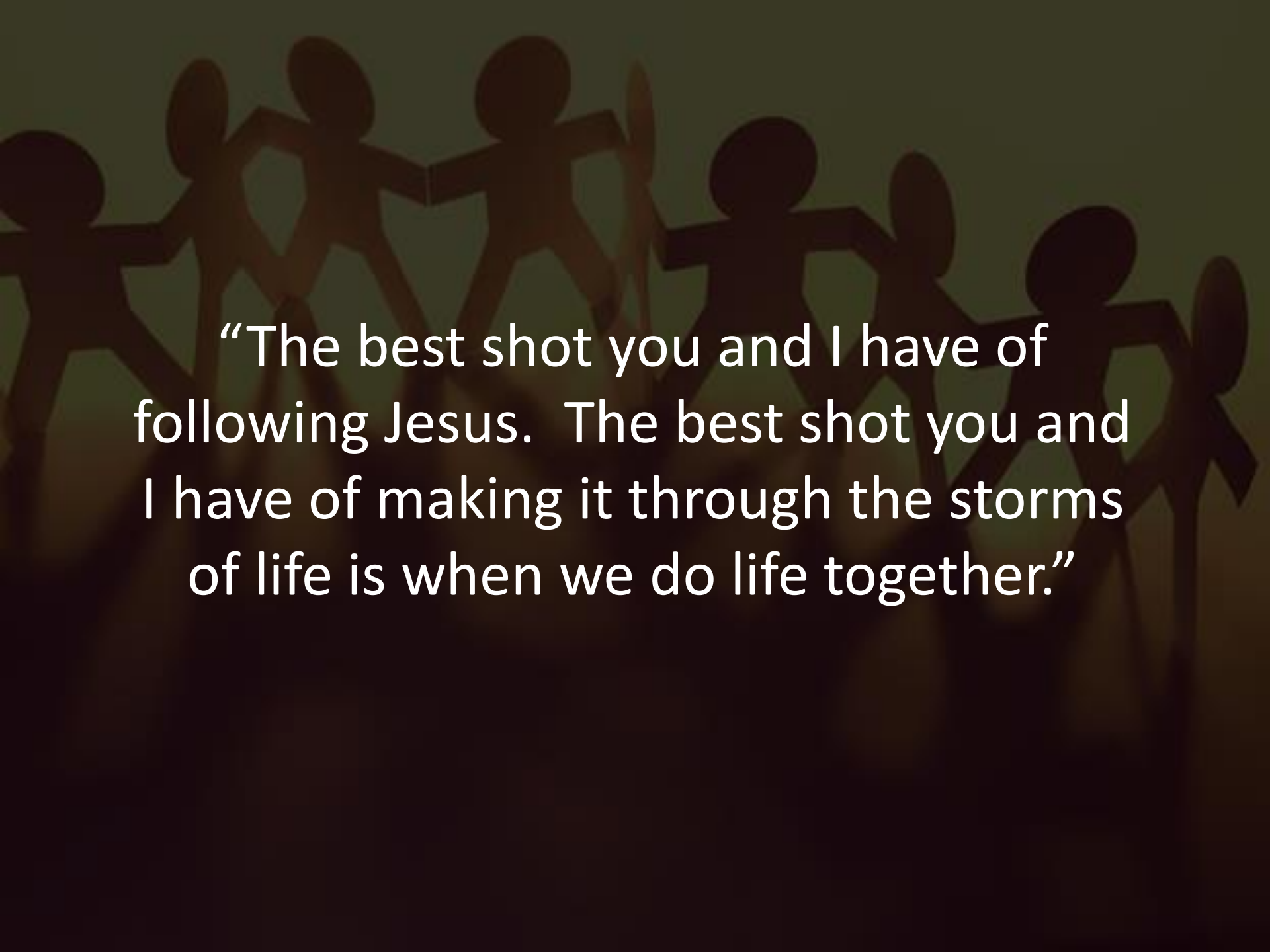


Today's Message
Devoted to our Calling



Acts 2:42-47

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“The best shot you and I have of following Jesus. The best shot you and I have of making it through the storms of life is when we do life together.”



ACTS 2

⁴² They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer. ⁴³ Everyone was filled with awe at the many wonders and signs performed by the apostles. ⁴⁴ All the believers were together and had everything in common. ⁴⁵ They sold property and possessions to give to anyone who had need. ⁴⁶ Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts. They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts, ⁴⁷ praising God and enjoying the favor of all the people. And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved.

A background image showing the dark silhouettes of a group of people holding hands in a circle, symbolizing community. The silhouettes are arranged in a ring, with some individuals appearing to be in motion or dancing.

Barriers to Authentic Christian Community

- **Busyness** *“I don’t have time!”*
- **Apathy** *“I don’t really want to!”*
- **Scared to be Vulnerable** *“The real me!”*

“If we don’t intentionally choose to pursue community we won’t just get there by accident.”

