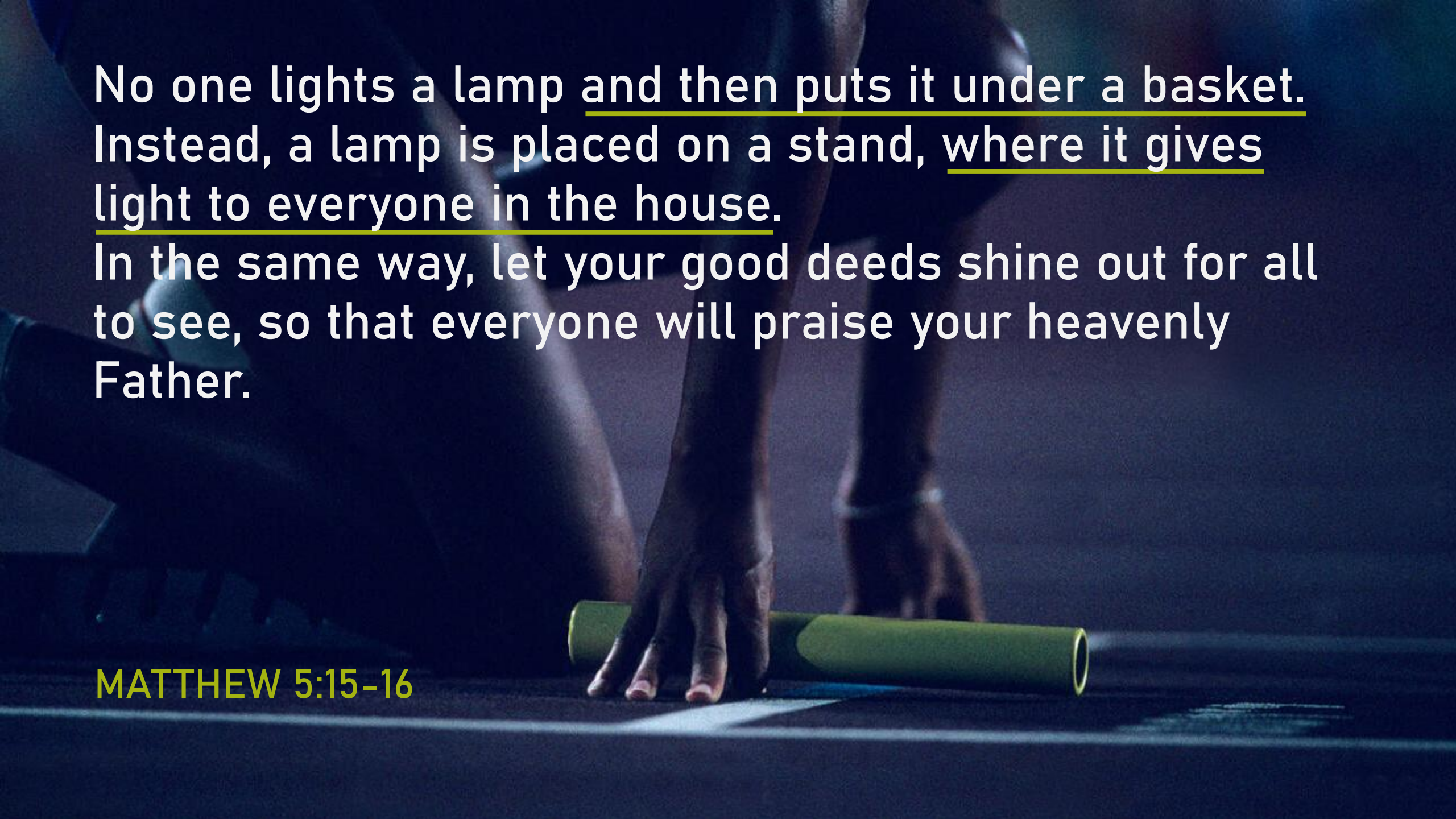


A close-up, low-angle shot of a person's hand reaching down to grasp a green baton on a dark track surface. The person's legs and arms are visible in the background, suggesting they are in a starting position for a race. The lighting is dramatic, with strong highlights on the hand and baton, and deep shadows elsewhere. The text "PASSING THE BATON OF FAITH" is overlaid in the center, with "BATON OF FAITH" in yellow and "PASSING THE" in white.

