

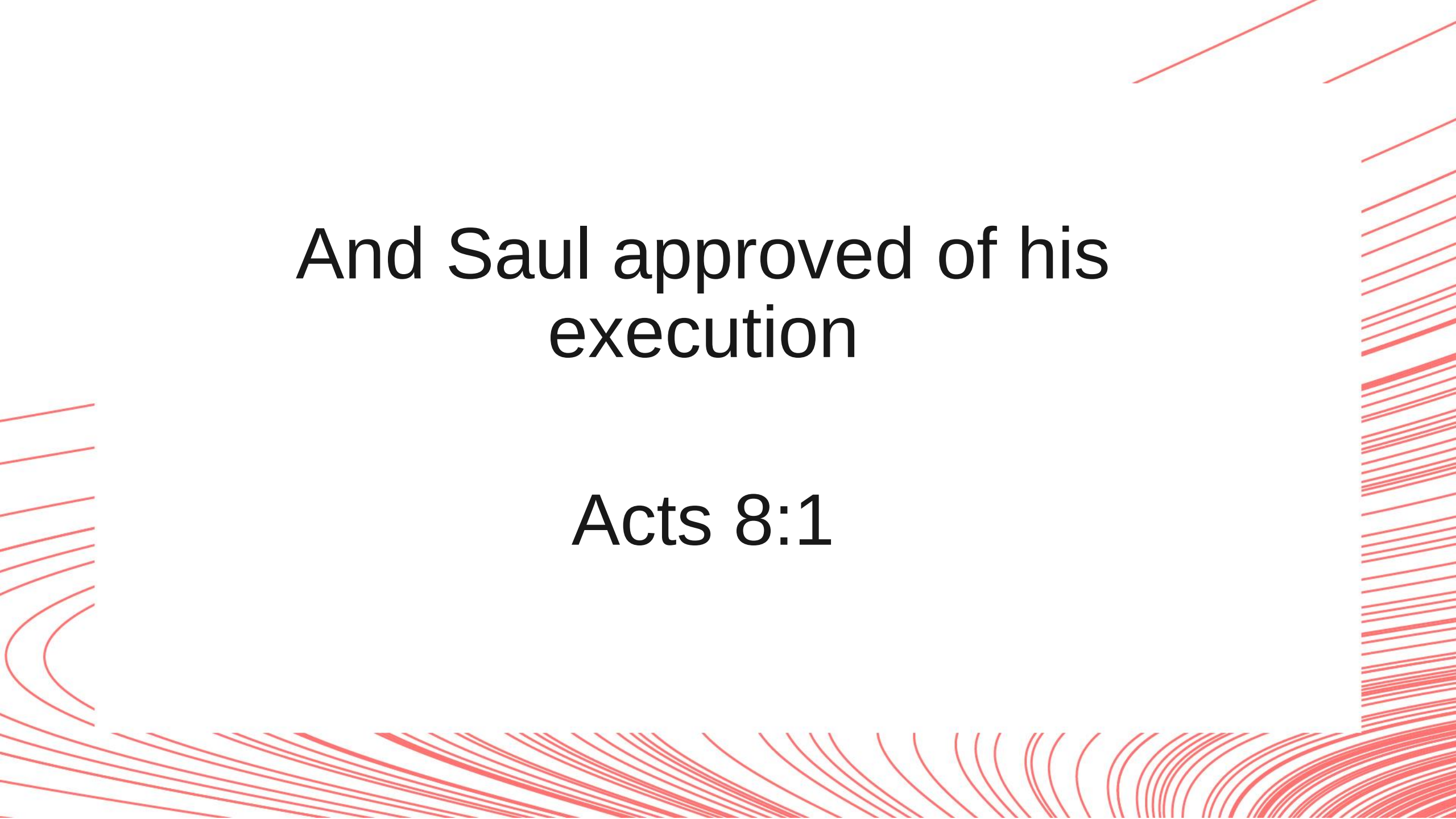
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Lesson 8

November 1, 2023

Then they cast him out of the city and stoned him. And the witnesses laid their garments at the feet of a young man named Saul.

