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# A1 GOD, THE HOST

## **Psalm 23: 5-6 (GNT)**

You prepare a banquet for me, where all my enemies can see me; you welcome me as an honoured guest and fill my cup to the brim. I know that your goodness and love will be with me all my life; and your house will be my home as long as I live.

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## **Exodus 24:9-11 (NLT)**

<sup>9</sup> Then Moses, Aaron, Nadab, Abihu and the seventy elders of Israel climbed up the mountain.

<sup>10</sup> There they saw the God of Israel. Under His feet there seemed to be a surface of

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A1 GOD, THE HOST

**Exodus 24:9-11 (NLT)**

brilliant blue lapis lazuli, as clear as the sky itself.

<sup>11</sup> And though these nobles gazed upon God he did not destroy them. In fact, they ate a covenant meal, eating and drinking in His presence!

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## A2 GOD, THE GUEST

### **Matthew 18: 5 (AMP)**

And whoever receives and accepts and welcomes one little child like this for My sake and in my name receives and accepts and welcomes Me.

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## B THE FIVE ASPECTS OF BIBLICAL HOSPITALITY

### 1. INVITATION – to a CHRIST encounter

- ✓ Getting the word out through  
information and follow-up

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Luke 14: 16-17 (NLT)

<sup>16</sup> Jesus replied with this story:  
“A man prepared a great feast  
and sent out many invitations.

<sup>17</sup> When the banquet was ready,  
he sent his servant to tell the  
guests, ‘Come, the banquet is  
ready.’

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# 1. INVITATION – to a CHRIST encounter

- ✓ Creating anticipation – through focus on relevant needs

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Matthew 11: 28 (NLT)

<sup>28</sup> Then Jesus said, “Come to me, all of you who are weary and carry heavy burdens, and I will give you rest.’

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2. PREPARATION – (shaping) –  
the SPACE encounter

John 14: 2-3 (NLT)

<sup>2</sup> There is more than enough room in my Father's home. If this were not so, would I have told you that I am going to prepare a place for you?

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2. PREPARATION – (shaping) –  
the SPACE encounter

John 14: 2-3 (NLT)

<sup>3</sup> When everything is ready, I  
will come and get you, so that  
you will always be with me  
where I am

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1 Corinthians 2:9 (NLT)

<sup>9</sup> That is what the Scriptures mean when they say, “No eye has seen, no ear has heard, and no mind has imagined what God has prepared for those who love him.”

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## 2. PREPARATION – (shaping) – the SPACE encounter

- ✓ Cultivating a change-conducive climate
  - In both dimensions
  - Meticulous Design + Planning
  - Care-driven excellence (vs vanity-driven perfectionism)

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## 2. PREPARATION – (shaping) – the SPACE encounter

- ✓ Cultivating a change-conducive climate
  - Conveying and articulating honour and respect
  - Sense of Security – through guaranteed givens

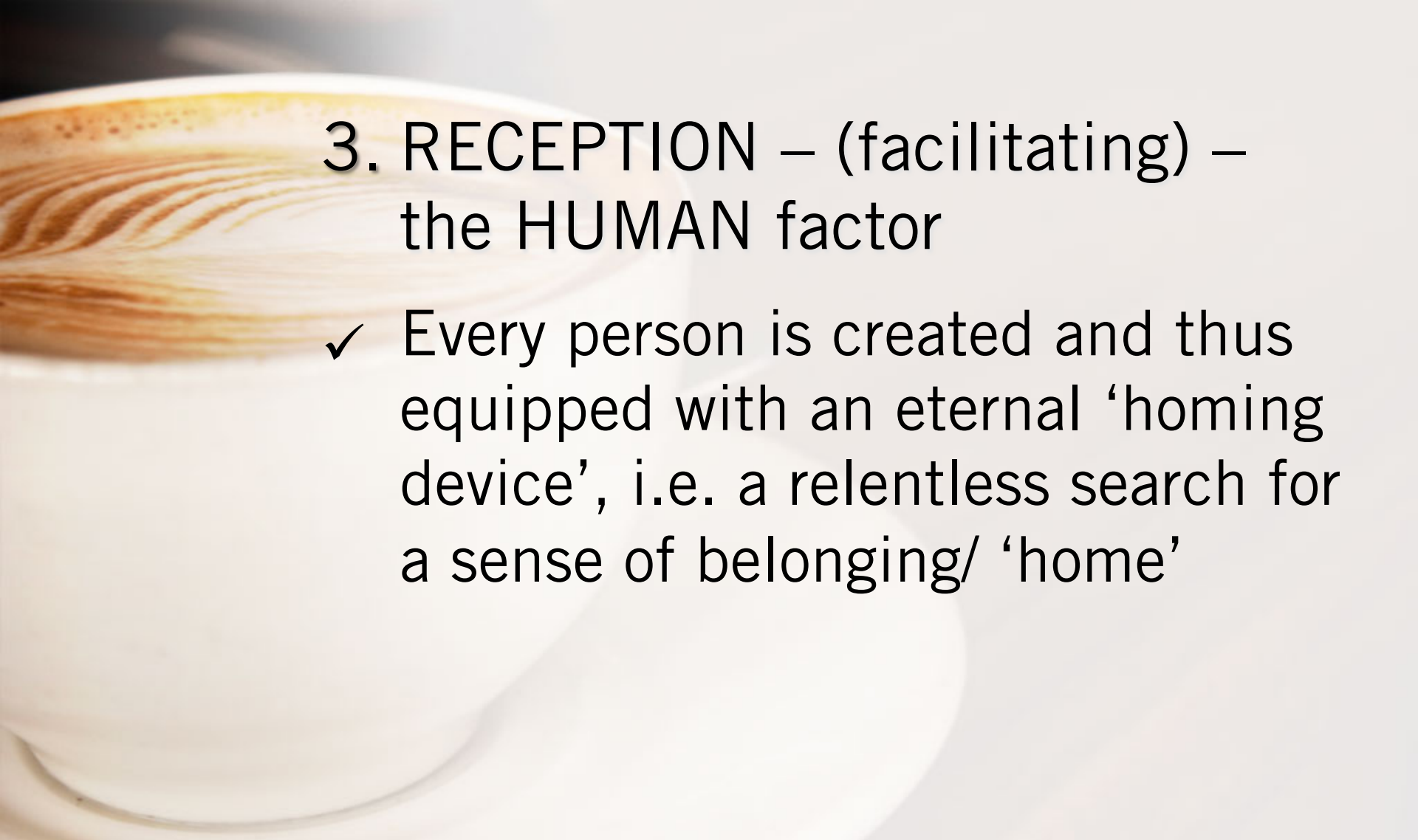
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## 2. PREPARATION – (shaping) – the SPACE encounter

