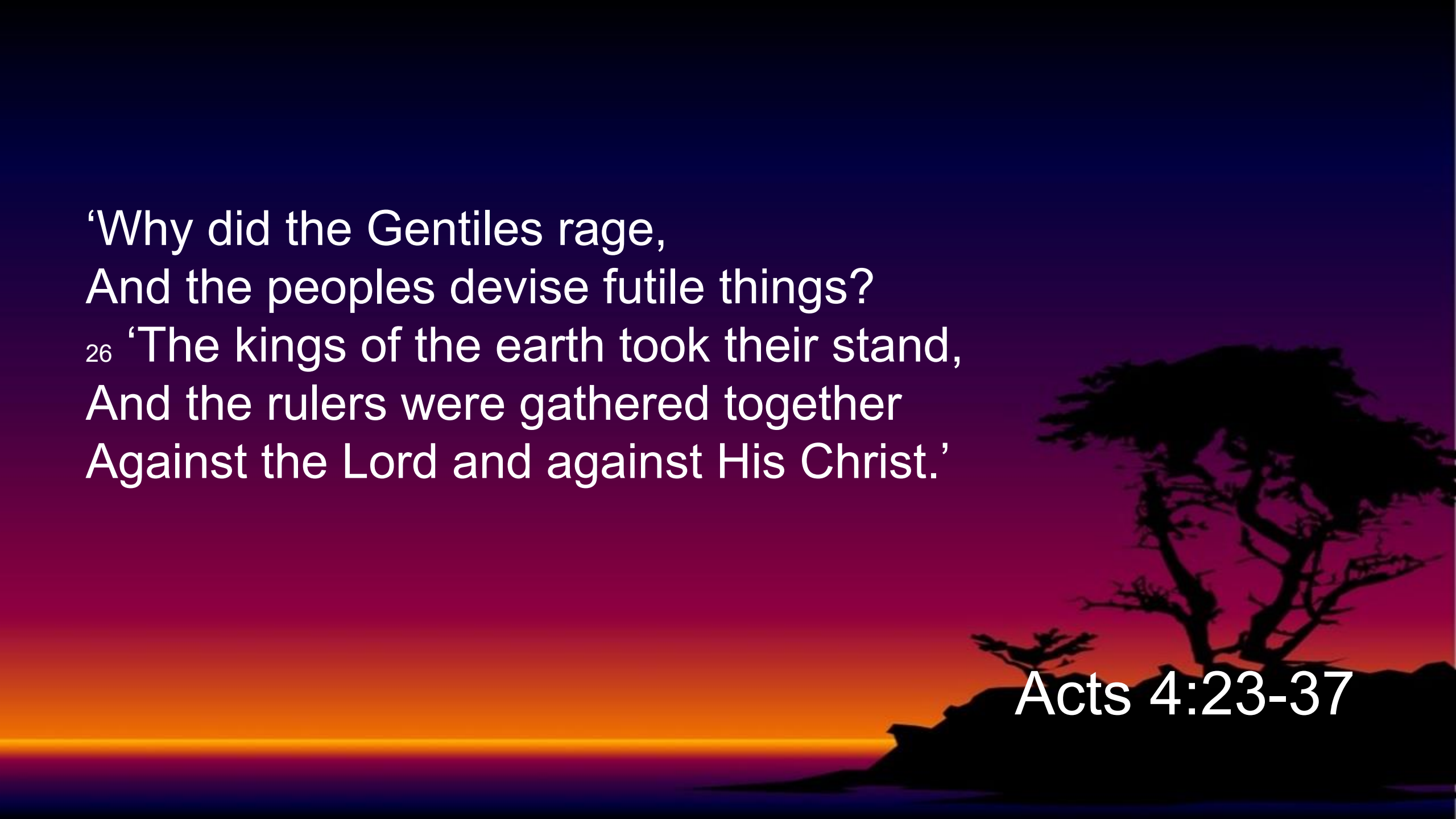

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23 When they had been released, they went to their own companions and reported all that the chief priests and the elders had said to them. 24 And when they heard this, they lifted their voices to God with one accord and said, “O Lord, it is You who made the heaven and the earth and the sea, and all that is in them, 25 who by the Holy Spirit, through the mouth of our father David Your servant, said,

Acts 4:23-37

‘Why did the Gentiles rage,
And the peoples devise futile things?
26 ‘The kings of the earth took their stand,
And the rulers were gathered together
Against the Lord and against His Christ.’



Acts 4:23-37

27 For truly in this city there were gathered together against
Your holy servant Jesus, whom You anointed, both Herod
and Pontius Pilate, along with the Gentiles and the
peoples of Israel, 28 to do whatever Your hand and Your
purpose predestined to occur. 29 And now, Lord, take note
of their threats, and grant that Your bond-servants may
speak Your word with all confidence, 30 while You extend
Your hand to heal, and signs and wonders take place
through the name of Your holy servant Jesus.”

Acts 4:23-37

31 And when they had prayed, the place where they had gathered together was shaken, and they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak the word of God with boldness.

Acts 4:23-37



Who made heaven and earth, The sea and all that is in them; Who keeps faith forever;



Psalm 146:6

Why are the nations so angry?
Why do they waste their time with futile plans?
2 The kings of the earth prepare for battle;
the rulers plot together against the Lord
and against his anointed one.
3 “Let us break their chains,” they cry,
“and free ourselves from slavery to God.”
4 But the one who rules in heaven laughs.
The Lord scoffs at them.

Psalm 2:1-4 NLT

“For My thoughts are not your thoughts,
Nor are your ways My ways,” declares the Lord.”

