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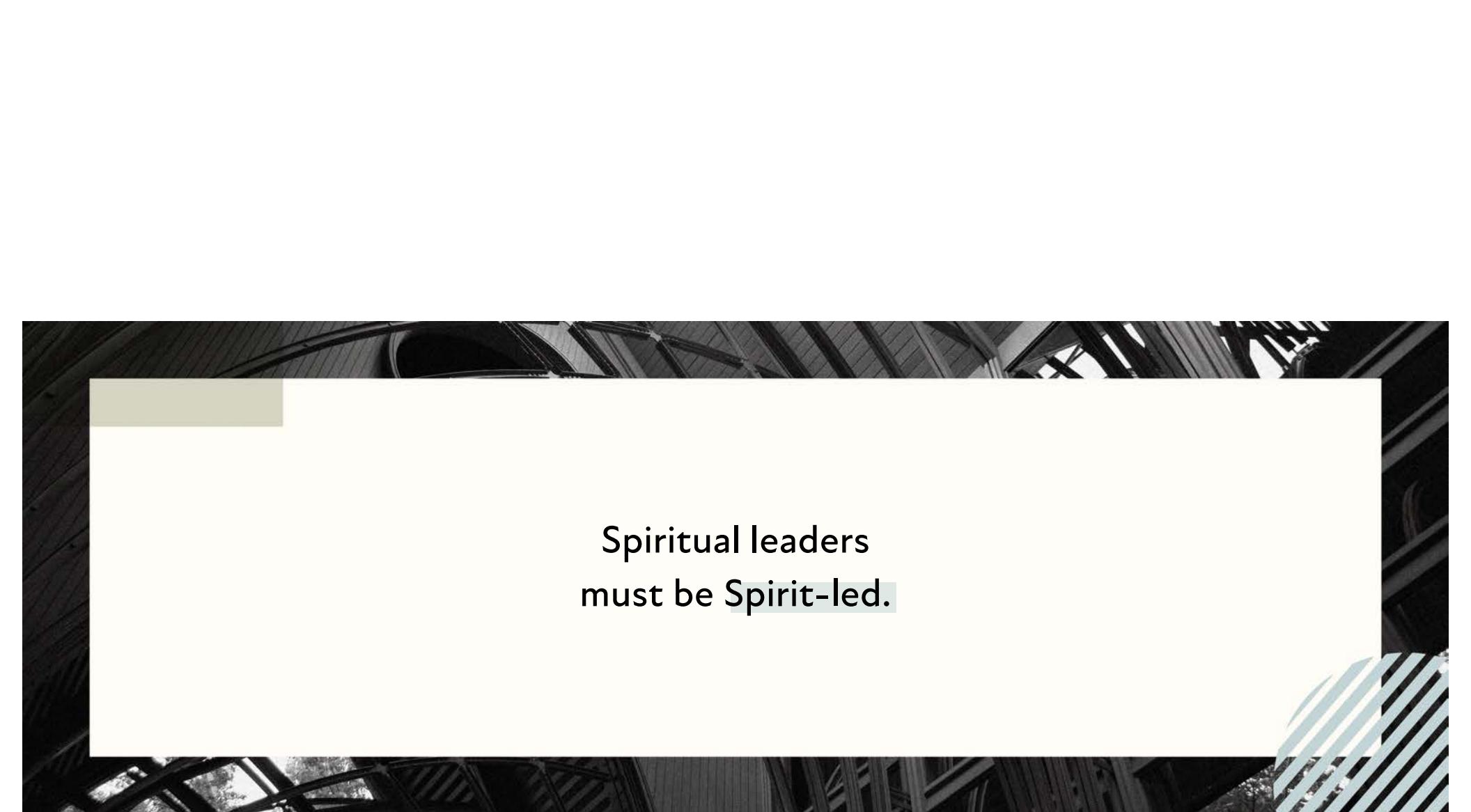
