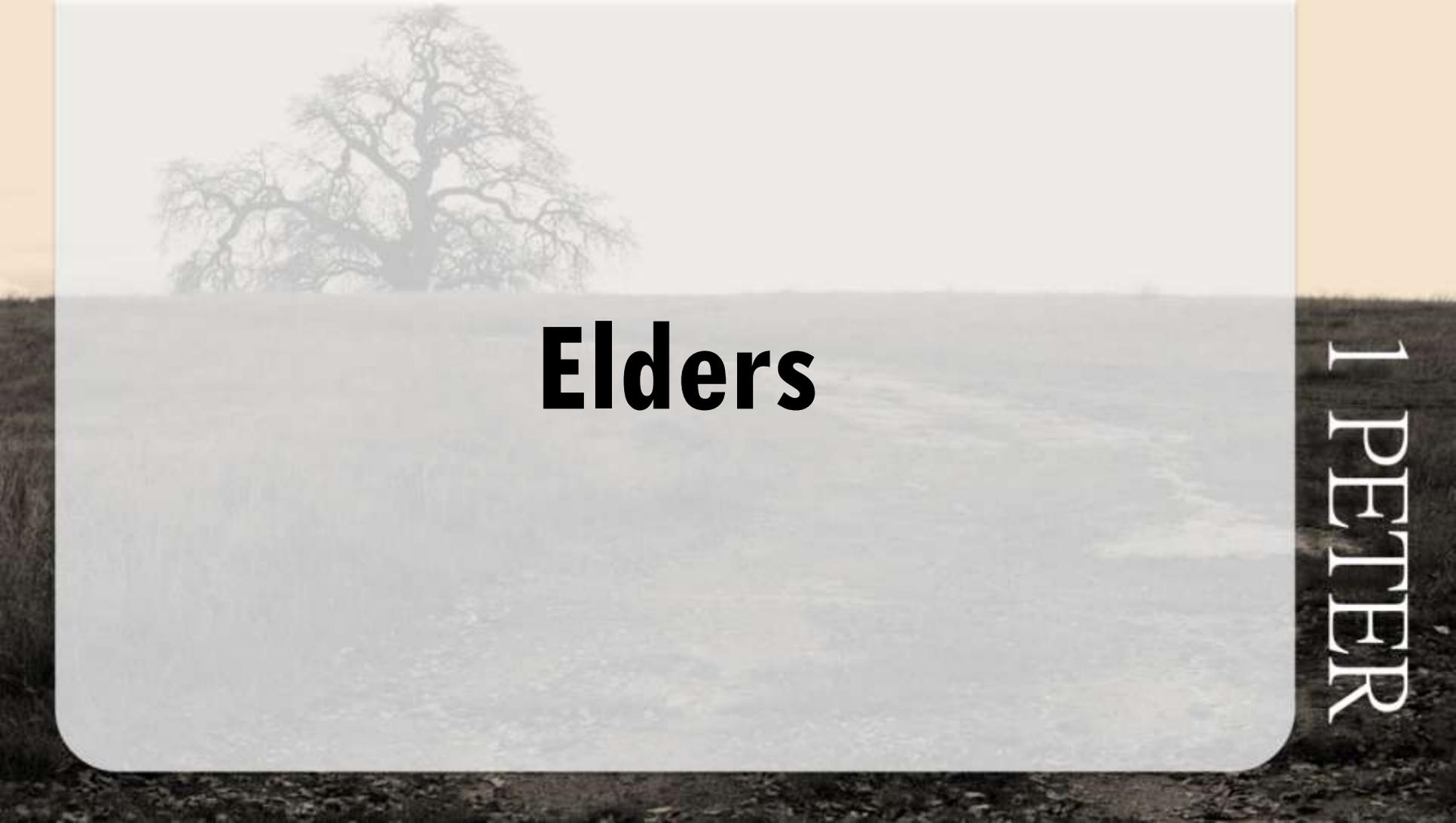
A landscape photograph featuring a large, leafless tree on the left side, silhouetted against a pale, hazy sky. A dirt path or road winds through a field of tall grass and brush, leading towards the horizon. The overall tone is somber and contemplative.

hope in exile

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A large, leafless tree stands in a misty, open landscape. The tree is the central focus, with its intricate branches reaching out against a pale, overcast sky. The ground is a flat, open field, and the overall atmosphere is quiet and somewhat somber. The image is used as a background for a presentation slide.

