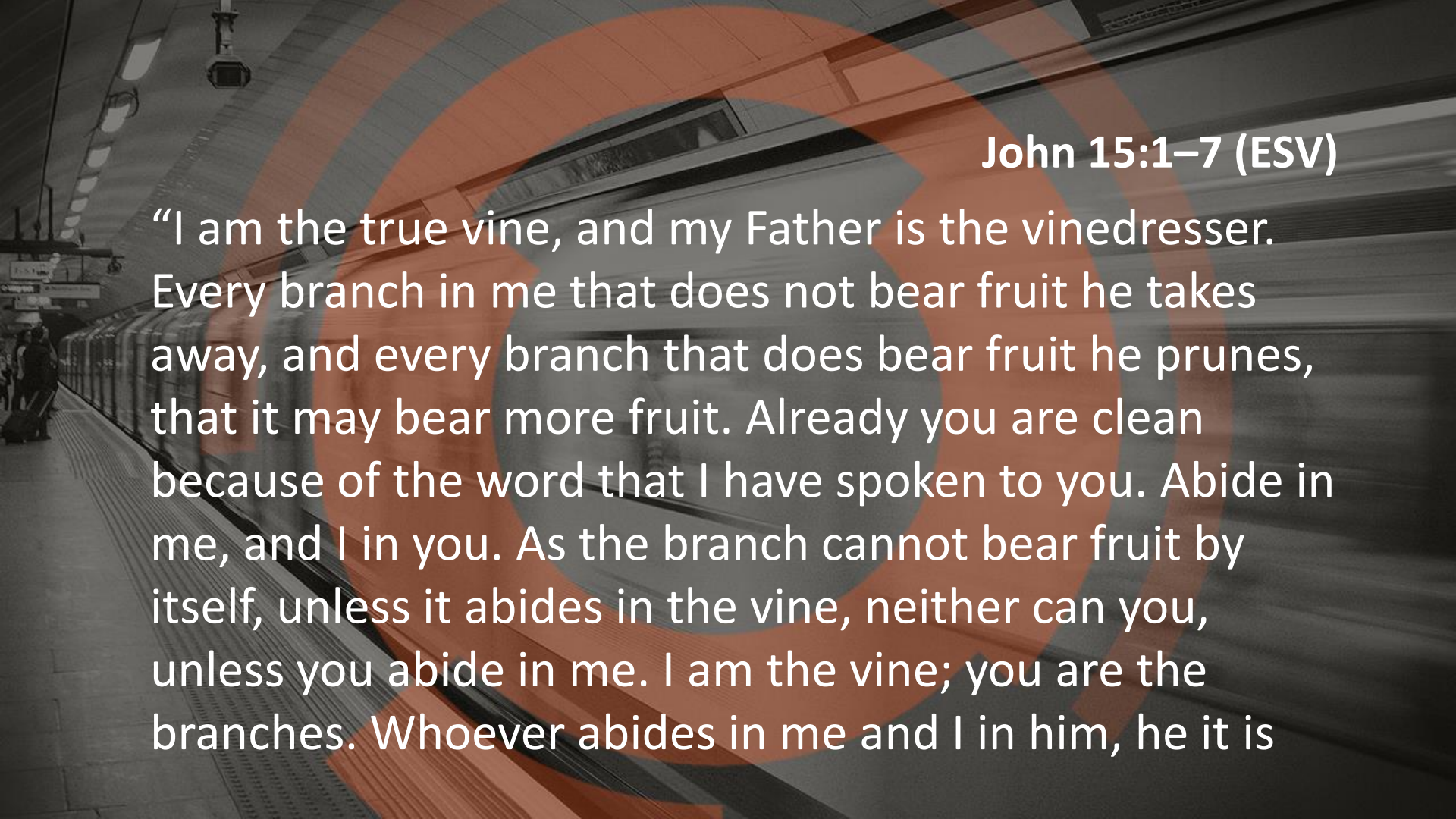




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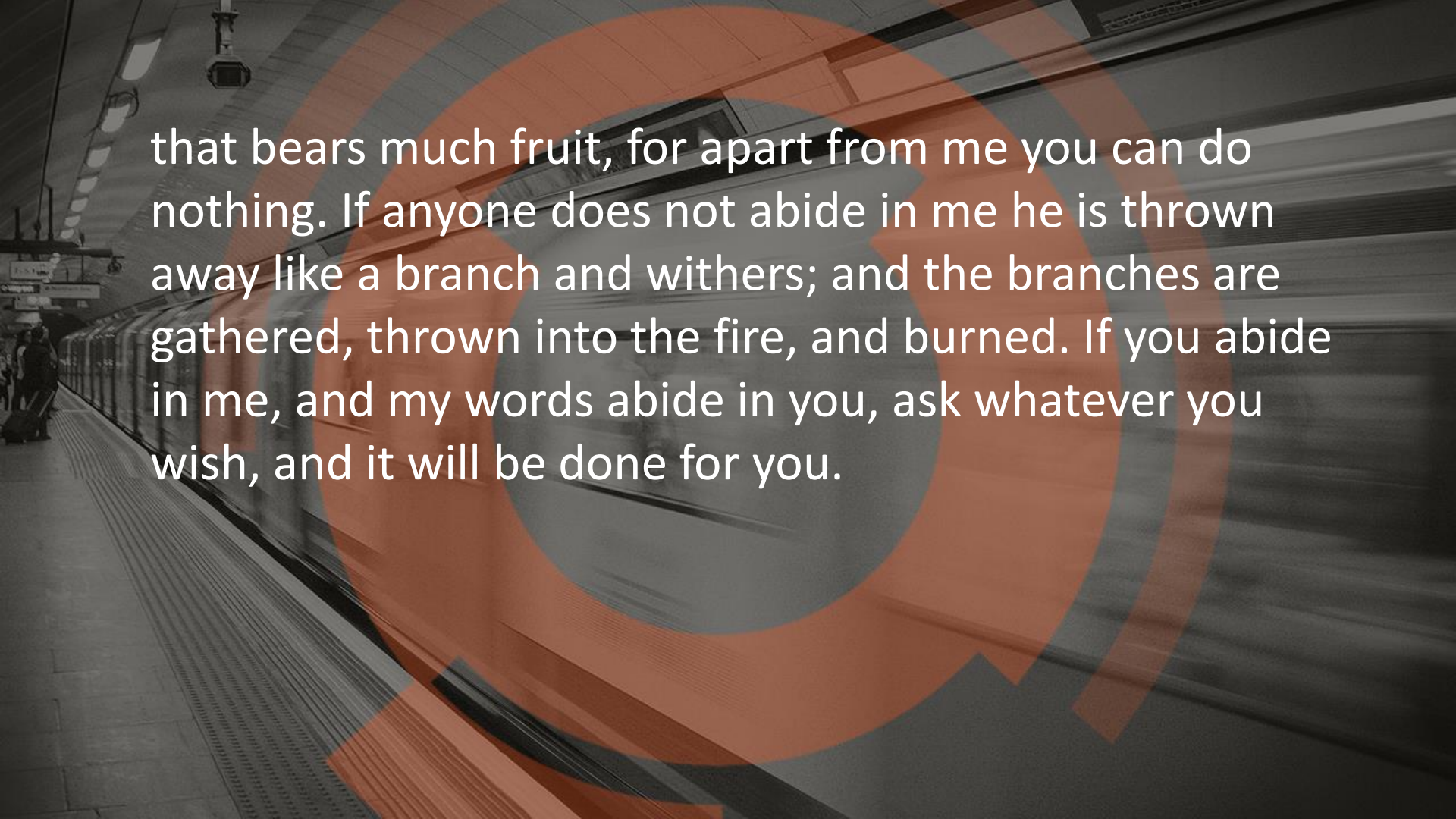
