

An Extraordinary God... Does Extraordinary Work

The Ordinary Church

Through Ordinary People, Doing Ordinary Things,



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43 A sense of awe came over everyone, and the apostles performed many wonders and signs.

44 All the believers were together and had everything in common.

45 Selling their possessions and goods, they shared with anyone who was in need.

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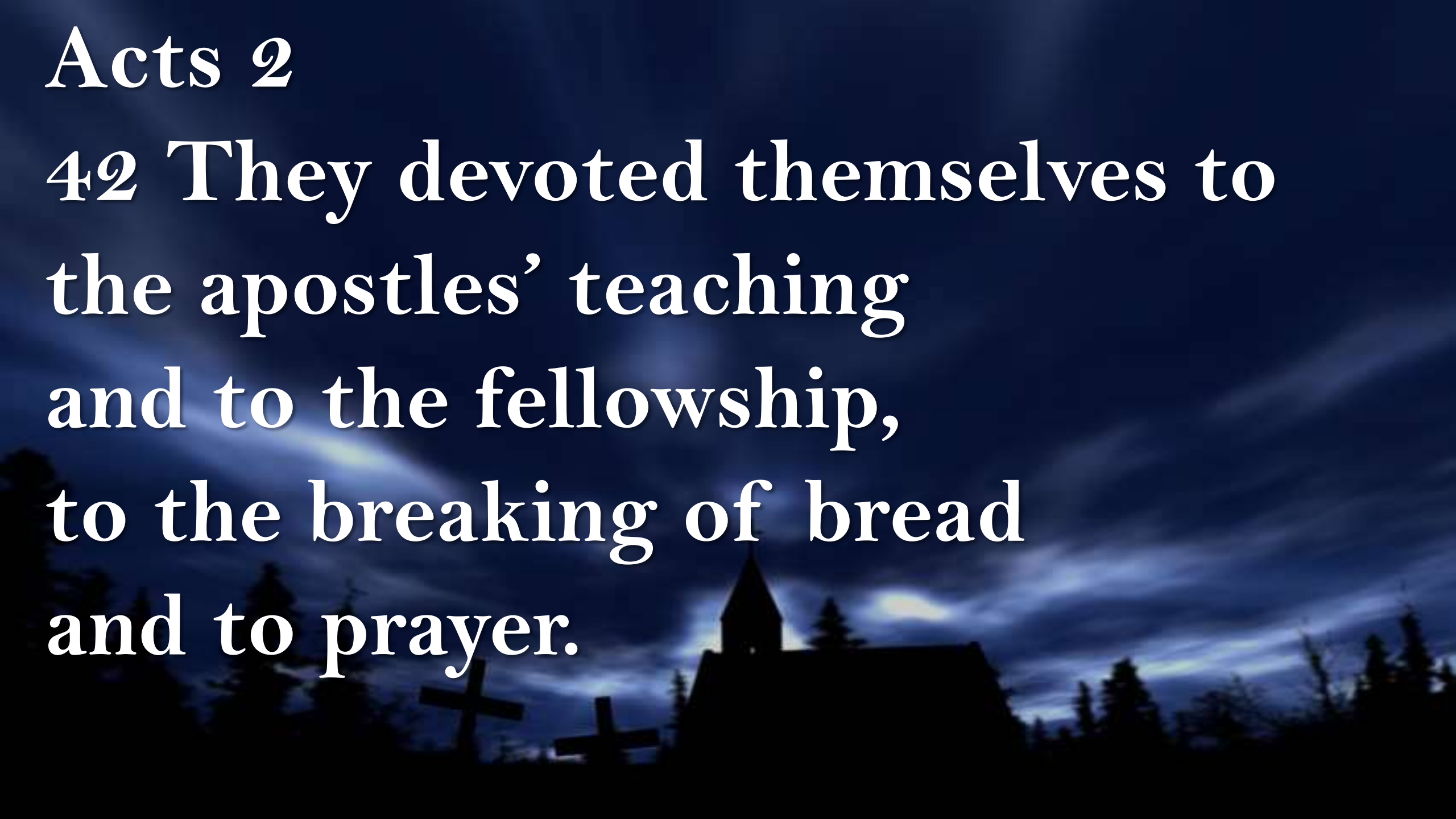
46 With one accord they continued to meet daily in the temple courts and to break bread from house to house, sharing their meals with gladness and sincerity of heart,

47 praising God and enjoying the favor of all the people.