- ✓ Host team members who enjoy priority
- ✓ Team is united, focussed, motivated and skilled

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### 3. RECEPTION – (facilitating) – the HUMAN factor

- ✓ Every person is created and thus equipped with an eternal ‘homing device’, i.e. a relentless search for a sense of belonging/ ‘home’

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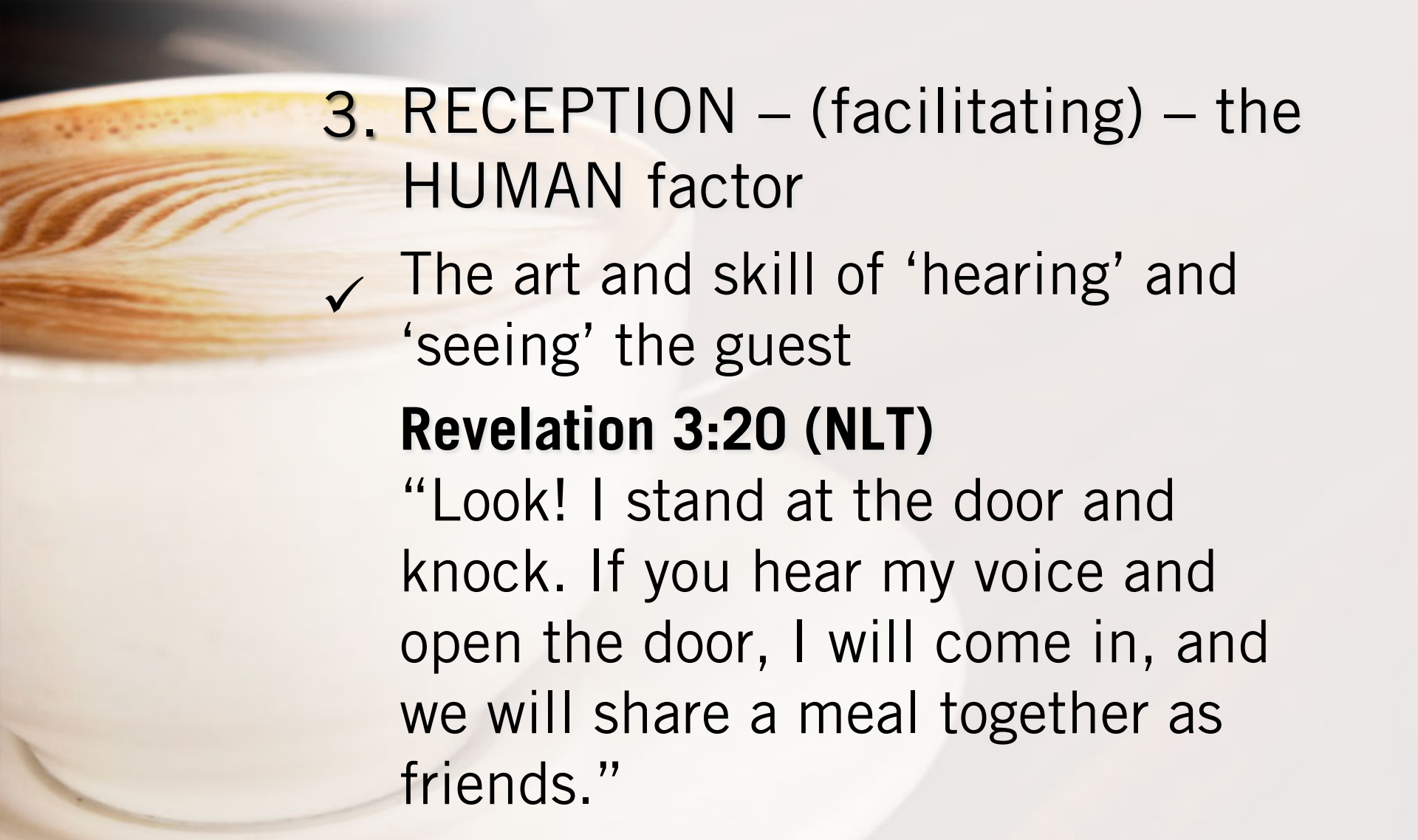
### 3. RECEPTION – (facilitating) – the HUMAN factor

- ✓ the art of opening the heart's door

#### **Romans 15:7 (AMP)**

Welcome and receive [to your hearts] one another, then, even as Christ has welcomed and received you, for the glory of God.

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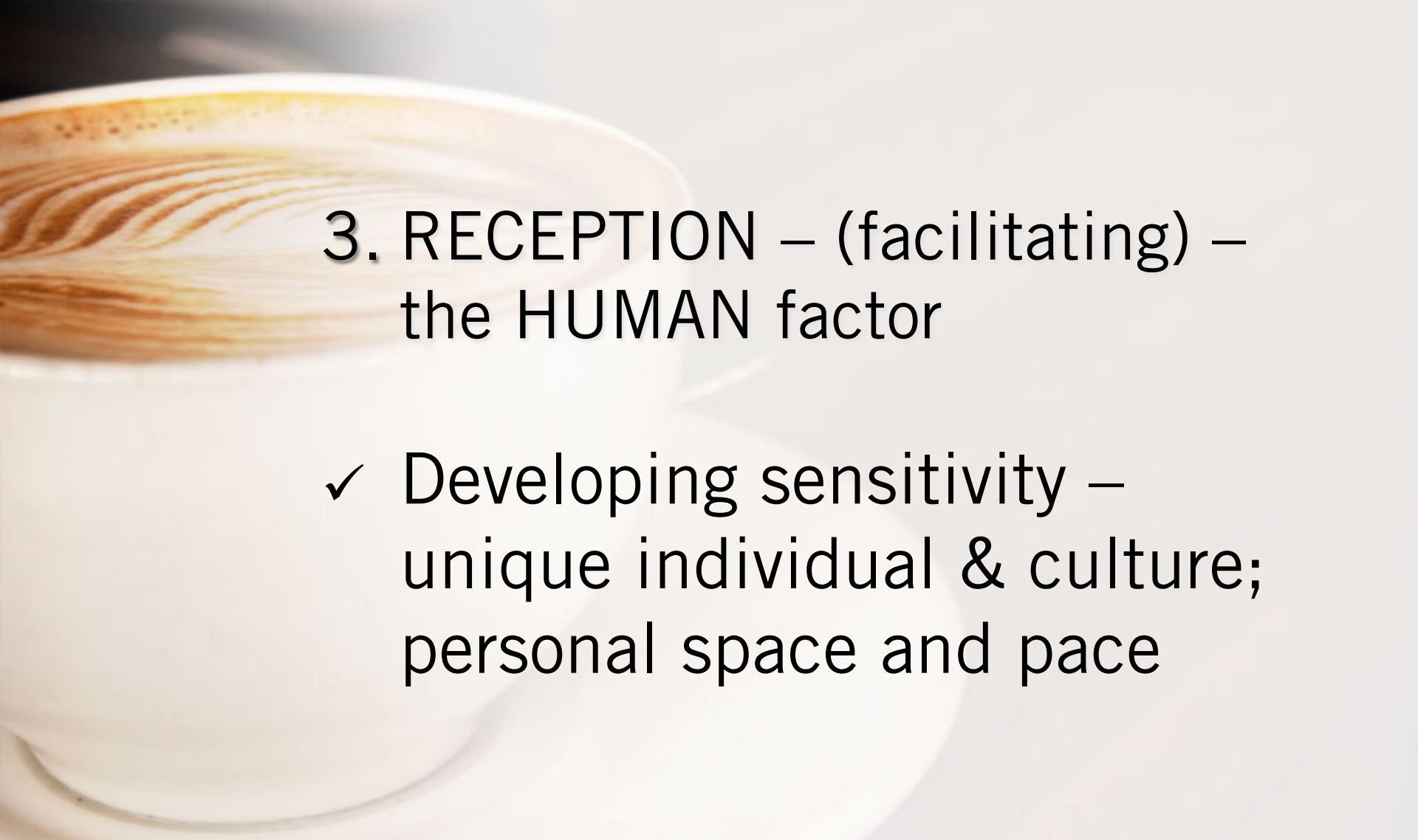
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- ✓ The art and skill of ‘hearing’ and ‘seeing’ the guest

