

A stylized world map with a network overlay. The map is rendered in shades of grey and blue, with a network of grey lines and nodes connecting various points across the globe. The word "ACTS" is written in large, bold, black, sans-serif capital letters across the center of the map.

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Giving a Testimony

Acts 22

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“The God whom we worship is not a weak and incompetent God. He is able to beat back gigantic waves of opposition and to bring low prodigious mountains of evil. The ringing testimony of the Christian faith is that God is able.” Martin Luther

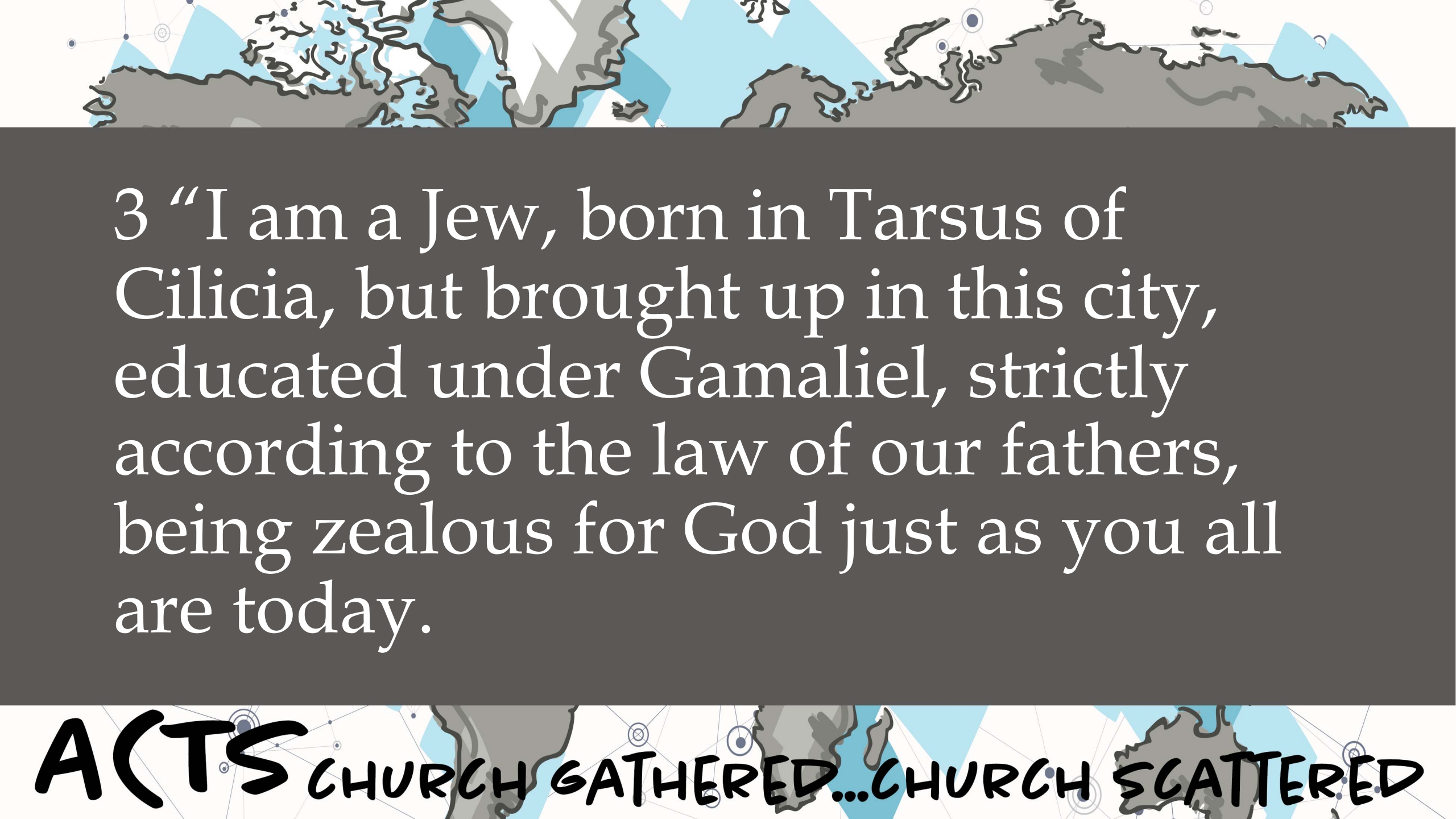
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*“Although my memory's fading,
I remember two things very
clearly: I am a great sinner
and Christ is a great Savior.”*

John Newton 1807

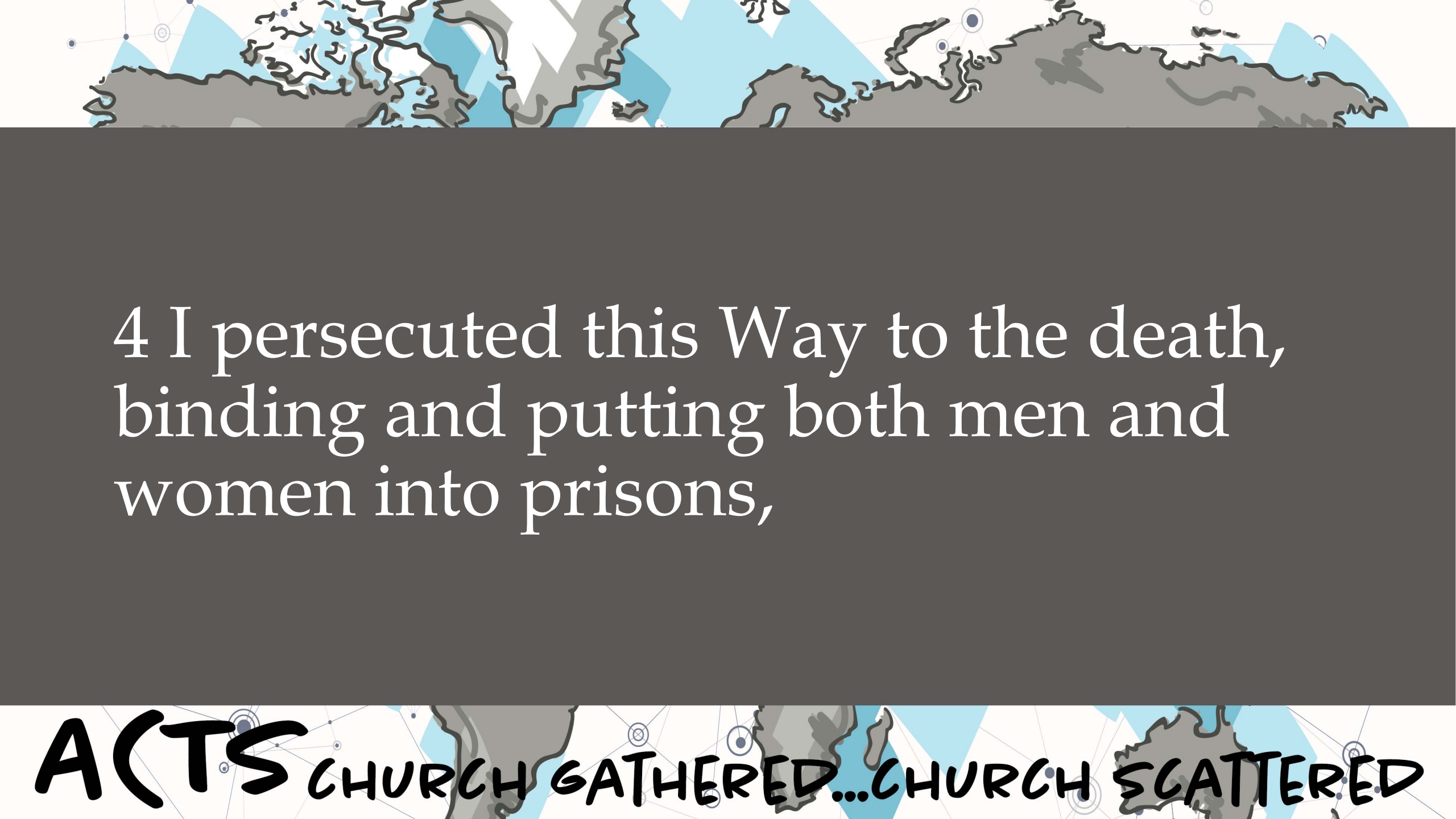


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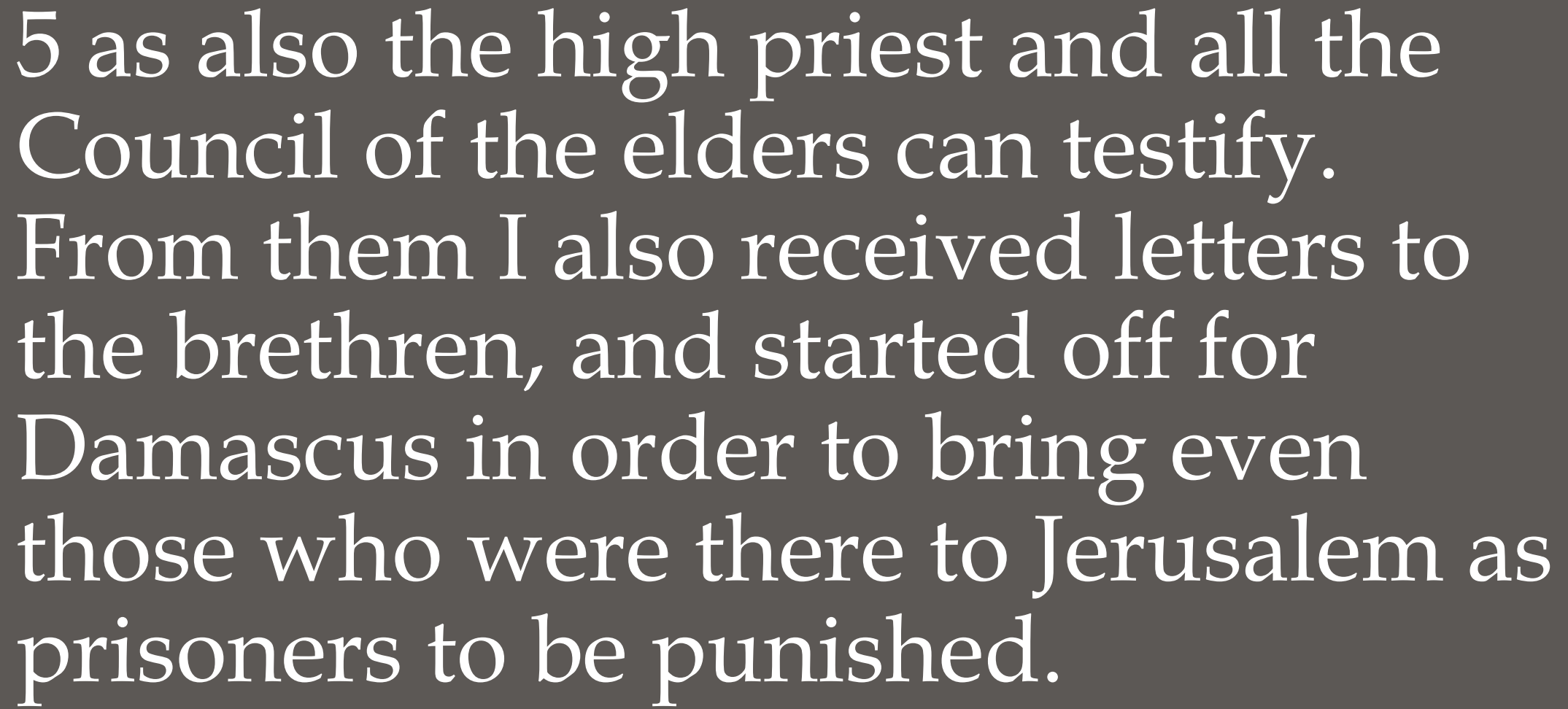
3 “I am a Jew, born in Tarsus of Cilicia, but brought up in this city, educated under Gamaliel, strictly according to the law of our fathers, being zealous for God just as you all are today.

