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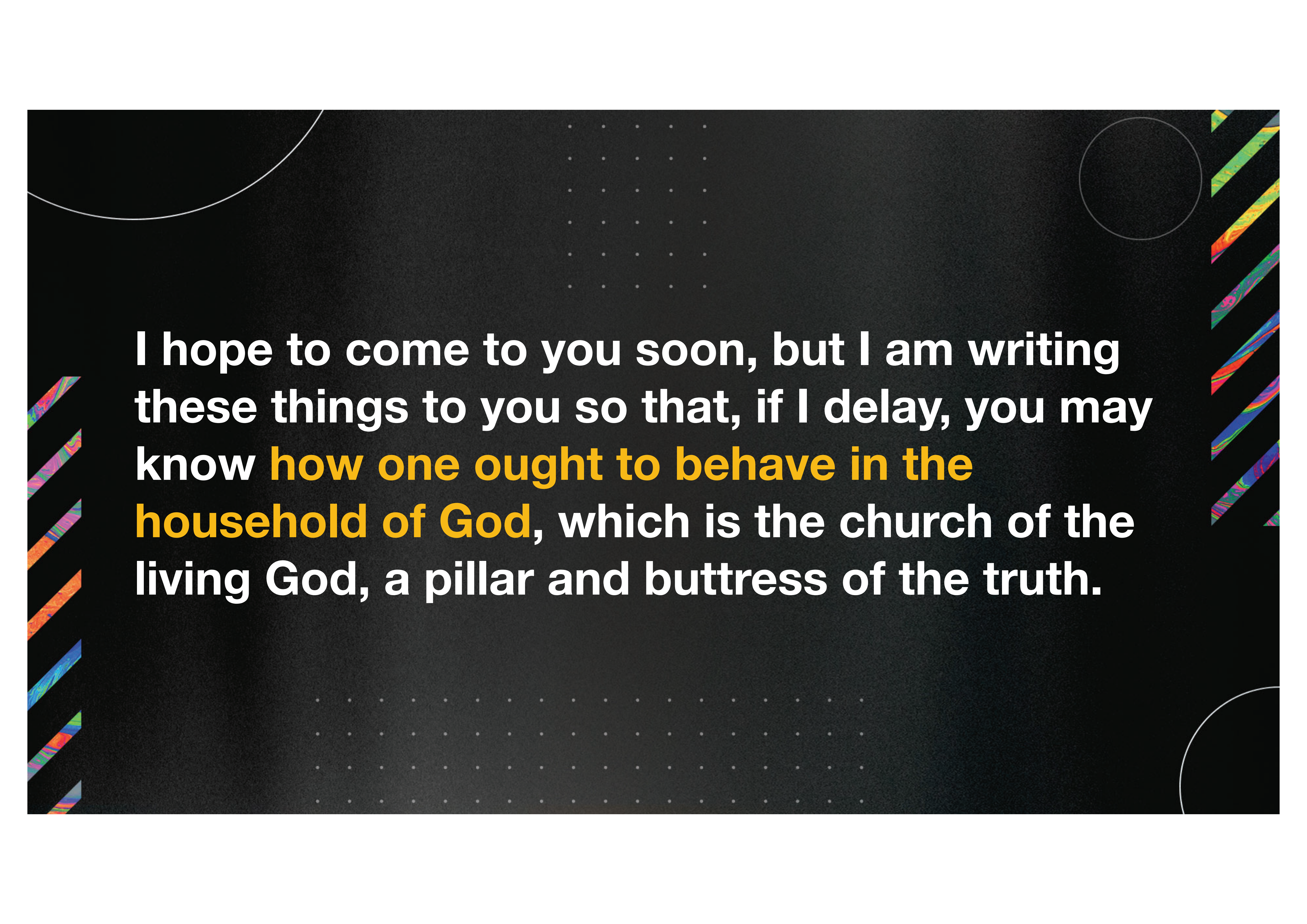


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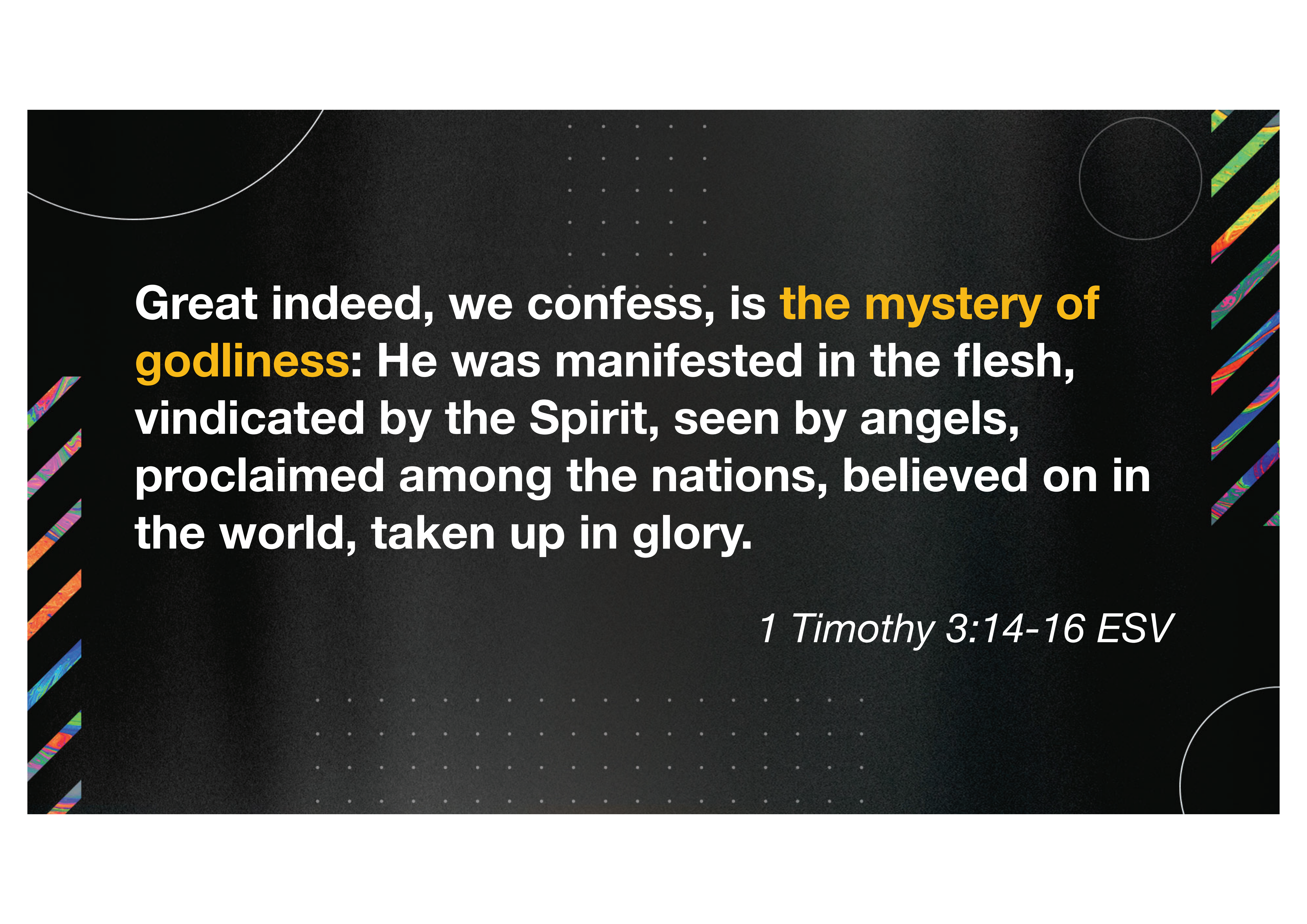


The **aim of our charge is love** that issues from a pure heart and a good conscience and a sincere faith.

