A large, vibrant red heart is the central focus, set against a dark red background with a subtle, intricate floral or damask pattern. A thick, gold-colored ribbon is draped across the bottom of the heart, forming a bow. To the right of the heart, a bright yellow speech bubble with a black outline contains the text. Two bright, starburst-like light effects are positioned on the left and right sides of the heart, adding a sense of radiance. The overall composition is romantic and evocative.

*“Tell me the story of Jesus,
write on my heart every
word...”*



THE FIRST CENTURY CHURCH TWENTY

God's Powerful Church

lesser light to rule the night: the Sower
17 And God set them in the firmament of the heaven to give light
earth,
18 And to rule over the day and over the night, and to divide the light from the
darkness: and God saw that it was good.
19 And the evening and the morning were the fourth day.
20 And God said, Let the waters bring forth abundantly the moving creature
hath life, and fowl that may fly above the earth in the open firmament of
heaven.
21 And God created great whales, and every living creature that moveth, which
the waters brought forth abundantly, after their kind, and every winged fowl
after his kind: and God saw that it was good.
22 And God blessed them, saying, Be fruitful, and multiply, and fill the waters in
the earth: and let fowl multiply in the earth.
And the evening and the morning were the fifth day.

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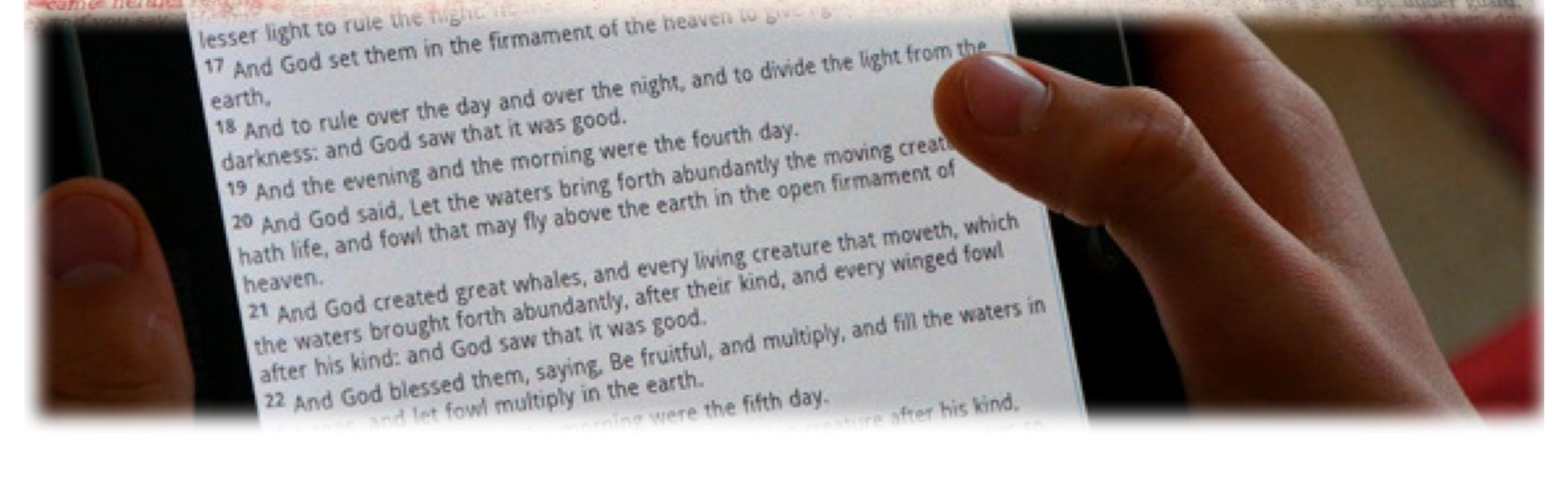
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The early church grew

The modern church has given up on God's ways and hires a marketing team to attract crowds.



