



# INVESTING IN PEOPLE

MENTORSHIP | ACTS 15:36-16:5

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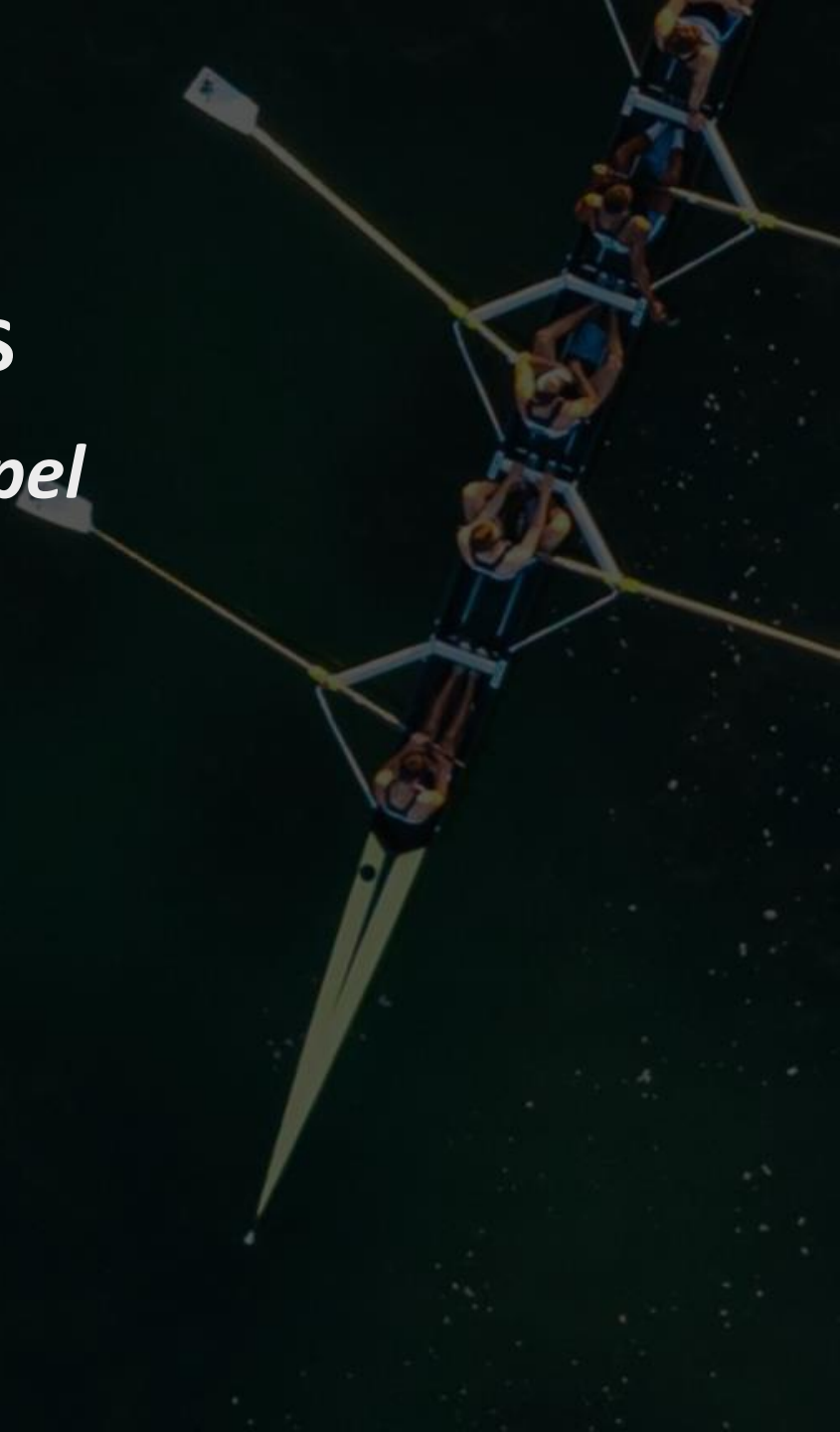


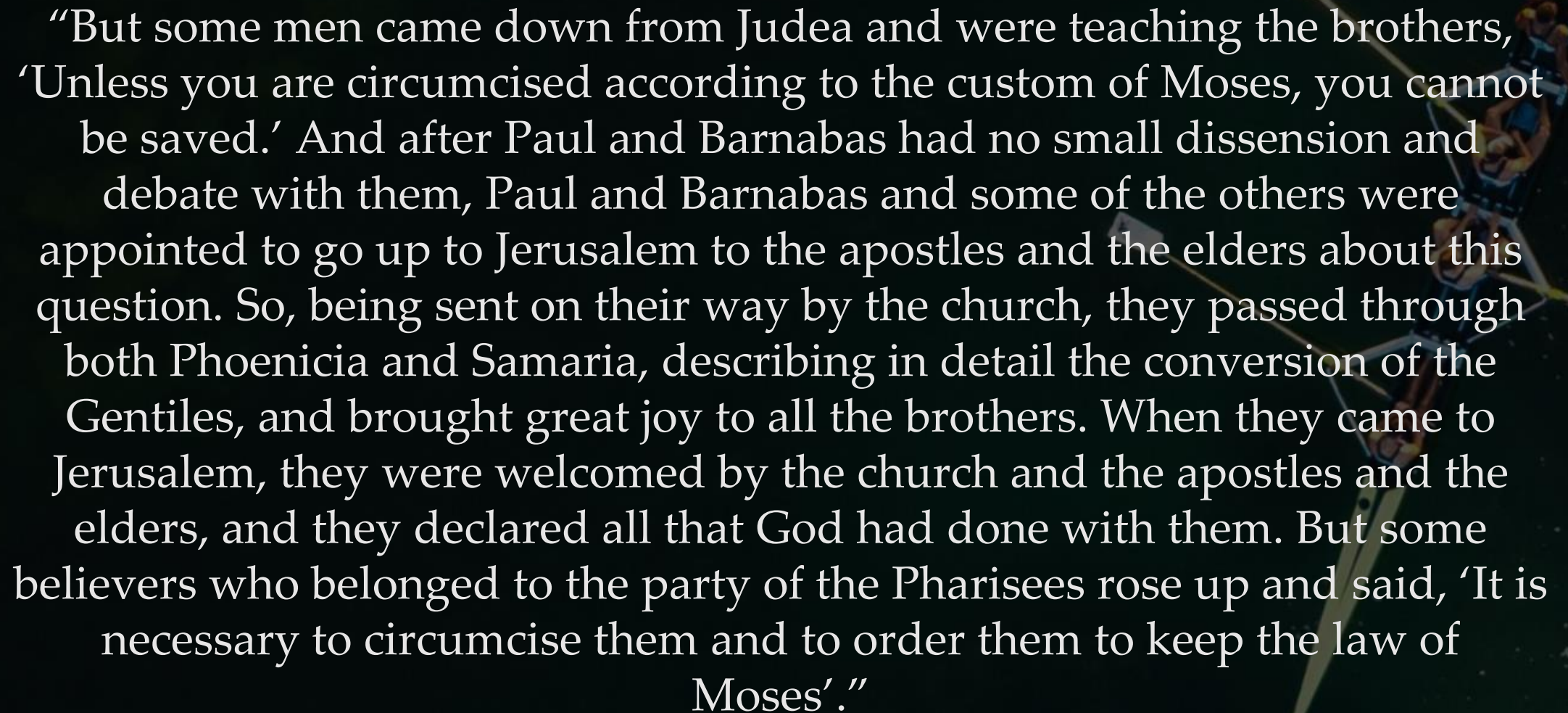
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***A. Fighting for the Core of the Gospel***



A rowing team in a boat on a dark sea at night, illuminated by a bright light source. The rowers are visible in the boat, and the water is dark with some reflections. The background is a dark, starry sky.

