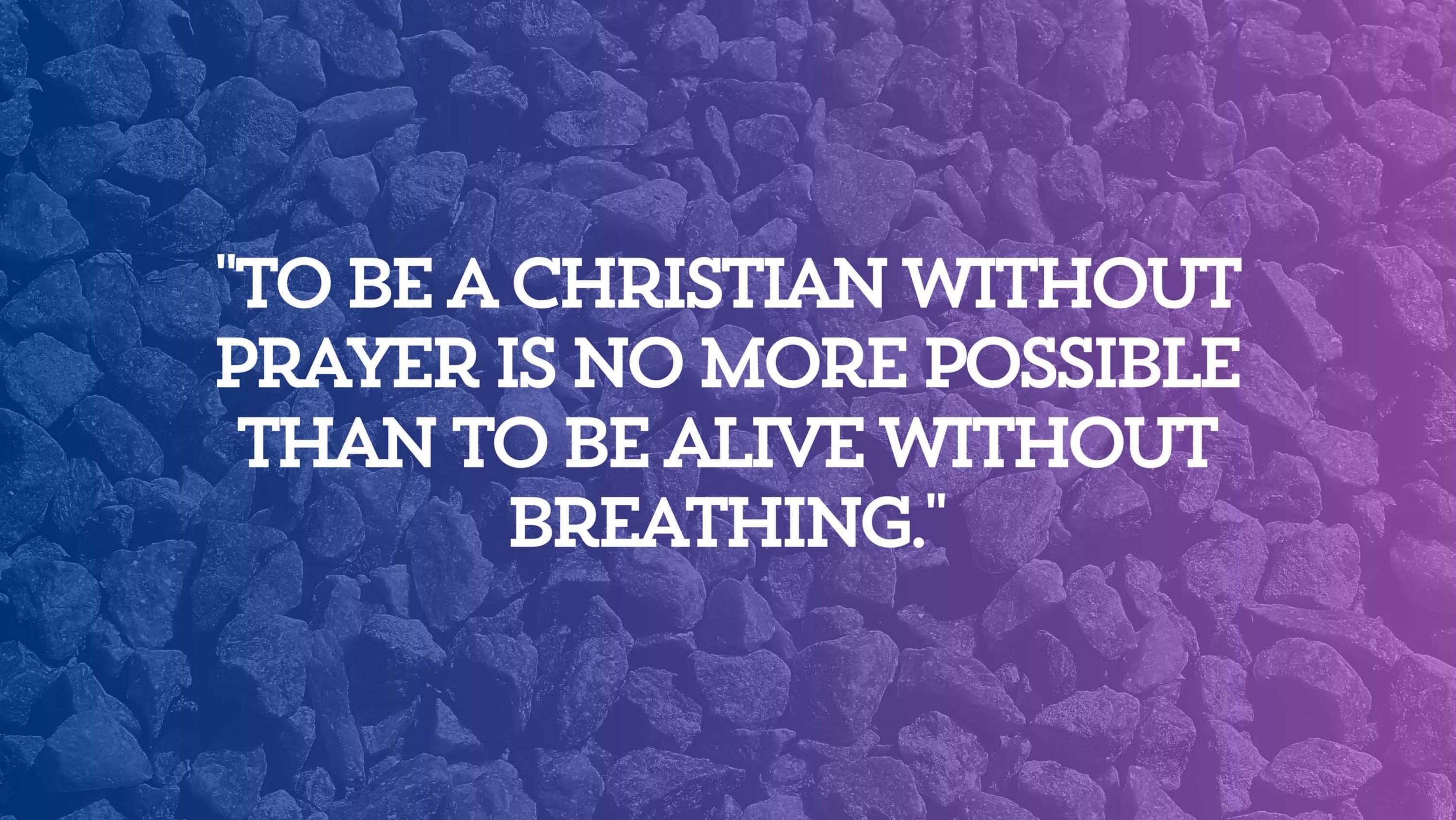




**THE CHURCH ON  
ITS KNEES**



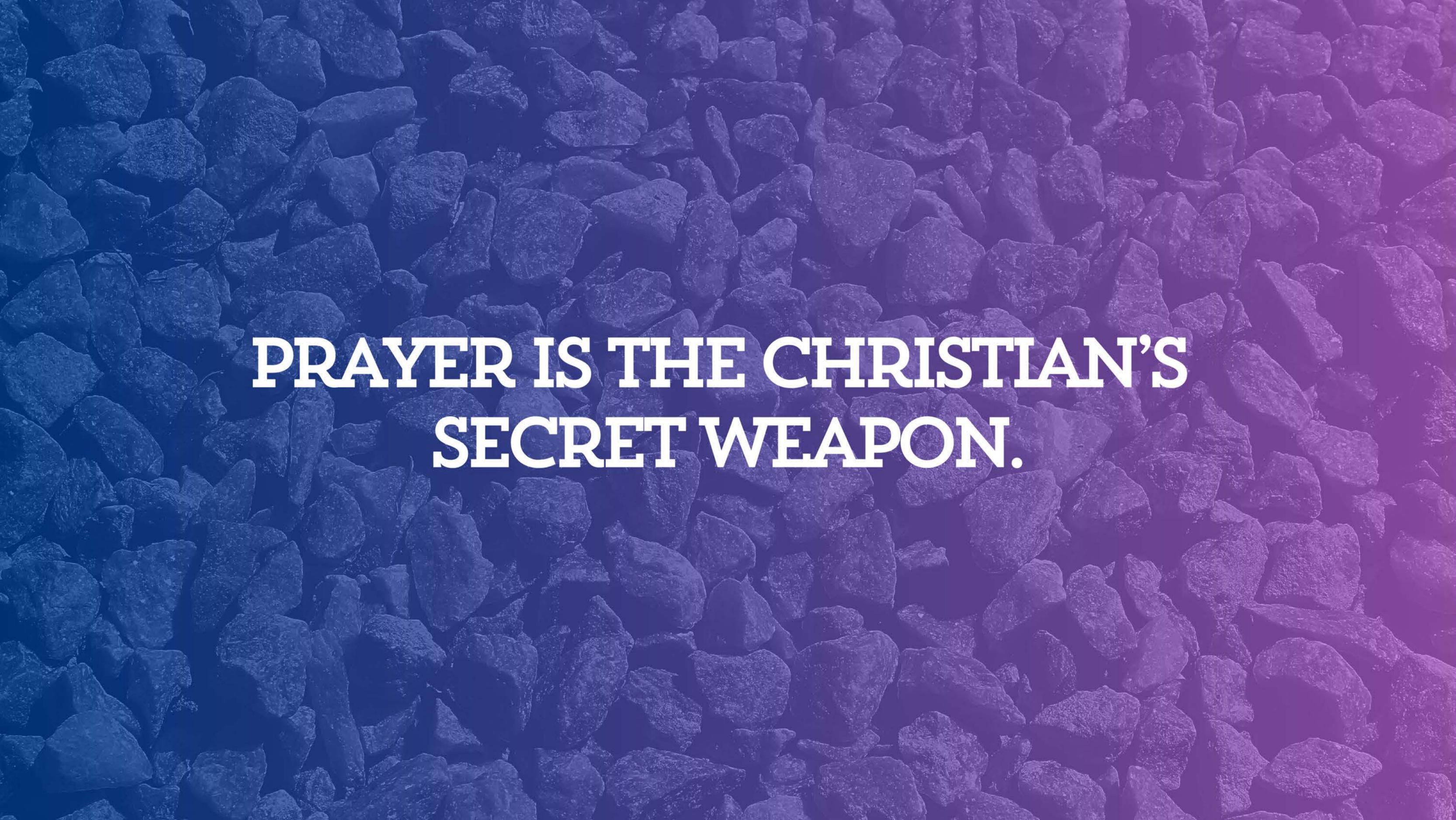
**"TO BE A CHRISTIAN WITHOUT  
PRAYER IS NO MORE POSSIBLE  
THAN TO BE ALIVE WITHOUT  
BREATHING."**

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**SCRIPTURE LESSON**  
**ACTS 1:12-14**

# ACTS 1:12-14

“Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a Sabbath day’s journey. And when they had entered, they went up into the upper room where they