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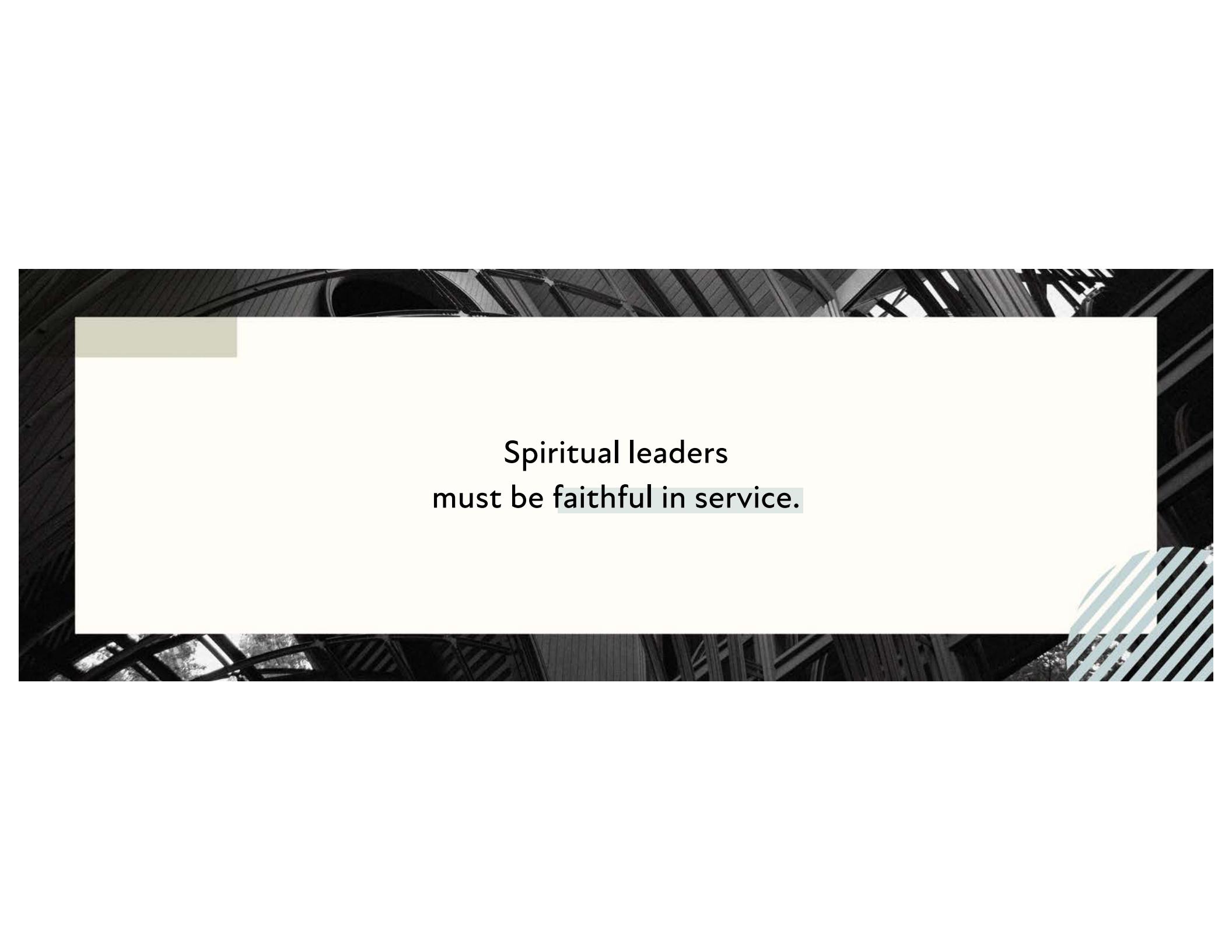
