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Life's Work

Acts 18:1-17

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*“Faith is not belief without proof,
but trust without reservations.”*

Elton Trueblood

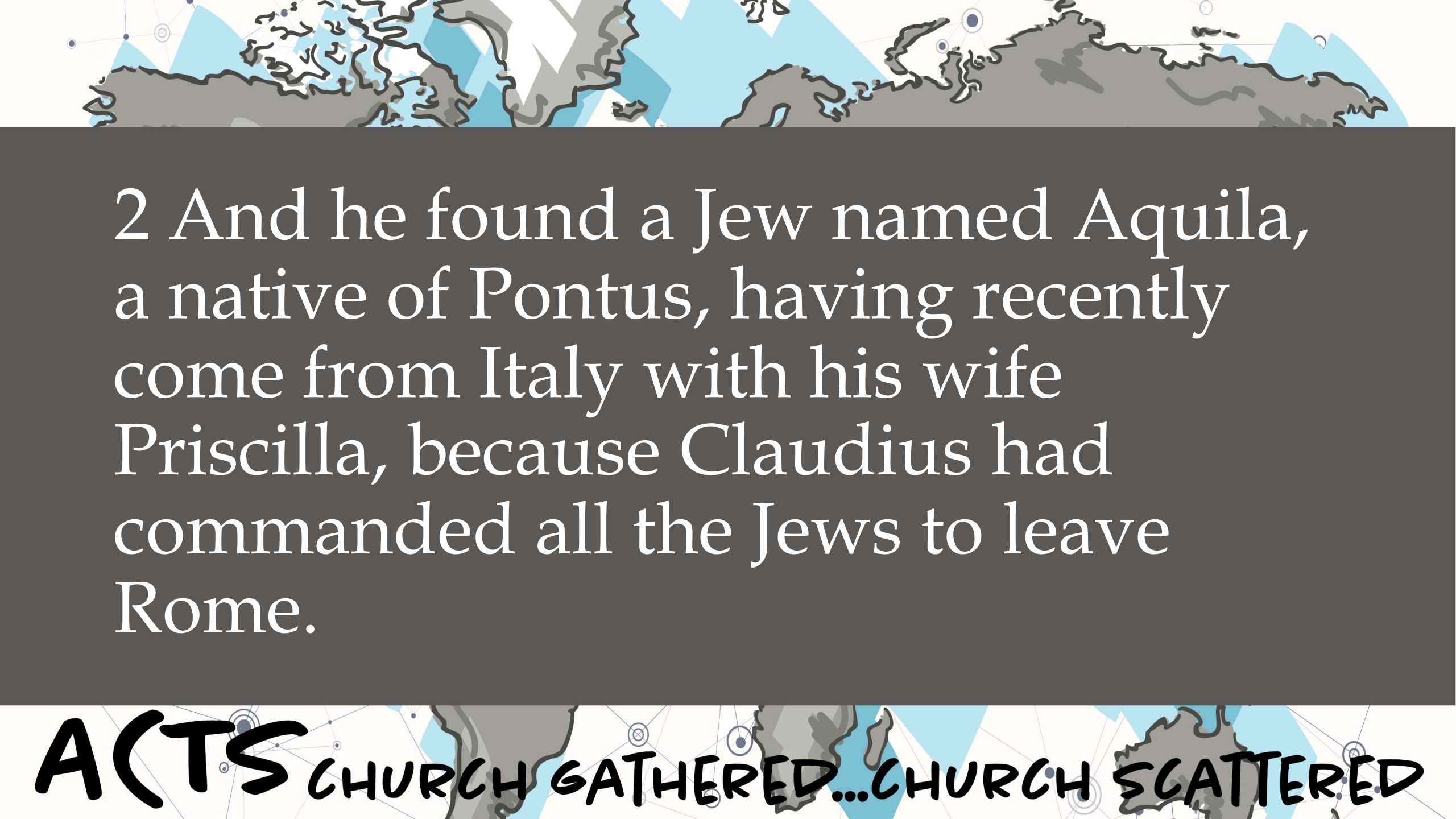
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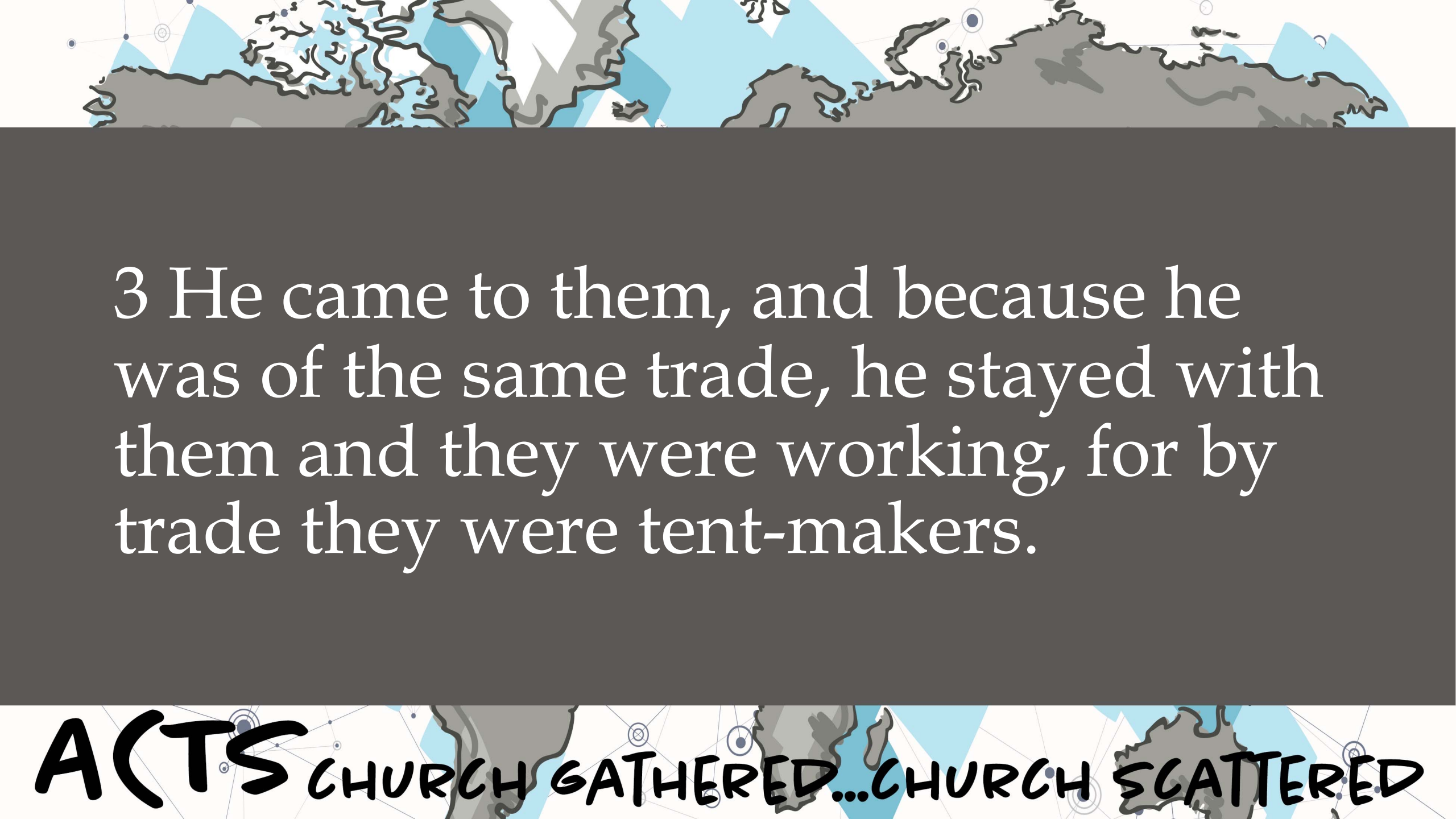
1 After these things he left Athens
and went to Corinth.

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2 And he found a Jew named Aquila,
a native of Pontus, having recently
come from Italy with his wife
Priscilla, because Claudius had
commanded all the Jews to leave
Rome.

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3 He came to them, and because he was of the same trade, he stayed with them and they were working, for by trade they were tent-makers.

