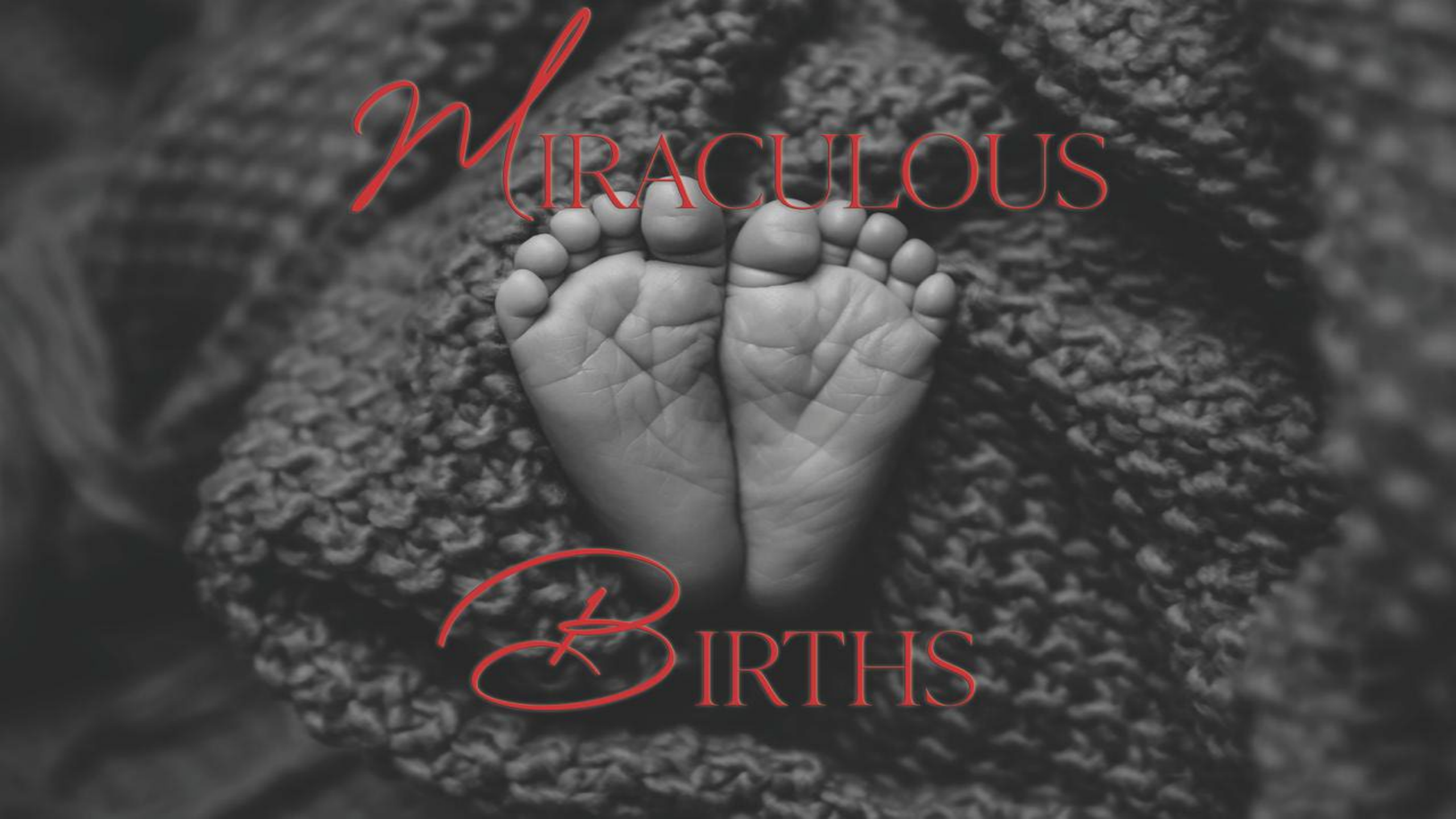
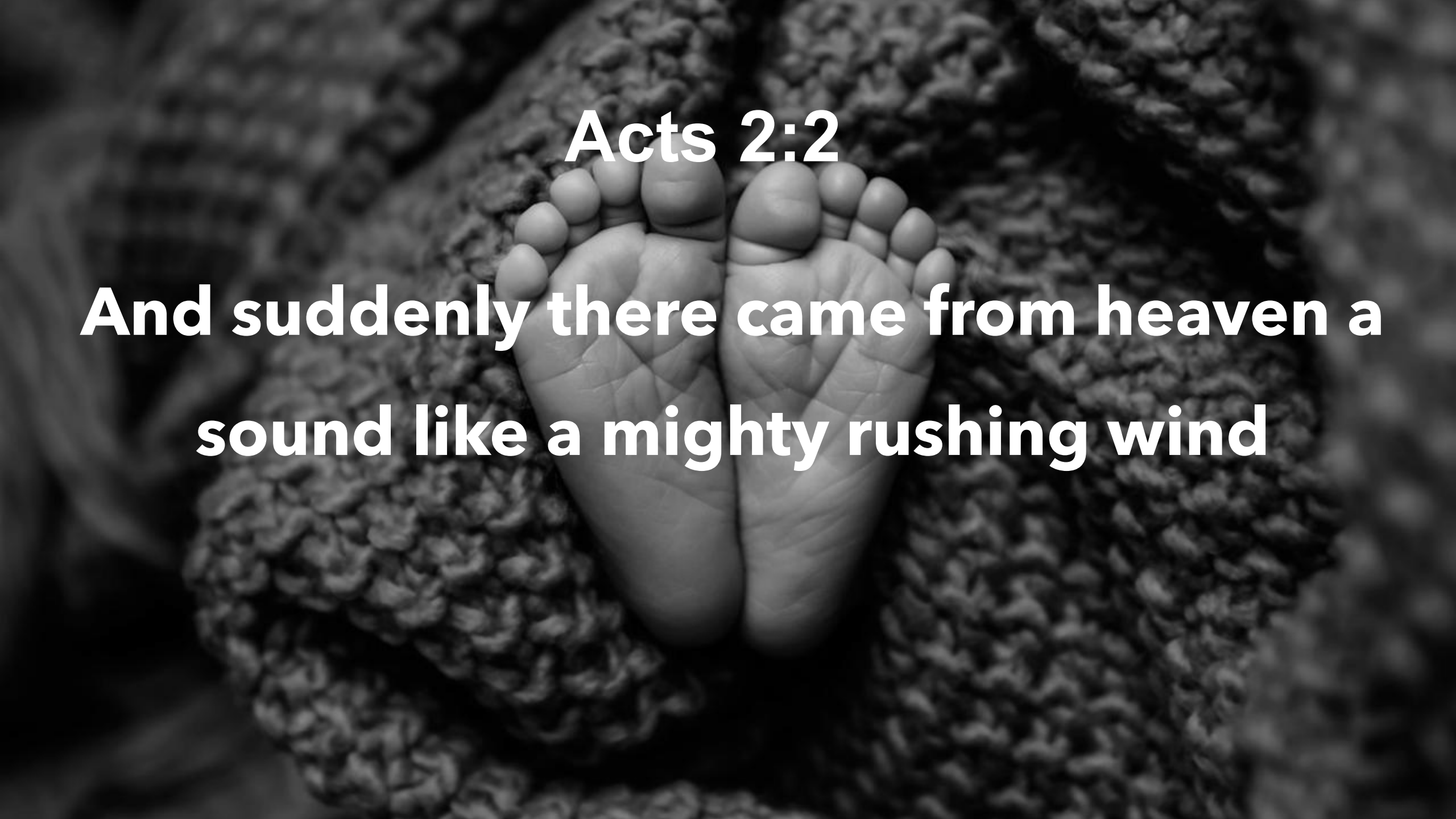


A black and white photograph of a pair of baby feet, showing the soles, resting on a dark, heavily textured surface like a rug. The feet are positioned centrally. Overlaid on the image is red text. The word 'MIRACULOUS' is in a serif font, with a large, stylized red 'M' at the beginning. The word 'BIRTHS' is in a similar serif font, with a large, stylized red 'B' at the beginning.

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A black and white photograph of a pair of feet standing on a textured surface, possibly a rug or carpet. The feet are positioned centrally, with the toes pointing towards the top of the frame. The texture of the surface is highly detailed, showing a pattern of small, raised bumps. Overlaid on the image is the text "Acts 2:2" in a large, white, sans-serif font, centered above the feet. Below this, the text "And suddenly there came from heaven a sound like a mighty rushing wind" is written in a smaller, white, sans-serif font, also centered and spanning across the feet.

