



**In my father's house-3**  
**“we share His story”**

**Manus Altmann**

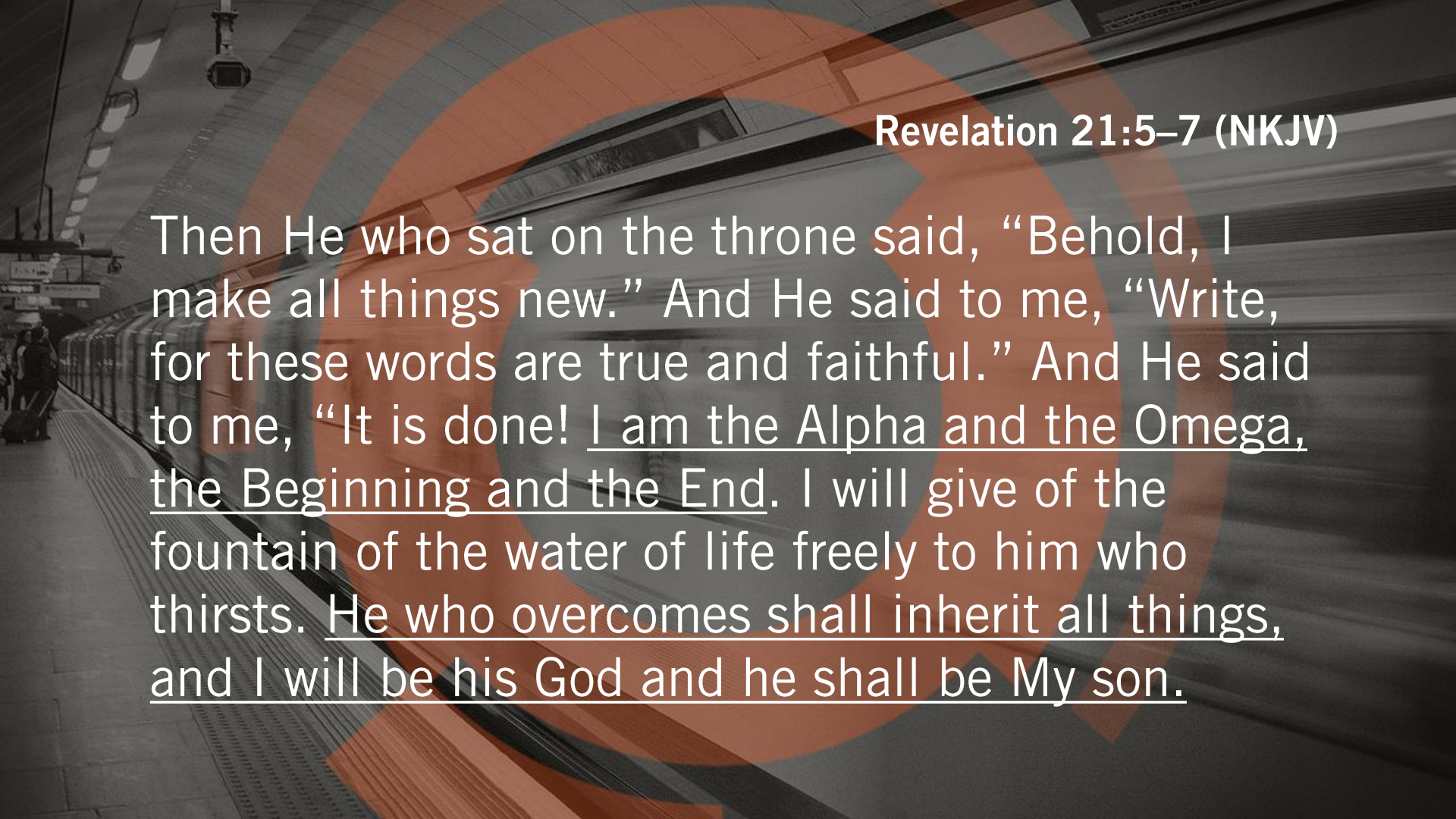
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**Q: What are you loyal to due to  
your Parents?**

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**History's fullness is in Christ**





Revelation 21:5–7 (NKJV)

Then He who sat on the throne said, “Behold, I make all things new.” And He said to me, “Write, for these words are true and faithful.” And He said to me, “It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End. I will give of the fountain of the water of life freely to him who thirsts. He who overcomes shall inherit all things, and I will be his God and he shall be My son.”

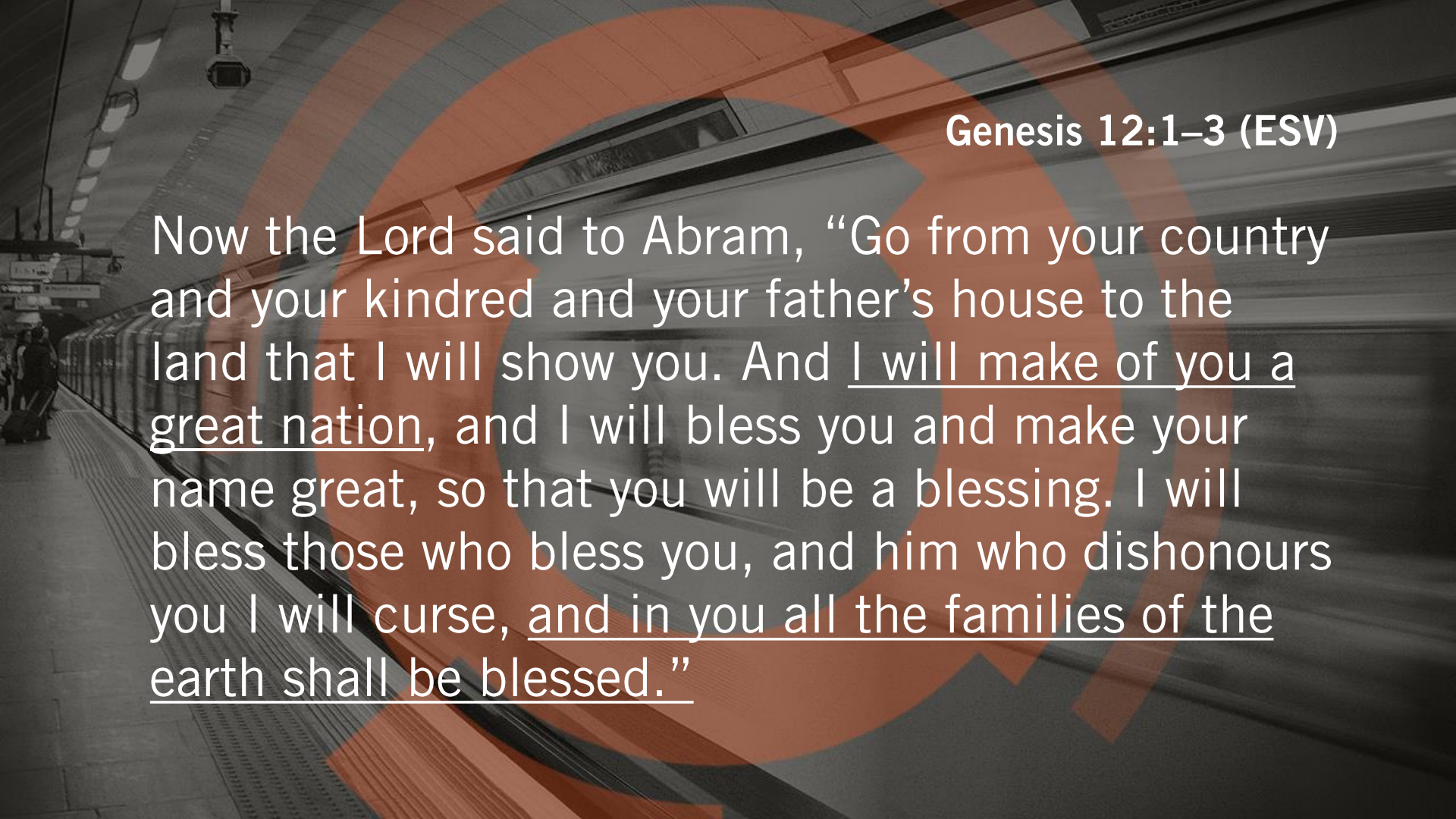
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**Becoming part of His story!**