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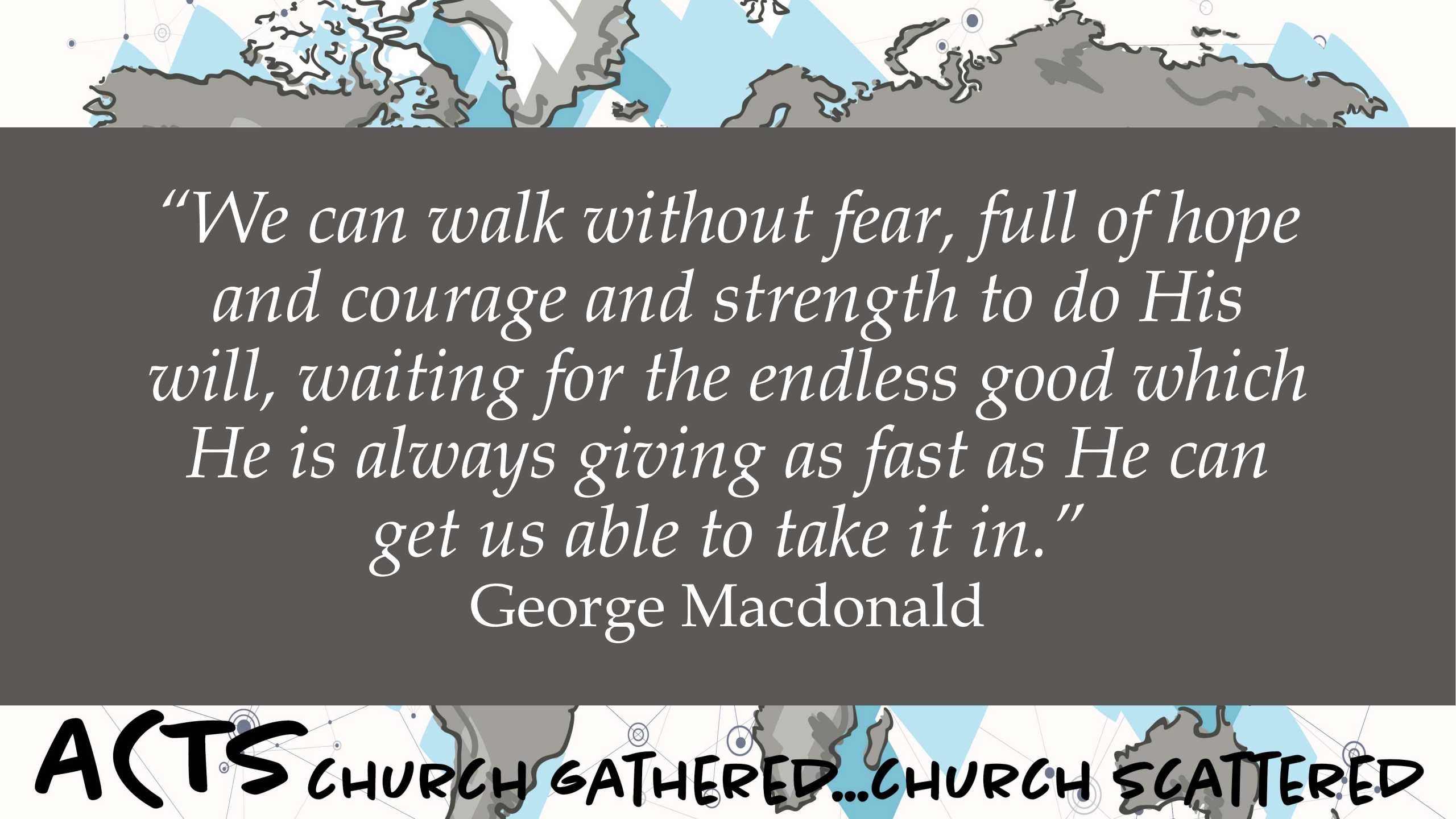


Paul @ Work 1-3

- City of Philosophy to Industry
- Relationships are everything!
- Persecution created opportunity
- Work is NOT part of the curse!



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*“We can walk without fear, full of hope
and courage and strength to do His
will, waiting for the endless good which
He is always giving as fast as He can
get us able to take it in.”*