“But some men came down from Judea and were teaching the brothers, ‘Unless you are circumcised according to the custom of Moses, you cannot be saved.’ And after Paul and Barnabas had no small dissension and debate with them, Paul and Barnabas and some of the others were appointed to go up to Jerusalem to the apostles and the elders about this question. So, being sent on their way by the church, they passed through both Phoenicia and Samaria, describing in detail the conversion of the Gentiles, and brought great joy to all the brothers. When they came to Jerusalem, they were welcomed by the church and the apostles and the elders, and they declared all that God had done with them. But some believers who belonged to the party of the Pharisees rose up and said, ‘It is necessary to circumcise them and to order them to keep the law of Moses’.”

– *Acts 15:1-5*



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A. **Fighting for the Core of the Gospel**

B. *Sacrificing for the Sake of the Gospel*

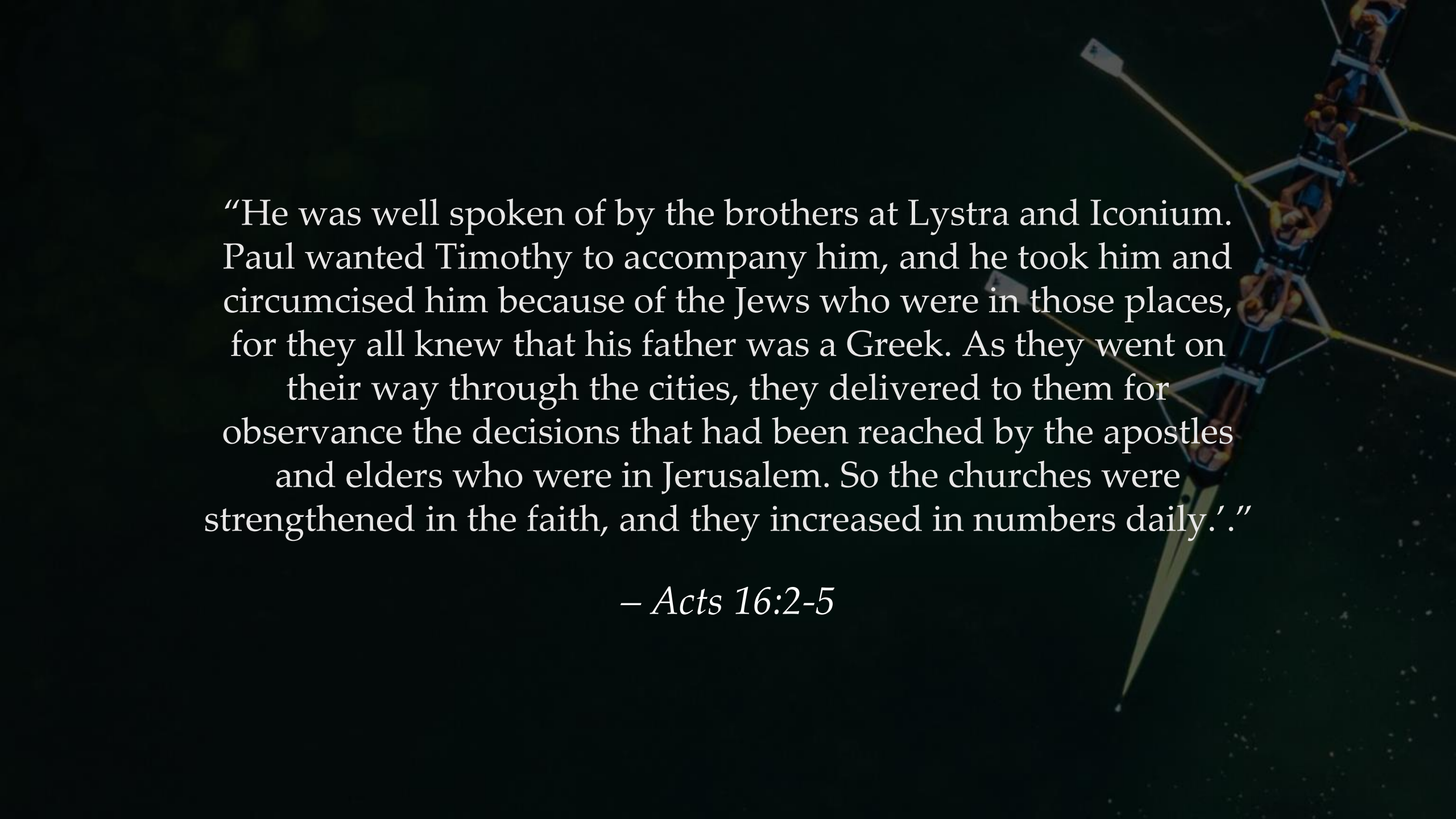


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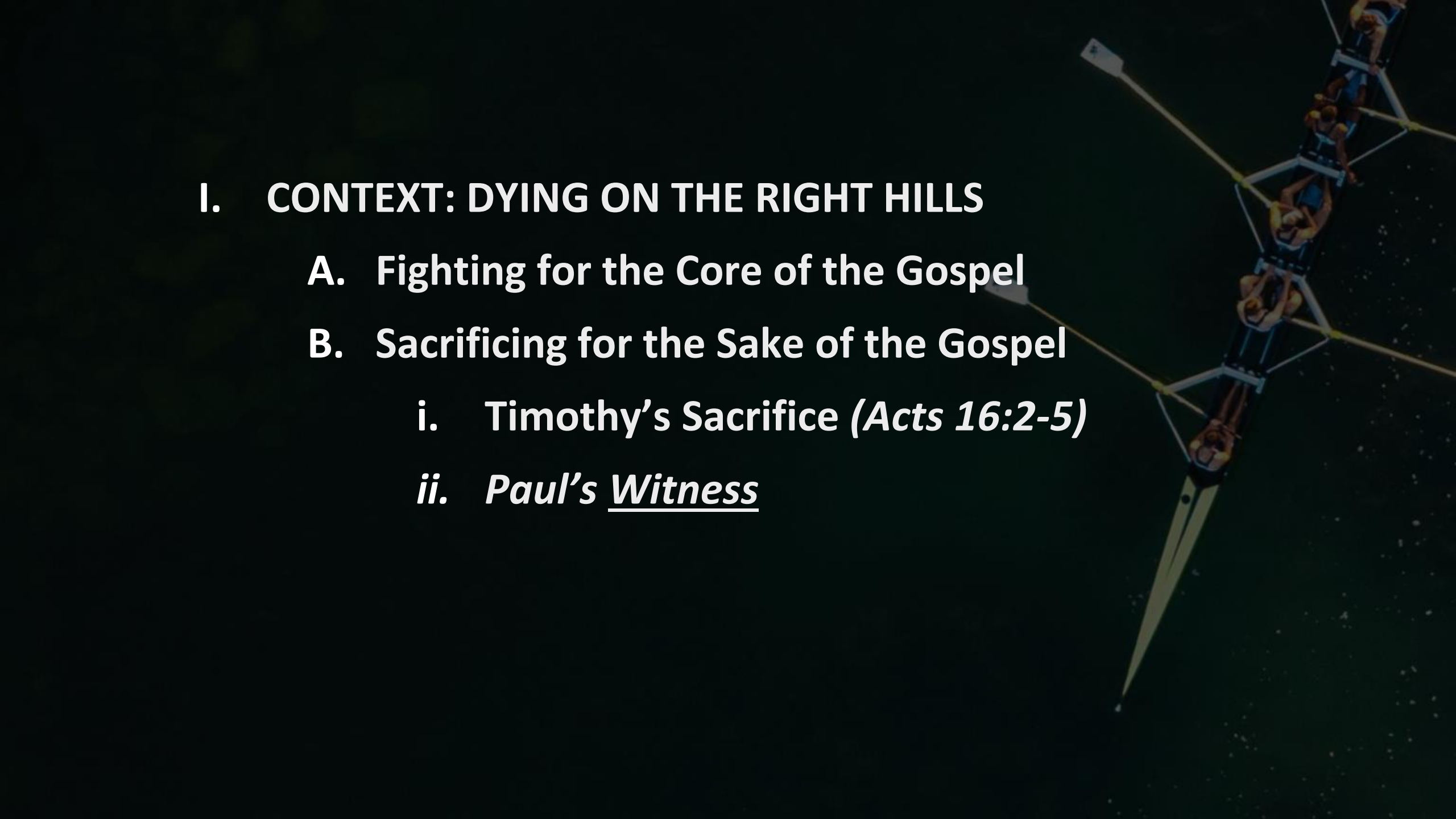
**B. Sacrificing for the Sake of the Gospel**

