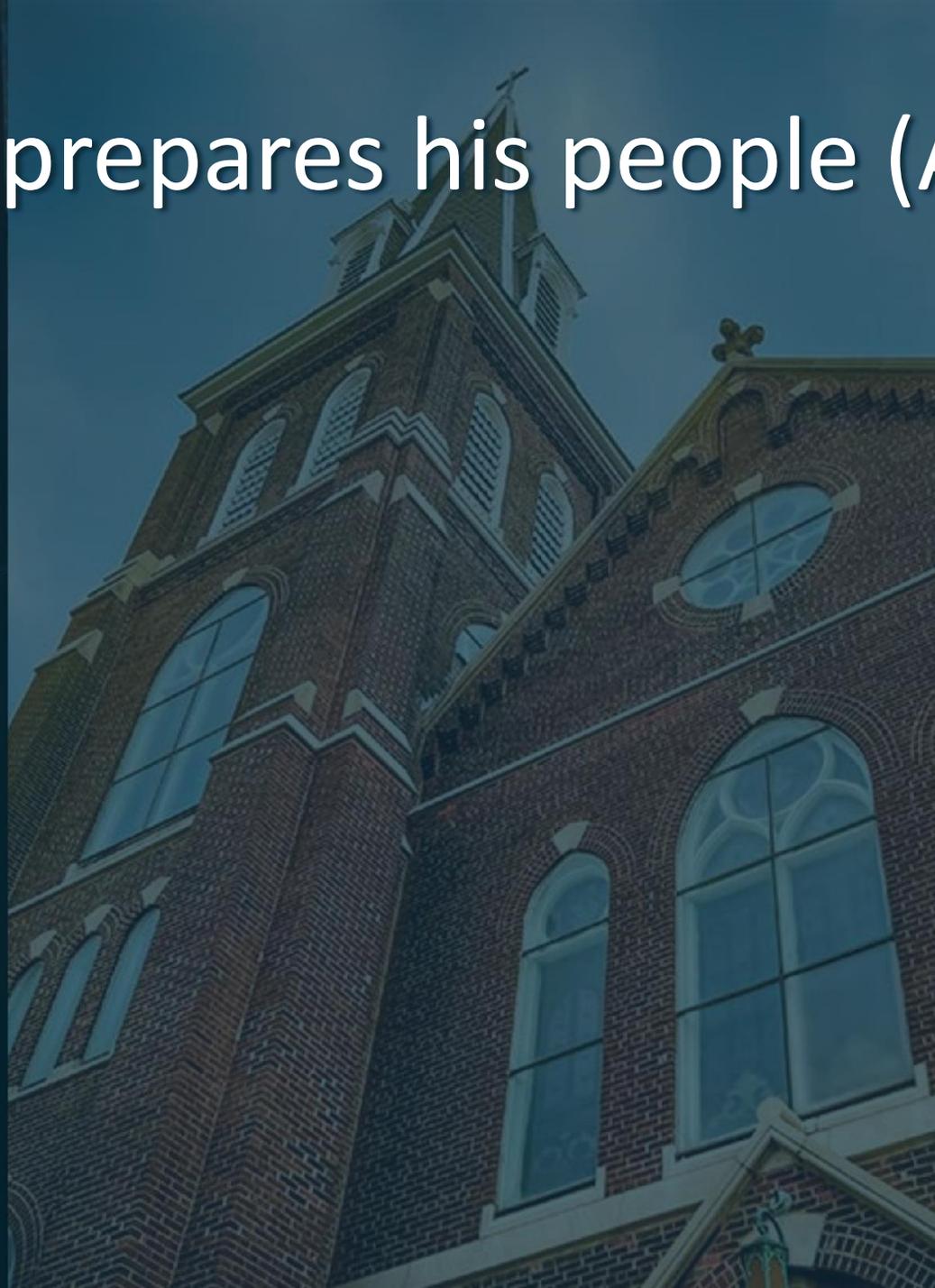


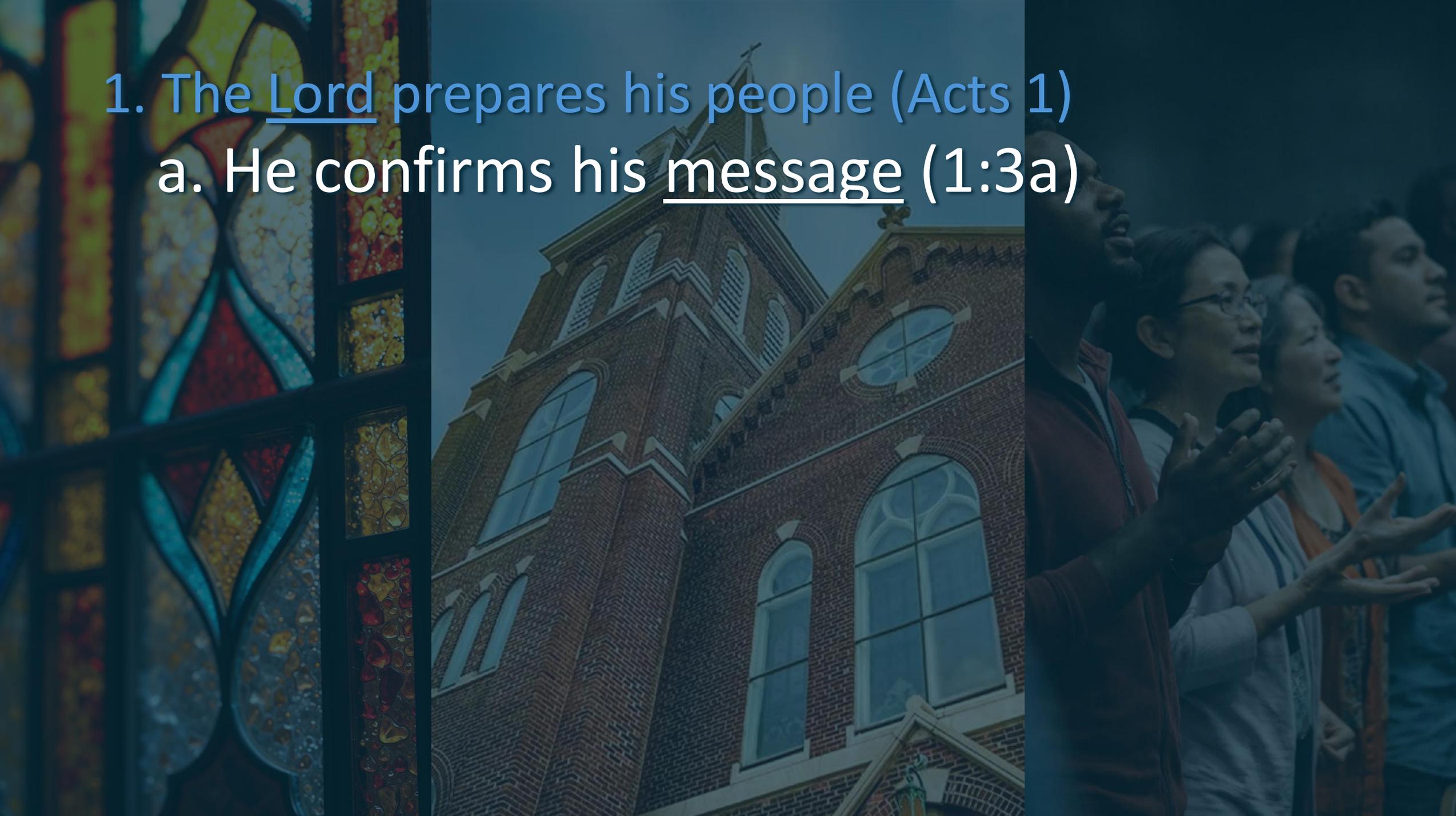
