

A stylized world map with a network overlay. The map is rendered in shades of gray and light blue, with a network of gray 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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Students of Berea

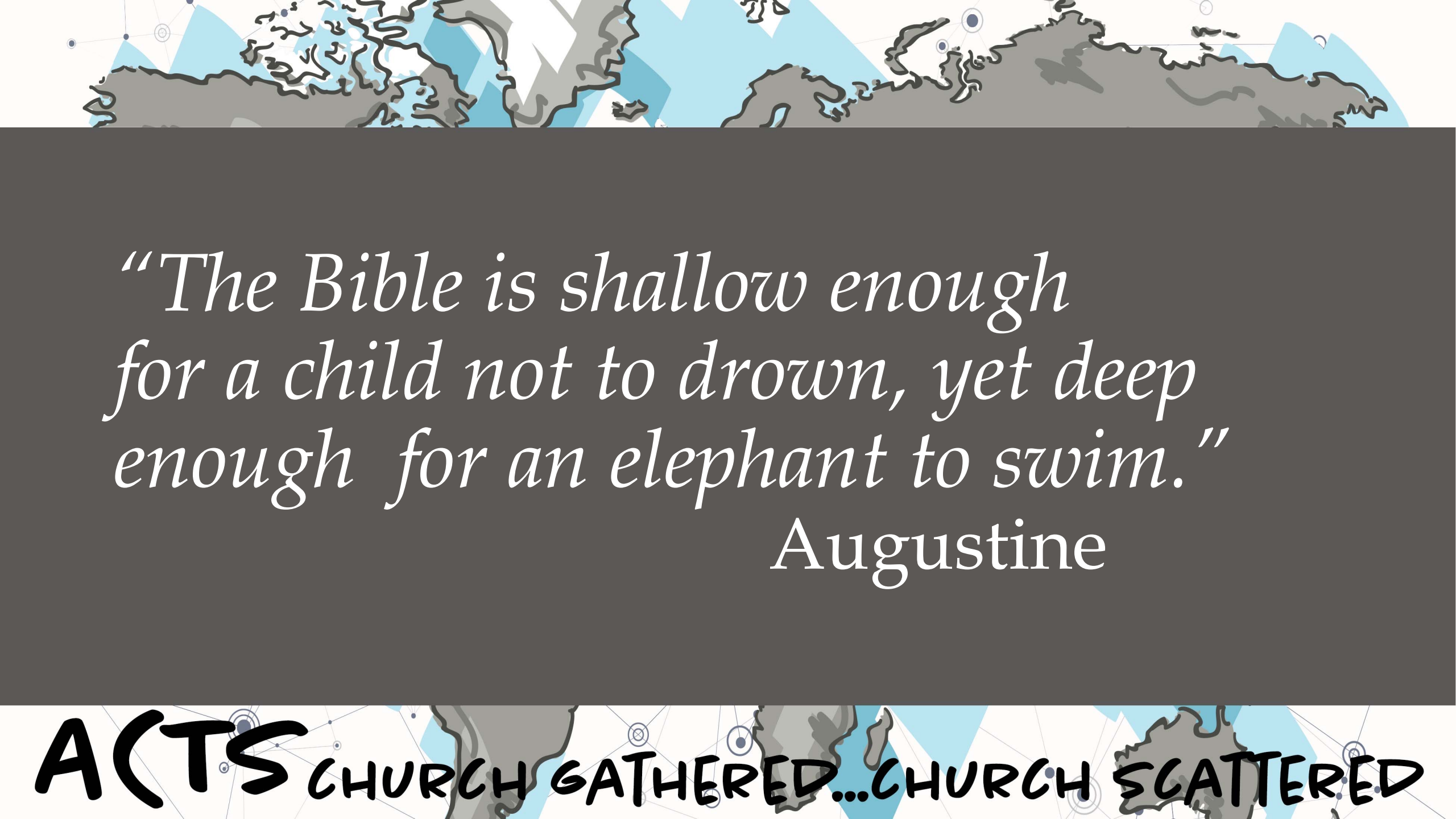
Acts 17:1-15

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*“We should read the Bible as those
who listen to the very speech of God.”*
F.B. Meyer

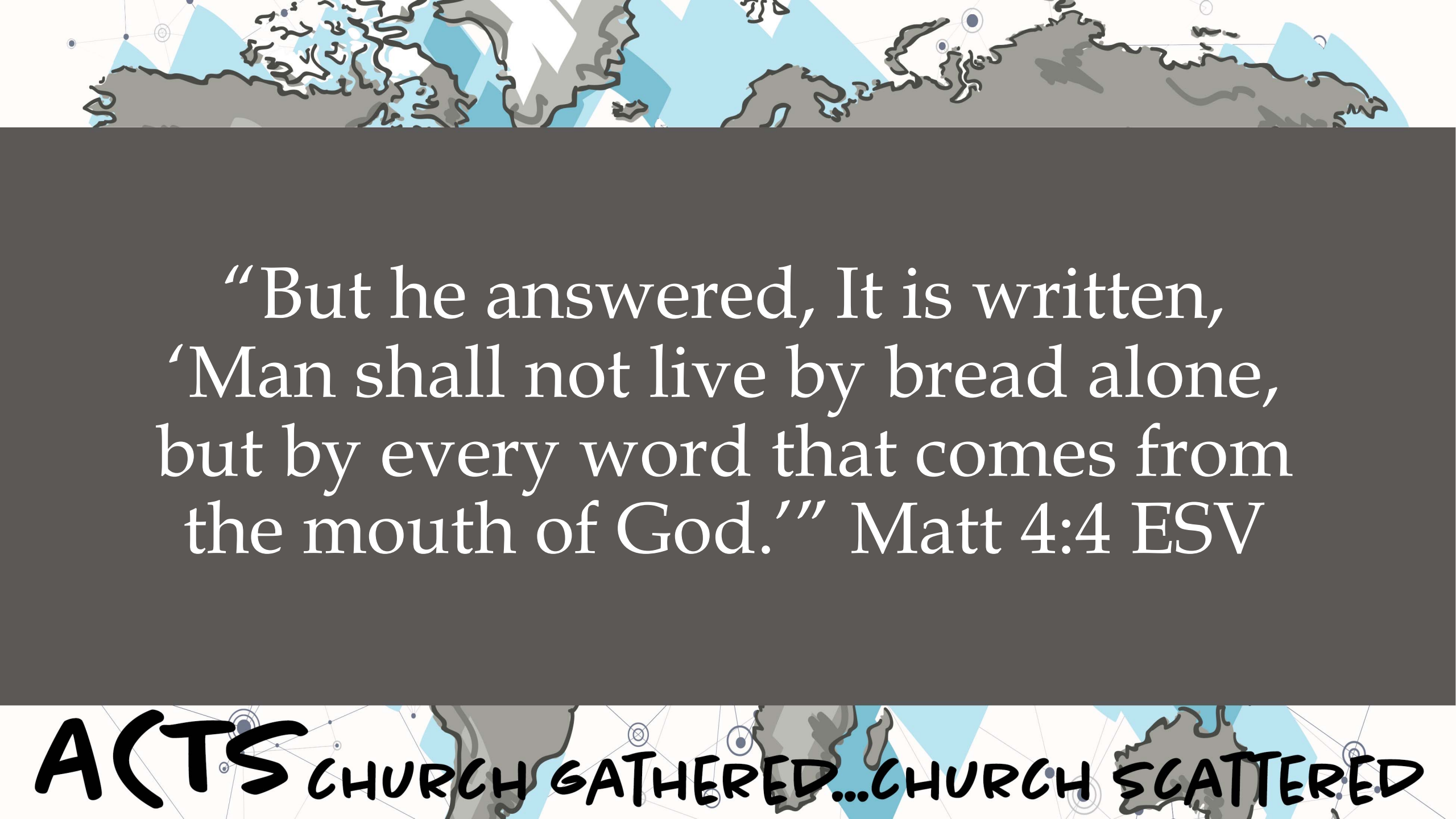
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*“The Bible is shallow enough
for a child not to drown, yet deep
enough for an elephant to swim.”*


Augustine

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“But he answered, It is written,
‘Man shall not live by bread alone,
but by every word that comes from
the mouth of God.’” Matt 4:4 ESV

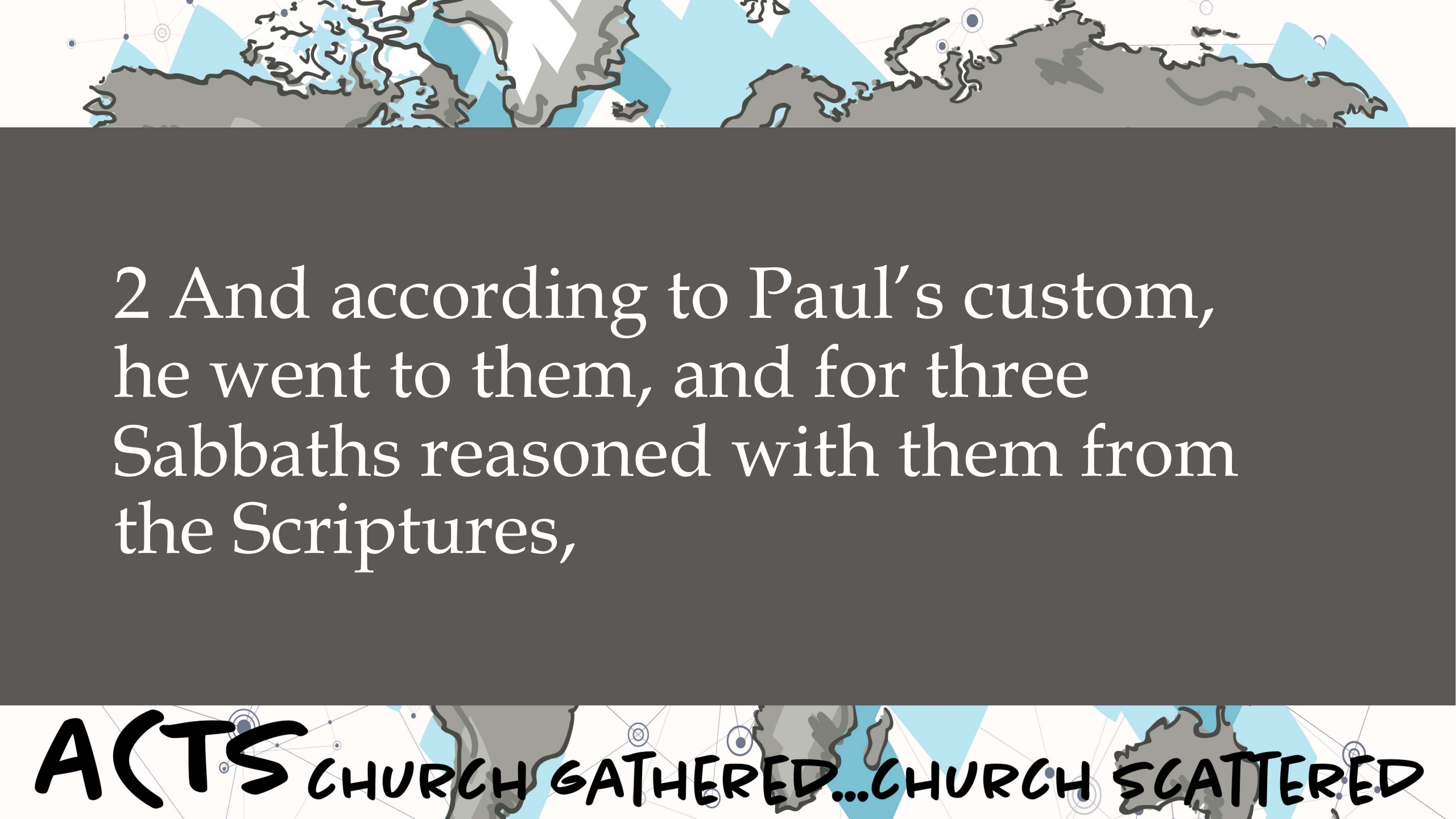
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17:1 Now when they had traveled through Amphipolis and Apollonia, they came to Thessalonica, where there was a synagogue of the Jews.