1 Timothy 1:5 ESV




I hope to come to you soon, but I am writing these things to you so that, if I delay, you may know **how one ought to behave in the household of God**, which is the church of the living God, a pillar and buttress of the truth.



Great indeed, we confess, is **the mystery of godliness**: He was manifested in the flesh, vindicated by the Spirit, seen by angels, proclaimed among the nations, believed on in the world, taken up in glory.

1 Timothy 3:14-16 ESV




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Behave – conduct oneself

**...you will know how people ought to
conduct themselves in God's household...**

1 Timothy 3:15 NIV



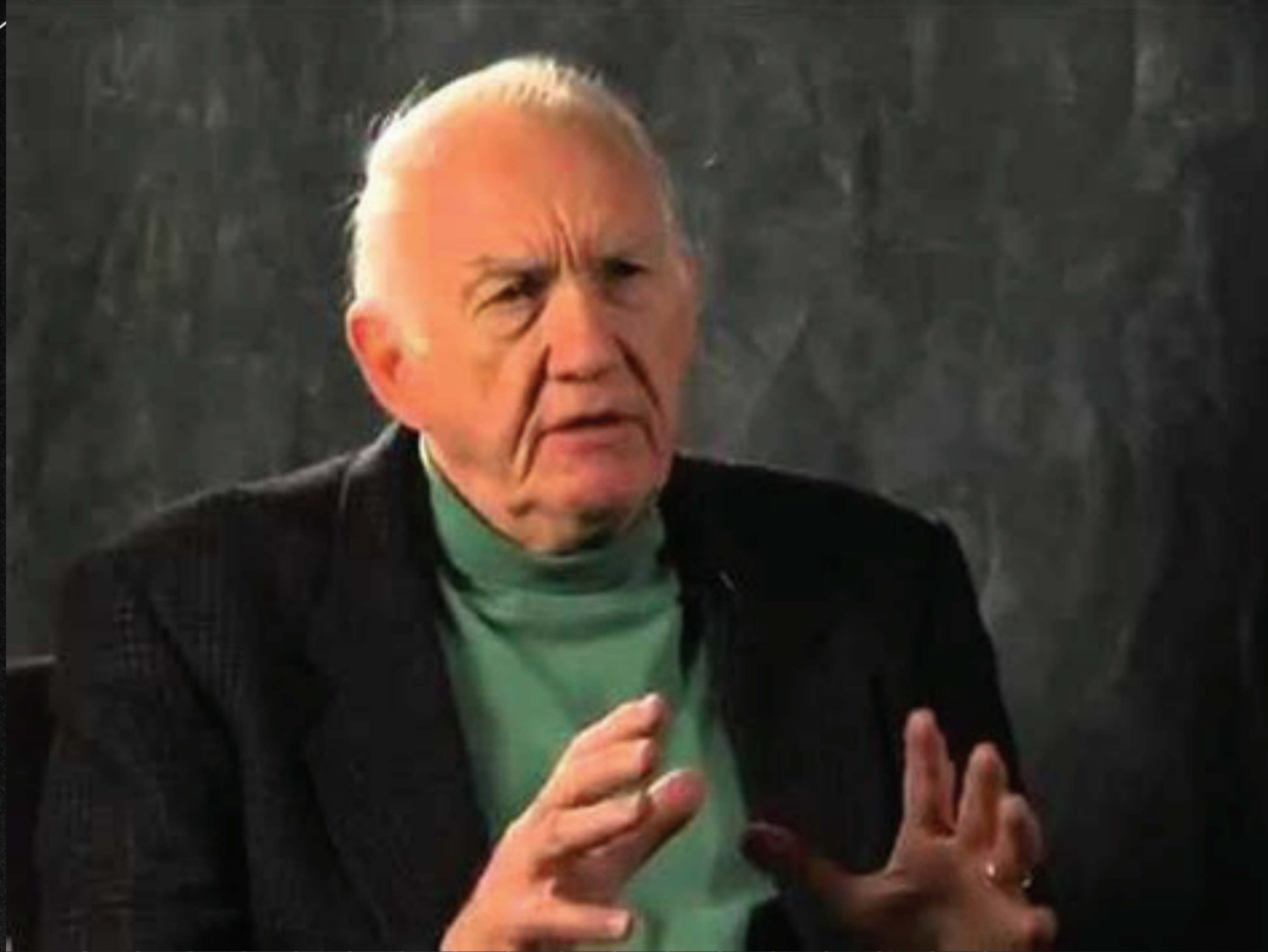
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**“What kind of conduct befits a member of
God’s household.”**

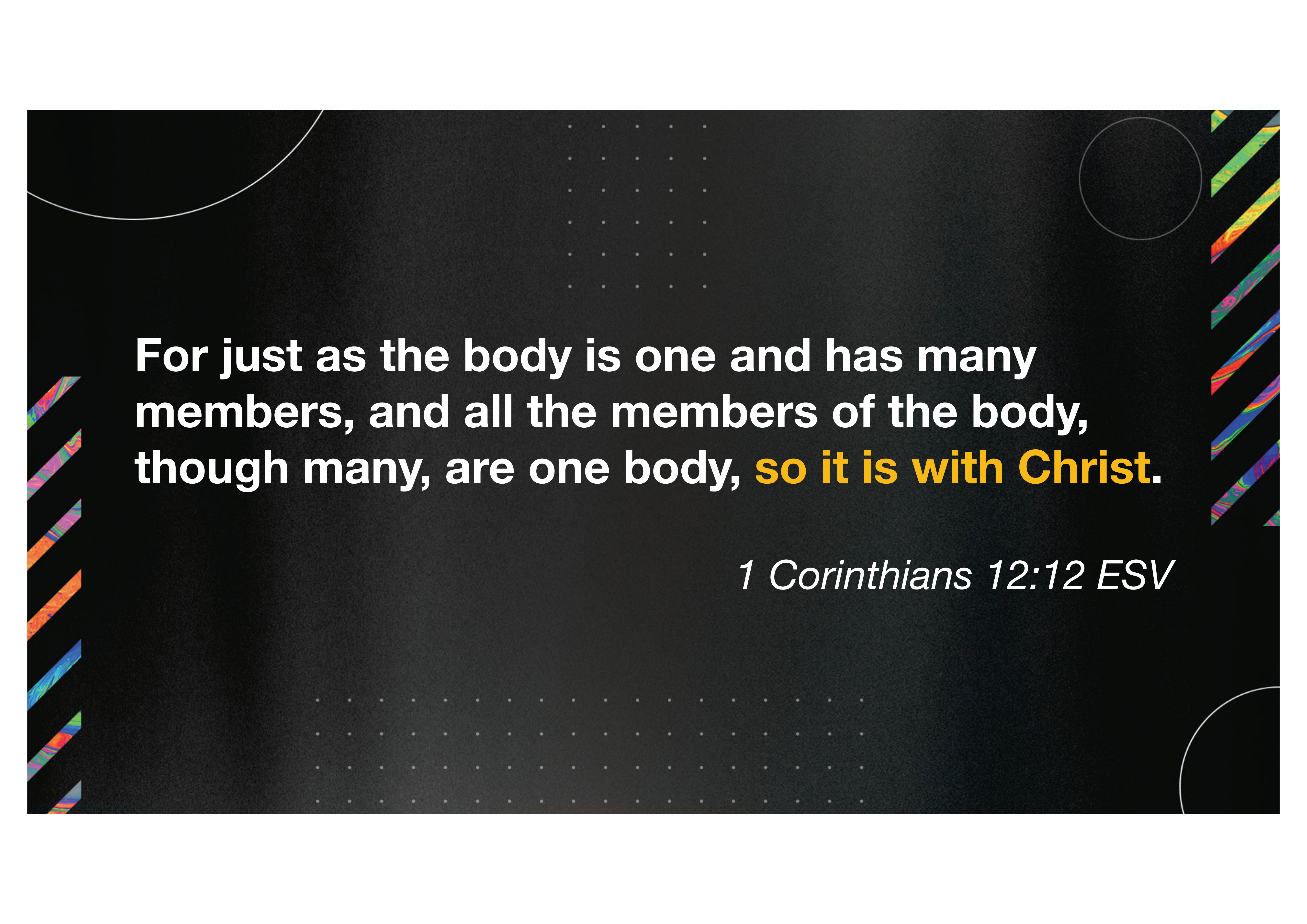
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1. Household of God: the building or the family that occupies the building.

