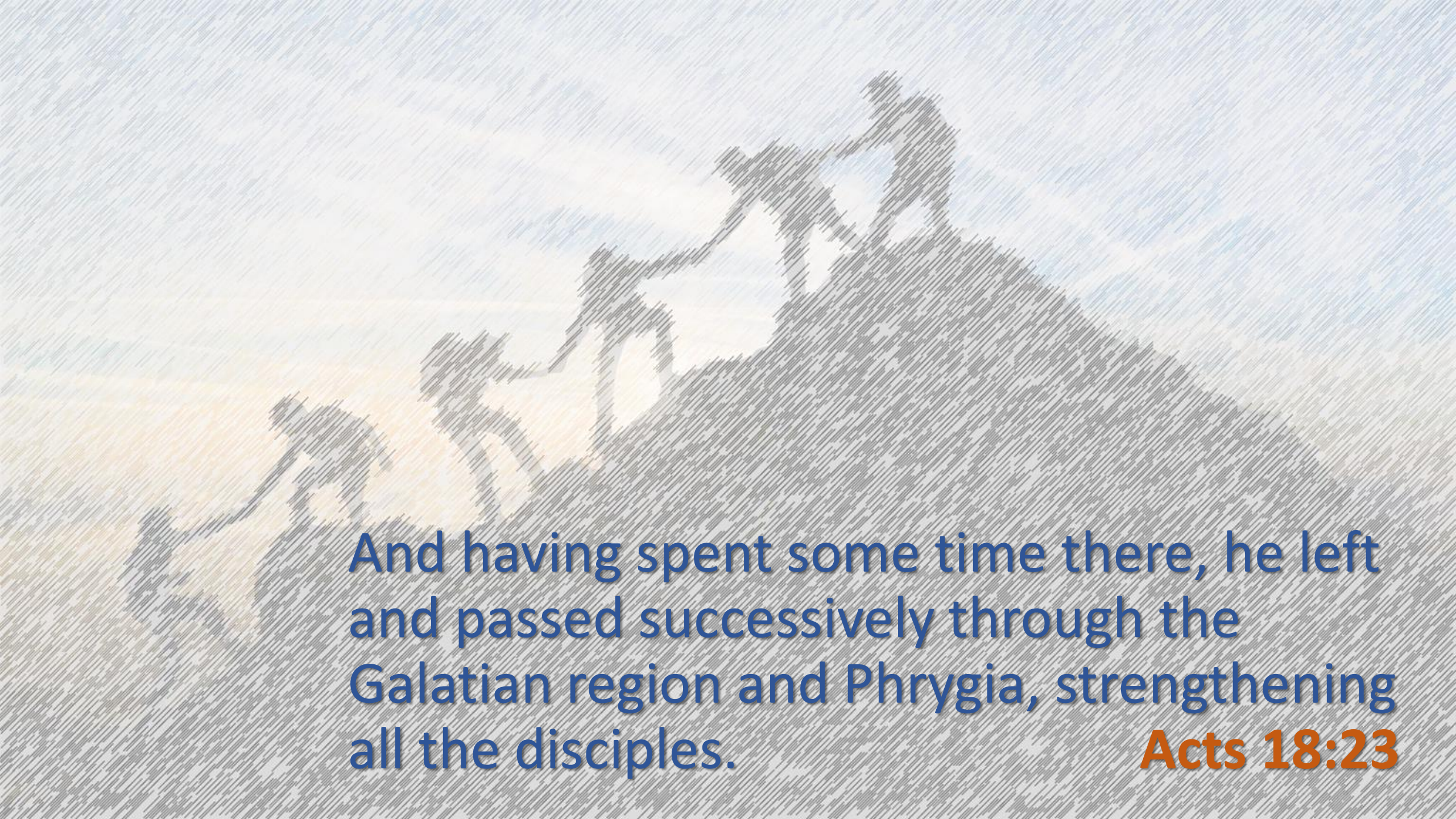


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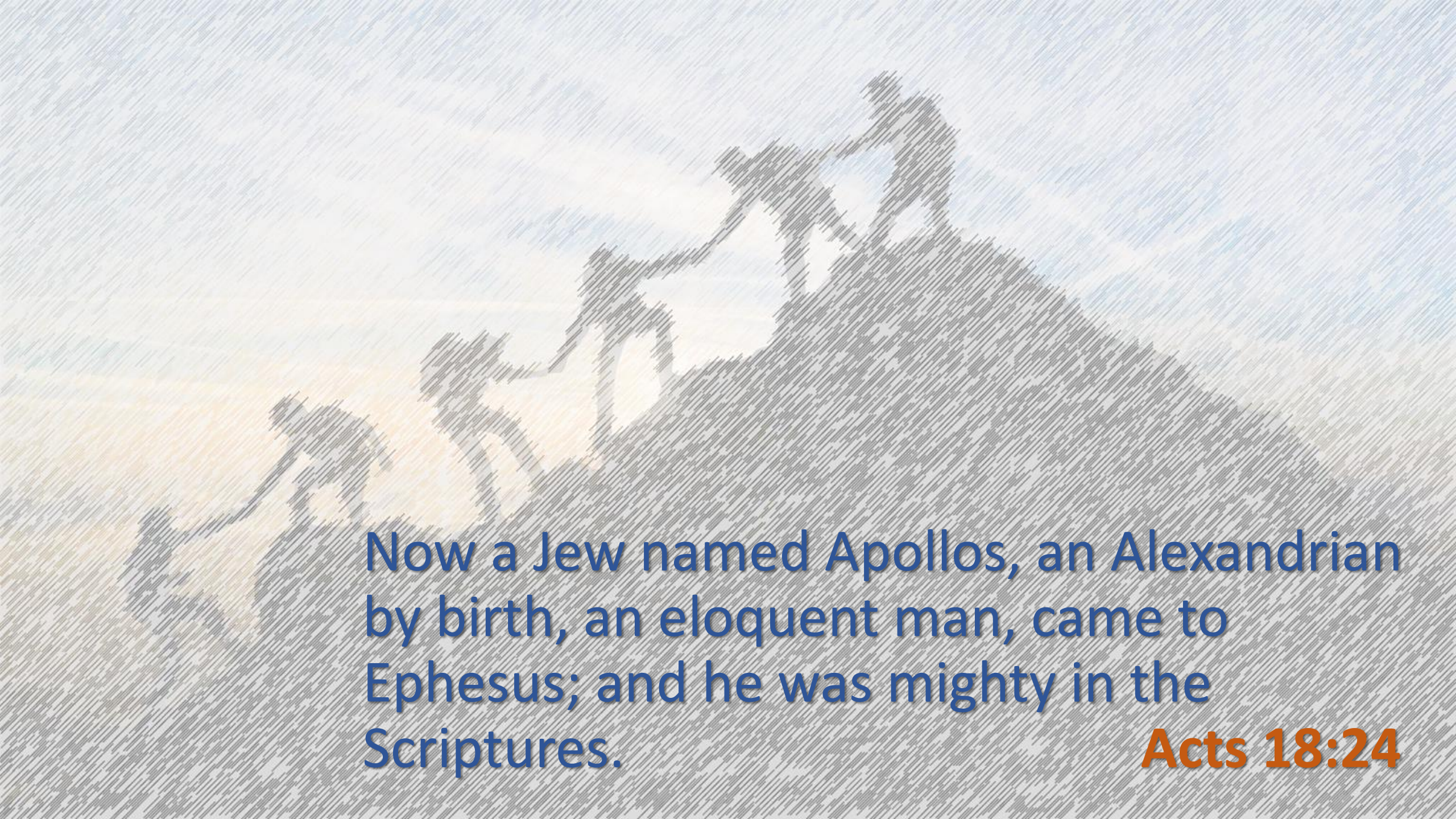
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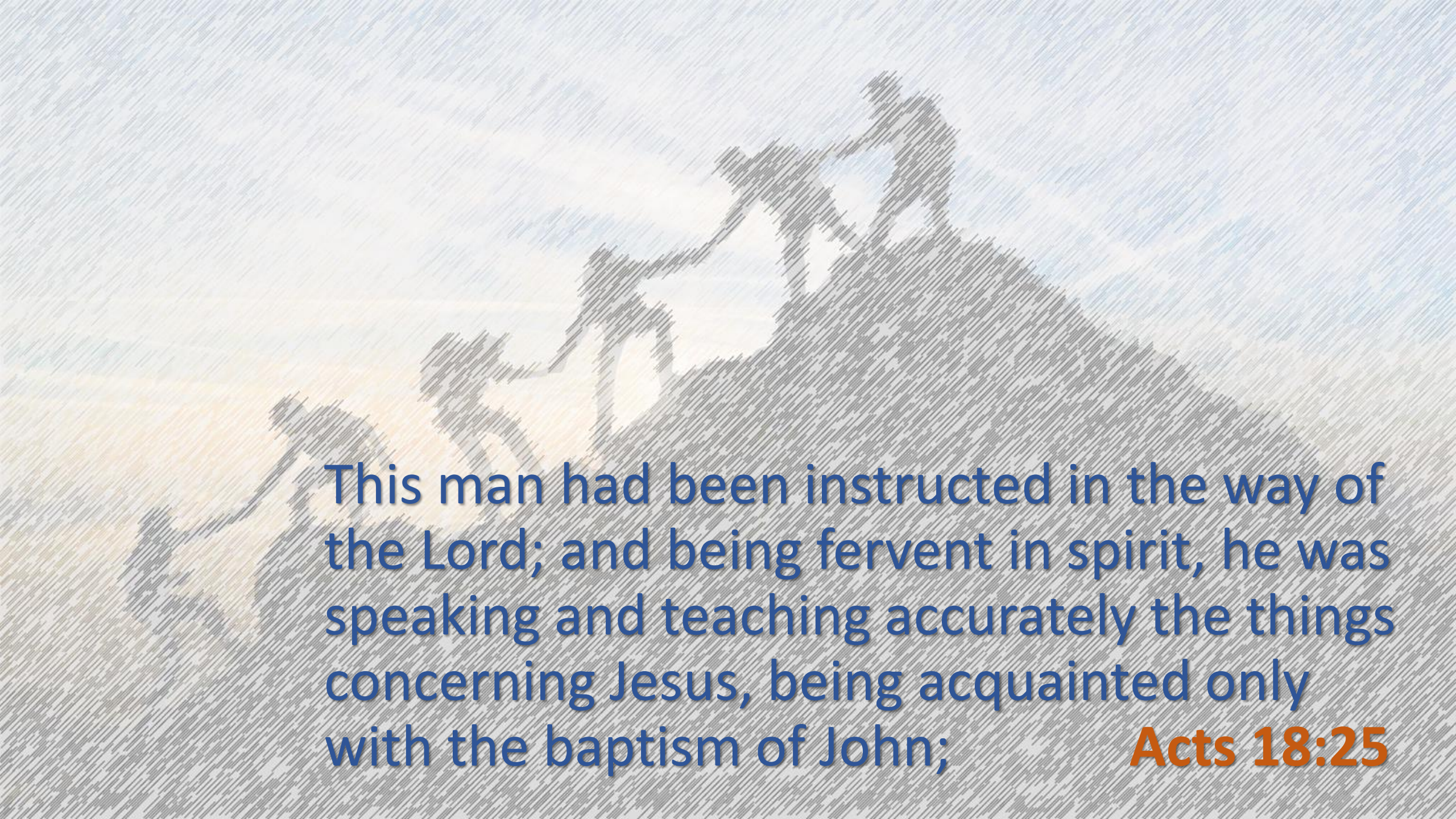
And having spent some time there, he left and passed successively through the Galatian region and Phrygia, strengthening all the disciples.

