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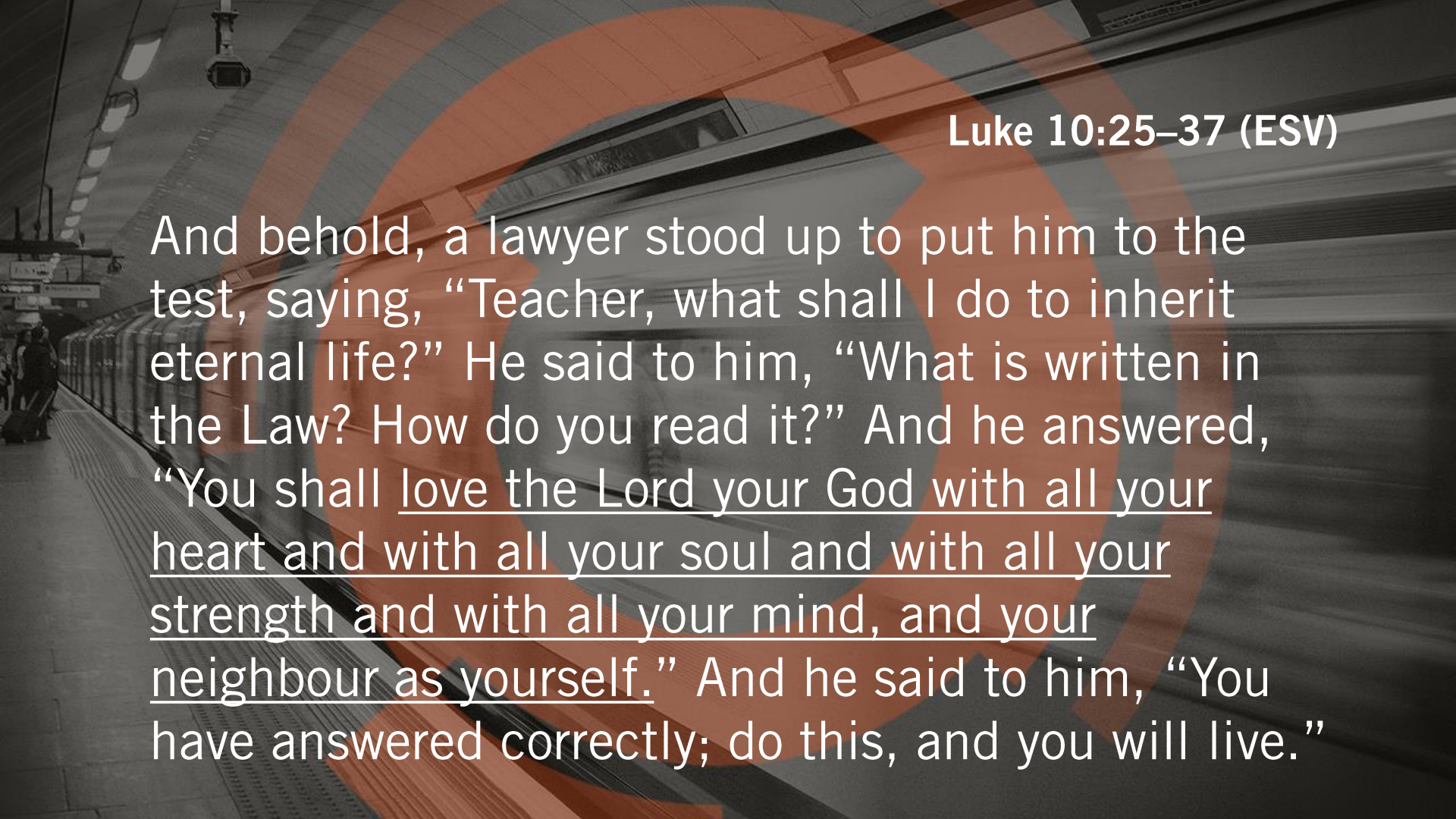
four week sermon series

