



Faith + Foundations





BY FAITH

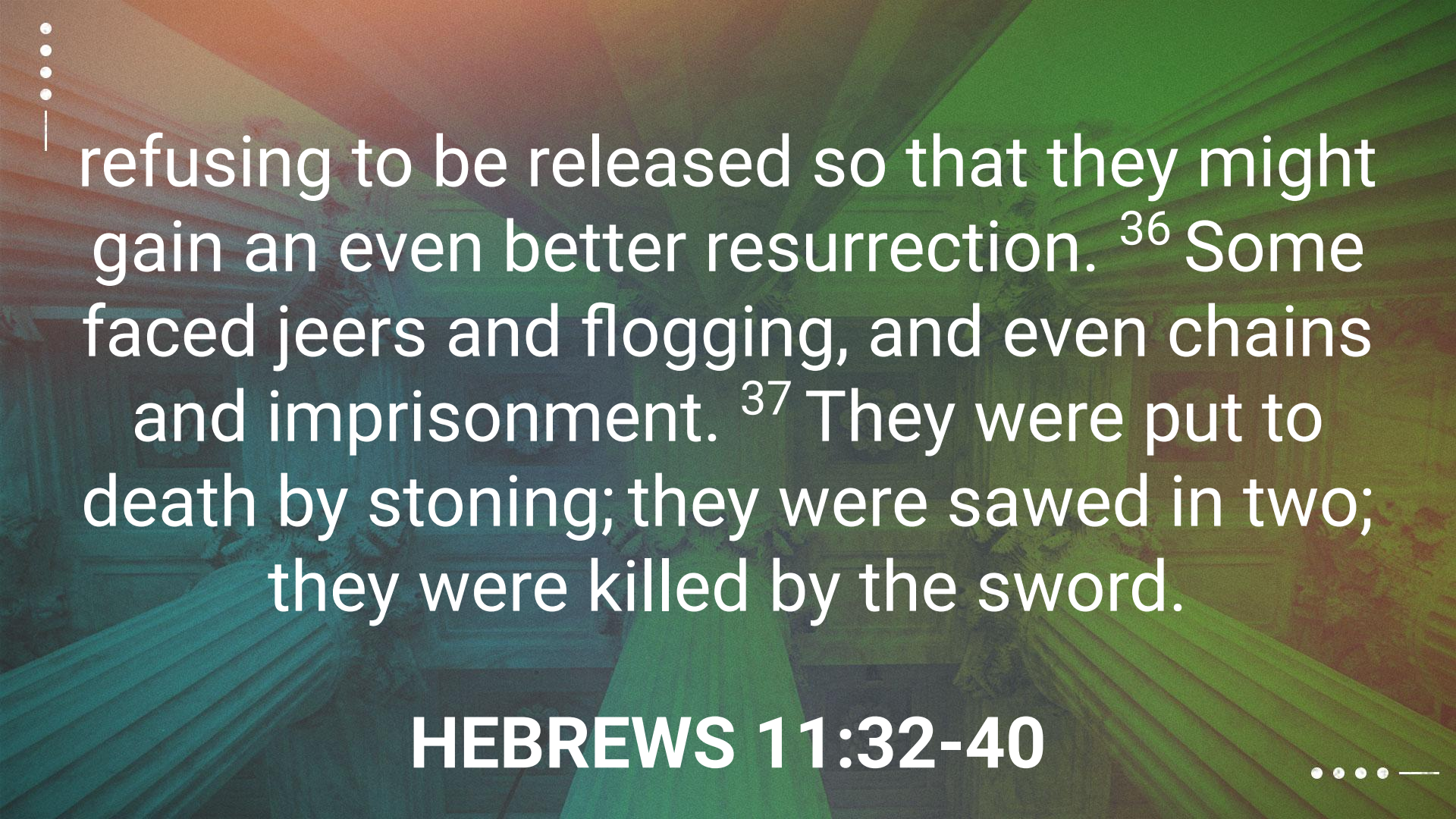


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| ³² And what more shall I say? I do not have
time to tell about Gideon, Barak, Samson
and Jephthah, about David and Samuel
and the prophets, ³³ who through faith
conquered kingdoms, administered
justice, and gained what was promised;
who shut the mouths of lions,

HEBREWS 11:32-40

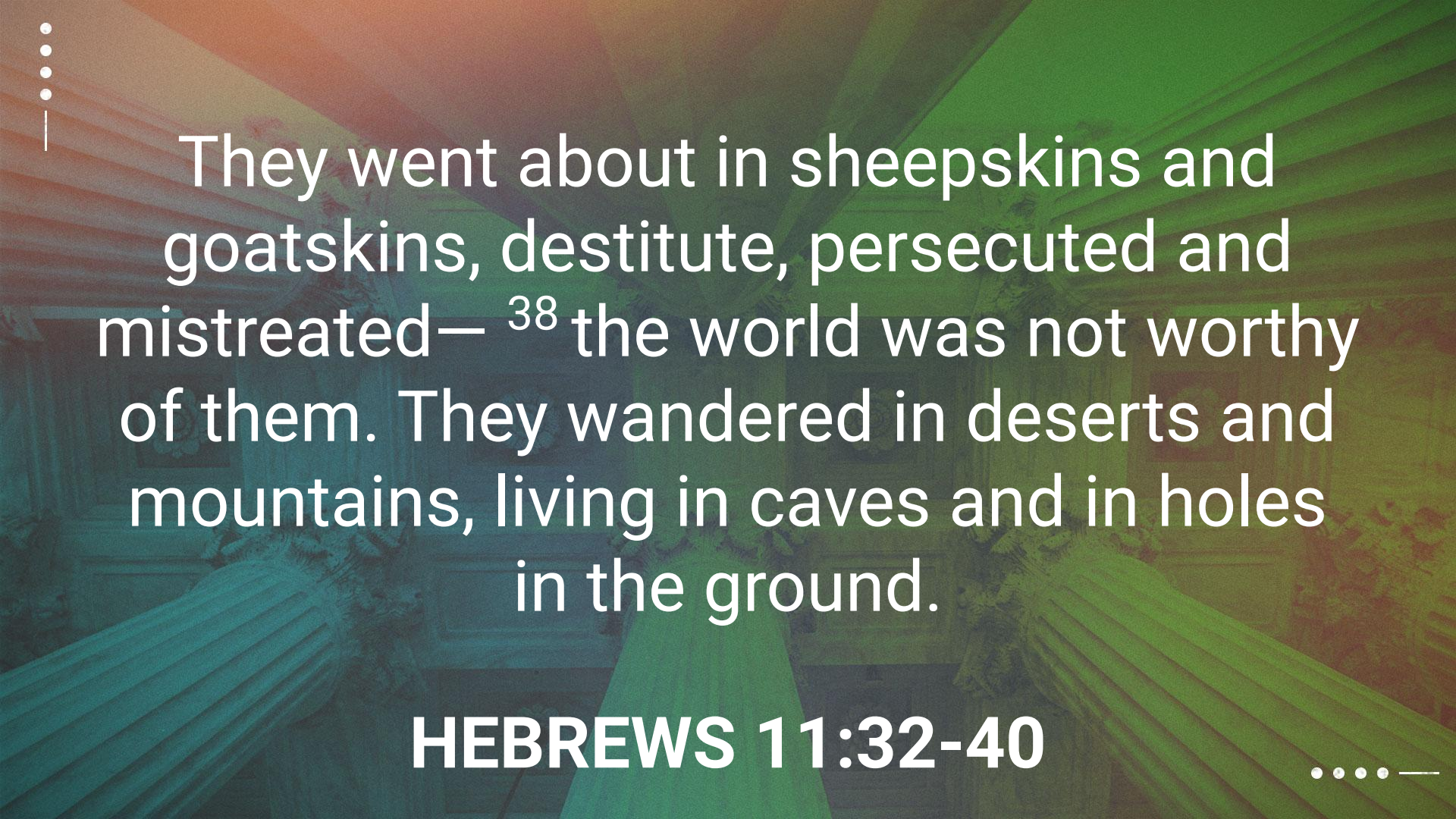
34 quenched the fury of the flames, and
escaped the edge of the sword; whose
weakness was turned to strength; and
who became powerful in battle and routed
foreign armies. 35 Women received back
their dead, raised to life again. There were
others who were tortured,

HEBREWS 11:32-40



refusing to be released so that they might gain an even better resurrection. ³⁶ Some faced jeers and flogging, and even chains and imprisonment. ³⁷ They were put to death by stoning; they were sawed in two; they were killed by the sword.

HEBREWS 11:32-40



They went about in sheepskins and goatskins, destitute, persecuted and mistreated— ³⁸ the world was not worthy of them. They wandered in deserts and mountains, living in caves and in holes in the ground.

