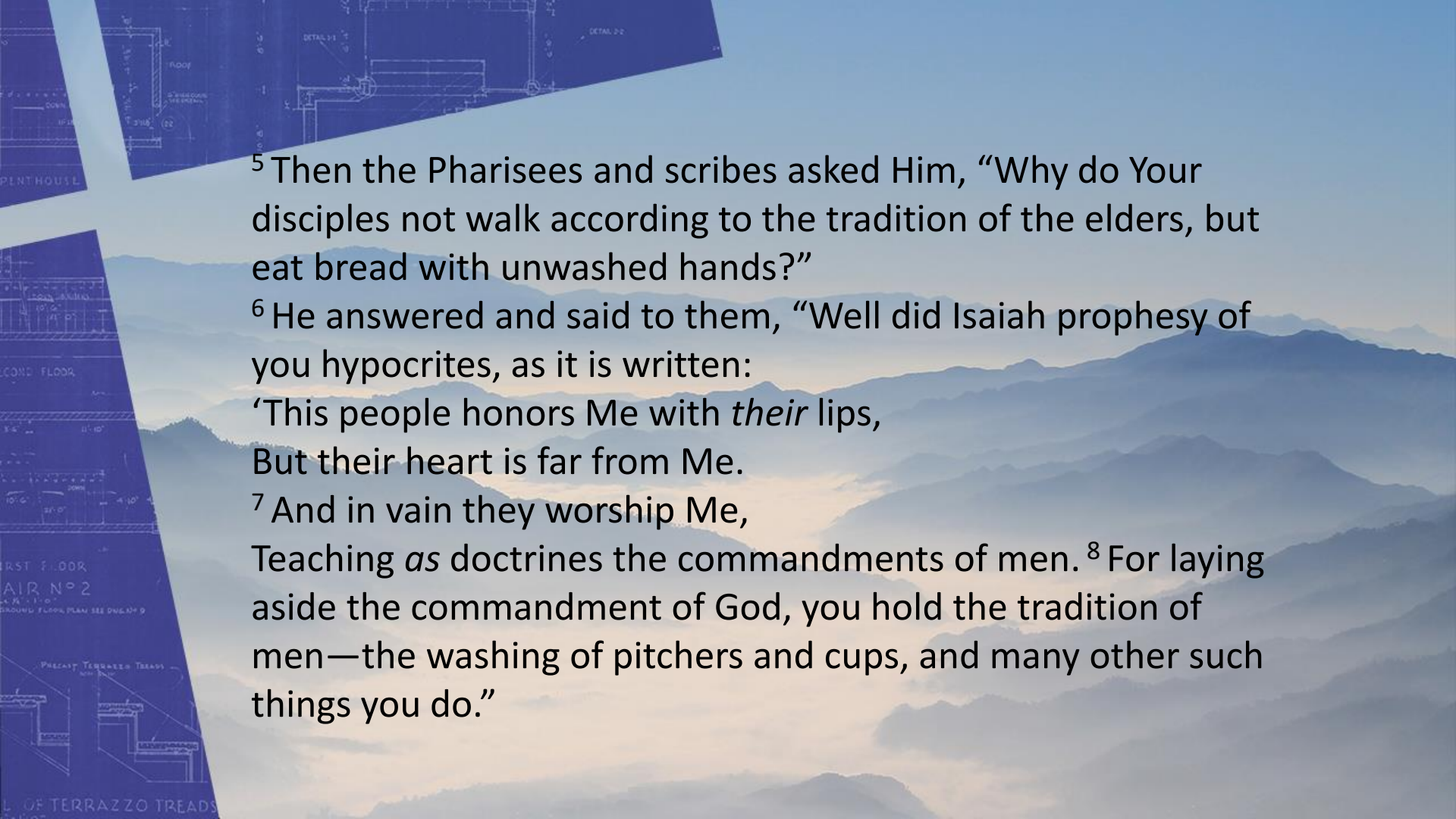


The background is a photograph of a vast mountain range under a hazy, blue sky. The mountains are layered, creating a sense of depth and atmosphere. On the left side, there are several overlapping panels of architectural blueprints. These blueprints are white with blue lines and text, showing various floor plans and details. Some visible text includes 'PENTHOUSE L', 'SECOND FLOOR', 'FIRST FLOOR', 'AIR N° 2', 'PRECAST TERRAZZO TREADS', and 'L. OF TERRAZZO TREADS'. The blueprints are partially obscured by a large, light blue, stylized 'X' shape that runs across the image.

