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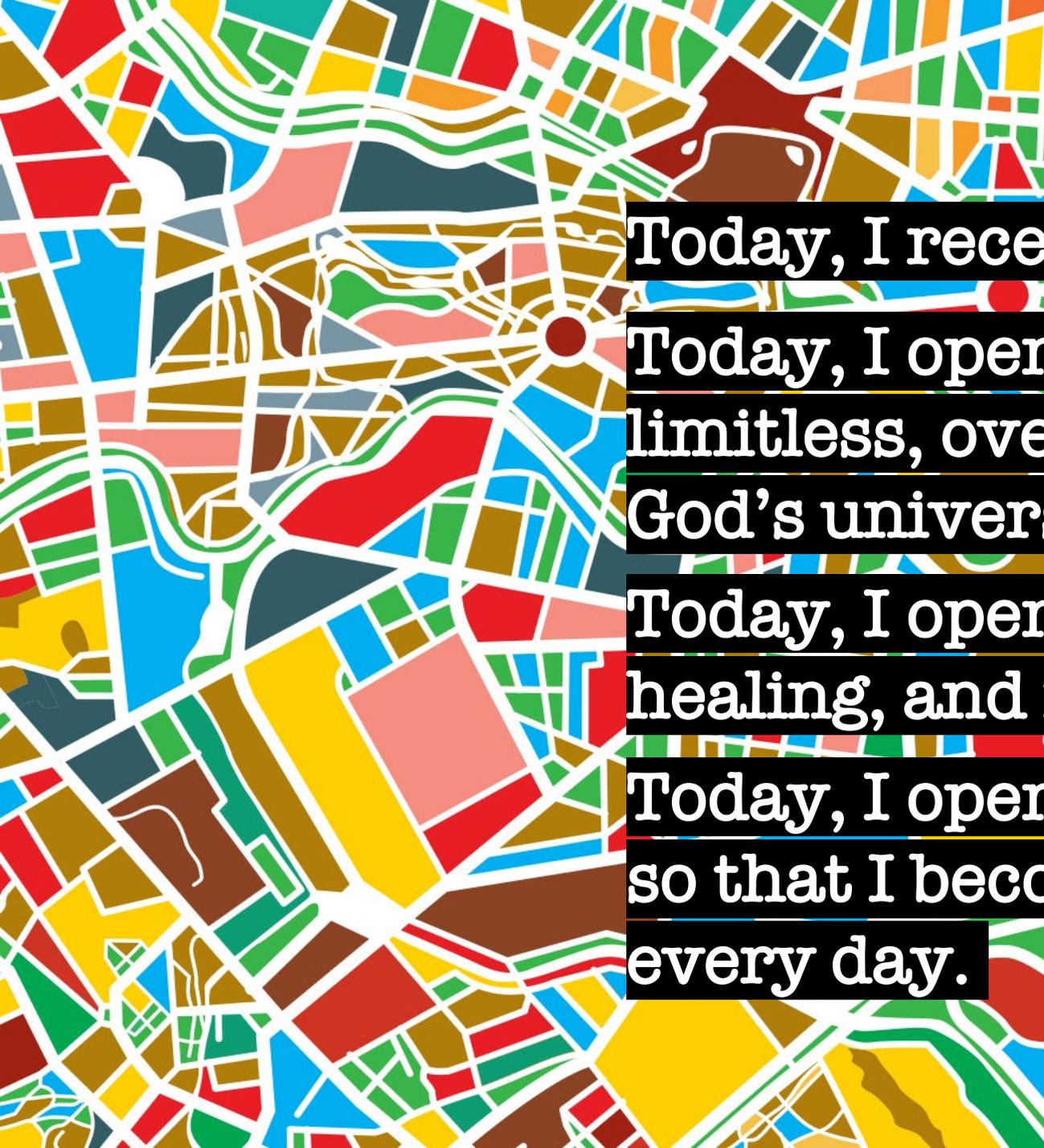
GOD IS STILL

WORKING TODAY



problems

TALK 2

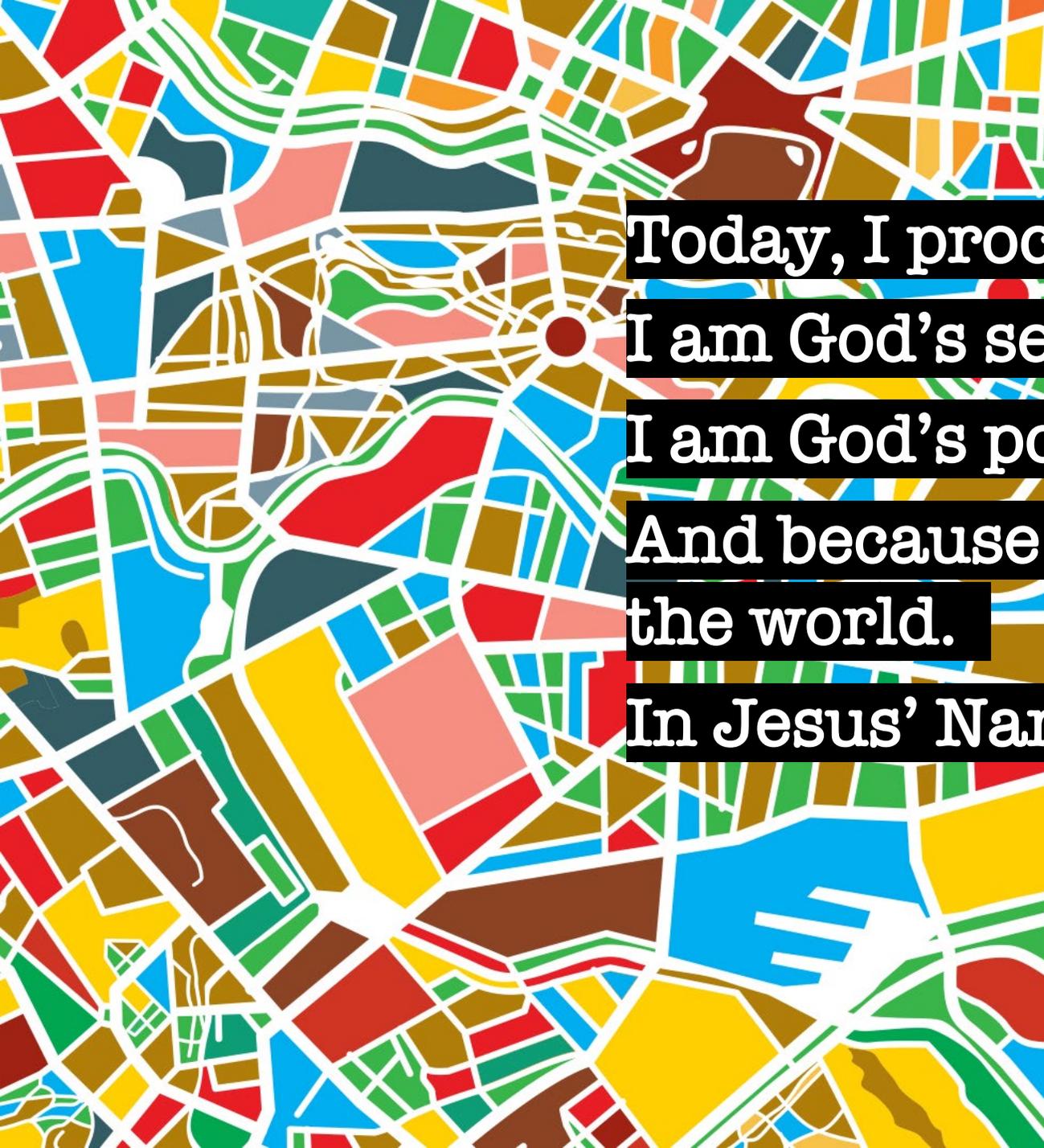


Today, I receive all of God's Love for me.

Today, I open myself to the unbounded, limitless, overflowing abundance of God's universe.

Today, I open myself to God's blessings, healing, and miracles.

Today, I open myself to God's Word so that I become more like Jesus every day.



Today, I proclaim that I am God's beloved.

I am God's servant.

