

A photograph of a church building with a prominent steeple, set on a grassy hill. An American flag flies on a tall pole to the left of the church. The sky is a clear, deep blue with a few wispy clouds. The church has a brick facade and a covered entrance area.

# *Building an Evangelist Church*

**The Gospel to Every Home**

**Acts 9:31**

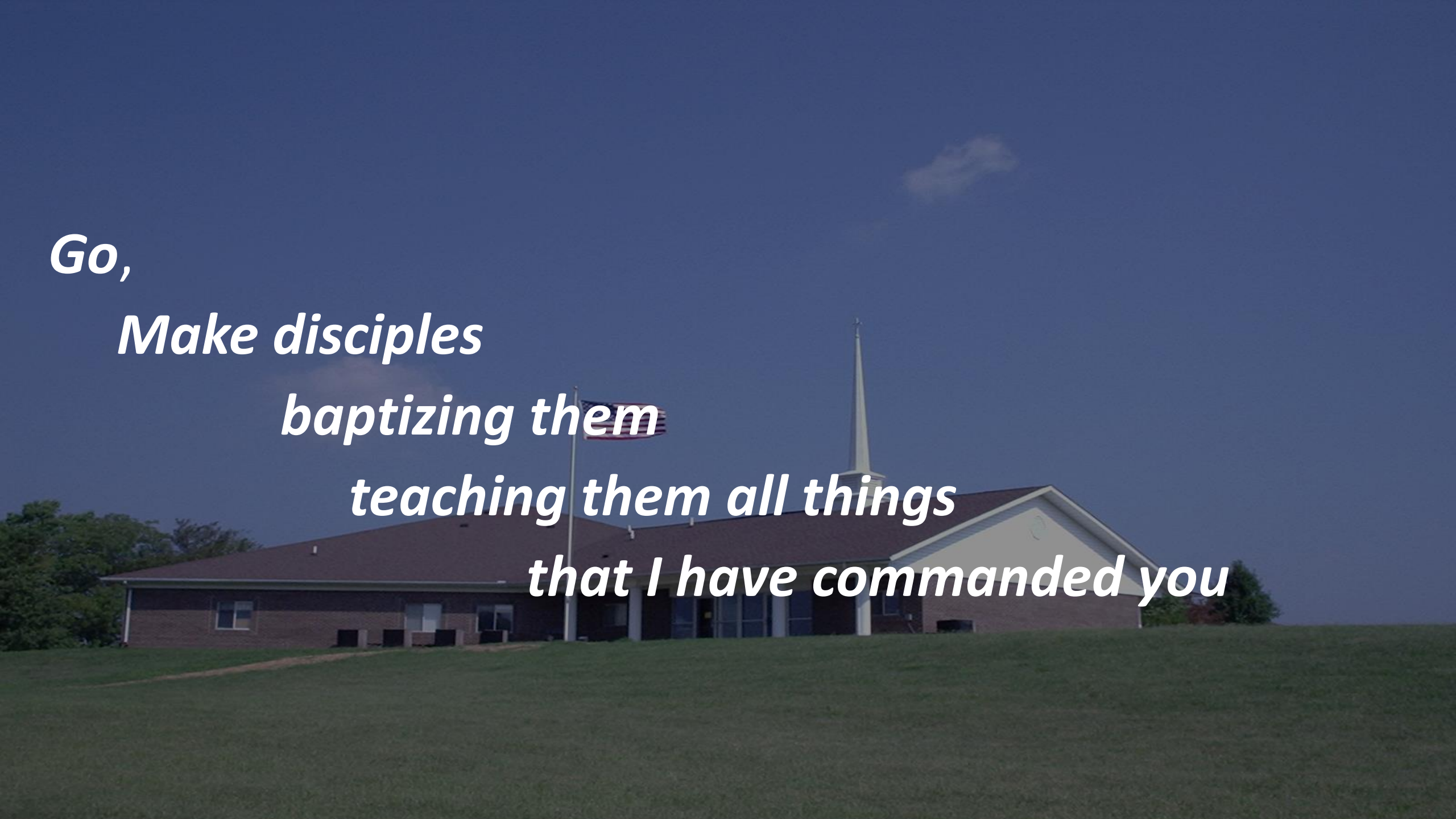
***Go,***

***Make disciples***

***baptizing them***

***teaching them all things***

***that I have commanded you***



# I. What Marks our Church in our Community?

