

Gathering 6

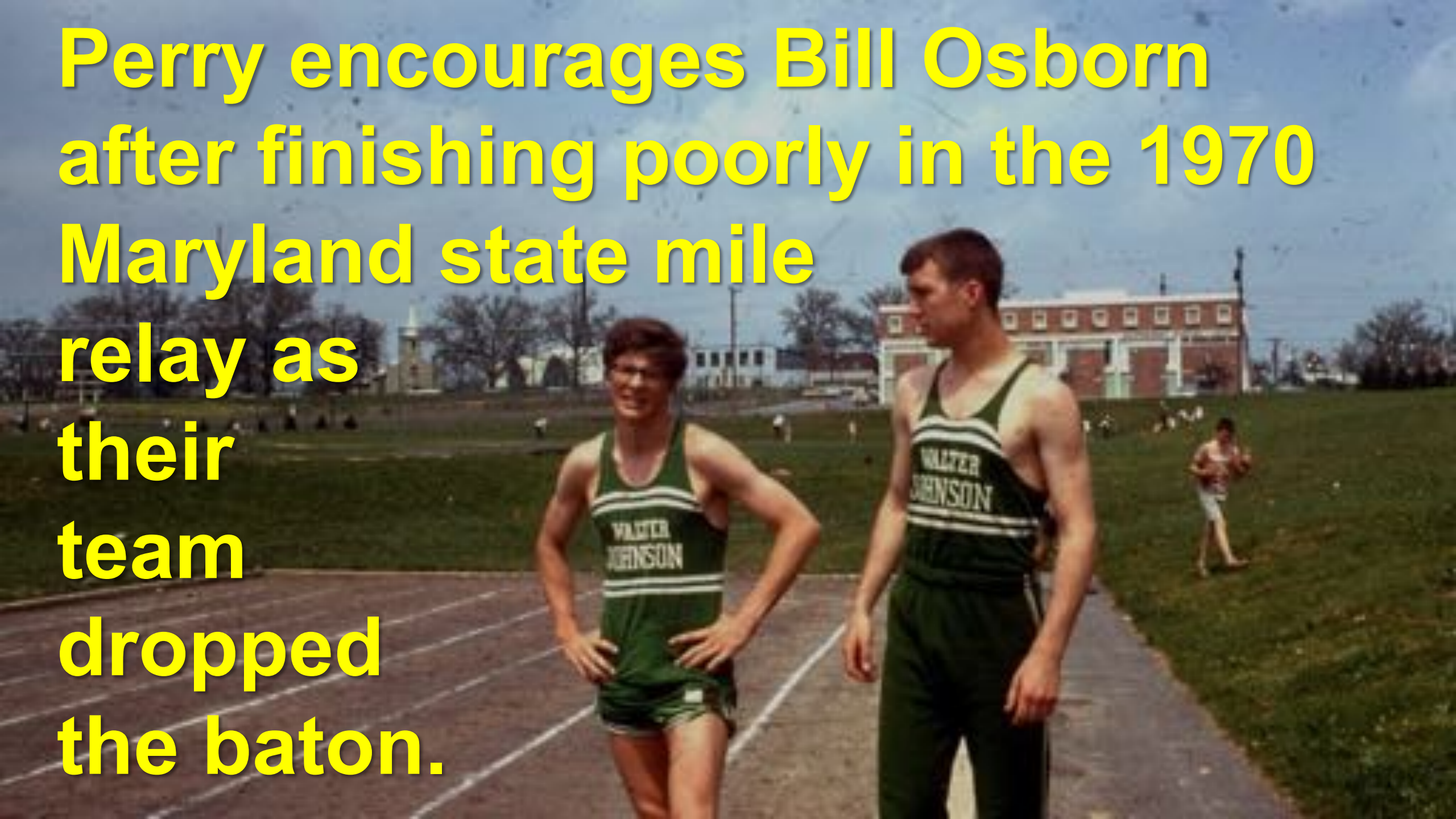


Finishing Well



Paul to Timothy

**Perry encourages Bill Osborn
after finishing poorly in the 1970
Maryland state mile
relay as
their
team
dropped
the baton.**