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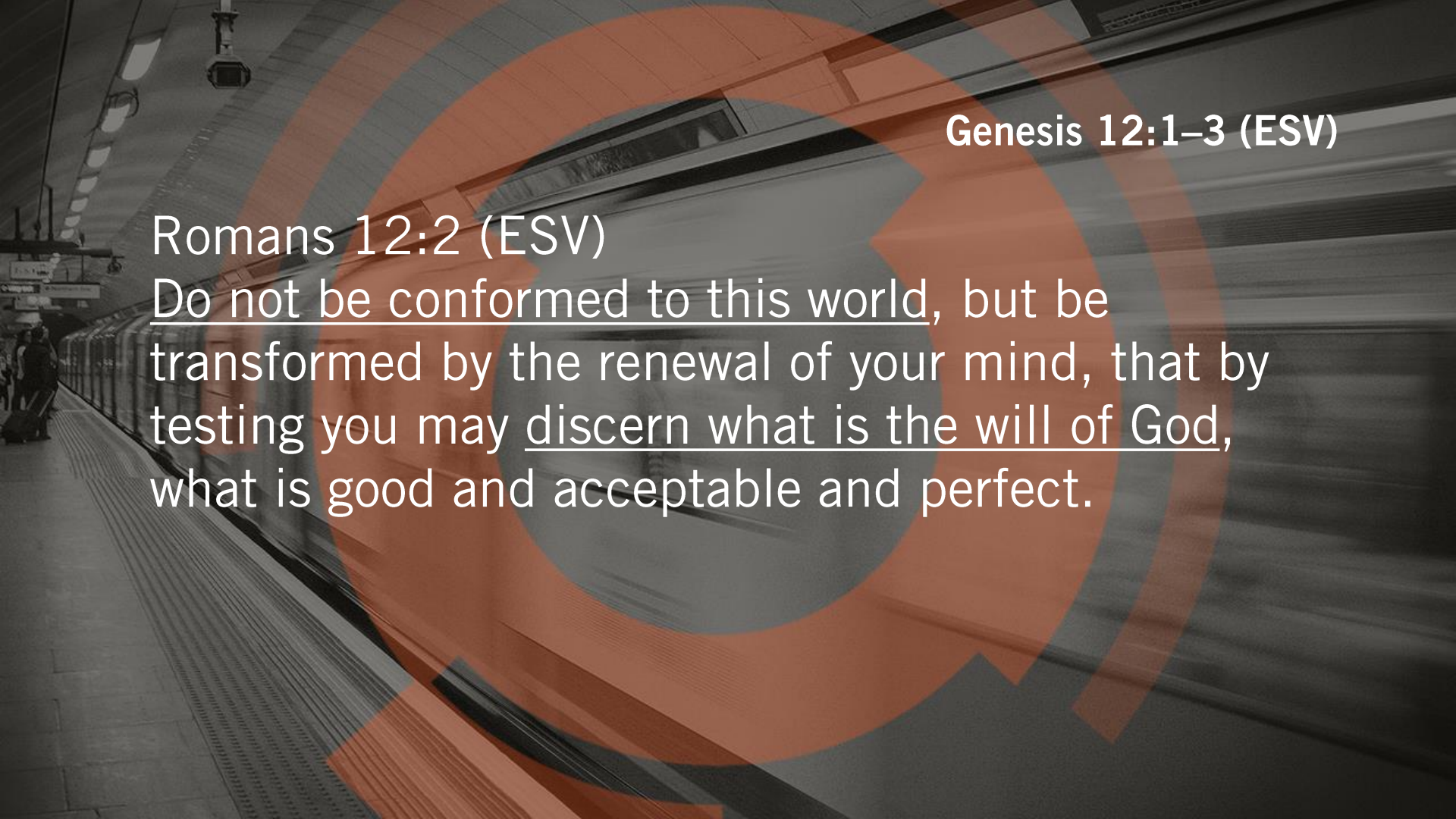
**The story of Israel!  
(family origins)**





Genesis 12:1–3 (ESV)

Now the Lord said to Abram, “Go from your country and your kindred and your father’s house to the land that I will show you. And I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and him who dishonours you I will curse, and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.”