**Revelation 3:20 (NLT)**

“Look! I stand at the door and knock. If you hear my voice and open the door, I will come in, and we will share a meal together as friends.”

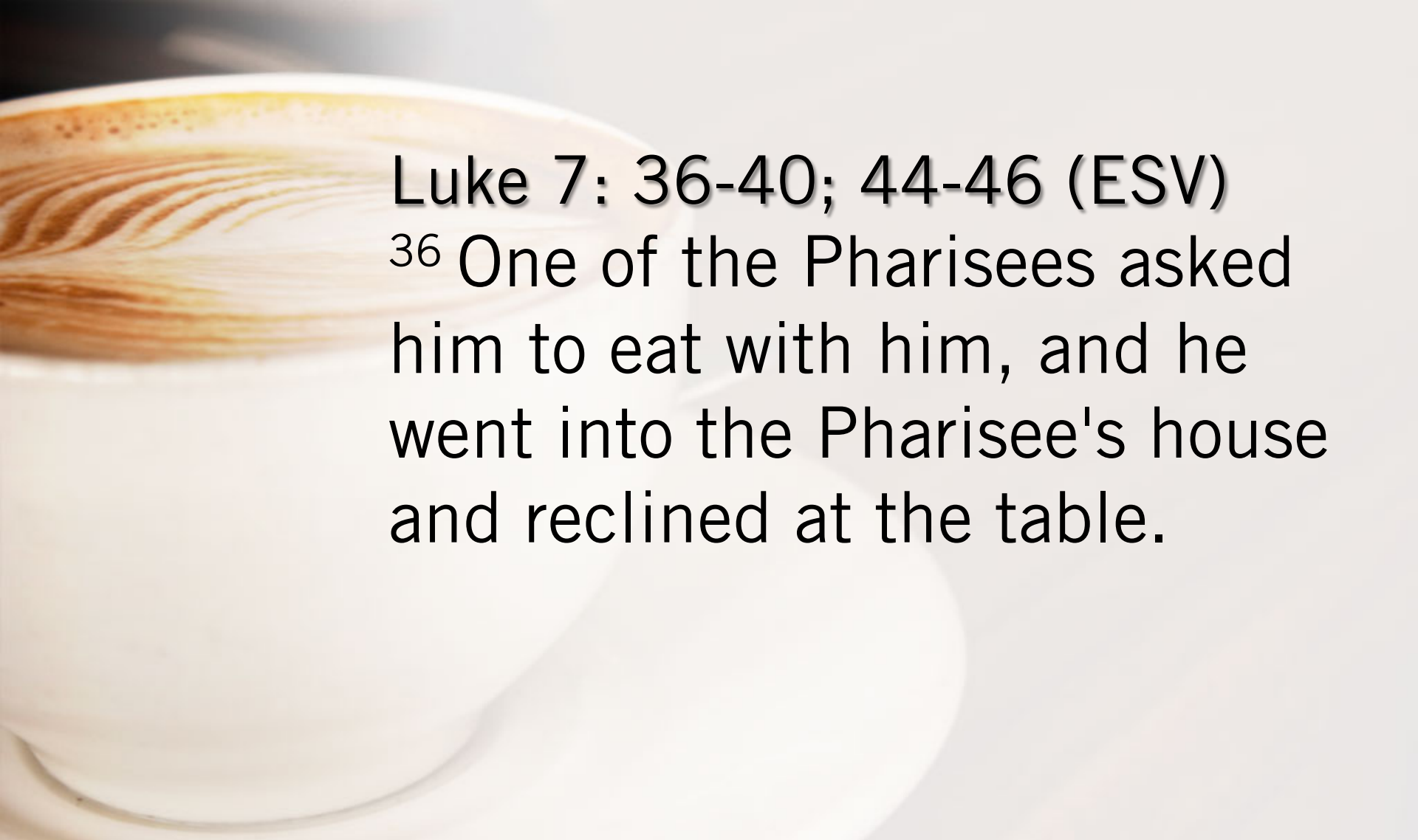
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### 3. RECEPTION – (facilitating) – the HUMAN factor

- ✓ Developing sensitivity –  
unique individual & culture;  
personal space and pace

