



Five Week Message Series

Glenwood United Methodist Church

Witness

Pastor Leo A. Cunningham

August 5, 2018

Week Five






Psalm 66:16

Common English Bible (CEB)






Come close and
listen, all you who
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tell you what God
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Five Week Message Series



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 Glenwood United Methodist Church.





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



Glenwood United Methodist Church

Prayer

Week One

Pastor Leo A. Cunningham
July 8, 2018



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Presence

Week Two

Pastor Leo A. Cunningham
July 15, 2018



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Gifts

Week Three

Pastor Leo A. Cunningham
July 22, 2018



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Service

Pastor Leo A. Cunningham

July 29, 2018

Week Four





This Week
We Are
Discussing...



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Being a Witness






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Watch
Your
Words

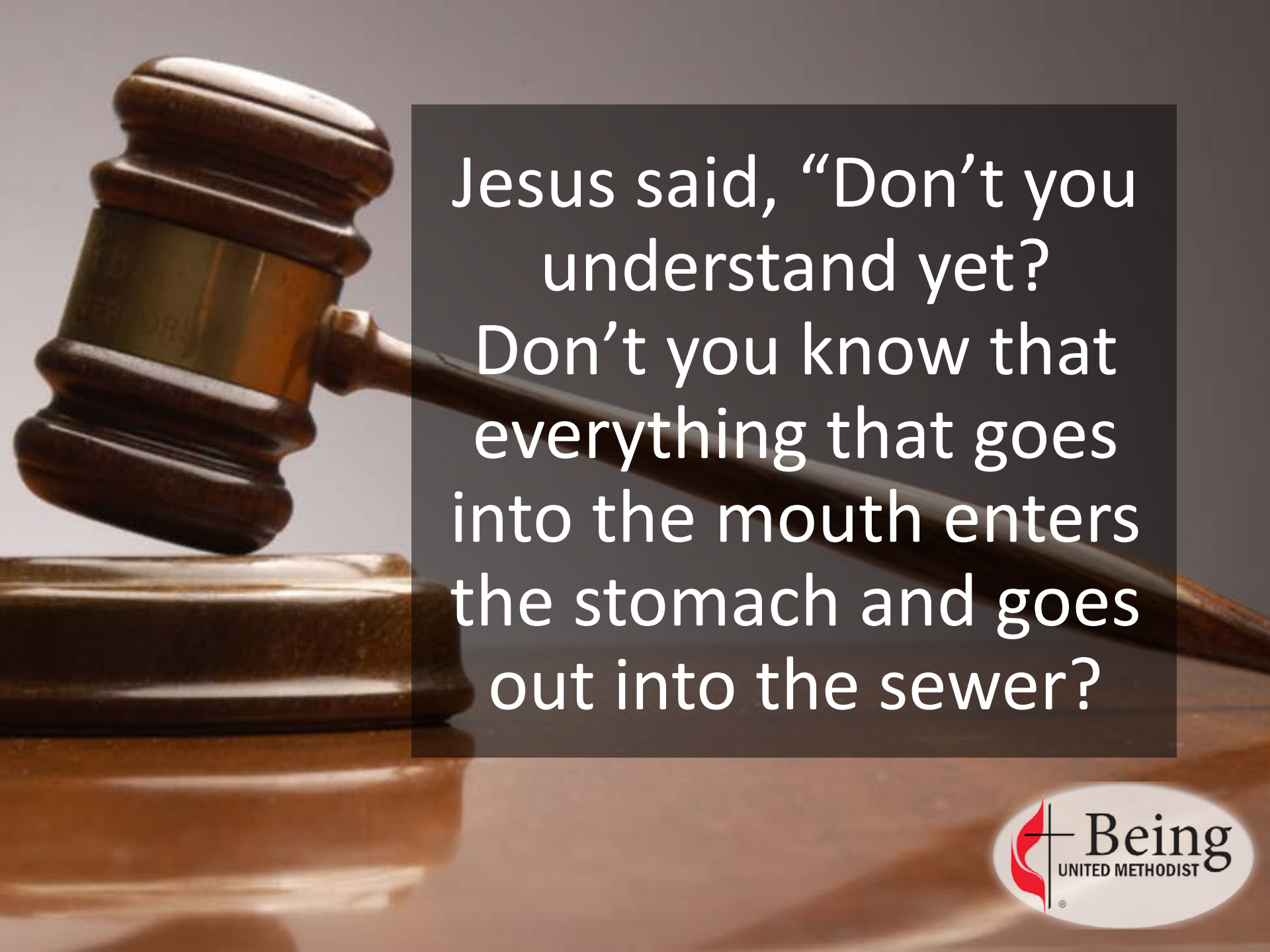





Matt. 15:16-20

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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.