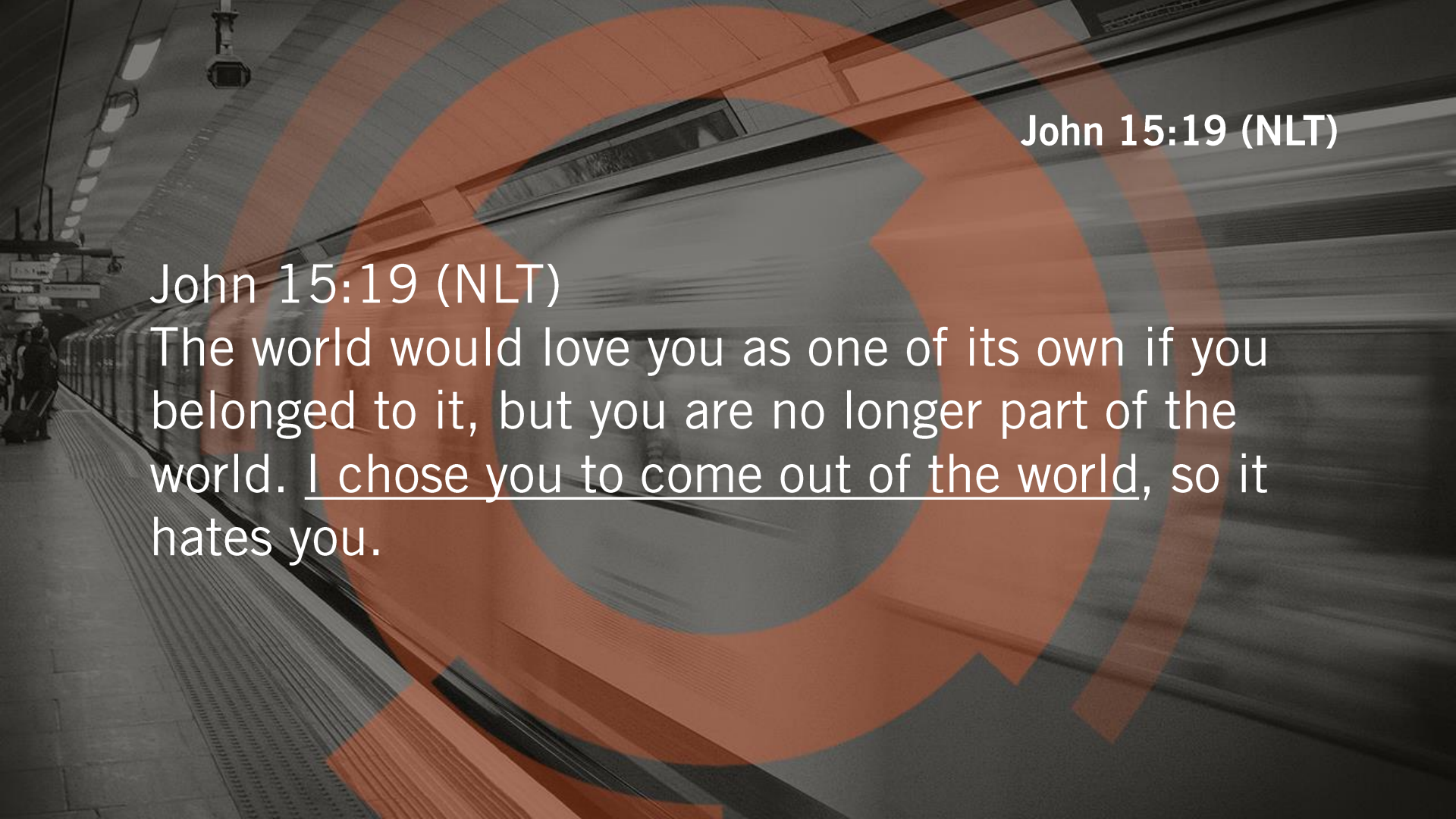


Genesis 12:1–3 (ESV)

Romans 12:2 (ESV)

Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.





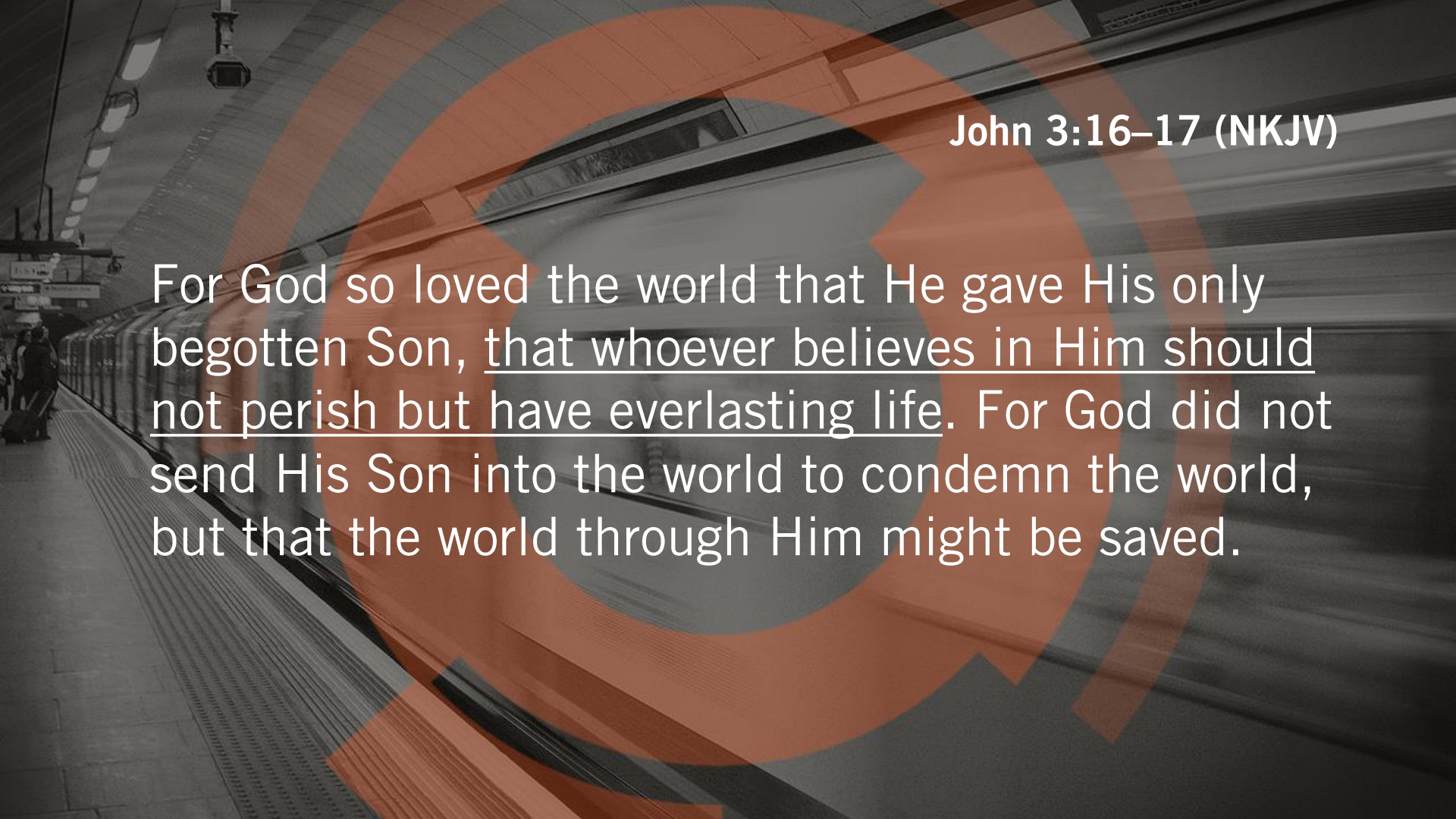
John 15:19 (NLT)

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The world would love you as one of its own if you belonged to it, but you are no longer part of the world. I chose you to come out of the world, so it hates you.

