

WITNESSES

A STUDY IN THE BOOK OF ACTS

Illustrating the Missionary Journeys and Last Voyage
OF THE
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THE FORMALIZING OF THE EARLY CHURCH

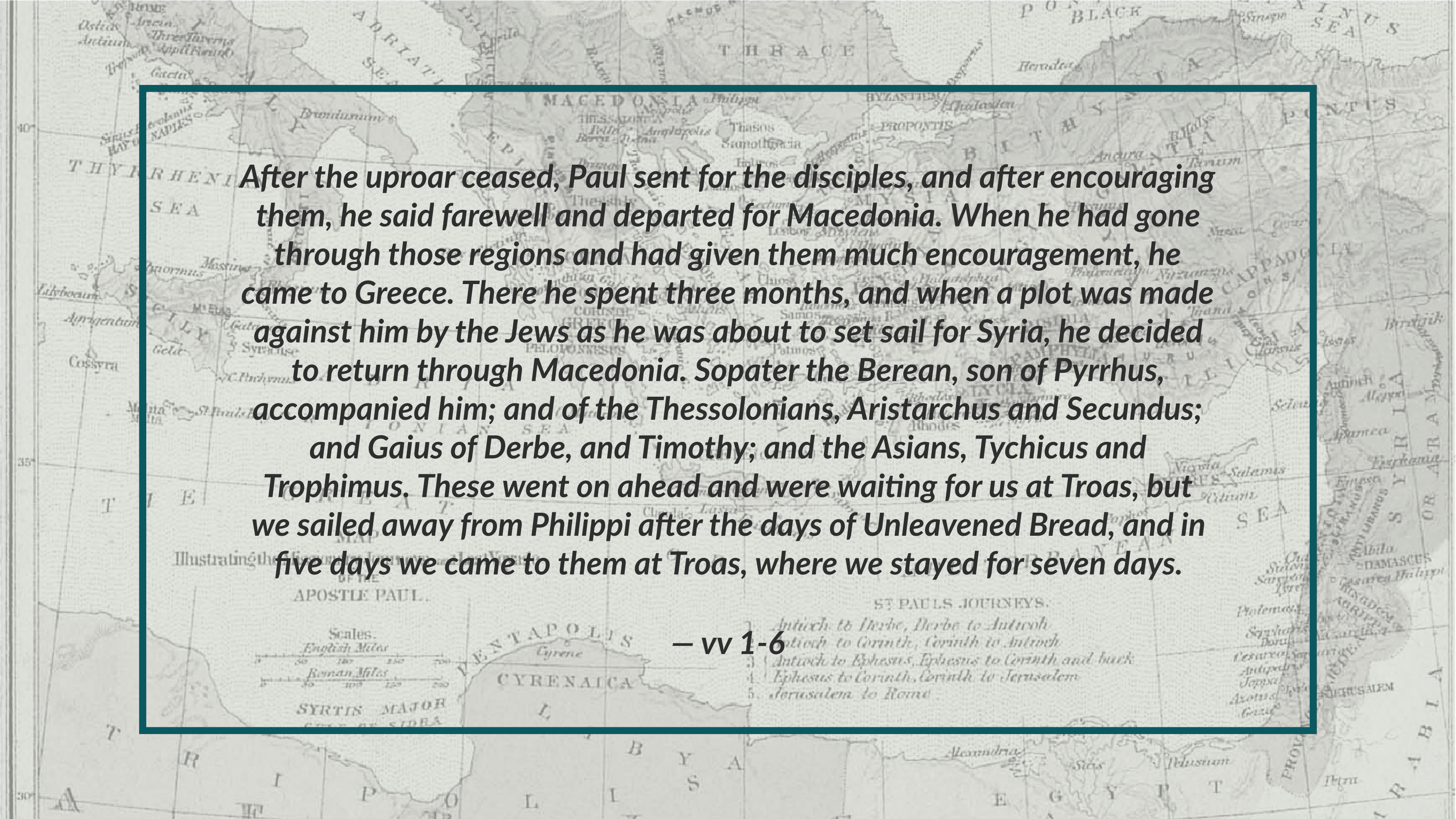
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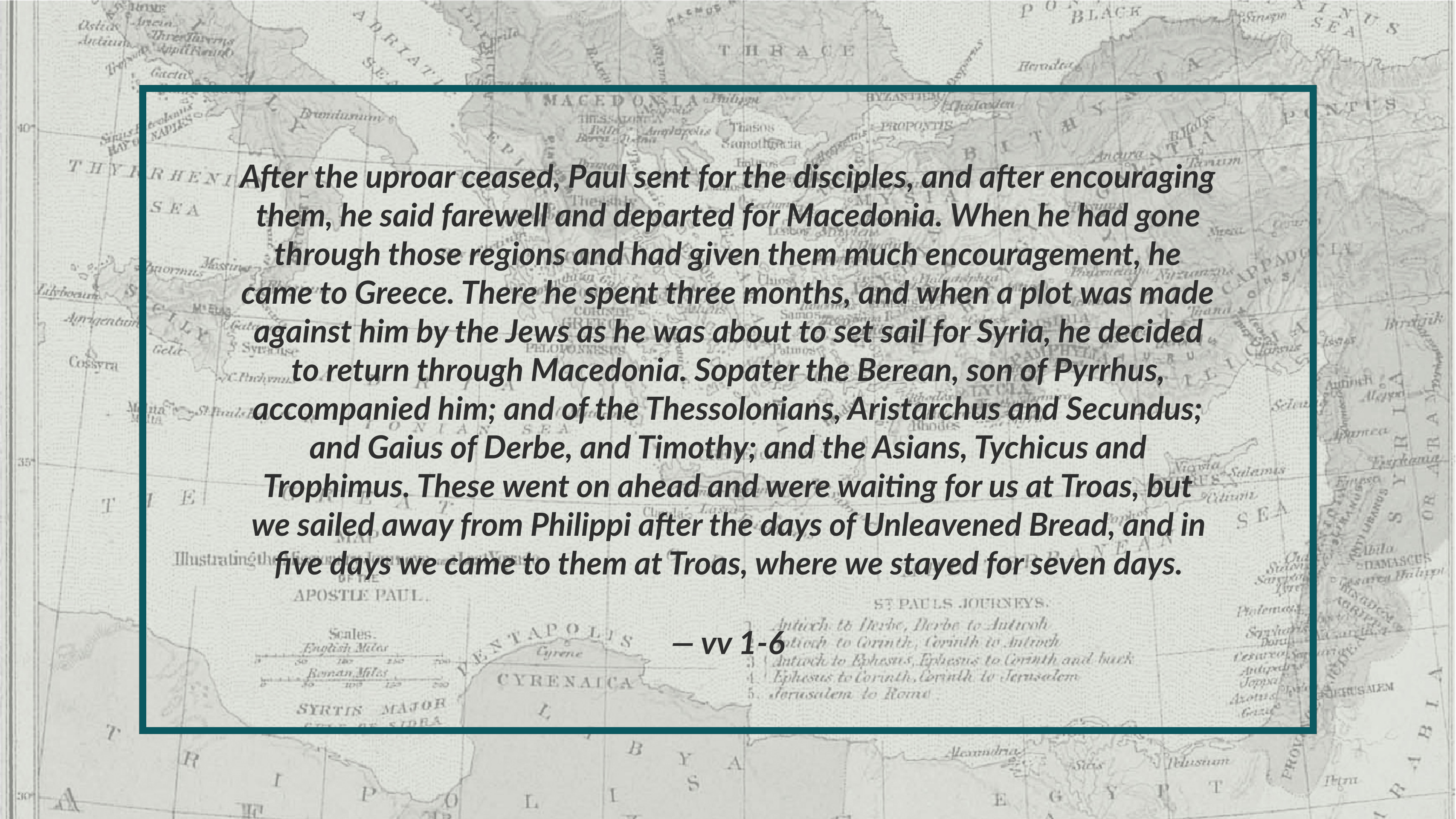
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But on the first day of the week, at early dawn, they went to the tomb, taking the spices they had prepared. And they found the stone rolled away from the tomb, but when they went in they did not find the body of the Lord Jesus.