**“The time of my departure
has come. I have fought the
good fight, I have
finished the race
I have kept the faith.”**

2 Tim 4:7

PRISONER OF JESUS CHRIST



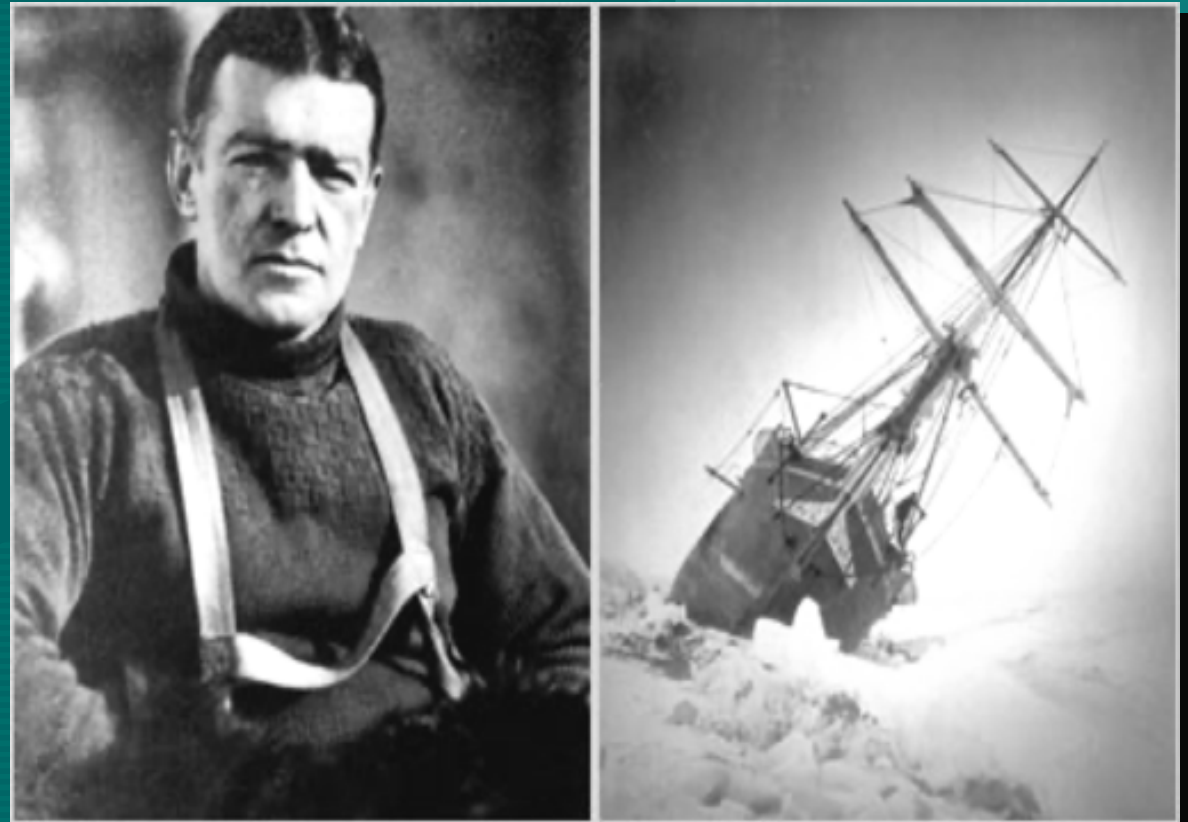
**“Join me in suffering for the gospel
according to God’s power” 1:8-9**



