




*Spirituality  
in Ministry*


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A close-up photograph of a young boy with light brown hair, looking down with his eyes closed. His hands are clasped together in a prayer position. He is wearing a grey and white striped shirt. The background is dark and out of focus.

***“Dear Lord, we had a good time at church tonight. There was singing, praying and preaching. Oh God, I wish you could have been there.”***



*Jeremiah 14:3, 4*

*“Their nobles have sent their lads for water; they went to the cisterns and found no water. They returned with their vessels empty; they were ashamed and confounded and covered their heads. Because the ground is parched . . .”*



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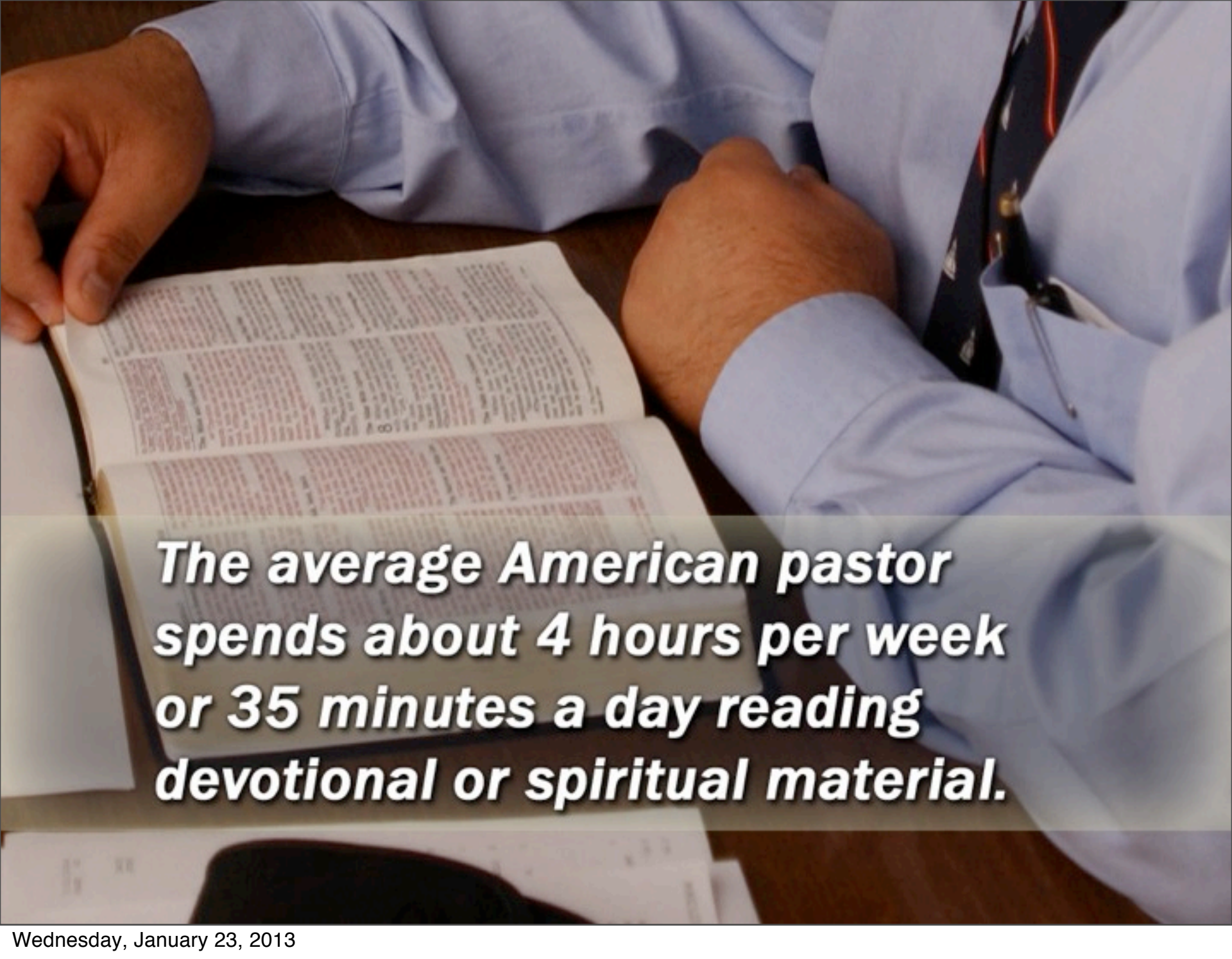
# Shepherds After God's Heart

- “And I will give you shepherds according to my heart who will feed you with knowledge and understanding.”



***Duke University Divinity School***

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***The average American pastor spends about 4 hours per week or 35 minutes a day reading devotional or spiritual material.***



# *Intimacy with God*

## *Chuck Swindoll*

*“Pastor Swindoll, my spiritual gas tank is empty. I am tired, exhausted, anxious, tense, filled with stress and I feel like I am running on fumes.”*



# **Survey of Presbyterian Clergy**

- ***78% experience work stress once or twice a week***
- ***40% of all Presbyterian clergy were facing burnout or near burnout.***



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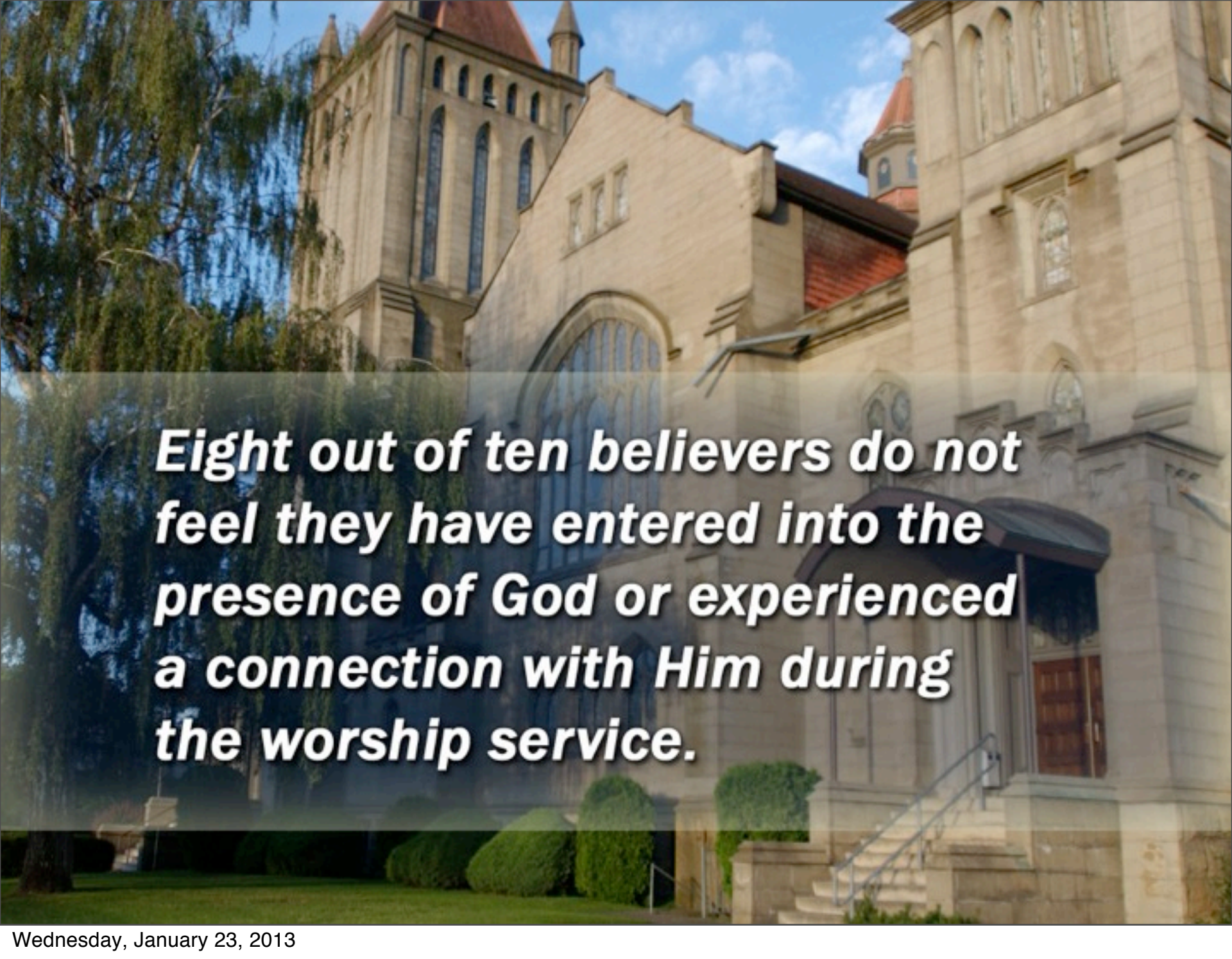
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## About George Barna



