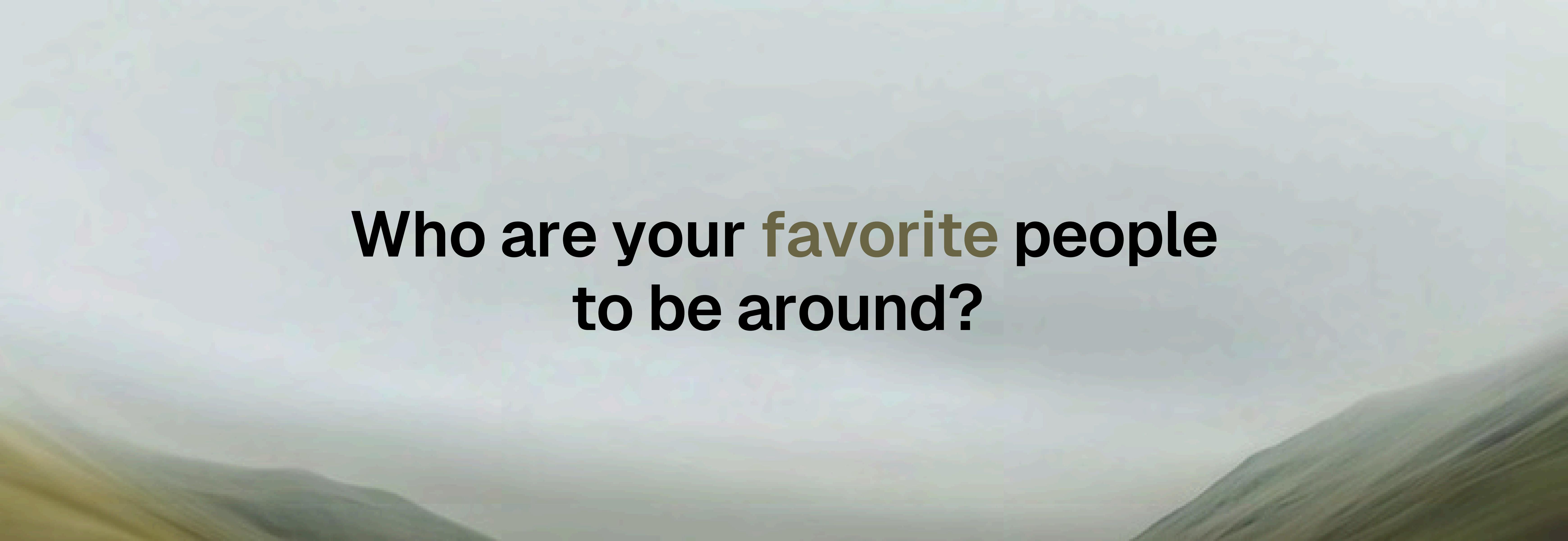
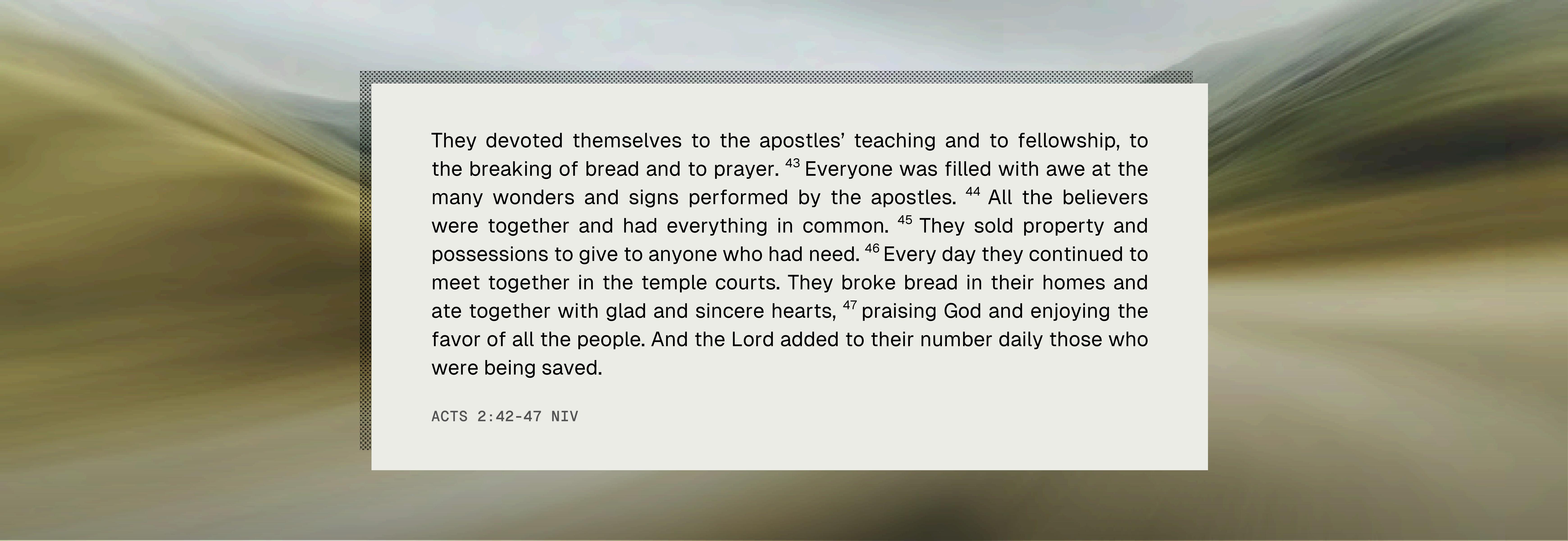