...Christ is the head of the church, his body, and is himself its Savior.

Ephesians 5:23 ESV



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.**

1 Corinthians 12:12 ESV

2. Church of the Living God:

[That] you may know how one ought to behave in the household of God, which is **the church of the living God...**

1 Timothy 3:15 ESV

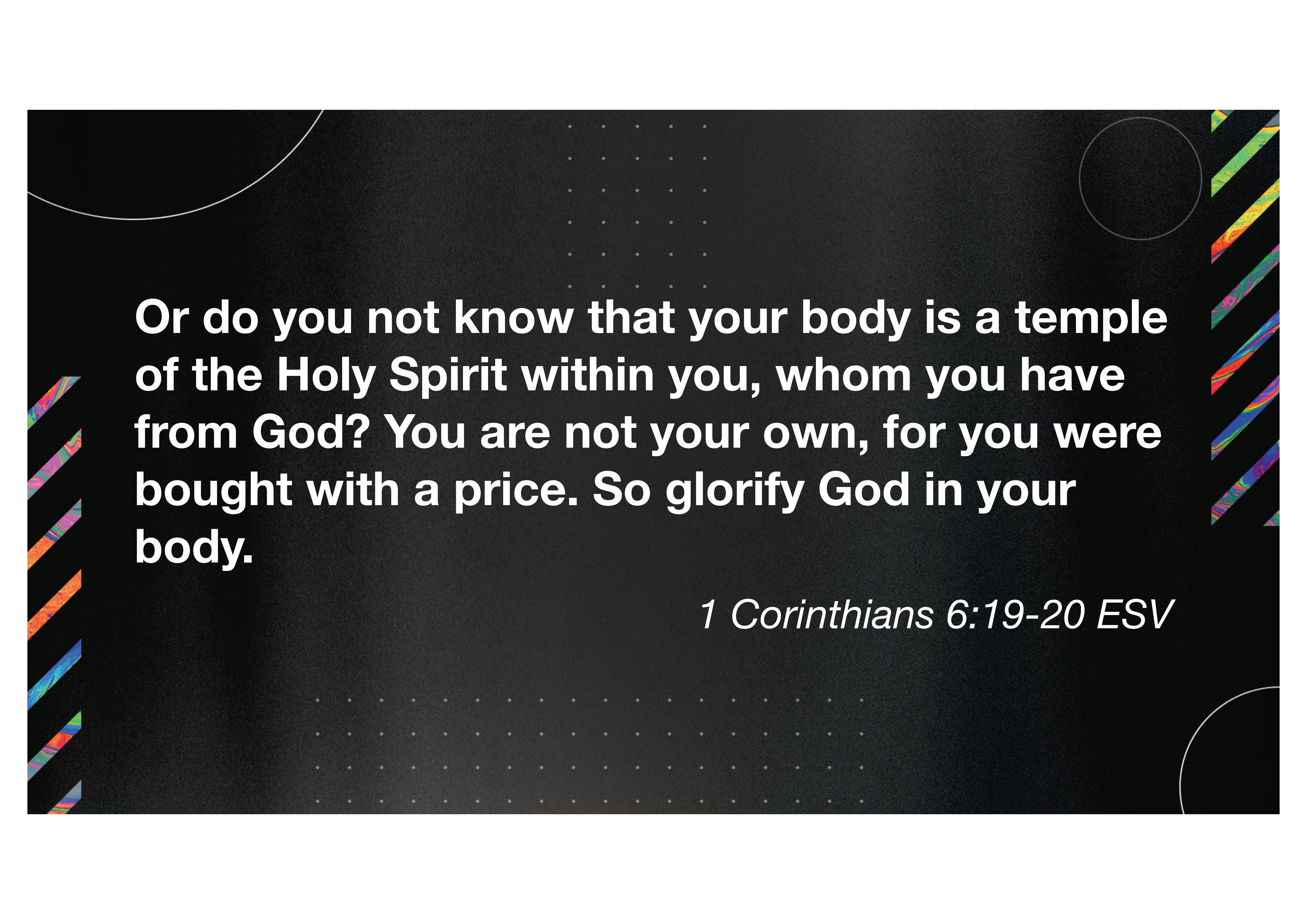
Church – **Ekklesia** – assembly – A
purposeful gathering – a regular assembly
of citizens; a legislative assembly.

For where two or three are gathered in my
name, there am I among them.