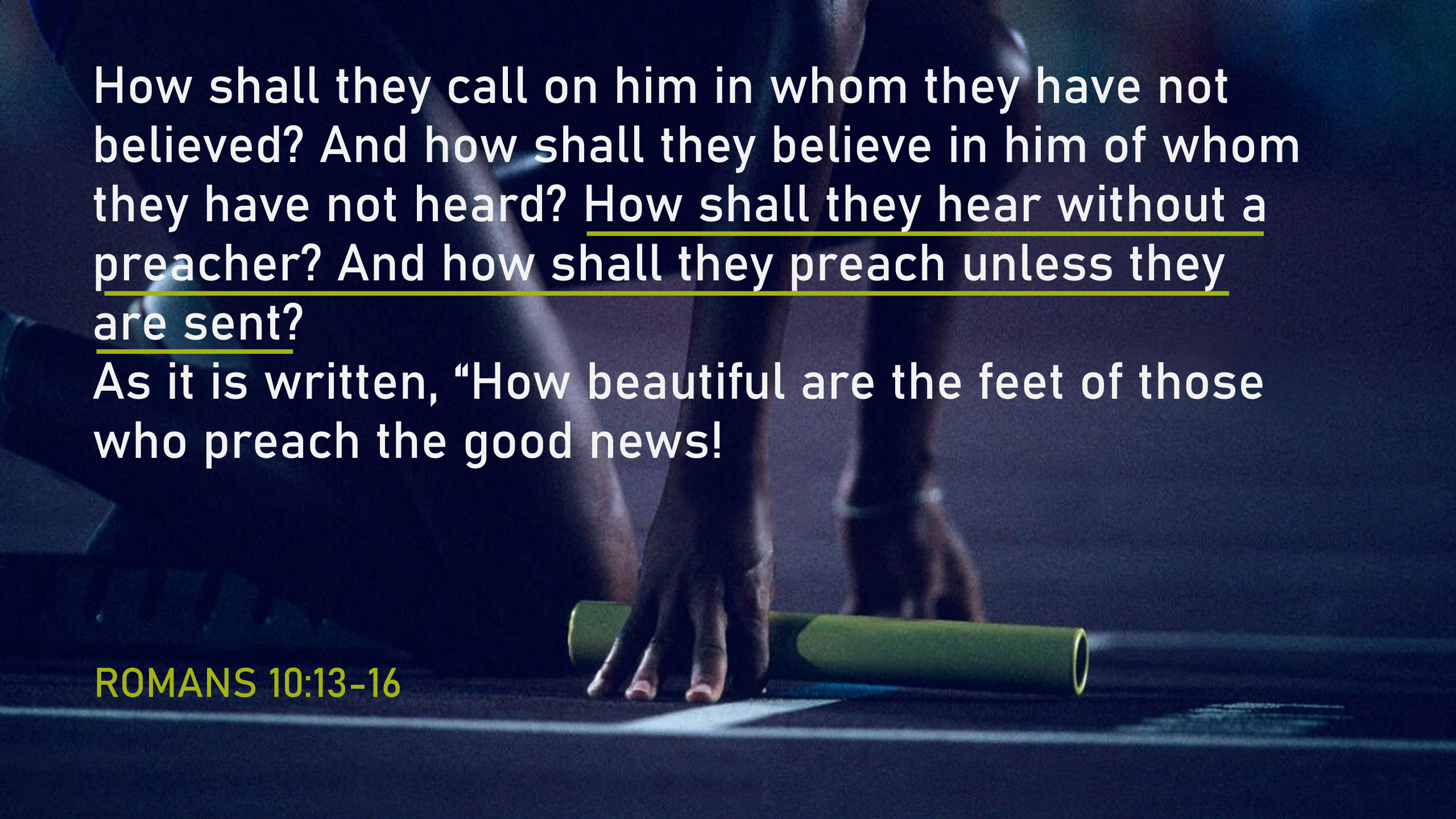
PASSING THE BATON OF FAITH

A close-up, low-angle shot of a person's hands unrolling a long, narrow, light-colored scroll on a dark surface. The person's arms and hands are visible, and the background is dark and out of focus. The lighting is dramatic, highlighting the hands and the scroll.

No one lights a lamp and then puts it under a basket.
Instead, a lamp is placed on a stand, where it gives
light to everyone in the house.

In the same way, let your good deeds shine out for all
to see, so that everyone will praise your heavenly
Father.


MATTHEW 5:15-16

A close-up, low-angle shot of a person's hands resting on a rolled-up scroll. The hands are dark-skinned and are positioned on a dark, textured surface. The scroll is a light green color and is partially unrolled. The background is dark and out of focus, with some light reflecting off the person's arms and the scroll. The overall mood is contemplative and focused.

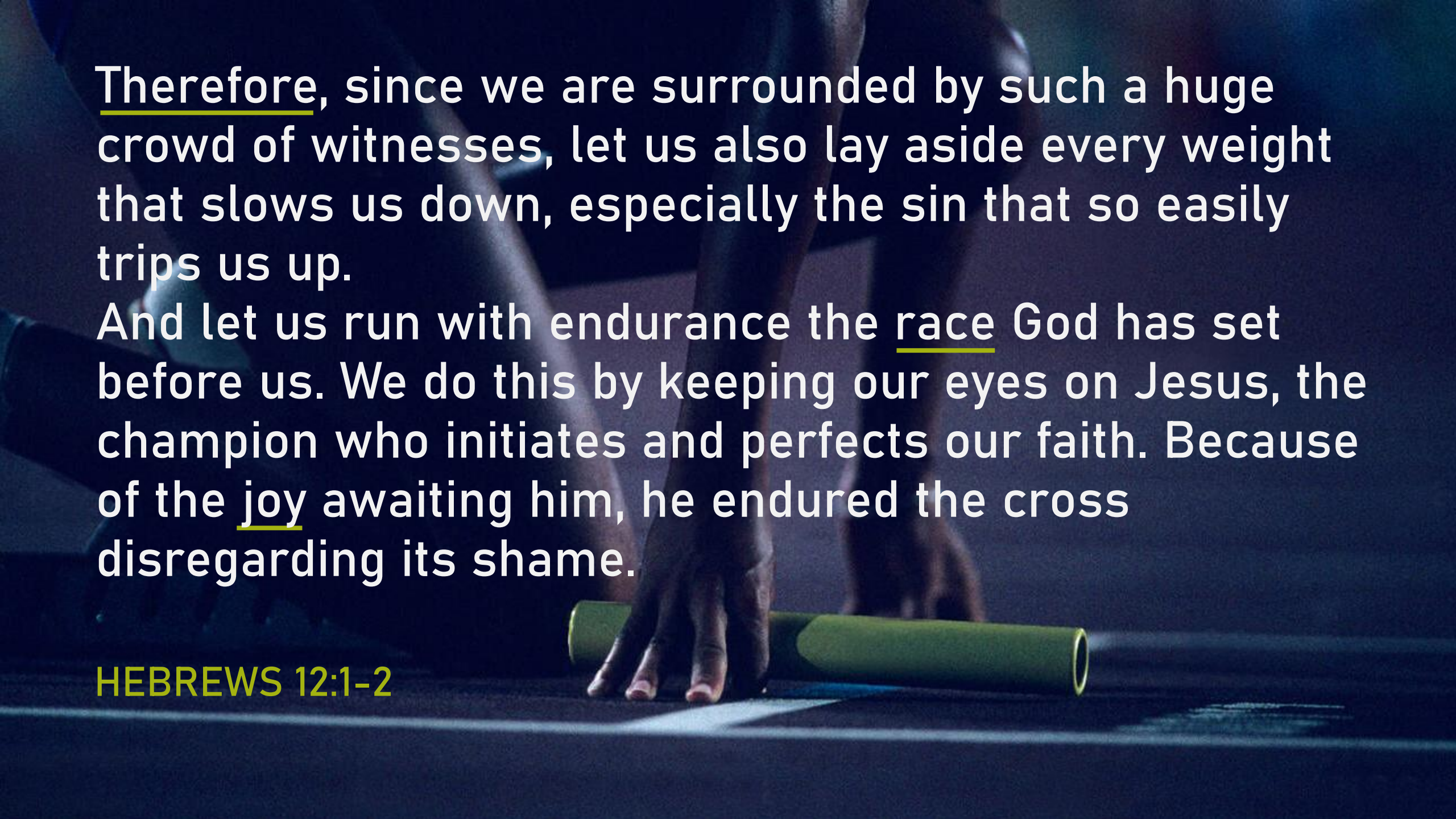
How shall they call on him in whom they have not believed? And how shall they believe in him of whom they have not heard? How shall they hear without a preacher? And how shall they preach unless they are sent?

