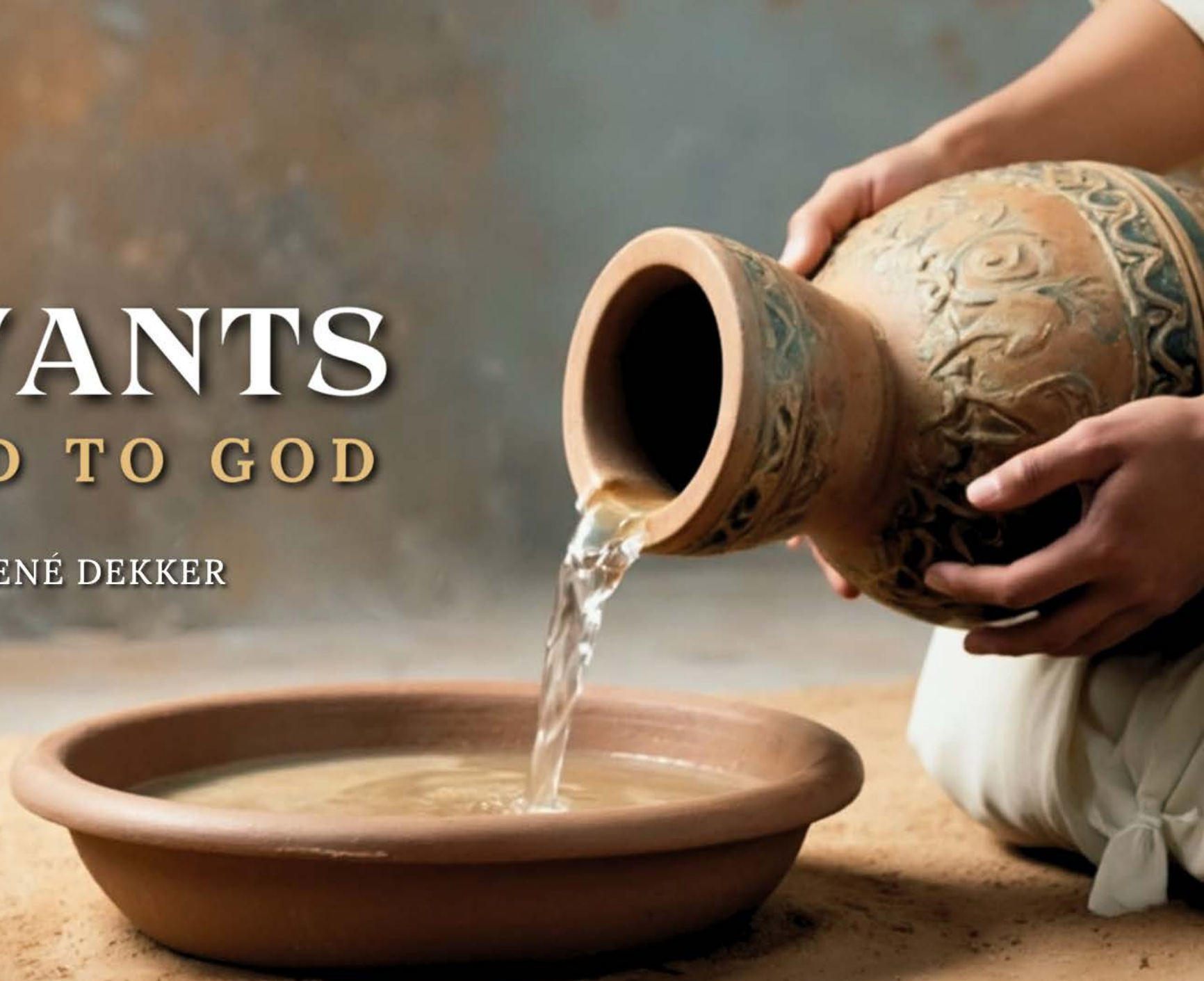


SERVANTS

DEVOTED TO GOD

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A background image showing a person's hands pouring water from a pot into a bowl. The scene is overlaid with a semi-transparent red filter. The text is centered over the image.

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Love God. Serve with Devotion.



