

O Lord, I desire to trust in you with all my heart and not rely on my own insight; I want to acknowledge you in all my ways and walk in the straight paths that you lay out; I don't want to be wise in my own eyes, but rather to properly fear you and turn away from all evil.

To these ends, O Lord, have mercy on me.

Amen.

Inhabiting The Story

- *Neighbor and Self* -





BETHLEHEM 1. The Cycle of Light (God With US) – Dec. to Feb.

CALVARY 2. The Cycle of Life (God For US) – March to May

PENTECOST 3. The Cycles of Love (God Through US)

➤ Ordinary time: World and Church - (8 weeks)

The church scattered – The church gathered

 ➤ Ordinary time: Neighbor and Self - (8 weeks)

Caring for others – Caring for self

➤ Ordinary time: Work and Rest - (8 weeks)

Fulfilling our duties – Enjoying our rest



**Repeat till
Jesus
comes!**



***“Oh, wow.
Nurturing a
broken spirit is
a lot of work.”***

**SpongeBob
SquarePants
Season 3, episode 47**

A person is silhouetted sitting on a park bench, looking out over a vast city at night. The city lights are blurred into a bokeh effect, creating a sense of depth and distance. The person's hands are resting on their knees, and they appear to be in a contemplative or peaceful state. The overall mood is serene and reflective.

“the present evil age”... Galatians 1:4

SNOW Day

...but those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength.

And God spoke all these words: “I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of Egypt, out of the land of slavery. You shall have no other gods before me. You shall not make for yourself an image in the form of anything in heaven above or on the earth beneath or in the waters below.”

~~Galatians~~

47-49 A.D

~~1 & 2 Thessalonians~~

49-51 A.D.

→ prison

~~1 & 2 Corinthians~~

52-57 A.D.

~~Romans~~

52-57 A.D.

~~Philippians~~

60-62 A.D.

~~Colossians~~

60-62 A.D.

~~Ephesians~~

60-62 A.D.

~~Philemon~~

60-62 A.D.

} prison

→ 1 Timothy

62-64 A.D.

Titus

62-64 A.D.

