





Curation & Interpretation



Persistent Prayer

It's the best weapon we have to make sure our hearts, minds, lives, relationships, families, churches, politics, morals, and souls are being shaped by God rather than everyone else.



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Kingdom Justice

An Enduring Witness

Authority of God's Word

Prayer

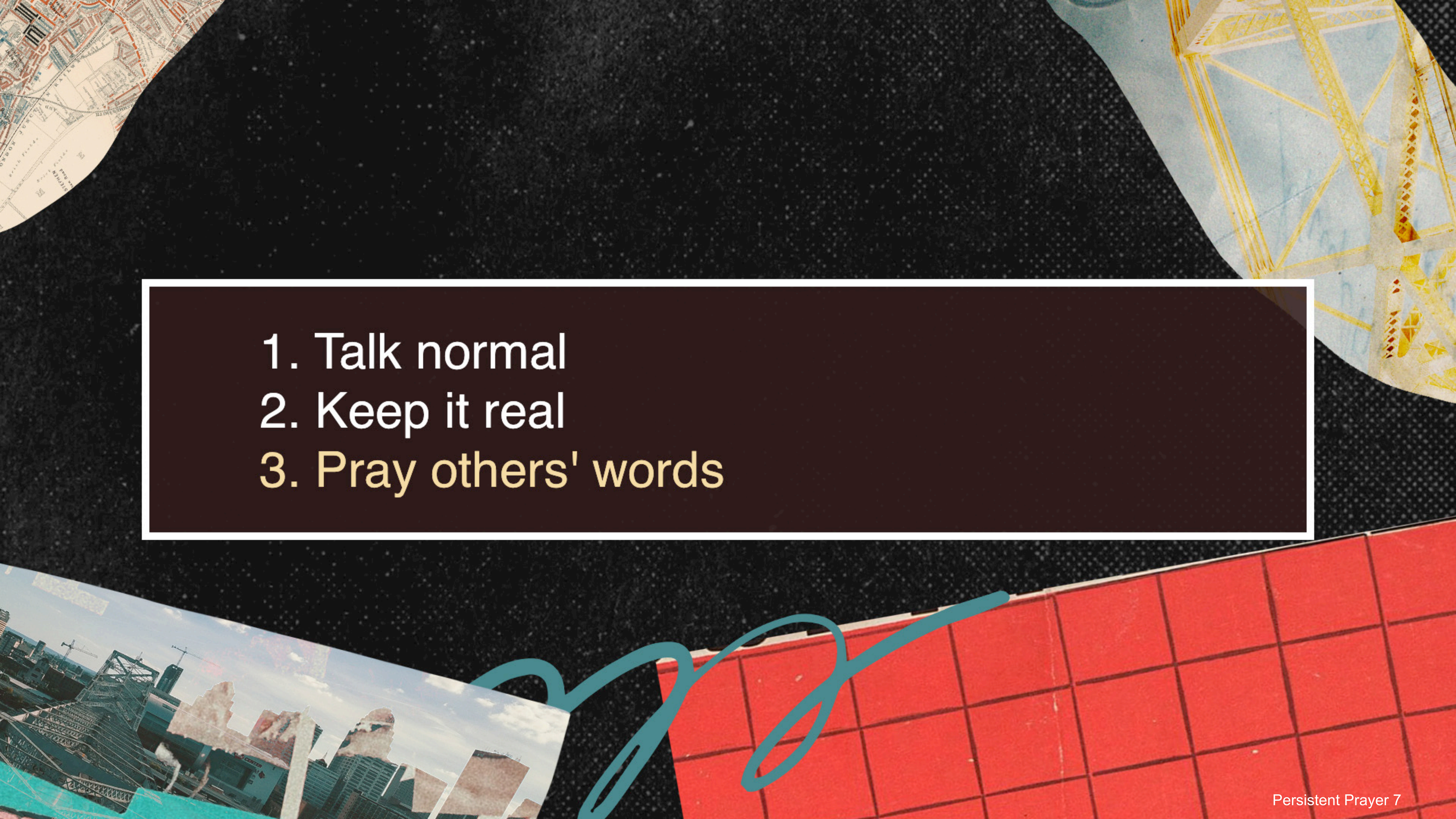


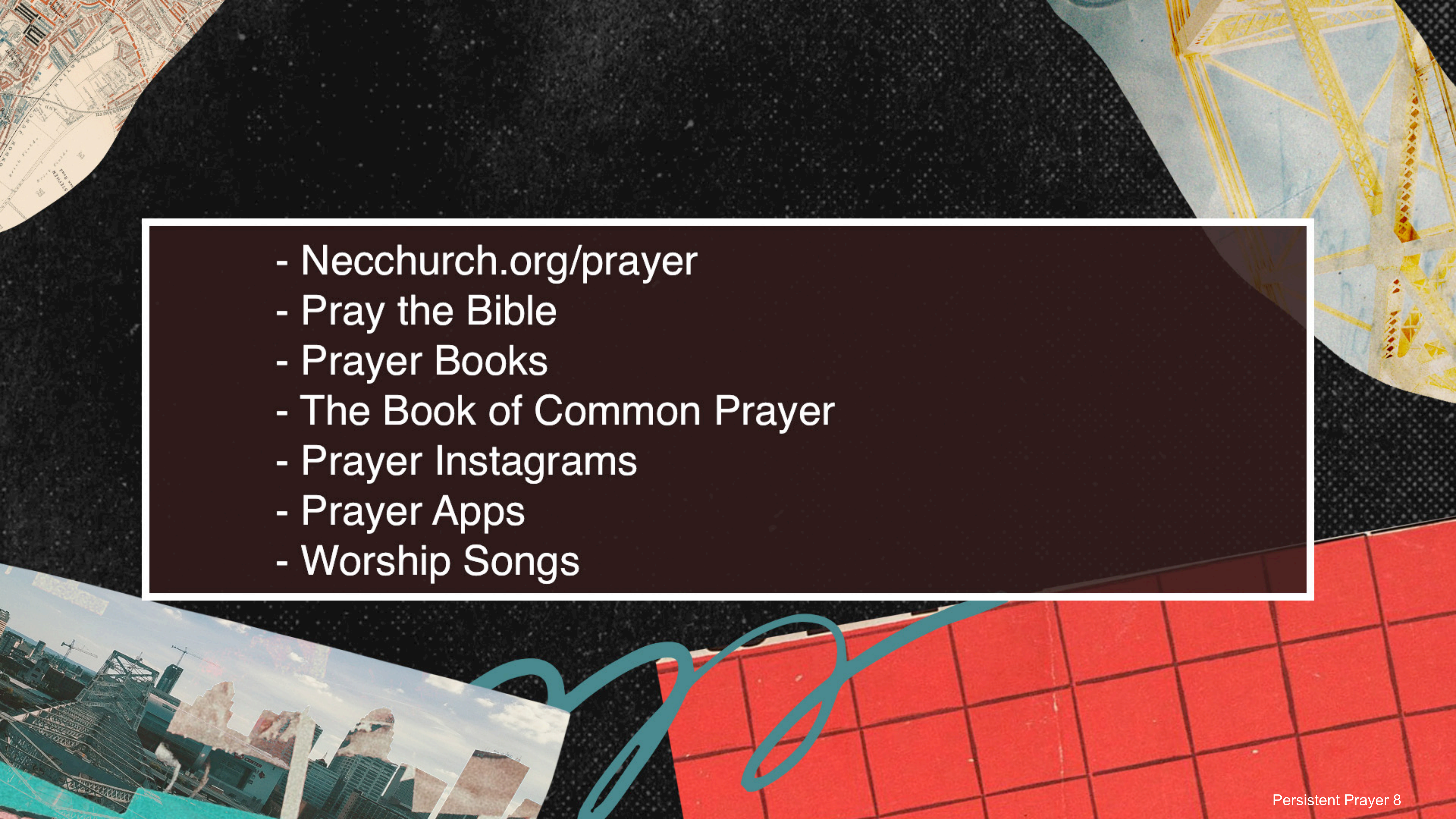