NEW CITIZENSHIP

KINGDOM OF GOD

NEW IDENTITY

SERVANT OF GOD

NEW PURPOSE

MAKE DISCIPLES

The background of the image is a dense collection of red envelopes, a traditional Chinese practice for giving money during celebrations. The envelopes are stacked and slightly out of focus, with some showing Chinese characters in gold and black ink. A large, semi-transparent white circle is centered over the image, containing the text 'Adapting to a new Culture' in a black, typewriter-style font.

Adapting
to a
new
Culture

A grayscale photograph of a hand pouring water from a ceramic pitcher into a shallow dish on a sandy surface. The water is captured mid-pour, creating a dynamic splash in the dish. The background is a textured, light-colored surface, possibly sand or a similar granular material. The overall mood is contemplative and serene.

THE MOTIVE OF THE KINGDOM

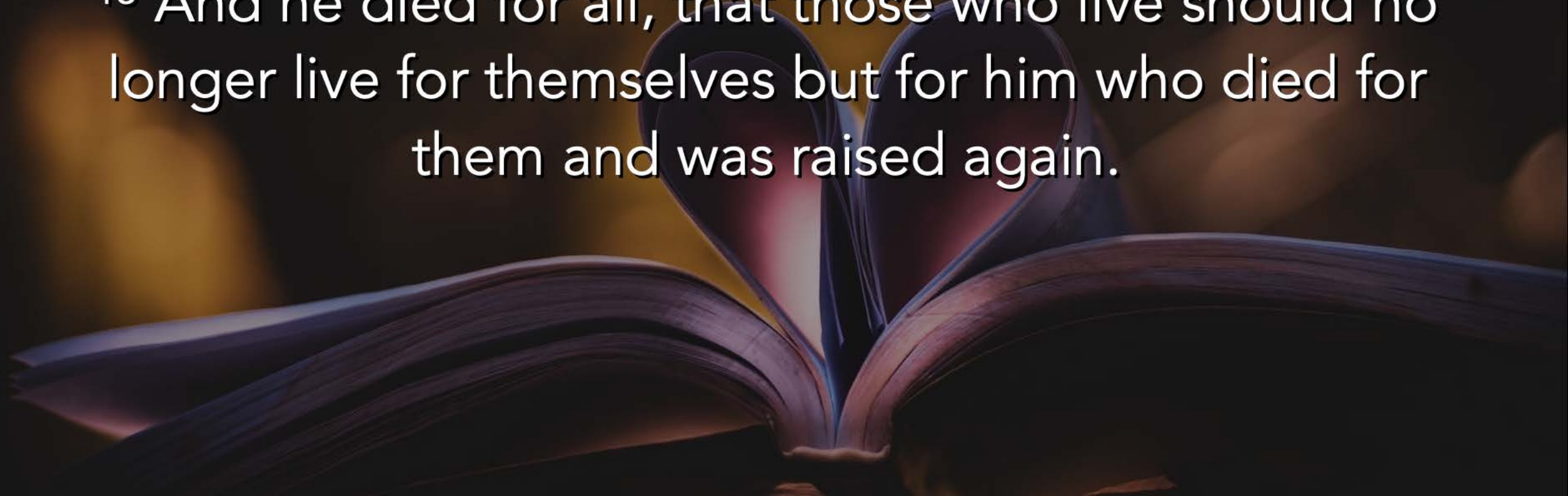
Love



2 CORINTHIANS

¹⁴ For Christ's love compels us, because we are convinced that one died for all, and therefore all died.

¹⁵ And he died for all, that those who live should no longer live for themselves but for him who died for them and was raised again.



Love for God is born
out of His love for us.



Love for God will cause us to love the things
He loves and pursue the things He pursues





PETER

JOHN 21

¹⁵ When they had finished eating,
Jesus said to Simon Peter, "Simon son of John,
do you love me more than these?" "Yes, Lord,"
he said, "you know that I love you."
Jesus said, "Feed my lambs."

JOHN 21

¹⁶ Again Jesus said, "Simon son of John, do you love me?" He answered, "Yes, Lord, you know that I love you."
Jesus said, "Take care of my sheep."

JOHN 21

¹⁷ The third time he said to him,
"Simon son of John, do you love me?"
Peter was hurt because Jesus asked him
the third time, "Do you love me?" He said,
"Lord, you know all things; you know that I love you."
Jesus said, "Feed my sheep."



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Love for God changes...

