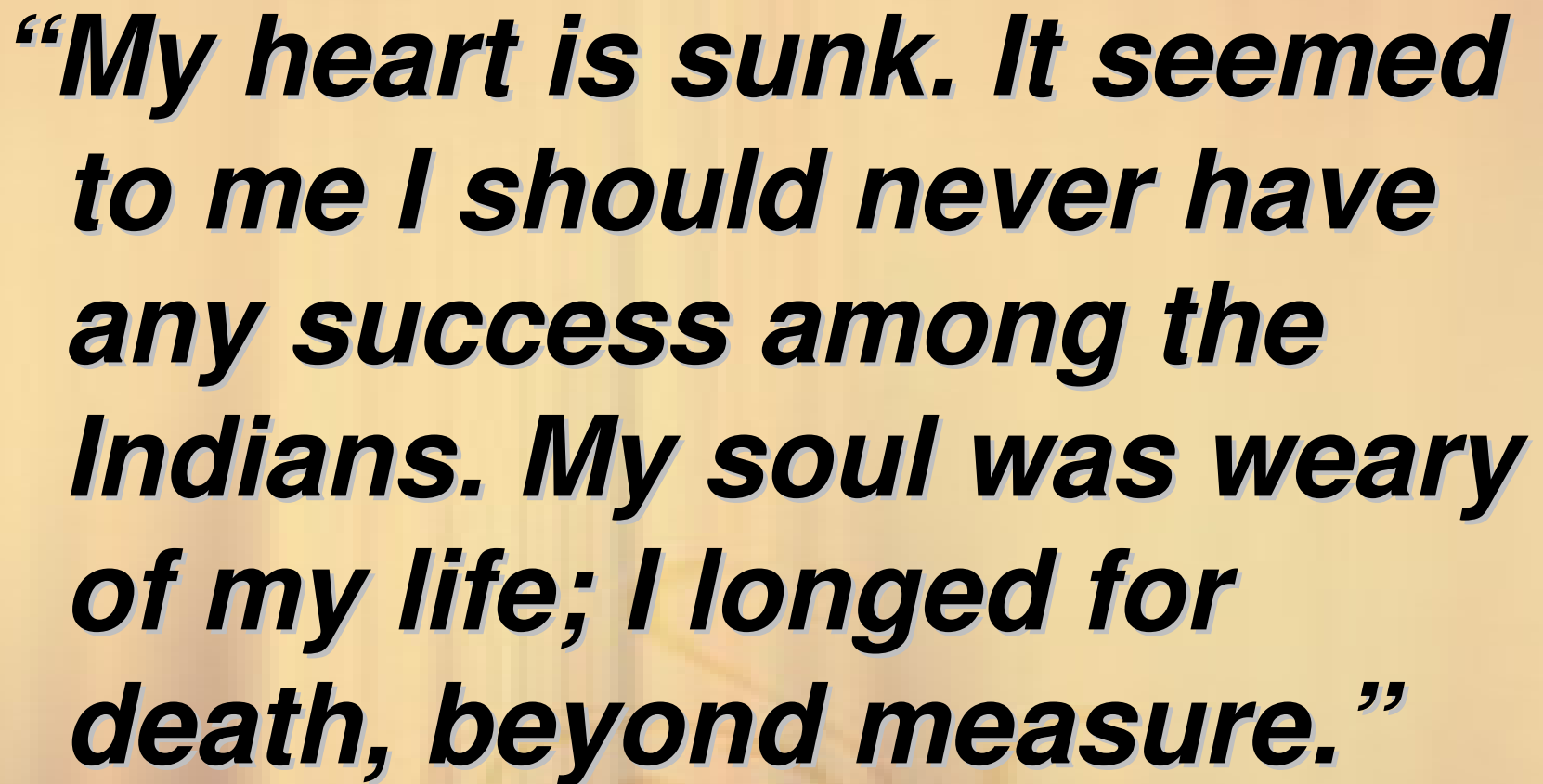




WHEN QUITTING FEELS RIGHT



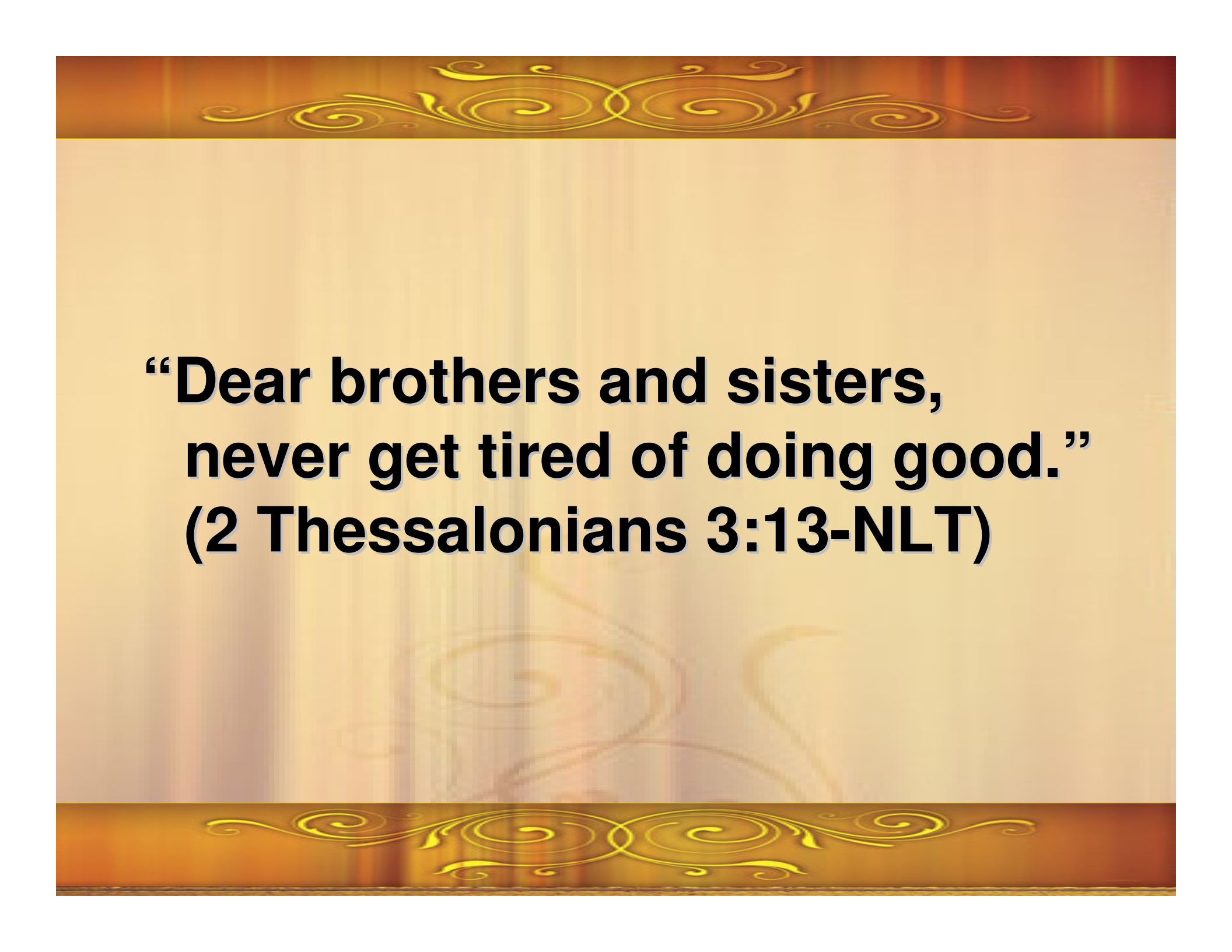


“My heart is sunk. It seemed to me I should never have any success among the Indians. My soul was weary of my life; I longed for death, beyond measure.”