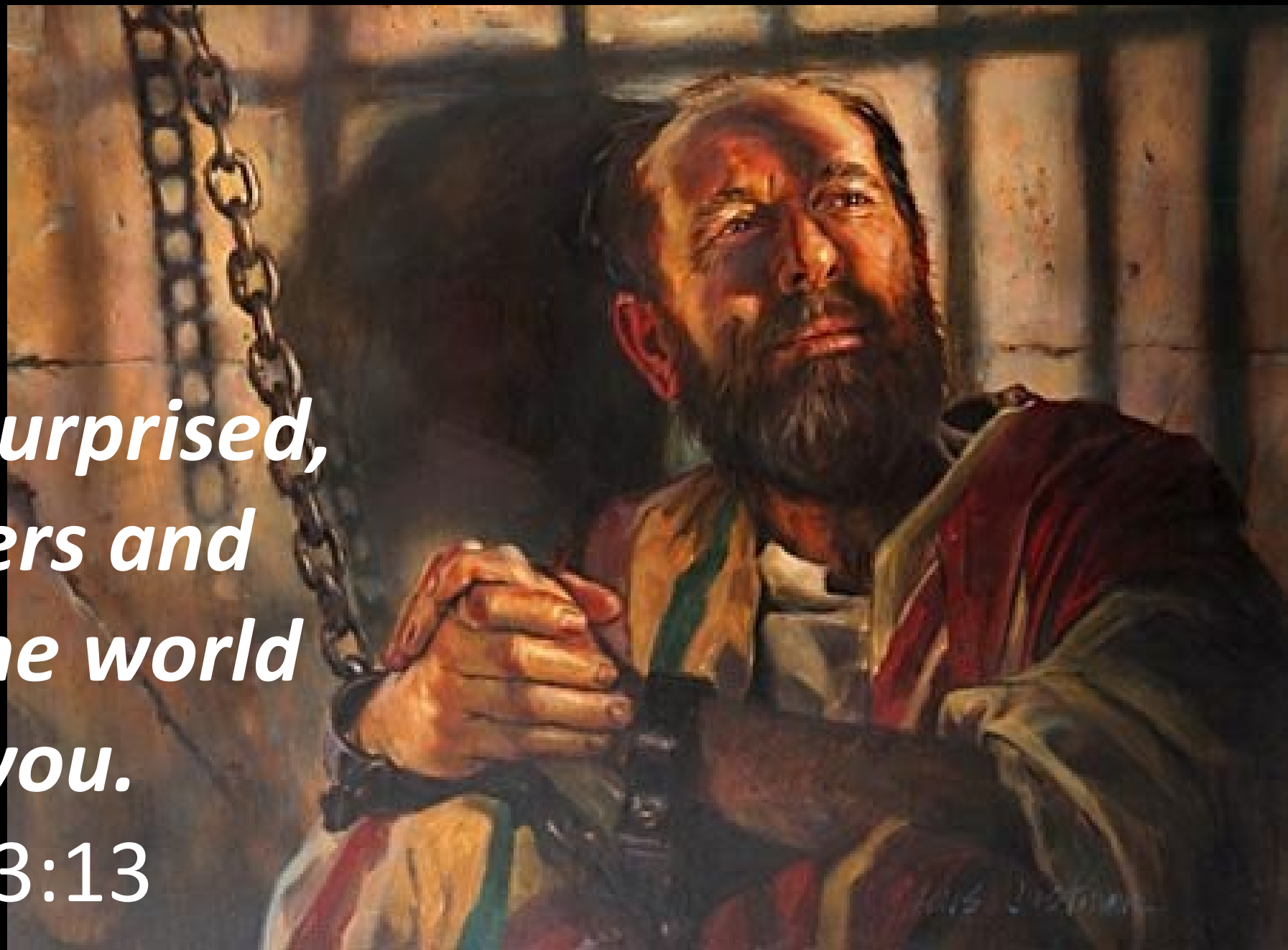
2 Timothy

64-66 A.D. → prison



***Do not be surprised,
my brothers and
sisters, if the world
hates you.***

1 John 3:13





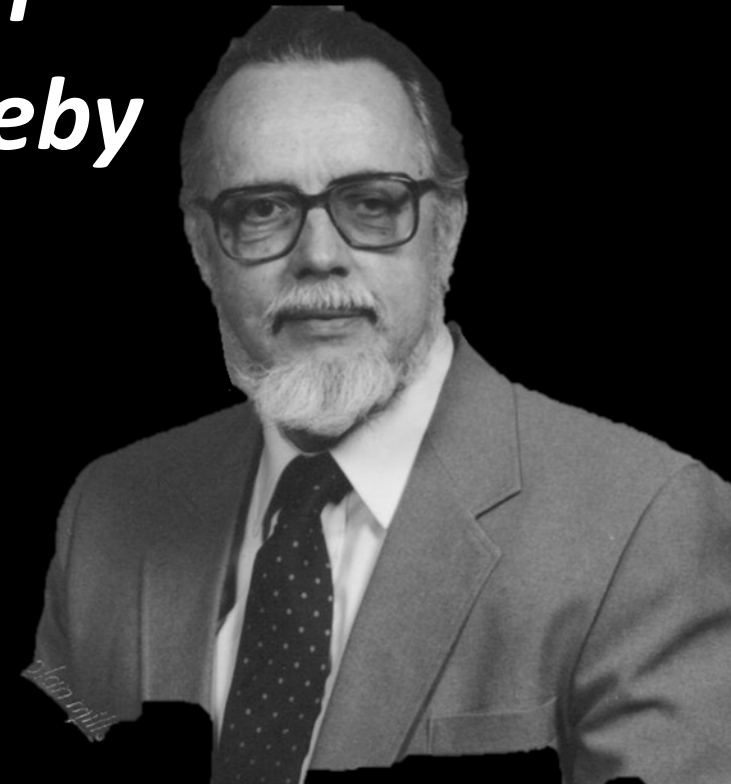
Also, seek the peace and prosperity of the city to which I have carried you into exile. Pray to the Lord for it, because if it prospers, you too will prosper. Jeremiah 29:7

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NERO *Let everyone be subject to the governing authorities, for there is no authority except that which God has established. The authorities that exist have been established by God.* Romans 13:1-2

“...the bearers of political authority are in spite of themselves agents of the divine economy, being used whether in rebellion or submission as agents of God's purpose...The function of the state in maintaining an ordered society is thereby a part of the divine plan for the evangelization of the world.”

