



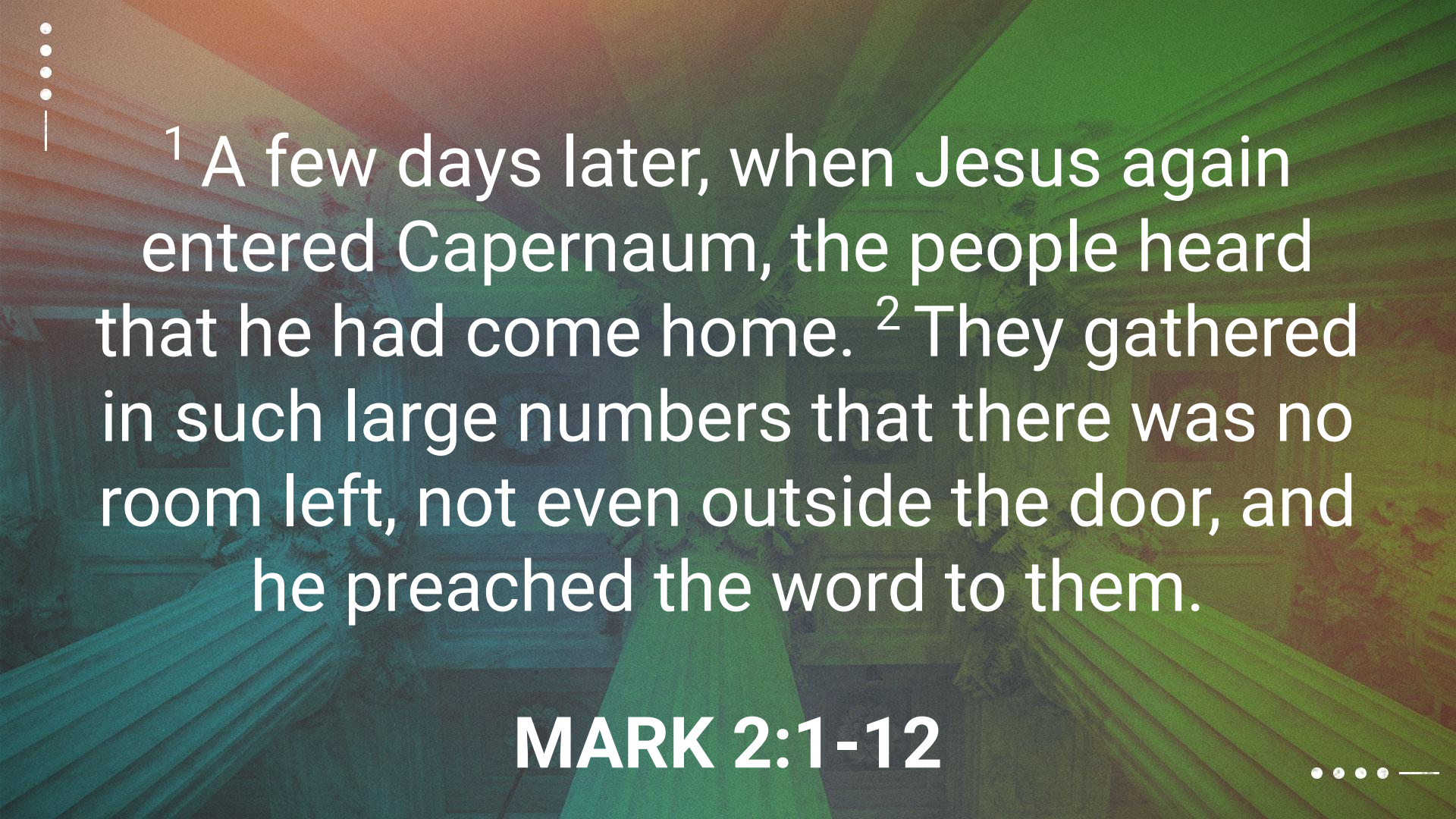
Faith + Foundations





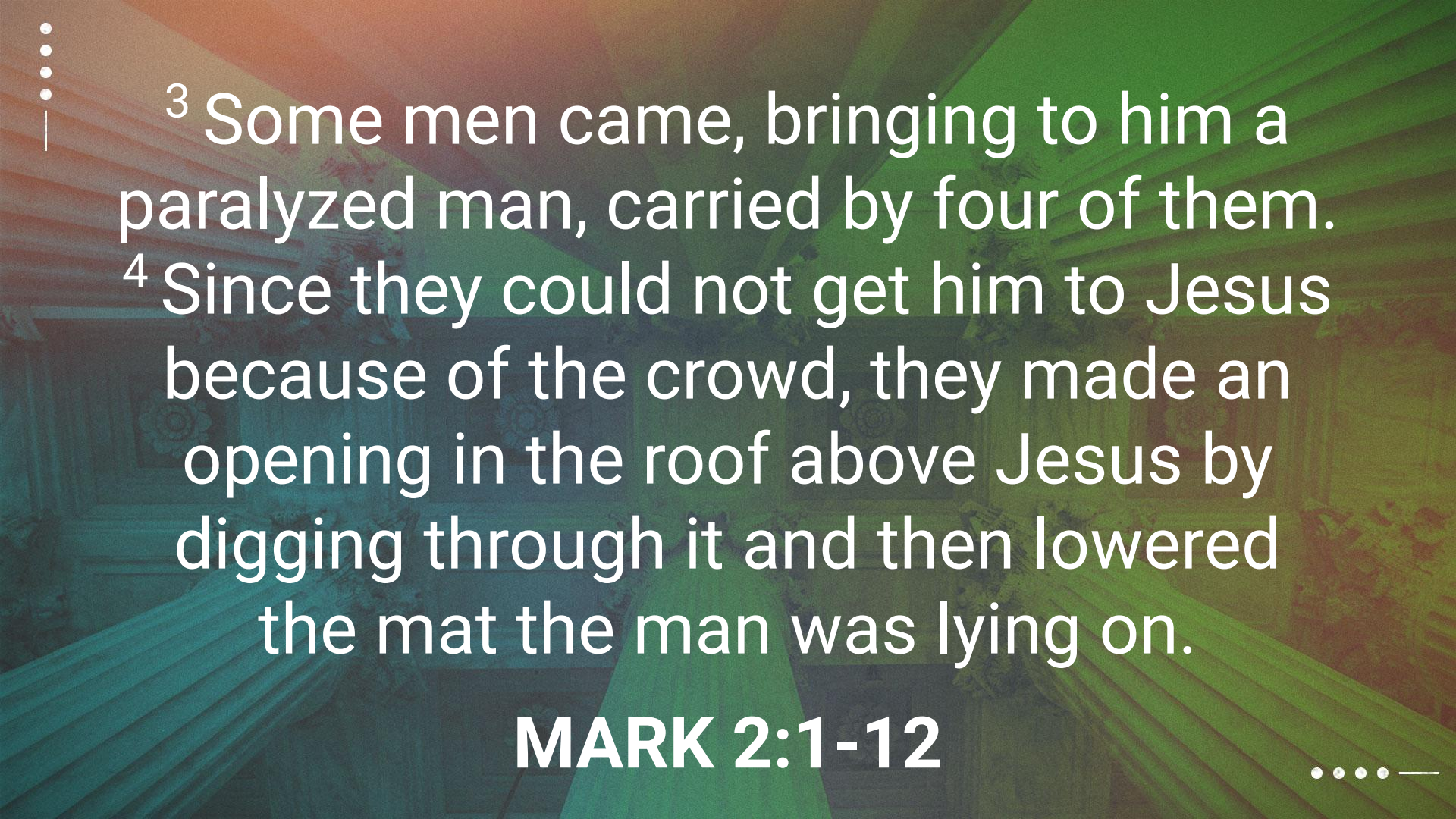
THEIR FAITH





1 A few days later, when Jesus again entered Capernaum, the people heard that he had come home. 2 They gathered in such large numbers that there was no room left, not even outside the door, and he preached the word to them.

MARK 2:1-12



3 Some men came, bringing to him a paralyzed man, carried by four of them.
4 Since they could not get him to Jesus because of the crowd, they made an opening in the roof above Jesus by digging through it and then lowered the mat the man was lying on.

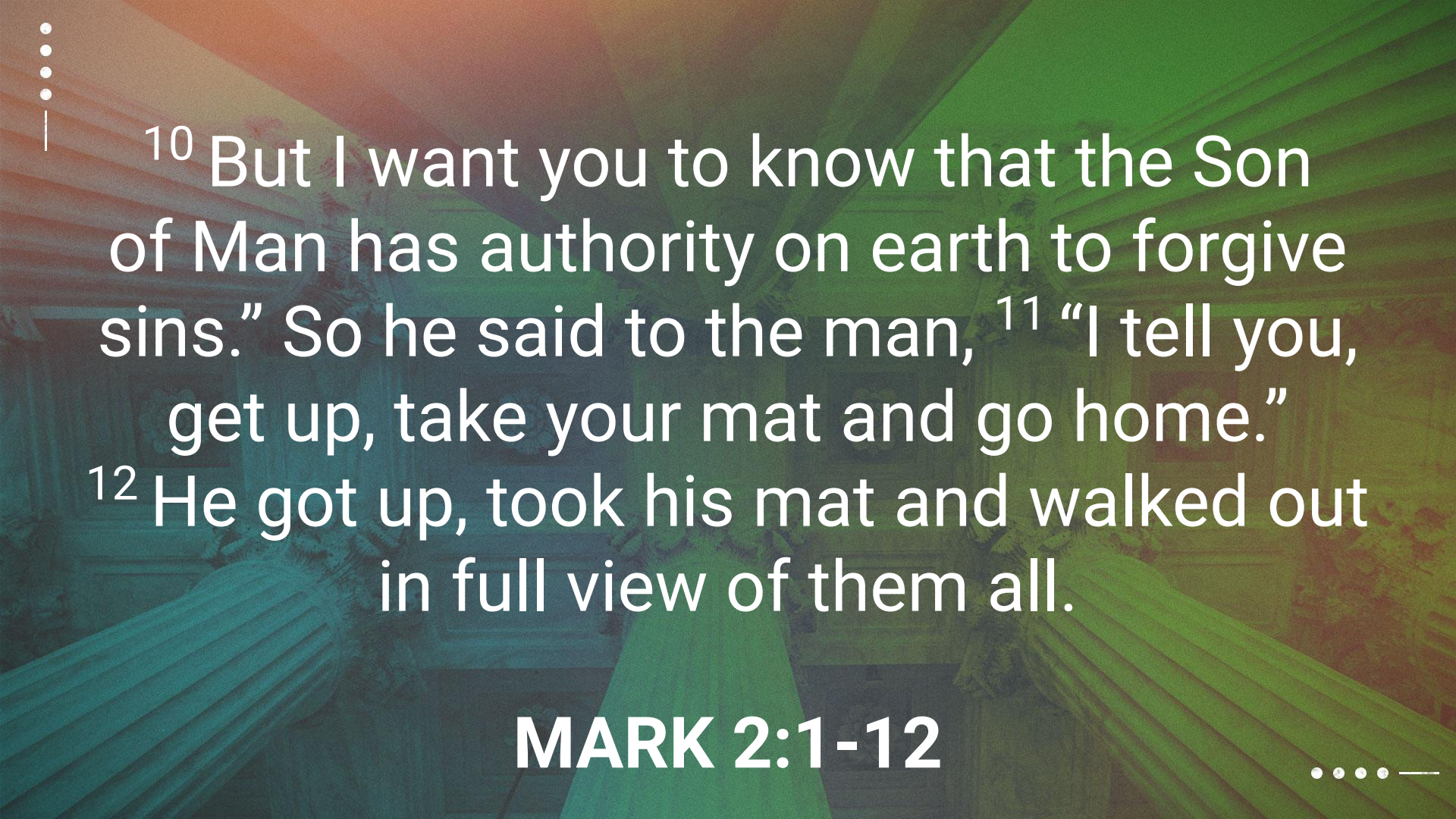
MARK 2:1-12

5 When Jesus saw their faith, he said to the paralyzed man, “Son, your sins are forgiven.” 6 Now some teachers of the law were sitting there, thinking to themselves, 7 “Why does this fellow talk like that? He’s blaspheming! Who can forgive sins but God alone?”

