

Blessed Teacher's Day!



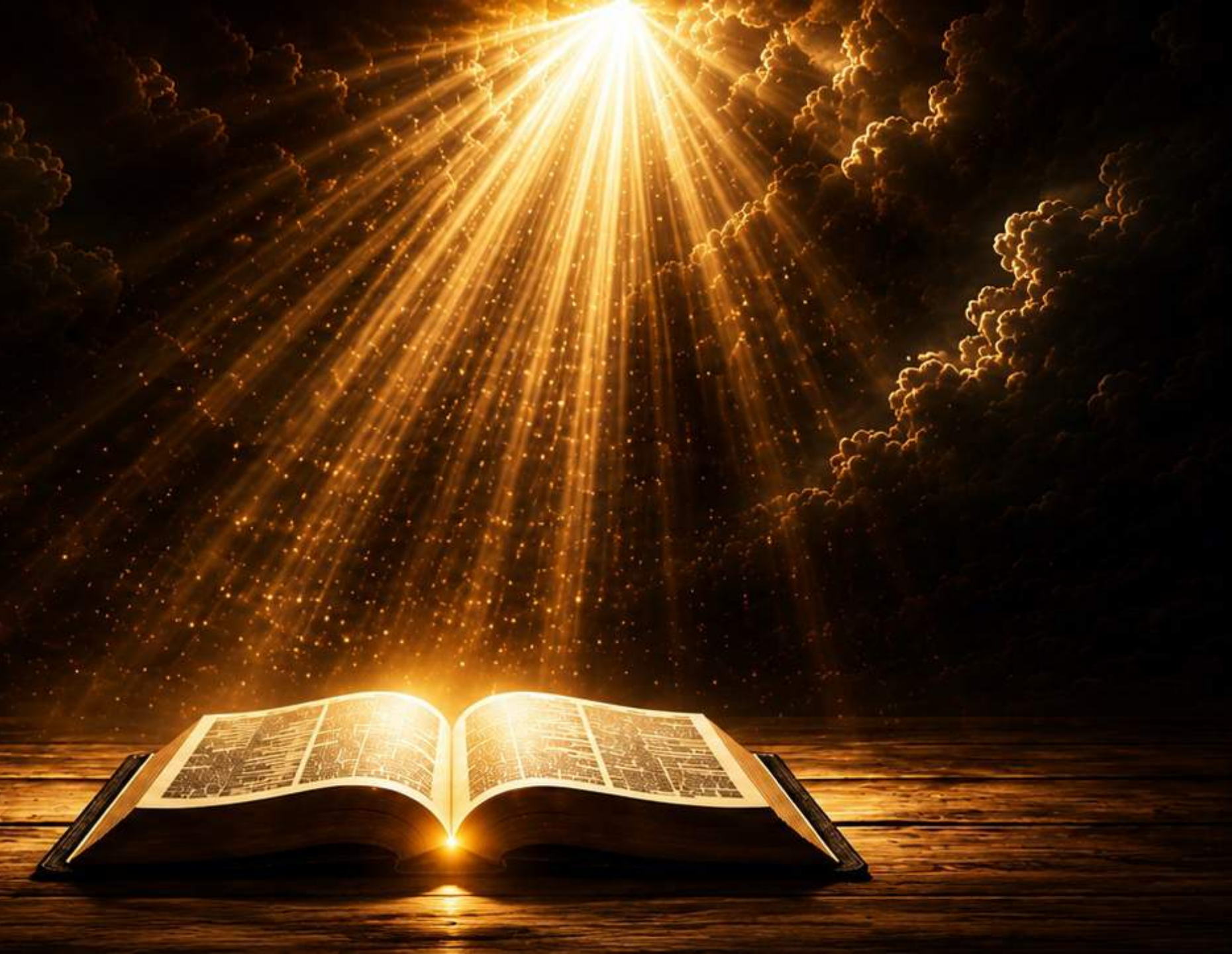
POWER *of the* GOSPEL

The Power of Changed Lives

Moral of the story?

Visit the city more often.

No lift door can transform us - only the Gospel can.



THE BOOK OF ROMANS: AN INTRODUCTION

Written by Tertius (AD 57-58)

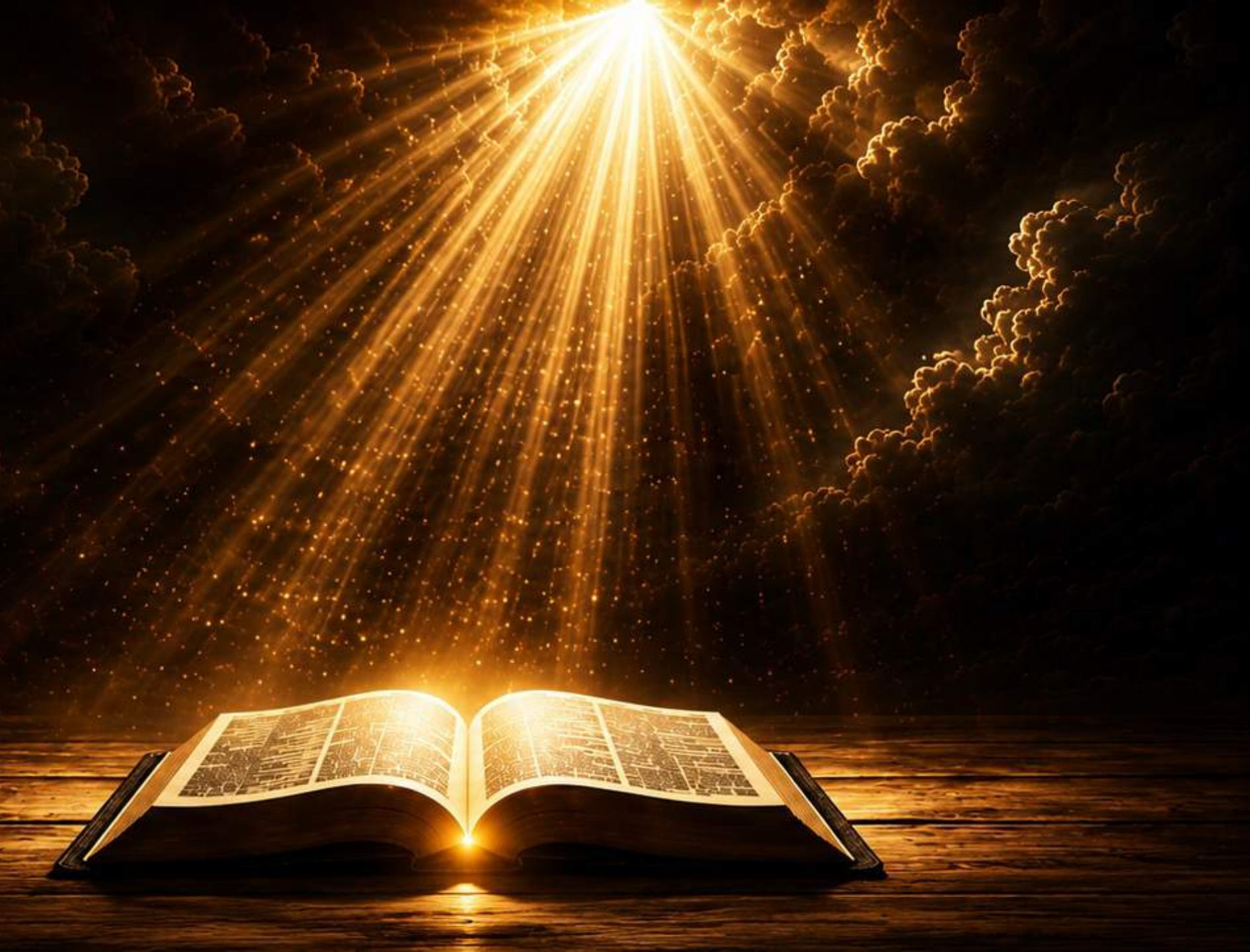
Romans 16:22 I, Tertius, who write this letter, greet you in the Lord.

