

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 blue and orange, 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



“Worry does not empty tomorrow of its sorrow; it empties today of its strength.”

CORRIE TEN BOOM
ON LIVING WITH FEARS OF THE FUTURE





'THE BEJE' IN AMSTERDAM, NETHERLANDS, NEAR HAARLEM

"Jesus did not say you are too young, he just came, and I have walked, my Lord and I for 80yrs."

CASPER TEN BOOM



“Holland will fall, but
the Lord Jesus Christ
will never fall.”

CASPER TEN BOOM

'THE BEJE' IN AMSTERDAM, NETHERLANDS, NEAR HAARLEM



THE SECRET ROOM



“We were told we need to be able to get them into the room in under 60 seconds.”

CORRIE TEN BOOM

Courtesy of the hiding place



RAVENSBRÜCK

Courtesy of jewishvirtuallibrary.org

"God has not forgotten us,
He has promised to never
leave us nor forsake us, and
he keeps his promises, we
cannot trust our feelings,
they come and go, but
God's promises are steady."

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CORRIE TEN BOOM



BARRACKS 28

Courtesy of deeproots@home.com

“Tell the world, there
is no pit so deep,
that God’s love is
not deeper still.”

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BETSY TEN BOOM



Courtesy of Billy Graham Evangelistic Association

“He that dwelleth in the
secret place of the most
High shall abide under the
shadow of the Almighty.
I will say of the LORD, He is
my refuge and my fortress.
My God, in him I trust.”

PSALM 91:1-2



“In order to realize the worth of the anchor we need to feel the stress of the storm.”

CORRIE TEN BOOM
ON LIVING WITH A TARGET ON HER BACK



TARGETED

THE HARD KNOCK LIFE

ACTS 9:19-31



Now as he went on his way, he approached **Damascus.**

ACTS 9:3 **ESV**





Suddenly a light from heaven
shone around him.

ACTS 9:3 **ESV**

Saul was a malicious murderer and persecutor of the church...

