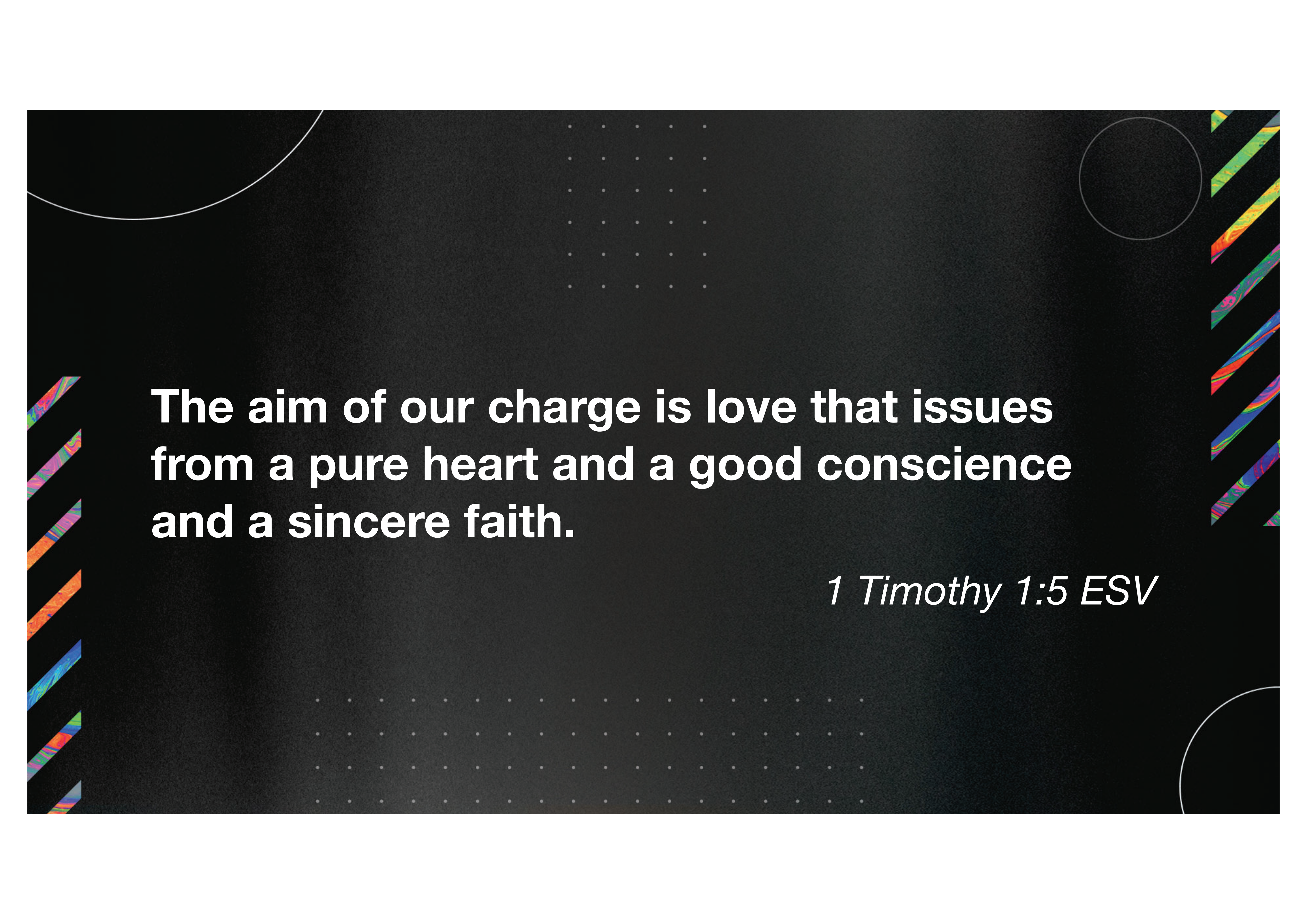


Paul's Loving Charge to the Church

Week 2 – God Uses The Broken But Humble

