


Acts.

A wide-angle photograph of a desert landscape. The foreground and middle ground are filled with rolling sand dunes, their crests and troughs creating a rhythmic pattern of light and shadow. The sand is a warm, golden-brown color. In the background, the dunes continue towards a distant, hazy horizon. The sky above is filled with soft, white and light blue clouds, suggesting a bright but slightly overcast day. The overall mood is serene and expansive.

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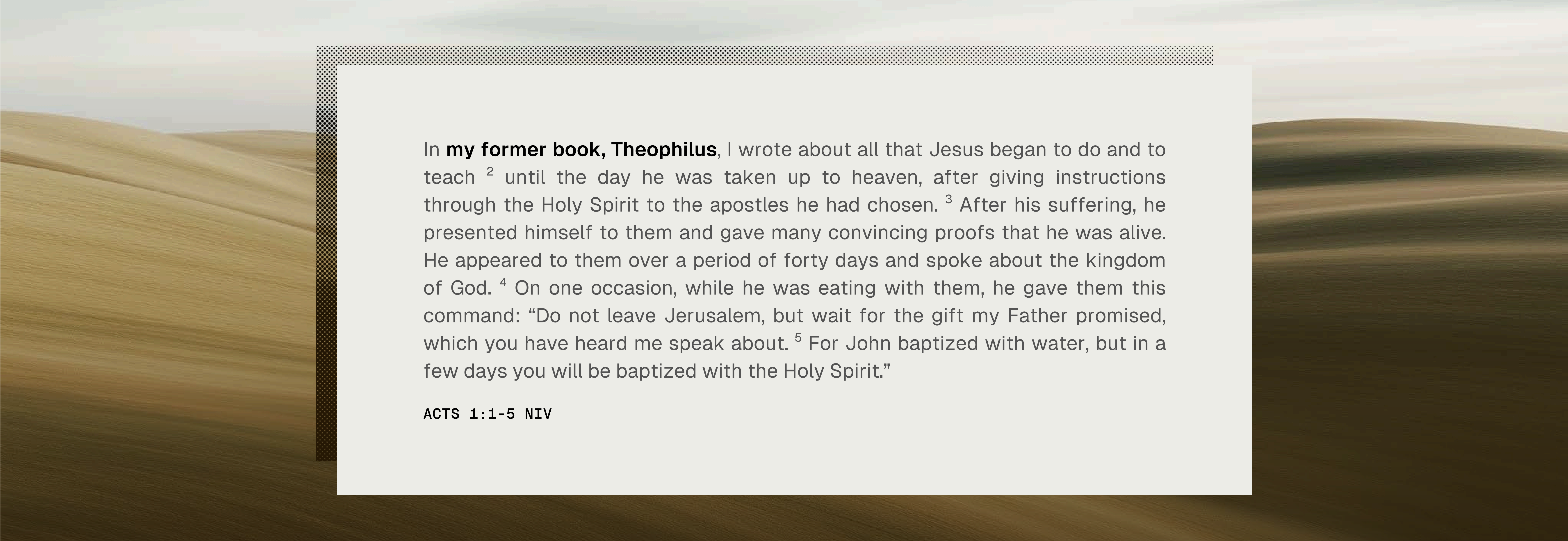


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ACTS 1:1-5 NIV

— KEY FIGURES IN THE BOOK OF ACTS —

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Beloved physician, Colossians 4:14

