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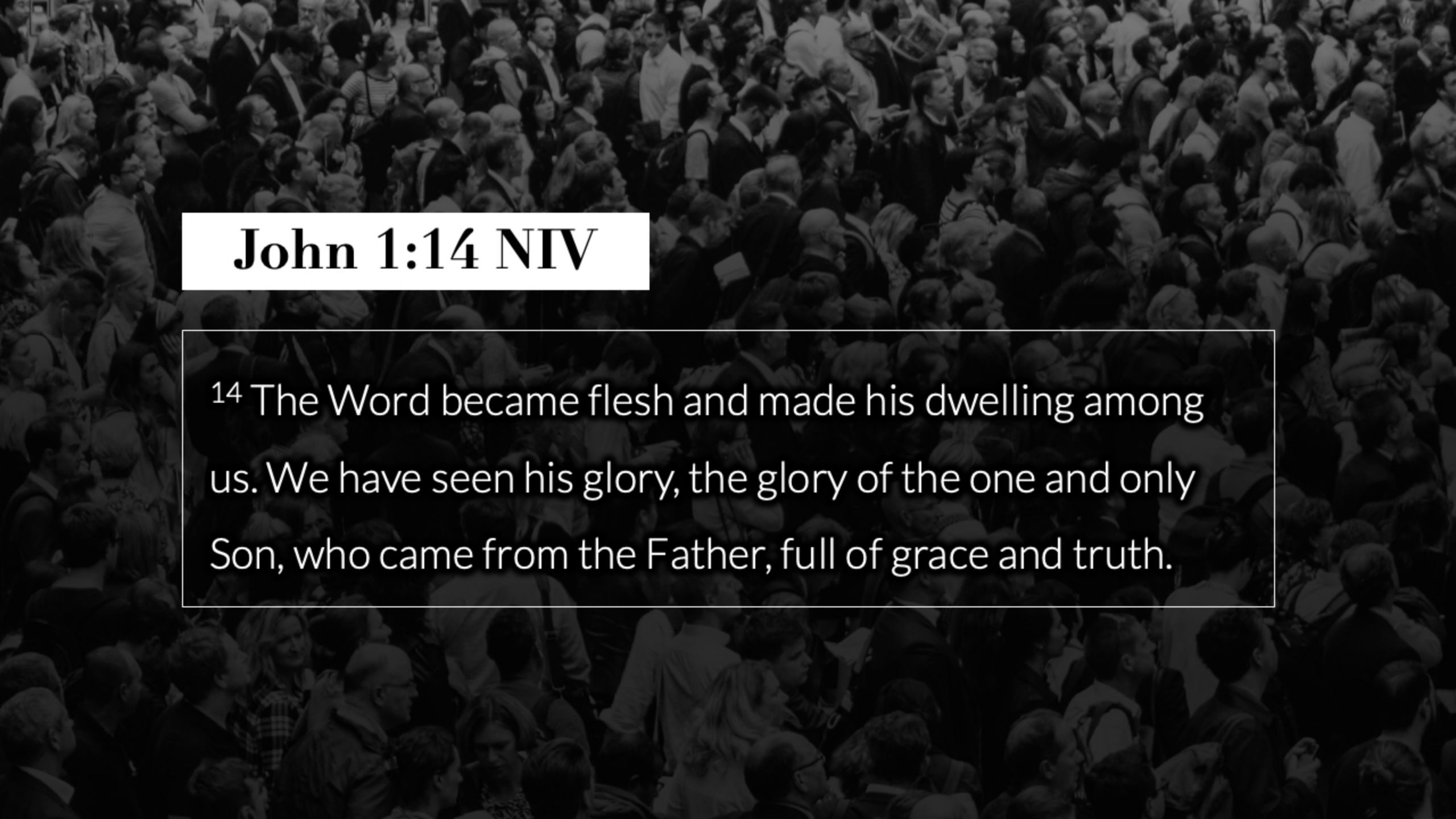
GRACE

