

# ACTS

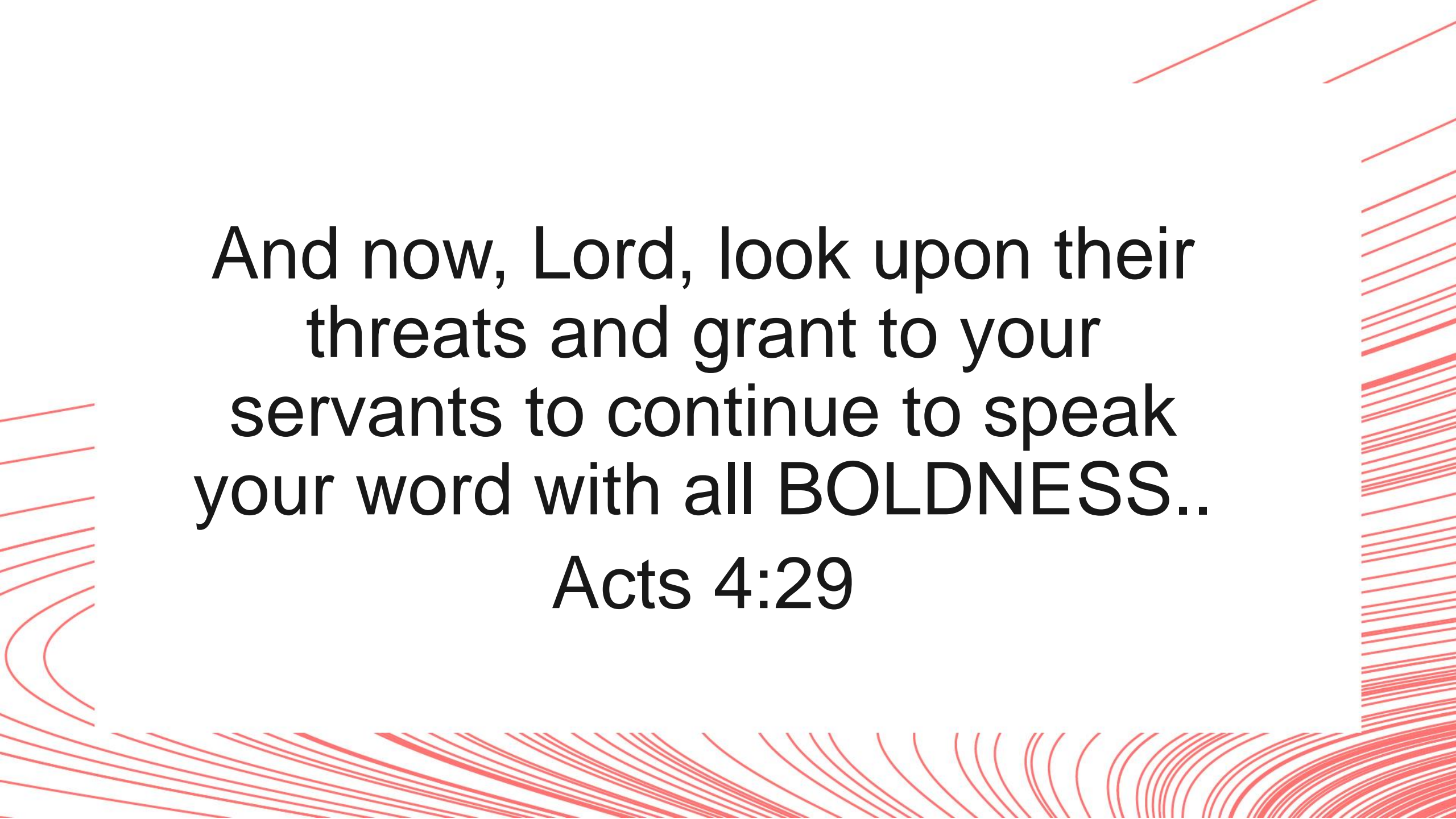
Lesson 5

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Now when they saw the  
**BOLDNESS** of Peter and John  
and perceived that they were  
uneducated, common men, they  
were astonished.

