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ANNUAL COUNCIL 2026

# President's Report

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# The Early Church Grew
# God's Church

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**ACTS 1:14, 15**

In the upper room – 120 women and others

**ACTS 2:41**

Three thousand souls baptized on the day of Pentecost

**ACTS 2:46**

And the Lord added to the church daily

**ACTS 5:14**

And believers were increasingly added... multitudes of men and women...

**ACTS 11:24**

And a great many people were added...

**ACTS 16:5**

So the churches were strengthened... and increased in number daily.

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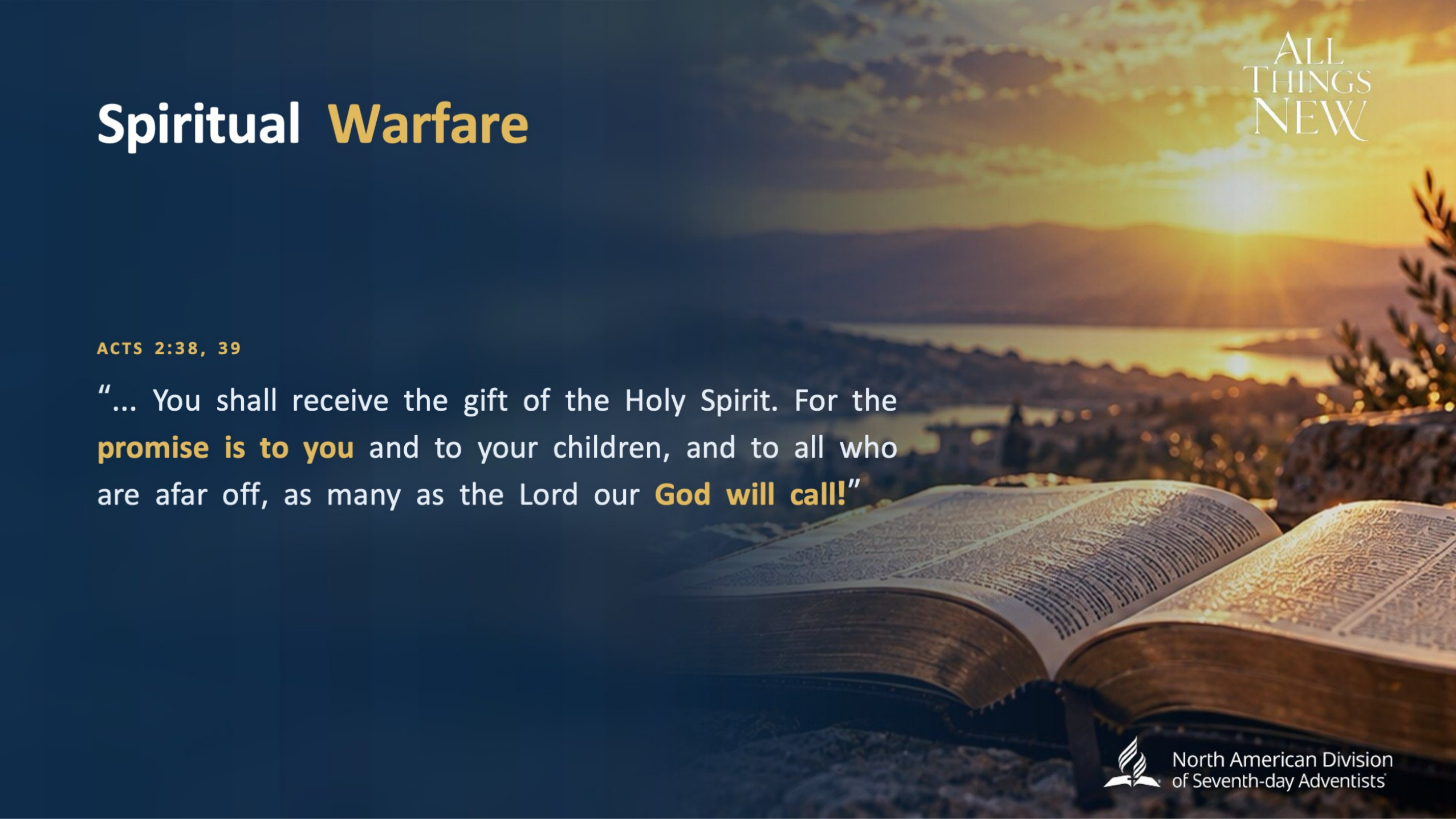
# Spiritual Warfare

ACTS 2:38, 39

"... You shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. For the **promise is to you** and to your children, and to all who are afar off, as many as the Lord our **God will call!**"



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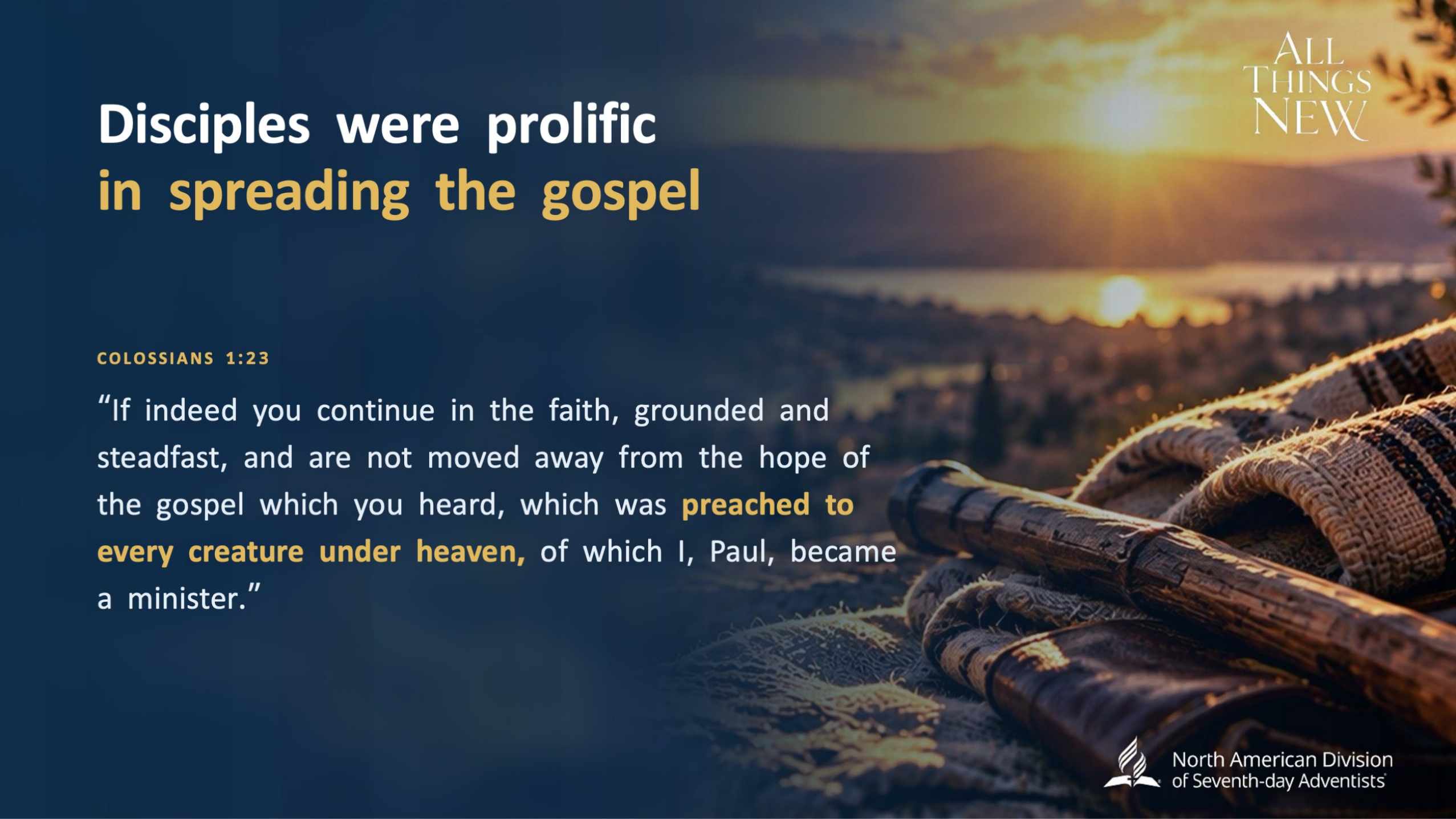
# Disciples were prolific in spreading the gospel



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**COLOSSIANS 1:23**

"If indeed you continue in the faith, grounded and steadfast, and are not moved away from the hope of the gospel which you heard, which was **preached to every creature under heaven,** of which I, Paul, became a minister."

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# Church Was Not Perfect but Holy Spirit-Led

**ACTS 6:1**

The dispute between the Hebrew women and the Grecian women

**ACTS 15:1**

Dispute over circumcision, over meat being offered to idols



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**Perfection is not a requirement of the Holy Spirit, but unity of purpose is.**

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# God Uses Circumstances to Move His Church

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**ACTS 1:8**

"But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and **you shall be witnesses to Me** in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth."




