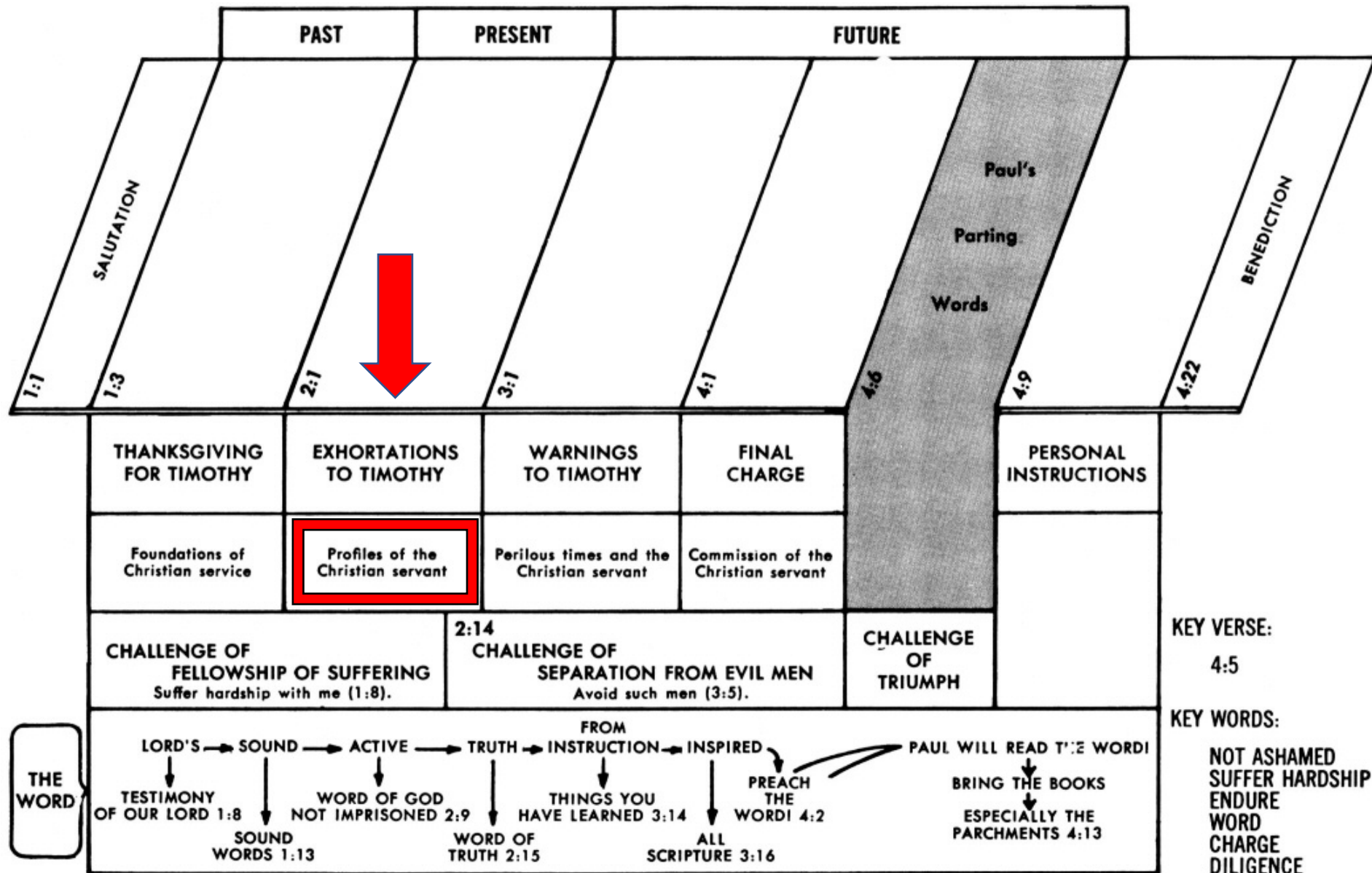




SOLDIER ★ ATHLETE ★ FARMER

2 Timothy 2:1-7



KEY VERSE:
4:5

KEY WORDS:

NOT ASHAMED
SUFFER HARDSHIP
ENDURE
WORD
CHARGE
DILIGENCE

“My friend, if you think that you can grit your teeth and go out and live the Christian life on your own, you’re in for a great disappointment.” J. Vernon McGee

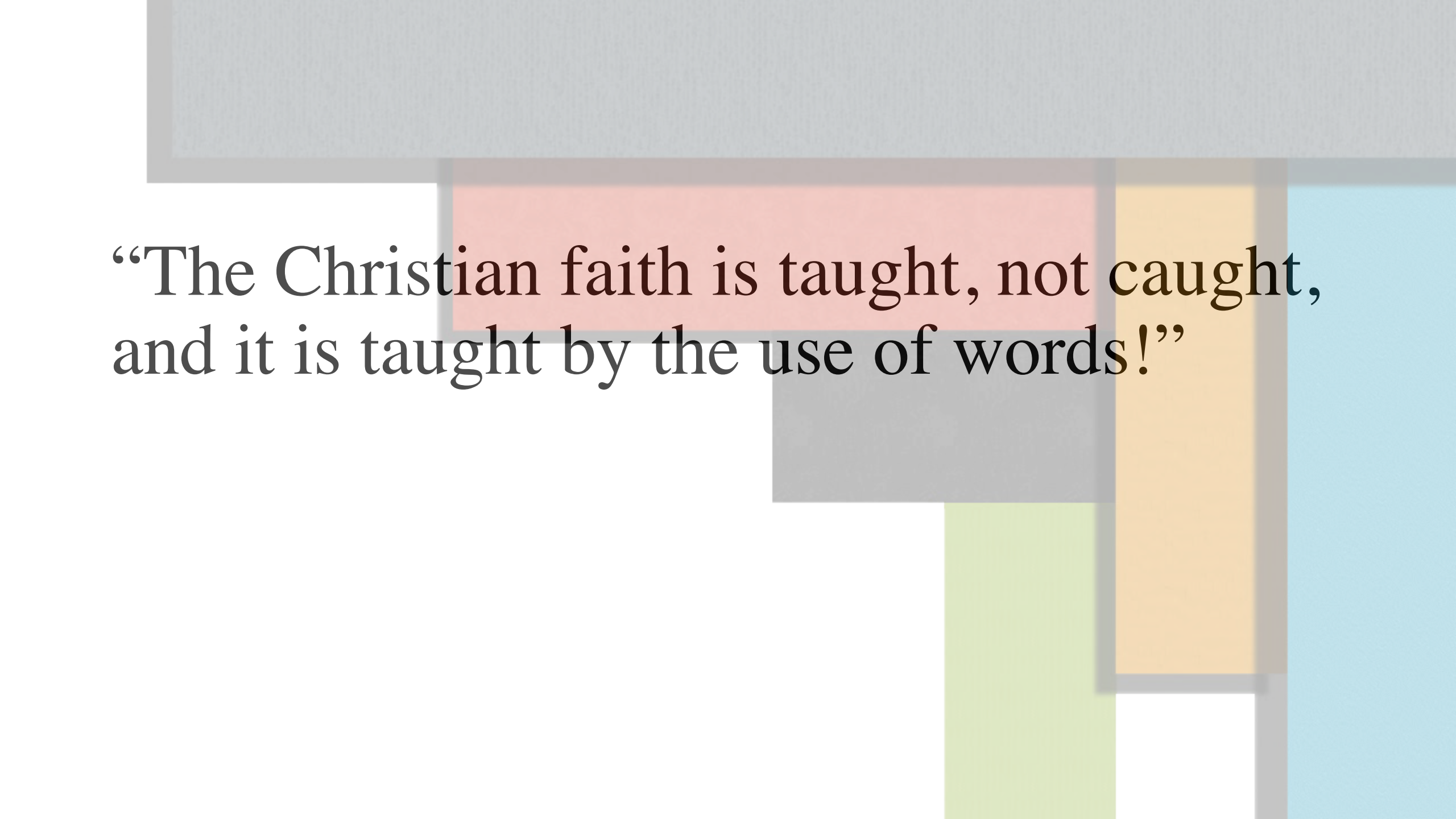
No single type or illustration

- Actions speak louder than words. <----> The pen is mightier than the sword.
- Knowledge is power. <----> Ignorance is bliss.
- Look before you leap. <----> He who hesitates is lost.
- Clothes make the man. <----> Don't judge a book by its cover.
- Nothing ventured, nothing gained. <----> Better safe than sorry.
- Two heads are better than one. <----> If you want something done right, do it yourself.
- Many hands make light work. <----> Too many cooks spoil the broth

