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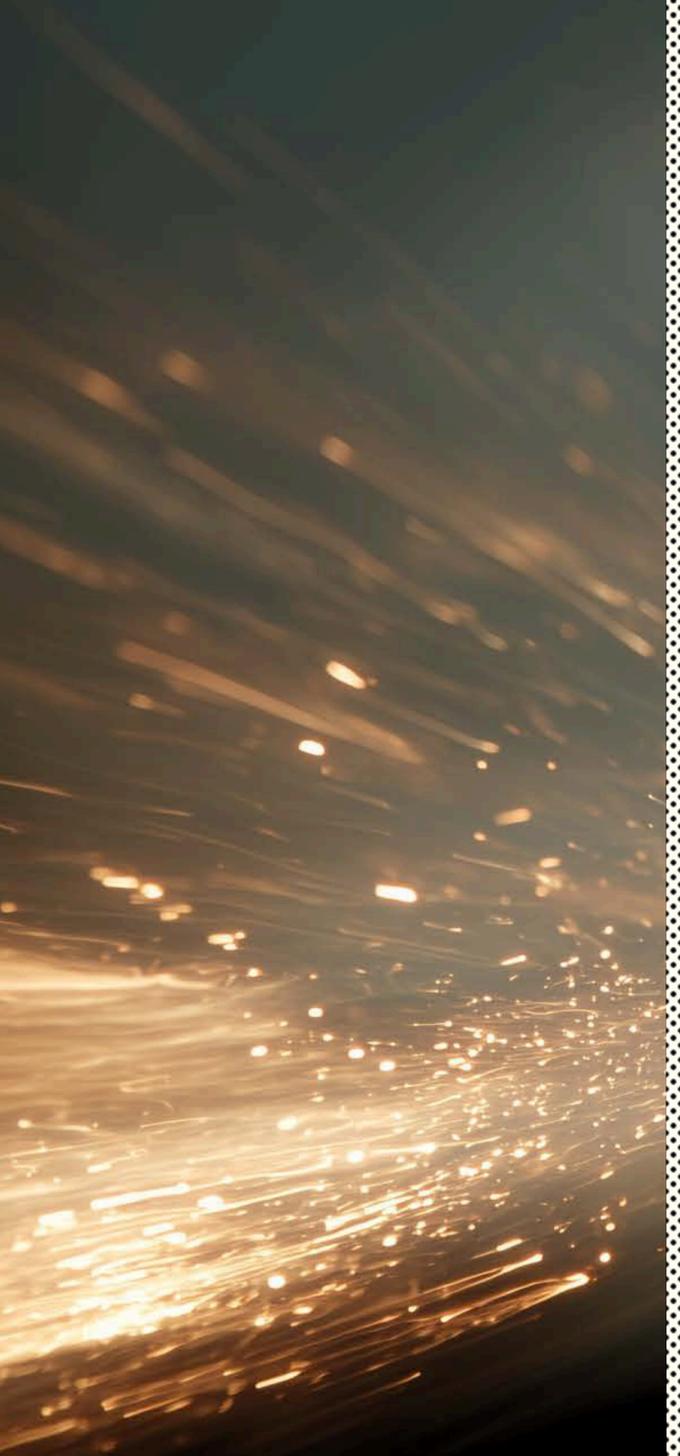
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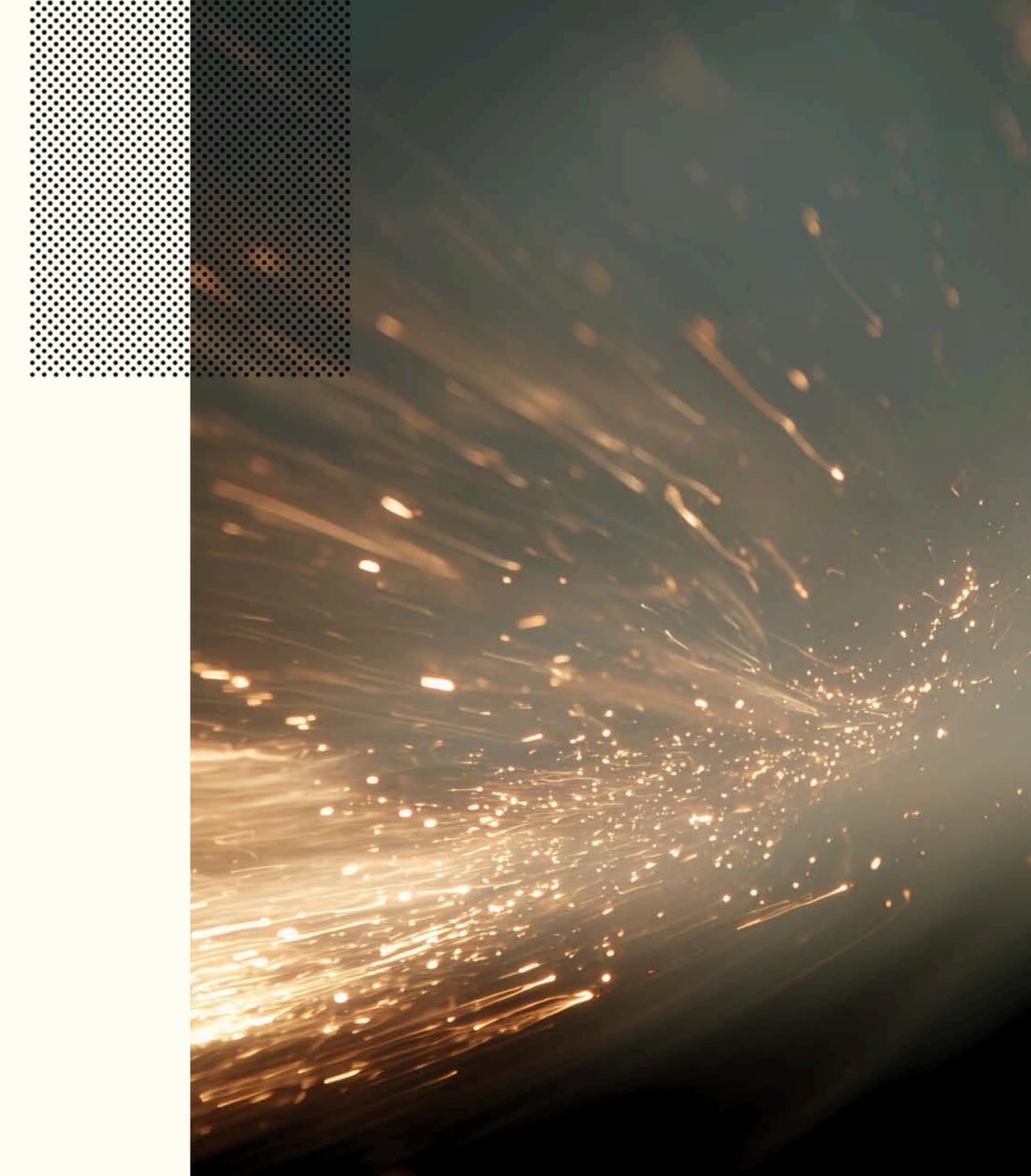
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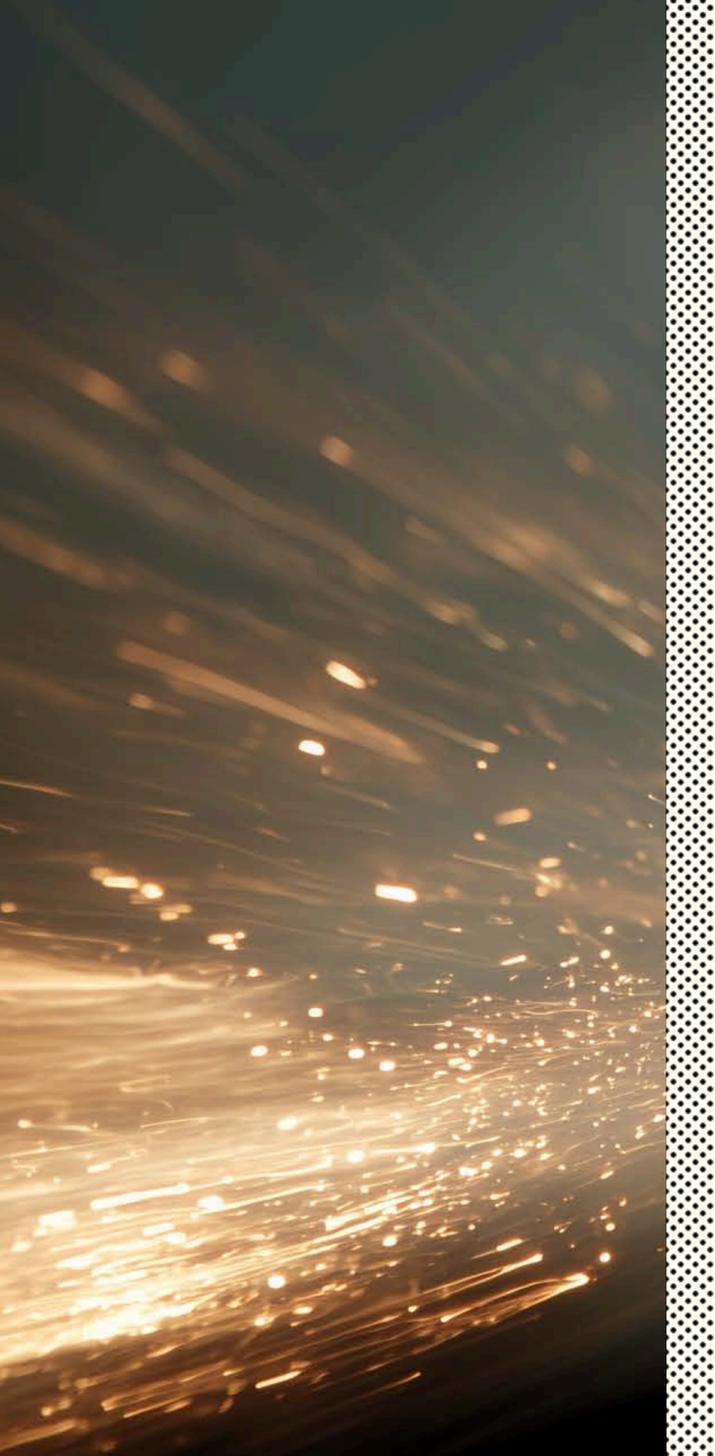
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ACTS 15:2A, 39A NIV



