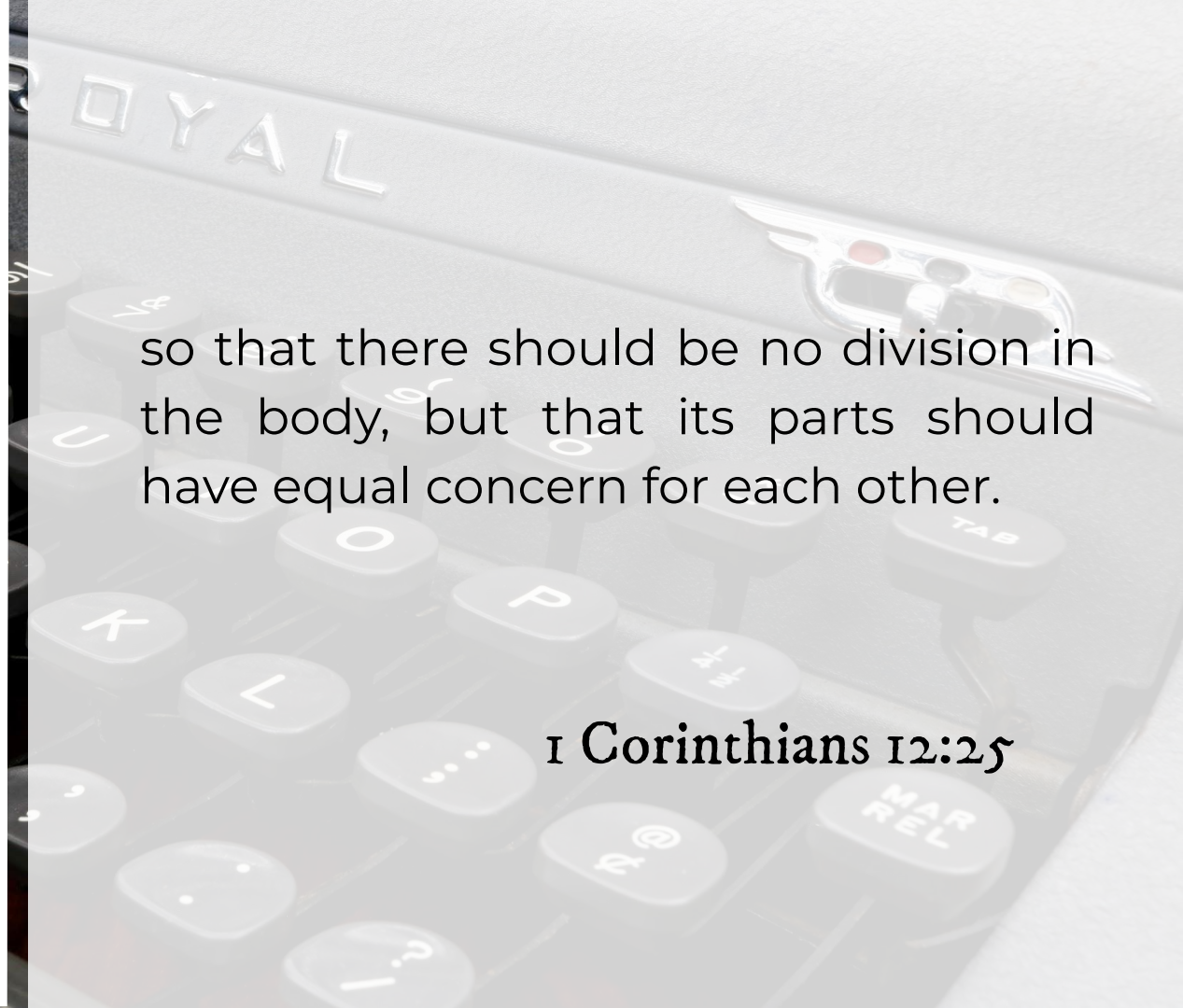
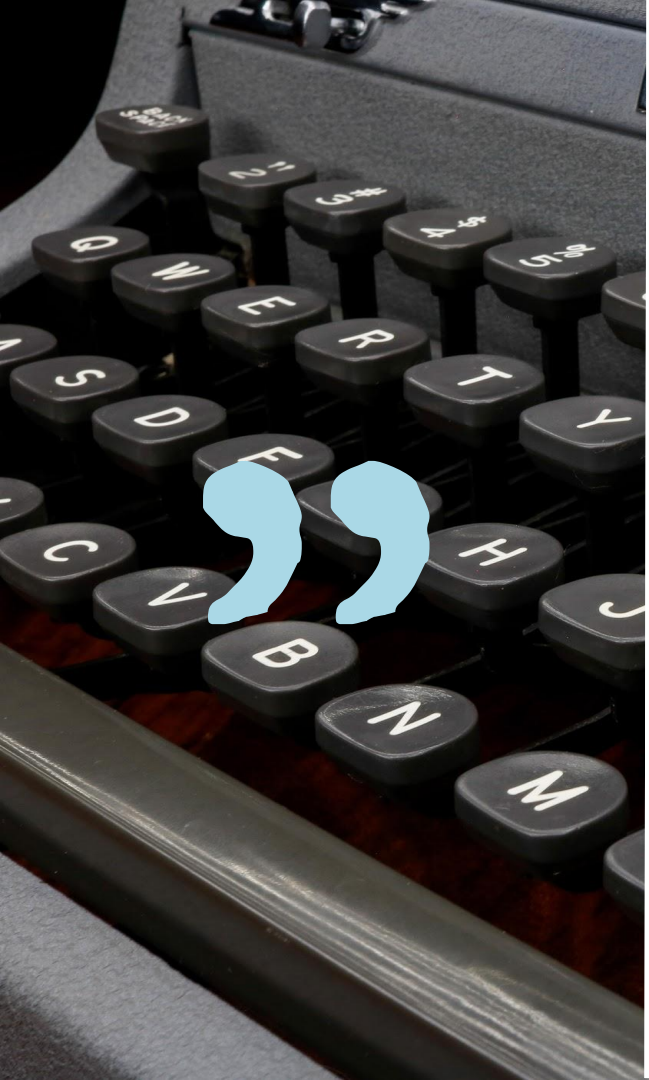
LOVE THE CHURCH