Acts 7:58

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And Saul approved of his
execution

Acts 8:1

But Saul was ravaging the church, and entering house after house, he dragged off men and women and committed them to prison

Acts 8:3

Wild pigs crash through and crush
it, and the mice nibble away at
what's left

Psalm 80:13 MSG



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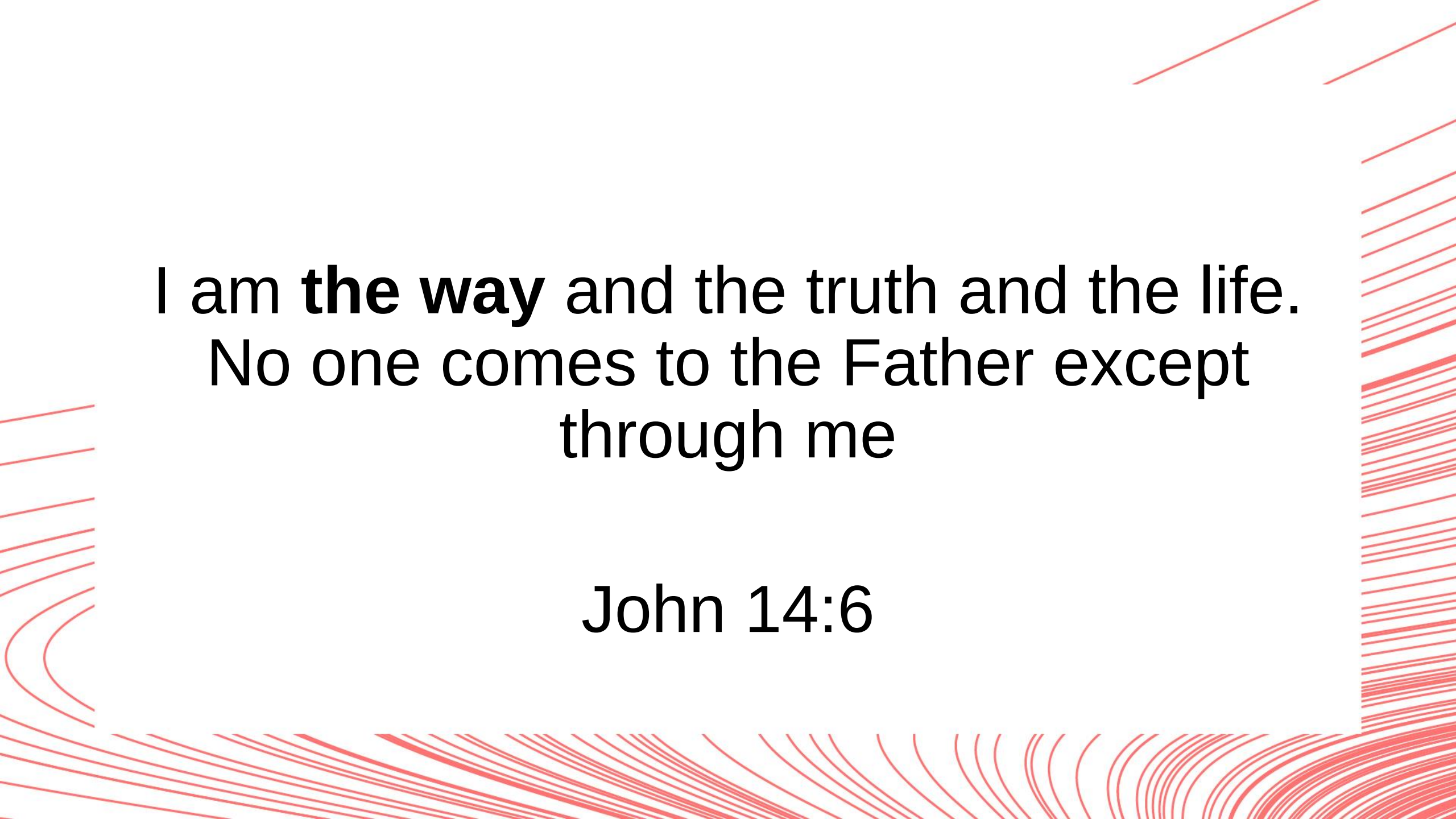
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I am **the way** and the truth and the life.
No one comes to the Father except
through me