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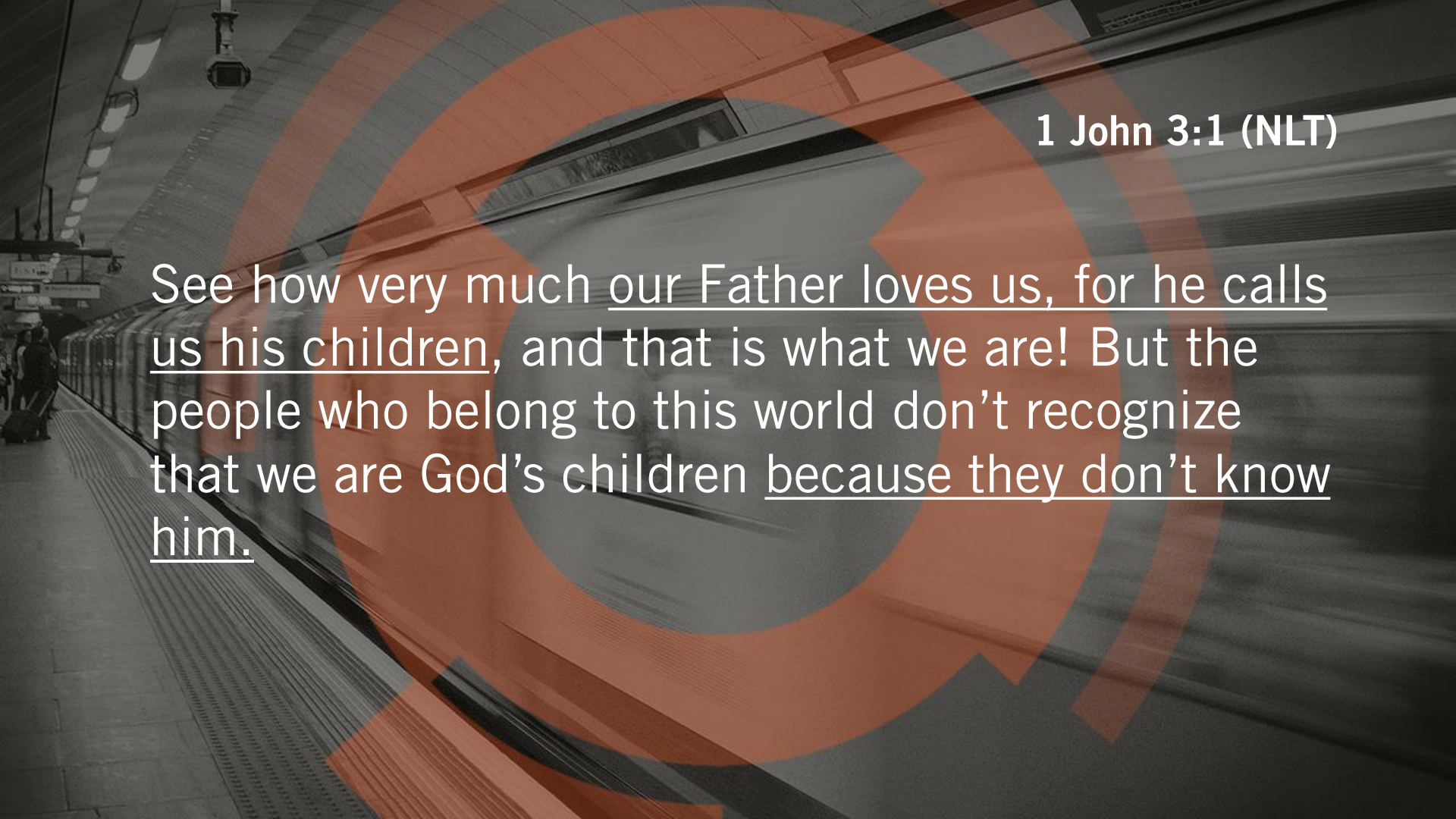
**The story of the Church  
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John 3:16–17 (NKJV)

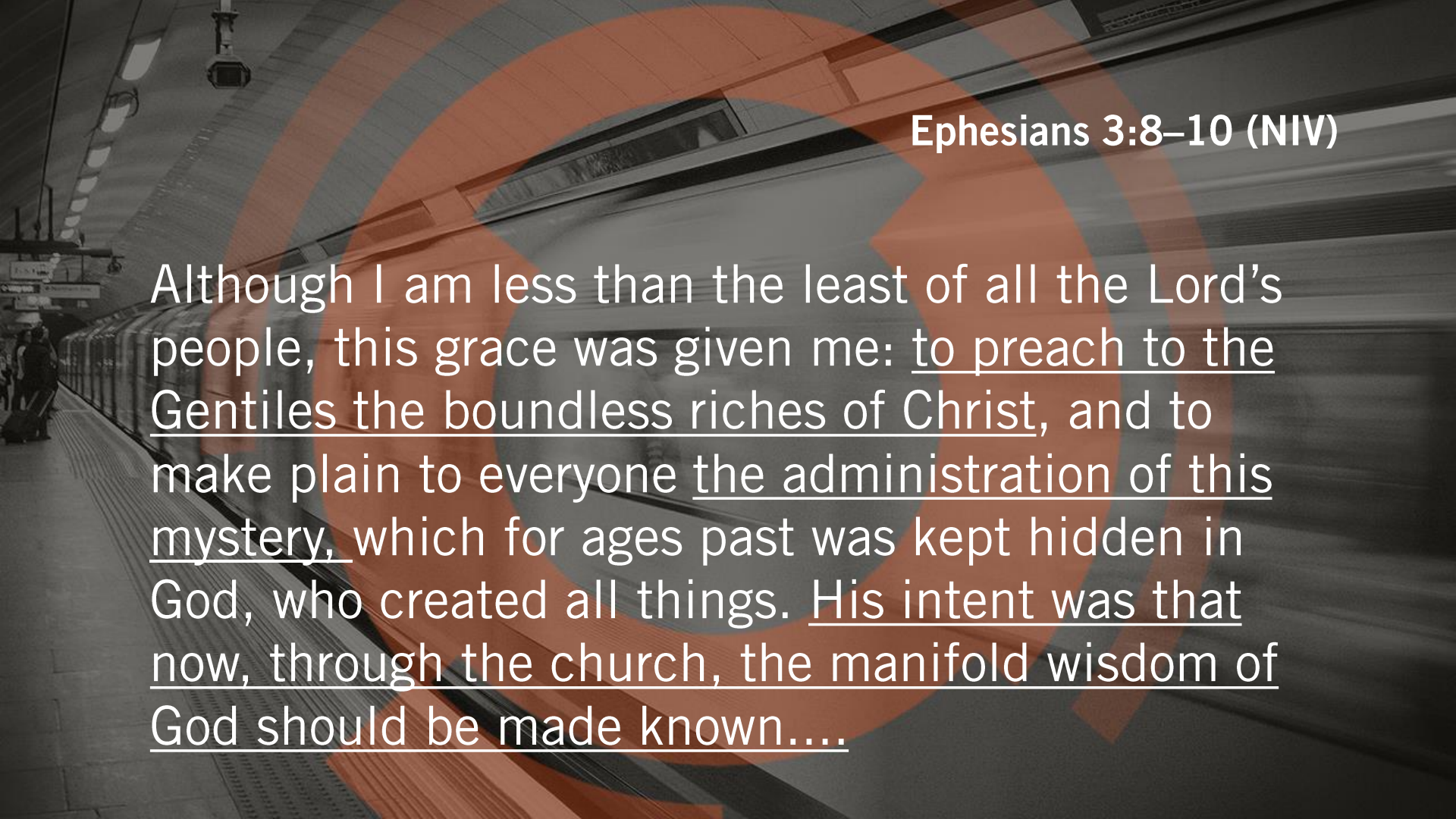
For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life. For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved.



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1 John 3:1 (NLT)

See how very much our Father loves us, for he calls us his children, and that is what we are! But the people who belong to this world don't recognize that we are God's children because they don't know him.