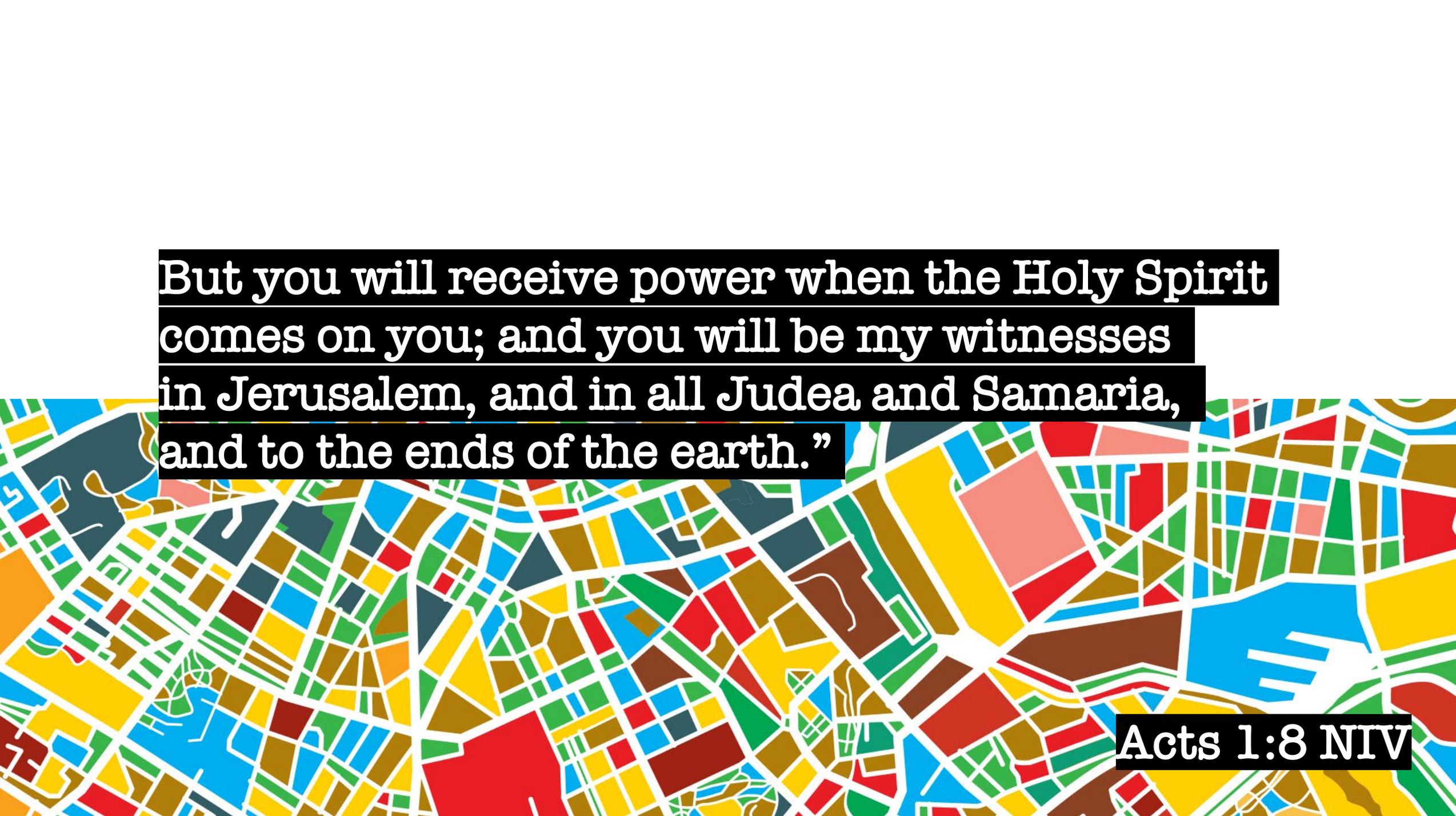
I am God's powerful champion.

And because I am blessed, I am blessing
the world.

In Jesus' Name. Amen.

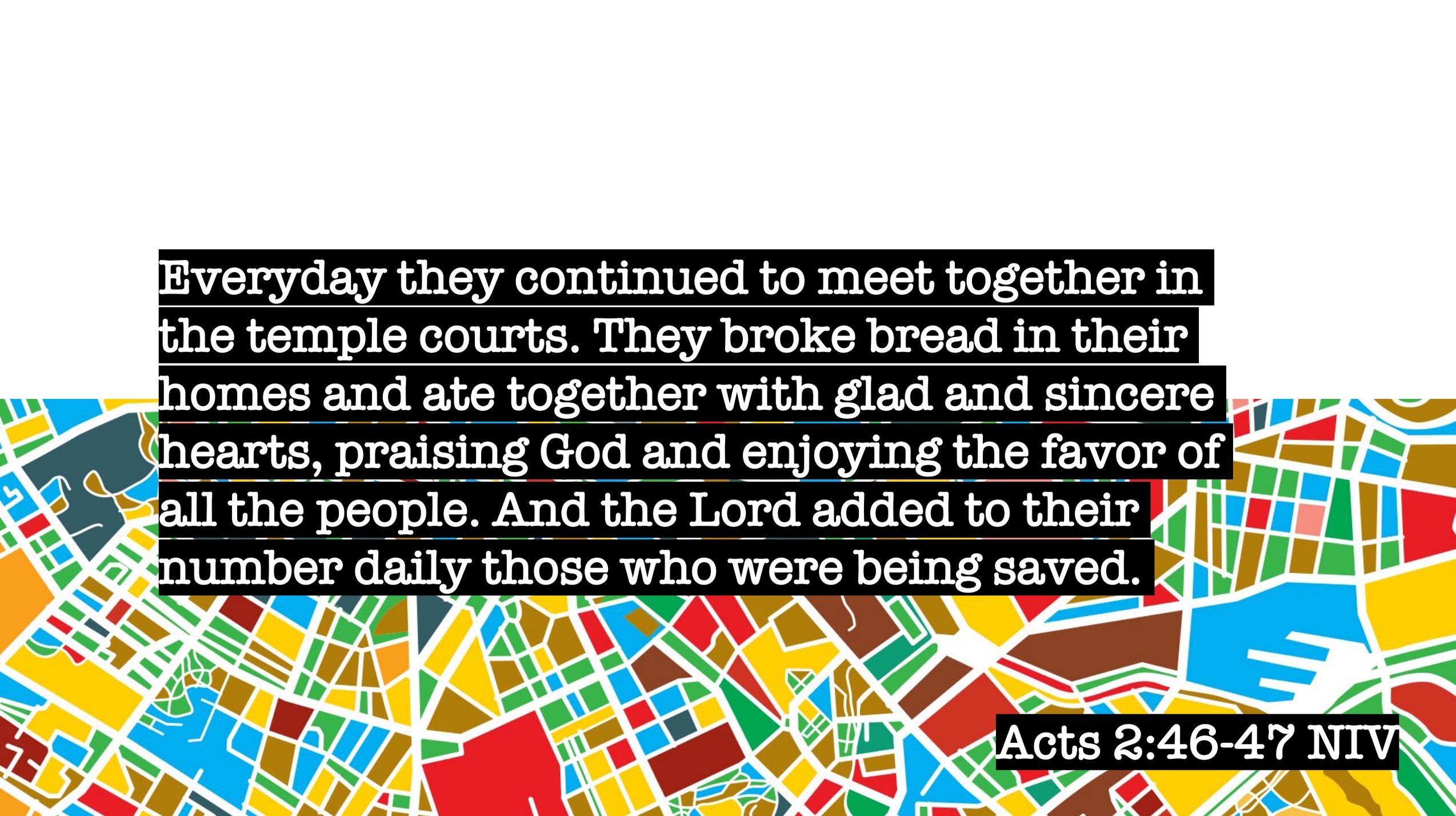


*God will turn
your bad situation
into your best provision.*



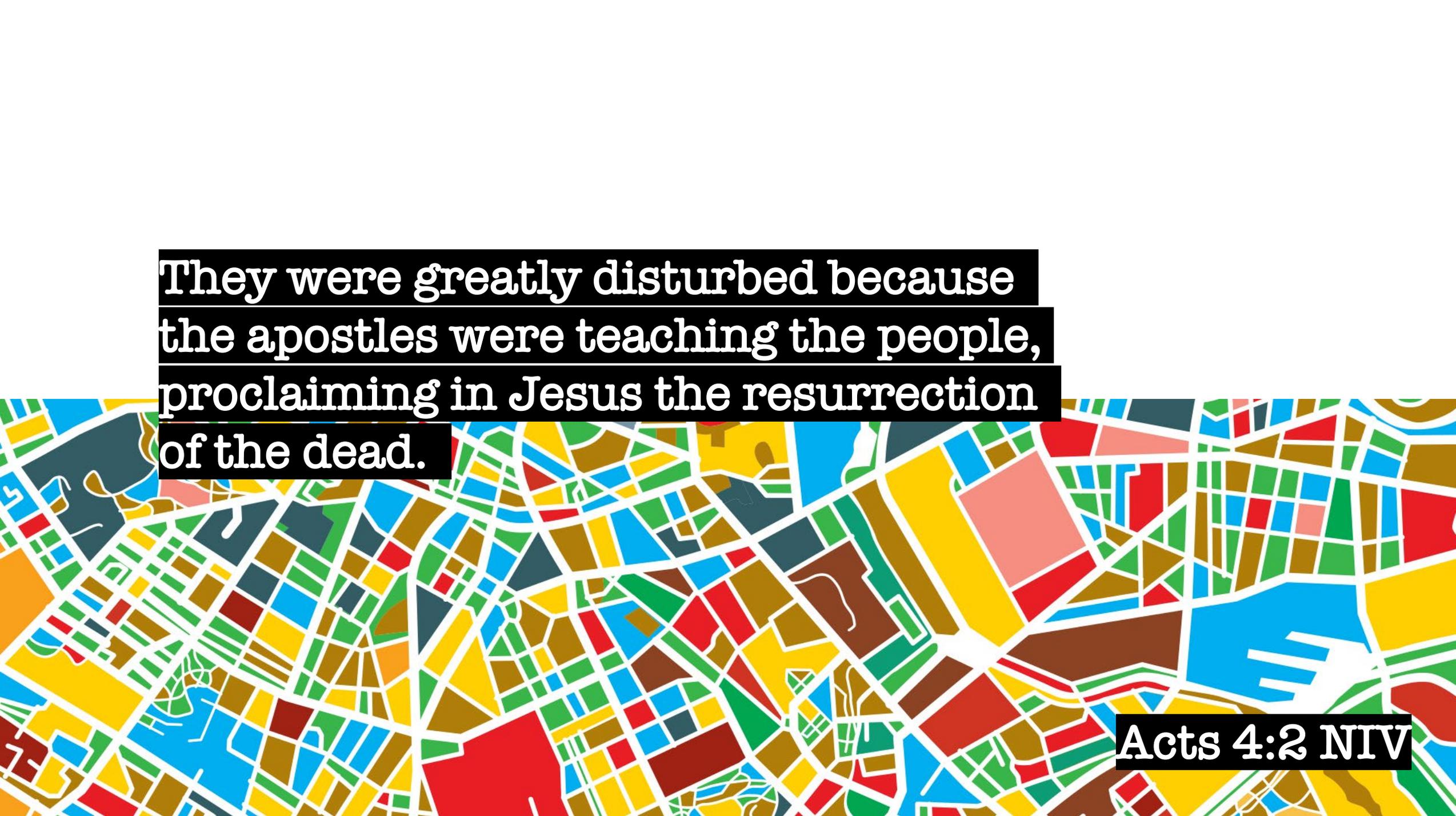
But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.”

