

# AMOS

SMALL BOOKS,

# Big Voices



## Amos 1:1

<sup>1</sup>The words of Amos, one of the shepherds of Tekoa—the vision he saw concerning Israel two years before the earthquake, when Uzziah was king of Judah and *Jeroboam* Son of Jehoash was king of Israel.



## 2 Kings 14:23-29

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## 2 Kings 14:23-29

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<sup>28</sup> As for the other events of Jeroboam's reign, all he did, and his military achievements, including how he recovered for Israel both Damascus and Hamath, which had belonged to Yaudi, are they not written in the book of the annals of the kings of Israel? <sup>29</sup> Jeroboam rested with his fathers, the kings of Israel. And Zechariah his son succeeded him as king.



***What* is God against?**



## Amos 1:3

<sup>1</sup>This is what the Lord says: “For three sins of Damascus, even for four, I will not turn back my wrath. Because she threshed Gilead with sledges having iron teeth...



## Amos 1:6

<sup>6</sup> This is what the Lord says: “For three sins of Gaza, even for four, I will not turn back my wrath. Because she took captive whole communities and sold them to Edom...



## Amos 1:9

<sup>9</sup> This is what the Lord says: “For three sins of Tyre, even for four, I will not turn back my wrath. Because she sold whole communities of captives to Edom, disregarding a treaty of brotherhood...



## Amos 1:11

<sup>11</sup> This is what the Lord says: “For three sins of Edom, even for four, I will not turn back my wrath. Because he pursued his brother with a sword, stifling all compassion, because his anger raged continually and his fury flamed unchecked...



## Amos 1:13

<sup>13</sup> This is what the Lord says: “For three sins of Ammon, even for four, I will not turn back my wrath. Because he ripped open the pregnant women of Gilead in order to extend his borders...



## Amos 2:1

<sup>1</sup>This is what the Lord says: “For three sins of Moab, even for four, I will not turn back my wrath. Because he burned, as if to lime, the bones of Edom's king...



**Idolatry → Injustice**

## Amos 2:4

<sup>4</sup> This is what the Lord says: “For three sins of Judah, even for four, I will not turn back my wrath. Because they have rejected the law of the Lord and have not kept his decrees, because they have been led astray by false gods...



*Apathy* → Idolatry → Injustice

***Who is God against?***

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## 2 Kings 12:23-29

<sup>23</sup> In the fifteenth year of Amaziah son of Joash king of Judah, Jeroboam son of Jehoash king of Israel became king in Samaria, and he reigned forty-one years. <sup>24</sup> ***He did evil in the eyes of the LORD and did not turn away from any of the sins of Jeroboam son of Nebat, which he had caused Israel to commit.***

<sup>25</sup> He was the one who restored the boundaries of Israel from Lebo Hamath to the Sea of the Arabah, in accordance with the word of the Lord, the God of Israel, spoken through his servant Jonah son of Amittai, the prophet from Gath Hopher.



## 2 Kings 14:23-29

**26** The Lord had seen how bitterly everyone in Israel, whether slave or free, was suffering; there was no one to help them.

**27** And since the Lord had not said he would blot out the name of Israel from under heaven, he saved them by the hand of Jeroboam son of Jehoash.



“Affluence, exploitation, and the profit motive were the most notable features of the society which Amos observed and in which he worked.”

J. A. MOTYER

**Who is God against?**

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## Amos 2:6

This is what the LORD says:

**“For three sins of Israel,  
even for four, I will not relent.**

They sell the innocent for silver,  
and the needy for a pair of sandals.



## Amos 2:7

They trample on the heads of the poor  
as on the dust of the ground  
and deny justice to the oppressed.  
Father and son use the same girl  
and so profane my holy name.



## Amos 2:9

Yet I destroyed the Amorites before them  
Though they were tall as the cedars  
And strong as the oaks.  
I destroyed their fruit above  
And their roots below.  
I brought you up out of Egypt....



## **Amos 2:11, 13**

“I also raised up prophets from among your children  
And Nazirites from among your youths.

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“Now then, I will crush you  
As a cart crushes when loaded with grain.”



## Amos 2:14-15

<sup>14</sup> The swift will not escape, the strong will not muster their strength, and the warrior will not save his life. <sup>15</sup> The archer will not stand his ground, the fleet-footed soldier will not get away, and the horseman will not save his life.



