

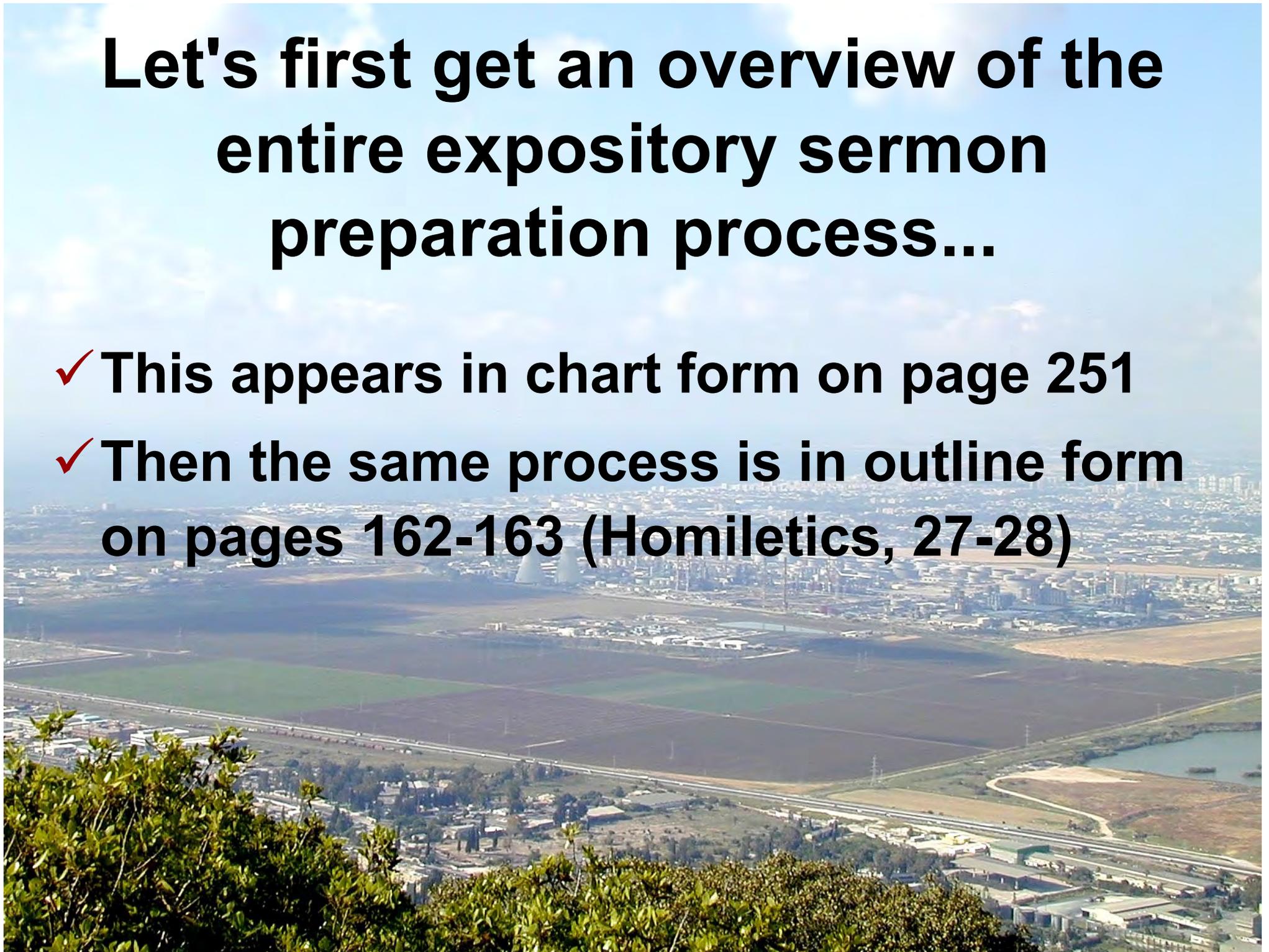
Exegetical Outlining



**How to outline
based on the text**

Let's first get an overview of the entire expository sermon preparation process...

- ✓ **This appears in chart form on page 251**
- ✓ **Then the same process is in outline form on pages 162-163 (Homiletics, 27-28)**



(Homiletics 27-28, 251)

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1. Study the Text

- a. Choose the Text before Tuesday; make sure it is not too long for a single message.
- b. Exegete the Passage (Analyze the Parts) and Gather Your Notes.

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b. How to Exegete the Passage...

- 1) Pray for wisdom, read the translation most of your church members use, and list every question your members would ask (or 15 study hours later you'll have all the answers but will have forgotten the questions). Answer these questions.
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- 3) Read the original text if you can; use tools and do brief word studies on important words.

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b. How to Exegete the Passage...

- 4) Consult commentaries if you are stuck (most of the time I do this after step 5).
 - a) Look up difficulties in Greek or Hebrew commentaries (if you can read them!).
 - b) See the Expositor's Bible Commentary for both the big picture and problem areas.
 - c) Read a sermonic commentary (by Stott, Wiersbe, Boice, Criswell, Swindoll, etc.).

Let's try it on Matthew 18:15-20

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Matthew 18

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The Value of **One**

1

Child
(1-9)

1

Sheep
(10-14)

1

Sinner
(15-20)

1

Debtor
(21-35)

Matthew 18:15-20

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Matthew 5:23-24

"Therefore if you are presenting your offering at the altar, and there remember that your brother has something against you, leave your offering there before the altar and go; first be reconciled to your brother, and then come and present your offering."



Matthew's Relational Pillars

5:23-24

You are: Offender

Issue: General



Matthew 5:23-24





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Offended

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Sin





*How do we
restore sinning
Christians
properly?*

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How to Restore
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Why to Restore
18-20

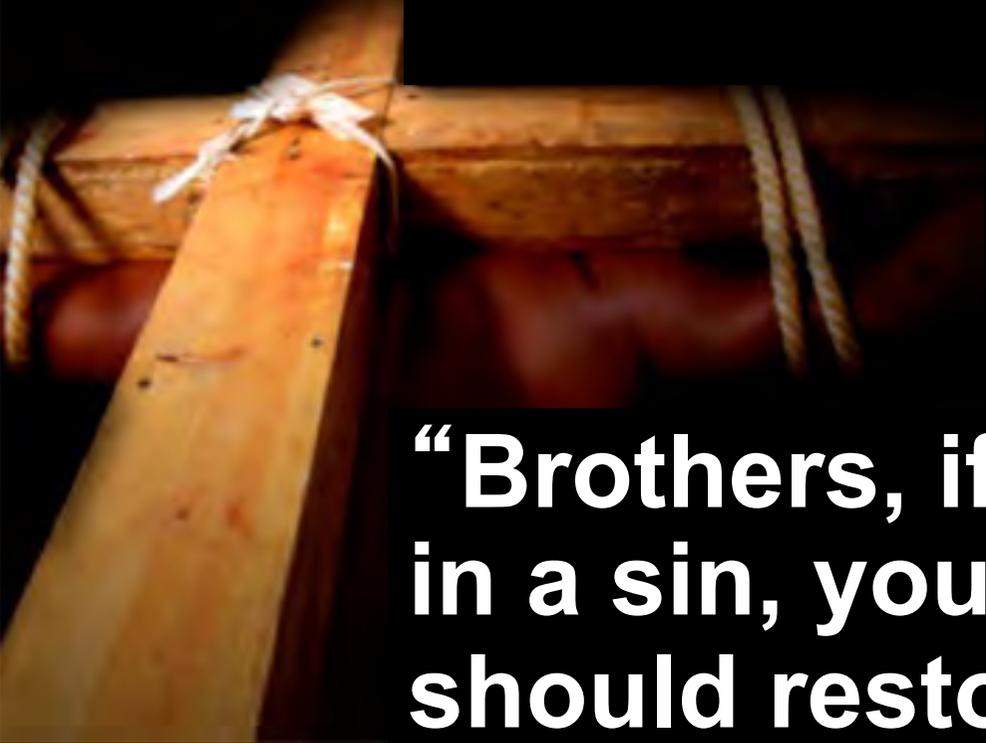
I. Keep the
matter as
private as
possible (15-
17).



Our Goal:

Restoration!

Restore People in Sin



“Brothers, if someone is caught in a sin, you who are spiritual should restore him gently.”