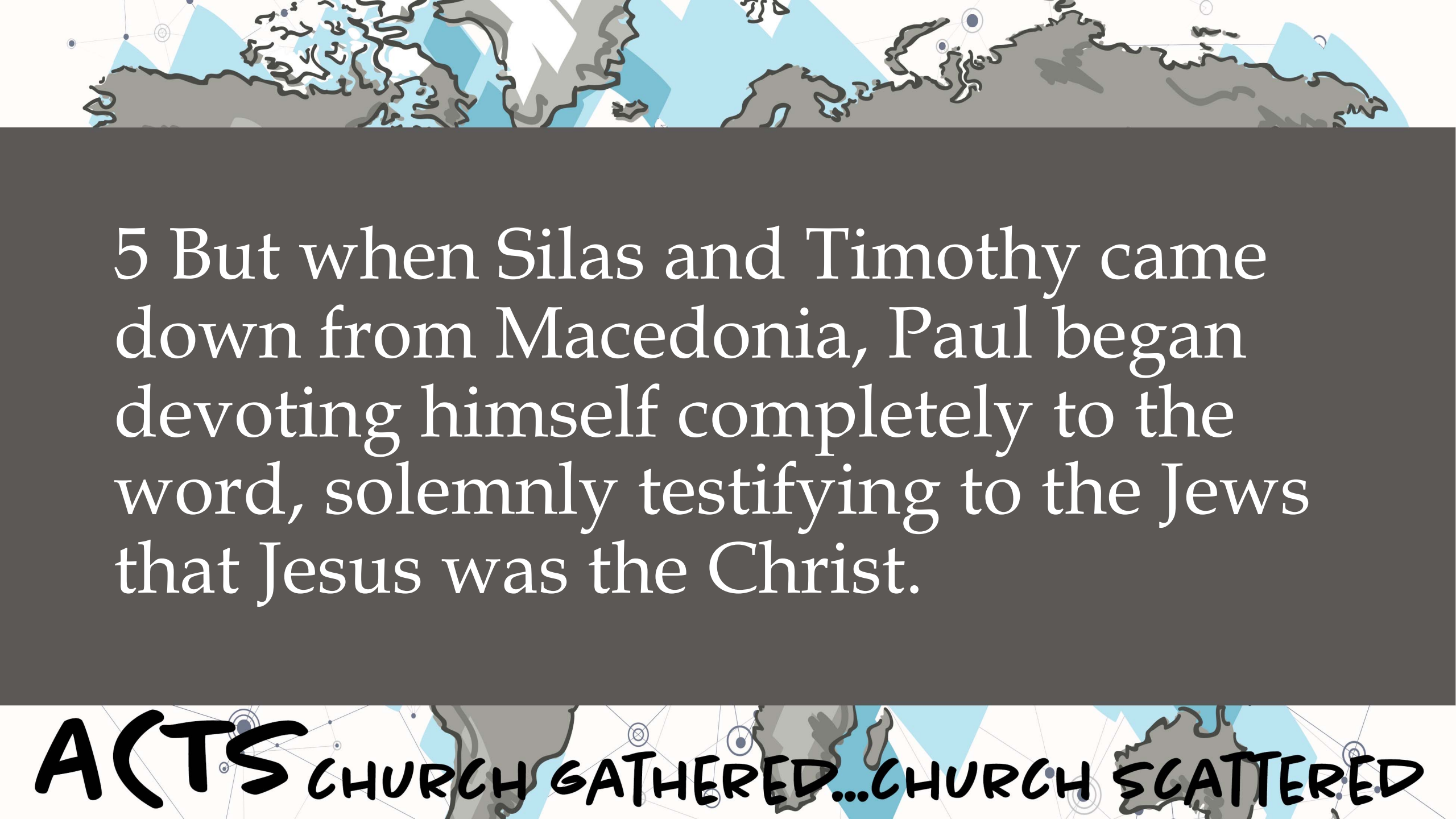
George Macdonald

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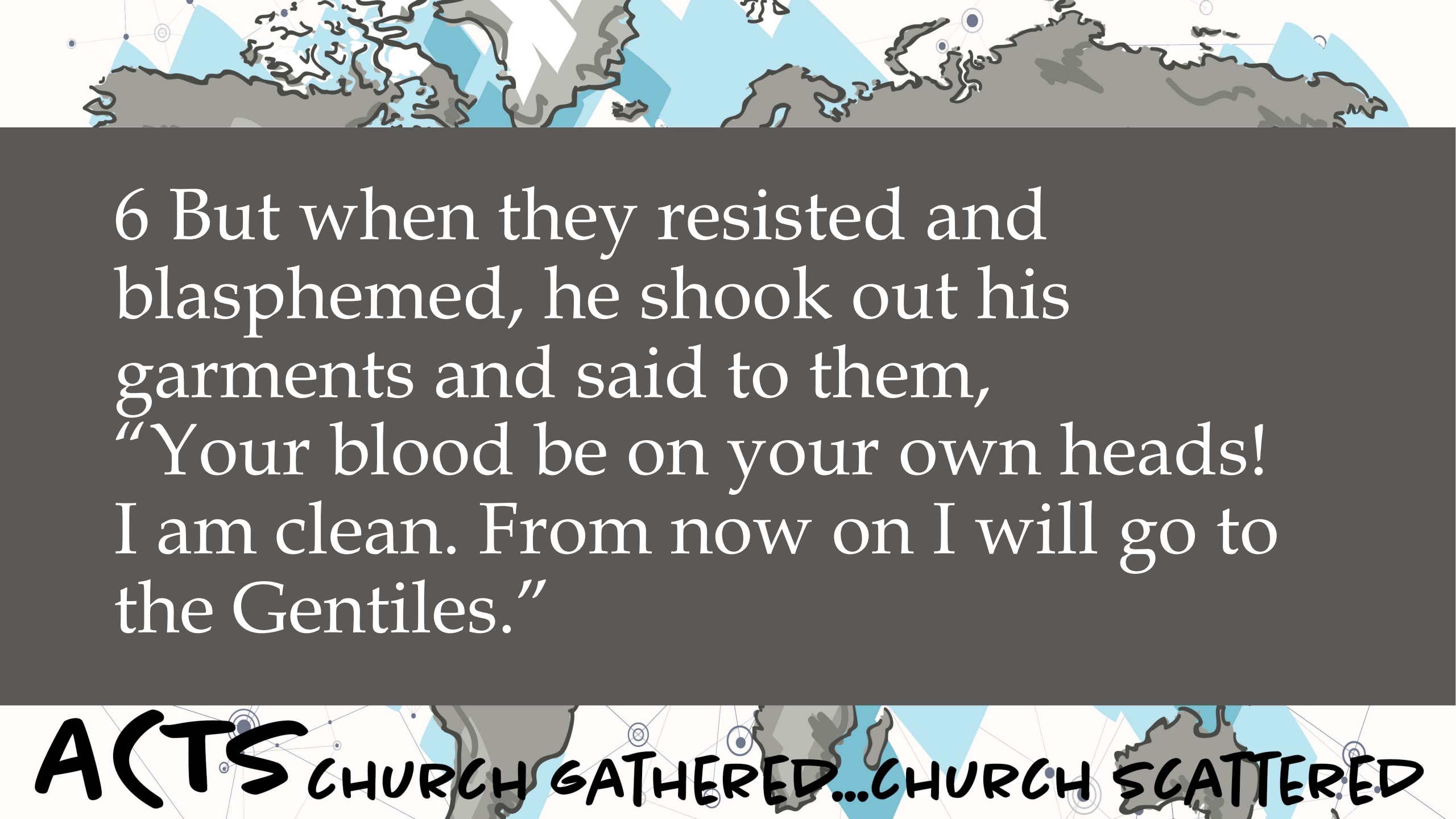
4 And he was reasoning in the
synagogue every Sabbath and trying
to persuade Jews and Greeks.

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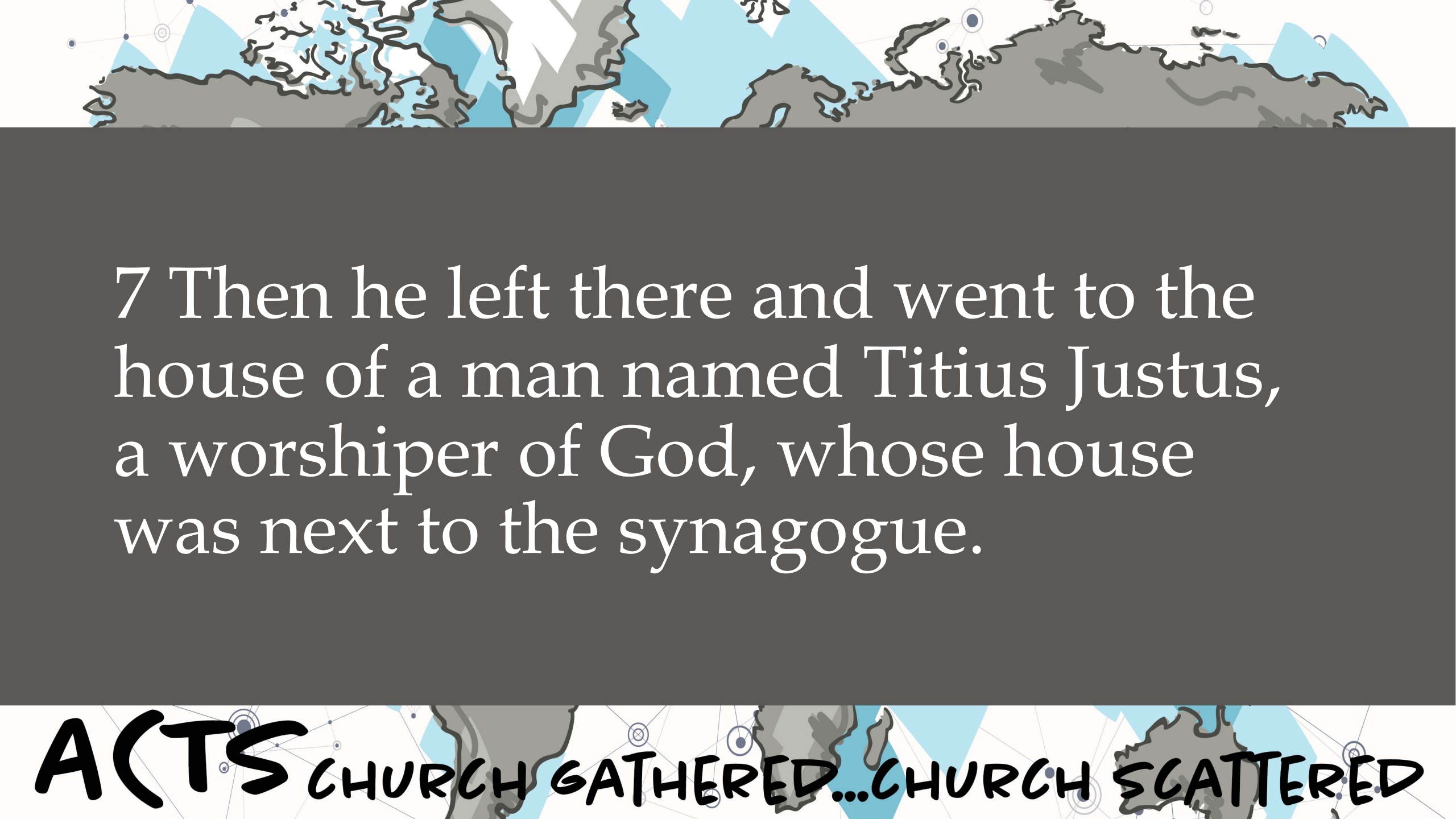
5 But when Silas and Timothy came down from Macedonia, Paul began devoting himself completely to the word, solemnly testifying to the Jews that Jesus was the Christ.

