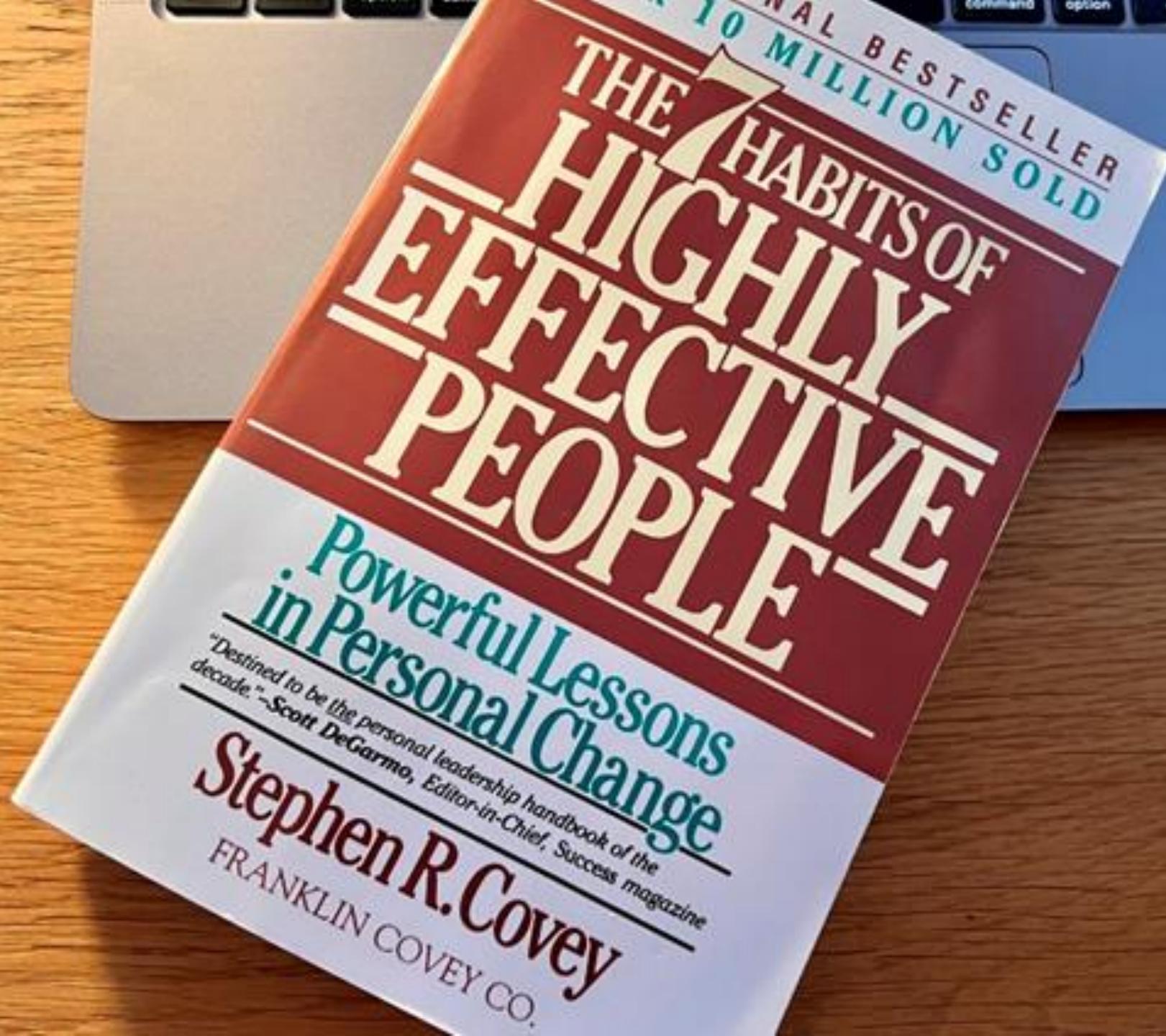




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**“seven angels”**

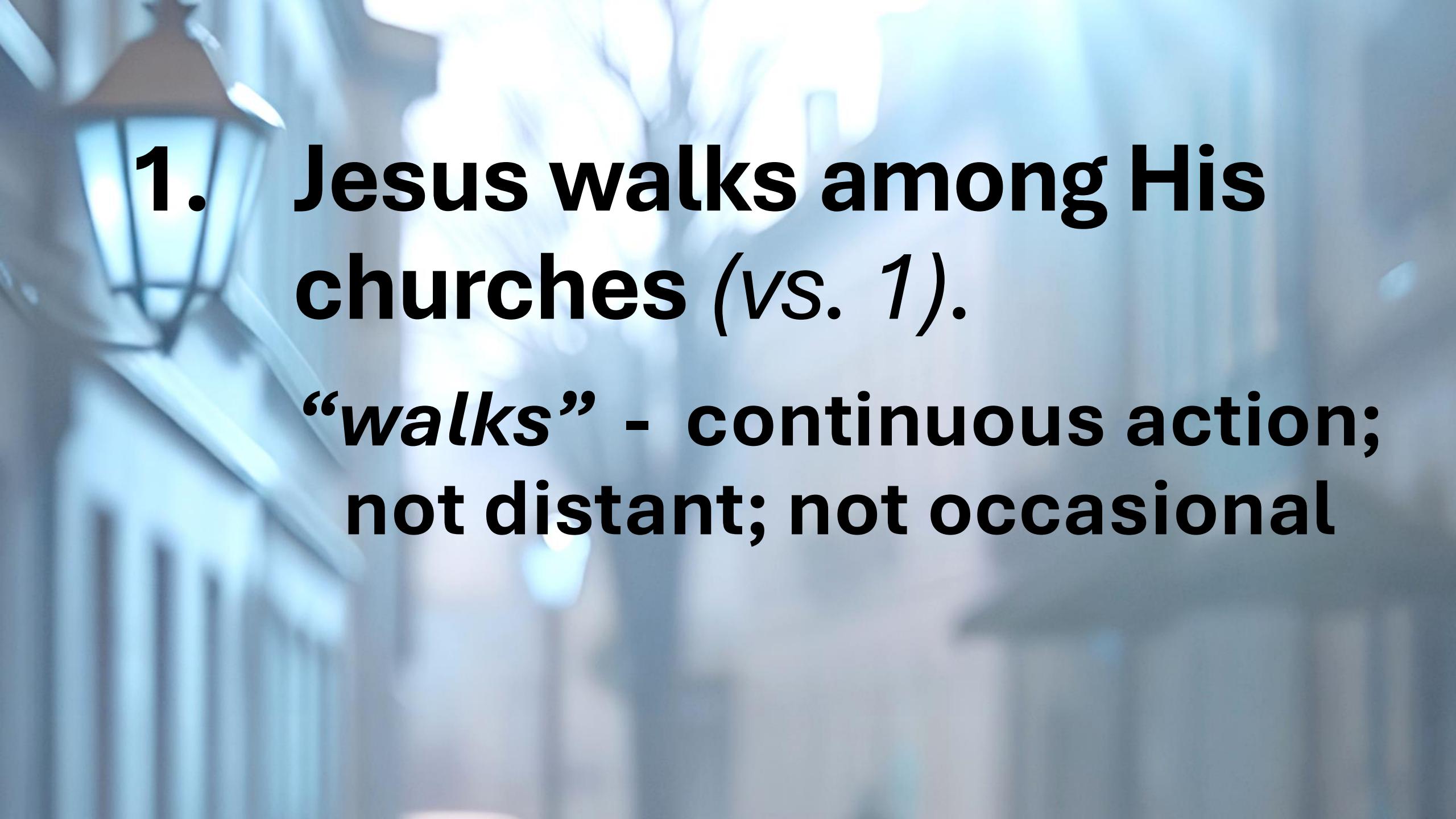
