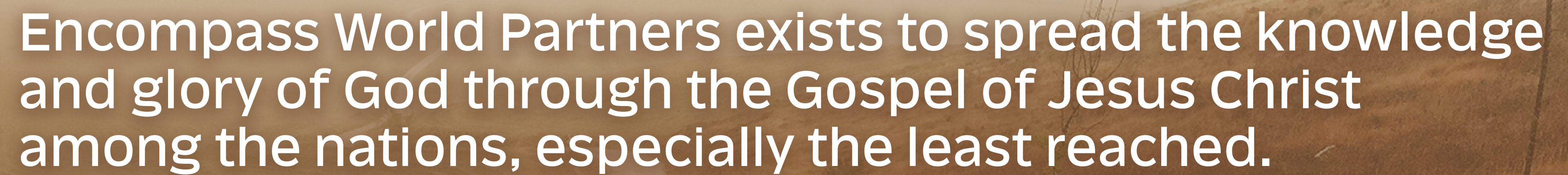




***Exponential Growth***

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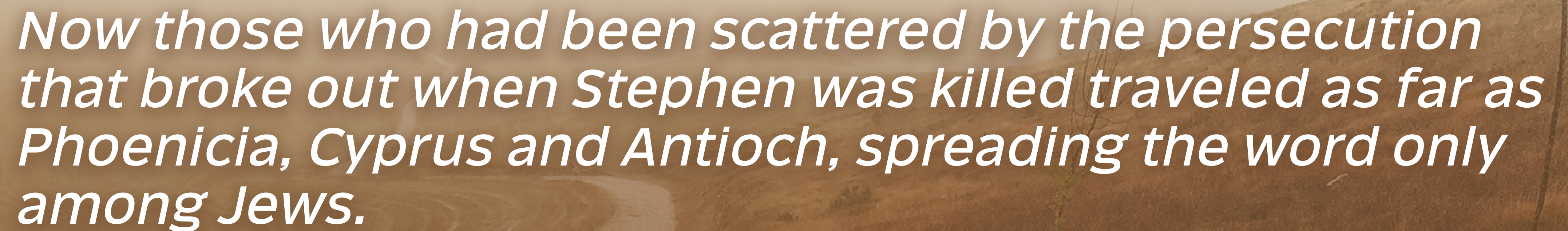


Encompass World Partners exists to spread the knowledge and glory of God through the Gospel of Jesus Christ among the nations, especially the least reached.



**We aim to make disciples and multiply churches which reflect Jesus Christ.**





*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.*

Acts 11:19



*Some of them, however, men from Cyprus and Cyrene, went to Antioch and began to speak to Greeks also, telling them the good news about the Lord Jesus.*

Acts 11:20



*The Lord's hand was with them, and a great number of people believed and turned to the Lord.*

Acts 11:21



*News of this reached the church in Jerusalem, and they sent Barnabas to Antioch.*

Acts 11:22



*When he arrived and saw what the grace of God had done, he was glad and encouraged them all to remain true to the Lord with all their hearts.*

Acts 11:23



*He was a good man, full of the Holy Spirit and faith, and a great number of people were brought to the Lord.*

Acts 11:24



*Then Barnabas went to Tarsus to look for Saul,*

Acts 11:25

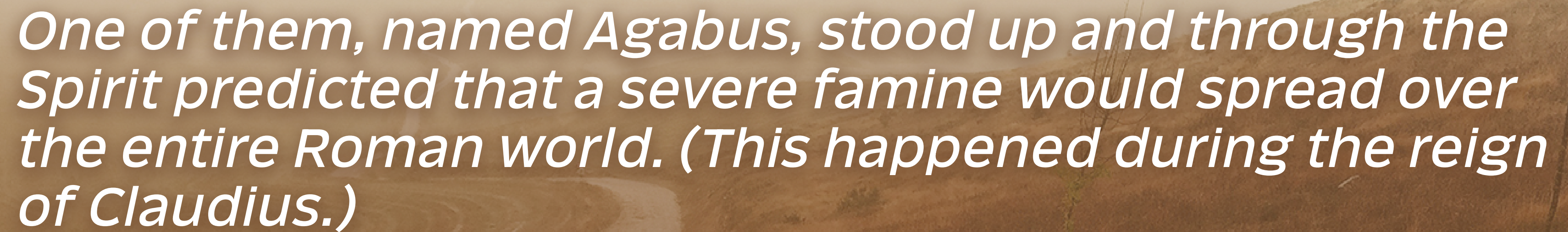
*and when he found him, he brought him to Antioch. So for a whole year Barnabas and Saul met with the church and taught great numbers of people. The disciples were called Christians first at Antioch.*