04- THE HANDS OF CHRIST

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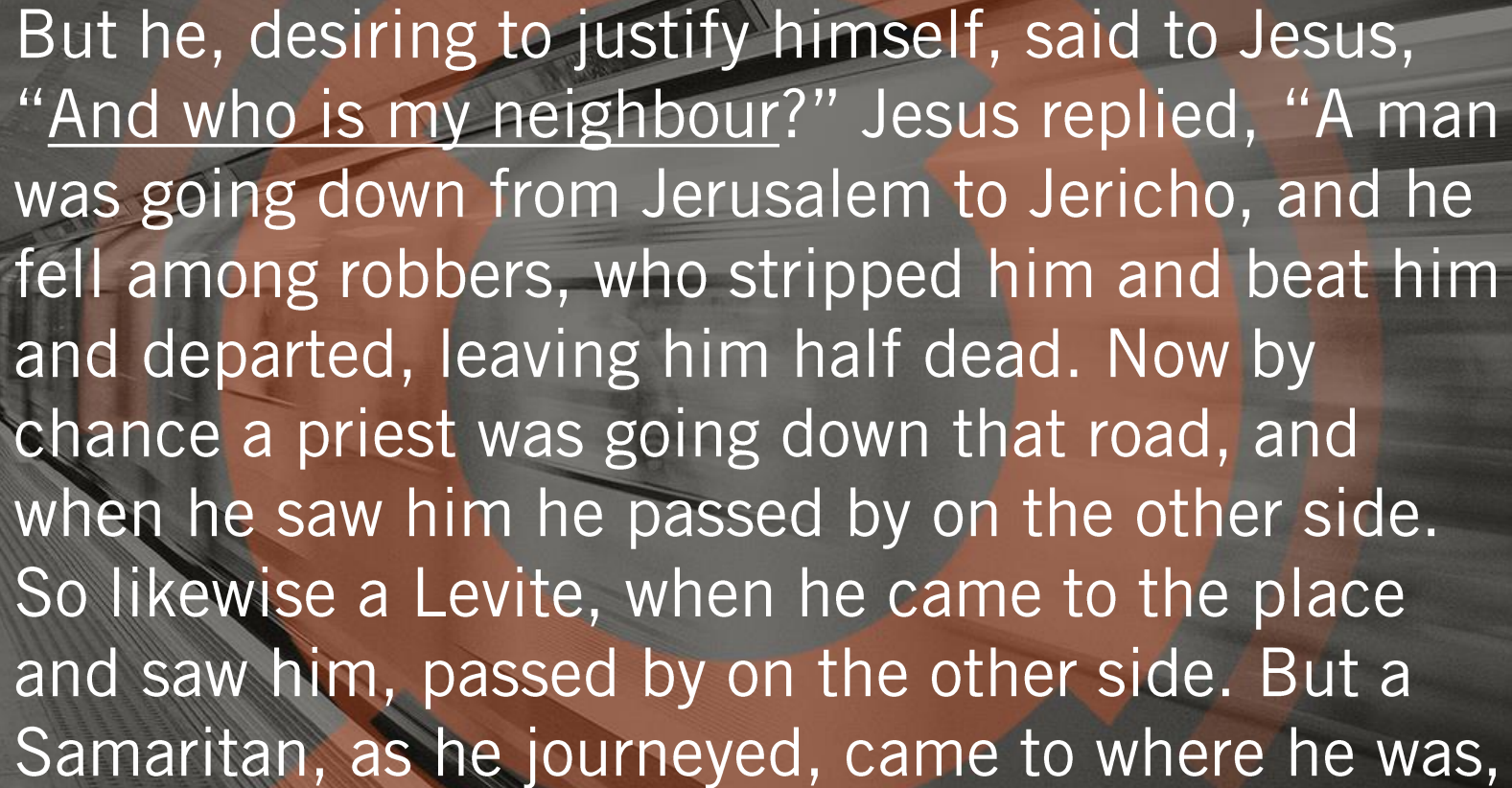
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Hands that bind-up