Galatians 6:1



God's 4-step restoring process...

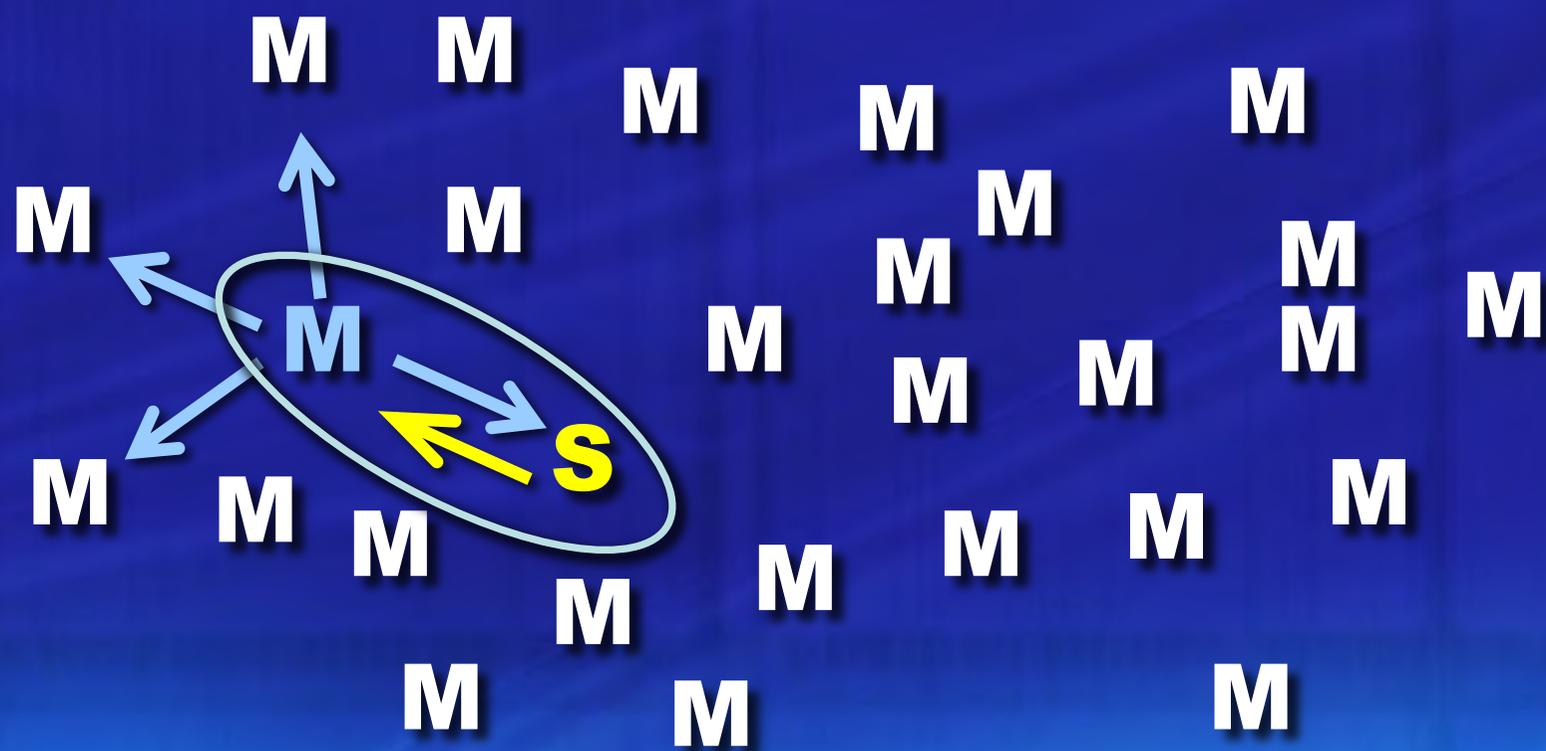


...reveals the issue to
more people each step



Step 1 to Restoration

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Initiative: You!

You!



Go in Person



Why don't we confront others?

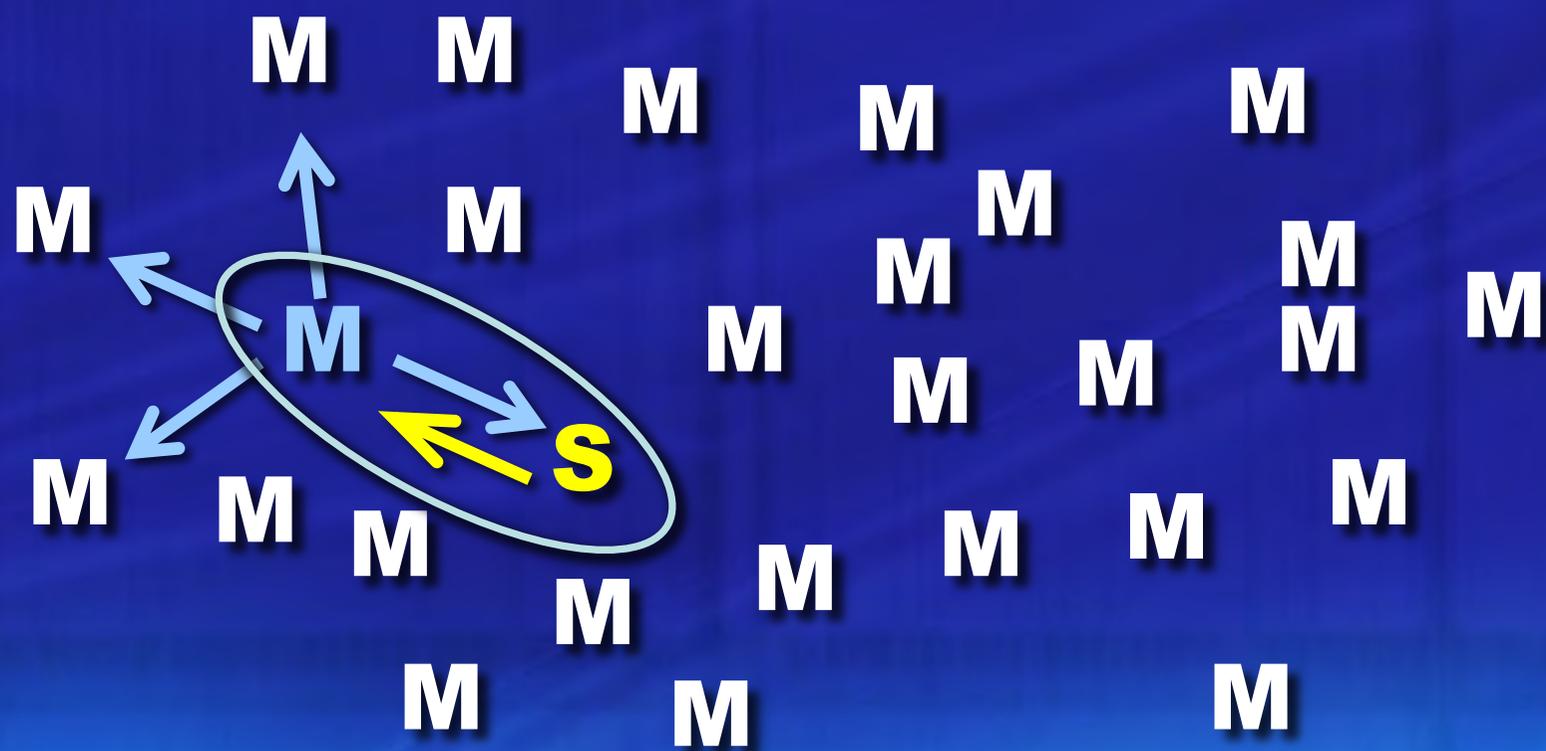
- **Ignorance**
- **Doubt**
- **Failure**
- **Fear**
- **Excuses**
- **Impurity**
- **Unsocial**