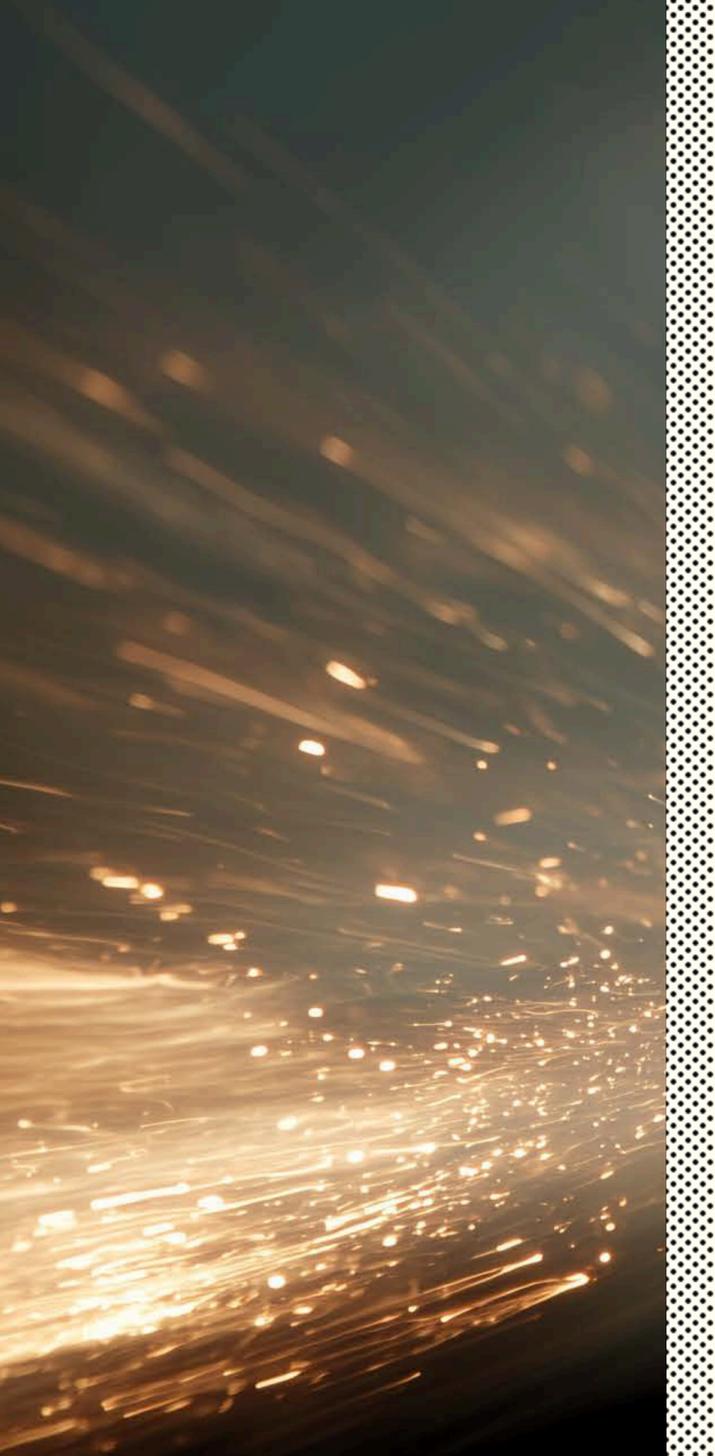
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ACTS 15:36 NIV







