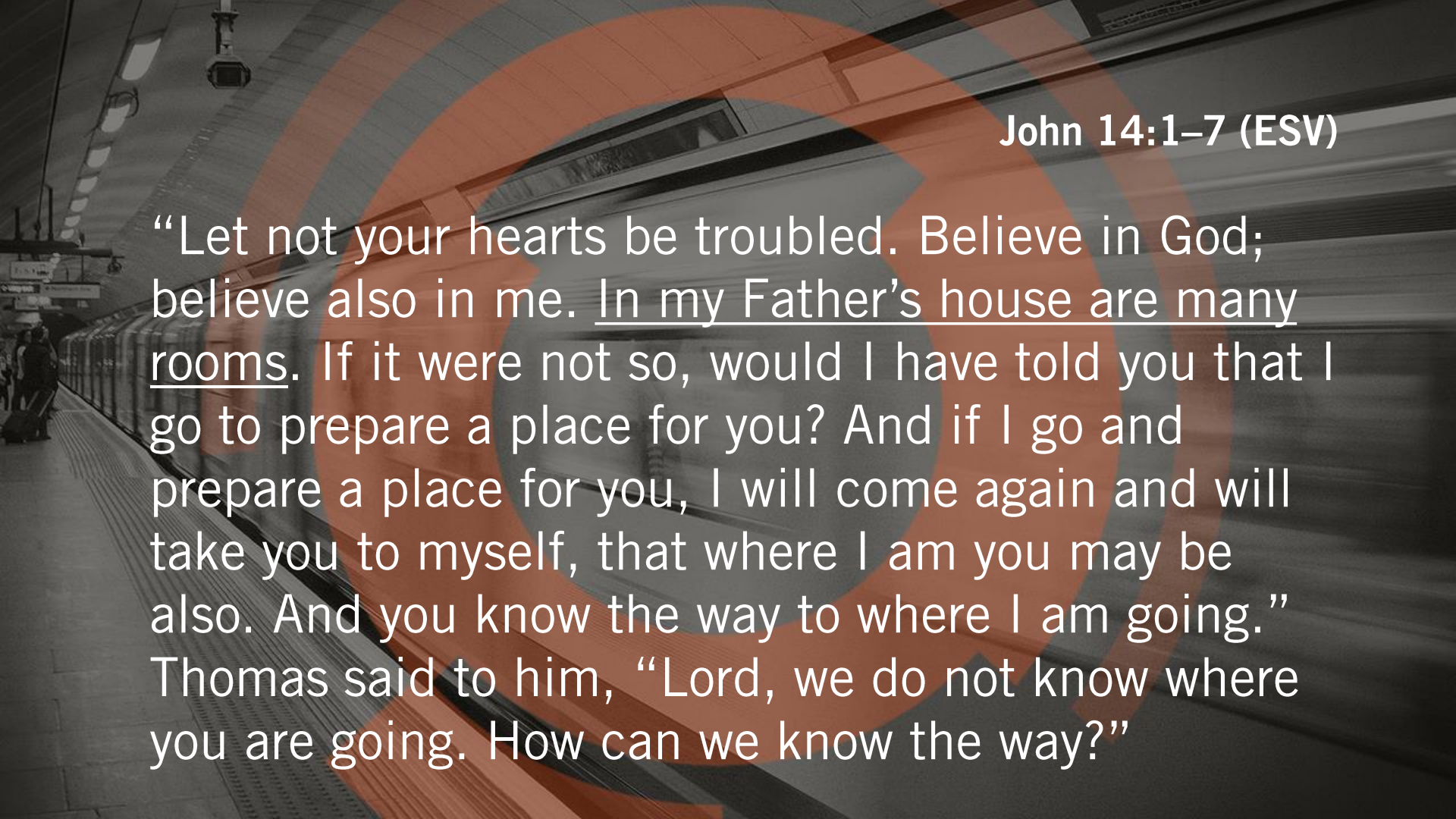




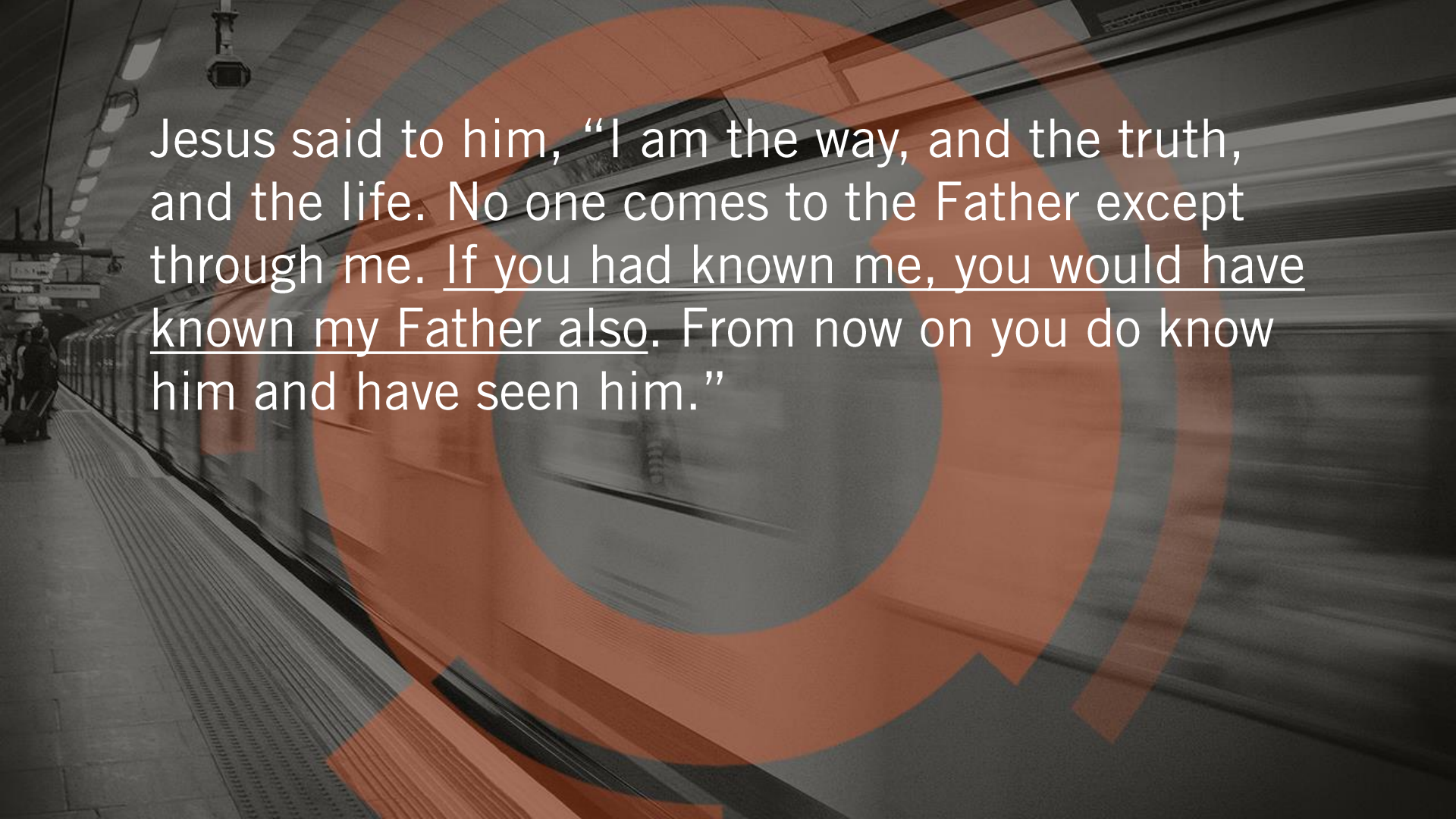
In my father's house-1
“there are many rooms”

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John 14:1–7 (ESV)

“Let not your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in me. In my Father’s house are many rooms. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, that where I am you may be also. And you know the way to where I am going.” Thomas said to him, “Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?”

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Pointing others to the Father

John 14:8–10 (NKJV)

...he said to Him, “Lord, show us the Father, and it is sufficient for us.” Jesus said to him, “Have I been with you so long, and yet you have not known Me, Philip? He who has seen Me has seen the Father; so how can you say, ‘Show us the Father’? Do you not believe that I am in the Father, and the Father in Me? The words that I speak to you I do not speak on My own authority; but the Father who dwells in Me does the works.

Philippians 3:14–18 (ESV)