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# God Uses Circumstances to Move His Church

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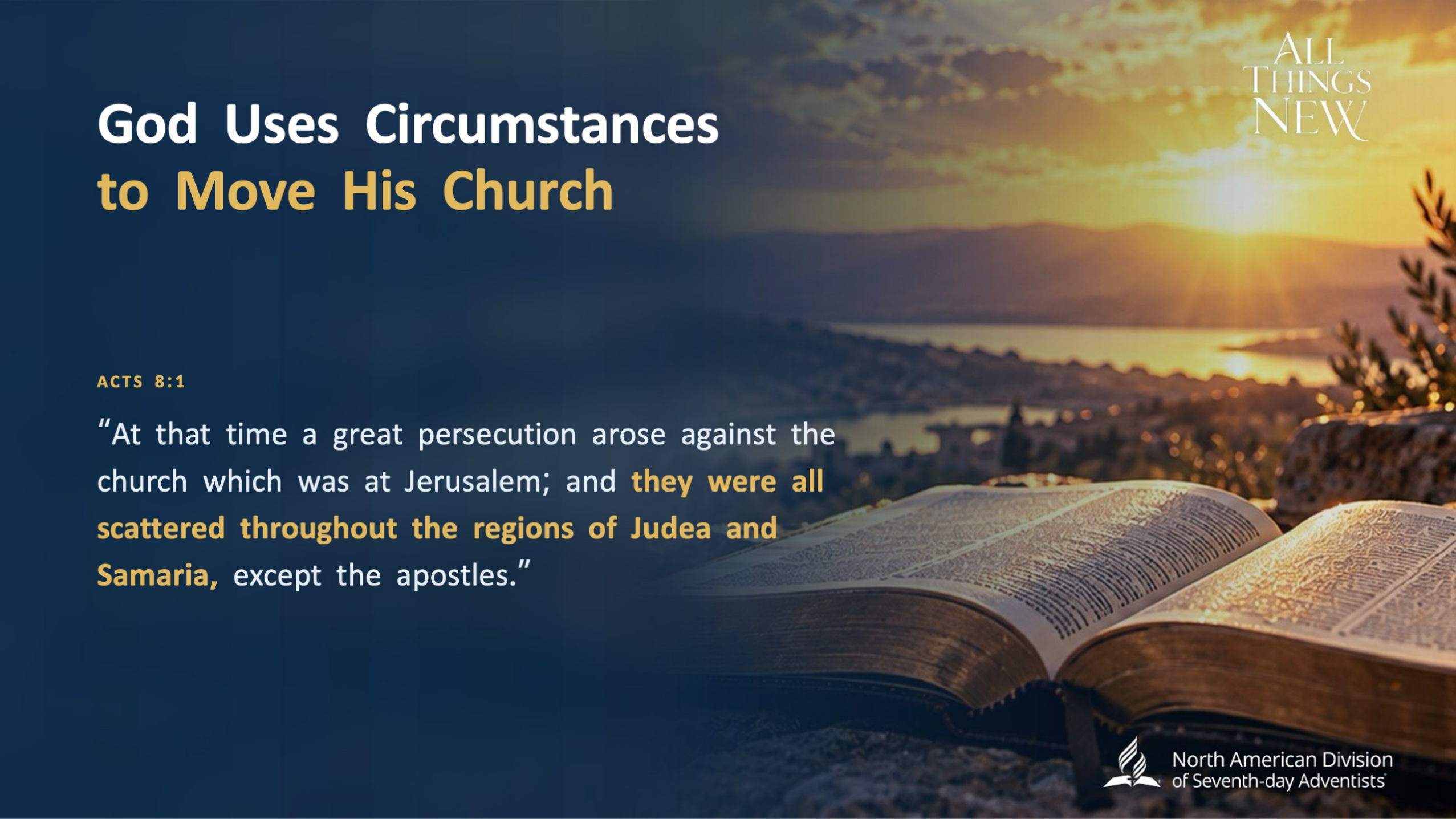
**ACTS 8:1**

"At that time a great persecution arose against the church which was at Jerusalem; and **they were all scattered throughout the regions of Judea and Samaria,** except the apostles."



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Following Every High
Point, There Is an Attack!



THE HIGH POINT

# Elijah on Mount Carmel



THE ATTACK

# Elijah under the Juniper Tree





THE HIGH POINT

# Jesus at His Baptism



THE ATTACK

# Jesus in the Wilderness





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# Jesus Feeds the 5,000



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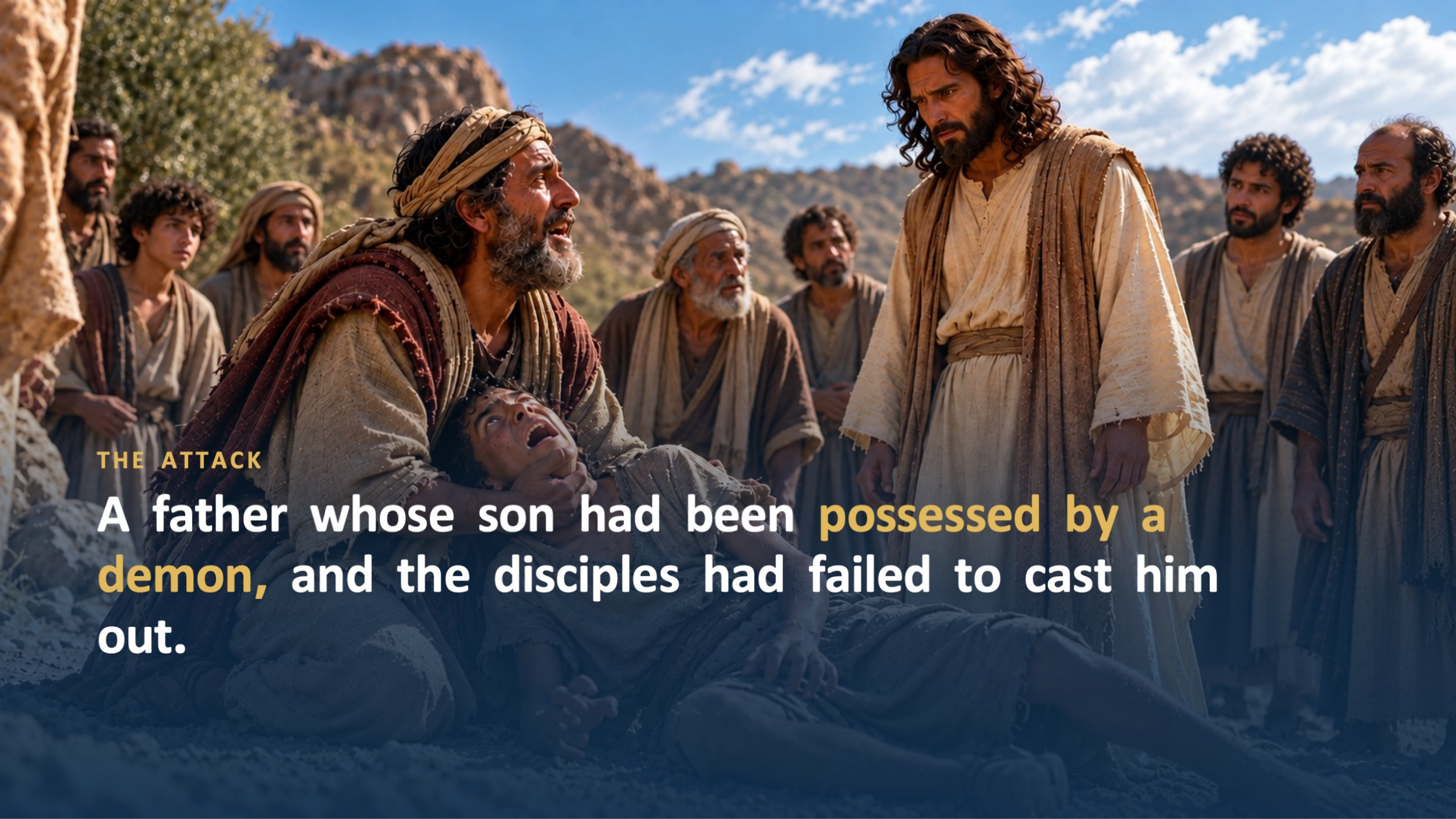
# The Storm on the Sea of Galilee




THE HIGH POINT
Jesus on the Mount of Transfiguration



THE ATTACK

A father whose son had been possessed by a demon, and the disciples had failed to cast him out.





THE HIGH POINT

# The Triumphal Entry into Jerusalem



THE ATTACK

# Days Later, the Crowd Cries, “Crucify Him!”




PENTECOST
2025
THREE THOUSAND PROCLAMATION INITIATIVES

# The Fiery Trial



1 PETER 4:12-13

"Beloved, do not think it strange concerning the fiery trial which is to try you, as though some strange thing happened to you, but rejoice that you partake in Christ's sufferings."

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# If God Be for Us

ROMANS 8:31

"What shall we say to these things? If God be for us, who can be against us?"



