



LIFE TOGETHER

***Living with
problem people***



People come into our lives...

Some for a brief time.

Some for a lifetime.

Some for a season.


But all for a reason.

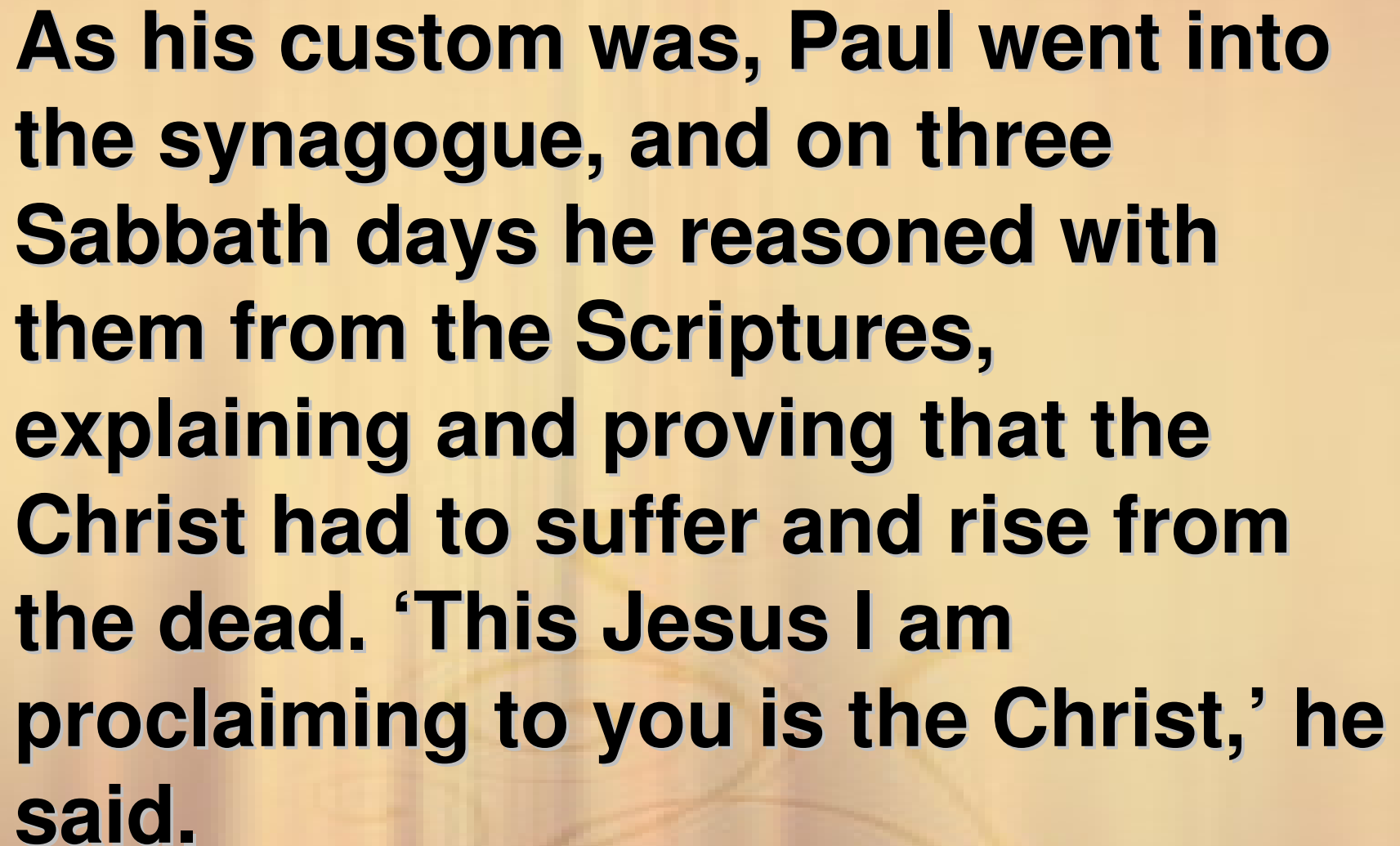





Paul is leaving Philippi...