John 15:1-7

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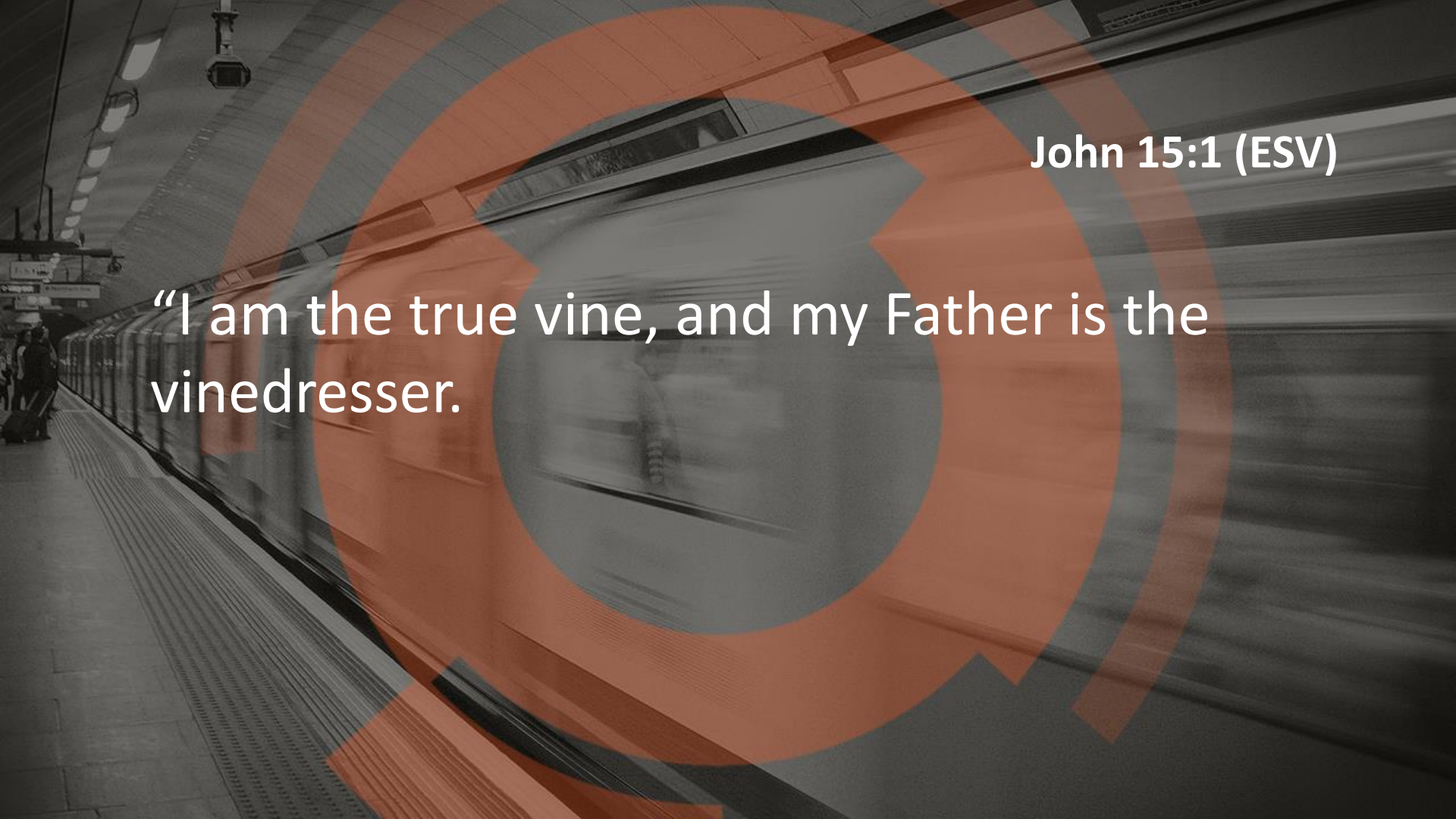


