

Spirit Led

Acts 13:1-4

13:1 Now in the church at Antioch there were prophets and teachers:

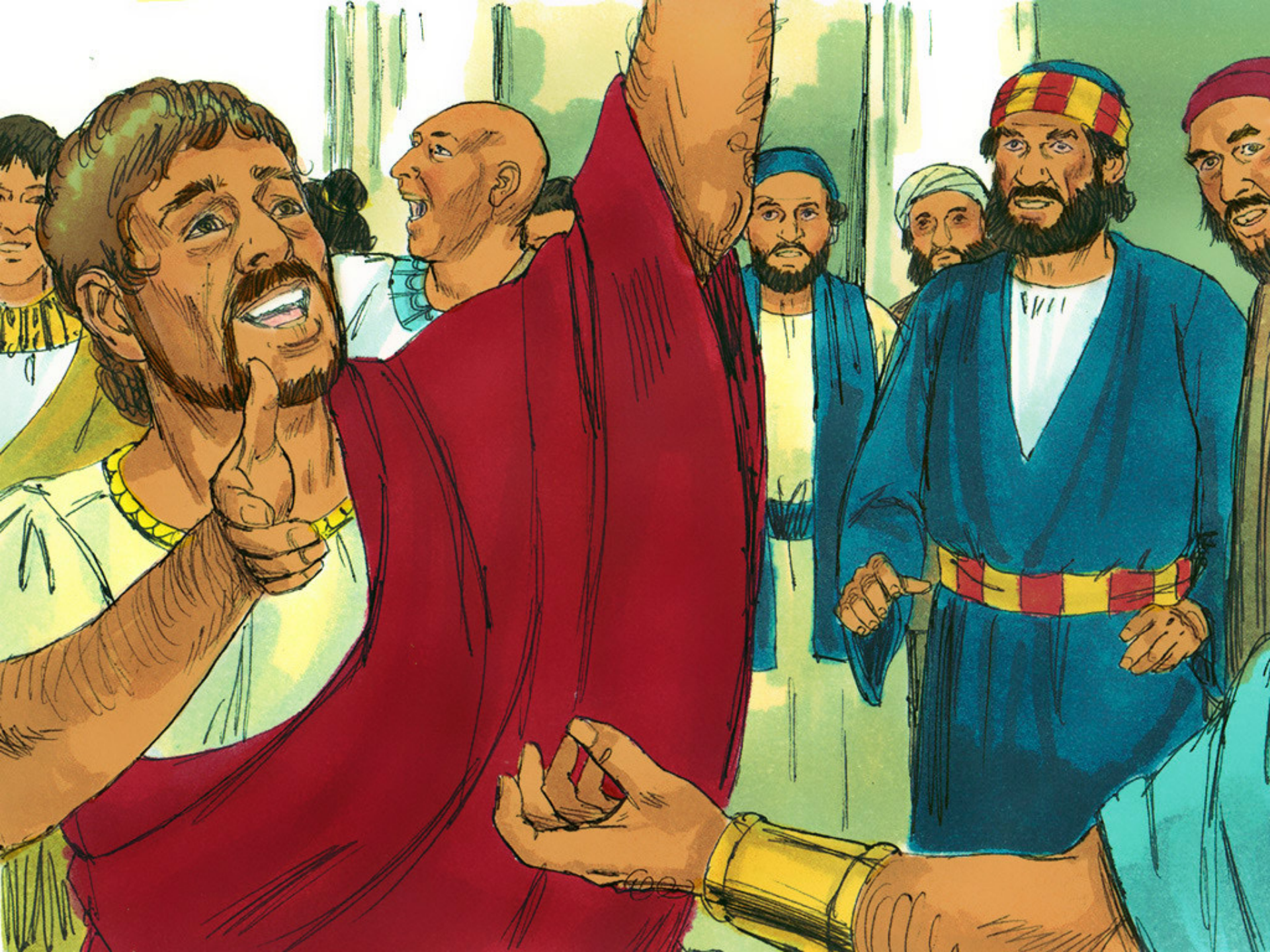
Barnabas, Simeon called Niger, Lucius of Cyrene, Manaen (who had been brought up with Herod the tetrarch) and Saul. ² While they were worshiping the Lord and fasting, the Holy Spirit said, “Set apart for me Barnabas and Saul for the work to which I have called them.”