were staying Peter, James, John, and Andrew; Philip and Thomas; Bartholomew and Matthew; James the son of Alphaeus and Simon the Zealot; and Judas the son of James. These all continued with one accord in prayer and supplication, with the women and Mary the mother of Jesus, and with His brothers.”



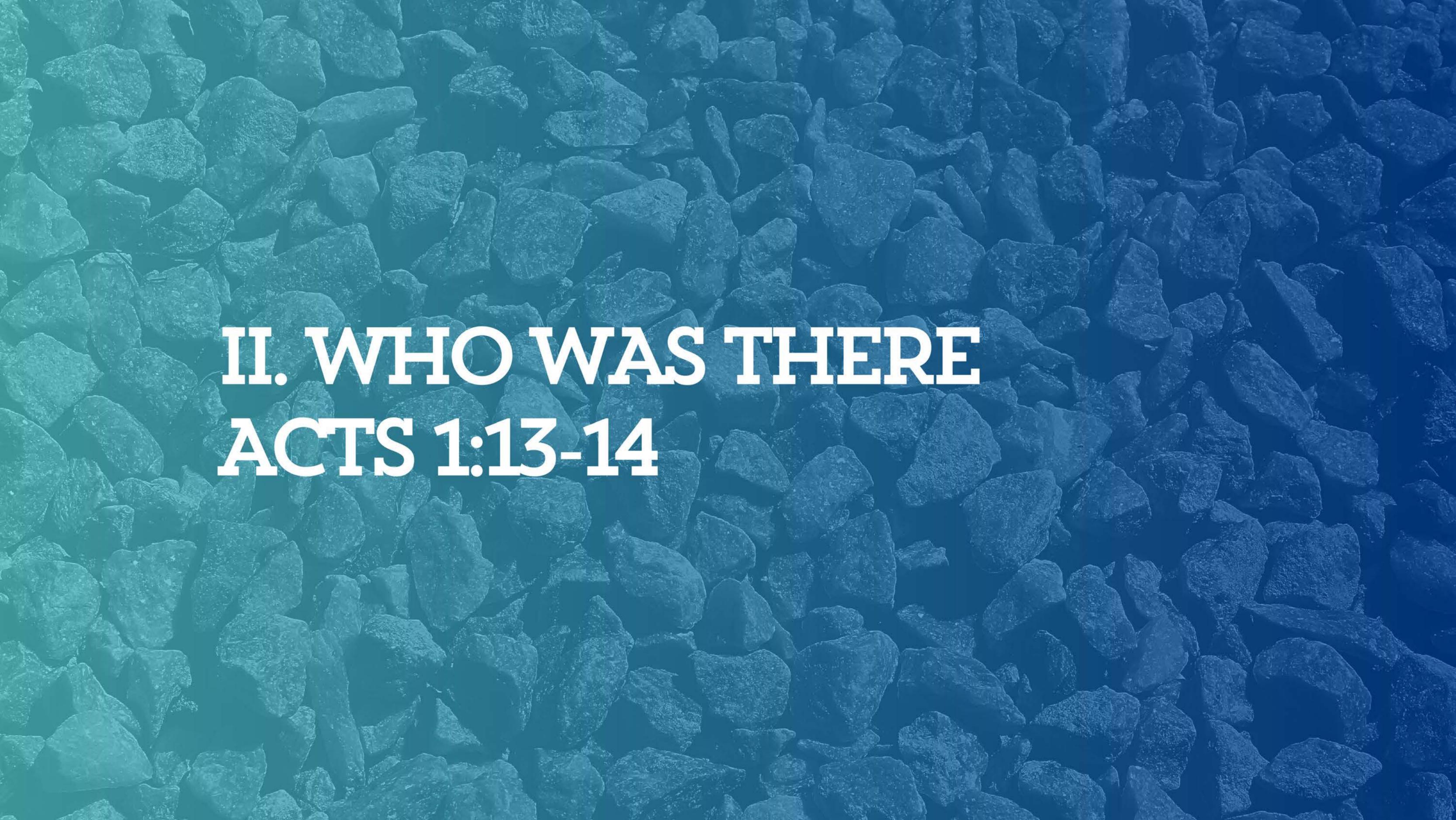
**PRAYER IS THE CHRISTIAN'S  
SECRET WEAPON.**

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**I. WHERE THEY WERE**  
**ACTS 1:12-13**

