



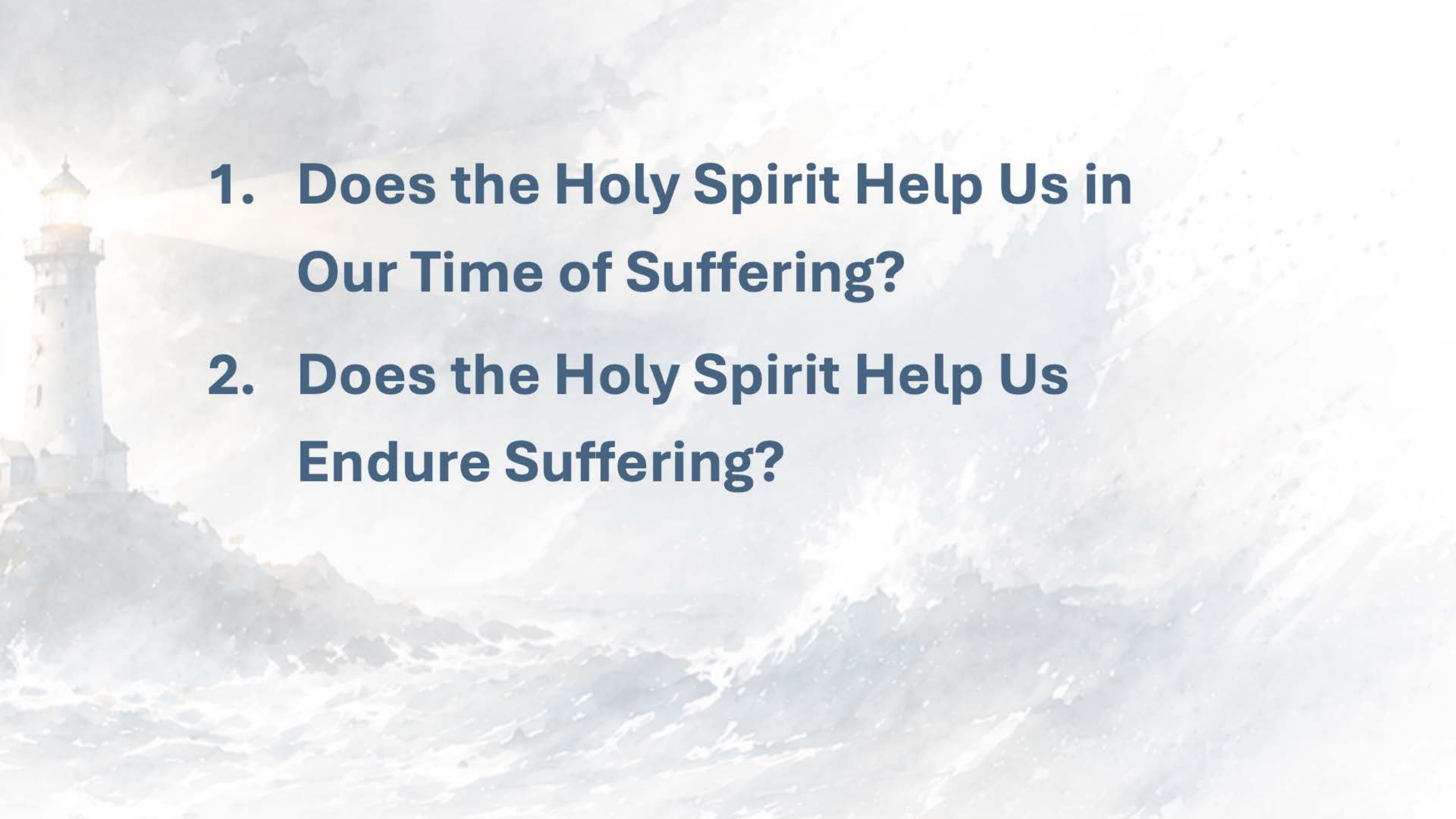
THE PRESENCE

LIVING LIFE WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT

A lighthouse on a rocky cliff with a beam of light shining across a stormy sea.

The Comforting Presence

Empowered to Endure Sufferings

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- A lighthouse on a rocky island with waves crashing against the shore. The lighthouse is white with a yellow light. The sky is blue with white clouds. The water is dark blue with white foam from the waves.
- 1. Does the Holy Spirit Help Us in Our Time of Suffering?**
 - 2. Does the Holy Spirit Help Us Endure Suffering?**

A lighthouse on a rocky shore with a beam of light shining across a stormy sea. The lighthouse is on the left, and the beam of light extends from it towards the right, illuminating the text. The sea is turbulent with white-capped waves, and the sky is filled with dramatic, grey clouds.

