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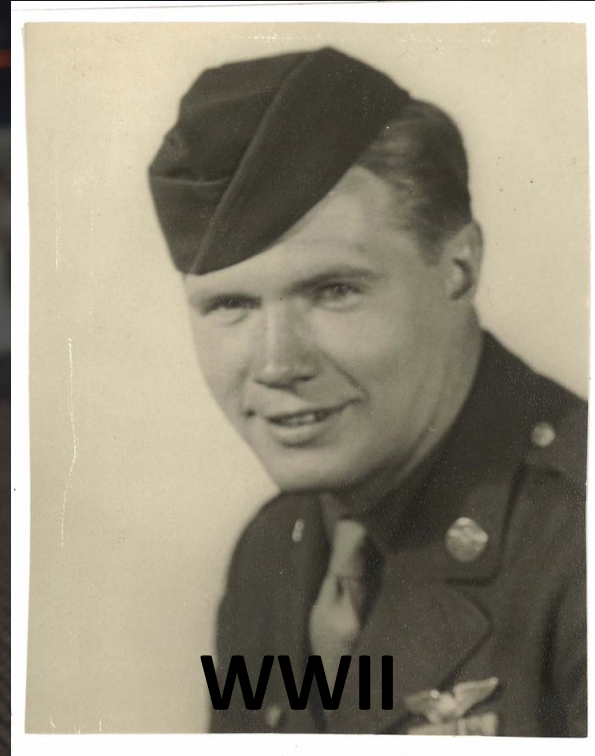
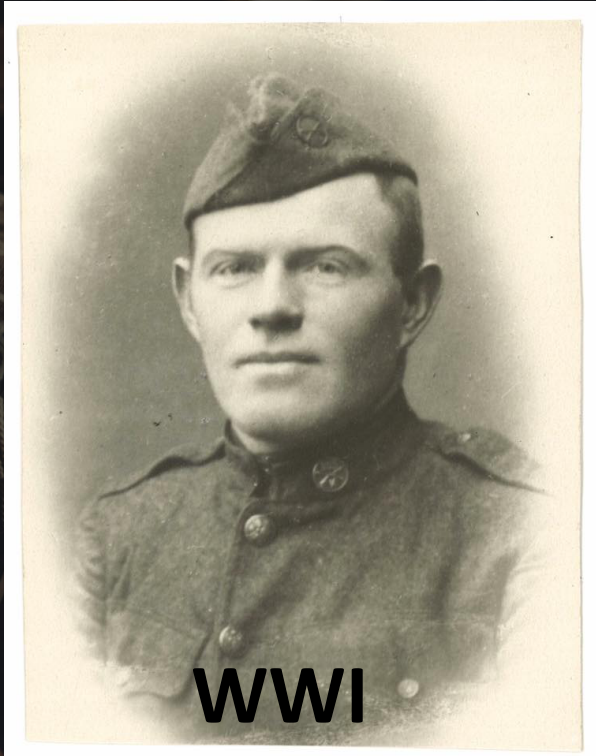
