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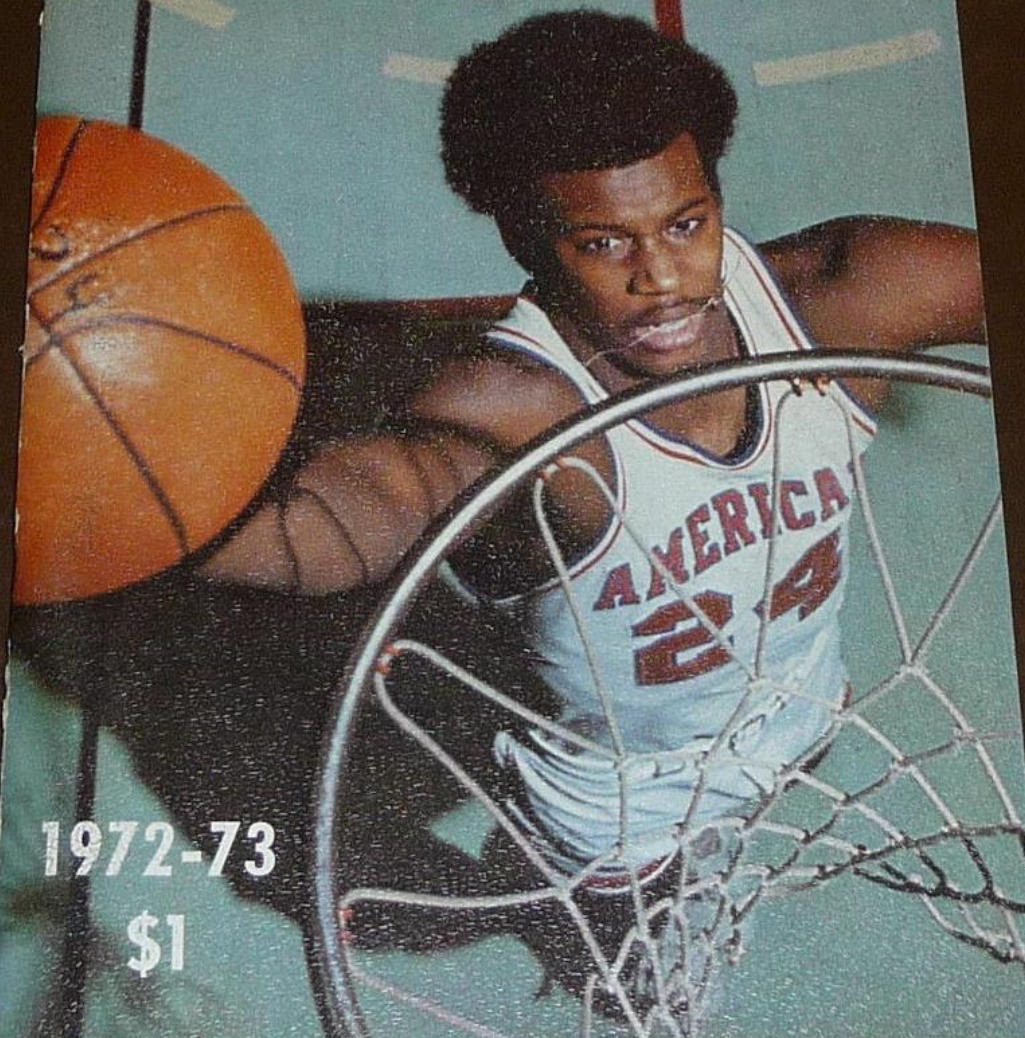