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Mt 13:31-32 “...the kingdom of Heaven is like a mustard seed, which a man took and sowed in his field; and this is smaller than all other seeds, but when it is full grown, it is larger than the garden plants and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and nest in its branches.”



**Acts 5:28 “Filled Jerusalem with
your teaching”**



**Acts 13:44 “Nearly the whole
city assembled to hear the
word of the Lord”**

**Acts 17:6 “These men have upset
the world”**

Acts 6:1 the disciples were increasing in number

Acts 6:7 The word of God kept on spreading; and the number of disciples continued to increase greatly in Jerusalem, and a great number of priests were becoming obedient to the faith.”



Acts 9:31 so the church throughout
all Judea and Galilee and
Samaria... continued to increase

Acts 12:24 “But the word of the Lord
continued to grow and to be
multiplied”



Momentum

Acts 13:49 “And the word of the Lord was being spread through the whole region”

Acts 16:5 “the churches were being strengthened in the faith, and were increasing in number daily”



**Acts 19:20 “So the word of the
Lord was growing mightily and
prevailing”**

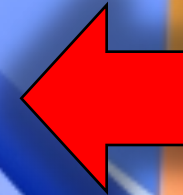




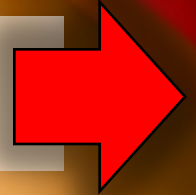
Worship: upward focus



Edification: inward
attention



Evangelism: outward reach



*The direction of the N.T. was
“GO”*

Mt 10:5 “these twelve Jesus **sent out...**”

Mt 10:16 “Behold, I **send you out...**”

Mk 5:19 “**Go** home to your people
and report to them what great
things the Lord has done for you...”

Mk 16:15 “**Go** into all the world and
preach...”

Mt 28:19 “**Go** therefore and make
disciples of all the nations...”

