

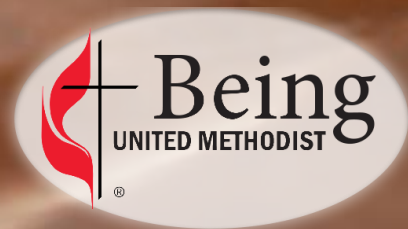


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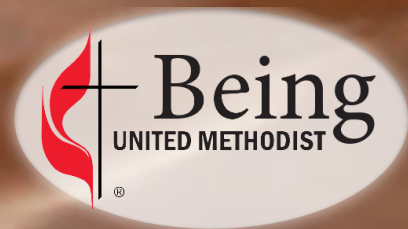
# Witness






# Psalm 66:16

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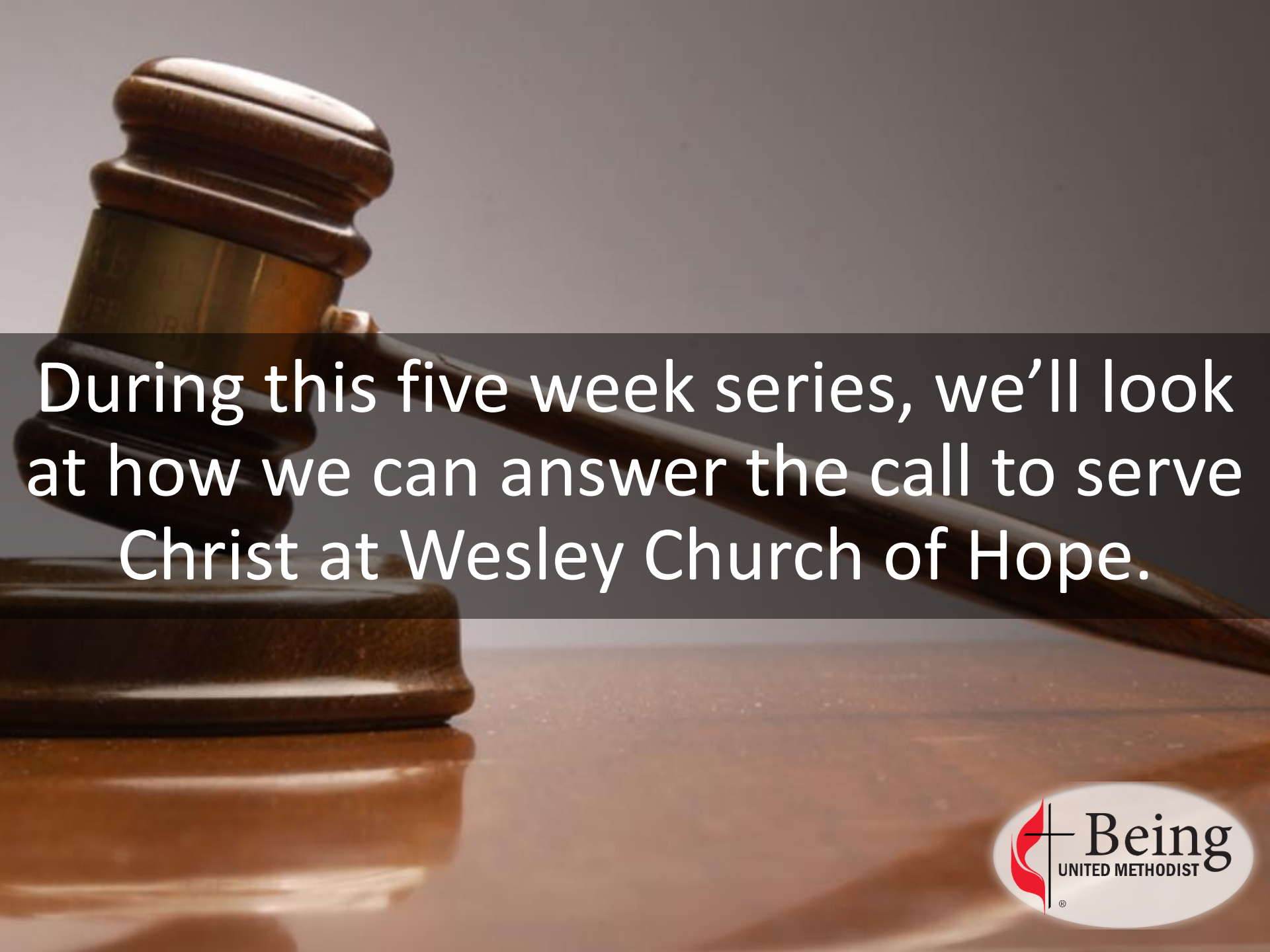
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We are called to faithfully participate  
in the life and ministries of our local  
congregation through our prayers,  
presence, gifts, service and witness.





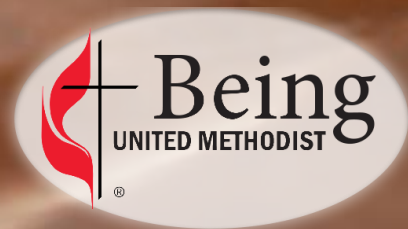


During this five week series, we'll look at how we can answer the call to serve Christ at Wesley Church of Hope.





A Recap of What We've  
Covered So Far...







# *Prayer*



# *Presence*





# *Gifts*



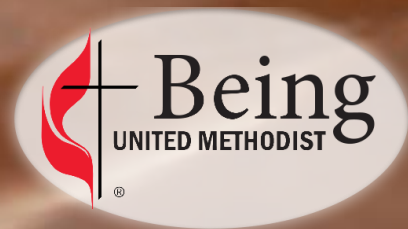
# *Service*







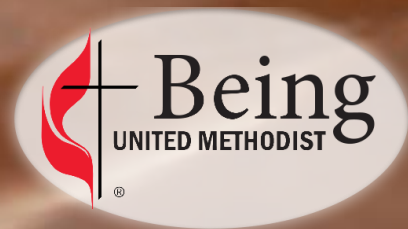
This Week We Are  
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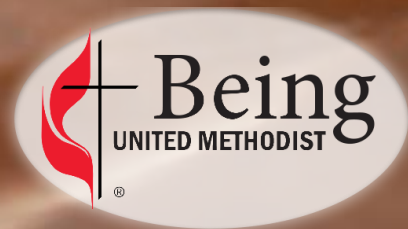