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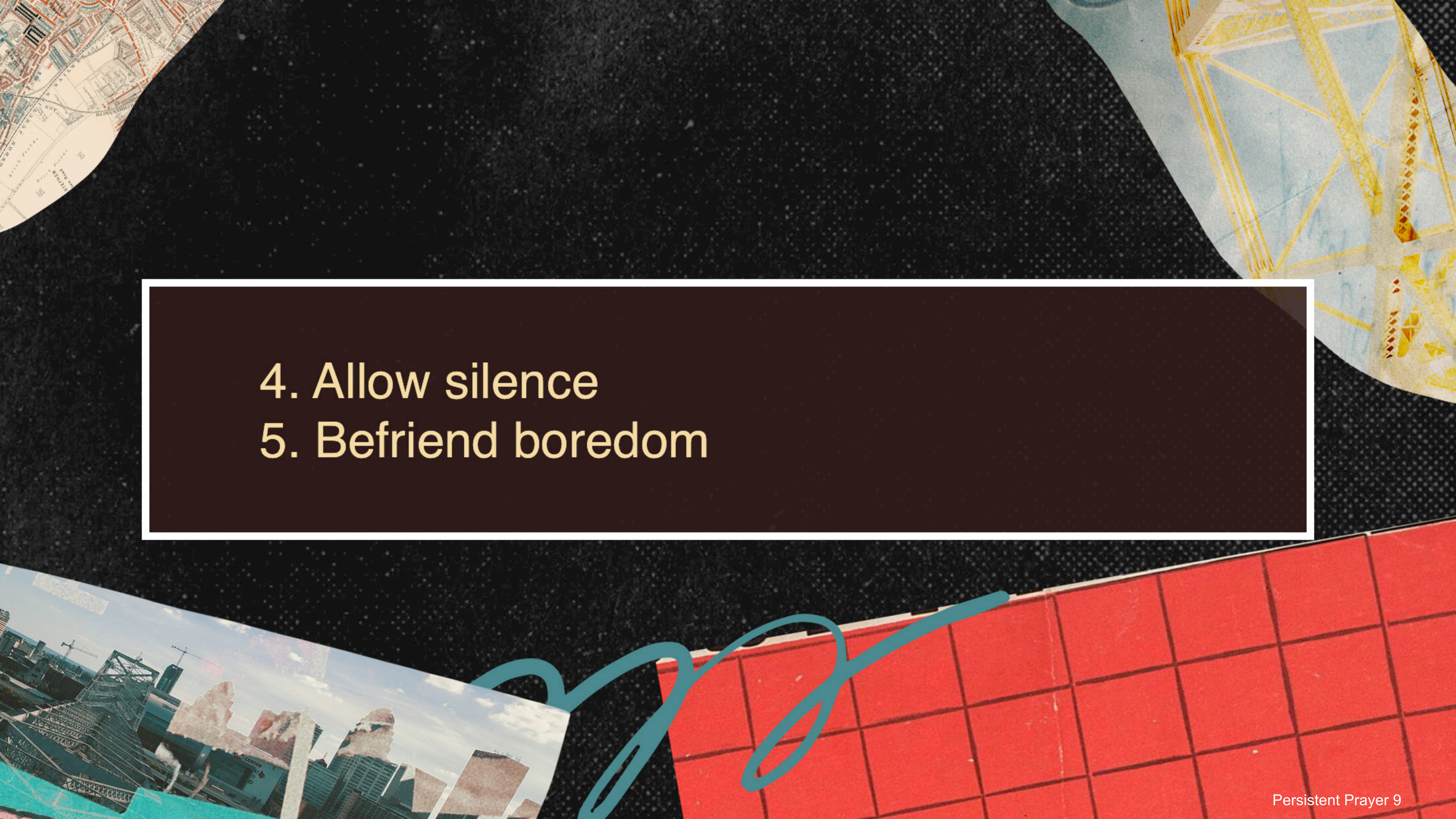
Intentionally and spontaneously slowing down multiple times a day in silence, solitude, scripture, creation, or community, not just to ask something from God, but to hear from and be with God.

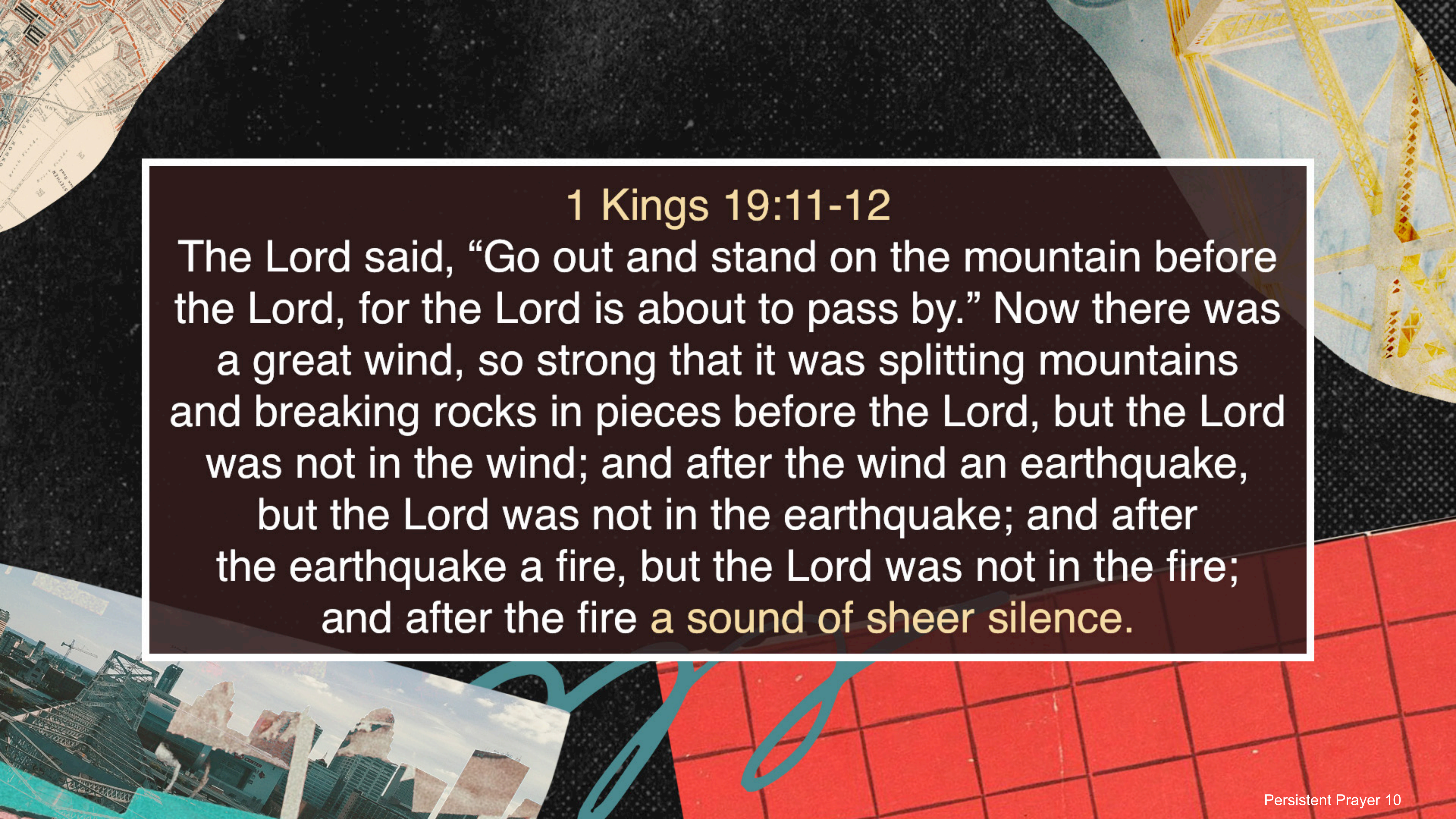
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Thus the Lord used to speak to Moses
face to face, as one speaks to a friend. - Exodus 33:11