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Step 2 to Restoration

Take 1-2 others along

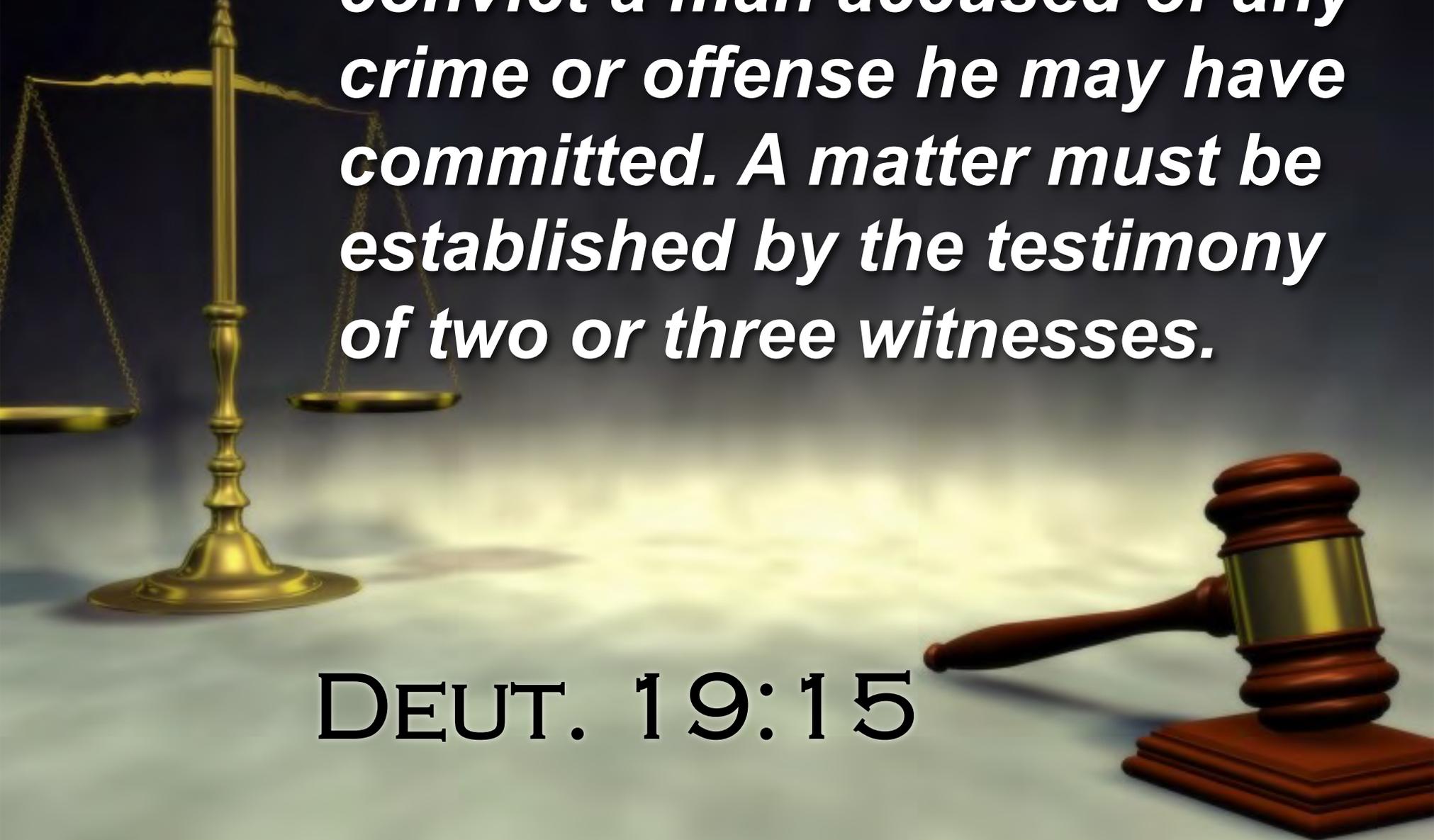


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M = Member

Questions on Step 2

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- **Who should these people be?**
 - **Why take 1-2 others?**

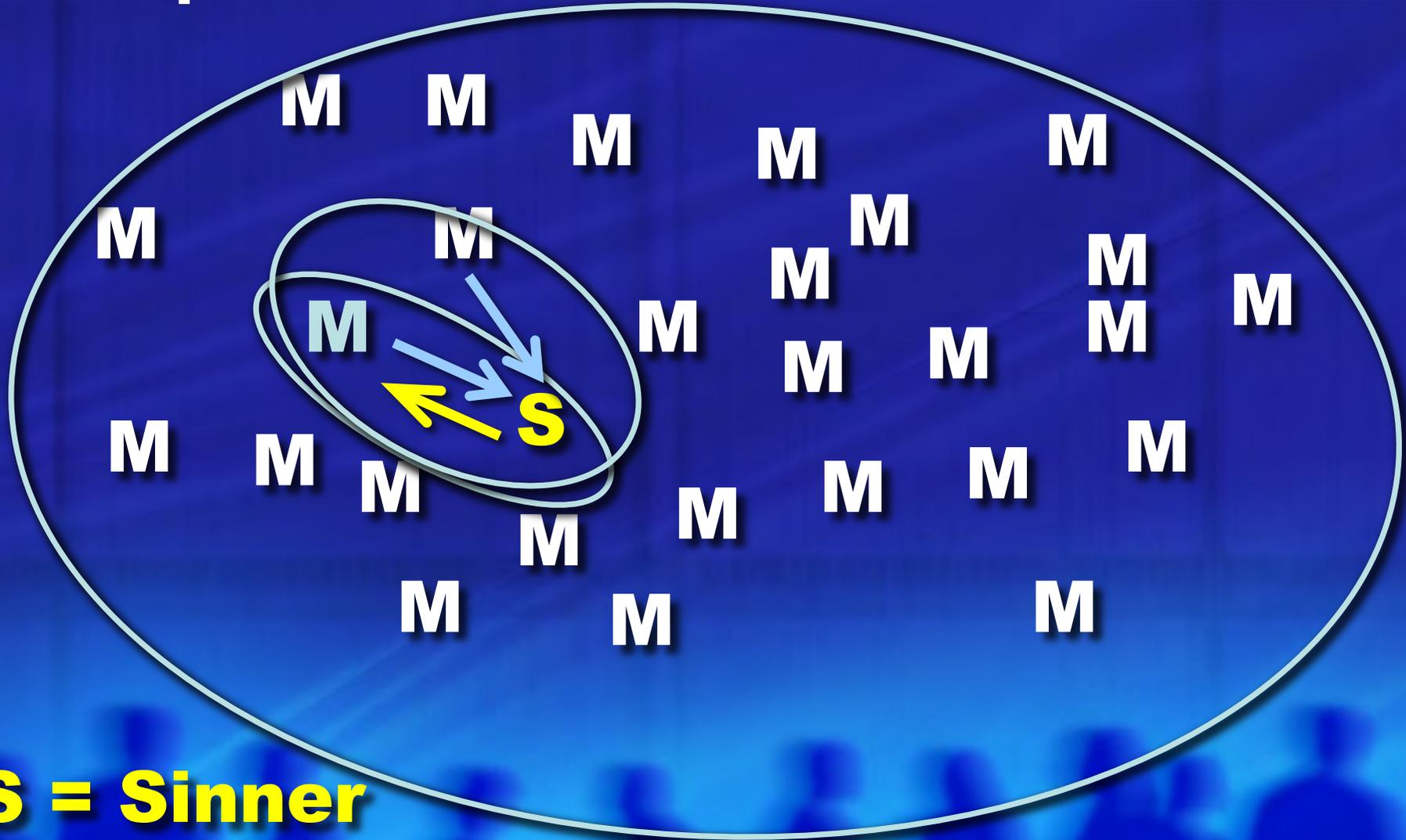
A golden scale of justice stands on the left, and a wooden gavel with a silver band rests on a white surface on the right. The background is a soft, glowing white light.

One witness is not enough to convict a man accused of any crime or offense he may have committed. A matter must be established by the testimony of two or three witnesses.