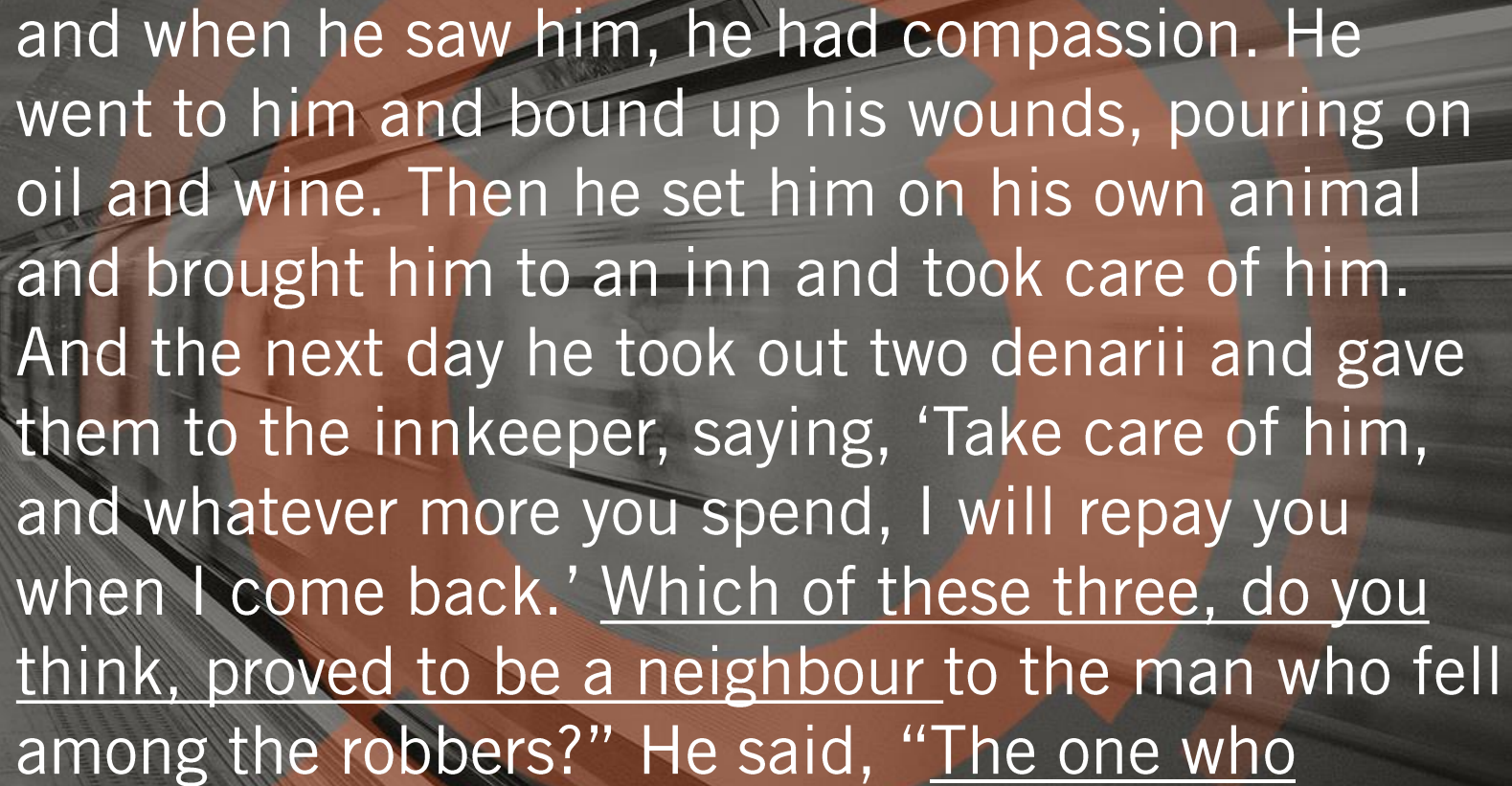


Luke 10:25–37 (ESV)

And behold, a lawyer stood up to put him to the test, saying, “Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?” He said to him, “What is written in the Law? How do you read it?” And he answered, “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind, and your neighbour as yourself.” And he said to him, “You have answered correctly; do this, and you will live.”



But he, desiring to justify himself, said to Jesus, "And who is my neighbour?" Jesus replied, "A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and he fell among robbers, who stripped him and beat him and departed, leaving him half dead. Now by chance a priest was going down that road, and when he saw him he passed by on the other side. So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. But a Samaritan, as he journeyed, came to where he was,



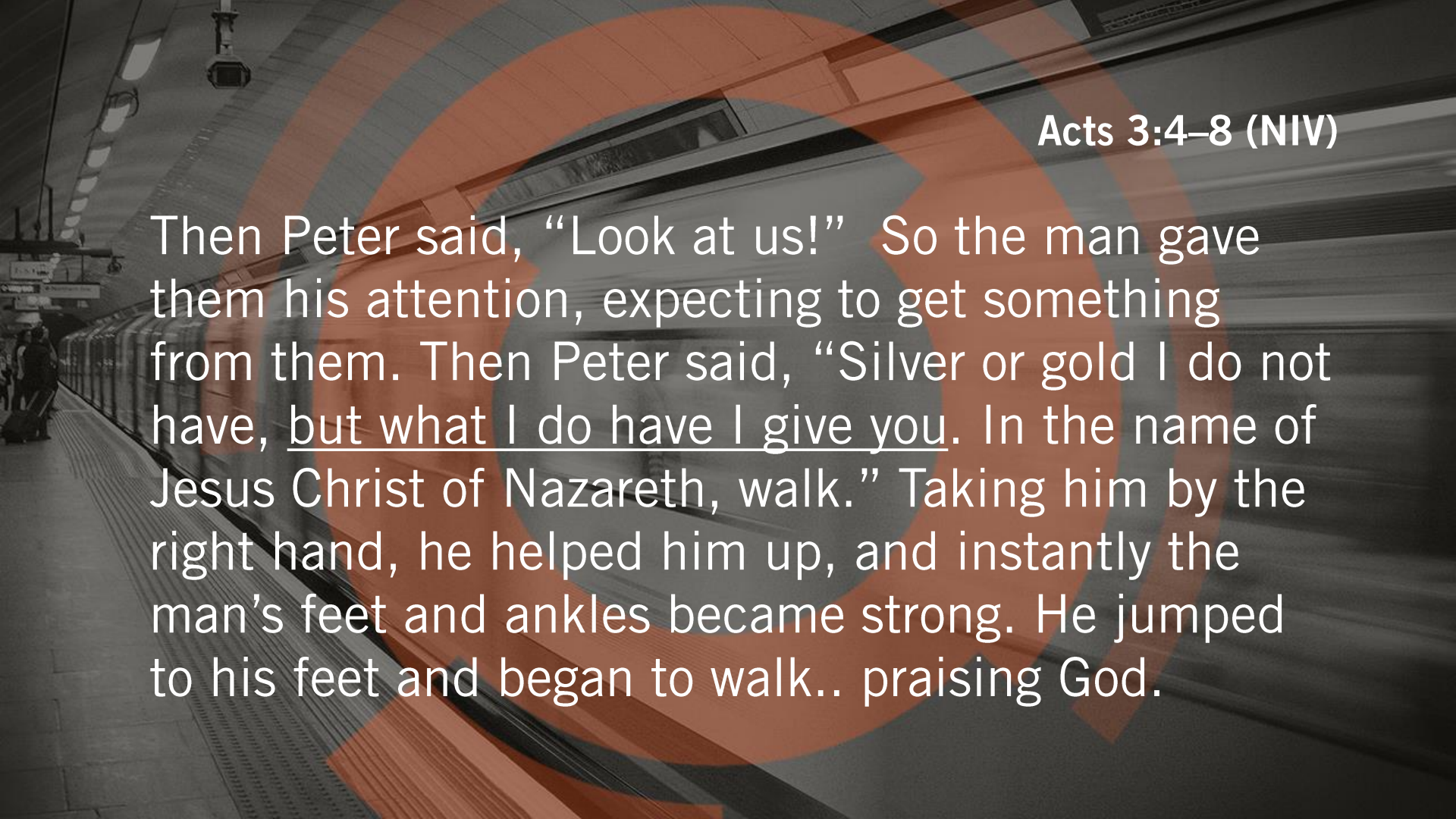
and when he saw him, he had compassion. He went to him and bound up his wounds, pouring on oil and wine. Then he set him on his own animal and brought him to an inn and took care of him. And the next day he took out two denarii and gave them to the innkeeper, saying, 'Take care of him, and whatever more you spend, I will repay you when I come back.' Which of these three, do you think, proved to be a neighbour to the man who fell among the robbers?" He said, "The one who

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showed him mercy.” And Jesus said to him, “You go, and do likewise.”

