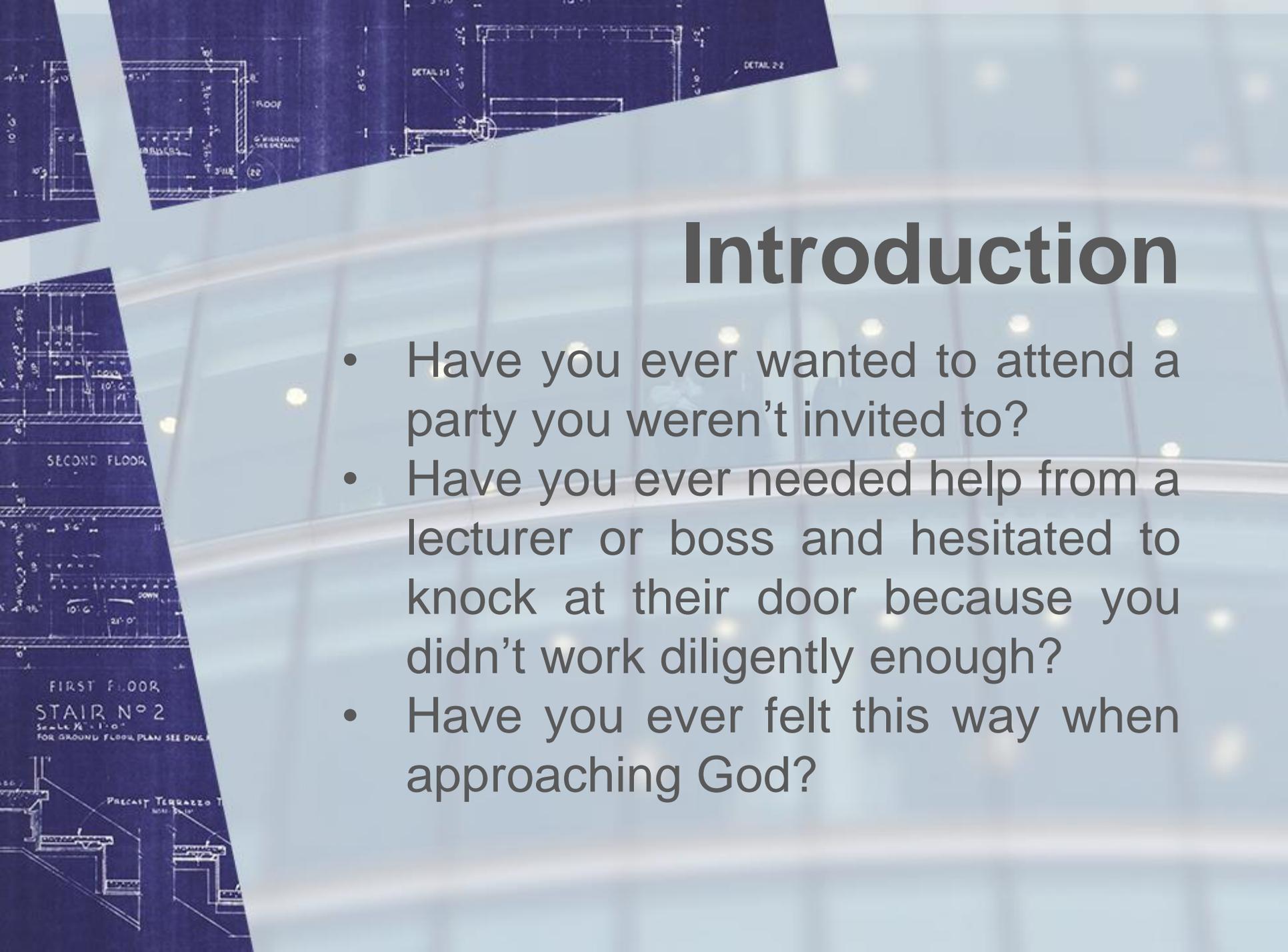


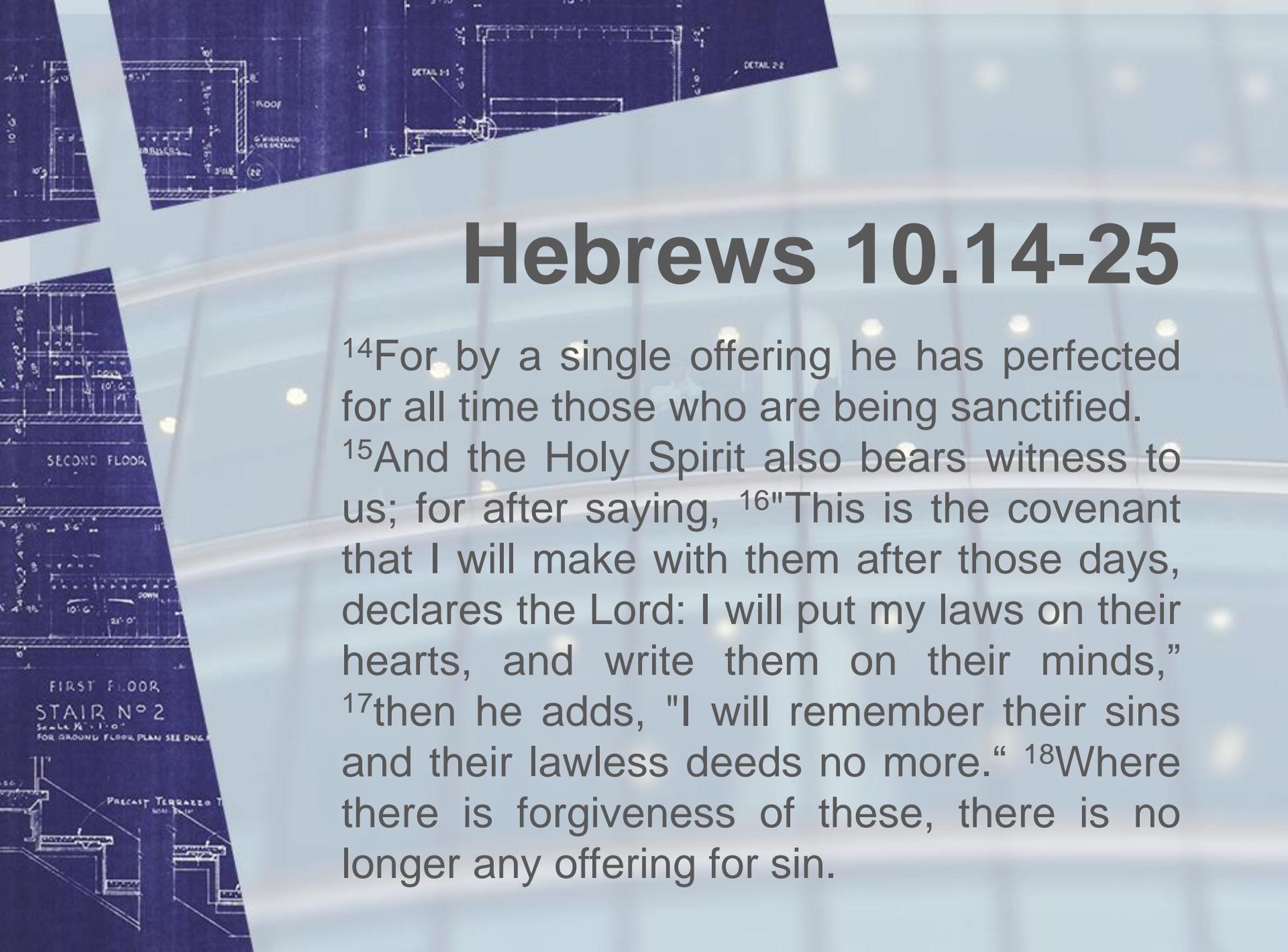
God's Building 5: Let us draw near

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Introduction

- Have you ever wanted to attend a party you weren't invited to?