As it is written, “How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the good news!”

ROMANS 10:13–16

A person is in a starting crouch on a track, with their hands on the ground. A green baton is lying on the track in front of them. The background is dark and out of focus.

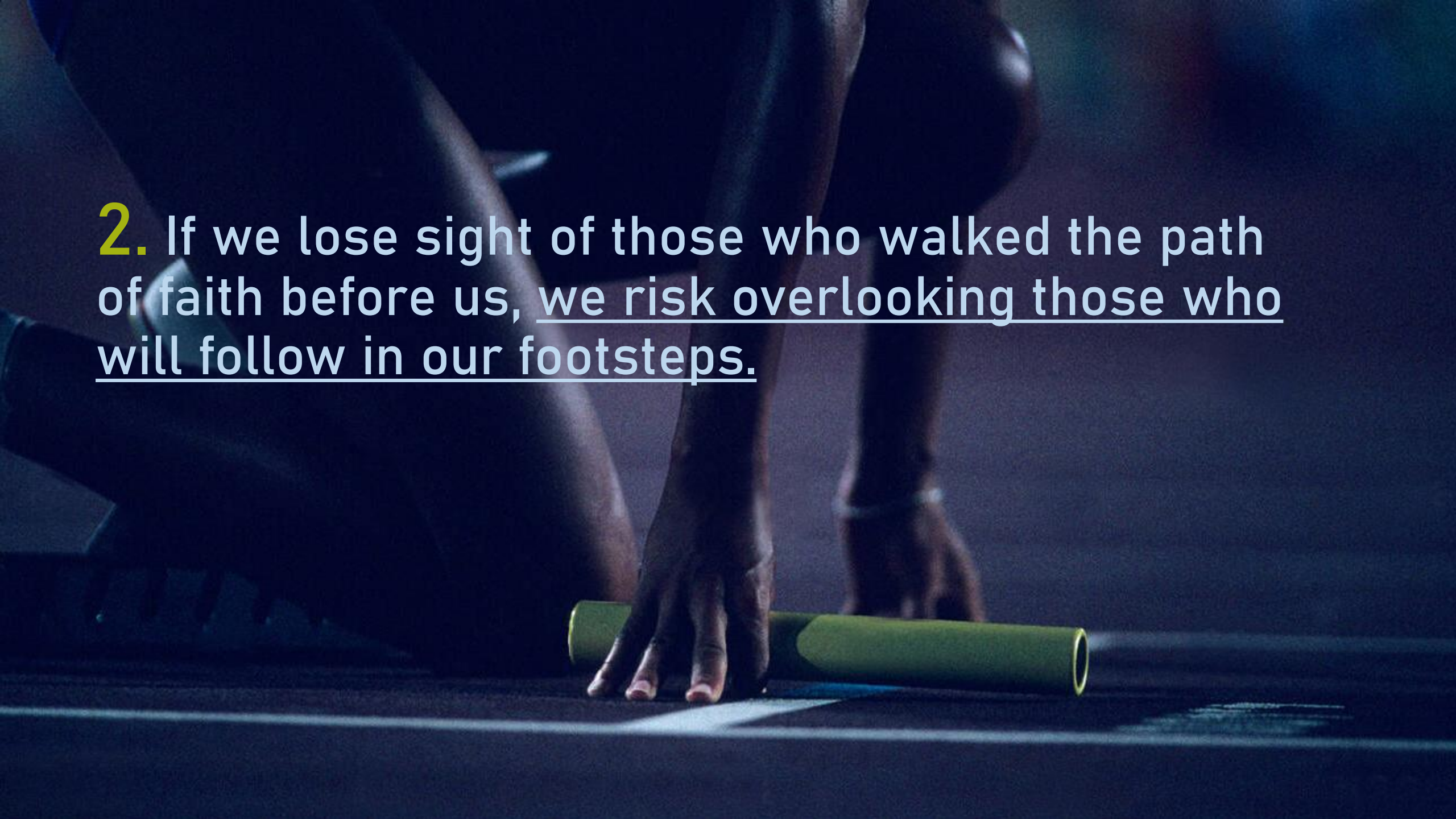
1. The biggest obstacle we face is not rejection or persecution; instead it's knowing what we are actually responsible for when we share our faith.

A close-up photograph of a person's hand, likely of African descent, resting on a green, rolled-up scroll. The hand is positioned in the lower center of the frame, with fingers slightly spread. The scroll is lying horizontally on a dark, reflective surface. The background is dark and out of focus, showing the lower legs and feet of a person standing. The lighting is dramatic, with strong highlights on the hand and the scroll, and deep shadows elsewhere.

Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a huge crowd of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight that slows us down, especially the sin that so easily trips us up.

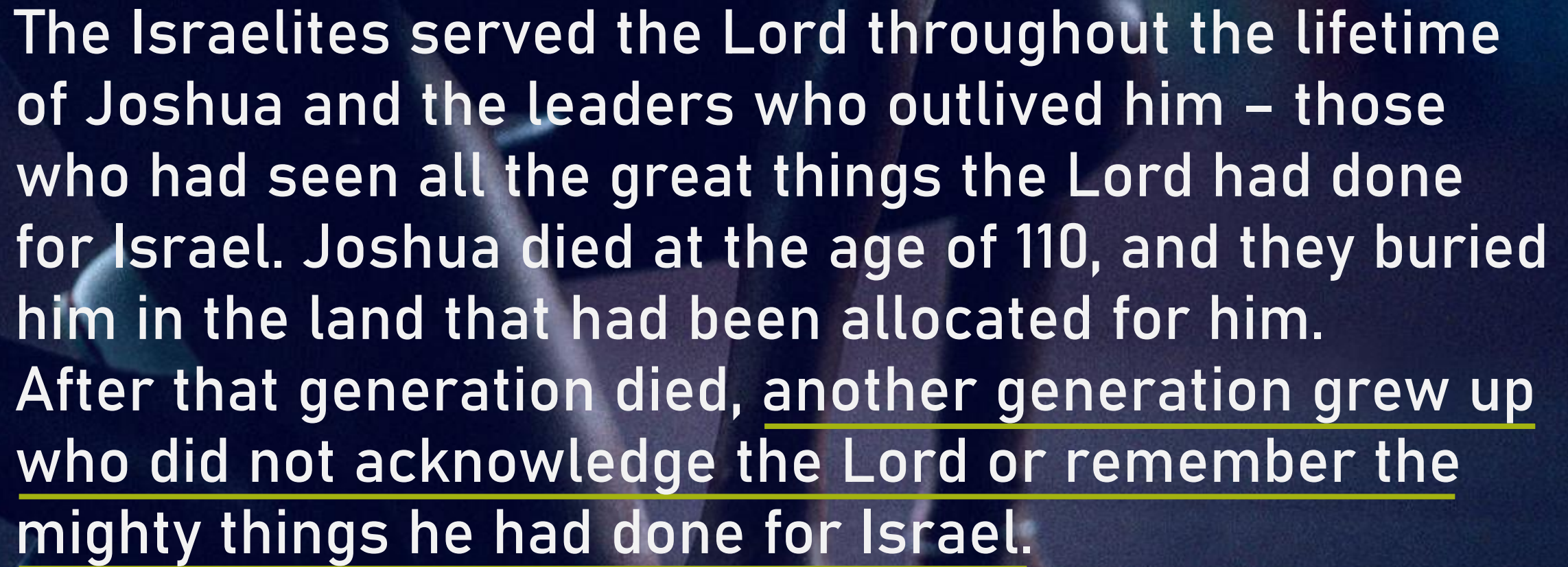
And let us run with endurance the race God has set before us. We do this by keeping our eyes on Jesus, the champion who initiates and perfects our faith. Because of the joy awaiting him, he endured the cross disregarding its shame.

HEBREWS 12:1-2

A person is in a starting crouch on a track, with their hands on the ground. A green baton is lying on the track in front of them. The background is dark and out of focus.

2. If we lose sight of those who walked the path of faith before us, we risk overlooking those who will follow in our footsteps.

