

**Kingwood Church
of Christ**

CONNECTING THE DOTS WITH PRAYER

The Kingwood Church of Christ exists to fearlessly
make and grow committed disciples of Jesus.







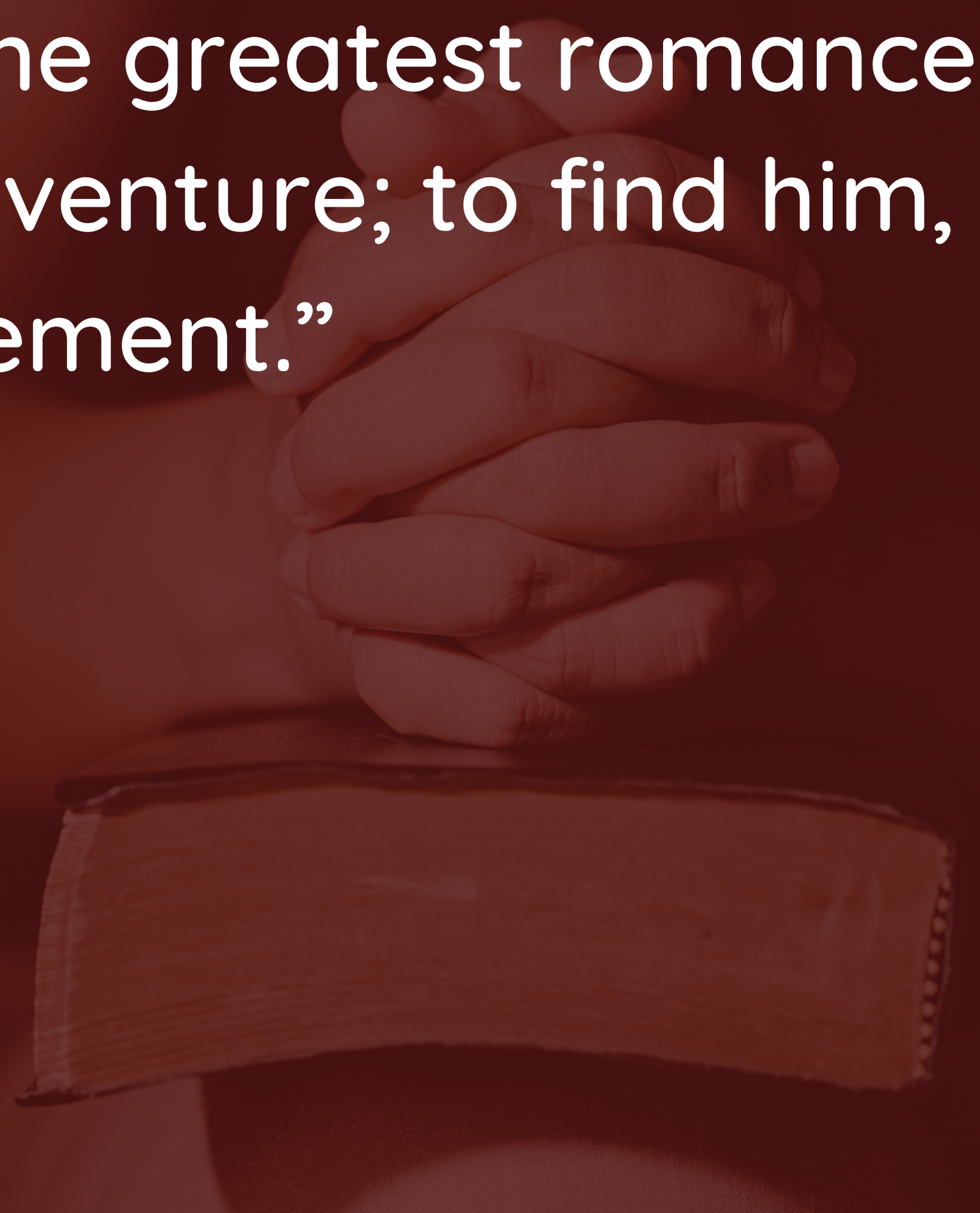


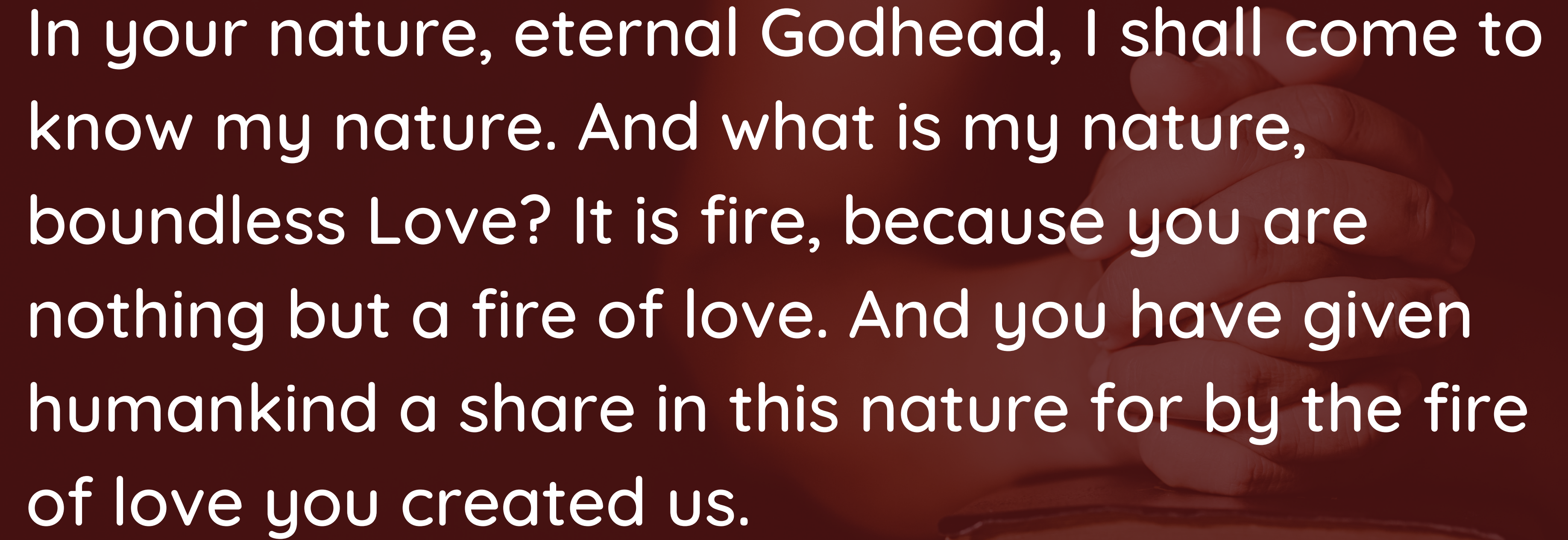




“To fall in love with God is the greatest romance; to seek him the greatest adventure; to find him, the greatest human achievement.”