Acts 11:26



*During this time some prophets came down from Jerusalem to Antioch.*

Acts 11:27



*One of them, named Agabus, stood up and through the Spirit predicted that a severe famine would spread over the entire Roman world. (This happened during the reign of Claudius.)*

Acts 11:28



*The disciples, as each one was able, decided to provide help for the brothers and sisters living in Judea.*

Acts 11:29



*This they did, sending their gift to the elders by Barnabas and Saul.*

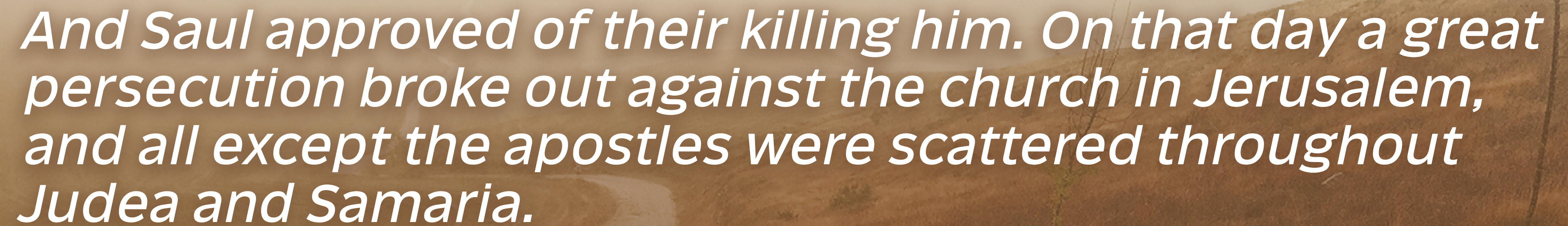
Acts 11:30

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one cares who gets the credit.**

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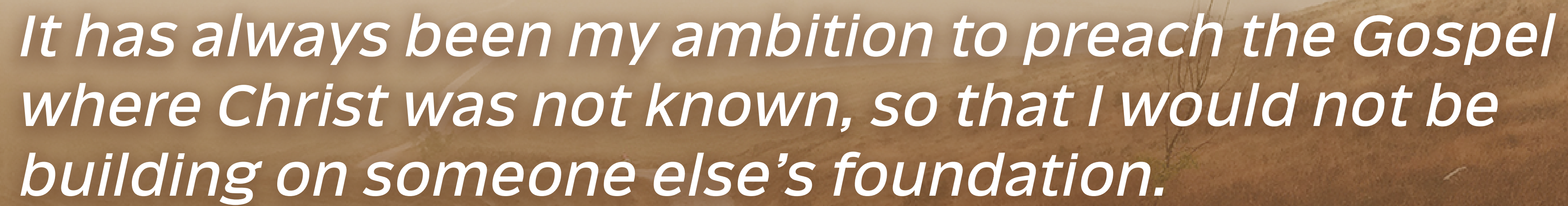
*And Saul approved of their killing him. On that day a great persecution broke out against the church in Jerusalem, and all except the apostles were scattered throughout Judea and Samaria.*

Acts 8:1



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

Acts 8:4



*It has always been my ambition to preach the Gospel where Christ was not known, so that I would not be building on someone else's foundation.*

Romans 15:20

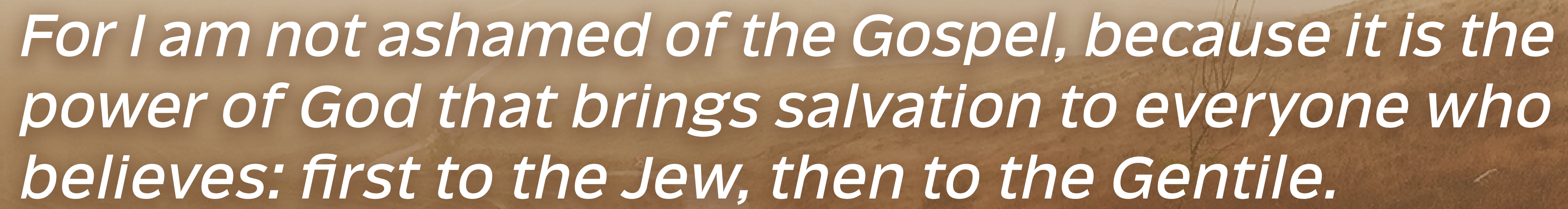
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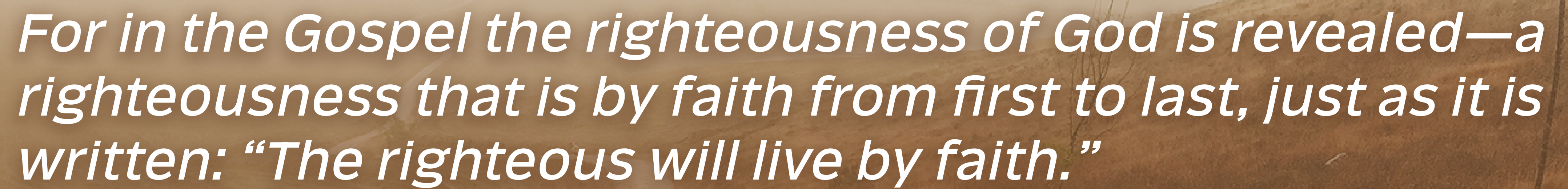
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**1. GREAT things were happening  
as the result of Gospel witness.**