Acts 1:8 NIV



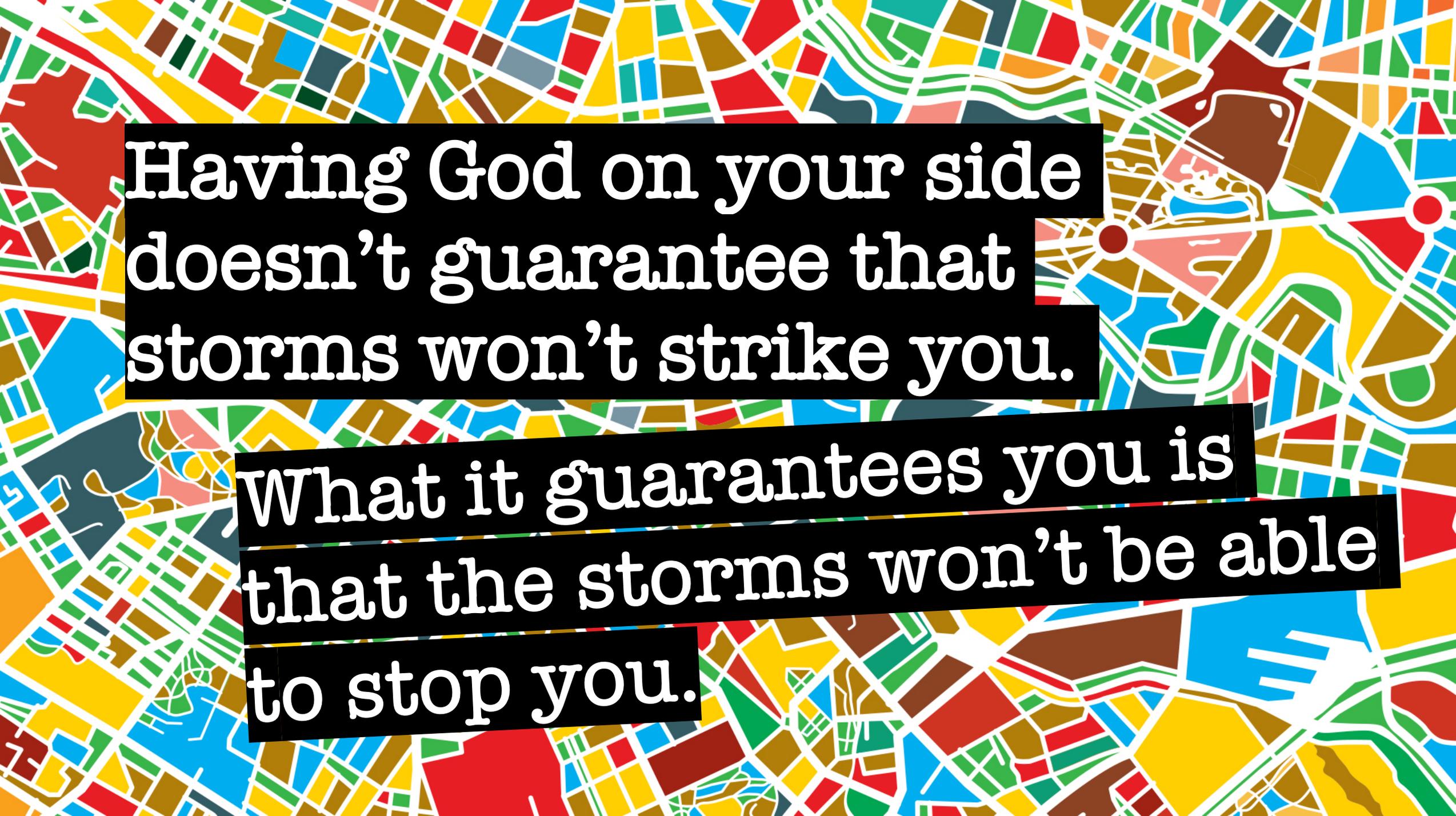
Everyday they continued to meet together in the temple courts. They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts, praising God and enjoying the favor of all the people. And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved.

Acts 2:46-47 NIV



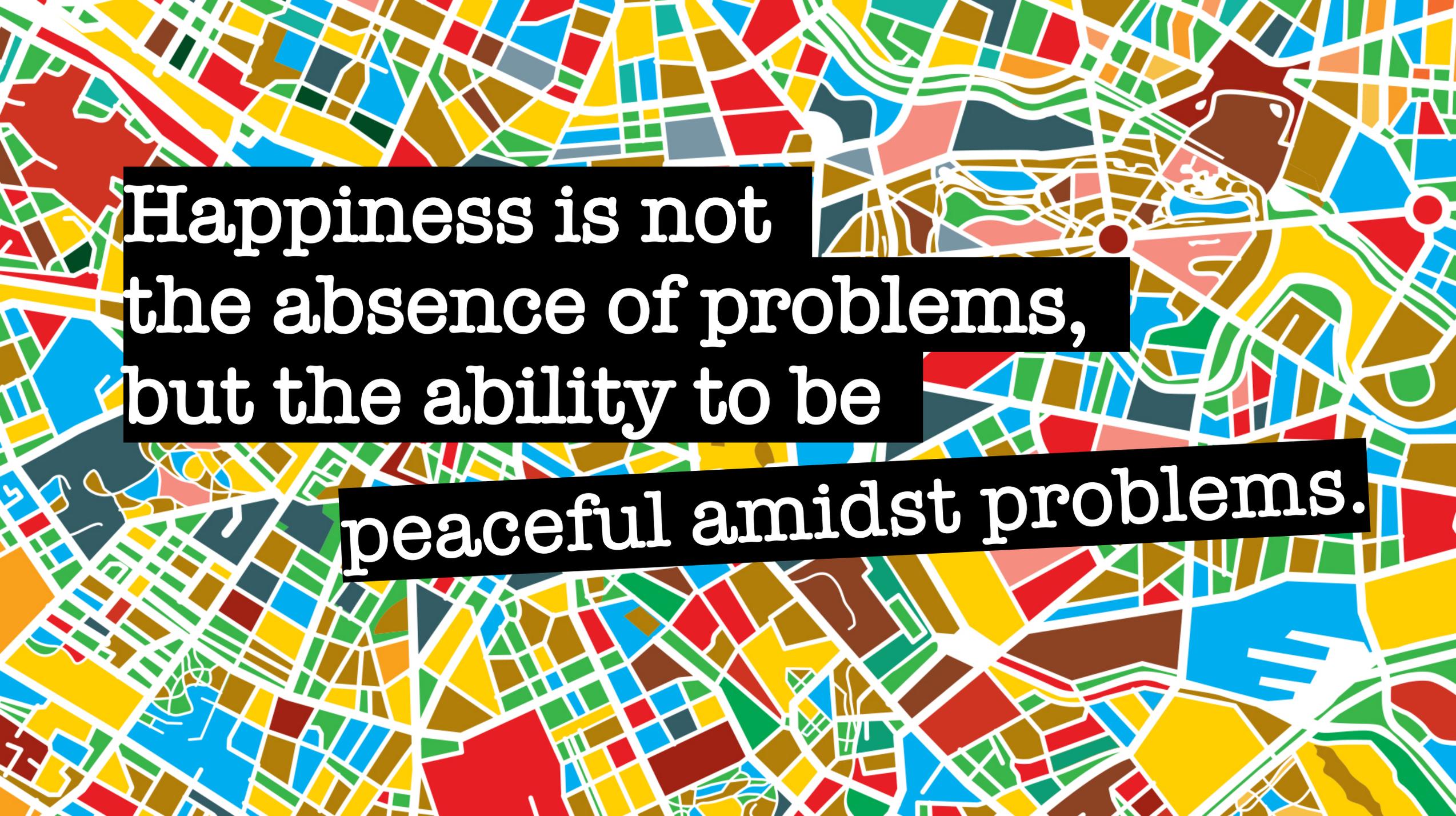
They were greatly disturbed because the apostles were teaching the people, proclaiming in Jesus the resurrection of the dead.

Acts 4:2 NIV



Having God on your side
doesn't guarantee that
storms won't strike you.

What it guarantees you is
that the storms won't be able
to stop you.



