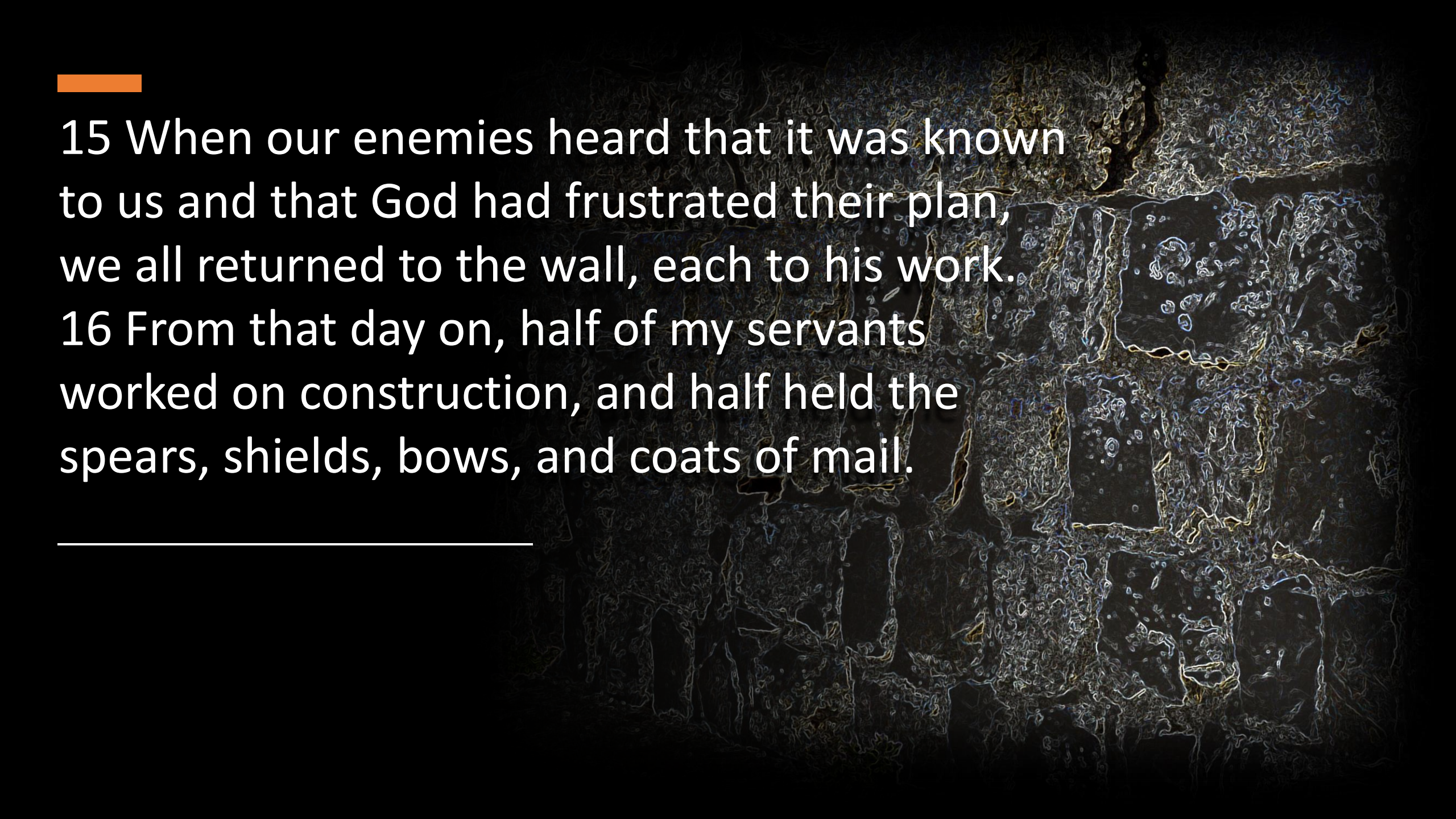


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