And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved.

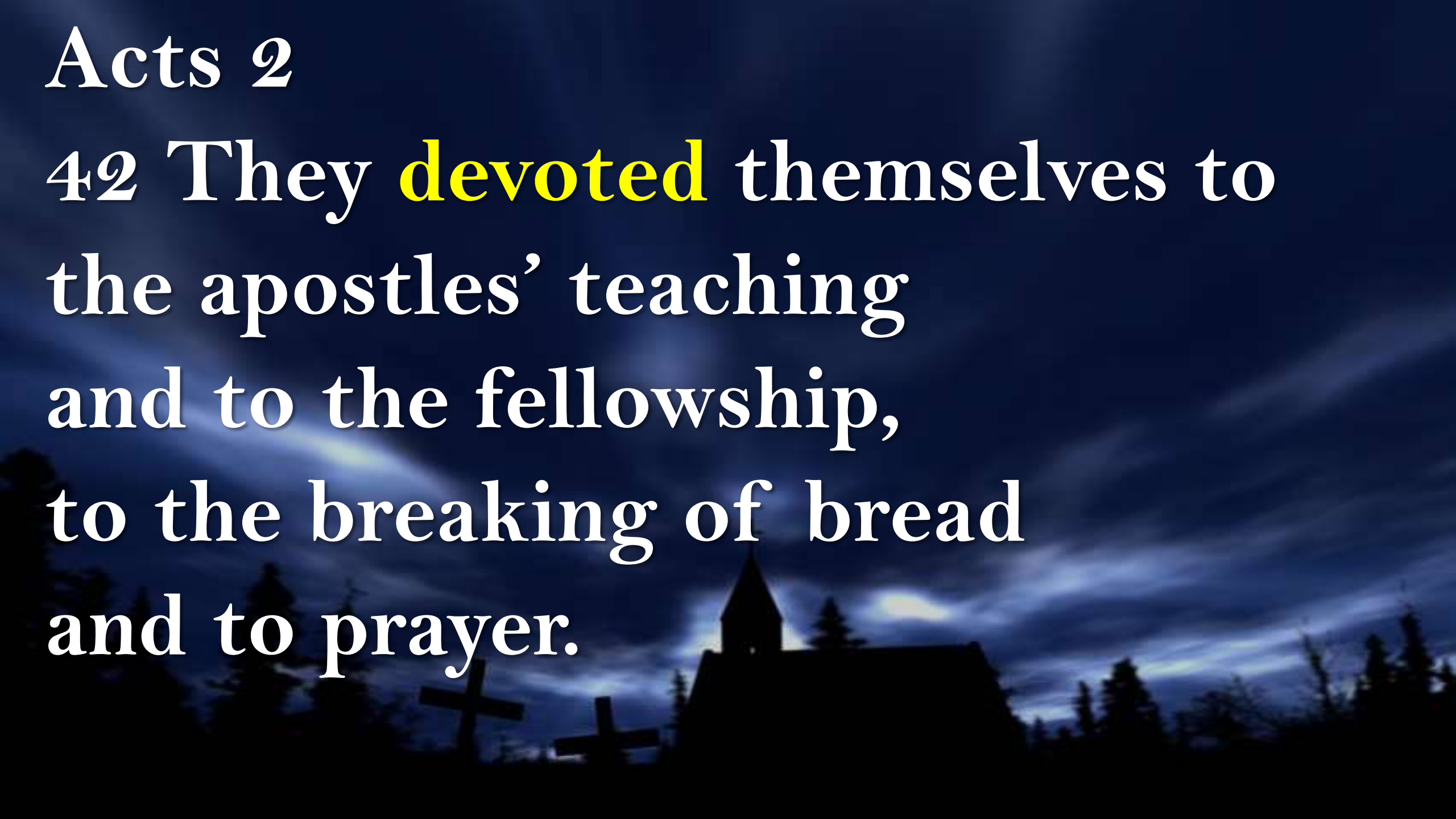
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