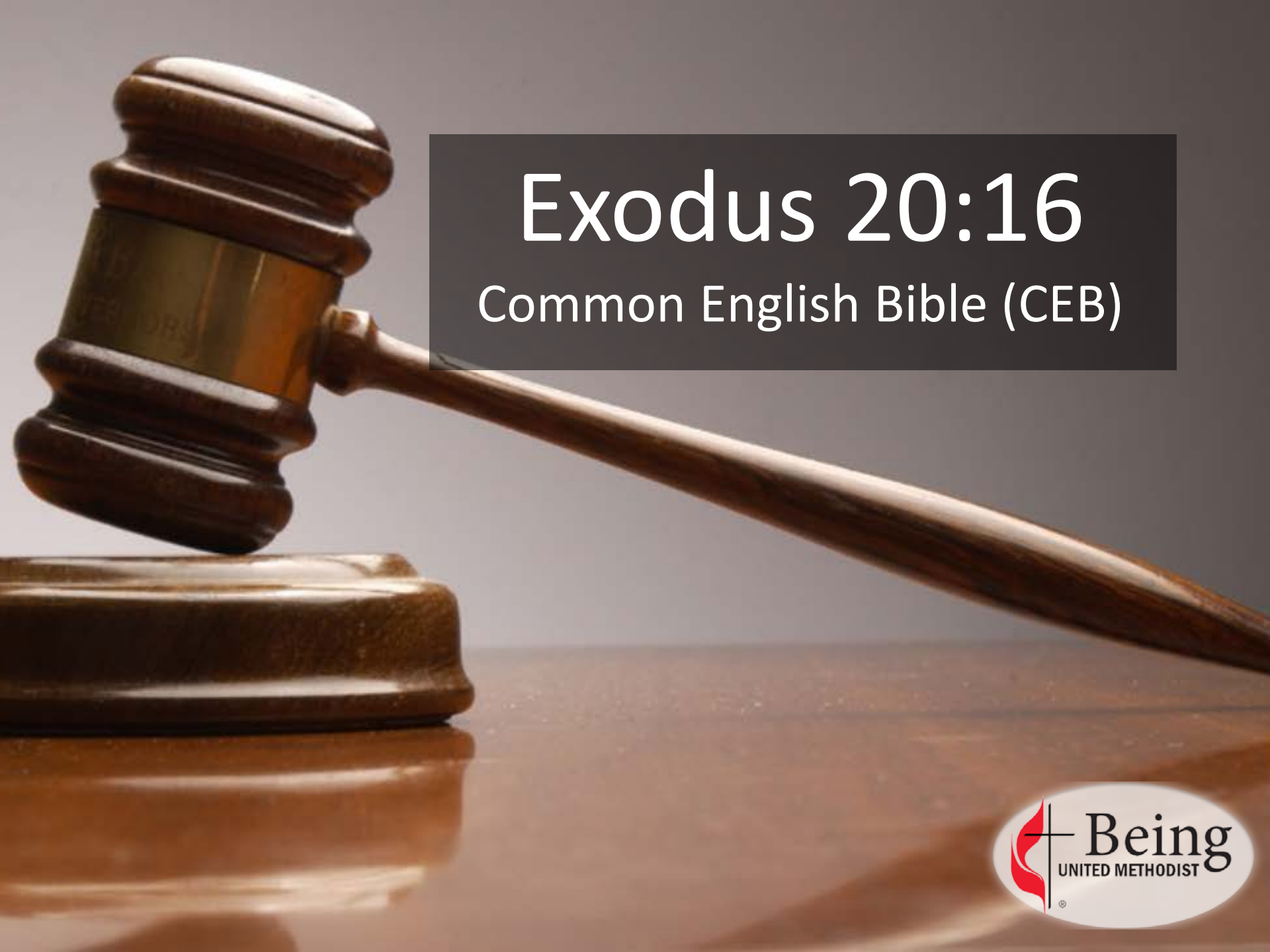
Out of the heart
come evil thoughts,
murders, adultery,
sexual sins, thefts,
false testimonies,
and insults.



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




A Lying Witness



Exodus 20:16

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Do not testify
falsely against
your neighbor.






What Type of Witness?



Proverbs 14:25

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





”Call Your
Witness.”