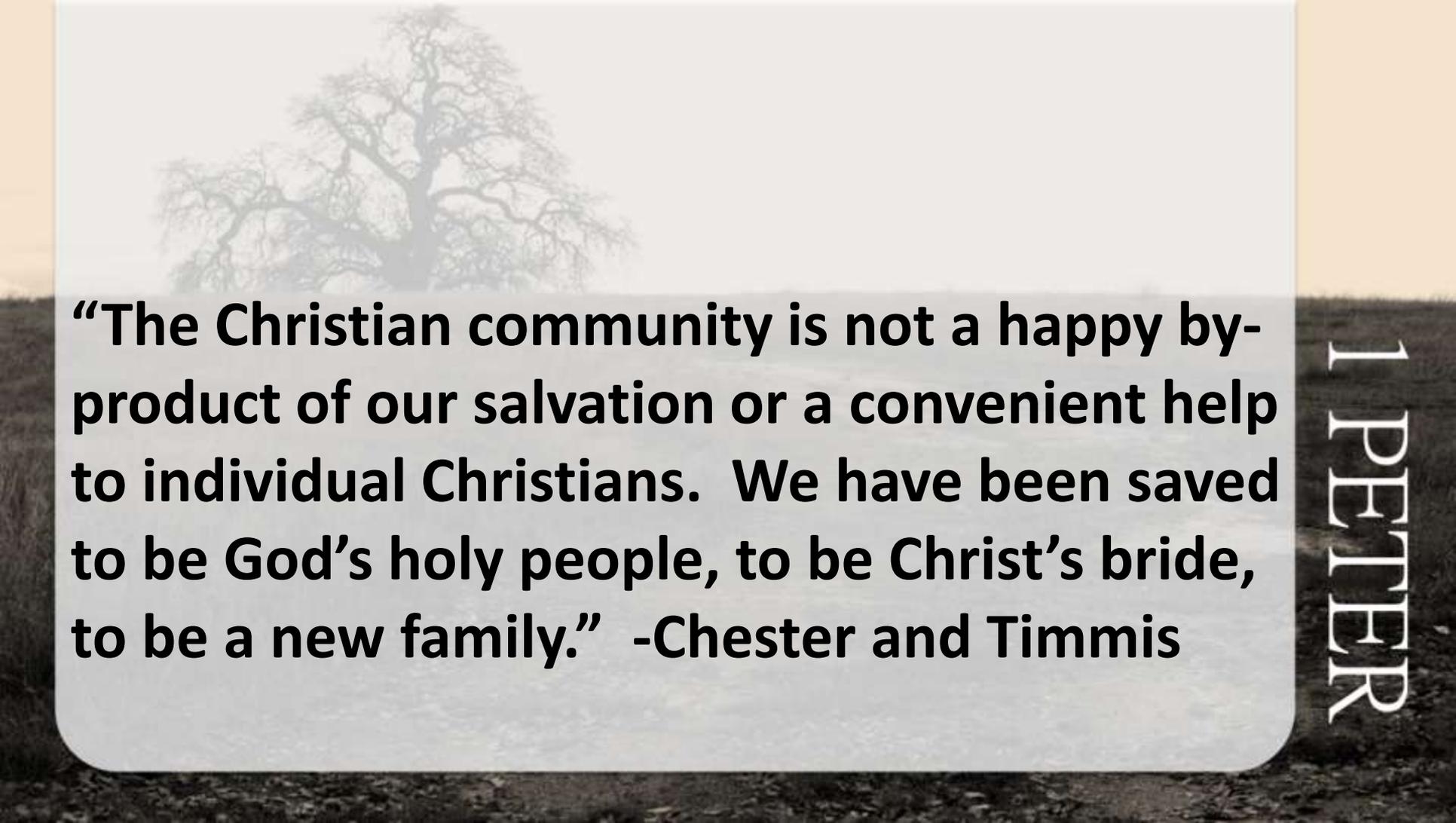
Elders

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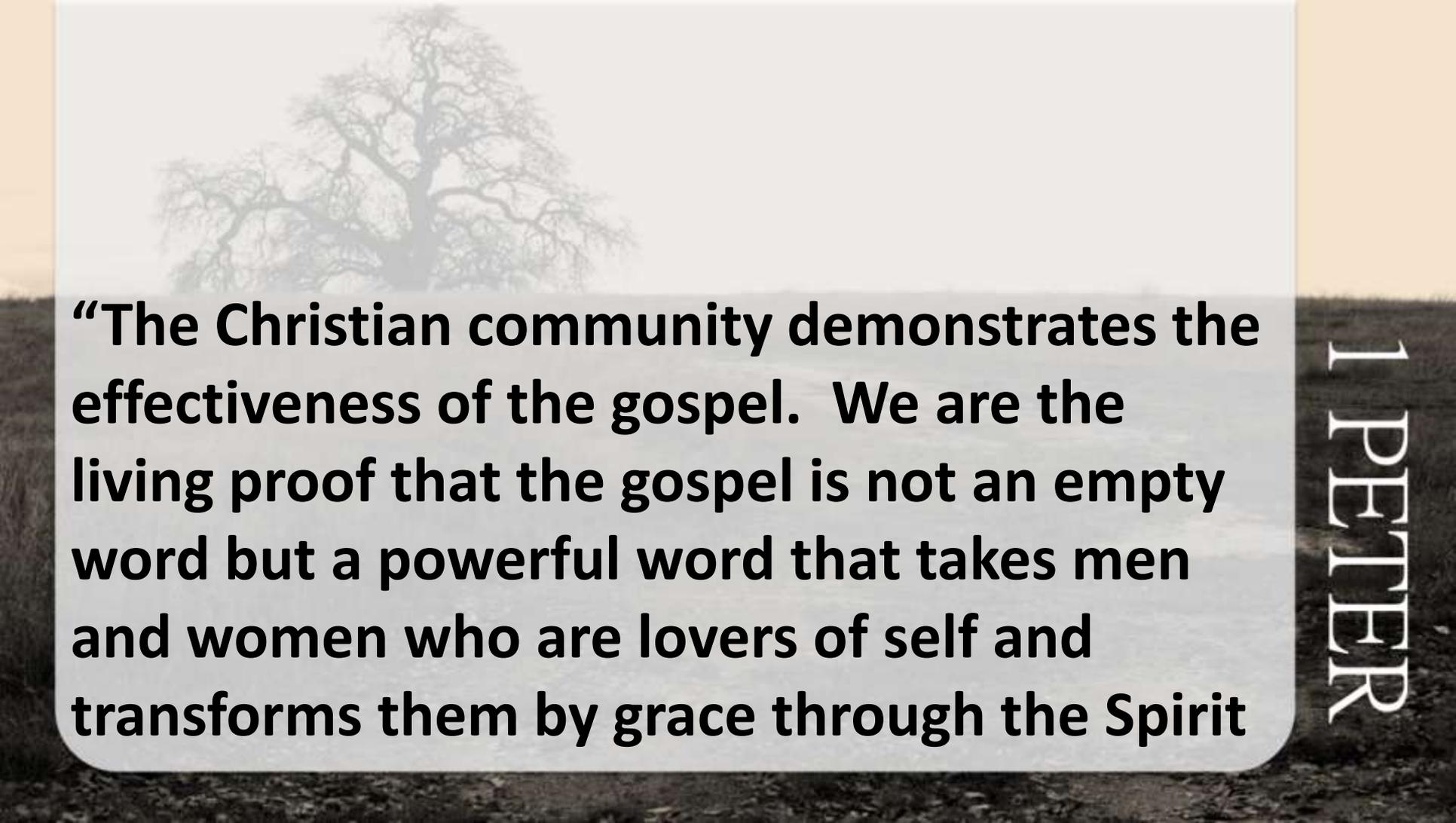
Church

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A large, leafless tree stands in a misty, hazy landscape. The tree is the central focus, with its intricate branches reaching out. The background is a soft, greyish-white mist that obscures the horizon. The overall mood is quiet and contemplative.

