



COME BACK STRONGER

HOW WE SURVIVED

A stylized, colorful line-art illustration of a city skyline. The buildings are drawn with thick, hand-drawn lines in various colors like orange, blue, and red. Some buildings have arched windows or doors. A cross is visible on the right side of the skyline. The background is dark with a pattern of small white dots.

Online Services

Sat - 5pm

Sun - 9am & 11am

On-Demand

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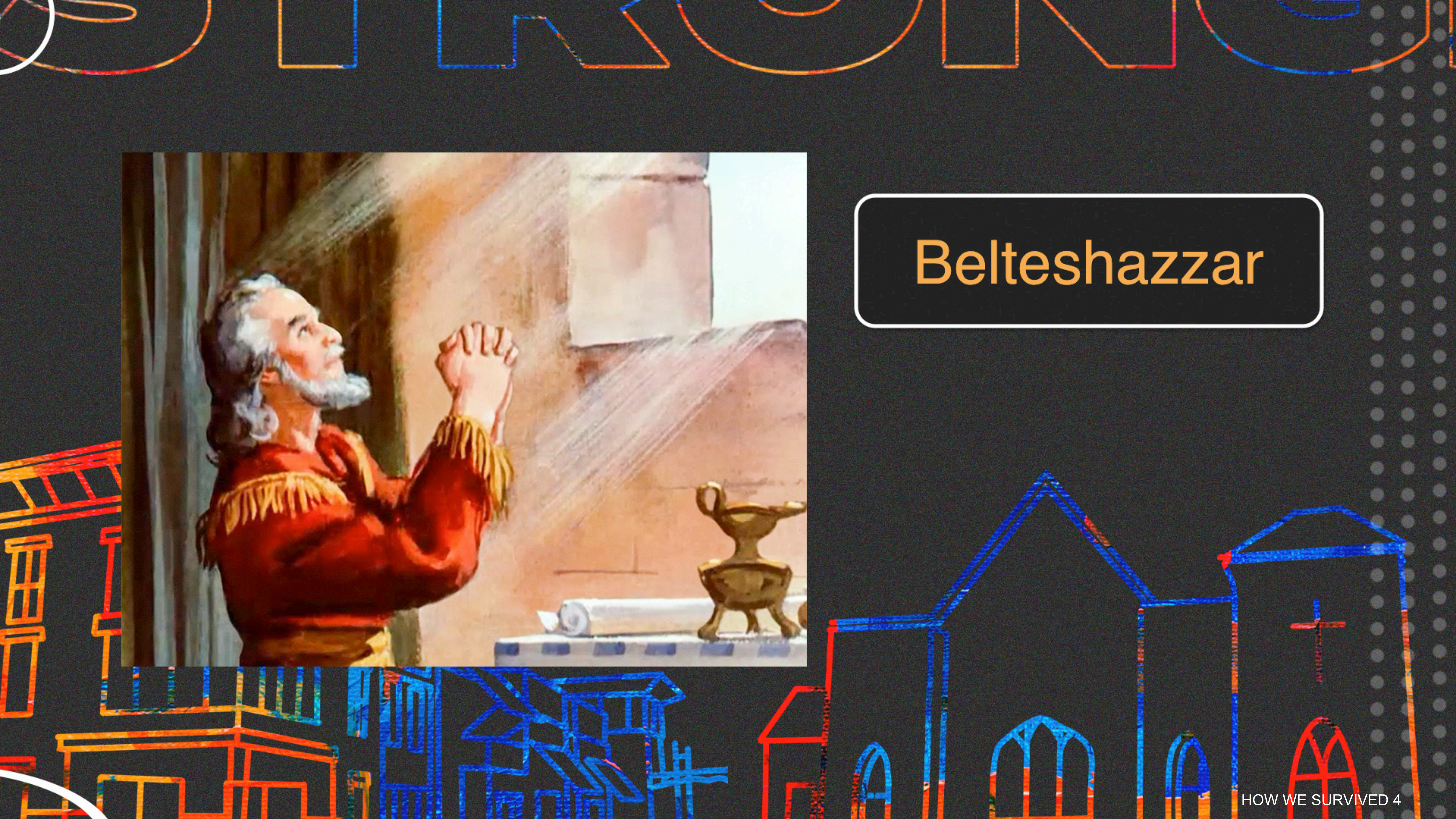