**The Holy Spirit Comforts Us in Times of
Pain and Loneliness**

**The Holy Spirit Is
Our Comforter**

John 14:26

²⁵ “All this I have spoken while still with you. ²⁶ But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you all things and will remind you of everything I have said to you. ²⁷ Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid.



A lighthouse on a rocky island with a beam of light shining across a stormy sea. The lighthouse is white with a dark top section. The sea is dark and turbulent, with white foam from the waves. The sky is filled with dark, heavy clouds, and the overall atmosphere is dramatic and powerful. The text is centered in the middle of the image.

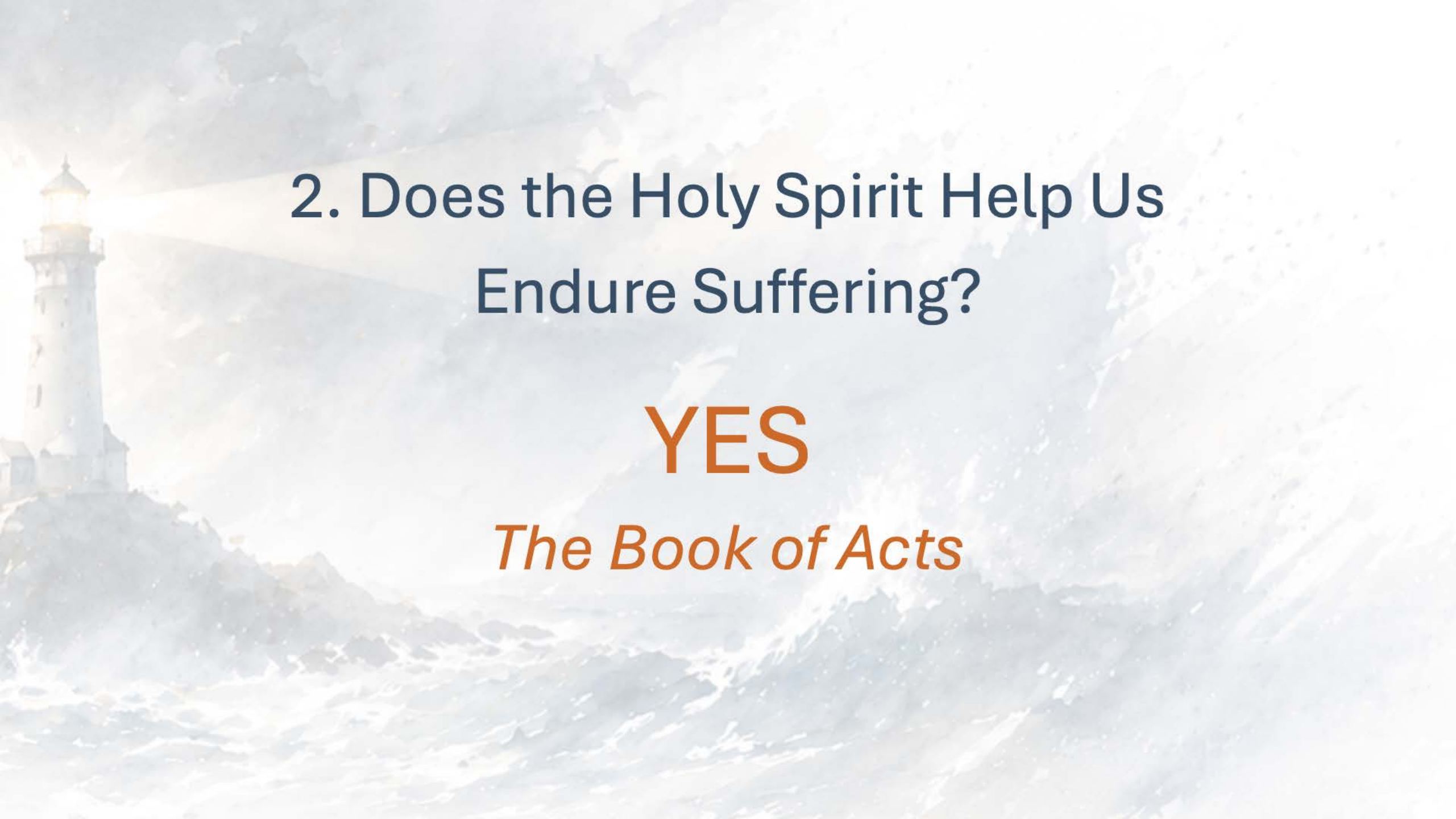
The Holy Spirit Helps Us in Our Weakness



Romans 8:26-28

²⁶ In the same way, the Spirit helps us in our weakness. We do not know what we ought to pray for, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us through wordless groans. ²⁷ And he who searches our hearts knows the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for God's people in accordance with the will of God.



