

A LOVE THAT...

March 8
Heals



March 15
Shares



March 22
Cares



March 29
**Speaks
the Truth**



April 5 Easter Sunday
Forgives

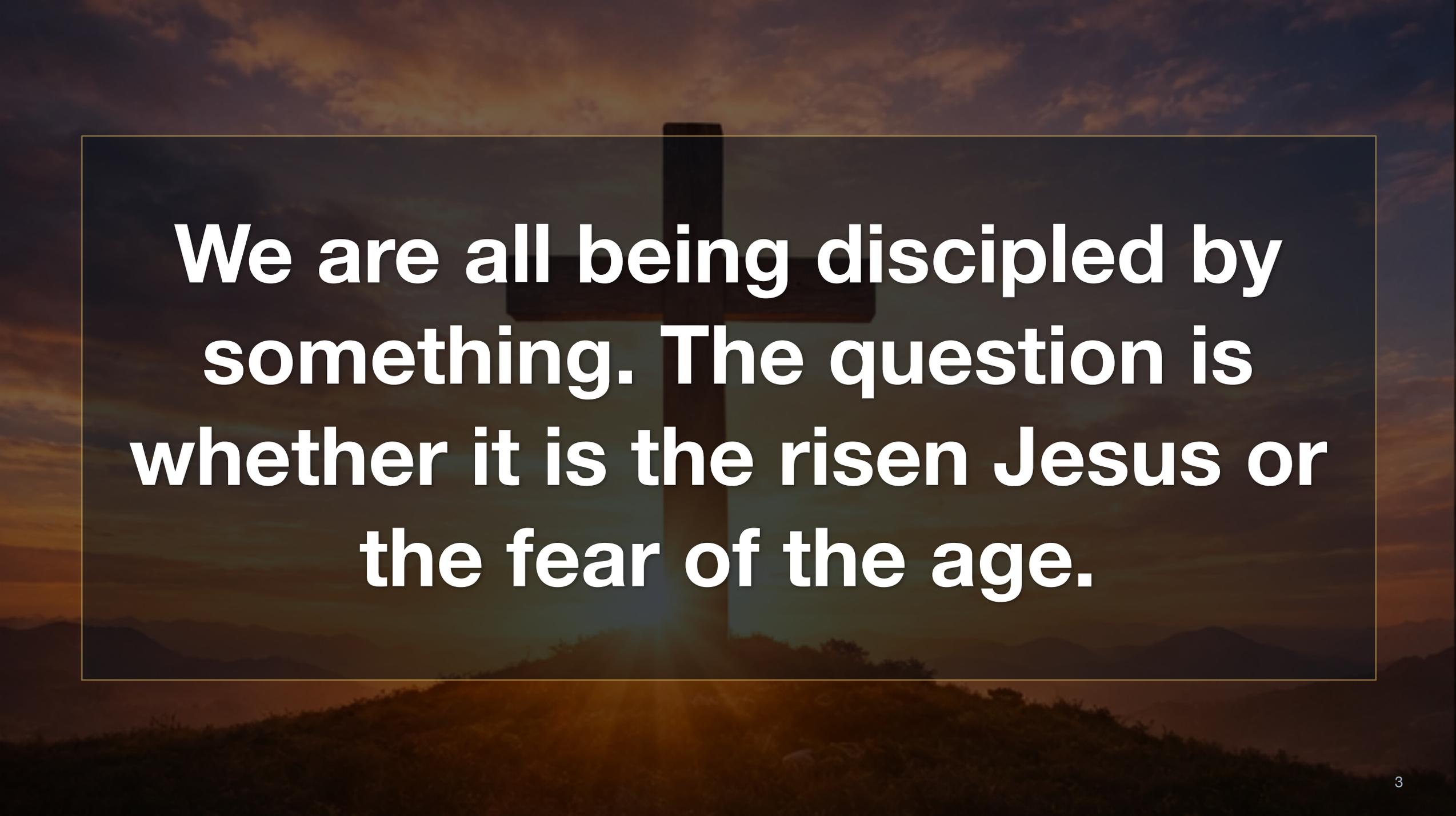




Love That Shares

Acts 4:1–31

The Westside Church



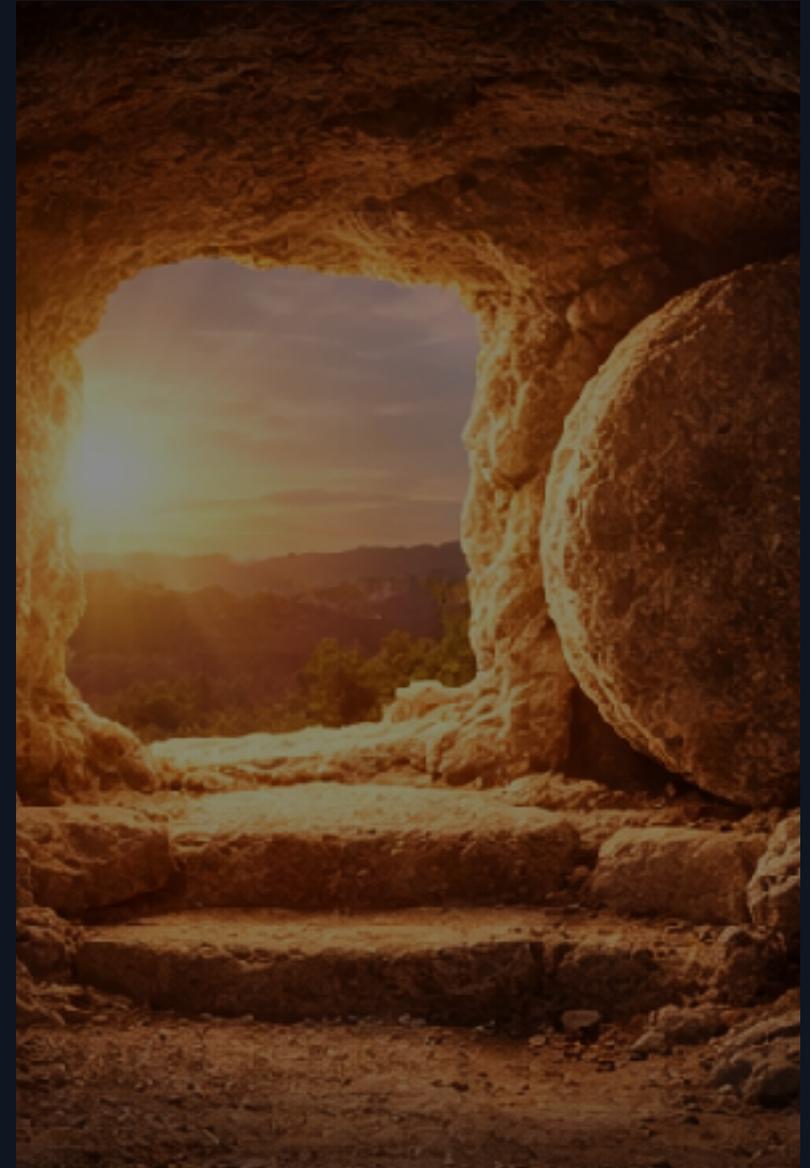
We are all being disciplined by something. The question is whether it is the risen Jesus or the fear of the age.

MAIN POINT

**Love that shares keeps
speaking Jesus when fear,
tension, and the world's noise
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Acts 4:1-2 (NIV)

The priests and the captain of the temple guard and the Sadducees came up to Peter and John while they were speaking to the people. 2 They were greatly disturbed because the apostles were teaching the people, proclaiming in Jesus the resurrection of the dead.