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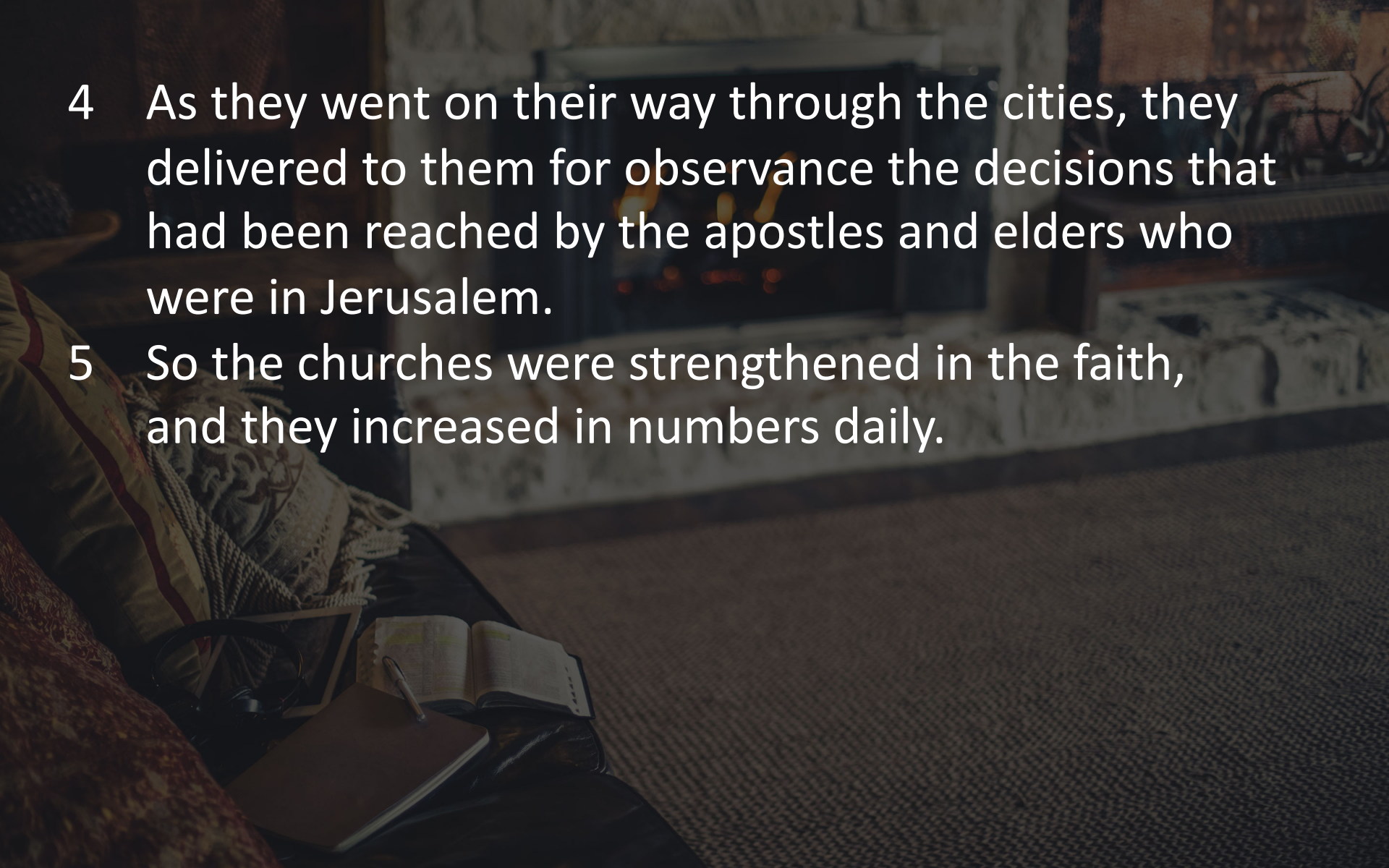
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