— Luke 24:1-3

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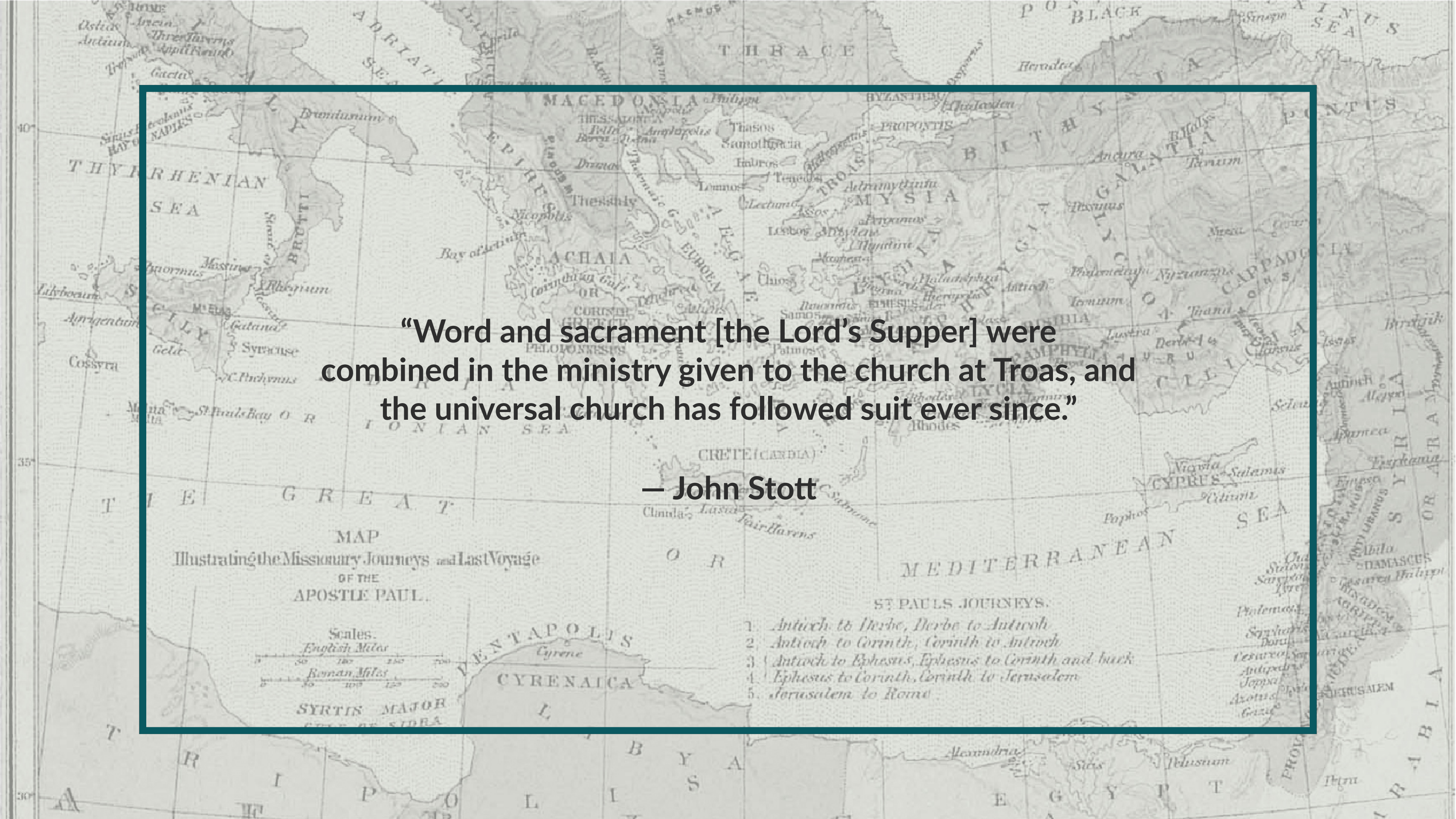
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“Word and sacrament [the Lord’s Supper] were combined in the ministry given to the church at Troas, and the universal church has followed suit ever since.”