YOUR PRIORITIES



YOUR VIEW OF PEOPLE





ACTS 3

One day Peter and John were going up to the temple at the time of prayer—at three in the afternoon.

² Now a man who was lame from birth was being carried to the temple gate called Beautiful, where he was put every day to beg from those going into the temple courts.

ACTS 3

³ When he saw Peter and John about to enter, he asked them for money. ⁴ Peter looked straight at him, as did John. Then Peter said, "Look at us!"

⁵ So the man gave them his attention, expecting to get something from them.

ACTS 3

⁶ Then Peter said, "Silver or gold I do not have, but what I do have I give you. In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, walk." ⁷ Taking him by the right hand, he helped him up, and instantly the man's feet and ankles became strong.

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Invest in the resources of God's Kingdom



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PROCLAMATION
AND
DEMONSTRATION



ACTS 3

¹¹ While the man held on to Peter and John, all the people were astonished and came running to them in the place called Solomon's Colonnade.

¹² When Peter saw this, he said to them:
"Fellow Israelites, why does this surprise you? Why do you stare at us as if by our own power or godliness we had made this man walk?"

ACTS 3

¹⁶ By faith in the name of Jesus,
this man whom you see and know was made strong.
It is Jesus' name and the faith that comes through him
that has completely healed him, as you can all see.



Build God's reputation



Build God's reputation

OUR SUCCESSES ALWAYS GIVE
REASON TO POINT TO JESUS



ACTS 4

The priests and the captain of the temple guard and the Sadducees came up to Peter and John while they were speaking to the people.

² They were greatly disturbed because the apostles were teaching the people, proclaiming in Jesus the resurrection of the dead.

ACTS 4

³ They seized Peter and John and, because it was evening, they put them in jail until the next day.

⁴ But many who heard the message believed; so the number of men who believed grew to about five thousand.

ACTS 4

⁸ Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them:
“Rulers and elders of the people! ⁹ If we are being
called to account today for an act of kindness shown
to a man who was lame and are being asked how he
was healed, ¹⁰ then know this, you and all the
people of Israel:

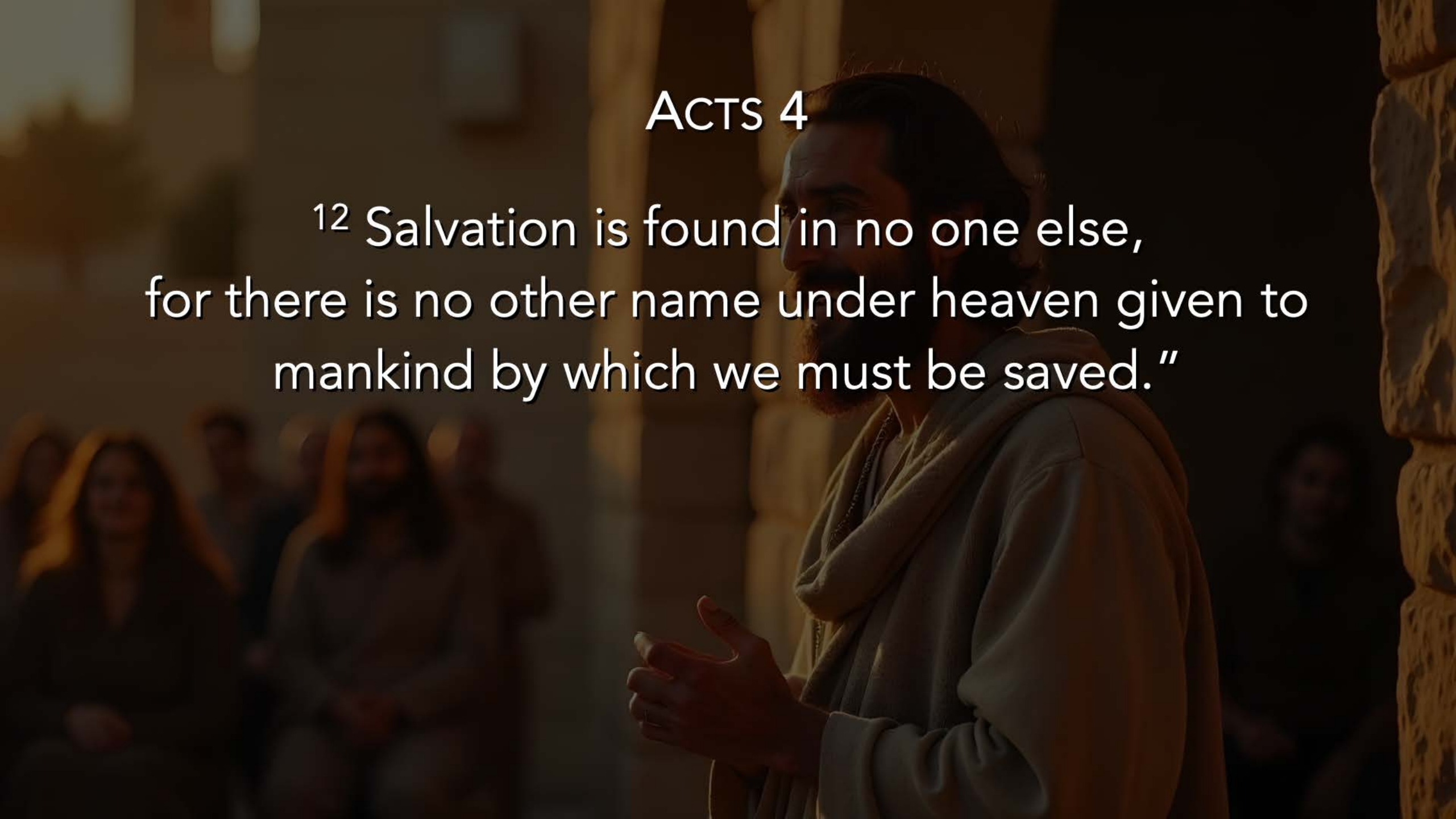
ACTS 4

It is by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified but whom God raised from the dead, that this man stands before you healed.

¹¹ Jesus is “‘the stone you builders rejected, which has become the cornerstone.’”

ACTS 4

¹² Salvation is found in no one else,
for there is no other name under heaven given to
mankind by which we must be saved.”



ACTS 4

¹⁸ Then they called them in again and commanded them not to speak or teach at all in the name of Jesus.

¹⁹ But Peter and John replied, "Which is right in God's eyes: to listen to you, or to him?

You be the judges! ²⁰ As for us, we cannot help speaking about what we have seen and heard."



Any opportunity is a good opportunity
to represent Jesus



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RECOGNIZE
AND
RESPOND

Love for God will cause us to love the things
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ACTS 10

