



In my father's house-4
“you will know the truth”

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John 18:37–38 (NIV)

“You are a king, then!” said Pilate.
Jesus answered, “You say that I am a king. In fact,
the reason I was born and came into the world is to testify to the truth. Everyone on the side of truth
listens to me.” “What is truth?” retorted Pilate.

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Q: What is truth?

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The revelation of truth

John 14:15–17 (NKJV)

If you love Me, keep My commandments. And I will pray the Father, and He will give you another Helper, that He may abide with you forever—the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees Him nor knows Him; but you know Him, for He dwells with you and will be in you.

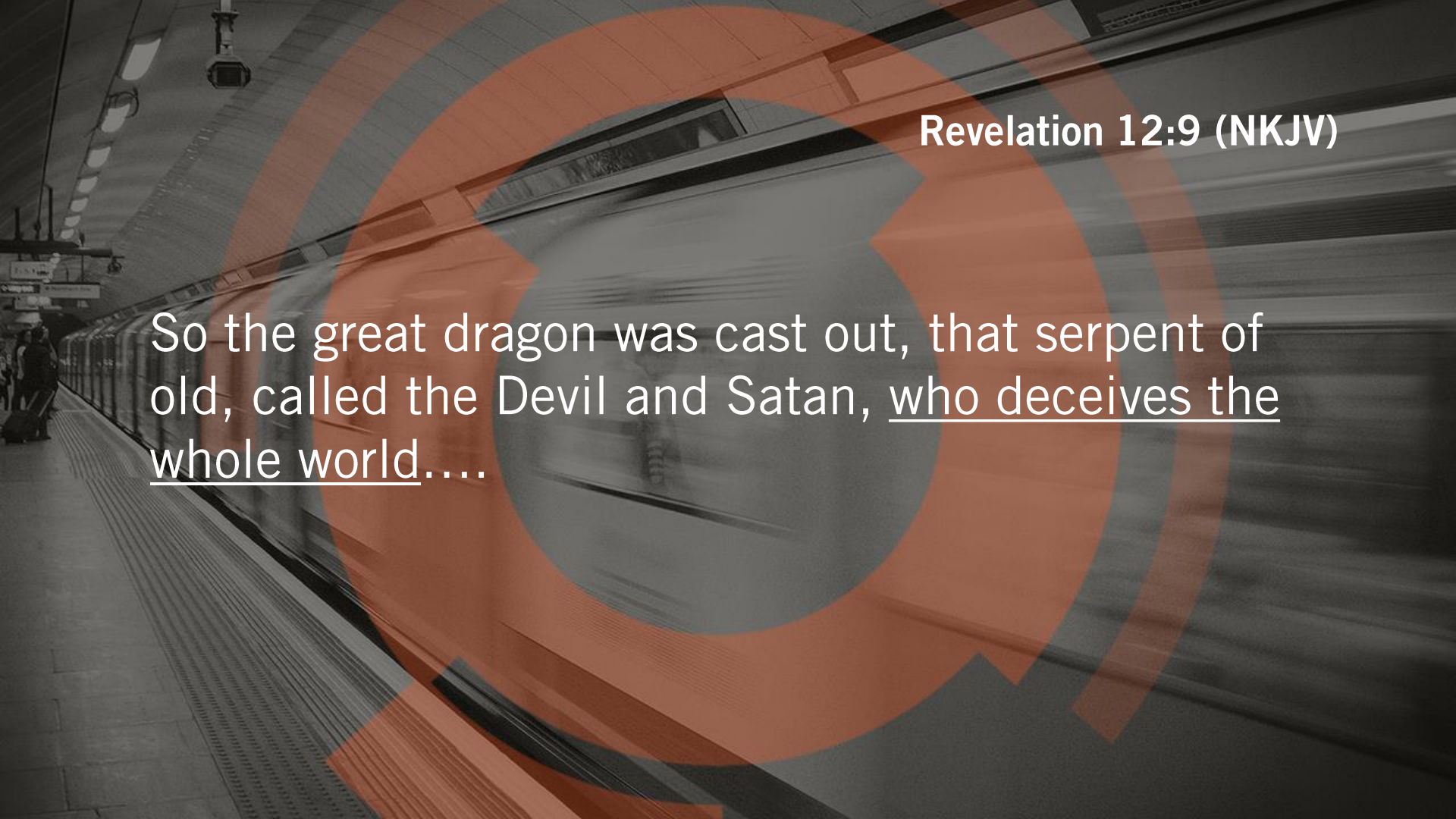
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Why the absence of truth?

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Romans 1:18 (NIV)

The wrath of God is being revealed from heaven against all the godlessness and wickedness of people, who suppress the truth by their wickedness...

