A SERIES IN

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OUR IDENTITY, CALLING, & CONDUCT
TOGETHER IN CHRIST



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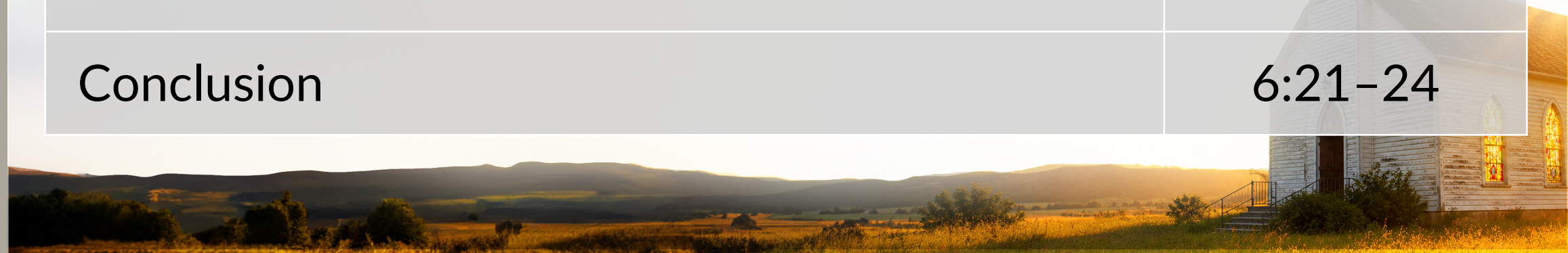
Ephesians 4:7–16



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#1 | THE SOURCE

Ephesians 4:7–10



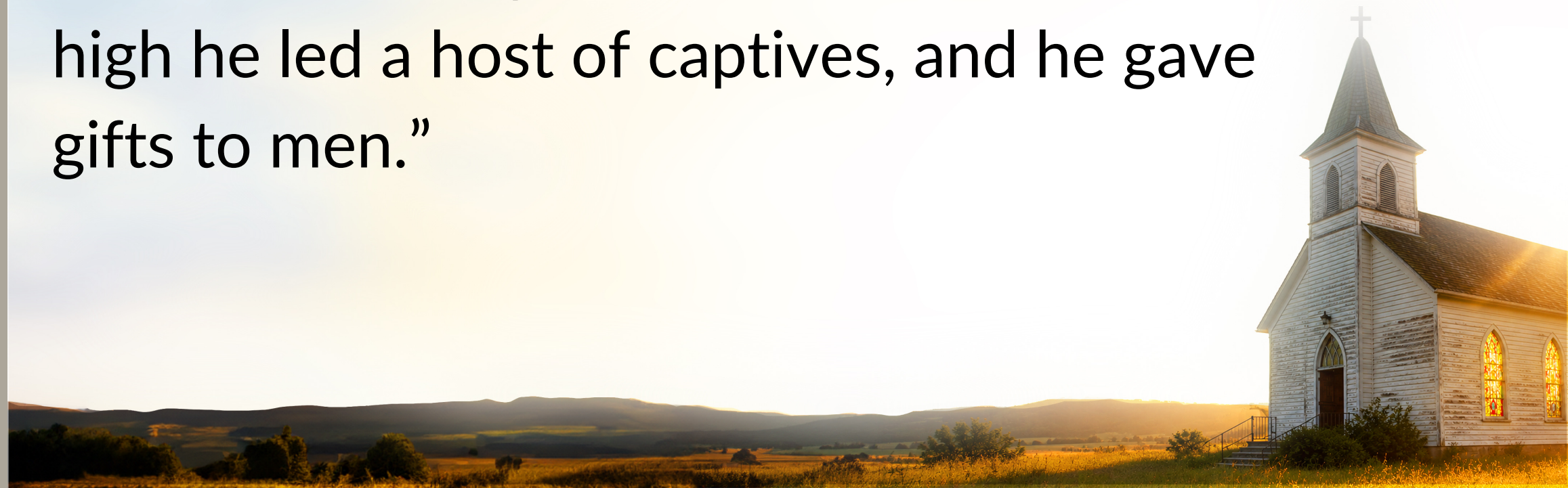
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EPHESIANS 4:7–10

