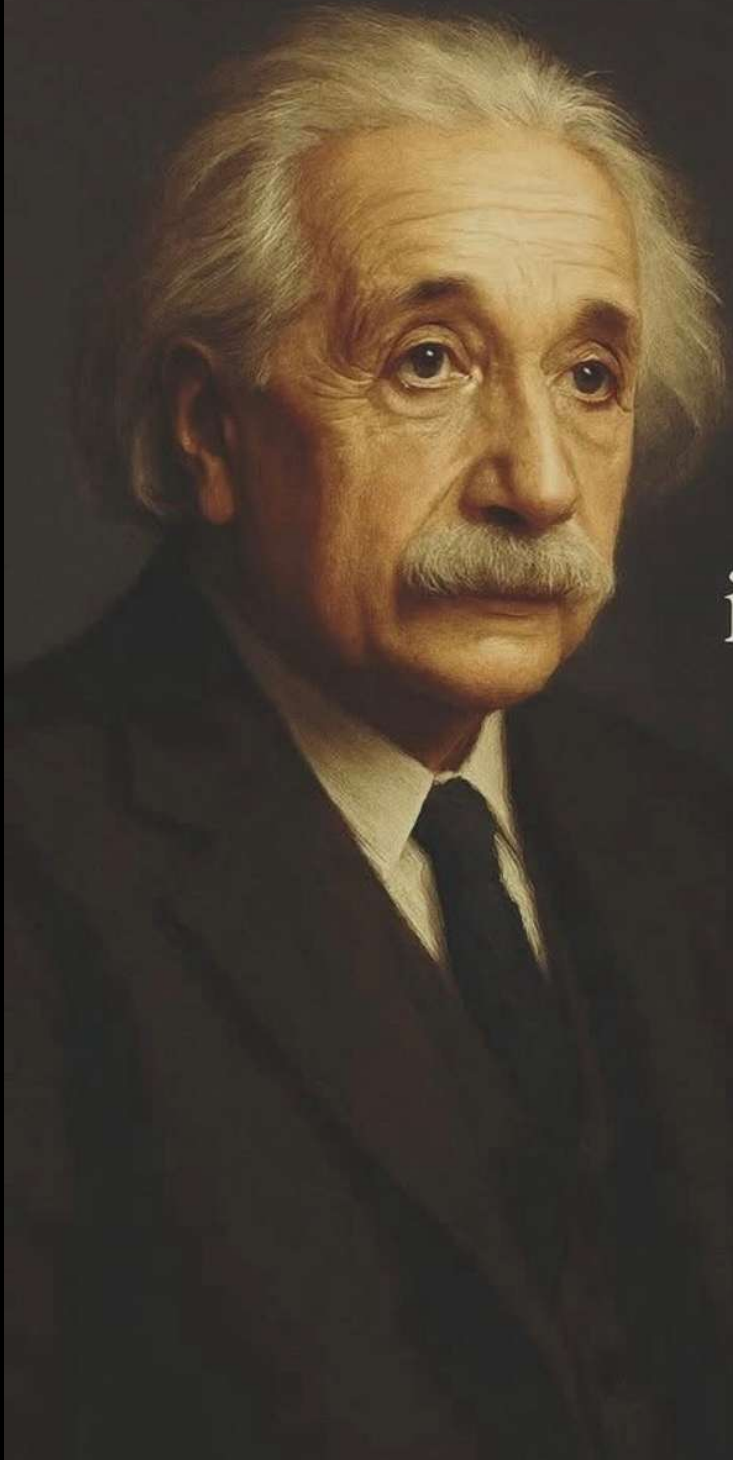