A. Churches have reputations.

B. How can we become the church that God wants?

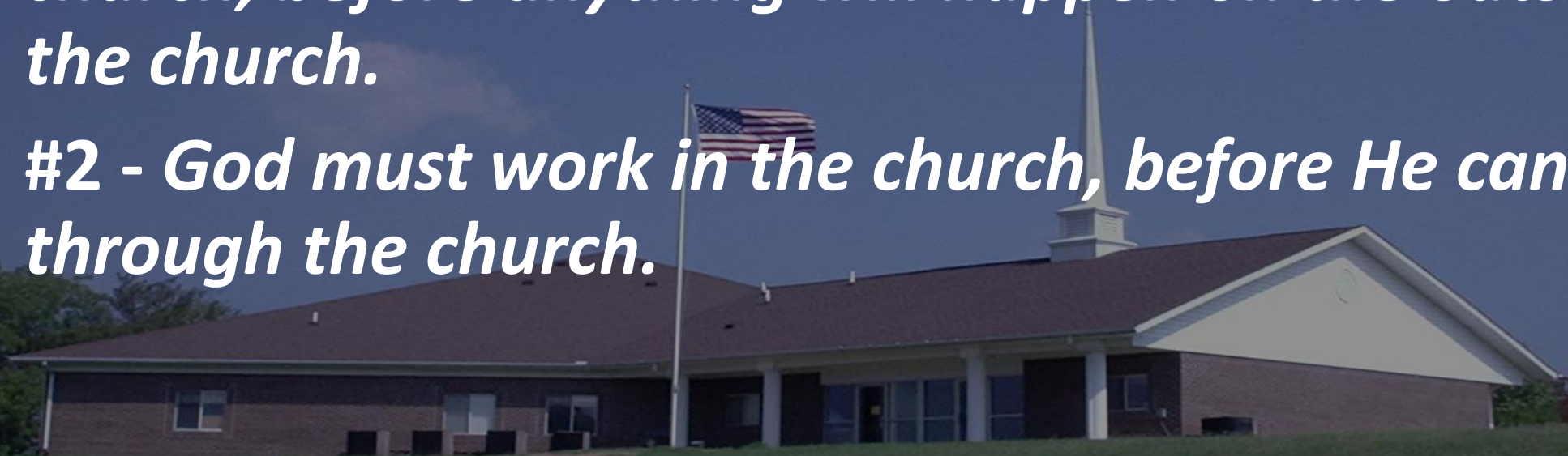
*Edify;*

*Then multiply.*



***#1 - Something must happen on the inside of the church, before anything will happen on the outside of the church.***

***#2 - God must work in the church, before He can work through the church.***



## C. Now I am talking about evangelism.

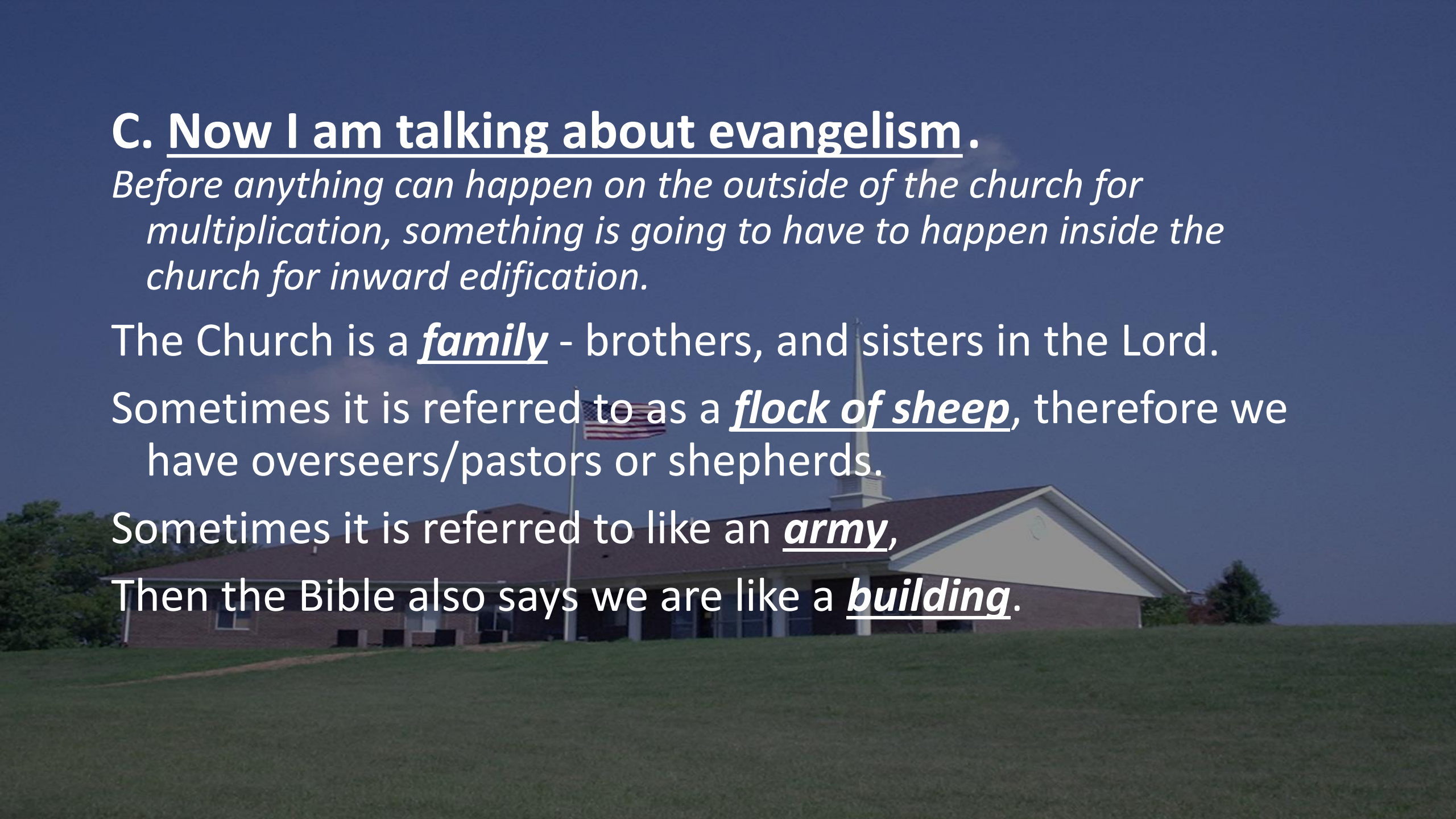