# Witness





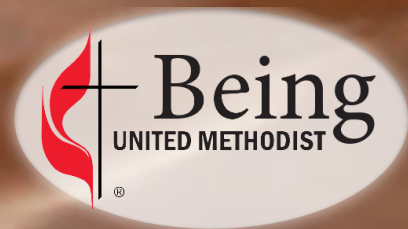
# Being a Witness






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Watch Your Words



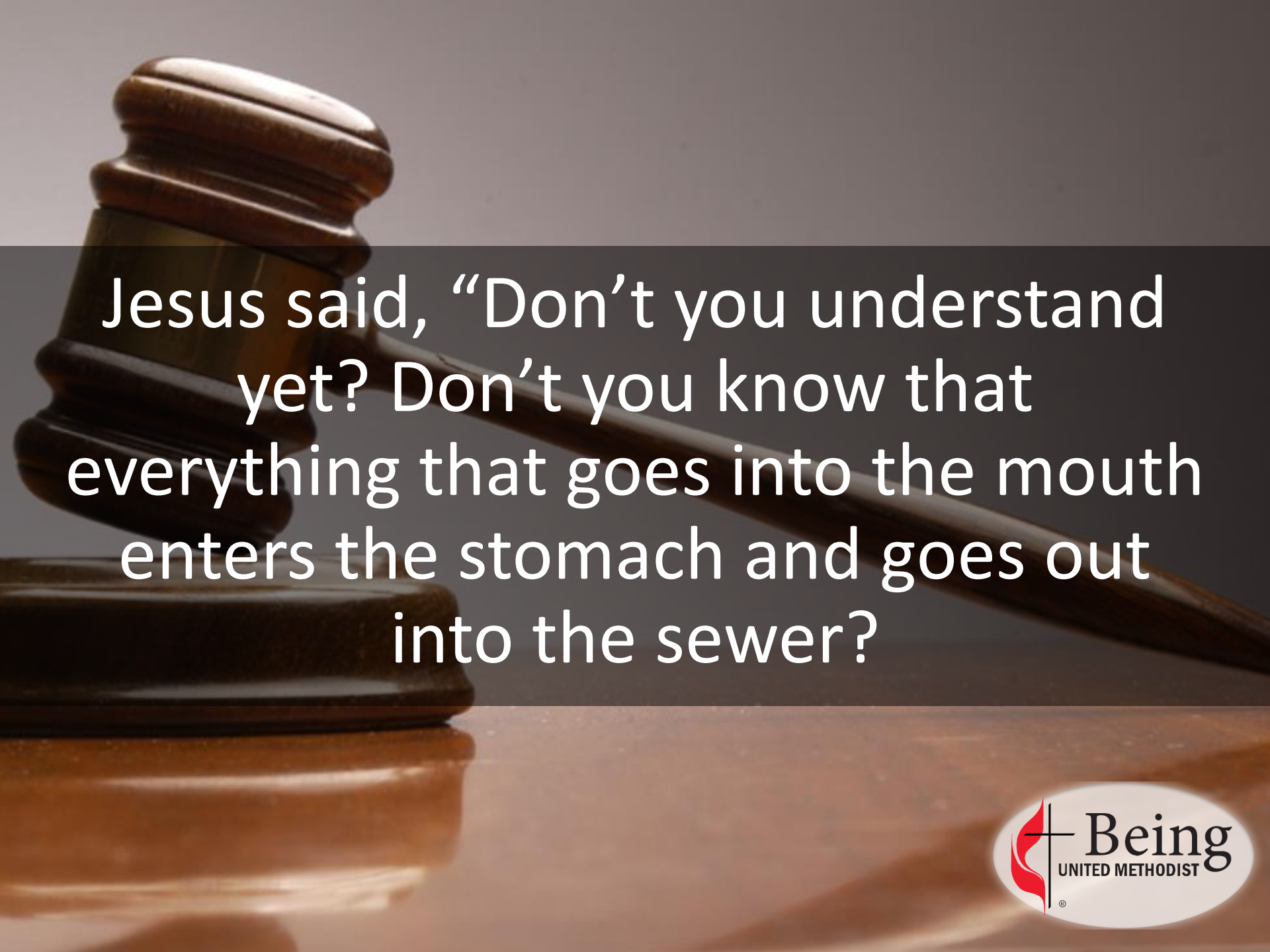




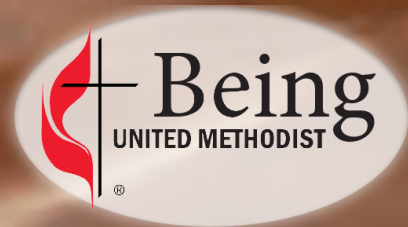
# Matthew 15:16-20

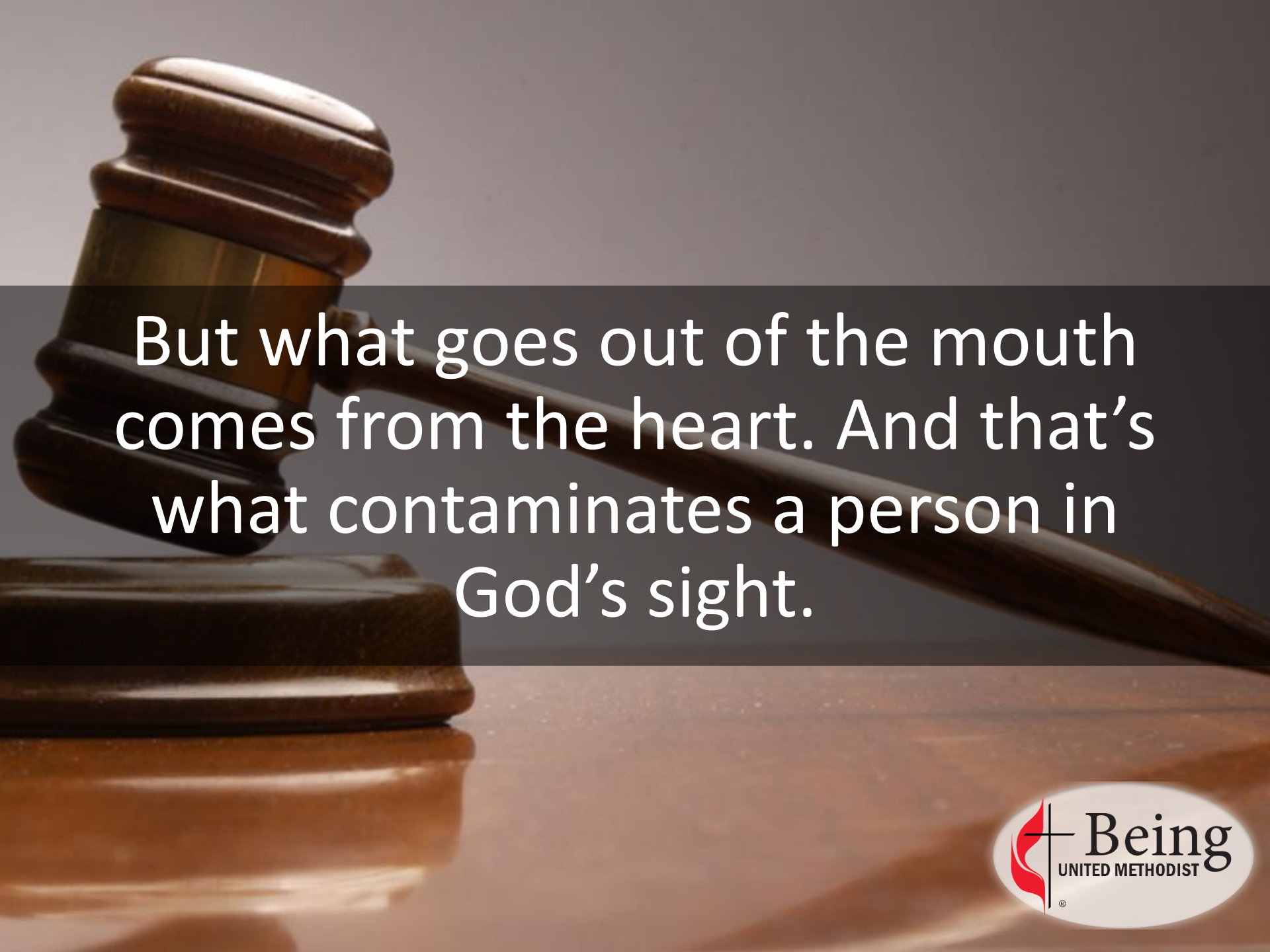
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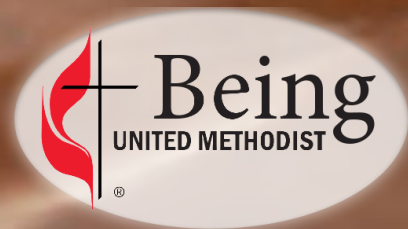



Jesus said, “Don’t you understand yet? Don’t you know that everything that goes into the mouth enters the stomach and goes out into the sewer?”





But what goes out of the mouth  
comes from the heart. And that's  
what contaminates a person in  
God's sight.






Out of the heart come evil thoughts, murders, adultery, sexual sins, thefts, false testimonies, and insults.







These contaminate a person in  
God's sight. But eating without  
washing hands doesn't  
contaminate in God's sight."





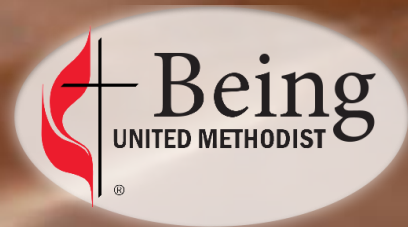



# Objects As Witnesses?!?



# Genesis 31:44-48


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Come, let's make a treaty, you  
and me, and let something be  
our witness."

