



**RUN,
CHURCH,
RUN**

**THE
RUNNING
CHURCH**

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The image shows the exterior of the Cornelly Community Church, an Apostolic Church. The building is a single-story structure with a light-colored, textured facade. A large wooden cross is mounted on the wall above the entrance. A white sign with blue lettering reads "CORNELLY COMMUNITY CHURCH" and "APOSTOLIC CHURCH" below it. The entrance features a set of double doors with dark glass and wooden frames. To the left of the doors is a closed white roller shutter. A small black mailbox is mounted on the wall to the left of the doors. A red brick wall runs across the foreground, with a metal gate on the left and a stone pillar on the right. The sky is blue with some clouds.

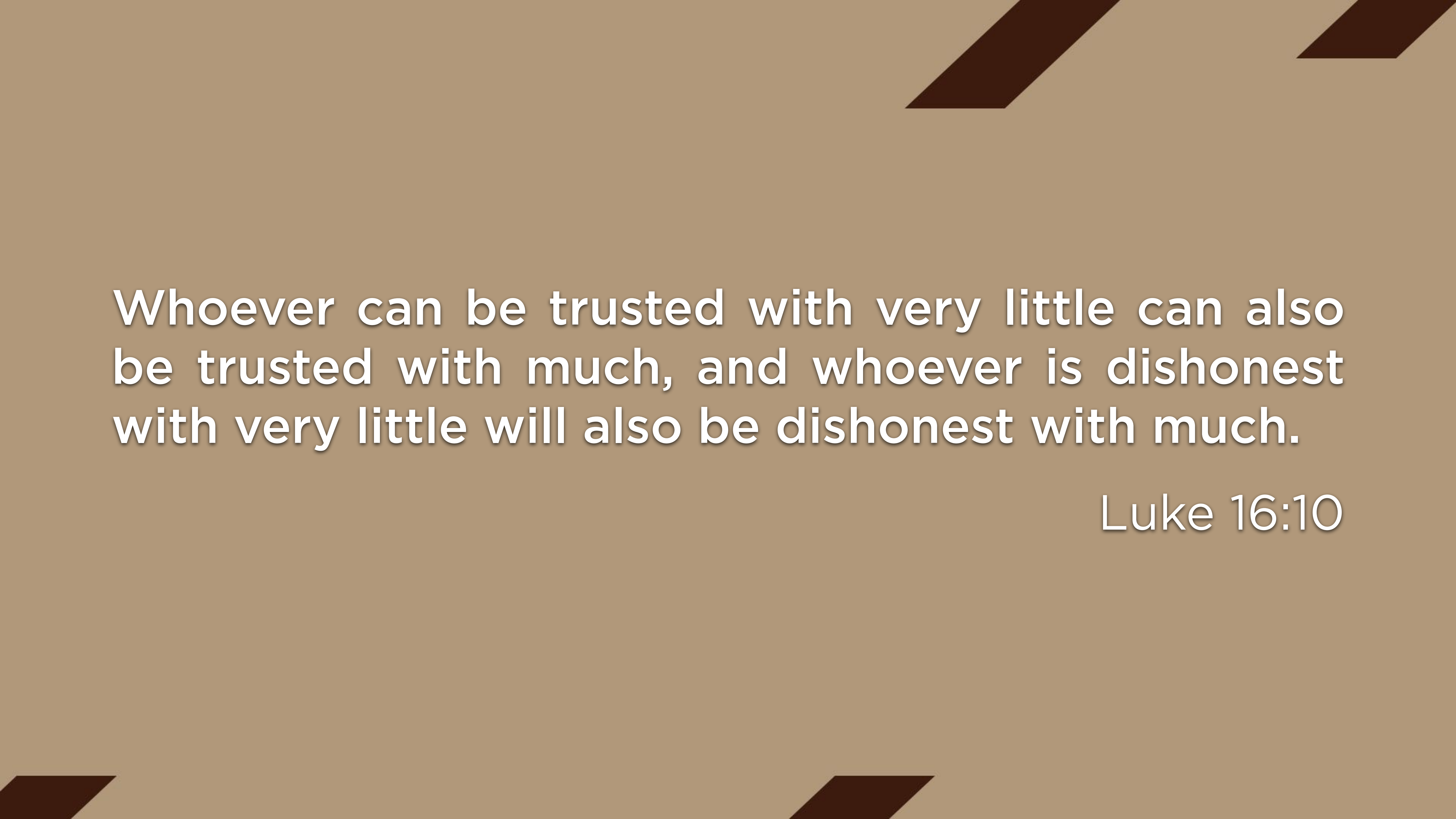
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APOSTOLIC CHURCH

Acts 8:26–40

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Embrace Your Movement

Before pioneering ministry and performing wonders (8:5–6, 26–40), Philip waited tables, managed conflict (6:5–6) and endured persecution (8:1–3).