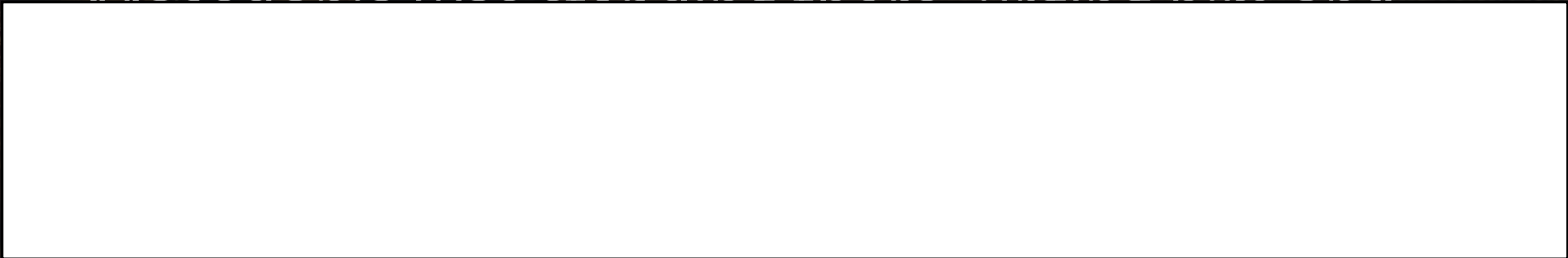
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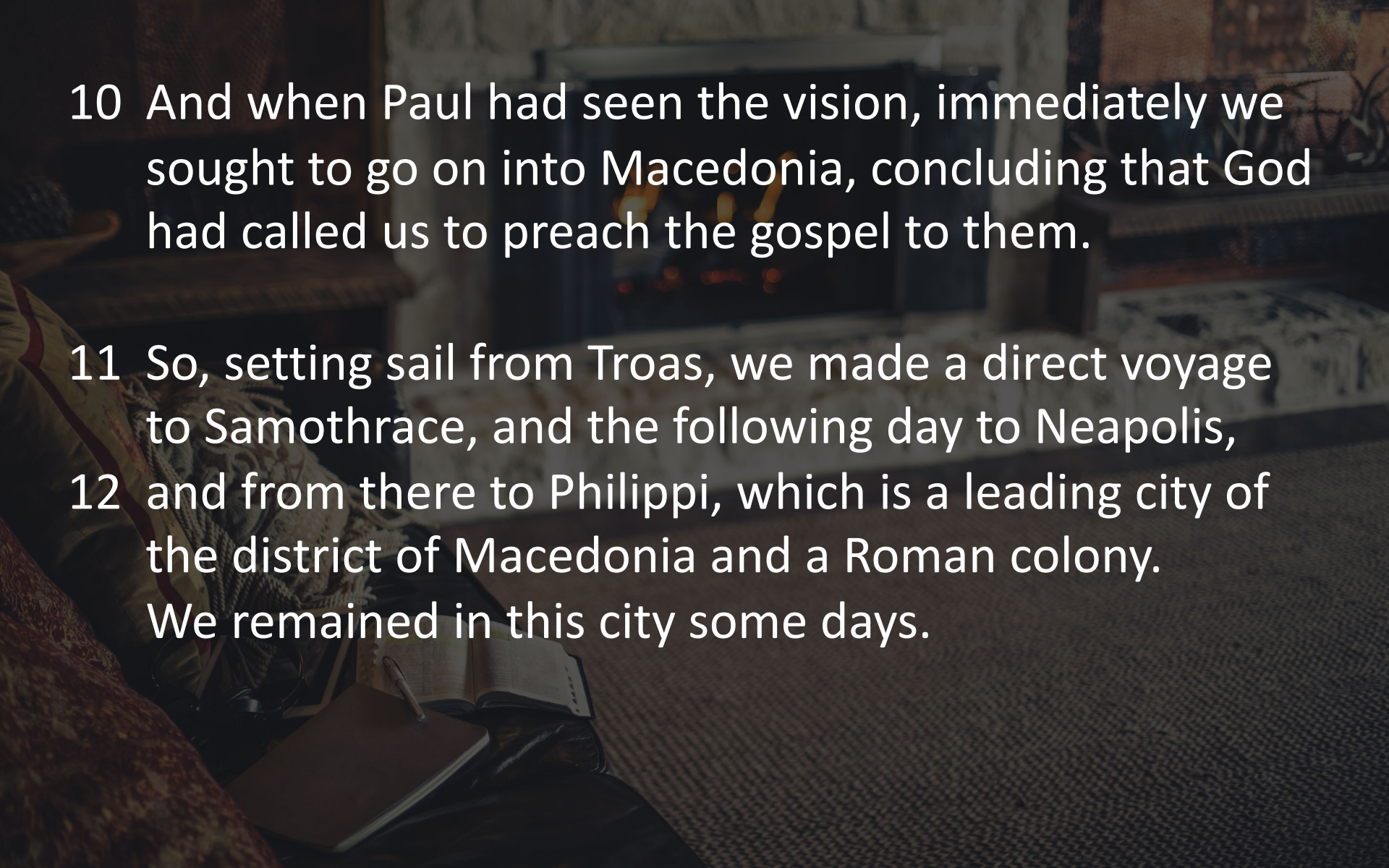
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