CHOSEN
INSTRUMENT

PIONEERS

But JESUS can call anyone GAL. 1:15

But JESUS can humble anyone PHIL 2:10

But JESUS can forgive anyone PHIL. 3:13

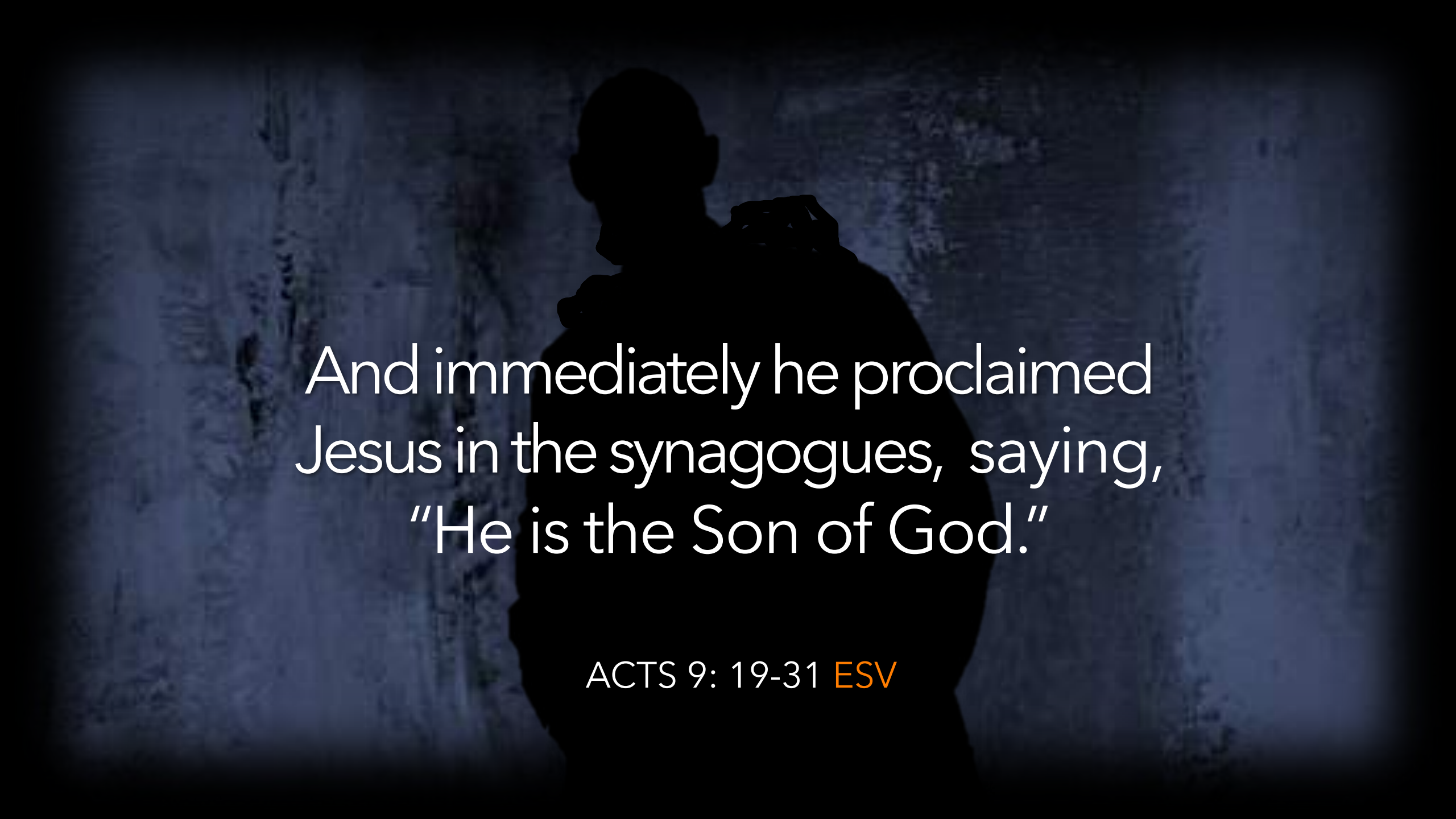
But JESUS can use anyone 1 COR. 11:1

But JESUS can change anyone. PHIL 1:8

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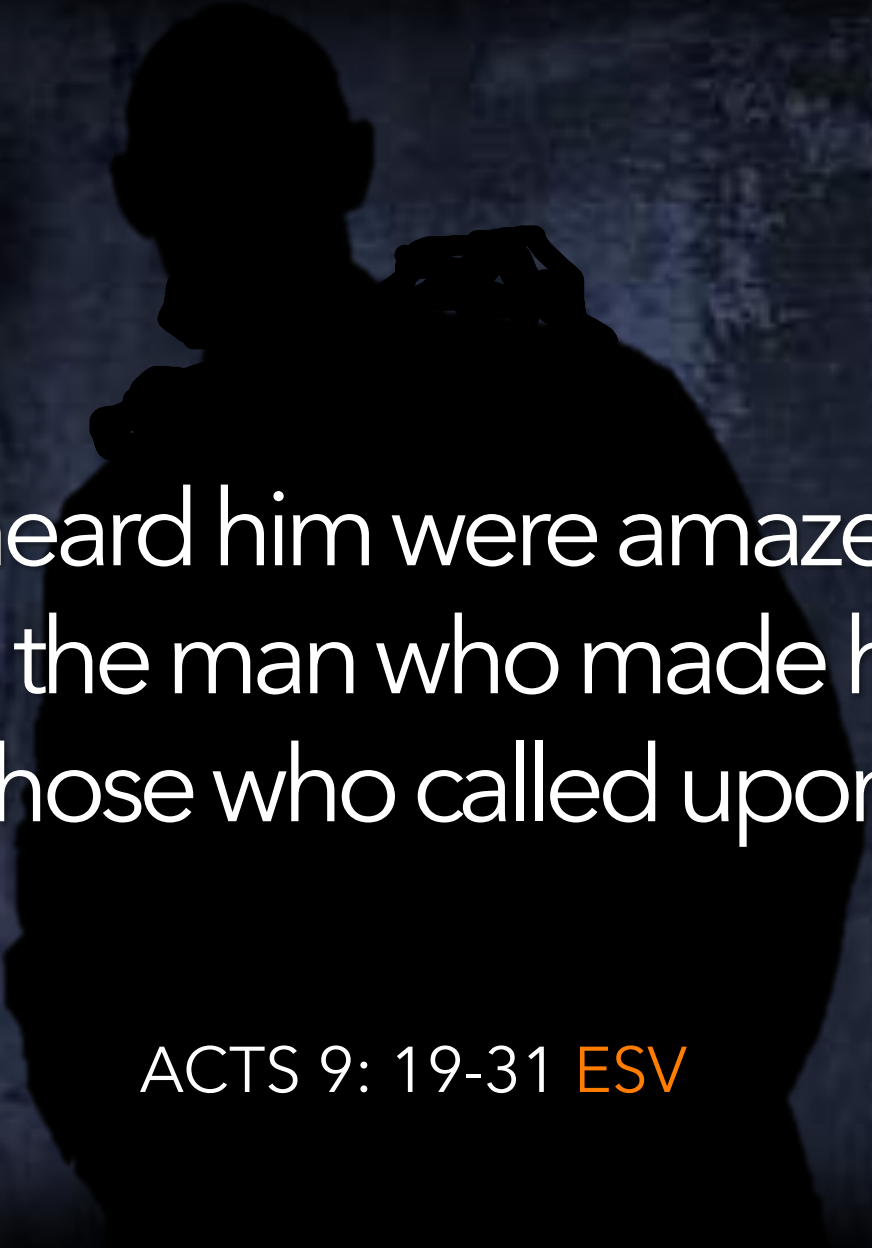
For some days he was with the
disciples in Damascus.