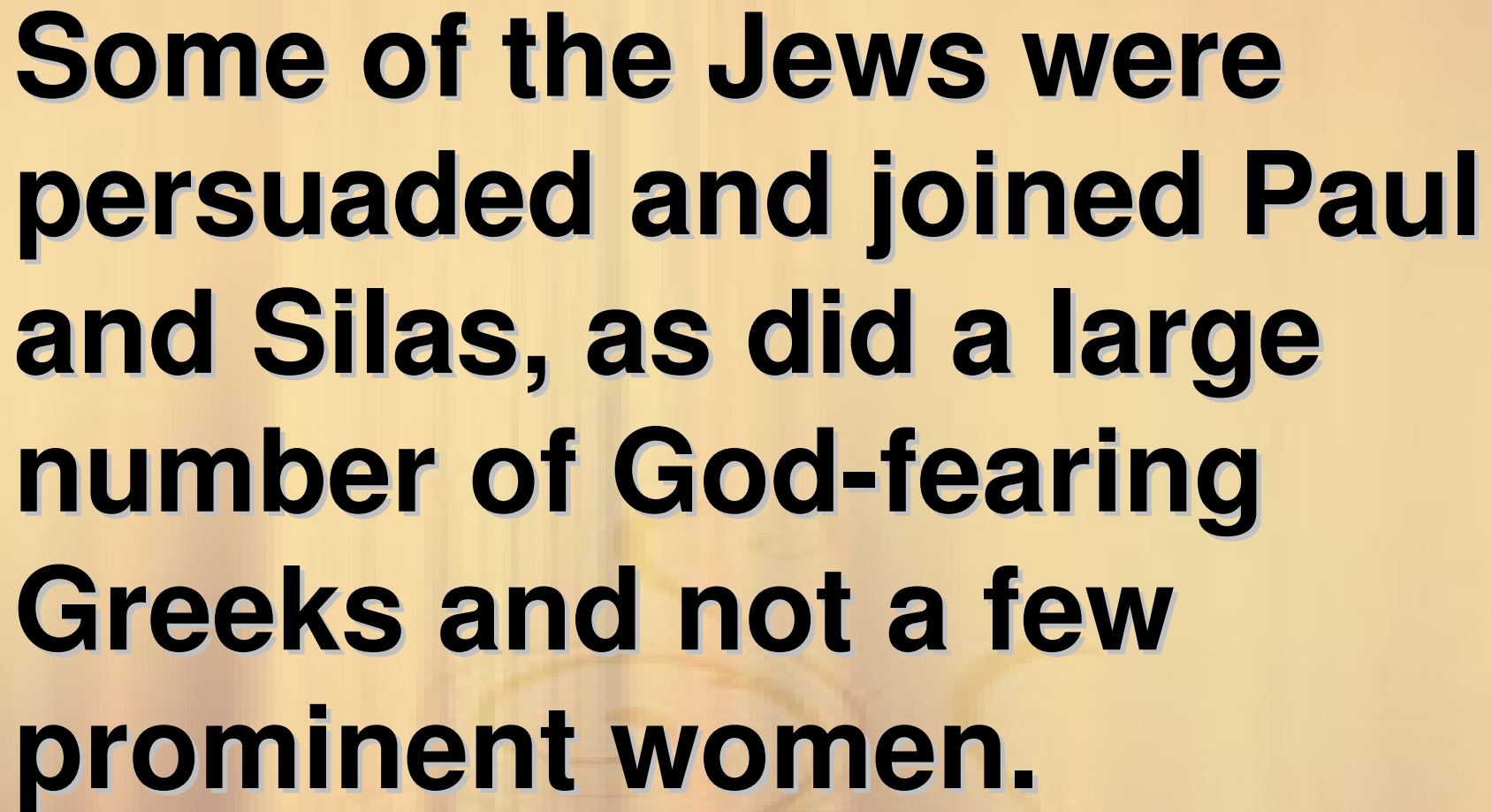
Acts 17:1-15, “When they had passed through Amphipolis and Apollonia, they came to Thessalonica, where there was a Jewish synagogue.