MARK 2:1-12

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8 Immediately Jesus knew in his spirit that this was what they were thinking in their hearts, and he said to them, “Why are you thinking these things? 9 Which is easier: to say to this paralyzed man, ‘Your sins are forgiven,’ or to say, ‘Get up, take your mat and walk’?”

MARK 2:1-12



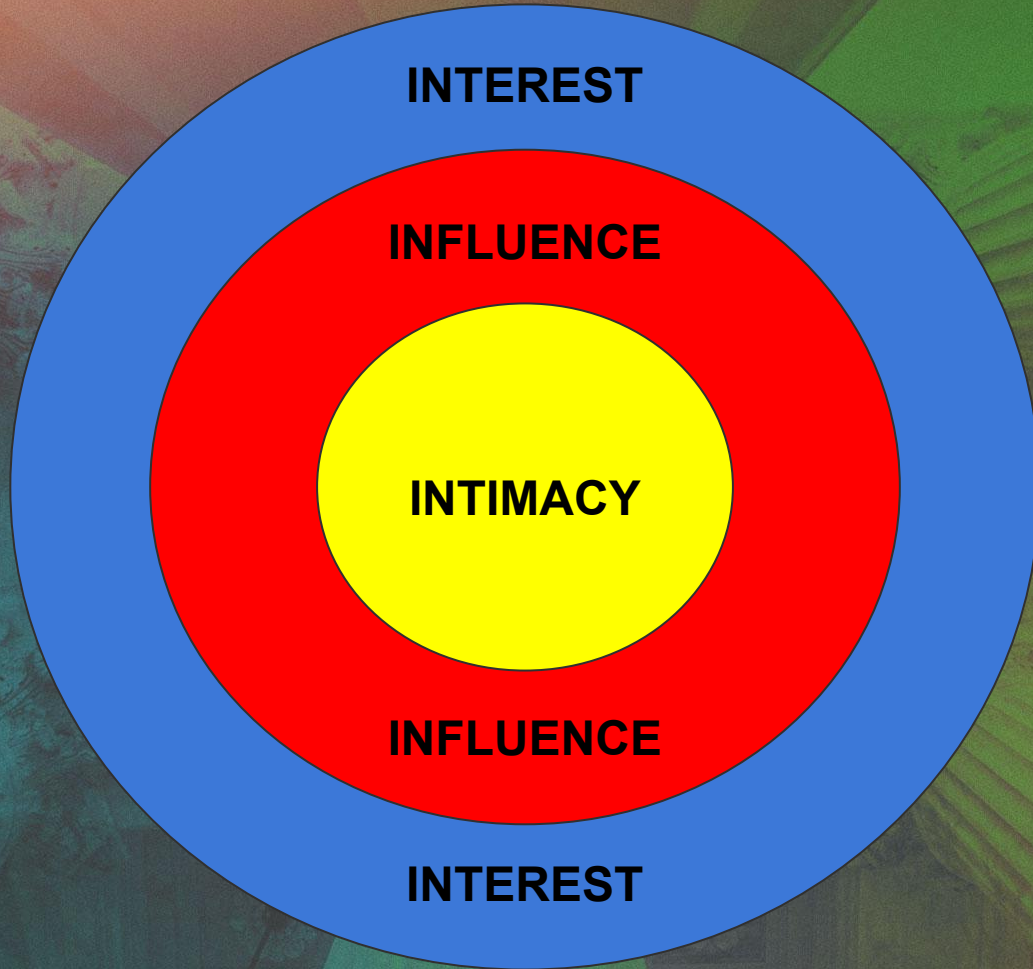
10 But I want you to know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins." So he said to the man, 11 "I tell you, get up, take your mat and go home."
12 He got up, took his mat and walked out in full view of them all.

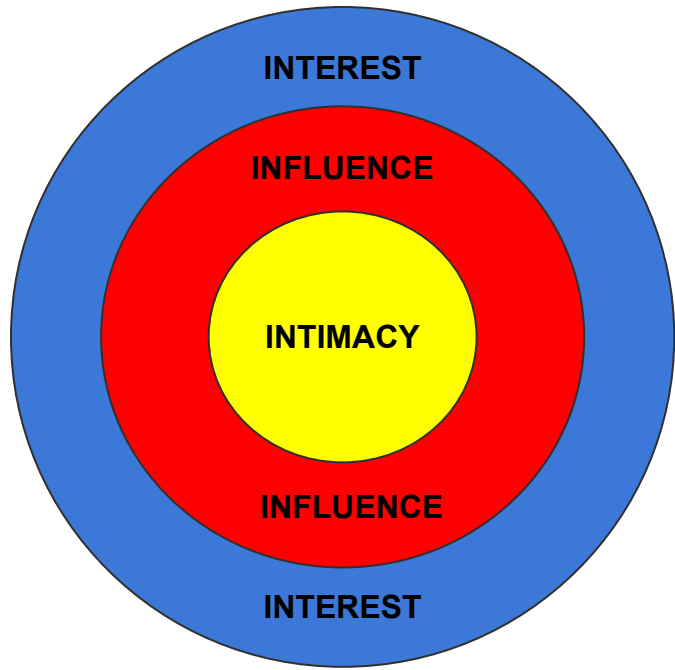
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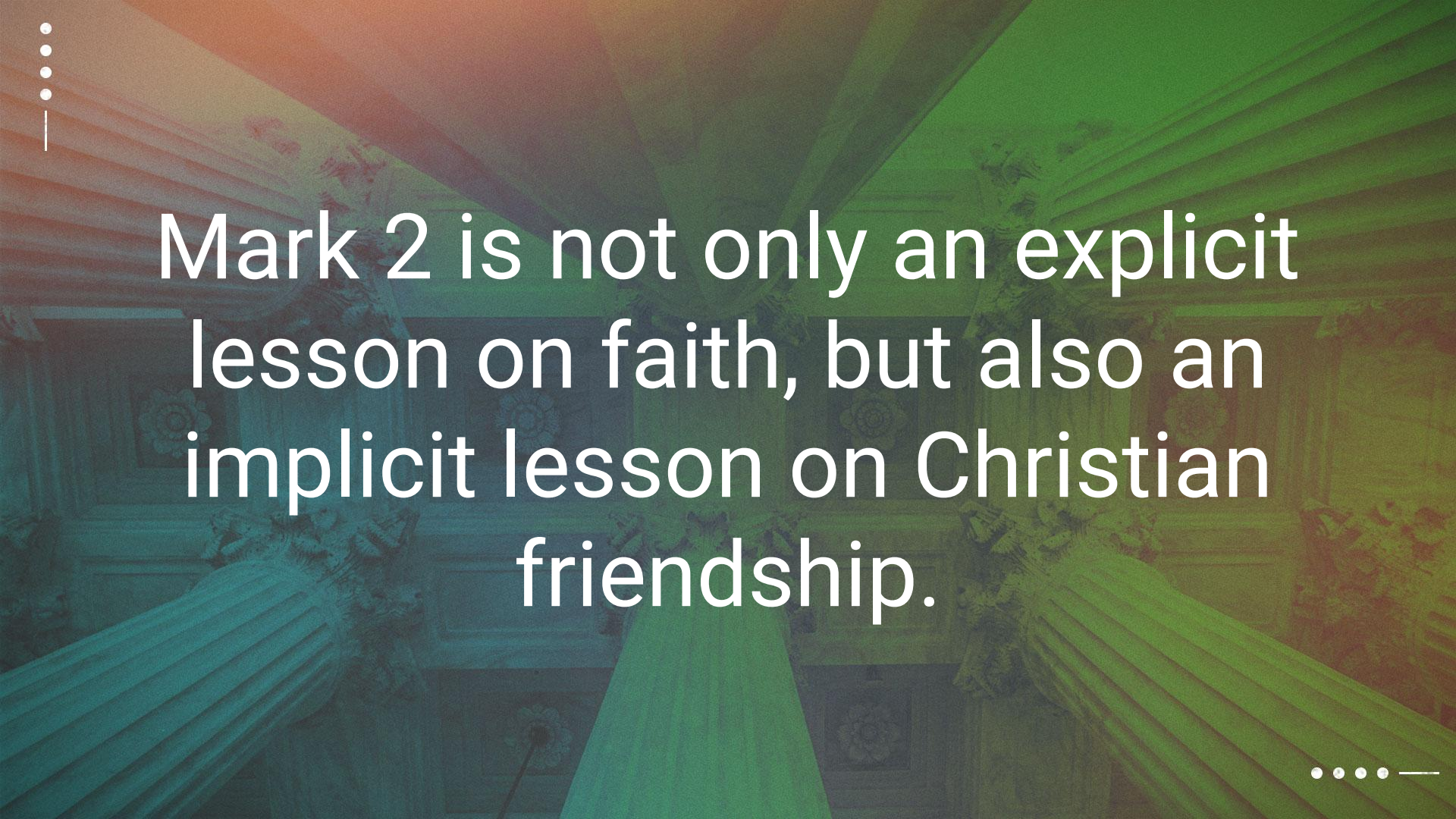


This amazed everyone and they praised
God, saying, “We have never seen anything
like this!”

MARK 2:1-12





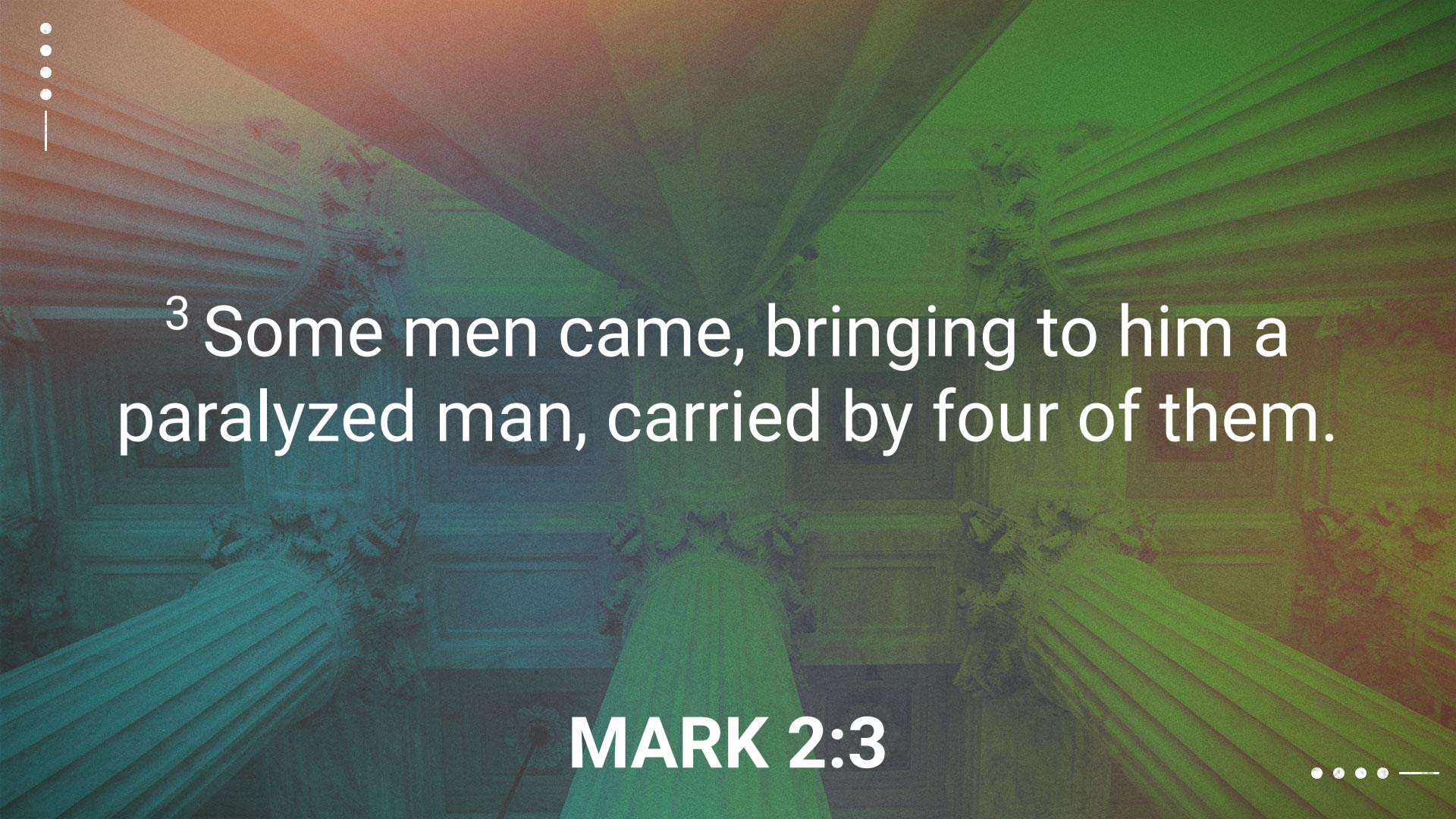


Mark 2 is not only an explicit
lesson on faith, but also an
implicit lesson on Christian
friendship.