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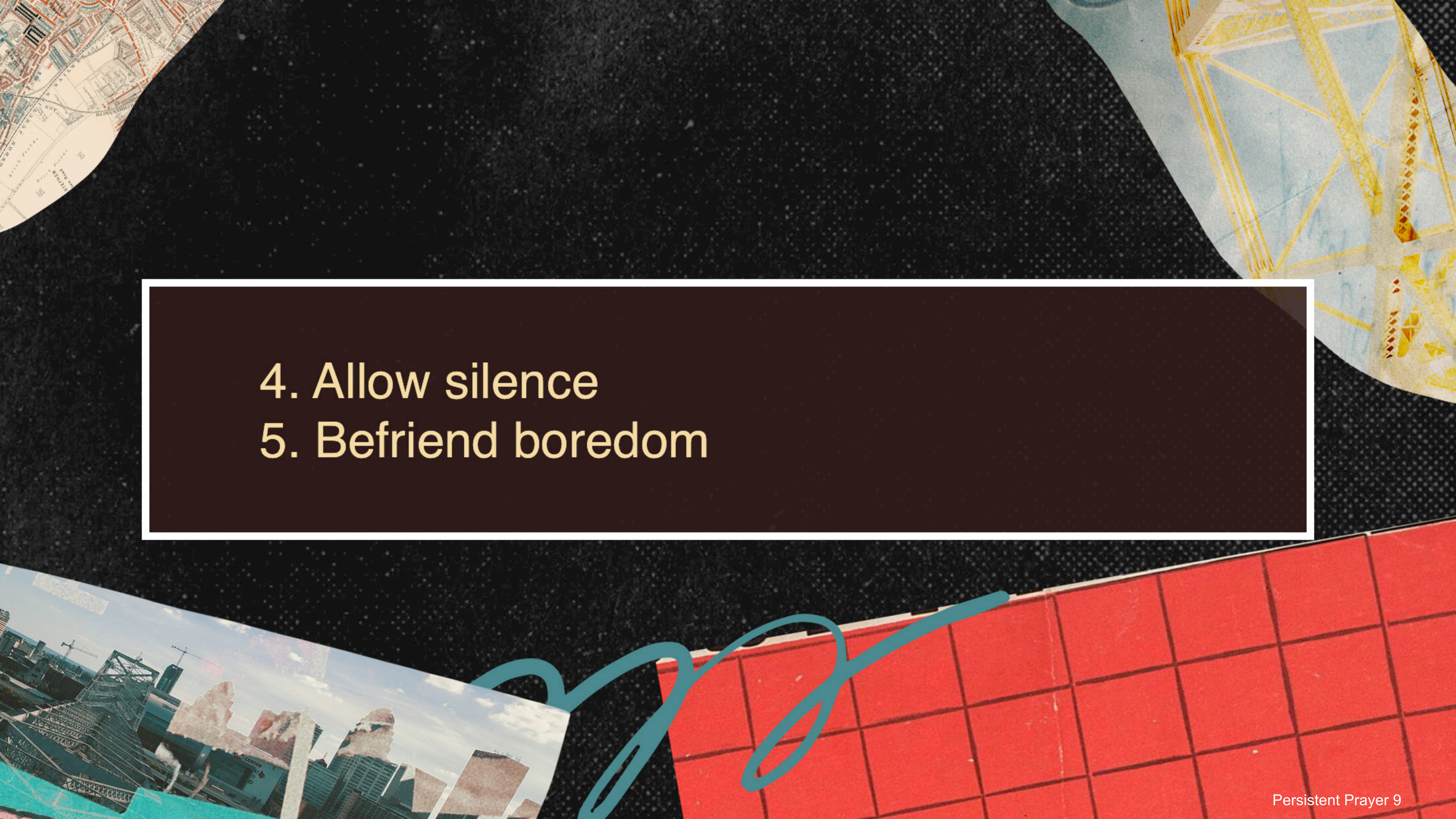
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- [Necchurch.org/prayer](https://necchurch.org/prayer)
 - Pray the Bible
 - Prayer Books
 - The Book of Common Prayer
 - Prayer Instagrams
 - Prayer Apps
 - Worship Songs

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4. Allow silence
 5. Befriend boredom



1 Kings 19:11-12

The Lord said, “Go out and stand on the mountain before the Lord, for the Lord is about to pass by.” Now there was a great wind, so strong that it was splitting mountains and breaking rocks in pieces before the Lord, but the Lord was not in the wind; and after the wind an earthquake, but the Lord was not in the earthquake; and after the earthquake a fire, but the Lord was not in the fire; and after the fire **a sound of sheer silence.**