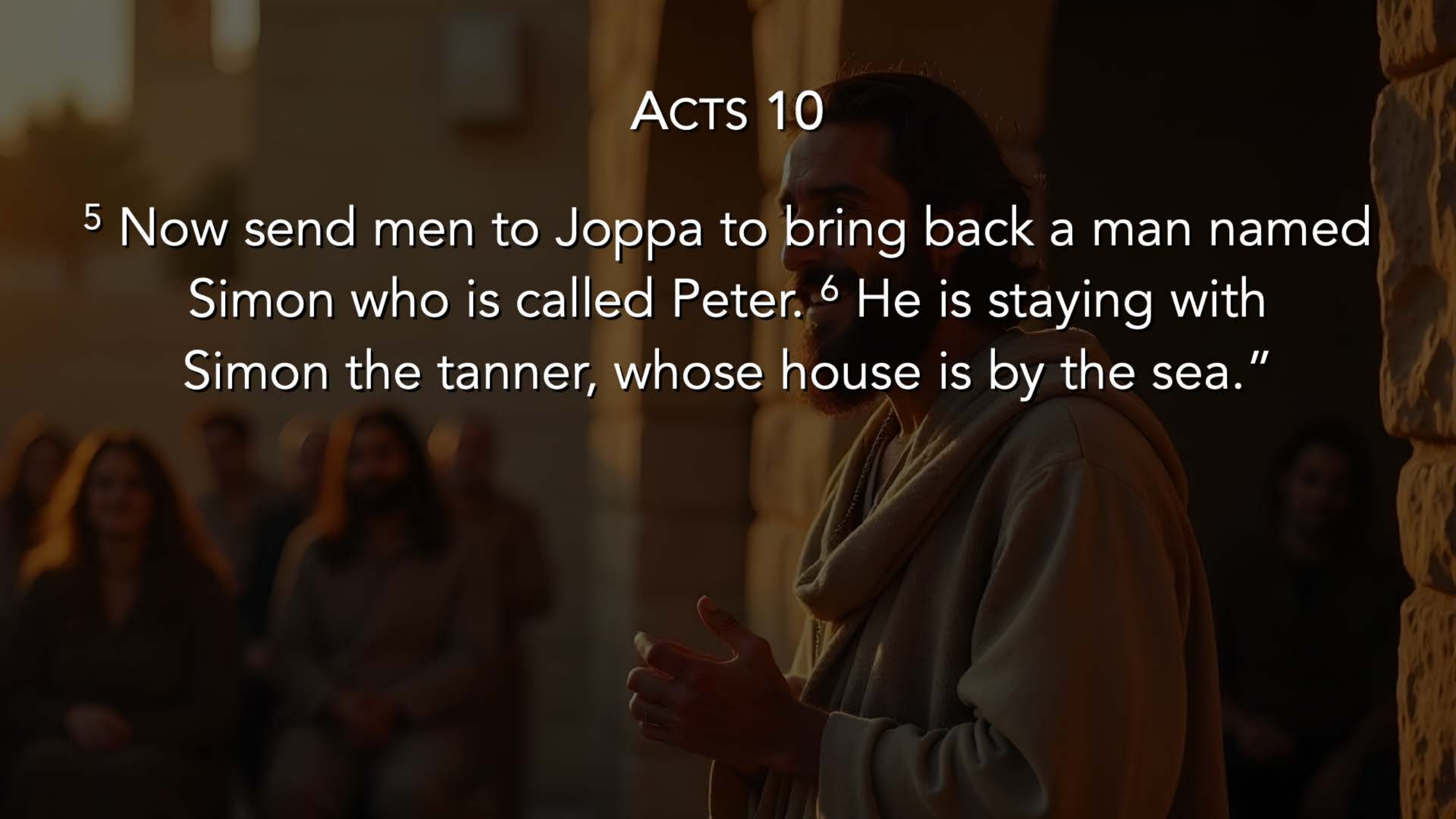
At Caesarea there was a man named Cornelius,
a centurion in what was known as the Italian Regiment.
² He and all his family were devout and God-fearing;
he gave generously to those in need and prayed to
God regularly. ³ One day at about three in the
afternoon he had a vision.

ACTS 10

He distinctly saw an angel of God, who came to him and said, "Cornelius!" ⁴ Cornelius stared at him in fear. "What is it, Lord?" he asked. The angel answered, "Your prayers and gifts to the poor have come up as a memorial offering before God."

ACTS 10

⁵ Now send men to Joppa to bring back a man named Simon who is called Peter. ⁶ He is staying with Simon the tanner, whose house is by the sea.”



ACTS 10

⁹ About noon the following day as they were on their journey and approaching the city, Peter went up on the roof to pray. ¹⁰ He became hungry and wanted something to eat, and while the meal was being prepared, he fell into a trance. ¹¹ He saw heaven opened and something like a large sheet being let down to earth by its four corners.