**Acts 18:23**



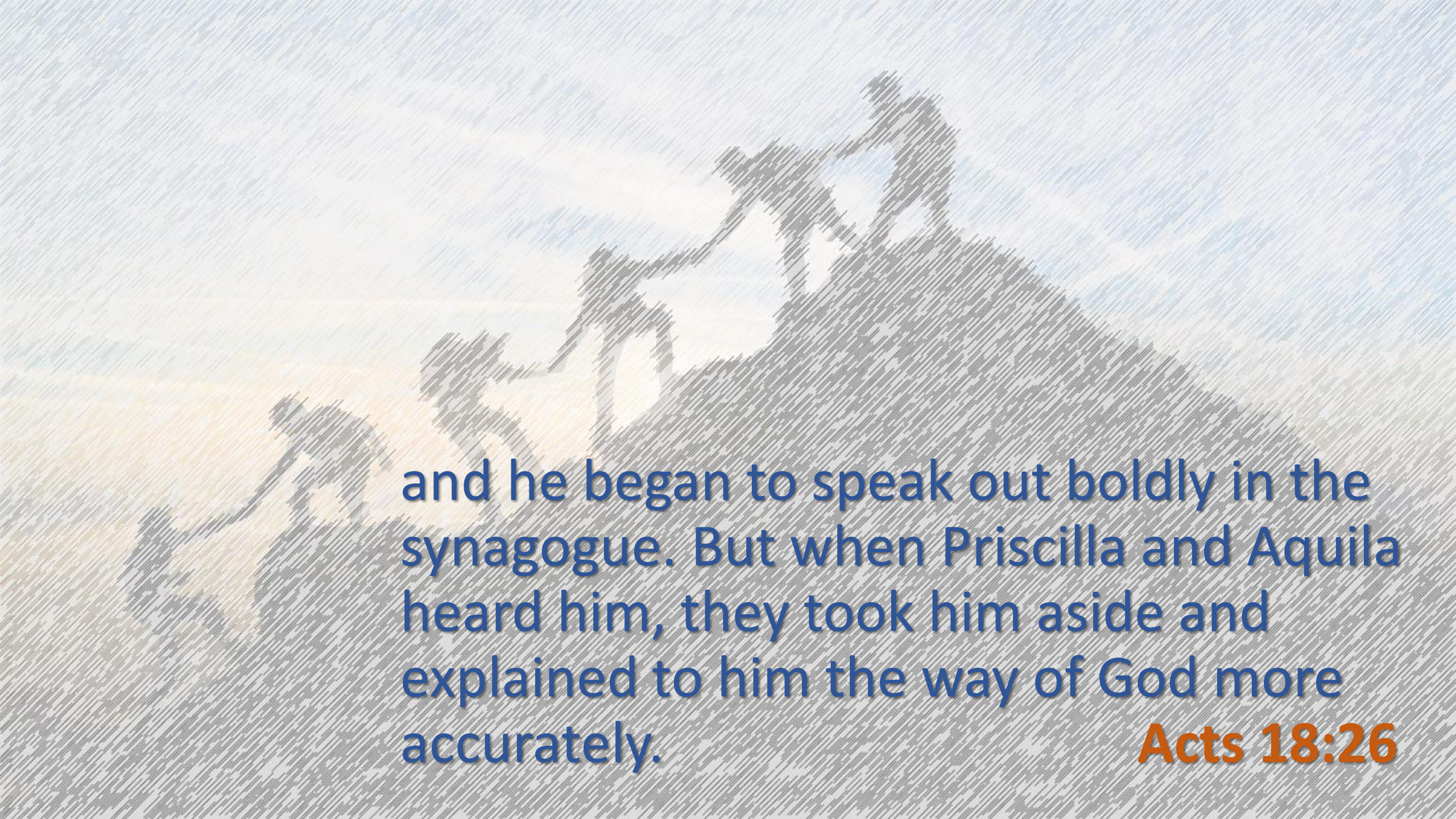
Now a Jew named Apollos, an Alexandrian by birth, an eloquent man, came to Ephesus; and he was mighty in the Scriptures.

**Acts 18:24**



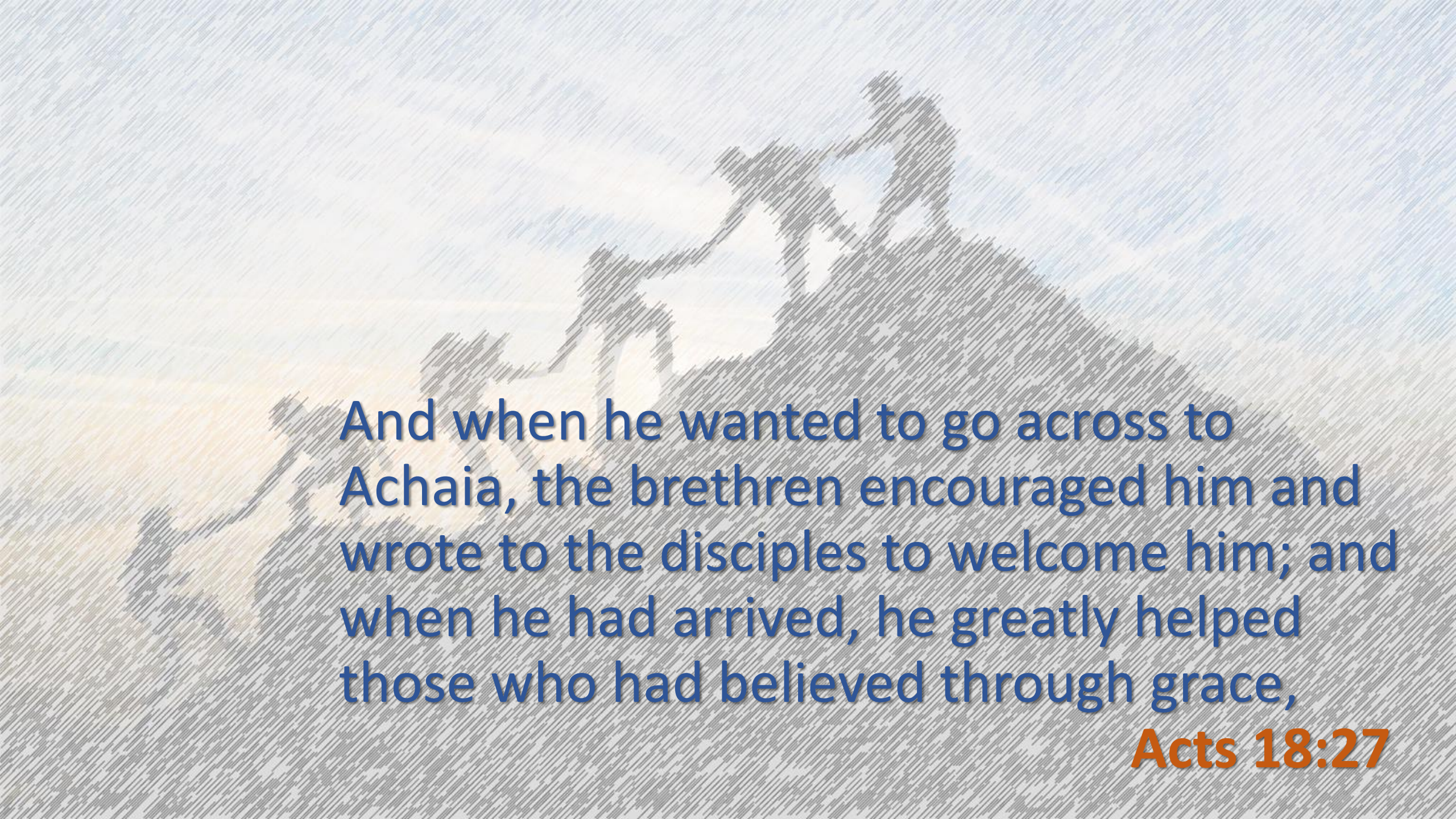
This man had been instructed in the way of the Lord; and being fervent in spirit, he was speaking and teaching accurately the things concerning Jesus, being acquainted only with the baptism of John;

**Acts 18:25**



and he began to speak out boldly in the synagogue. But when Priscilla and Aquila heard him, they took him aside and explained to him the way of God more accurately.