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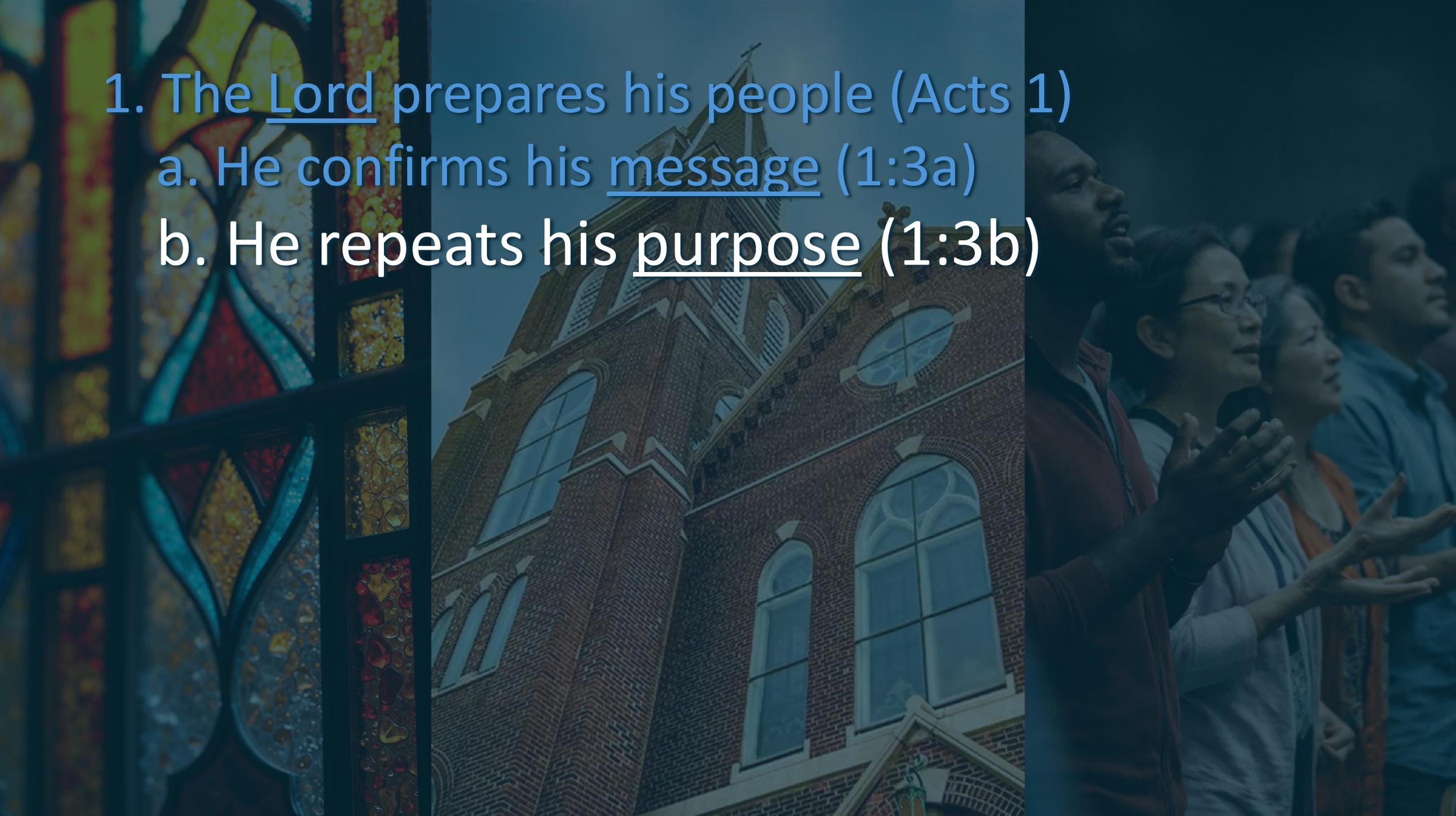
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