Happiness is not
the absence of problems,
but the ability to be

peaceful amidst problems.

**If God is working on it,
it'll be worth the wait.**



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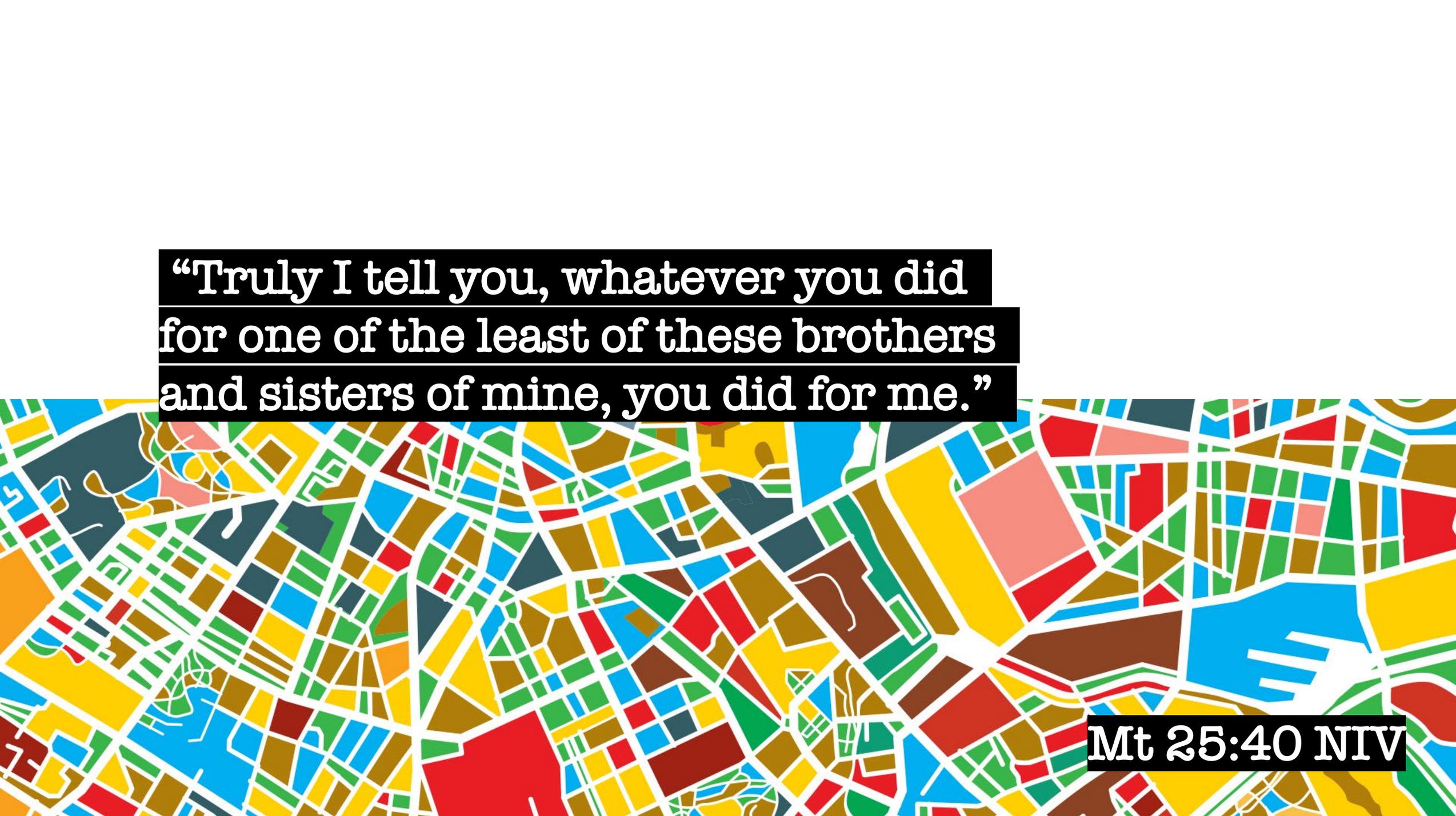


Day after day, in the temple courts
and from house to house, they never stopped
teaching and proclaiming the good news
that Jesus is the Messiah.

