



DISCIPLINE

BEING AND MAKING FOLLOWERS OF CHRIST

Acts 1:4-5

And while staying with them he ordered them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for the promise of the Father, which, he said, “you heard from me; ⁵ for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now.”

Acts 1:8

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Acts 1:12-14

Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a Sabbath day's journey away. ¹³ And when they had entered, they went up to the upper room, where they were staying, Peter and John and James and Andrew,

Acts 1:12-14

Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James the son of Alphaeus and Simon the Zealot and Judas the son of James. ¹⁴ All these with one accord were devoting themselves to prayer, together with the women and Mary the mother of Jesus, and his brothers.

Acts 2:42-47

And they devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers.

⁴³ And awe came upon every soul, and many wonders and signs were being done through the apostles.

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⁴⁴ And all who believed were together and had all things in common. ⁴⁵ And they were selling their possessions and belongings and distributing the proceeds to all, as any had need. ⁴⁶ And day by day, attending the temple together and breaking bread in their homes,

Acts 2:42-47

they received their food with glad and generous hearts, ⁴⁷ praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to their number day by day those who were being saved.

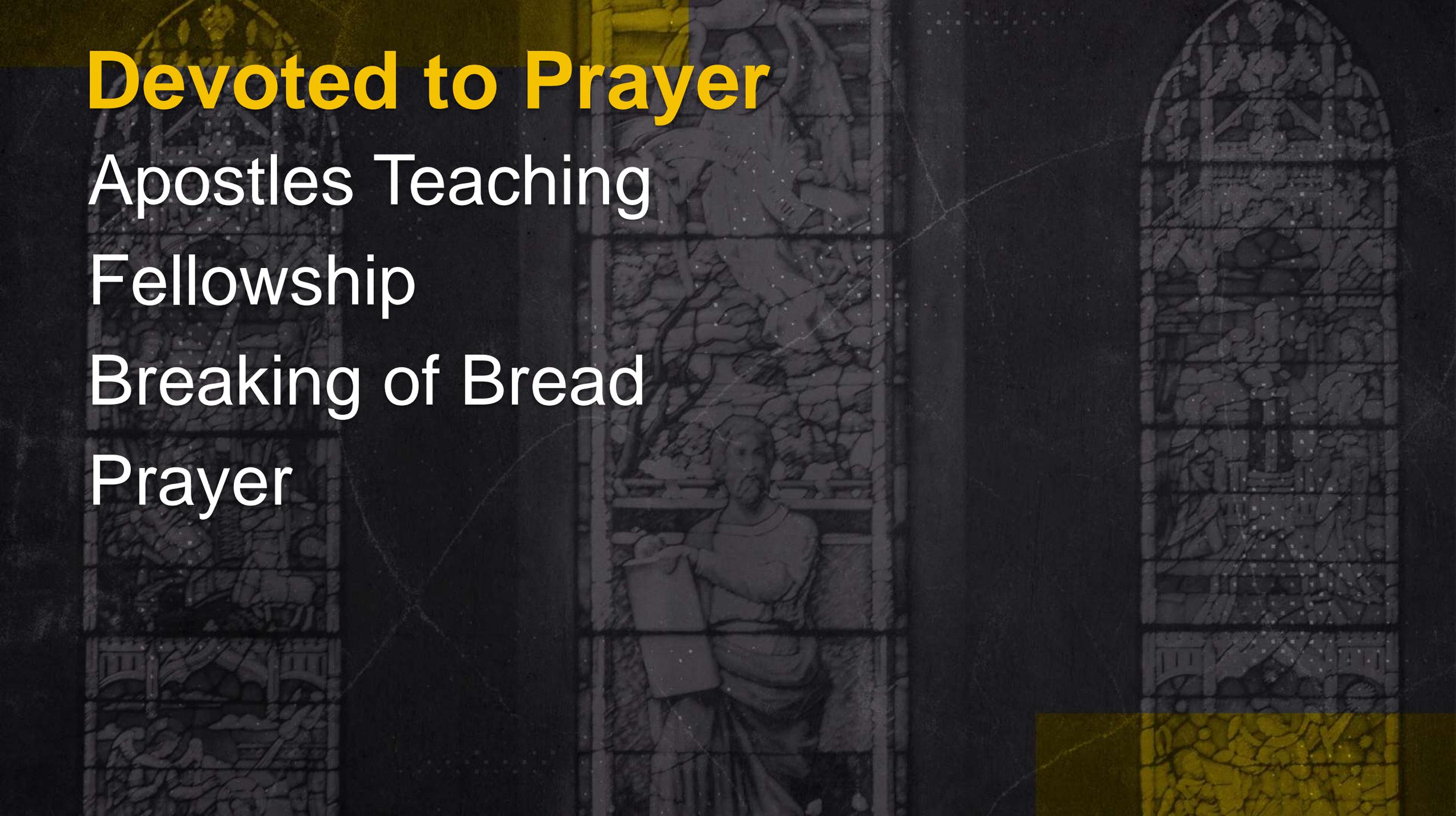
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Apostles Teaching