&

TRUTH



**BROOMFIELD
ASSEMBLY**



John 1:14 NIV

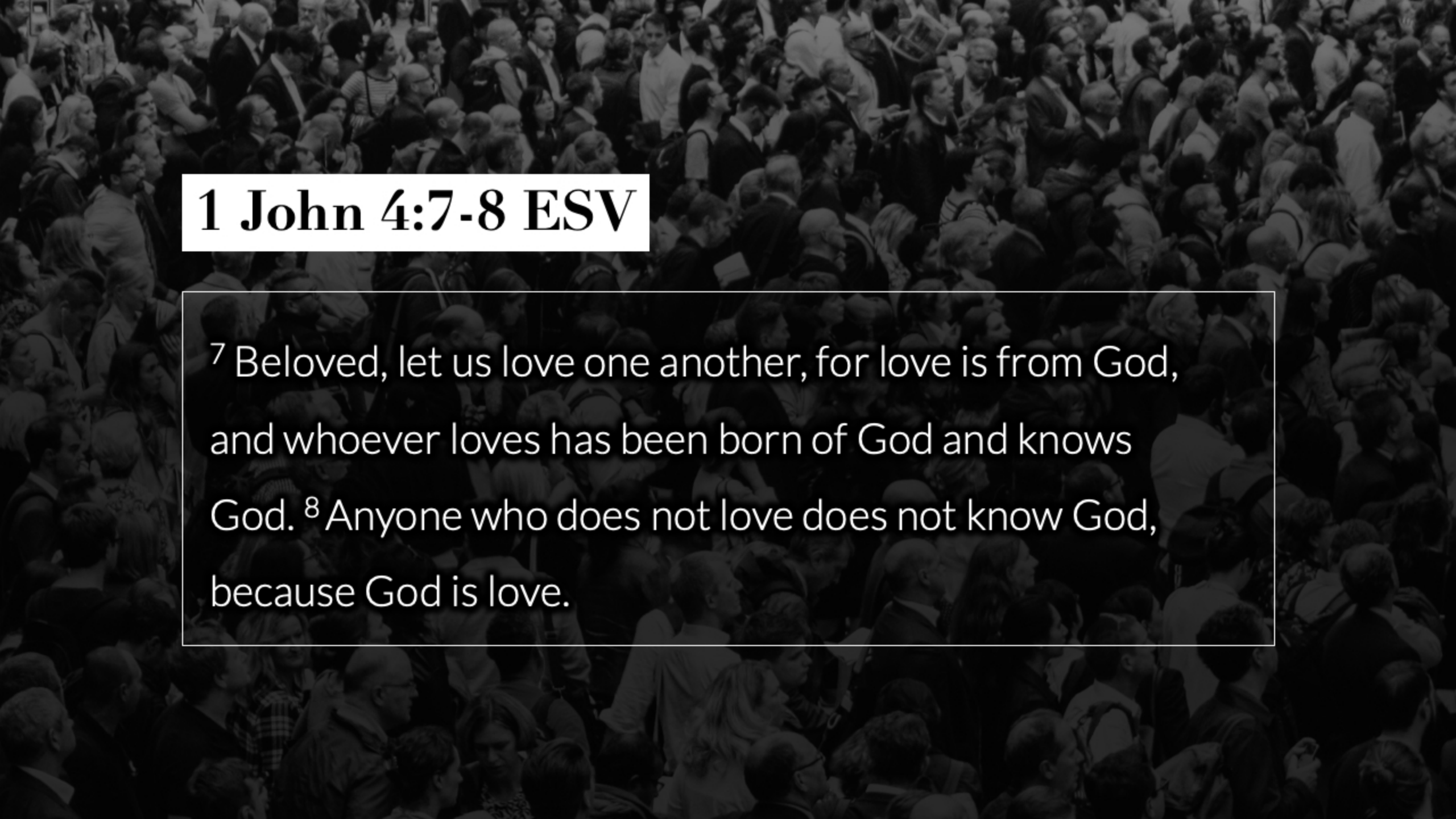
¹⁴ The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.