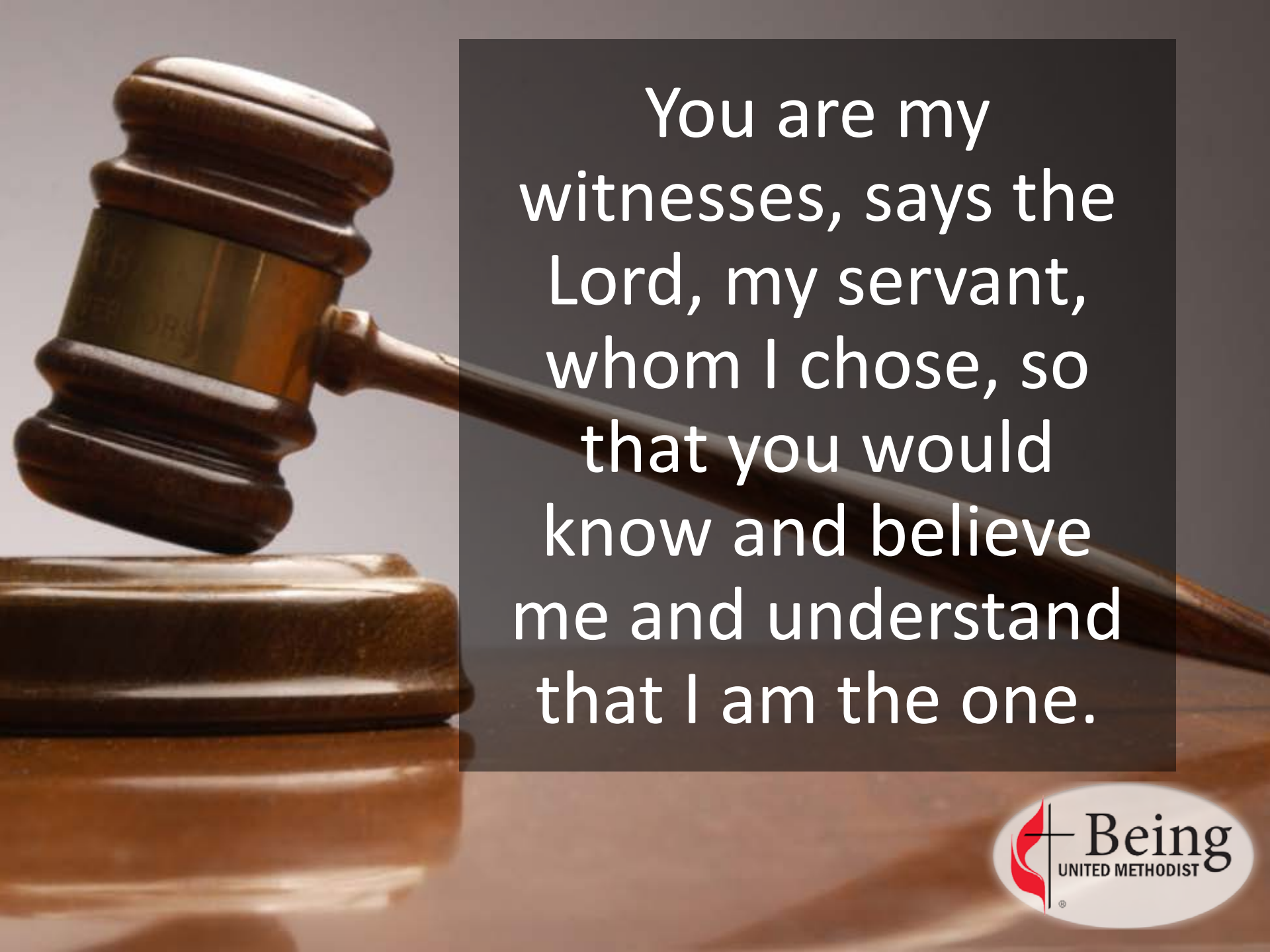





Isaiah 43:10-13

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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.