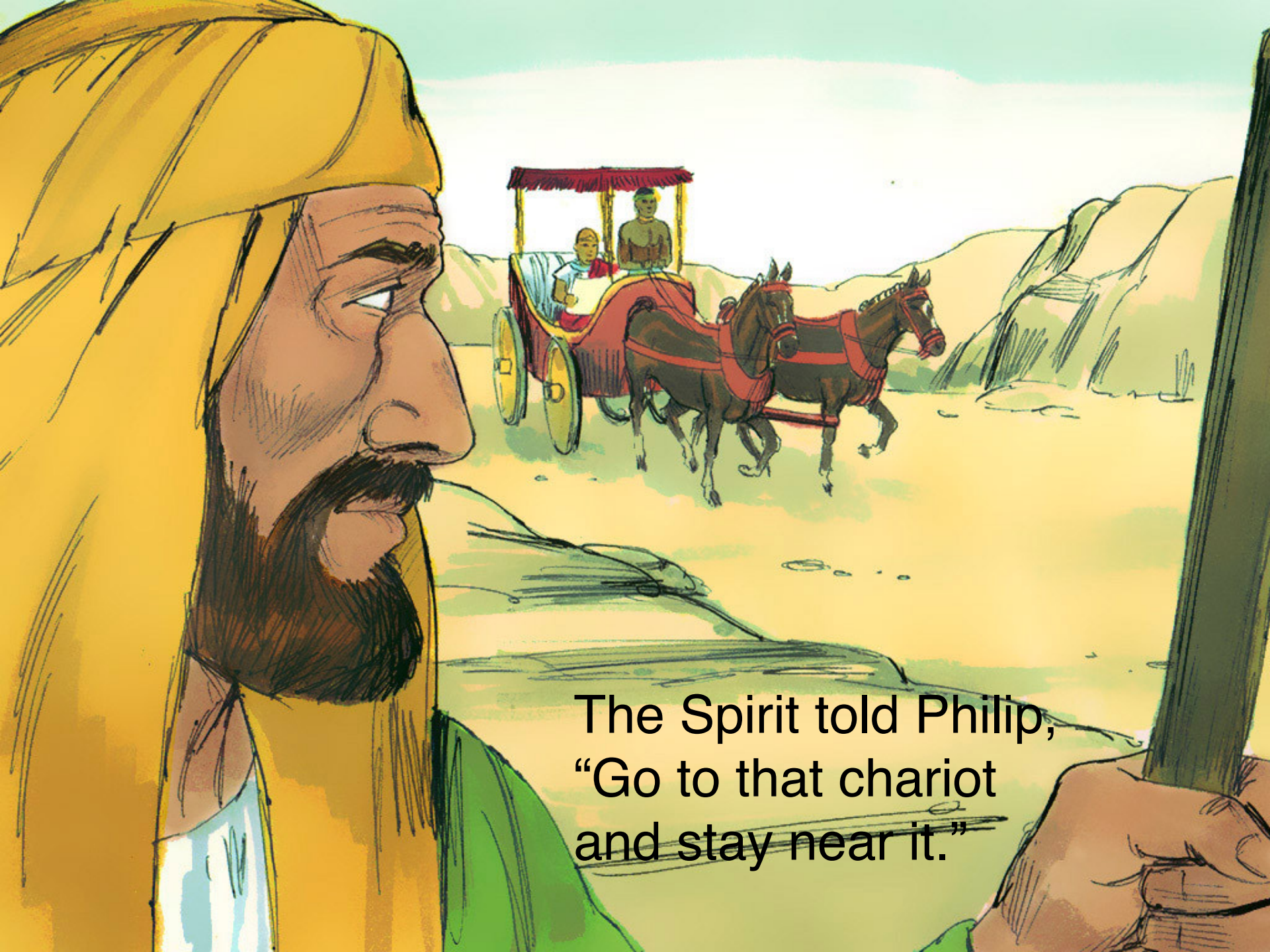
³ So after they had fasted and prayed, they placed their hands on them and sent them off. ⁴ The two of them, sent on their way by the Holy Spirit, went down to Seleucia and sailed from there to Cyprus.