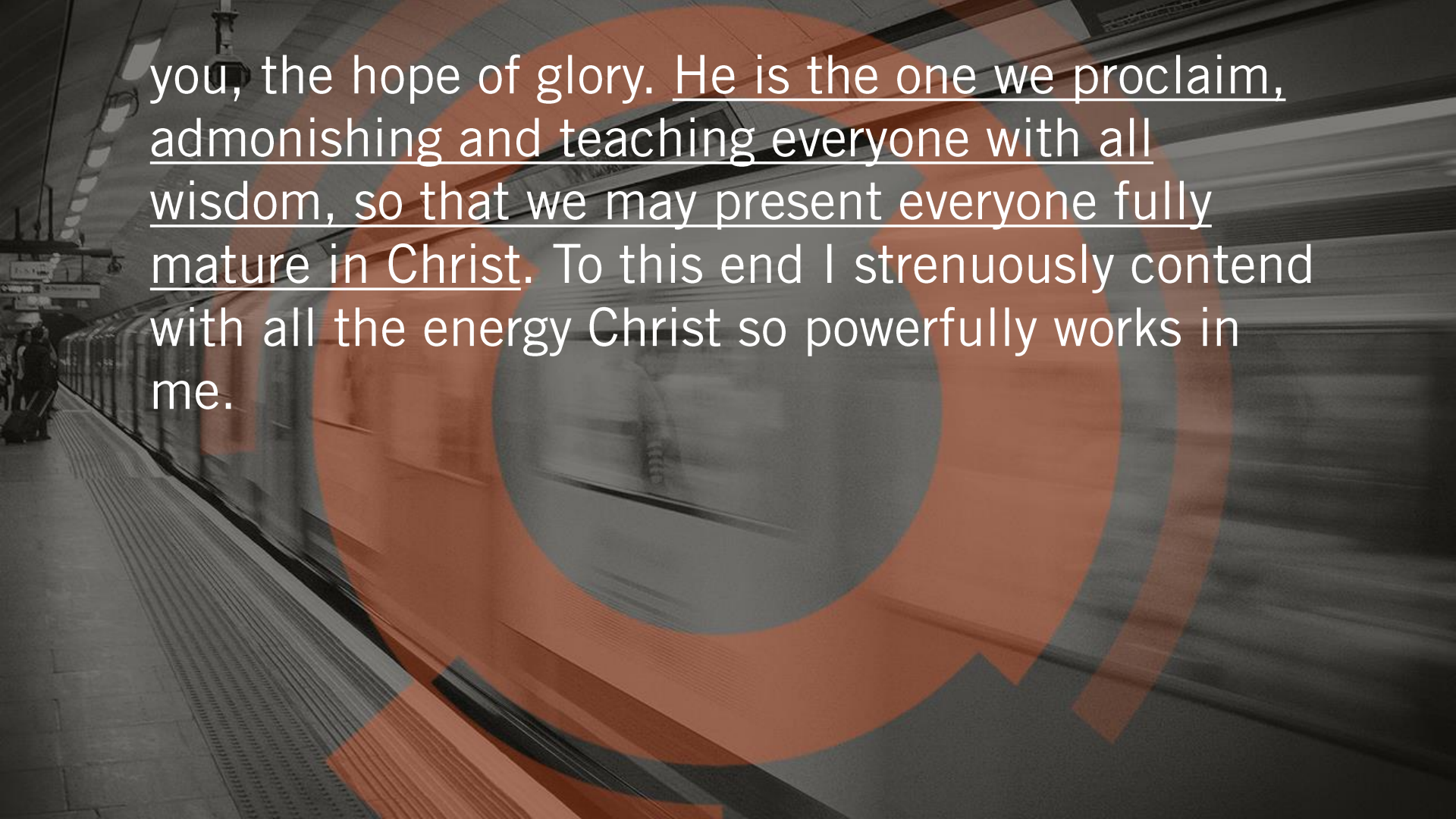
I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus. Let those of us who are mature think this way, and if in anything you think otherwise, God will reveal that also to you. Only let us hold true to what we have attained. Brothers, join in imitating me, and keep your eyes on those who walk according to the example you have in us. For many, of whom I have often told you and now tell you even with tears, walk as enemies of the cross of Christ.

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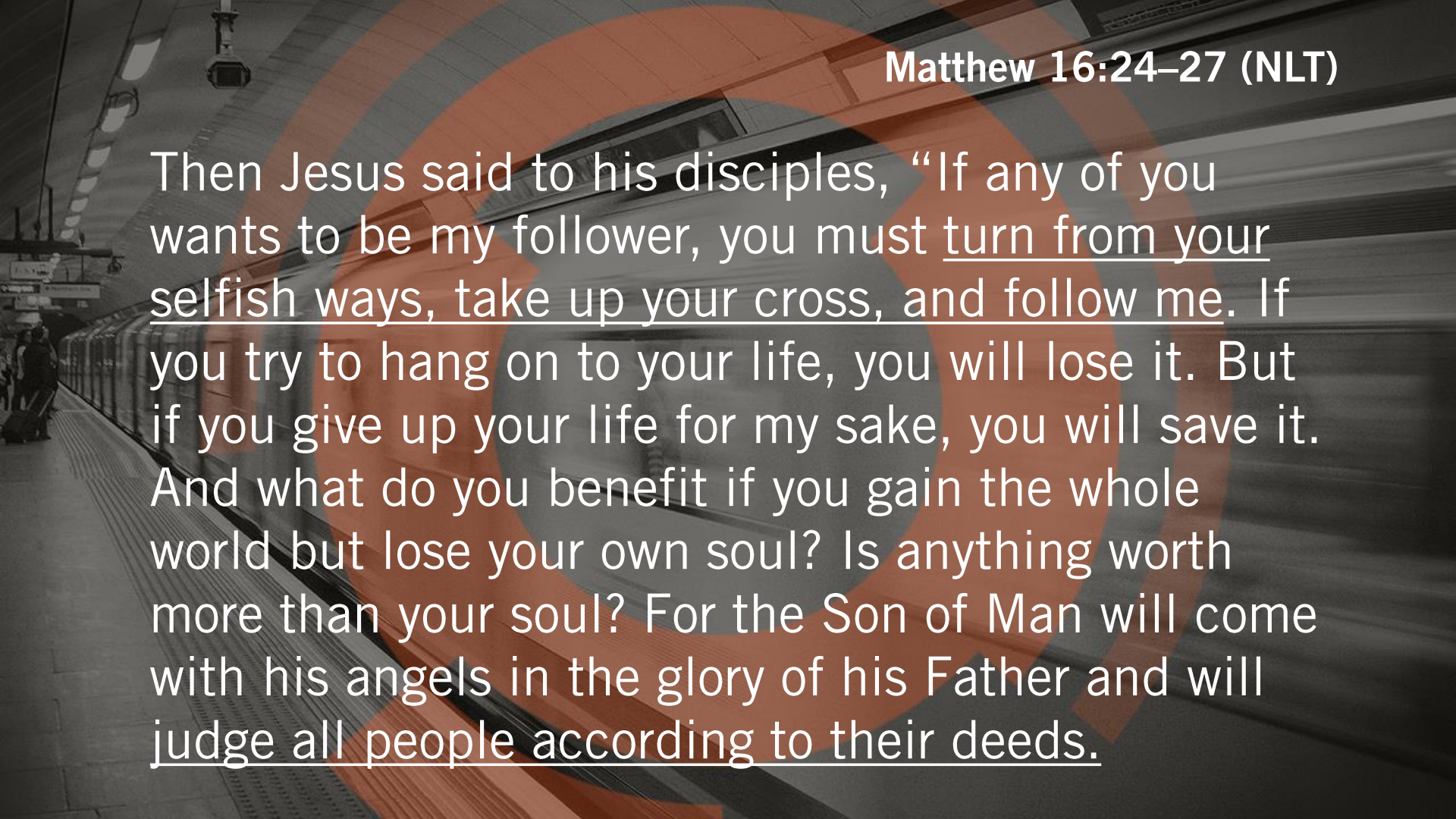
No bypassing the Cross

