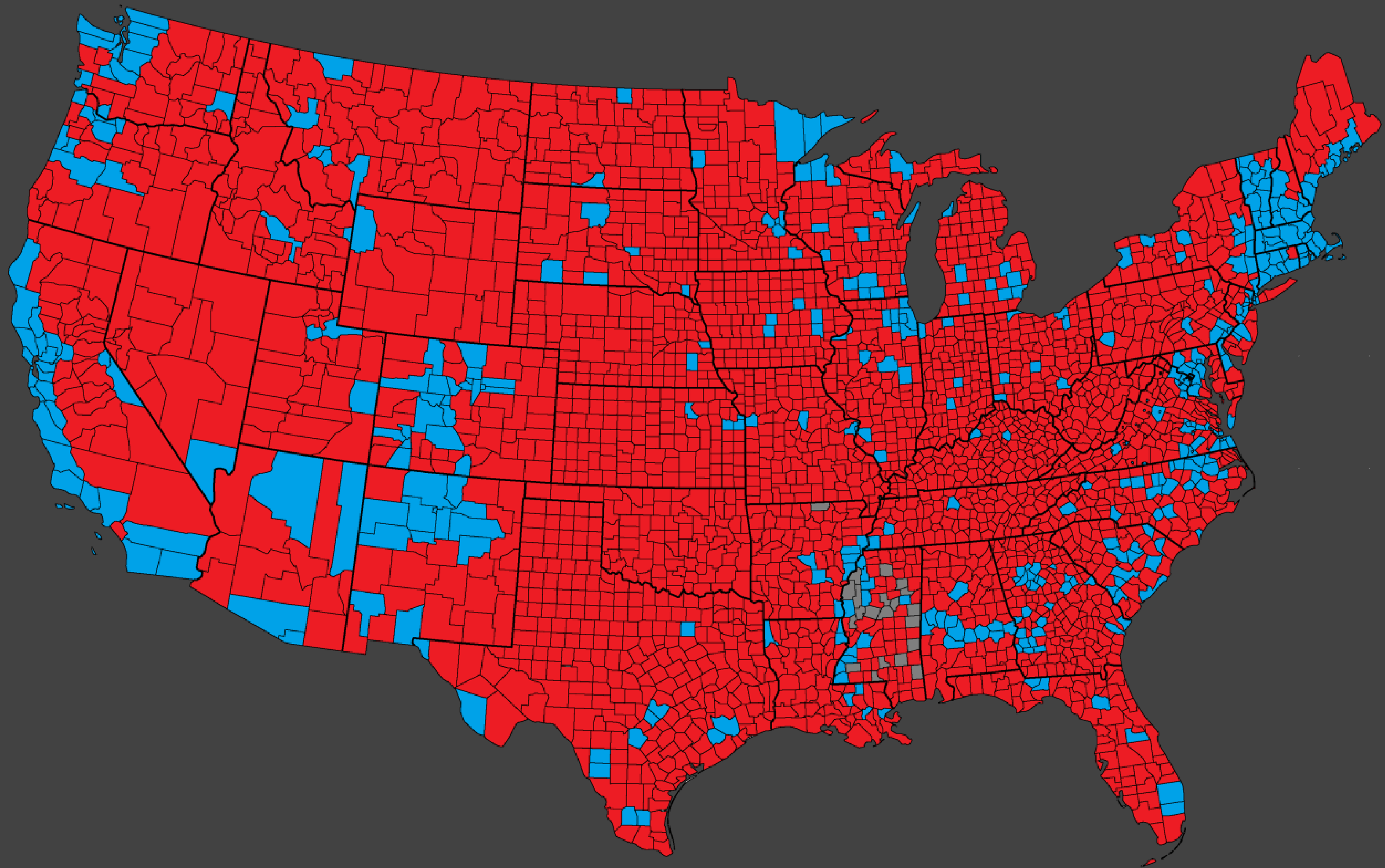


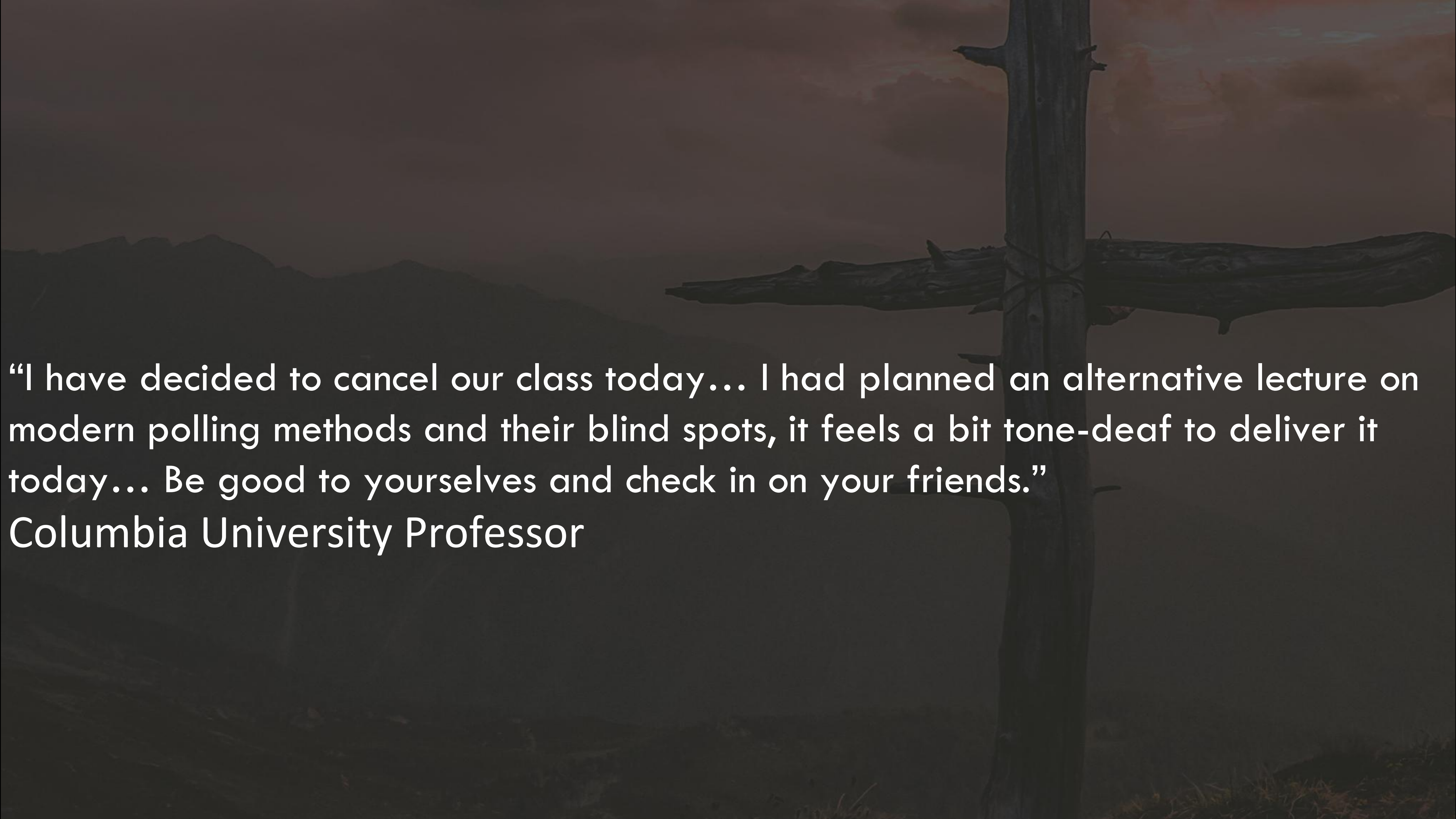


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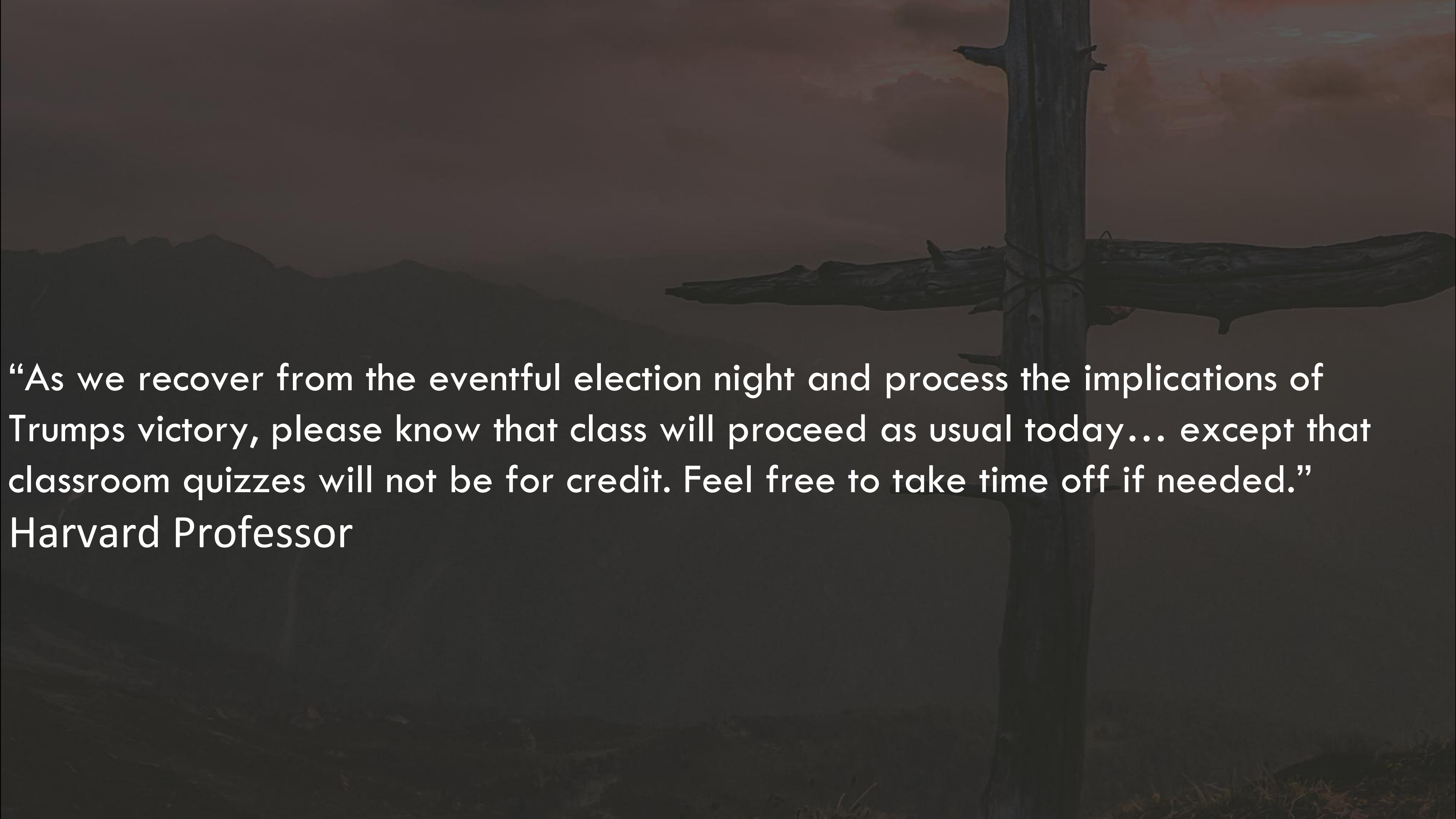
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