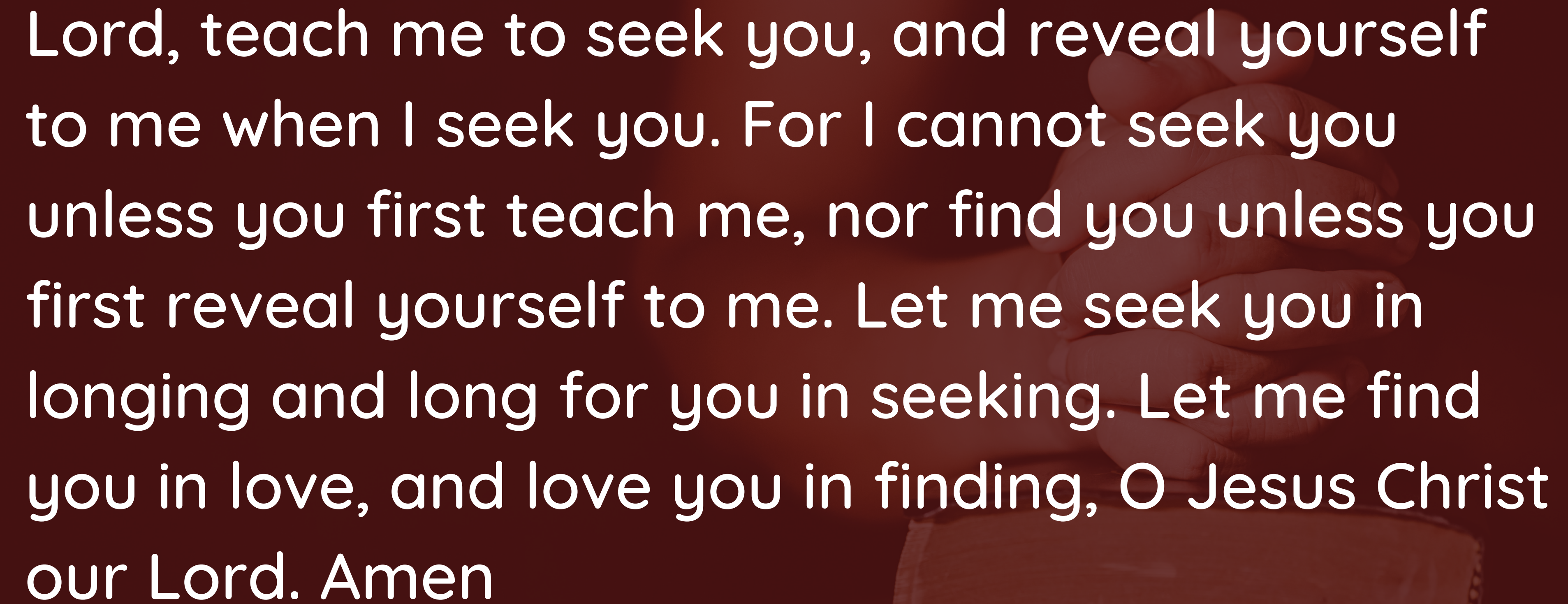
Augustine





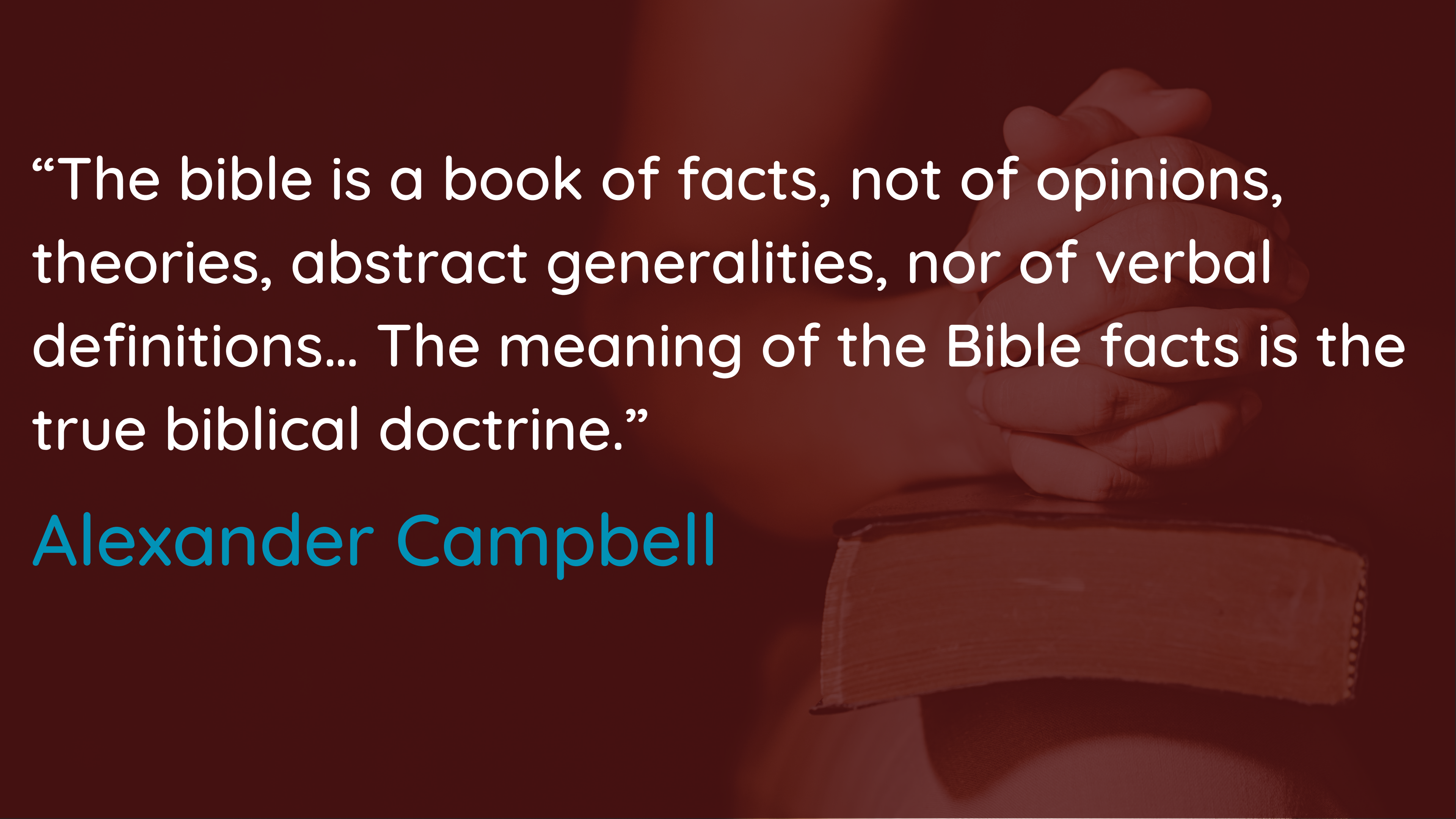
In your nature, eternal Godhead, I shall come to know my nature. And what is my nature, boundless Love? It is fire, because you are nothing but a fire of love. And you have given humankind a share in this nature for by the fire of love you created us.