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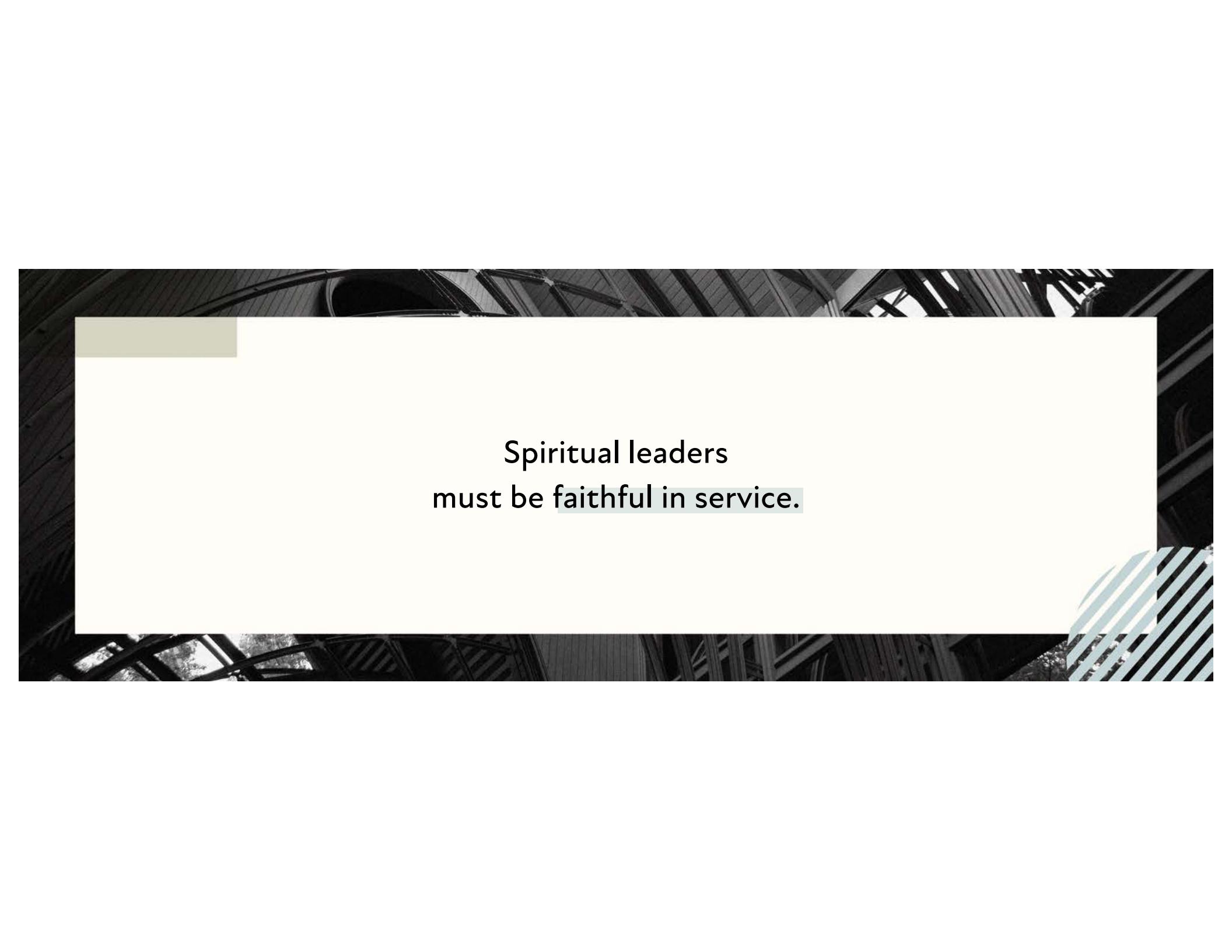