*Before anything can happen on the outside of the church for multiplication, something is going to have to happen inside the church for inward edification.*

The Church is a family - brothers, and sisters in the Lord.

Sometimes it is referred to as a flock of sheep, therefore we have overseers/pastors or shepherds.

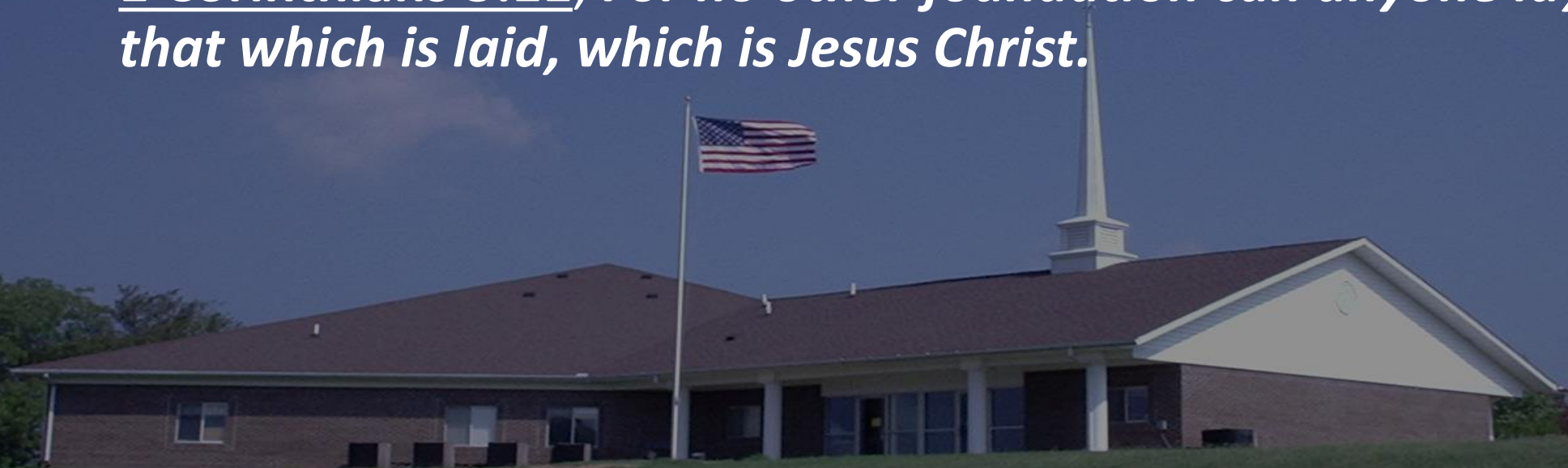
Sometimes it is referred to like an army,

Then the Bible also says we are like a building.