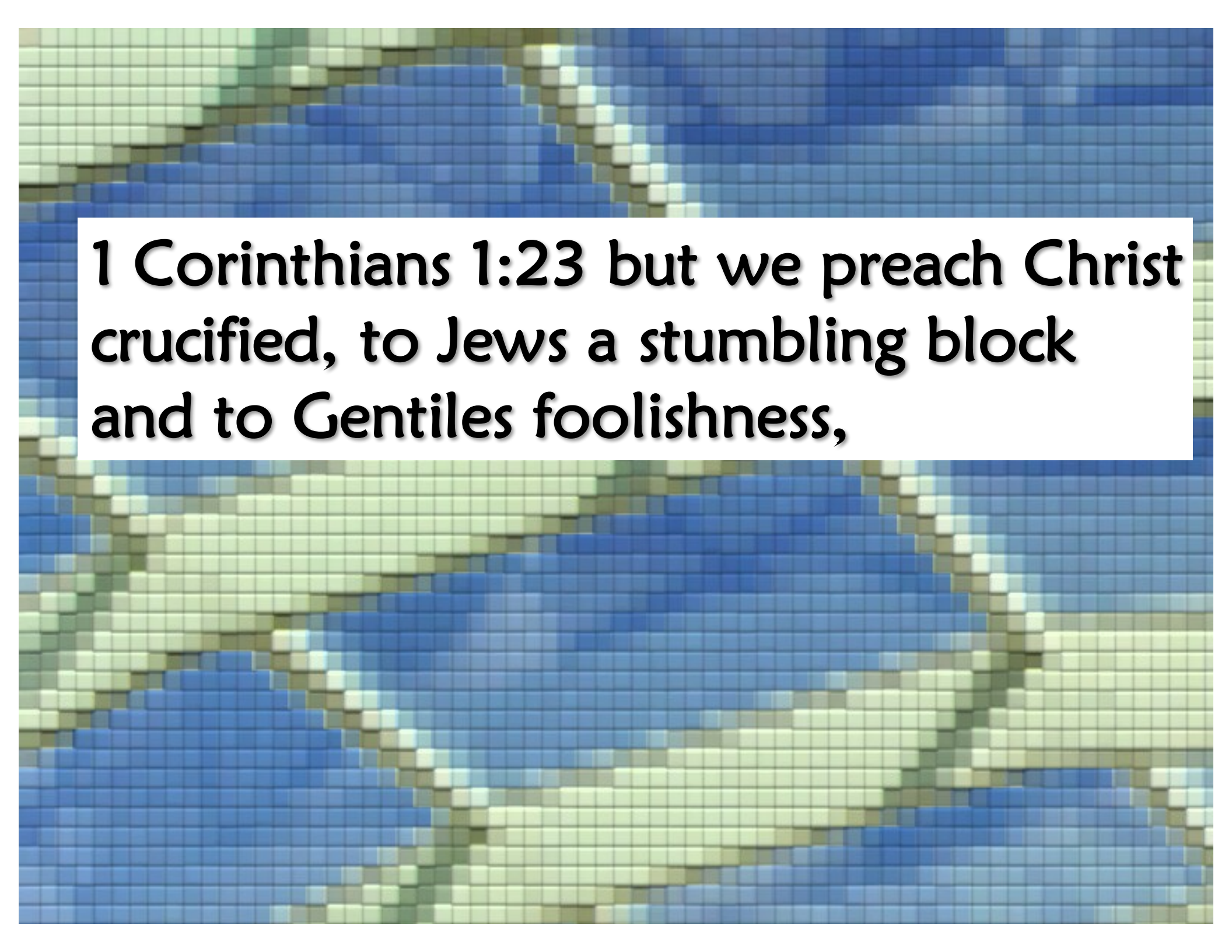
*Evangelism is one of those topics
that makes us uncomfortable on