**LUKE 24:49, 52**

"But tarry in the city of Jerusalem until you are endued with power from on high. And they worship Him and returned to Jerusalem with great joy.



# II. WHO WAS THERE

## ACTS 1:13-14



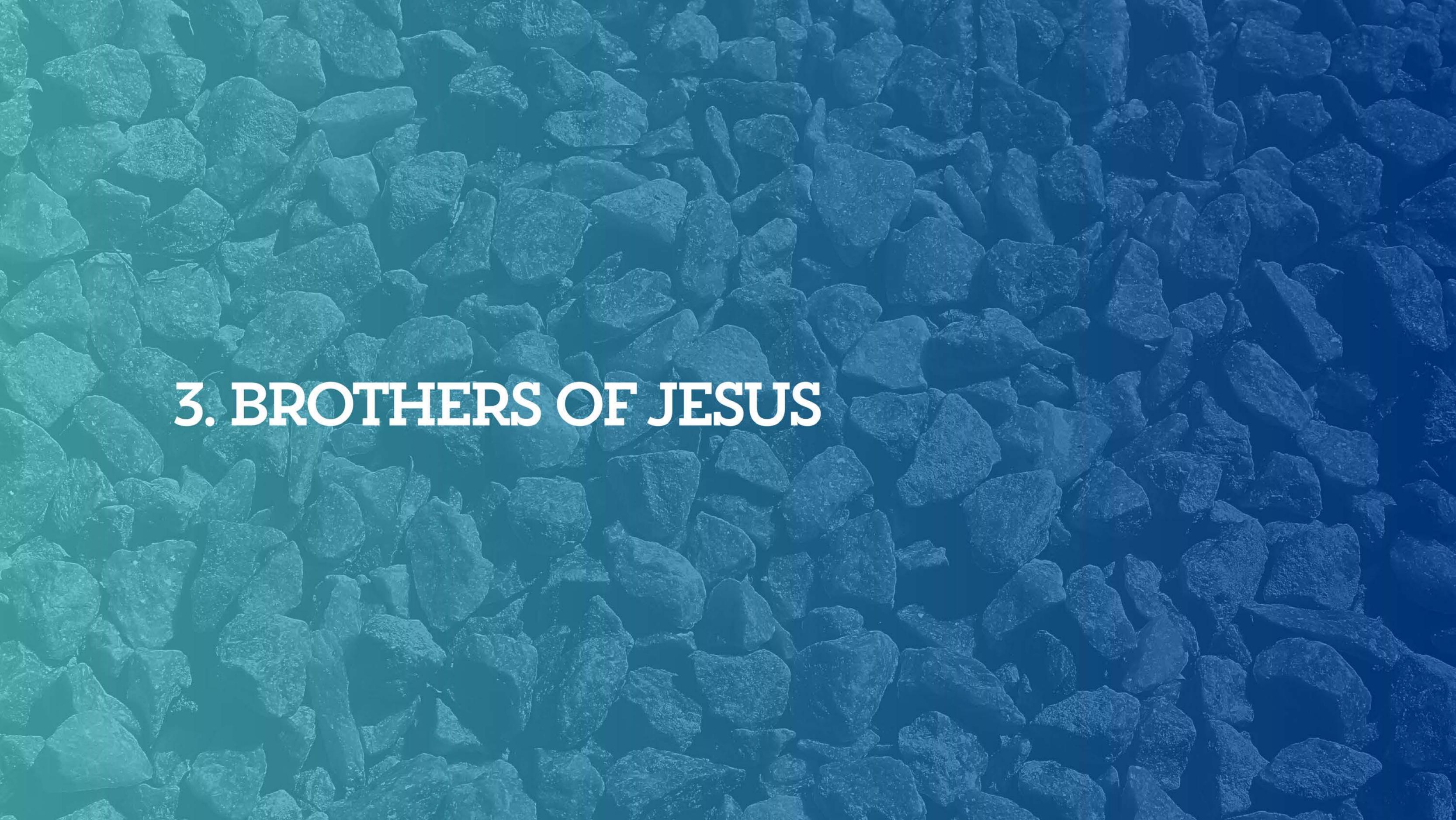
# **1. THE ELEVEN REMAINING APOSTLES**



## **2. MARY AND THE OTHER WOMEN**

## LUKE 24:9-10

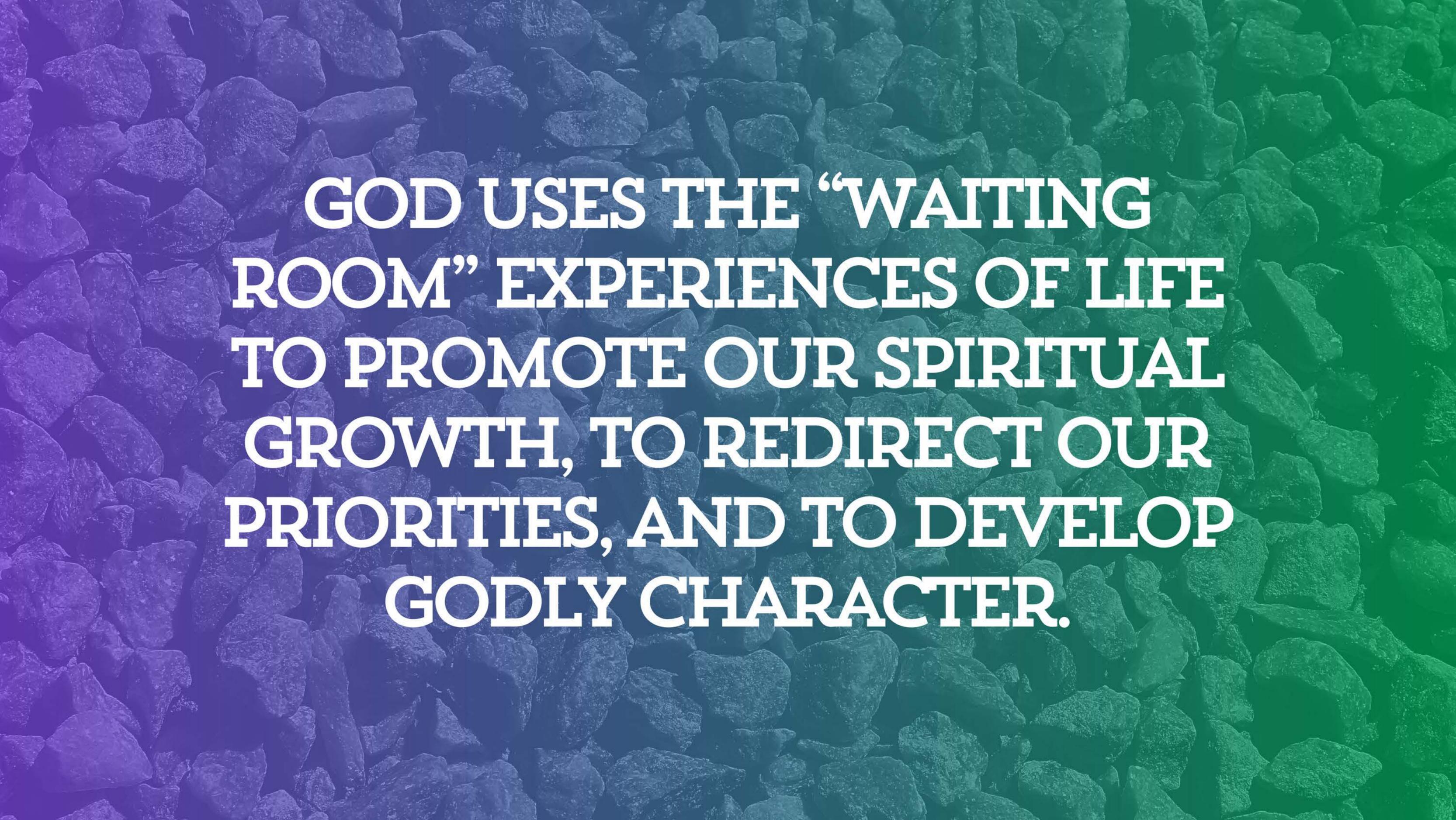
“So they rushed back from the tomb to tell his eleven disciples—and everyone else—what had happened. It was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and several other women who told the apostles what had happened.”



