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Pro 15:4 NIV *The tongue that brings healing is a tree of life, but a deceitful tongue crushes the spirit.*

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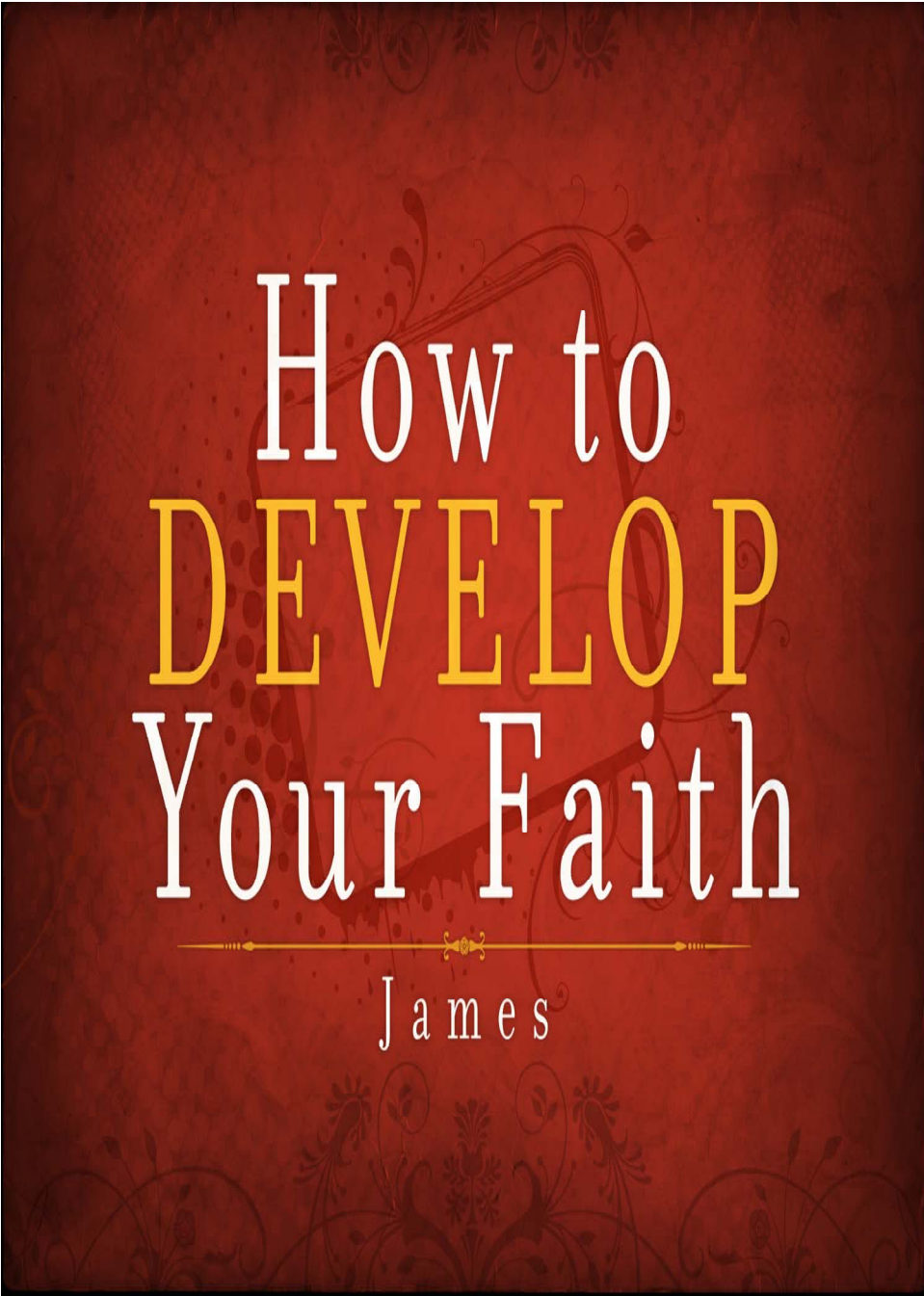
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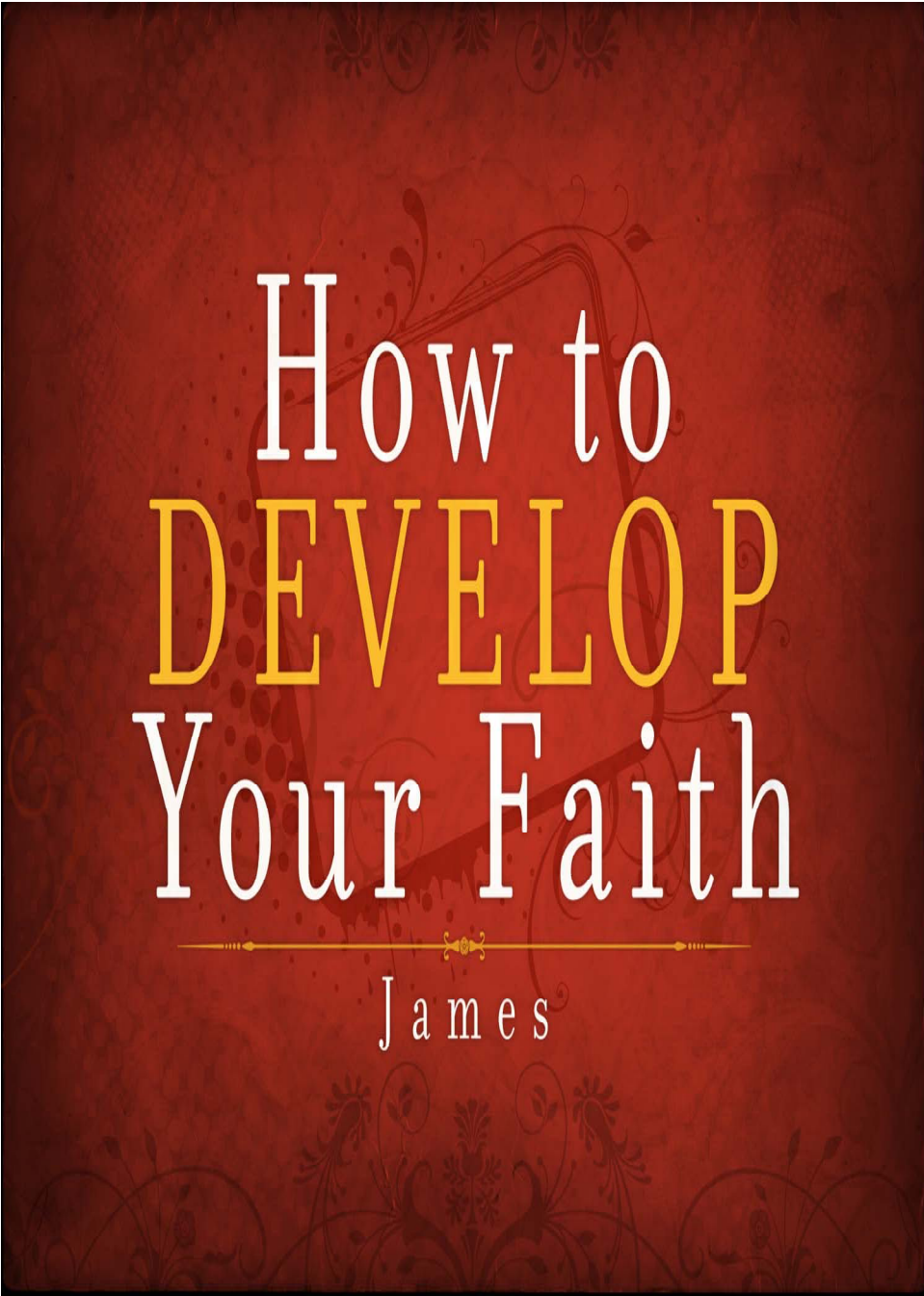
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