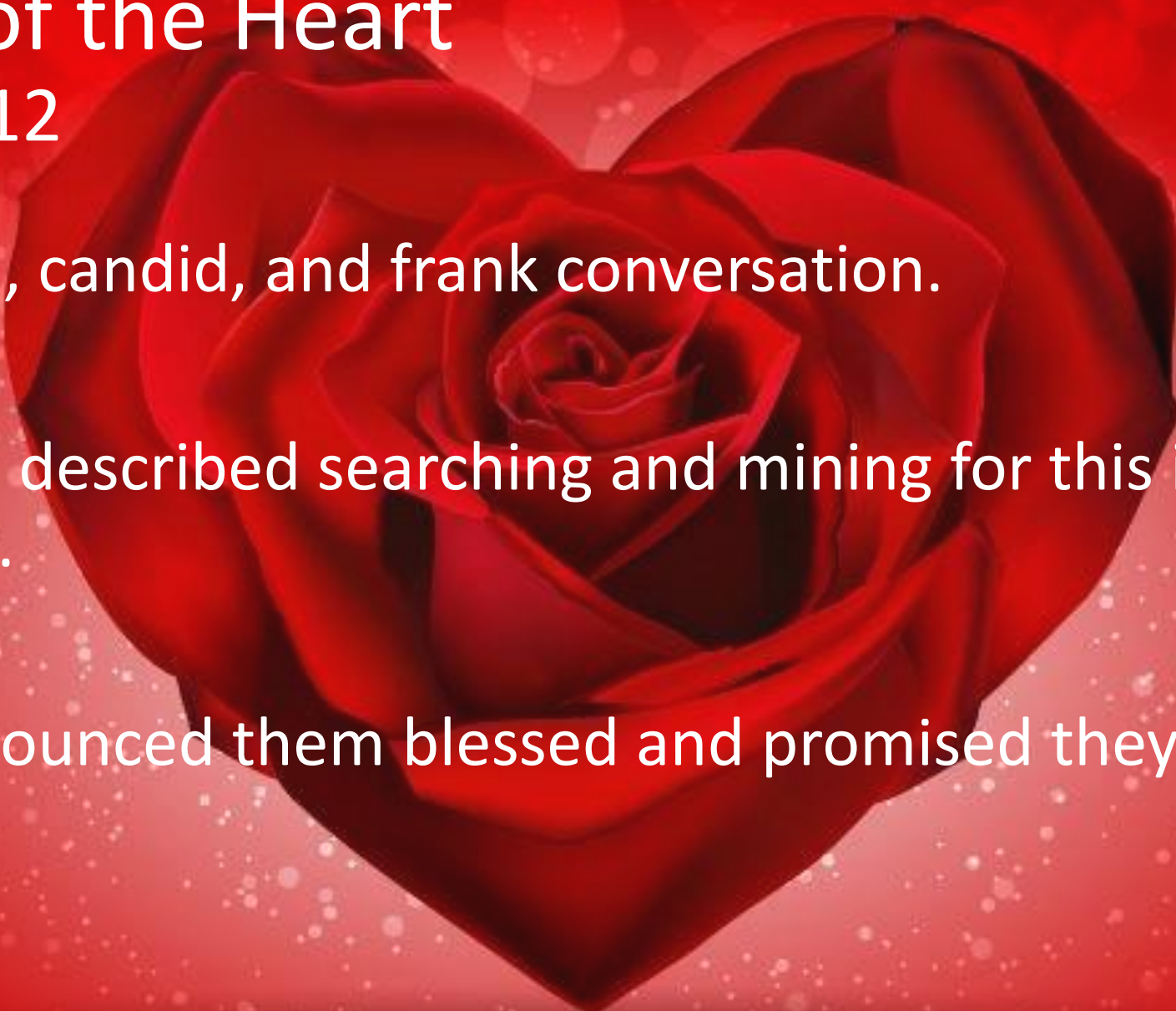




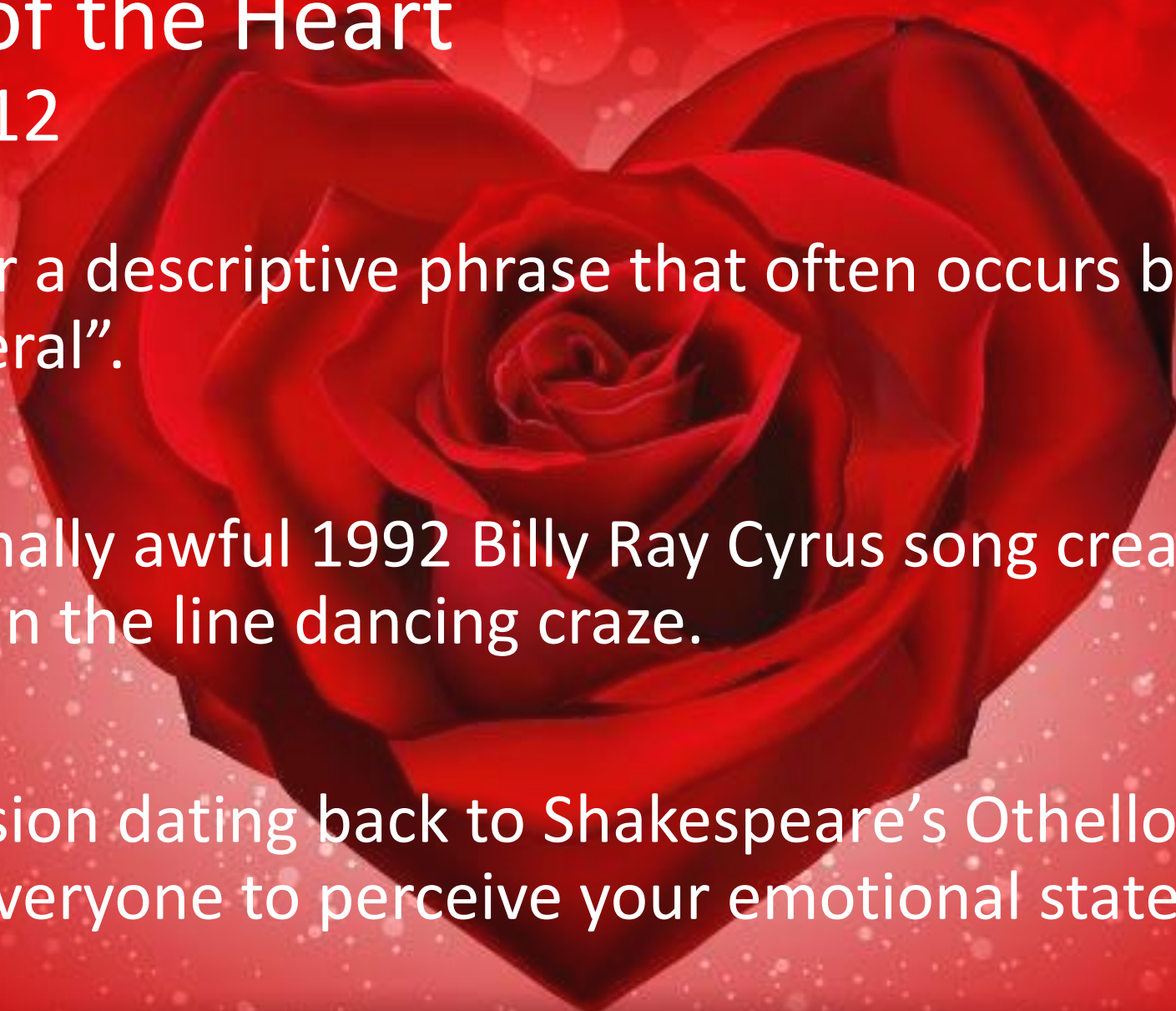
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James 3:1-12