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***Eight out of ten believers do not feel they have entered into the presence of God or experienced a connection with Him during the worship service.***

An aerial photograph of the Andrews University campus, showing various academic buildings, a large parking lot, and several sports fields. A semi-transparent dark grey rectangular box is overlaid on the lower portion of the image, containing the text "Andrews University Institute of Church Ministry" in a white, bold, sans-serif font.

**Andrews University  
Institute of Church Ministry**

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***Less than 50% of all Seventh-day Adventists have personal devotions.***

# *Socrates*

*“Let him who would  
move the world  
first move himself.”*





*Leonard Ravenhill*

*“Before a man can rise to shake the world, some great truth must rise in the soul to shake him.”*



***Unless there is in us — that which  
is above us — we shall be like that  
which is around us.***





*Alexander Whyte*

*“A congregation is awaiting  
to be made by you after  
you are made by God.”*



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*Testimonies, Vol. 6, p. 47*

*“Communion with God through prayer and the study of His word must not be neglected, for here is the source of his strength. No work for the church should take precedence over this”*



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# **Essentials In Jesus' Prayer Life**

**1. *Jesus had a time to pray —***

***Mark 1:35 (first part)***

**2. *Jesus had a place to pray —***

***Mark 1:35 (second part)***

**3. *Jesus had a method of prayer —***

***Luke 11:1 — Mat. 26:27-39.***

*Review and Herald, August 8, 1878*

*“The praying minister who has living faith will have corresponding works, and great results will attend his labors despite the combined obstacles of earth and hell.”*


**THE ADVENT REVIEW.**  
AND SABBATH HERALD.





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An open Bible lies on a wooden surface, illuminated by the warm glow of two lit candles in wooden holders. The background features a stone wall and a window with a grid pattern, through which a sunset or sunrise over mountains is visible. The text is overlaid in the center of the image.

Prayer is the  
breath of revival,  
but **Bible study**  
is its heart.




# EXPLOSIVE GROWTH in Acts



**Acts 2:41**

**“Then those who  
gladly received his  
word were baptized;  
and that day about  
three thousand souls  
were added to them.”**