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4 I persecuted this Way to the death,
binding and putting both men and
women into prisons,

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5 as also the high priest and all the Council of the elders can testify. From them I also received letters to the brethren, and started off for Damascus in order to bring even those who were there to Jerusalem as prisoners to be punished.

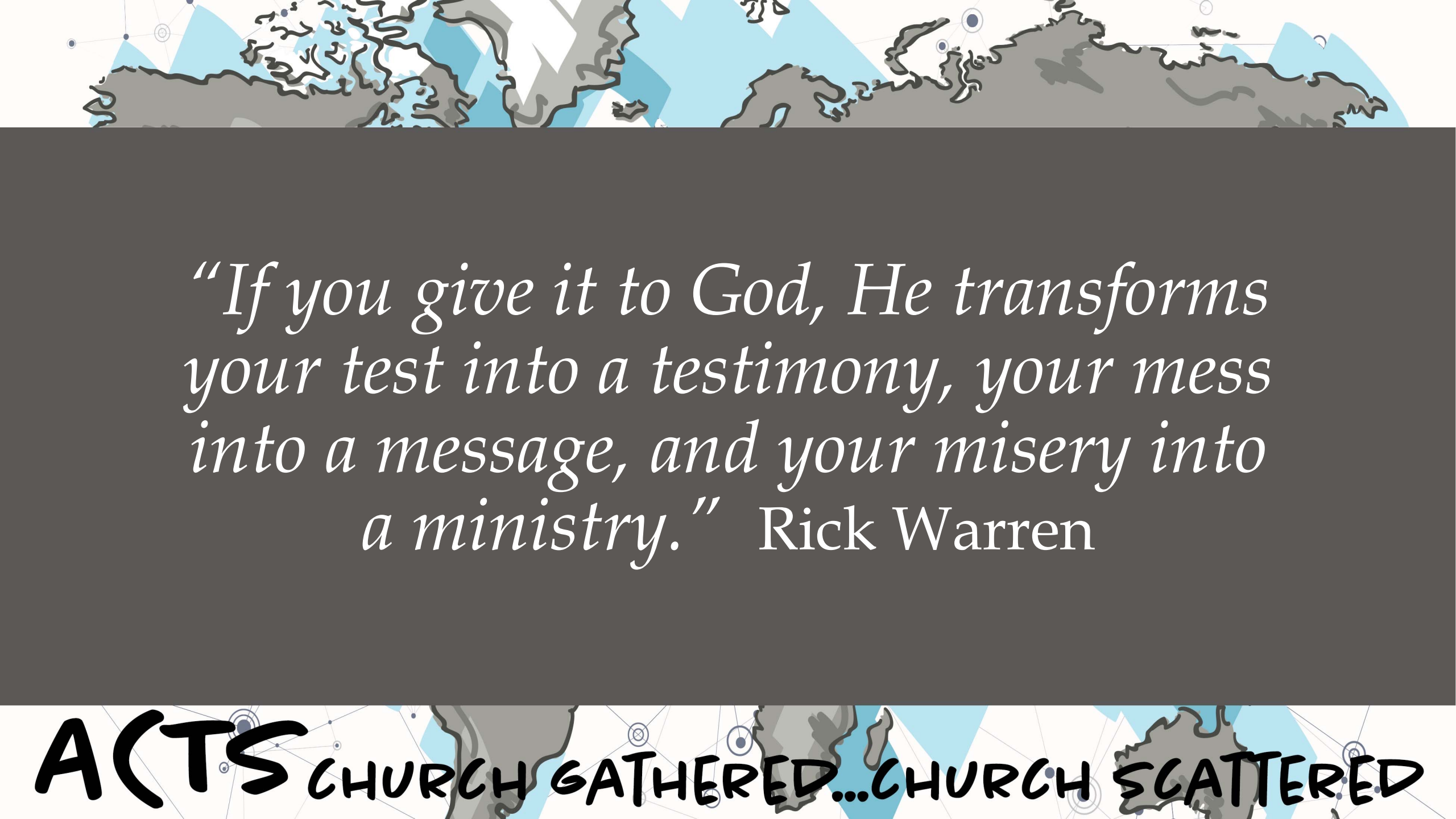
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Anatomy: I was...

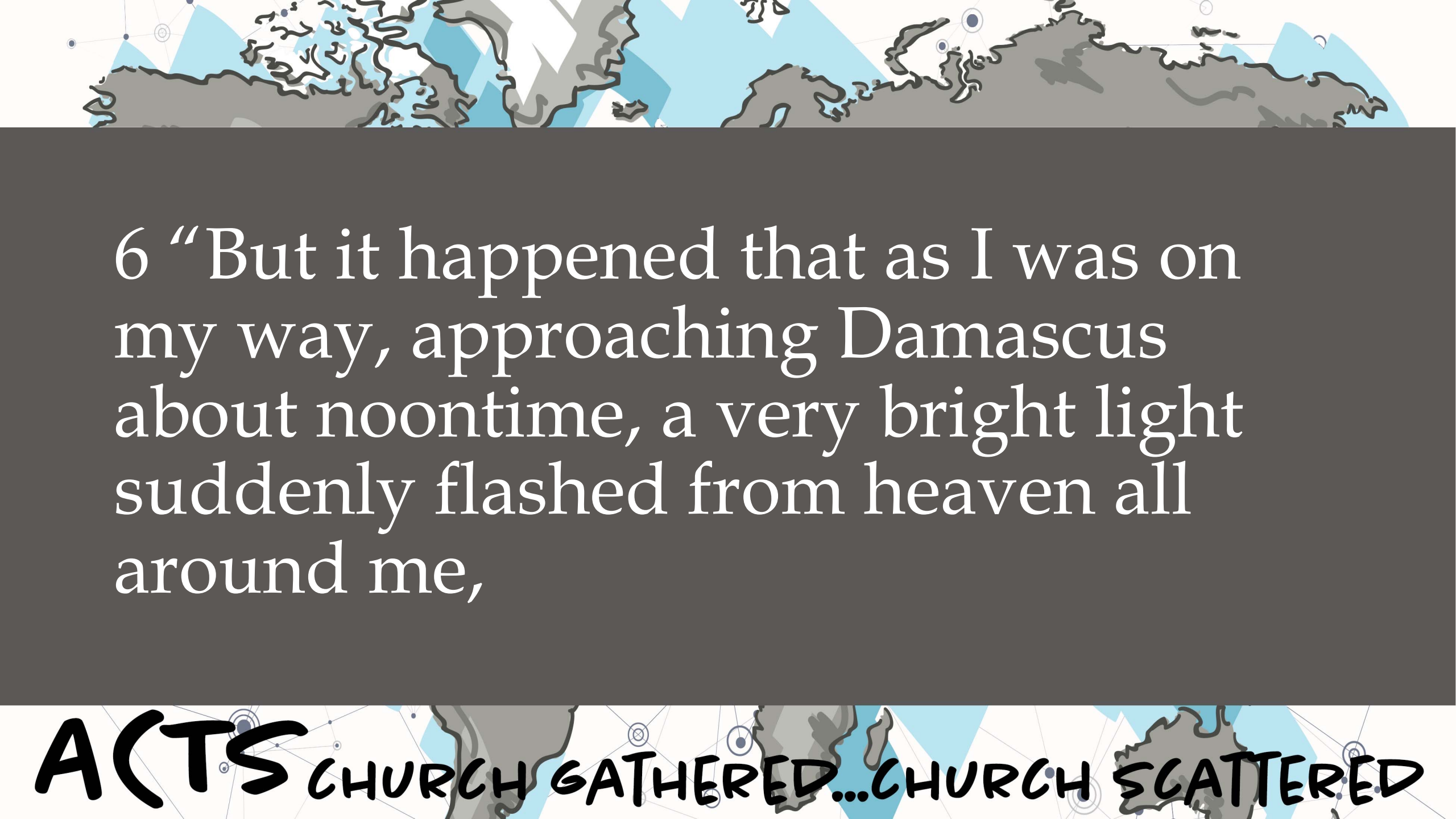
- Zealous Jew
- Active Jew
- Prosecuting Jew

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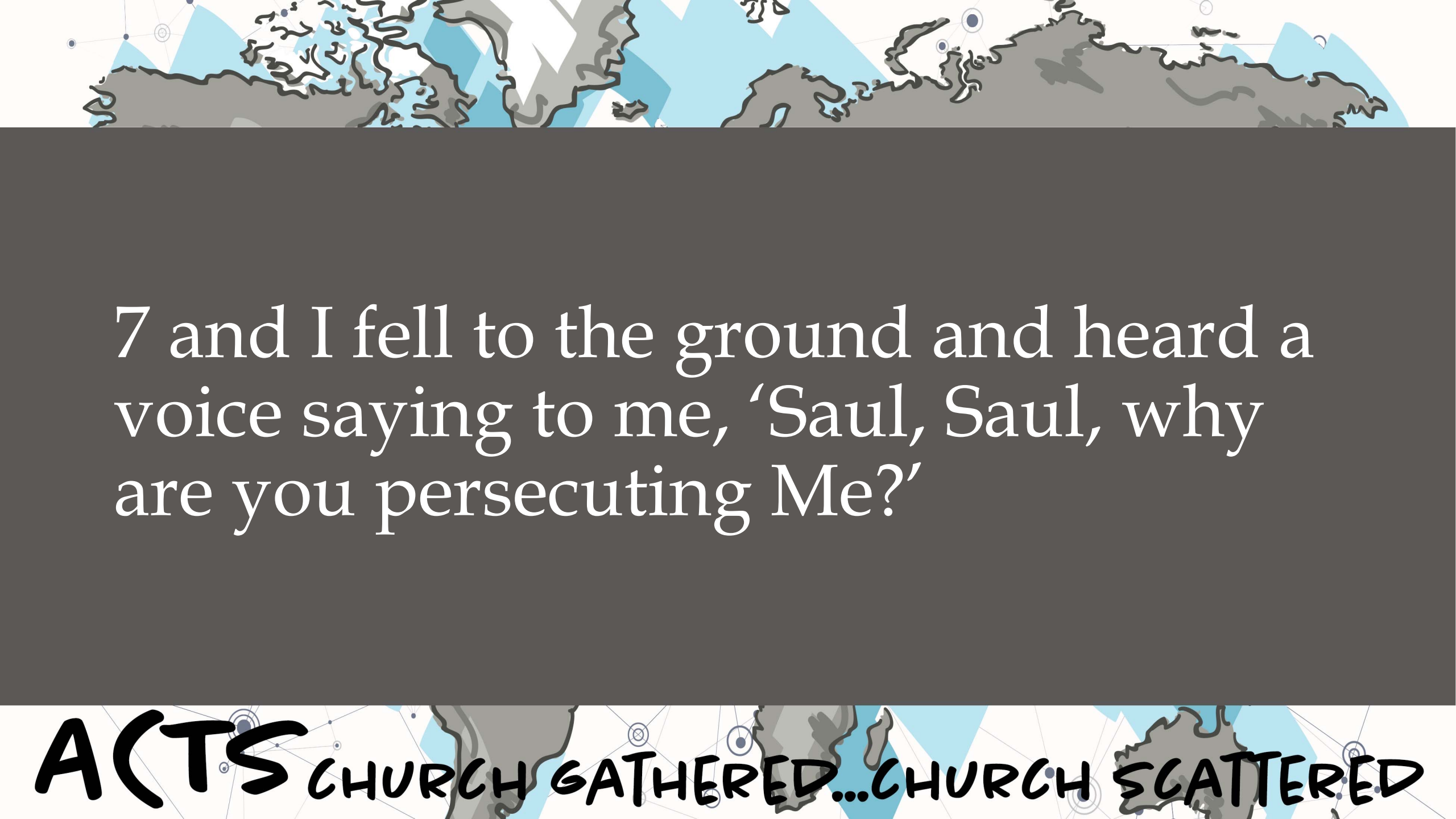
“If you give it to God, He transforms your test into a testimony, your mess into a message, and your misery into a ministry.” Rick Warren