Acts 4:13

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And now, Lord, look upon their  
threats and grant to your  
servants to continue to speak  
your word with all **BOLDNESS..**

Acts 4:29

And when they prayed, the place where they gathered together was shaken, and they were filled with the Holy Spirit and continued to speak the word of God with **BOLDNESS**...

Acts 4:31

Now the full number of those who  
believed were of one heart and  
soul

Acts 4:32a

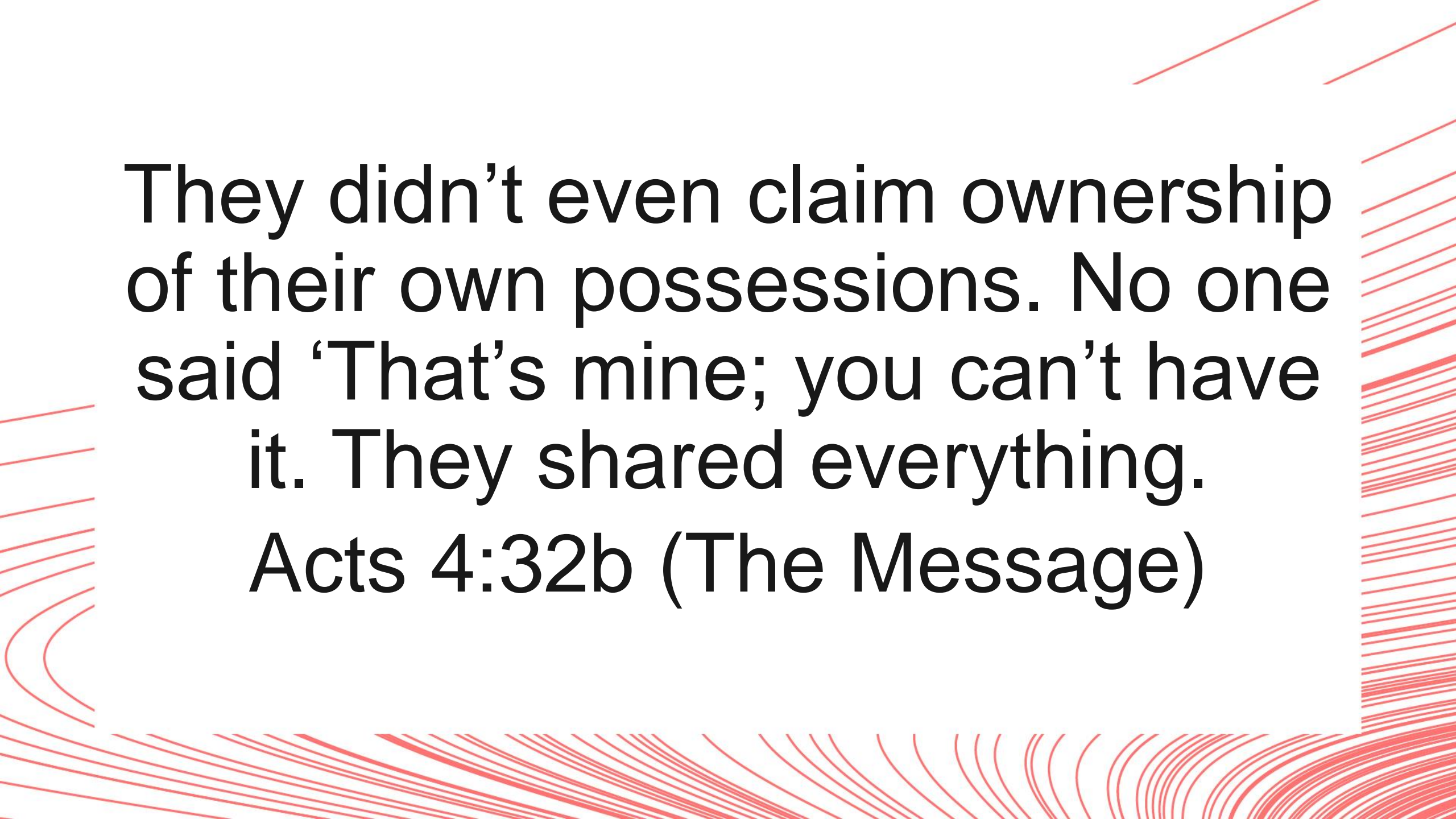
I pray not only for these, but also for those who will believe in me through their word, that they may all be one, just as you, Father, you are in me, and I in you, that they also may be in us, so the world may believe that you sent me.