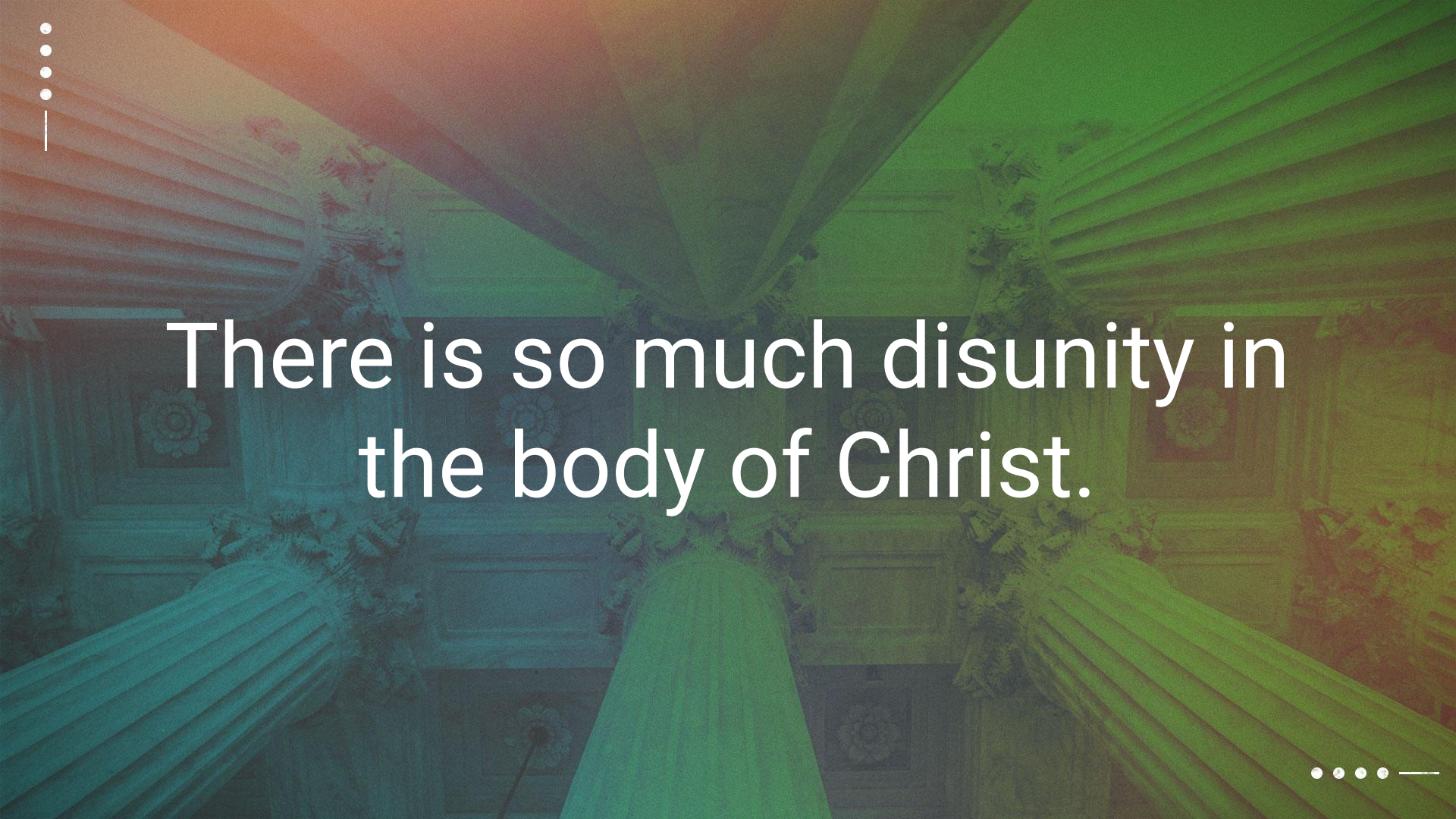
UNITED FAITH





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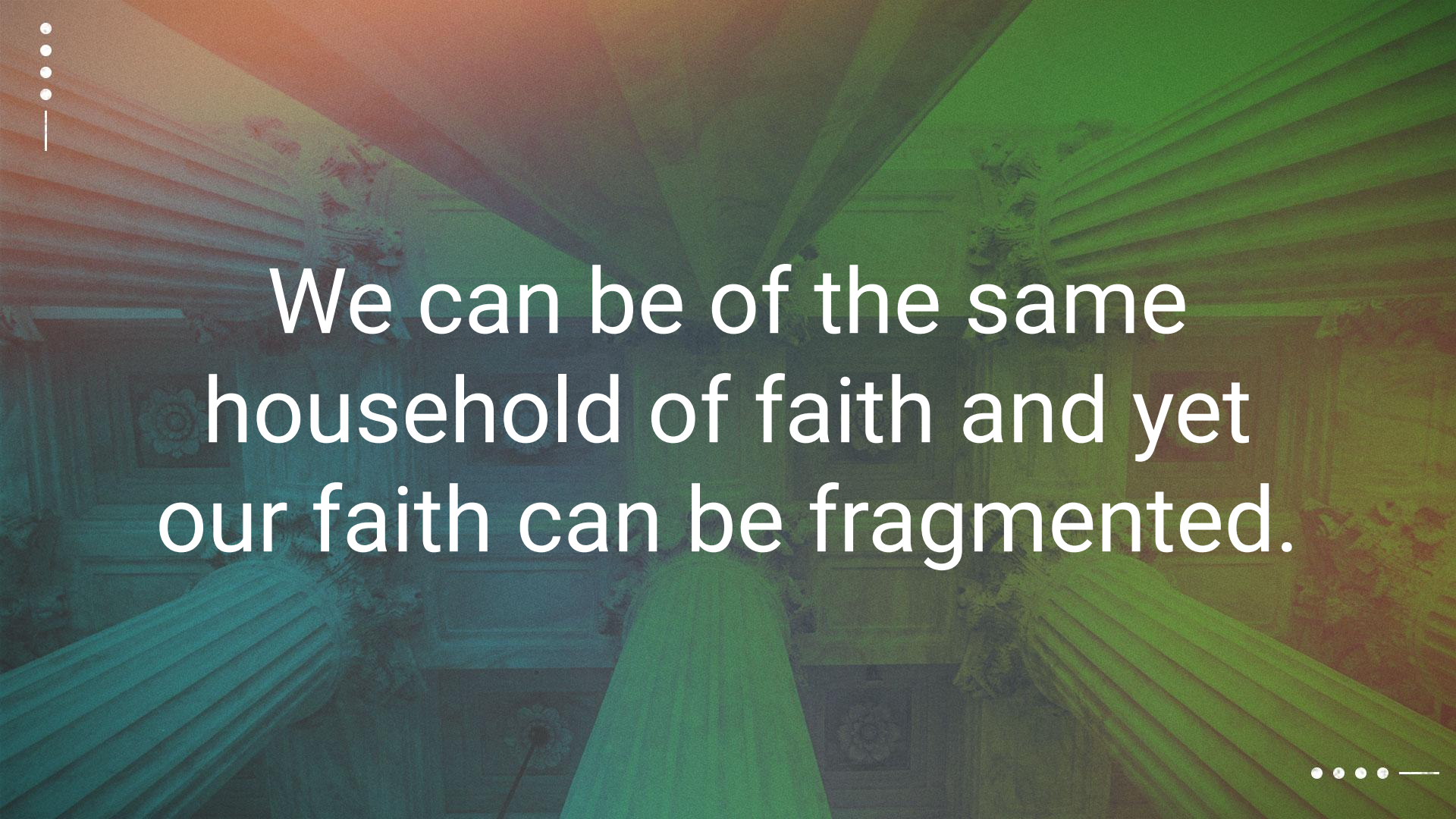
MARK 2:3



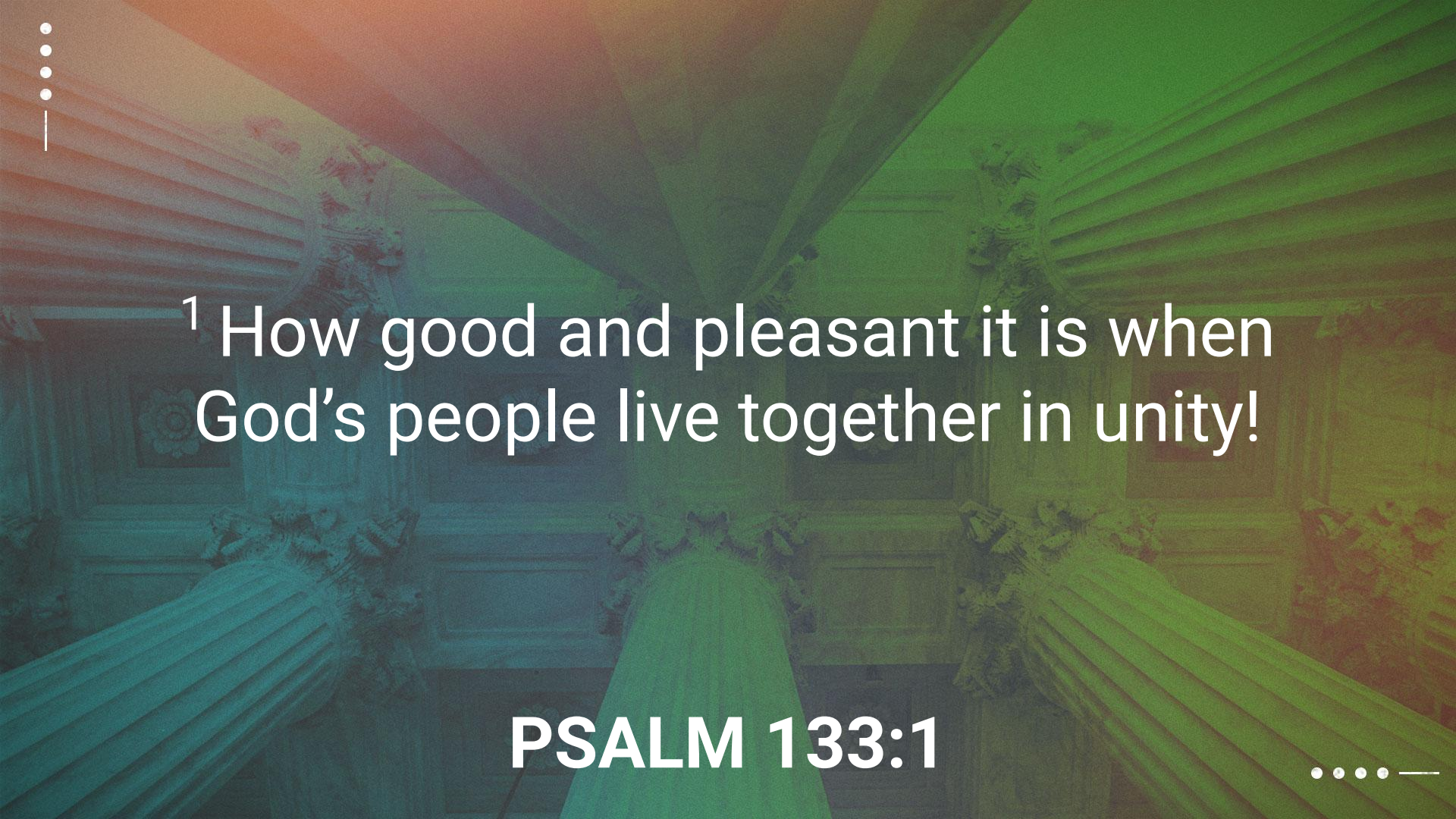
There is so much disunity in
the body of Christ.