HEBREWS 11:32-40



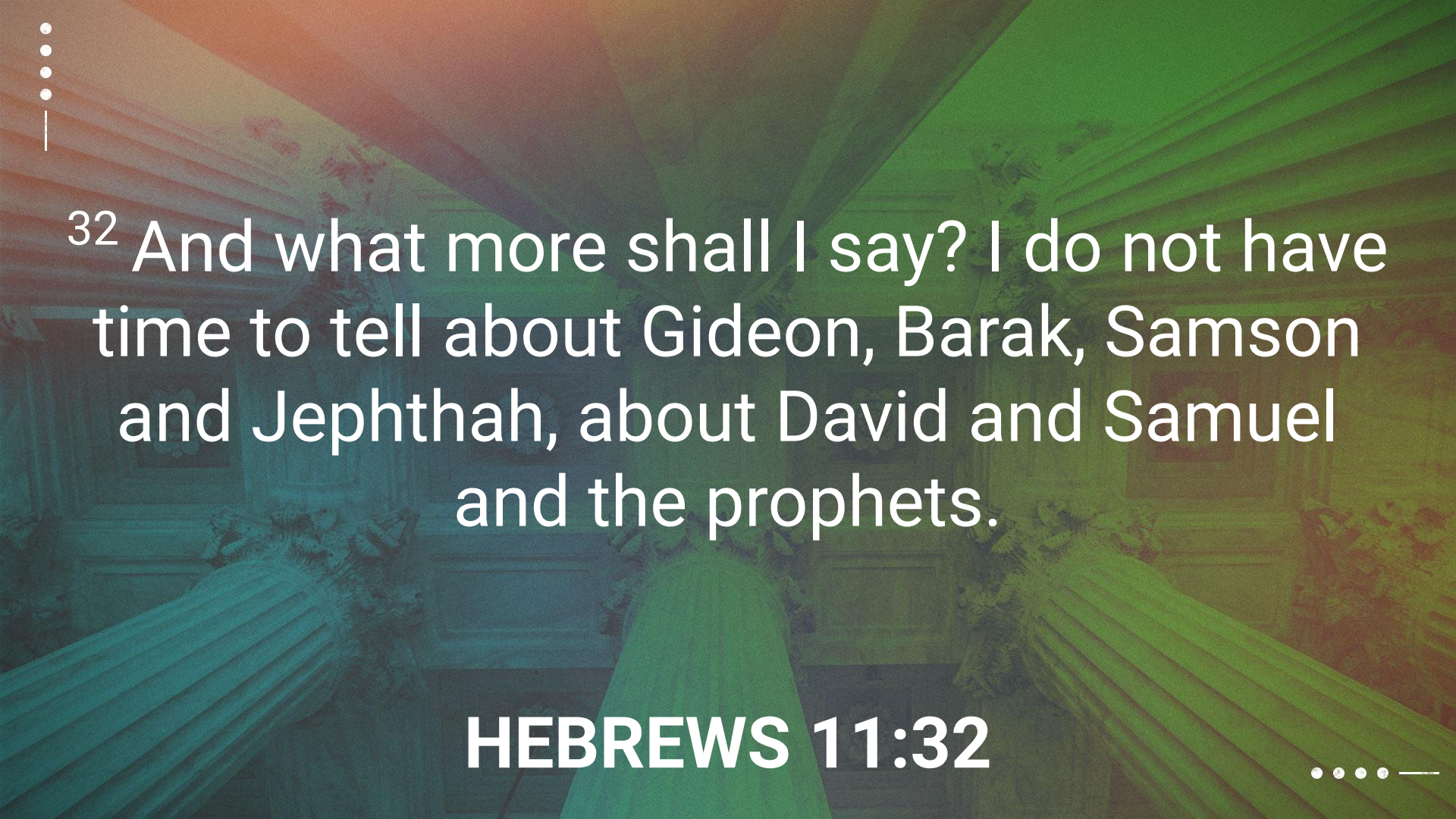
39 These were all commended for their
faith, yet none of them received what
had been promised, ⁴⁰ since God had
planned something better for us so that
only together with us would they be
made perfect.

HEBREWS 11:32-40



¹ Now faith is confidence in what we
hope for and assurance about what
we do not see.

HEBREWS 11:1



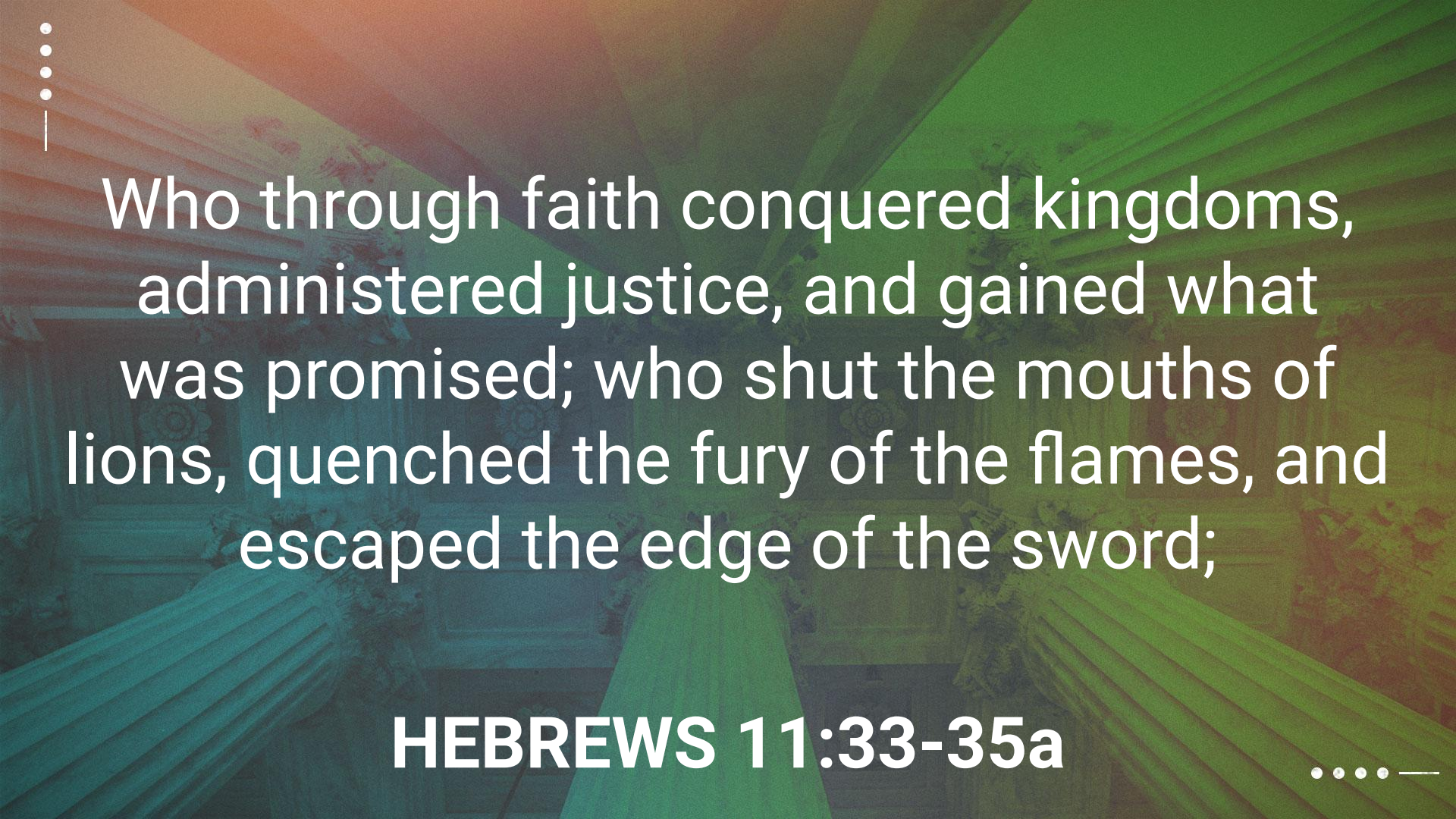
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HEBREWS 11:32



