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Strengthening the Disciples

Acts 18:18-28

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*“Our Lord’s conception of discipleship
is not that we work for God,
but that God works through us!”*
Oswald Chambers

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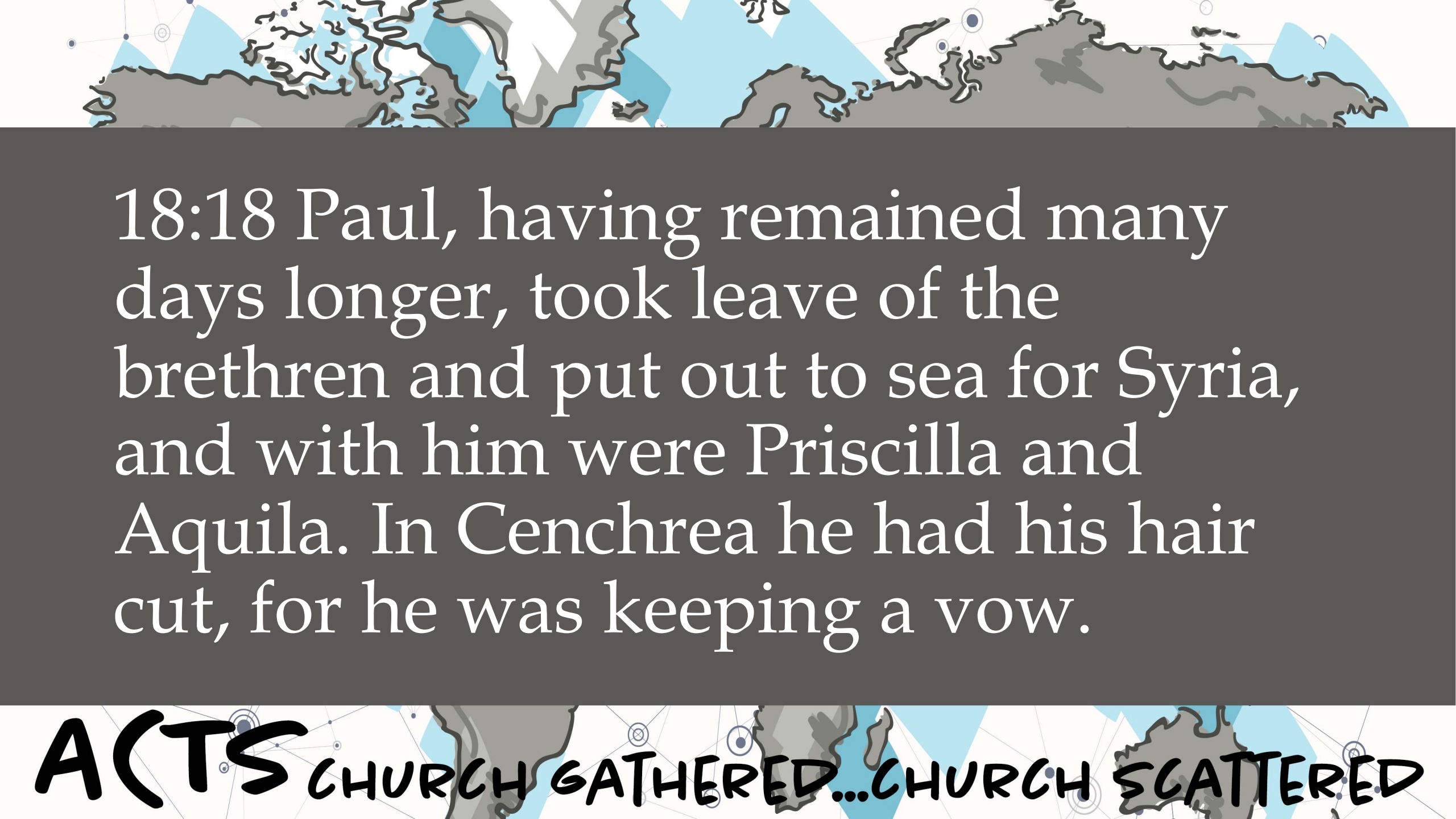


John 15:8 “By this my Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit and so prove to be my disciples.”

Matt 28:19 “Therefore go and make disciples of all nations!”