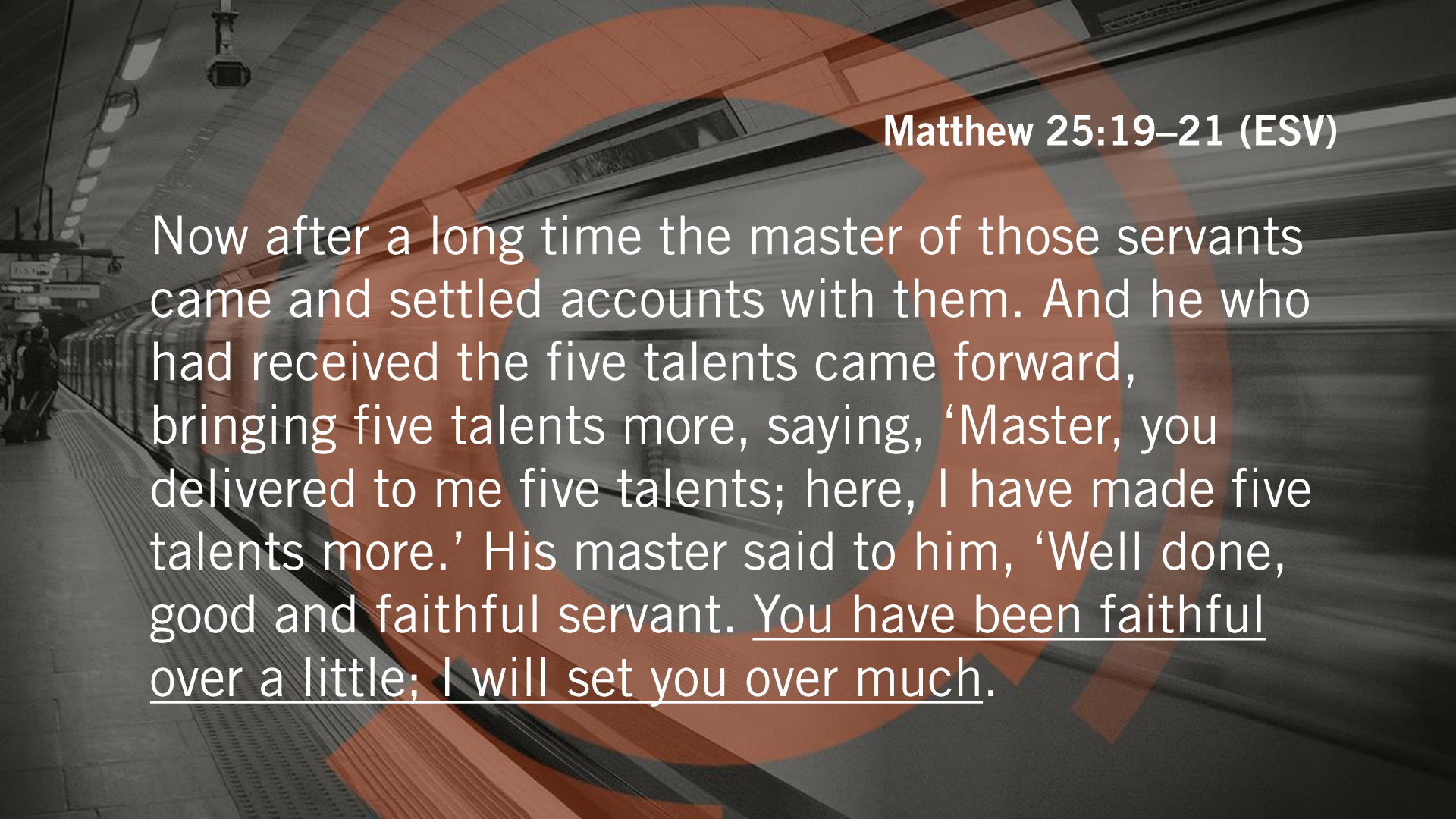
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a) You have something to give



Acts 3:4–8 (NIV)

Then Peter said, “Look at us!” So the man gave them his attention, expecting to get something from them. 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.” Taking him by the right hand, he helped him up, and instantly the man’s feet and ankles became strong. He jumped to his feet and began to walk.. praising God.

