



# Discerning the will of GOD

*How do I know if God wants me to \_\_\_\_\_?*



A low-angle photograph of a modern, multi-story brick building. The building features a prominent cylindrical tower on the right side, which has several windows. A skybridge connects different parts of the building. The sky is clear and blue. In the foreground, there are some green trees on the left. A white rectangular box with a thin black border is centered in the image, containing the text "What is the goal of bible study?".

*What is the goal of bible study?*

# In the last 12 months...

Finally Graduated

Signed with a company

Married my beautiful BFF

Found a church

Found a separate bible study

Quit company

Found a seminary

Selected a degree path

Found a part time job

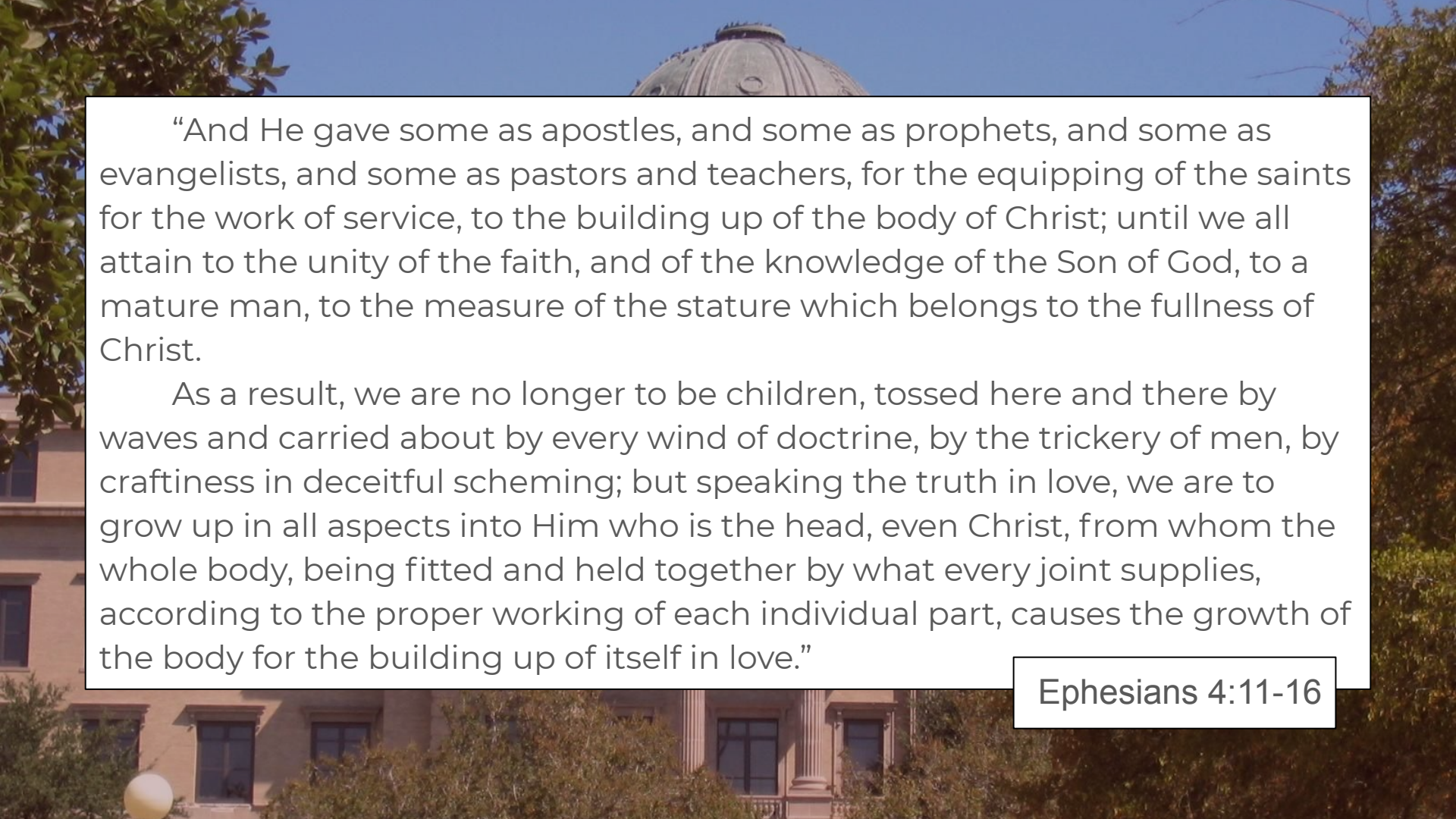
Found a new part time job

Found a new church

Quit new part time job

Selected courses for Fall

Found a new new part time job

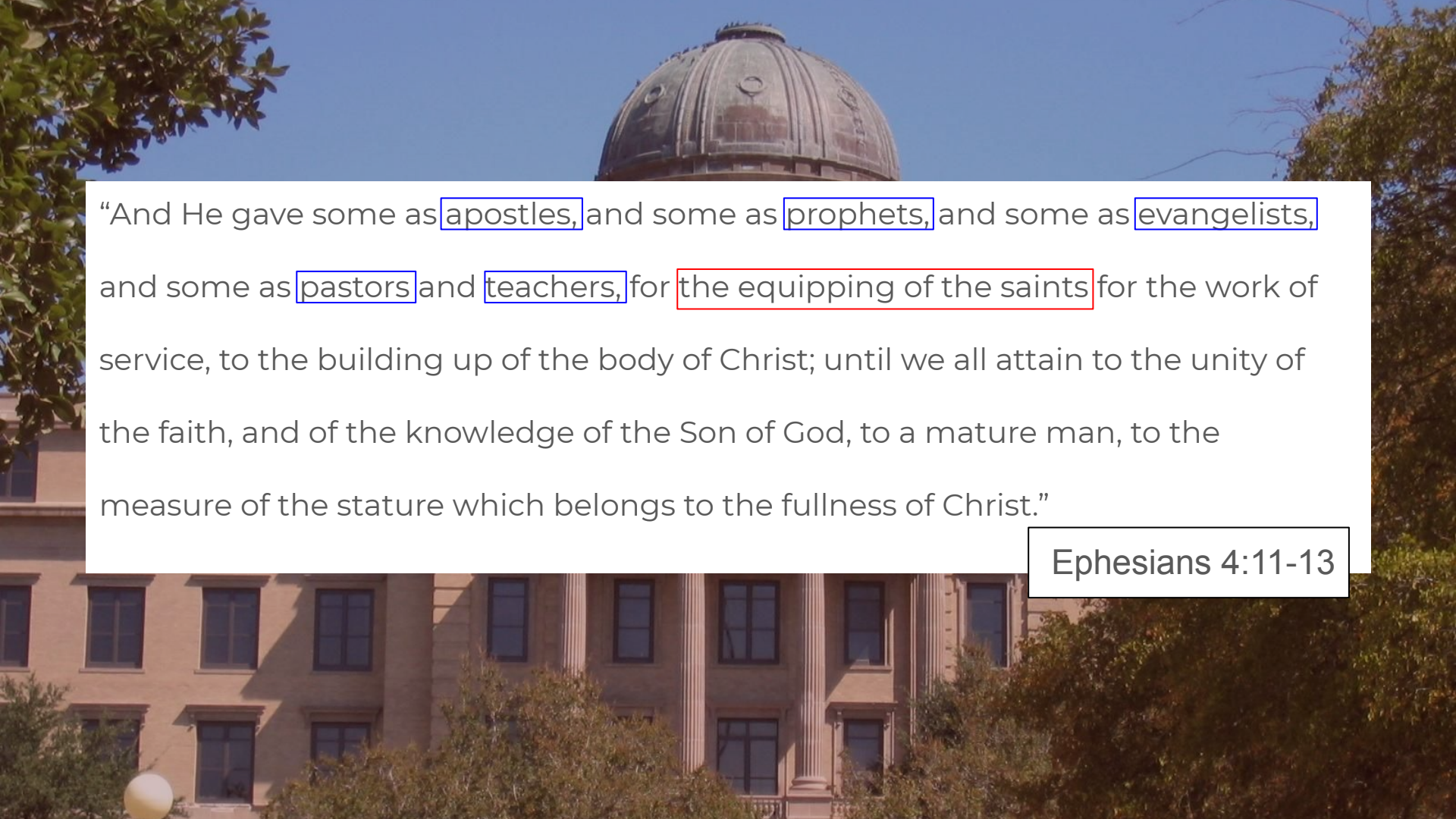
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As a result, we are no longer to be children, tossed here and there by waves and carried about by every wind of doctrine, by the trickery of men, by craftiness in deceitful scheming; but speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in all aspects into Him who is the head, even Christ, from whom the whole body, being fitted and held together by what every joint supplies, according to the proper working of each individual part, causes the growth of the body for the building up of itself in love.”