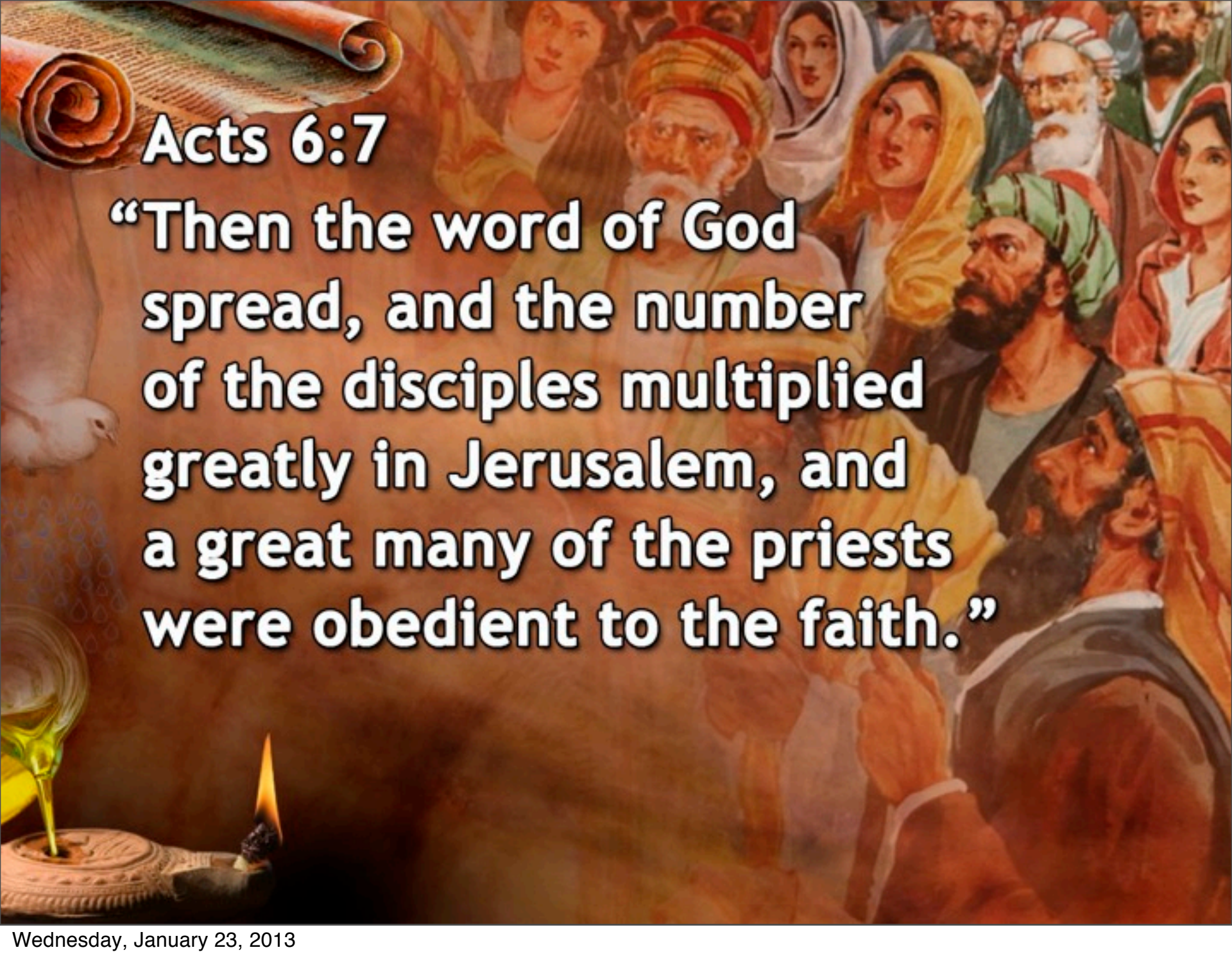




**Acts 4:4**

**“However, many of those who heard the word believed; and the number of the men came to be about five thousand.”**





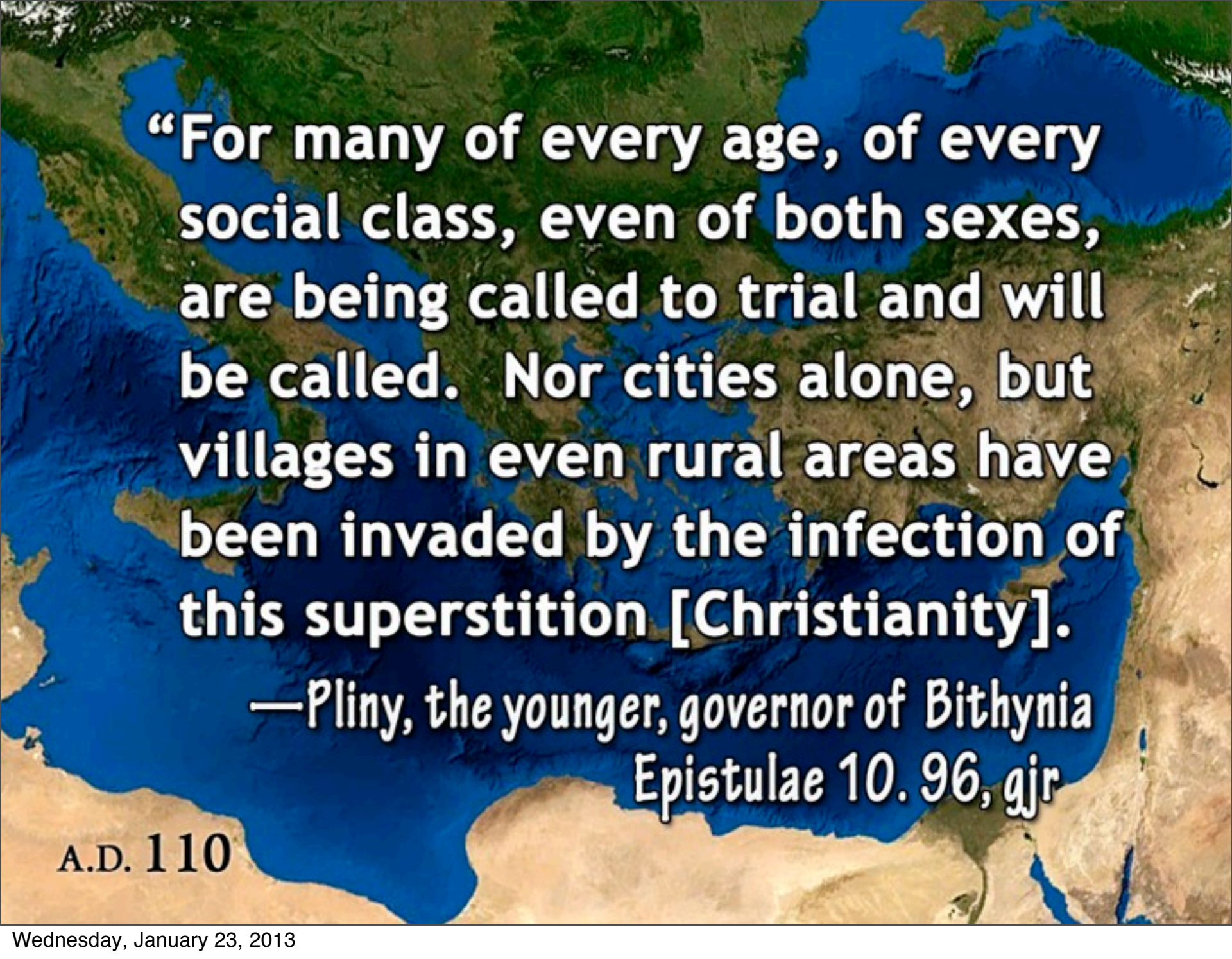
**Acts 6:7**

**“Then the word of God spread, and the number of the disciples multiplied greatly in Jerusalem, and a great many of the priests were obedient to the faith.”**



**“You are everywhere. You are in our armies, you are in our navies, our senate and market places.”**





**“For many of every age, of every social class, even of both sexes, are being called to trial and will be called. Nor cities alone, but villages in even rural areas have been invaded by the infection of this superstition [Christianity].**

**—Pliny, the younger, governor of Bithynia  
Epistulae 10.96, gjr**

**A.D. 110**



**“Nearly all the citizens of  
all the cities are Christians.”**

**Tertullian, a Roman lawyer  
Apologeticus, 37.8**

**A.D. 200**



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**Psalm 119:154**

**“Revive me  
according to  
Your word.”**



# **Thematic study of the Epistles**

## ***Philippians*** – *The Joy of the Lord*

***Chapter 1 – Joy in Trial***

***Chapter 2 – Joy in Humility***

***Chapter 3 – Joy in Surrender***

***Chapter 4 – Joy in Gratitude***



# **Thematic study of the Epistles**

***Ephesians*** – ***Symphony of Salvation***  
***Will of God***

***Chapter 1. Christ's Riches are ours.***

***Chapter 2. Christ's Grace is ours.***

***Chapter 3. Christ's Power is ours.***

# **Thematic study of the Epistles**

***Ephesians*** – ***Symphony of Salvation***

***Walk in unity and love  
with the armor***

***Chapter 4. Christ's Unity is ours.***

***Chapter 5. Christ's Love is ours.***

***Chapter 6. Christ's Armor is ours.***

# **Contemplative study on the death of Christ**

- ***Psalm 22***
- ***Isaiah 53***
- ***Matthew 27***
- ***Mark 13***
- ***Luke 23***
- ***John 19***





## *Desire of Ages, p. 83*

*“It would be well for us to spend a thoughtful hour each day in contemplation of the life of Christ. We should take it point by point, and let the imagination grasp each scene, especially the closing ones. As we dwell upon His great sacrifices for us,*

## *Desire of Ages, p. 83*

*our confidence in Him will be more constant, our love will be quickened, and we will be more deeply imbued with His Spirit. If we would be saved at last, we must learn the lesson of penitence and humiliation at the foot of the cross”*

# **Narrative study of the gospels**

**1. Visualization – What do I see?**


**2. Identification – How would I feel?**

**3. Meditation – What does it mean?**

# The **VIM** Principle

**V**—Visualize the story



A painting of Jesus with long brown hair and a beard, wearing a white robe, standing on a boat. He is looking out at a dark, stormy sea with a lightning bolt visible in the sky. His hands are outstretched in a gesture of calm.

**Mark 4:35-39 –  
Jesus calming the storm**



# The **VIM** Principle

**V**—Visualize the story

**I**—Identify with each character

Jesus appears to his disciples  
And they drew nigh unto the vi-  
sion, whither they went; and he said  
unto them, I have constrained him, saying  
unto him, side with us; for it is toward us  
the day is far spent. And he went  
and carry with them. And he said  
unto them, And it came to pass, as he sat at meat  
with them, he took bread, and blessed  
it, and brake, and gave to them; and  
their eyes were opened, and they  
knew him; and he vanished out of  
sight. And they said one to another,  
our heart burn within us, while he  
spoke with us by the way, and while  
he did to us the scriptures; and while  
he led to Jerusalem, and while he  
said to Jerusalem, and while he

...flesh. The testimony of John.  
...and remission  
...in his name  
...beginning at Jeru-  
...beginning of these  
...witnesses of these  
...I send the promise of  
...but tarry ye in  
...Jerusalem, until ye be en-  
...power from on high.

THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO  
ST JOHN

The beginning was the Word, and  
the Word was with God, and the  
Word was in the beginning with  
God. All things were made by him; and  
without him, any thing made

ST LUKE 24  
50 ¶ And he led them out as far as to  
Bethany, and he lifted up his hands,  
and blessed them.  
51 And it came to pass, while he  
blessed them, he was parted from  
them, and carried up into heaven,  
while he blessed them, and re-  
turned to Jerusalem with great joy;  
52 And they worshipped him, and  
praised and blessing God, Amen.  
53 And were continually in the temple,  
praising and blessing God, Amen.

spake. He that cometh after me is  
terred before me; for he shall  
16. And of his



# The **VIM** Principle

**V**—Visualize the story

**I**—Identify with each character

**M**—Meditate upon the story



# The **VIM** Principle

**V—Visualize**

**I—Identify**

**M—Meditate**

- John 3:1-21
- John 4:1-26
- John 6:1-4







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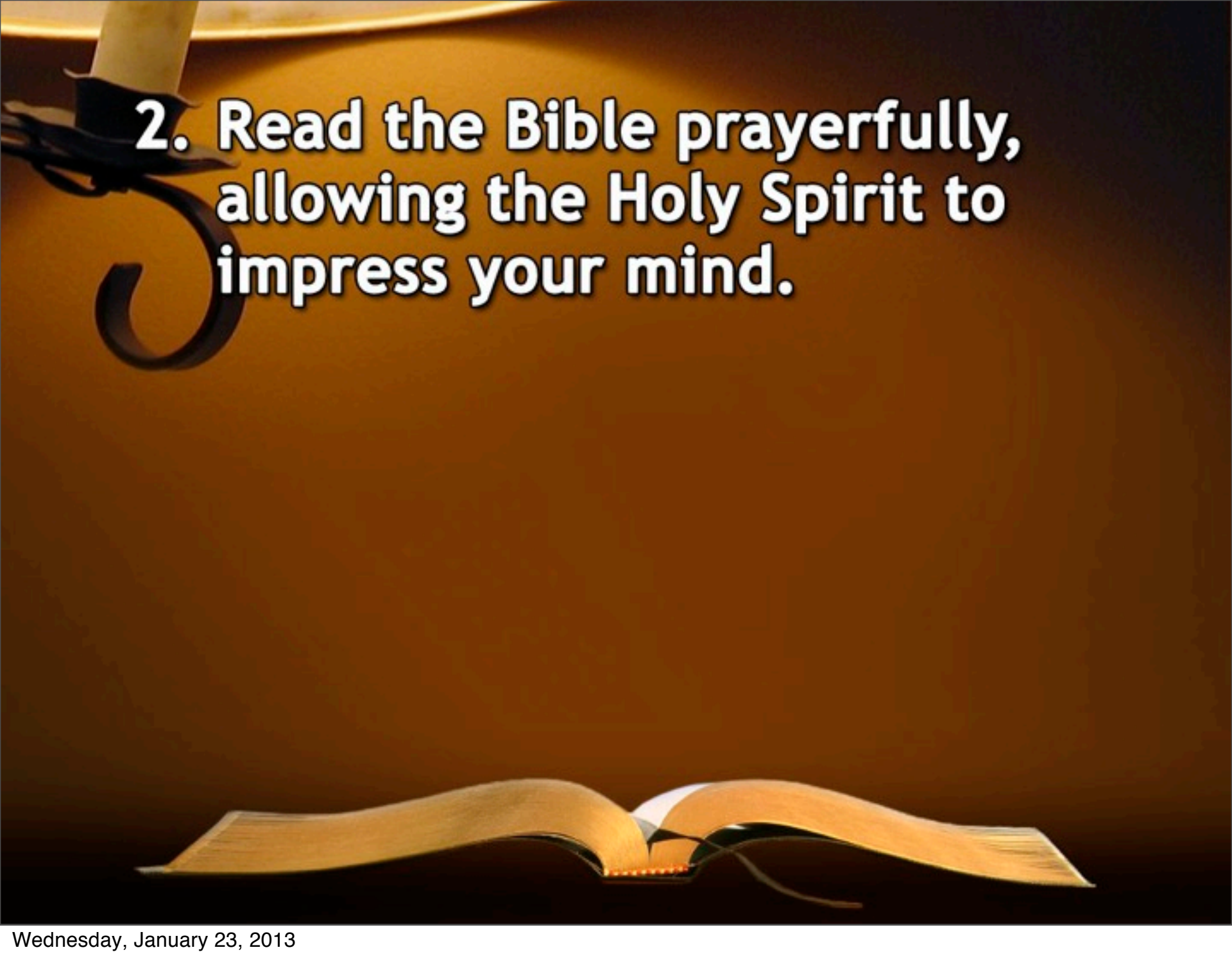
A person wearing a light blue button-down shirt is shown from the chest down, with their hands clasped together in a prayerful gesture. They are sitting at a desk. In front of them is a thick Bible with a red cover, resting on a blue folder or notebook. A silver pen is visible on the desk to the right. The background is dark and out of focus.

# 4 Life-changing Prayer Principles


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A close-up photograph of a person's hands clasped together in prayer. The person is wearing a light blue, long-sleeved button-down shirt. Their hands are resting on a thick, red-covered Bible that is open on a desk. The desk surface is dark with a subtle pattern. A pen is visible on the desk to the right of the Bible. The background is dark and out of focus.

**1. Set aside a specific time  
each day to be alone with  
God.**

A lit candle in a holder is positioned in the upper left corner, casting a warm glow. Below it, an open Bible lies flat, its pages illuminated by the candle's light. The background is a dark, textured surface, possibly wood or stone, which enhances the solemn and focused atmosphere of the scene.

**2. Read the Bible prayerfully,  
allowing the Holy Spirit to  
impress your mind.**



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**a) Take one psalm at a time.**