John 15:1–7 (ESV)

“I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinedresser. Every branch in me that does not bear fruit he takes away, and every branch that does bear fruit he prunes, that it may bear more fruit. Already you are clean because of the word that I have spoken to you. Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit by itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in me. I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in me and I in him, he it is

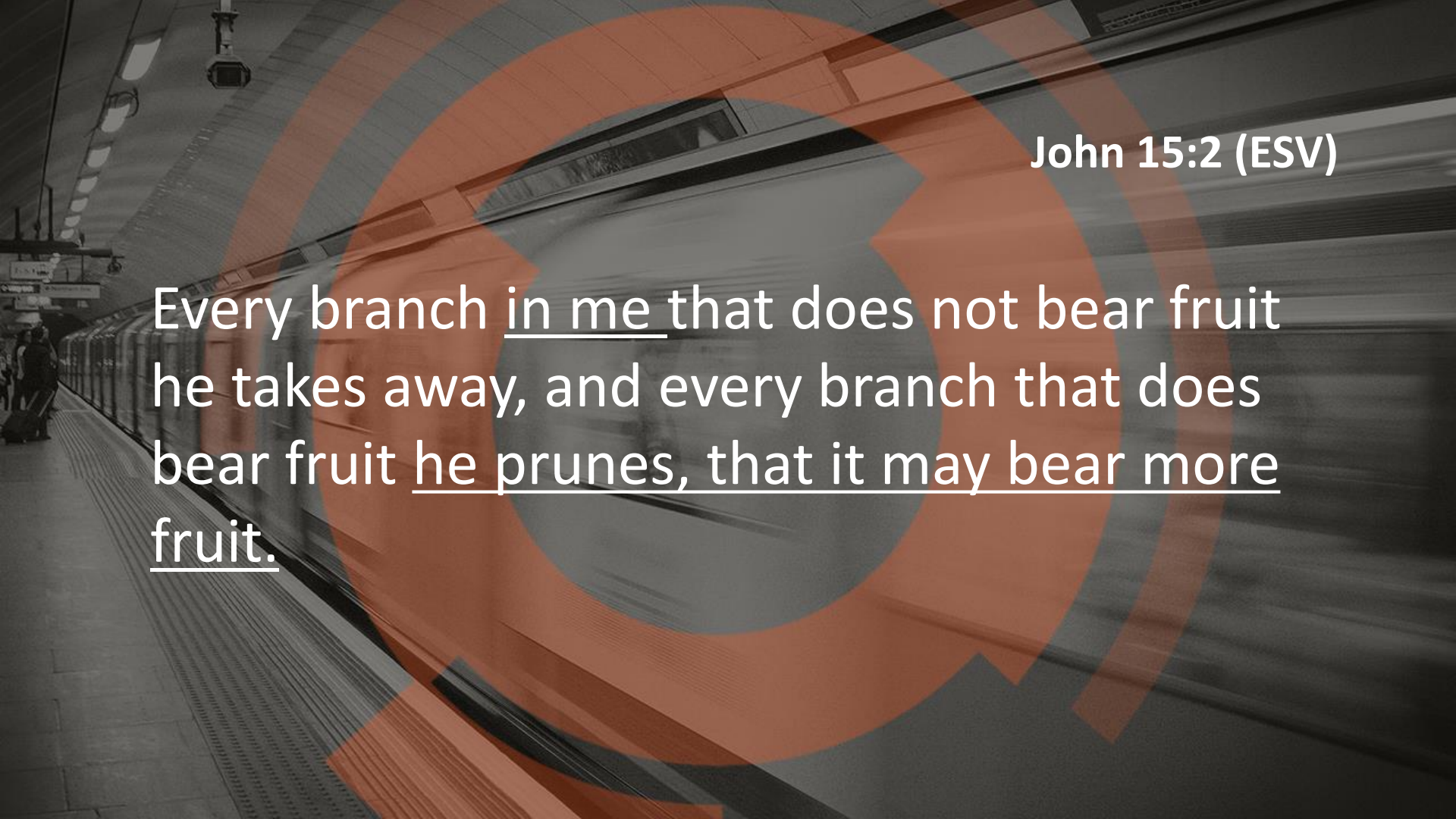
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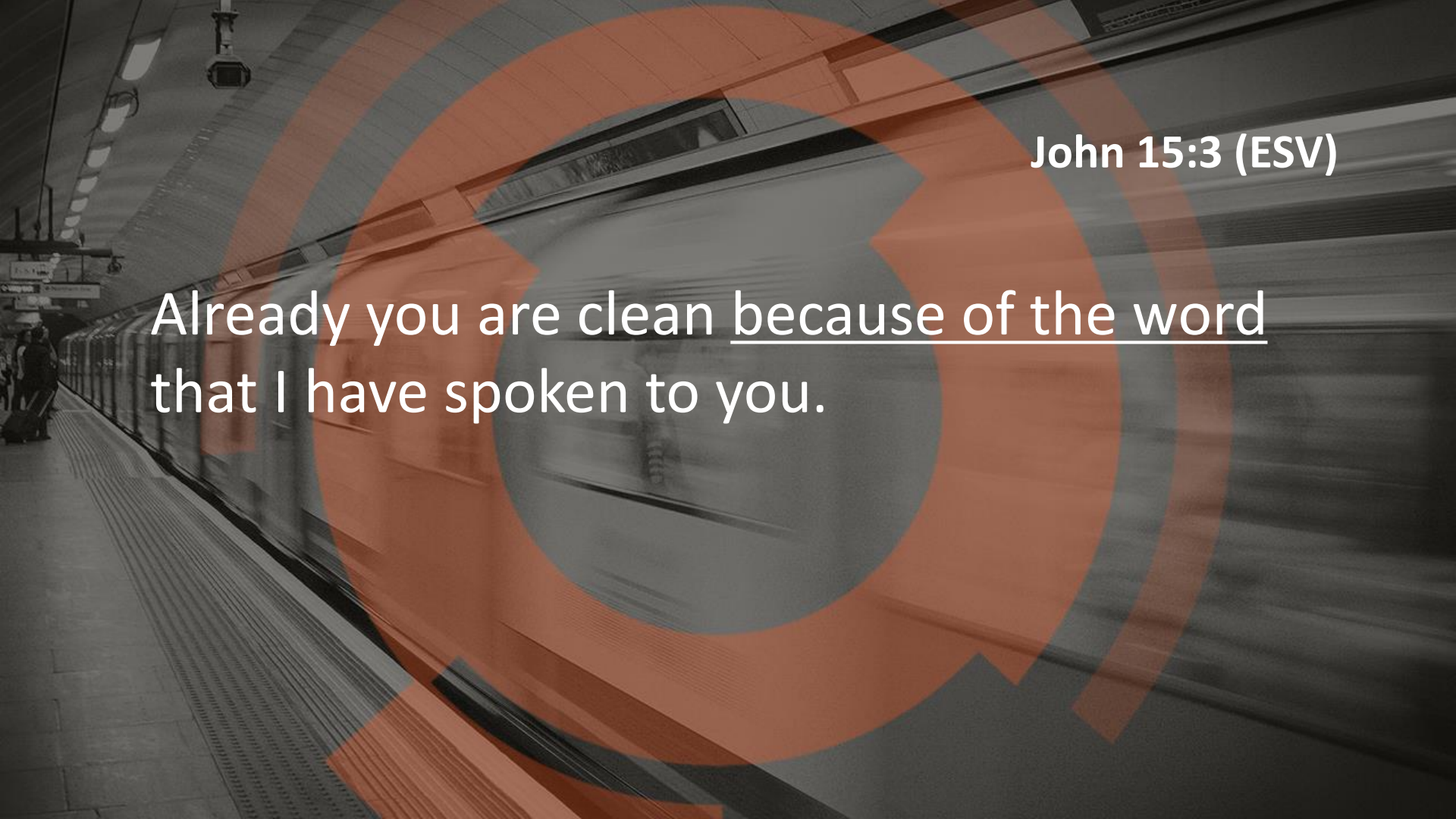