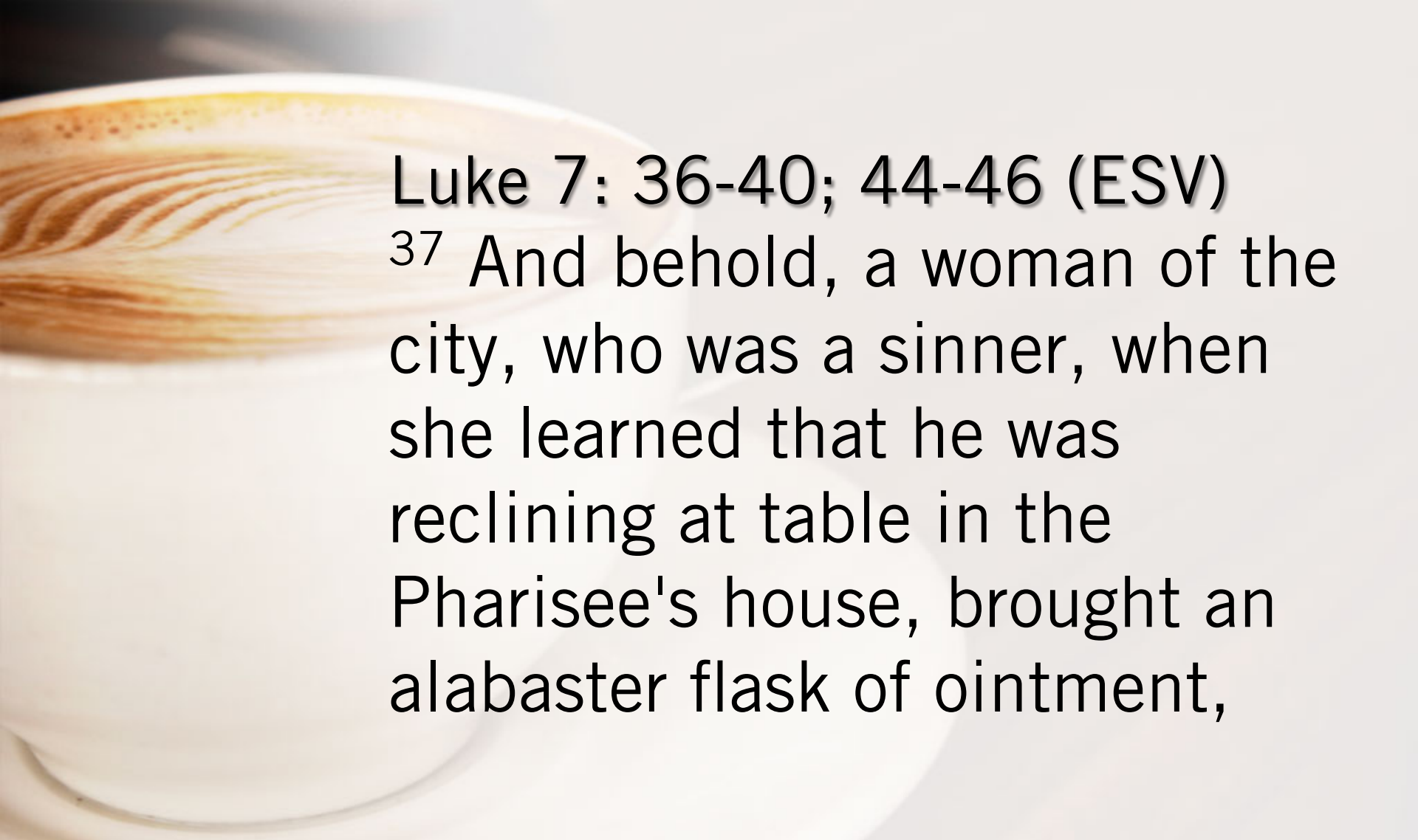
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Luke 7: 36-40; 44-46 (ESV)

<sup>36</sup> One of the Pharisees asked him to eat with him, and he went into the Pharisee's house and reclined at the table.

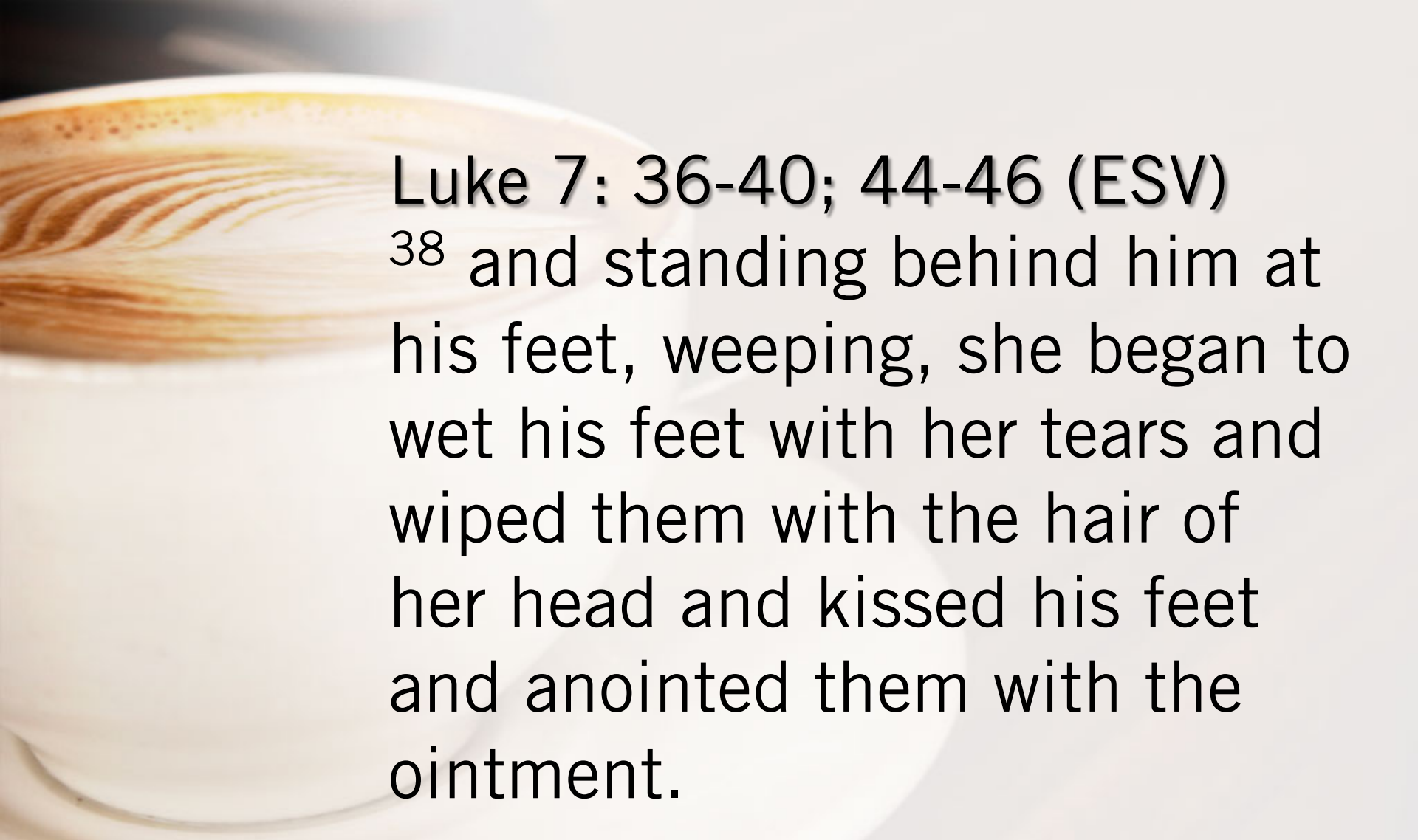
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Luke 7: 36-40; 44-46 (ESV)