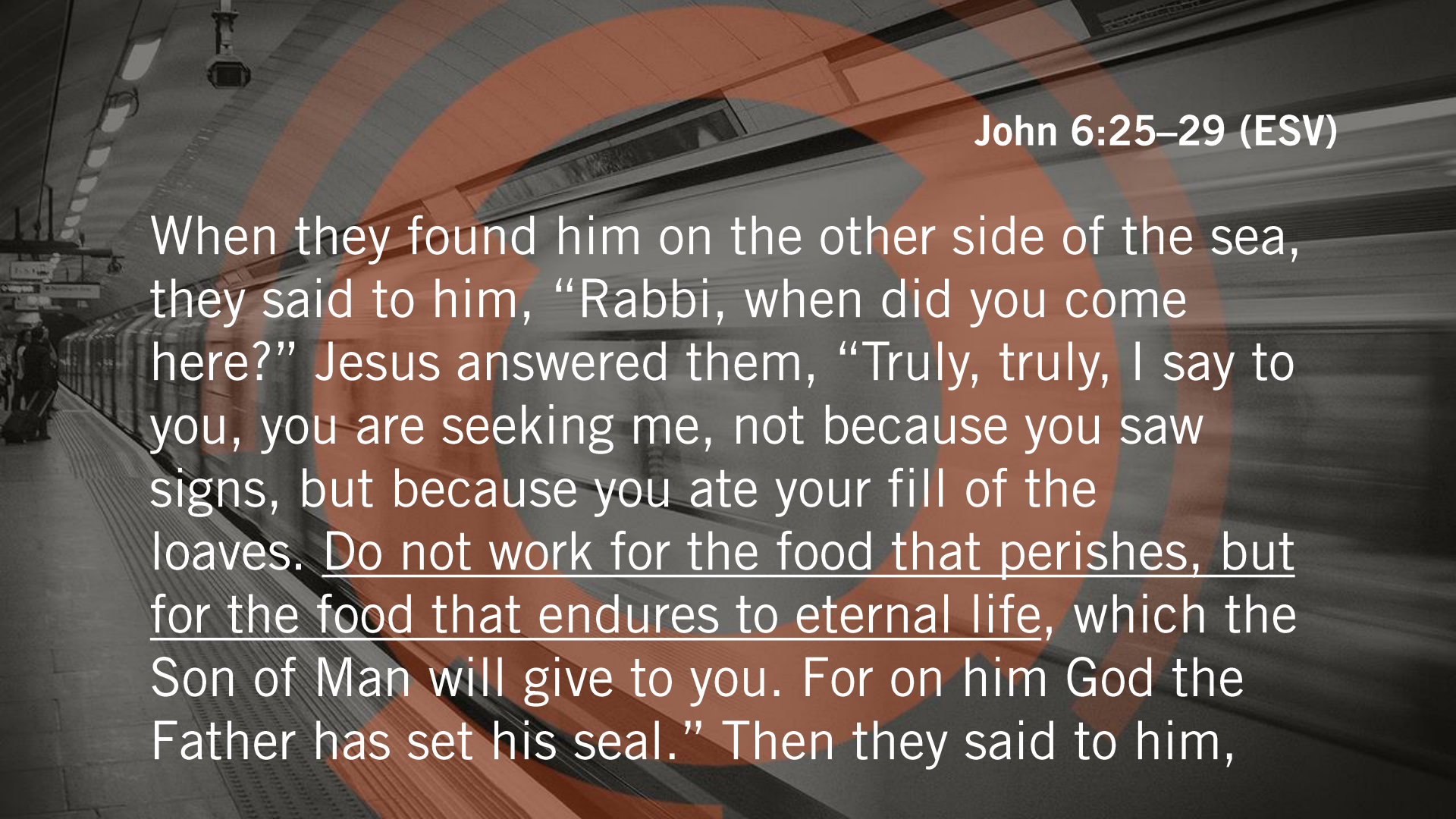


Matthew 25:19–21 (ESV)

Now after a long time the master of those servants came and settled accounts with them. And he who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five talents more, saying, 'Master, you delivered to me five talents; here, I have made five talents more.' His master said to him, 'Well done, good and faithful servant. You have been faithful over a little; I will set you over much.

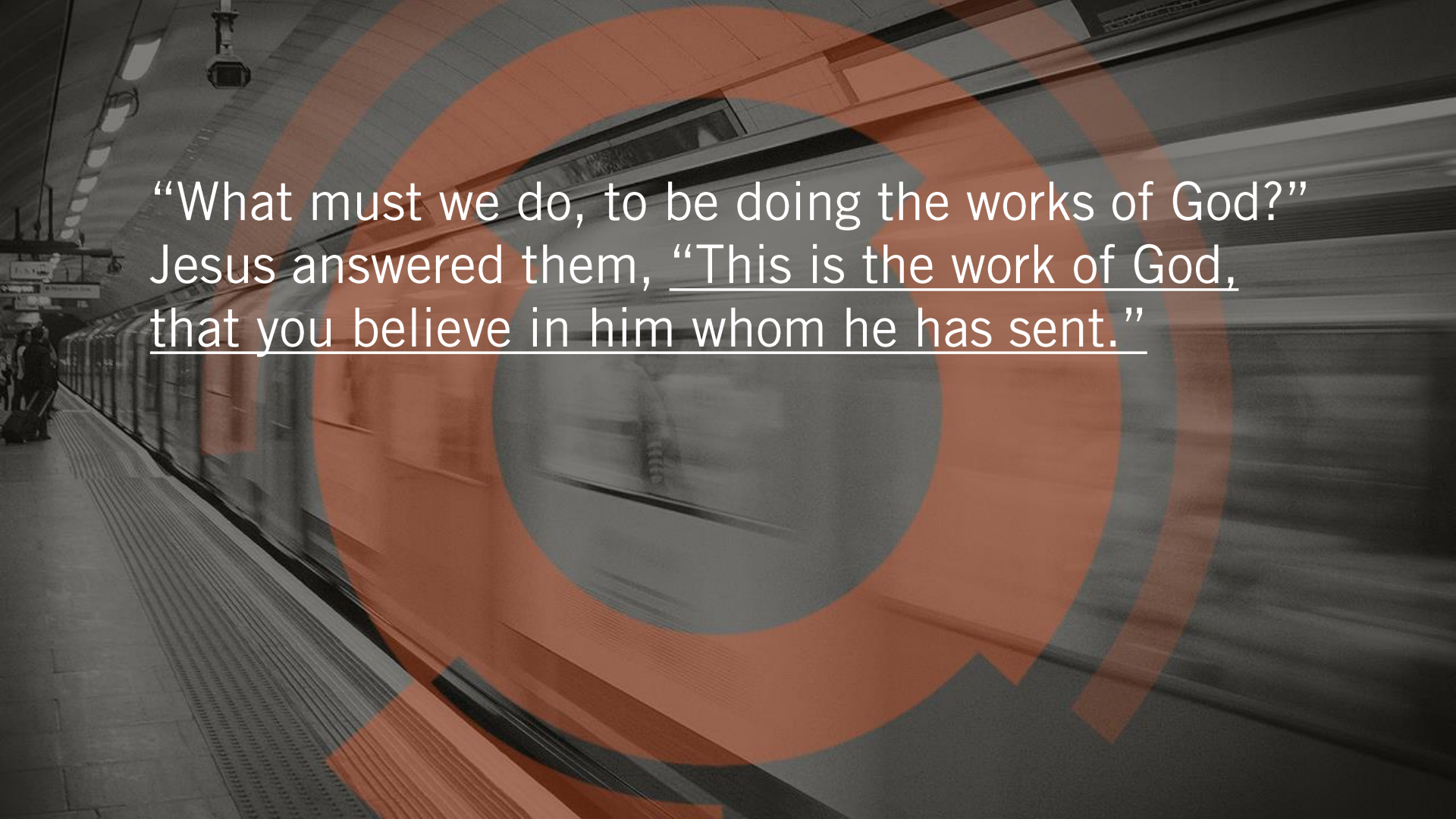
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b) Open door for the Gospel