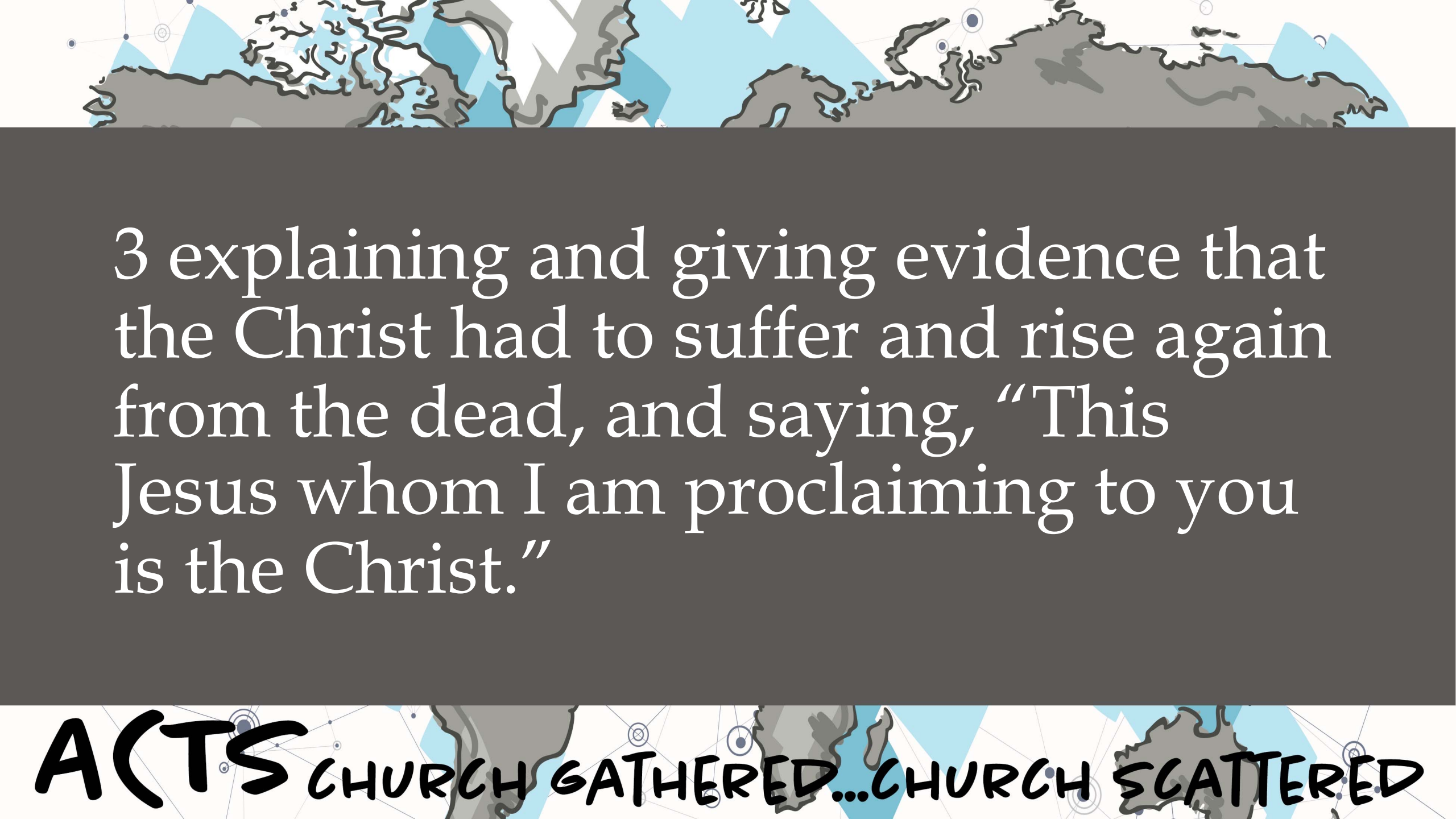
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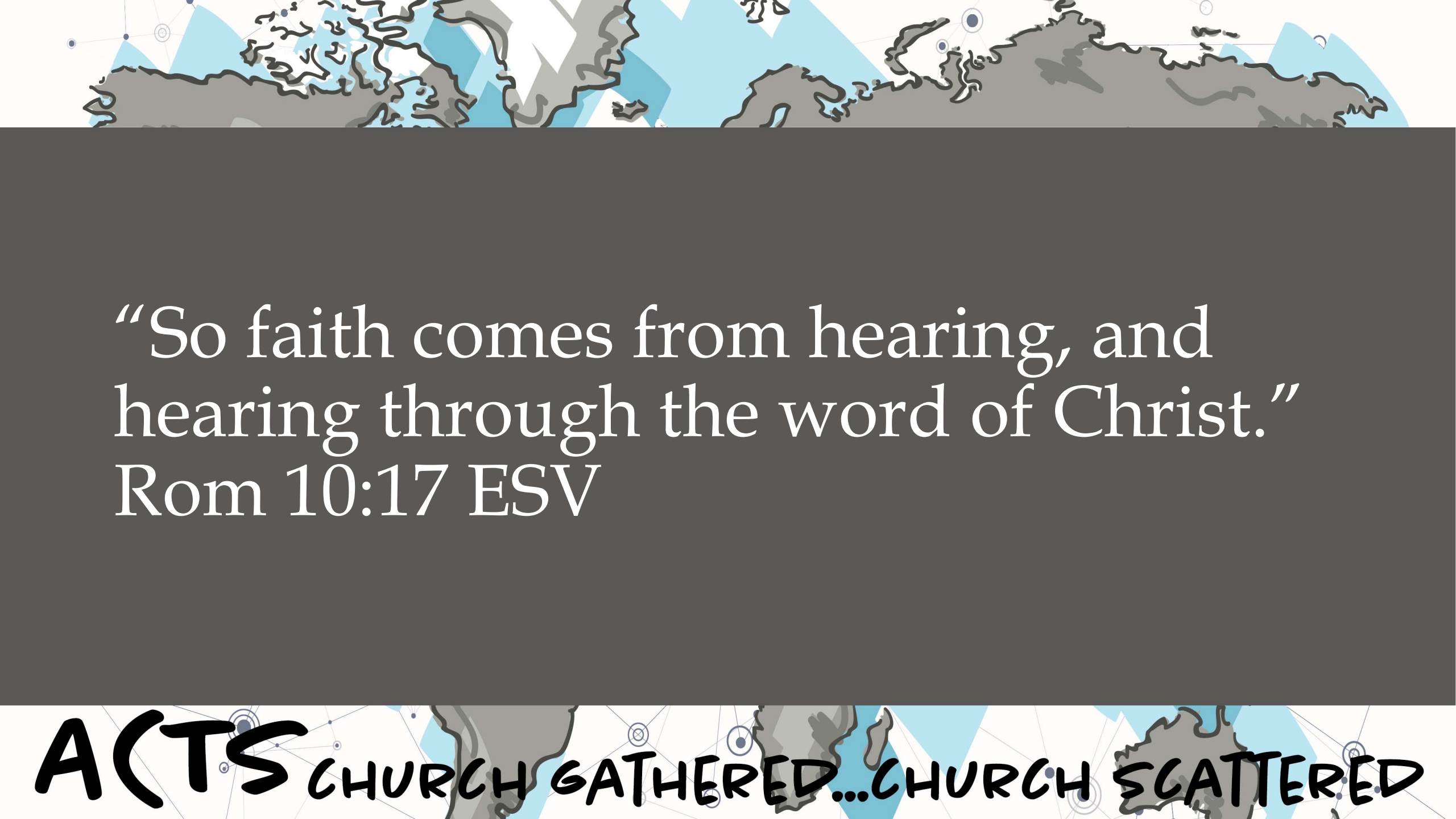
2 And according to Paul's custom,
he went to them, and for three
Sabbaths reasoned with them from
the Scriptures,

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3 explaining and giving evidence that the Christ had to suffer and rise again from the dead, and saying, “This Jesus whom I am proclaiming to you is the Christ.”