*i. Timothy's Sacrifice*

A rowing team in a boat on a dark sea at night. The rowers are illuminated by a light source, possibly a moon or a distant light, creating a dramatic silhouette effect. The water is dark, and the sky is also dark, with some faint stars or lights visible in the distance.

“He was well spoken of by the brothers at Lystra and Iconium. Paul wanted Timothy to accompany him, and he took him and circumcised him because of the Jews who were in those places, for they all knew that his father was a Greek. As they went on their way through the cities, they delivered to them for observance the decisions that had been reached by the apostles and elders who were in Jerusalem. So the churches were strengthened in the faith, and they increased in numbers daily.’.”

– *Acts 16:2-5*



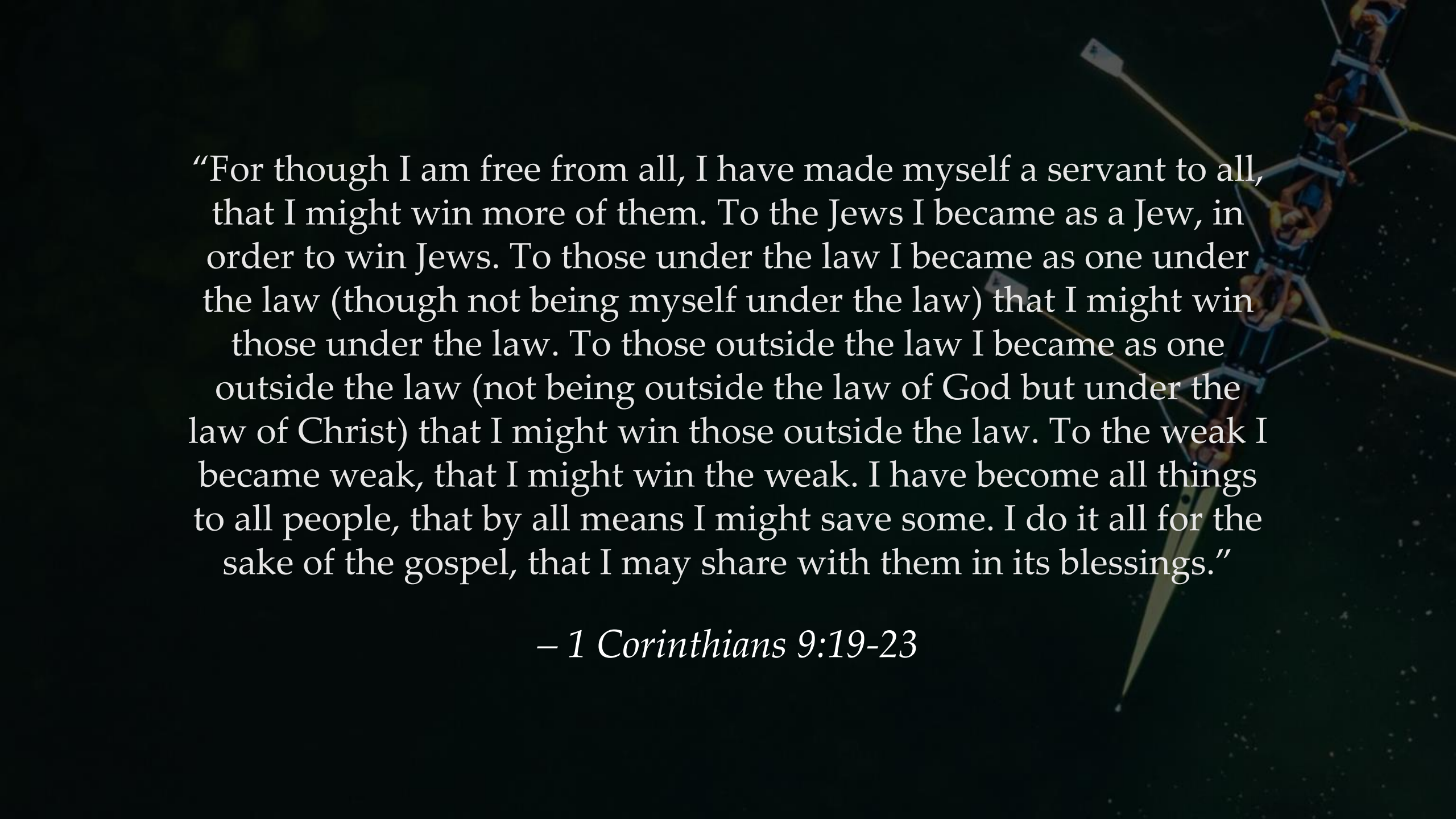
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**ii. Paul's Witness**

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“For though I am free from all, I have made myself a servant to all, that I might win more of them. To the Jews I became as a Jew, in order to win Jews. To those under the law I became as one under the law (though not being myself under the law) that I might win those under the law. To those outside the law I became as one outside the law (not being outside the law of God but under the law of Christ) that I might win those outside the law. To the weak I became weak, that I might win the weak. I have become all things to all people, that by all means I might save some. I do it all for the sake of the gospel, that I may share with them in its blessings.”