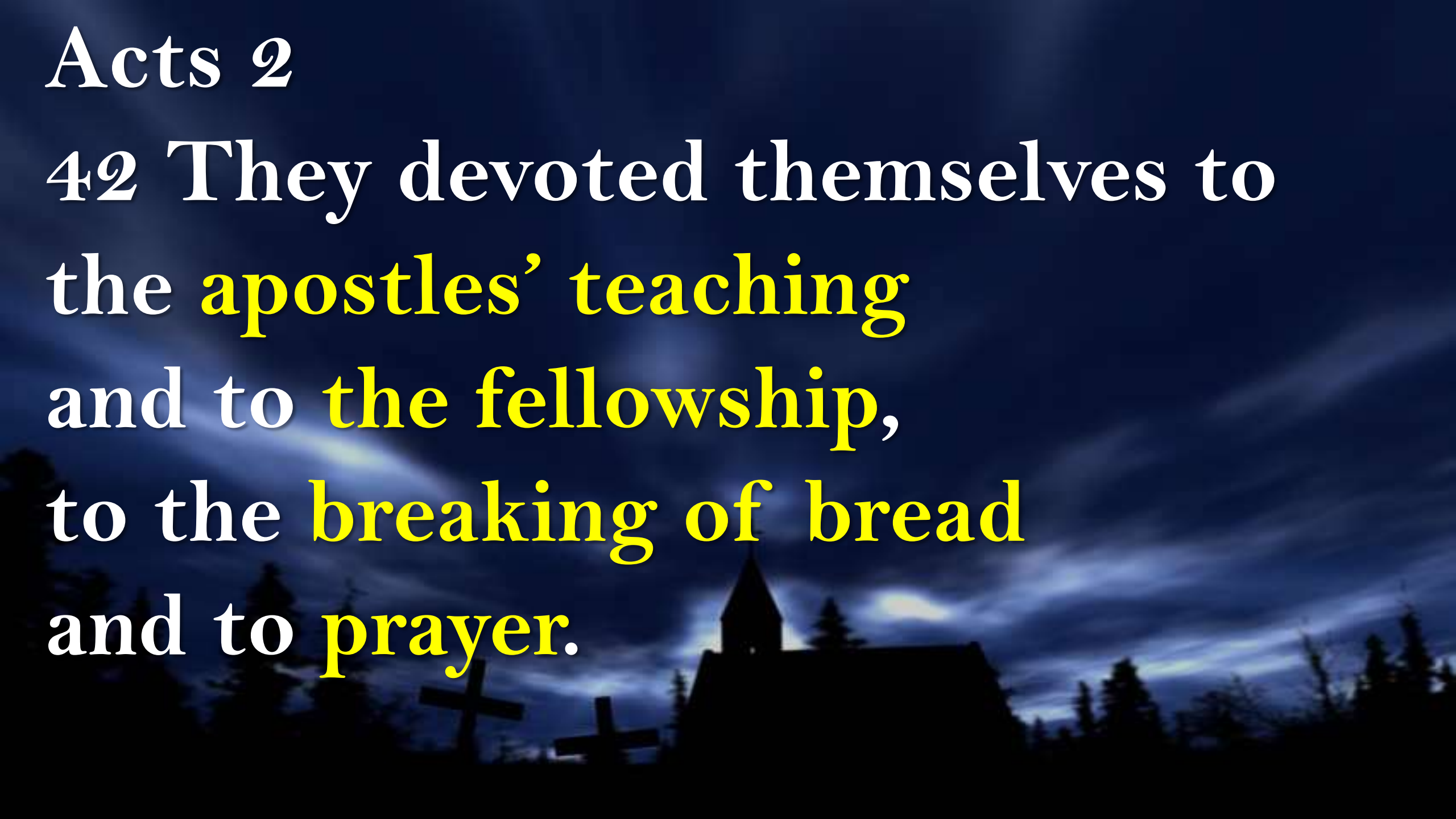
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The Apostle's Teaching

