



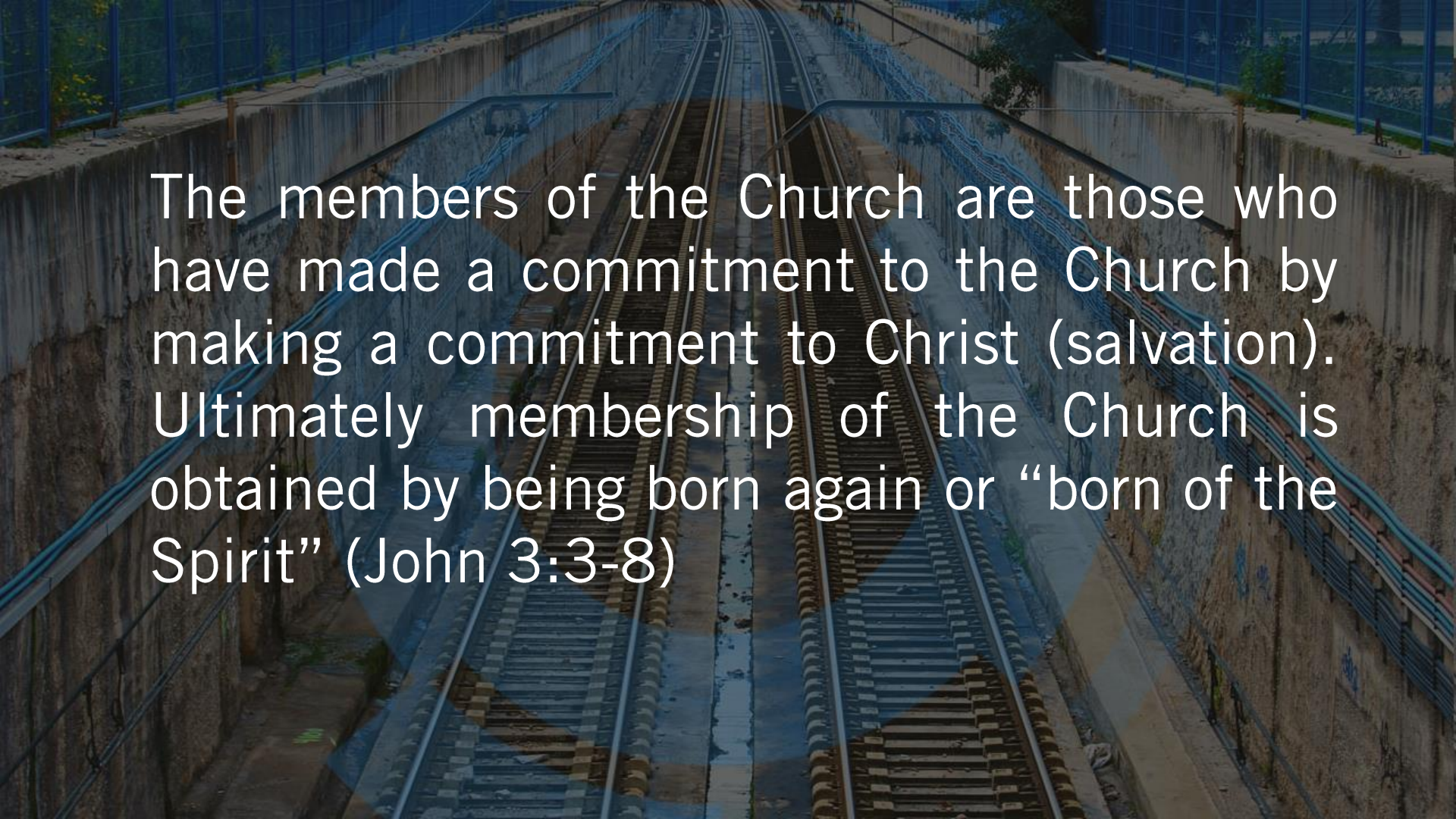


**Time to get married?
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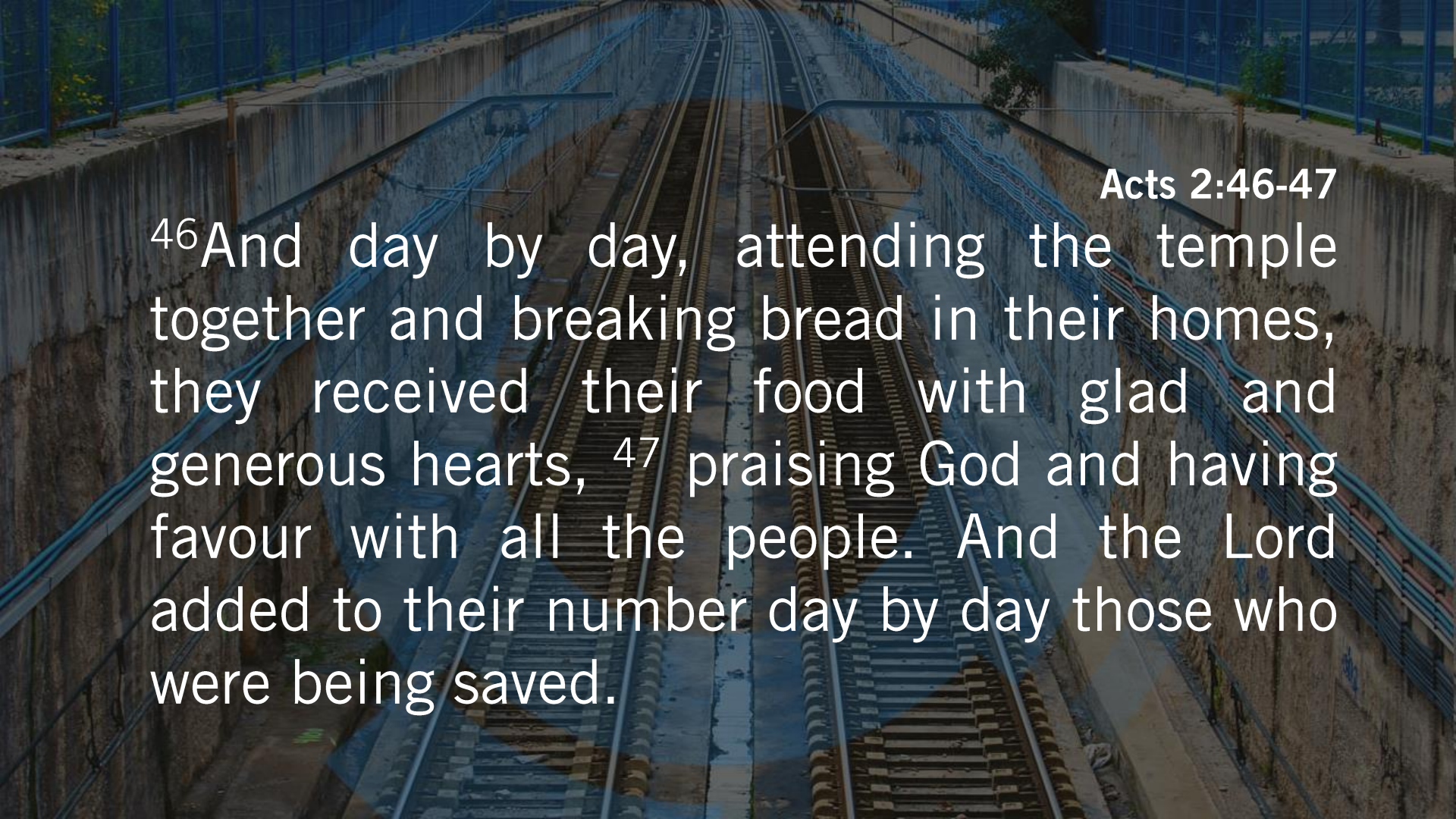


The characteristics (consisting of essential functions) of a local church are as follows:

1. Divine ownership
2. Godly leadership
3. Committed membership
4. Regular fellowship
5. Biblical discipleship (ministry)
6. Financial stewardship

