

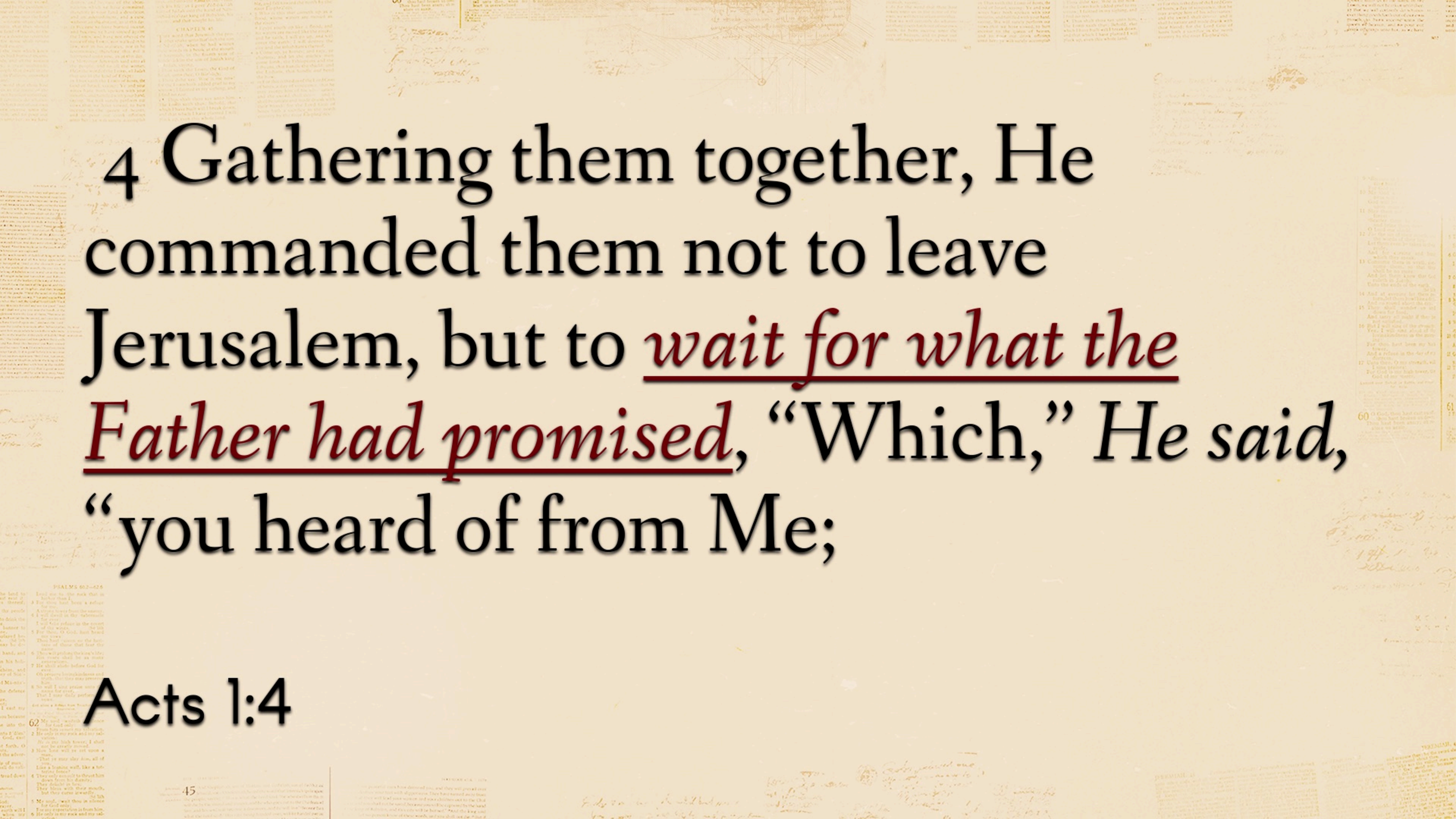
A high-angle, close-up photograph of several people's hands clasped together in a circle on a dark, rustic wooden table. The hands are of various skin tones and are dressed in professional attire, including suits and blouses. The lighting is soft and focused on the hands, creating a sense of unity and shared purpose. The text "Be Prepared" is overlaid in the center in a bold, white, sans-serif font.