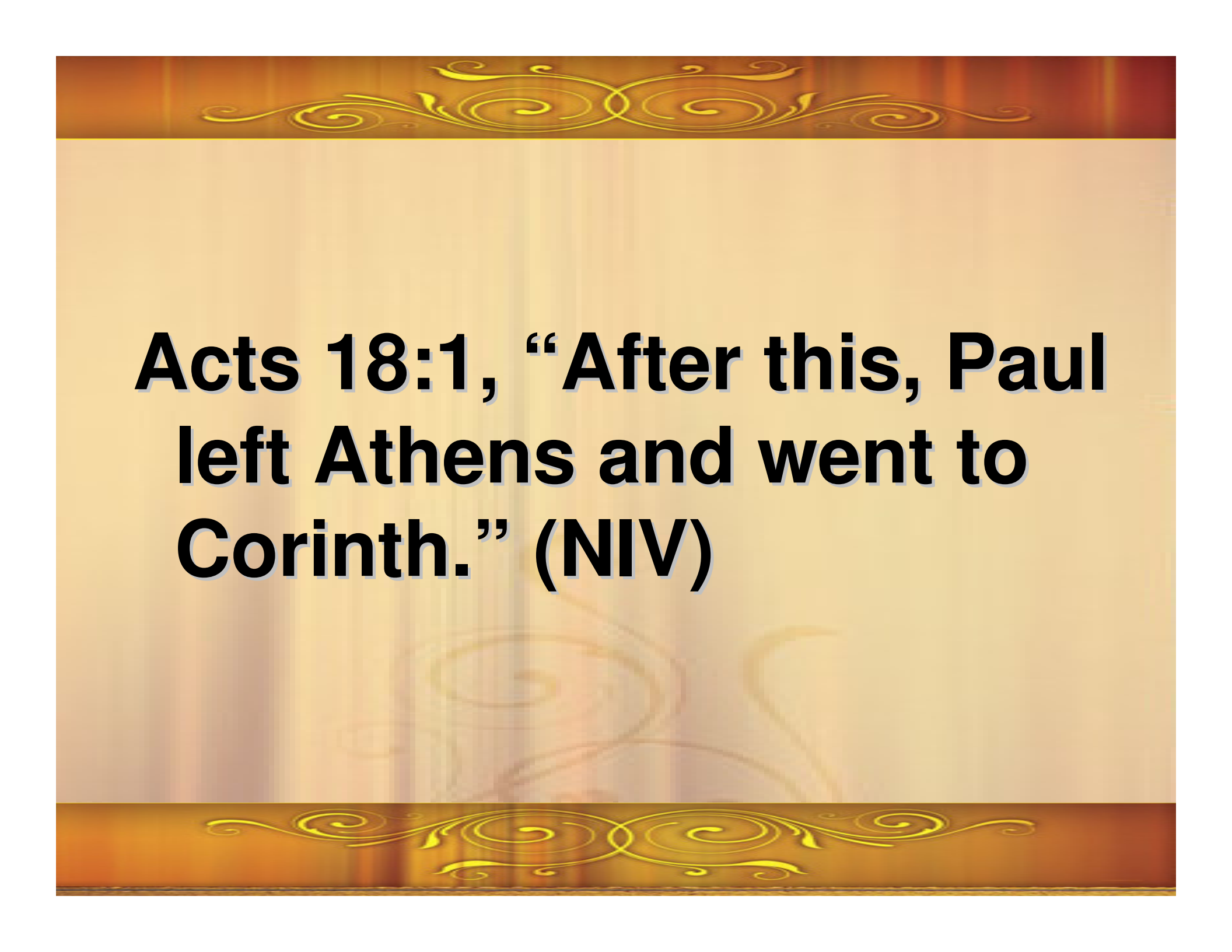
David Brainerd (1718-1747)



“as dark as midnight.”



**“Dear brothers and sisters,
never get tired of doing good.”
(2 Thessalonians 3:13-NLT)**



Acts 18:1, “After this, Paul left Athens and went to Corinth.” (NIV)