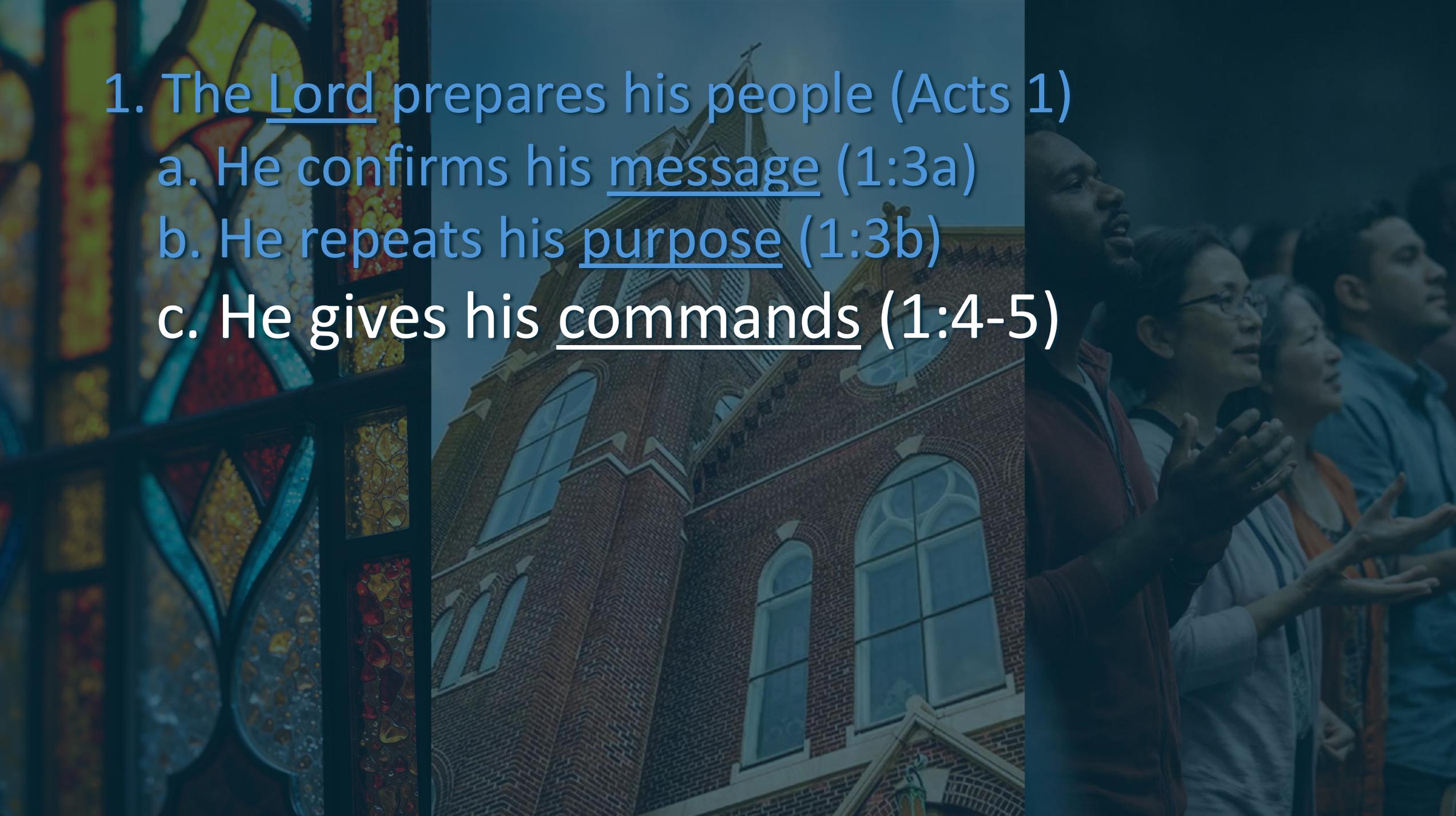
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