**Be Prepared**



4 Gathering them together, He commanded them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait for what the Father had promised, "Which," He said, "you heard of from Me;

Acts 1:4



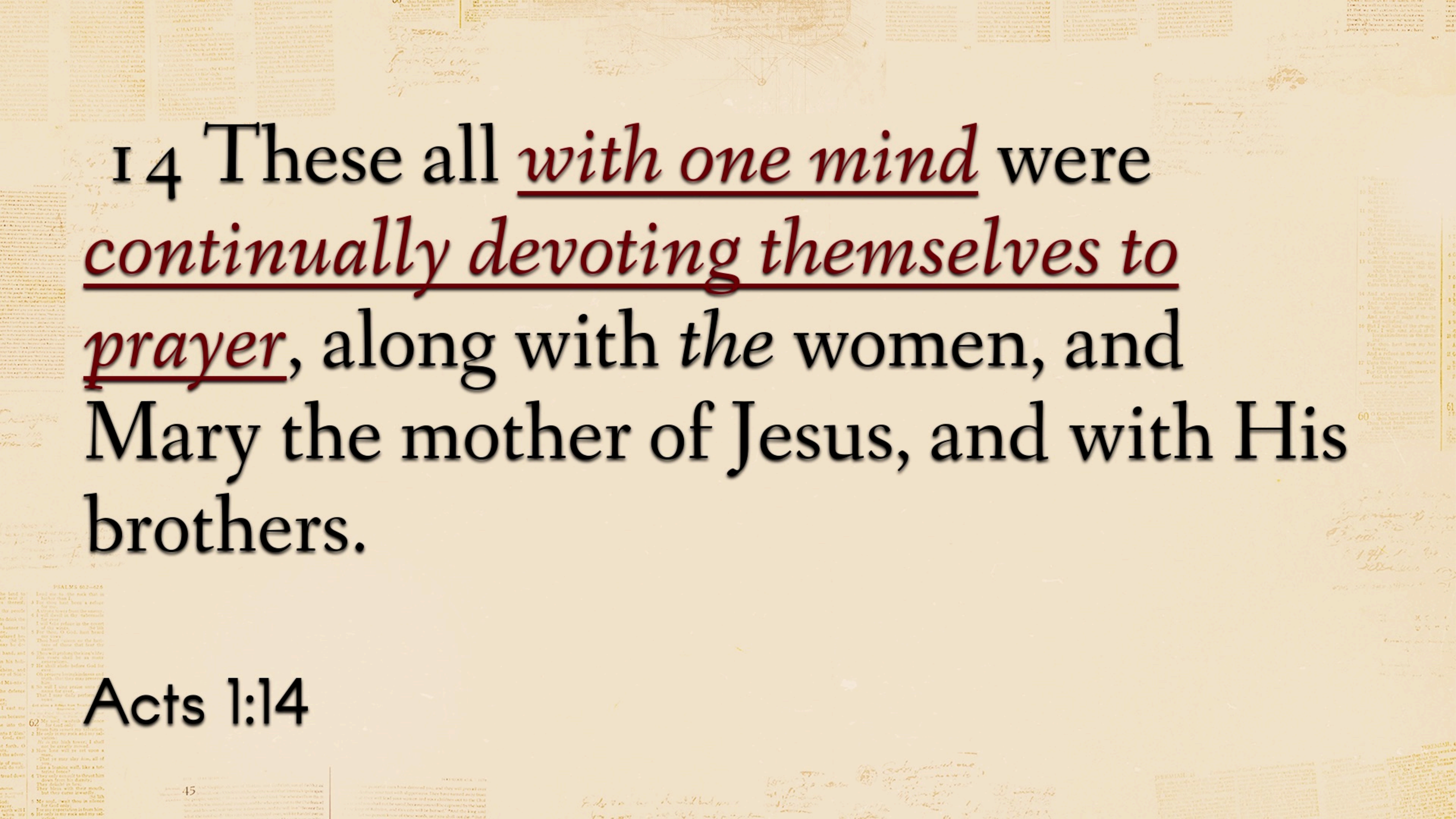


"Waiting" for the Promises  
of the God is not a  
passive exercise. It involves  
preparation through  
attentive, prayerful  
engagement with Jesus.