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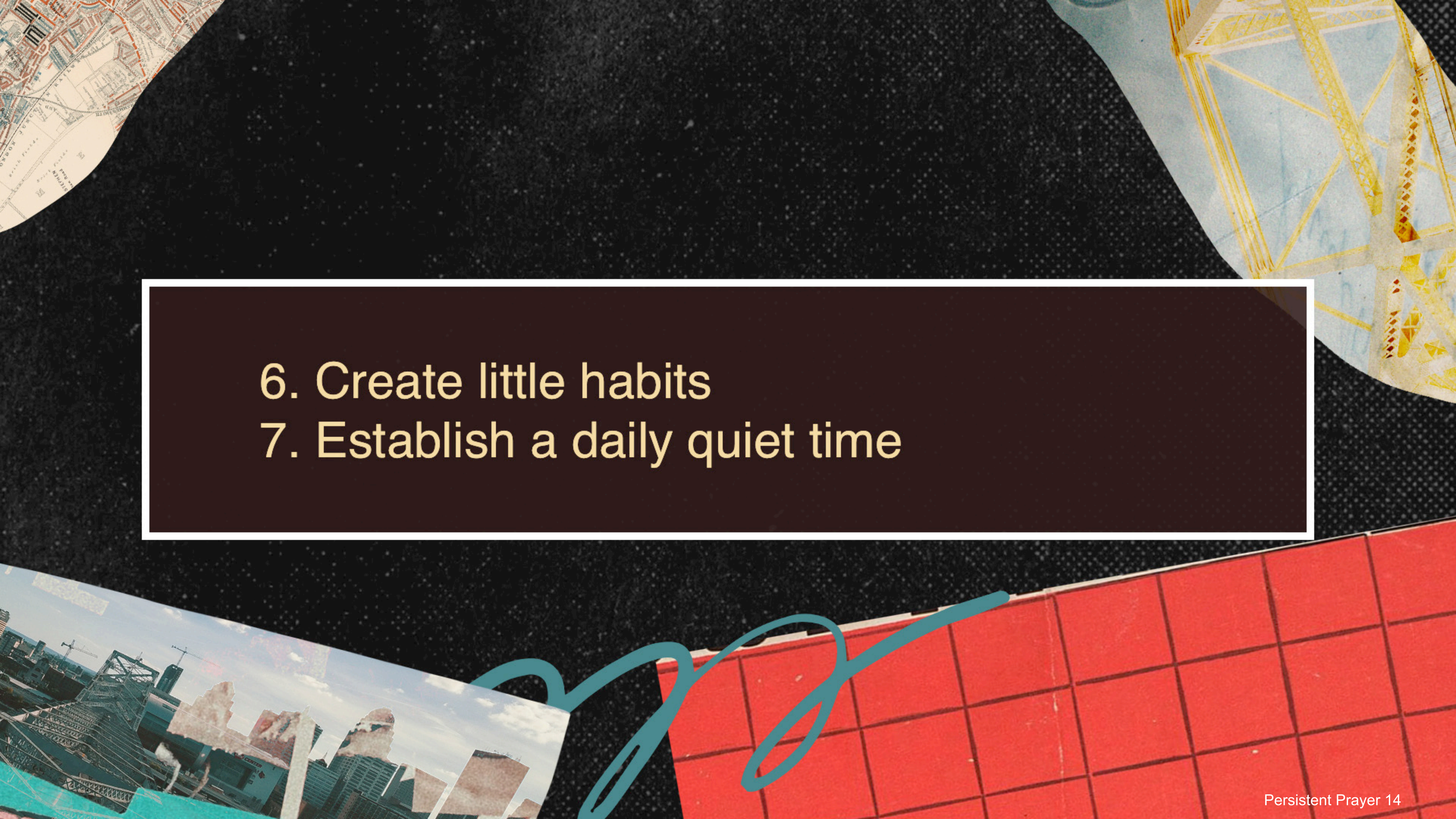
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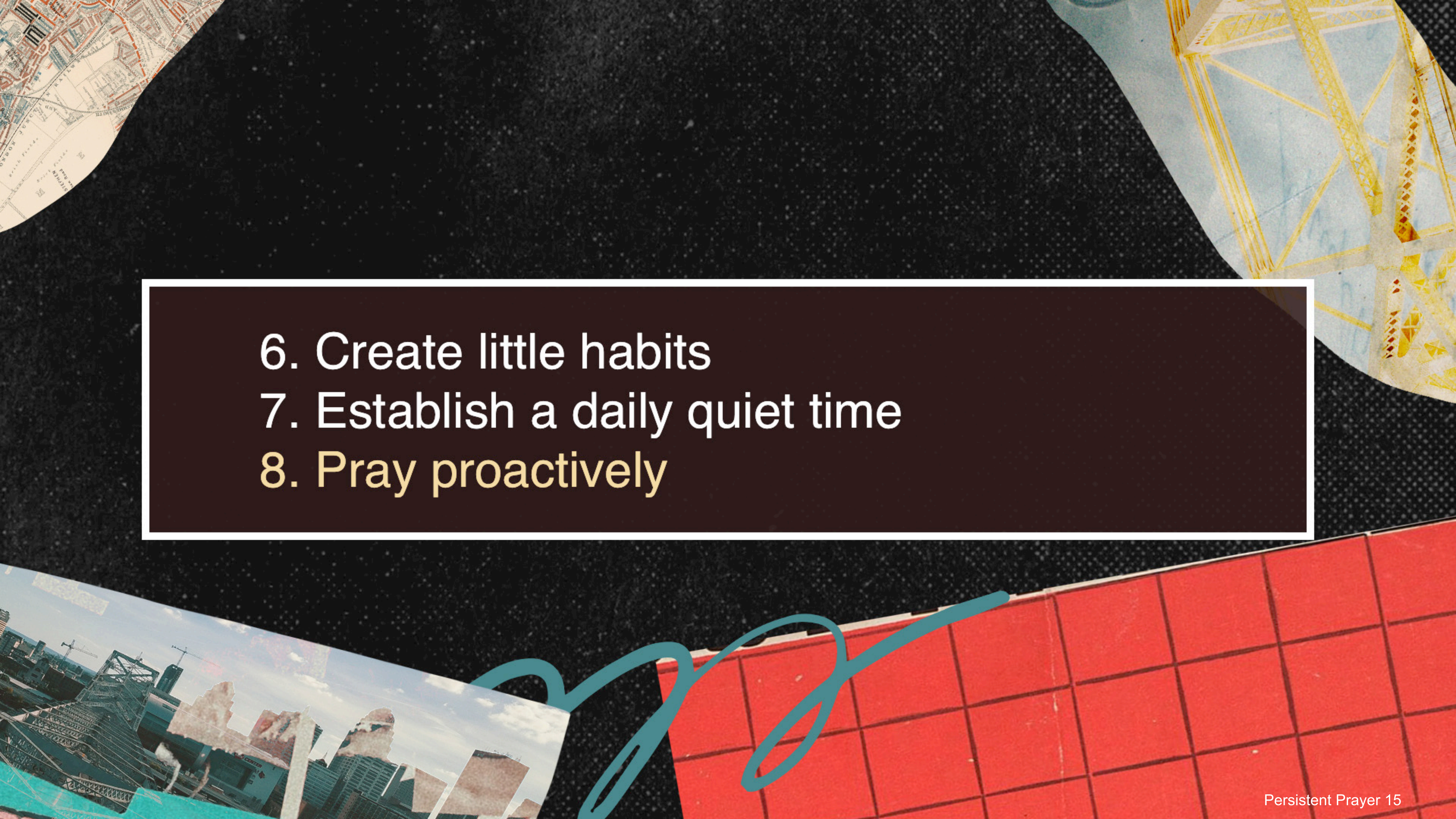
"Be still and know that I am God." - Psalm 46:10