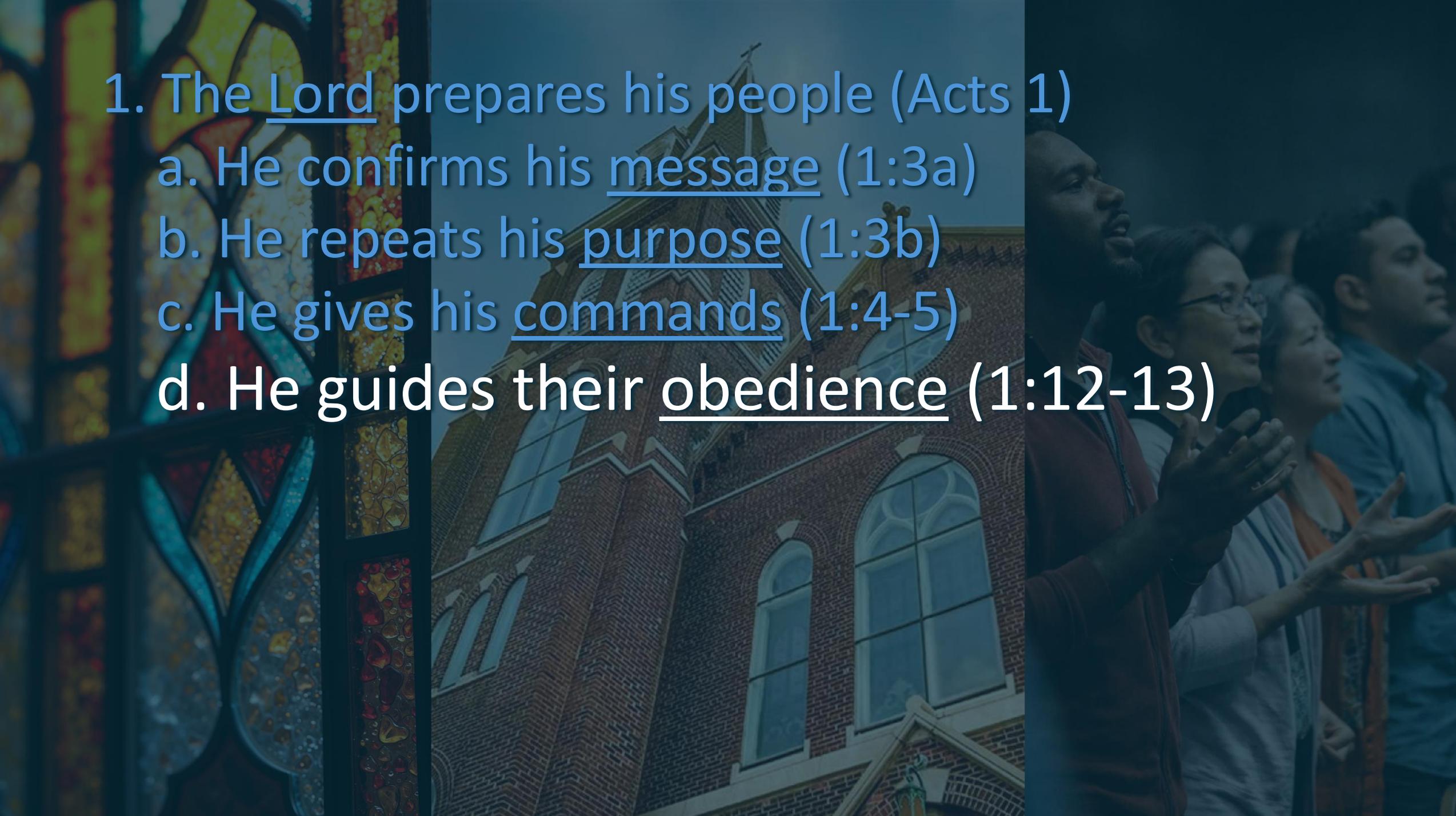


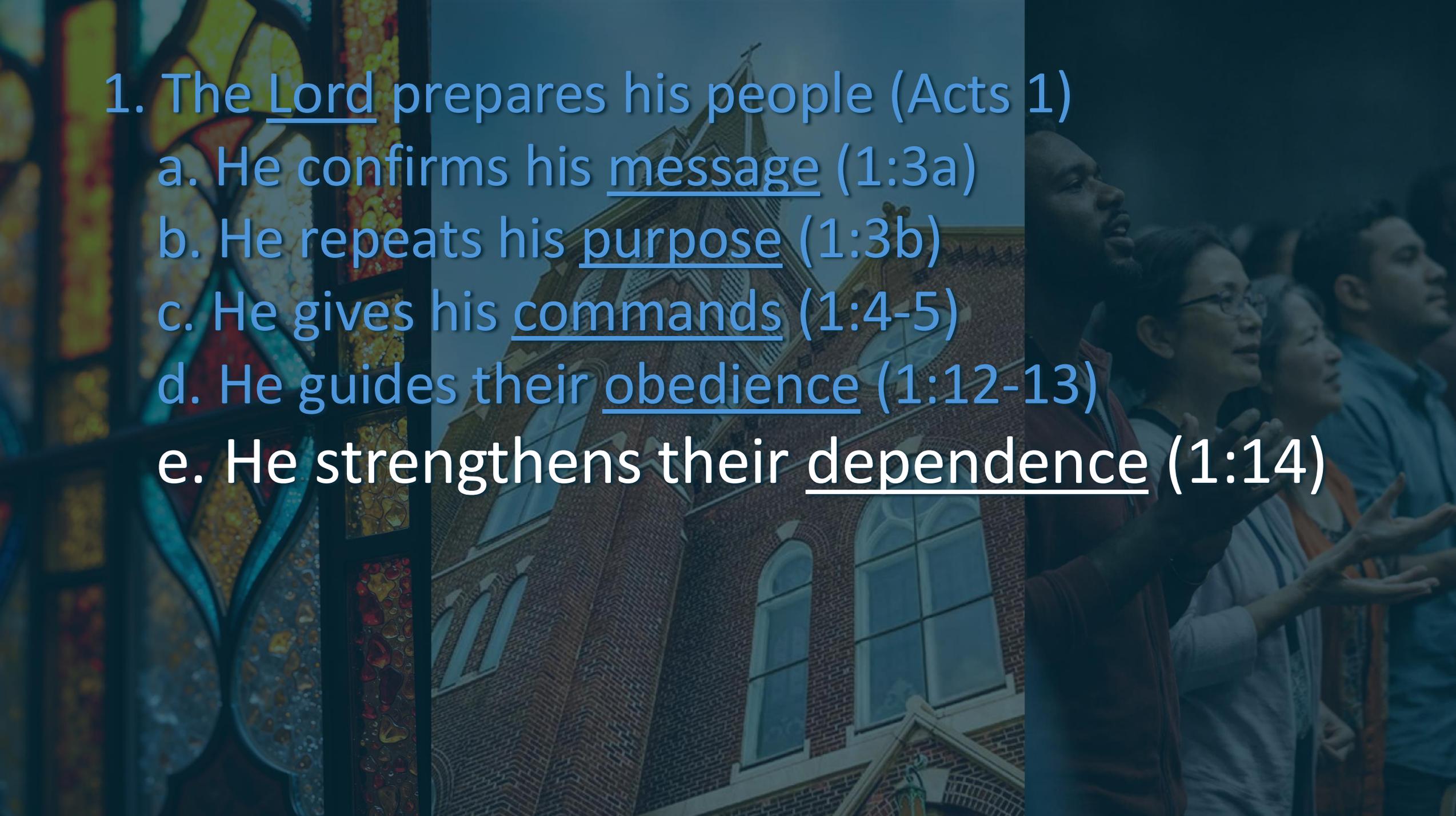
