

Acts.

Generous Living

- ASK GOD TO REVEAL NEEDS AROUND YOU
- PRAY FOR BOLDNESS TO GIVE FREELY

All the believers were one in heart and mind. No one claimed that any of their possessions was their own, but **they shared everything they had.** ³³ With great power the apostles continued to testify to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus. And God's grace was so powerfully at work in them all ³⁴ that **there were no needy persons among them.** For from time to time those who owned land or houses sold them, brought the money from the sales ³⁵ and put it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to anyone who had need.

³⁶ Joseph, a Levite from Cyprus, whom the apostles called **Barnabas** (which means "son of encouragement"), ³⁷ **sold a field he owned and brought the money and put it at the apostles' feet.**

ACTS 4:32-37 NIV

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ACTS 5:1 NIV

ANANIAS → Generosity

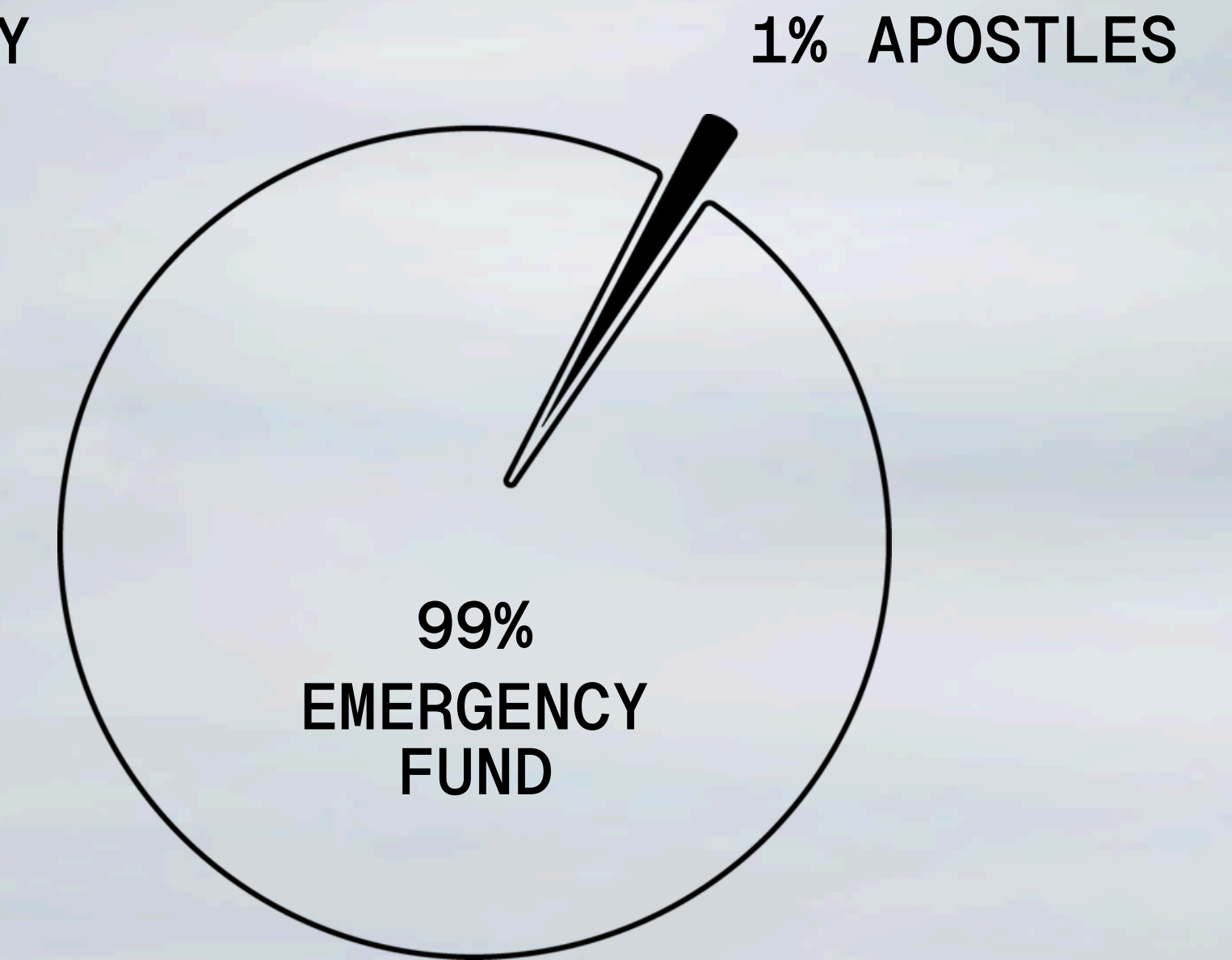
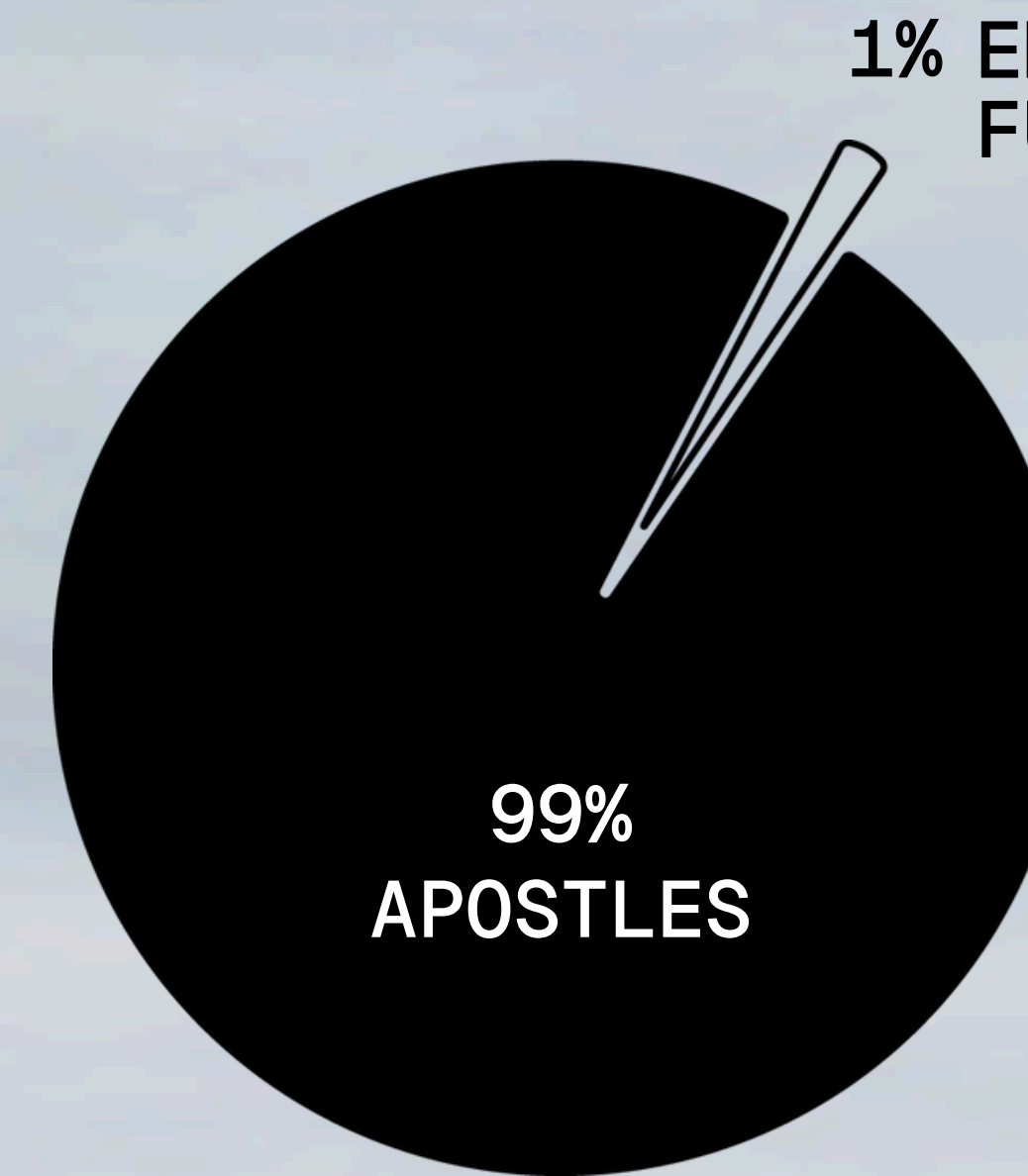
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ACTS 5:1-2 NIV