— John Stott

For I received from the Lord what I also delivered to you, that the Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it, and said, "This is my body which is for you. Do this in remembrance of me." In the same way also he took the cup, after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me." For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

— 1 Corinthians 11:23-26

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And a young man named Eutychus, sitting at the window, sank into a deep sleep as Paul talked still longer. And being overcome by sleep, he fell down from the third story and was taken up dead.

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But Paul went down and bent over him, and taking him in his arms, said, “Do not be alarmed, for his life is in him.” And when Paul had gone up and had broken bread and eaten, he conversed with them a long while, until daybreak, and so departed. And they took the youth away alive, and were not a little comforted.

— vv 10-12

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But going ahead to the ship, we set sail for Assos, intending to take Paul aboard there, for so he had arranged, intending himself to go by land. And when he met us at Assos, we took him on board and went to Mitylene. And sailing from there we came the following day opposite Chios; the next day we touched at Samos; and the day after that we went to Miletus. For Paul had decided to sail past Ephesus, so that he might not have to spend time in Asia, for he was hastening to be at Jerusalem, if possible, on the day of Pentecost.

— vv 13-16



Now from Miletus he sent to Ephesus
and called the elders of the church to come to him.

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And when they came to him, he said to them:

“You yourselves know how I lived among you the whole time from the first day that I set foot in Asia, serving the Lord with all humility and with tears and with trials that happened to me through the plots of the Jews; how I did not shrink from declaring to you anything that was profitable, and teaching you in public and from house to house, testifying both to Jews and to Greeks of repentance toward God and of faith in our Lord Jesus Christ.

— vv 18-21

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And now, behold, I am going to Jerusalem, constrained by the Spirit, not knowing what will happen to me there, except that the Holy Spirit testifies to me in every city that imprisonment and afflictions await me. But I do not account my life of any value nor as precious to myself, if only I may finish my course and the ministry that I received from the Lord Jesus, to testify to the gospel of the grace of God. And now, behold, I know that none of you among whom I have gone about proclaiming the kingdom will see my face again.

— vv 22-25

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**Therefore I testify to you this day that I am innocent of the blood of all,
for I did not shrink from declaring to you the whole counsel of God.**

— vv 26-27

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Pay careful attention to yourselves and to all the flock, in which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to care for the church of God, which he obtained with his own blood. I know that after my departure fierce wolves will come in among you, not sparing the flock; and from among your own selves will arise men speaking twisted things, to draw away the disciples after them. Therefore be alert, remembering that for three years I did not cease night or day to admonish every one with tears.