Catherine of Siena



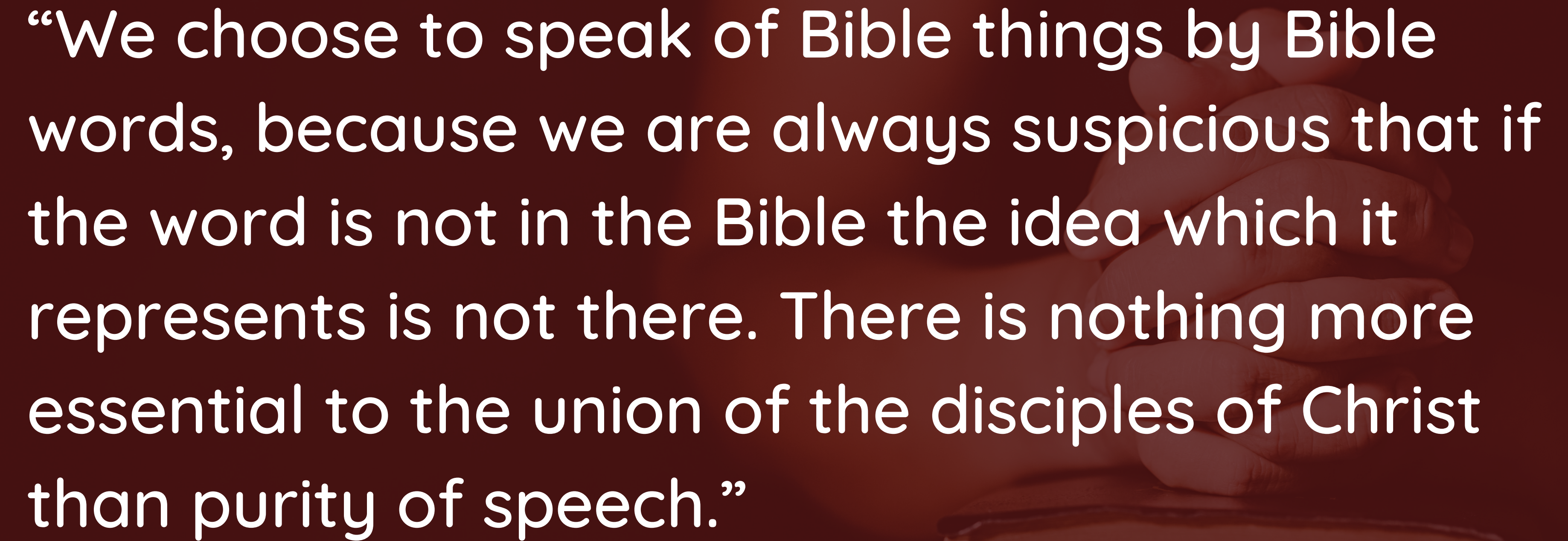
Lord, teach me to seek you, and reveal yourself to me when I seek you. For I cannot seek you unless you first teach me, nor find you unless you first reveal yourself to me. Let me seek you in longing and long for you in seeking. Let me find you in love, and love you in finding, O Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

