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STAINED
BEAUTY**

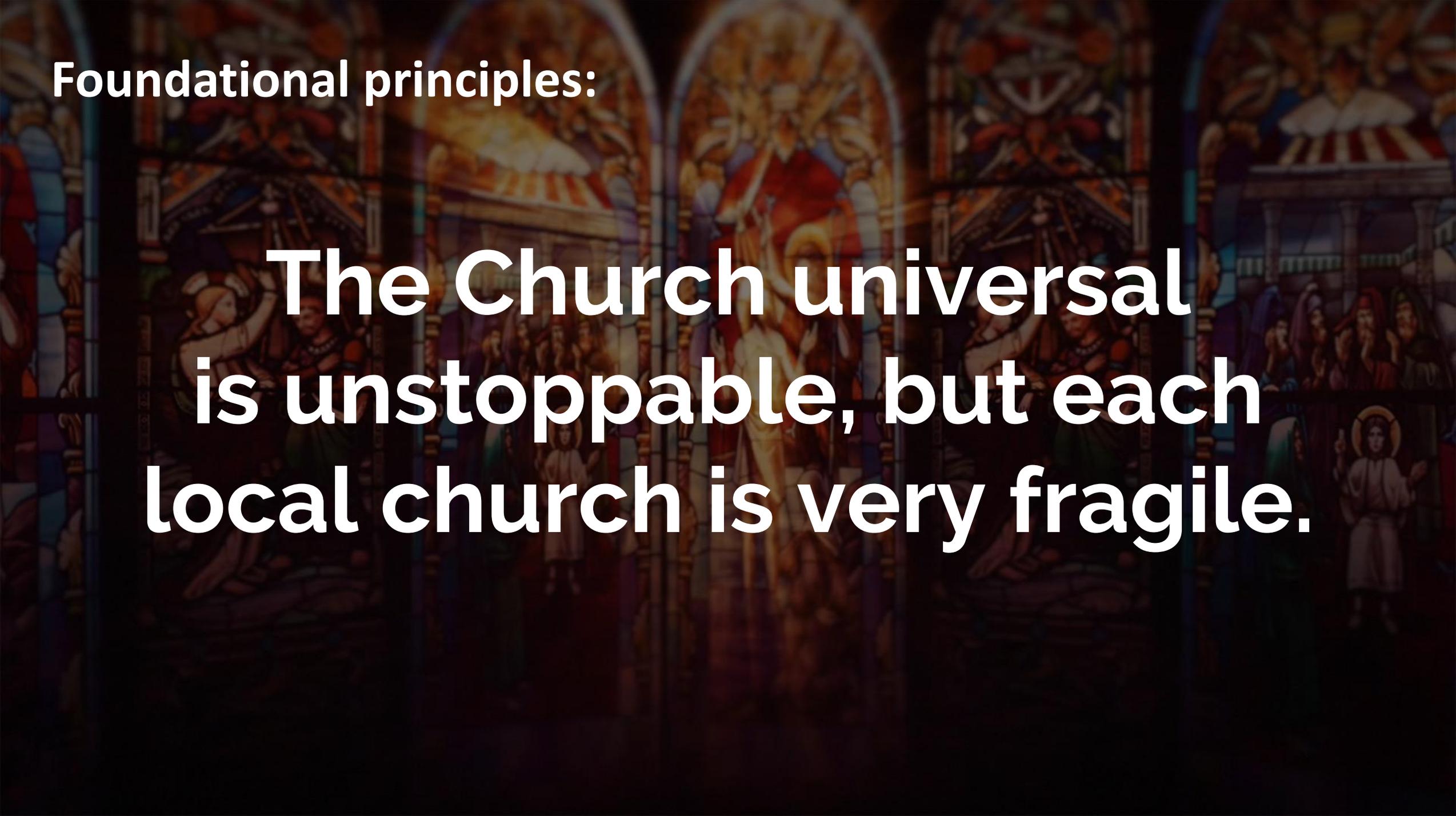
Foundational principles:

**The Church is
God's idea.**



Foundational principles:

**The Church is
the bride and body
of Christ.**

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Foundational principles:

**The Church universal
is unstoppable, but each
local church is very fragile.**

Foundational principles:

**The Church is
not a building. We
are the Church.**

Foundational principles:

**The Church is the
manifold wisdom
of God.**

Jerusalem

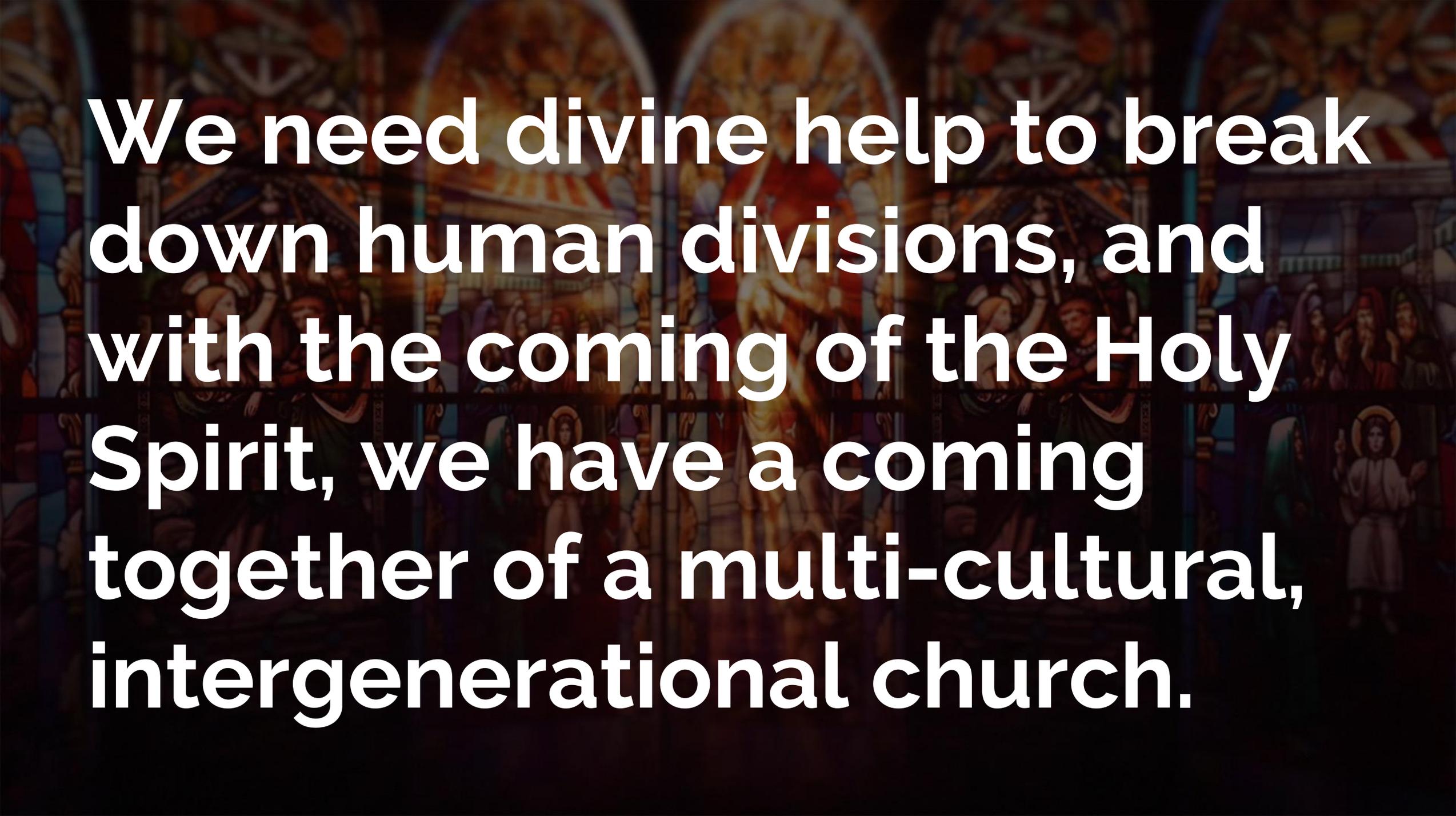
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The church at Jerusalem

All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them.

Now there were staying in Jerusalem God-fearing Jews from every nation under heaven. When they heard this sound, a crowd came together in bewilderment, because each one heard their own language being spoken. Utterly amazed, they asked: "Aren't all these who are speaking Galileans? Then how is it that each of us hears them in our native language?"

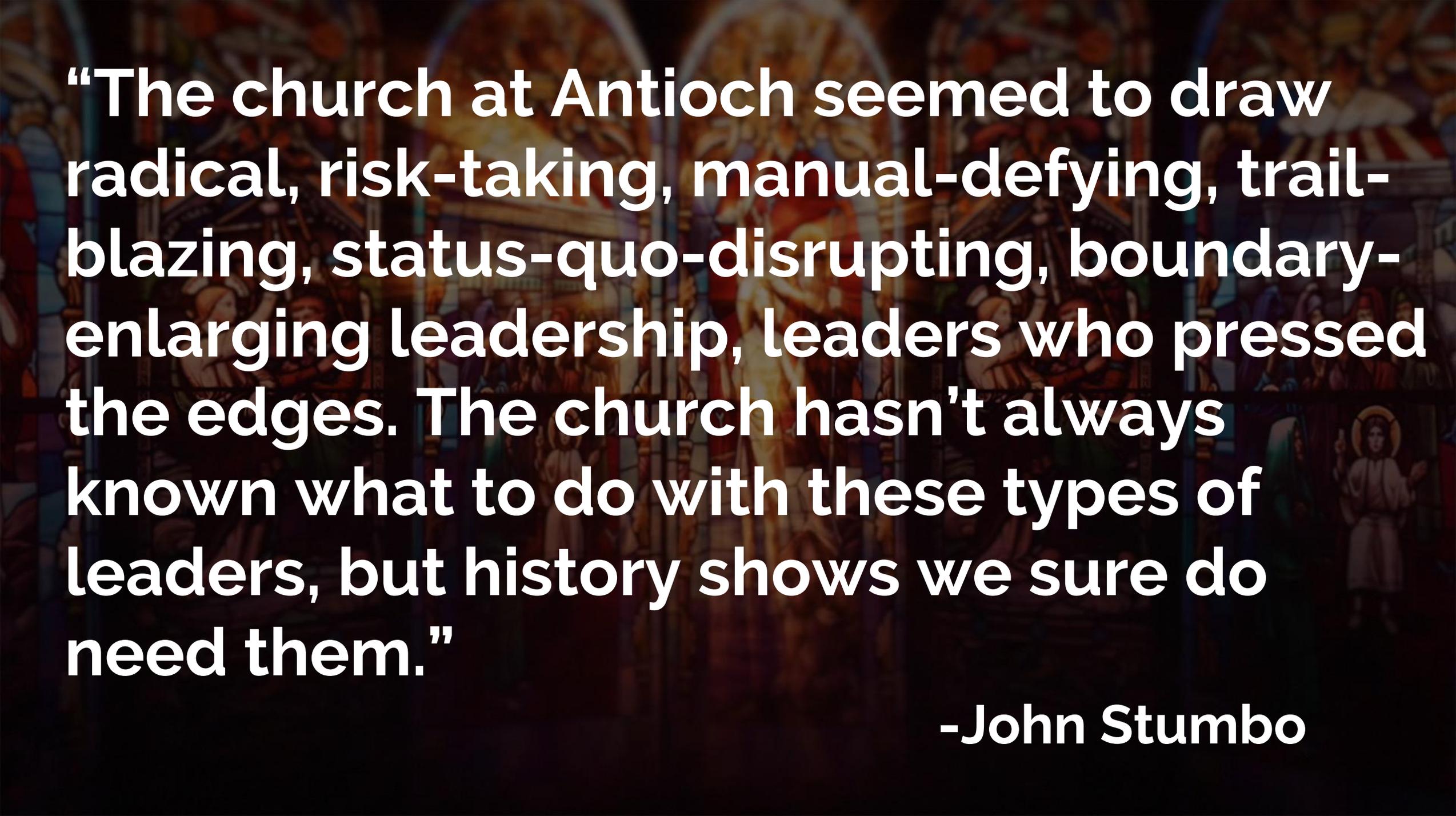


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We need divine help to break down human divisions, and with the coming of the Holy Spirit, we have a coming together of a multi-cultural, intergenerational church.

