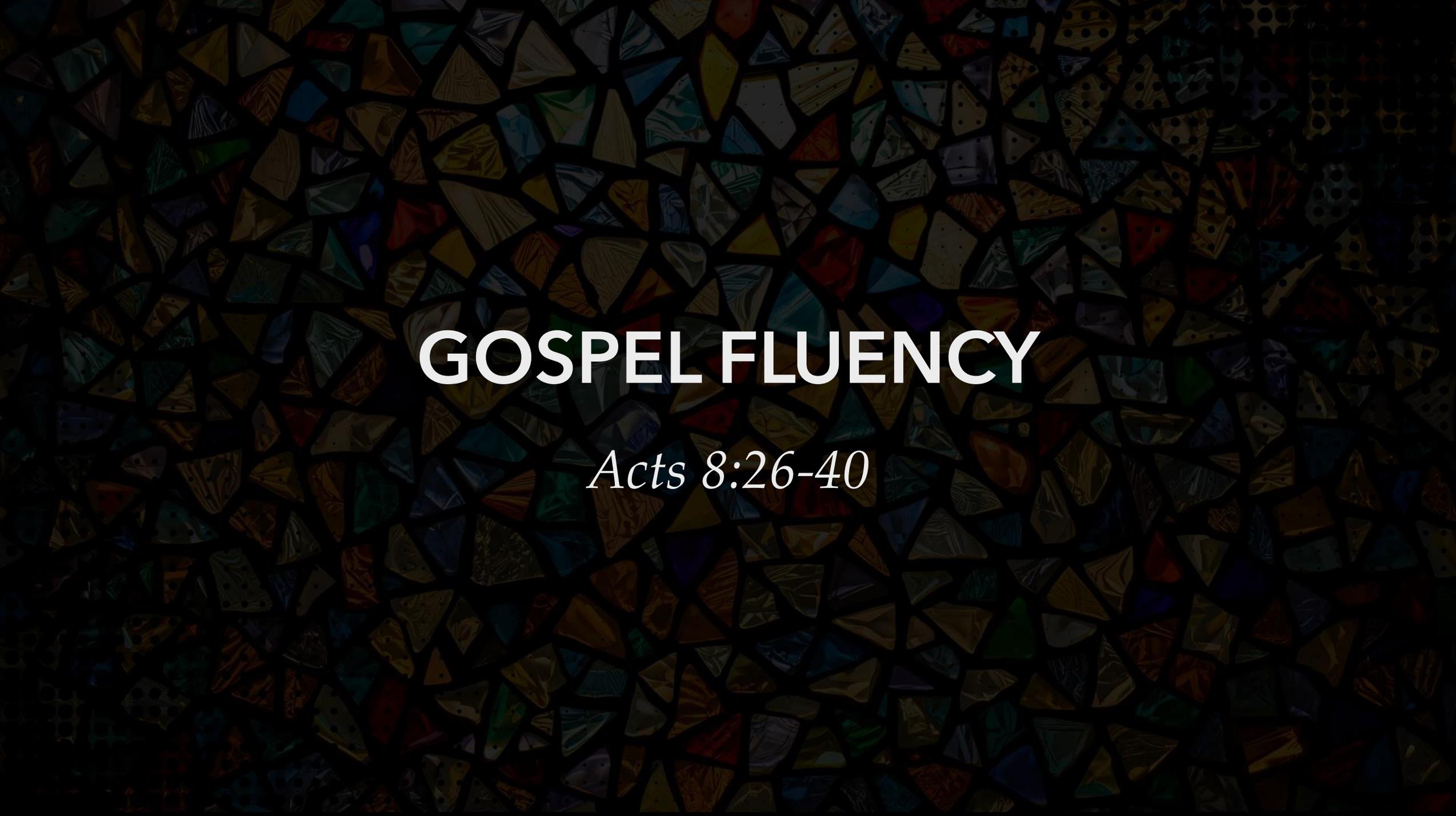


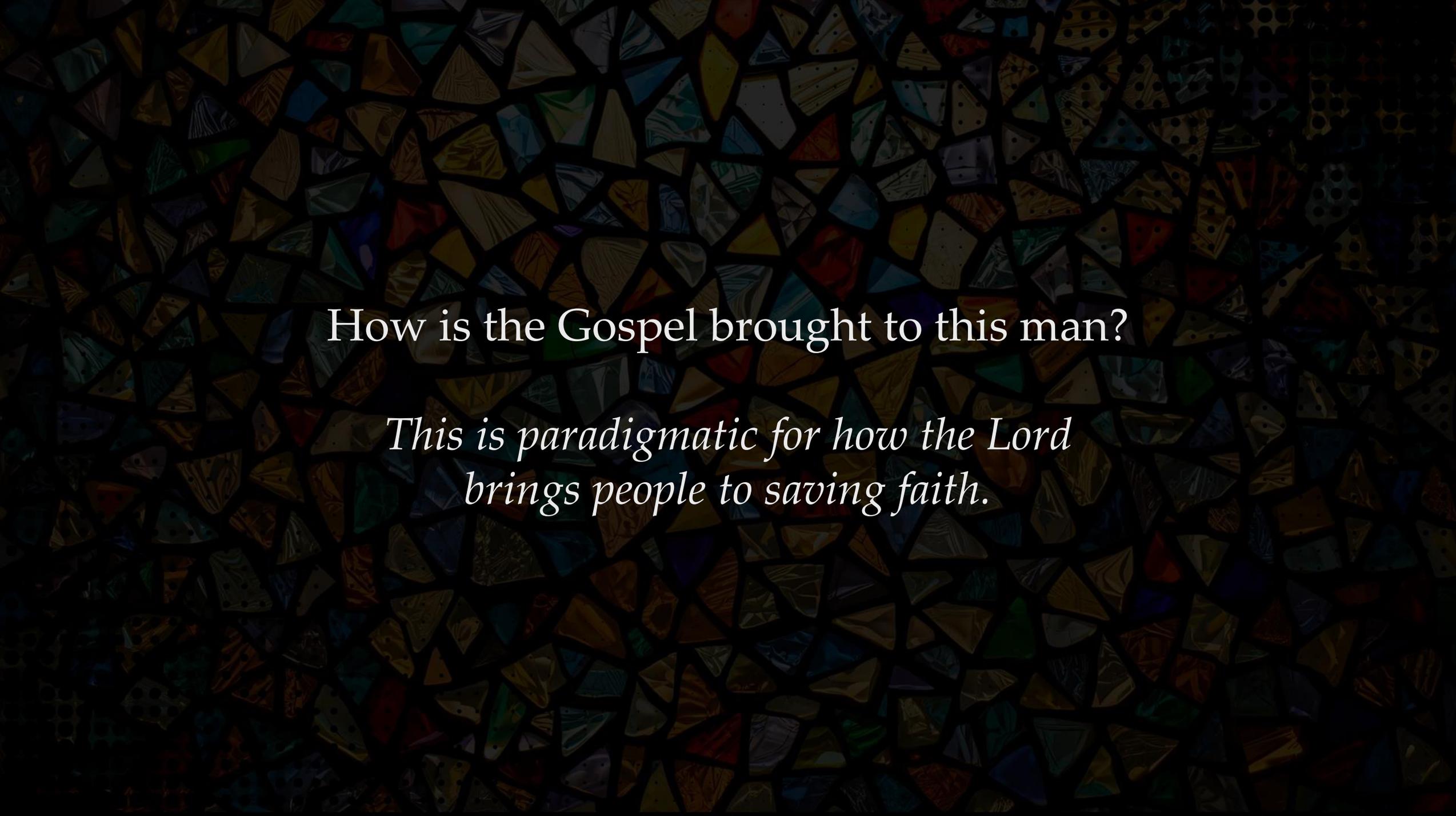
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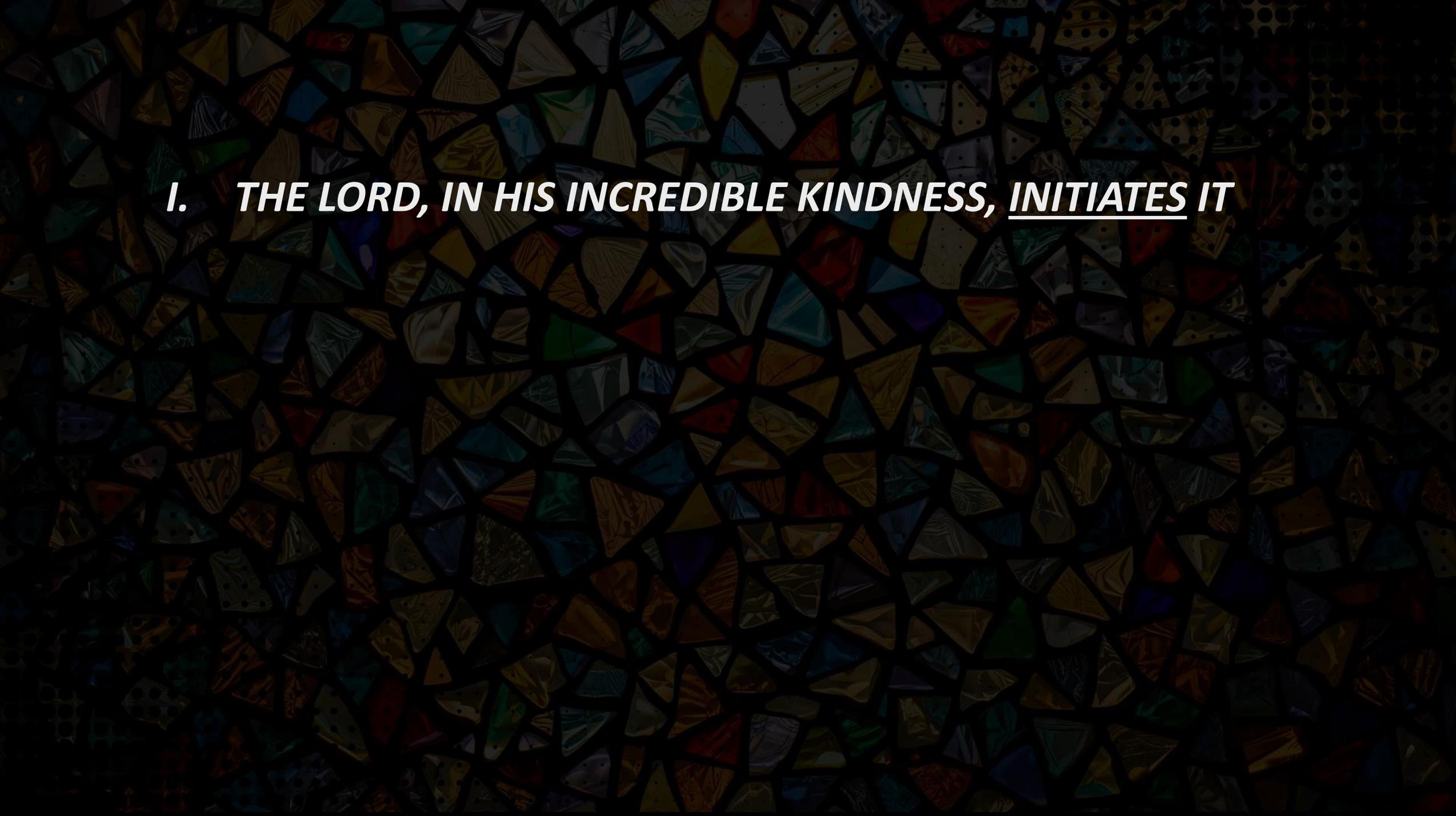
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