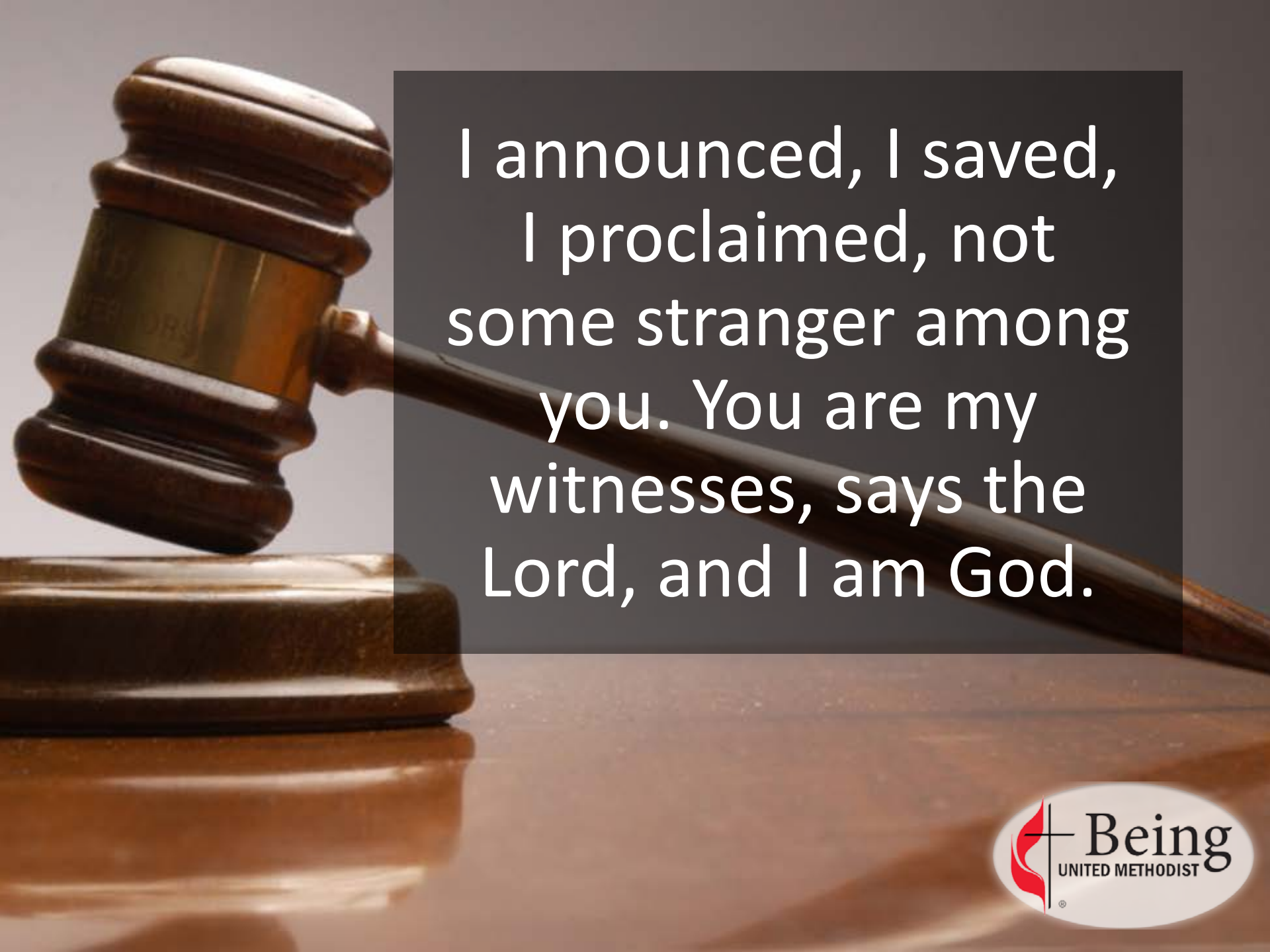
Before me no god
was formed; after
me there has
been no other.