DEUT. 19:15

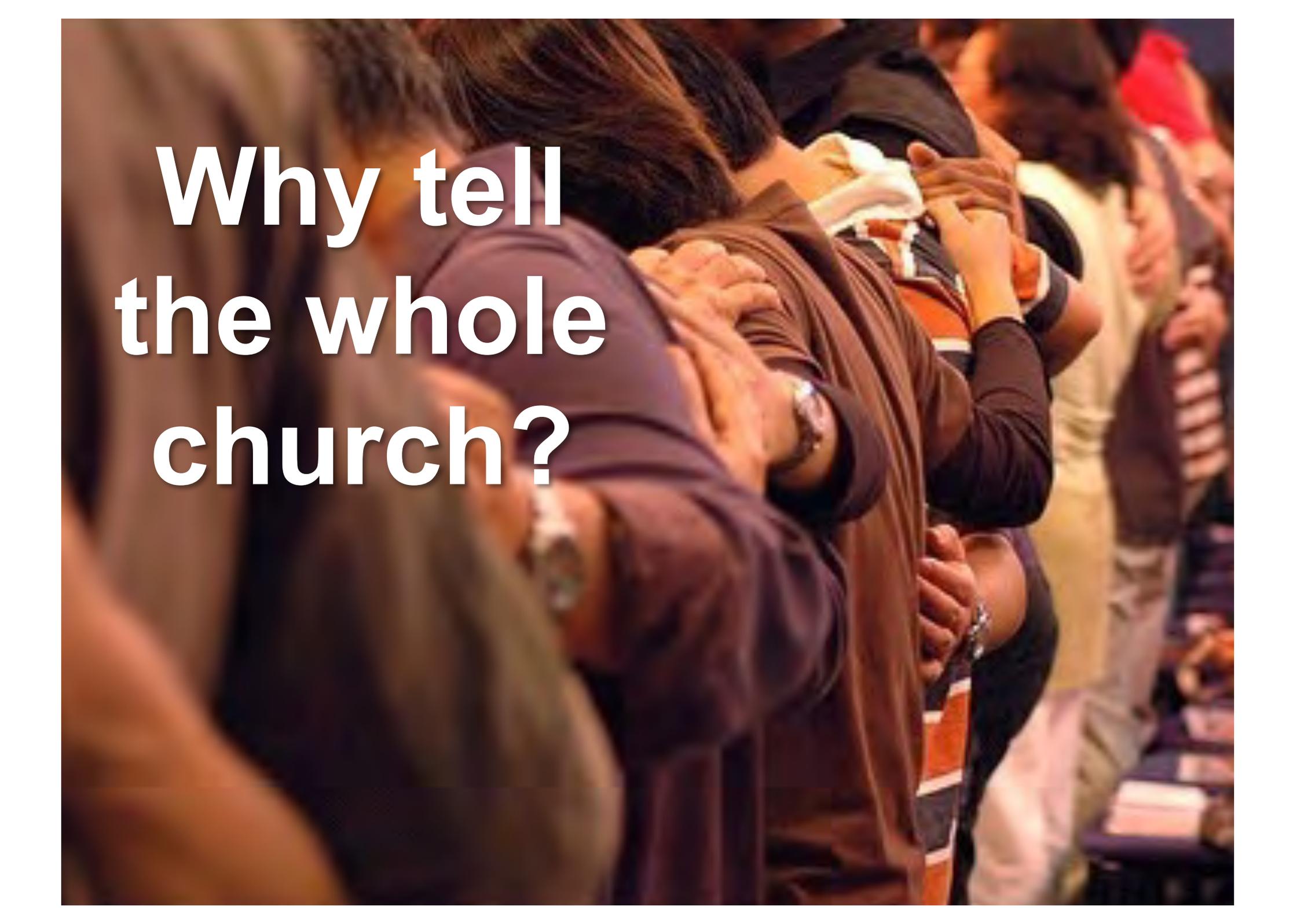
Step 3 to Restoration

Expose the sin to the entire church



S = Sinner

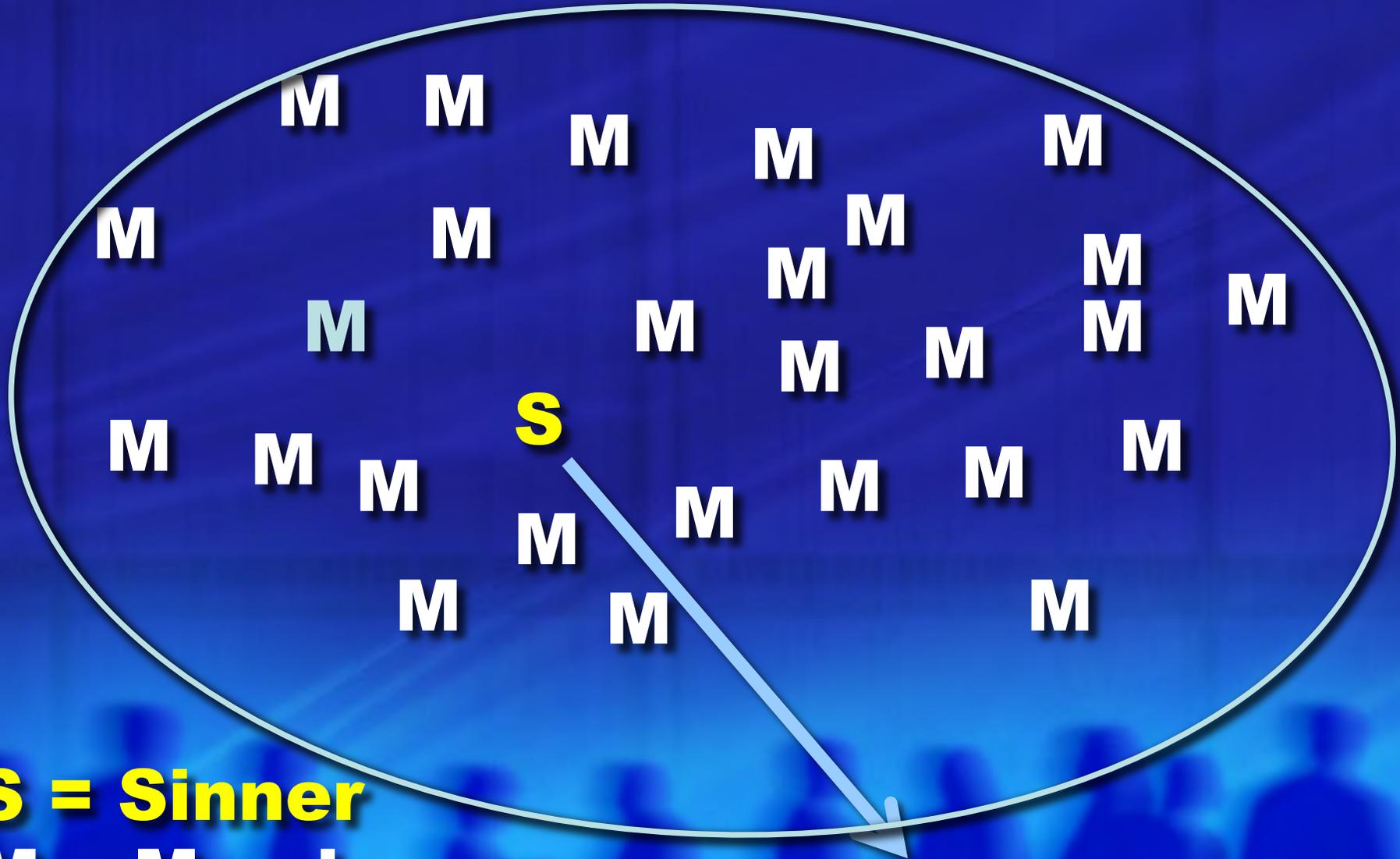
M = Member

A photograph of a church congregation during a service. The people are seen from the back, with their hands clasped in prayer. The lighting is warm and focused on the group. The text "Why tell the whole church?" is overlaid in white on the left side of the image.

**Why tell
the whole
church?**

Step 4 to Restoration

Treat the person like an unbeliever



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S

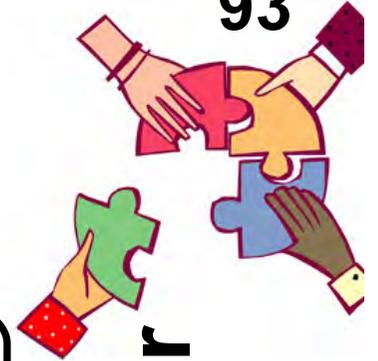
How NOT to Discipline



EXCOMMUNICATE !

How to Discipline Him/Her

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- Don't refer to him/her as a Christian.
 - Evangelize this person.
 - Don't let him/her take the Lord's Supper.
 - Remove the person from membership.
 - Remove this person from church roles.
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- “Deliver over to Satan” one in sex sin (1 Cor. 5:5).
 - Don't eat with him/her (1 Cor. 5:11).
 - Prohibit him/her from attending church?

