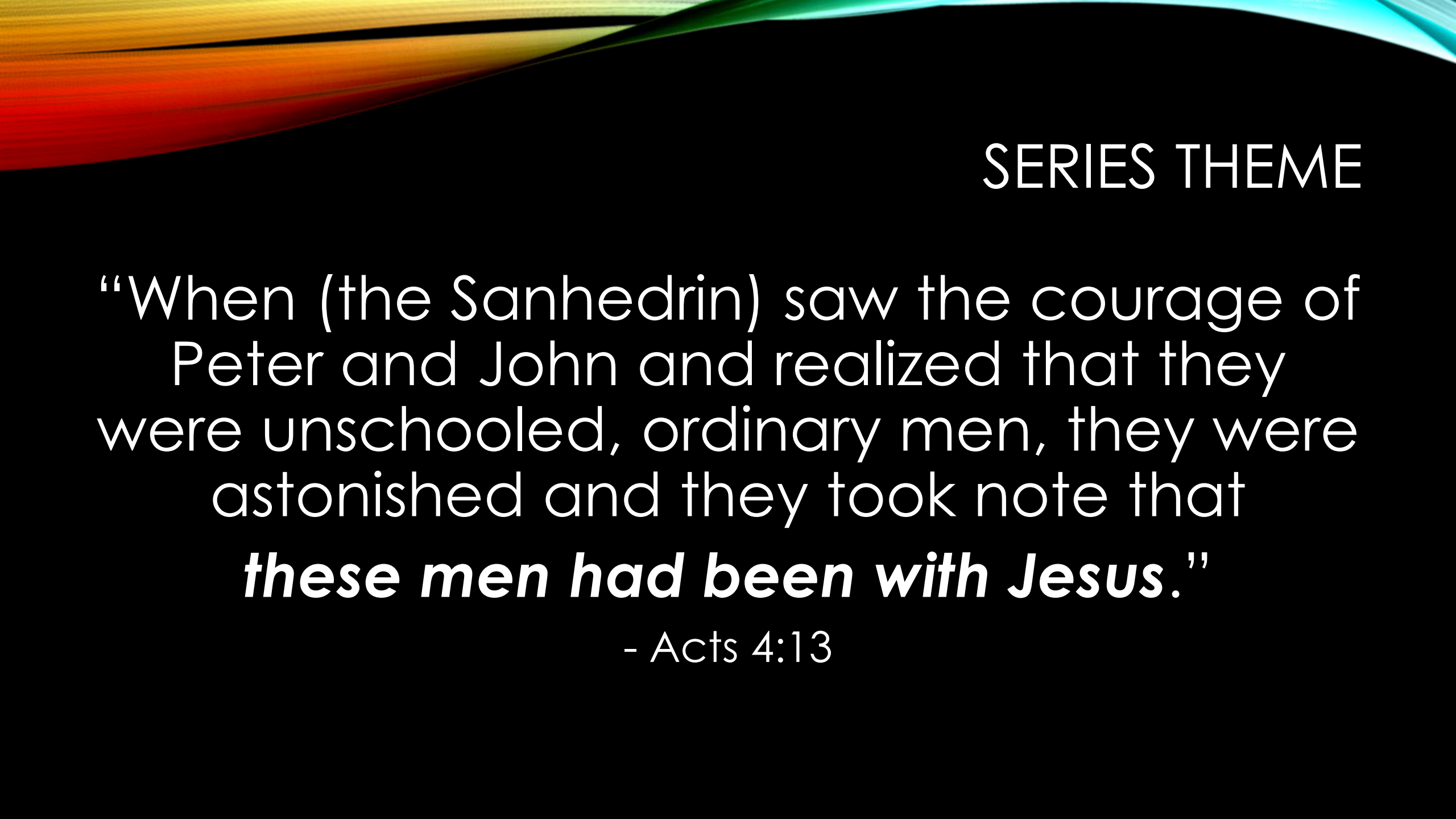
