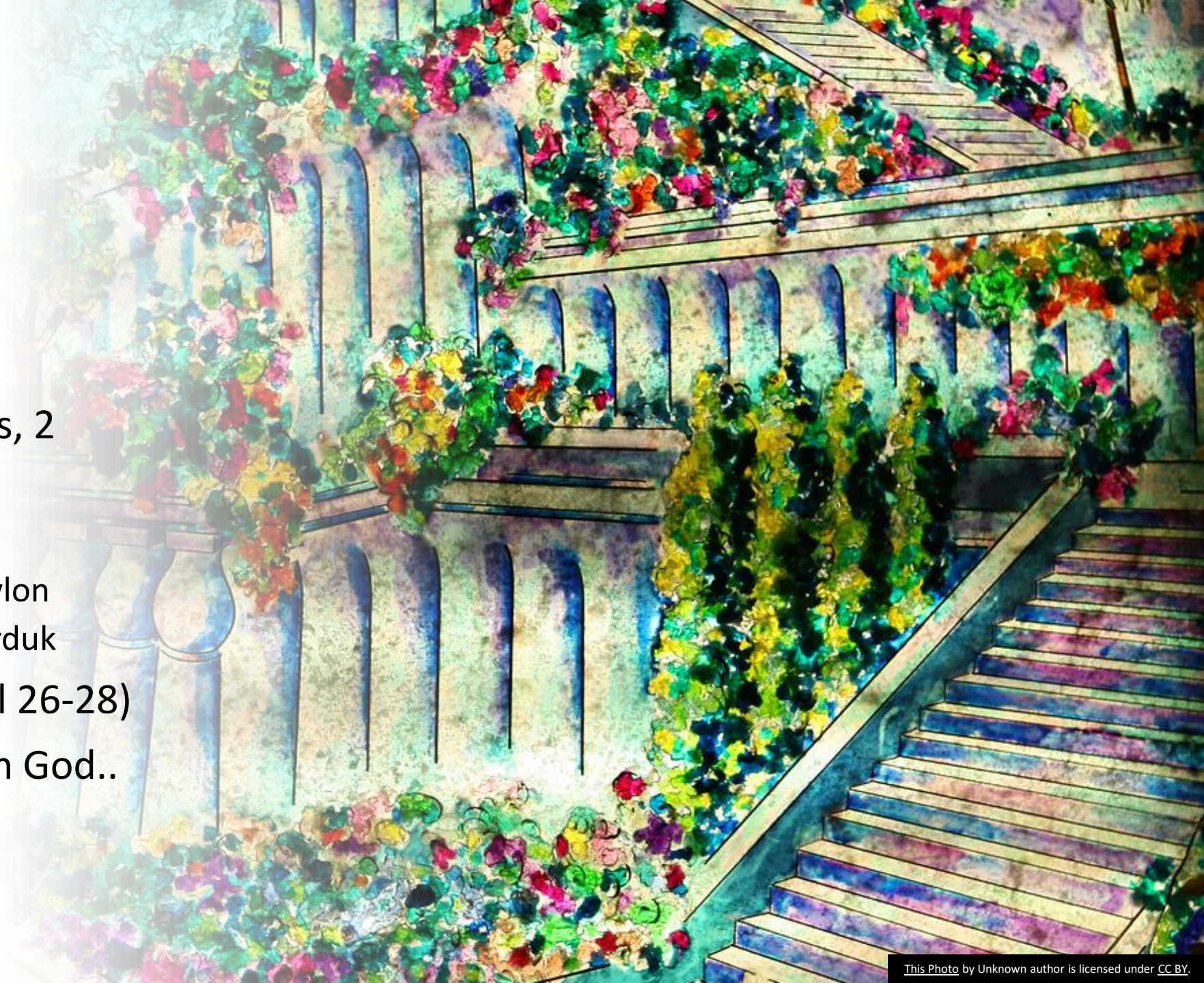


# Daniel Chapter 4

God does according to His will

# Background

- Babylonian kingdom consolidated (See 2 Kings, 2 Chronicles, Jeremiah)
- City of Babylon
  - Hanging Gardens of Babylon
  - Ziggurat – Temple to Marduk
- Siege of Tyre (See Ezekial 26-28)
- Previous Encounters with God..





Daniel 2:47

The king answered and said to Daniel, “Truly, your God is God of gods and Lord of kings, and a revealer of mysteries, for you have been able to reveal this mystery.”



Daniel 3:28

“Blessed be the God of Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, who has sent his angel and delivered his servants, who trusted in him, and set aside the king's command, and yielded up their bodies rather than serve and worship any god except their own God.

# Neb has a Dream

(Daniel 4:1-8)

- The dream made him afraid
- Why not Daniel first?
- Did Neb finally get it?