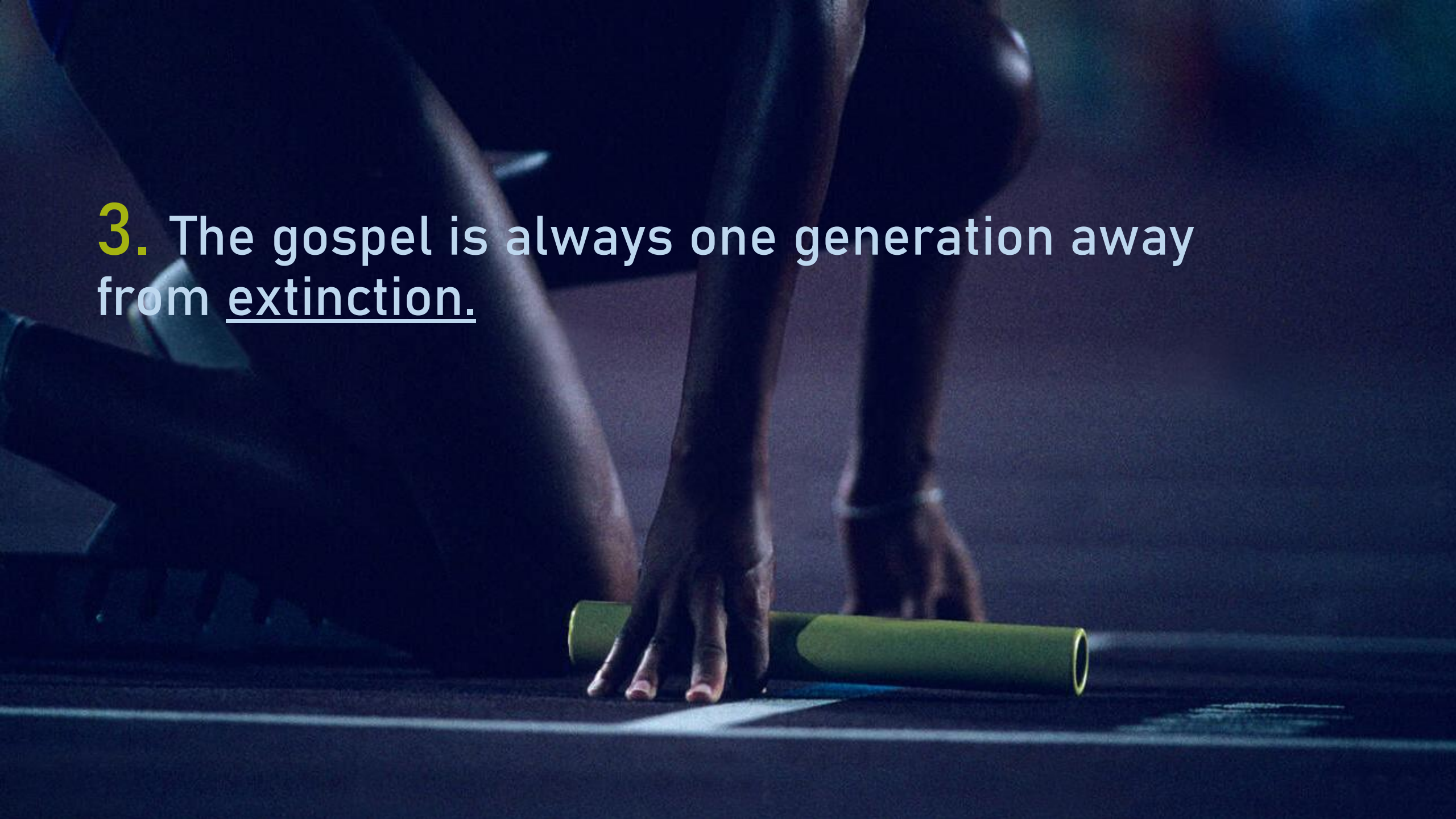


A close-up, low-angle shot of a person's hand resting on a green, rolled-up scroll. The hand is positioned in the center of the frame, with fingers slightly spread. The scroll is lying flat on a dark, reflective surface. The background is dark and out of focus, showing the lower legs and feet of several people, suggesting a group of people in a dimly lit setting. The lighting is dramatic, with strong highlights on the hand and the scroll, and deep shadows elsewhere.

The Israelites served the Lord throughout the lifetime of Joshua and the leaders who outlived him – those who had seen all the great things the Lord had done for Israel. Joshua died at the age of 110, and they buried him in the land that had been allocated for him. After that generation died, another generation grew up who did not acknowledge the Lord or remember the mighty things he had done for Israel.