**Acts 18:26**

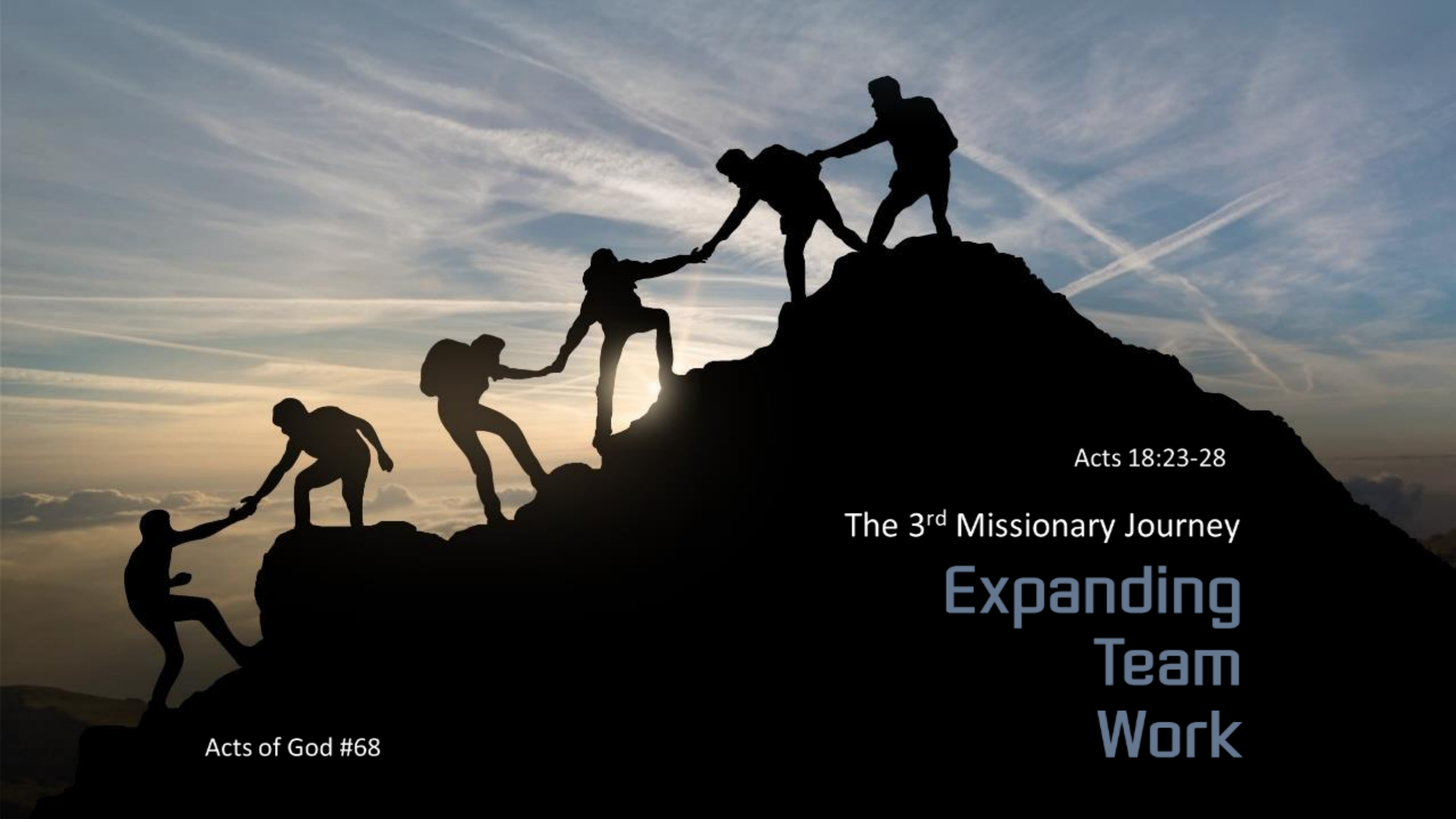


And when he wanted to go across to Achaia, the brethren encouraged him and wrote to the disciples to welcome him; and when he had arrived, he greatly helped those who had believed through grace,

**Acts 18:27**



for he powerfully refuted the Jews in public, demonstrating by the Scriptures that Jesus was the Christ. **Acts 18:28**



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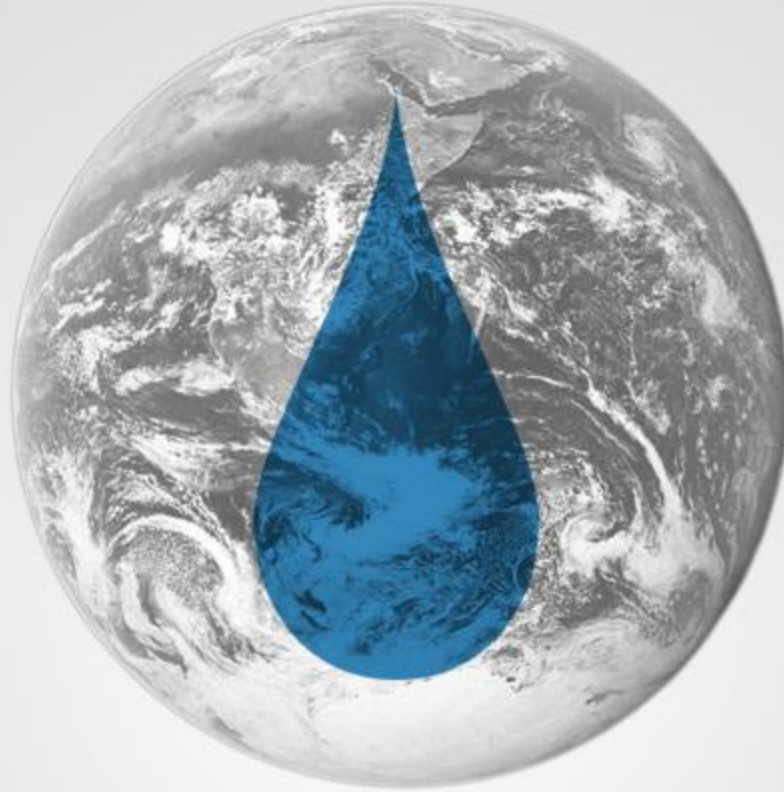




**Christianity is a  
missionary religion,  
converting, advancing,  
aggressive,  
encompassing the world;  
a non-missionary church  
is in the bands of death.**