ACTS 9: 19-31 **ESV**

A dark silhouette of a man with a backpack is centered in the background against a textured, blue-toned wall. The man is facing left, and his backpack is clearly visible on his back. The overall mood is somber and contemplative.

And immediately he proclaimed
Jesus in the synagogues, saying,
"He is the Son of God."

ACTS 9: 19-31 **ESV**

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And all who heard him were amazed and said,
"Is not this the man who made havoc in
Jerusalem of those who called upon this name?"

ACTS 9: 19-31 **ESV**



“And has he not come here for this purpose,
to bring them bound before the chief priests?”

ACTS 9: 19-31 **ESV**



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PIONEERS

Misread

JUDGED privately
LABELED publicly

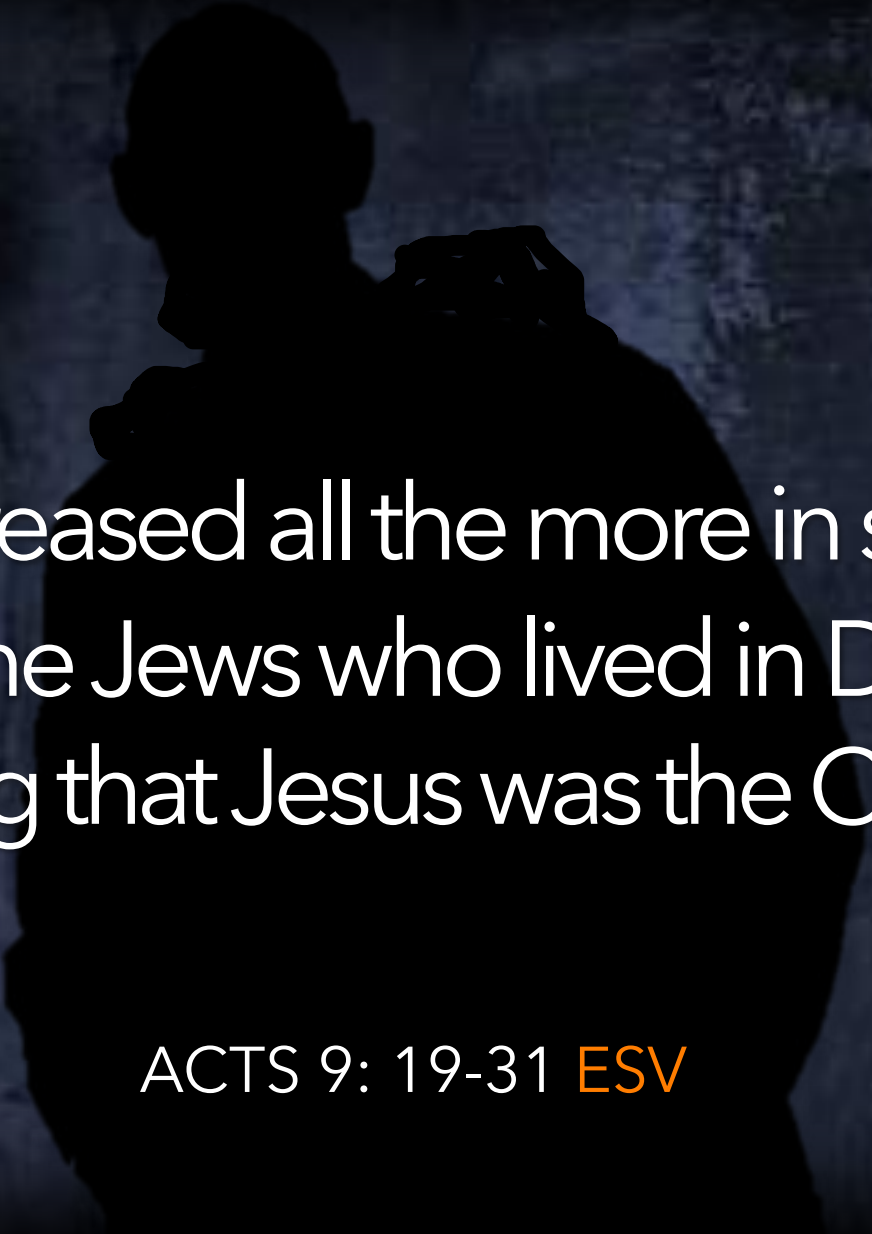


“God buries our sins in the depths of the sea and then puts up a sign that reads, “no fishing.”

CORRIE TEN BOOM
ON BEING LABELED BY YOUR PAST

Misread



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BUT Saul increased all the more in strength and confounded the Jews who lived in Damascus by proving that Jesus was the Christ.

ACTS 9: 19-31 **ESV**

A dark silhouette of a man with a large pack on his back, walking away from the viewer. The background is a textured, blue-toned wall.