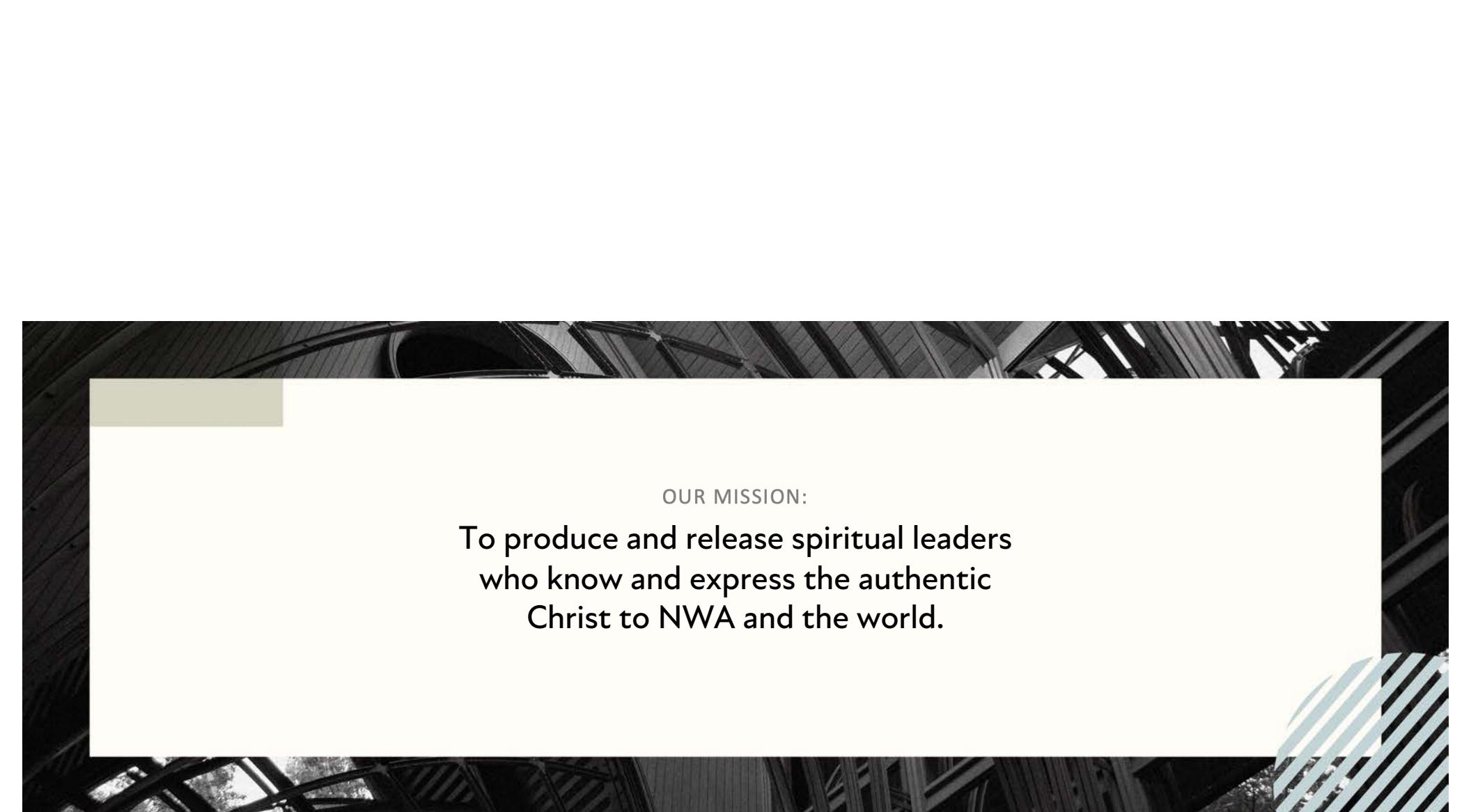
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To produce and release spiritual leaders  
who know and express the authentic  
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### 2 Corinthians 5:10 NIV

