A person stands on a sandy beach, looking out at the ocean. In the background, there are mountains under a blue sky with some clouds. The overall scene is serene and contemplative.

SOJOURNERS

PASSING THROUGH

MISSIONAL


Ambassadors for Christ
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A person is seen from behind, standing on a wide, sandy path that stretches into the distance. The landscape is a vast, colorful desert with rolling dunes in shades of red, orange, and yellow. In the background, there are dark, rugged mountains under a bright blue sky with scattered white clouds. The overall scene conveys a sense of solitude and journey.

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CONFLICT

A person is seen from behind, standing in a vast, colorful landscape. The ground is a mix of red, orange, and yellow, suggesting a desert or a dry lake bed. In the distance, there are mountains and a blue sky with some clouds. The overall scene is serene and expansive.

Come to me, all who labor and are
Heavy laden, and I will give you rest.

MATTHEW 11:28-30

A person is seen from behind, walking away on a dirt path that leads into a vast, colorful landscape. The path is reddish-brown and has a trail of footprints. The landscape is a mix of red, orange, and blue tones, suggesting a desert or a coastal area at sunset or sunrise. In the background, there are mountains and a body of water. The sky is a deep blue with some white clouds. The overall mood is contemplative and serene.

Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me,

For I am gentle and lowly in heart,

MATTHEW 11:28-30

A person is seen from behind, walking away on a dirt path that leads into a vast, colorful landscape. The path is reddish-brown and leads towards a horizon where the sky is a mix of blue and purple. The ground is uneven and appears to be a mix of sand and dirt. In the distance, there are mountains or hills under a cloudy sky. The overall scene is serene and contemplative.

And you will find rest for your souls.

For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.

MATTHEW 11:28-30



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SECOND MISSIONARY JOURNEY

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1ST MISSIONARY JOURNEY

1. BARNABAS & SAUL
2. SAUL & THEN PAUL
3. SIGNS & WONDERS
4. SALVATIONS & STONINGS
5. JOHN MARK
6. PAUL'S & COMPANIONS
7. CHURCH EXPANDING!



But some men came down from Judea
and were teaching the brothers,
“Unless you are **circumcised** according to the
custom of Moses, you cannot be saved.”

ACTS 15: 1-5 [ESV](#)

And after Paul and Barnabas had
no small dissension and debate with them,

ACTS 15: 1-5 [ESV](#)

Paul and Barnabas and some others were appointed to go up to Jerusalem to the apostles and the elders about this question.

ACTS 15: 1-5 [ESV](#)

So being sent on their way by the church, they passed through Phoenicia and Samaria, describing in detail the conversion of the Gentiles, and brought great joy to all the brothers.

ACTS 15: 1-5 [ESV](#)



When they came to Jerusalem,
they were welcomed by the
church and the apostles and the
elders, and they declared all that
God had done with them.

ACTS 15: 1-5 [ESV](#)



But some believers who belonged to the party of the Pharisees rose up and said, **“It is necessary to circumcise them and to order them to keep the law of Moses.”**

The apostles and elders were gathered together to consider this matter.

5 CONFLICT STRATEGIES

SOJOURNERS

the **avoider**

the **accommodator**

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the **compromiser**

the **collaborator**

And after there had been much debate, Peter stood up and said to them...

ACTS 15:6 [ESV](#)



THE JERUSALEM COUNCIL

ACTS 15:7-21

PETER

BARNABAS

PAUL

JAMES

Antioch

Tarsus

Antioch

SYRIA

Then it seemed good to the apostles and the elders, with the whole church, to choose men from among them and send them to **Antioch** with Paul and Barnabas. They sent Judas called Barsabbas, and Silas, leading men among the brothers, with the following **LETTER**:

ACTS 15:22-23 [ESV](#)

CYPRUS

PHOENICIA

Damascus

SAMARIA

Caesarea

JERUSALEM

CYRENE

JUDEA



So, when they were sent off,
they went *down* to Antioch,
and having gathered the
congregation together, they
delivered the letter.

ACTS 15:30 [ESV](#)



THE JERUSALEM DECREE
ACTS 15:23-32



And after they had spent some time, they were **sent off in peace** by the brothers to those who had sent them. But Paul and Barnabas remained in Antioch, teaching and preaching the word of the Lord, with many others also.

ACTS 15:33-35 [ESV](#)




A person in silhouette is walking away from the viewer on a dirt path through a desert landscape. The sky is a deep blue and teal, filled with stars, suggesting a night scene. In the background, there are dark, silhouetted mountains. The overall mood is one of solitude and journey.