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“So faith comes from hearing, and
hearing through the word of Christ.”
Rom 10:17 ESV

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Some Jews cause uproar & attack Jason's House seeking for Paul & Silas

Paul called to preach in Macedonia

Paul forbidden by the Spirit to preach in Asia & Bithynia

Timothy joins Paul & Silas

Paul & Barnabas divided over John Mark Barnabas & John Mark sail to Cyprus Paul & Silas go through Syria and Cilicia

Lydia & her household believe Paul & Silas beaten & thrown in jail Jailer and his household believe

Bereans receive the Word

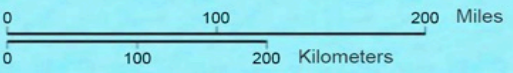
Paul speaks at the Areopagus

Paul meets Aquila & Priscilla Paul brought before Gallio

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



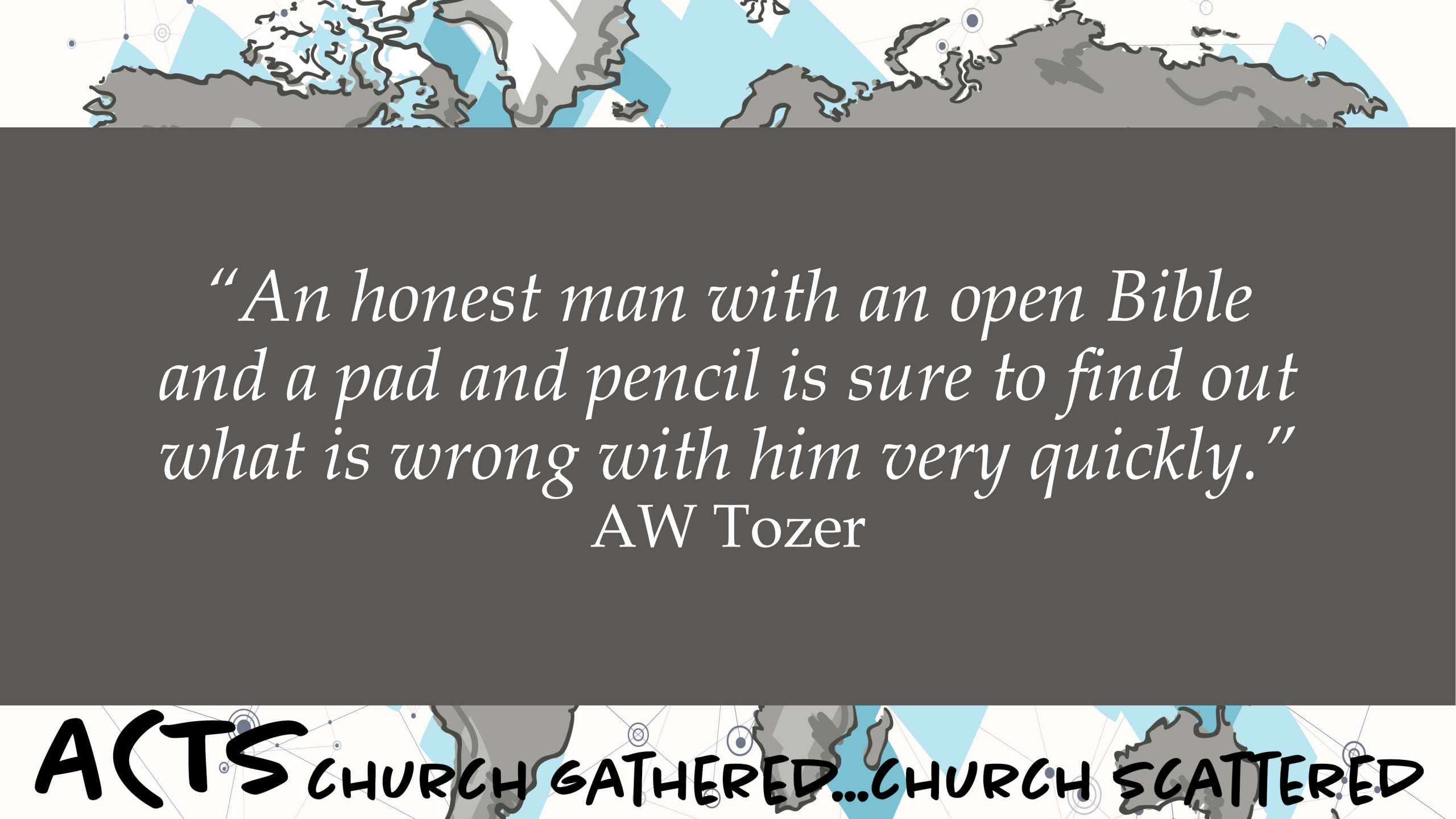


Scriptures 1-3

- First to the Jews – Synagogue
- Best hope for Gentiles – believing Jews
- OT scriptures are best proofs of Messiah
- Acts 2:36 - *"Let all the house of Israel know for certain that God has made this Jesus, whom you crucified, to be both Lord and Christ"*

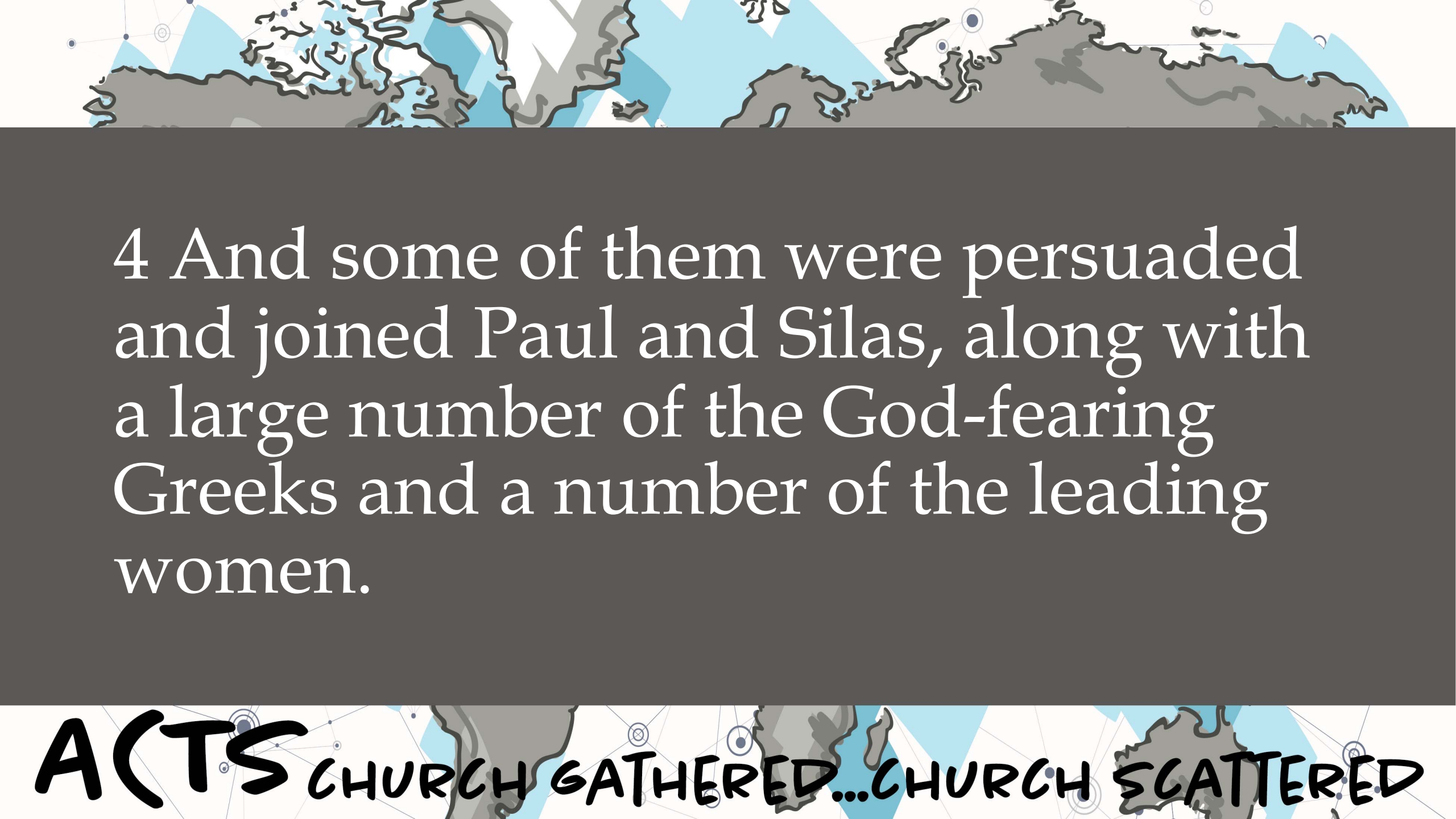


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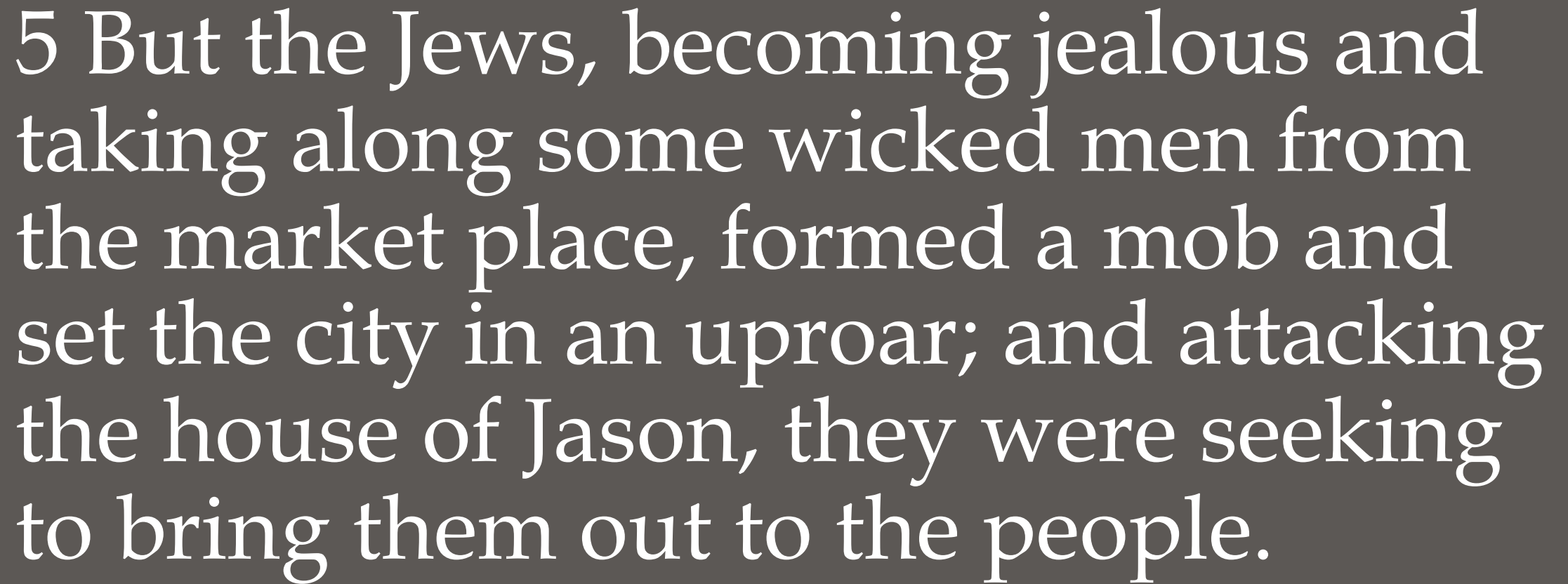
*“An honest man with an open Bible
and a pad and pencil is sure to find out
what is wrong with him very quickly.”*
AW Tozer