As his custom was, Paul went into the synagogue, and on three Sabbath days he reasoned with them from the Scriptures, explaining and proving that the Christ had to suffer and rise from the dead. ‘This Jesus I am proclaiming to you is the Christ,’ he said.




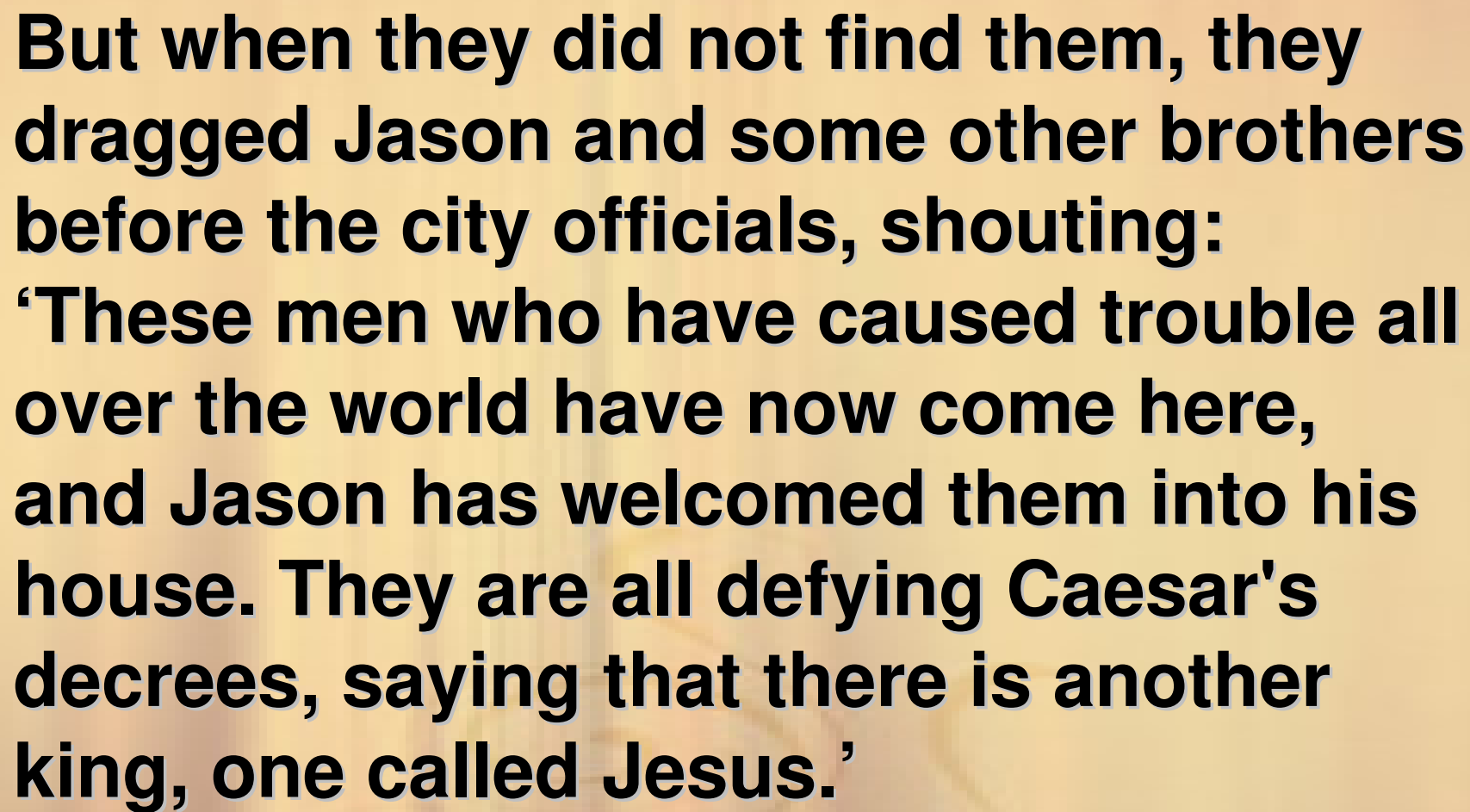


Some of the Jews were persuaded and joined Paul and Silas, as did a large number of God-fearing Greeks and not a few prominent women.