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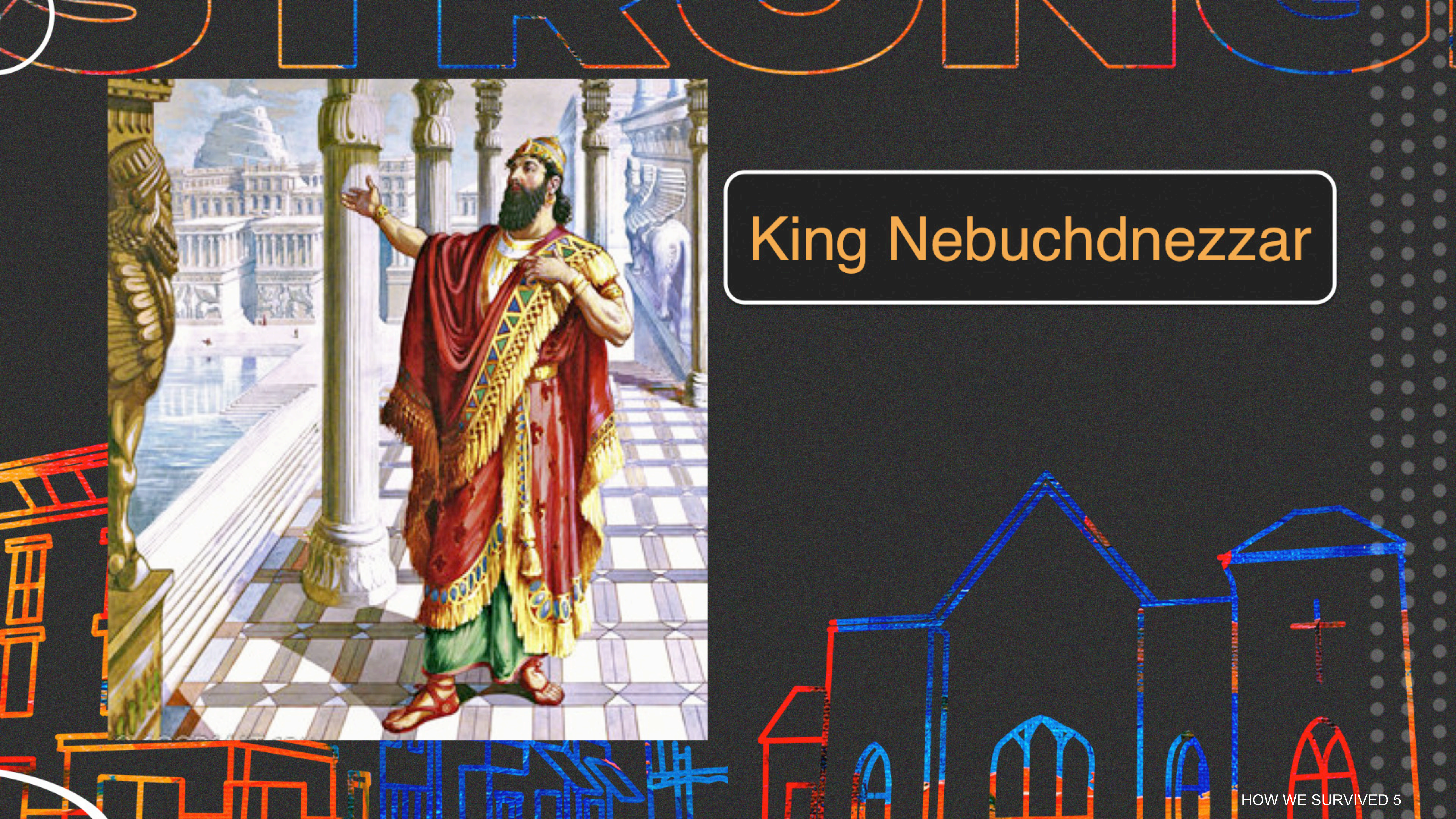
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