Acts 2:2

**And suddenly there came from heaven a
sound like a mighty rushing wind**



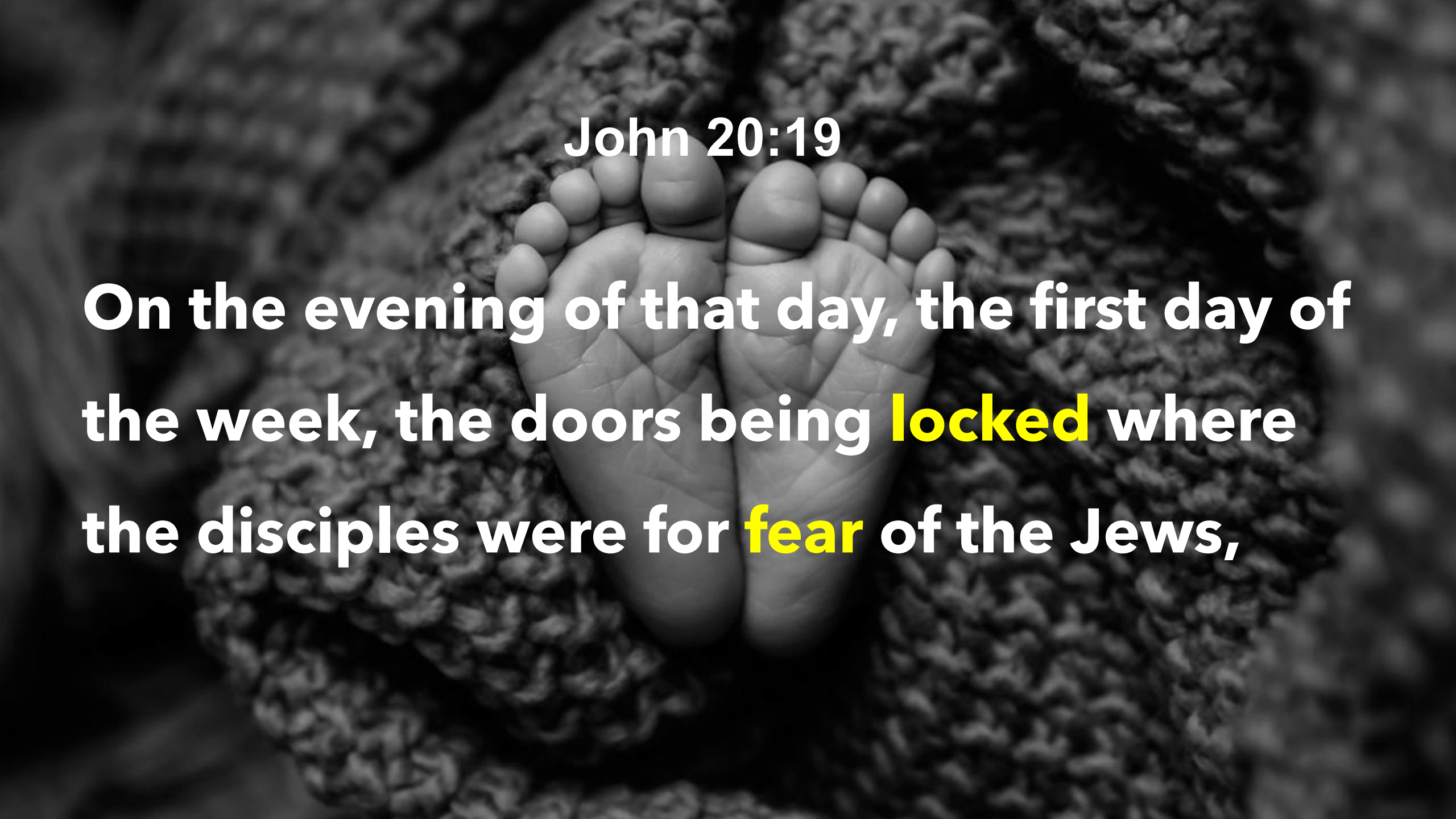
Miraculous Births

The Church

I. Patterns of Miraculous Births

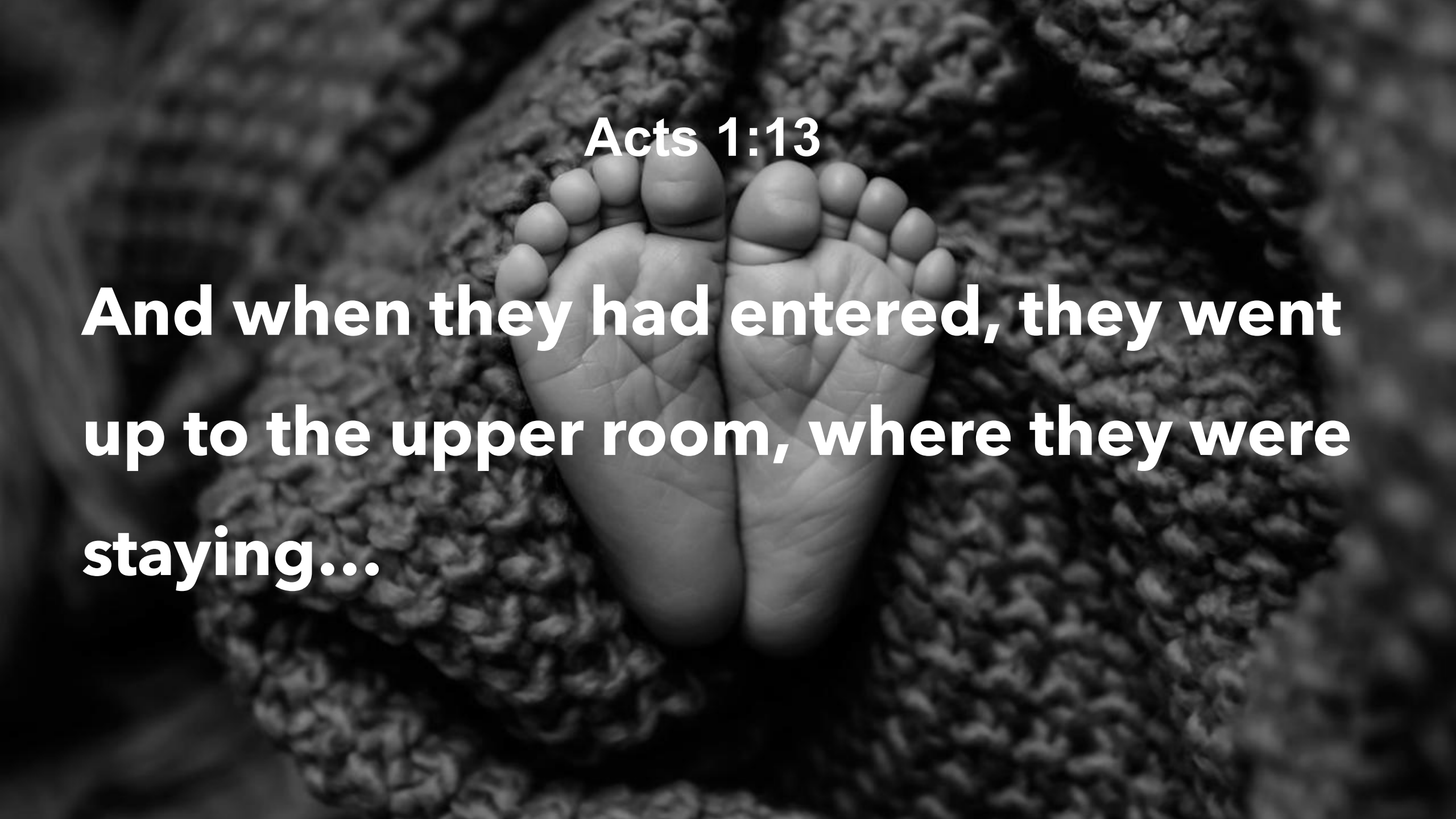
- **God's gift to a desperate situation**





John 20:19

On the evening of that day, the first day of the week, the doors being **locked where the disciples were for **fear** of the Jews,**

A black and white photograph of a pair of feet, likely belonging to a child, standing on a dark, textured rug. The feet are positioned centrally, with the toes pointing slightly outwards. The rug has a dense, looped pile. The lighting is soft, highlighting the texture of the skin and the rug.

Acts 1:13

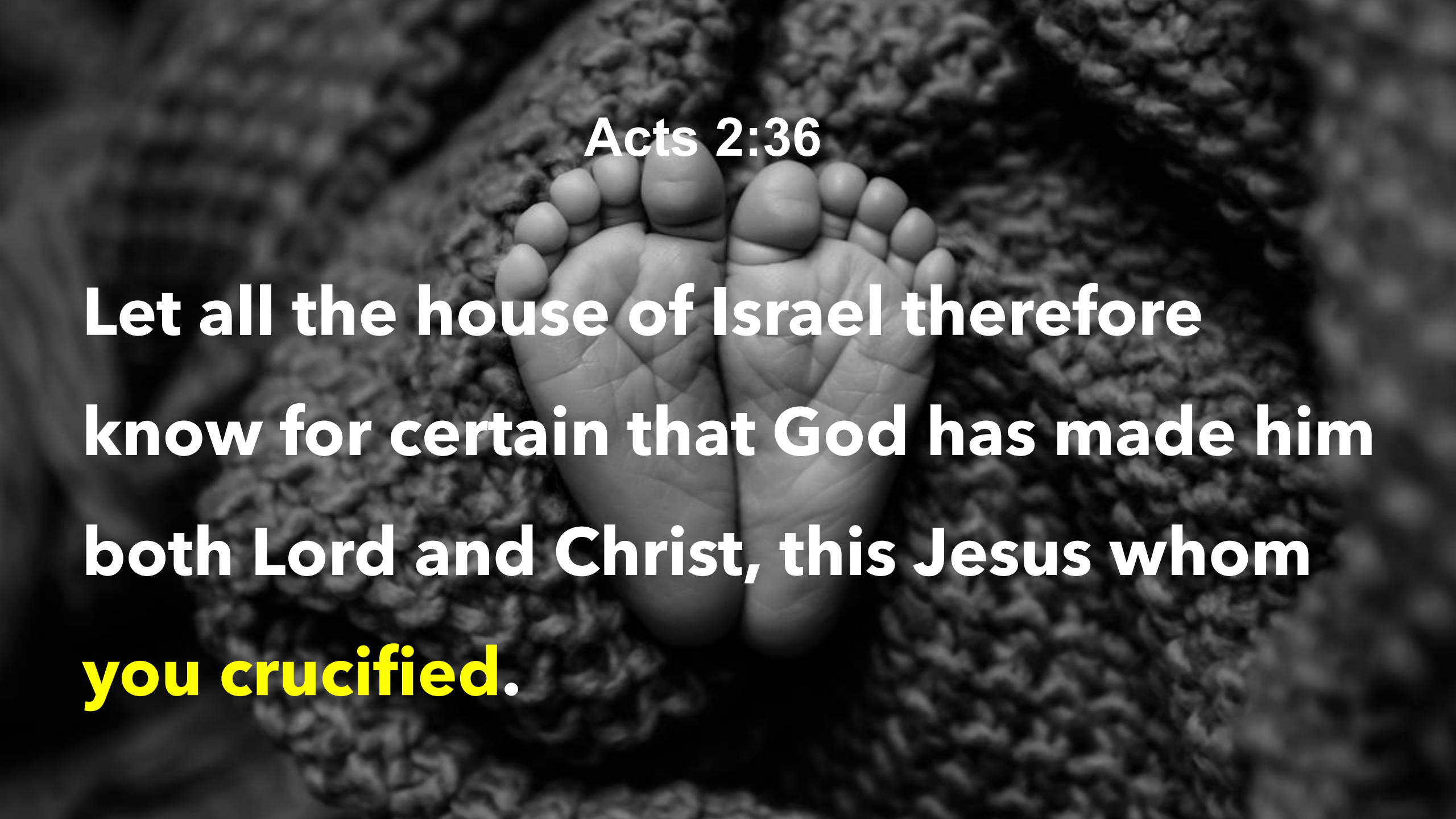
**And when they had entered, they went
up to the upper room, where they were
staying...**