Fellow coworker, Philemon 1:24

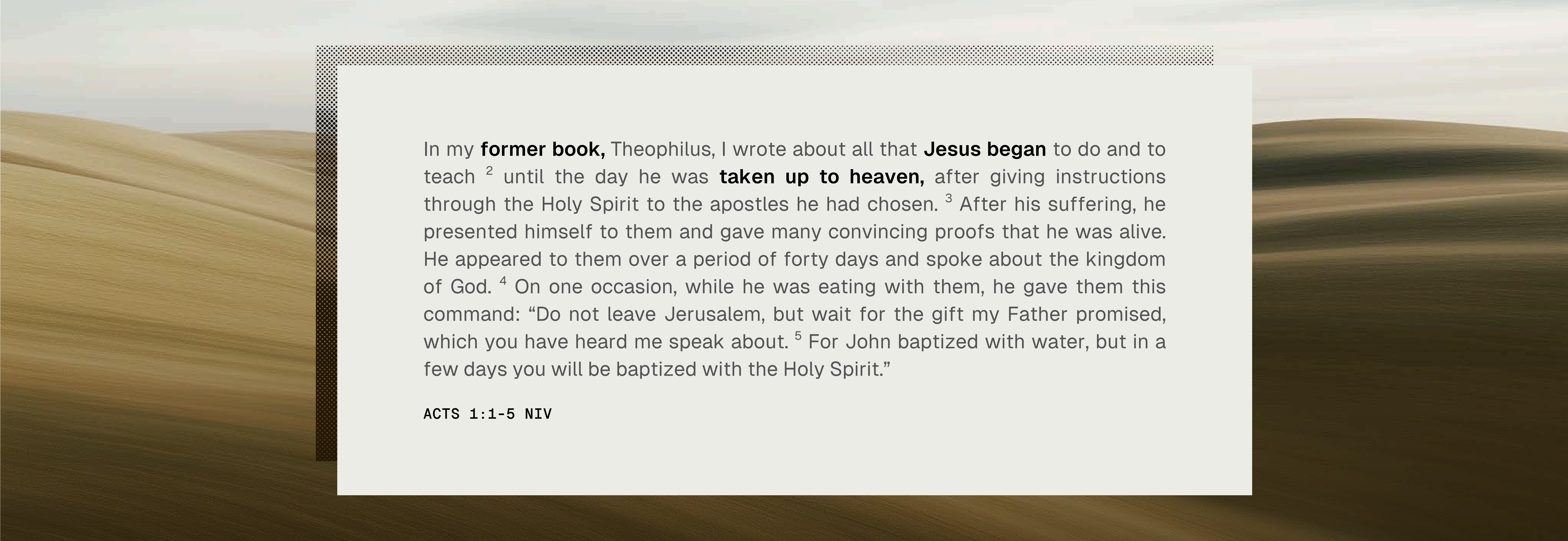
Traveling missionary, Acts 16:10

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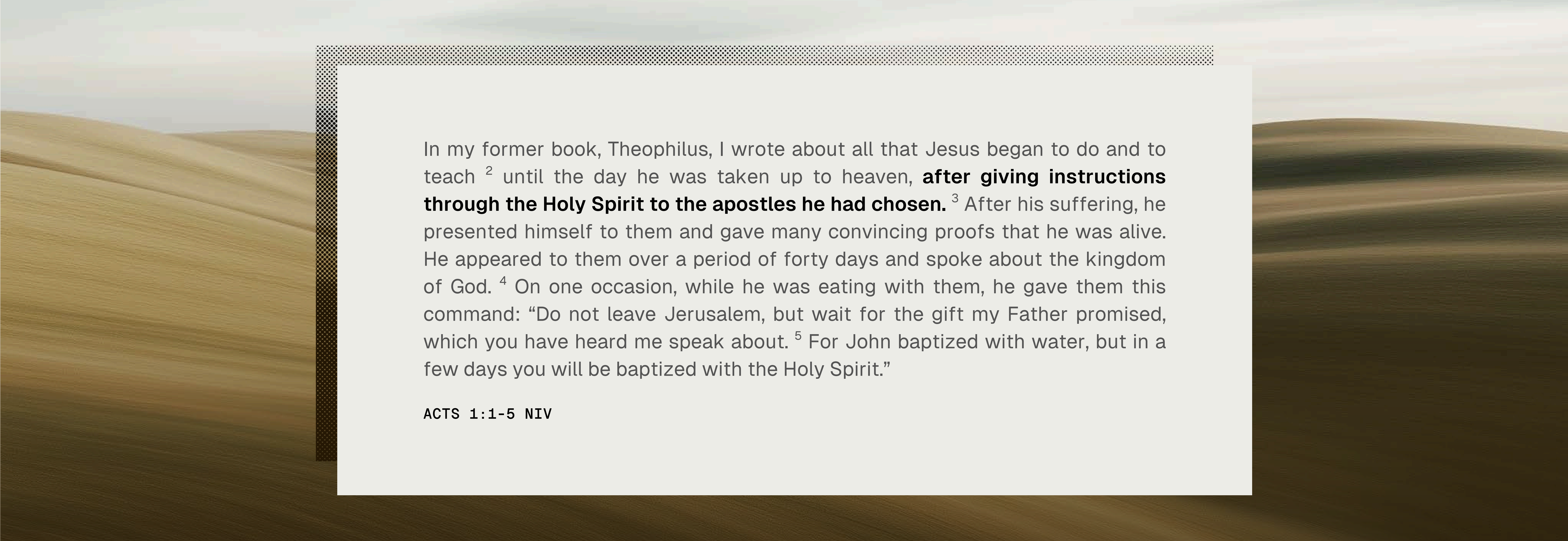
Name means “Friend of God”
Only mentioned two times
He receives both Luke & Acts