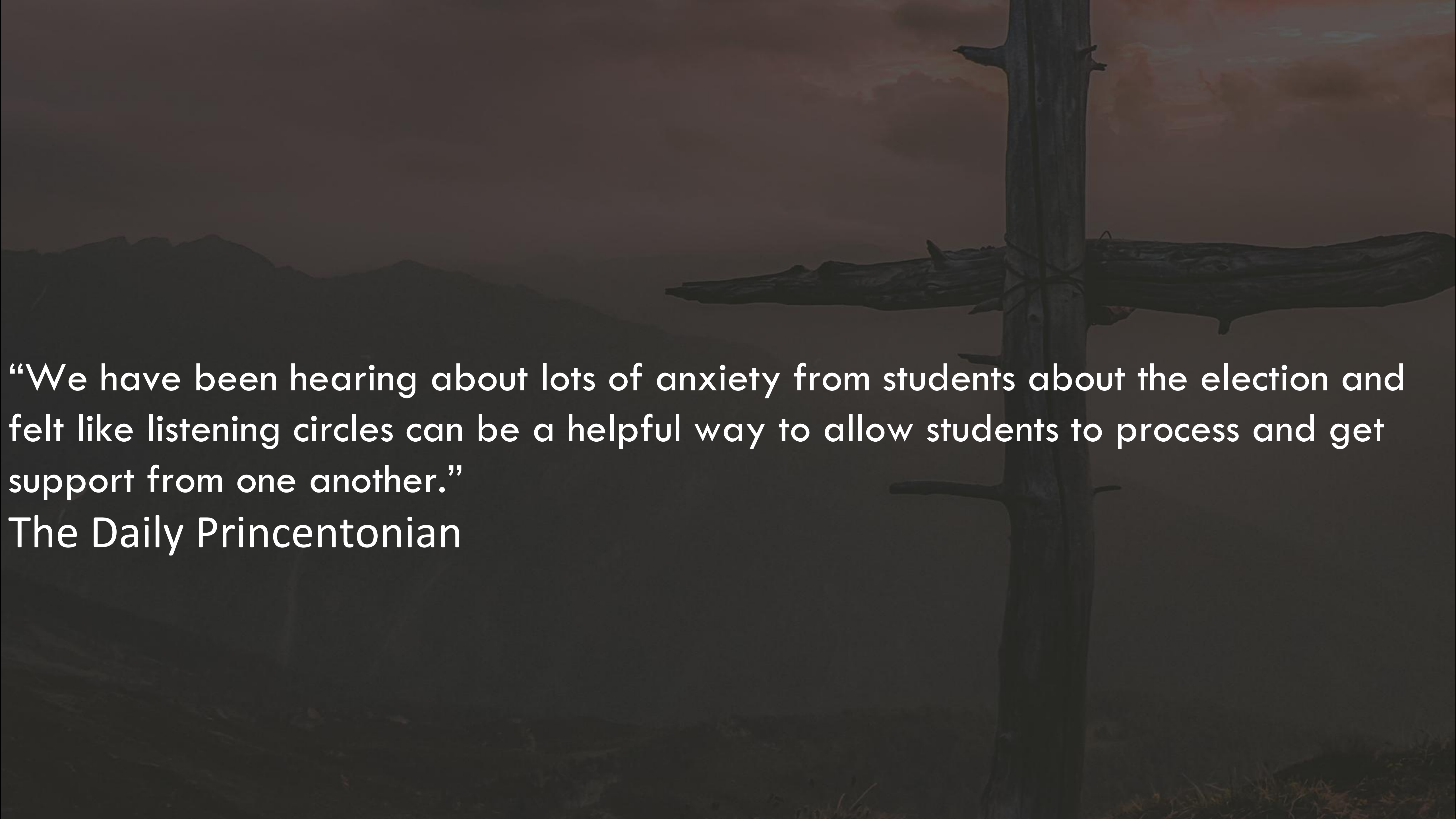
A dark, atmospheric photograph of a tree trunk and a horizontal branch against a hazy, mountainous background. The scene is dimly lit, with a soft, hazy light in the background suggesting a sunset or sunrise. The tree trunk is on the right side, and a thick horizontal branch extends across the middle of the frame. The background shows a range of mountains under a cloudy sky.