<sup>37</sup> And behold, a woman of the city, who was a sinner, when she learned that he was reclining at table in the Pharisee's house, brought an alabaster flask of ointment,

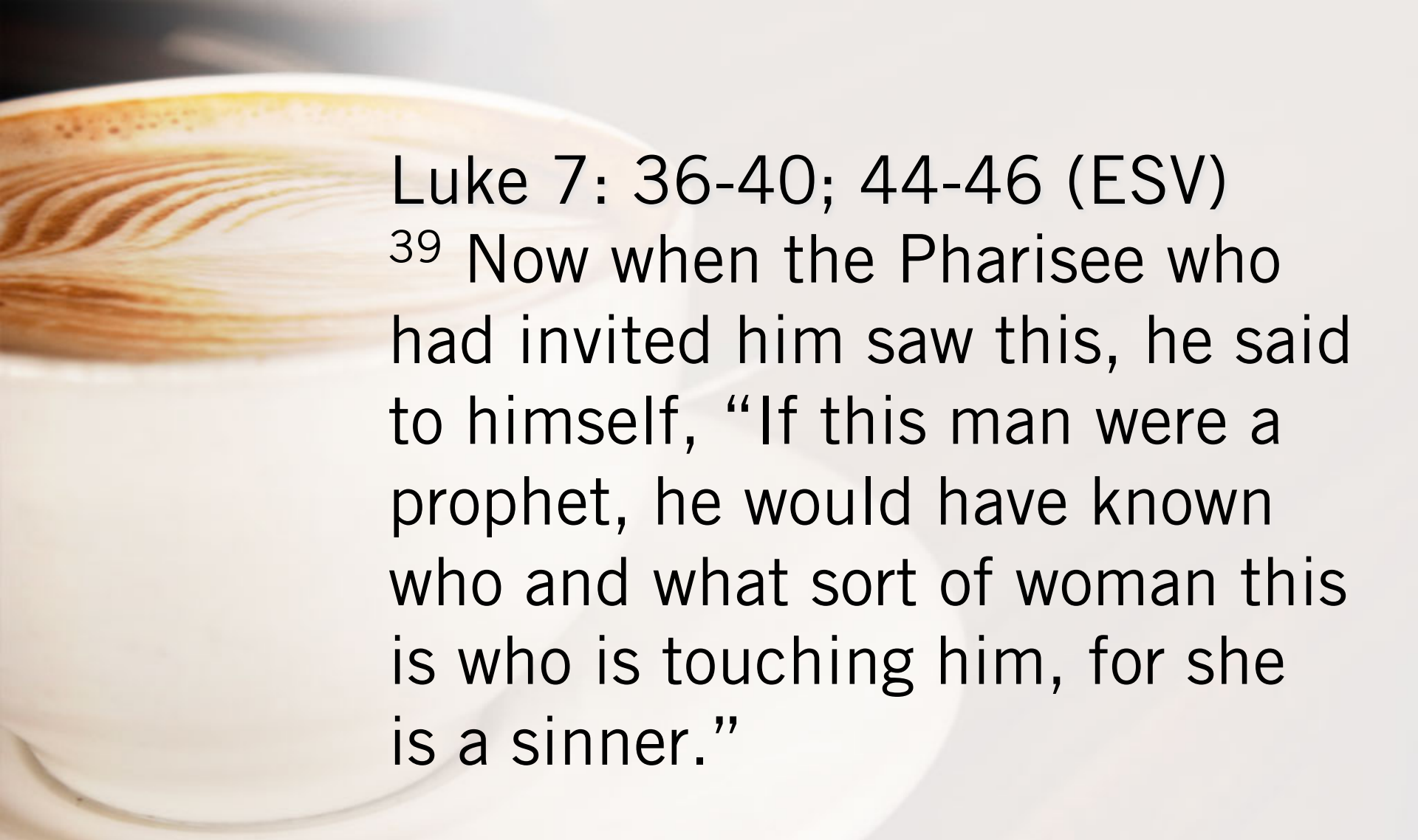
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<sup>38</sup> and standing behind him at his feet, weeping, she began to wet his feet with her tears and wiped them with the hair of her head and kissed his feet and anointed them with the ointment.

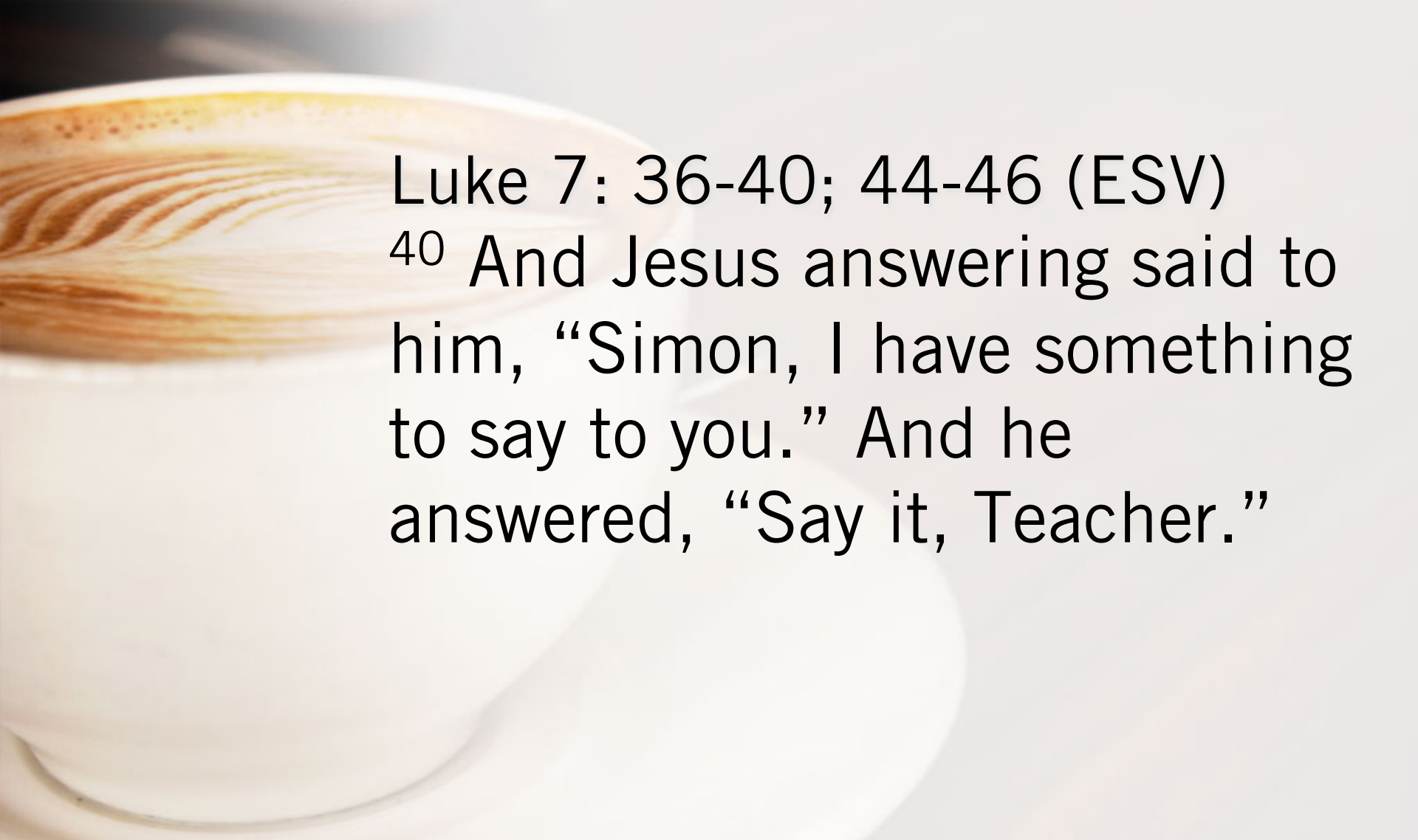
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<sup>39</sup> Now when the Pharisee who had invited him saw this, he said to himself, “If this man were a prophet, he would have known who and what sort of woman this is who is touching him, for she is a sinner.”