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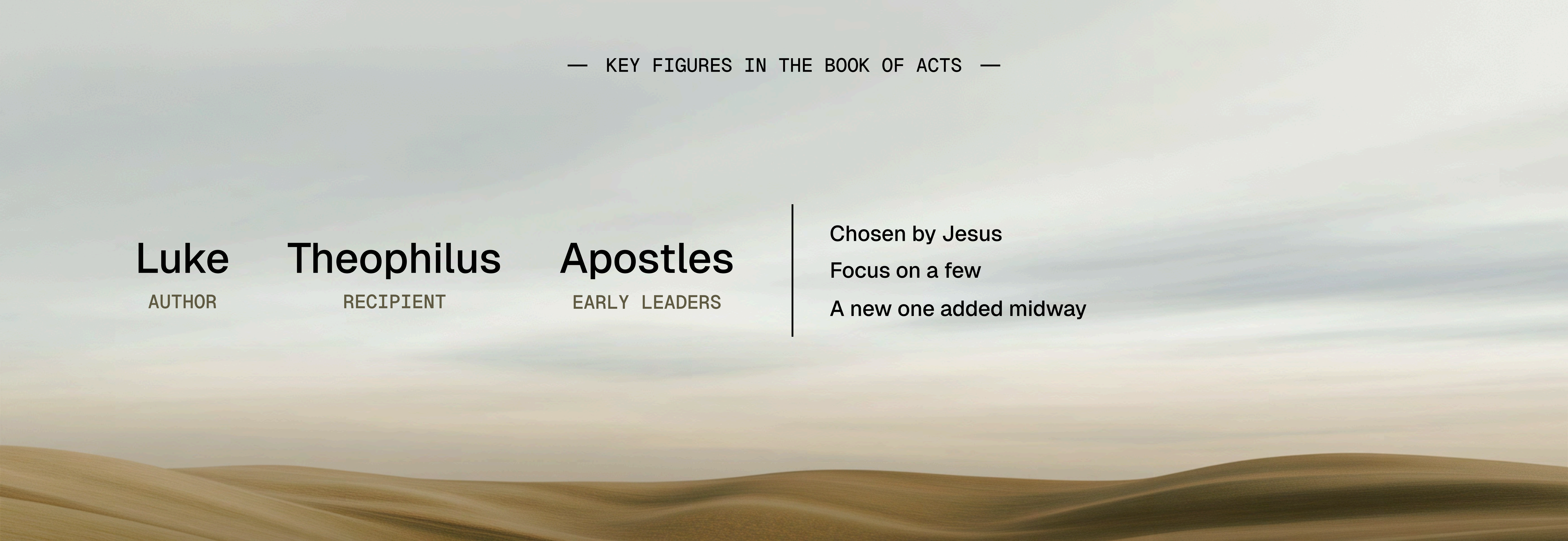
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