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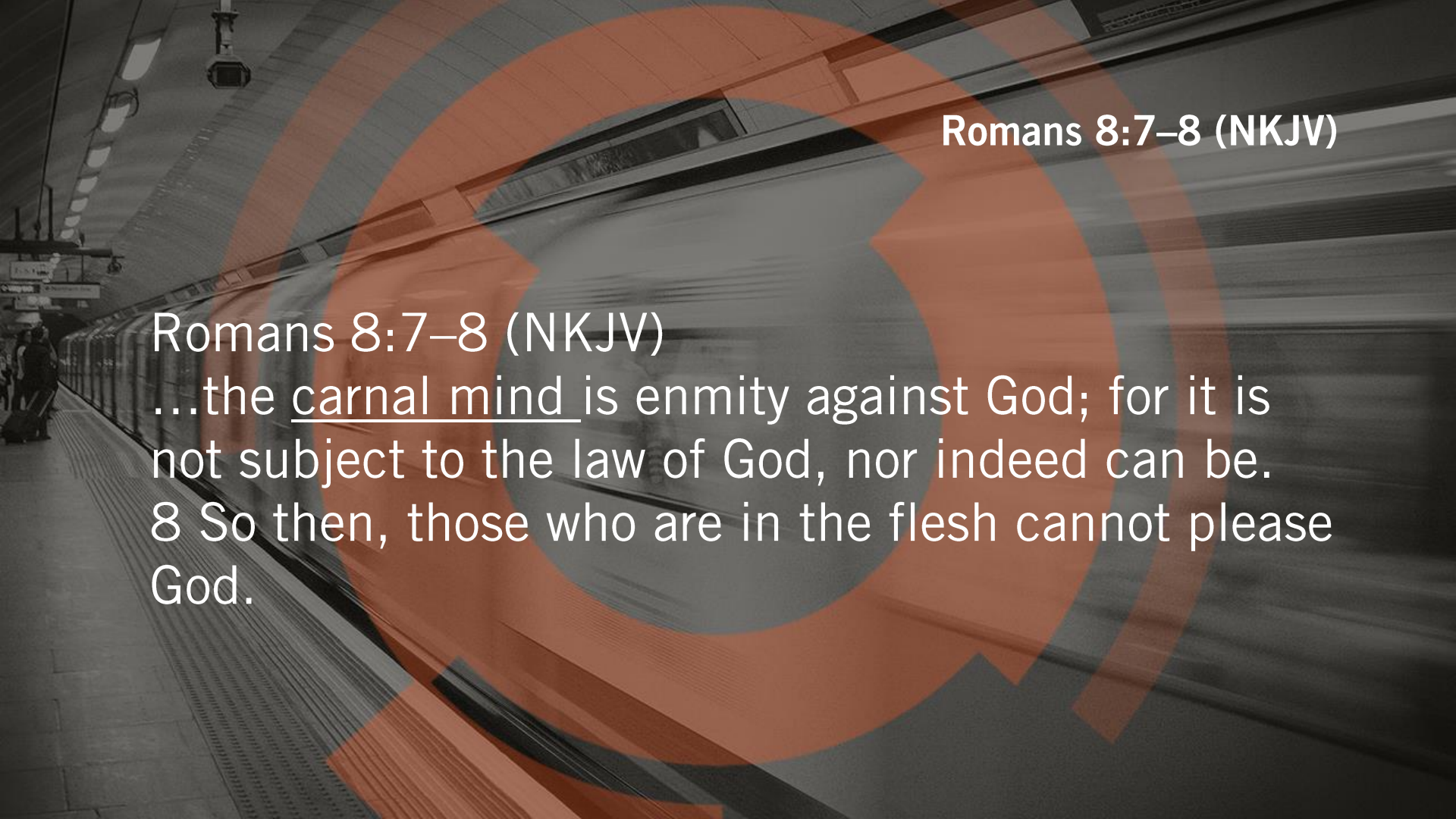
Revelation 12:9 (NKJV)

So the great dragon was cast out, that serpent of old, called the Devil and Satan, who deceives the whole world....

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Over many centuries, human philosophy has never been able to produce a satisfactory definition of “truth.”

- Derik Prince (Professor of Philosophy at Kings College, UK)



Romans 8:7–8 (NKJV)

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...the carnal mind is enmity against God; for it is not subject to the law of God, nor indeed can be.
8 So then, those who are in the flesh cannot please God.

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Three absolutes of thruth

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John 14:6 (ESV)

Jesus said to him, “I am the way, and the truth,
and the life. No one comes to the Father except
through me.



John 17:17 (ESV)

Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth.

1 John 5:6 (ESV)

And the Spirit is the one who testifies, because the Spirit is the truth.