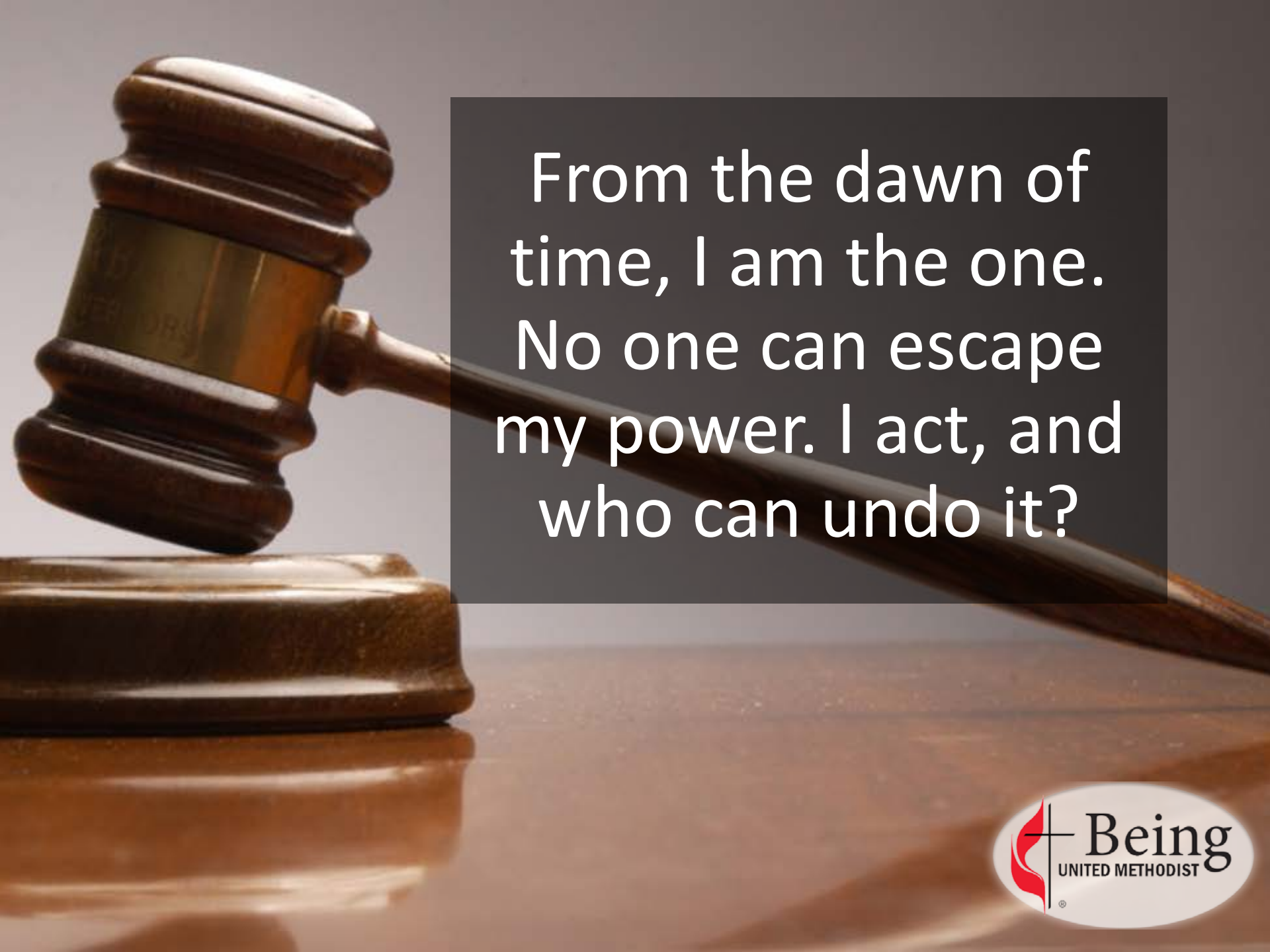
I, I am the Lord, and
there is no savior
besides me.