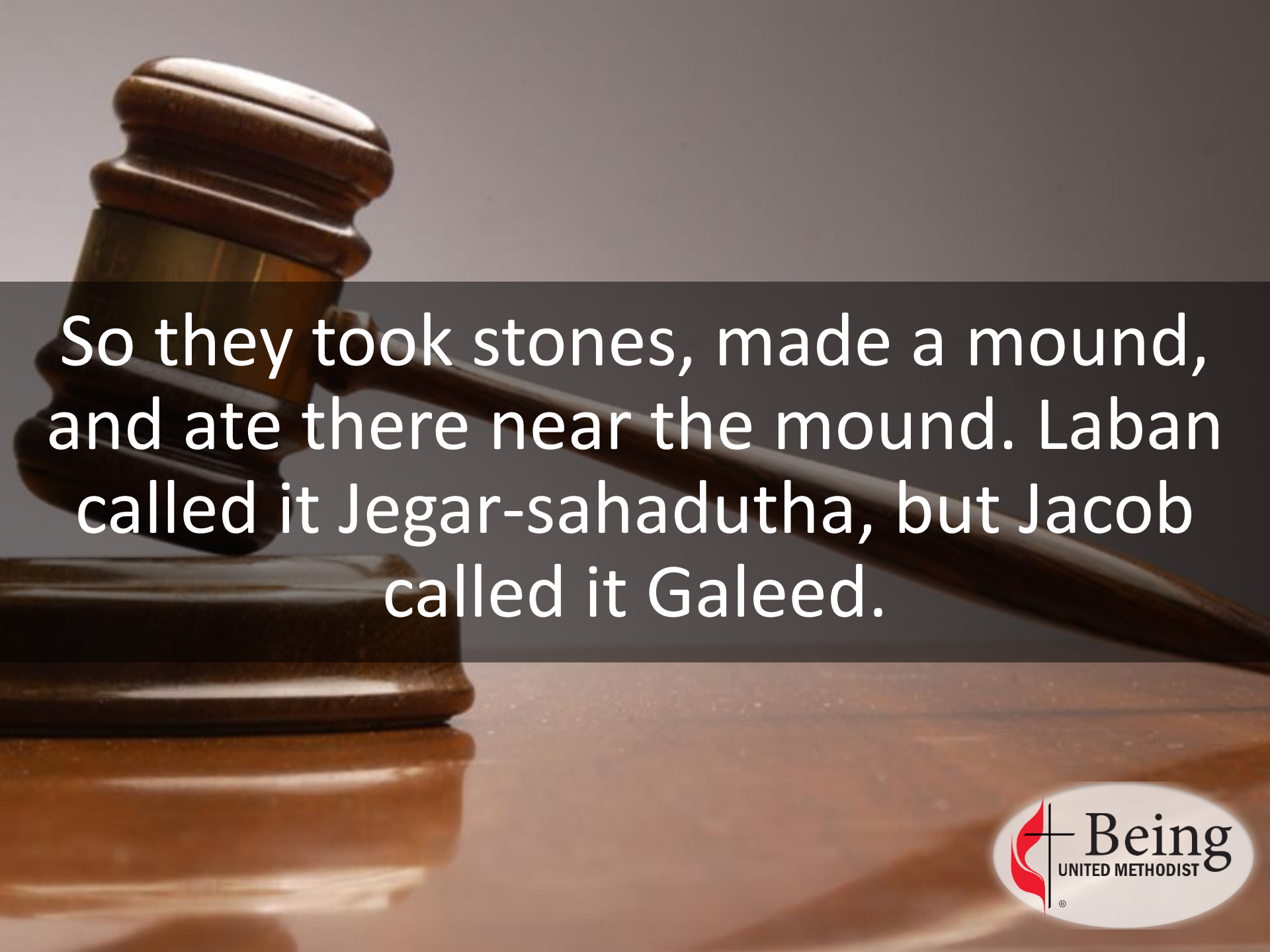




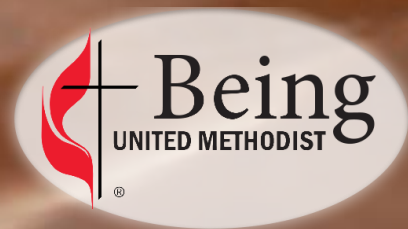
So Jacob took a stone, set it up as a sacred pillar, and said to his relatives, “Gather stones.”





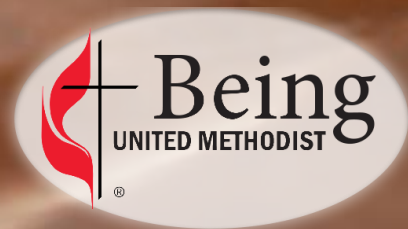


So they took stones, made a mound,  
and ate there near the mound. Laban  
called it Jegar-sahadutha, but Jacob  
called it Galeed.





Laban said, “This mound is our witness today,” and, therefore, he too named it Galeed.





# A Lying Witness





# Exodus 20:16

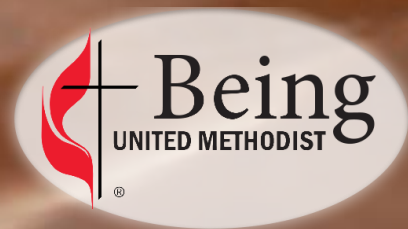
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Do not testify falsely against  
your neighbor.



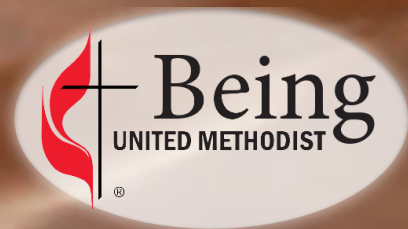


# What Type of Witness?



# Proverb 14:25

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A truthful witness saves lives,  
but a deceiver proclaims lies.





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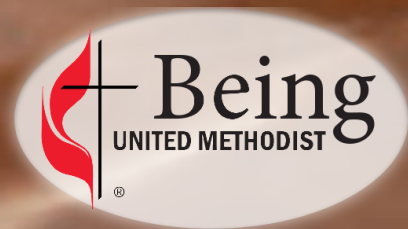
”Call Your Witness.”