14 These all with one mind were continually devoting themselves to prayer, along with *the* women, and Mary the mother of Jesus, and with His brothers.

Acts 1:14





Failure to Prepare is  
Preparation for Failure



Preparation of Spirit is more important than any other kind of preparation because we do not know what tomorrow holds.

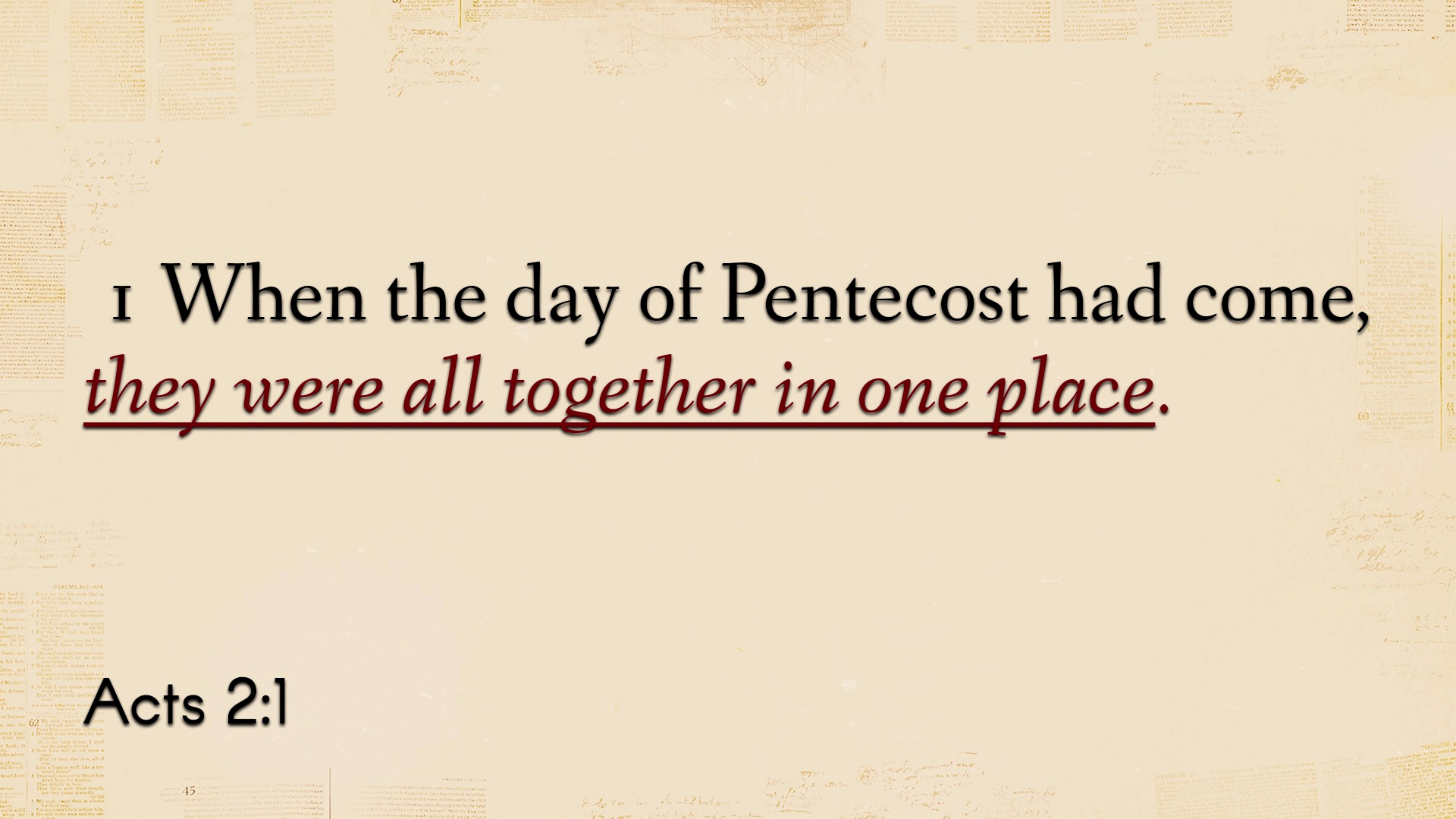


In spiritual matters, we cannot fake on the outside what is not real on the inside. Only flesh and blood can be fooled by an outward show.