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# No Weapon Formed Against You

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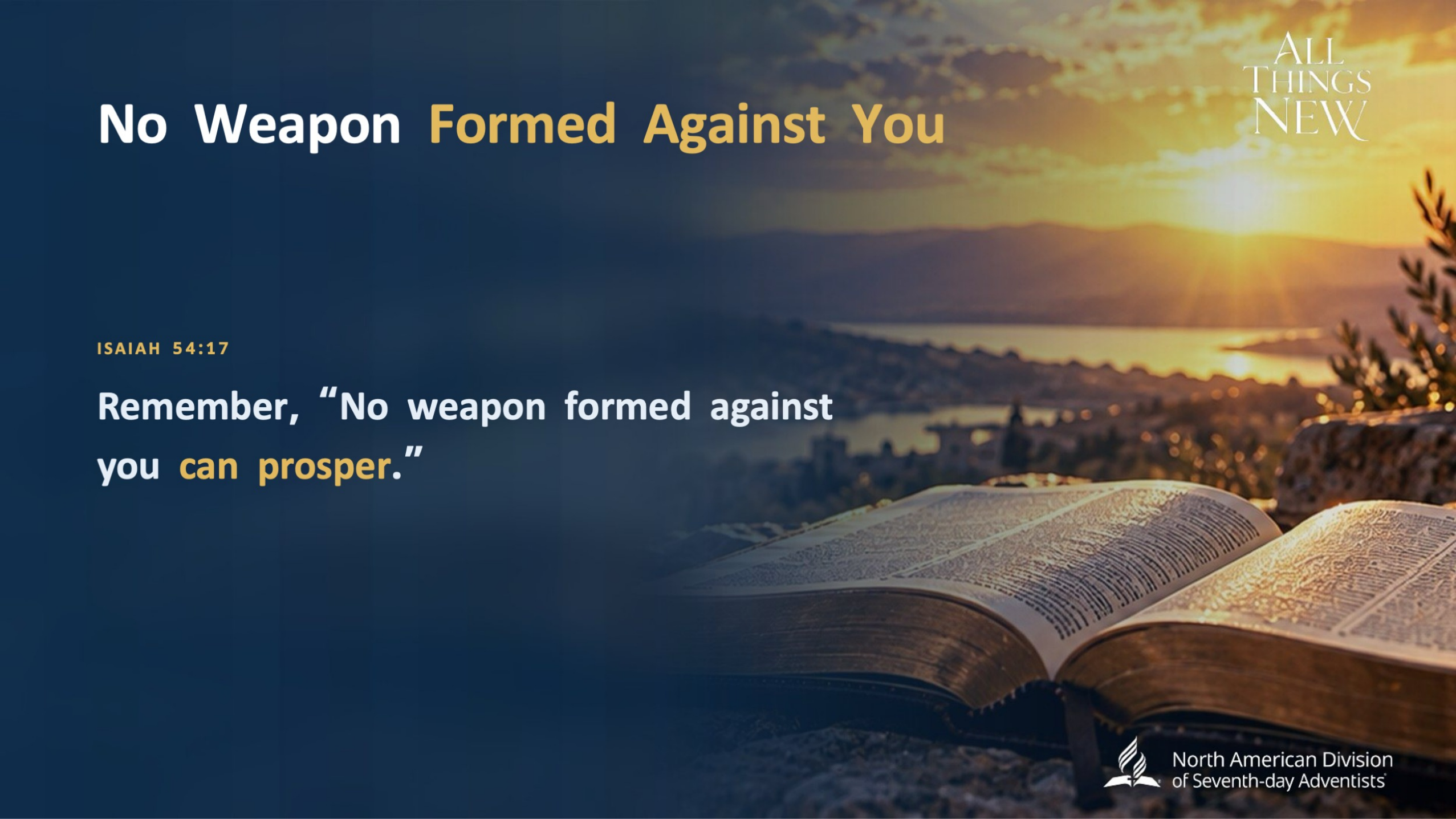
ISAIAH 54:17

Remember, "No weapon formed against you can prosper."



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We are not a business with a mission.
We are a mission that requires a business.
-Kerry Heinrich
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We are spiritual leaders
driven by a mission.
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We are spiritual leaders with a *mission* that needs an organizational structure to fulfill it.
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# Church leaders are not Church CEOs




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Places where the growth is up, the finances are more stable!
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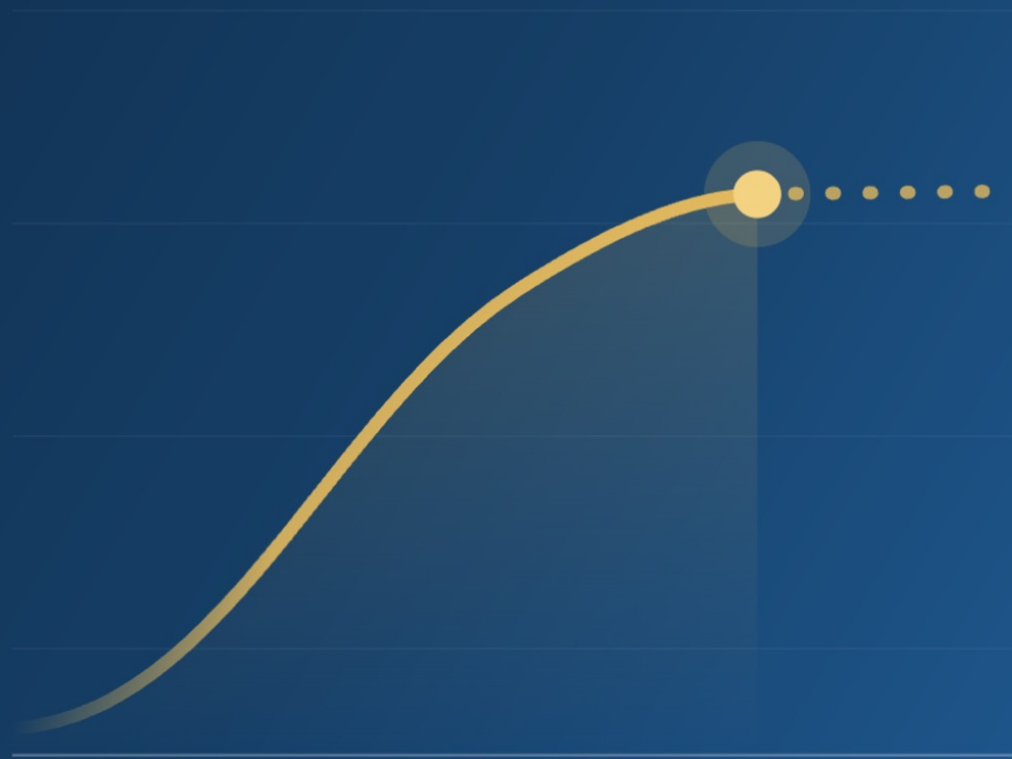
NAD GROWTH TREND

# Slow Growth Translates Into...



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GROWTH REPORT

# NAD 2026

## Momentum

DATA FROM eAdventist
technology for churches



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# NAD Growth, 2000–2026

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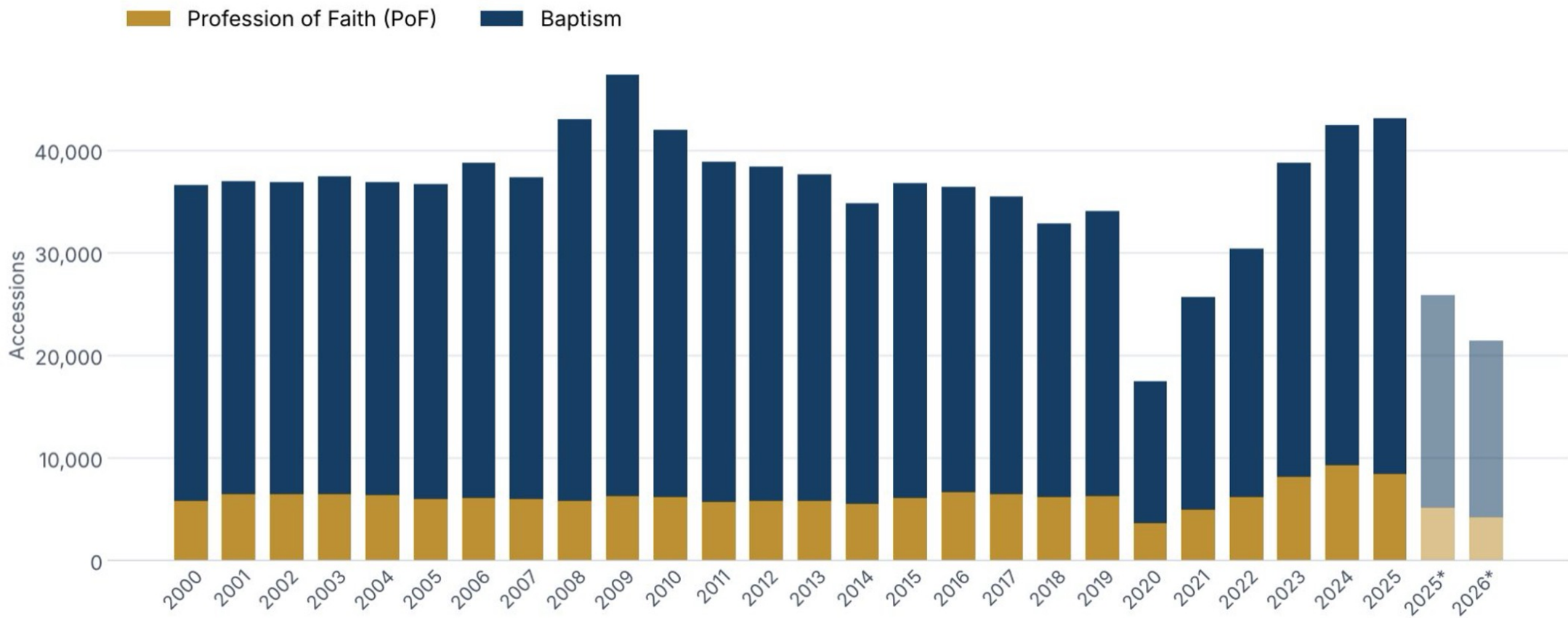