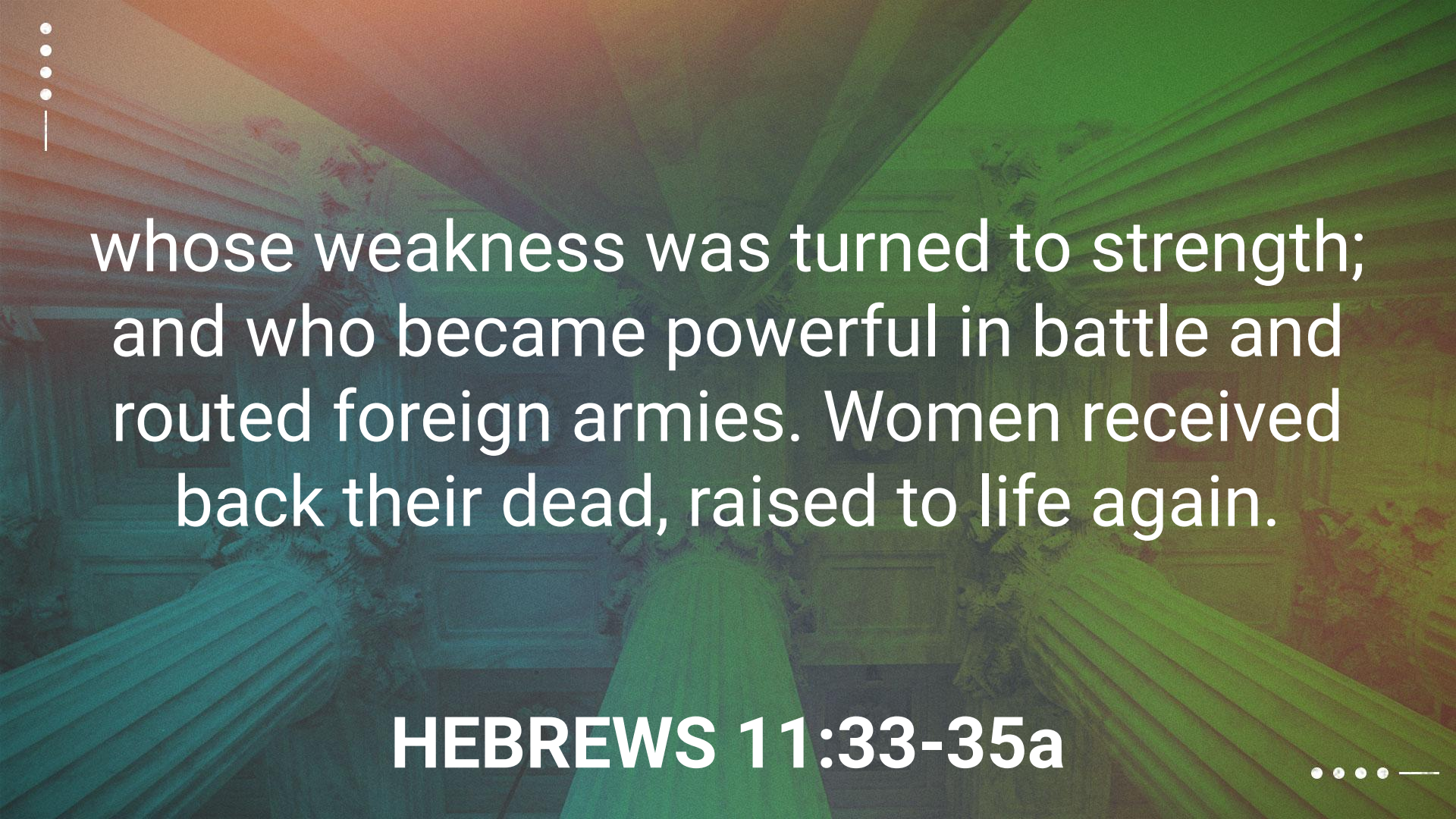
EMPOWERING FAITH





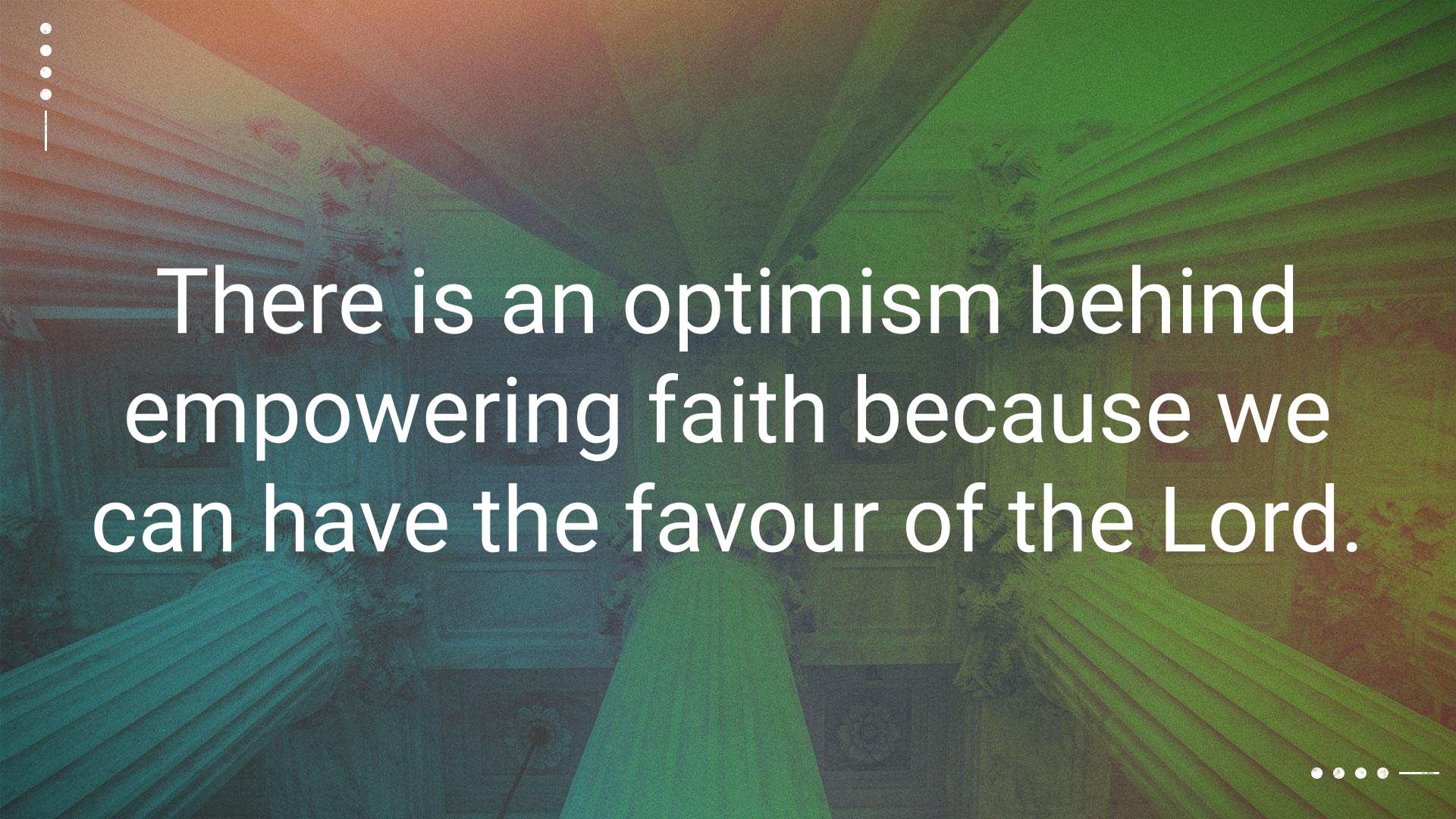
Who through faith conquered kingdoms,
administered justice, and gained what
was promised; who shut the mouths of
lions, quenched the fury of the flames, and
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HEBREWS 11:33-35a



whose weakness was turned to strength;
and who became powerful in battle and
routed foreign armies. Women received
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HEBREWS 11:33-35a



There is an optimism behind
empowering faith because we
can have the favour of the Lord.



I tell you, now is the time of God's favour.

2 CORINTHIANS 6:2



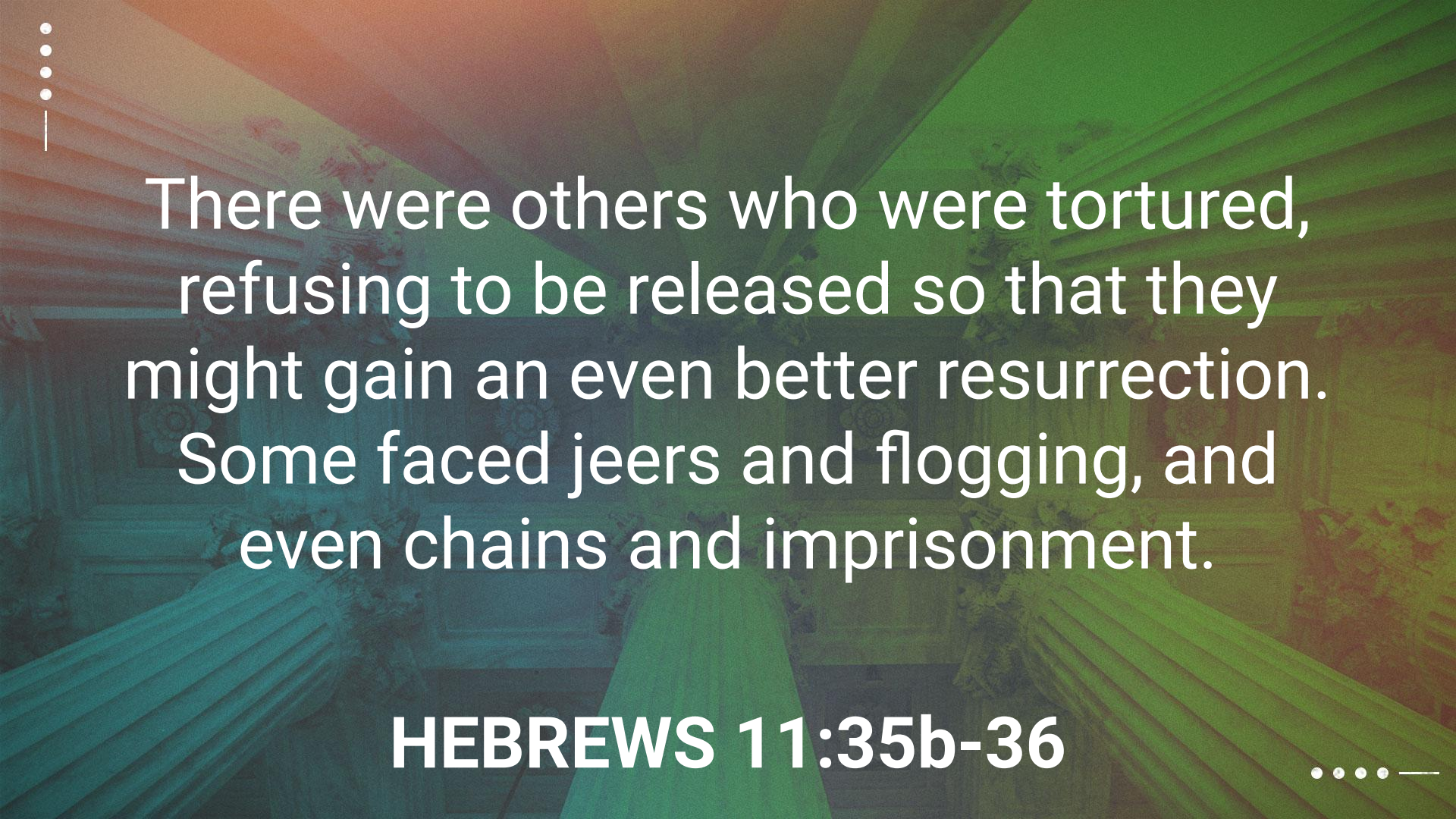
¹⁷ May the favour of the Lord our God
rest on us.