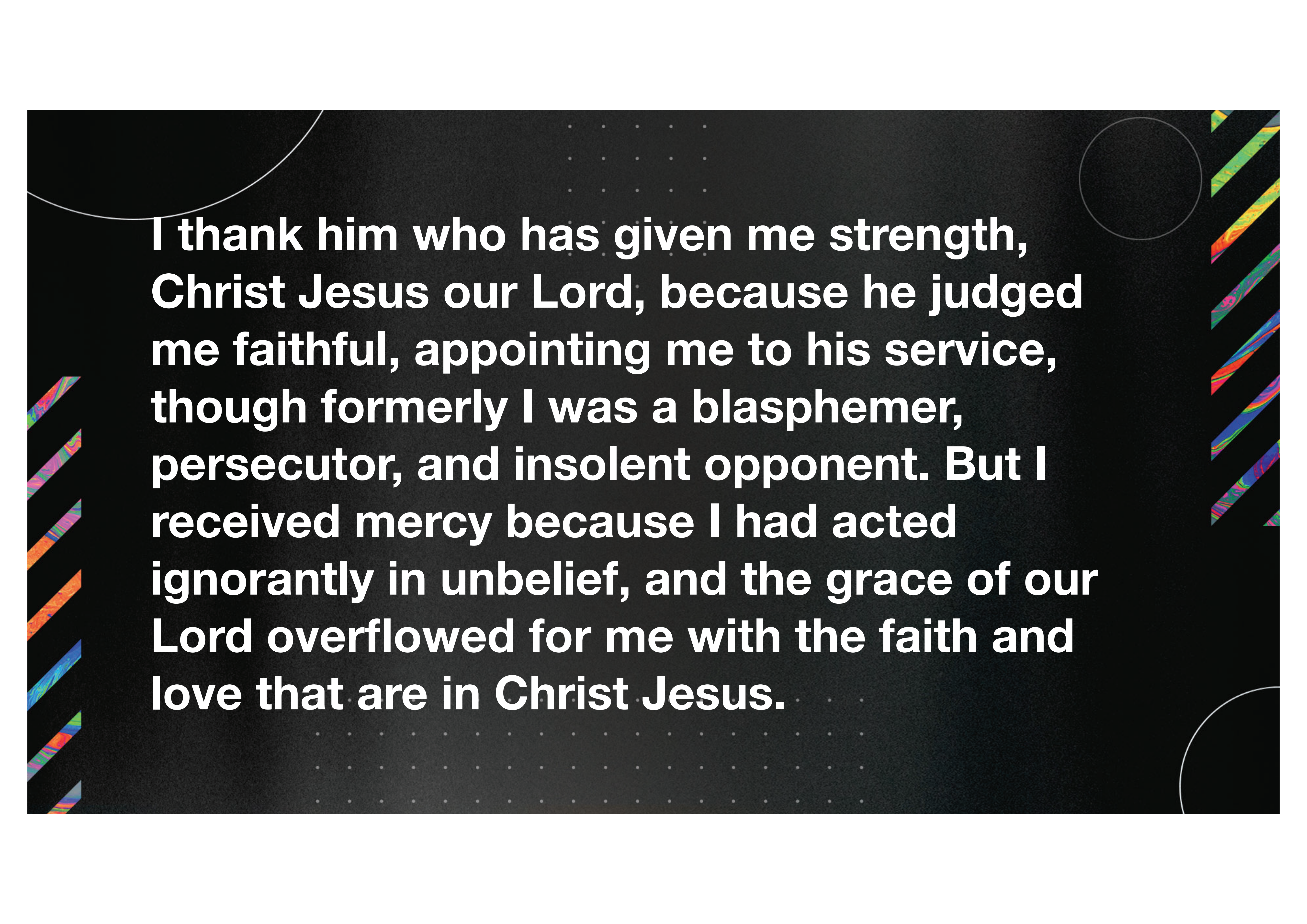
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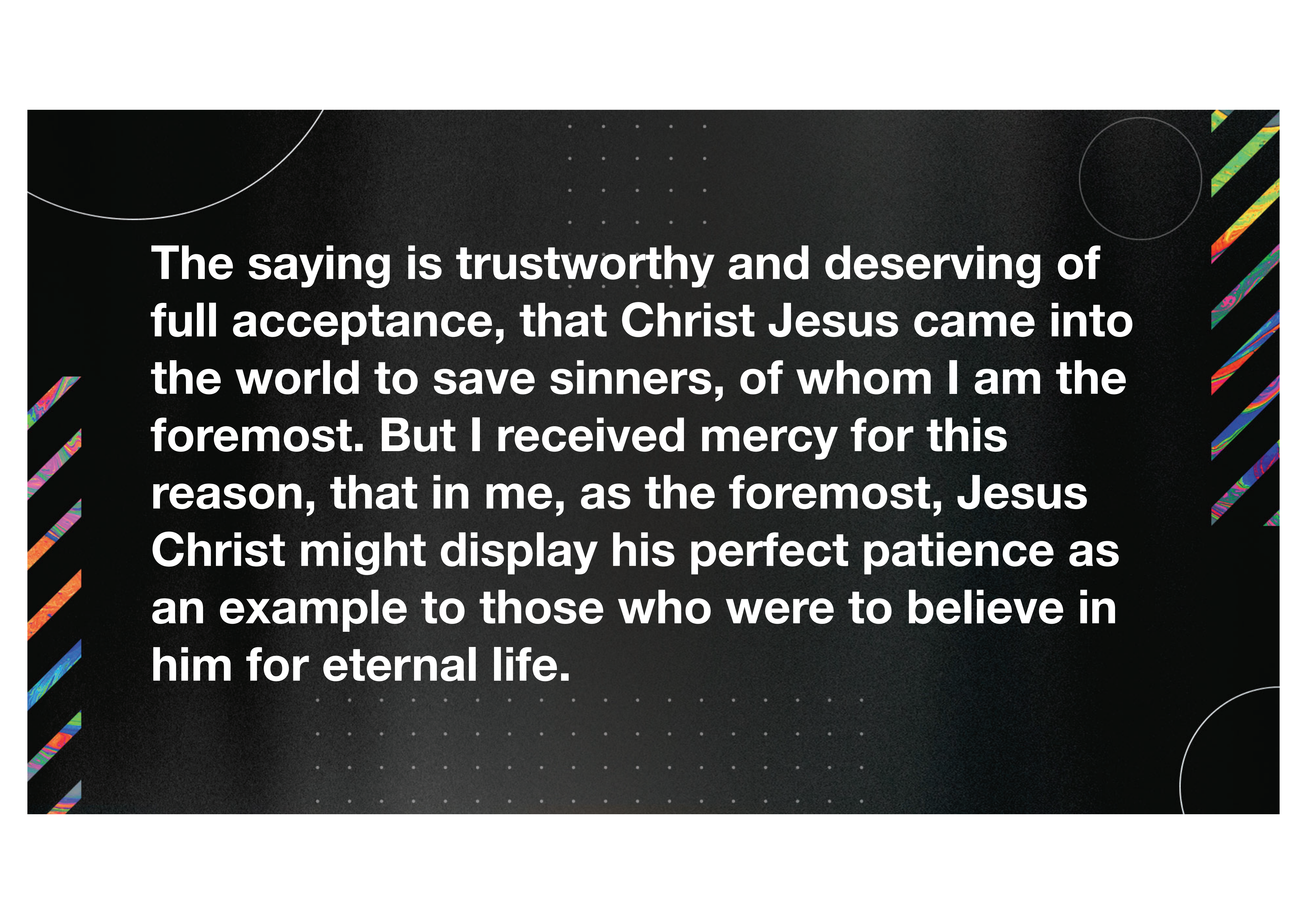