St. Ambrose of Milan

A photograph of a person's hands clasped in prayer over an open Bible. The image is overlaid with a semi-transparent dark red filter. The text is white and cyan, positioned on the left side of the image.

“The bible is a book of facts, not of opinions, theories, abstract generalities, nor of verbal definitions... The meaning of the Bible facts is the true biblical doctrine.”

Alexander Campbell



“We choose to speak of Bible things by Bible words, because we are always suspicious that if the word is not in the Bible the idea which it represents is not there. There is nothing more essential to the union of the disciples of Christ than purity of speech.”

Alexander Campbell

A photograph of a person's hands clasped in prayer over an open book, with a dark red overlay. The text is centered over the image.

**FAITH BECAME MORE
MORAL THAN MYSTICAL**



**CHRISTIANS REPLACED
SEEKING GOD WITH DOING
AND BEING GOOD**



**THE GREATEST MISTAKE MADE WITH
PRAYER IS FORCING IT TO BE AN
EXPRESSION OF MORAL BEHAVIOR**

LUKE 10

After this the Lord appointed seventy-two others and sent them two by two ahead of him to every town and place where he was about to go. 2 He told them, "The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field. 3 Go! I am sending you out like lambs among wolves.

8 "When you enter a town and are welcomed, eat what is offered to you. 9 Heal the sick who are there and tell them, 'The kingdom of God has come near to you.'

LUKE 10

16 "Whoever listens to you listens to me; whoever rejects you rejects me; but whoever rejects me rejects him who sent me."