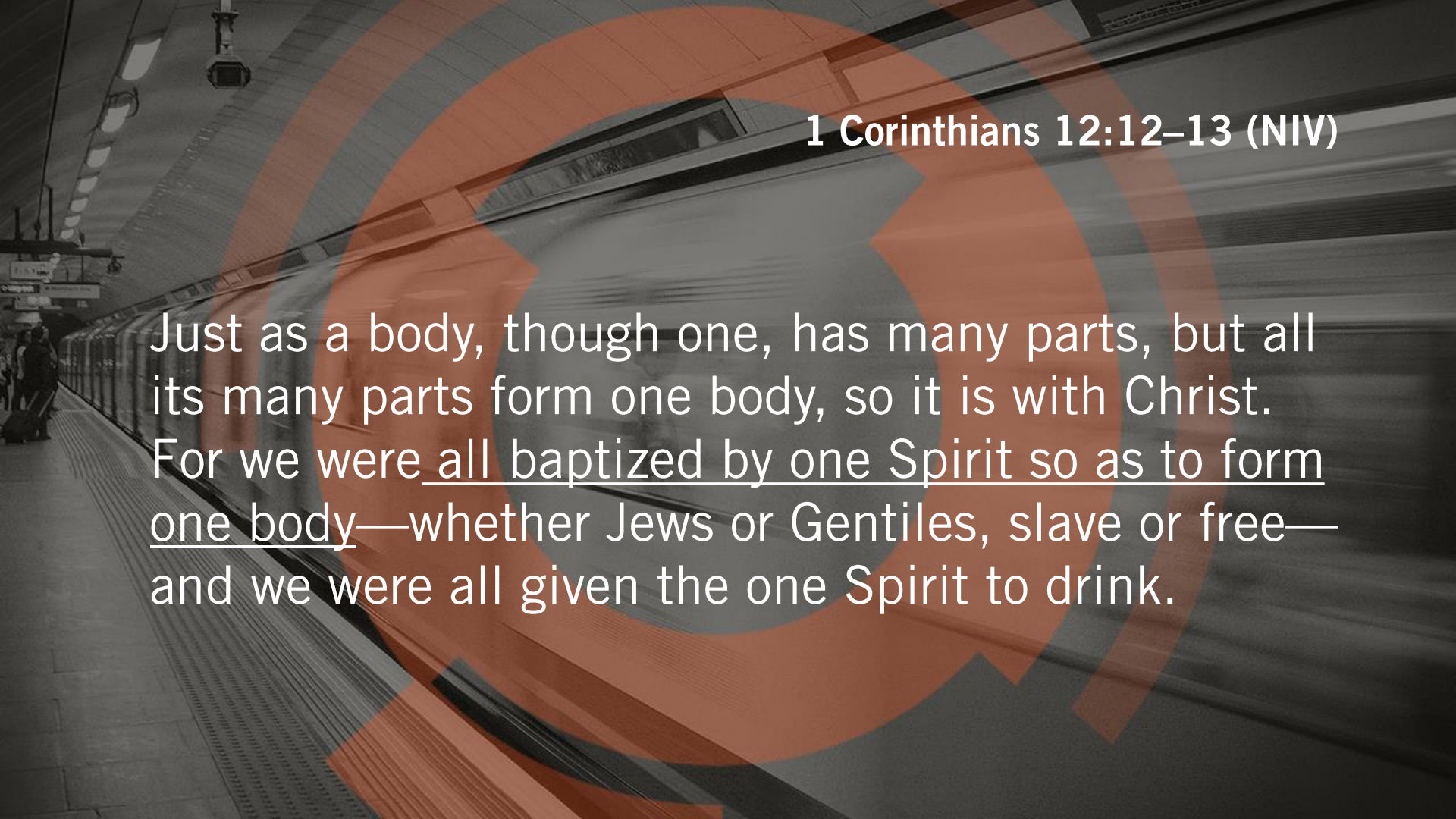
Ephesians 3:8–10 (NIV)

Although I am less than the least of all the Lord's people, this grace was given me: to preach to the Gentiles the boundless riches of Christ, and to make plain to everyone the administration of this mystery, which for ages past was kept hidden in God, who created all things. His intent was that now, through the church, the manifold wisdom of God should be made known....

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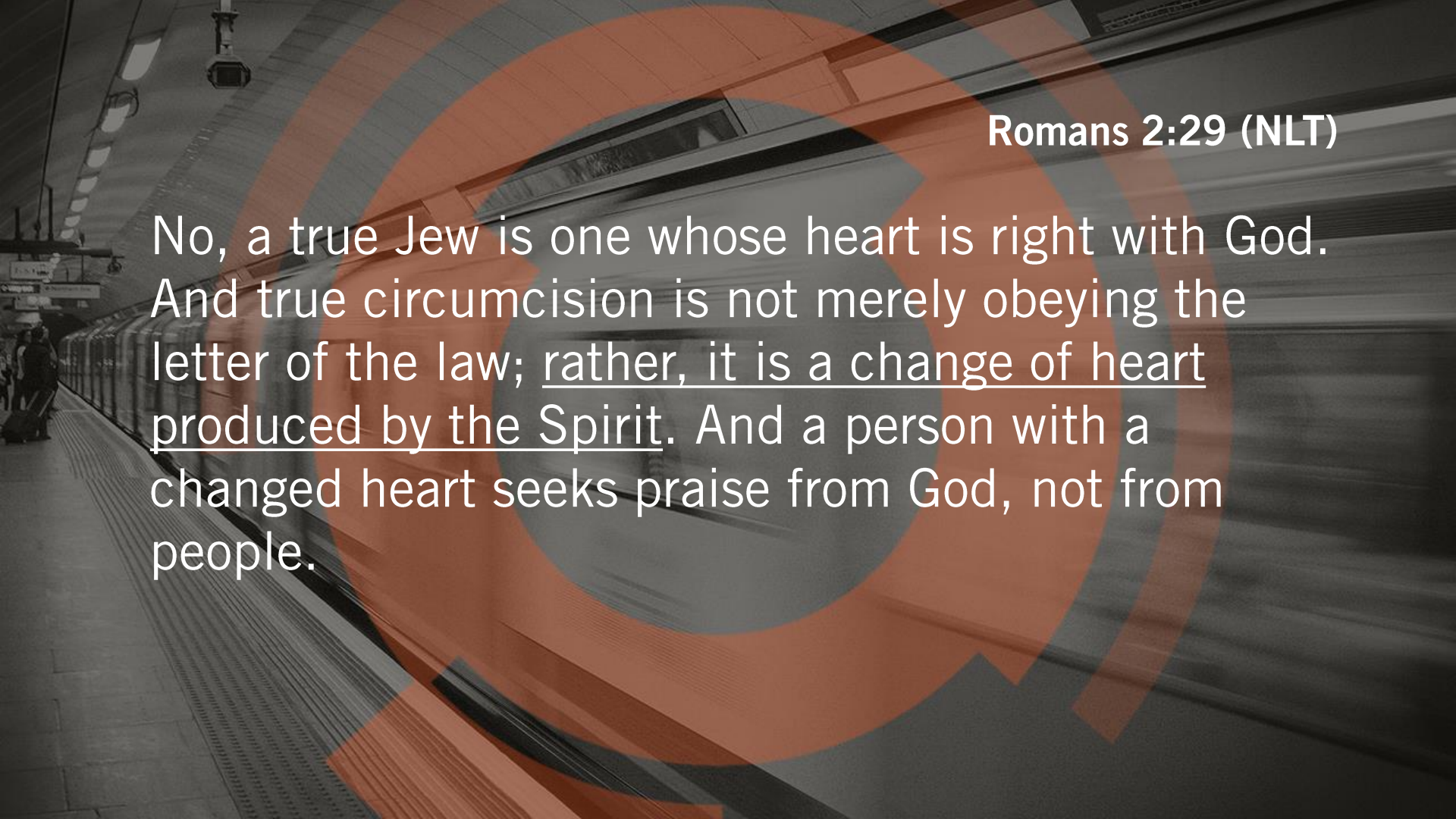
**Church – a Spiritual family**





1 Corinthians 12:12–13 (NIV)

Just as a body, though one, has many parts, but all its many parts form one body, so it is with Christ. For we were all baptized by one Spirit so as to form one body—whether Jews or Gentiles, slave or free—and we were all given the one Spirit to drink.



Romans 2:29 (NLT)

No, a true Jew is one whose heart is right with God. And true circumcision is not merely obeying the letter of the law; rather, it is a change of heart produced by the Spirit. And a person with a changed heart seeks praise from God, not from people.