I. Patterns of Miraculous Births

- **God's gift to a desperate situation**

Disciples have a hiding out mentality

Nation has killed the Messiah

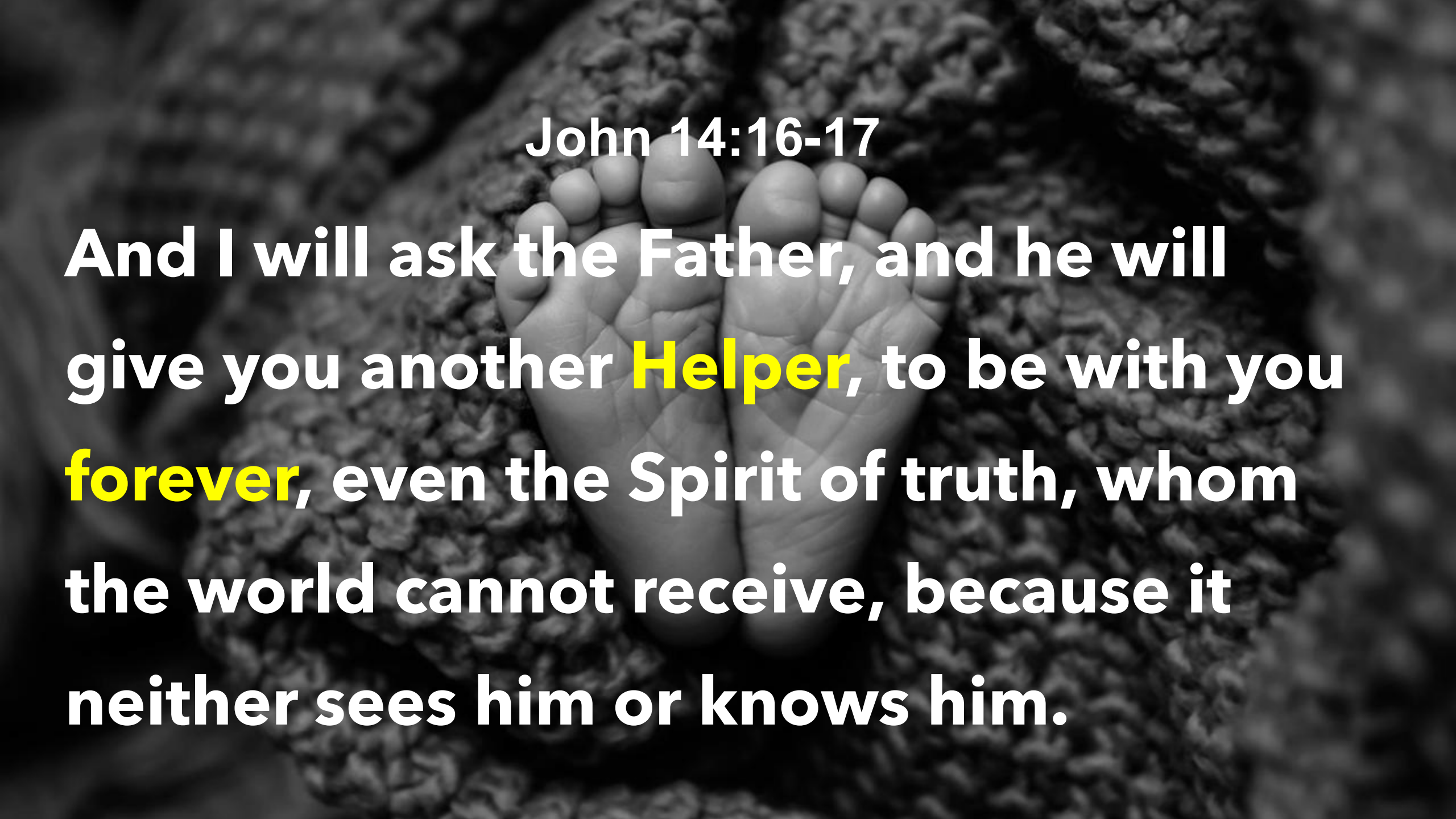


Acts 2:36

**Let all the house of Israel therefore
know for certain that God has made him
both Lord and Christ, this Jesus whom
you crucified.**

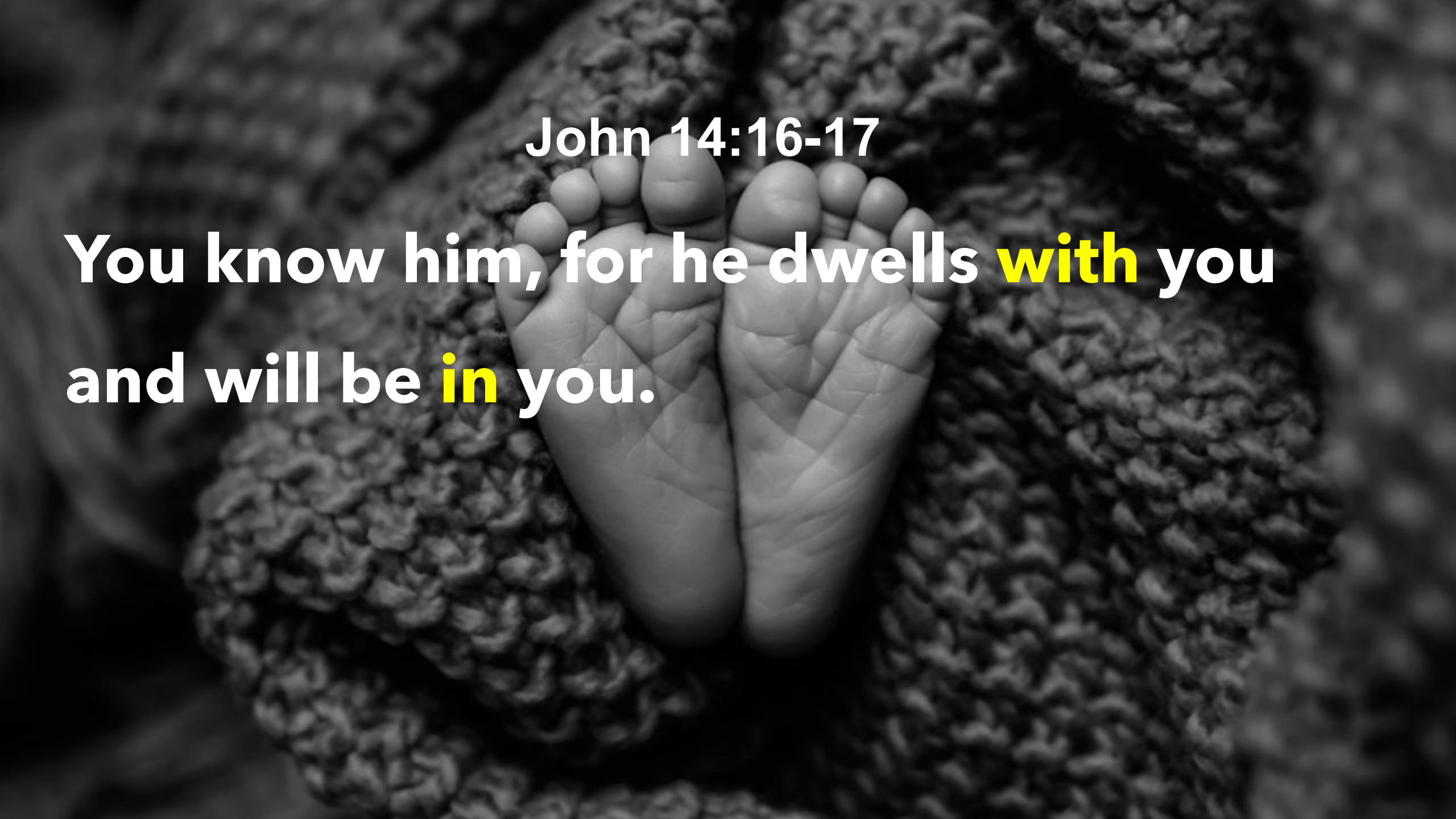
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- **God's gift to a desperate situation**
- **These Births follow an extraordinary announcement**



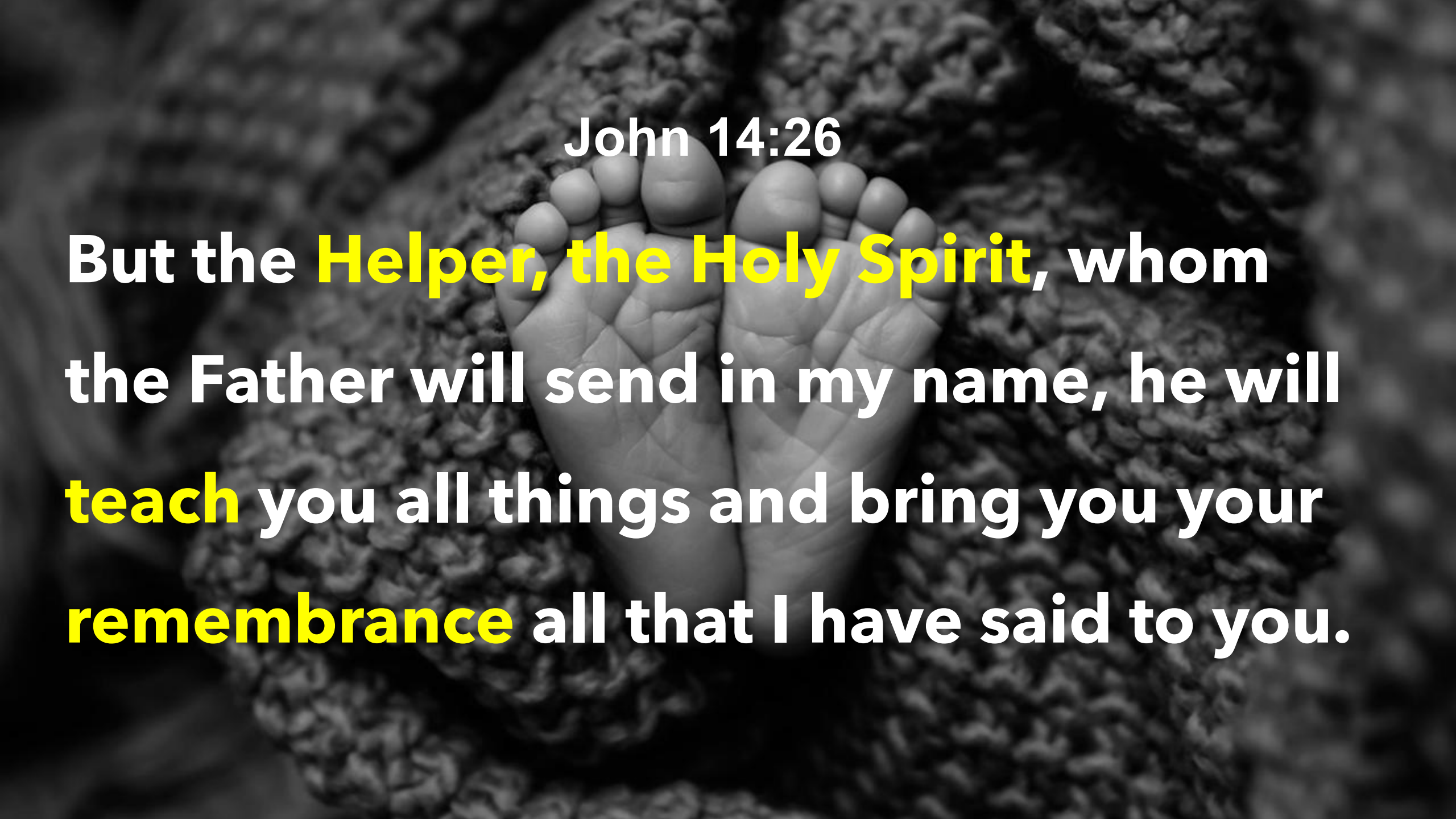
John 14:16-17

And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another **Helper, to be with you **forever**, even the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him or knows him.**