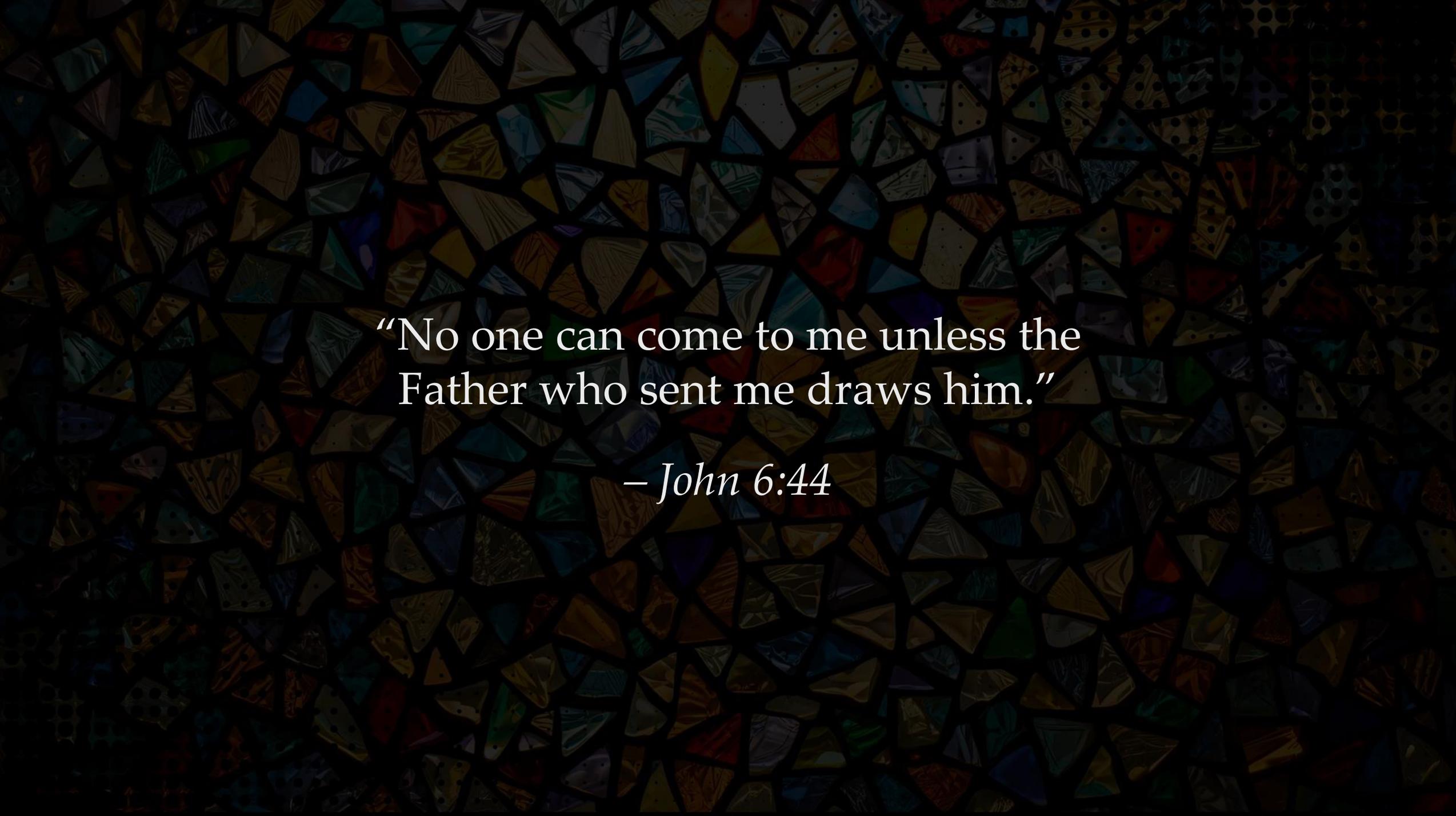
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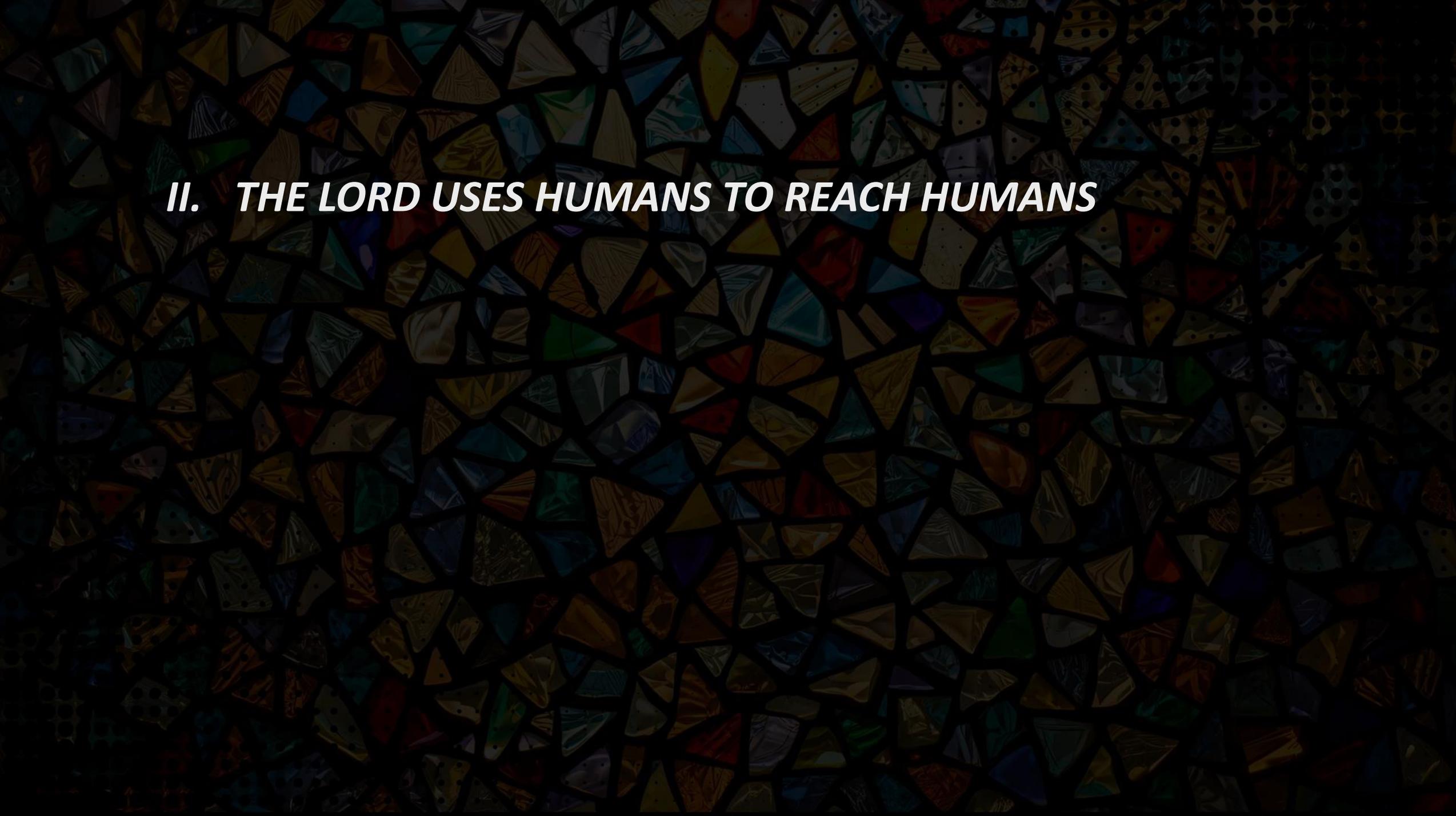
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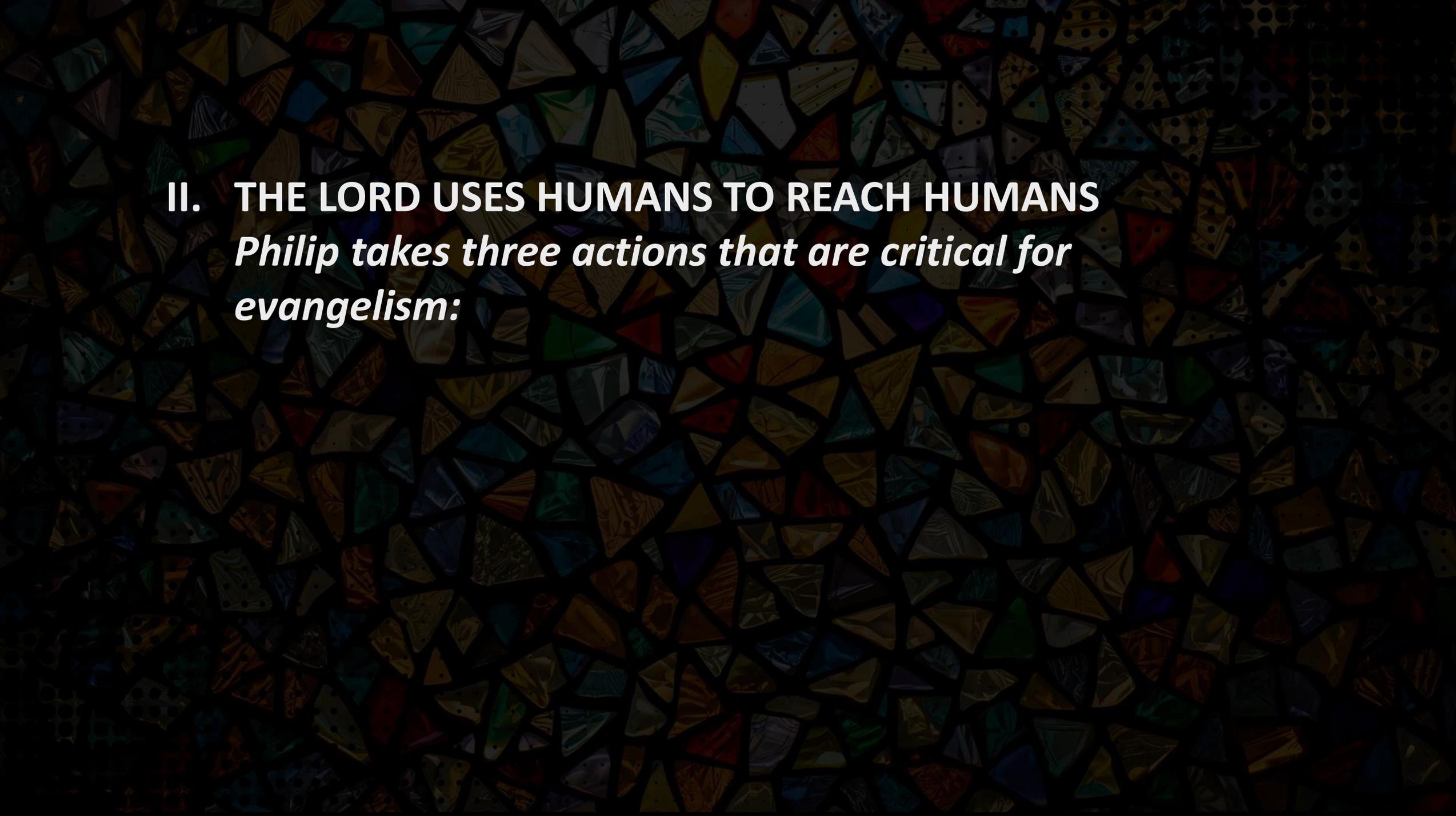


