

THE **ACTS** OF FAITH

A serene sunset scene over a body of water. A small sailboat is visible on the left side of the frame. The sky is a mix of deep blues and oranges, with a large, glowing cloud formation in the center. The word "PIONEERS" is written in a large, white, stylized font across the middle of the image, with a decorative flourish at the end of the word. The entire scene is reflected in the calm water below.

PIONEERS

2020-21 SERMON SERIES



PIONEERS

WHATEVER
WHENEVER
HOWEVER



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PIONEERS





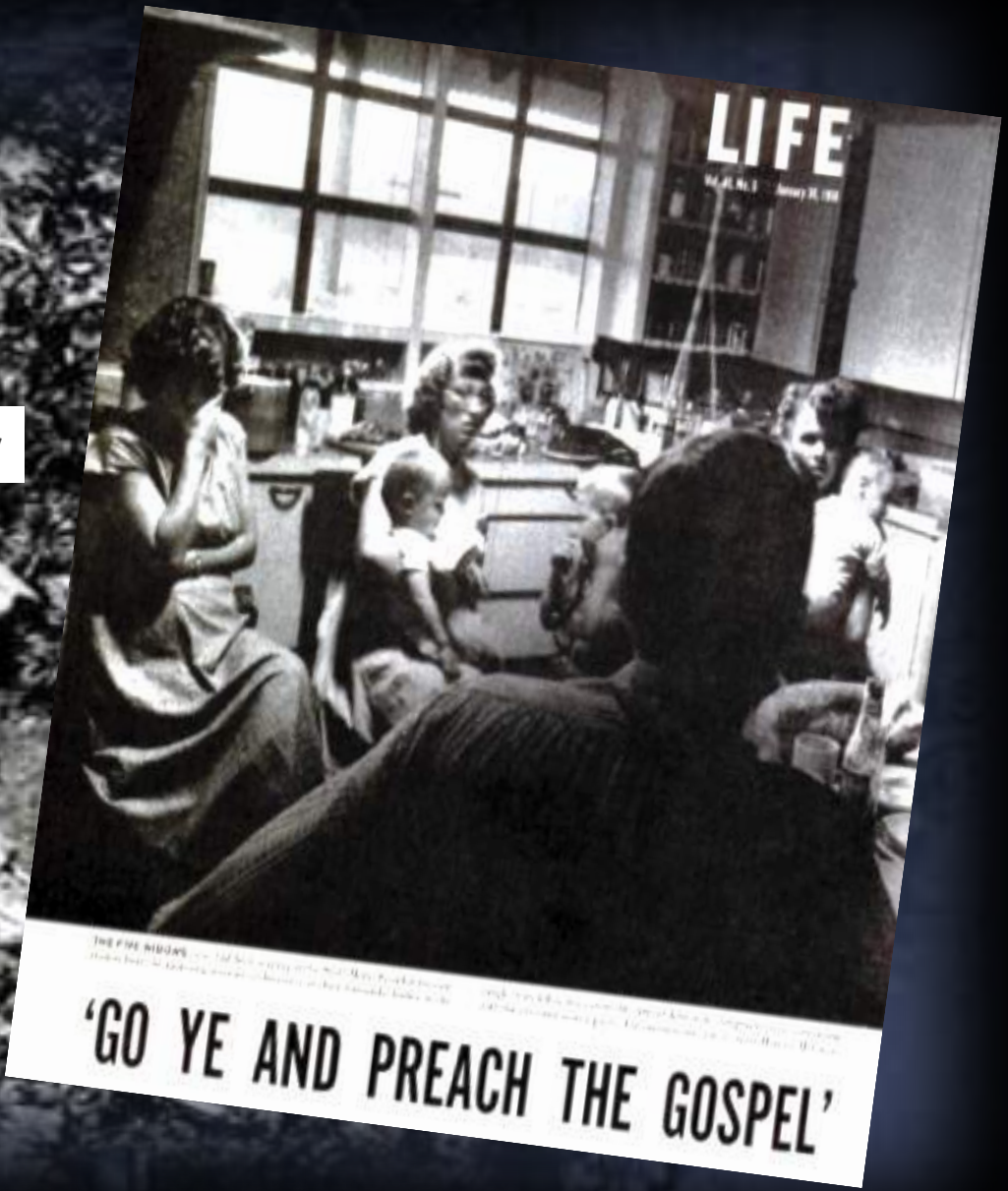
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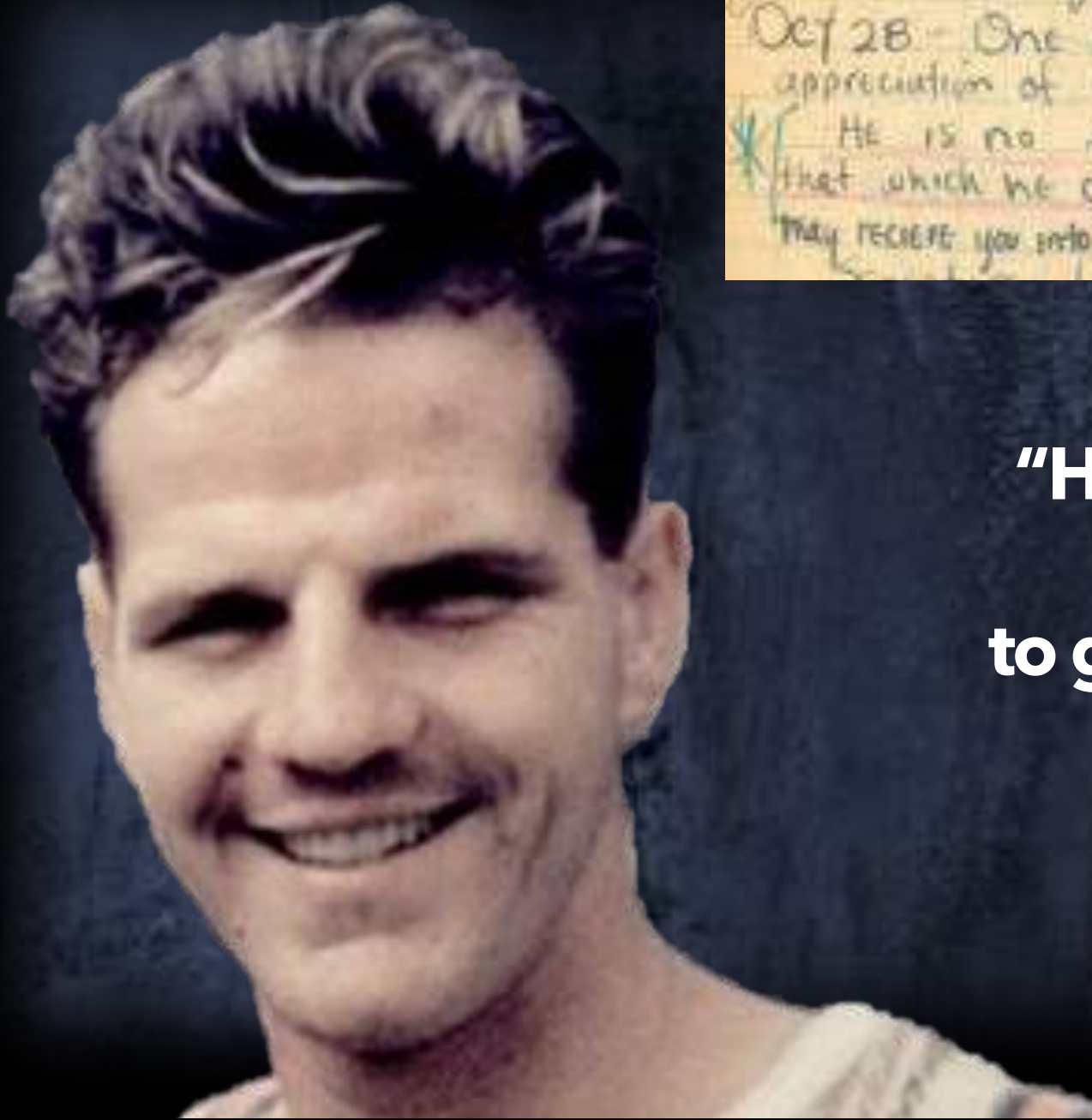