I. What **type** of person are you?

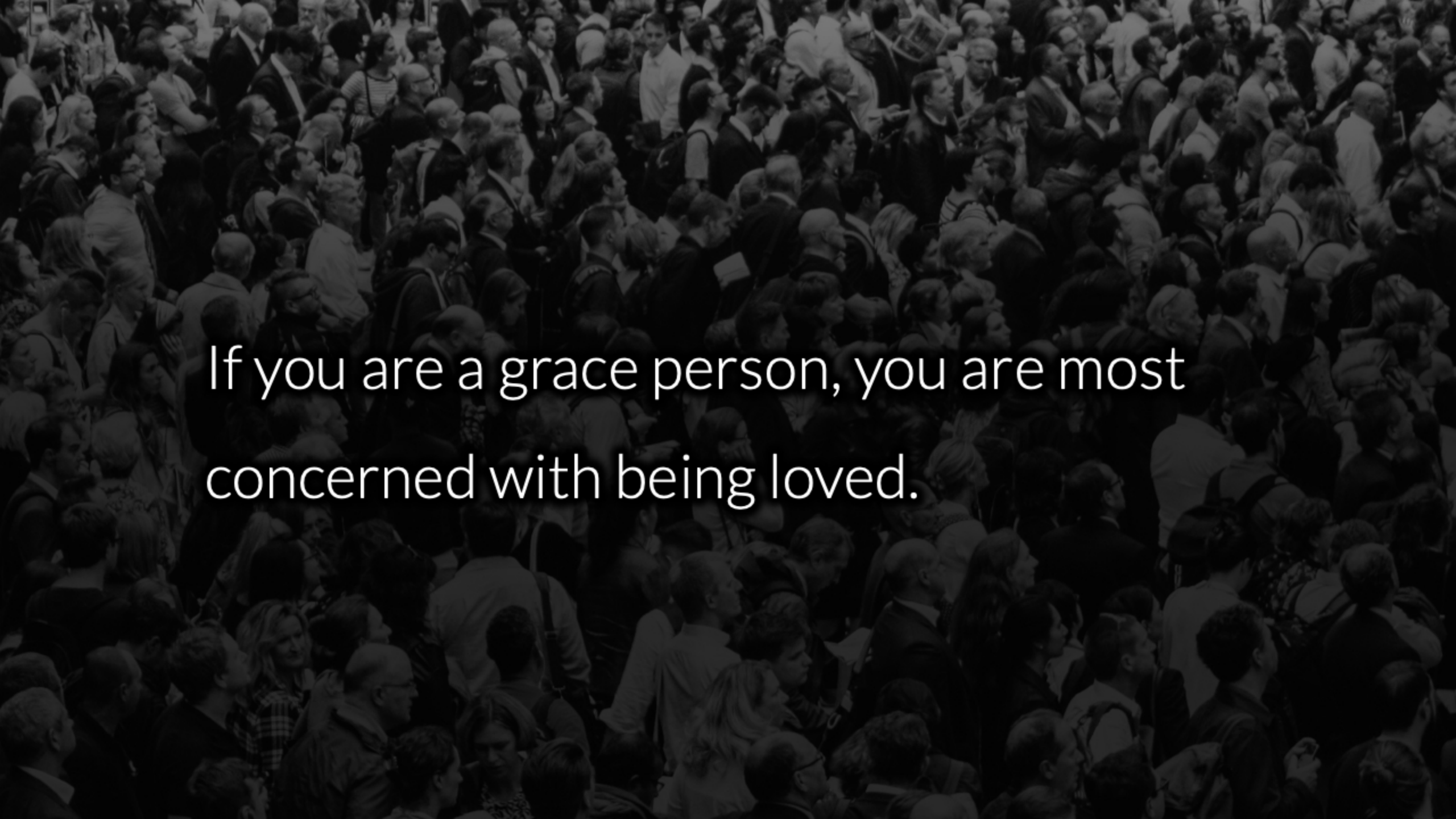


GRACE or truth



1 John 4:7-8 ESV

⁷ Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God, and whoever loves has been born of God and knows God. ⁸ Anyone who does not love does not know God, because God is love.



If you are a grace person, you are most concerned with being loved.