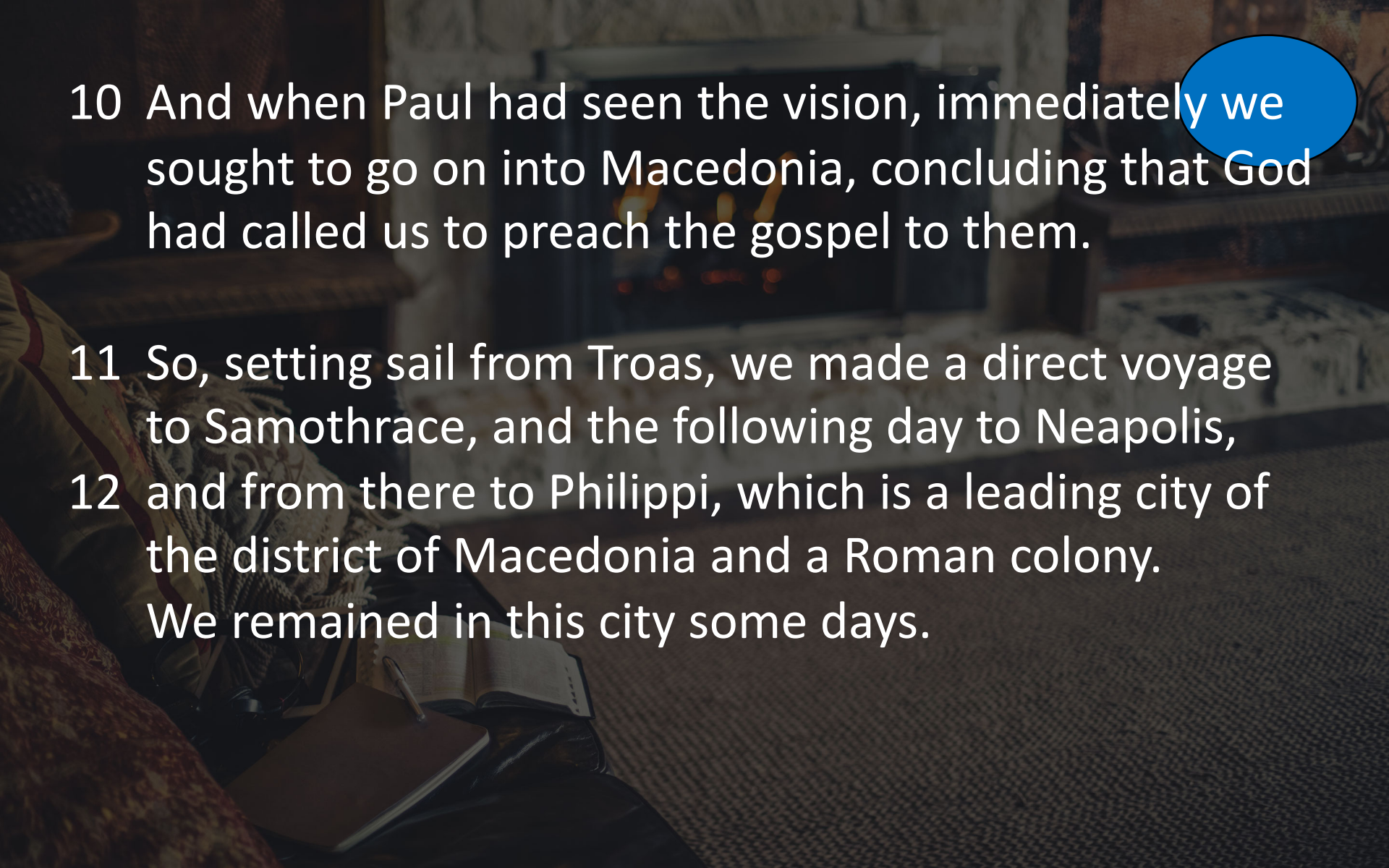
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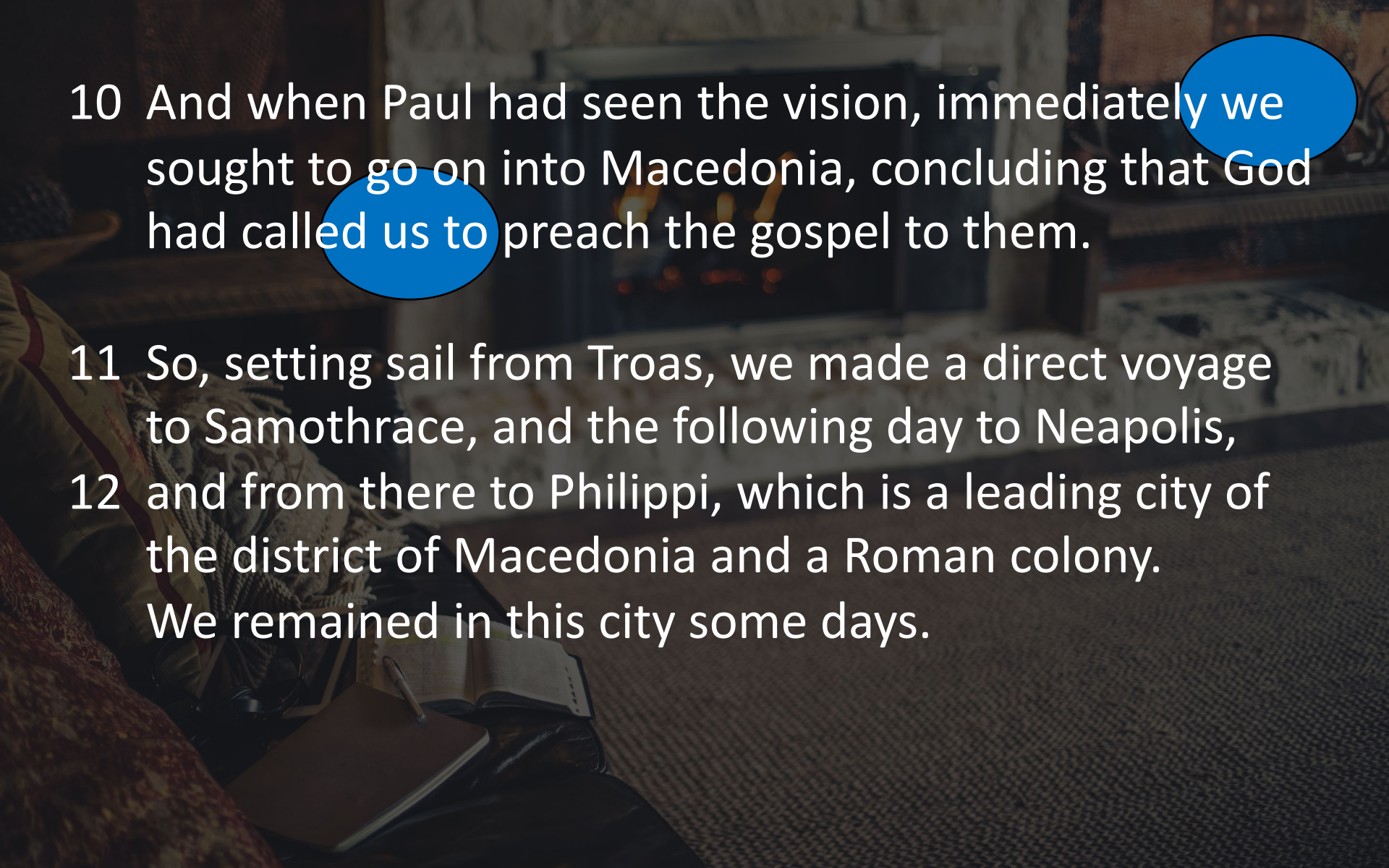