“No one can come to me unless the
Father who sent me draws him.”

– *John 6:44*



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“Listening requires unhurried leisure, even if it’s only for five minutes. Leisure is a quality of spirit, not a quantity of time. Only in that ambiance of leisure do persons know they are listened to with absolute seriousness, treated with dignity and importance. Speaking to people does not have the same personal intensity as listening to them. The question I put to myself is not “How many people have you spoken to about Christ this week?” but “How many people have you listened to in Christ this week?” The number of persons listened to must necessarily be less than the number spoken to. Listening to a story always takes more time than delivering a message, so I must discard my compulsion to count, to compile the statistics that will justify my existence.”

– *Eugene Peterson, The Contemplative Pastor*

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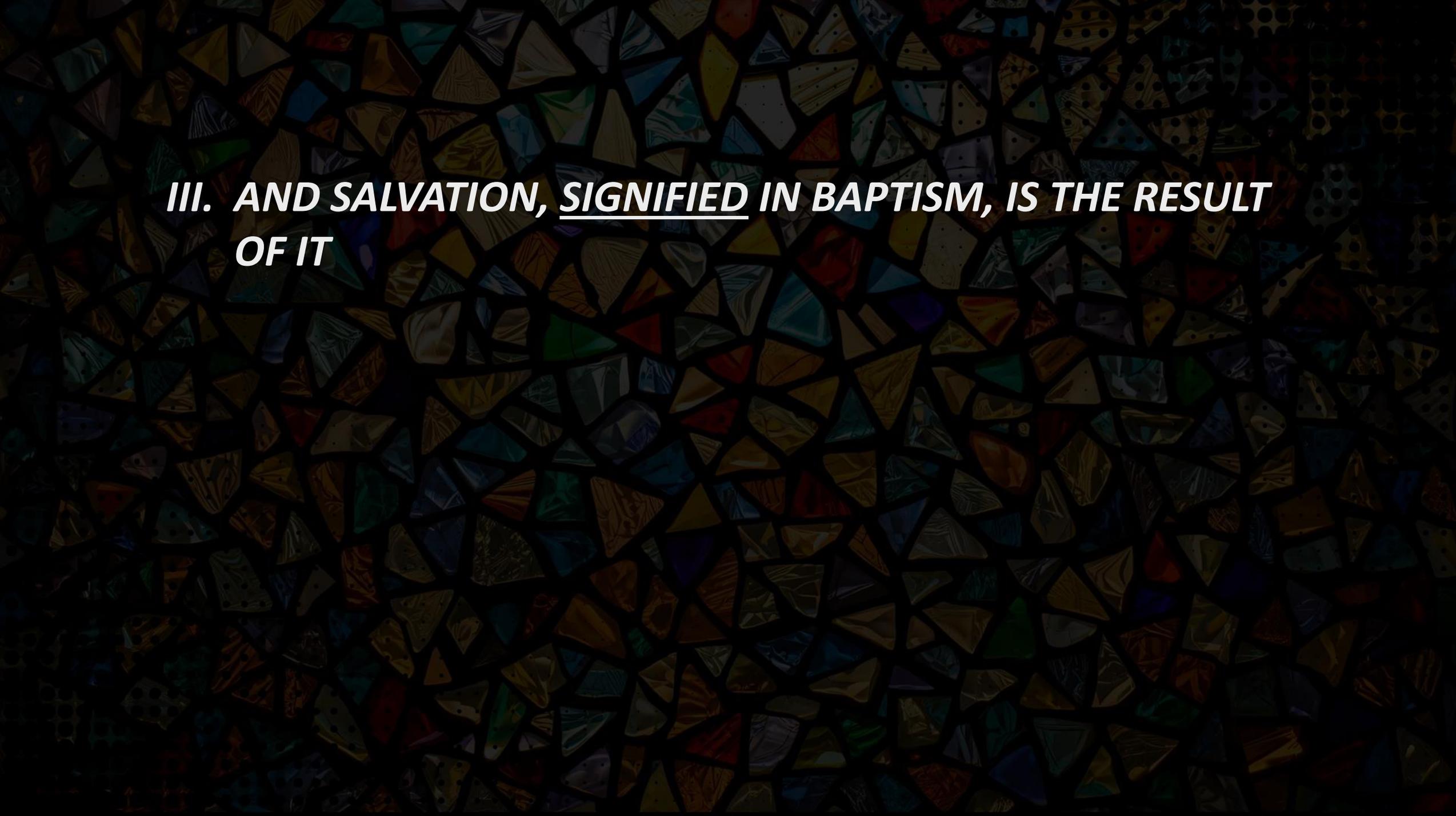
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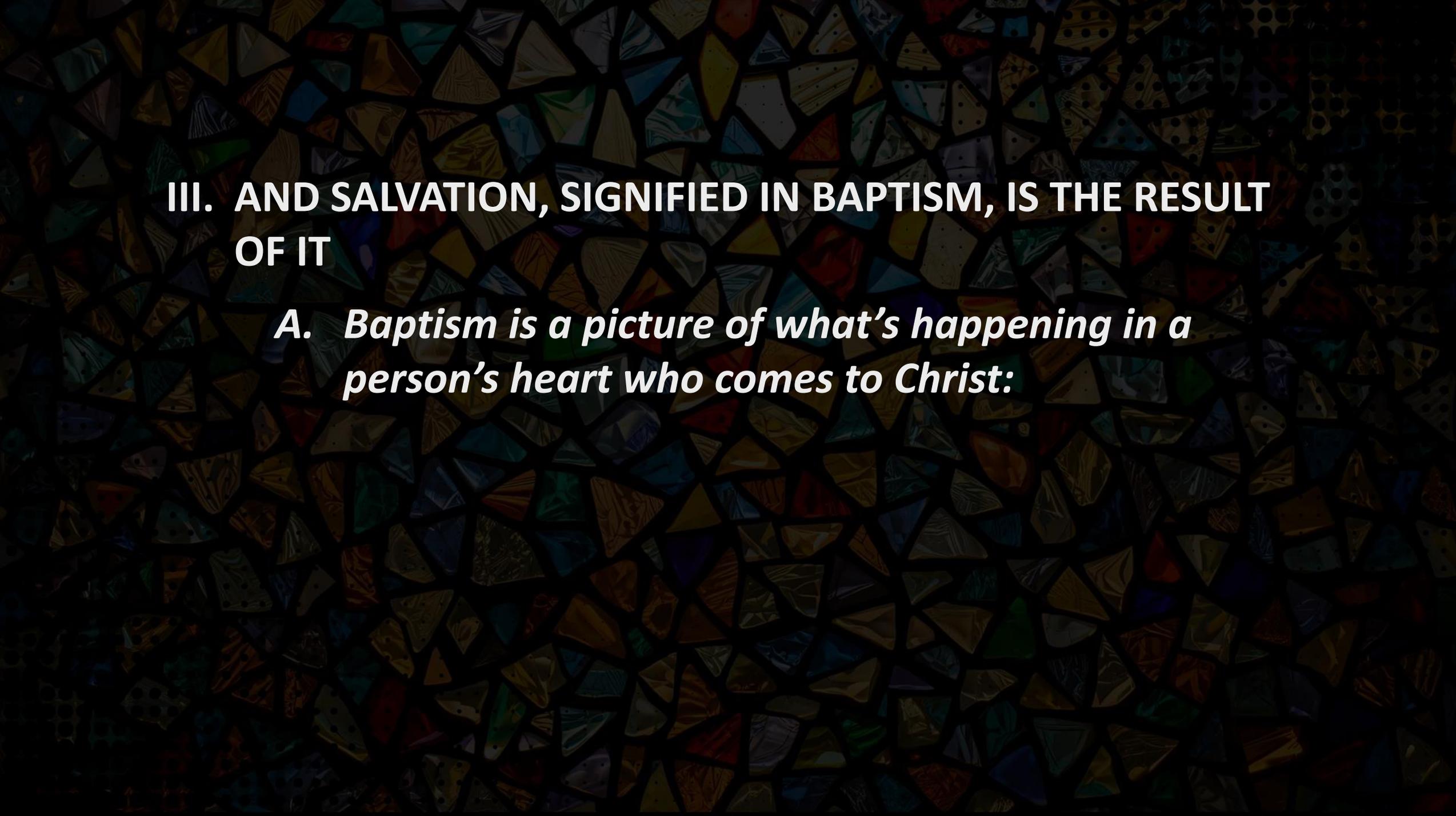
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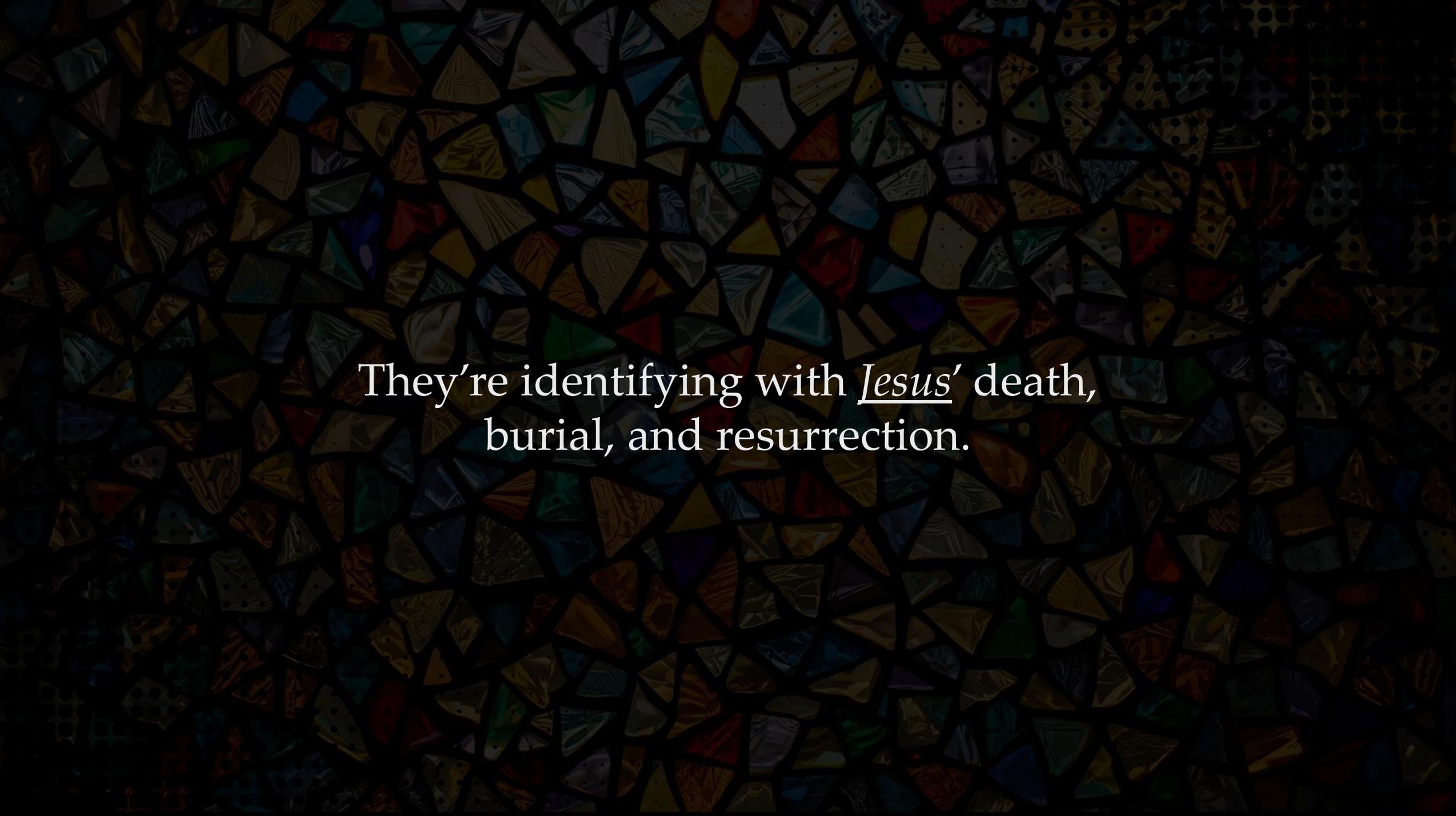