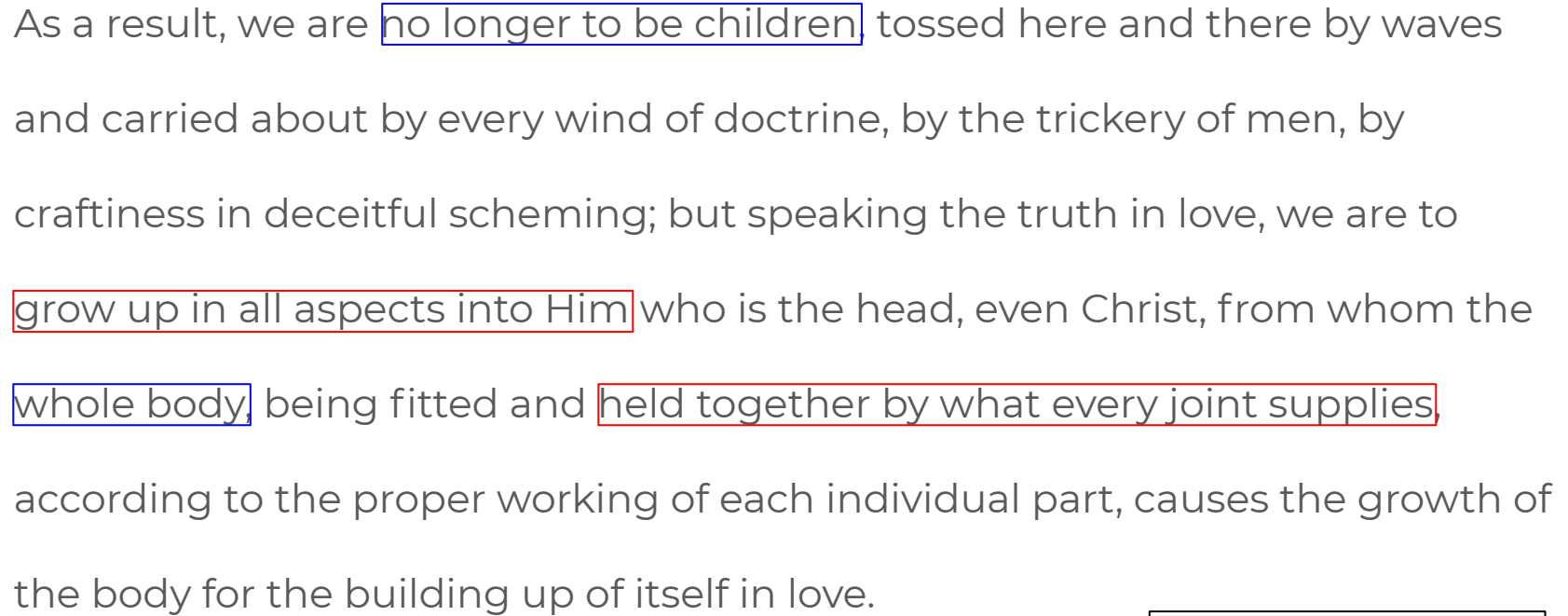
Ephesians 4:11-16





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Ephesians 4:14-16



1.

(v11) “apostles... prophets... evangelists... pastors... teachers”

(v12) “for the equipping of the saints... building up of the body”

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2.