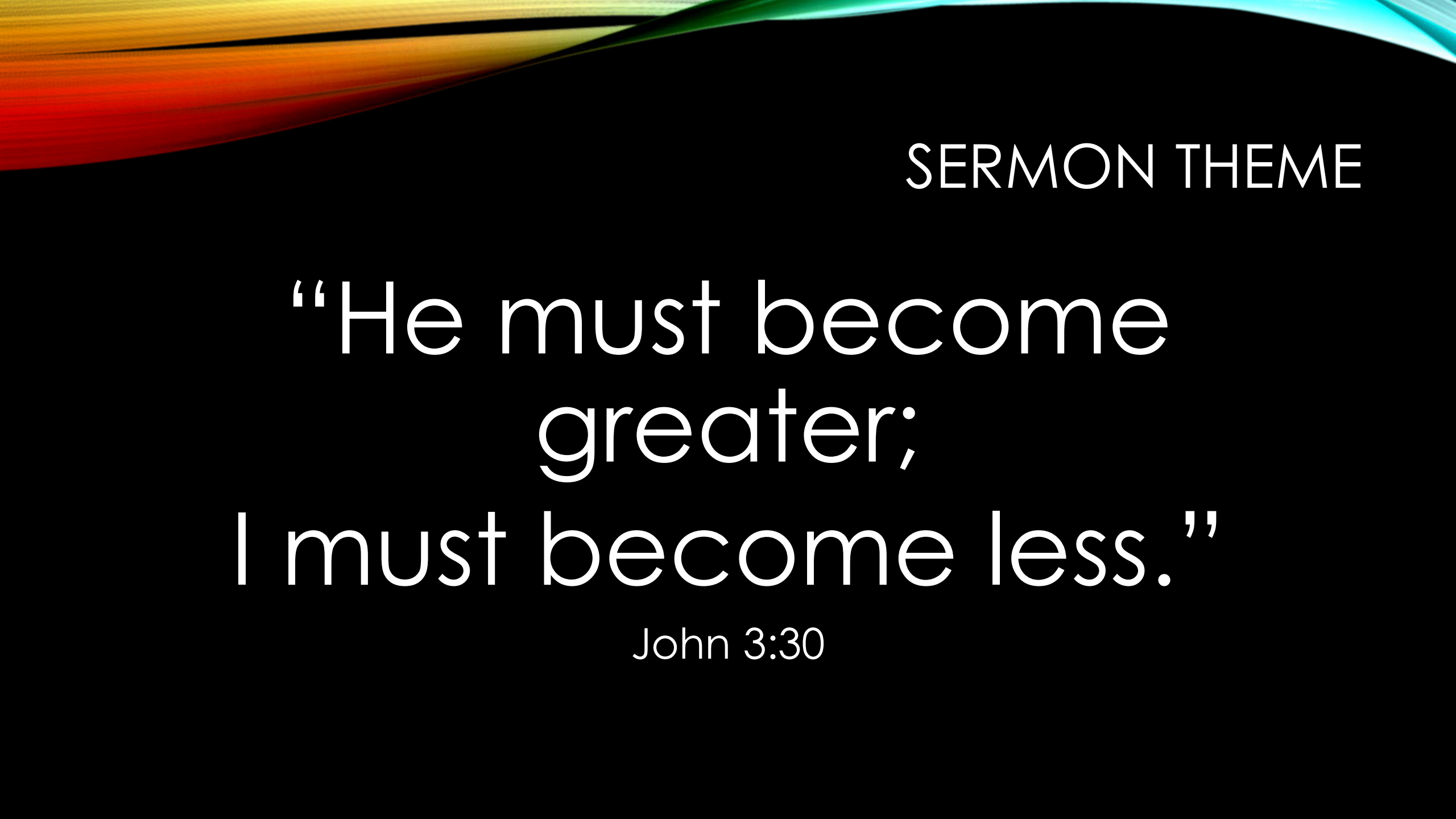