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



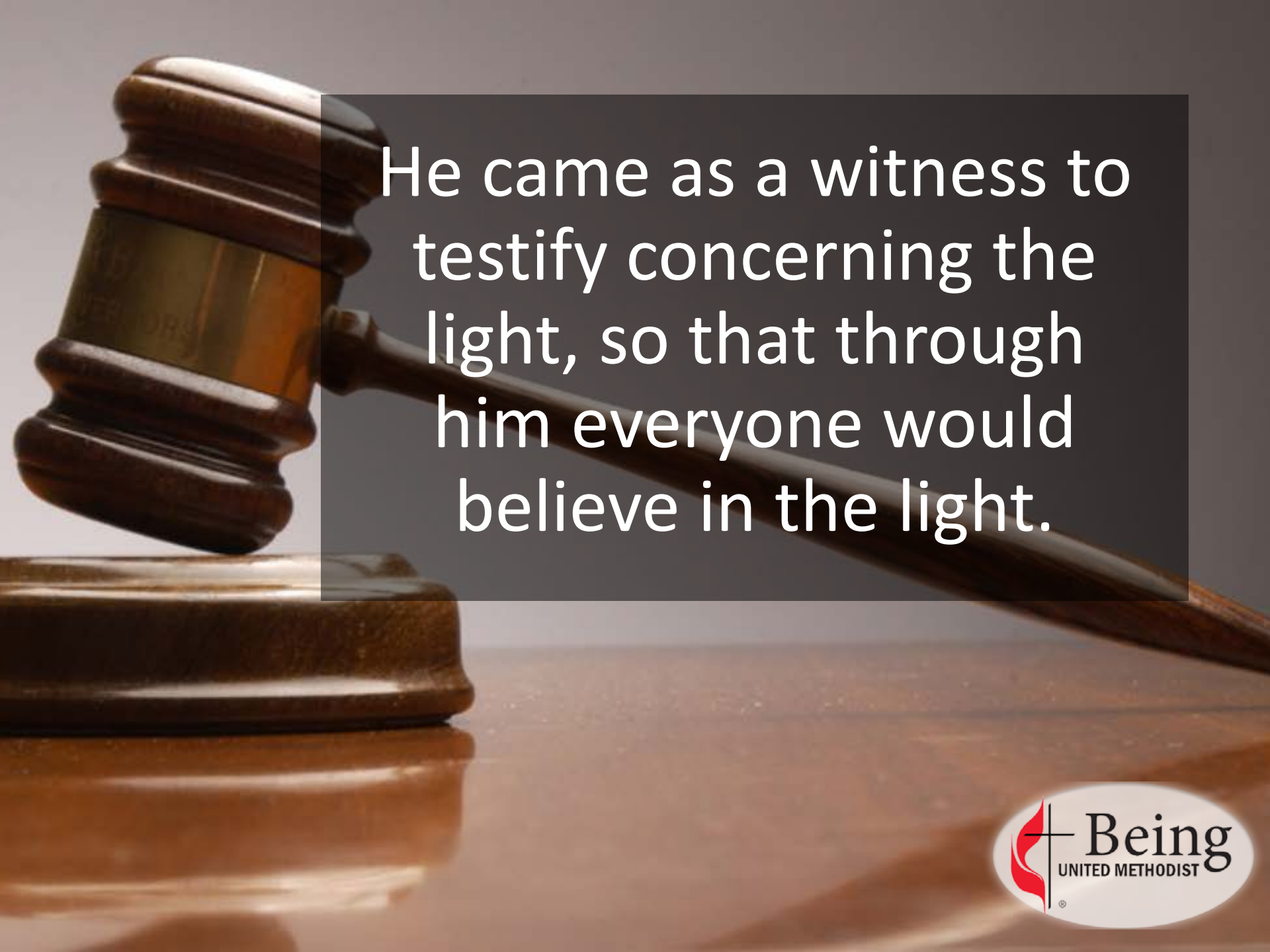
John 1:6-8

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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.