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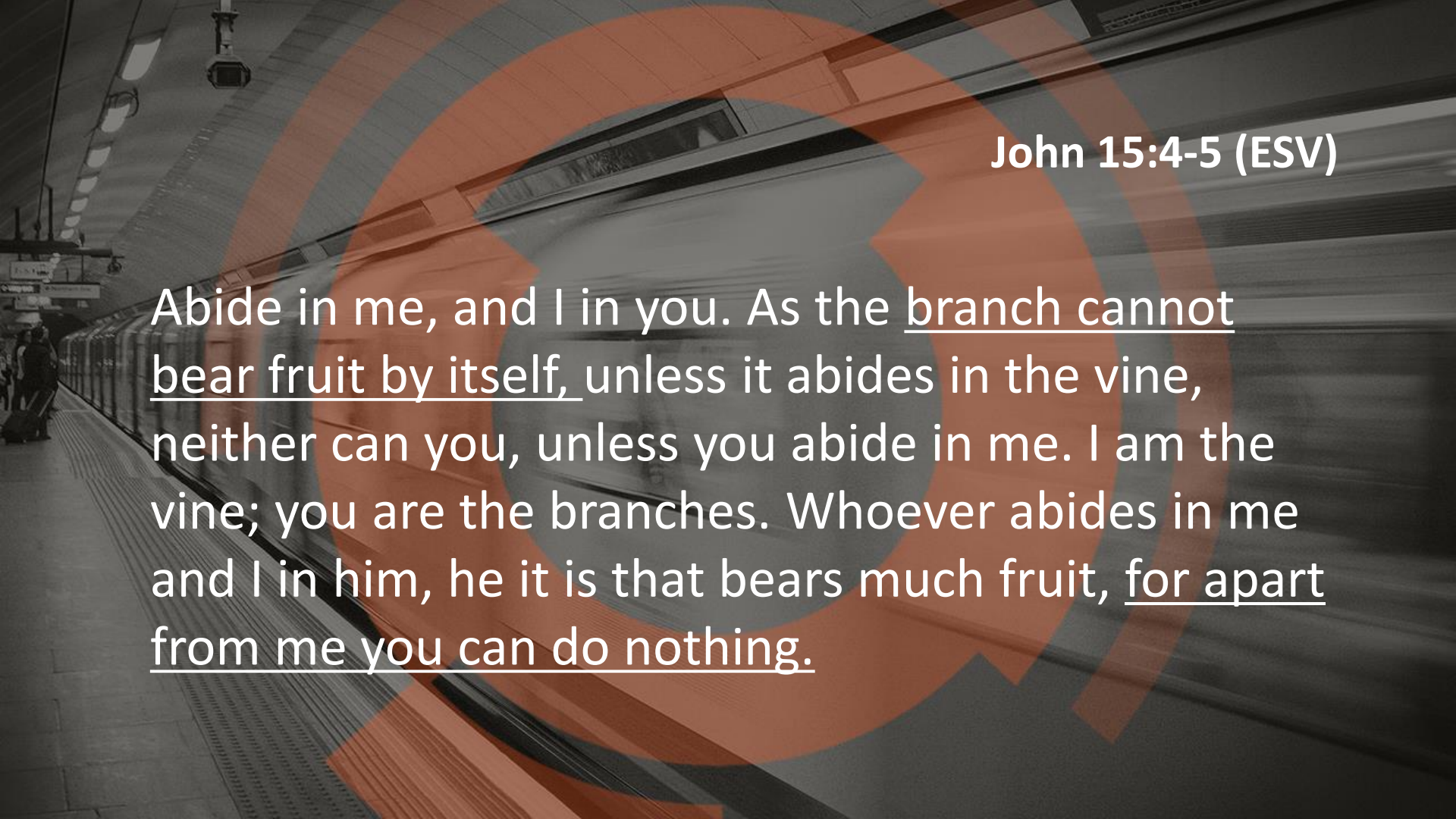
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Every branch in me that does not bear fruit he takes away, and every branch that does bear fruit he prunes, that it may bear more fruit.

