

The Church in Acts: Foundation for Mission and Community

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Acts 1:8 ESV

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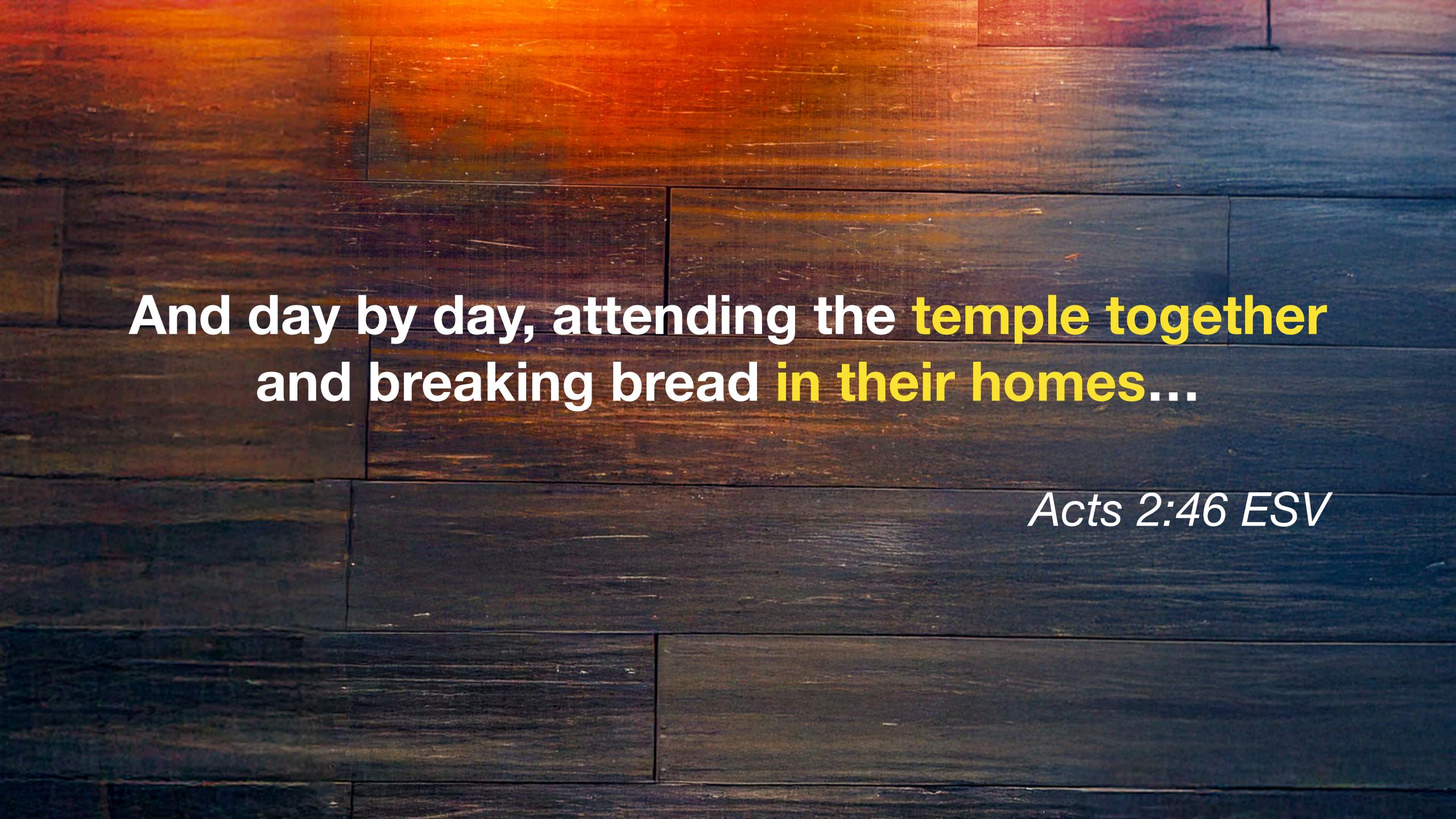
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I Now when the apostles at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had received the word of out they sent to them Peter and John, 15 who came down and prayed for them that my might receive the Holy Spirit, 16 for he had not yet fallen on any of them, but my had only been paptraed in the name of the Lord Jesus. 17 Then they laid their ands on them and they received the Holy Spirit. 18 Now when Simon saw that the pirit was given through the laying on of the apostles' hands, he offered them money, 9 saying. "Give me this power also, so that anyone on whom I lay my hands may scrive the Holy Spirit." 30 but Peter said to him. "May your silver perish with you, eccuse you thought you could obtain the gift of God with money! 21 too have either part nor lot in the matter, for your heart is not right before God. 22 Repent, whereon, of this wickedness of yours, and pray to the Lord that, if possible the intent I you heart may be larginer you. 23 For I see that you are in the gallot of britterness and in the bond of iniquity." 24 And Simon answered. They ha me to the Lord, that othing of what you have said may come upon me."