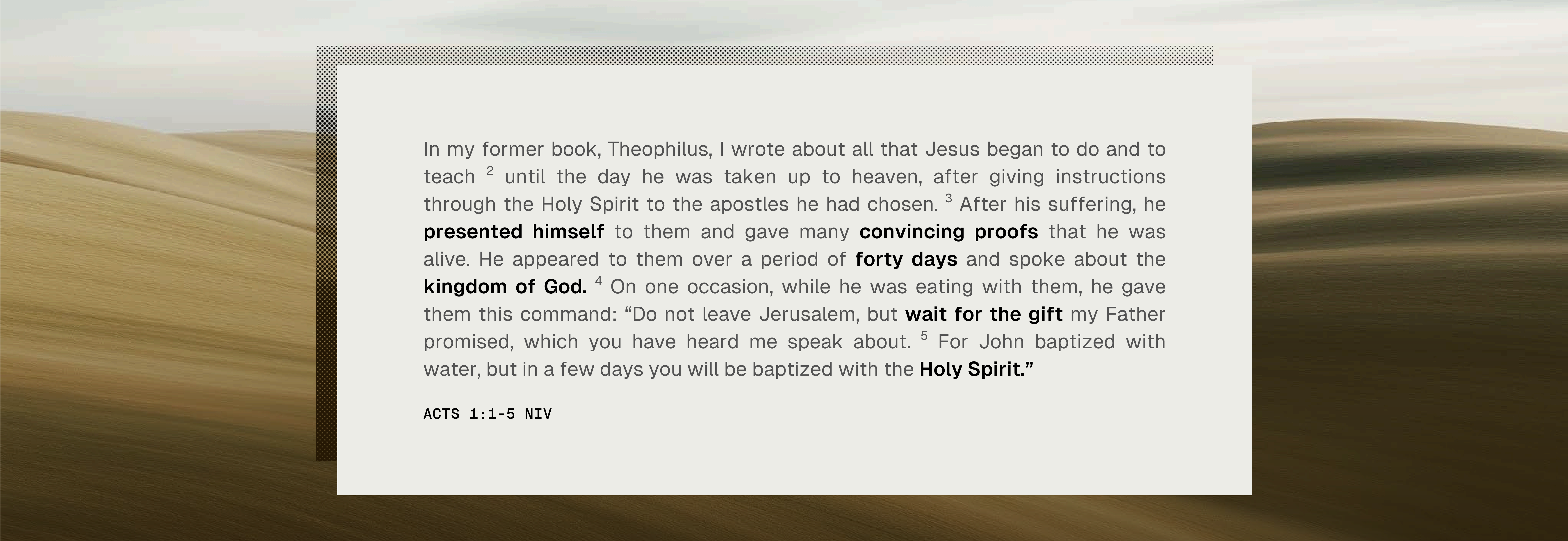
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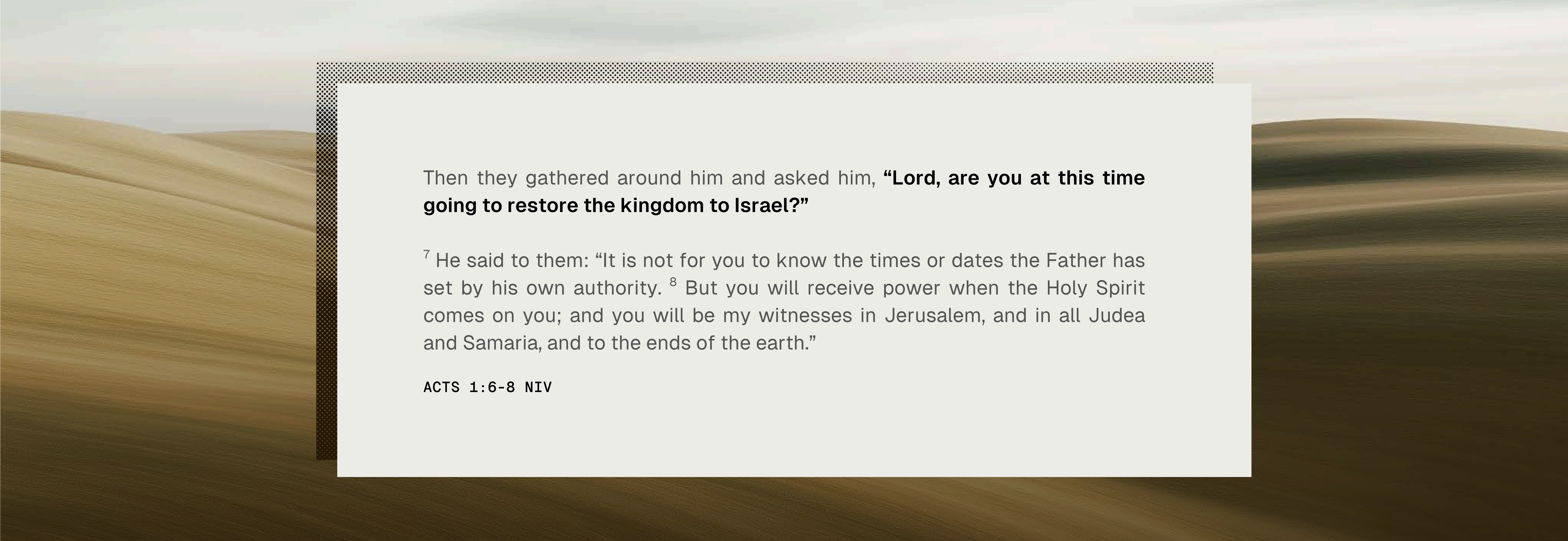
Apostles
EARLY LEADERS