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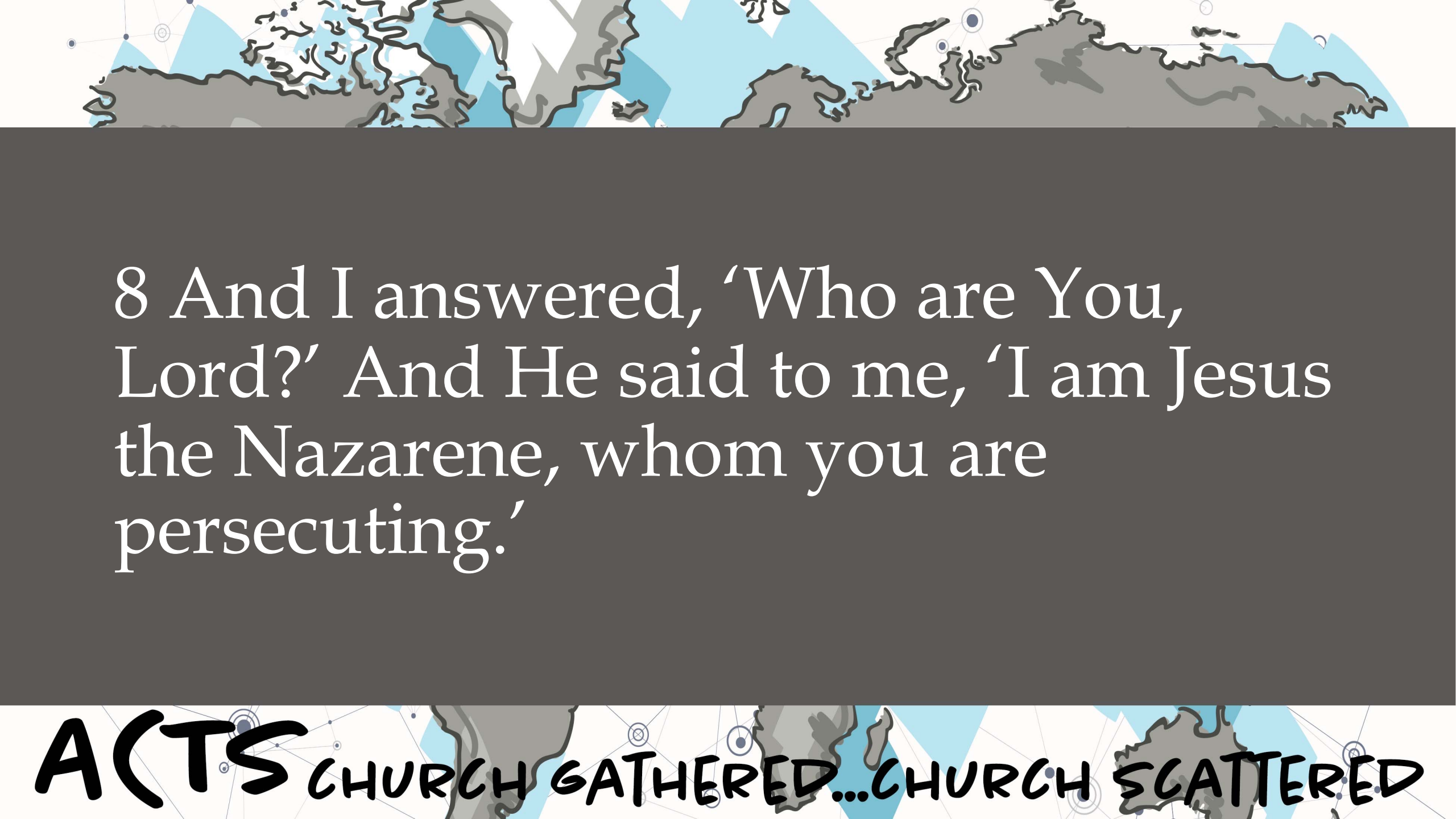
6 “But it happened that as I was on my way, approaching Damascus about noontime, a very bright light suddenly flashed from heaven all around me,

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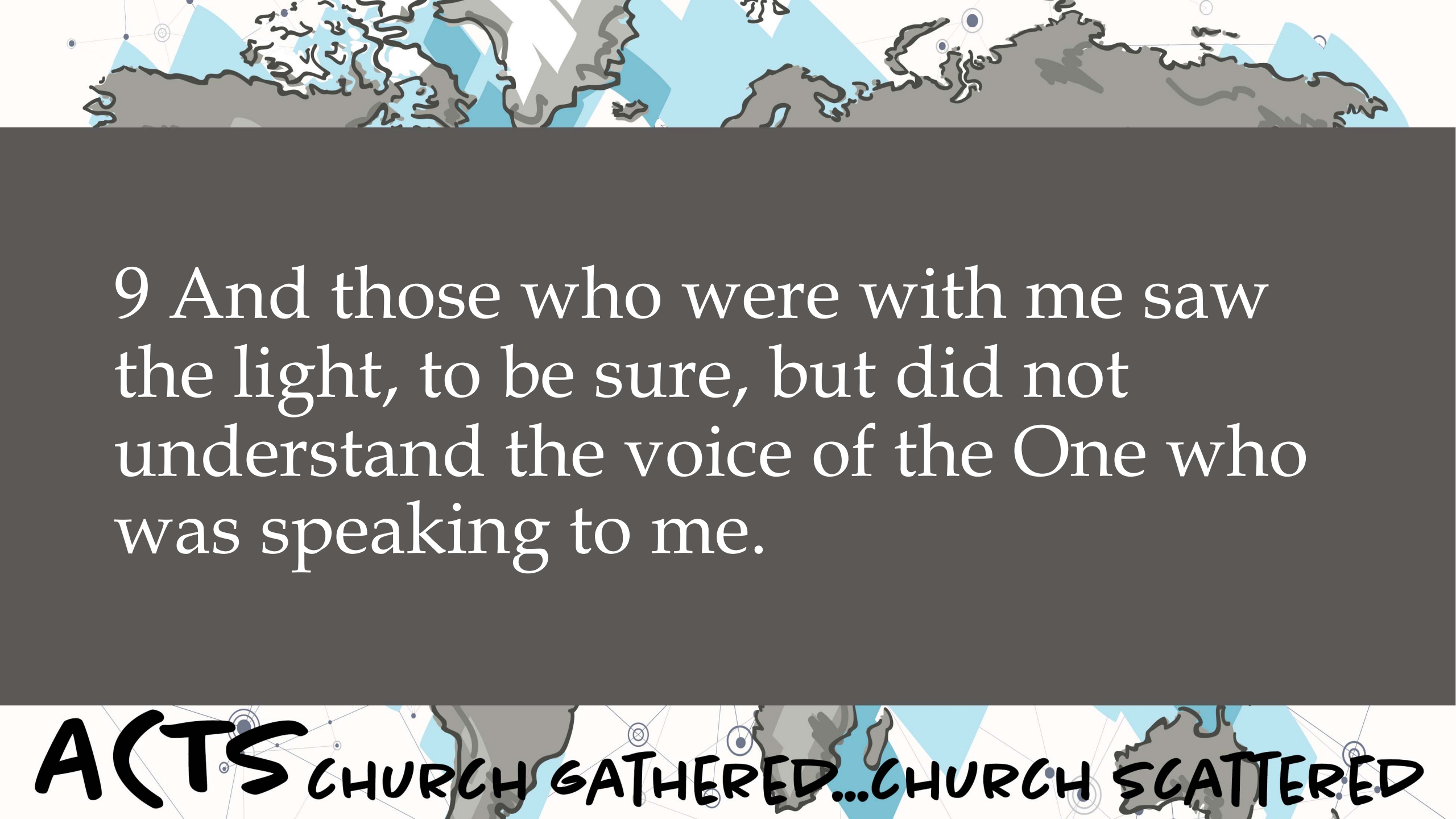
7 and I fell to the ground and heard a voice saying to me, 'Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting Me?'

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8 And I answered, 'Who are You, Lord?' And He said to me, 'I am Jesus the Nazarene, whom you are persecuting.'

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9 And those who were with me saw the light, to be sure, but did not understand the voice of the One who was speaking to me.

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Anatomy: I met...