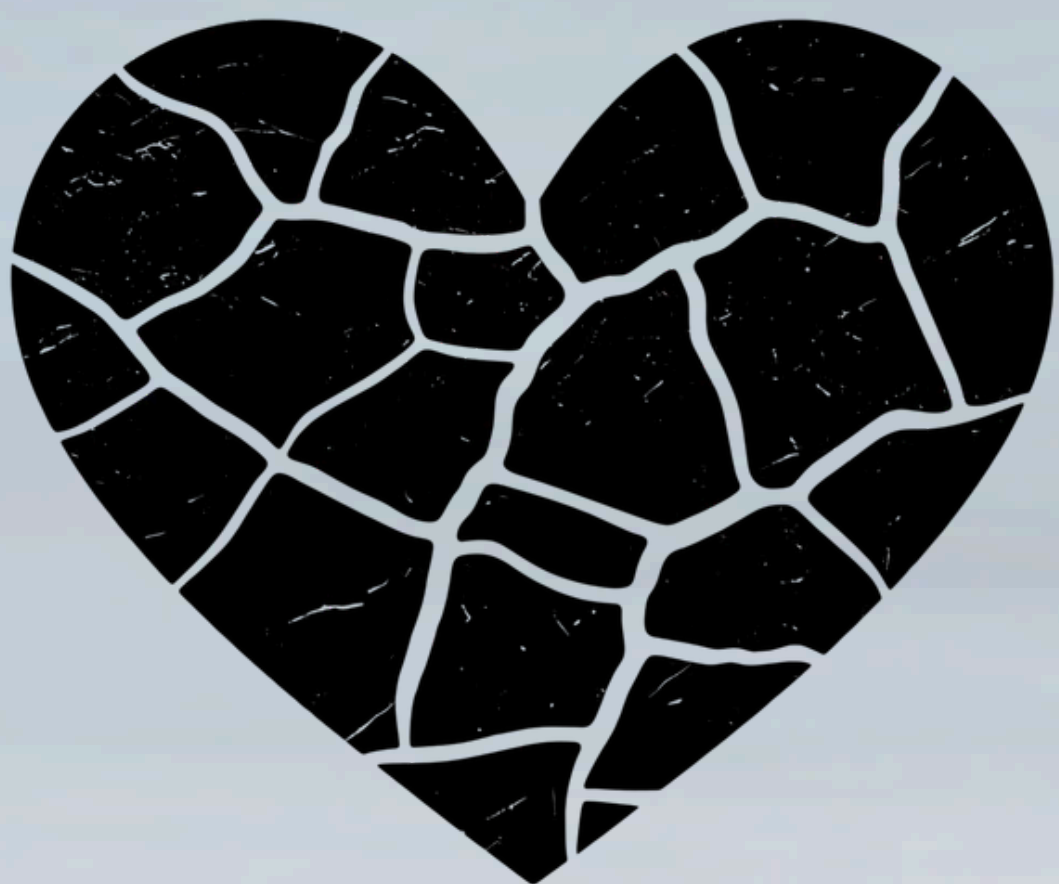
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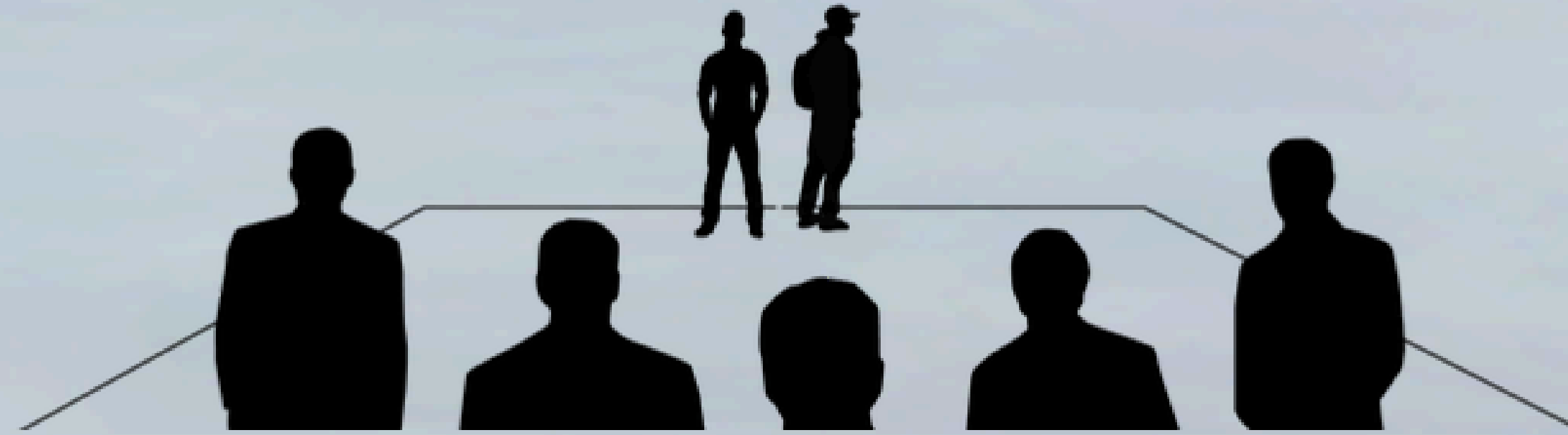
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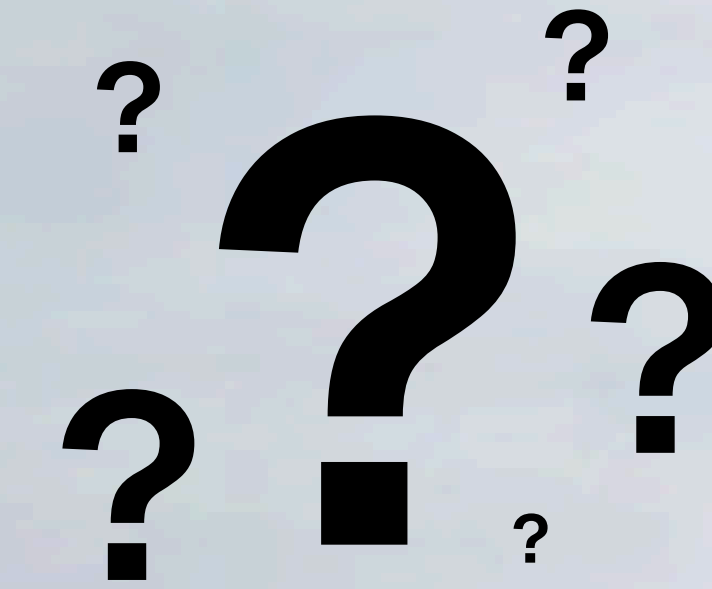
Then Peter said, “Ananias, how is it that **Satan has so filled your heart** that you have **lied** to the Holy Spirit and **have kept for yourself** some of the money you received for the land? ⁴ Didn’t it belong to you before it was sold? And after it was sold, wasn’t **the money at your disposal**? What made you think of doing such a thing? You have not lied just to human beings but to God.”

