



EMPOWERED

Courage to Obey
the Lord!



1 John 4:10,16,18

¹⁰ **This is real love**—not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as a sacrifice to take away our sins.

¹⁶ We know how much God loves us, and **we have put our trust in his love**. God is love, and all who live in love live in God, and God lives in them. ¹⁷ And as we live in God, our love grows more perfect....

¹⁸ **Such love has no fear, because perfect love expels all fear**. If we are afraid, it is for fear of punishment, and this shows that we have not fully experienced his perfect love.



God as our Savior
&
God as our Lord

Word of Wisdom – 1 Cor. 12:8

Definition:

*a supernatural revelation or divinely inspired insight from God's Spirit that brings guidance, clarity, and truth into God's **purpose and plan**, often involving **future events**.*

Purpose:

- *To give divine direction*
- *To solve complex or difficult situations*
- *To reveal God's plan*

Biblical Examples:

1. Joseph interpreting Pharaoh's dream and offering a solution

(Genesis 41:25–40)

Joseph not only interpreted the dream (knowledge), but also gave a wise plan to save Egypt from famine — a Word of Wisdom.

2. Paul's decision to stay on the ship during the storm

(Acts 27:10, 21–26)

Paul received divine insight that though the ship would be lost, no lives would be — and told them how to survive. That's a word of wisdom in action.

3. Jesus answering the Pharisees about paying taxes

(Matthew 22:15–22)

His reply, "Render to Caesar what is Caesar's..." was a divine, wise response that avoided their trap — a Word of Wisdom.

Leadership - 1 Cor. 12:28

Biblical Definition:

Leadership in the Bible is the God-given ability to guide, influence, and care for others toward a common purpose, especially in alignment with God's will.

It is marked not by dominance or control, but by servanthood, humility, wisdom, and love.

Key Traits of Biblical Leadership:

- *Serves rather than rules*
- *Leads by example (1 Peter 5:2–3)*
- *Seeks God's wisdom (James 1:5)*
- *Builds up others for God's glory (Ephesians 4:11–13)*

Hospitality (Biblical Definition):

*Hospitality in Scripture is the **act of generously welcoming and caring for others**, especially strangers, as an expression of God's love. It reflects God's heart to include, embrace, and care for all people.*

Romans 12:13 (ESV):

“Contribute to the needs of the saints and seek to show hospitality.”

Hebrews 13:2 (NIV):

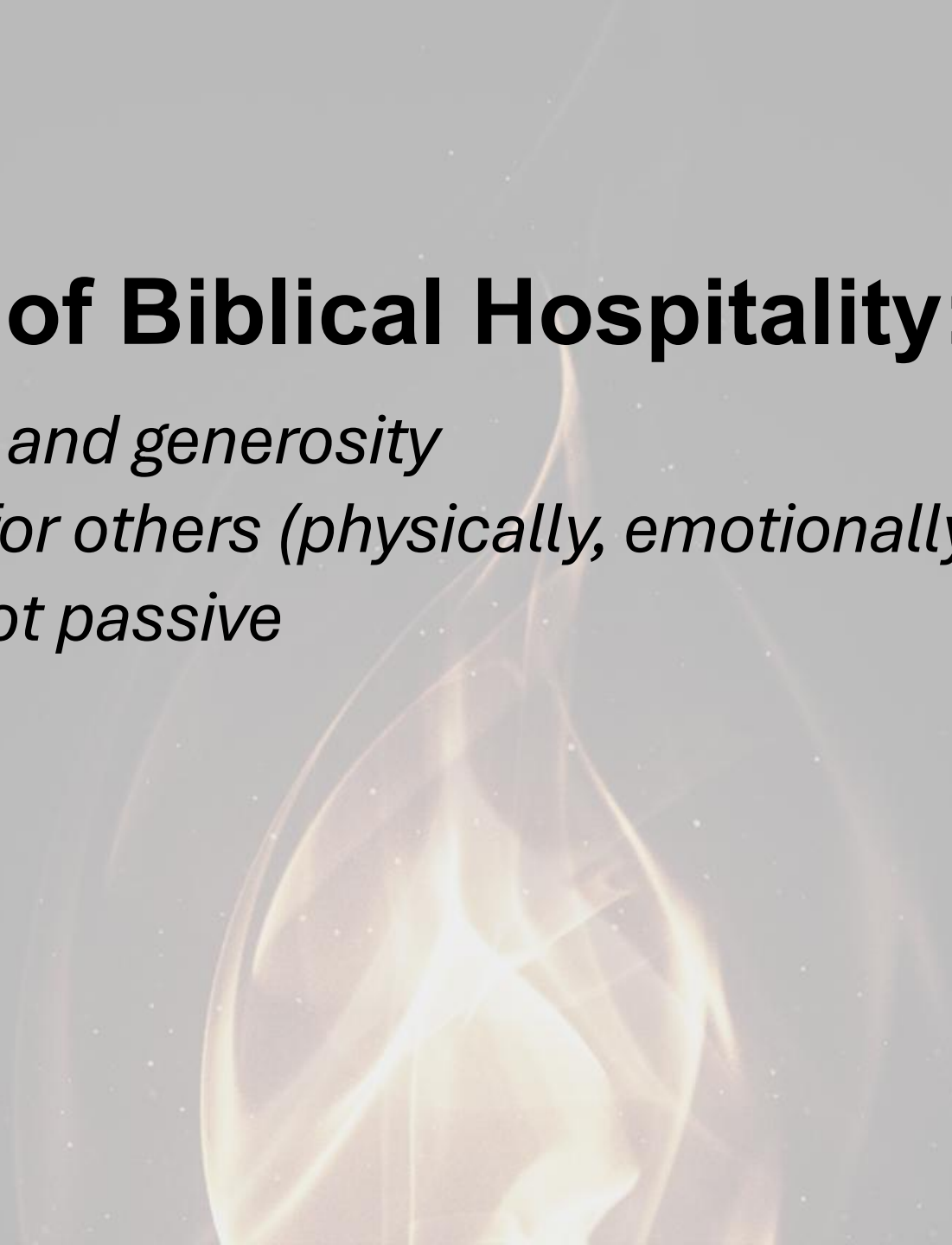
“Do not forget to show hospitality to strangers, for by so doing some people have shown hospitality to angels without knowing it.”