*For I am not ashamed of the Gospel, because it is the power of God that brings salvation to everyone who believes: first to the Jew, then to the Gentile.*

Romans 1:16

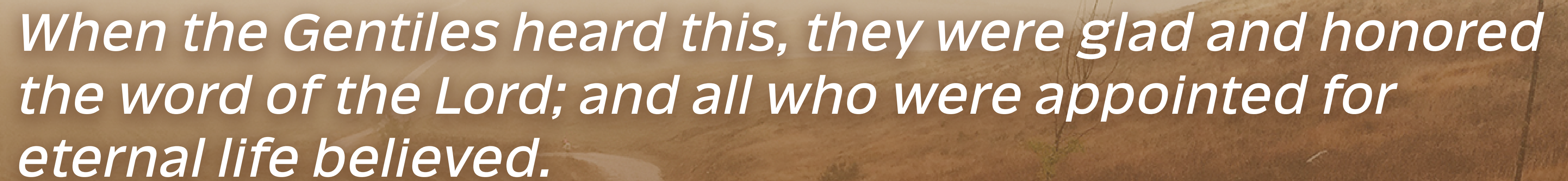


*For in the Gospel the righteousness of God is revealed—a righteousness that is by faith from first to last, just as it is written: “The righteous will live by faith.”*

Romans 1:17

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**2. Both humans and God are involved in salvation.**