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**Lives transformed into His Story**



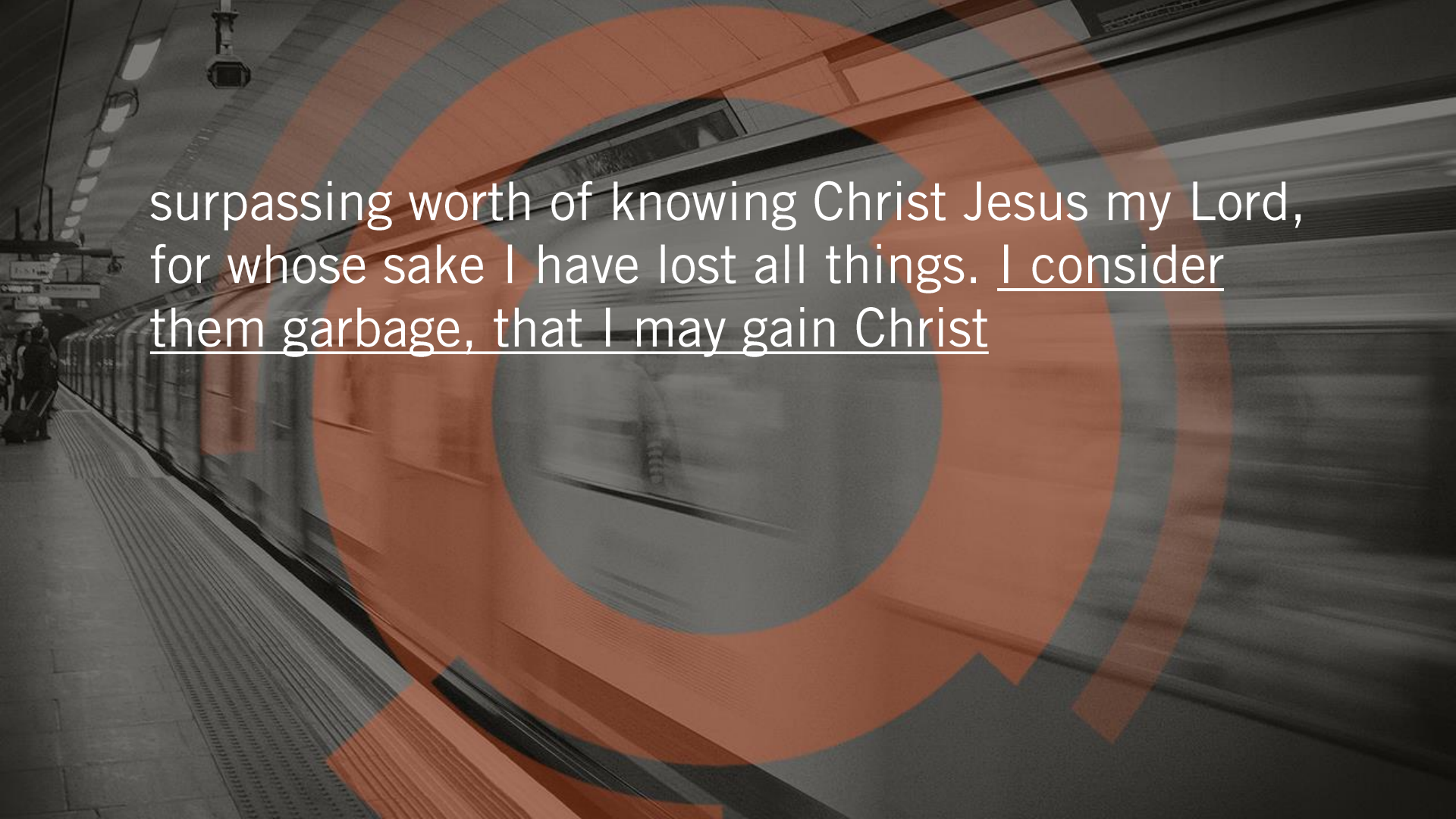
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**Philippians 3:4–8 (NIV)**

If someone else thinks they have reasons to put confidence in the flesh, I have more: circumcised on the eighth day, of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew of Hebrews; in regard to the law, a Pharisee; as for zeal, persecuting the church; as for righteousness based on the law, faultless. But whatever were gains to me I now consider loss for the sake of Christ. What is more, I consider everything a loss because of the

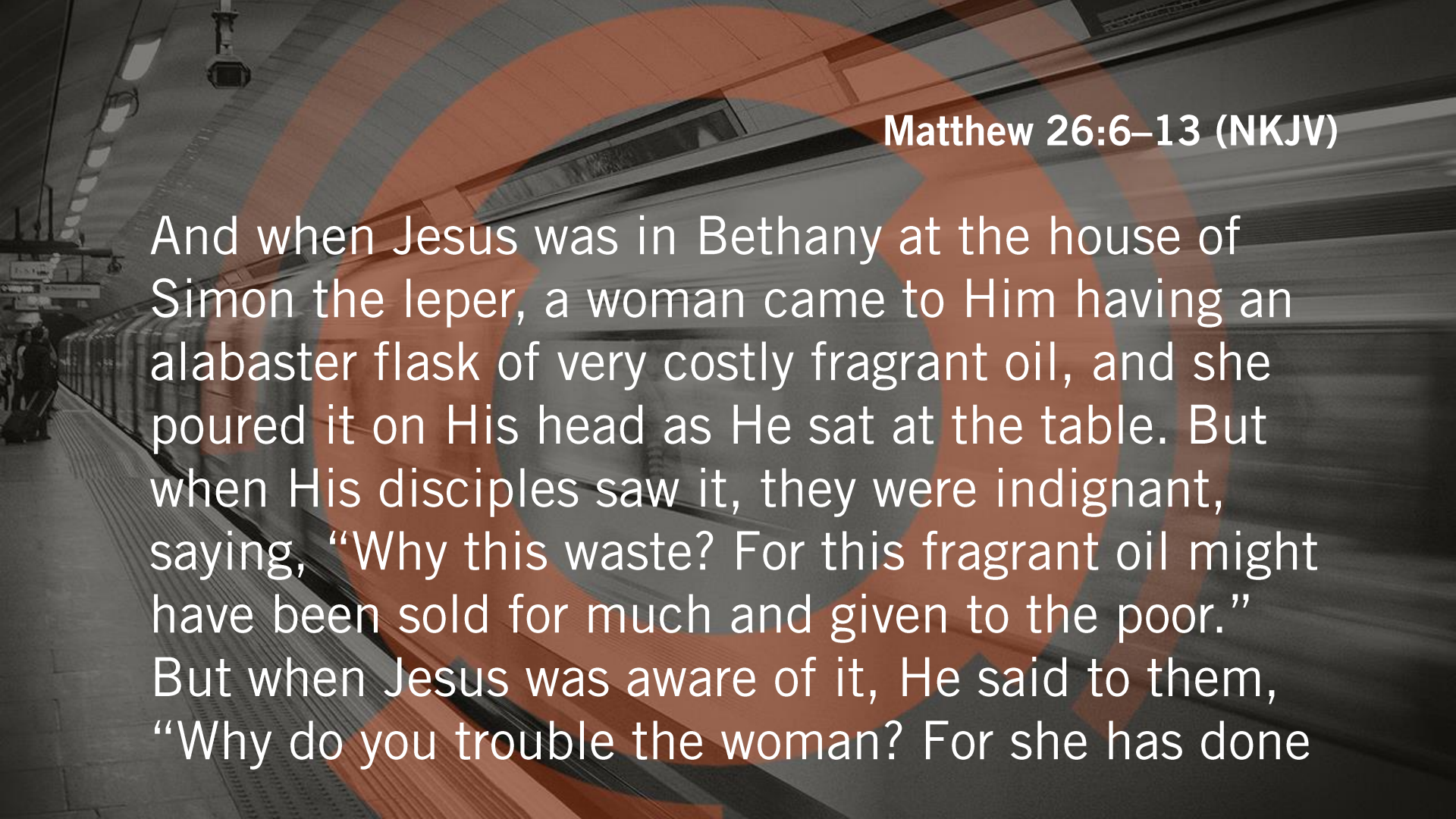
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surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord,  
for whose sake I have lost all things. I consider  
them garbage, that I may gain Christ