**D. Now turn to the book of Ephesians 2.**  
**Ephesians 2:19- 22**

***1 Corinthians 3:11, For no other foundation can anyone lay than that which is laid, which is Jesus Christ.***



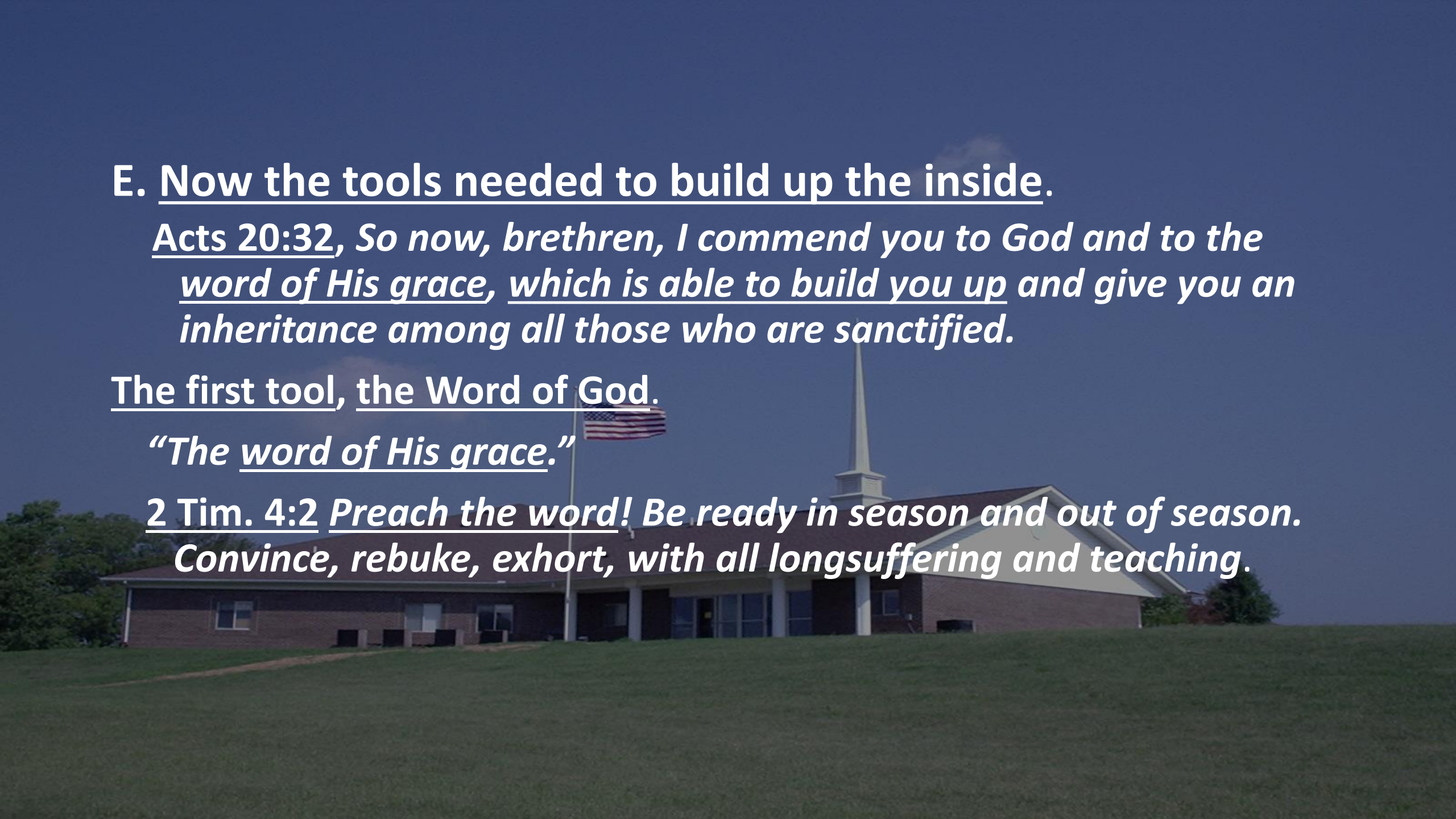
**E. Now the tools needed to build up the inside.**

***Acts 20:32, So now, brethren, I commend you to God and to the word of His grace, which is able to build you up and give you an inheritance among all those who are sanctified.***