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ACTS 15:37-38 NIV

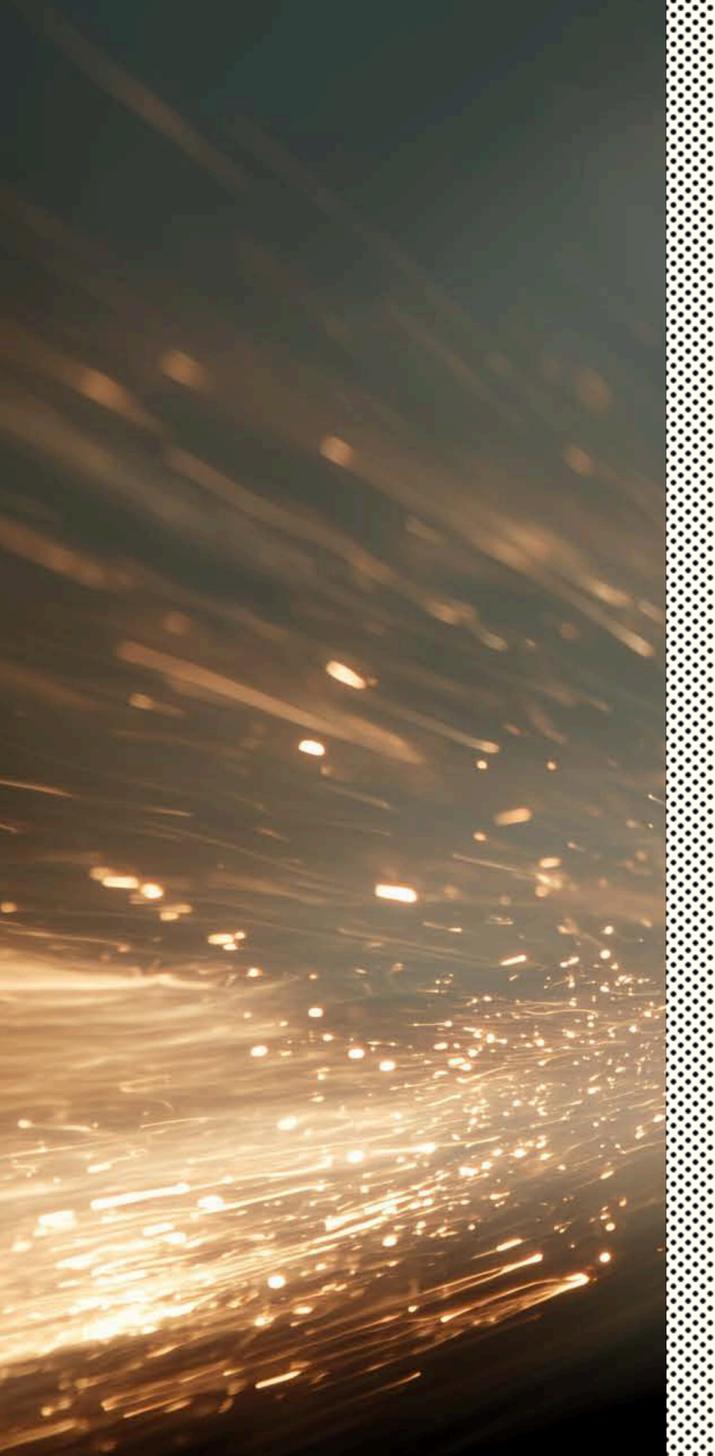


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From Paphos, Paul and his companions sailed to Perga in Pamphylia, where John left them to return to Jerusalem.

ACTS 13:13 NIV





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ACTS 15:39-40 NIV



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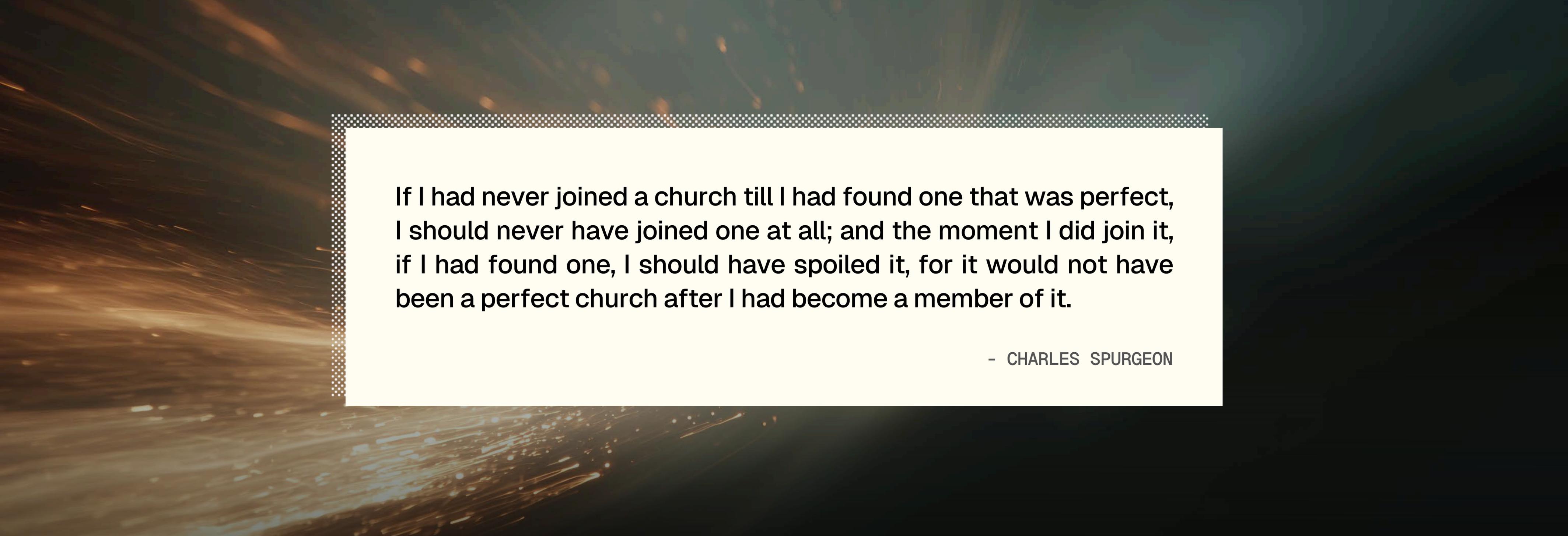
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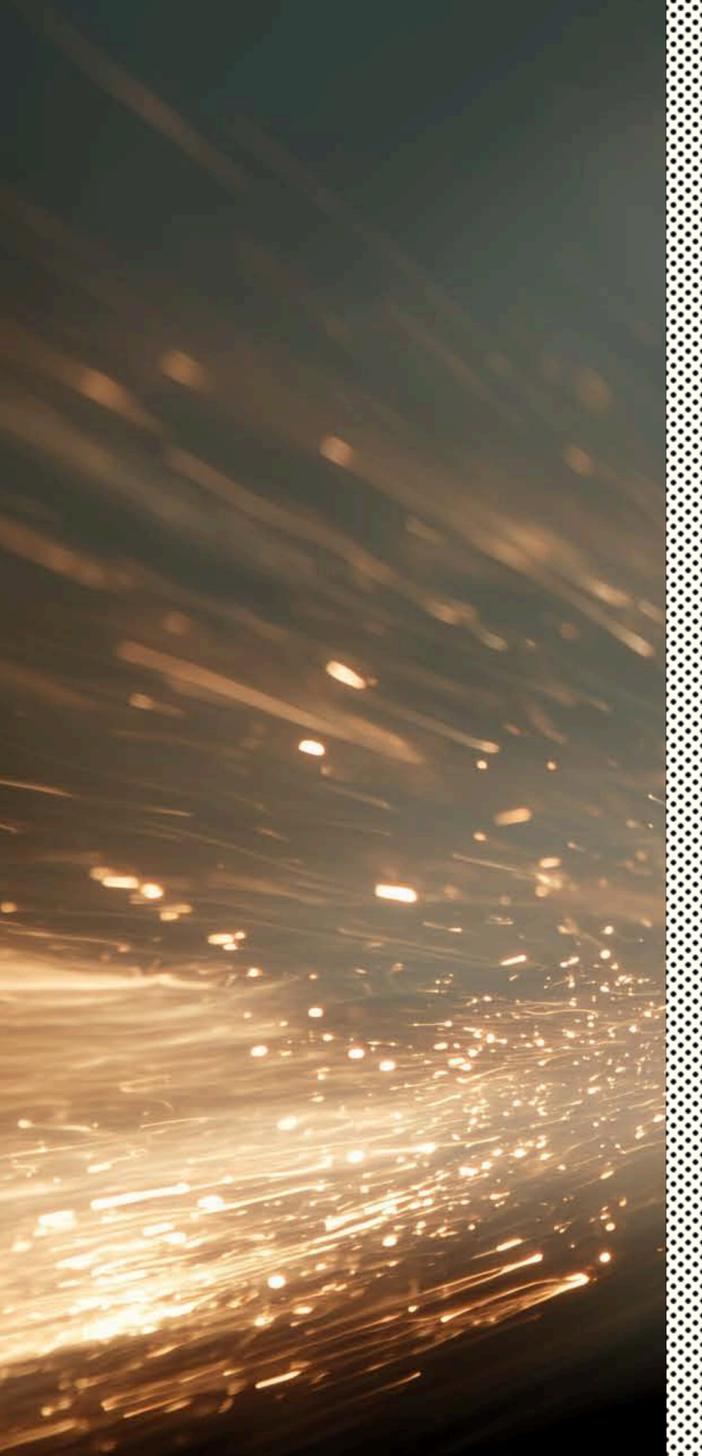
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If I had never joined a church till I had found one that was perfect, I should never have joined one at all; and the moment I did join it, if I had found one, I should have spoiled it, for it would not have been a perfect church after I had become a member of it.