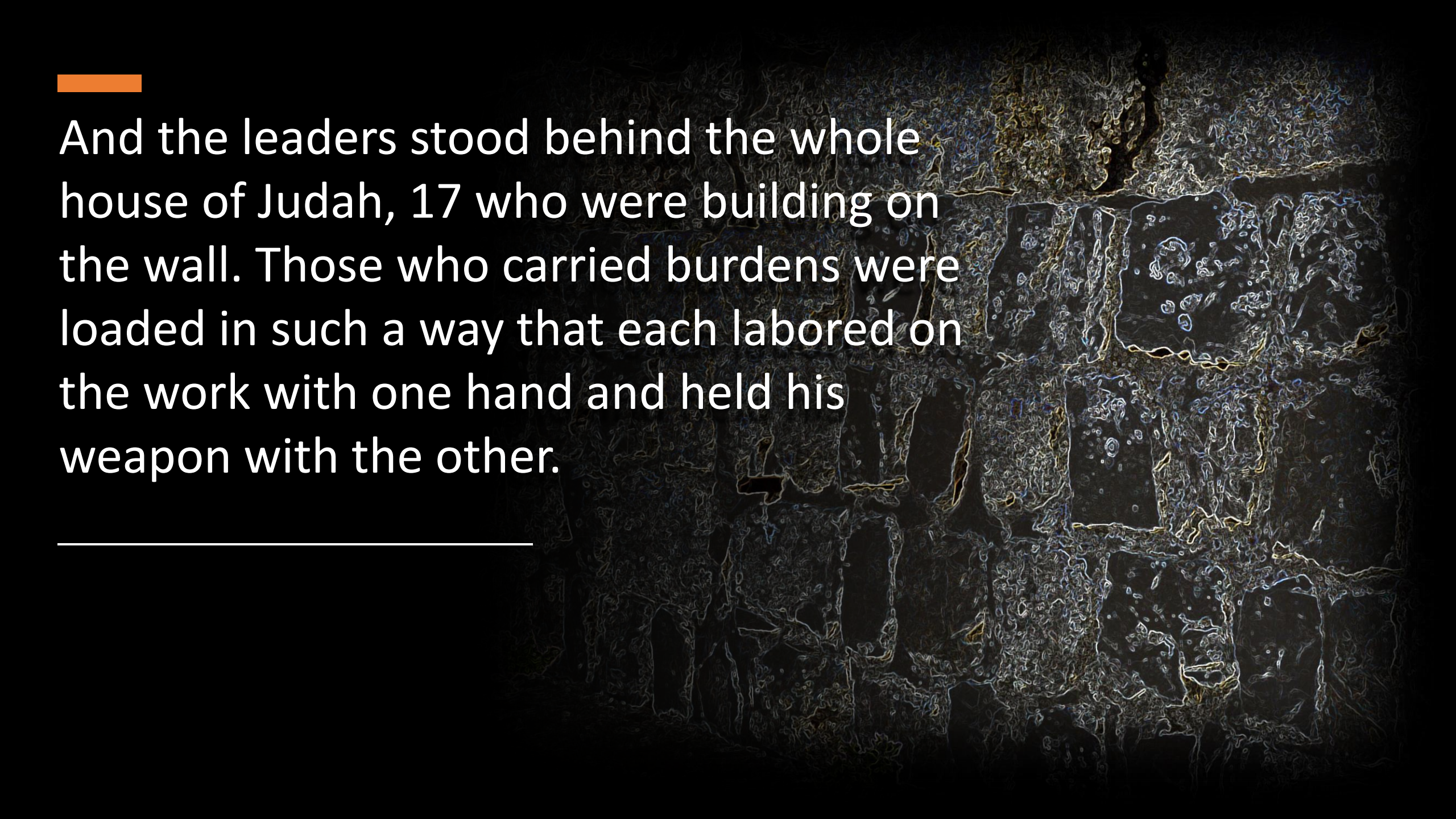
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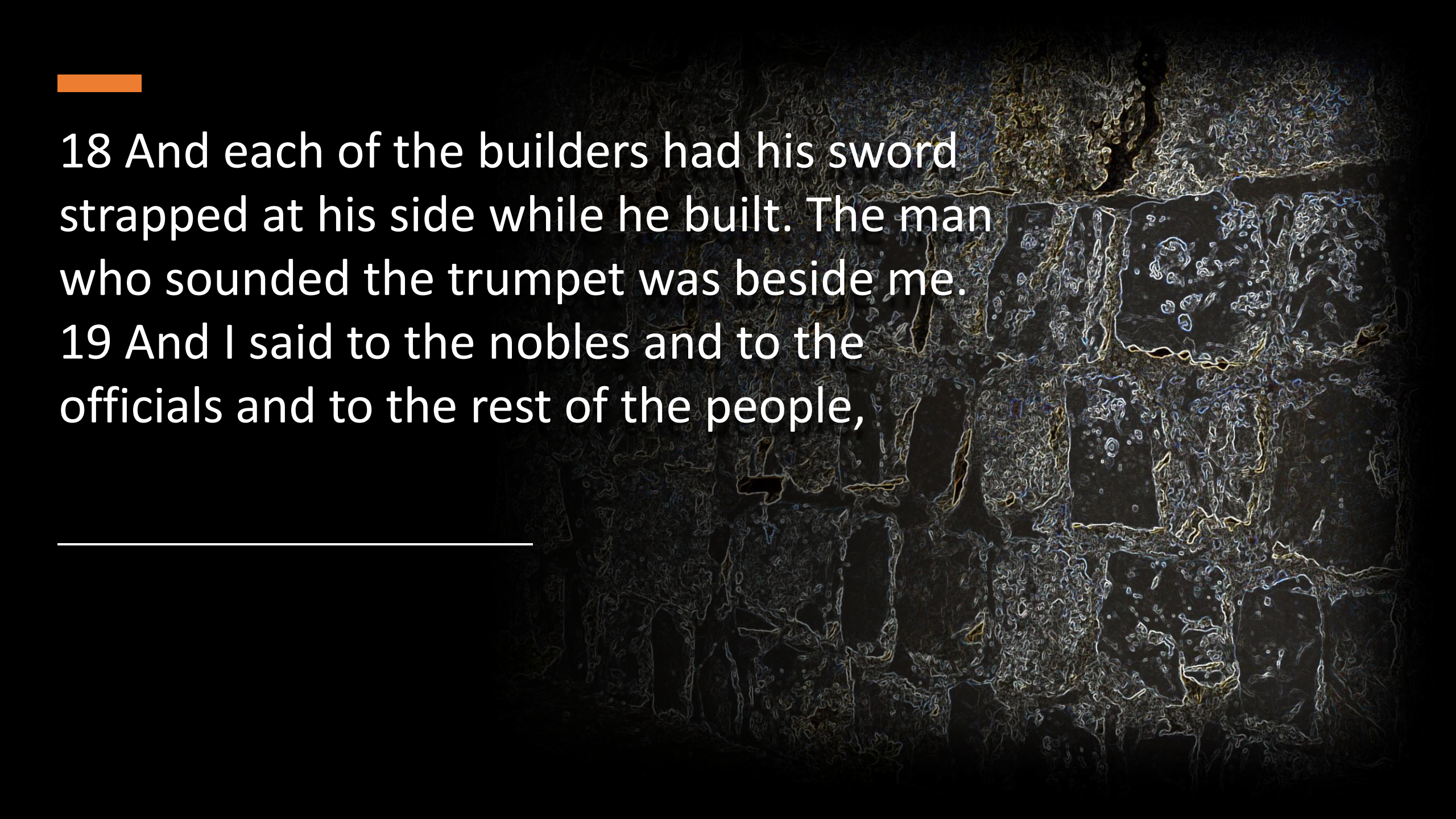