John 6:25–29 (ESV)

When they found him on the other side of the sea, they said to him, “Rabbi, when did you come here?” Jesus answered them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, you are seeking me, not because you saw signs, but because you ate your fill of the loaves. Do not work for the food that perishes, but for the food that endures to eternal life, which the Son of Man will give to you. For on him God the Father has set his seal.” Then they said to him,

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“What must we do, to be doing the works of God?”
Jesus answered them, “This is the work of God,
that you believe in him whom he has sent.””

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Principles for serving

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a) it starts at home



Galatians 6:10 (ESV)

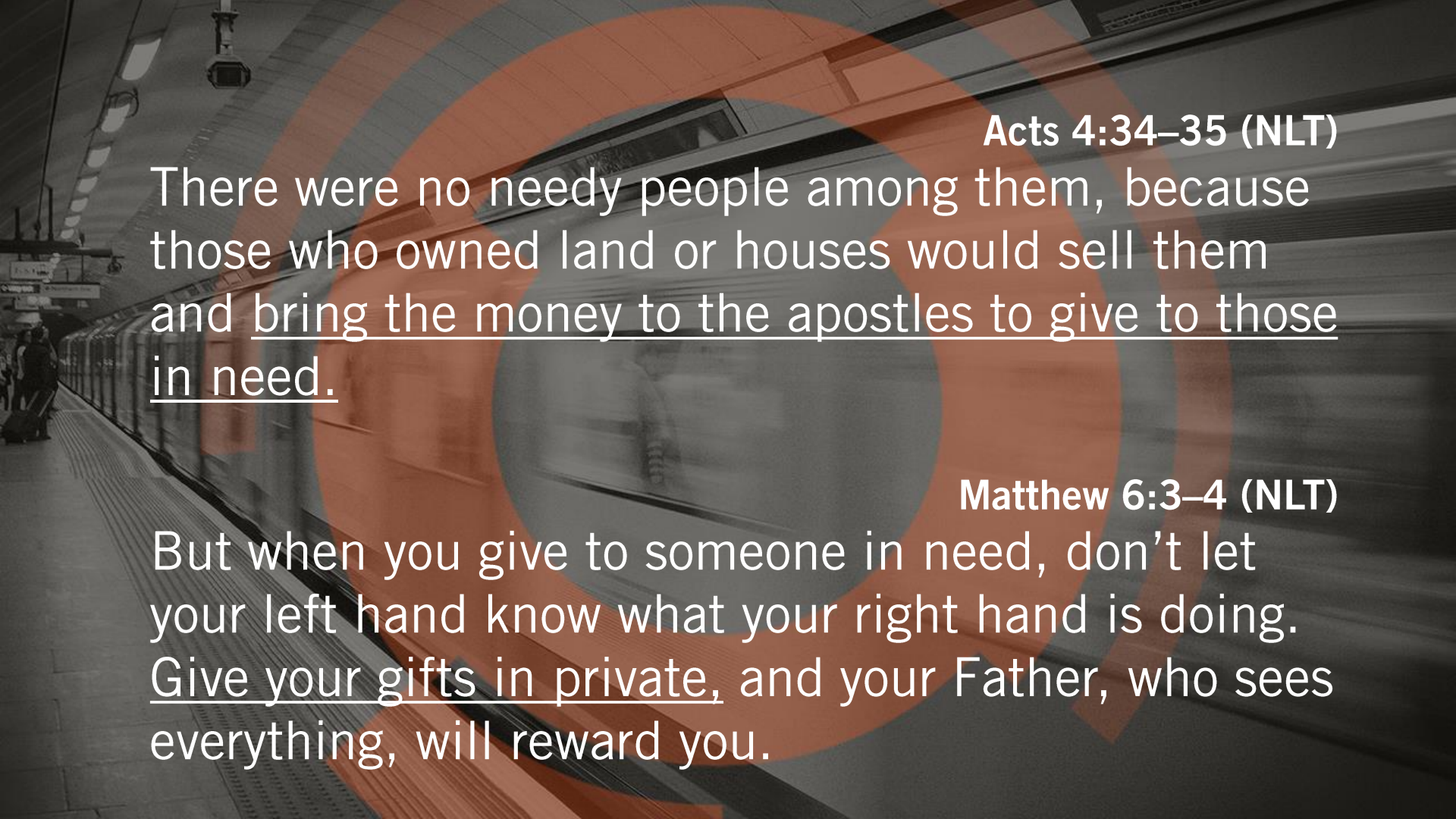
Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all, especially to those who are of the household of faith.