- Have you ever needed help from a lecturer or boss and hesitated to knock at their door because you didn't work diligently enough?
- Have you ever felt this way when approaching God?

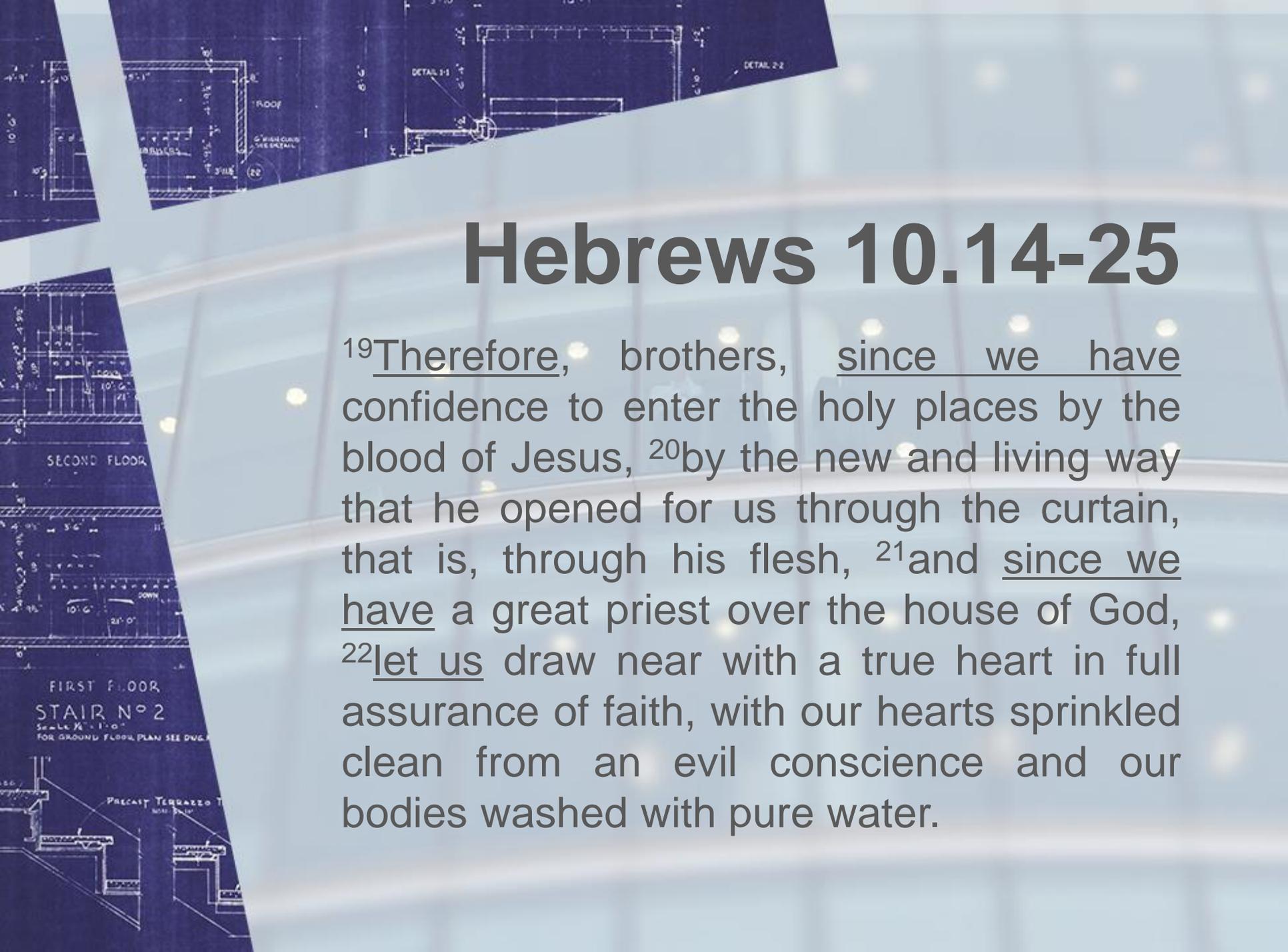
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Hebrews 10.14-25

