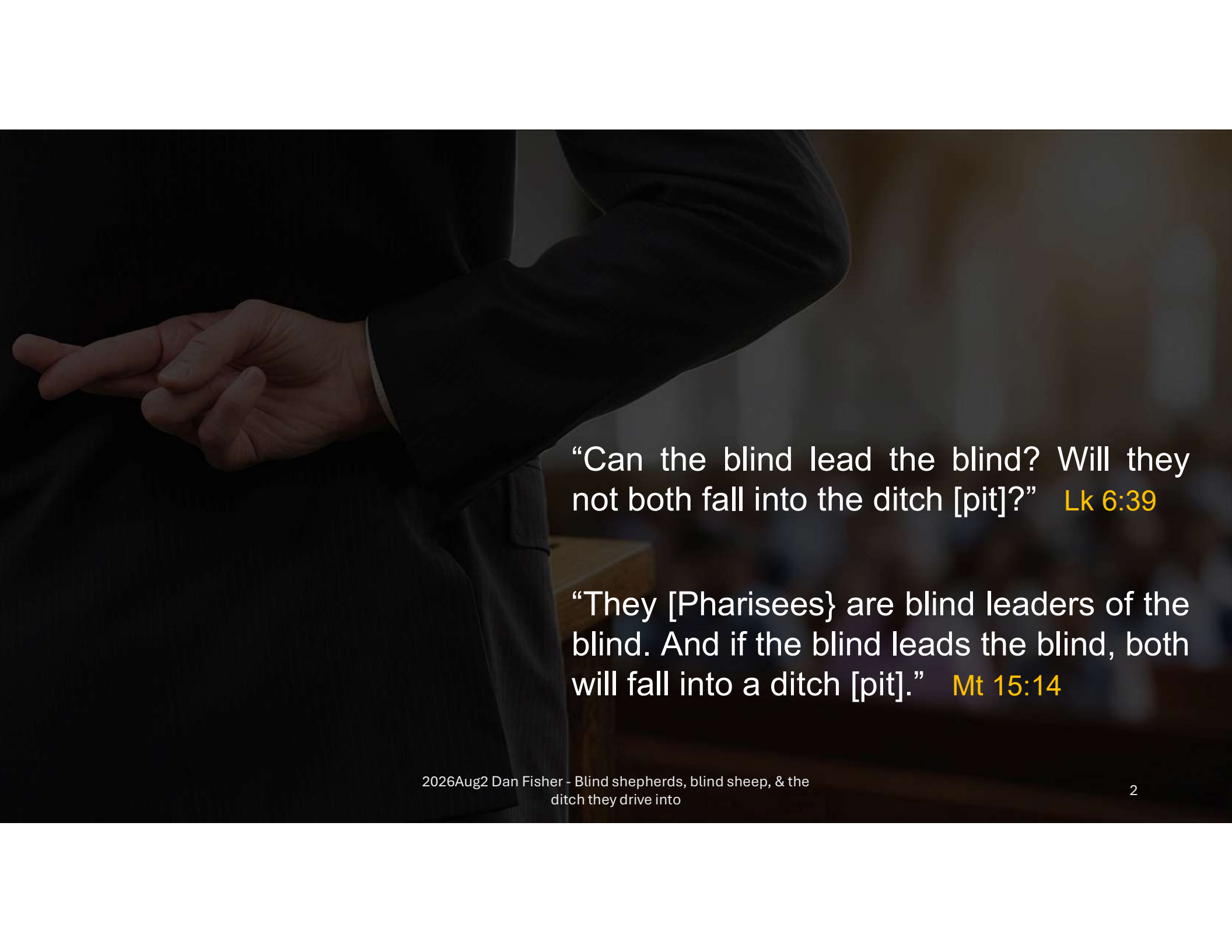




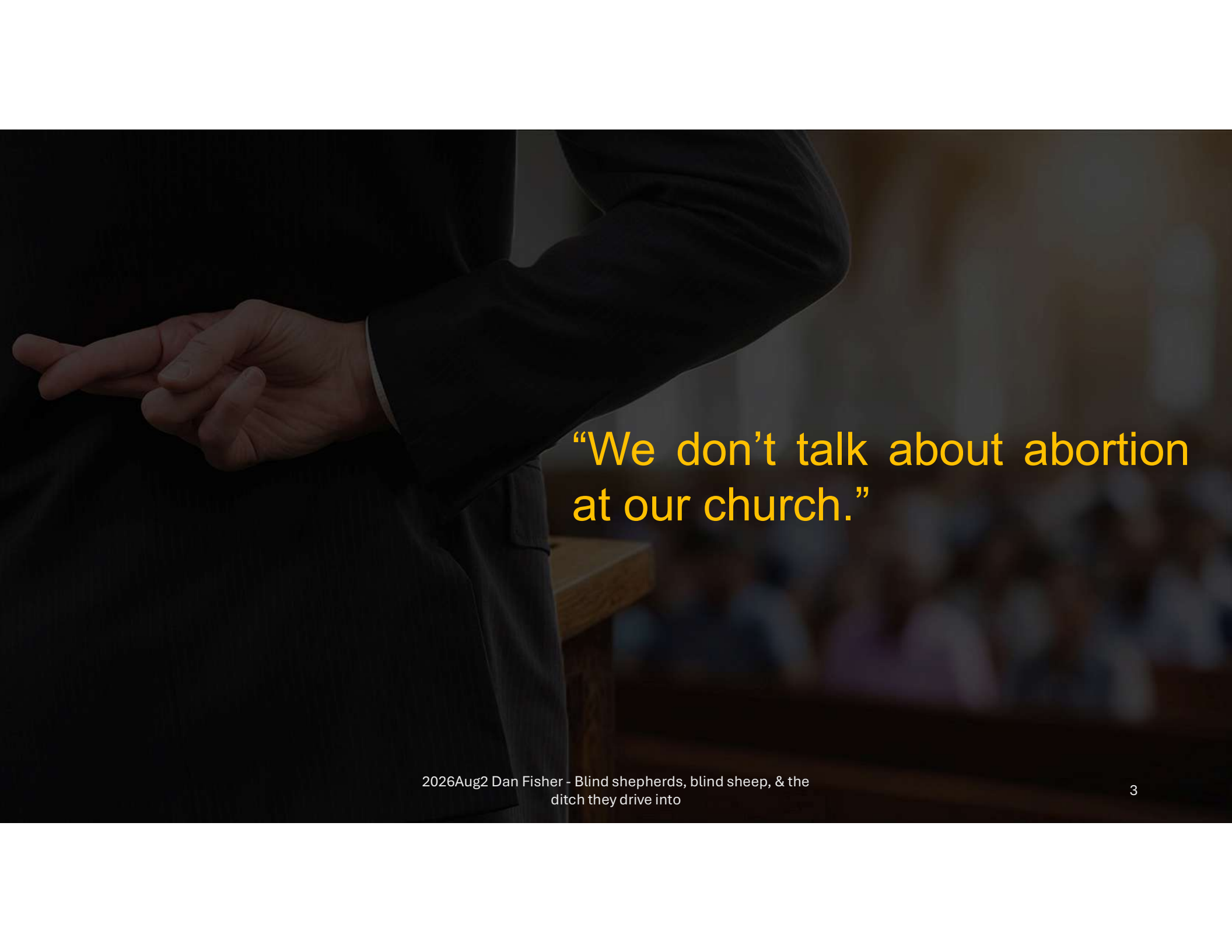
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“Can the blind lead the blind? Will they not both fall into the ditch [pit]?” **Lk 6:39**

