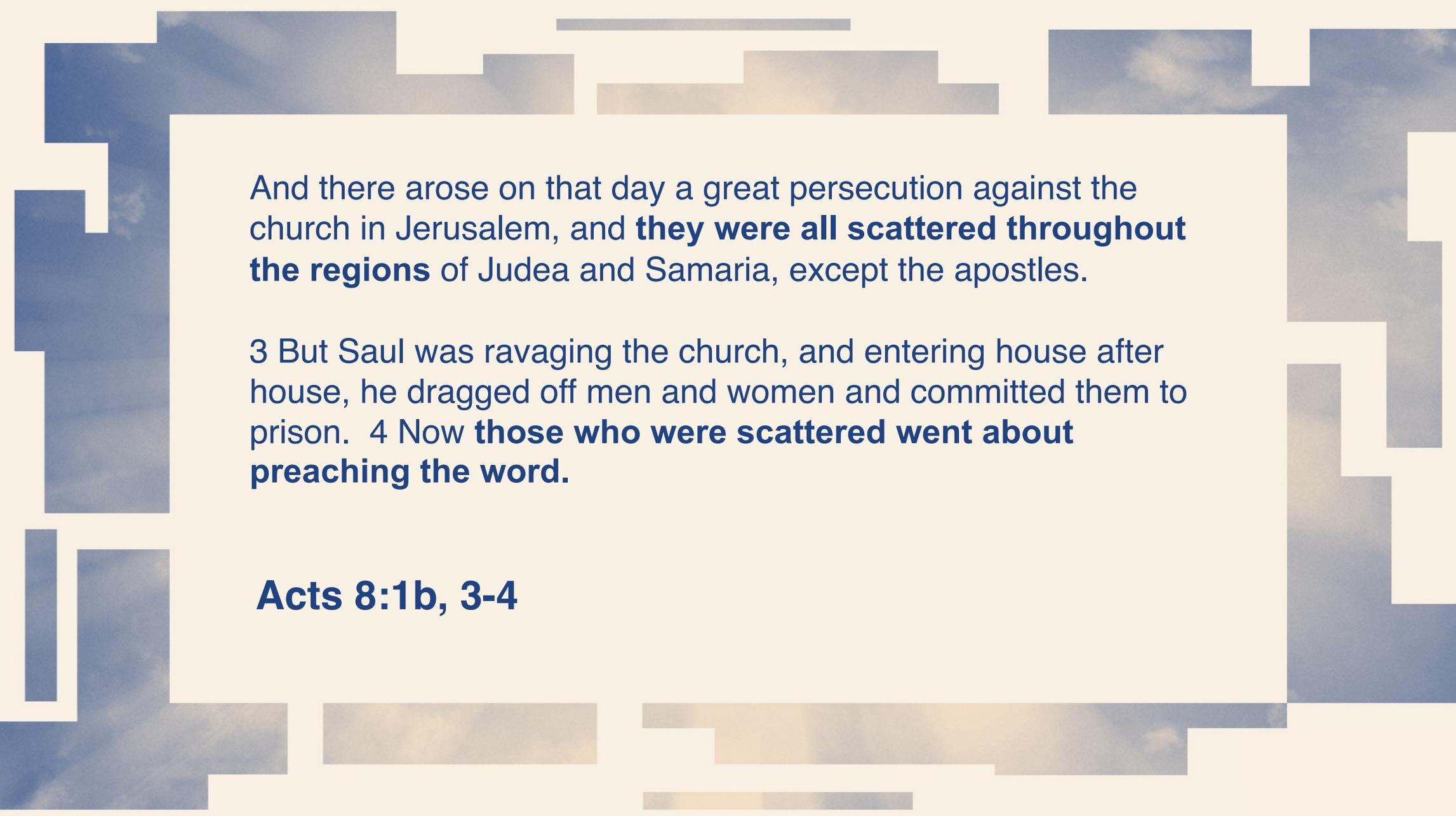


THE GATHERING & THE SCATTERING CHURCH



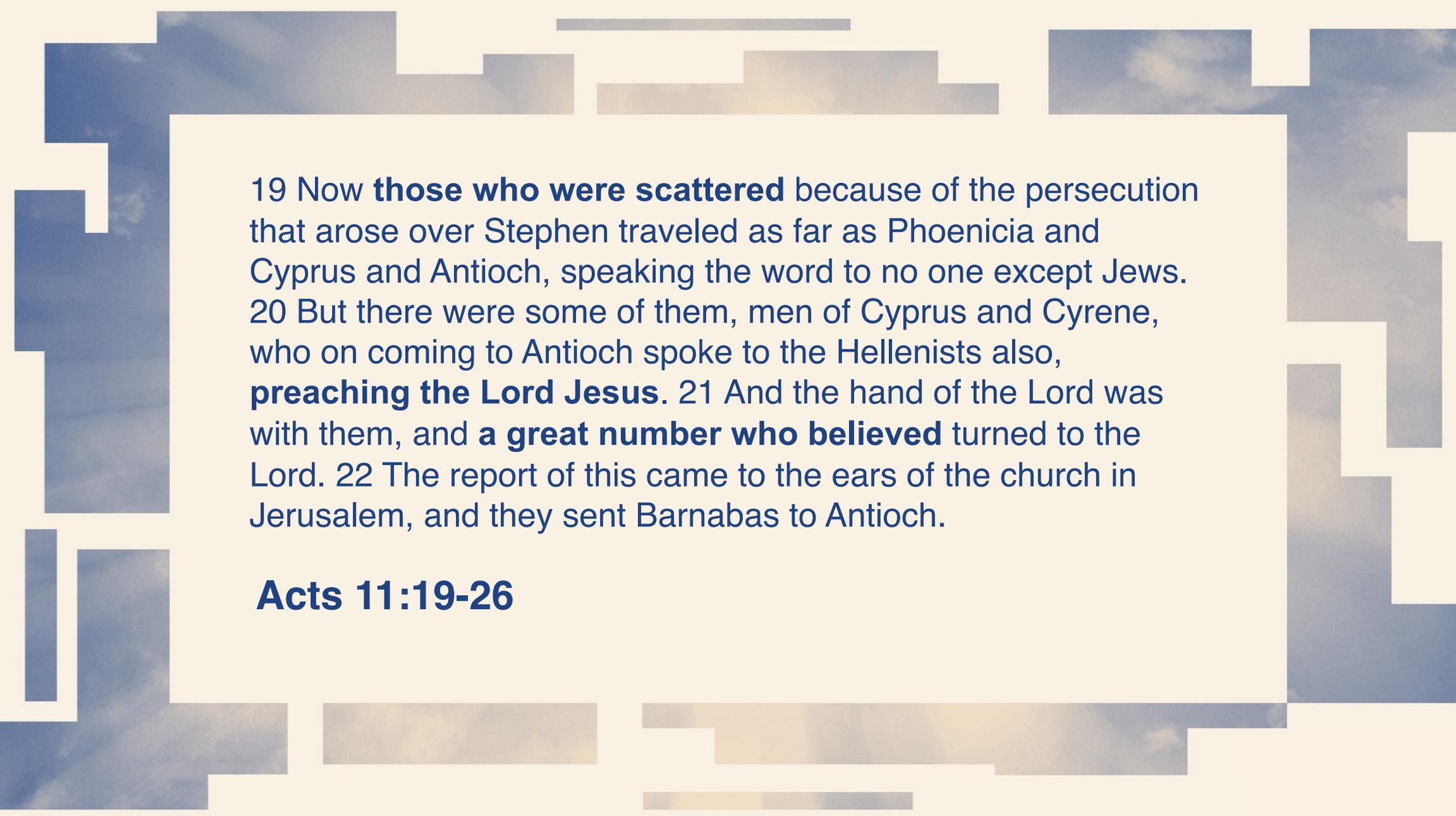




And there arose on that day a great persecution against the church in Jerusalem, and **they were all scattered throughout the regions** of Judea and Samaria, except the apostles.

3 But Saul was ravaging the church, and entering house after house, he dragged off men and women and committed them to prison. 4 Now **those who were scattered went about preaching the word.**

Acts 8:1b, 3-4



19 Now **those who were scattered** because of the persecution that arose over Stephen traveled as far as Phoenicia and Cyprus and Antioch, speaking the word to no one except Jews. 20 But there were some of them, men of Cyprus and Cyrene, who on coming to Antioch spoke to the Hellenists also, **preaching the Lord Jesus**. 21 And the hand of the Lord was with them, and **a great number who believed** turned to the Lord. 22 The report of this came to the ears of the church in Jerusalem, and they sent Barnabas to Antioch.