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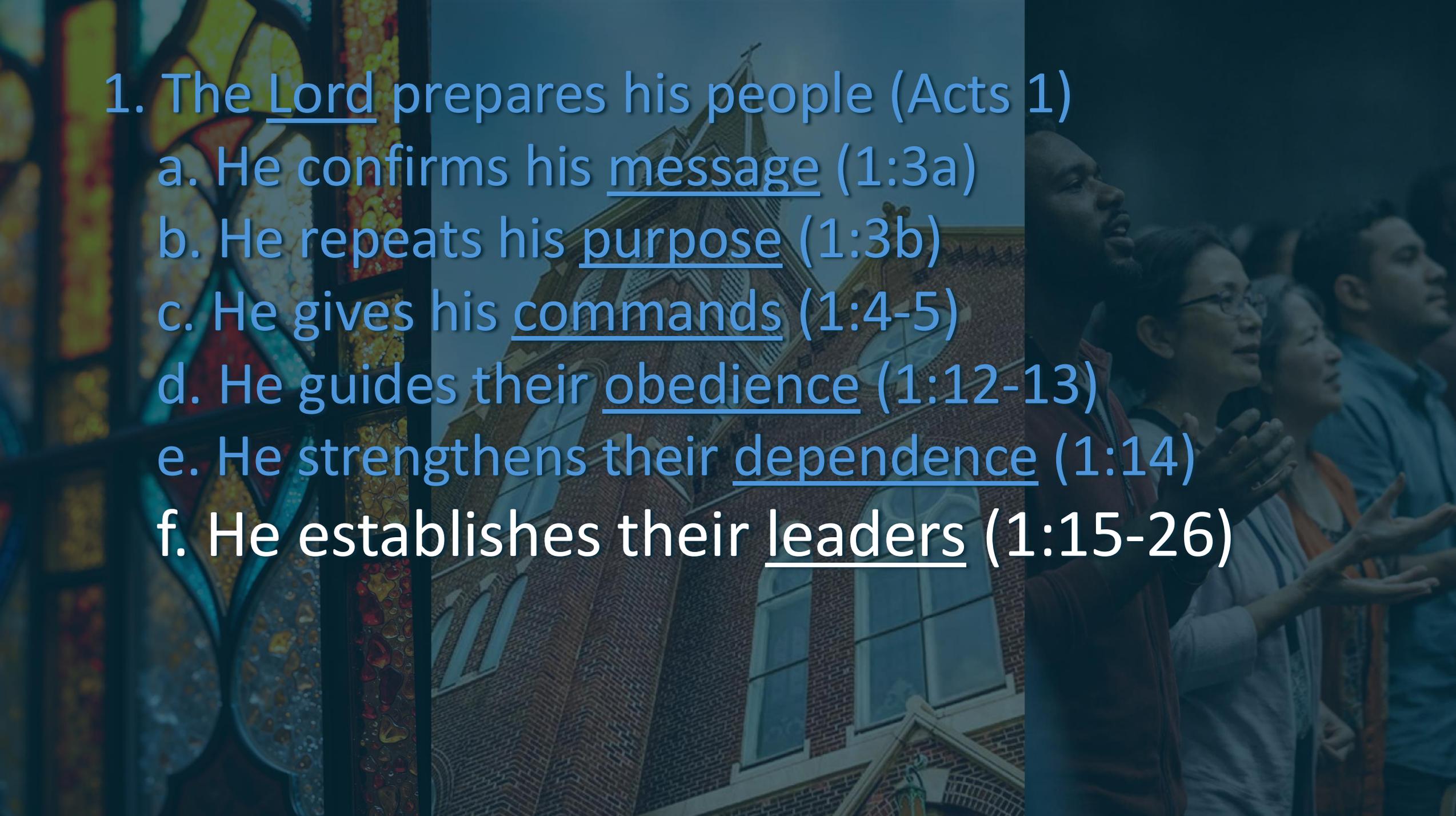