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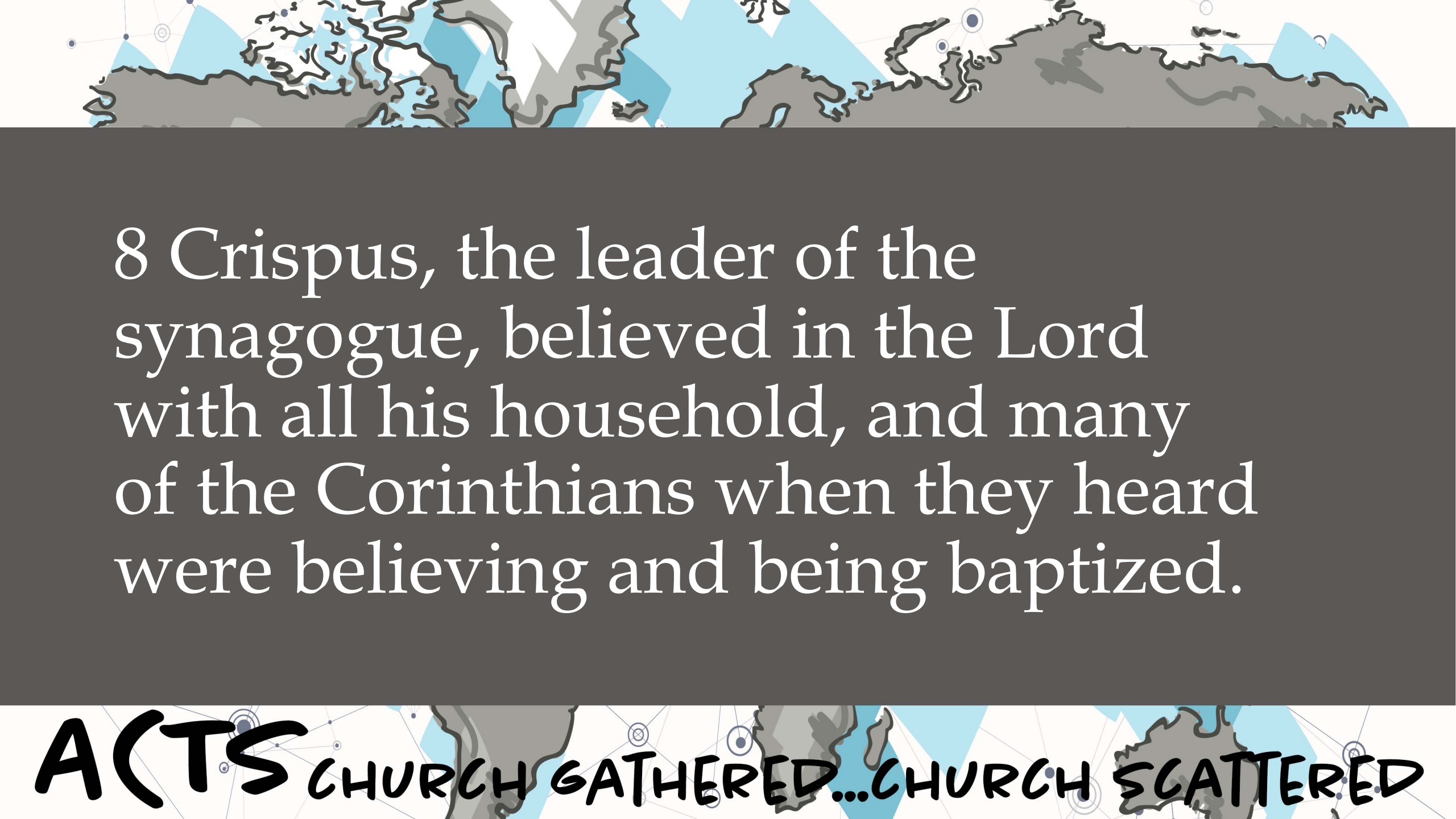
6 But when they resisted and blasphemed, he shook out his garments and said to them, "Your blood be on your own heads! I am clean. From now on I will go to the Gentiles."

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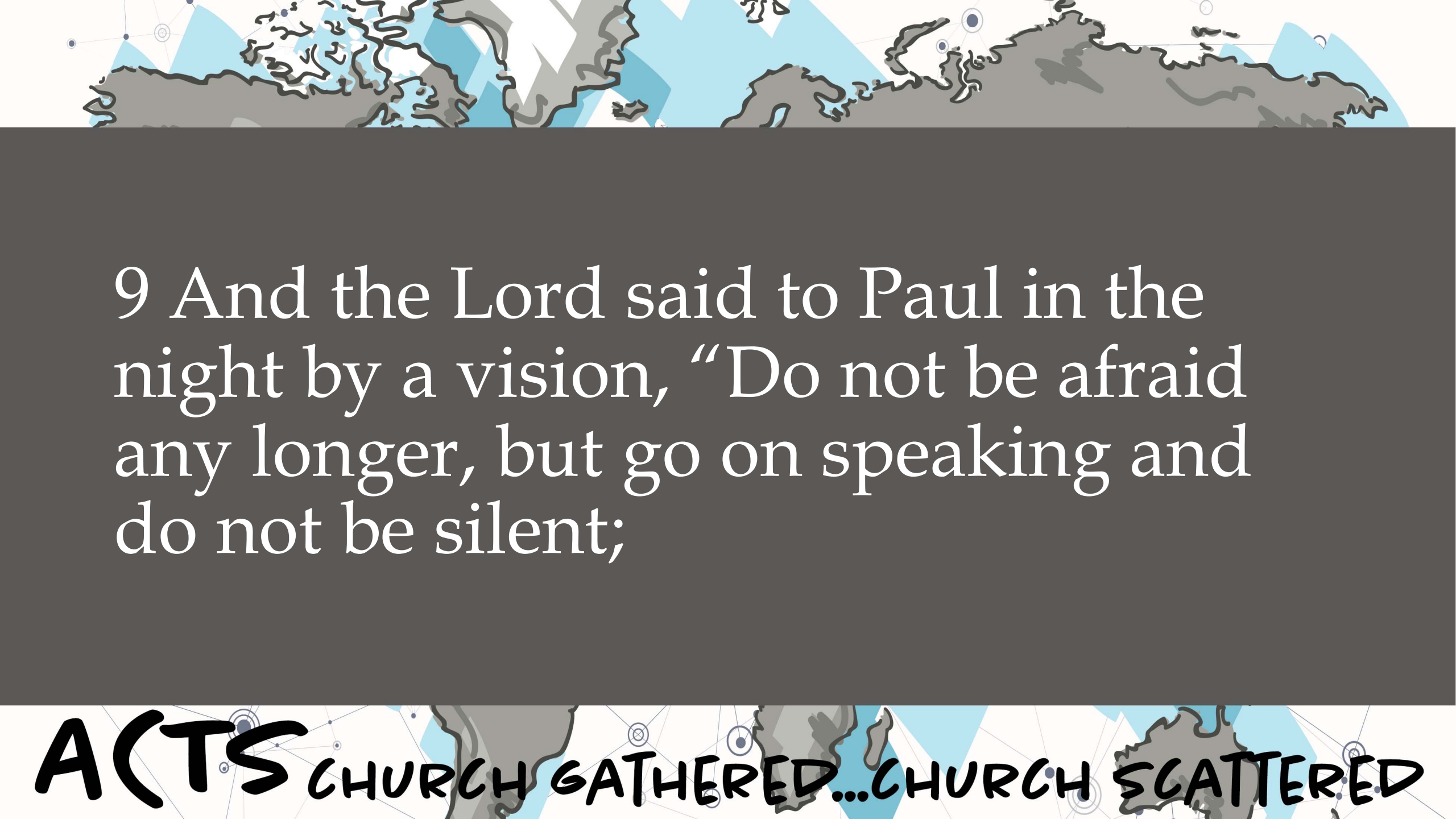
7 Then he left there and went to the house of a man named Titius Justus, a worshiper of God, whose house was next to the synagogue.