ACTS 5:3-4 NIV

ANANIAS → Generosity Sin → Exposure



EXTERNAL OPPOSITION
ACTS 4



INTERNAL POLLUTION
ACTS 5

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ACTS 5:5-6 NIV

ANANIAS → Generosity Sin → Exposure → Judgement

φόβος

Phobos

→ **fear, dread or terror**

Everyone was **filled with awe** at the many wonders and signs performed by the apostles.

ACTS 2:43 NIV

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Peter said to her, “How could you **conspire to test the Spirit of the Lord?** Listen! The feet of the men who buried your husband are at the door, and they will carry you out also.”

ACTS 5:9 NIV

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ACTS 5:10-11 NIV

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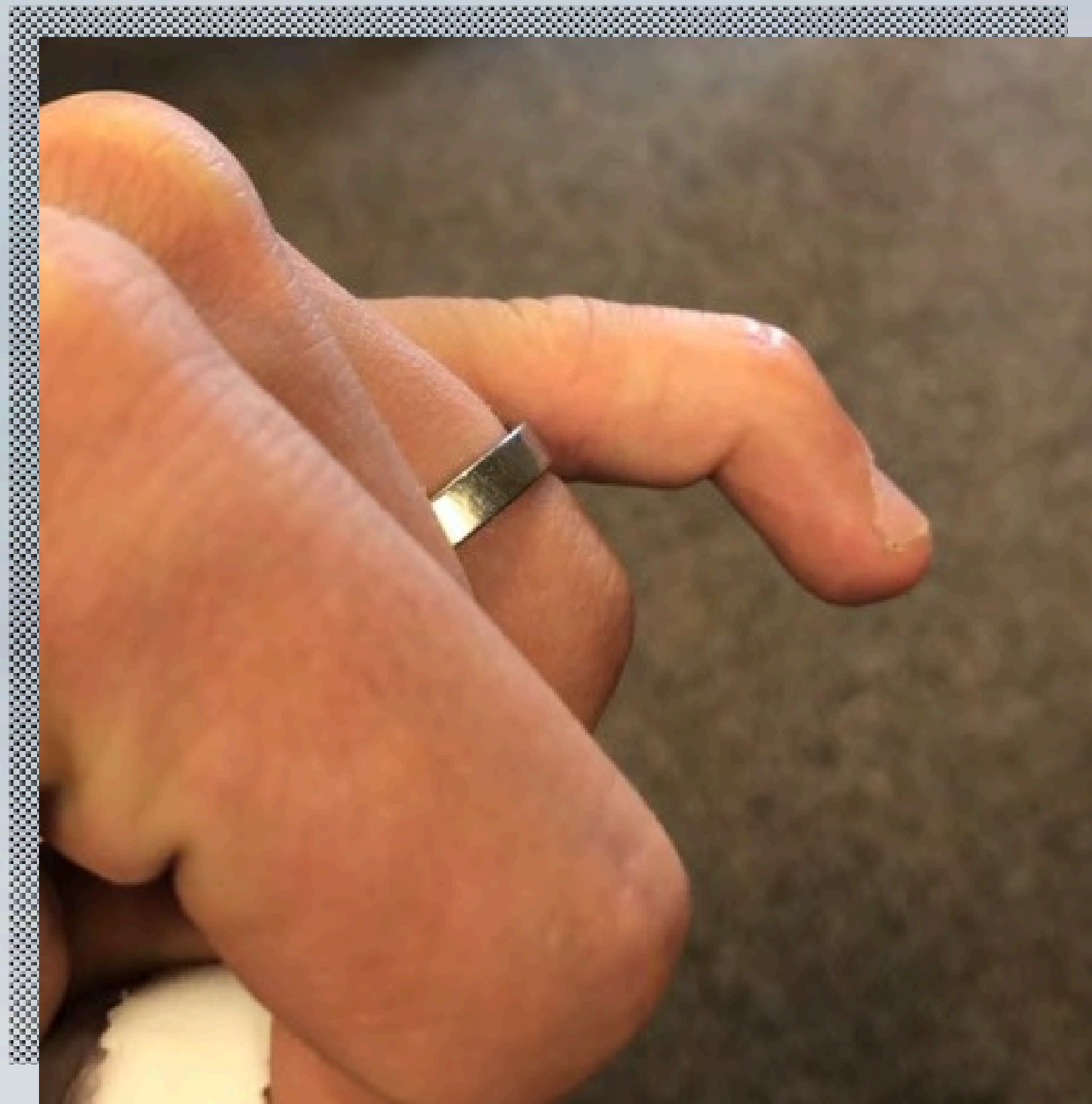
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- **If you lie, you die**