When many days had passed, the Jews plotted to kill him, but their plot became known to Saul.

ACTS 9: 19-31 **ESV**

A dark, moody image featuring a silhouette of a person with a backpack, standing in a dimly lit, textured environment. The person is facing away from the camera, looking towards the right. The background is a dark, mottled blue-grey color with some faint, vertical lines or scratches, suggesting a rough wall or a cave. The overall atmosphere is somber and mysterious.

They were watching the gates day
and night in order to kill him,

ACTS 9: 19-31 **ESV**



TARGETED

PIONEERS

Mistreated

ATTACKED secretly

THREATENED physically

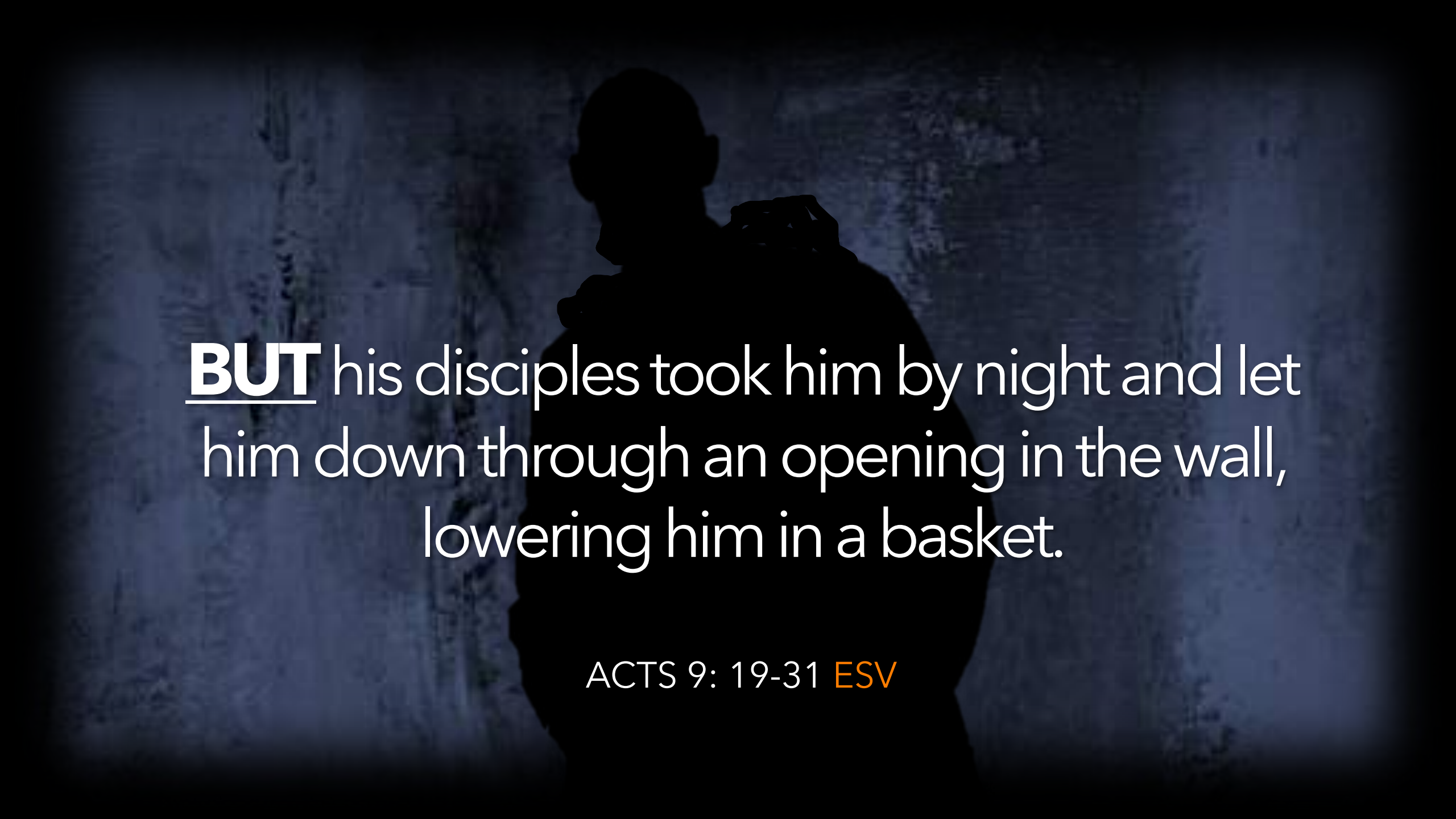
Mistreated



"God will give us the love to be able to forgive our enemies."

CORRIE TEN BOOM
ON LIVING WITH DEEP EMOTIONAL WOUNDS





BUT his disciples took him by night and let him down through an opening in the wall, lowering him in a basket.