Amos is God's prophet to Israel, an outsider warning them of God's judgment for the injustice they've practiced, tolerated, and ignored.

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**What does it mean for us?**

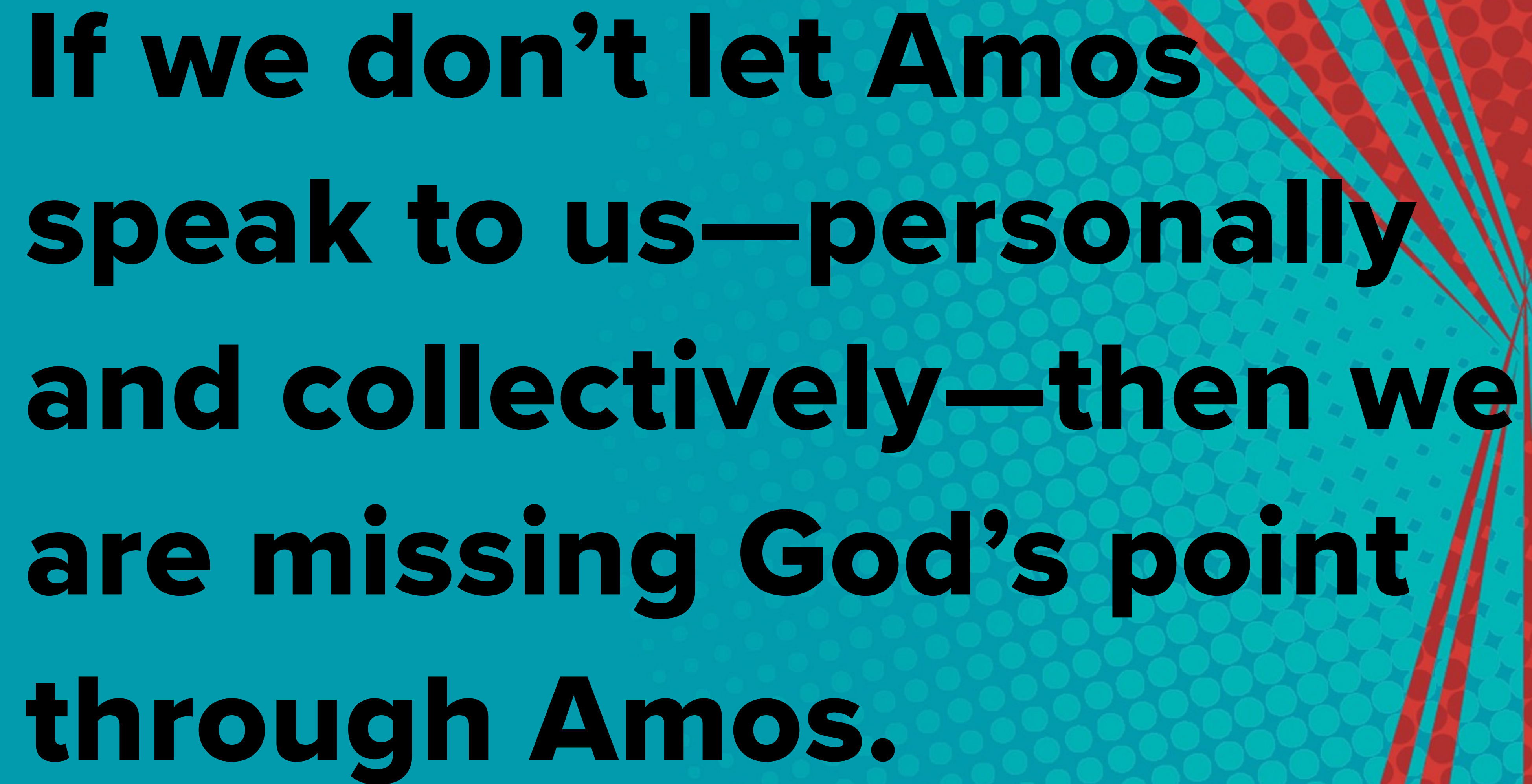
"They were careless people, Tom and Daisy—  
they smashed up things and creatures and  
then retreated back into their money or their  
vast carelessness, or whatever it was that kept  
them together, and let other people clean up  
the mess they had made."