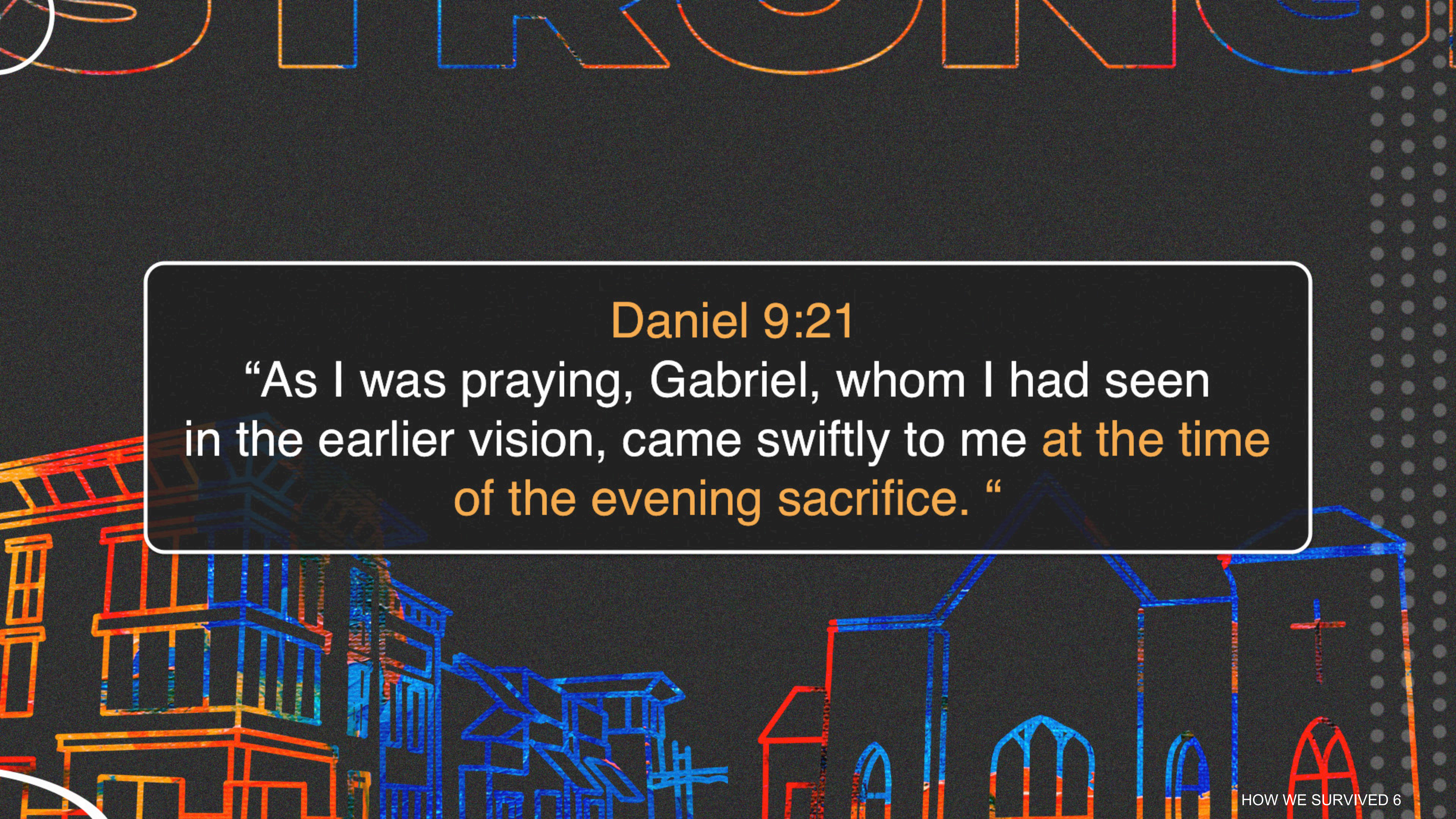
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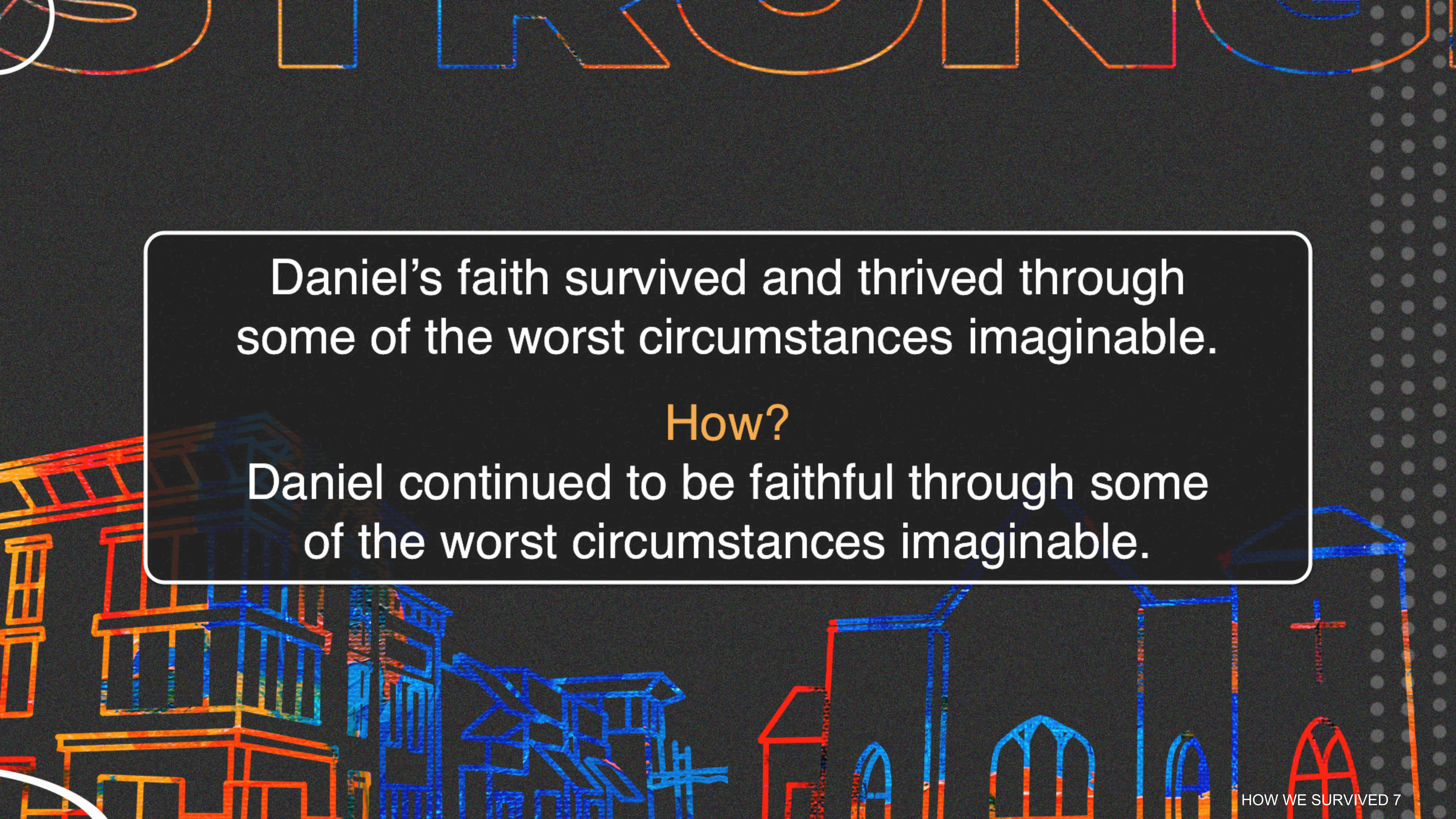