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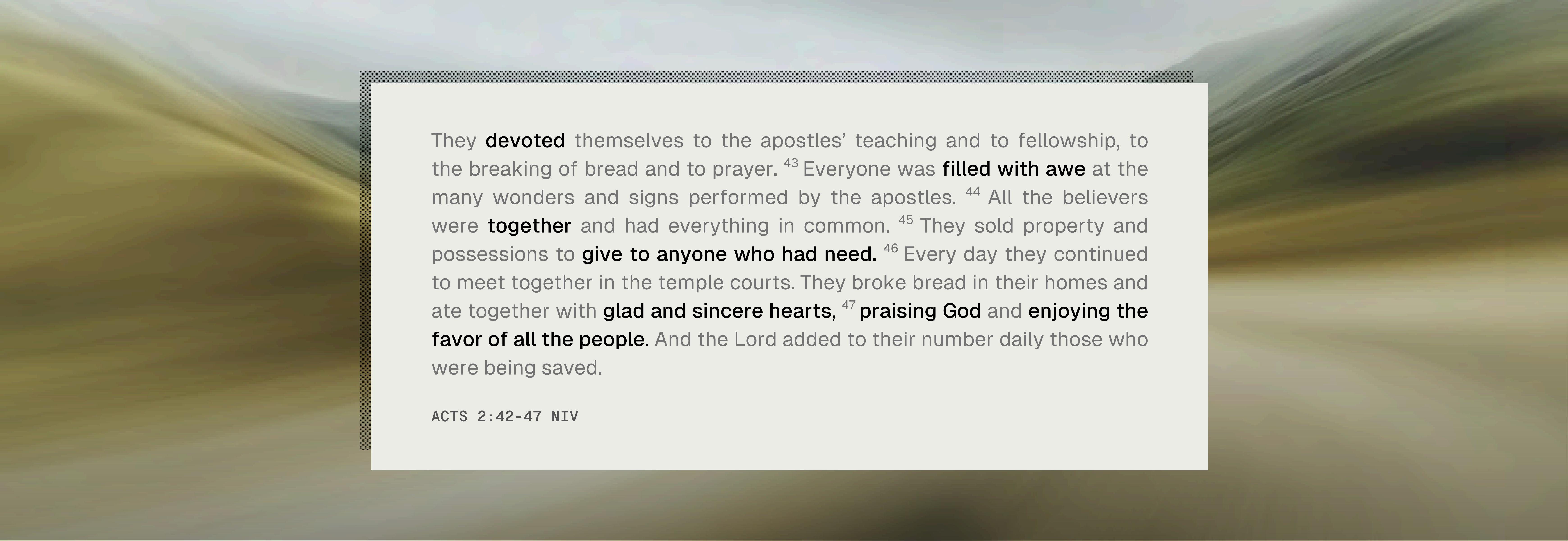
A person is sitting on a grassy hill, looking out over a landscape. The background is a soft, out-of-focus blend of various colors, including blues, greens, and yellows, creating a dreamlike or peaceful atmosphere.

Who are your favorite people
to be around?



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“They devoted themselves”

proskartereo

from *prós* = implies motion, direction toward
kartereo = be strong, steadfast, firm, endure

Continually devoting

It describes a steadfast single-minded fidelity to a certain course of action.

Driven

SOURCE

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MOTIVATION

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Called

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God's spirit and purpose.

MOTIVATION

Obedience, faithfulness, love for God and others.

FOCUS

God's glory, others' good, and stewarding the gifts entrusted to them.

FRUIT

Peace, perseverance, humility, deep joy even in sacrifice, eternal impact.

EXAMPLE

David — anointed and called by God, patient to wait for God's timing, leading with a shepherd's heart.

“Our greatest fear should not be of failure,
but of succeeding at something that
doesn’t really matter.”