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# NAD Net Change

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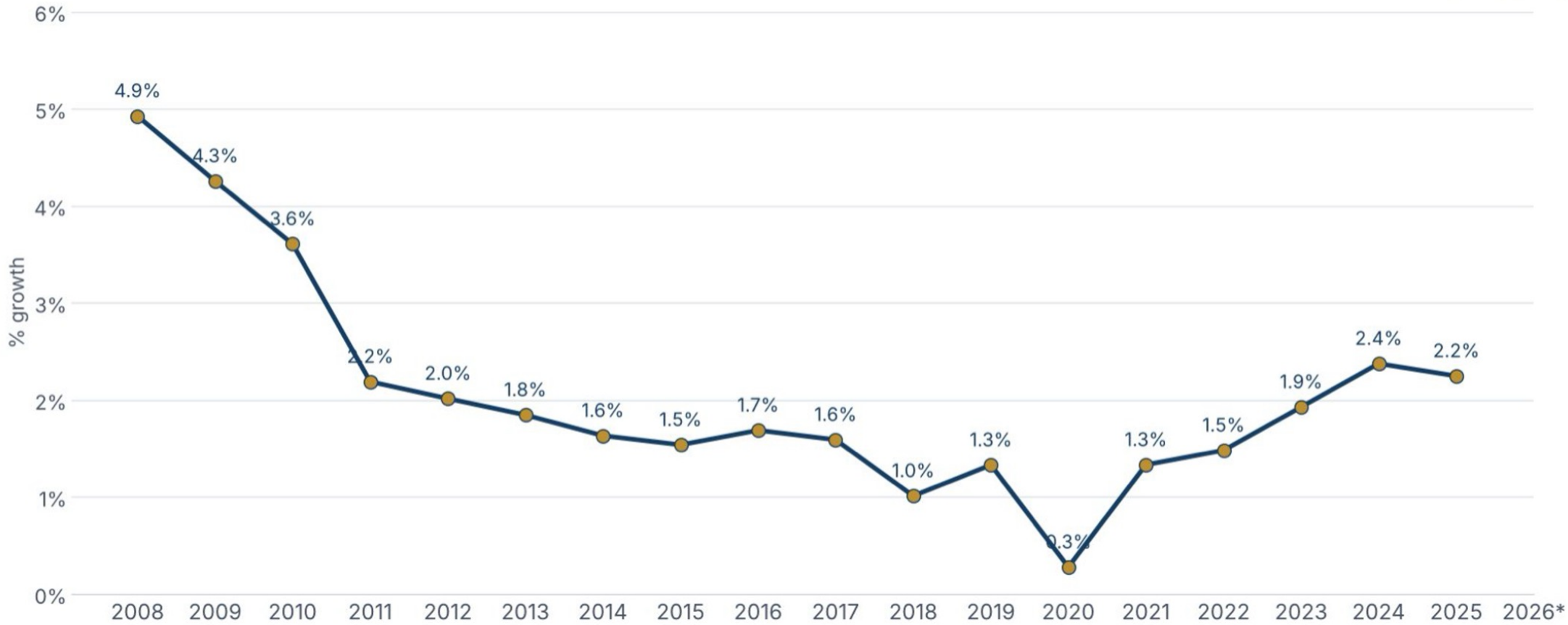


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# NAD Growth to Date

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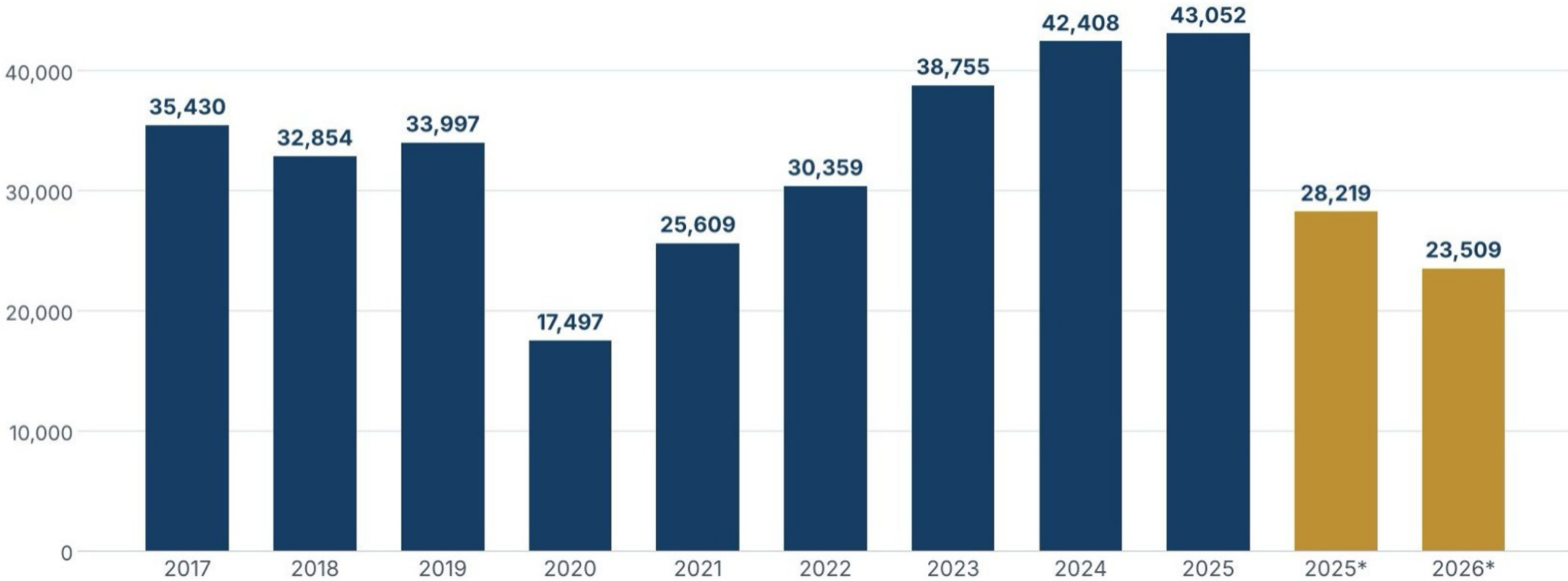


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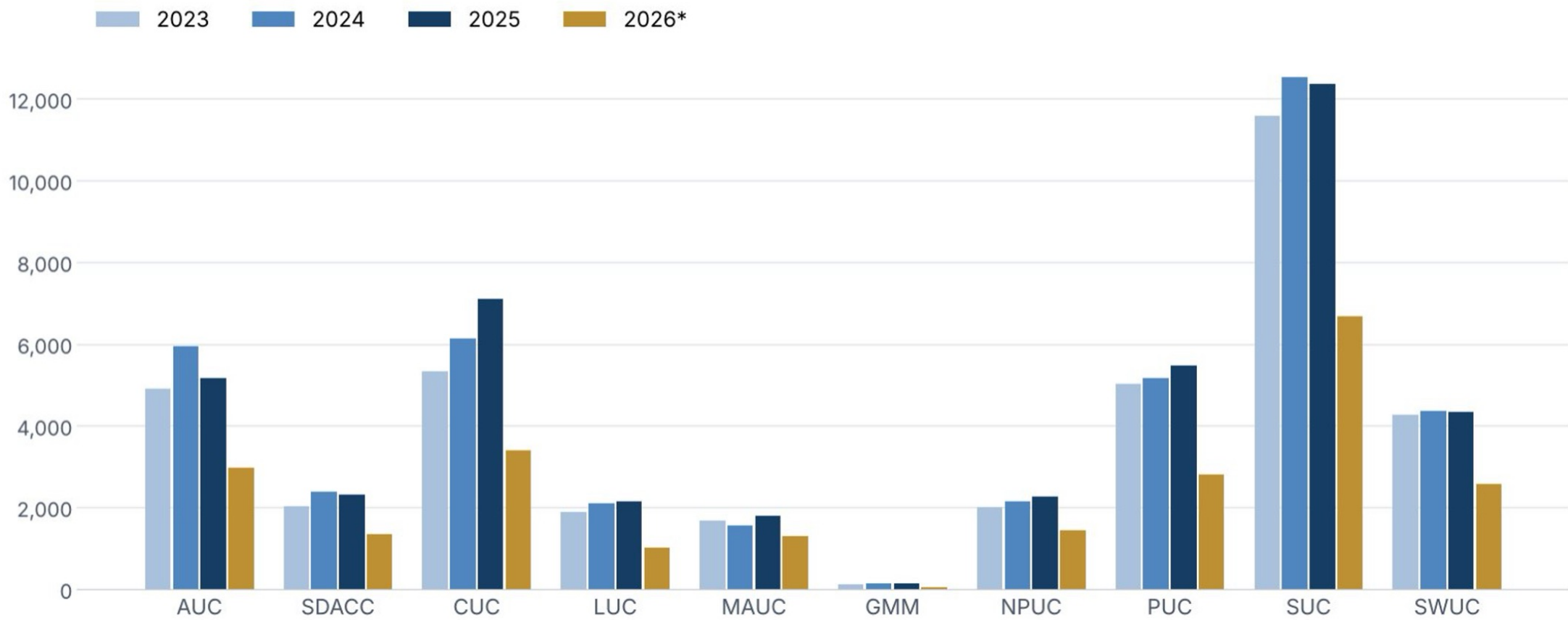
# NAD Growth by Union, Annual