PSALM 90:17



ENDURING FAITH





There were others who were tortured,
refusing to be released so that they
might gain an even better resurrection.
Some faced jeers and flogging, and
even chains and imprisonment.

HEBREWS 11:35b-36



"In all this you greatly rejoice, though now for a little while you may have had to suffer grief in all kinds of trials. These have come... [to prove the] genuineness of your faith."

1 PETER 1:6-7



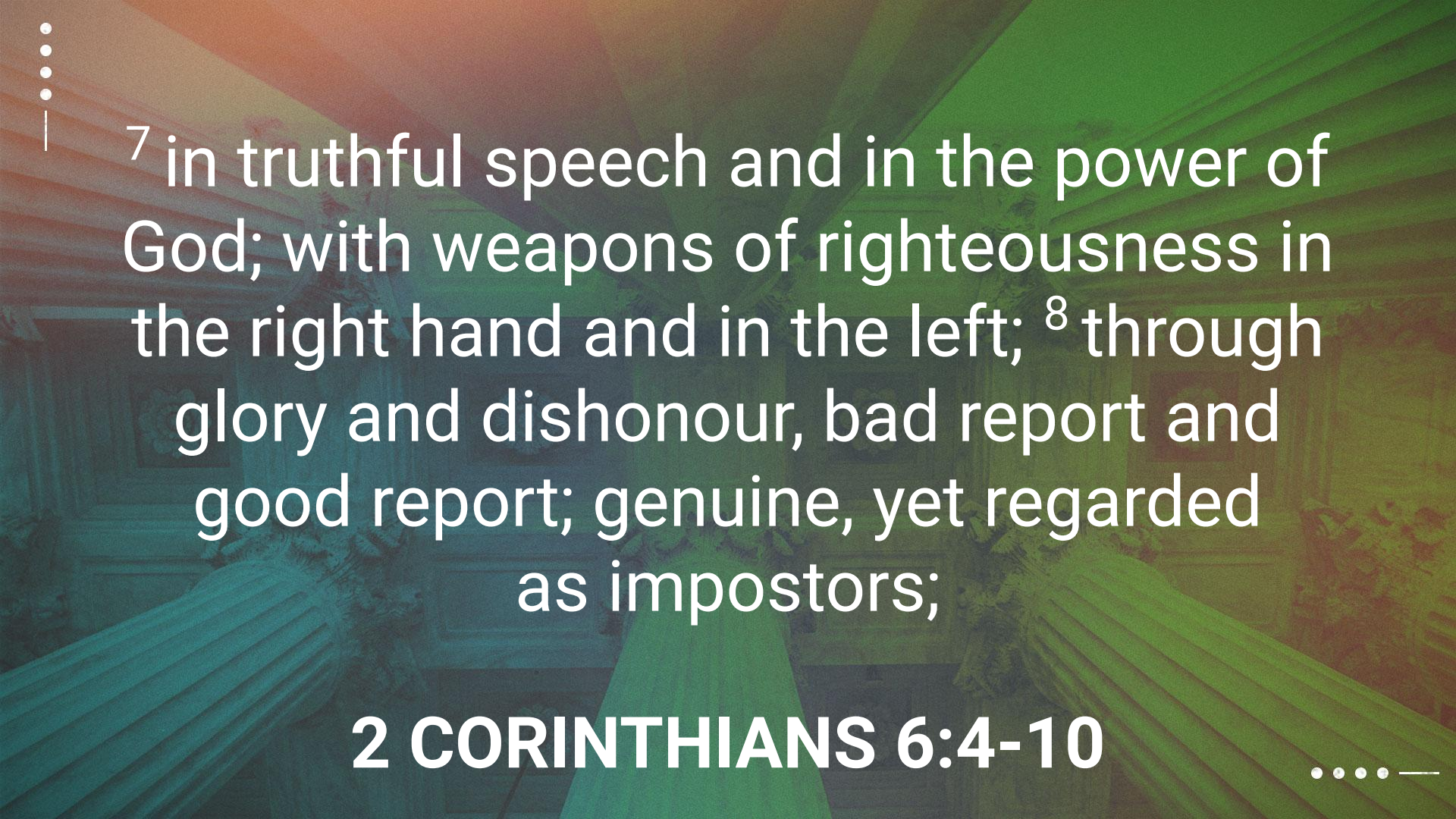


Being a Christian is not
an easy calling.



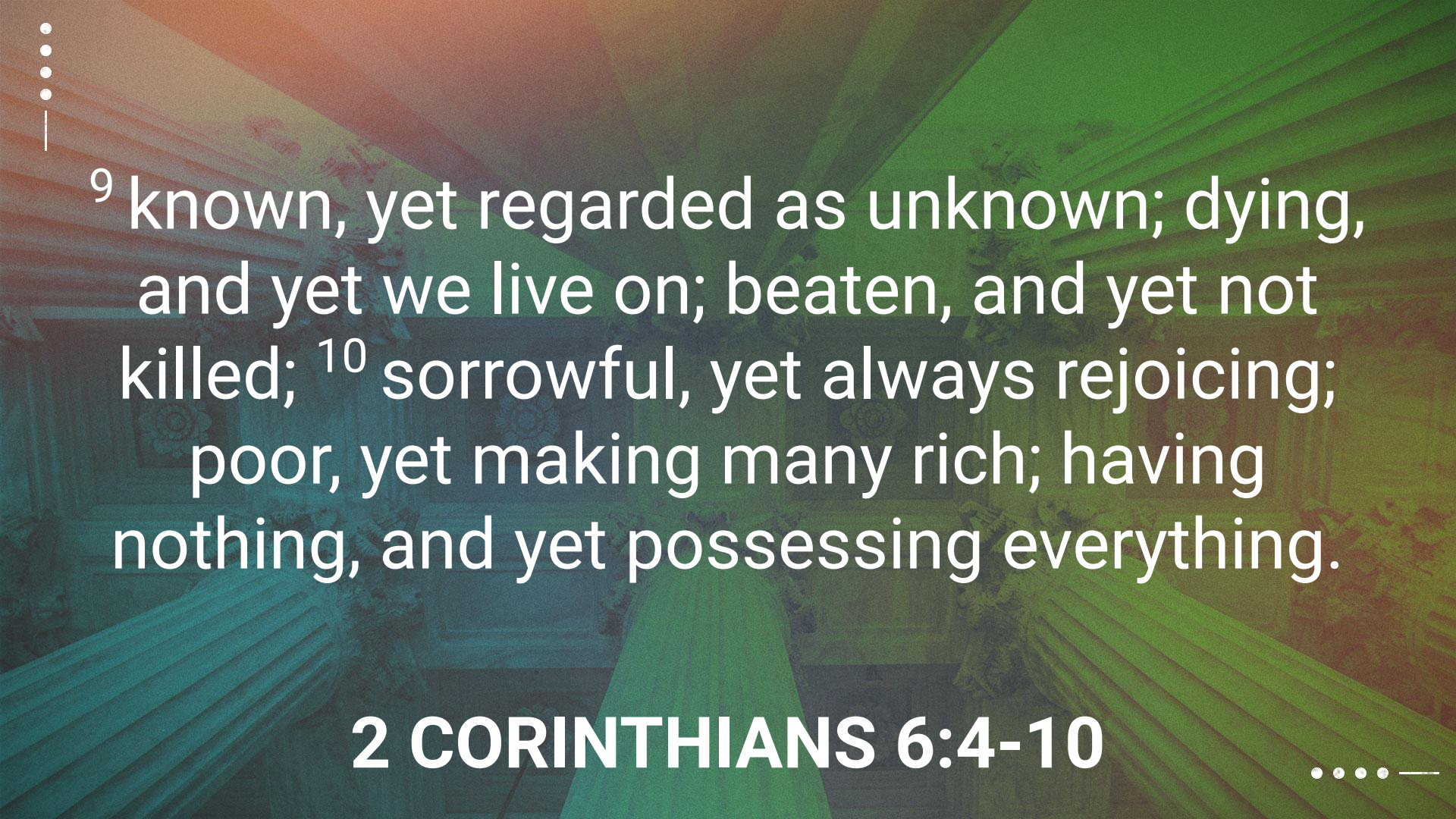
In great endurance; in troubles,
hardships and distresses; ⁵ in beatings,
imprisonments and riots; in hard work,
sleepless nights and hunger; ⁶ in purity,
understanding, patience and kindness;
in the Holy Spirit and in sincere love;