F. SCOTT FITZGERALD  
*THE GREAT GATSBY*



# “Great Gatsby Parties”

<https://www.timeout.com/newyork/news/an-epic-great-gatsby-inspired-party-is-coming-to-nyc-091923>



**If we don't let Amos  
speak to us—personally  
and collectively—then we  
are missing God's point  
through Amos.**



**Don't be calloused  
or cavalier in worship.**

## Amos 4:4

4 "Go to Bethel and sin; go to Gilgal and sin yet more. Bring your sacrifices every morning, your tithes every three years.



## Amos 5:21-23

<sup>21</sup> “I hate, I despise your religious feasts; I cannot stand your assemblies. <sup>22</sup> Even though you bring me burnt offerings and grain offerings, I will not accept them. Though you bring choice fellowship offerings, I will have no regard for them. <sup>23</sup> Away with the noise of your songs! I will not listen to the music of your harps.





**Don't be comfortable  
with injustice.**

## Amos 4:1-3

<sup>1</sup> Hear this word, you cows of Bashan on Mount Samaria, you women who oppress the poor and crush the needy and say to your husbands, “Bring us some drinks!” <sup>2</sup> The Sovereign Lord has sworn by his holiness: “The time will surely come when you will be taken away with hooks, the last of you with fishhooks. <sup>3</sup> You will each go straight out through breaks in the wall, and you will be cast out toward Harmon,” declares the Lord.



## Amos 6:4

<sup>4</sup> You lie on beds inlaid with ivory and lounge on your couches. You dine on choice lambs and fattened calves.

<sup>5</sup> You strum away on your harps like David and improvise on musical instruments. <sup>6</sup> You drink wine by the bowlful and use the finest lotions, but you do not grieve over the ruin of Joseph. <sup>7</sup> Therefore you will be among the first to go into exile; your feasting and lounging will end.





**Don't be complacent  
about injustice.**

## Amos 6:1

<sup>1</sup>Woe to you who are complacent in Zion, and to you who feel secure on Mount Samaria, you notable men of the foremost nation, to whom the people of Israel come!