Chosen by Jesus
Focus on a few
A new one added midway



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ACTS 1:6-8 NIV

LEVITICUS



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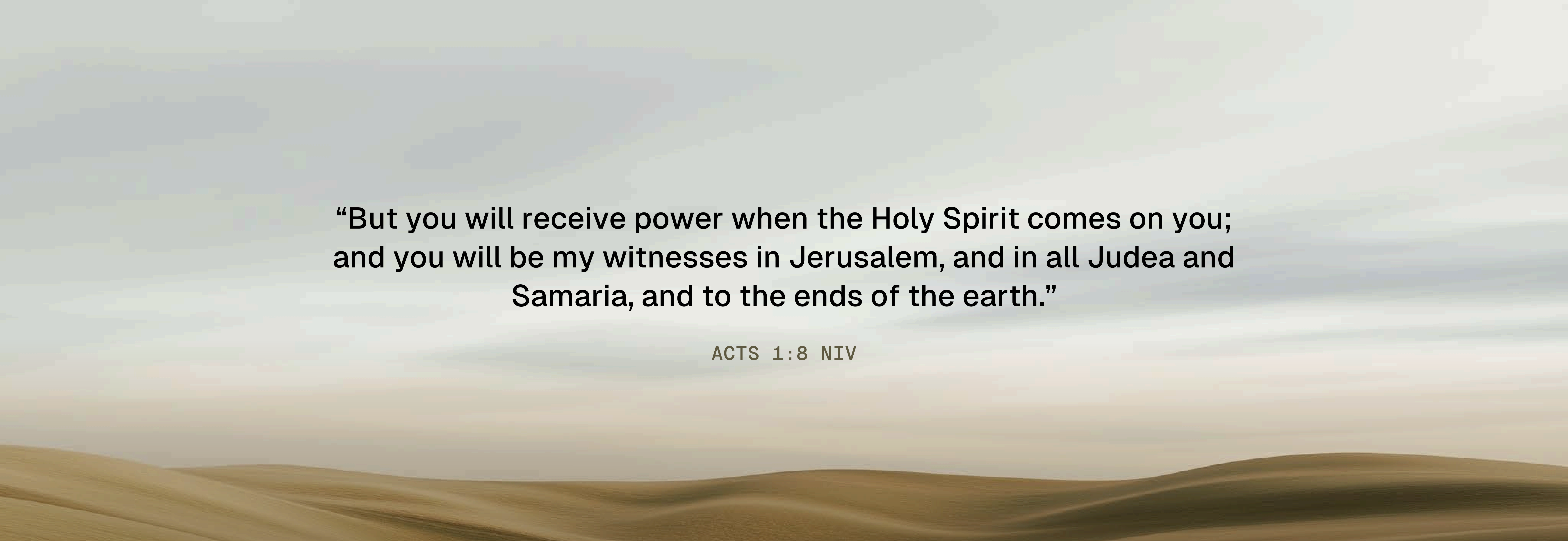
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ACTS 1:8 STRATEGY