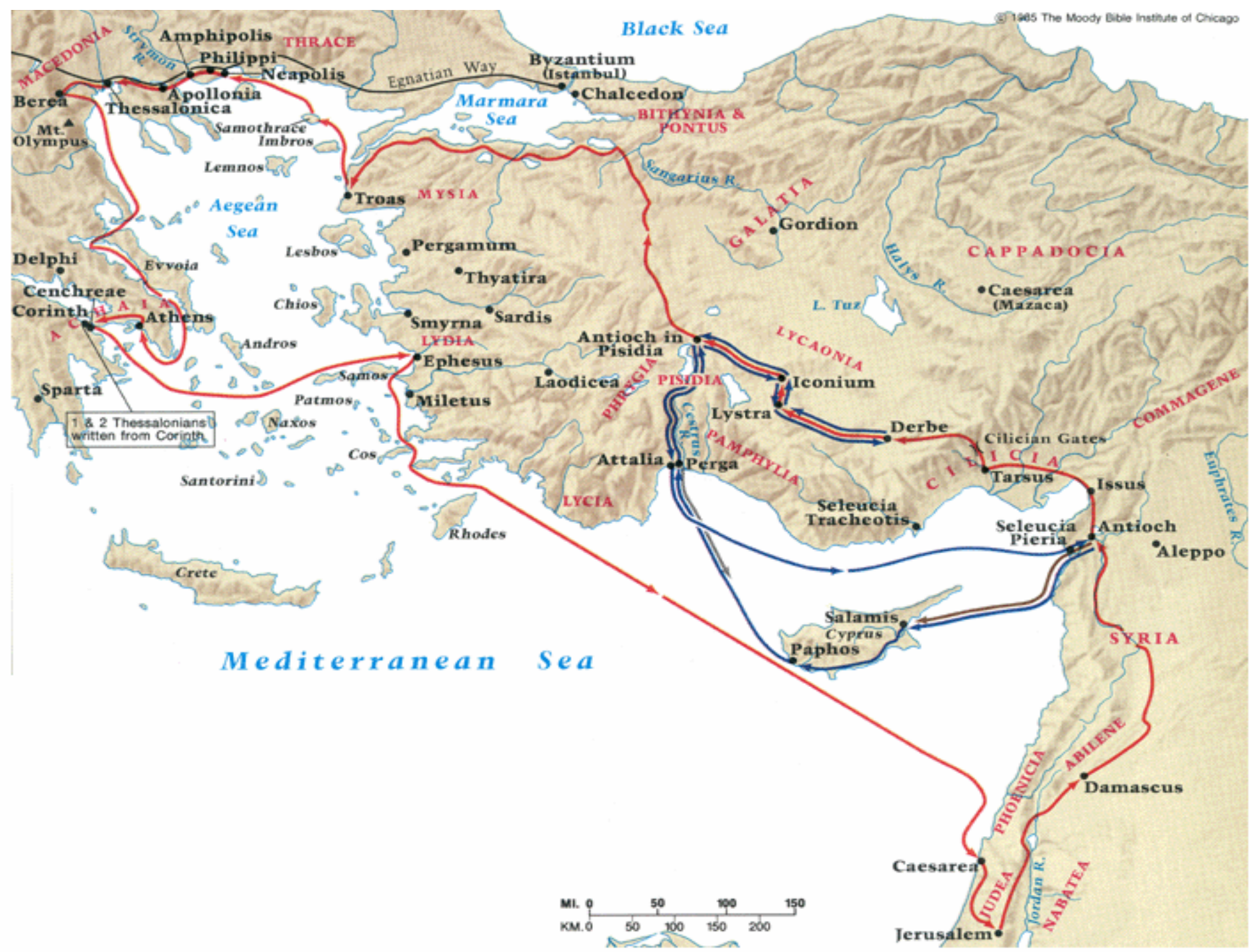



**The verb, to Corinthianize,
meant “to go a-whoring”.**

Aphrodite/Diana

**The goddess of fertility &
sexual pleasure.**



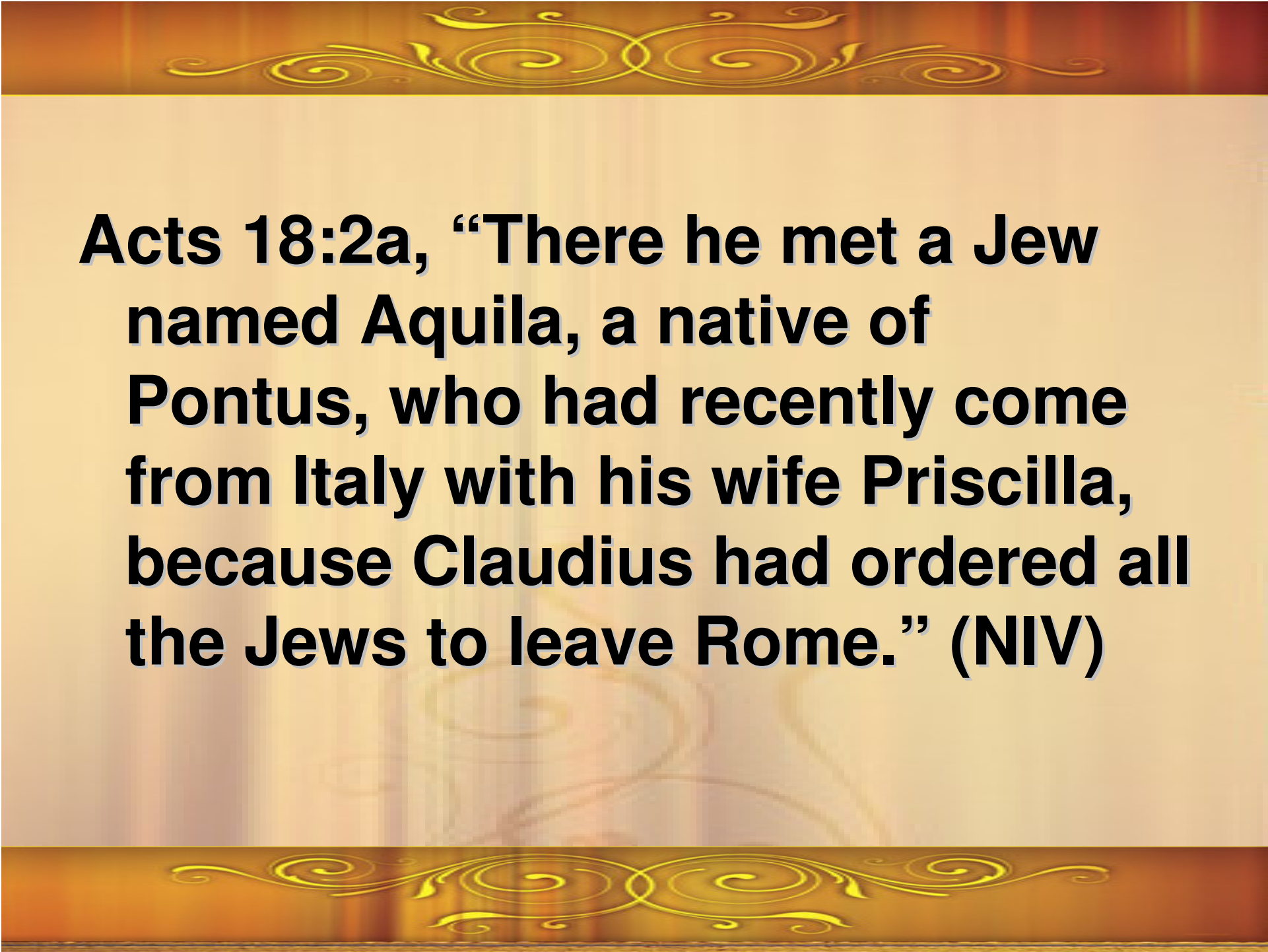




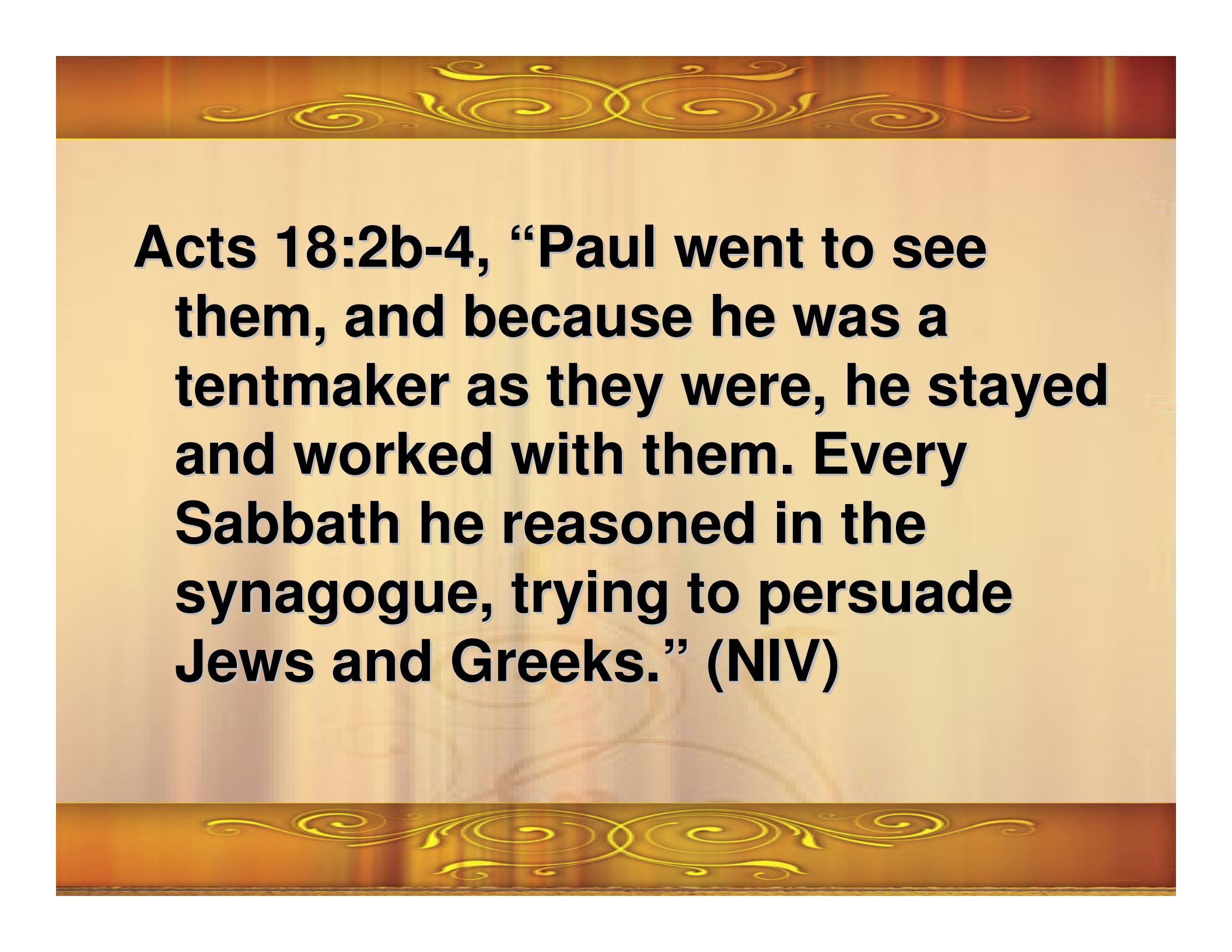
***“Any man who sails around
the Cape might well write
his will before he leaves.”***