25 Now when they had testified and spoken the word of the Lord, they returned to tenusiem, preaching the gospel to many villages of the Sameritans.

26 Now an angel of the Lord said to Philip, "Rise and go toward the south[d] to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza." This is a desert place. 27 And he rose and went. And there was an Ethiopian, a numuch, a court official of Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, who was in charge of all her breasure, He had come to Jerusalem to worship 28 and was returning, seated in his chariot, and he was reading the prophet Isalah. 29 And the Spirit said to Philip, "Go over and Join this chariot." 30 So Philip ran to him and heard him reading Isalah the prophet and asked. "Do you understand what you are reading?" 31 And he said. "How can I, unless someone guides me?" And he invited Philip to come up and sit with him. 32 Now the passage of the Scripture that he was reading was this:

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"Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter and like a lamb before its shearer is silent, so he opens not his mouth.

Philip and the Ethiopian Eunuch

33 In his humiliation justice was denied him. Who can describe his generation?

For his life is taken away from the earth."

34 And the eurouch said to Philip, "About whom, I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else!" 35 Then Philip opened his meant, and beginning with this Scripture he told him the good news about Jesus. 36 And as they were going along the road they came to some water, and the eurouch usid. "See, here is water! What prevents me from being baptized!" [e] 38 And he commanded the chariot to stop, and they both went down into the water. Philip and the eurouch, and he baptized him. 39 And when they came up out of the water, the Spent of the Load carried Philip away, and the eurouch saw him no more, and went on his way rejocing, 40 But Philip sway and the roads as he passed through he preached the gospel to all the towns until he came to Caesarea.

The Conversion of Saul

9 But Saul, still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest 2 and asked him for letters to the synagogues at Damascus, so that if he livered any belonging to the Way, men or women, he reight bring thing bound to Jerussiem. 3 Now as he went on his way he approached Damascus, and underly a high from heaven shone around him. 4 And falling to the ground, he heard a voice saying to him. "Saul, End, why are you persecuting me?" 5 And he said. "Who are you, Lord?" And he said. "I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting, 6 But now and enter the city, and you will be told what you are to do."? The men who were traveling with him stood speechess, hearing the voice but seeing no one. 8 Saul rose from the ground, and although his eyes were opened, he saw nothing So they led him by the hand and brough him also Damascus. 9 And for three days he was embout sight, and neither

Grow And they devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching... Acts 2:42 ESV

And He gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the shepherds and teachers, to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, until we all attain to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to mature manhood,...we are to grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ,

Ephesians 4:11-13, 15 ESV



Give in Time, Talent and Treasure

And all who believed were together and had all things in common. And they were selling their possessions and belongings and distributing the proceeds to all, as any had need.