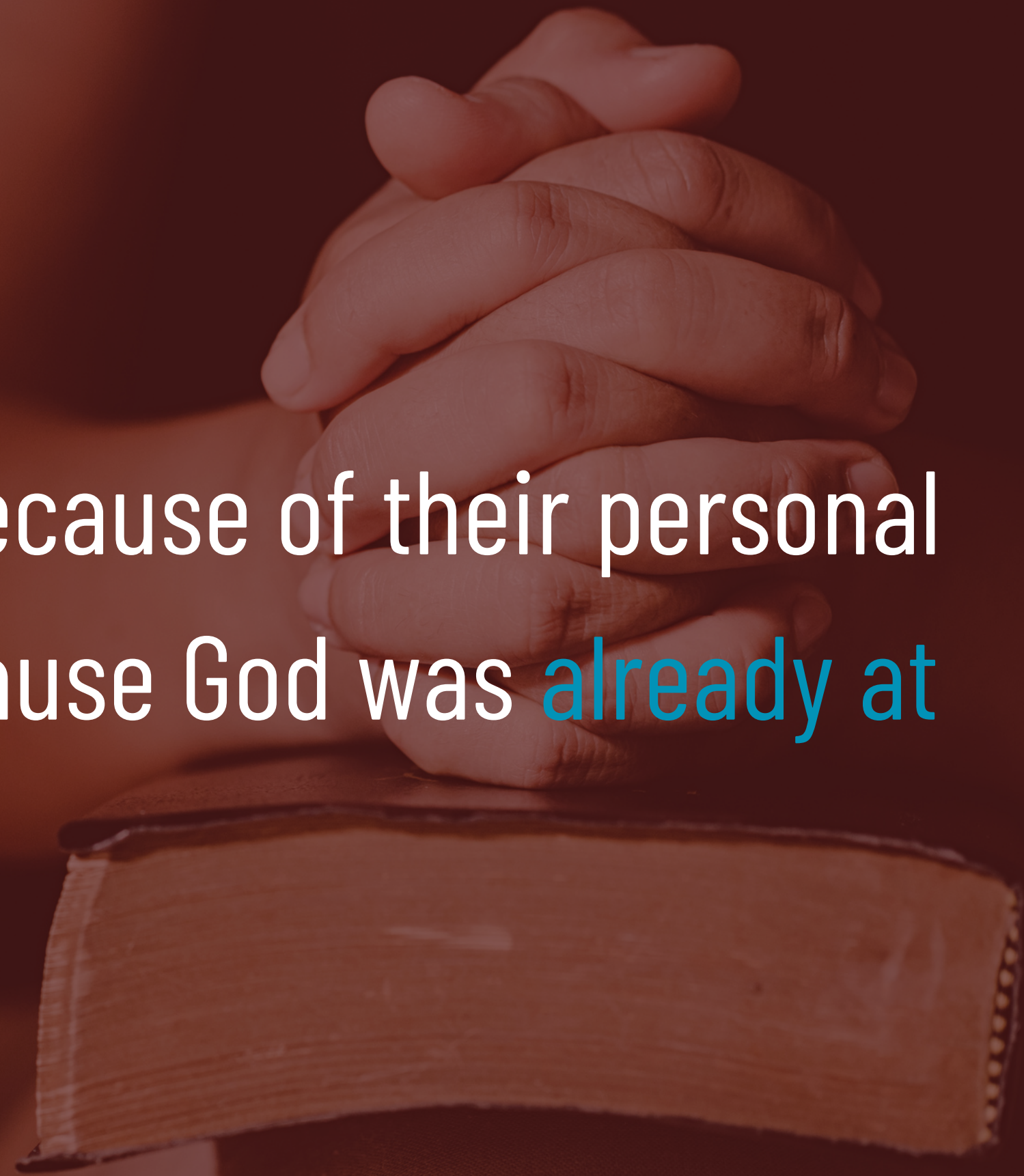
17 The seventy-two returned with joy and said, "Lord, even the demons submit to us in your name."

21 At that time Jesus, full of joy through the Holy Spirit, said, "I praise you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and learned, and revealed them to little children. Yes, Father, for this is what you were pleased to do."

LUKE 10

TAKEAWAYS

The apostles weren't successful because of their personal efforts. They were successful because God was **already at work** in those who said yes.