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ACTS 1:1-6:7

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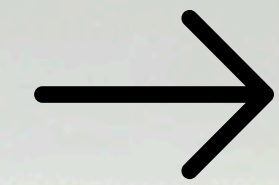
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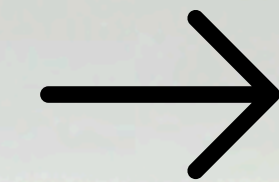
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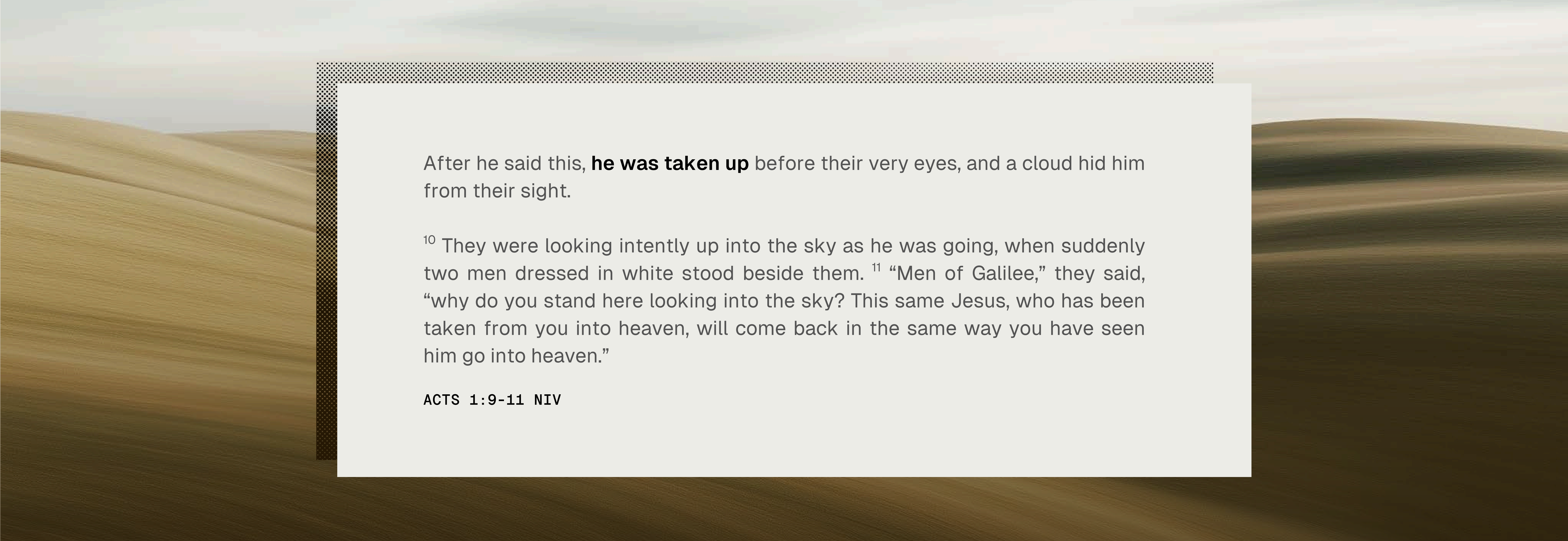
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ACTS 1:9-11 NIV

— JESUS ASCENDED TO —

Fulfill the law
Receive exaltation
Continue His atoning work
Enable Holy Spirit to dwell

“Do not think that I have come to abolish the **Law** or the **Prophets**; I have not come to abolish them but to fulfill them.
¹⁸ For truly I tell you, **until heaven and earth disappear**, not the smallest letter, not the least stroke of a pen, will by any means disappear from the Law until **everything is accomplished.**”

MATTHEW 5:17-18 NIV

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And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to death— even death on a cross! ⁹ Therefore **God exalted him to the highest place** and gave him the name that is above every name, ¹⁰ that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, ¹¹ and every tongue acknowledge that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

PHILIPPIANS 2:8-11 NIV

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Therefore, since we have a **great high priest who has ascended into heaven**, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold firmly to the faith we profess. ²⁴ For Christ did not enter a sanctuary made with human hands that was only a copy of the true one; **he entered heaven itself, now to appear for us in God's presence.**

HEBREWS 4:14, 9:24 NIV

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“Nevertheless, I tell you the truth: it is to your advantage that I go away, for **if I do not go away, the Helper will not come to you.** But if I go, I will send him to you.”