Matthew 18:20 ESV

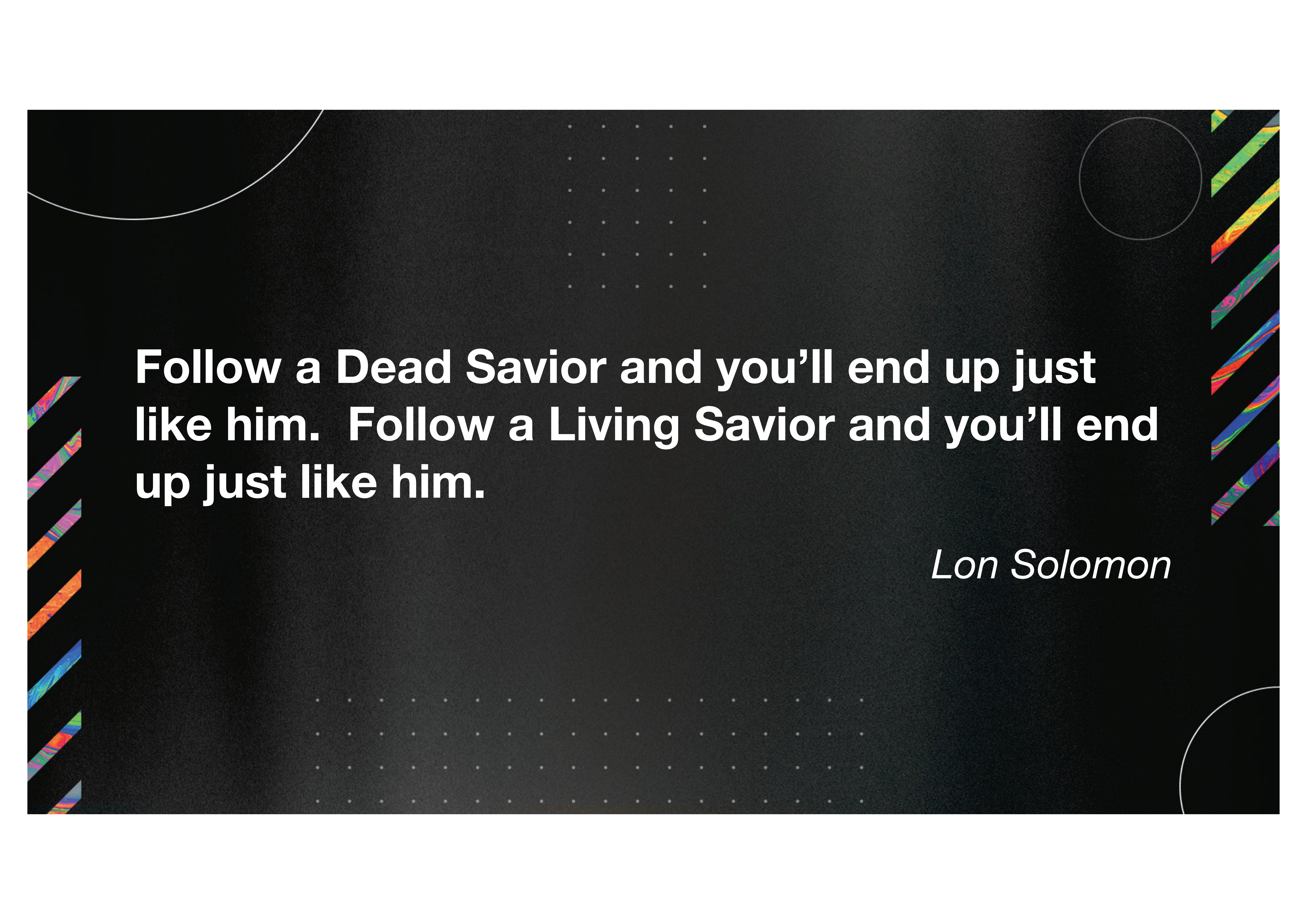
Living God





Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, whom you have from God? You are not your own, for you were bought with a price. So glorify God in your body.

1 Corinthians 6:19-20 ESV



Follow a Dead Savior and you'll end up just like him. Follow a Living Savior and you'll end up just like him.

Lon Solomon

3. Pillar and Buttress of the Truth

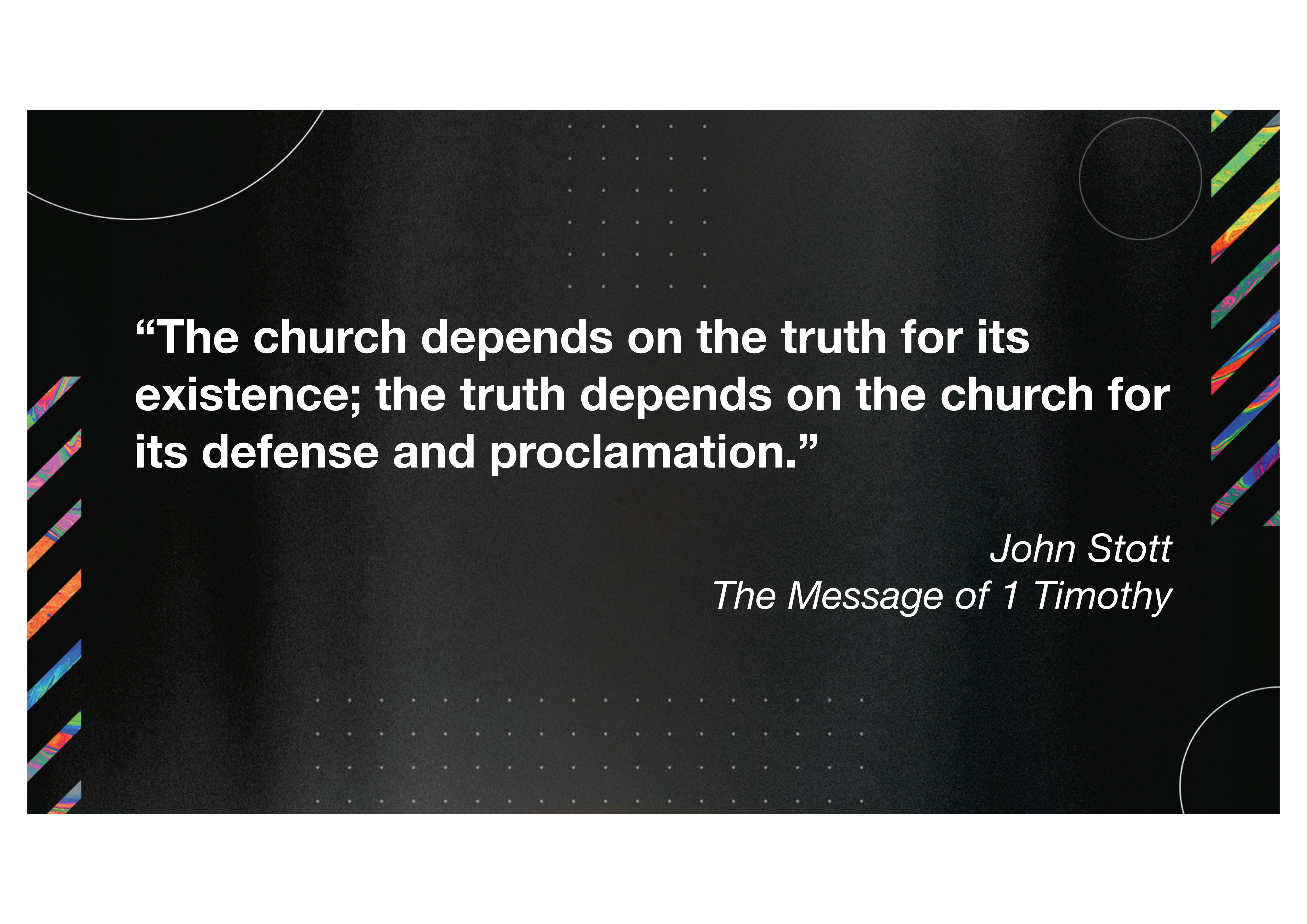
Pillar – a vertical, cylindrical structure standing upright and used to support a larger structure.





Buttress – a structural member [of the building] used to stiffen, support and strengthen a framework.






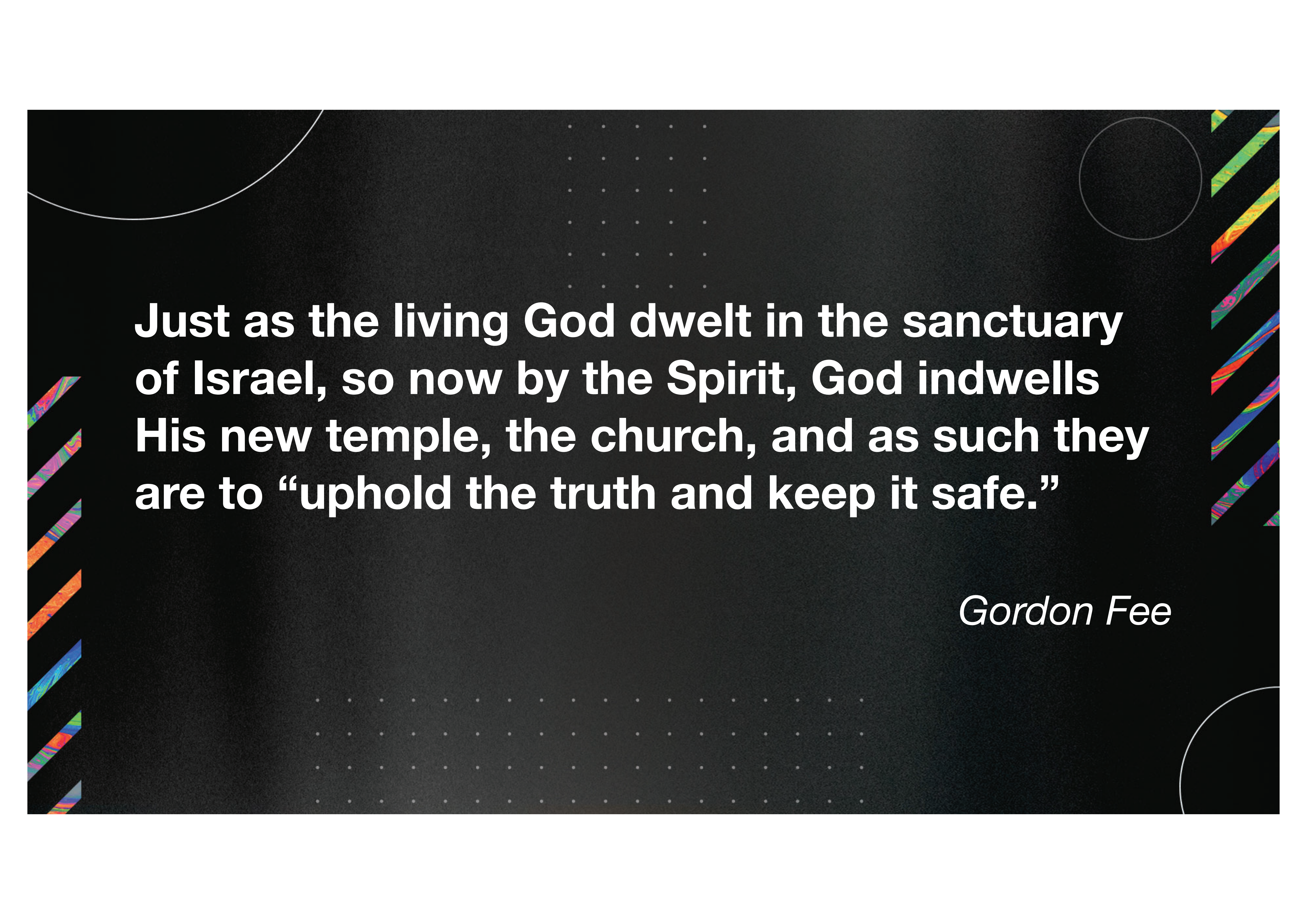
“The church depends on the truth for its existence; the truth depends on the church for its defense and proclamation.”