1 Peter 4:9 (NIV):

“Offer hospitality to one another without grumbling.”

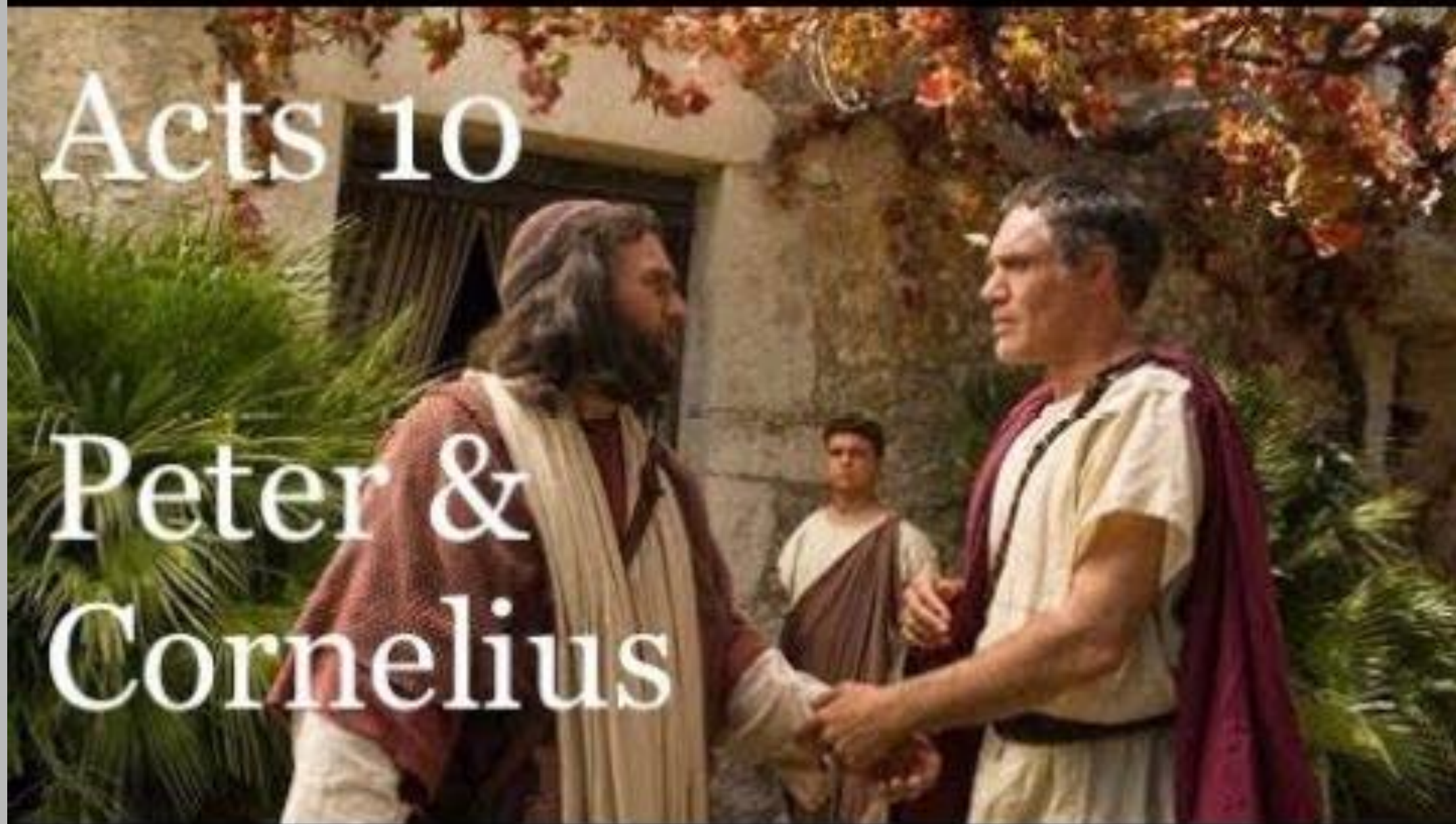
Key Traits of Biblical Hospitality:

- *Rooted in love and generosity*
- *Makes space for others (physically, emotionally, spiritually)*
- *Is proactive, not passive*



Acts 10

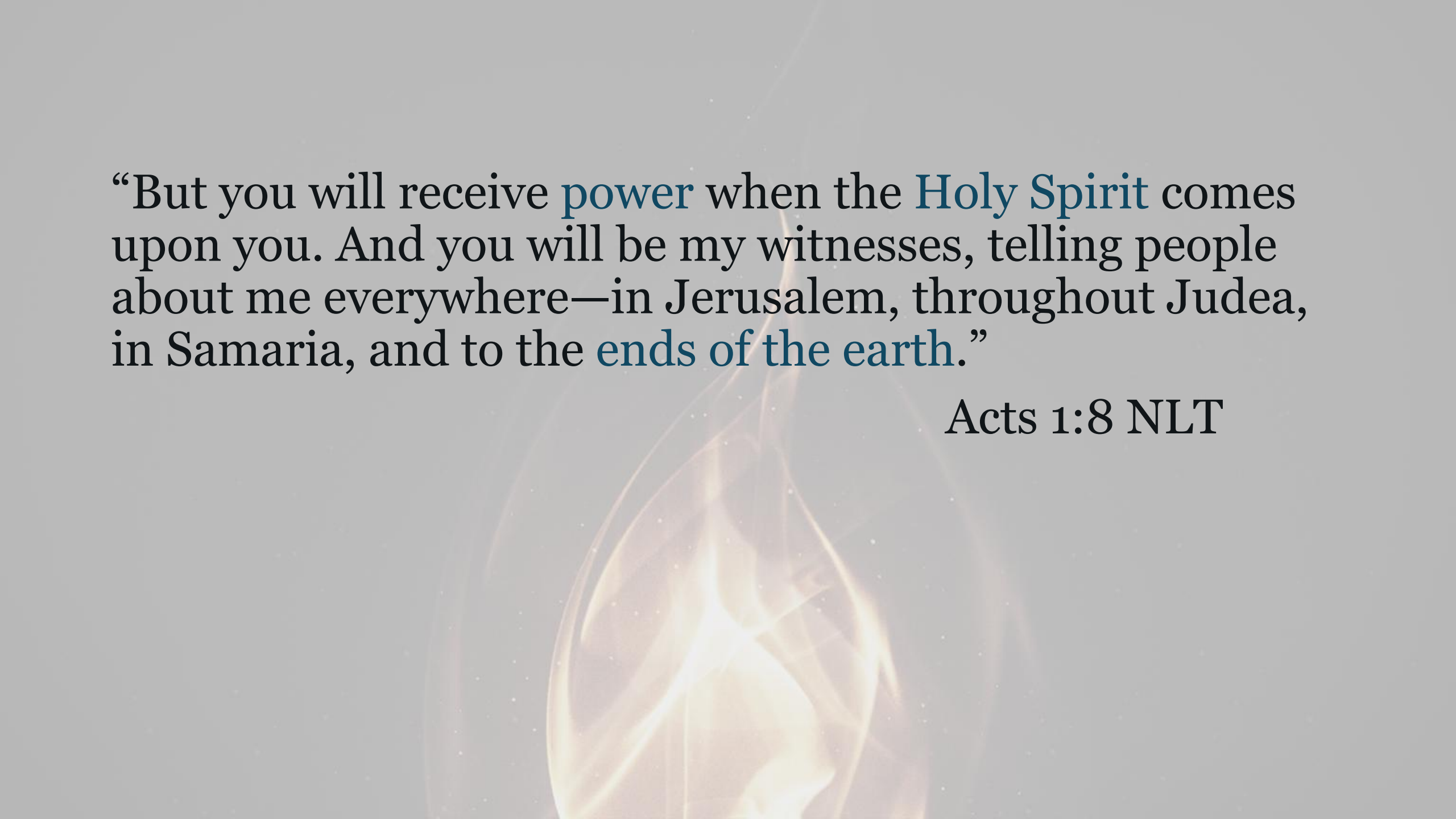
Peter &
Cornelius



Cornelius

- Roman Centurion
- Gave to the poor
- Prayed regular