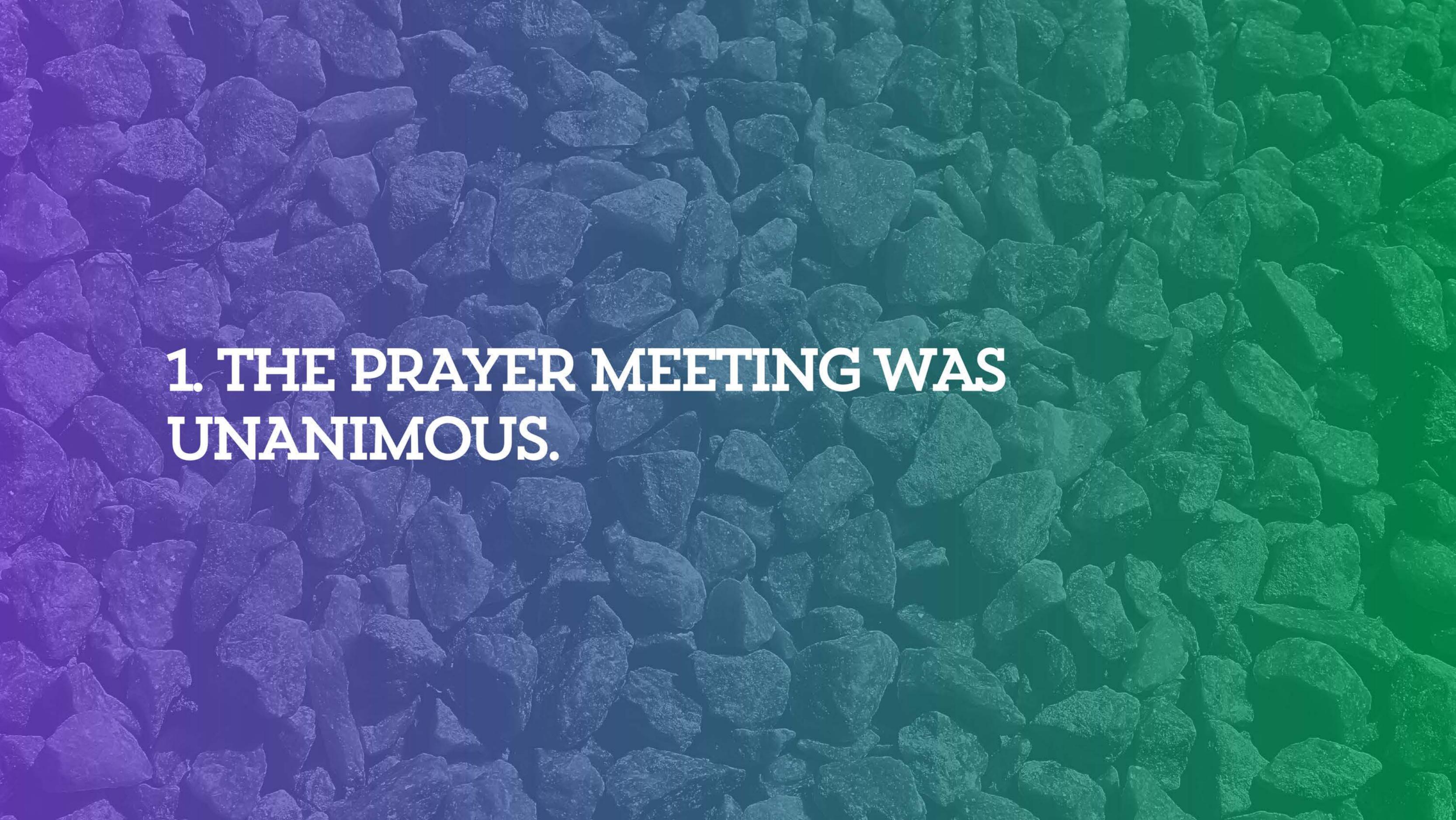
# 3. BROTHERS OF JESUS



**III. WHAT THEY WERE DOING**  
**ACTS 1:14**



**GOD USES THE “WAITING ROOM” EXPERIENCES OF LIFE TO PROMOTE OUR SPIRITUAL GROWTH, TO REDIRECT OUR PRIORITIES, AND TO DEVELOP GODLY CHARACTER.**



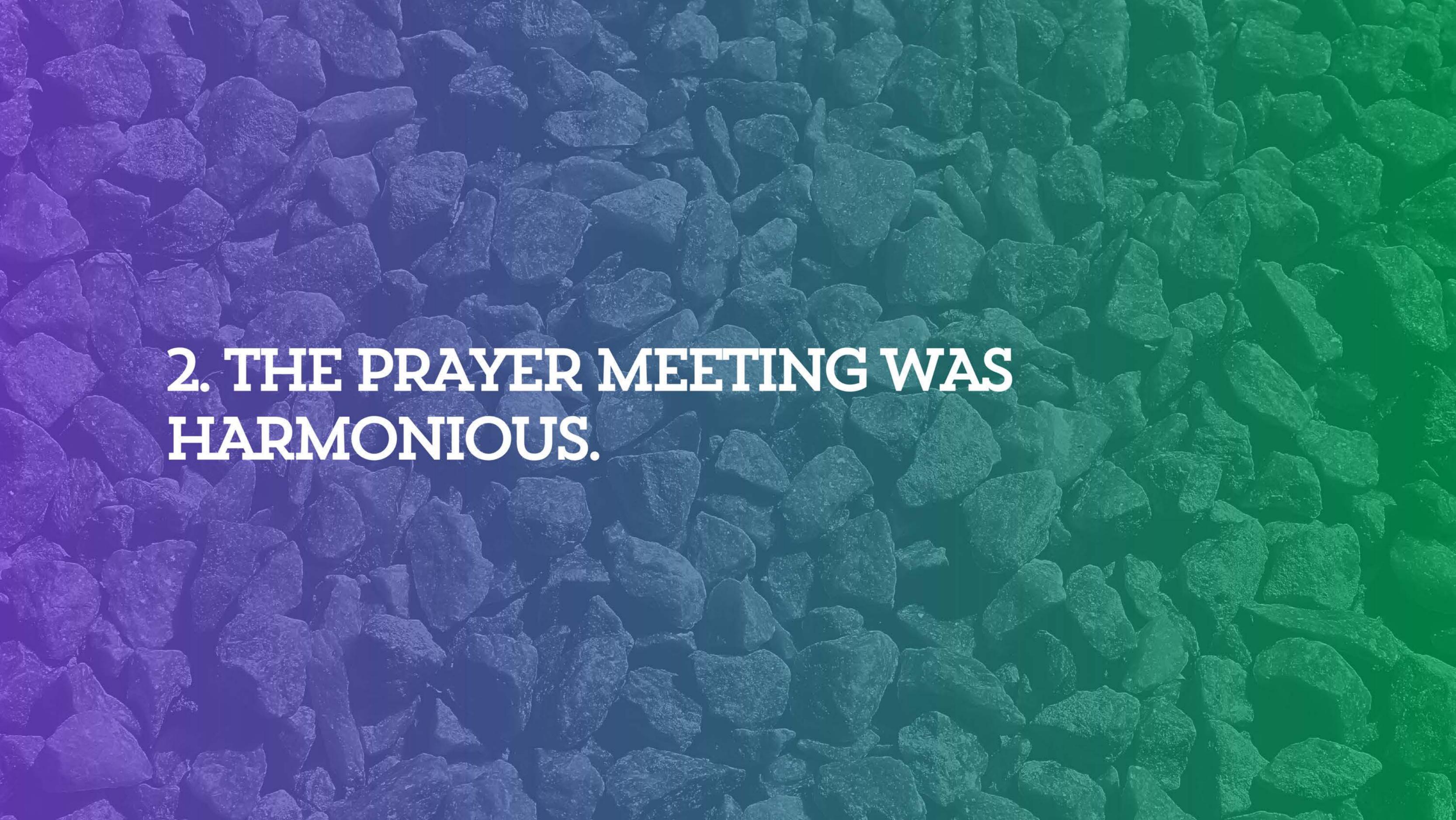
**1. THE PRAYER MEETING WAS  
UNANIMOUS.**

# PSALM 130:1-2

Out of the depths I have cried to You, O Lord;  
Lord, hear my voice! Let Your ears be attentive  
To the voice of my supplications.



