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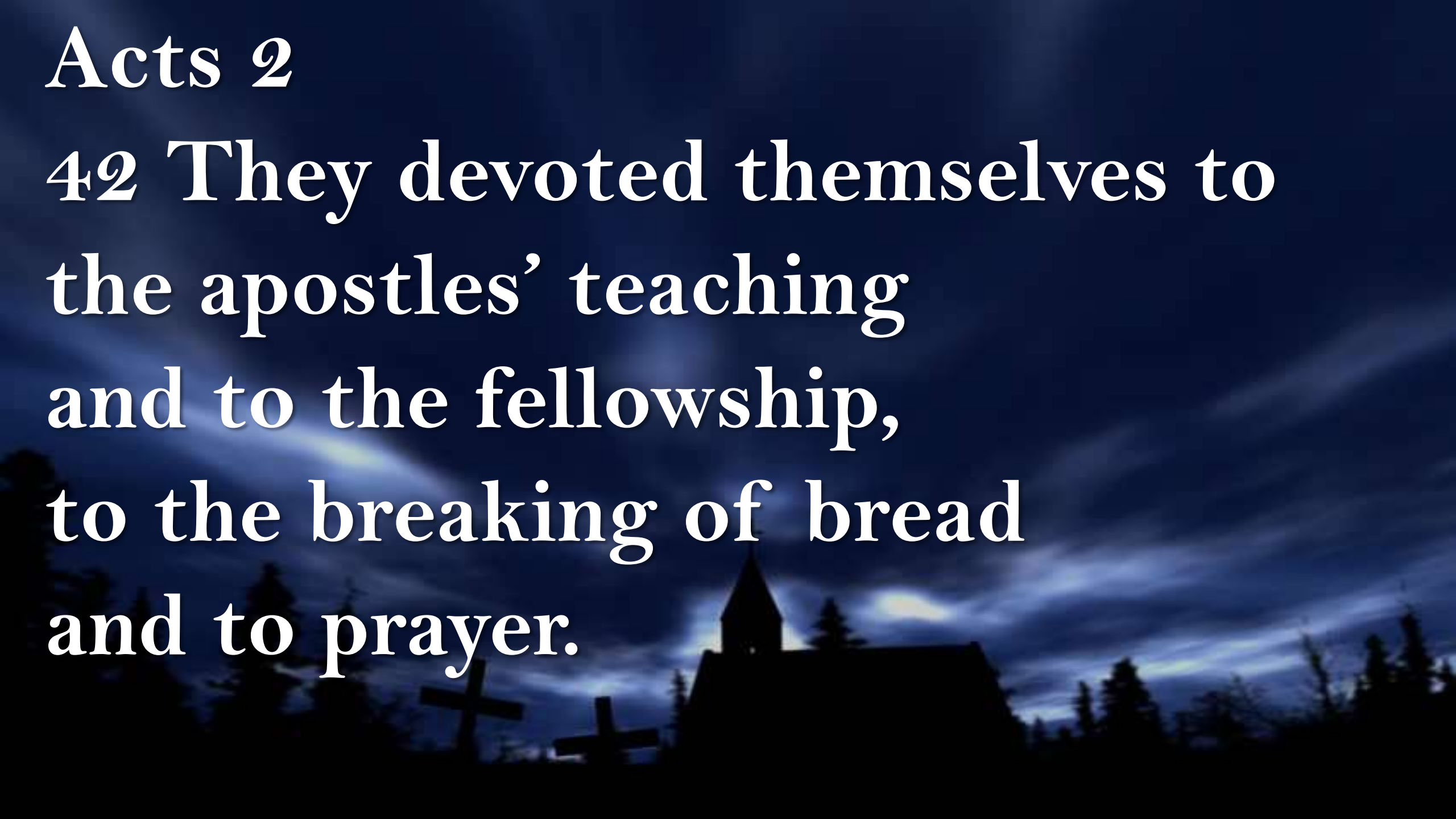
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## 2 Corinthians 5

14 For Christ's love compels us, because we are convinced that One died for all, therefore all died.

15 And He died for all, that those who live should no longer live for themselves, but for Him who died for them and was raised again.

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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.

# Acts 4

32 The multitude of believers was one in heart and soul.

No one claimed that any of his possessions was his own, but they shared everything they owned.

33 With great power, the apostles continued to give their testimony about the resurrection of the Lord Jesus.

And abundant grace was upon them all.