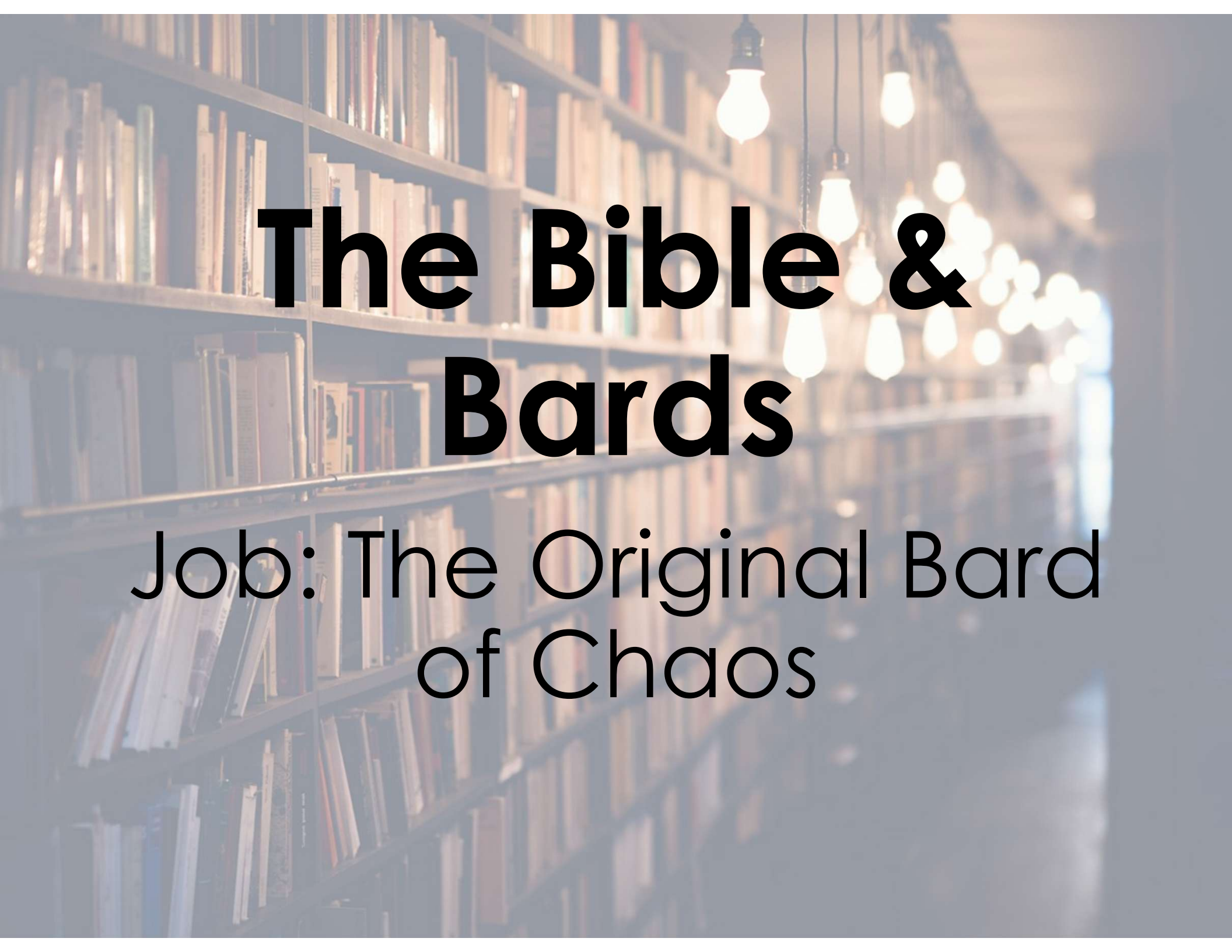