***angelos* - messenger;  
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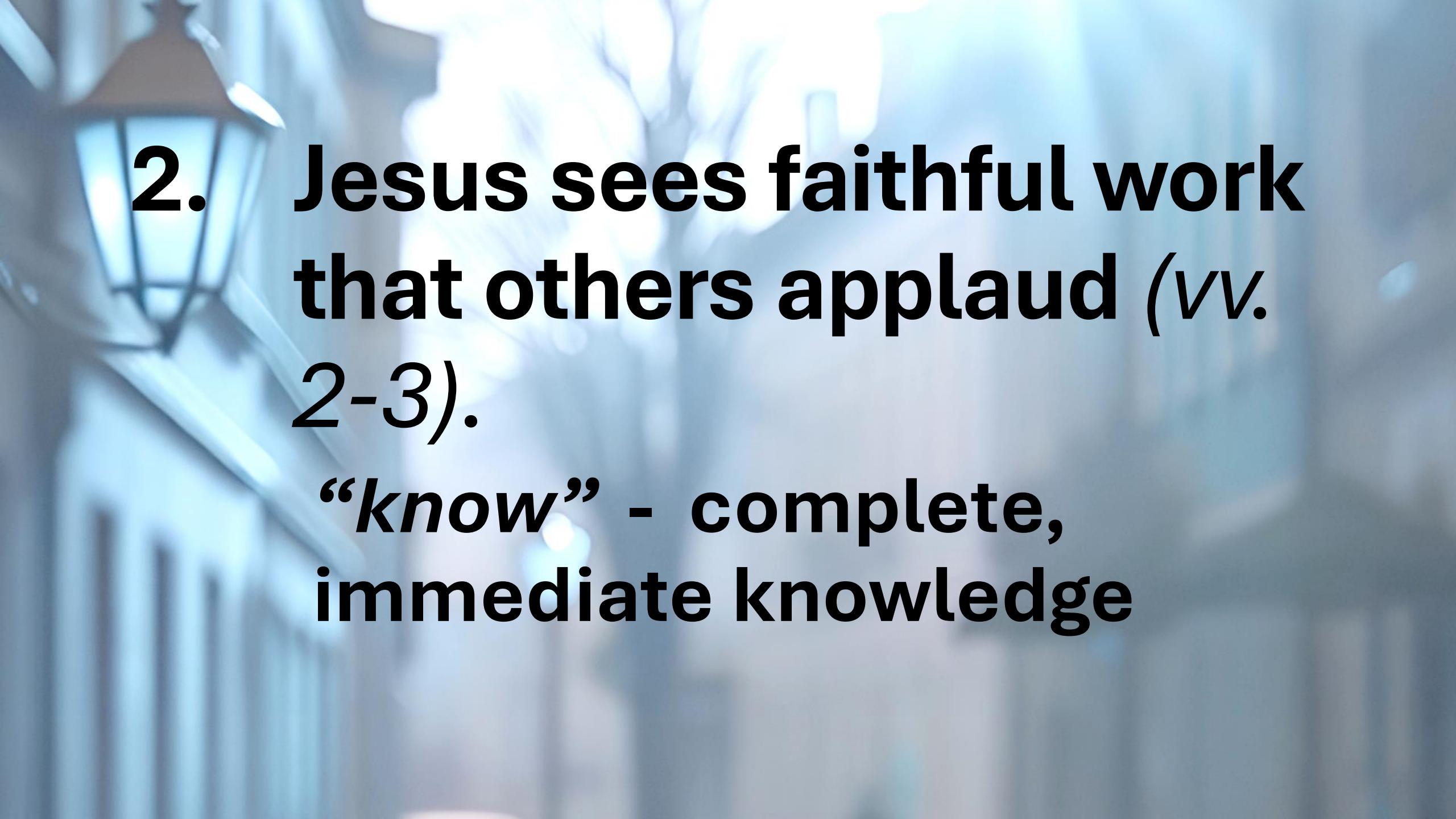
- A premier church founded by Paul (Acts 19)
- Pastored by Timothy
- Influenced by the Apostle John
- A city of commerce, culture, and pagan worship
- Spiritually mature and theologically sharp