- A personal, candid, and frank conversation.
 - Neil Young described searching and mining for this in his song from 1972.
 - Jesus pronounced them blessed and promised they would see God.
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- A flower or a descriptive phrase that often occurs before the word “Liberal”.
 - This abysmally awful 1992 Billy Ray Cyrus song created an explosion in the line dancing craze.
 - An expression dating back to Shakespeare’s Othello that means allowing everyone to perceive your emotional state.
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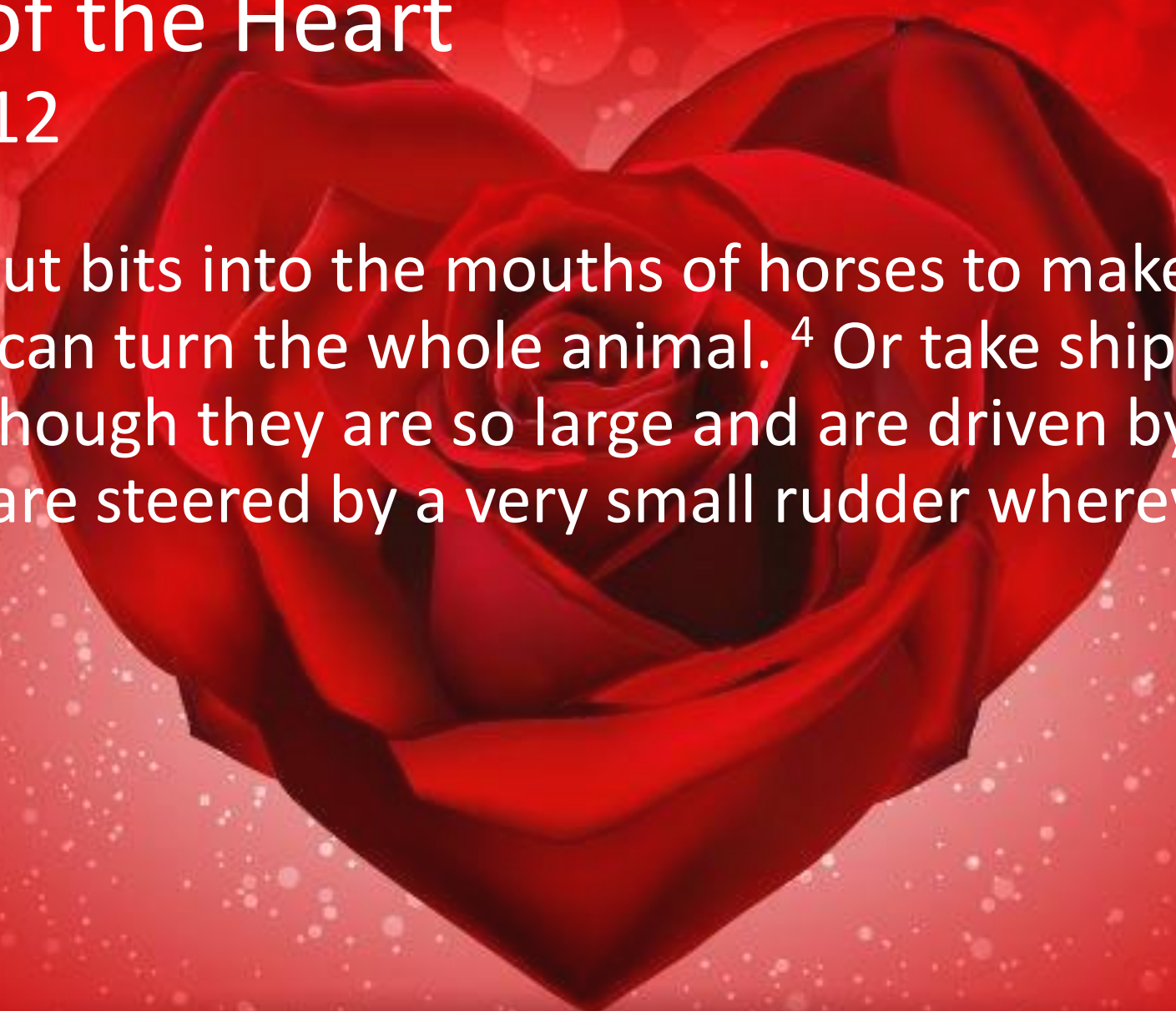
James 3:1 Not many of you should become teachers, my fellow believers, because you know that we who teach will be judged more strictly.

² We all stumble in many ways. Anyone who is never at fault in what they say is perfect, able to keep their whole body in check.