– *1 Corinthians 9:19-23*

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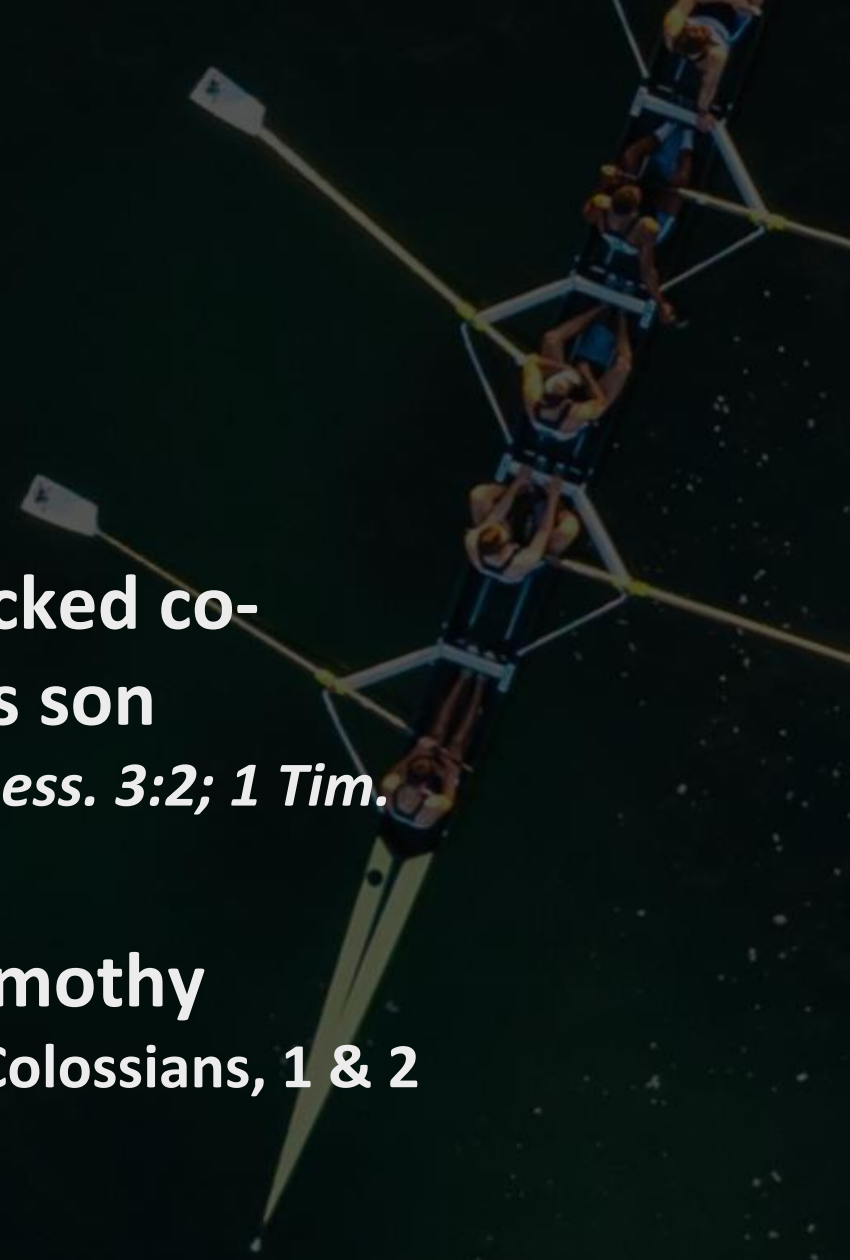
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- i. Progression from hand-picked co-traveler to being called his son  
*(ref. Phil. 2:22, Rom. 16:21; 1 Thess. 3:2; 1 Tim. 1:2; 2 Tim. 1:2; 2 Cor. 1; Col. 1:1)*
- ii. Co-authors letters with Timothy  
*(ref. 2 Corinthians, Philippians, Colossians, 1 & 2 Thessalonians; Philemon)*



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### *B. Endorsement – Laying the Foundation for Success*



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- i. Timothy represents Paul (*ref. 1 Cor. 4:17*)
- ii. Timothy is doing the work and Paul needs him (*ref. 1 Cor. 16:10-11*)
  - *Timothy stands out from the rest*  
(*ref. Philippians 2:19-24*)

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### C. Empowering for the Work