¹⁴For by a single offering he has perfected for all time those who are being sanctified.

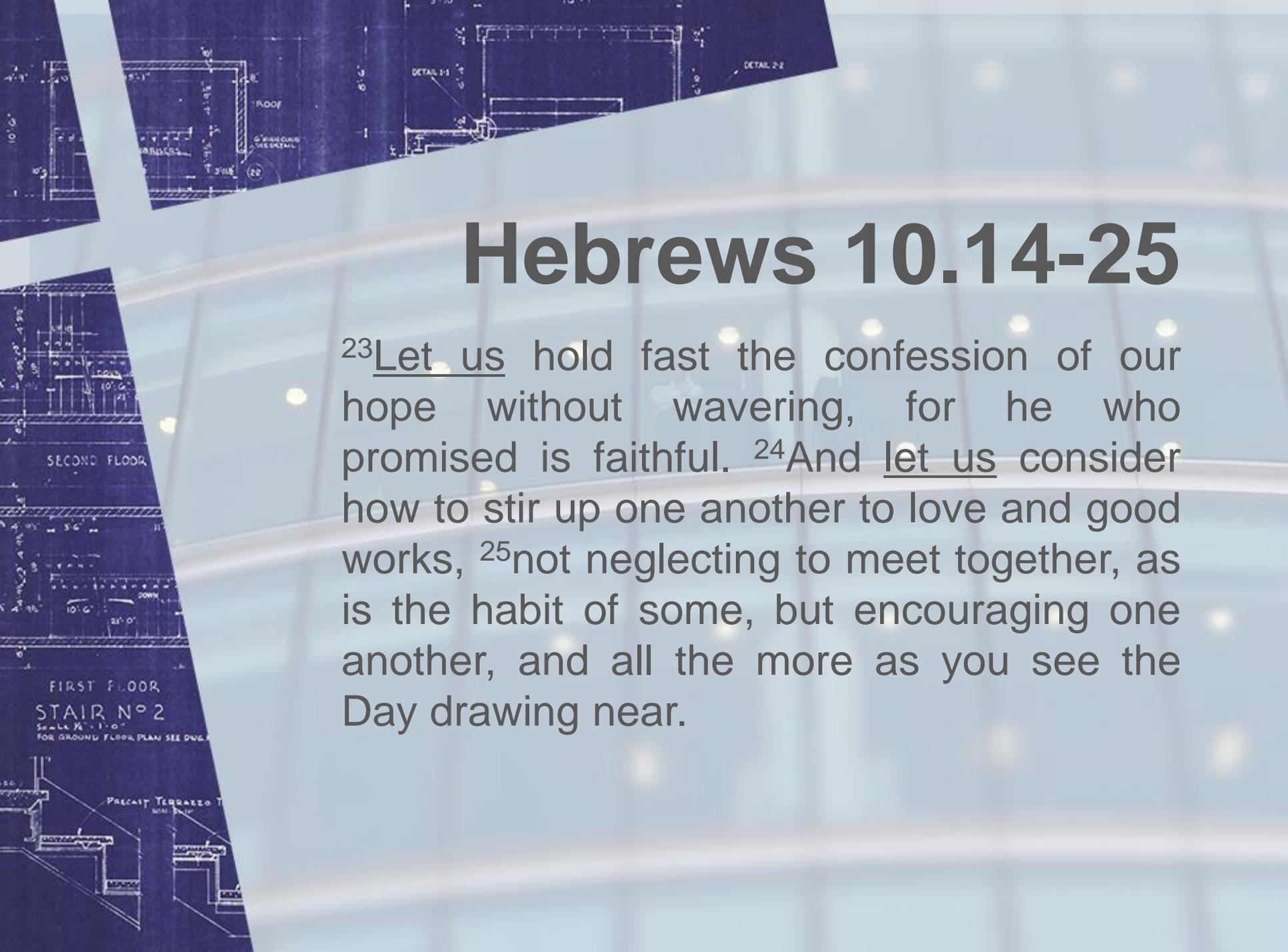
¹⁵And the Holy Spirit also bears witness to us; for after saying, ¹⁶"This is the covenant that I will make with them after those days, declares the Lord: I will put my laws on their hearts, and write them on their minds,"

¹⁷then he adds, "I will remember their sins and their lawless deeds no more." ¹⁸Where there is forgiveness of these, there is no longer any offering for sin.