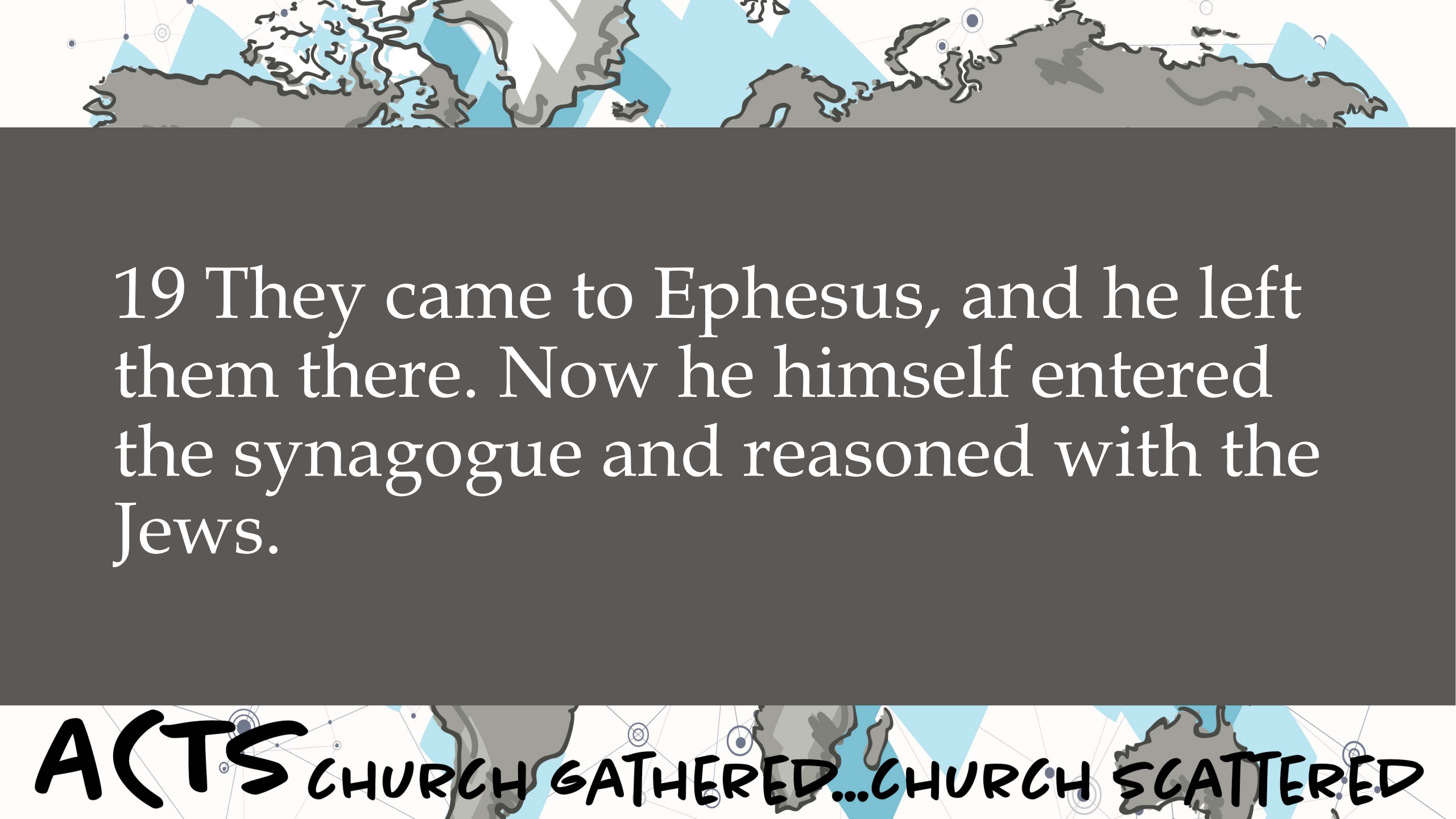
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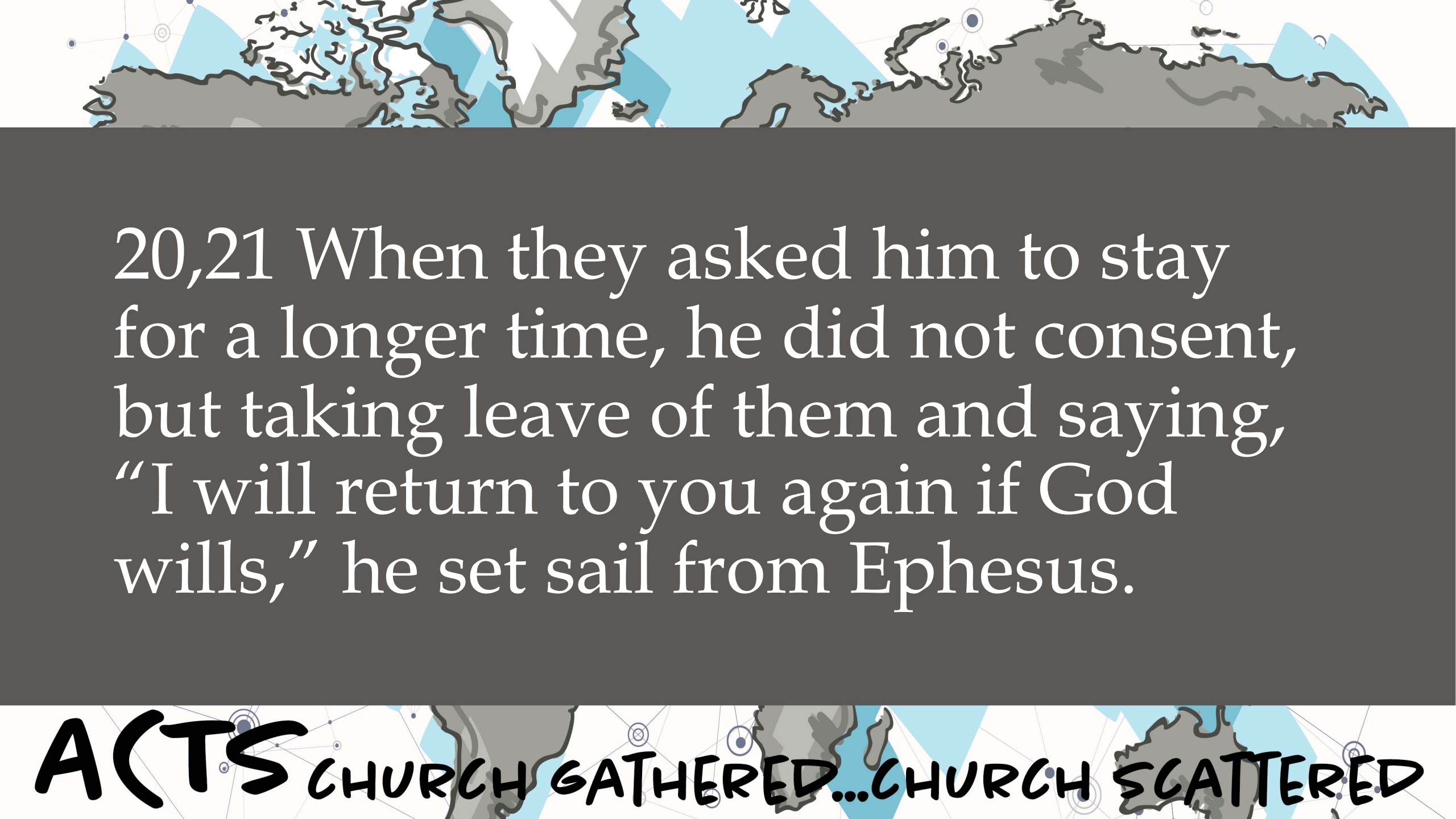
18:18 Paul, having remained many days longer, took leave of the brethren and put out to sea for Syria, and with him were Priscilla and Aquila. In Cenchrea he had his hair cut, for he was keeping a vow.

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19 They came to Ephesus, and he left them there. Now he himself entered the synagogue and reasoned with the Jews.

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20,21 When they asked him to stay for a longer time, he did not consent, but taking leave of them and saying, "I will return to you again if God wills," he set sail from Ephesus.

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22 When he had landed at Caesarea,
he went up and greeted the church,
and went down to Antioch.

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PAUL'S SECOND MISSIONARY JOURNEY

Acts 15:36 - 18:22

- City
 - One of the "Seven Churches of Asia" - Rev. 2-3
 - ← Paul's Route
- ConformingToJesus.com