John 17: 20,21

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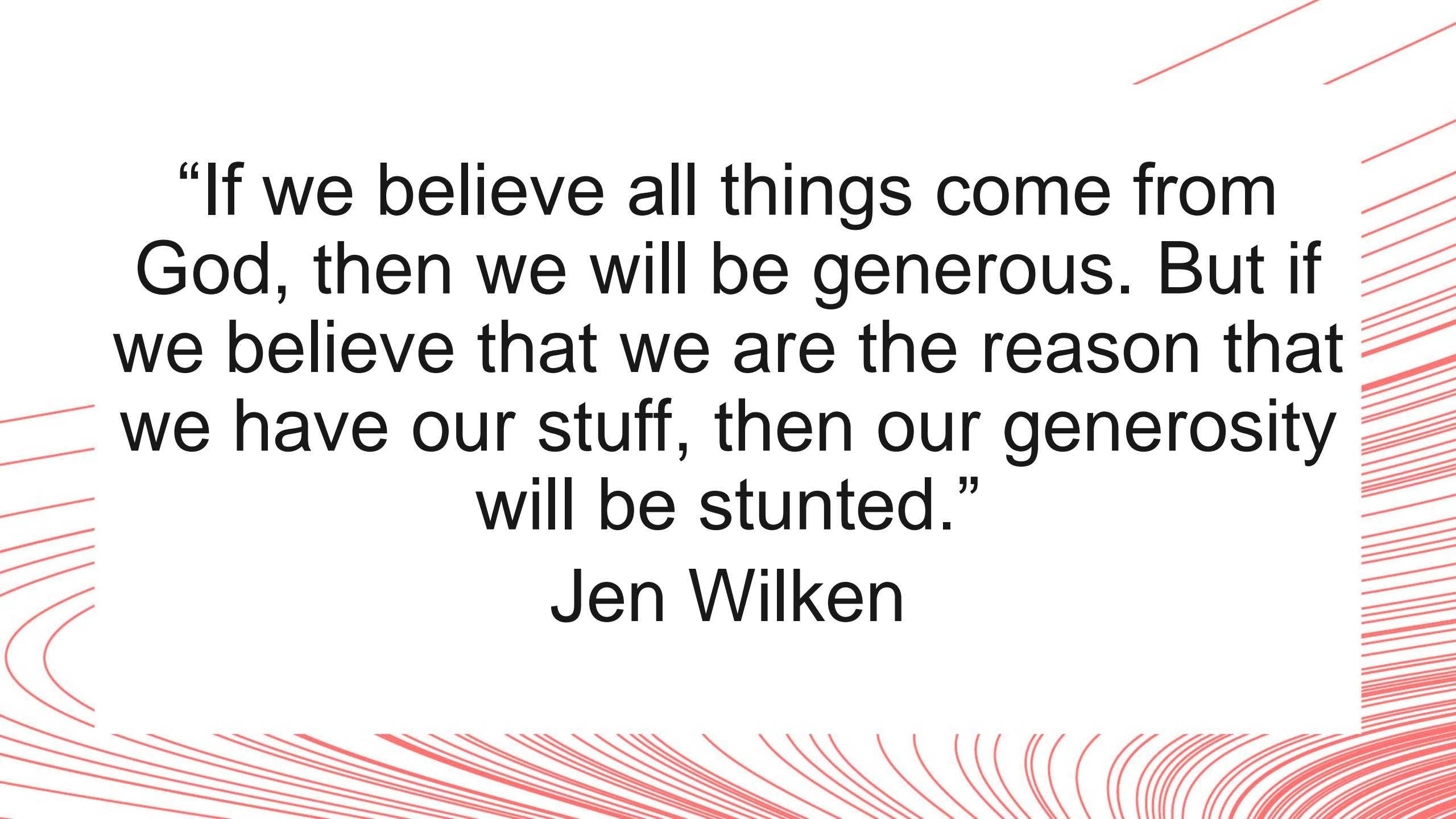
Acts 4:32a