Acts 11:19-26

23 When he came and saw **the grace of God**, he was glad, and he exhorted them all to remain faithful to the Lord with steadfast purpose, 24 for he was a good man, **full of the Holy Spirit and of faith**. And a great many people were added to the Lord. 25 So Barnabas went to Tarsus to look for Saul, 26 and when he had found him, he brought him to Antioch. For a whole year they met with the church and taught a great many people. And in Antioch **the disciples were first called Christians**.

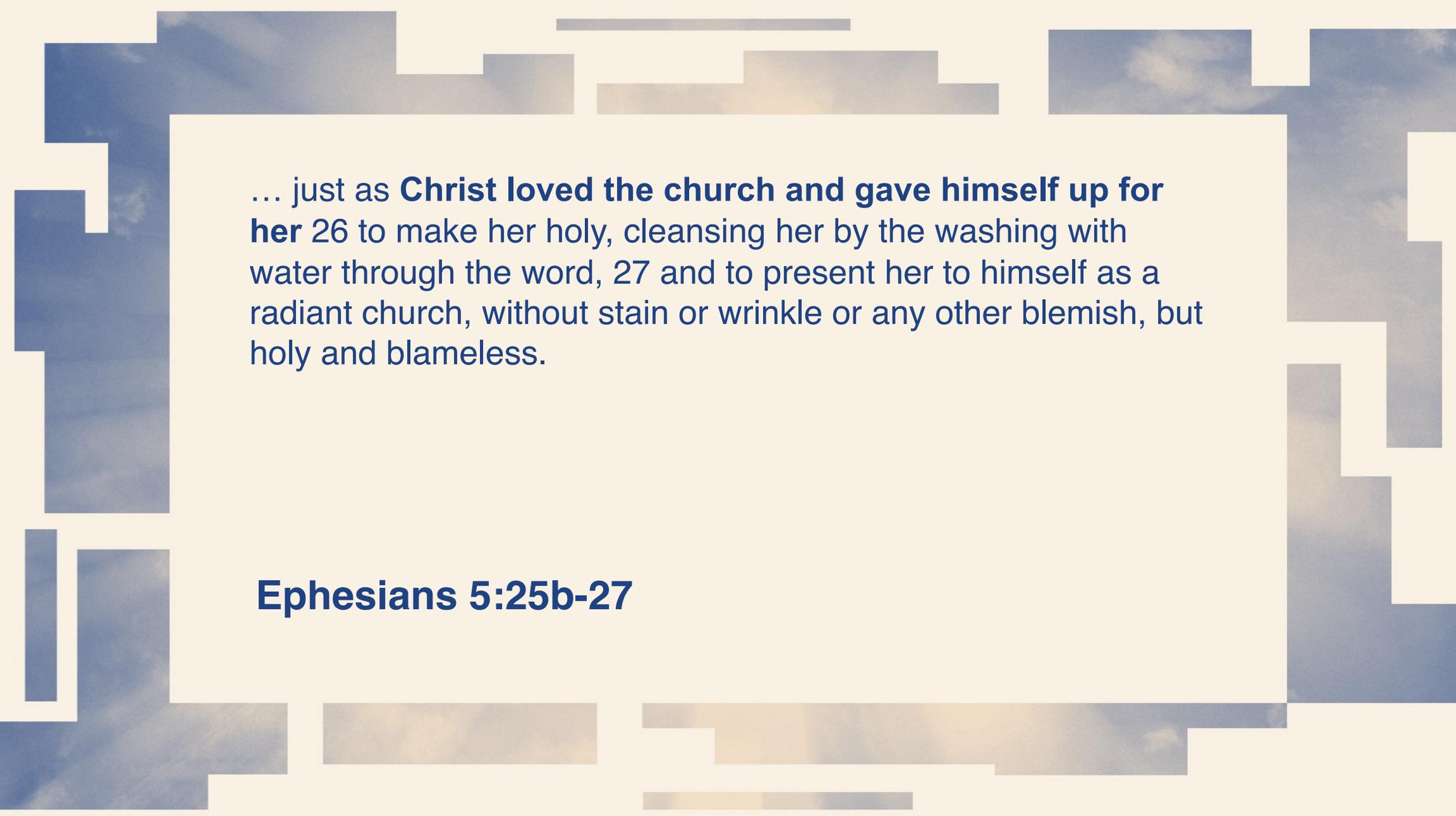
Acts 11:19-26

**Church is not just
a place of gathering,
it's a place of scattering.**

If we gather right, we will scatter right.