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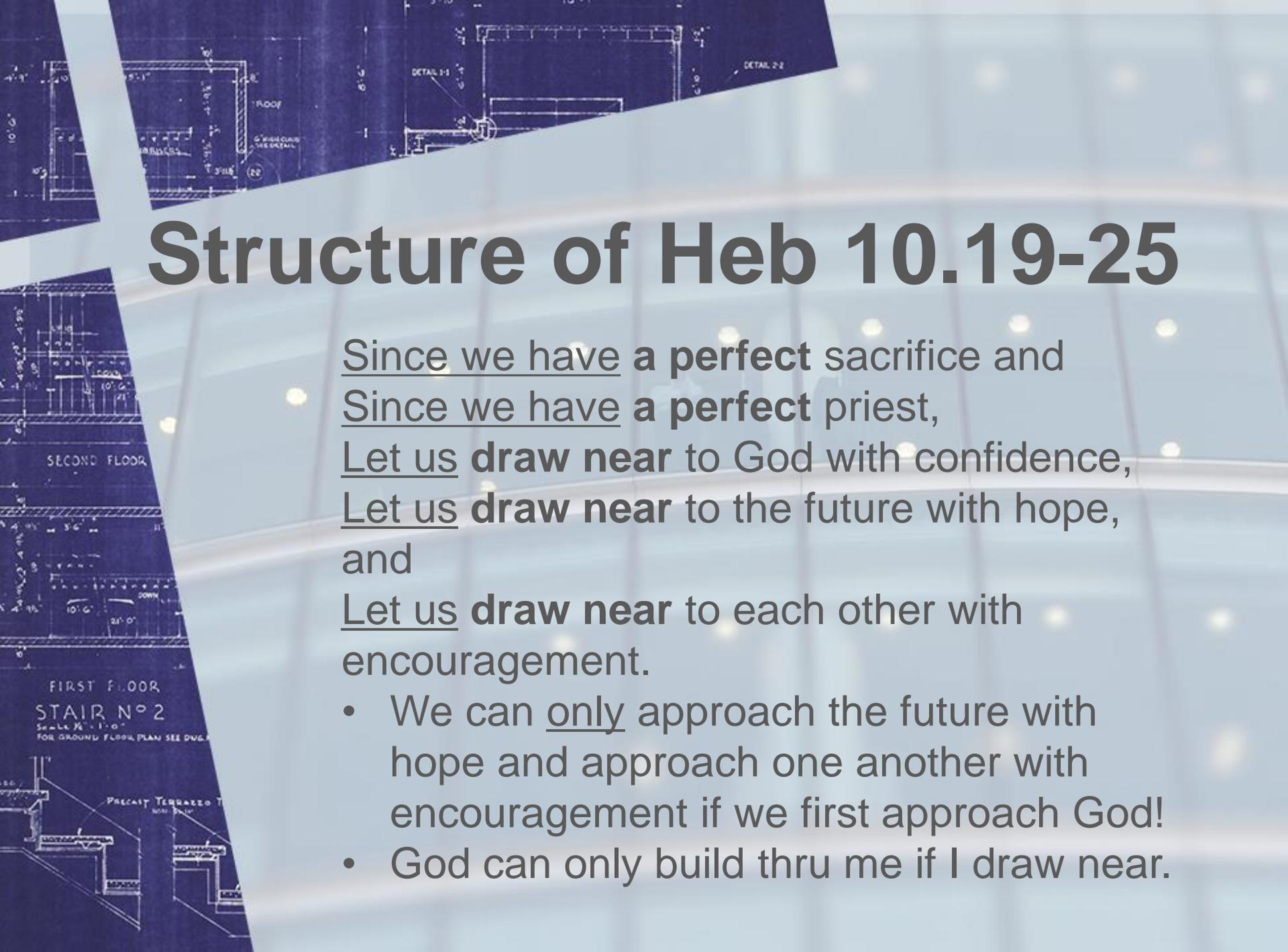
Hebrews 10.14-25

¹⁹Therefore, brothers, since we have confidence to enter the holy places by the blood of Jesus, ²⁰by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain, that is, through his flesh, ²¹and since we have a great priest over the house of God, ²²let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water.