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MISSIONARIES MURDERED





Oct 28 - One of the great blessings of Heaven is the appreciation of heaven on earth - Ephesian truth.
* He is no fool who gives what he cannot keep to gain that which he cannot lose. Lu 16:9...that when it shall fail, they may receive you into everlasting habitations

**“He is no fool who gives up
what he cannot keep
to gain what he cannot lose.”**

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A man in a dark suit and light shirt is leaning over a wooden table, shouting with his mouth wide open. He has a determined and intense expression. The background is dark with silhouettes of a crowd of people. Several black lines are drawn across the image, some pointing towards the man's head and others crossing each other.

Am I able to love people who do not love me?

PIONEERS

SOLD OUT

THE **FAITH** OF A MARTYR

ACTS 7 **ESV**




PIONEERS

DIFFERENT

A **FAITH** THAT IS SET APART

ACCUSED

ACTS 6 **ESV**



And the high priest said,
"Are these things so?"
And Stephen said:
"Brothers and fathers, **hear me.**"

HIS DEFENSE

HIS KNOWLEDGE

HIS UNDERSTANDING

HIS COURAGE


HIS APPROACH

ACTS 7:1-50 **ESV**



PATTERNS









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

SPOT THE PATTERN 1

Spot the pattern and then draw in the next pattern.

1) Shade the shape to finish the pattern.

							
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2) Shade the shape to finish the patterns.

							
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4) Shade the shapes to finish the patterns.

							
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6) Shade the shapes to finish the patterns.

											
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SEE THE PAST

SPOT THE PATTERN

STOP THE CYCLE



ABRAHAM

GOD GAVE A **PROMISE** BUT...

ACTS 7:2-8

SEE THE PAST

SPOT THE PATTERN

STOP THE CYCLE



SEE THE PAST

SPOT THE PATTERN

STOP THE CYCLE

JOSEPH

GOD GAVE A **SAVIOR**, BUT...

ACTS 7:9-16



MOSES

GOD GAVE A **DELIVERER**, BUT...