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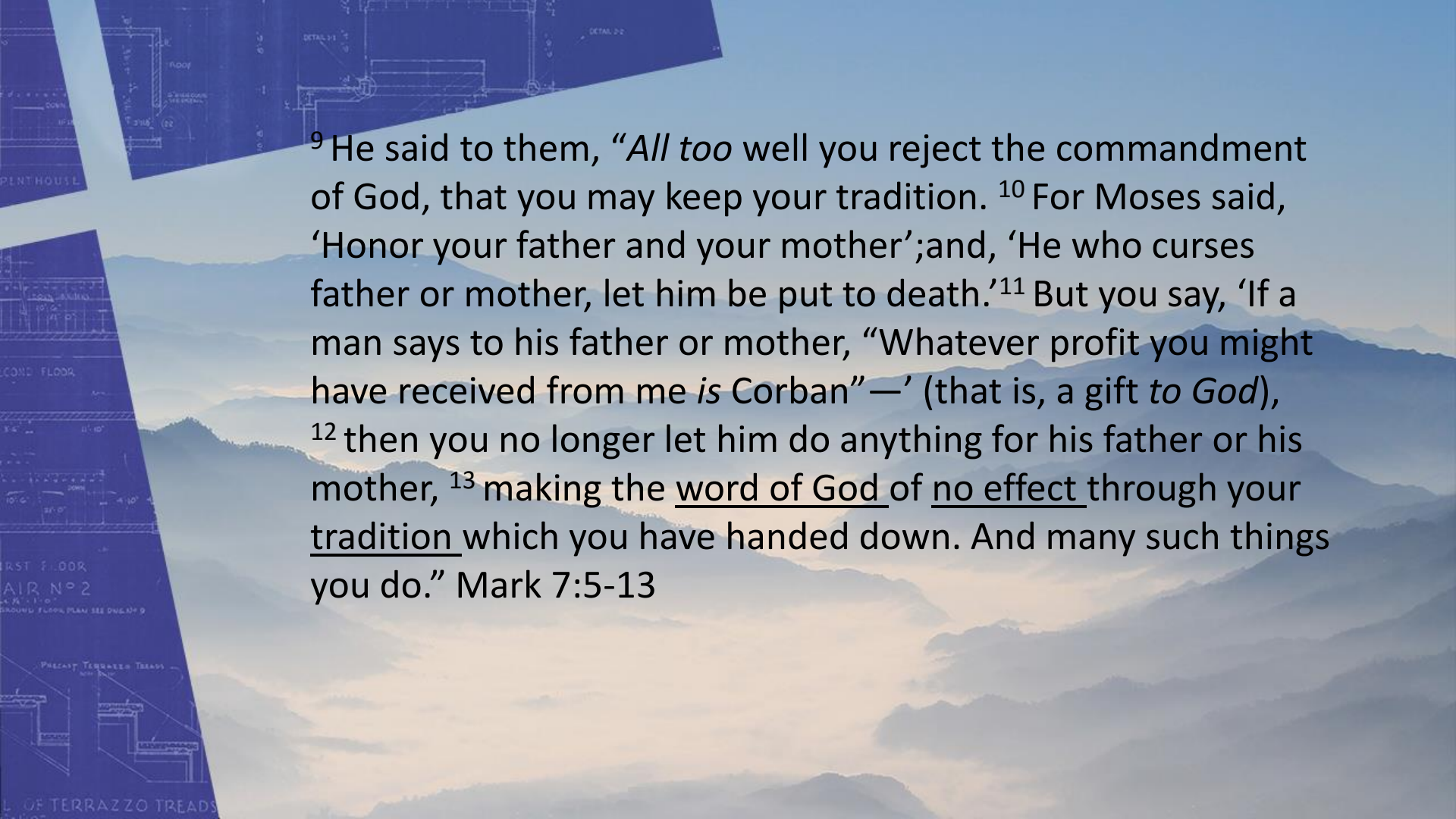


⁵ Then the Pharisees and scribes asked Him, “Why do Your disciples not walk according to the tradition of the elders, but eat bread with unwashed hands?”