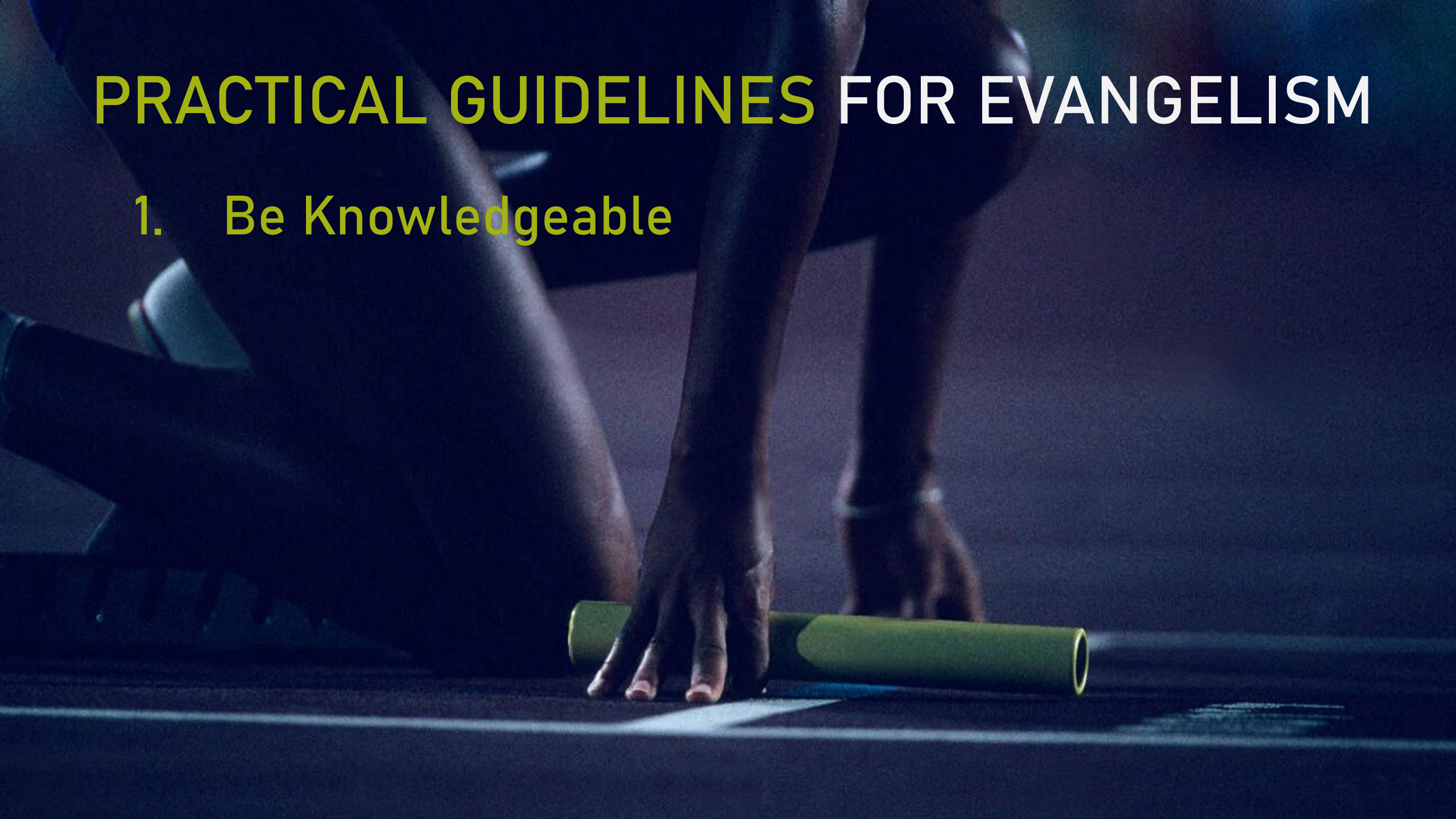
JUDGES 2:7-10

3. The gospel is always one generation away from extinction.



PRACTICAL GUIDELINES FOR EVANGELISM

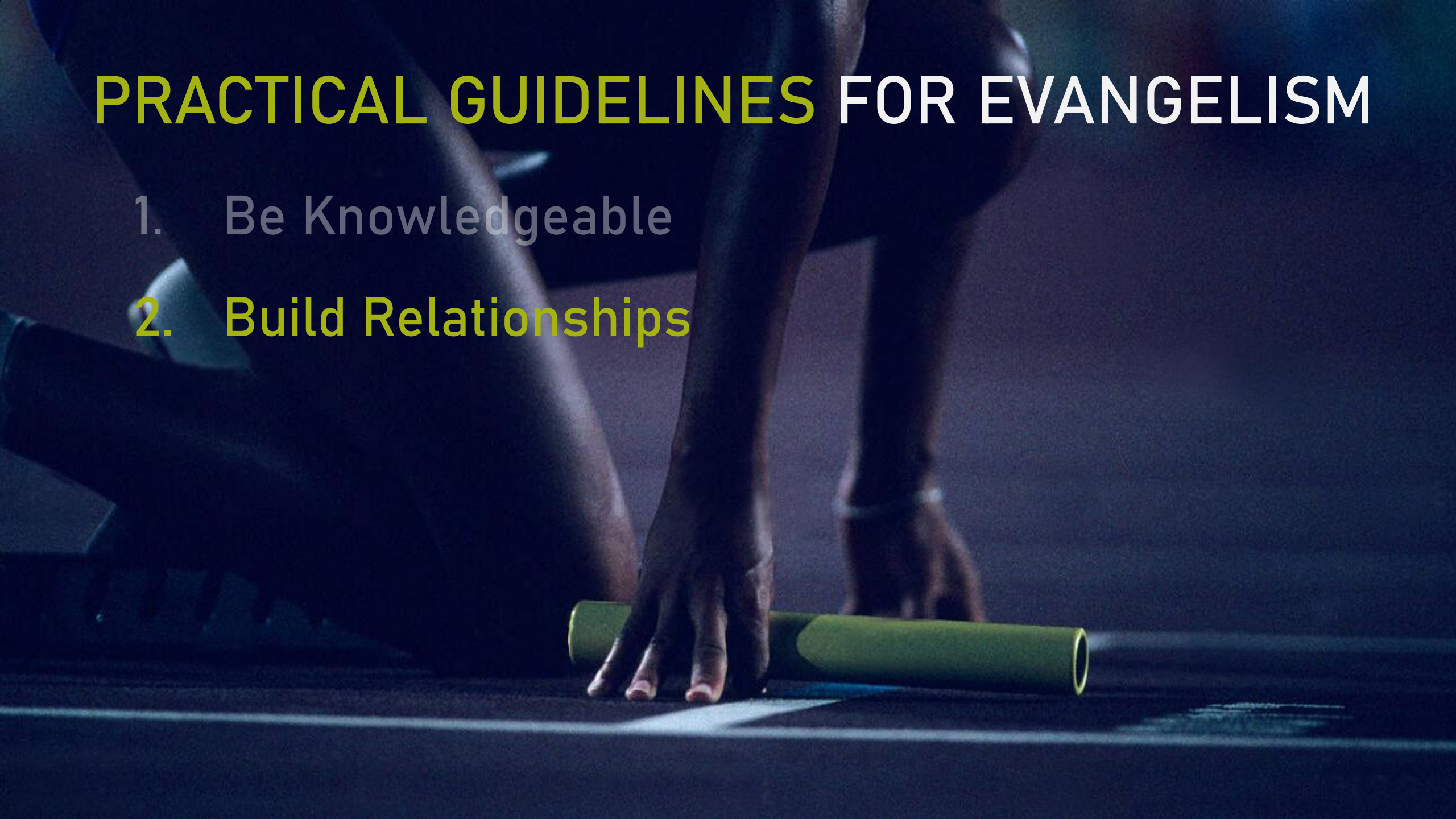