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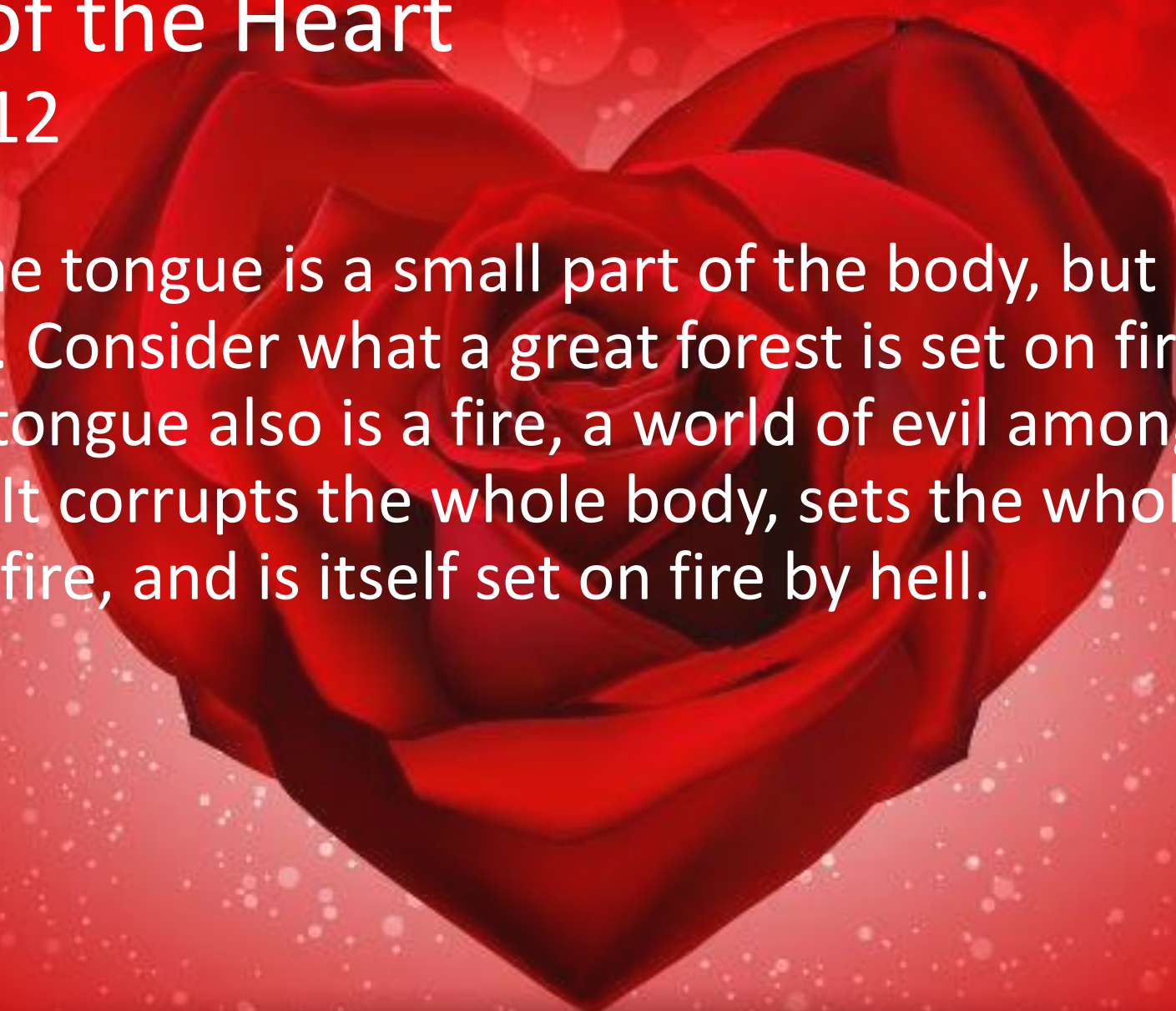
³ When we put bits into the mouths of horses to make them obey us, we can turn the whole animal. ⁴ Or take ships as an example. Although they are so large and are driven by strong winds, they are steered by a very small rudder wherever the pilot wants to go.