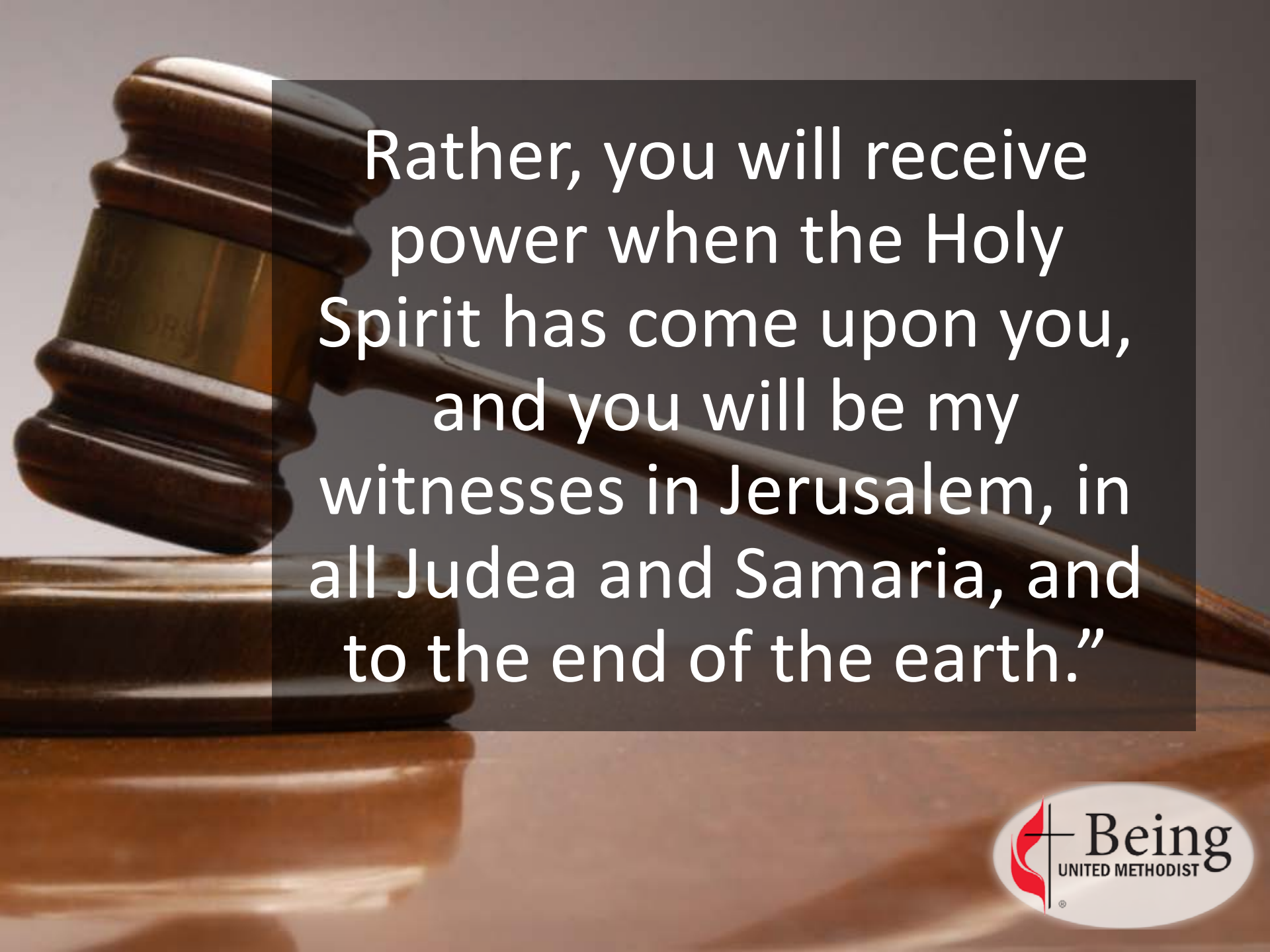




Acts 1:8

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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.”