Unbeliever

Worse

I. Keep the
matter as
private as
possible (15-
17).



God's 4-step restoring process...



...reveals the issue to
more people each step



*Our 2nd question is answered in
verses 18-20:*

Why do we restore sinning
Christians properly?



**The Point of
Verses 18-20**

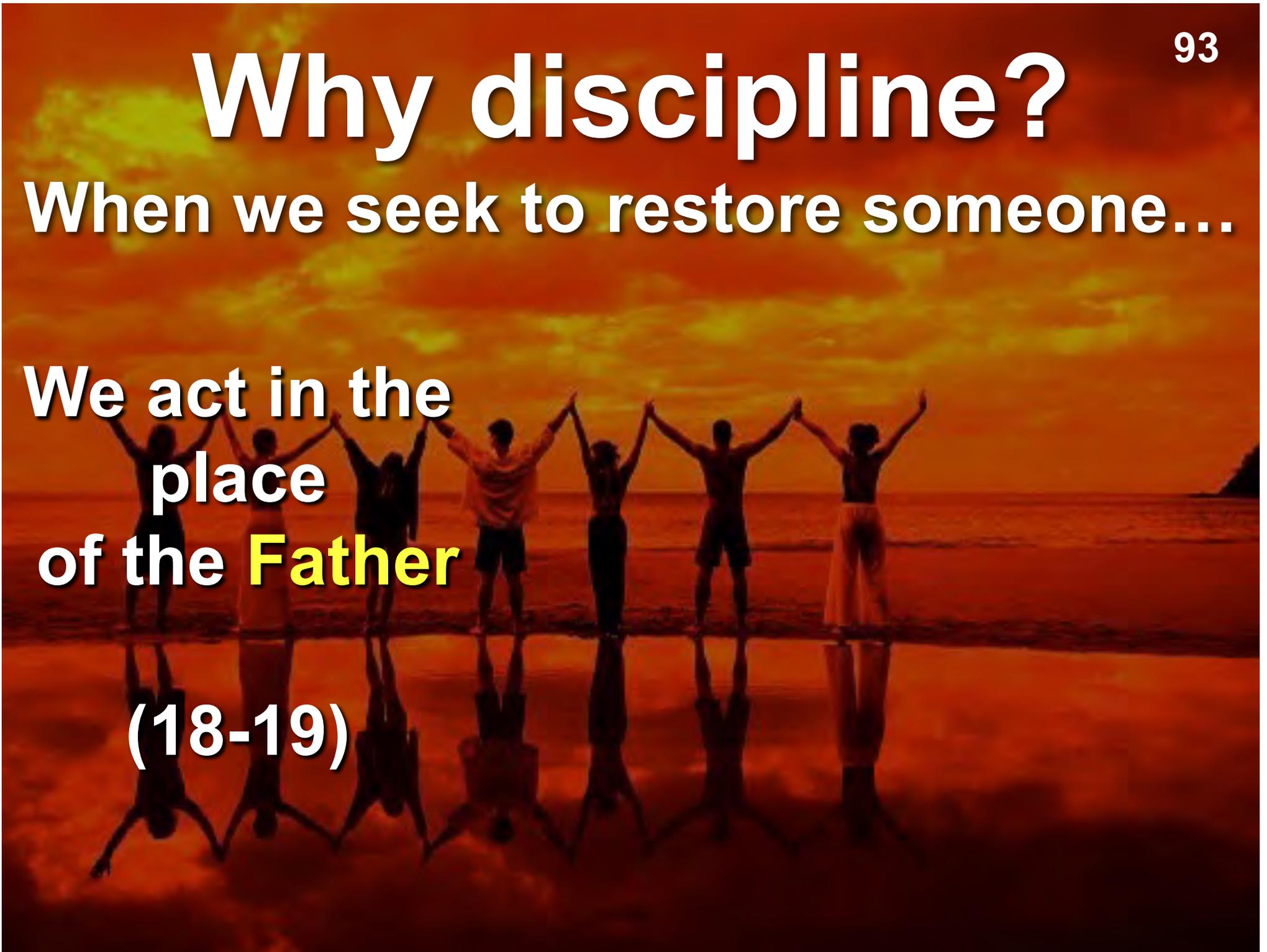
**II. Our church
extends God's
authority!**

Why discipline?

When we seek to restore someone...

We act in the
place
of the **Father**

(18-19)



NAU is a Better Translation...⁹³

NIV “I tell you the truth, whatever you bind on earth **will be** bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth **will be** loosed in heaven.”

NAU “Truly I say to you, whatever you bind on earth **shall have been** bound in heaven; and whatever you loose on earth **shall have been** loosed in heaven.”

Matthew 18:19

"Again, I tell you that if **two of you** on earth agree about anything you ask for, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven"
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We act in the
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(20)

Matthew 18:20



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two or three
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am with them"
(NIV).

Exegetical Idea: The **reason** the church should restore a sinning Christian correctly is because it extends God's authority.



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- I. (15-17) The **manner** in which the church should correctly restore a sinning Christian is by keeping the matter as private as possible.
- II. (18-20) The **reason** the church can restore or continue to seek to restore errant believers is because it extends the authority of God Himself.

Matthew 18:15-20

Exegetical Idea: The **reason** the church should restore a sinning Christian correctly is because this restoration is carried out as an extension of God's authority.

Main Idea: 

We must restore
sinning members
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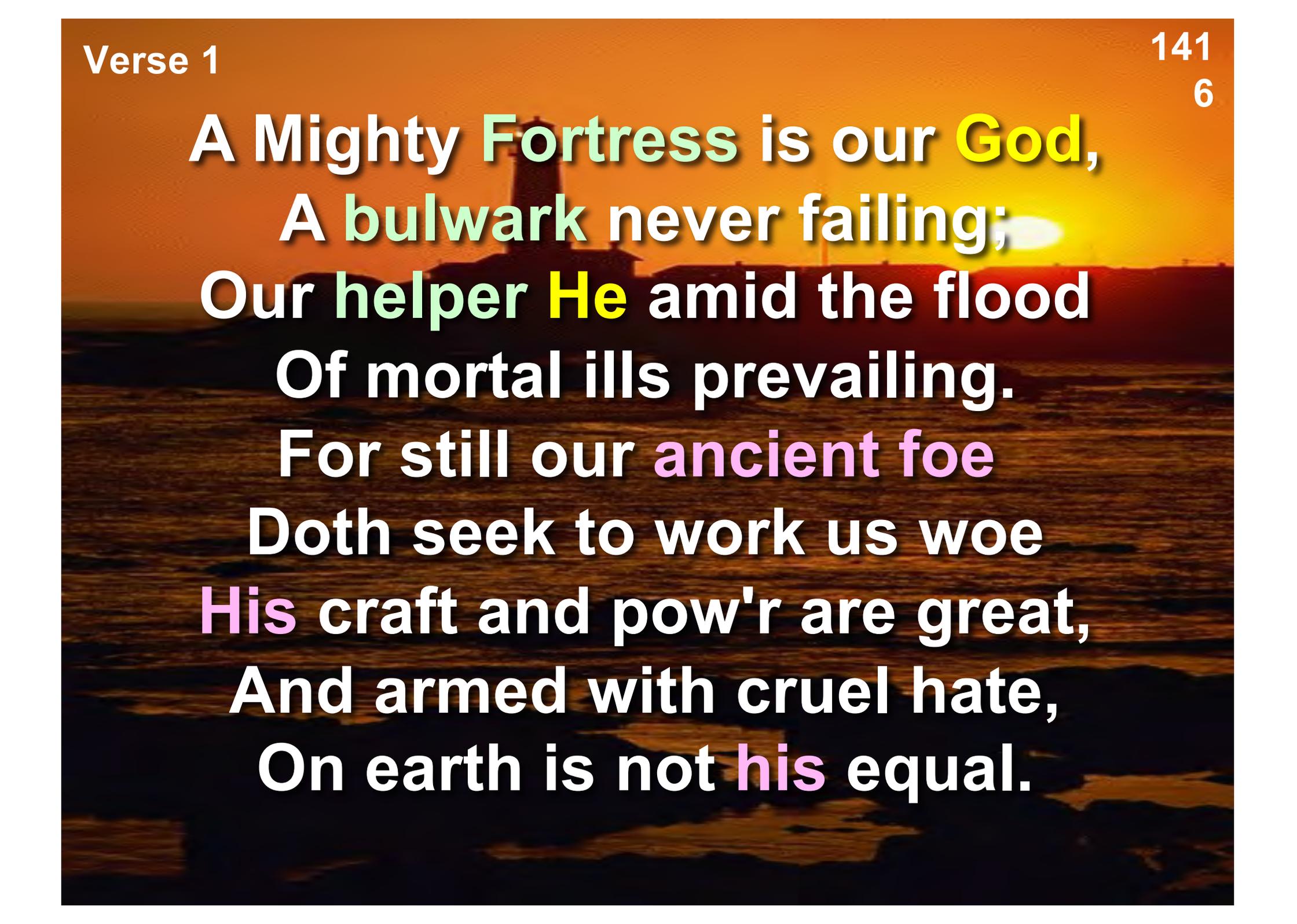
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We can exegete music too

