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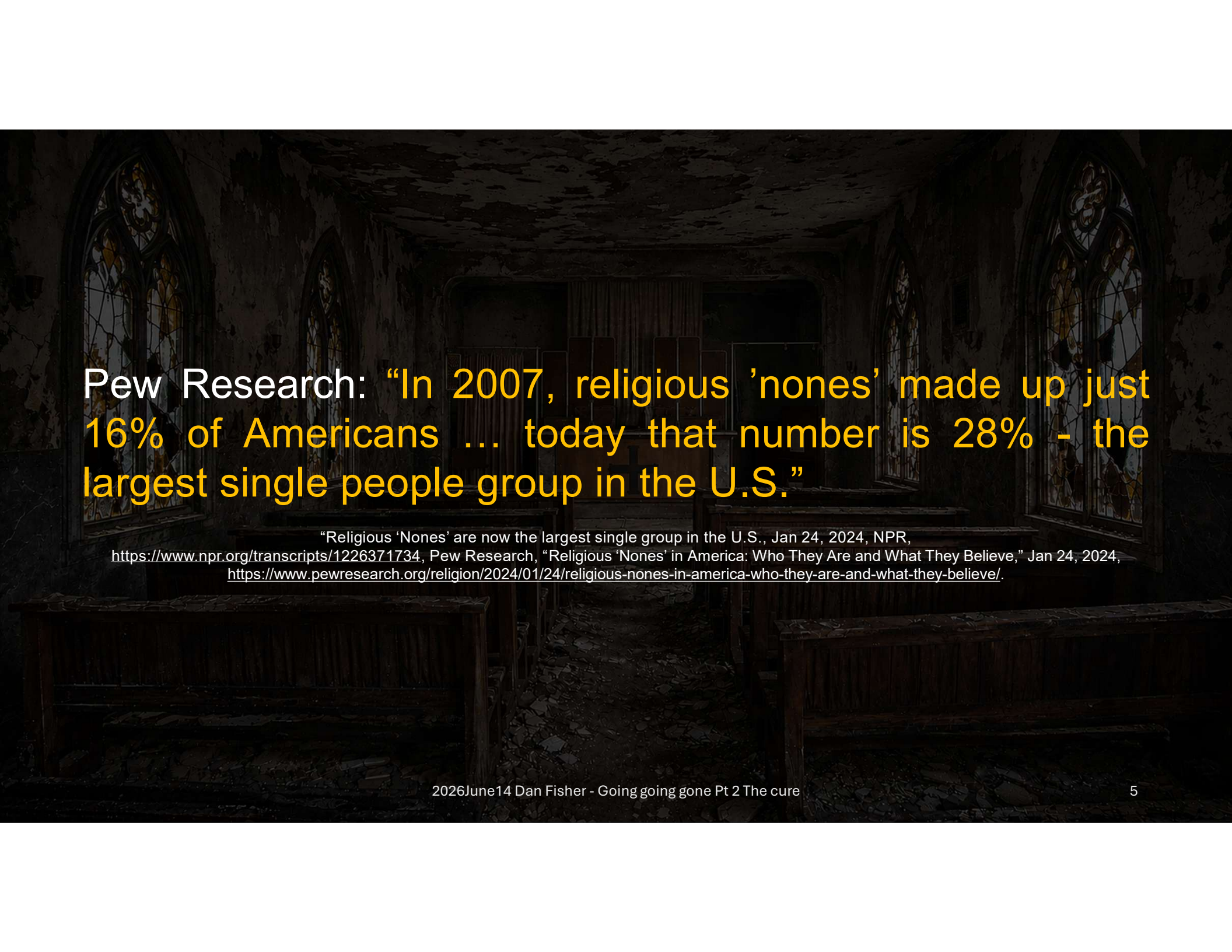
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## Part 2: The cure

A photograph of George Barna, a man with white hair and glasses, wearing a dark suit jacket over a light blue shirt. He is positioned on the right side of the frame, looking directly at the camera with a slight smile. The background is a dark, dilapidated interior of a church, featuring rows of wooden pews, arched stained-glass windows, and peeling walls, suggesting a state of decay or abandonment.

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

George Barna

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Pew Research: “In 2007, religious ‘nones’ made up just 16% of Americans ... today that number is 28% - the largest single people group in the U.S.”