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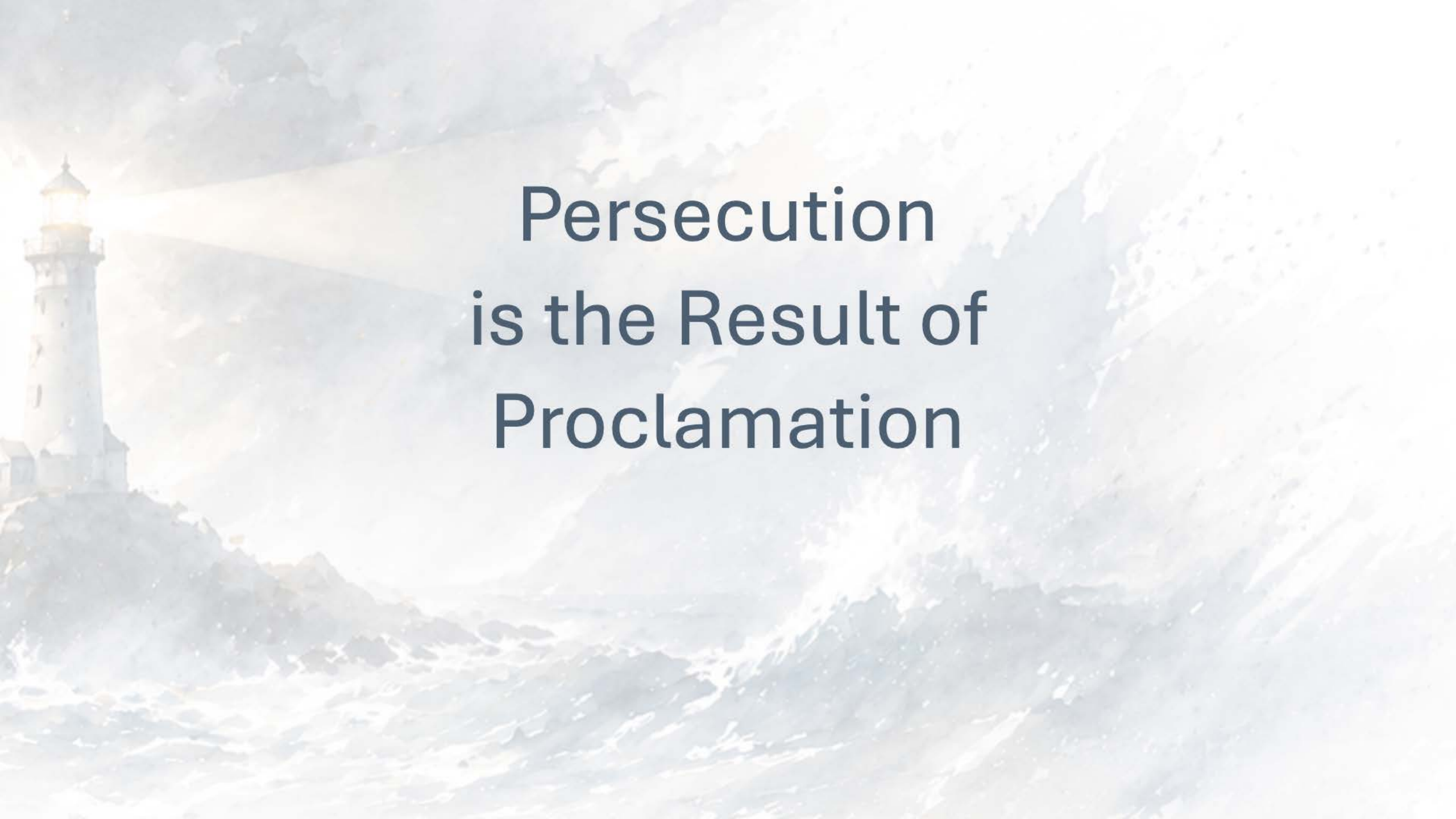
2. Does the Holy Spirit Help Us Endure Suffering?

YES

The Book of Acts

A watercolor-style illustration of a lighthouse on a rocky island. A powerful beam of light emanates from the lighthouse, shining across a turbulent, stormy sea. The sky is filled with dark, swirling clouds, and the waves are depicted with white foam, suggesting a fierce storm. The overall mood is one of resilience and guidance amidst adversity.