King Nebuchadnezzar



Daniel 9:21

“As I was praying, Gabriel, whom I had seen in the earlier vision, came swiftly to me **at the time of the evening sacrifice.**”



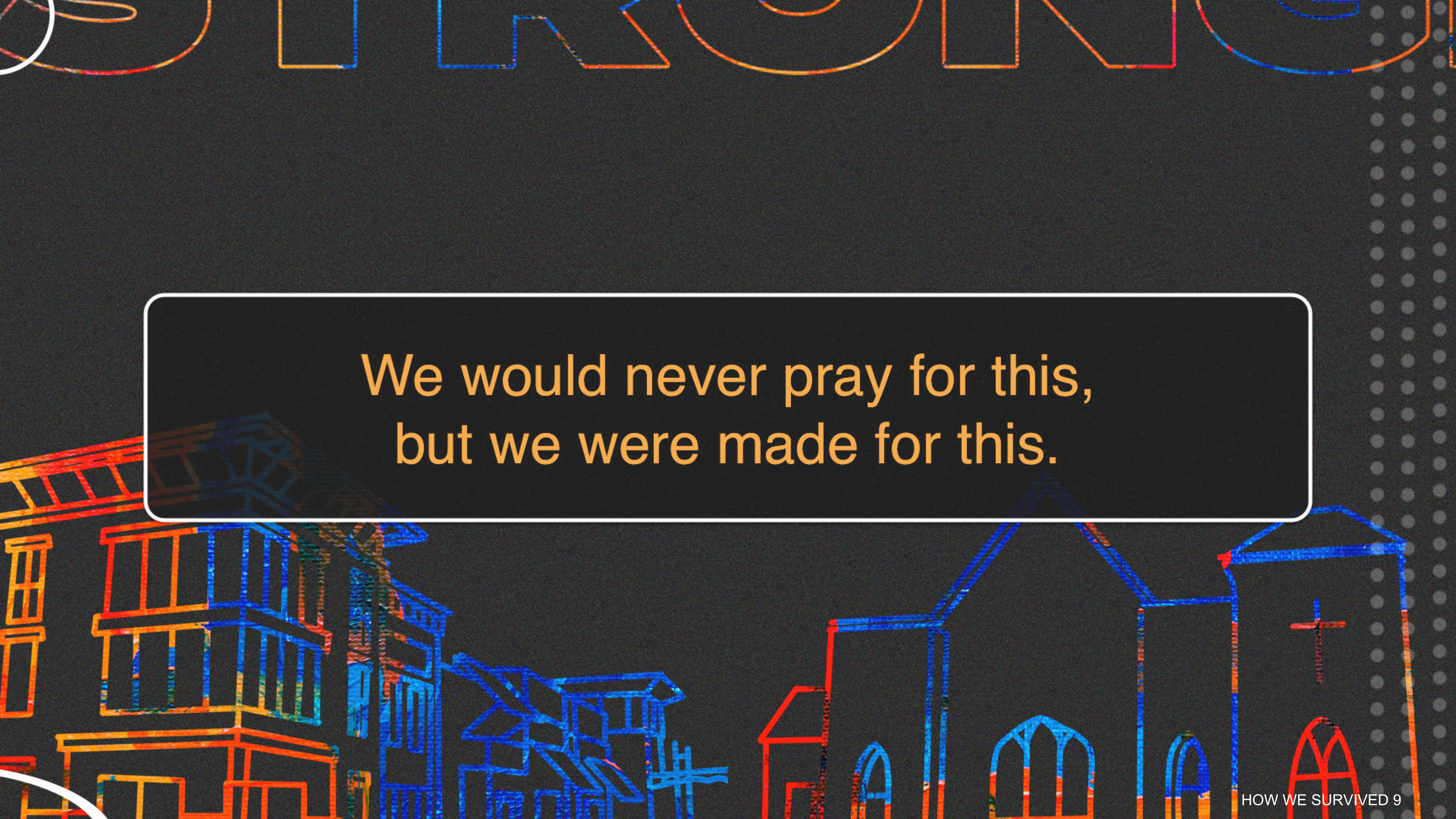