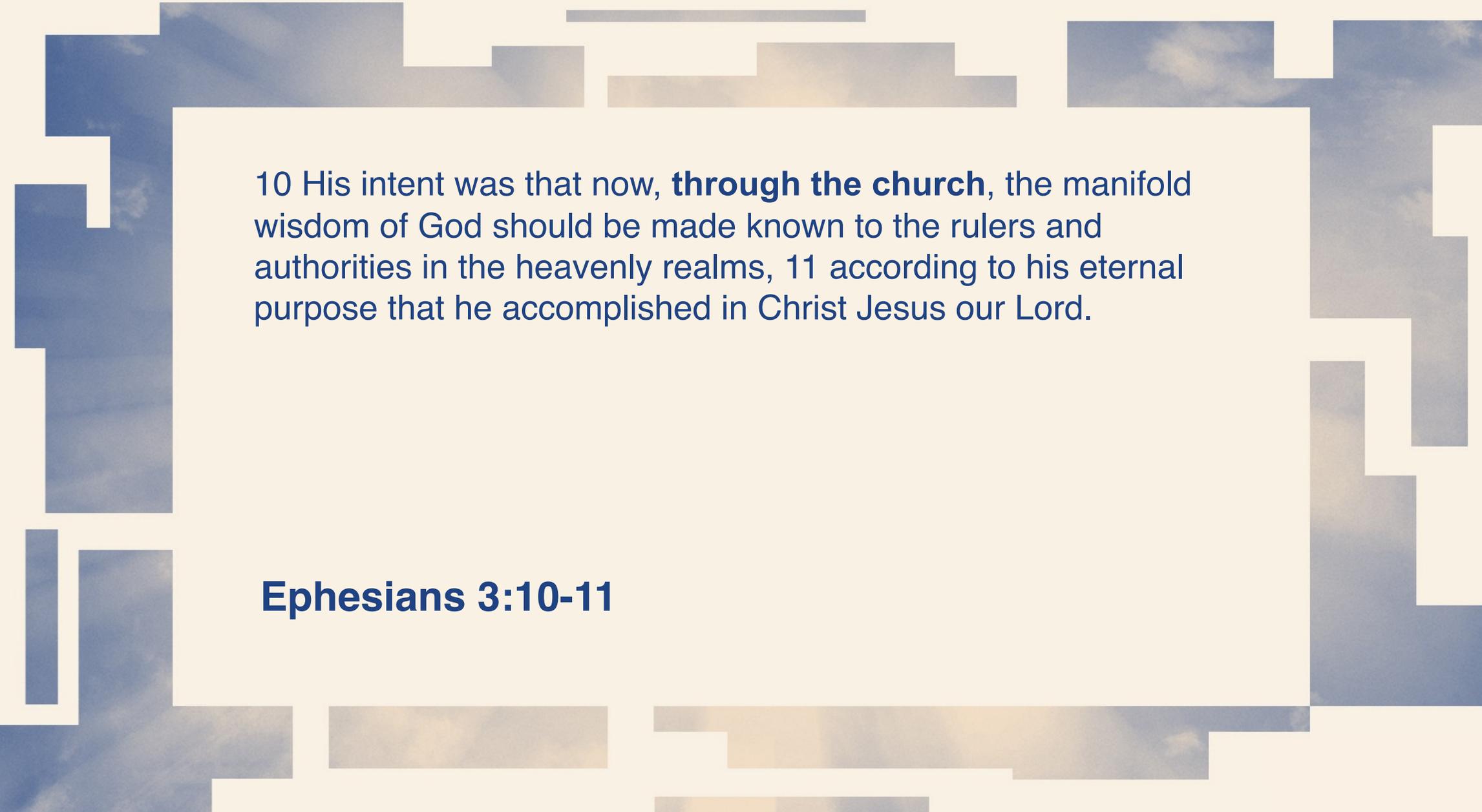


**If we gather right,
we will make disciples.**



... just as **Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her** 26 to make her holy, cleansing her by the washing with water through the word, 27 and to present her to himself as a radiant church, without stain or wrinkle or any other blemish, but holy and blameless.