(v14) “no longer to be children”

(v15) “grow up in all aspects into Him”

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3.

(v16) “the whole body”

(v16) “held together by what every joint supplies”





*“So how do I know if God wants me to \_\_\_\_\_?”*

*(...take a job/date this person/do this thing/go to this place/choose salsa or guac to eat with my chips?)*

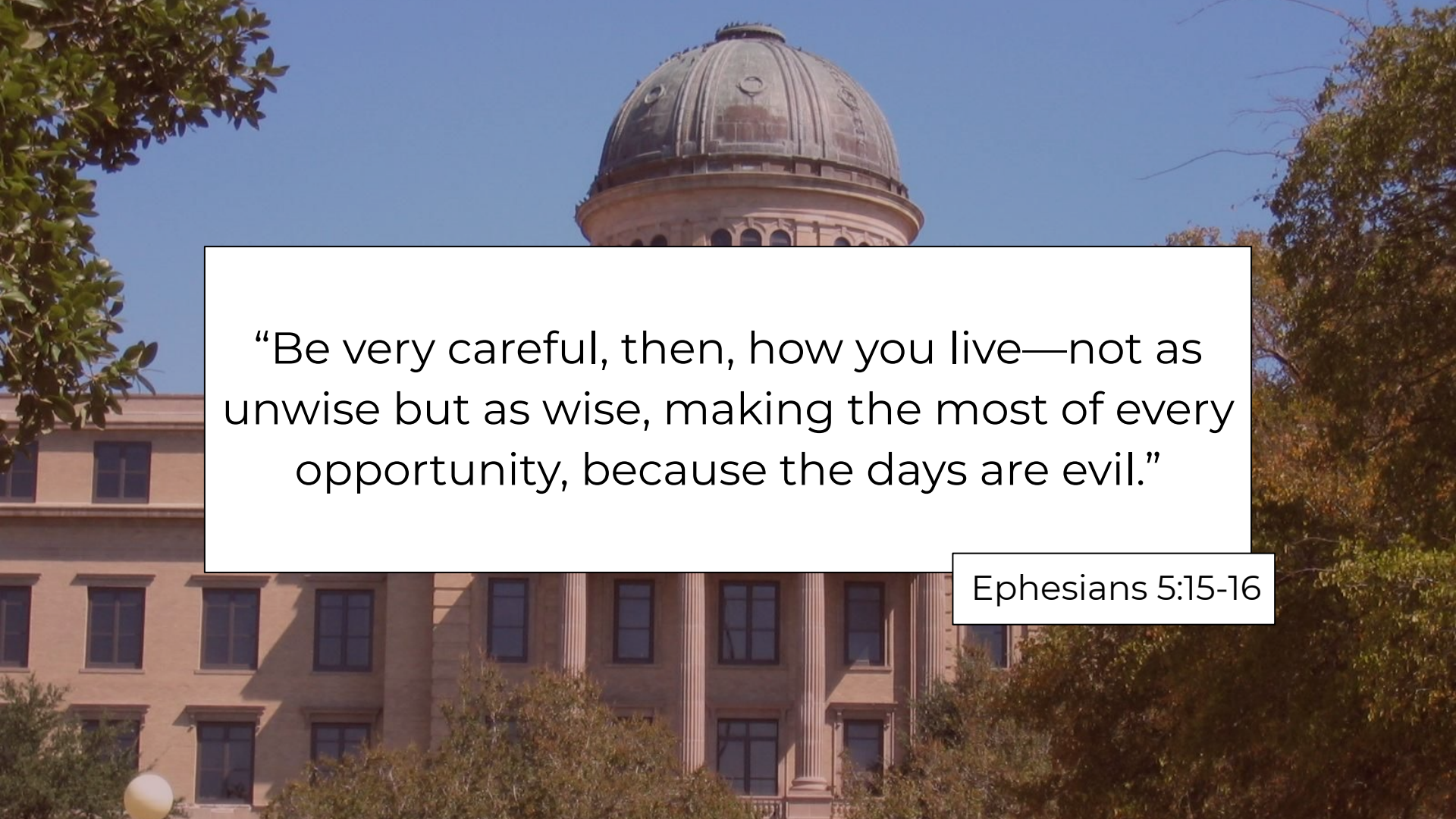


# 1. KNOW YOUR GOAL

‘Love God, Love People’

*To know Christ, Make Him known, & Help others do the same*

(Mark 12:30-31)



“Be very careful, then, how you live—not as unwise but as wise, making the most of every opportunity, because the days are evil.”