**If Athens glorified the mind,
Corinth glorified the body.**

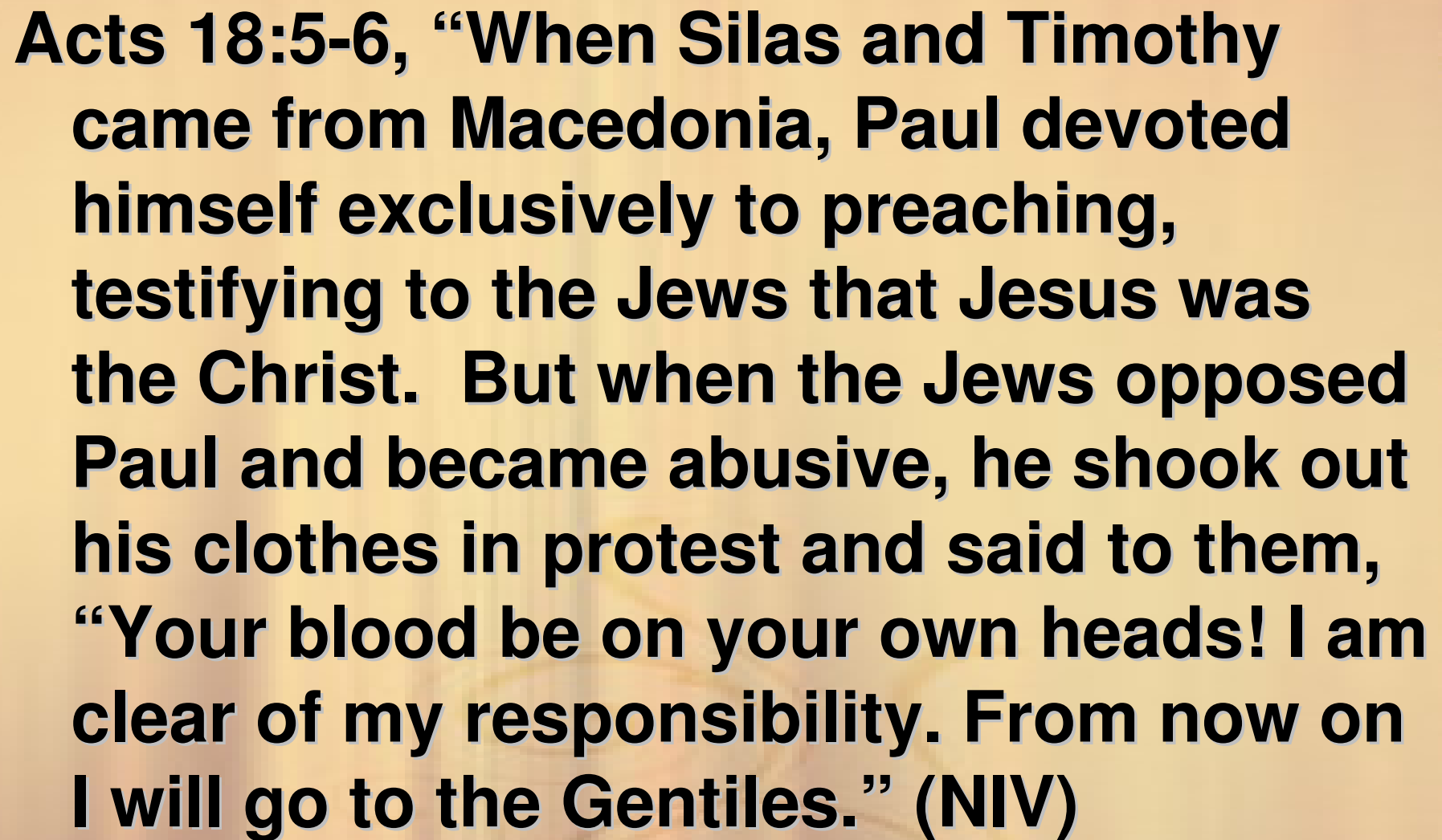




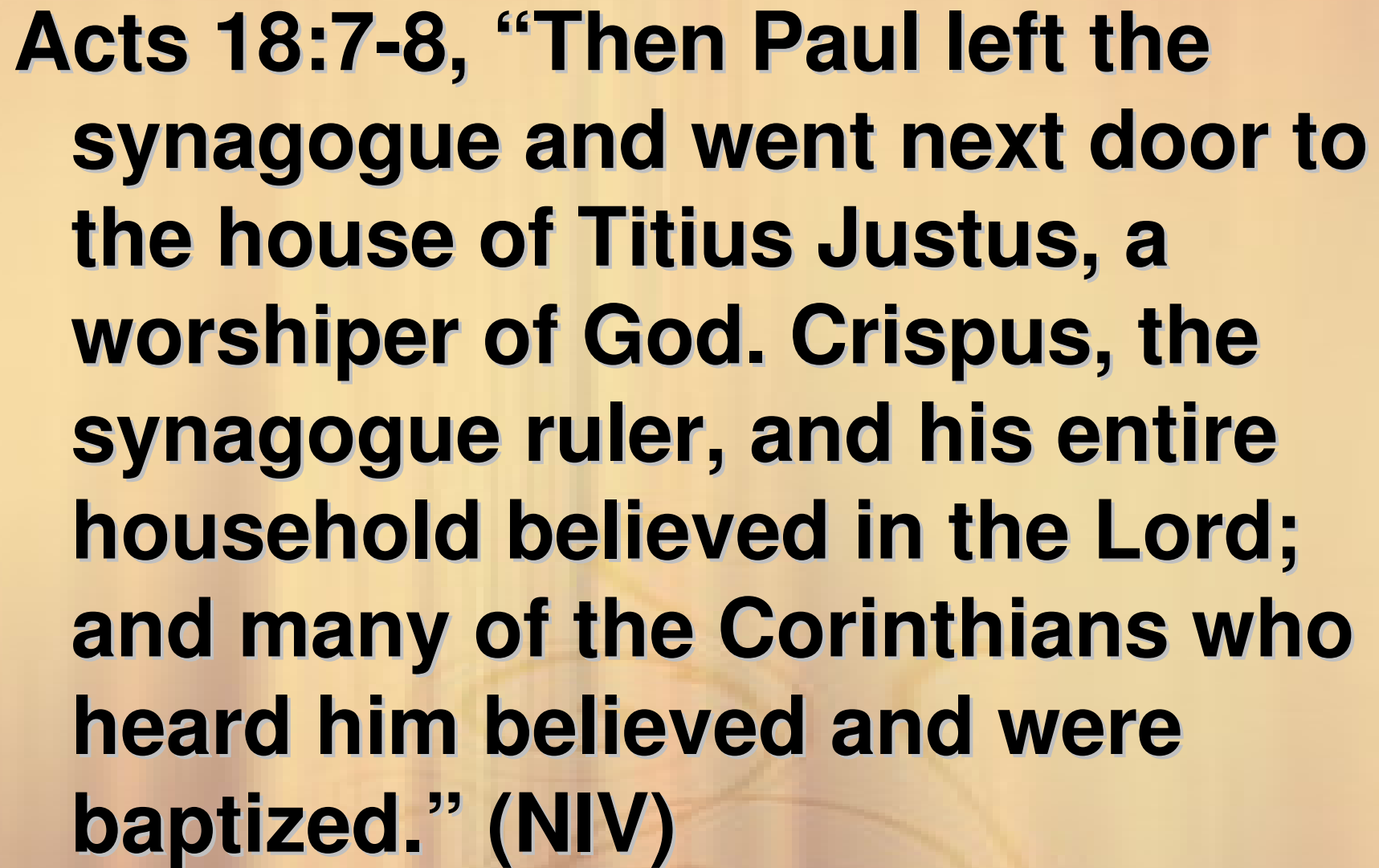
Acts 18:2a, “There he met a Jew named Aquila, a native of Pontus, who had recently come from Italy with his wife Priscilla, because Claudius had ordered all the Jews to leave Rome.” (NIV)