D. L. MOODY

Four Priorities

Apostles' Teaching

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Apostles

- + 13 Men
- + Witnesses of Jesus' Resurrection
- + Given God's Word to Proclaim
- + Given the Gift of Healing
- + Given Authority in the Church

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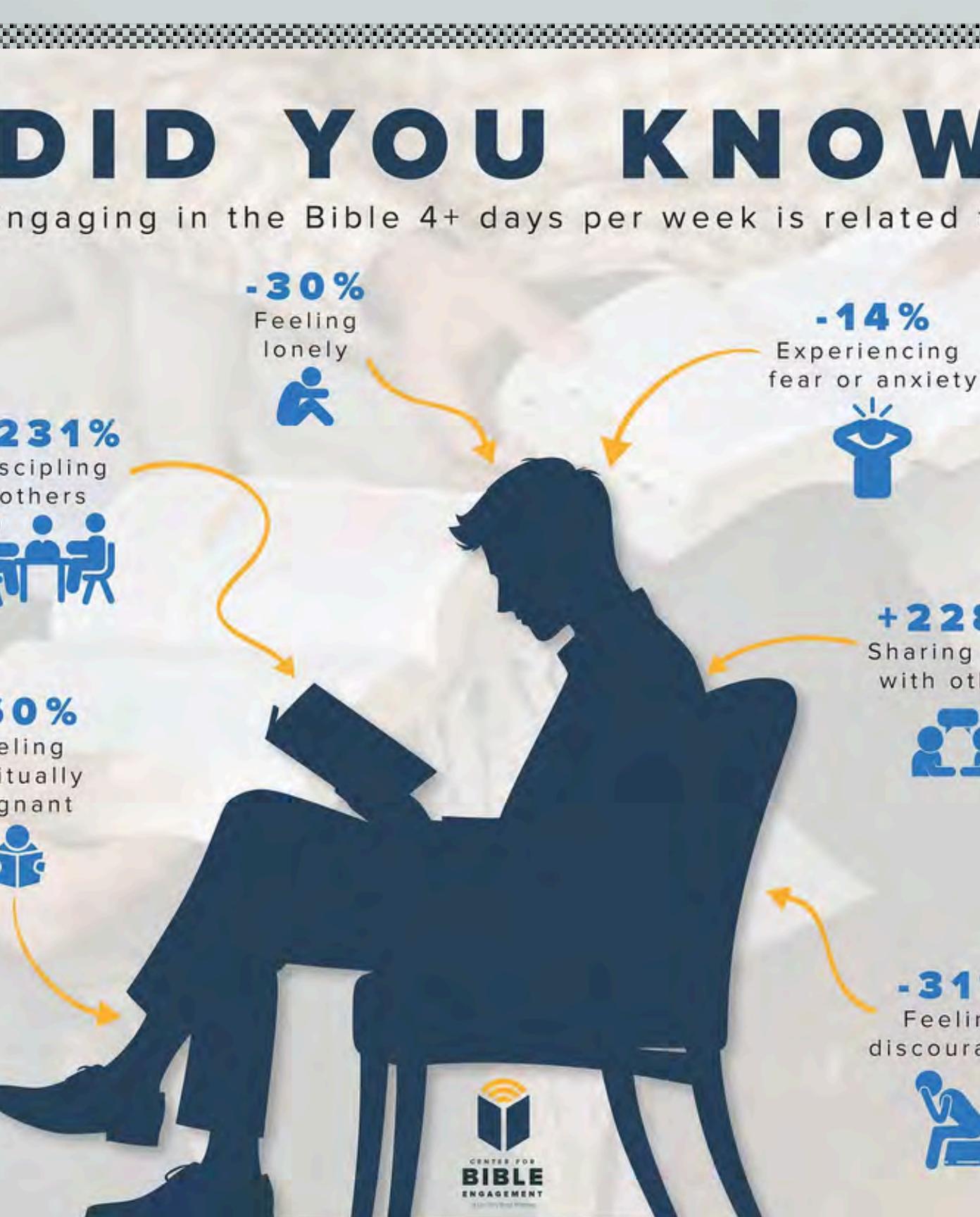
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“fellowship”

koinonia from koinos

that which is in common, belonging to several

It denotes the active, joint participation, cooperation and/or sharing in a common interest or activity.