Written to Jew and Gentile believers

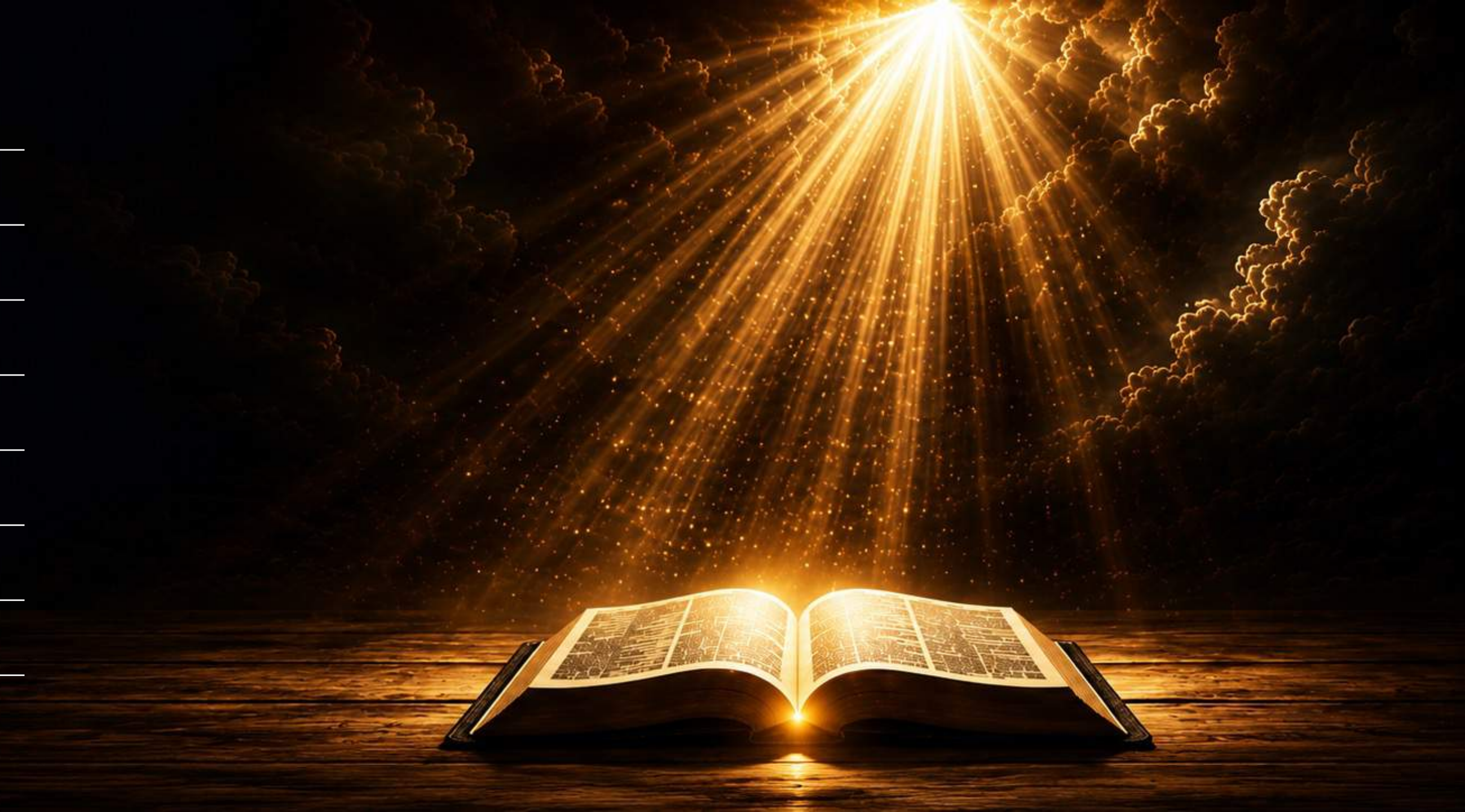
Some tensions due to some leadership issues

Why write this book?

1. Comprehensive explanation of the Gospel (even for believers)
2. To unite the Roman Church
3. To prepare them for Paul's ministry plans



DATE	TEXT	SERMON TITLE
5-6 Sep	Romans 1:1-17	The Power of the Gospel
12-13 Sep	Romans 1:18-3:20	The Problem of Sin
3-4 Oct	Romans 3:21-4	The Promise of Grace
17-18 Oct	Romans 5	The Peace with God
7-8 Nov	Romans 6	The Power over Sin
14-15 Nov	Romans 7	The Pull of the Flesh
21-22 Nov	Romans 8	The Power of the Spirit
28-29 Nov	Romans 9-11	The Place of Israel