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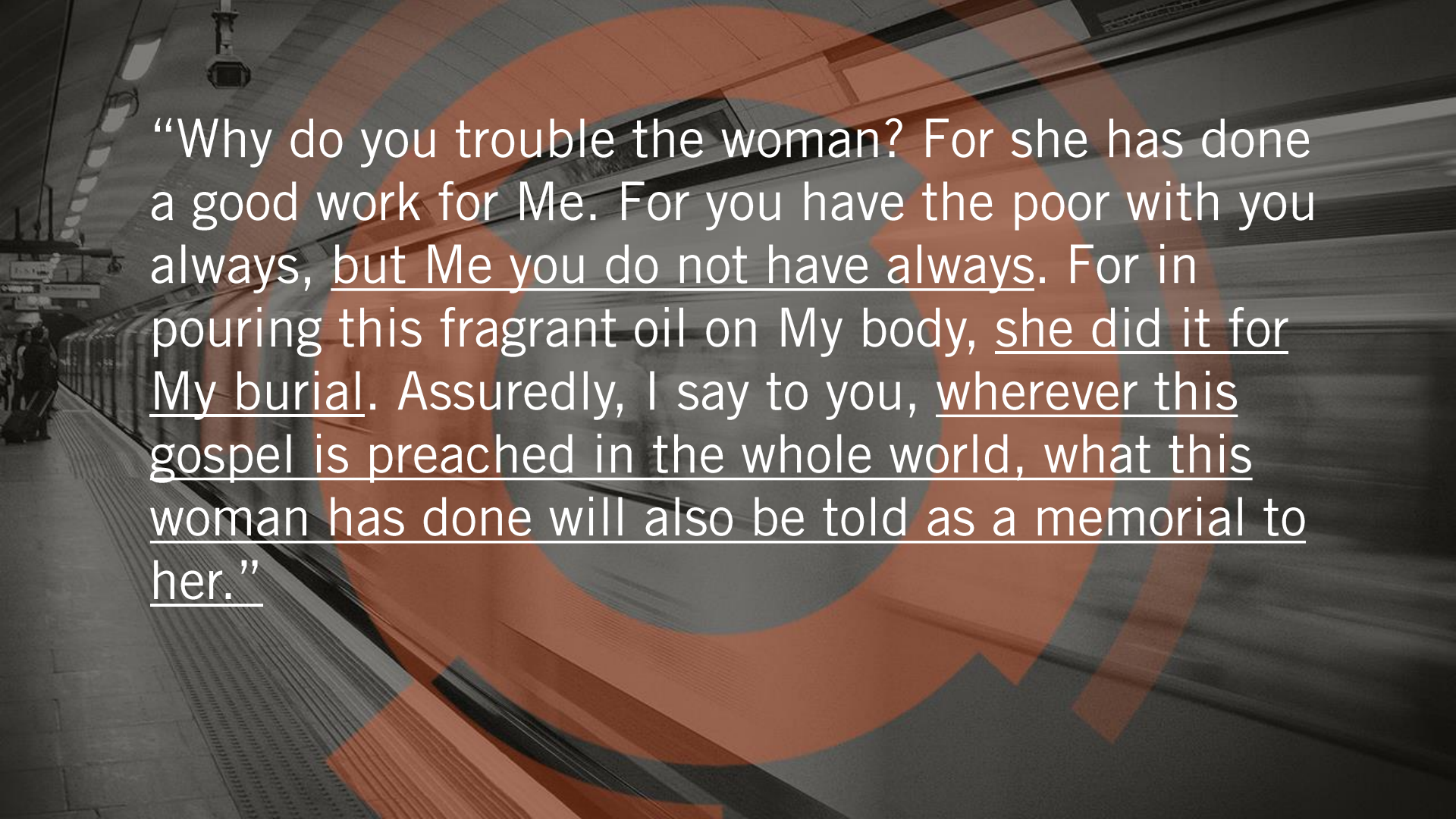
**b) Mary – Jesus's friend**



**Matthew 26:6–13 (NKJV)**

And when Jesus was in Bethany at the house of Simon the leper, a woman came to Him having an alabaster flask of very costly fragrant oil, and she poured it on His head as He sat at the table. But when His disciples saw it, they were indignant, saying, “Why this waste? For this fragrant oil might have been sold for much and given to the poor.” But when Jesus was aware of it, He said to them, “Why do you trouble the woman? For she has done





“Why do you trouble the woman? For she has done a good work for Me. For you have the poor with you always, but Me you do not have always. For in pouring this fragrant oil on My body, she did it for My burial. Assuredly, I say to you, wherever this gospel is preached in the whole world, what this woman has done will also be told as a memorial to her.”



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“God Almighty has set before me two Great  
Objects: the suppression of the Slave Trade and  
the Reformation of Manners.”

