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BREATHING

THE WORD IN & THROUGH US

“Eventually, a post-Christian society moves from assuming Christian values to ignoring them, to resenting them, to repressing them, and eventually to persecuting them. What was once Christian and is now post-Christian will eventually become anti-Christian.”

— JMC

BREATHING

The Spirit clearly says that in later times some will abandon the faith and follow deceiving spirits and things taught by demons. Such teachings come through hypocritical liars, whose consciences have been seared as with a hot iron.

1 Timothy 4:1-2

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**Not going to church because
of the "hypocrites" is like**



**not going to the gym because
of "out of shape people"**

**WHEN SOMEONE AT CHURCH
GIVES YOU A WORD**



**THAT DOESNT MAKE ANY
SENSE**

When you post an inspirational verse
& someone says "I needed that"



**WHEN A STRANGER
TALKS TO ME
ABOUT JESUS**



GNOSTICISM

This word comes from the Greek term “gnosis” meaning knowledge or science.

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3 INGREDIENTS OF DECONSTRUCTION

Cynicism = Disillusionment

Consumerism = Entitlement

Humanism = Outrage

BREATHING

They used to say to you, “In the last days there will be scoffers, following after their own ungodly passions.” These are the ones who are [agitators] causing divisions—worldly-minded [secular, unspiritual, carnal, merely sensual—unsaved], devoid of the Spirit.

— Jude 1:18,19 AMP

BREATHING

Timothy, protect what has been entrusted to you, avoiding worldly, empty chatter and the opposing arguments of what is falsely called “knowledge” — which some have professed and thereby have gone astray from the faith.

— 1 Timothy 6:20-21 NASB

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I know that after I leave, savage wolves will come in among you and will not spare the flock. Even from your own number men will arise and distort the truth in order to draw away disciples after them.

– Acts 20:29-30

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Concerning the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and our being gathered to him, we ask you, brothers and sisters, not to become easily unsettled or alarmed by the teaching allegedly from us — whether by a prophecy or by word of mouth or by letter — asserting that the day of the Lord has already come. Don't let anyone deceive you in any way, for that day will not come until the rebellion (apostasy) occurs and the man of lawlessness is revealed.