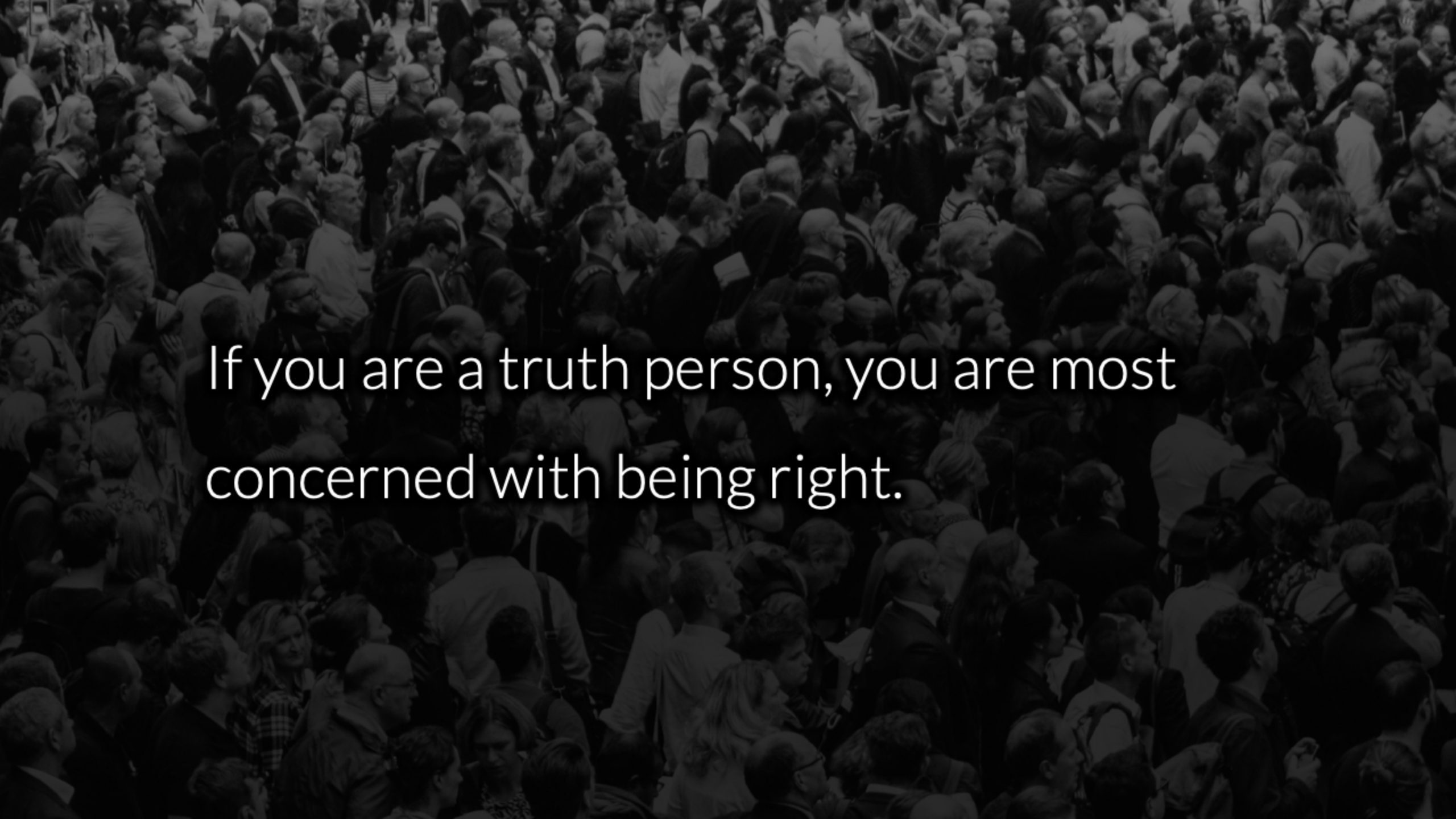


Grace or

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Matthew 7:13-14 NLT

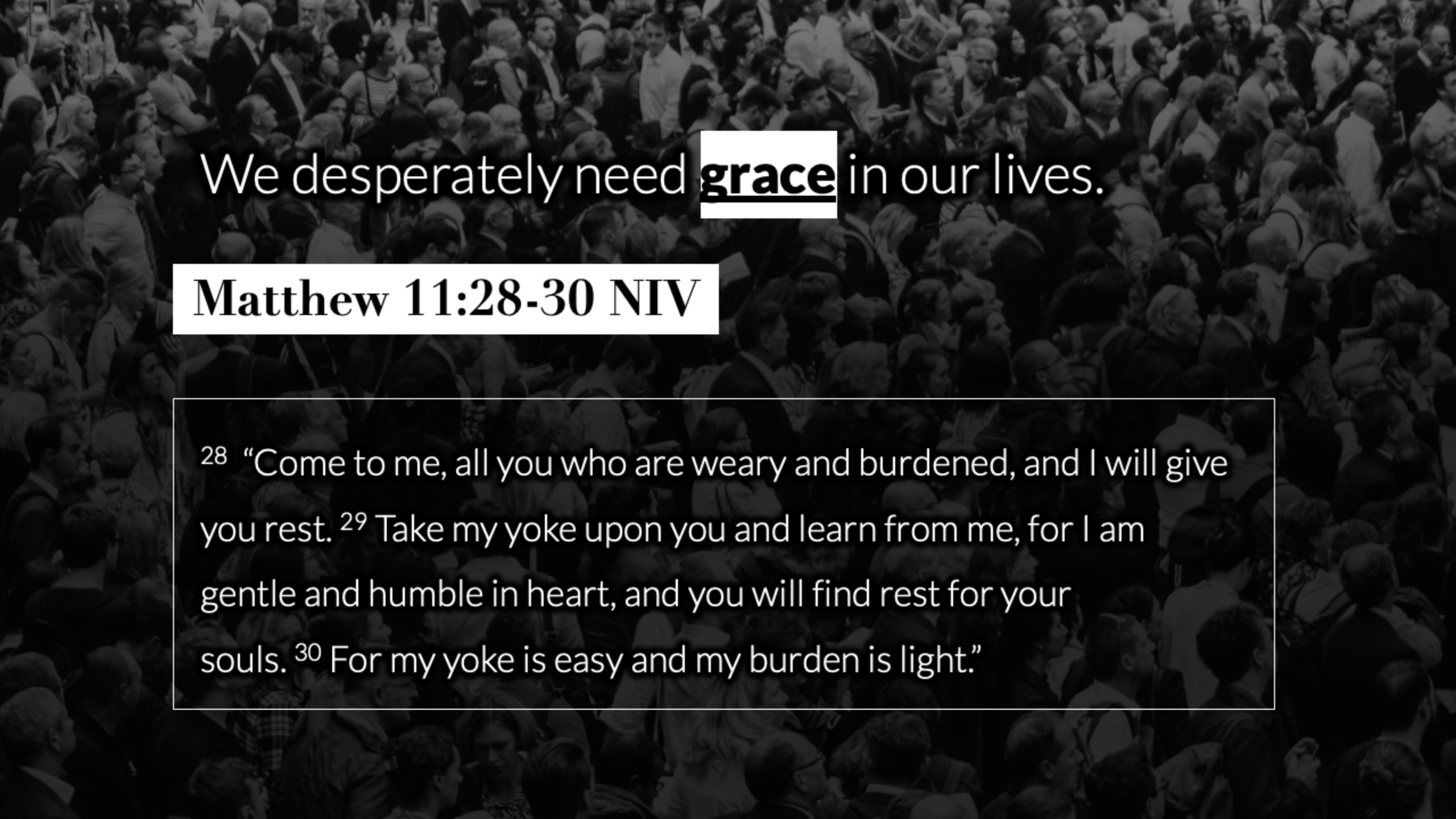
¹³ “You can enter God’s Kingdom only through the narrow gate. The highway to hell is broad, and its gate is wide for the many who choose that way. ¹⁴ But the gateway to life is very narrow and the road is difficult, and only a few ever find it.”



If you are a truth person, you are most
concerned with being right.