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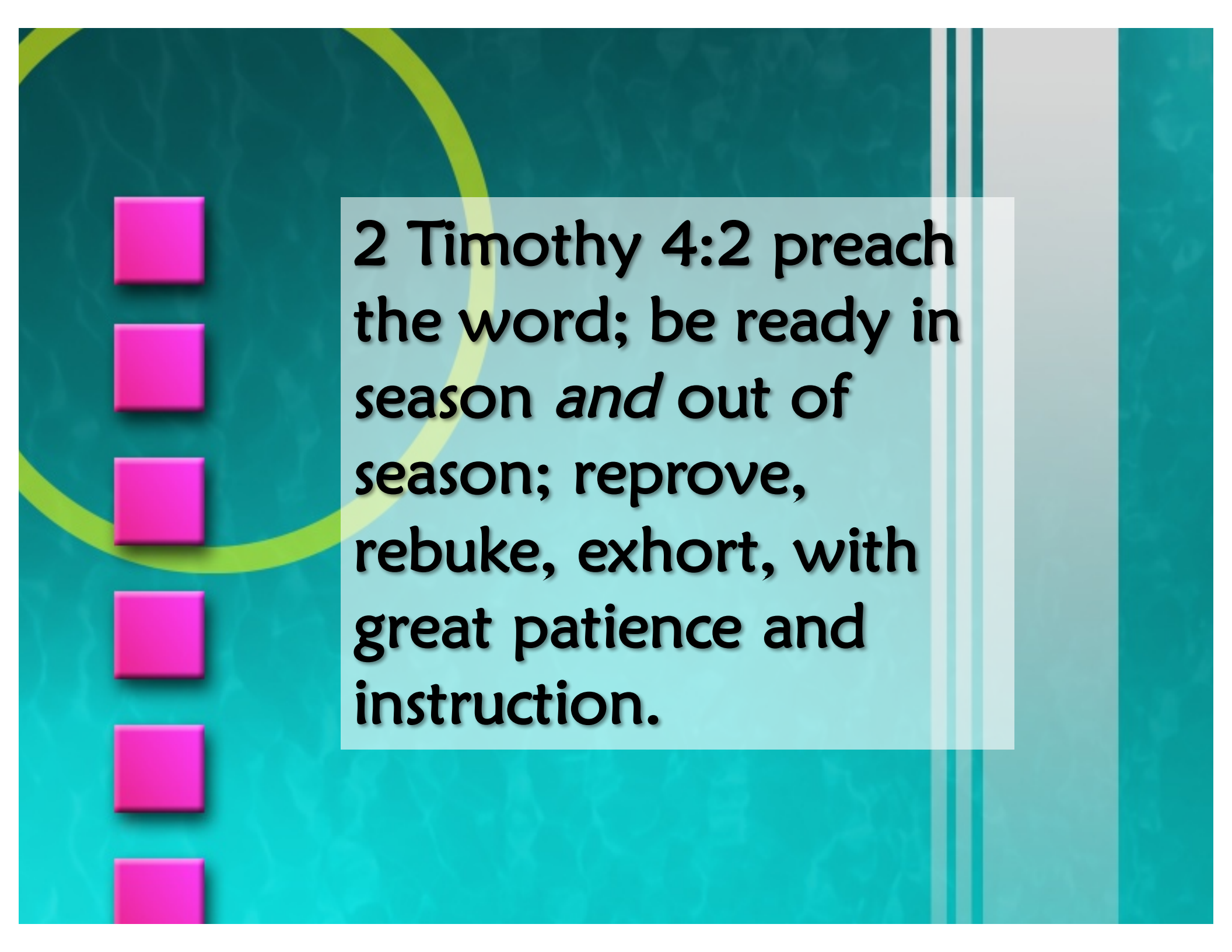
1. Evangelism is teaching & preaching Christ