ACTS 7:17-43

SEE THE PAST

SPOT THE PATTERN

STOP THE CYCLE



TEMPLE

GOD IS NOT LIMITED TO A **BUILDING**

ACTS 7:44-50



And Stephen said:
"Brothers and fathers, **hear me.**"

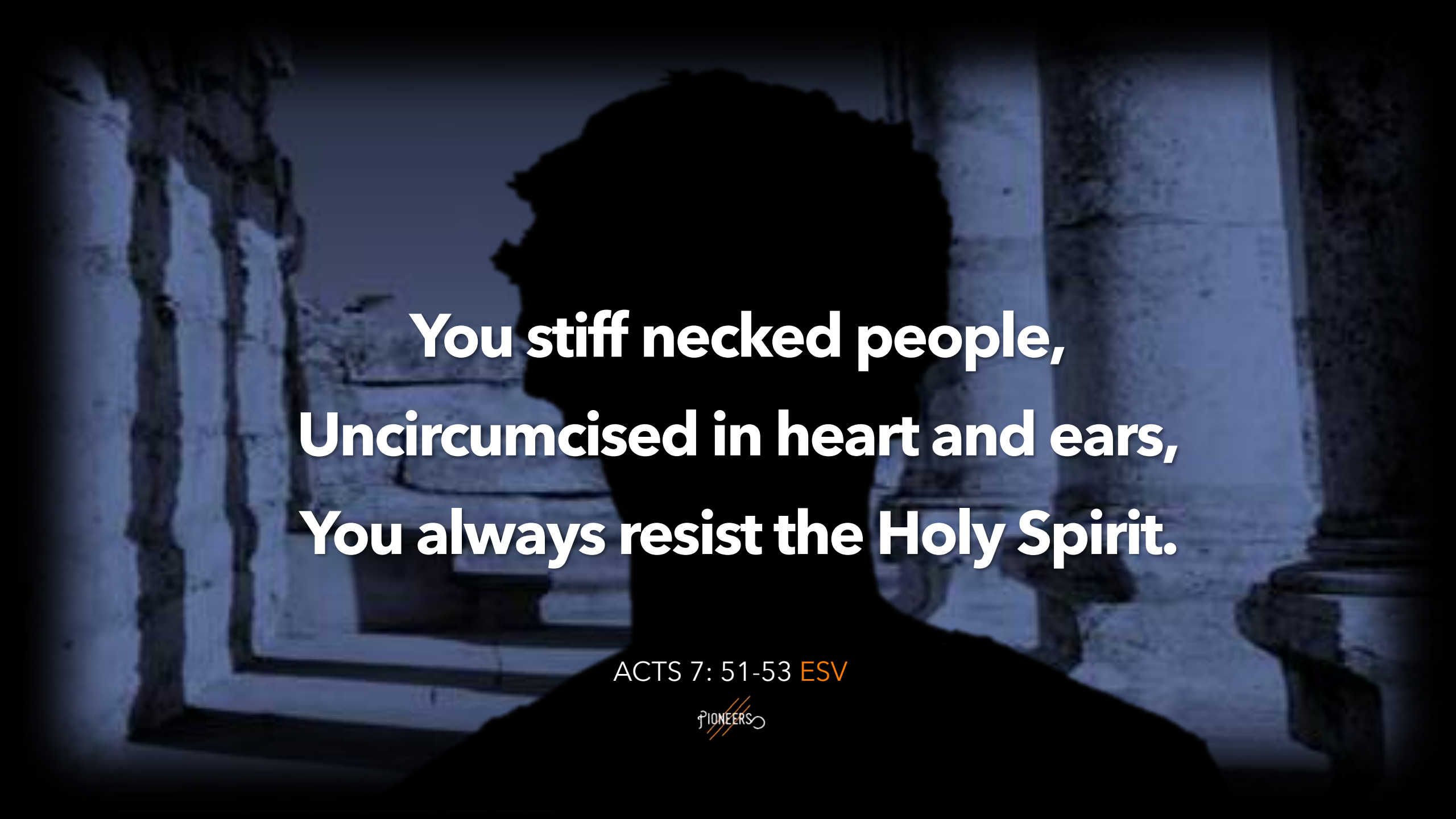
ACTS 7:1-50 **ESV**



SEE THE PAST

SPOT THE PATTERN

STOP THE CYCLE



**You stiff necked people,
Uncircumcised in heart and ears,
You always resist the Holy Spirit.**

ACTS 7: 51-53 **ESV**





As your fathers did, so do you.

**Which of the prophets did
your fathers not persecute?**

ACTS 7: 51-53 **ESV**





**And they killed those who announced
beforehand the coming of the Righteous One,
whom you have now betrayed and murdered,**

ACTS 7: 51-53 **ESV**





HAUGHTY

Stiff-necked people.

HARDENED

Uncircumcised in Heart & Ears.

DEFIANT

You always resist the Holy Spirit.