2 CORINTHIANS 6:4-10



7 in truthful speech and in the power of
God; with weapons of righteousness in
the right hand and in the left; 8 through
glory and dishonour, bad report and
good report; genuine, yet regarded
as impostors;

2 CORINTHIANS 6:4-10



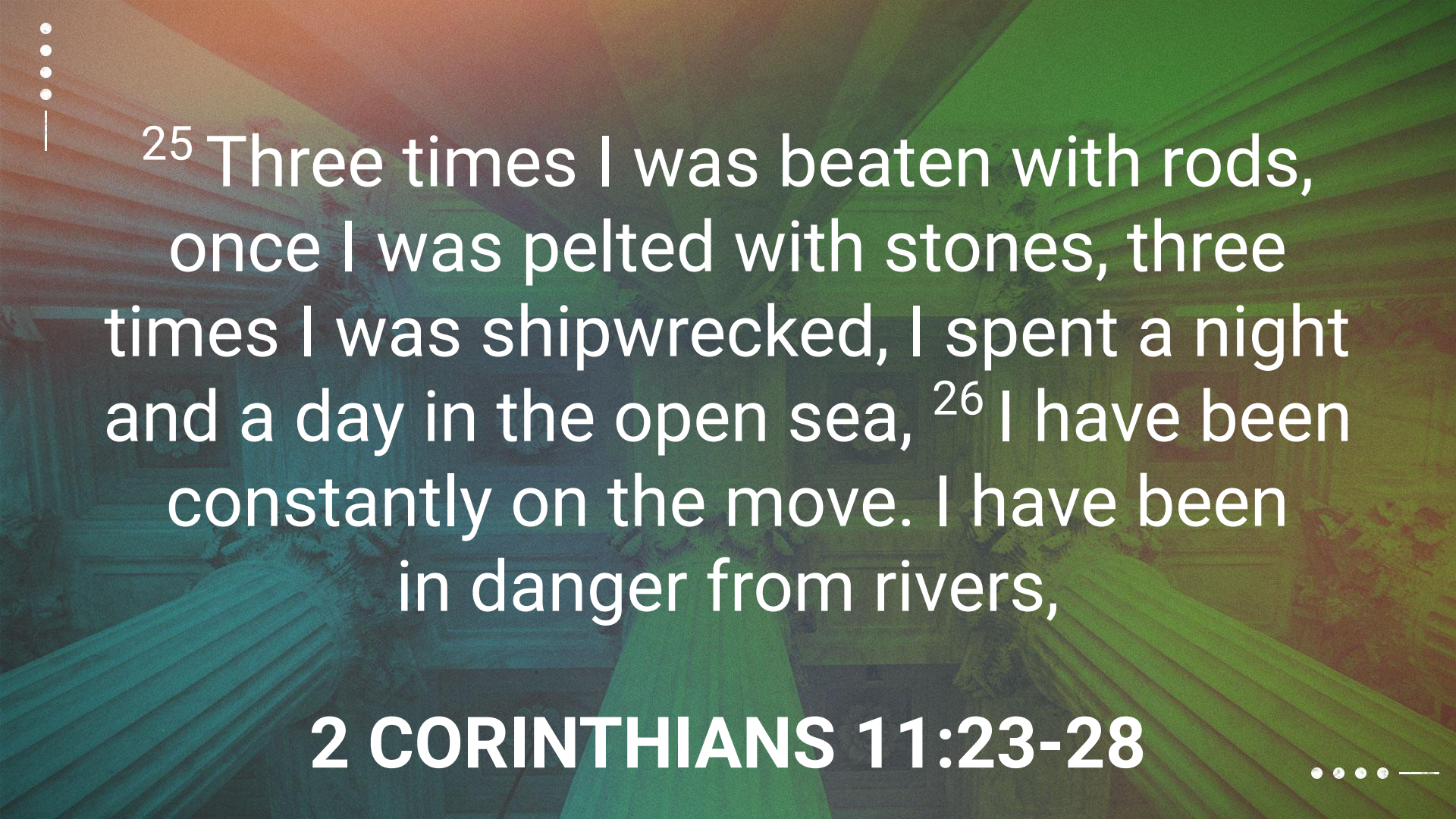
9 known, yet regarded as unknown; dying,
and yet we live on; beaten, and yet not
killed; ¹⁰ sorrowful, yet always rejoicing;
poor, yet making many rich; having
nothing, and yet possessing everything.

2 CORINTHIANS 6:4-10



I have worked much harder, been in prison more frequently, been flogged more severely, and been exposed to death again and again. ²⁴ Five times I received from the Jews the forty lashes minus one.

2 CORINTHIANS 11:23-28



25 Three times I was beaten with rods,
once I was pelted with stones, three
times I was shipwrecked, I spent a night
and a day in the open sea, 26 I have been
constantly on the move. I have been
in danger from rivers,

2 CORINTHIANS 11:23-28

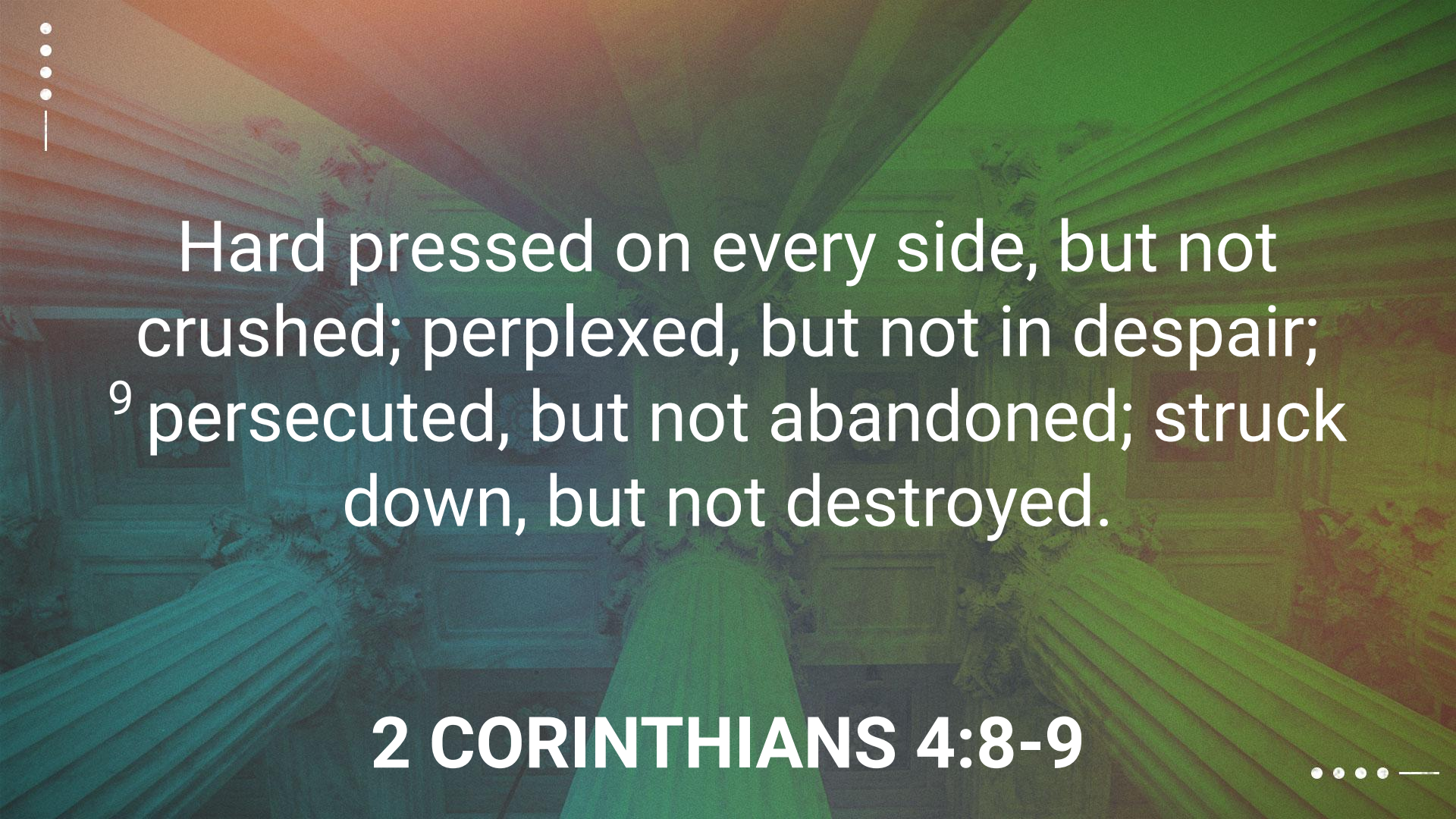
in danger from bandits, in danger from my fellow Jews, in danger from Gentiles; in danger in the city, in danger in the country, in danger at sea; and in danger from false believers. ²⁷ I have laboured and toiled and have often gone without sleep;

2 CORINTHIANS 11:23-28



I have known hunger and thirst and have often gone without food; I have been cold and naked. ²⁸ Besides everything else, I face daily the pressure of my concern for all the churches.

