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Church Life Series Overview

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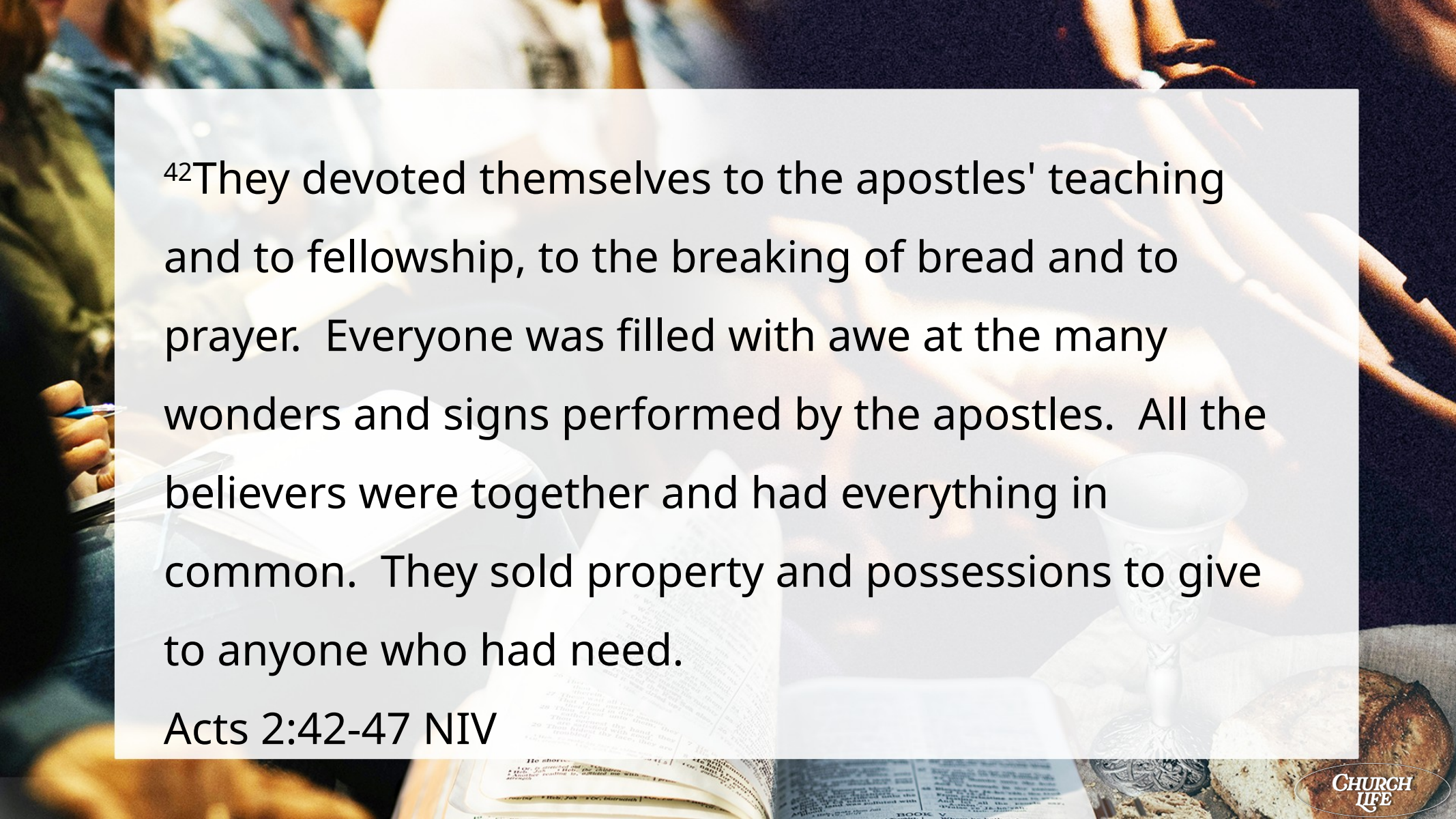
Fellowship: Our Contribution