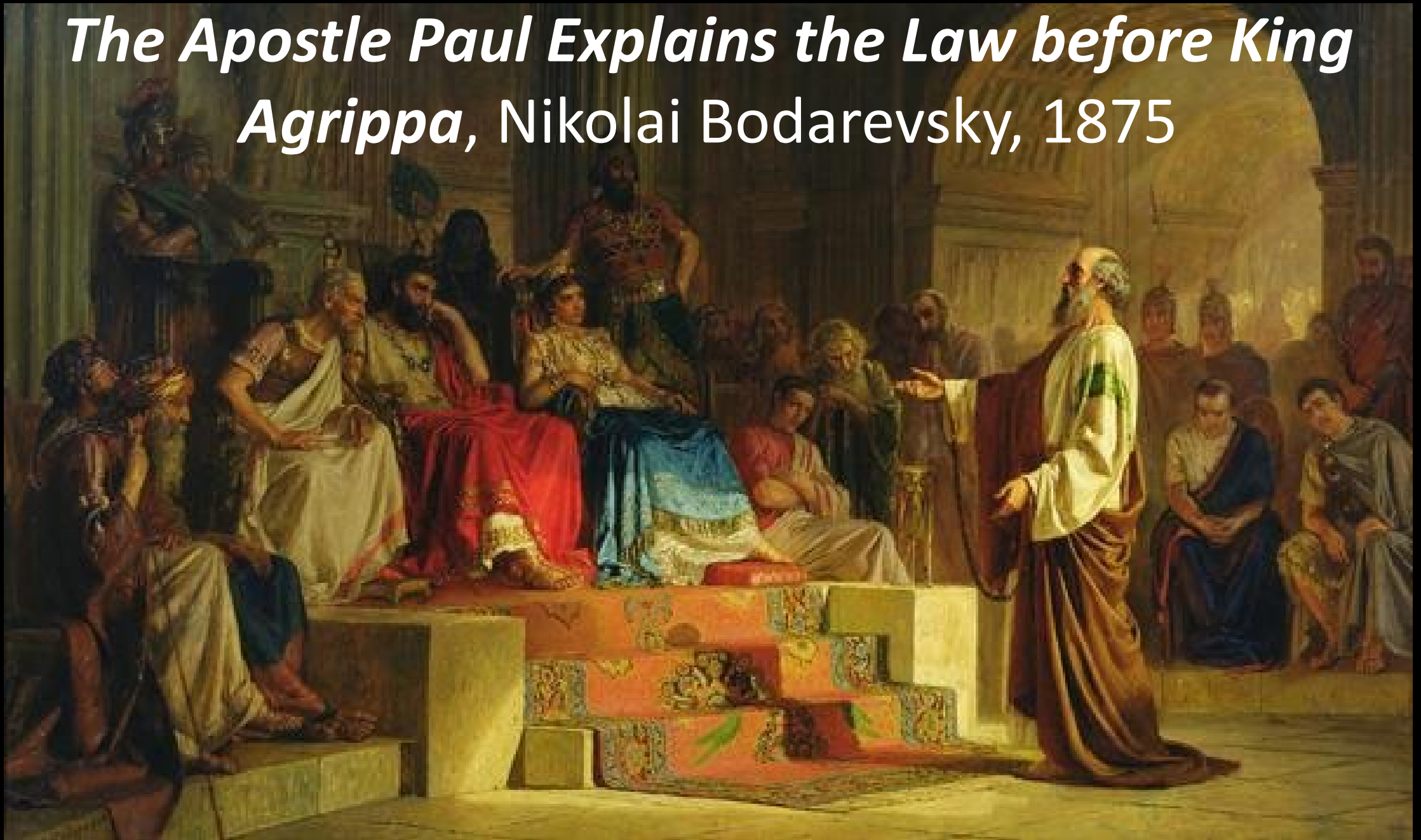
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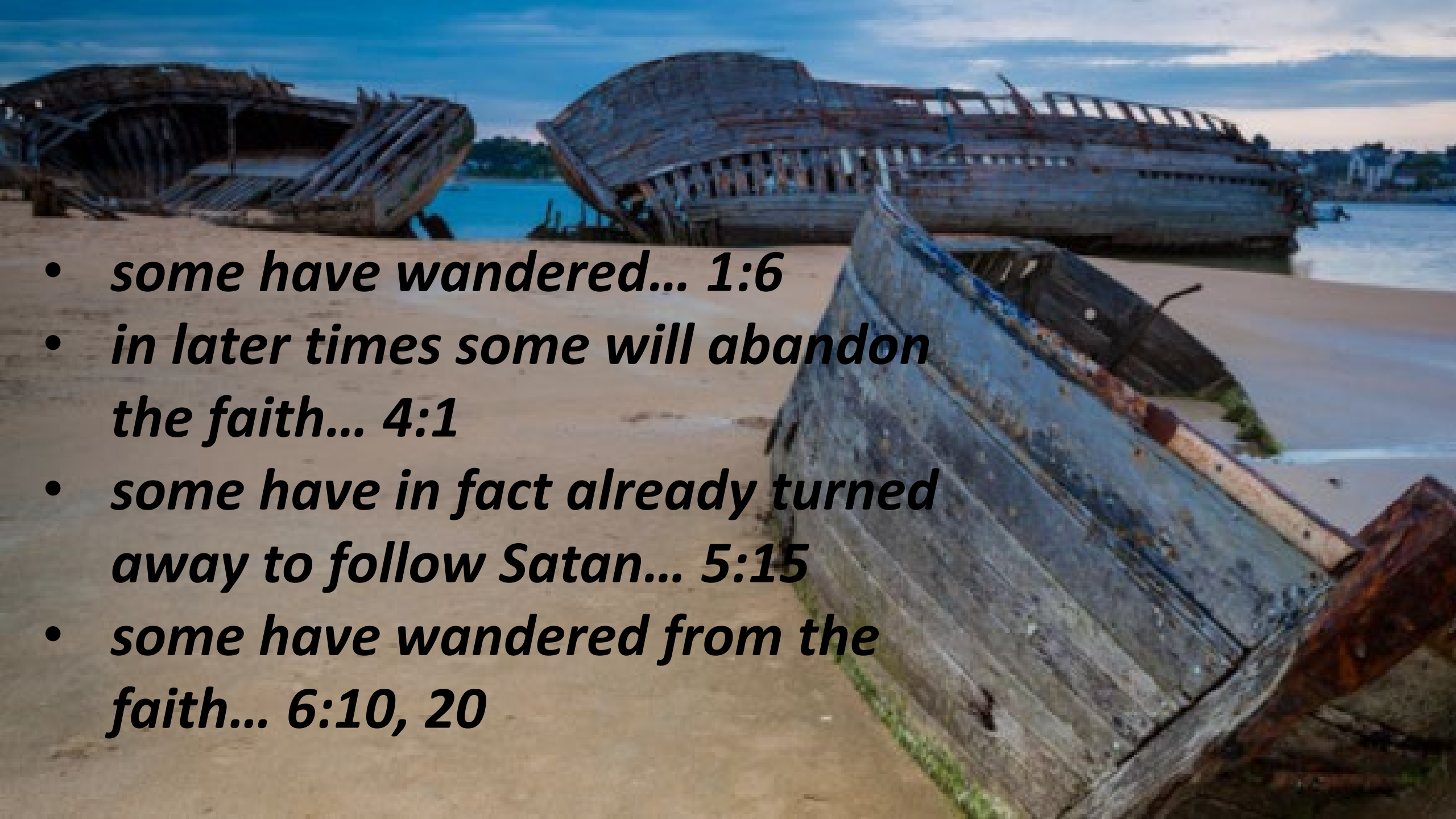