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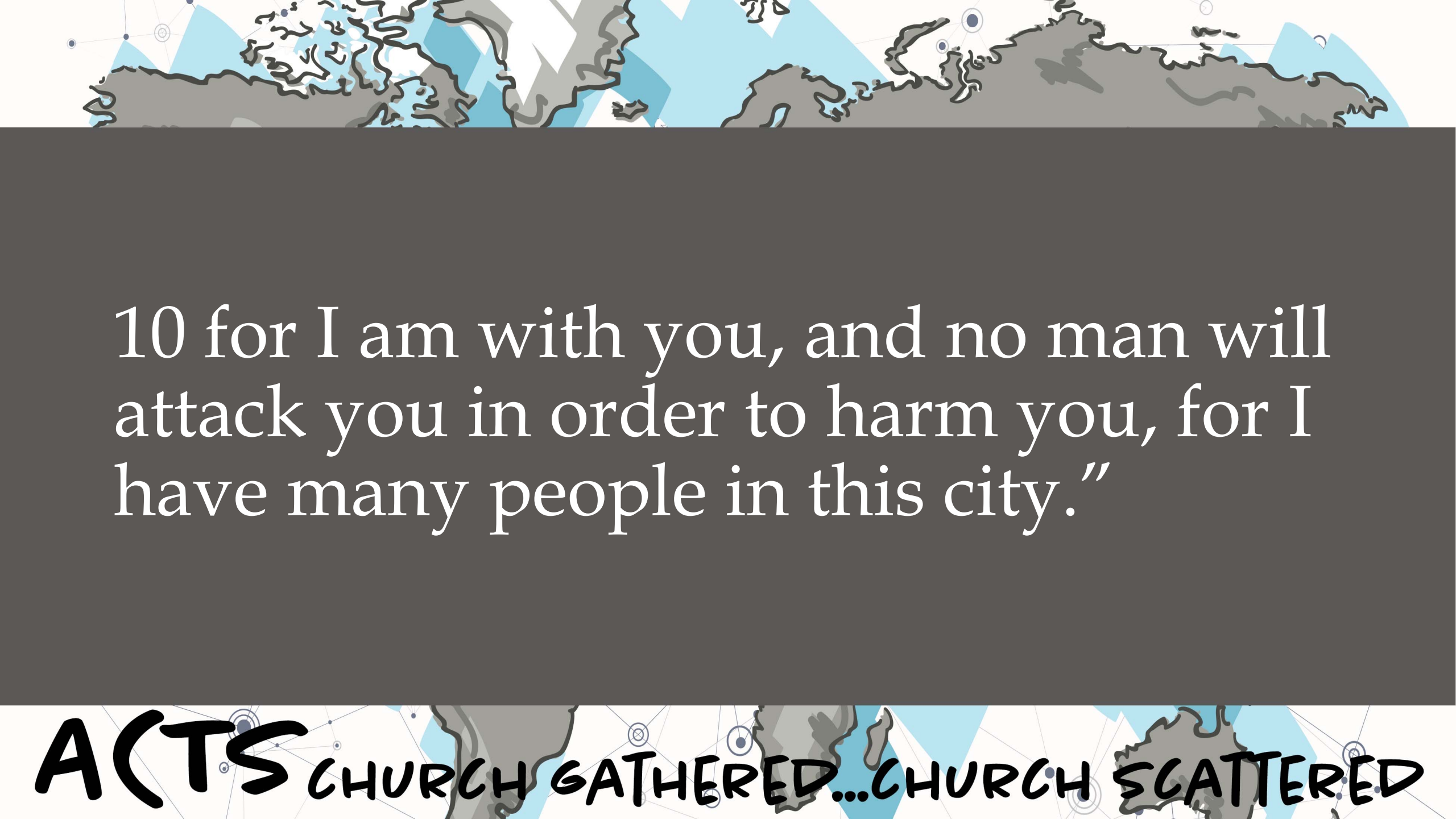
8 Crispus, the leader of the synagogue, believed in the Lord with all his household, and many of the Corinthians when they heard were believing and being baptized.

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9 And the Lord said to Paul in the night by a vision, “Do not be afraid any longer, but go on speaking and do not be silent;

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10 for I am with you, and no man will attack you in order to harm you, for I have many people in this city.”

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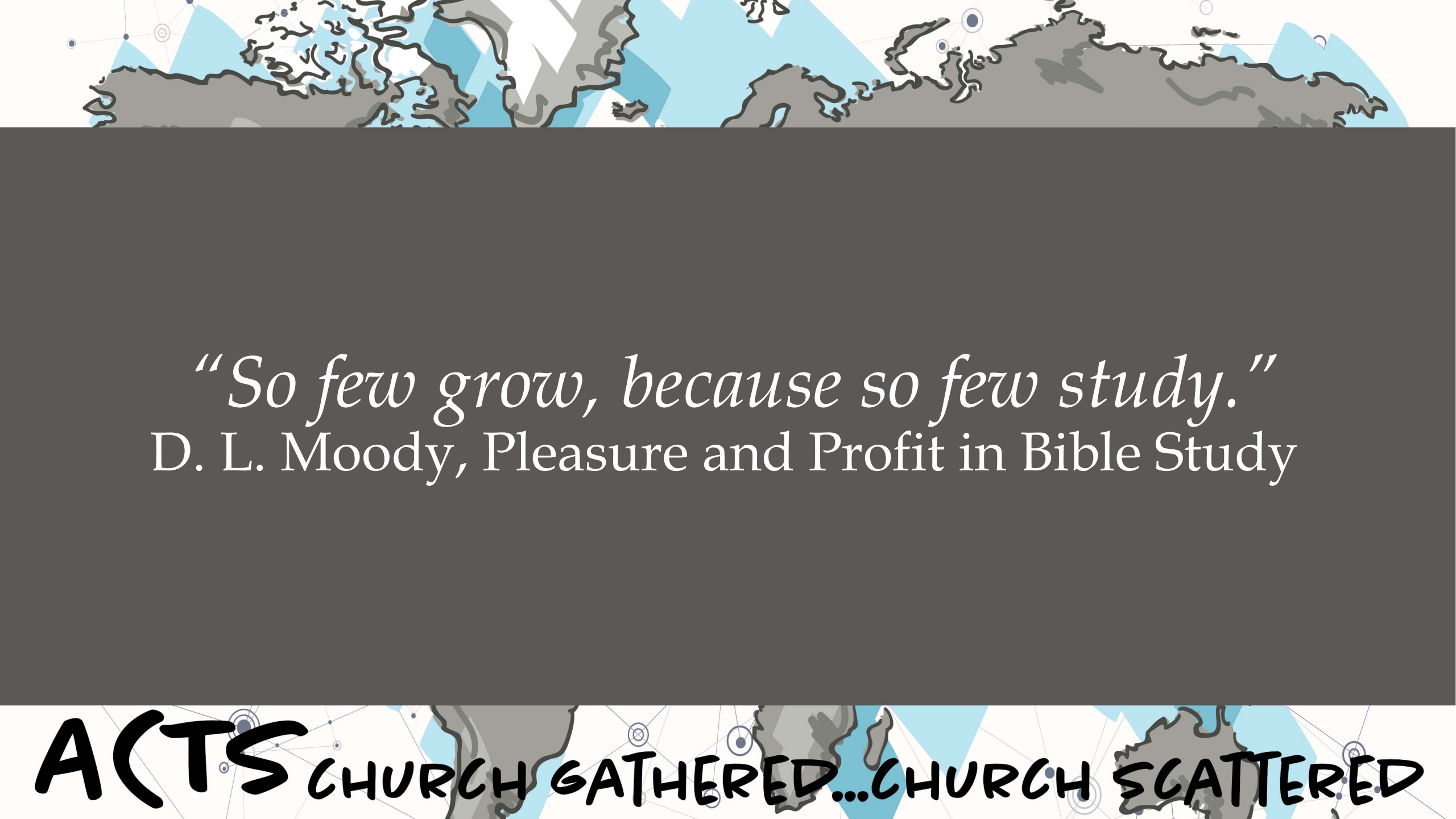


Paul @ Witness 4-10

- Back to the Synagogue – Jews & Greeks
- Partners rejoined –
- Devoting himself to the Word!
- Testifying Jesus was the Christ!