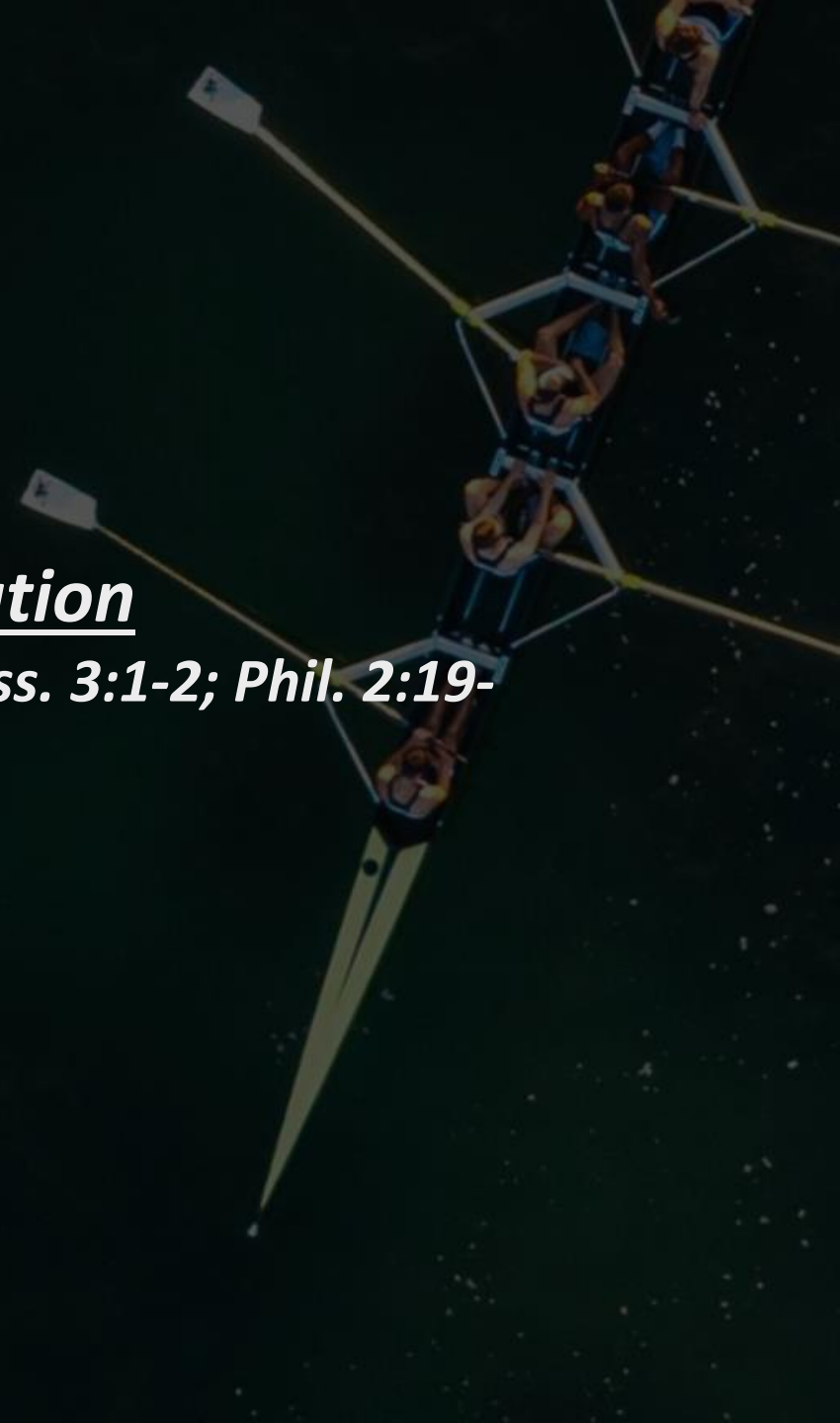


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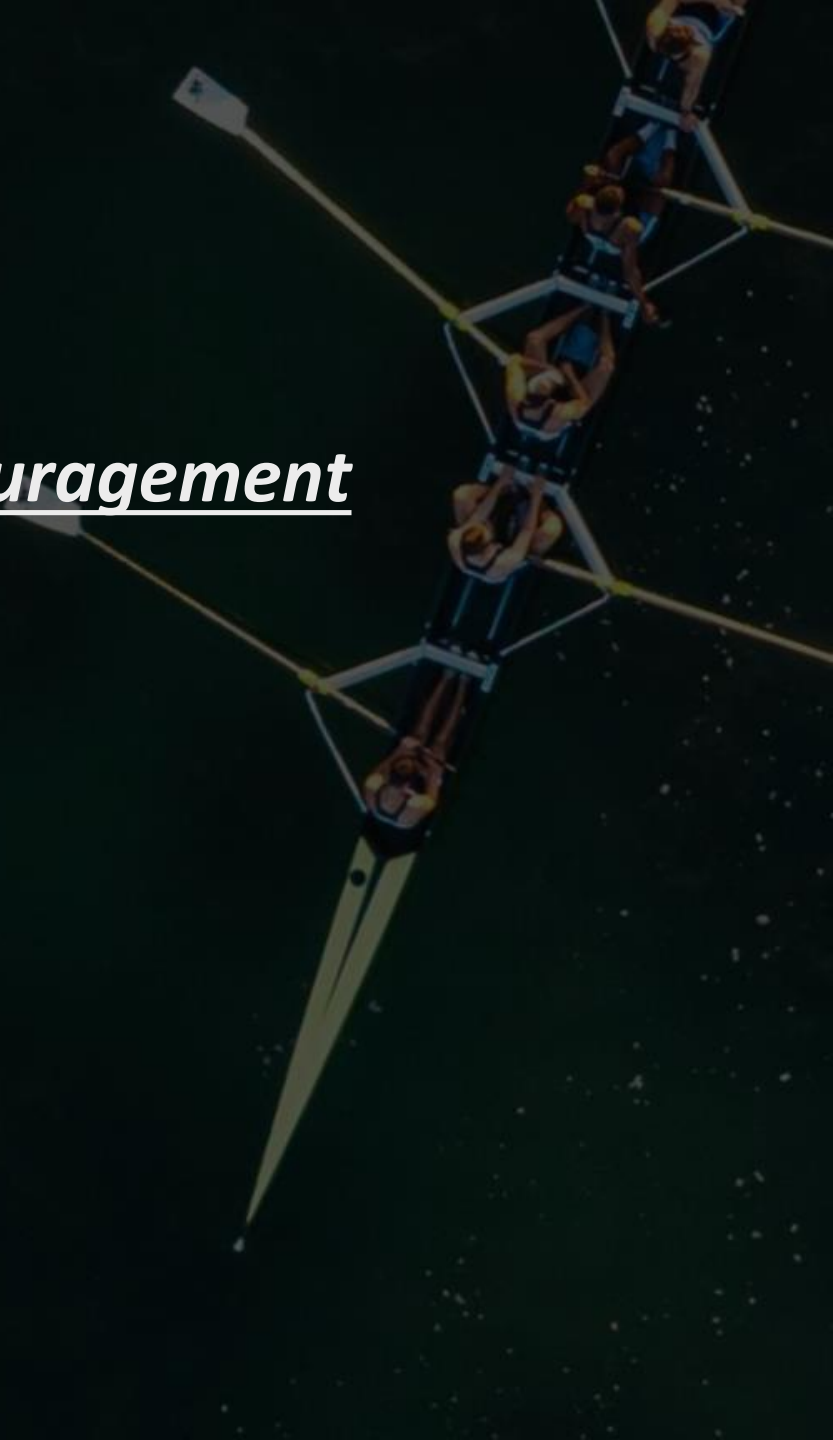
#### *i. Commission after Preparation*

*(ref. 1 Cor. 4:17, 16:10-11; 1 Thess. 3:1-2; Phil. 2:19-24)*



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### *D. Substantive and Authentic Encouragement*



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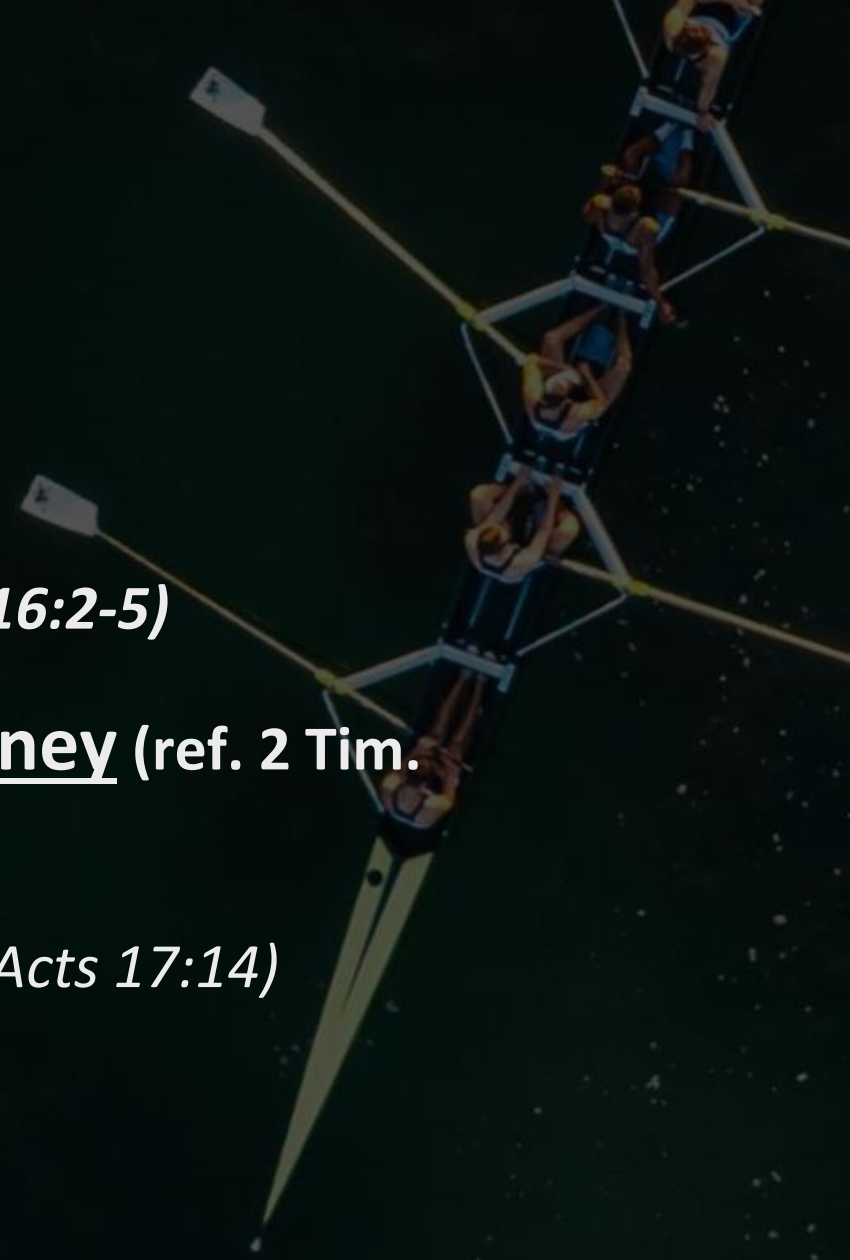
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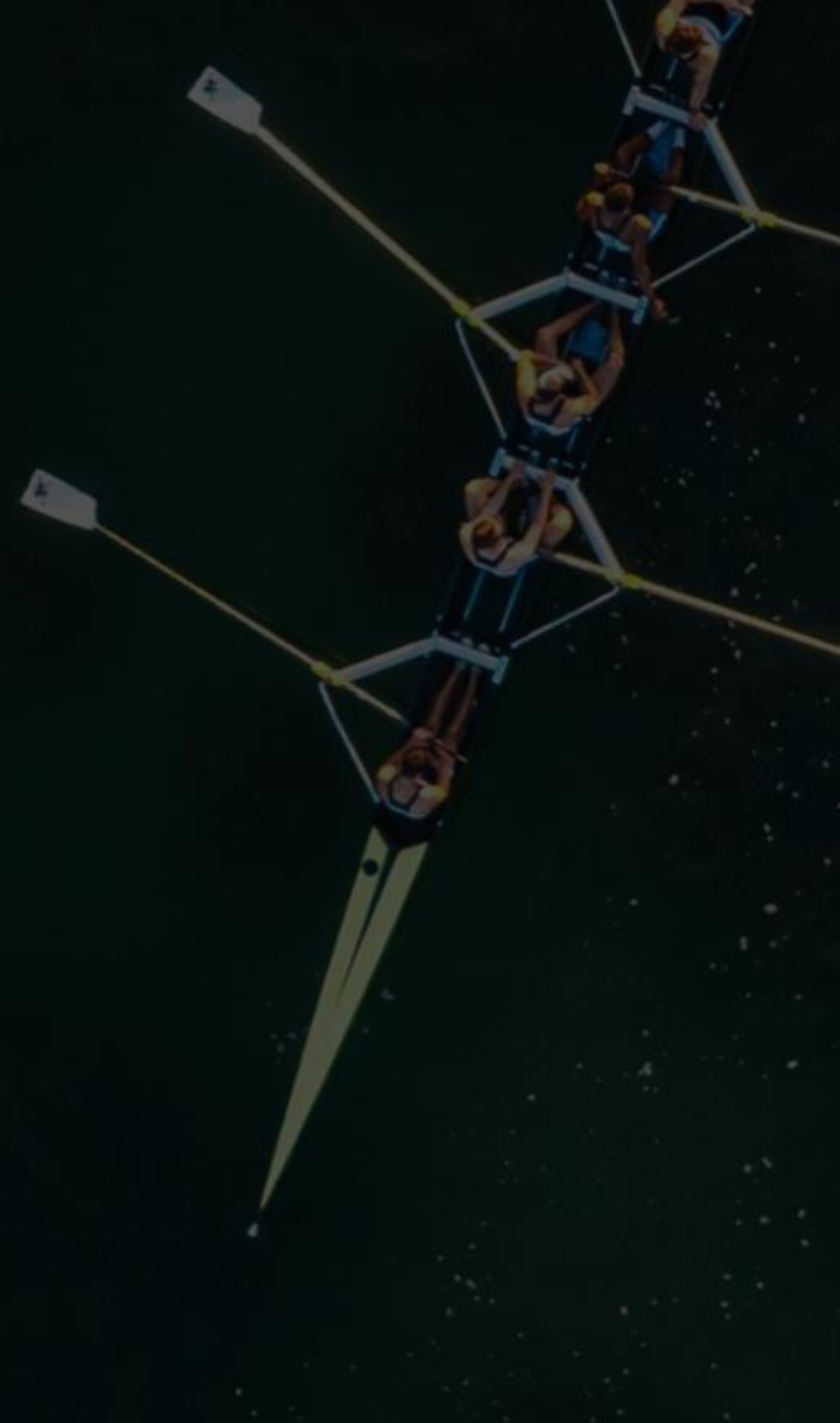
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- i. Clearing the Path (*ref. Acts 16:2-5*)
- ii. Reminding him of his journey (*ref. 2 Tim. 3:14-15*)
- iii. Provides him support (*ref. Acts 17:14*)