Acts 5:42 NIV

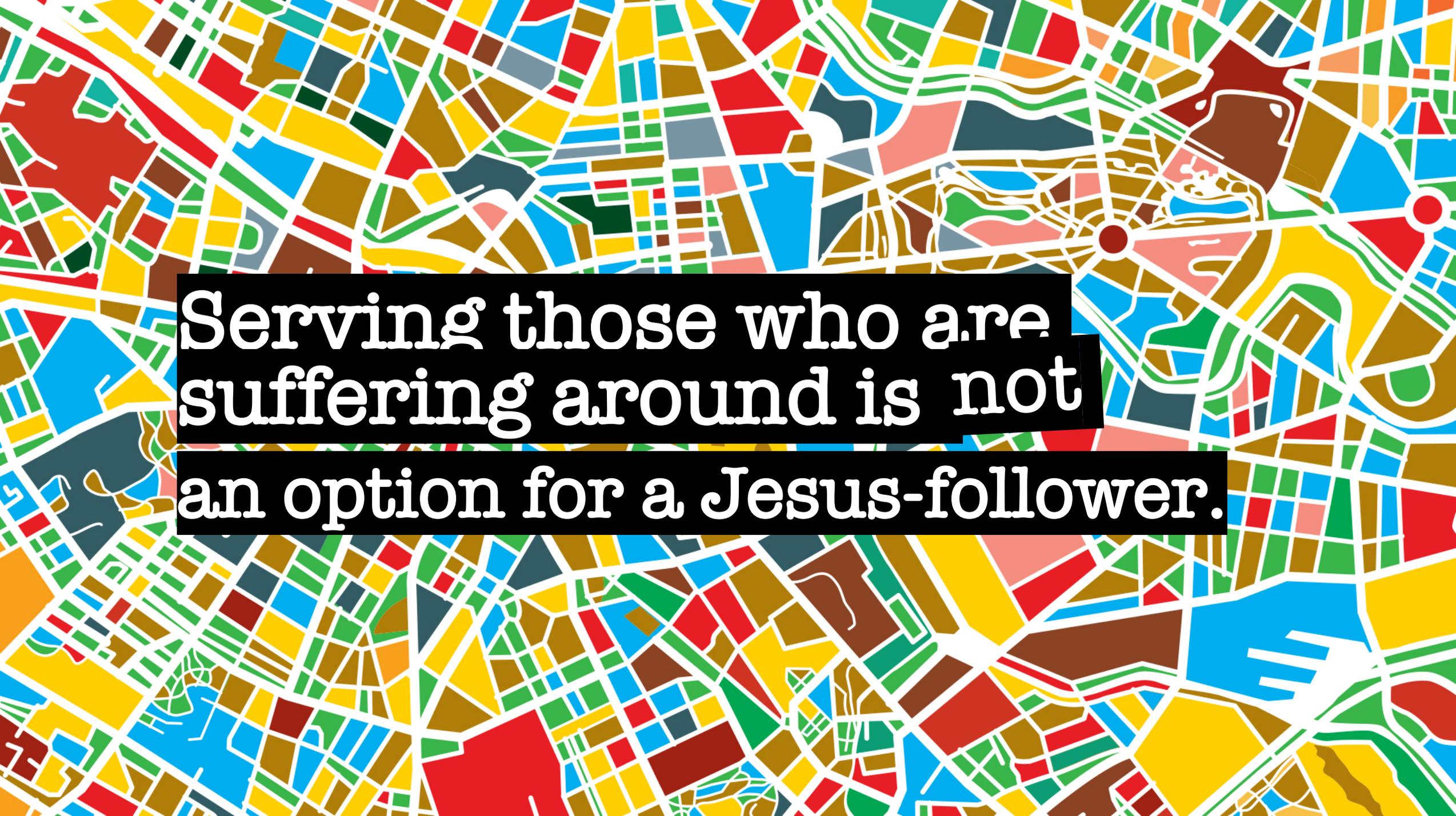
**The early church
loved the poor.**

21.6% Poverty



**“Truly I tell you, whatever you did
for one of the least of these brothers
and sisters of mine, you did for me.”**

Mt 25:40 NIV



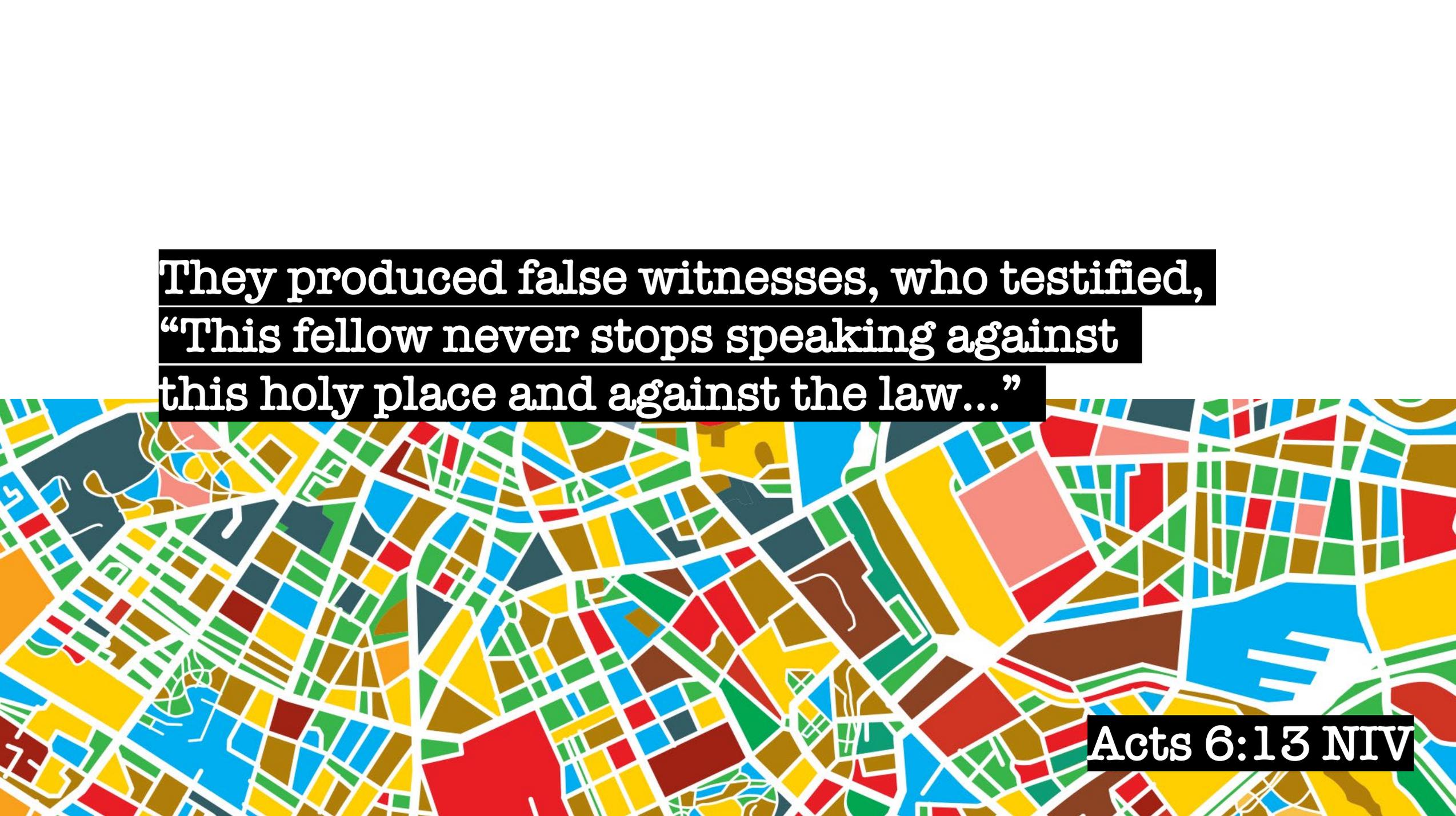
Serving those who are suffering around is not an option for a Jesus-follower.

Evangelist + Social Worker

Now Stephen, a man full of God's grace and power, performed great wonders and signs among the people.

Acts 6:8 NIV

Evangelist + Social Worker + Charismatic



They produced false witnesses, who testified,
“This fellow never stops speaking against
this holy place and against the law...”

Acts 6:13 NIV

fake news

insecurity

Three Quick Lessons

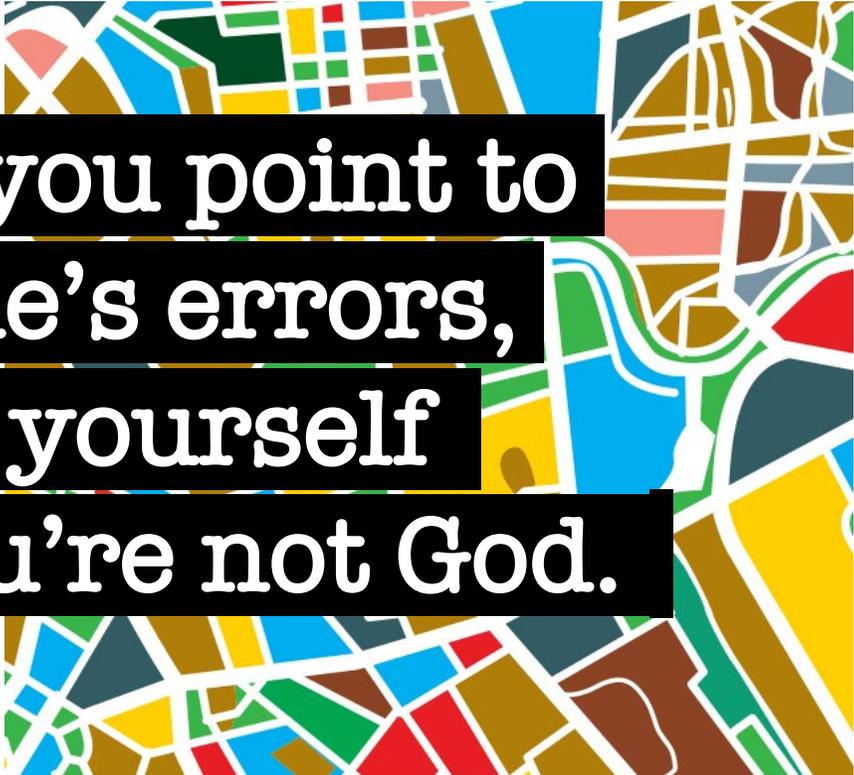


Lesson 1



When you don't like
certain people,
ask God to reveal
your insecurity.

Lesson 2

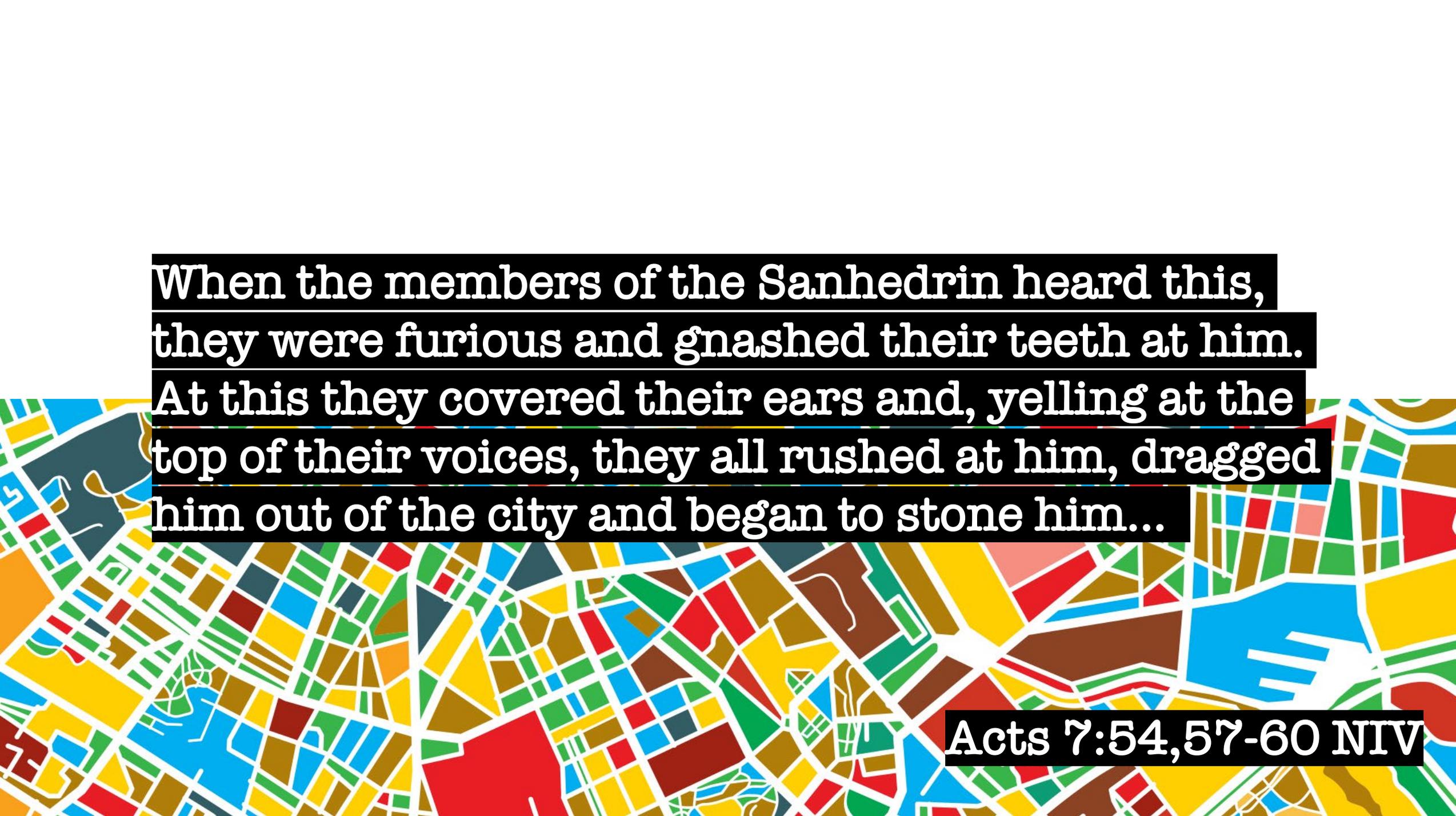


Before you point to
someone's errors,
remind yourself
that you're not God.

