



**HAPPY
NEW YEAR**

A vibrant, celebratory background featuring a black field filled with colorful streamers and confetti. The streamers are in shades of purple, yellow, blue, and pink, swirling across the frame. The confetti consists of small, multi-colored dots and squares in yellow, green, blue, and pink. The overall atmosphere is bright and joyful.

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Res. Psalm 121 p. 666

1

**I lift up my eyes to the mountains—
where does my help come from?**

2

**My help comes from the Lord,
the Maker of heaven and earth.**



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- **³ He will not let your foot slip—
he who watches over you will
not slumber;
⁴ indeed, he who watches over
Israel
will neither slumber nor sleep.**



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**⁵ The LORD watches over you—
the LORD is your shade at your right
hand;**

**⁶ the sun will not harm you by day,
nor the moon by night.**





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**The LORD will keep you from all
harm—**

• he will watch over your life;

**⁸ the LORD will watch over your
coming and going
both now and forevermore.**

BEGIN WITH THE ENDING IN MIND

Matthew 25:14-30 p.1066

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¹⁴ “Again, it will be like a man going on a journey, who called his servants and entrusted his wealth to them. ¹⁵ To one he gave five bags of gold, to another two bags, and to another one bag, each according to his ability. Then he went on his journey.

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¹⁶ The man who had received five bags of gold went at once and put his money to work and gained five bags more. ¹⁷ So also, the one with two bags of gold gained two more.

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- **18 But the man who had received one bag went off, dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money.**
- **19 "After a long time the master of those servants returned and settled accounts with them.**

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- ²⁰ The man who had received five bags of gold brought the other five. 'Master,' he said, 'you entrusted me with five bags of gold. See, I have gained five more.'
- ²¹ "His master replied, 'Well done, good and faithful servant! You have been faithful with a few things;

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- I will put you in charge of many things. Come and share your master's happiness!
- ²² "The man with two bags of gold also came. 'Master,' he said, 'you entrusted me with two bags of gold; see, I have gained two more.'

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23 “His master replied, ‘Well done, good and faithful servant! You have been faithful with a few things; I will put you in charge of many things. Come and share your master’s happiness!’

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²⁴ “Then the man who had received one bag of gold came. ‘Master,’ he said, ‘I knew that you are a hard man, harvesting where you have not sown and gathering where you have not scattered seed. ²⁵ So I was afraid and went out and hid your gold in the ground. See, here is what belongs to you.’

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²⁶ “His master replied, ‘You wicked, lazy servant! So you knew that I harvest where I have not sown and gather where I have not scattered seed? ²⁷ Well then, you should have put my money on deposit with the bankers, so that when I returned I would have received it back with interest.’

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28 ““So take the bag of gold from him and give it to the one who has ten bags. 29 For whoever has will be given more, and they will have an abundance. Whoever does not have, even what they have will be taken from them. 30 And throw that worthless servant outside, into the darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’