**Rom 1:16 For I am not
ashamed of the gospel, for it
is the power of God for
salvation to everyone who
believes, to the Jew first and
also to the Greek.**



1 Corinthians 1:23 but we preach Christ crucified, to Jews a stumbling block and to Gentiles foolishness,

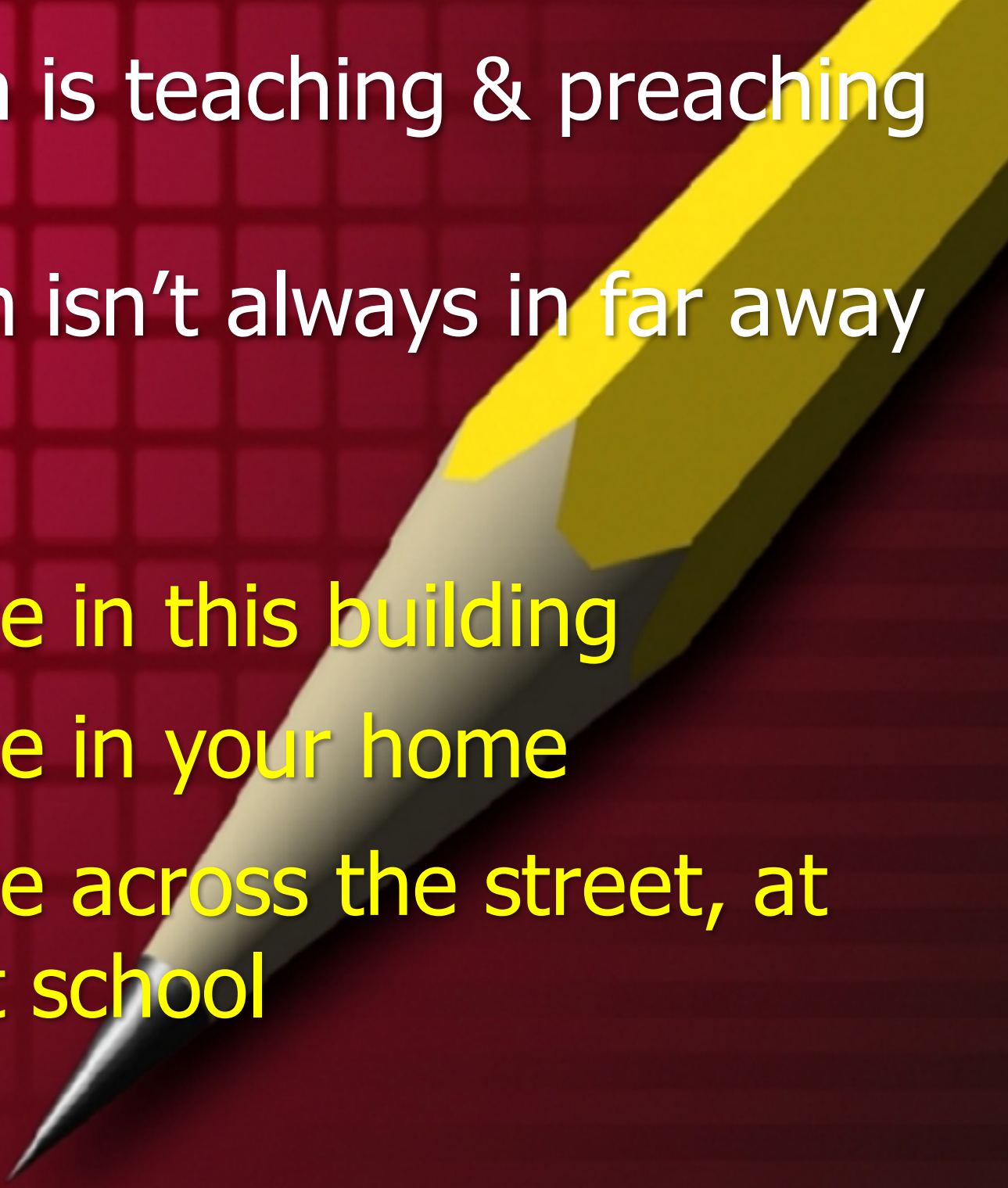


2 Timothy 4:2 preach
the word; be ready in
season *and* out of
season; reprove,
rebuke, exhort, with
great patience and
instruction.

missions



Acts 17:1-3 “...they came to Thessalonica, where there was a synagogue of the Jews. And according to Paul’s custom, he went to them, and for three Sabbaths **reasoned with them from the Scriptures, explaining and giving evidence** that the Christ had to suffer and rise again from the dead, and *saying*, “This Jesus whom I am proclaiming to you is the Christ.”