Lesson 3

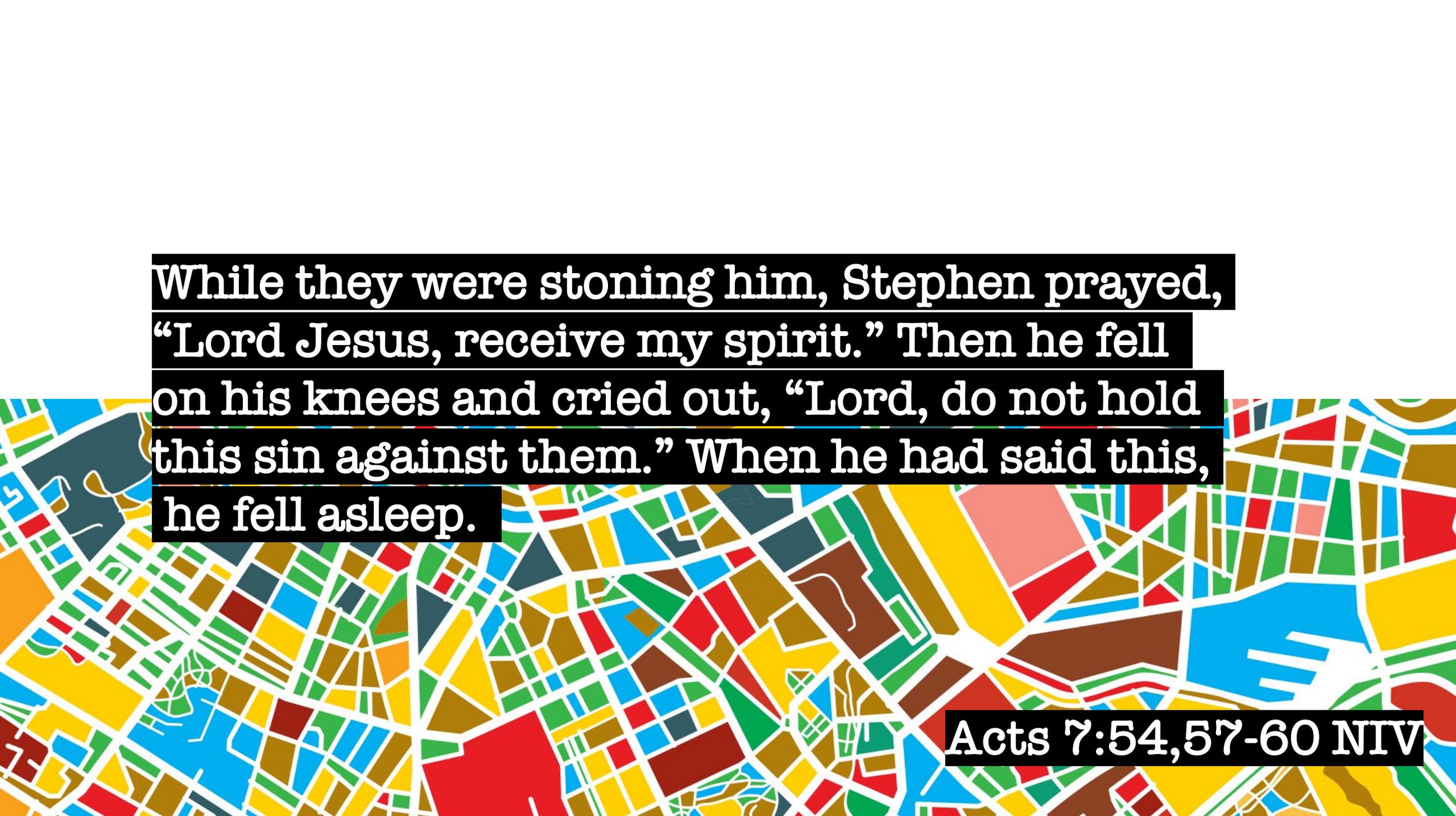
No matter
how good you are,
some people
won't like you.





When the members of the Sanhedrin heard this, they were furious and gnashed their teeth at him. At this they covered their ears and, yelling at the top of their voices, they all rushed at him, dragged him out of the city and began to stone him...

Acts 7:54,57-60 NIV



While they were stoning him, Stephen prayed, “Lord Jesus, receive my spirit.” Then he fell on his knees and cried out, “Lord, do not hold this sin against them.” When he had said this, he fell asleep.

Acts 7:54,57-60 NIV



Stephen, first Christian martyr

325 A.D. = 2 Million Christian Martyrs

In the past 10 years = 900,000 Christian Martyrs

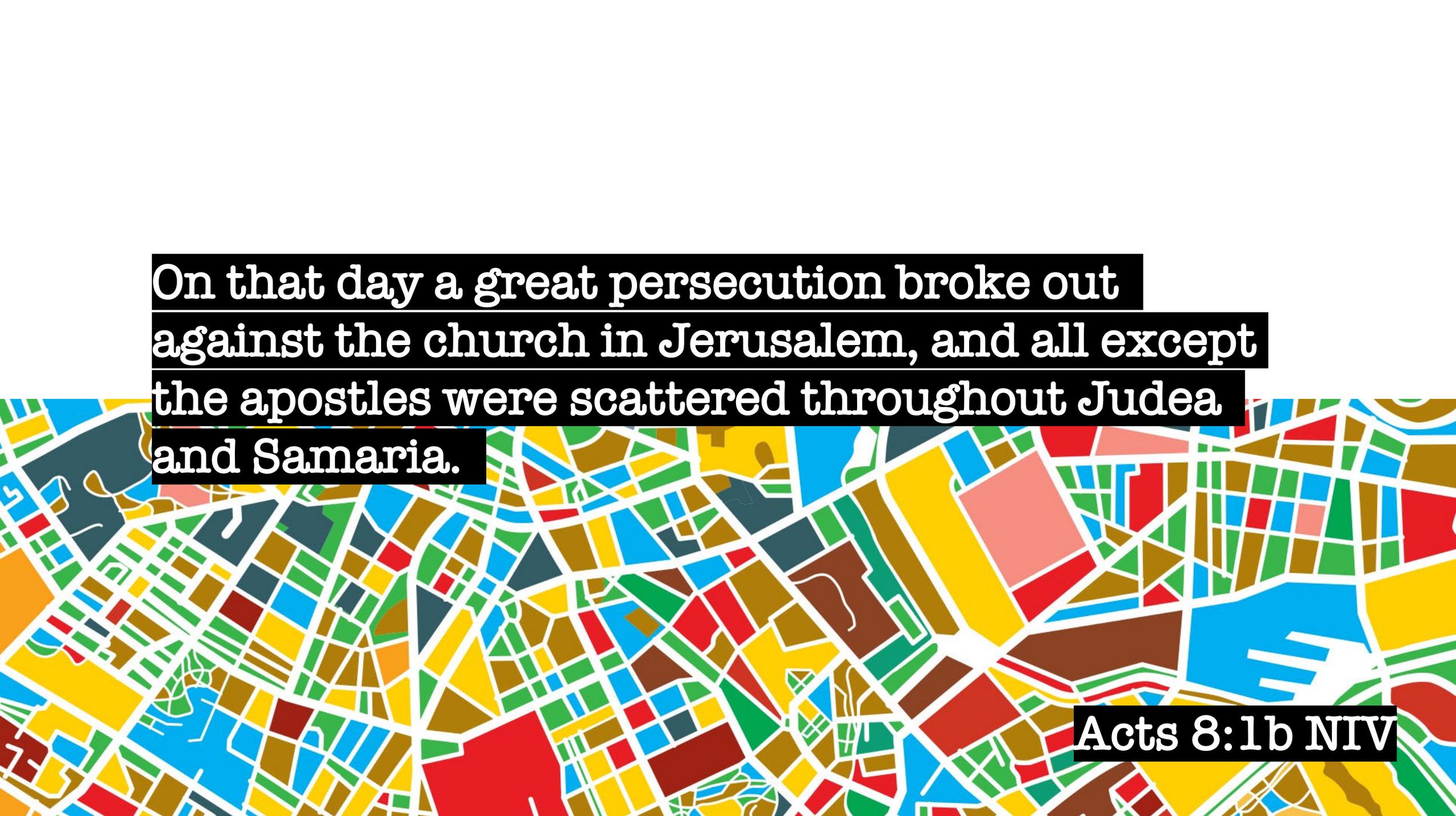
Every 6 minutes,

1 Christian is murdered

for his faith.

2000 years = 70 Million Christian Martyrs

**the unexpected results
of persecution...**



On that day a great persecution broke out
against the church in Jerusalem, and all except
the apostles were scattered throughout Judea
and Samaria.