God's Covenant Pattern

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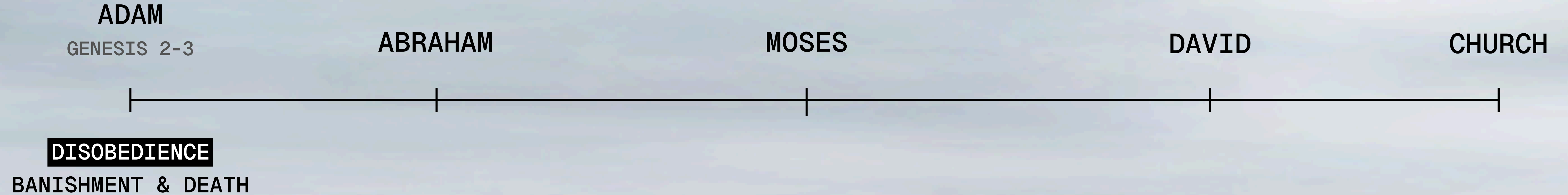
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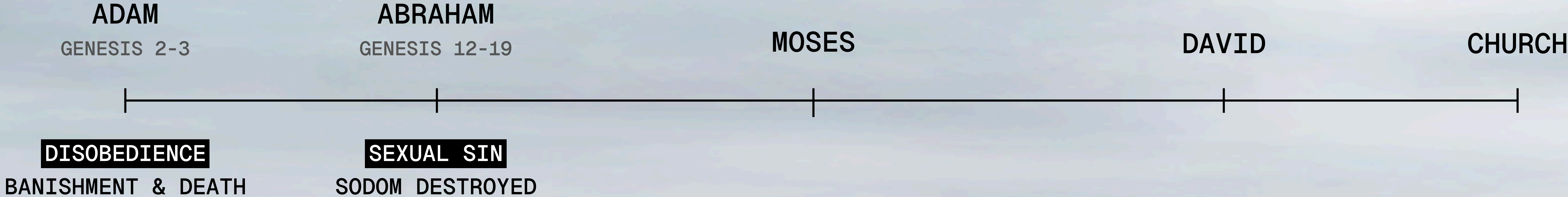
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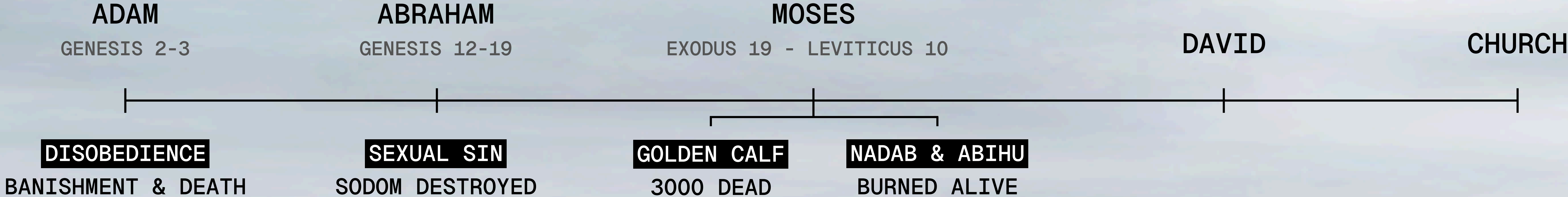
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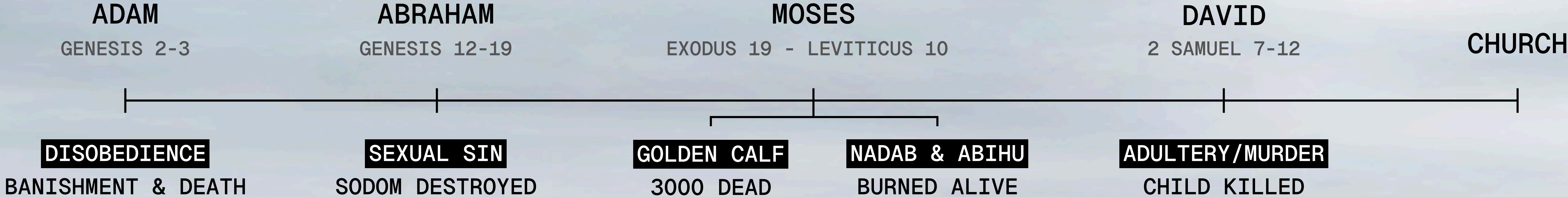
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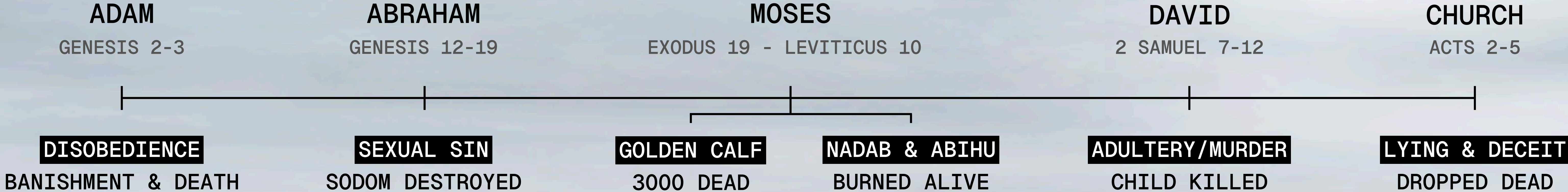
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BUT WHERE IS THE GRACE?