“I have decided to cancel our class today... I had planned an alternative lecture on modern polling methods and their blind spots, it feels a bit tone-deaf to deliver it today... Be good to yourselves and check in on your friends.”

Columbia University Professor



“As we recover from the eventful election night and process the implications of Trumps victory, please know that class will proceed as usual today... except that classroom quizzes will not be for credit. Feel free to take time off if needed.”
Harvard Professor



“We have been hearing about lots of anxiety from students about the election and felt like listening circles can be a helpful way to allow students to process and get support from one another.”

The Daily Princetonian

United States Of America

Before our independence, We were a collection of States and Colonies, and in order to understand our constitution better, it helps for us to have read the State Constitutions first.

- All thirteen states required a declaration of faith, whether catholic or protestant in order to serve in government.
- Nine out of thirteen of the original states required you to be a 'bible believing protestant christian' to serve in government at the time of the nation's founding.
- In most of the original state constitutions, including Pennsylvania, the document included, 'I profess the Lord Jesus Christ as my Lord and Savior.'

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- 55 /56 of the signers of the Declaration of Independence were bible believing, church attending Christians.
- God was mentioned four times in the Declaration of Independence.
- The last paragraph reads as a prayer, saying, 'We appeal to the Supreme Judge of the Universe', which, according to the Book of Revelation, is Jesus Christ — of which the signers were all presently aligned through personal faith, and were thus praying to Jesus Christ.
- One of the first acts of congress was tax payer funded bible printing and distribution.