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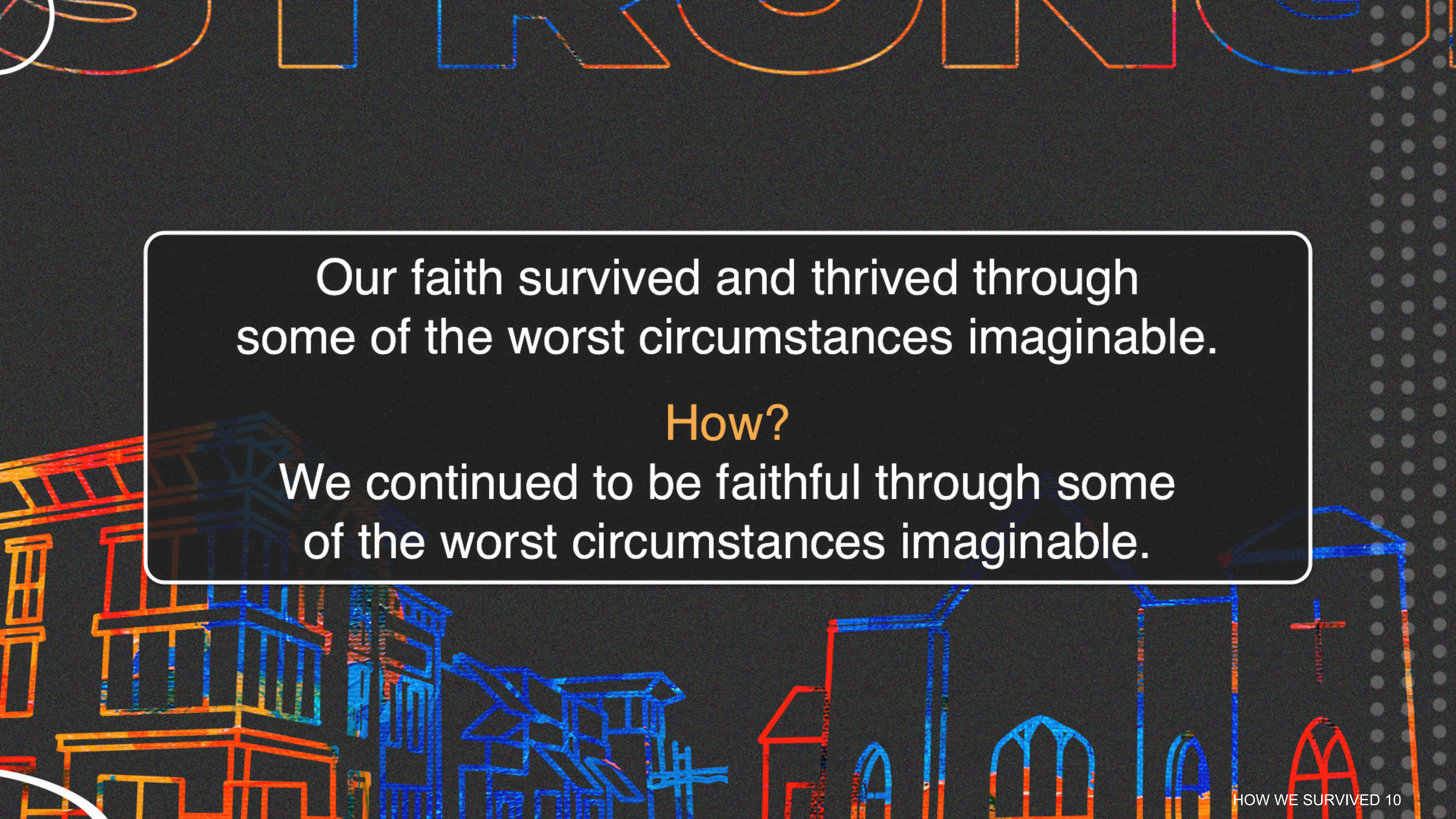
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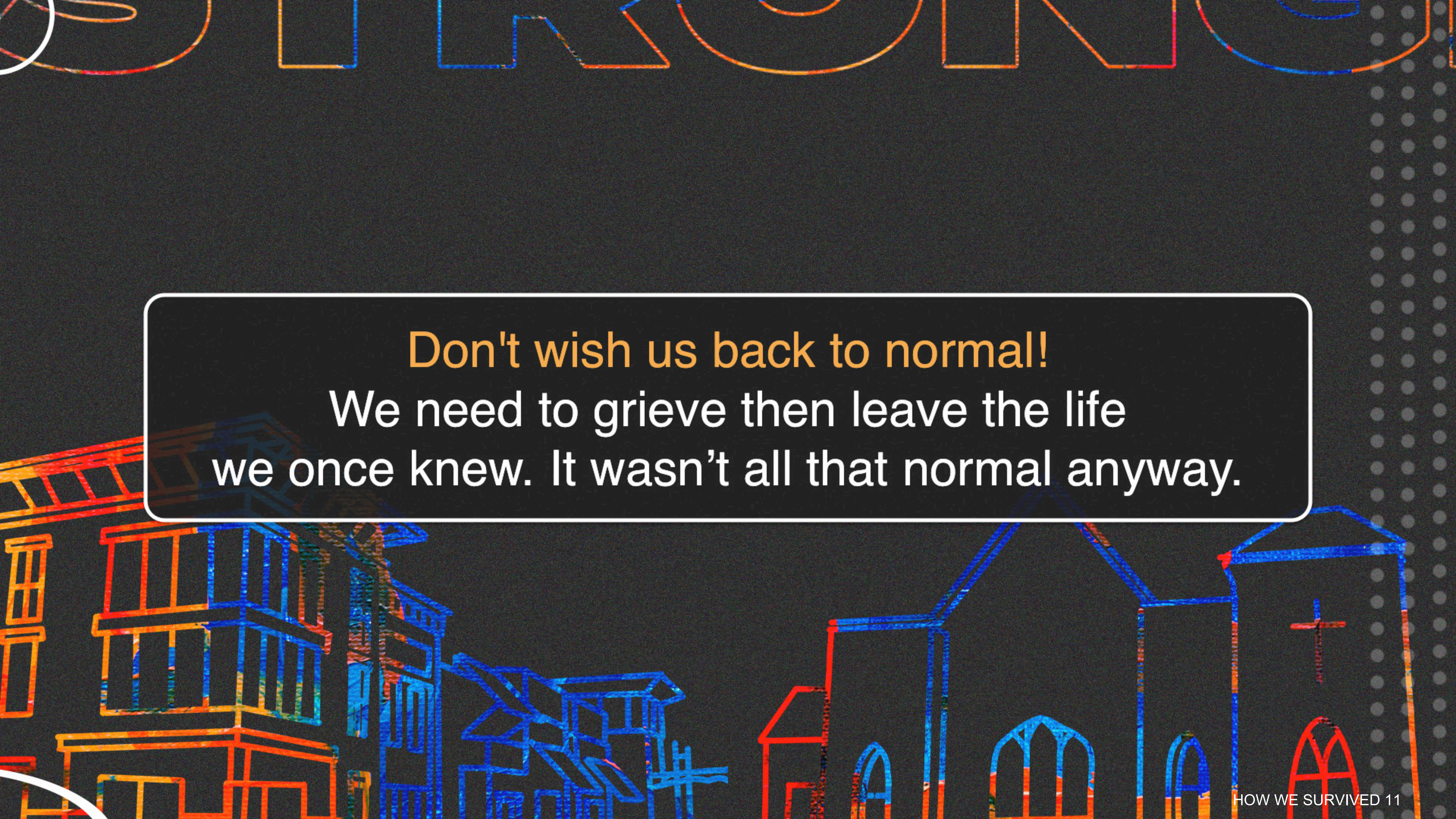
We would never pray for this,
but we were made for this.