Antioch





“The church at Antioch seemed to draw radical, risk-taking, manual-defying, trail-blazing, status-quo-disrupting, boundary-enlarging leadership, leaders who pressed the edges. The church hasn’t always known what to do with these types of leaders, but history shows we sure do need them.”

-John Stumbo

The background of the slide is a dark, semi-transparent image of a stained glass window. It features several arched panels containing religious scenes, including what appears to be the Resurrection and other biblical figures. The colors are muted due to the overlay, but the intricate patterns and figures are visible.

The church at Antioch

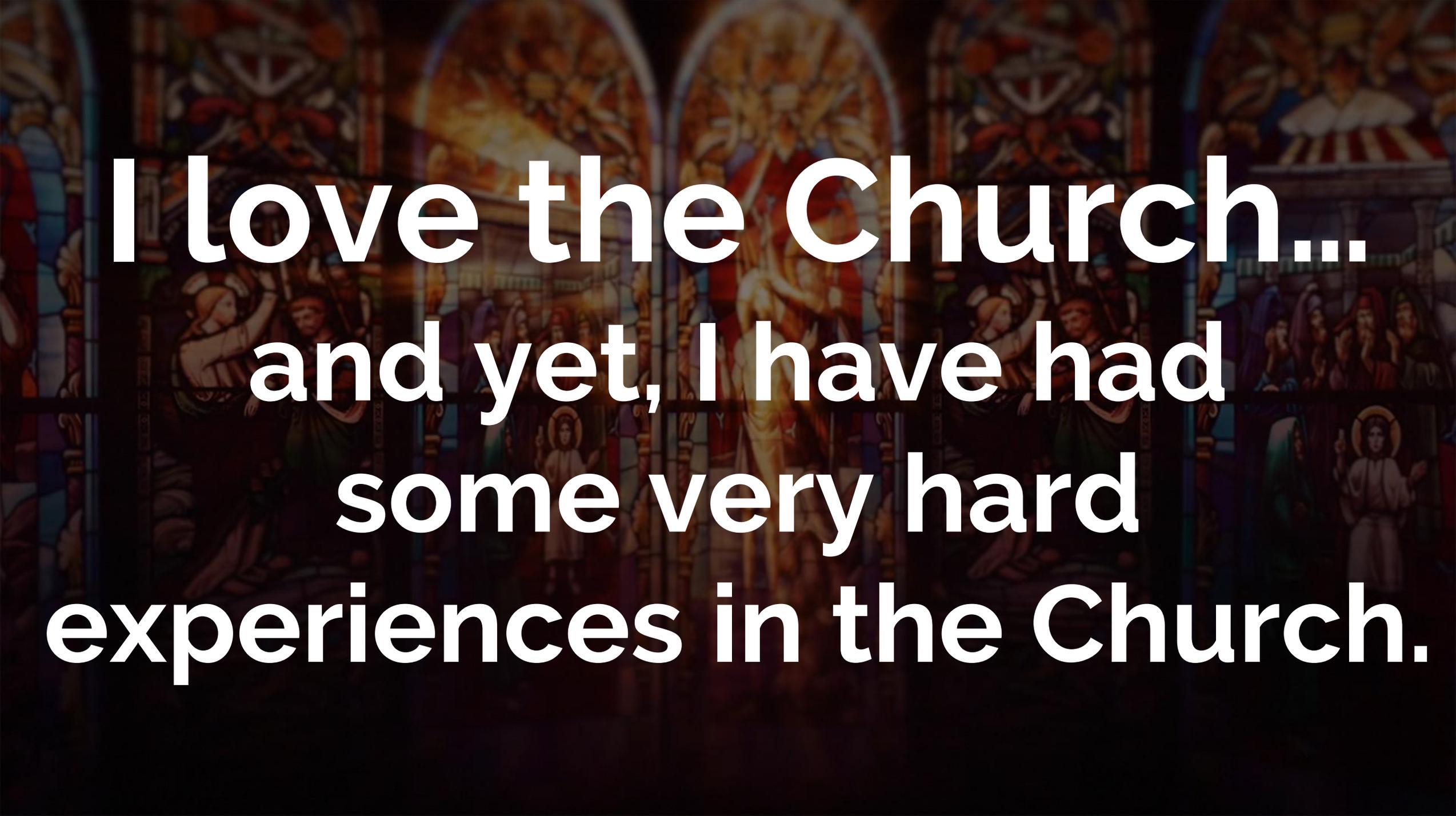
For the Gospel to advance and the Church to be effective, a Holy Spirit led, **entrepreneurial spirit** must arise and take us beyond our current limitations.

The church at Antioch

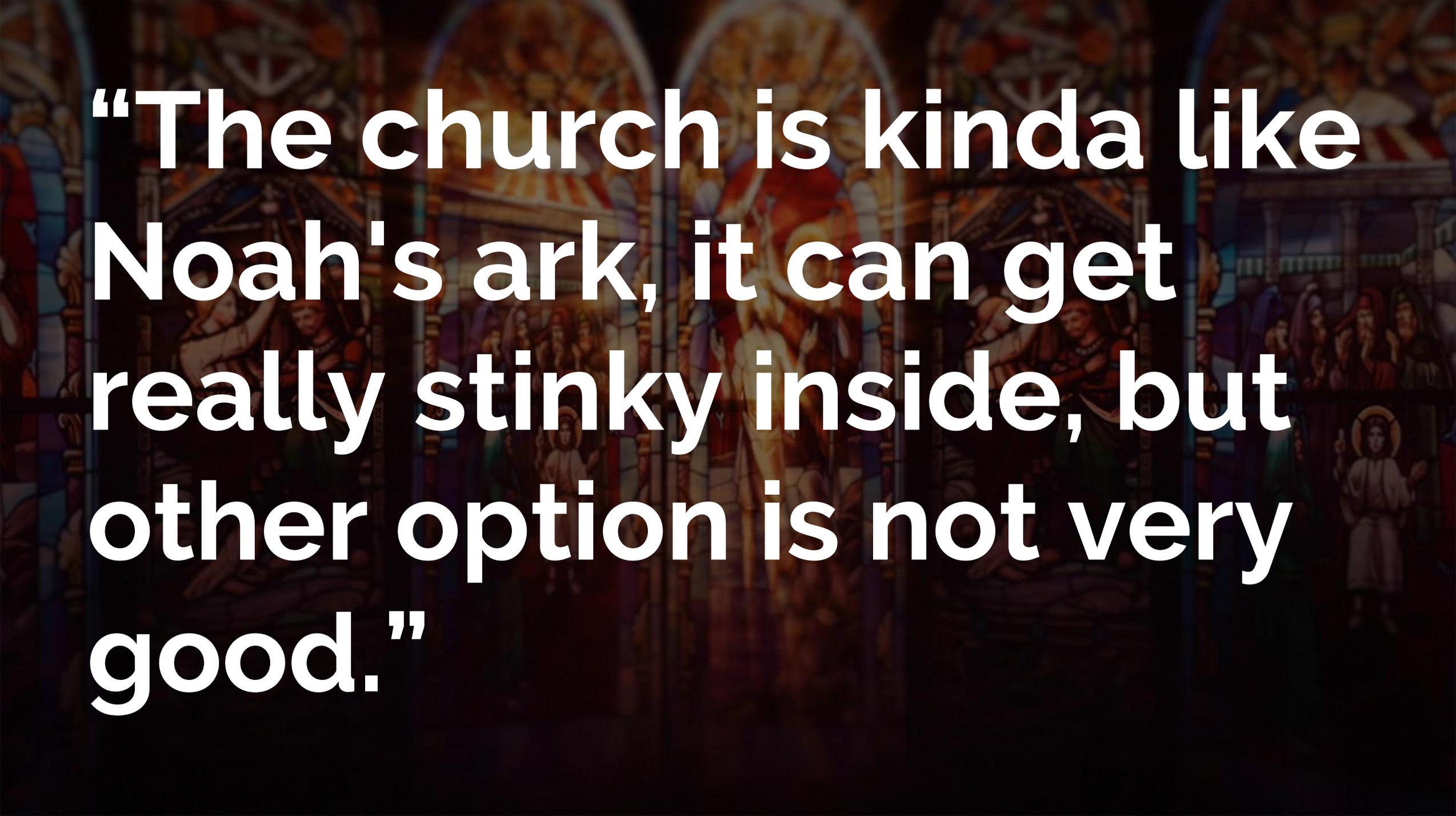
For the Gospel to advance and the Church to be effective, a spirit of **encouragement** must arise so future leaders can be identified and flourish.

The background of the image consists of several tall, narrow stained glass windows. Each window depicts a different religious scene. From left to right, the scenes include: a group of people in a church interior, possibly a baptism or a teaching; a figure in a white robe, likely the Virgin Mary, holding a child; a figure in a white robe, possibly a saint or the Virgin Mary, holding a child; and a group of people in a church interior, possibly a baptism or a teaching. The windows are set in a dark, possibly stone or wood, frame. The overall color palette is dominated by warm tones like gold, red, and brown, with some cooler tones like blue and green. The text "I love the Church!" is overlaid in the center in a large, white, sans-serif font.