— William Wilberforce

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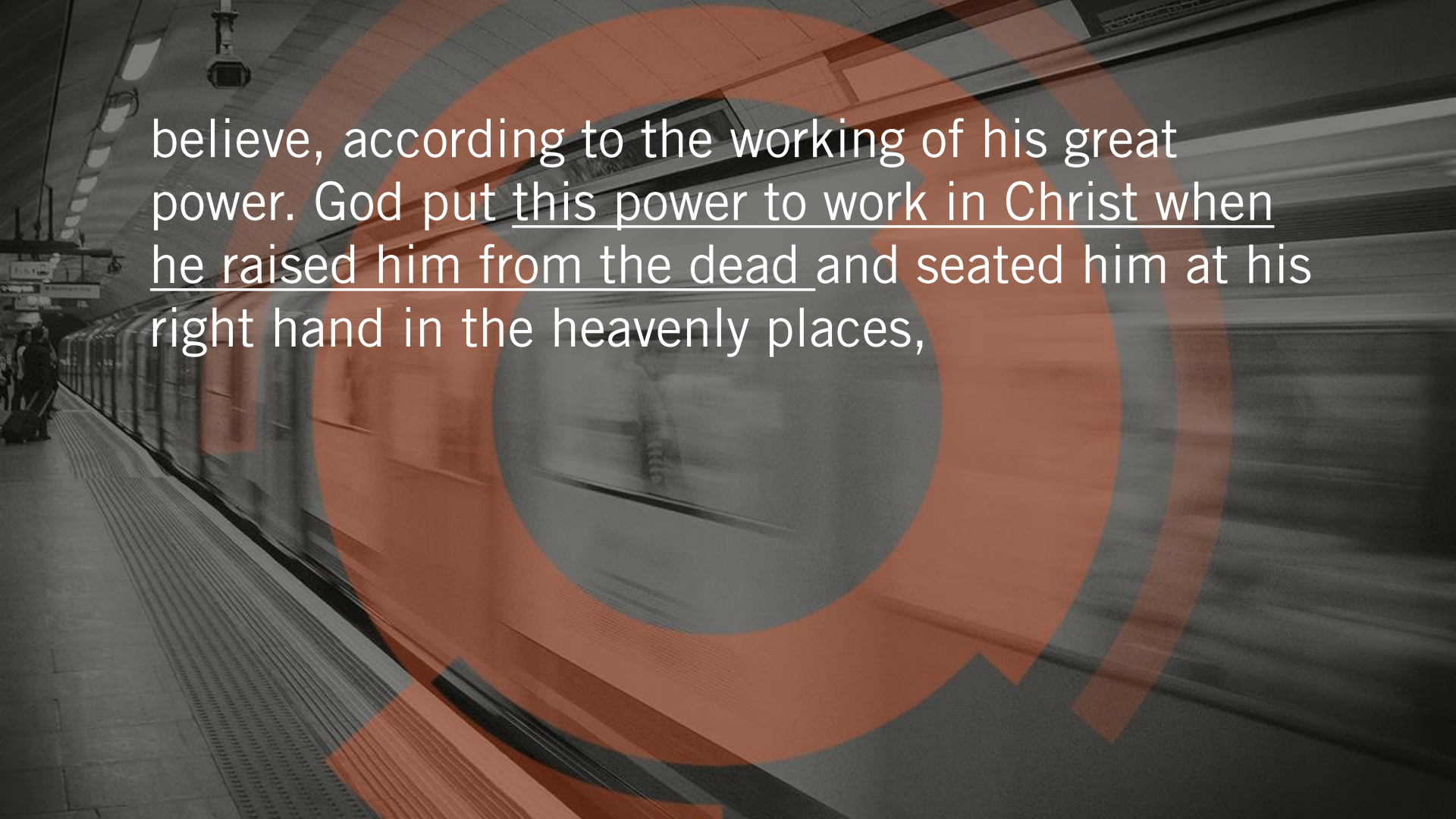
**d) Your Story?**





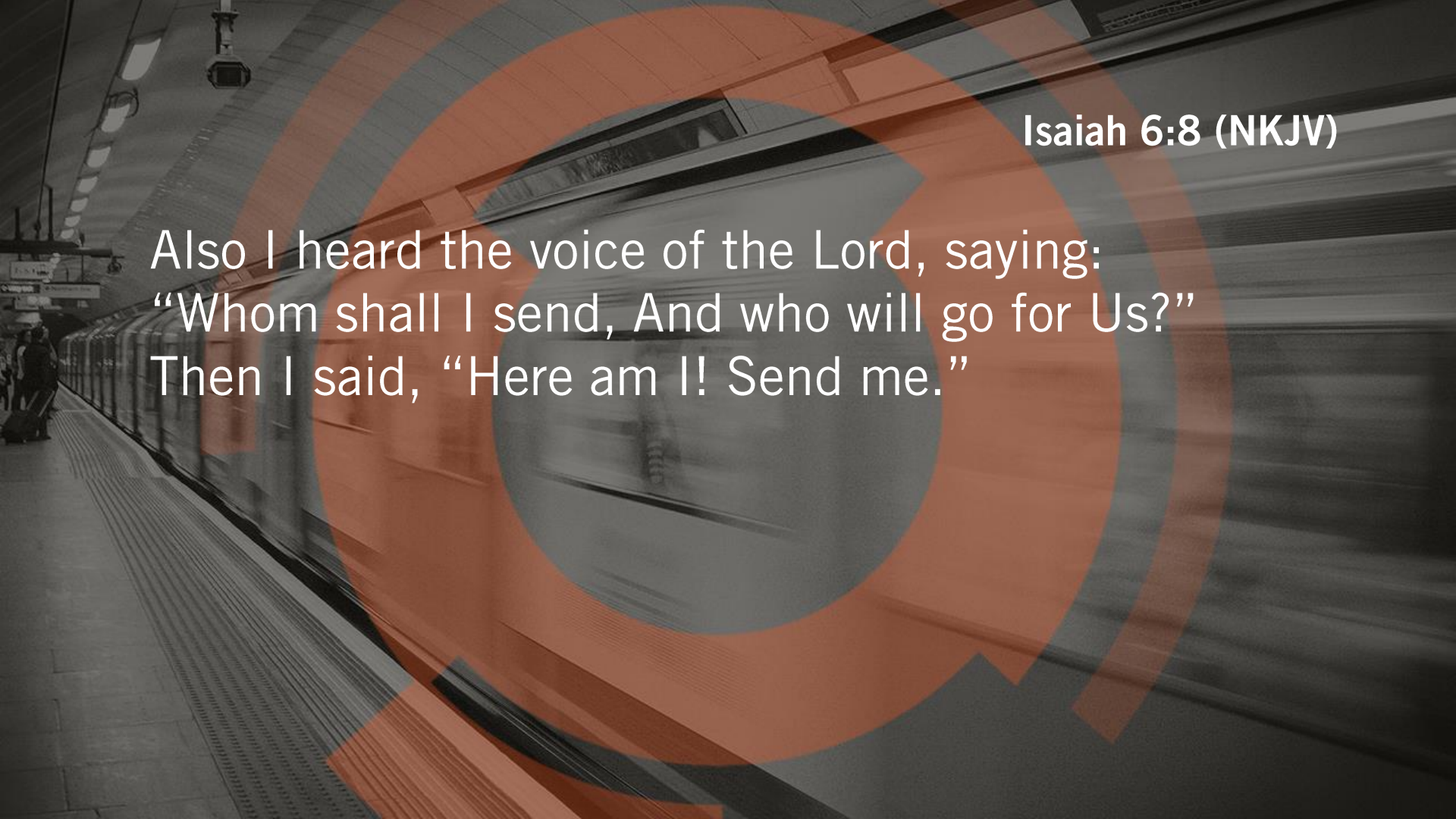
Ephesians 1:16–20 (NRSV)

I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who

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believe, according to the working of his great power. God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places,



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Isaiah 6:8 (NKJV)

Also I heard the voice of the Lord, saying:  
“Whom shall I send, And who will go for Us?”  
Then I said, “Here am I! Send me.”



## Weekly small group notes from Sunday Sermon (SG duration - 1 to 1.5hrs)

1. Welcome: Introduce SG to visitors and ask group to share on the following- What are you loyal to due to your Parents (e.g. car brand, tradition, hobby etc.)
2. Worship together: 1 or 2 Worship Songs and open SG in prayer asking the father to reveal His Story 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 Beginning and the end: Read Revelation 21:5–7: What do you think God is saying when He declares that He is the beginning and the end? Is he subject to time or is time and history subject to His Control?
  - b) Coming out of the world: Genesis 12:1–3 & John 15:19: What did becoming part of the Father's story mean for Abraham and what does it mean for us? How does it affect our cultural practices and what we are loyal to?
  - c) A family Story: 1 John 3:1 & Romans 2:29: What are key elements of becoming part of the Father's story and remaining in it.
  - d) Your Story: Matthew 26:6–13, Ephesians 1:16–20 & Isaiah 6:8: Does anything limit you from becoming Part of God's story?
4. Turn together in groups of 2: Share with each other if how you feel about being used by God and what you sense God is saying to you by the Spirit about His plan through your life.  
Pray for each other for words of knowledge and for shame and fear to not hold us back from His Story