7 But grace was given to each one of us
according to the measure of Christ's gift.

8 Therefore it says, "When he ascended on
high he led a host of captives, and he gave
gifts to men."

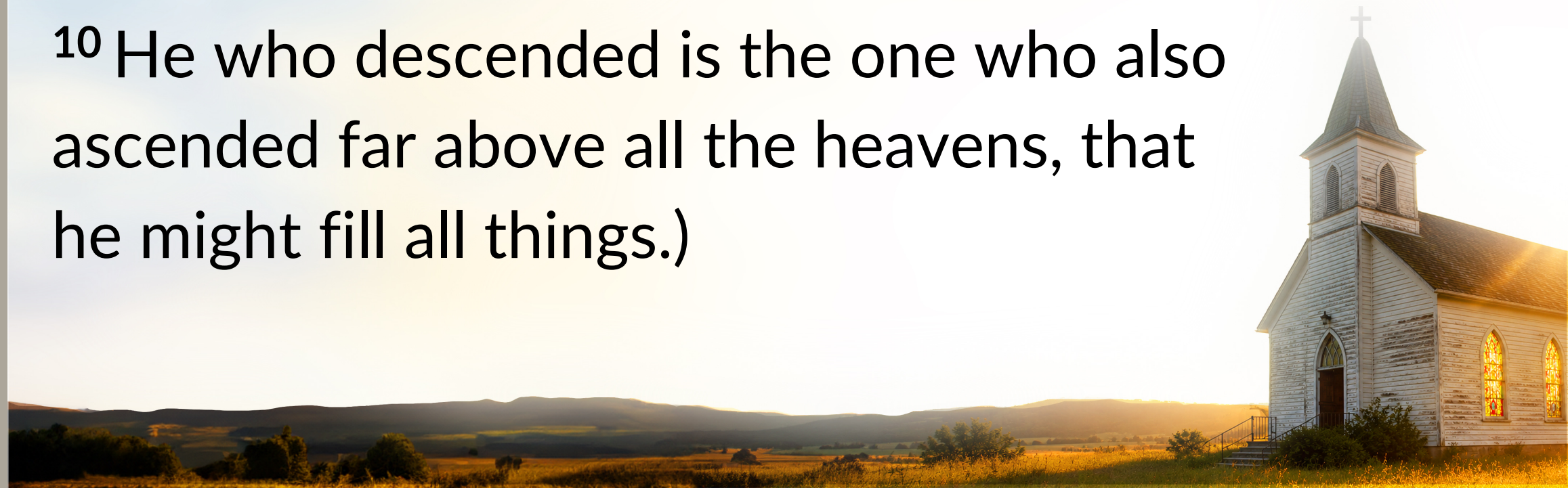


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9 (In saying, “He ascended,” what does it mean
but that he had also descended into the lower
regions, the earth?
10 He who descended is the one who also
ascended far above all the heavens, that
he might fill all things.)



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PSALM 68:17–18

17 The chariots of God are twice ten thousand,
thousands upon thousands; the Lord is among
them; Sinai is now in the sanctuary.
18 You ascended on high, leading a host of
captives in your train and receiving gifts
among men, even among the rebellious,
that the LORD God may dwell there.

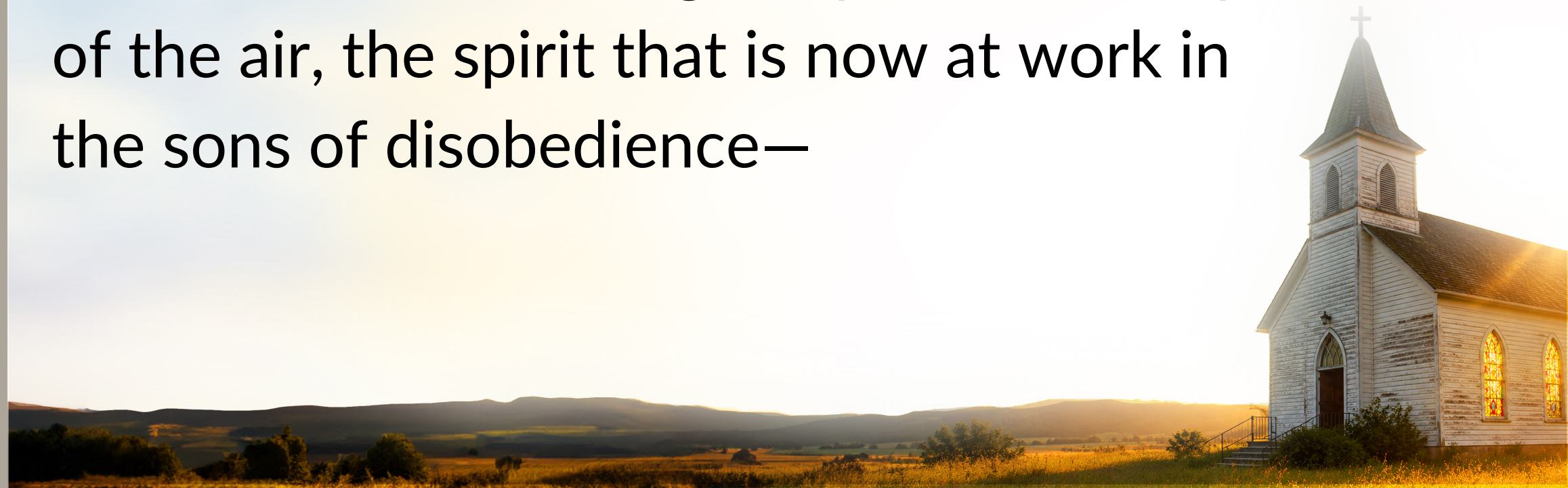


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EPHESIANS 2:1–3

1 And you were dead in the trespasses and sins
2 in which you once walked, following the course
of this world, following the prince of the power
of the air, the spirit that is now at work in
the sons of disobedience—



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EPHESIANS 2:1–3

3 among whom we all once lived in the passions
of our flesh, carrying out the desires of the body
and the mind, and were by nature children of
wrath, like the rest of mankind.