— vv 28-31

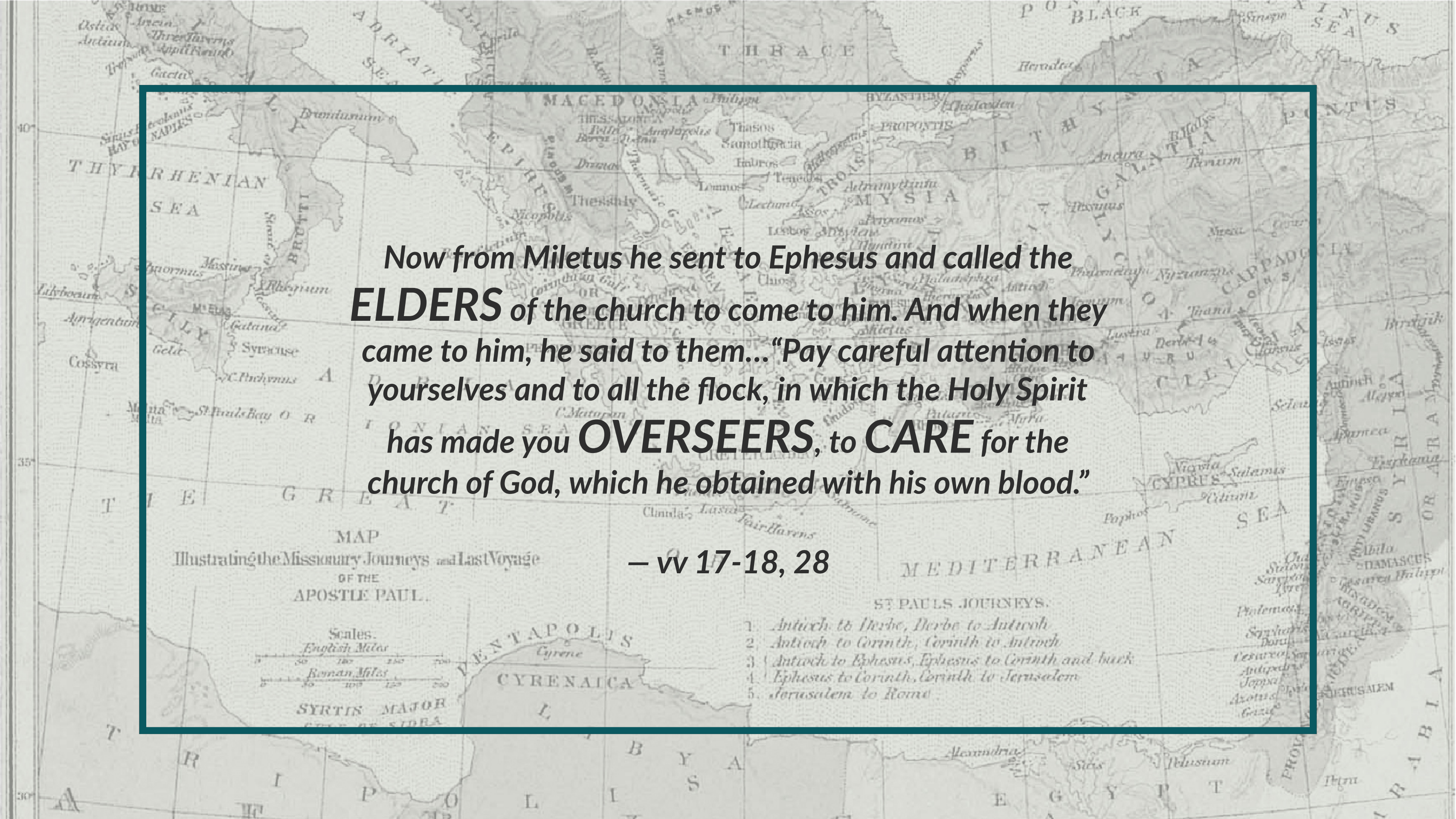
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Now from Miletus he sent to Ephesus and called the **ELDERS** of the church to come to him. And when they came to him, he said to them...“Pay careful attention to yourselves and to all the flock, in which the Holy Spirit has made you **OVERSEERS**, to **CARE** for the church of God, which he obtained with his own blood.”