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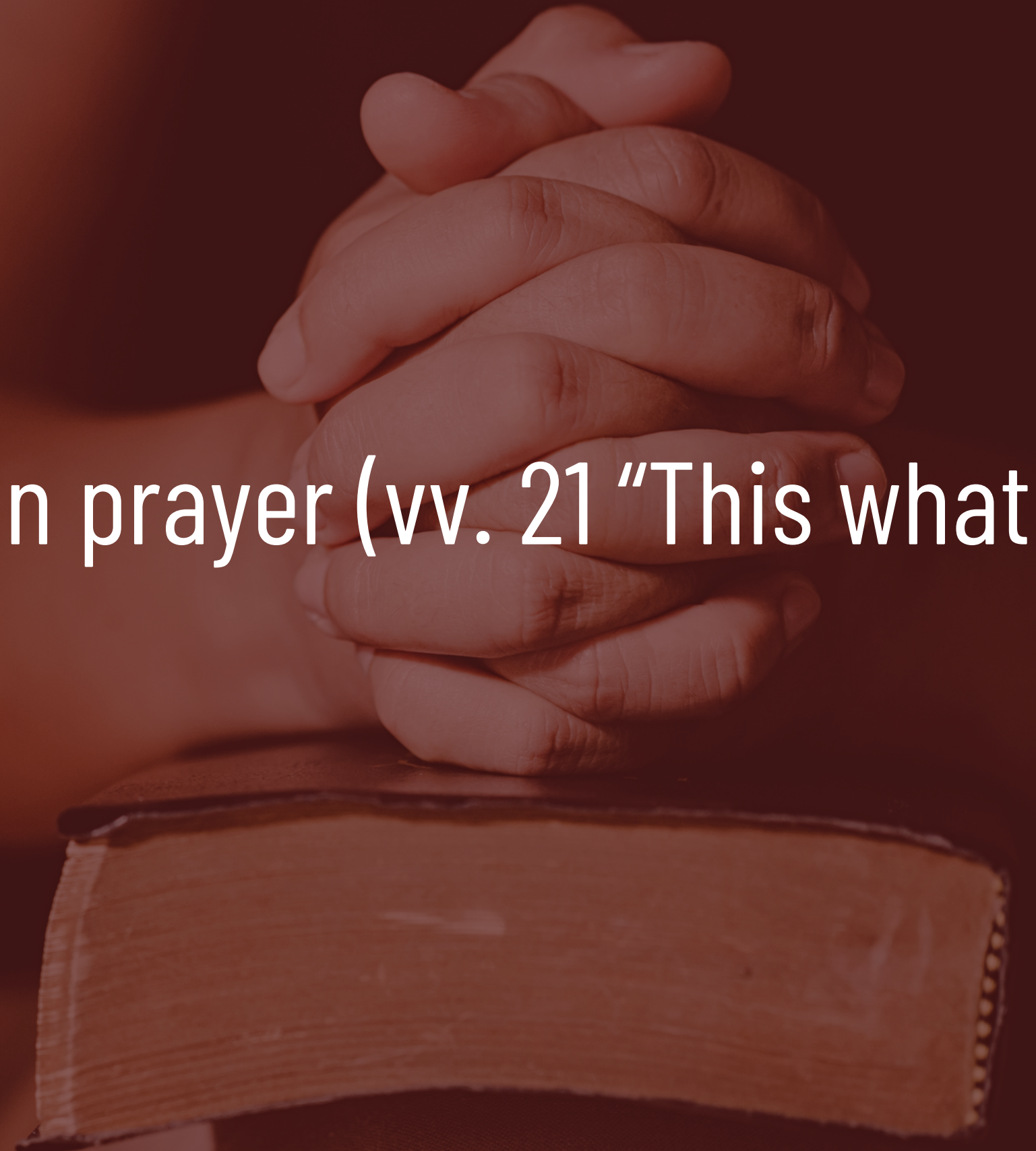
The emphasis is not upon **evangelism** but upon **fellowship**.
The apostles' role was that of outreach through fellowship.

A close-up photograph of a person's hands clasped in prayer, resting on an open book. The hands are positioned in a traditional prayer gesture, with fingers interlaced. The book is open, and the pages are visible. The background is a soft, out-of-focus light brown or beige color, suggesting a warm, indoor setting. The overall mood is one of devotion and contemplation.

LUKE 10

TAKEAWAYS

The entire experience was rooted in prayer (vv. 21 "This what **YOU** were pleased to do.")



ACTS 10

At Caesarea there was a man named Cornelius, a centurion in what was known as the Italian Regiment. 2 He and all his family were devout and God-fearing; he gave generously to those in need and prayed to God regularly. 3 One day at about three in the afternoon he had a vision. He distinctly saw an angel of God, who came to him and said, "Cornelius!" 4 Cornelius stared at him in fear. "What is it, Lord?" he asked. The angel answered, "Your prayers and gifts to the poor have come up as a memorial offering before God.

ACTS 10

5 Now send men to Joppa to bring back a man named Simon who is called Peter. 6 He is staying with Simon the tanner, whose house is by the sea.”

9 About noon the following day as they were on their journey and approaching the city, Peter went up on the roof to pray. 10 He became hungry and wanted something to eat, and while the meal was being prepared, he fell into a trance. 11 He saw heaven opened and something like a large sheet being let down to earth by its four corners.

ACTS 10

12 It contained all kinds of four-footed animals, as well as reptiles and birds. 13 Then a voice told him, "Get up, Peter. Kill and eat."