1. The Apostle's teaching in our **Preaching/Teaching**
2. The Apostle's teaching in our **Worship**
3. The Apostle's teaching in our **Evangelism**
4. The Apostle's teaching in our **Discipleship**
5. The Apostle's teaching in our **Family Life**
6. The Apostle's teaching in our **Personal Life**
7. The Apostle's teaching in our **Prayer Life**

The Apostle's Teaching

Why? - Why is it so important to be devoted to the Apostle's teaching?

What? - What does it look like to be devoted to the Apostle's teaching?

What happens? - What's the result of devotion to the Apostle's teaching?

2 Timothy 3

1 But understand this: In the last days terrible times will come.

2 For men will be lovers of themselves, lovers of money, boastful, arrogant, abusive, disobedient to their parents, ungrateful, unholy, 3 unloving, unforgiving, slanderous, without self-control, brutal, without love of good, 4 traitorous, reckless, conceited, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God, 5 having a form of godliness but denying its power. Turn away from such as these!

6 They are the kind who worm their way into households and captivate vulnerable women weighed down with sins and led astray by various passions, 7 always learning but never able to come to a knowledge of the truth.

8 Just as Jannes and Jambres opposed Moses, so also these men oppose the truth.

They are depraved in mind and disqualified from the faith.

9 But they will not advance much further.

For just like Jannes and Jambres, their folly will be plain to everyone.

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What persecutions I endured! Yet the Lord rescued me from all of them.

12 Indeed, all who desire to live godly lives in Christ Jesus will be persecuted,

13 while evil men and imposters go from bad to worse, deceiving and being deceived.

2 Timothy 3

14 But as for you, continue in the things you have learned and firmly believed, since you know from whom you have learned them.

15 From infancy you have known the Holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus.

16 All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for instruction, for conviction, for correction, and for training in righteousness,

17 so that the man of God may be complete, fully equipped for every good work.

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...as the apostle's taught it and lived it

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Being devoted to the apostle's teaching means our lives will clash with the world;
...so much so, that there will be a cost



1 John 5

4 ... everyone born of God overcomes the world.

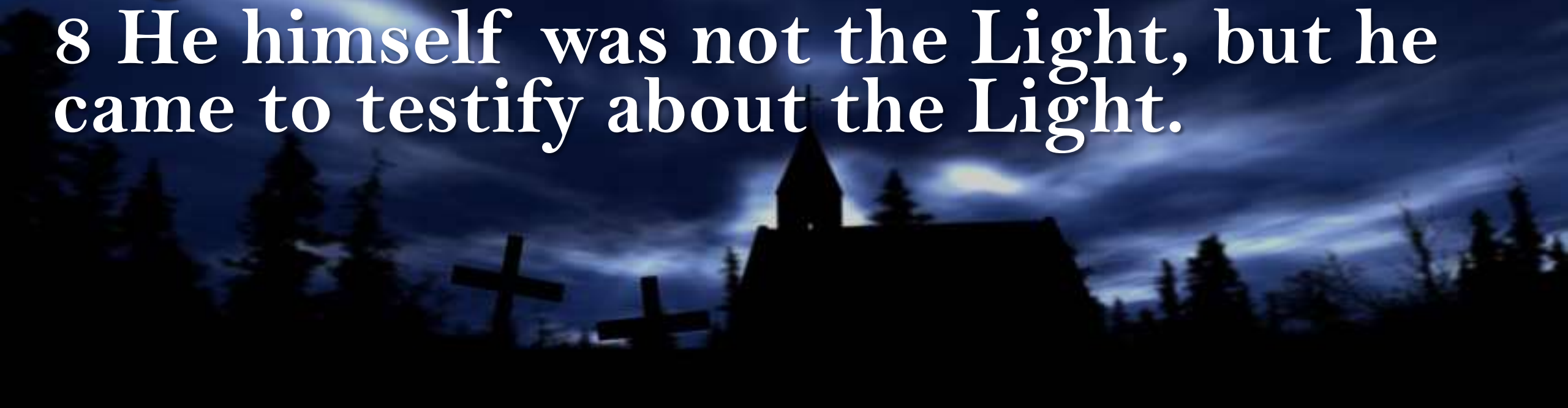
And this is the victory that has overcome the world: our faith.

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The background of the slide features a dark, atmospheric night scene. In the center, the silhouette of a church with a prominent steeple is visible against a dark sky. To the left of the church, a simple wooden cross stands on a small hill. The sky is filled with dark, heavy clouds, and a bright, glowing light source, possibly the moon or a low sun, is positioned behind the clouds, creating a dramatic backlighting effect and illuminating the edges of the clouds and the church's silhouette. The overall mood is solemn and spiritual.

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10 For many are rebellious and full of empty talk and deception, especially those of the circumcision, 11 who must be silenced.

For the sake of dishonorable gain, they undermine entire households and teach things they should not.

2 Peter 2

1 Now there were also false prophets among the people, just as there will be false teachers among you.

They will secretly introduce destructive heresies, even denying the Master who bought them—bringing swift destruction on themselves.

2 Many will follow in their depravity, and because of them the way of truth will be defamed.

3 In their greed, these false teachers will exploit you with deceptive words.

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