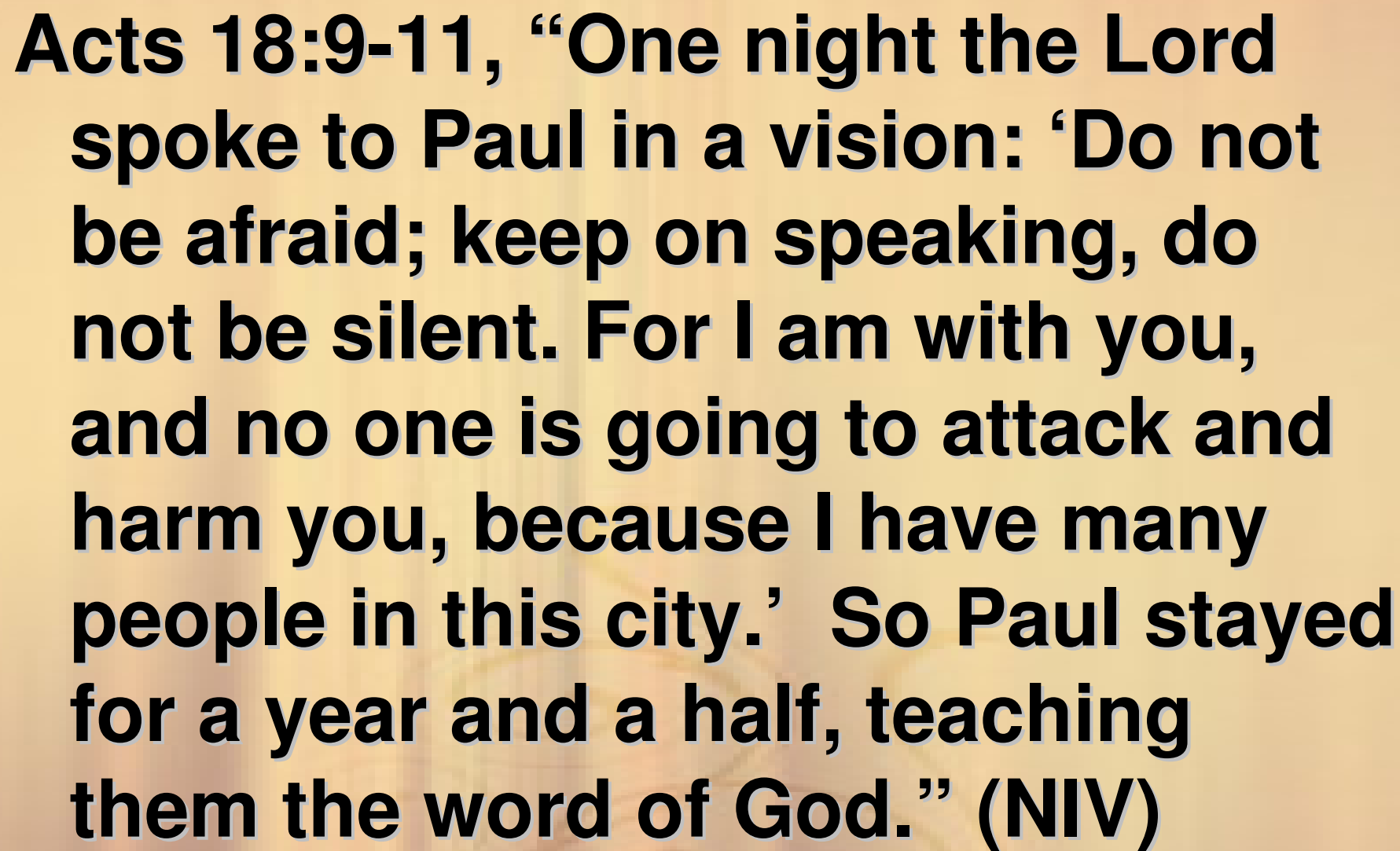
Acts 18:2b-4, “Paul went to see them, and because he was a tentmaker as they were, he stayed and worked with them. Every Sabbath he reasoned in the synagogue, trying to persuade Jews and Greeks.” (NIV)



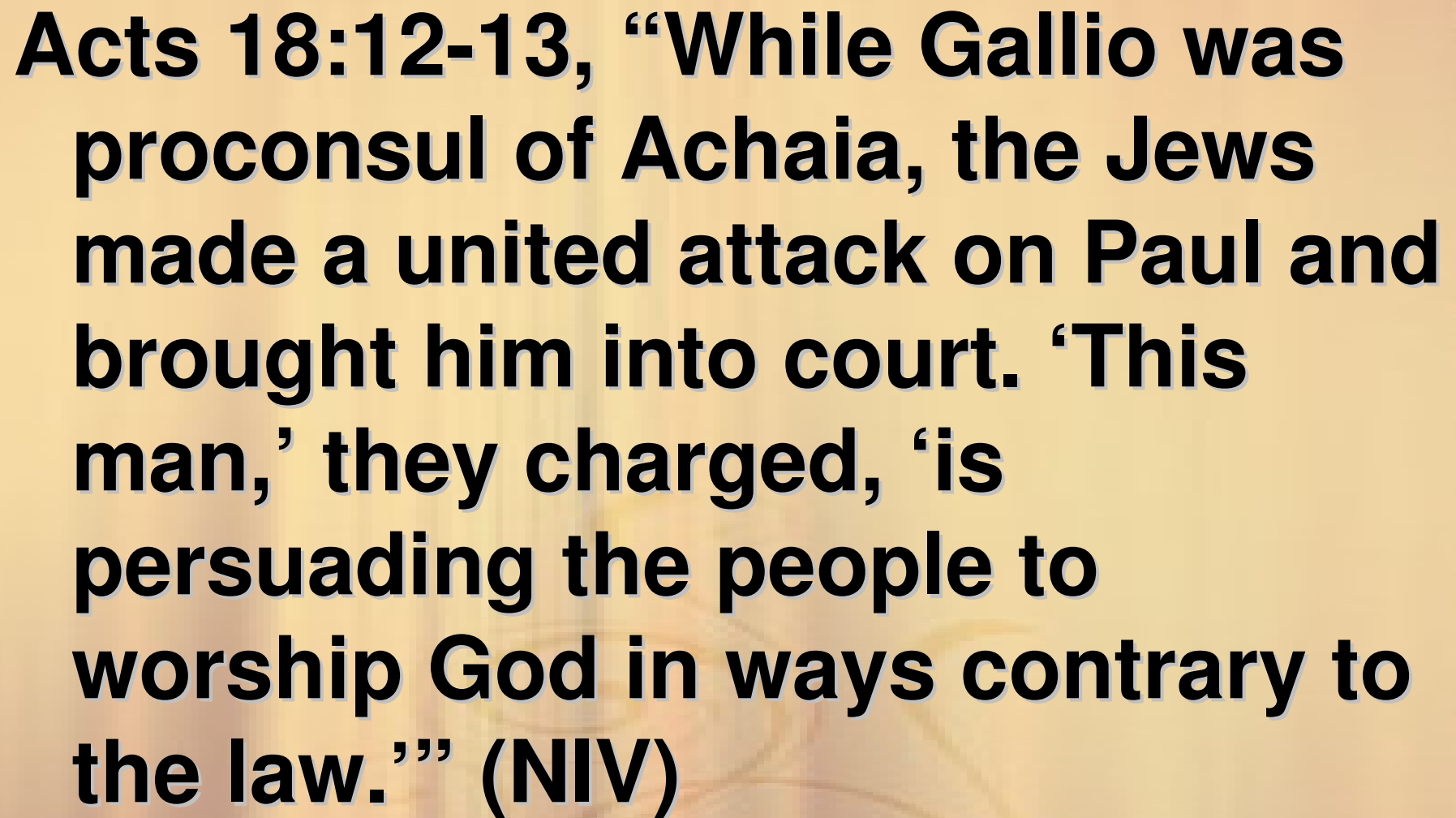
Acts 18:5-6, “When Silas and Timothy came from Macedonia, Paul devoted himself exclusively to preaching, testifying to the Jews that Jesus was the Christ. But when the Jews opposed Paul and became abusive, he shook out his clothes in protest and said to them, “Your blood be on your own heads! I am clear of my responsibility. From now on I will go to the Gentiles.” (NIV)