John 14:16-17

You know him, for he dwells **with you
and will be **in** you.**

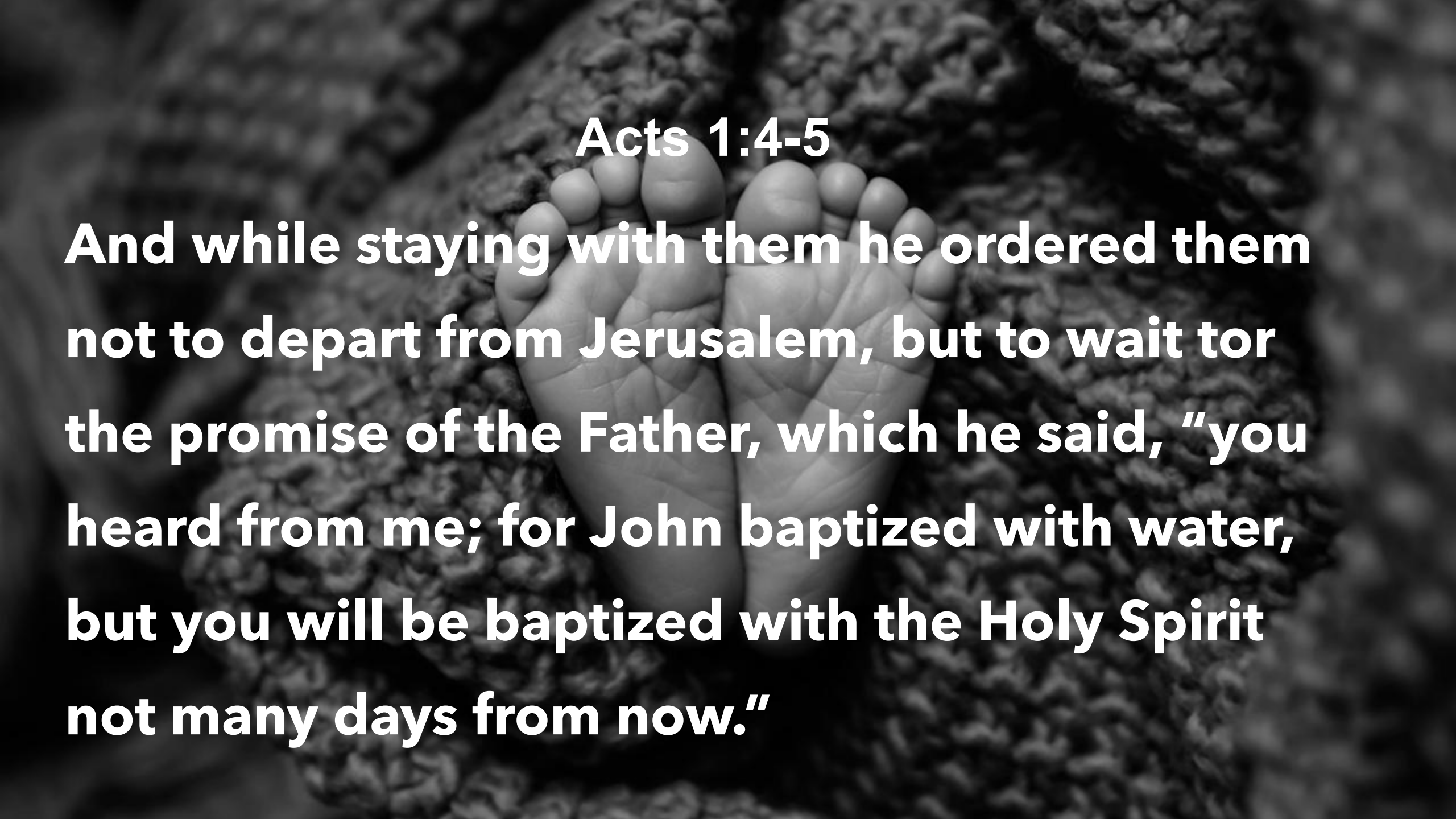
A black and white photograph of a pair of feet, likely Jesus' feet, with a crown of thorns resting on them. The feet are positioned centrally, with the toes pointing upwards. The thorns are dark and sharp, forming a circular crown around the feet. The background is a textured, light-colored surface.

John 14:26

But the **Helper, the Holy Spirit**, whom
the Father will send in my name, he will
teach you all things and bring you your
remembrance all that I have said to you.

I. Patterns of Miraculous Births

- **God's gift to a desperate situation**
- **These Births follow an extraordinary announcement**
- **They make us ask questions**



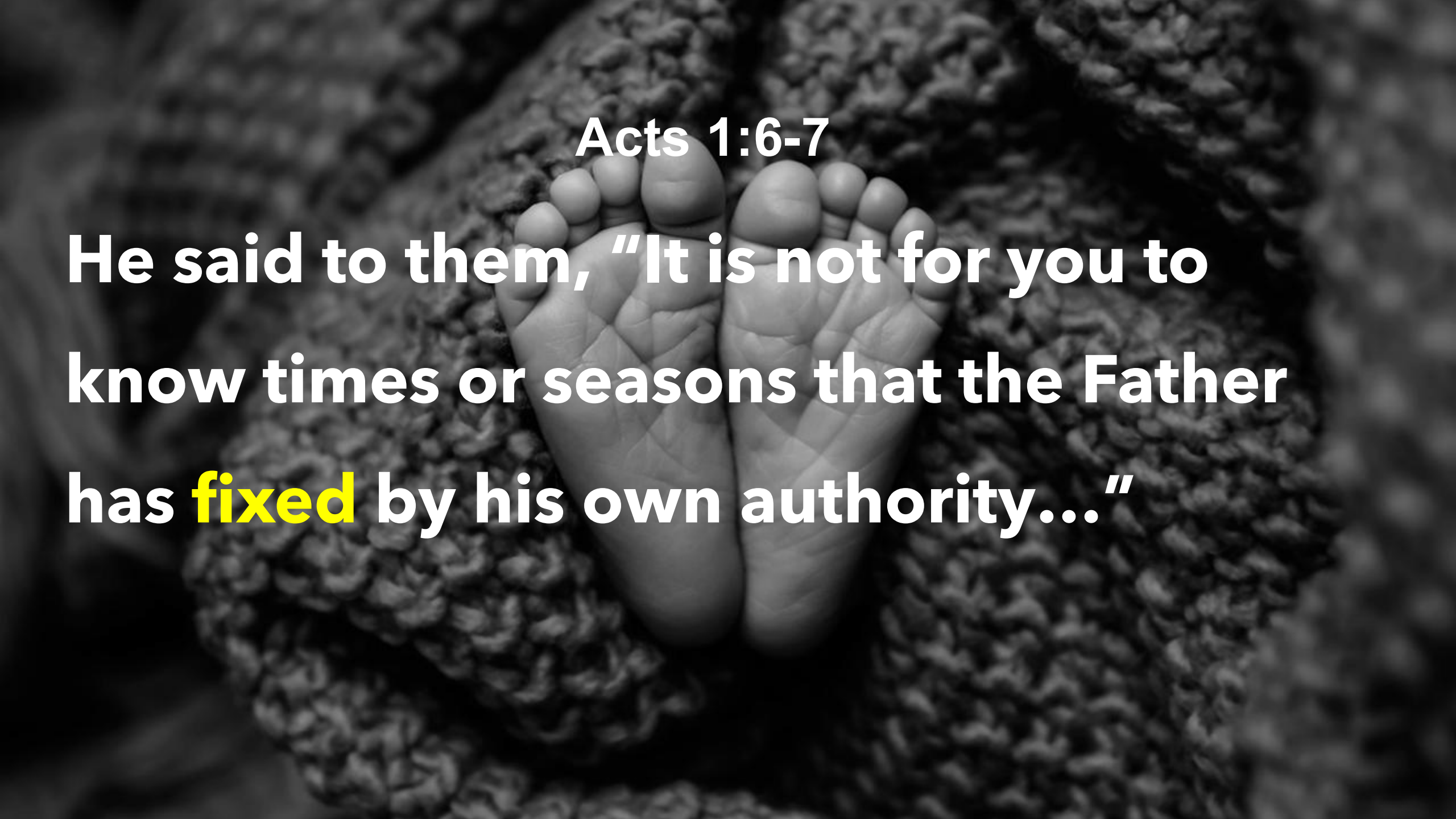
Acts 1:4-5

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; for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now."

A black and white photograph of a pair of feet standing on a dark, textured surface, possibly sand or gravel. The feet are positioned centrally, with the toes pointing slightly outwards. The image is used as a background for the text.

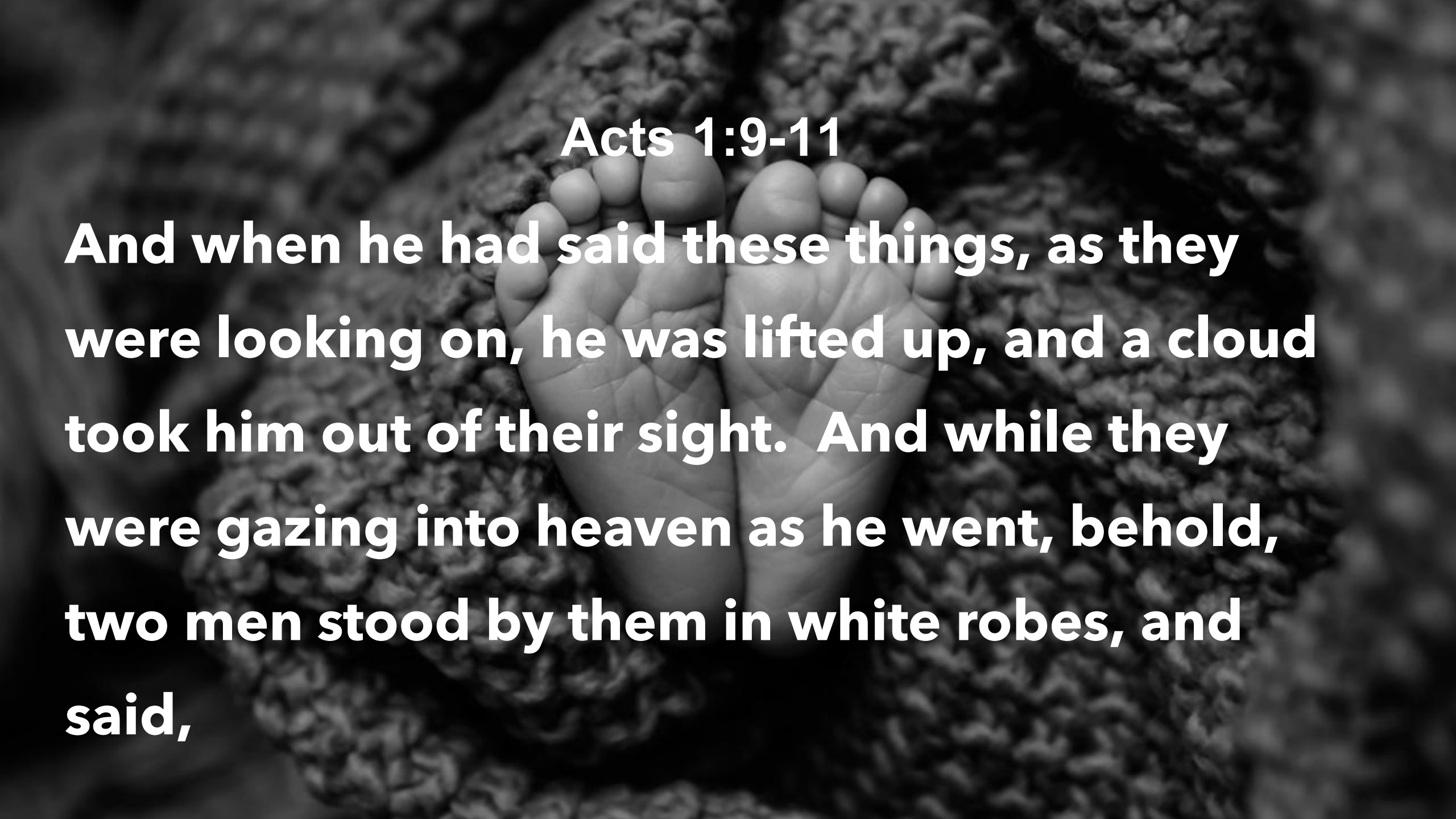
Acts 1:6-7

So when they had come together, they asked him, "Lord, will you **at this time restore the kingdom to Israel?"**