- CHARLES SPURGEON



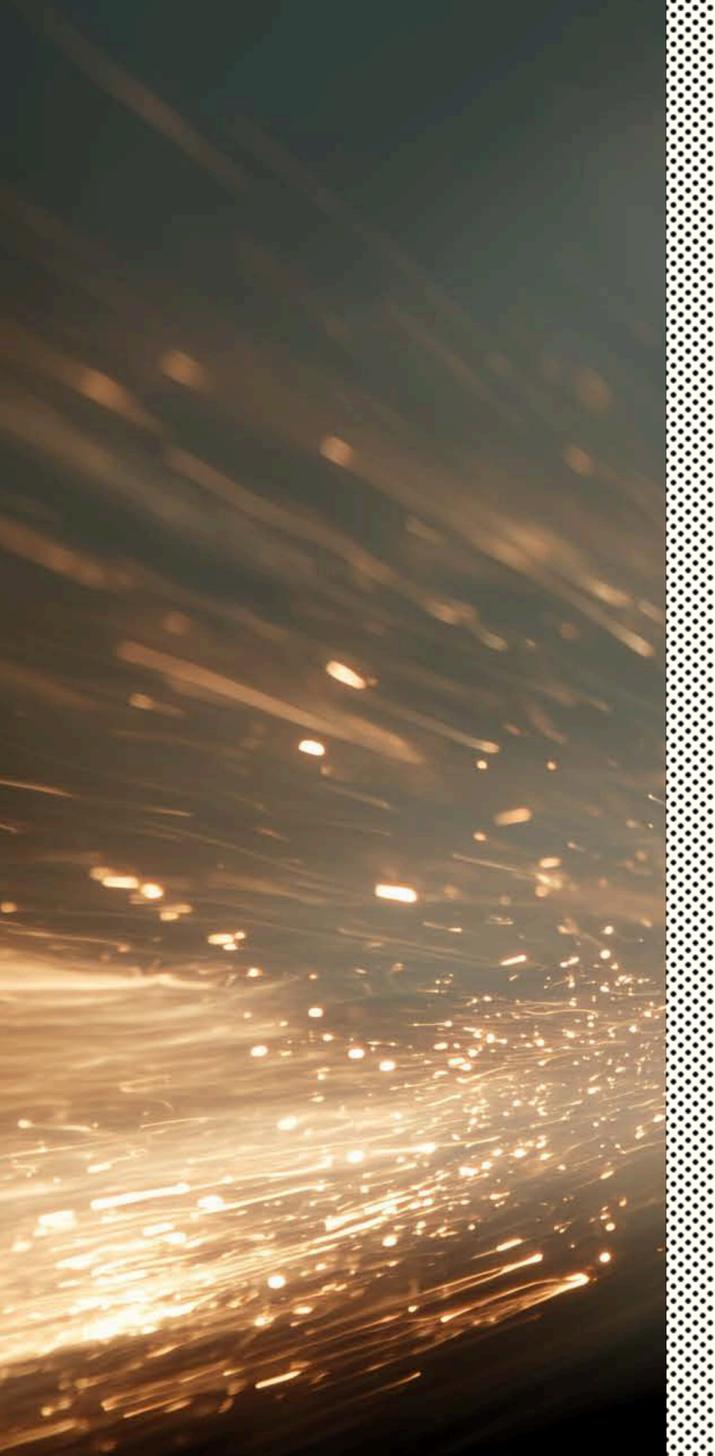
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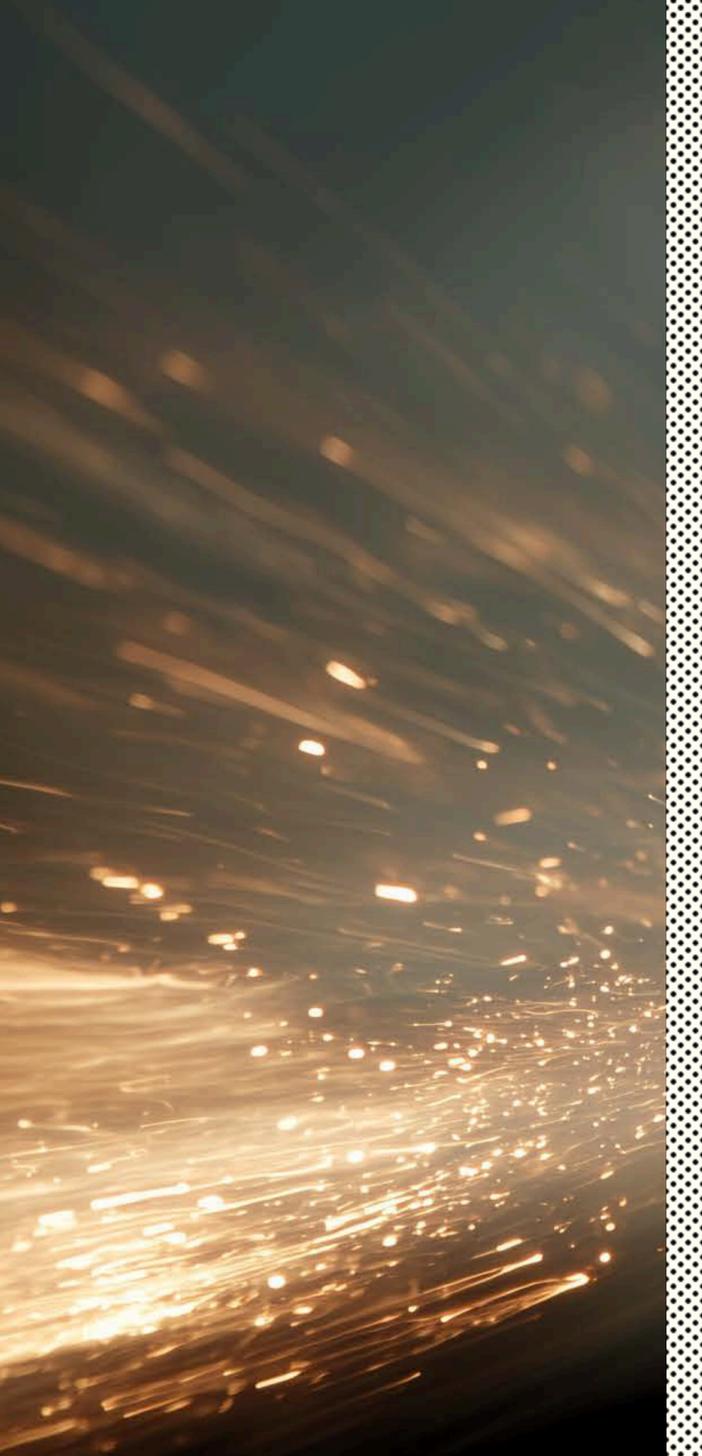
**Truth**