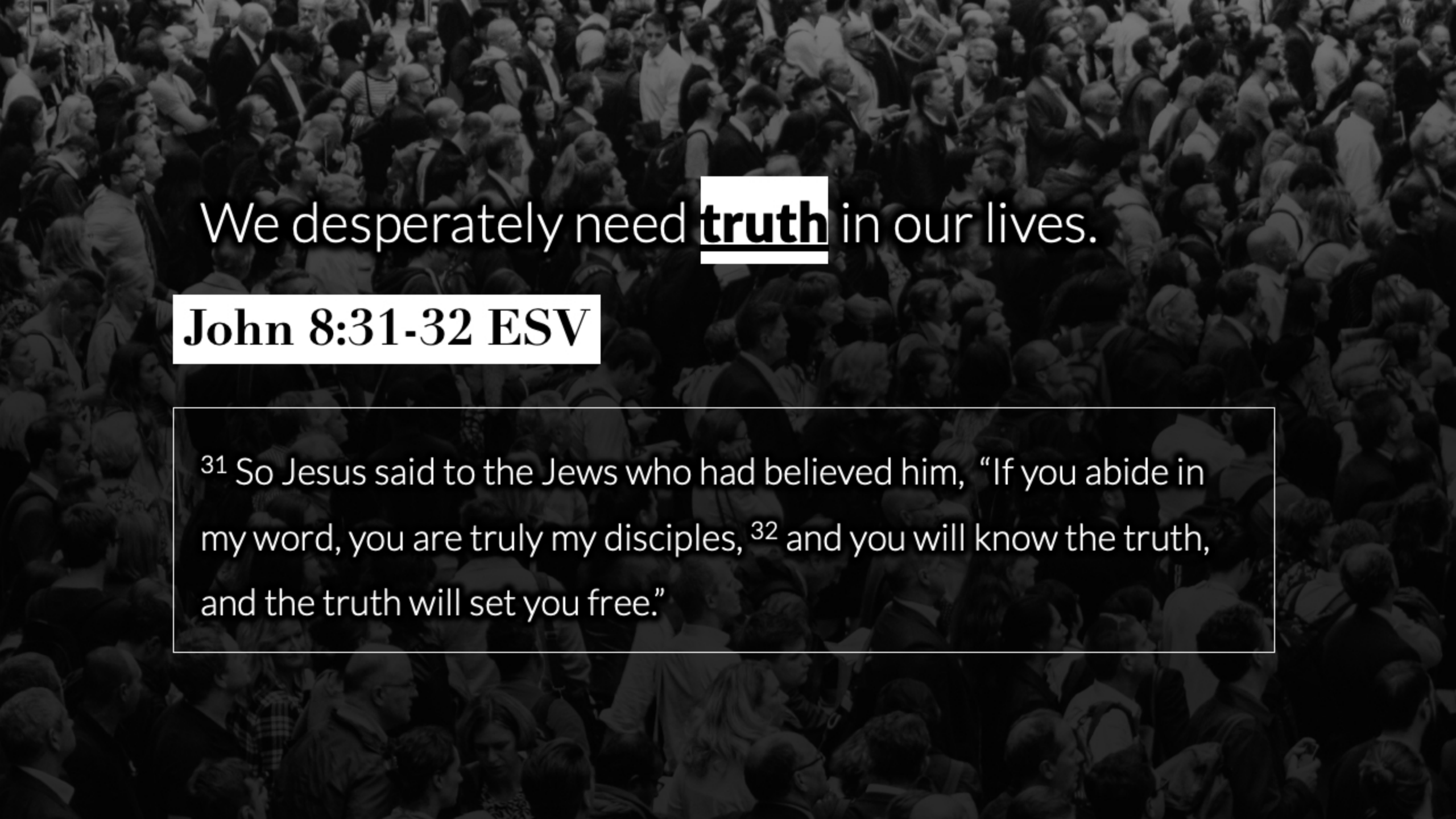
II. What type of people **should**
we be?



We desperately need **grace** in our lives.

Matthew 11:28-30 NIV

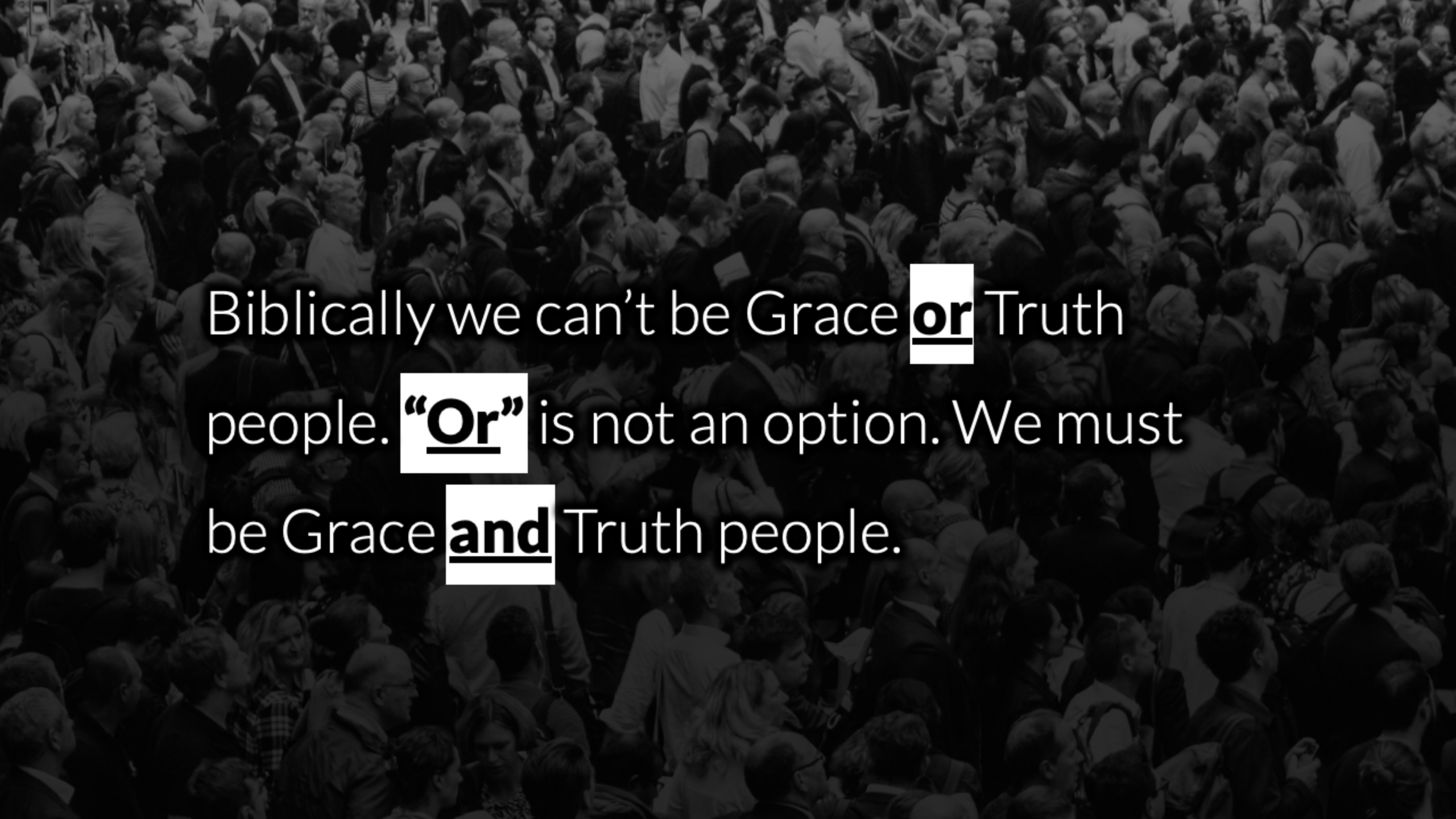
²⁸ “Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. ²⁹ Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. ³⁰ For my yoke is easy and my burden is light.”