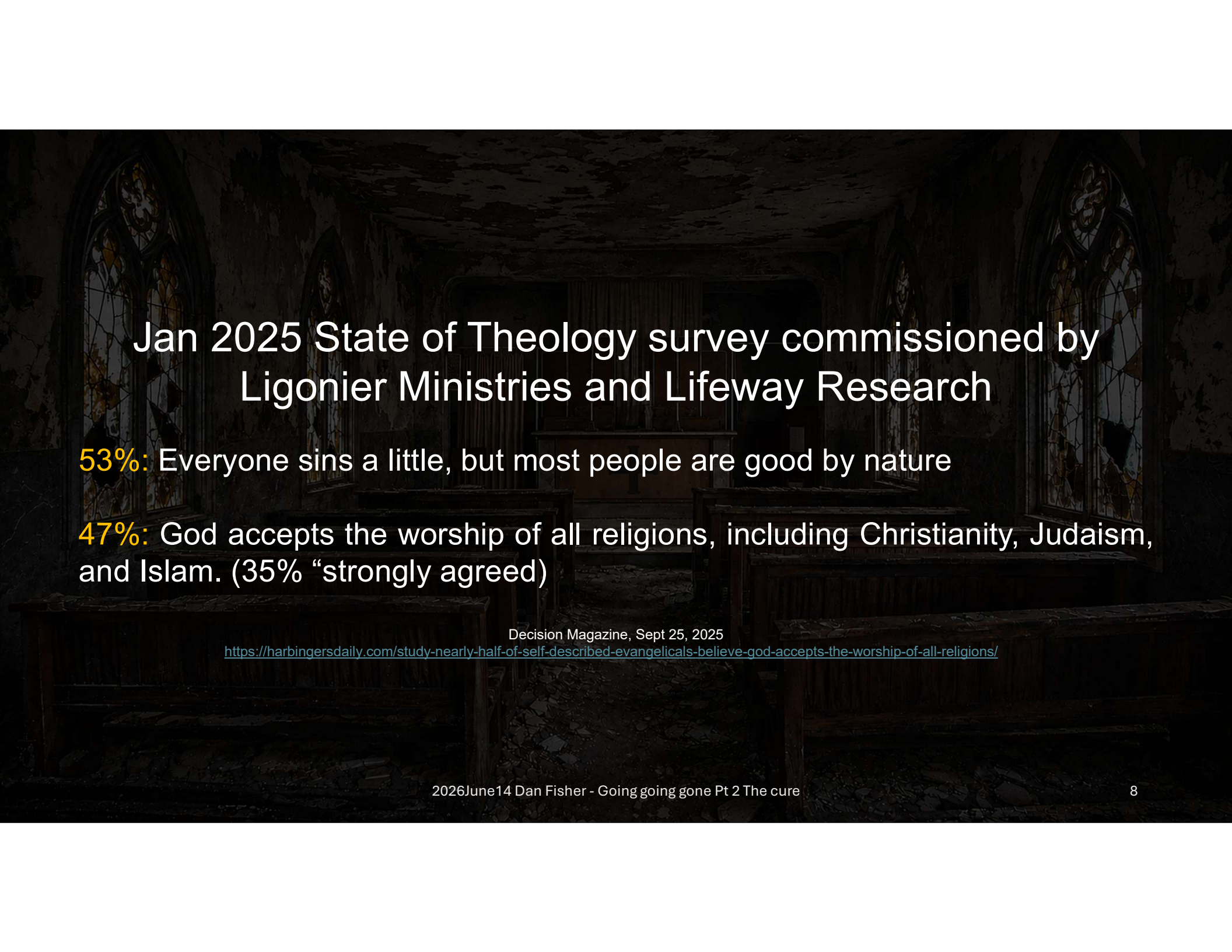
“Religious ‘Nones’ are now the largest single group in the U.S., Jan 24, 2024, NPR, <https://www.npr.org/transcripts/1226371734>, Pew Research, “Religious ‘Nones’ in America: Who They Are and What They Believe,” Jan 24, 2024, <https://www.pewresearch.org/religion/2024/01/24/religious-nones-in-america-who-they-are-and-what-they-believe/>.



Between 1700 and 1740, an estimated 75-80 percent of the population attended churches.

The Library of Congress, [www.loc.gov/exhibits/religion/rel02](http://www.loc.gov/exhibits/religion/rel02)





## Jan 2025 State of Theology survey commissioned by Ligonier Ministries and Lifeway Research

**53%:** Everyone sins a little, but most people are good by nature

**47%:** God accepts the worship of all religions, including Christianity, Judaism, and Islam. (35% “strongly agreed)


Decision Magazine, Sept 25, 2025

<https://harbingersdaily.com/study-nearly-half-of-self-described-evangelicals-believe-god-accepts-the-worship-of-all-religions/>

## 2025 Cultural Research Center AZ Christian University study

- The overwhelming majority of Americans have an incorrect view of sin
- The overwhelming majority of Americans have an incorrect view of the goodness of humanity

70% believe sin is a reality but believe people are “basically good at heart” and should not be characterized as sinners

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Only 49% of **Integrated Disciples** (those with the highest level of biblical alignment) are living out biblical convictions on marriage, family, and the sanctity of life