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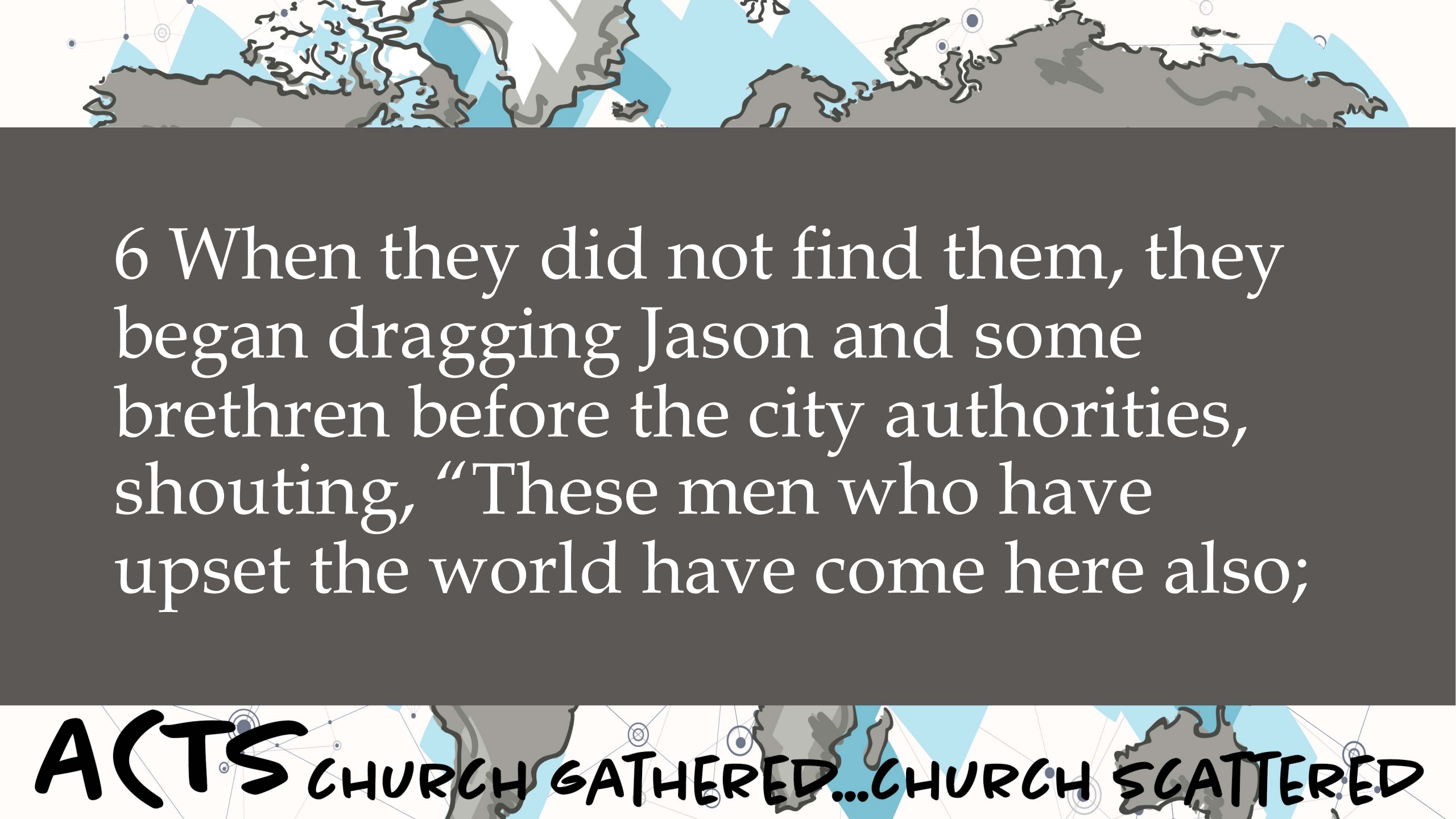
4 And some of them were persuaded and joined Paul and Silas, along with a large number of the God-fearing Greeks and a number of the leading women.

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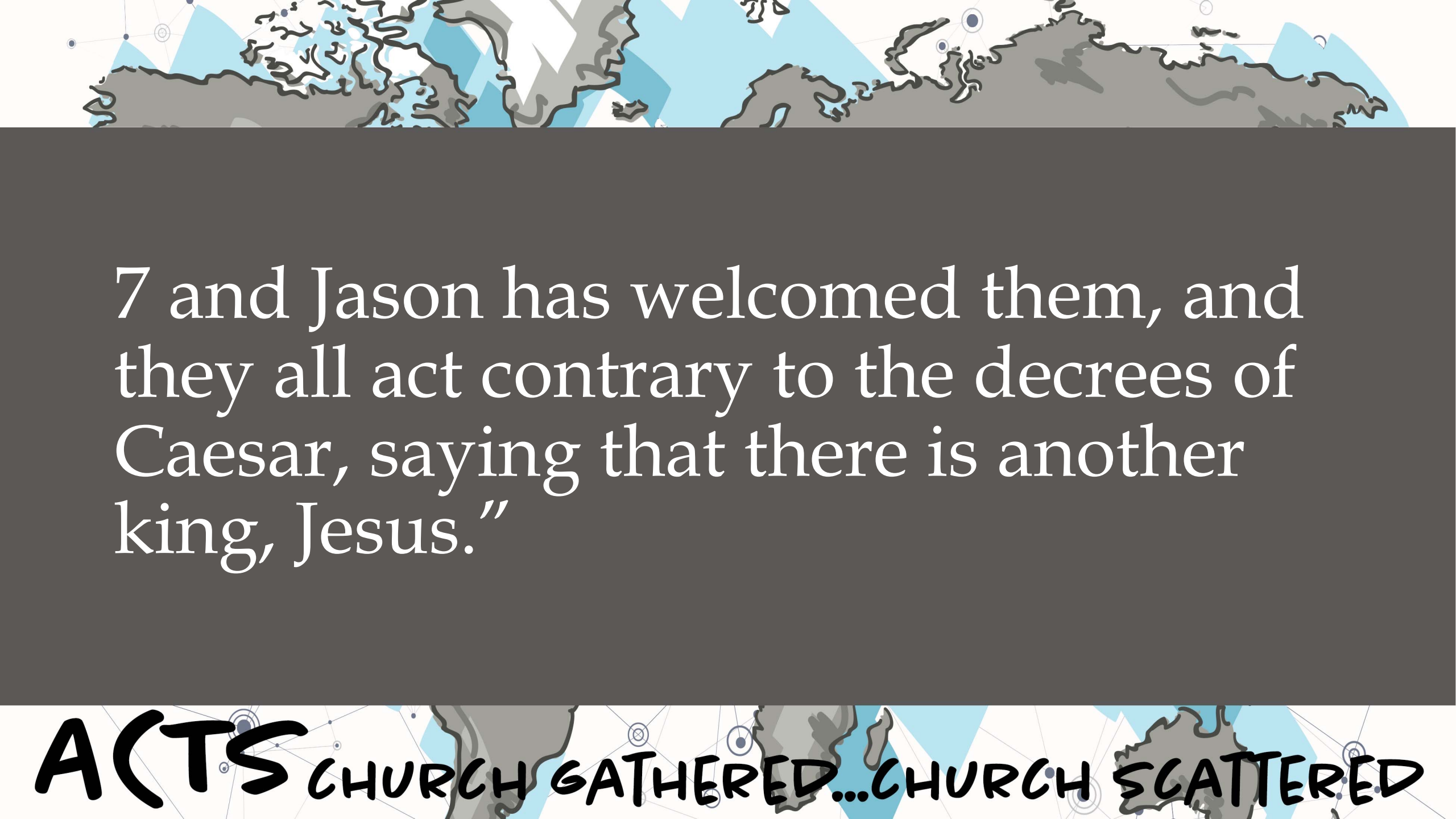
5 But the Jews, becoming jealous and taking along some wicked men from the market place, formed a mob and set the city in an uproar; and attacking the house of Jason, they were seeking to bring them out to the people.

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6 When they did not find them, they began dragging Jason and some brethren before the city authorities, shouting, “These men who have upset the world have come here also;

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7 and Jason has welcomed them, and they all act contrary to the decrees of Caesar, saying that there is another king, Jesus.”

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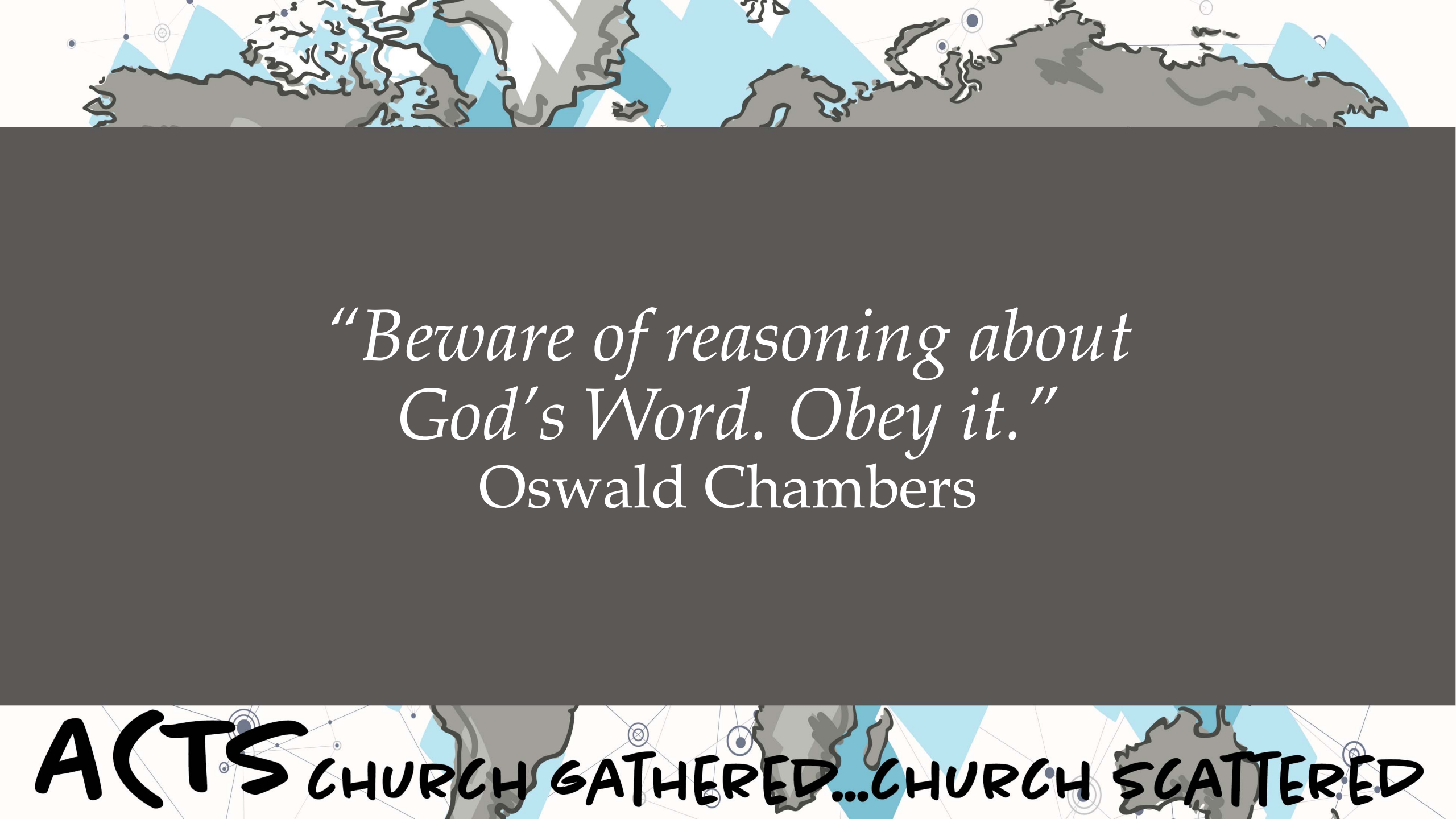