For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each of us may receive what is due us for the things done while in the body, whether good or bad.



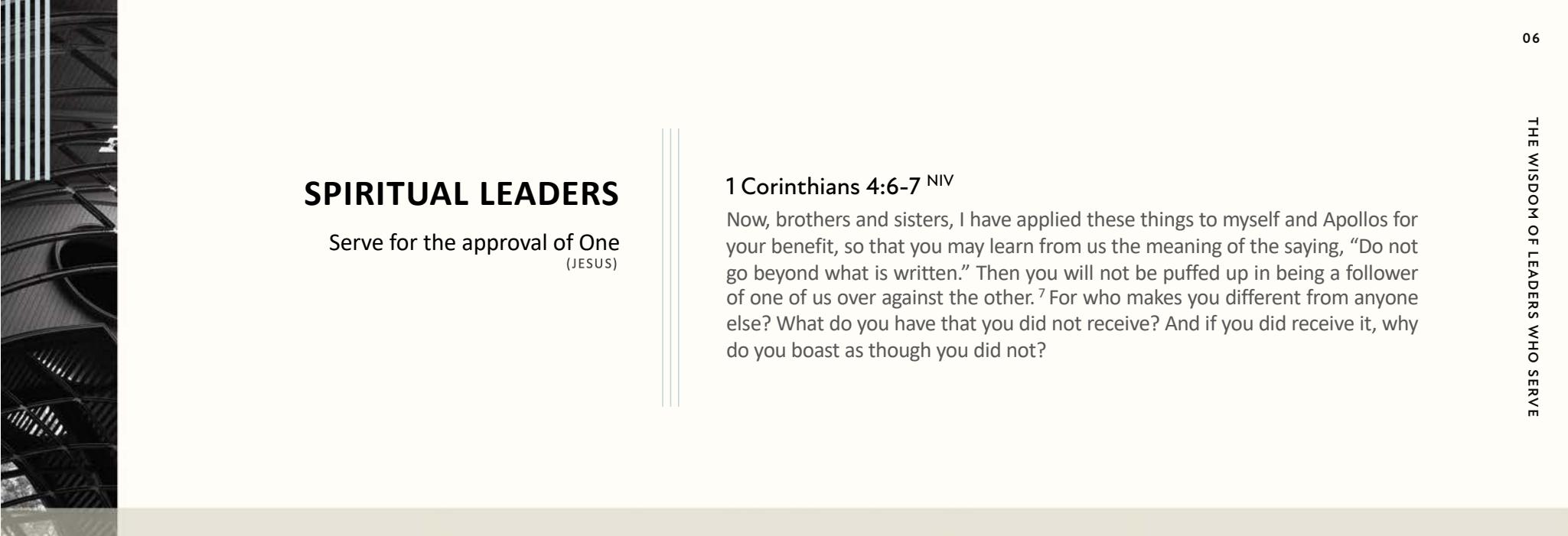


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Now, brothers and sisters, I have applied these things to myself and Apollos for your benefit, so that you may learn from us the meaning of the saying, “Do not go beyond what is written.” Then you will not be puffed up in being a follower of one of us over against the other.<sup>7</sup> For who makes you different from anyone else? What do you have that you did not receive? And if you did receive it, why do you boast as though you did not?



### 1 Corinthians 4:8-9 NIV

Already you have all you want! Already you have become rich! You have begun to reign—and that without us! How I wish that you really had begun to reign so that we also might reign with you! <sup>9</sup> For it seems to me that God has put us apostles on display at the end of the procession, like those condemned to die in the arena. We have been made a spectacle to the whole universe, to angels as well as to human beings.









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### 1 Corinthians 4:11-13 NIV

To this very hour we go hungry and thirsty, we are in rags, we are brutally treated, we are homeless.<sup>12</sup> We work hard with our own hands. When we are cursed, we bless; when we are persecuted, we endure it;<sup>13</sup> when we are slandered, we answer kindly. We have become the scum of the earth, the garbage of the world—right up to this moment.



### Ephesians 5:15-16 <sup>NIV</sup>

Be very careful, then, how you live—not as unwise but as wise,<sup>16</sup> making the most of every opportunity, because the days are evil.