Breaking Bread: Our Community

Prayer: Our Connection

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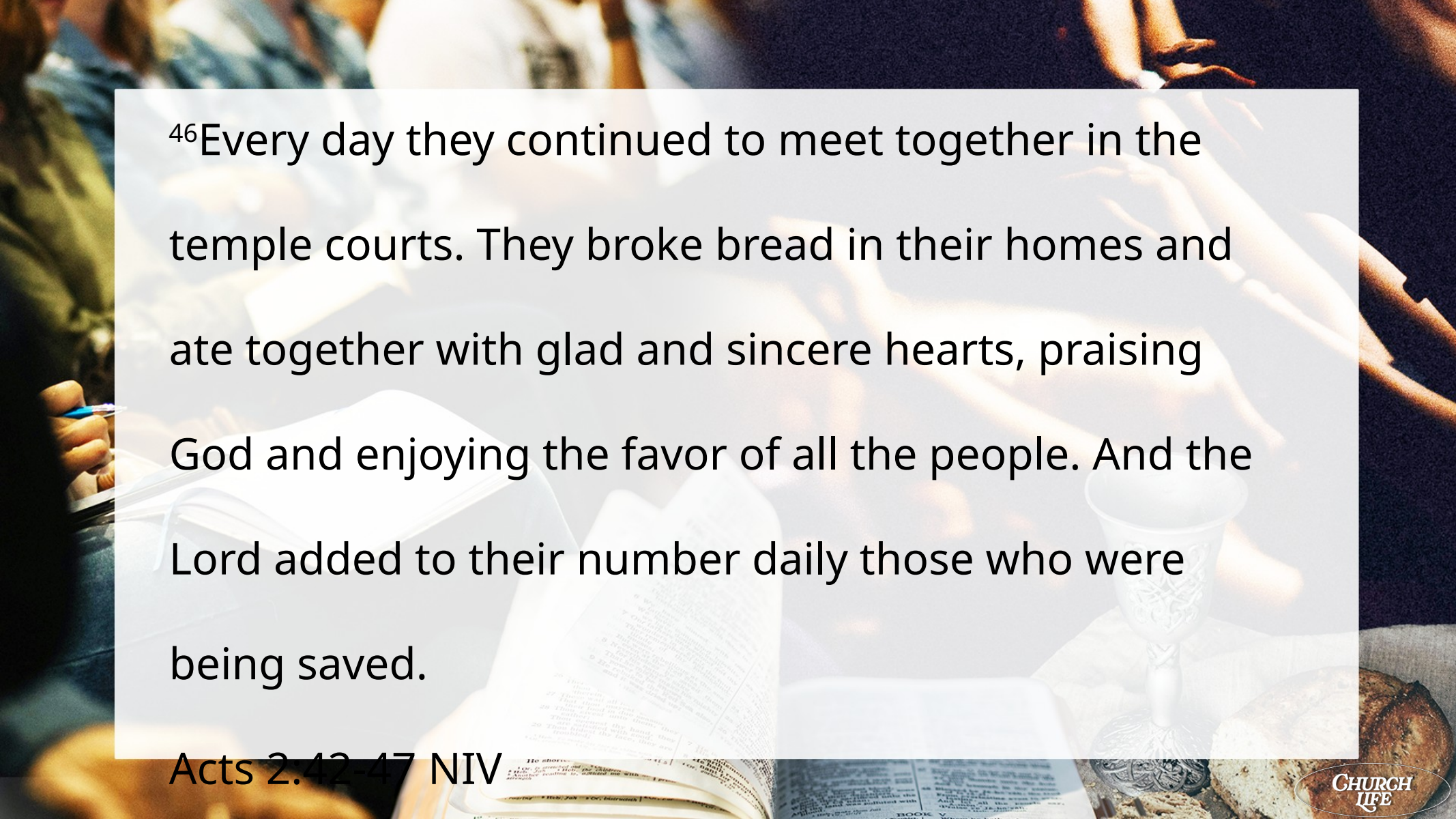

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42They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer. Everyone was filled with awe at the many wonders and signs performed by the apostles. All the believers were together and had everything in common. They sold property and possessions to give to anyone who had need.

Acts 2:42-47 NIV

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The Community Gathered in Big Groups and Small Groups

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Day after day, in the temple courts and from house to house, they never stopped teaching and proclaiming the good news that Jesus is the Messiah.
 -Acts 5:42 NIV

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The Community Was Diverse Ethnically, Socially, and Generationally

Ethnic Diversity

Acts 2:5–6 (NIV) Now there were staying in Jerusalem God-fearing Jews from every nation under heaven. When they heard this sound, a crowd came together in bewilderment, because each one heard their own language being spoken.