Shouting 4-7

- Some mocked – considered – received
- Selfishness drives too many choices
- Guilt by association – ‘Jason welcomed...’
- ‘another king, Jesus’ – INRI at the Cross

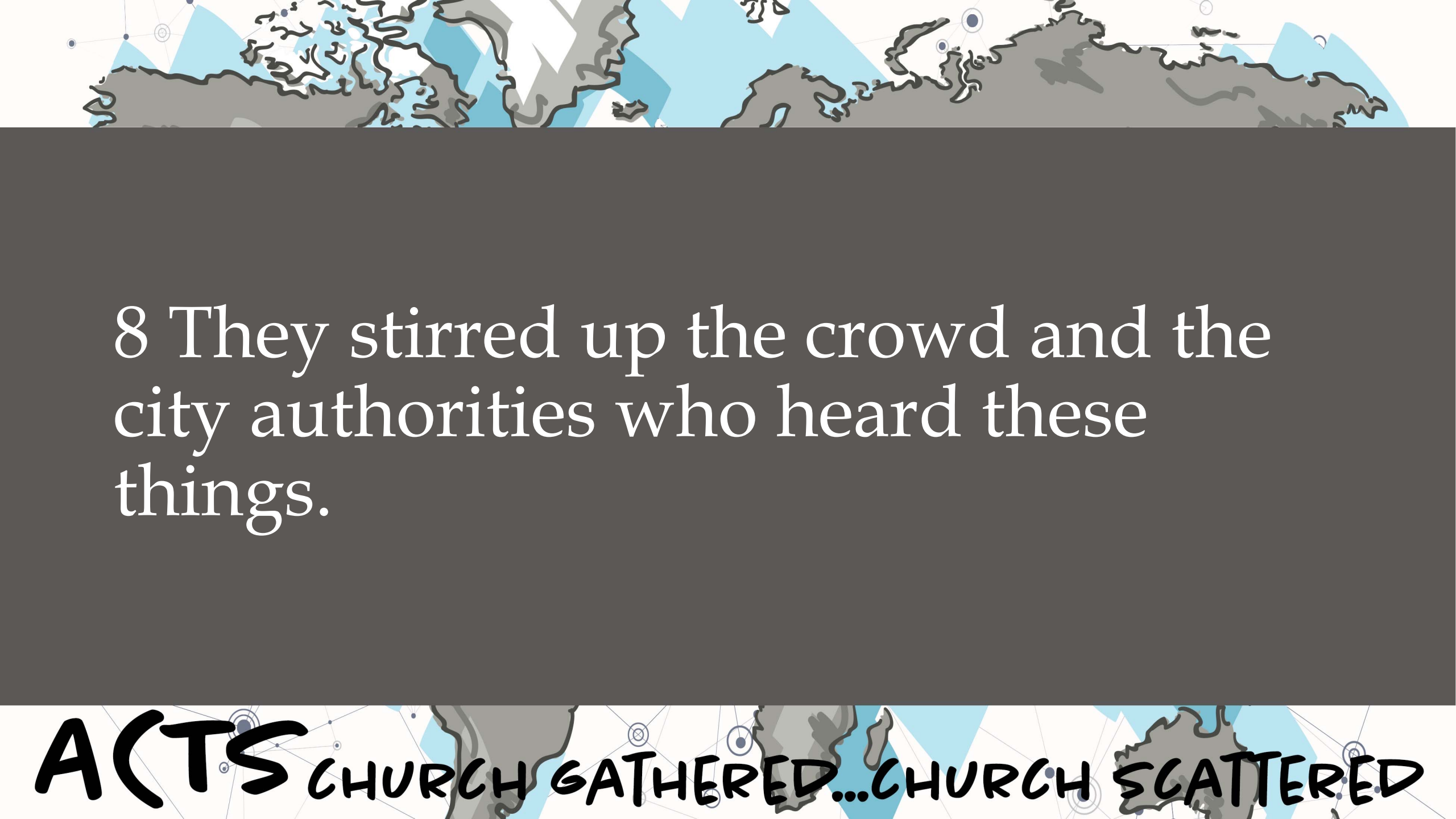


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*“Beware of reasoning about
God’s Word. Obey it.”*
Oswald Chambers

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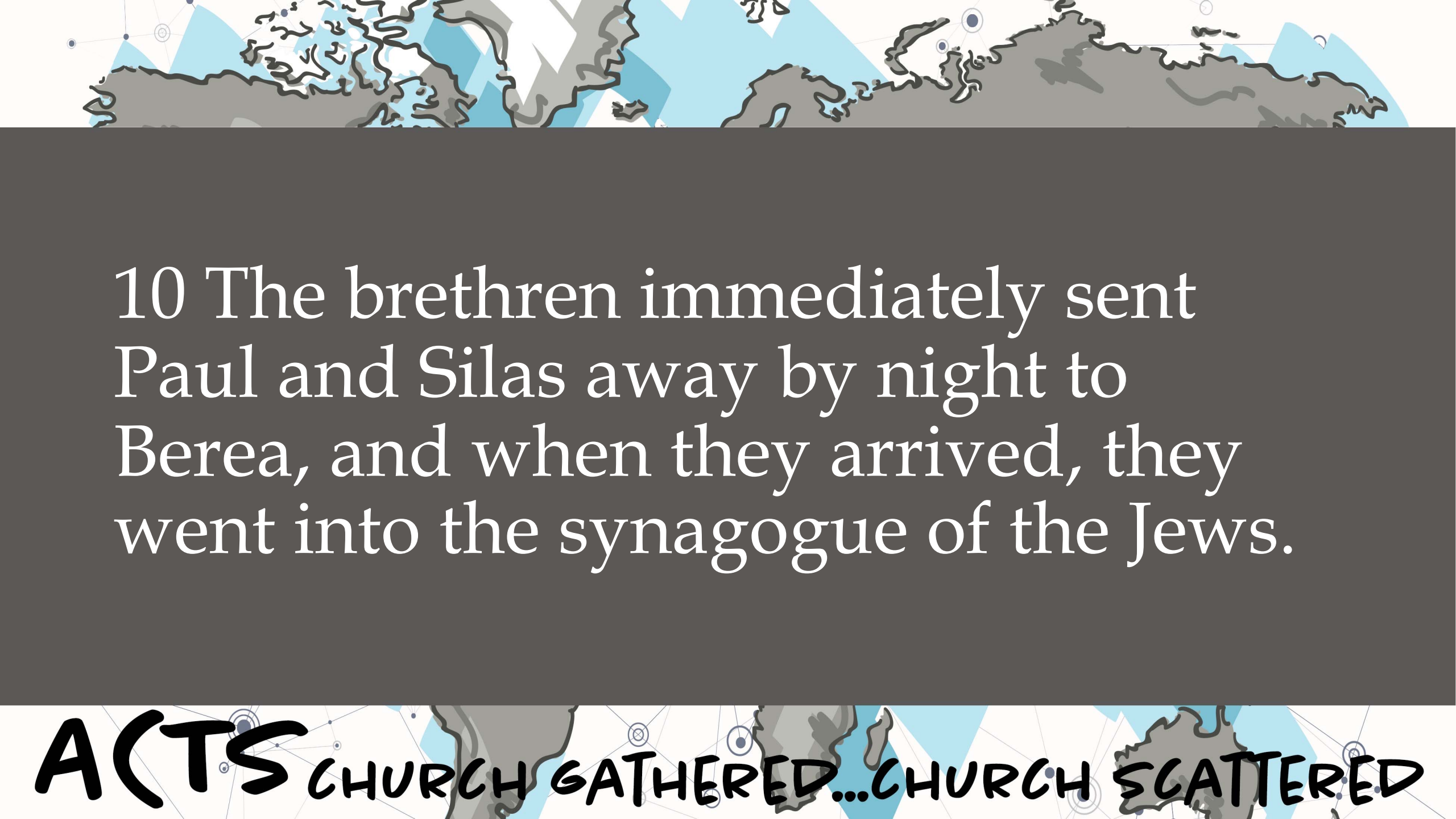
8 They stirred up the crowd and the city authorities who heard these things.

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9 And when they had received a pledge from Jason and the others, they released them.

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10 The brethren immediately sent Paul and Silas away by night to Berea, and when they arrived, they went into the synagogue of the Jews.