# **Prayer and praise in the Psalms**

**Theme:**

***The strength of the Lord.***

***God is our protector, redeemer,  
intercessor, judge, king.***

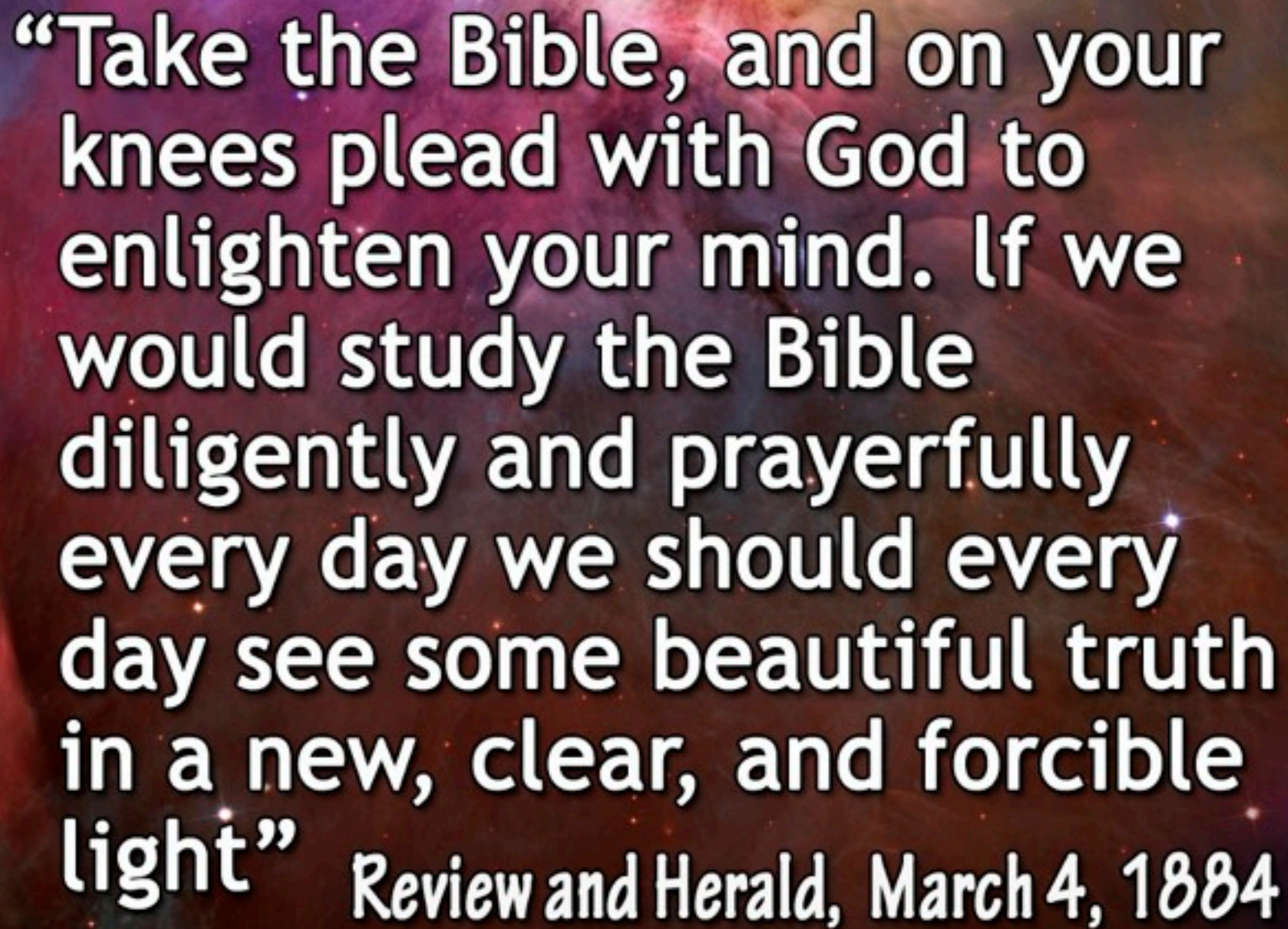
***Psalm 40:1-5***

***Psalm 63:1-3***

***Psalm 66:1-4***



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**“Take the Bible, and on your knees plead with God to enlighten your mind. If we would study the Bible diligently and prayerfully every day we should every day see some beautiful truth in a new, clear, and forcible light”**

*Review and Herald, March 4, 1884*





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**2. Read the Bible prayerfully, allowing the Holy Spirit to impress your mind.**