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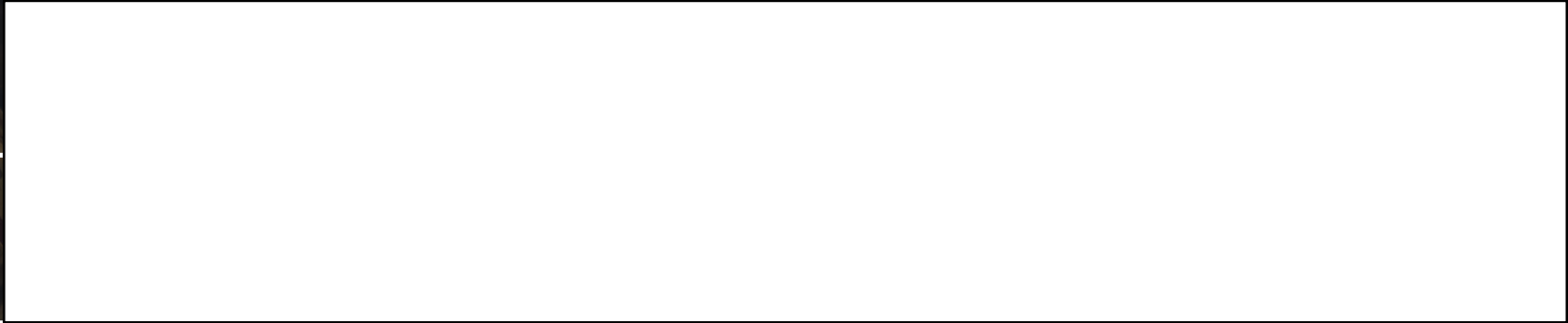


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