Romans 1:16-17

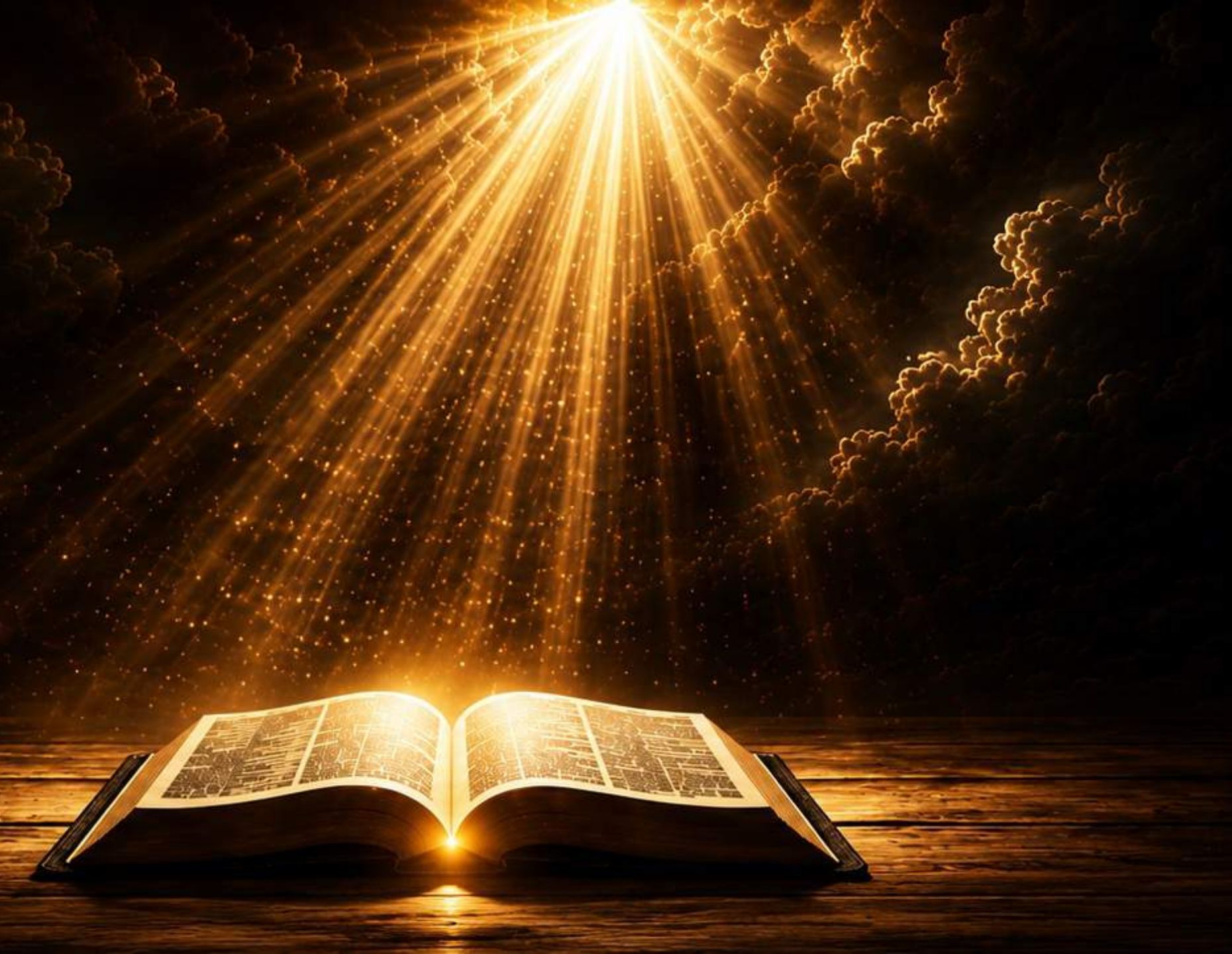
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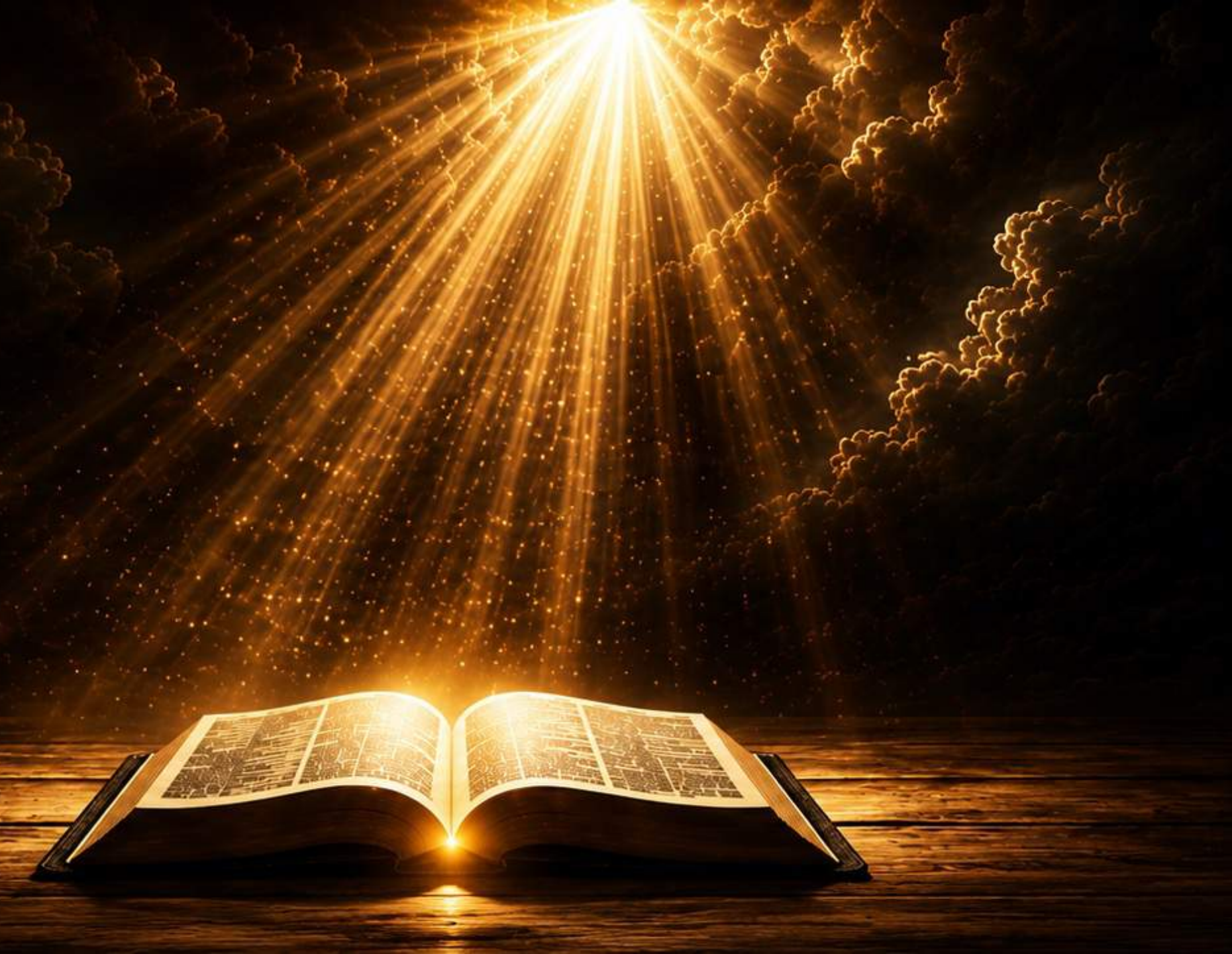
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Romans 1:16-17 is the culmination of
Paul's introduction in v1-15.

