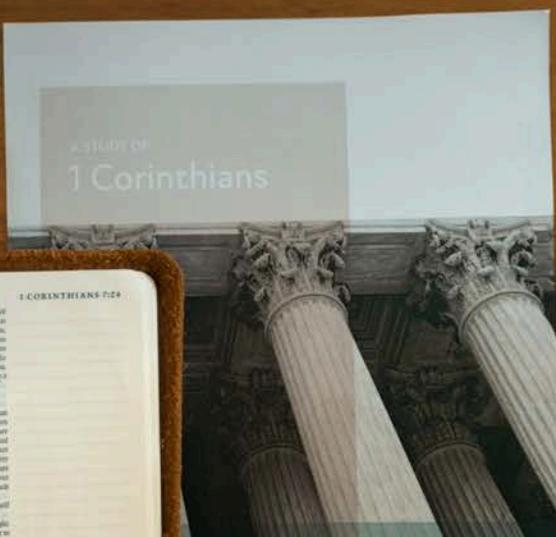




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Discussion Guide

GETTING TO KNOW ONE ANOTHER

Introduce yourself to the group, providing current information (family, where you work, etc.) then share an interesting fact that hardly anyone knows about you.

Share the following with the group. Around people I don't know well, I am often... (choose two):

- a little shy and uneasy
- a little quiet and confident
- eager to meet new people
- comfortable
- nervous
- sometimes too loud

GOING DEEPER

What **surprised** you about the life of the Apostle Paul? **TRANSFORMATION + DISCIPLES**

What do you think the city of Corinth may have been like? What were some challenges Christians living in Corinth may have faced?

What are things you know about the first letter to the Corinthian church?

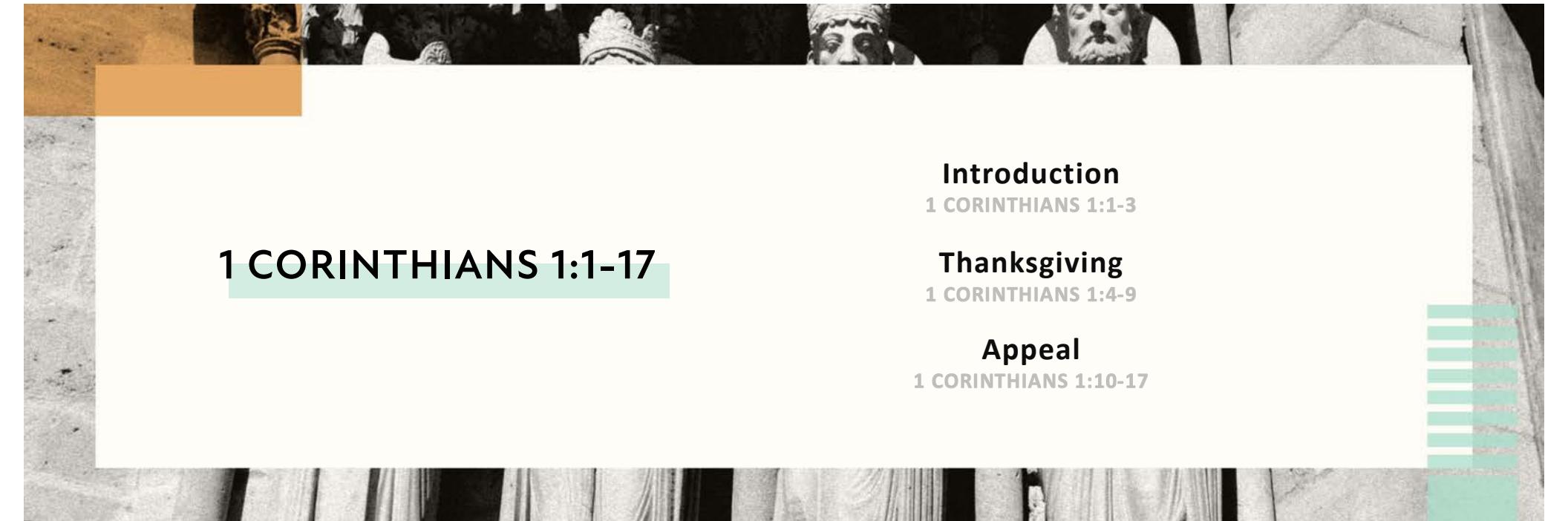
What are you hoping to learn from the study of 1 Corinthians?