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EPHESIANS 2:4–6

4 But God, being rich in mercy, because of the
great love with which he loved us,
5 even when we were dead in our trespasses,
made us alive together with Christ—by
grace you have been saved—



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EPHESIANS 2:4–6

6 and raised us up with him and seated us with
him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus,



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EPHESIANS 1:7

7 In him we have redemption through his blood,
the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to
the riches of his grace,

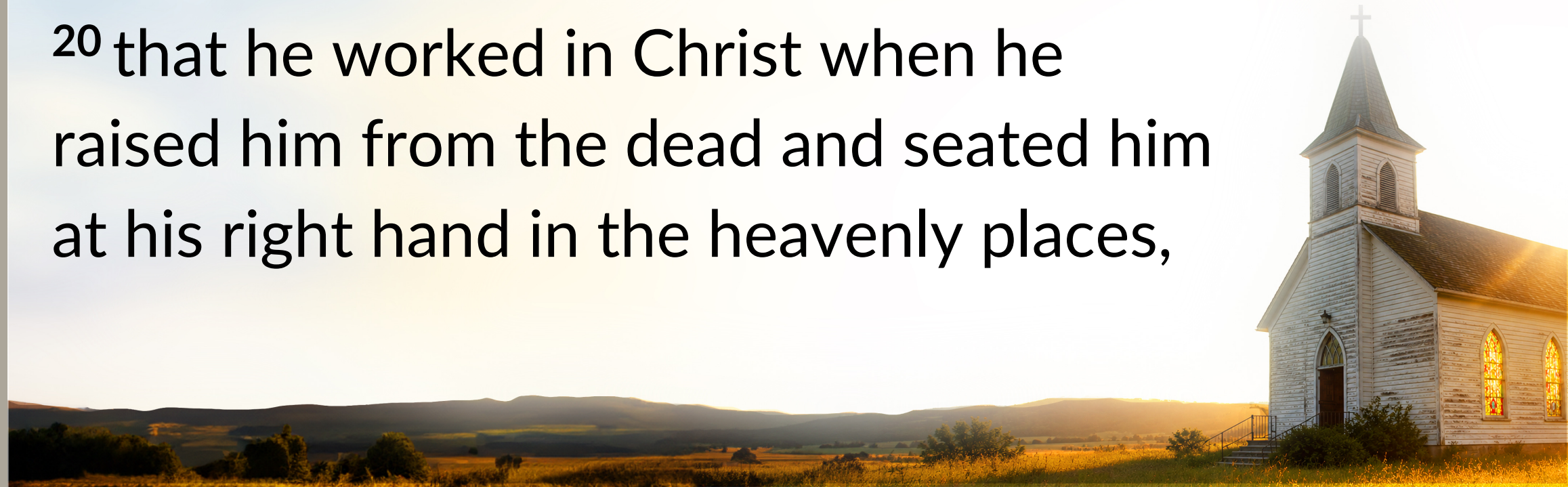


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EPHESIANS 1:19b–23

19 what is the immeasurable greatness of his
power toward us who believe, according to the
working of his great might
20 that he worked in Christ when he
raised him from the dead and seated him
at his right hand in the heavenly places,



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EPHESIANS 1:19b–23

21 far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the one to come.



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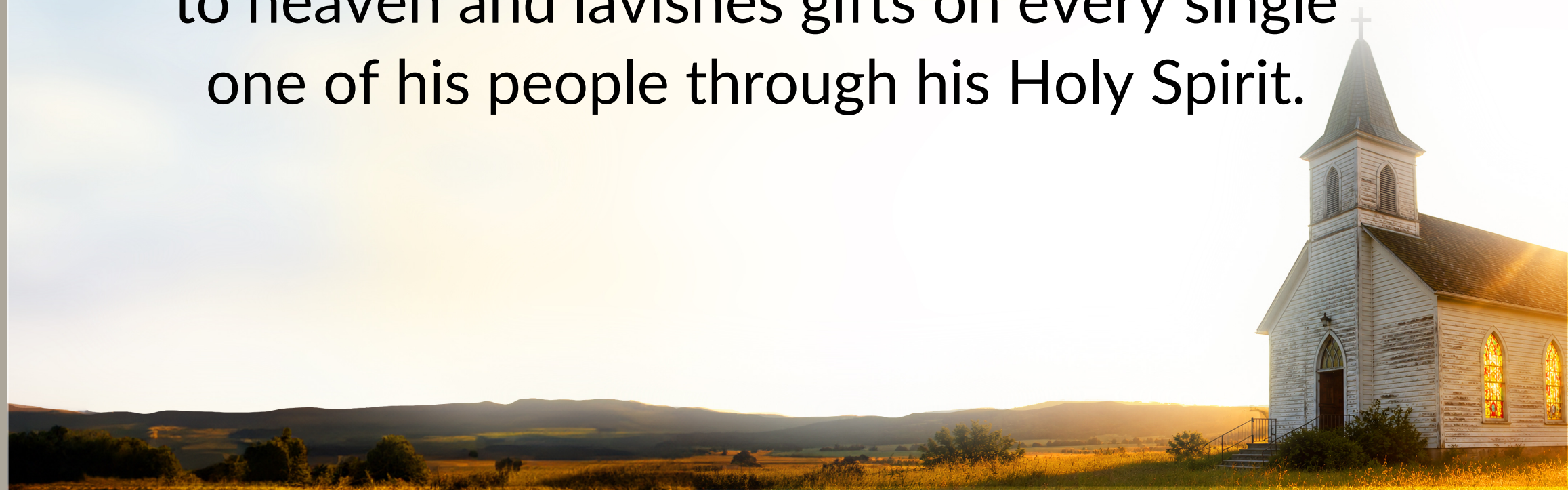
22 And he put all things under his feet and gave
him as head over all things to the church,
23 which is his body, the fullness of him
who fills all in all.