Social Diversity

Acts 10:27–29 (NIV)27 While talking with him, Peter went inside and found a large gathering of people. 28 He said to them: “You are well aware that it is against our law for a Jew to associate with or visit a Gentile. But God has shown me that I should not call anyone impure or unclean. 29 So when I was sent for, I came without raising any objection. May I ask why you sent for me?”

Generational Diversity

Acts 2:38–39 (NIV) 38Peter replied, “Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. And you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. 39The promise is for you and your children and for all who are far off—for all whom the Lord our God will call.”

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Prayer is Our Connection

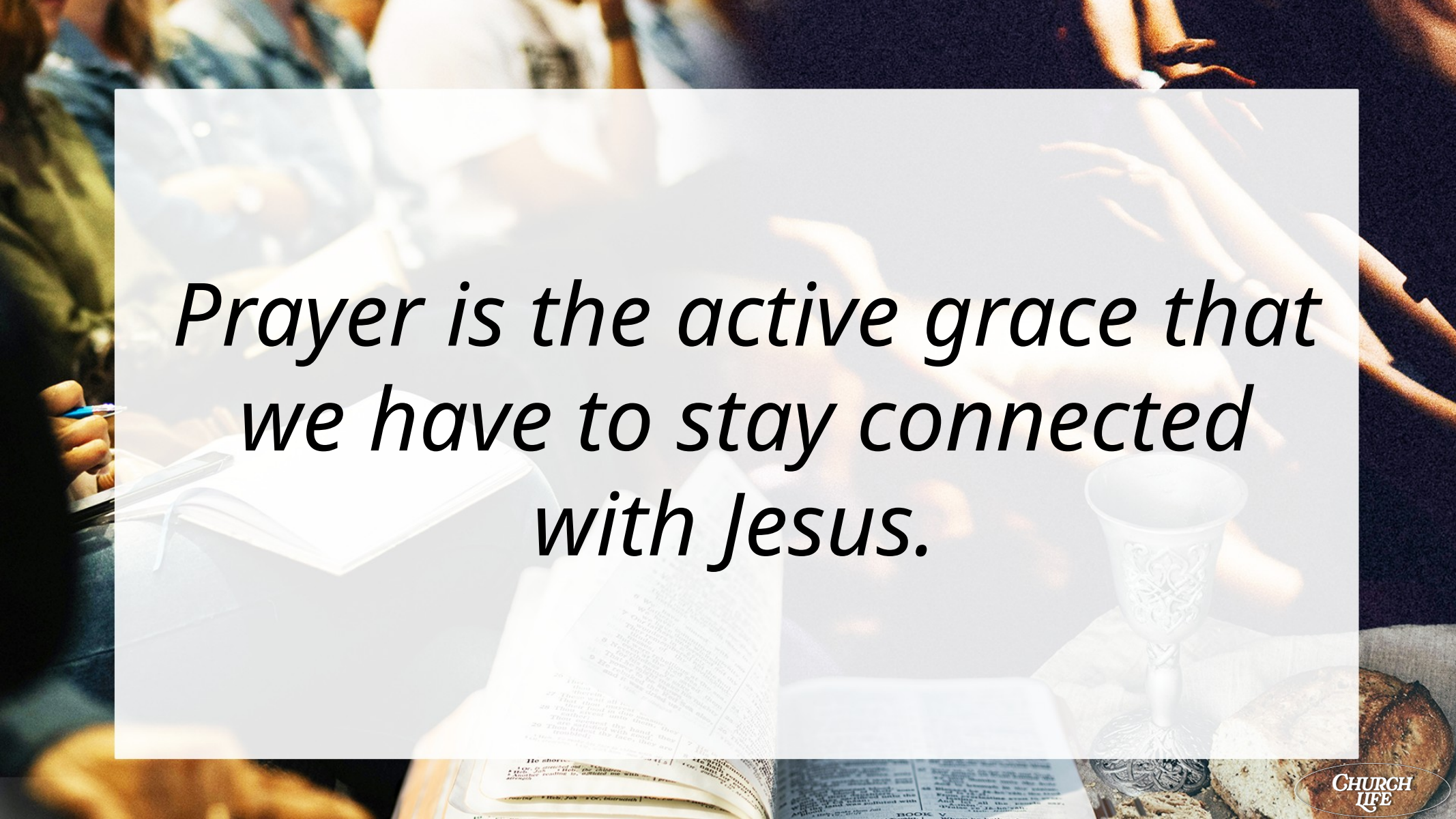
1 Thessalonians 5:17 (ESV)
17 pray without ceasing,