Our faith survived and thrived through
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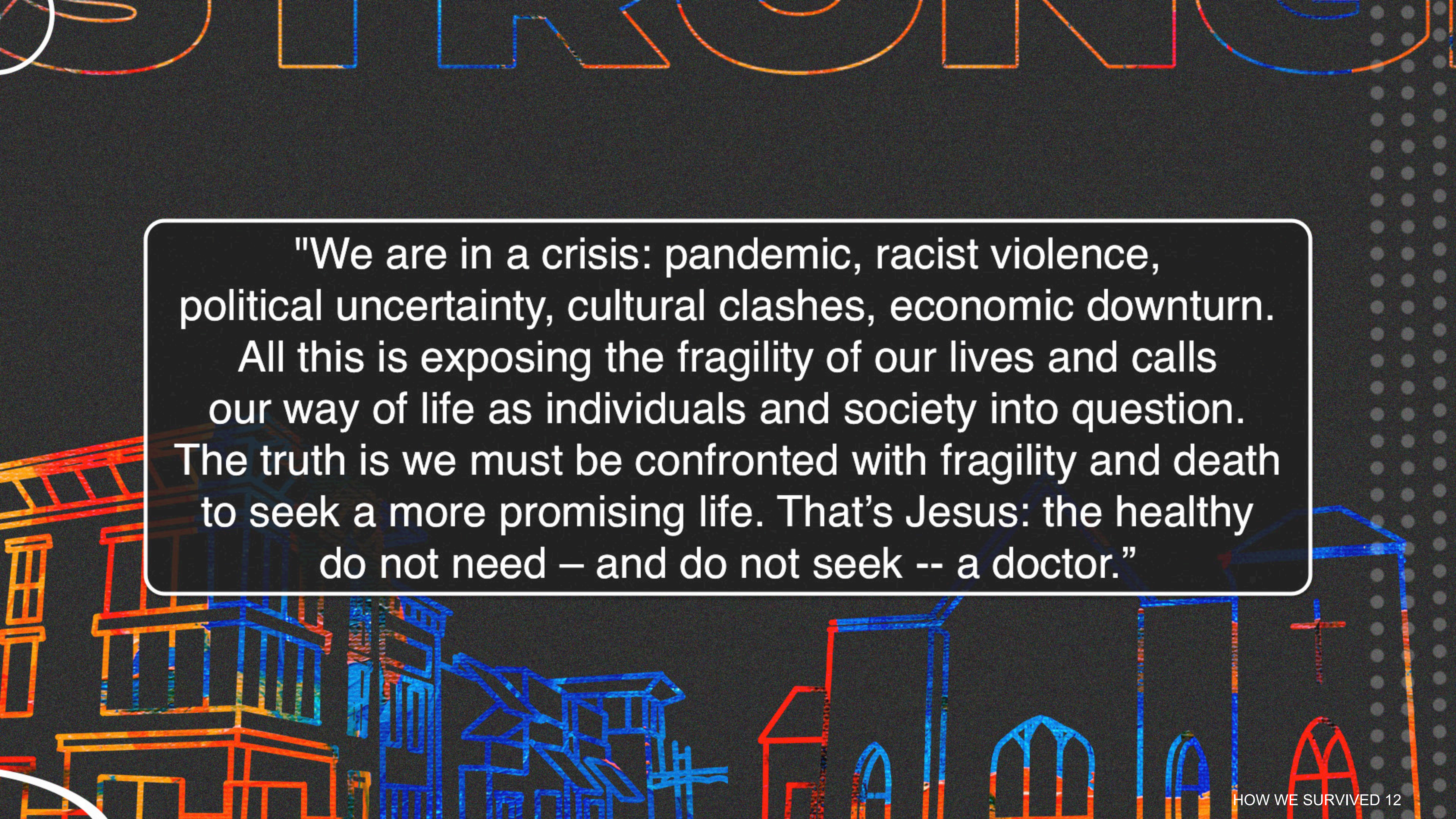
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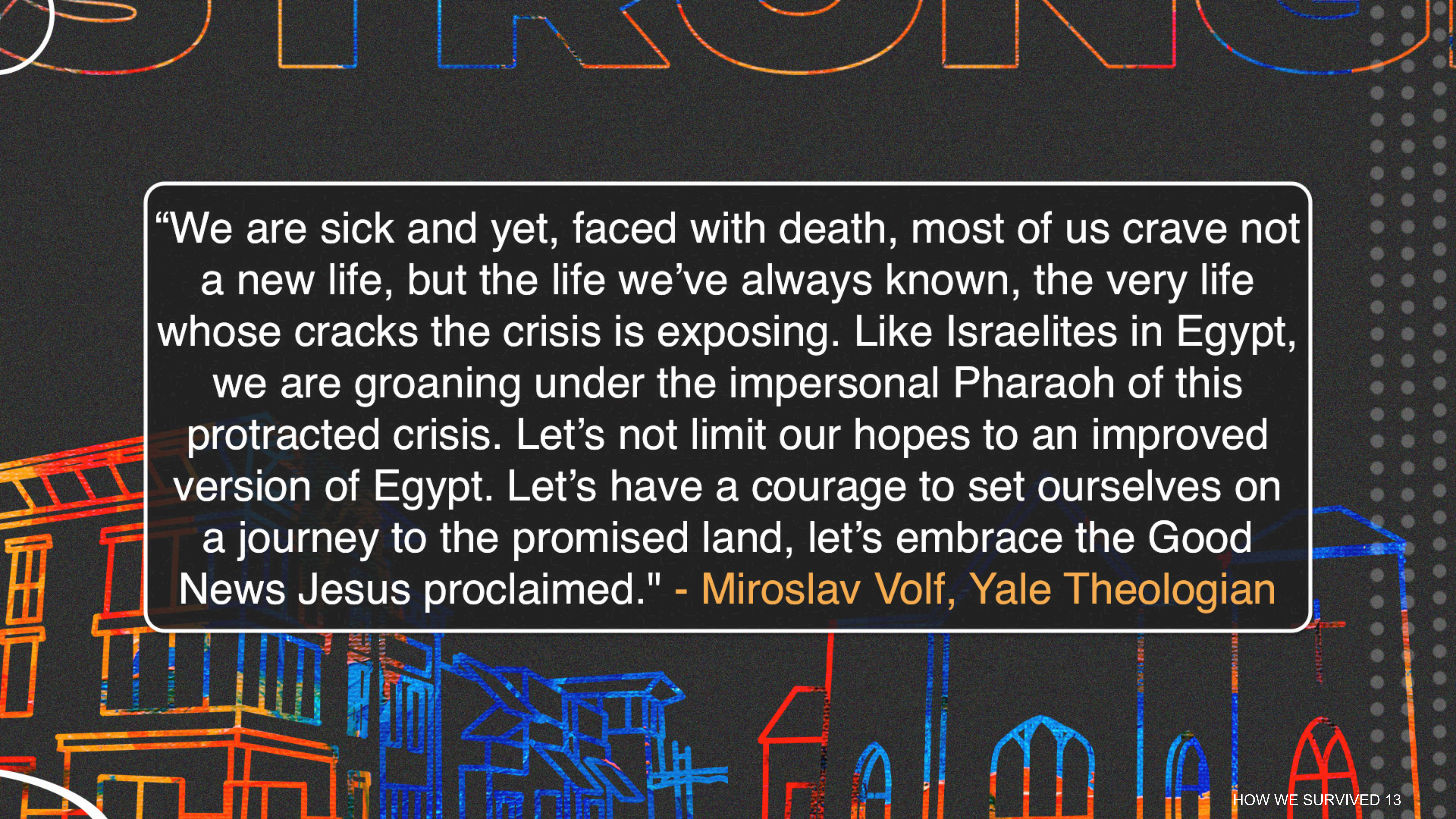