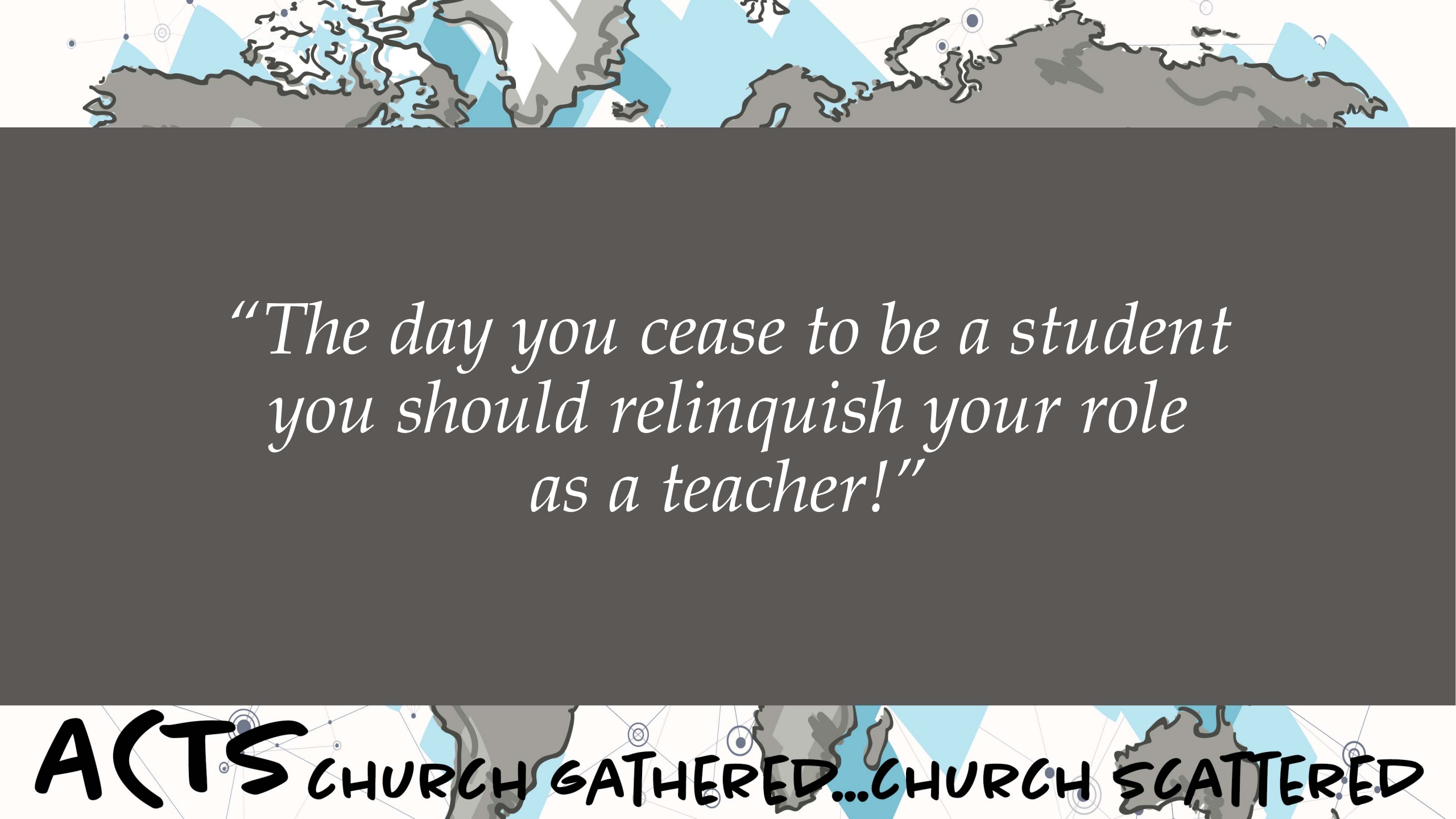


Paul as Teacher 18-22

- 18 months in Corinth – discipling to leave
- Taking more to mentor – Aquilla & Priscilla
- ‘they’ stayed – ‘he’ did not stay
- ‘up’ to Jerusalem and ‘down’ to Antioch




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*“The day you cease to be a student
you should relinquish your role
as a teacher!”*

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18:23 And having spent some time there, he left and passed successively through the Galatian region and Phrygia, strengthening all the disciples.

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Paul as Mentor 23

- Introducing the 3rd Missionary Journey
- Time for worship & refreshing
- Time to carry on the ministry!
- ἐπισηρῶ – Acts 14, 15, 15, 18 – *‘standing upon’*



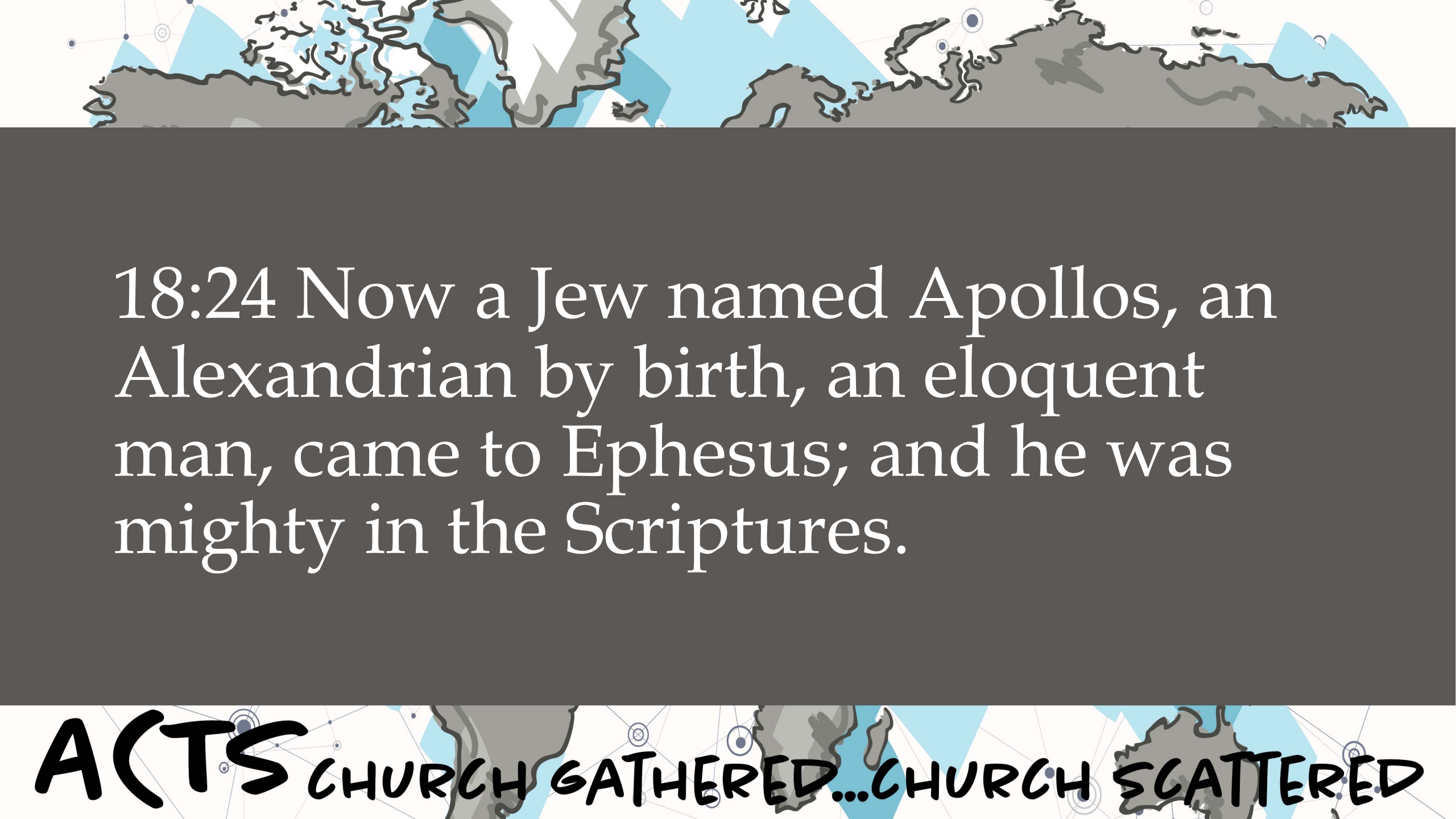
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“Only a disciple can make a disciple.”
A.W. Tozer