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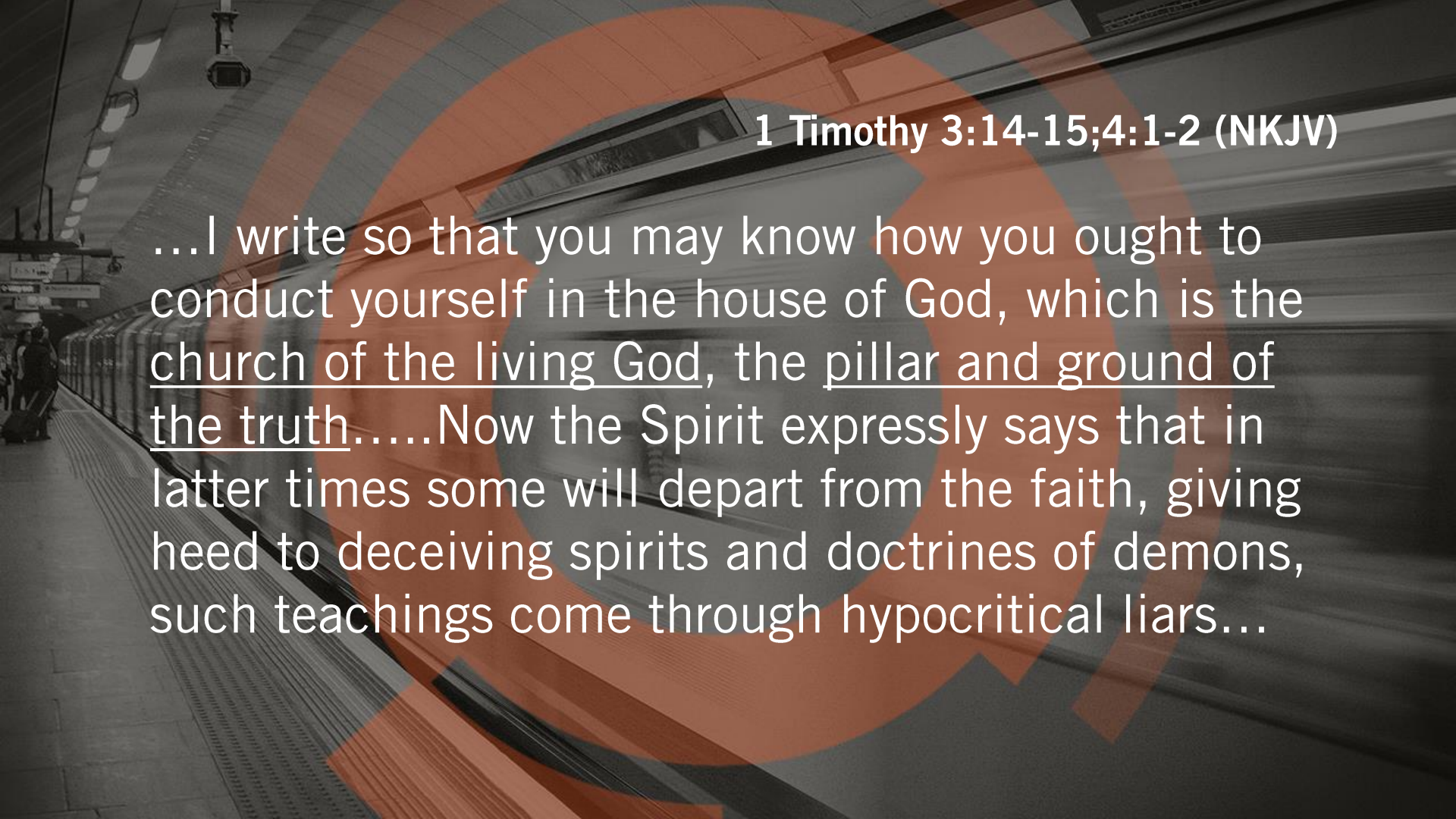
Christ- the truth manifested (divine personality)

Word – The truth that Sanctifies (washes away
lies about the real Christ)

Spirit – The truth that Witnesses (in our spirits
about the real Christ)

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The house of truth!