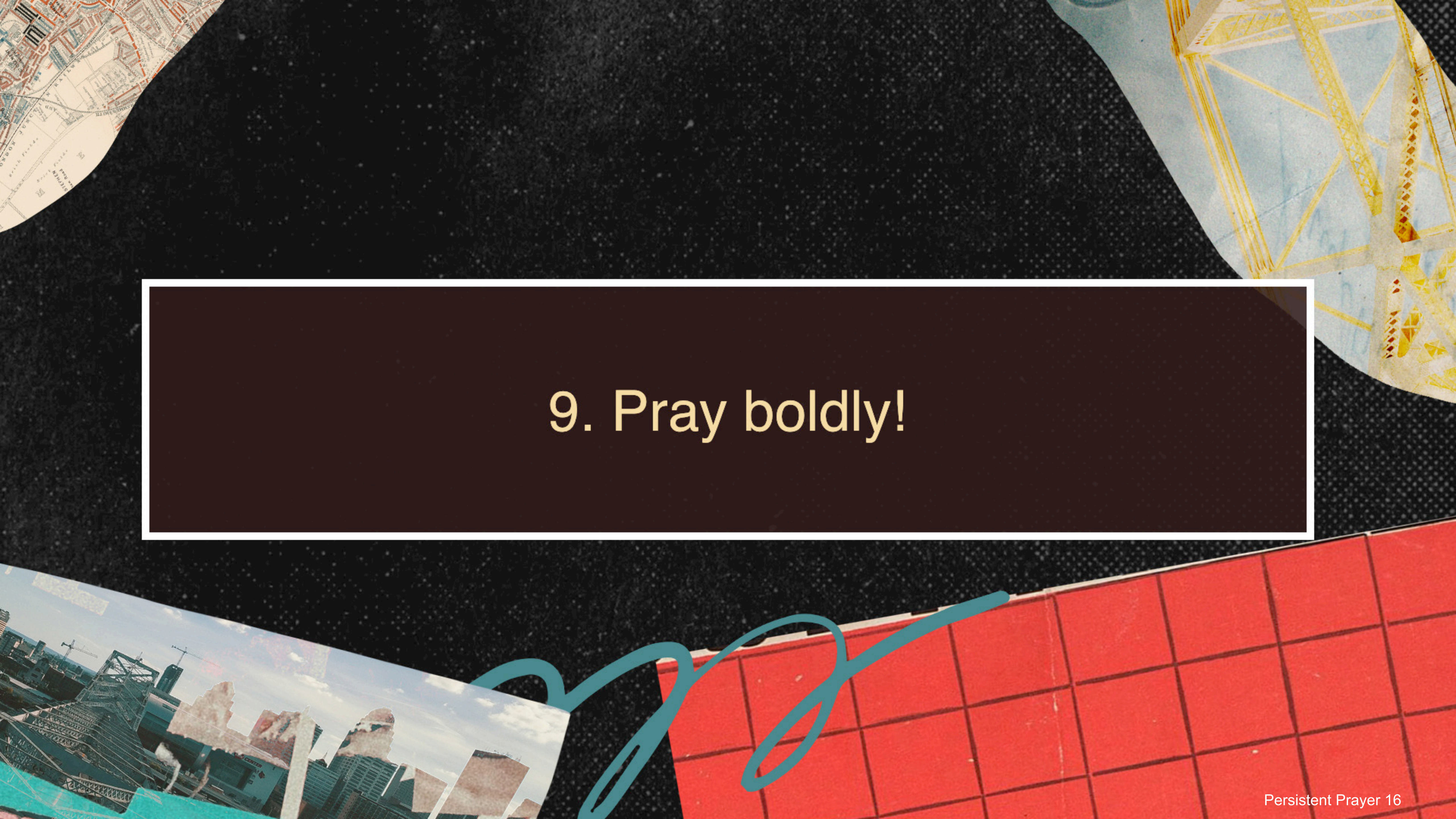


6. Create little habits

- First 5 minutes
- "Bless the food"
- Before bed
- At work
- During communion
- Family prayers
- Lord's prayer
- Serenity prayer

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8. Pray proactively



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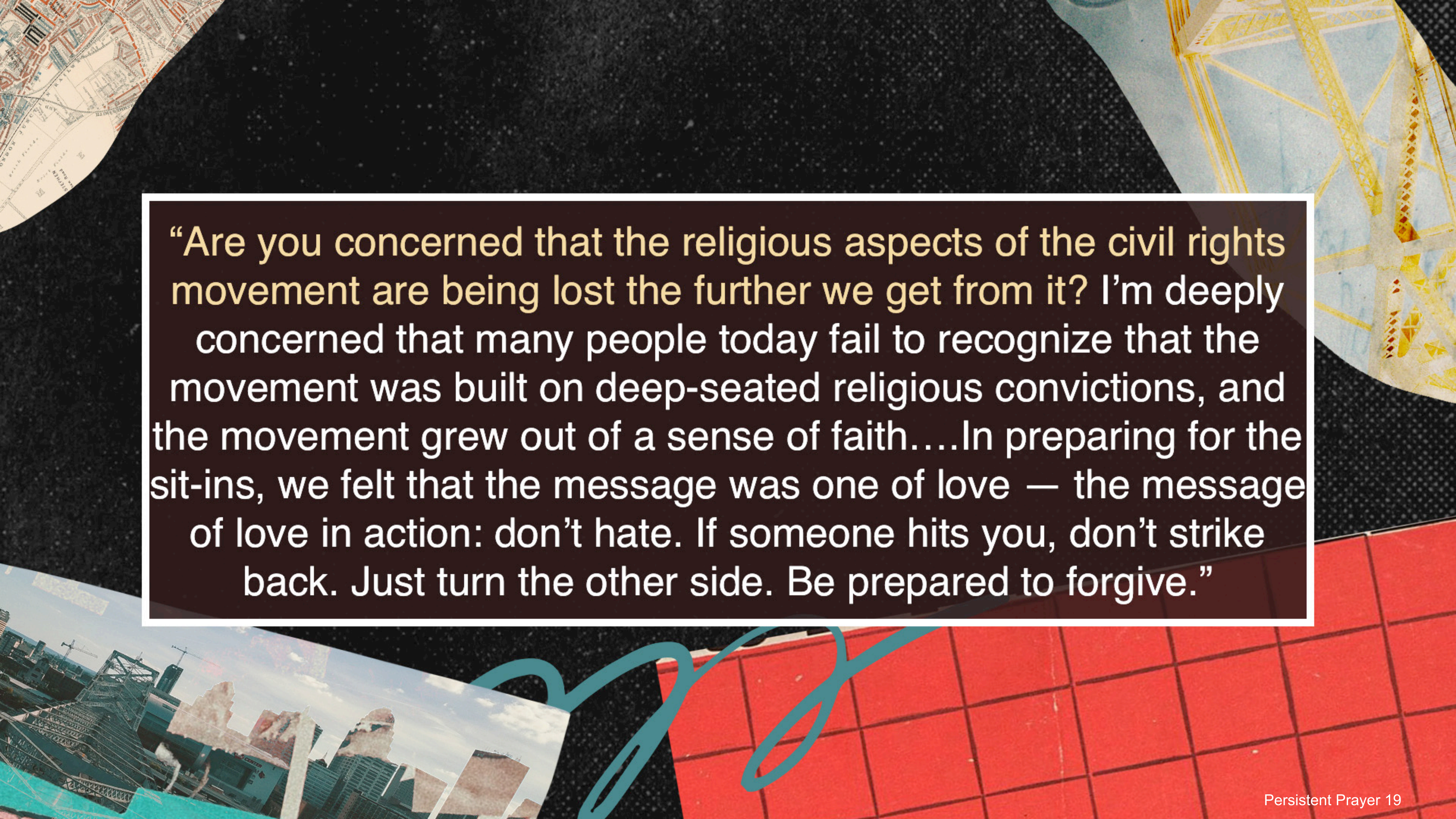
James 5:17-18

Elijah was a human being like us, and he prayed fervently that it might not rain, and for three years and six months it did not rain on the earth. Then he prayed again, and the heaven gave rain and the earth yielded its harvest.