- Bright light
- ‘who are you Lord?’
- I understood – around me did not

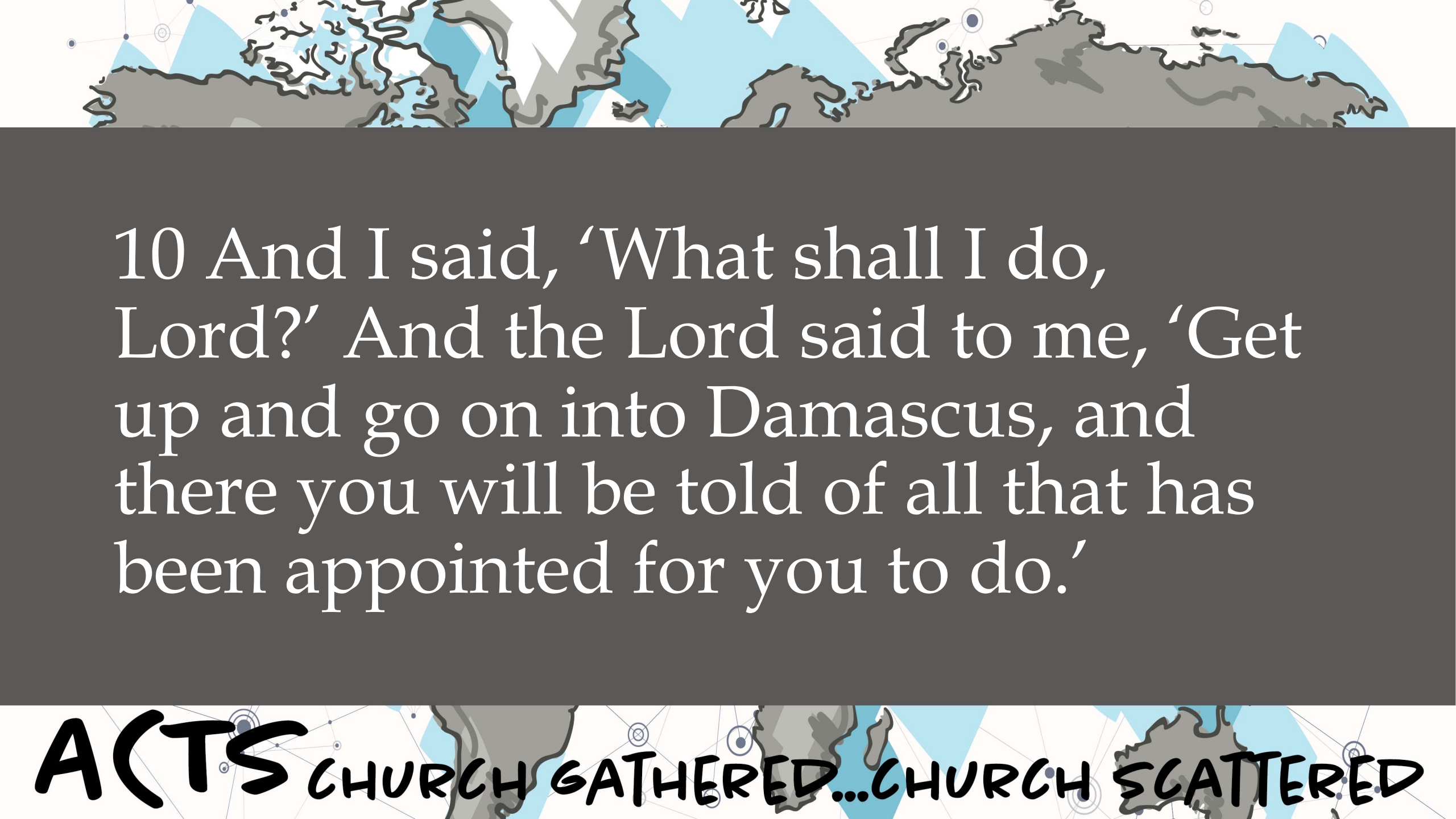


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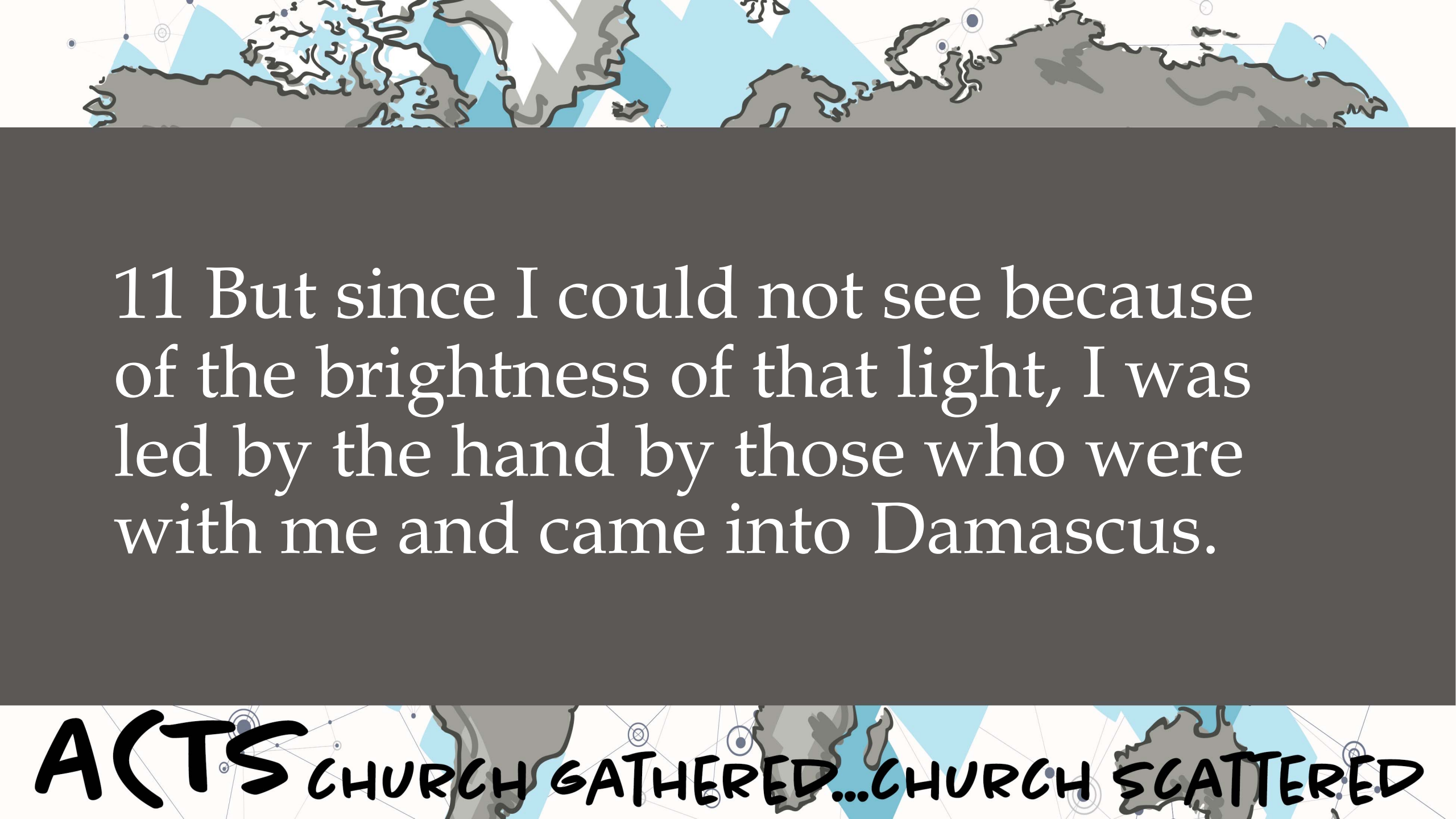
*“In proportion as a church is holy,
in that proportion will its testimony
for Christ be powerful.”*
Charles Spurgeon

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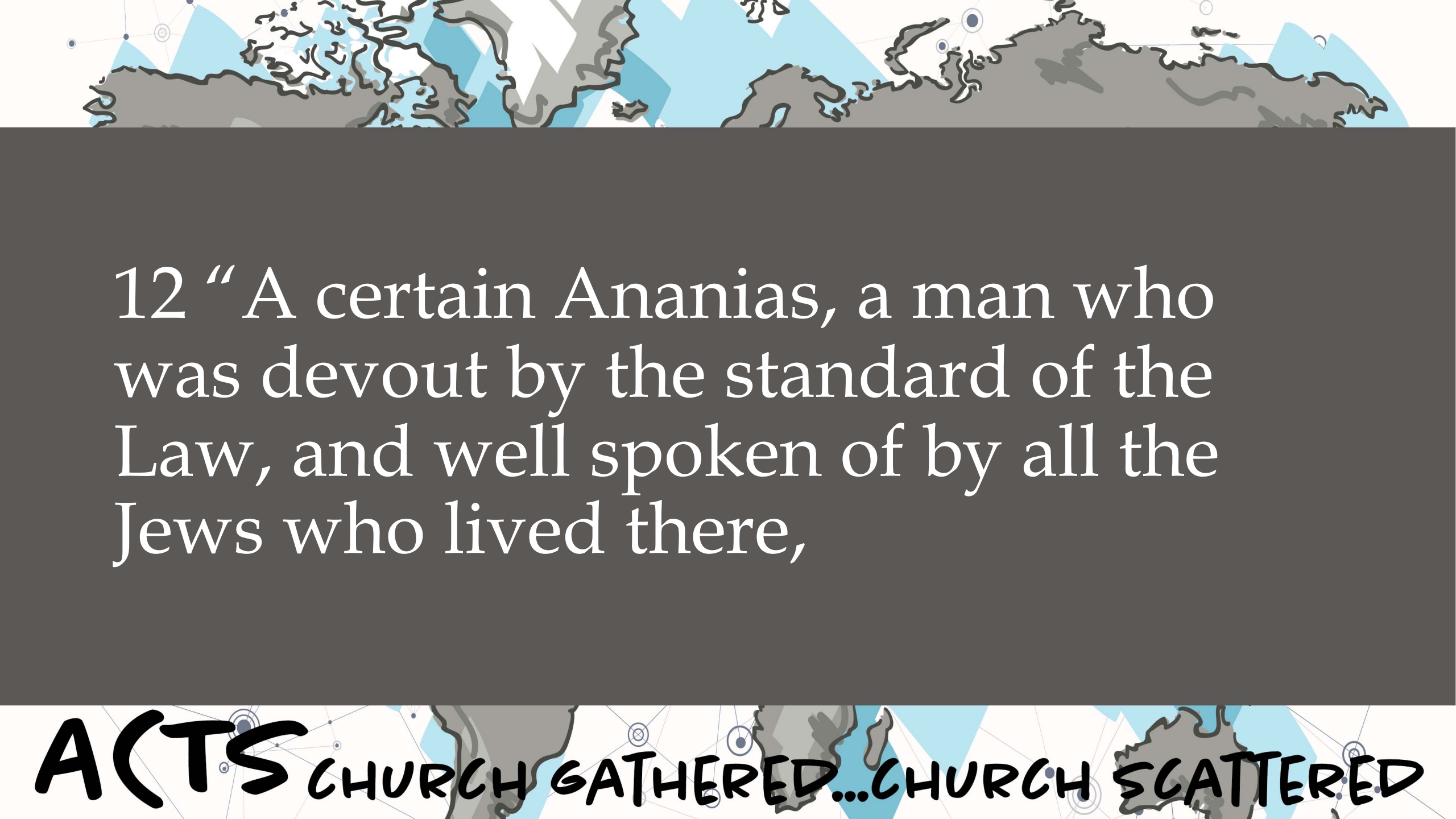
10 And I said, 'What shall I do, Lord?' And the Lord said to me, 'Get up and go on into Damascus, and there you will be told of all that has been appointed for you to do.'

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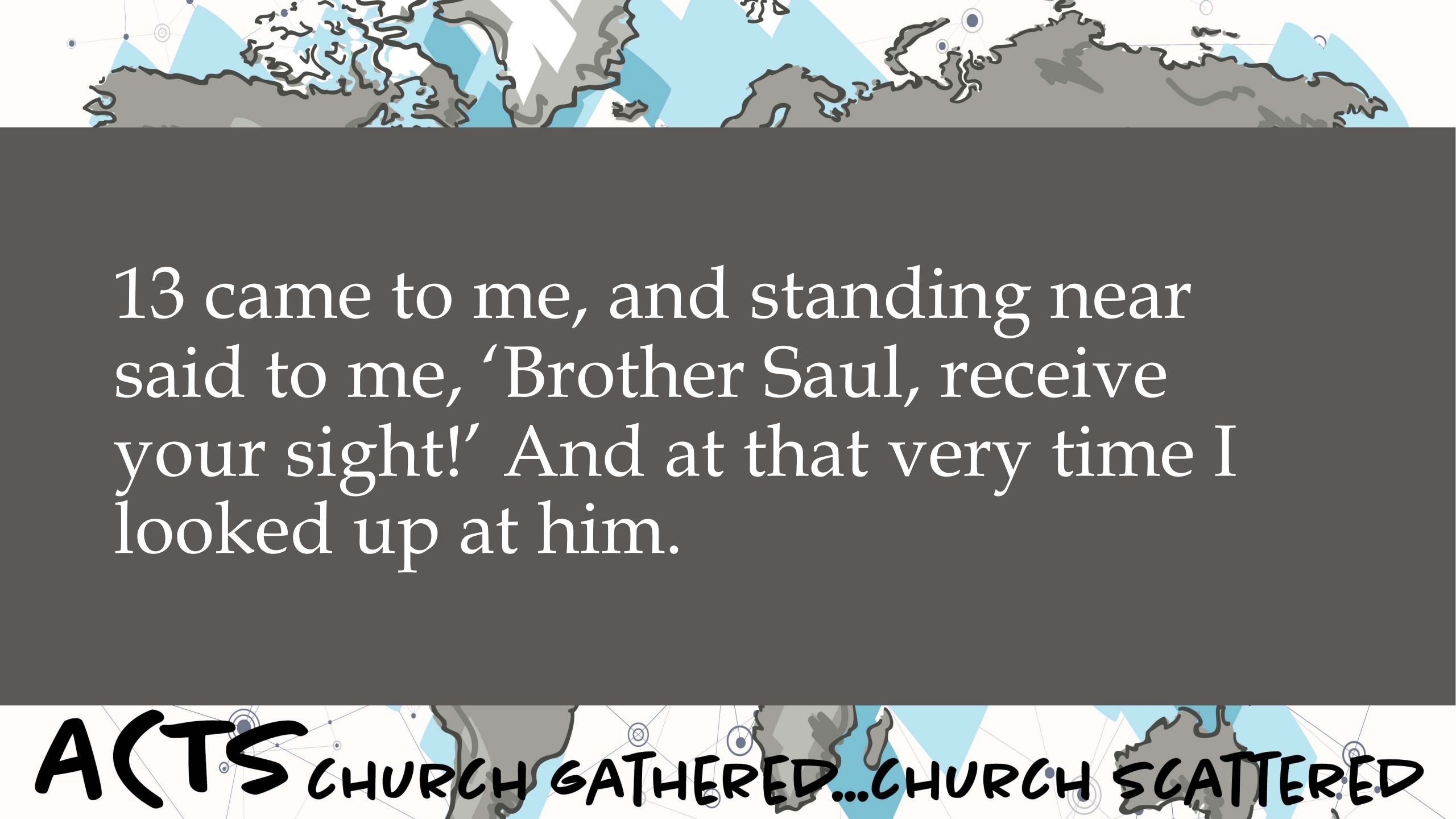
11 But since I could not see because of the brightness of that light, I was led by the hand by those who were with me and came into Damascus.