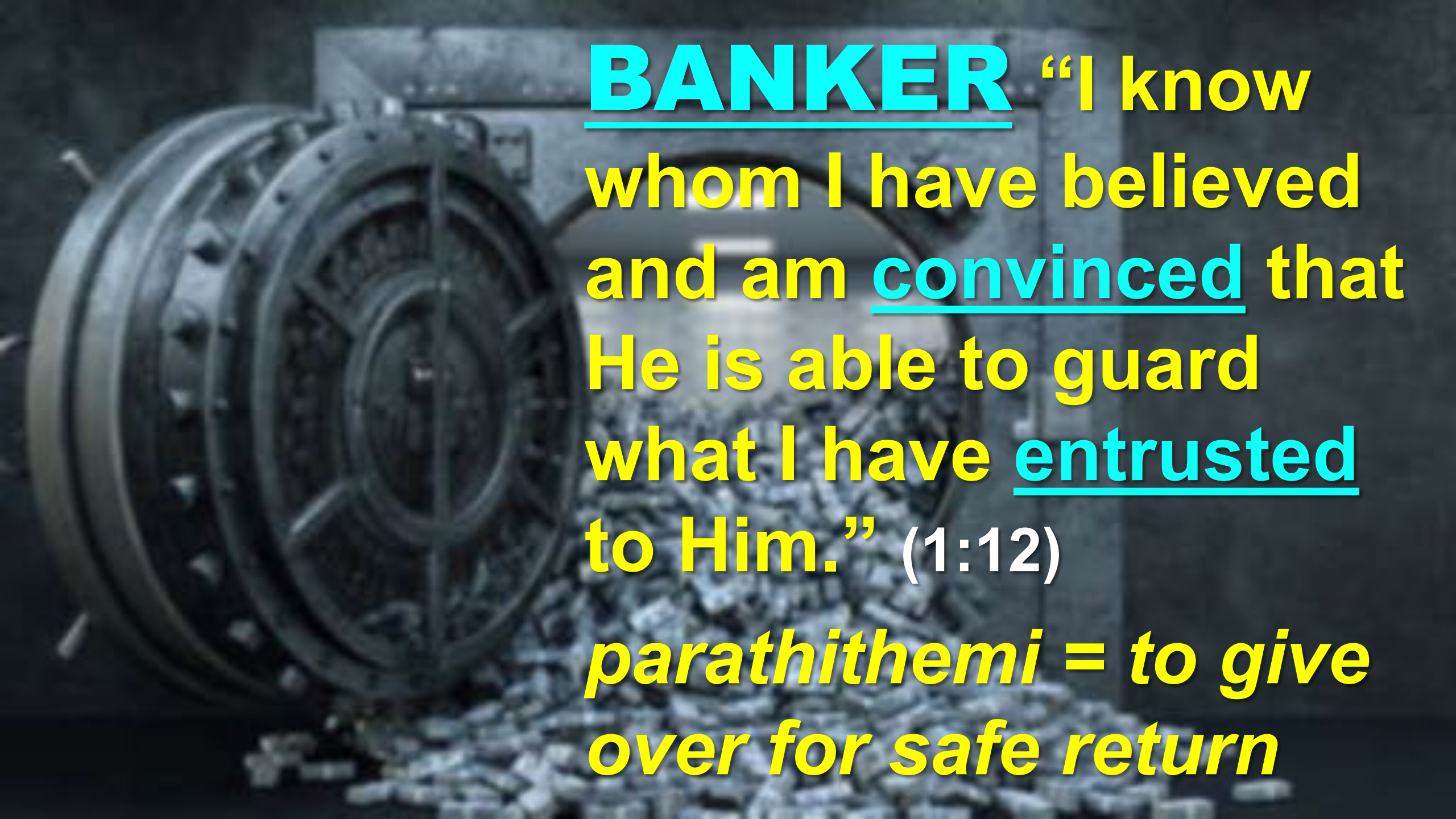
HOLY CALLING 1913 London newspaper

***“Men wanted: South Pole expedition.
Extremely hazardous, small wages, bitter
cold, long months of complete darkness,
constant danger, safe
return doubtful.
Honor awaits if
successful.”***