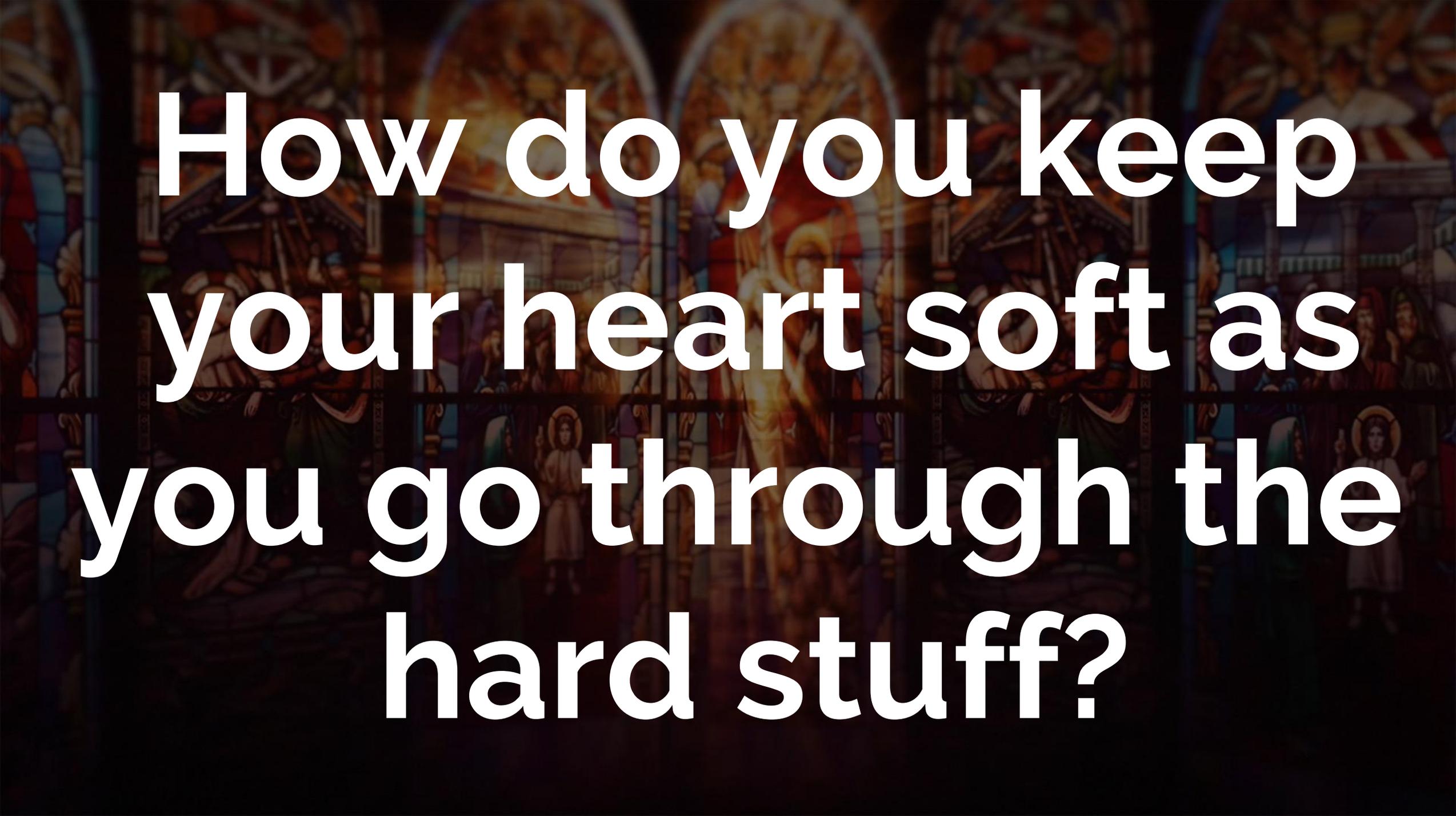
I love the Church!

The background of the image is a dark, semi-transparent overlay on a vibrant stained glass window. The window features several panels with religious scenes, including a central panel depicting the Resurrection with an angel and a stone being rolled away, and other panels showing figures in prayer or teaching. The colors are rich and varied, including blues, reds, yellows, and greens.

**I love the Church...
and yet, I have had
some very hard
experiences in the Church.**

A background of a large, colorful stained glass window with various religious scenes and figures. The text is overlaid on this background.

“The church is kinda like Noah's ark, it can get really stinky inside, but other option is not very good.”

The background is a dark, semi-transparent overlay on a stained glass window. The window features a central figure, likely Jesus, with a halo, surrounded by other figures in various poses. The colors are muted and dark due to the overlay.

**How do you keep
your heart soft as
you go through the
hard stuff?**

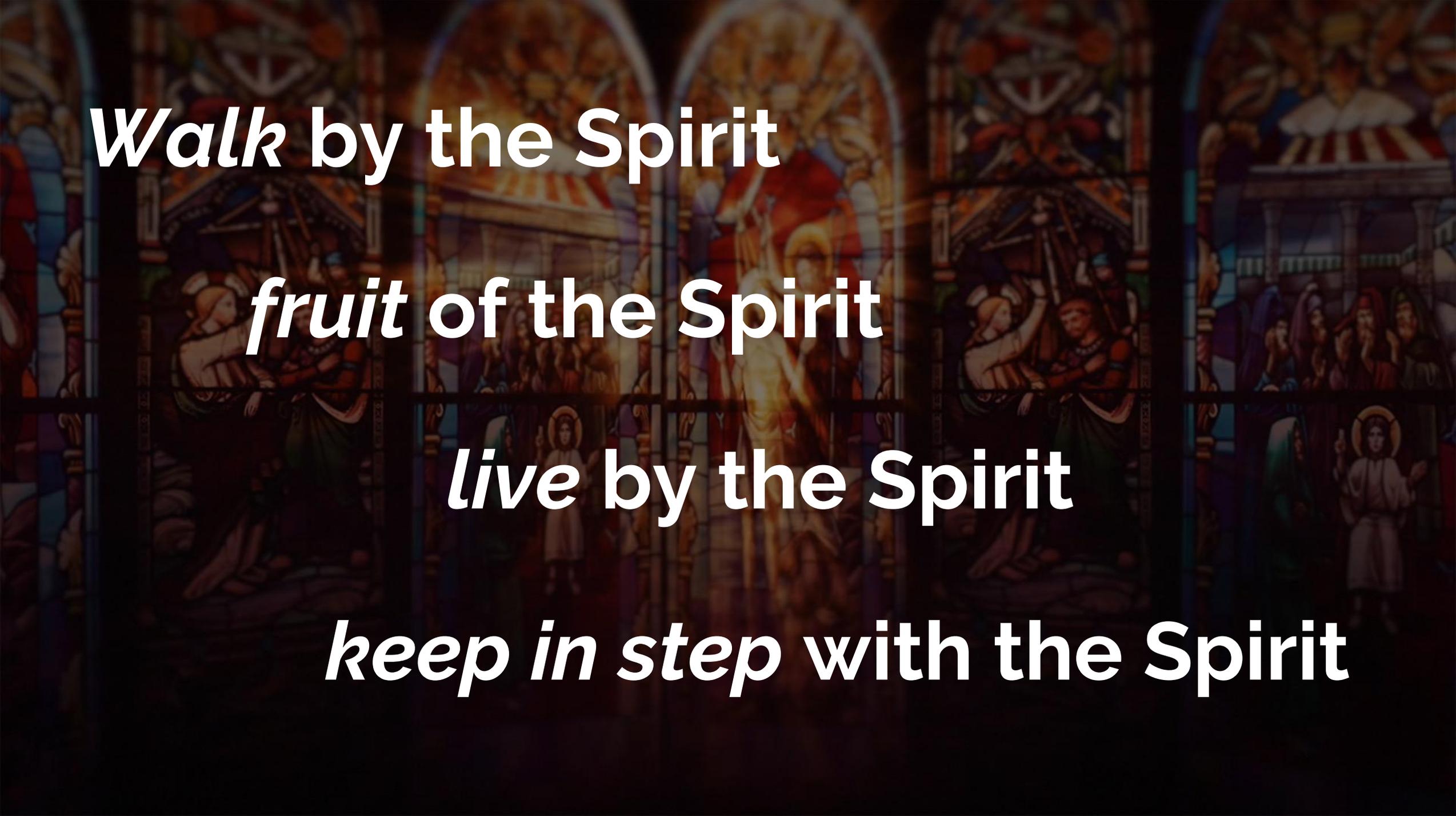
Galatia

The background of the image is a dark, semi-transparent stained glass window. It features several panels with religious scenes. The central panel shows a figure in a red and gold robe, possibly a saint or a religious figure, holding a staff or a book. To the left and right are panels depicting scenes with multiple figures, some appearing to be in a state of conflict or a significant event. The overall color palette is dominated by dark blues, purples, and browns, with highlights of red and gold.

A background of a large, multi-paned stained glass window. The window features various religious scenes, including figures in prayer, a central figure with a halo, and architectural elements like arches and columns. The colors are muted and dark, with a brownish-red and blue palette.

HOW

WHY

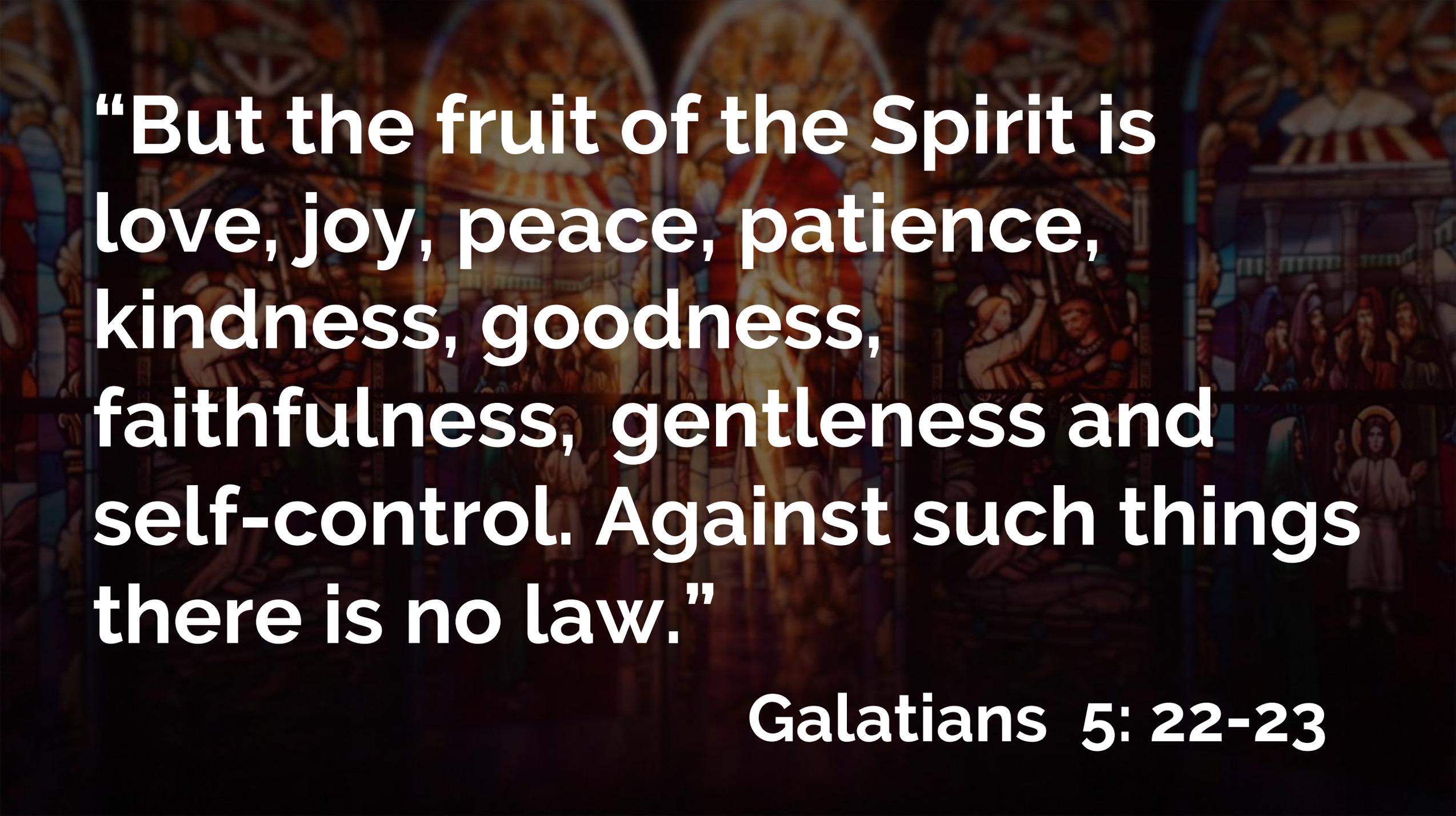
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***Walk* by the Spirit**