2 CORINTHIANS 11:23-28



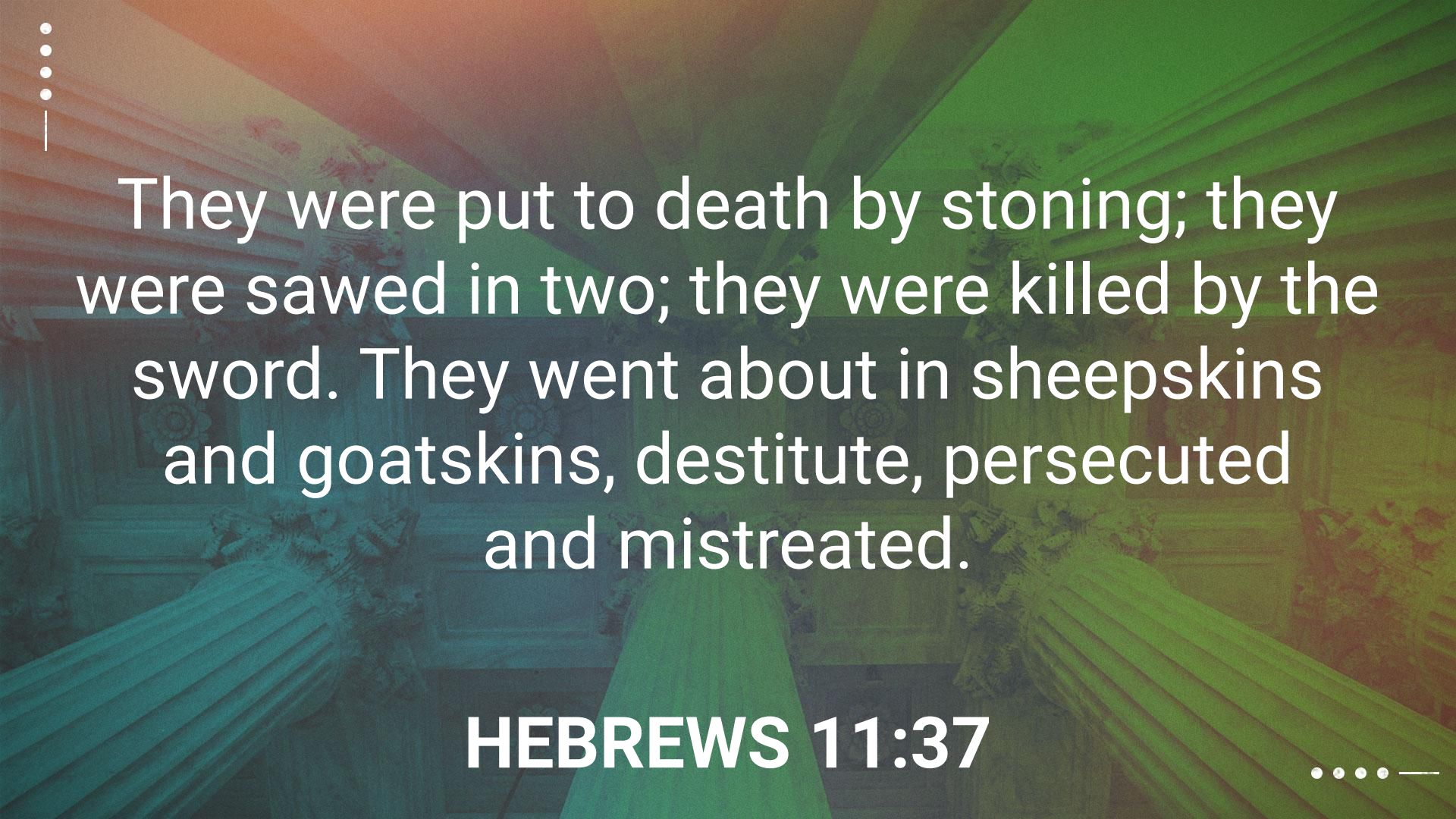
Hard pressed on every side, but not
crushed; perplexed, but not in despair;
⁹ persecuted, but not abandoned; struck
down, but not destroyed.