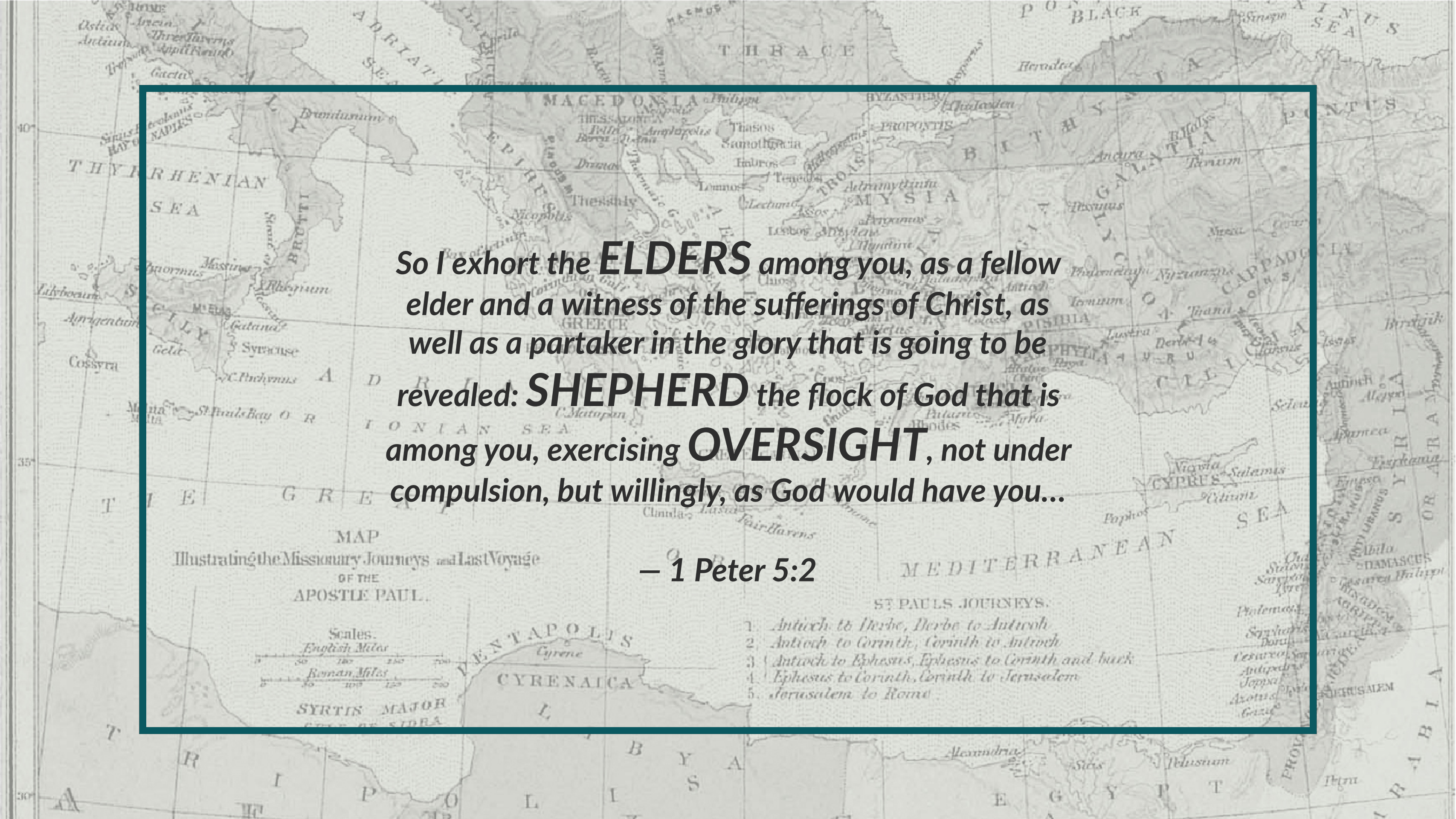
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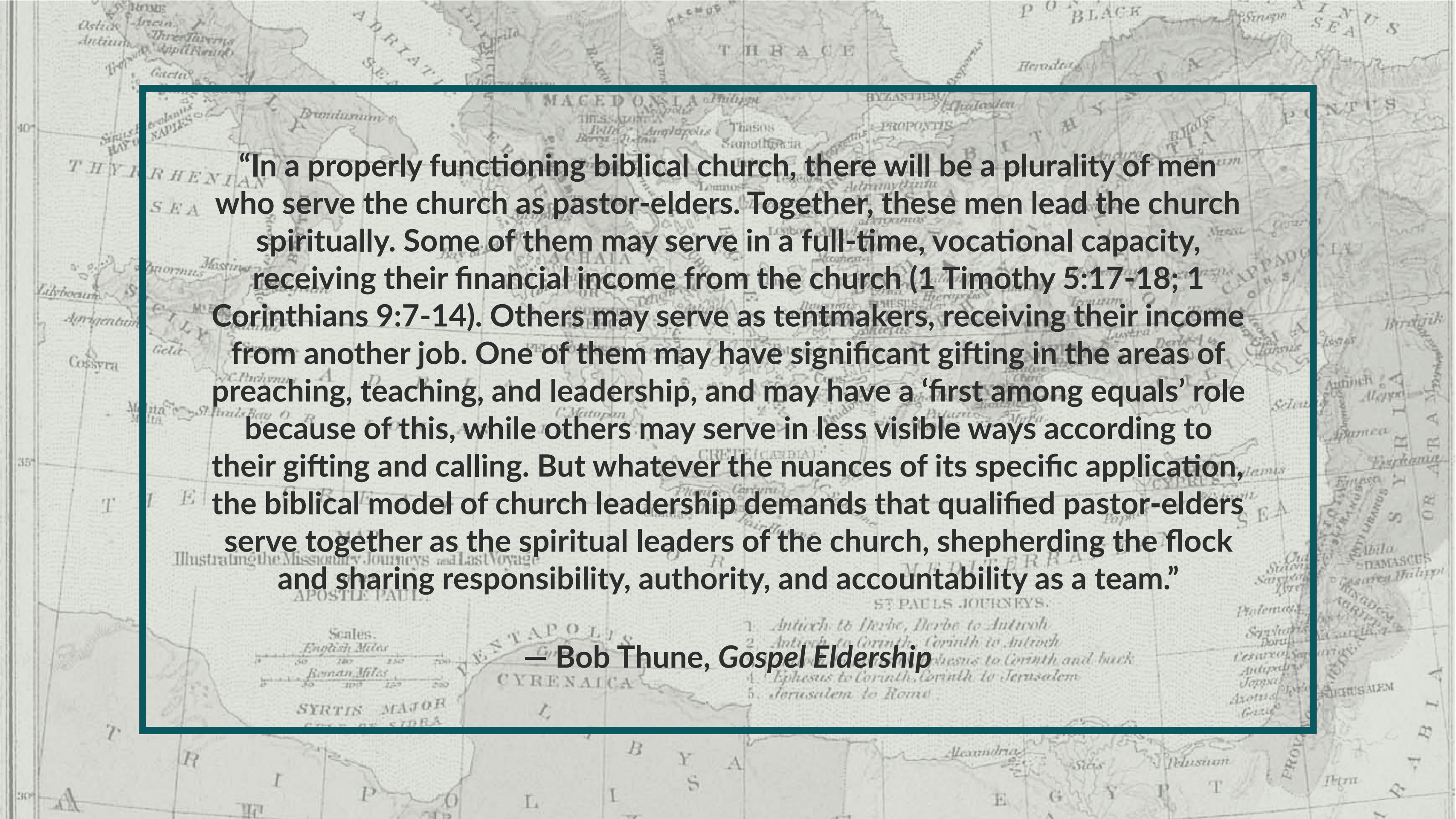
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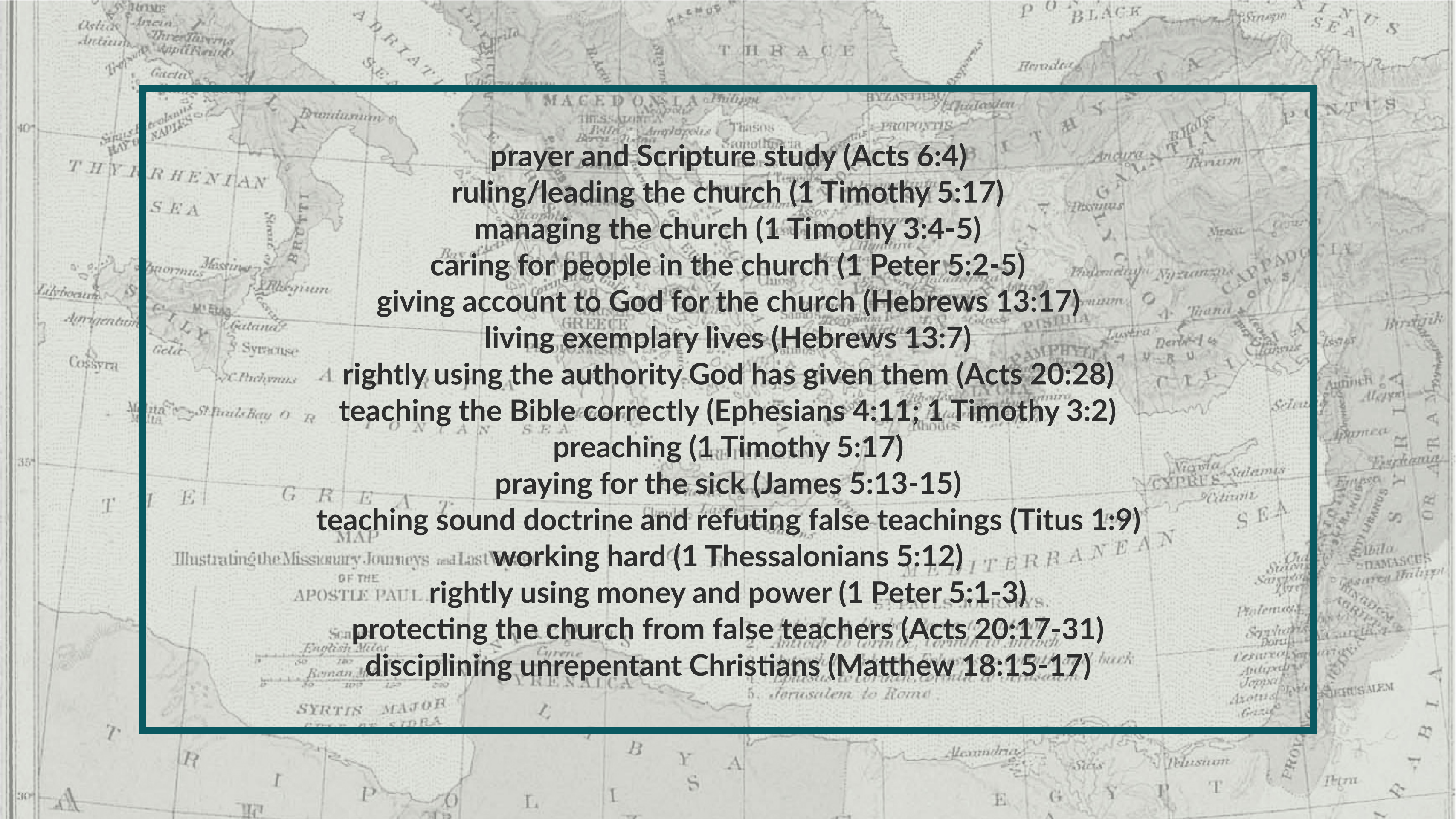
So I exhort the **ELDERS** among you, as a fellow elder and a witness of the sufferings of Christ, as well as a partaker in the glory that is going to be revealed: **SHEPHERD** the flock of God that is among you, exercising **OVERSIGHT**, not under compulsion, but willingly, as God would have you...