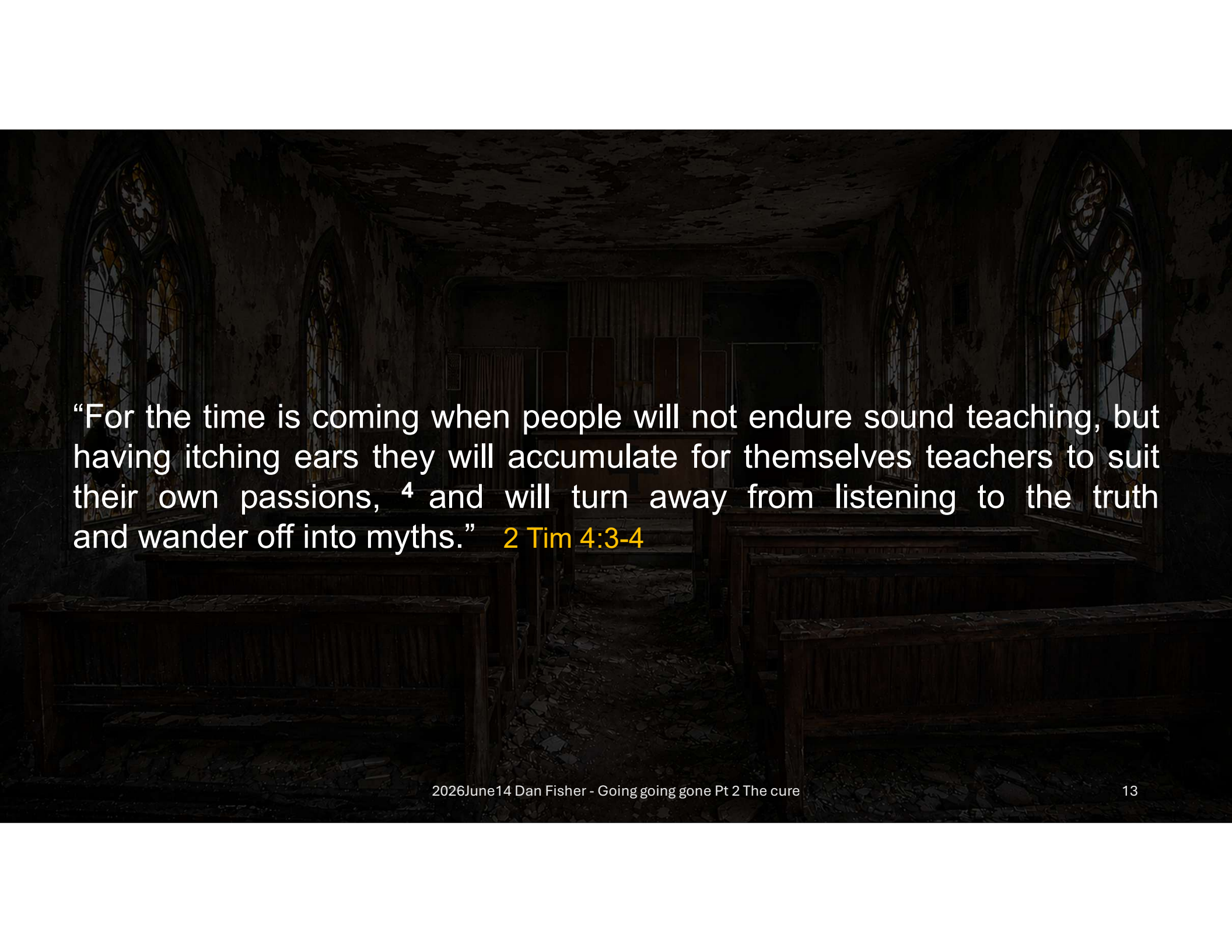


AZ Christian University President Len Munsil:

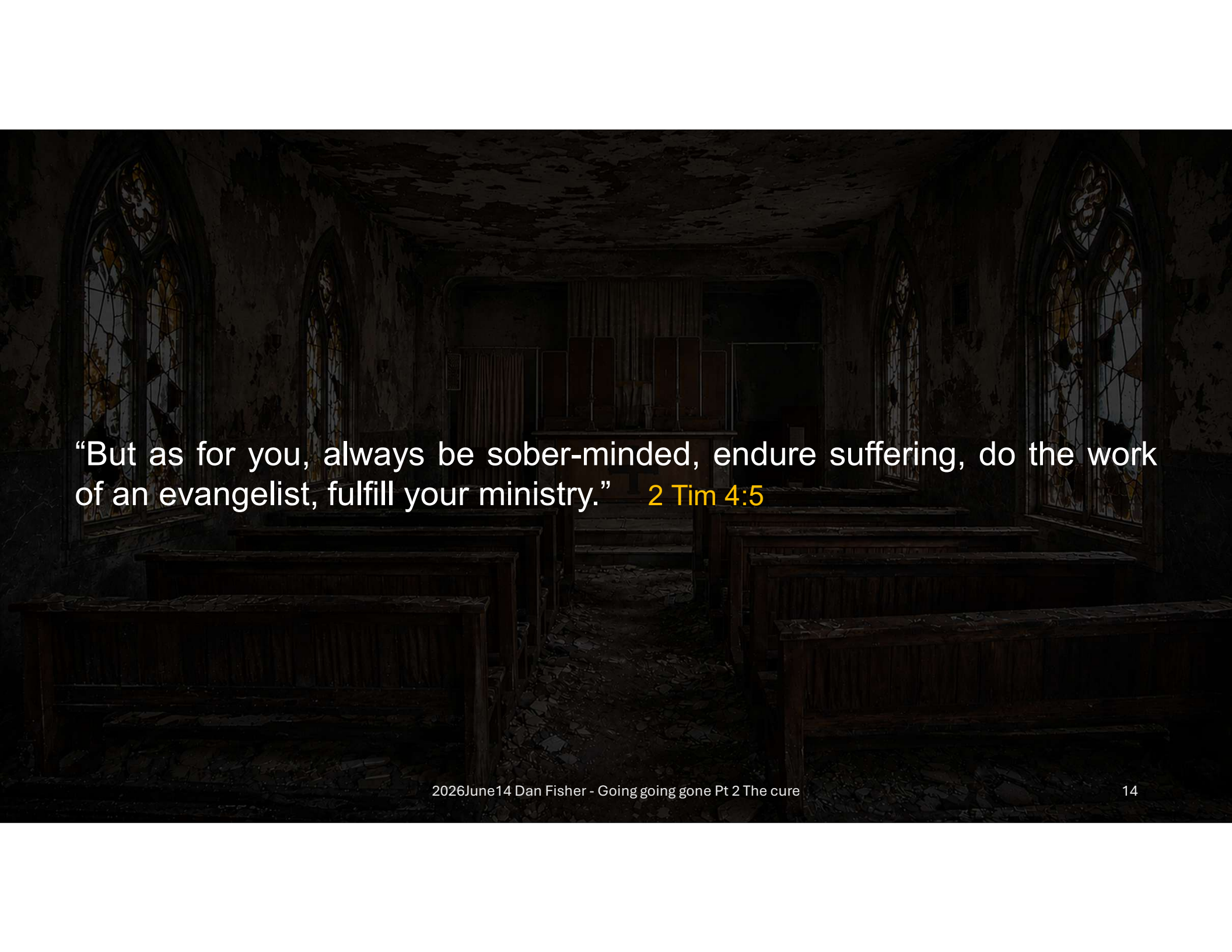
“The percentage of Americans who are thinking and living biblically as they go through life has declined precipitously over time. In the 1990s, the number was 12%. In recent years, it dropped to 6% and then to 4% in 2023. ... We are on the verge of a total disappearance of biblical worldview values in the entire Gen Z generation.”

