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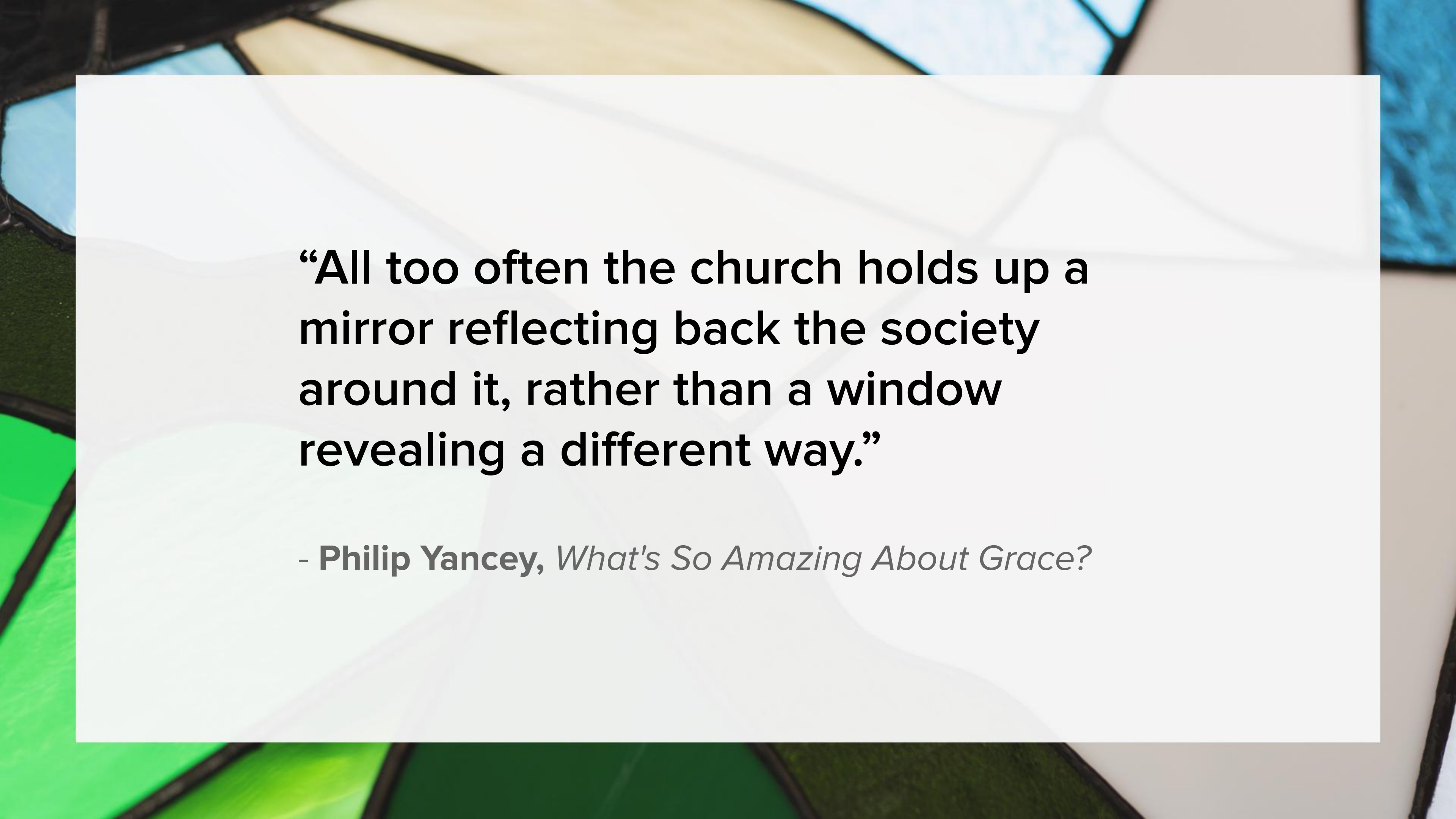
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The Church at Antioch

ACTS 11:19-30

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“All too often the church holds up a mirror reflecting back the society around it, rather than a window revealing a different way.”

- Philip Yancey, *What's So Amazing About Grace?*

Overview: The Book of Acts

The Holy Spirit empowers Jesus' followers to carry the Good News of Christ to the World.

The Church is...

The focus is...

Acts 1-7

- **Established** at Jerusalem
- Born & Growing

- Local
- Jews

Acts 8-12

- **Enlarged** to Judea & Samaria
- Changing Lives & Breaking Traditions

- National
- Jews & Gentiles

Acts 13-28

- **Expanded** to the ends of the earth
- Unifying & Multiplying

- Global
- Cross-Cultural

Allegiance to Christ

Belonging to Jesus' party

The disciples were called Christians
first at Antioch.

Acts 11:26b NIV

The Church is... Culture-Shaping

Now those who had been scattered by the persecution that broke out when Stephen was killed traveled as far as Phoenicia, Cyprus and Antioch, spreading the word only among Jews.²⁰ Some of them, however, men from Cyprus and Cyrene, went to Antioch and began to speak to Greeks also, telling them the good news about the Lord Jesus.²¹ The Lord's hand was with them, and a great number of people believed and turned to the Lord.

Acts 11:19-21 NIV

The Church is...

Culture-Shaping

Disciple-Making

News of this reached the church in Jerusalem, and they sent Barnabas to Antioch. ²³ When he arrived and saw what the grace of God had done, he was glad and encouraged them all to remain true to the Lord with all their hearts. ²⁴ He was a good man, full of the Holy Spirit and faith, and a great number of people were brought to the Lord.

Acts 11:22-24 NIV

The Church is...