**The aim of our charge is love that issues
from a pure heart and a good conscience
and a sincere faith.**

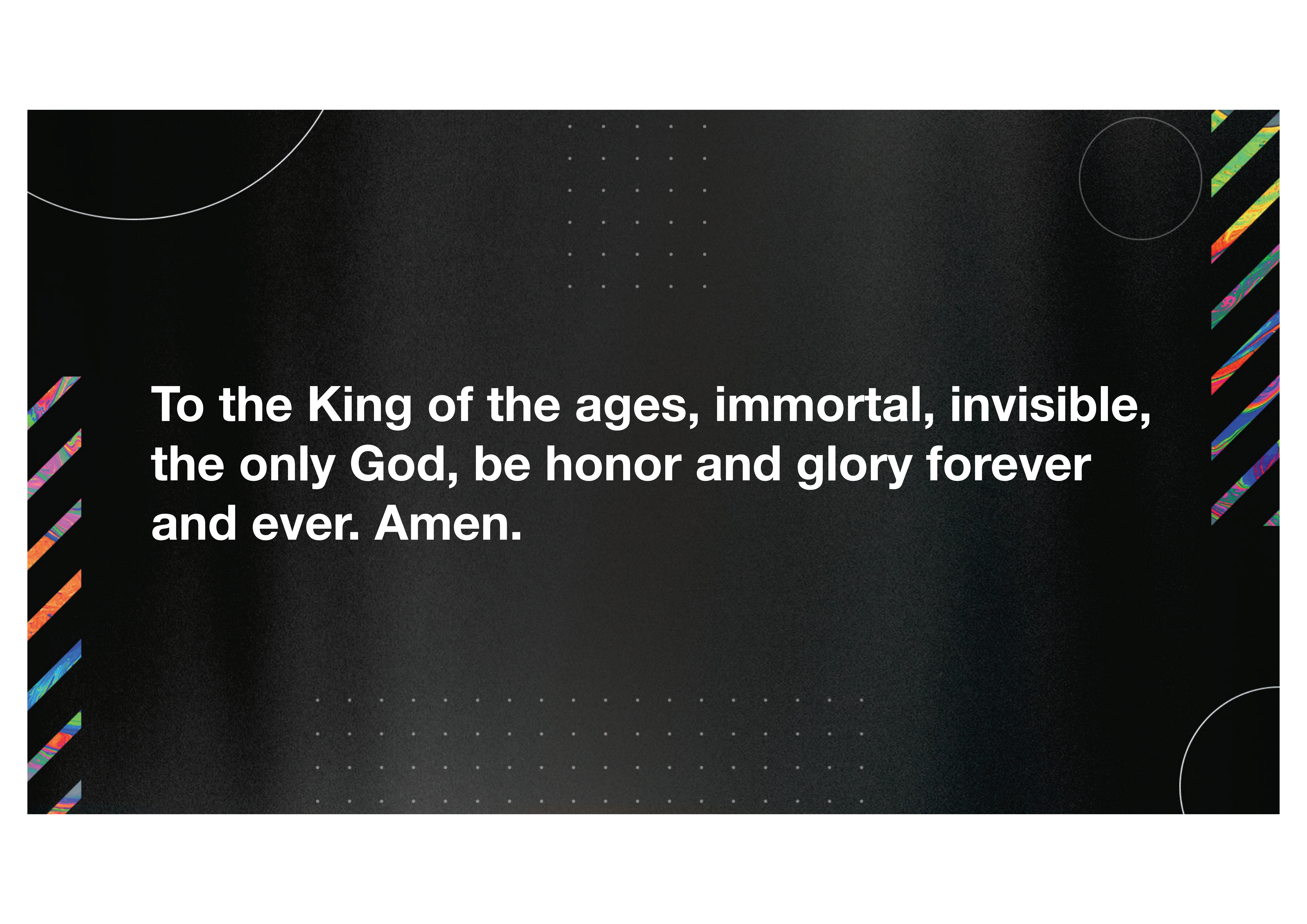
1 Timothy 1:5 ESV



I thank him who has given me strength, Christ Jesus our Lord, because he judged me faithful, appointing me to his service, though formerly I was a blasphemer, persecutor, and insolent opponent. But I received mercy because I had acted ignorantly in unbelief, and the grace of our Lord overflowed for me with the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus.



The saying is trustworthy and deserving of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, of whom I am the foremost. But I received mercy for this reason, that in me, as the foremost, Jesus Christ might display his perfect patience as an example to those who were to believe in him for eternal life.



**To the King of the ages, immortal, invisible,
the only God, be honor and glory forever
and ever. Amen.**

This charge I entrust to you, Timothy, my child, in accordance with the prophecies previously made about you, that by them you may wage the good warfare, holding faith and a good conscience. By rejecting this, some have made shipwreck of their faith, among whom are Hymenaeus and Alexander, whom I have handed over to Satan that they may learn not to blaspheme.

1 Timothy 1:12-20 ESV



Week 2: God Uses the Broken But Humble

1. Appointed to God's Service

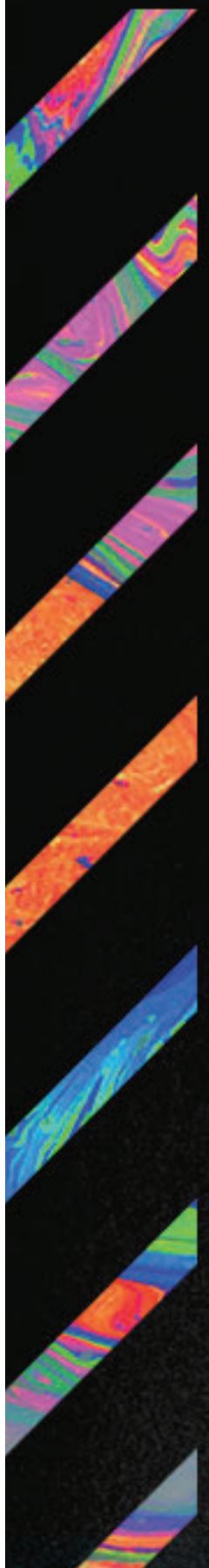
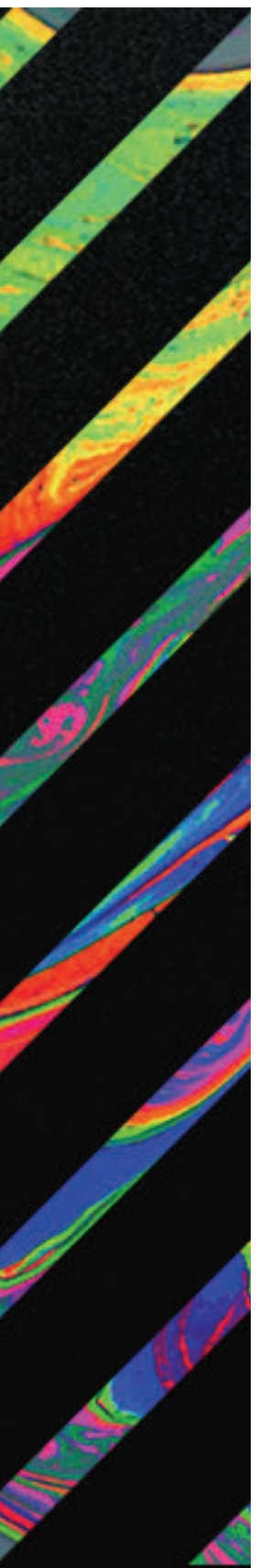
I thank him who has given me strength,
Christ Jesus our Lord, because he judged
me faithful, **appointing me to his service...**

1 Timothy 1:12 ESV

Faithful – worthy of responsibility or trust.

Appointing – assigning of responsibility.

James Lewis Kraft
*Inventor,
founder of Kraft Foods Inc.
b.1874 - d.1953*



“Paddy, there is something wrong. We are not doing it right. I am afraid we have things turned around and our priorities are not where they ought to be. Maybe we ought to serve God and place him first in our lives.”

“I would rather be a layman in the North Shore Baptist Church than to head the greatest corporation in America. My first job is serving Jesus.”