***fruit* of the Spirit**

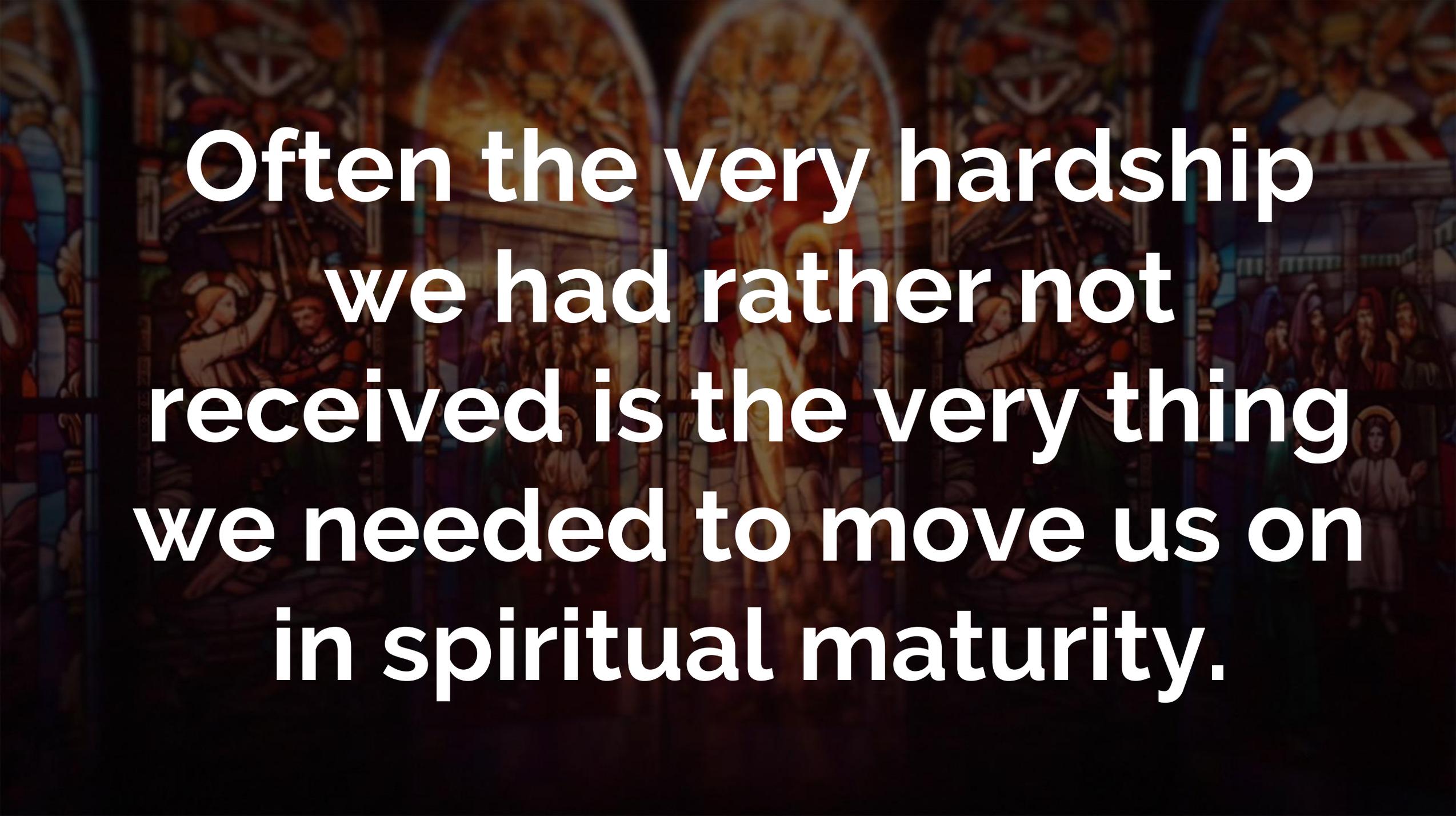
***live* by the Spirit**

***keep in step* with the Spirit**

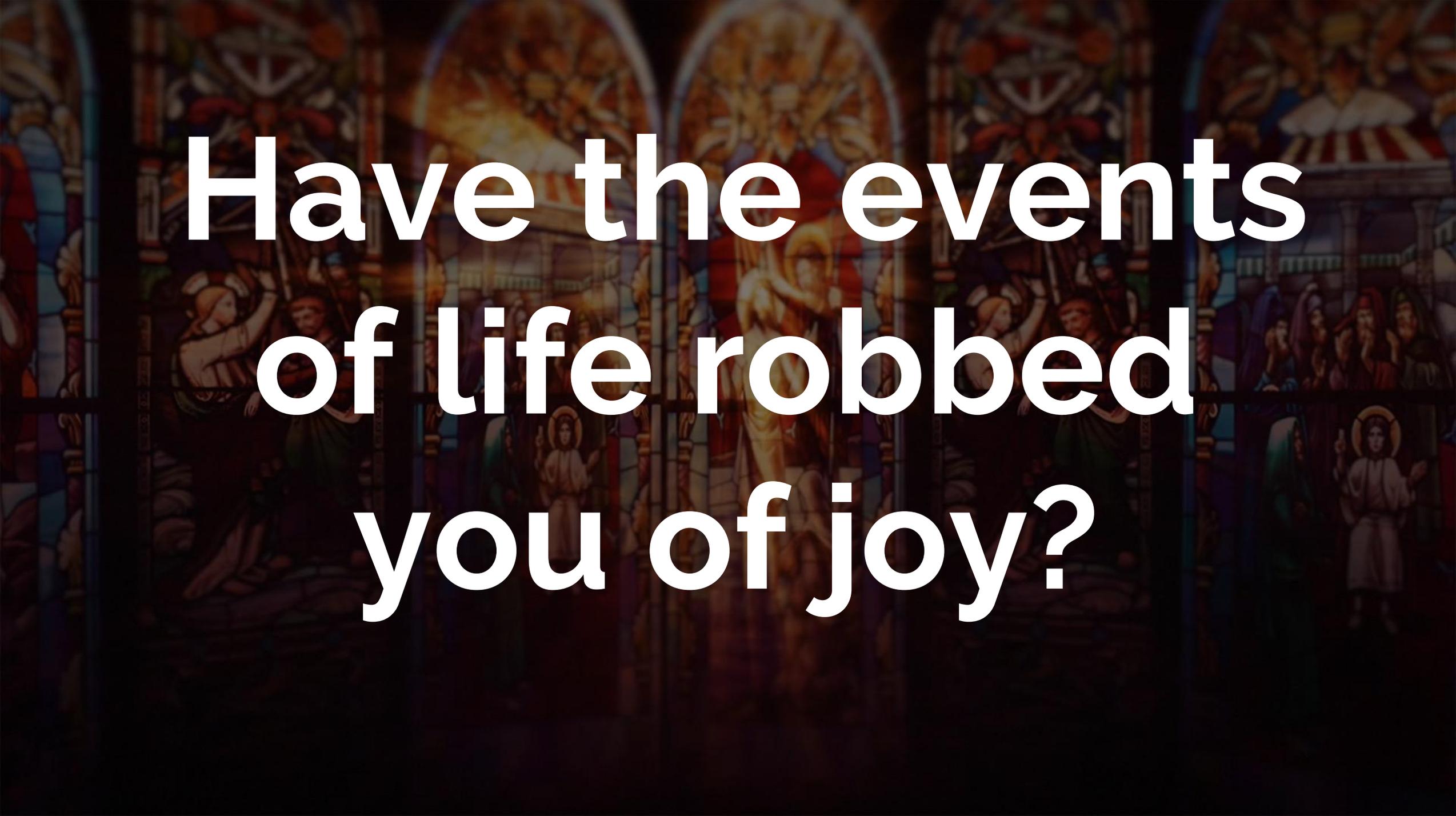
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“But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law.”

Galatians 5: 22-23

The background of the image is a dark, semi-transparent overlay on a vibrant stained glass window. The stained glass features intricate designs with various figures, including what appears to be a central figure in a white robe, possibly a saint or religious figure, surrounded by other smaller figures and architectural elements like arches and columns. The colors are rich and varied, including reds, blues, yellows, and greens.

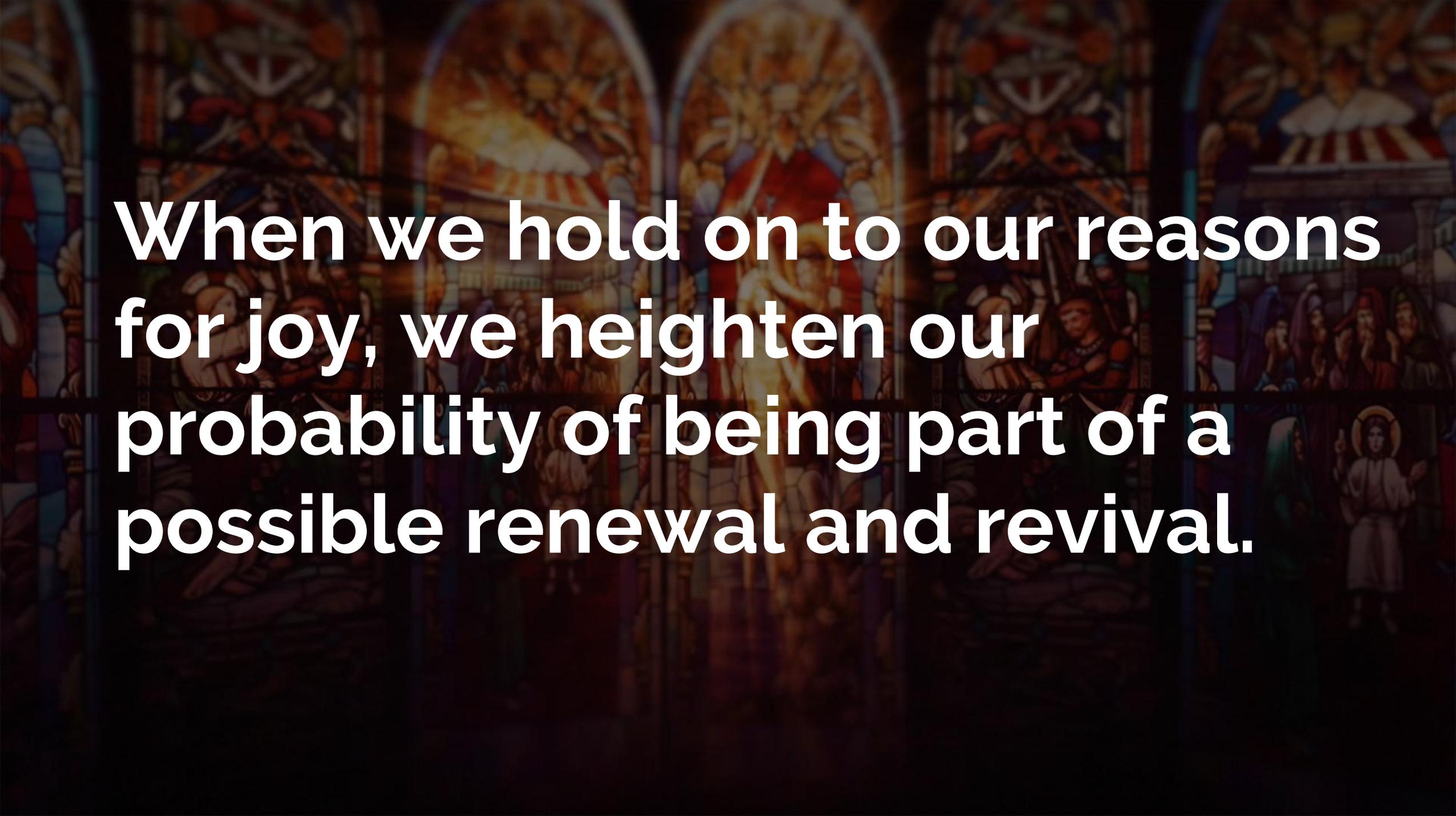
**Often the very hardship
we had rather not
received is the very thing
we needed to move us on
in spiritual maturity.**