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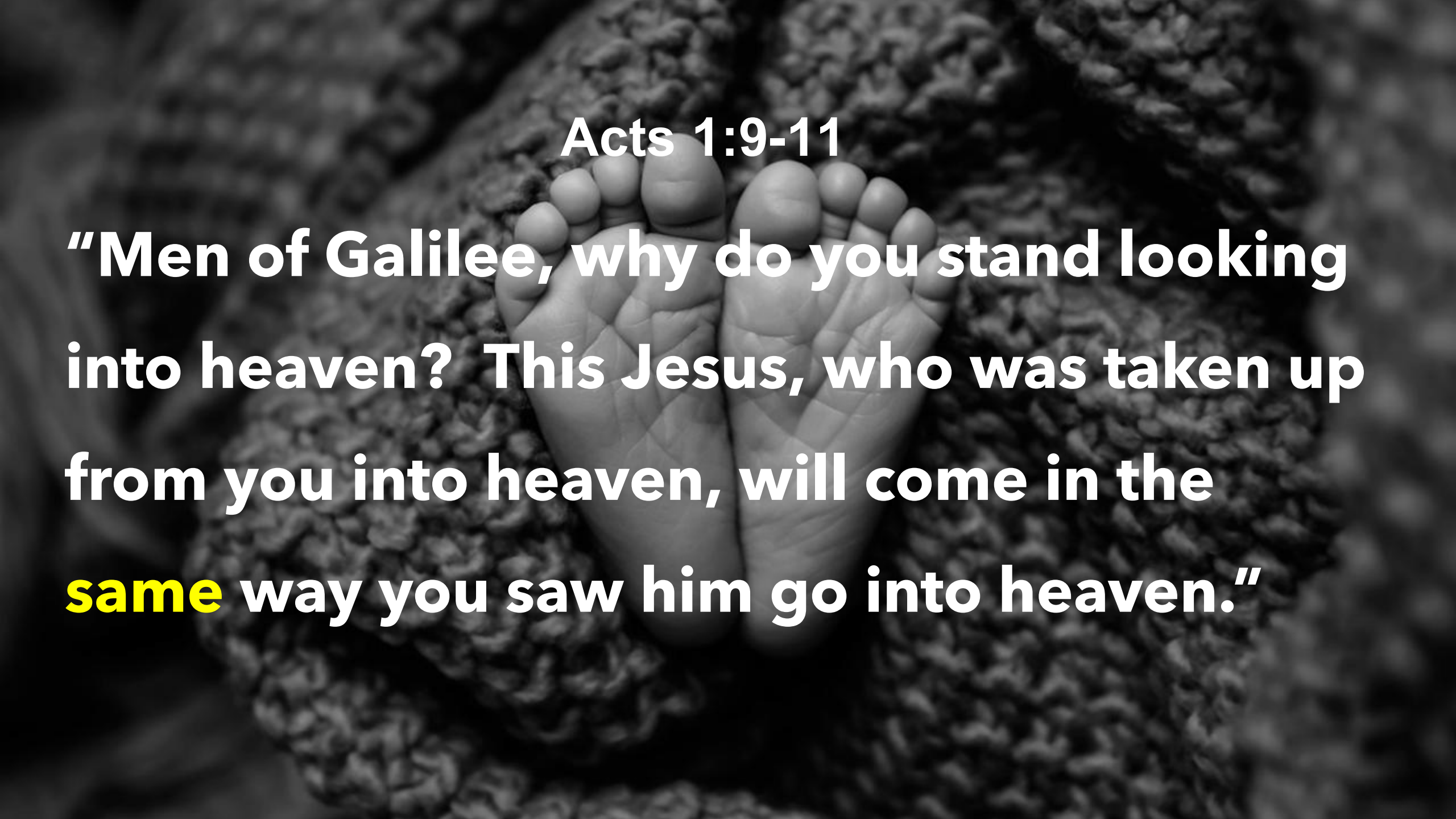
Acts 1:6-7

He said to them, "It is not for you to know times or seasons that the Father has **fixed by his own authority..."**

A black and white image showing a pair of feet, possibly of a child, with a cloud-like or textured surface. The feet are positioned centrally, with the toes pointing upwards. The background is a dark, textured surface that resembles a cloud or a rough ground.

Acts 1:9-11

And when he had said these things, as they were looking on, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. And while they were gazing into heaven as he went, behold, two men stood by them in white robes, and said,



Acts 1:9-11

“Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking into heaven? This Jesus, who was taken up from you into heaven, will come in the **same way you saw him go into heaven.”**

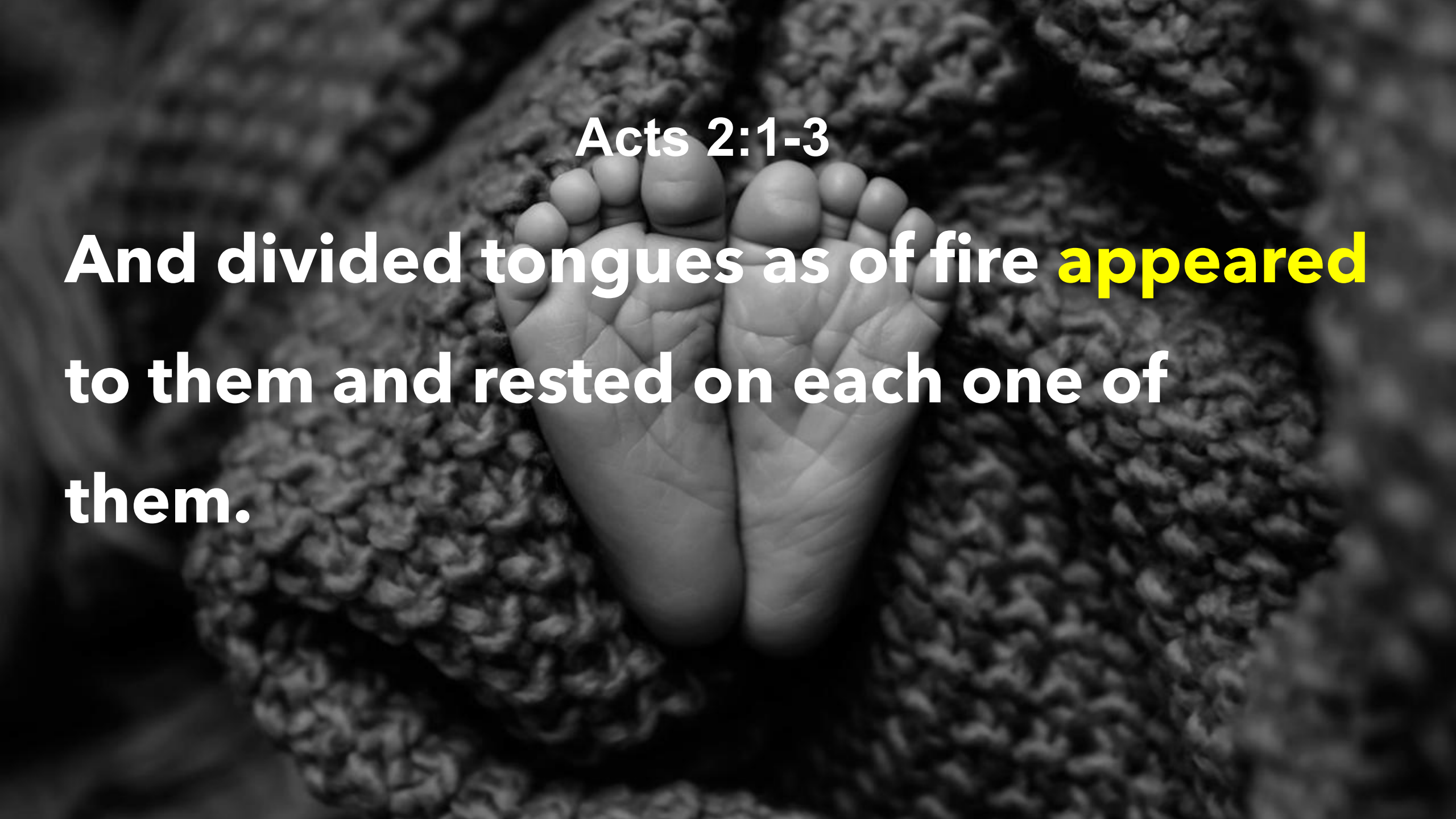
II. By Faith We Receive the Gift

- **Sights and Sounds of the Birth**



Acts 2:1-3

When the day of Pentecost arrived, they were all together in one place. And suddenly there came from heaven a **sound like a mighty rushing wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting.**