Colossians 1:24–29 (NIV)

Now I rejoice in what I am suffering for you, and I fill up in my flesh what is still lacking in regard to Christ's afflictions, for the sake of his body, which is the church. I have become its servant by the commission God gave me to present to you the word of God in its fullness—the mystery that has been kept hidden for ages and generations, but is now disclosed to the Lord's people. To them God has chosen to make known among the Gentiles the glorious riches of this mystery, which is Christ in

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you, the hope of glory. He is the one we proclaim,
admonishing and teaching everyone with all
wisdom, so that we may present everyone fully
mature in Christ. To this end I strenuously contend
with all the energy Christ so powerfully works in
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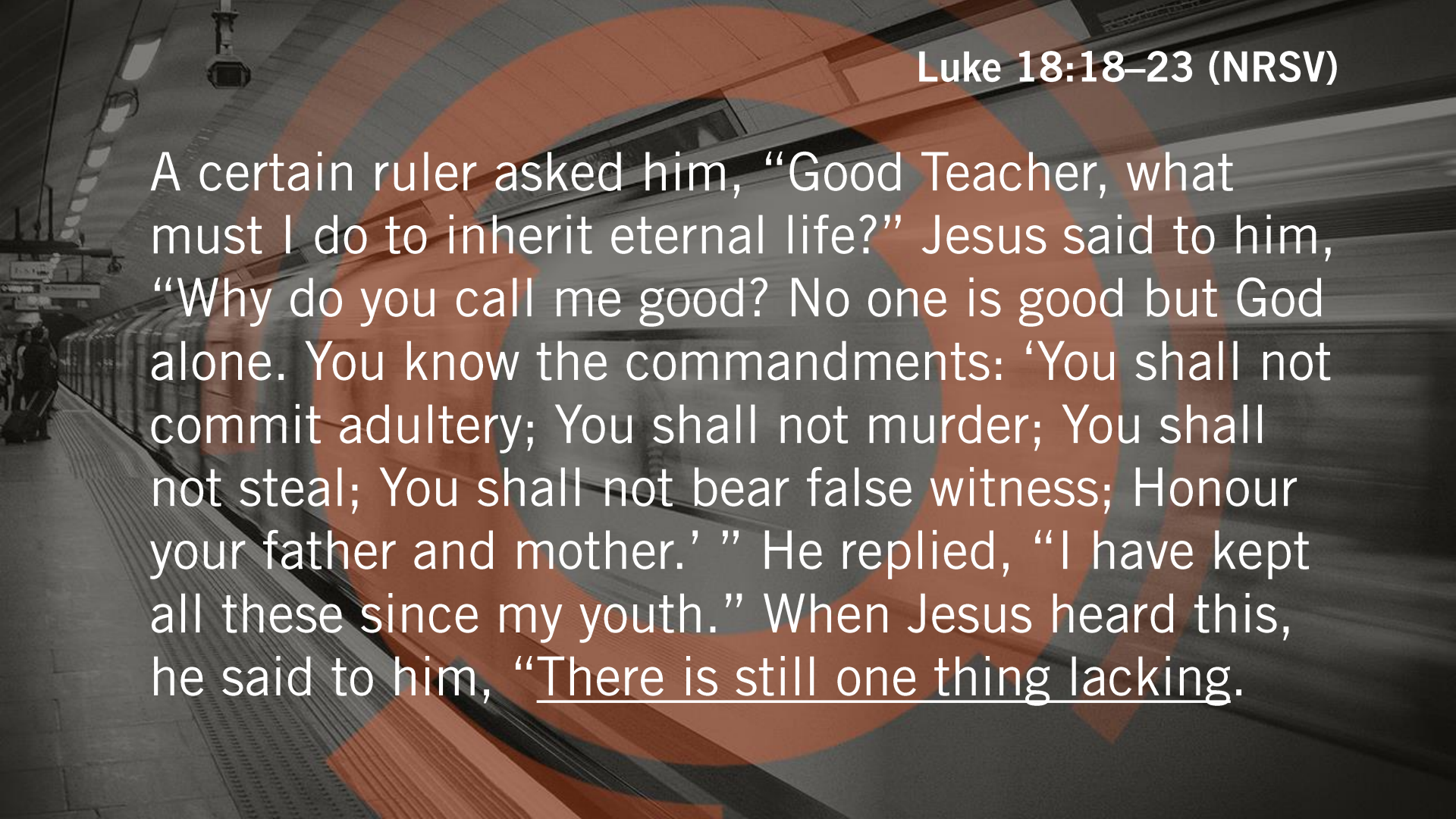
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Matthew 16:24-27 (NLT)