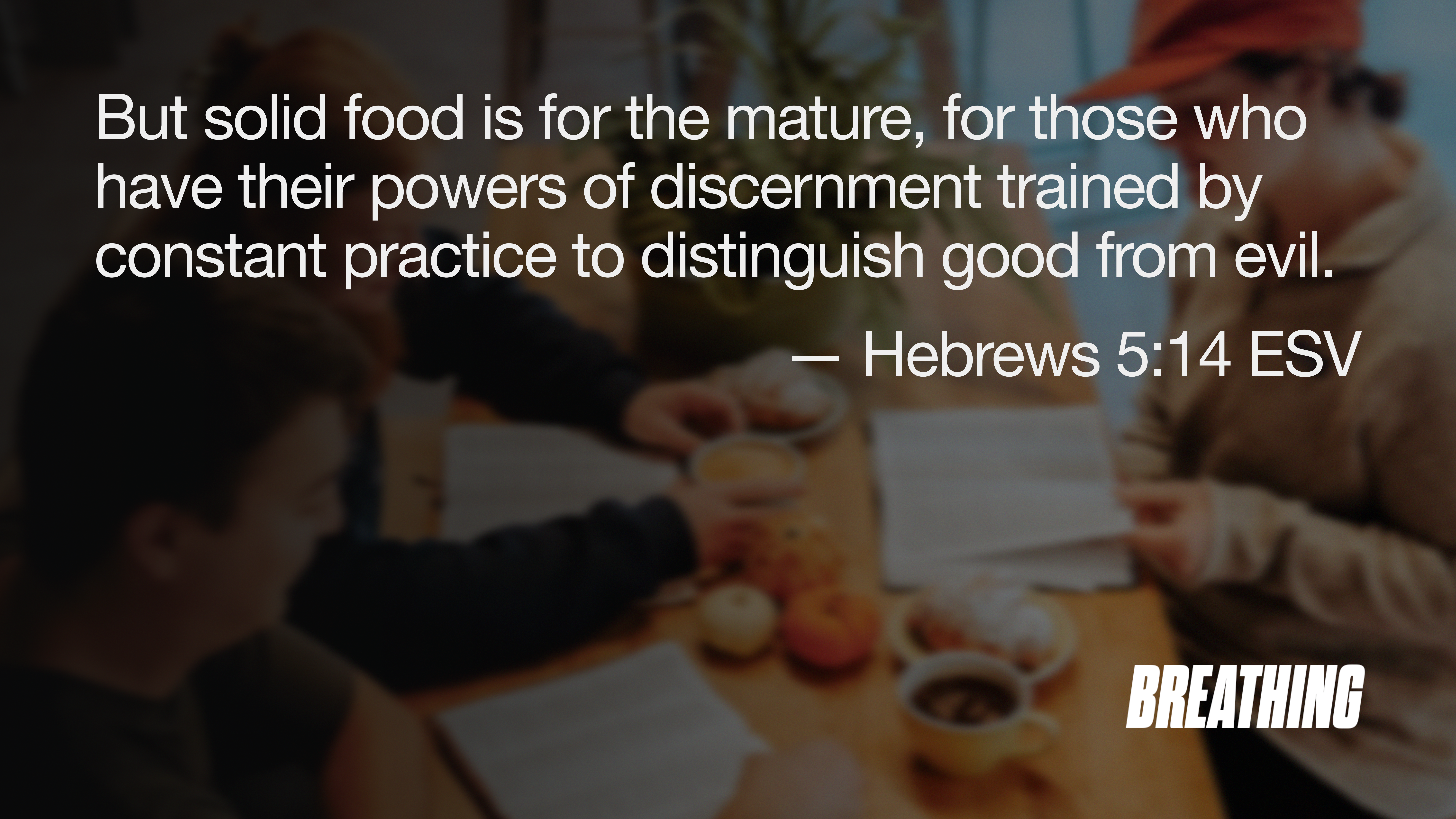
— 2 Thessalonians 2:1-3

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At that time many will turn away from the faith and will betray and hate each other, and many false prophets will appear and deceive many people. Because of the increase of wickedness, the love of most will grow cold

— Matthew 24:10-12 NIV

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A group of people are seated around a wooden table, engaged in a meal. The table is set with white plates, bowls, and glasses. The background is slightly blurred, showing more of the dining area. The overall atmosphere is casual and social.

But solid food is for the mature, for those who have their powers of discernment trained by constant practice to distinguish good from evil.