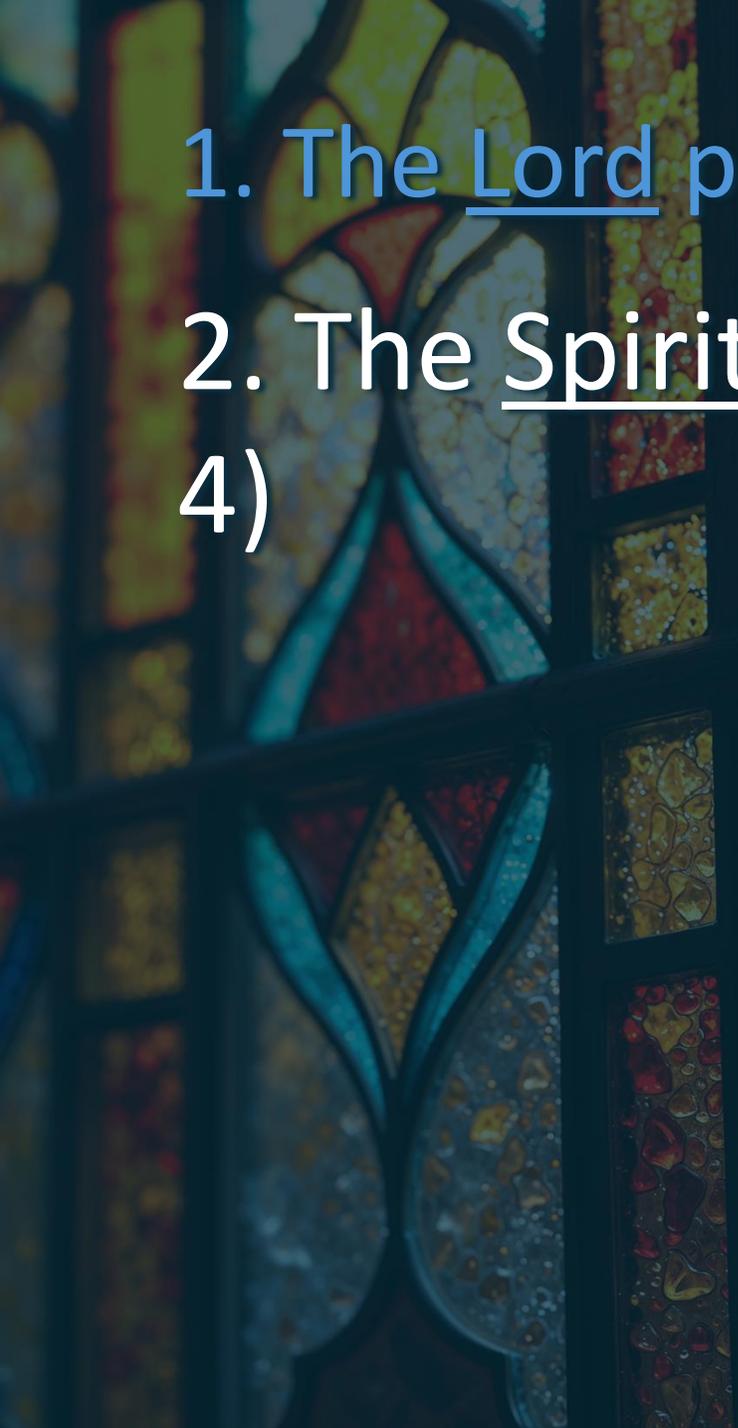
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A vertical stained glass window with intricate designs in shades of blue, red, yellow, and white, set against a dark background.