Then Jesus said to his disciples, “If any of you wants to be my follower, you must turn from your selfish ways, take up your cross, and follow me. If you try to hang on to your life, you will lose it. But if you give up your life for my sake, you will save it. And what do you benefit if you gain the whole world but lose your own soul? Is anything worth more than your soul? For the Son of Man will come with his angels in the glory of his Father and will judge all people according to their deeds.”

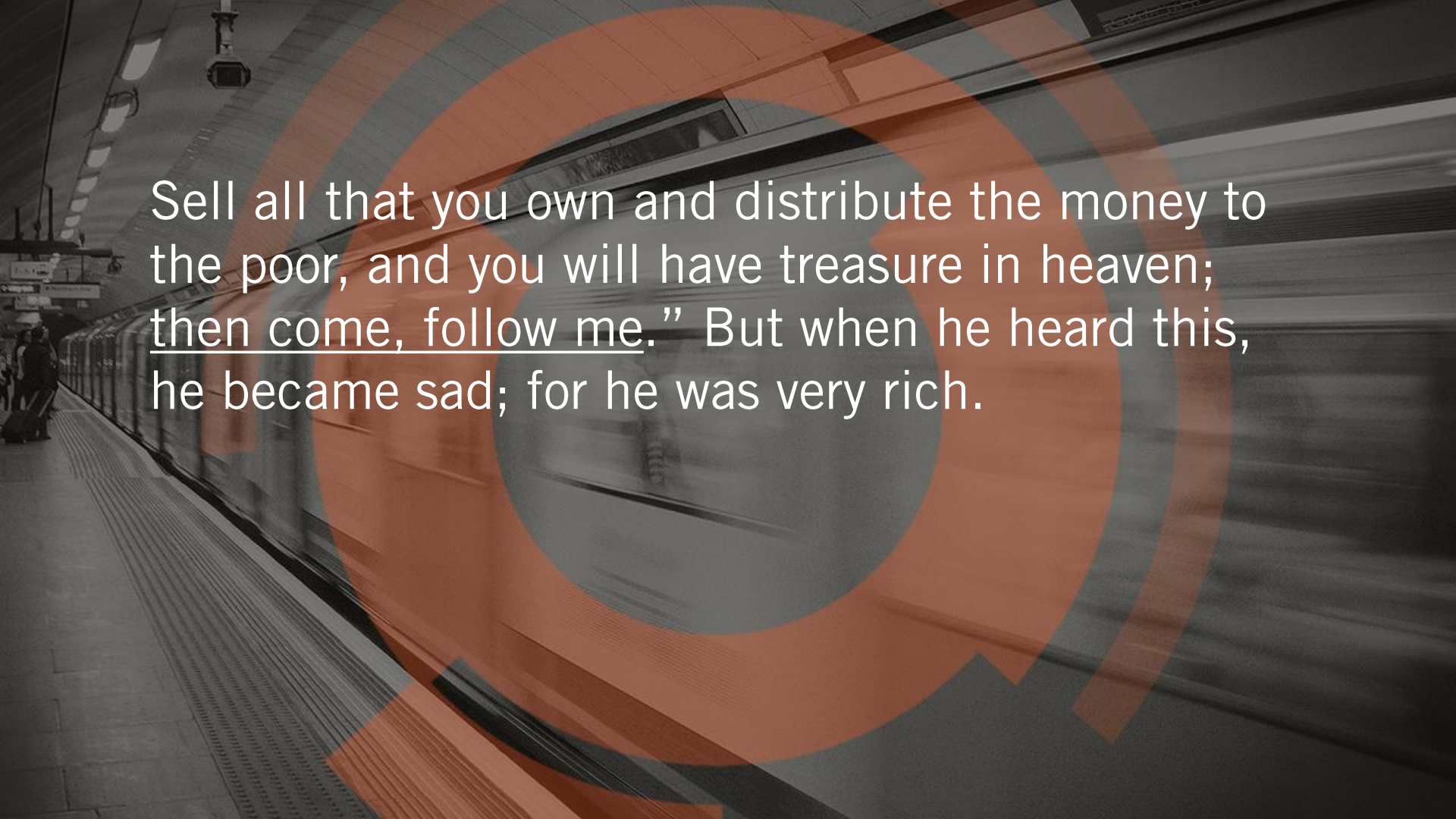
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First let go!
(What am I holding on to?)