— Hebrews 5:14 ESV

BREATHING

5 TYPES OF CHURCHES

The Compromising Church Partners with a Rebellious spirit

The Complacent Church Partners with a Reluctant spirit

The Consumer Church Partners with a Replacing spirit

The Combative Church Partners with a Religious spirit

The Compelling Church Partners with a Renewing Spirit

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COMPELLING

*Evoking interest, attention, or conviction
in a powerfully irresistible way*

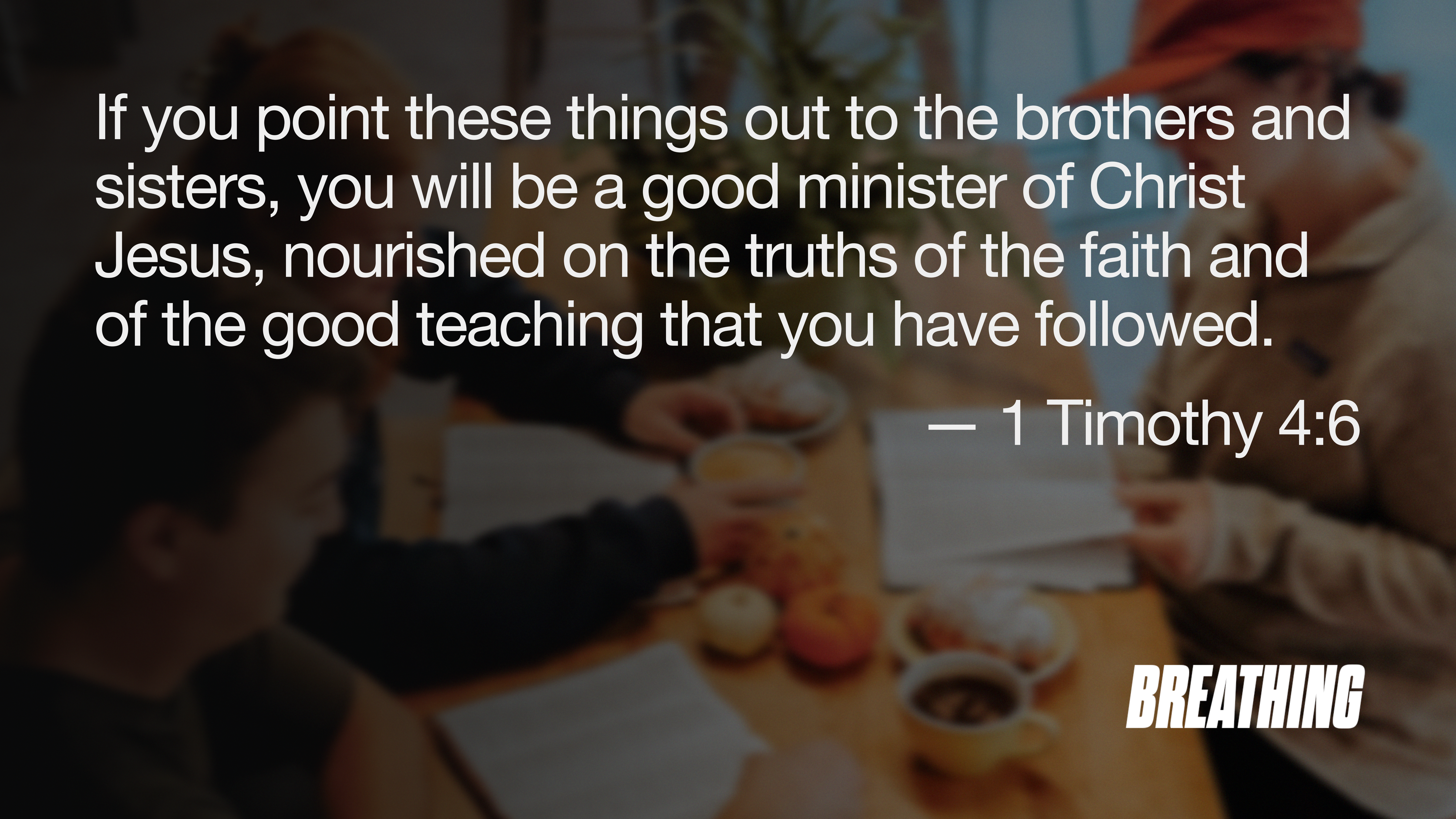
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***A COMPELLING CHURCH
IS A CRAWING CHURCH***



If you point these things out to the brothers and sisters, you will be a good minister of Christ Jesus, nourished on the truths of the faith and of the good teaching that you have followed.