15 When our enemies heard that it was known to us and that God had frustrated their plan, we all returned to the wall, each to his work.

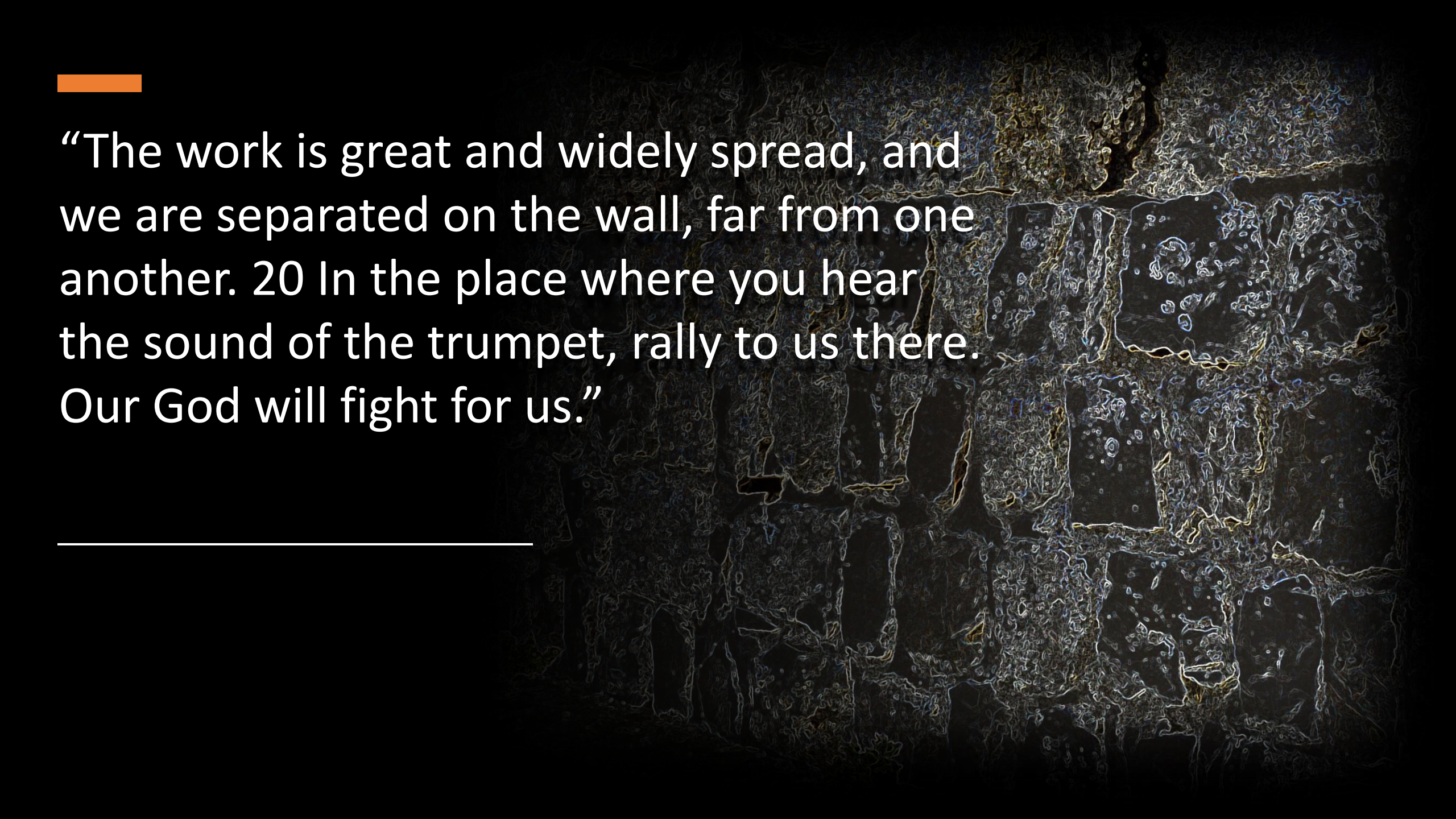
16 From that day on, half of my servants worked on construction, and half held the spears, shields, bows, and coats of mail.