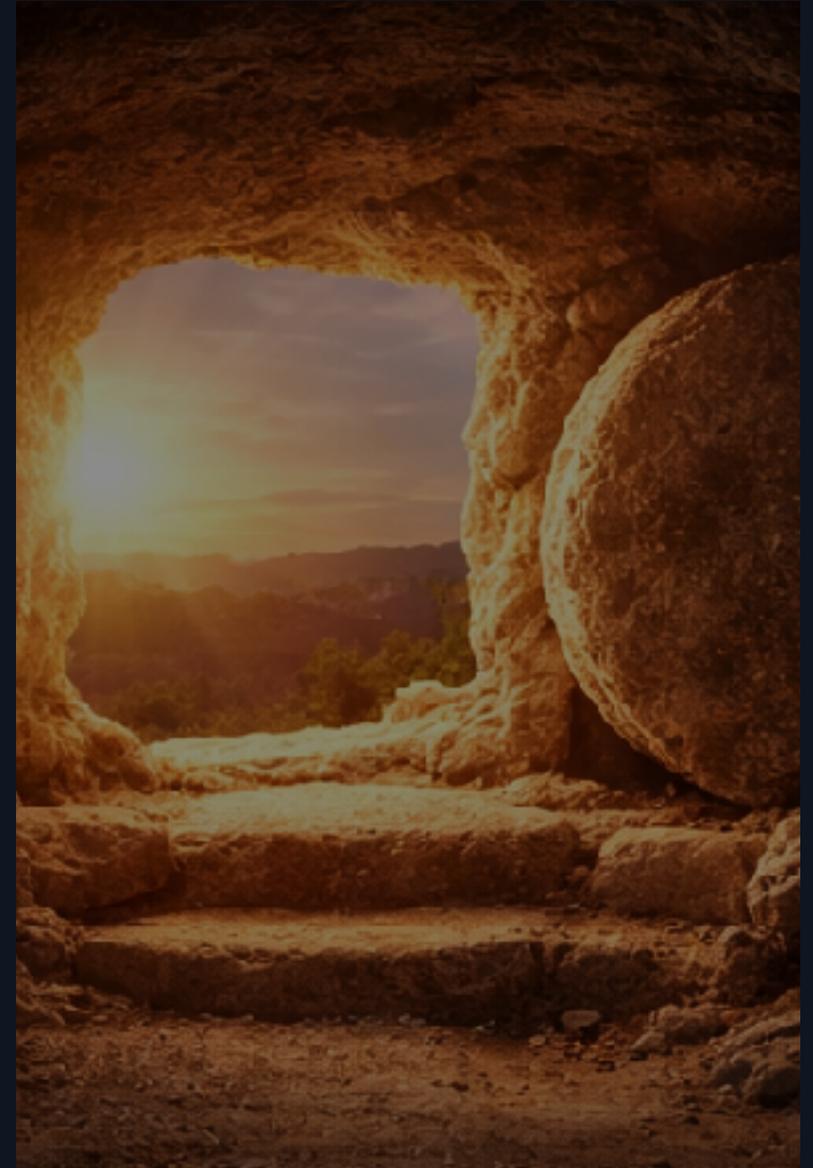


Acts 4:3-4

They seized Peter and John and, because it was evening, they put them in jail until the next day. 4

But many who heard the message believed; so the number of men who believed grew to about five thousand.

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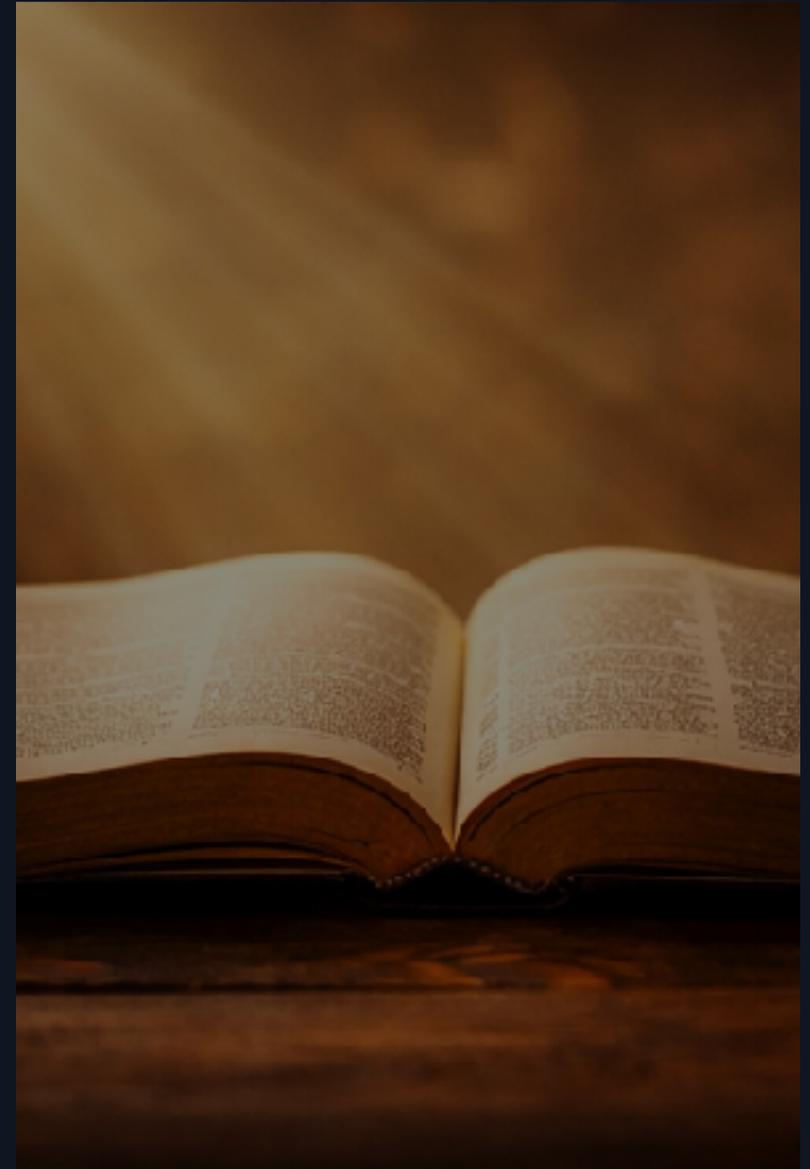


