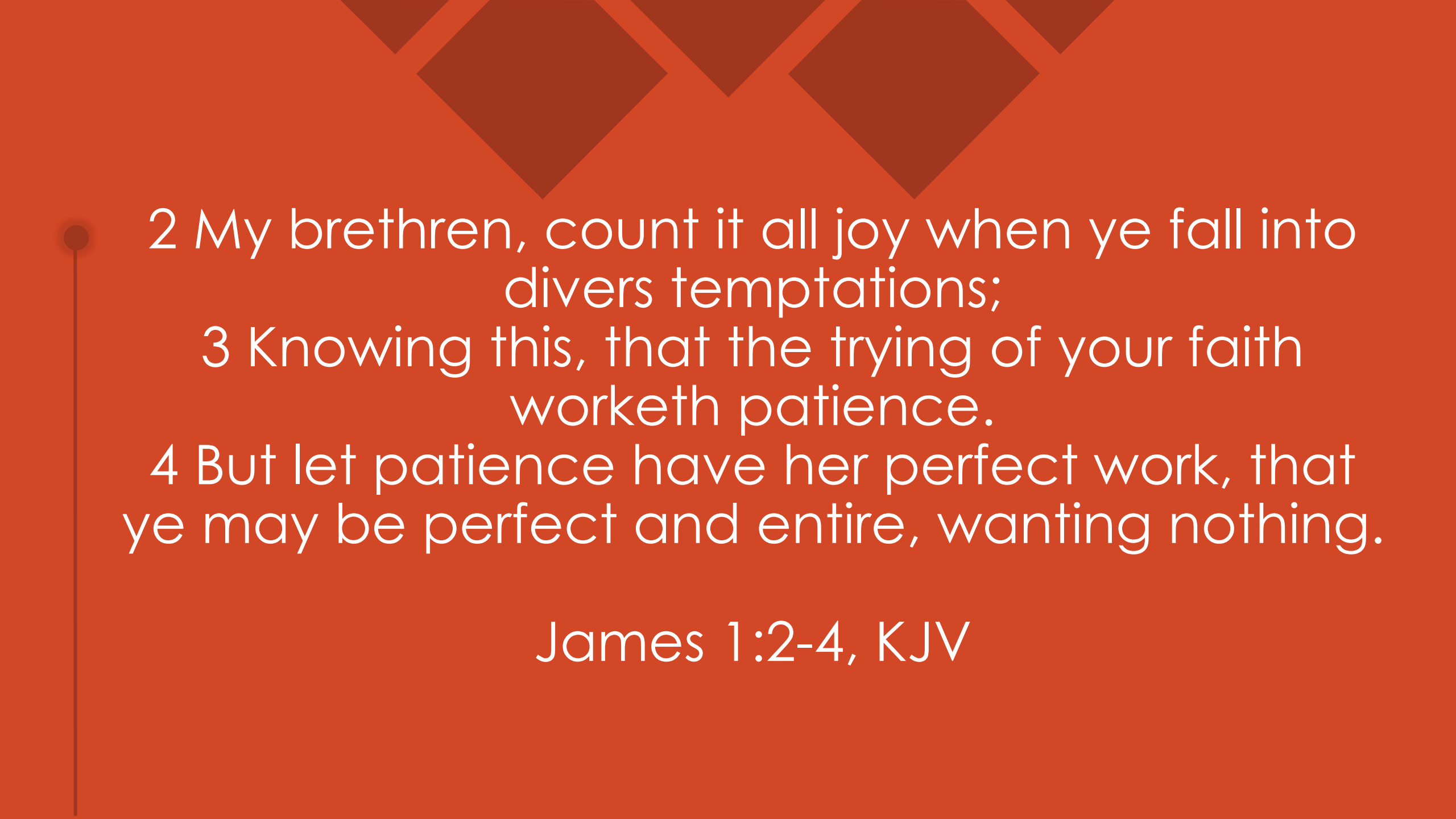


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James 1:2-4, KJV



FAITH WORKS

“FAITH PERSEVERES”