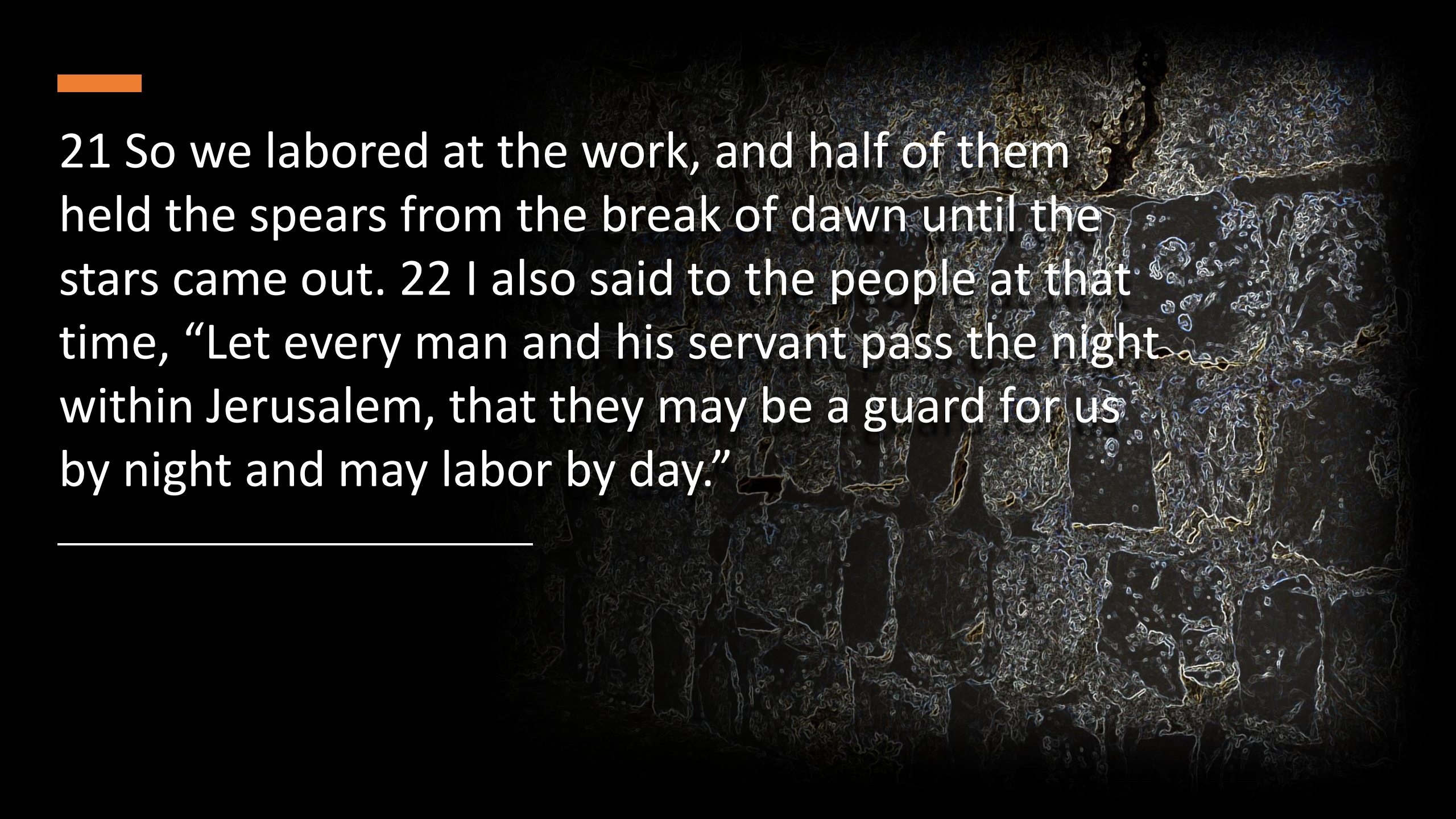
And the leaders stood behind the whole house of Judah, 17 who were building on the wall. Those who carried burdens were loaded in such a way that each labored on the work with one hand and held his weapon with the other.