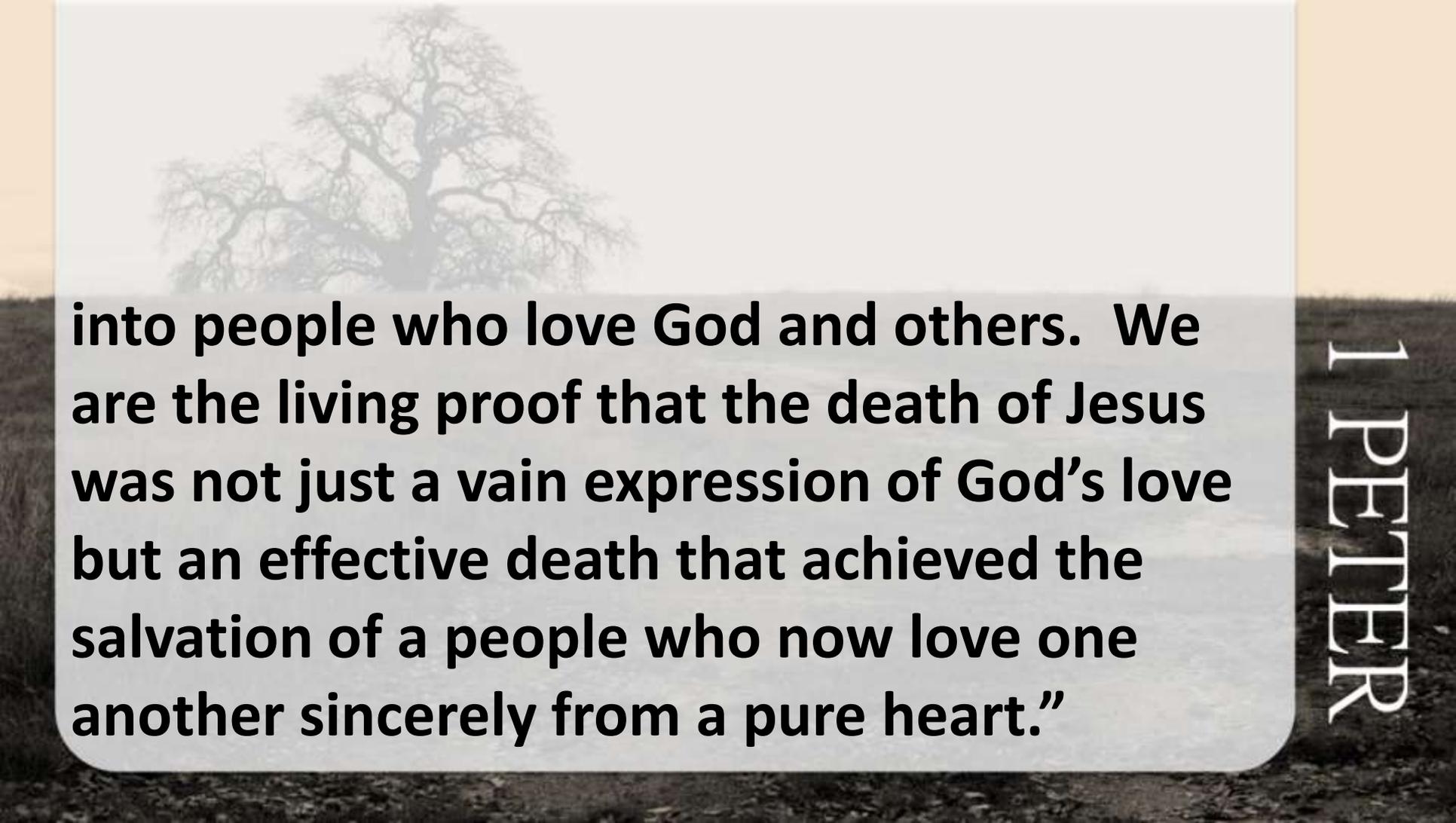
“The Christian community is not a happy by-product of our salvation or a convenient help to individual Christians. We have been saved to be God’s holy people, to be Christ’s bride, to be a new family.” -Chester and Timmis

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“The Christian community demonstrates the effectiveness of the gospel. We are the living proof that the gospel is not an empty word but a powerful word that takes men and women who are lovers of self and transforms them by grace through the Spirit

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into people who love God and others. We are the living proof that the death of Jesus was not just a vain expression of God's love but an effective death that achieved the salvation of a people who now love one another sincerely from a pure heart."