Ephesians 5:15-16



## 2. KNOW YOUR GOD

*In His Word*

*In Direct Prayer*

### 3. KNOW YOUR PEOPLE

“The mind of man plans his way,  
But the Lord directs his steps.”

Proverbs 16:9

“And let us consider how we may spur one  
another on toward love and good deeds, not  
giving up meeting together, as some are in the  
habit of doing, but encouraging one  
another—and all the more as you see the Day  
approaching.”

Heb. 10:24-25

Called for life

Luke 9:23

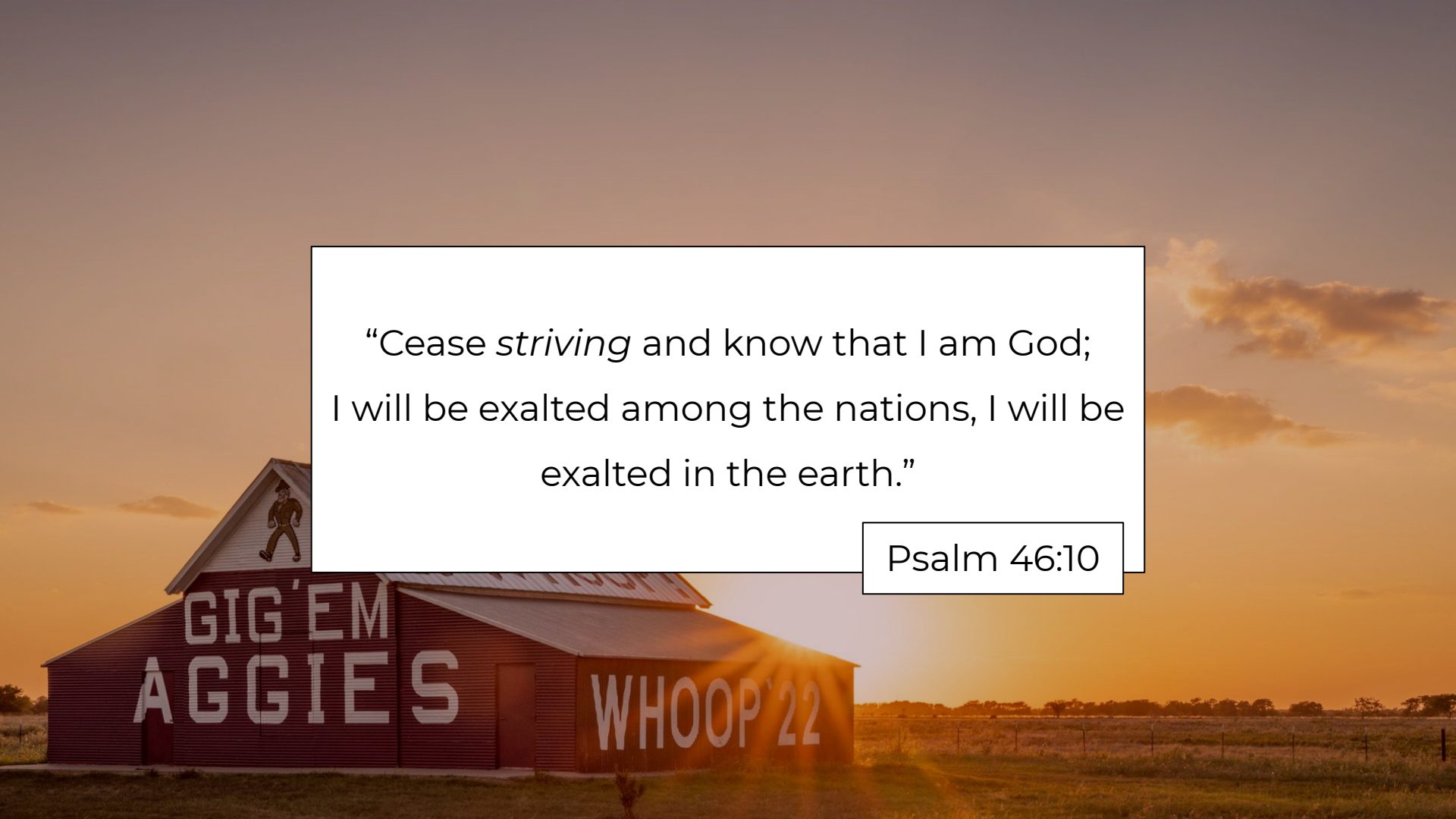
Called for a season

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Called for a single step

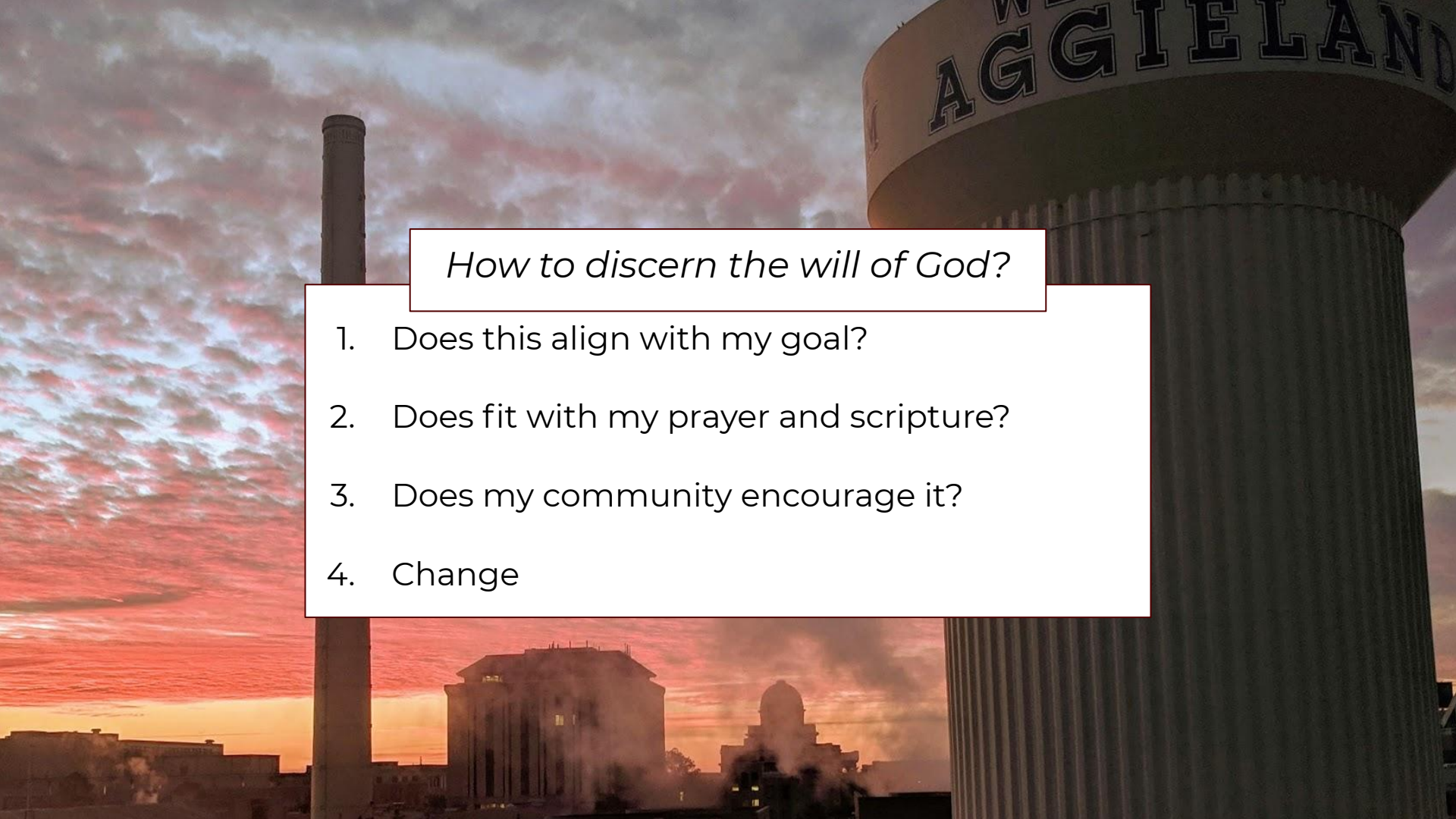
2 Cor. 5:7



A red barn with white lettering is silhouetted against a warm, orange-hued sunset sky. The barn's side features the words "GIG'EM AGGIES" in large, bold, white capital letters. To the right, on a lower section, the words "WHOOOP'22" are also painted in white. A small figure of a person is visible on the roofline of the barn. A large white rectangular box with a black border is centered over the image, containing a quote. A smaller white box with a black border is positioned to the right of the main text box, containing the reference "Psalm 46:10".

“Cease *striving* and know that I am God;  
I will be exalted among the nations, I will be  
exalted in the earth.”