ACTS 4

**The resurrection is not just
comforting news. It is confronting
news.**

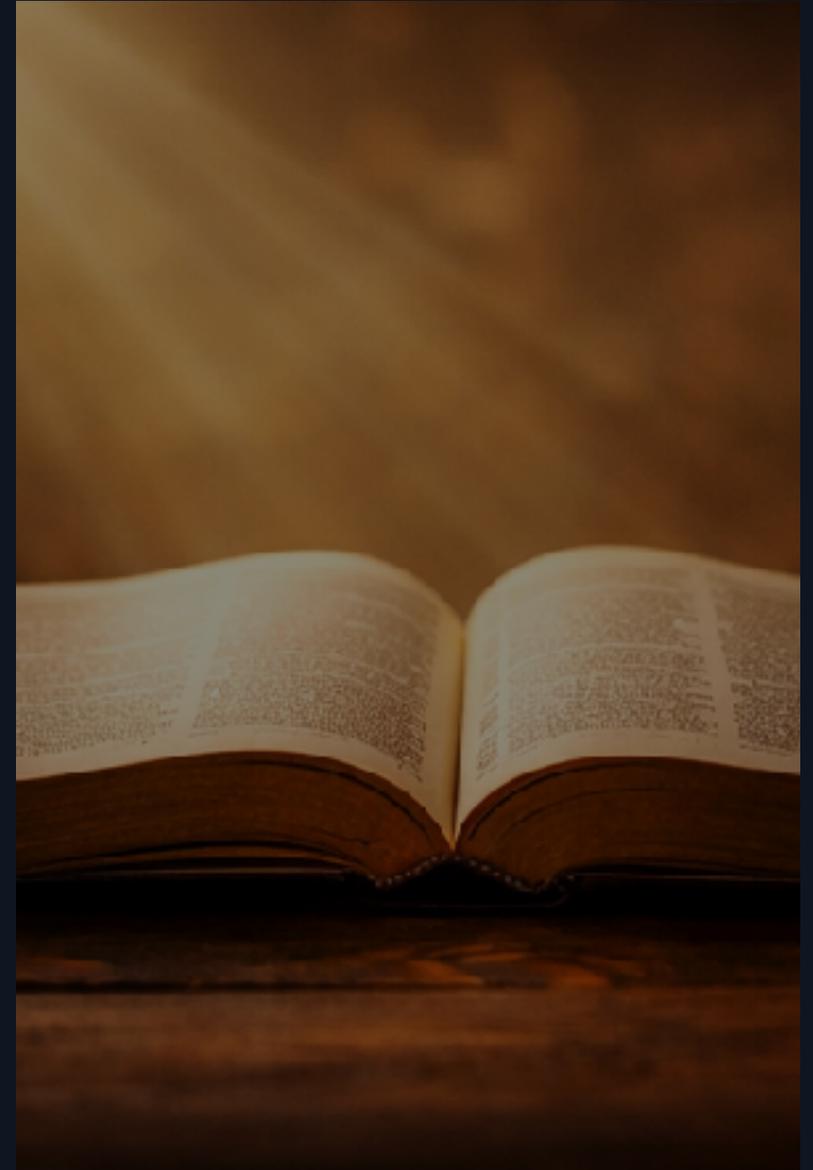
Acts 4:5-7

The next day the rulers, the elders and the teachers of the law met in Jerusalem. 6 Annas the high priest was there, and so were Caiaphas, John, Alexander and others of the high priest's family. 7 They had Peter and John brought before them and began to question them: "By what power or what name did you do this?"



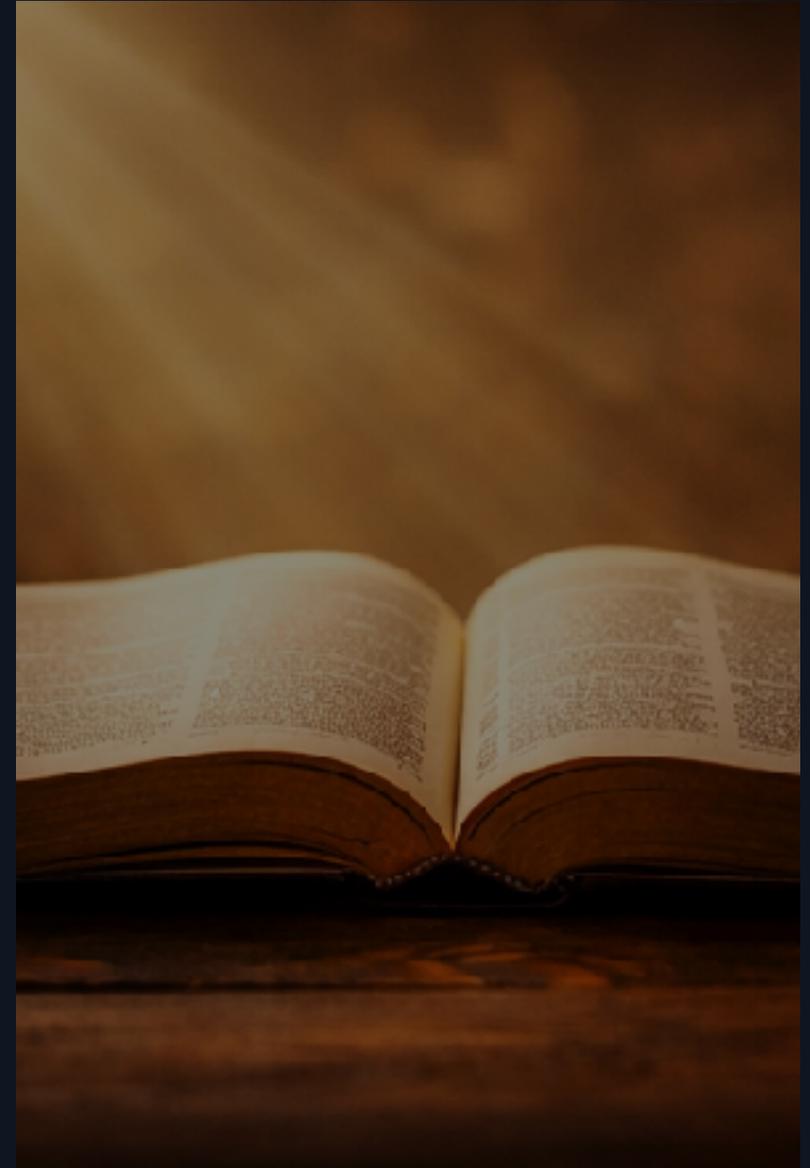
Acts 4:8-9

Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them: "Rulers and elders of the people! 9 If we are being called to account today for an act of kindness shown to a man who was lame and are being asked how he was healed,



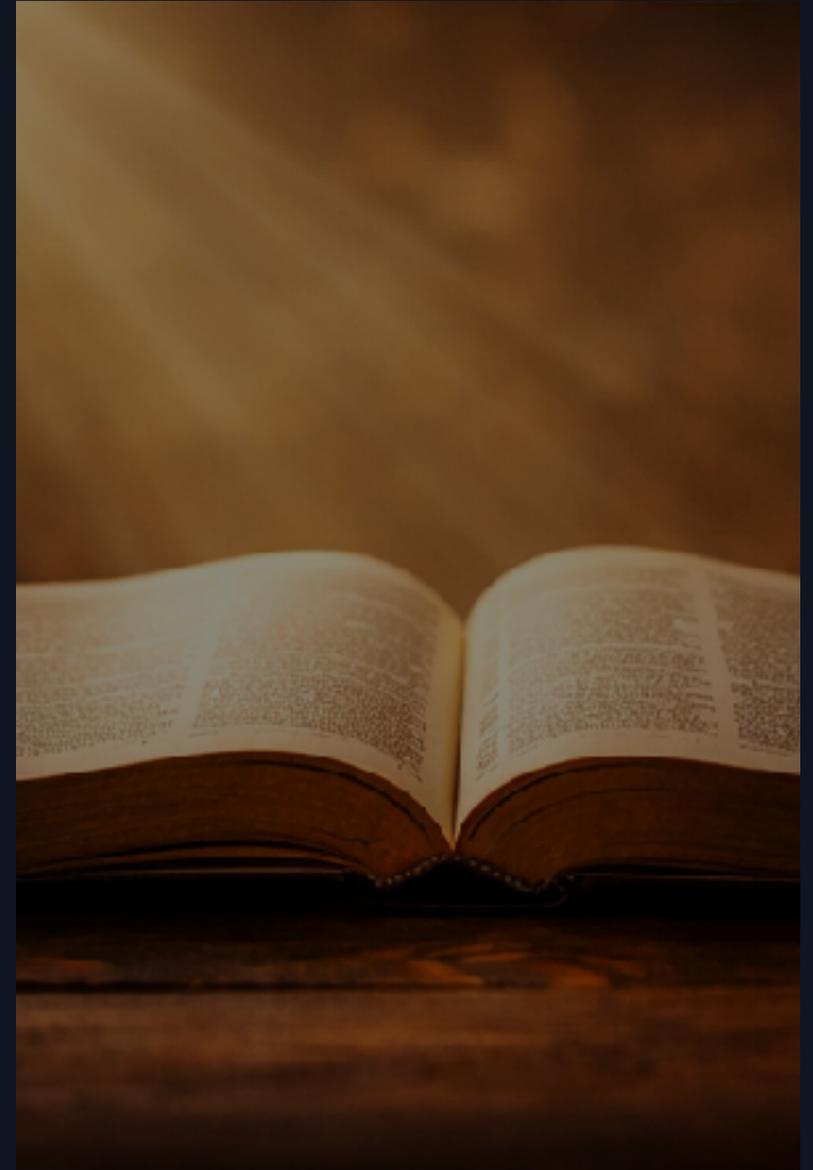
Acts 4:10-11

then know this, you and all the people of Israel: It is by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified but whom God raised from the dead, that this man stands before you healed. Jesus is "'the stone you builders rejected, which has become the cornerstone.'