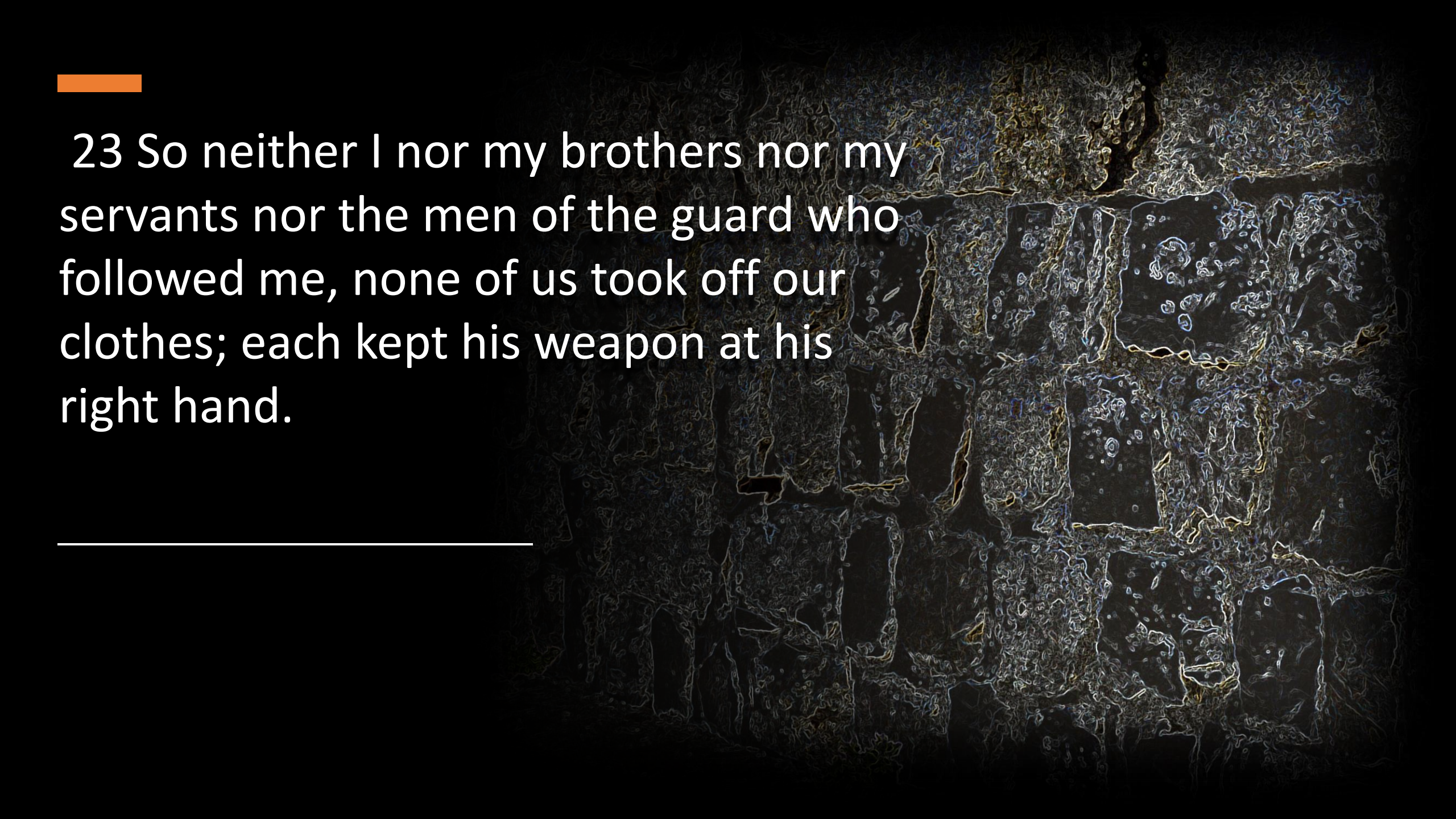
18 And each of the builders had his sword
strapped at his side while he built. The man
who sounded the trumpet was beside me.
19 And I said to the nobles and to the
officials and to the rest of the people,



“The work is great and widely spread, and we are separated on the wall, far from one another. 20 In the place where you hear the sound of the trumpet, rally to us there. Our God will fight for us.”



21 So we labored at the work, and half of them held the spears from the break of dawn until the stars came out. 22 I also said to the people at that time, “Let every man and his servant pass the night within Jerusalem, that they may be a guard for us by night and may labor by day.”



23 So neither I nor my brothers nor my servants nor the men of the guard who followed me, none of us took off our clothes; each kept his weapon at his right hand.



Our bent toward Complacency





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The wisdom of remaining Vigilant

Complacency and Vigilance





The Devil

Be sober-minded; be watchful. Your adversary the devil prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour

1 Peter 5:8



The World

“Behold, I am sending you out as sheep in the midst of wolves, so be wise as serpents and innocent as doves...”

Matthew 10:16



Other Christians

Galatians 5





Ourselves

Romans 7




Plan of Action





Plan of Action

1. Involves every person



... we are His workmanship, created in
Christ Jesus for good works, which God
prepared beforehand that we should
walk in them.

Ephesians 2:10




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1. Involves every person
 2. Everyone has different roles
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Now you are the body of Christ, and members individually. And God has appointed these in the church: first apostles, second prophets, third teachers, after that miracles, then gifts of healings, helps, administrations, varieties of tongues.



Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all
teachers? Are all workers of miracles? Do all
have gifts of healings? Do all speak with
tongues? Do all interpret?