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John 15:3 (ESV)

Already you are clean because of the word
that I have spoken to you.



John 15:4-5 (ESV)

Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit by itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in me. I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing.

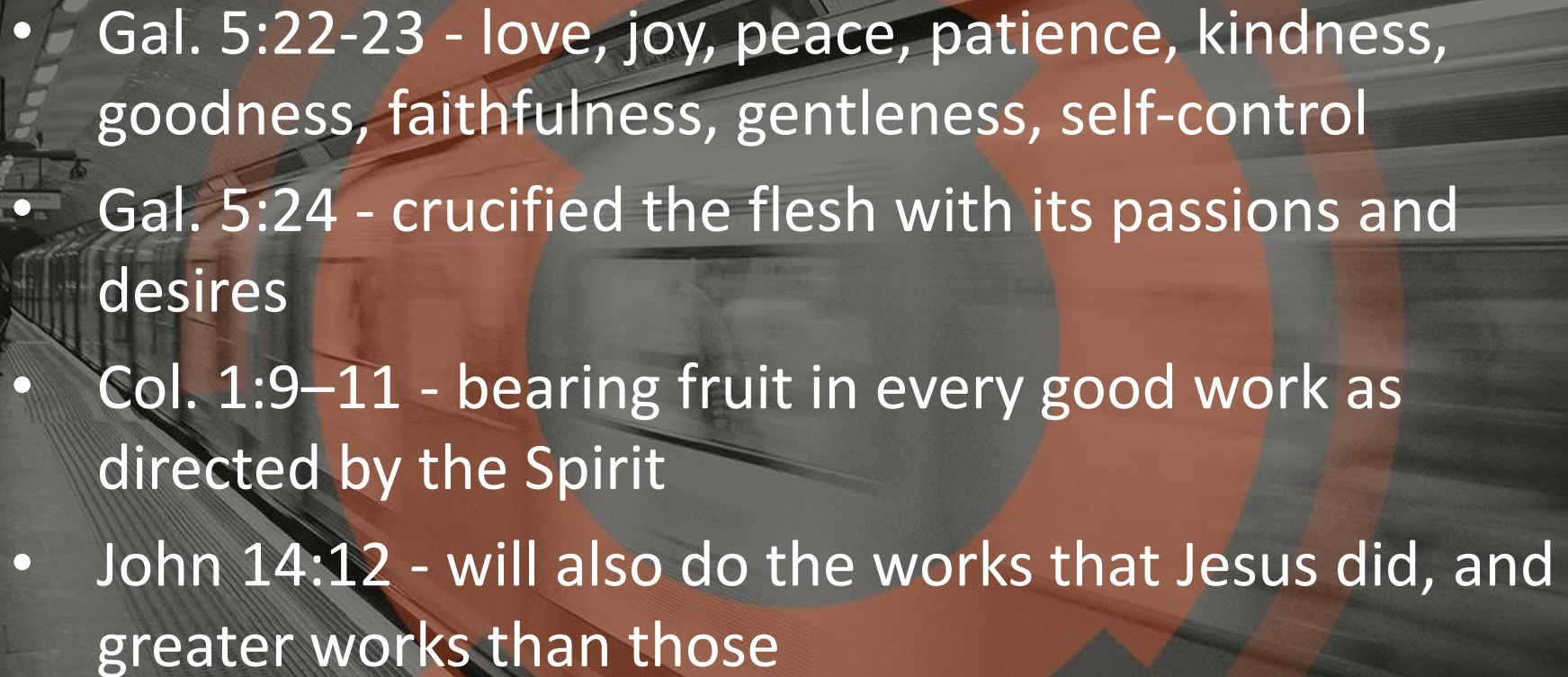
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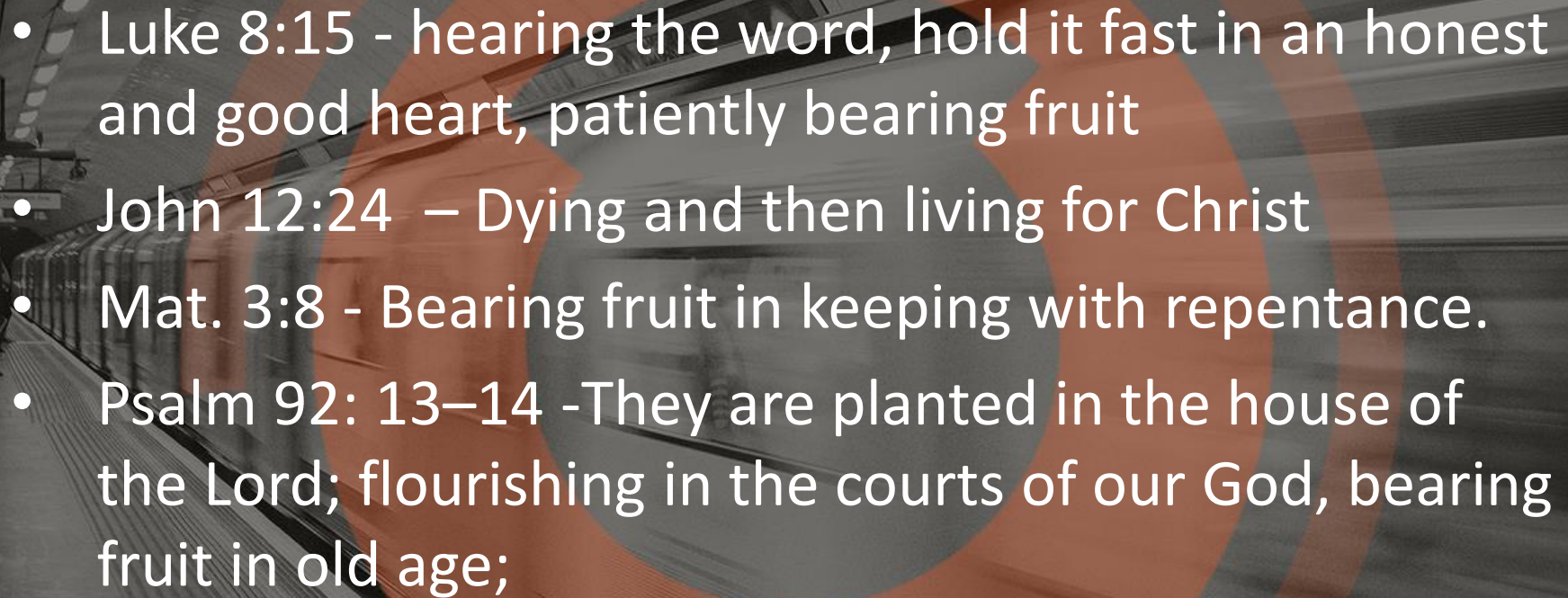
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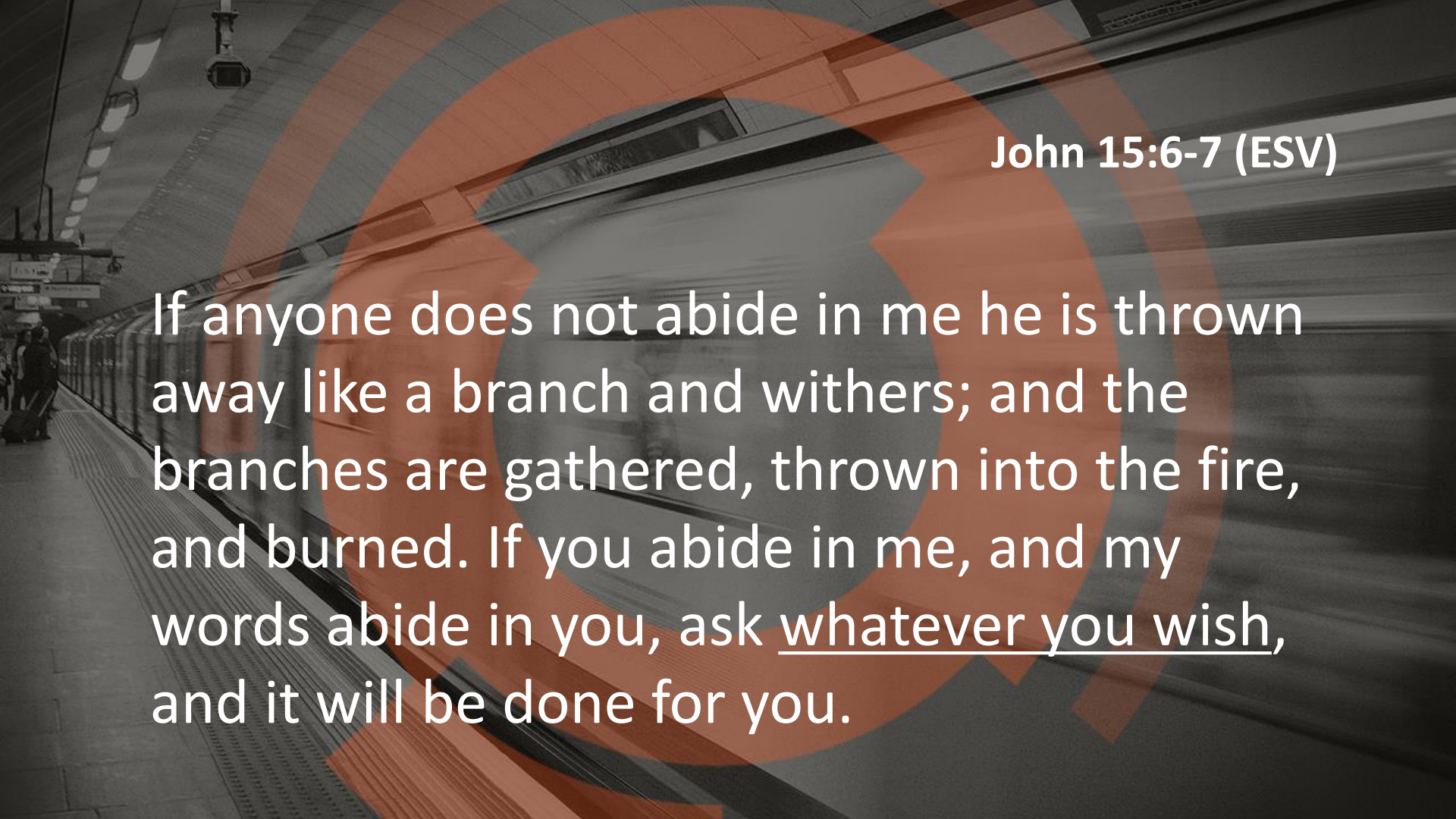


