

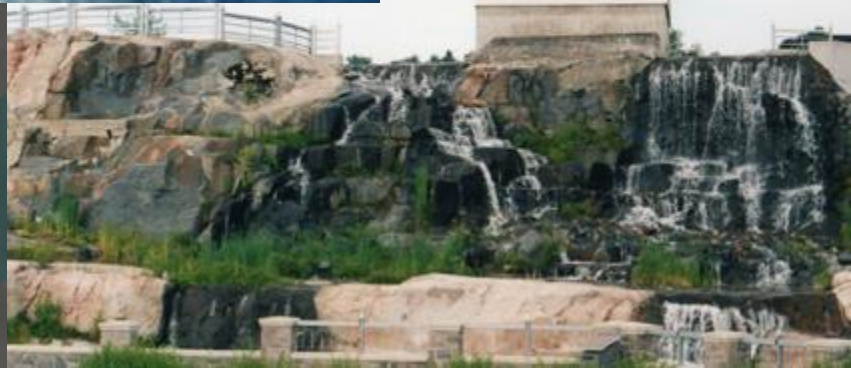
A black and white photograph of a crowded train station. A large teal circle is superimposed over the center of the image. In the background, a sign reads 'Saida' with an arrow pointing right, and a digital clock displays '15:04'. The station is filled with people, some looking towards the camera and others looking away.

ROCK

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Matthew 16:13-18 (AMPC)

¹³ Now when Jesus went into the region of Caesarea Philippi, He asked His disciples, Who do people say that the Son of Man is?

¹⁴ And they answered, Some say John the Baptist; others say Elijah; and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.

¹⁵ He said to them, But who do you [yourselves] say that I am?

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¹⁶ Simon Peter replied, You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.

¹⁷ Then Jesus answered him, Blessed (happy, fortunate, and to be envied) are you, Simon Bar-Jonah. For flesh and blood [men] have not revealed this to you, but My Father Who is in heaven.

¹⁸ And I tell you, you are Peter [Greek, *Petros*—a large piece of rock], and on this rock [Greek, *petra*—a huge rock like Gibraltar] I will build My church, and the gates of Hades (the powers of the infernal region) shall not overpower it [or be strong to its detriment or hold out against it].