Isaiah 55:8

“22 But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, 23 gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law.”

Galatians 5:22-23

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Acts 4:29-30

“One startling feature of this prayer is that the believers never asked God to spare them from further confrontation or suffering. Rather, they prayed that they would be granted boldness to “speak [God’s] word with all boldness” (Acts 4:29), as the Lord continued to work powerfully through and around them (v 30). In other words, they were praying, Lord, in the face of opposition, don’t let us weaken. Don’t let us compromise. Please keep working out your purposes, and please keep us working for your purposes.”

R. Albert Mohler, Jr.

32 And the congregation of those who believed were of one heart and soul; and not one of them claimed that anything belonging to him was his own, but all things were common property to them. 33 And with great power the apostles were giving testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and abundant grace was upon them all.

Acts 4:23-37

34 For there was not a needy person among them, for all
who were owners of land or houses would sell them and
bring the proceeds of the sales 35 and lay them at the
apostles' feet, and they would be distributed to each as
any had need.

Acts 4:23-37

“For by one Spirit we were all baptized into one body, whether Jews or Greeks, whether slaves or free, and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.”

1 Corinthians 12:13

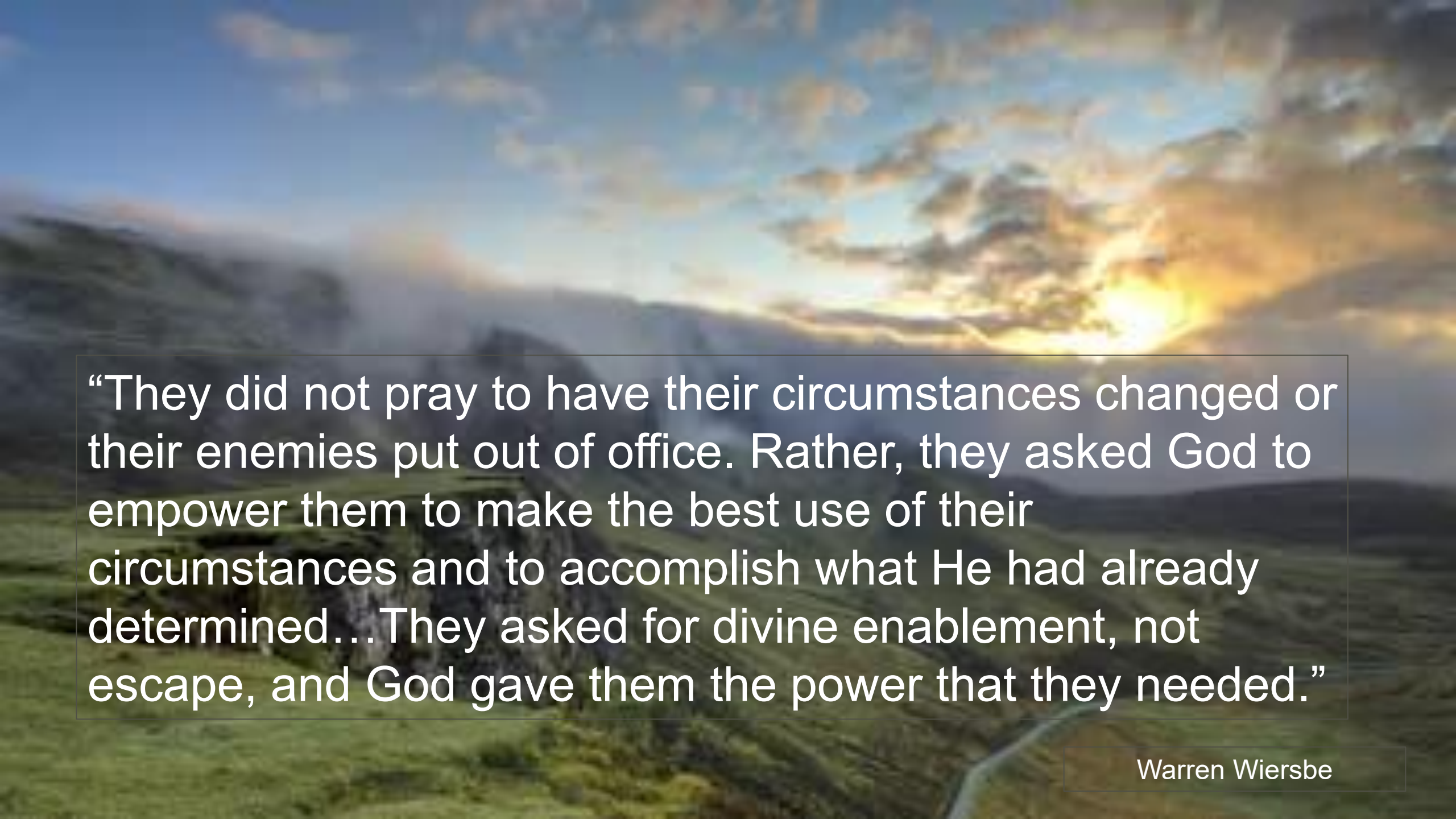
36 Now Joseph, a Levite of Cyprian birth, who was also
called Barnabas by the apostles (which translated means
Son of Encouragement), 37 and who owned a tract of land,
sold it and brought the money and laid it at the apostles'
feet.

Acts 4:23-37


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Abundant Grace

The Holy Spirit had brought the church together in a visible way; they cared for each other and helped each other. We also see how the Holy Spirit has encouraged them to rely on prayer and praise and they spoke about their Jesus with courage. We are told of the overwhelmingly abundant grace that was poured out on them.

Acts 4:23-37