Some from Chloe's household have informed me that there are quarrels among you. ¹² What I mean is this: One of you says, "I follow Paul"; another, "I follow Apollos"; another, "I follow Cephas"; still another, "I follow Christ." ¹³ Is Christ divided?

1 CORINTHIANS 1:11-13



We can be of the same
household of faith and yet
our faith can be fragmented.



¹ How good and pleasant it is when
God's people live together in unity!

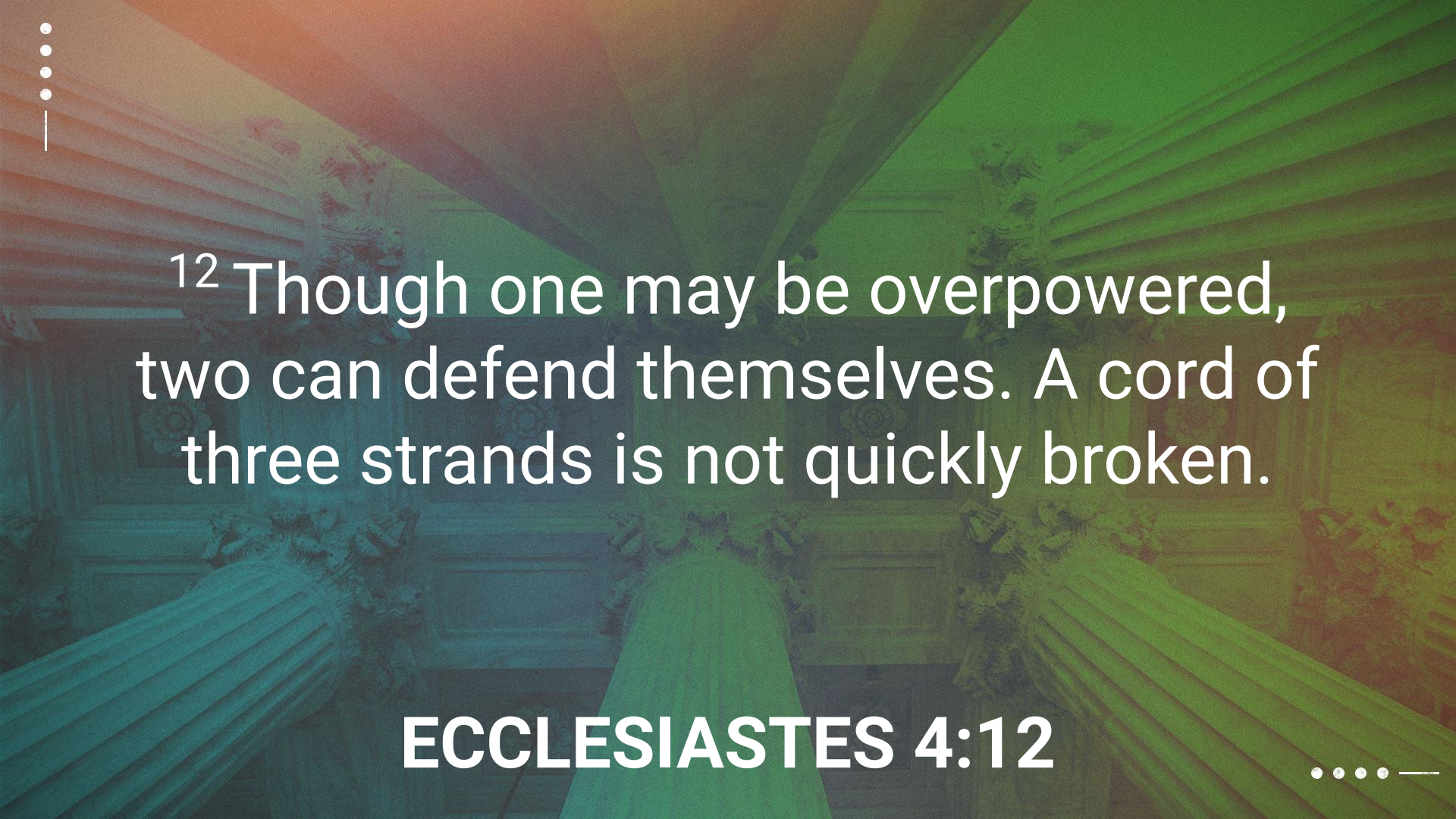
PSALM 133:1



That they may be one as we are one...
so that they may be brought to
complete unity.

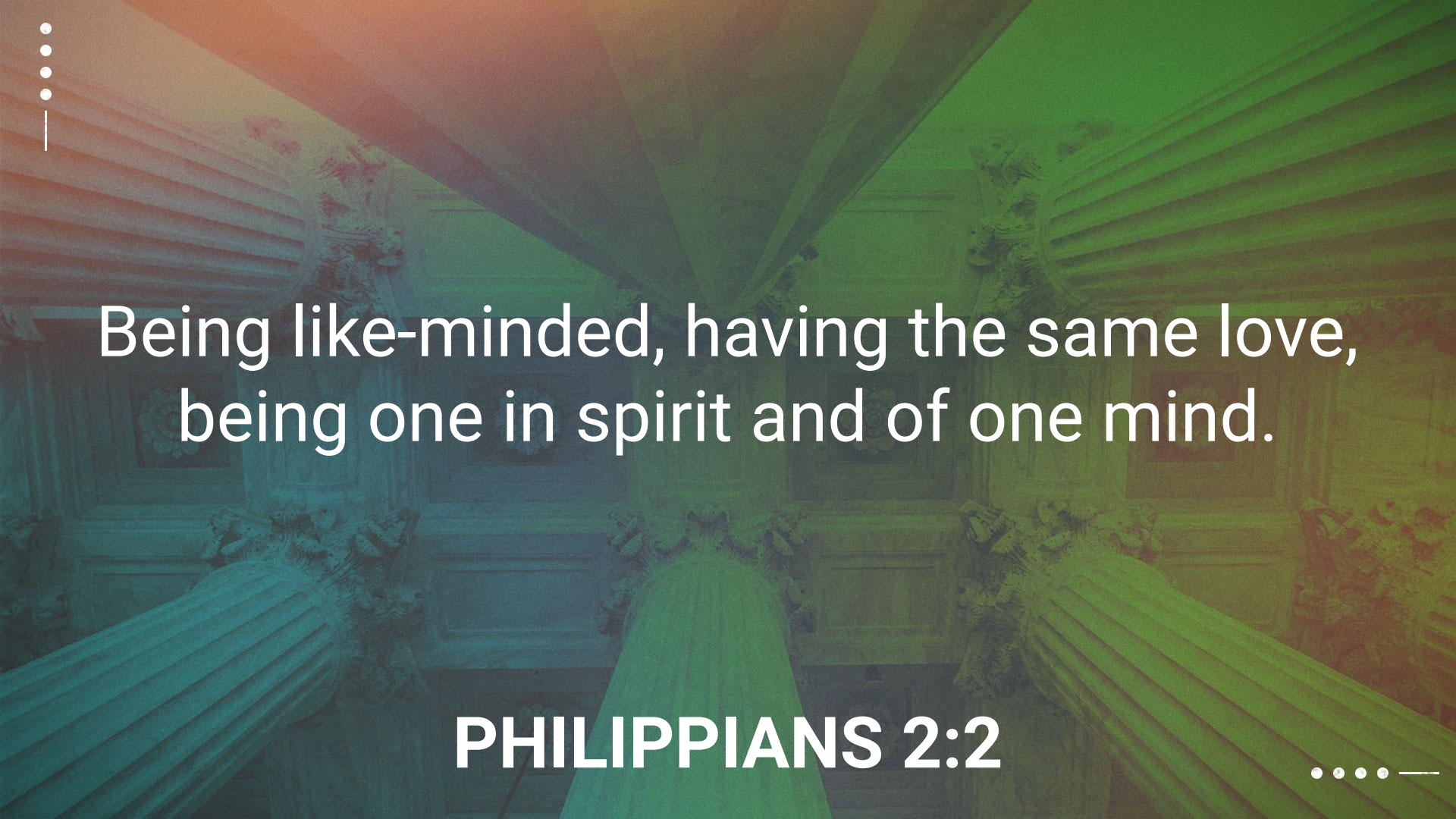
JOHN 17:22-23





¹² Though one may be overpowered,
two can defend themselves. A cord of
three strands is not quickly broken.