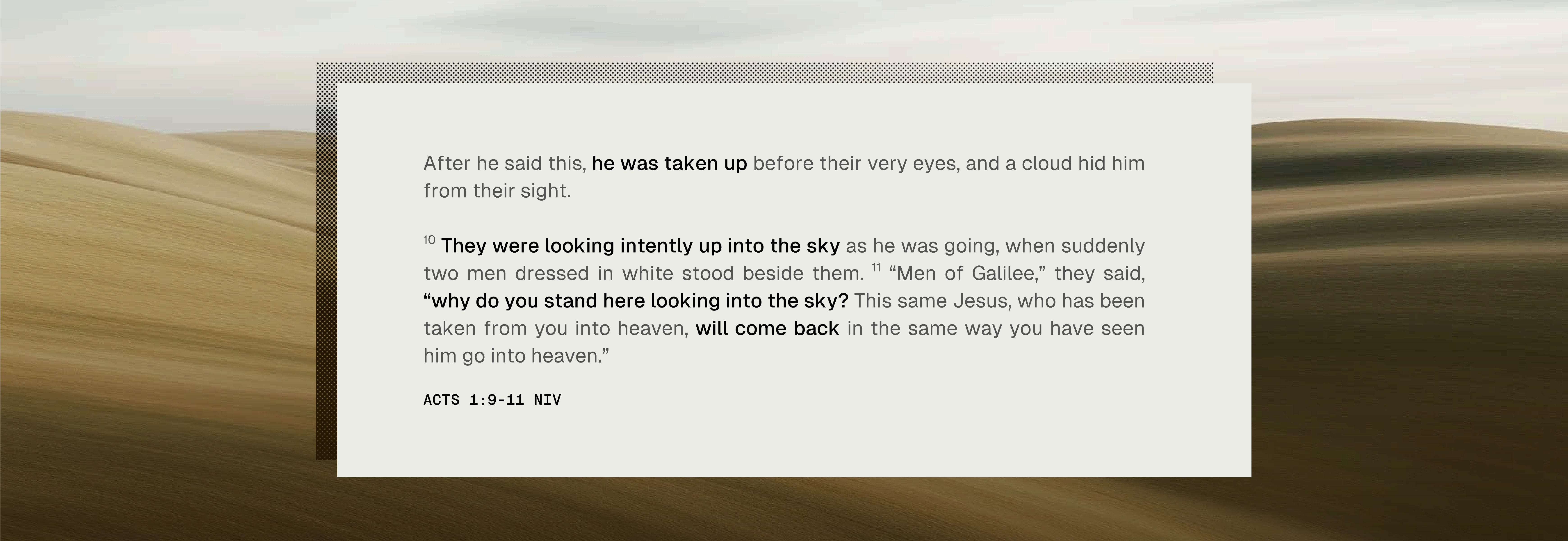
JOHN 16:7 ESV



Would you rather have...