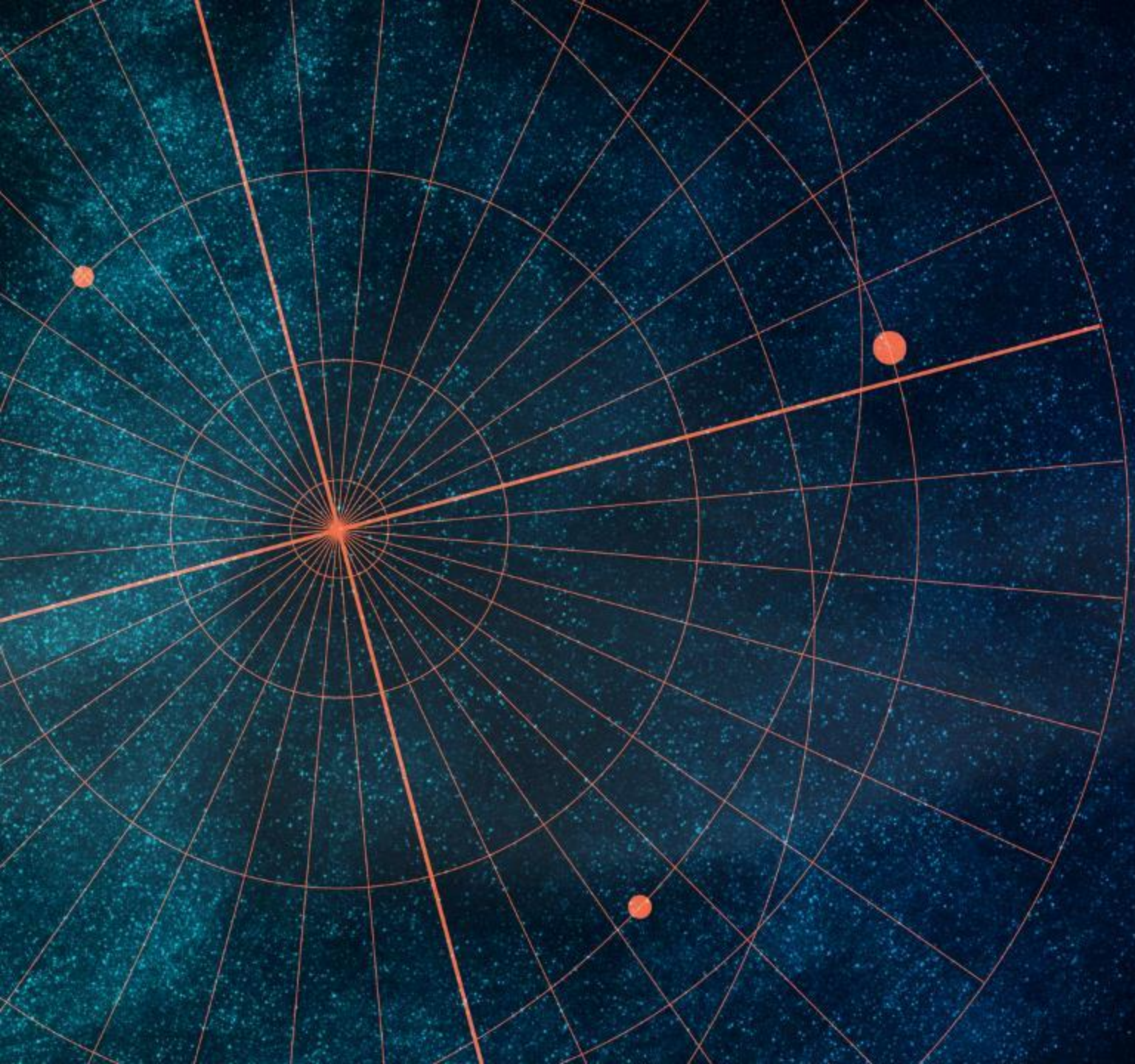
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Go therefore and make disciples of all nations,  
baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit

MATTHEW 28:19

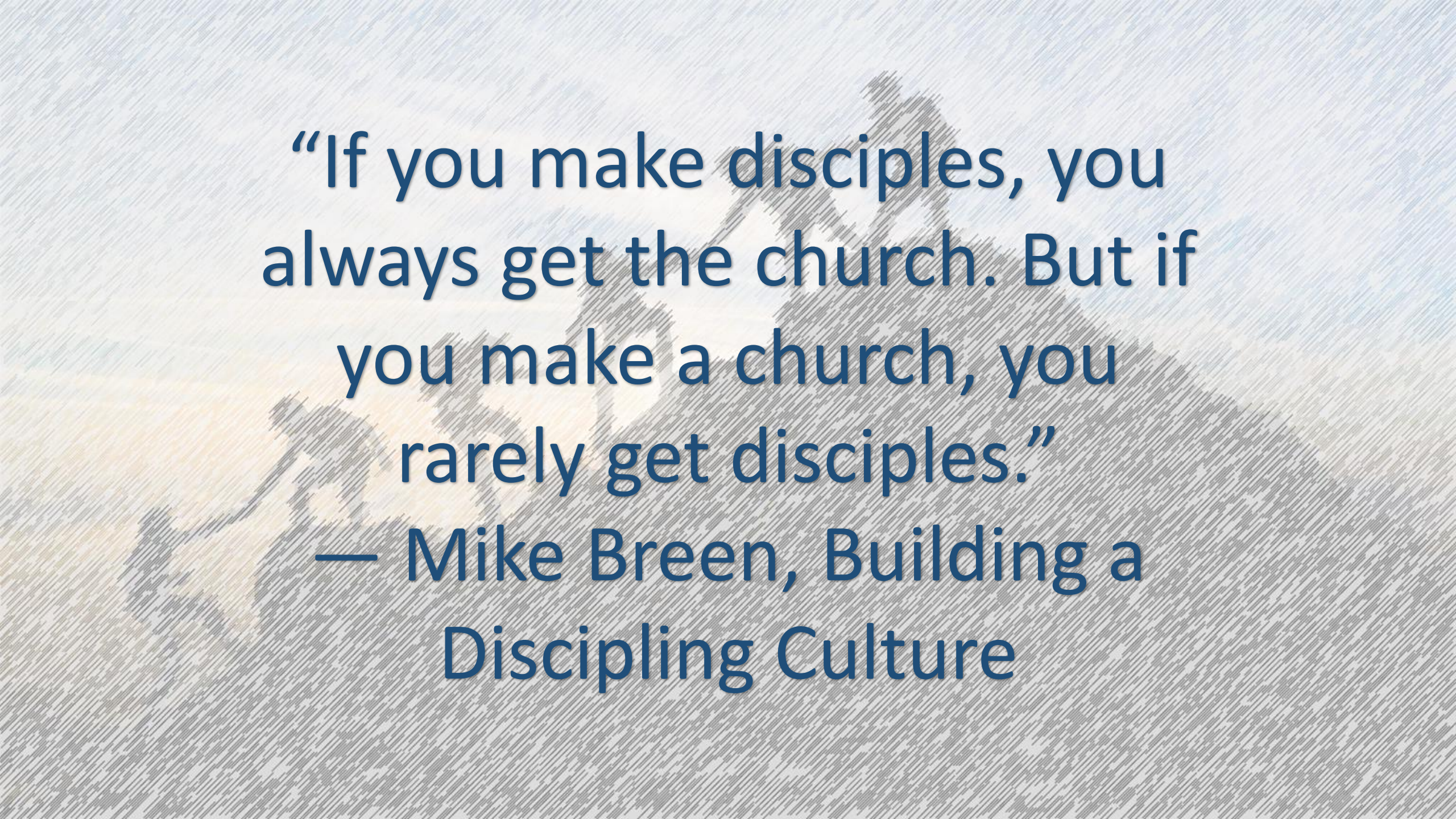


...teaching them to  
observe all that  
I have commanded  
you. And behold,

**I AM**

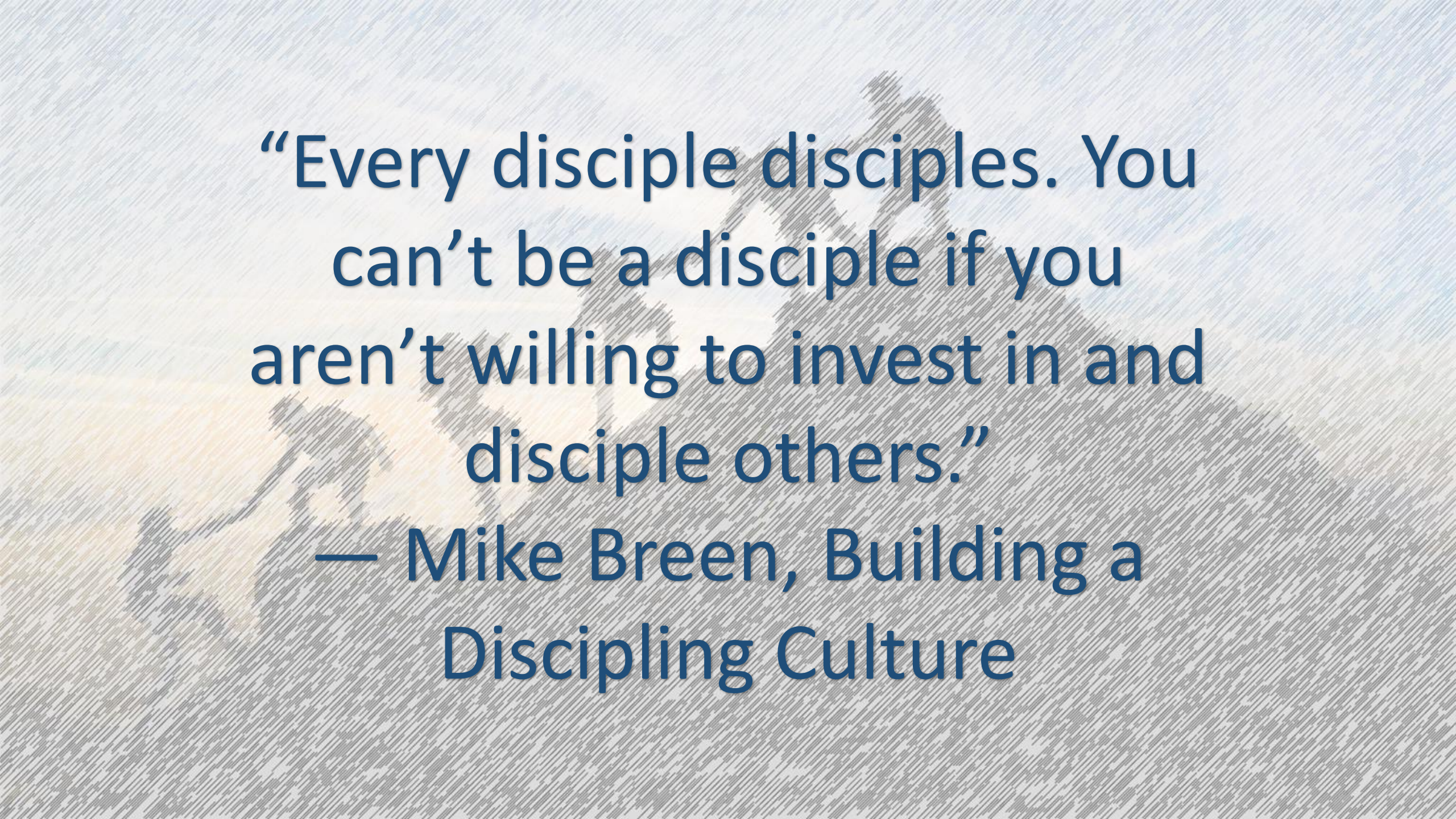
**WITH YOU ALWAYS,  
to the end of the age.**