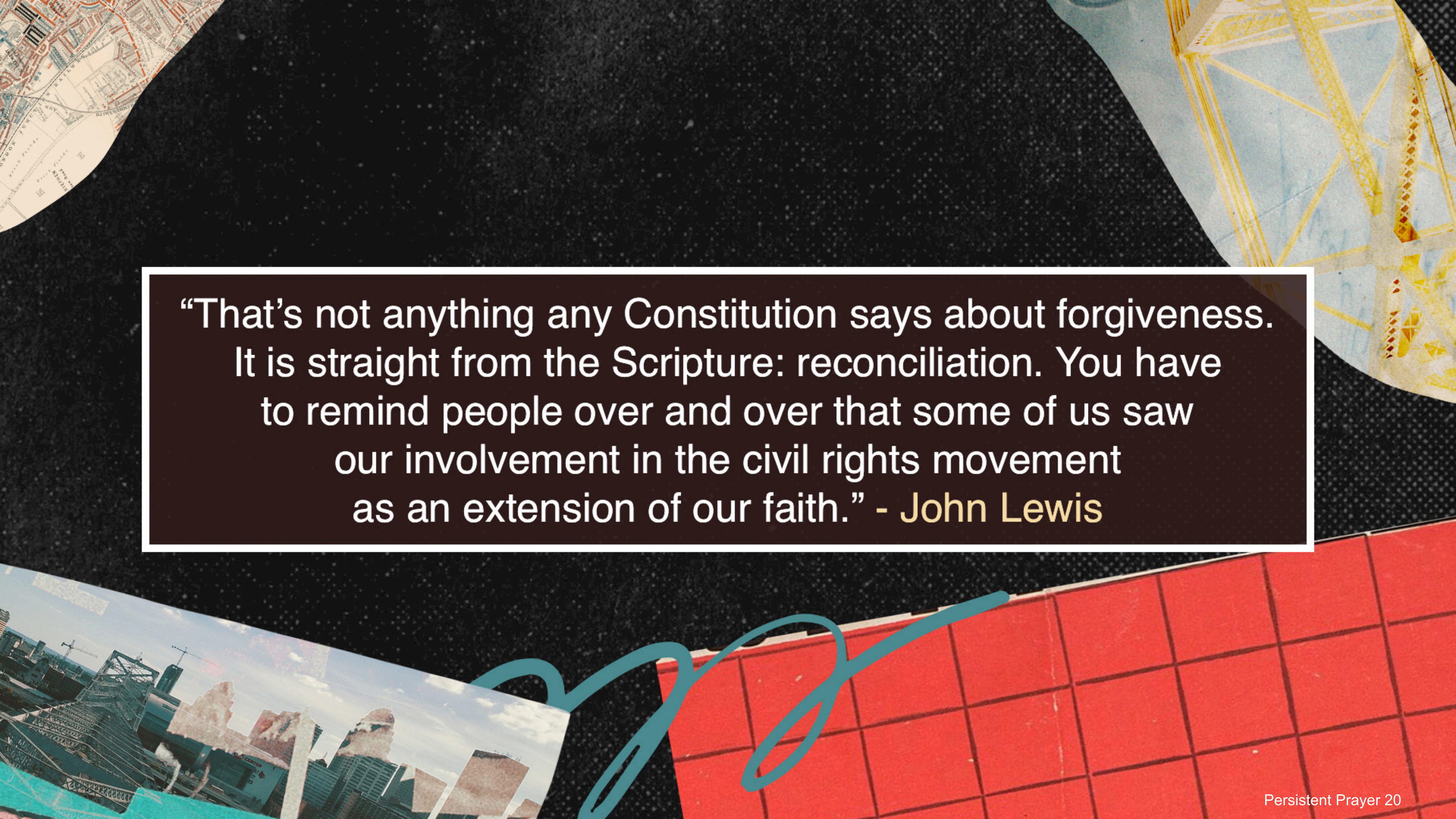


Habakkuk 3:1-2

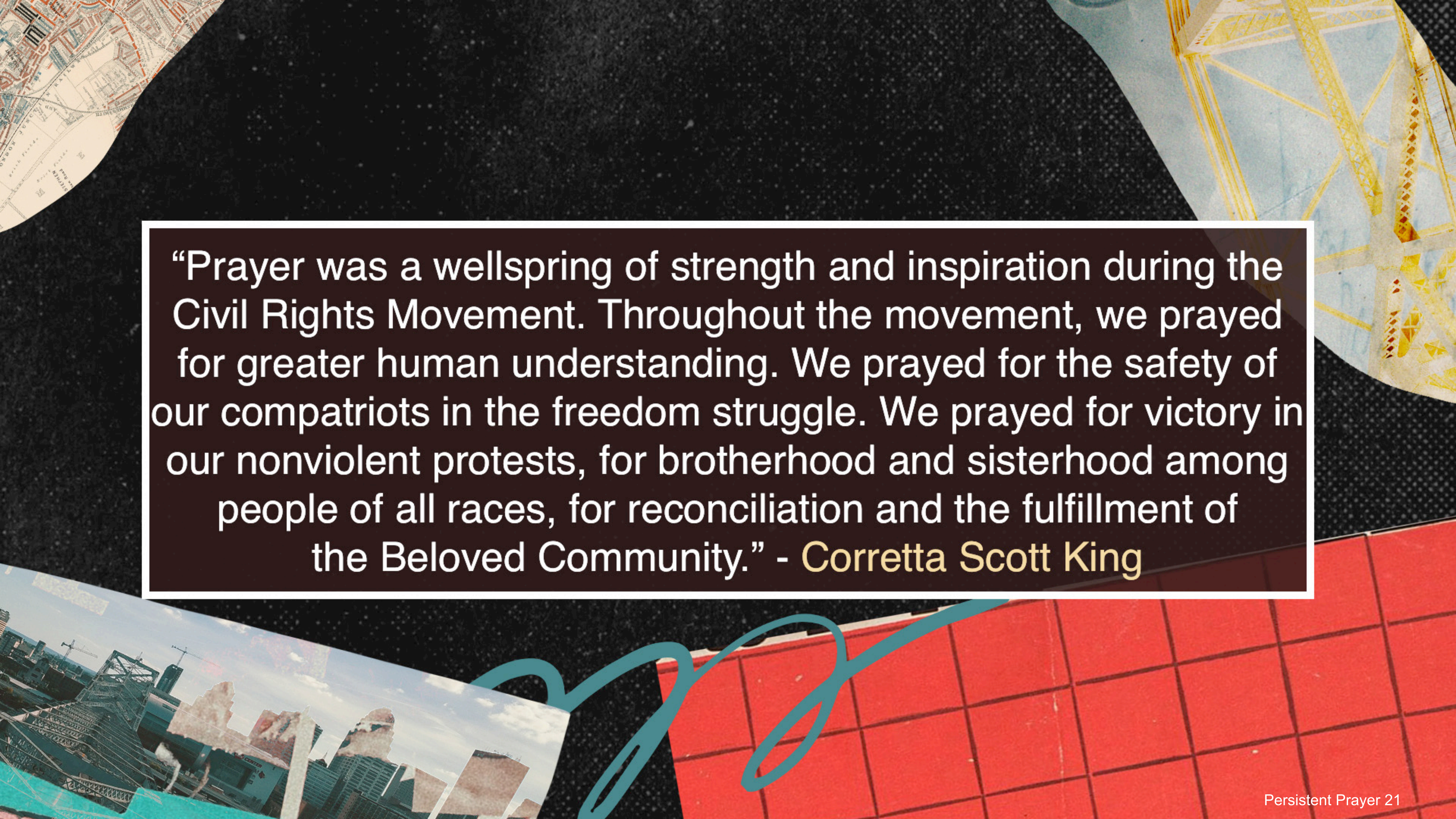
O Lord, I have heard of your renown, and I stand in awe,
O Lord, of Your work. In our own time revive it; in our own
time make it known; in wrath may You remember mercy.



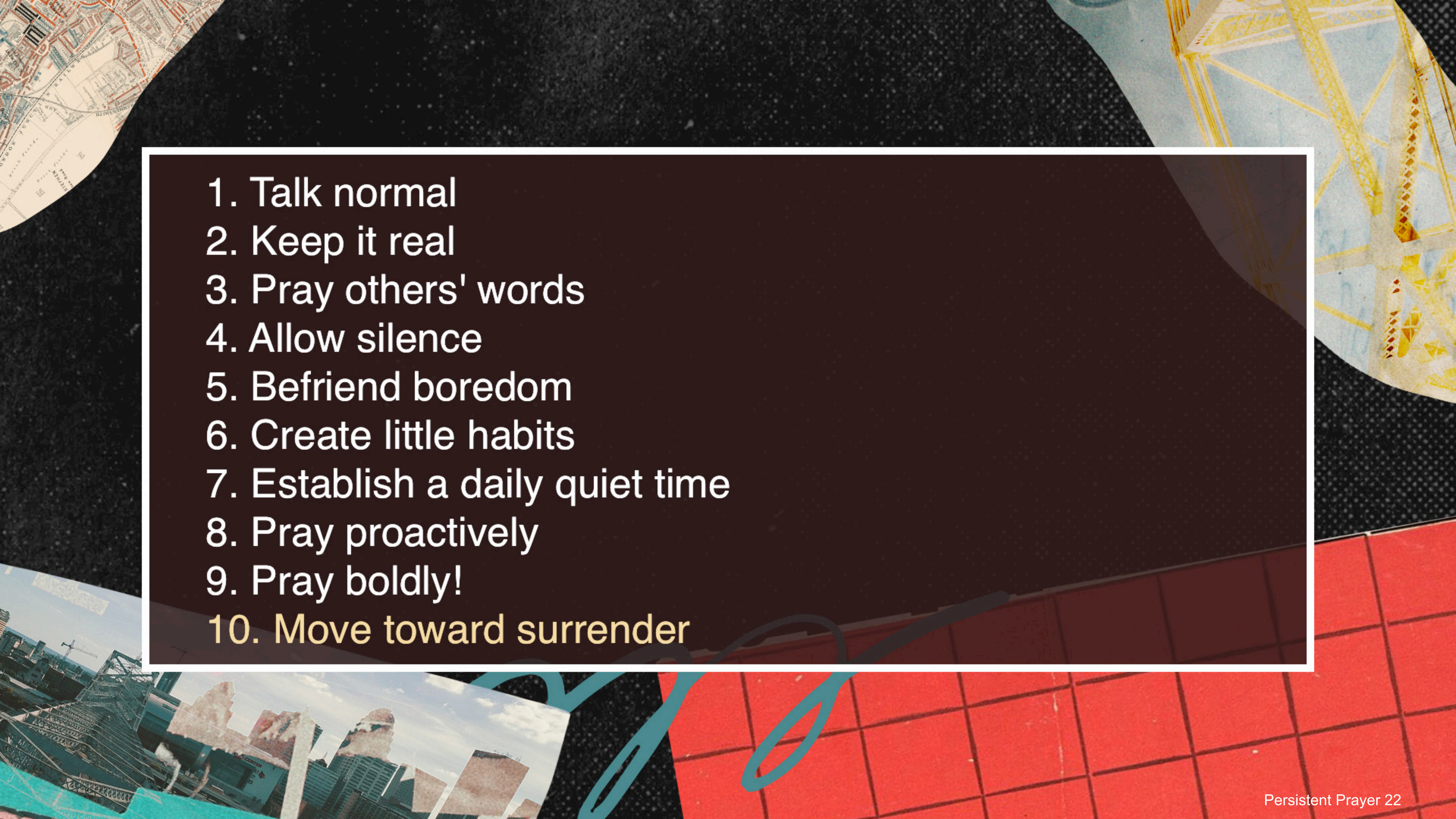
“Are you concerned that the religious aspects of the civil rights movement are being lost the further we get from it? I’m deeply concerned that many people today fail to recognize that the movement was built on deep-seated religious convictions, and the movement grew out of a sense of faith....In preparing for the sit-ins, we felt that the message was one of love — the message of love in action: don’t hate. If someone hits you, don’t strike back. Just turn the other side. Be prepared to forgive.”

