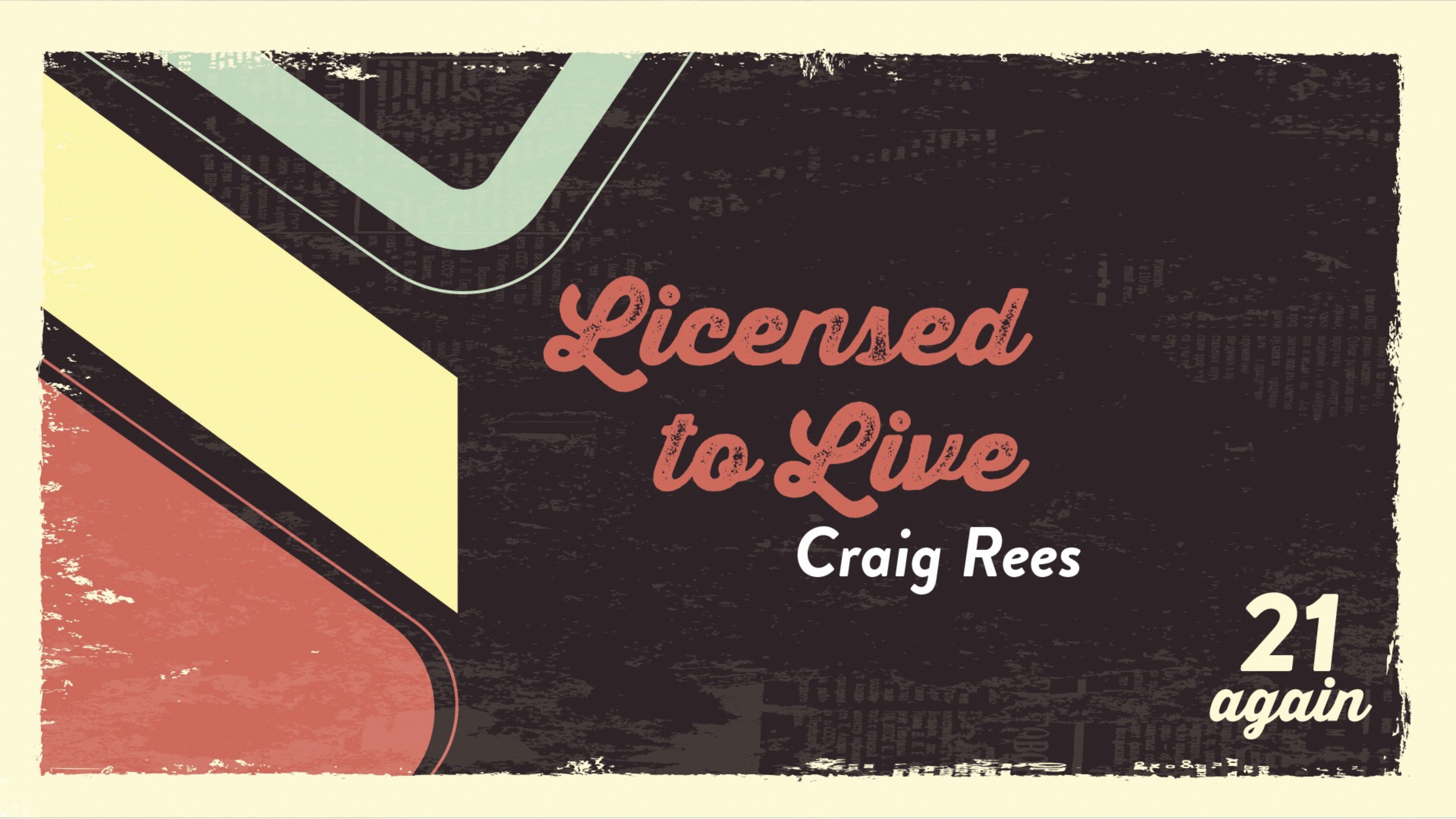




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Very: ἀκριβῶς (*akribōs*)
exactness, accuracy

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Careful: βλέπω (*blepō*)
to look at, beware, careful,
consider, or take heed

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Be very careful, then, how you live – not as unwise but as wise, making the most of every opportunity, because the days are evil.

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Motives are the inward thoughts or reasons that propel our words and deeds. Motives reveal what we truly believe.

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When our motivation becomes our mission, we quickly lose our ambition.

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Most: εξαγοράζω (*exagorazō*) Compound Word

ἐξ (ek): 'out of'

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Christ redeemed us from (out of) the curse of the law by becoming a curse for us.