1 Timothy 5:4 (ESV)

But if a widow has children or grandchildren, let them first learn to show godliness to their own household and to make some return to their parents, for this is pleasing in the sight of God.

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b) accountability



Acts 4:34–35 (NLT)

There were no needy people among them, because those who owned land or houses would sell them and bring the money to the apostles to give to those in need.

Matthew 6:3–4 (NLT)

But when you give to someone in need, don't let your left hand know what your right hand is doing. Give your gifts in private, and your Father, who sees everything, will reward you.

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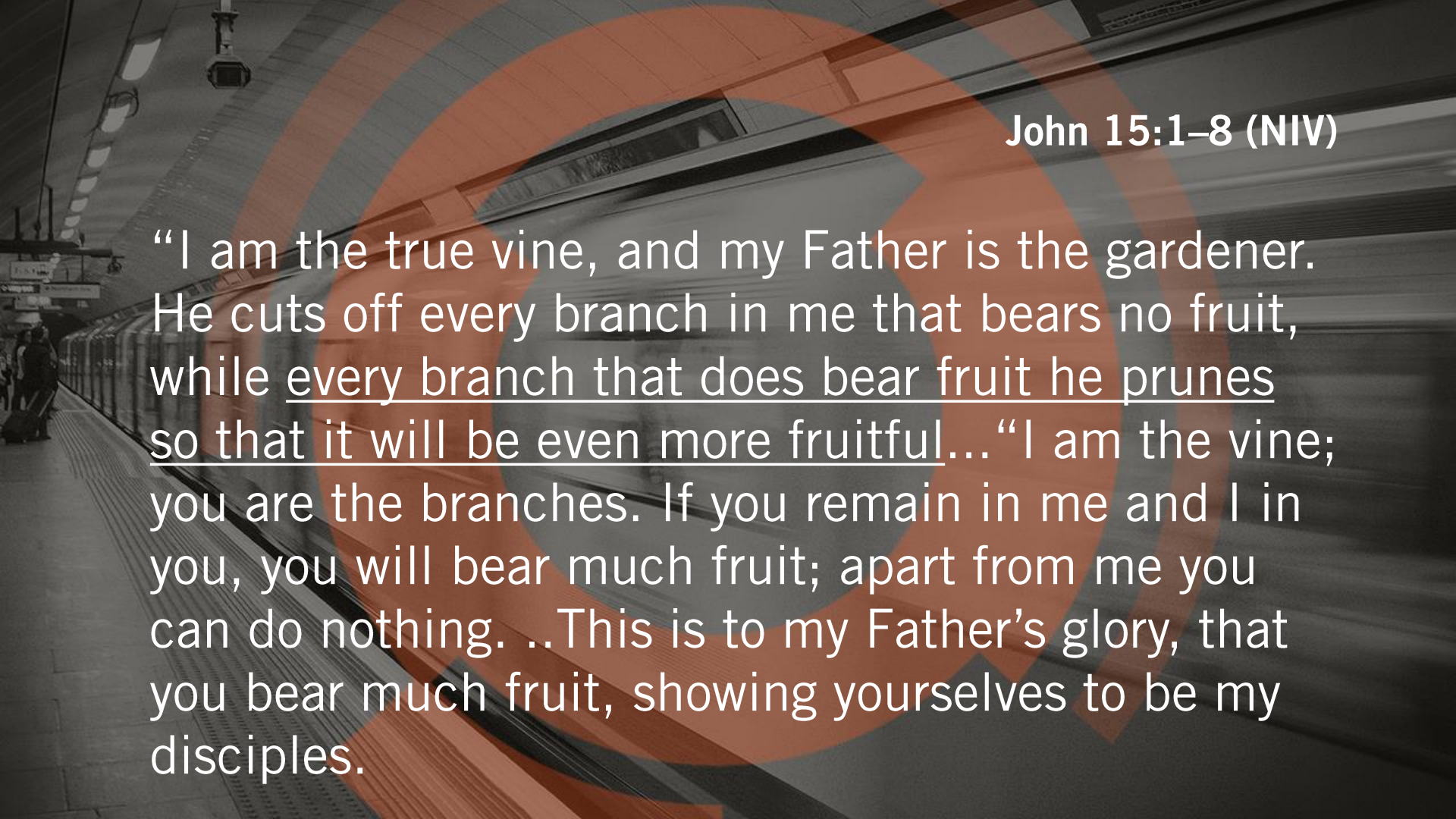
c) willingness to work

2 Thessalonians 3:7-10 (ESV)

For you yourselves know how you ought to imitate us, because we were not idle when we were with you, nor did we eat anyone's bread without paying for it, but with toil and labour we worked night and day, that we might not be a burden to any of you... For even when we were with you, we would give you this command: If anyone is not willing to work, let him not eat.