***Therefore, you kings, be wise;
be warned, you rulers of the earth.
Serve the Lord with fear
and celebrate his rule with trembling.
Kiss his son, or he will be angry
and your way will lead to your
destruction, for his wrath can flare up
in a moment. Blessed are all who take
refuge in him. Psalm 2:10-12***

***The Apostle Paul Explains the Law before King
Agrippa, Nikolai Bodarevsky, 1875***



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- *some have wandered... 1:6*
 - *in later times some will abandon the faith... 4:1*
 - *some have in fact already turned away to follow Satan... 5:15*
 - *some have wandered from the faith... 6:10, 20*



***Be alert and of sober mind.
Your enemy the devil
prowls around like a
roaring lion looking for
someone to devour.***

1 Peter 5:8

A low-angle shot of a person's legs running on a gravel path. The sun is low on the horizon, creating a warm, golden glow. The background shows a line of trees and a clear sky. The text 'TRAINING FOR GODLINESS' is overlaid in a white, blocky font at the bottom.

**TRAINING FOR
GODLINESS**



And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him. Colossians 3:17



Live such good lives among the pagans that, though they accuse you of doing wrong, they may see your good deeds and glorify God on the day he visits us.

**In light of your great generosity
toward me, O Lord, give me the
grace to be generous myself, this
week and always. Amen.**