Fellowship

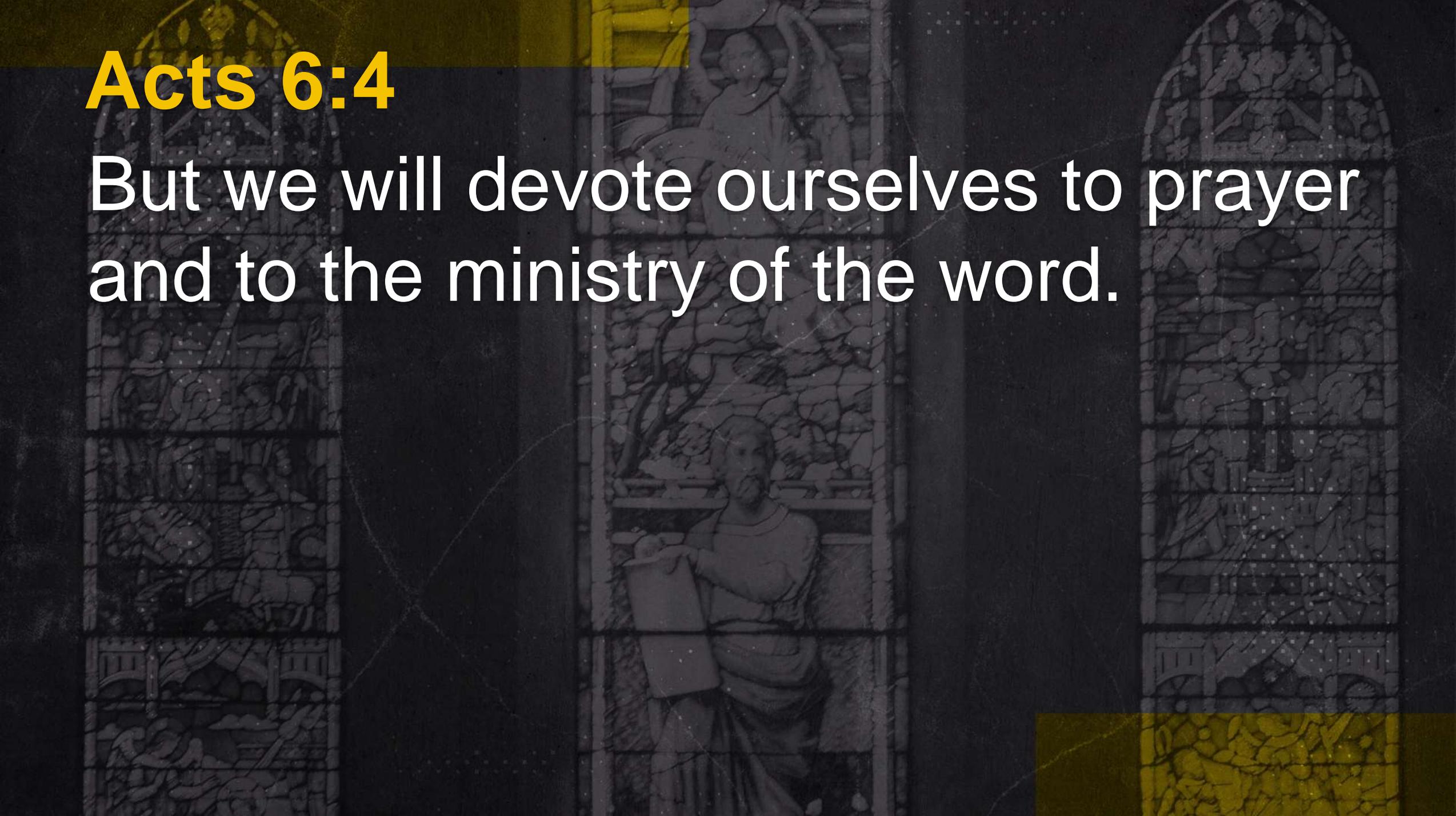
Breaking of Bread

Prayer



Acts 6:4

But we will devote ourselves to prayer
and to the ministry of the word.