— 1 Timothy 4:6

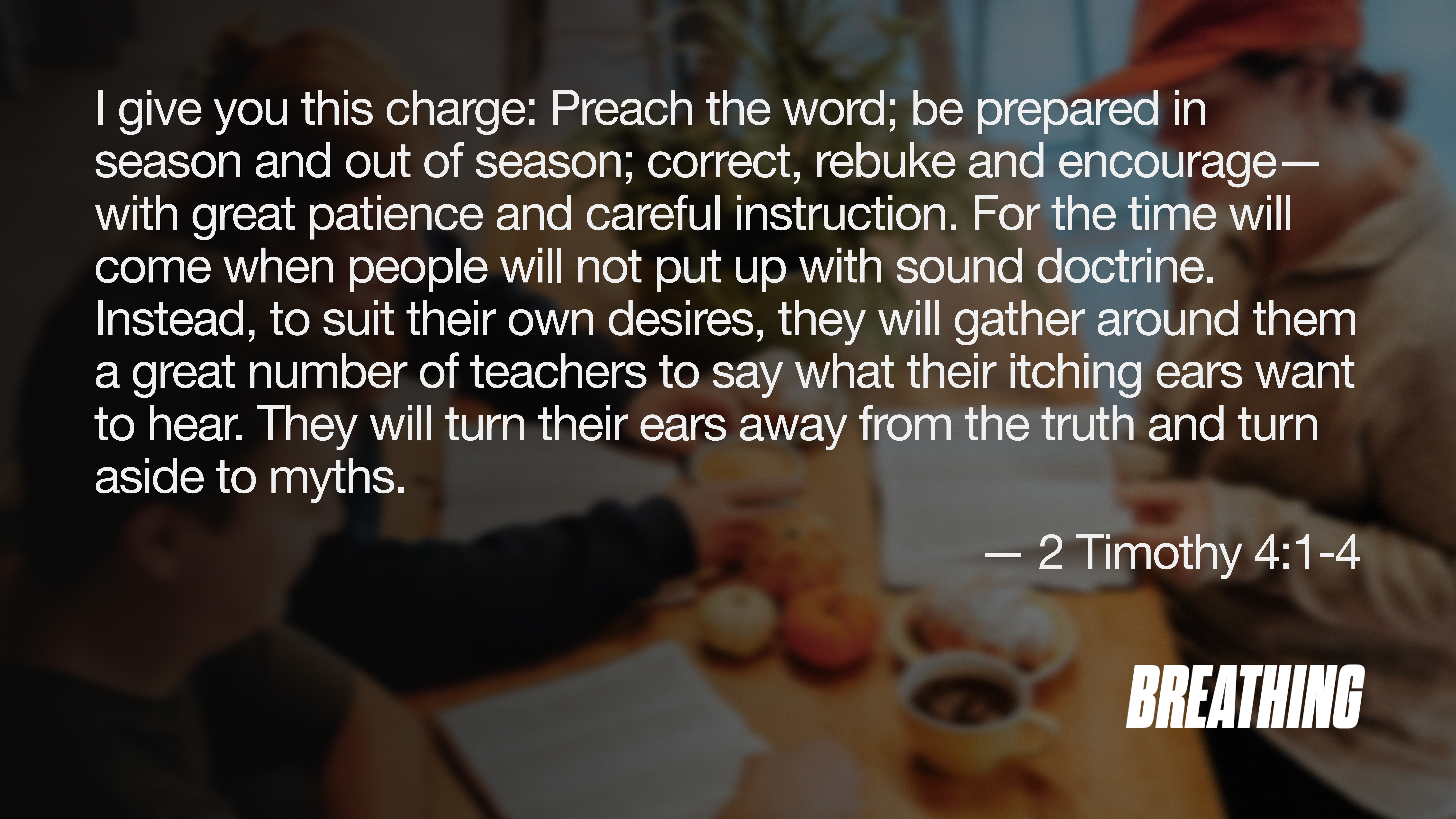
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***A COMPELLING CHURCH
IS A COURAGEOUS CHURCH***



I give you this charge: Preach the word; be prepared in season and out of season; correct, rebuke and encourage—with great patience and careful instruction. For the time will come when people will not put up with sound doctrine. Instead, to suit their own desires, they will gather around them a great number of teachers to say what their itching ears want to hear. They will turn their ears away from the truth and turn aside to myths.