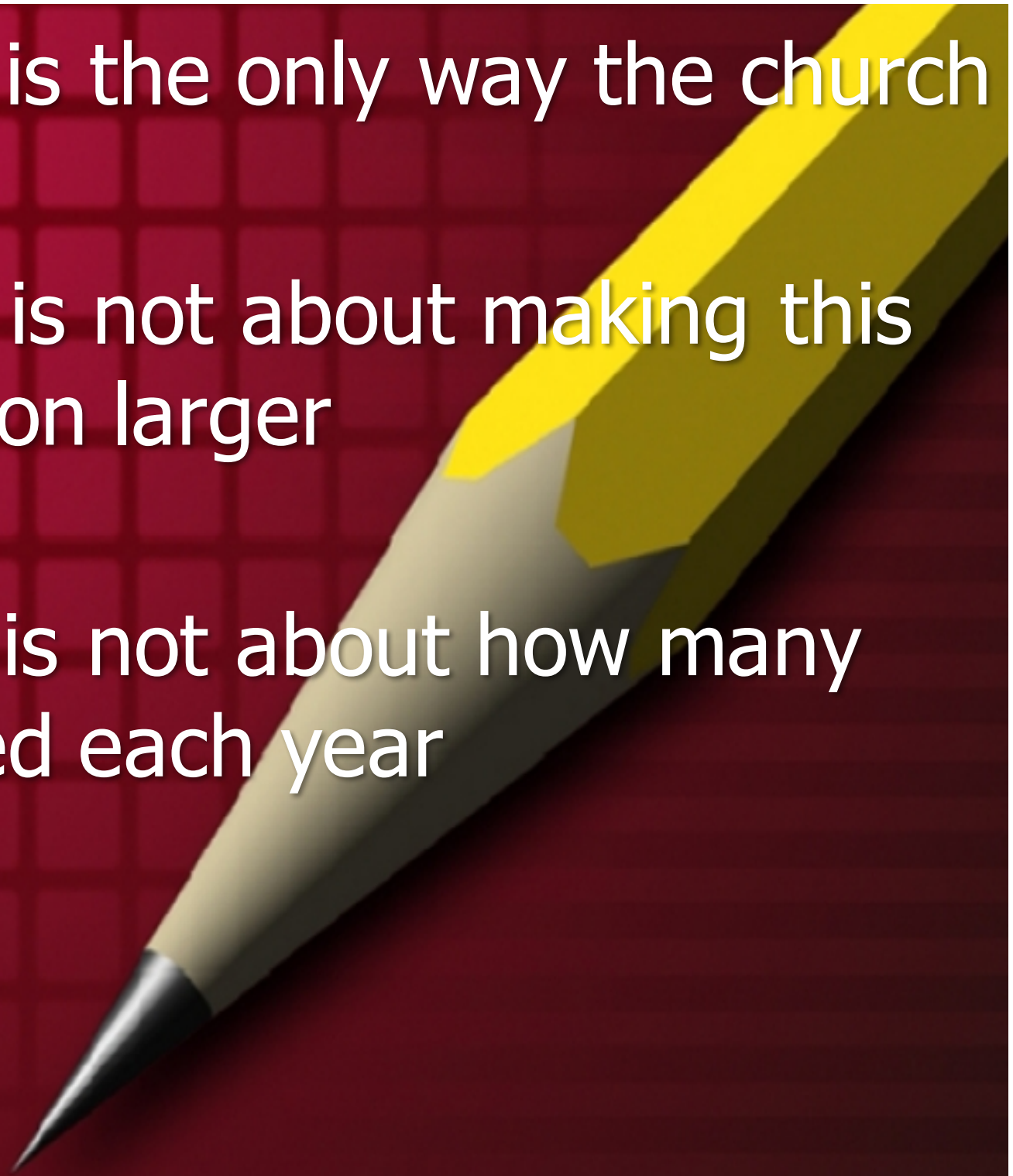
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1. Evangelism is teaching & preaching Christ
 2. Evangelism isn't always in far away lands

It takes place in this building

It takes place in your home

It takes place across the street, at work, at school

3. Evangelism is the only way the church grows
4. Evangelism is not about making this congregation larger
5. Evangelism is not about how many are baptized each year



Luke 8:15 “But the seed in the good soil, these are the ones who have heard the word in a honest and good heart, and hold it fast, and bear fruit with perseverance.”



6. Evangelism still works today

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It still works because:

- (a) Broken lives still need Jesus
- (b) The gospel message remains the only way to be right with God



Three essentials about evangelism

We must live it

We must believe it

We must share it



Colossians 1:24-29

Admonish every man

Teach every man

Make every man complete

- 1. God works in you (29)**
- 2. We proclaim Him to others (28)**
- 3. Evangelism is simply telling the story**



Mark 5:19 “Go home to your people and report to them what great things the Lord has done for you...”



This was done without any classes

**This was done without learning
how to refute error**

**This was done without handfals
of pamphlets**



*Who in your life would you
like to see become a Christian?*

The background is a dark brown, heavily worn antique book cover. It features a large, rectangular, light-colored label in the center, which is slightly discolored and has some faint markings. The label is framed by a thin, dark border. The corners of the book cover are decorated with ornate, gold-colored scrollwork. The overall texture is rough and aged.

Go tell your
people...