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“FOOD”

“A MEAL”

“EATING”

“DINING”

The background features a complex network of interlocking gears and nodes. The gears are in various sizes and colors, including orange, teal, yellow, and purple. They are connected by thin white lines, creating a web-like structure. The overall color palette is dark with vibrant, contrasting colors for the gears and text.

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EVERGREEN BAPTIST CHURCH OF LOS ANGELES

THE 4 LAWS OF THERMODYNAMICS

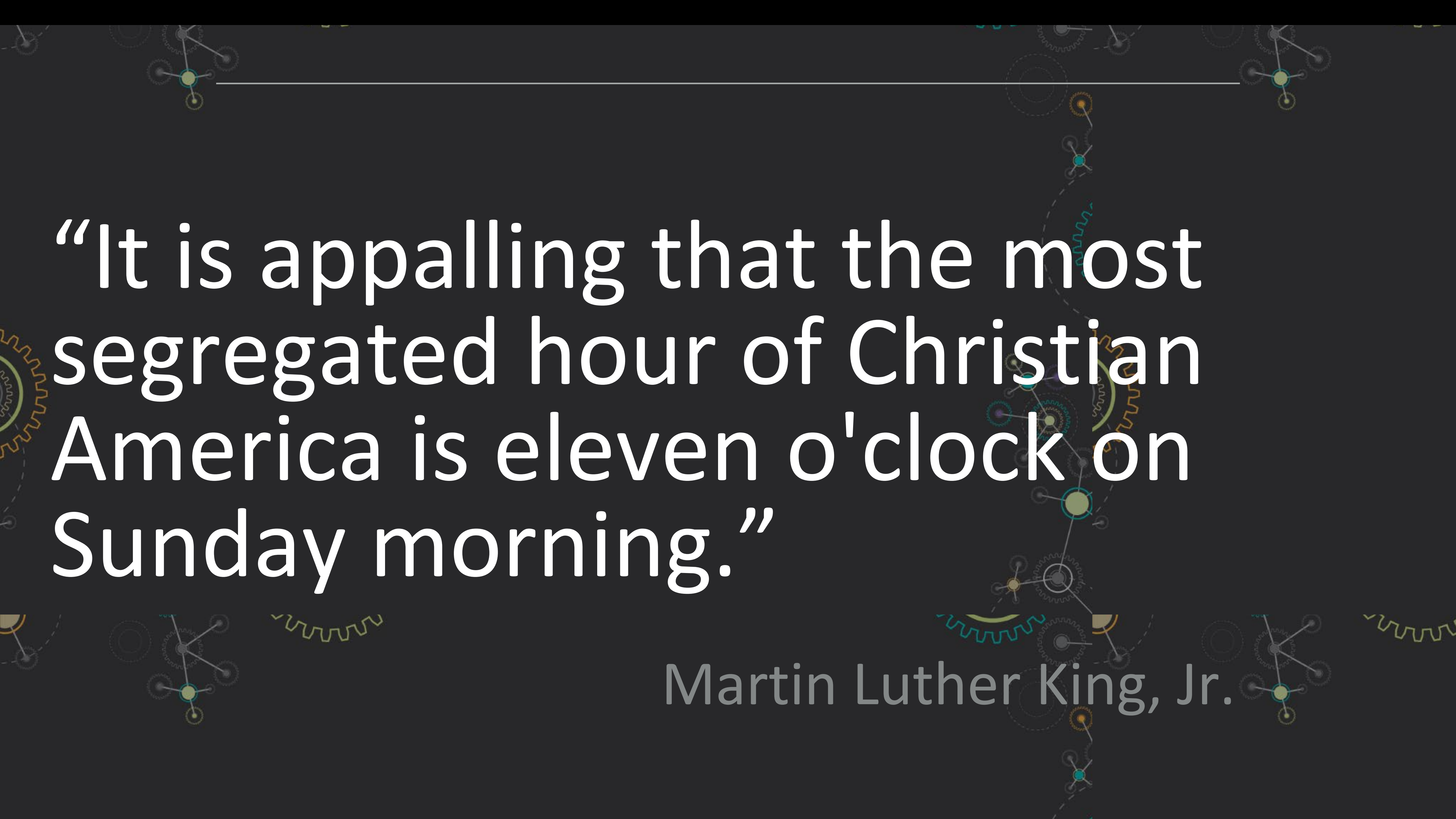
CREATING A COMMUNITY OF DIVINE WARMTH

ACTS 2:42

The believers devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching, to the community, to their shared meals, and to their prayers.