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THE SOURCE

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#2 | THE PURPOSE

Ephesians 4:11–13



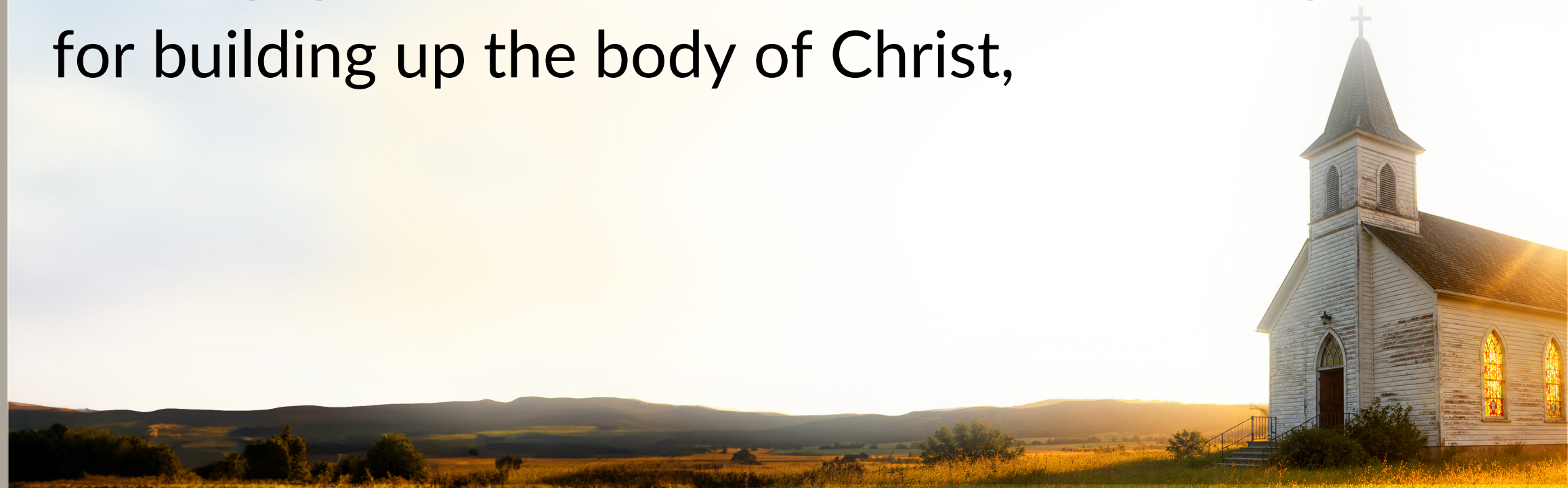
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11 And he gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the shepherds and teachers,

12 to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ,



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EPHESIANS 4:11–13

13 until we all attain to the unity of the faith and
of the knowledge of the Son of God, to mature
manhood, to the measure of the stature of the
fullness of Christ,



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EPHESIANS 3:7

7 Of this gospel I was made a minister according
to the gift of God's grace, which was given me by
the working of his power.