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18:24 Now a Jew named Apollos, an Alexandrian by birth, an eloquent man, came to Ephesus; and he was mighty in the Scriptures.

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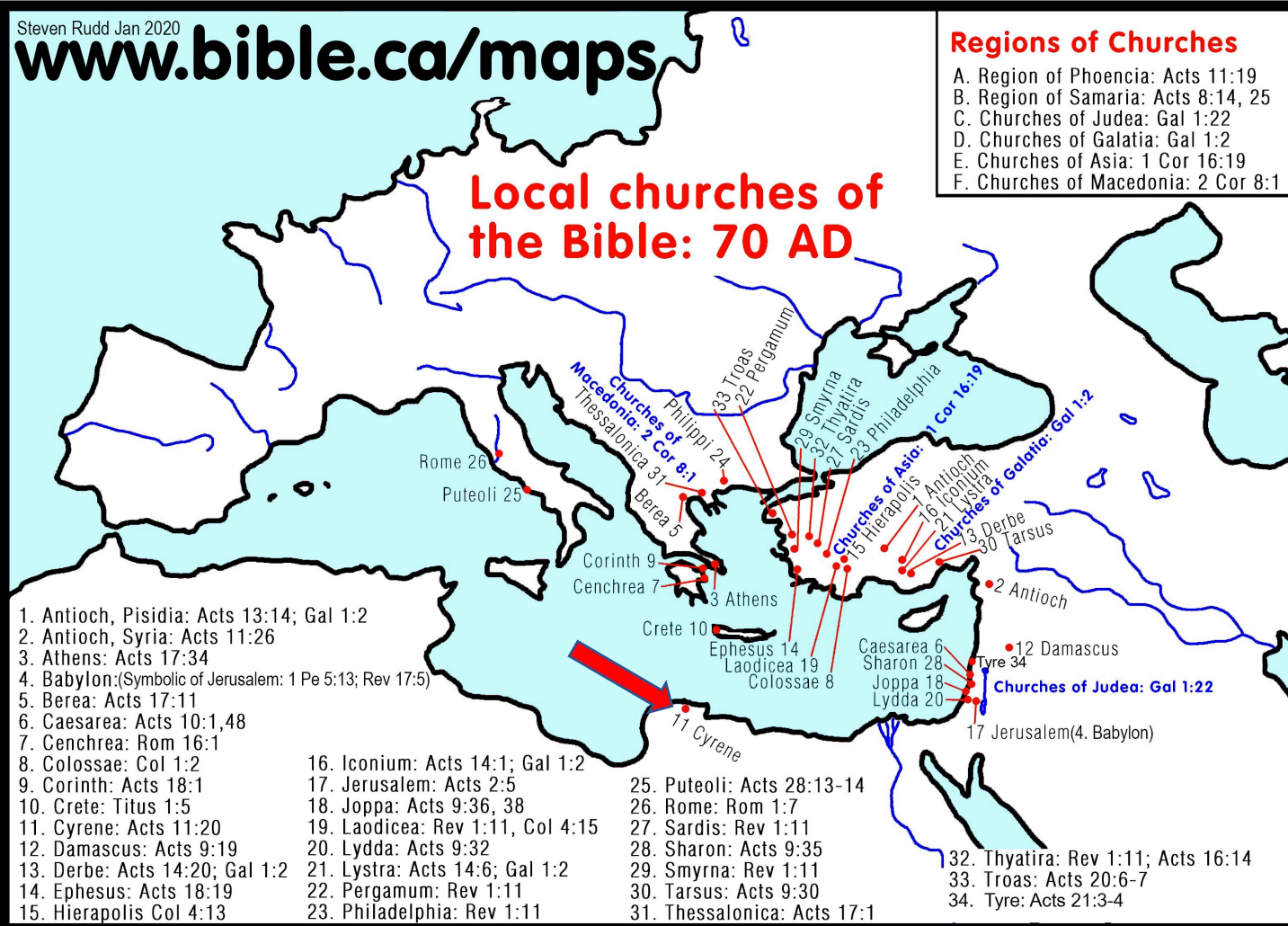
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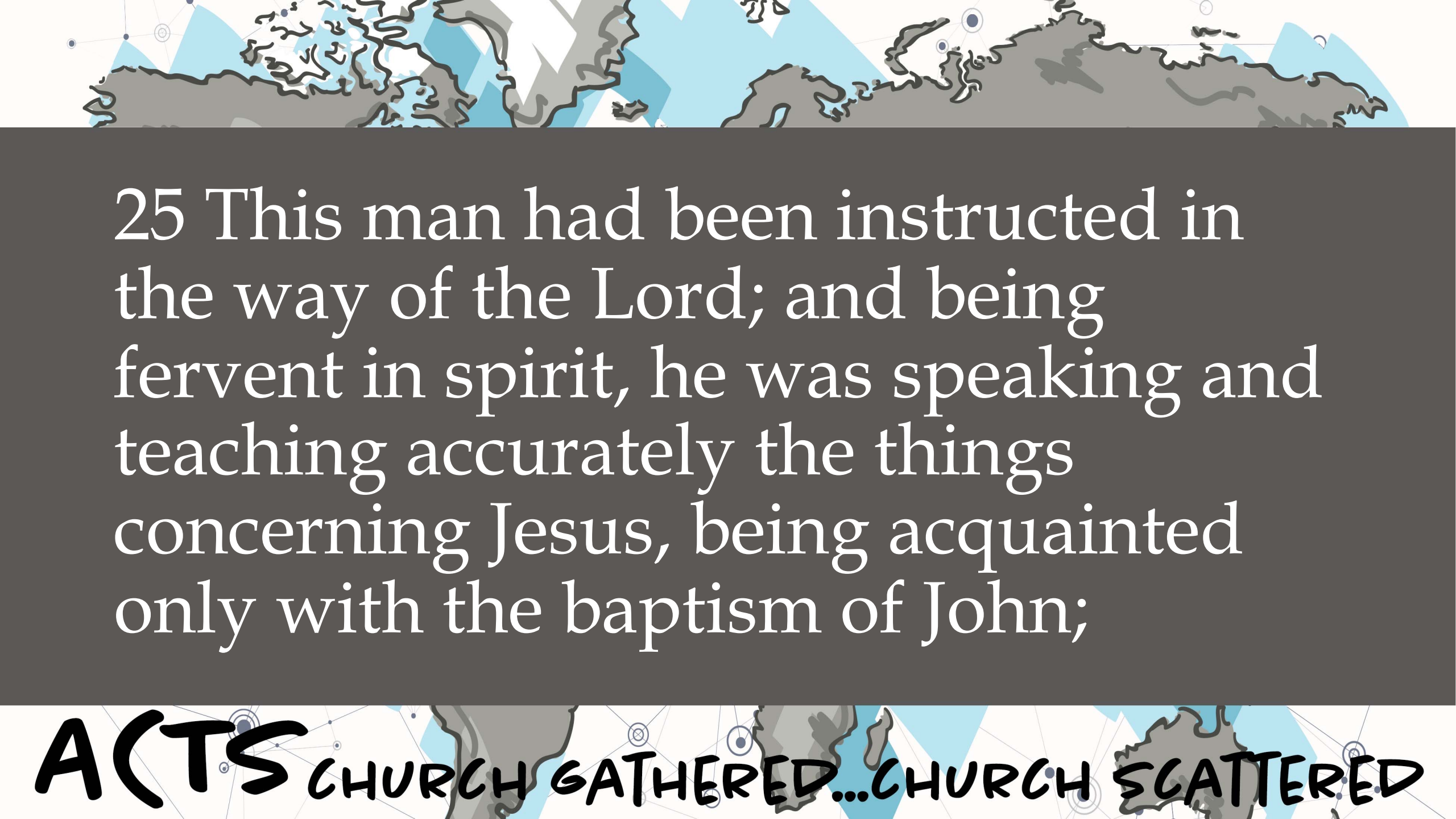
Local churches of the Bible: 70 AD