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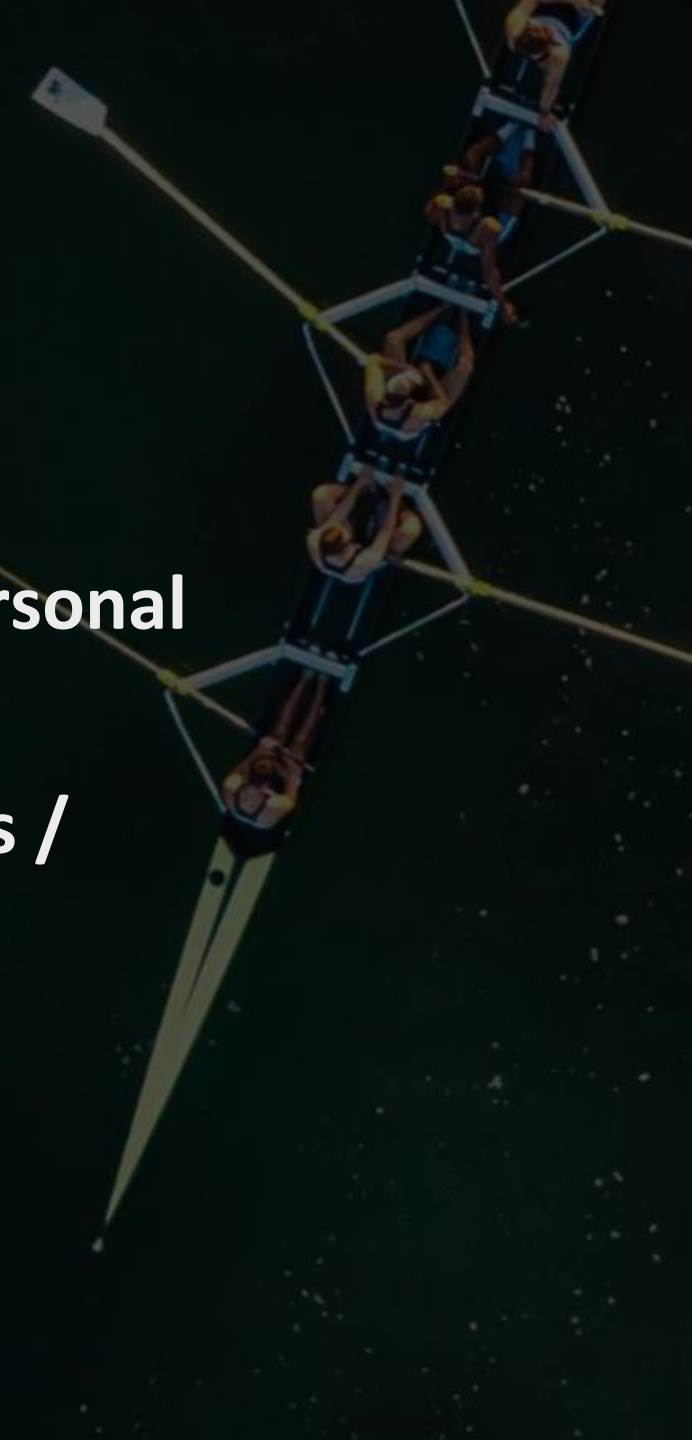
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- i. Giving Hope by Recounting Personal Failure / Chief of Sinners
- ii. Don't Set Unrealistic Standards / Expectations