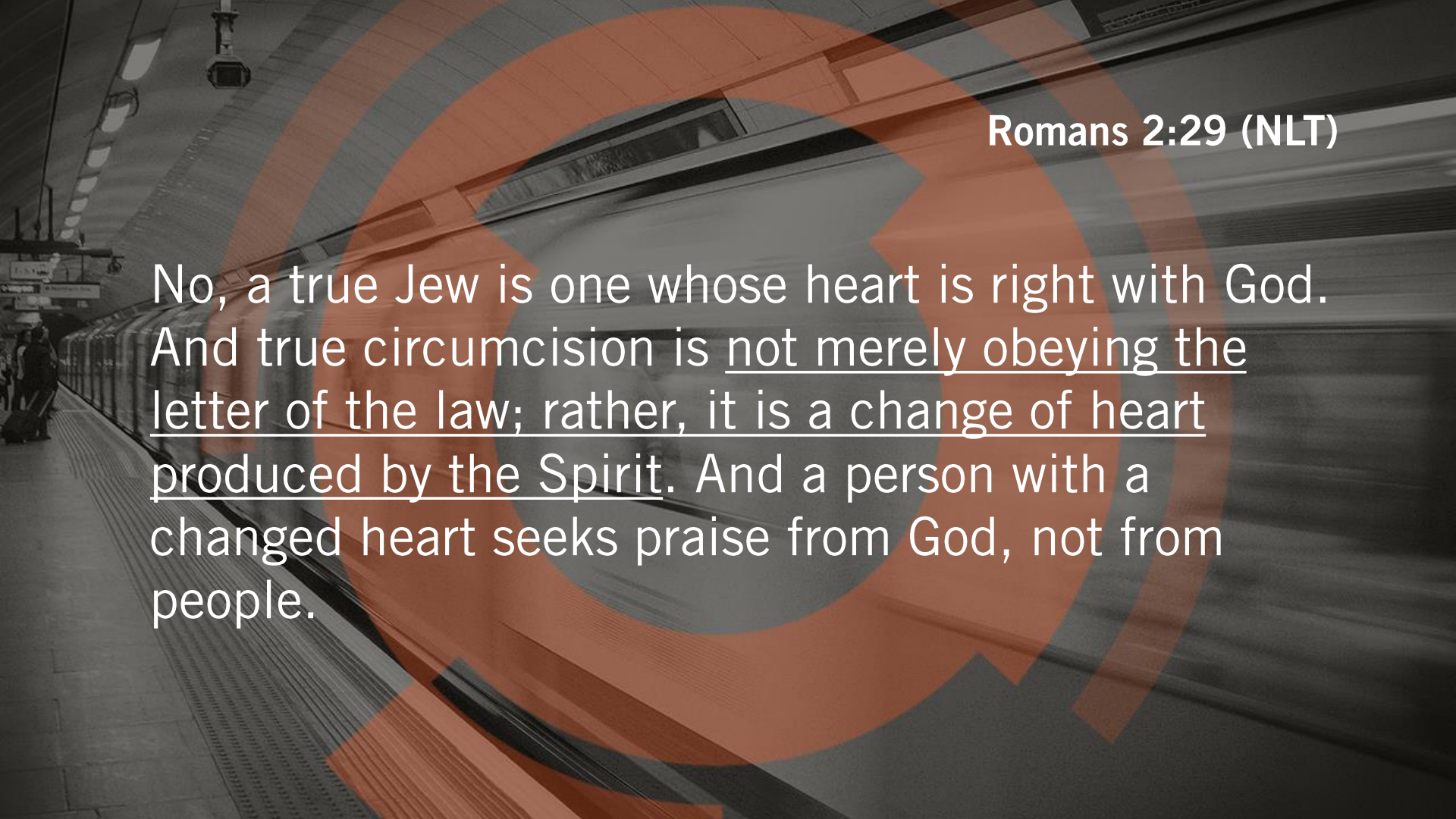
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1 Timothy 3:14-15;4:1-2 (NKJV)

...I write so that you may know how you ought to conduct yourself in the house of God, which is the church of the living God, the pillar and ground of the truth.....Now the Spirit expressly says that in latter times some will depart from the faith, giving heed to deceiving spirits and doctrines of demons, such teachings come through hypocritical liars...

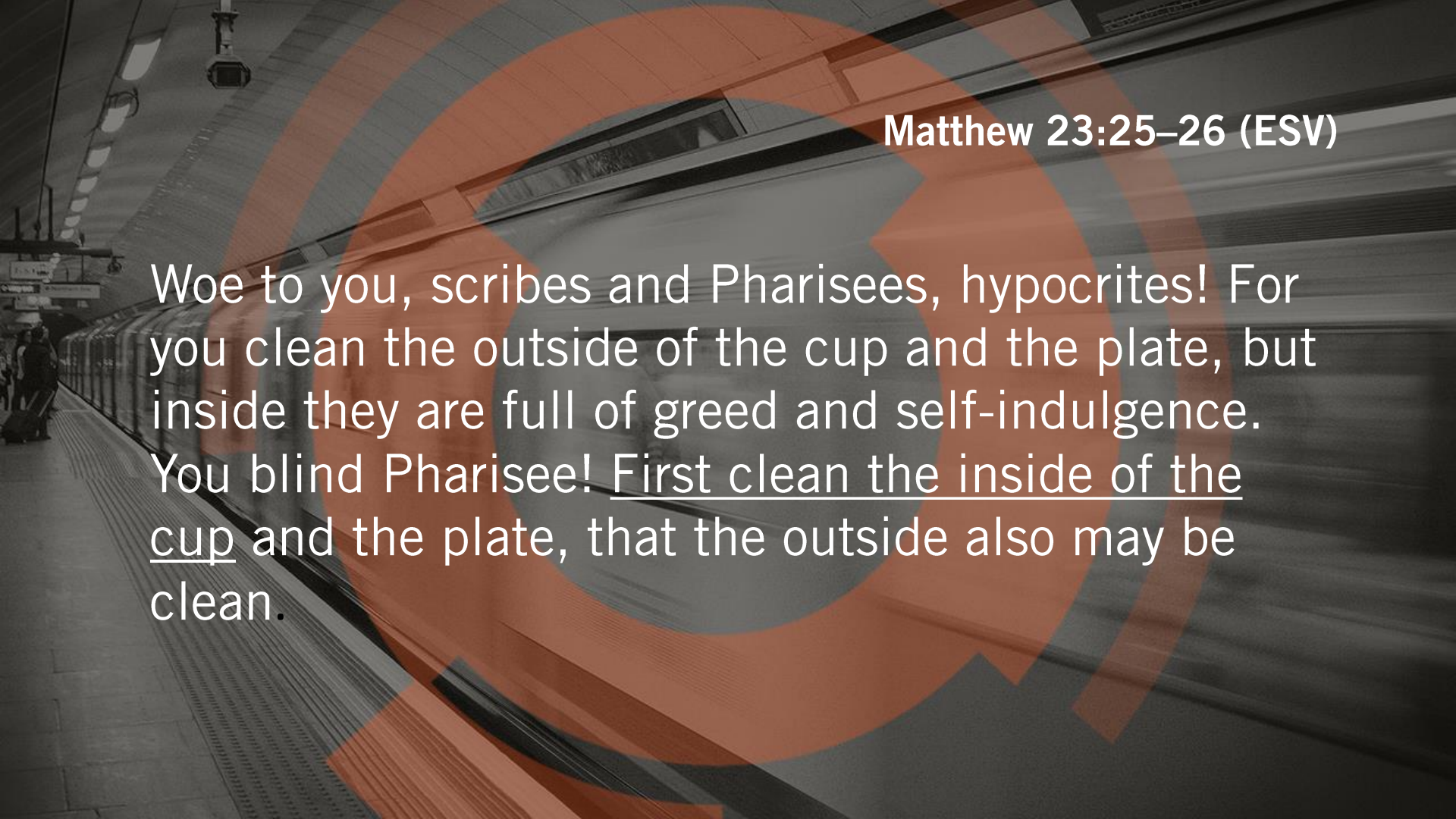
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What does the truth do?