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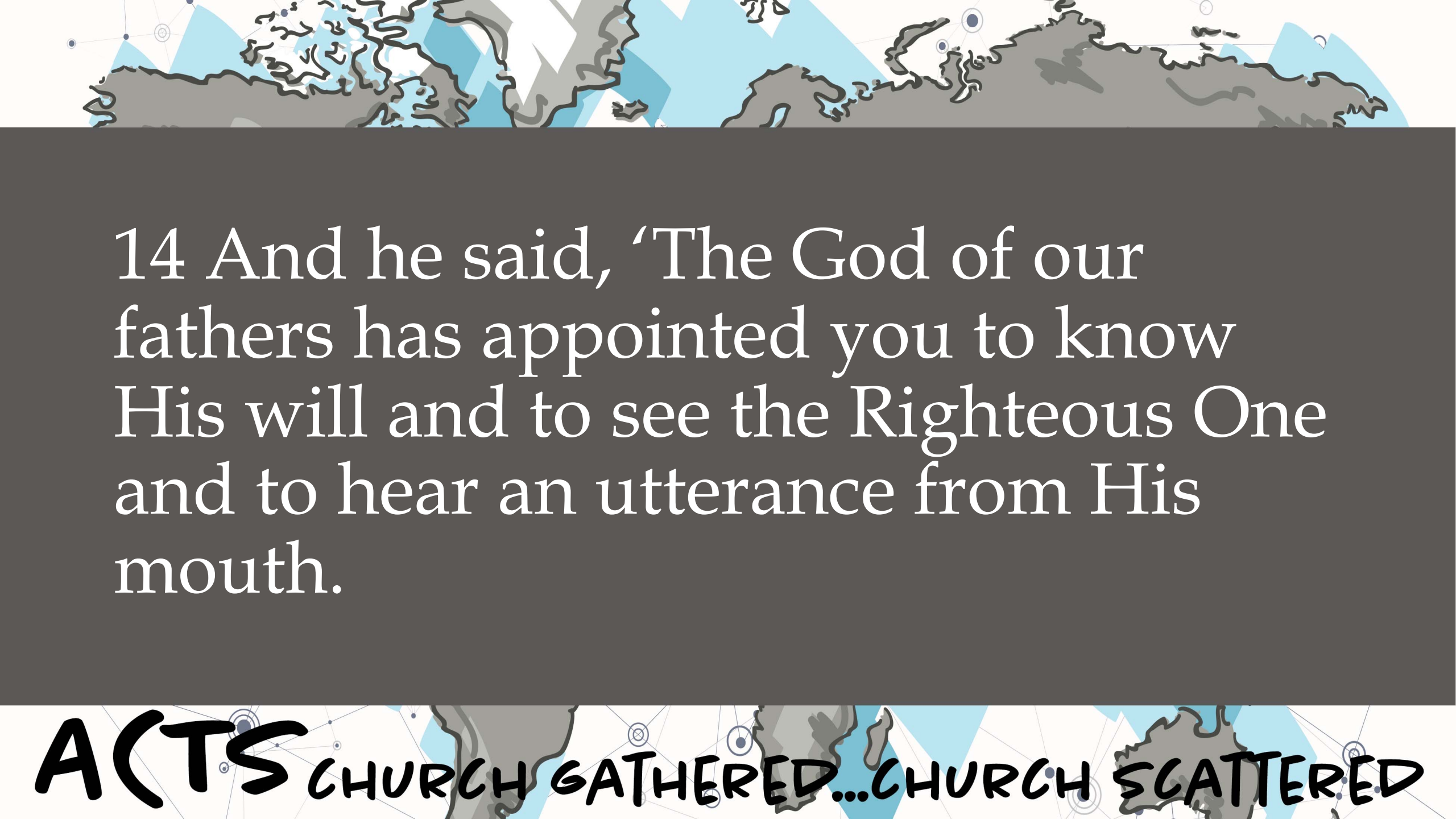
12 “A certain Ananias, a man who was devout by the standard of the Law, and well spoken of by all the Jews who lived there,

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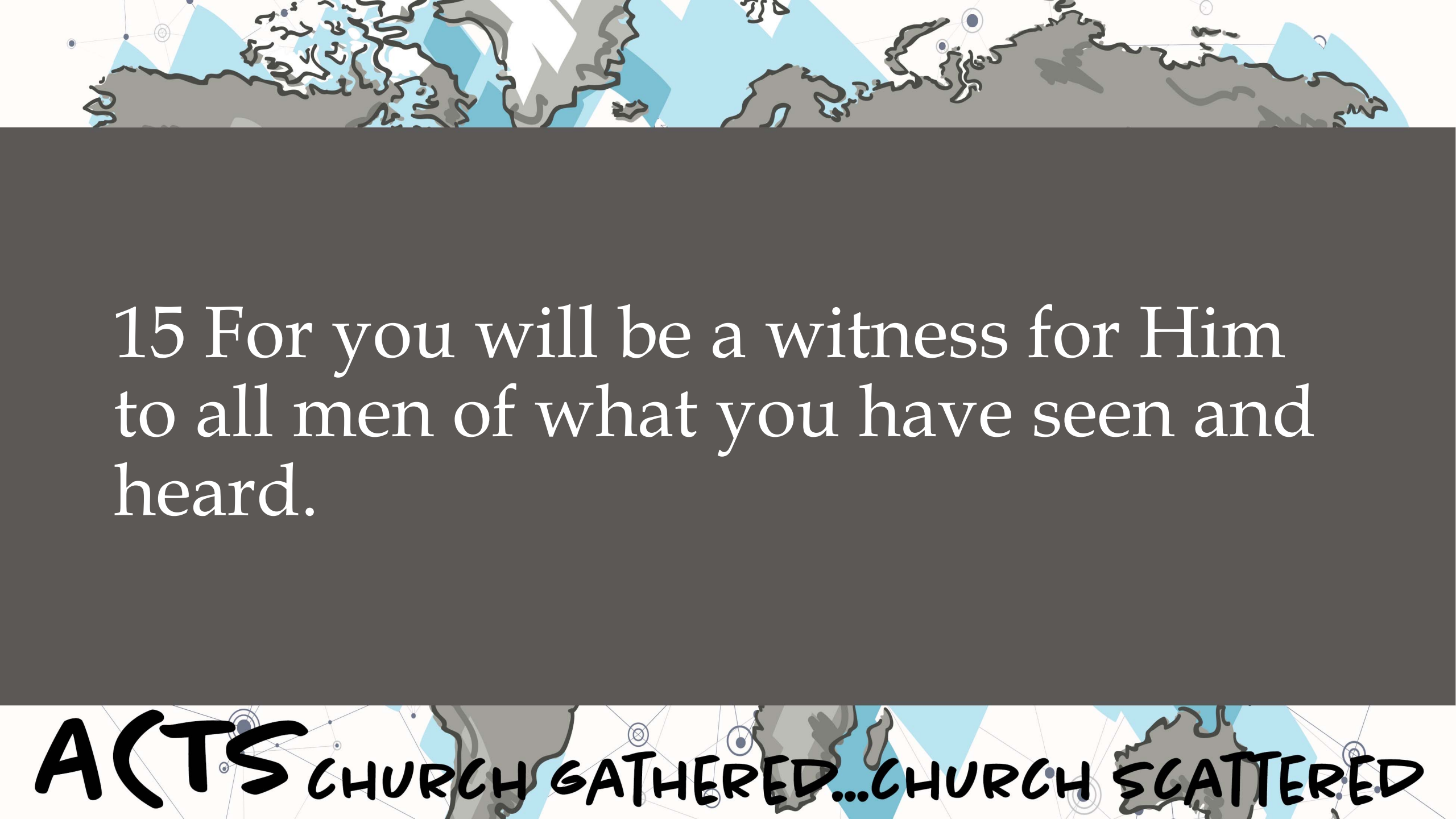
13 came to me, and standing near
said to me, 'Brother Saul, receive
your sight!' And at that very time I
looked up at him.

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14 And he said, 'The God of our fathers has appointed you to know His will and to see the Righteous One and to hear an utterance from His mouth.

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15 For you will be a witness for Him
to all men of what you have seen and
heard.