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# NAD Growth by Union, Year to Date

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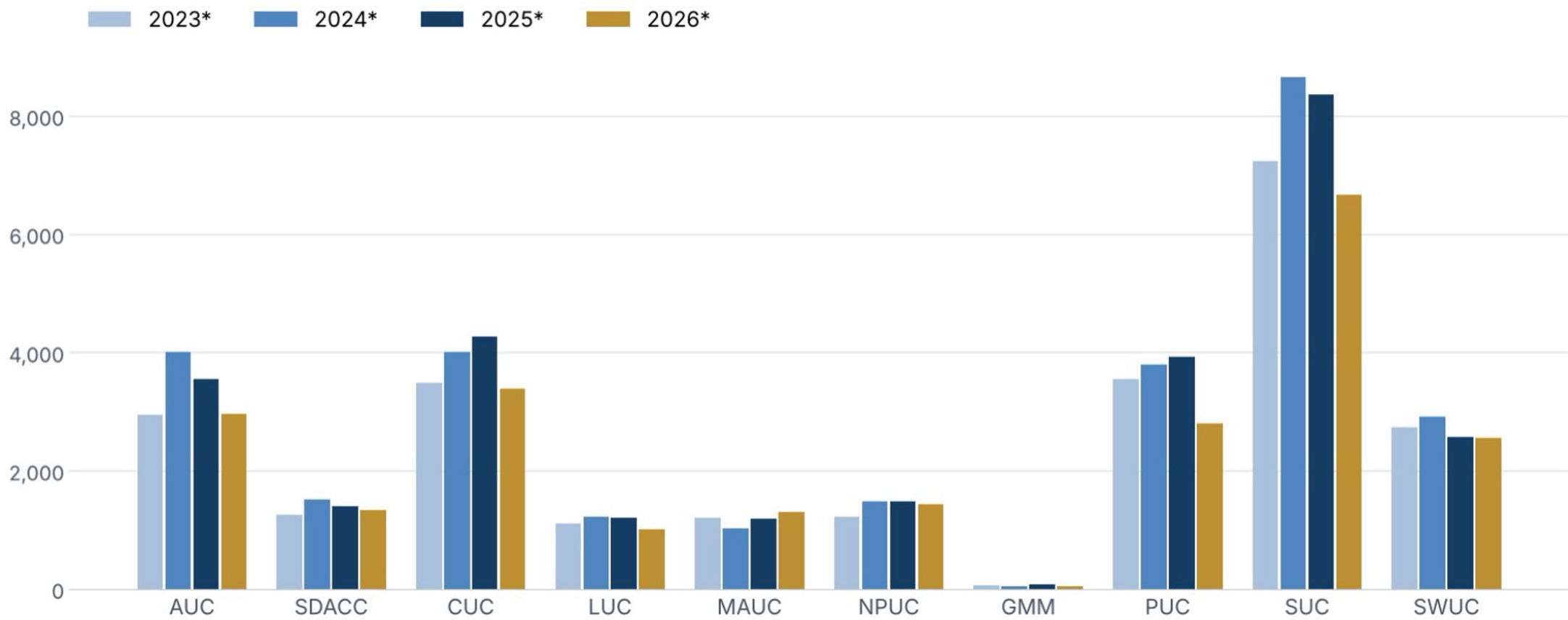


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GLOBAL FINANCIAL REPORT

# Tithe & World Mission Offerings

North American Division vs. World Church

FISCAL YEAR 2025

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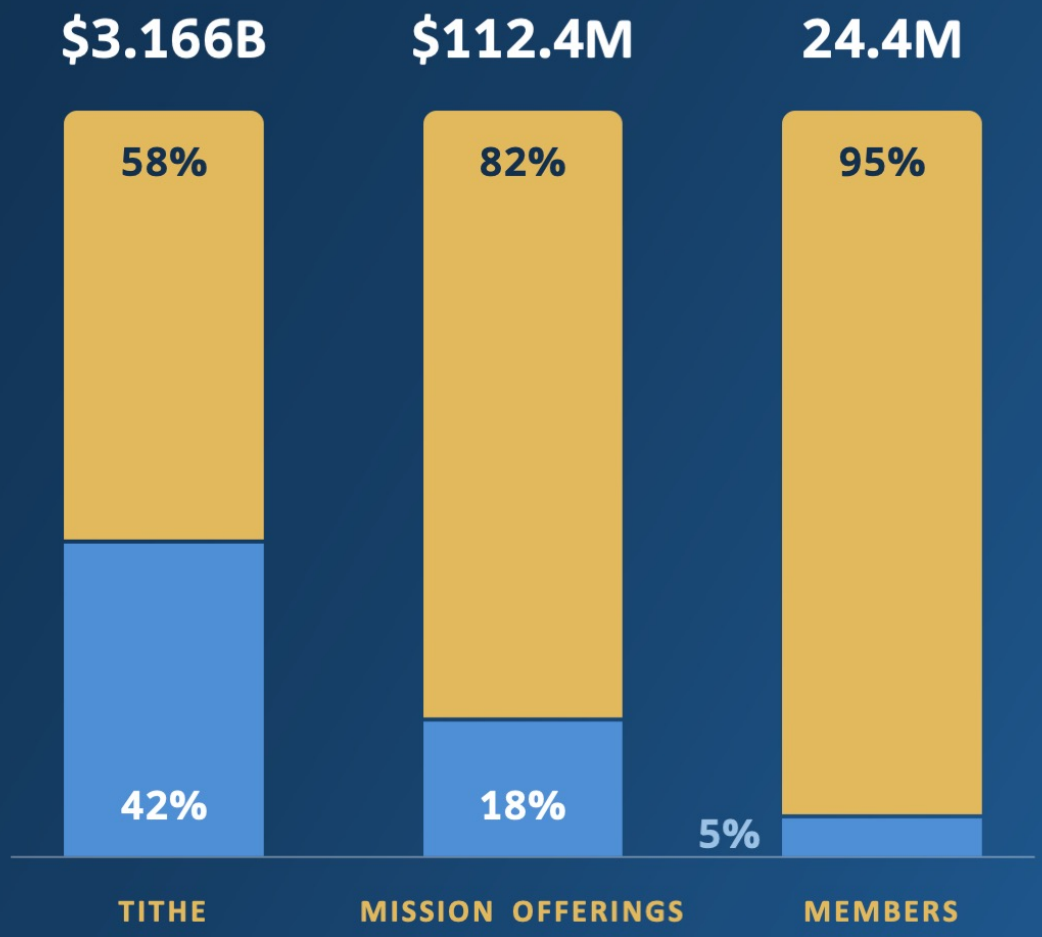
FISCAL YEAR 2025 · GLOBAL TOTALS

# The World Church by the Numbers

# $3.279B

Combined Tithe and World Mission Offerings

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2026–2027 · ADVENTIST EDUCATION

# Education Across the NAD

STUDENTS

**73,124**

Enrolled in 2026–27

SCHOOLS

**846**

Including early childhood

TEACHERS

**10,036**

Teachers and administrators (FTE)

Source: NAD Office of Education, stats.adventisteducation.org (October 2026)

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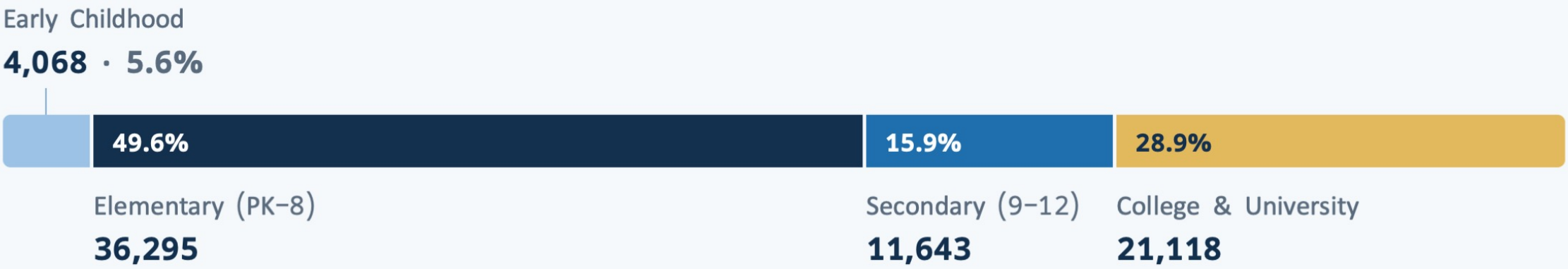
# Students by Level

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HEALTH CARE NETWORK

# Adventist Health Systems

Five major health care systems serving communities across North America

| AdventHealth | Adventist Health | Kettering Health | Loma Linda University Health | Adventist HealthCare |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| FLORIDA | CALIFORNIA | OHIO | CALIFORNIA | MARYLAND |