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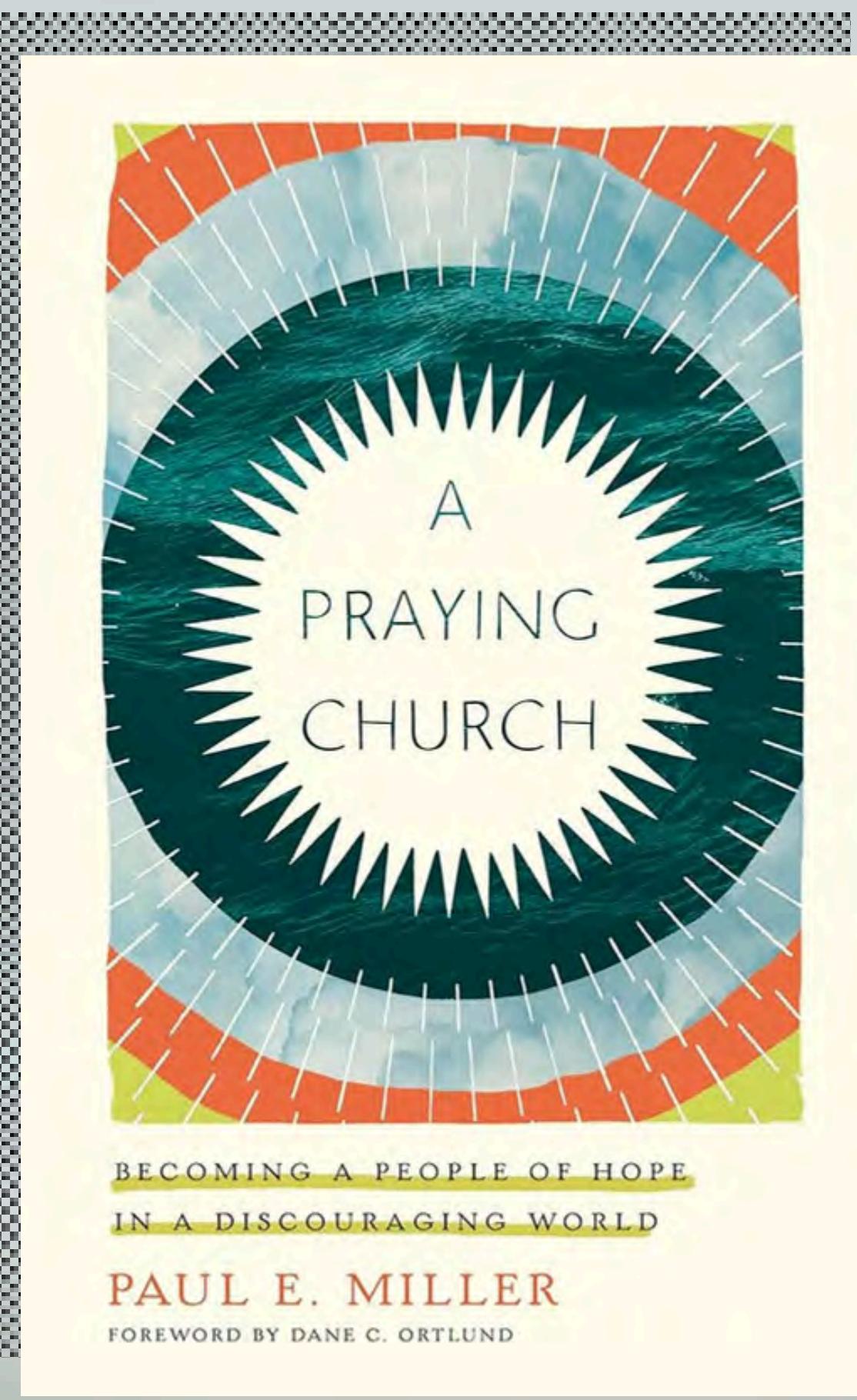
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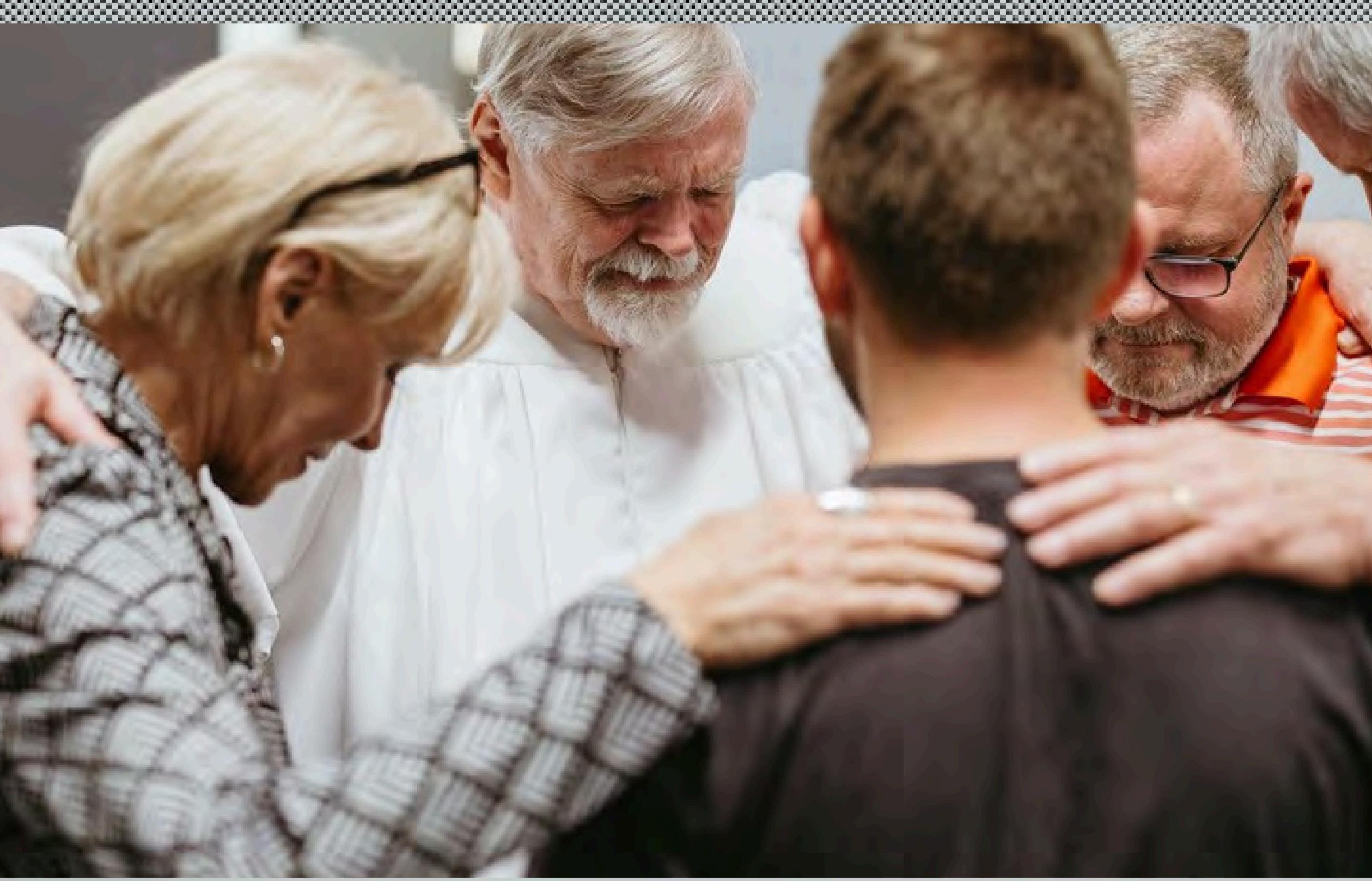
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“I am constant in corporate prayer because the Jesus communities I’m in are **constant in need**. I have no interest in doing anything that hasn’t been prayed for and prayed over. What I pray over lasts, and what I don’t pray over doesn’t last.