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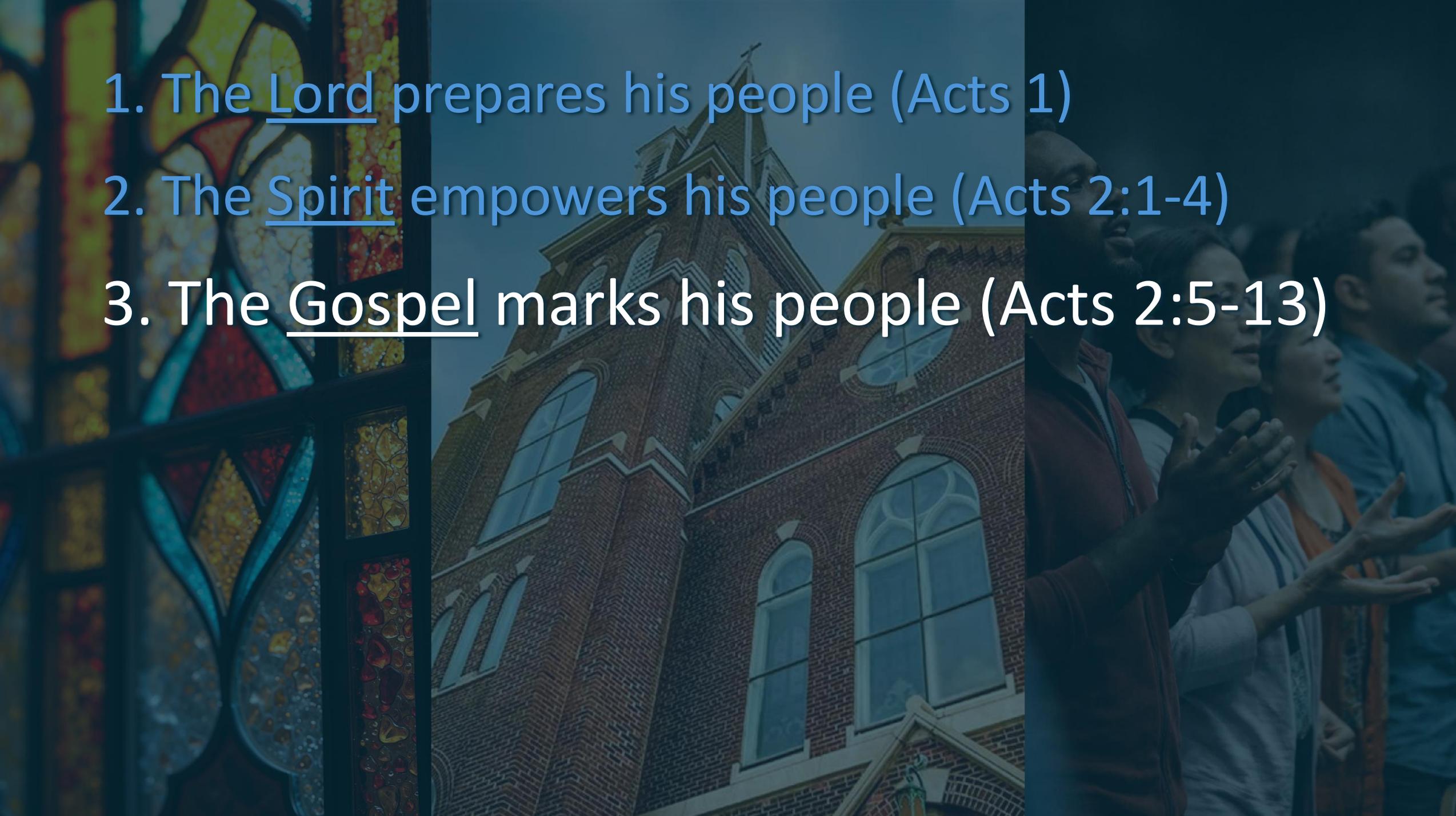
<sup>9</sup> And so, from the day we heard, we have not ceased to pray for you, asking that you may be filled with the knowledge of his will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding ... <sup>11</sup> being strengthened with all power, according to his glorious might, for all endurance and patience with joy.

## EPHESIANS 1:15-16, 19

<sup>15</sup> For this reason, because I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints,  
<sup>16</sup> I do not cease to give thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers ... <sup>19</sup> (that you might know) what is the immeasurable greatness of his power toward us who believe, according to the working of his great might ...

## ROMANS 6:6-8

Having gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, let us use them: if prophecy, in proportion to our faith; if service, in our serving: the one who teaches, in his teaching: the one who exhorts, in his exhortation: the one contributes, in generosity; the one who leads, with zeal; the one who does acts of mercy, with cheerfulness.



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