Regions of Churches

- A. Region of Phoenicia: Acts 11:19
- B. Region of Samaria: Acts 8:14, 25
- C. Churches of Judea: Gal 1:22
- D. Churches of Galatia: Gal 1:2
- E. Churches of Asia: 1 Cor 16:19
- F. Churches of Macedonia: 2 Cor 8:1

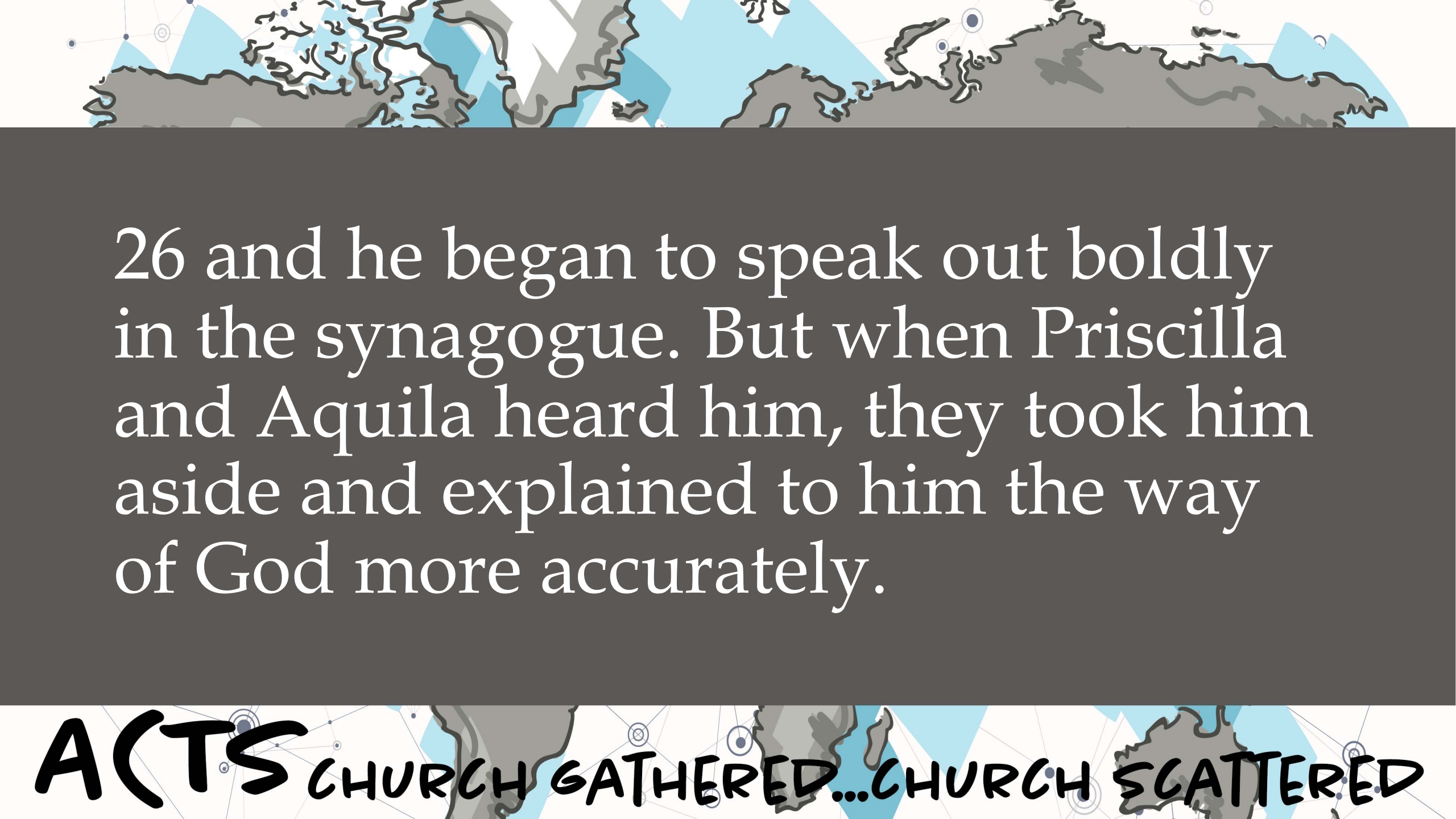


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25 This man had been instructed in the way of the Lord; and being fervent in spirit, he was speaking and teaching accurately the things concerning Jesus, being acquainted only with the baptism of John;

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26 and he began to speak out boldly in the synagogue. But when Priscilla and Aquila heard him, they took him aside and explained to him the way of God more accurately.