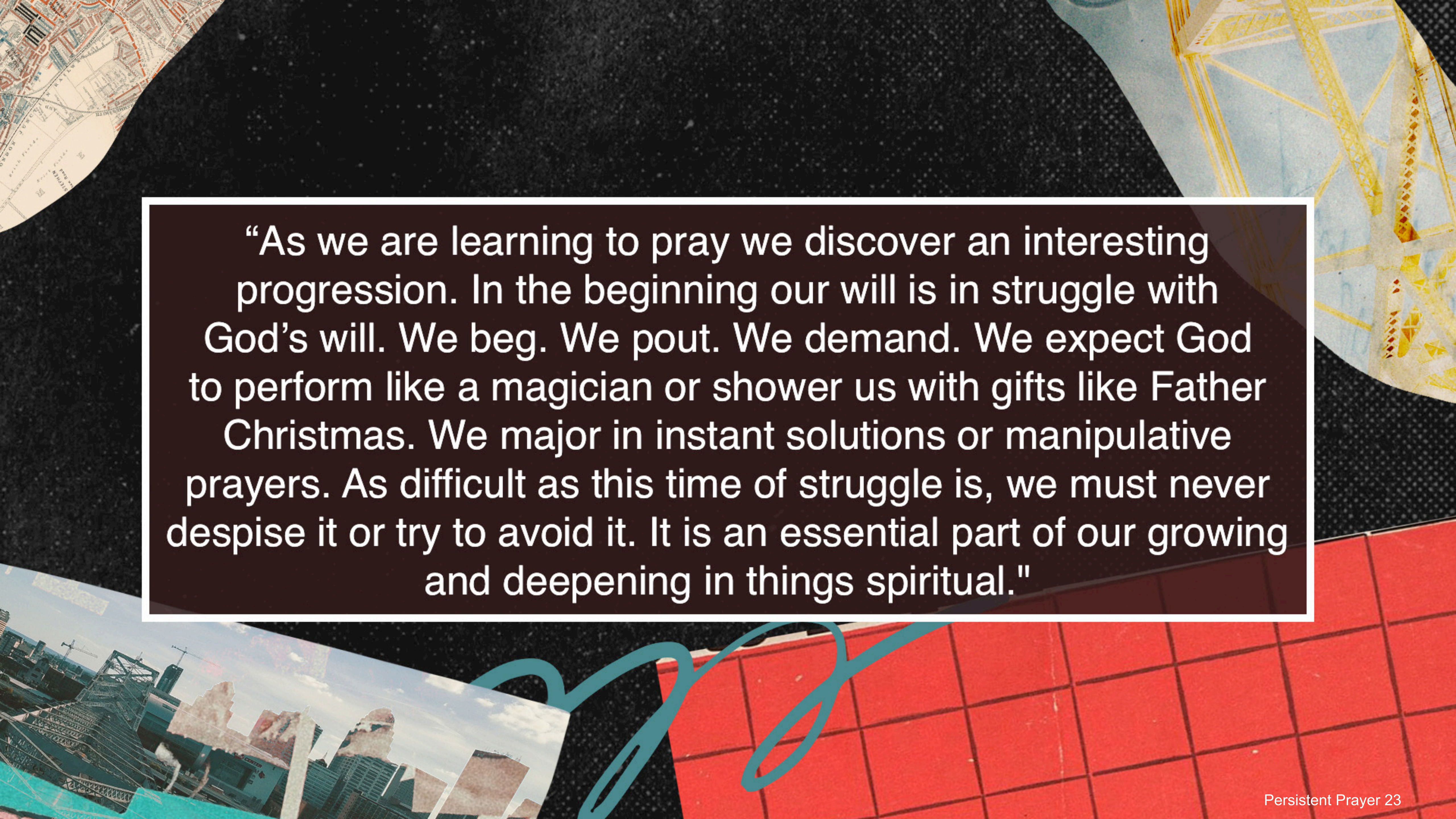


“That’s not anything any Constitution says about forgiveness. It is straight from the Scripture: reconciliation. You have to remind people over and over that some of us saw our involvement in the civil rights movement as an extension of our faith.” - John Lewis