ECCLESIASTES 4:12



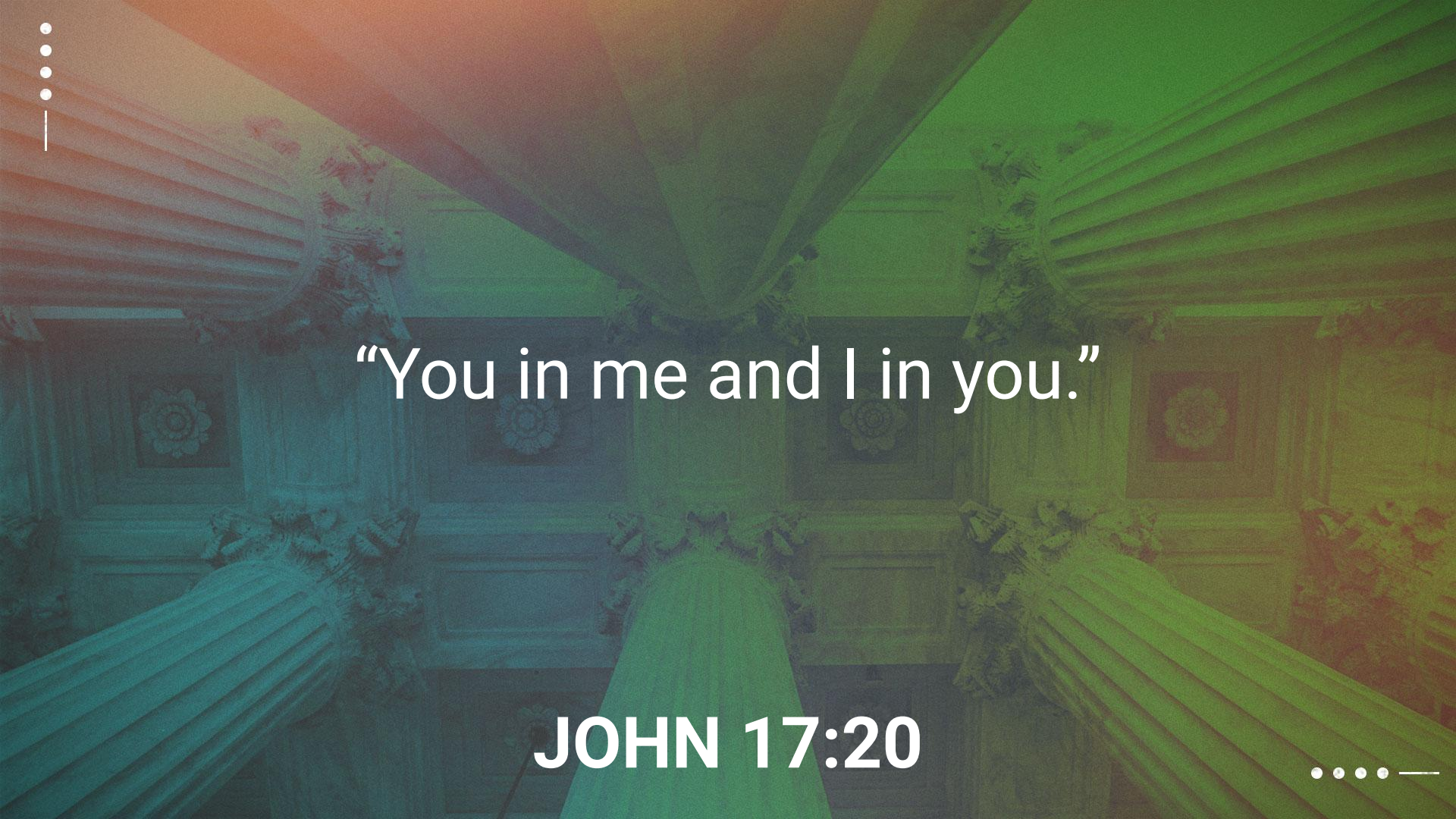
Being like-minded, having the same love,
being one in spirit and of one mind.

PHILIPPIANS 2:2

**A) LIKENESS
OF MIND**

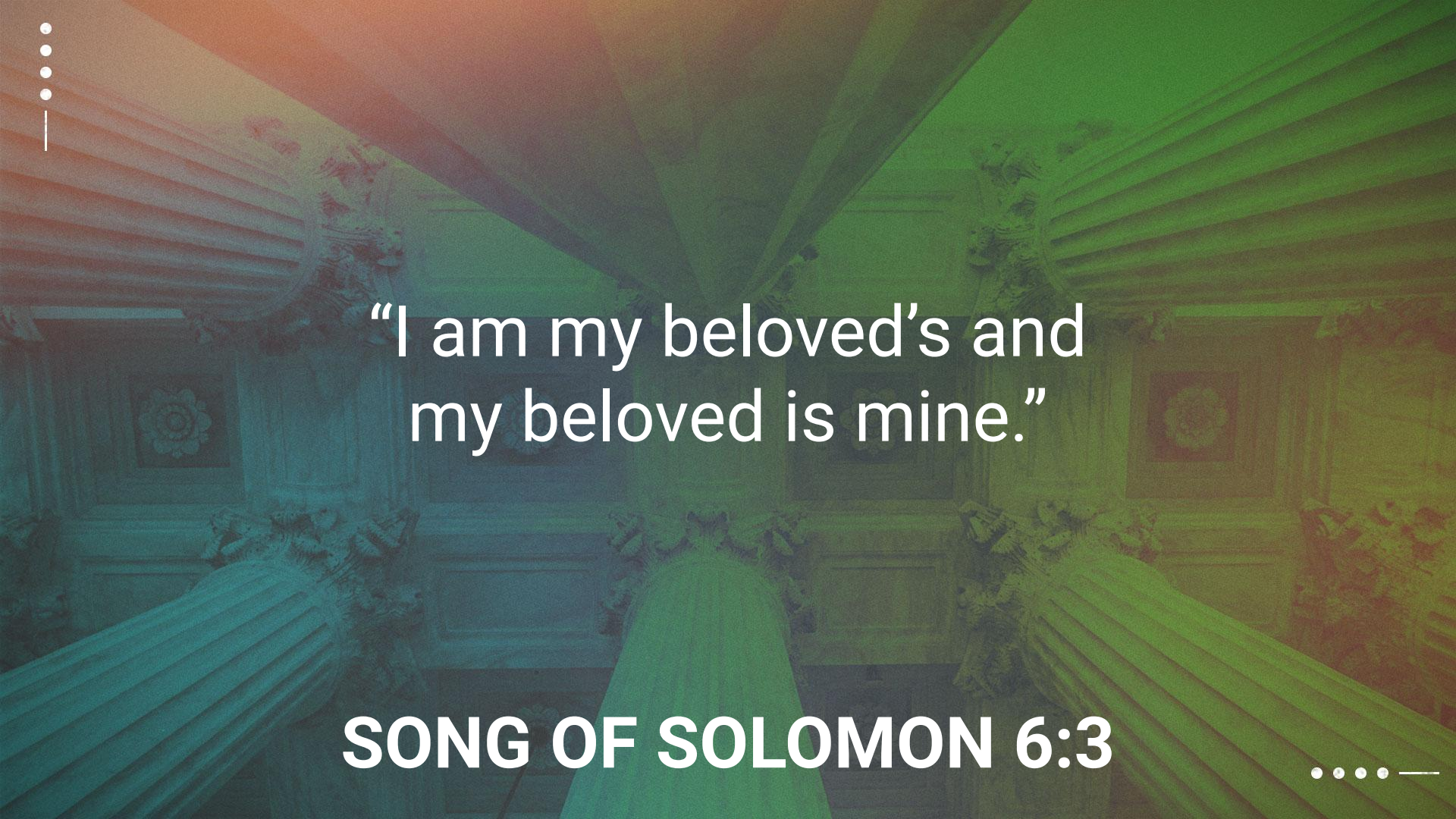
**B) SAMENESS
OF LOVE**

c) ONENESS
OF SPIRIT



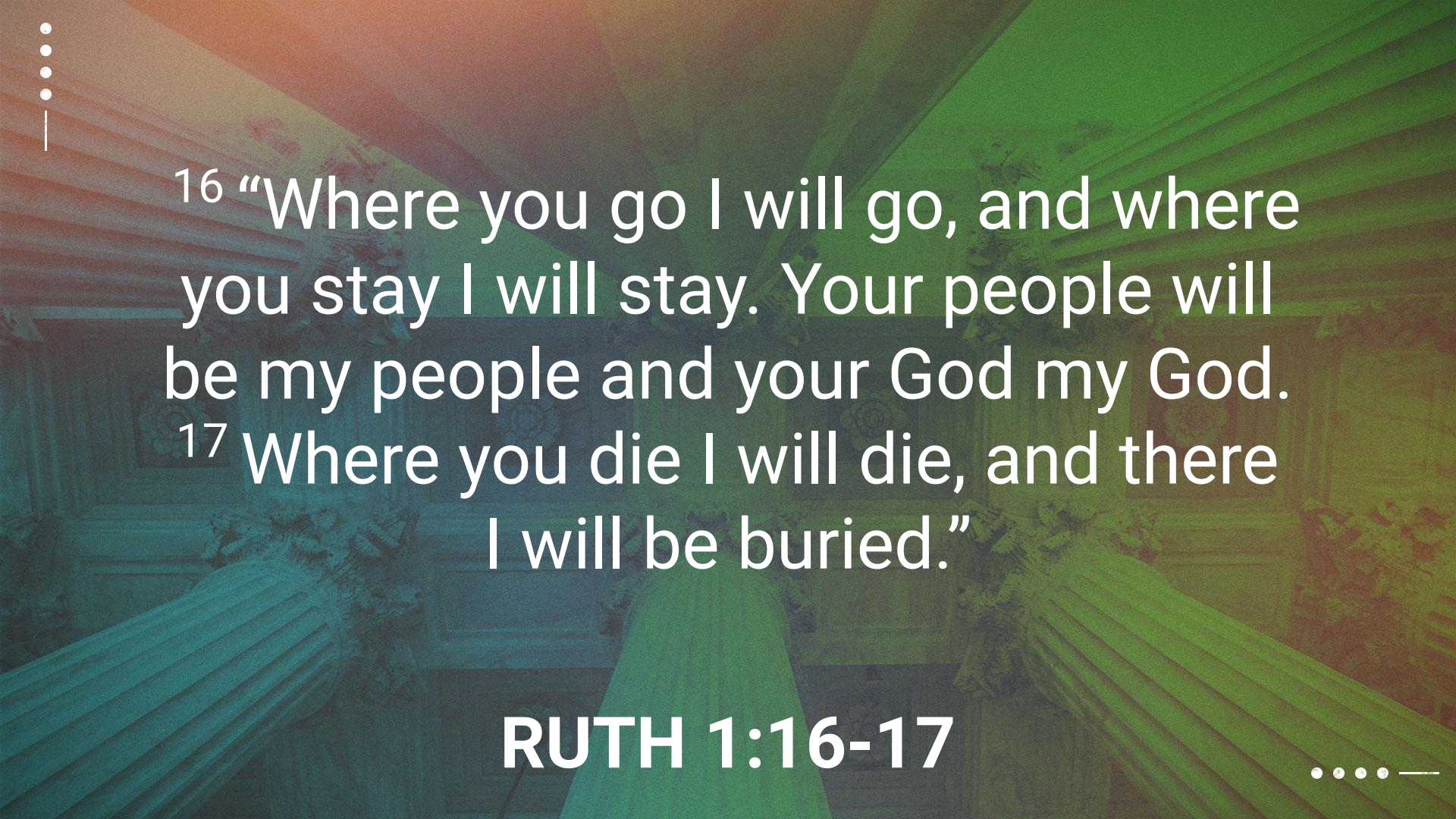
“You in me and I in you.”

JOHN 17:20



“I am my beloved’s and
my beloved is mine.”

SONG OF SOLOMON 6:3



16 “Where you go I will go, and where
you stay I will stay. Your people will
be my people and your God my God.
17 Where you die I will die, and there
I will be buried.”