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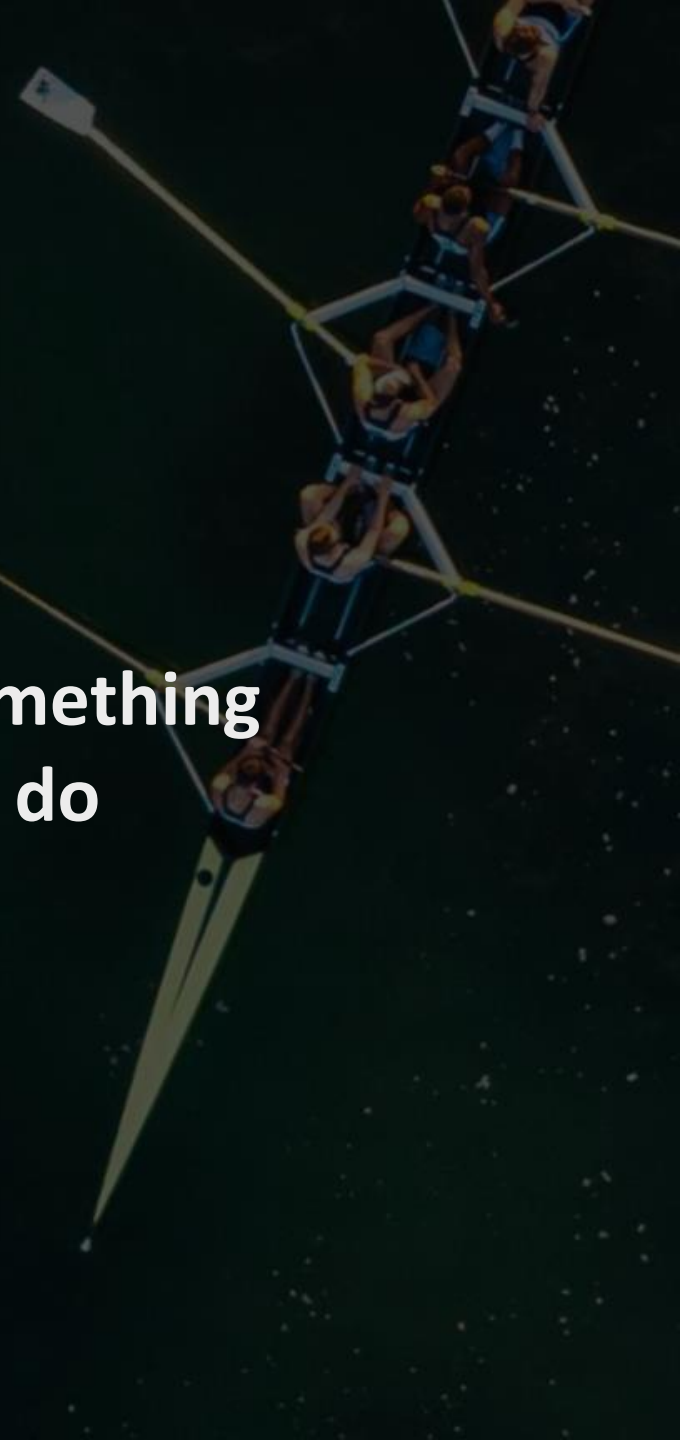
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#### B. Be Willing to Lower Yourself to Build Relationships / Connection

- i. Don't ask anyone else to do something that you wouldn't be willing to do yourself (*ref. 1 Cor. 9:19-23*)
- ii. Asks Timothy to do the same (*ref. Acts 16:3*)



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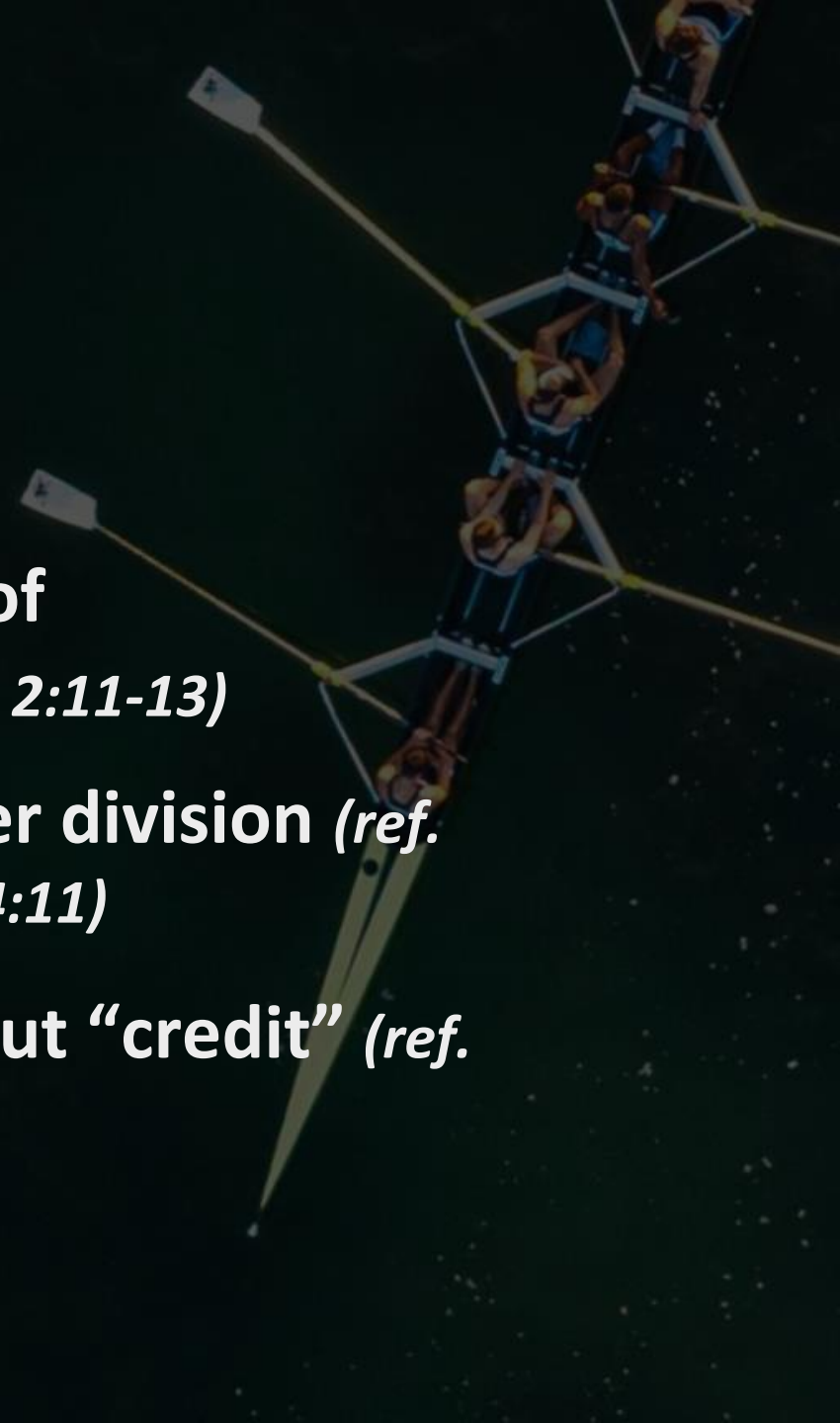
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- i. Barnabas – Trust in spite of disagreement (*ref. Galatians 2:11-13*)
- ii. Mark – Reconciliation after division (*ref. Acts 15:38; 1 Peter 5:14; 2 Tim. 4:11*)
- iii. Silas – Not concerned about “credit” (*ref. Acts 15:22; 1 Peter 5:12*)