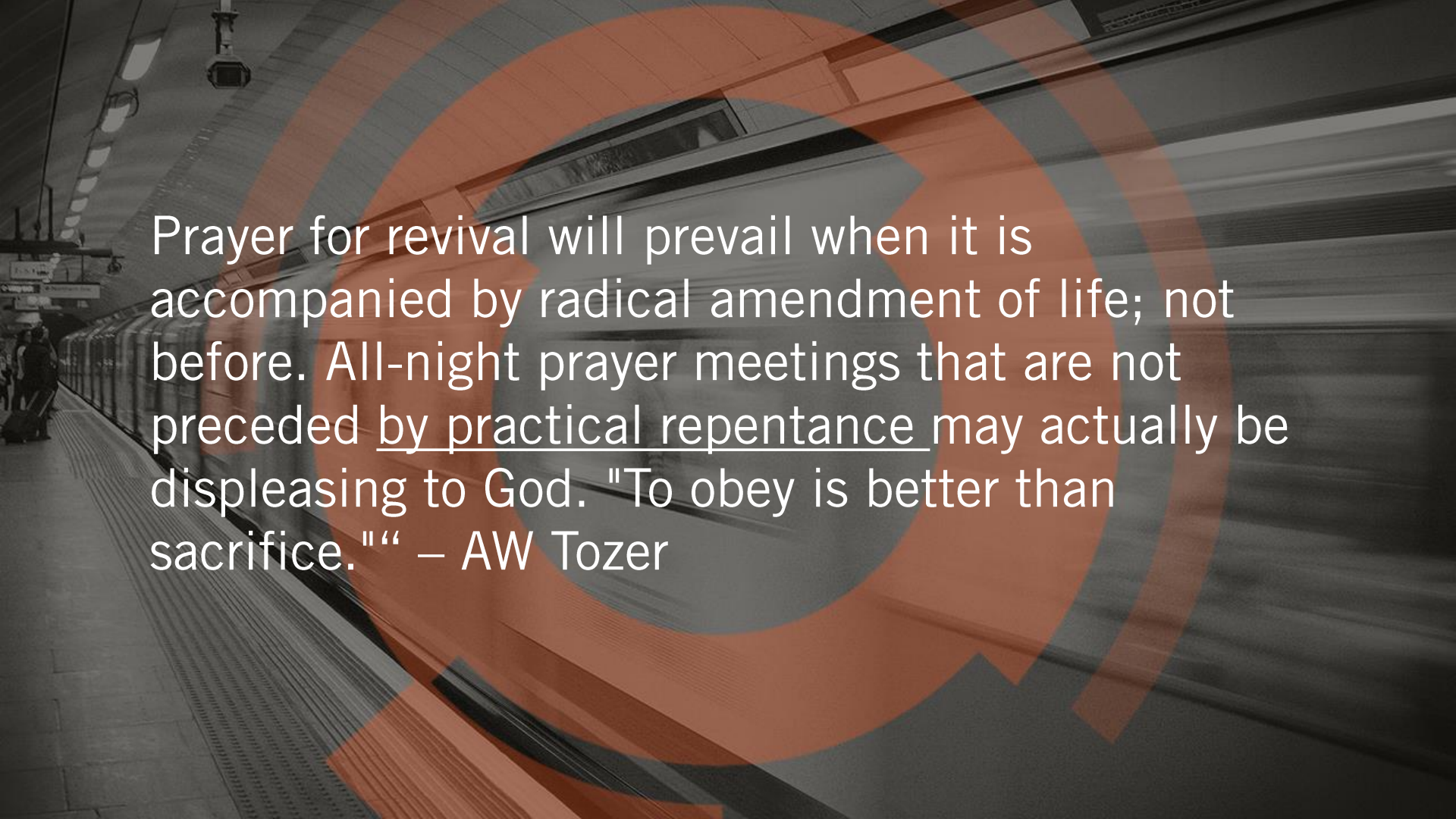
Romans 2:29 (NLT)

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.