RUTH 1:16-17



CREATIVE FAITH



See the speaker notes below for explanations



CREATIVE FAITH

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CREATIVE FAITH



A) Faith Foundations



**SERMON
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UNITED FAITH
CREATIVE FAITH
AMAZING RESULTS

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1) UNITED FAITH

2) CREATIVE FAITH

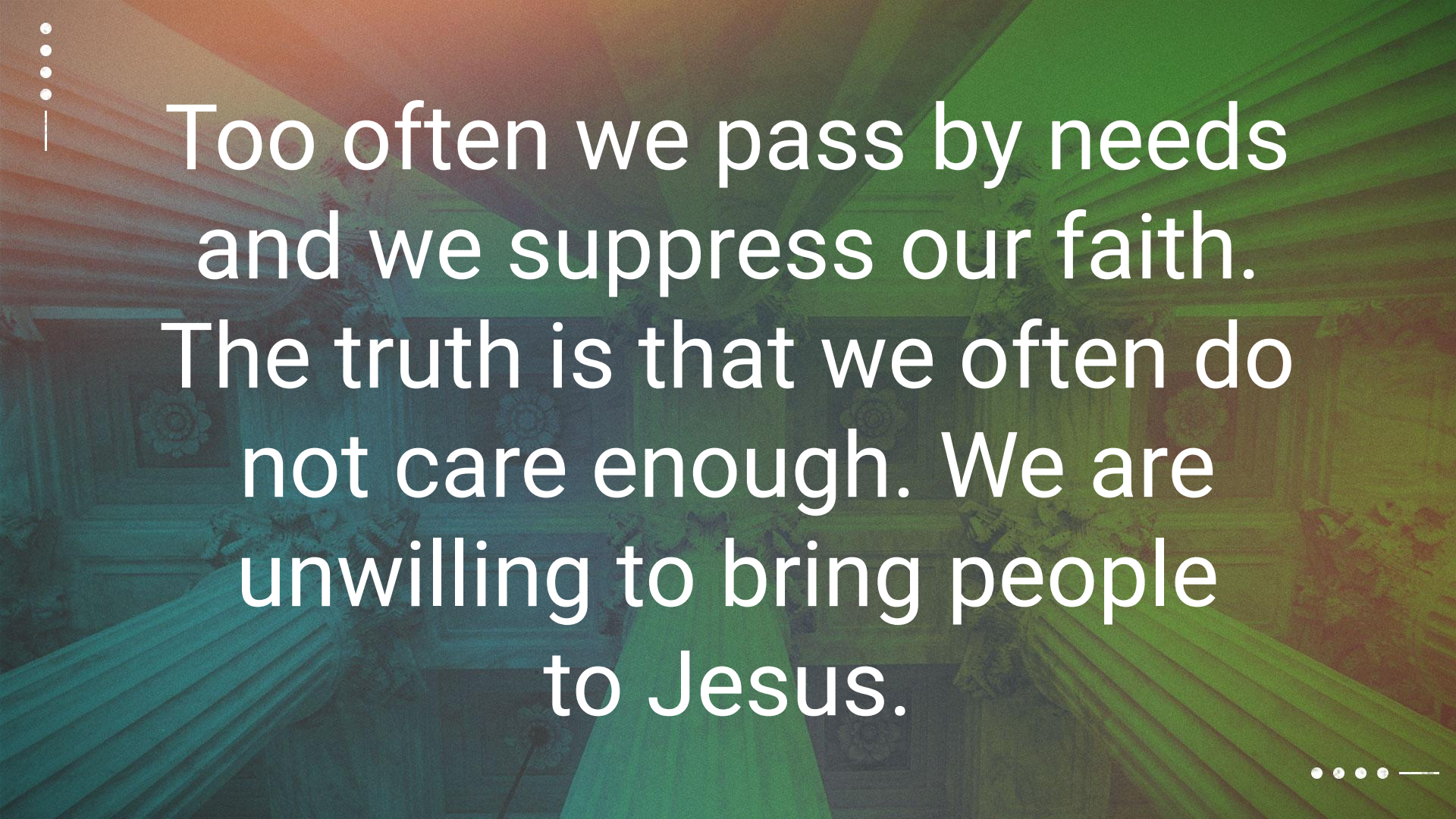
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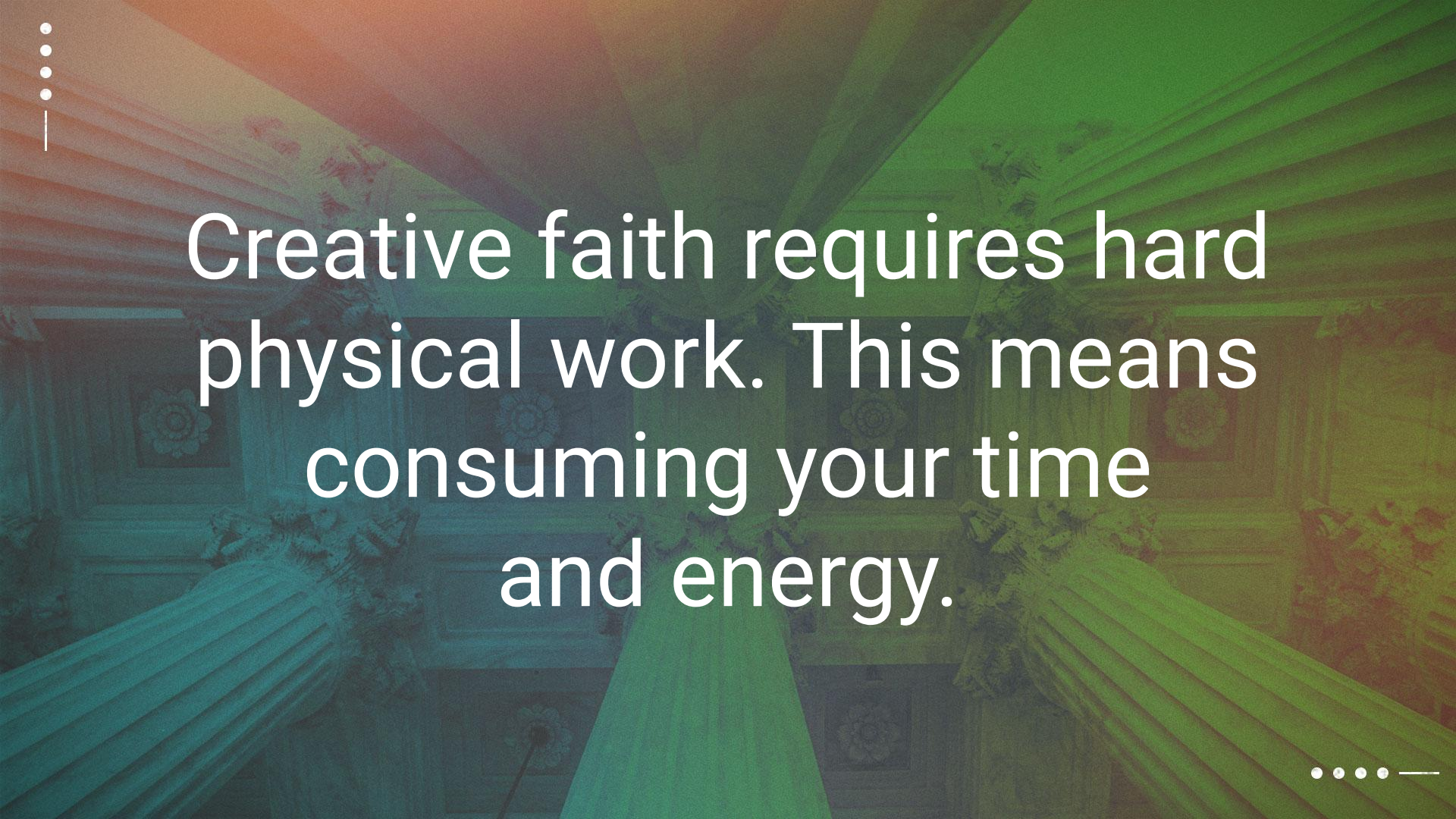
CREATIVE FAITH

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4 Since they could not get him to Jesus because of the crowd, they made an opening in the roof above Jesus by digging through it and then lowered the mat the man was lying on. 5 When Jesus saw their faith, he said to the paralyzed man, "Son, your sins are forgiven."

MARK 2:4-5



Too often we pass by needs
and we suppress our faith.
The truth is that we often do
not care enough. We are
unwilling to bring people
to Jesus.



Creative faith requires hard
physical work. This means
consuming your time
and energy.



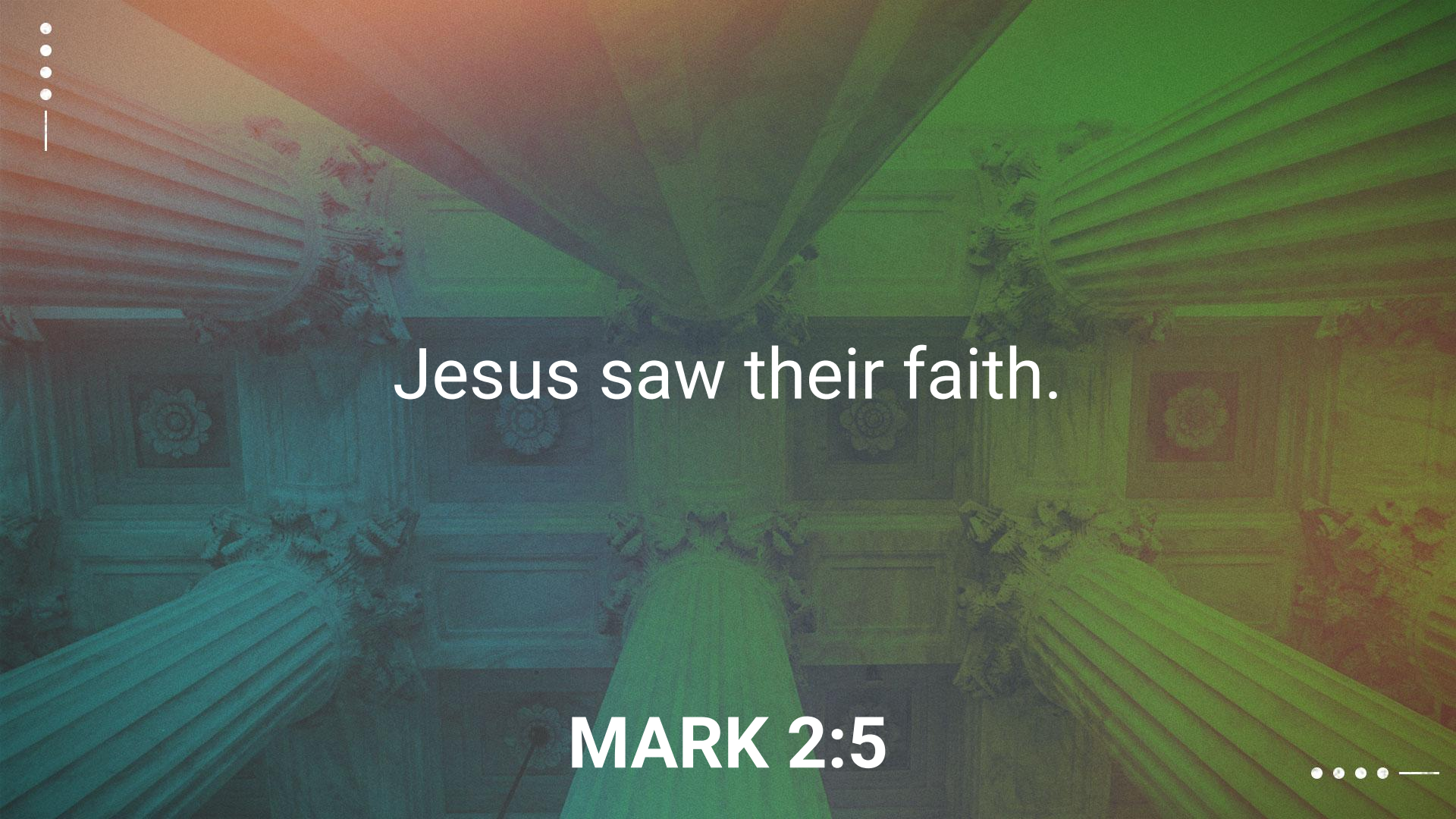
Creative faith requires
problem-solving. This means
seeing things differently.



Christians have lost their
creativity when they should
be the most creative people
in the world.