**Love**

Take special note of anyone who does not obey our instruction in this letter. Do not associate with them, in order that they may feel ashamed.  
<sup>15</sup> Yet do not regard them as an enemy, but warn them as you would a fellow believer.

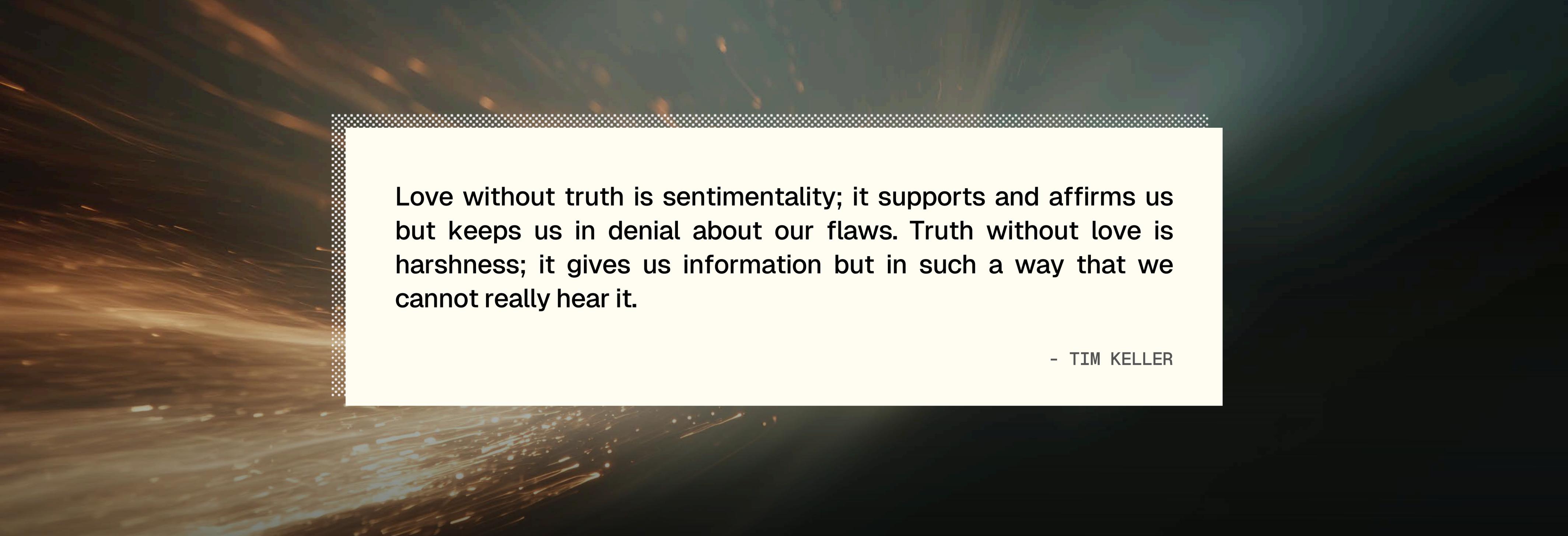
2 THESSALONIANS 3:14-15 NIV



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Brothers and sisters, if someone is caught in a sin, you who live by the Spirit should restore that person gently. But watch yourselves, or you also may be tempted. <sup>2</sup> Carry each other's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ.

GALATIANS 6:1-2 NIV



Love without truth is sentimentality; it supports and affirms us but keeps us in denial about our flaws. Truth without love is harshness; it gives us information but in such a way that we cannot really hear it.