— 2 Timothy 4:1-4

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But mark this: There will be terrible times in the last days. People will be lovers of themselves, lovers of money, boastful, proud, abusive, disobedient to their parents, ungrateful, unholy, without love, unforgiving, slanderous, without self-control, brutal, not lovers of the good, treacherous, rash, conceited, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God—having a form of godliness but denying its power.

— Timothy 3:1-5

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These are the kind of people who smooth-talk themselves into the homes of unstable and needy women and take advantage of them; women who, depressed by their sinfulness, take up with every new religious fad that calls itself “truth.” They get exploited every time and never really learn.

— 2 Timothy 3:6 MSG

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GOD IS THE HERO

FALL TO



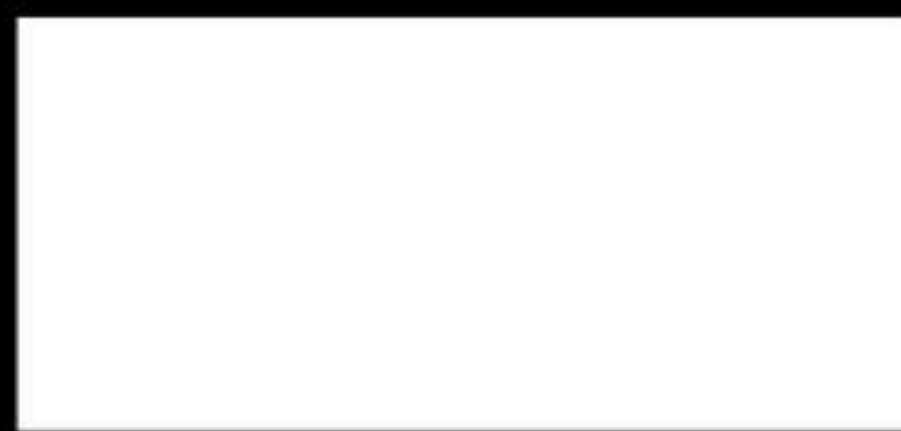
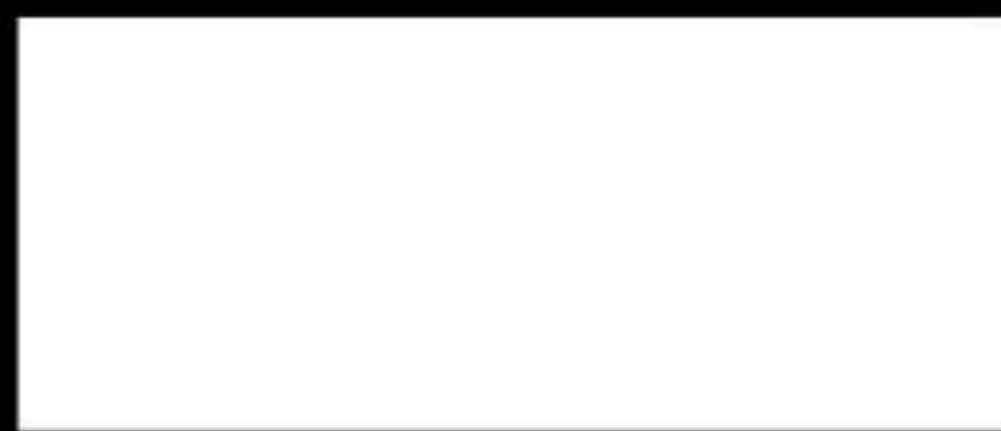
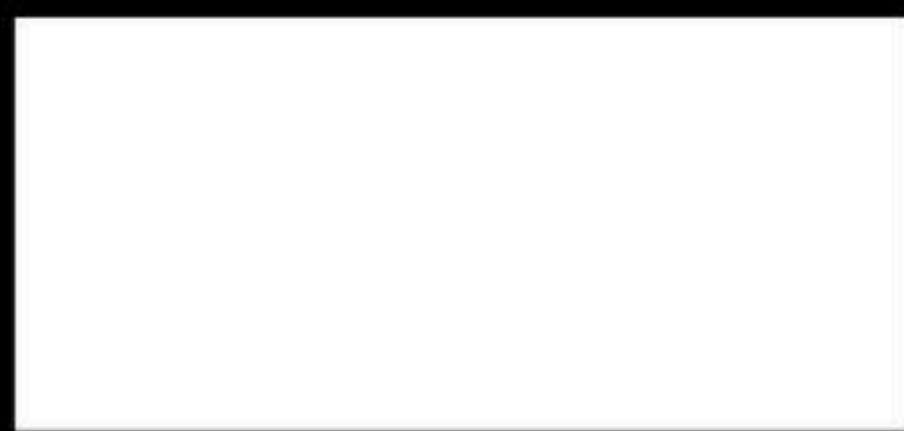
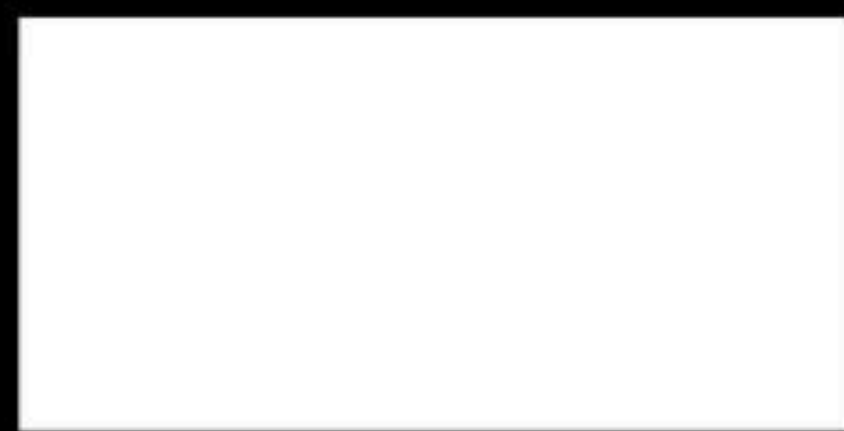
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COUNTERFEIT