Devoted to Prayer

The fervency, urgency, frequency and subject of our prayers reveals what we really believe about God and His mission.

Devoted to Prayer

Observation: We struggle in prayer, the early disciples were devoted to prayer. What did they understand that possibly we don't?

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1. They understood that God is sovereign over everything and He is the supplier of everything they need.

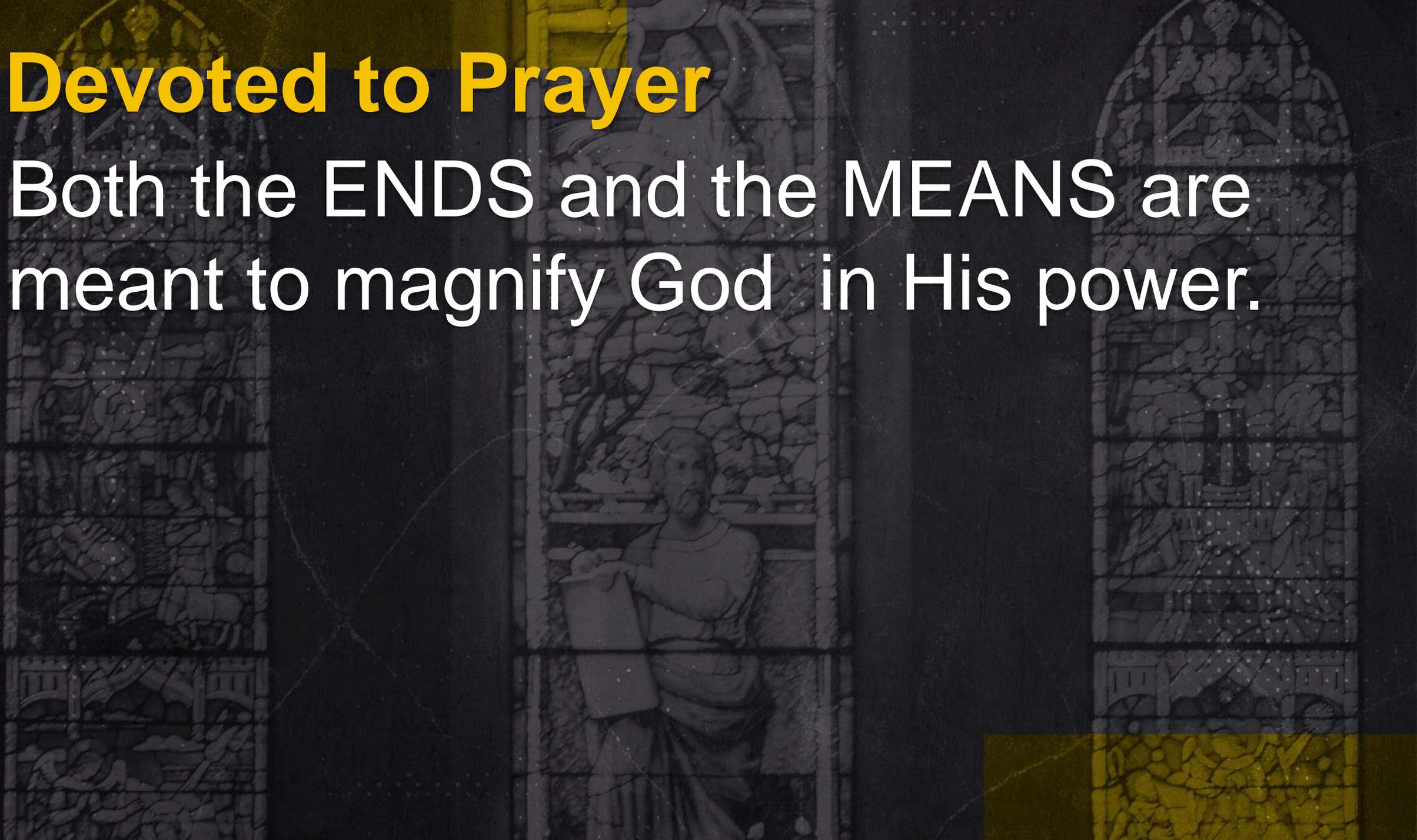
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ENDS- that which God has purposed/that which He has decreed and willed.