The Gospel is the power of God for salvation.
The Gospel revealed God's righteousness through faith.



Possible reasons *why* people are ashamed of the Gospel

- I NCREDULOUS
- I RRELEVANT
- I NSIGNIFICANT
- I NSULTING

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I **INCREDULOUS**

”God becomes man?”

“God is one?”

“God has a son?”

Possible reasons *why* people are ashamed of the Gospel

I RRELEVANT

“A man dying on a cross has nothing to do with me.”

Theism vs Deism

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who is intimately involved in our daily lives.
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but does not alter the original plan for the universe.
He does not intervene and allows the natural laws
to rule over all of life.

Possible reasons *why* people are ashamed of the Gospel

I RRELEVANT

Christian Theism

God is powerful & personal.

Mindful of His divine presence
at all times

Christian Deism

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Live life with regard
to His presence

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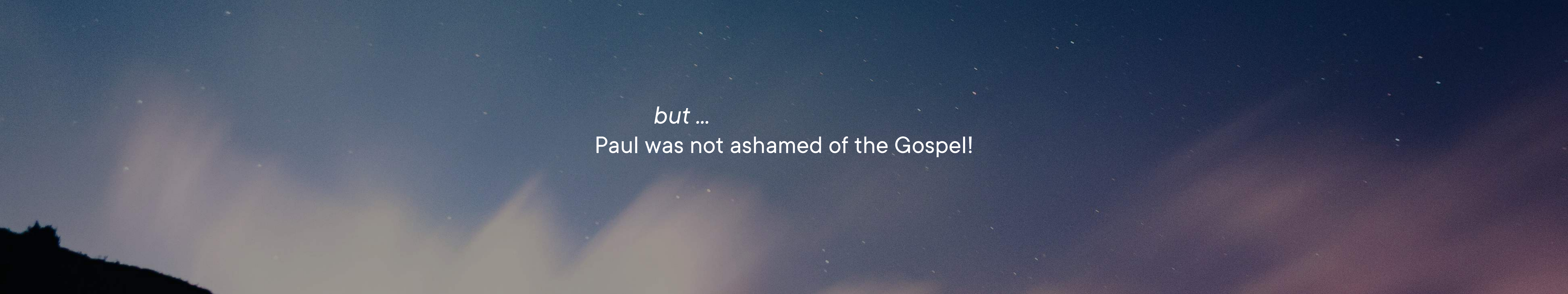
I NSIGNIFICANT

Smallest number of believers

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I **NSULTING**

“You’re a sinner!”



but ...

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- Legalism of the Jews

No one can make us right with God.

... AND THE JUST SHALL LIVE BY FAITH (*Romans 1:17*)

NASB 1995

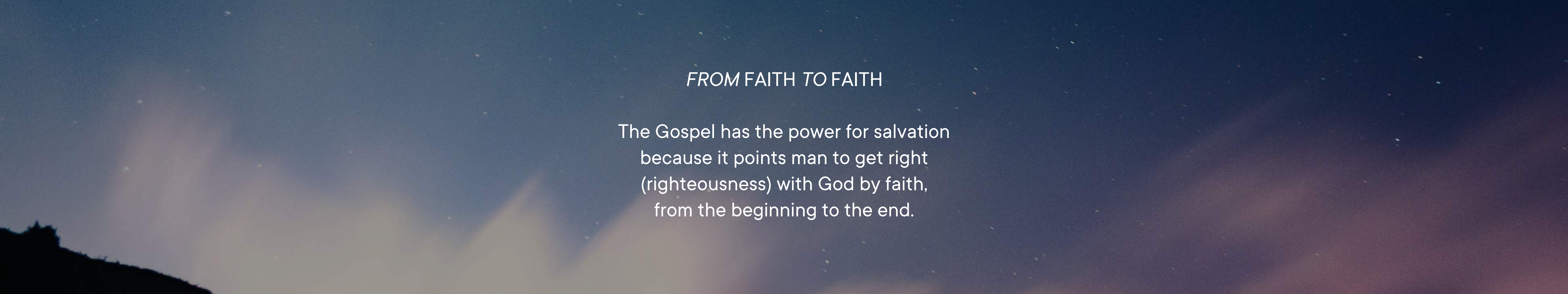
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NIV UK

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.’

NLT

This Good News tells us how God makes us right in his sight. **This is accomplished from start to finish by faith.** As the Scriptures say, “It is through faith that a righteous person has life.”



FROM FAITH TO FAITH

The Gospel has the power for salvation
because it points man to get right
(righteousness) with God by faith,
from the beginning to the end.

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1. THE POWER OF GOD FOR SALVATION

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- A Gentile version of Saul.
- Saul was named after the first king of Israel – the pride of the tribe of Benjamin.

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set apart for the Gospel of God.

- A Pharisee, a citizen of Rome, a student of Gamaliel
- A persecutor of the Church

Romans 1:1

Paul, a bond-servant of **Christ Jesus** called as an apostle,
set apart for the Gospel of God.

- Not for earthly, but eternal deliverance

GALATIANS

¹ Paul, an apostle (not sent from men nor through the agency of man,
but through Jesus Christ and God the Father, who raised Him from the dead),
² and all the brethren who are with me,
To the churches of Galatia:

EPHESIANS

¹ Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God,
To the saints who are at Ephesus and who are faithful in Christ Jesus:
² Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ

PHILIPPIANS

¹ Paul and Timothy, bond-servants of Christ Jesus,
To all the saints in Christ Jesus who are in Philippi, including the overseers and
deacons: ² Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ

TRANSFORMATIVE POWER OF THE GOSPEL

¹ Paul, a bond-servant of Christ Jesus, called as an apostle,
set apart for the gospel of God,

² which He promised beforehand through His prophets
in the Holy Scriptures,

³ concerning His Son, who was born of a descendant
of David **according to the flesh**,

⁴ who was declared the Son of God with power by the
resurrection from the dead, **according to the Spirit**
of holiness, Jesus Christ our Lord,

⁵ through whom we have received grace and apostleship
to bring about the obedience of faith among the Gentiles
for His name's sake,

⁶ among whom you also are the called of Jesus Christ;

What?

Extensive intro of
himself & his ministry
(v1-6)

Why?

To state his calling &
understanding of the
Gospel upfront as
they didn't know him
personally

TRANSFORMATIVE POWER OF THE GOSPEL

⁷ To all who are beloved of God in Rome, called as saints: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ

Greeting completed
to all Jews & Gentiles

⁸ First, I thank my God through Jesus Christ for you all, because your faith is being proclaimed throughout the whole world.

Thank God
for their faith

⁹ For God, whom I serve in my spirit in the preaching of the gospel of His Son, is my witness as to how unceasingly I make mention of you

Thank God
for their lives

¹⁰ always in my prayers making request if perhaps now at last by the will of God I may succeed in coming to you.