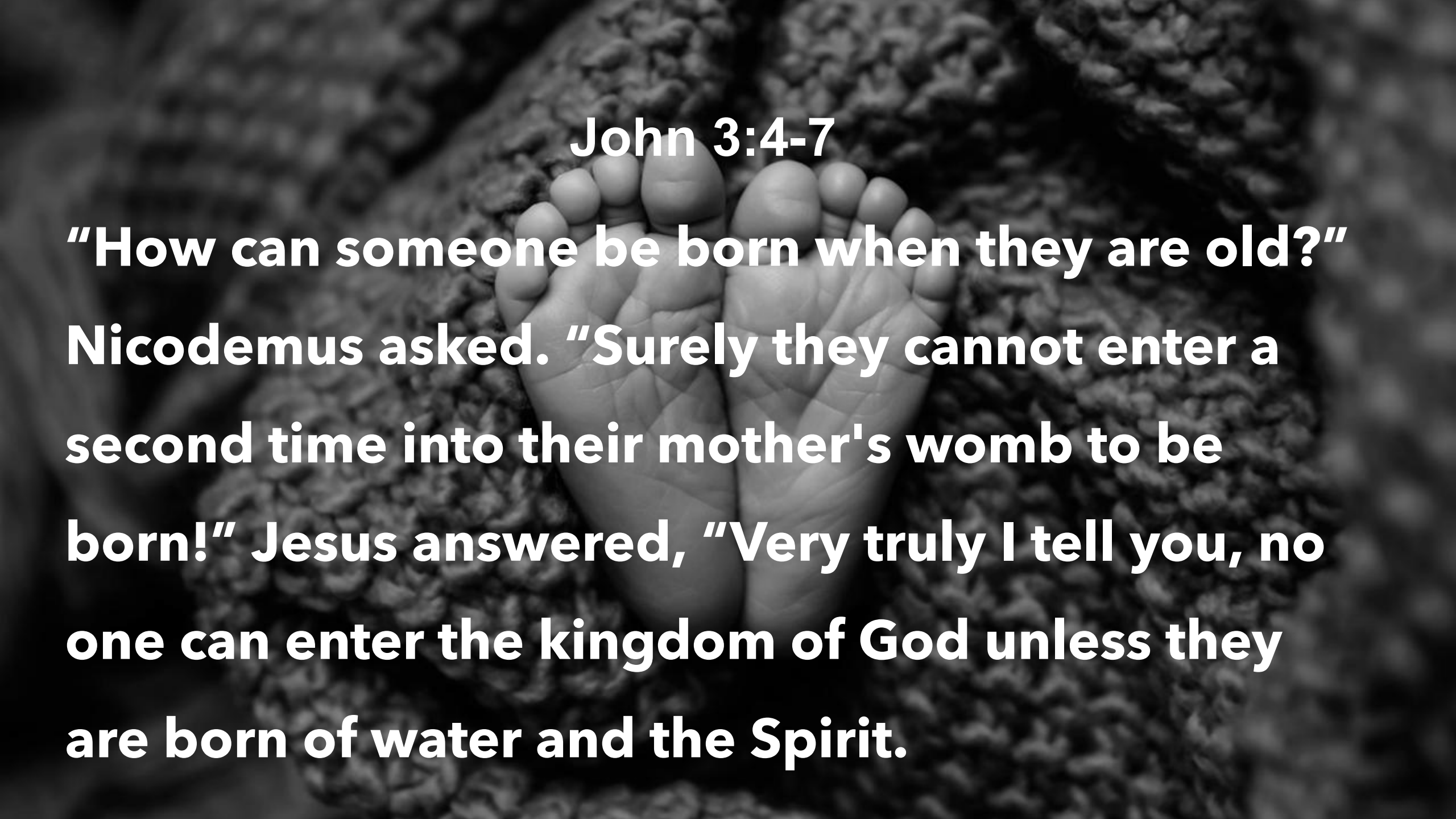
Acts 2:1-3

And divided tongues as of fire appeared to them and rested on each one of them.



II. By Faith We Receive the Gift

- **Sights and Sounds of the Birth**
- **An exact moment of Birth**



John 3:4-7

"How can someone be born when they are old?" Nicodemus asked. "Surely they cannot enter a second time into their mother's womb to be born!" Jesus answered, "Very truly I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God unless they are born of water and the Spirit.



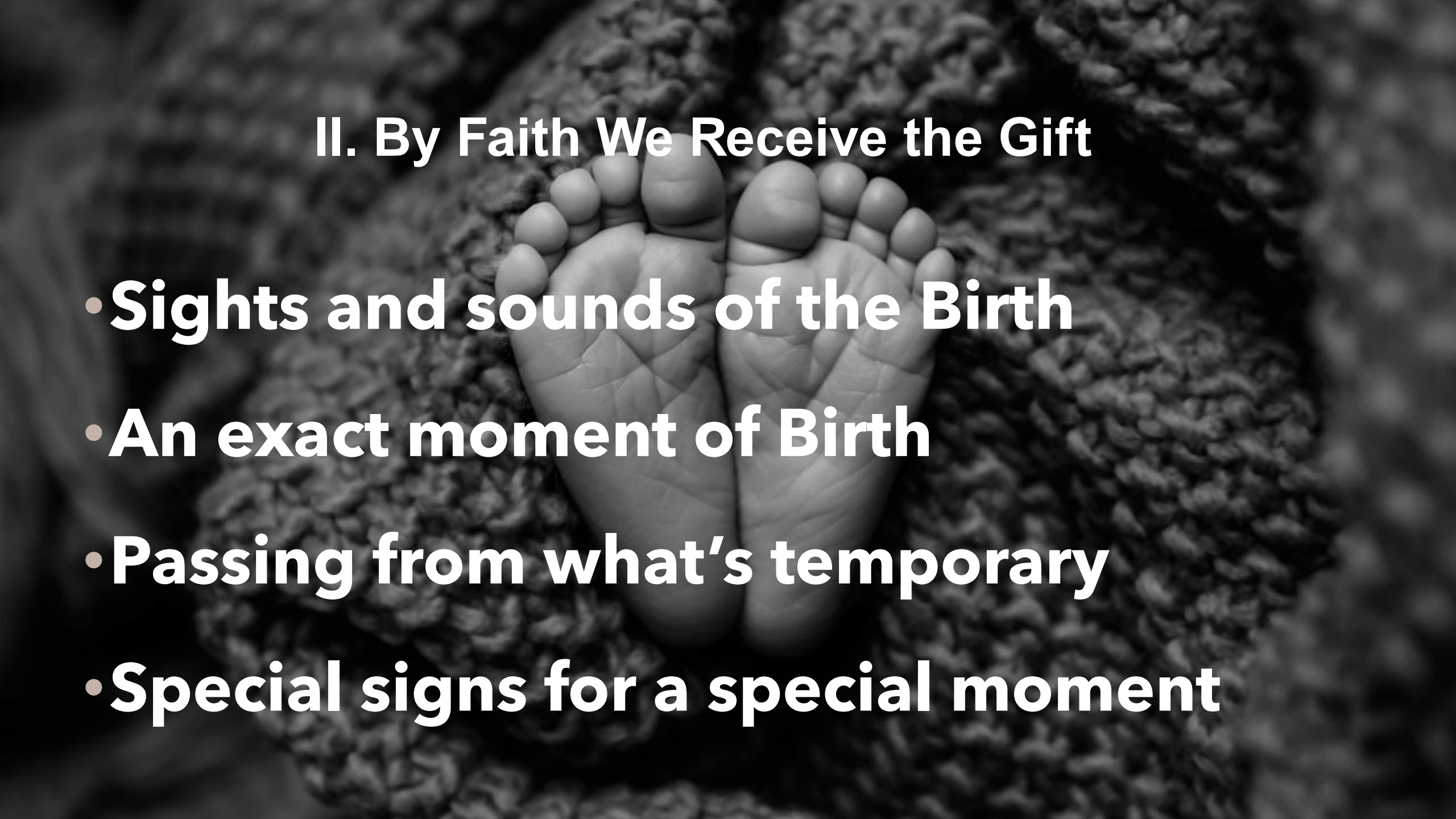
Acts 2:4

And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit...

II. By Faith We Receive the Gift

- **Sights and Sounds of the Birth**
- **An exact moment of Birth**
- **Passing from what's temporary**

(from **with** you to **in** you)



II. By Faith We Receive the Gift

- **Sights and sounds of the Birth**
- **An exact moment of Birth**
- **Passing from what's temporary**
- **Special signs for a special moment**

Significant Signs for Special Moment

- Elizabeth—filled with HS, **exclaimed**
- Zechariah--filled with the HS, **prophesied**
- 120 believers—filled with the HS, **spoke**
in other (known) languages

III. What is this newborn like?

- **God's people are baptized with HS**

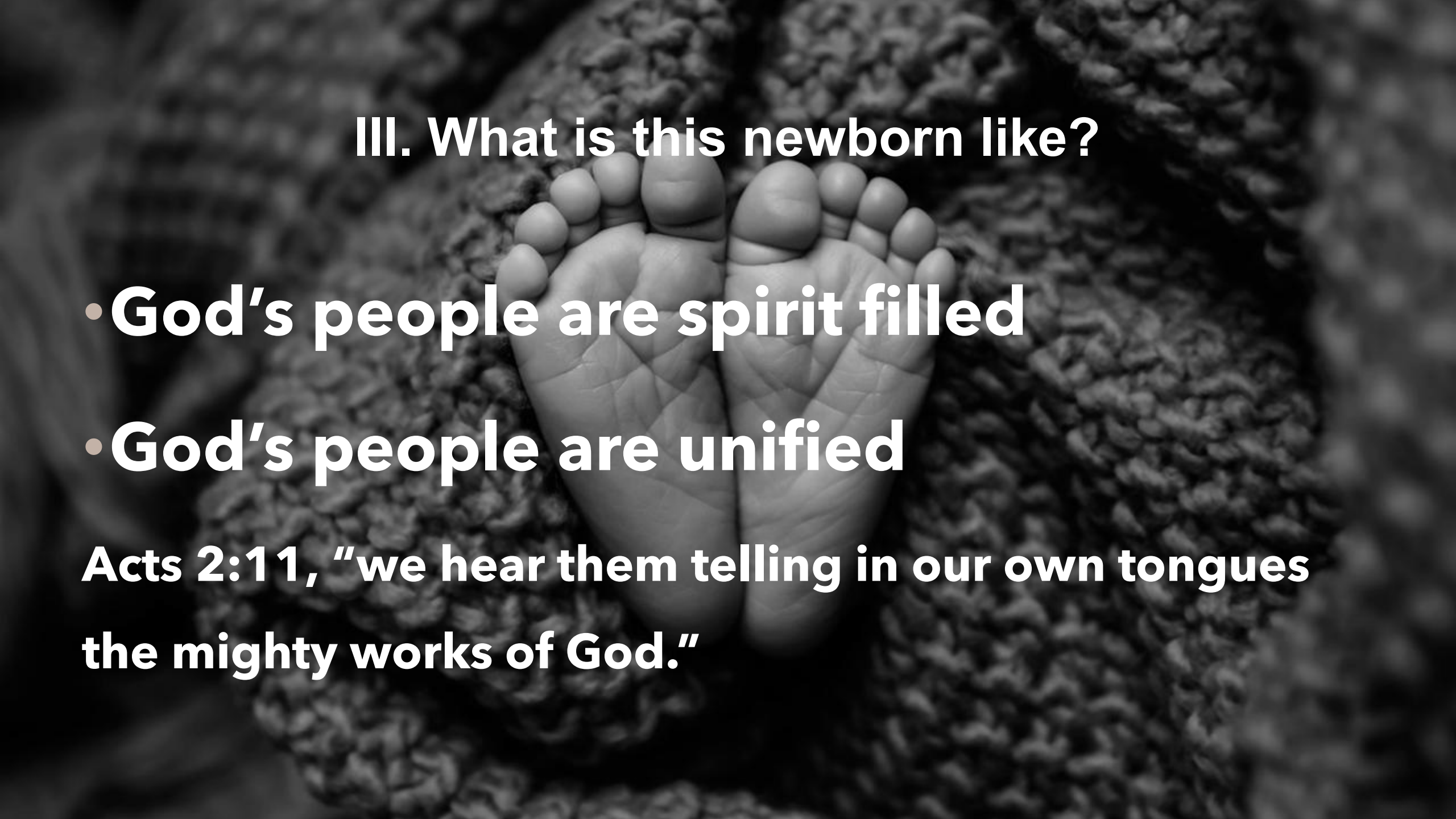
Acts 1:7, "John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit"

Acts 11:15-16, Peter calls the filling of the Spirit on Pentecost the "baptism of the Holy Spirit"

III. What is this newborn like?

- **God's people are baptized with HS**

1 Corinthians 12:13, "For we were all baptized in one Spirit into one body—whether Jews or Greeks, slave or free—and we were all given the one Spirit to drink."