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- II. Get involved in a small group.
- III. Do not give up on the church



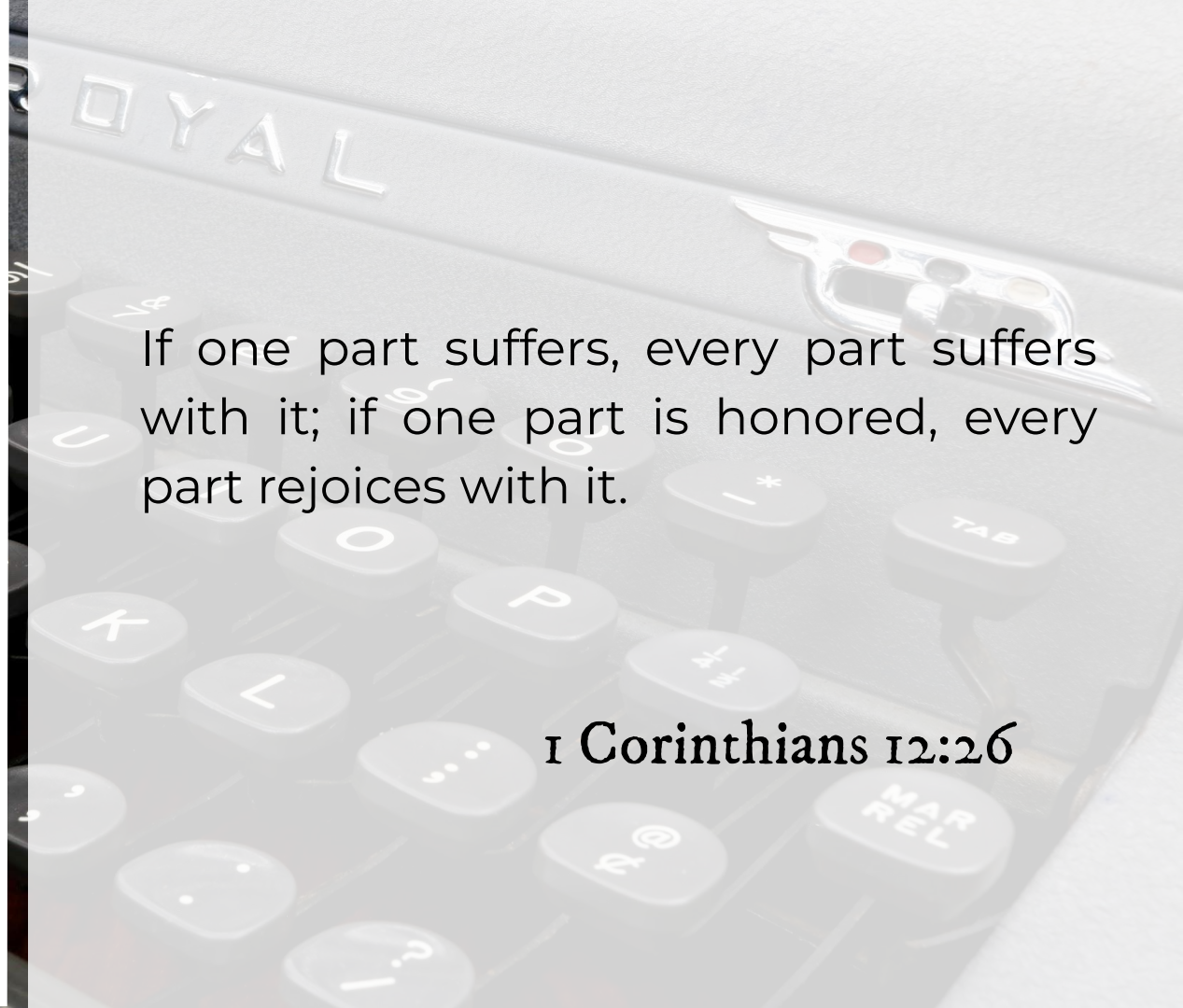