+ JESUS WALKING BESIDE YOU

+ THE HOLY SPIRIT LIVING IN YOU



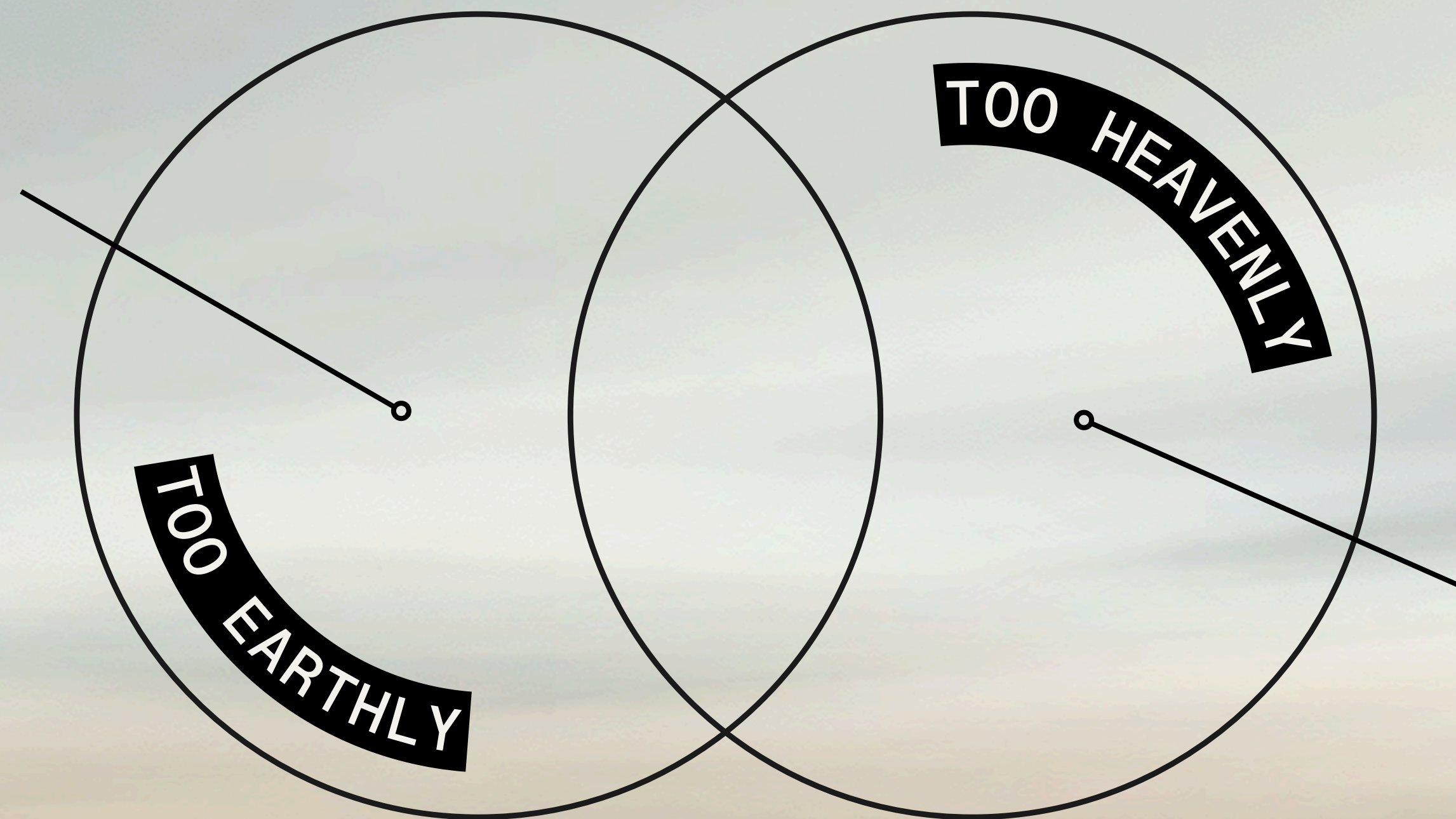
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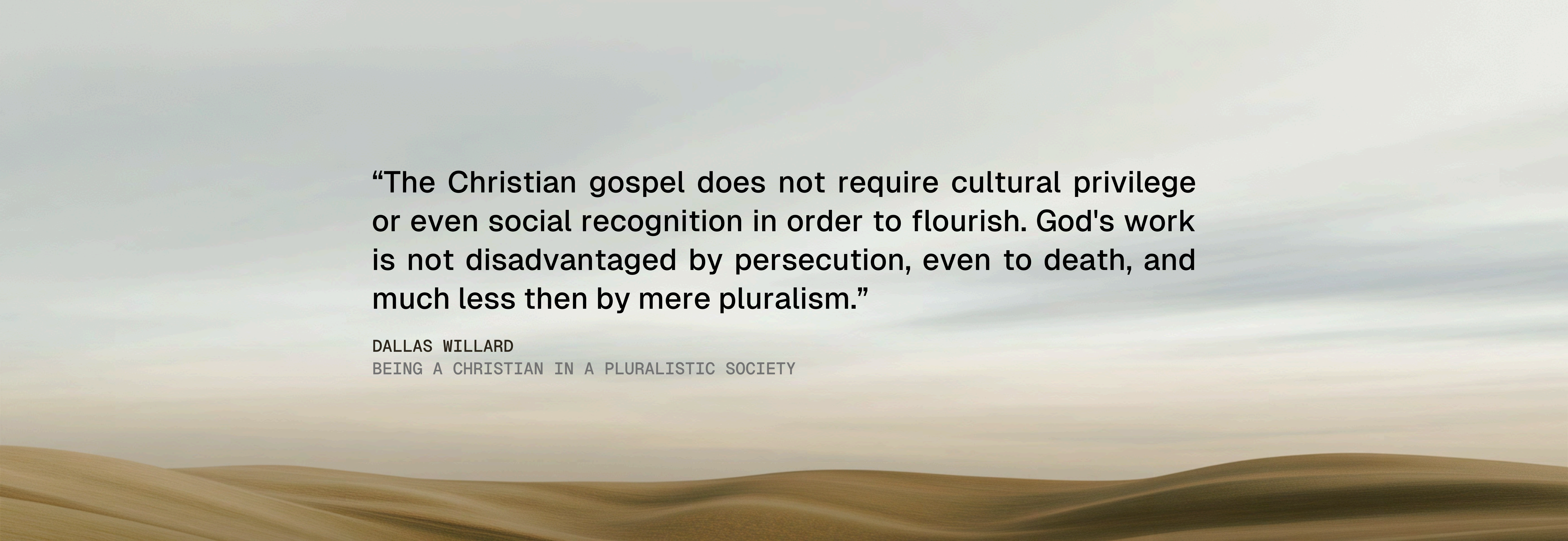
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ACTS 1:6B NIV



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ACTS 1:11A NIV



“The Christian gospel does not require cultural privilege or even social recognition in order to flourish. God's work is not disadvantaged by persecution, even to death, and much less then by mere pluralism.”

DALLAS WILLARD

BEING A CHRISTIAN IN A PLURALISTIC SOCIETY

THEY RELIED ON THE HOLY SPIRIT

Devoted group of people

Upside down leadership

Radical generosity

Powerful prayer

Partnership

Acts.

THE HOLY SPIRIT WENT TO WORK

Inexplicable life change

Multi-ethnic growth

Death for the cause

Physical miracles

Unwavering hope