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- ✓ Summarize "A Mighty Fortress" in a sentence on page 6

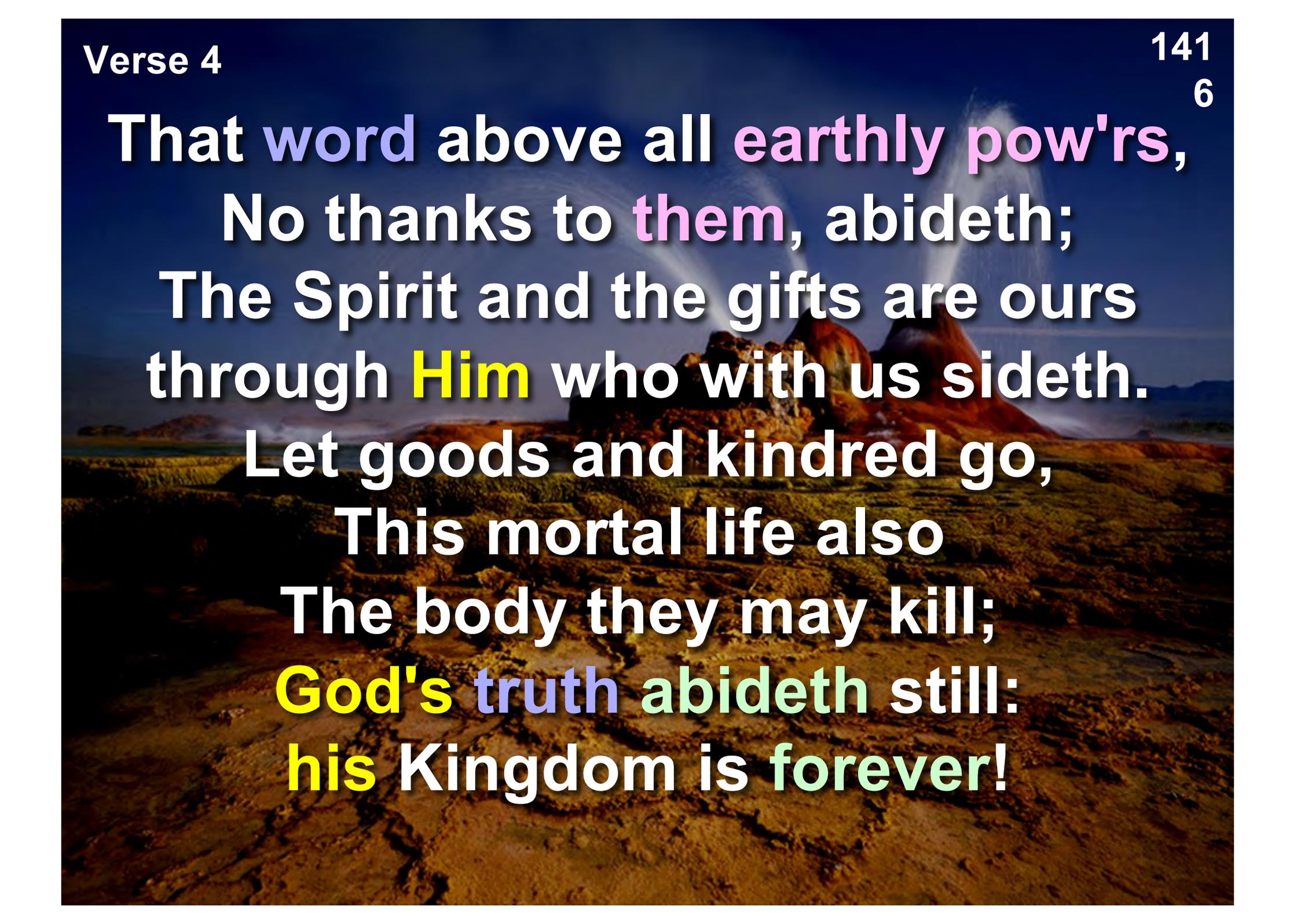


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From age to age the same,
And **He** must **win** the battle.

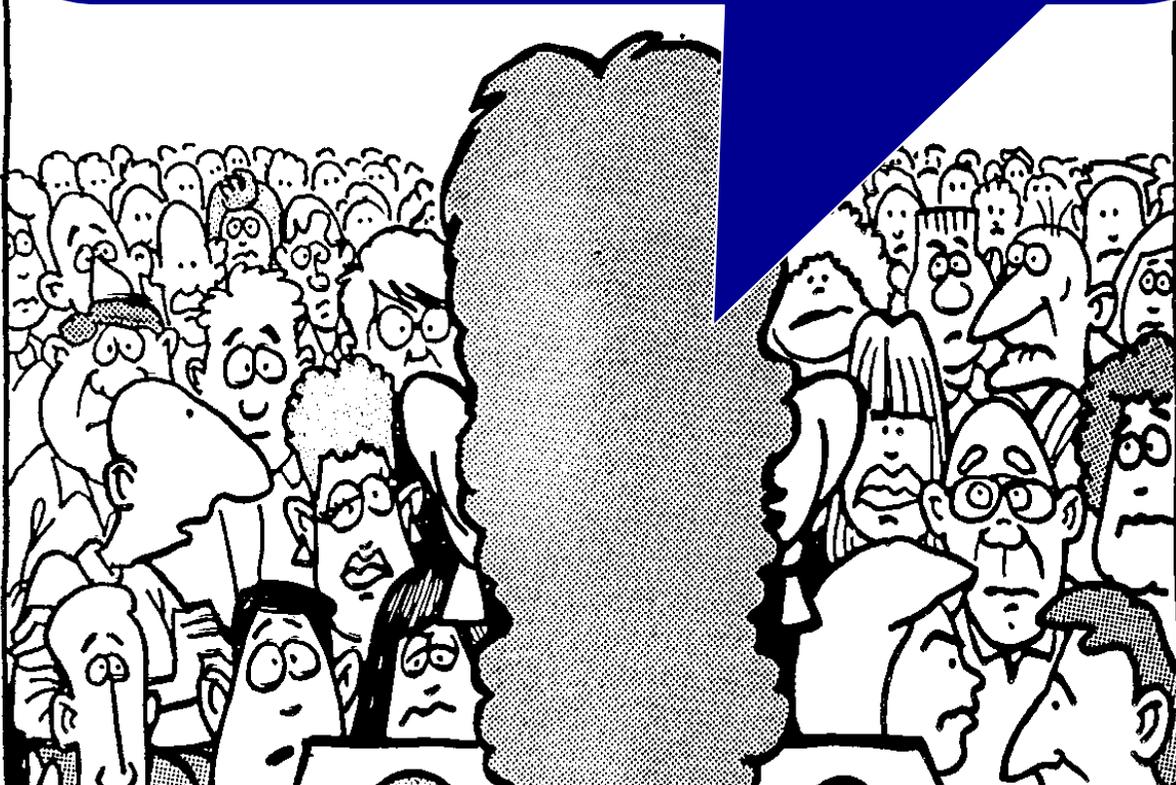
And tho' this world, with devils filled,
Should threaten to undo us,
We will not fear, for God hath willed
His truth to triumph through us.
The prince of darkness grim,
We tremble not for him,
his rage we can endure,
For lo, his doom is sure:
One little word shall fell him.