ACTS 9: 19-31 **ESV**

A dark, atmospheric photograph of a person walking away from the camera in a narrow, dimly lit tunnel. The person is wearing a dark jacket and has a large backpack on their back. The walls of the tunnel are rough and textured, and the lighting is low, creating a sense of mystery and journey.

And when he had come to Jerusalem,
he attempted to join the disciples.

ACTS 9: 19-31 **ESV**



And they were all afraid of him, for they did not believe that he was a disciple.

ACTS 9: 19-31 **ESV**



TARGETED

PIONEERS

Misjudged

AVOIDED intentionally
EXCLUDED unfairly



Misjudged



TARGETED

REJECTION

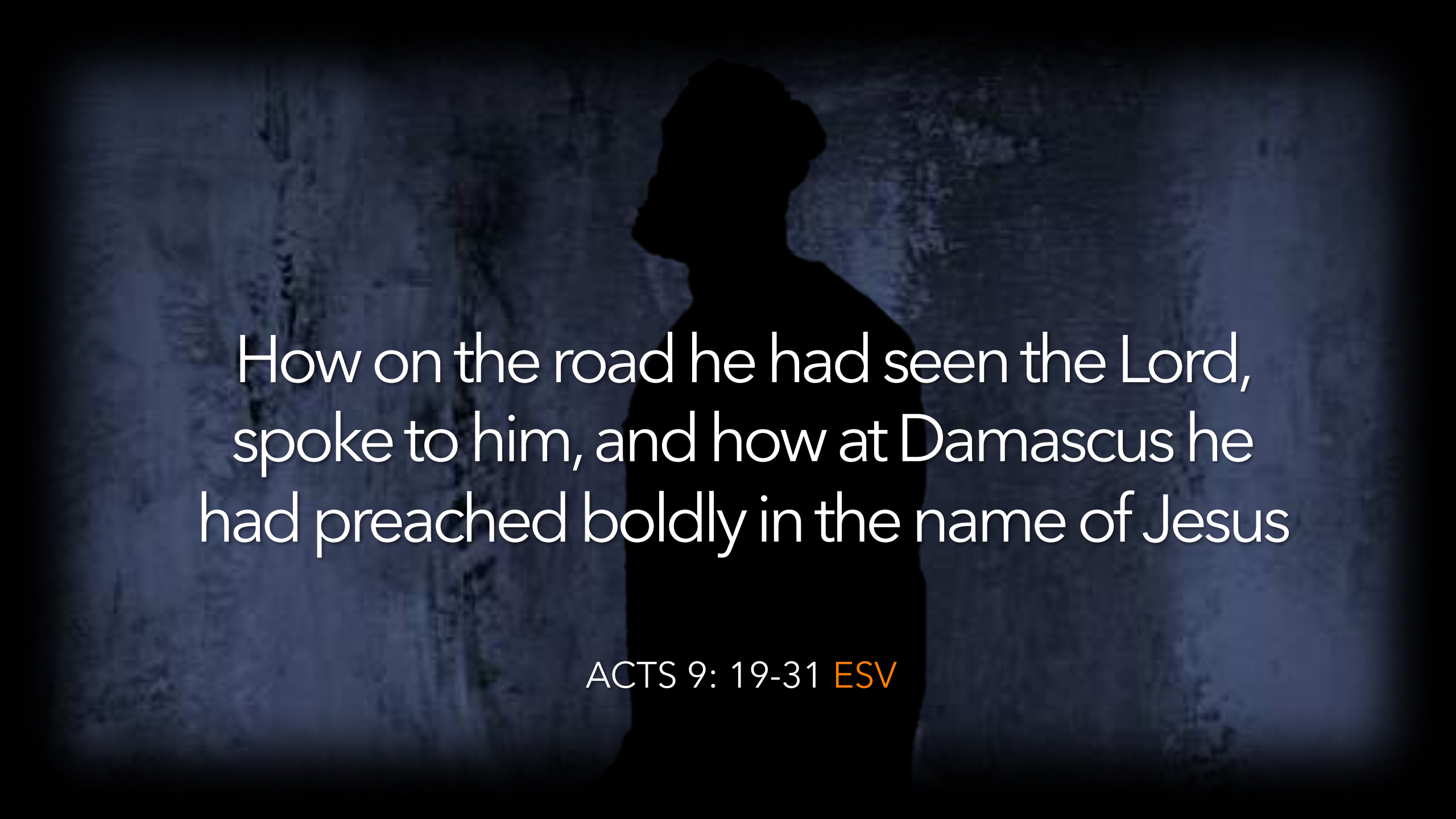
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Misread
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BUT BARNABAS took him and brought
Son of Encouragement
him to the apostles and declared to them

ACTS 9: 19-31 **ESV**



How on the road he had seen the Lord,
spoke to him, and how at Damascus he
had preached boldly in the name of Jesus