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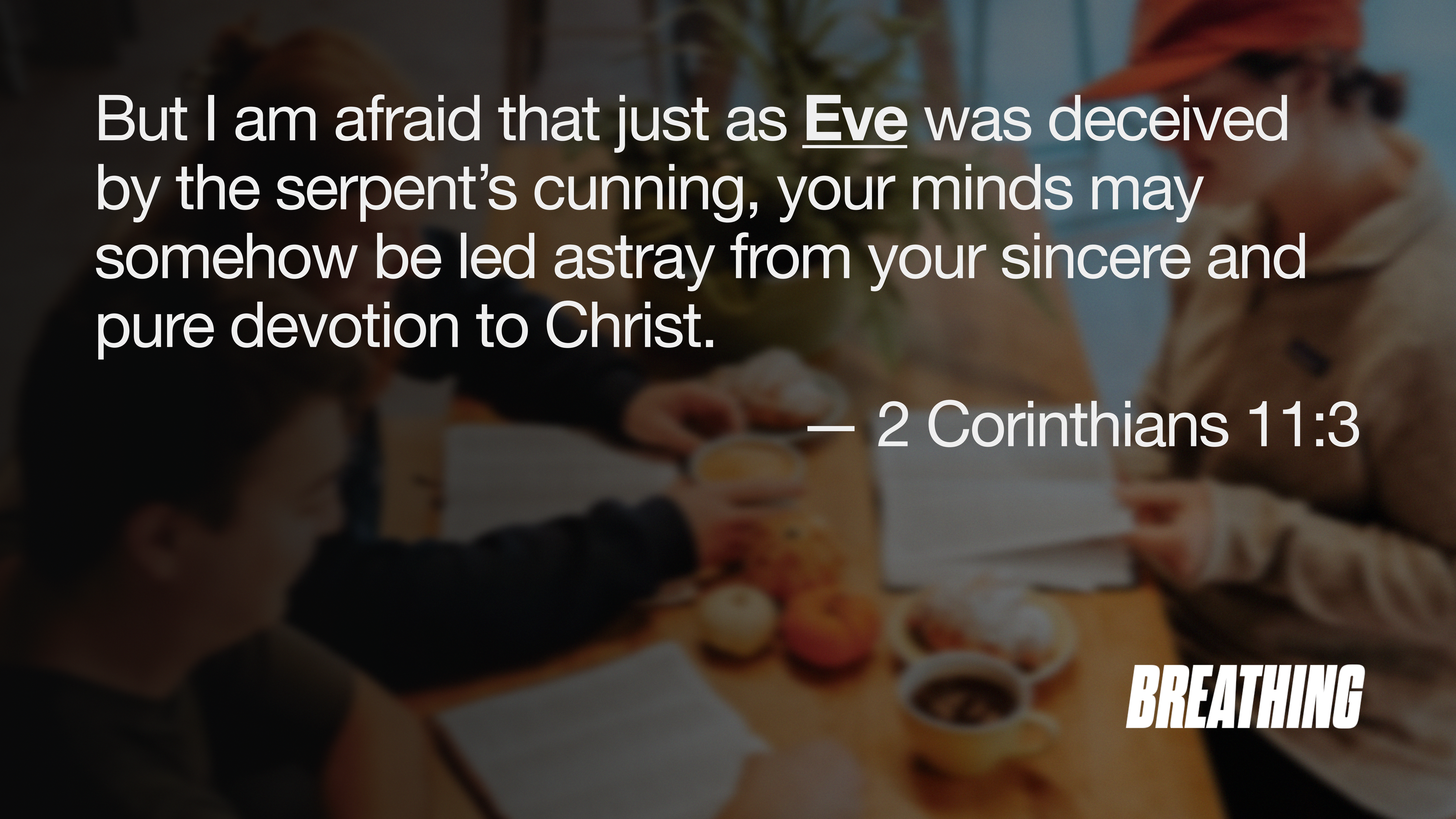
GOD IS THE VILLAIN