**Don't be complicit  
with injustice.**

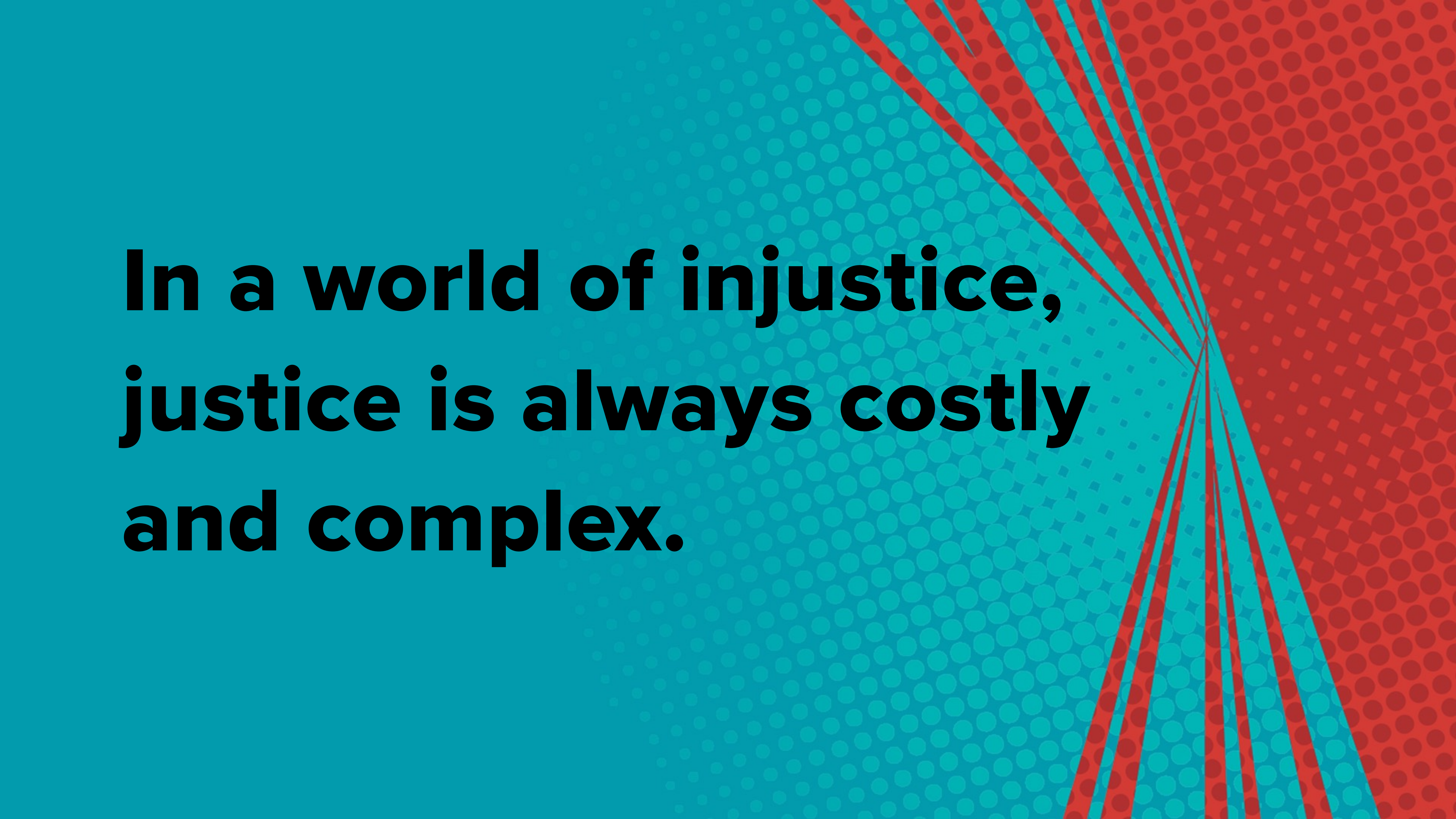
## Amos 5:24

<sup>24</sup> But let justice roll on like a river,  
righteousness like a never-failing stream!

Justice = enacted right judgment against wrong

Righteousness = fairness that reflects God's abundance





**In a world of injustice,  
justice is always costly  
and complex.**

## Amos 5:18-20

<sup>18</sup> Woe to you who long for the day of the Lord! Why do you long for the day of the Lord? That day will be darkness, not light. <sup>19</sup> It will be as though a man fled from a lion only to meet a bear, as though he entered his house and rested his hand on the wall only to have a snake bite him. <sup>20</sup> Will not the day of the Lord be darkness, not light- pitch-dark, without a ray of brightness?



## Amos 3:1-2

<sup>1</sup> Hear this word the Lord has spoken against you, O people of Israel-against the whole family I brought up out of Egypt: <sup>2</sup> “You only have I chosen of all the families of the earth; therefore I will punish you for all your sins.”



Christ is God's prophet to us, *showing* us the *judgment* of God because of the injustice we've tolerated and ignored and *bearing* our judgment. Christ both shows the effect of injustice and pays the price of injustice.