We desperately need truth in our lives.

John 8:31-32 ESV

³¹ So Jesus said to the Jews who had believed him, “If you abide in my word, you are truly my disciples, ³² and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.”



Biblically we can't be Grace or Truth
people. “Or” is not an option. We must
be Grace and Truth people.



III. How do we live in the **tension**
of Grace and Truth?



The Book of **Daniel**

Written about 605 B.C. during the exile in Babylon .

Chapters 1 – 6 are narrative stories.

Chapters 7 – 12 are apocalyptic visions.

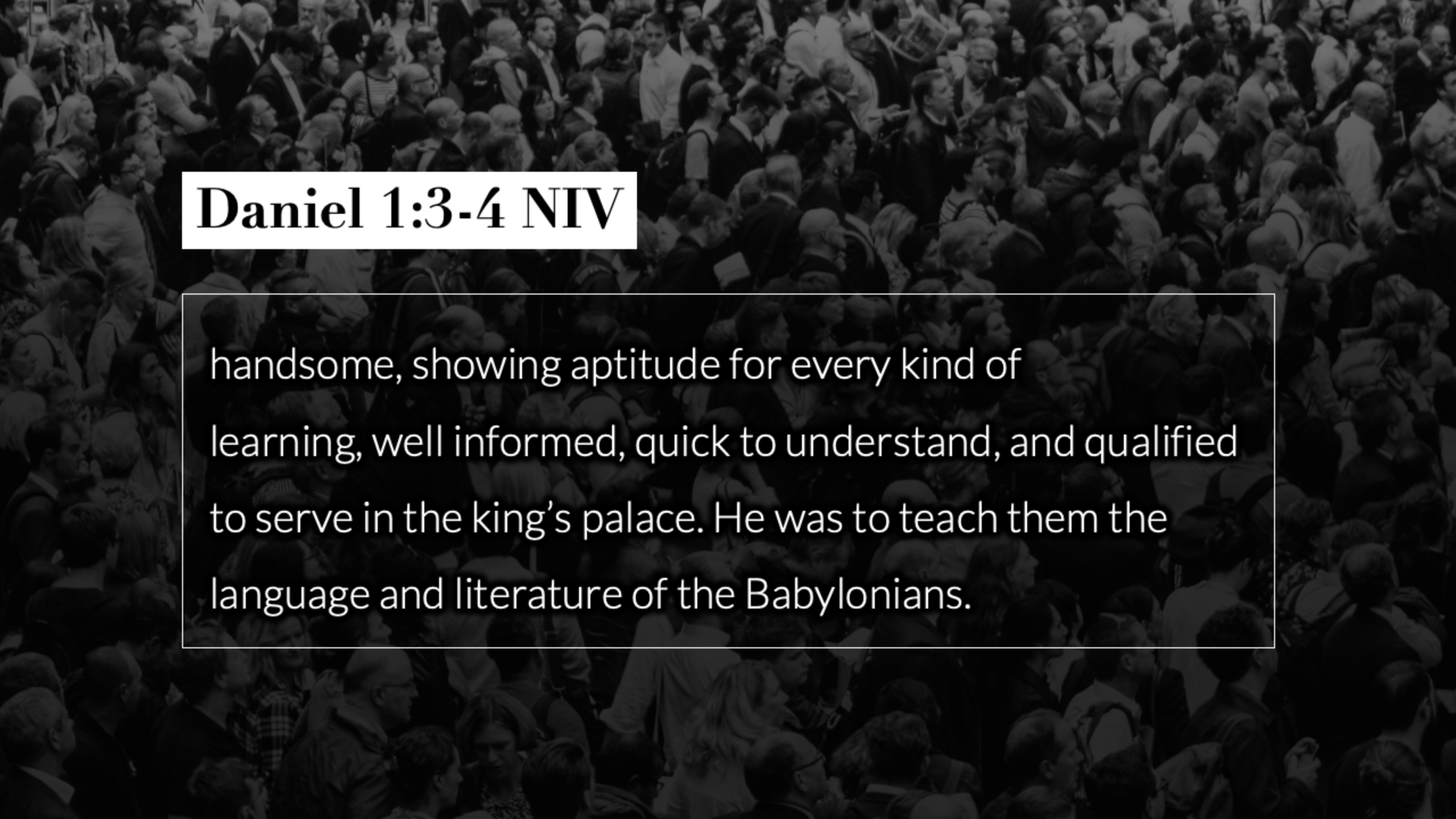
Prophetic insights for us today.