## Acts 4

34 There were no needy ones among them,  
because those who owned lands or houses  
would sell their property,  
bring the proceeds from the sales,  
35 and lay them at the apostles' feet for  
distribution to anyone as he had need.



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Matthew 20

28 ...the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life as a ransom for many.”



## Ephesians 4

11 And it was He who gave some to be apostles,  
some to be prophets, some to be evangelists,  
and some to be pastors and teachers,

12 to equip the saints for works of ministry, to  
build up the **body of Christ**,

13 until we all reach unity in the faith and in  
the knowledge of the Son of God,  
as we mature to the full measure of the stature  
of Christ.

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# 1 Corinthians 12

12 The body is a unit, though it is composed of many parts.

And although its parts are many, they all form one body. So it is with Christ.

13 For in one Spirit we were all baptized into one body, whether Jews or Greeks, slave or free, and we were all given one Spirit to drink.

14 For the body does not consist of one part, but of many.

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15 If the foot should say, “Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body,” that would not make it any less a part of the body.

16 And if the ear should say, “Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body,” that would not make it any less a part of the body.

17 If the whole body were an eye, where would the sense of hearing be? If the whole body were an ear, where would the sense of smell be?

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18 But in fact, God has arranged the members of the body, every one of them, according to His design.

19 If they were all one part, where would the body be?

20 As it is, there are many parts, but one body.





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21 The eye cannot say to the hand, “I do not need you.” Nor can the head say to the feet, “I do not need you.”

22 On the contrary, the parts of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, 23 and the parts we consider less honorable, we treat with greater honor.

And our unpresentable parts are treated with special modesty,

24 whereas our presentable parts have no such need.



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24 But God has composed the body and has given greater honor to the parts that lacked it,

25 so that there should be no division in the body, but that its members should have mutual concern for one another.

26 If one part suffers, every part suffers with it; if one part is honored, every part rejoices with it.

27 Now you are the body of Christ, and each of you is a member of it.

# The Fellowship

## Seven Common Points About The Body

In the Body of Christ, EVERYONE PARTICIPATES.

ITBOC, every part is NECESSARY.

ITBOC, every part is UNIQUE.

ITBOC, every part is by the SPIRIT OF GOD.

ITBOC, our goal is the GOOD OF THE BODY.

ITBOC, we are in a PROCESS OF MATURING.

ITBOC, the chief end is the GLORY OF GOD.

# Romans 1

11 For I long to see you so that I may impart to you some spiritual gift to strengthen you,

12 that is, that you and I may be mutually encouraged by each other's faith.

➤ Don't be as concerned about discovering what your spiritual gift is...

... as you are about strengthening the faith of others



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- Complete humility is a requirement for serving well in the body of Christ
  - humility comes from knowing that all you have, is a gift from God