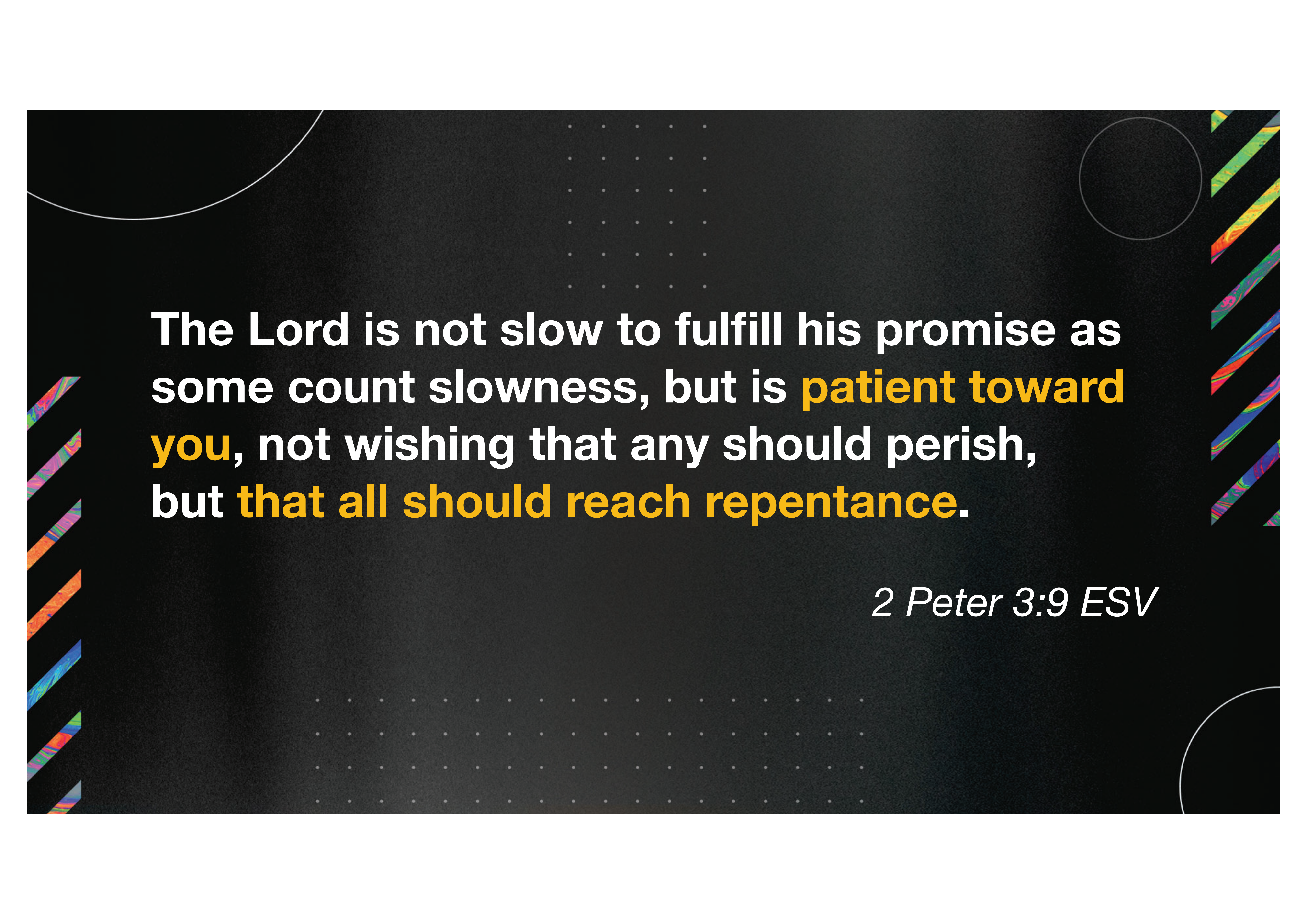
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2. Foremost of Sinners

Blasphemer: evil-speaking, irreverent toward the sacred

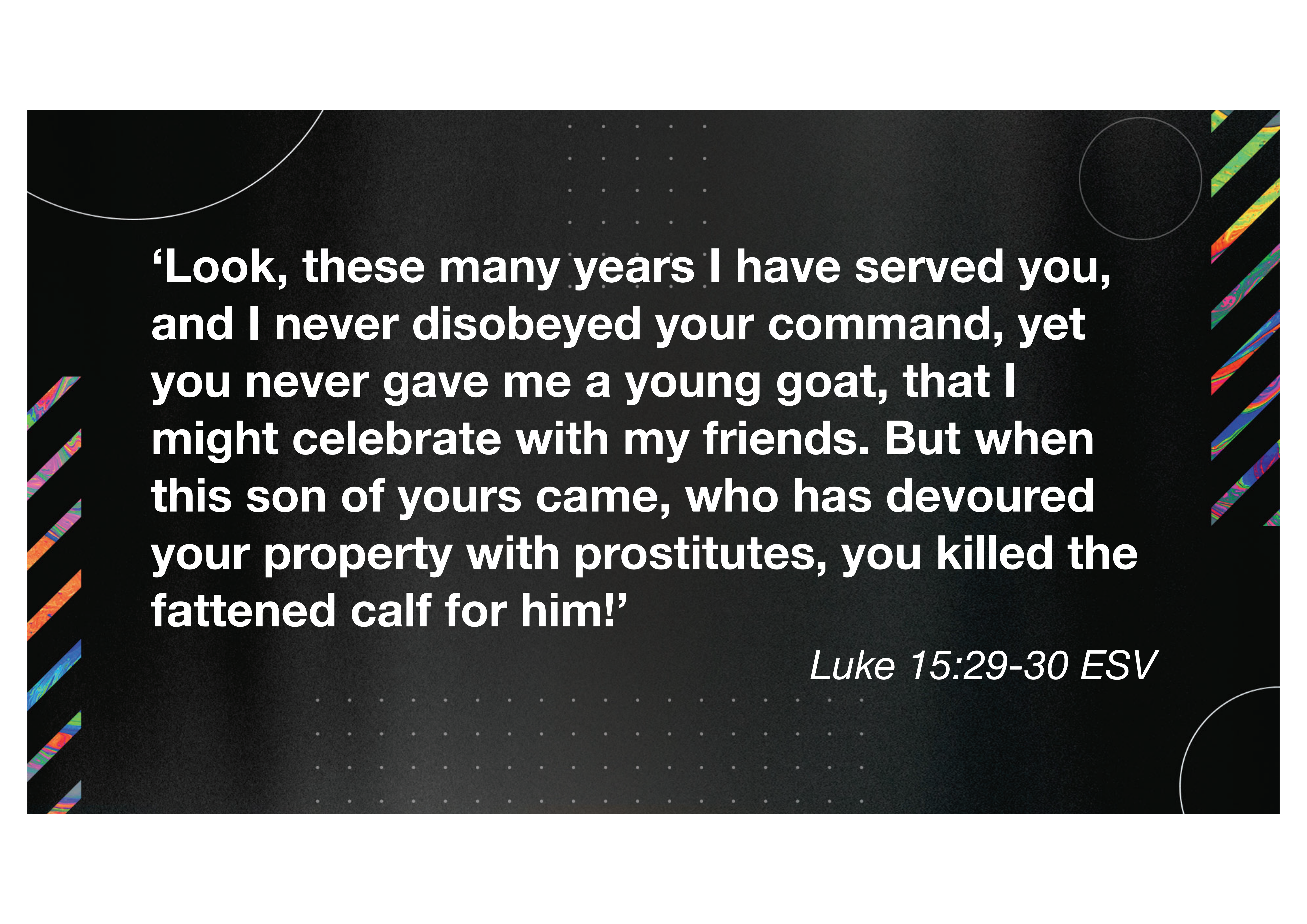
Persecutor: systematic hunting down of an adherent to a particular religion to inflict pain or death.