*Why the longing to
“come to you”?*

TRANSFORMATIVE POWER OF THE GOSPEL

¹¹ For I **long to see you** so that I may impart some spiritual gift to you, that you may be established—

Empower them

¹² that is, that I may be encouraged together with you while among you, each of us by the other's faith, both yours and mine.

Encouraged by them

¹³ I do not want you to be unaware, brethren, that often I have planned to come to you (and have been prevented so far) so that I may **obtain** some fruit among you also, even as among the rest of the Gentiles.

Evangelise
among them

¹⁴ I am under obligation both to Greeks and to barbarians, both to the wise and to the foolish.

Blessed by the
Gospel & entrusted
to spread it

*Why bother
about them?*

TRANSFORMATIVE POWER OF THE GOSPEL

¹⁵ So, for my part, I am eager to preach the Gospel to you also who are in Rome.

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In the summer of AD 386 after hearing a child next door say, “Pick it up, read it”, Augustine picked up a copy of Romans and read Romans 13:13-14, which says,

“Let us walk properly as in the daytime, not in orgies and drunkenness, not in sexual immorality and sensuality, not in quarreling and jealousy. But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.”

Like a sniper shot from Heaven, the Holy Spirit hit Augustine right in the soul. He testifies, “*‘A light flooded my heart and all the darkness of doubt vanished away’* (Augustine, *Confessions*, 8:29).”

Martin Luther had an epiphany that changed not only his life but also the lives of countless others. Serving as a professor of theology in Germany at the University of Wittenburg, he was teaching on Paul's letter to the Romans, and had a Holy Spirit epiphany in Scripture that changed the world:

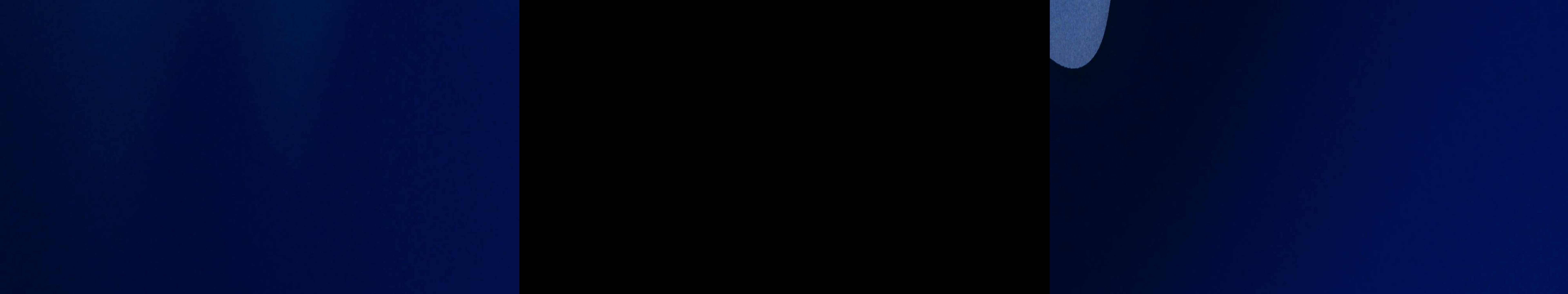
“I felt that I was altogether born again and had entered paradise itself through open gates.’ This new understanding of this one verse—Rom 1:17— changed everything; it became in a real sense the doorway to the Reformation. ‘Thus that place in Paul was for me truly the gate to paradise,’ says Luther (Latin Writings, 336–337).”

THE ALDERSGATE EXPERIENCE

Over two hundred years later, in London, English pastor John Wesley attended an evening service at Aldersgate Street in London on May 24, 1738. Part of Martin Luther's commentary on Romans was read aloud.

Wesley remembers, *"He was describing the change which God works in the heart through faith in Christ. I felt my heart strangely warmed. I felt I did trust in Christ, Christ alone, for my salvation; and an assurance was given me that he had taken my sins away, even mine; and saved me from the law of sin and death"*.

(John Wesley, Works (1872), vol 1)





THINKING OF GETTING BAPTISED?

NEXT BAPTISM SERVICE: 27 DECEMBER 2026

Baptism candidates must sign up for the New Disciple Track which includes Baptism Class. **The next NDT starts on Oct 6.**