“They [Pharisees} are blind leaders of the blind. And if the blind leads the blind, both will fall into a ditch [pit].” **Mt 15:14**



“We don’t talk about abortion
at our church.”

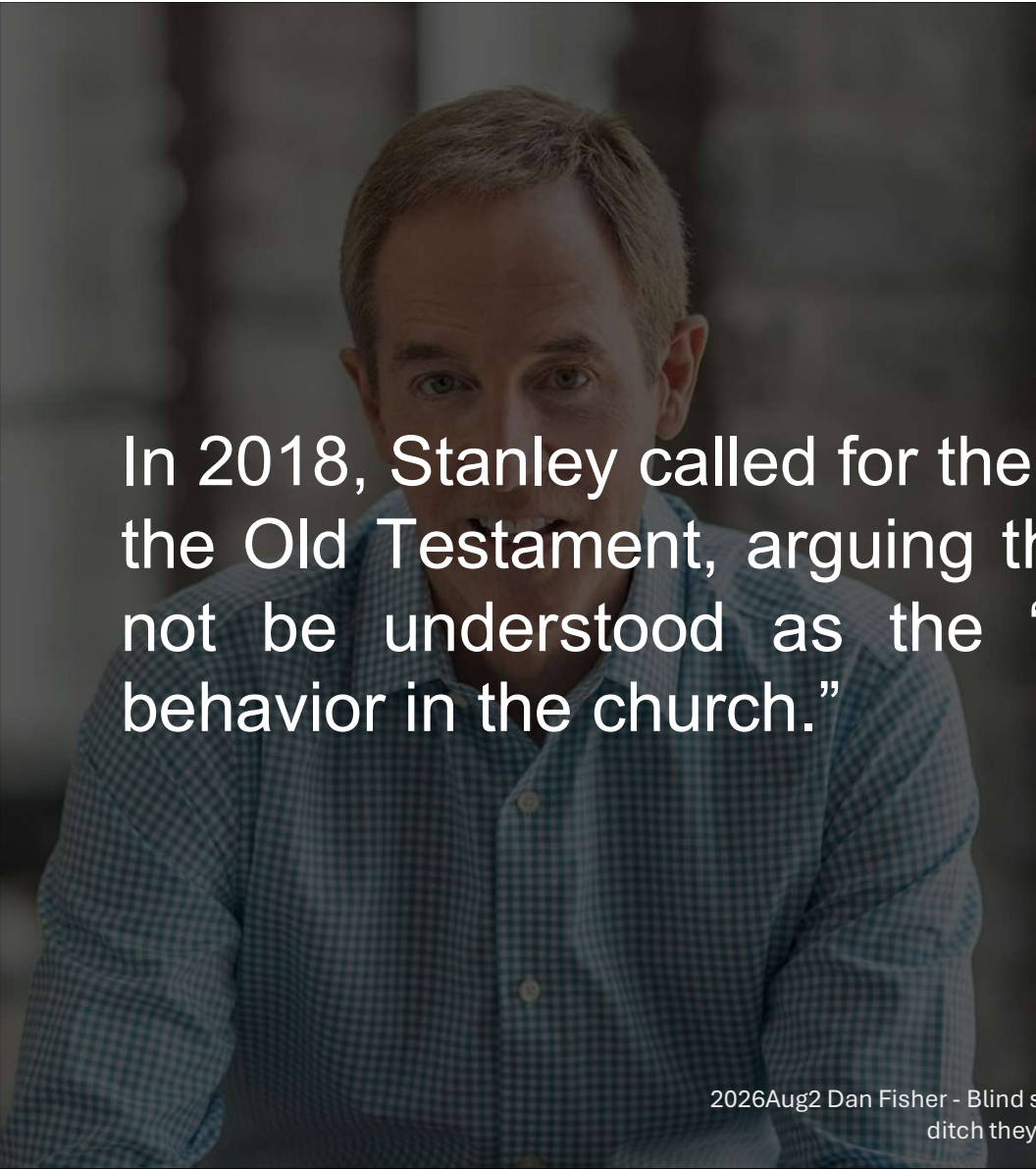


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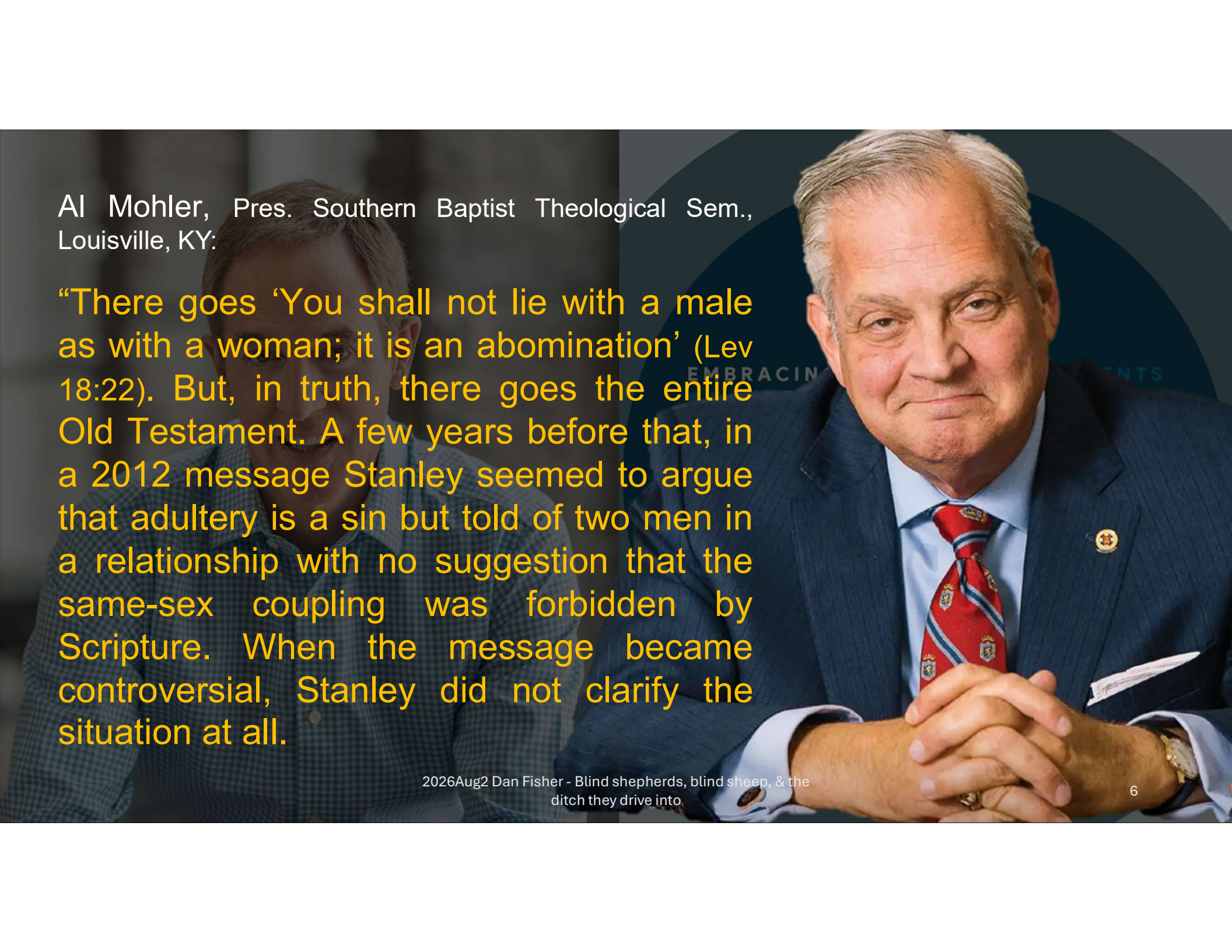