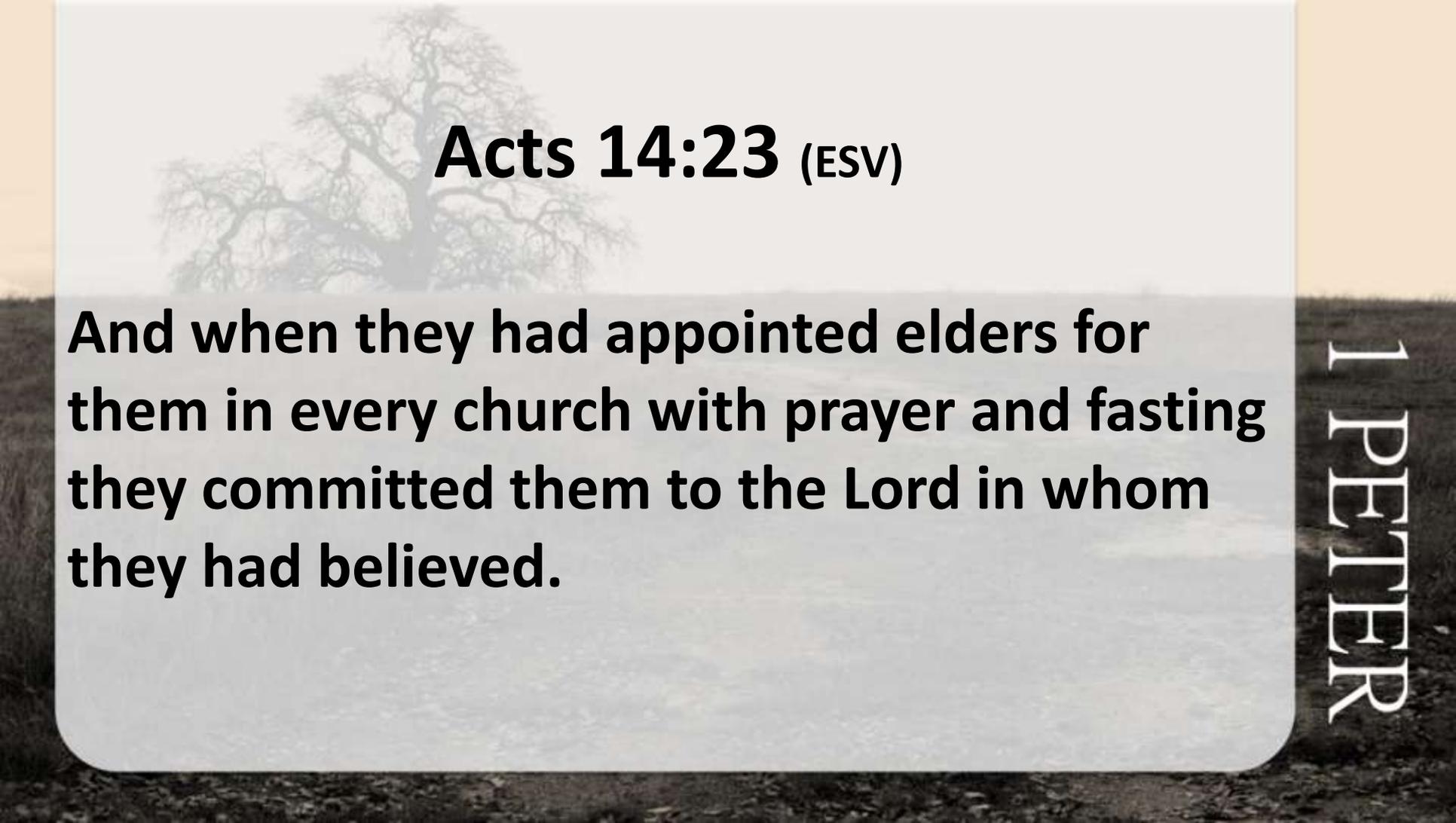
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1 Peter 5:1-5 (ESV)