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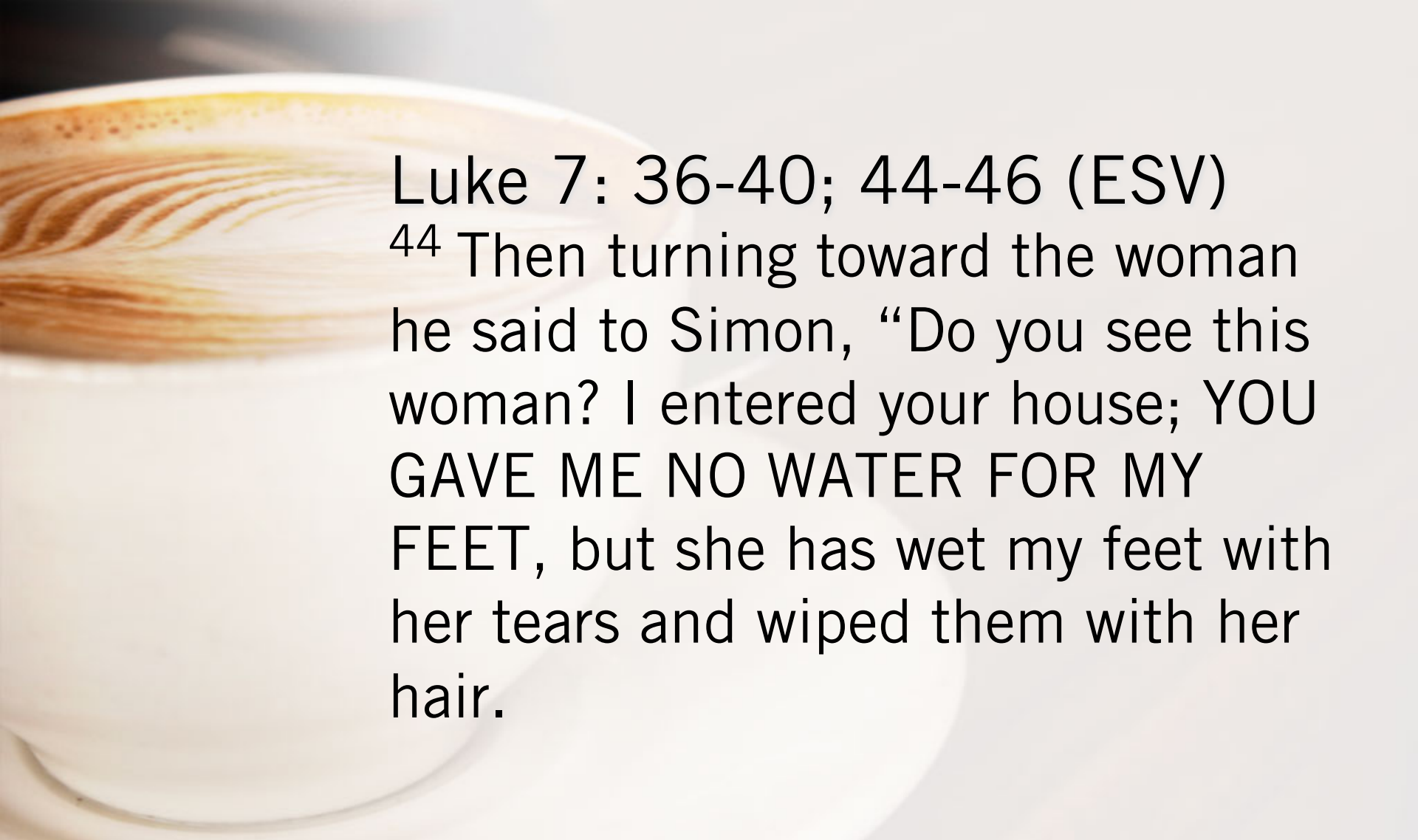


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<sup>40</sup> And Jesus answering said to him, “Simon, I have something to say to you.” And he answered, “Say it, Teacher.”