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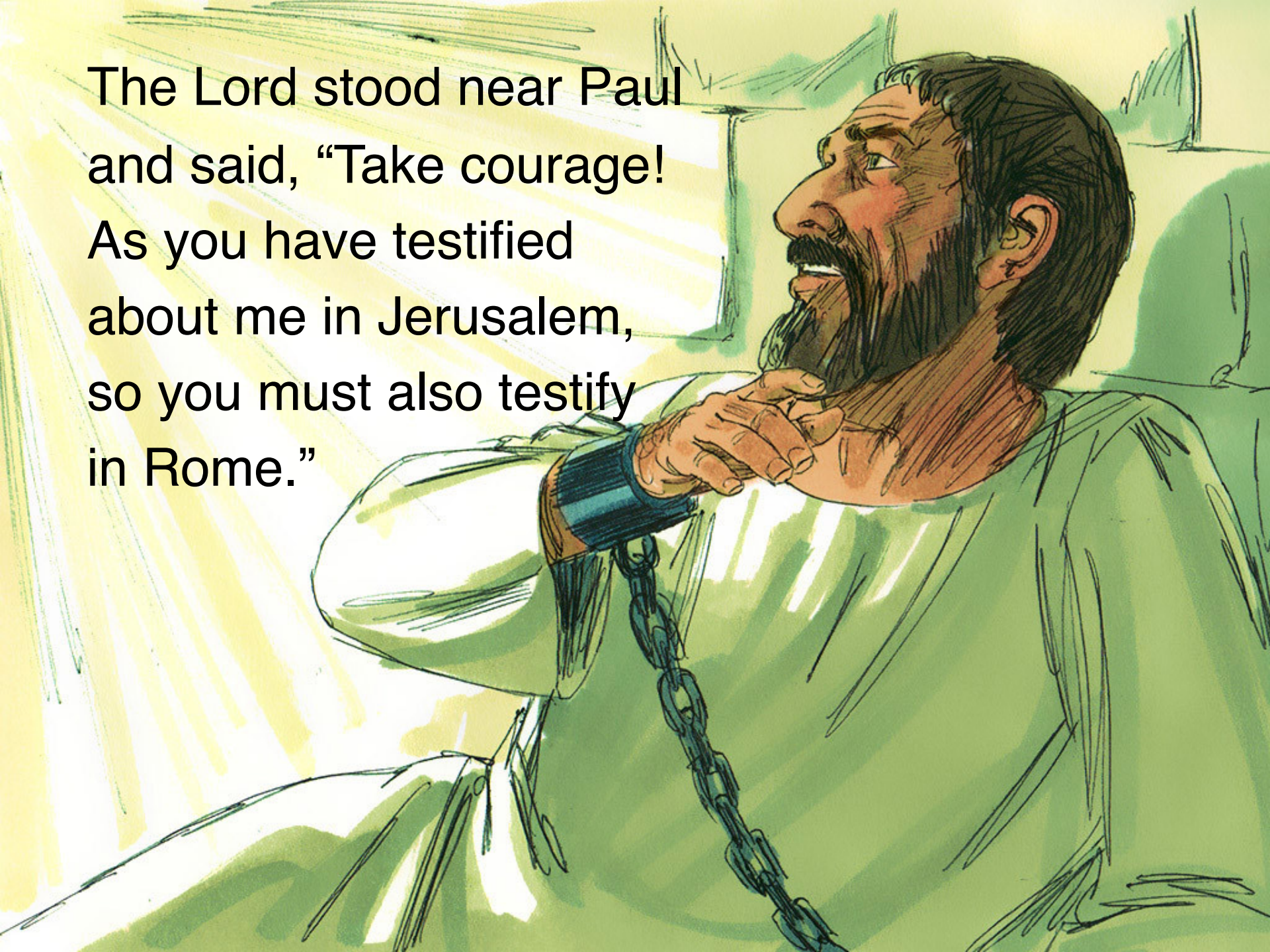