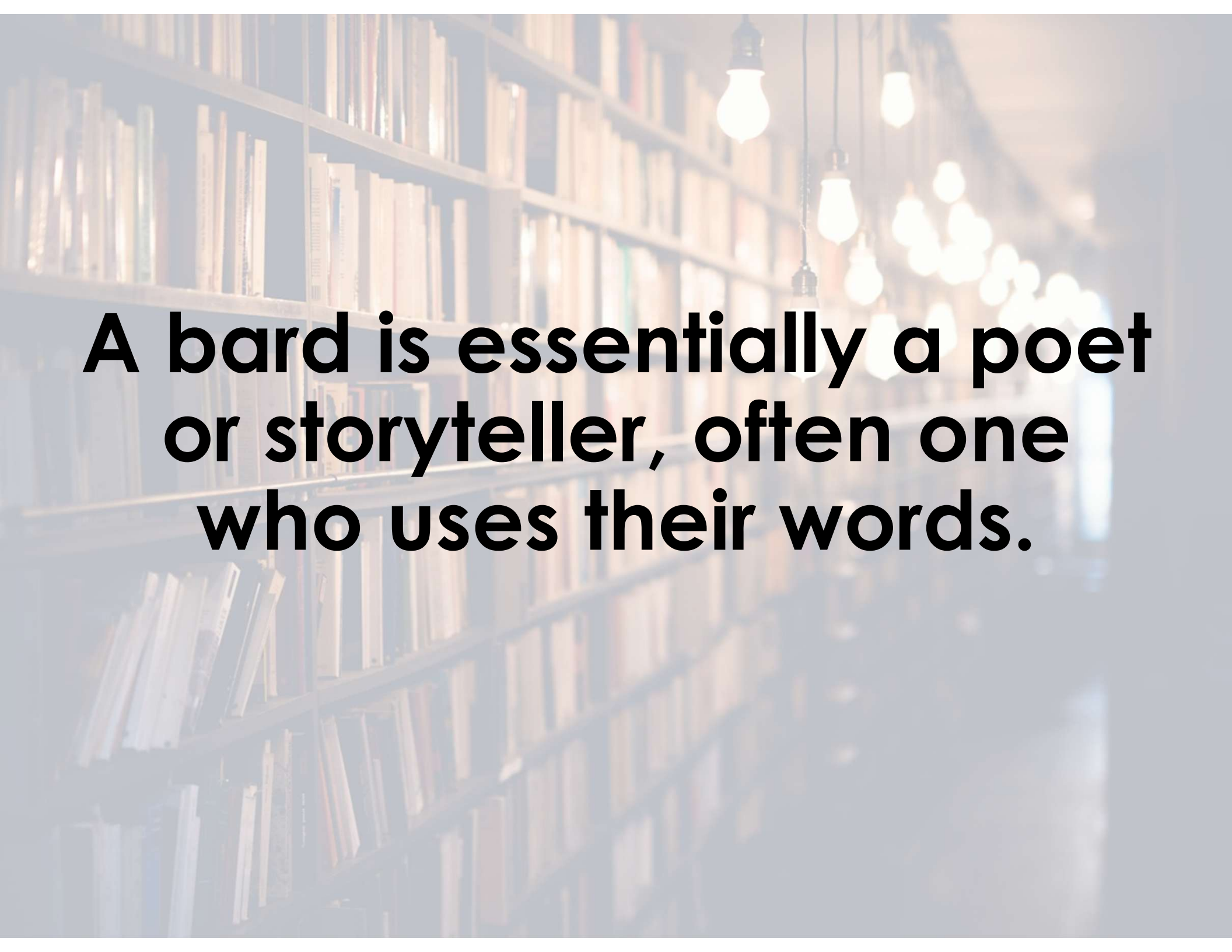
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college education
is not the learning
of many facts
but the training
of the mind
to think.