**MATTHEW 28:20**



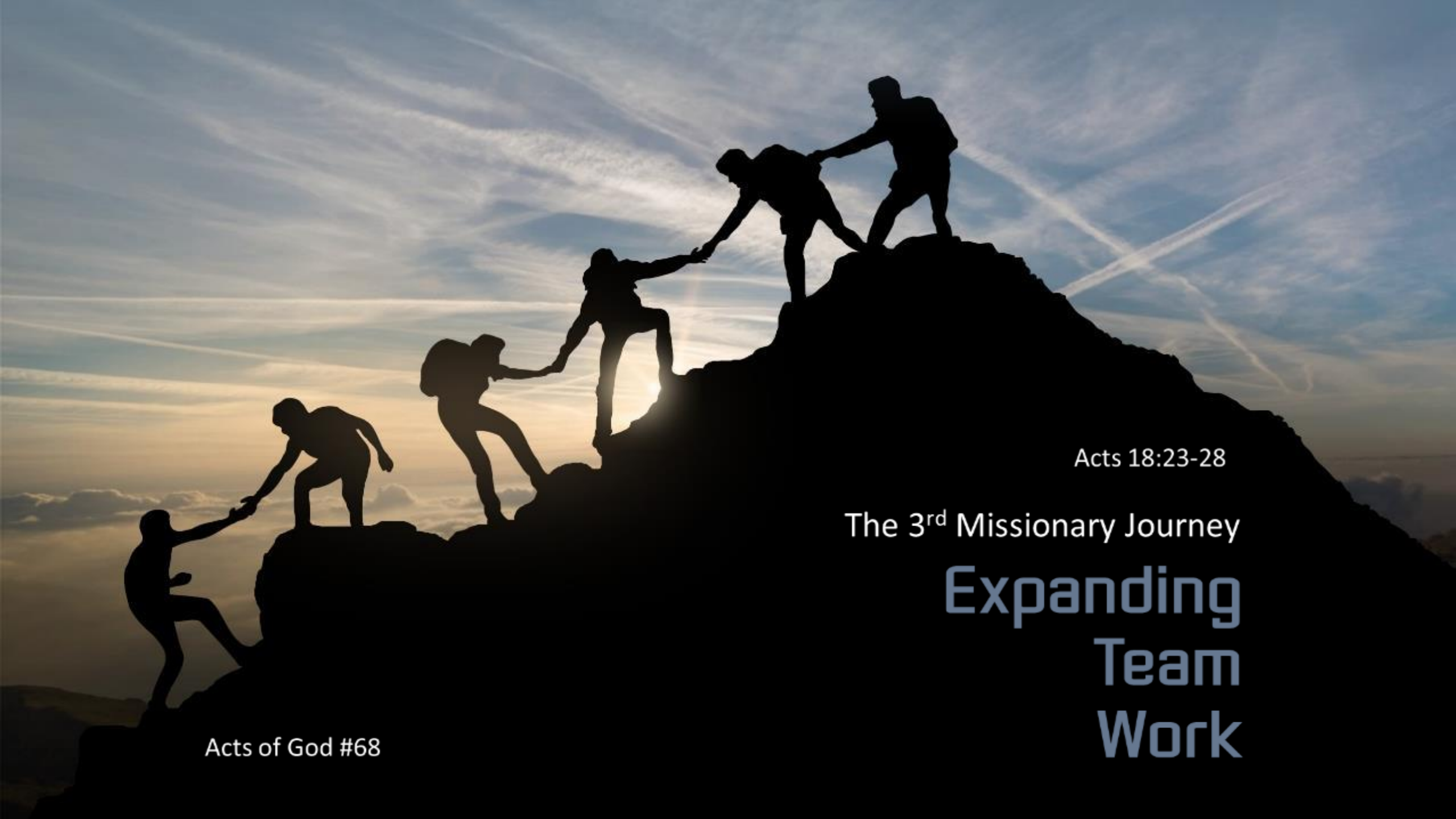
“If you make disciples, you always get the church. But if you make a church, you rarely get disciples.”

— Mike Breen, Building a Discipling Culture



“Every disciple disciplines. You can’t be a disciple if you aren’t willing to invest in and disciple others.”

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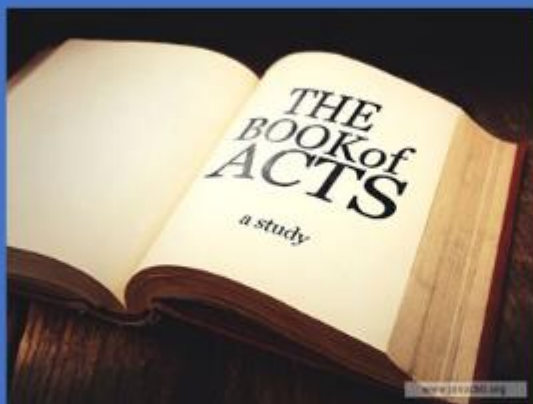


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# THE THIRD MISSIONARY JOURNEY



**THE THIRD MISSIONARY JOURNEY OF PAUL**  
*ACTS 18:23-19:14*

- City
- Site of the Seven Churches of Asia
- ▲ Mountain peak
- Roads
- ⋈ Pass
- ← Paul's routes



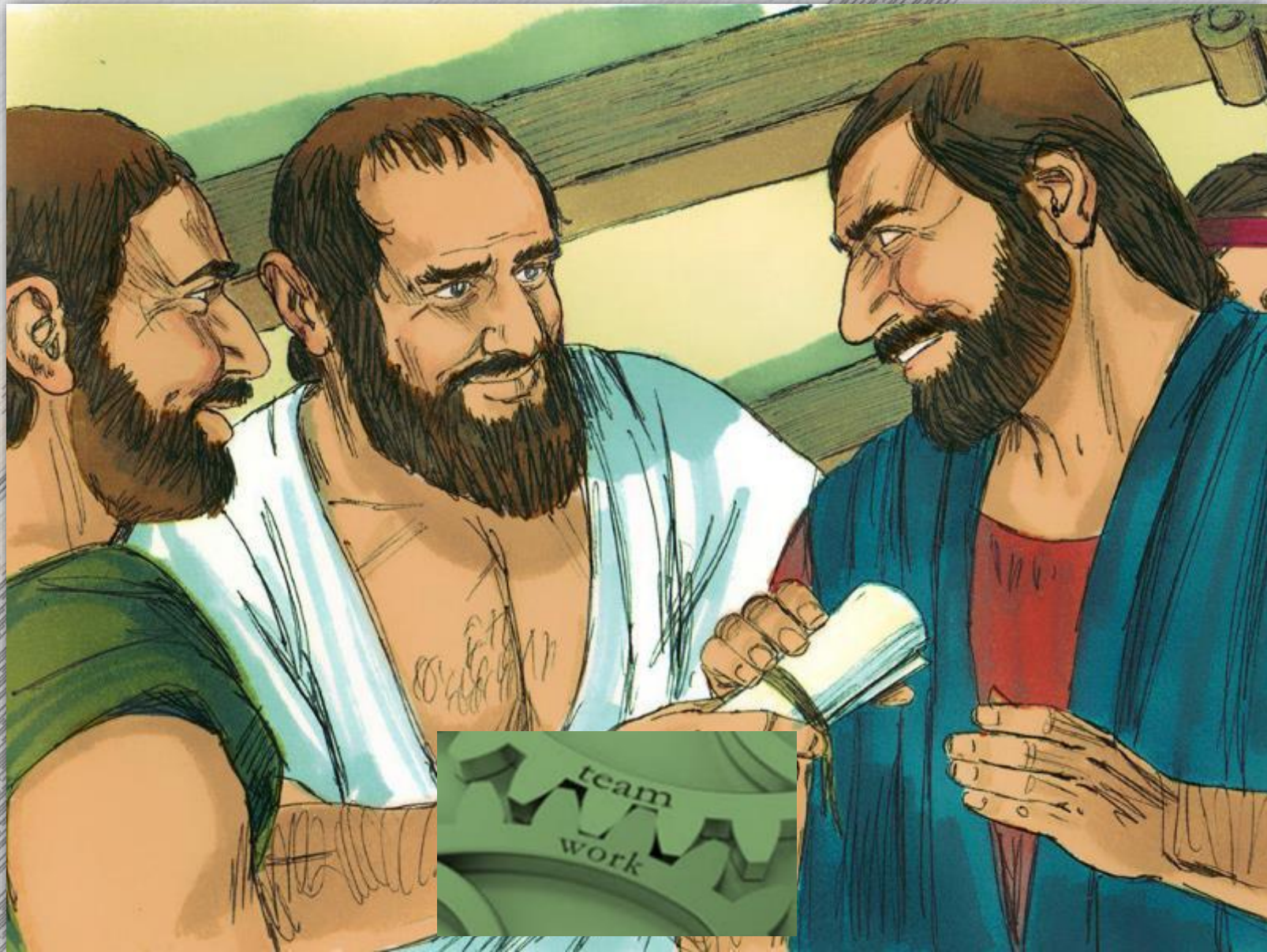
# I. Paul: Strengthening All the Disciples [23]