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They didn't even claim ownership  
of their own possessions. No one  
said 'That's mine; you can't have  
it. They shared everything.

Acts 4:32b (The Message)

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“If we believe all things come from God, then we will be generous. But if we believe that we are the reason that we have our stuff, then our generosity will be stunted.”

Jen Wilken

But a man named Ananias, with his wife Sapphira sold a piece of property.

Acts 5:1

“Wasn’t it yours while you possessed it? And after it was sold, wasn’t it at your disposal?”

Acts 5:4

“When we understand the character of God, when we grasp something of his holiness, then we begin to understand the radical character of our sin and hopelessness... We may dislike giving our attention to God’s wrath and justice, but until we incline ourselves to these aspects of God’s nature, we will never appreciate what has been wrought for us by grace.”

RC Sproul (The Holiness of God)

But the people of Israel broke faith in  
regard to the devoted things.

Joshua 7:1

“The story of Ananias is to the book of Acts what the story of Achan is to the book of Joshua. In both narratives an act of deceit interrupts the victorious progress of the people of God”

F.F. Bruce, *The Book of Acts*

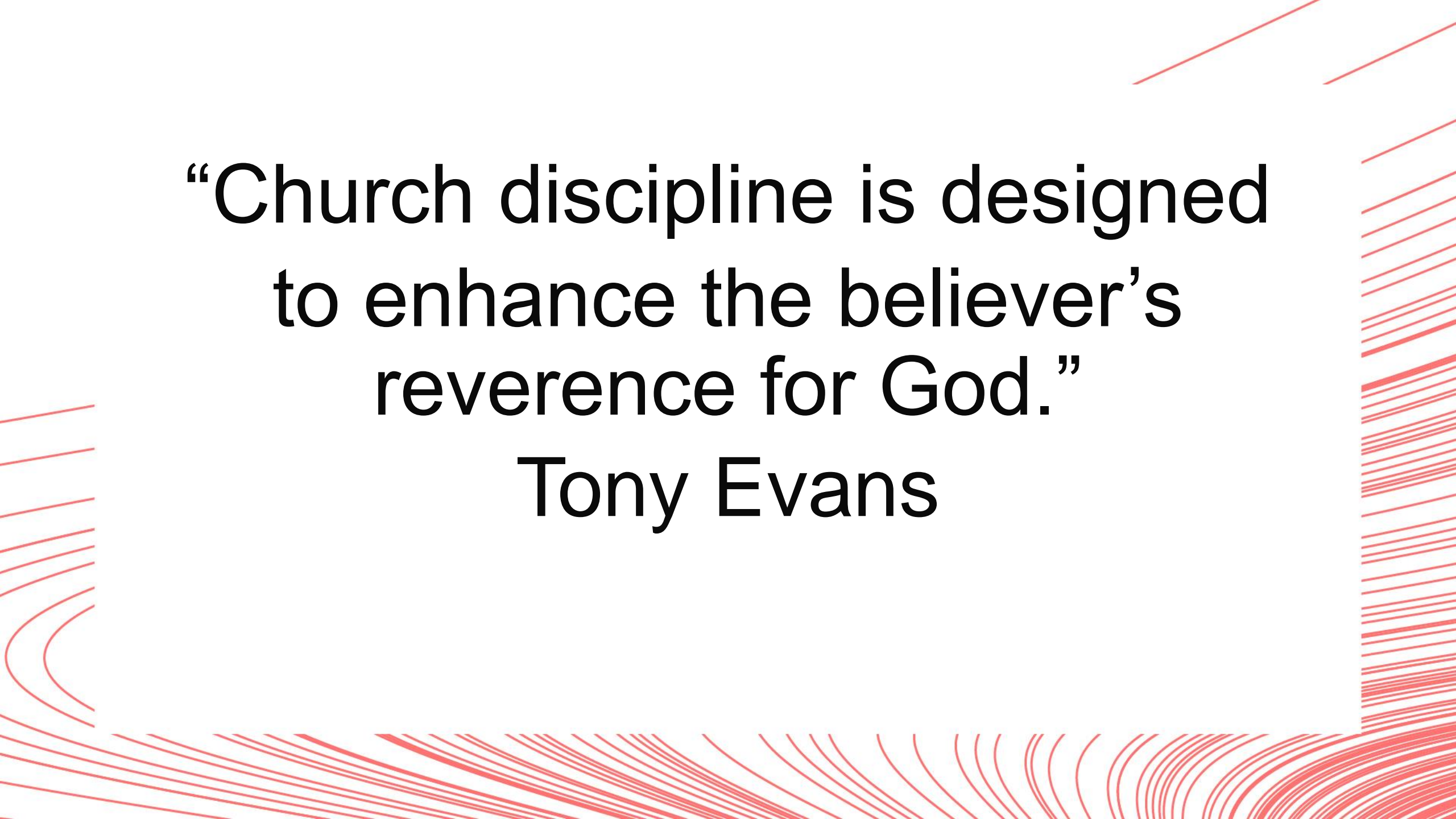
Then great fear came over the  
whole church and on all who  
heard these things.