Albert Einstein



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Job: The Original Bard
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**A bard is essentially a poet
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Three Bards

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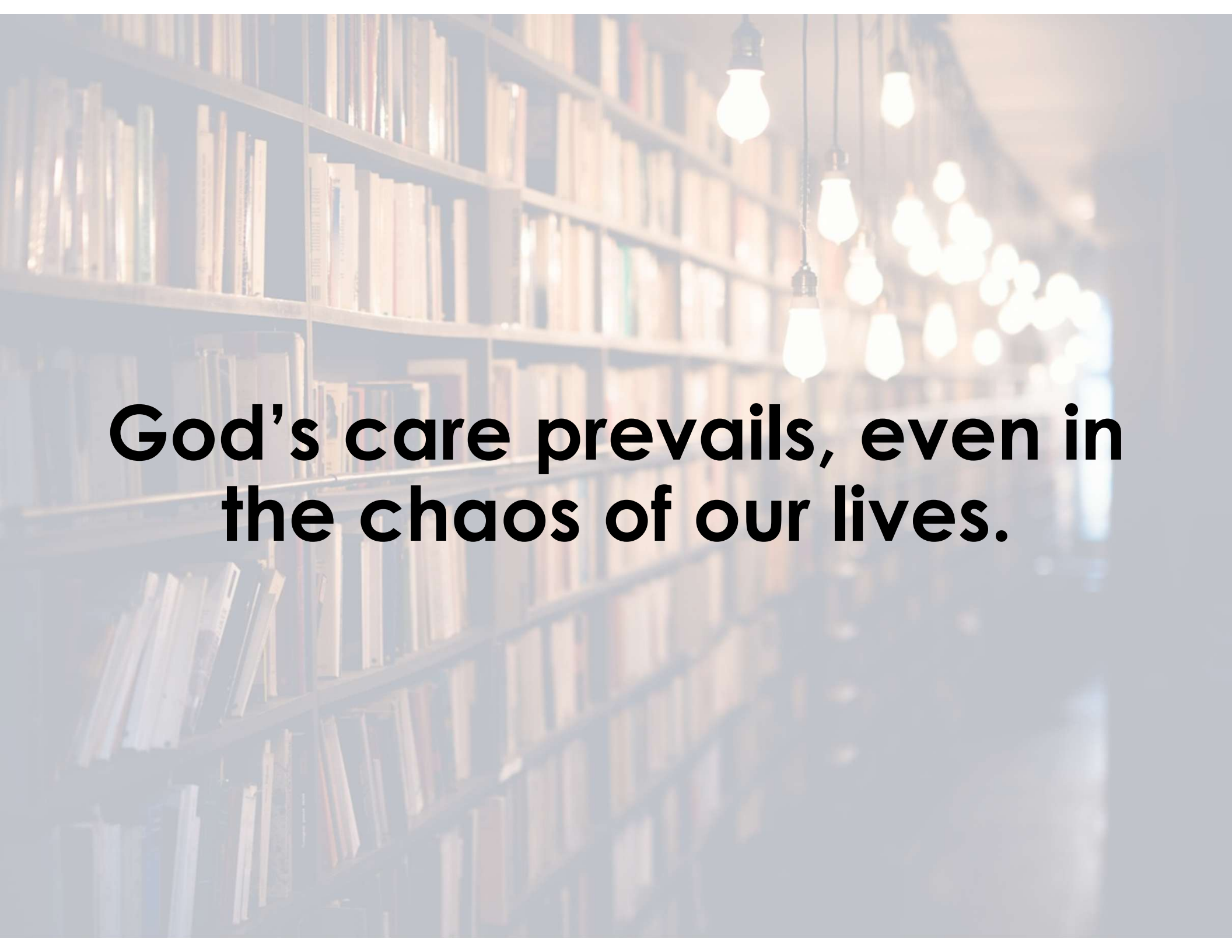
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**God's care prevails, even in
the chaos of our lives.**

Job Faced Crisis

- **He was in the hands of Satan** (*Job 1:12; 2:6*).
- Job did not realize that there are heavenly matters with God he knew nothing about, yet deeply affected his life.

Job Faced Criticism

- **He was in the hands of men**
(Job 16:2).
- Job's best comfort was not receiving explanations for his suffering. He needed assurances of God's presence.

Job Faced Conviction

- **He was in the hands of God**
(*Job 19:21*).
- Job was changed when he moved from hearing about God practically to seeing God personally (*Job 42:5-6*).