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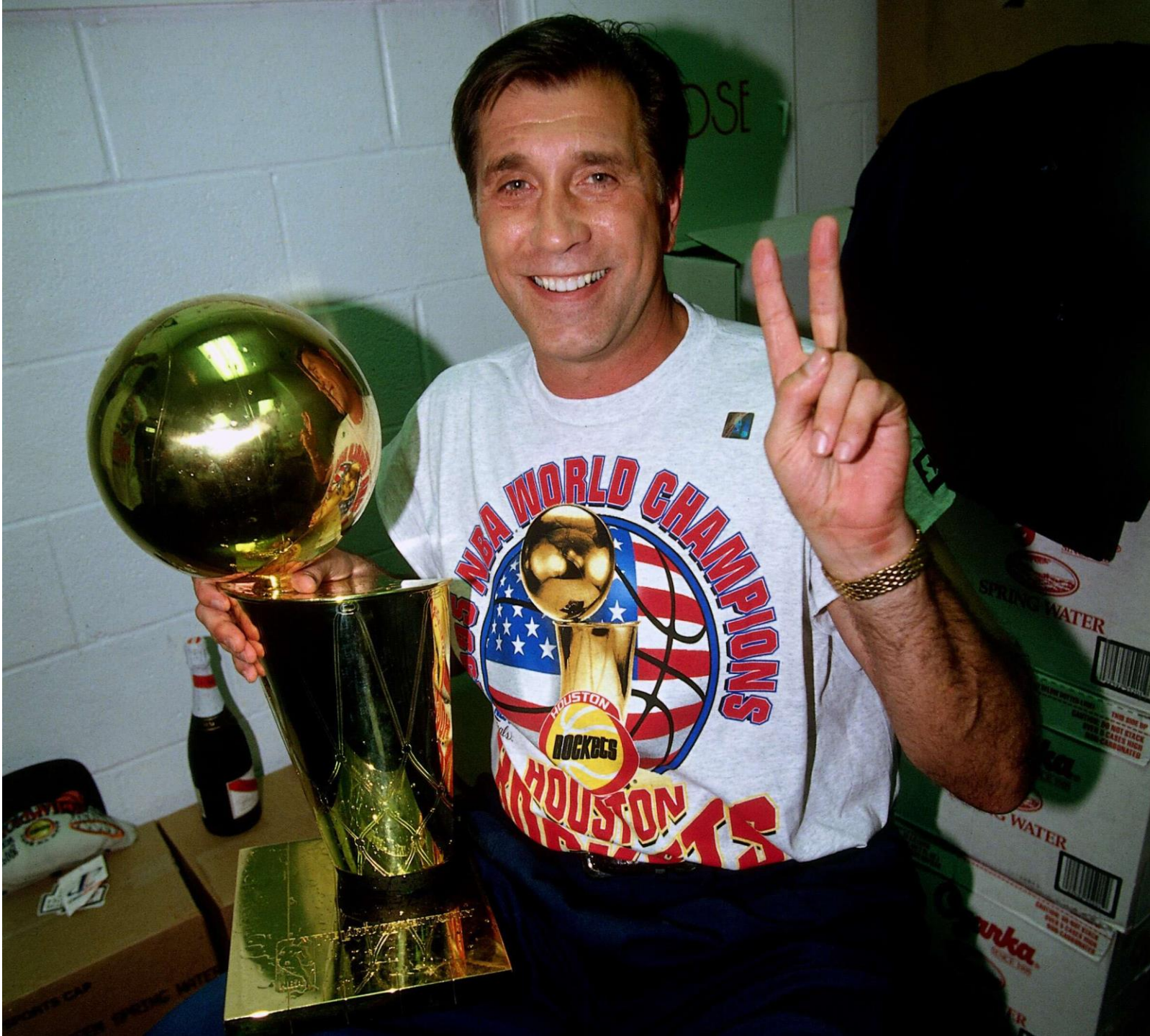
















“The fight happened so fast. I felt bad that Rudy was hurt, and I know it was bad for basketball. Thinking back, I wasn’t mature enough to let someone hit me and then walk away....I was just too young and insecure. I was known as an aggressive player. If other guys thought they could push me around or intimidate me, I might have been out of the league in a year....The game of basketball was everything to me. It *was* Kermit Washington. It was my whole identity. If I did poorly, I was hurt to my heart.”