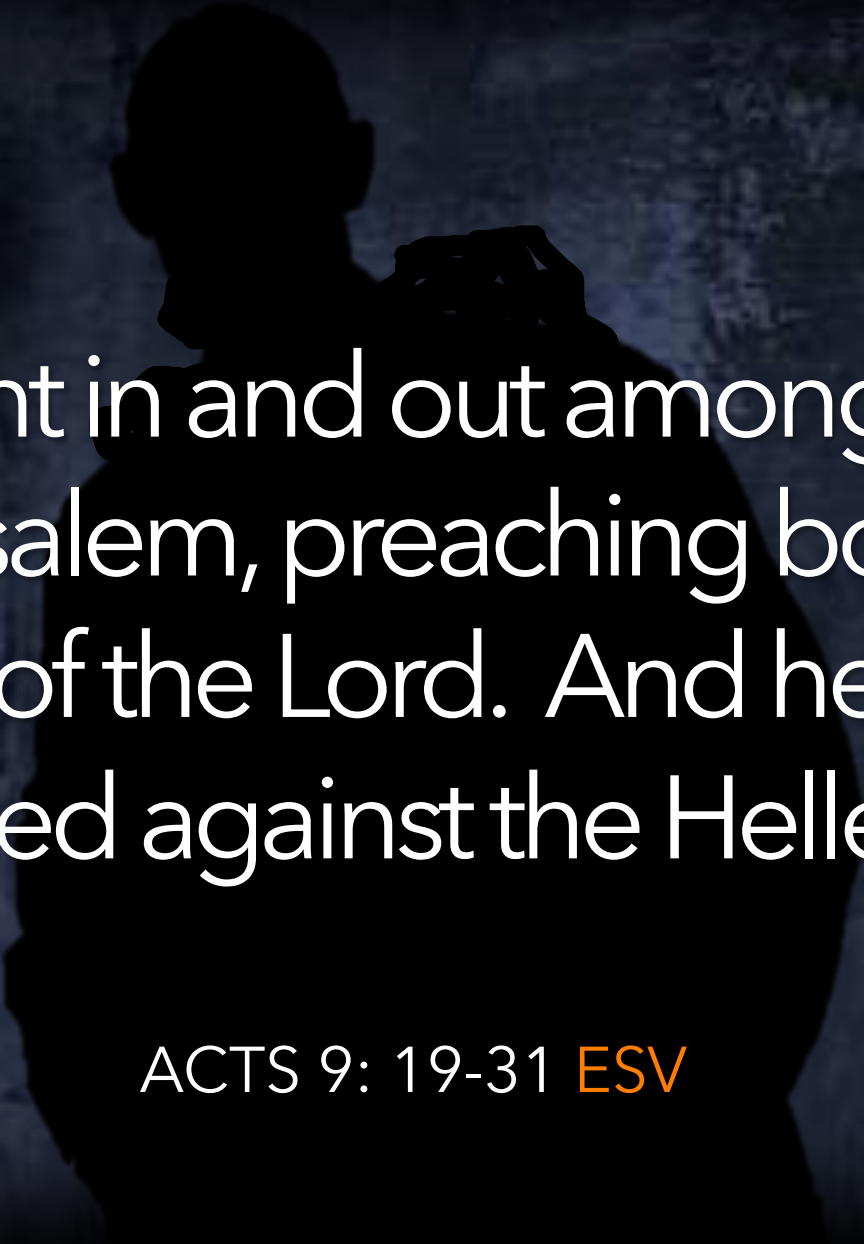
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A black silhouette of a man with a beard, facing left, set against a light gray background with a subtle texture.