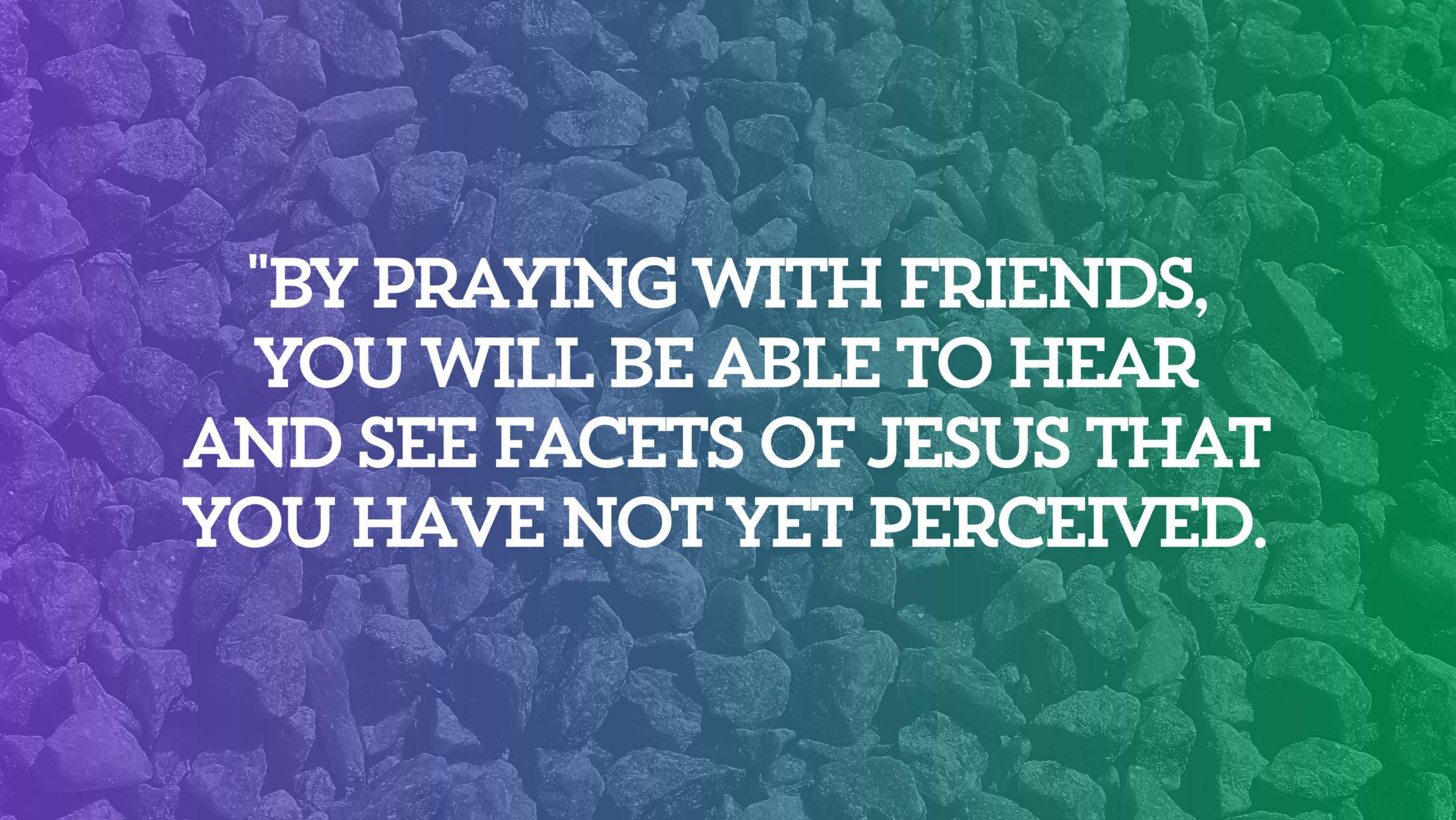
**“GOD GETS CORPORATE GLORY  
WHEN THERE’S CORPORATE  
ASKING.”**



**2. THE PRAYER MEETING WAS  
HARMONIOUS.**

**“THE CHRIST IN HIS OWN  
HEART IS WEAKER THAN THE  
CHRIST IN THE WORD OF HIS  
BROTHER; HIS OWN HEART IS  
UNCERTAIN, HIS BROTHER’S IS  
SURE.”**