COMMIT TO PRAY

Prayer is an **essential part of growing together**.

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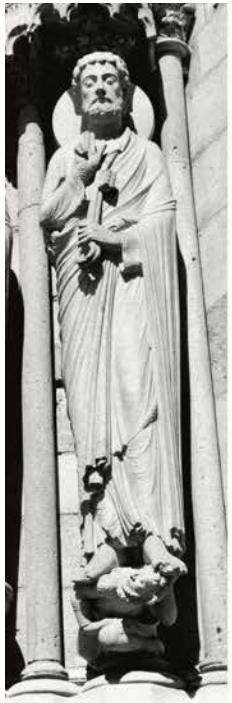
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THANKSGIVING

Grace in salvation

Gifts for sanctification

Promise of glorification

1 Corinthians 1:4-9 NIV

I always thank my God for you because of his grace given you in Christ Jesus.⁵ For in him you have been enriched in every way—with all kinds of speech and with all knowledge—⁶ God thus confirming our testimony about Christ among you.⁷ Therefore you do not lack any spiritual gift as you eagerly wait for our Lord Jesus Christ to be revealed.⁸ He will also keep you firm to the end, so that you will be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.⁹ God is faithful, who has called you into fellowship with his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.





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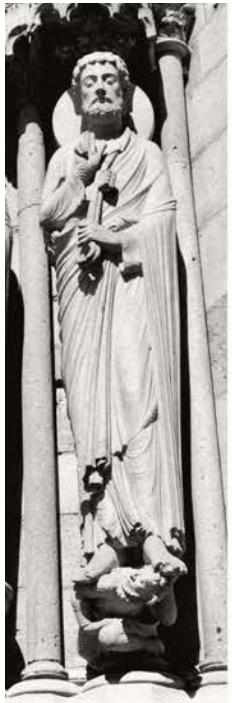
APPEAL

Disagreements
Divisions
Quarrels

1 Corinthians 1:10-11 NIV

I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you agree with one another in what you say and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be perfectly united in mind and thought.
¹¹ My brothers and sisters, some from Chloe's household have informed me that there are quarrels among you.