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- The Book of Deuteronomy talks about laws, customs and traditions; it was Moses' farewell address to the Israelites. Deuteronomy were his final words to them about how they should set up their form of government.
- Deuteronomy was the most quoted book, religious or secular in the time of the nations founding, and during the collation of the Constitution of the United States.

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English Common Law was also birthed as an outgrowth of the Scriptures, by William Blackstone, who was a Christian.

Some principles of common law that we have in the West today:

- Due Process
- Blind Justice
- Human Equality

Due Process by a jury of your peers, which was wrapped into the ultimate biblical principle that you shall not have favored justice based on status.

This comes from Lev 19, wherein for the administration of justice there shall be no favor given to a person based on whether they are rich or poor, which is where we get 'blind justice' or 'lady justice'.

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This precedes the most famous part of Lev 19, where it states you should love your neighbor as yourself, which we also see in the New Testament, that neither Jew nor Gentile, neither slave nor free, you are all one in Jesus Christ — from where we get human equality.

These are all biblical ideas!

The body politic of America during its founding was so Christian that our form and structure of government was built for the people that believed in Jesus Christ. This is why John Adams said, *'The Constitution was only written for a moral religious people, it is wholly inadequate for any other.'*

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When you no longer have a Christian nation, but you have a Christian form of government, they are incompatible, so liberty becomes difficult if you do not have a Christian population.

The Founders put in the Halls of Congress, in the Supreme Court and all throughout the country, that the 10 Commandments are the core morality of how society and civilization should exist. This is also why they put Leviticus on the Liberty Bell.

Lev 25:19, 'Proclaim liberty throughout the land of which you are in.'

The Tyranny of Sin

The greatest Tyranny that afflicts mankind is the condition of sin that every person is born into because of the sin of first Adam. This affliction comes with a most awful weight upon the human conscience, which shall remain unmoved apart from divine intervention. This affliction carries with it a wage, a sentence which no persons can escape nor overcome, for this wage is death.

However, neither the weight of sin, nor its wage are the reason to name sin as the greatest tyranny; for the greatest form of tyranny is when those who live under its oppression are unaware of its presence, nor of their condition, and will yet be subject to the severity of its consequences.

Unity - Psalm 133

Behold, how good and how pleasant it is
For brethren to dwell together in unity!

It is like the precious oil upon the head,
Running down on the beard,
The beard of Aaron,
Running down on the edge of his garments.

It is like the dew of Hermon,
Descending upon the mountains of Zion;
For there the LORD commanded the blessing—
Life forevermore.

Who is my Neighbor?

Luke 10:25 - 37

25 And behold, a certain lawyer stood up and tested Him, saying, "Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?"

26 He said to him, "What is written in the law? What is your reading of it?"

27 So he answered and said, "'You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your strength, and with all your mind,' and 'your neighbor as yourself.'"

28 And He said to him, "You have answered rightly; do this and you will live."

29 But he, wanting to justify himself, said to Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?"

Who is my Neighbor?

Luke 10:25 - 37

30 Then Jesus answered and said: "A certain man went down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell among thieves, who stripped him of his clothing, wounded him, and departed, leaving him half dead. 31 Now by chance a certain priest came down that road. And when he saw him, he passed by on the other side. 32 Likewise a Levite, when he arrived at the place, came and looked, and passed by on the other side. 33 But a certain Samaritan, as he journeyed, came where he was. And when he saw him, he had compassion.

Who is my Neighbor?

Luke 10:25 - 37

34 So he went to him and bandaged his wounds, pouring on oil and wine; and he set him on his own animal, brought him to an inn, and took care of him. 35 On the next day, when he departed, he took out two denarii, gave them to the innkeeper, and said to him, 'Take care of him; and whatever more you spend, when I come again, I will repay you.' 36 So which of these three do you think was neighbor to him who fell among the thieves?"

37 And he said, "He who showed mercy on him."

Then Jesus said to him, "Go and do likewise."