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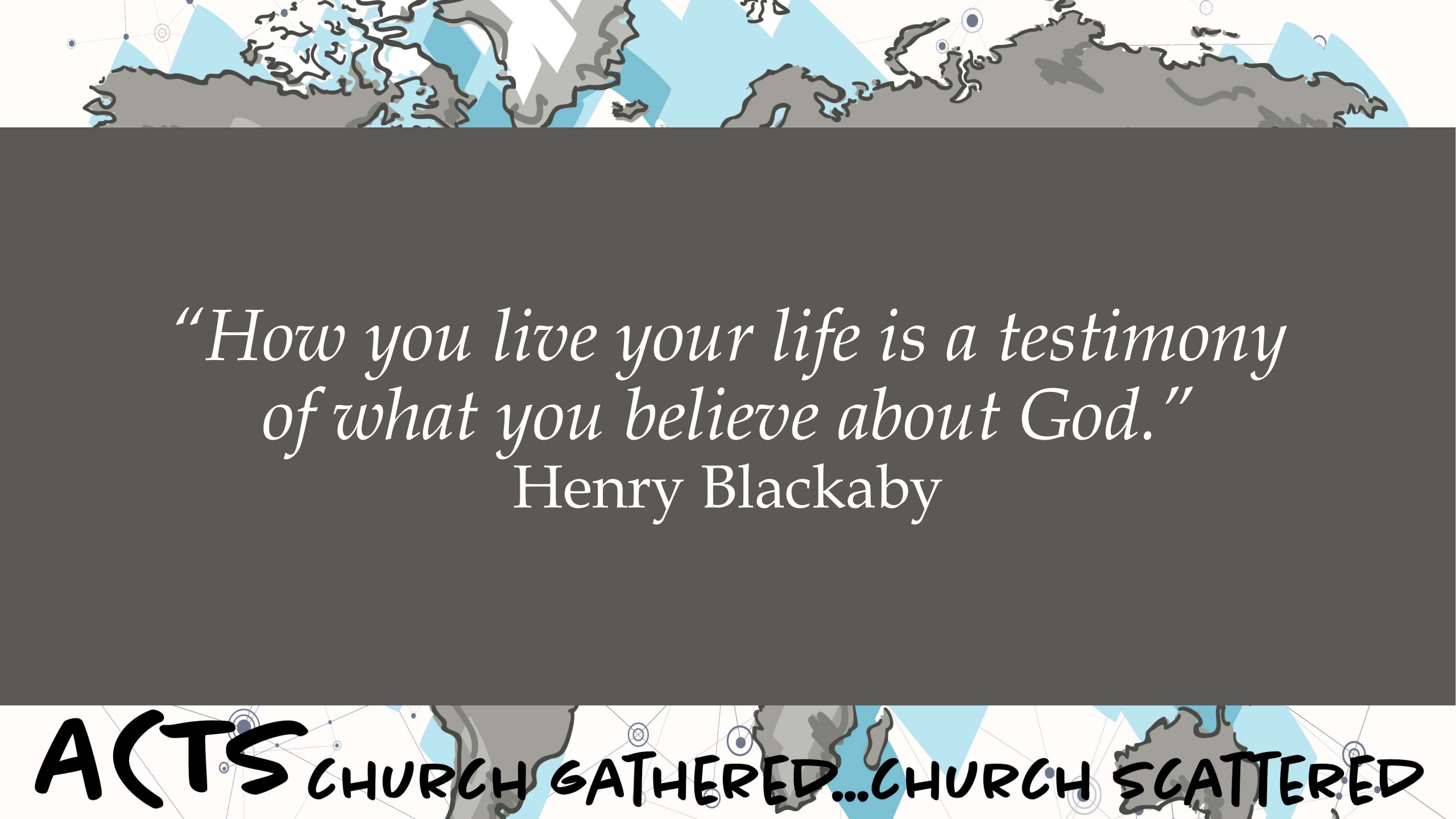


Anatomy: I obeyed...

- 'who are you Lord?' vs 8
- 'what shall I do Lord?' vs 10
- Led by others – image of learning
- Gospel heard – Gospel shared

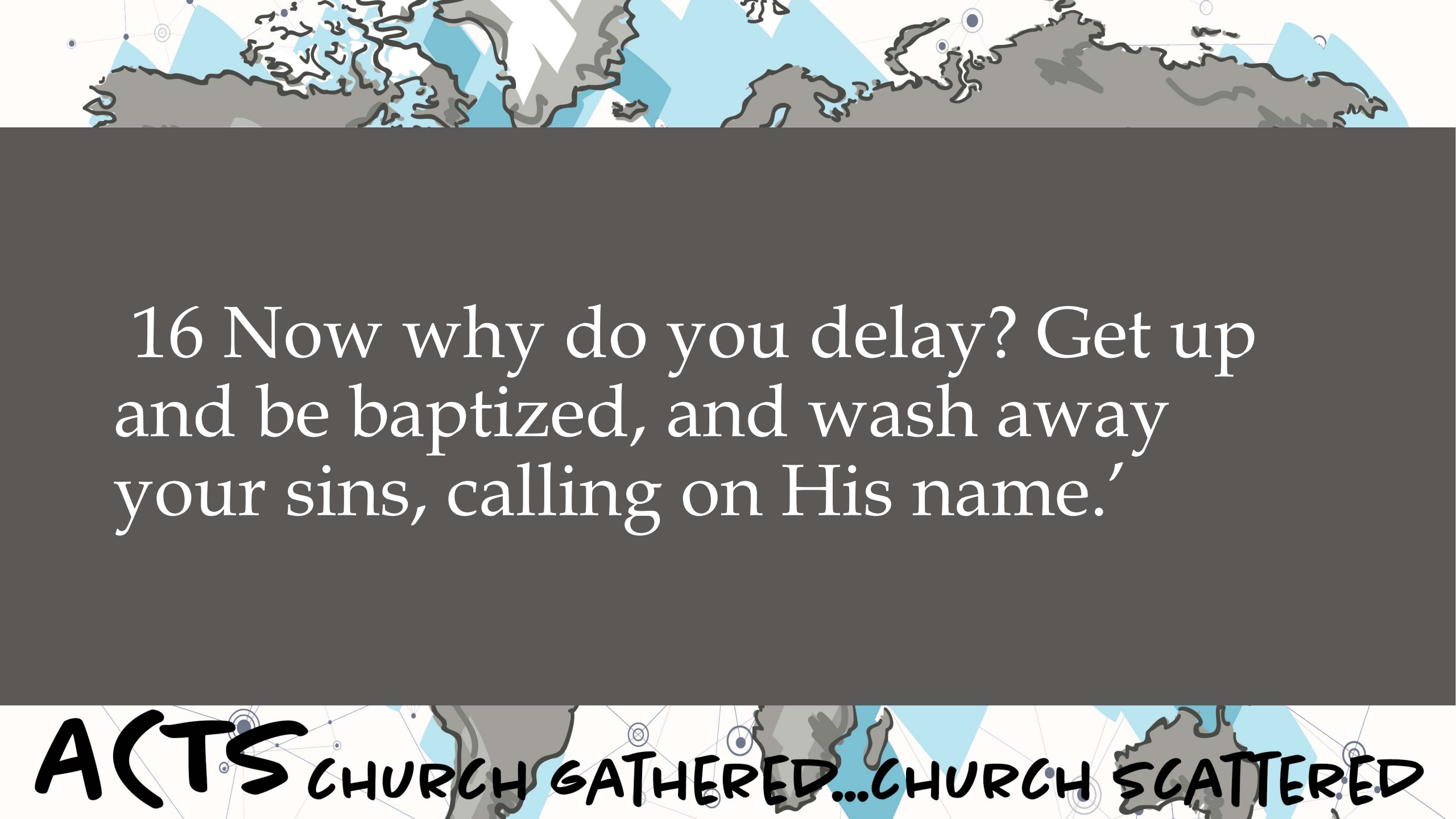


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*“How you live your life is a testimony
of what you believe about God.”*
Henry Blackaby

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16 Now why do you delay? Get up and be baptized, and wash away your sins, calling on His name.'

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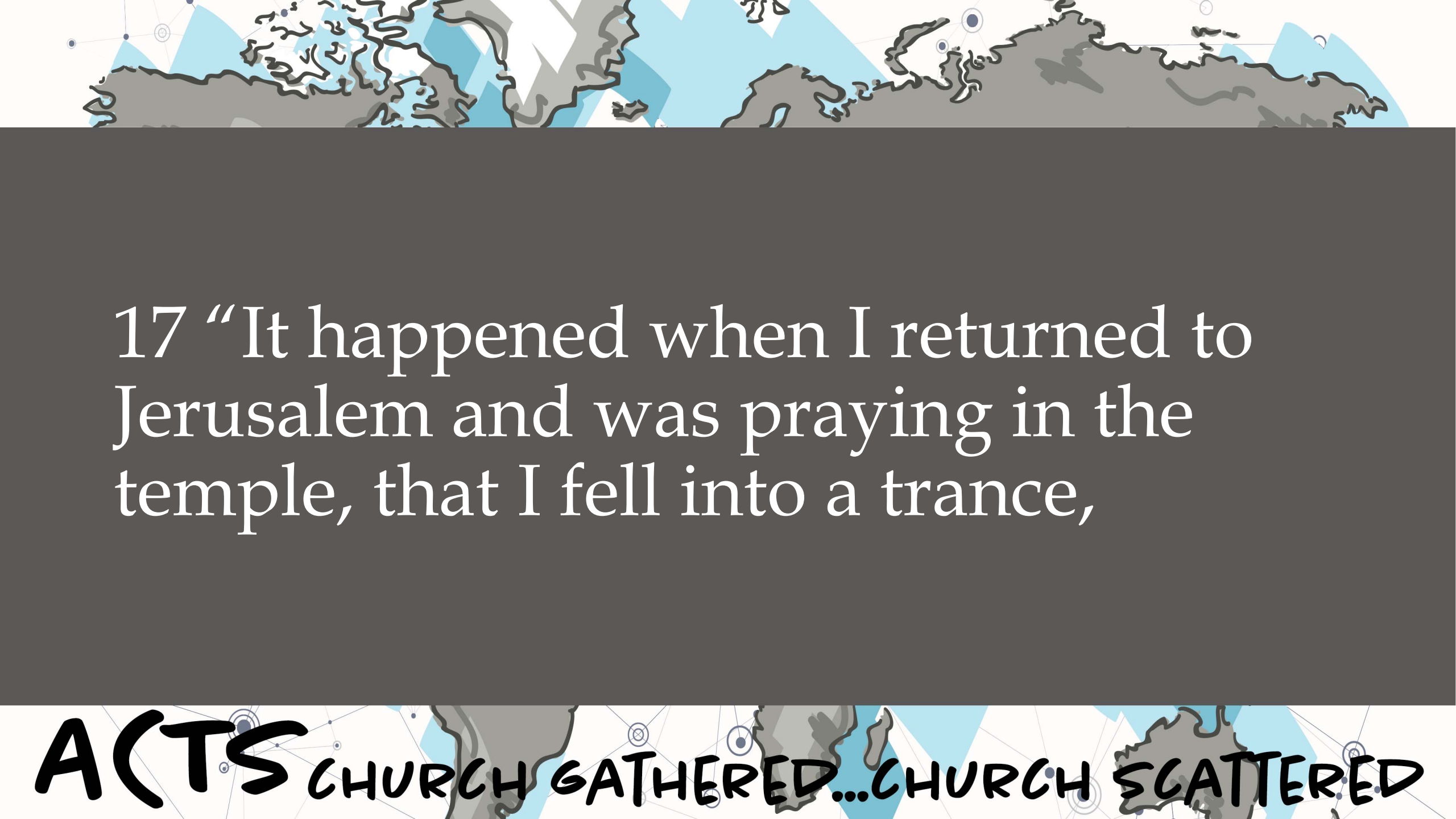


Anatomy: I testified...