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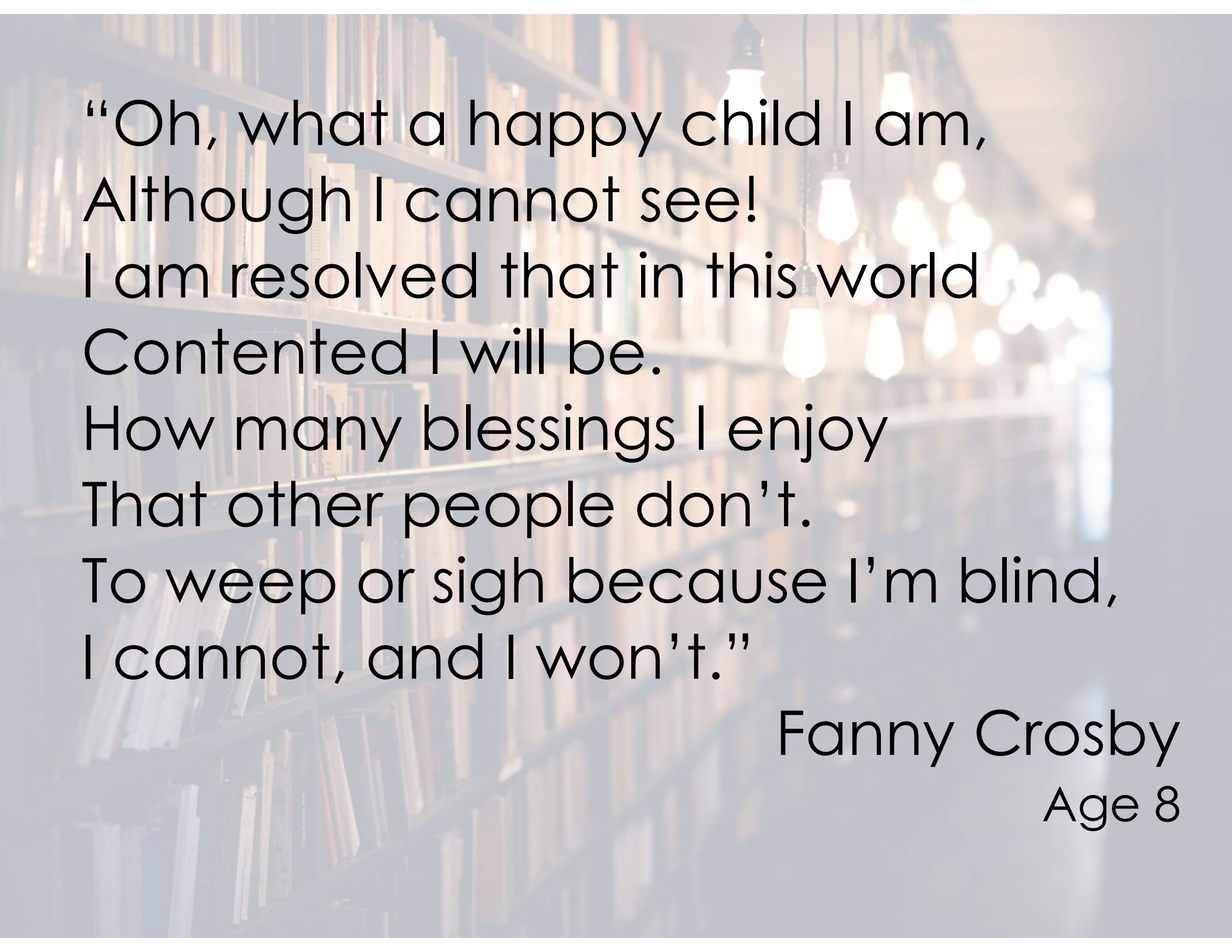
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“Oh, what a happy child I am,
Although I cannot see!
I am resolved that in this world
Contented I will be.
How many blessings I enjoy
That other people don't.
To weep or sigh because I'm blind,
I cannot, and I won't.”

Fanny Crosby
Age 8

Take Home Truths

1. **Shakespeare** — Influence Through Expression

- How is God calling you to shape your generation with the gifts He's given you?