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d) Discipleship growth

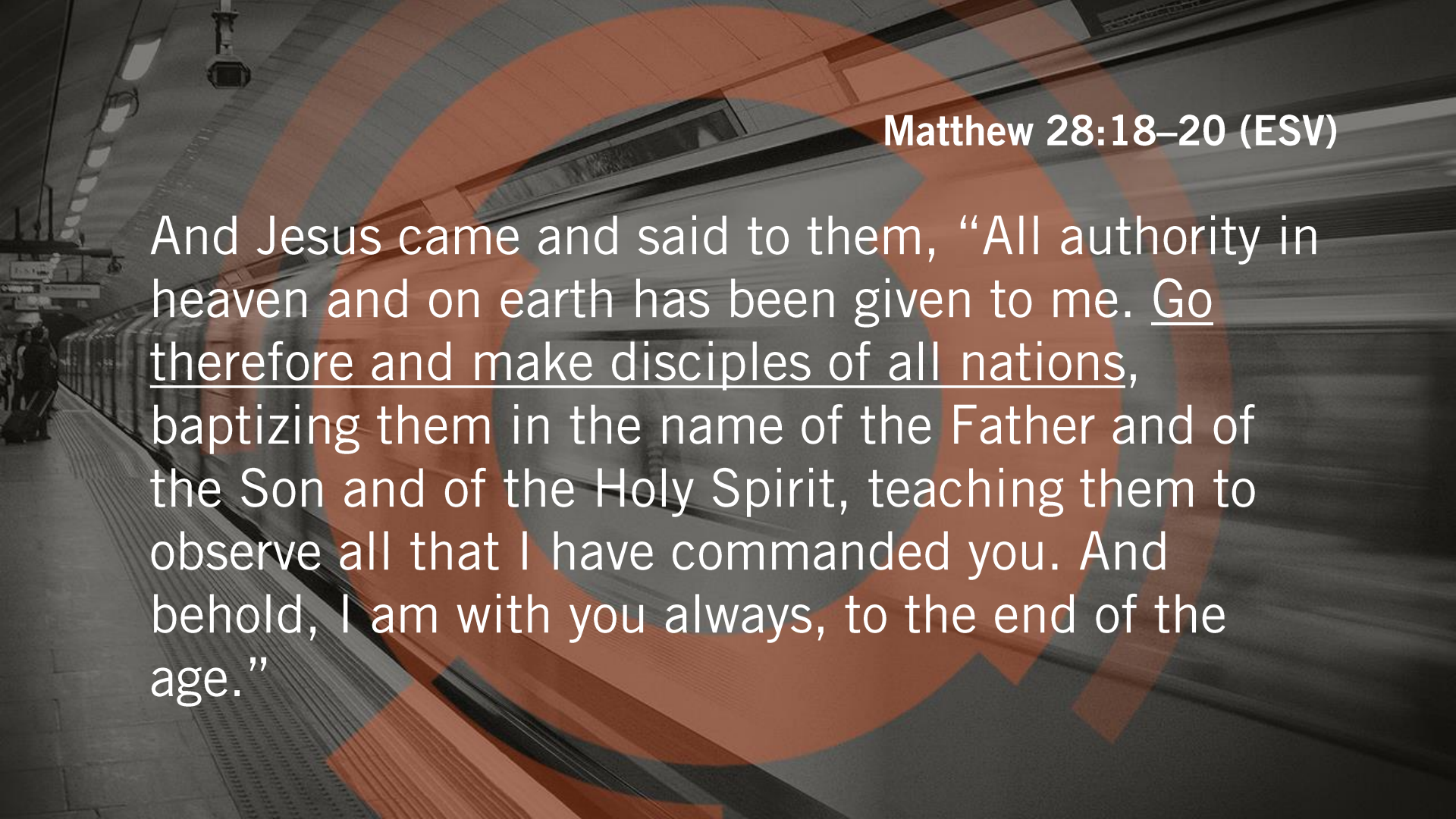


John 15:1–8 (NIV)

“I am the true vine, and my Father is the gardener. He cuts off every branch in me that bears no fruit, while every branch that does bear fruit he prunes so that it will be even more fruitful...“I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing. ..This is to my Father’s glory, that you bear much fruit, showing yourselves to be my disciples.

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My testimony



Matthew 28:18–20 (ESV)

And Jesus came and said to them, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.”

Weekly small group notes from Sunday Sermon (Duration - 1 to 1.5hrs)

1. Welcome: Introduce SG to visitors and ask group to share on the following: Which act of service towards you from another person has changed your life/ made you feel loved?.
2. Worship together: 1 or 2 Worship Songs and open SG in prayer asking the father to reveal to us how we can be His hands?
3. SG Questions: (let 2 or 3 people answer a specific question and give everyone a turn)
4. a) Whom is our neighbour: Read Luke 10:25–37; Is anyone excluded from God's love?
b) What do I have to give: Read Acts 3:4–8 & Matthew 25:19–21; Does everyone have something to give/serve others with and is it important to start with what we have to receive more from God? Eg. Words of encouragement/ professional skills etc.
c) Giving out of Godly compassion: Read John **6:25–29**: What should be our ultimate motivation be for serving/giving?
d) Boundaries/stewardship in giving: Read Galatians 6:10, 1 Timothy 5:4, Acts 4:34–35, 2 Thessalonians 3:7-10 & John 15:1–8. What are principles and priorities in giving/serving that these scriptures stipulate?
5. **Remind the SG that all of us have something to give to those around us** (cook a meal, serving at church etc.) and that God will start multiplying our gifts and skills as we faithfully serve Him and others with them. Turn together in groups of 2: Share with one-another how you want to serve others this year and pray for boldness to utilize your gifts/skills optimally to see His Kingdom come!