SURVIVING

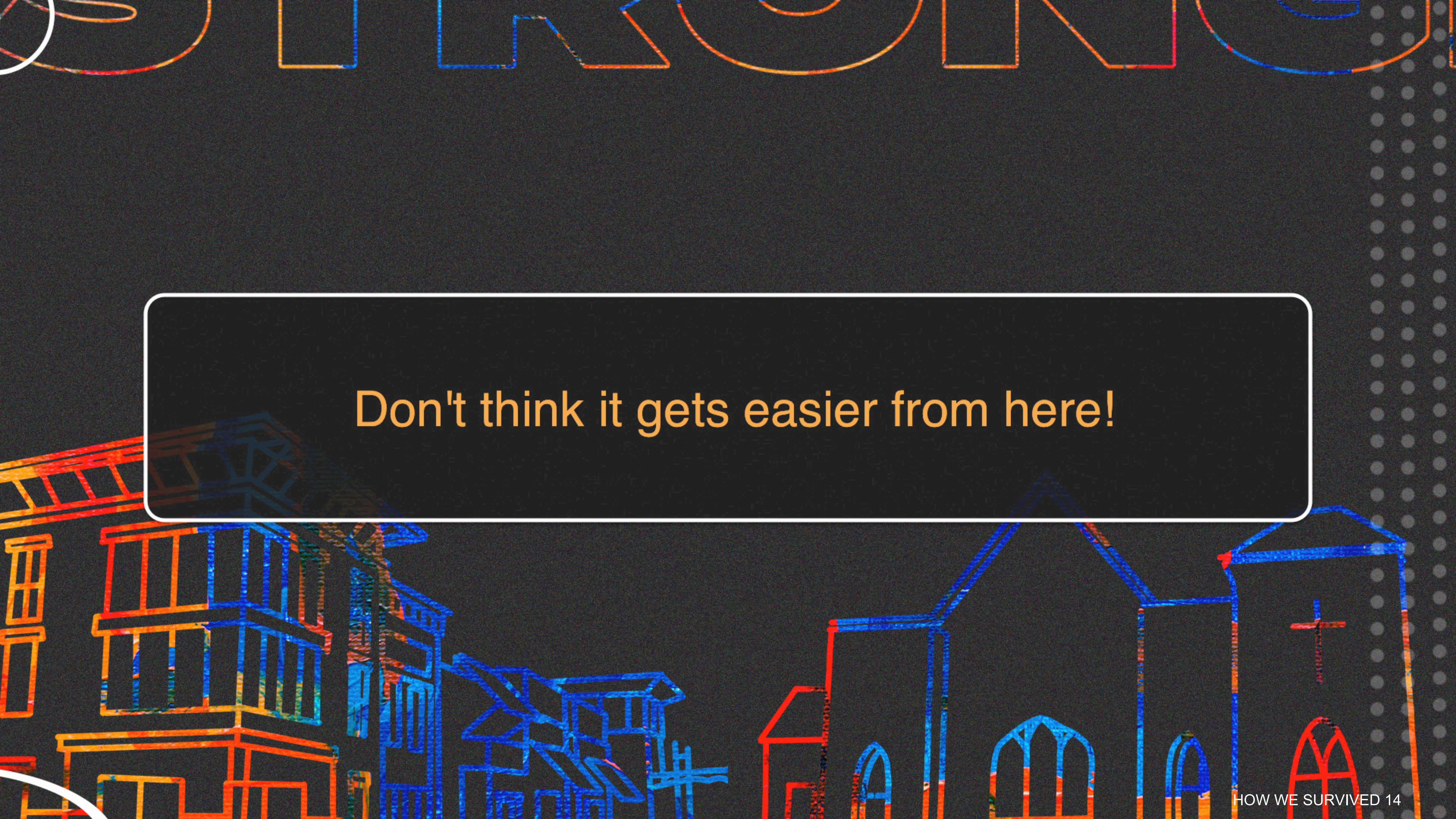
Don't wish us back to normal!
We need to grieve then leave the life
we once knew. It wasn't all that normal anyway.



"We are in a crisis: pandemic, racist violence, political uncertainty, cultural clashes, economic downturn. All this is exposing the fragility of our lives and calls our way of life as individuals and society into question. The truth is we must be confronted with fragility and death to seek a more promising life. That's Jesus: the healthy do not need – and do not seek -- a doctor."



“We are sick and yet, faced with death, most of us crave not a new life, but the life we’ve always known, the very life whose cracks the crisis is exposing. Like Israelites in Egypt, we are groaning under the impersonal Pharaoh of this protracted crisis. Let’s not limit our hopes to an improved version of Egypt. Let’s have a courage to set ourselves on a journey to the promised land, let’s embrace the Good News Jesus proclaimed.” - Miroslav Volf, Yale Theologian



Don't think it gets easier from here!