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"So few grow, because so few study."
D. L. Moody, Pleasure and Profit in Bible Study

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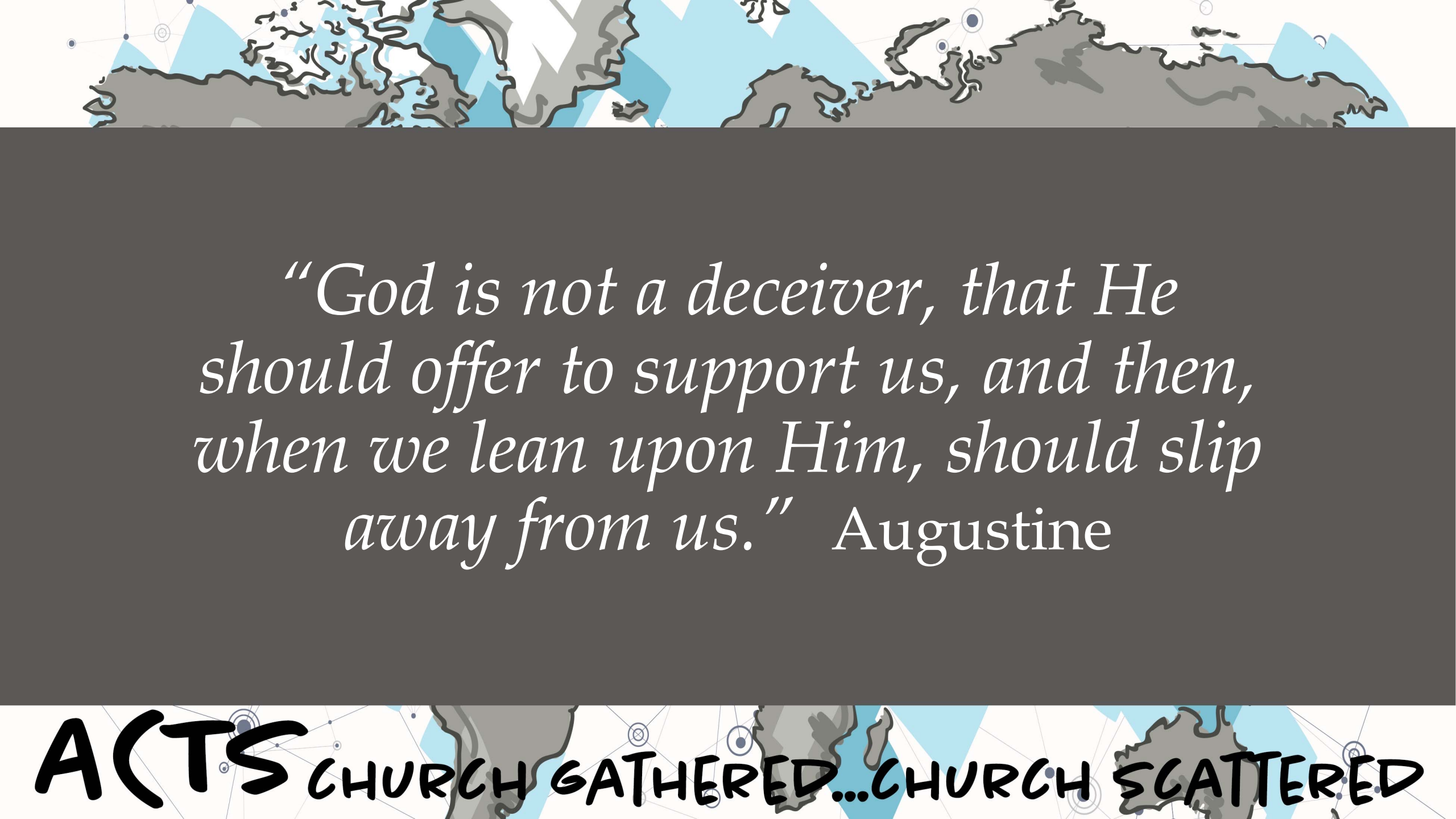


Paul @ Witness 4-10

- Jews rejected Jesus as Messiah
- Paul continues witness – next door!
- ‘Crispus’ and ‘many Corinthians’
- Promise of God – will of God – “safe?”

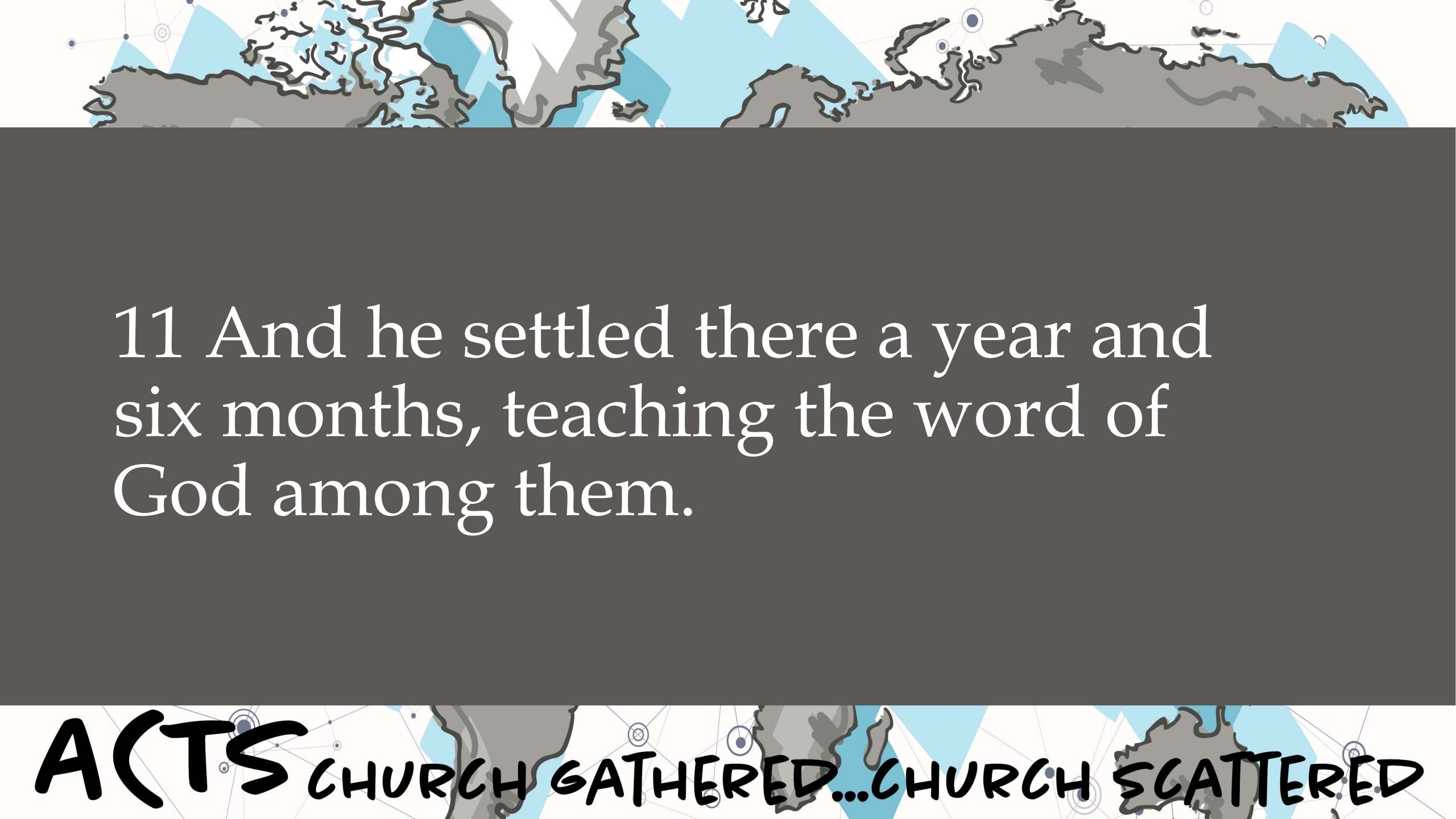


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“God is not a deceiver, that He should offer to support us, and then, when we lean upon Him, should slip away from us.” Augustine

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11 And he settled there a year and six months, teaching the word of God among them.