# Neb's Dream (Daniel 4:9-18)

- Neb must have suspected



# Daniel Interprets (Daniel 4:19-27)

- Daniel is troubled for the king
- He offers counsel



# King Neb is Cut Down (Daniel 4:28-33)

- King Neb's sanity is taken
- God's timing is Perfect





# King Neb is Restored (Daniel 4:34-37)

for his dominion is an everlasting  
dominion,  
and his kingdom endures from generation  
to generation;  
all the inhabitants of the earth are  
accounted as nothing,  
and he does according to his will among  
the host of heaven  
and among the inhabitants of the earth;  
and none can stay his hand  
or say to him, “What have you done?”





# God Hates Pride

## **Proverbs 16:5**

Everyone who is arrogant in heart is an abomination to the Lord;  
be assured, he will not go unpunished.

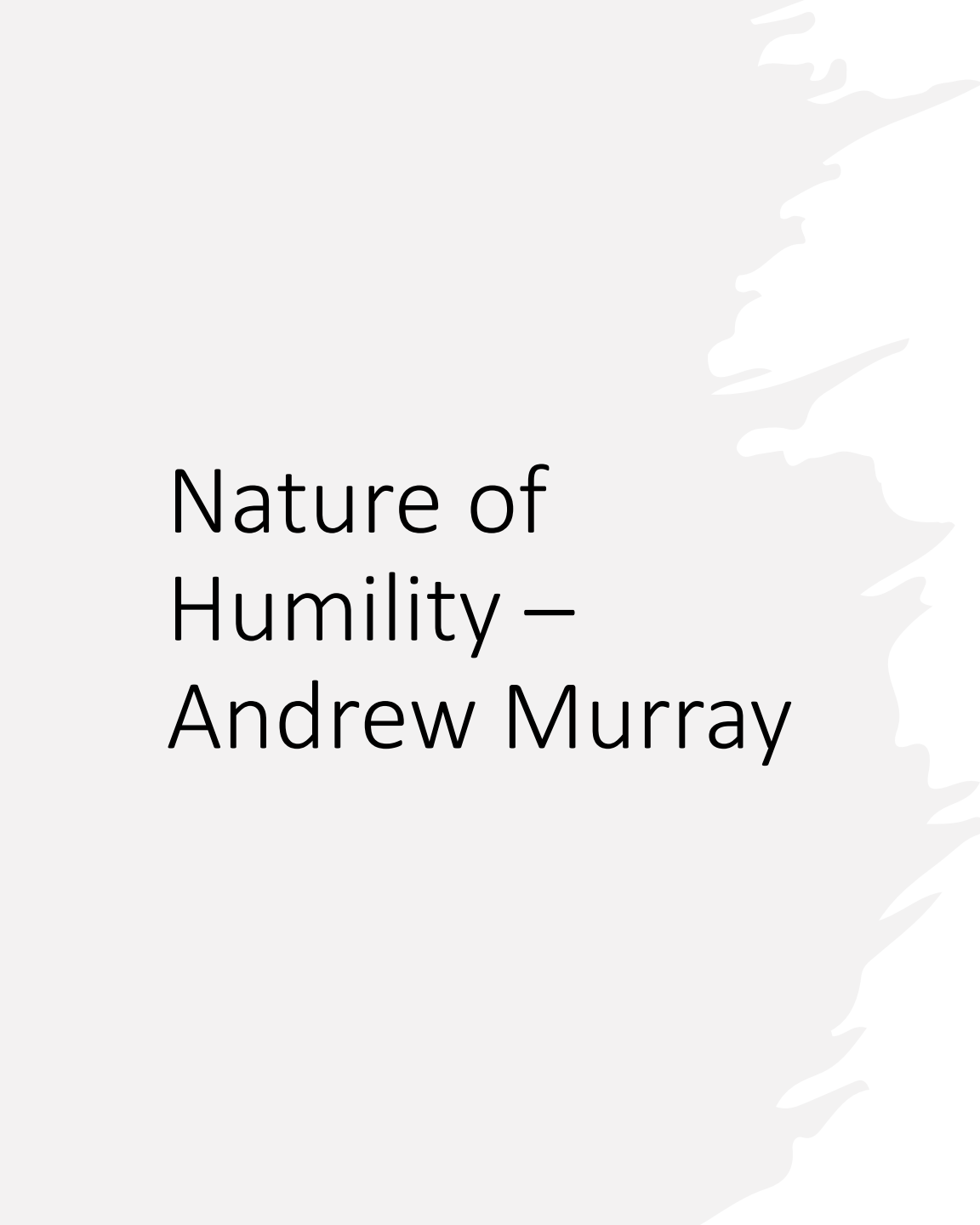
## **Proverbs 16:18**

Pride goes before destruction,  
and a haughty spirit before a fall.