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**Have the events
of life robbed
you of joy?**

Philippi

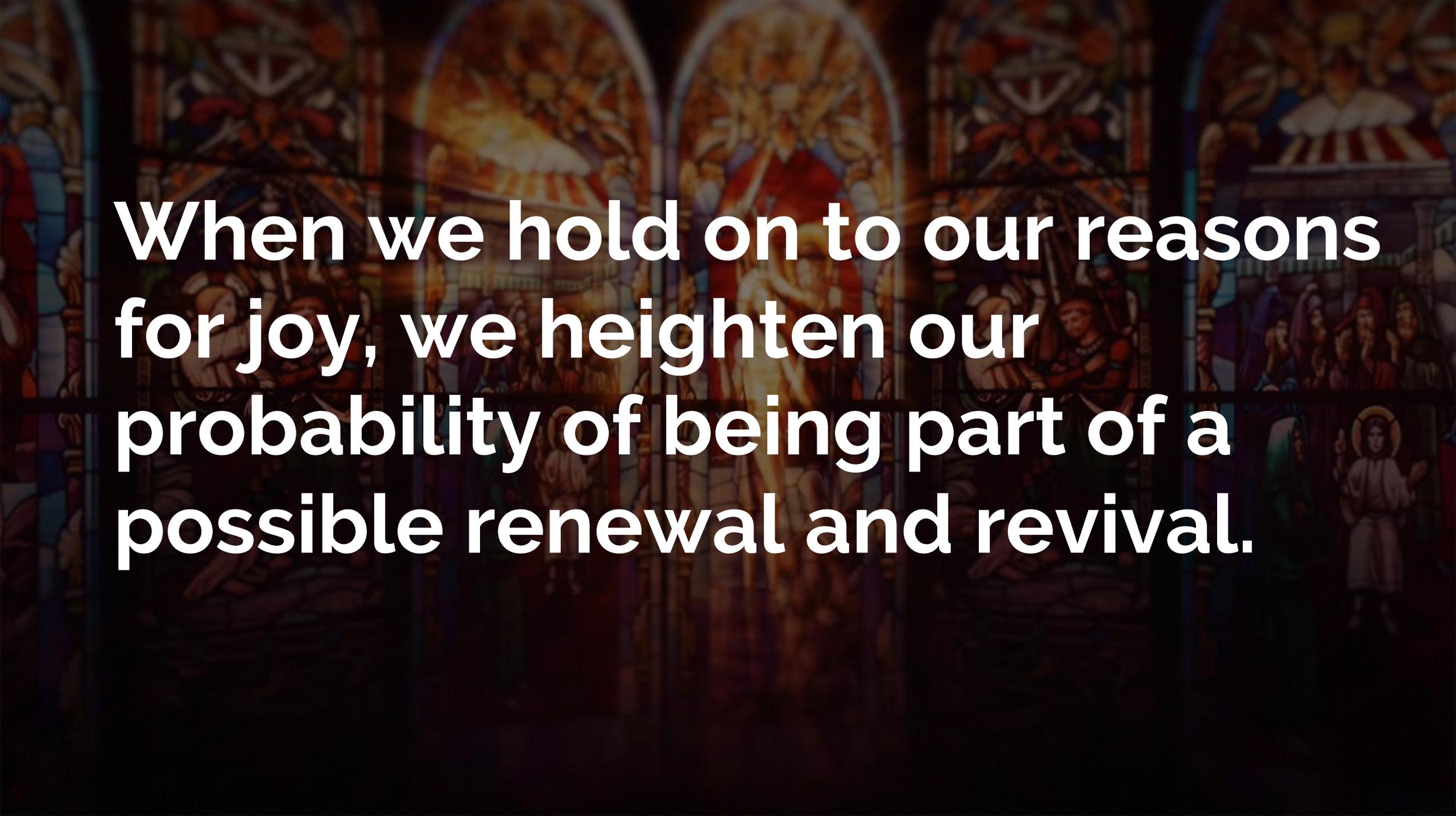
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A background of a stained glass window with various religious scenes, including a central figure in a red robe and a figure with a halo on the right. The text is overlaid in white on a dark, semi-transparent background.

**When we hold on to our reasons
for joy, we heighten our
probability of being part of a
possible renewal and revival.**



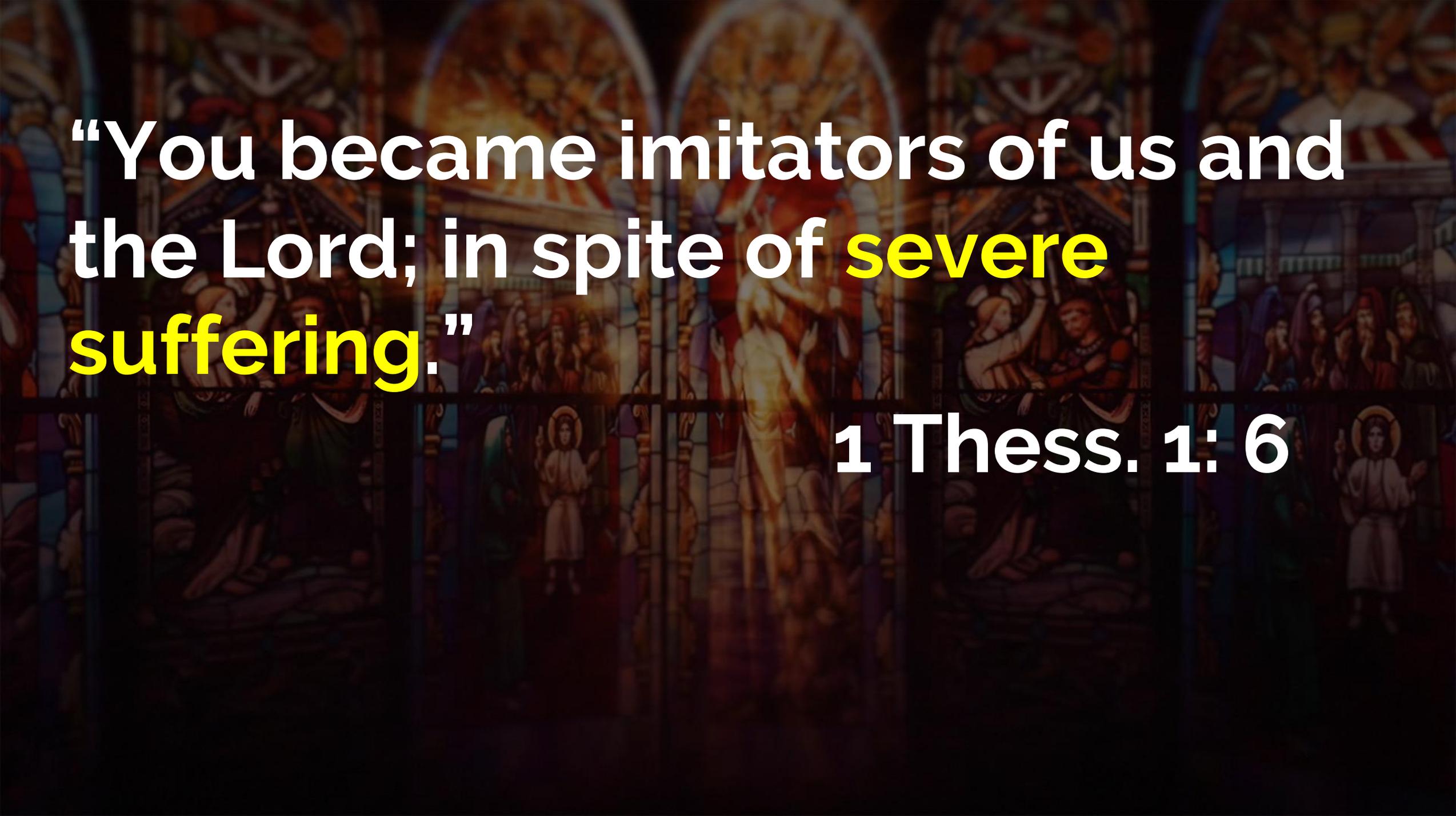


The background of the image is a dark, semi-transparent overlay on a vibrant stained glass window. The window features several arched panels with intricate designs, including figures and symbols in warm tones of gold, red, and blue. The text is centered over this background.

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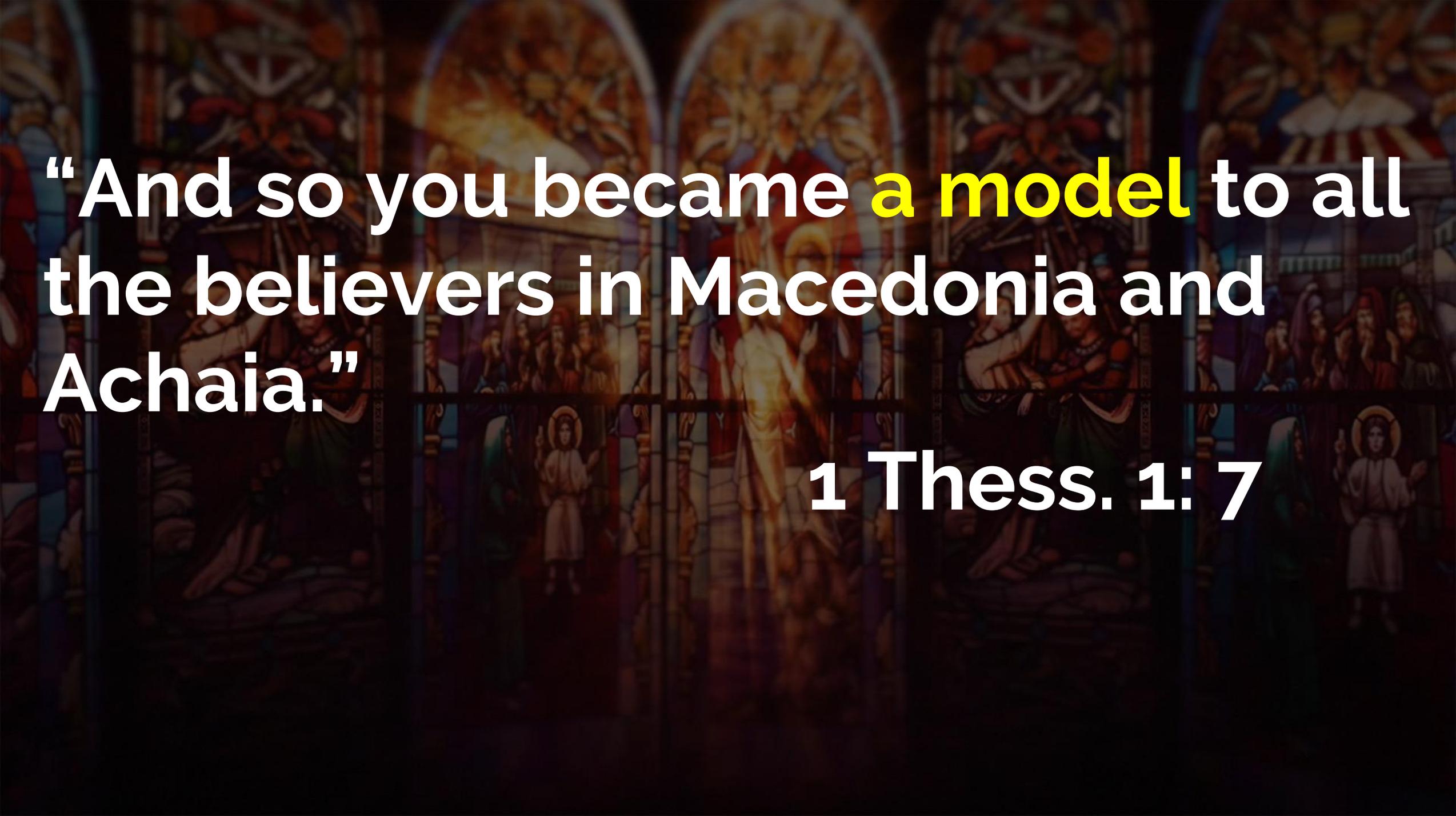
A background of a large, multi-paned stained glass window. The window features various religious scenes, including figures in robes, architectural elements like arches and columns, and intricate patterns. The colors are rich and varied, with a dark, slightly dimmed overall appearance. The word "Thessalonica" is overlaid in the center in a large, white, sans-serif font.