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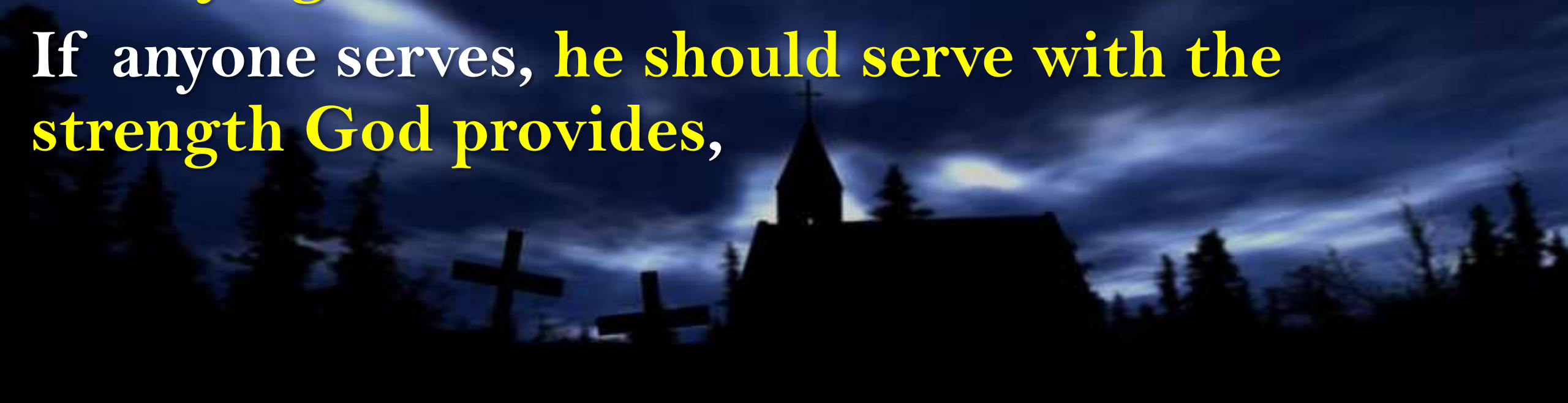
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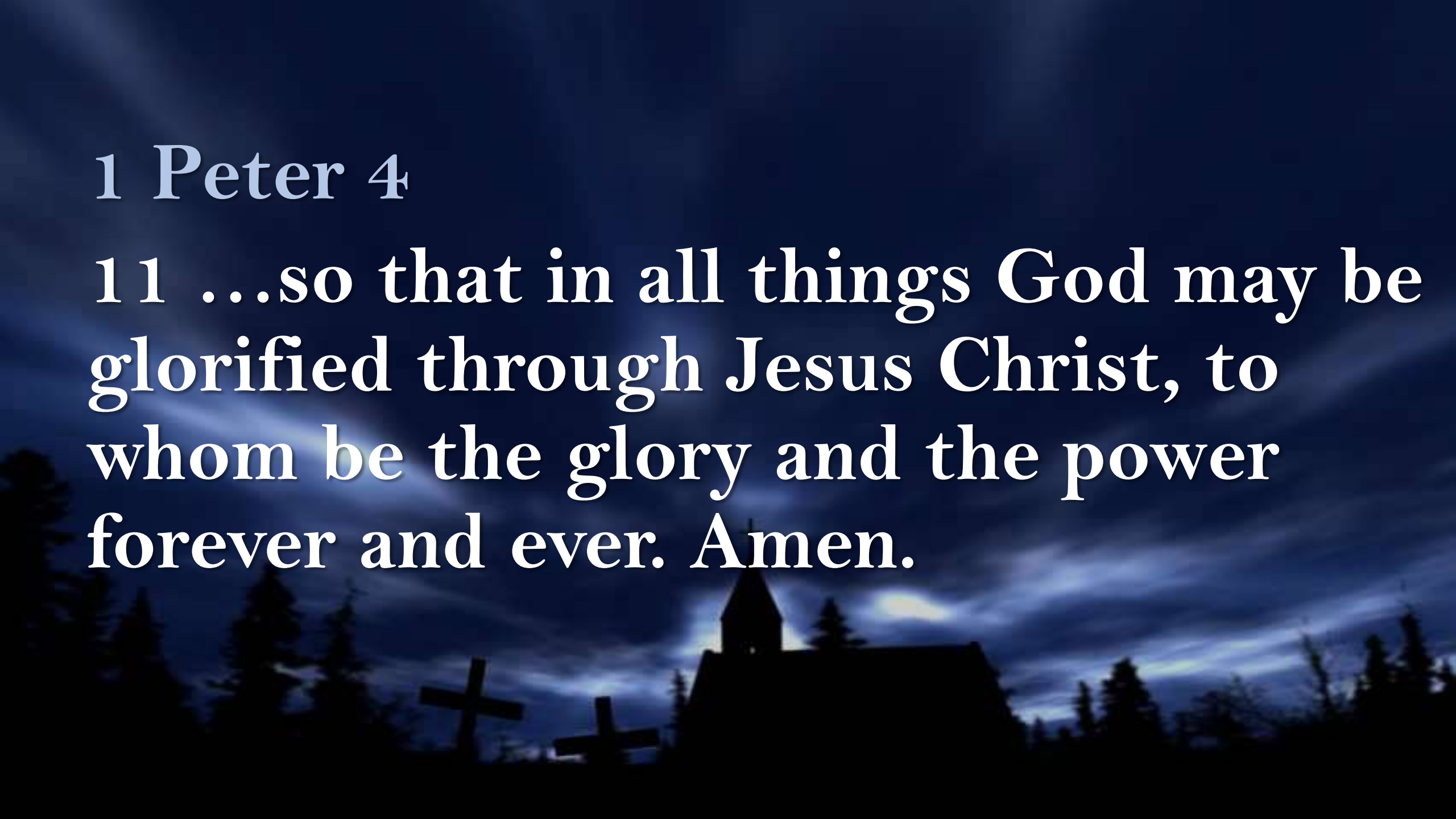
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