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Hebrews 10.14-25

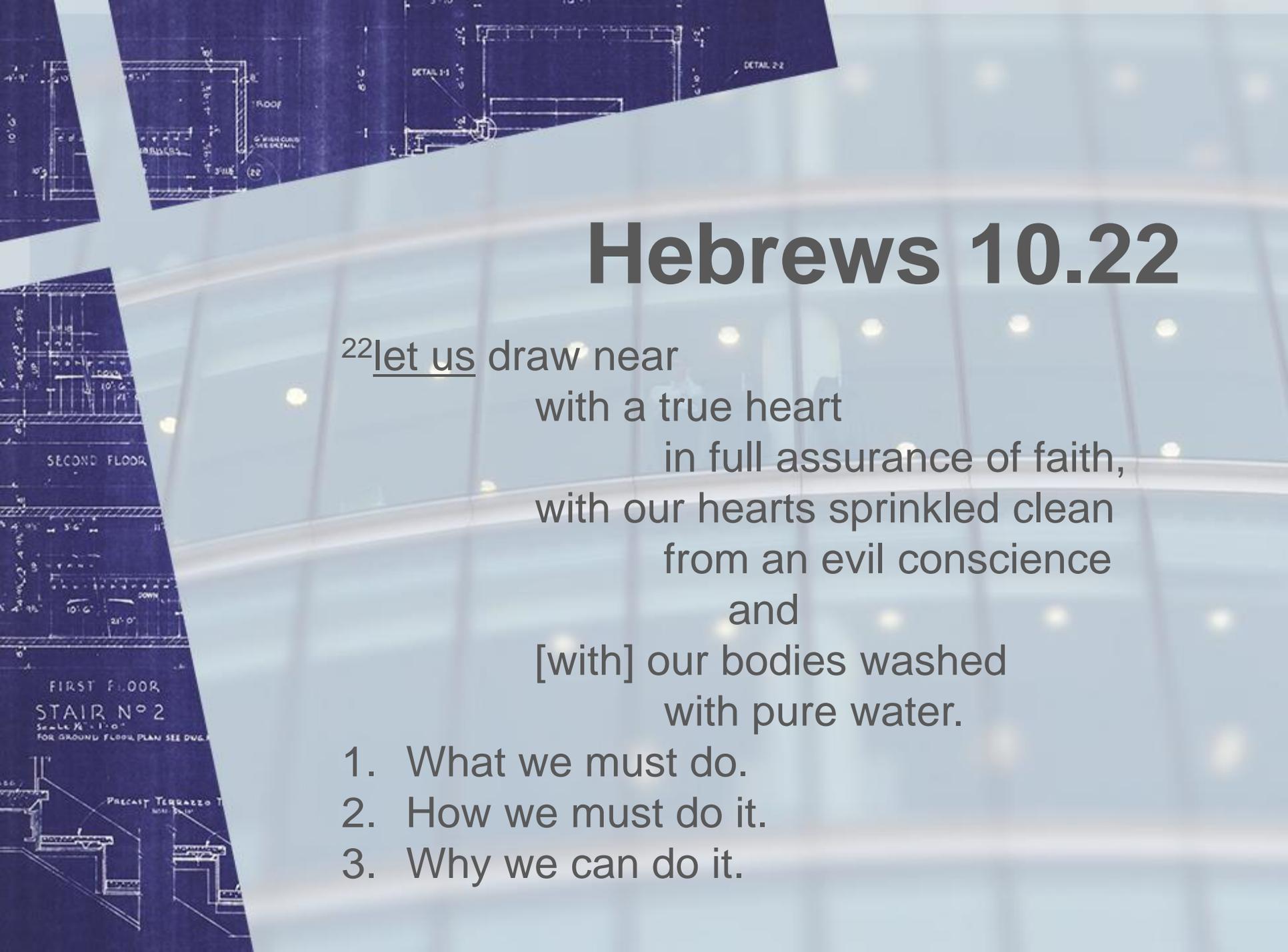
²³Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who promised is faithful. ²⁴And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, ²⁵not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near.

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Structure of Heb 10.19-25

Since we have a **perfect** sacrifice and
Since we have a **perfect** priest,
Let us draw near to God with confidence,
Let us draw near to the future with hope,
and
Let us draw near to each other with
encouragement.