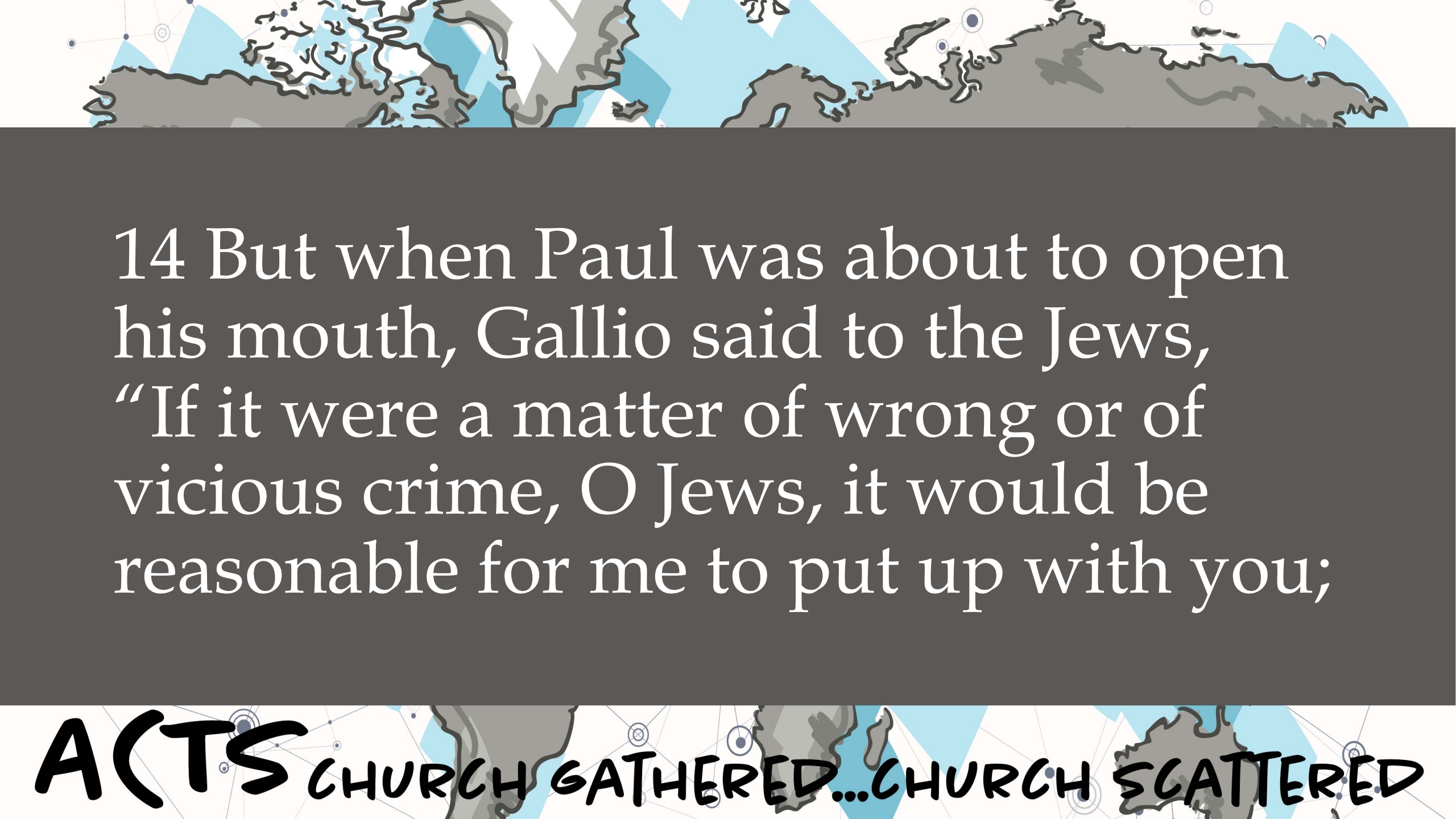
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12,13 But while Gallio was proconsul of Achaia, the Jews with one accord rose up against Paul and brought him before the judgment seat, saying, "This man persuades men to worship God contrary to the law."

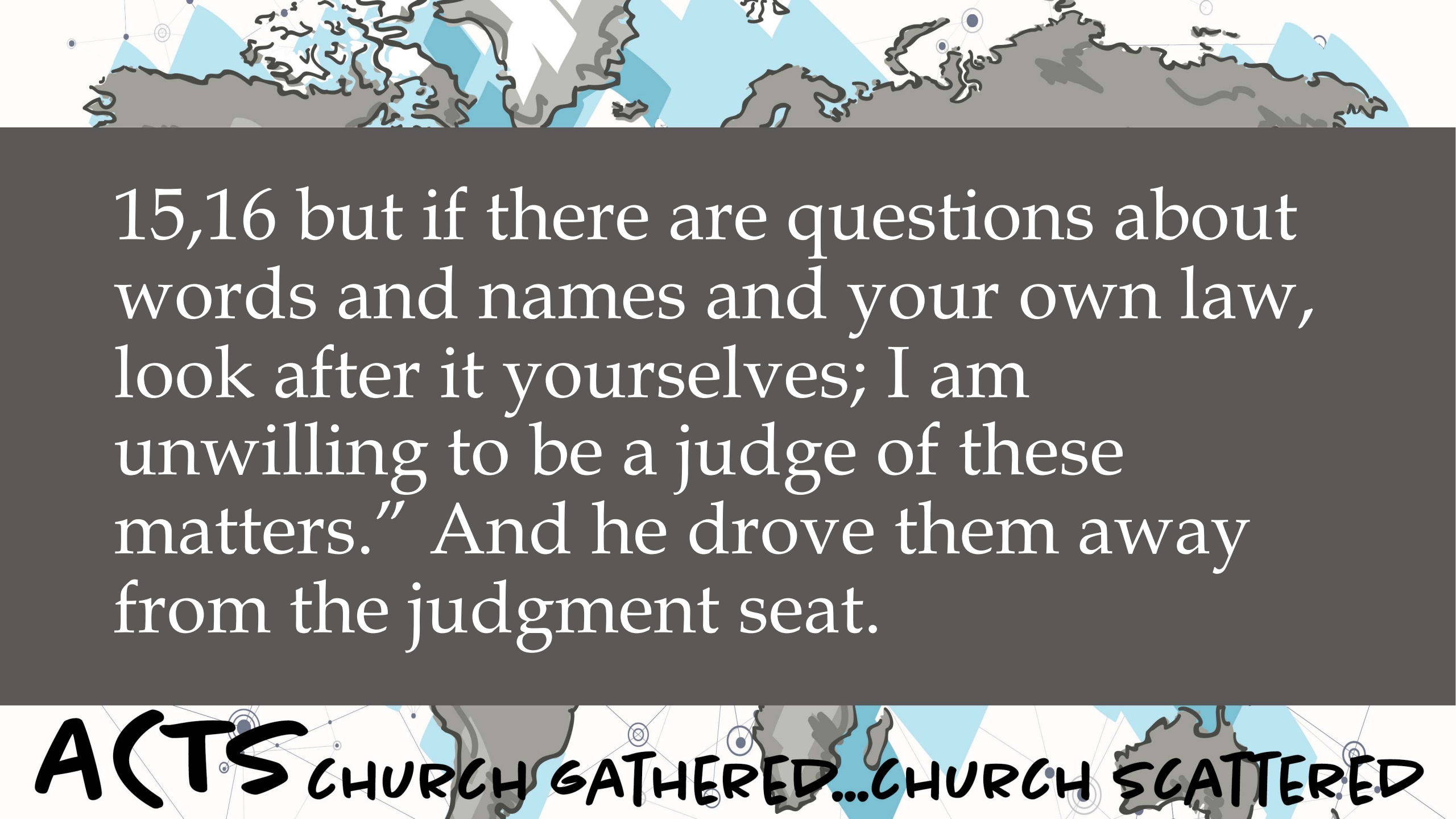
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14 But when Paul was about to open his mouth, Gallio said to the Jews, “If it were a matter of wrong or of vicious crime, O Jews, it would be reasonable for me to put up with you;

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15,16 but if there are questions about words and names and your own law, look after it yourselves; I am unwilling to be a judge of these matters.” And he drove them away from the judgment seat.

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17 And they all took hold of
Sosthenes, the leader of the
synagogue, and began beating him
in front of the judgment seat.
But Gallio was not concerned about
any of these things.