(Kermit Washington, as quoted in Chris Cobb’s article “The Punch: Tomjanovich and Washington Both Still Feel the Pain From That Terrible Moment” in the *Los Angeles Times*, January 28, 1985)





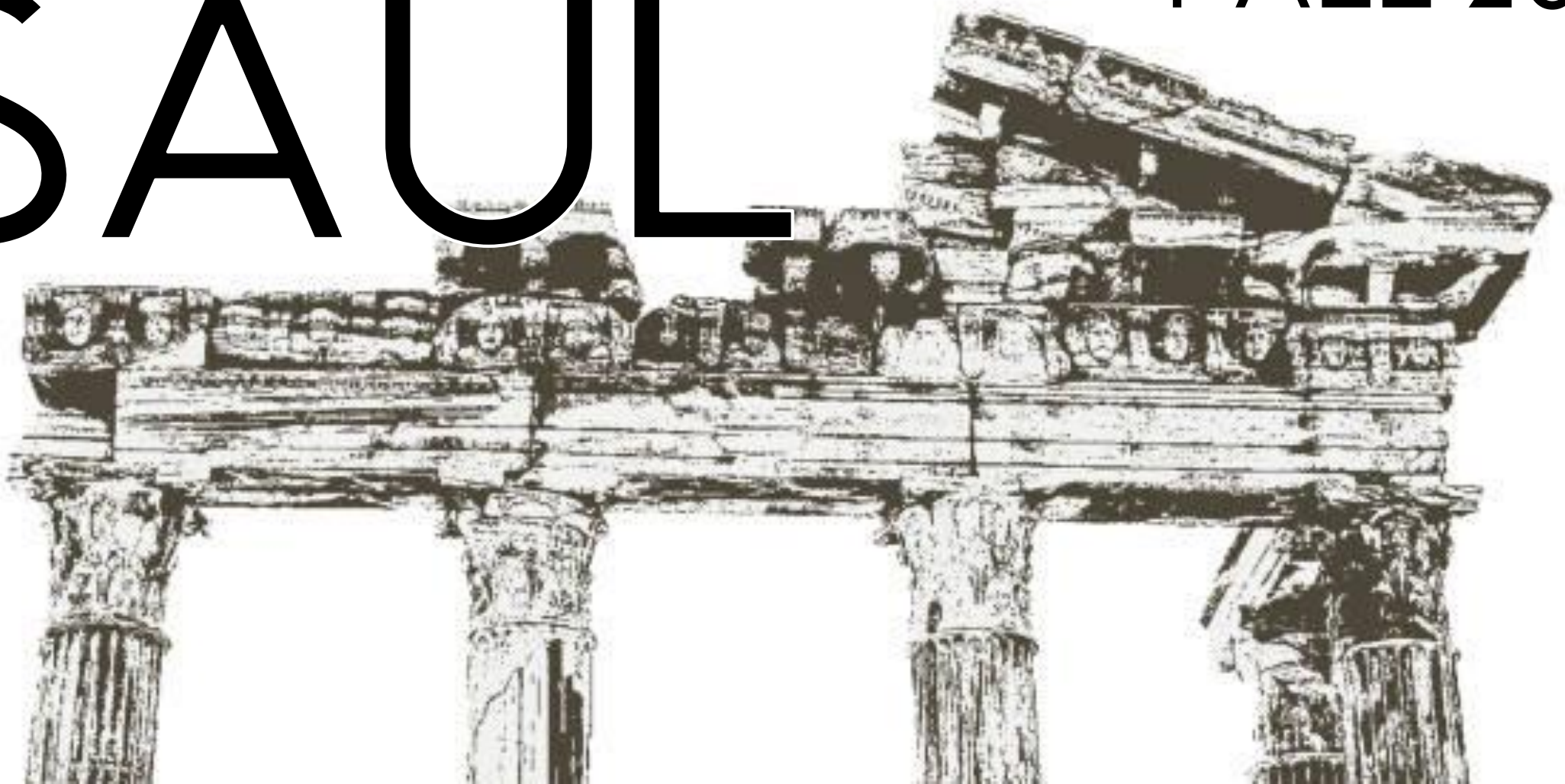


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UNEASY LIES THE HEAD THAT WEARS A CROWN



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1 Samuel 13:1-8 (ESV): “Saul lived for one year and then became king, and when he had reigned for two years over Israel, 2 Saul chose three thousand men of Israel. Two thousand were with Saul in Michmash and the hill country of Bethel, and a thousand were with Jonathan in Gibeah of Benjamin. The rest of the people he sent home, every man to his tent....”

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“...3 Jonathan defeated the garrison of the Philistines that was at Geba, and the Philistines heard of it. And Saul blew the trumpet throughout all the land, saying, ‘Let the Hebrews hear.’ 4 And all Israel heard it said that Saul had defeated the garrison of the Philistines, and also that

Israel had become a stench to the Philistines. And the people were called out to join Saul at Gilgal...”