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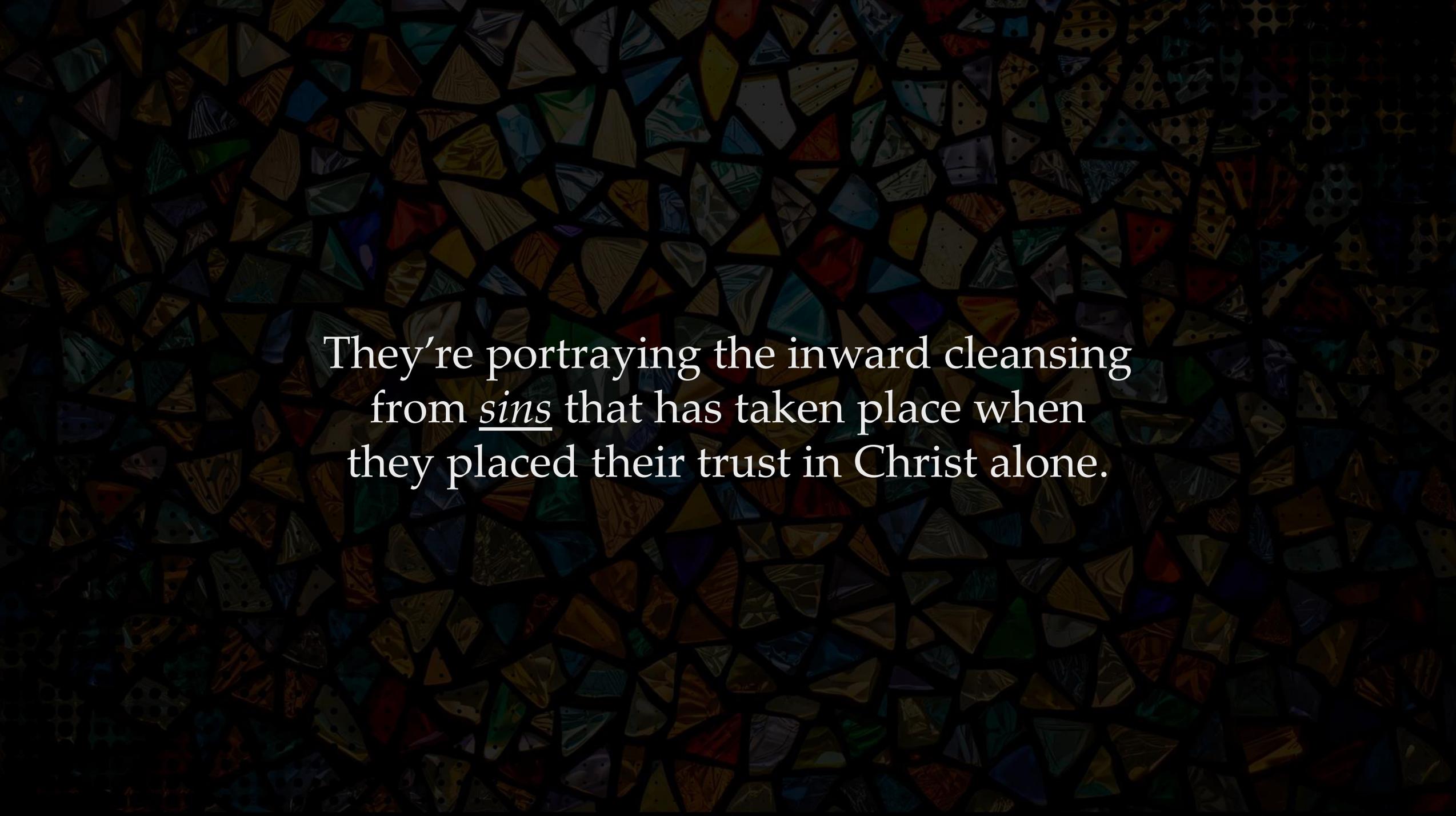


