

1 TIMOTHY

GOD'S PLAN FOR HIS CHURCH



The Church's Identity and Purpose

1 Timothy 3:14-16

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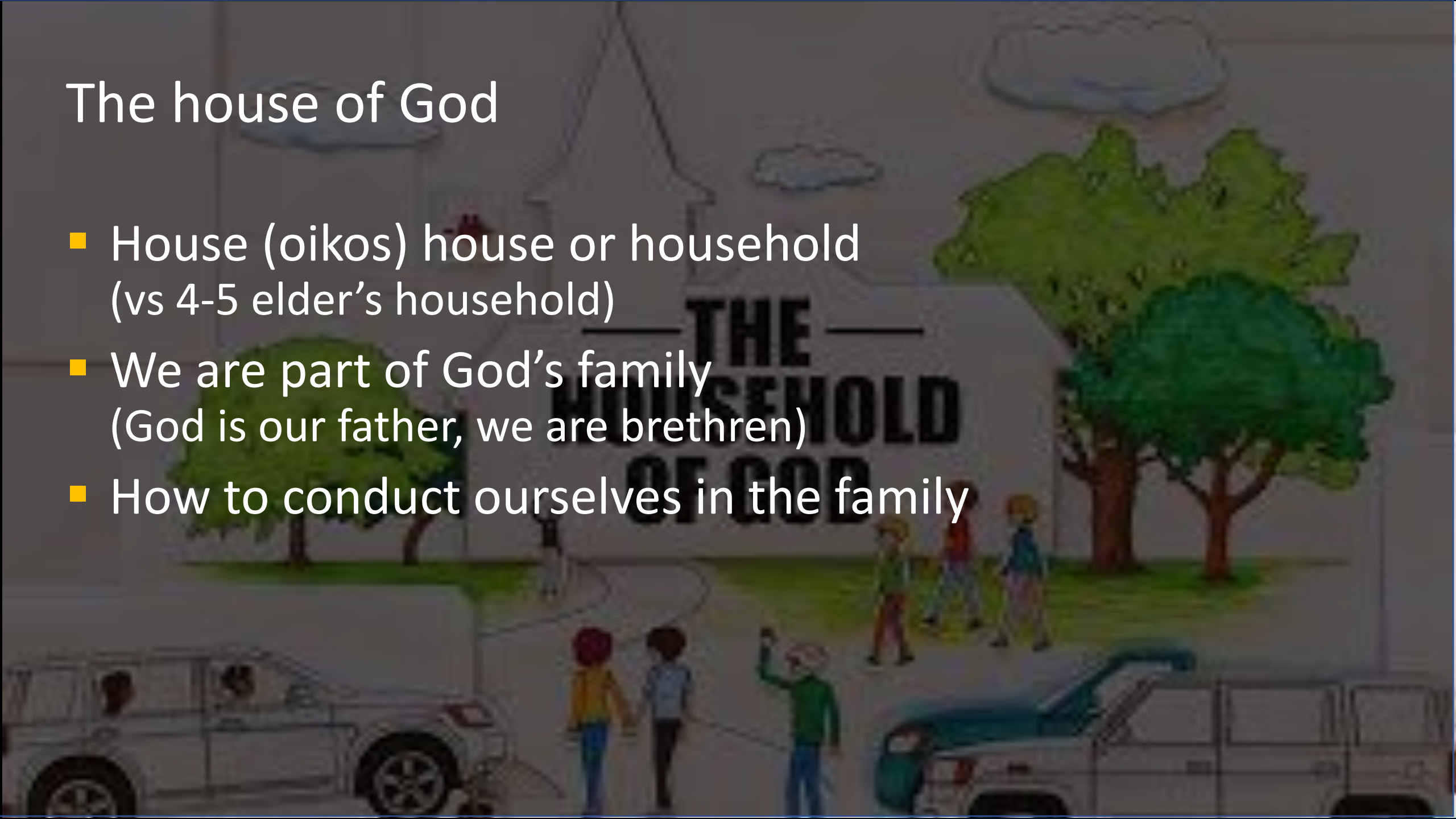
..how you may conduct yourself in

- The house of God (household)
- The church of the living God
- The pillar and ground of the truth