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“...5 And the Philistines mustered to fight with Israel, thirty thousand chariots and six thousand horsemen and troops like the sand on the seashore in multitude. They came up and encamped in Michmash, to the east of Beth-aven. 6 When the men of Israel saw that they were in

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trouble (for the people were hard pressed), the people hid themselves in caves and in holes and in rocks and in tombs and in cisterns,...”

“...7 and some Hebrews crossed the fords of the Jordan to the land of Gad and Gilead. Saul was still at Gilgal, and all the people followed him trembling. 8 He waited seven days, the time appointed by Samuel. But Samuel did not come to Gilgal, and the people were scattering from him.”

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1 Samuel 13:9-14a (ESV): “So Saul said, ‘Bring the burnt offering here to me, and the peace offerings.’ And he offered the burnt offering. 10 As soon as he had finished offering the burnt offering, behold, Samuel came. And Saul went out to meet him and greet him....”

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“...11 Samuel said, ‘What have you done?’ And Saul said, ‘When I saw that the people were scattering from me, and that you did not come within the days appointed, and that the Philistines had mustered at Michmash, 12 I said, “Now the Philistines will come

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down against me at Gilgal, and I have not sought the favor of the LORD.” So I forced myself, and offered the burnt offering.’...”

“...13 And Samuel said to Saul, ‘You have done foolishly. You have not kept the command of the LORD your God, with which he commanded you. For then the LORD would have established your kingdom over Israel forever. 14 But now your kingdom shall not continue.”

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1 Samuel 9:20 (ESV): “And for whom is all that is desirable in Israel? Is it not for you and for all your father’s house?”

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1 Samuel 10:7 (ESV): “Do what your hand finds to do, for God is with you.”

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SAUL'S PURSUING A
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Main
Point

John 18:36 (ESV): “Jesus answered, ‘My kingdom is not of this world. If my kingdom were of this world, my servants would have been fighting, that I might not

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be delivered over to the Jews. But my kingdom is not from the world.’”

Revelation 11:15 (ESV): “The kingdom of the world has become the kingdom of our Lord and of his Christ, and he shall reign forever and ever.”

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Luke 17:20-21 (ESV): “Being asked by the Pharisees when the kingdom of God would come, he answered them, ‘The kingdom of God is not coming in ways that can be observed, 21

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nor will they say, “Look, here it is!” or “There!” for behold, the kingdom of God is in the midst of you.’”

Matthew 6:10 (ESV): “Your kingdom come,
your will be done, on earth as it is in
heaven.”

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Matthew 9:35 (ESV): “And Jesus went throughout all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the gospel of the kingdom and healing every disease and every affliction.”

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Luke 12:29-33 (ESV): “And do not seek what you are to eat and what you are to drink, nor be worried. 30 For all the nations of the world seek after these things, and your Father knows that you need them.

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31 Instead, seek his kingdom, and these things will be added to you....”

“...32 Fear not, little flock, for it is your Father’s good pleasure to give you the kingdom. 33 Sell your possessions, and give to the needy.

Provide yourselves with moneybags that do not

grow old, with a treasure in the heavens that does not fail, where no thief approaches and no moth destroys.”

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Luke 18:16 (ESV): “But Jesus called them to him, saying, ‘Let the children come to me, and do not hinder them, for to such belongs the kingdom of God.’”

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Luke 15:29-31 (ESV): “He answered his father, ‘Look, these many years I have served you, and I never disobeyed your command, yet you never gave me a young goat, that I might celebrate with my friends. 30 But when this son of yours came, who has devoured your property with

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prostitutes, you killed the fattened calf for him!’ 31 And he said to him, ‘Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours.’”

1 Samuel 13:14b (ESV): “The LORD has sought out a man after his own heart, and the LORD has commanded him to be prince over his people, because you have

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not kept what the LORD commanded you.”

Matthew 13:19 (ESV): “When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what has been sown in his heart.”

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Application

John 3:36 (ESV): “Whoever believes in the Son has eternal life.”

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Mark 1:15 (ESV): “The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand.”