John 14:6

And falling to the ground, he heard a
voice say to him **Saul, Saul,**

Acts 9:4a NIV

Abraham, Abraham... Do not lay your hand on the lad, or do anything to him; for now I know that you fear God, since you have not withheld your son, your only son, from Me.

Genesis 22:11,12

Moses, Moses..do not draw near this place. Take your sandals off your feet, for the place where you stand is holy ground.

Ex 3:4,5

Martha, Martha you are anxious and troubled about many things, but only one thing is necessary.

Luke 10:41,42

And falling to the ground, he heard a voice say to him Saul, Saul, **why are you persecuting me?**

Acts 9:4 NIV







I saw a light from heaven, brighter than the sun, blazing around me and my companions. We all fell to the ground, and I heard a voice saying to me in Aramaic, 'Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me? It is hard for you to kick against the goad.'

Acts 26:13-16 NIV



Shamgar the son of Anath, who
killed 600 of the Philistines with an
oxgoad, and he also saved Israel.

Judges 3:31



“Sensing God’s relentless pursuit of him, C.S. Lewis likens God to the “great angler” playing his fish, to a cat chasing a mouse, to a pack of hounds closing in on a fox, and the divine chess player maneuvering him into the most disadvantageous positions until in the end, he concedes “checkmate.”

Surprised by Joy p.169-183

Who are you Lord, Saul asked. I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting he replied.

Acts 9:5

“It is sin which imprisons; it is grace which liberates. The grace of God so frees us from the bondage of pride, prejudice, and self-centeredness as to enable us to repent and believe.”

John Stott

The men who were traveling with him
stood speechless; they heard the sound
but did not see anyone.

Acts 9:7 NIV

Saul rose from the ground, and although his eyes were opened, he saw nothing. So those with him led him by the hand and brought him into Damascus.

Acts 9:8

This encounter left Saul blind, which was a physical representation of Saul's spiritual condition.

Tony Evans

But Ananias answered, Lord, I have heard from many about this man, how much evil he has done to your saints at Jerusalem. And here he has authority from the chief priests to bind all who call your name

Acts 9:13,14

“But even when it looks like obedience could result in trouble, God calls us to trust and obey. He usually is up to something much bigger than we realize.”