- Paul saved on the Road w/ Jesus Gal 1:11,12
- Paul to Ananias for 2 events – Acts 9:17
- Paul received HS before baptism – Acts 9:18
- 1 Cor 6:11 *“And such were some of you. But you were washed, you were sanctified, you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and by the Spirit of our God.”*

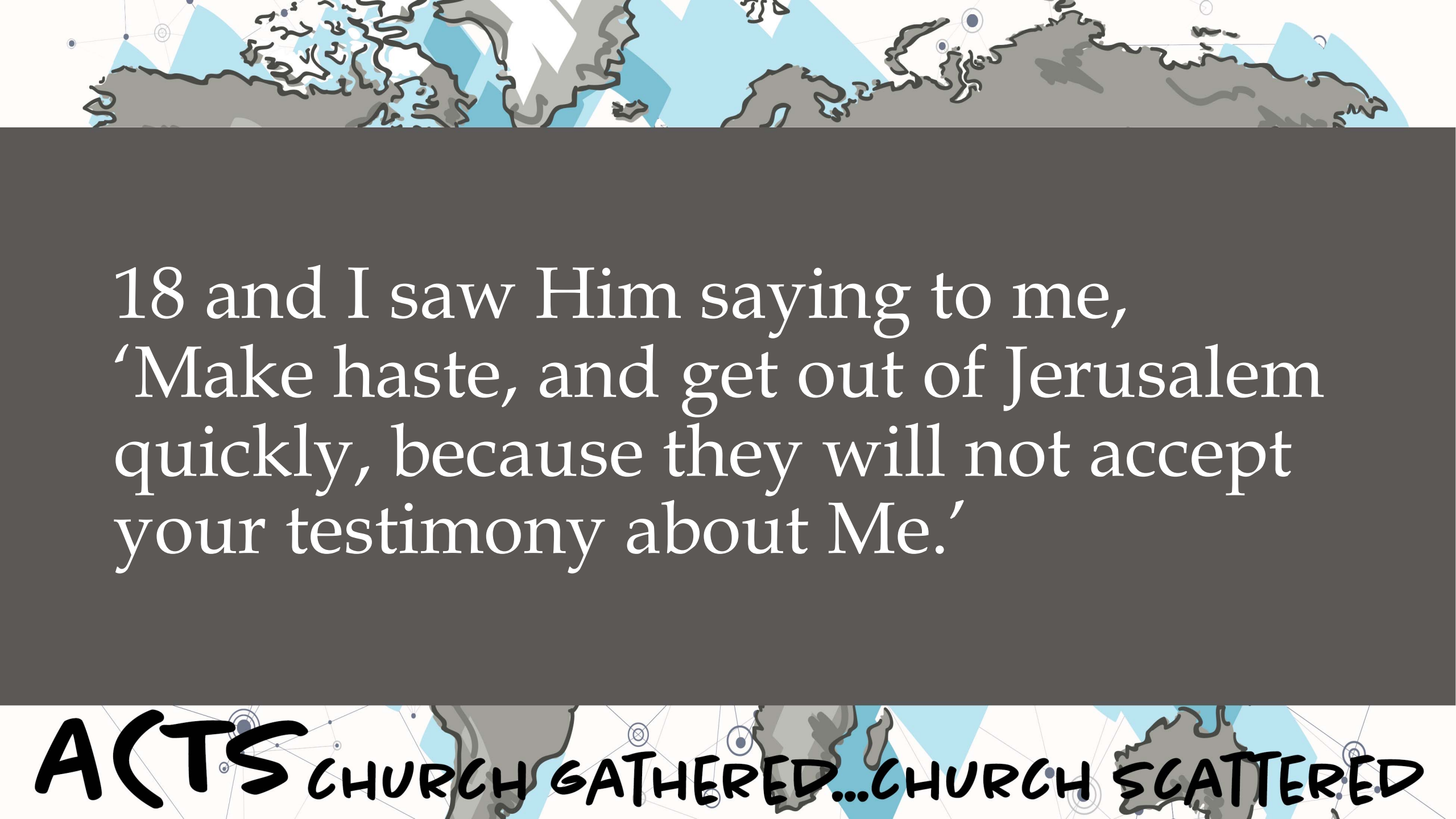


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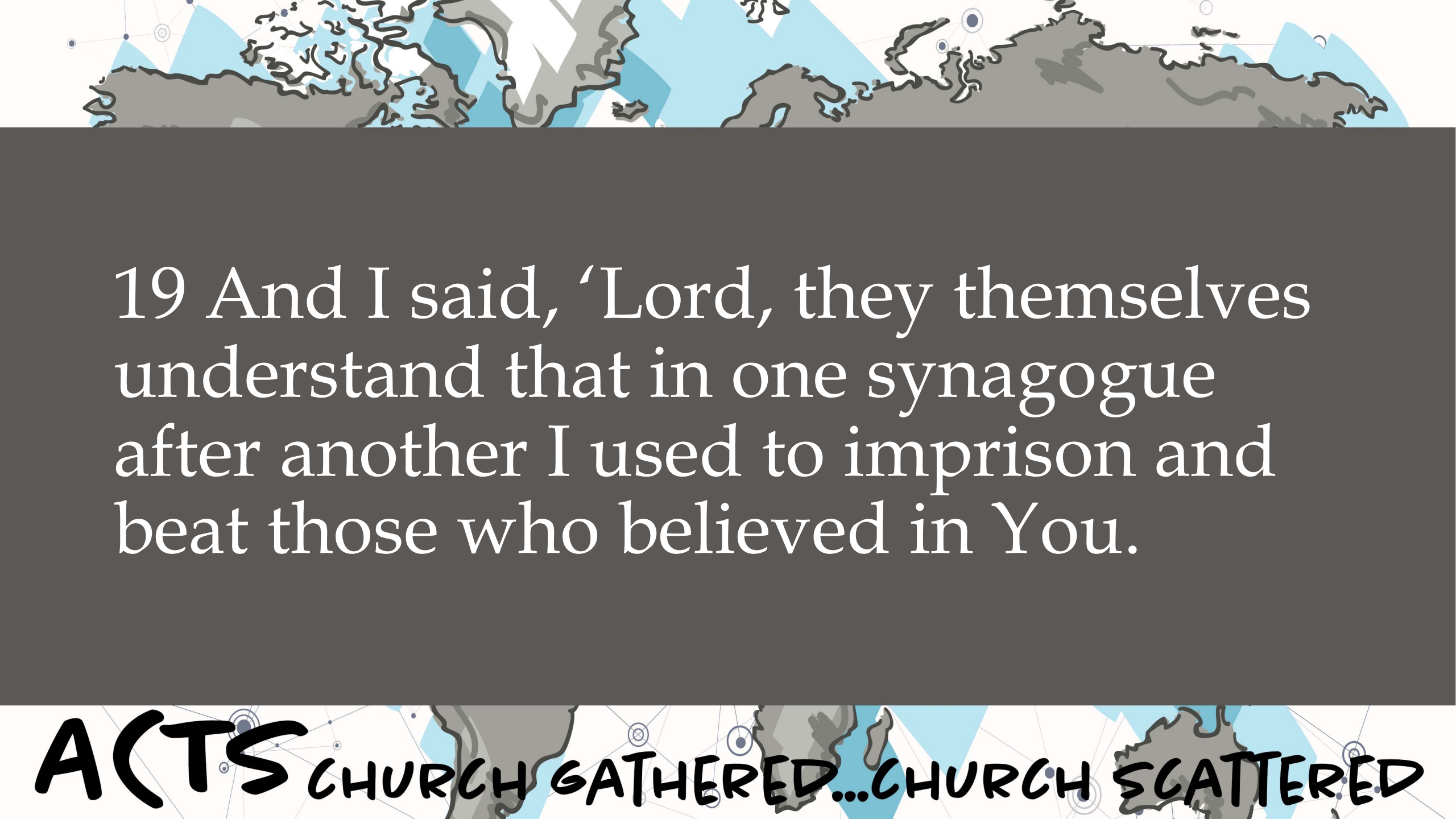
17 “It happened when I returned to Jerusalem and was praying in the temple, that I fell into a trance,

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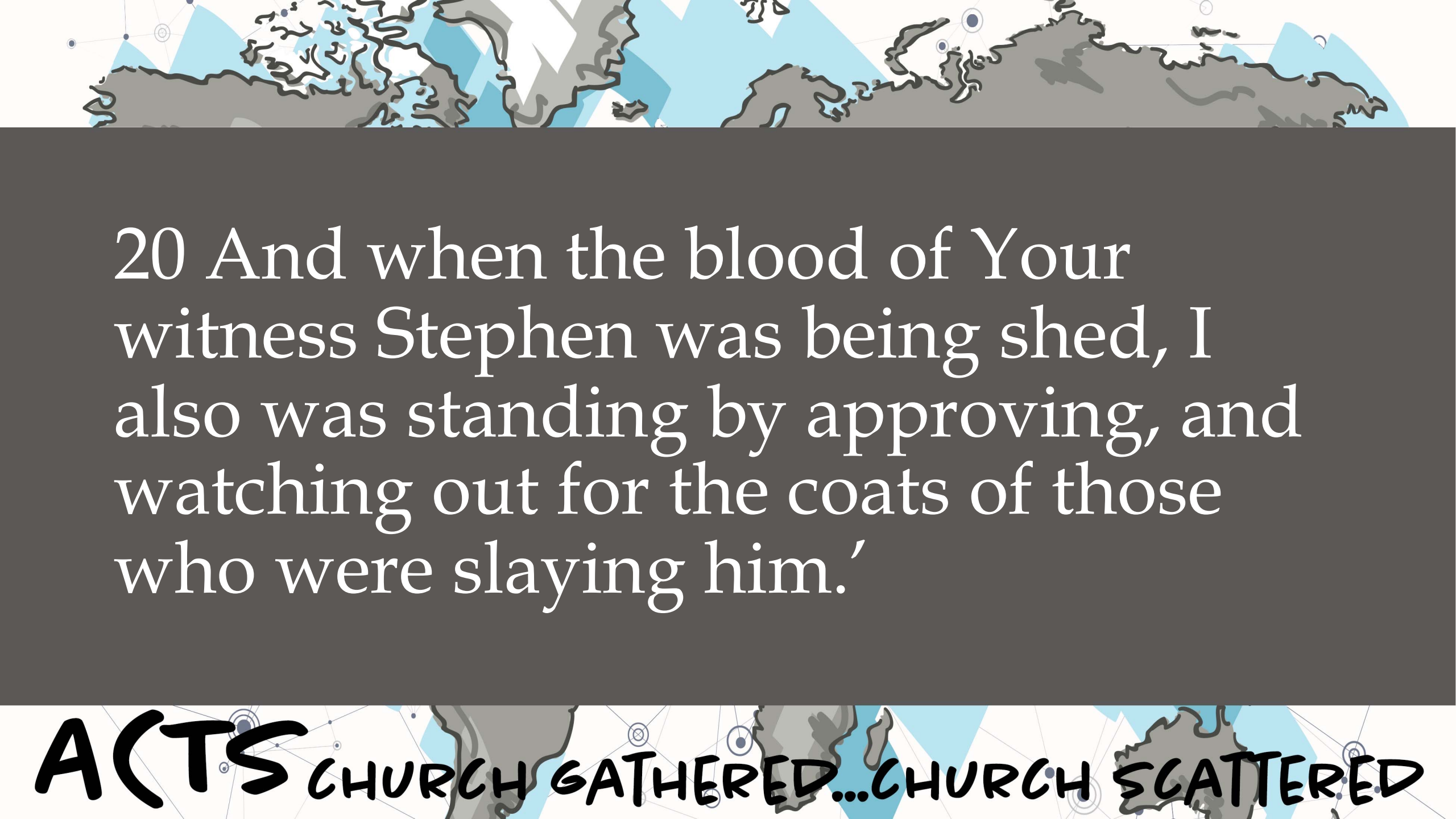
18 and I saw Him saying to me,
'Make haste, and get out of Jerusalem
quickly, because they will not accept
your testimony about Me.'