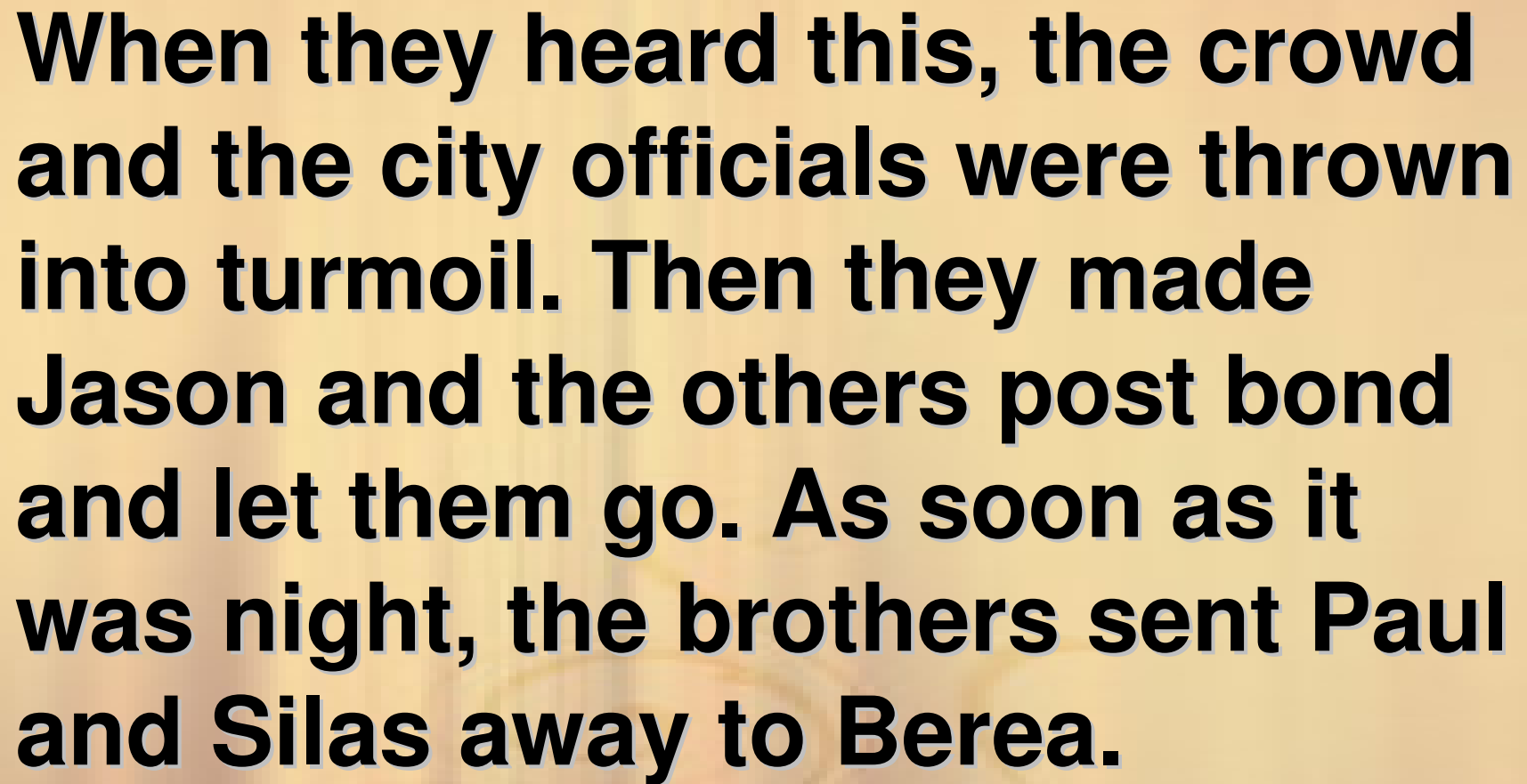


But the Jews were jealous; so they rounded up some bad characters from the marketplace, formed a mob and started a riot in the city. They rushed to Jason's house in search of Paul and Silas in order to bring them out to the crowd.