Acts 2:44-45 ESV

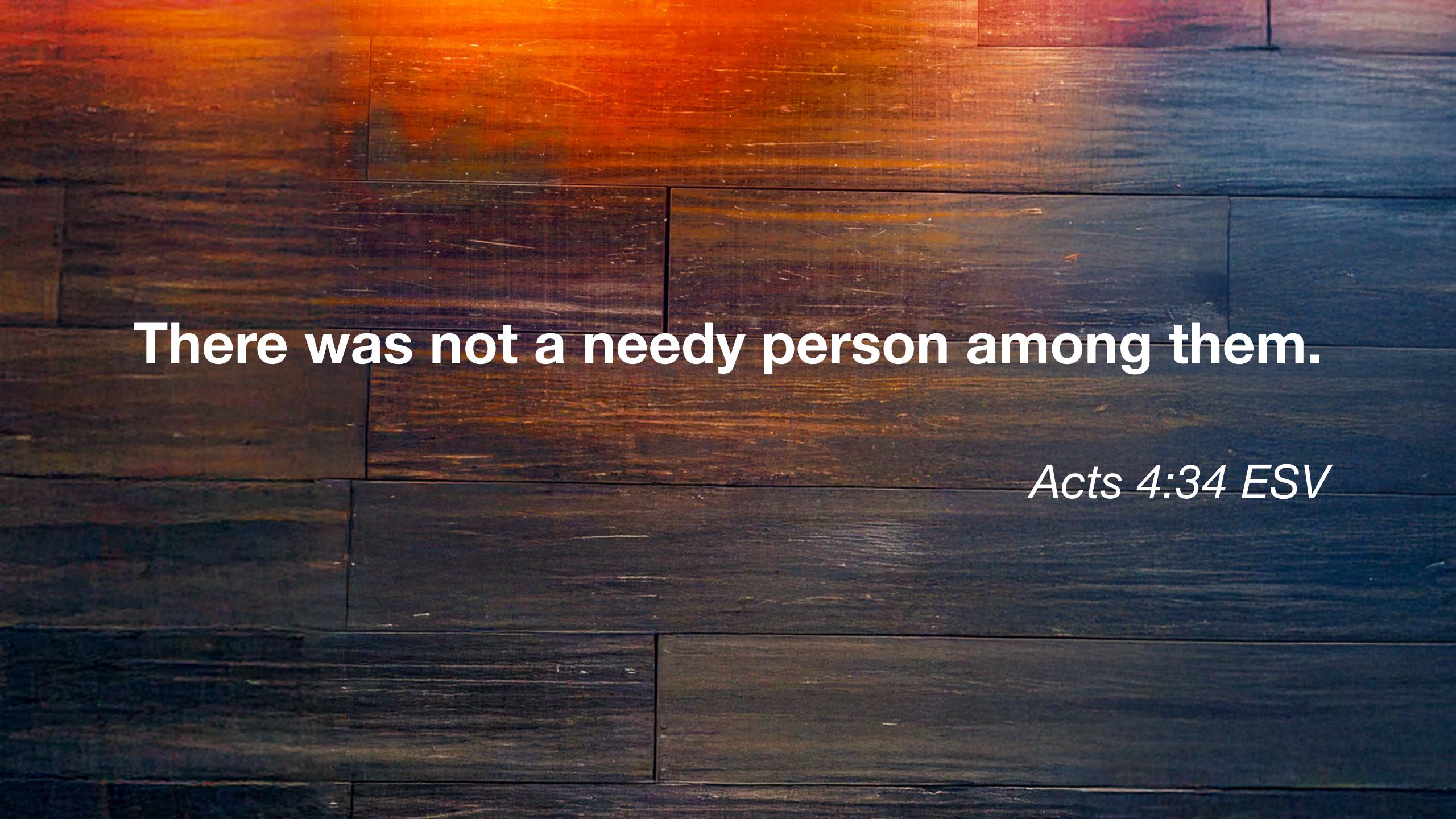
...into Christ from whom the whole body, joined and held together by every joint with which it is equipped, when each part is working properly, makes the body grow so that it builds itself up in love.

Ephesians 4:16 ESV



Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of service, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who empowers them all in everyone. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good...All these are empowered by one and the same Spirit, who apportions to each one individually as he wills.