Thessalonica

The background of the image is a dark, semi-transparent overlay of a stained glass window. The window features several panels with religious scenes, including a central panel of the crucifixion, panels of the Virgin Mary and the Christ Child, and other figures in various poses. The colors are muted due to the overlay, but the intricate leaded glass patterns are visible.

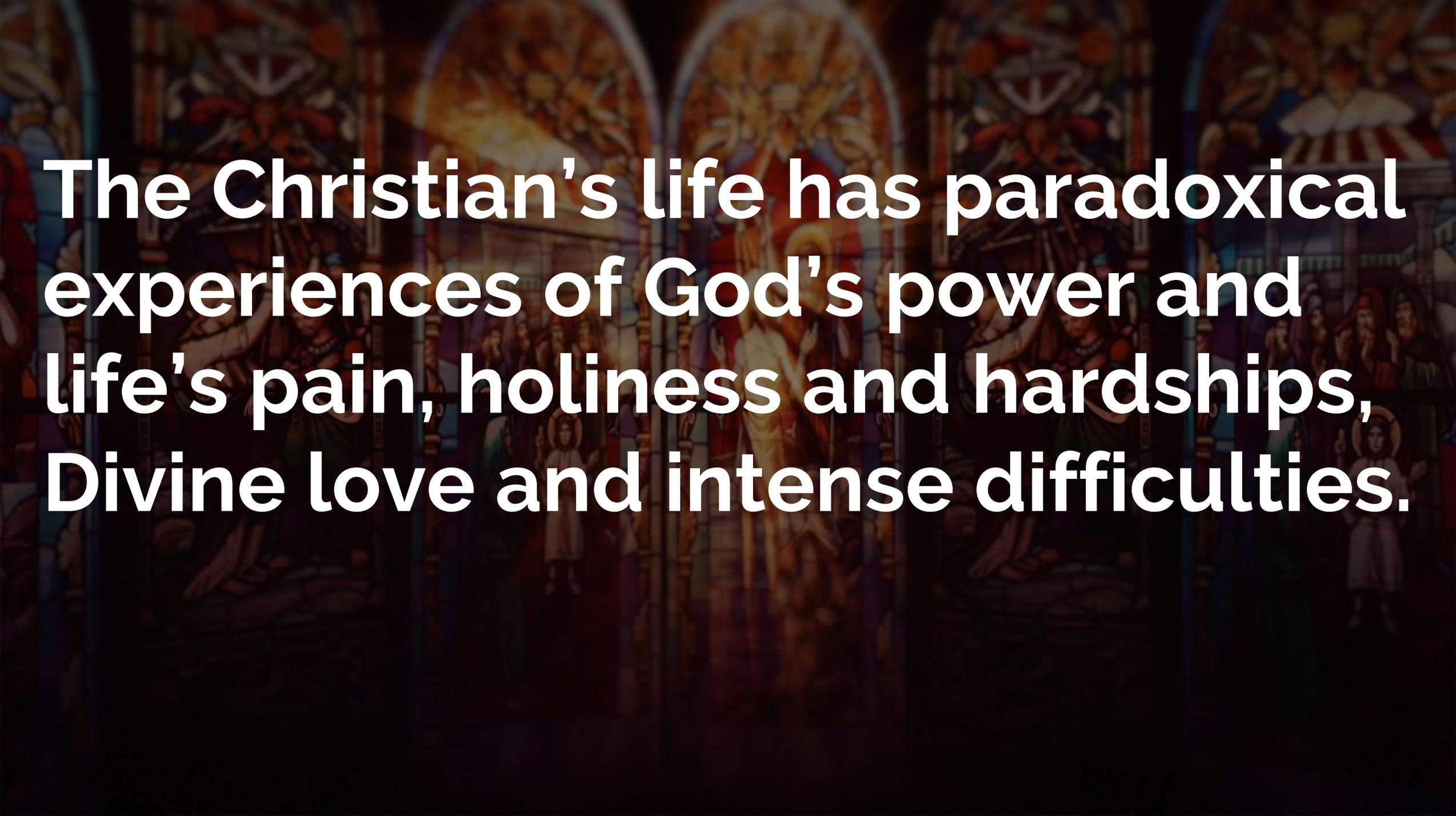
“You became imitators of us and
the Lord; in spite of **severe**
suffering.”

1 Thess. 1: 6

A background of a stained glass window with various religious scenes, including a central figure in a golden robe and several smaller figures in arched panels.

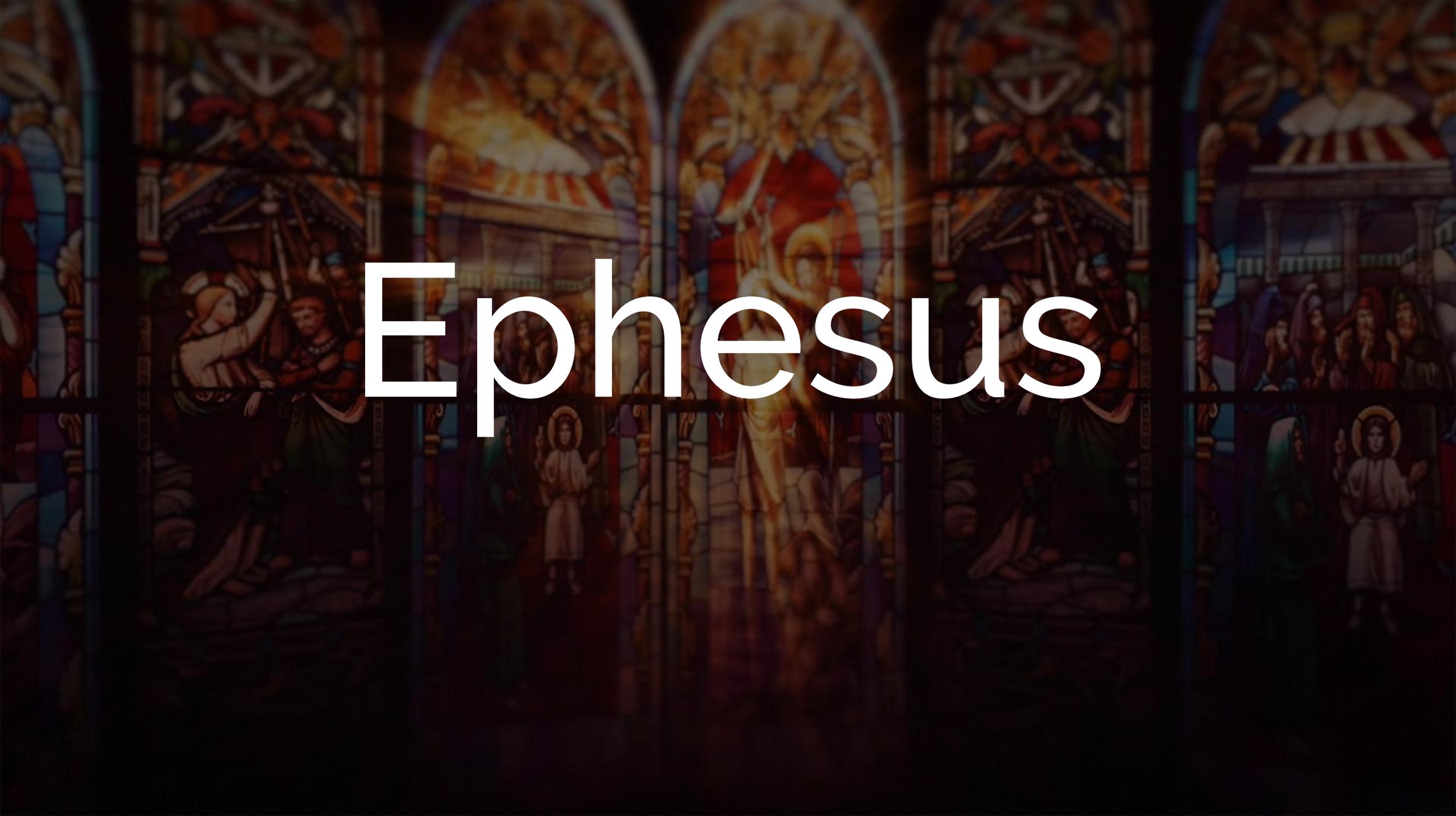
“And so you became **a model** to all the believers in Macedonia and Achaia.”

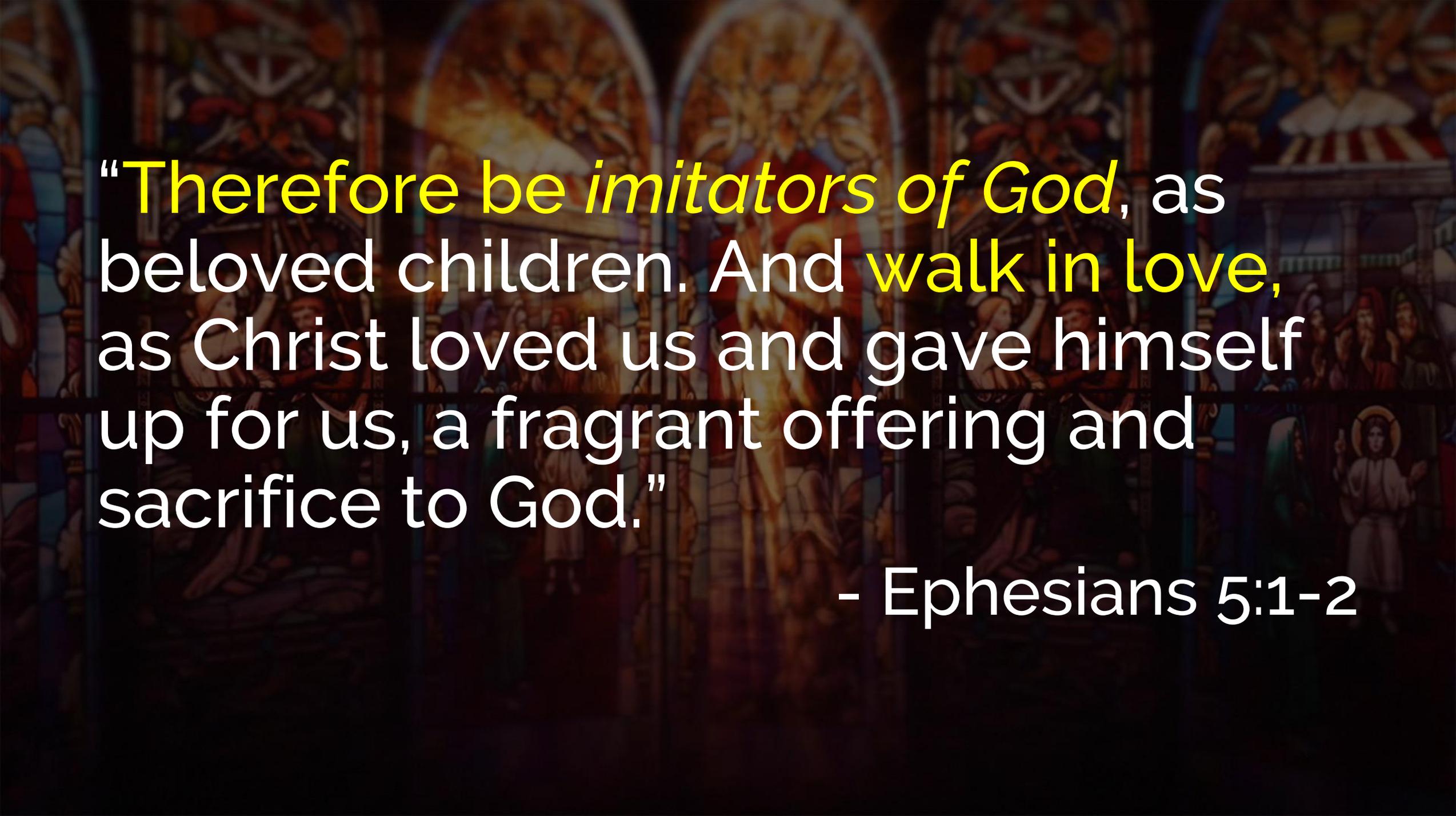
1 Thess. 1: 7



The Christian's life has paradoxical experiences of God's power and life's pain, holiness and hardships, Divine love and intense difficulties.