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Apollos as Teacher 24-26

- Apollos – Greek name – Alexandrian
- Taught the words of Jesus –
- Baptism of John – BOLD!
- Kingdom yielding to the Body of Christ

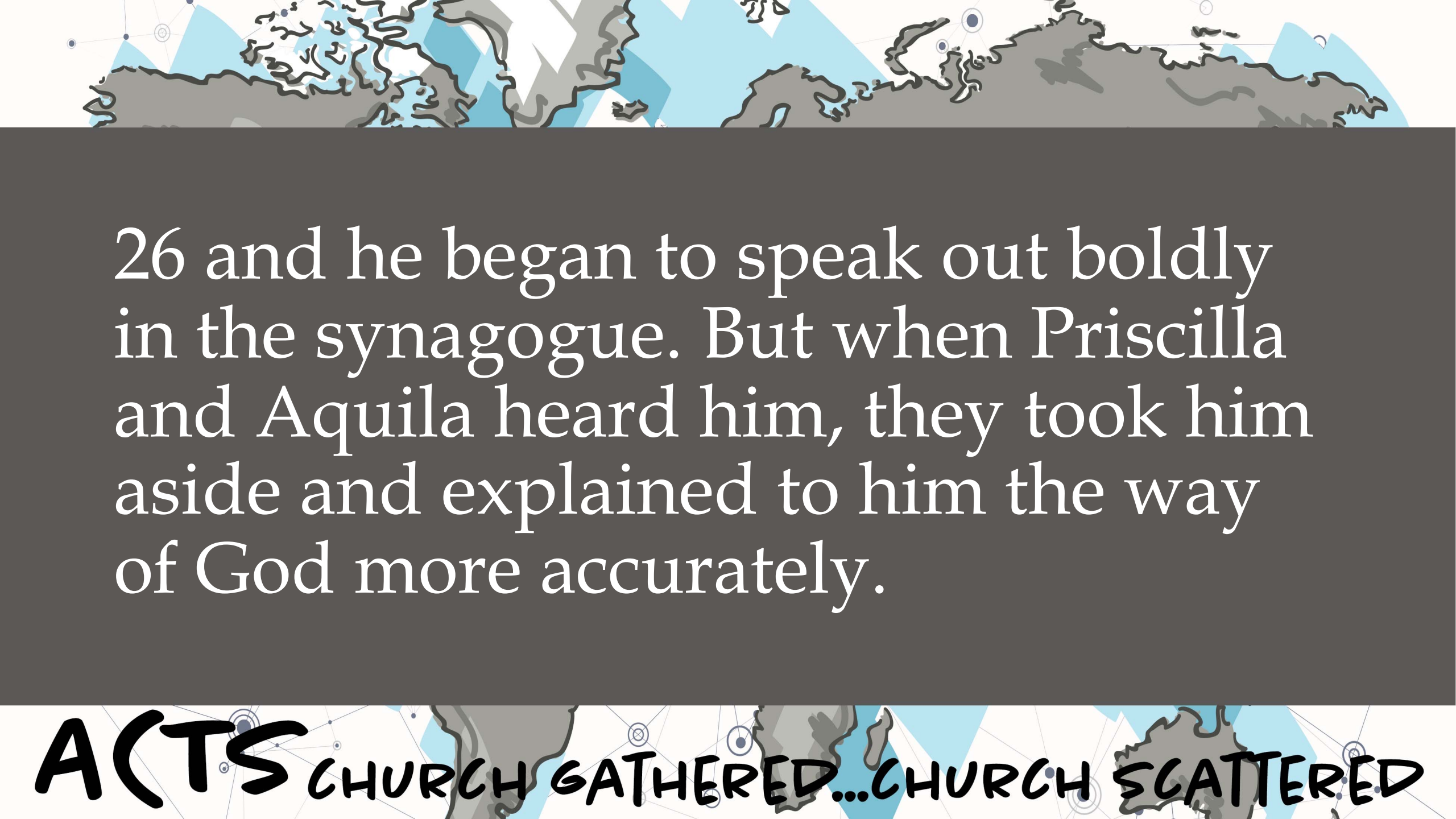


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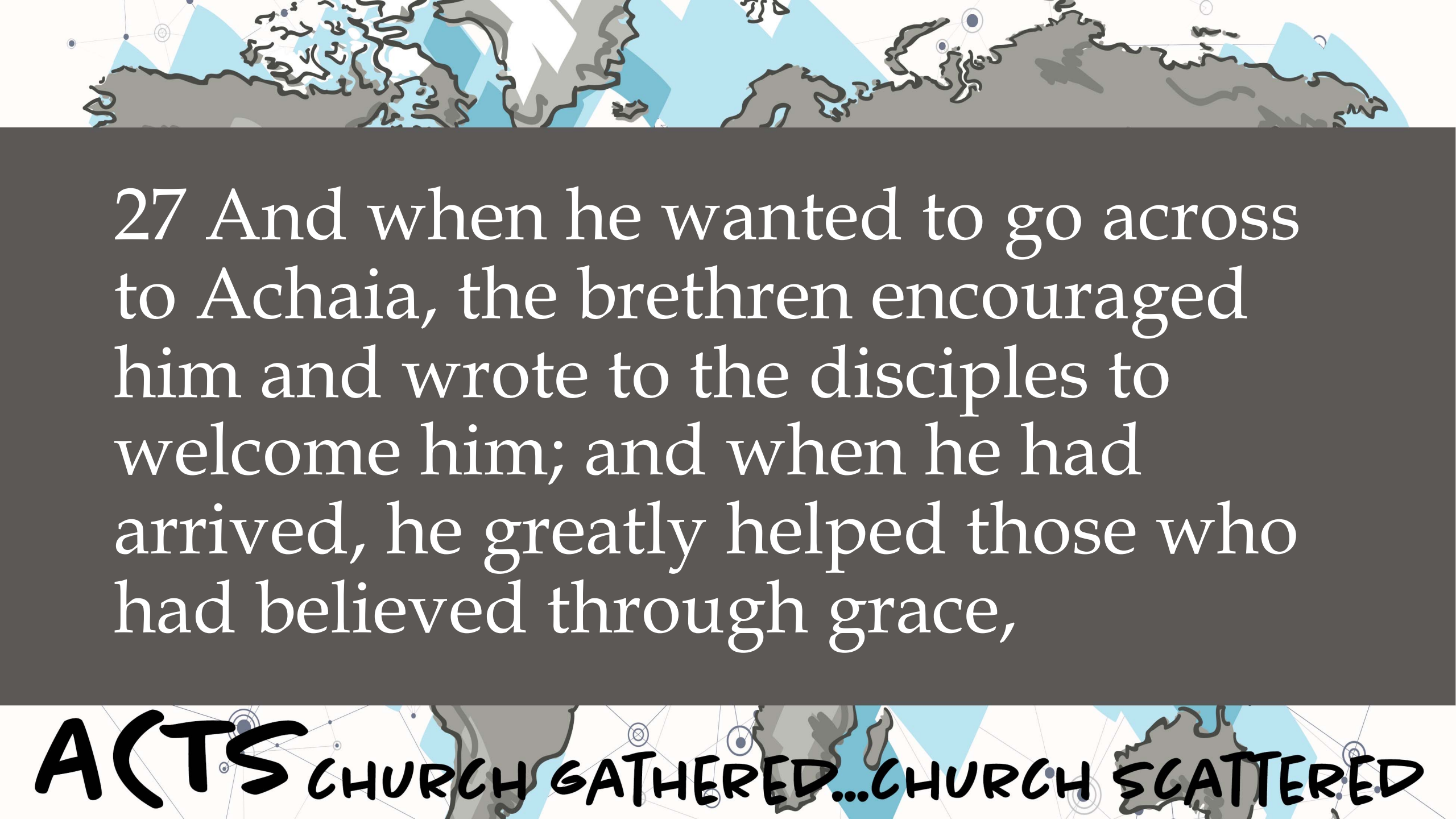
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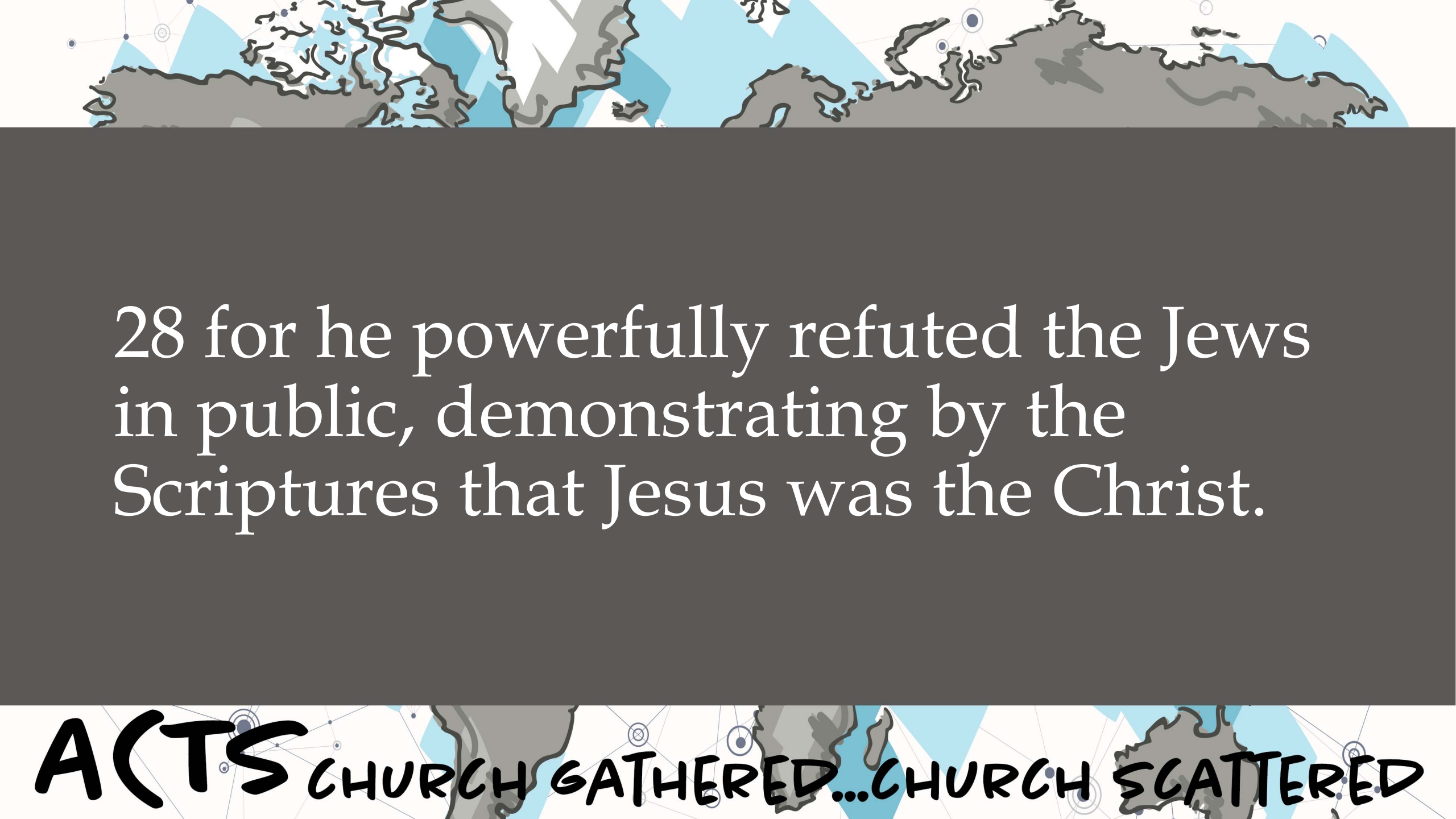
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27 And when he wanted to go across to Achaia, the brethren encouraged him and wrote to the disciples to welcome him; and when he had arrived, he greatly helped those who had believed through grace,

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28 for he powerfully refuted the Jews
in public, demonstrating by the
Scriptures that Jesus was the Christ.