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2024 · COMBINED IMPACT

# Adventist Health Systems

Five health care systems serving communities across the North American Division

**CHARITY**

## $1.07B

USD 1,070,749,510

**ADMISSIONS**

## 768,986

Patients admitted

**OUTPATIENT VISITS**

## 13.6M

13,592,284 visits

AdventHealth · Adventist Health · Kettering Health · Loma Linda University Health · Adventist HealthCare

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WHERE WE SERVE

# The Religious Landscape Today

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# Religiosity by State Today

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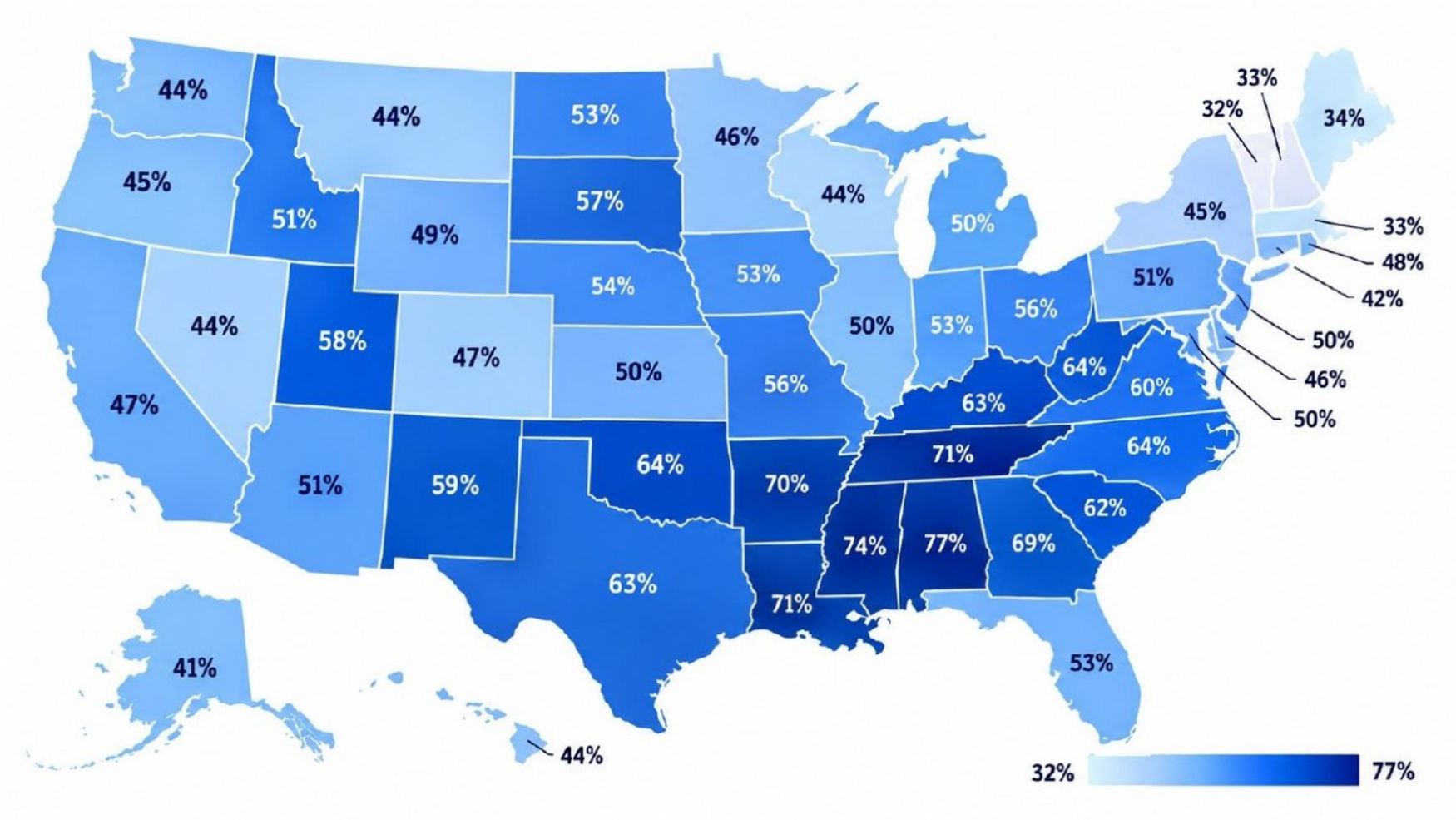


Source: Wisevoter | wisevoter.com/state-rankings/least-religious-states

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# Weekly Church Attendance by State

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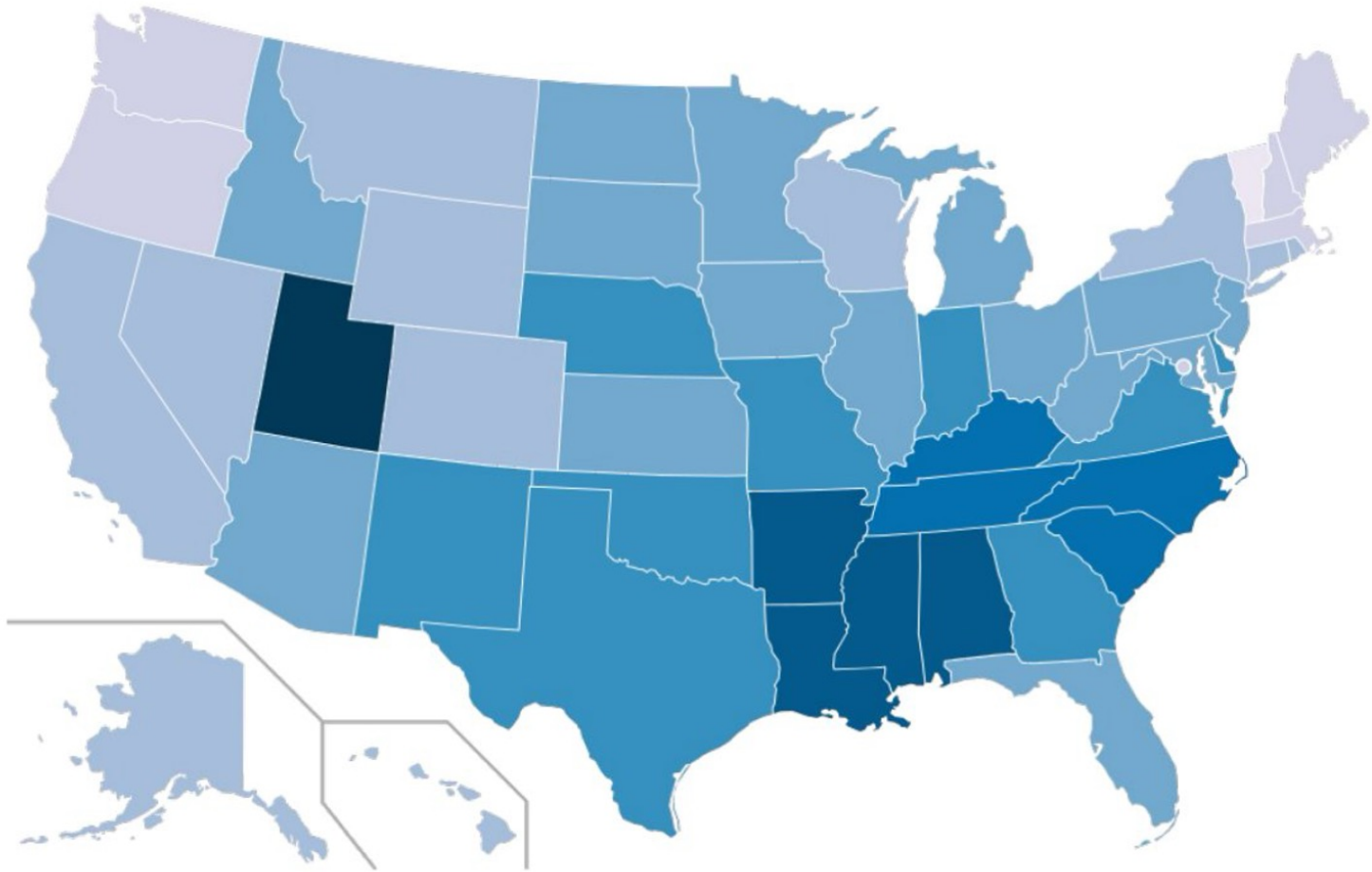

**Church or synagogue attendance by state, 2009**

- ≥50% weekly
- 45–49% weekly
- 40–44% weekly
- 35–39% weekly
- 30–34% weekly
- 25–29% weekly
- 20–24% weekly
- 15–19% weekly

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# Pew Religious Landscape Study 2025

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**60–64%**

Christian share of the adult population, 2019 to 2024 – relatively stable

KEY TAKEAWAY

**The downward spiral in church attendance has been flattening over the past five years.**

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# Largest Christian Subgroups in the U.S.

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**40%**

**Protestants**

**19%**

**Catholics**

**~3%**

**All other Christian groups**

% of U.S. adults. "All other" includes the Greek and Russian Orthodox Churches, the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, Jehovah's Witnesses and many others.