Luke 18:18–23 (NRSV)

A certain ruler asked him, “Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?” Jesus said to him, “Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone. You know the commandments: ‘You shall not commit adultery; You shall not murder; You shall not steal; You shall not bear false witness; Honour your father and mother.’ ” He replied, “I have kept all these since my youth.” When Jesus heard this, he said to him, “There is still one thing lacking.

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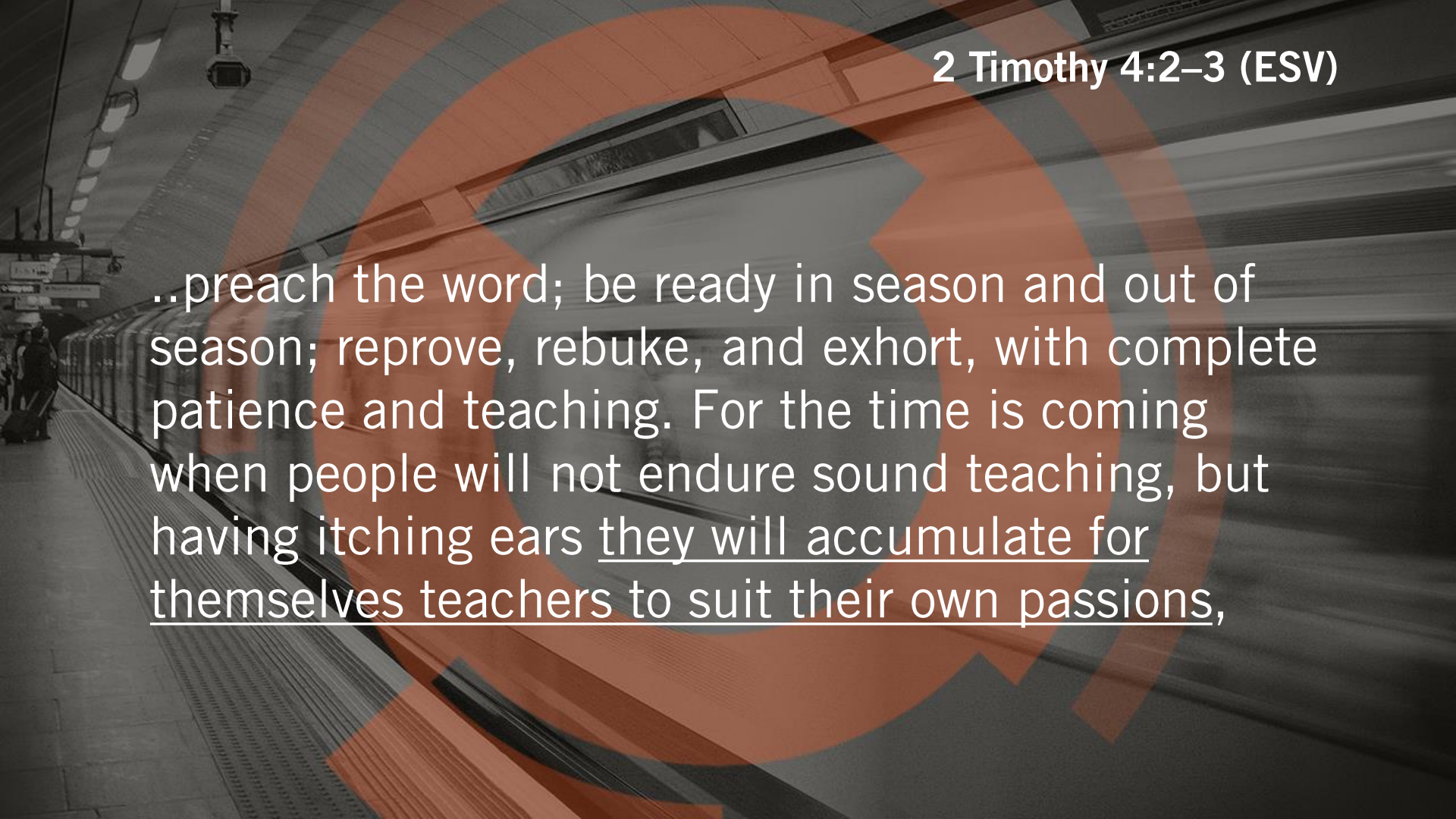
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**Returning to the father
(from being a prodigal)**

Luke 15:17, 22–23,32 (NLT)

“When he finally came to his senses, he said to himself, ‘At home even the hired servants have food enough to spare, and here I am dying of hunger!²² ...his father said to the servants, ‘Quick! Bring the finest robe in the house and put it on him. Get a ring for his finger and sandals for his feet.²³ And kill the calf we have been fattening. We must celebrate with a feast,...³² ... For your brother was dead and has come back to life! He was lost, but now he is found!’ ”