MONOTONOUS

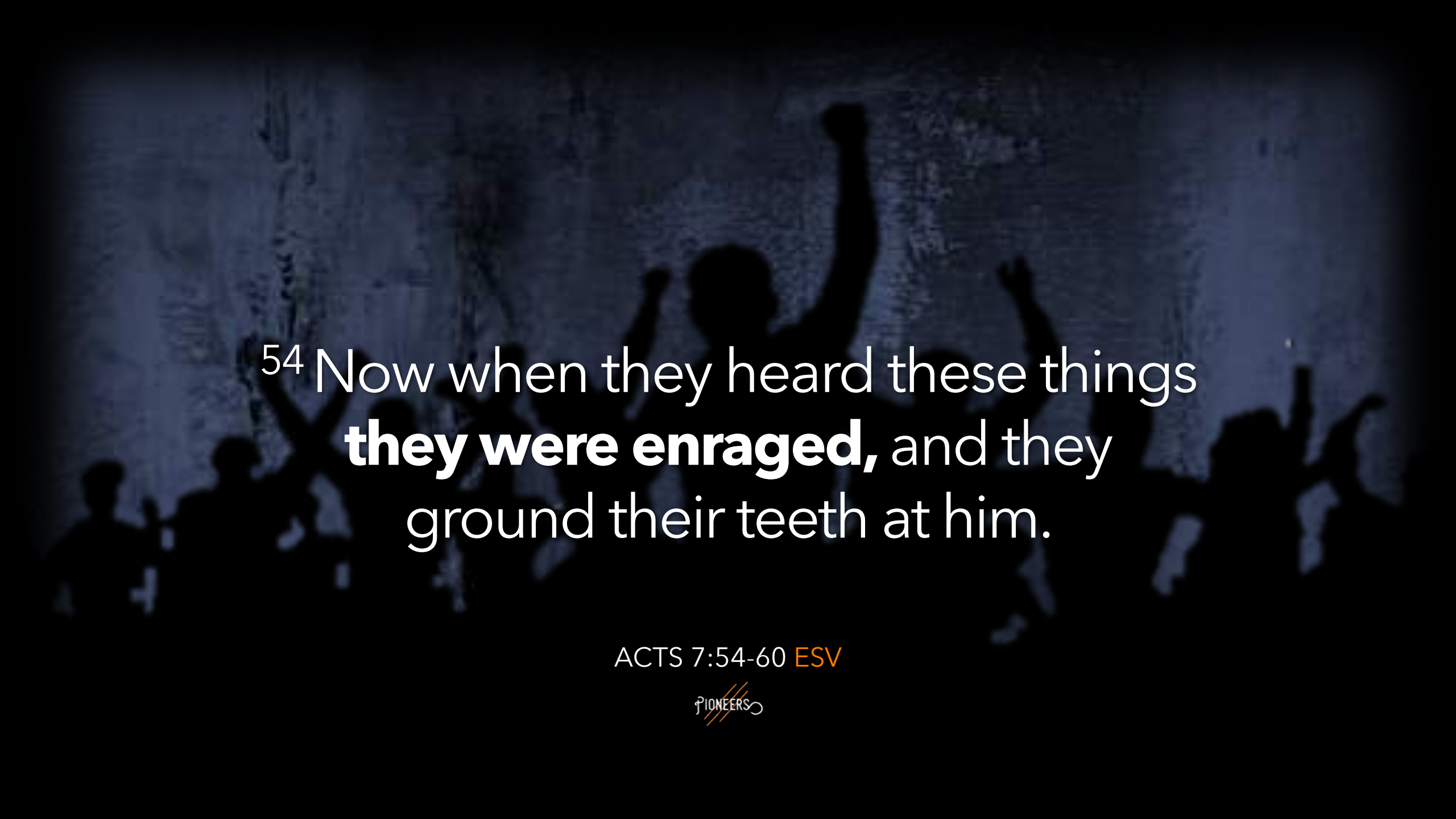
You do just as your fathers did.

COMBATIVE

You reject the very one's God sends.