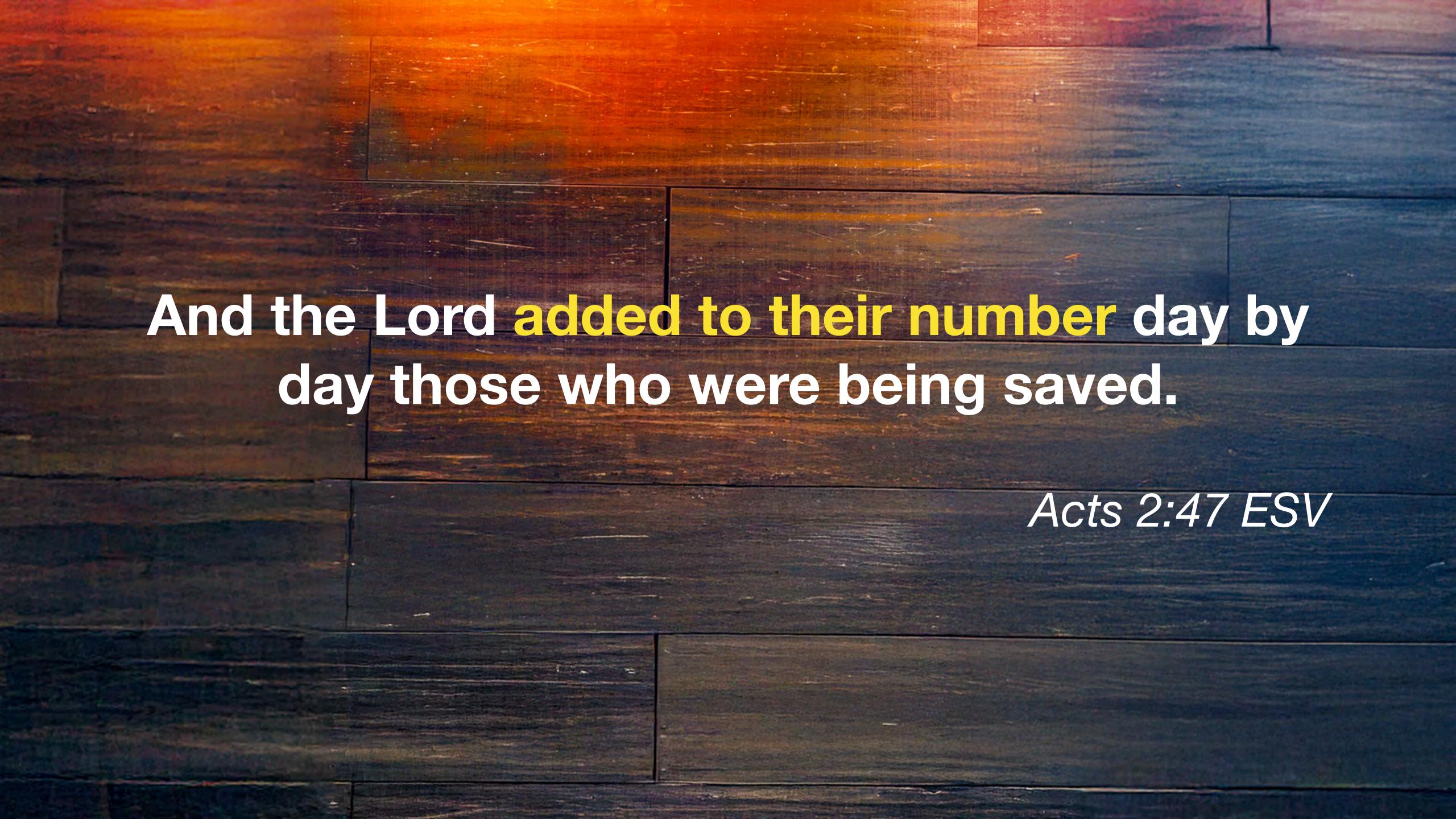
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