## Acts 18:23-28

*“After spending some time in Antioch, Paul went back through Galatia and Phrygia, visiting and strengthening all the believers.”*



## a) Antioch (23a)



## b) Galatia & Phrygia (23b)





Pontus Euxinus

THRACIA

COLCHIS

PAPHLAGONIA

BITHYNIA

PONTUS

MYSIA

TROAS

PHRYGIA

GALATIA

ARMENIA MINOR

ARMENIA

LYDIA

CHIMMANENE

CAPPADOCIA

SOPHENE

LYCAONIA

CARIA

ISAURIA

CILICIA

COMMAGENE

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TARSOS

SYRIA

MESOPOTAMIA

CRETA

CYPRUS

Mare Syriacum

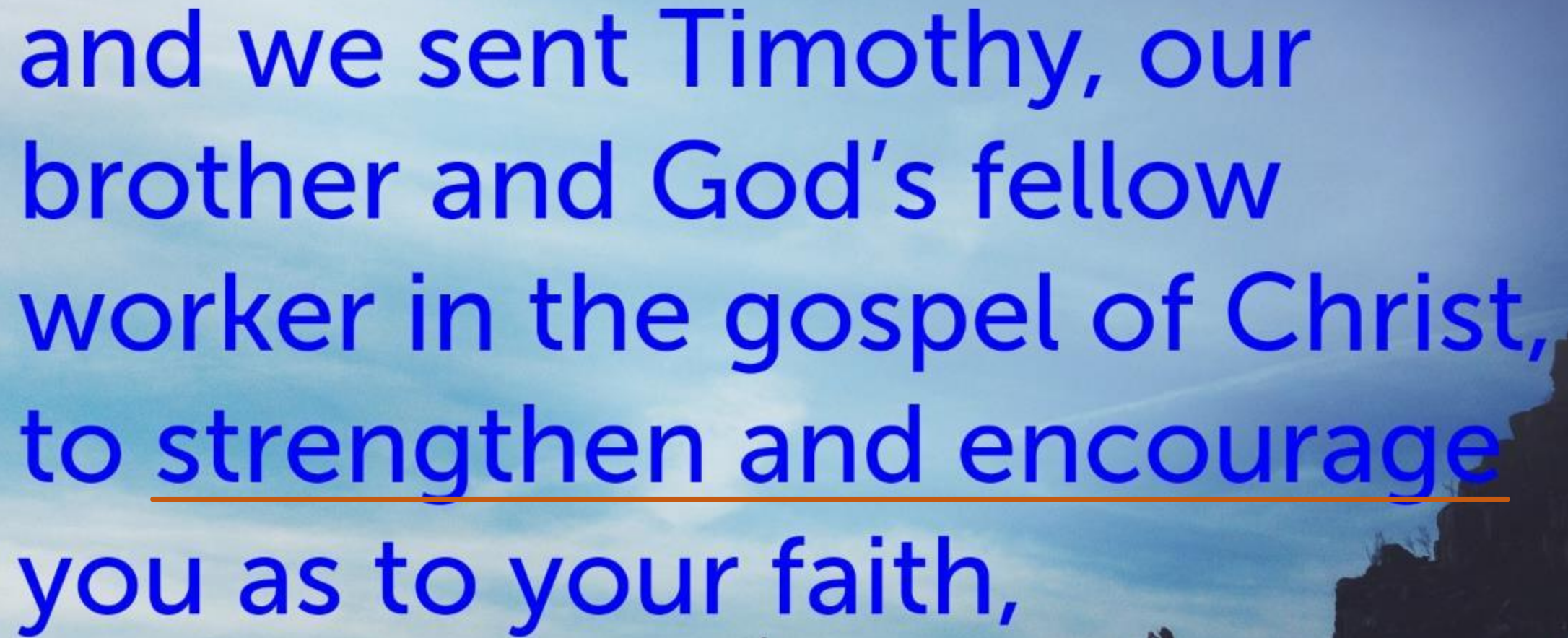
Mare Nostrum

ARABIA

30°

35°

40°



and we sent Timothy, our  
brother and God's fellow  
worker in the gospel of Christ,  
to strengthen and encourage  
you as to your faith,

**1 Thess. 3:2**

*...and may the Lord make you*

# INCREASE AND ABOUND IN LOVE

*for one another and for all,  
as we do for you...*

**1 THESSALONIANS 3:12**



Now to Him who is able to establish you according to my gospel and the preaching of Jesus Christ, according to the revelation of the mystery which has been kept secret for long ages past,

**Romans 16:25**

## 2. Priscilla & Aquila: Explaining the Way of God more accurately [24-26]





The churches of Asia greet you.  
Aquila and Prisca greet you  
heartily in the Lord, with the  
church that is in their house.

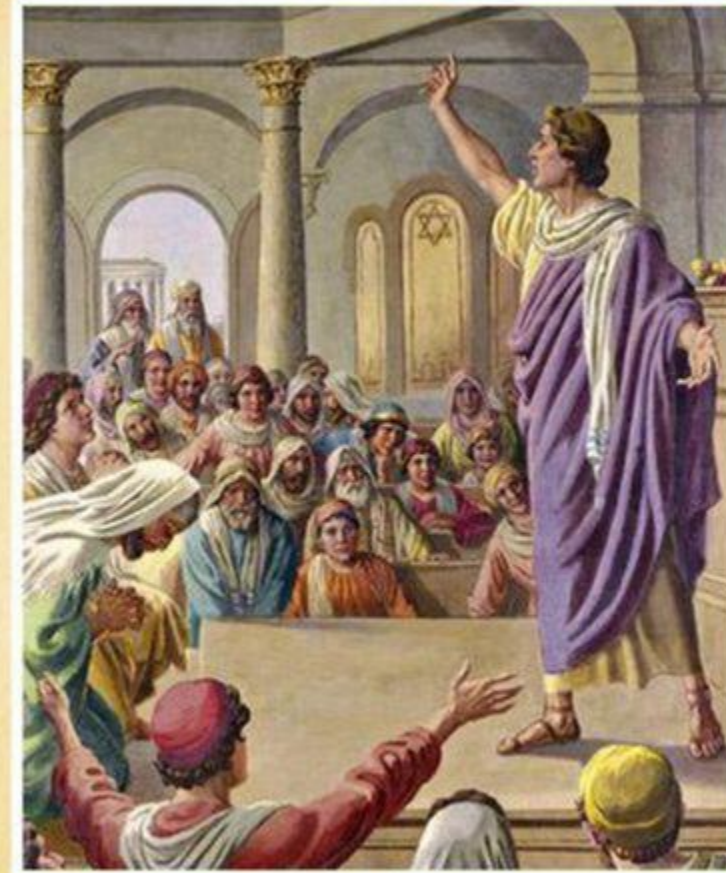
**1 Corinthians 16:19**

# a) Apollos (24-26a)

<sup>24</sup> And a certain Jew named Apollos, born at Alexandria, an eloquent man, and mighty in the scriptures, came to Ephesus.

<sup>25</sup> This man was instructed in the way of the Lord; and being fervent in the spirit, he spake and taught diligently the things of the Lord, knowing only the baptism of John.

<sup>26</sup> And he began to speak boldly in the synagogue:



# I) Alexandrian Jew

Meanwhile a Jew named Apollos, a native of Alexandria, came to Ephesus.



## 2) Eloquent



### 3) Mighty in the Scriptures

Apollo  
of Alexandria  
a man  
mighty in the Scriptures!

Acts 18:24



## 4) Instructed in the Way of the Lord

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HE HAD BEEN INSTRUCTED  
IN THE WAY OF THE LORD.

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— Acts 18:25 —

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## 5) Fervent in Spirit

### **Fervent in spirit**

--“to be hot (boil, of liquids; or glow, of solids),  
i.e. (figuratively) be fervid (earnest):--be  
fervent.” (Strong)

Be devoted to one another in brotherly love; give preference to one another in honour; not lagging behind in diligence, fervent in spirit, serving the Lord;

**Romans 12:10-11**



## 6) Teaching Accurately about Jesus

### 7. Speaking and teaching accurately about Jesus, 25

- Accurately, carefully, well (Lk.1:3)