- TIM KELLER



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**Since we live by the Spirit, let us keep in step with the Spirit.<sup>26</sup> Let us not become conceited, provoking and envying each other.**

**GALATIANS 5:25-26 NIV**



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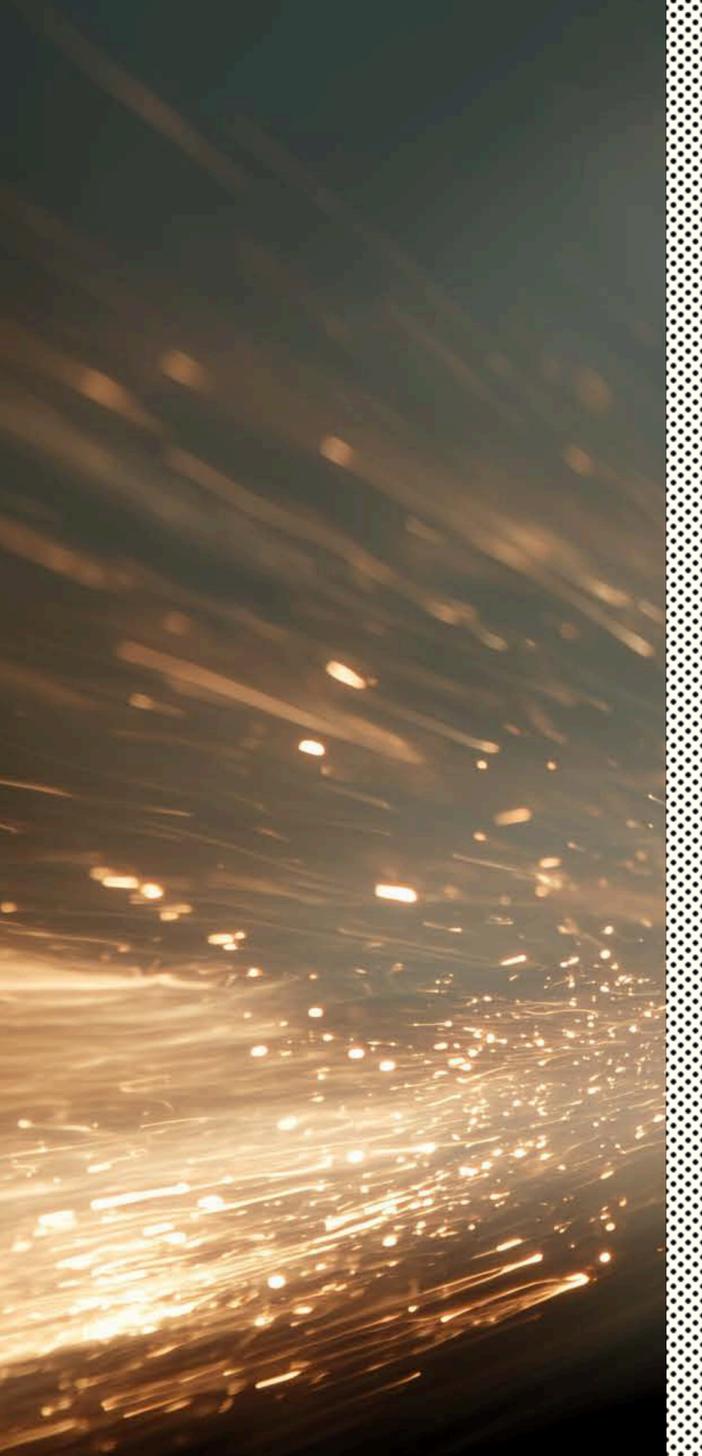


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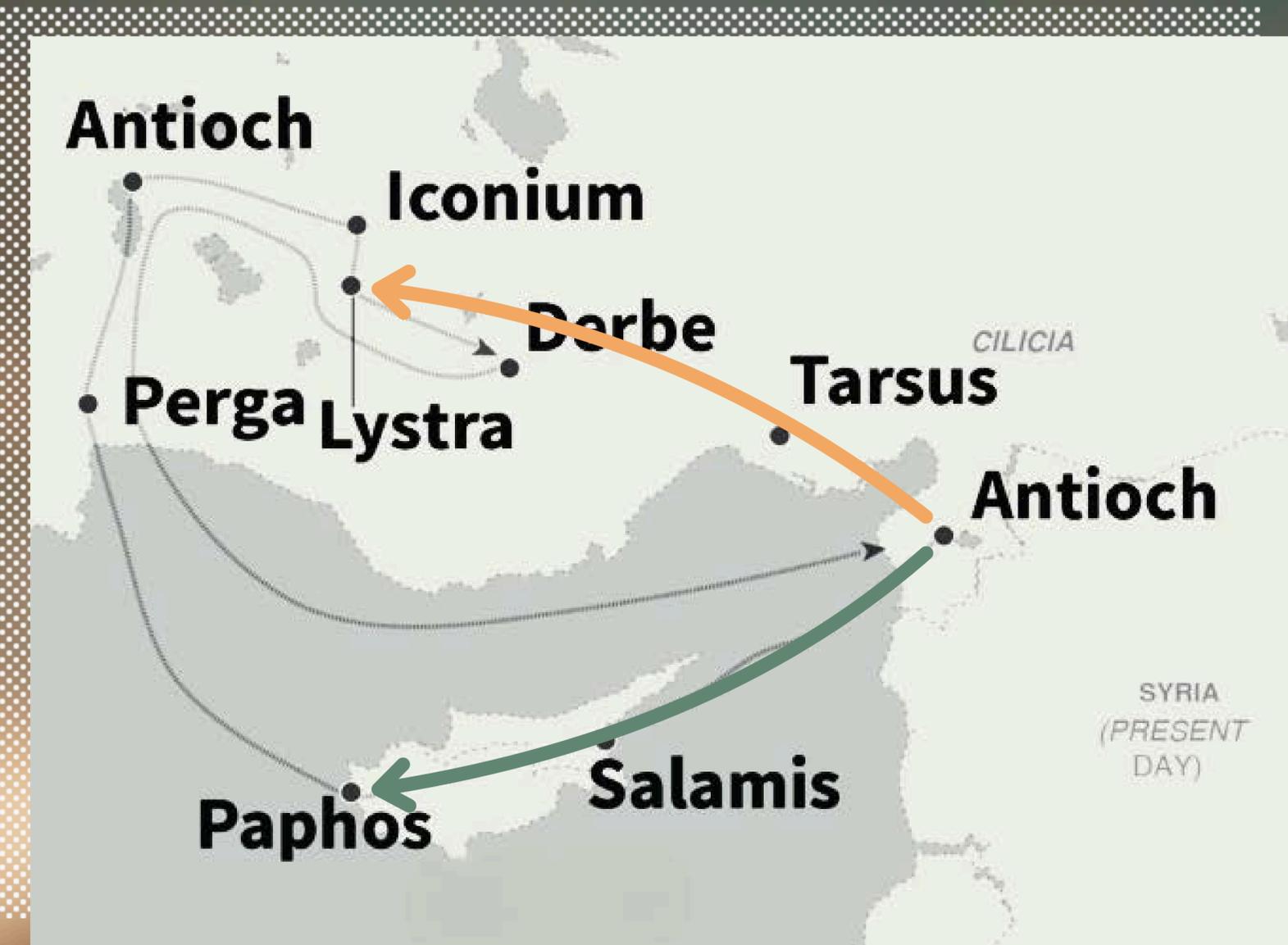