Acts 5:11



If your brother sins against you, go and tell him his fault, between you and him alone. If he listens to you, you have gained your brother. But if he does not listen, take one or two others along with you, that every charge may be established by the evidence of two or three witnesses. If he refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church. And if he refuses to listen even to the church, let him be to you as a Gentile..

Matthew 18:15-17

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**“Church discipline is designed  
to enhance the believer’s  
reverence for God.”**

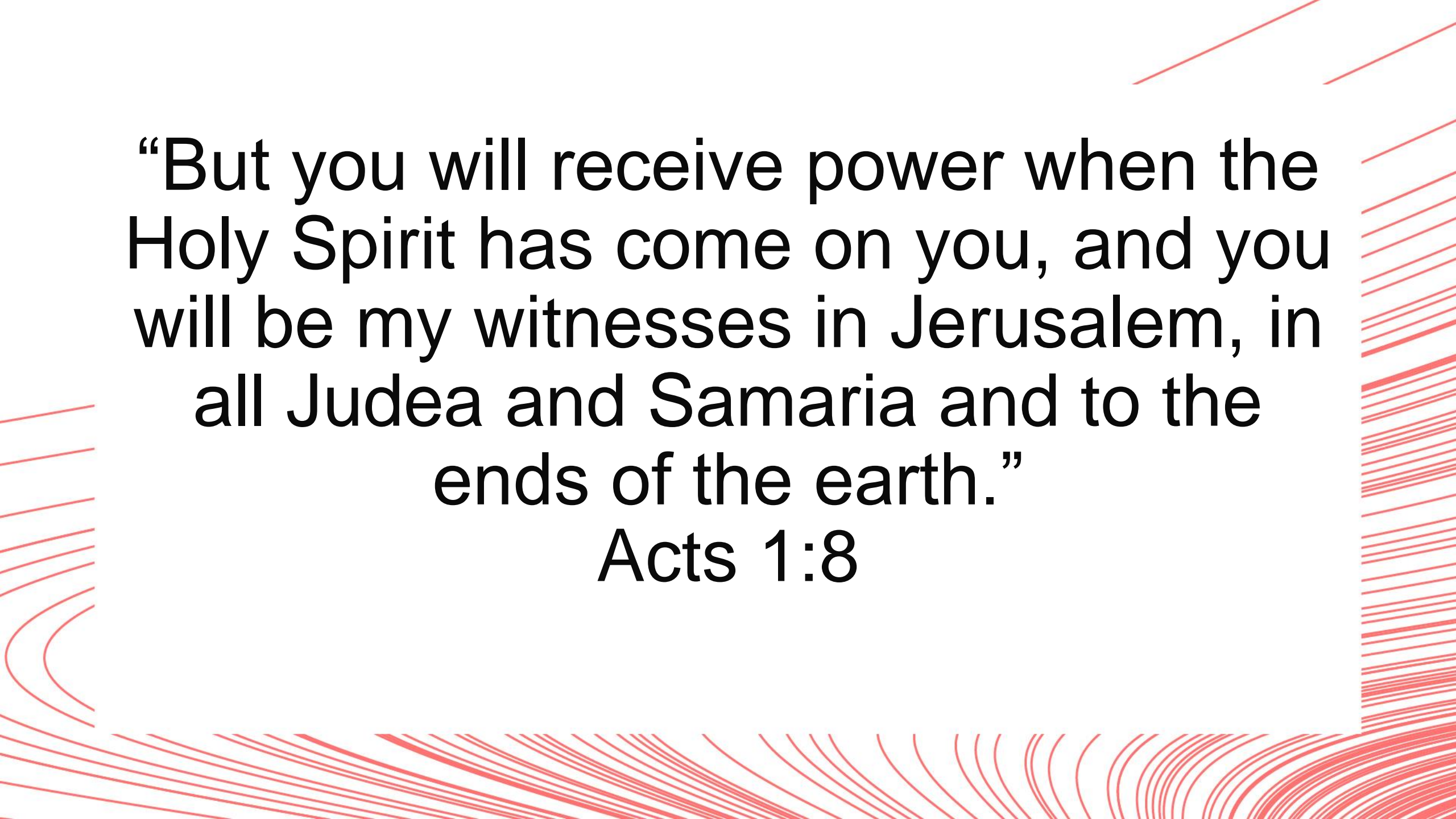
**Tony Evans**

“Many signs and wonders were regularly being done among the people by the hands of the apostles. And they were all together in Solomon’s Portico. None of the rest dared join them, but the people held them in high esteem.