“A 2019 Pew Research Study determined only 3% of all sermons even mention sin. ... it is not surprising to see a steady rise in the numbers of self-identified Christians who accept abortion, homosexuality, lying, divorce ... as moral behaviors. ... to suppress the reality of sin, its consequences, and its solutions from the people those churches serve is a travesty.”

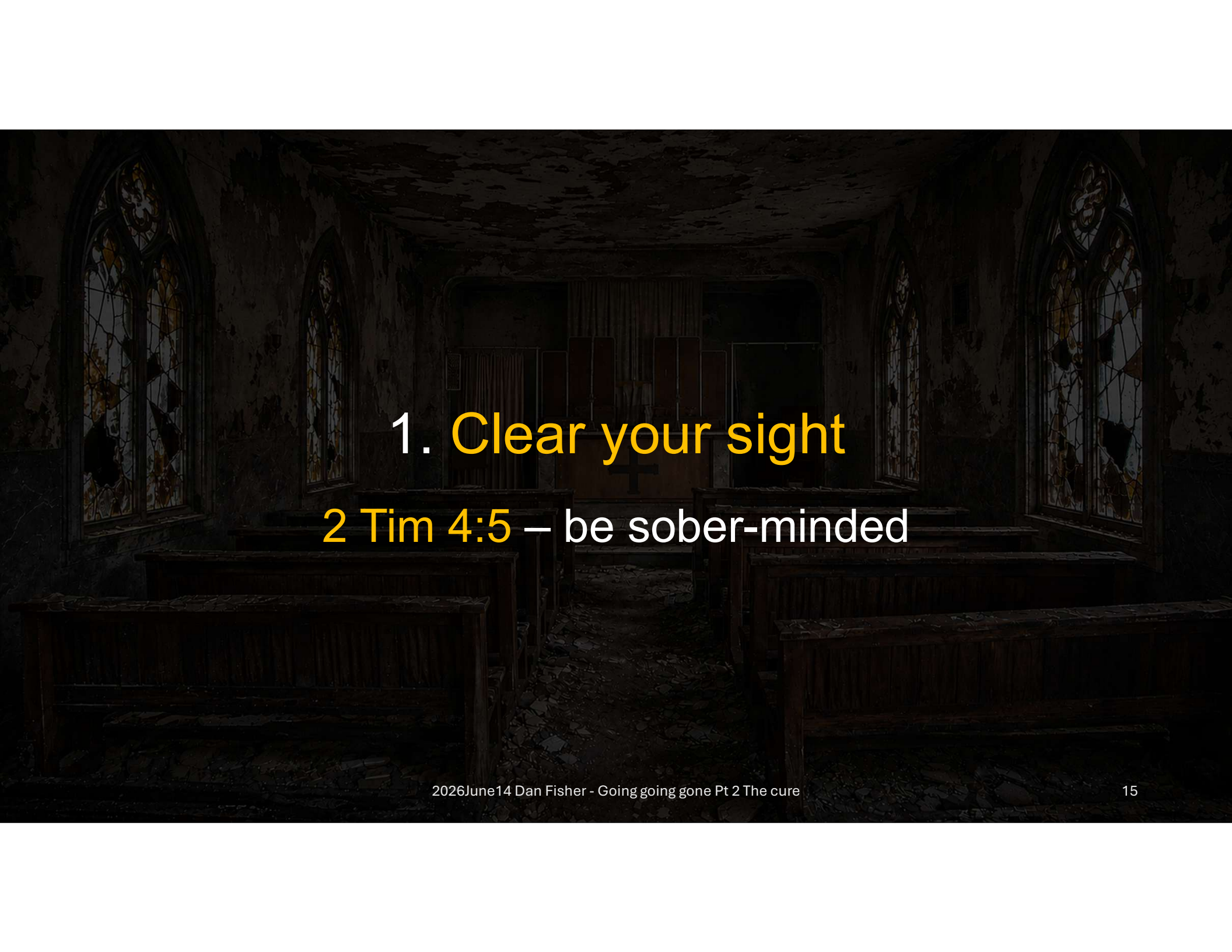
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A dark, abandoned church interior. The scene is dimly lit, showing rows of wooden pews on either side of a central aisle. The walls are covered in peeling paint and graffiti. Stained glass windows with intricate designs are visible on the walls. The overall atmosphere is one of decay and neglect.