That word above all earthly pow'rs,
No thanks to them, abideth;
The Spirit and the gifts are ours
through Him who with us sideth.
Let goods and kindred go,
This mortal life also
The body they may kill;
God's truth abideth still:
his Kingdom is forever!

Today my talk will focus on Evolution vs Creation, the Prolife movement and biblical inerrancy.

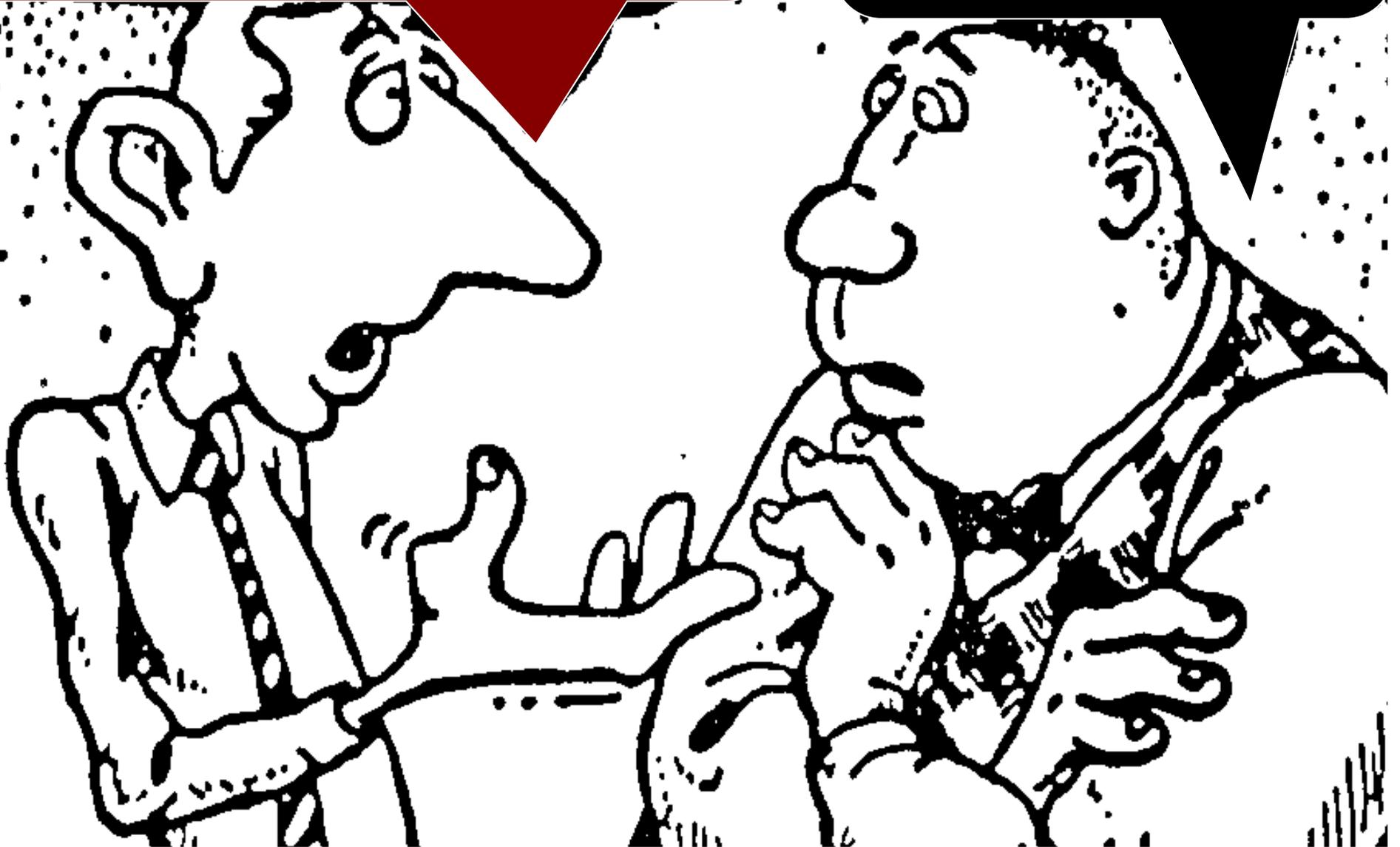
I'd like to start with a few comments on nuclear disarmament and how it relates to saving the whales.



**Every
talk
needs
focus!**

What do you do
for a living?

I work.



Could you be more
vague?

Be specific!



(Homiletics 27-28, 251)

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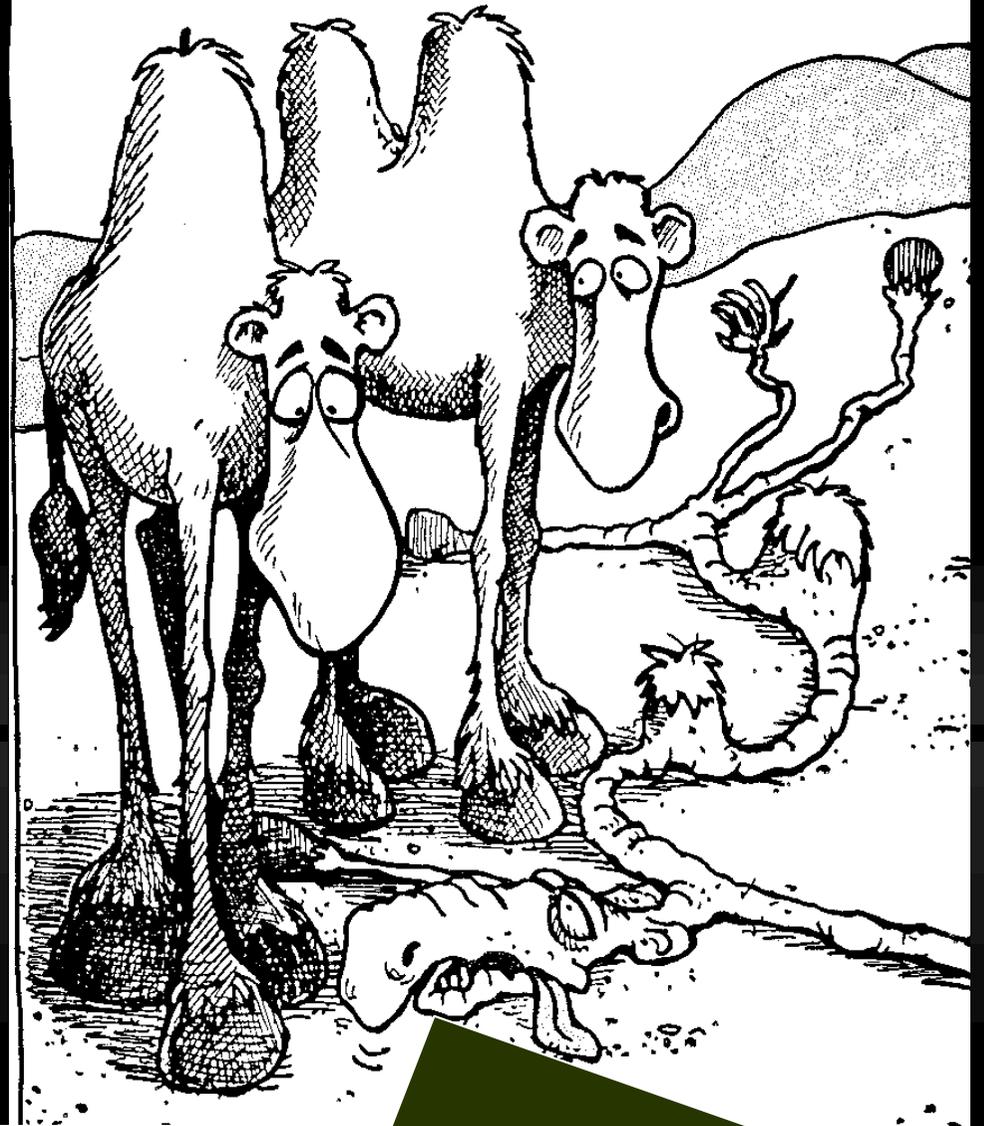
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How did you get your
subject-complement for
"A Mighty Fortress"
(Assignment #2 on p. 6)?