BUT
BARNABAS

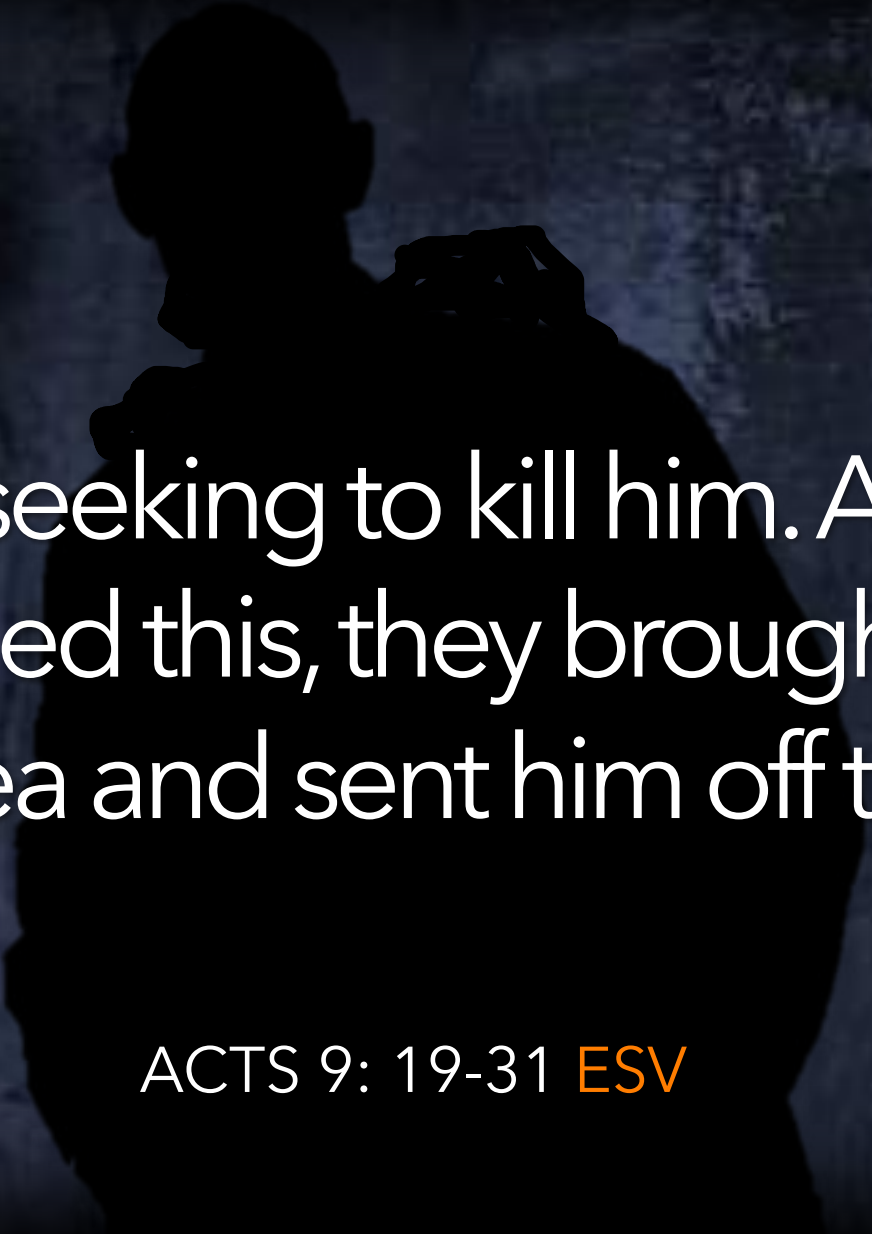
PIONEERS

He has seen the Lord.
He has spoke to the Lord.
He has preached the Lord.

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So he went in and out among them at
Jerusalem, preaching boldly
in the name of the Lord. And he spoke and
disputed against the Hellenists.

ACTS 9: 19-31 **ESV**

A dark silhouette of a man with a backpack, standing against a textured, blue-toned background. The man is facing slightly to the right, and his backpack is clearly visible on his back.

But they were seeking to kill him. And when the brothers learned this, they brought him down to Caesarea and sent him off to Tarsus.

ACTS 9: 19-31 **ESV**

So the church throughout all Judea
and Galilee and Samaria had peace
and was being built up.

ACTS 9: 19-31 **ESV**

And *walking* in the **fear of the Lord** and in the **comfort of the Holy Spirit**, it multiplied.