1 Corinthians 12:27-30



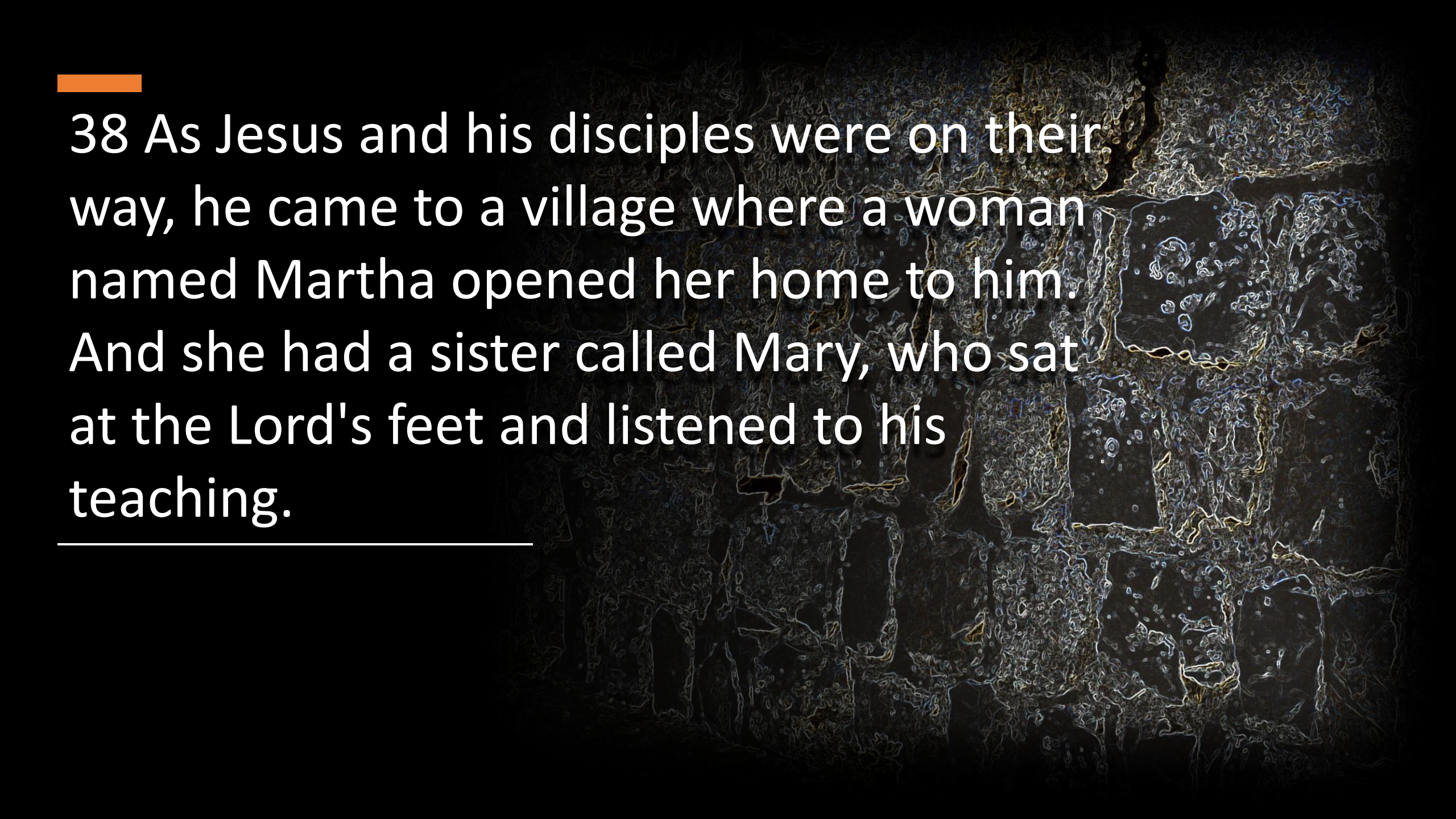
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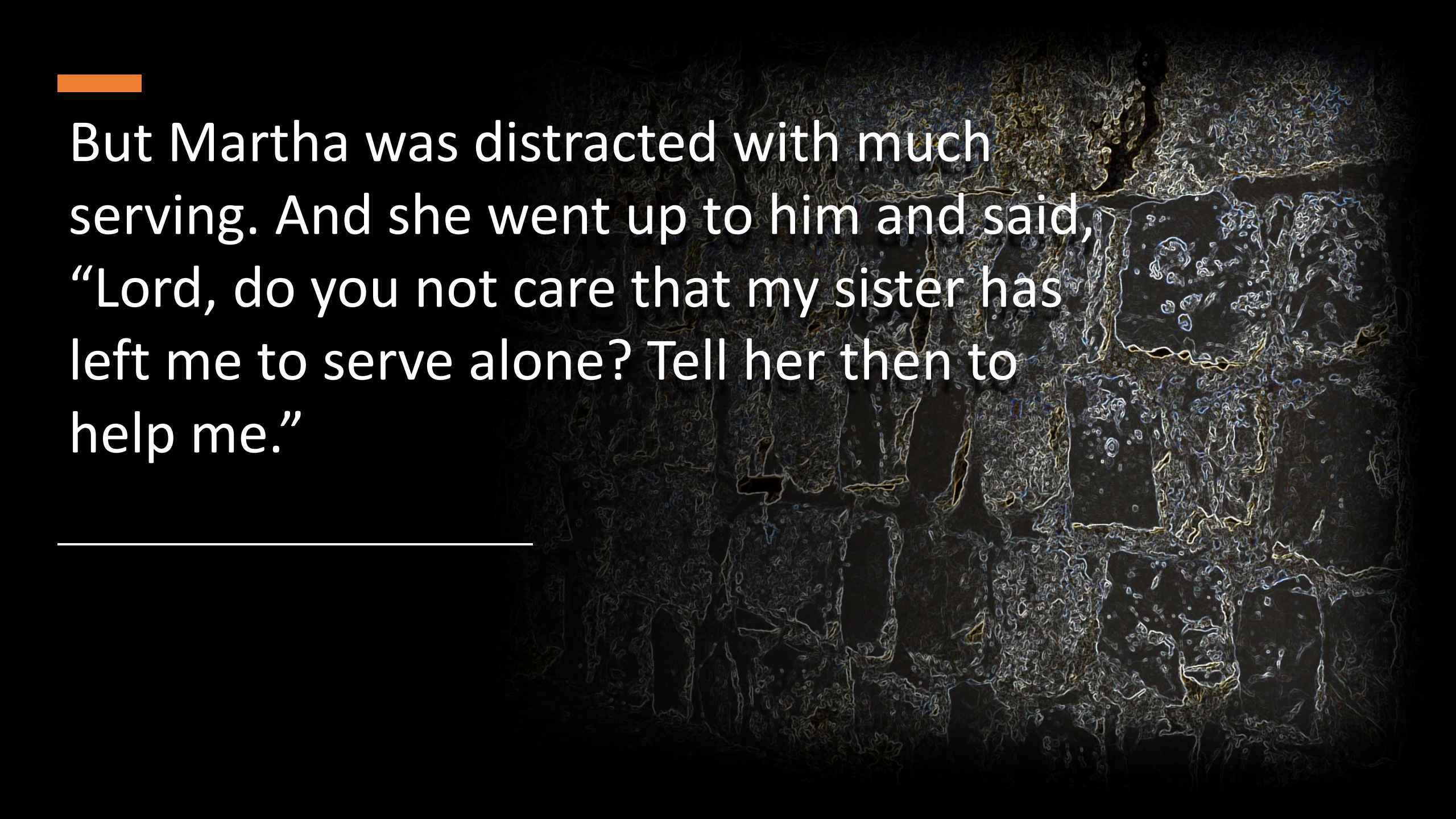