Elijah

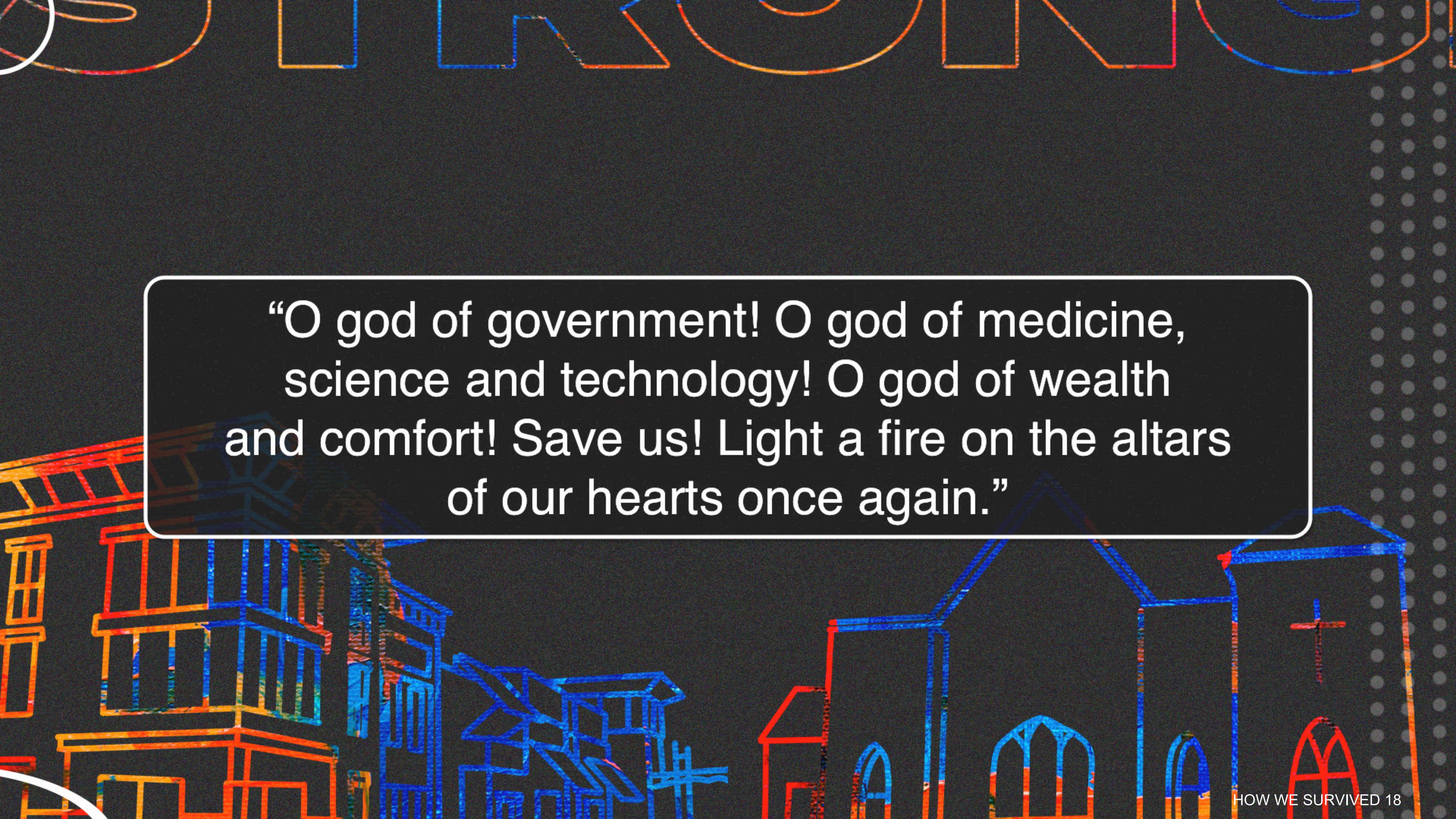
1 Kings 18:27

About noontime Elijah began mocking them.

“You’ll have to shout louder,” he scoffed,
“for surely he is a god! Perhaps he is daydreaming,
or is relieving himself. Or maybe he is away on a trip,
or is asleep and needs to be wakened!”

1 Kings 18:38-39

Immediately the fire of the Lord flashed down from heaven and burned up the young bull, the wood, the stones, and the dust. It even licked up all the water in the trench! And when all the people saw it, they fell face down on the ground and cried out, “The Lord—He is God!”



“O god of government! O god of medicine,
science and technology! O god of wealth
and comfort! Save us! Light a fire on the altars
of our hearts once again.”

Romans 12:1-2

And so, dear brothers and sisters, I plead with you to give your bodies to God because of all He has done for you. Let them be a living and holy sacrifice—the kind He will find acceptable. This is truly the way to worship Him. Don't copy the behavior and customs of this world, but let God transform you into a new person by changing the way you think. Then you will learn to know God's will for you, which is good and pleasing and perfect.

Luke 9:33-35

As Moses and Elijah were starting to leave, Peter, not even knowing what he was saying, blurted out, “Master, it’s wonderful for us to be here! Let’s make three shelters as memorials—one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.”

But even as he was saying this, a cloud overshadowed them, and terror gripped them as the cloud covered them.

Then a voice from the cloud said, “This is My Son, My Chosen One. Listen to Him.”

Luke 9:22-25

[Jesus said,] “The Son of Man must suffer many terrible things,” He said. “He will be rejected by the elders, the leading priests, and the teachers of religious law. He will be killed, but on the third day he will be raised from the dead.” Then He said to the crowd, “If any of you wants to be My follower, you must give up your own way, take up your cross daily, and follow Me.”



Luke 9:22-25

“If you try to hang on to your life, you will lose it.
But if you give up your life for My sake, you will save it.
And what do you benefit if you gain the whole world
but are yourself lost or destroyed?”