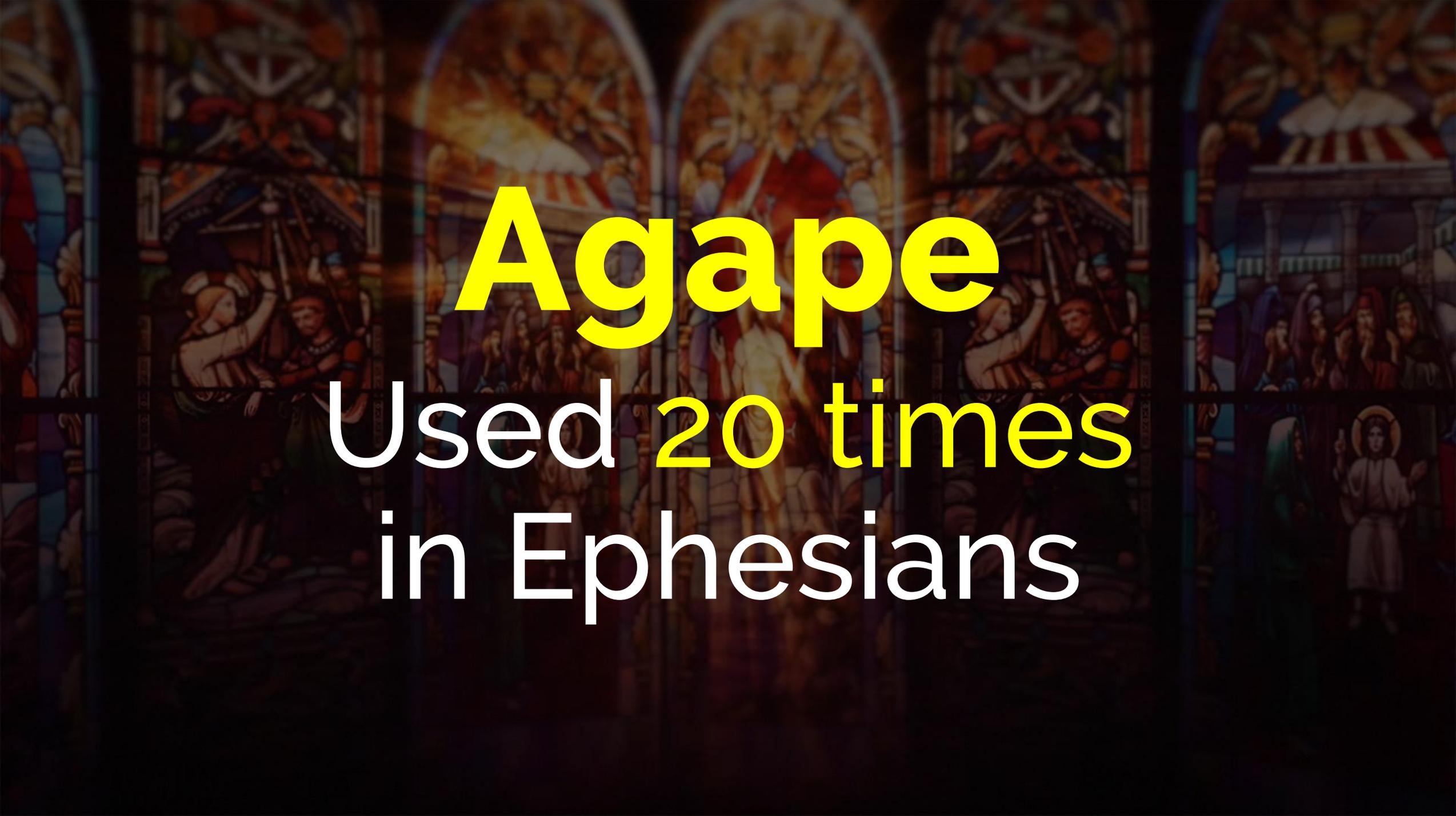
Ephesus

A large, multi-paned stained glass window serves as the background. The window is divided into several vertical panels. The central panel features a prominent figure, likely a saint or the Virgin Mary, seated and holding a child. To the left and right of this central panel are smaller panels depicting various scenes, possibly related to the life of the central figure. The overall color palette is rich and varied, including deep blues, reds, greens, and golds. The lighting is somewhat dim, giving the scene a solemn and historical atmosphere.

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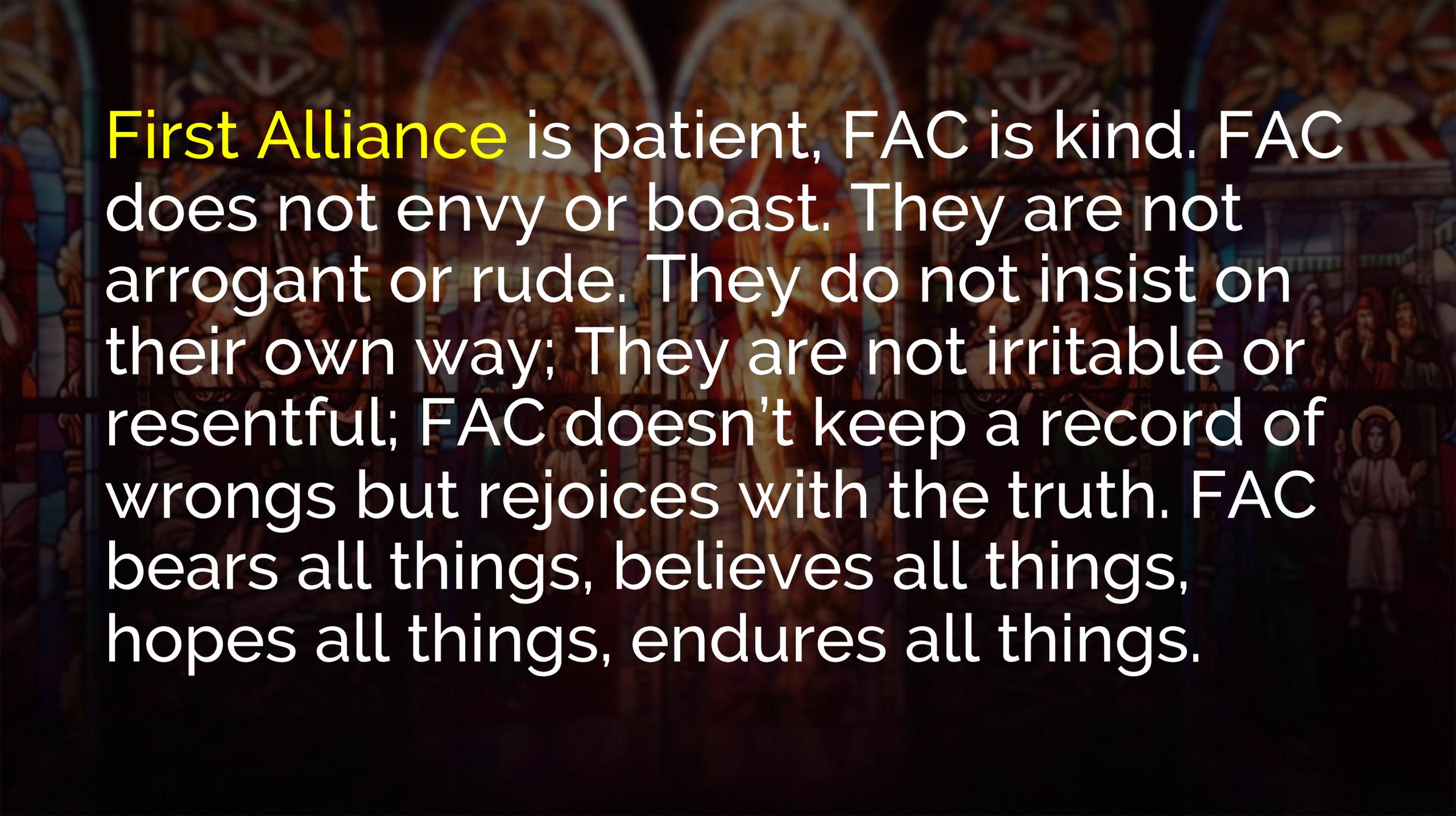
“Therefore be *imitators of God*, as beloved children. And *walk in love*, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.”