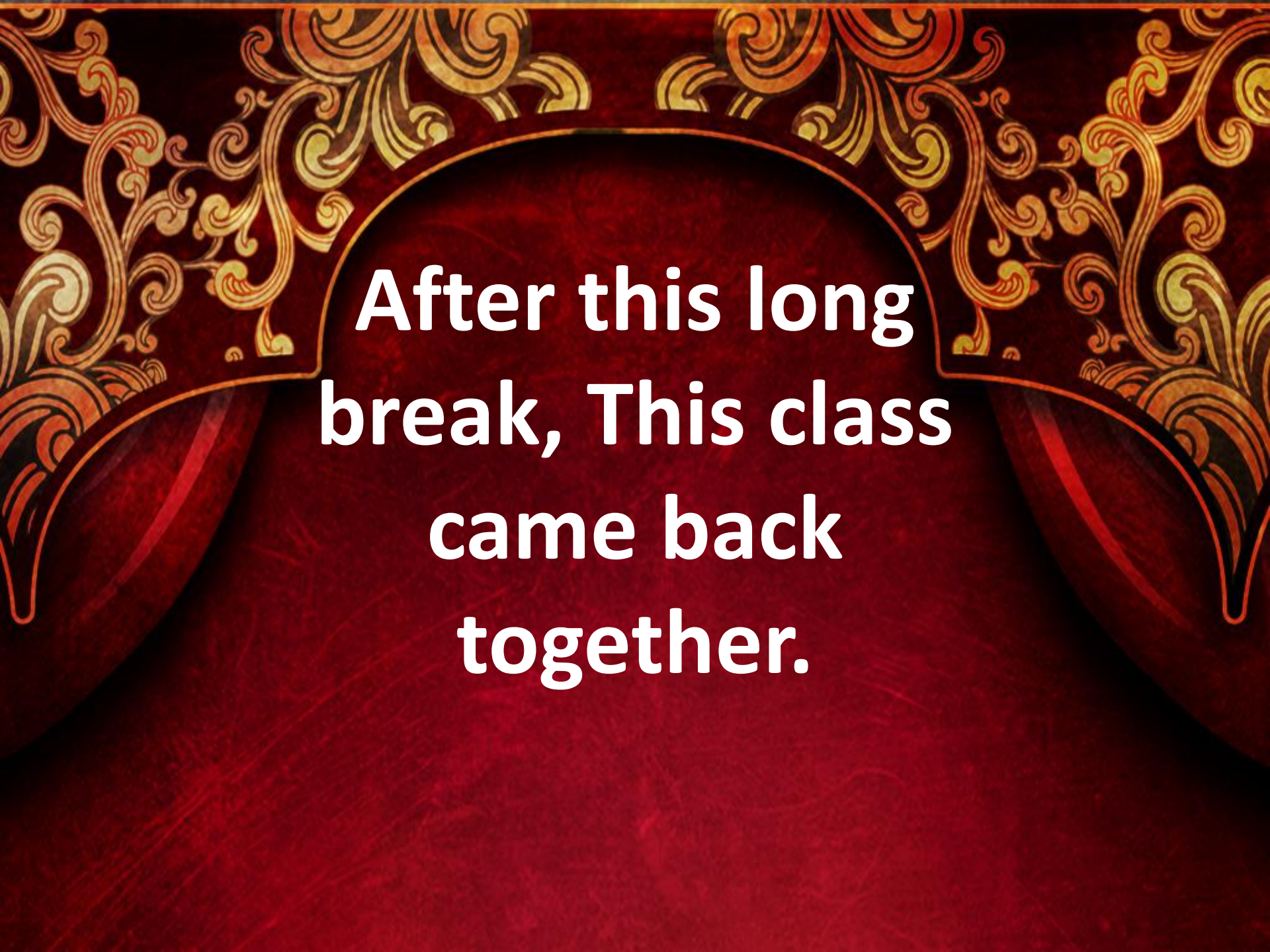
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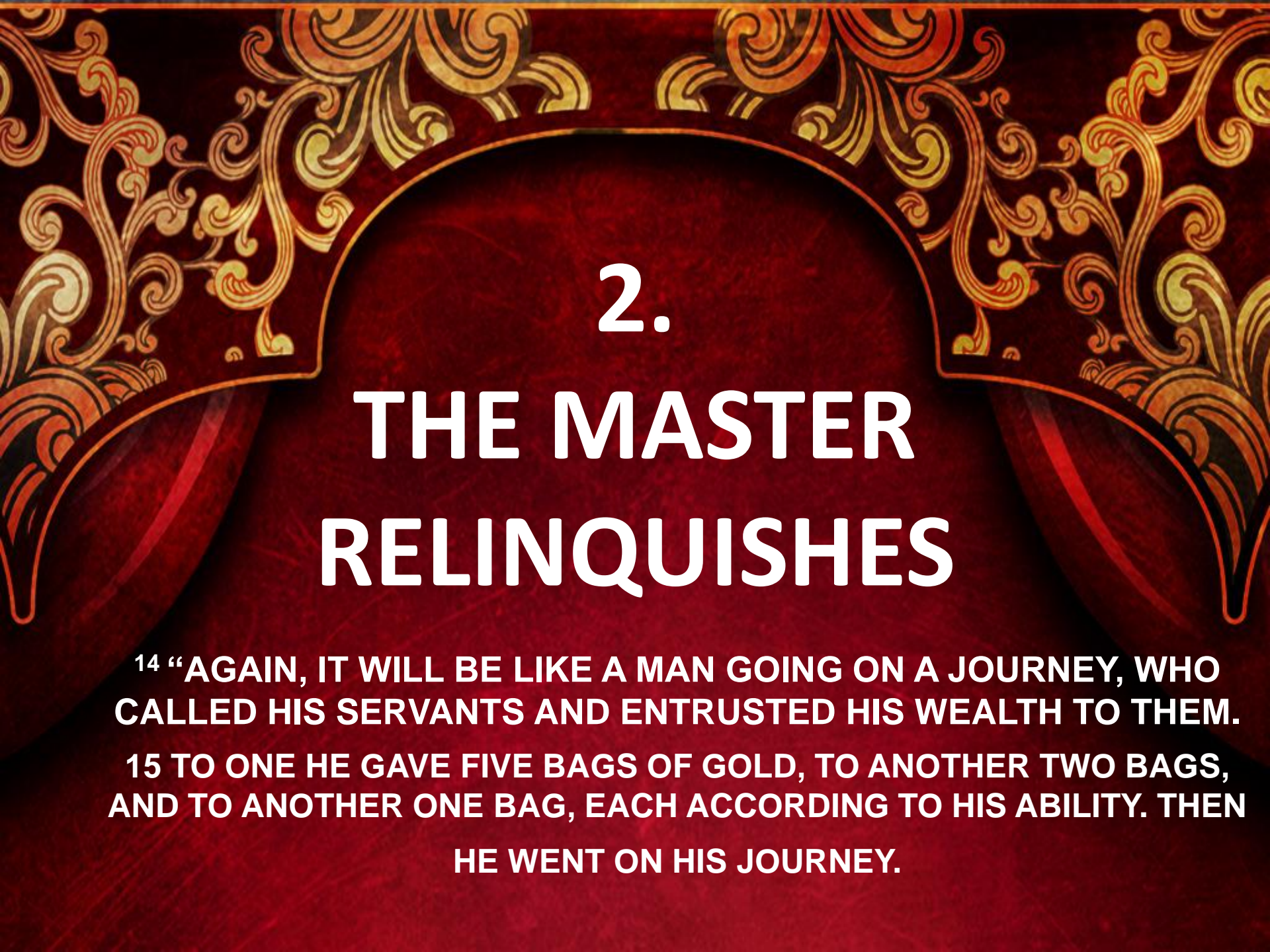
**After this long
break, This class
came back
together.**



1.