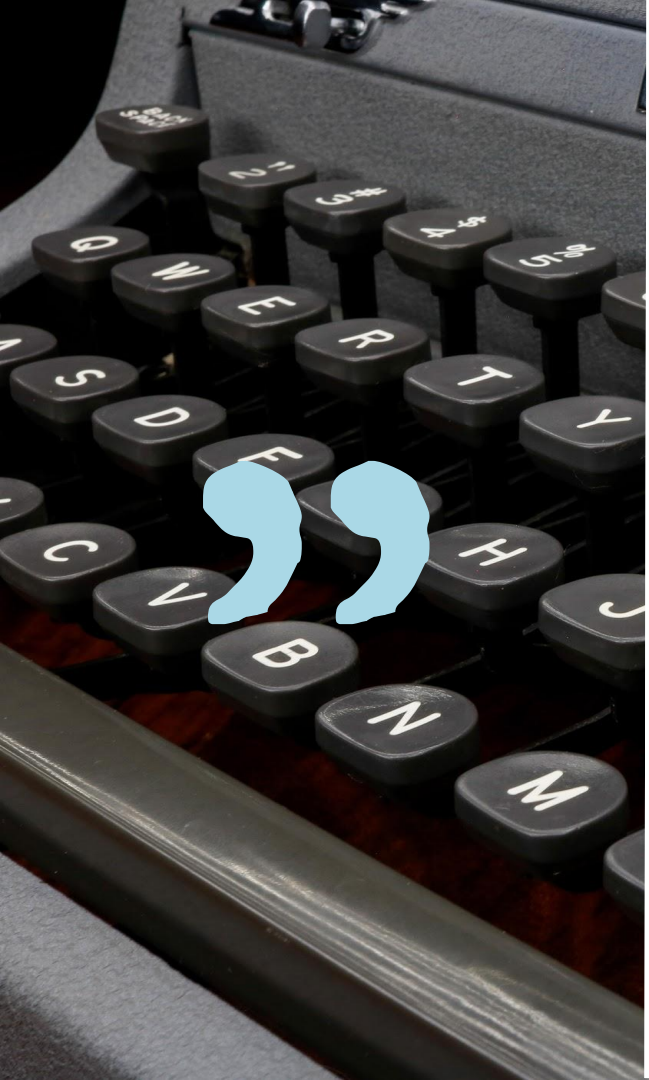
But God has combined the members
of the body and has given greater
honor to the parts that lacked it,