— 1 Peter 5:2



“In a properly functioning biblical church, there will be a plurality of men who serve the church as pastor-elders. Together, these men lead the church spiritually. Some of them may serve in a full-time, vocational capacity, receiving their financial income from the church (1 Timothy 5:17-18; 1 Corinthians 9:7-14). Others may serve as tentmakers, receiving their income from another job. One of them may have significant gifting in the areas of preaching, teaching, and leadership, and may have a ‘first among equals’ role because of this, while others may serve in less visible ways according to their gifting and calling. But whatever the nuances of its specific application, the biblical model of church leadership demands that qualified pastor-elders serve together as the spiritual leaders of the church, shepherding the flock and sharing responsibility, authority, and accountability as a team.”

— Bob Thune, Gospel Eldership



The background is a detailed historical map of the Eastern Mediterranean and surrounding regions, including Italy, Greece, Asia Minor, and Egypt. It highlights the missionary journeys of the Apostle Paul, with numbered routes (1-5) and various cities marked. The map is titled 'Illustrating the Missionary Journeys and Last Voyage of the Apostle Paul' and includes a scale bar for English and Roman miles.

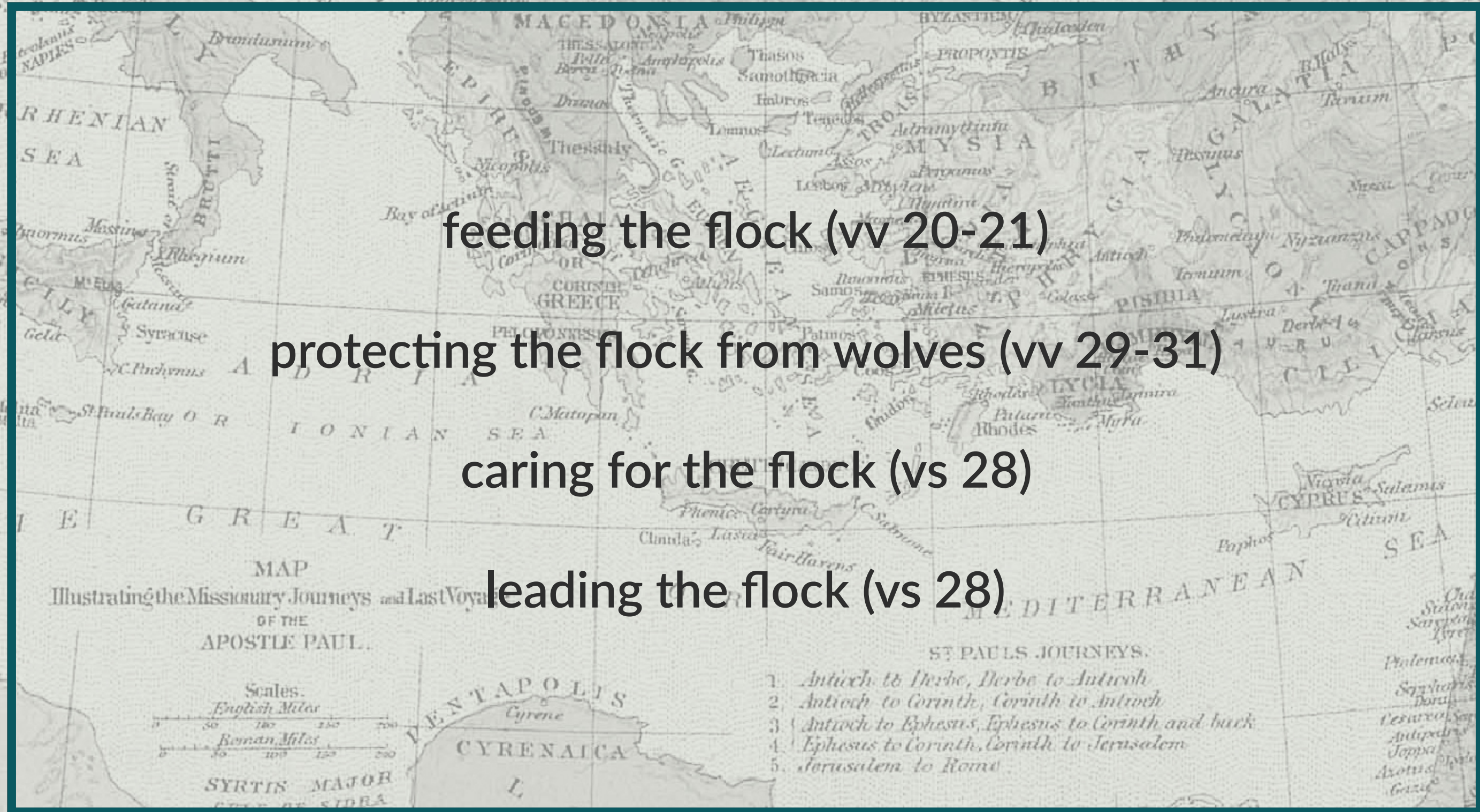
prayer and Scripture study (Acts 6:4)
ruling/leading the church (1 Timothy 5:17)
managing the church (1 Timothy 3:4-5)
caring for people in the church (1 Peter 5:2-5)
giving account to God for the church (Hebrews 13:17)
living exemplary lives (Hebrews 13:7)
rightly using the authority God has given them (Acts 20:28)
teaching the Bible correctly (Ephesians 4:11; 1 Timothy 3:2)
preaching (1 Timothy 5:17)
praying for the sick (James 5:13-15)
teaching sound doctrine and refuting false teachings (Titus 1:9)
working hard (1 Thessalonians 5:12)
rightly using money and power (1 Peter 5:1-3)
protecting the church from false teachers (Acts 20:17-31)
disciplining unrepentant Christians (Matthew 18:15-17)