Whoever can be trusted with very little can also be trusted with much, and whoever is dishonest with very little will also be dishonest with much.

Luke 16:10

Acknowledge Your Need

Seeing the words on the page doesn't always help us grasp the meaning (vv30-31). Sometimes we need help.

Then Philip ran up to the chariot and heard the man reading Isaiah the prophet. “Do you understand what you are reading?” Philip asked. “How can I,” he said, “unless someone explains it to me?” So he invited Philip to come up and sit with him.

Acts 8:30-31

Run Your Race

We weren't saved to ride off into our own sunset but to run into our own race. Philip went to Caesarea, and the Eunuch to Ethiopia.

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Acts 8:30a

Philip runs because he is on sacred service and under divine impulse... It is inspired running, the sacred running of a prophet.

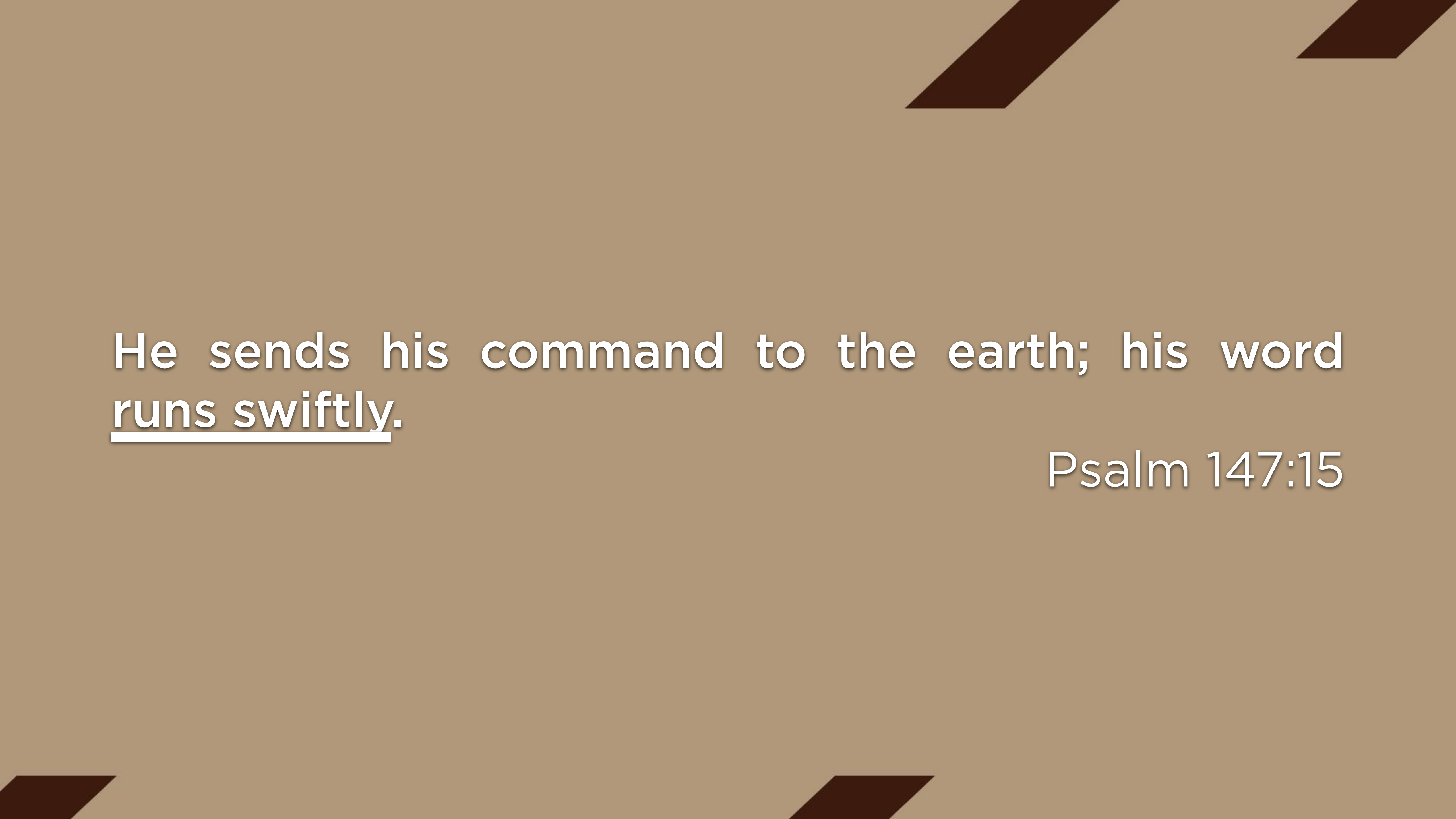
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However, I consider my life worth nothing to me; my only aim is to finish the race and complete the task the Lord Jesus has given me—the task of testifying to the good news of God's grace.

Acts 20:24

As John was completing his work, he said: “Who do you suppose I am? I am not the one you are looking for. But there is one coming after me whose sandals I am not worthy to untie.”