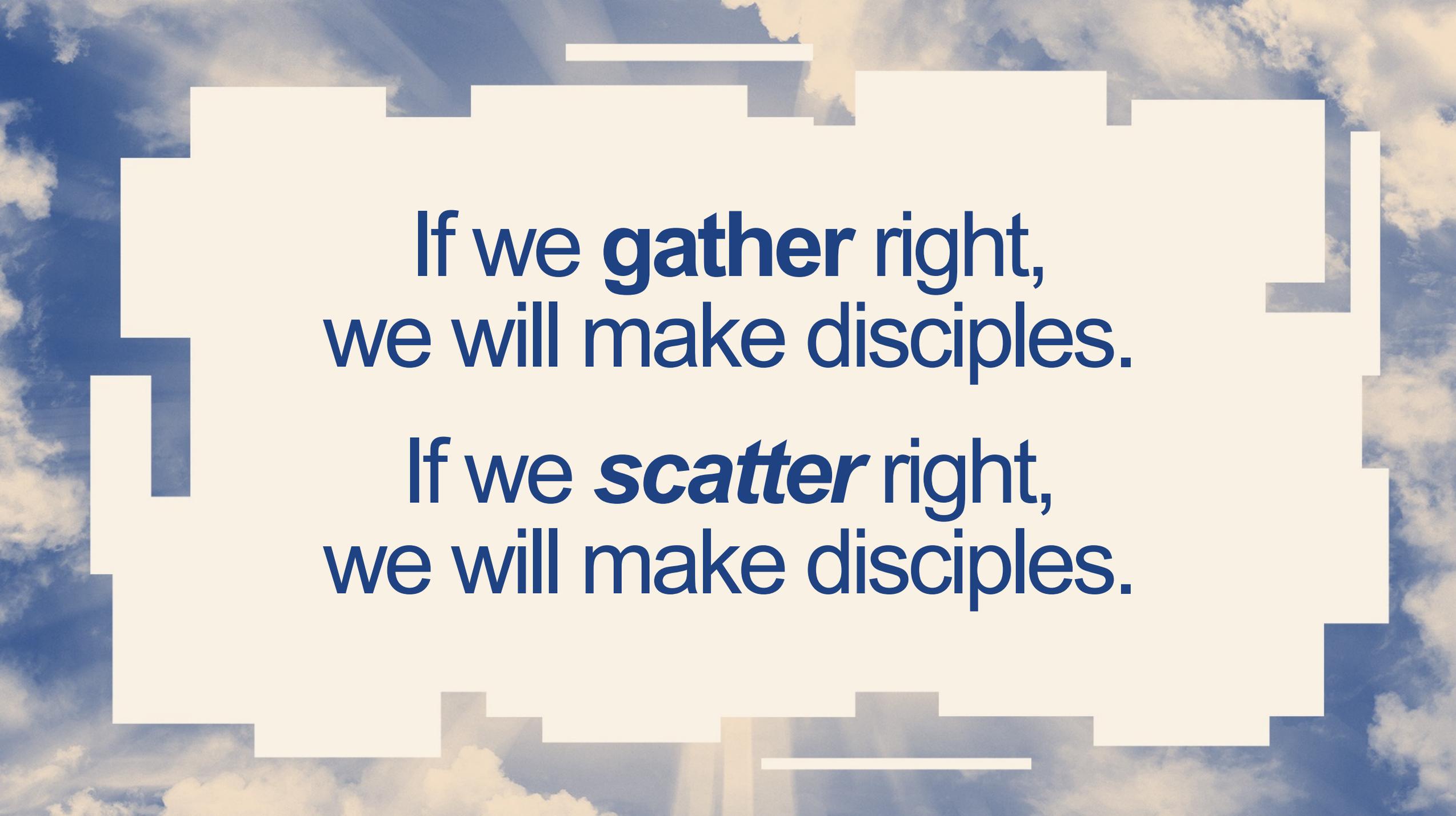
Ephesians 5:25b-27



10 His intent was that now, **through the church**, the manifold wisdom of God should be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly realms, 11 according to his eternal purpose that he accomplished in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Ephesians 3:10-11

“Nothing on earth has greater potential to change lives and carry out His kingdom work in your community, than your local church. There's nothing like the local church when it's working right. Its beauty is indescribable. Its power is breathtaking. Its potential is unlimited. No other organization on earth is like the church. Nothing even comes close.”