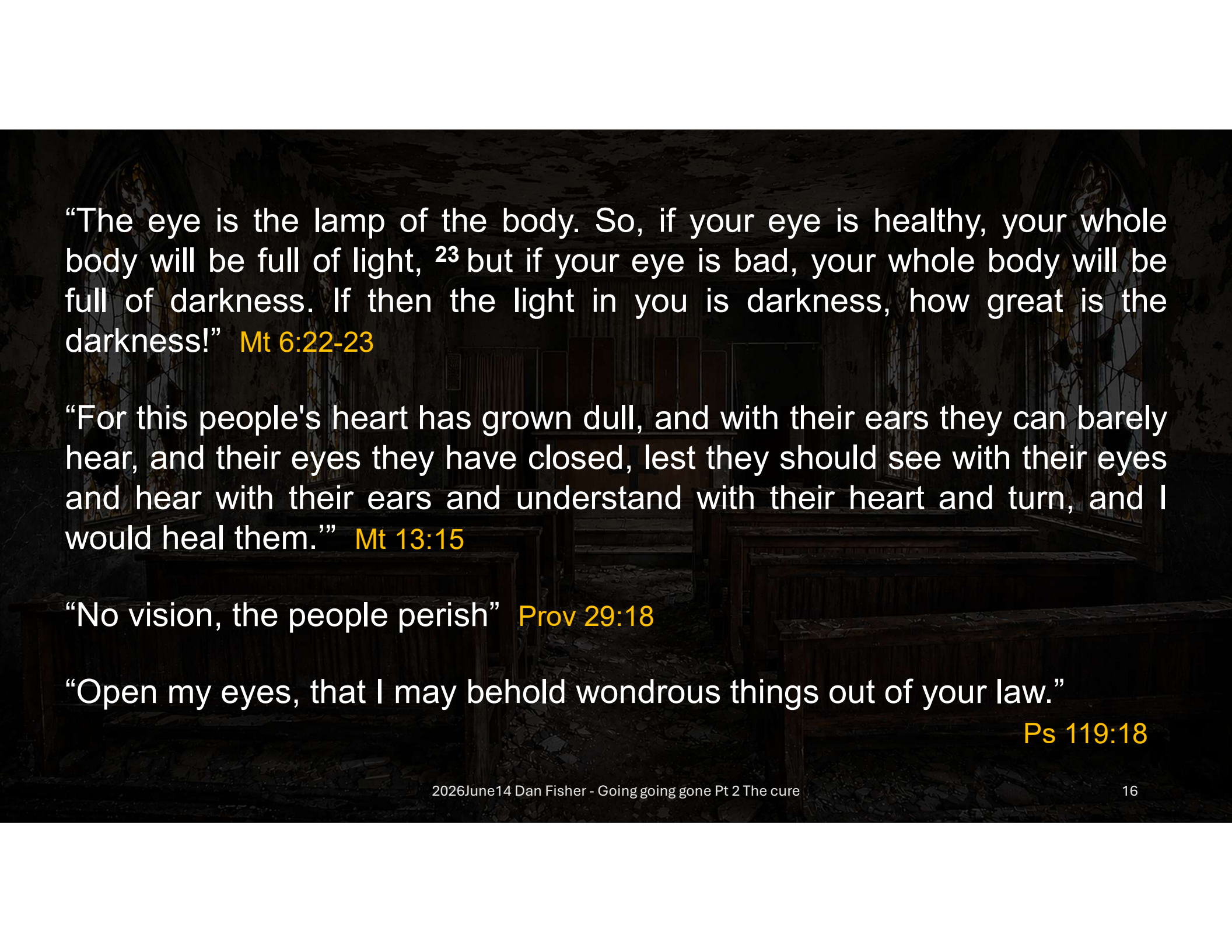
“For the time is coming when people will not endure sound teaching, but having itching ears they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own passions, <sup>4</sup> and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander off into myths.” 2 Tim 4:3-4

A dark, abandoned church interior. The scene is dimly lit, with light filtering through several tall, narrow stained glass windows. The pews are arranged in rows, and the floor appears to be covered in debris or rubble. The walls are peeling and the ceiling is dark and textured. The overall atmosphere is one of desolation and neglect.

“But as for you, always be sober-minded, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, fulfill your ministry.” 2 Tim 4:5

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1. Clear your sight  
2 Tim 4:5 – be sober-minded