Acts 13:25

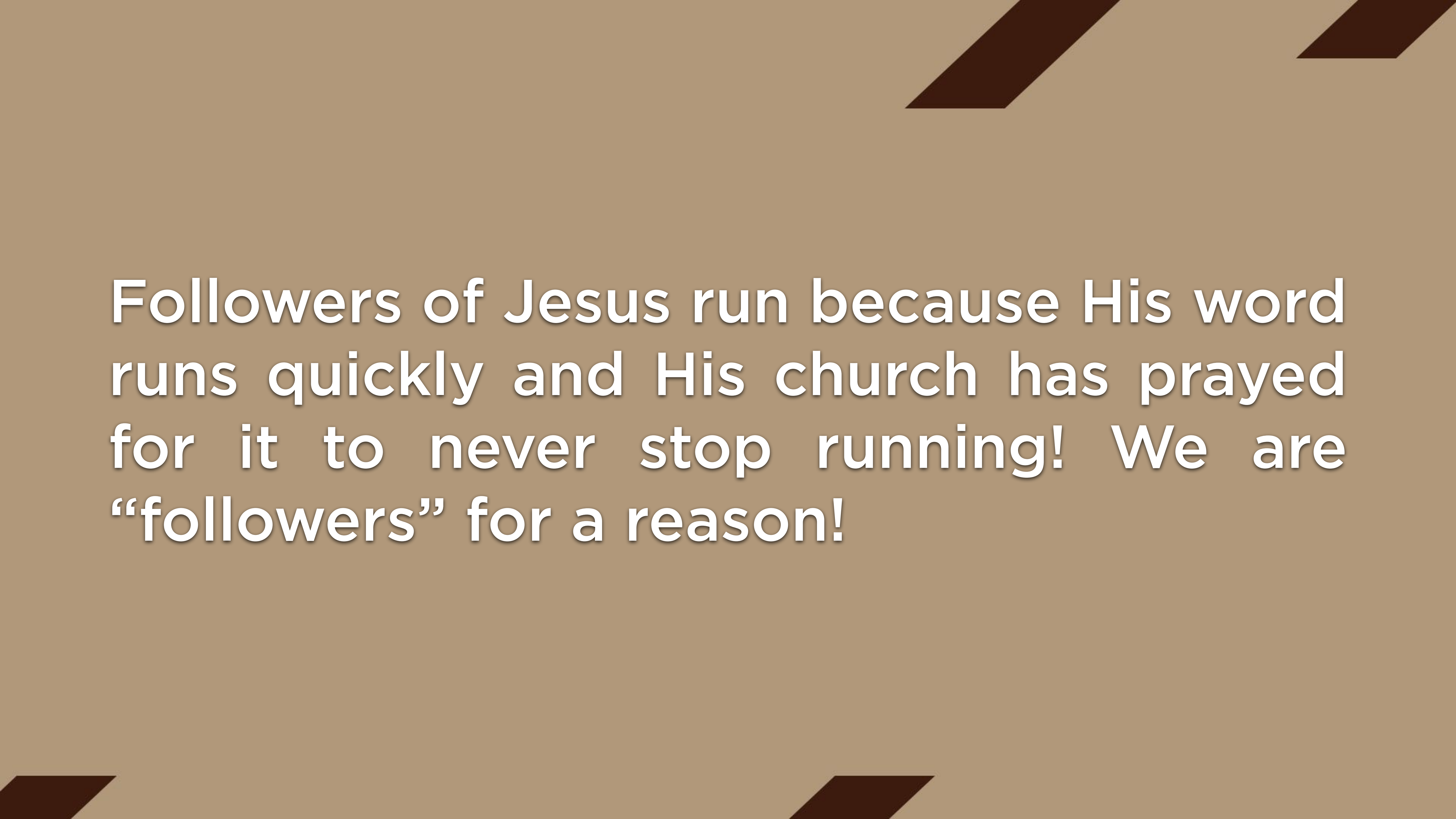


He sends his command to the earth; his word
runs swiftly.

Psalm 147:15

As for other matters, brothers and sisters, pray
for us that the message of the Lord may spread
rapidly.

2 Thessalonians 3:1



Followers of Jesus run because His word runs quickly and His church has prayed for it to never stop running! We are “followers” for a reason!

Then Moses said to Aaron, “Take your censer and put incense in it, along with burning coals from the altar, and hurry to the assembly to make atonement for them. Wrath has come out from the Lord; the plague has started.” So Aaron did as Moses said, and ran into the midst of the assembly. The plague had already started among the people, but Aaron offered the incense and made atonement for them.

Numbers 16:46-47

We have this hope as an anchor for the soul, firm and secure. It enters the inner sanctuary behind the curtain, here our forerunner, Jesus, has entered on our behalf. He has become a high priest forever, in the order of Melchizedek.

Hebrews 6:19-20



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