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# Religion in Canada

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**53.3%**

**Christian**

77.1% in 2001

**34.6%**

**No religion**

16.5% in 2001



OTHER FAITHS
**12.1%**

| 4.9% | 2.3% | 2.1% | 1.0% | 0.9% |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Muslim | Hindu | Sikh | Buddhist | Jewish |

Source: Statistics Canada, 2021 Census of Population

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# Key Religious Growth Trends in the U.S.

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## Islam

Expands rapidly by percentage, driven primarily by higher birth rates, younger median ages and steady immigration. Pew Research Center findings show Muslims as the fastest-growing major faith group globally, with strong net-positive growth in the U.S.

## Religiously Unaffiliated ("Nones")

Individuals identifying as atheist, agnostic or "nothing in particular" represent the fastest-growing segment of the American population, as people opt out of traditional organized religion.

## Other Faiths

Hinduism and Buddhism also display notable regional expansions, heavily influenced by immigration from South and East Asia.

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PEW RESEARCH CENTER · % OF THE WORLD'S POPULATION

# Global Religious Change, 2010–2020

Muslims were the fastest-growing religious group between 2010 and 2020

| GROUP | 2010 | 2020 | CHANGE |
|---|---|---|---|
| Muslims | 23.9% | 25.6% | +1.8 pct. pts. |
| Religiously unaffiliated | 23.3 | 24.2 | +0.9 |
| Jews | 0.2 | 0.2 | 0.0 |
| Other religions | 2.2 | 2.2 | 0.0 |
| Hindus | 15.0 | 14.9 | 0.0 |
| Buddhists | 4.9 | 4.1 | −0.8 |
| Christians | 30.6 | 28.8 | −1.8 |

Note: Figures may not result in differences indicated due to rounding. Source: Pew Research Center estimates based on more than 2,700 censuses and surveys, "How the Global Religious Landscape Changed From 2010 to 2020."

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# Nondenominational Churches Are Growing

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**5% → ~30%**

Nondenominational share of U.S. Protestants, 1972 to today (Ryan Burge, General Social Survey)

**18%**

Share of Protestants in Pew's 2025 Religious Landscape Study, which uses a stricter definition

*"The broader center of gravity inside American Protestantism appears to be shifting toward churches that are less institutional, less tied to denominational identity and more centered on experiential, Spirit-filled expressions of faith."*

Source: Shawn Paul Wood, "Close to Home," Patheos, citing Ryan Burge and Pew Research Center

# Active vs. Passive Churches

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## Passive denominations

*Rich in ritual, tradition and custom; little emphasis on evangelism.*

- Catholic
- Anglican
- Methodist (e.g., UMC, not AME)
- Presbyterian
- Lutheran (e.g., ELCA, LCMS)
- Episcopalian
- Wesleyan
- Church of Christ
- **Adventist**
- Quaker
- Mennonite
- Brethren
- Reformed
- Anabaptist
- Nazarene
- Disciples of Christ
- Orthodox (Greek, Russian, Serbian, Romanian, Coptic, Armenian)

- Amish

## Active denominations

*A post-Acts 2 celebration; the Spirit of God is cherished.*

- Baptist (Southern, National, American)
- "Seeker-Sensitive" (Christian, Community, Bible Church)

- Holiness
- Assemblies of God
- Church of God
- Foursquare
- AME
- Church of God in Christ (COGIC)
- Pentecostal (and UPC)
- "Non-Denominational" (Word of Faith, Spirit-Filled, Evangelical, Charismatic, Revival)

Source: Shawn Paul Wood, "Close to Home," Patheos

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# Fishing with Different Bait to Catch Different Fish

## We need different methods

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# Different Bait for Different Fish

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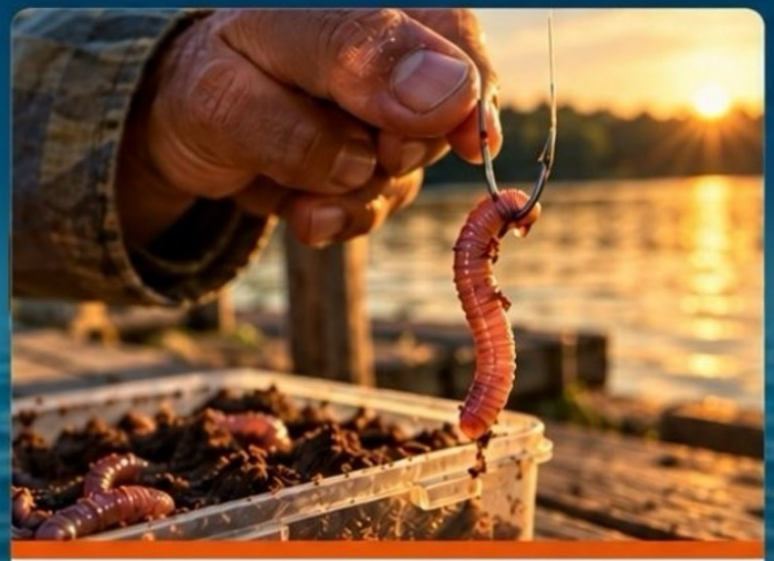


BAIT

## Worm



→ Bluegill

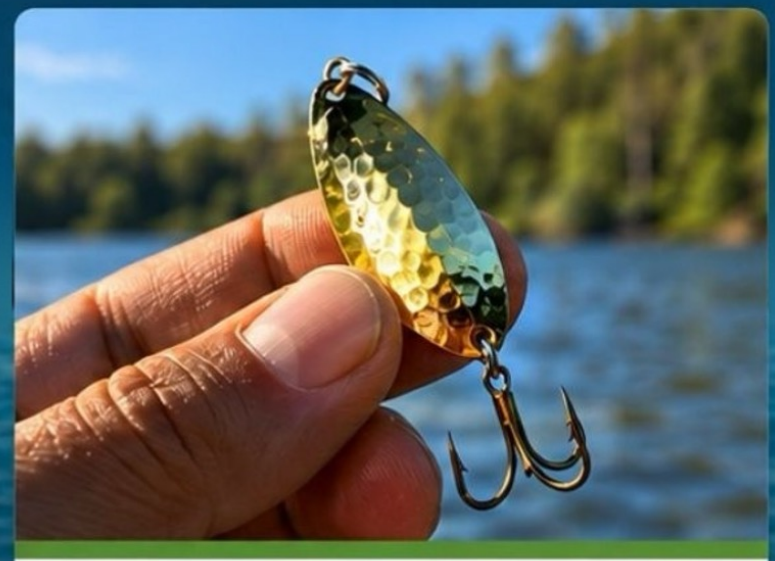


BAIT

## Minnow



→ Largemouth Bass



BAIT

## Lure



→ Northern Pike

# TOGETHER

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# OUR MODEL

**“Christ’s method** alone will give true success in reaching the people. The Savior mingled with men as one who desired their good. He showed His sympathy for them, ministered to their needs, and won their confidence. Then He bade them, ***‘Follow Me.’”***

*— The Ministry of Healing, p. 143*



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# Digital Interest Tracking Tool

**Thrive**

**Adventist Connect**

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Internal Audience

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External Audience

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# ALL THINGS NEW IS WHAT WE WILL PROCLAIM WITH ONE VOICE IN 2027.



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# STEP INTO THE NEW BY CONNECTING WITH JESUS.



**PRAY LIKE JESUS**
SPIRITUAL RENEWAL



**SERVE LIKE JESUS**
COMPASSION AND
HEALING MINISTRIES



**SHARE JESUS**
PROCLAMATION AND
RECLAMATION



**FOLLOW JESUS**
BAPTISM AND
DISCIPLESHIP

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# Digital Content Available

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## 120+

**TOTAL POSTS**

Total posts given to each participant

**Social media influencers partnership**

## 3

**LANGUAGES**

- NAD will provide translation for static content.
- Unions will provide reels in English, Spanish, & French.

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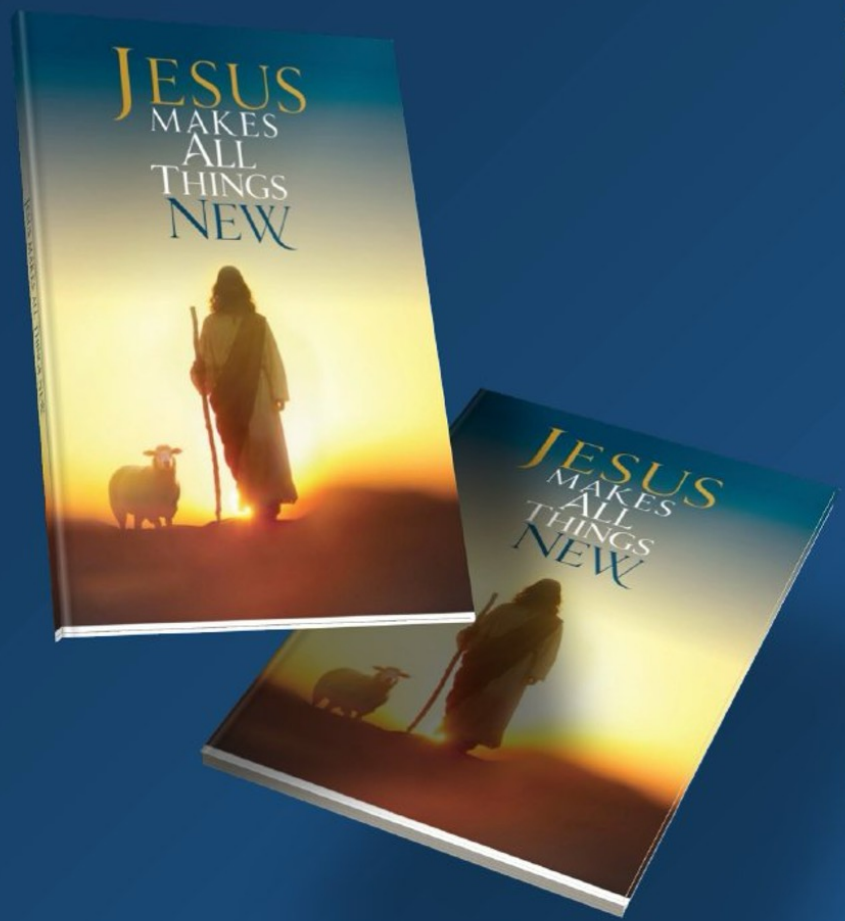
SHARING BOOK