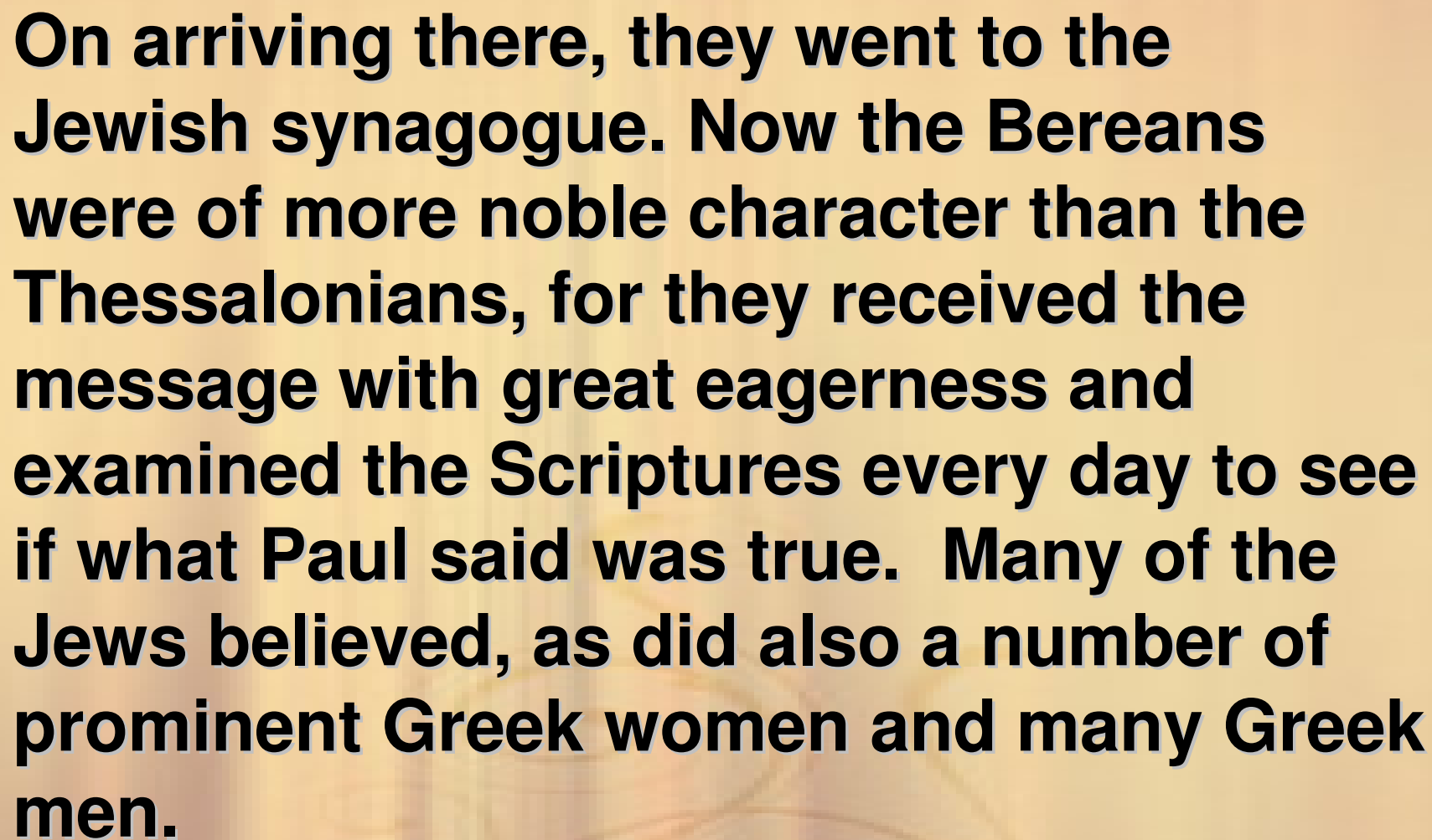




But when they did not find them, they dragged Jason and some other brothers before the city officials, shouting: 'These men who have caused trouble all over the world have now come here, and Jason has welcomed them into his house. They are all defying Caesar's decrees, saying that there is another king, one called Jesus.'



When they heard this, the crowd and the city officials were thrown into turmoil. Then they made Jason and the others post bond and let them go. As soon as it was night, the brothers sent Paul and Silas away to Berea.



On arriving there, they went to the Jewish synagogue. Now the Bereans were of more noble character than the Thessalonians, for they received the message with great eagerness and examined the Scriptures every day to see if what Paul said was true. Many of the Jews believed, as did also a number of prominent Greek women and many Greek men.

**Obeying God will often create
problems for you with. . .**

Jealous people

Angry people

**“When we are not angry about evil...
We will get angry about good!”**

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Ignorant people

Religious people

SOME CHARACTER TRAITS OF PROBLEM PEOPLE

Their love is for self

**Acts 17:5a, “The Jews were
jealous; so they . . .” (NIV)**

SOME CHARACTER TRAITS OF PROBLEM PEOPLE

**Their behavior creates more
conflict than community**