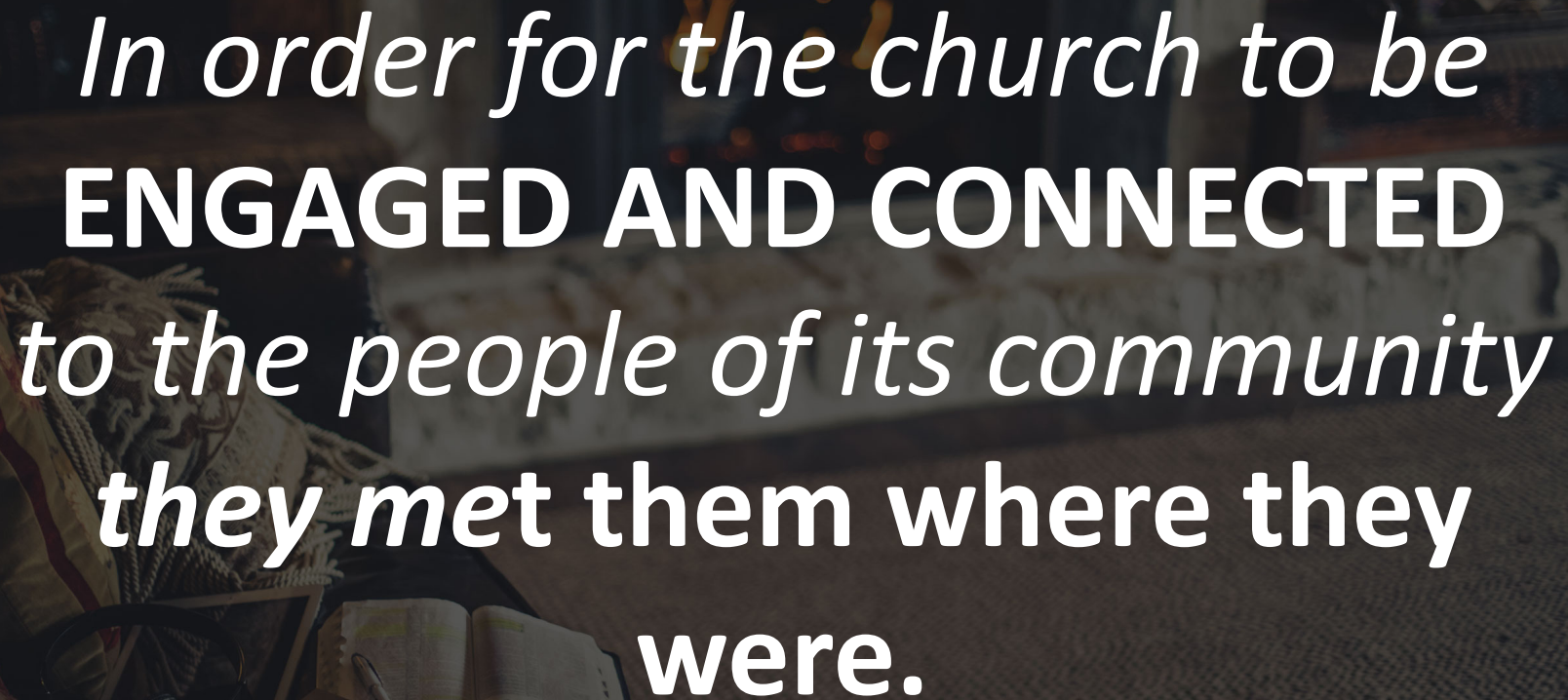
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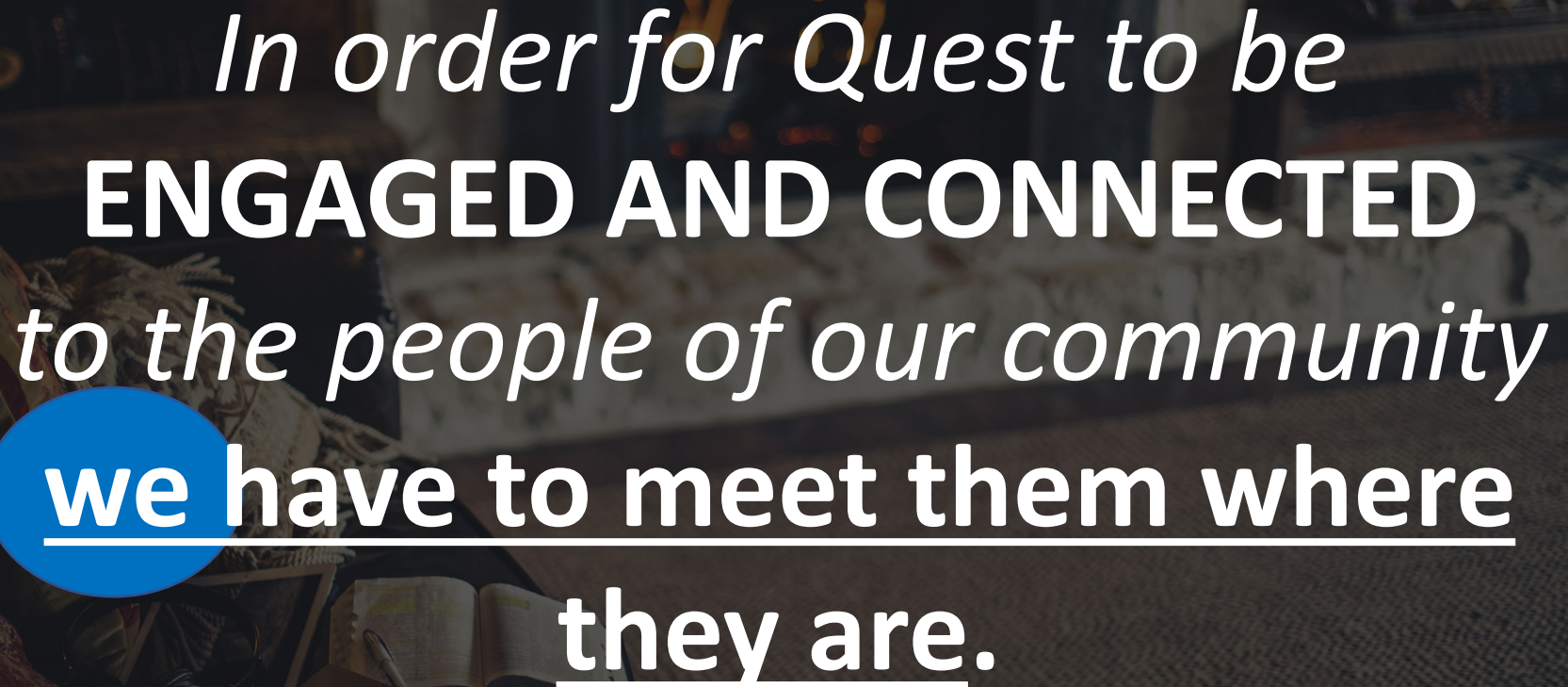