The Spirit told Philip,
“Go to that chariot
and stay near it.”

The Lord stood near Paul and said, "Take courage! As you have testified about me in Jerusalem, so you must also testify in Rome."













^{16:6} Paul and his companions traveled throughout the region of Phrygia and Galatia, having been kept by the Holy Spirit from preaching the word in the province of Asia. ⁷ When they came to the border of Mysia, they tried to enter Bithynia, but the Spirit of Jesus would not allow them to. ⁸ So they passed by Mysia and went down to Troas.



Mediterranean Sea

PAUL'S SECOND MISSIONARY JOURNEY
49-52 AD

Jerusalem

Troas

Antioch

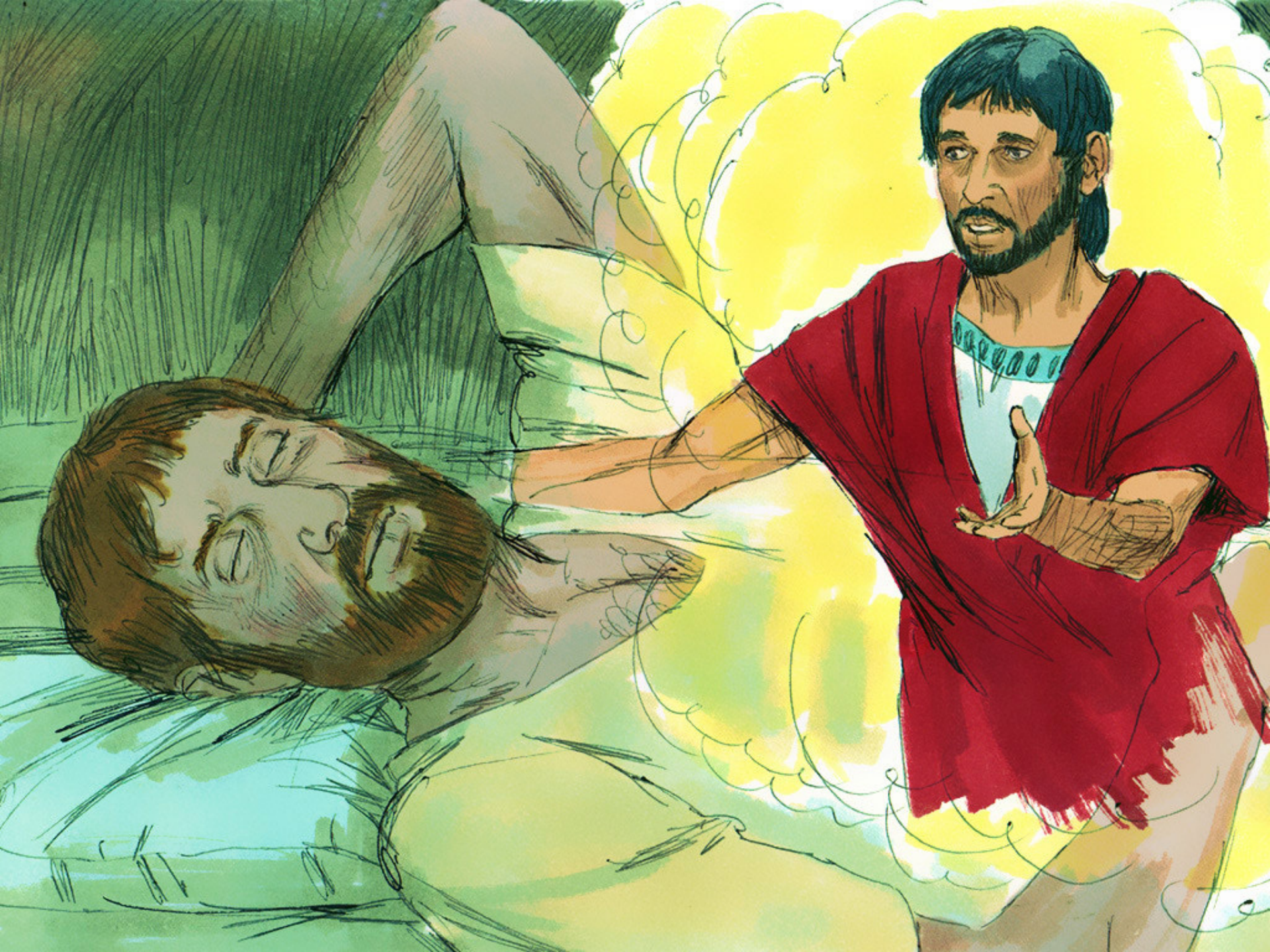
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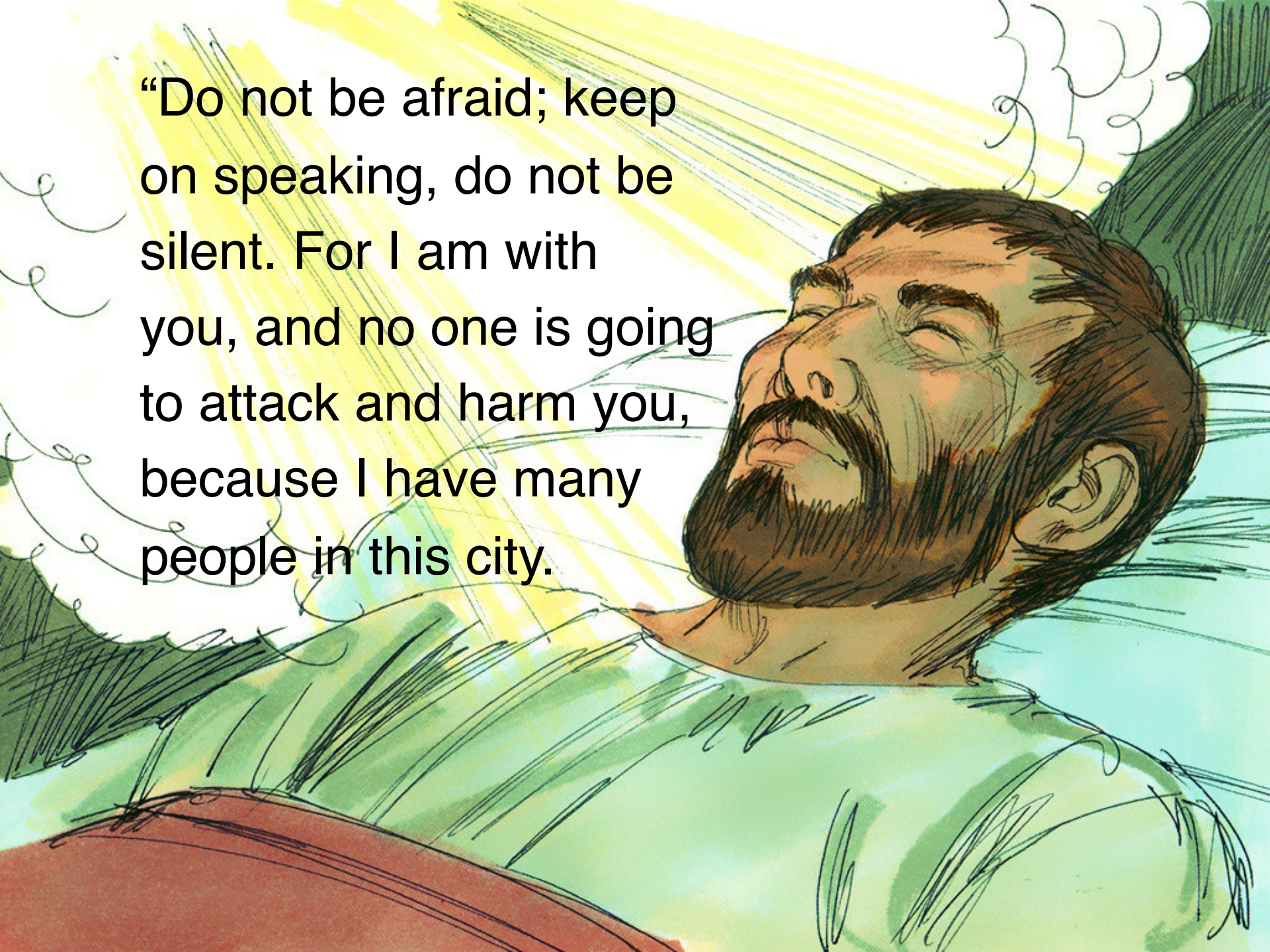
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⁹ During the night Paul had a vision of a man of Macedonia standing and begging him, “Come over to Macedonia and help us.” ¹⁰ After Paul had seen the vision, we got ready at once to leave for Macedonia, concluding that God had called us to preach the gospel to them.