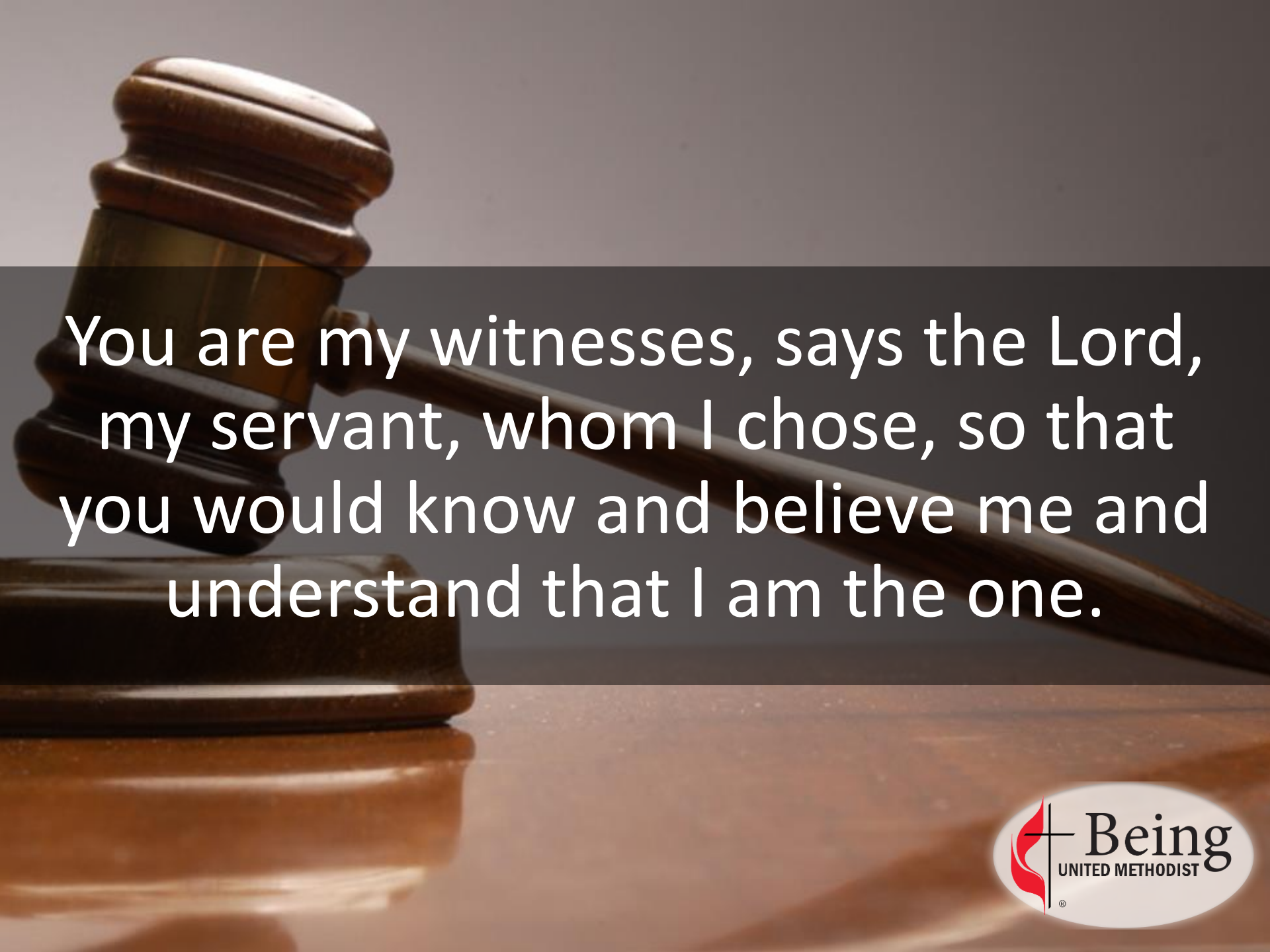




# Isaiah 43:10-13

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You are my witnesses, says the Lord,  
my servant, whom I chose, so that  
you would know and believe me and  
understand that I am the one.






Before me no god was formed; after  
me there has been no other.