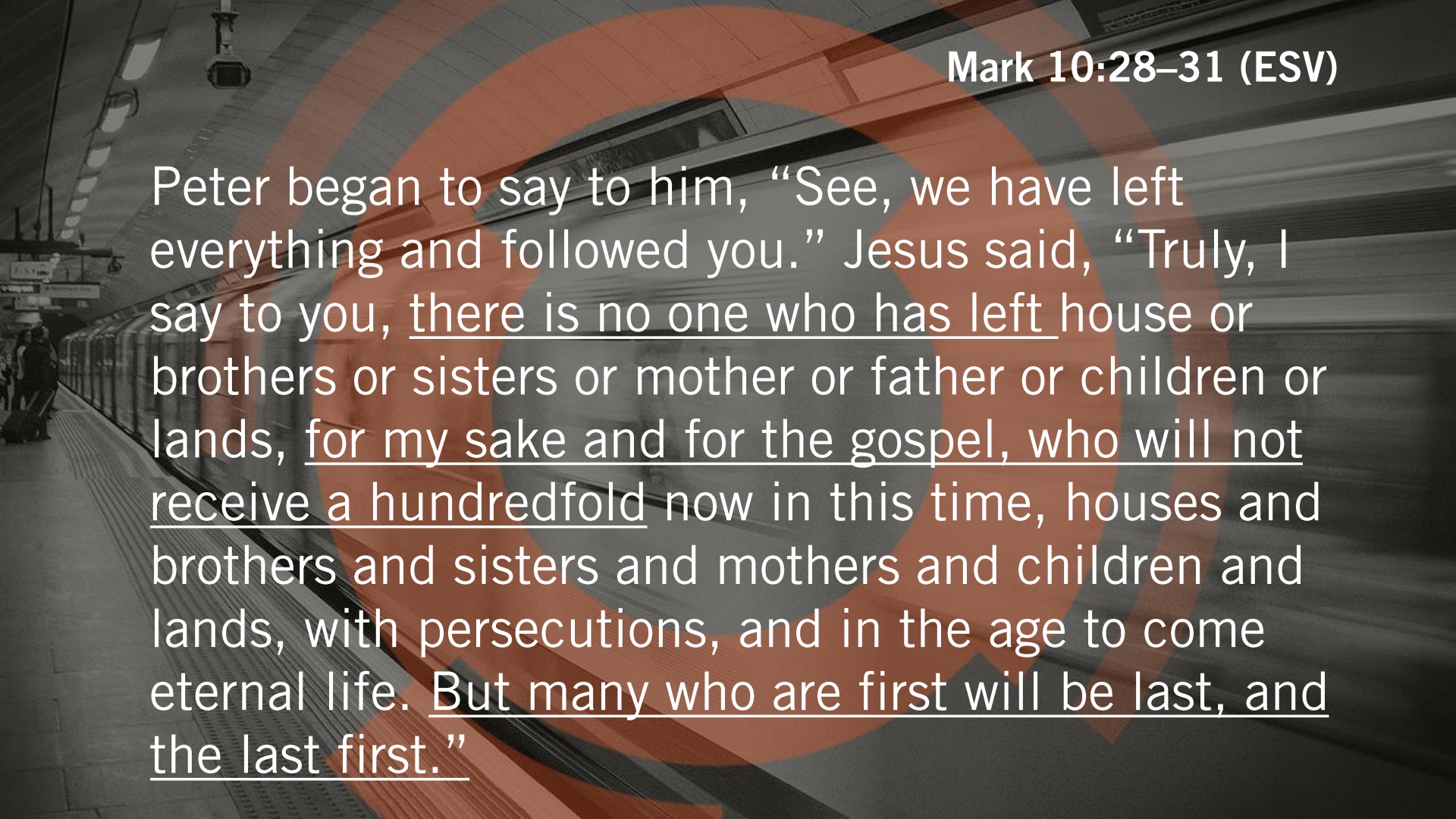


2 Timothy 4:2–3 (ESV)

..preach the word; be ready in season and out of season; reprove, rebuke, and exhort, with complete patience and teaching. For the time is coming when people will not endure sound teaching, but having itching ears they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own passions,