1 When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place.

Acts 2:1



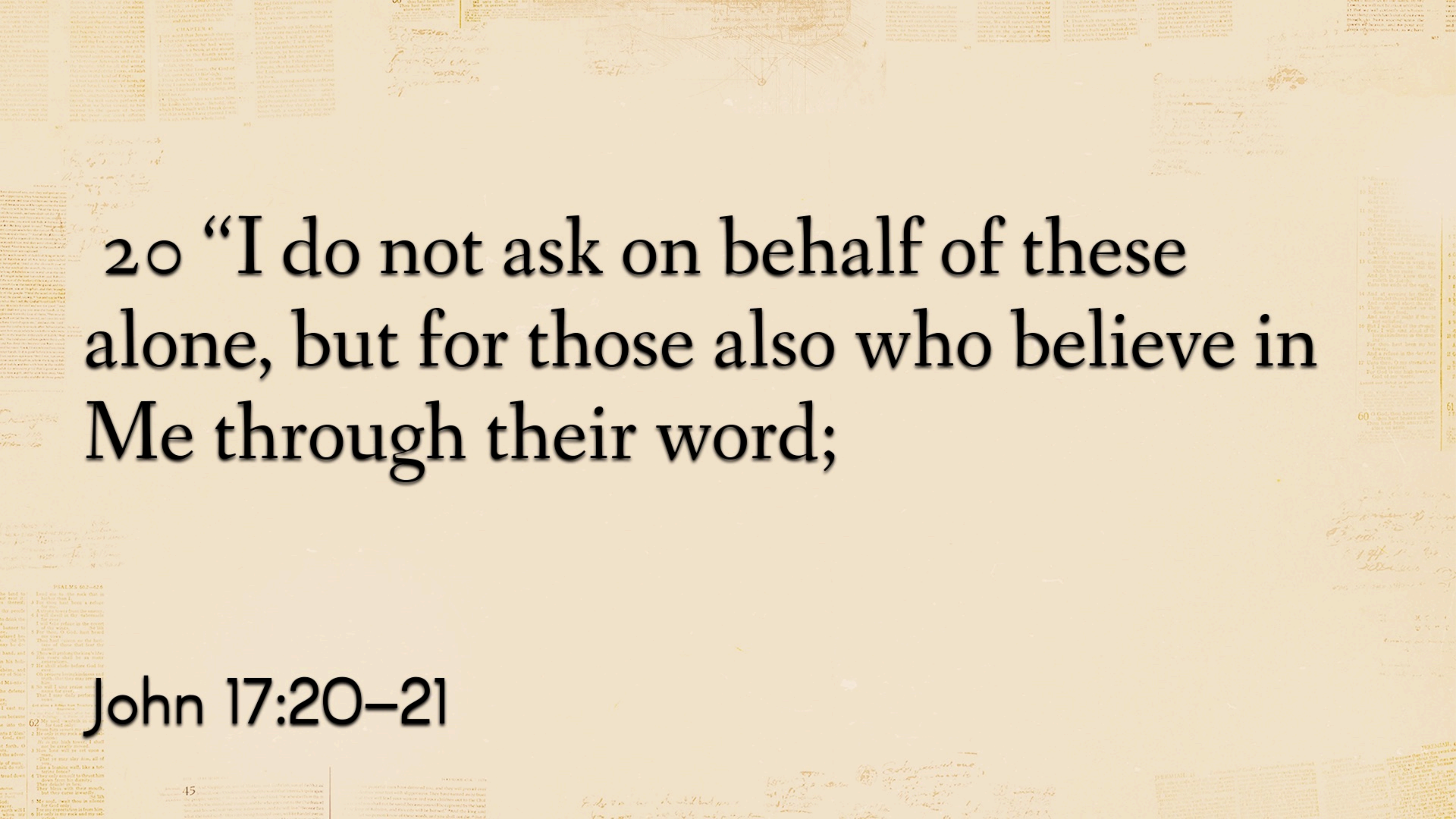


Unity is more than just  
what keeps us together  
in Christ. The very  
acceptance of our gospel  
message depends on it.