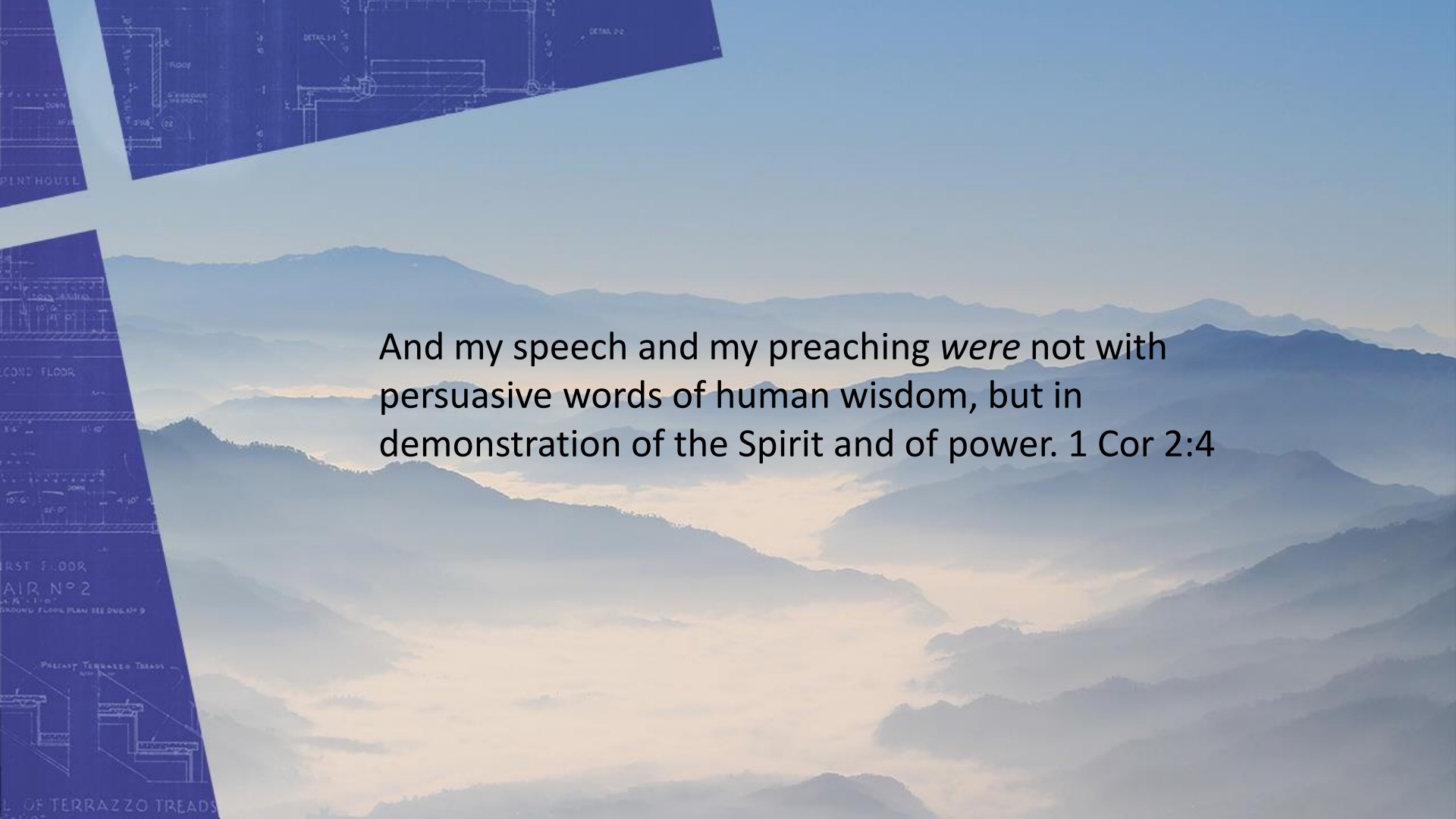
⁶ He answered and said to them, “Well did Isaiah prophesy of you hypocrites, as it is written:

‘This people honors Me with *their* lips,
But their heart is far from Me.

⁷ And in vain they worship Me,
Teaching *as* doctrines the commandments of men. ⁸ For laying aside the commandment of God, you hold the tradition of men—the washing of pitchers and cups, and many other such things you do.”



⁹ He said to them, “*All too* well you reject the commandment of God, that you may keep your tradition. ¹⁰ For Moses said, ‘Honor your father and your mother’; and, ‘He who curses father or mother, let him be put to death.’ ¹¹ But you say, ‘If a man says to his father or mother, “Whatever profit you might have received from me *is Corban*” —’ (that is, a gift *to God*), ¹² then you no longer let him do anything for his father or his mother, ¹³ making the word of God of no effect through your tradition which you have handed down. And many such things you do.” Mark 7:5-13



And my speech and my preaching *were* not with persuasive words of human wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power. 1 Cor 2:4

Discovering the power

- Word
- Word + Community
- Word + Community + Faith = Power
- Heb 4:2
- 1 Cor 2:14

Walking in the power

- Tradition – what is yours?
- “Handed down” – what are you handing down?
- 2 Cor 3:17
- Obedience to Holy Spirit not tradition leads us to freedom in Christ.