Acts 4:12

Salvation is found in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given to mankind by which we must be saved."

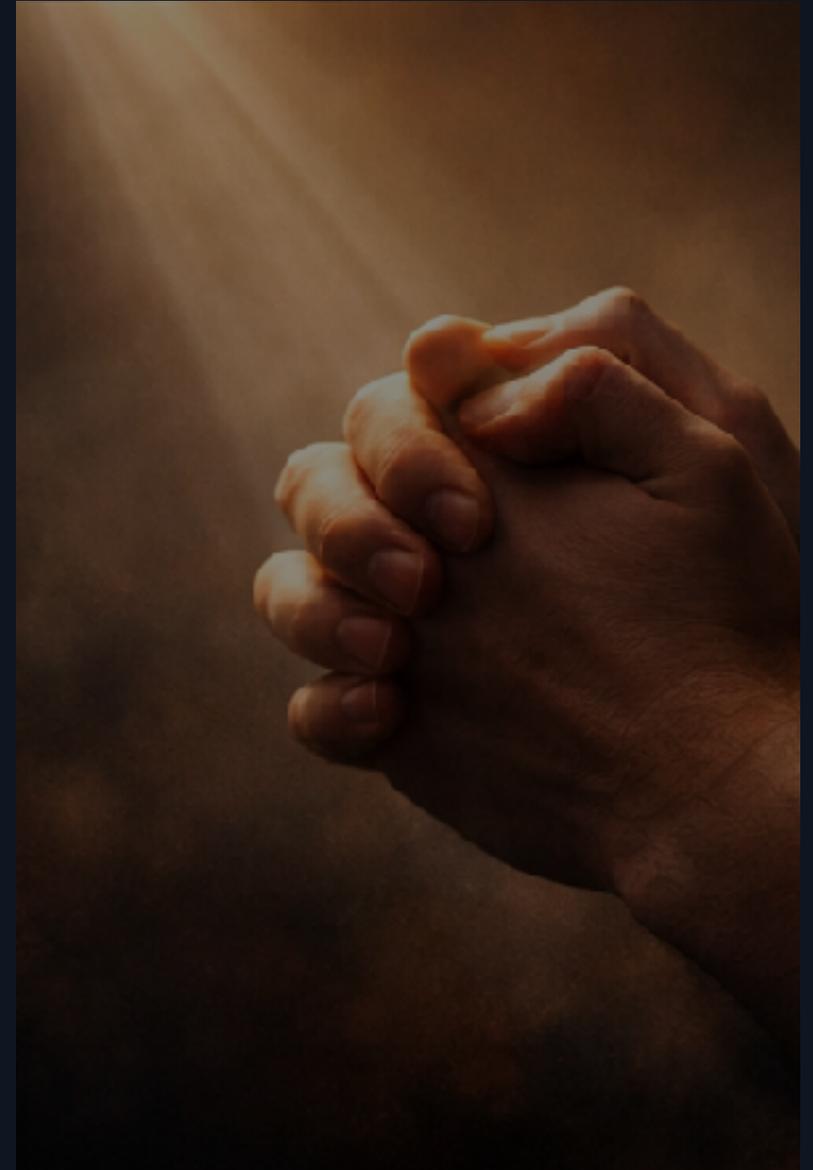


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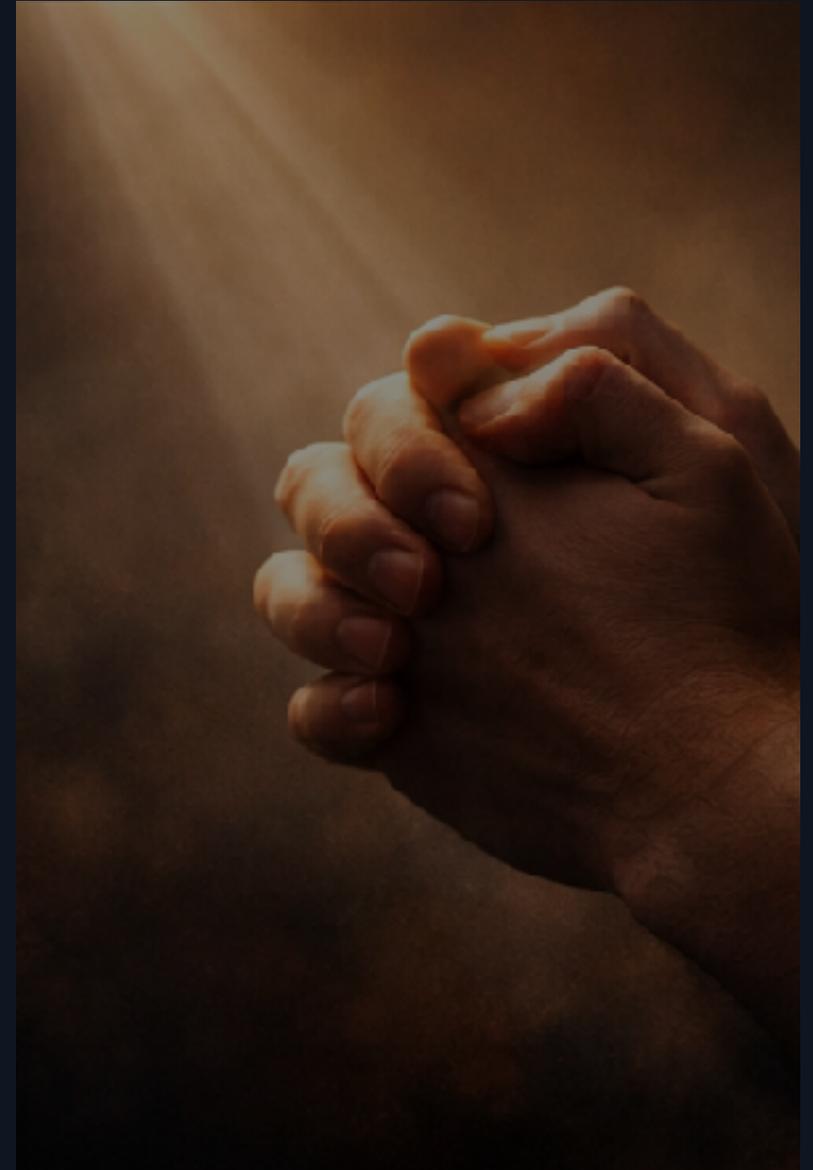
Acts 4:13,17

When they saw the courage of Peter and John and realized that they were unschooled, ordinary men, they were astonished and they took note that these men had been with Jesus... 17 But to stop this thing from spreading any further among the people, we must warn them to speak no longer to anyone in this name."