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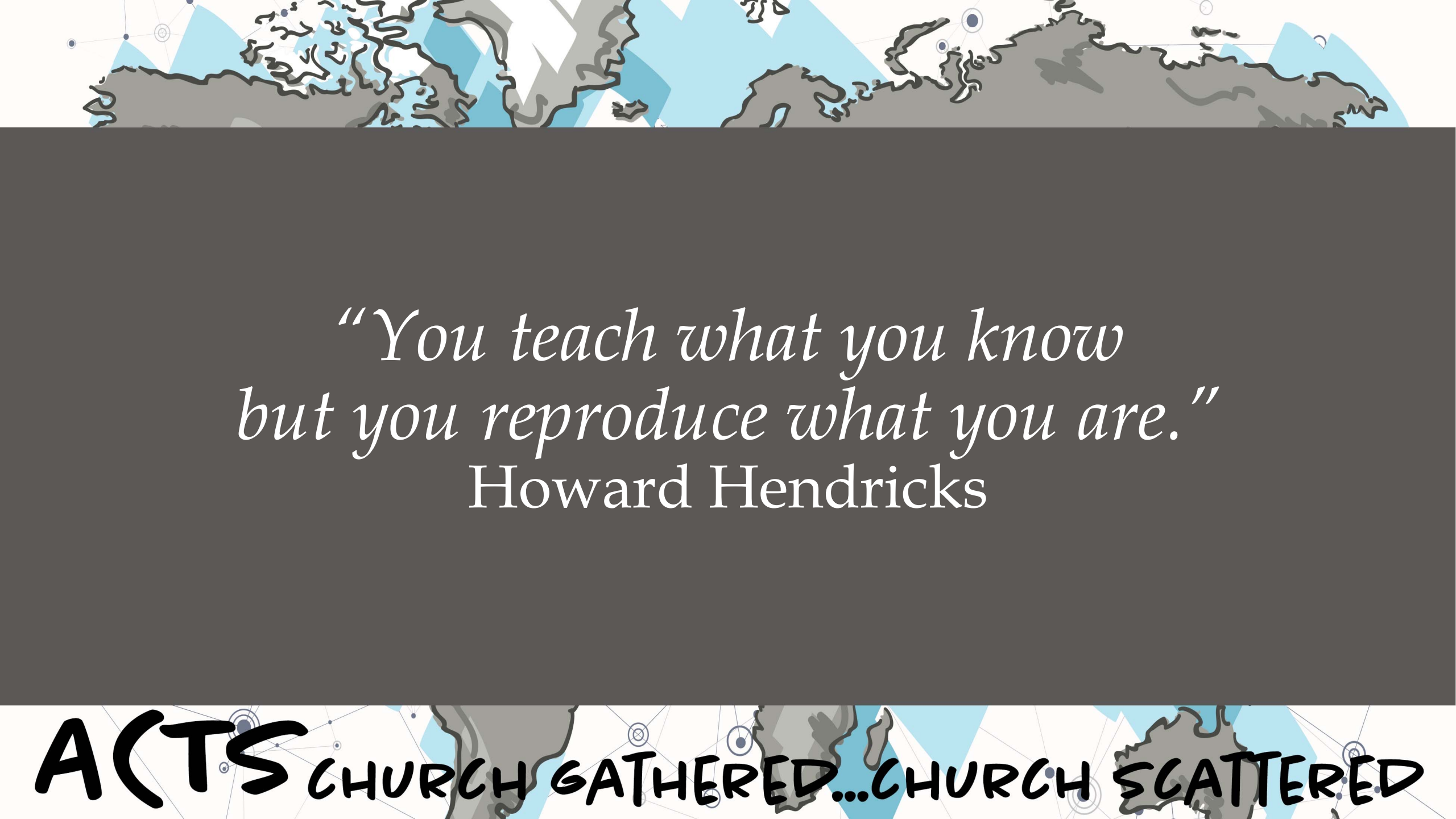


Aquila & Pricilla as Mentors 26-28

- Teaching as they were taught!
- ‘explained’ - ἐκτίθημι – ‘set out truth’
- Preparing & Sending to Achaia
- Jesus was the Messiah!



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*“You teach what you know
but you reproduce what you are.”*
Howard Hendricks

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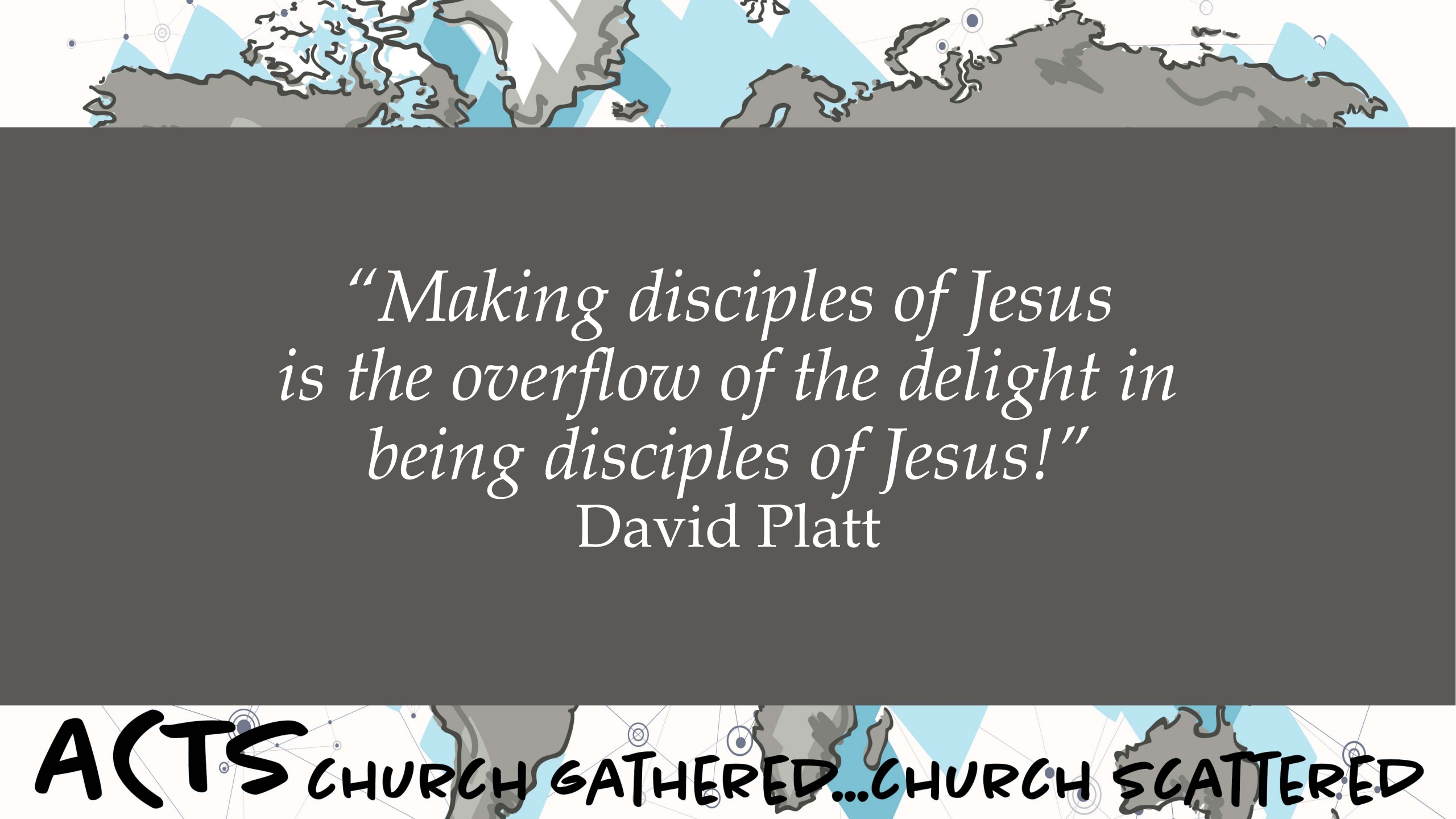


Talking Points? Walking Points!

- “The goal of relationship is discipleship or its only companionship!”
- I will influence not just inform
- I will motivate not just monitor
- I will serve not just observe



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*“Making disciples of Jesus
is the overflow of the delight in
being disciples of Jesus!”*
David Platt

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