In 2018, Stanley called for the church to be “unhitched” from the Old Testament, arguing that the Old Testament should not be understood as the “go-to source regarding any behavior in the church.”

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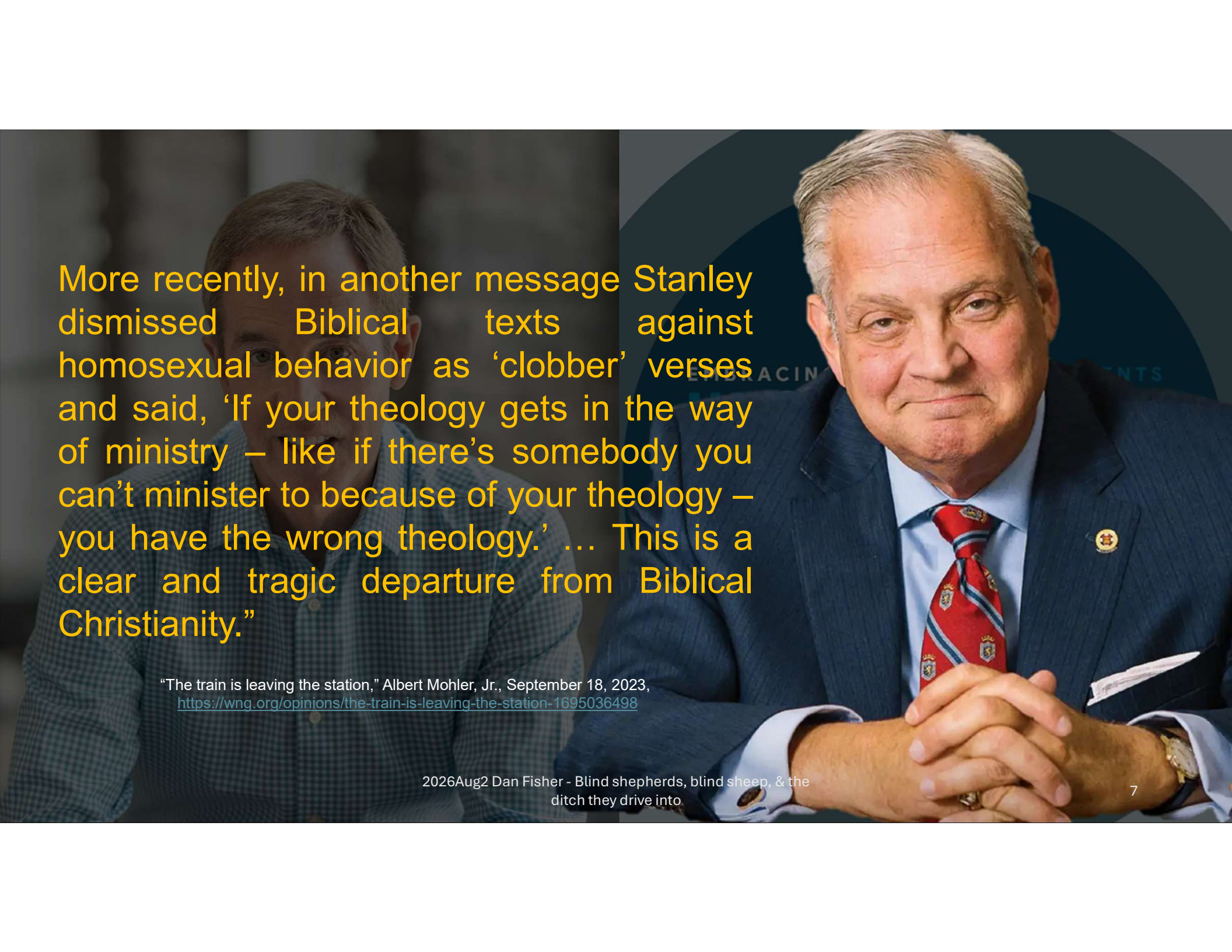
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Al Mohler, Pres. Southern Baptist Theological Sem.,
Louisville, KY:

“There goes ‘You shall not lie with a male as with a woman; it is an abomination’ (Lev 18:22). But, in truth, there goes the entire Old Testament. A few years before that, in a 2012 message Stanley seemed to argue that adultery is a sin but told of two men in a relationship with no suggestion that the same-sex coupling was forbidden by Scripture. When the message became controversial, Stanley did not clarify the situation at all.



More recently, in another message Stanley dismissed Biblical texts against homosexual behavior as ‘clobber’ verses and said, ‘If your theology gets in the way of ministry – like if there’s somebody you can’t minister to because of your theology – you have the wrong theology.’ ... This is a clear and tragic departure from Biblical Christianity.”

“The train is leaving the station,” Albert Mohler, Jr., September 18, 2023,
<https://wng.org/opinions/the-train-is-leaving-the-station-1695036498>

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Stanley:

“Mohler is actually accusing me of departing from his version of biblical Christianity. ... I want to go on record and say I have never subscribed to his version of biblical Christianity to begin with, so I’m not leaving anything, ... Mohler’s ‘version of biblical Christianity...is the problem.’



Mohler's version of Christianity draws lines, ... [Jesus' version of Christianity] drew circles. He drew circles so large and included so many people in his circle that it consistently made religious leaders nervous."

Stanley concluded by quoting Jesus' words in Mt 28:11: "Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest."



Stanley: “No matter what theological stance you hold, we invite you to listen, reflect, and learn as we approach this topic from the quieter middle space.”

Mohler: “In truth, there is no ‘middle space’ on these issues, and it is no longer plausible to claim that such middle space exists.”



Brian Nietzel

presents seminars on “restoring LGBTQ+ faith”



Justin Lee

well known speaker who argues for the legitimacy
of monogamous same-sex relationships

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Changing Our Mind, Landmark Call for Inclusion of LGBT Christians in the Christian Church

The church has been historically wrong on the issue of same-sex relationships & marriage

“I am instead asking whether devout gay and lesbian Christians might be able to participate in the covenantal-marital sexual ethical standard – one person, for life, faithful and exclusive, in a loving nonexploitative, non-coercive, reciprocal relationship, that is the highest expression of Christian sexual ethics – which, in fact, a goodly number are already doing. I can’t find a compelling reason to say no anymore.”

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David Gushee



Stanley: “We already knew how effective they were connecting with parents of gay kids in particular ... [Justin Lee and Brian Nietzel] are so excited about what we are doing, because they ... don’t want another generation of LGBTQ+ kids to feel like [their sexuality] is incompatible with at least attempting to follow Jesus and is incompatible with the church.”

“I’ve Never Subscribed to His Version of Biblical Christianity,” Jesse T. Jackson, Oct 2, 2023,
<https://churchleaders.com/news/459971-andy-stanley-claims-al-mohlers-version-is-the-problem.html>

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“Only 4% of American adults currently hold a biblical worldview.”
George Barna



American Worldview Inventory 2022 **Cultural Research Ctr, AZ Christian Univ**

- administered to 1,000 Christian pastors
- 37% have a biblical worldview
- 62% possess a hybrid worldview known as Syncretism



Syncretism: the blending or merging of different religious, cultural, or philosophical traditions to create a new, unified system of belief or practice allowing for an exchange and reinterpretation of ideas rather than strict adherence to a single dogma



Possess a biblical worldview

- Senior Pastors (41%)
- Associate Pastors (28%)
- Teaching Pastors (13%)
- Children & Youth Ministers (12%)
- Executive Pastors (4%)



- 33% the Holy Spirit is only a symbol of God's power, presence, or purity – not a living, divine Person
- 33% the Bible is ambiguous in its teaching about abortion, enabling a strong argument for or against
- 40% believe a person's success in life is not determined by their obedience to God



Possess a biblical worldview in relation to purpose & call

- Senior Pastors (60%)
- Children & youth pastors (48%)
- Associate Pastors (41%)
- Teaching Pastors (36%)
- Executive Pastors (27%)