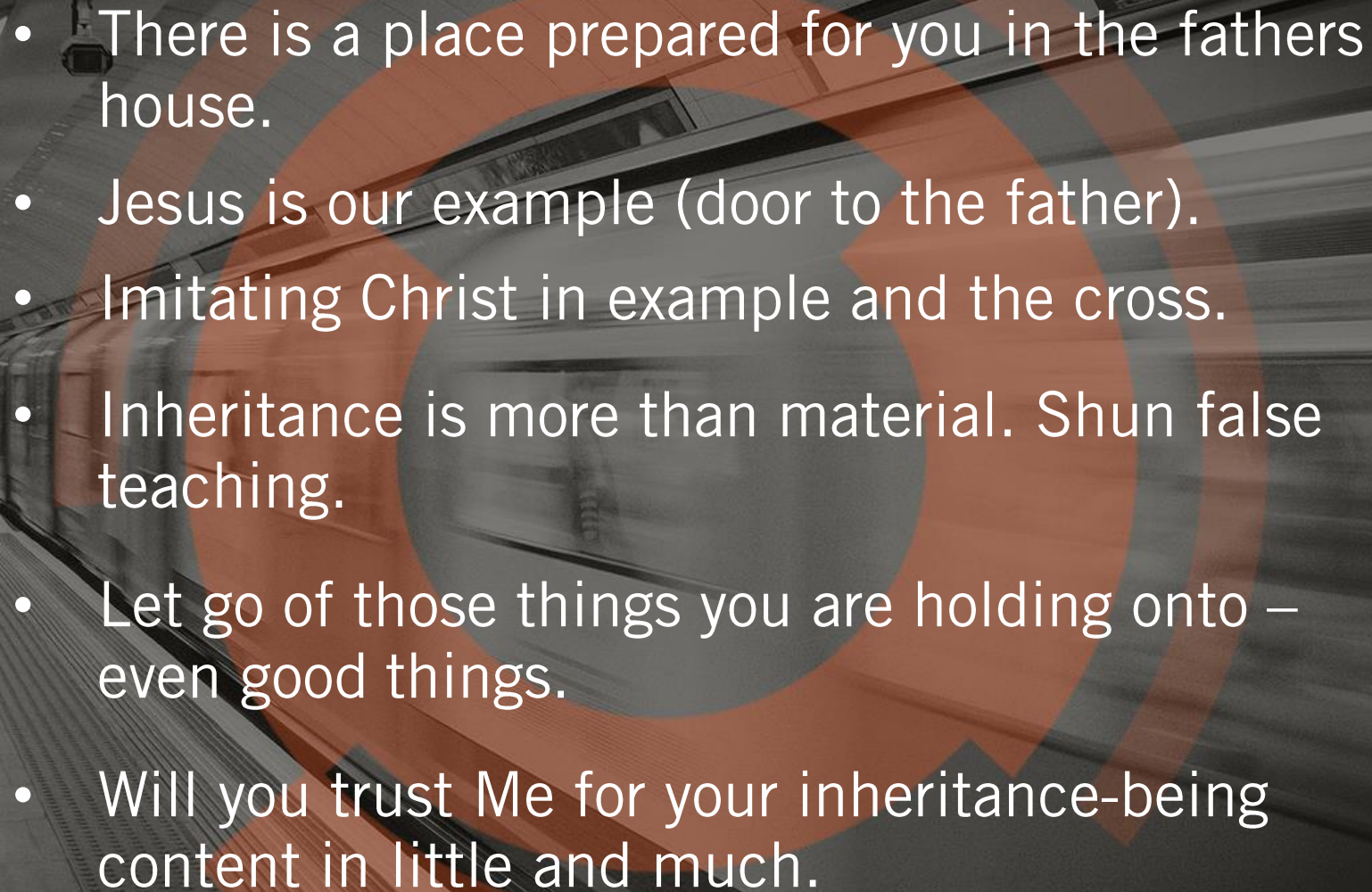
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Will You trust Me?
(A principled life of faith)



Mark 10:28–31 (ESV)

Peter began to say to him, “See, we have left everything and followed you.” Jesus said, “Truly, I say to you, there is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or lands, for my sake and for the gospel, who will not receive a hundredfold now in this time, houses and brothers and sisters and mothers and children and lands, with persecutions, and in the age to come eternal life. But many who are first will be last, and the last first.””

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- There is a place prepared for you in the fathers house.
 - Jesus is our example (door to the father).
 - Imitating Christ in example and the cross.
 - Inheritance is more than material. Shun false teaching.
 - Let go of those things you are holding onto – even good things.
 - Will you trust Me for your inheritance-being content in little and much.

Weekly Small Group Notes: (From Sunday Sermon)

1. Welcome: Create a hospitable environment (snacks etc.) Introduce SG to visitors and ask group to share a profound positive memory they had with their dad, grandad (or father figure) growing up.
2. Worship together: 1 or 2 Worship Songs and open SG in prayer asking the father to show Himself to us
3. SG Questions: (only let 2 or 3 people answer a specific question for time sake and give everyone a turn)
 - a) The Fathers house has many rooms: Read John 14:1–7: What do you perceive God is preparing for us in eternity (and this life)? Is He personal and do you think His preparations includes specific detail pertaining to how He made you?
 - b) Jesus is the image of the Father: Read John 14:8–10; Do you think that the God of all religions is the same God or do you believe the true living God is unique? And if so how can we know more of His Personality?
 - c) Christ in our lifestyle: Colossians 1:24–29 & Matthew 16:24–27; If Jesus is the Perfect image of God what are the implications for how I life my life? (knowing Him and following Him through scripture and imitating those who do.. and why does it say I must carry my own cross?
 - d) An Inheritance is more than material things: Read 2 Timothy 4:2–3 & Mark 10:28–31; How should I approach Gods word and choose the people that speak into my life taking into account that our human nature is selfish and our passions are often contrary to God's will. (i.e. principle living instead of feelings).
4. Turn together in groups of 2: Share with each other where God has convicted you to pursue Him more truthfully this year ad represent Christ more accurately to the world out there. Anoint another and pray for grace to represent Christ truthfully this year in all we do.