John Stott
The Message of 1 Timothy



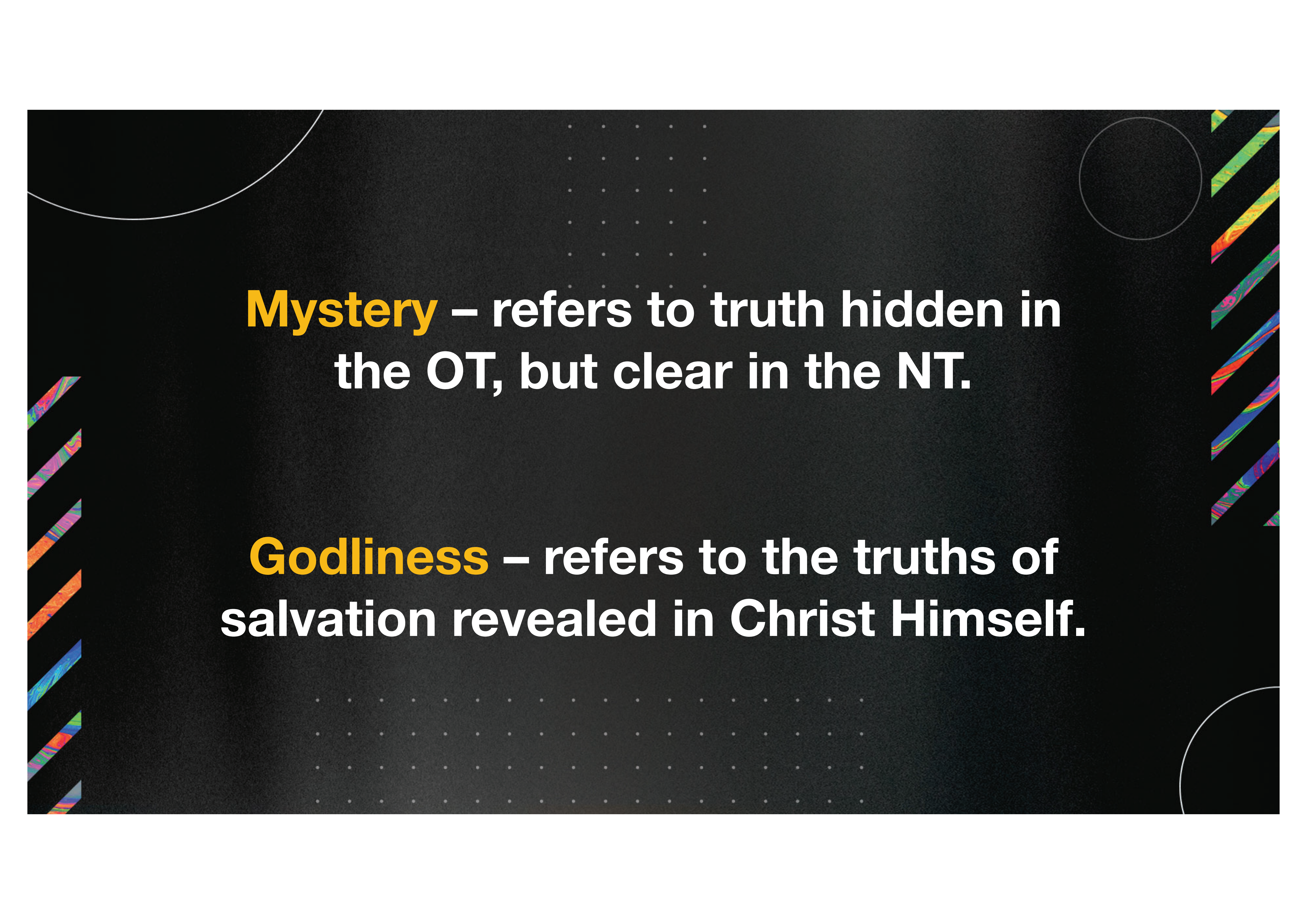


**Great indeed, we confess, is the
mystery of godliness:**



Just as the living God dwelt in the sanctuary of Israel, so now by the Spirit, God indwells His new temple, the church, and as such they are to “uphold the truth and keep it safe.”

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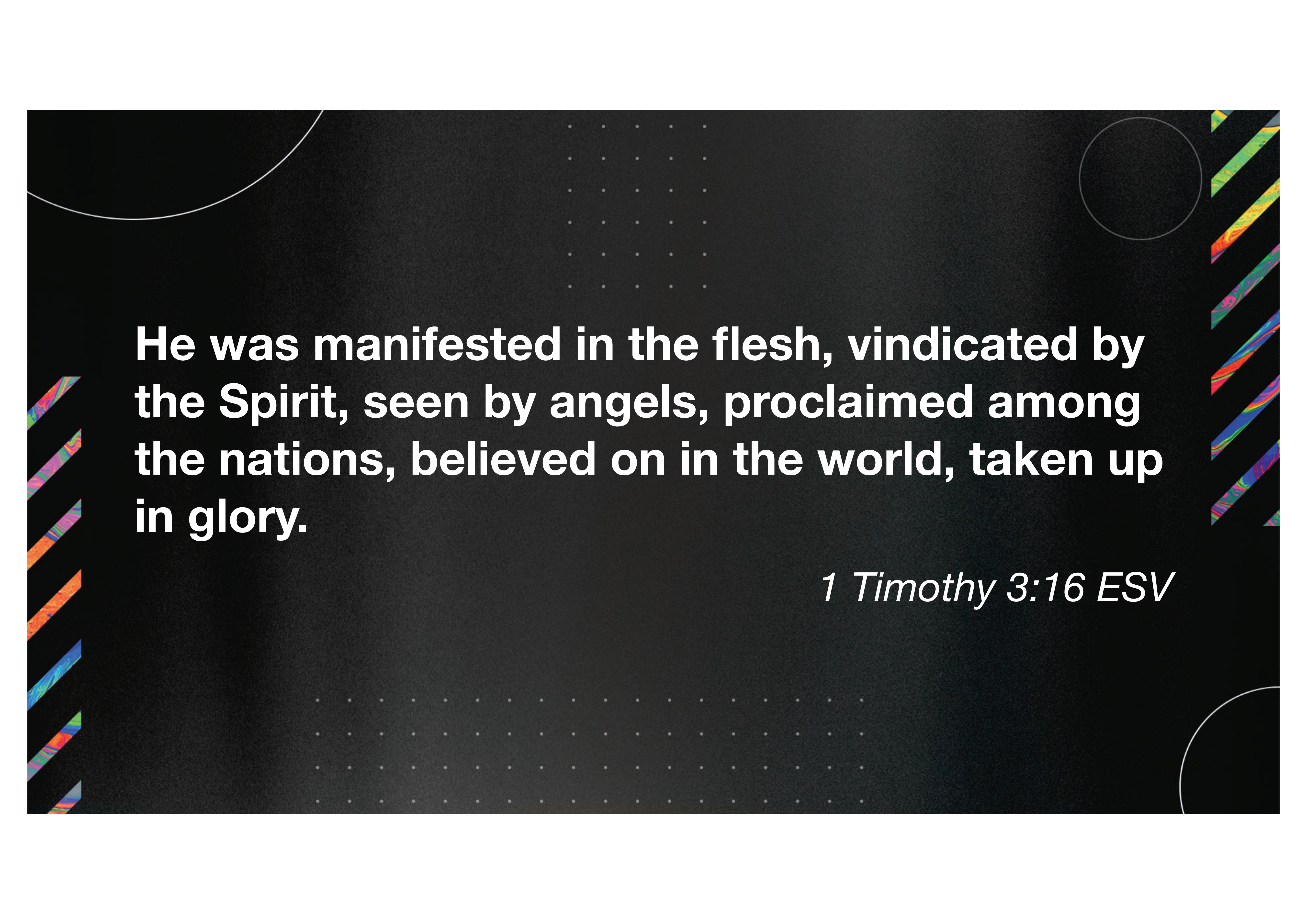