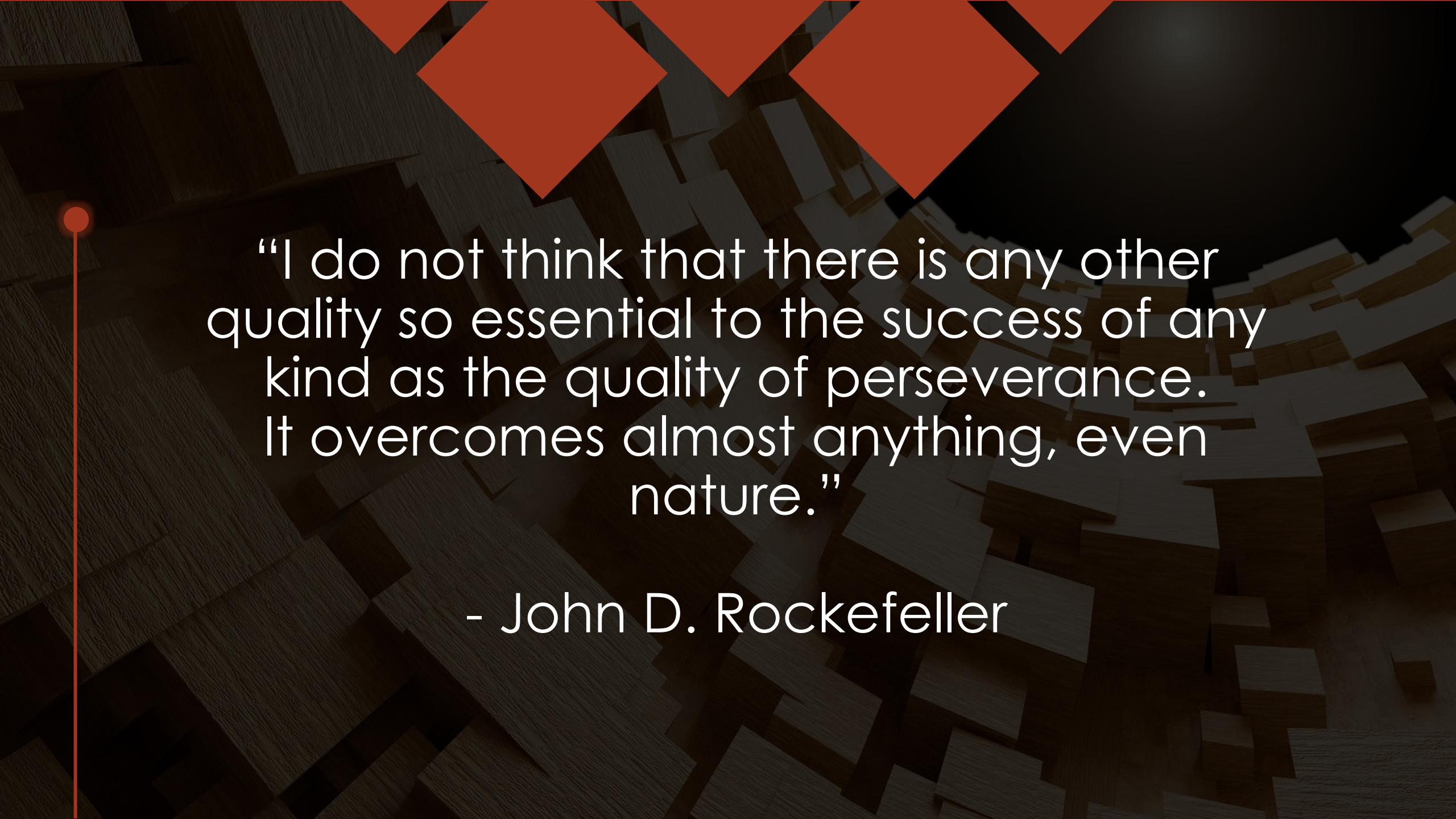




1 Now faith is the substance of things hoped
for, the evidence of things not seen.
2 For by it the elders obtained a good
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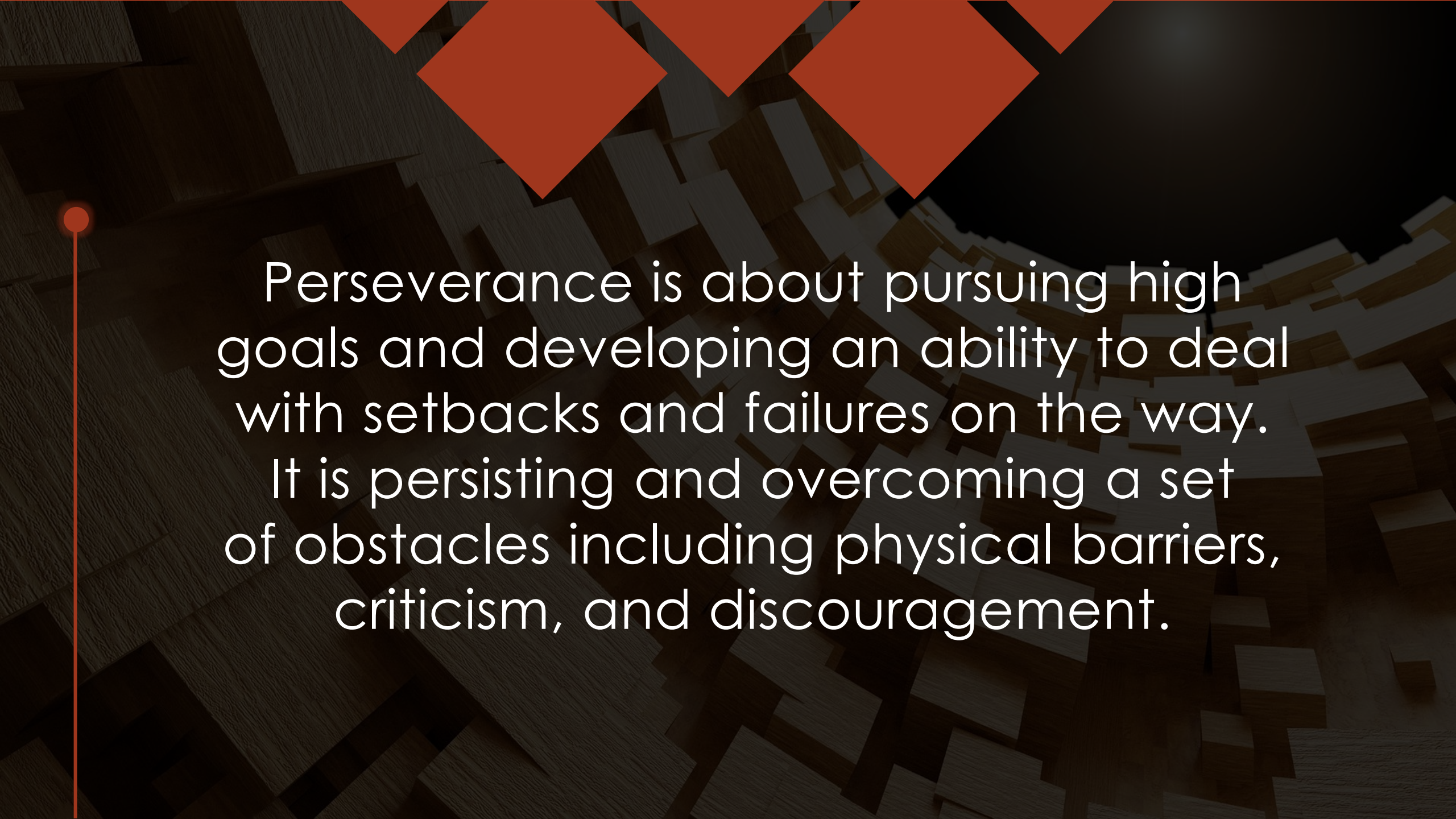
Hebrews 11:1-2, NKJV

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“I do not think that there is any other quality so essential to the success of any kind as the quality of perseverance. It overcomes almost anything, even nature.”

- John D. Rockefeller




Perseverance is about pursuing high goals and developing an ability to deal with setbacks and failures on the way. It is persisting and overcoming a set of obstacles including physical barriers, criticism, and discouragement.

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Why Trials and Temptations?

- ✓ God is sovereign over our trials.
- ✓ We learn to grow in His likeness.
- ✓ We learn to trust in His wisdom.
- ✓ We learn to rely on His resources.
- ✓ We learn to live for His reward.



But without faith, it is impossible to please Him,
for he who comes to God must believe that
He is and that He is a rewarder of those who
diligently seek Him.

Hebrews 11:6, NKJV




10 But you have carefully followed my doctrine, manner
of life, purpose, faith, longsuffering, love, perseverance,
11 persecutions, afflictions, which happened to me at
Antioch, at Iconium, at Lystra — what persecutions I
endured. And out of them all the Lord delivered me. 12
Yes, and all who desire to live godly in Christ Jesus will
suffer persecution.

2 Timothy 3:10-12, NKJV

Reasons Christians Suffer Persecution

- We worship the only true and living God.
- We are bearing the cross of Jesus daily.
 - We live a life of obedience.
- We resist the attacks of Satan and the people who are influenced by him.
- We are good soldiers in the Lord's army.
 - We are faithful to the call of ministry.



No temptation has overtaken you except such as is common to man; but God is faithful, who will not allow you to be tempted beyond what you are able, but with the temptation will also make the way of escape, that you may be able to bear it.

1 Corinthians 10:13, NKJV