# Jesus Makes All Things New

Ellen G. White Estate

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# Missional Small Groups



Homes | Online | College Campuses | Restaurants
Garages | Churches | Other Settings

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If we are
rowing,
we don't have time
to rock the boat
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# Lifting Up Jesus

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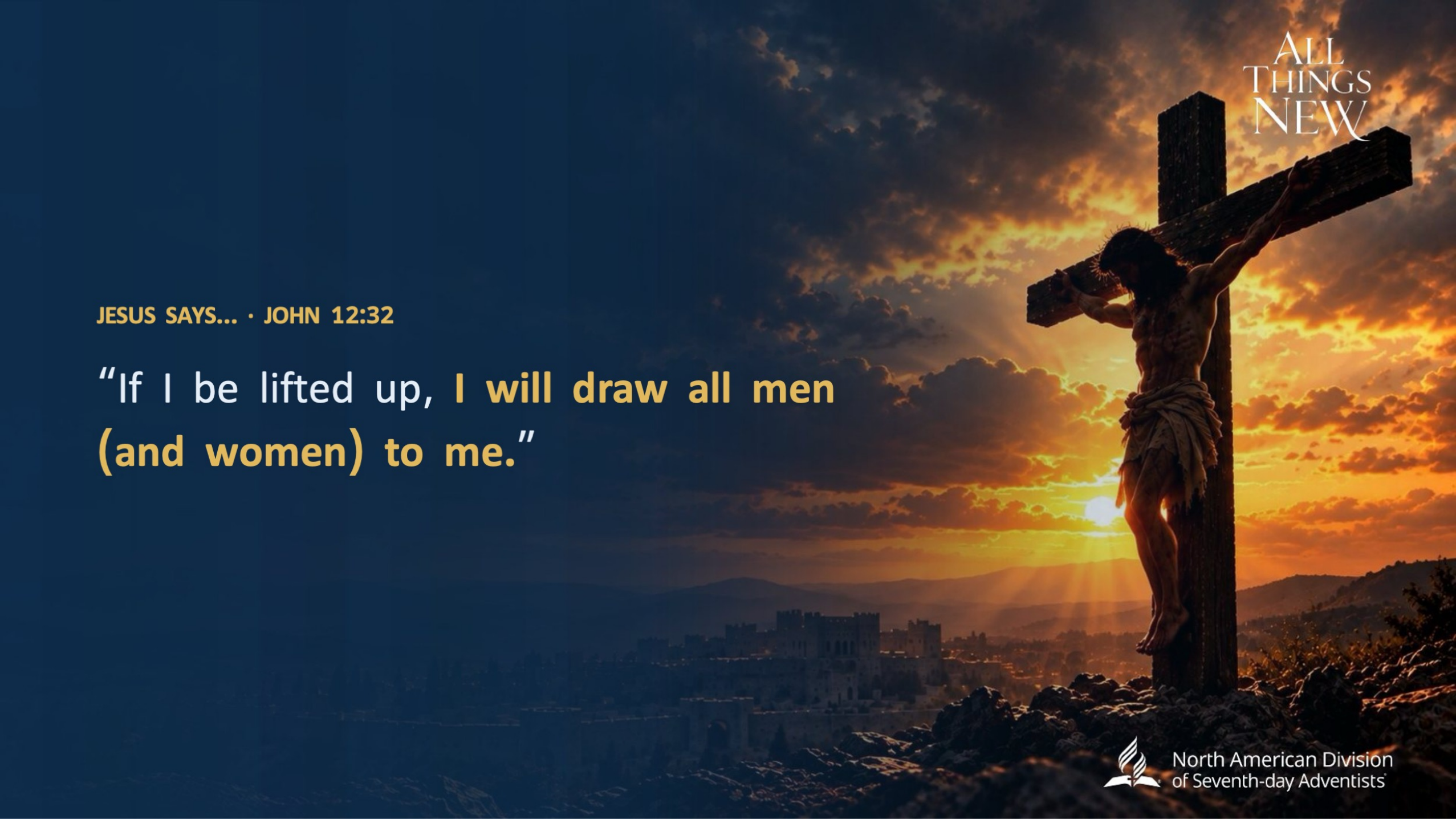
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JESUS SAYS... · JOHN 12:32
"If I be lifted up, I will draw all men (and women) to me."
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NEW YORK
Lift HIM


MIAMI
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ATLANTA
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DALLAS
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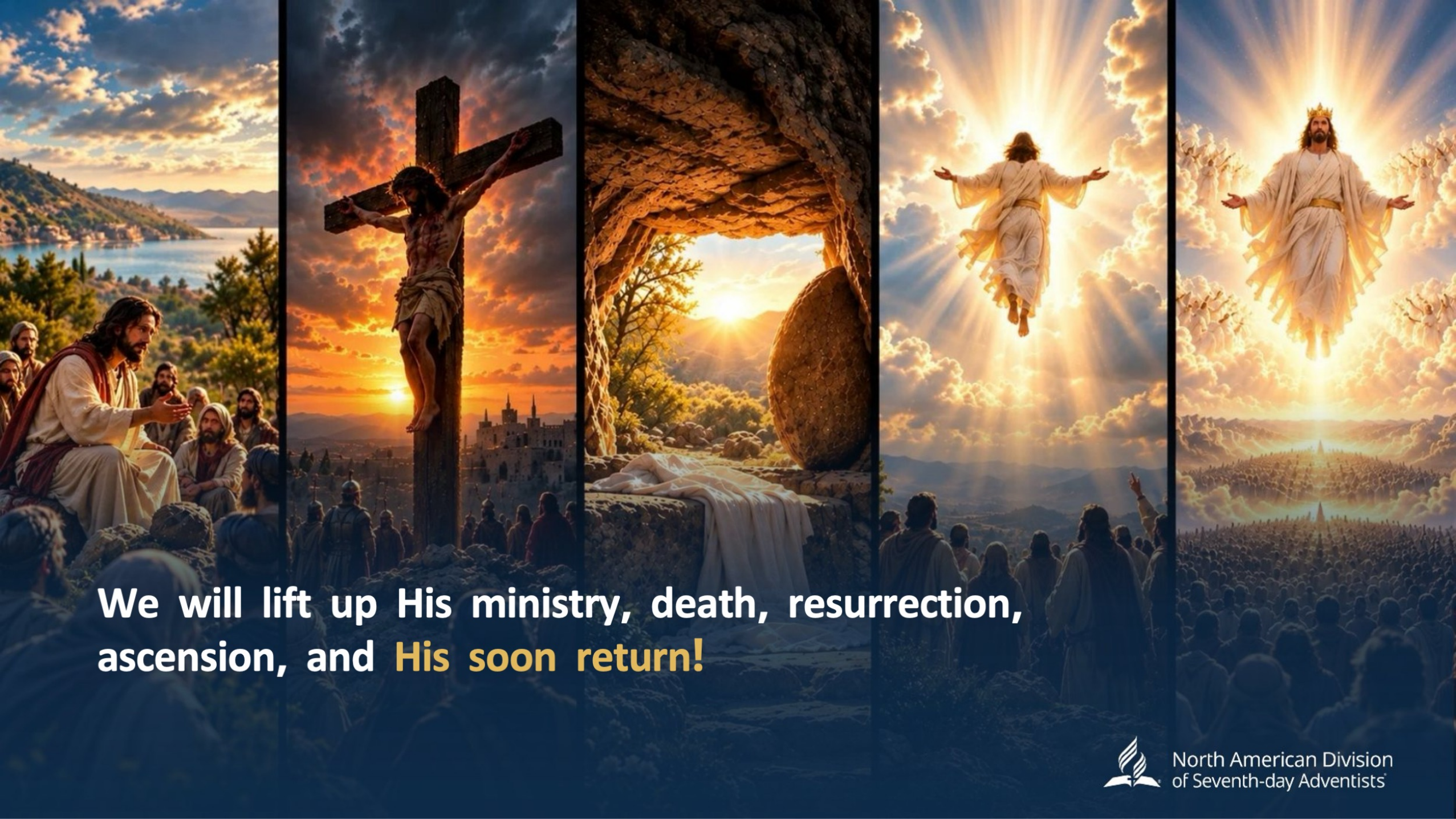


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