**The first tool, the Word of God.**

***“The word of His grace.”***

***2 Tim. 4:2 Preach the word! Be ready in season and out of season. Convince, rebuke, exhort, with all longsuffering and teaching.***



## The second tool.

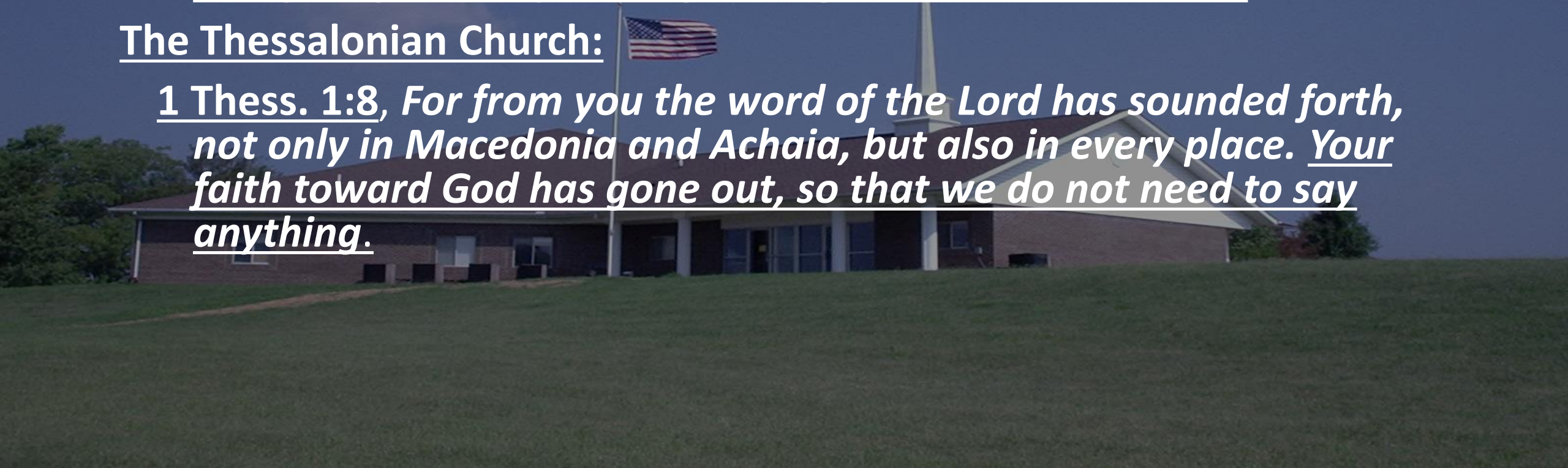
Jude 20, But you, beloved, *building yourselves up on your most holy faith, praying in the Holy Spirit.*

## The Church of Rome:

Romans 1:8 *First, I thank my God through Jesus Christ for you all, that your faith is spoken of throughout the whole world.*

## The Thessalonian Church:

1 Thess. 1:8, *For from you the word of the Lord has sounded forth, not only in Macedonia and Achaia, but also in every place. Your faith toward God has gone out, so that we do not need to say anything.*