Mystery – refers to truth hidden in the OT, but clear in the NT.

Godliness – refers to the truths of salvation revealed in Christ Himself.



**Opposite of biblical godliness is not
ungodliness as much as it is godlessness.**



He was manifested in the flesh, vindicated by the Spirit, seen by angels, proclaimed among the nations, believed on in the world, taken up in glory.

1 Timothy 3:16 ESV



He was Manifested in the Flesh

Vindicated by the Spirit

...concerning his Son, who was descended from David according to the flesh and was **declared to be the Son of God** in power according to the Spirit of holiness by his resurrection from the dead, Jesus Christ our Lord...

Romans 1:3-4 ESV

Seen by Angels

It was revealed to them that they were serving not themselves but you, in the things that have now been announced to you through those who preached the good news to you by the Holy Spirit sent from heaven, **things into which angels long to look.**

1 Peter 1:12 ESV



Proclaimed Among the Nations

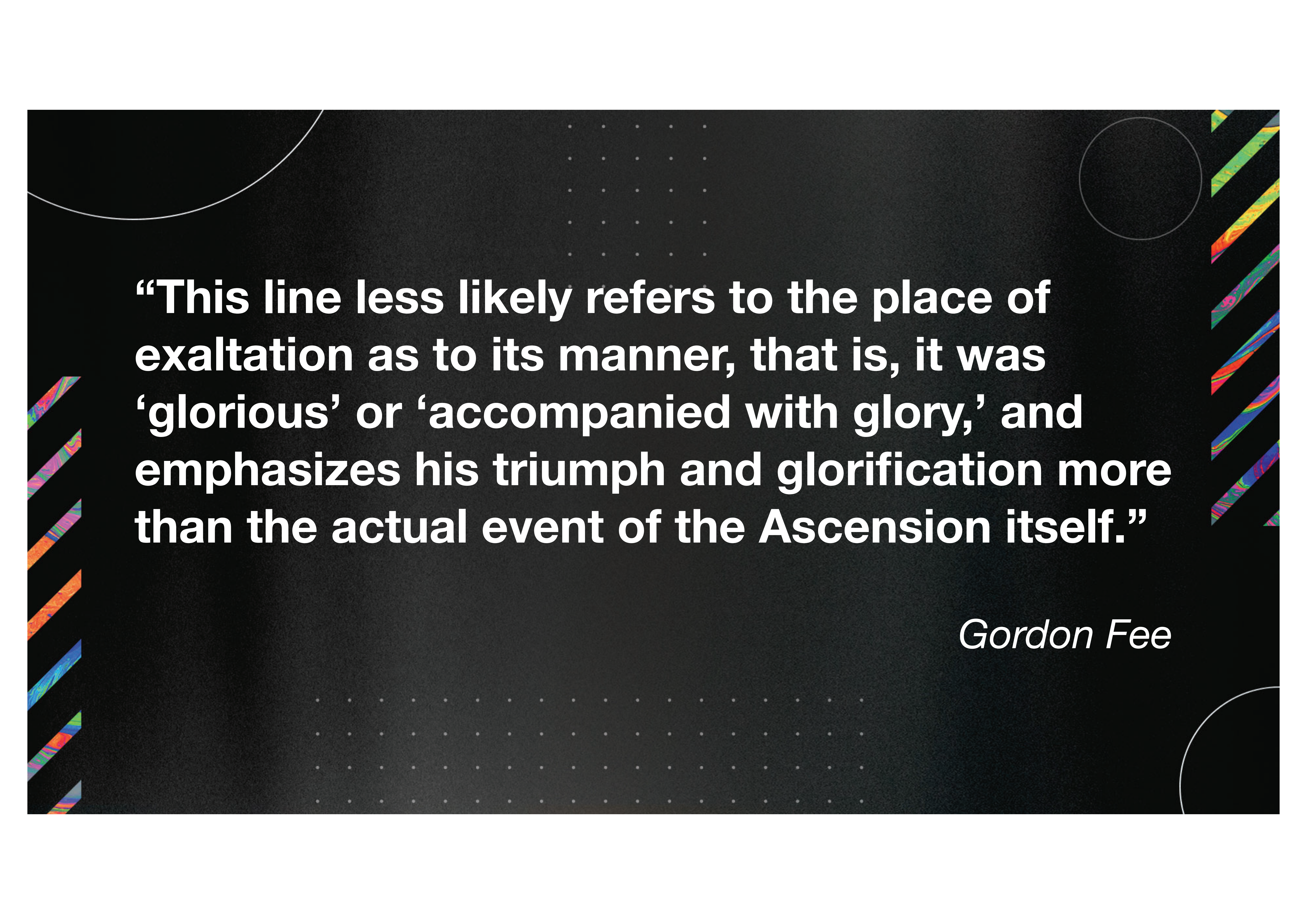
...the mystery of Christ, which was not made known to the sons of men in other generations as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit. **This mystery is that the Gentiles are fellow heirs**, members of the same body, and partakers of the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel.