STONE HEARTS

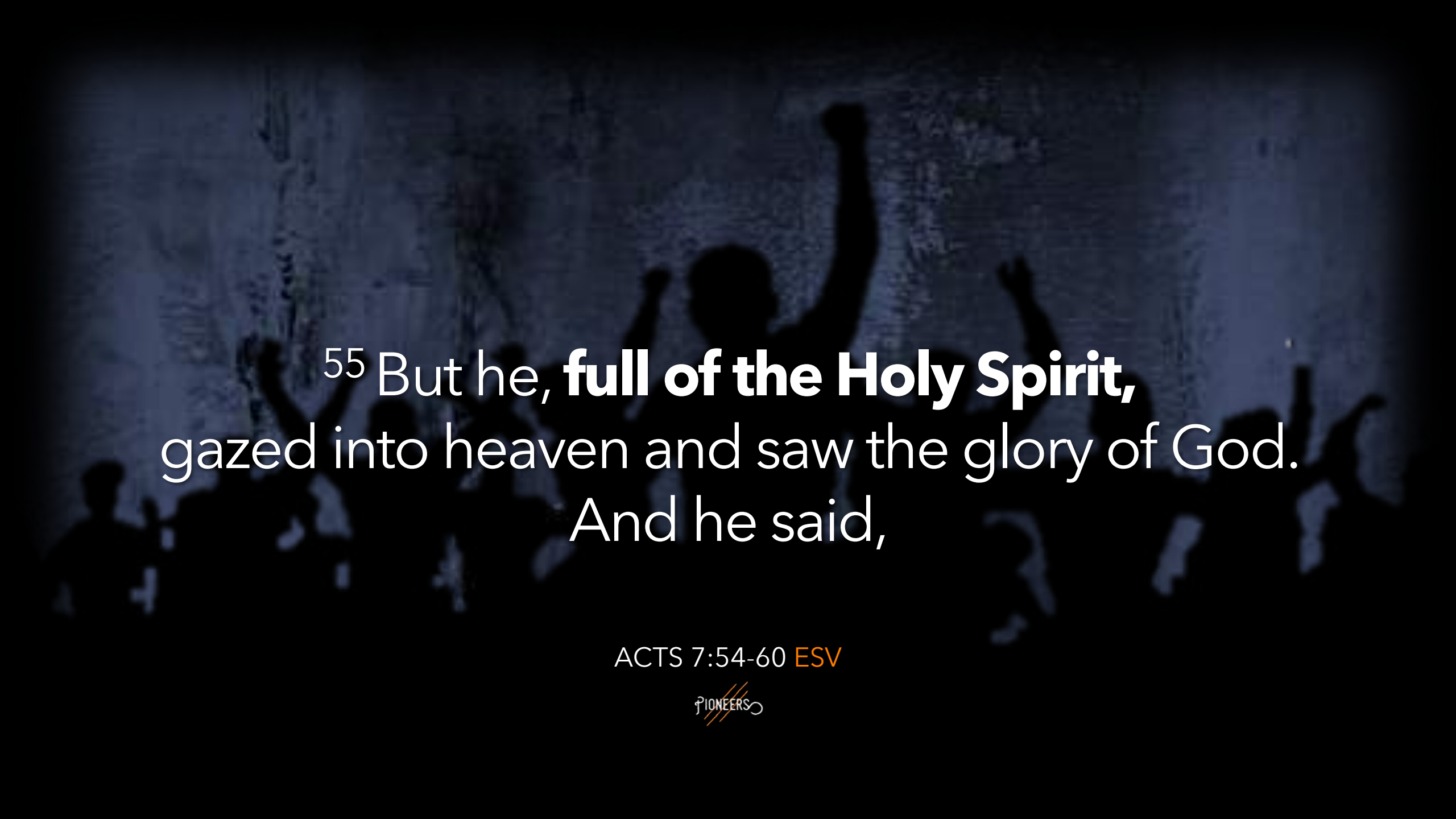
**"As your fathers did,
so do you."**



54 Now when they heard these things
they were enraged, and they
ground their teeth at him.

ACTS 7:54-60 **ESV**





⁵⁵ But he, **full of the Holy Spirit,**
gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God.
And he said,

ACTS 7:54-60 **ESV**





56 "Behold, I see the heavens opened,
and the **Son of Man** standing
at the right hand of God."

ACTS 7:54-60 **ESV**



The background of the image shows a crowd of people in silhouette against a dark blue, textured background. Many of the people have their arms raised, suggesting a scene of celebration or protest. The overall mood is one of intense activity and collective action.