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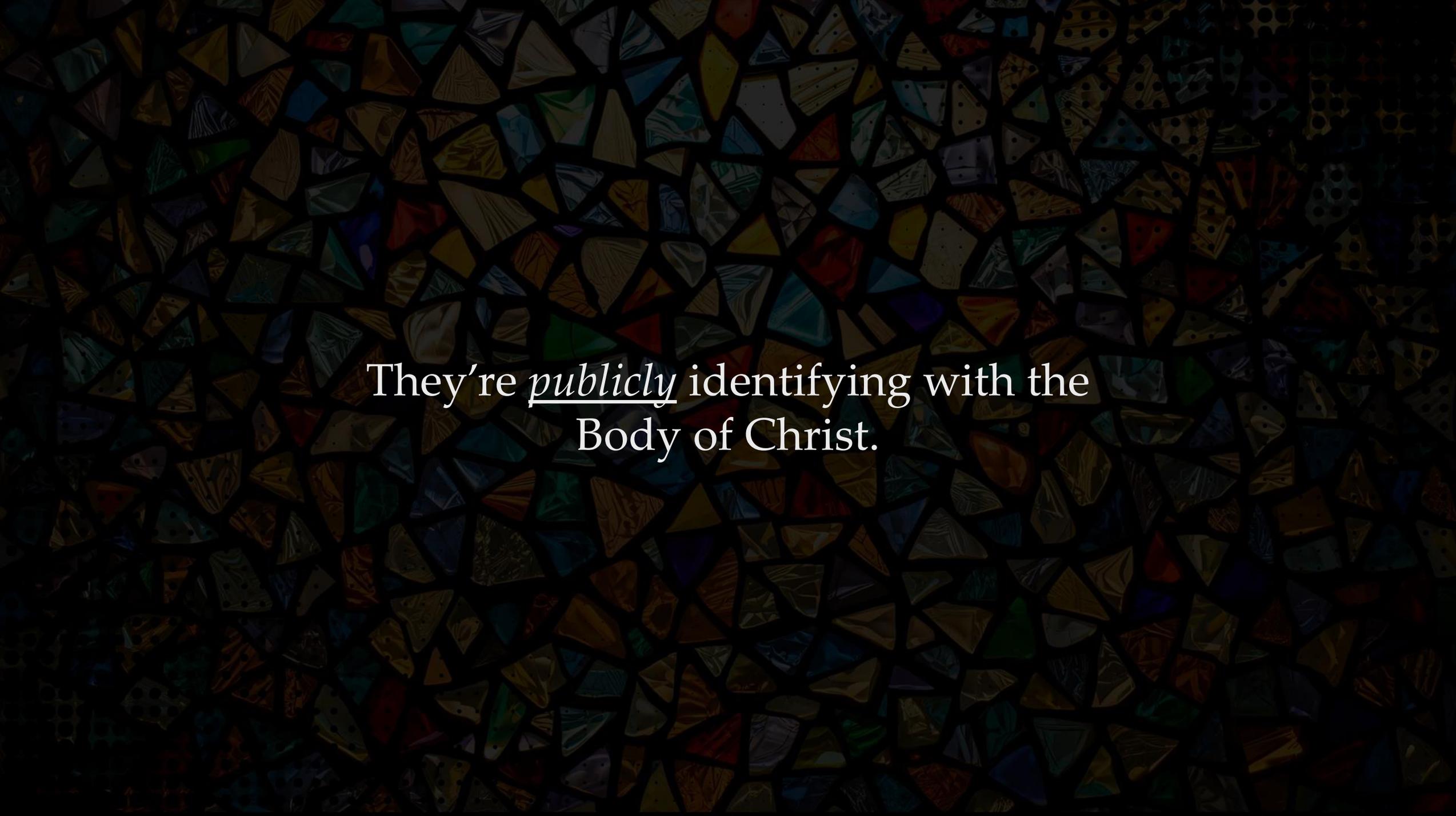
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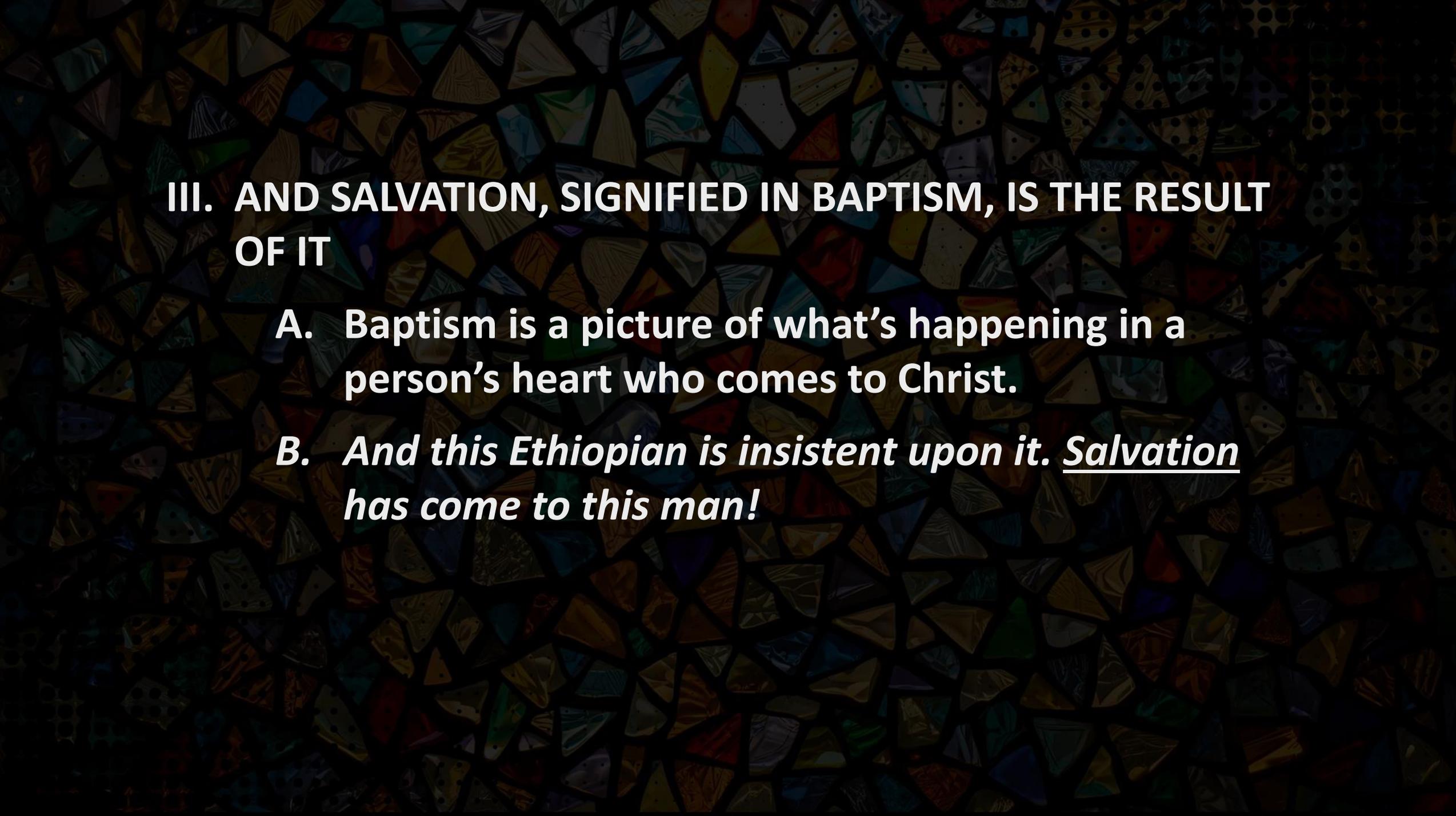