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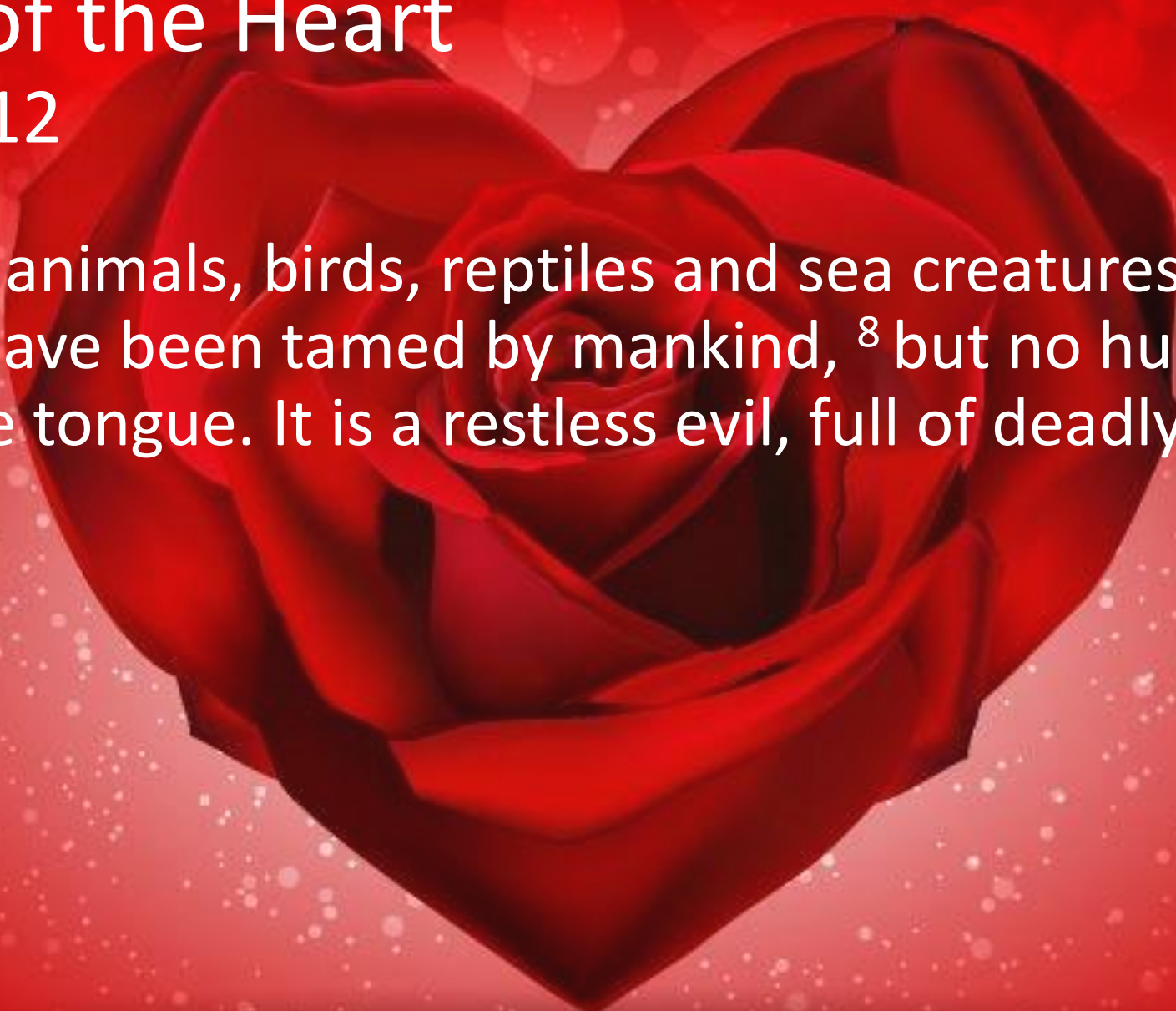
⁵ Likewise, the tongue is a small part of the body, but it makes great boasts. Consider what a great forest is set on fire by a small spark. ⁶ The tongue also is a fire, a world of evil among the parts of the body. It corrupts the whole body, sets the whole course of one's life on fire, and is itself set on fire by hell.



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⁷ All kinds of animals, birds, reptiles and sea creatures are being tamed and have been tamed by mankind, ⁸ but no human being can tame the tongue. It is a restless evil, full of deadly poison.