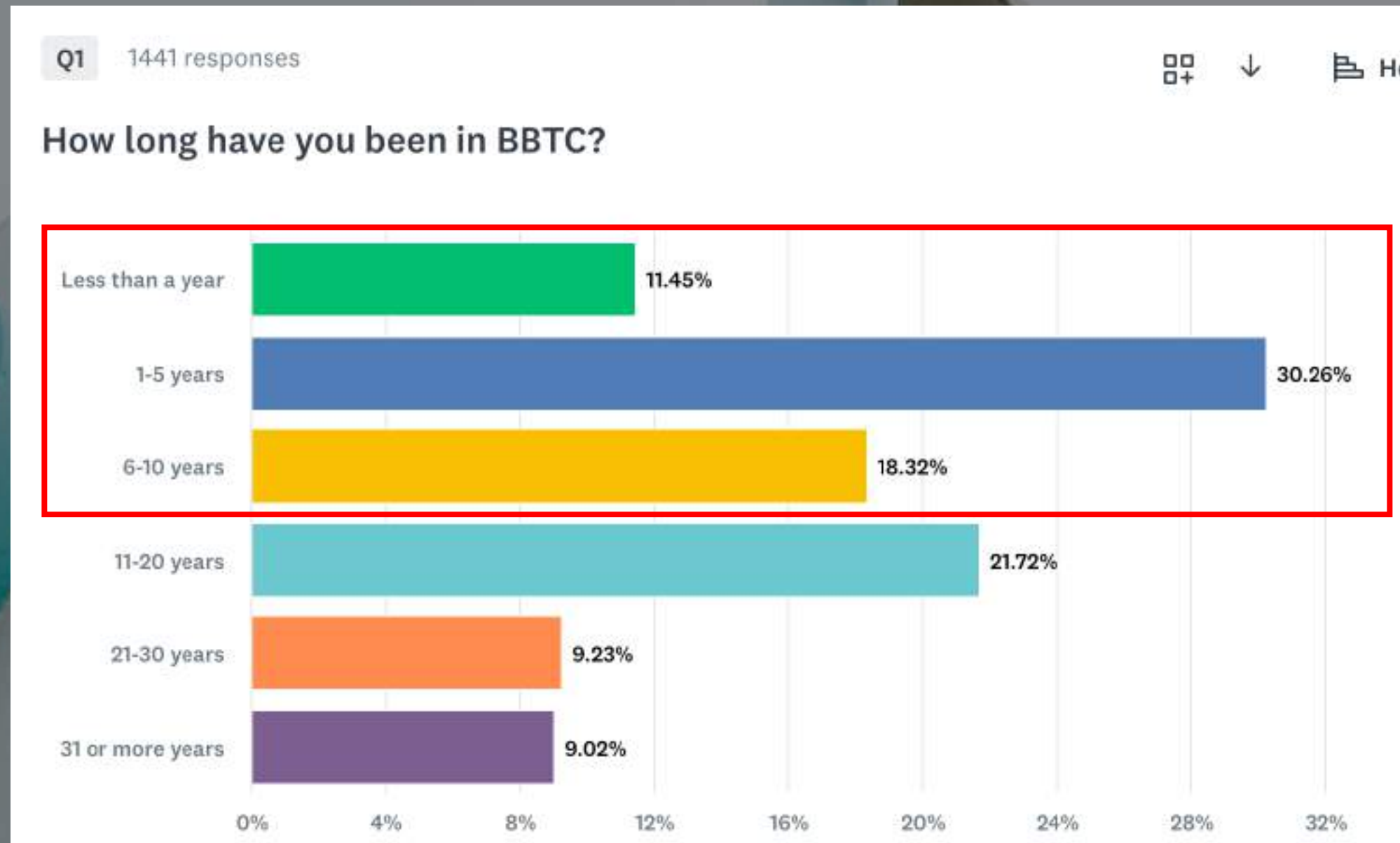
Sign up at bbtc.sg/ndt

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BBTC'S 'ABOUT YOU' SURVEY

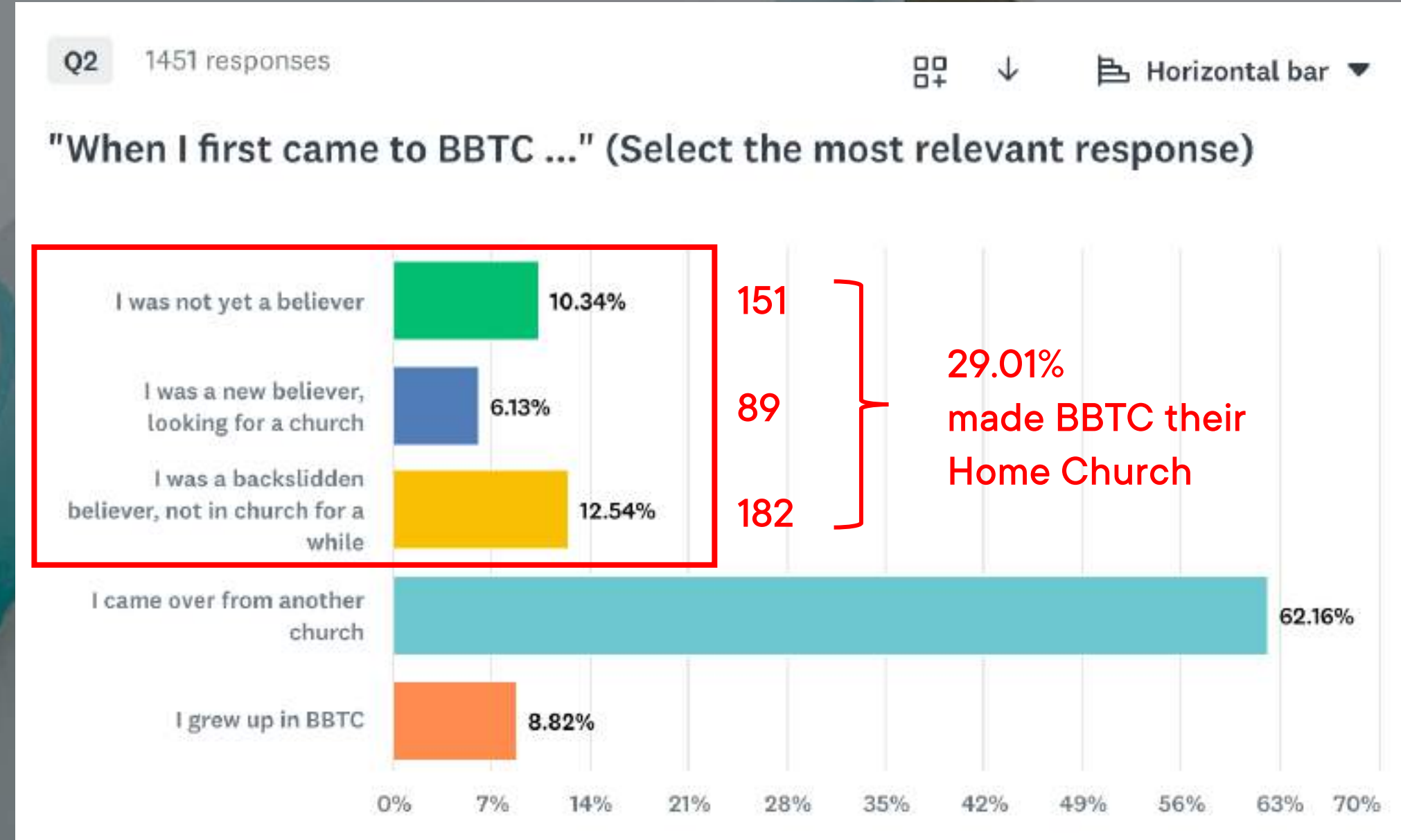