SERIES THEME

“When (the Sanhedrin) saw the courage of Peter and John and realized that they were unschooled, ordinary men, they were astonished and they took note that ***these men had been with Jesus.***”

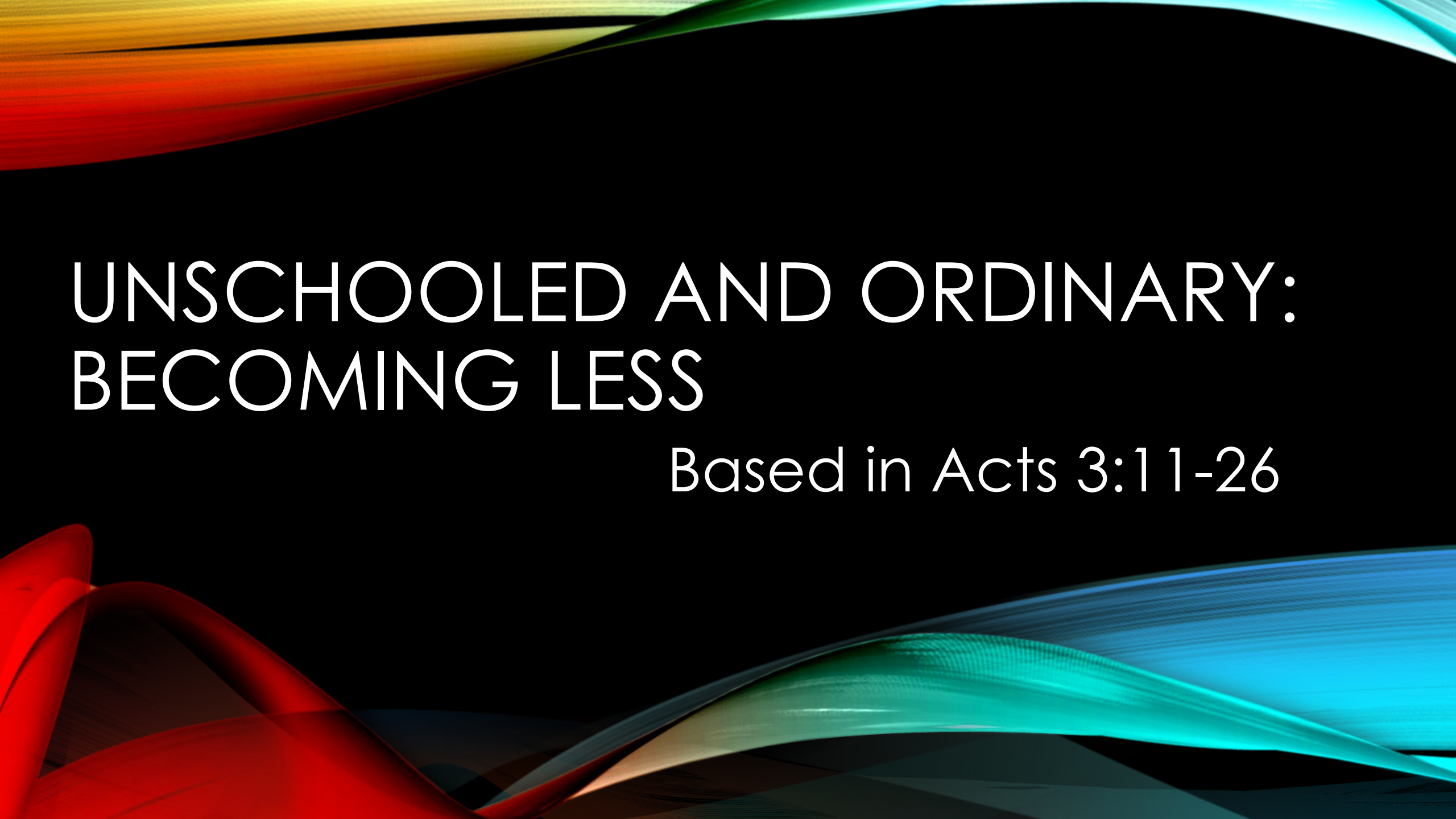
- Acts 4:13



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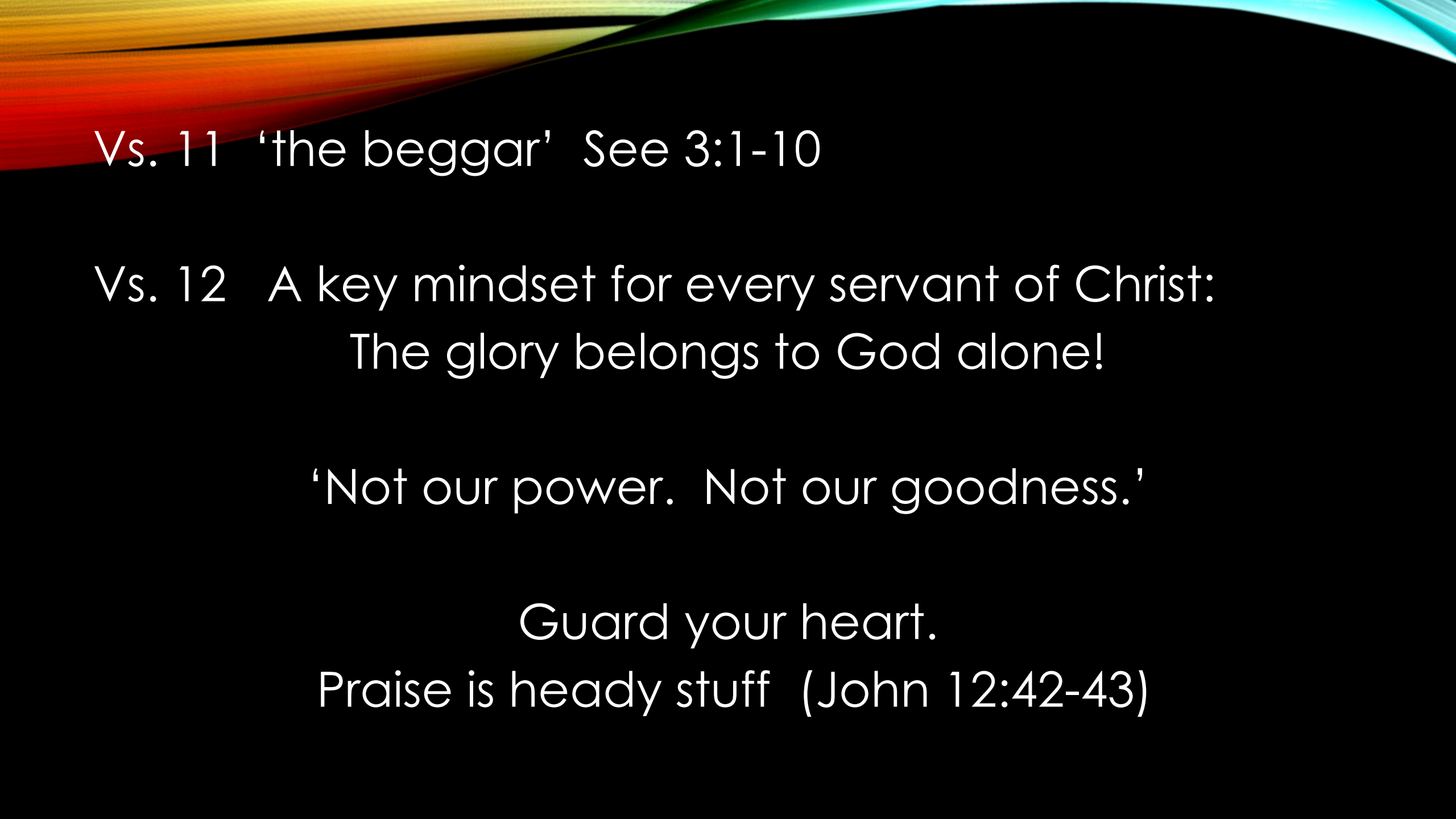
“He must become
greater;
I must become less.”

John 3:30



UNSCHOOLED AND ORDINARY: BECOMING LESS

Based in Acts 3:11-26



Vs. 11 'the beggar' See 3:1-10

Vs. 12 A key mindset for every servant of Christ:
The glory belongs to God alone!

'Not our power. Not our goodness.'

Guard your heart.
Praise is heady stuff (John 12:42-43)

4 GREAT EXAMPLES AND 1 TERRIBLE ONE

David 1 Samuel 17:45-47

Elijah 1 Kings 18:36-37

Jesus John 11:41-42

Paul and Barnabas Acts 14:12-15

And then there's

Herod Acts 12:21-23



VSS. 13-16

The Holy Spirit enabled Peter's clear proclamation of truth

Grace and truth (John 1:14)

Truth in love (Eph 4:15)

But truth!

The Holy Spirit gives courage to name the name of Jesus.

Phil. 2:5-11



“BUT I DIDN'T KNOW!”

Vs. 17 “You acted in ignorance”

Ignorance is no excuse. The serious charges (3:13-15) still stick.

Vs. 18 The Cross in prophecy, see Isa. 53 and others

Even in ignorance, what is necessary?

Repentance



Vs. 19

“Repent” - to repent with regret accompanied by a true change of heart toward God. See 2 Cor. 7:8-11

A change of mind...signifying regret for the course pursued and resulting in a wiser view of the past and future.

“turn to God” – to be converted or turned to God

AND WHAT CAN BE EXPECTED WHEN ONE REPENTS AND TURNS TO GOD?

Vs. 19b

Our sins will be wiped out

“to obliterate, blot out, wipe away”

Times of refreshing will come from the Lord

“the recovery of breath.” “Revival”