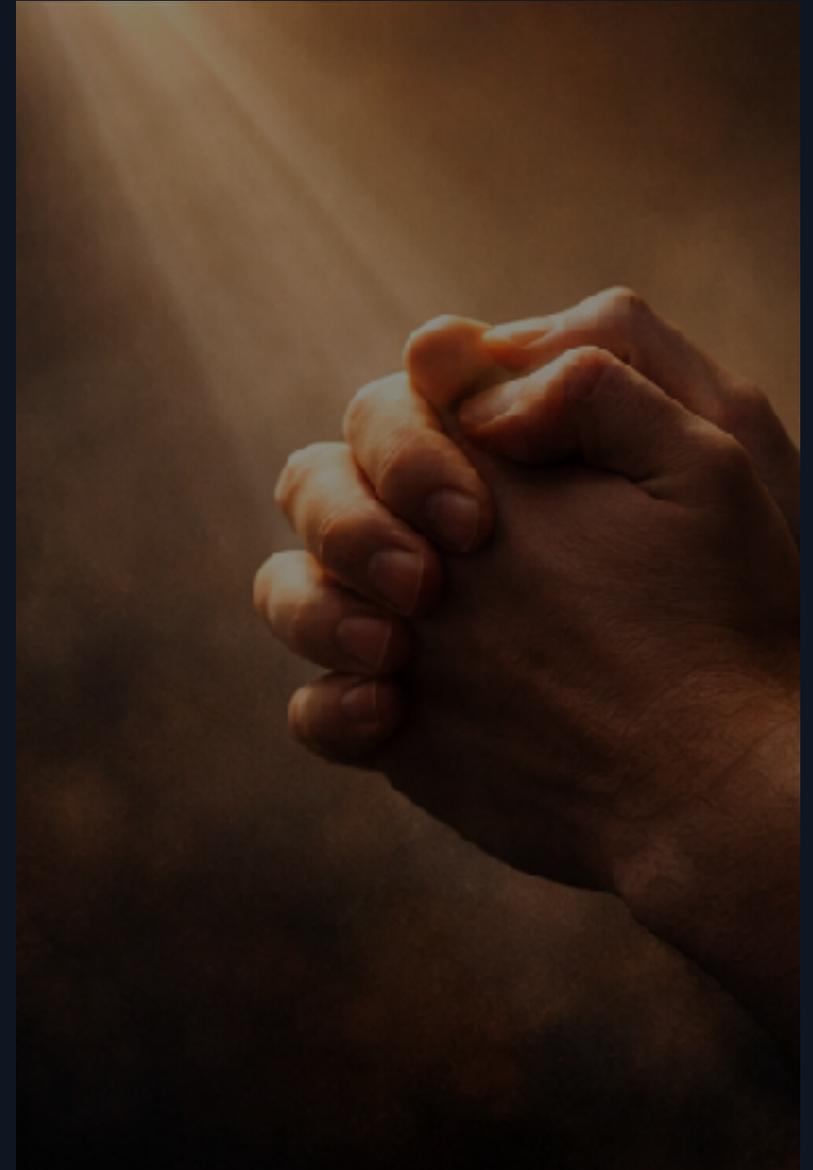
Acts 4:18-19

Then they called them in again and commanded them not to speak or teach at all in the name of Jesus. 19 But Peter and John replied, "Which is right in God's eyes: to listen to you, or to him? You be the judges!



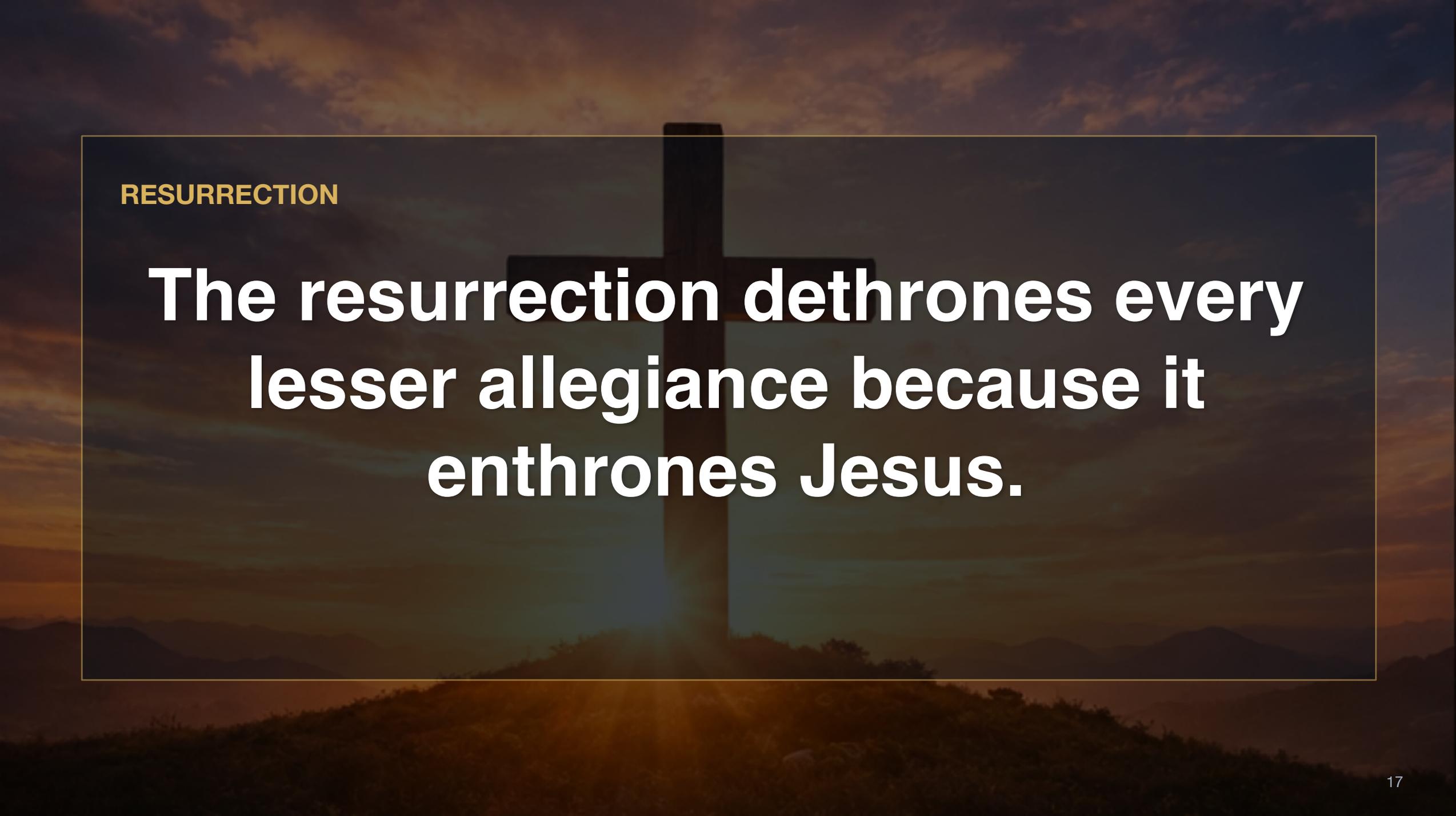
Acts 4:20-22

As for us, we cannot help speaking about what we have seen and heard." 21 After further threats they let them go. They could not decide how to punish them, because all the people were praising God for what had happened. 22 For the man who was miraculously healed was over forty years old.