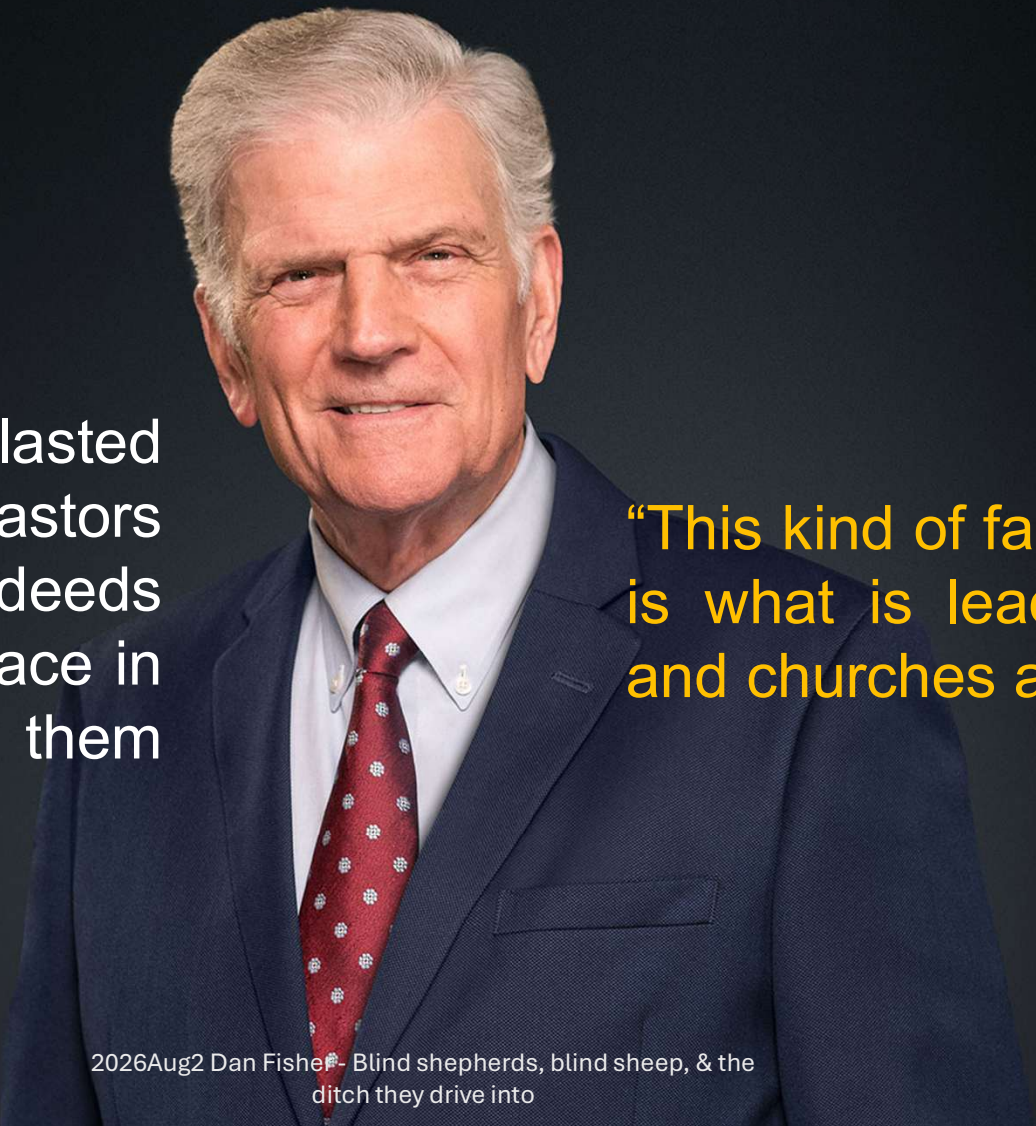


“A person’s worldview primarily develops before the age of 13, then goes through a period of refinement during their teens and twenties.”