Suffering = Persecution

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Persecution
is the Result of
Proclamation



For Proclamation
to **Prevail**
They Needed Some Serious
Power

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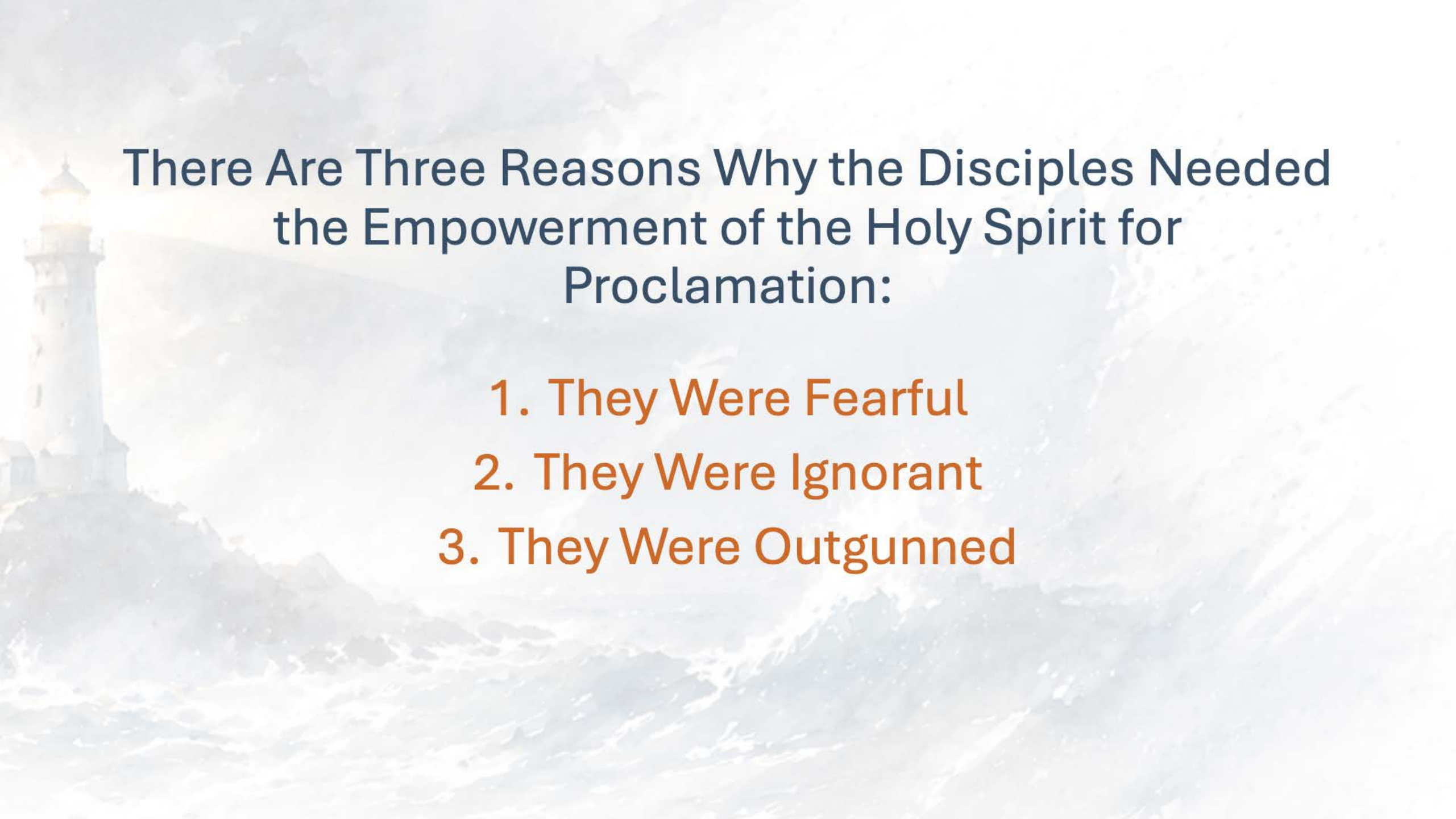
The Source
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I Completely Misunderstood the
Purpose of the Spirit's Empowerment!