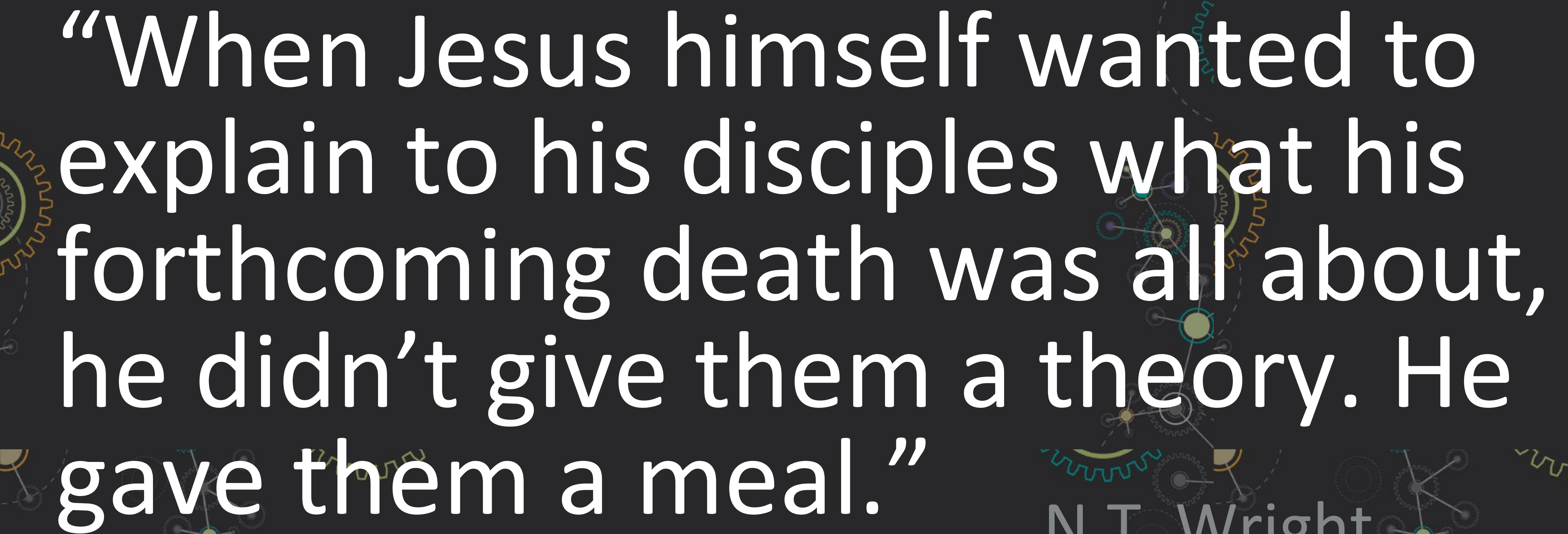
One Sabbath, when Jesus went to share a meal in the home of one of the leaders of the Pharisees, they were watching him closely. A man suffering from an abnormal swelling of the body was there. Jesus asked the lawyers and Pharisees, “Does the Law allow healing on the Sabbath or not?” But they said nothing. Jesus took hold of the sick man, cured him, and then let him go. He said to them, “Suppose your child or ox fell into a ditch on the Sabbath day. Wouldn’t you immediately pull it out?” But they had no response.



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“It is appalling that the most segregated hour of Christian America is eleven o'clock on Sunday morning.”

Martin Luther King, Jr.

The background is a dark grey gradient. It features several decorative elements: a horizontal white line near the top; faint, stylized molecular or network diagrams with nodes and connecting lines in light blue and yellow; and several interlocking gears in shades of yellow and orange, some of which are partially visible on the left and right edges.

“When Jesus himself wanted to explain to his disciples what his forthcoming death was all about, he didn’t give them a theory. He gave them a meal.”