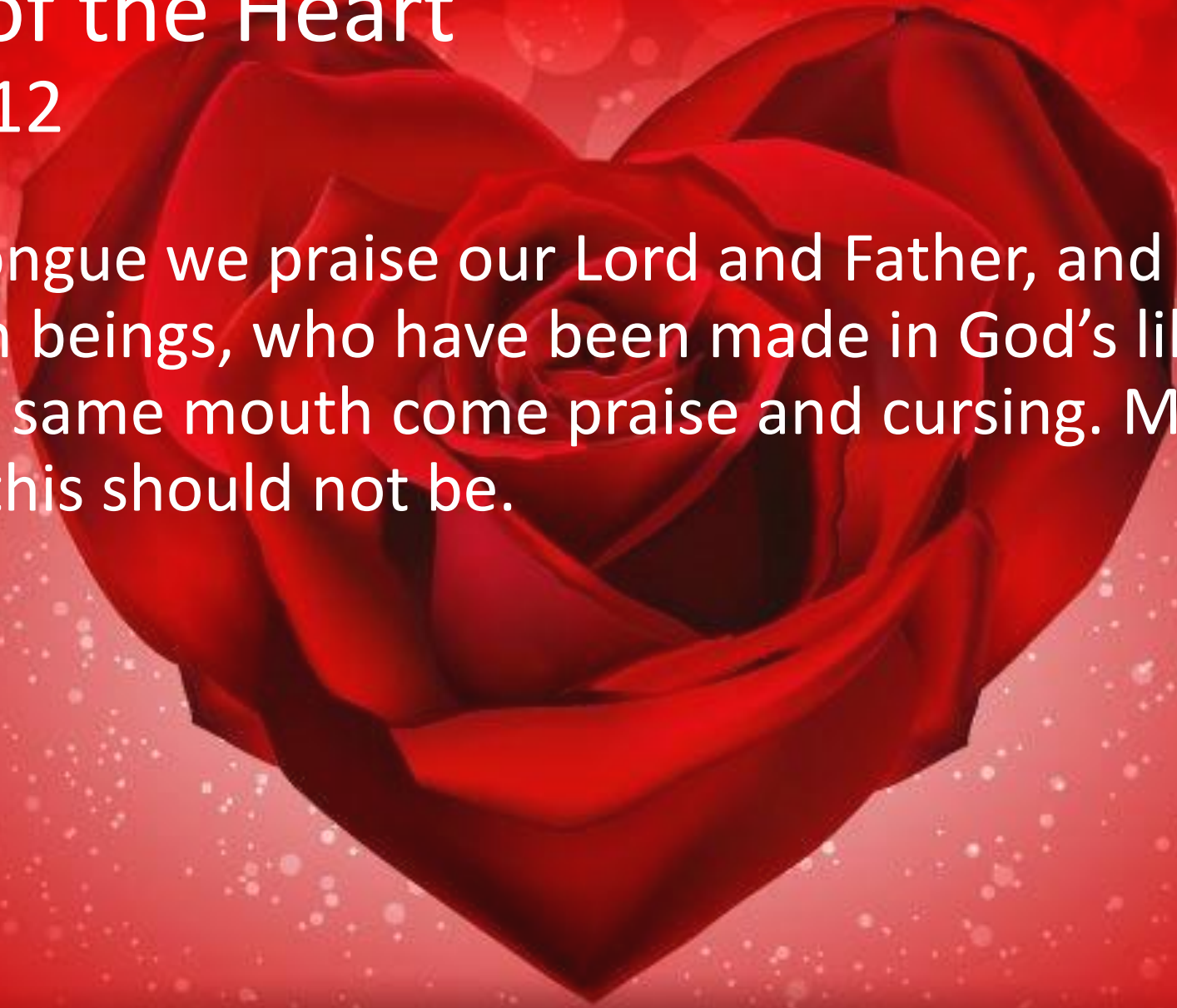


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⁹ With the tongue we praise our Lord and Father, and with it we curse human beings, who have been made in God's likeness.

¹⁰ Out of the same mouth come praise and cursing. My brothers and sisters, this should not be.



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¹¹ Can both fresh water and salt water flow from the same spring? ¹² My brothers and sisters, can a fig tree bear olives, or a grapevine bear figs? Neither can a salt spring produce fresh water.

Matthew 12:34 For the mouth speaks what the heart is full of.
³⁵ A good man brings good things out of the good stored up in him, and an evil man brings evil things out of the evil stored up in him.