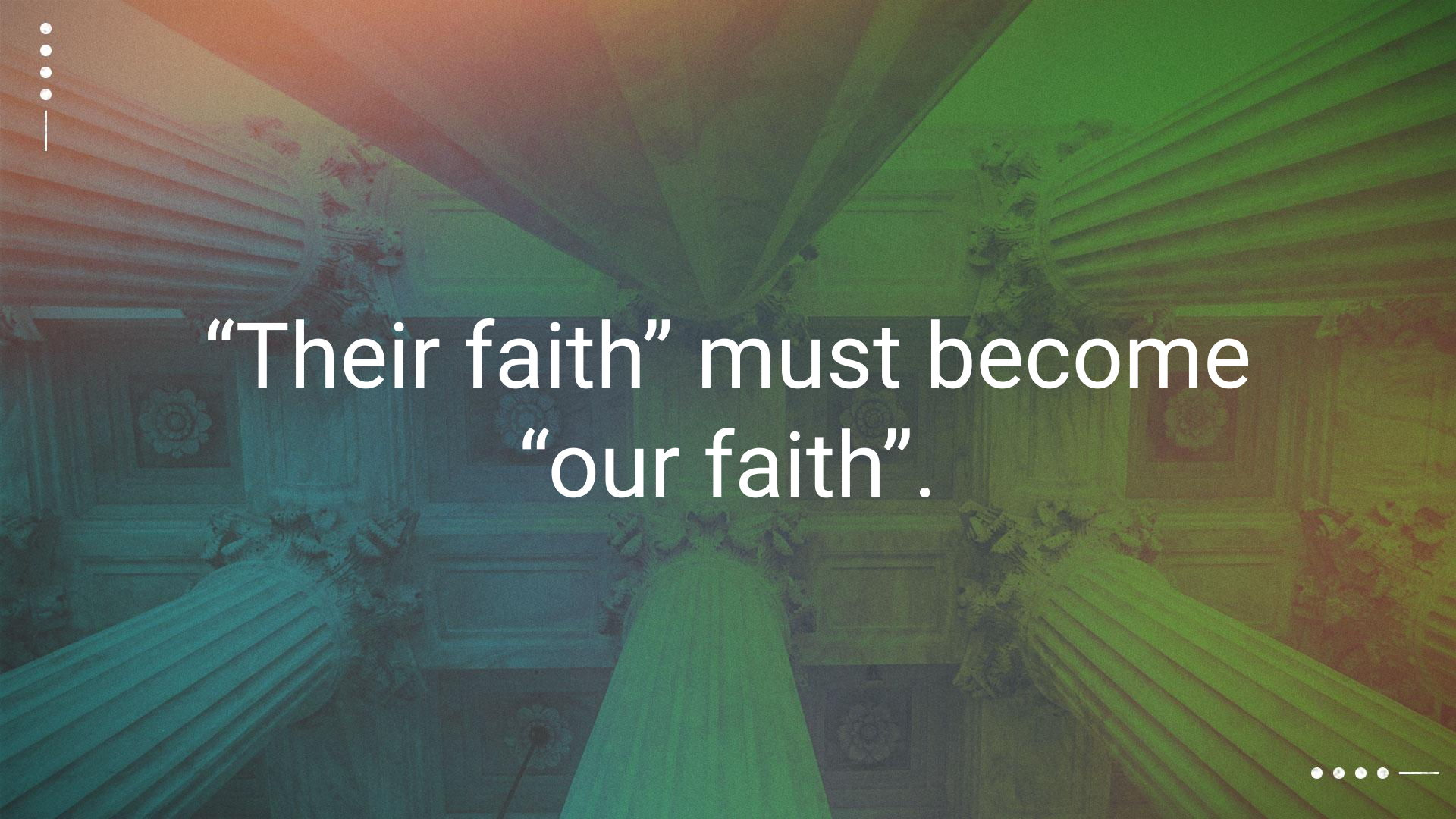


Creative faith uses
unconventional methods.



Jesus saw their faith.

MARK 2:5



“Their faith” must become
“our faith”.

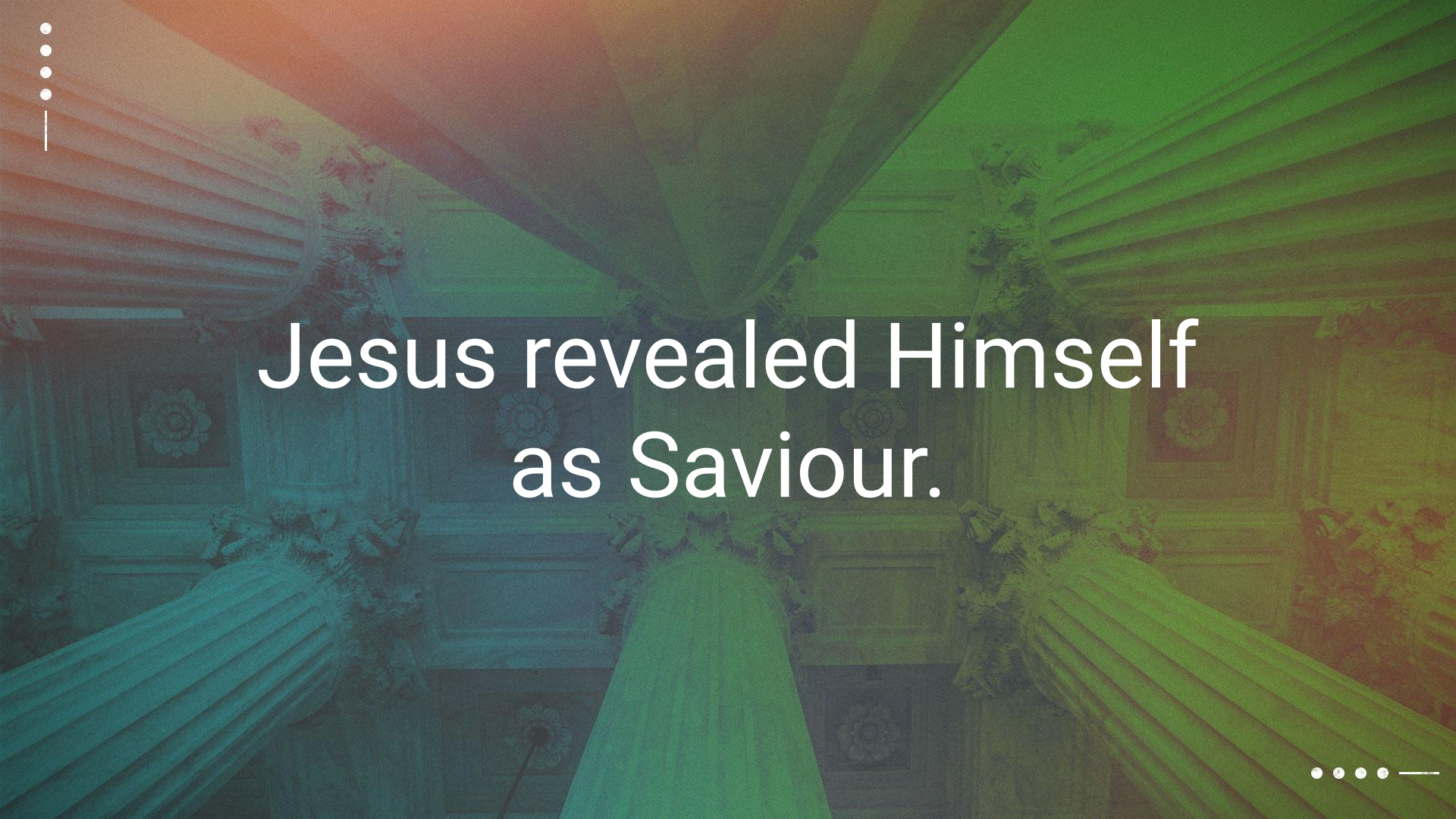


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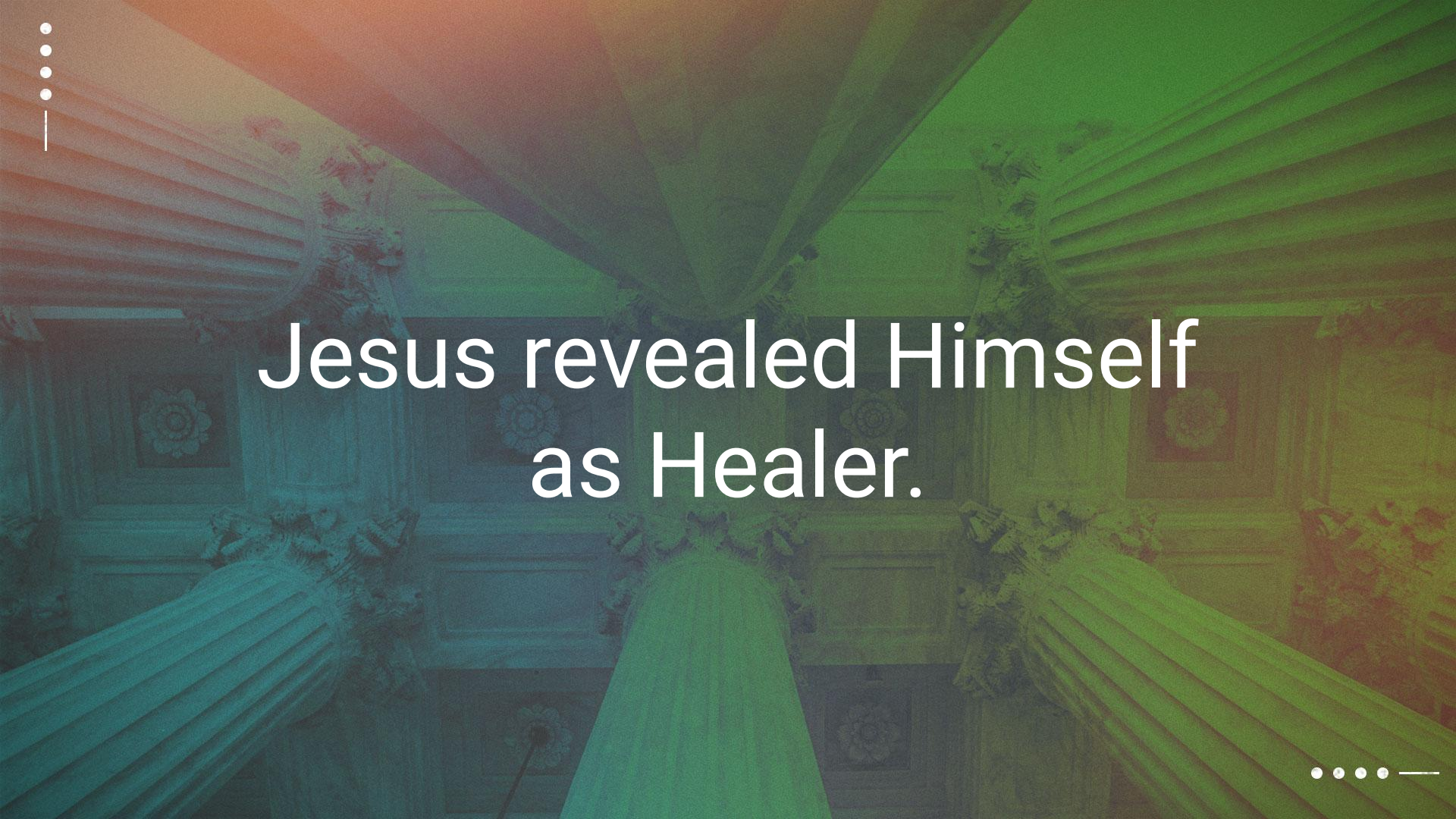
So he said to the man, ¹¹ “I tell you, get up, take your mat and go home.” ¹² He got up, took his mat and walked out in full view of them all. This amazed everyone and they praised God, saying, “We have never seen anything like this!”

MARK 2:10b-12



Jesus revealed Himself
as Saviour.





Jesus revealed Himself
as Healer.