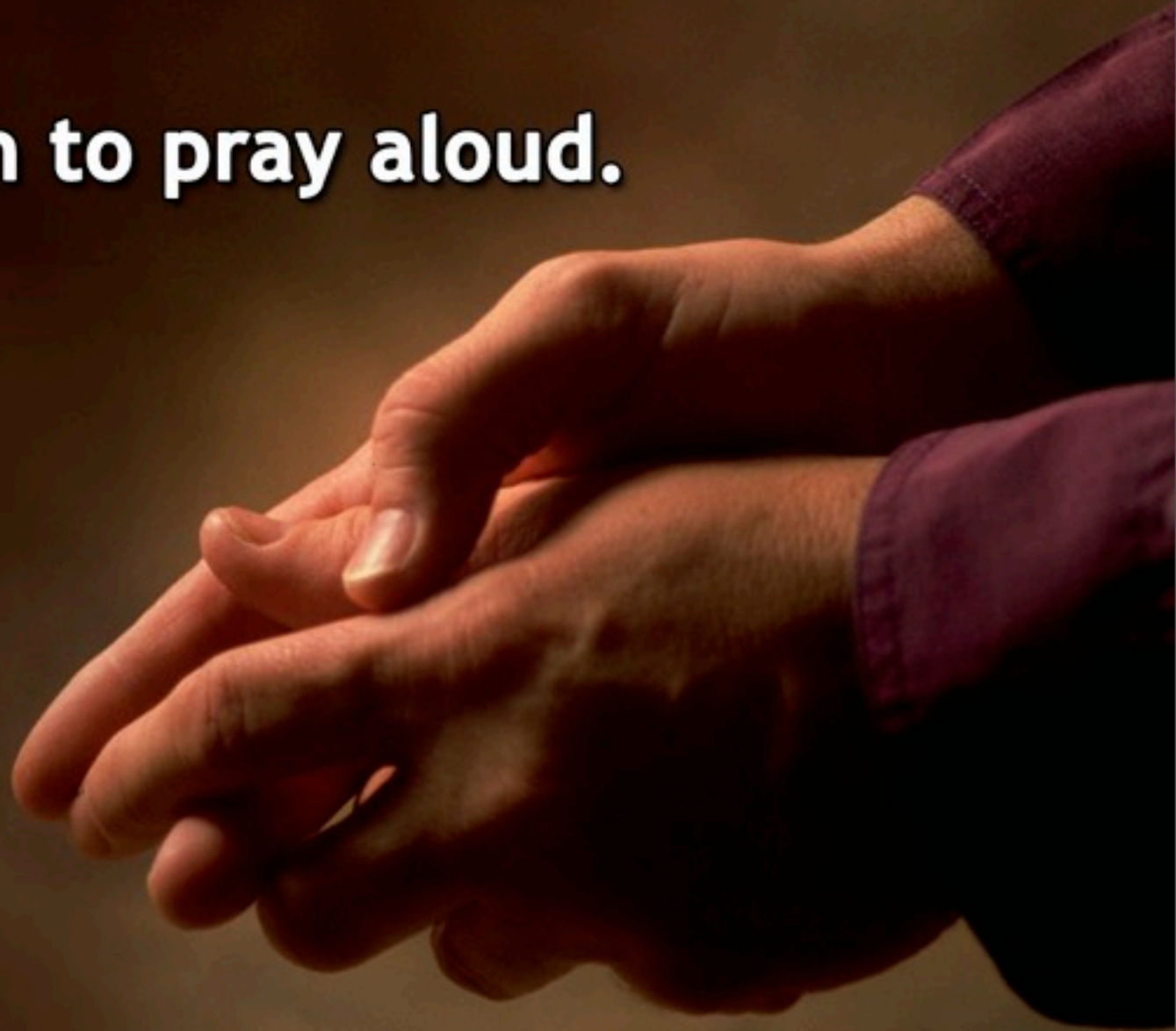
**a) Take one psalm at a time.**

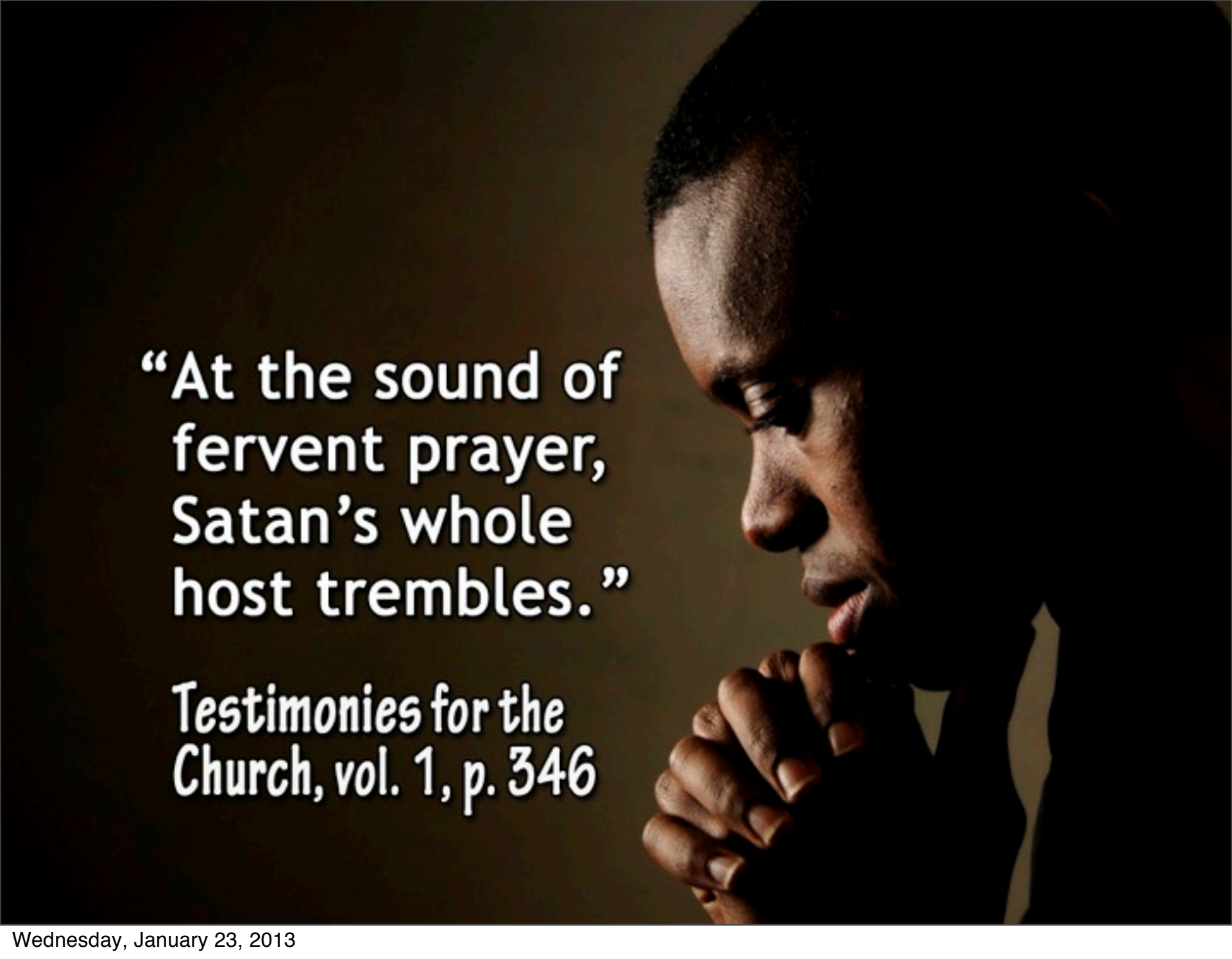
**b) Concentrate on the last scenes of Christ's life.**

**Psalm 22, Isaiah 53, Matt. 27, Mark 15, Luke 23, & John 19**



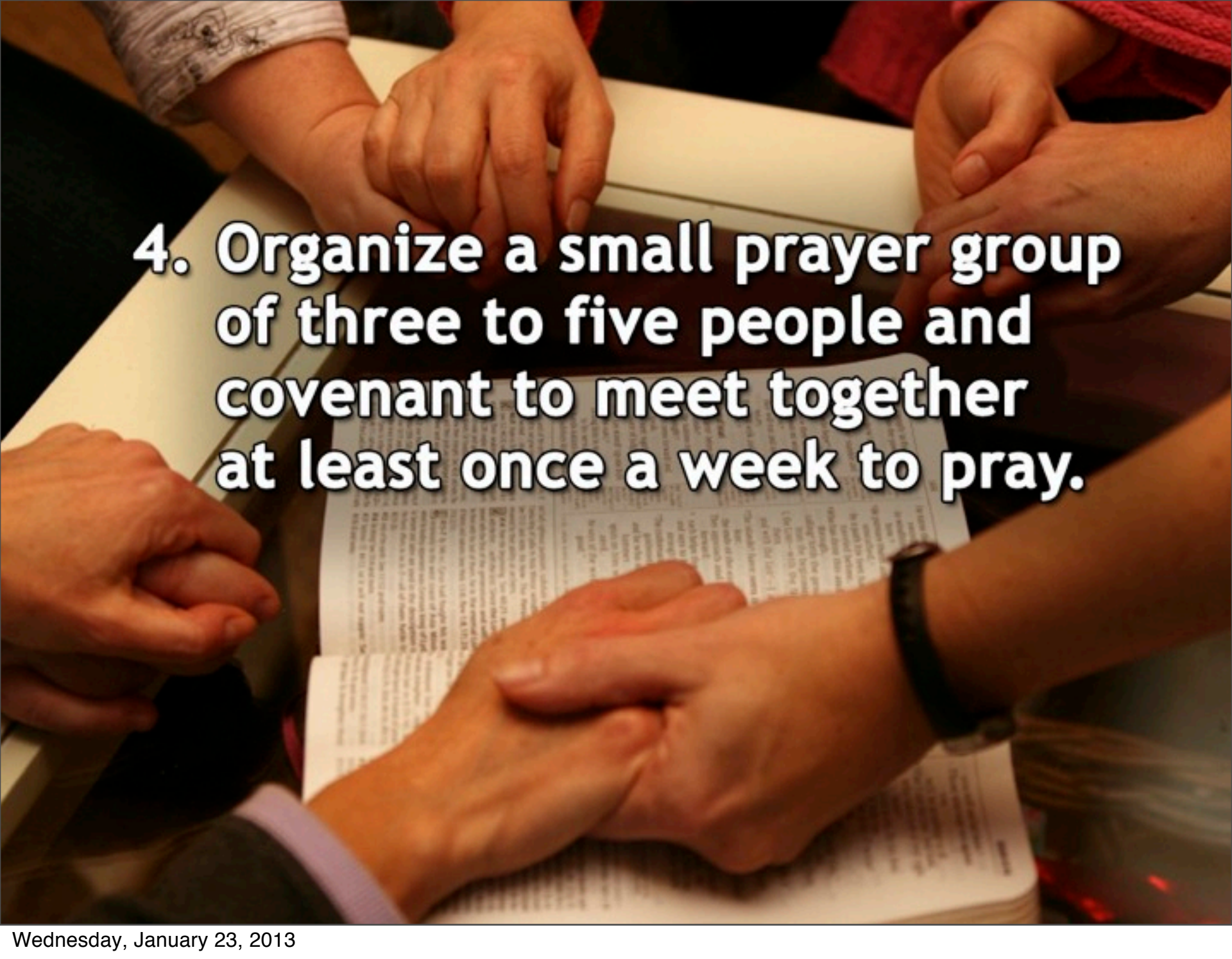
# 3. Learn to pray aloud.