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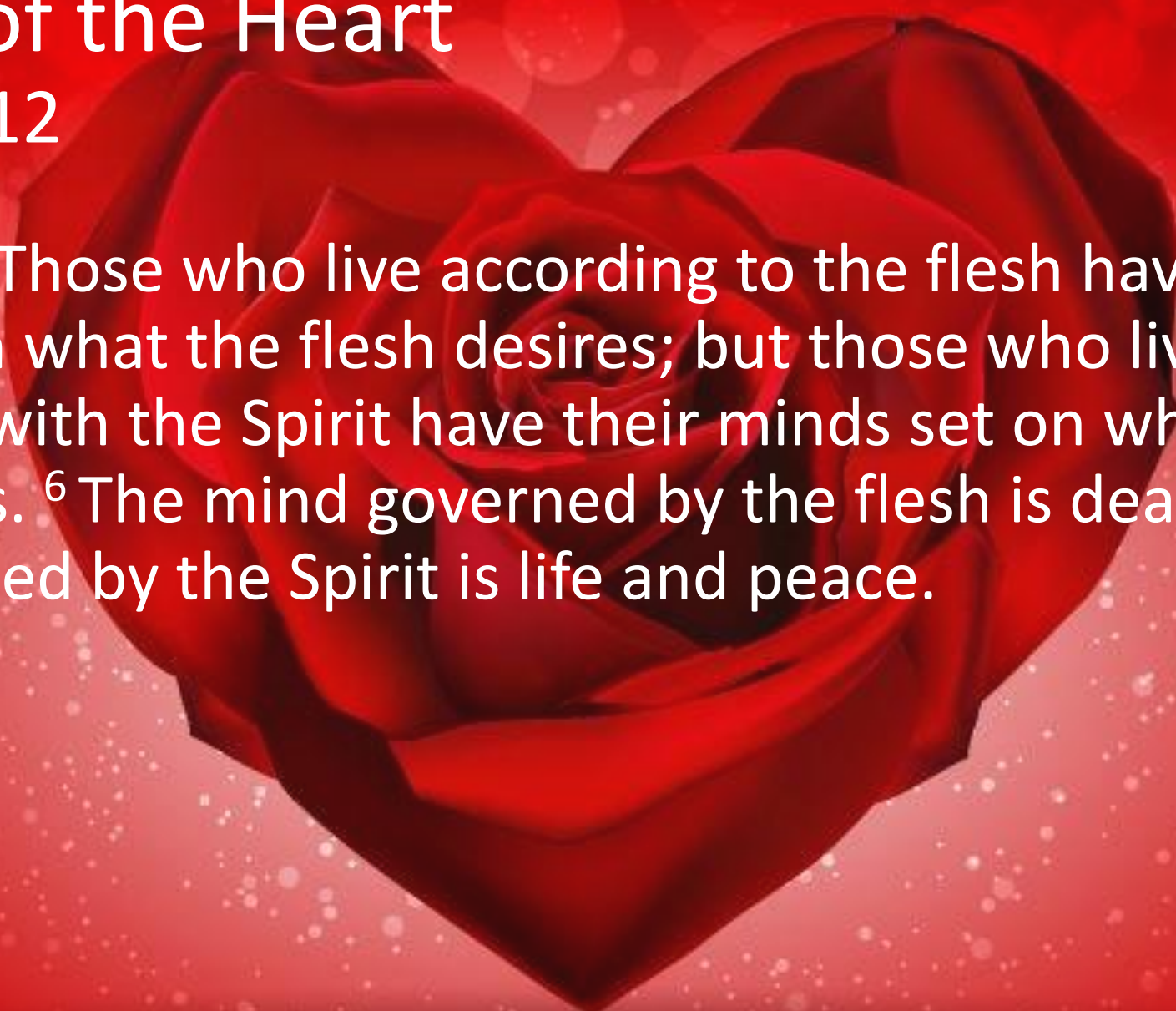
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“Contrary to what we tend to assume, the normal state of mind is chaos ... When we are left alone, with no demands on attention, the basic disorder of the mind reveals itself. With nothing to do, it begins to follow random patterns, usually stopping to consider something painful or disturbing ... Entropy is the normal state of consciousness.” - Mihalyi Csikszentmihalyi

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Romans 8:5 Those who live according to the flesh have their minds set on what the flesh desires; but those who live in accordance with the Spirit have their minds set on what the Spirit desires. ⁶ The mind governed by the flesh is death, but the mind governed by the Spirit is life and peace.



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Psalm 119:11 I have hidden your word in my heart
that I might not sin against you.