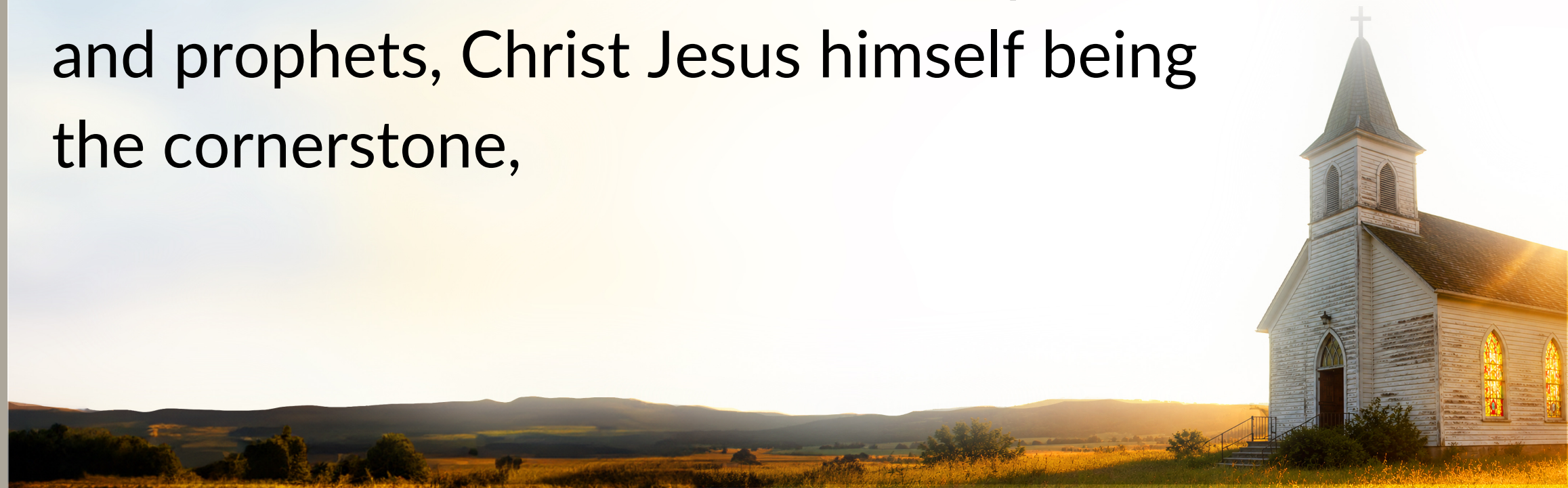


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EPHESIANS 2:19b–20

19 but you are fellow citizens with the saints and
members of the household of God,
20 built on the foundation of the apostles
and prophets, Christ Jesus himself being
the cornerstone,

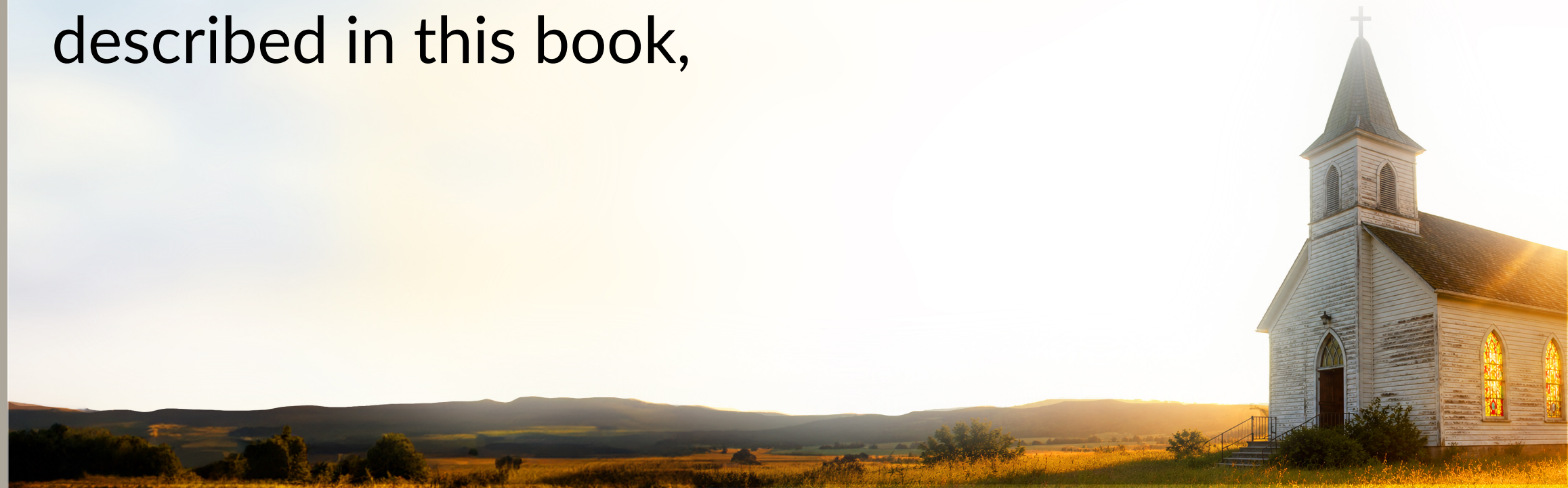


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REVELATION 22:18–20

18 I warn everyone who hears the words of the
prophecy of this book: if anyone adds to them,
God will add to him the plagues
described in this book,



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REVELATION 22:18–20

19 and if anyone takes away from the words of
the book of this prophecy, God will take away
his share in the tree of life and in the
holy city, which are described in
this book.



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REVELATION 22:18–20

20 He who testifies to these things says, “Surely I
am coming soon.” Amen. Come, Lord Jesus!



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EPHESIANS 2:10

10 For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.



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EPHESIANS 4:3b–6

3 the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.

4 There is one body and one Spirit—just as you were called to the one hope that belongs to your call—



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5 one Lord, one faith, one baptism,