Gen. 1:28 “Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth and subdue it.

- Deut. 29:18 – not serving other God’s
- Rom. 7:4 - belonging to him who has been raised from the dead
- Heb. 12:11 - embracing training through Discipline
- Jas 3:17 - wisdom from above
- Heb. 13:15 - continually offer up a sacrifices of praise

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- Gal. 5:22-23 - love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control
 - Gal. 5:24 - crucified the flesh with its passions and desires
 - Col. 1:9–11 - bearing fruit in every good work as directed by the Spirit
 - John 14:12 - will also do the works that Jesus did, and greater works than those

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- Luke 8:15 - hearing the word, hold it fast in an honest and good heart, patiently bearing fruit
 - John 12:24 – Dying and then living for Christ
 - Mat. 3:8 - Bearing fruit in keeping with repentance.
 - Psalm 92: 13–14 -They are planted in the house of the Lord; flourishing in the courts of our God, bearing fruit in old age;

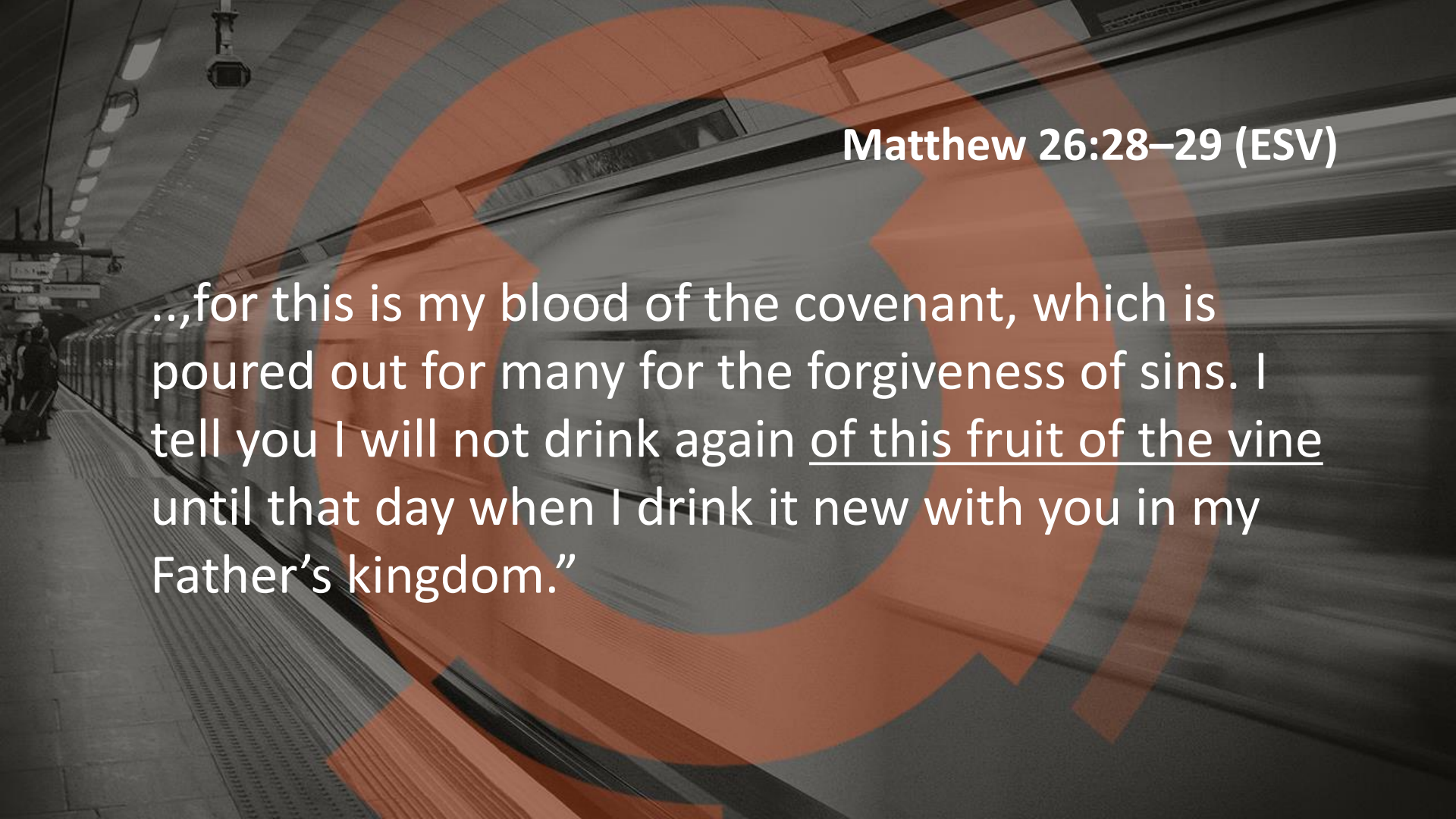
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John 15:6-7 (ESV)

If anyone does not abide in me he is thrown away like a branch and withers; and the branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you.

A blurred high-speed train is shown in motion at a station platform. The train is moving from left to right, creating a sense of speed. The platform is visible on the left side, with a few people standing. A large, semi-transparent orange circular graphic is overlaid on the center of the image, framing the text. The text "Covenant God!" is written in a bold, white, sans-serif font, centered within the orange circle.

Covenant God!



Matthew 26:28–29 (ESV)

..,for this is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins. I tell you I will not drink again of this fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it new with you in my Father's kingdom."

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**The fruit of abiding
(in covenant)**

Weekly small group notes from Sunday Sermon (Duration - 1 to 1.5hrs)

1. Welcome: Introduce SG to visitors and ask group to share on the following: What do you think it means when God allows pruning in our lives?
2. Worship together: 1 or 2 Worship Songs / open SG in prayer asking the father to show us what Covenant relationship means to him
3. SG Questions: (let 2 or 3 people answer a specific question and give everyone a turn)
The Vine and the branches: Read John 15:1-7 and ask the following questions in the SG:
 - a) Verse 1: What does Jesus imply with the statement “I’m the true (pure, perfect) vine and my father is the vine dresser? (Context for this in statement in Jesus’s time can be found in Psalm 80 and Jeremiah 2)
 - b) Verse 2: What does it mean that God prunes every branch that is in Jesus? Does it mean a once off or continual pruning- what would the purpose of pruning be in our lives?
 - c) Verse 4-5: When Jesus says we can do nothing without being routed in Him - does it mean we should be ineffective in getting things done as Christians in this world, or does it mean He wants us to rely on Him to bear much fruit through us as we commit to His purposes?
 - d) Read Matthew 26:28-29: How can we be part and remind ourselves to be part of (routed into) the Vine (Perfect one)?
4. Quote: **We can do nothing without Jesus, but with Him we can do exceedingly greater things than before!**
Spend some time in prayer meditating on how you can practice “being in Christ” more and more as part of our everyday lives.