Insolent Opponent: characterized by offensive & disrespectful acts or statements that are outrageously bold.



The Lord is not slow to fulfill his promise as some count slowness, but is **patient toward you**, not wishing that any should perish, but **that all should reach repentance.**

2 Peter 3:9 ESV



‘Look, these many years I have served you, and I never disobeyed your command, yet you never gave me a young goat, that I might celebrate with my friends. But when this son of yours came, who has devoured your property with prostitutes, you killed the fattened calf for him!’

Luke 15:29-30 ESV

John Bradford

English Reformer, martyr

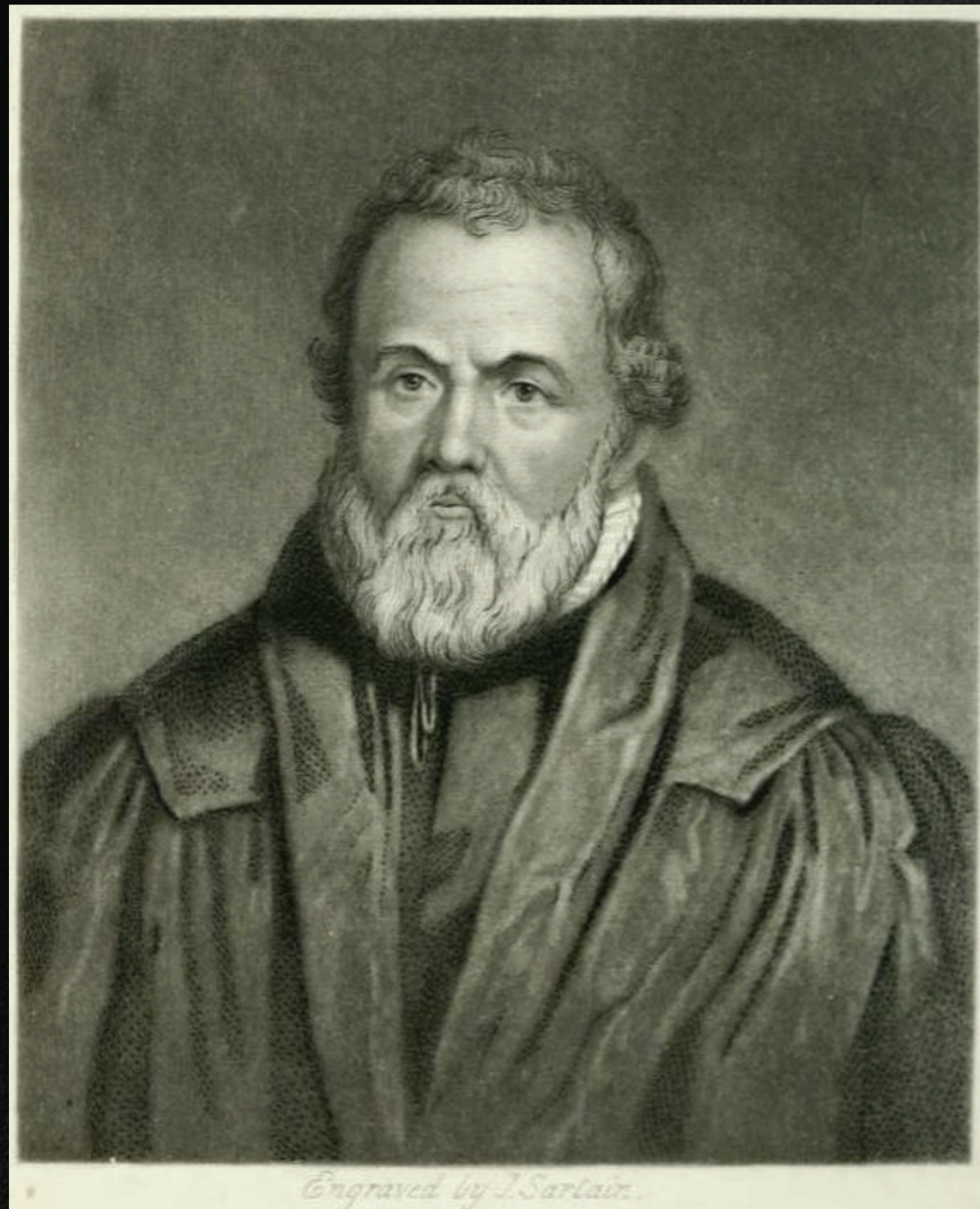
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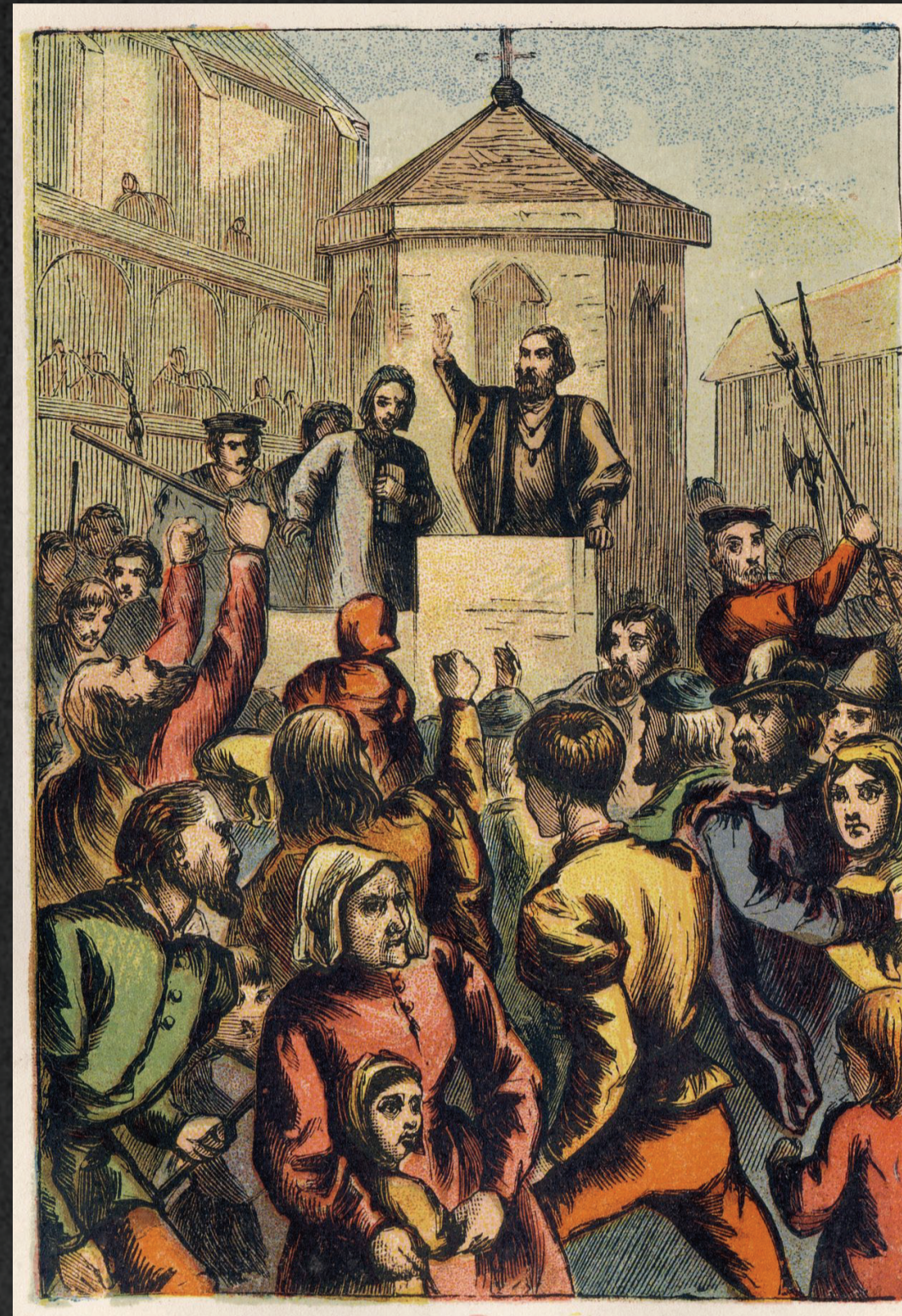