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1. Jesus walks among His churches (vs. 1).

**“walks”** - continuous action;  
not distant; not occasional



2. Jesus sees faithful work  
that others applaud (vv.  
2-3).

**“know”** - complete,  
immediate knowledge

### 3. Jesus addresses what only He can see (vs. 4).

**“left”** - deliberate release;  
gradual neglect; unattended drift

They didn’t stop believing,  
they didn’t stop serving...  
they stopped loving deeply.

# They slowly replaced intimacy with activity.

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- A church can be theologically right and relationally cold.
- Doing things for Jesus can quietly replace loving Jesus.



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not the ones that do the  
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## 4. Jesus calls for a relational reset (vv. 5-6).

- *Remember*
- *Repent*
- *Return*



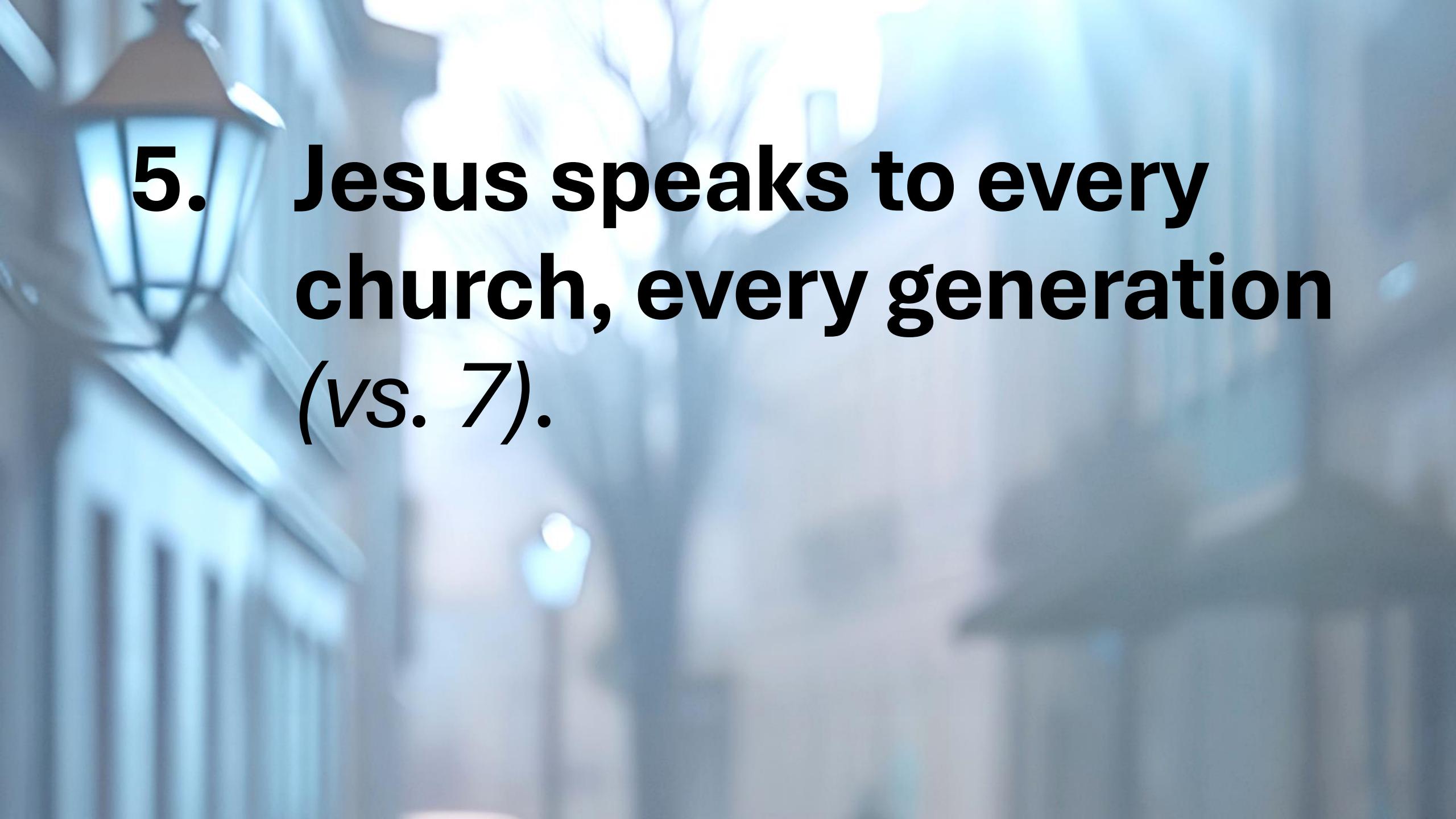
**WARNING!**

A church can  
keep its building  
but lose its glory

***QUICKLY!***



Habit #1  
**A Passion for God**  
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**5. Jesus speaks to every church, every generation (vs. 7).**



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# Take Home Truths

- 1. Am I doing things for Jesus but not being with Jesus?**
- 2. What once stirred my love for Christ that I've slowly let go?**
- 3. What would “returning” look like this week?**

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**Simple practice: 10 minutes a day**

**No multitasking**

**Open Bible; open heart**

**One prayer: “Jesus, help  
me love YOU again.”**



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