**THE POINT OF
THE PARABLE**

**BEGIN WITH THE END IN
MIND.**



2. THE MASTER RELINQUISHES

¹⁴ “AGAIN, IT WILL BE LIKE A MAN GOING ON A JOURNEY, WHO CALLED HIS SERVANTS AND ENTRUSTED HIS WEALTH TO THEM.

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3.THE MASTER REWARDS

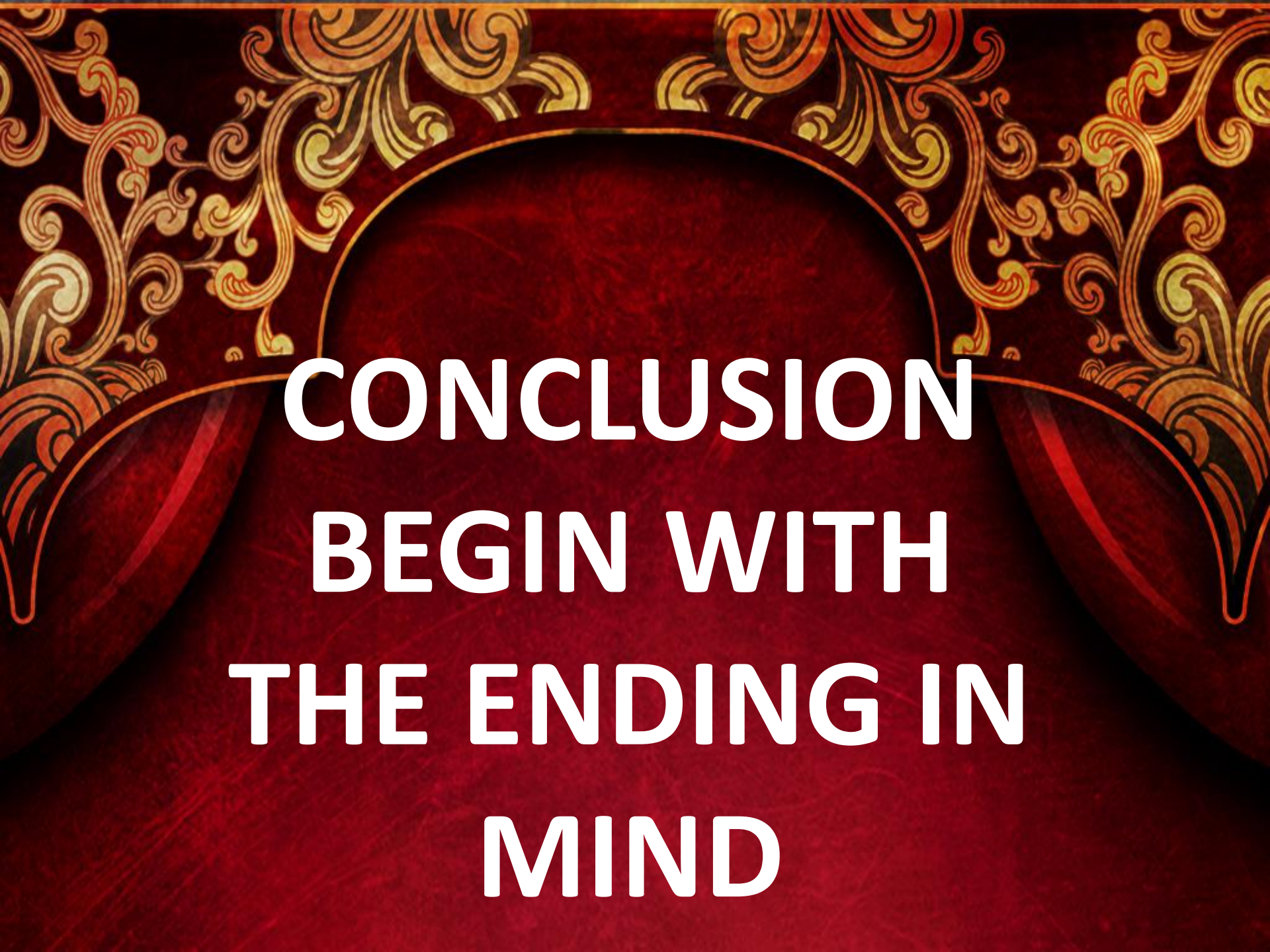
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THE MASTER REBUKES

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The background features a dark red, textured arch shape in the center, flanked by intricate gold scrollwork and floral patterns. The text is centered within the arch.

**CONCLUSION
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