Offering	Christ's Provision	Christ's Character
1. Burnt Offering (Lev. 1:3-17; 6:8-13)	Atonement	Christ's sinless nature
2. Grain Offering (Lev. 2:1-16; 6:14-23)	Dedication/Consecration	Christ was wholly devoted to the Father's purposes
3. Peace Offering (Lev. 3:1-17; 7:11-36)	Reconciliation/Fellowship	Christ was at peace with God
4. Sin Offering (Lev. 4:1-5:13; 6:24-30)	Propitiation	Christ's substitutionary death
5. Trespass Offering (Lev. 5:14-6:7; 7:1-10)	Repentance	Christ paid it all for redemption

9 Personalities of Faith

- Timothy as a Son
- Timothy as a Teacher
- Paul's Illustrations:
 - Soldier
 - Athlete
 - Farmer
- Paul as:
 - Prisoner
 - Workman
 - Vessel
 - Bond-Servant



“The Christian faith is taught, not caught,
and it is taught by the use of words!”

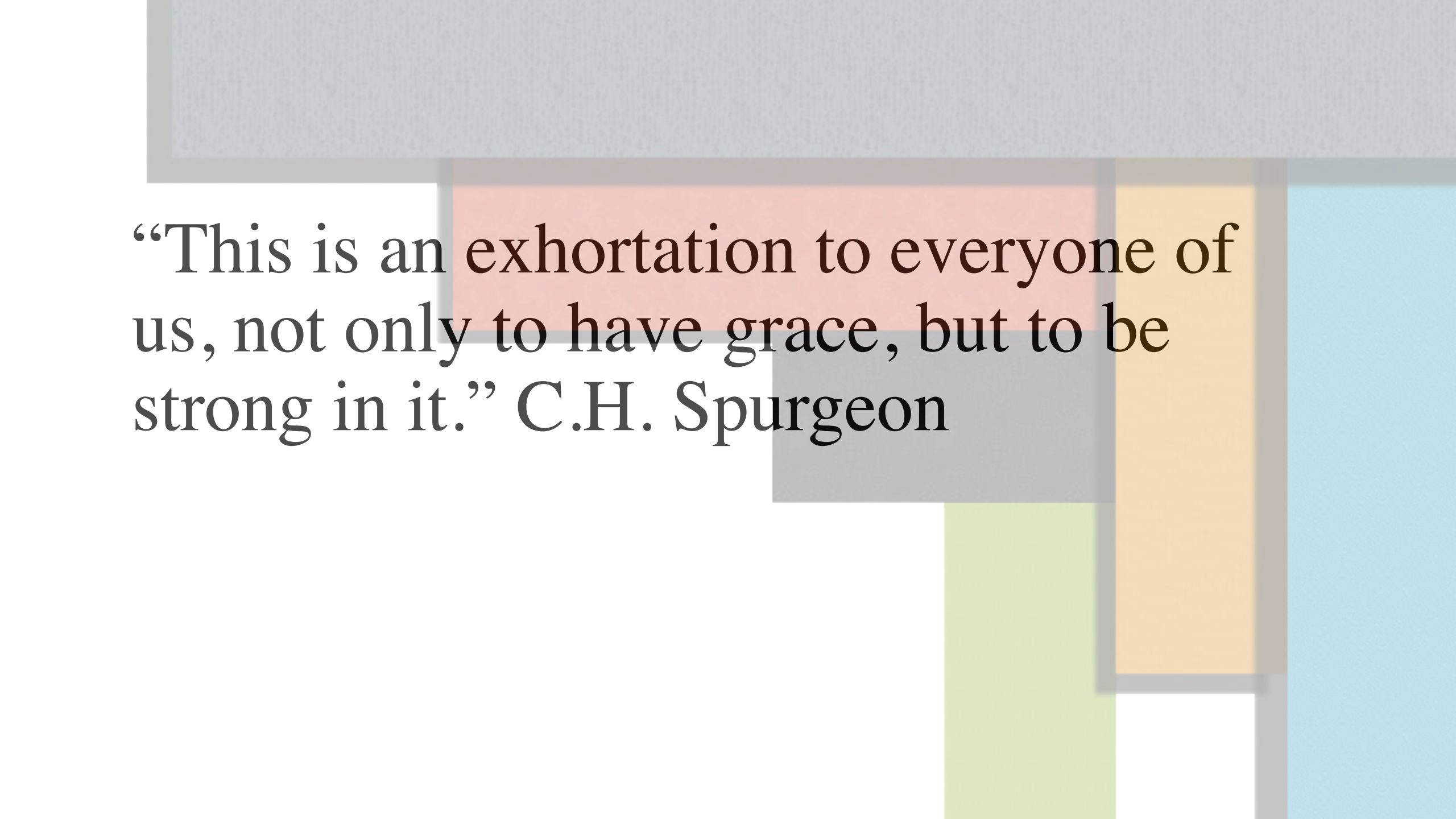
2 Timothy 2:1 You therefore, my son, be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus.