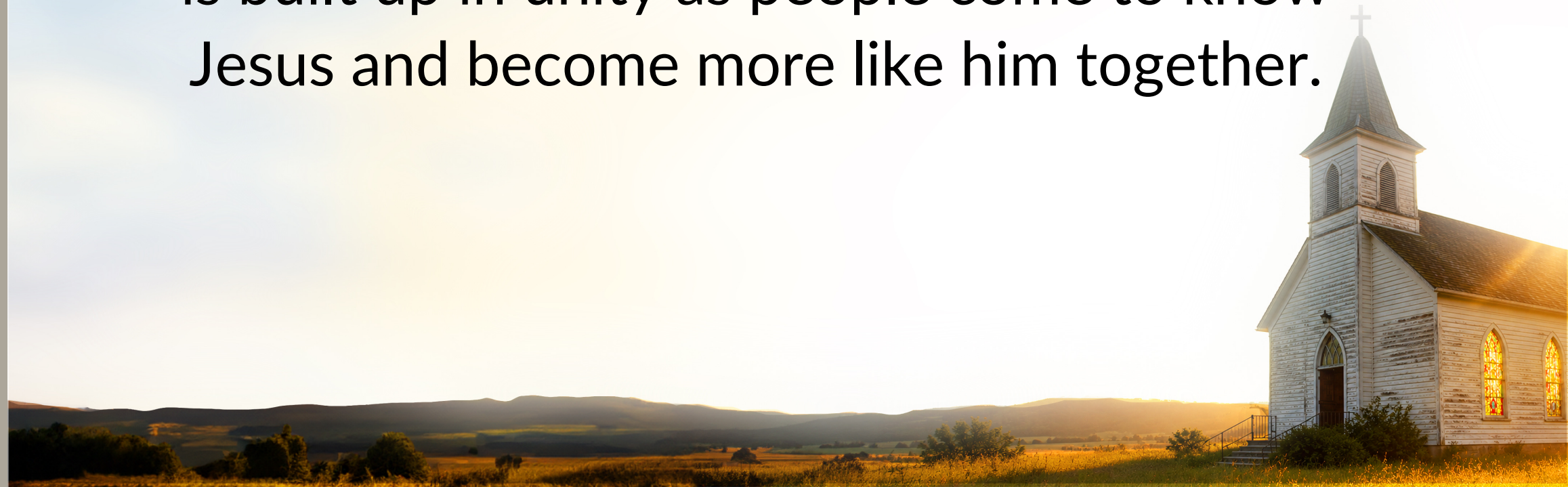
6 one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all.



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THE PURPOSE

The **Purpose** for which we are given spiritual gifts is to serve others so that Christ's body is built up in unity as people come to know Jesus and become more like him together.



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#2 | THE PURPOSE

Ephesians 4:11–13



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#3 | THE RESULT

Ephesians 4:14–16



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14 so that we may no longer be children, tossed to and fro by the waves and carried about by every wind of doctrine, by human cunning, by craftiness in deceitful schemes.



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15 Rather, speaking the truth in love, we are to
grow up in every way into him who is the head,
into Christ,



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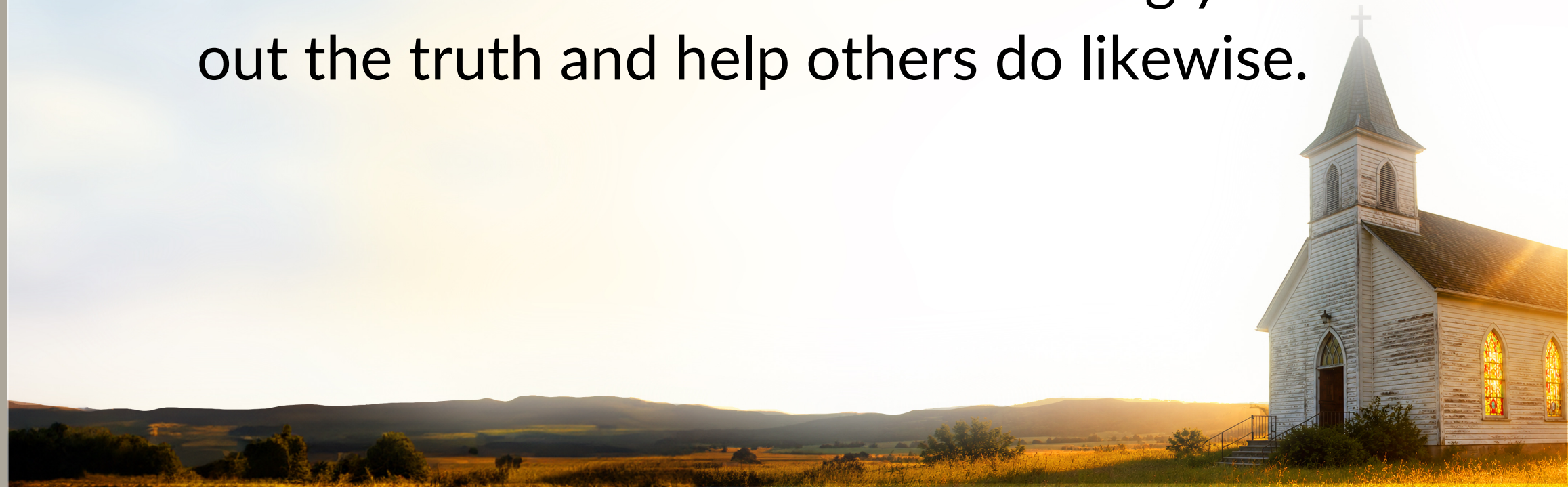
16 from whom the whole body, joined and held
together by every joint with which it is equipped,
when each part is working properly, makes
the body grow so that it builds itself up
in love.