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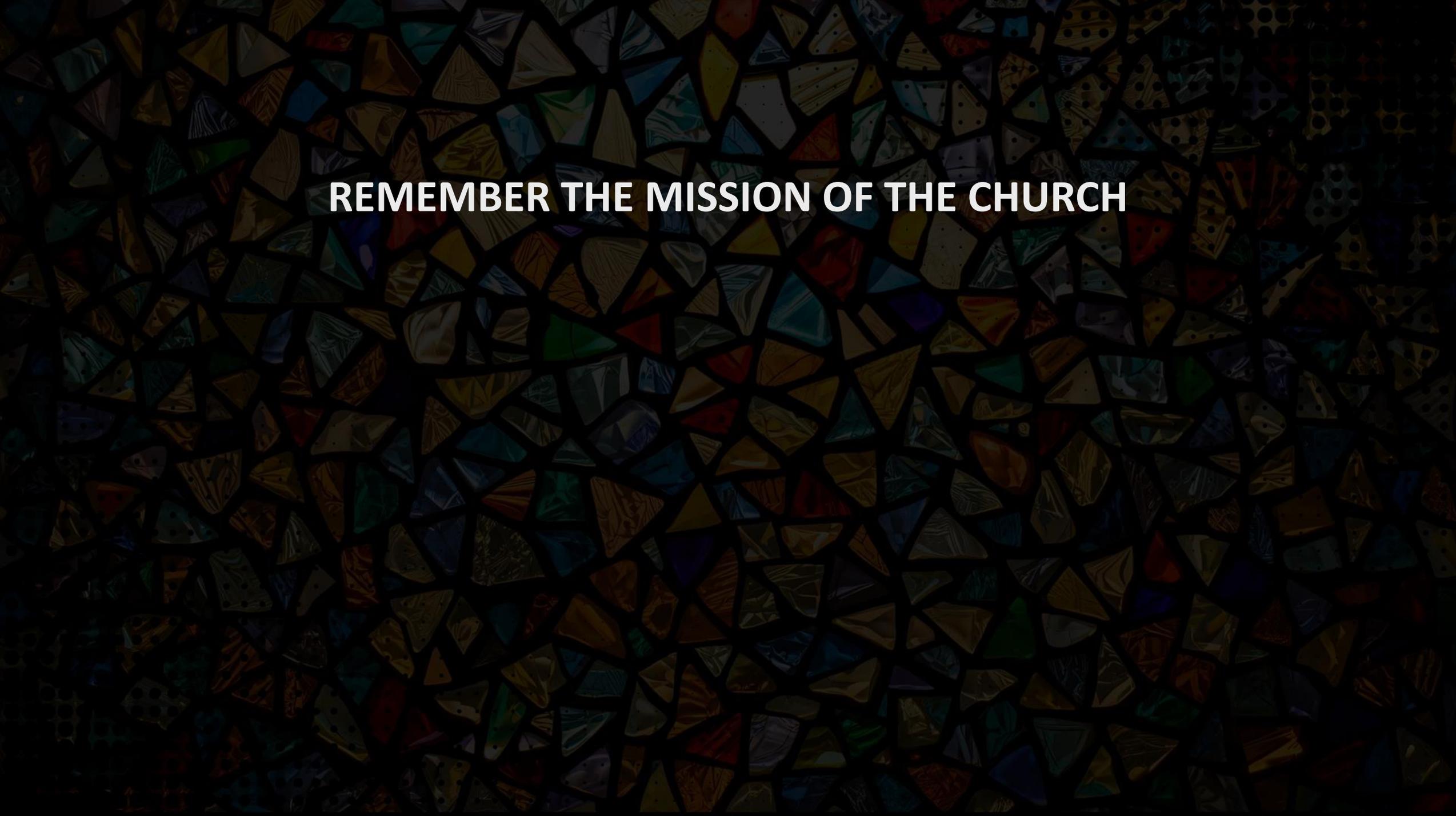


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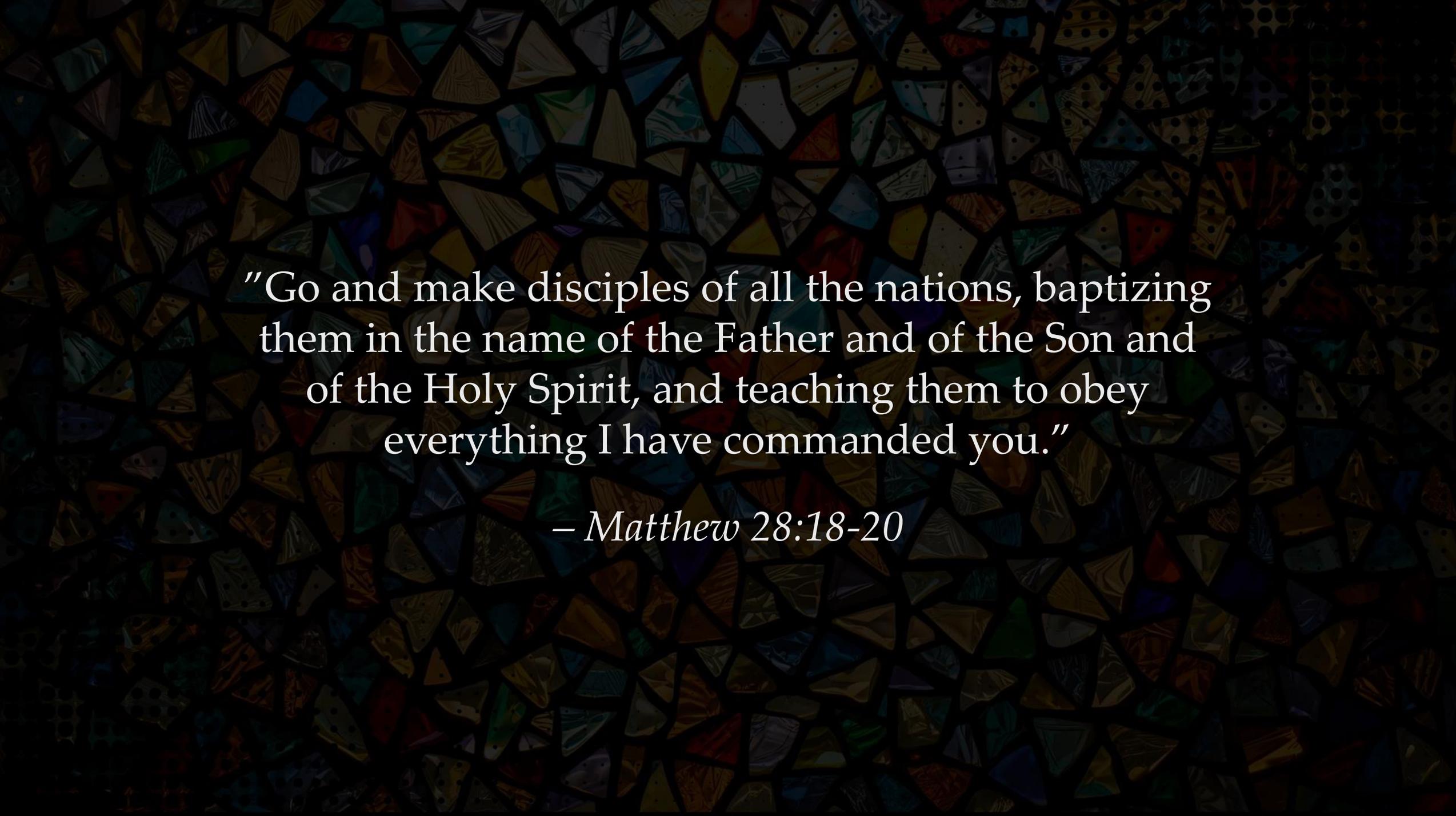