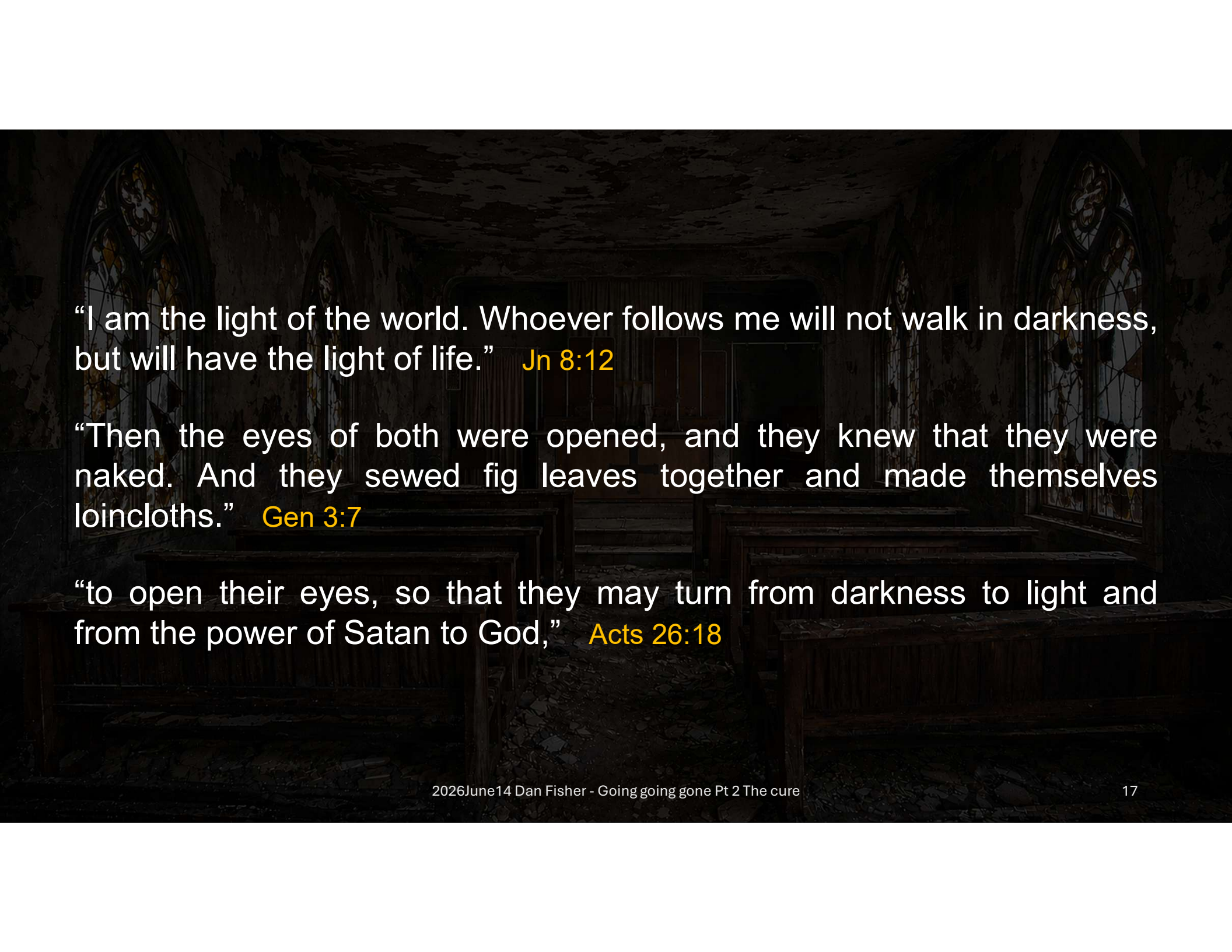
“The eye is the lamp of the body. So, if your eye is healthy, your whole body will be full of light, <sup>23</sup> but if your eye is bad, your whole body will be full of darkness. If then the light in you is darkness, how great is the darkness!” **Mt 6:22-23**

“For this people's heart has grown dull, and with their ears they can barely hear, and their eyes they have closed, lest they should see with their eyes and hear with their ears and understand with their heart and turn, and I would heal them.” **Mt 13:15**

“No vision, the people perish” **Prov 29:18**

“Open my eyes, that I may behold wondrous things out of your law.”

**Ps 119:18**



“I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life.” **Jn 8:12**

“Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked. And they sewed fig leaves together and made themselves loincloths.” **Gen 3:7**

“to open their eyes, so that they may turn from darkness to light and from the power of Satan to God,” **Acts 26:18**

A dark, abandoned church interior. The scene is dimly lit, with light filtering through several tall, narrow stained glass windows. The walls are peeling and the floor is covered in debris. In the center, a wooden altar with a cross is visible. Rows of wooden pews are arranged on either side of a central aisle.

“having the eyes of your hearts enlightened” Eph 1:18

“that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light.” 1 Pet 2:9

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## 2. Champion the Scriptures