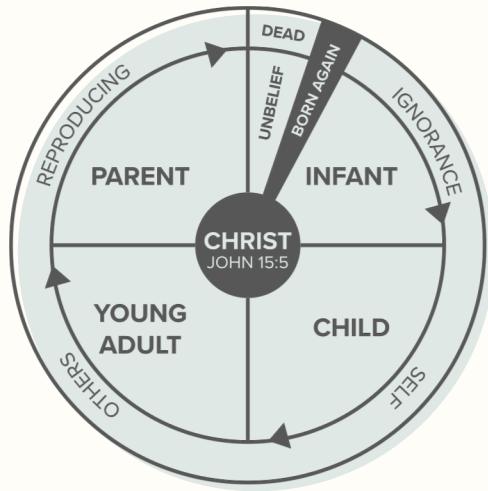


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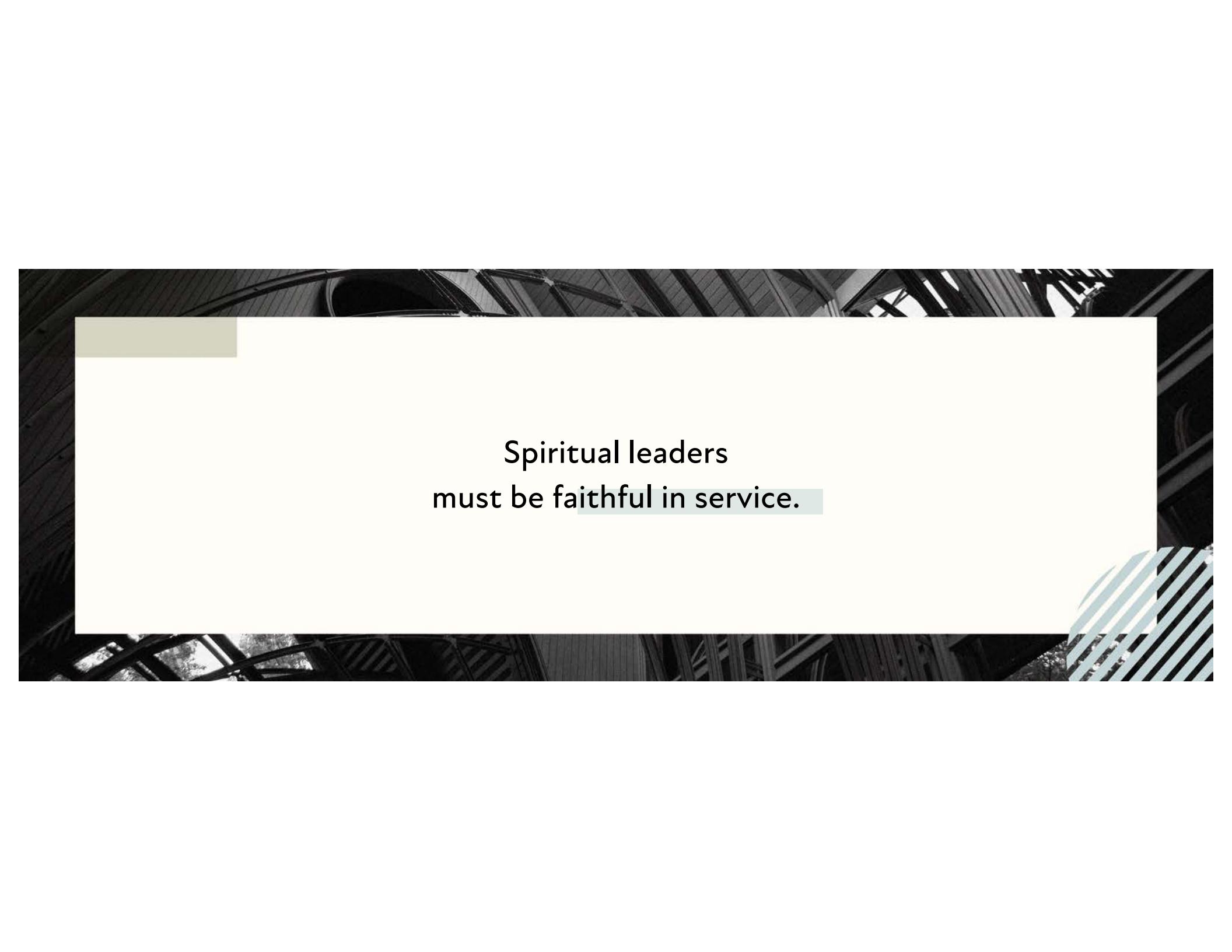


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