Matthew 23:25–26 (ESV)

Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you clean the outside of the cup and the plate, but inside they are full of greed and self-indulgence. You blind Pharisee! First clean the inside of the cup and the plate, that the outside also may be clean.

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Prayer for revival will prevail when it is accompanied by radical amendment of life; not before. All-night prayer meetings that are not preceded by practical repentance may actually be displeasing to God. "To obey is better than sacrifice." – AW Tozer

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**A house of correction
(Not judgement)**

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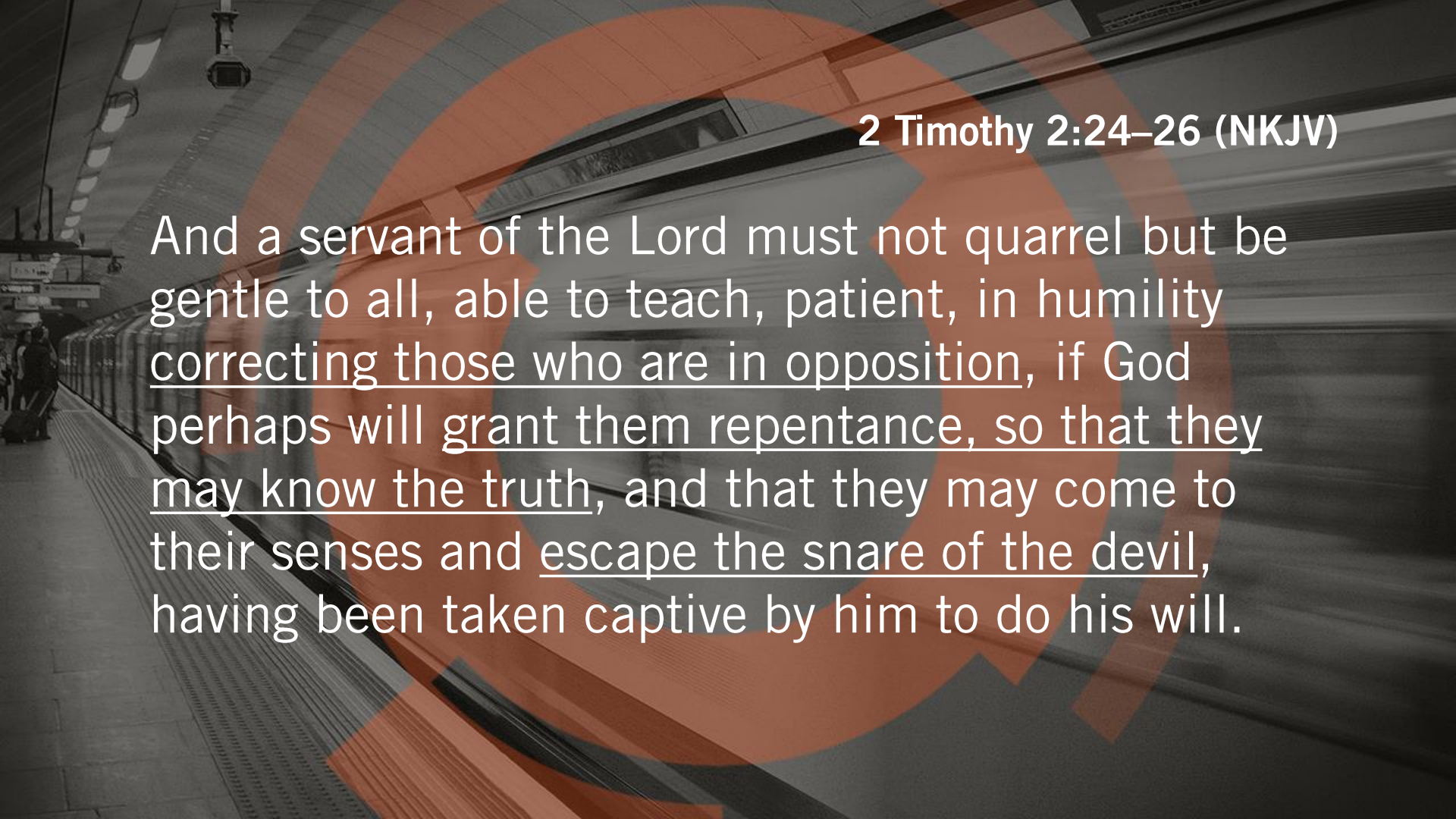
Galatians 6:1 (ESV)

Brothers, if anyone is caught in any transgression, you who are spiritual should restore him in a spirit of gentleness.