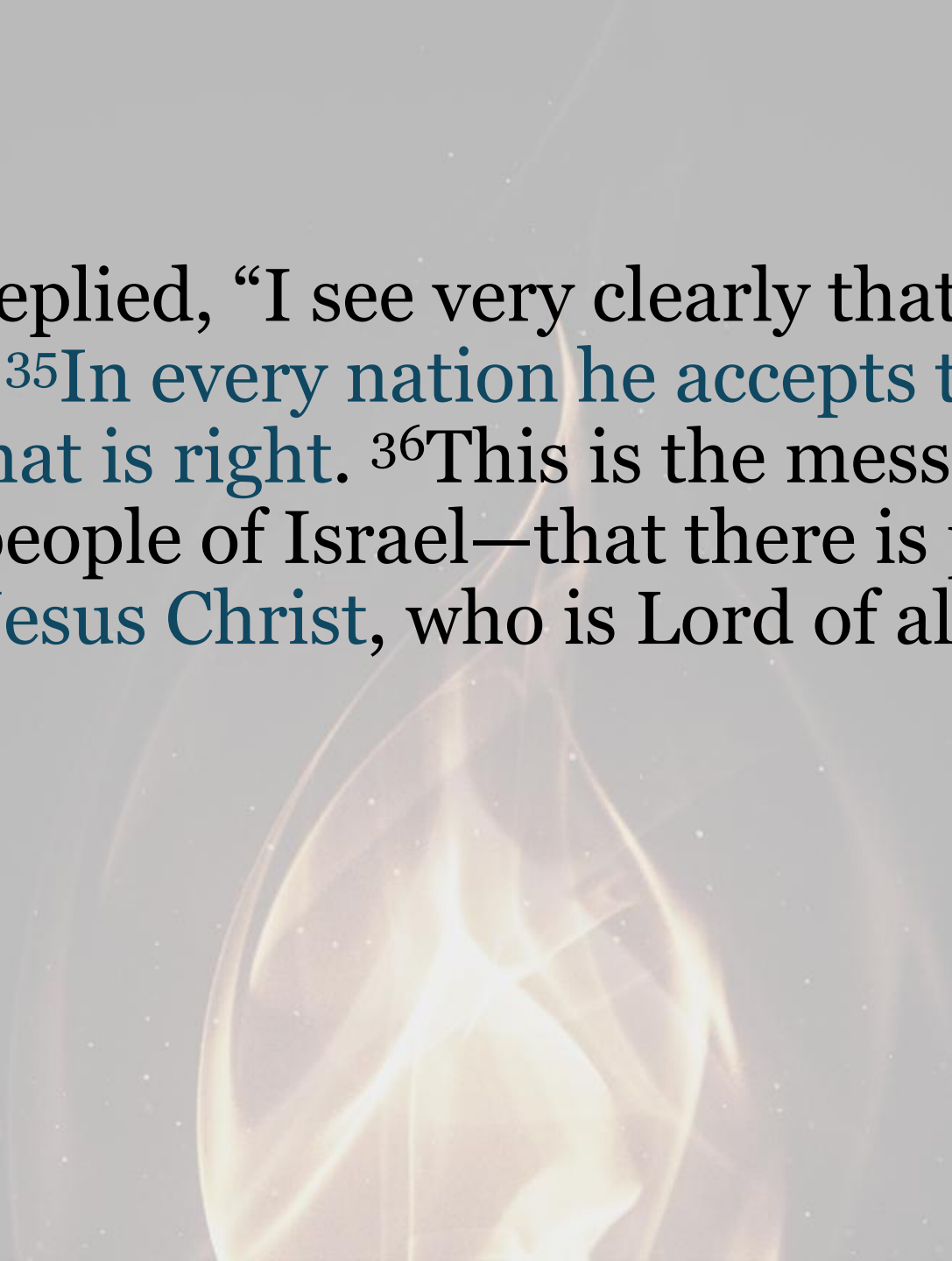


“But you will receive **power** when the **Holy Spirit** comes upon you. And you will be my witnesses, telling people about me everywhere—in Jerusalem, throughout Judea, in Samaria, and to the **ends of the earth**.”