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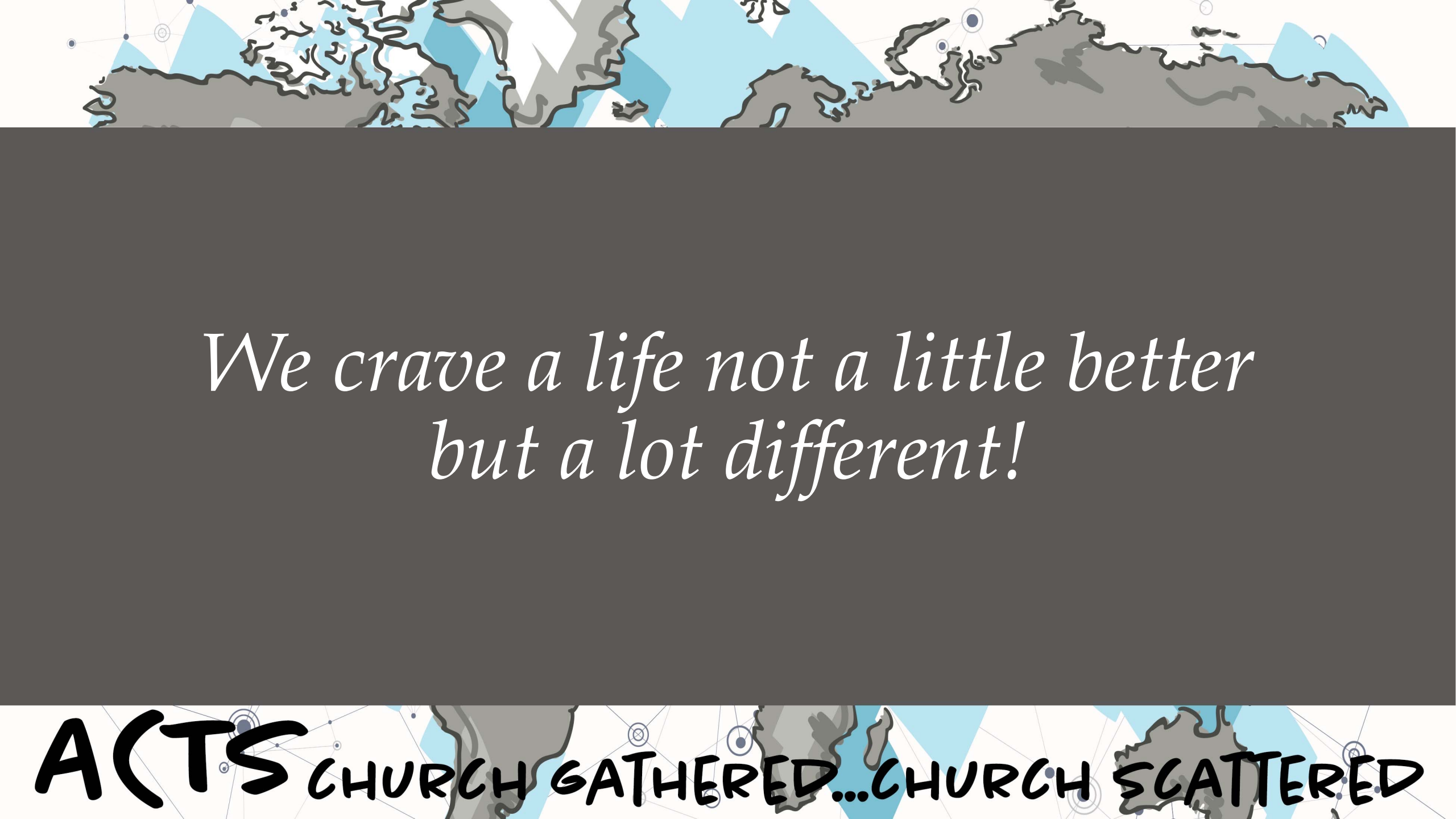


Paul @ Worship 11-17

- 18 month study! SonLife here
- Churches bickering a bewilderment to World
- World cannot be judge of Faith
- Cruelty of the World revealed



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*We crave a life not a little better
but a lot different!*

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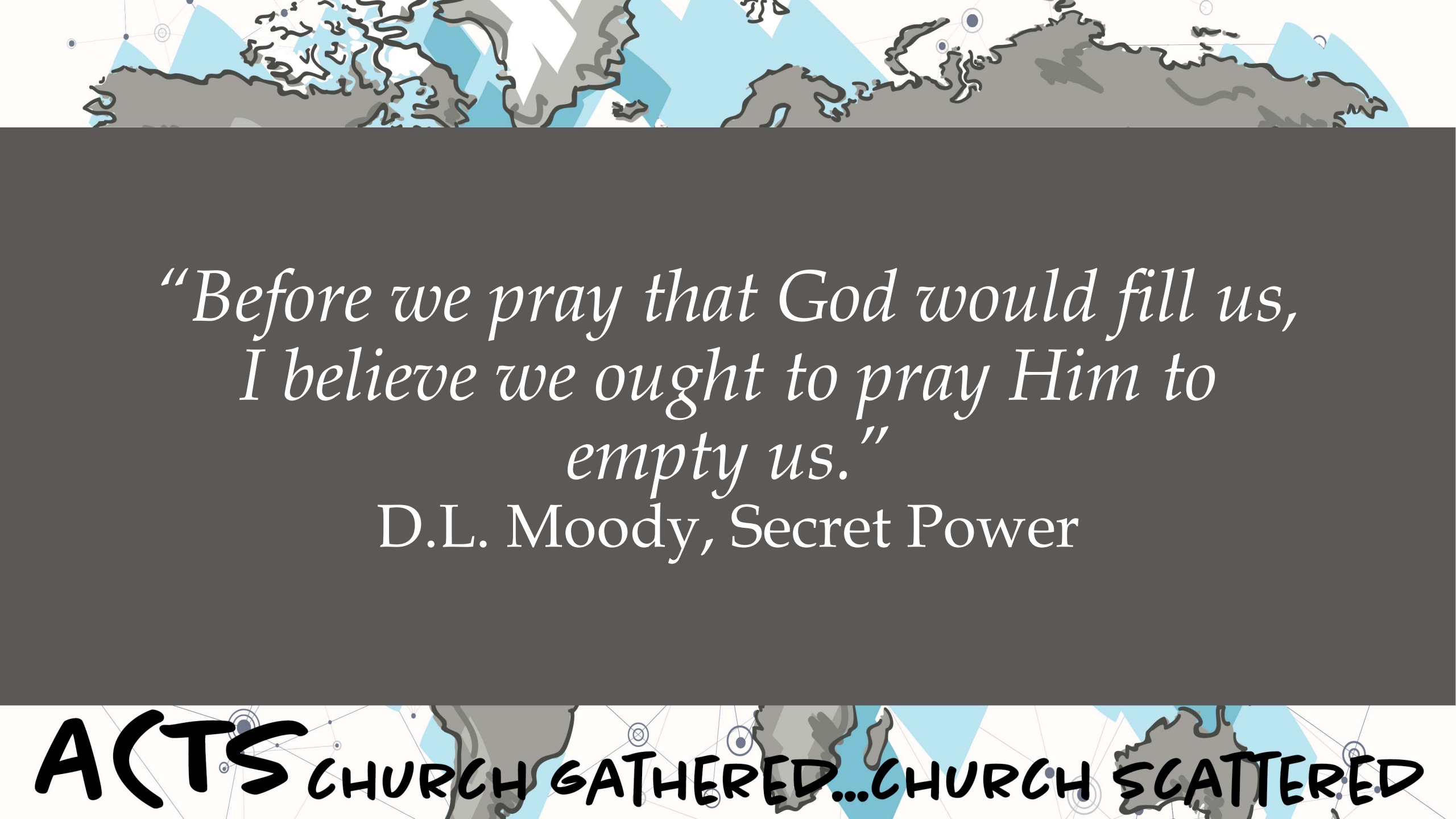


Life's Work

- What will count?
- What will matter?
- What will endure?
- *Faithfulness is when words are confirmed by conduct!*



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*“Before we pray that God would fill us,
I believe we ought to pray Him to
empty us.”*

D.L. Moody, Secret Power

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