Timothy as a Son

- Believer
 - History of Timothy's faith
- Be strong!
 - w/o 'timidity' 2Tim 1:7
 - endunamo – Passive verb – internal goal!
 - “be clothed with inward strength” Wuest
- In Grace
 - faith = trust in the work of another
 - Php 4:13
- In Christ!

Timothy as a Son

- Believer
- Be strong!
- In Grace
- In Christ!
 - I can do all things through Him Who strengthens (endunamoo - continually strengthens) him Php 4:13
 - 2 Cor 12:9 And He has said to me, “My grace is sufficient for you, for power is perfected in weakness.”
 - Grace is not only forgiveness to the guilty but favor to the redeemed!
 - Grace is everything for nothing to those who don't have anything!



“This is an exhortation to everyone of us, not only to have grace, but to be strong in it.” C.H. Spurgeon

2 The things which you have heard from me in the presence of many witnesses, entrust these to faithful men who will be able to teach others also.

Chiasm of 2 Timothy 2:2

- The things which you have heard from me
 - in the presence of many witnesses
 - **entrust these**
 - to faithful men
 - who will be able to teach others also

Timothy as a Disciple

- ‘things which you have heard’
- ‘teachings of the Apostles - Acts 2:42
- ‘presence of many witnesses’
- Those who had seen the risen Lord!

“There are many professing Christians who are content so long as they are just saved.” C.H. Spurgeon

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Timothy as a Disciple-maker

- ‘entrust’ – place before with release
- Parables of Jesus were ‘presented’ - Matt 13:24
- 1 Timothy 1:18 “This command I entrust to you, Timothy, my son”
- ‘able to teach others also’ – self-replication
- Teaching teachers to teach!

“The torch of heavenly light must be transmitted unquenched from one generation to another, and Timothy must count himself an intermediary between apostolic and later ages.” E. K. Simpson