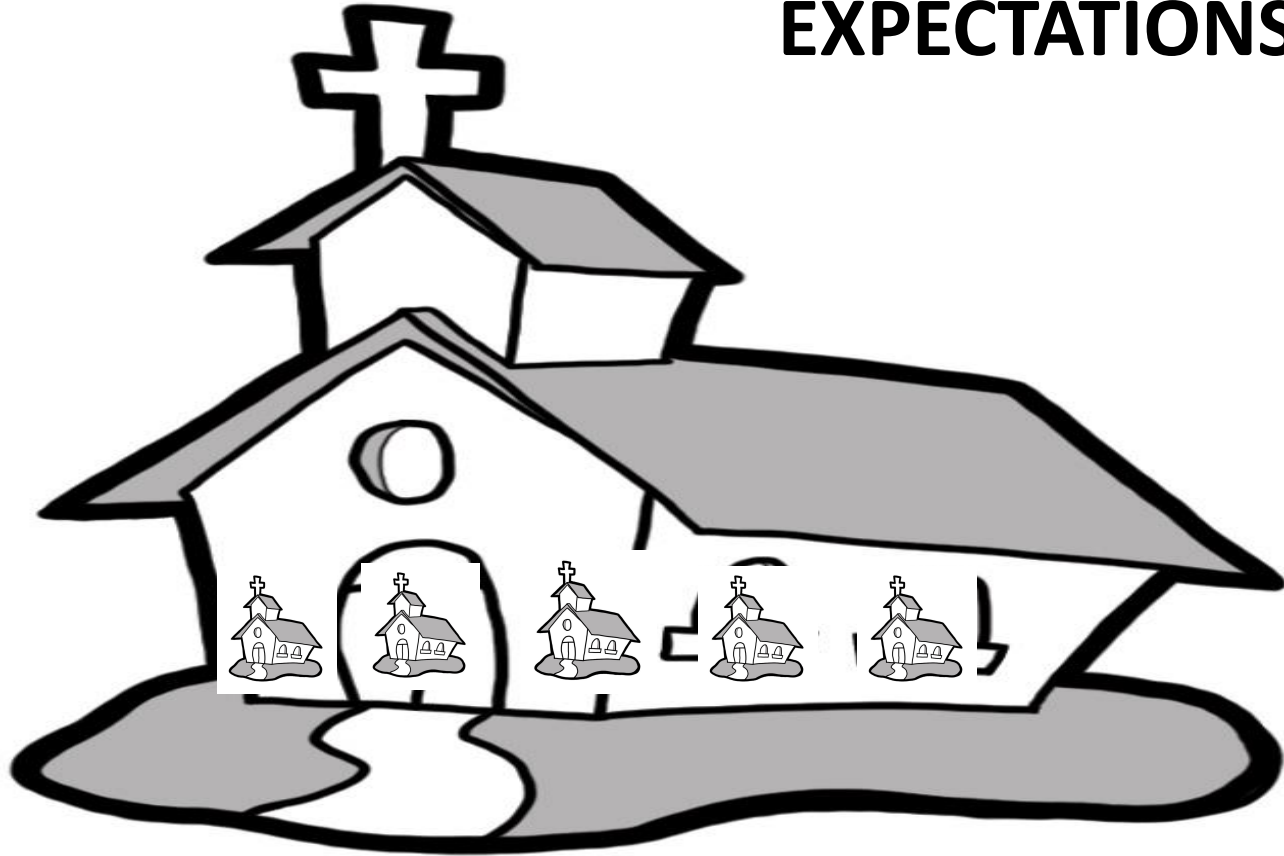


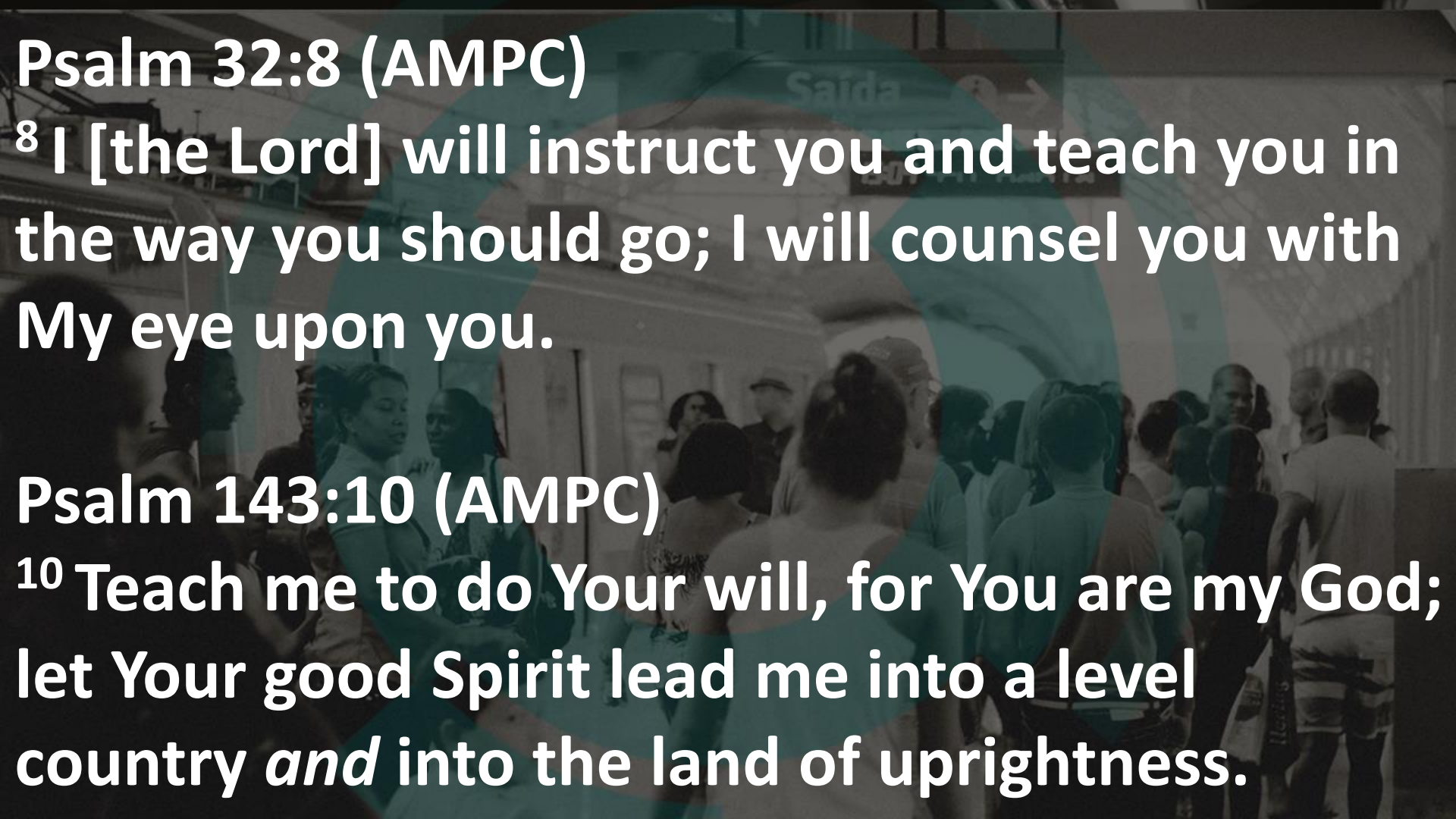






EXPECTATIONS



A background image showing a diverse crowd of people walking through a city street. In the foreground, a large teal umbrella is partially visible, its handle extending downwards. The scene is slightly blurred, suggesting movement. The text is overlaid on the upper portion of the image.

Psalm 32:8 (AMPC)

⁸ I [the Lord] will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go; I will counsel you with My eye upon you.

Psalm 143:10 (AMPC)