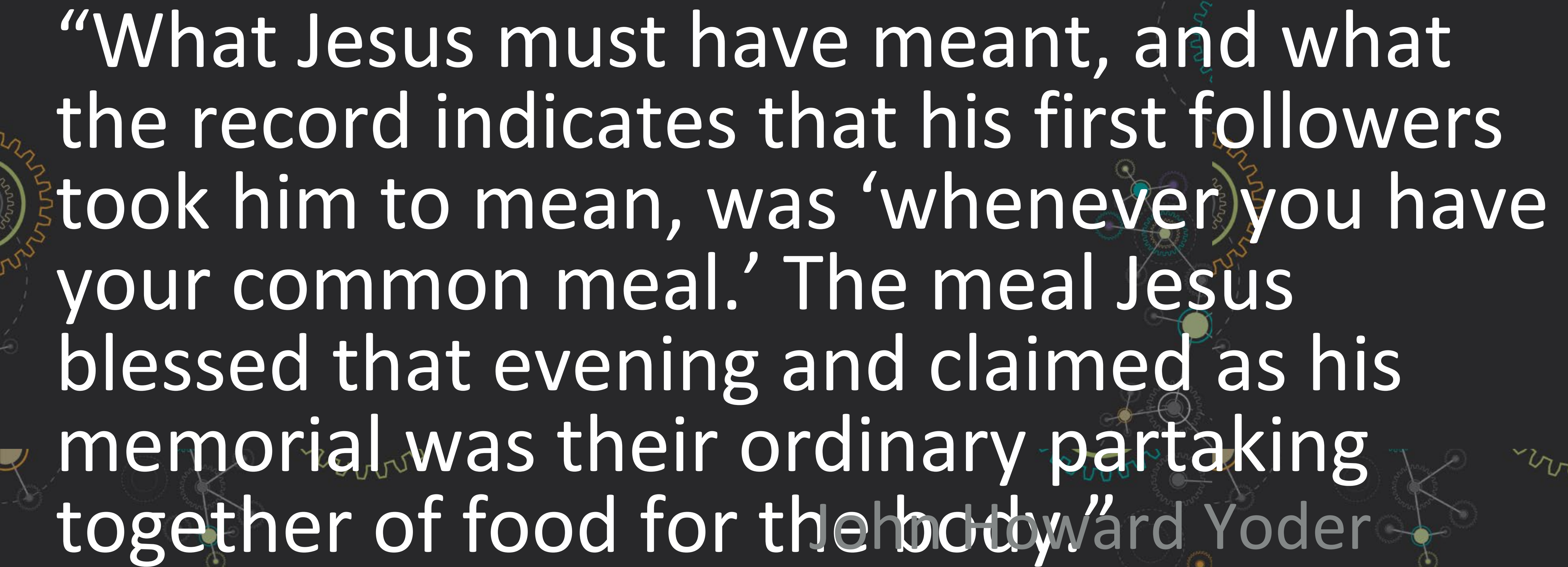
N.T. Wright

1 CORINTHIANS 11:17-34

Now I don't praise you as I give the following instruction because when you meet together, it does more harm than good. First of all, when you meet together as a church, I hear that there are divisions among you, and I partly believe it. It's necessary that there are groups among you, to make it clear who is genuine. So when you get together in one place, it isn't to eat the Lord's meal. Each of you goes ahead and eats a private meal. One person goes hungry while another is drunk. Don't you have houses to eat and drink in? Or do you look down on God's churches and humiliate those who have nothing? What can I say to you? Will I praise you? No, I don't praise you in this.

1 CORINTHIANS 11:17-34

I received a tradition from the Lord, which I also handed on to you: on the night on which he was betrayed, the Lord Jesus took bread. After giving thanks, he broke it and said, "This is my body, which is for you; do this to remember me." He did the same thing with the cup, after they had eaten, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Every time you drink it, do this to remember me." Every time you eat this bread and drink this cup, you broadcast the death of the Lord until he comes.