**Apollos was right  
on almost everything**

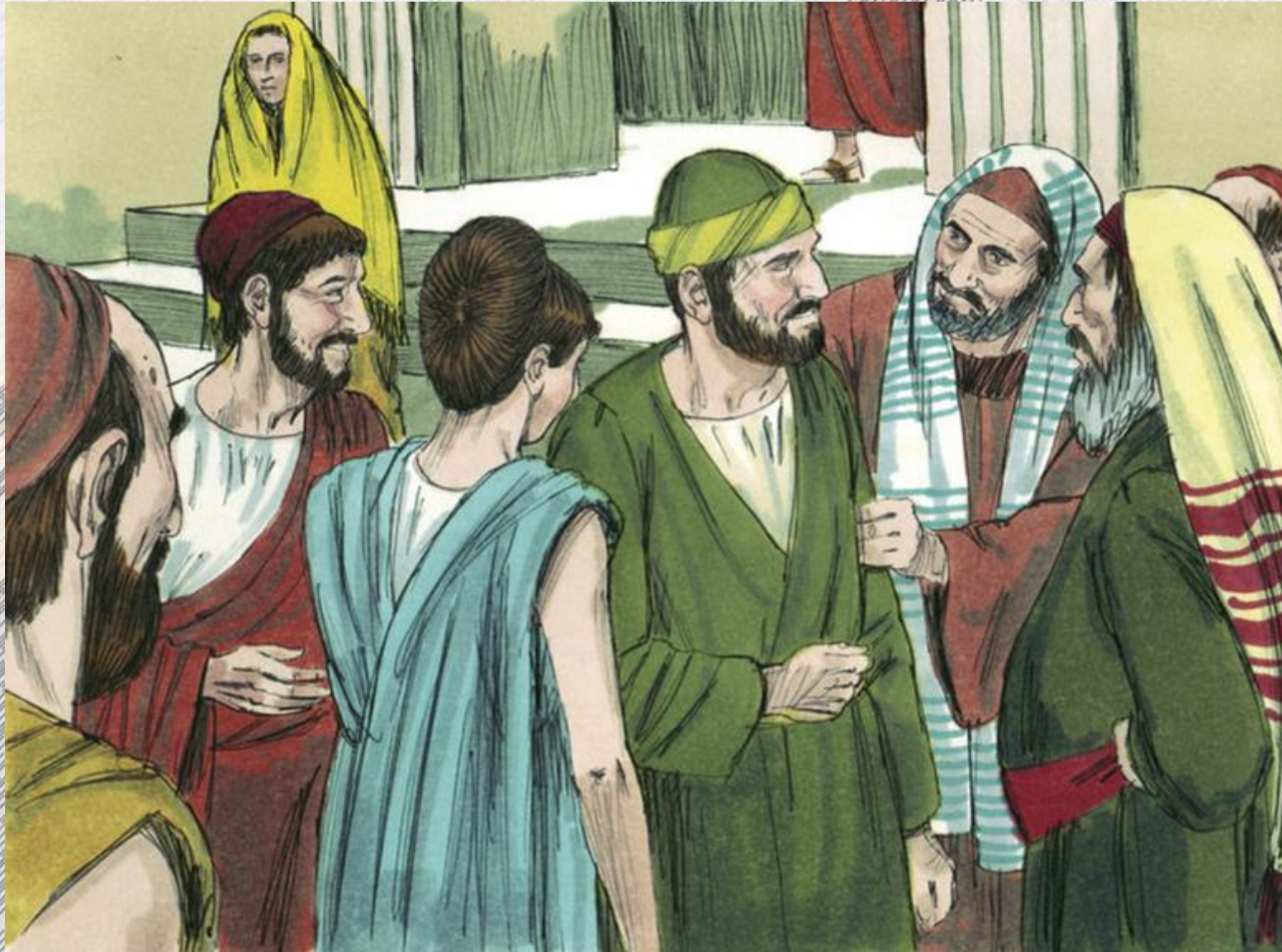
it seemed fitting for me as well,  
having investigated everything  
carefully from the beginning, to  
write it out for you in consecutive  
order, most excellent Theophilus;