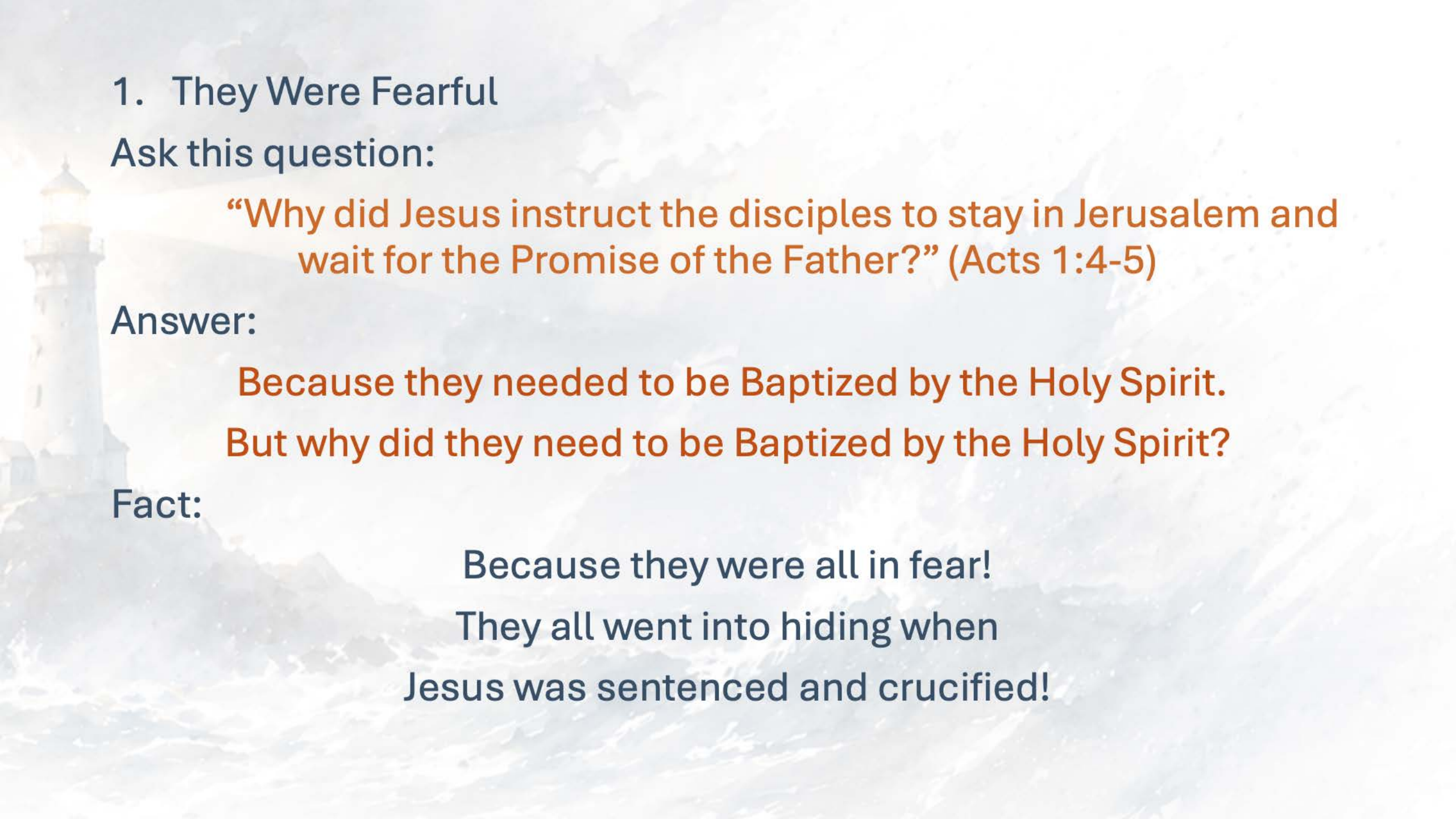




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There Are Three Reasons Why the Disciples Needed the Empowerment of the Holy Spirit for Proclamation:

1. They Were Fearful
2. They Were Ignorant
3. They Were Outgunned



1. They Were Fearful

Ask this question:

“Why did Jesus instruct the disciples to stay in Jerusalem and wait for the Promise of the Father?” (Acts 1:4-5)

Answer:

Because they needed to be Baptized by the Holy Spirit.
But why did they need to be Baptized by the Holy Spirit?

Fact:

Because they were all in fear!
They all went into hiding when
Jesus was sentenced and crucified!

Mark 14

⁵⁰ Then everyone deserted him and fled.

⁵¹ A young man, wearing nothing but a linen garment, was following Jesus. When they seized him,

⁵² he fled naked, leaving his garment behind.



Acts 2

¹ When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. ² Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting. ³ They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them. ⁴ All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them.



2. They Were Ignorant

Acts 18

²⁴ Meanwhile a Jew named Apollos, a native of Alexandria, came to Ephesus. He was a learned man, with a thorough knowledge of the Scriptures. ²⁵ He had been instructed in the way of the Lord,

2. They Were Ignorant

Acts 18

and he spoke with great fervor and taught about Jesus accurately, ***though he knew only the baptism of John.*** ²⁶ He began to speak boldly in the synagogue. When Priscilla and Aquila heard him, they invited him to their home and explained to him the way of God more adequately.

2. They Were Ignorant

Acts 19

¹ While Apollos was at Corinth, Paul took the road through the interior and arrived at Ephesus. There he found some disciples ² and asked them,

“Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you believed?”

They answered, “No, we have not even heard that there is a Holy Spirit.”