Galatians 3:13

ἀγοράζω (*agorazō*)
to 'buy in the marketplace.'

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Most: εξαγοράζω (*exagorazō*)
to buy up out of the market place

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Opportunity: καιρός (*kairos*)
season, age, fitting or appointed time

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Time is a commodity that is to be capitalized upon
and used for good.

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Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all people, especially to those who belong to the family of believers.

Galatians 6:10

Question: What enables a motivated person to experience an opportunity?

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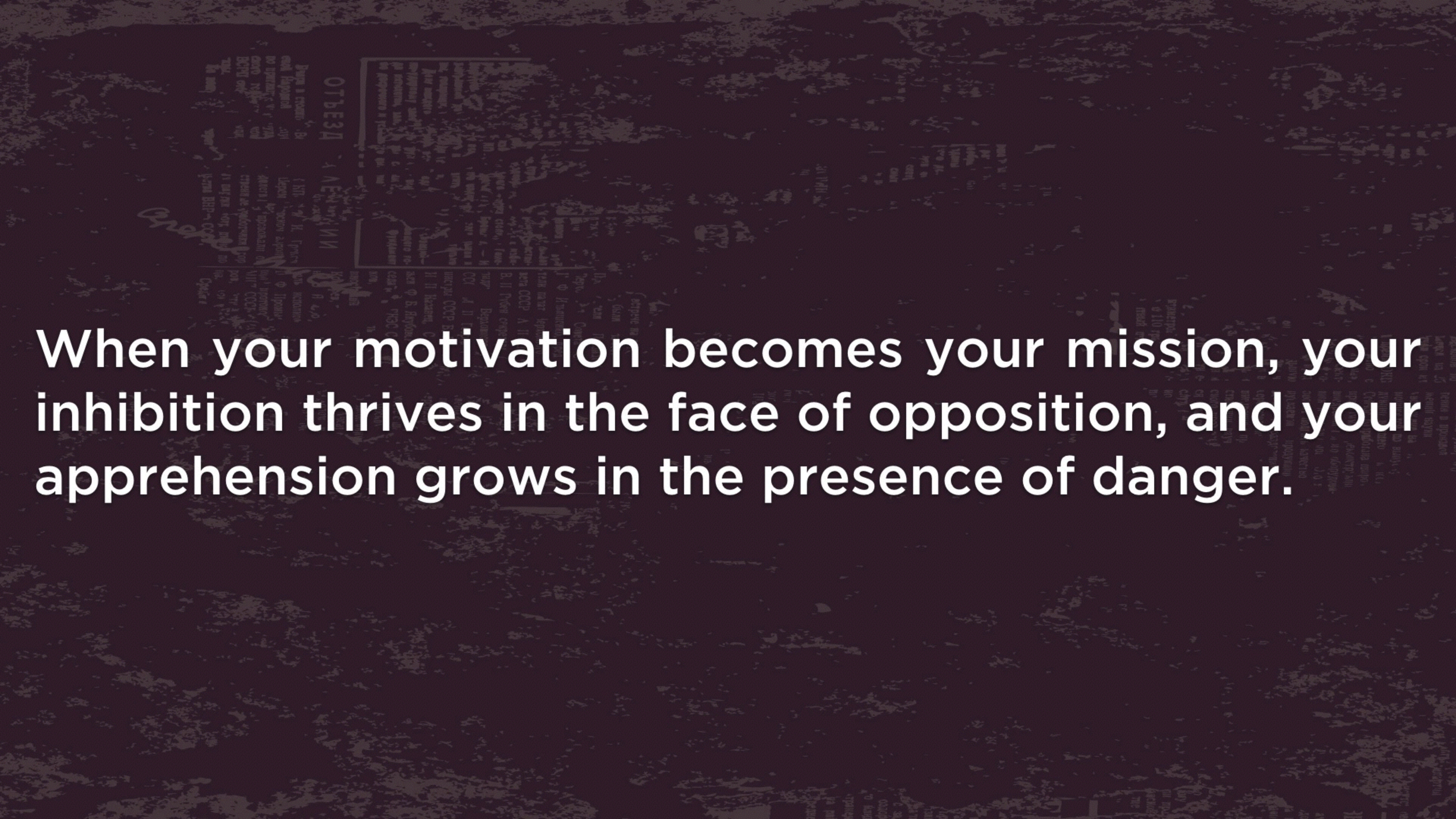
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Life: περιπατέω (*peripateō*)
to walk, behave, or conduct yourself

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To receive an opportunity all a person needs to do
is walk!

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When your motivation becomes your mission, your inhibition thrives in the face of opposition, and your apprehension grows in the presence of danger.