Culture-Shaping

Disciple-Making

Then Barnabas went to Tarsus to look for Saul,
²⁶ and when he found him, he brought him to
Antioch. So for a whole year Barnabas and
Saul met with the church and taught great
numbers of people. The disciples were called
Christians first at Antioch.

Acts 11:25-26 NIV

The Church is...
Culture-Shaping
Disciple-Making
Sacrificially Loving

During this time some prophets came down from Jerusalem to Antioch. ²⁸ One of them, named Agabus, stood up and through the Spirit predicted that a severe famine would spread over the entire Roman world. (This happened during the reign of Claudius.) ²⁹ The disciples, as each one was able, decided to provide help for the brothers and sisters living in Judea. ³⁰ This they did, sending their gift to the elders by Barnabas and Saul.

Acts 11:27-30 NIV

The Church is...
Culture-Shaping
Disciple-Making
Sacrificially Loving
Gospel-Multiplying

While they were worshiping the Lord and fasting, the Holy Spirit said, “Set apart for me Barnabas and Saul for the work to which I have called them.” ³ So after they had fasted and prayed, they **placed their hands on them and sent them off.** ⁴ The two of them, sent on their way by the Holy Spirit... ⁴⁹ **The word of the Lord spread through the whole region.**

Acts 13:2-4, 49 NIV

The Church:

Gospel-Multiplying

creating more space for
more disciples

Culture-Shaping

salt and light to every tribe,
tongue, and nation

**Allegiance
to
Christ**



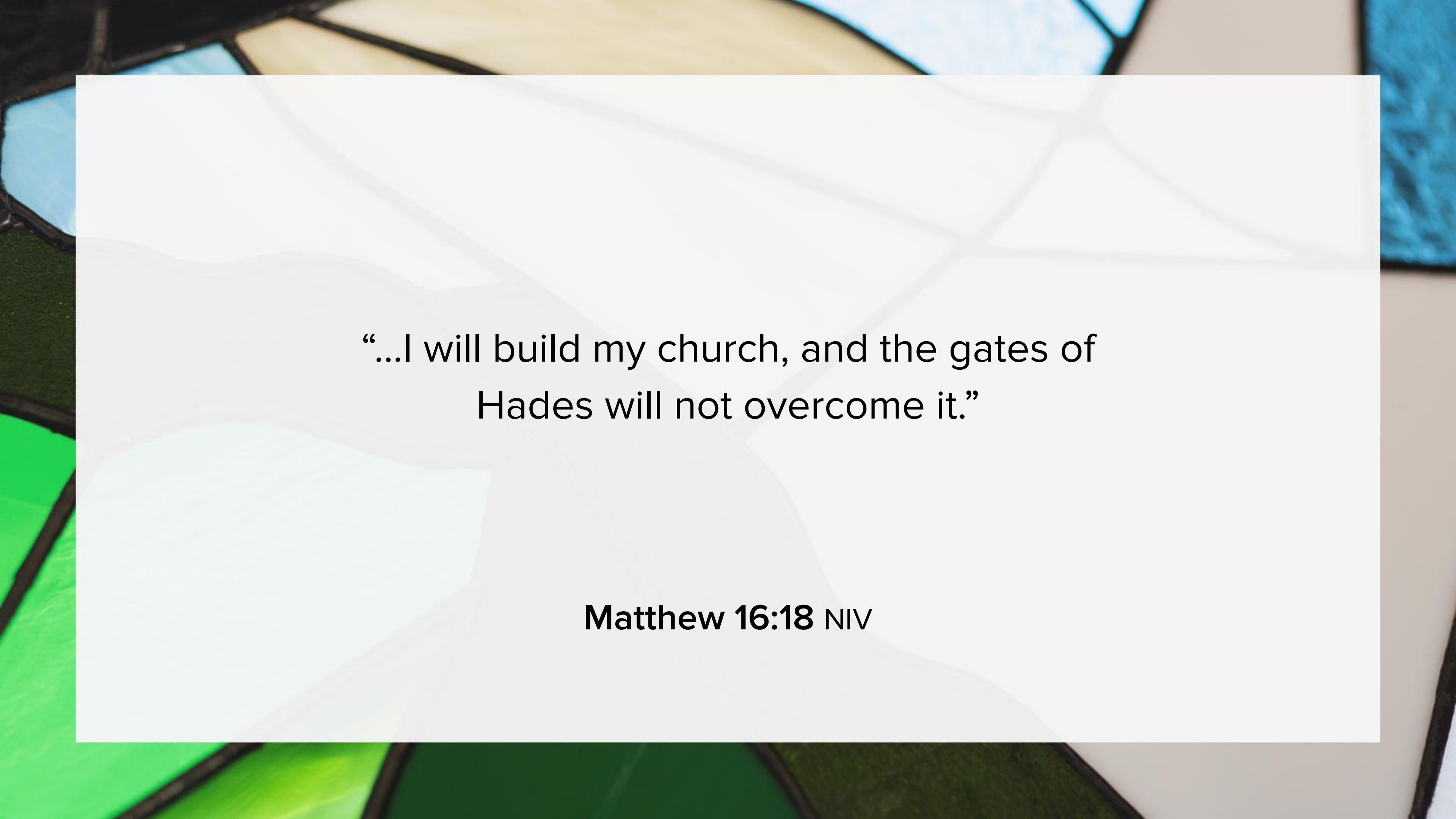
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Sacrificially Loving

giving emotional, spiritual, and
material support generously

Disciple-Making

inviting others to apprentice
Jesus

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“...I will build my church, and the gates of
Hades will not overcome it.”

Matthew 16:18 NIV

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QUESTION:

**How could we join Jesus in changing
Northwest Arkansas this week?**

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QUESTION:

**What is competing for your
allegiance and affection to Christ?**