- Ephesians 5:1-2

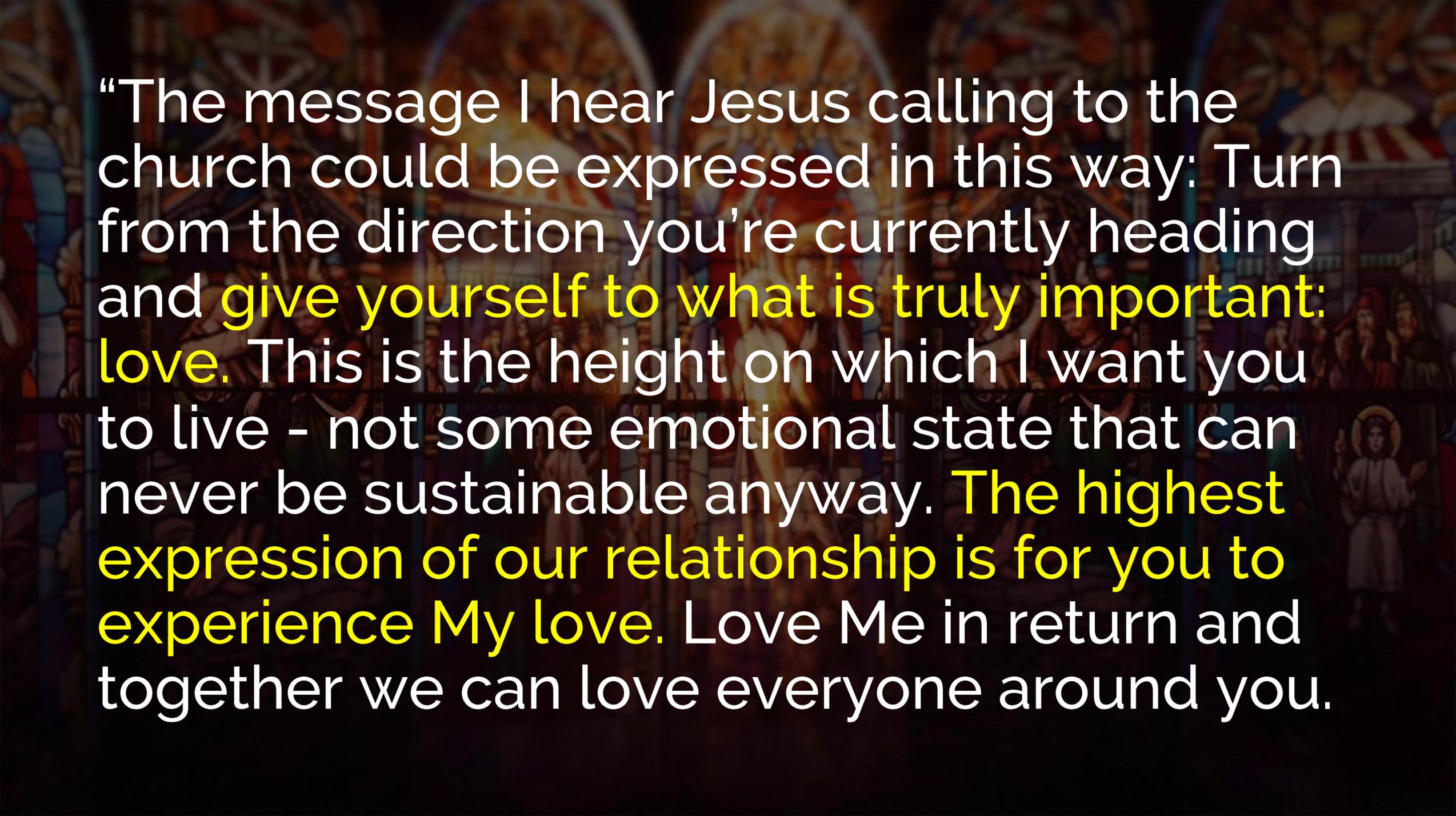
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Agape

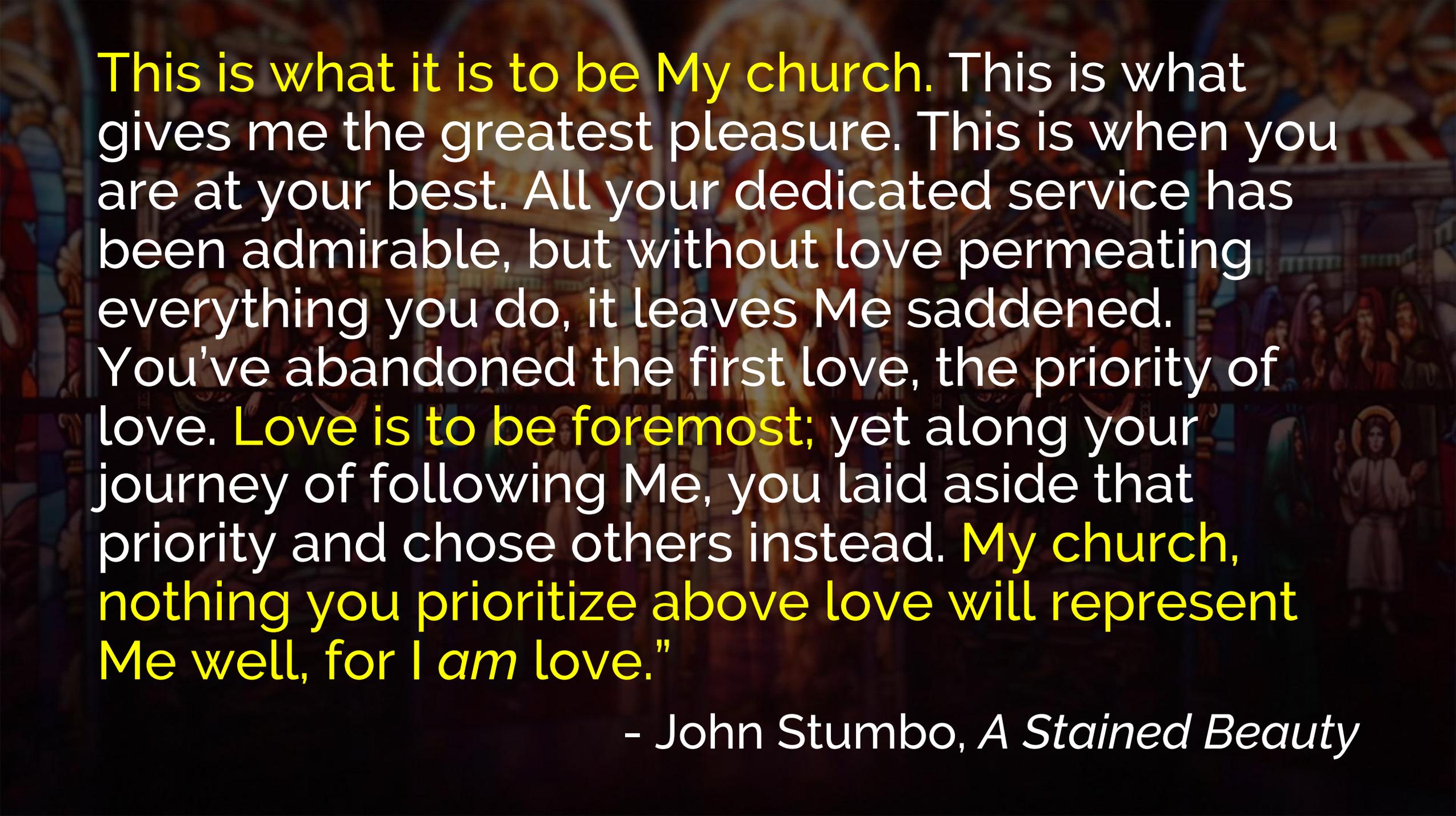
Used 20 times
in Ephesians



First Alliance is patient, FAC is kind. FAC does not envy or boast. They are not arrogant or rude. They do not insist on their own way; They are not irritable or resentful; FAC doesn't keep a record of wrongs but rejoices with the truth. FAC bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

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“The message I hear Jesus calling to the church could be expressed in this way: Turn from the direction you’re currently heading and **give yourself to what is truly important: love.** This is the height on which I want you to live - not some emotional state that can never be sustainable anyway. **The highest expression of our relationship is for you to experience My love.** Love Me in return and together we can love everyone around you.



This is what it is to be My church. This is what gives me the greatest pleasure. This is when you are at your best. All your dedicated service has been admirable, but without love permeating everything you do, it leaves Me saddened. You've abandoned the first love, the priority of love. **Love is to be foremost;** yet along your journey of following Me, you laid aside that priority and chose others instead. **My church, nothing you prioritize above love will represent Me well, for I am love."**

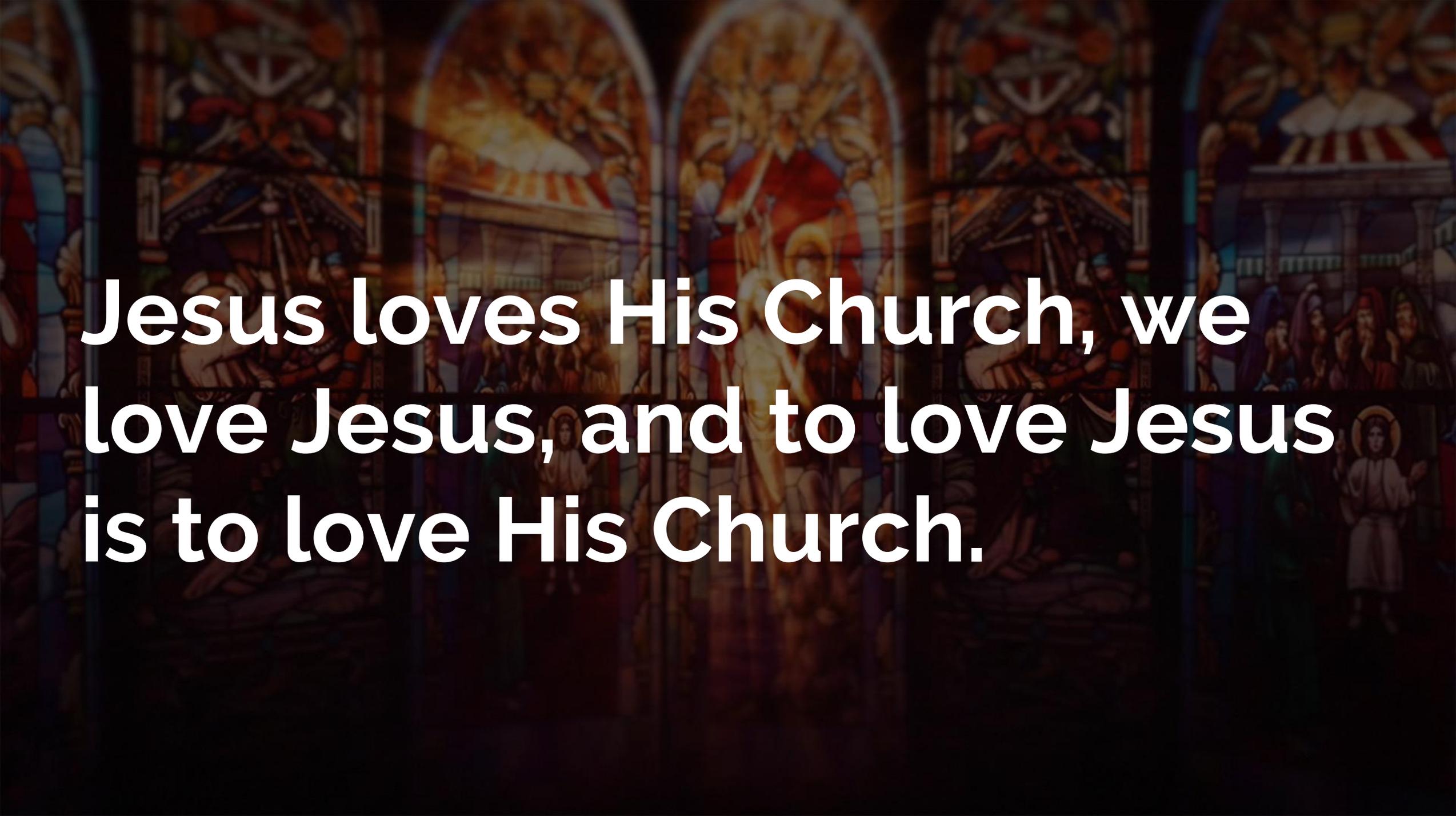
- John Stumbo, *A Stained Beauty*

A large, multi-paned stained glass window with a dark, muted color palette. The window is divided into several vertical panels, each depicting a different scene from the Book of Revelation. The central panel shows a figure, likely Jesus, standing and holding a book. Other panels show various figures, including what appears to be the Lamb of God, and architectural elements like domes and arches. The overall scene is dimly lit, with the light coming from the window itself, creating a solemn and sacred atmosphere.

The Seven Churches of Revelation

A background of a large, multi-paned stained glass window. The window features various religious scenes, including a central panel with a figure on a cross, and other panels depicting figures in prayer and other biblical events. The colors are muted and the overall tone is dark and solemn.

Live for a greater
Reward.

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**Jesus loves His Church, we
love Jesus, and to love Jesus
is to love His Church.**