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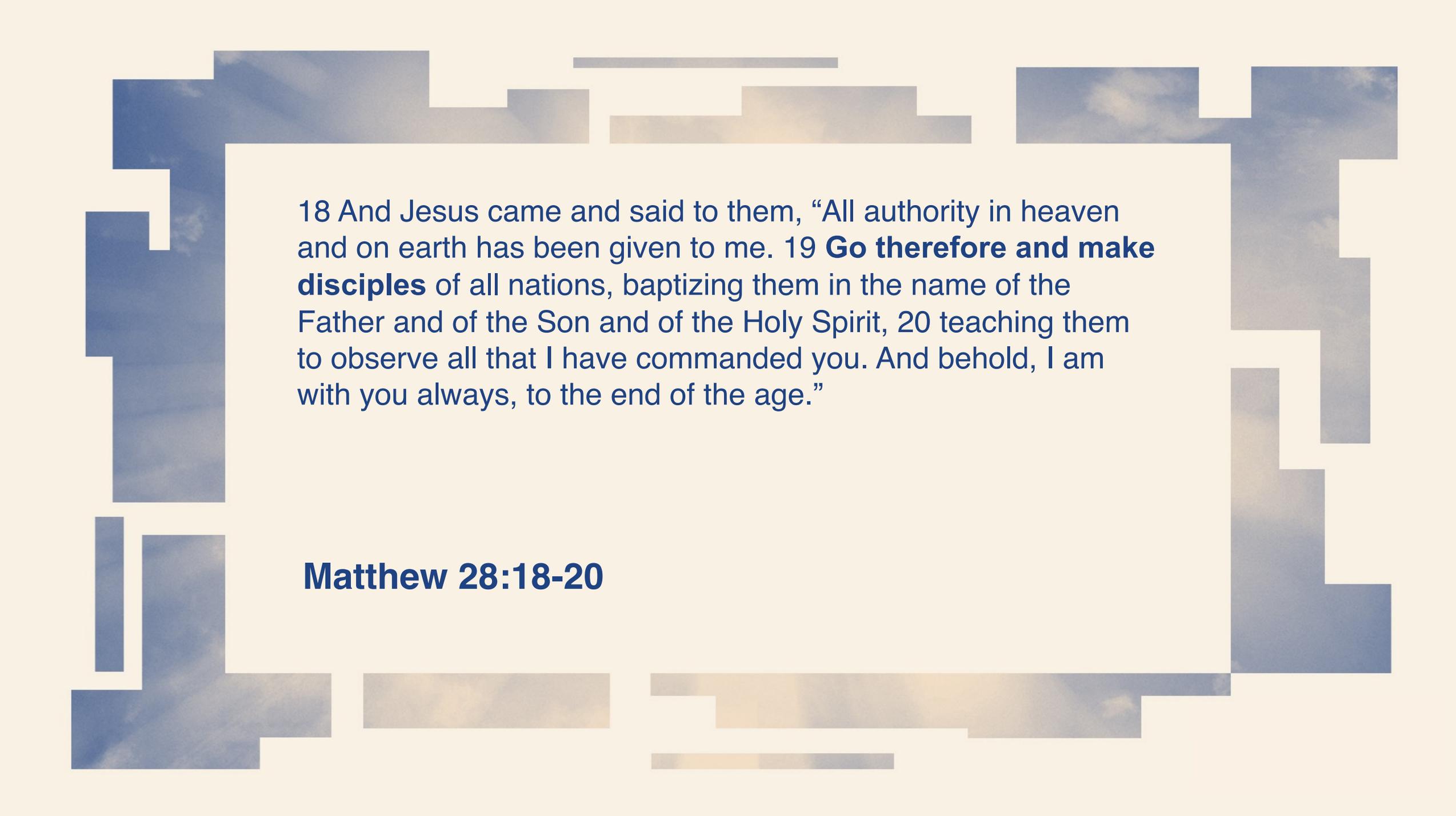
Scattering right ...

- Go in Faith (v24)
 - Go with the Spirit (v24)
 - Go with the Gospel (v4, 19, 20)
 - Go with People (v20, 25)
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18 And Jesus came and said to them, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. 19 **Go therefore and make disciples** of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, 20 teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.”