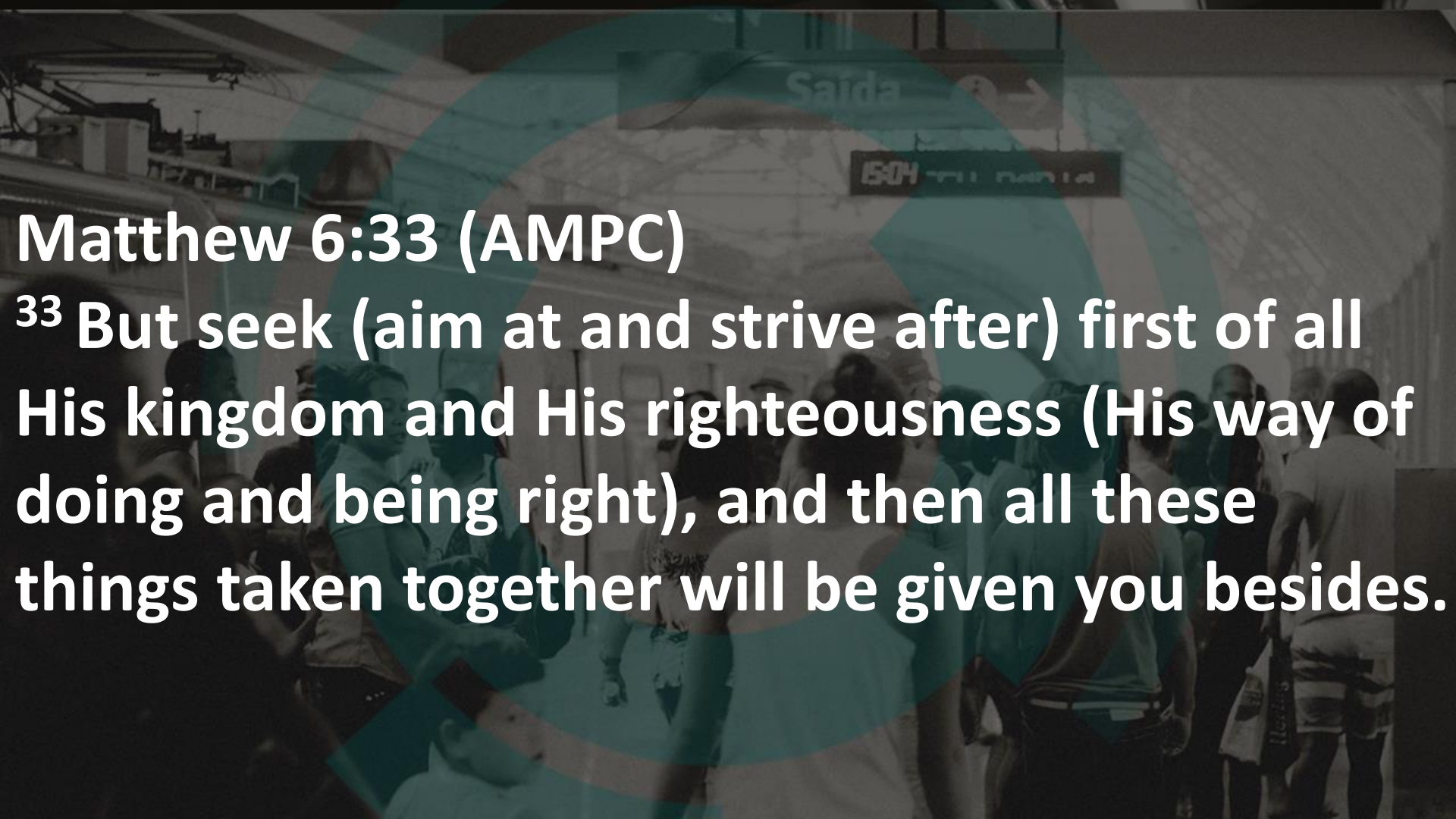
¹⁰ Teach me to do Your will, for You are my God; let Your good Spirit lead me into a level country *and* into the land of uprightness.

Hebrews 5:12-14 (AMPC)

¹² For even though by this time you ought to be teaching others, you actually need someone to teach you over again the very first principles of God's Word. You have come to need milk, not solid food.

¹³ For everyone who continues to feed on milk is obviously inexperienced *and* unskilled in the doctrine of righteousness (of conformity to the divine will in purpose, thought, and action), for he is a mere infant [not able to talk yet]!

¹⁴ But solid food is for full-grown men, for those whose senses *and* mental faculties are trained by practice to discriminate *and* distinguish between what is morally good *and* noble and what is evil *and* contrary either to divine or human law.

A background image of a busy transit station with a large crowd of people walking. Overlaid on this is a large, semi-transparent circular graphic with a teal-to-orange gradient. The text is centered over the image.

Matthew 6:33 (AMPC)

³³ But seek (aim at and strive after) first of all His kingdom and His righteousness (His way of doing and being right), and then all these things taken together will be given you besides.

HOW?

- MAKE Jesus Christ your personal saviour/rock
- COMMUNICATE with Him, WAIT to hear His voice
- DO NOT ASSUME, get confirmation. Bible, someone else, Godly book, DVD, worship, intercession, accountability partner, small group, evangelism, etc.
- LIVE from out: confessions/rock/foundation/security
- GROW, do not stay infant. Pray/ask for what God has planned for A/B and you.

Ephesians 2:10 (AMPC)

¹⁰ For we are God's [own] handiwork (His workmanship), recreated in Christ Jesus, [born anew] that we may do those good works which God predestined (planned beforehand) for us [taking paths which He prepared ahead of time], that we should walk in them [living the good life which He prearranged and made ready for us to live].

Are you part of this rock – the rock on whom God builds His church? Jesus Christ our Rock?

Seldom

In general

Never

Sometimes

Always