Psalm 46:10

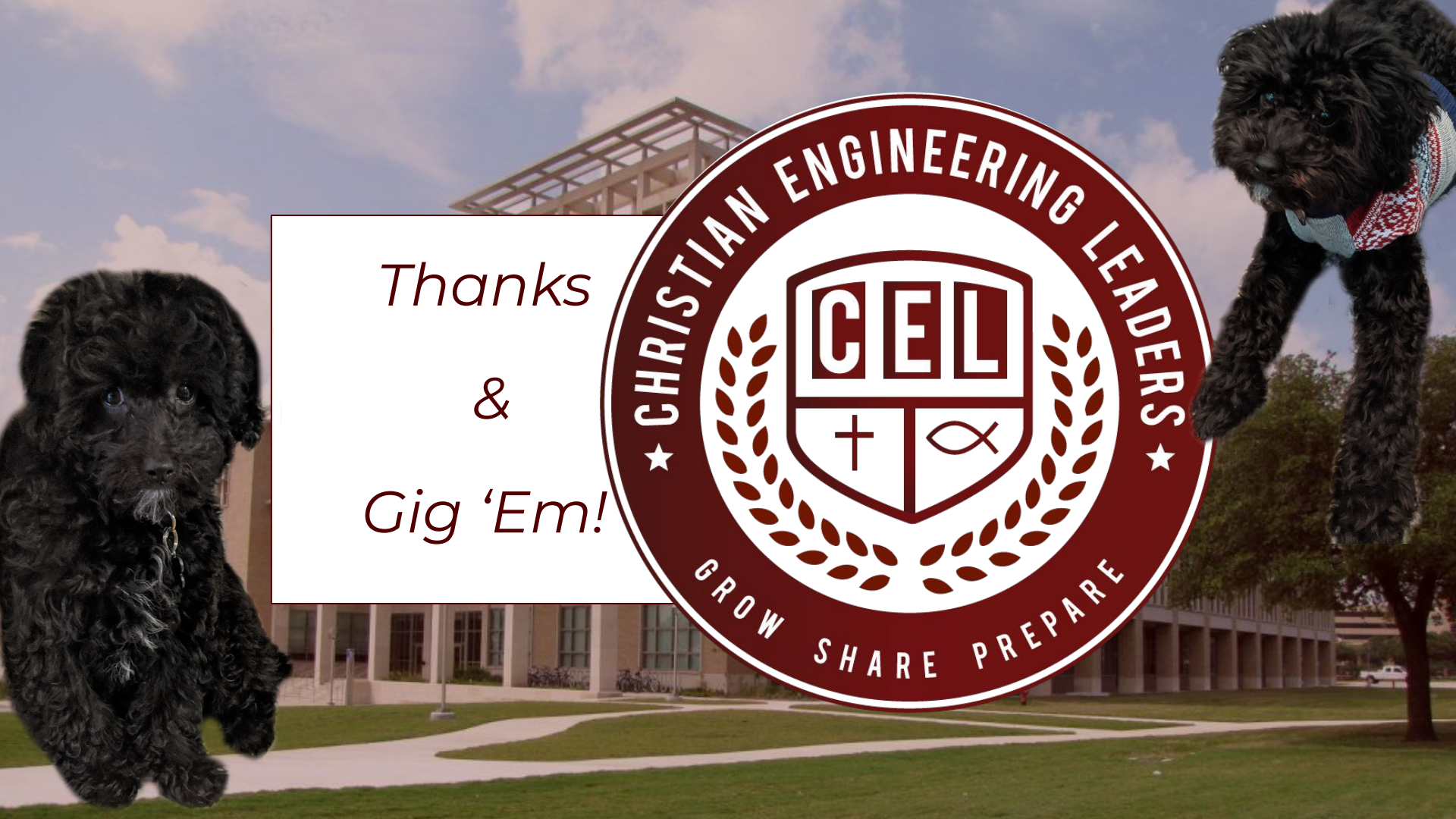
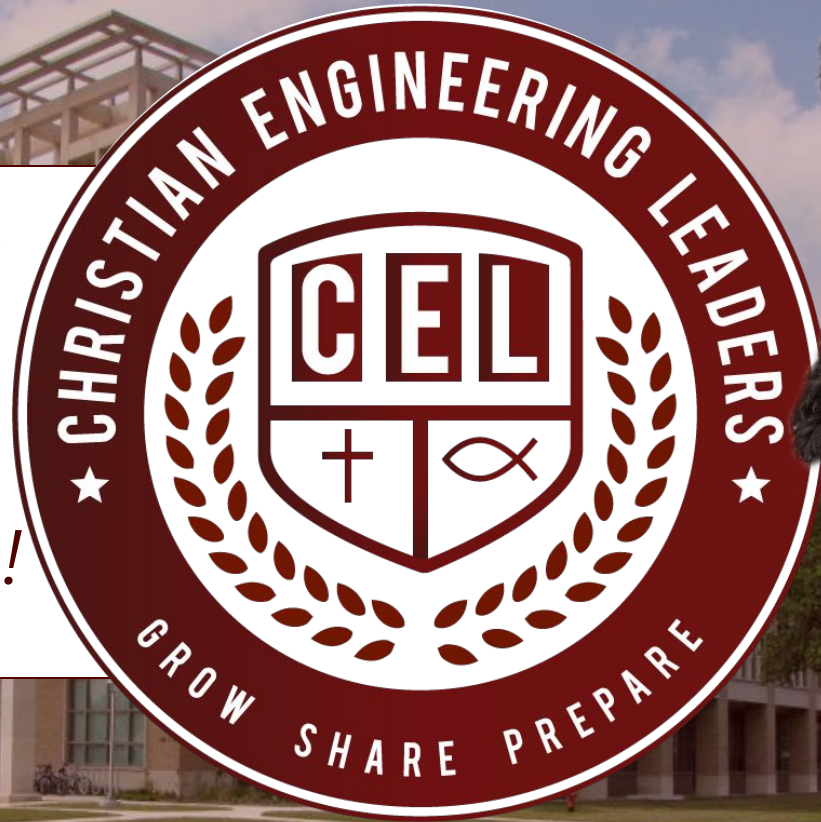
The background image shows a sunset or sunrise over a city. On the right, a large water tower with the word "AGGIELAND" on its top is visible. On the left, a tall industrial smokestack stands. In the center, a large building with a dome, likely a state capitol, is silhouetted against the bright orange and red sky. The sky is filled with clouds that catch the low light of the sun.

## *How to discern the will of God?*

1. Does this align with my goal?
2. Does fit with my prayer and scripture?
3. Does my community encourage it?
4. Change



*Thanks  
&  
Gig 'Em!*



# Further Questions

<https://www.gotquestions.org/spiritual-gifts-list.html>