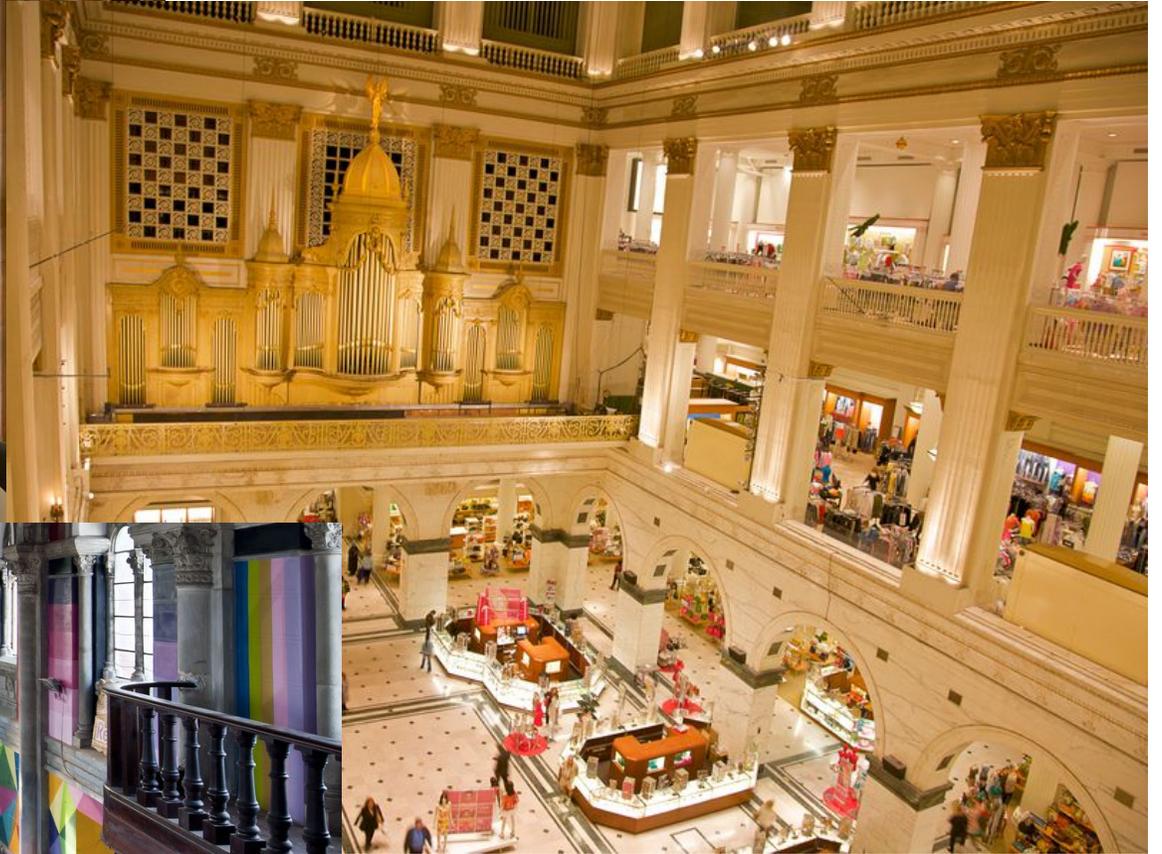
Acts 8:1b NIV

It wasn't planning

that caused this to happen,

it was persecution.

The bad thing turned out
to be a good thing.

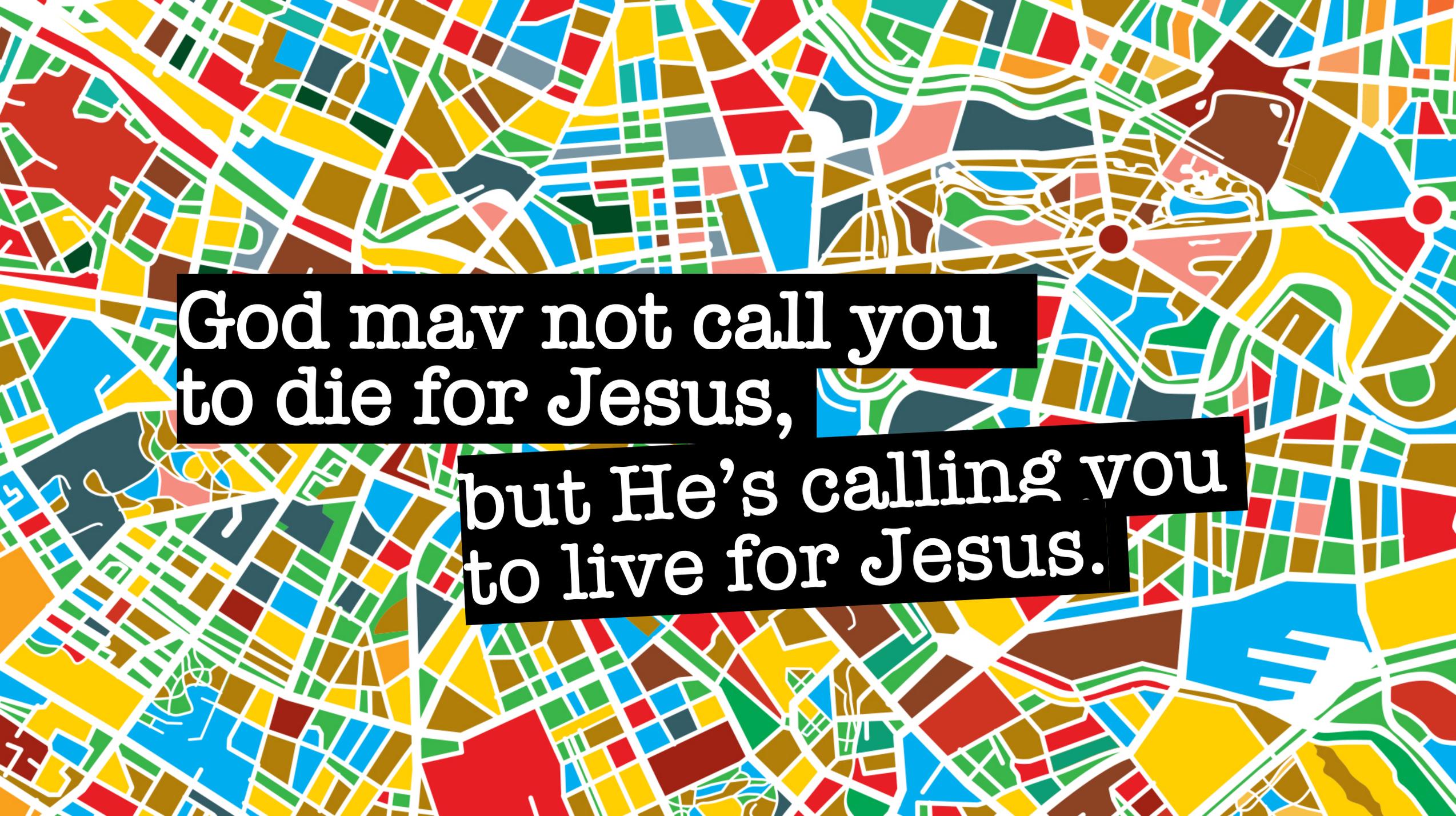


500 Years Ago,

Europe sent missionaries

to the Philippines.

Today, Philippines sends
missionaries to Europe.