Ephesians 3:4-6 ESV



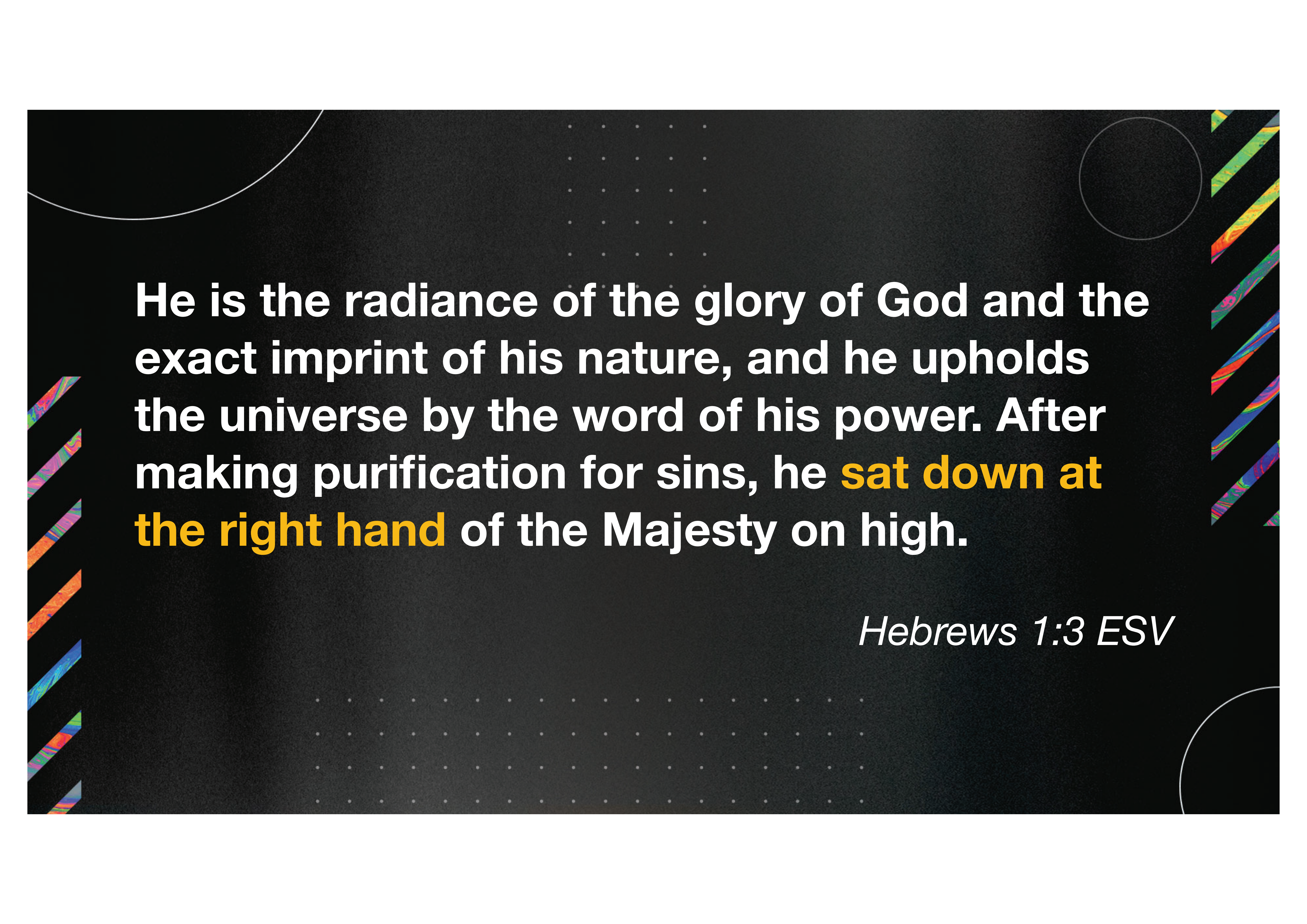
Believed on in the World

Taken up in Glory



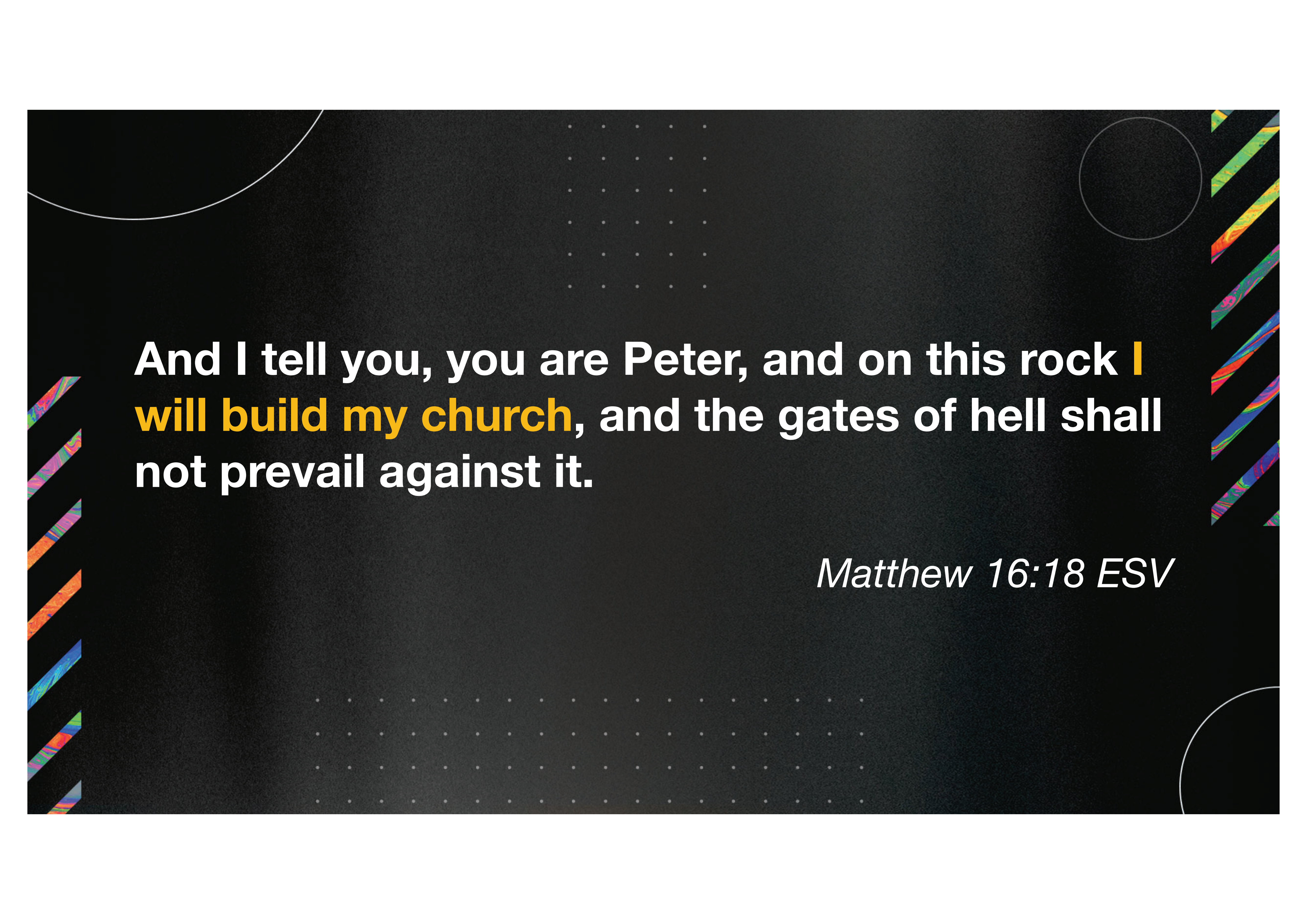
“This line less likely refers to the place of exaltation as to its manner, that is, it was ‘glorious’ or ‘accompanied with glory,’ and emphasizes his triumph and glorification more than the actual event of the Ascension itself.”