**In a world of injustice, don't  
be discouraged.**

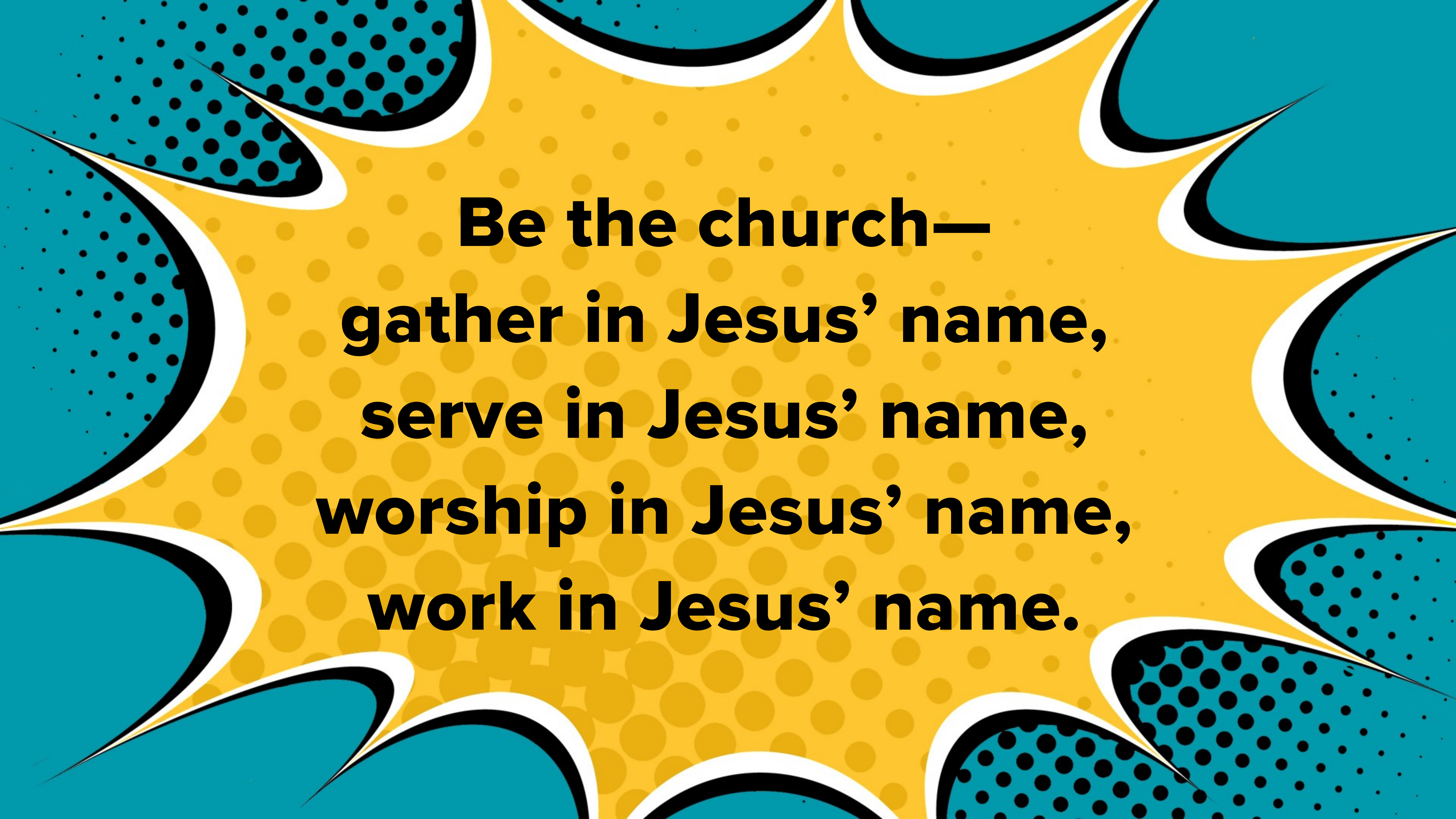
“Two weeks ago I laid off more than 20% of my workforce. I didn’t do it because Cloudflare is struggling. We posted record revenue growth, have strong free cash flow and are adding an unprecedented number of customers around the world. I did it because business is changing, and to *win the future*, Cloudflare needs to change with it.”

MATTHEW PRINCE, CLOUDFARE CEO

## Amos 9:11-12

“In that day  
I will restore David’s fallen shelter  
I will repair its broken walls  
And restore its ruins—  
And will rebuild it as it used to be,  
So that they may possess the remnant of Edom  
And all the nations that bear my name,”  
Declares the LORD, who will do these things.





**Be the church—  
gather in Jesus' name,  
serve in Jesus' name,  
worship in Jesus' name,  
work in Jesus' name.**





## 1 Kings 12:25-33

<sup>25</sup> Then Jeroboam fortified Shechem in the hill country of Ephraim and lived there. From there he went out and built up Peniel. <sup>26</sup> Jeroboam thought to himself, “The kingdom will now likely revert to the house of David. <sup>27</sup> If these people go up to offer sacrifices at the temple of the Lord in Jerusalem, they will again give their allegiance to their lord, Rehoboam king of Judah. They will kill me and return to King Rehoboam.” <sup>28</sup> After seeking advice, the king made two golden calves. He said to the people, “It is too much for you to go up to Jerusalem. Here are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of Egypt.”



<sup>29</sup> One he set up in Bethel, and the other in Dan. <sup>30</sup> And this thing became a sin; the people went even as far as Dan to worship the one there. <sup>31</sup> Jeroboam built shrines on high places and appointed priests from all sorts of people, even though they were not Levites. <sup>32</sup> He instituted a festival on the fifteenth day of the eighth month, like the festival held in Judah, and offered sacrifices on the altar. This he did in Bethel, sacrificing to the calves he had made. And at Bethel he also installed priests at the high places he had made. <sup>33</sup> On the fifteenth day of the eighth month, a month of his own choosing, he offered sacrifices on the altar he had built at Bethel. So he instituted the festival for the Israelites and went up to the altar to make offerings.