“Do not be afraid; keep on speaking, do not be silent. For I am with you, and no one is going to attack and harm you, because I have many people in this city.













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Spirit led: FAQ

- Should I always find out God's detailed, individual will before I make a decision?
- If someone claims miraculous leading today, are they mentally unstable?
- Should I expect the Spirit to lead me by all the same methods he used in Acts?

What is Acts?

- History of church's foundational period, a unique time that ended after apostles died and New Testament was finished.
- Portrait of lively church and mission in the new covenant age of the Spirit, which continues until Jesus returns.

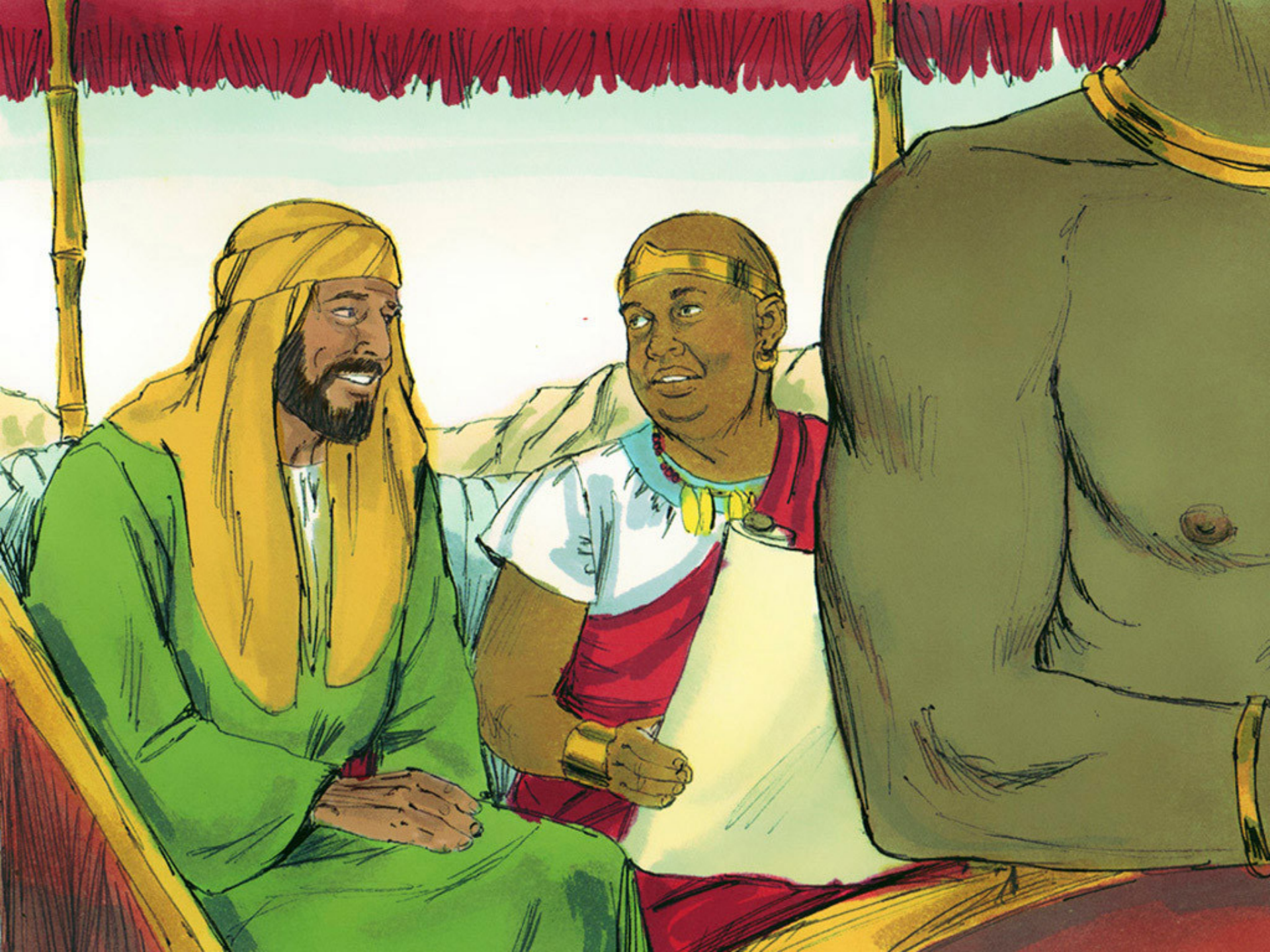
Where Spirit leads

- Led to know, trust, and love Jesus
- Led to relate to God as your Father
- Led to understand and relish God's truth
- Led to reject sin and pursue holiness
- Led to long for God and heaven on earth
- Led to heartfelt prayer connection
- Led to God's unique purposes for you