## James 5:6a-10

Therefore it says, “God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble.” Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you. Cleanse your hands, you sinners, and purify your hearts, you double-minded. **Be wretched and mourn and weep. Let your laughter be turned to mourning and your joy to gloom. Humble yourselves before the Lord, and he will exalt you.**

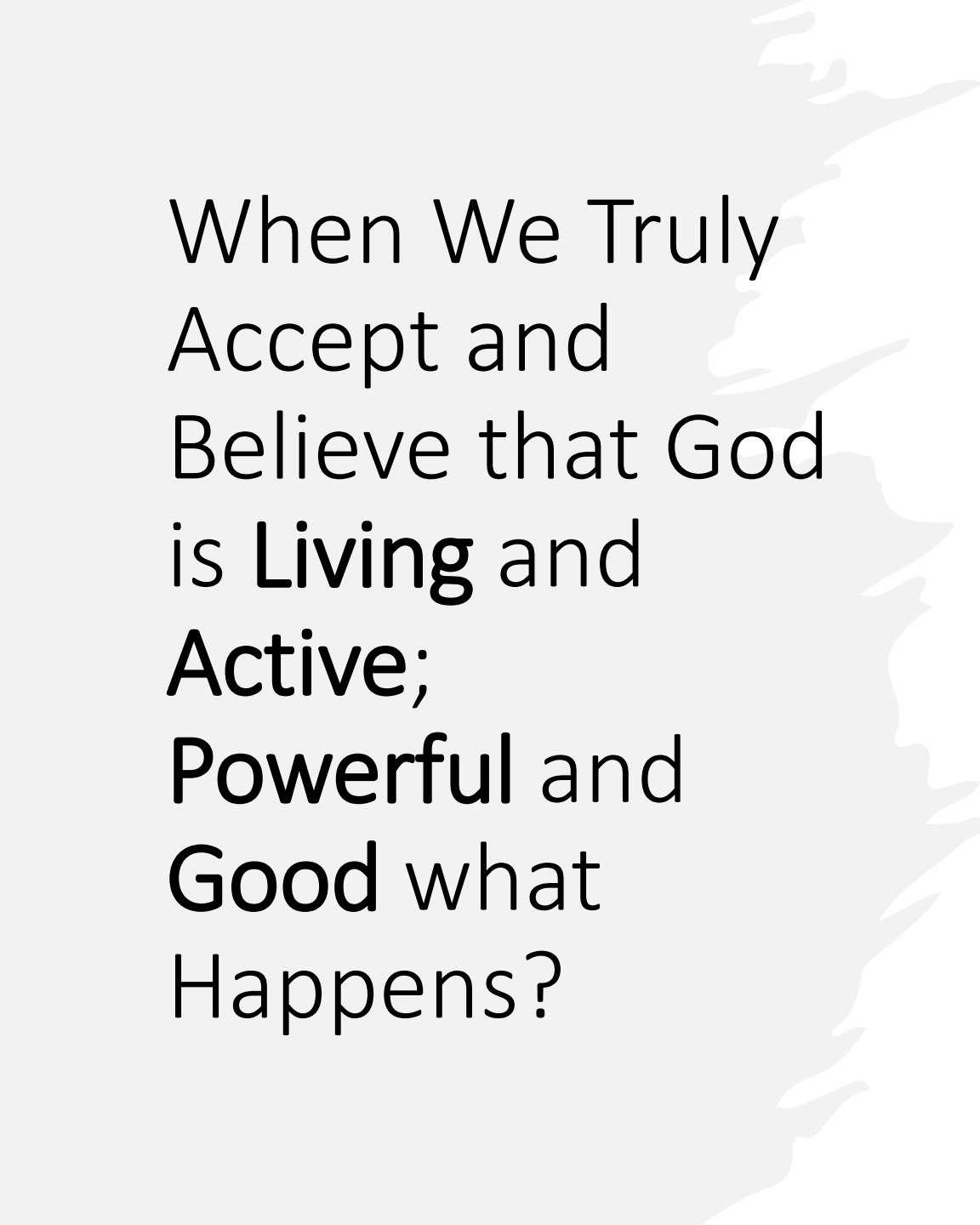


Nature of  
Humility –  
Andrew Murray

"It is simply the sense of entire nothingness, which comes when we see how truly God is all and in which we make way for God to be all."



Why Does God  
Work so Actively  
Against Pride?



When We Truly  
Accept and  
Believe that God  
is **Living** and  
**Active**;  
**Powerful** and  
**Good** what  
Happens?

**R**ecieve

**E**nter

**S**urrender

**T**hrive

# RECEIVE



- We live in His mercy (He saves us)
- We are showered with gifts (He empowers us)



# ENTER

- We come to God with confidence because of what He has done
- We don't avoid pain
- We serve with confidence and joy





# SURRENDER

- We lose all sense of entitlement
- We see ourselves and the world as God does
- We leave the 'how' to Him
- We leave the outcome to Him



**RECEIVE  
ENTER  
SURRENDER  
THRIVE**

As we accept His grace, live in His mercy and commit our work to Him, we are satisfied and whole and we are the best version of ourselves. The day-to-day circumstances may not improve but it no longer matters, because our God is all-in-all and he has called us by name!