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The Problem

The Questions

The Realignment

1 Corinthians 1:12-17 NIV

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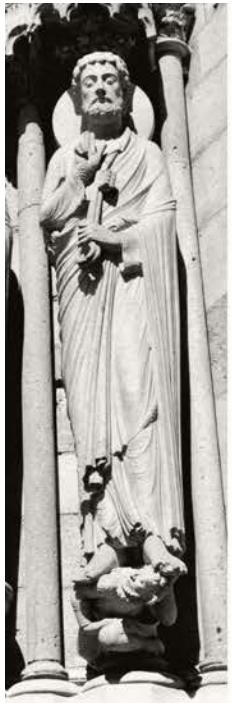
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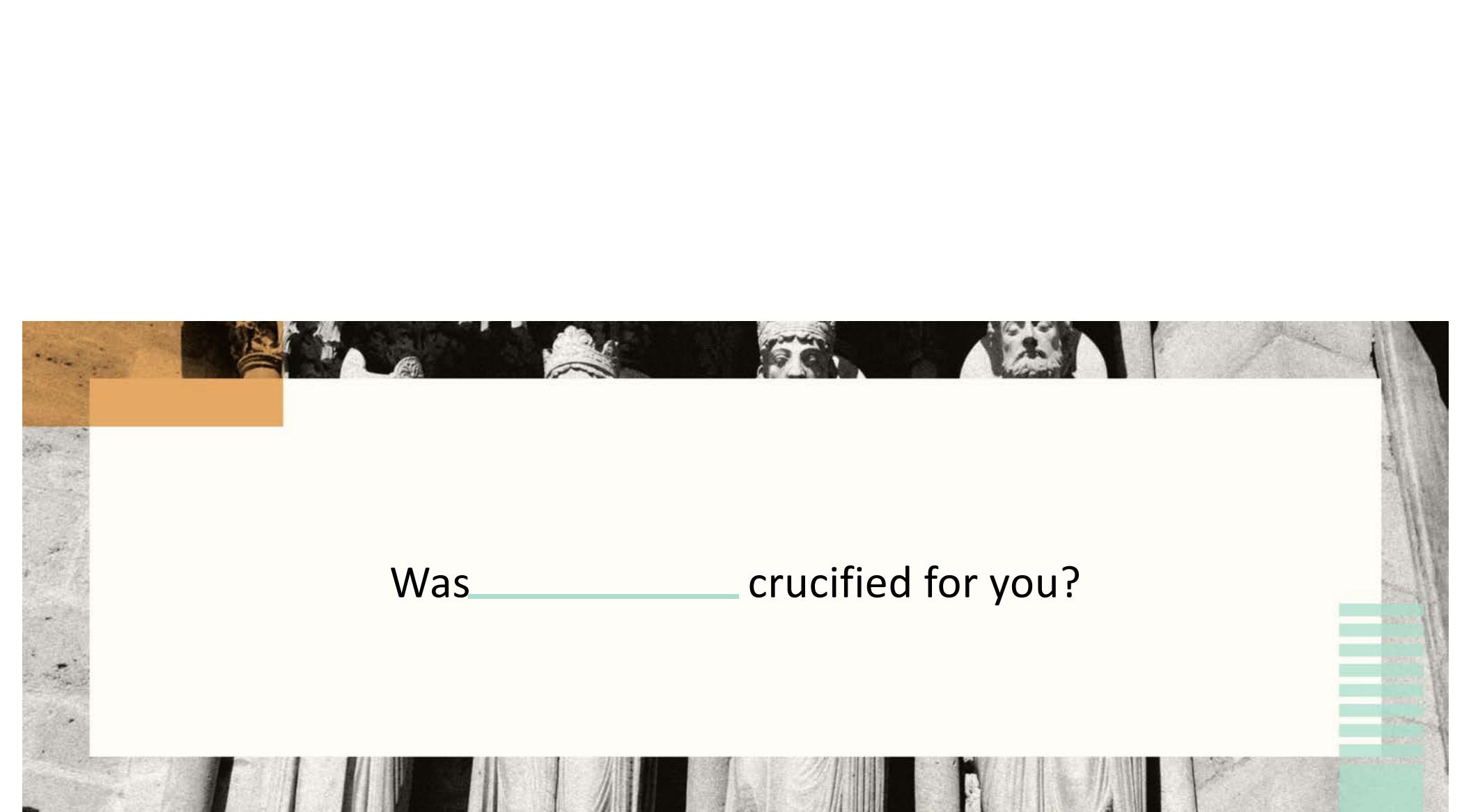
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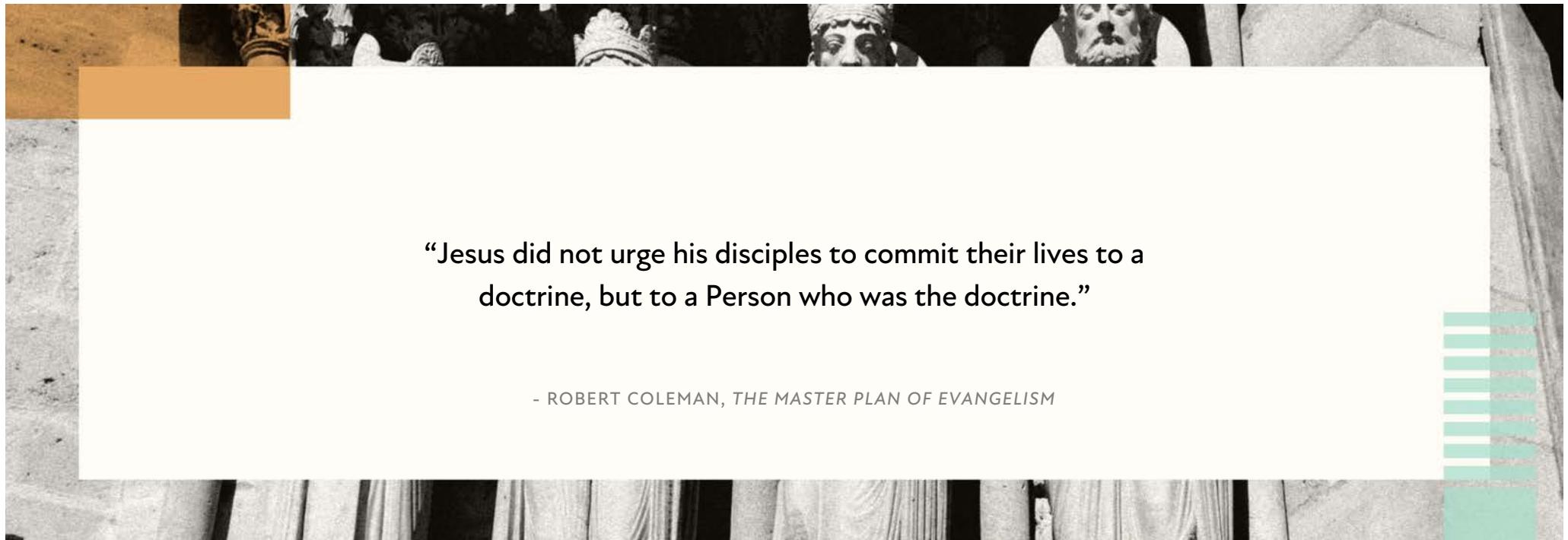
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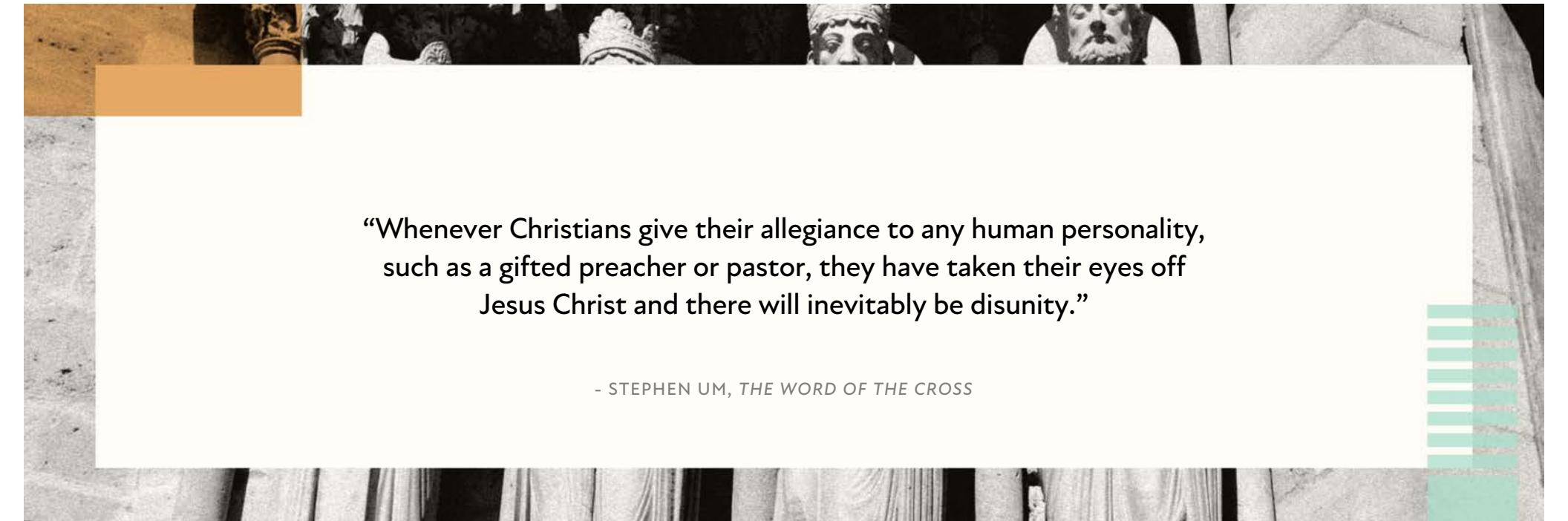