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English Reformer, martyr
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*Pleading with rioters before
his arrest*



*Meeting with Bishops in the Tower of London
before his execution*





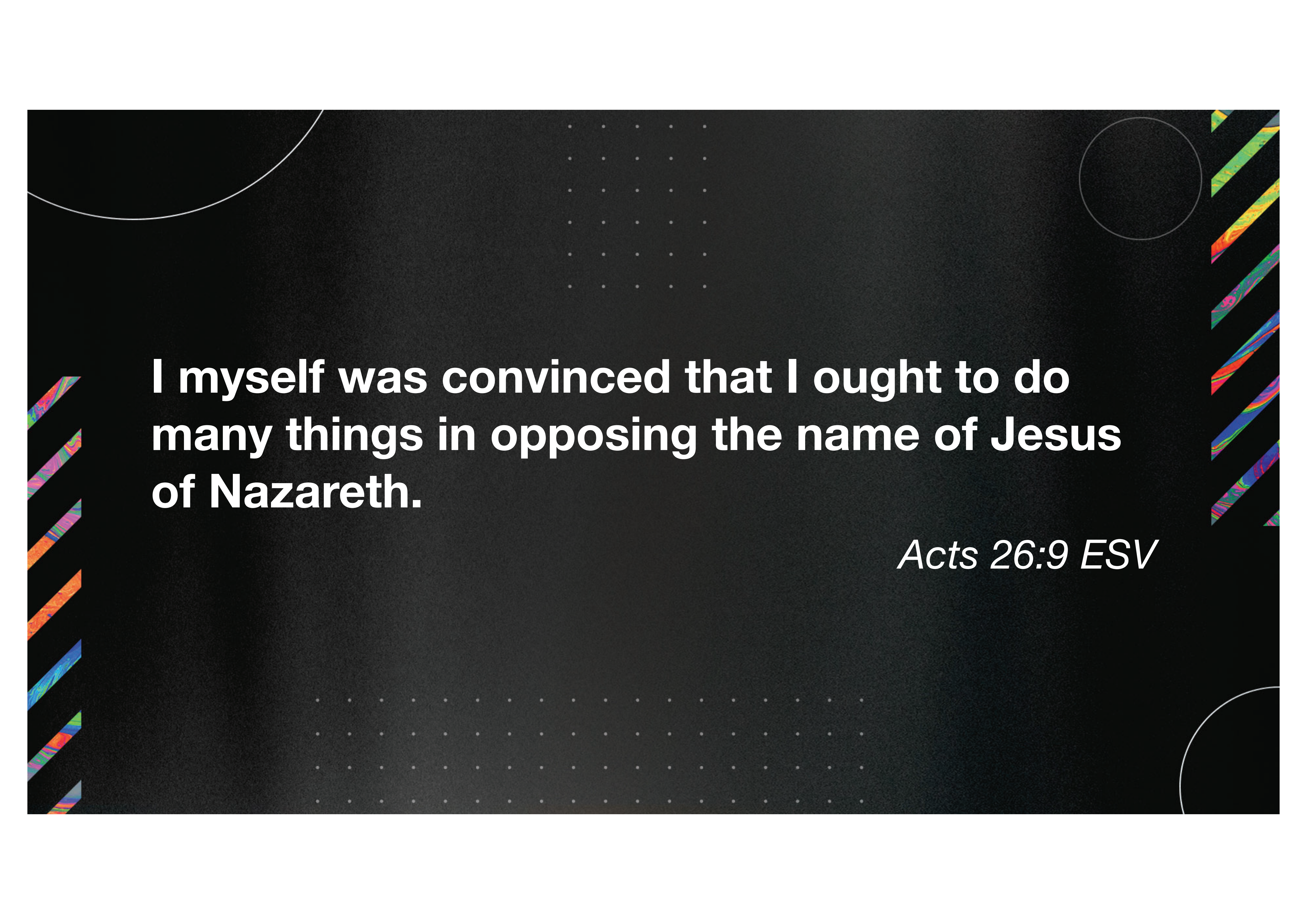
“There but by the Grace of God go I.”

John Bradford
English Reformer, 1550's

3. Acted in Ignorance

But I received **mercy** because I had acted ignorantly in unbelief, and the **grace** of our Lord overflowed for me with the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus.