20 "I do not ask on behalf of these alone, but for those also who believe in Me through their word;

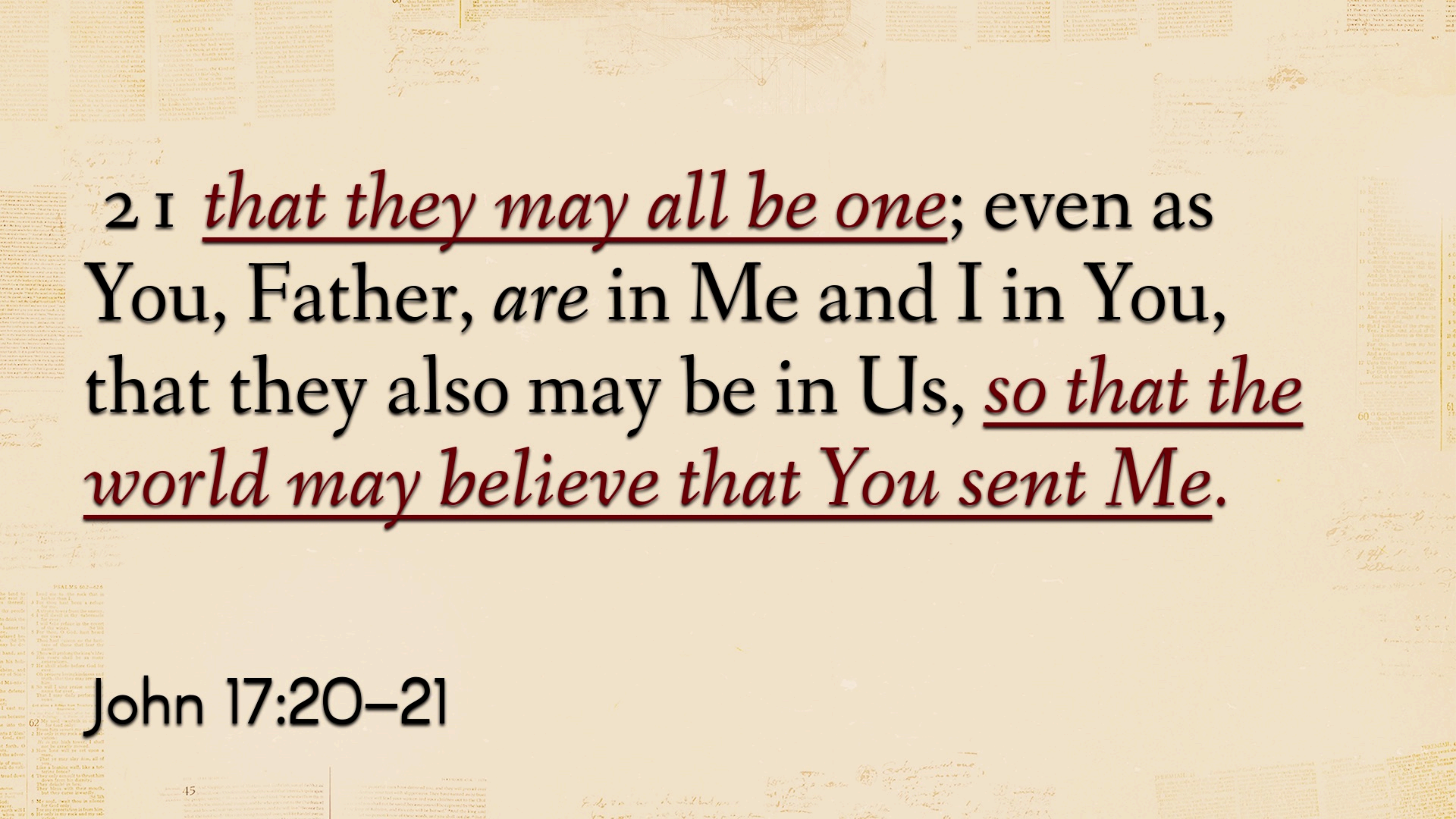
John 17:20-21





21 that they may all be one; even as You, Father, are in Me and I in You, that they also may be in Us, so that the world may believe that You sent Me.