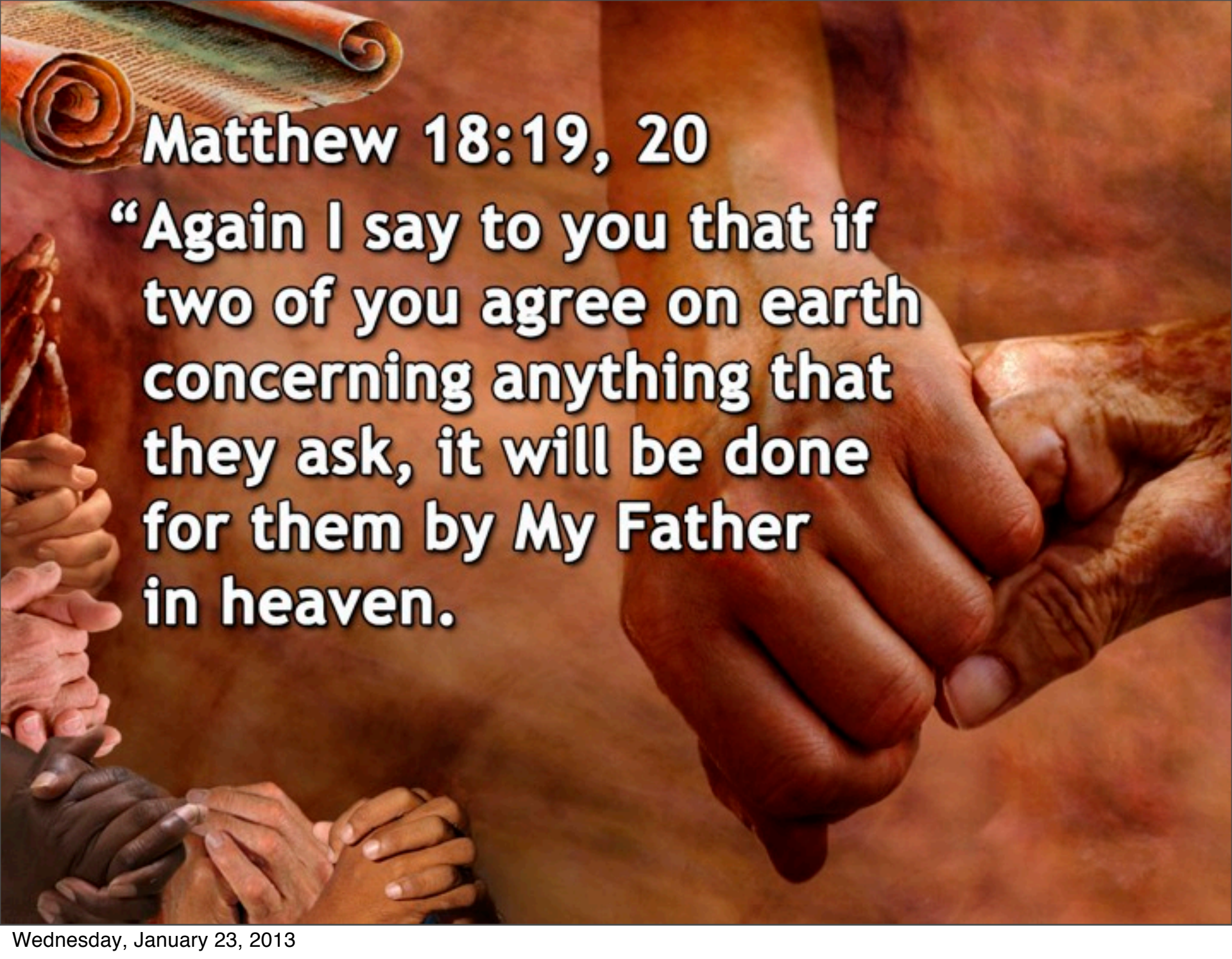


**“At the sound of  
fervent prayer,  
Satan’s whole  
host trembles.”**

***Testimonies for the  
Church, vol. 1, p. 346***

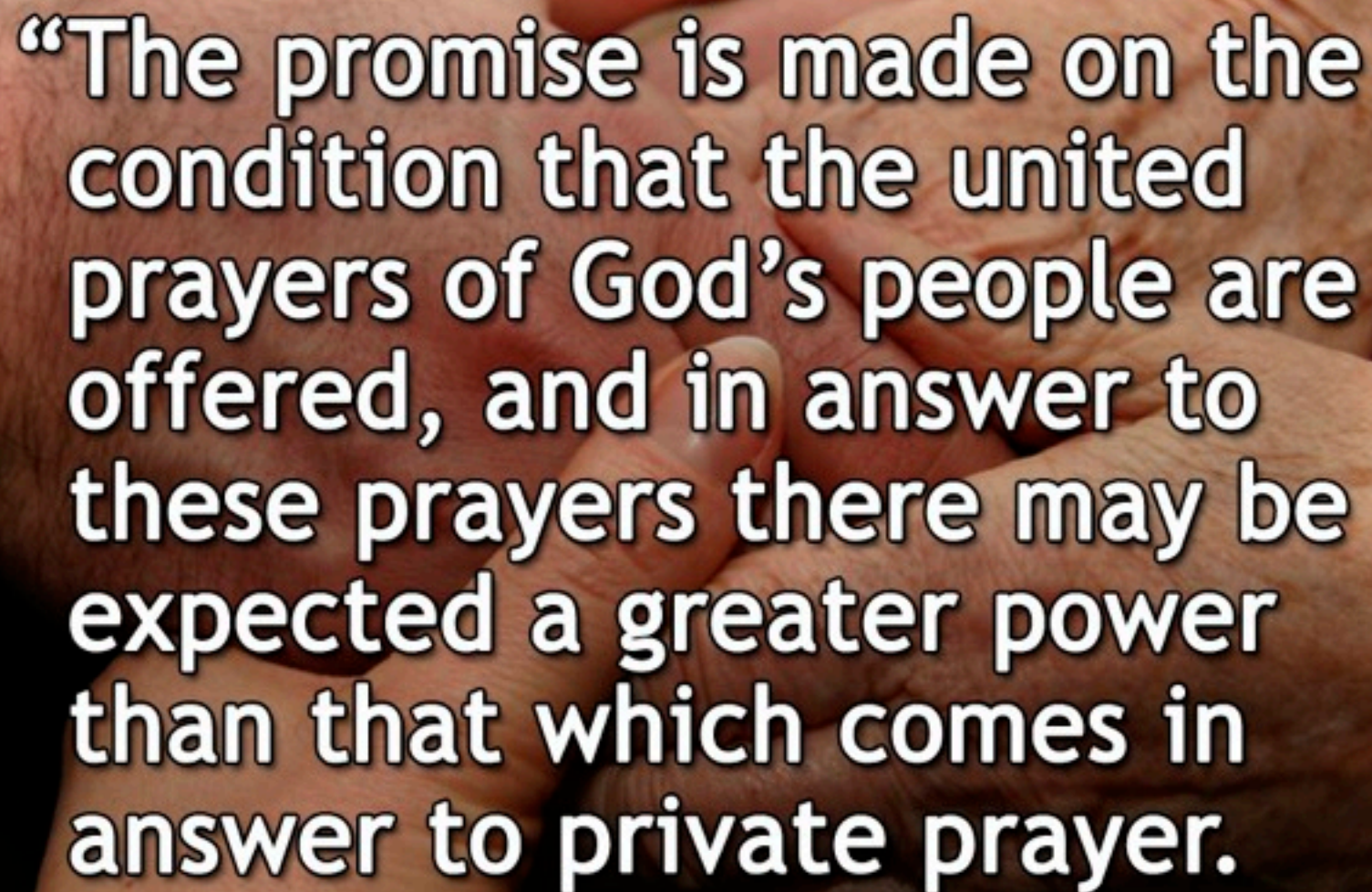
A close-up photograph showing several pairs of hands clasped together in a circle around an open Bible. The hands are of various skin tones, suggesting a diverse group of people. The Bible is open in the center, with text visible on the pages. The lighting is warm and focused on the hands and the book. The overall scene conveys a sense of unity, prayer, and shared faith.