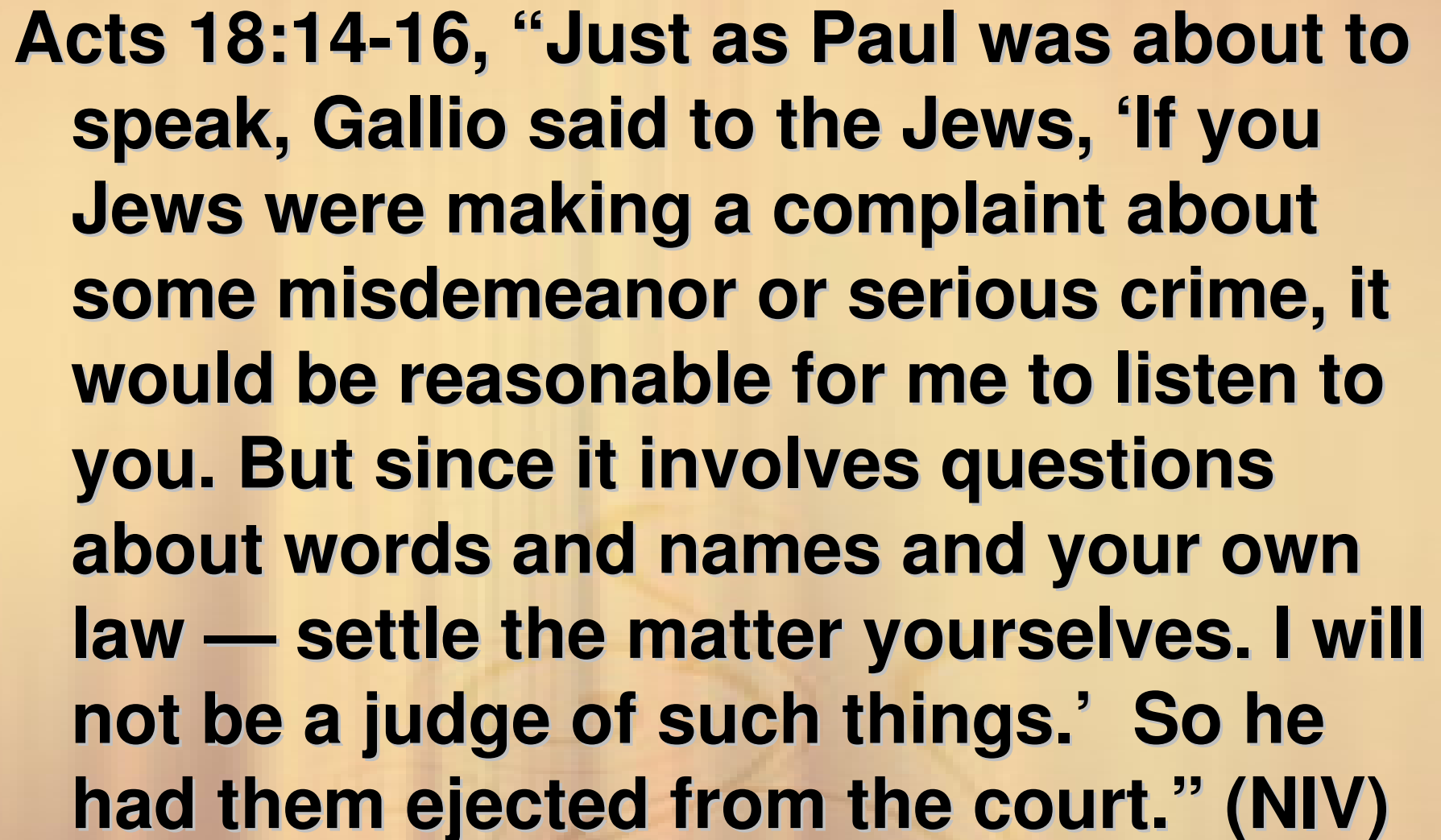
Acts 18:7-8, “Then Paul left the synagogue and went next door to the house of Titius Justus, a worshiper of God. Crispus, the synagogue ruler, and his entire household believed in the Lord; and many of the Corinthians who heard him believed and were baptized.” (NIV)




Acts 18:9-11, “One night the Lord spoke to Paul in a vision: ‘Do not be afraid; keep on speaking, do not be silent. For I am with you, and no one is going to attack and harm you, because I have many people in this city.’ So Paul stayed for a year and a half, teaching them the word of God.” (NIV)




Acts 18:12-13, “While Gallio was proconsul of Achaia, the Jews made a united attack on Paul and brought him into court. ‘This man,’ they charged, ‘is persuading the people to worship God in ways contrary to the law.’” (NIV)



Acts 18:14-16, “Just as Paul was about to speak, Gallio said to the Jews, ‘If you Jews were making a complaint about some misdemeanor or serious crime, it would be reasonable for me to listen to you. But since it involves questions about words and names and your own law — settle the matter yourselves. I will not be a judge of such things.’ So he had them ejected from the court.” (NIV)



Acts 18:17, “Then they all turned on Sosthenes the synagogue ruler and beat him in front of the court. But Gallio showed no concern whatever.” (NIV)