George Barna

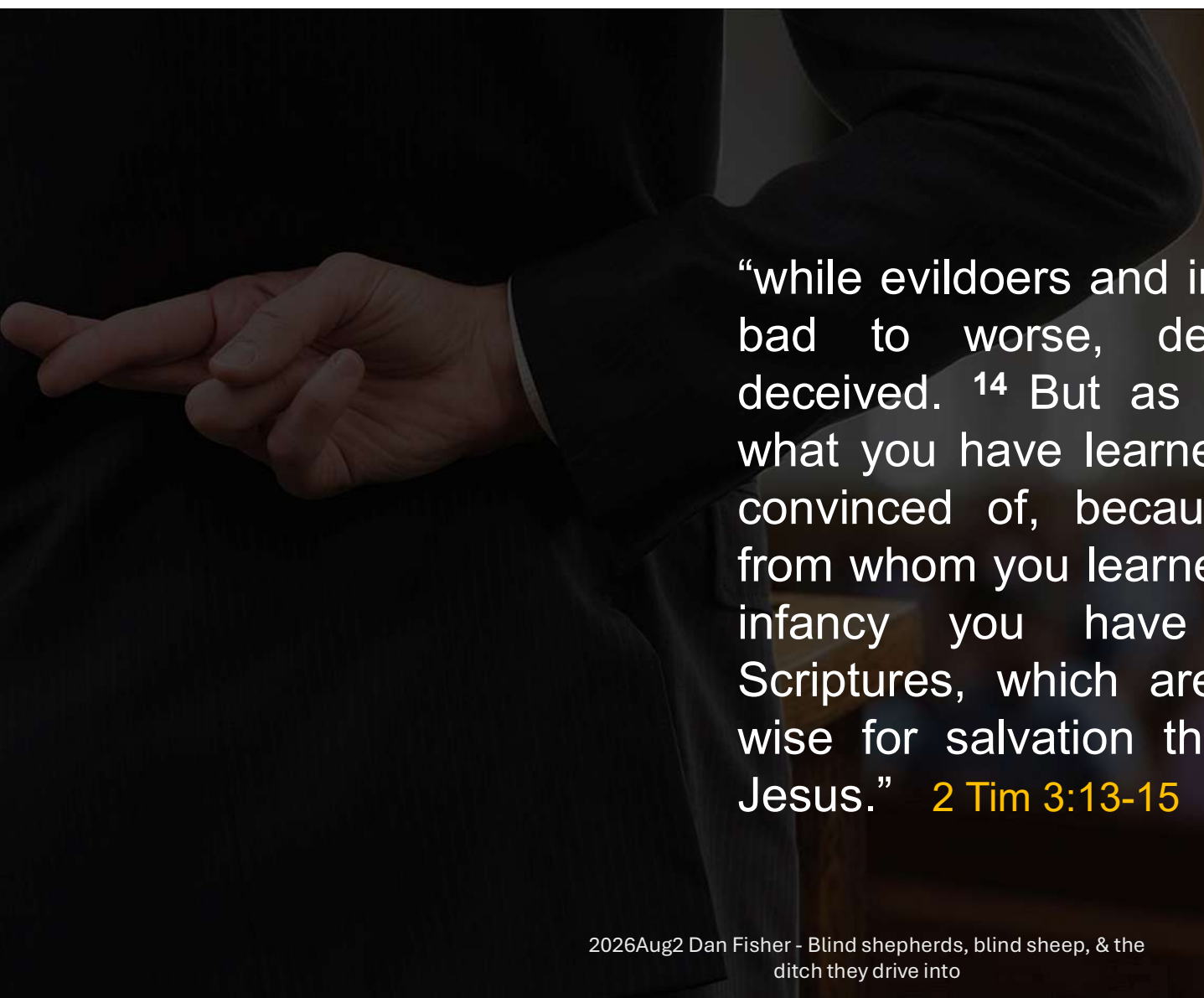


“This is another strong piece of evidence that the culture is influencing the American church more than Christian churches are influencing the culture. The research indicates that Americans are more likely to experience a positive impact on their worldview by hanging out with SAGE Cons than they are by being in the presence or under the teaching of pastors.” George Barna

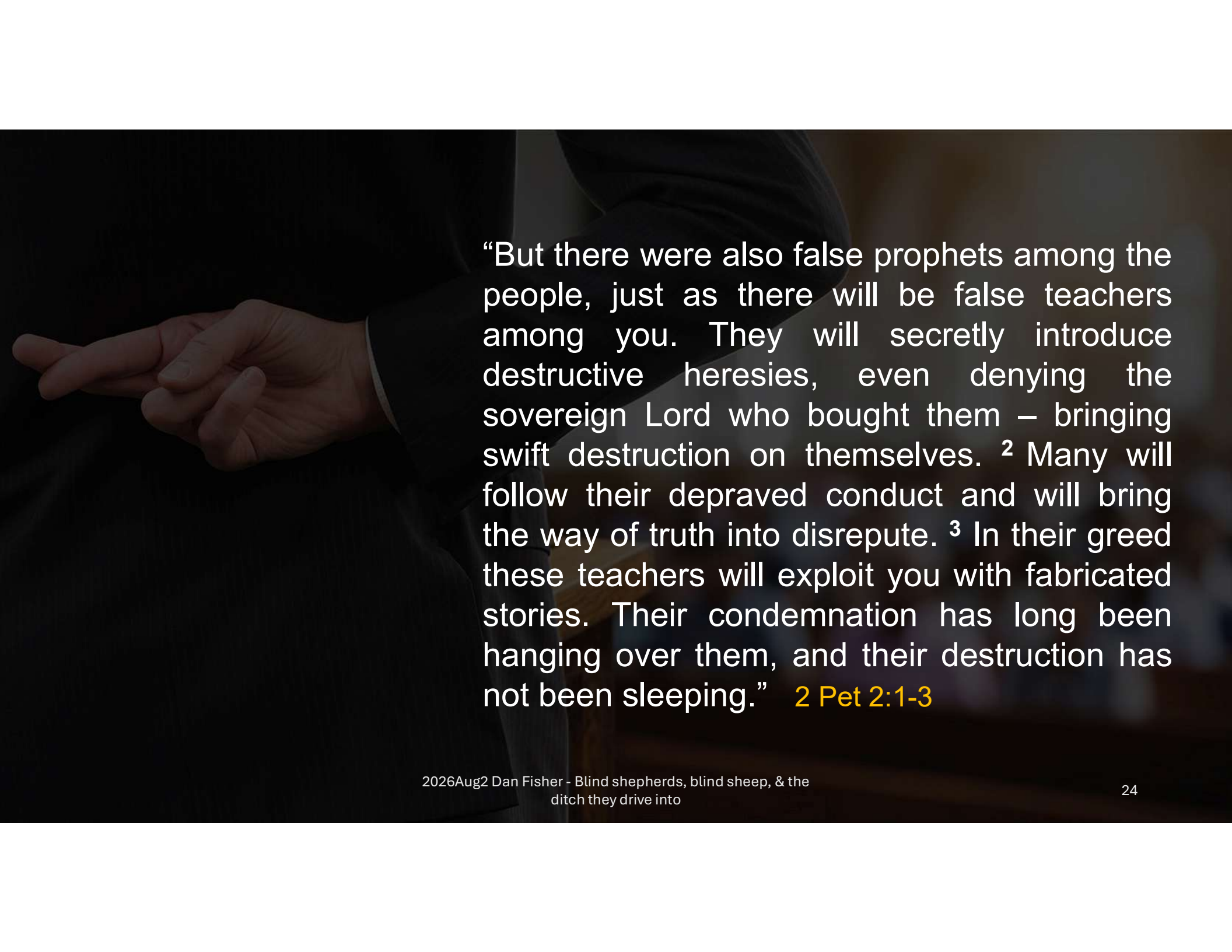
A portrait of Franklin Graham, an older man with grey hair, wearing a dark blue suit, white shirt, and a red tie with a small white pattern. He is smiling slightly and looking towards the camera. The background is dark and out of focus.