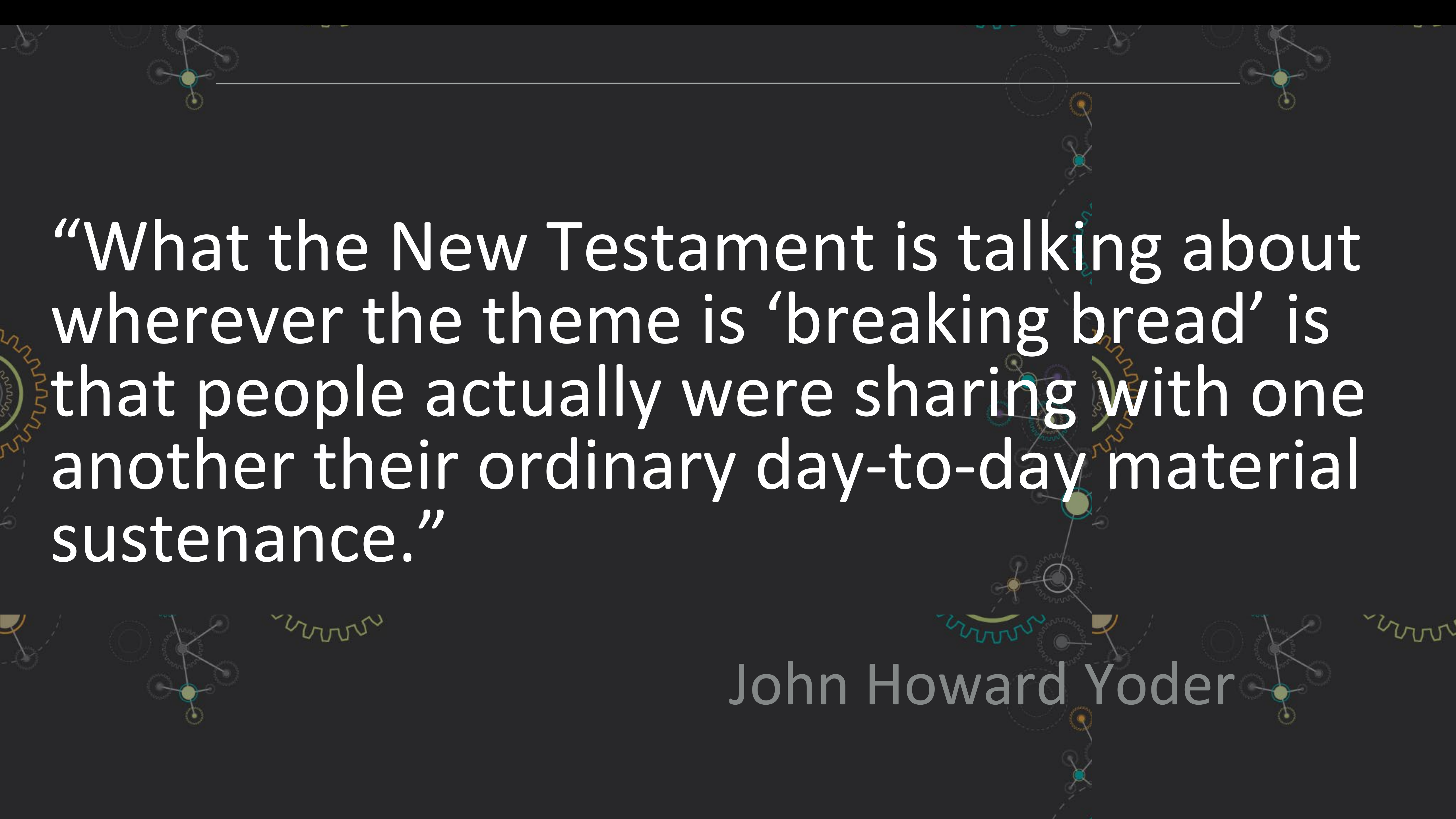
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“What Jesus must have meant, and what the record indicates that his first followers took him to mean, was ‘whenever you have your common meal.’ The meal Jesus blessed that evening and claimed as his memorial was their ordinary partaking together of food for the body.”

John Howard Yoder

1 CORINTHIANS 11:17-34

This is why those who eat the bread or drink the cup of the Lord inappropriately will be guilty of the Lord's body and blood. Each individual should test himself or herself, and eat from the bread and drink from the cup in that way. Those who eat and drink without correctly understanding the body are eating and drinking their own judgment. Because of this, many of you are weak and sick, and quite a few have died. But if we had judged ourselves, we wouldn't be judged. However, we are disciplined by the Lord when we are judged so that we won't be judged and condemned along with the whole world. For these reasons, my brothers and sisters, when you get together to eat, wait for each other. If some of you are hungry, they should eat at the house so that getting together doesn't lead to judgment. I will give directions about the other things when I come.

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“What the New Testament is talking about wherever the theme is ‘breaking bread’ is that people actually were sharing with one another their ordinary day-to-day material sustenance.”

John Howard Yoder



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