Daniel 1:1-2 NIV

¹ In the third year of the reign of Jehoiakim king of Judah, Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon came to Jerusalem and besieged it. ² And the Lord delivered Jehoiakim king of Judah into his hand, along with some of the articles from the temple of God. These he carried off to the temple of his god in Babylonia and put in the treasure house of his god.

Daniel 1:3-4 NIV

³ Then the king ordered Ashpenaz, chief of his court officials, to bring into the king's service some of the Israelites from the royal family and the nobility—⁴ young men without any physical defect,



Daniel 1:3-4 NIV

handsome, showing aptitude for every kind of learning, well informed, quick to understand, and qualified to serve in the king's palace. He was to teach them the language and literature of the Babylonians.

John 17:14-19 NIV

¹⁵ My prayer is not that you take them out of the world but that you protect them from the evil one. ¹⁶ They are not of the world, even as I am not of it. ¹⁷ Sanctify them by the truth; your word is truth. ¹⁸ As you sent me into the world, I have sent them into the world. ¹⁹ For them I sanctify myself, that they too may be truly sanctified.



IV. The **Identity** Shift



Daniel 1:7 NIV

⁷ The chief official gave them new names: to Daniel, the name Belteshazzar; to Hananiah, Shadrach; to Mishael, Meshach; and to Azariah, Abednego.



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Shift: Hananiah

Gracious, loving God to tyrannical god to be feared.



From Mishael:

“Who can compare
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Shift: Mishael

Focus on God to focus on self

Confidence to cowardice and fear.