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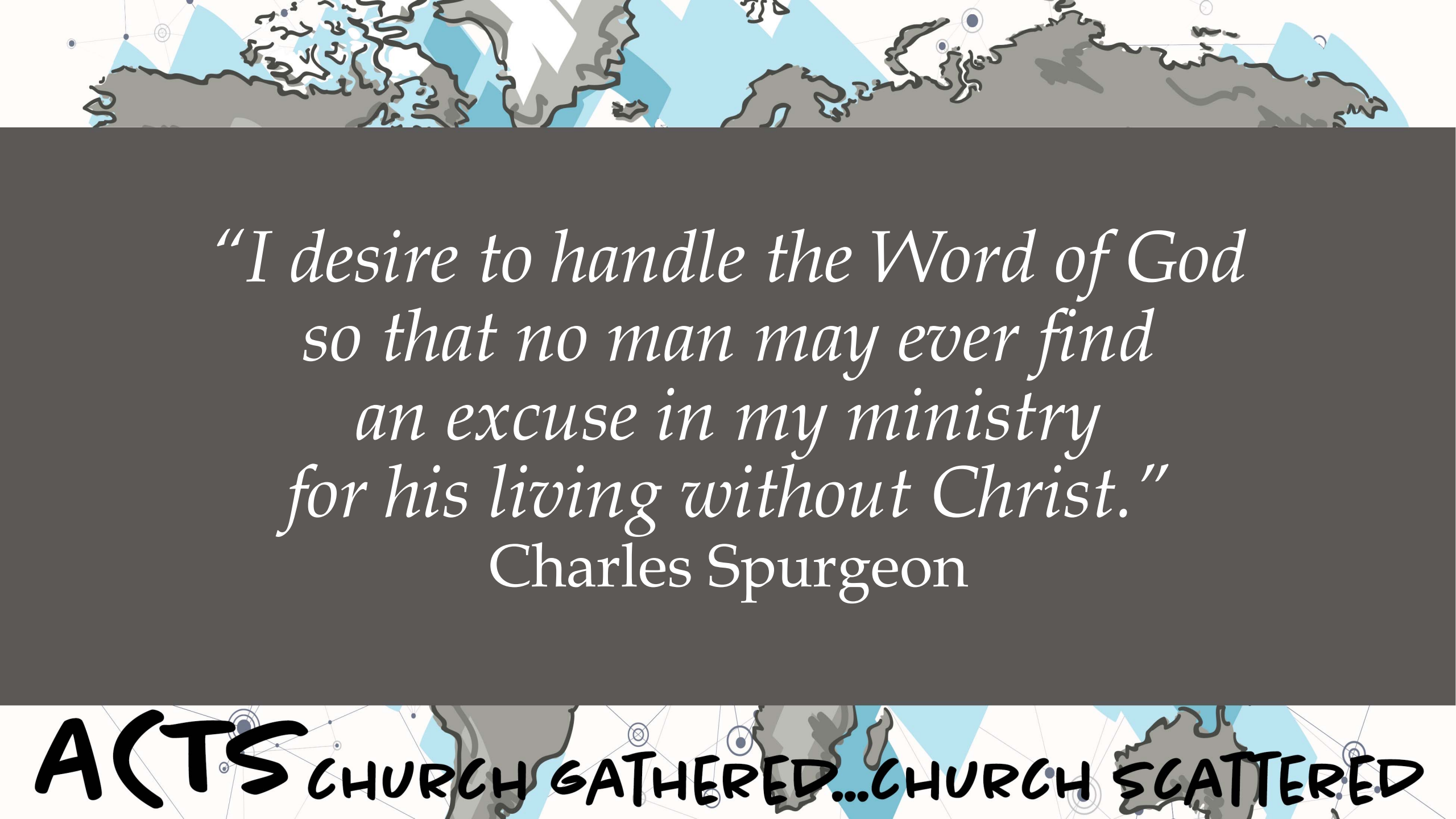


Synagogue 8-10

- Where the Word of God is read – Synagogue
- Solve problems don't create them! Leaving?
- No greater calling than the Word!

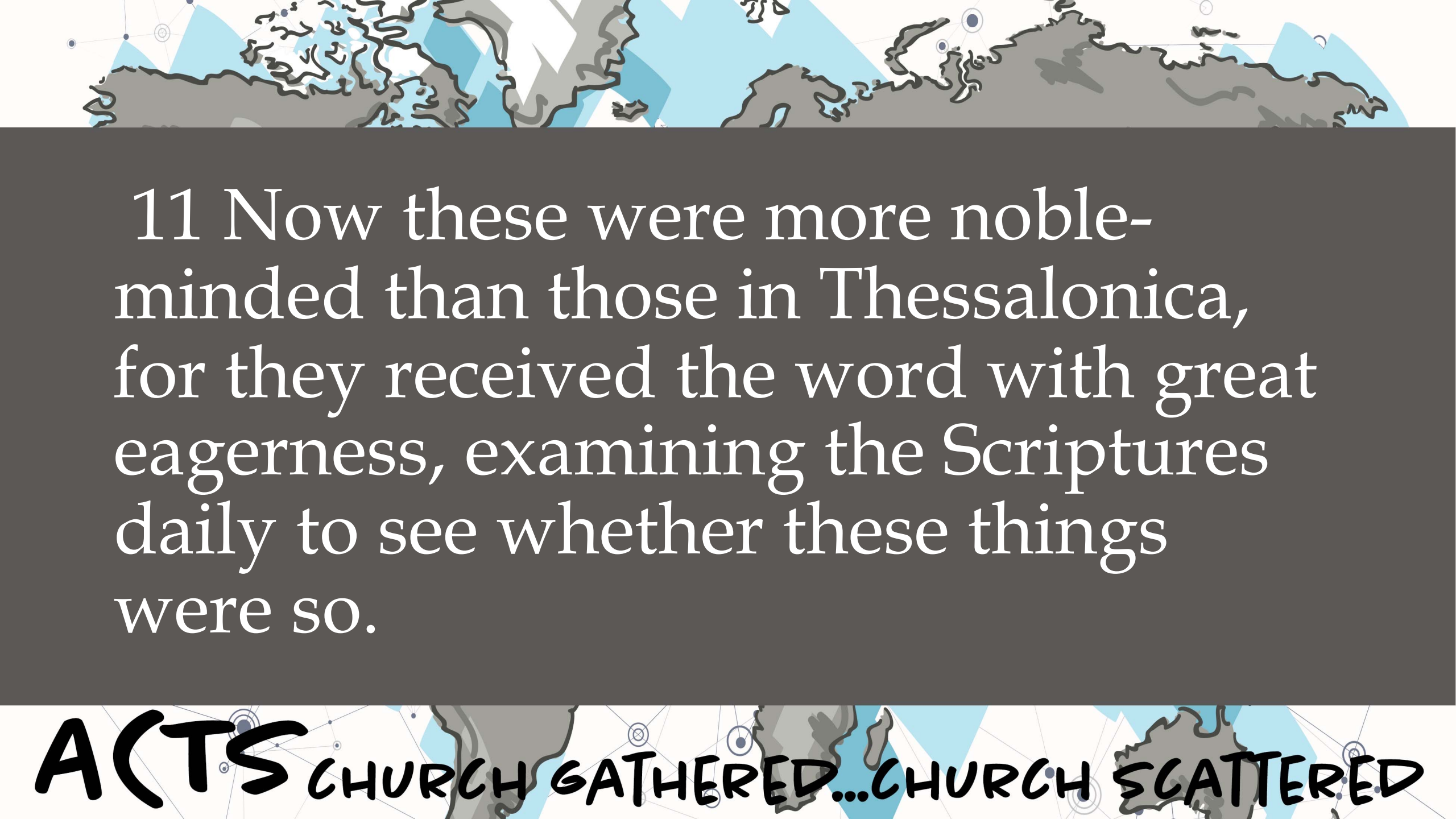


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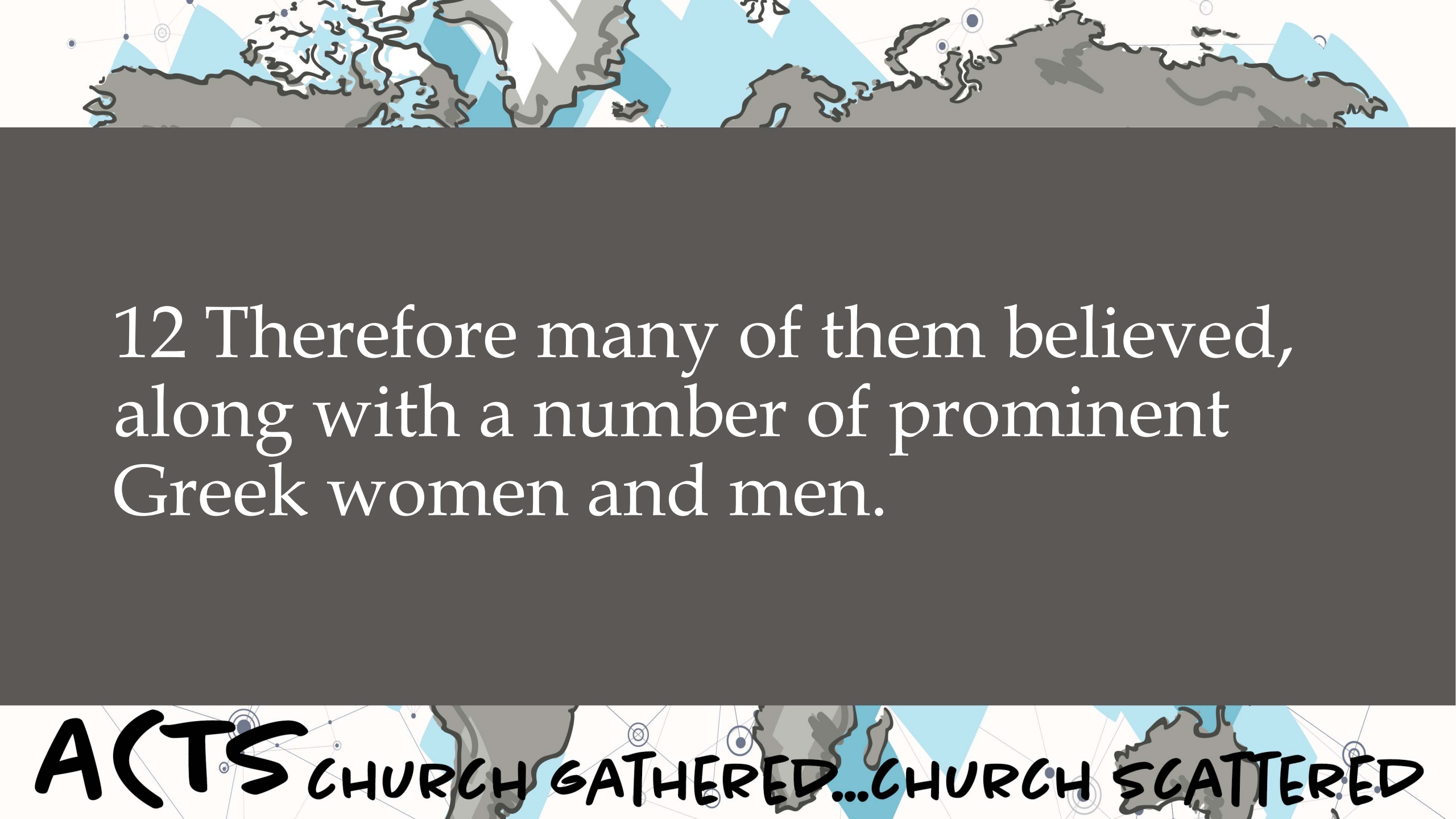
*“I desire to handle the Word of God
so that no man may ever find
an excuse in my ministry
for his living without Christ.”
Charles Spurgeon*

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11 Now these were more noble-minded than those in Thessalonica, for they received the word with great eagerness, examining the Scriptures daily to see whether these things were so.