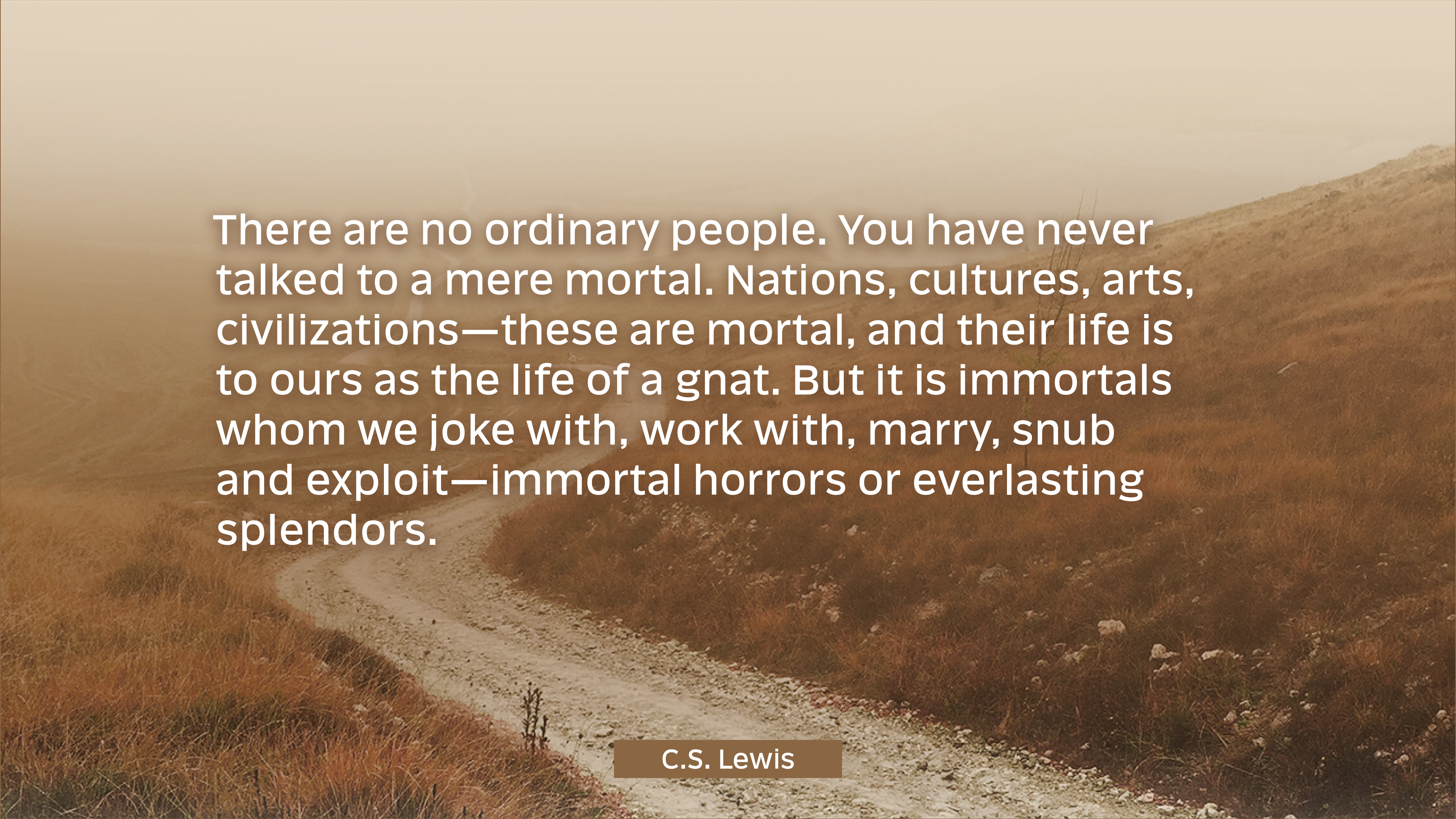


*When the Gentiles heard this, they were glad and honored the word of the Lord; and all who were appointed for eternal life believed.*

Acts 13:48

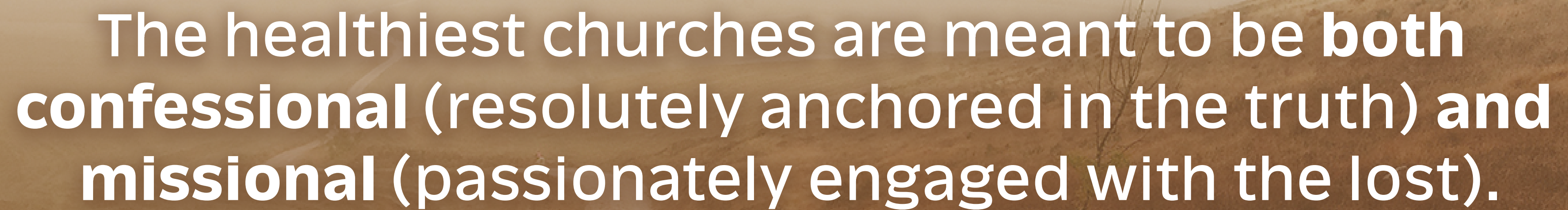
An aerial photograph of a dry, winding riverbed in a hilly, arid landscape. The riverbed is light-colored and curves through the terrain. A small figure of a person is visible on the riverbed in the distance. The surrounding hills are covered in sparse, dry vegetation. The sky is a pale, hazy blue.

# 3. Numbers matter.

A photograph of a dirt path winding through a dry, hilly landscape. The path is light-colored and leads into the distance. The hills are covered in sparse, dry vegetation, and the overall scene is bathed in a warm, golden light, suggesting a sunset or sunrise. The text is overlaid on the left side of the image.

There are no ordinary people. You have never talked to a mere mortal. Nations, cultures, arts, civilizations—these are mortal, and their life is to ours as the life of a gnat. But it is immortals whom we joke with, work with, marry, snub and exploit—immortal horrors or everlasting splendors.

C.S. Lewis



The healthiest churches are meant to be **both confessional** (resolutely anchored in the truth) **and missional** (passionately engaged with the lost).

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The Gospel is good news  
that goes deep and wide.

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Missional and confessional aren't two opposing ideas we need to hold in tension; they are two truths designed to work together.

Churches that embody confession and mission produce fruitful disciples who know how to live in this world and engage this world without becoming like this world.

Jim Davis & Michael Graham

An aerial photograph of a dry, hilly landscape. A dirt road winds through the terrain, and a small figure of a person is visible walking on it. The text is overlaid on the lower portion of the image.

The Gospel is good news with  
practical effects and implications.

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