2 CORINTHIANS 4:8-9



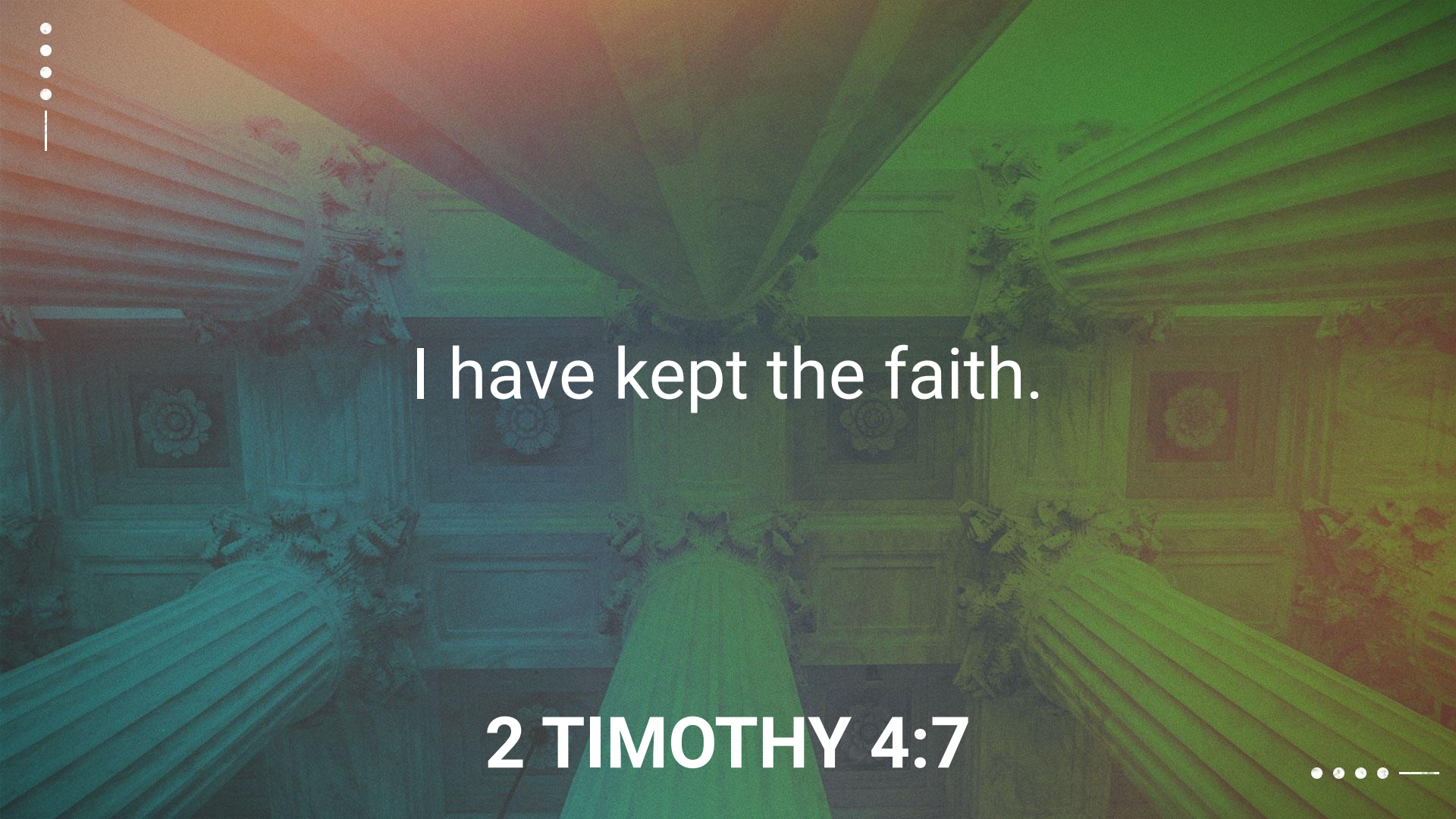
UNENDING FAITH





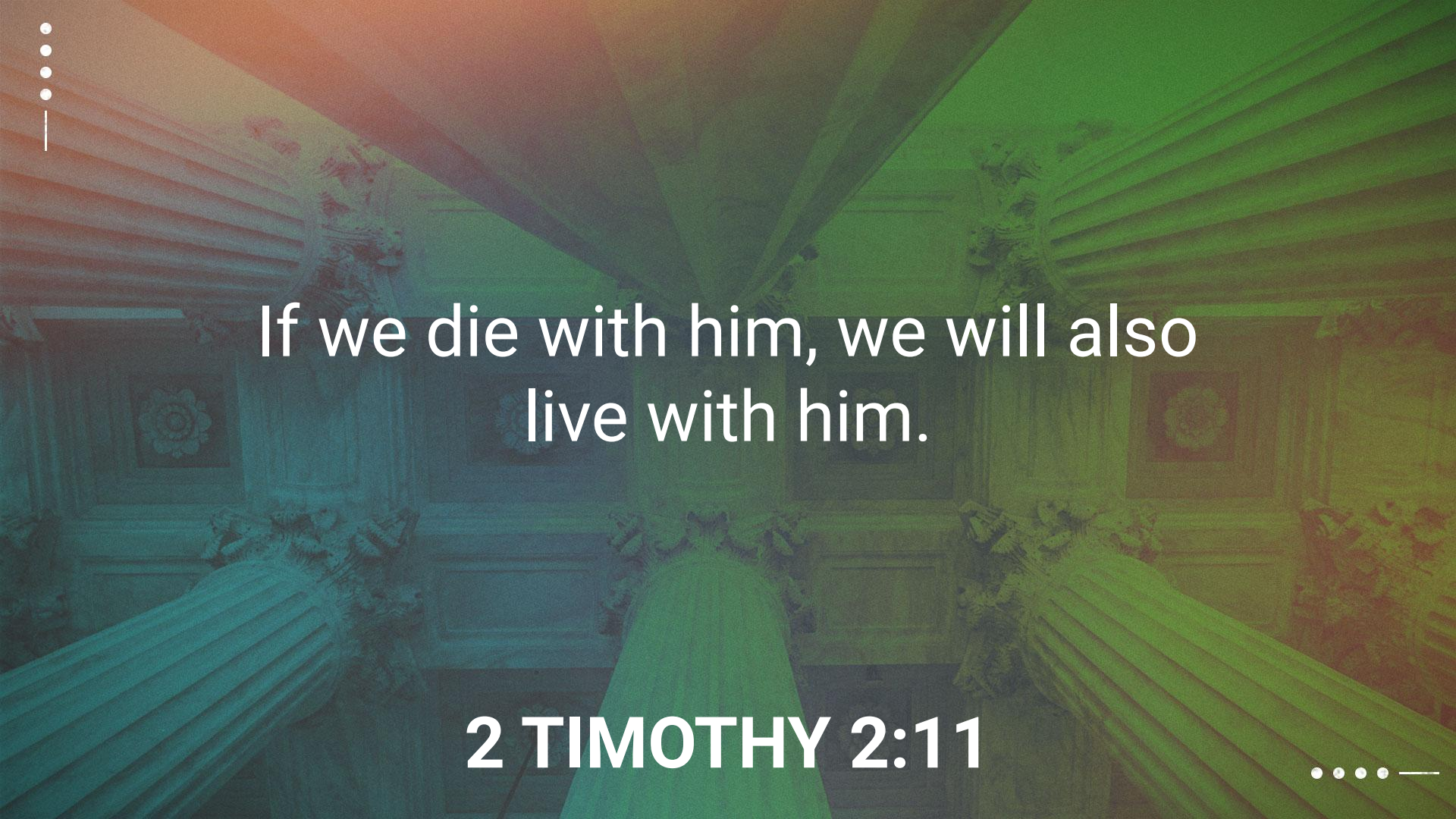
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HEBREWS 11:37



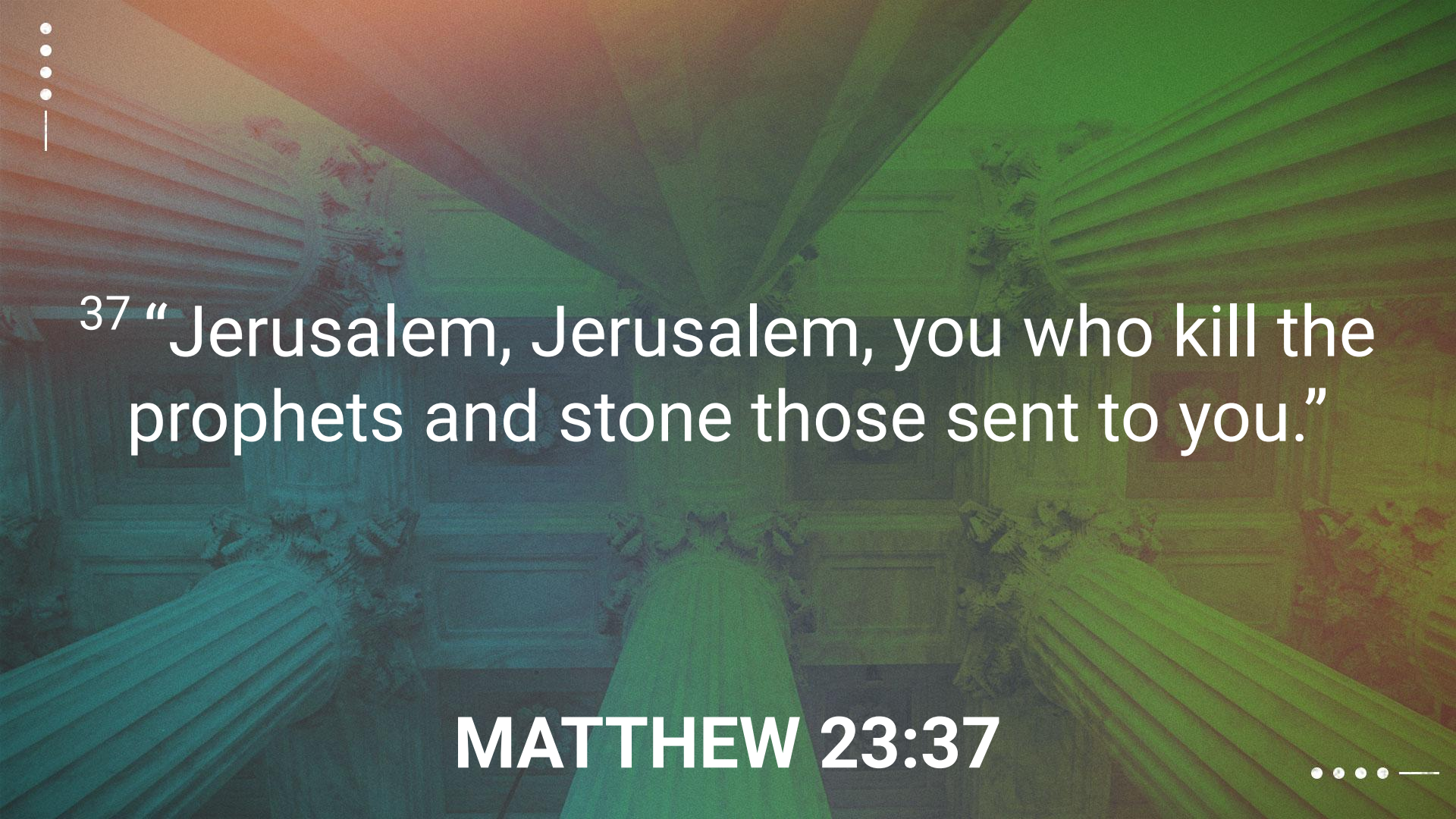
I have kept the faith.

2 TIMOTHY 4:7



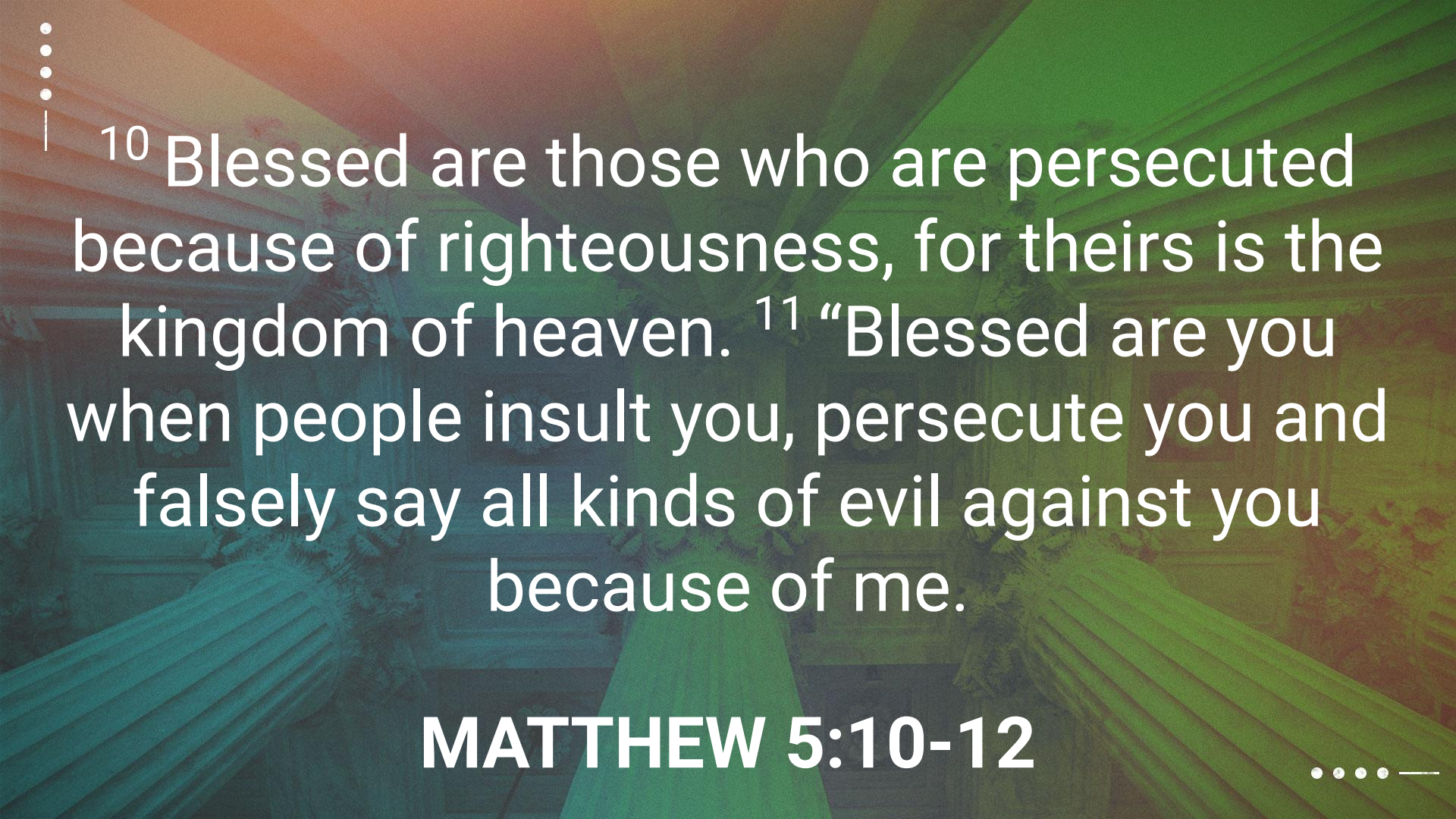
If we die with him, we will also
live with him.