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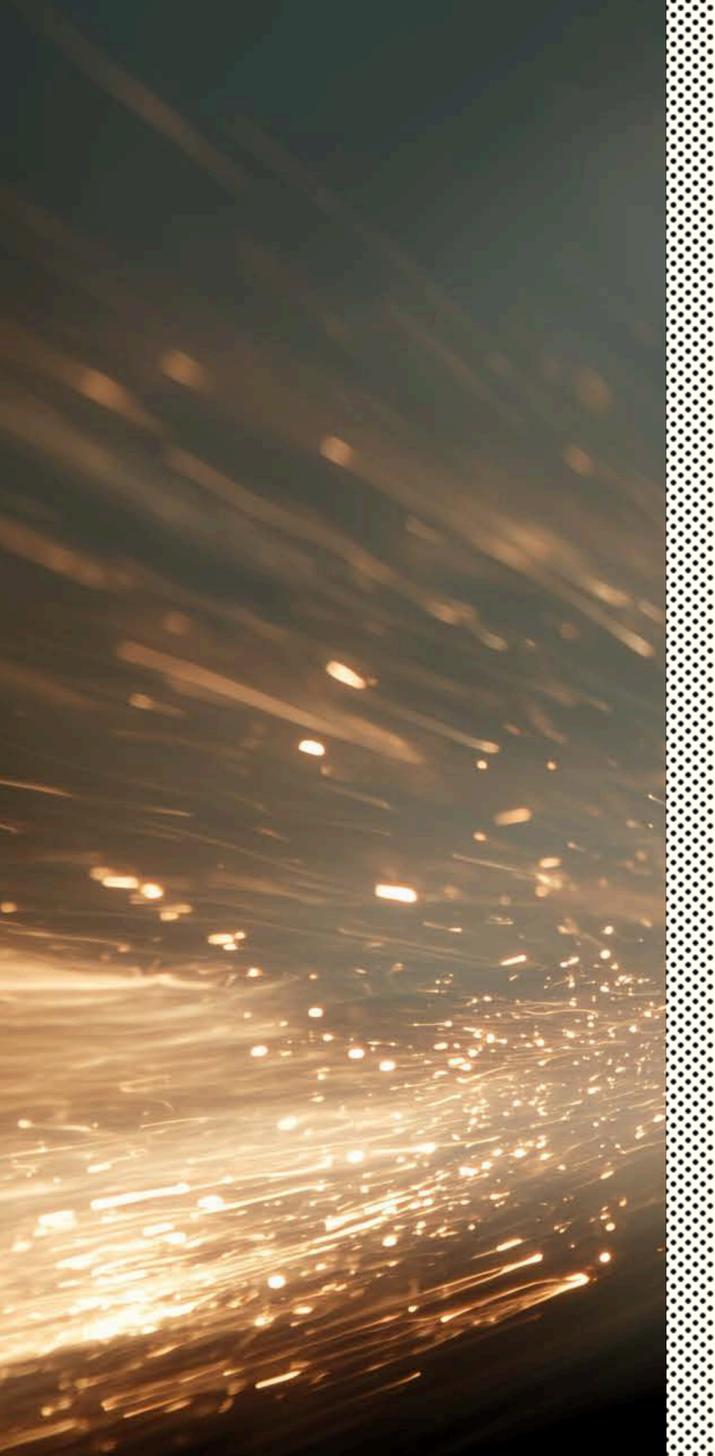
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ACTS 15:39-41 NIV



<sup>3</sup> When I consider your heavens,  
the work of your fingers,  
the moon and the stars,  
which you have set in place,  
<sup>4</sup> what is mankind that you are mindful of them,  
human beings that you care for them?  
<sup>5</sup> You have made them a little lower than the angels  
and **crowned** them with **glory** and **honor**.  
<sup>6</sup> You made them **rulers** over the works of your hands;  
you put everything under their feet:

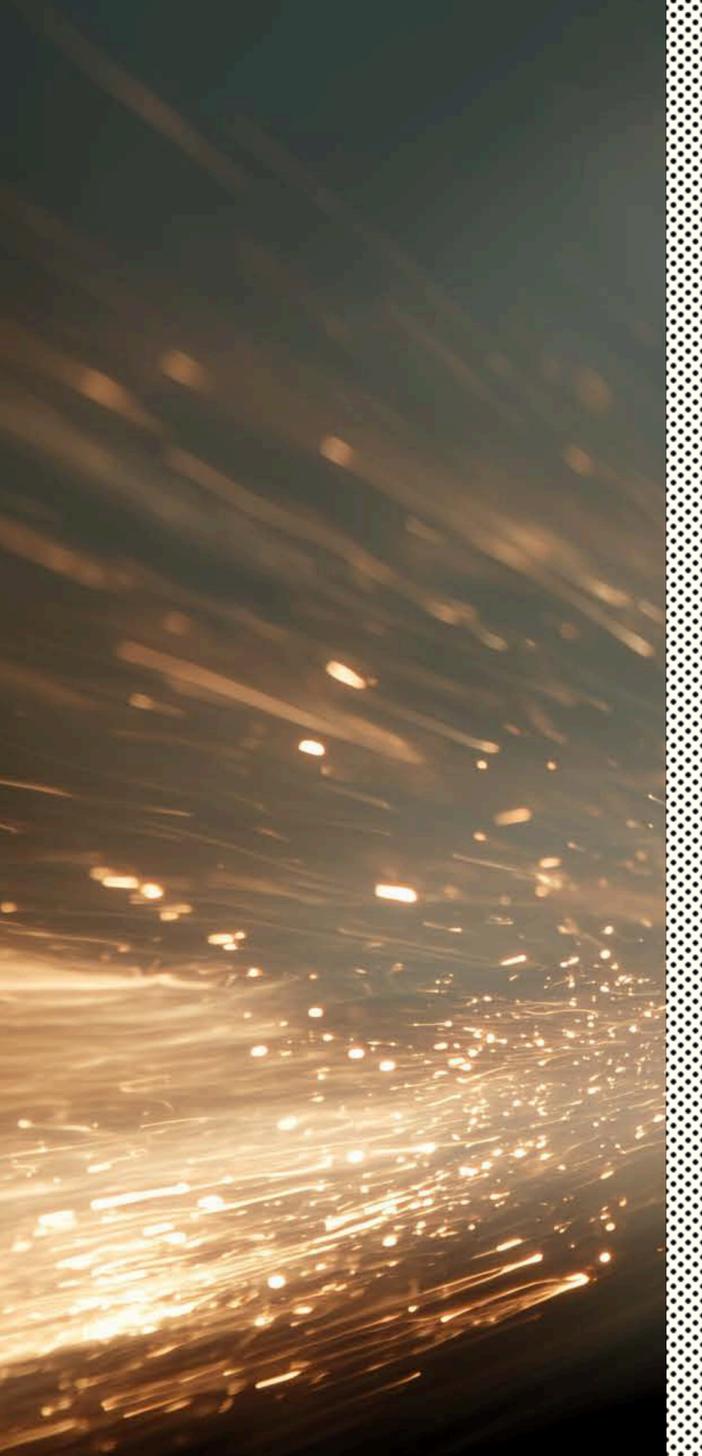
PSALM 8:3-6 NIV



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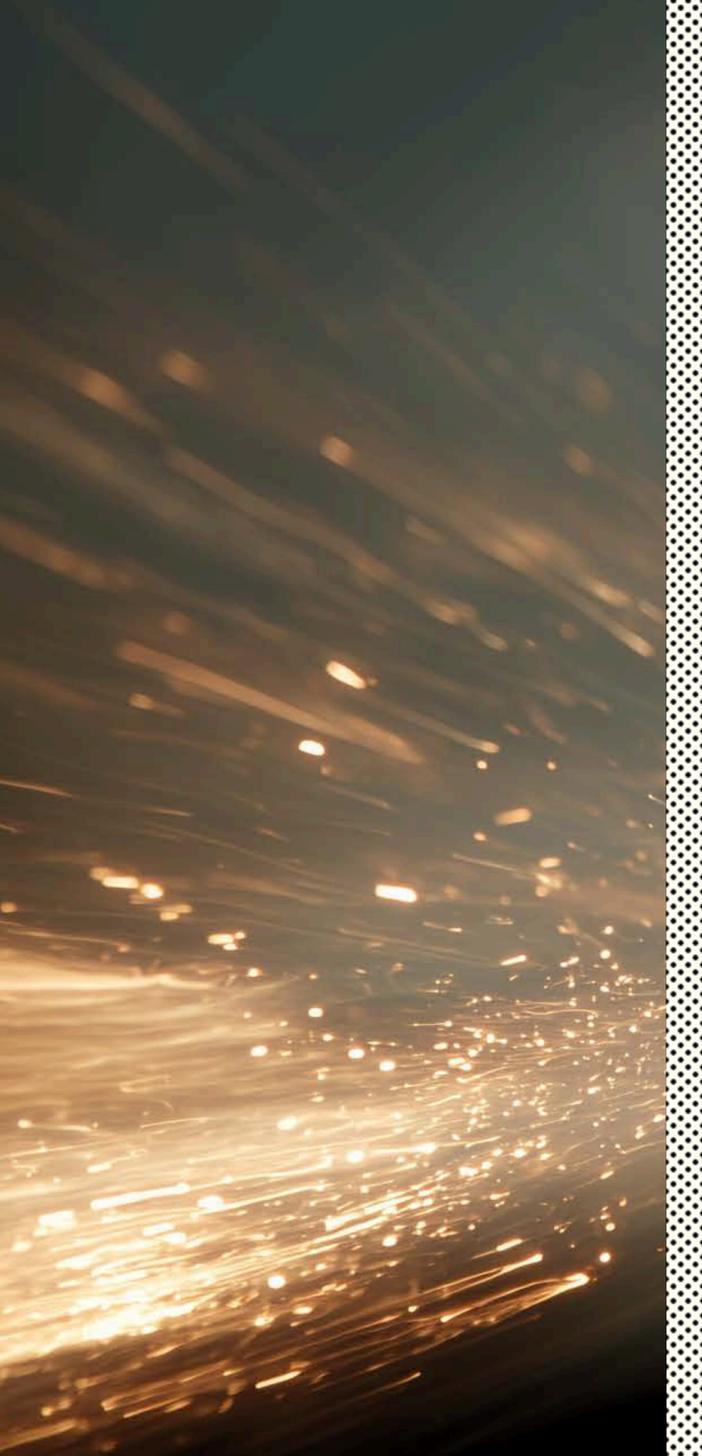
JOHN 1:14 NIV



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Then Jesus came to them and said, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. <sup>19</sup> Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, <sup>20</sup> and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.”

MATTHEW 28:18-20 NIV



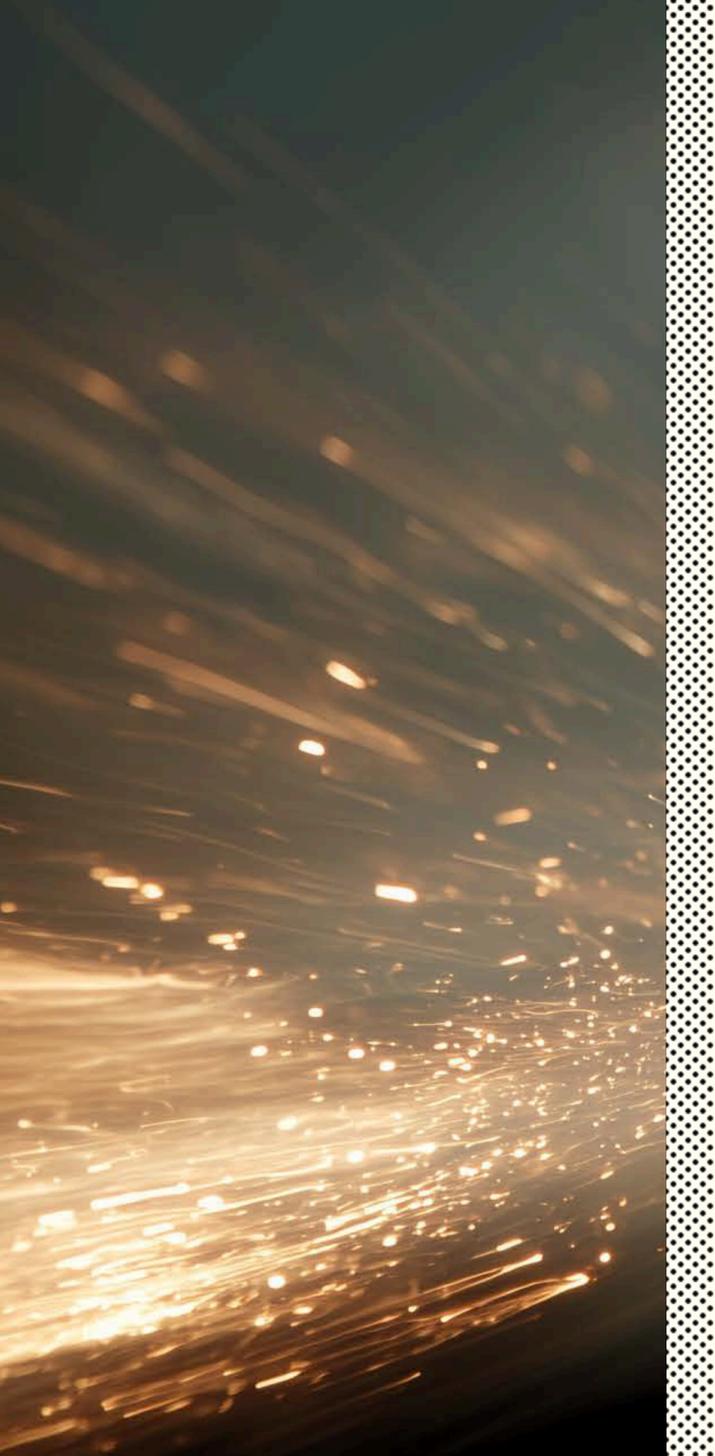
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