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THE RESULT

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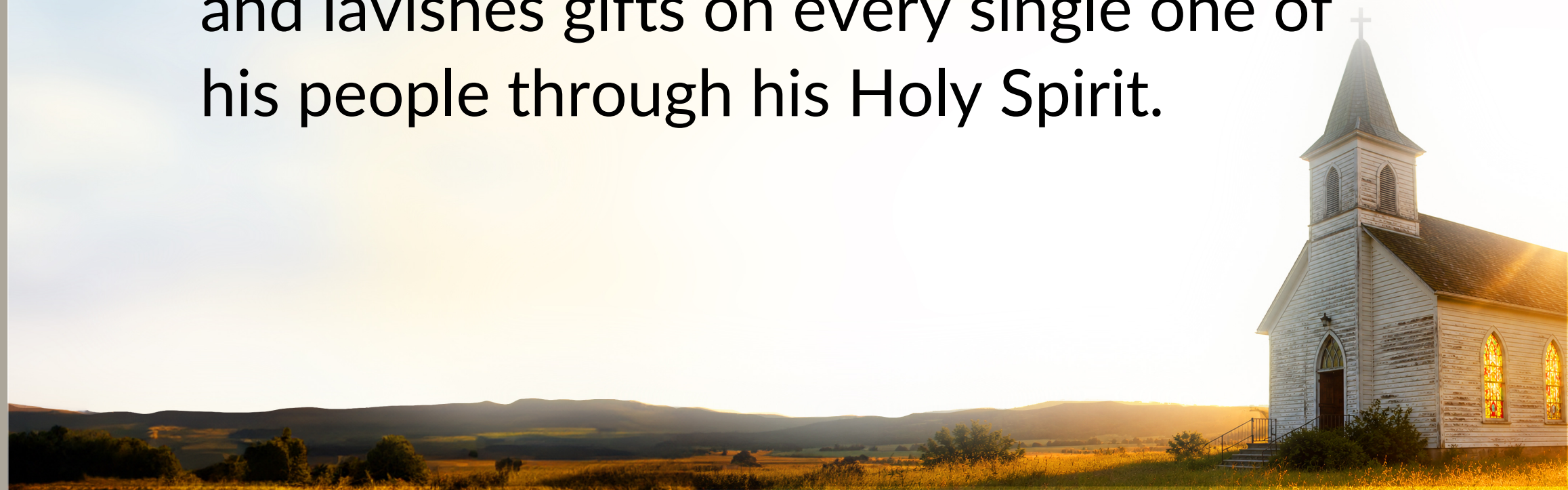
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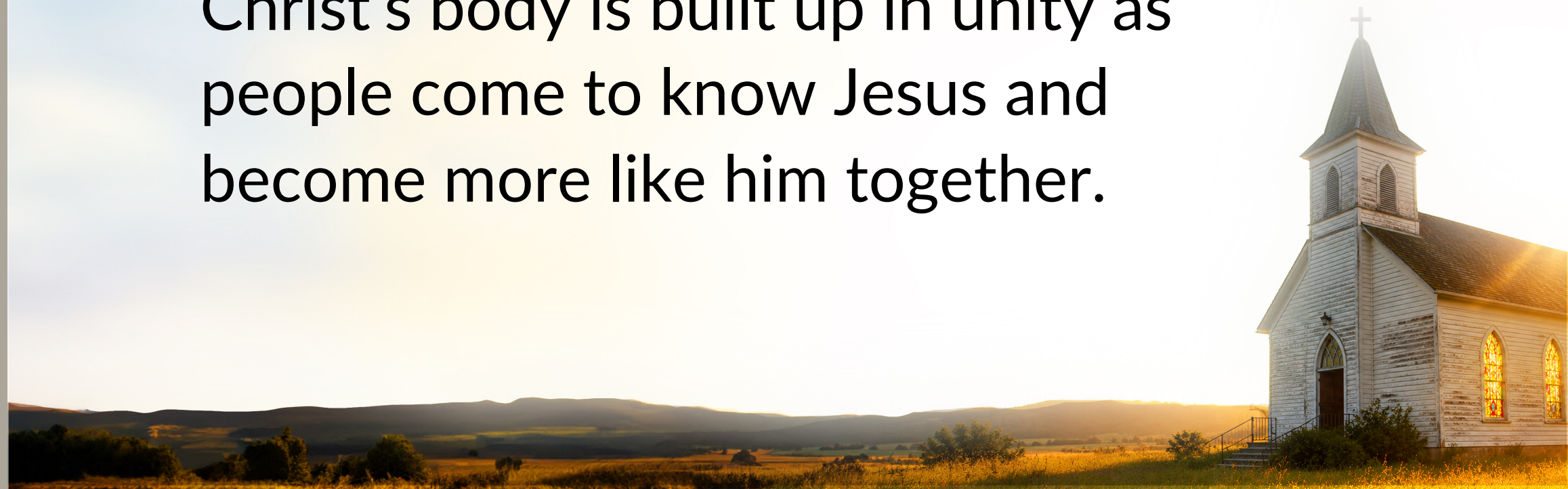
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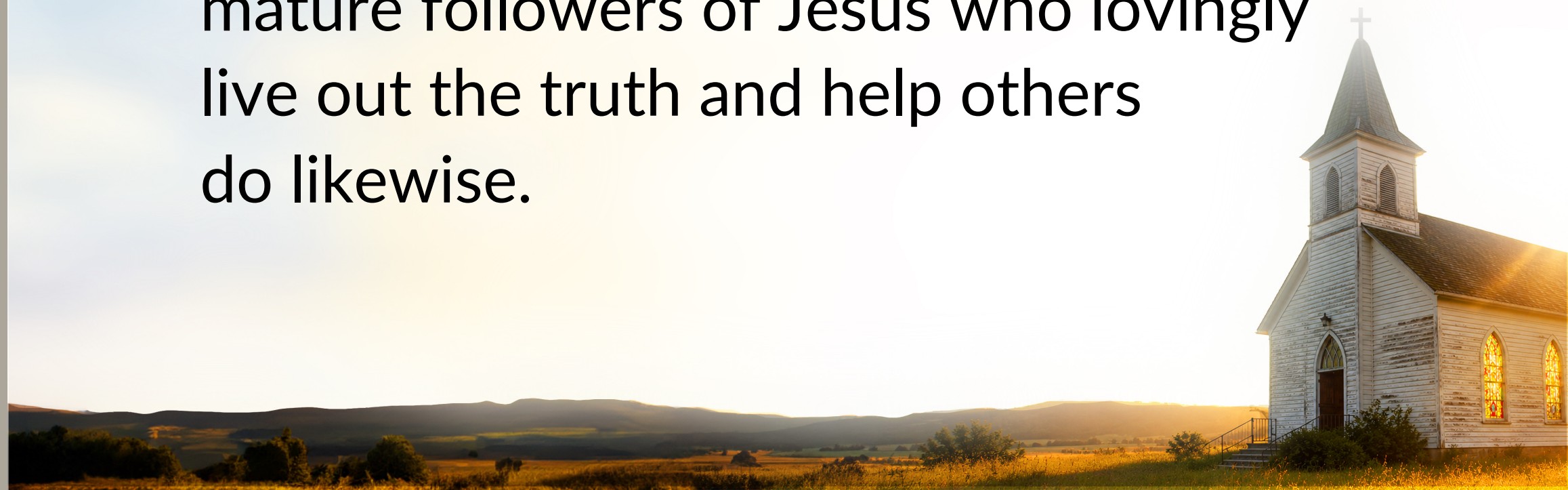
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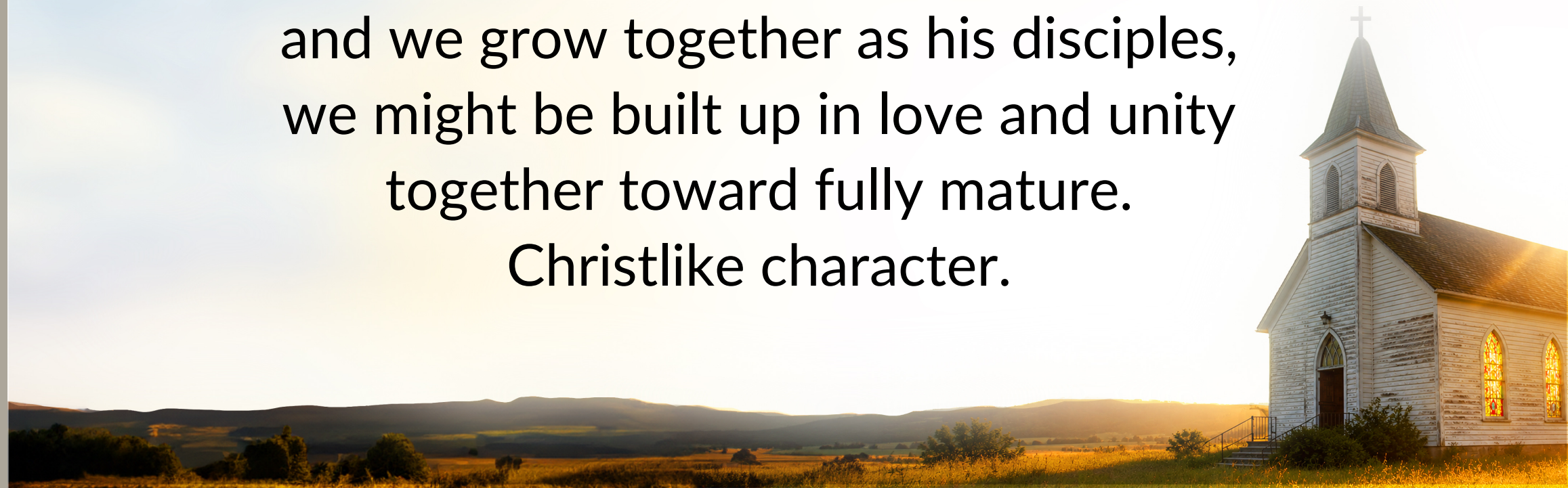
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CONCLUSION

Jesus gives every believer spiritual gifts with which to serve others so that, as people come to know Jesus and we grow together as his disciples, we might be built up in love and unity together toward fully mature. Christlike character.



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SERVE

- Find out how God's gifted you by serving.
- Develop those gifts by serving.
- Help others grow as disciples of Jesus by serving.

KEEP SERVING



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