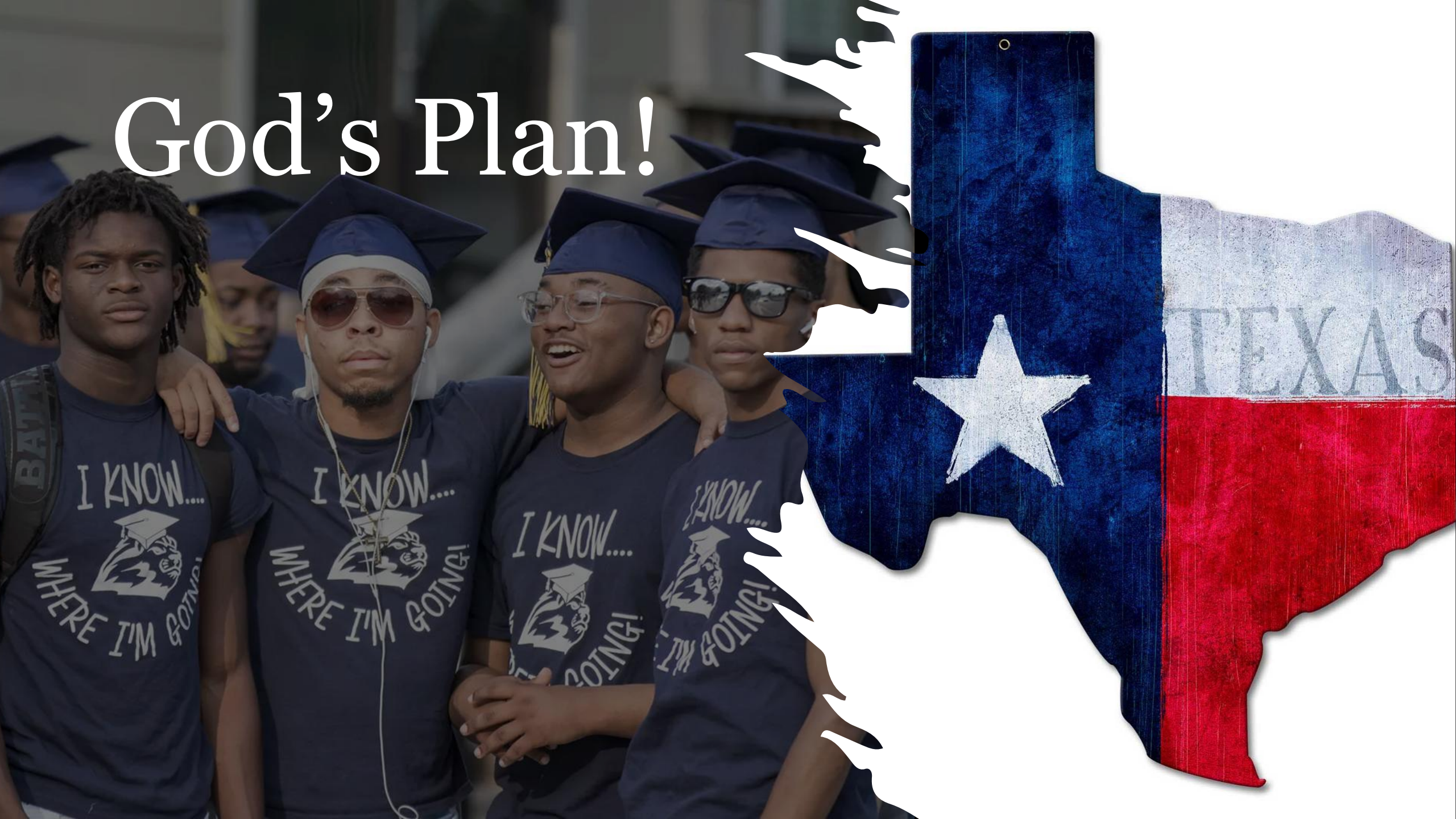
Acts 1:8 NLT

Acts 10

³⁴Then Peter replied, “I see very clearly that God shows no favoritism. ³⁵In every nation he accepts those who fear him and do what is right. ³⁶This is the message of Good News for the people of Israel—that there is peace with God through Jesus Christ, who is Lord of all.



God's Plan!



Do you have the Courage to obey the Lord?

- Ask for Wisdom
- Ask that He would use us to Build each other up and to be a light
- Ask for His direction
- Pray for those dreams He has put in your heart to come true