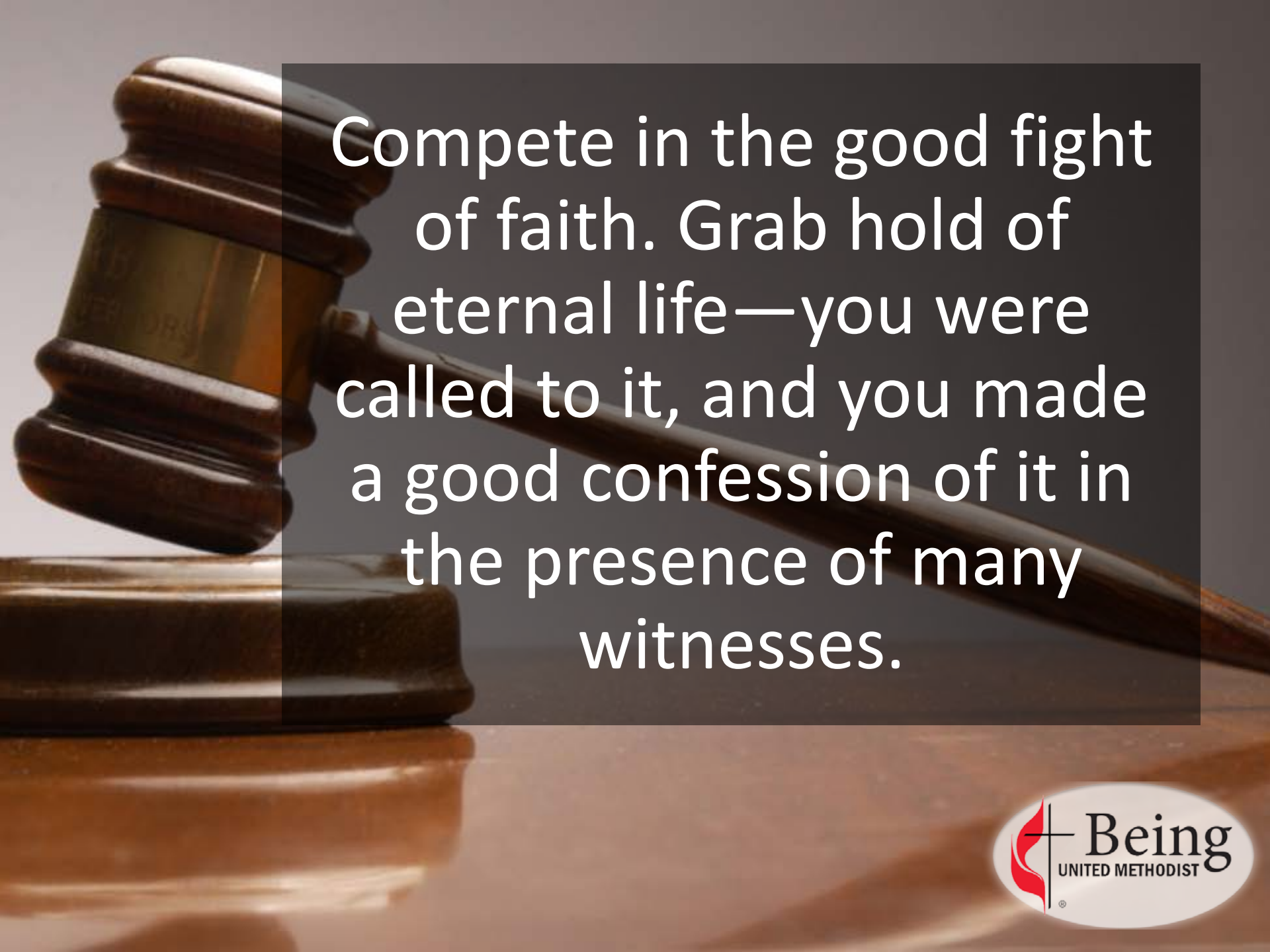
Confession



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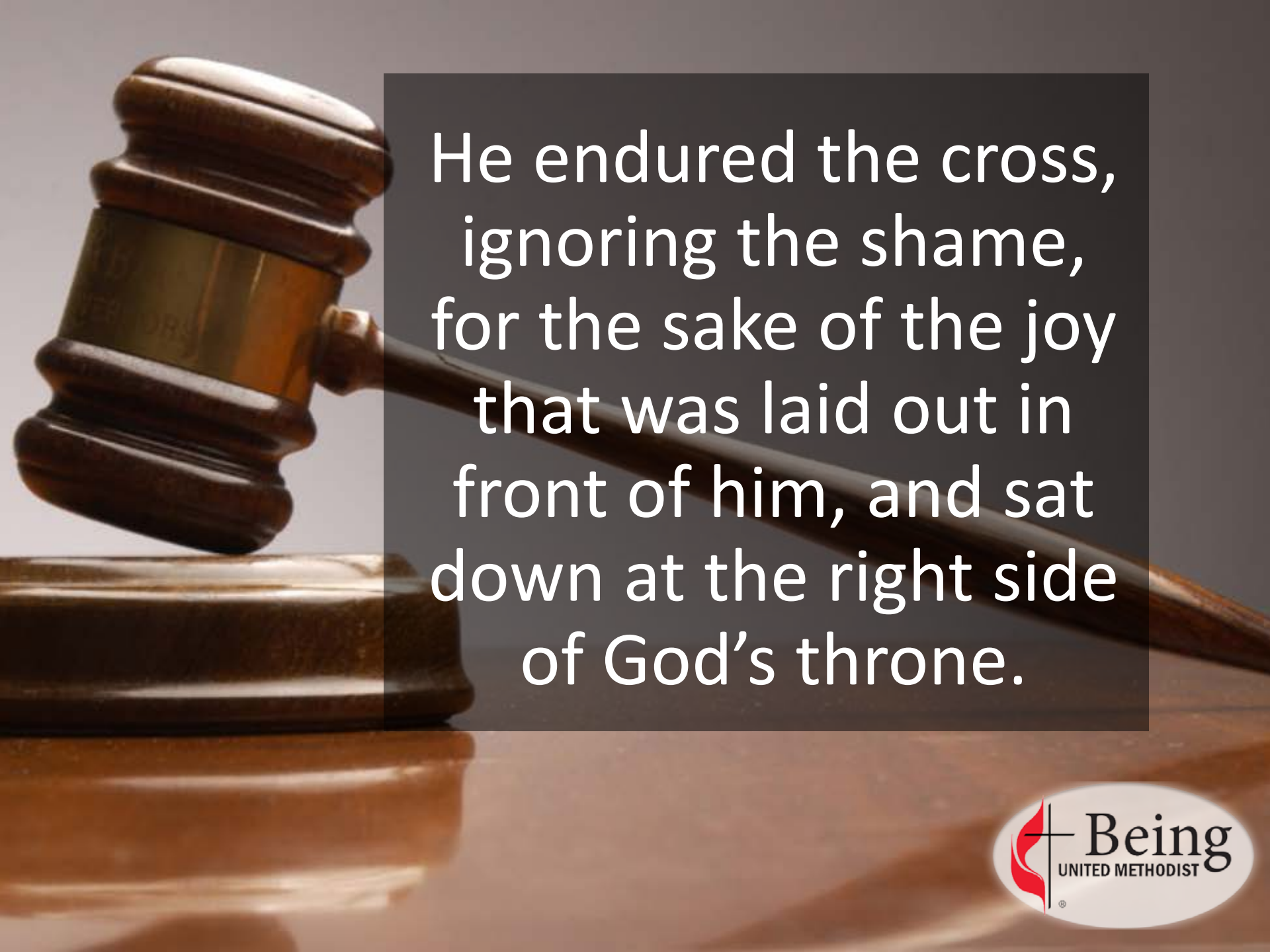
So then let's also run the race that is laid out in front of us, since we have such a great cloud of witnesses surrounding us.





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?





How Does This
Relate to Being
United Methodist
as a Witness?






As United Methodists,
We Are
“To Be A WITNESS”
And We Are
“To Be WITNESSED”






Looking
Beyond
These Five
Weeks



Beyond These Five
Weeks, We Need To
LIVE INTO
Being United
Methodist and
LIVE OUT Our Faith.





These Five Aspects of
Being United
Methodist Are Here To
Guide and Direct Us
As We Live Into Our
Mission, Which is...





Next Week...




Imitators Of God

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