John 17:20-21



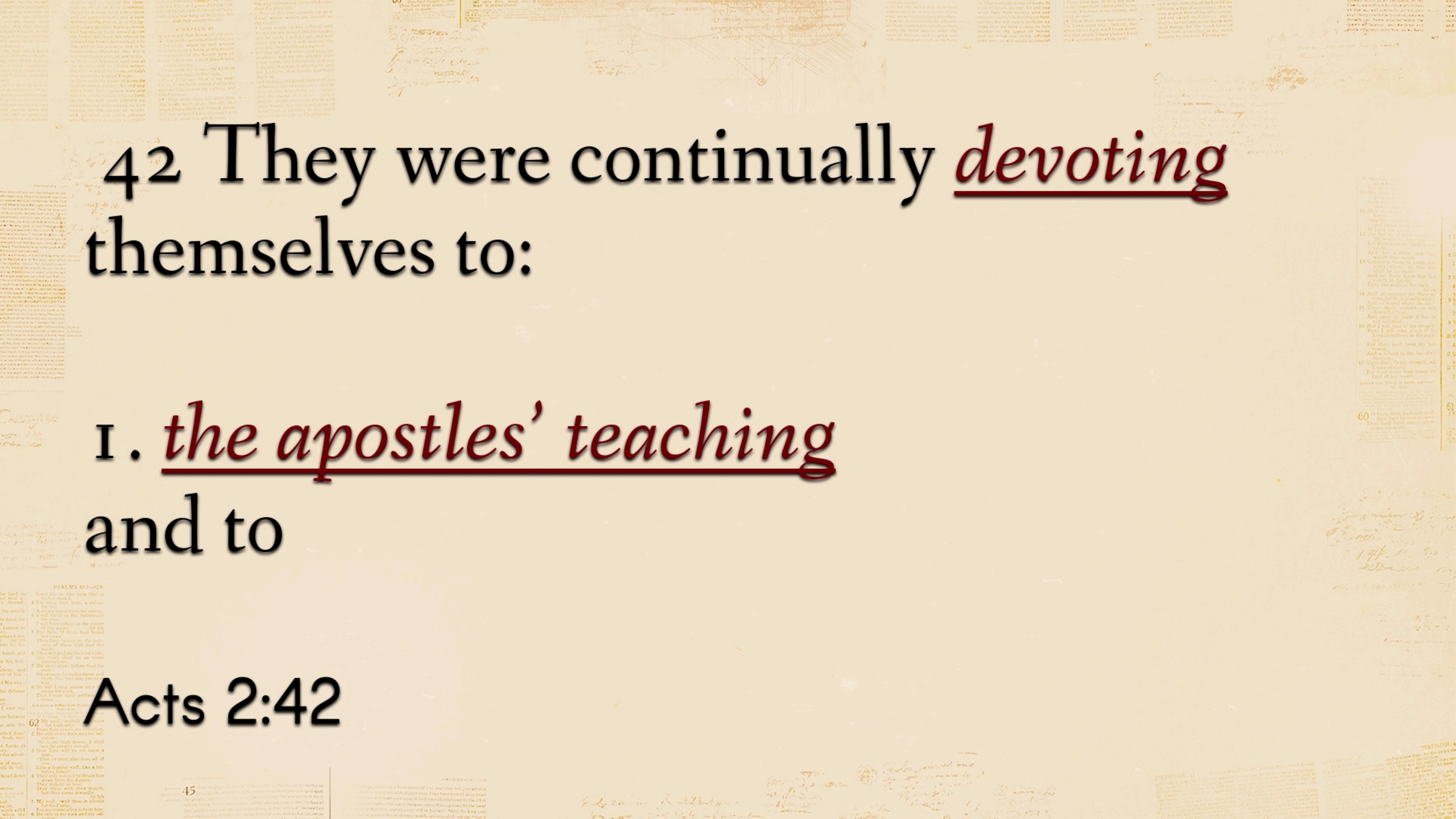


42 They were continually devoting themselves to:

I. the apostles' teaching

and to

Acts 2:42

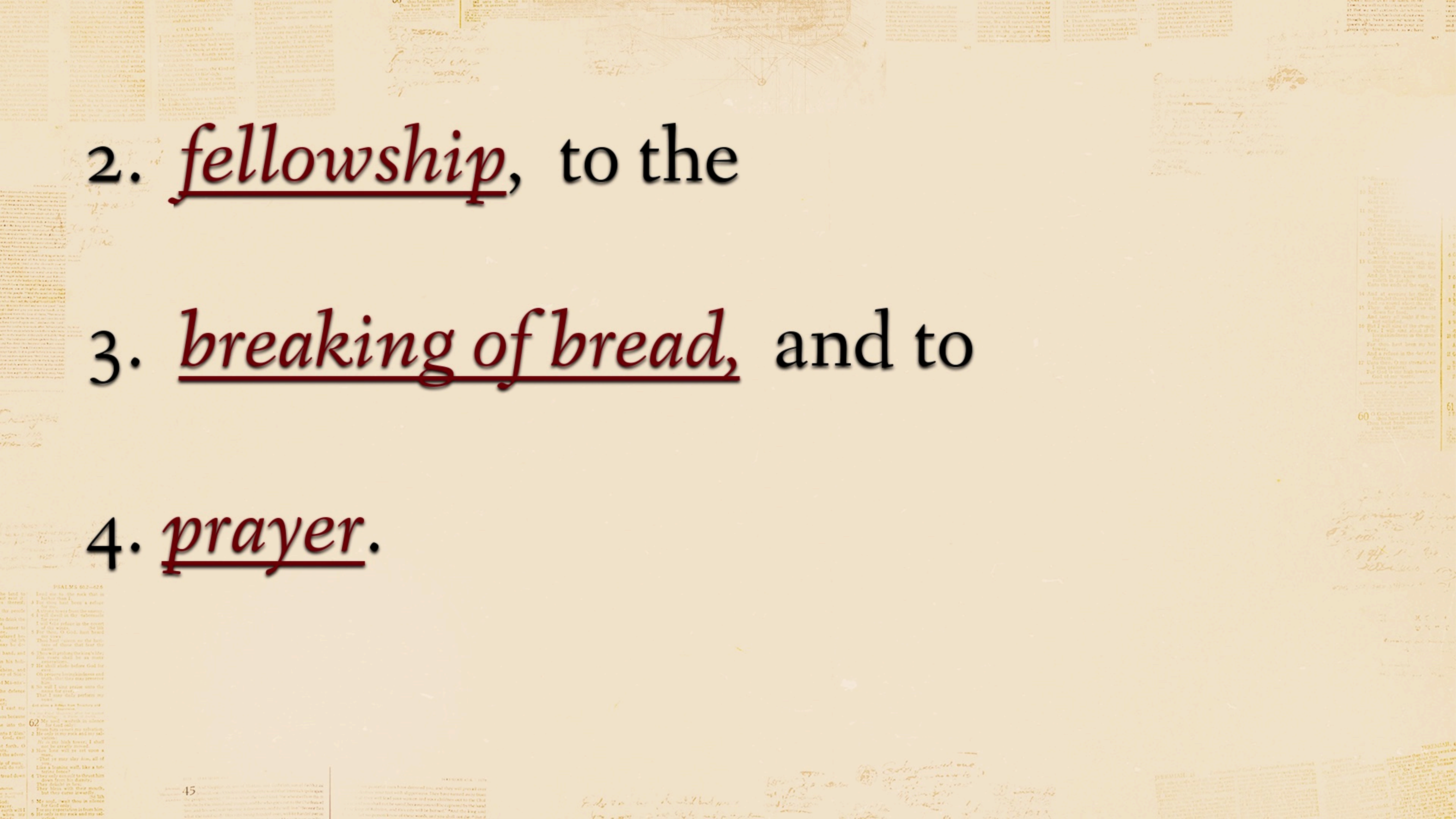




2. fellowship, to the

3. breaking of bread, and to

4. prayer.





Embracing these four practices is how we unite our lives to care for the new believers in our midst, and prepare for the harvest to come.



## Ways to get connected:

1. Life Groups
2. Ministry teams
3. Bible Studies
4. Prayer Groups