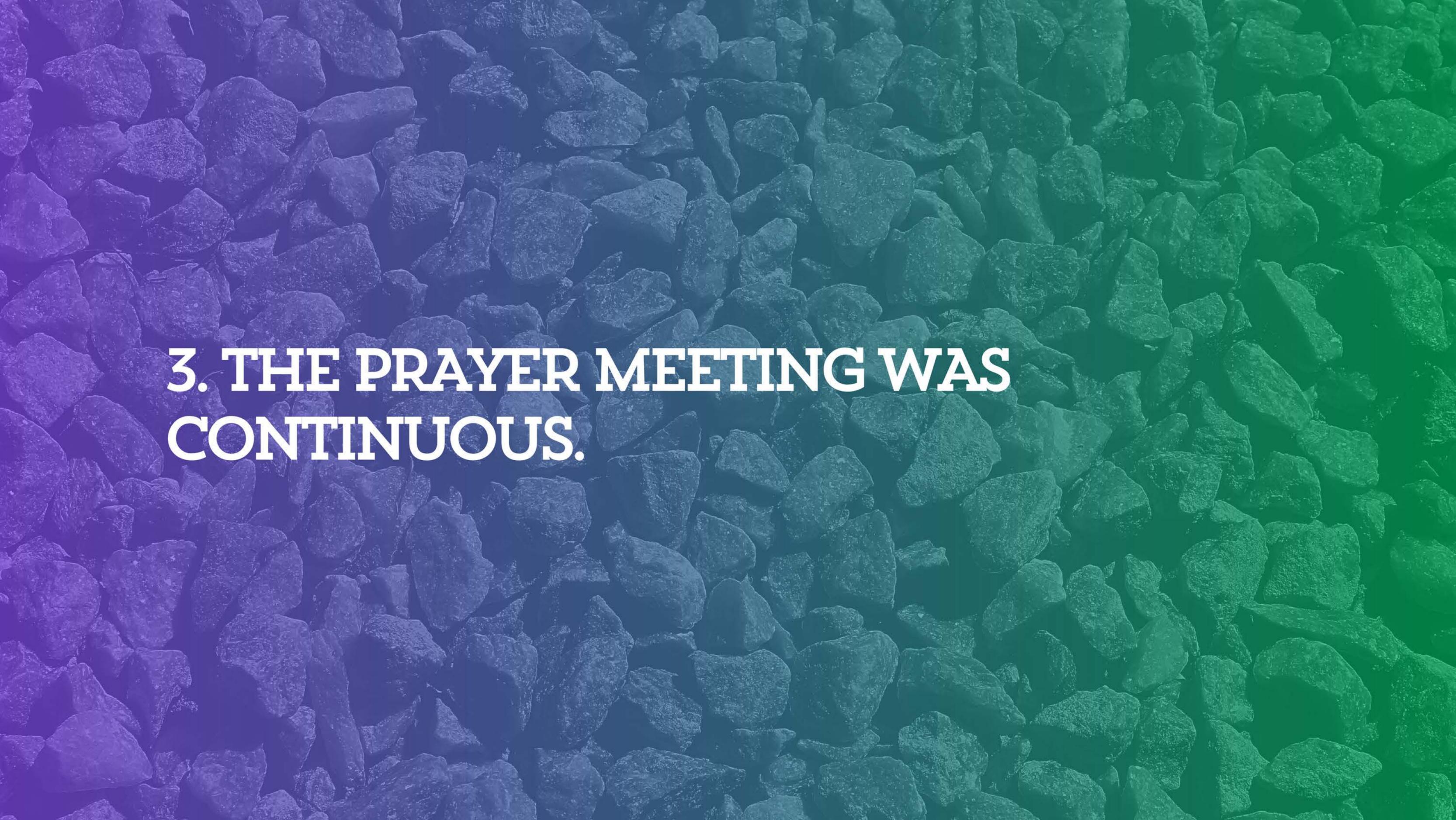
**-DIETRICH BONHOEFFER, THEOLOGIAN-**



**"BY PRAYING WITH FRIENDS,  
YOU WILL BE ABLE TO HEAR  
AND SEE FACETS OF JESUS THAT  
YOU HAVE NOT YET PERCEIVED.**

**KNOWING THE LORD IS  
COMMUNAL AND  
CUMULATIVE, WE MUST PRAY  
AND PRAISE TOGETHER. THAT  
WAY “THE MORE WE SHARE  
THE HEAVENLY BREAD  
BETWEEN US, THE MORE WE  
SHALL ALL HAVE.”**