2 TIMOTHY 2:11



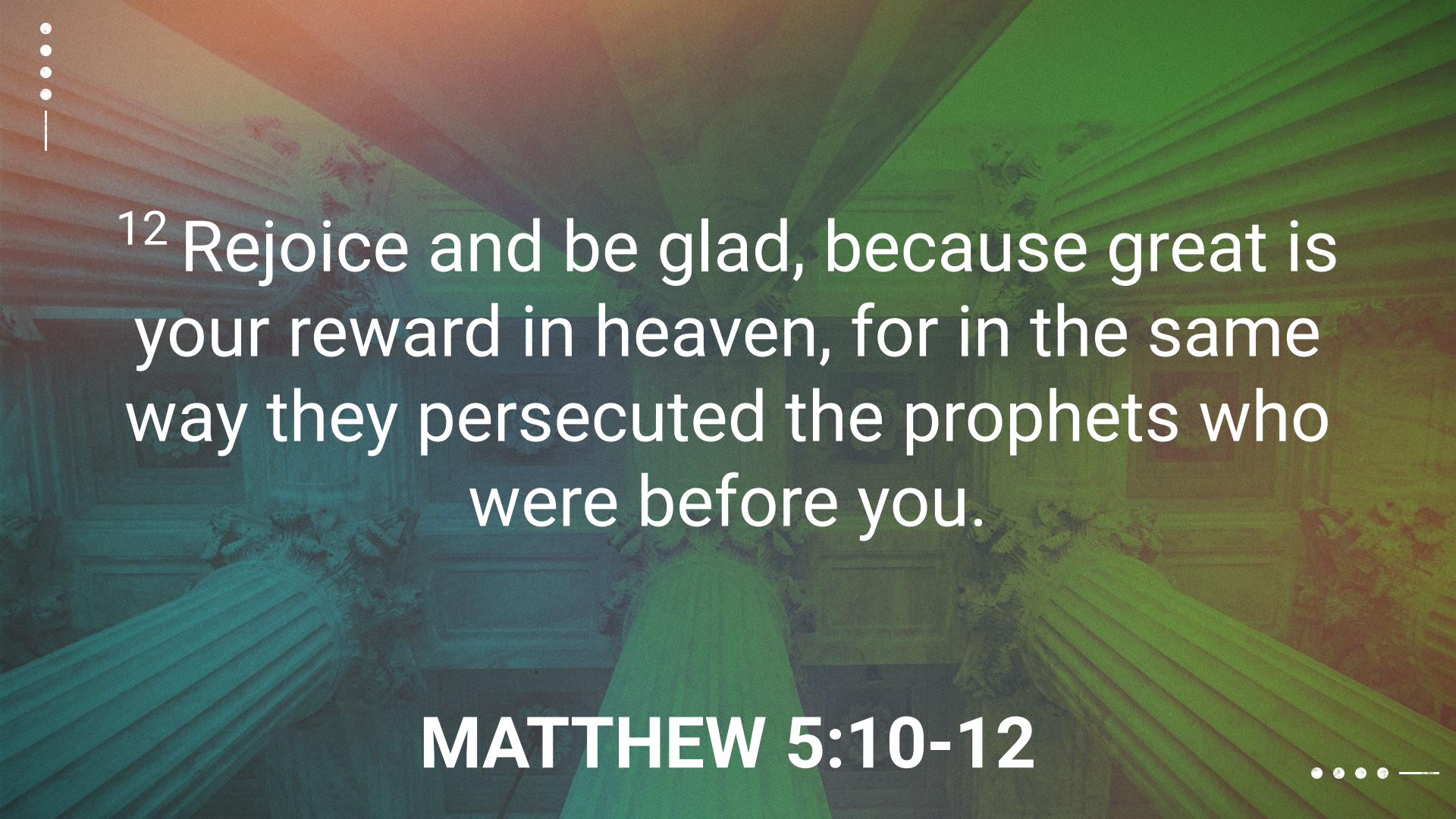
³⁷ “Jerusalem, Jerusalem, you who kill the prophets and stone those sent to you.”

MATTHEW 23:37



10 Blessed are those who are persecuted
because of righteousness, for theirs is the
kingdom of heaven. 11 “Blessed are you
when people insult you, persecute you and
falsely say all kinds of evil against you
because of me.

MATTHEW 5:10-12

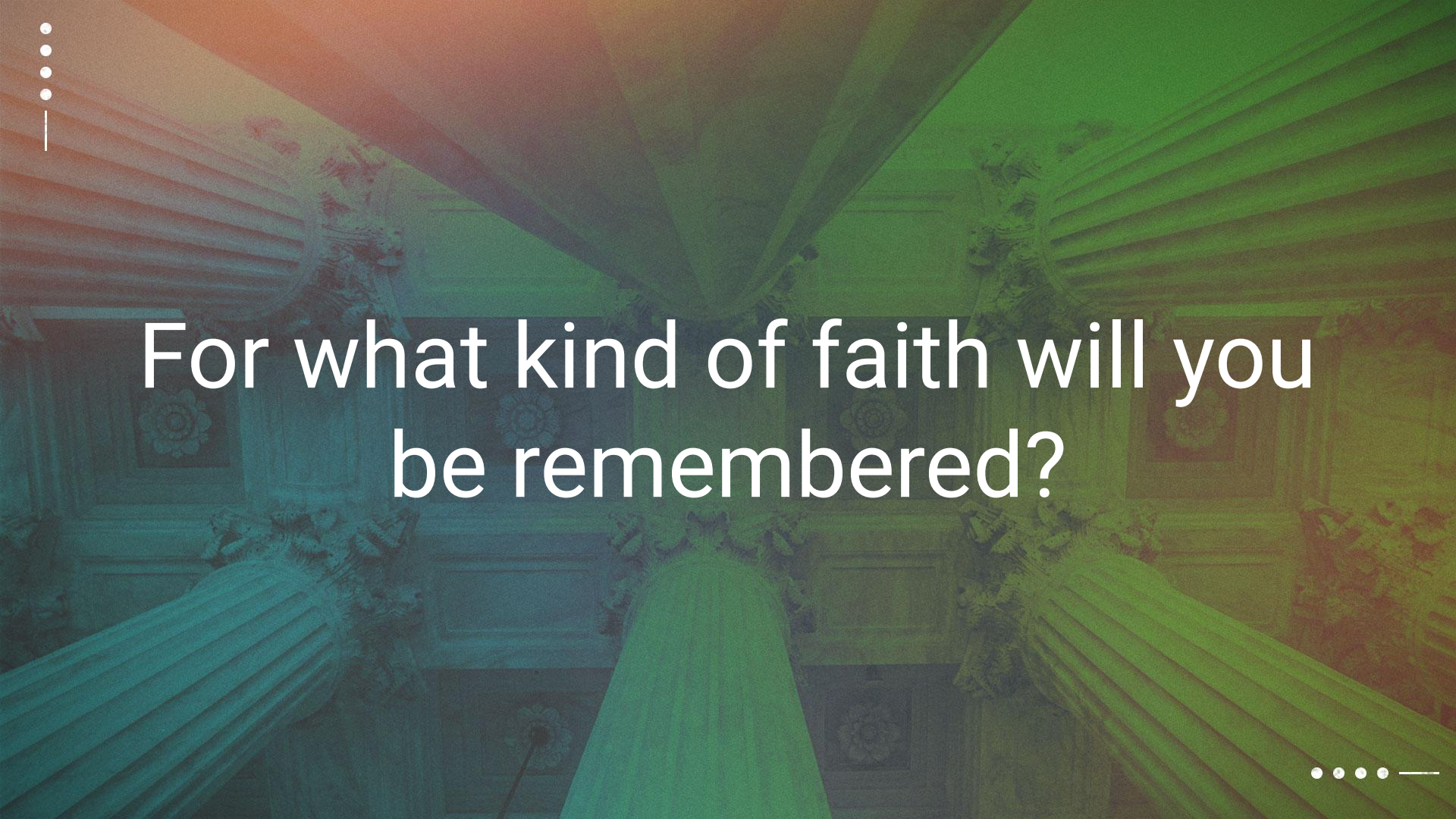


12 Rejoice and be glad, because great is
your reward in heaven, for in the same
way they persecuted the prophets who
were before you.

MATTHEW 5:10-12



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For what kind of faith will you
be remembered?

SERMON REVIEW:

- 1) EMPOWERING FAITH
- 2) ENDURING FAITH
- 3) UNENDING FAITH

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