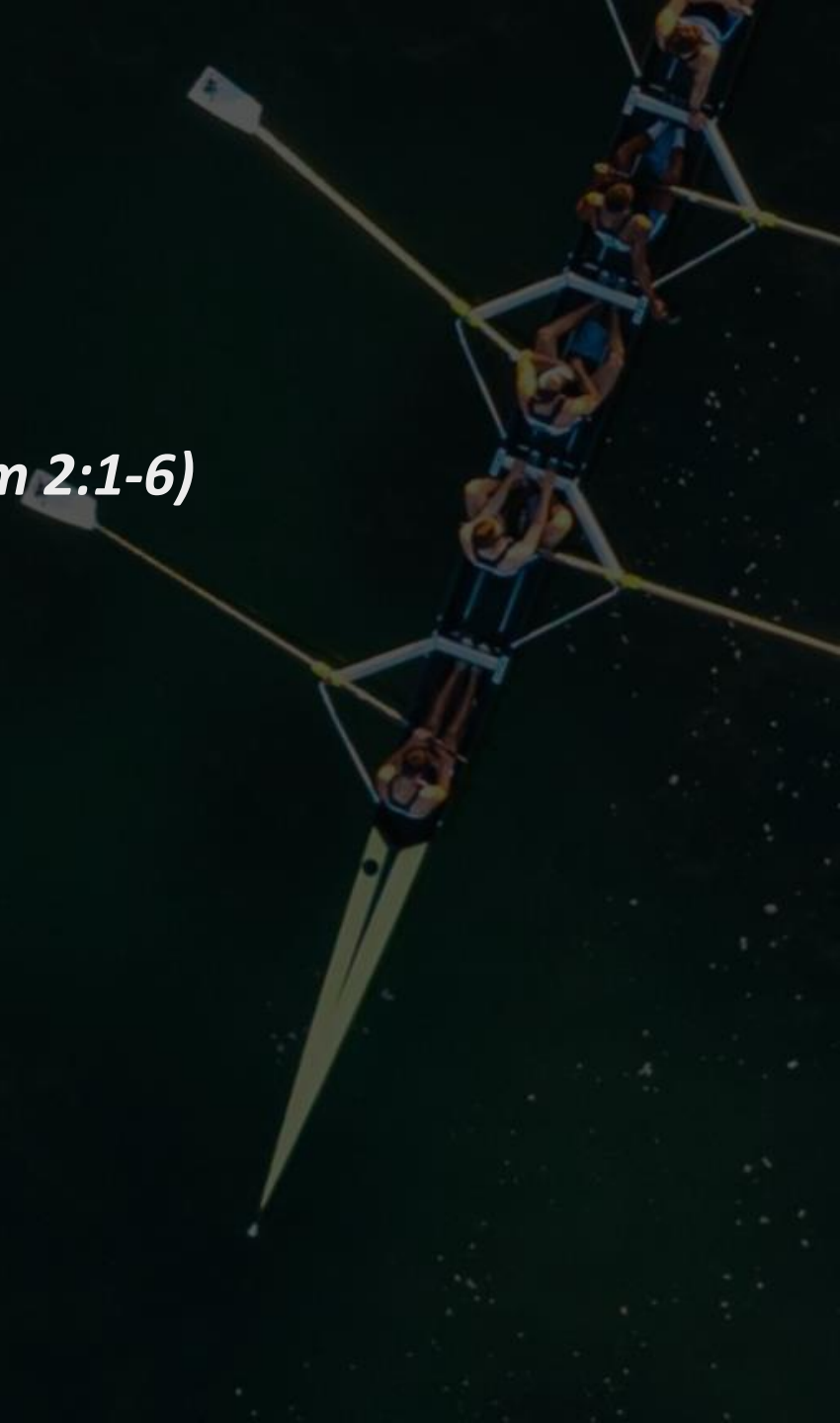


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### A. Soldier, Runner, Farmer *(ref. 2 Tim 2:1-6)*



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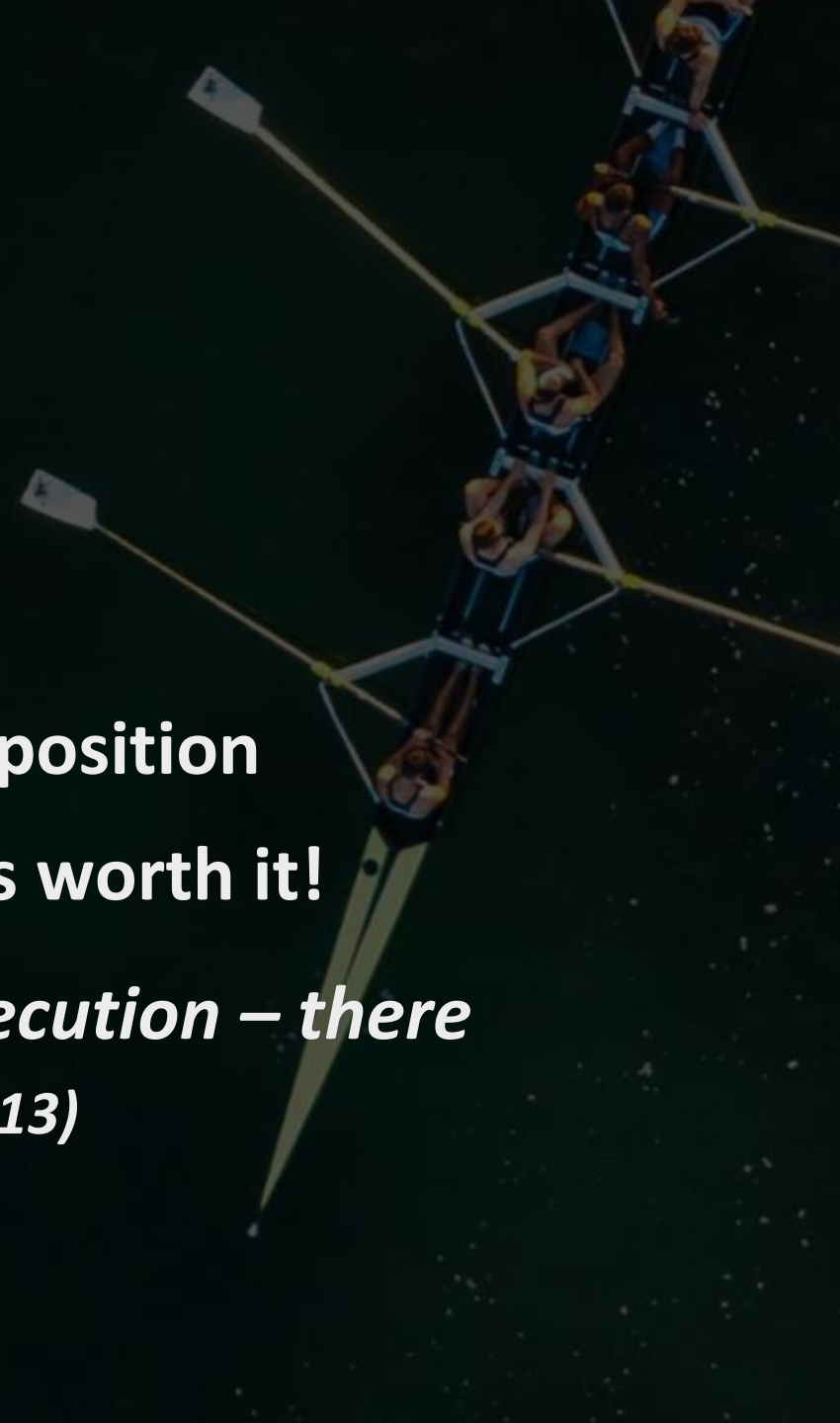
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ii. *There will always be persecution – there is no Utopia (ref. 2 Tim. 3:12-13)*



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- D. *Don't Give Up on Others*
  - *Mark, Silas, Barnabas*



**V. LEAVING A LEGACY**



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### A. *Paul's Example*



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B. Relevance – *make a difference that lasts*