I Corinthians 12:24



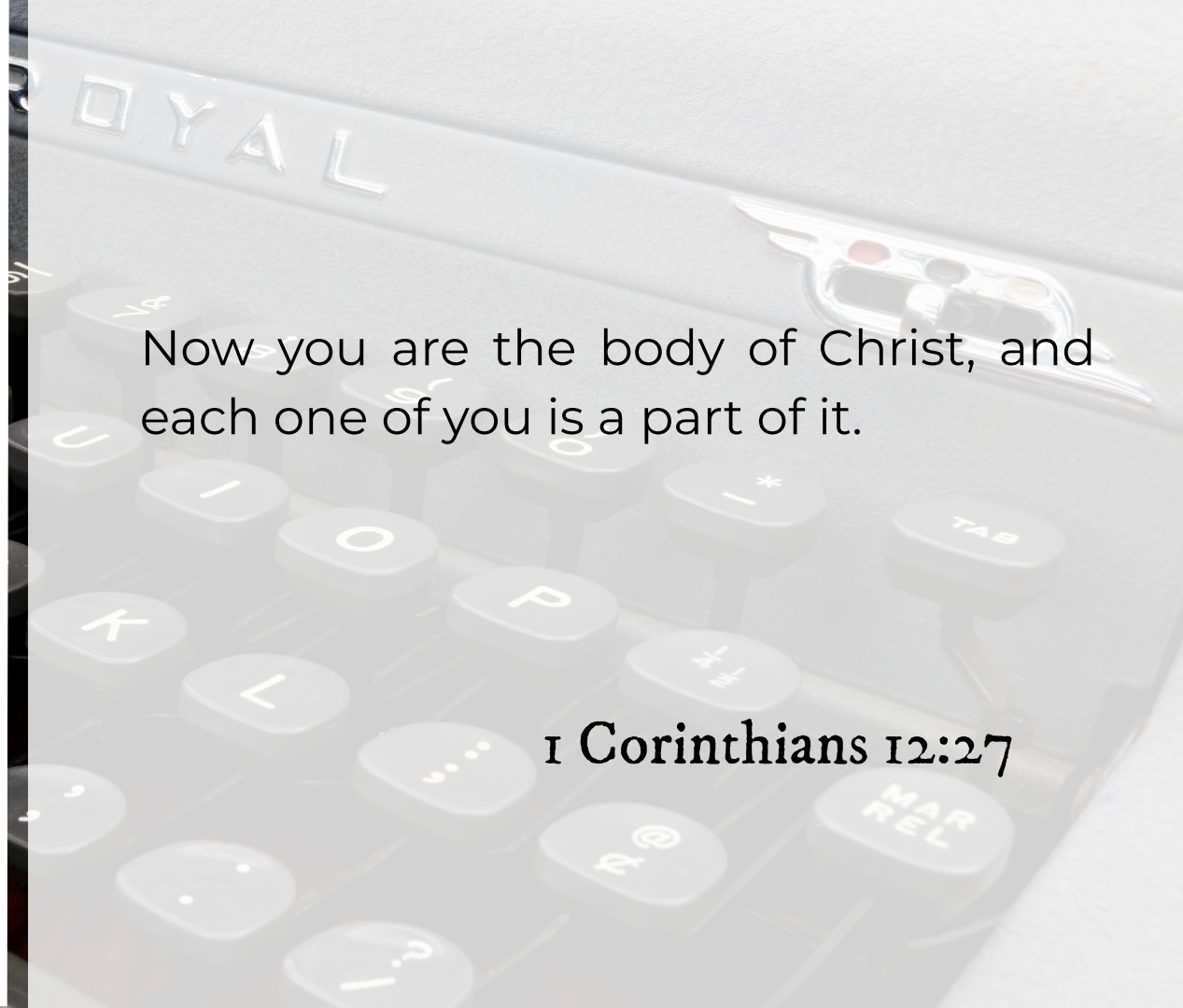
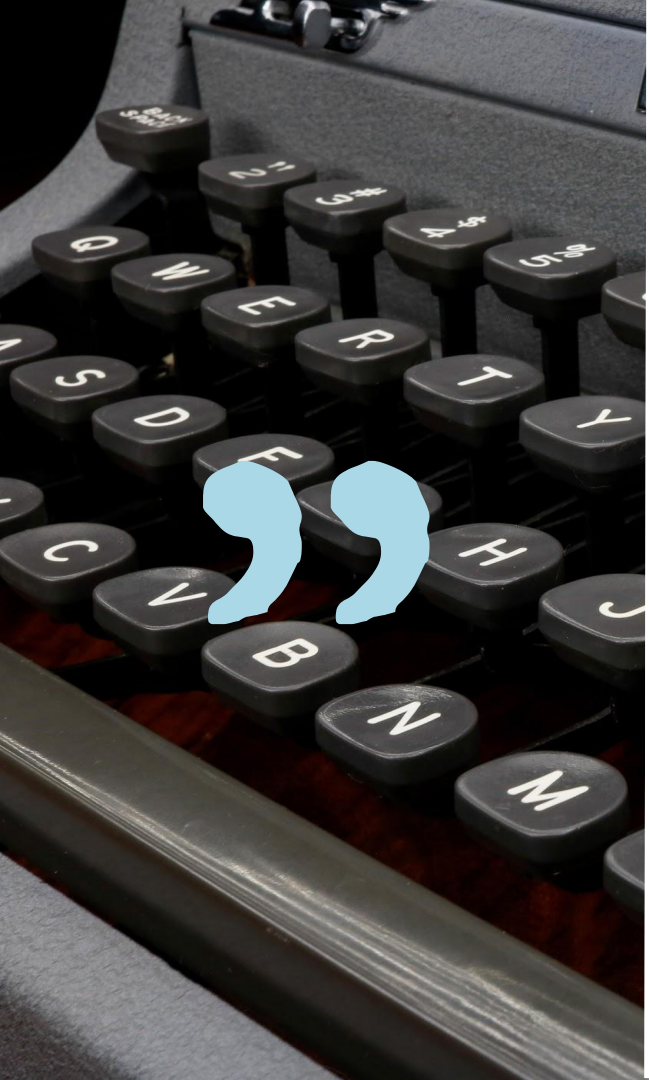
so that there should be no division in the body, but that its parts should have equal concern for each other.

1 Corinthians 12:25



If one part suffers, every part suffers with it; if one part is honored, every part rejoices with it.

1 Corinthians 12:26



Now you are the body of Christ, and each one of you is a part of it.

1 Corinthians 12:27

Life is a

PAIN SPORT.

Life is also a

LEARNING
CURVE.

CONCLUSION

Relationships must be a priority in your life.