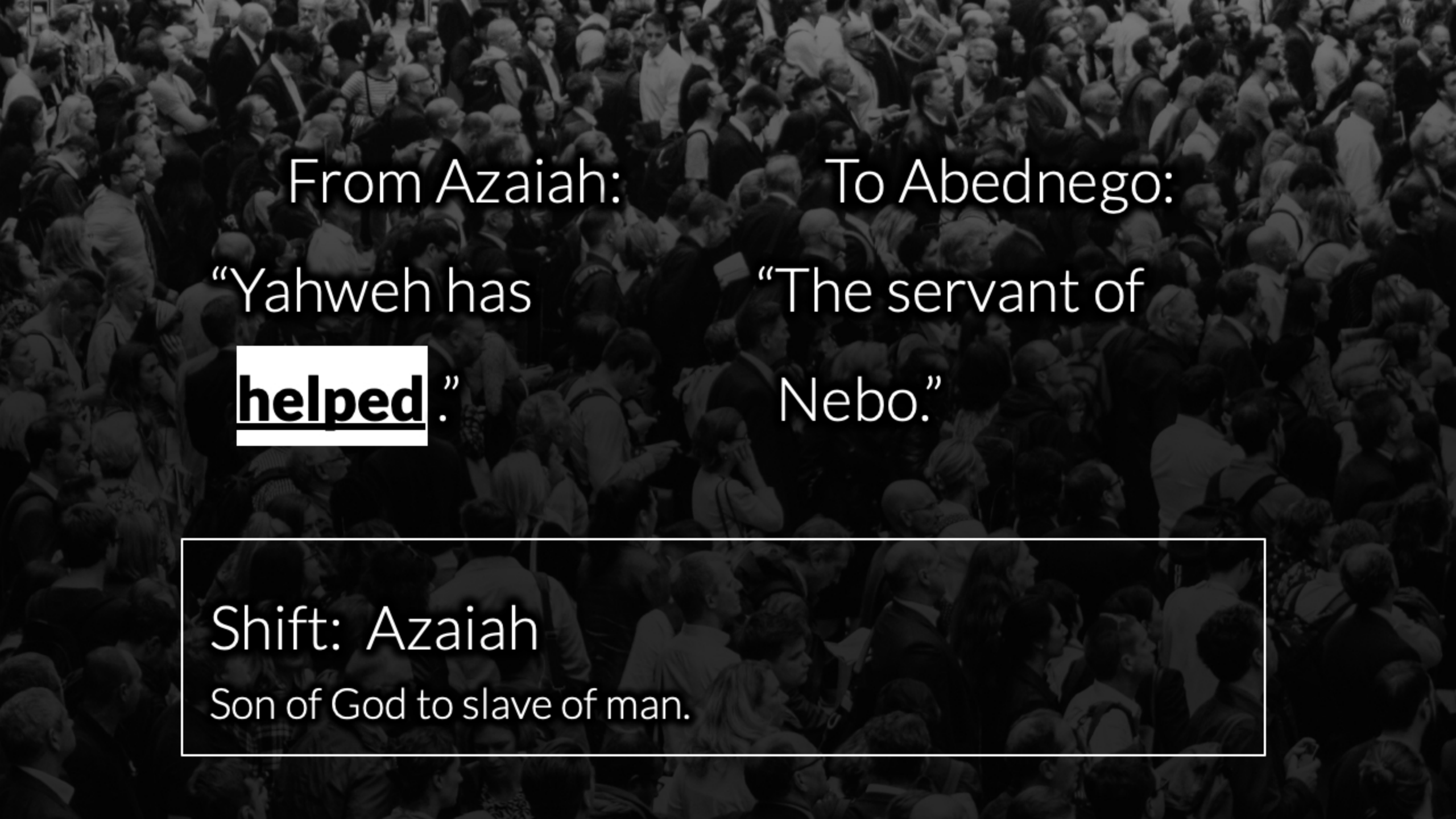


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Shift: Azaiah
Son of God to slave of man.



From Daniel:
“God is my judge.”

To Belteshazzar:
“Lady, protect the
King.”

Shift: Daniel

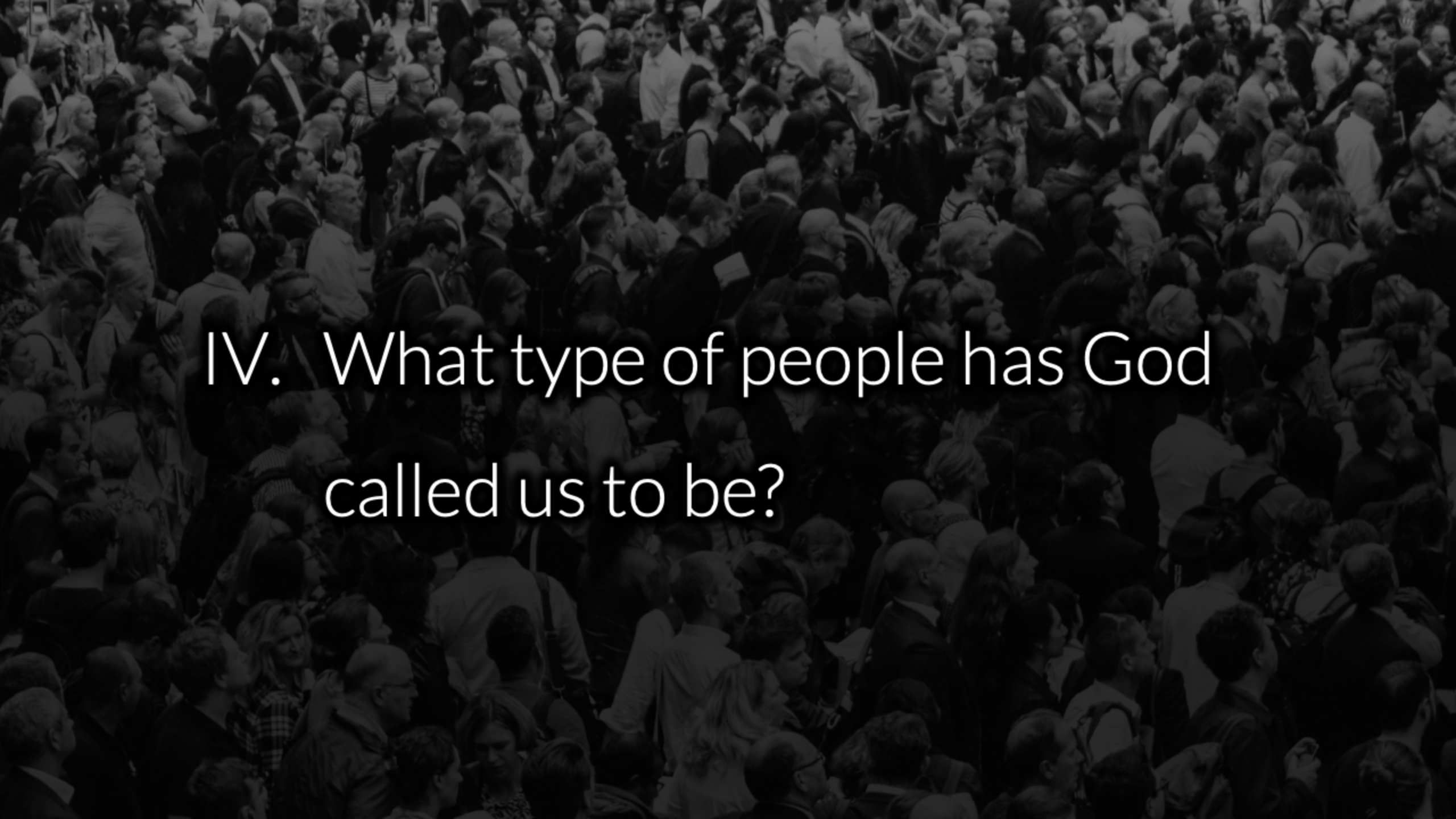
Male to female.

Focus on God to focus on man.

All powerful God to king (god) who needs protecting.

A large, dense crowd of people is shown in a dark, monochromatic setting. The individuals are packed closely together, filling the entire frame. The lighting is low, creating a somber and intense atmosphere. The crowd appears to be diverse in age and appearance, though the details are somewhat obscured by the low light and the sheer number of people.

Identity matters!



IV. What type of people has God
called us to be?



We need to **stand** firm on God's Truth.

We need to **freely** give God's Grace.