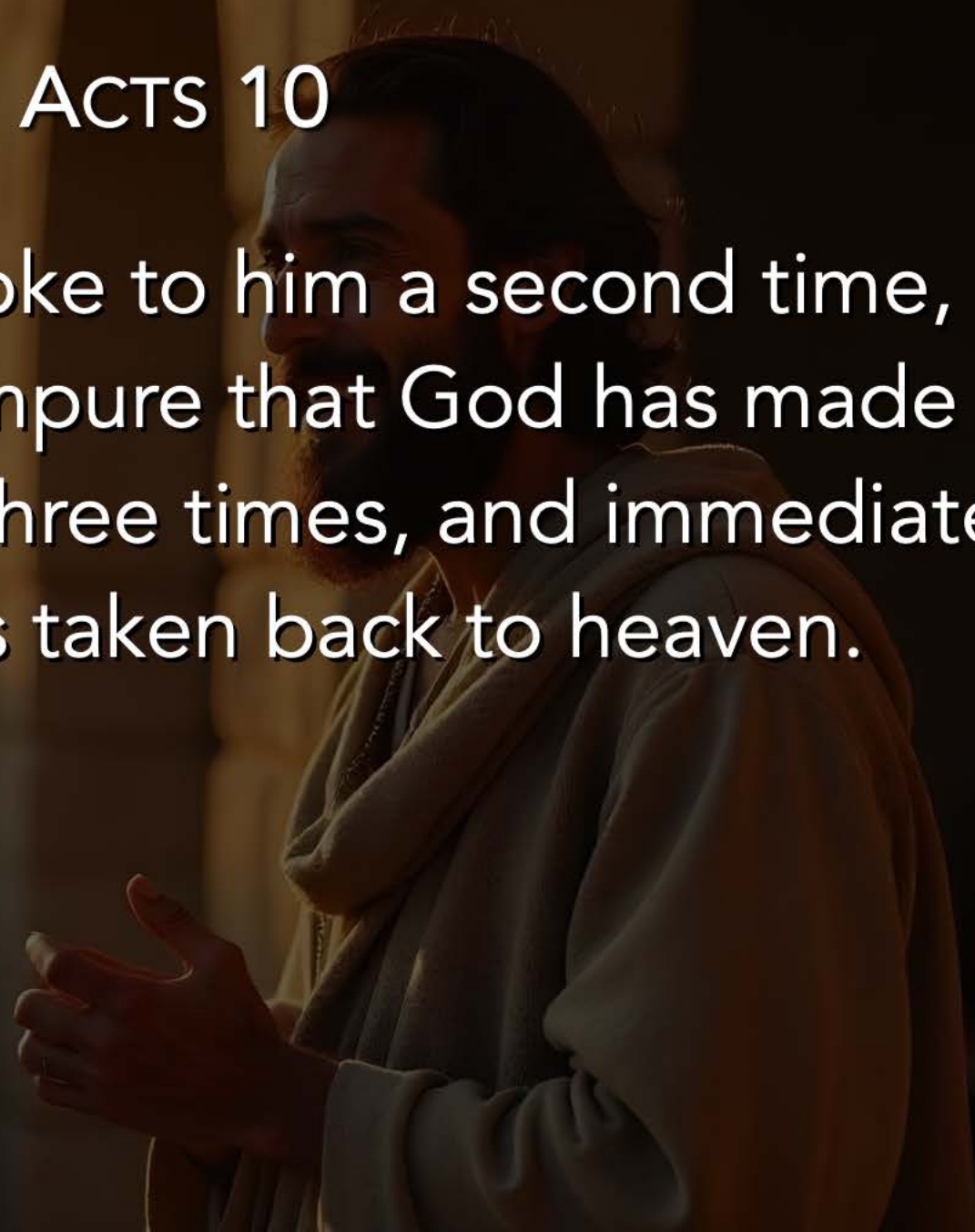
ACTS 10

¹² It contained all kinds of four-footed animals, as well as reptiles and birds. ¹³ Then a voice told him, "Get up, Peter. Kill and eat." ¹⁴ "Surely not, Lord!" Peter replied. "I have never eaten anything impure or unclean."

ACTS 10

¹⁵ The voice spoke to him a second time,
“Do not call anything impure that God has made clean.”

¹⁶ This happened three times, and immediately
the sheet was taken back to heaven.



ACTS 10

¹⁷ While Peter was wondering about the meaning of the vision, the men sent by Cornelius found out where Simon's house was and stopped at the gate.
¹⁸ They called out, asking if Simon who was known as Peter was staying there.

ACTS 10

¹⁹ While Peter was still thinking about the vision, the Spirit said to him, "Simon, three men are looking for you. ²⁰ So get up and go downstairs. Do not hesitate to go with them, for I have sent them."



ACTS 10

²⁵ As Peter entered the house, Cornelius met him and fell at his feet in reverence. ²⁶ But Peter made him get up. "Stand up," he said, "I am only a man myself."