Acts 5:12,13

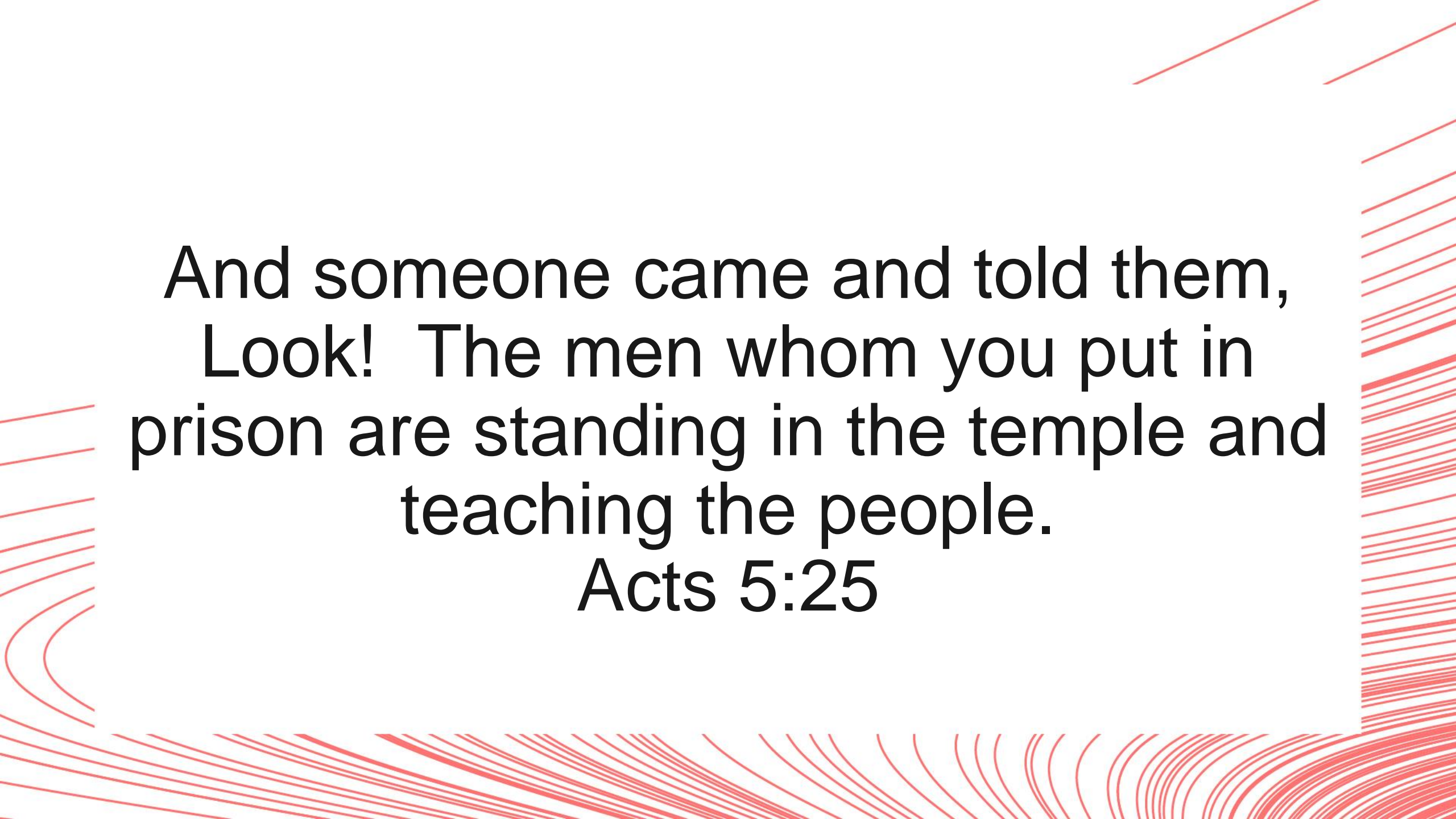
The people also gathered from the towns around Jerusalem, bringing the sick and those afflicted with unclean spirits, and they were all healed.

Acts 5:16

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“But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come on you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria and to the ends of the earth.”

Acts 1:8

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And someone came and told them,  
Look! The men whom you put in  
prison are standing in the temple and  
teaching the people.

Acts 5:25

Didn't we strictly order you not to  
teach in this name?

Acts 5:28

Peter continues, “the God of our ancestors raised up Jesus, whom you had murdered by hanging him on a tree. God exalted this man to his right hand as a ruler and Savior, to give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins. We are witnesses to these things, and so is the Holy Spirit whom God has given to those who obey.

Acts 5:30



If this plan, or this work is of human origin, it will fail. BUT if it is of God, you will not be able to overthrow them.

Acts 5:38b, 39



- Peter and John were preaching boldly and the Sadducees were astonished, angry and told them to stop. Peter, John and the early church prayed for boldness and received boldness.
- The church was of one heart and one soul and they held things in common.
- We met Barnabas the encourager and Ananias and Sapphira, who bring sin into the early church. As a result, God struck them dead.
- Many signs and wonders were regularly being done and people from outside Jerusalem were coming to have their sick healed.
- The twelve disciples were arrested and jailed, but an angel of the Lord set them free and told them to boldly return and preach.
- And so the disciples returned and were arrested again. The apostles received a flogging but ended with bold rejoicing.