Matthew 28:18-20





**The Great Commission
is not taught,
it is caught.**

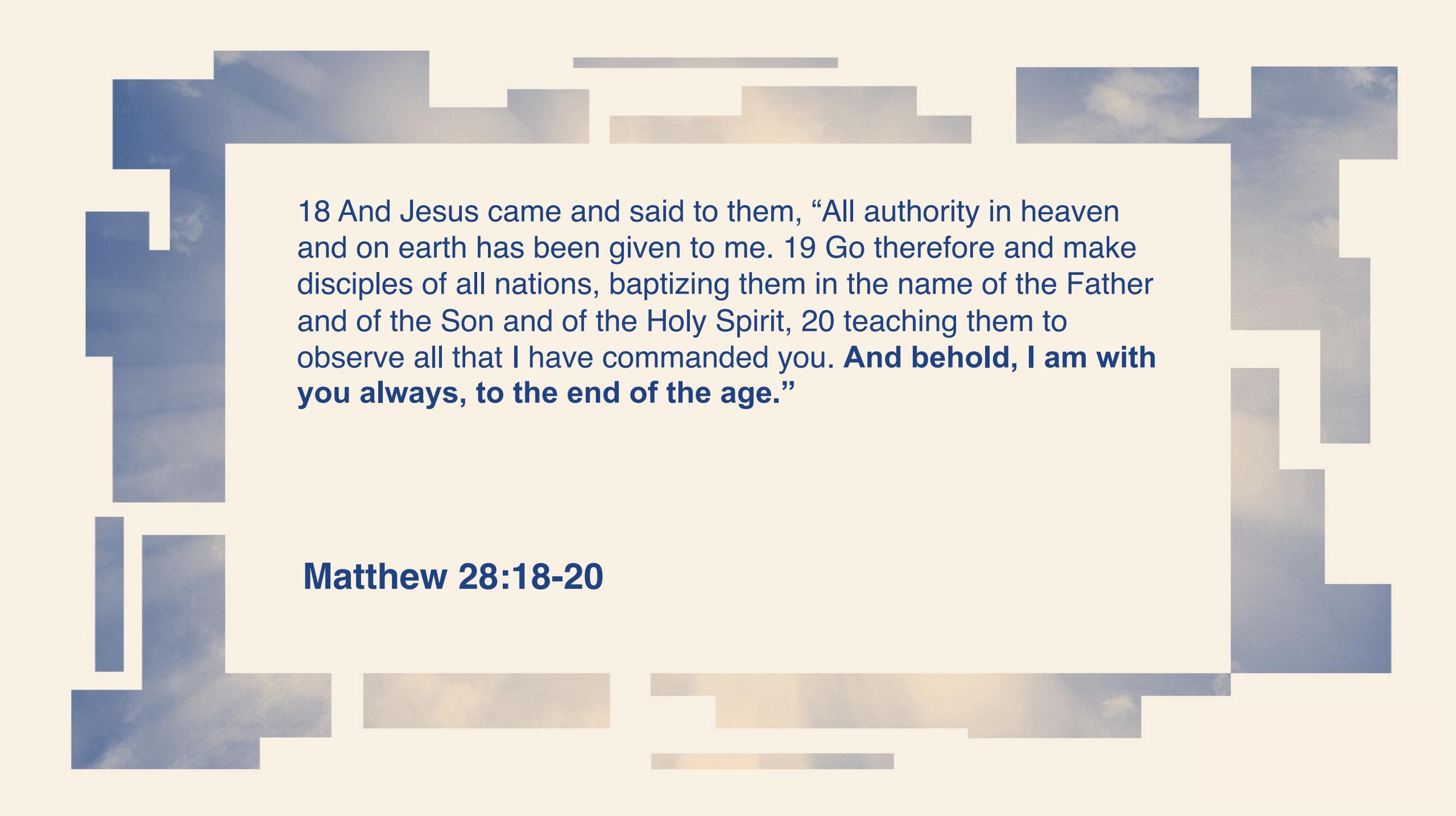
The Great Commission Lifestyle:

1. Include

2. Invest (2 Timothy 1:7)

- Power (Prayer)
- Love
- Sound Mind / Self Control

3. Invite



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