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But I am afraid that just as Eve was deceived by the serpent's cunning, your minds may somehow be led astray from your sincere and pure devotion to Christ.

— 2 Corinthians 11:3

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For such people are false apostles, deceitful workers, masquerading as apostles of Christ. And no wonder, for Satan himself masquerades as an angel of light. It is not surprising, then, if his servants also masquerade as servants of righteousness.

— 2 Corinthians 11:13-15

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“Cultural engagement without cultural discernment leads to cultural captivity.”

— Ken Meyers

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A blurred background image showing a church service. In the foreground, a table is set with a white tablecloth, a white plate, a glass of water, and a small bowl. In the background, several people are seated at a table, including a man wearing a red baseball cap and a woman with dark hair. The overall scene is dimly lit and out of focus.

***A COMPELLING CHURCH
IS A CONTENDING CHURCH***

***FOUR SPACES FOR NAVIGATING
DOCTRINAL VIEWS***

ISSUES TO DIE FOR

ISSUES TO DIVIDE FOR

ISSUES TO DEBATE FOR

ISSUES TO DECIDE FOR

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***A COMPELLING CHURCH
IS A COUNTER
NARRATIVE CHURCH***



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***A COMPELLING CHURCH
IS A COMPASSIONATE
CHURCH***

Opponents must be gently instructed, in the hope that God will grant them repentance leading them to a knowledge of the truth, and that they will come to their senses and escape from the trap of the devil, who has taken them captive to do his will.

— 2 Timothy 2:25-26

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***A COMPELLING CHURCH
IS A CHRIST-CENTERED
CHURCH***

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