**4. Organize a small prayer group of three to five people and covenant to meet together at least once a week to pray.**

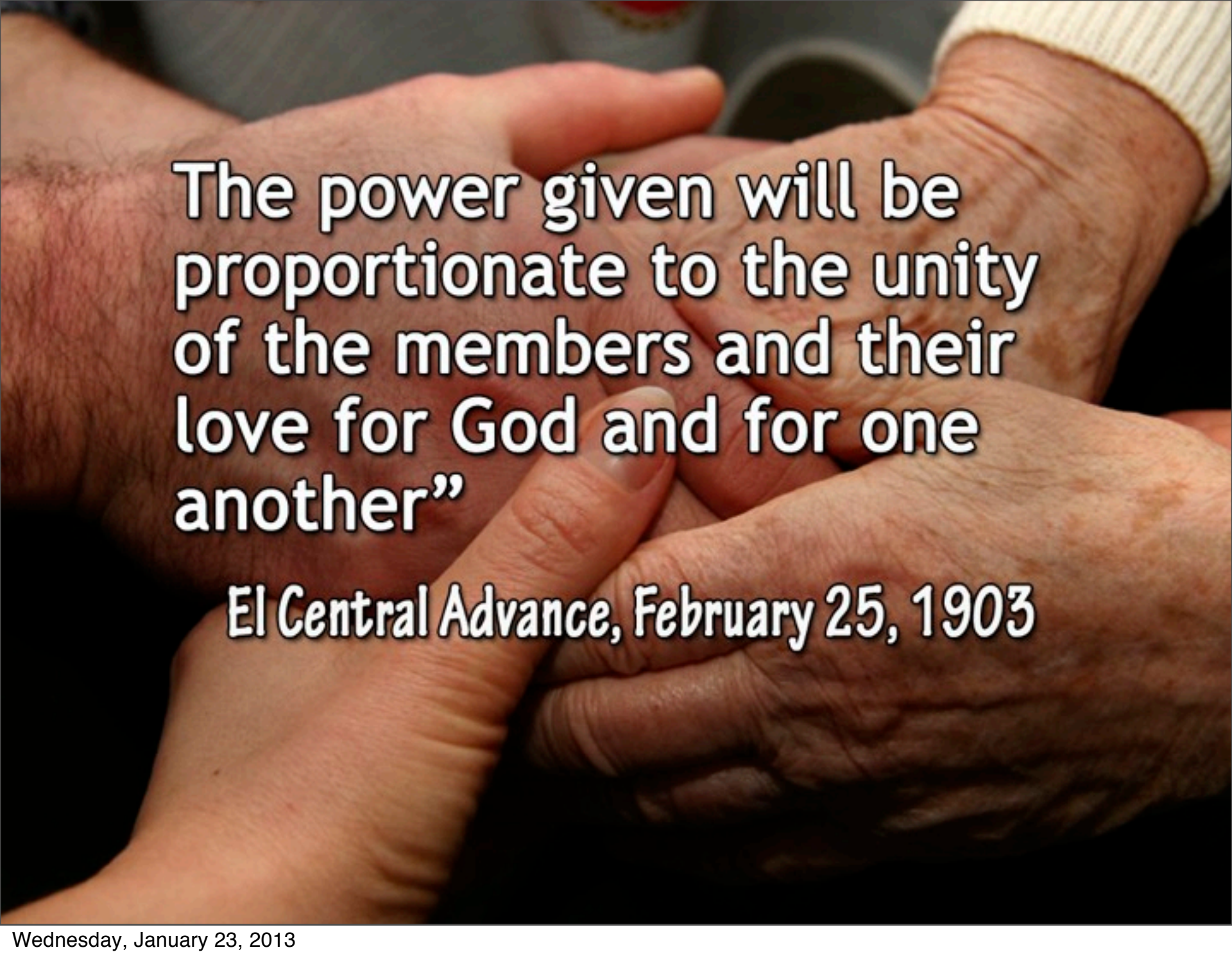


**Matthew 18:19, 20**

**“Again I say to you that if two of you agree on earth concerning anything that they ask, it will be done for them by My Father in heaven.**



**“The promise is made on the condition that the united prayers of God’s people are offered, and in answer to these prayers there may be expected a greater power than that which comes in answer to private prayer.**



**The power given will be proportionate to the unity of the members and their love for God and for one another”**

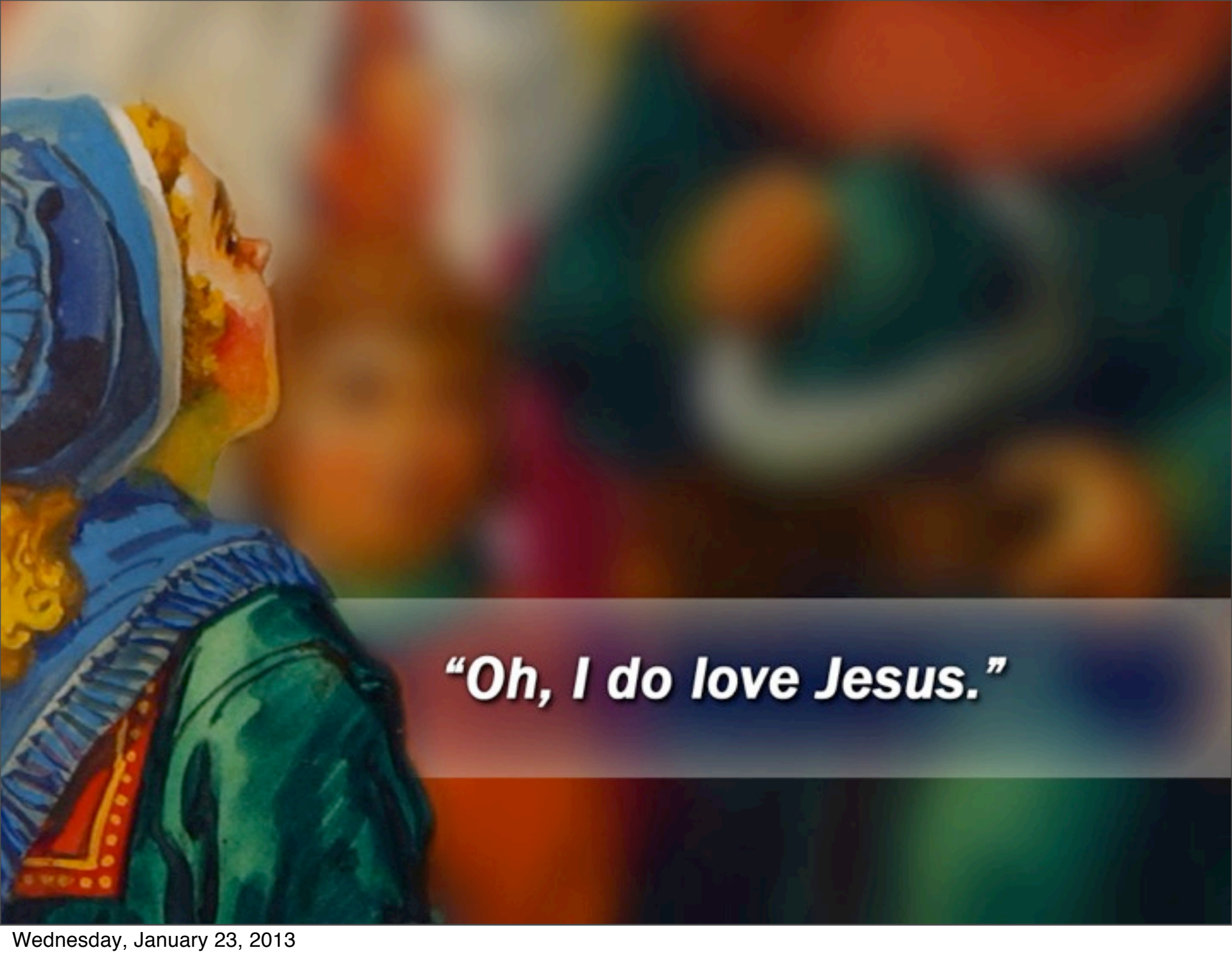
***El Central Advance, February 25, 1903***



# *The Welsh Revival*



David Luzzo



***“Oh, I do love Jesus.”***

# *Lord, Send A Revival*

The Saviour is longing His Spirit  
to show,

As mighty in power as in days long ago.

But hearts must be opened and  
emptied of sin.

Revival is needed within.

## *Chorus:*

Lord, send a revival, and let it begin  
with me.

Fill me, I pray, take all self away

That others Thy beauty may see.

Cleanse me now, blessed Saviour.

Oh, Lord, hear my heartfelt plea.

Send a revival from heaven,

and let it begin with me.



*Pentecost  
Repeated*

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***The Holy Spirit will  
be poured out in  
Pentecostal power.***





***Pentecost will be repeated  
on a grander, larger scale.***



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