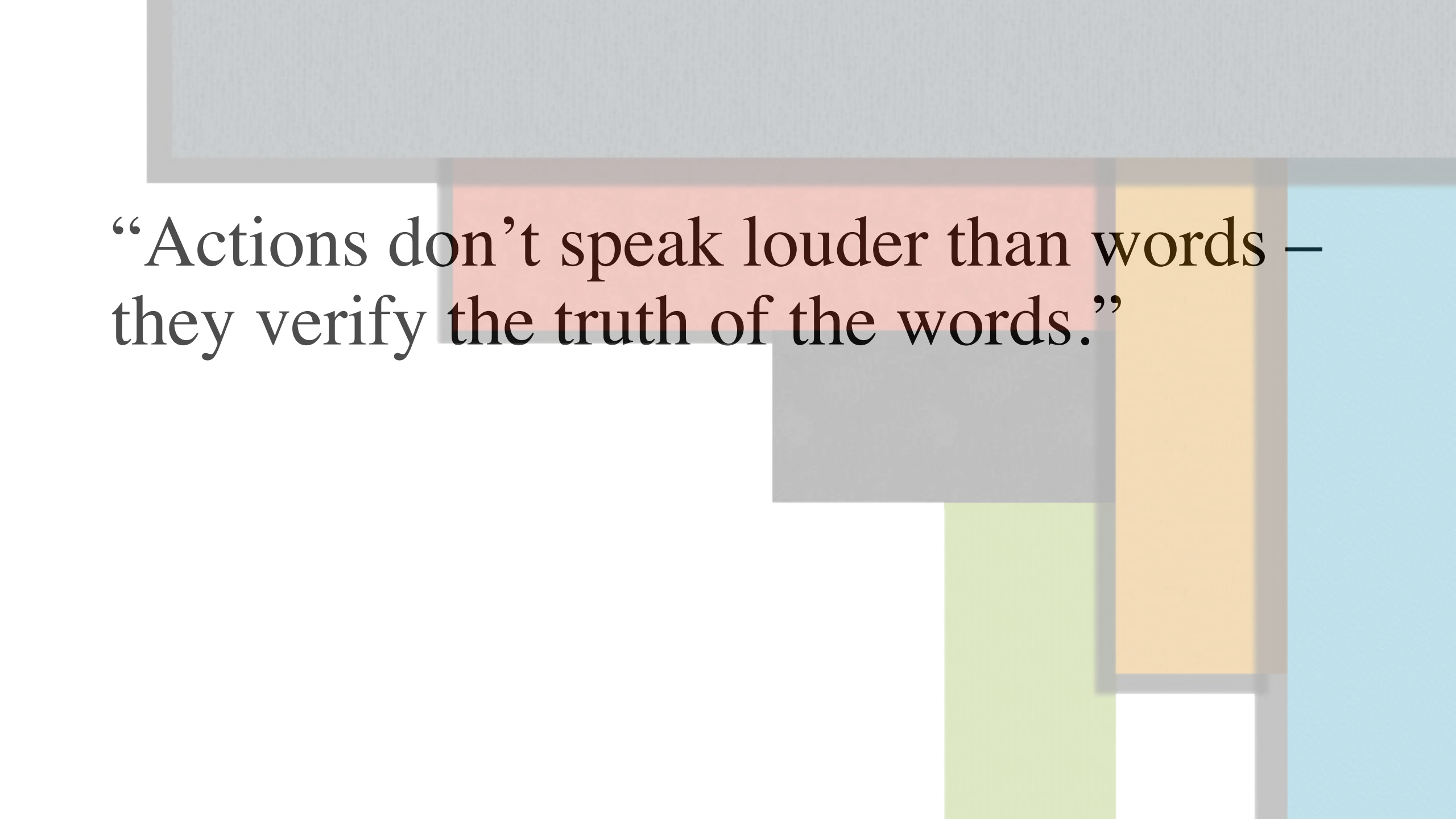
2 Tim 2:7 Consider what I say, for the Lord will give you understanding in everything.

Paul's Illustrations

- Soldier – Discipline
- Athlete – Dedication
- Farmer – Diligence
- Each giving a dimension of truth
- Together giving a composite of truth

Consider!

- Paul's Commands to Son & Teacher
- Paul's Illustrations of Soldier, Athlete & Farmer
- Paul's expectations to make disciple makers
- 9 Personalities to compose the many roles of disciples and disciple makers



“Actions don’t speak louder than words –
they verify the truth of the words.”

Soldier – Athlete – Farmer

- Strong as a believer
 - Strong as a disciple
 - Strong as a teacher
- Strong = Maturity
 - Walk (God, Body World)
 - Talk (God, Body, World)
 - Feed (themselves, others)
 - Serve (family, community)
 - Reproduce (faith, calling)

“To be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus means to be courageous with the strength which His grace provides.”

William MacDonald