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Mark 10:15 (ESV): “Truly, I say to you,
whoever does not receive the kingdom of
God like a child shall not enter it.”

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James 2:5 (ESV): “Listen, my beloved brothers, has not God chosen those who are poor in the world to be rich in faith and heirs of the kingdom, which he has

promised to those who love him?”

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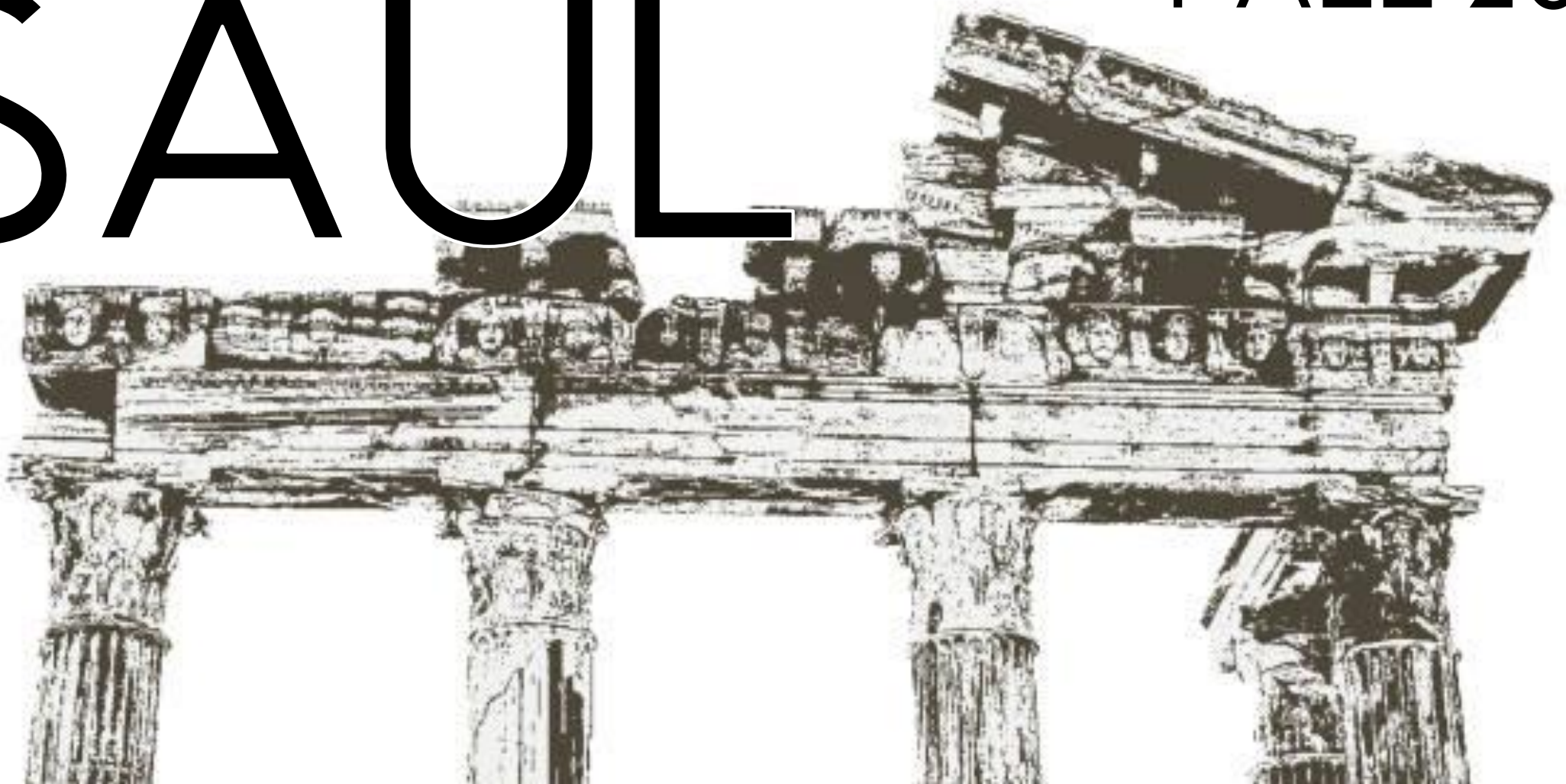


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