III. What is this newborn like?

- **God's people are spirit filled**
- **God's people are unified**

**Acts 2:11, "we hear them telling in our own tongues
the mighty works of God."**

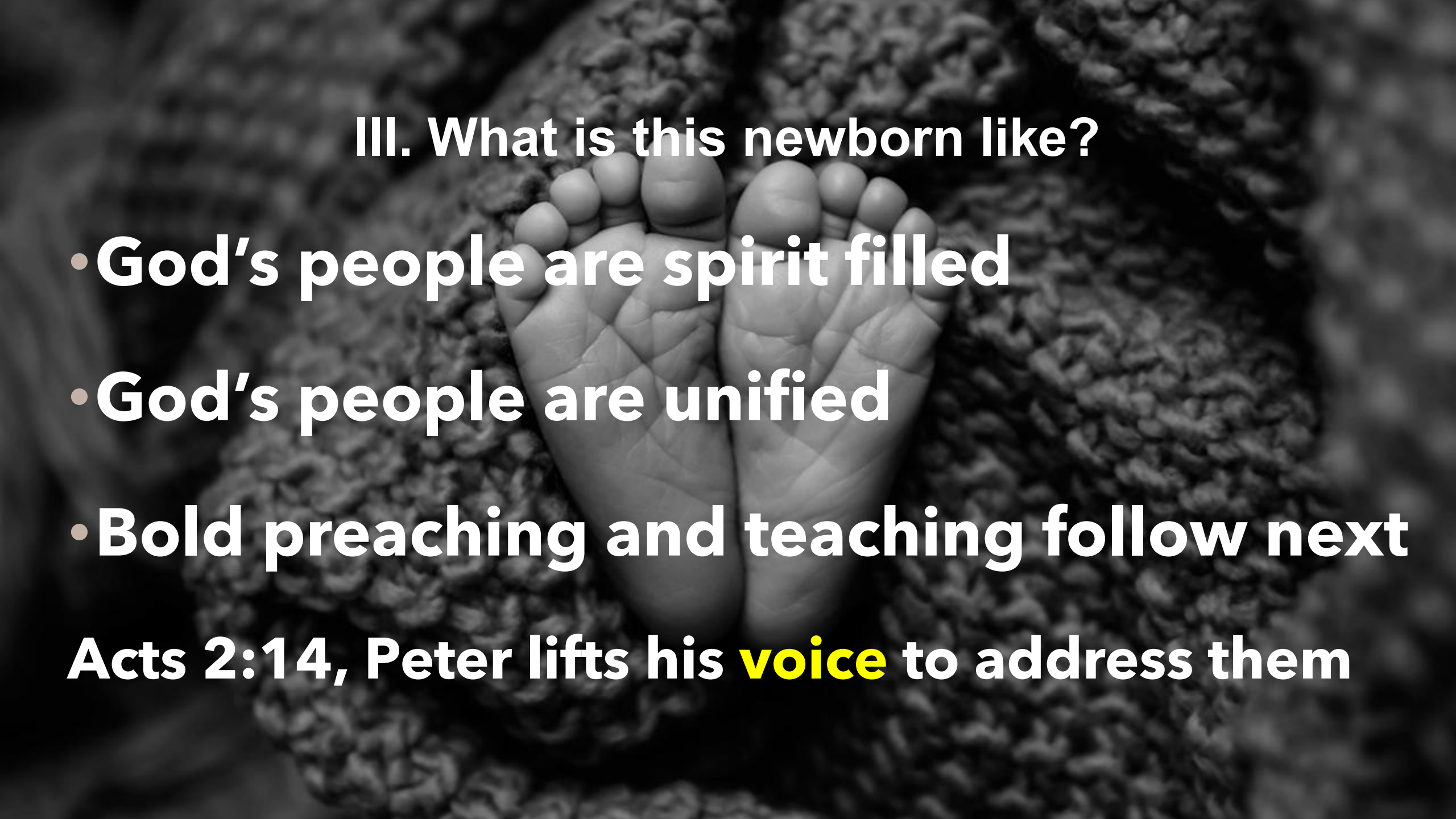
III. What is this newborn like?

Genesis 11:7, "they are one people, and they have all one language...nothing that they propose to do will now be impossible for them. Come, let us go down and there confuse their language, so that they may not understand one another's speech"

III. What is this newborn like?

Ephesians 4:4-5, There is **one** body and **one** Spirit—just as you were called to the **one** hope that belongs to your call—**one** Lord, **one** faith, **one** baptism, **one** God and **one** Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all.

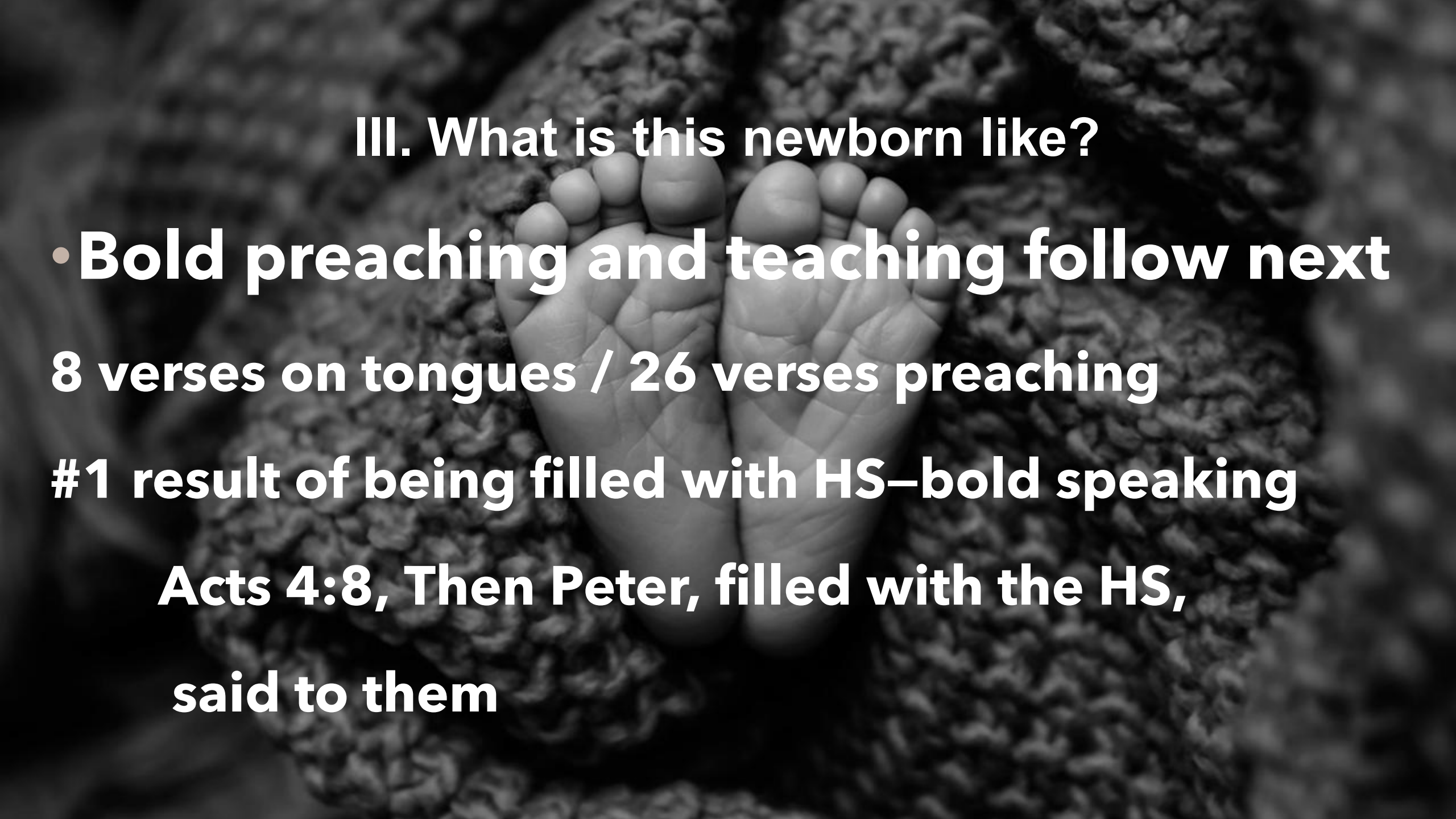
Ephesians 1:22-23, Christ is head of the church