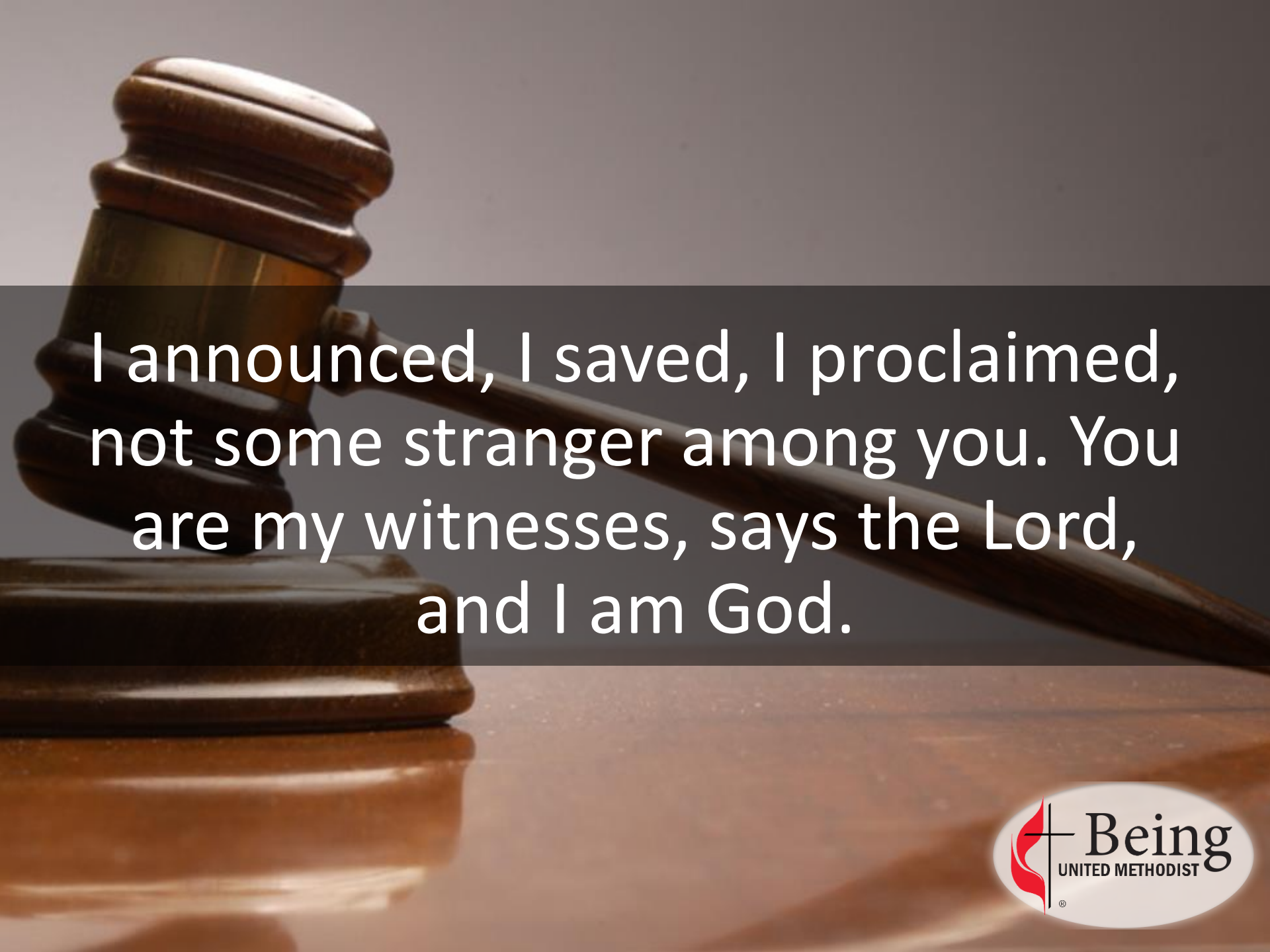




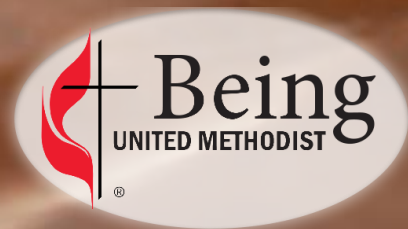


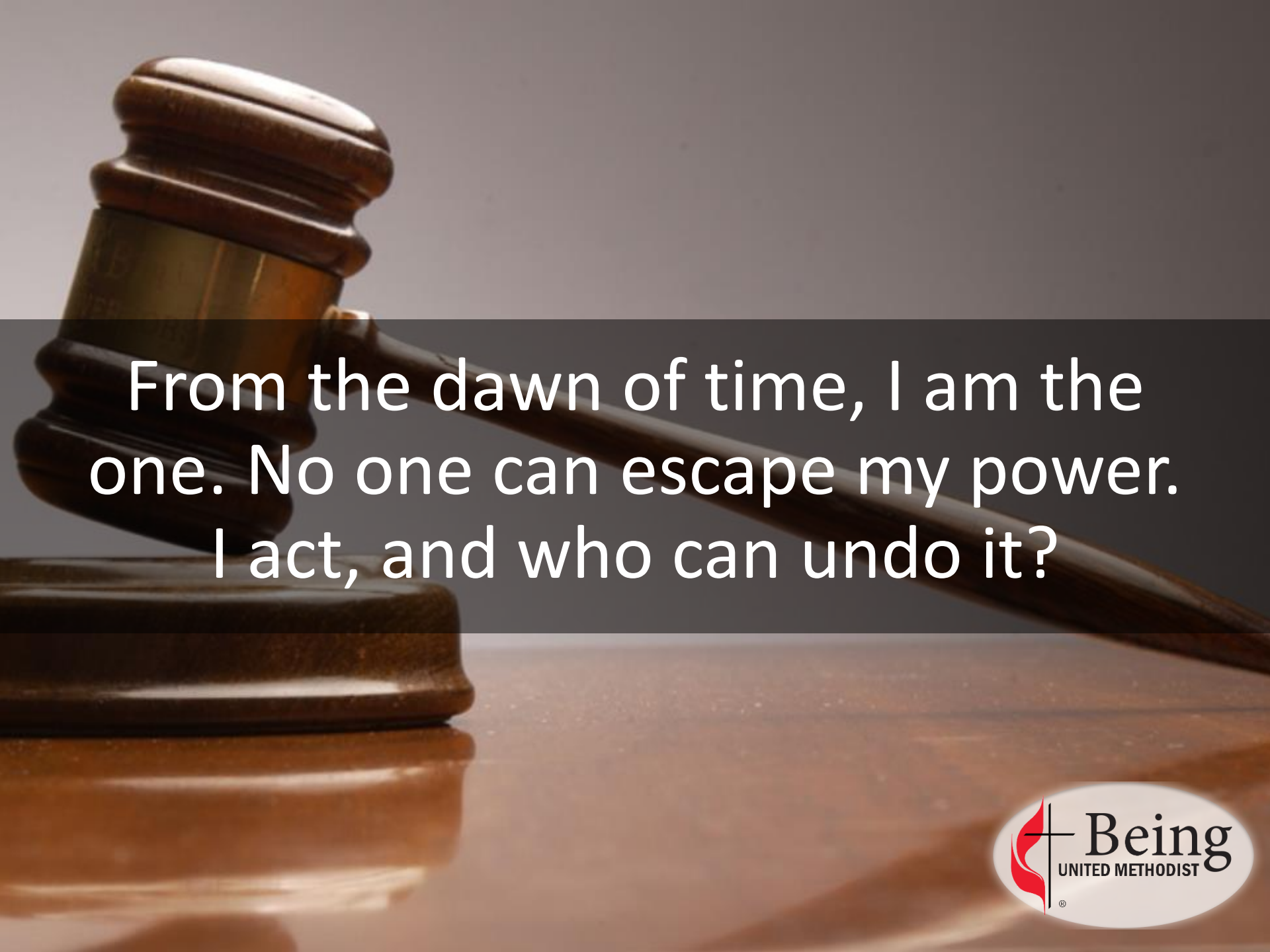
I, I am the Lord, and there is no savior besides me.



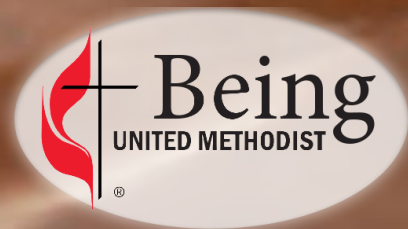


I announced, I saved, I proclaimed,  
not some stranger among you. You  
are my witnesses, says the Lord,  
and I am God.





From the dawn of time, I am the  
one. No one can escape my power.  
I act, and who can undo it?