How Spirit leads

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- Speaks amid prayer and worship
- Directs through leadership body
- Arranges events for his purposes
- Speaks to and through our spirit
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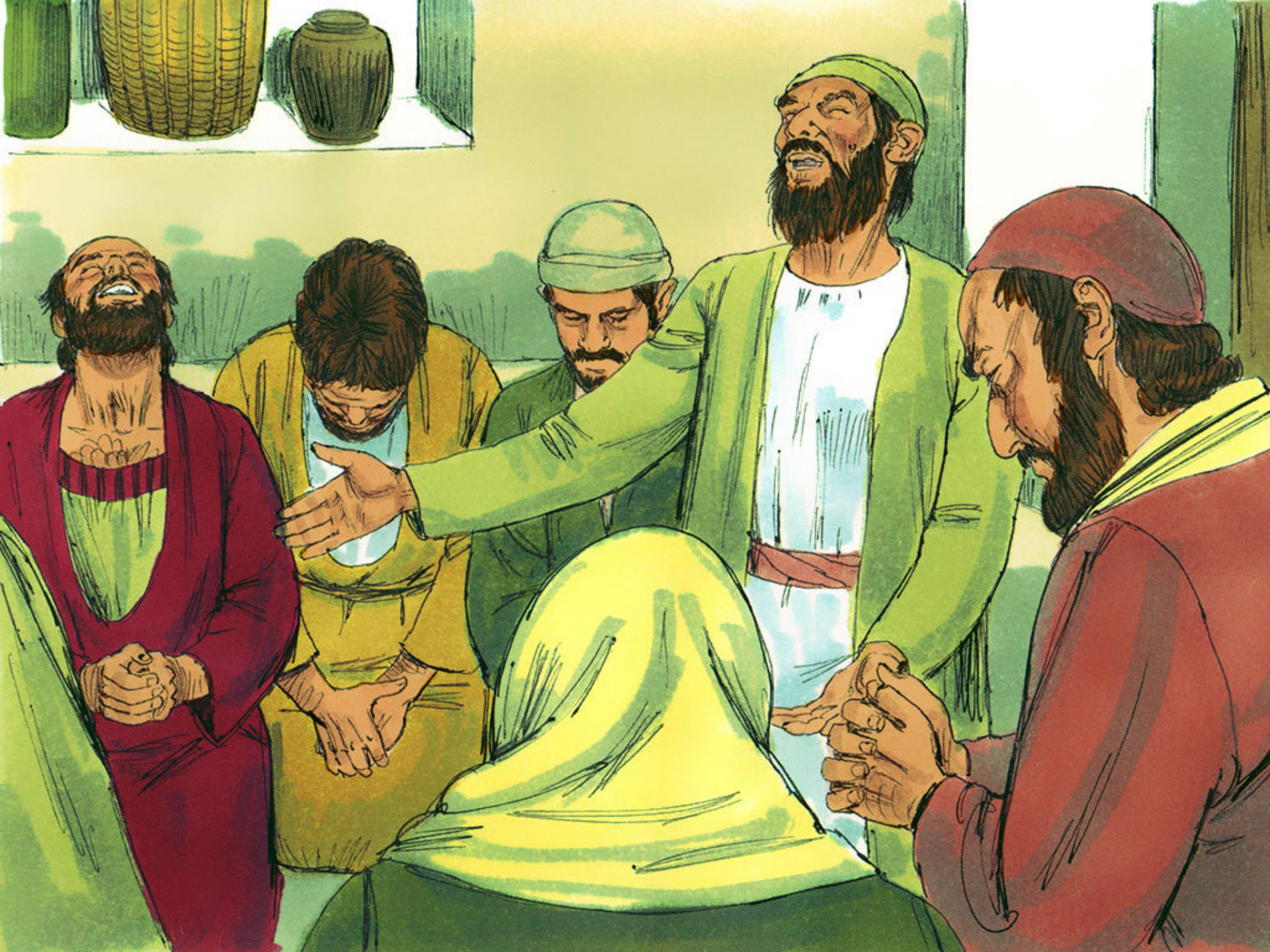


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Leadership body

Choose seven men from among you who are known to be full of the Spirit and wisdom. (6:3)

Paul and Barnabas appointed elders for them in each church. (14:23)

“the apostles and elders” (15:2, 4, 6, 22, 23; 16:4)





It seemed good to the Holy Spirit and to us.

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8:1 On that day a great persecution broke out against the church in Jerusalem, and all except the apostles were scattered throughout Judea and Samaria...

4 Those who had been scattered preached the word wherever they went.

5 Philip went down to a city in Samaria and proclaimed the Messiah there.



Now those who had been scattered by the persecution that broke out when Stephen was killed traveled as far as Phoenicia, Cyprus and Antioch, spreading the word only among Jews. Some, however, went to Antioch and began to speak to Greeks also, telling them the good news about the Lord Jesus. (11:19-20)





Philippi
Neopolis

Berea

Thessalonica

Troas

Antioch

Iconium

Athens

Corinth

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PAUL'S TRIP TO ROME: 58-61 AD

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Our spirit

The spirit of man is the lamp of the LORD. (Proverbs 20:27)

Those who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God... you received the Spirit of sonship. And by him we cry, “Abba, Father.” **The Spirit himself testifies with our spirit** that we are God's children. (Romans 8:14-16)

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Mind of Christ

We have received the Spirit who is from God, that we may understand what God has freely given us... we have the mind of Christ. (1 Corinthians 2)

The mind of the Spirit is life and peace... He who searches our hearts knows the mind of the Spirit. (Romans 8)

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