Sir Ernest Shackleton



Jesus: *“Men wanted who will die to themselves in order to live for Me and serve others as we build My church and establish My Kingdom. You will be judged, misunderstood, killed, rejected, persecuted and imprisoned. It will cost everything including home, goals, health, relationships, dreams, desires and ambitions. Rewards given after death. Task impossible apart from My Spirit.”*



BANKER “I know
whom I have believed
and am convinced that
He is able to guard
what I have entrusted
to Him.” (1:12)

*parathithemi = to give
over for safe return*



**What's
in
your
wallet?**

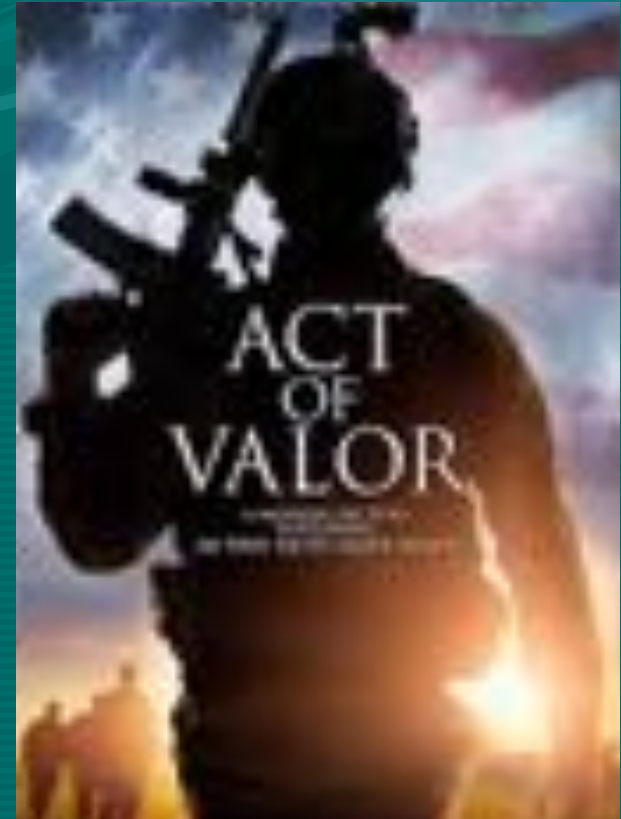
SOLDIER who
understands and
is focused on the
mission for which
he was sent by his
commanding officer
the Lord Jesus.



(:3-4)

“Suffer hardship with *me*, as a good **SOLDIER** of Christ Jesus. No soldier in active service entangles himself in the affairs of everyday life, so that he may please the **One** who enlisted him as a soldier.”

(2:3-4)



Disciplined ATHLETE
(2:5) passionately
training 24-7-365 in
private to more like
Jesus because Christ
is his real prize
(stephano: crown)!



*“I press on toward the
goal for the prize...
Christ Jesus.”*

Phil 3:14





Dedicated **FARMER**

**trusts God for
the fruits as
he faithfully
cultivates the
roots. (2:6)**

Diligent WORKMAN
(2:15) doing the
hard work of
processing God's
truth from head-
heart-hand-habit.
Action Points!
“Diligently” = speed.