WESTSIDE

**The rulers wanted silence. The
apostles wanted faithfulness.**

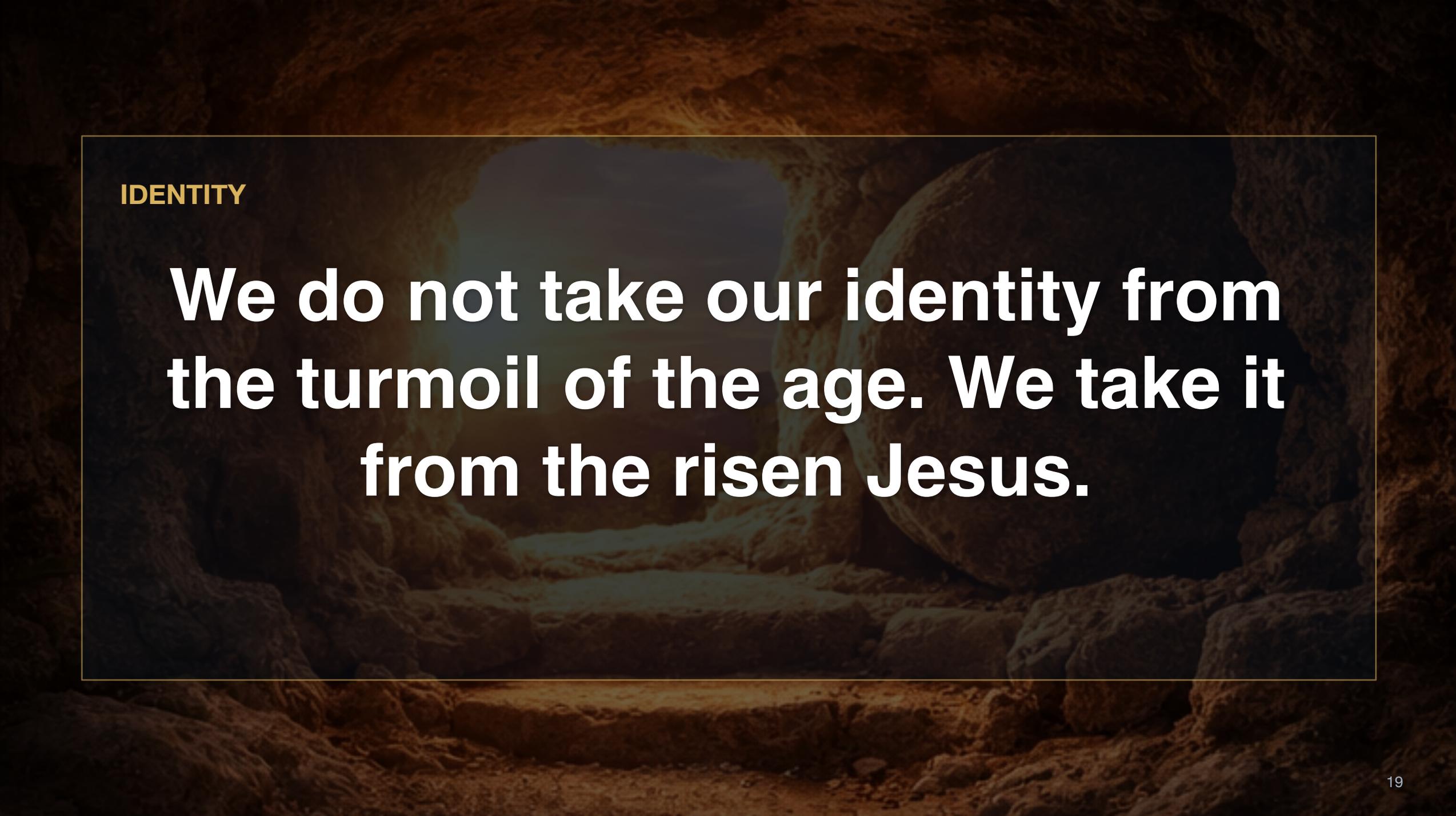


RESURRECTION

**The resurrection dethrones every
lesser allegiance because it
enthrones Jesus.**

The Resurrection Dethrones:

- Political Idolatry
- Tribalism and Racism
- Fear
- Bitterness
- False Centers of Life