Matthew 18:15-16 (NIV)

“If your brother or sister sins, go and point out their fault, just between the two of you. If they listen to you, you have won them over. But if they will not listen, take one or two others along, so that ‘every matter may be established by the testimony of two or three witnesses..”

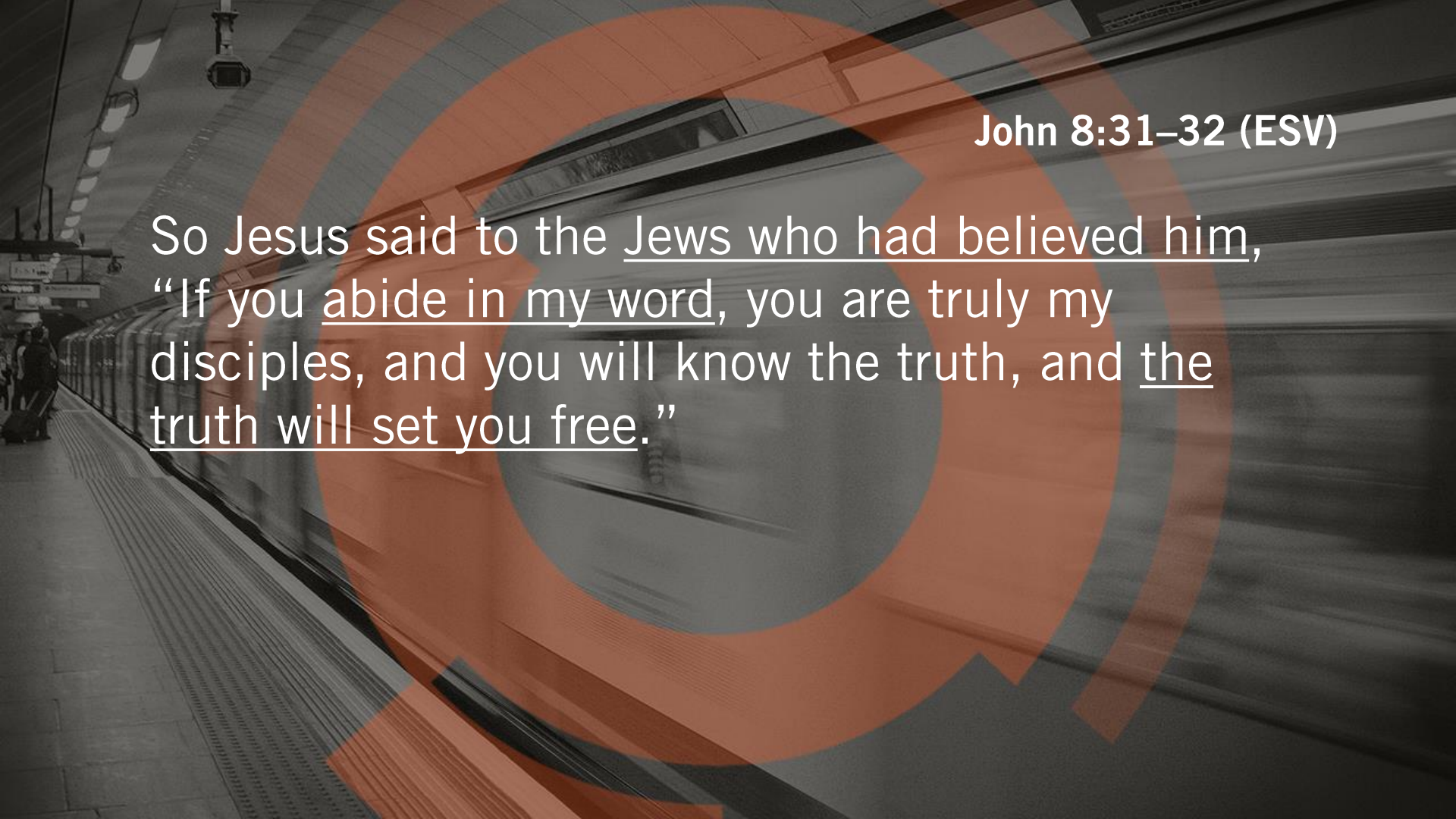


2 Timothy 2:24–26 (NKJV)

And a servant of the Lord must not quarrel but be gentle to all, able to teach, patient, in humility correcting those who are in opposition, if God perhaps will grant them repentance, so that they may know the truth, and that they may come to their senses and escape the snare of the devil, having been taken captive by him to do his will.