2 Tim 4:5 – do the work of an evangelist

Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth.” Jn 17:17

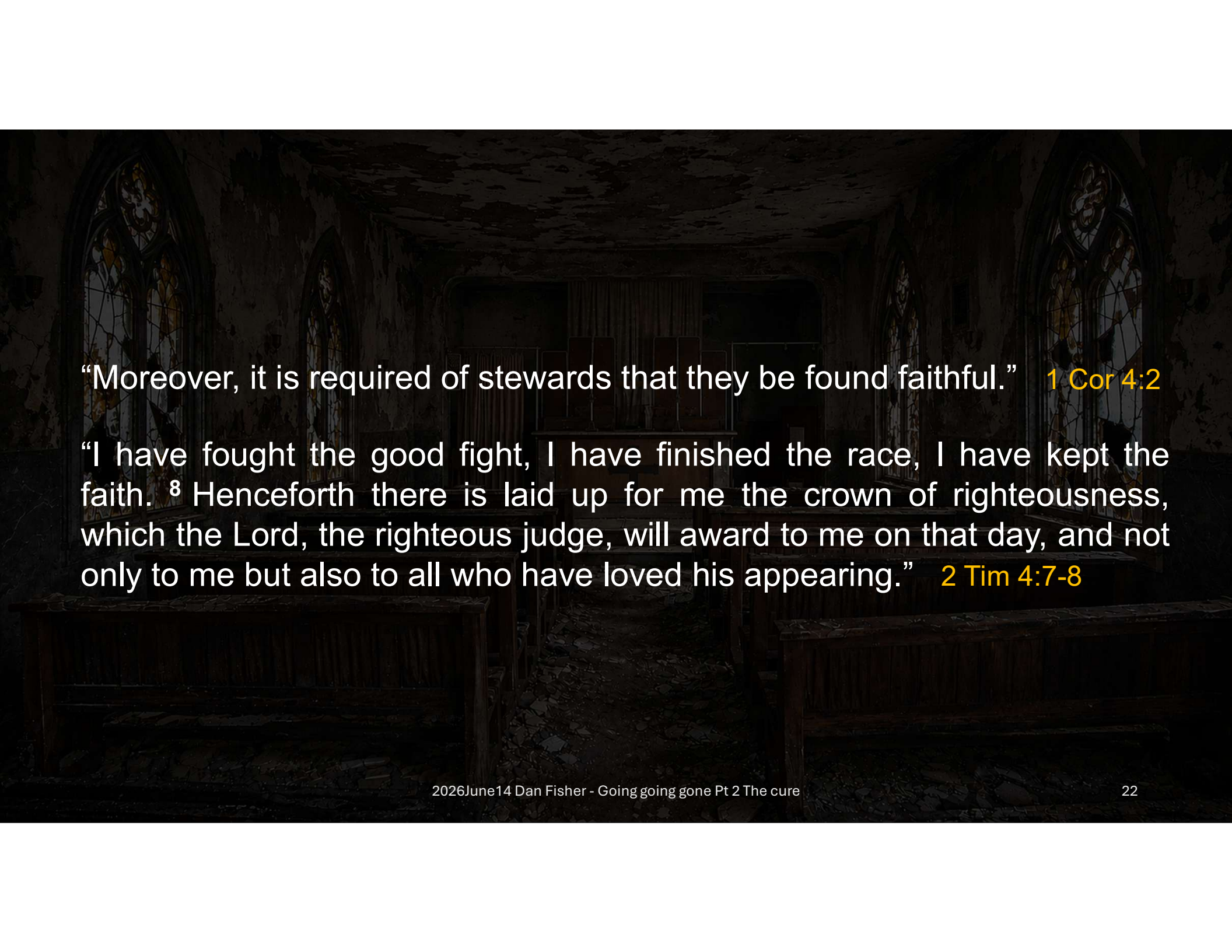
“from childhood you have known the Holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus. <sup>16</sup> All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, <sup>17</sup> that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work.” 2 Tim 3:15-17

“Study to show yourself approved to God, a workman that does not need to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.” 2 Tim 2:15



### 3. Complete your service

2 Tim 4:5 – fulfill your ministry




“Moreover, it is required of stewards that they be found faithful.” 1 Cor 4:2

“I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. <sup>8</sup> Henceforth there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will award to me on that day, and not only to me but also to all who have loved his appearing.” 2 Tim 4:7-8


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## 4. Concede the sacrifice

2 Tim 4:5 – endure suffering

A dark, abandoned church interior. The room is filled with rows of wooden pews, some of which are broken or overturned. The walls are covered in peeling paint and graffiti. Large, ornate stained glass windows with Gothic arches are visible on both sides. In the background, there is an altar area with a simple wooden structure and a doorway. The overall atmosphere is one of decay and neglect.