1 Timothy 1:13b-14 ESV



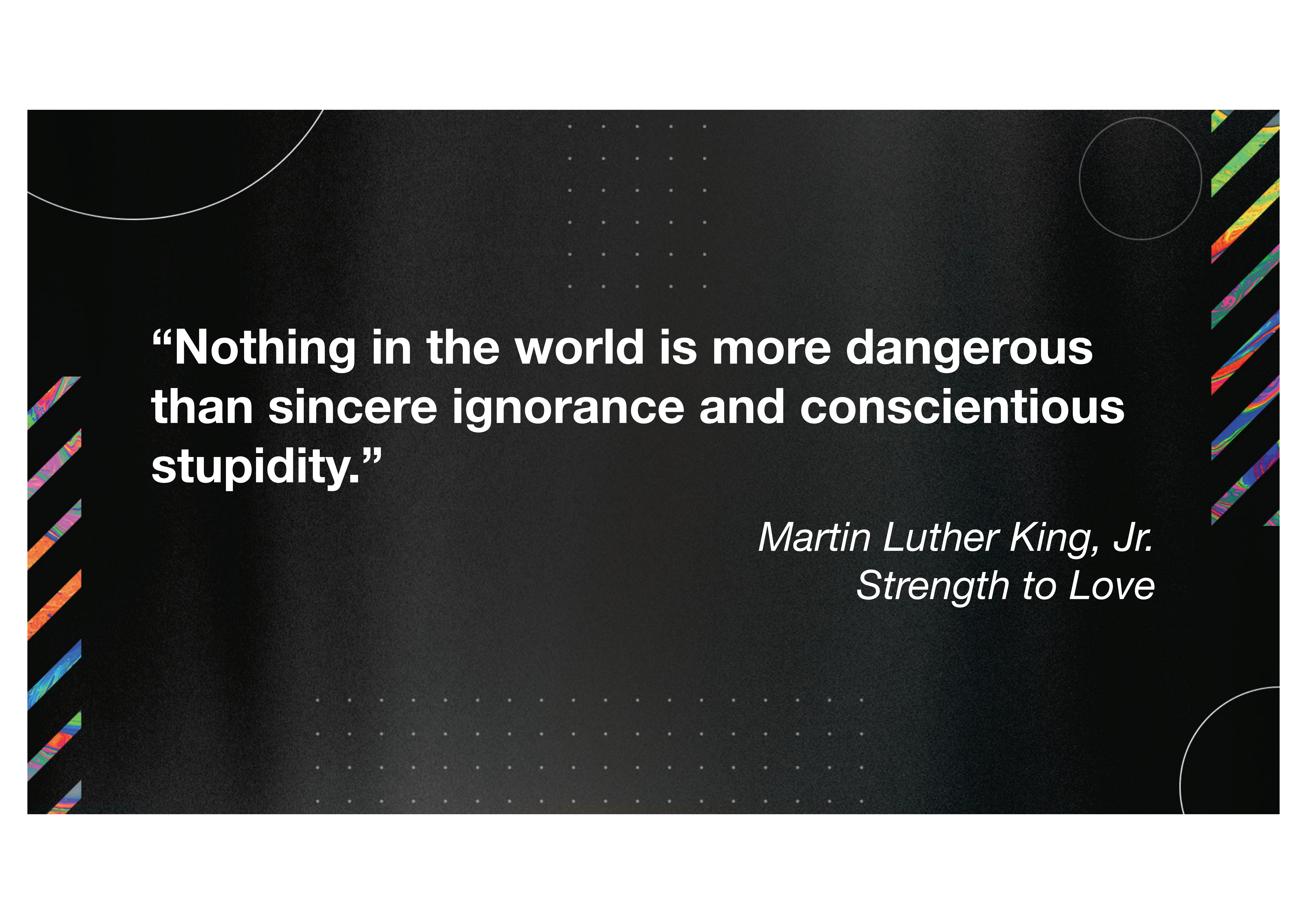
I myself was convinced that I ought to do many things in opposing the name of Jesus of Nazareth.

Acts 26:9 ESV

Martin Luther King, Jr

*Christian minister, activist, and
political philosopher
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**“Nothing in the world is more dangerous
than sincere ignorance and conscientious
stupidity.”**

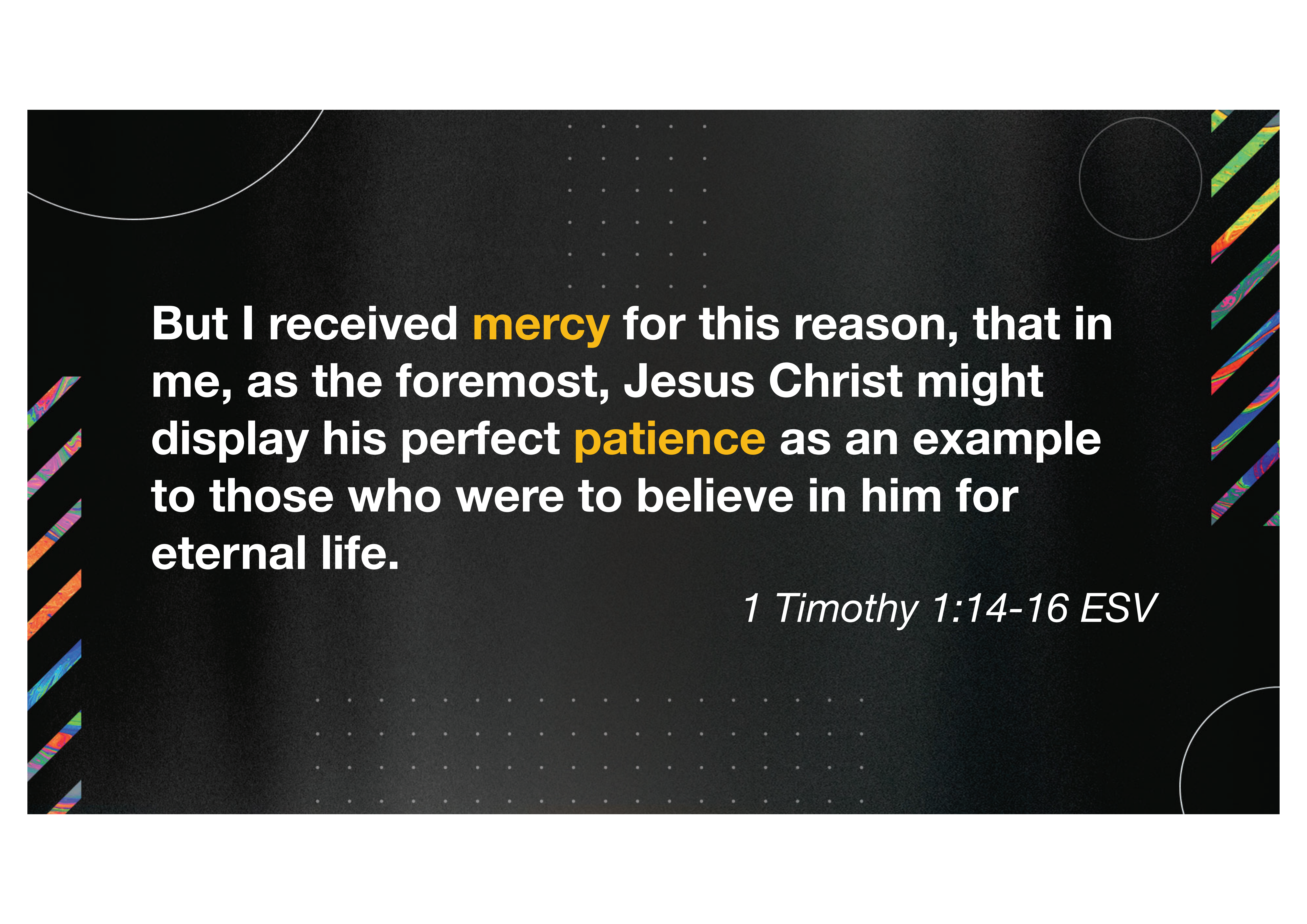
*Martin Luther King, Jr.
Strength to Love*