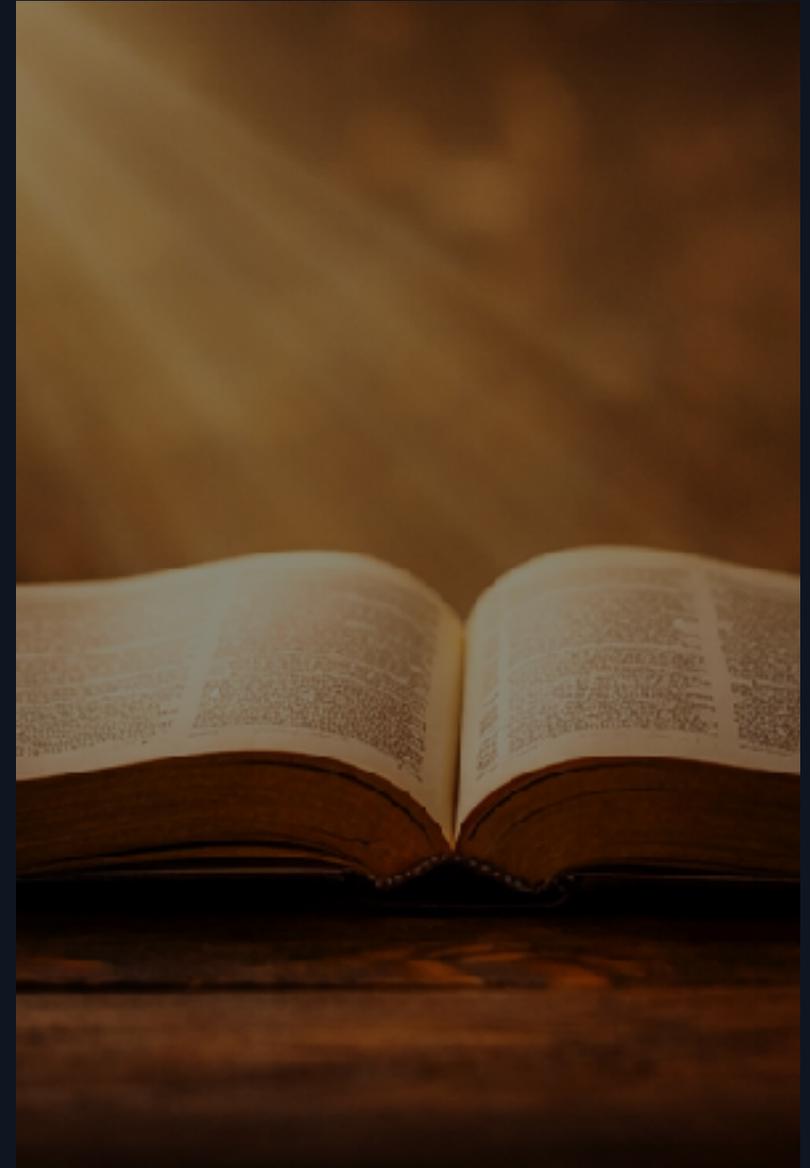


IDENTITY

**We do not take our identity from
the turmoil of the age. We take it
from the risen Jesus.**

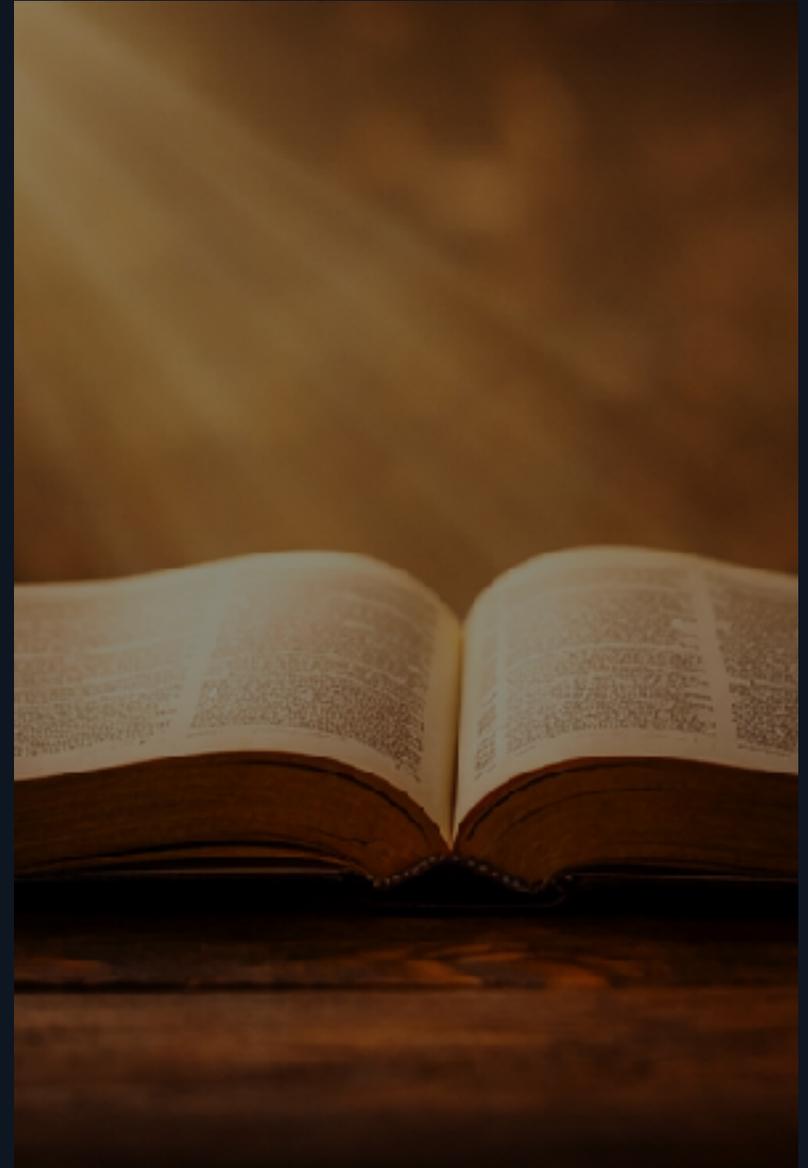
Acts 4:23-24

On their release, Peter and John went back to their own people and reported all that the chief priests and the elders had said to them. 24 When they heard this, they raised their voices together in prayer to God. "Sovereign Lord," they said, "you made the heavens and the earth and the sea, and everything in them.



Acts 4:25-26

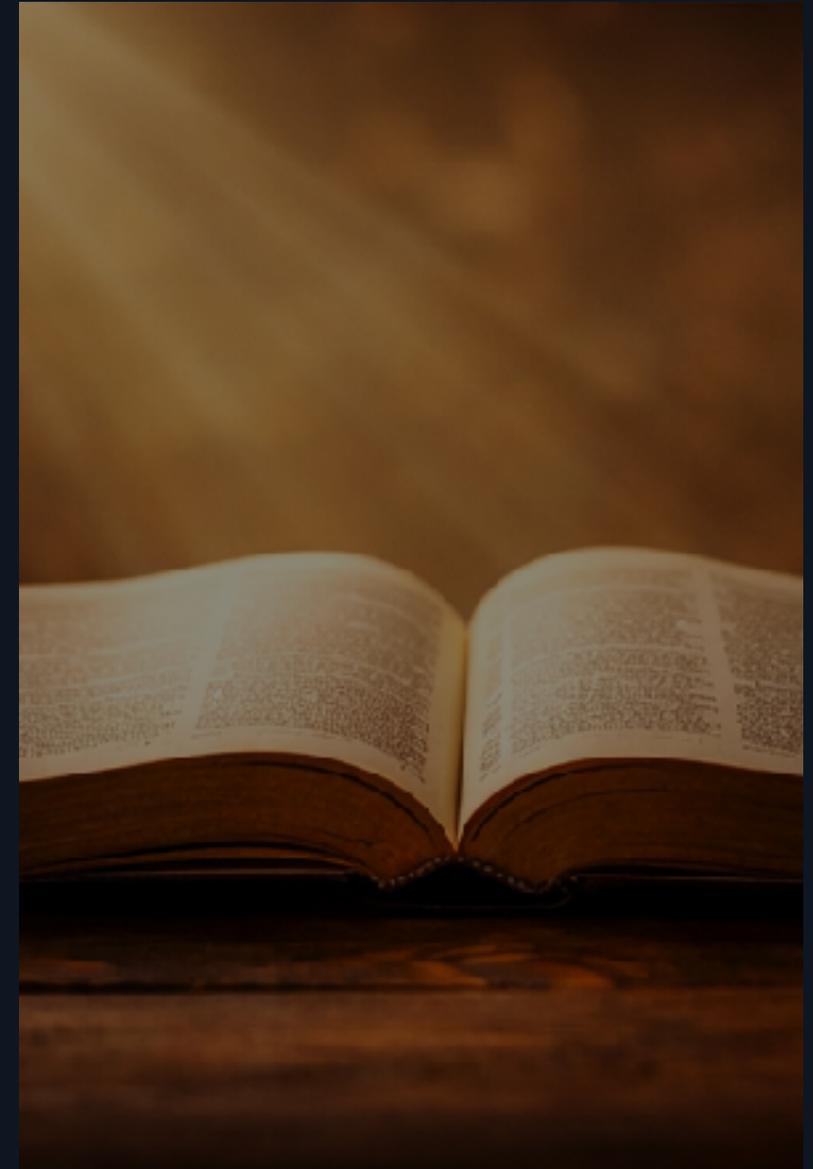
25 You spoke by the Holy Spirit through the mouth of your servant, our father David: "'Why do the nations rage and the peoples plot in vain? 26 The kings of the earth rise up and the rulers band together against the Lord and against his anointed one.'



Acts 4:27-28

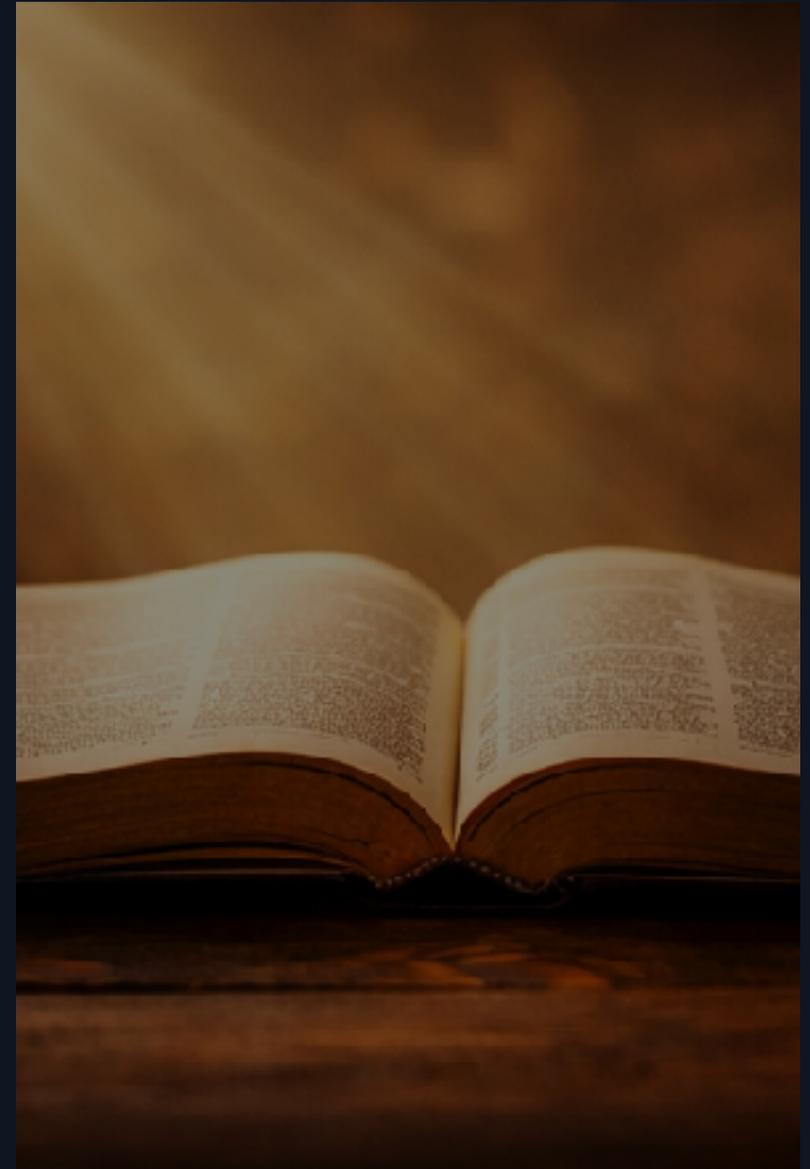
Indeed Herod and Pontius Pilate met together with the Gentiles and the people of Israel in this city to conspire against your holy servant Jesus, whom you anointed. 28 They did what your power and will had decided beforehand should happen.