Love Thy Neighbor

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1. Accept Inconvenience

Love Thy Neighbor

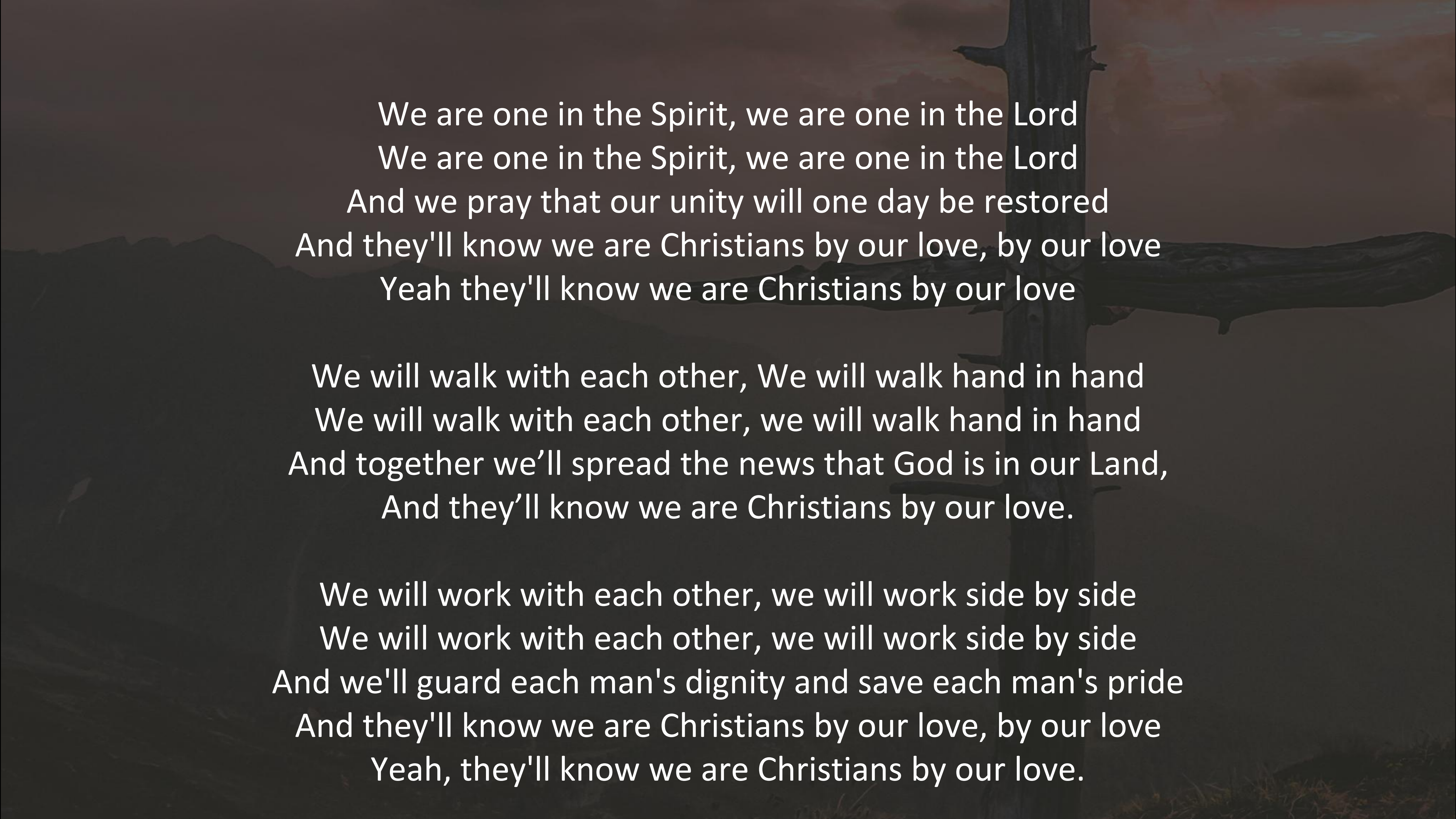
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1. Accept Inconvenience
2. Accept Help / Give Help

Love Thy Neighbor

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1. Accept Inconvenience
2. Accept Help / Give Help
3. Enlist Others



We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord
We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord
And we pray that our unity will one day be restored
And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love
Yeah they'll know we are Christians by our love

We will walk with each other, We will walk hand in hand
We will walk with each other, we will walk hand in hand
And together we'll spread the news that God is in our Land,
And they'll know we are Christians by our love.

We will work with each other, we will work side by side
We will work with each other, we will work side by side
And we'll guard each man's dignity and save each man's pride
And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love
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