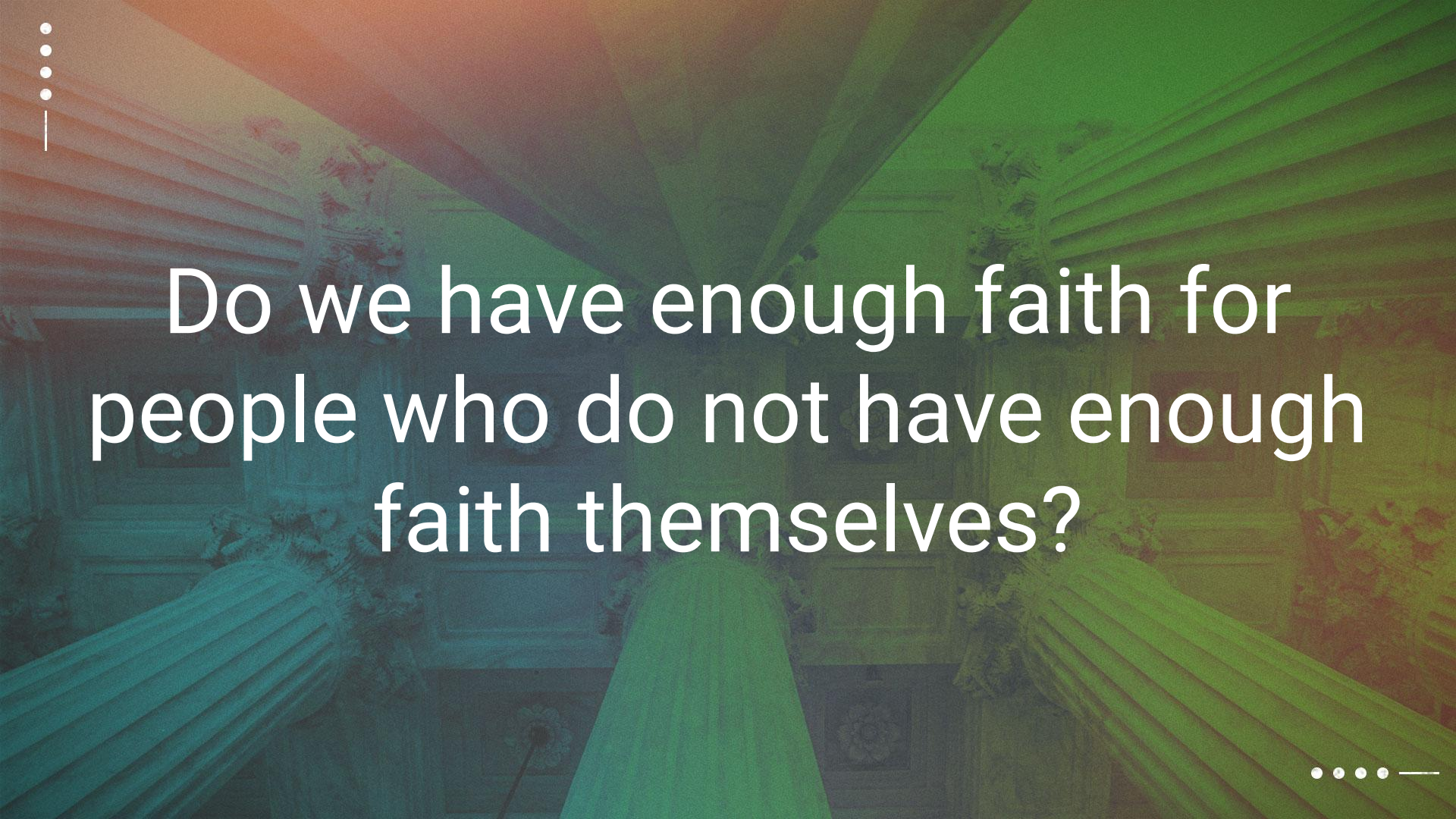
“We have never seen anything like this!”

MARK 2:10b-12

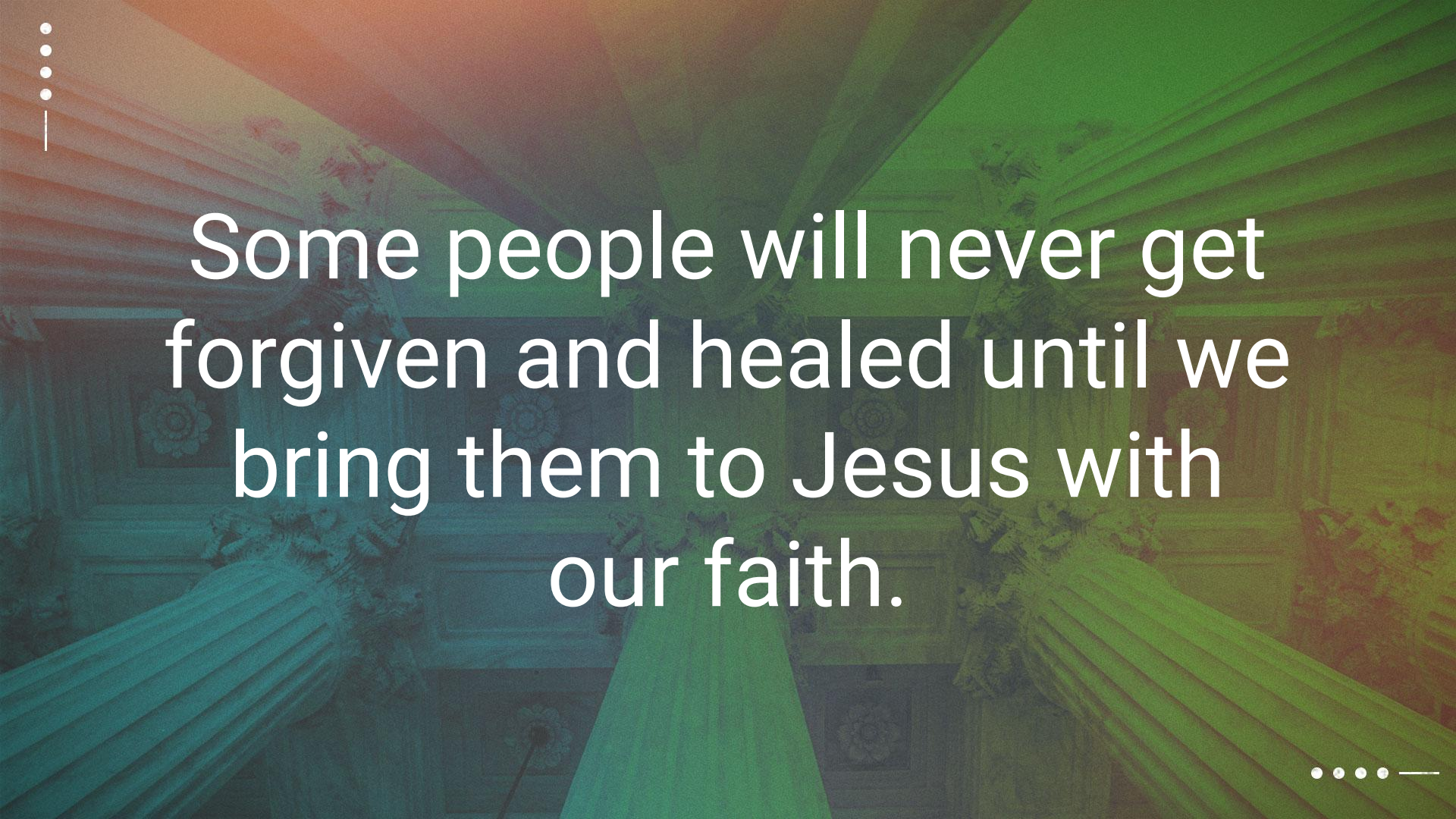
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We serve a God who has revealed
to us again and again through
scripture that He responds to
faith and yet we have none
for Him.

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Do we have enough faith for
people who do not have enough
faith themselves?

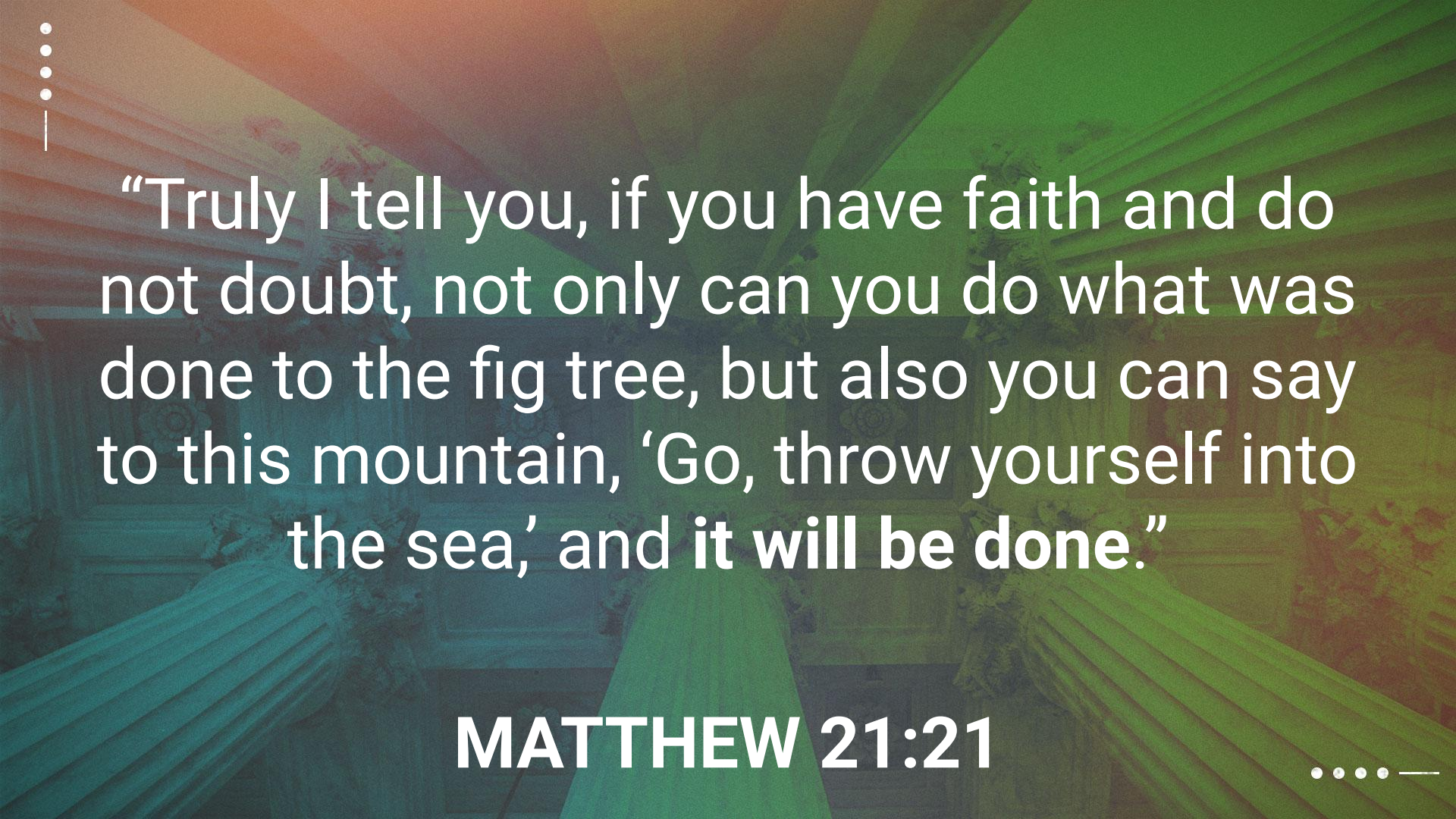


Some people will never get
forgiven and healed until we
bring them to Jesus with
our faith.



¹⁹ “Again, truly I tell you that if two of you on earth agree about anything they ask for, **it will be done** for them by my Father in heaven. ²⁰ For where two or three gather in my name, there am I with them.”

MATTHEW 18:19-20



“Truly I tell you, if you have faith and do not doubt, not only can you do what was done to the fig tree, but also you can say to this mountain, ‘Go, throw yourself into the sea,’ and **it will be done.**”

MATTHEW 21:21



We cannot have “our faith” until
you and I develop our “own faith”.



SERMON REVIEW:

- 1) UNITED FAITH
- 2) CREATIVE FAITH
- 3) AMAZING RESULTS

Faith
+
Foundations