MEANS- the way in which He has purposed and willed for the **ENDS** to be accomplished.

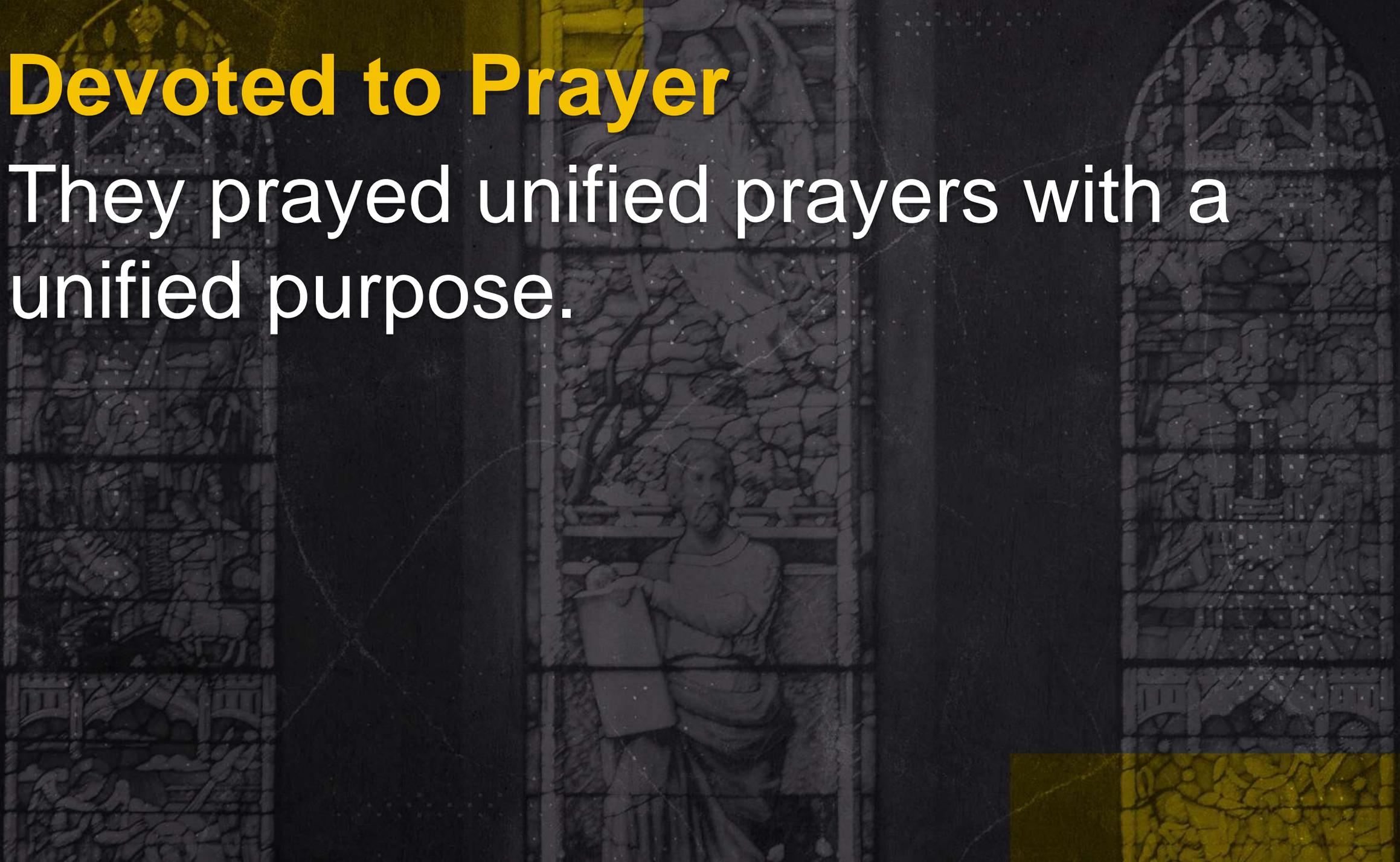
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Both the ENDS and the MEANS are meant to magnify God in His power.