22-23 August 2026

Overall findings

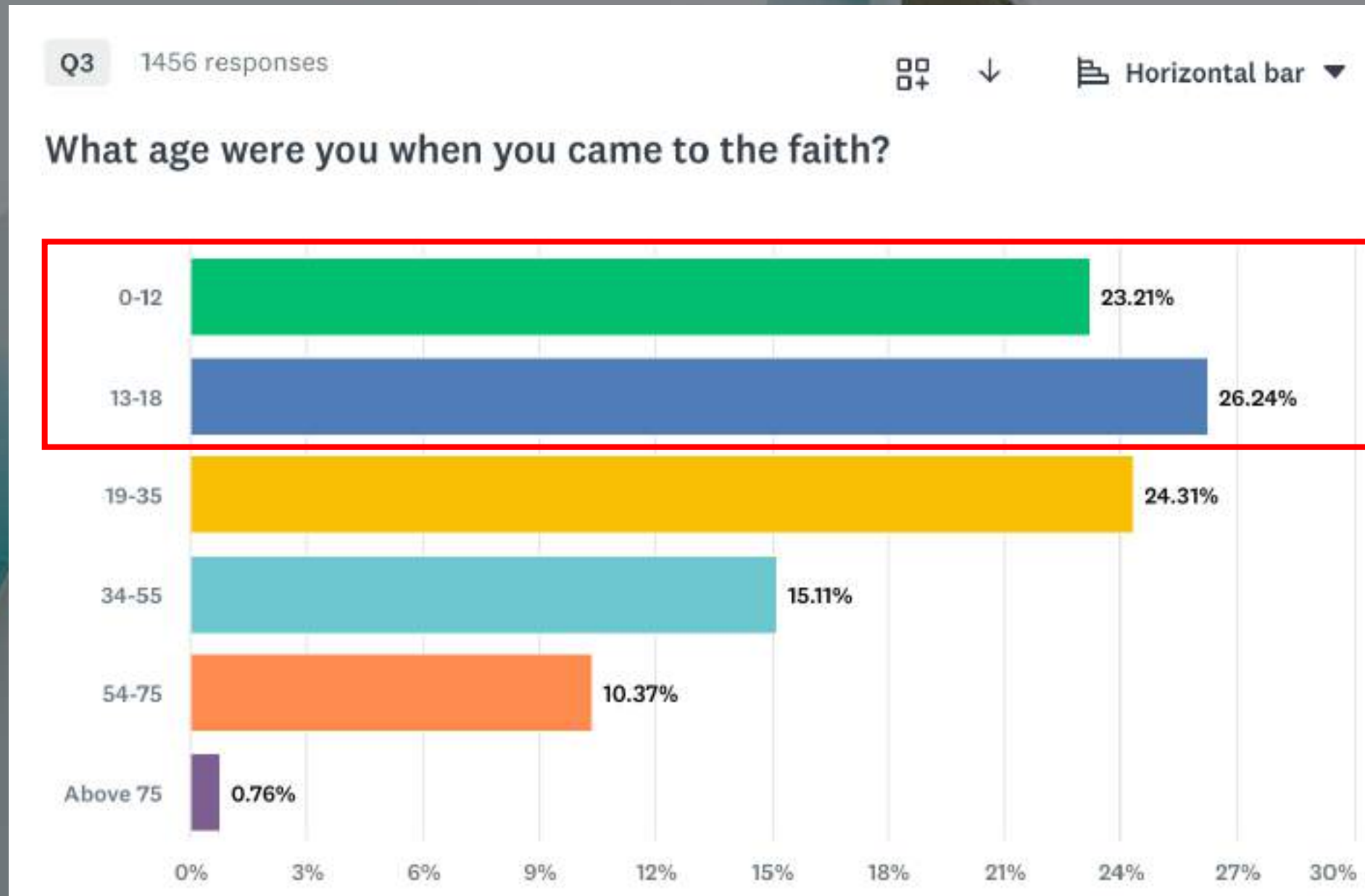


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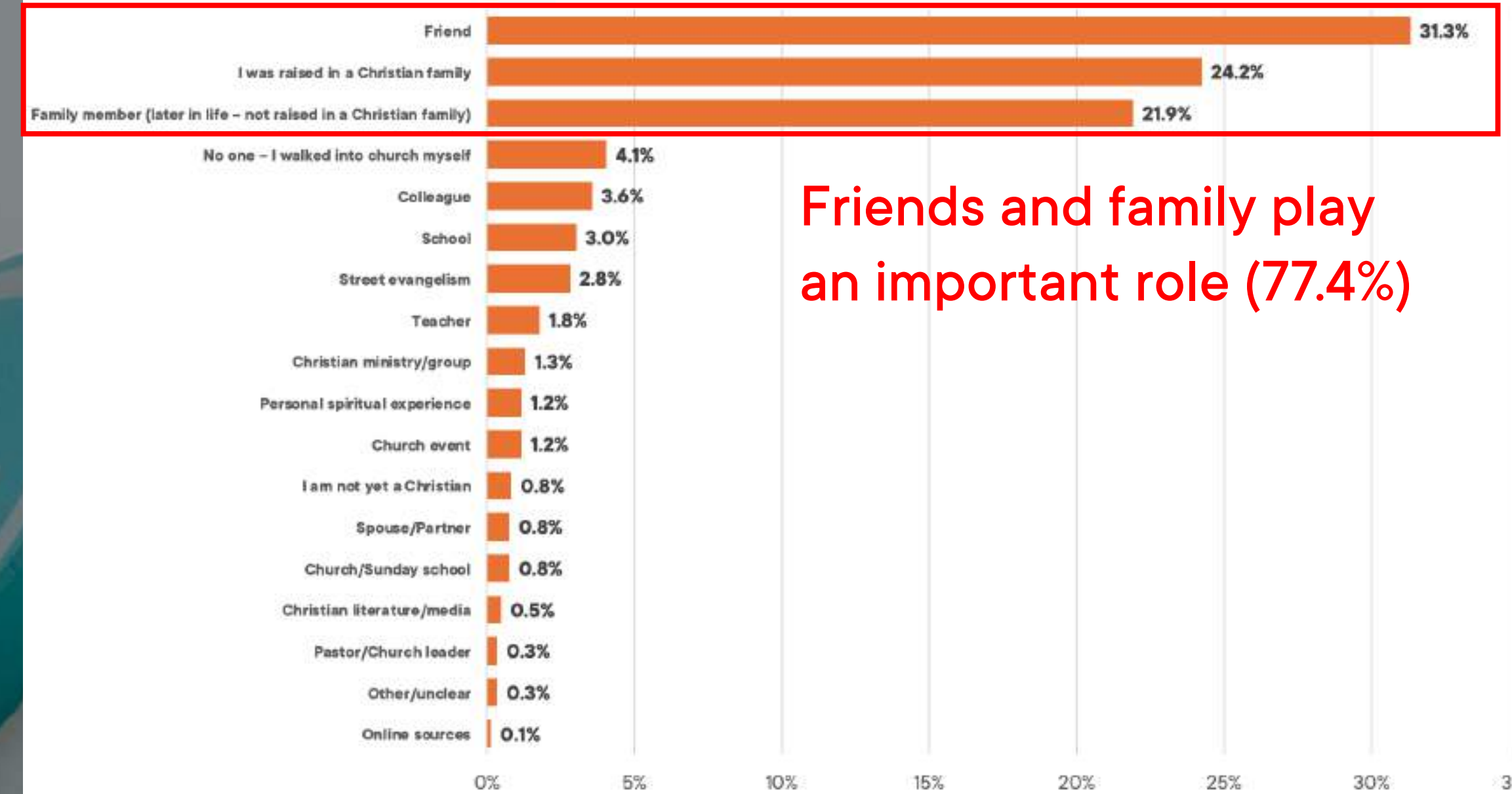
49.5%