57 But they cried out with a loud voice
and stopped their ears
and rushed together at him.

ACTS 7:54-60 **ESV**

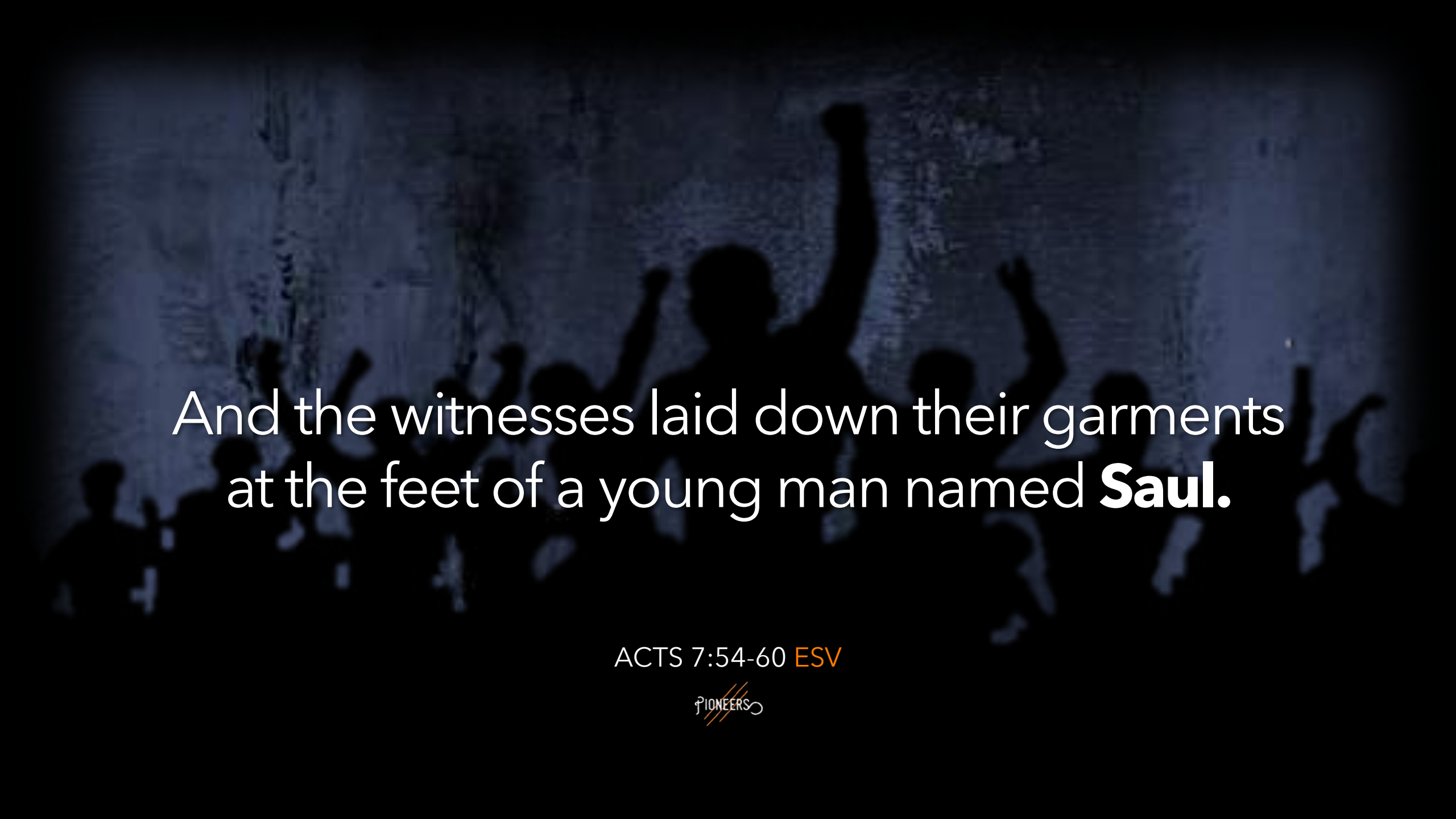




5⁸ Then they cast him out of the city and **stoned him.**

ACTS 7:54-60 **ESV**

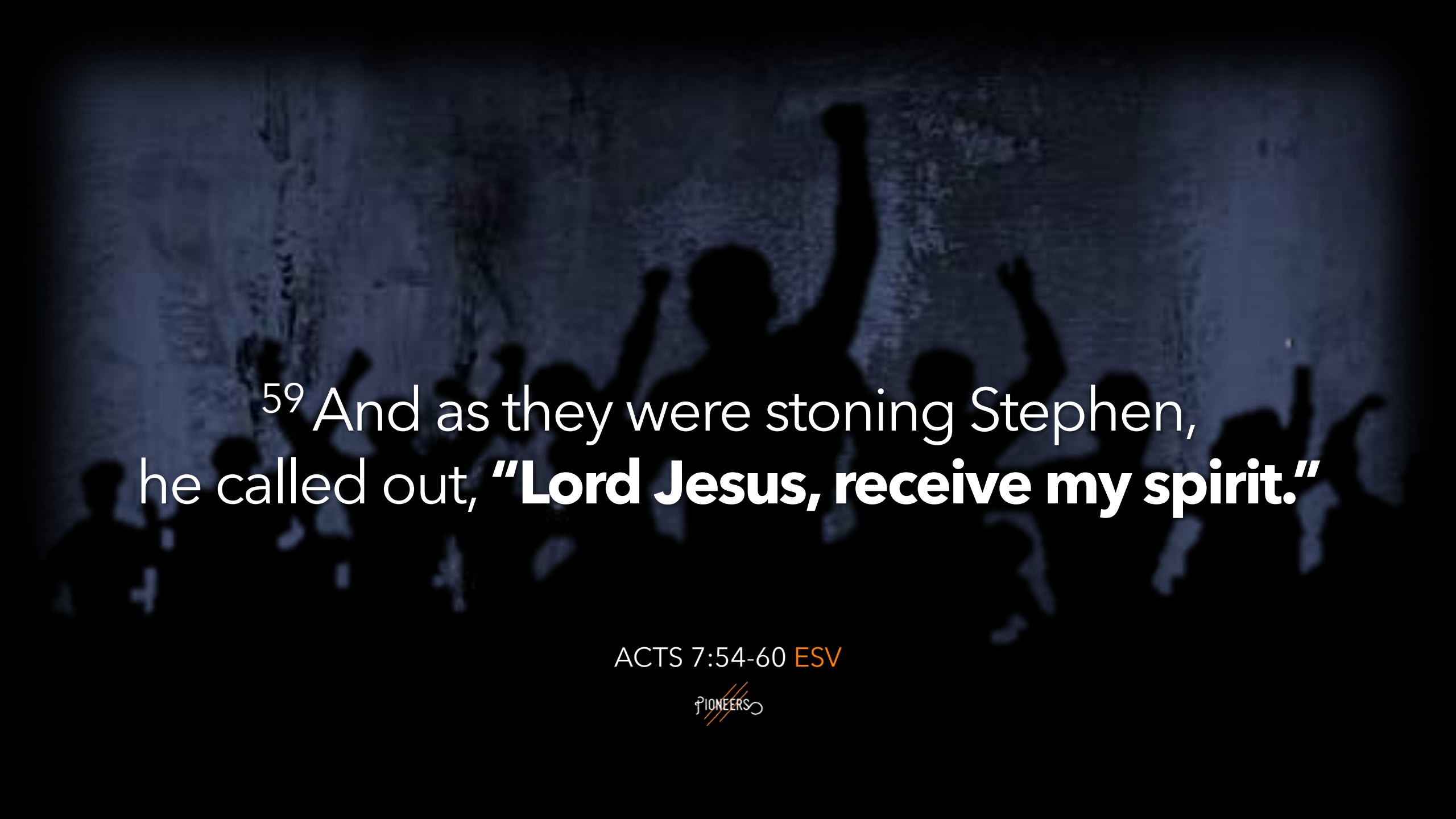




And the witnesses laid down their garments
at the feet of a young man named **Saul**.