But there’s more: A Jesus community is characterized by wonder and the conduit to that is prayer. I’ve seen what happens when the Spirit of Jesus inhabits a community – everything starts to sparkle. Praying together is not a luxury, nor it is something just for the “spiritual” Christians; **it’s the very breath of the church.**”

PAUL MILLER, A PRAYING CHURCH



Sundays

Prayer Team for our congregation & individual needs

- + During church • Larry Parker
- + laparker@fellowshipnwa.org

Mondays

Prayer for community groups & community group leaders

- + 10:30am & 1pm • Abel Schafer
- + abschafer@fellowshipnwa.org

Tuesdays

Prayer for revival & gospel movement in our community

- + 7-8pm • Sarah Ernst
- + saernst@fellowshipnwa.org

Wednesdays

Prayer for global workers & international missions

- + 10:00am • Jeff Gross
- + jsg144@gmail.com

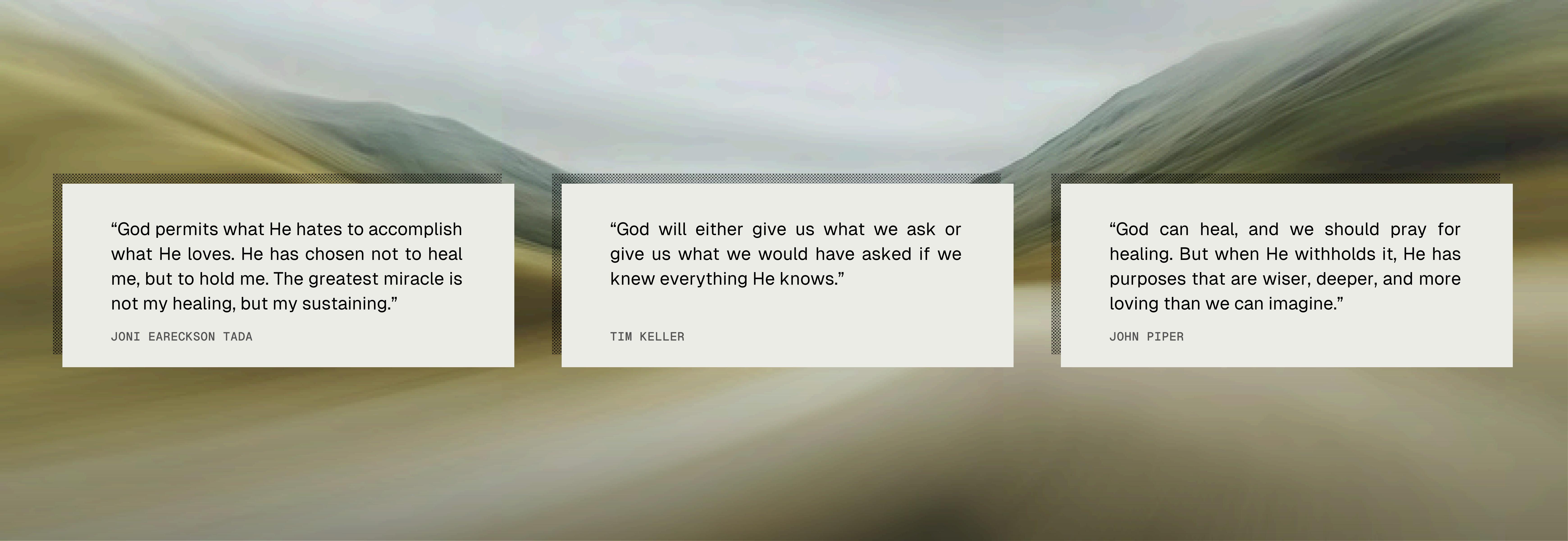
Thursdays

Prayer for ministry areas within our local church, other churches & across the globe

- + 8:30-9:30am • Art Alderson
- + art.alderon@cox.net

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“God permits what He hates to accomplish what He loves. He has chosen not to heal me, but to hold me. The greatest miracle is not my healing, but my sustaining.”

JONI EARECKSON TADA

“God will either give us what we ask or give us what we would have asked if we knew everything He knows.”

TIM KELLER

“God can heal, and we should pray for healing. But when He withholds it, He has purposes that are wiser, deeper, and more loving than we can imagine.”