2. They Were Ignorant

Acts 19

³ So Paul asked, “Then what baptism did you receive?”

“John’s baptism,” they replied.

⁴ Paul said, “***John’s baptism was a baptism of repentance.*** He told the people to believe in the one coming after him, that is, in Jesus.”

2. They Were Ignorant

Acts 19

⁵ On hearing this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. ⁶ ***When Paul placed his hands on them, the Holy Spirit came on them, and they spoke in tongues and prophesied.*** ⁷ There were about twelve men in all.

3. They Were Outgunned

A good example is the Apostle Paul:

- Paul was not fearful of anything.
- Paul was not inadequate in knowledge.
- But why did Paul need to be Empowered by the Holy Spirit?

Answer: So that Paul could “endure suffering” because he would not stop proclaiming.



Acts 20

⁷ On the first day of the week we came together to break bread. Paul spoke to the people and, because he intended to leave the next day, kept on talking until midnight. ⁸ There were many lamps in the upstairs room where we were meeting.

Acts 20

⁹ Seated in a window was a young man named Eutychus, who was sinking into a deep sleep as Paul talked on and on. When he was sound asleep, he fell to the ground from the third story and was picked up dead.





¹⁰ Paul went down,
threw himself on the young
man and put his arms around
him. “Don’t be alarmed,” he said.
“He’s alive!”

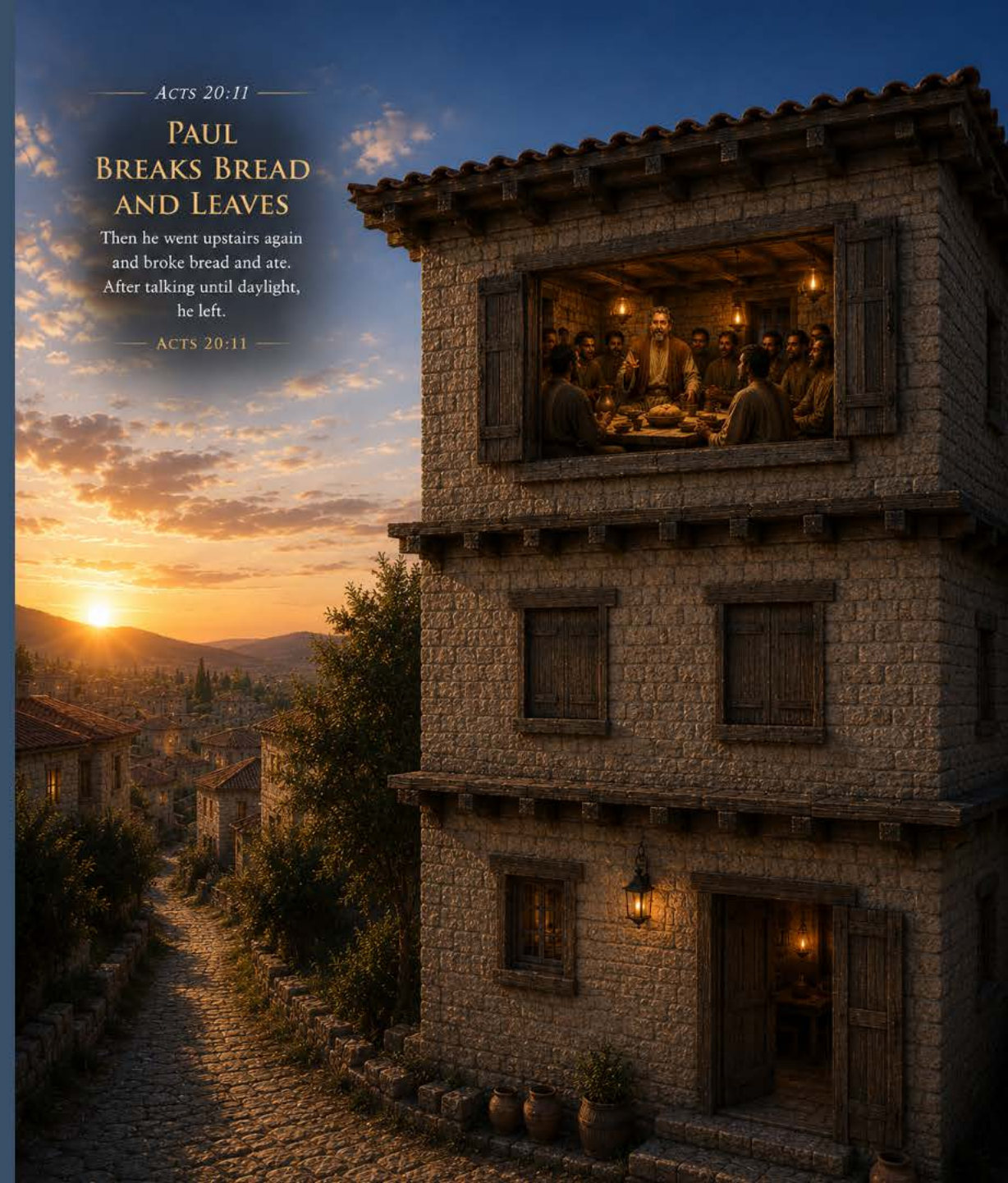
¹¹ Then he went upstairs again and broke bread and ate. *After talking until daylight*, he left. ¹² The people took the young man home alive and were greatly comforted.