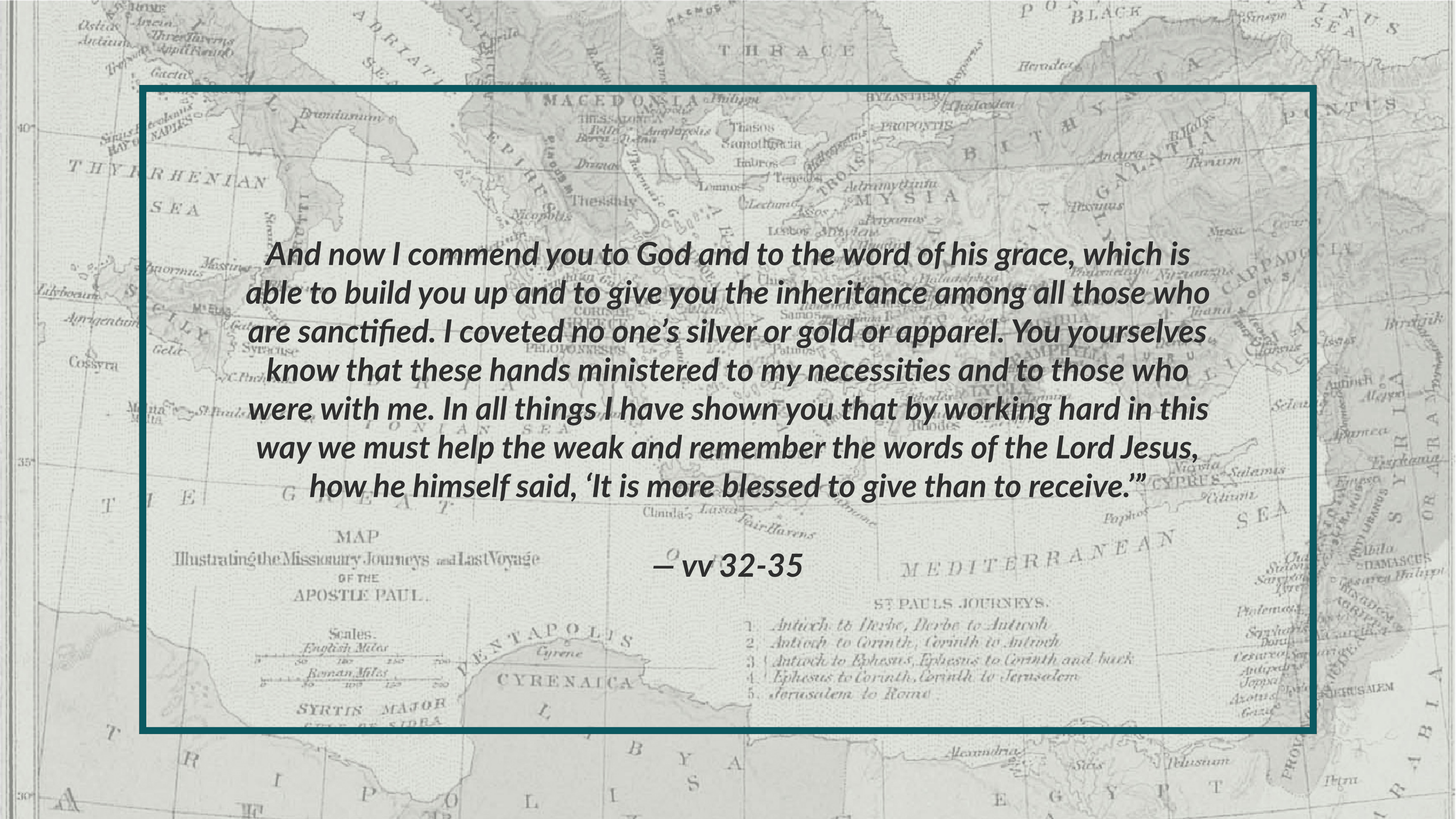
feeding the flock (vv 20-21)

protecting the flock from wolves (vv 29-31)

caring for the flock (vs 28)

leading the flock (vs 28)





And now I commend you to God and to the word of his grace, which is able to build you up and to give you the inheritance among all those who are sanctified. I coveted no one's silver or gold or apparel. You yourselves know that these hands ministered to my necessities and to those who were with me. In all things I have shown you that by working hard in this way we must help the weak and remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how he himself said, 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.'"

— vv 32-35

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And when he had said these things, he knelt down and prayed with them all. And there was much weeping on the part of all; they embraced Paul and kissed him, being sorrowful most of all because of the word he had spoken, that they would not see his face again. And they accompanied him to the ship.

— vv 36-38

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