ACTS 9: 19-31 **ESV**

But

ACTS 6:8 – 9:31 **ESV**

Acts 2:41 3,000 New Believers

Acts 2:47 More Day by Day

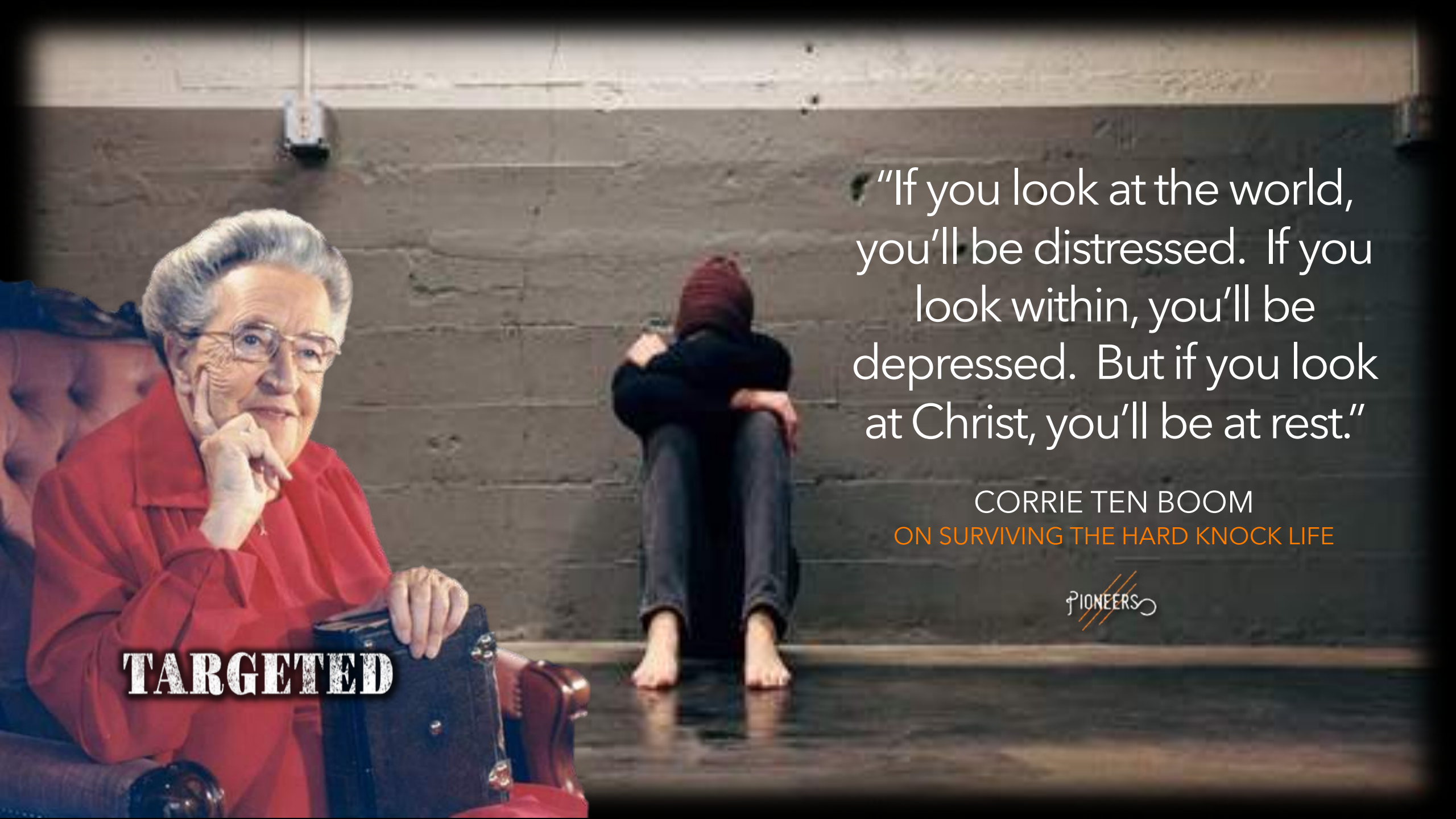
Acts 5:14 Multitudes of New Believers

Acts 6:7 The disciples increased Greatly

Acts 9:31 It was built up and multiplied

BUT
BARNABAS

MISREAD
MISTREATED
MISJUDGED



“If you look at the world,
you’ll be distressed. If you
look within, you’ll be
depressed. But if you look
at Christ, you’ll be at rest.”

CORRIE TEN BOOM
ON SURVIVING THE HARD KNOCK LIFE



TARGETED



BARNABAS
Principles

“Whoever brings a blessing will be enriched,
and one who waters will himself be watered.”

PROVERBS 11:25



#1 ENCOURAGEMENT Stems from a need

“But encourage one another daily, while it’s still called ‘today’ so that none of you may be hardened by sins deceitfulness.”

HEBREWS 3:13

BARNABAS
Principles



#2 ENCOURAGEMENT Starts in the Mind

“And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds... encouraging one another – and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

HEBREWS 3:13&b

BARNABAS
Principles



#3 ENCOURAGEMENT Speaks from a Mouth

“Let no corrupting talk come out of your mouths, but only such as good for building up, as it fits the occasion, that it may give grace to those that hear.”

EPHESIANS 4:29

BARNABAS
Principles




#4 ENCOURAGEMENT Strengthens the Soul

“For whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, that through endurance and through the encouragement of the scriptures we might have hope.”

ROMANS 15:4

BARNABAS
Principles

A black silhouette of a man's head and shoulders is positioned on the left side of the image. He is facing right, looking out of a window. The background is a dark, textured wall with a horizontal line, possibly a window ledge or a wall joint. The lighting is dramatic, with the silhouette being the darkest element against a slightly lighter, textured background.

10 Characteristics of a Barnabas

BUT
BARNABAS

A silhouette of a man with a beard, looking out over a body of water. The background is a dark, textured wall with a window or opening on the left side, showing a glimpse of the sky and water.

BUT **BARNABAS**

10 Characteristics of a
Barnabas Leader

INSPIRING "Well, I believe in you"

LOYAL "Listen, I'm not going anywhere"

PRESENT "Yea, of course I'll be there"

SERVANTS "Sure, I'm on my way over"

EMPATHETIC "Hey, I was just checking in"

CELEBRATORS "Wow, that is so great!"

REASSURING "It's going to be fine"

GIVING "Here, I brought you something"

SUPPORTIVE "You did an awesome job"

COMFORTING "Don't get discouraged"

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