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1 CORINTHIANS 10:13 NIV

- They sold the land
- They talked about it
- They agreed to lie
- They parted ways
- He carried the money
- He gave it to the apostles
- She was asked personally

The apostles performed **many signs and wonders** among the people. And all the believers used to meet together in Solomon's Colonnade.¹³ **No one else dared join them,** even though they were highly regarded by the people.¹⁴ Nevertheless, **more and more men and women believed in the Lord** and were added to their number.¹⁵ As a result, **people brought the sick into the streets** and laid them on beds and mats so that at least Peter's shadow might fall on some of them as he passed by.¹⁶ Crowds gathered also from the towns around Jerusalem, **bringing their sick and those tormented by impure spirits, and all of them were healed.**

ACTS 5:12-16 NIV

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While Jesus was having dinner at Levi's house, many tax collectors and sinners were eating with him and his disciples, for there were many who followed him.¹⁶ When the teachers of the law who were Pharisees saw him eating with the sinners and tax collectors, they asked his disciples: "Why does he eat with tax collectors and sinners?"¹⁷ On hearing this, Jesus said to them, **"It is not the healthy who need a doctor, but the sick. I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners."**

MARK 2:15-17 NIV

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HOW DO I APPLY THIS?

Sin ← Confession ← Atonement ← Awe

Come Broken

My sacrifice, O God, is a broken spirit;
a broken and contrite heart
you, God, will not despise.

PSALM 51:17 NIV



Be Restored

Create in me a pure heart, O God,
and renew a steadfast spirit within me.

PSALM 51:10 NIV

CONFESS & REPENT

Therefore, confess your sins to one another and pray for one another, that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person has great power as it is working.

JAMES 5:16 ESV

RECEIVE & GIVE GRACE

Even though I was once a blasphemer and a persecutor and a violent man, I was shown mercy because I acted in ignorance and unbelief.¹⁴ The grace of our Lord was poured out on me abundantly, along with the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus.

1 TIMOTHY 1:13-14 NIV