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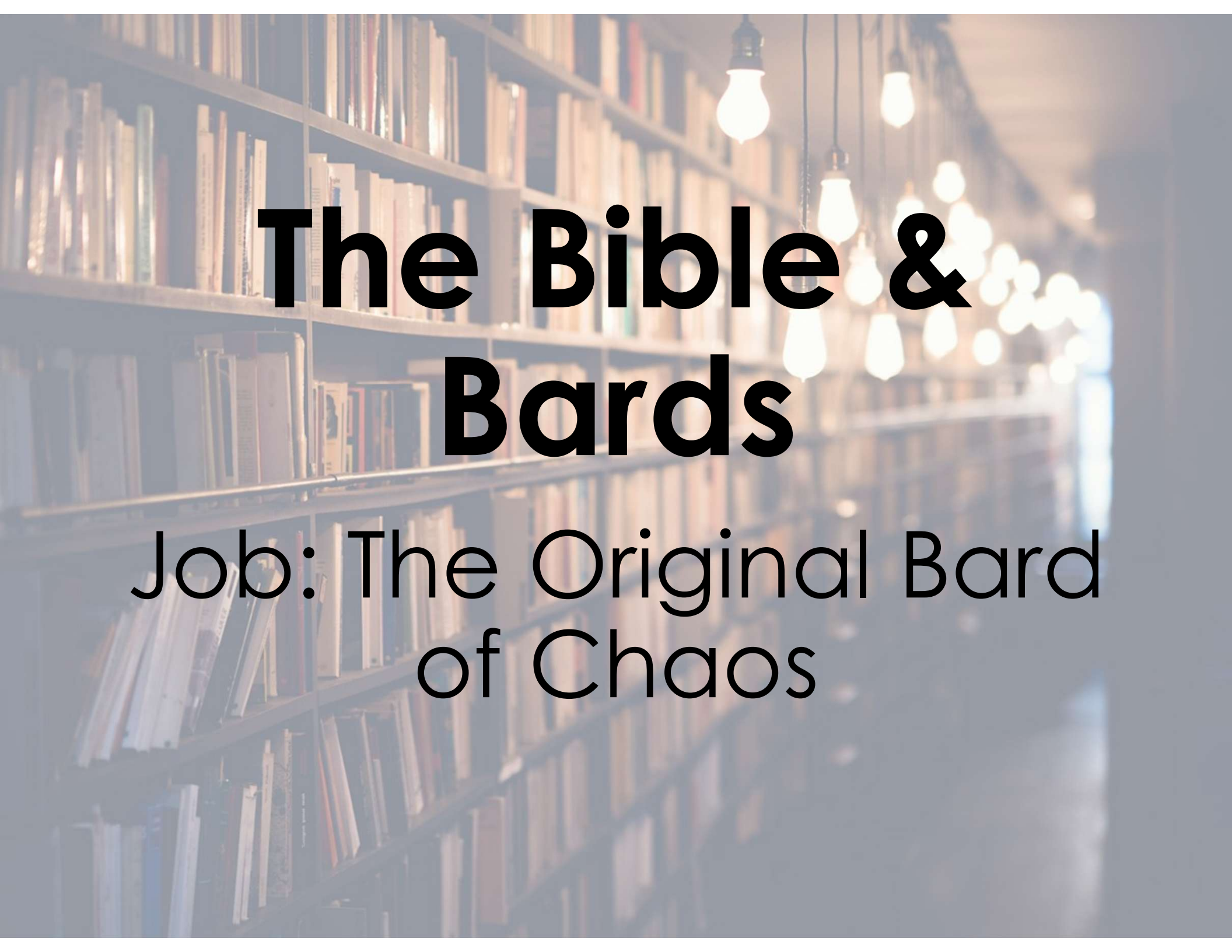
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- Could your patient endurance become someone else's evidence of God's faithfulness?

Take Home Truths

3. Fanny Crosby — Limitations as Launchpads

- Could the struggle you would never choose become the platform God uses most?



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