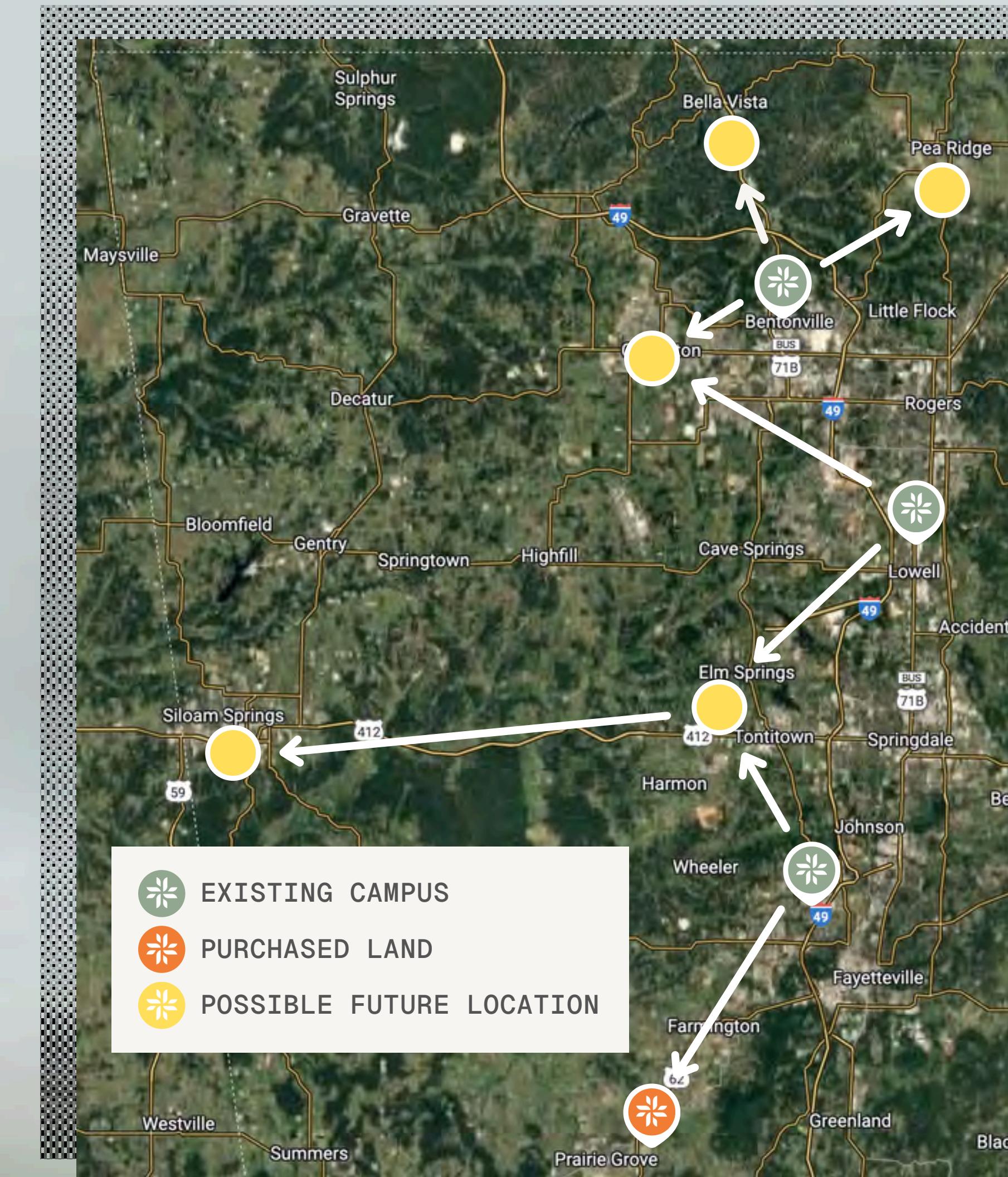
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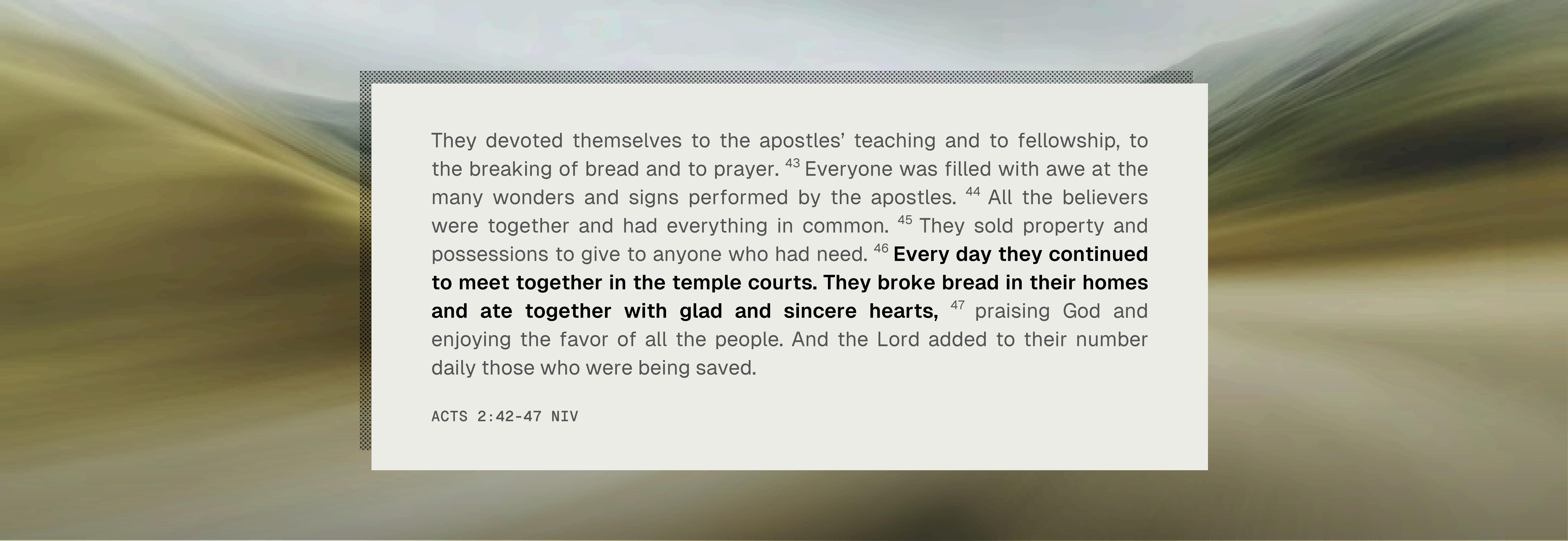
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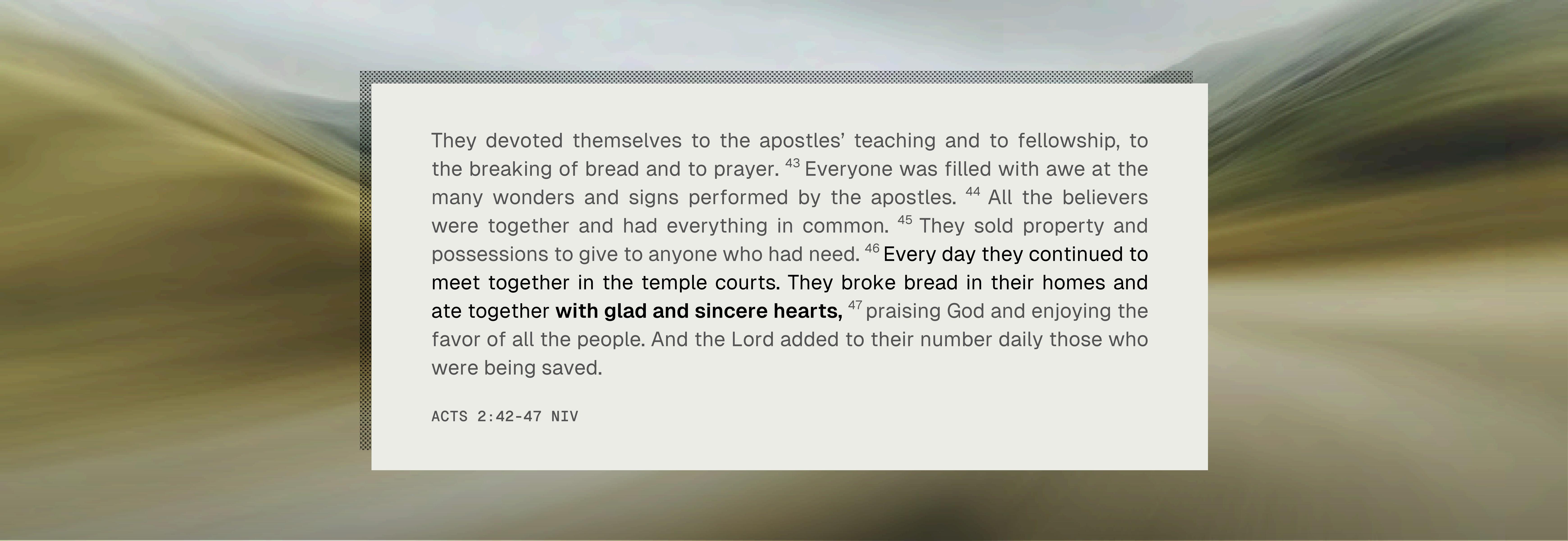