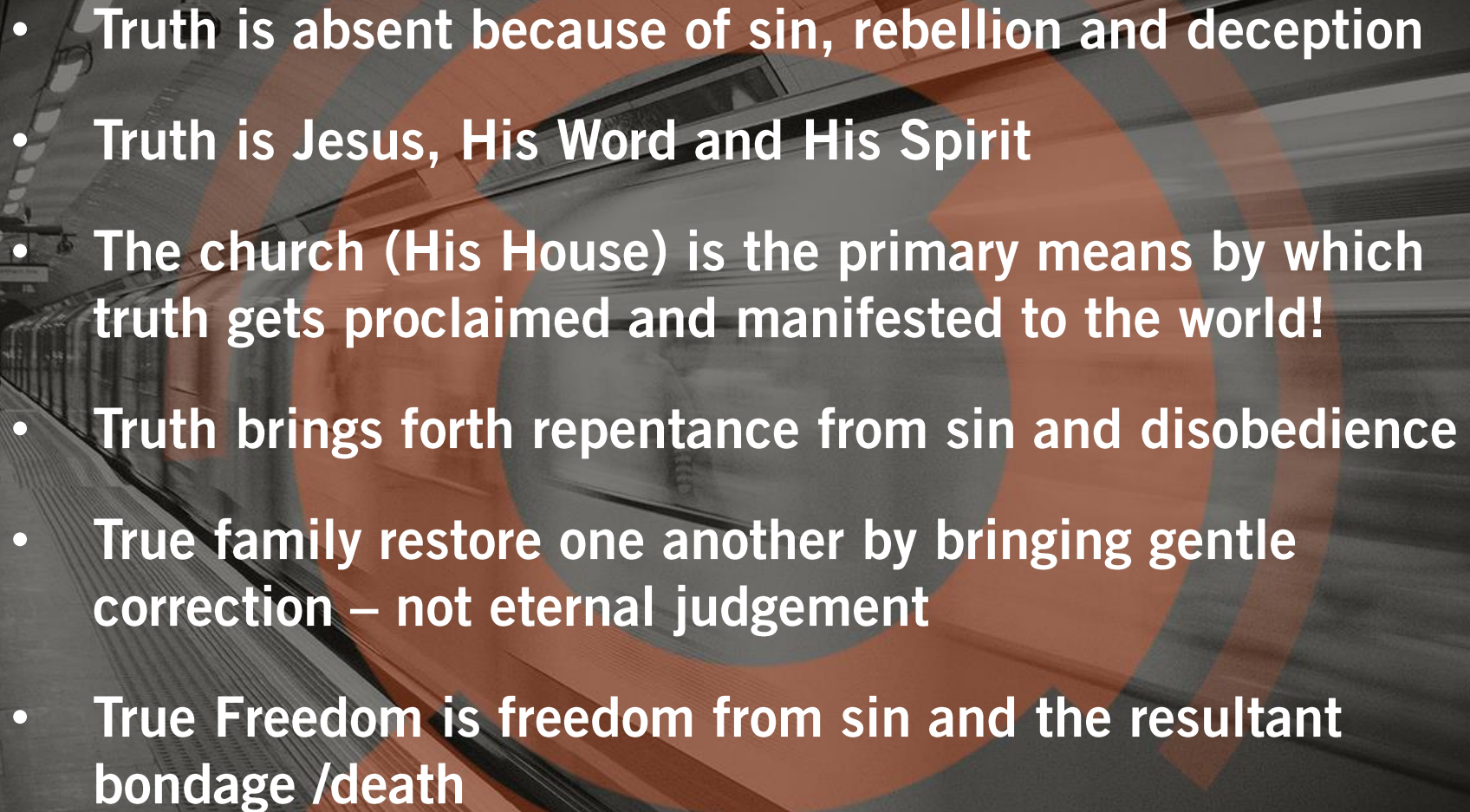
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True Freedom in his House

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John 8:31–32 (ESV)

So Jesus said to the Jews who had believed him,
“If you abide in my word, you are truly my
disciples, and you will know the truth, and the
truth will set you free.”

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- Truth is absent because of sin, rebellion and deception
 - Truth is Jesus, His Word and His Spirit
 - The church (His House) is the primary means by which truth gets proclaimed and manifested to the world!
 - Truth brings forth repentance from sin and disobedience
 - True family restore one another by bringing gentle correction – not eternal judgement
 - True Freedom is freedom from sin and the resultant bondage /death

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- In popular culture around us what would people say is “ultimate truth”?
2. Worship together: 1 or 2 Worship Songs and open SG in prayer asking the father to reveal to us what is truth?
3. SG Questions: (only let 2 or 3 people answer a specific question for time sake and give everyone a turn)
 - a) Why no consensus on truth?: Read John 14:15–17, Romans 1:18 & Revelation 12:9; Taken from these scriptures why would you say the world is blinded to truth? What is sin and deception?
 - b) Three absolutes of truth: Read John 14, John 17:17 & 1 John 5:6; Which three coordinates (absolutes) of truth must always be present (in agreement) for something to be truth.
 - c) Proclaiming and living the truth: Read 1 Timothy 3:14-15 to 4:1-2 & 2 Timothy 2:24–26 : How does God intend to reveal truth to the world primarily?
 - d) Truth in love to our brothers & sisters: Read Galatians 6:1 & Matthew 18:15-16; Which is the right way to bring correction to our brothers when they are found contrary to the truth - which excludes judgement?
 - e) True Freedom: John 8:31. What does the truth set us free from? vs the worldly idea of freedom?
4. Turn together in groups of 2: Share with one-another how you want to commit to know the truth in your own life this year. Where there is an area in your life that you want truth to reign confess it to your partner (in confidence) so that God can bring true freedom.