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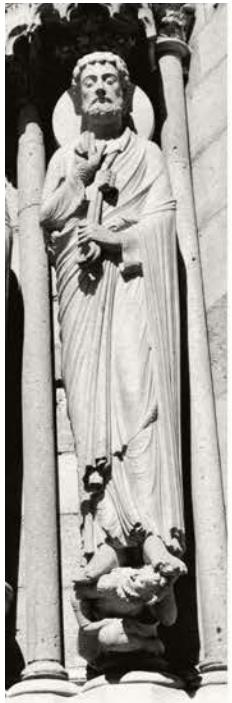
**“Jesus did not urge his disciples to commit their lives to a
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- ROBERT COLEMAN, *THE MASTER PLAN OF EVANGELISM*



“Whenever Christians give their allegiance to any human personality,
such as a gifted preacher or pastor, they have taken their eyes off
Jesus Christ and there will inevitably be disunity.”

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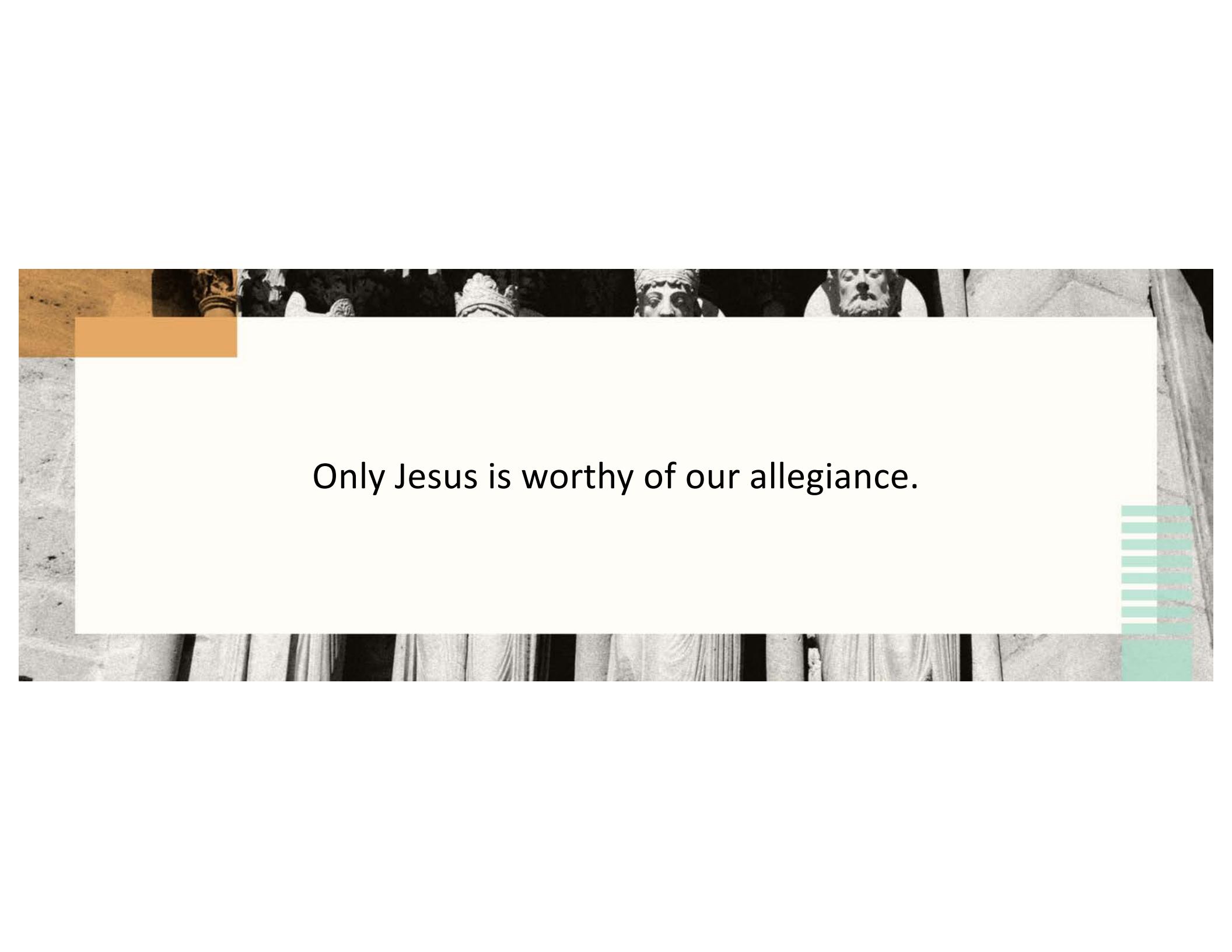
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