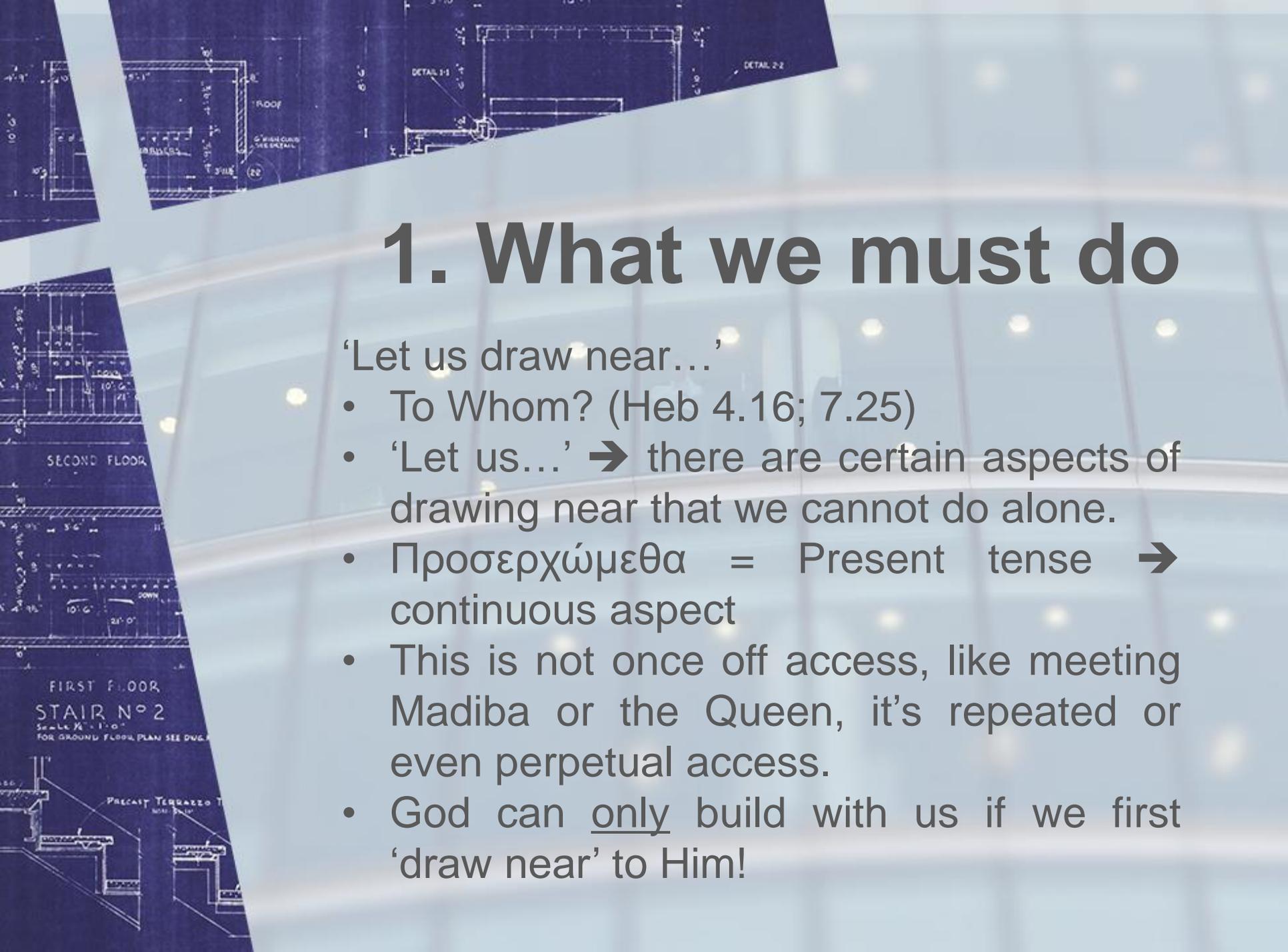
- We can only approach the future with hope and approach one another with encouragement if we first approach God!
- God can only build thru me if I draw near.

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Hebrews 10.22

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with a true heart
in full assurance of faith,
with our hearts sprinkled clean
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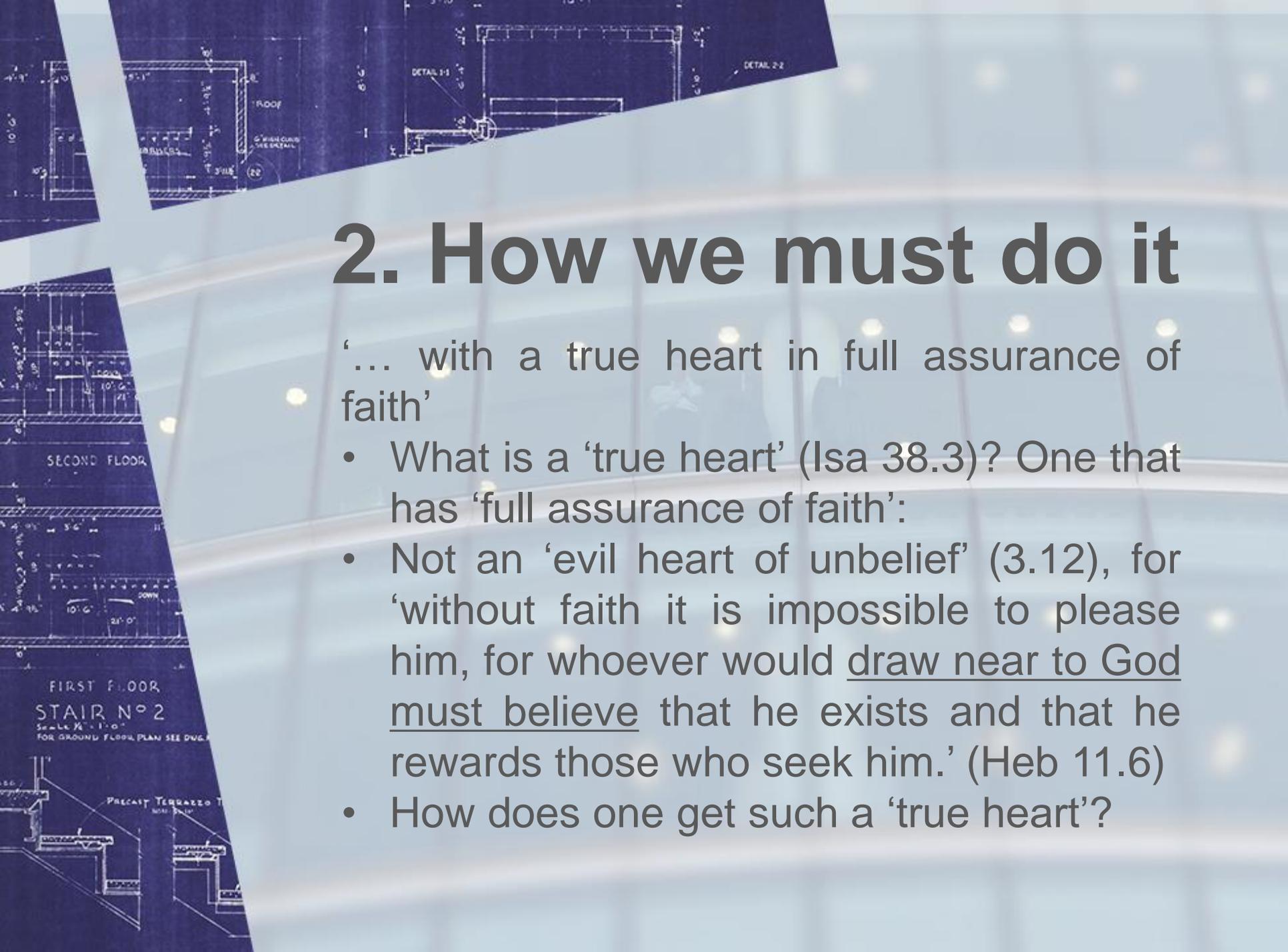
1. What we must do.
2. How we must do it.
3. Why we can do it.