Franklin Graham blasted the evangelical pastors who believe good deeds will earn them a place in heaven, labeling them “false teachers”

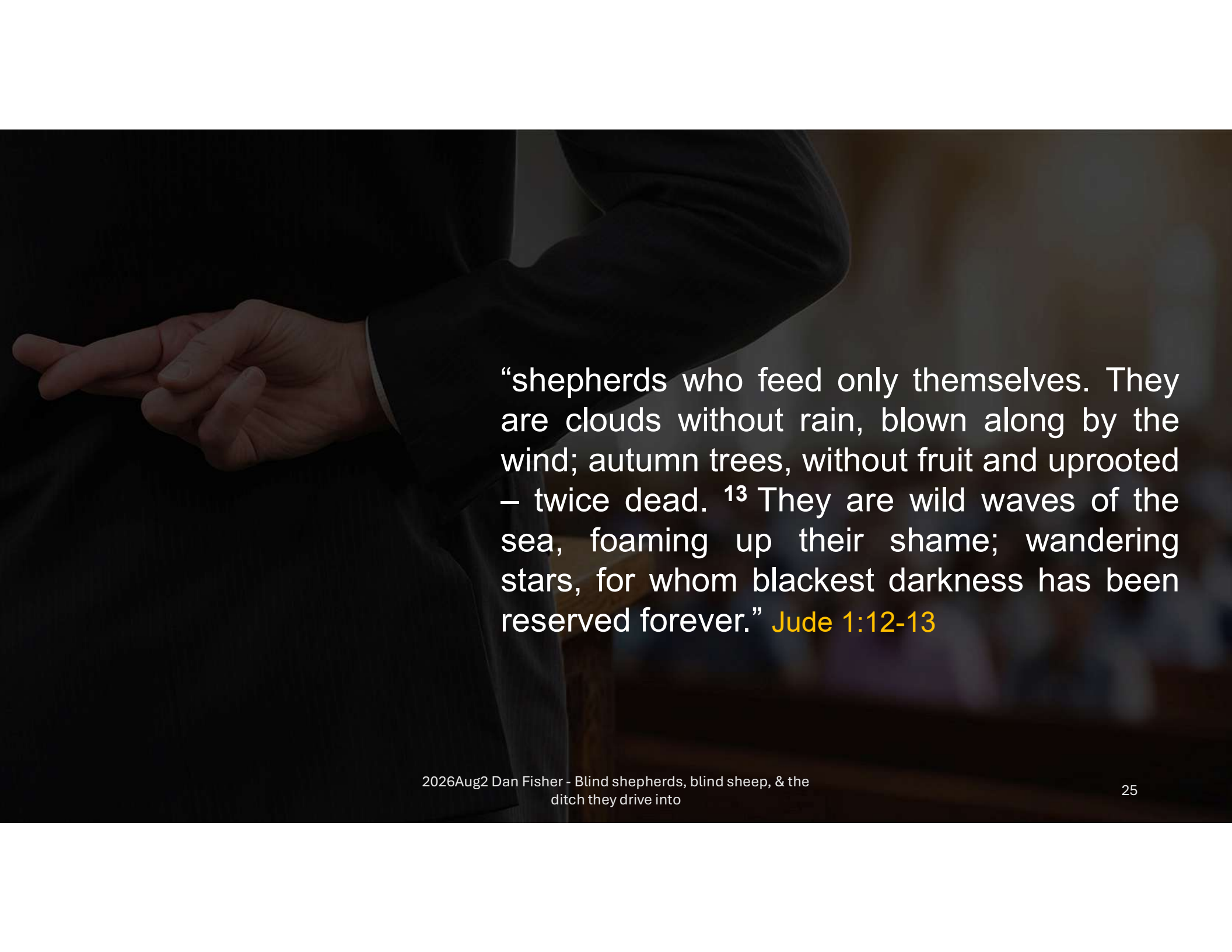
“This kind of false teaching is what is leading people and churches astray.”

A close-up of a hand in a dark suit, with the index finger pointing to the right. The background is dark and out of focus.

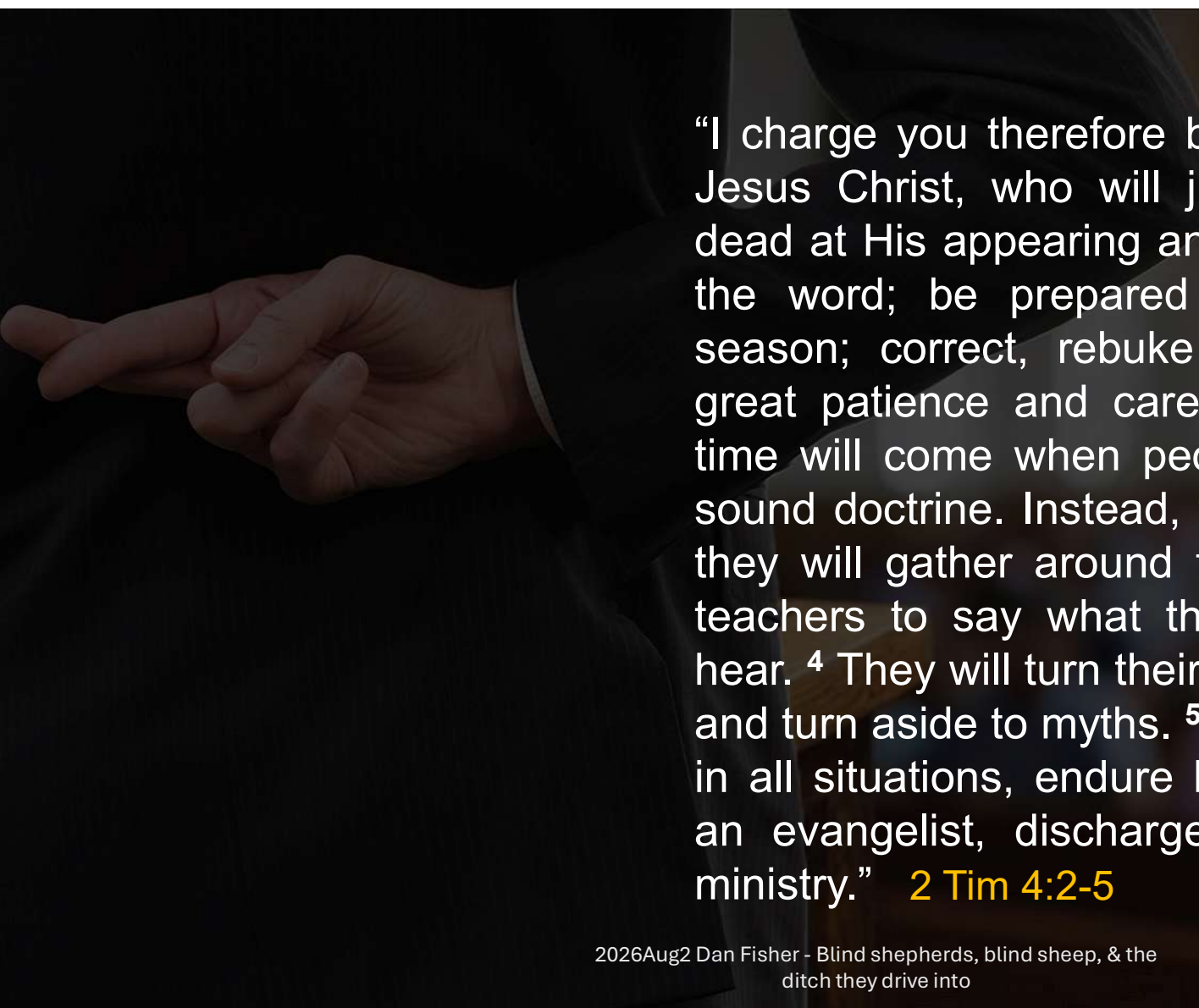
“while evildoers and impostors will go from bad to worse, deceiving and being deceived. ¹⁴ But as for you, continue in what you have learned and have become convinced of, because you know those from whom you learned it, ¹⁵ and how from infancy you have known the Holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus.” **2 Tim 3:13-15**