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12 Therefore many of them believed,
along with a number of prominent
Greek women and men.

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Searching 11-12

- ‘received the Word’
- ‘searched the Word’
- ‘great eagerness’ – zeal and passion!
- ‘daily’ – *kata hemera* – as the day allows



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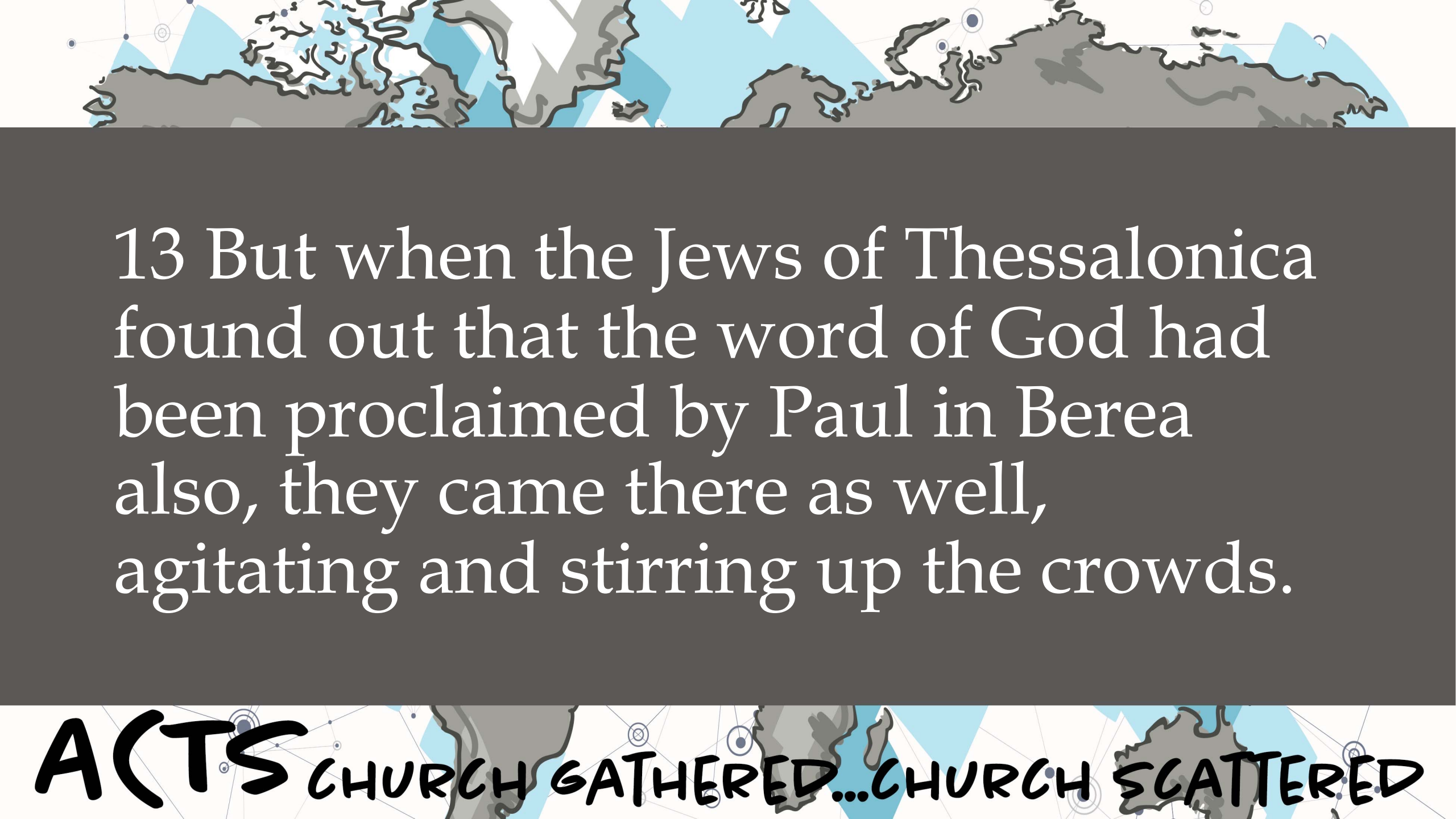