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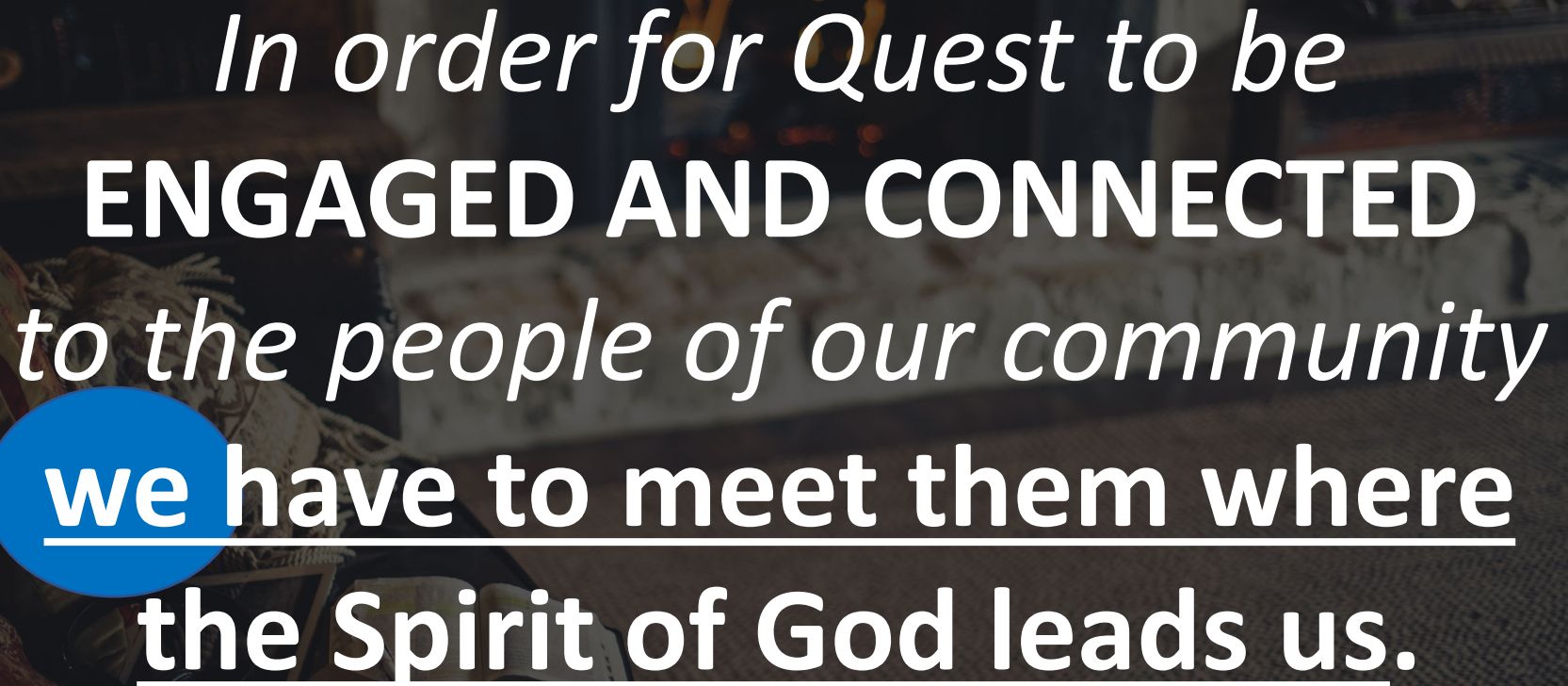
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Definition of Successful Evangelism

Taking the initiative to share Christ
in the power of the Holy Spirit
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