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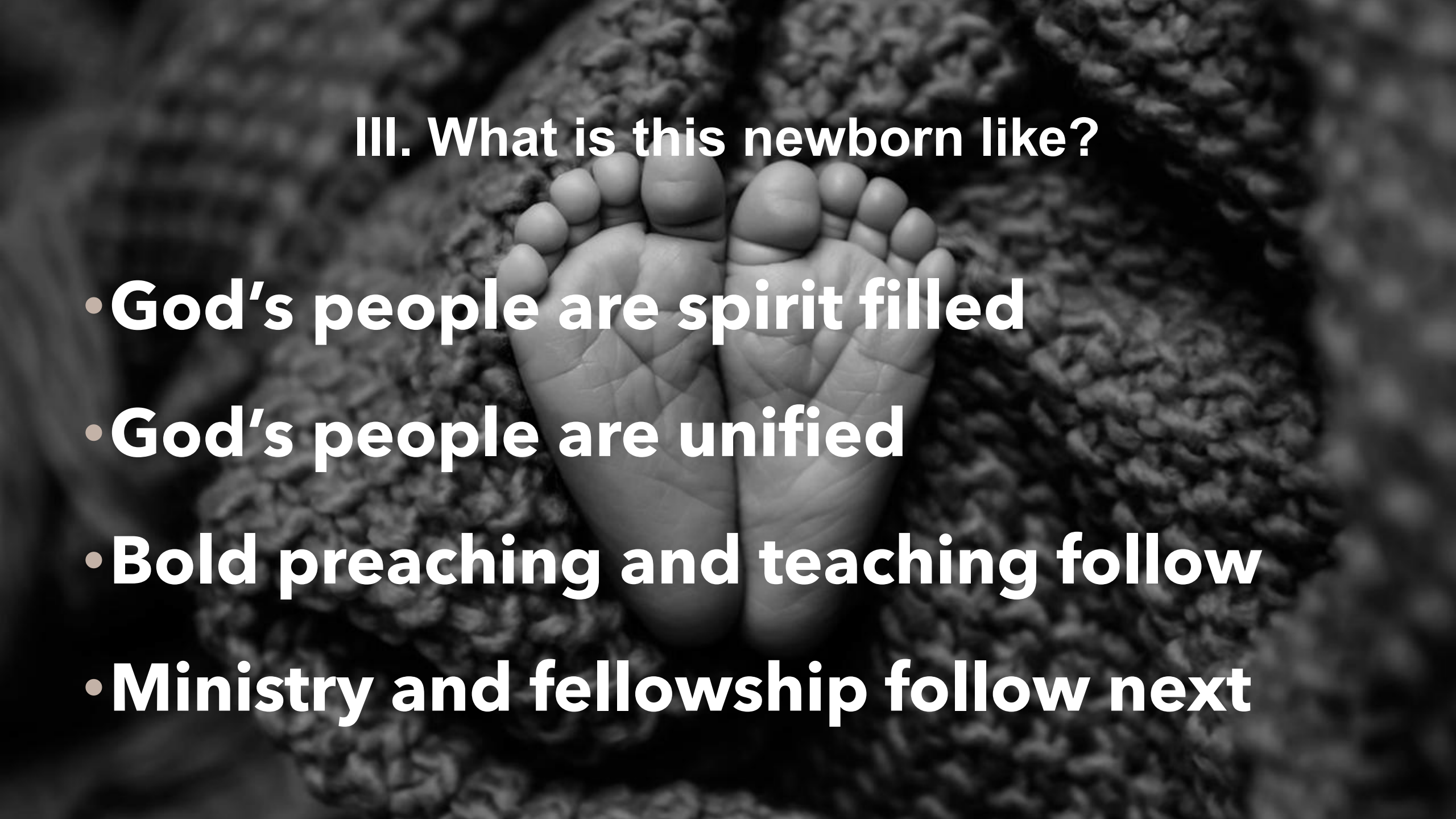
- **God's people are spirit filled**
- **God's people are unified**
- **Bold preaching and teaching follow next**

Acts 2:14, Peter lifts his voice to address them



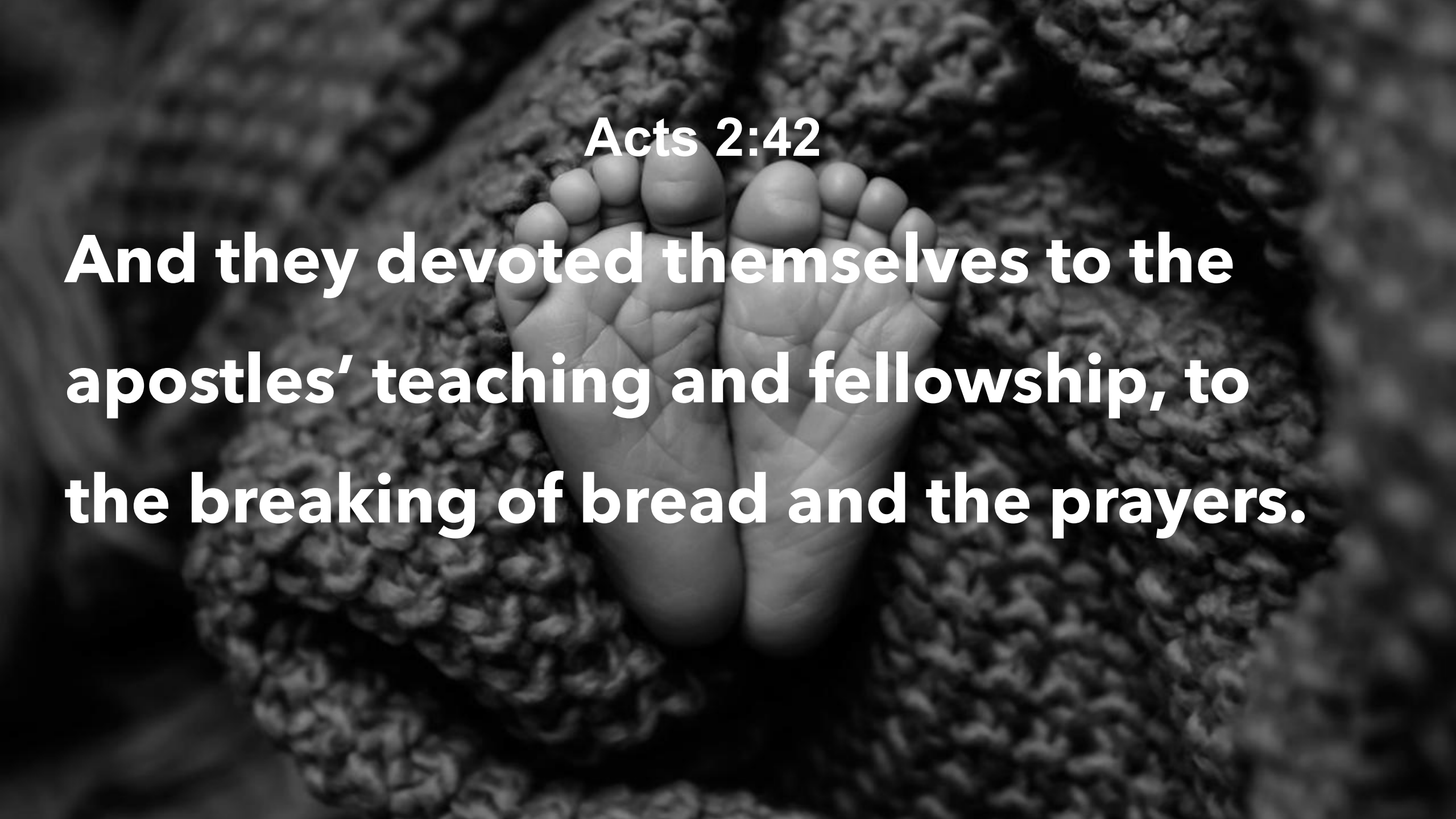
III. What is this newborn like?

- **Bold preaching and teaching follow next**
8 verses on tongues / 26 verses preaching
#1 result of being filled with HS—bold speaking
Acts 4:8, Then Peter, filled with the HS,
said to them



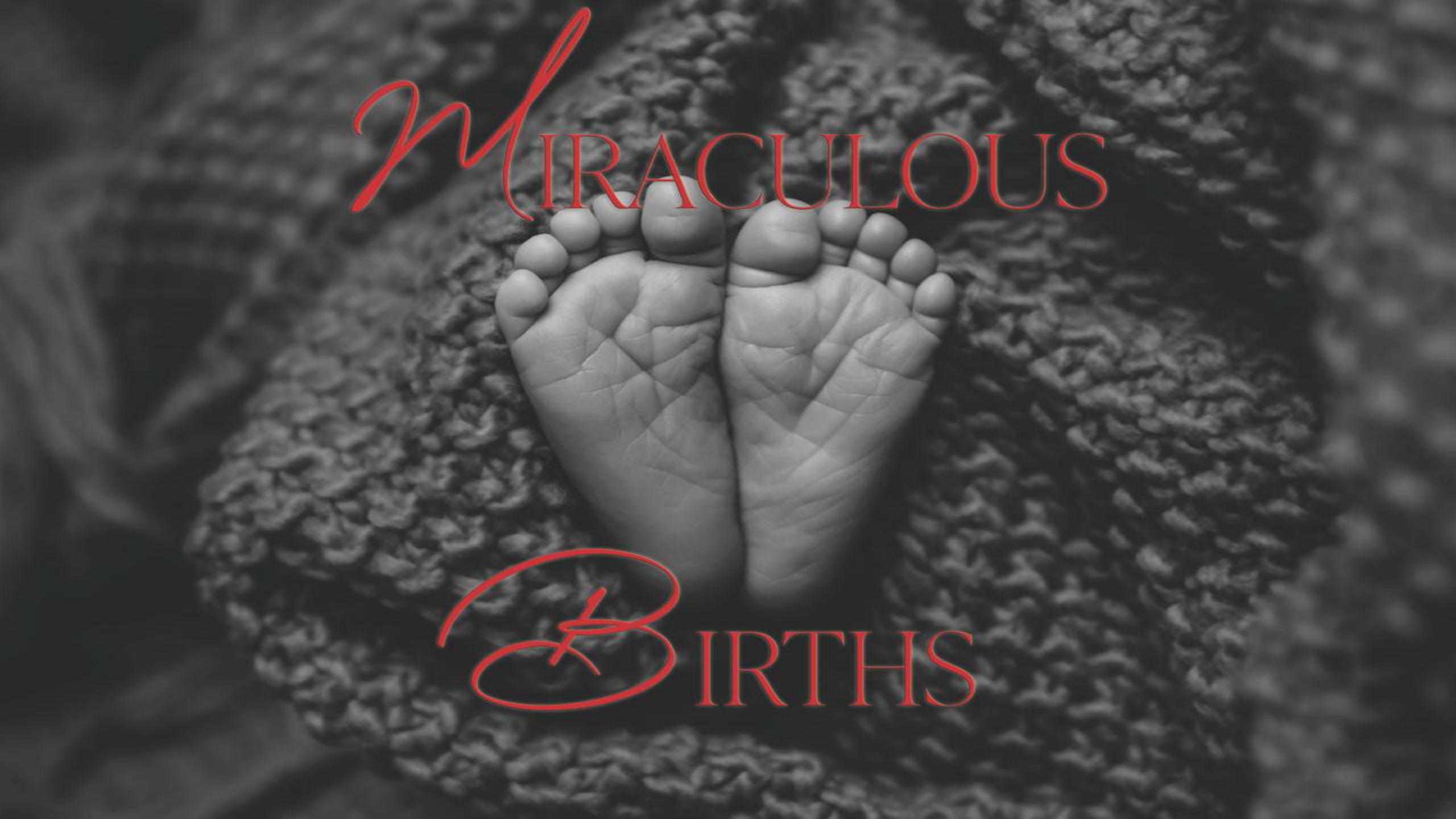
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- **God's people are unified**
- **Bold preaching and teaching follow**
- **Ministry and fellowship follow next**



Acts 2:42

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

A black and white photograph of a pair of baby feet resting on a dark, textured, knitted blanket. The feet are positioned centrally, with the soles facing the viewer. The skin on the feet is smooth and has a natural pinkish tone. The blanket has a prominent, raised knit pattern. Overlaid on the top half of the image is the word 'MIRACULOUS' in a red, serif font. A large, stylized red letter 'M' is positioned to the left of the word, partially overlapping the word and the blanket.

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