1. Be Knowledgeable



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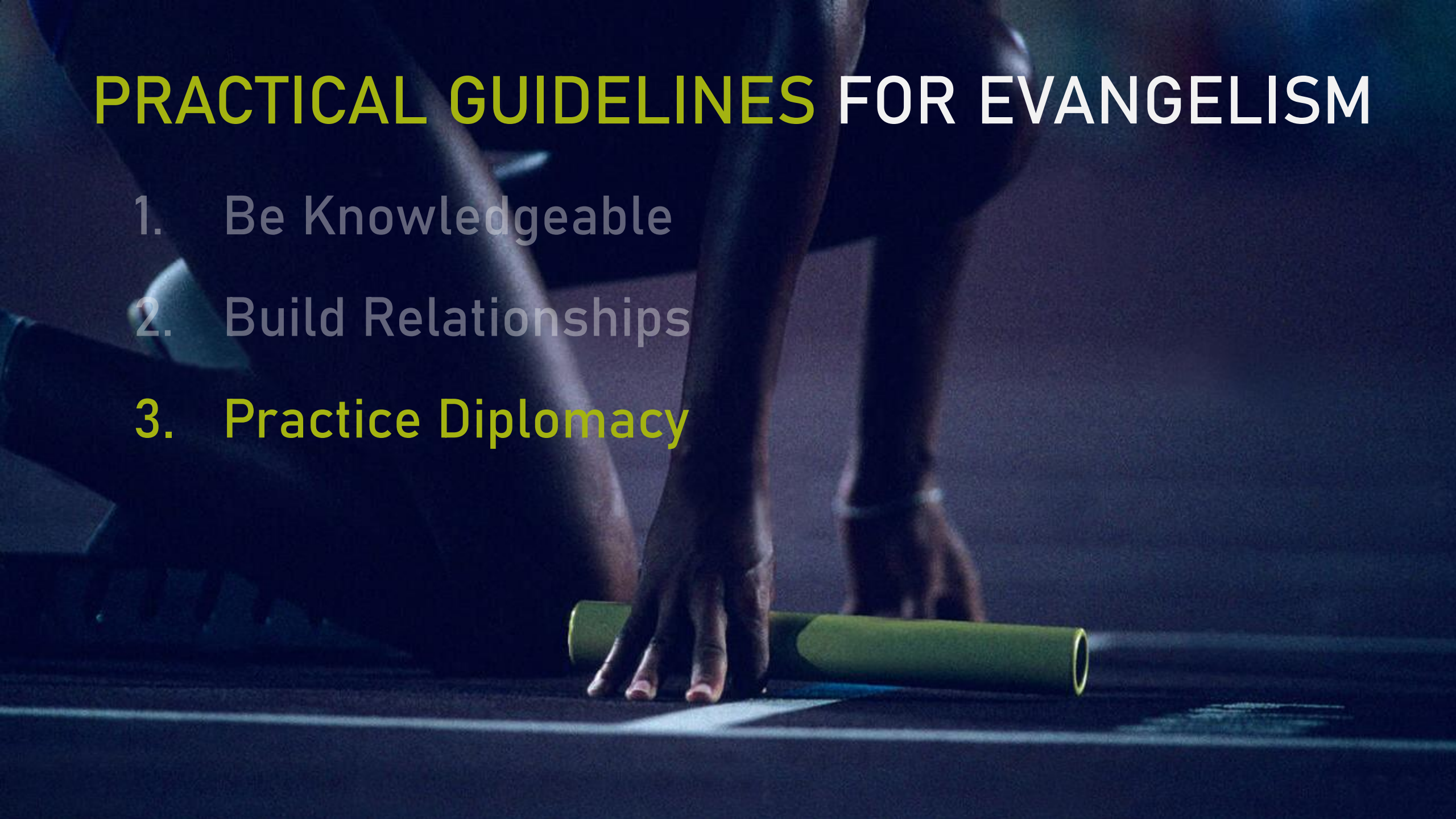
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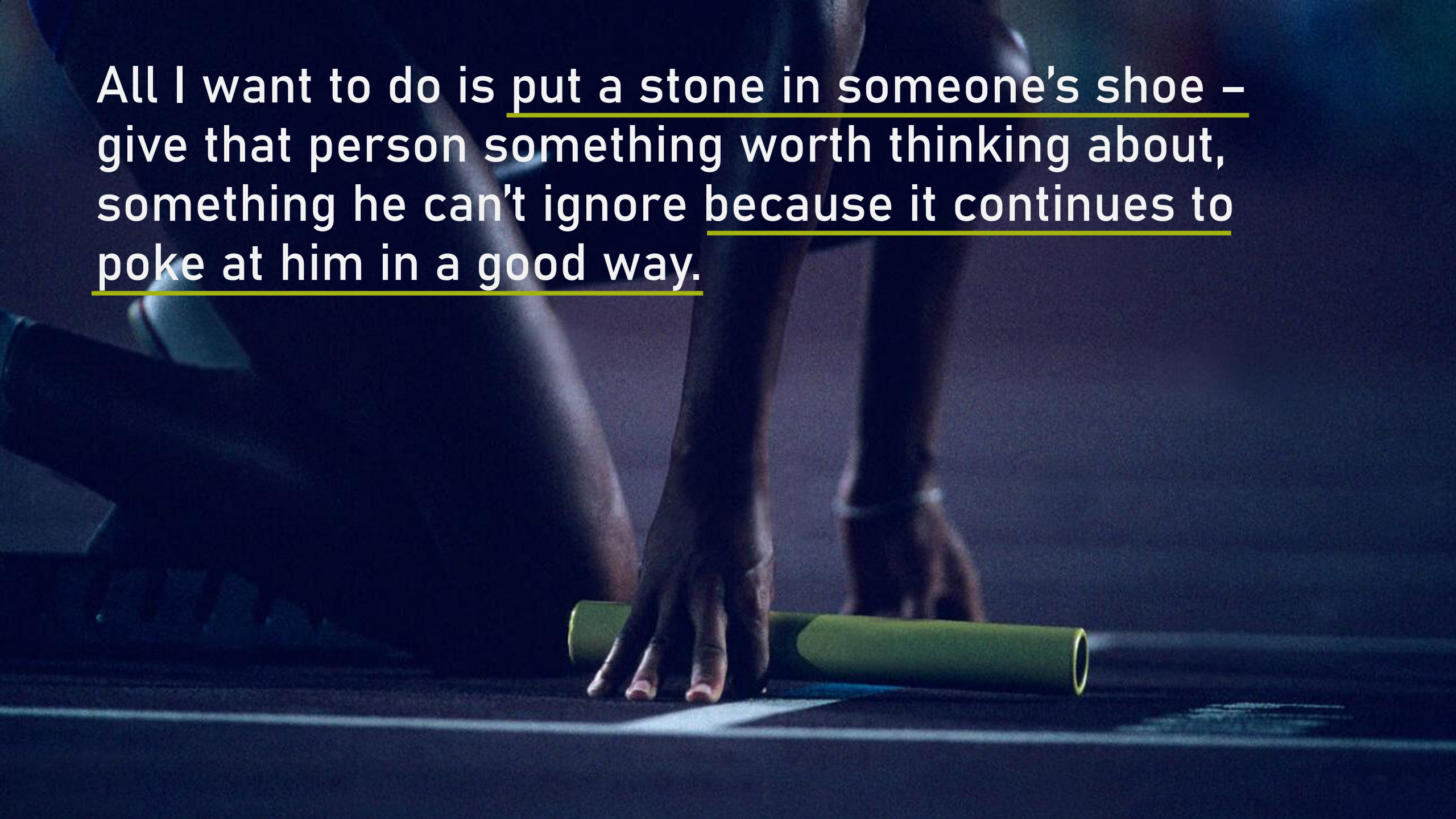