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1. What we must do

‘Let us draw near...’

- To Whom? (Heb 4.16; 7.25)
- ‘Let us...’ → there are certain aspects of drawing near that we cannot do alone.
- Προσερχώμεθα = Present tense → continuous aspect
- This is not once off access, like meeting Madiba or the Queen, it’s repeated or even perpetual access.
- God can only build with us if we first ‘draw near’ to Him!

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2. How we must do it

‘... with a true heart in full assurance of faith’

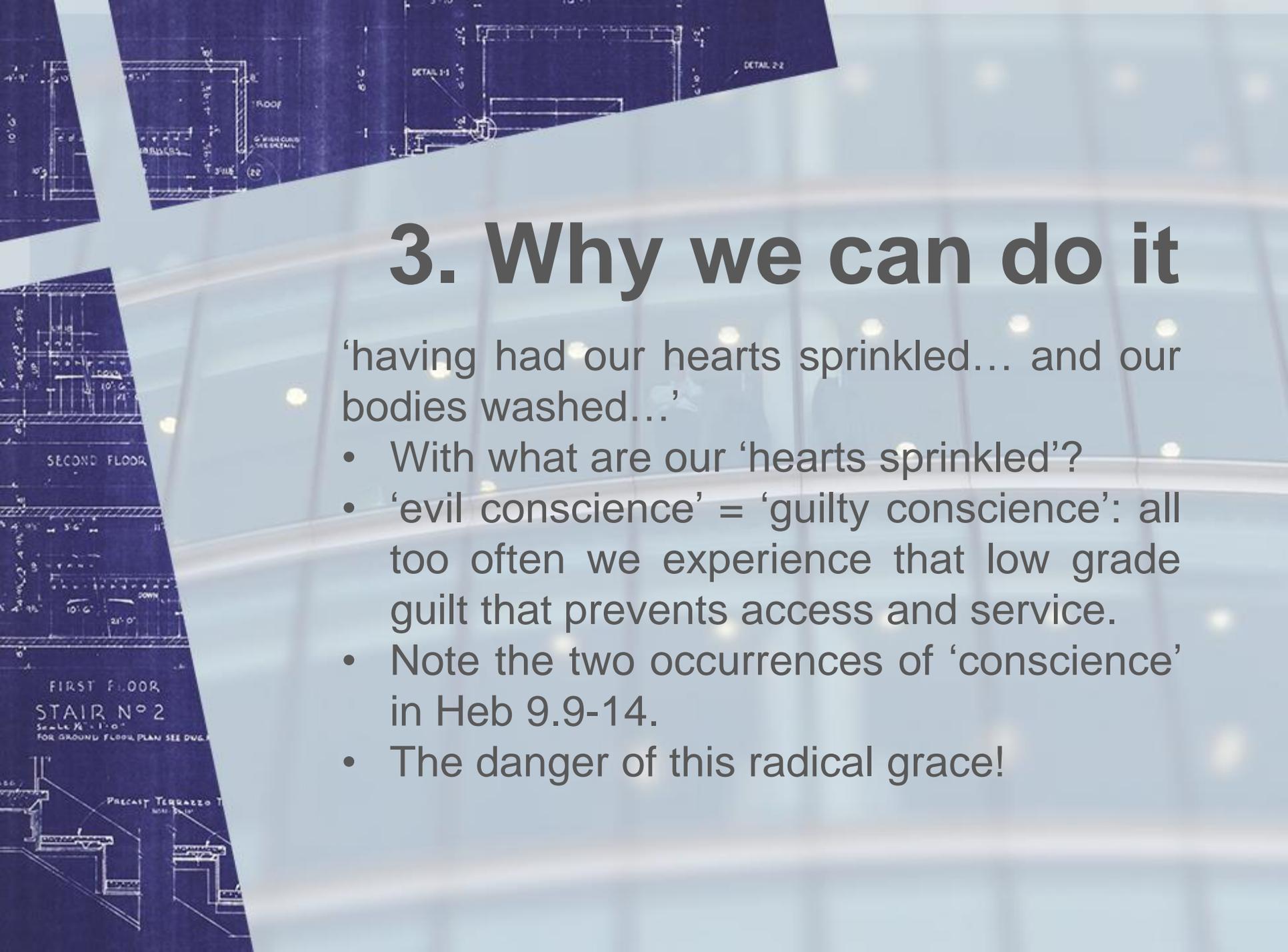
- What is a ‘true heart’ (Isa 38.3)? One that has ‘full assurance of faith’:
- Not an ‘evil heart of unbelief’ (3.12), for ‘without faith it is impossible to please him, for whoever would draw near to God must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who seek him.’ (Heb 11.6)
- How does one get such a ‘true heart’?