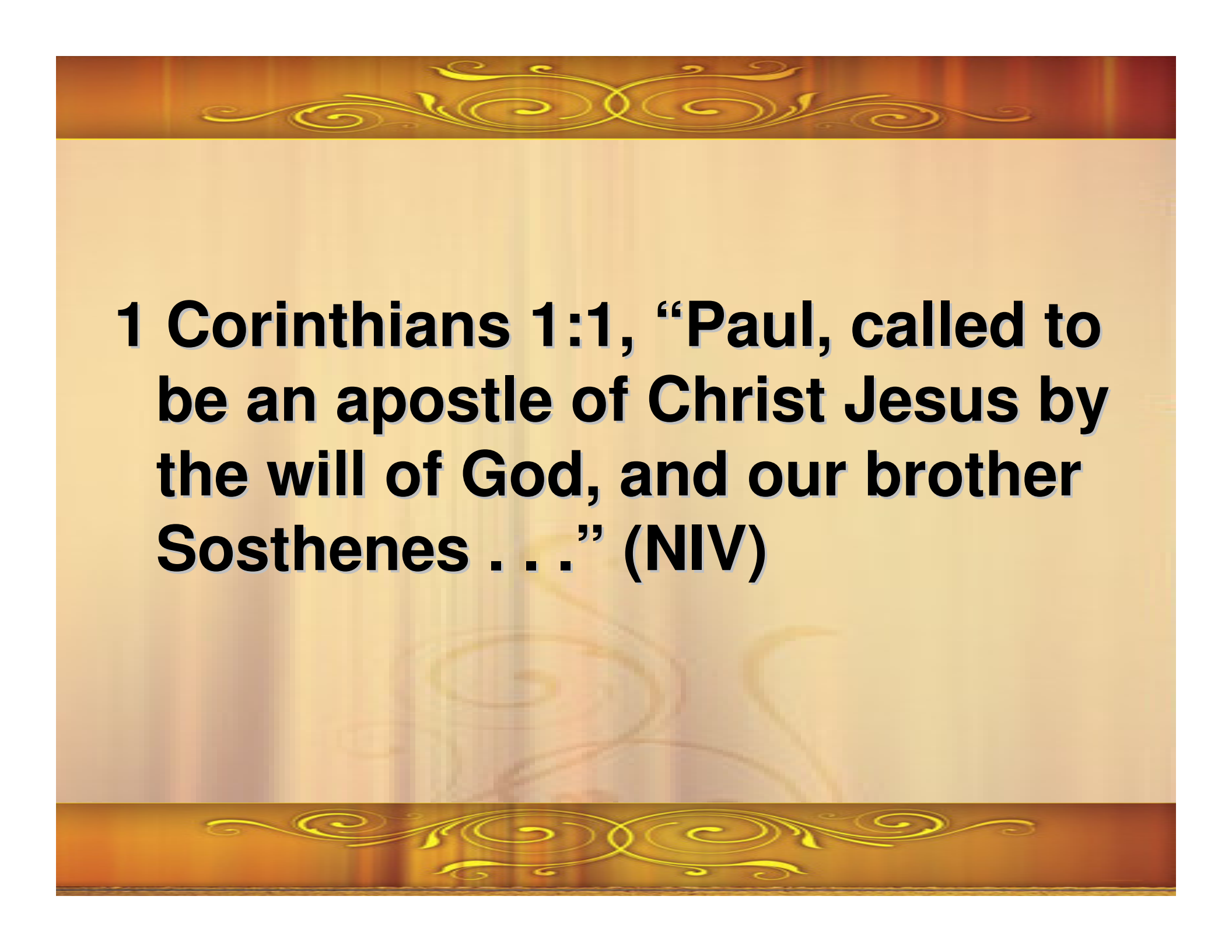




**Sosthenes probably
replaced Crispus**

“they all” = “Greeks”





1 Corinthians 1:1, “Paul, called to be an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and our brother Sosthenes . . .” (NIV)


Paul was discouraged.

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Paul was discouraged.

1 Corinthians 2:3, “I came to you in weakness and fear, and with much trembling.” (NIV)



WHAT BROUGHT ENCOURAGEMENT TO PAUL?

Fellowship with Friends

We need friends that are hungry to learn and obey Christ.

Proverbs 27:17, “As iron sharpens iron, so a friend sharpens a friend.” (NLT)

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1 Corinthians 15:33, “Do not be misled: ‘Bad company corrupts good character.’” (NIV)

WHAT BROUGHT ENCOURAGEMENT TO PAUL?

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WHAT BROUGHT ENCOURAGEMENT TO PAUL?

We need friends that stick with us
through difficult circumstances.

Jason

Silas


Timothy

Aquila

Priscilla



**WHAT KIND OF
FRIEND ARE YOU?**



**WHAT BROUGHT
ENCOURAGEMENT TO PAUL?**

Fellowship with God

Acts 18:10, “For I am with you...”

The PRESENCE of God





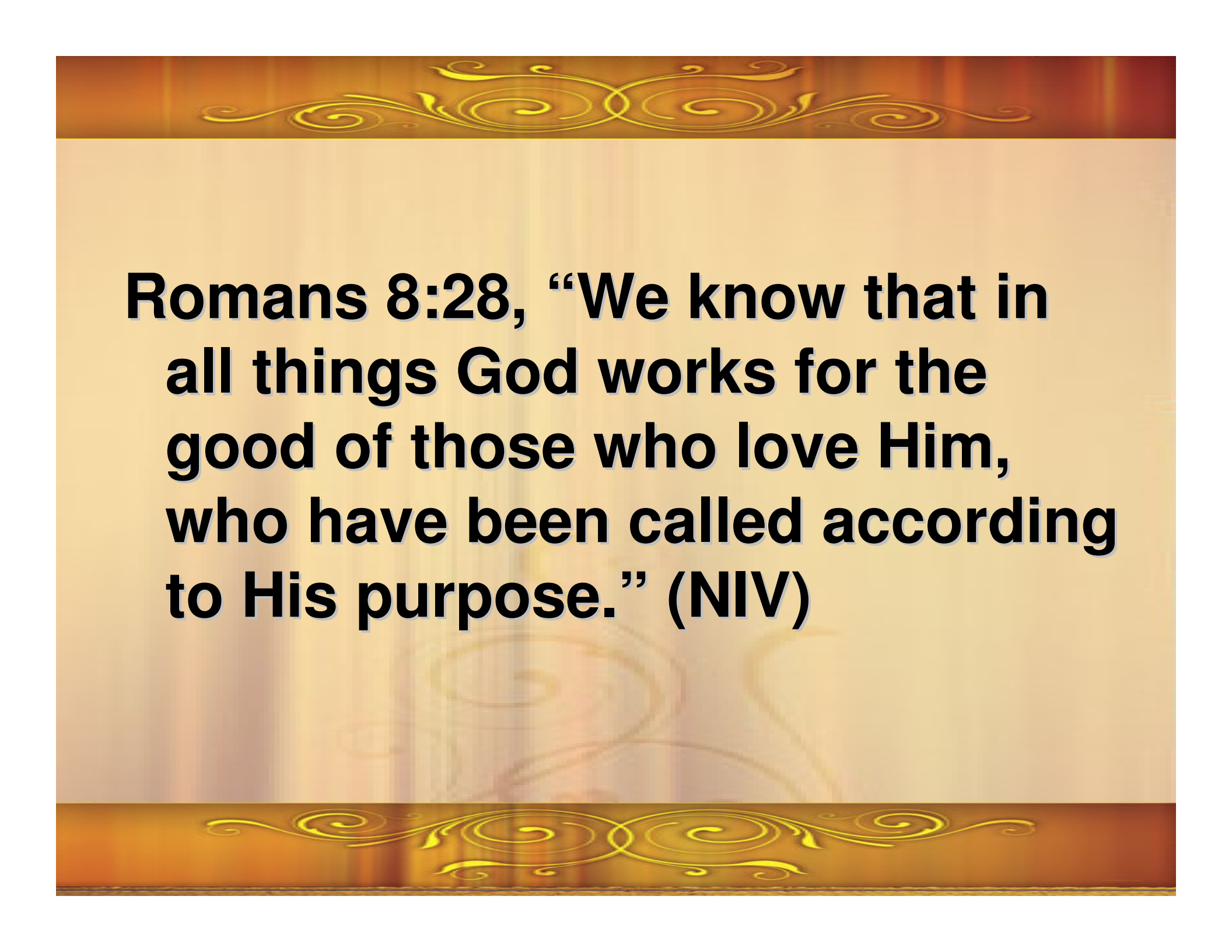
**WHAT BROUGHT
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Fellowship with God

**“...and no one is going to attack
and harm you...”**

The POWER of God





Romans 8:28, “We know that in all things God works for the good of those who love Him, who have been called according to His purpose.” (NIV)