*“Nothing less than a whole Bible
can make a whole Christian.”*

A.W. Tozer

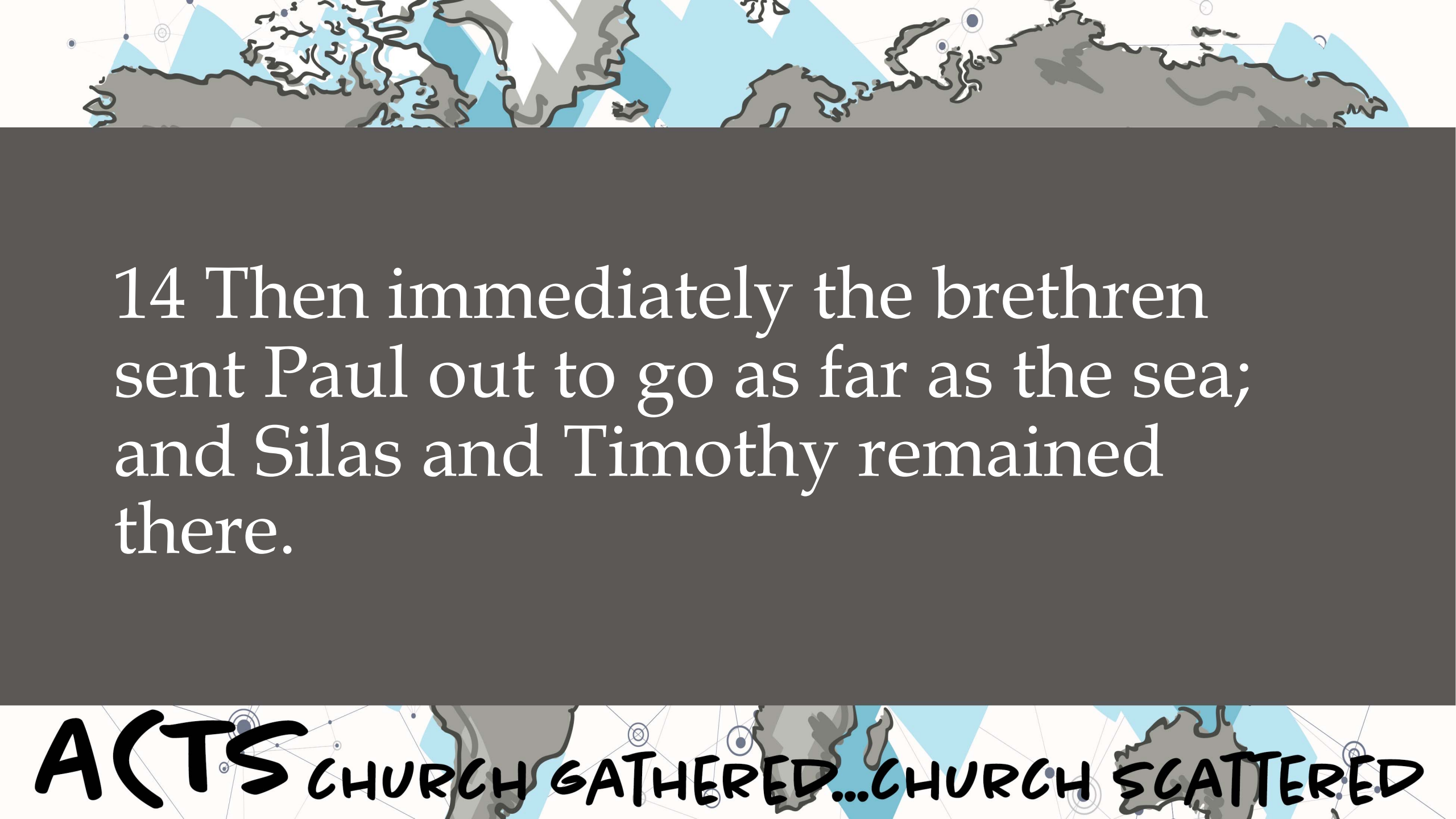


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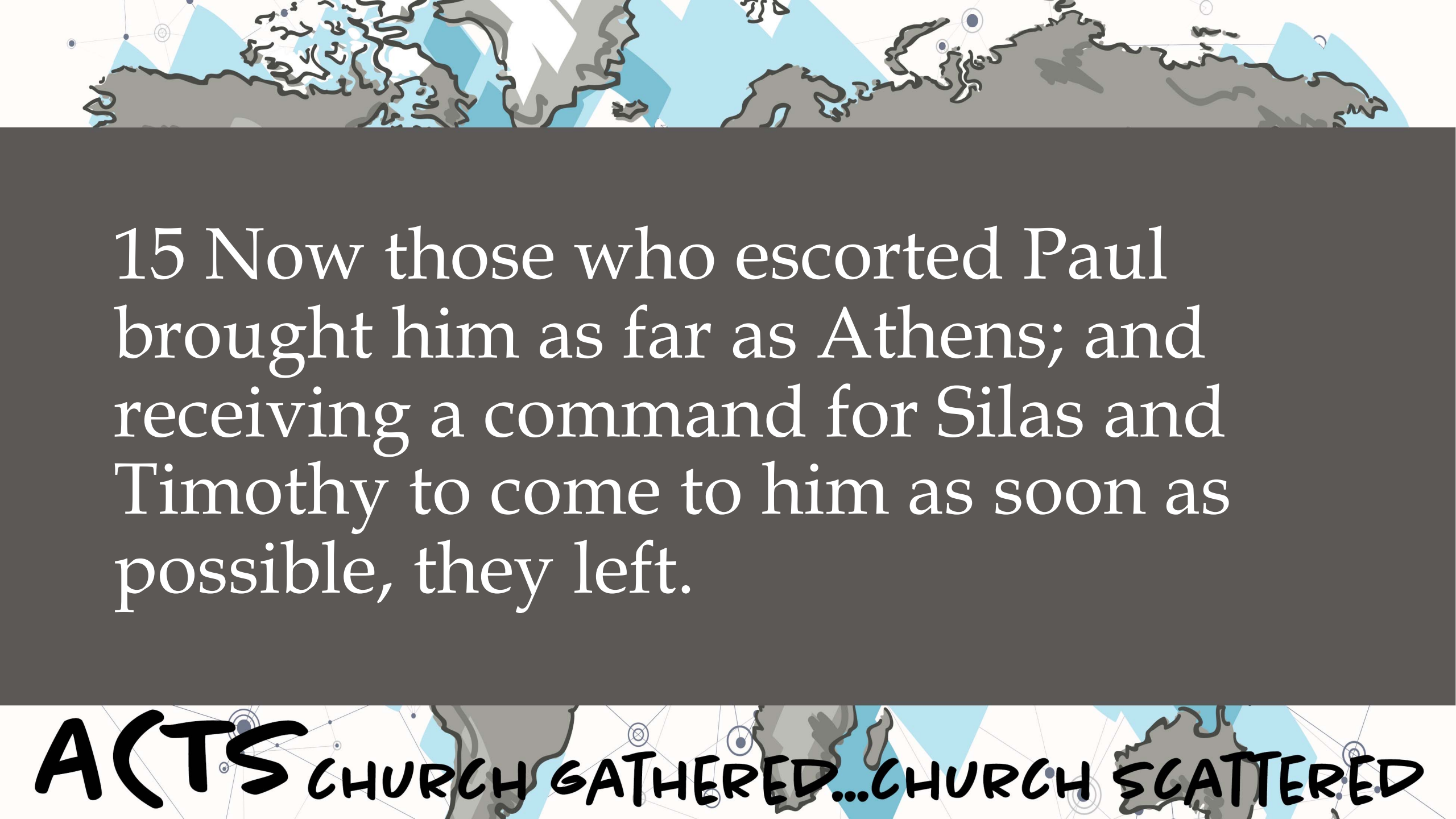
13 But when the Jews of Thessalonica found out that the word of God had been proclaimed by Paul in Berea also, they came there as well, agitating and stirring up the crowds.

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14 Then immediately the brethren sent Paul out to go as far as the sea; and Silas and Timothy remained there.

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15 Now those who escorted Paul brought him as far as Athens; and receiving a command for Silas and Timothy to come to him as soon as possible, they left.

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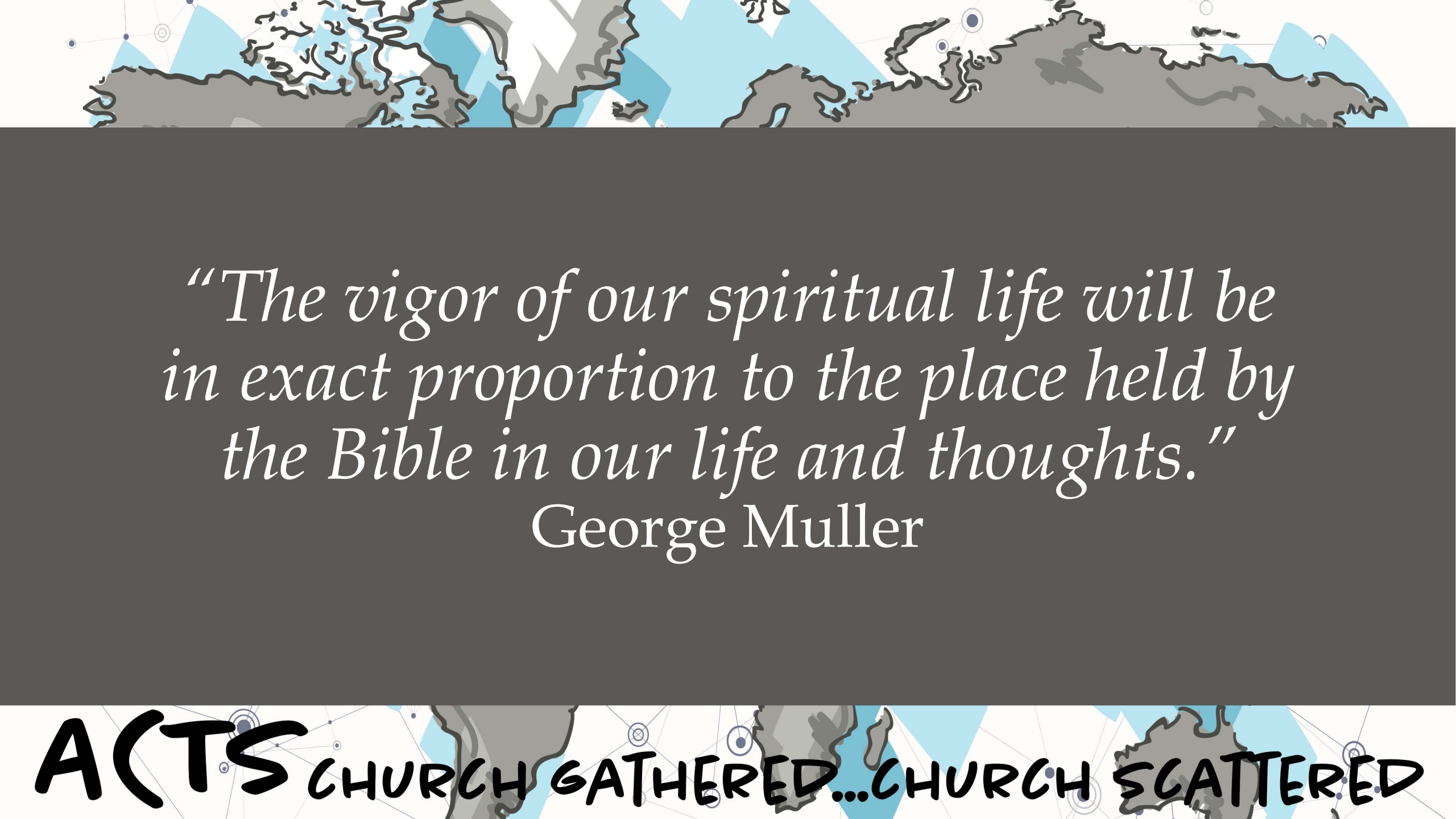


Sending 13-15

- Anger catches up – stirs up
- Silas and Timothy stay – discipleship!
- Paul on to Athens – Areopagus
- Undaunted by apathy or opposition – share!

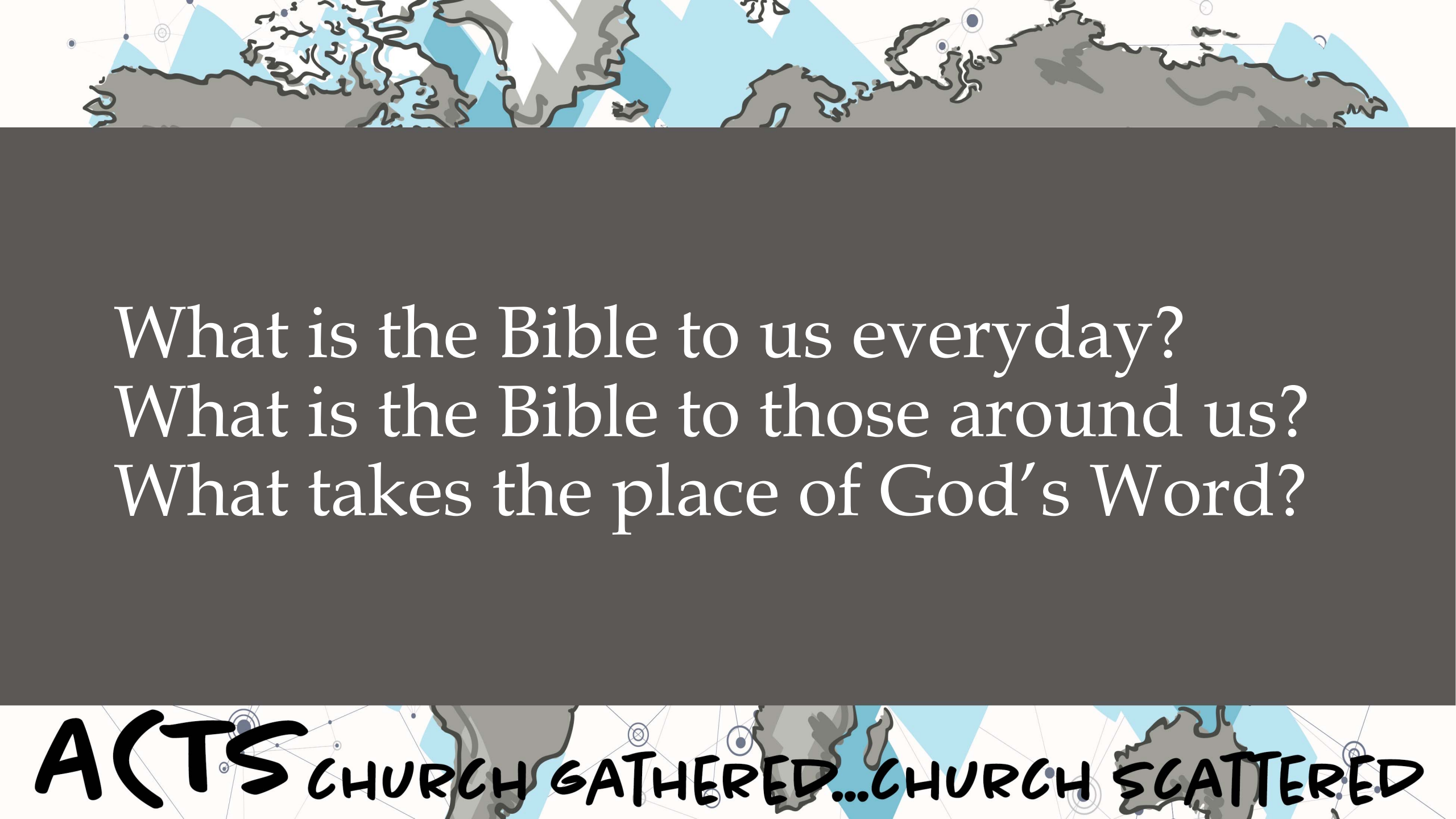


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“The vigor of our spiritual life will be in exact proportion to the place held by the Bible in our life and thoughts.”
George Muller

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What is the Bible to us everyday?
What is the Bible to those around us?
What takes the place of God's Word?

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