**Concede** = to yield, admit, or surrender

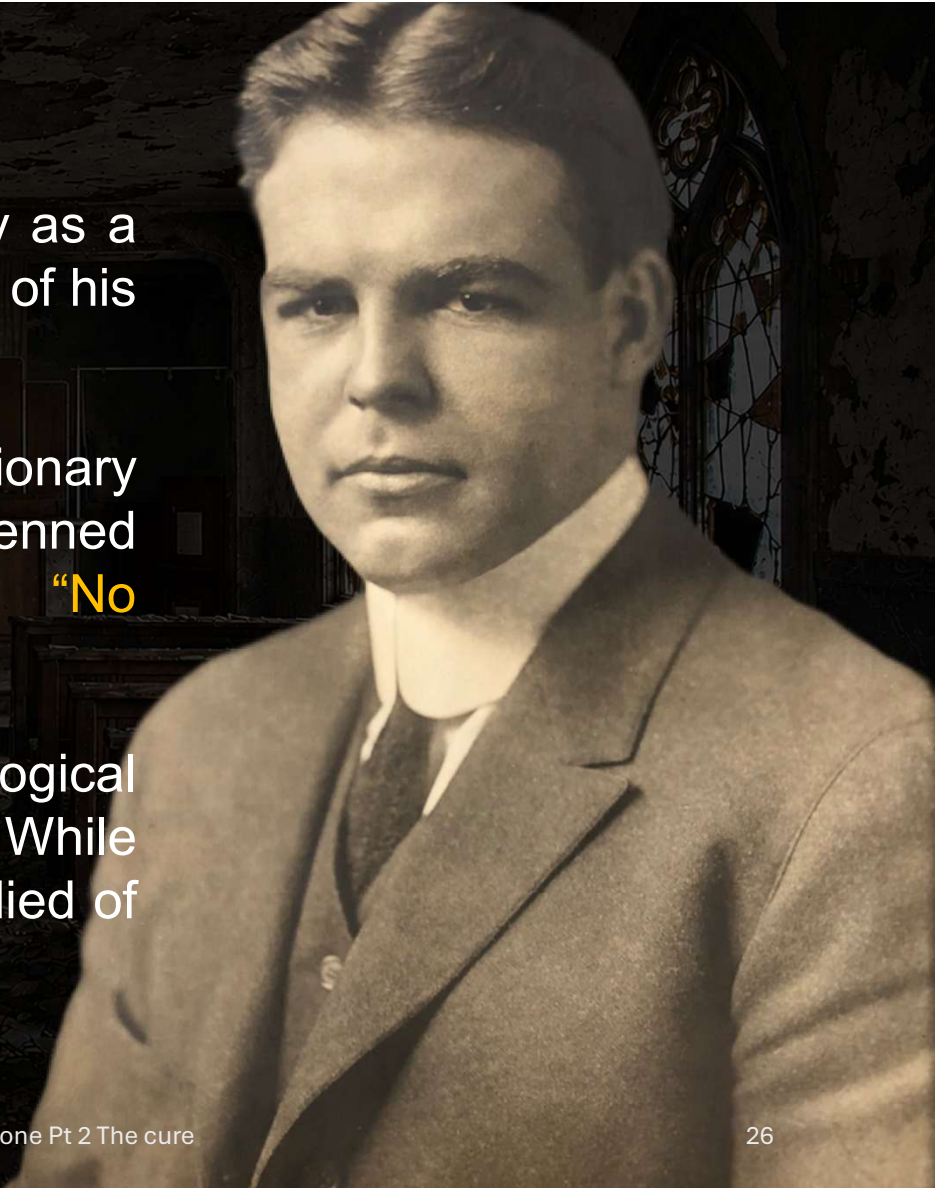
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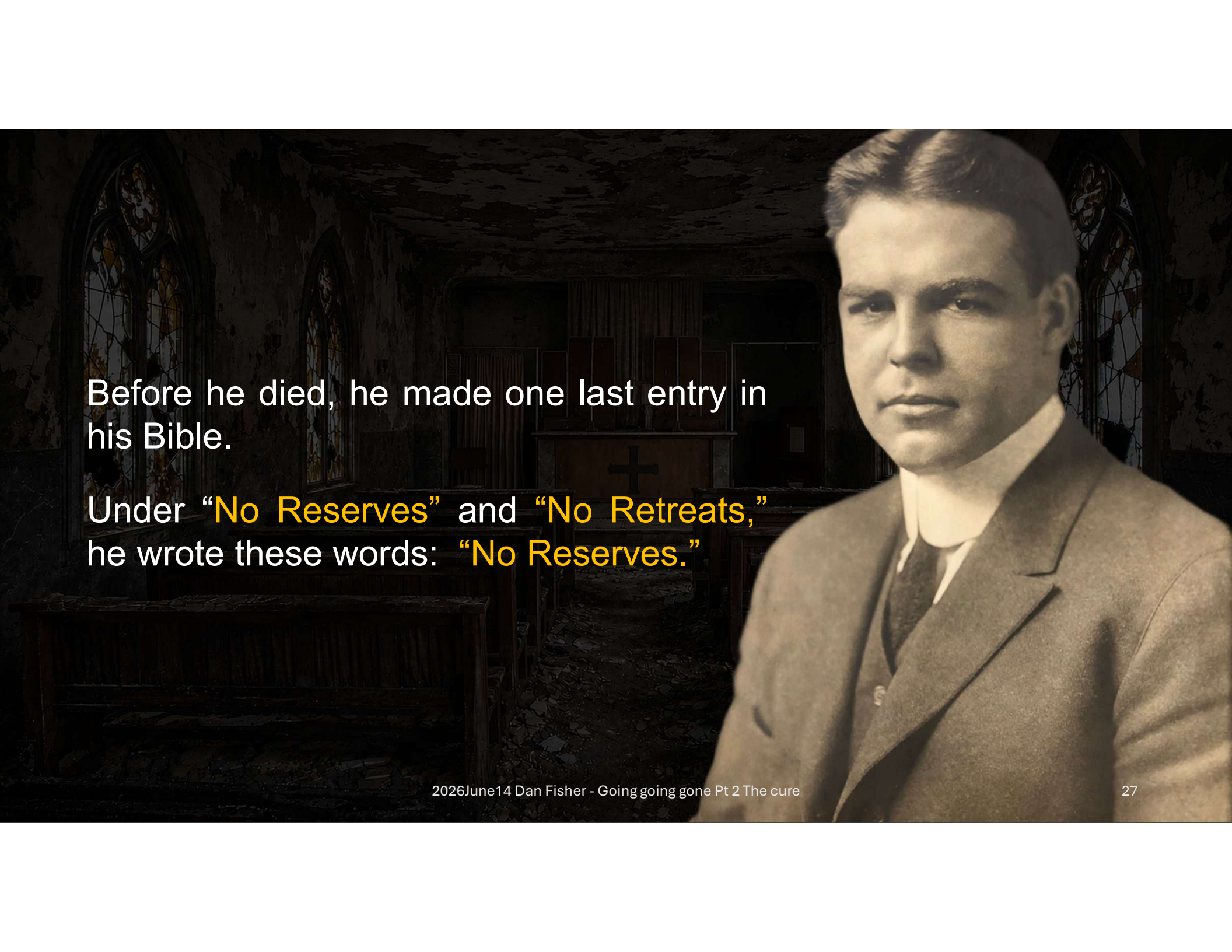
“I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship.” **Rom 12:1**

With accusations of “throwing himself away as a missionary,” he wrote two words in the back of his Bible: “**No Reserves.**”

At Yale, he confirmed his call to be a missionary to the Muslim Kansu people in China. He penned two more words in the back of his Bible: “**No Retreats.**”

After graduate studies at Princeton Theological Seminary, he left for Egypt to fulfill his call. While in Egypt studying the Arabic language, he died of spinal meningitis at the **age of 25.**





Before he died, he made one last entry in his Bible.

Under “**No Reserves**” and “**No Retreats,**” he wrote these words: “**No Reserves.**”