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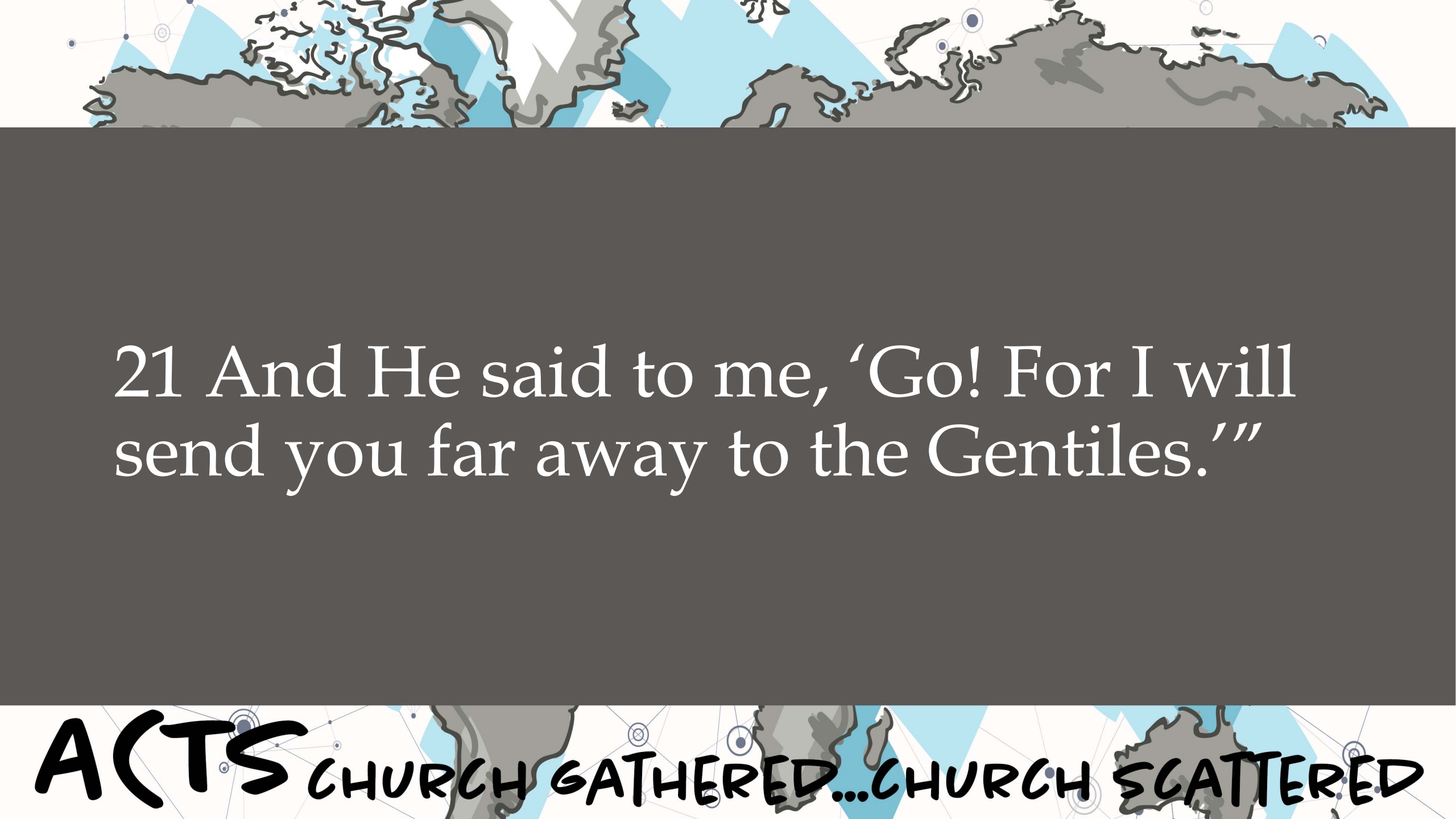
19 And I said, 'Lord, they themselves understand that in one synagogue after another I used to imprison and beat those who believed in You.

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20 And when the blood of Your witness Stephen was being shed, I also was standing by approving, and watching out for the coats of those who were slaying him.'

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21 And He said to me, 'Go! For I will send you far away to the Gentiles.'"

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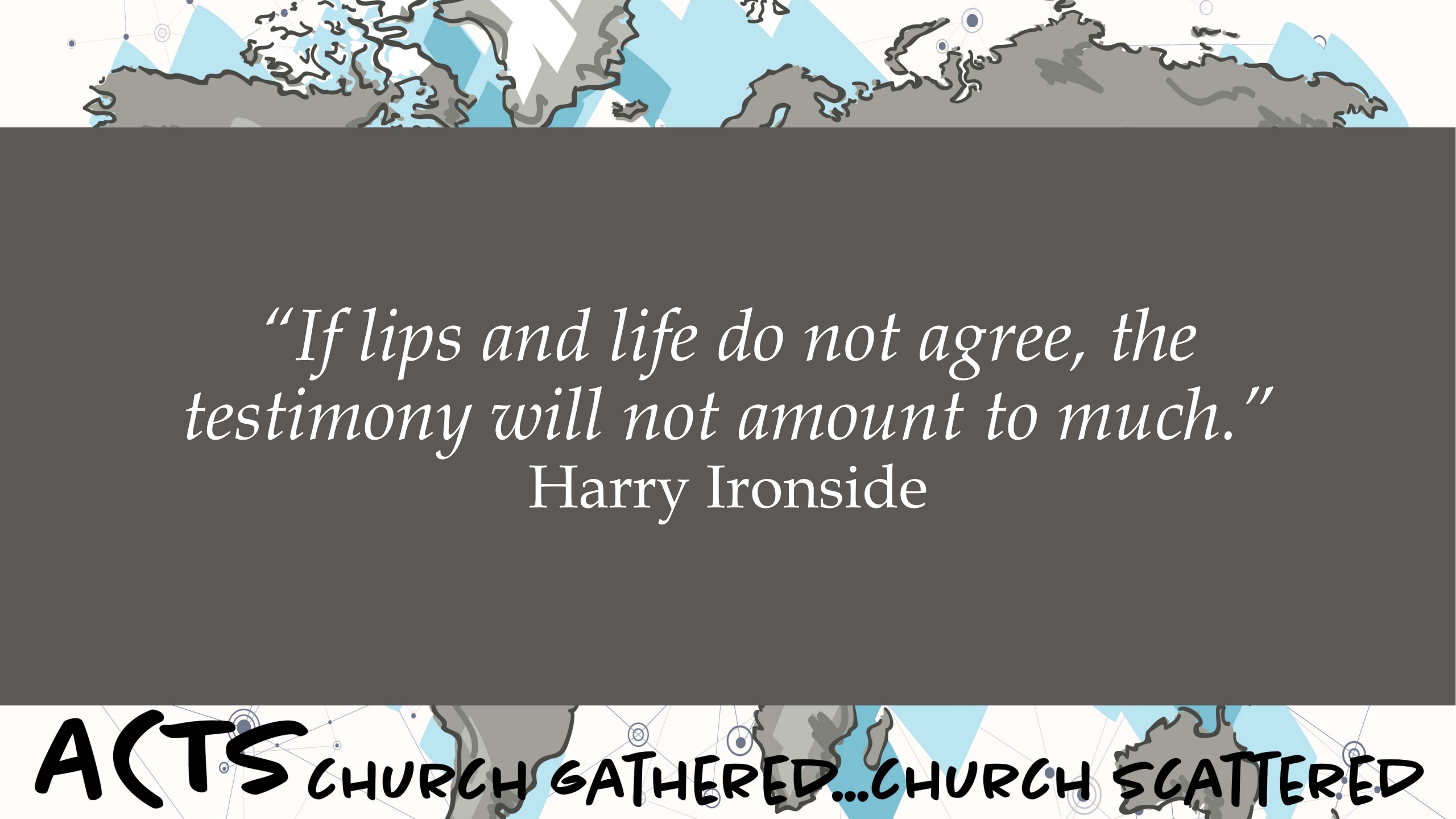


Opportunity: I was sent...

- God directed me
- God corrected me
- God selected me



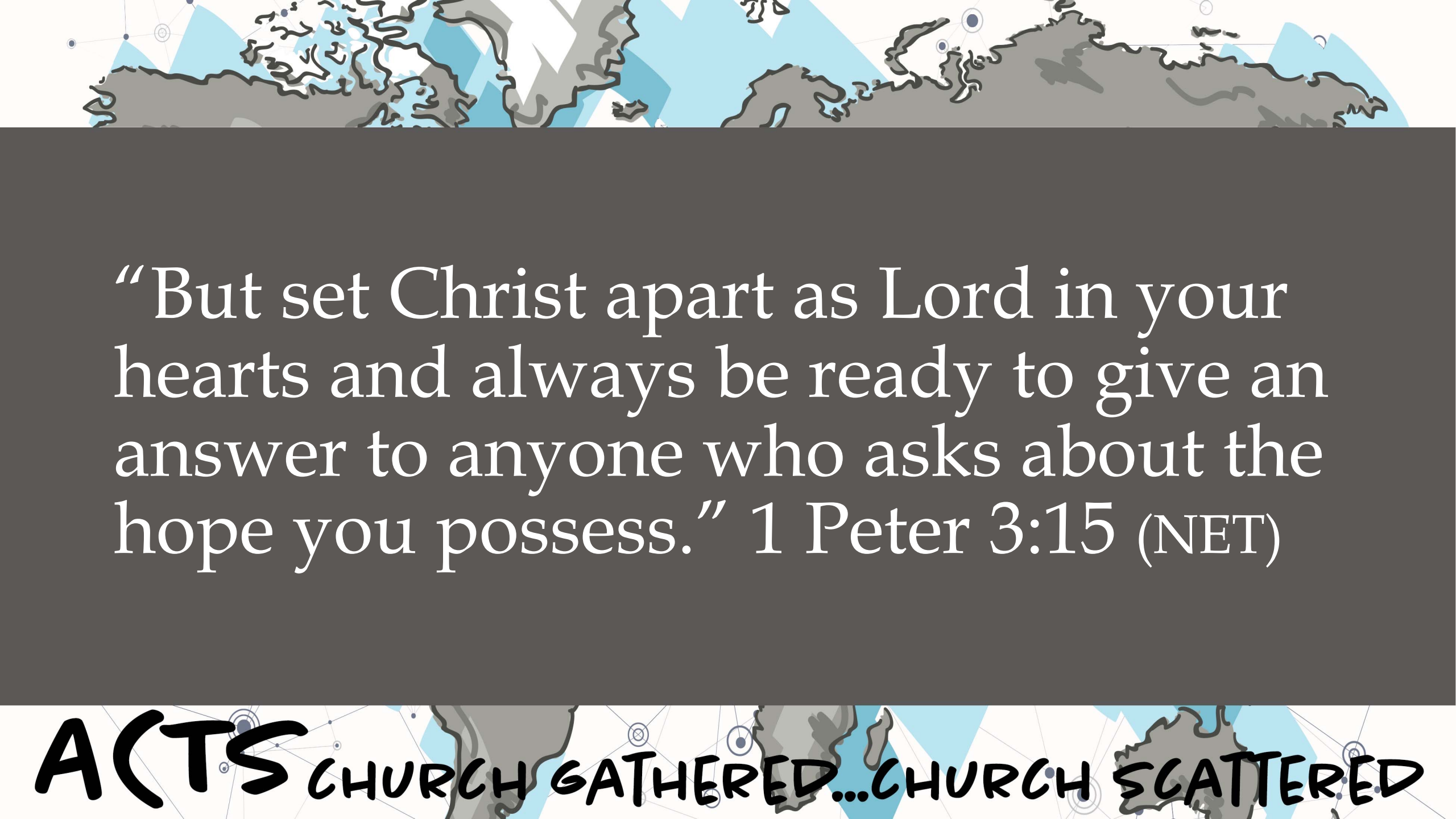
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“If lips and life do not agree, the testimony will not amount to much.”

Harry Ironside

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“But set Christ apart as Lord in your hearts and always be ready to give an answer to anyone who asks about the hope you possess.” 1 Peter 3:15 (NET)

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Certainty of my testimony

- I was lost in sin
- Jesus was Savior
- I received gift
- Jesus gave life
- I am now growing



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