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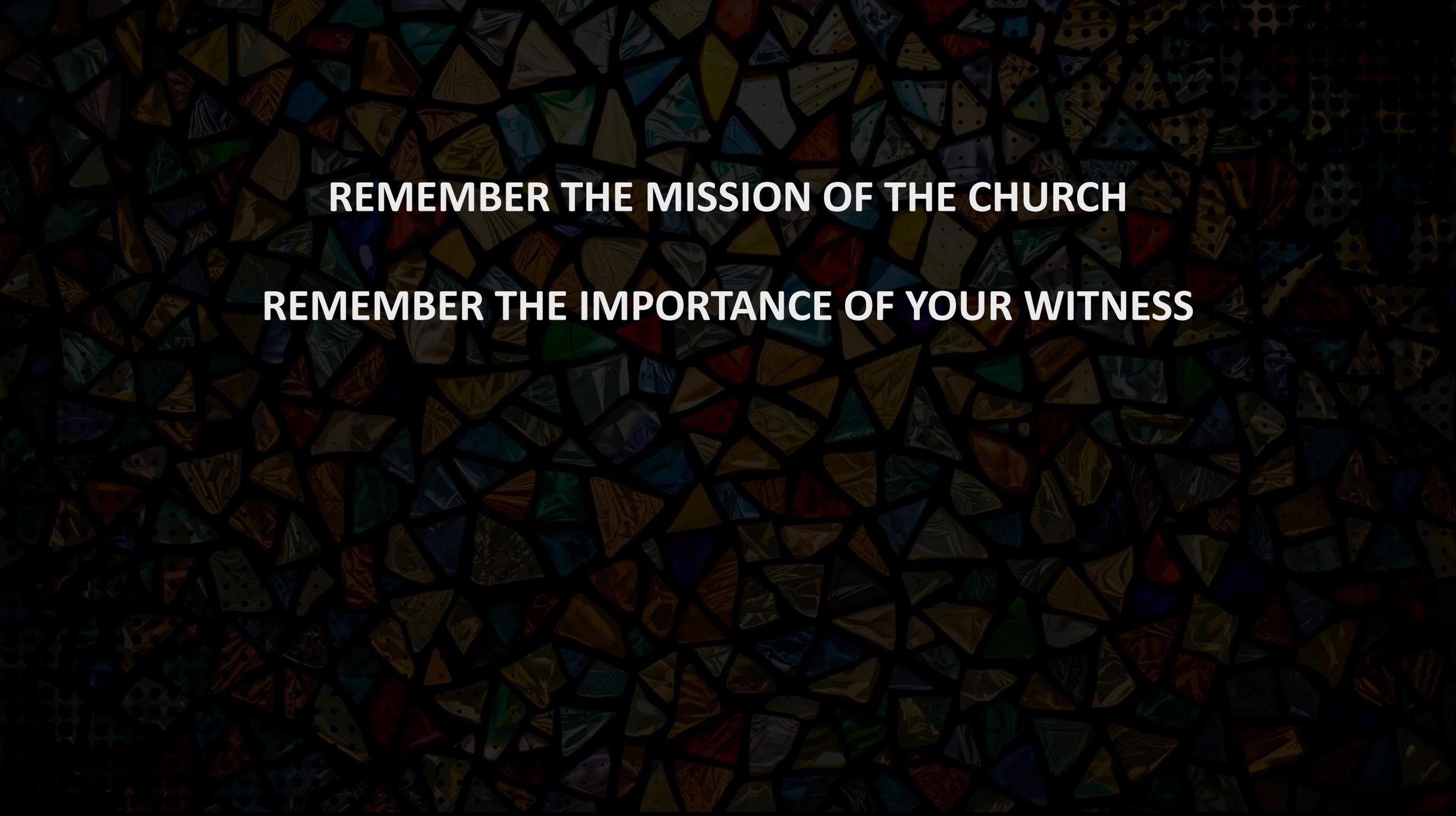


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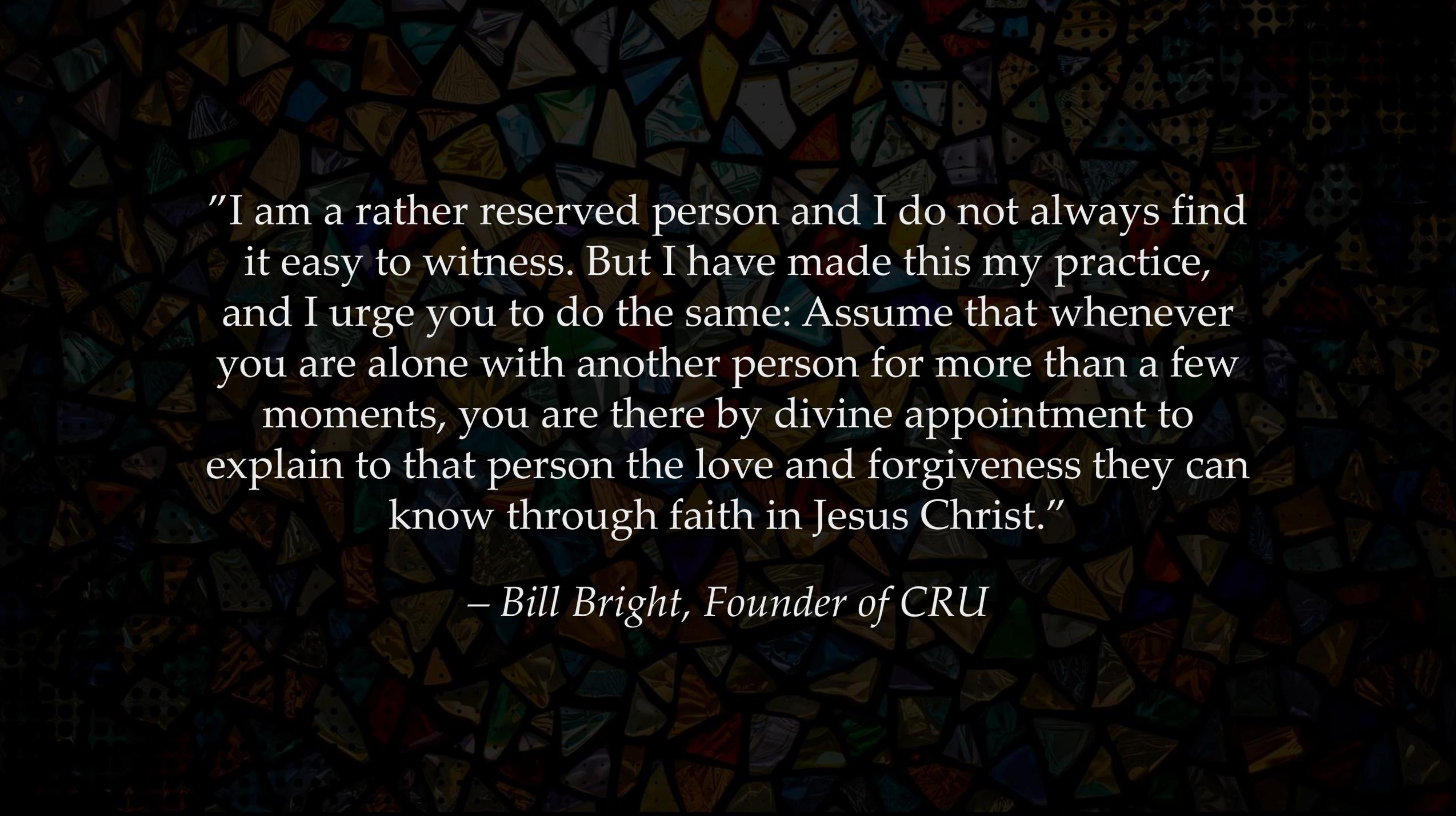
“Go and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you.”