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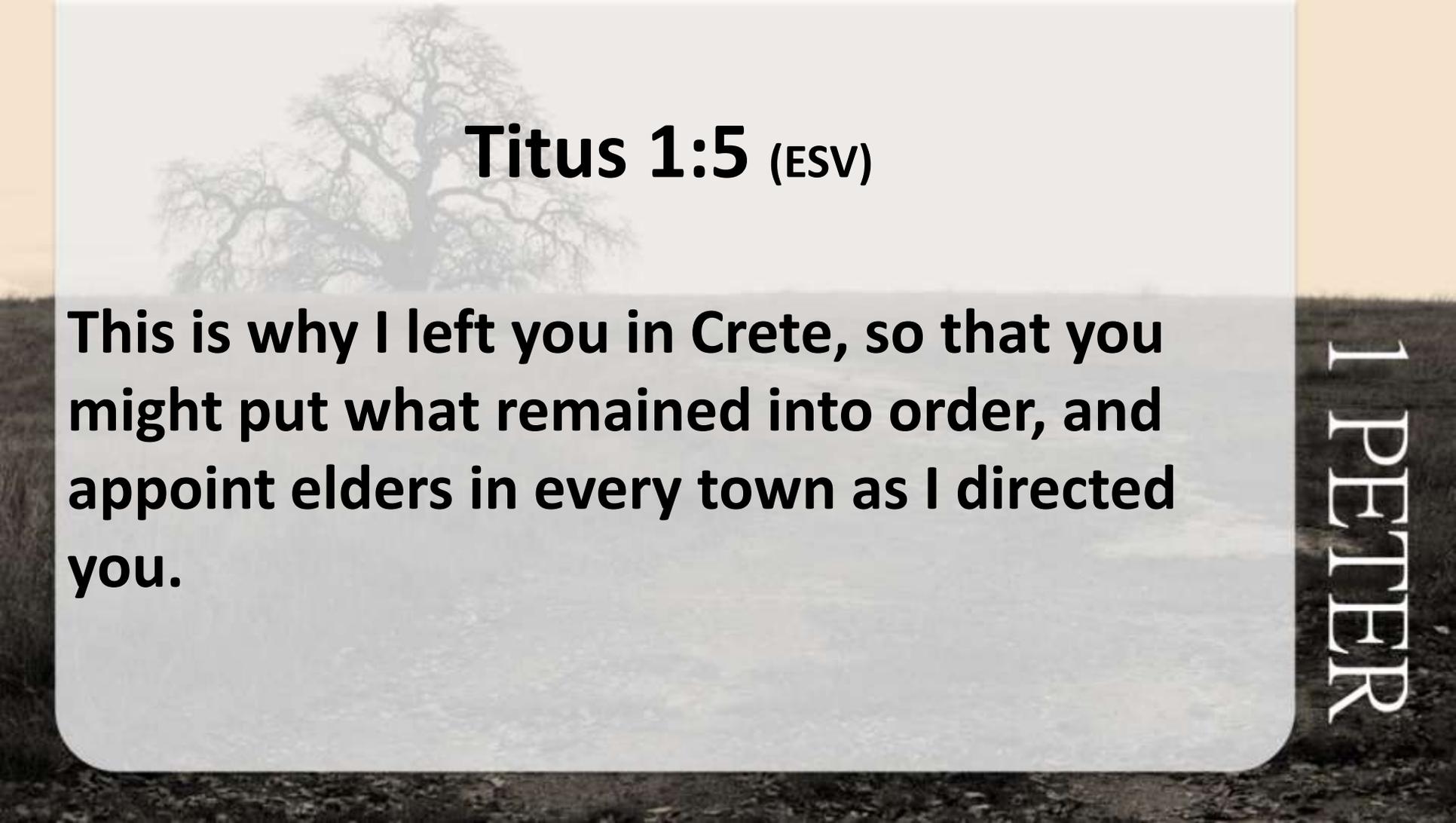
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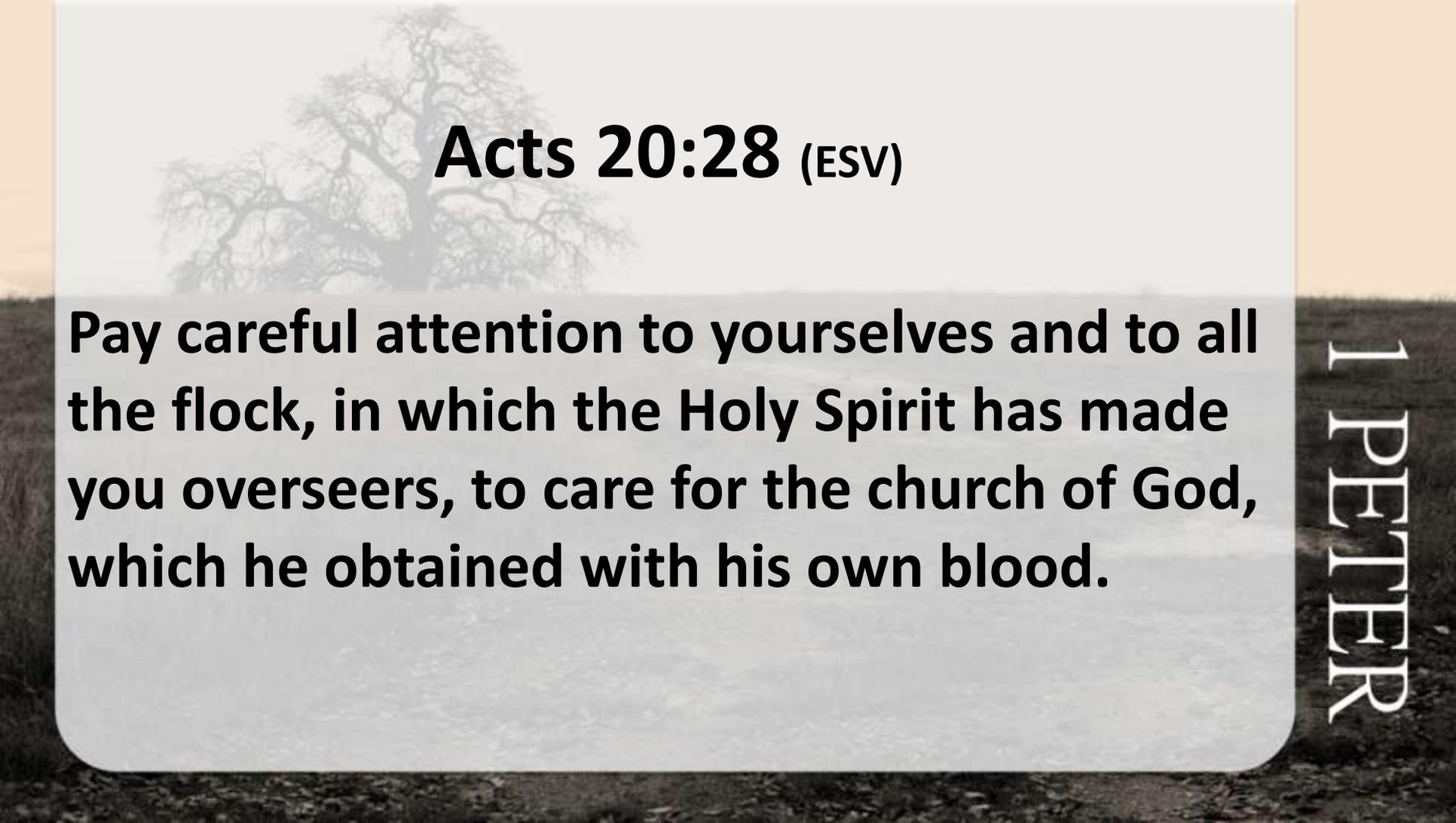
Acts 14:23 (ESV)

And when they had appointed elders for them in every church with prayer and fasting they committed them to the Lord in whom they had believed.



Titus 1:5 (ESV)

This is why I left you in Crete, so that you might put what remained into order, and appoint elders in every town as I directed you.

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Acts 20:28 (ESV)

Pay careful attention to yourselves and to all the flock, in which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to care for the church of God, which he obtained with his own blood.



What do Elders do?

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What type of people are elders?

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Does Church on Mill have Elders?

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