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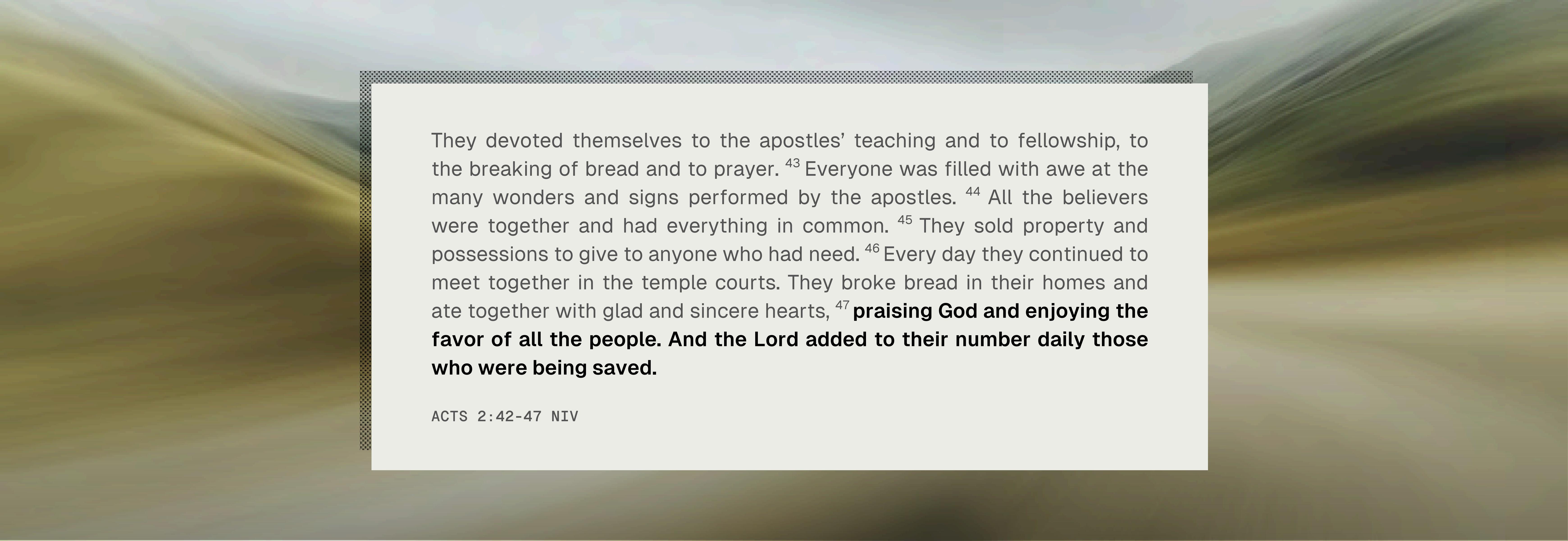
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Devoted + Connected + Generous + Worshipful

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