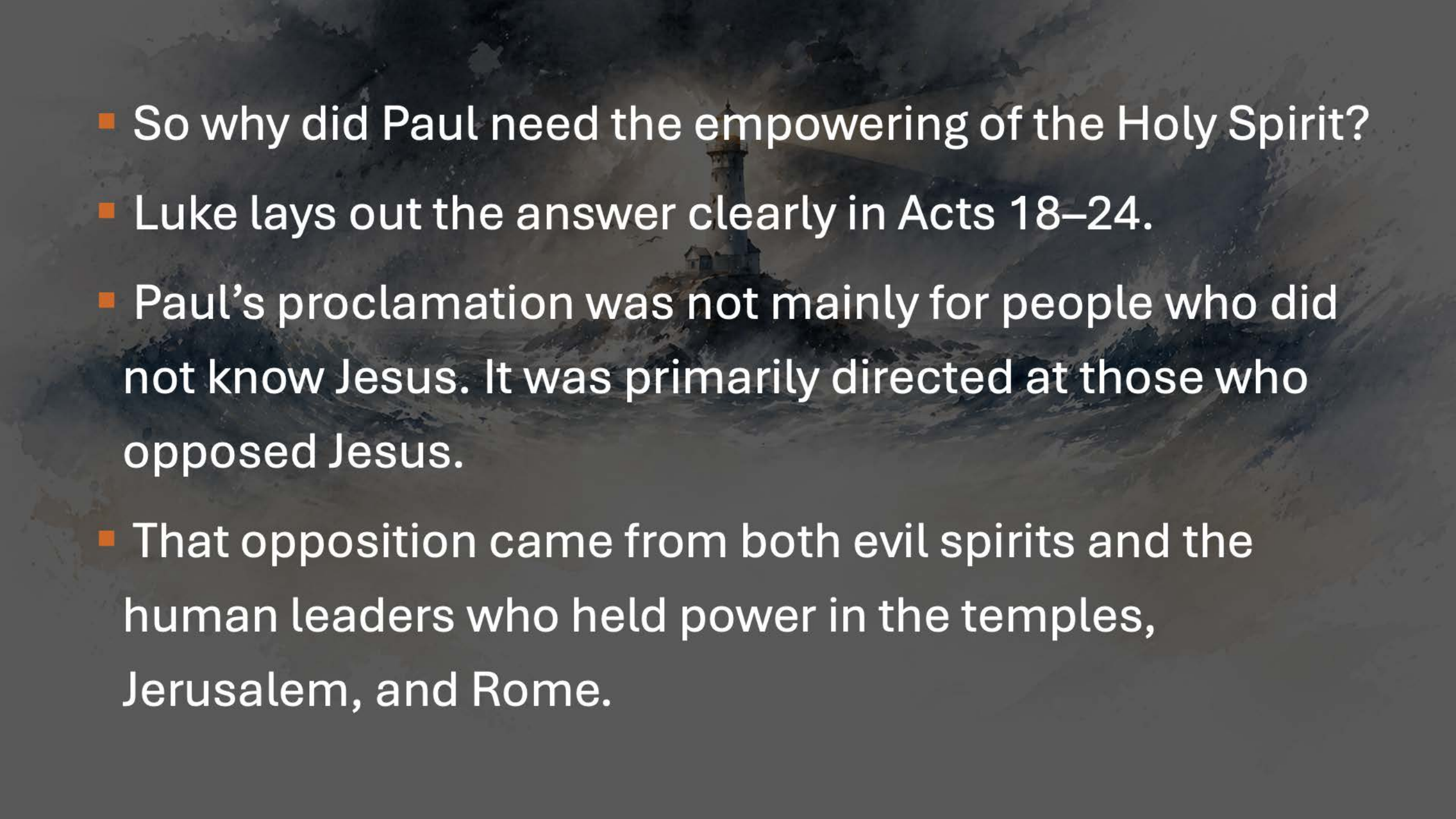
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PAUL BREAKS BREAD AND LEAVES