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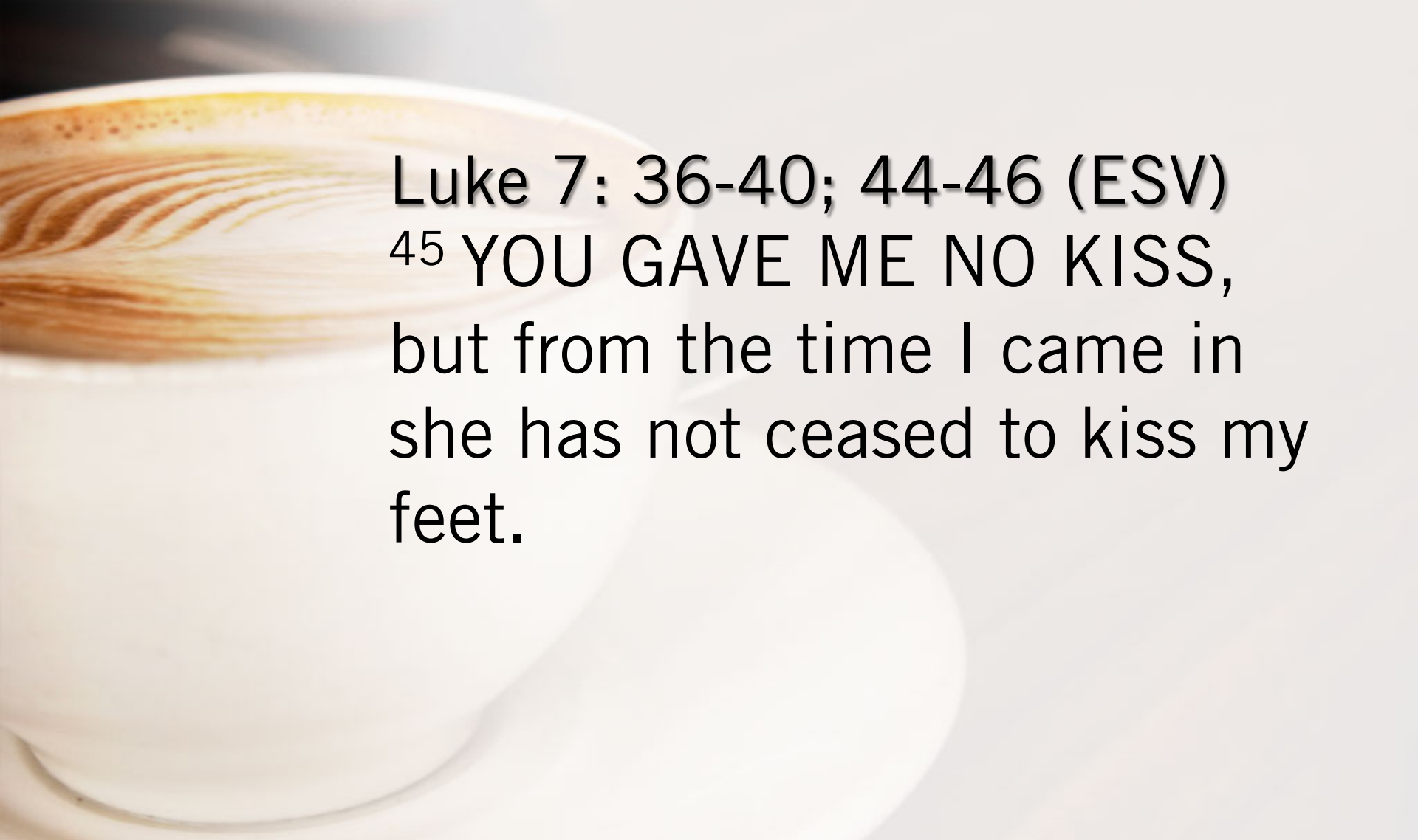




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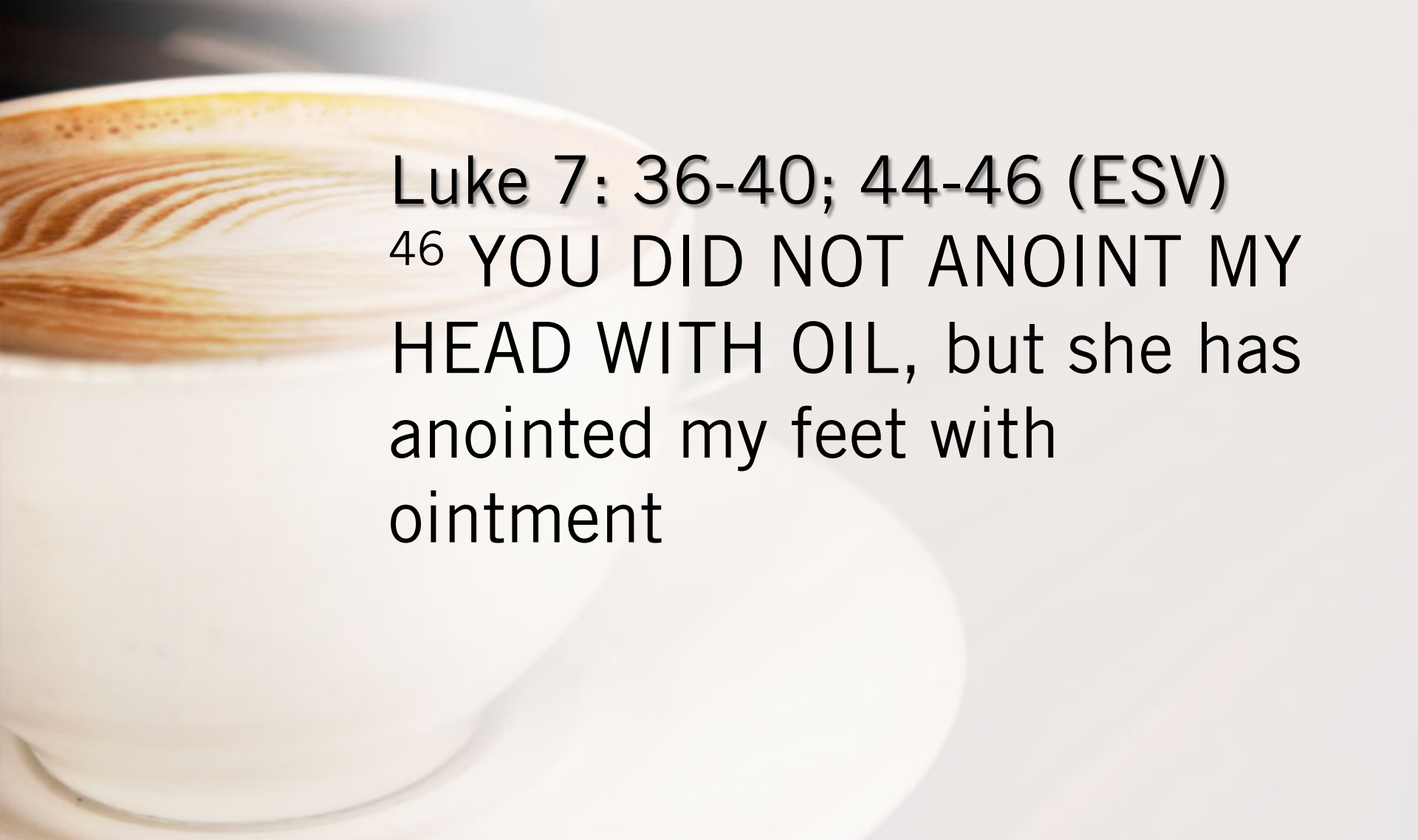
<sup>44</sup> Then turning toward the woman he said to Simon, “Do you see this woman? I entered your house; YOU GAVE ME NO WATER FOR MY FEET, but she has wet my feet with her tears and wiped them with her hair.

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Luke 7: 36-40; 44-46 (ESV)  
45 YOU GAVE ME NO KISS,  
but from the time I came in  
she has not ceased to kiss my  
feet.