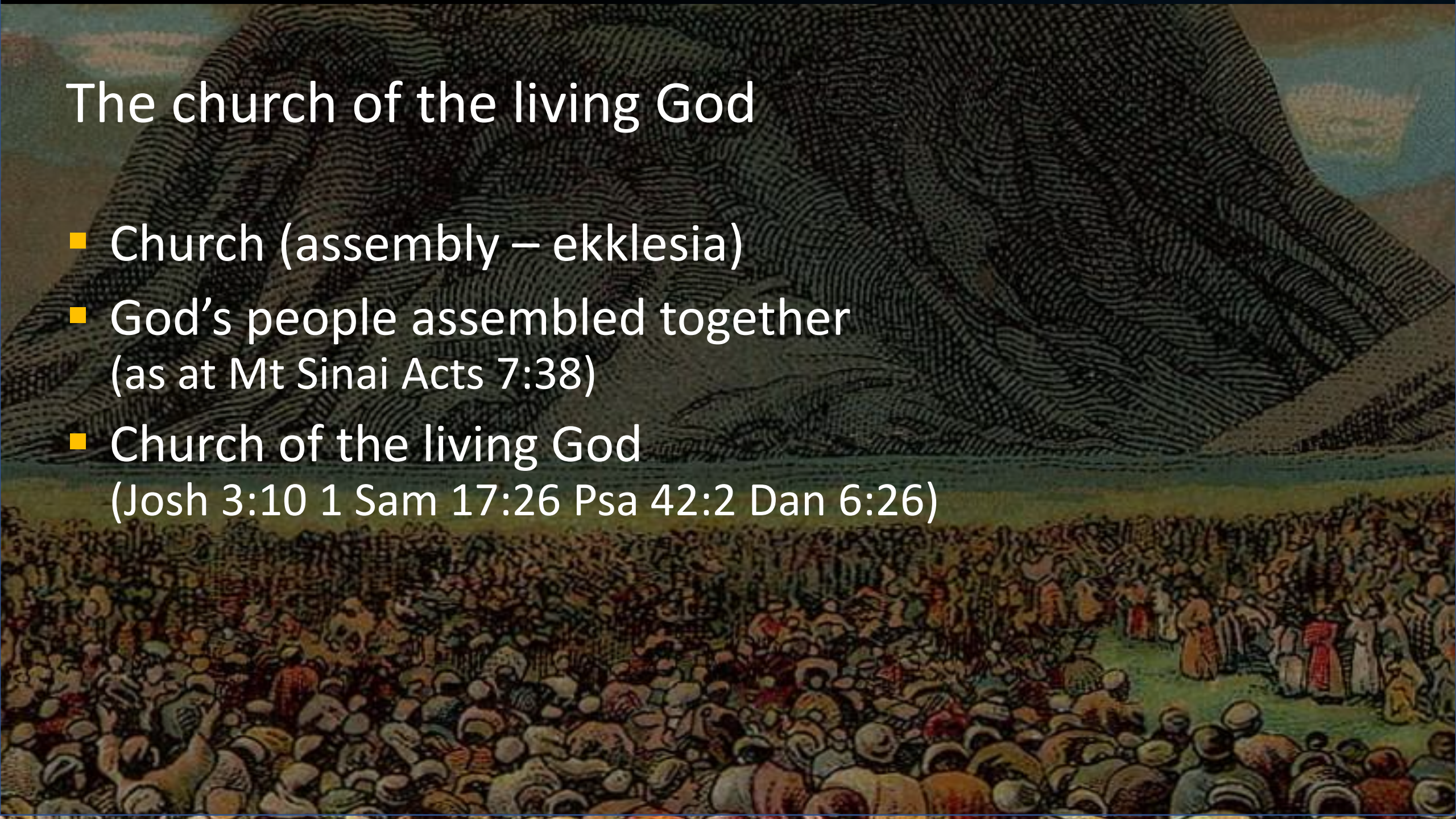
The house of God

- House (oikos) house or household (vs 4-5 elder's household)
- We are part of God's family (God is our father, we are brethren)
- How to conduct ourselves in the family



The church of the living God

- Church (assembly – ekklesia)
- God's people assembled together
(as at Mt Sinai Acts 7:38)
- Church of the living God
(Josh 3:10 1 Sam 17:26 Psa 42:2 Dan 6:26)



The pillar and ground of the truth

- Ephesus worshipped the temple of Diana
- The Ephesus church was the pillar of God's truth (foundation, mainstay, bulwark, buttress)
- The truth is found in God's revealed word (Bible) (Luke 24:27,44 1 Cor 3:11, Eph 2:20, 3:1-11)

The great message 16

Great is the mystery of godliness..

- He who was manifested in the flesh **John 1:1,14**
- Justified in the Spirit **Romans 1:3**
- Seen by angels **Luke 24:23**
- Preached among the nations **Acts 2:5-11**
- Believed on in the world **John 1:12**
- Received up in glory **Acts 1:9-11**



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