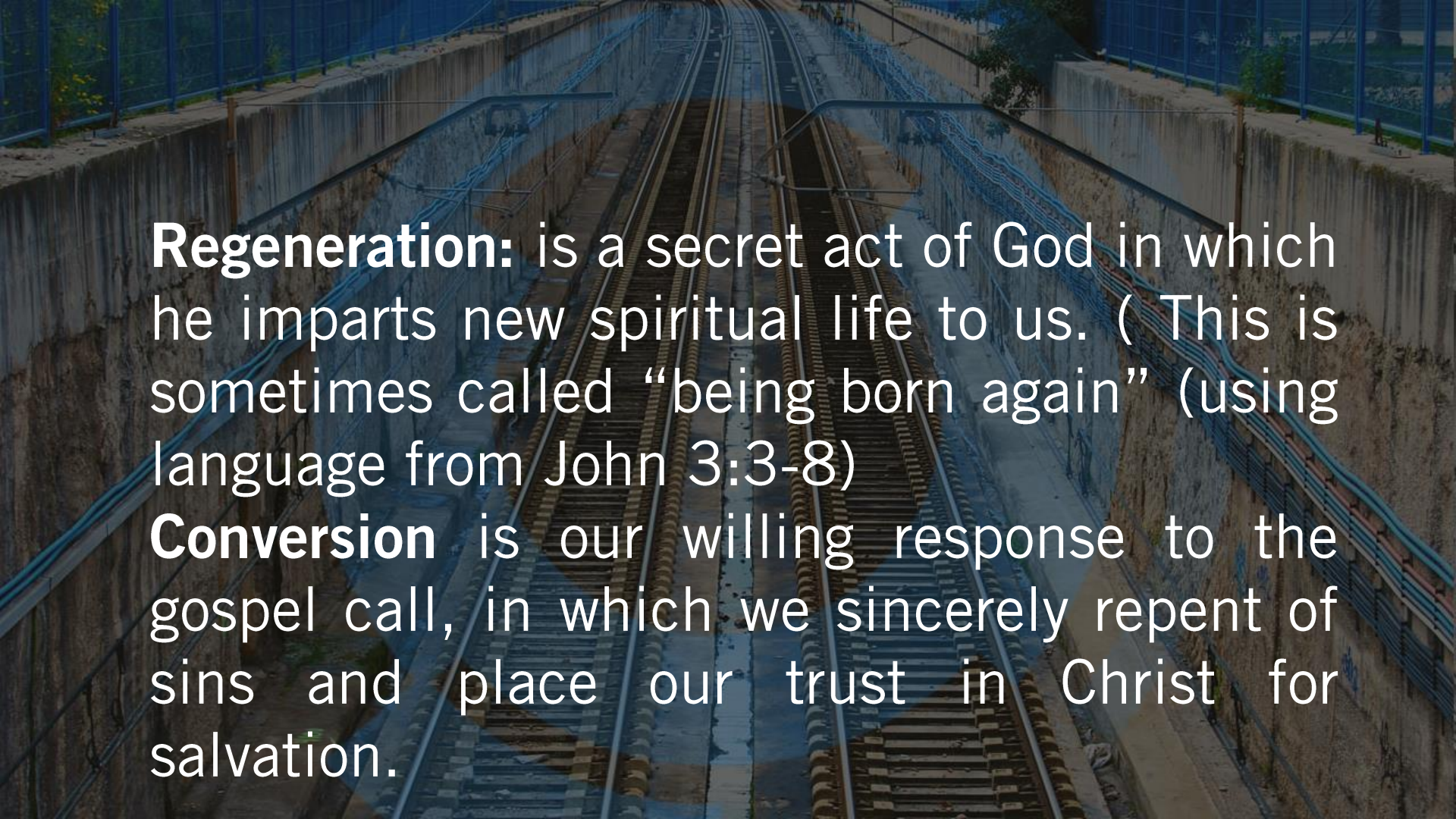


The members of the Church are those who have made a commitment to the Church by making a commitment to Christ (salvation). Ultimately membership of the Church is obtained by being born again or “born of the Spirit” (John 3:3-8)



Acts 2:46-47

⁴⁶And day by day, attending the temple together and breaking bread in their homes, they received their food with glad and generous hearts, ⁴⁷praising God and having favour with all the people. And the Lord added to their number day by day those who were being saved.



Regeneration: is a secret act of God in which he imparts new spiritual life to us. (This is sometimes called “being born again” (using language from John 3:3-8)

Conversion is our willing response to the gospel call, in which we sincerely repent of sins and place our trust in Christ for salvation.