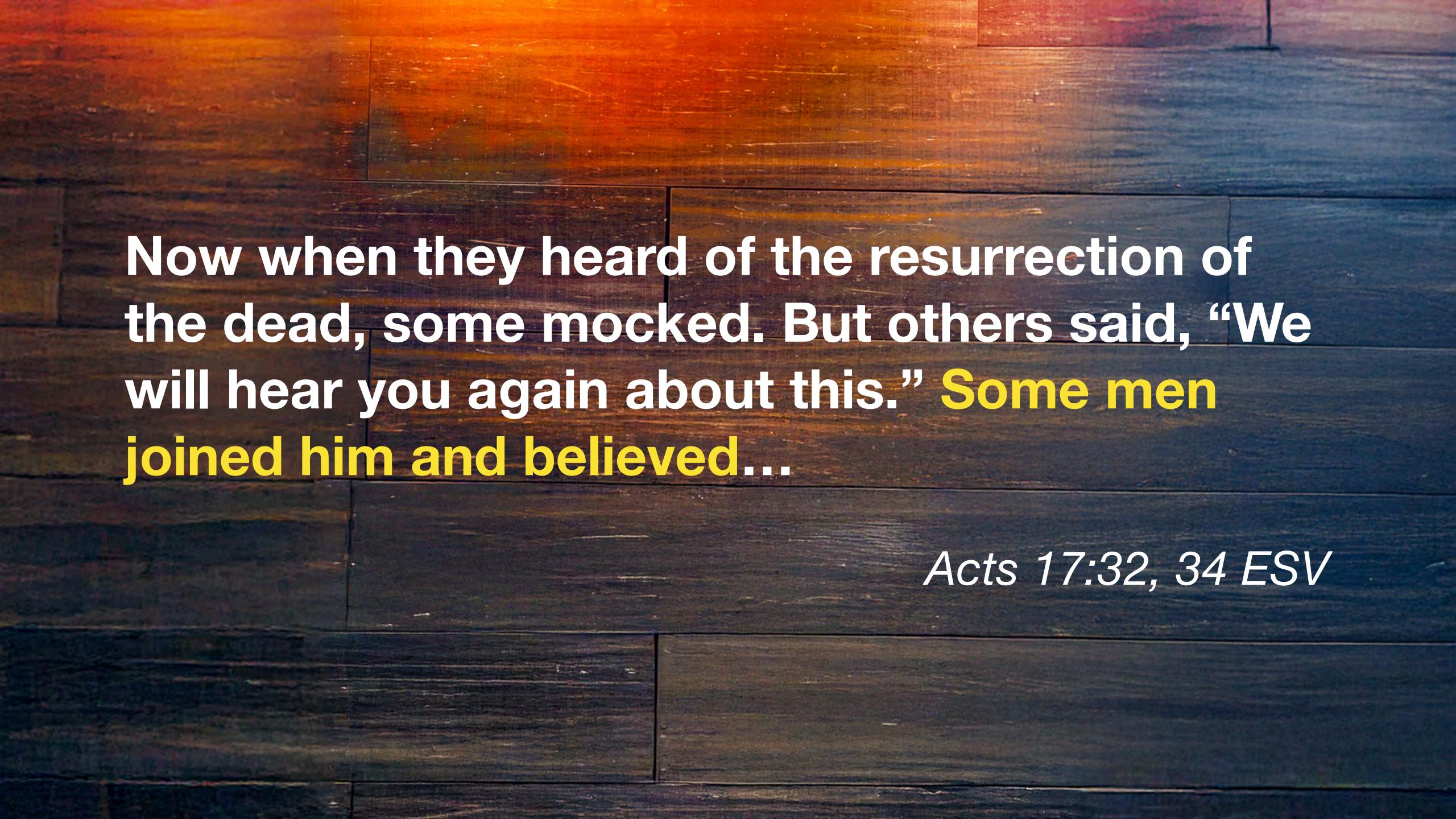