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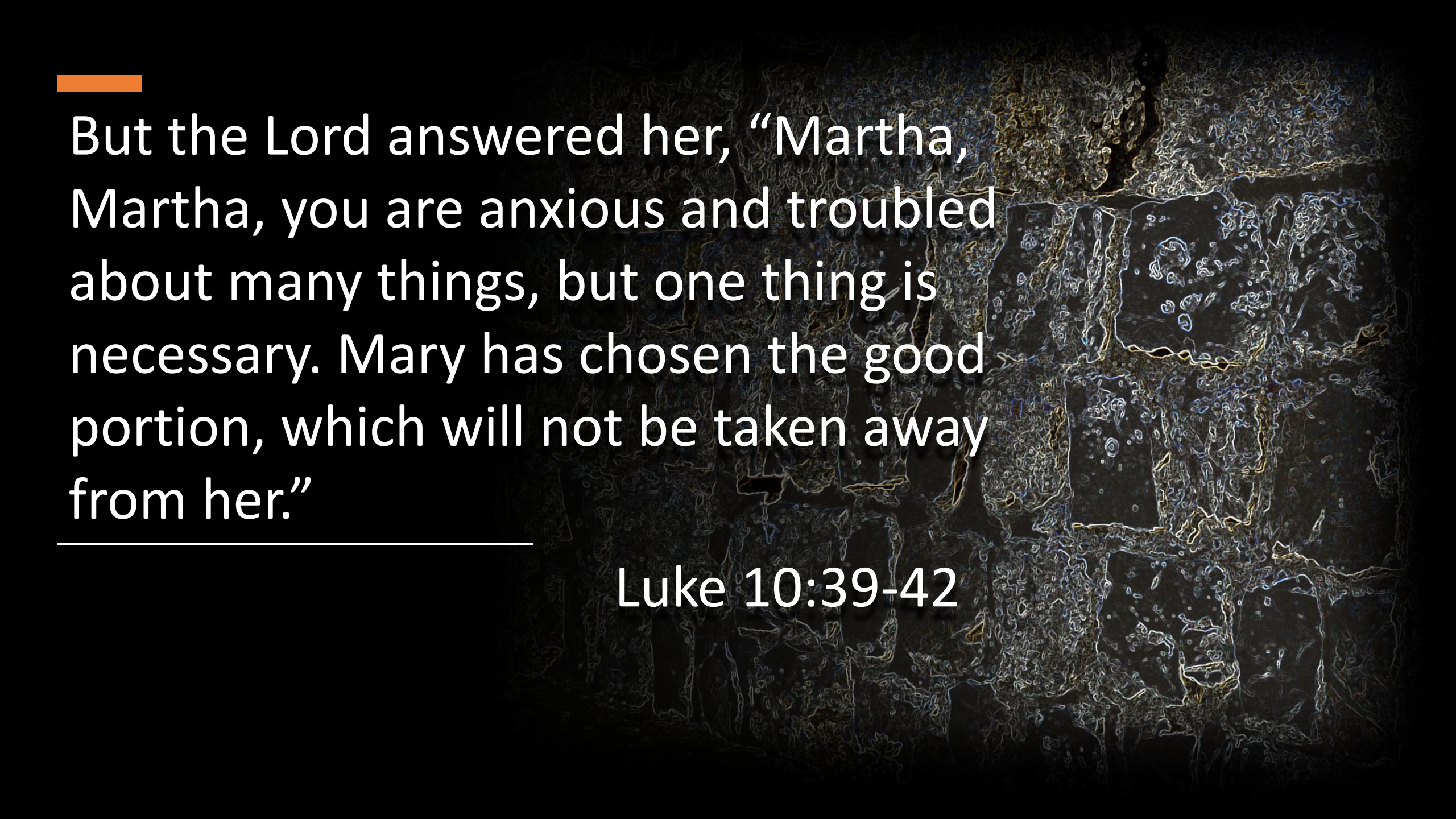
4. Keep the main thing



38 As Jesus and his disciples were on their way, he came to a village where a woman named Martha opened her home to him. And she had a sister called Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet and listened to his teaching.