The background of the slide features a series of dark silhouettes of people holding hands in a circle, creating a sense of community and unity. The silhouettes are arranged in a line across the width of the slide, with some figures appearing to be in motion or dancing.

THE LOCAL CHURCH

A Community of Faith

“You are a holy people to the Lord your God. The Lord your God has chosen you out of all peoples on the face of the earth to be his people, his treasured possession.”

Deuteronomy 7:6

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DEVOTION

Dedicated

Steadfast

True

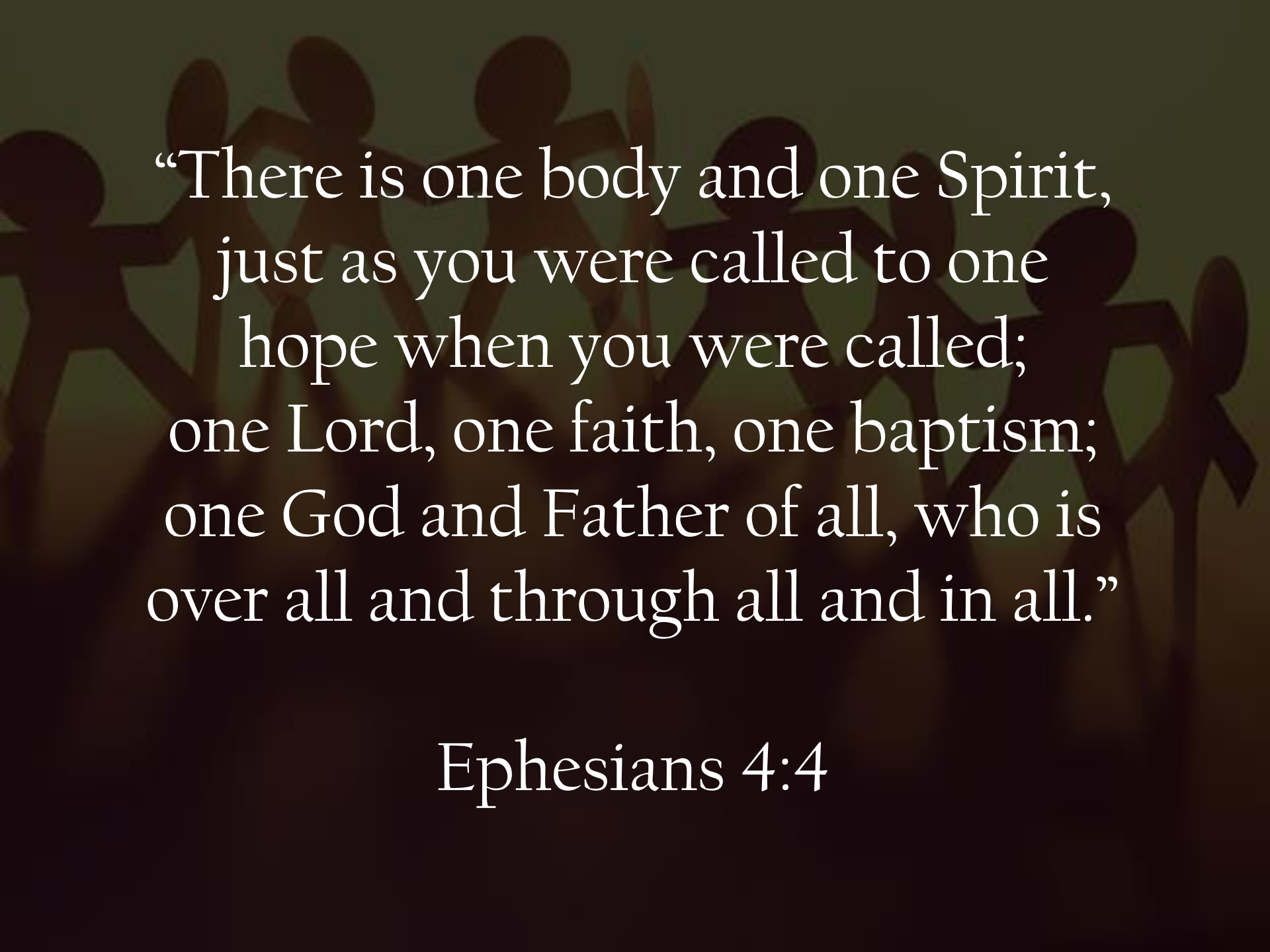
Faithful

Caring

Thoughtful

Loving

Compassionate

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“There is one body and one Spirit,
just as you were called to one
hope when you were called;
one Lord, one faith, one baptism;
one God and Father of all, who is
over all and through all and in all.”

Ephesians 4:4

**“The world at its worst needs
the church at its best!”**