“But there were also false prophets among the people, just as there will be false teachers among you. They will secretly introduce destructive heresies, even denying the sovereign Lord who bought them – bringing swift destruction on themselves. ² Many will follow their depraved conduct and will bring the way of truth into disrepute. ³ In their greed these teachers will exploit you with fabricated stories. Their condemnation has long been hanging over them, and their destruction has not been sleeping.” 2 Pet 2:1-3

A close-up photograph of a hand in a dark suit jacket, with the index finger pointing towards the right. The background is blurred, showing what appears to be an indoor setting with warm lighting.

“shepherds who feed only themselves. They are clouds without rain, blown along by the wind; autumn trees, without fruit and uprooted – twice dead. ¹³ They are wild waves of the sea, foaming up their shame; wandering stars, for whom blackest darkness has been reserved forever.” Jude 1:12-13



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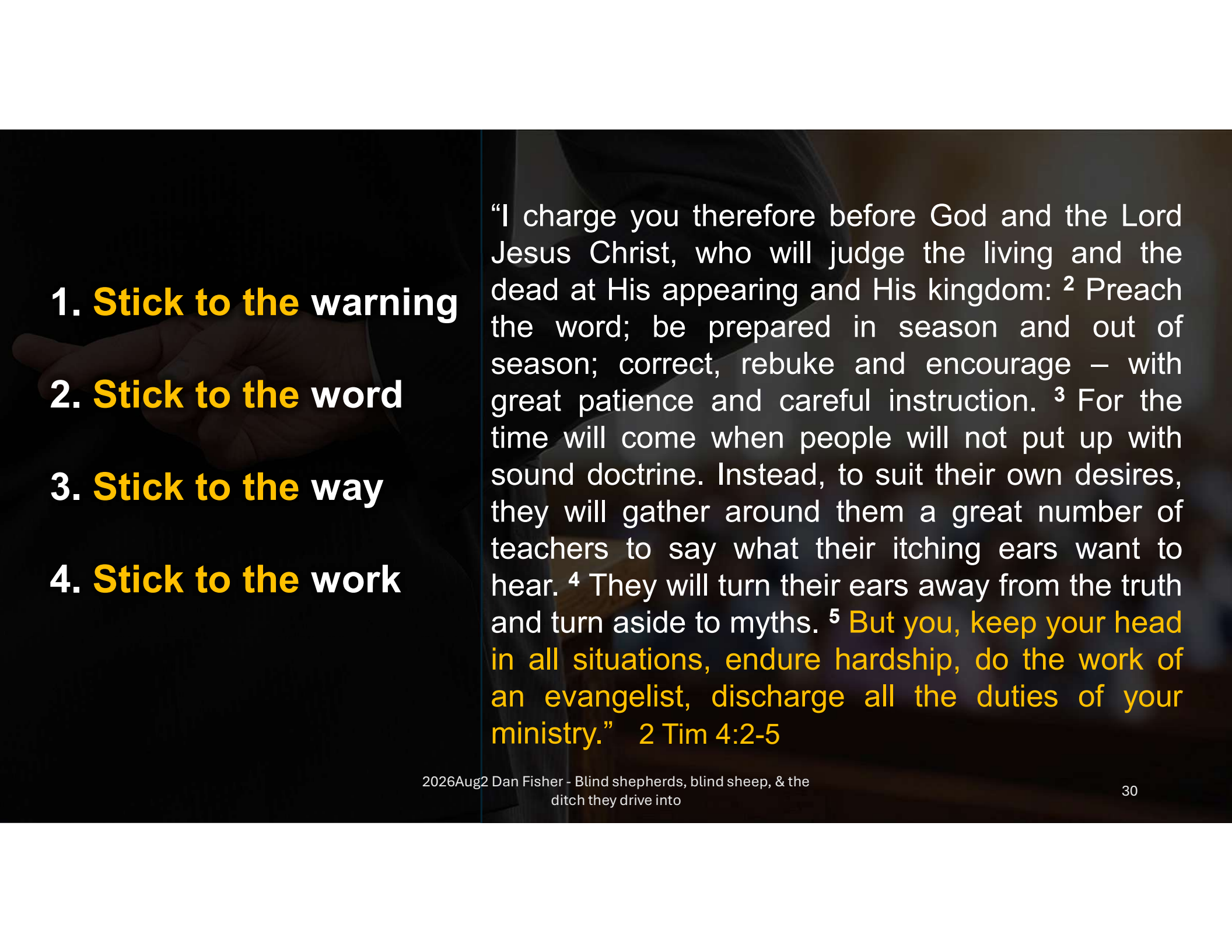


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