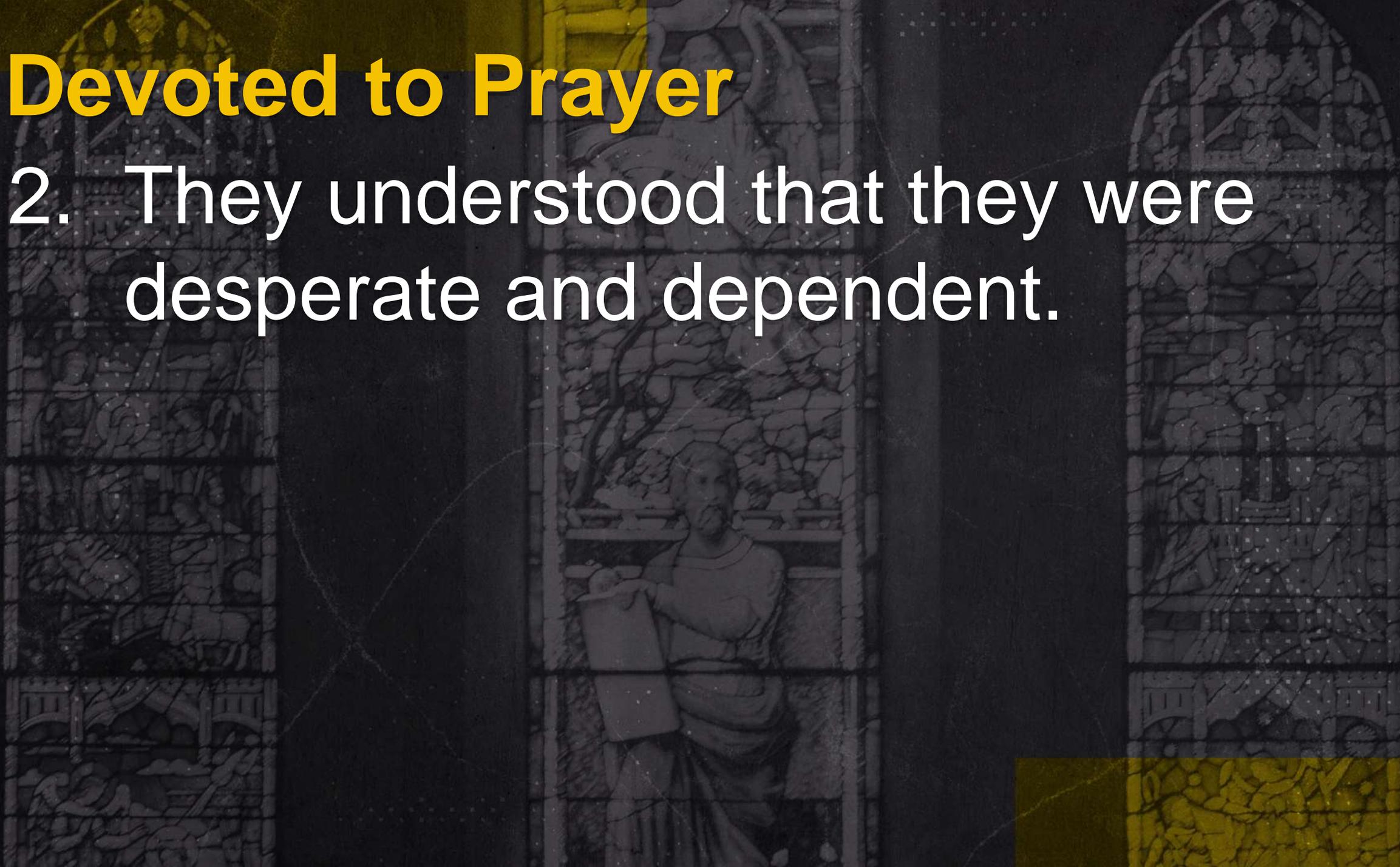
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They prayed unified prayers with a unified purpose.



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2. They understood that they were desperate and dependent.



Devoted to Prayer

Those who are devoted to God's mission on God's terms will be devoted to prayer.

“The wheels of all machinery for extending the gospel are moved by prayer.” –JC Ryle