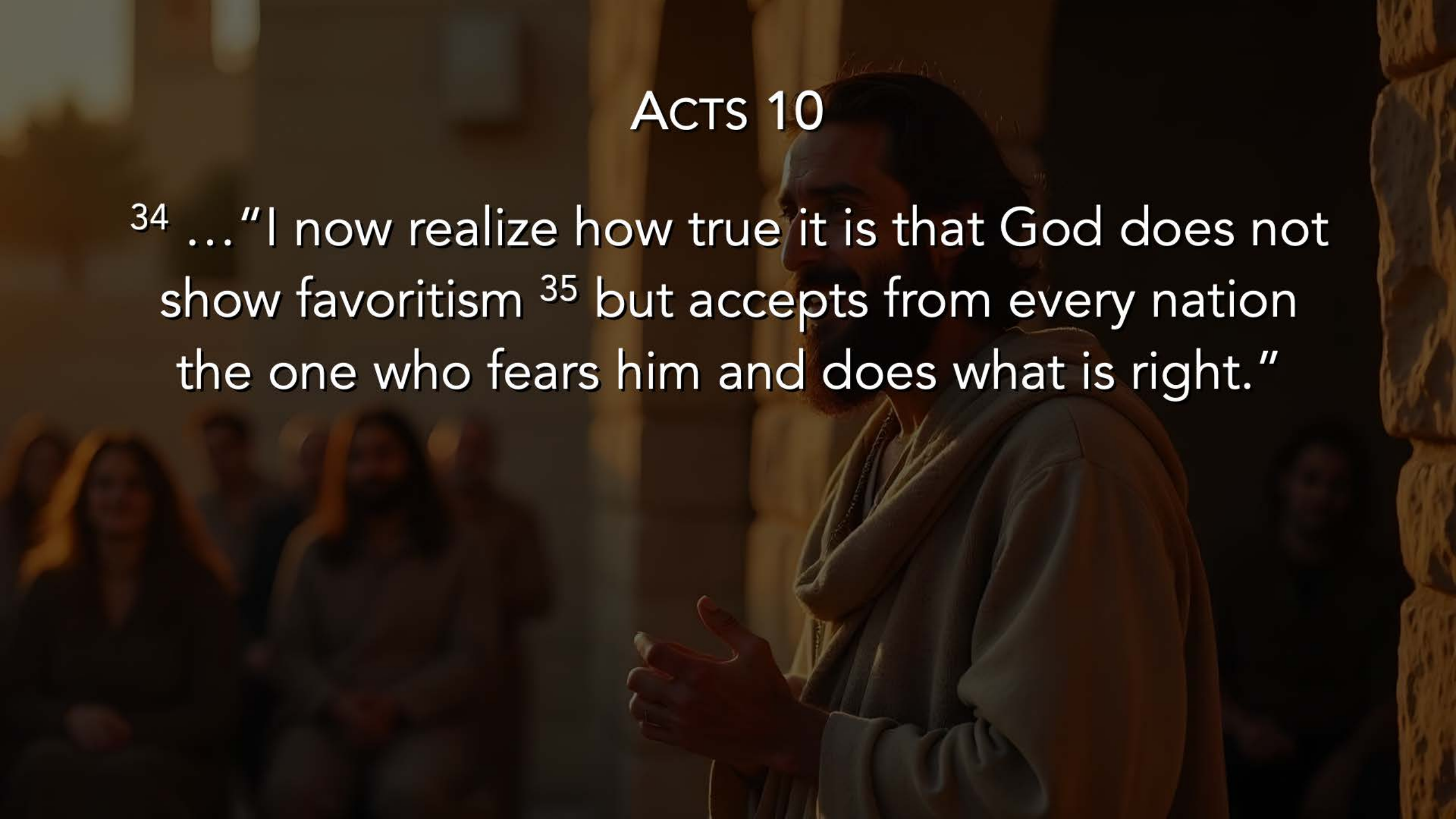
²⁷ While talking with him, Peter went inside and found a large gathering of people.

ACTS 10

⁸ He said to them: "You are well aware that it is against our law for a Jew to associate with or visit a Gentile. But God has shown me that I should not call anyone impure or unclean. ²⁹ So when I was sent for, I came without raising any objection.

ACTS 10

³⁴ ...“I now realize how true it is that God does not show favoritism ³⁵ but accepts from every nation the one who fears him and does what is right.”





God's Kingdom is inclusive



God's Kingdom has no religious, cultural,
social or political barriers



To accomplish God's mission,
we have to come out of the
safety of our "bubbles"

PRIORITY



What obstacles prevent you from loving what
God loves and pursuing what He pursues?



*Has your "doing for God" overtaken
your "being with God?"*



*Are your loves
rightly prioritized?*



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