ACTS 7:54-60 **ESV**

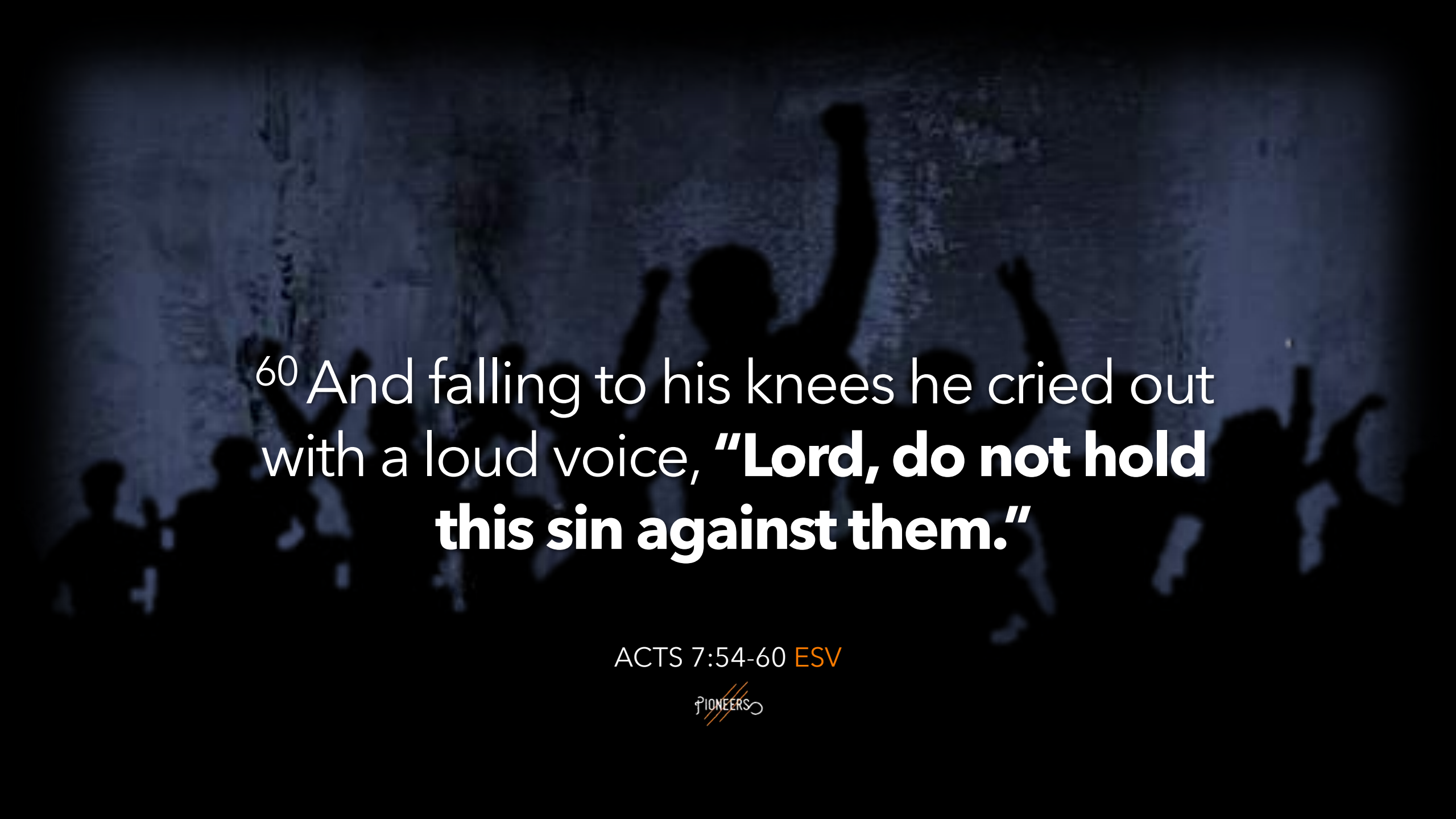




⁵⁹ And as they were stoning Stephen,
he called out, **“Lord Jesus, receive my spirit.”**

ACTS 7:54-60 **ESV**



The background of the slide features a dark, blue-toned image of a crowd of people. Many individuals have their arms raised in the air, suggesting a moment of celebration, prayer, or a public gathering. The lighting is low, creating a silhouette effect against a slightly lighter background.


⁶⁰ And falling to his knees he cried out with a loud voice, **“Lord, do not hold this sin against them.”**

ACTS 7:54-60 **ESV**





⁶⁰ And when he said this, **he fell asleep.**




STONE HEARTS

**"As your fathers did,
So do you."**

SEE THE PAST

SPOT THE PATTERN

STOP THE CYCLE

A man in a dark suit and light shirt is leaning over a wooden table, shouting with an intense, angry expression. His mouth is wide open, and his eyes are narrowed. The background is dark with silhouettes of people. Several black lines radiate from the man's head towards the text on the right. The text on the right lists five adjectives in orange: HAUGHTY, HARDENED, DEFIANT, MONOTONOUS, and COMBATIVE. At the bottom, a white question is overlaid on the image.

HAUGHTY
HARDENED
DEFIANT
MONOTONOUS
COMBATIVE

Am I able to love people who do not love me?

REBUKE

Fathers, brothers, hear me.

RENEW

Full of the Spirit, gazed into heaven.

RELEASE

Don't hold this against them.

REST

And he fell asleep.

STONE HEARTS

**"Fathers, brothers,
hear me."**

"What business is mine to judge the outside of the church? Is it not those inside the church you are to judge?"

1 Cor. 5:12


REBUKE ANY ERROR

Anger, Resentment, Bitterness

RENEW YOUR MINDSET

RELEASE ANY RESENTMENT

REST IN GOD'S PLAN

A man in a dark suit and light-colored shirt is leaning over a wooden desk, shouting with a determined and intense expression. His mouth is wide open, and his eyes are focused forward. The background is dark and textured.

“Do not judge, or you too will be judged. For in the same way you judge others, you will be judged, and with the measure you use, it will be measured to you.

Matt. 7:1-6

REBUKE ANY ERROR

Judgement, Manipulation, Shame

RENEW YOUR MINDEST

RELEASE ANY RESENTMENT

REST IN GOD'S PLAN

"You have heard that it was said, 'Love your neighbor' and 'Hate your enemy.' But I tell you, 'love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you.'"