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Luke 7: 36-40; 44-46 (ESV)

<sup>46</sup> YOU DID NOT ANOINT MY  
HEAD WITH OIL, but she has  
anoointed my feet with  
ointment

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## 4. CELEBRATION – the VALUE encounter

Matthew 10: 40-42 (NLT)

<sup>40</sup> “Anyone who receives you receives me, and anyone who receives me receives the Father who sent me.

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## 4. CELEBRATION – the VALUE encounter

Matthew 10: 40-42 (NLT)

<sup>41</sup> If you receive a prophet as one who speaks for God, you will be given the same reward as a prophet...

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4. CELEBRATION – the VALUE encounter

Matthew 10: 40-42 (NLT)

...And if you receive righteous people because of their righteousness, you will be given a reward like theirs.

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## 4. CELEBRATION – the VALUE encounter

Matthew 10: 40-42 (NLT)

<sup>42</sup> And if you give even a cup of cold water to one of the least of my followers, you will surely be rewarded.”

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## 4. CELEBRATION – the VALUE encounter

- ✓ Celebrating a guest excites the heart of God
- ✓ Everyone is a gift from GOD
- ✓ Everyone brings a reward from GOD
- ✓ We facilitate their contribution

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## 5. PRESENTATION – the HEART encounter

- ✓ Deploying the power of joy

### **Nehemiah 12:43 (NLT)**

<sup>43</sup>Many sacrifices were offered on that joyous day, for God had given the people cause for great joy...

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## 5. PRESENTATION – the HEART encounter

- ✓ Deploying the power of joy

### **Psalm 16: 11**

...I experience absolute joy in your presence; you always give me sheer delight”.

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## 5. PRESENTATION – the HEART encounter

- ✓ Engaging the heart

### **John 21: 12-13, 15 (NLT)**

<sup>12</sup>“Now come and have some breakfast!” Jesus said...

<sup>13</sup> Then Jesus served them the bread and the fish.

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## 5. PRESENTATION – the HEART encounter

- ✓ Engaging the heart

### **John 21: 12-13, 15 (NLT)**

<sup>15</sup> After breakfast Jesus asked Simon Peter, “Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?”

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## 5. PRESENTATION – the HEART encounter

- ✓ Engaging the heart

### **John 21: 12-13, 15 (NLT)**

“Yes, Lord,” Peter replied, “you know I love you.”

“Then feed my lambs,” Jesus told him

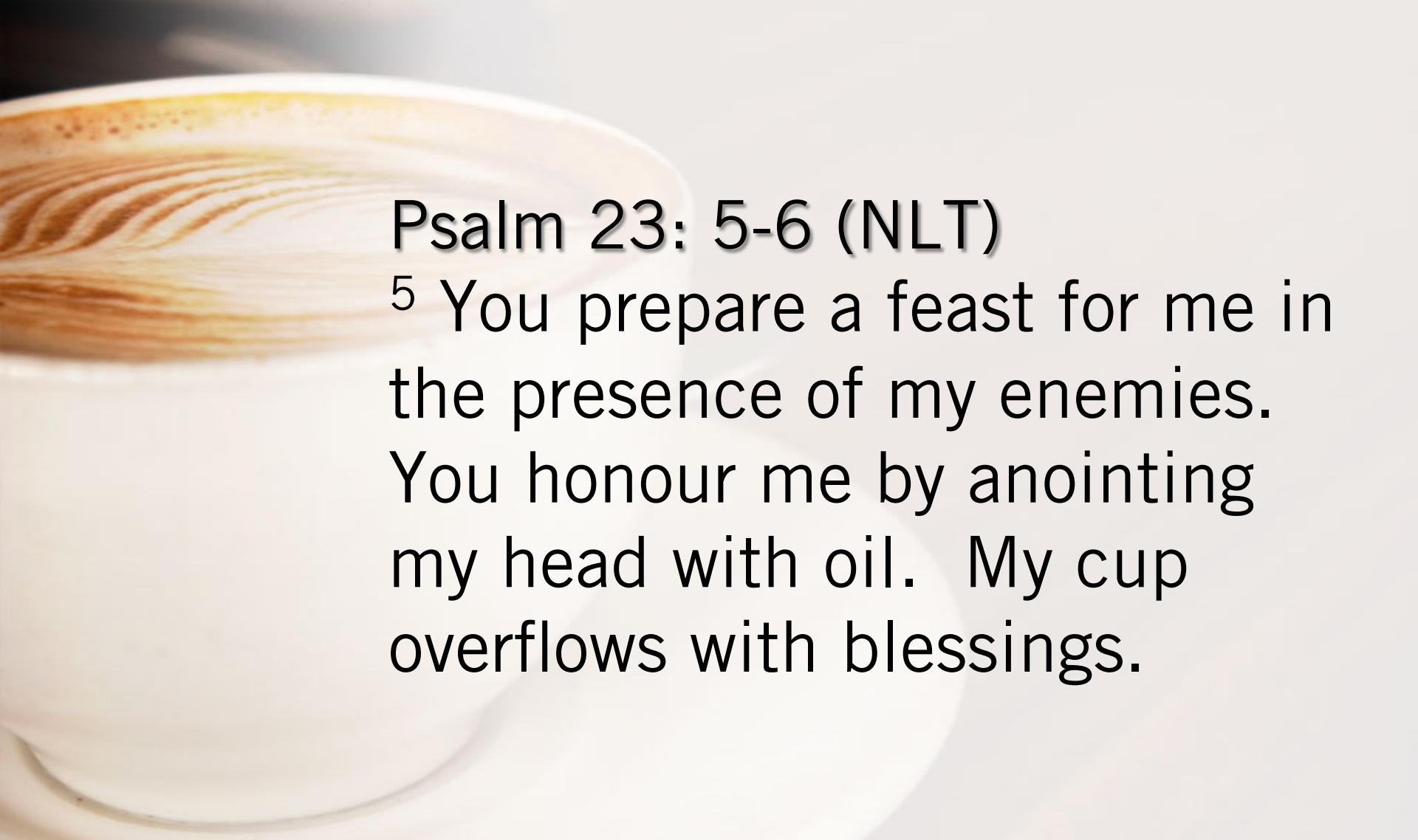
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## 5. PRESENTATION – the HEART encounter

- ✓ Engaging the mind/ “anointing the head”
  - Connect with, stimulate, invigorate, and inspire hope

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Psalm 23: 5-6 (NLT)

<sup>5</sup> You prepare a feast for me in the presence of my enemies. You honour me by anointing my head with oil. My cup overflows with blessings.

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Psalm 23: 5-6 (NLT)

<sup>6</sup> Surely your goodness and unfailing love will pursue me all the days of my life, and I will live in the house of the LORD forever.

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