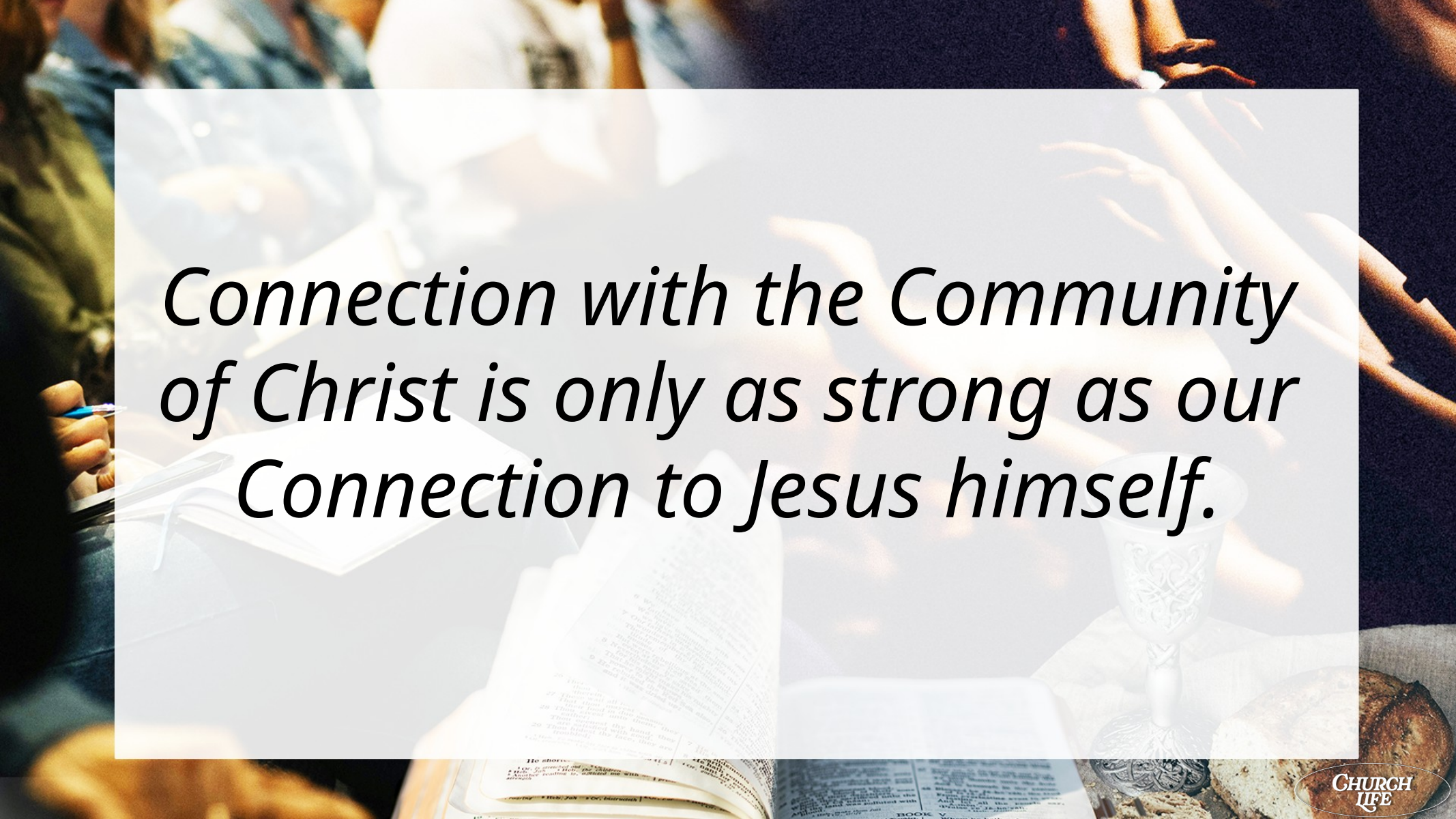
Ephesians 6:18 (NLT)
18 Pray in the Spirit at all times and on every occasion. Stay alert and be persistent in your prayers for all believers everywhere.

Colossians 4:2 (NIV)
2 Devote yourselves to prayer, being watchful and thankful.

1 Peter 4:7 (NLT)
7 The end of the world is coming soon. Therefore, be earnest and disciplined in your prayers.

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Prayer is the active grace that we have to stay connected with Jesus.
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Connection with the Community of Christ is only as strong as our Connection to Jesus himself.
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