Question: What enables a motivated person to seize an opportunity to act redemptively?

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Wise people have a perception on life that authenticates itself through purposeful action.

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Where is the missional vision in this verse?

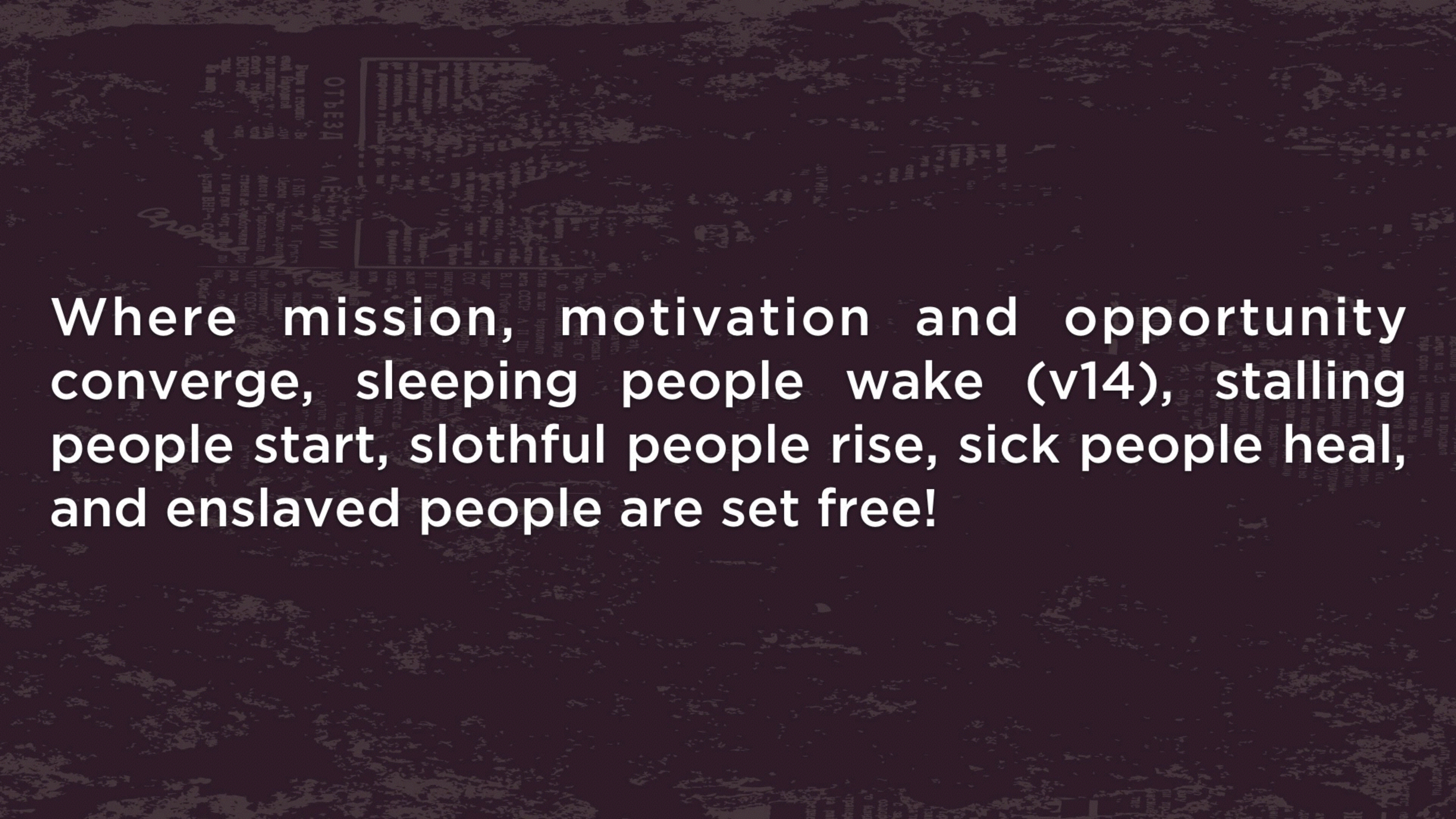
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but as wise, making the most of every opportunity,

motivation
because the days are evil.

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**Where mission, motivation and opportunity
converge, sleeping people wake (v14), stalling
people start, slothful people rise, sick people heal,
and enslaved people are set free!**

"Christians are called to live in a context of spiritual crisis. Evil is rampant in the culture around us. As long as the kingdom of God is in conflict with the powers of darkness, it may be said that the days are 'evil'."

RC Sproul

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