# Witnesses Testify



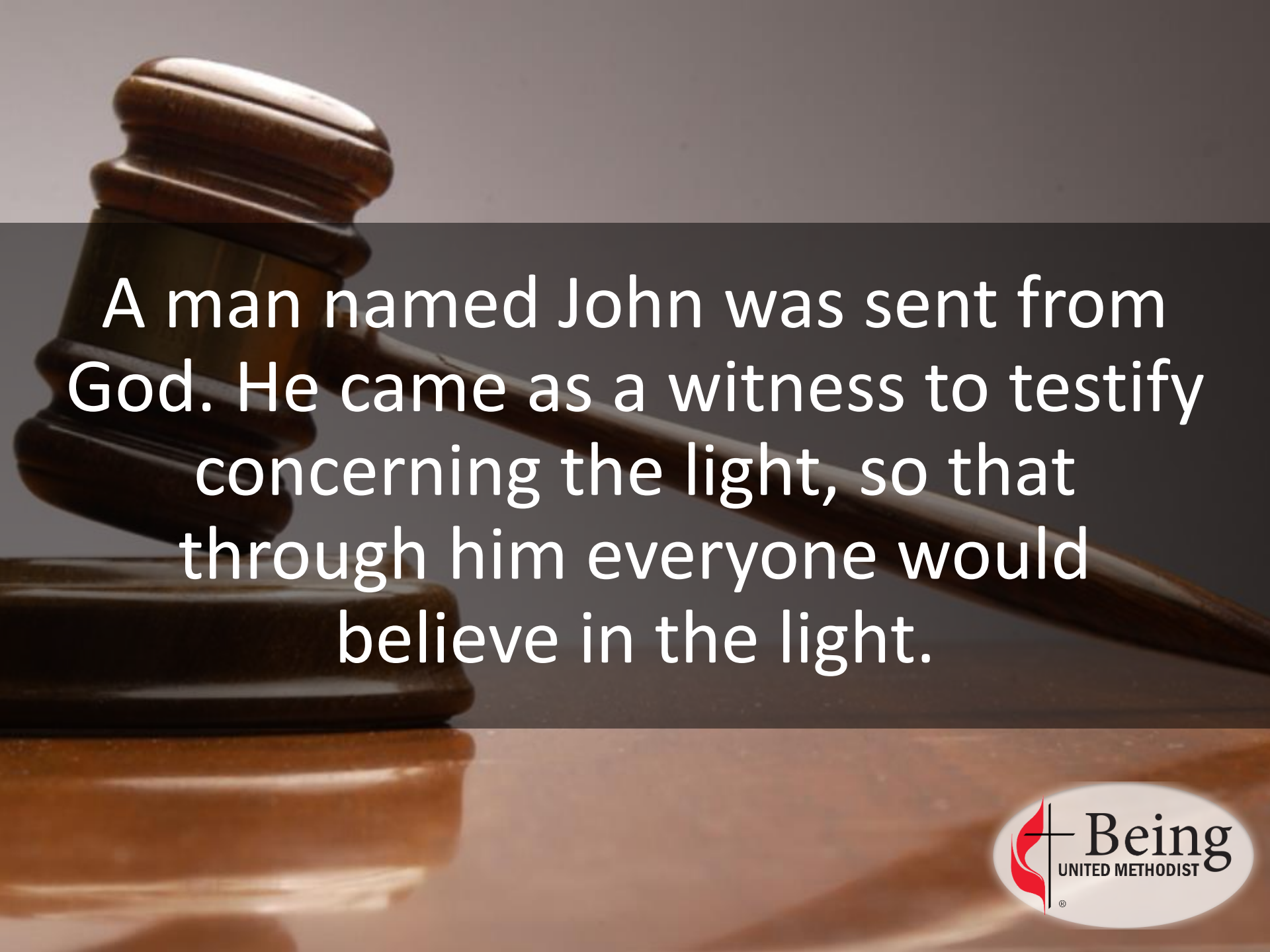




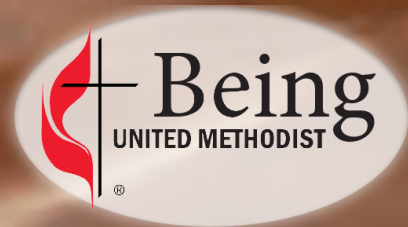
# John 1:6-8


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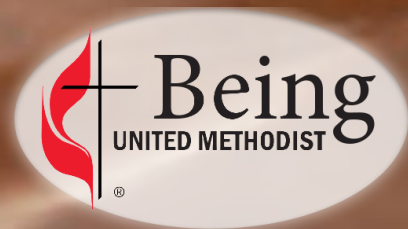


A man named John was sent from God. He came as a witness to testify concerning the light, so that through him everyone would believe in the light.





He himself wasn't the light, but his mission was to testify concerning the light.



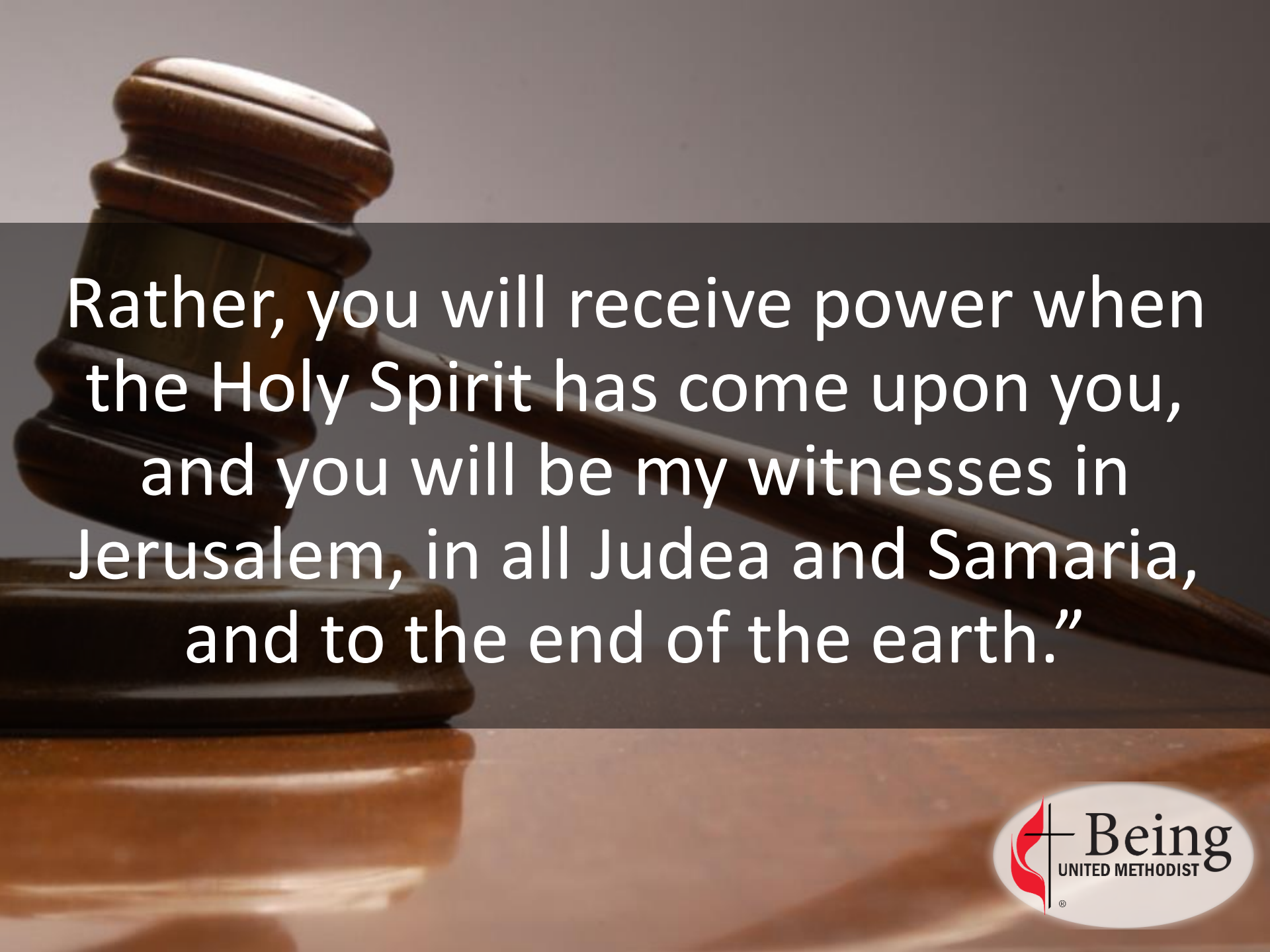


# Acts 1:8

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Rather, you will receive power when  
the Holy Spirit has come upon you,  
and you will be my witnesses in  
Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria,  
and to the end of the earth.”