But Martha was distracted with much serving. And she went up to him and said, “Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to serve alone? Tell her then to help me.”



But the Lord answered her, “Martha, Martha, you are anxious and troubled about many things, but one thing is necessary. Mary has chosen the good portion, which will not be taken away from her.”

Luke 10:39-42



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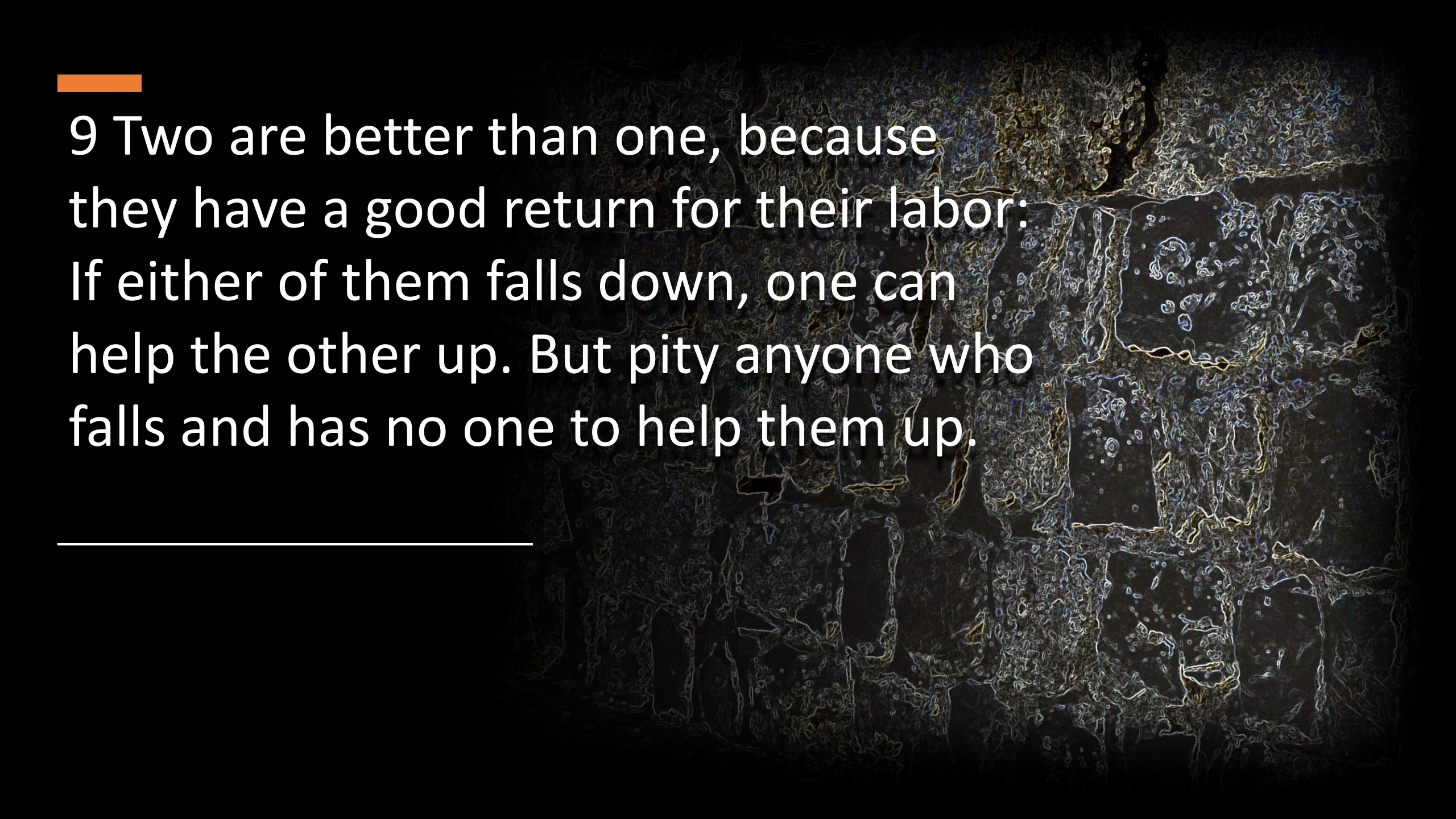
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4. Keep the main thing

5. Rally together




9 Two are better than one, because they have a good return for their labor: If either of them falls down, one can help the other up. But pity anyone who falls and has no one to help them up.



Also, if two lie down together, they will keep warm. But how can one keep warm alone? Though one may be overpowered, two can defend themselves. A cord of three strands is not quickly broken.

Ecclesiastes 4:9-12



And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

Hebrews 10:24-25




Plan of Action

4. Keep the main thing

5. Rally together

6. Unending



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