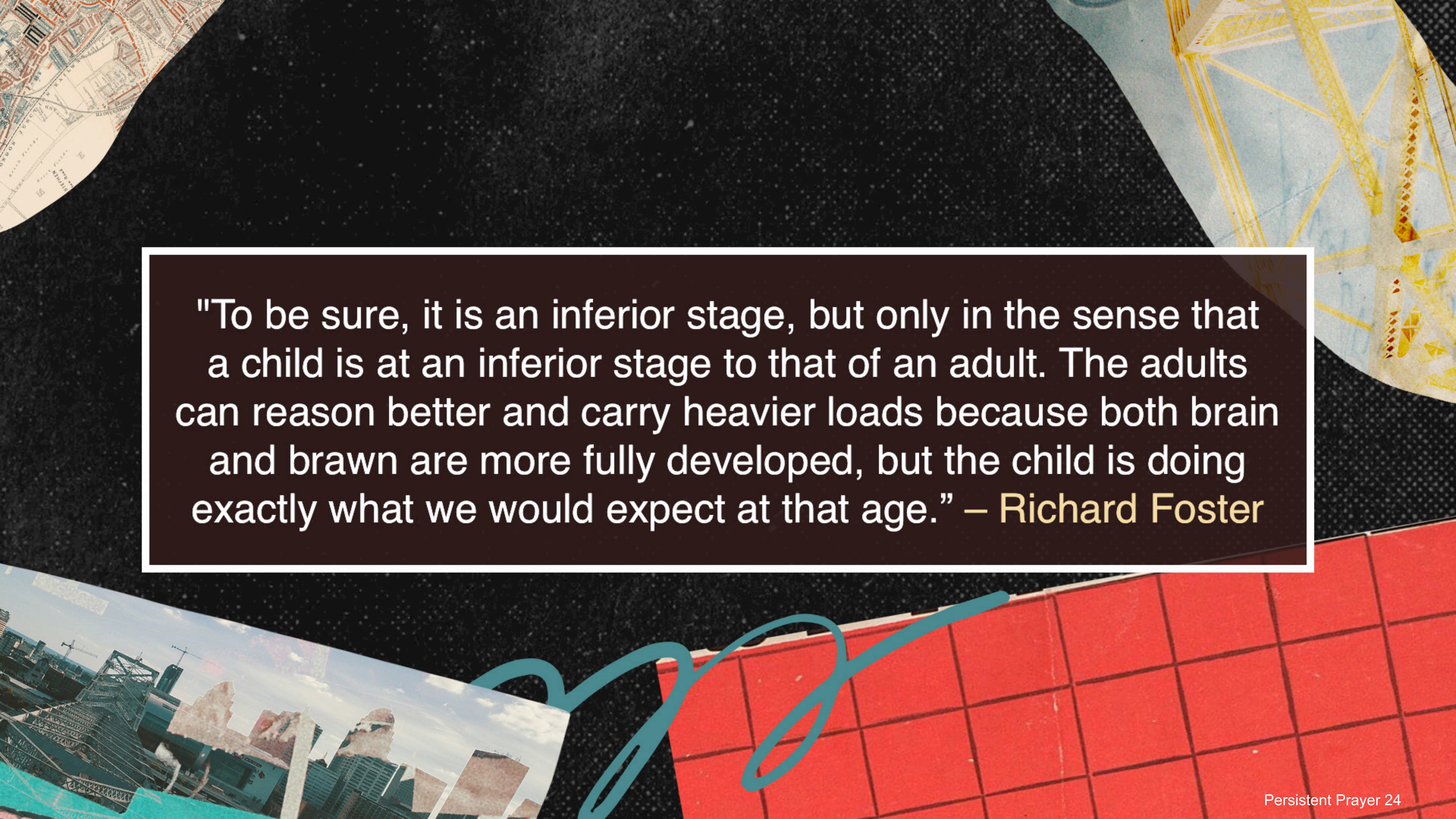


“Prayer was a wellspring of strength and inspiration during the Civil Rights Movement. Throughout the movement, we prayed for greater human understanding. We prayed for the safety of our compatriots in the freedom struggle. We prayed for victory in our nonviolent protests, for brotherhood and sisterhood among people of all races, for reconciliation and the fulfillment of the Beloved Community.” - **Corretta Scott King**

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“As we are learning to pray we discover an interesting progression. In the beginning our will is in struggle with God’s will. We beg. We pout. We demand. We expect God to perform like a magician or shower us with gifts like Father Christmas. We major in instant solutions or manipulative prayers. As difficult as this time of struggle is, we must never despise it or try to avoid it. It is an essential part of our growing and deepening in things spiritual.”



"To be sure, it is an inferior stage, but only in the sense that a child is at an inferior stage to that of an adult. The adults can reason better and carry heavier loads because both brain and brawn are more fully developed, but the child is doing exactly what we would expect at that age." – **Richard Foster**



“God, help them!” - “God, help me help them.”

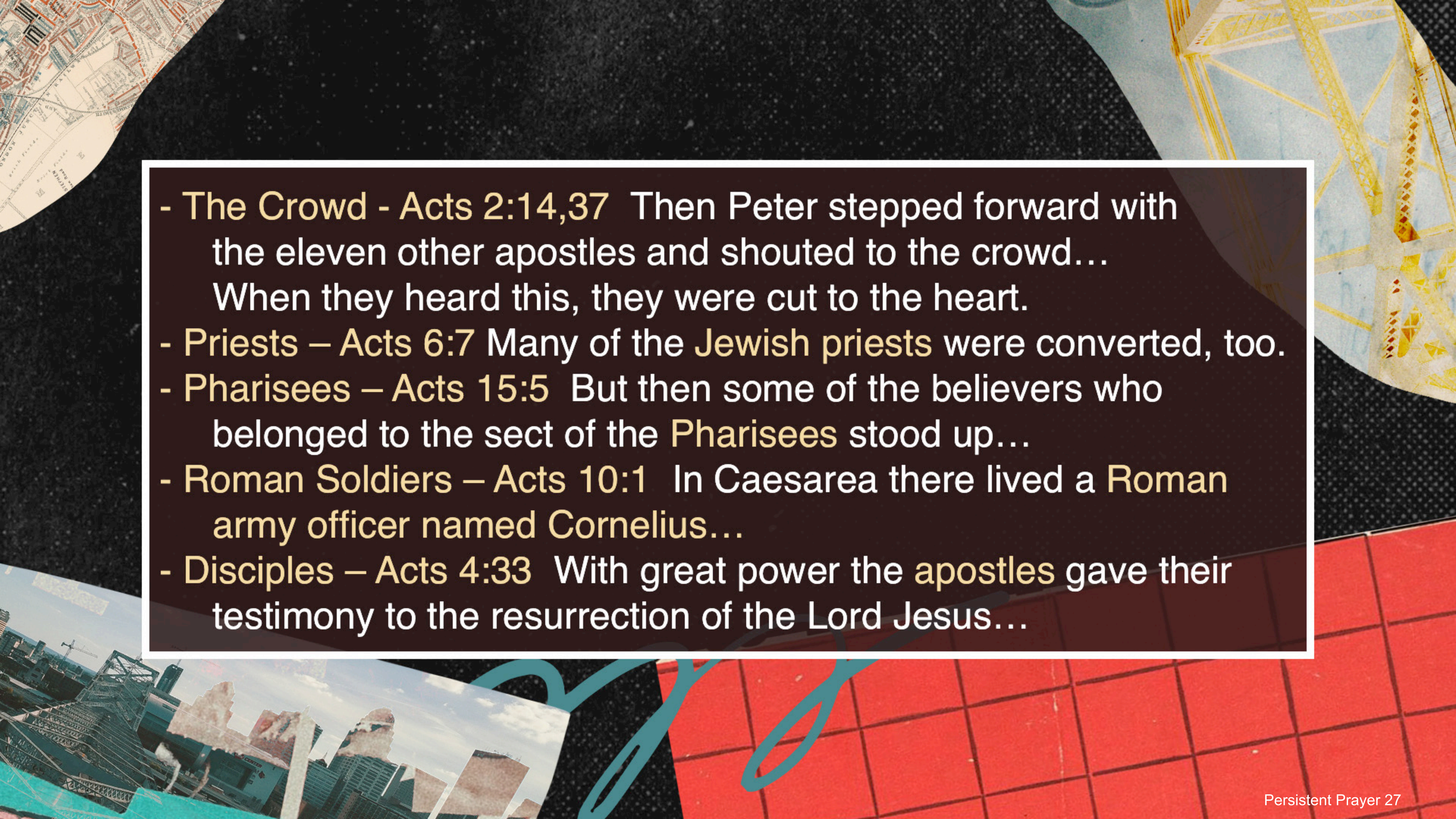
"Thank you for all you've blessed me with." - "God, thank you
for all that you've blessed me to be a blessing with."

“Lord, have mercy!” - “Here am I, send me.”



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- "Father, forgive them; for they know not what they do!"
- "My God, My God, why hast Thou forsaken Me?"
- "Father, into Your hands I entrust My spirit."

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- **The Crowd - Acts 2:14,37** Then Peter stepped forward with the eleven other apostles and shouted to the crowd...
When they heard this, they were cut to the heart.
 - **Priests – Acts 6:7** Many of the **Jewish priests** were converted, too.
 - **Pharisees – Acts 15:5** But then some of the believers who belonged to the sect of the **Pharisees** stood up...
 - **Roman Soldiers – Acts 10:1** In Caesarea there lived a **Roman** army officer named **Cornelius**...
 - **Disciples – Acts 4:33** With great power the **apostles** gave their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus...



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