**Luke 1:3**

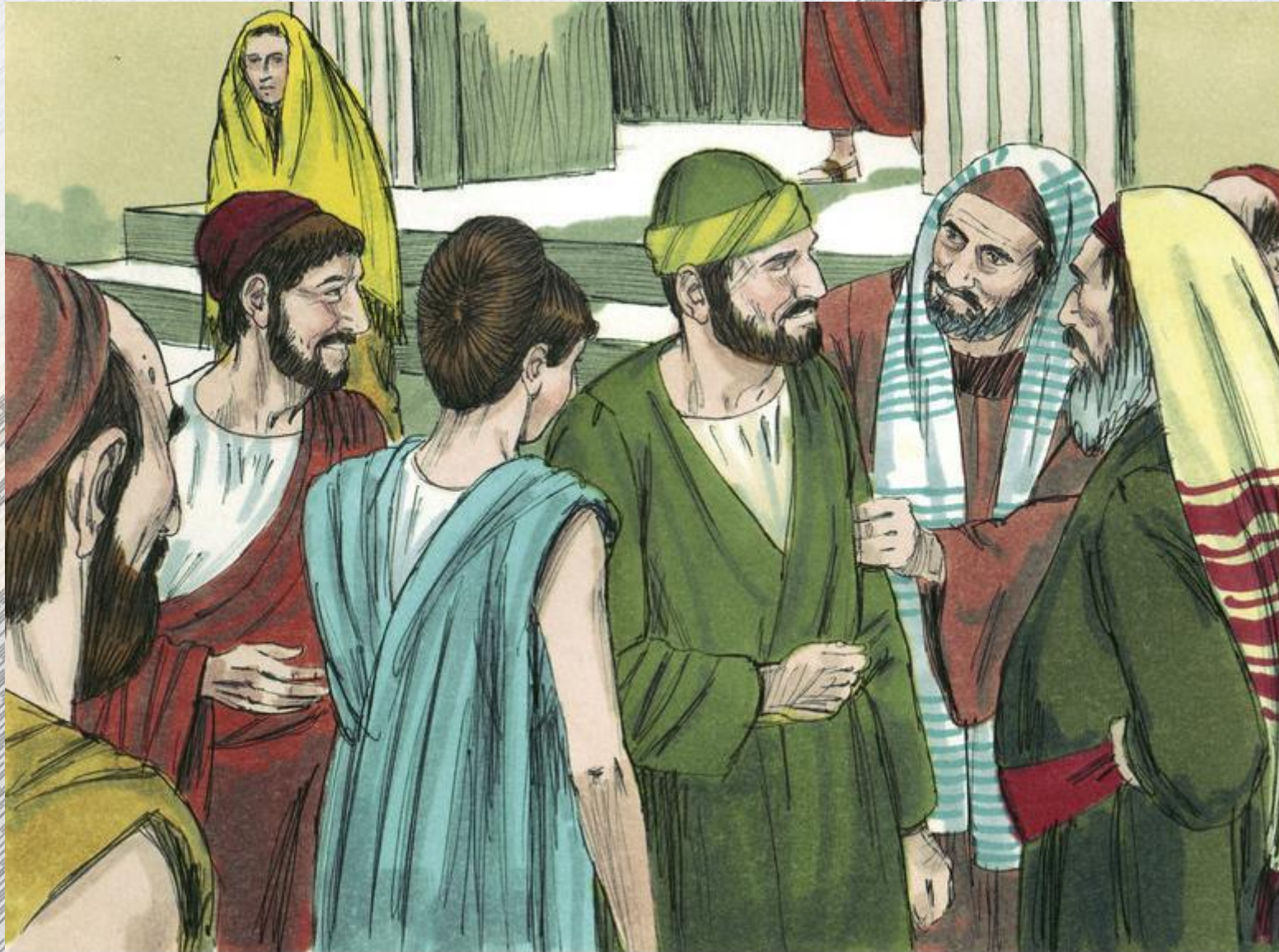
## 7) Only Knew the Baptism of John



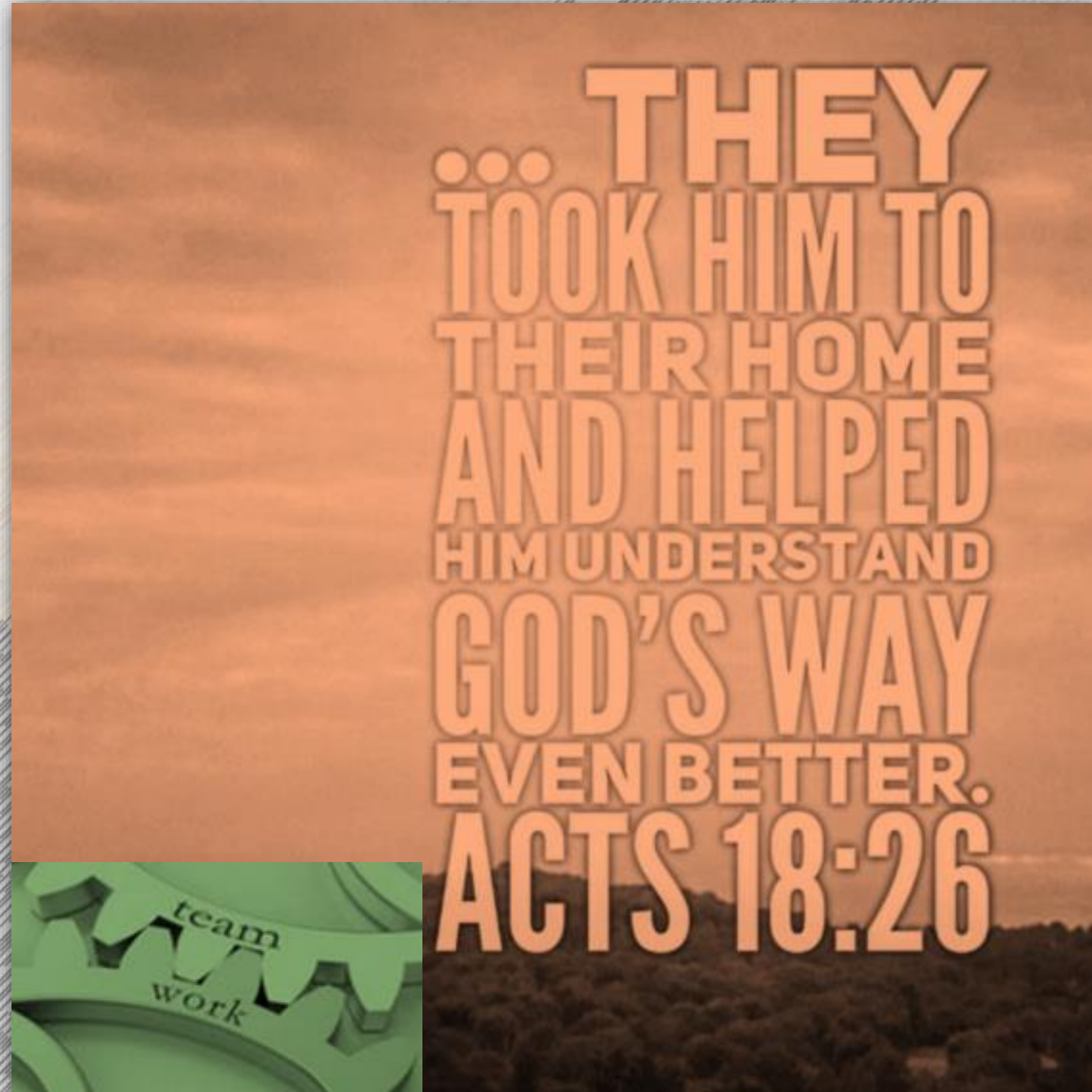
## 8) Spoke out Boldly in the Synagogue



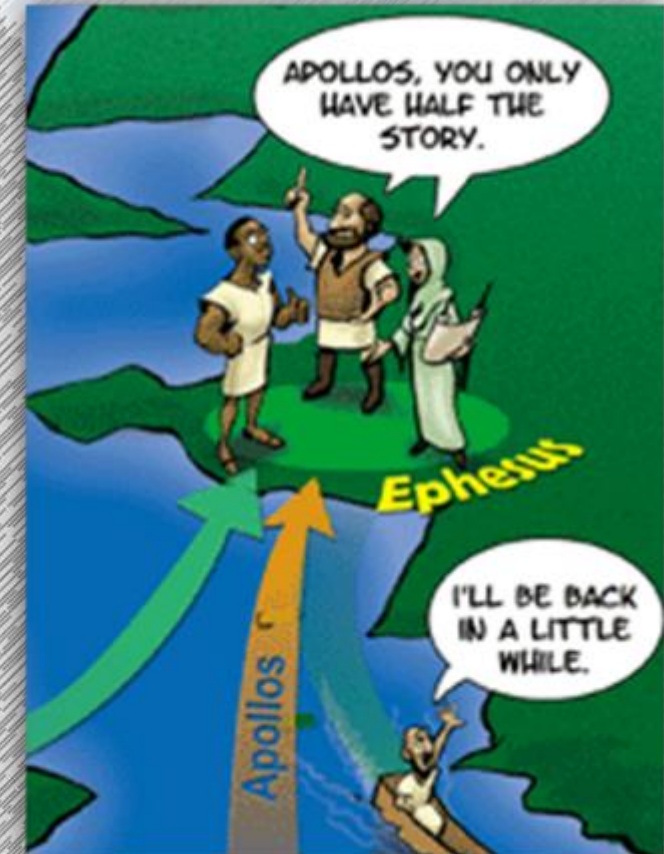
## b) Priscilla & Aquila (26b)



# I) Took Him Aside



## 2) Explained the Way of God more Accurately



**A WISE  
MIND IS A  
TEACHABLE  
MIND**



**DAILY BIBLE**





FOR JUST AS THE BODY IS ONE AND HAS MANY MEMBERS, AND ALL THE MEMBERS OF THE BODY, THOUGH MANY, ARE ONE BODY, SO IT IS WITH CHRIST.

FOR IN **ONE SPIRIT** WE WERE  
ALL BAPTIZED INTO **ONE BODY**—

JEWS OR GREEKS, SLAVES OR FREE—AND ALL WERE MADE TO DRINK OF ONE SPIRIT.

**1 CORINTHIANS 12:12-13**

### 3. Apollos: Greatly helping those who had Believed [27-28]



#### Acts 18:27-28 NIV

27 When Apollos wanted to go to Achaia, the brothers and sisters encouraged him and wrote to the disciples there to welcome him. When he arrived, he was a great help to those who by grace had believed. 28 For he vigorously refuted his Jewish opponents in public debate, proving from the Scriptures that Jesus was the Messiah.

## a) Supporting Mission Team (27a)



### Acts 18:27

*And when he wished to cross to Achaia, the brothers encouraged him and wrote to the disciples to welcome him. When he arrived, he greatly helped those who through grace had believed*

## b) Helping the Believers (27b)



### Acts 18:27

*And when he wished to cross to Achaia, the brothers encouraged him and wrote to the disciples to welcome him. When he arrived, he greatly helped those who through grace had believed*

# I) Refuting the Jews Publicly (28a)



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“Neglecting the commandment of God, you hold to the tradition of men.” He was also saying to them, “You are experts at setting aside the commandment of God in order to keep your tradition.

**Mark 7:8-9**

"I am of Paul," and

"I of Apollos," and

"I of Cephas," and

"I of Christ."

1 Corinthians 1:12







**For when one says**

**I am of Paul,**

**and another,**

**I am of Apollos,"**

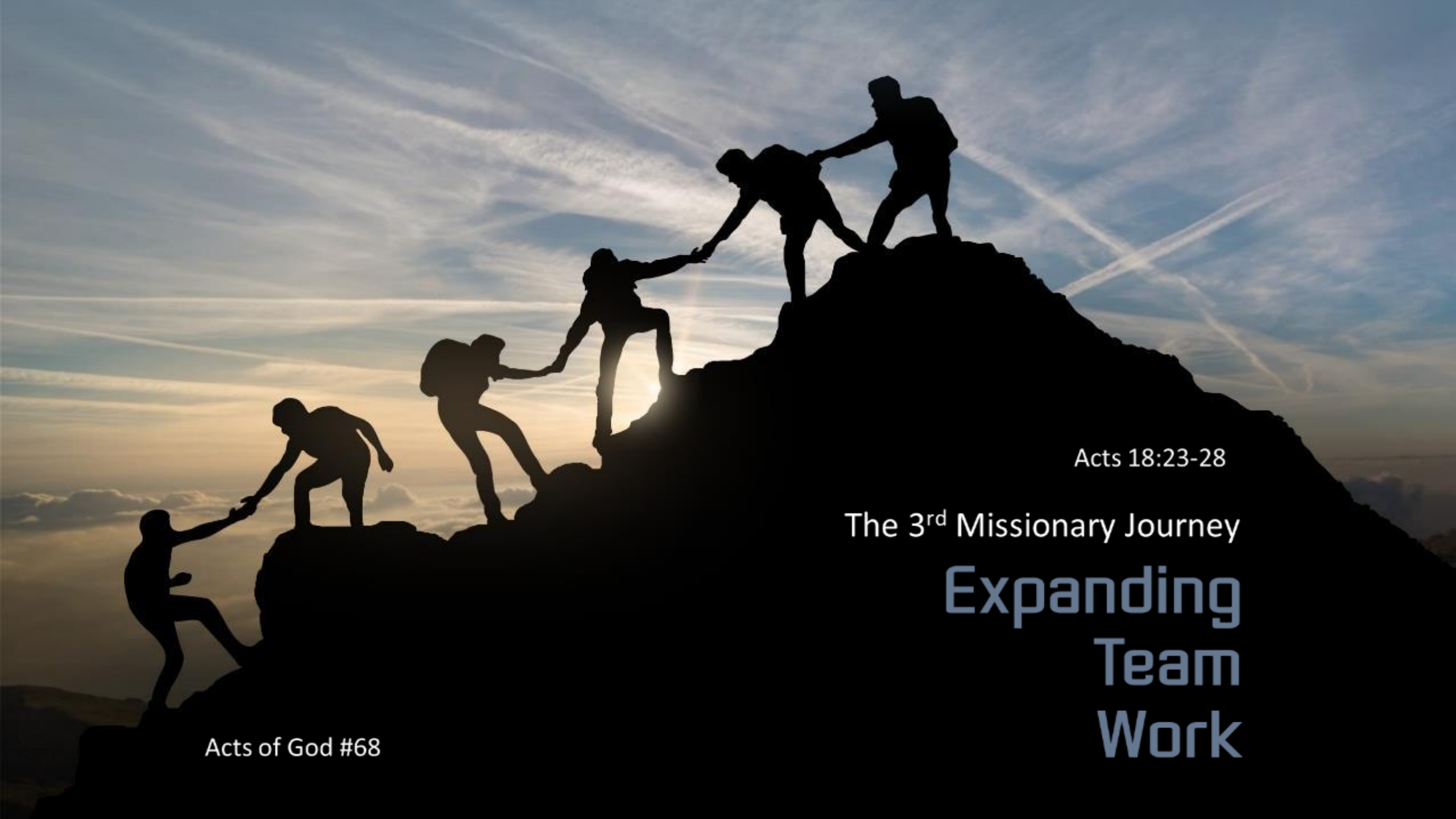
**are you not mere men?**

What then is Apollos? And what is Paul? Servants through whom you believed, even as the Lord gave opportunity to each one.

**1 Corinthians 3:5**

I PLANTED,  
APOLLOS WATERED, BUT  
GOD MADE IT GROW.

1 Corinthians 3:6



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