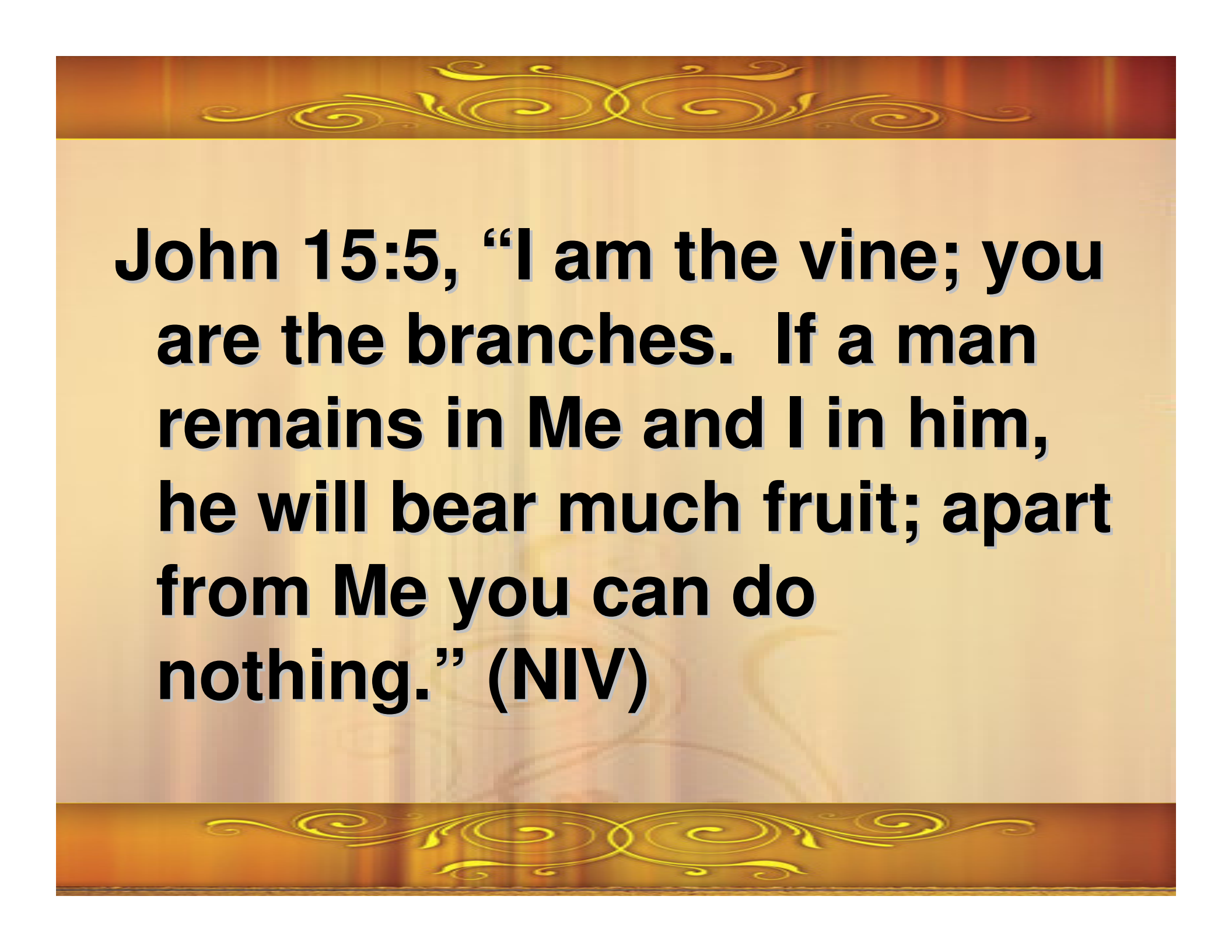
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**“...because I have many people
in this city.” (NIV)**

The PROMISE of God





John 15:5, “I am the vine; you are the branches. If a man remains in Me and I in him, he will bear much fruit; apart from Me you can do nothing.” (NIV)


David Brainerd's journal...

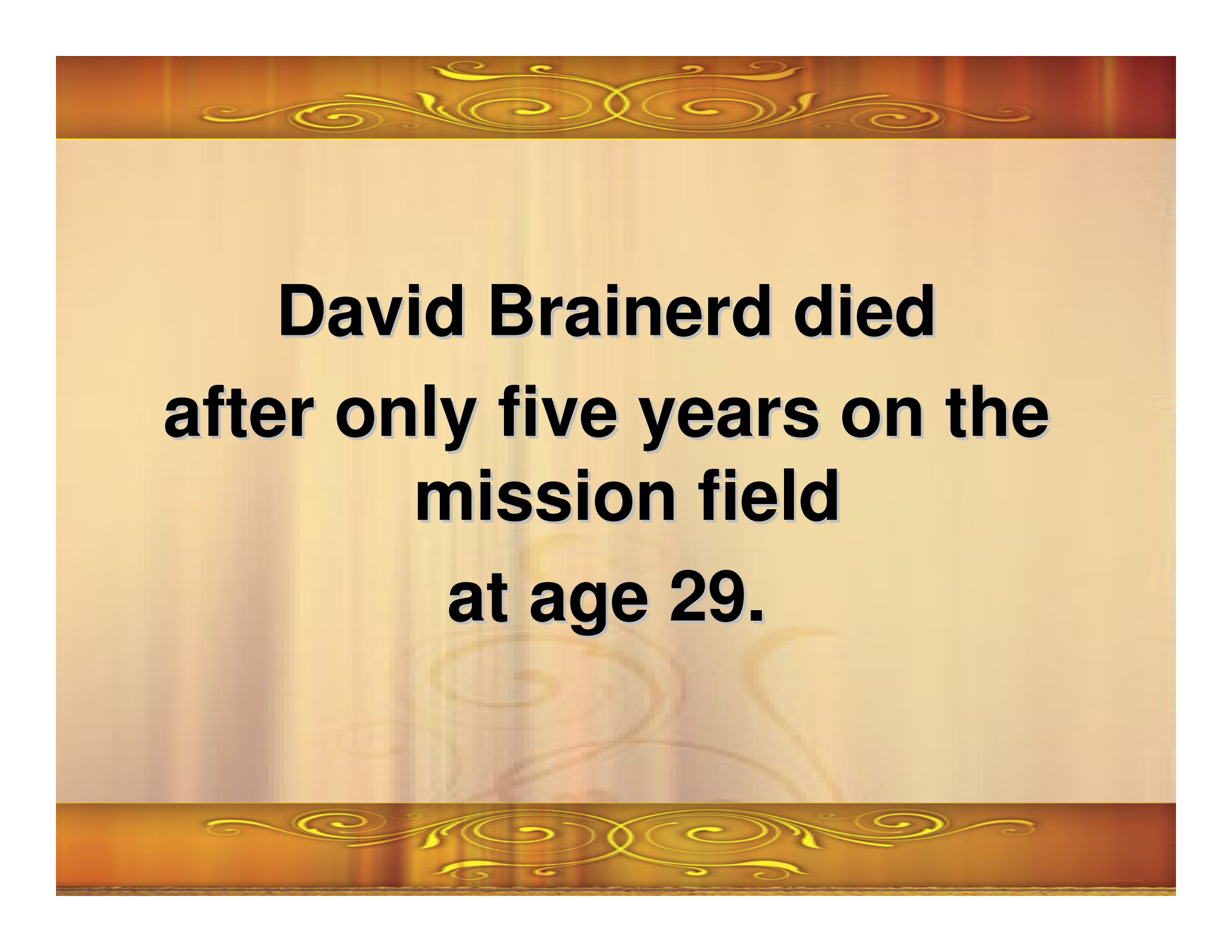
December 29th, 1743: “After public worship was over, I went to my house, proposing to preach again after a short season of intermission. But they soon came in one after another; with tears in their eyes, to know, ‘what they should do to be saved...’



David Brainerd's journal...

It was an amazing season of power among them, and seemed as if God had 'bowed the heavens and come down...' and that God was about to convert the whole world."





**David Brainerd died
after only five years on the
mission field
at age 29.**