Acts 17:5b, “...they rounded up some bad characters from the marketplace, formed a mob and started a riot in the city.” (NIV)

SOME CHARACTER TRAITS OF PROBLEM PEOPLE

Their god is popularity

Acts 17:7, “They are all defying Caesar's decrees, saying that there is another king, one called Jesus.” (NIV)

SOME CHARACTER TRAITS OF PROBLEM PEOPLE

Their god is popularity


Dr. John Vaughn, *“Here we have people who don’t know the Lord, stirred up by people who claim to know the Lord to attack the people of the Lord.”*



THE SOLUTION FOR PROBLEM PEOPLE

**Seek to be constantly
connected to God**

Acts 17:1, “When they had passed through Amphipolis and Apollonia, they came to Thessalonica...” (NIV)






**THE SOLUTION FOR
PROBLEM PEOPLE**

**Seek to always be true
to God's Word**

**In Acts 17:2 it says, Paul
“reasoned with them from the
Scriptures...” (NIV)**






THE SOLUTION FOR PROBLEM PEOPLE

**Seek to always be true
to God's Word**

Acts 17:11, “They received the message with great eagerness and examined the Scriptures every day to see if what Paul said was true.” (NIV)





THE SOLUTION FOR **PROBLEM PEOPLE**

**Seek to stay focused on
God's agenda**

**Acts 17:2, “As his custom was, Paul
went into the synagogue...” (NIV)**





THE SOLUTION FOR **PROBLEM PEOPLE**

**Seek to stay focused on
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**Acts 17:10, “On arriving there, they
went to the Jewish synagogue.” (NIV)**