Matt. 5:44



REBUKE ANY ERROR

RENEW YOUR MINDSET

Perspective, Obedience, Faith

RELEASE ANY RESENTMENT

REST IN GOD'S PLAN

"Do not be deceived,
God is not mocked, for
whatever man sows
that he will also reap."

Gal. 6:7

REBUKE ANY ERROR

RENEW YOUR MINDSET

RELEASE ANY RESENTMENT

Empathy, Forgiveness, Prayer

REST IN GOD'S PLAN

"And we know that for those who love God all things work together for the good, for those who are called according to His purposes."

Romans 8:28


REBUKE ANY ERROR

RENEW YOUR MINDSET

RELEASE ANY RESENTMENT

REST IN GOD'S PLAN

Sovereignty, Grace, Love



STONE HEART

SEE THE PAST

SPOT THE PATTERN

STOP THE CYCLE

And I will give you a **new heart**, and
put a new spirit in you; I will remove
from you your heart of stone and give
you a heart of flesh.

Tender, Responsive Heart

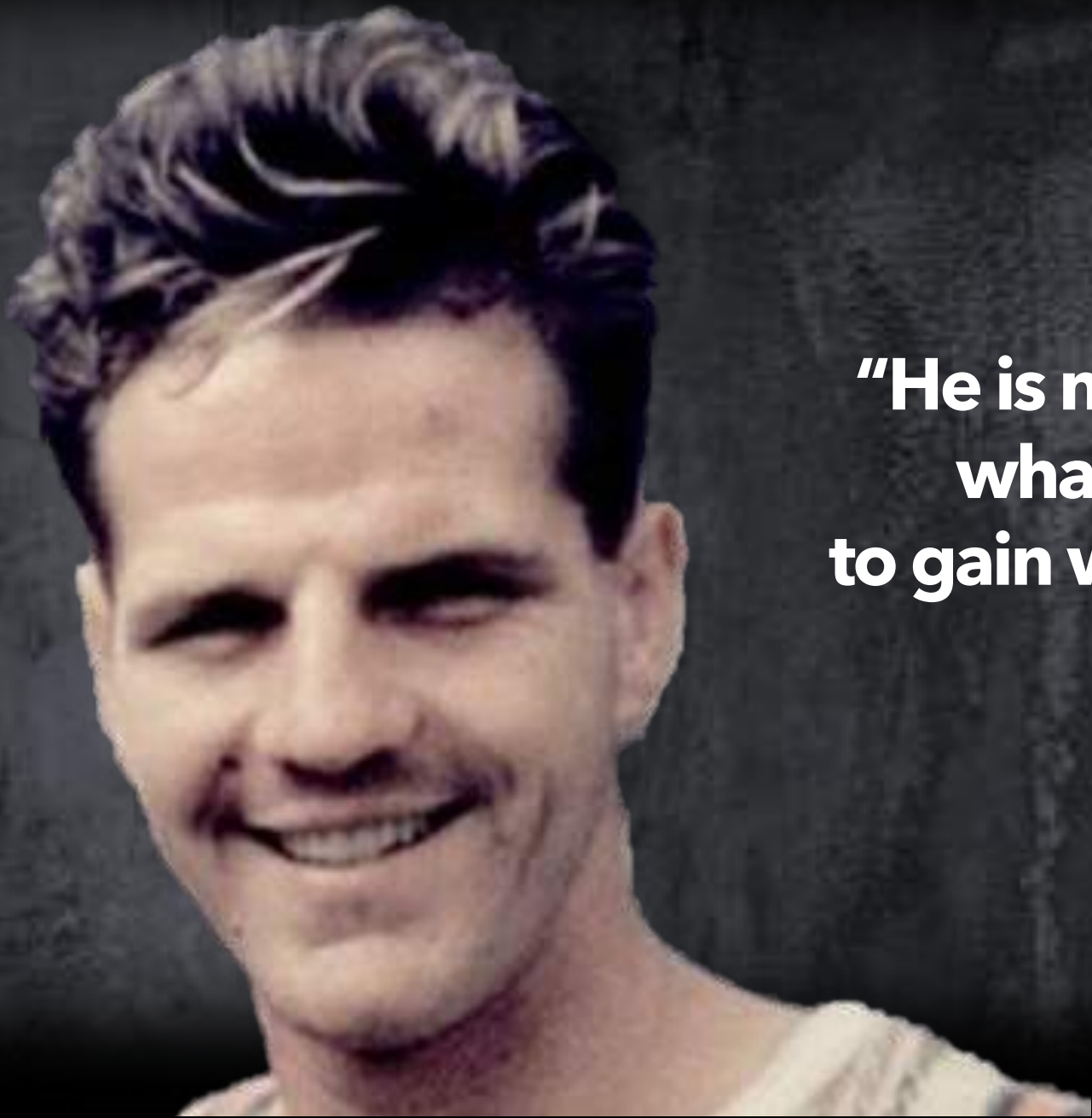
EZEKIEL 36:26



And I will put **my Spirit** in you and
move you to follow my decrees and
be careful to keep my laws.

EZEKIEL 36:27






**“He is no fool who gives up
what he cannot keep
to gain what he cannot lose.”**

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Elisabeth Elliot

Valerie Elliot

**“I really do not believe
their lives were wasted.”**

VALERIE (SHEPARD) ELLIOT