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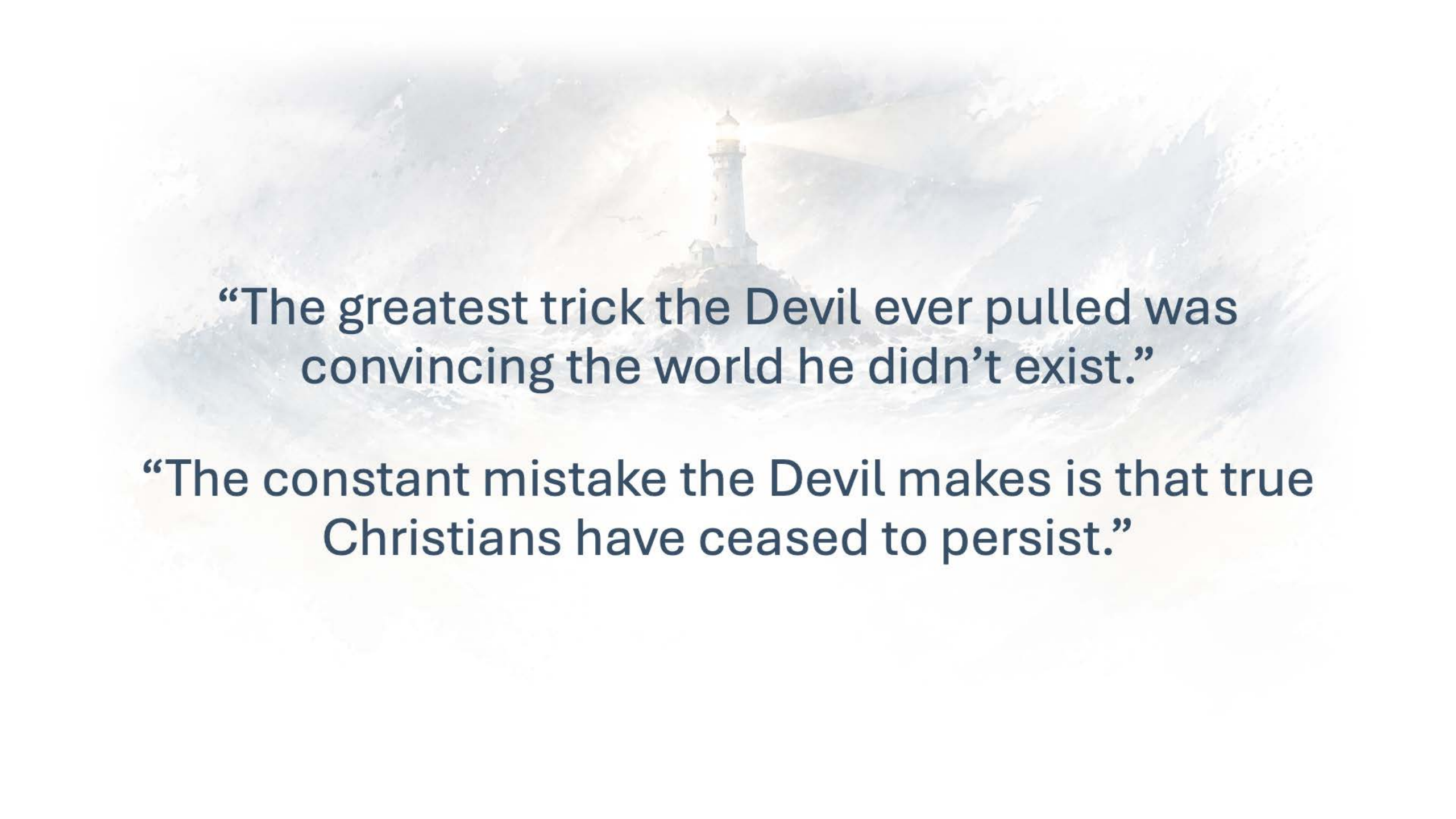


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- So why did Paul need the empowering of the Holy Spirit?
 - Luke lays out the answer clearly in Acts 18–24.
 - Paul's proclamation was not mainly for people who did not know Jesus. It was primarily directed at those who opposed Jesus.
 - That opposition came from both evil spirits and the human leaders who held power in the temples, Jerusalem, and Rome.

Ephesians 6:12

For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms.



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“The greatest trick the Devil ever pulled was convincing the world he didn’t exist.”

“The constant mistake the Devil makes is that true Christians have ceased to persist.”

Acts 20

²² “And now, compelled by the Spirit, I am going to Jerusalem, not knowing what will happen to me there. ²³ I only know that in every city the Holy Spirit warns me that prison and hardships are facing me. ²⁴ However, I consider my life worth nothing to me; my only aim is to finish the race and complete the task the Lord Jesus has given me—the task of testifying to the good news of God’s grace.









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