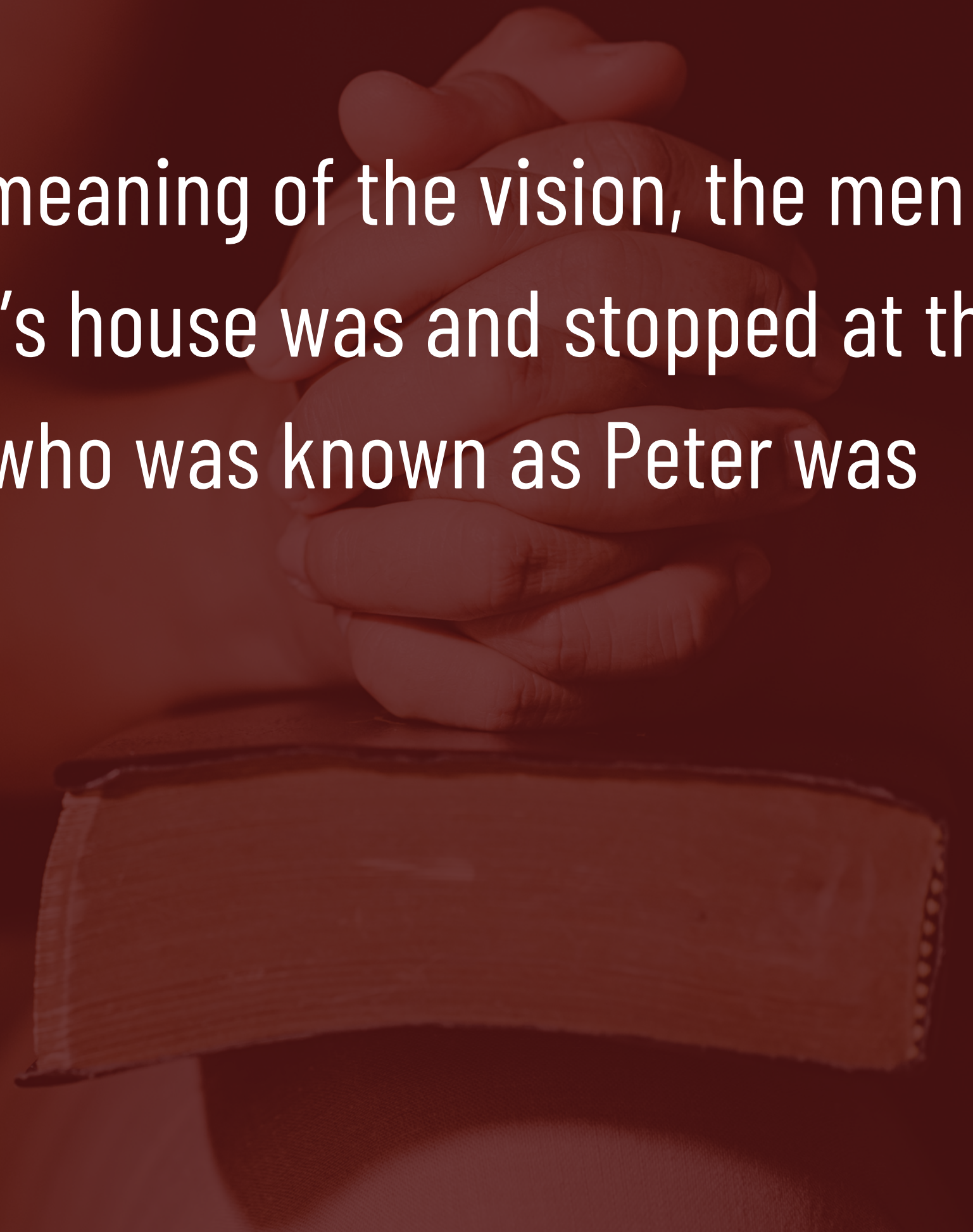
14 "Surely not, Lord!" Peter replied. "I have never eaten anything impure or unclean."

15 The voice spoke to him a second time, "Do not call anything impure that God has made clean."

16 This happened three times, and immediately the sheet was taken back to heaven.

ACTS 10

17 While Peter was wondering about the meaning of the vision, the men sent by Cornelius found out where Simon's house was and stopped at the gate. 18 They called out, asking if Simon who was known as Peter was staying there.





**OBEDIENCE IS NOT JUST KEEPING
COMMANDS OF SCRIPTURE**

**BUT RESPONDING TO WHAT GOD IS
CALLING US TO IN HIS ACTIVITY**



**PRAYER JOURNEY TODAY
IN THE AUDITORIUM**

3-5 PM

SUPERVISED PLAYGROUND

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