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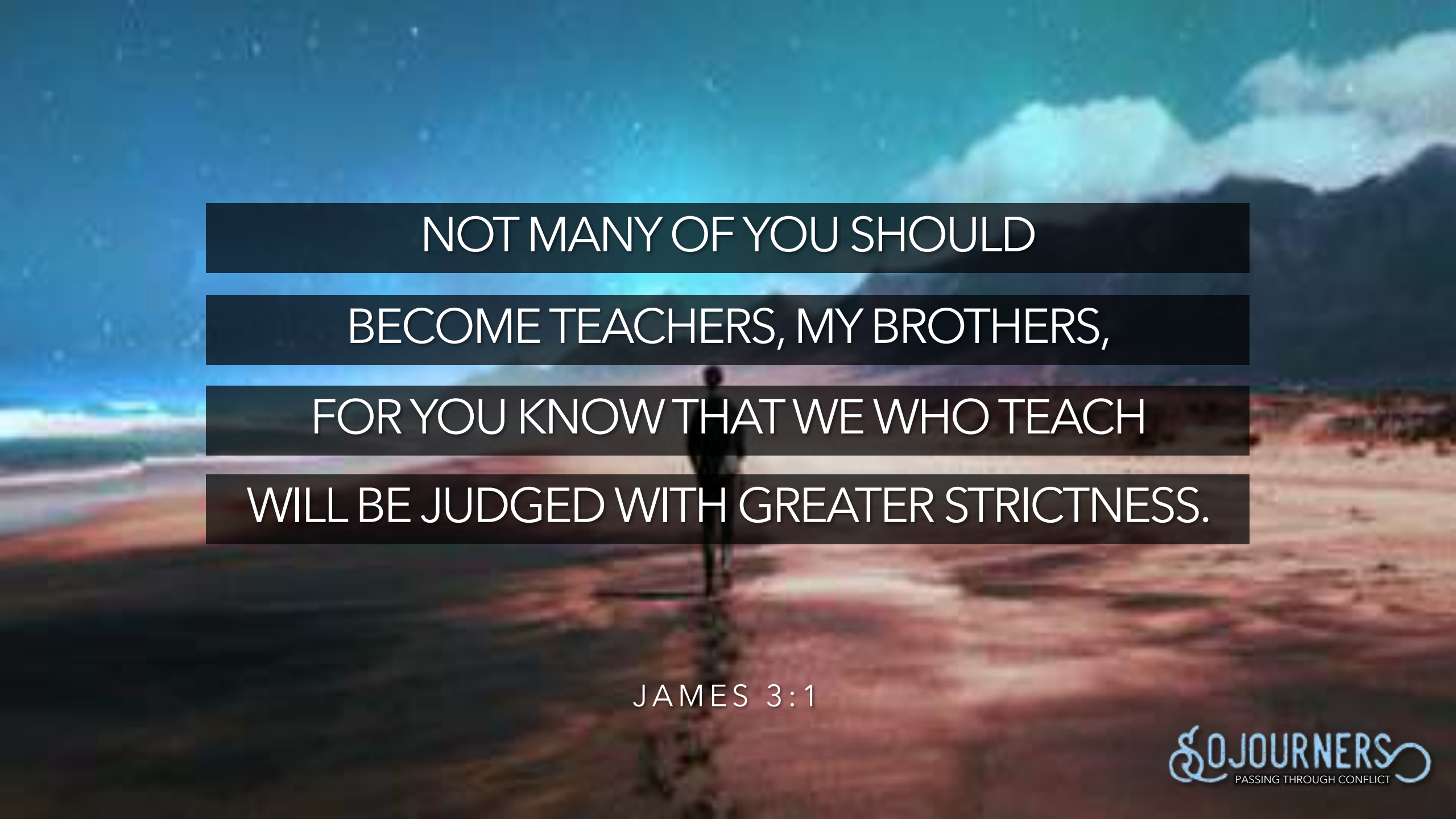
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WHO IS YOUR JERUSALEM COUNCIL?



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PASSING THROUGH

CHICAGO TO ST. LOUIS

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NOT MANY OF YOU SHOULD
BECOME TEACHERS, MY BROTHERS,
FOR YOU KNOW THAT WE WHO TEACH
WILL BE JUDGED WITH GREATER STRICTNESS.

JAMES 3:1



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BUT THE FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT IS LOVE

JOY

PEACE

PATIENCE

KINDNESS

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GALATIANS 5:22-23 ESV



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JUDGE NOT, THAT YOU NOT BE JUDGED.

FOR WITH THE JUDGMENT YOU PRONOUNCE

YOU WILL BE JUDGED,

AND WITH THE MEASURE YOU USE

IT WILL BE MEASURED TO YOU.

MATTHEW 7:1-2

The background of the slide features a silhouette of an adult man and a small child walking away from the viewer on a sandy beach. The man is on the right, holding the child's hand. The child is on the left. The sky is a vibrant orange and red, suggesting a sunset or sunrise. The ocean waves are visible on the left side of the frame. The title text is overlaid on the scene.

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