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3. Why we can do it

‘having had our hearts sprinkled... and our bodies washed...’

- Both ‘sprinkled’ and ‘washed’ are Perfect participles → completed actions with present effects.
- ‘bodies washed’ probably refers to baptism.
- Like washing of Aaron and sons in prep for tabernacle service (Ex 29.4).
- It implies community: you can’t baptize yourself!

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3. Why we can do it

‘having had our hearts sprinkled... and our bodies washed...’

- With what are our ‘hearts sprinkled’?
- ‘evil conscience’ = ‘guilty conscience’: all too often we experience that low grade guilt that prevents access and service.
- Note the two occurrences of ‘conscience’ in Heb 9.9-14.
- The danger of this radical grace!

Danger of radical grace?

But such grace can be abused: E.g. treating grace like a future dated cheque.

14 made perfect

14 made holy

17 sins forgotten

16 law written on heart

22 clear conscience

22 true heart of faith

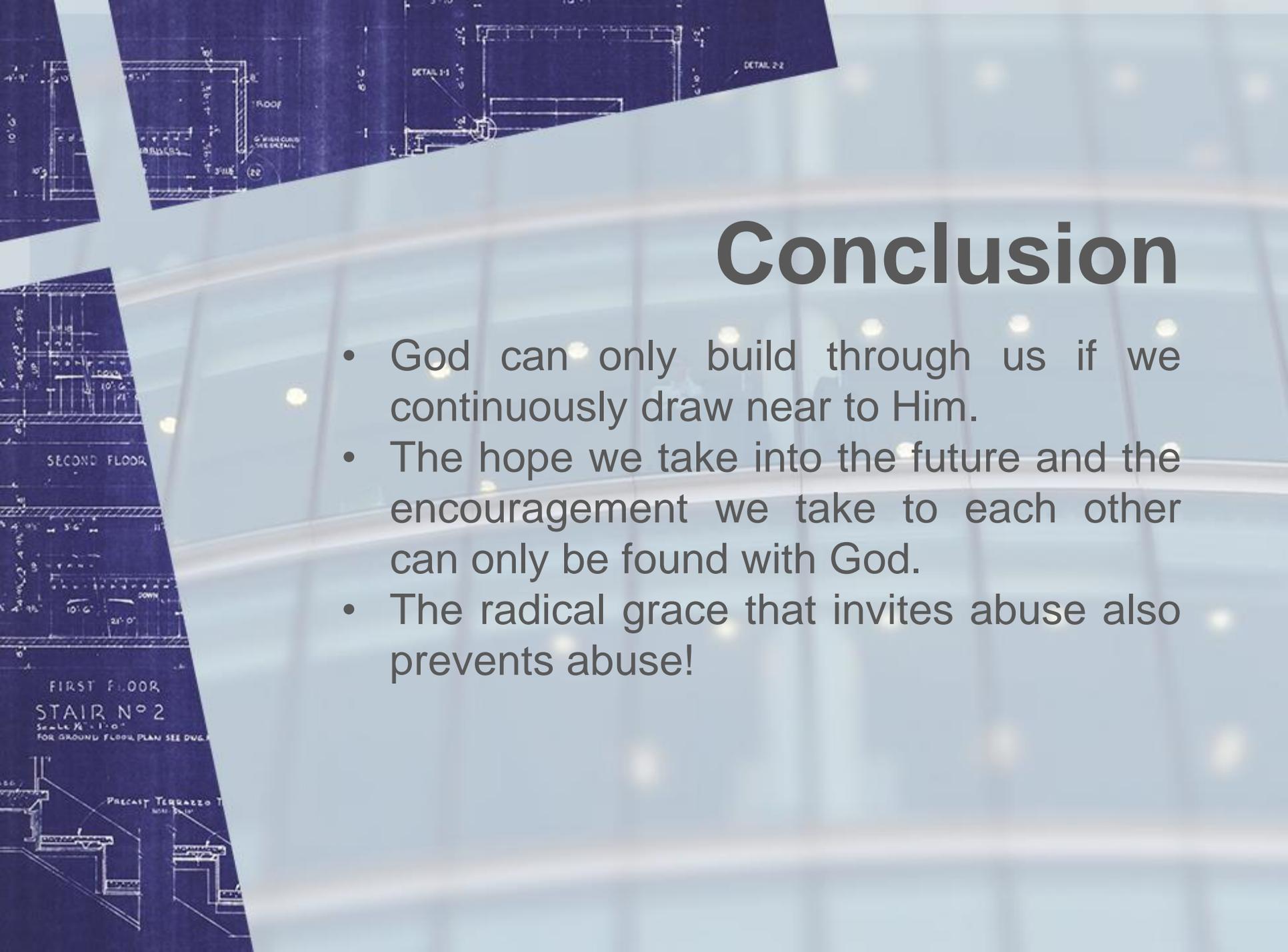
Positional sanct.

Progressive sanct.

Penalty of sin

Power of sin

- The same grace that invites abuse by forgiving all our sins also prevents abuse by transforming our hearts.
- If you delight to abuse grace you have not truly received it.

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Conclusion

- God can only build through us if we continuously draw near to Him.
- The hope we take into the future and the encouragement we take to each other can only be found with God.
- The radical grace that invites abuse also prevents abuse!