Brothers, my heart's desire and prayer to God for them is that they may be saved. For I bear them witness that **they have a zeal for God, but not according to knowledge.** For, being ignorant of the righteousness of God, and seeking to establish their own, they did not submit to God's righteousness. For Christ is the end of the law for righteousness to everyone who believes.

Romans 10:1-4 ESV

4. Recipient of Grace, Mercy & Patience

The grace of our Lord overflowed for me with the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. The saying is trustworthy and deserving of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to **save sinners**, of whom **I am the foremost**.



But I received **mercy** for this reason, that in me, as the foremost, Jesus Christ might display his perfect **patience** as an example to those who were to believe in him for eternal life.

1 Timothy 1:14-16 ESV



Grace – good favor of God that is undeserved

Mercy – to have pity on; leniency, not getting what is deserved

Patience – forbearance, patient endurance



Grâce, Siro! grâce pour mon père, s'écrio-t-elle.



“This is the second offense and justice requires death.”

“I don’t ask for justice, I plead for mercy.”

“But he does not deserve mercy.”



**“Sir, it would not be mercy if he deserved
it, and mercy is all I ask.”**

“Well then, I will show mercy.”



Appointed to God's Service

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Doxology – Hymn or song ascribing
praise to God

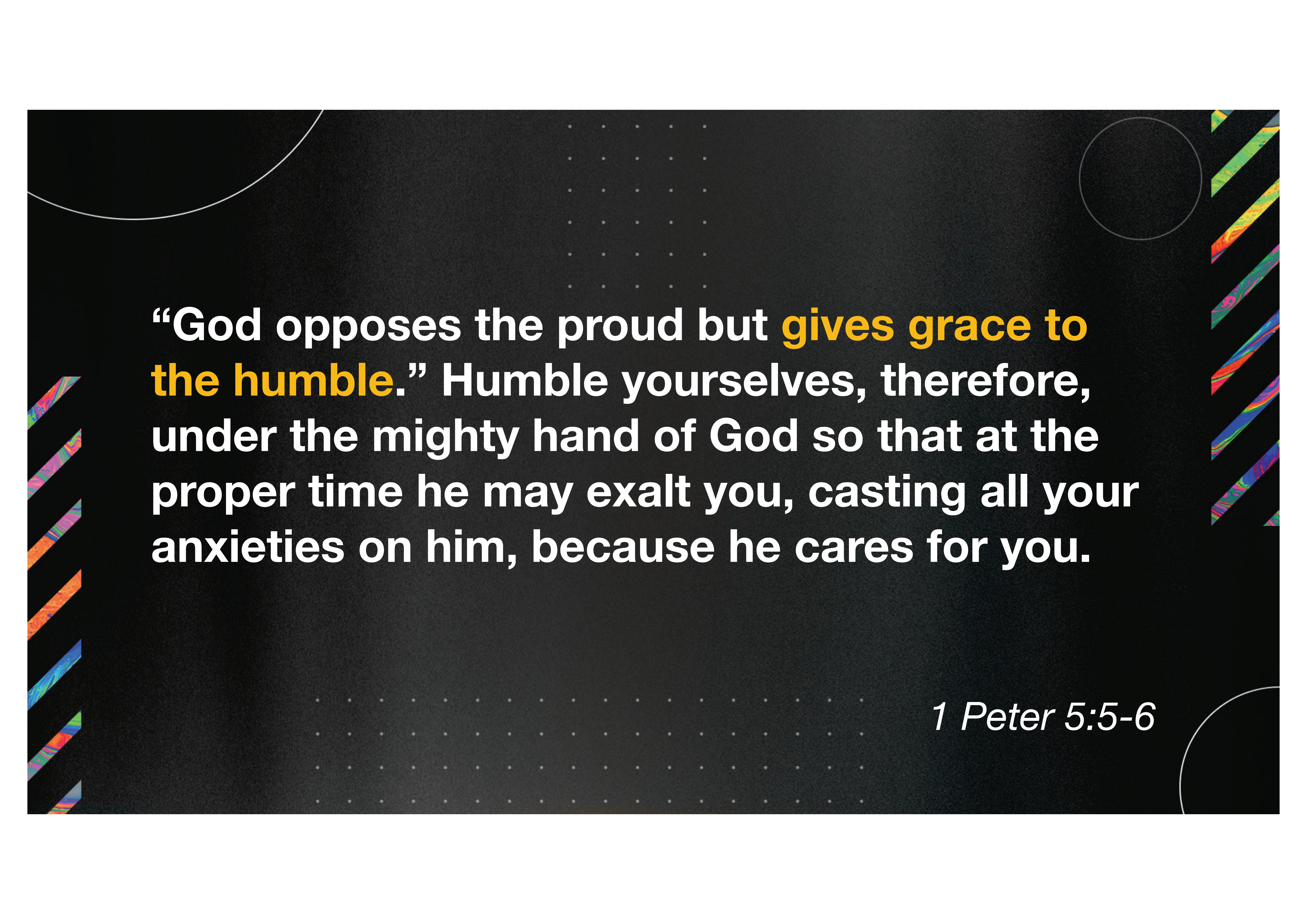
To the King of the ages, immortal, invisible,
the only God, be honor and glory forever and
ever. Amen.

1 Timothy 1:17 ESV



This charge I entrust to you, Timothy, my child...wage **the good warfare**, holding faith and a good conscience.

1 Timothy 1:18-19 ESV




“God opposes the proud but **gives grace to the humble.**” Humble yourselves, therefore, under the mighty hand of God so that at the proper time he may exalt you, casting all your anxieties on him, because he cares for you.

1 Peter 5:5-6



God Uses the Broken But Humble



**Humble Yourself -
Accept the Truth of Fallenness**

Seek Him

Accept His Calling for you

Cultivate a Heart of Thanksgiving

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1 Timothy 1:16 ESV