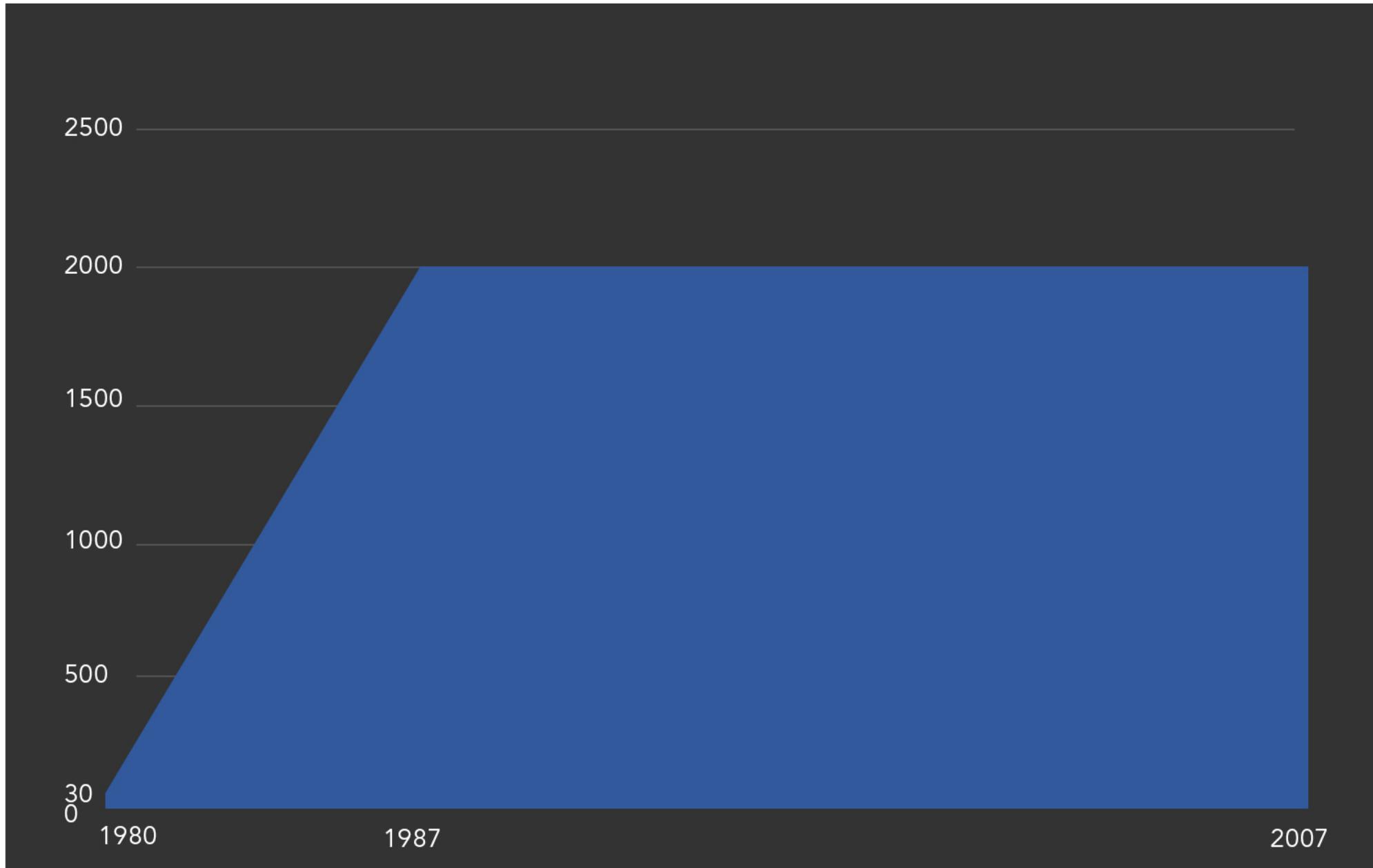


God may not call you
to die for Jesus,

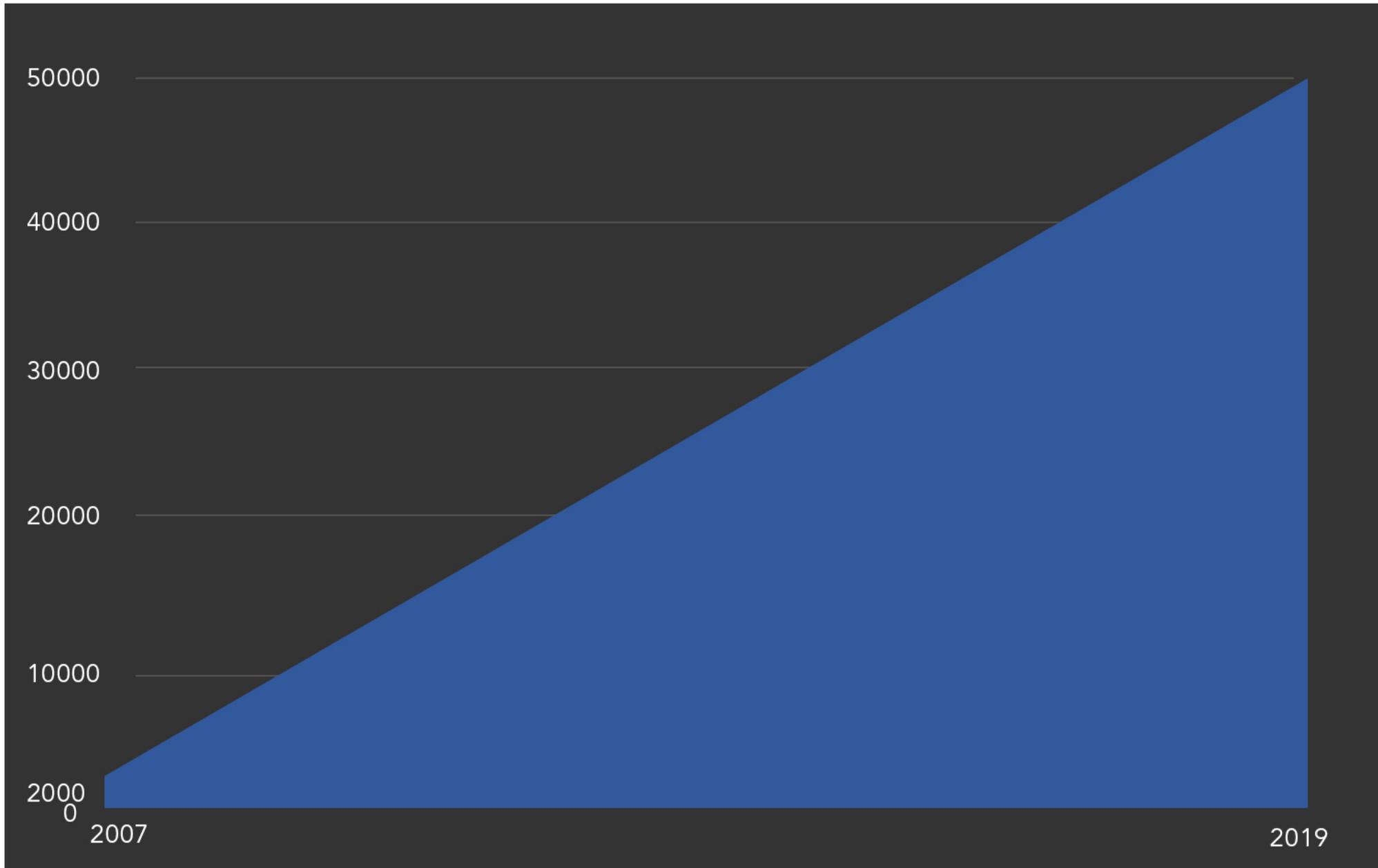
but He's calling you
to live for Jesus.

Light of Jesus Family = 40th Birthday in 2020

1980
to
2007



2007
to
2019



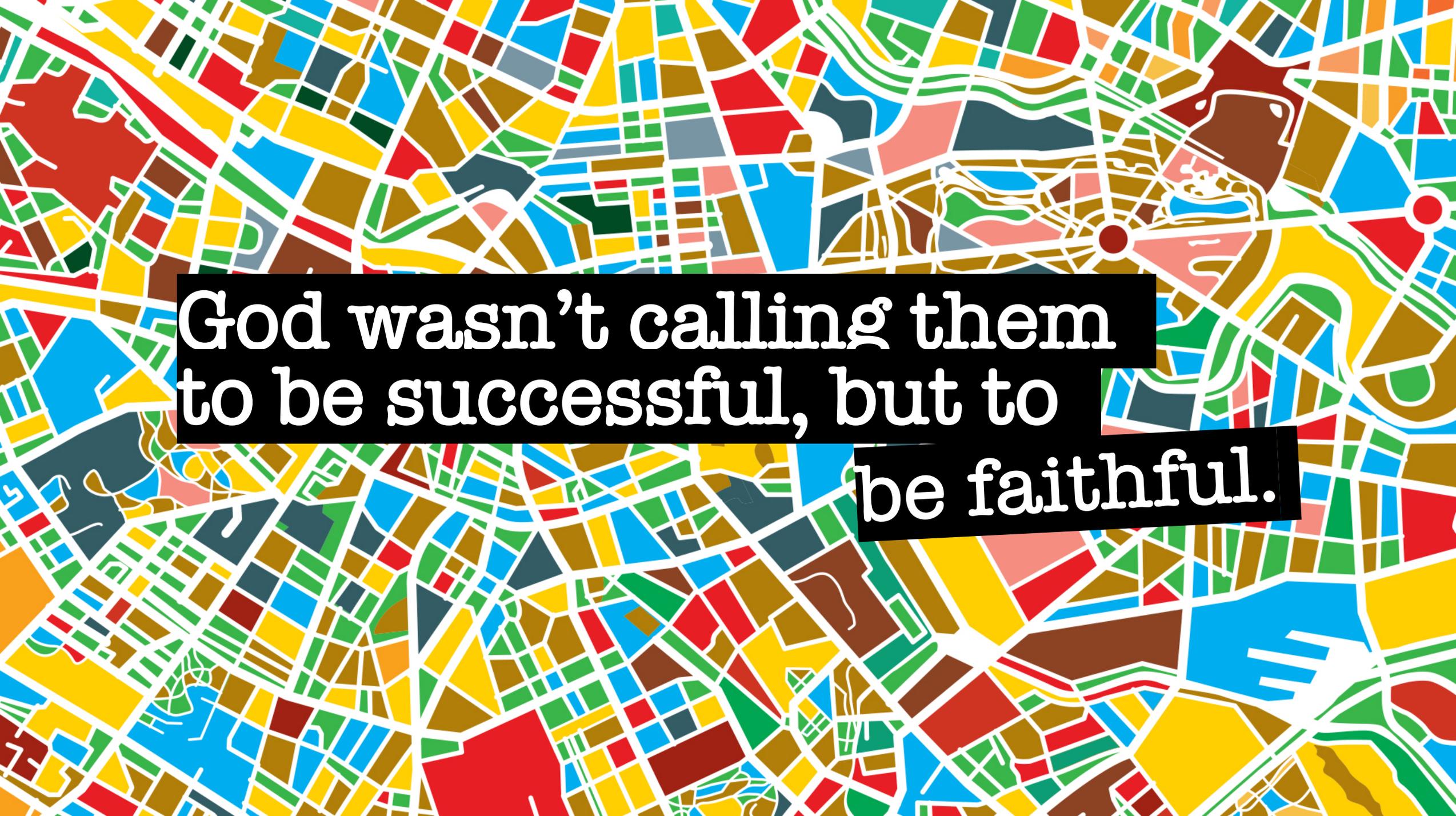
was God really absent

during those 20 years of stagnation?





*The taller the building,
the stronger the foundation.*



God wasn't calling them
to be successful, but to

be faithful.

“people first” + “relationship first” + “humility first”

Those two decades
of unproductivity
was the best thing
that happened to us.



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