## The third tool:

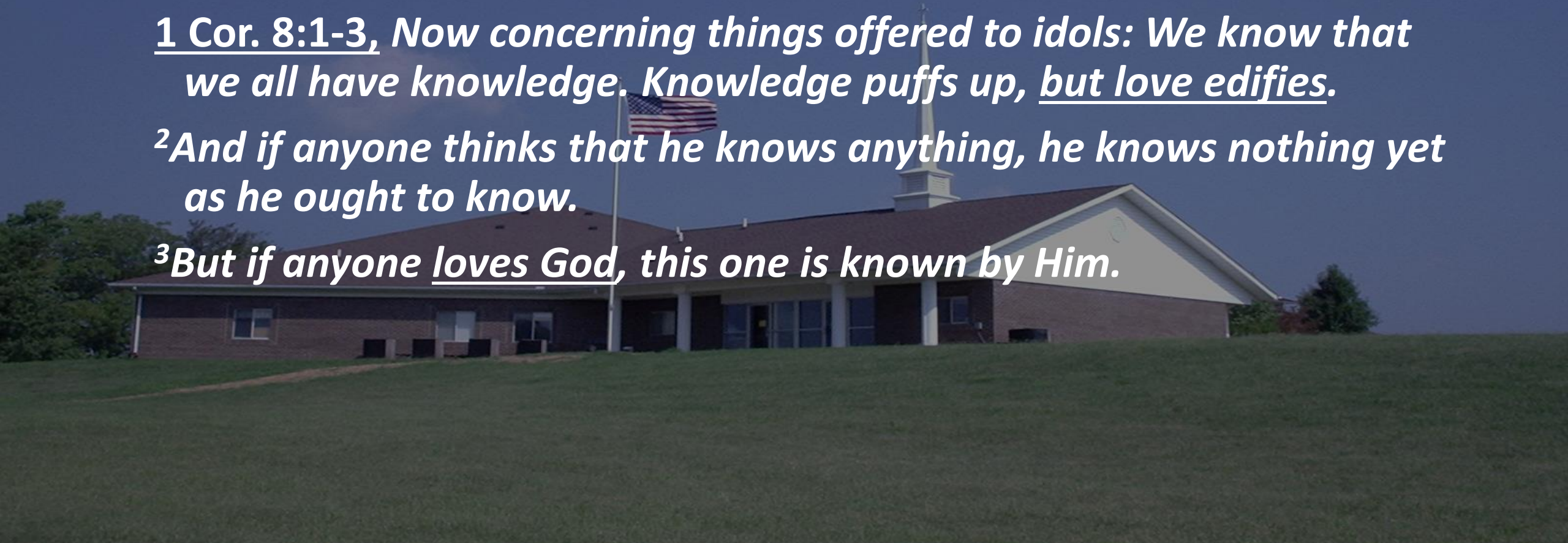
*1 Cor. 14:12, Even so you, since you are zealous for spiritual gifts, let it be for the edification of the church that you seek to excel.*

## The Forth tool:

*1 Cor. 8:1-3, Now concerning things offered to idols: We know that we all have knowledge. Knowledge puffs up, but love edifies.*

*<sup>2</sup>And if anyone thinks that he knows anything, he knows nothing yet as he ought to know.*

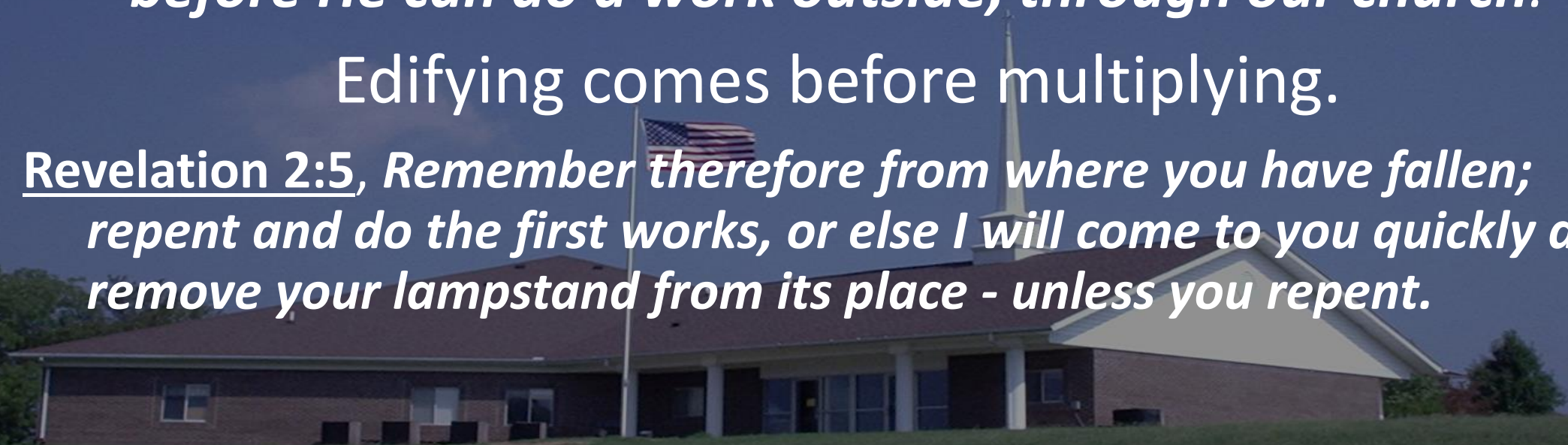
*<sup>3</sup>But if anyone loves God, this one is known by Him.*



***God must do a work inside our church  
before He can do a work outside, through our church.***

***Edifying comes before multiplying.***

***Revelation 2:5, Remember therefore from where you have fallen;  
repent and do the first works, or else I will come to you quickly and  
remove your lampstand from its place - unless you repent.***



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