Overall findings

Q4 1457 responses

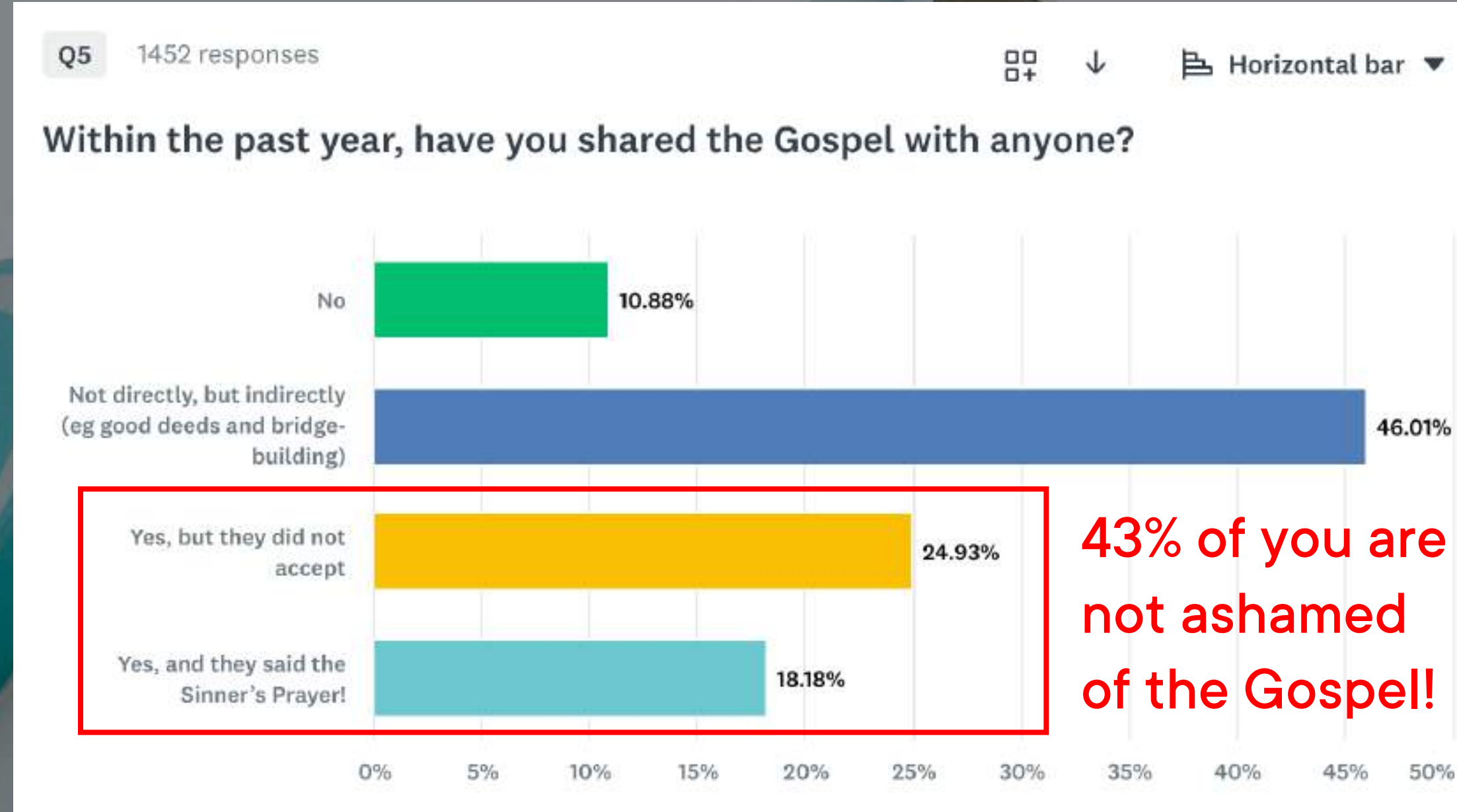
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Who brought you to the faith? (ie, who was the key figure in your conversion?)



Friends and family play
an important role (77.4%)

Overall findings



43% of you are
not ashamed
of the Gospel!

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Jess, and her son, Jon

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... AND THE JUST SHALL LIVE BY FAITH

Habbakuk 2:4

Behold, as for the proud one,
His soul is not right within him;

But the righteous will live by his faith.

Galatians 3:11

Now that no one is justified by the Law before God is evident;
for, "The righteous man shall live by faith."

Hebrews 10:38

But My righteous one shall live by faith;

And if he shrinks back, My soul has no pleasure in him.

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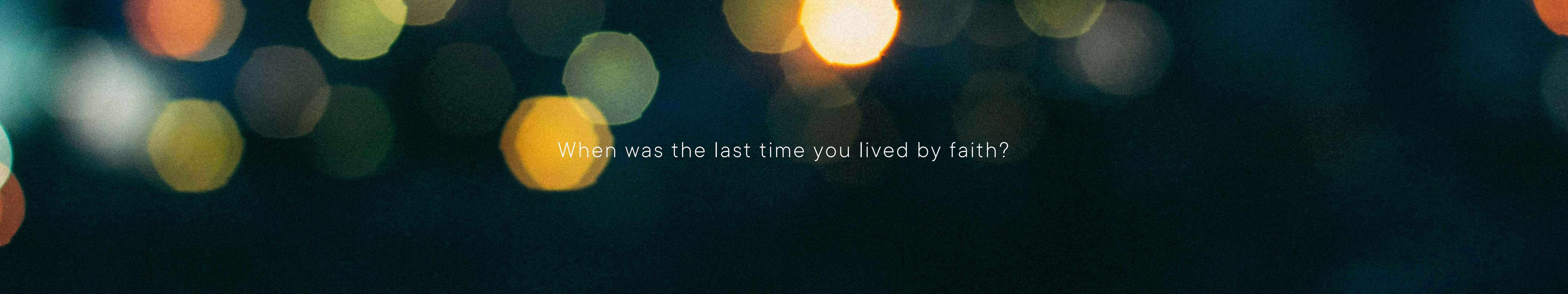
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=> Have faith in God

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When was the last time you lived by faith?



Kopi Kakis Programme
BCS x Mandarin Worship



CHRISTMAS in BEDOK

Bedok Town Square
18-20 December



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TIME	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
10AM-12PM	OPENING CEREMONY WORKOUT • LIVE BAND • BINGO	FAMILY FRIENDLY PROGRAMME	SONG & DANCE PERFORMANCE CHRISTMAS PERFORMANCE
1PM-3PM	MOVIE SCREENING		DANCE PERFORMANCE • LIVE BAND MOVIE SCREENING
4-5.30PM	LIVE BAND		
5.30PM-6PM	MAGIC SHOW		
6-8PM	CELEBRITY SHARING (HONG LING & NICK TEO)	CHILDREN'S PERFORMANCE GREETINGS BY MINISTER EDWIN TONG	CELEBRITY SHARING (OLIVIA ONG)
8-8.30PM	CHRISTMAS PERFORMANCE		
8.30-9PM	CHRISTMAS CAROLLING		

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Life is not about how many years we have,
but *how much life we put into our years.*

Life is expressed through **living by faith.**

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and **the righteousness of God** *revealed through faith.*