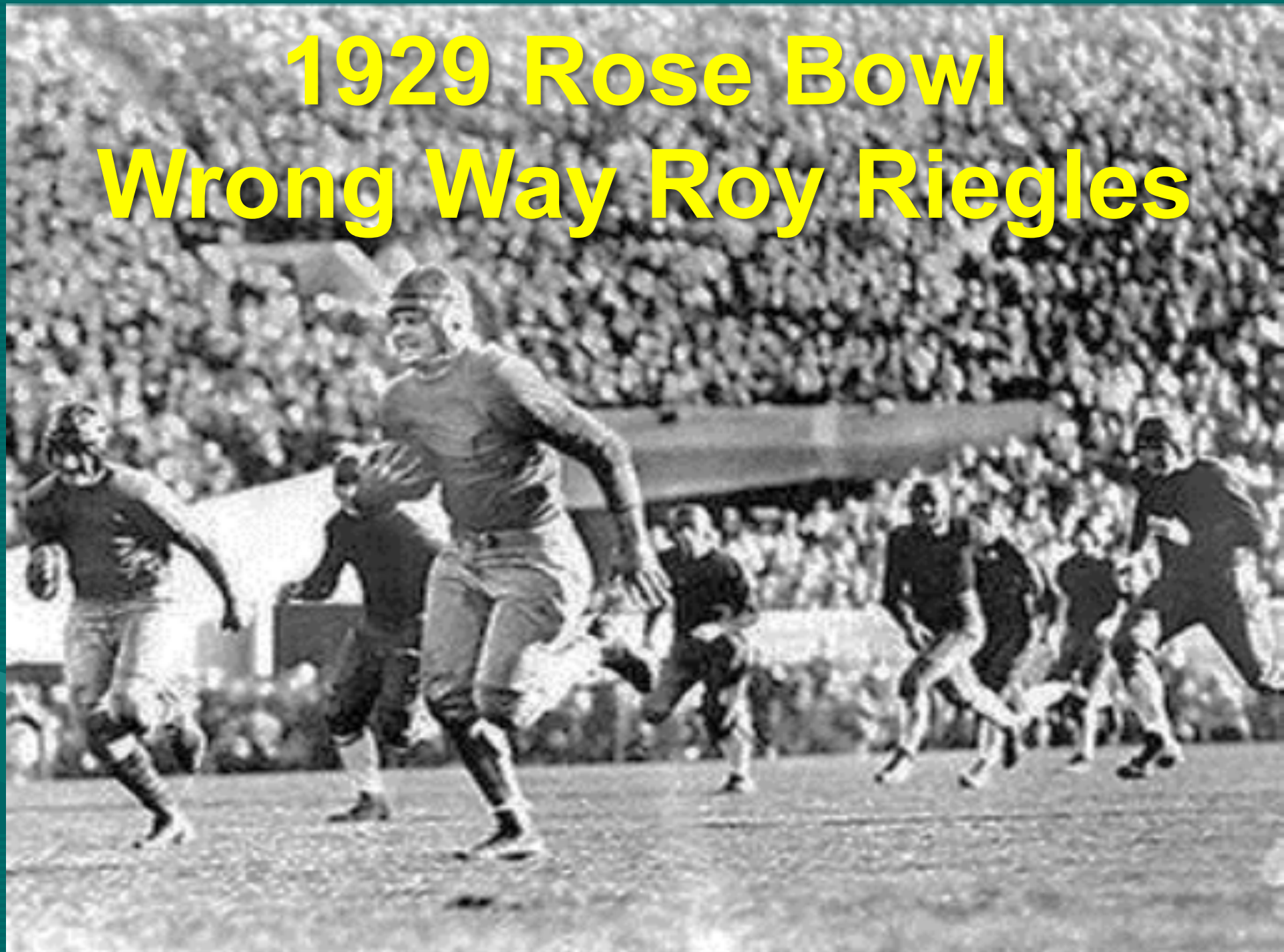
PRISONER willing to suffering
BANKER willing to entrust/invest
SOLDIER focused on his mission
ATHLETE whose prize is Jesus
FARMER who believes God
WORKMAN whose priority is truth

**Where do you need to
finish
well?**



**Which picture
motivates/encourages?**

1929 Rose Bowl Wrong Way Roy Riegles



GRIP GROUP DISCUSSION



- What truth challenged you most? Why?
- Do you need to grow most as a banker, soldier, athlete, farmer or workman?
- Describe your commitment to passing on God's baton this Grip season.