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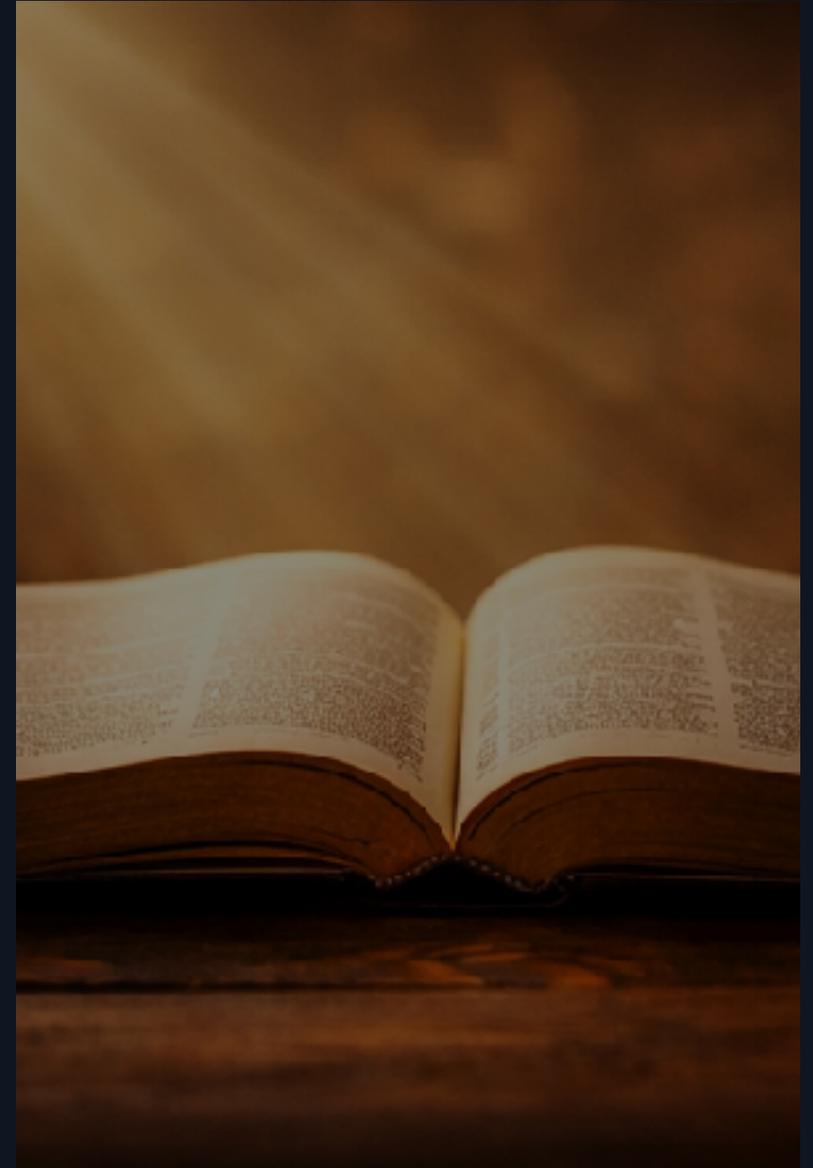
Acts 4:29-30

Now, Lord, consider their threats and enable your servants to speak your word with great boldness. 30 Stretch out your hand to heal and perform signs and wonders through the name of your holy servant Jesus.”



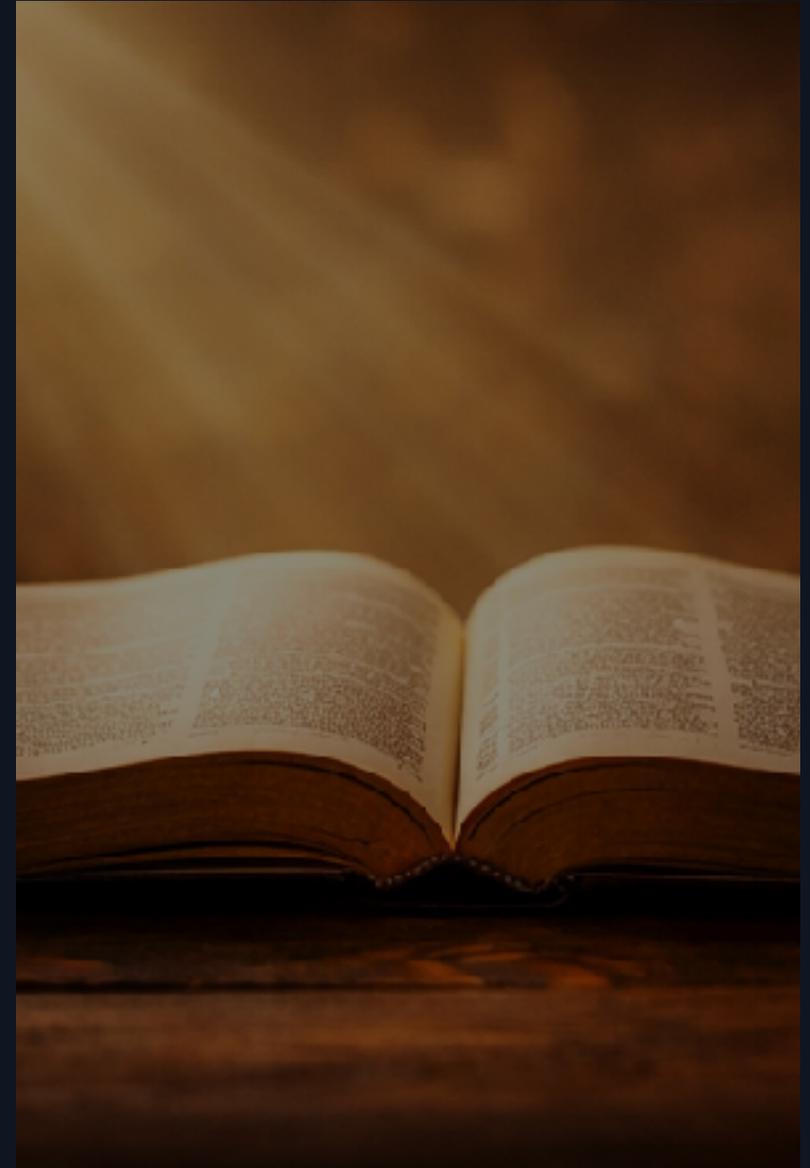
Acts 4:31

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CALL TO ACTION

One prayer every day.

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One person this week.

CLOSING

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