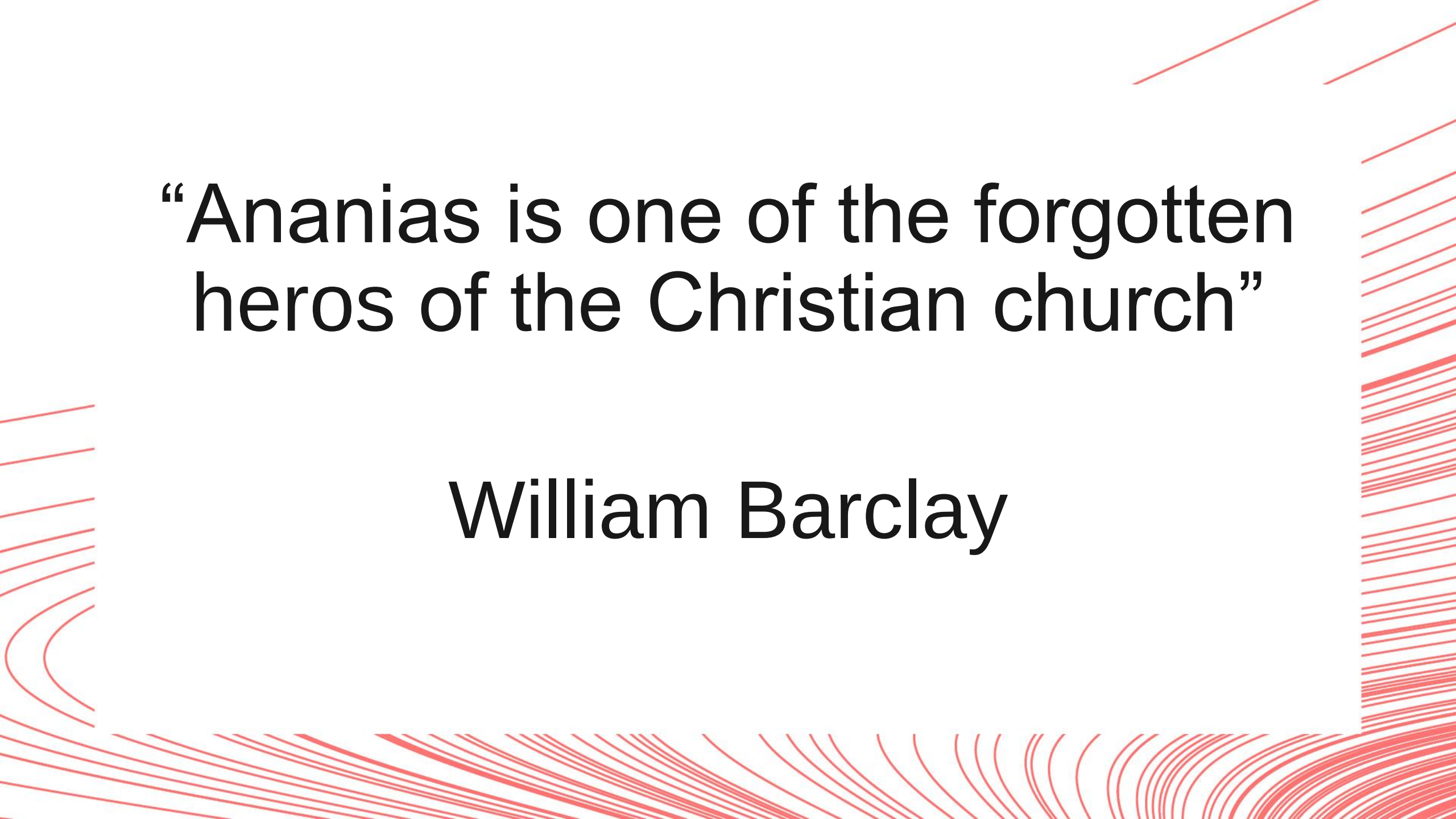
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And laying hands on him he said, Brother Saul, the Lord Jesus who appeared to you on the road by which you came has sent me so that you may regain your sight and be filled with the Holy Spirit.

Acts 9:17

“I never fail to be moved by these words.
They may well have been the first words
which Saul heard from Christian lips after his
conversion, and they were words of
welcome.”

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“Ananias is one of the forgotten
heros of the Christian church”

William Barclay

But Saul increased all the more in strength, and confounded the Jews who lived in Damascus by proving Jesus was the Christ. When many days had passed...

Acts 9:22,23a

I did not immediately consult with anyone;
nor did I go up to Jerusalem to those who
were apostles before me, but I went away
into Arabia, and returned again to
Damascus. Then after three years I went up
to Jerusalem

Galatians 1:16-18a

And Barnabas took him and brought him to the apostles and declared to them how on the road he had seen the Lord who spoke to him, and how at Damascus he had preached boldly in the name of Jesus.

Acts 9:26,27

So the church throughout all Judea and Galilee and Samaria had peace and was being built up. And walking in the fear of the Lord and in the comfort of the Holy Spirit, it multiplied.

Acts 9:31