PRACTICAL GUIDELINES FOR EVANGELISM

1. Be Knowledgeable
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4. Be Shrewd



All I want to do is put a stone in someone's shoe –
give that person something worth thinking about,
something he can't ignore because it continues to
poke at him in a good way.

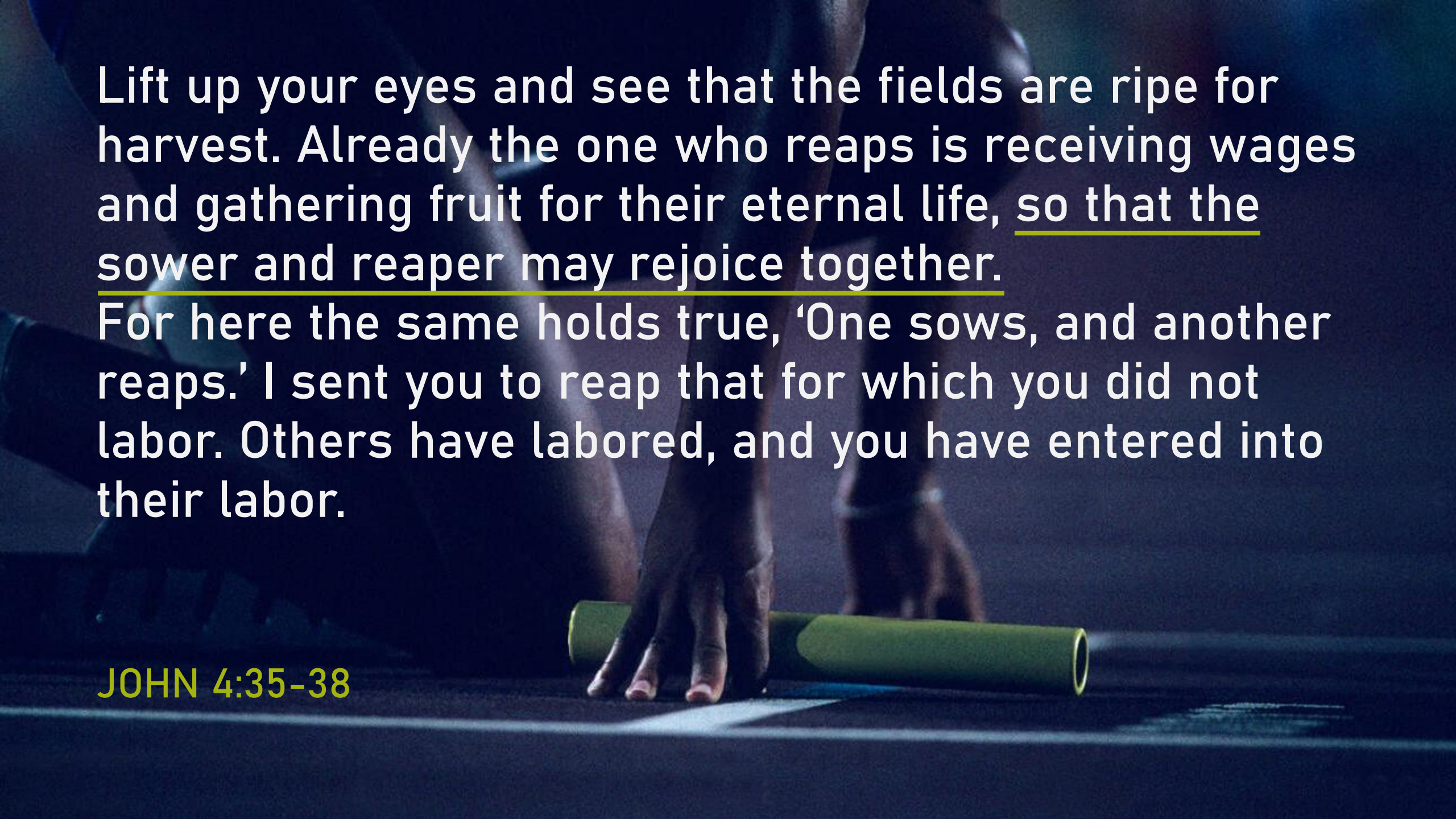


A person is shown in a starting crouch on a dark track, with their hands on the ground and a green baton. The background is dark and out of focus.

4. One true measure of the success of a Christian life is – SUCCESSION.

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A close-up, low-angle shot of a person's hands unrolling a long, narrow, light-colored scroll on a dark, reflective surface. The hands are positioned in the center of the frame, with fingers spread as they pull the scroll. The scroll is partially unrolled, showing its texture and length. The background is dark and out of focus, emphasizing the hands and the scroll. The lighting is dramatic, with strong highlights on the hands and the scroll, and deep shadows elsewhere.

Lift up your eyes and see that the fields are ripe for harvest. Already the one who reaps is receiving wages and gathering fruit for their eternal life, so that the sower and reaper may rejoice together.

For here the same holds true, 'One sows, and another reaps.' I sent you to reap that for which you did not labor. Others have labored, and you have entered into their labor.

JOHN 4:35-38