# Confession





# 1 Timothy 6:12

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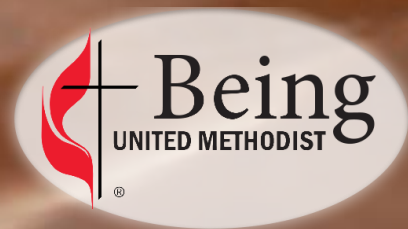
Compete in the good fight of faith.  
Grab hold of eternal life—you were  
called to it, and you made a good  
confession of it in the presence of  
many witnesses.







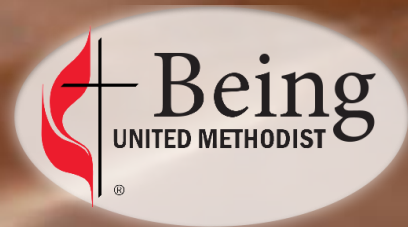
# What Did The Witness Witness?






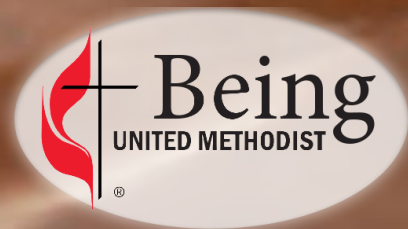
# Hebrews 12:1-2


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So then let's also run the race  
that is laid out in front of us,  
since we have such a great cloud  
of witnesses surrounding us.

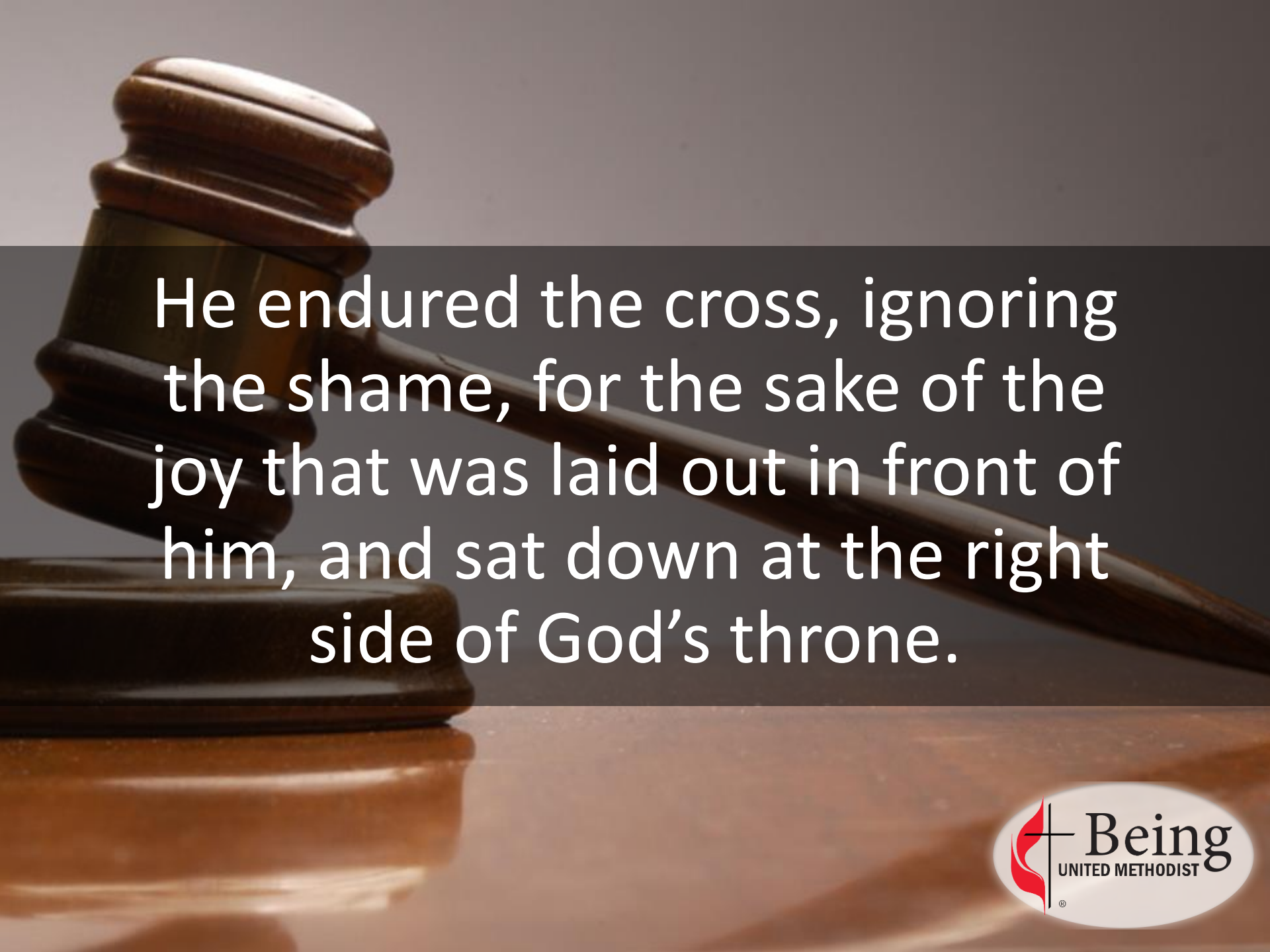




Let's throw off any extra baggage,  
get rid of the sin that trips us up,  
and fix our eyes on Jesus, faith's  
pioneer and perfecter.





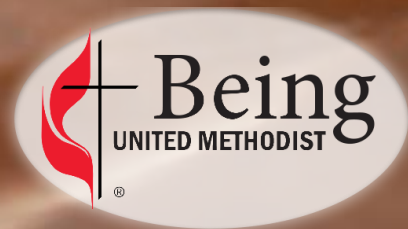


He endured the cross, ignoring the shame, for the sake of the joy that was laid out in front of him, and sat down at the right side of God's throne.



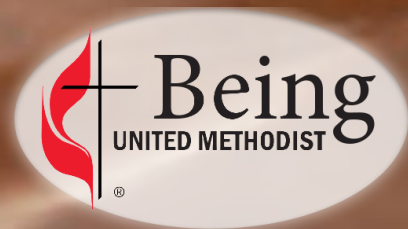


So What?





# Looking Beyond These Five Weeks





Next Week...








*Inseparably*

*Linked*



And all of God's  
people said, "Amen."