THE SOLUTION FOR
PROBLEM PEOPLE

Seek to see all things from
God's perspective

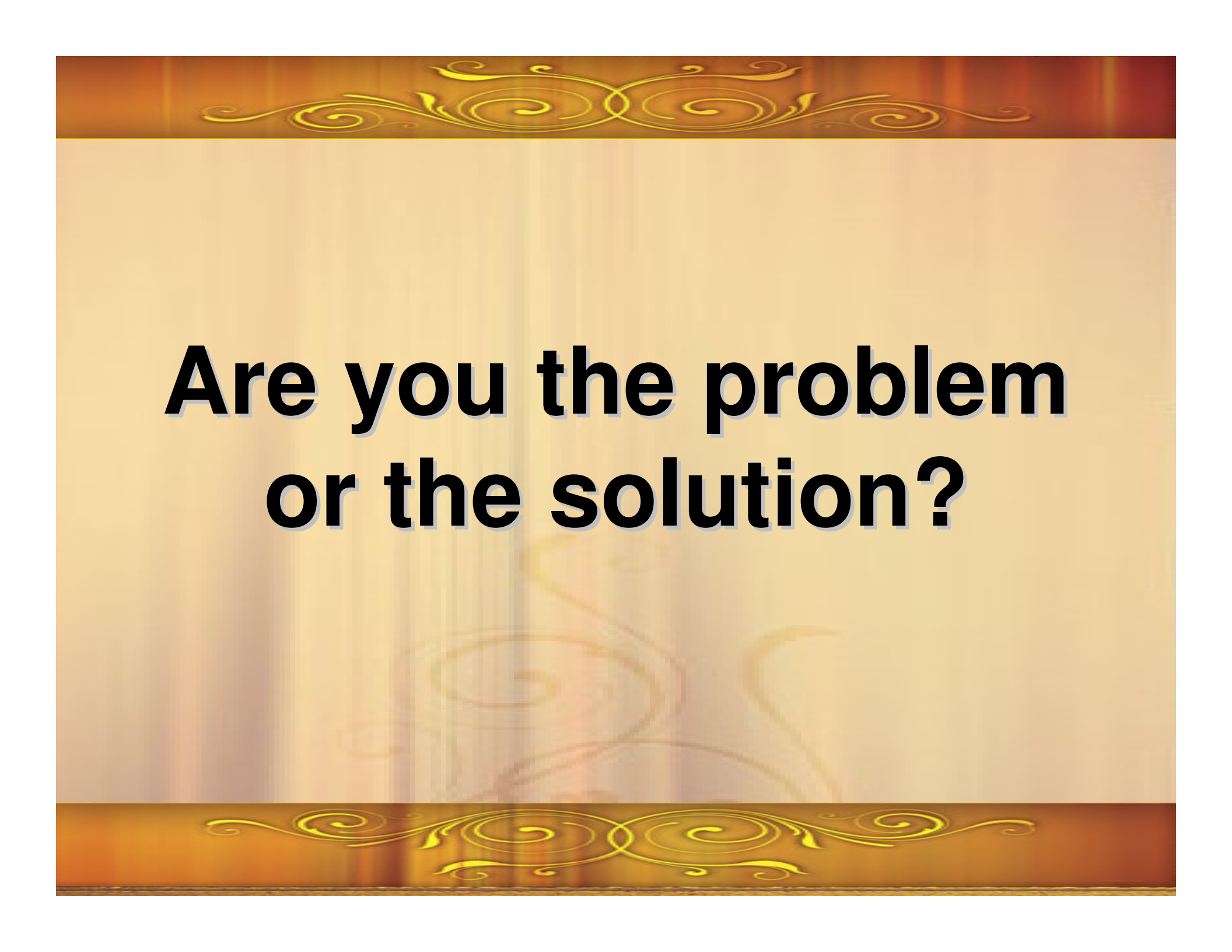




**Notice the solution doesn't
change the problem people...**

it changes us!





**Are you the problem
or the solution?**