**-TIM KELLER, CHRISTIAN AUTHOR-**

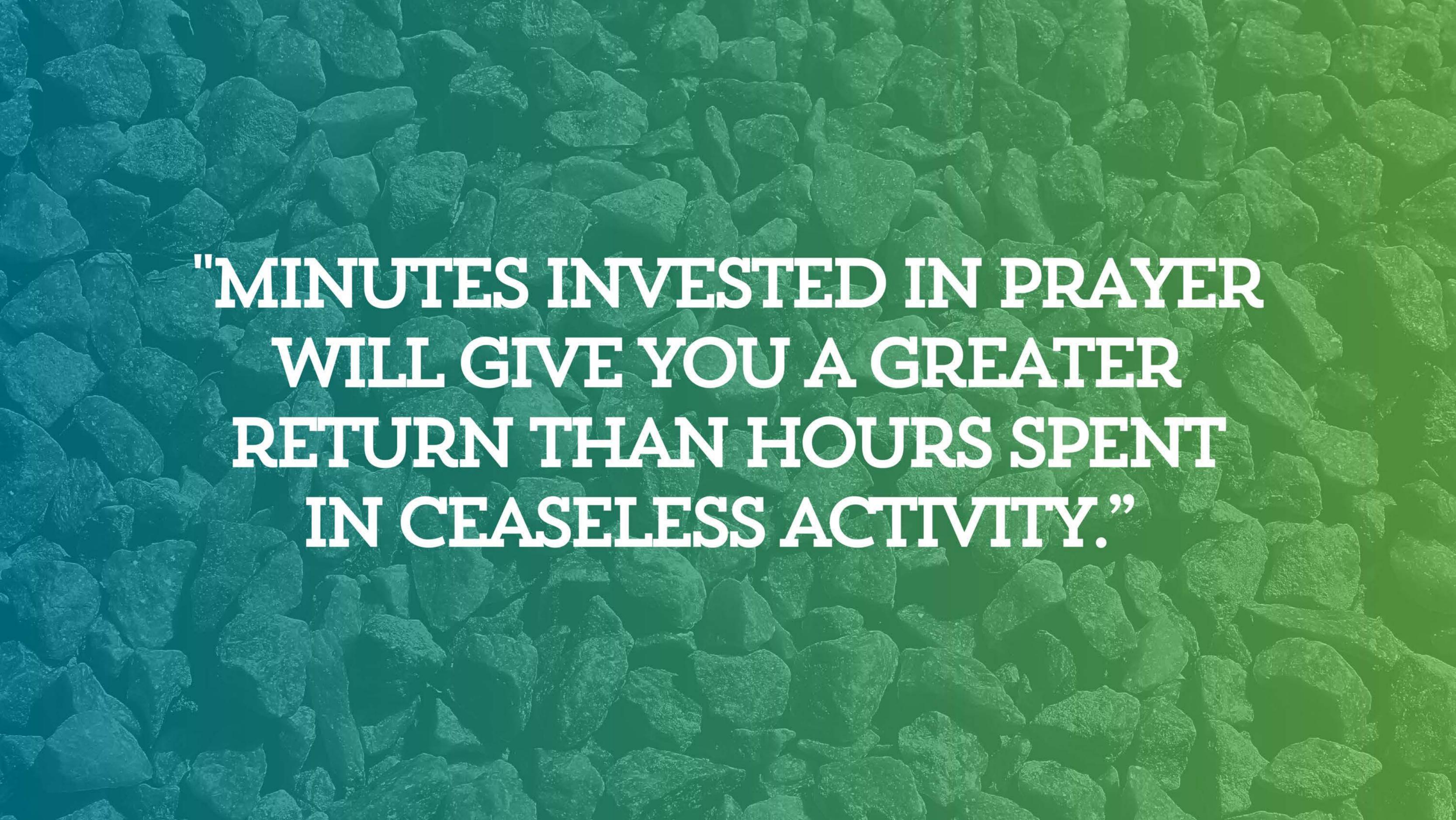


**3. THE PRAYER MEETING WAS  
CONTINUOUS.**

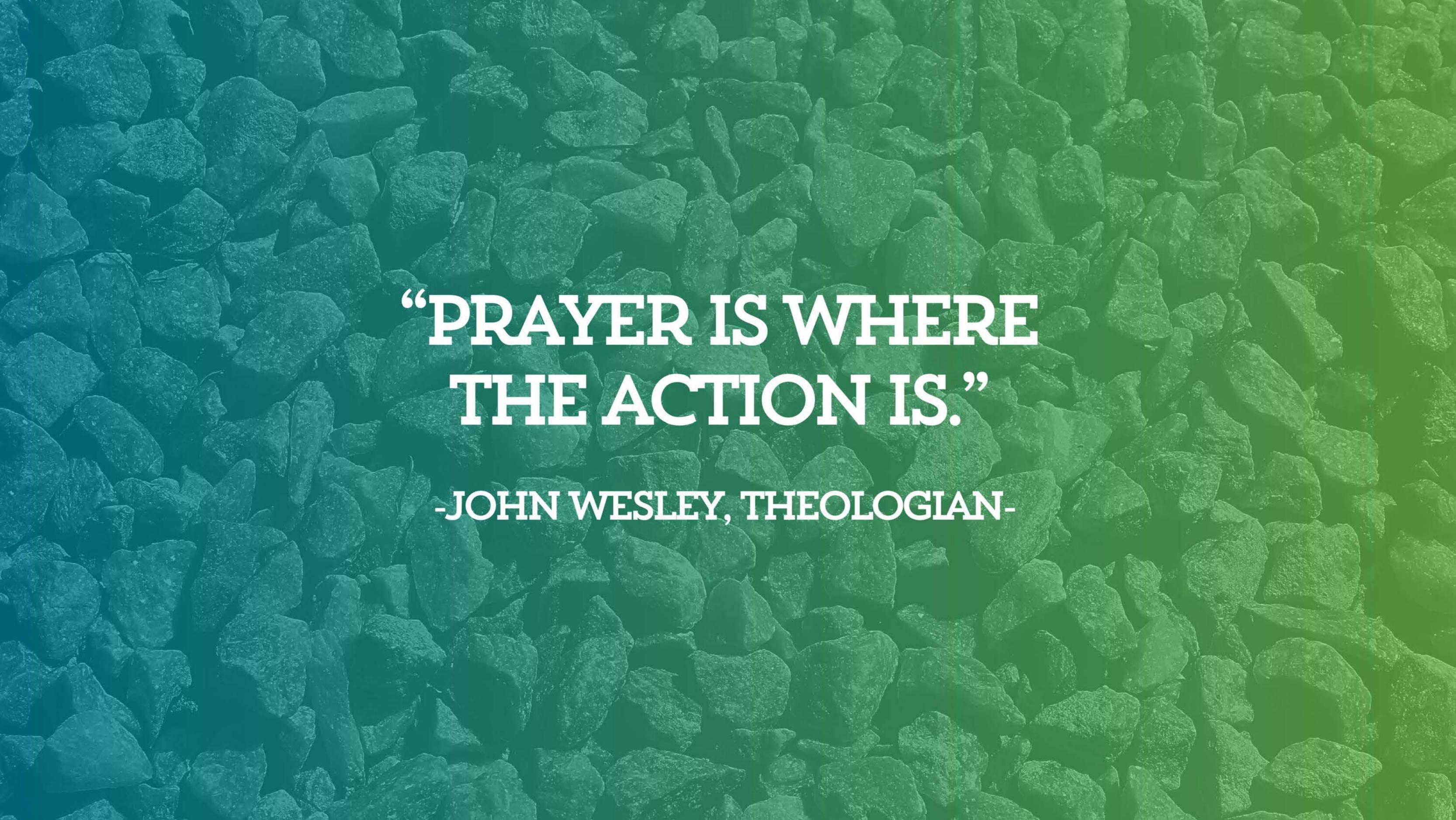
**“WHAT’S KILLING AMERICA,  
WHAT’S KILLING THE  
CHRISTIAN CAUSE IN MANY  
PLACES, IS THAT CHRISTIANS  
DON’T CARE IF THEY GET ANY  
MORE OF ANYTHING BUT  
HOUSES, LANDS, PLEASURES,  
AND LUXURIES.**

**HOW MANY OF OUR PEOPLE  
ARE WEEPING FOR MORE OF  
GOD, WEEPING FOR MORE  
POWER, WEEPING FOR MORE  
PURITY, WEEPING FOR MORE  
FRUIT? MORE. MORE. MORE.”**

**-GEORGE VERWER, EVANGELIST-**



**"MINUTES INVESTED IN PRAYER  
WILL GIVE YOU A GREATER  
RETURN THAN HOURS SPENT  
IN CEASELESS ACTIVITY."**



**“PRAYER IS WHERE  
THE ACTION IS.”**

**-JOHN WESLEY, THEOLOGIAN-**