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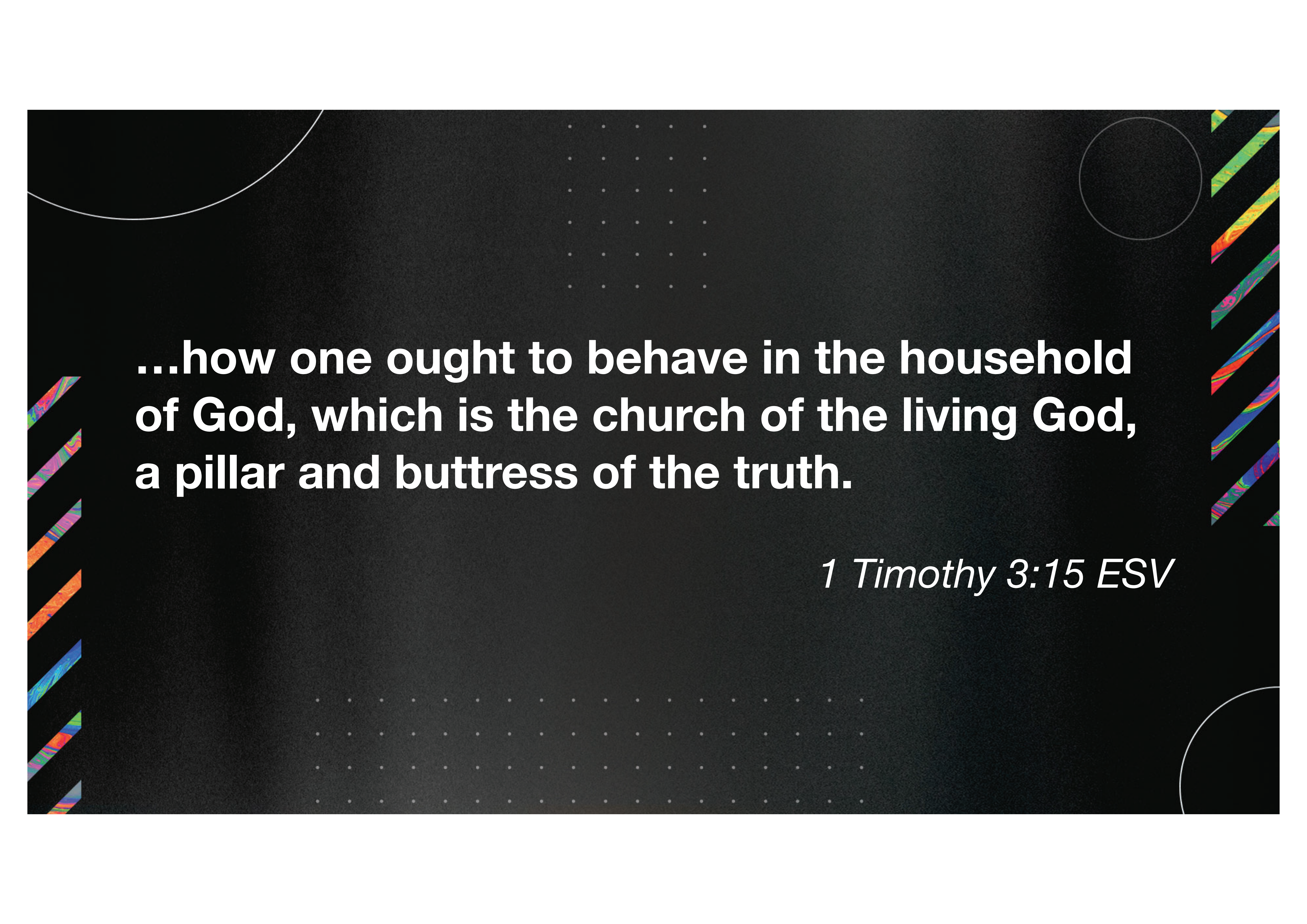
He is the radiance of the glory of God and the exact imprint of his nature, and he upholds the universe by the word of his power. After making purification for sins, he **sat down at the right hand** of the Majesty on high.

Hebrews 1:3 ESV



And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock **I will build my church**, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.

Matthew 16:18 ESV



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1 Timothy 3:15 ESV

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1. Be the Family God

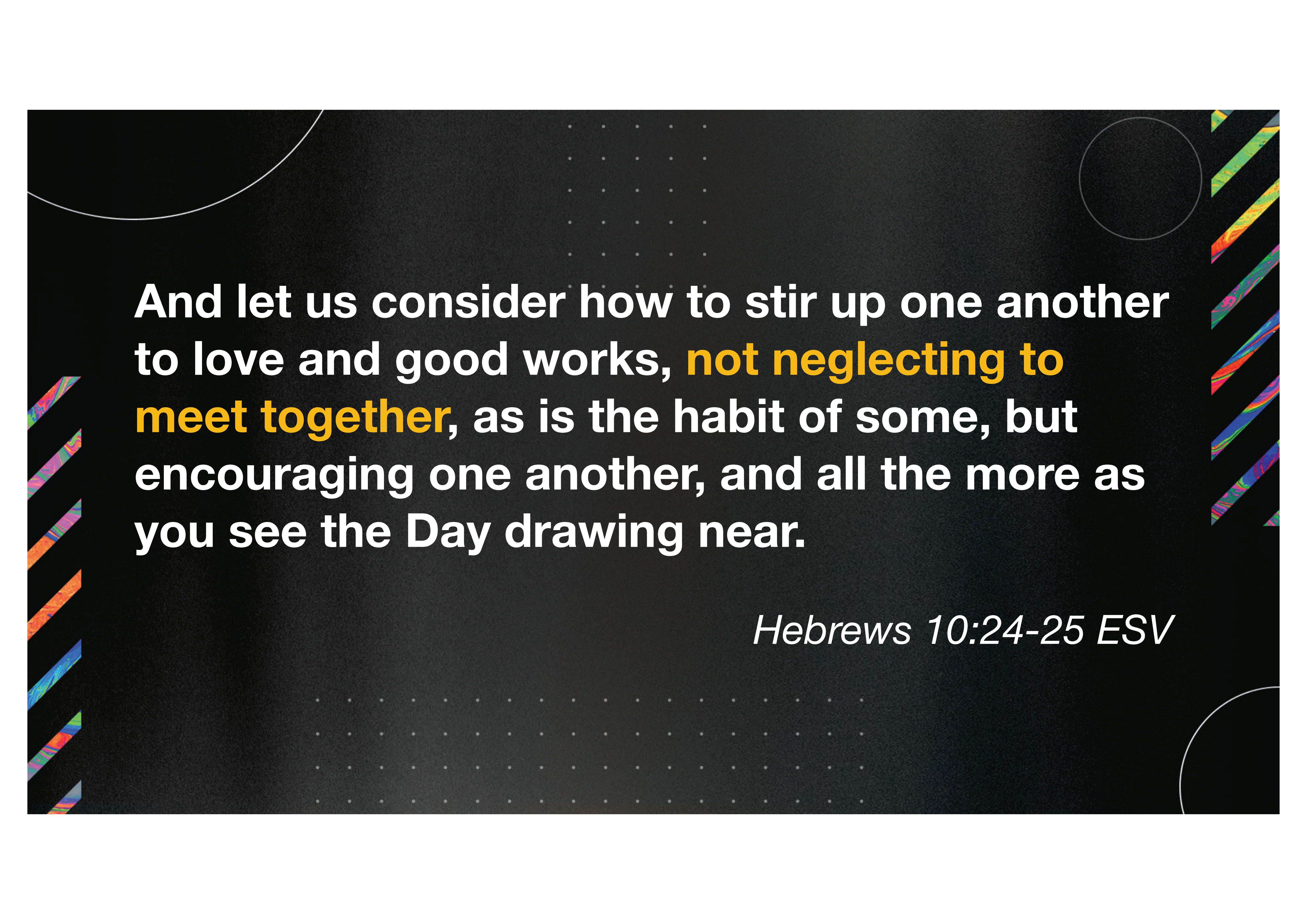




2. Be part of the Assembly of the Living God

For where two or three are gathered in my name, **there am I among them.**

Matthew 18:20 ESV



And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, **not neglecting to meet together**, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near.

Hebrews 10:24-25 ESV

Jonathan Livingston Seagull

*To the real Jonathan Seagull,
who lives within us all...*

Directed by HALL BARTLETT





**3. We must Promote and
Protect the Truth**



**DANGEROUS
CURVE
AHEAD**



Be the Family of God

Be part of the Assembly of the Living God

Promote and Protect the Truth