– *Matthew 28:18-20*



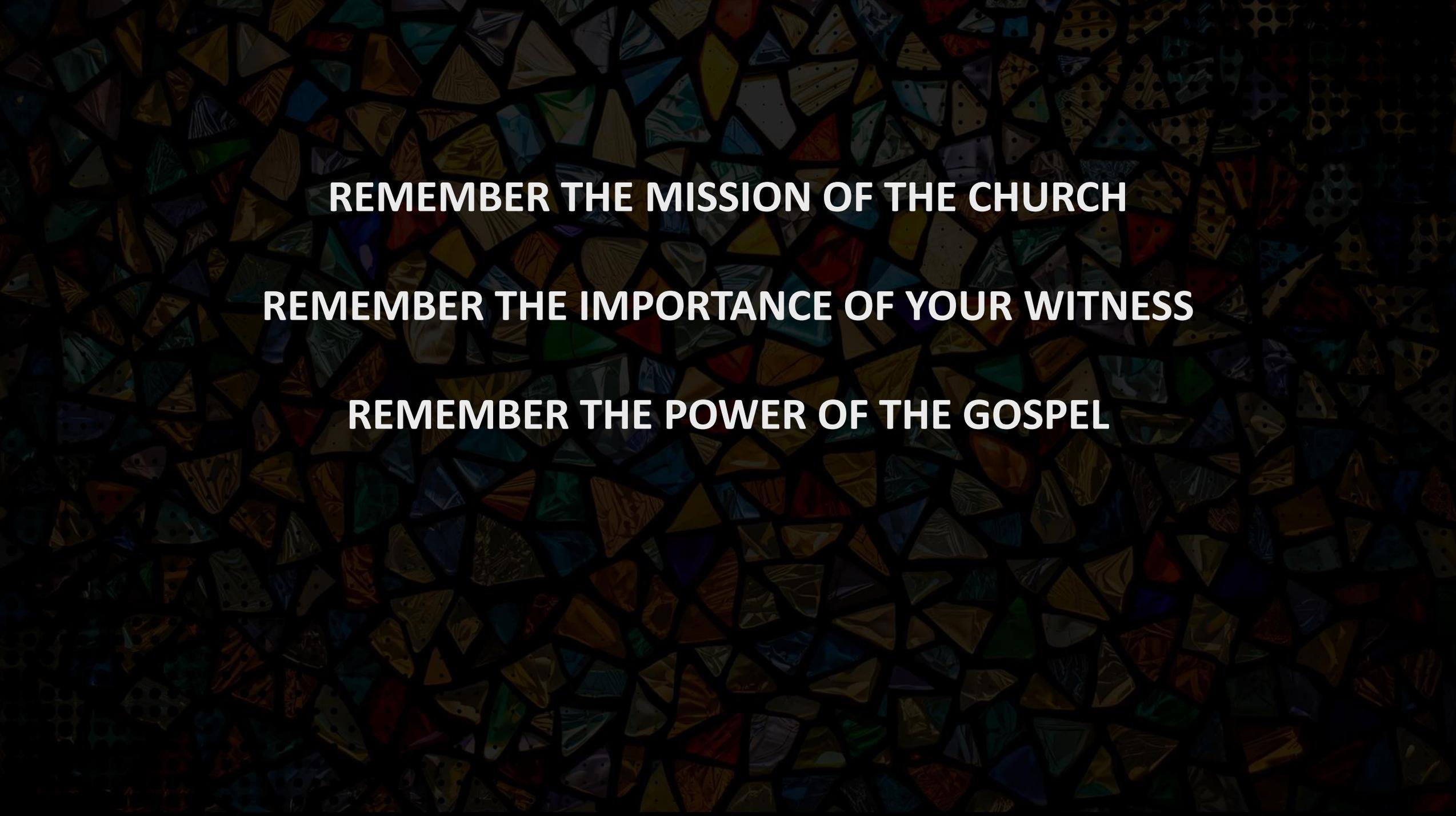
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“I am a rather reserved person and I do not always find it easy to witness. But I have made this my practice, and I urge you to do the same: Assume that whenever you are alone with another person for more than a few moments, you are there by divine appointment to explain to that person the love and forgiveness they can know through faith in Jesus Christ.”

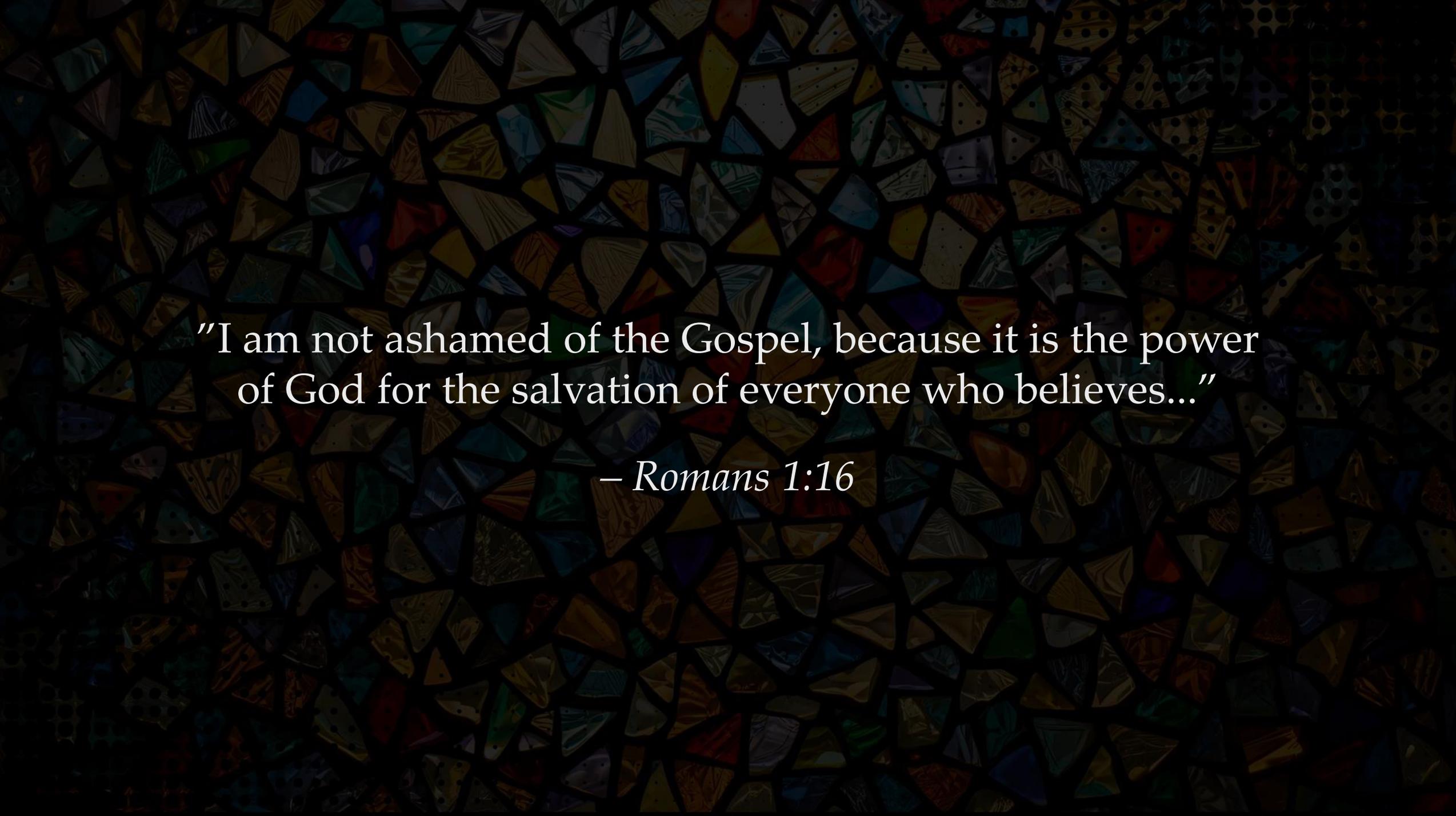
– *Bill Bright, Founder of CRU*



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“I am not ashamed of the Gospel, because it is the power of God for the salvation of everyone who believes...”

– *Romans 1:16*