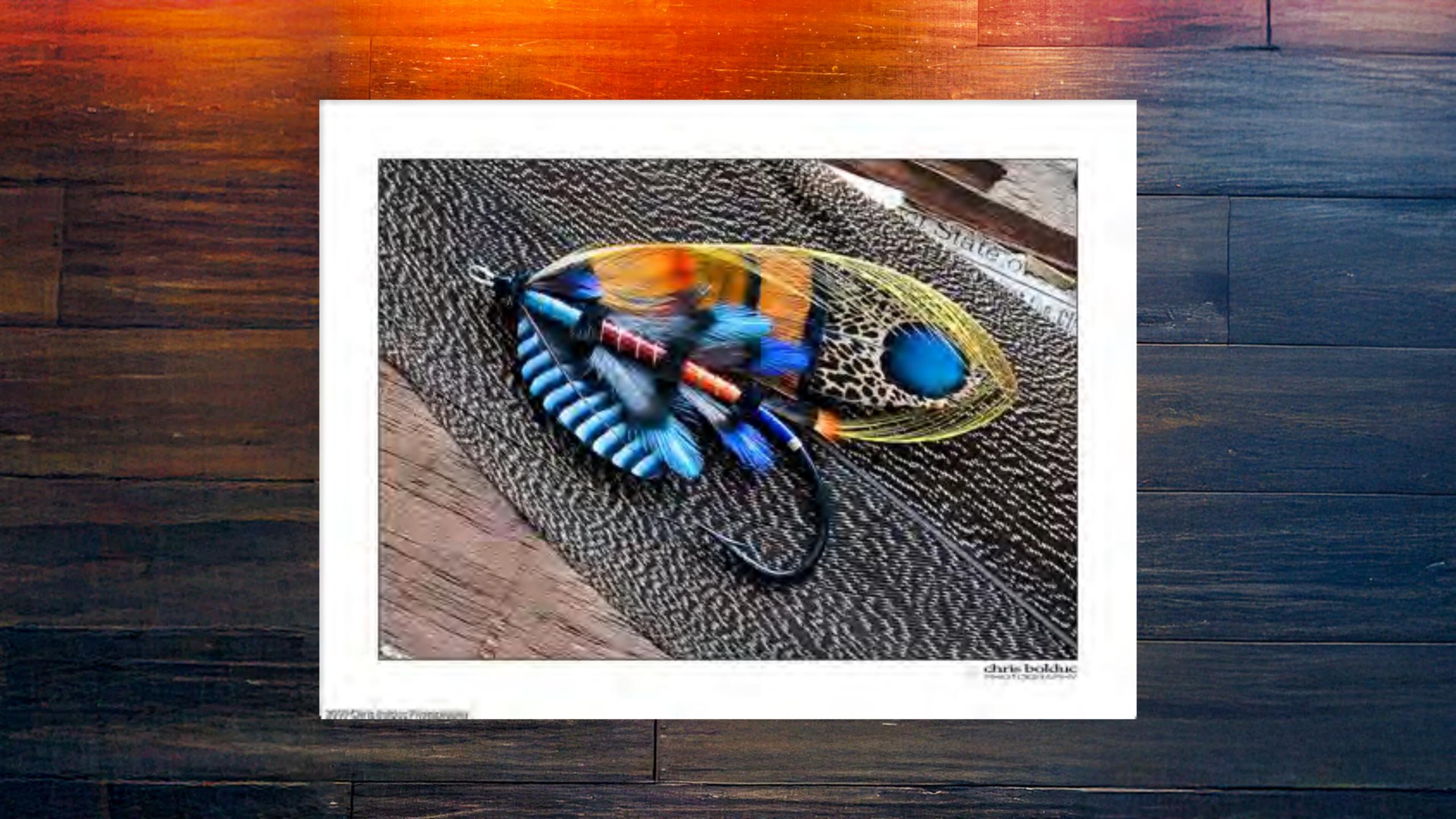
Go

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, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

Matthew 28:19-20 ESV









Gather, Grow, Give God, ALL FOR THE GLORY OF GOD