A good process can help get the right meaning of the text



I knew that sooner or later some idiot would want to see just how hard it is to get a rich man into heaven.

Three Steps to Exegetical Outlining (Basic Form)

A. Reword each verse to remove all figures of speech.

For example, what does it mean to have God as "A Mighty Fortress"?

Aphek Turkish Fortress



Nimrod's Fortress



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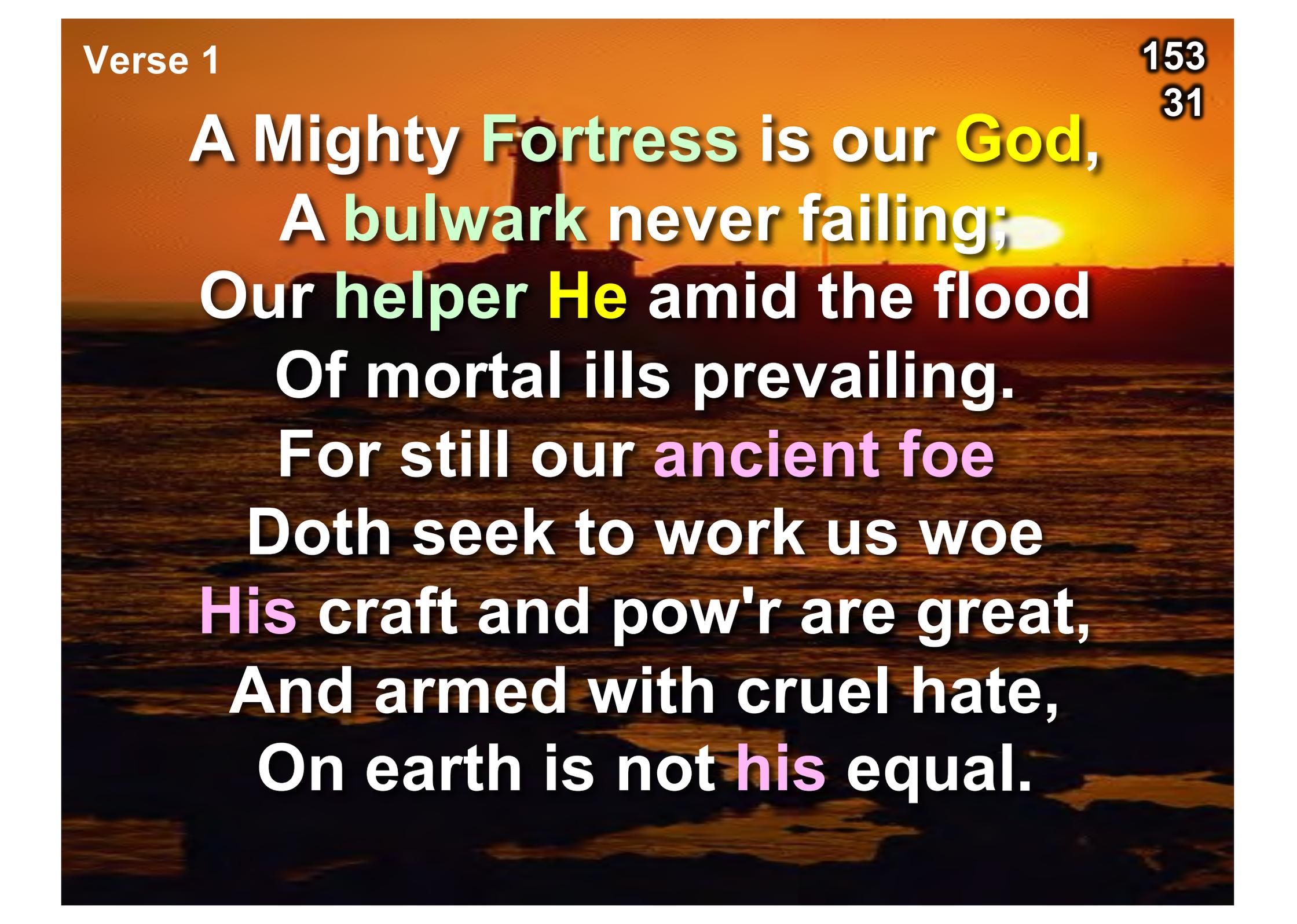
**God chose Christ as our
omnipotent and eternal strength
for victory [over Satan] (2)**

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**I. God has provided triumph over
Satan only through Christ (1-2).**

Needed in Your Main Idea...

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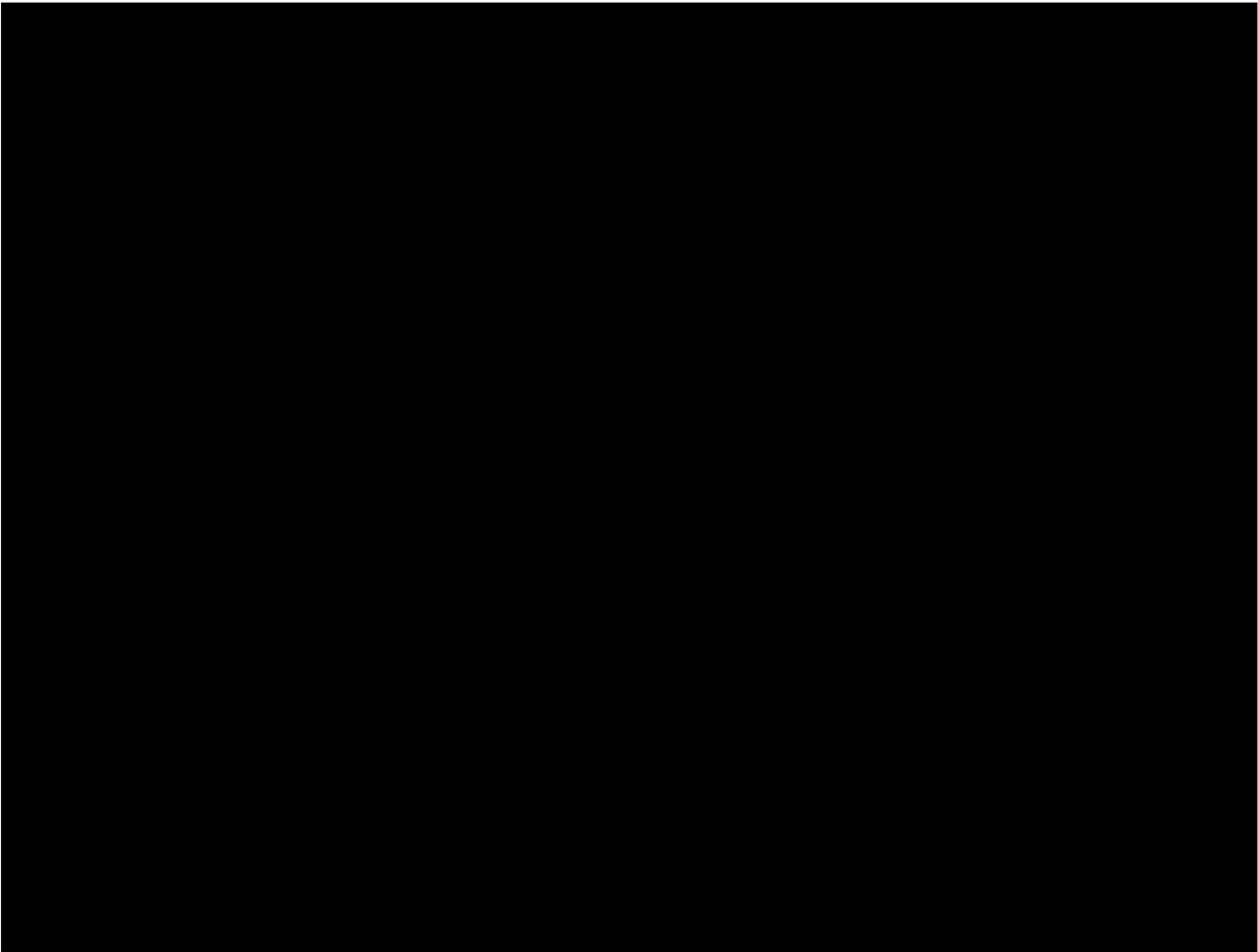
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