

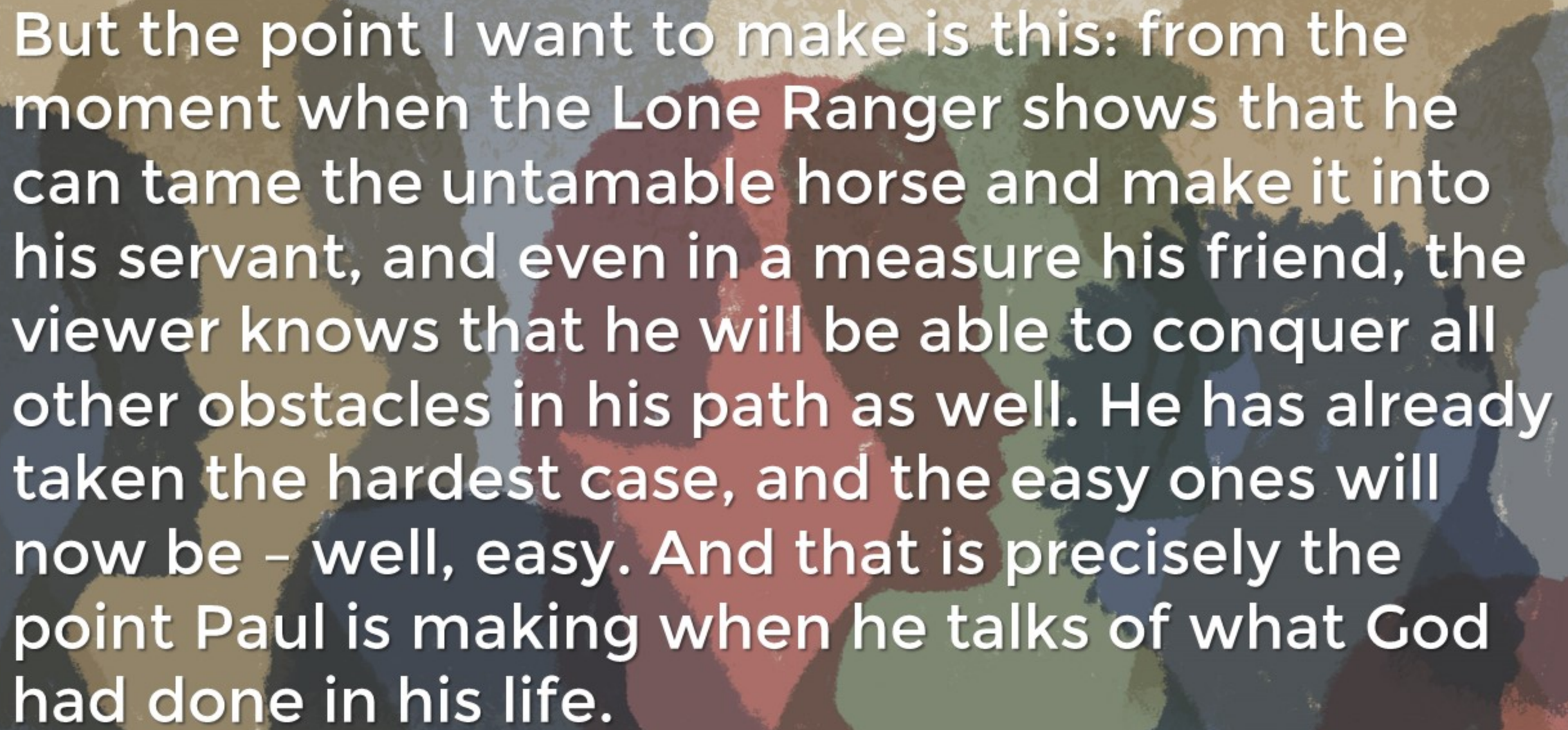


# DISCIPLE

MATURING IN FAITH WITH TIMOTHY

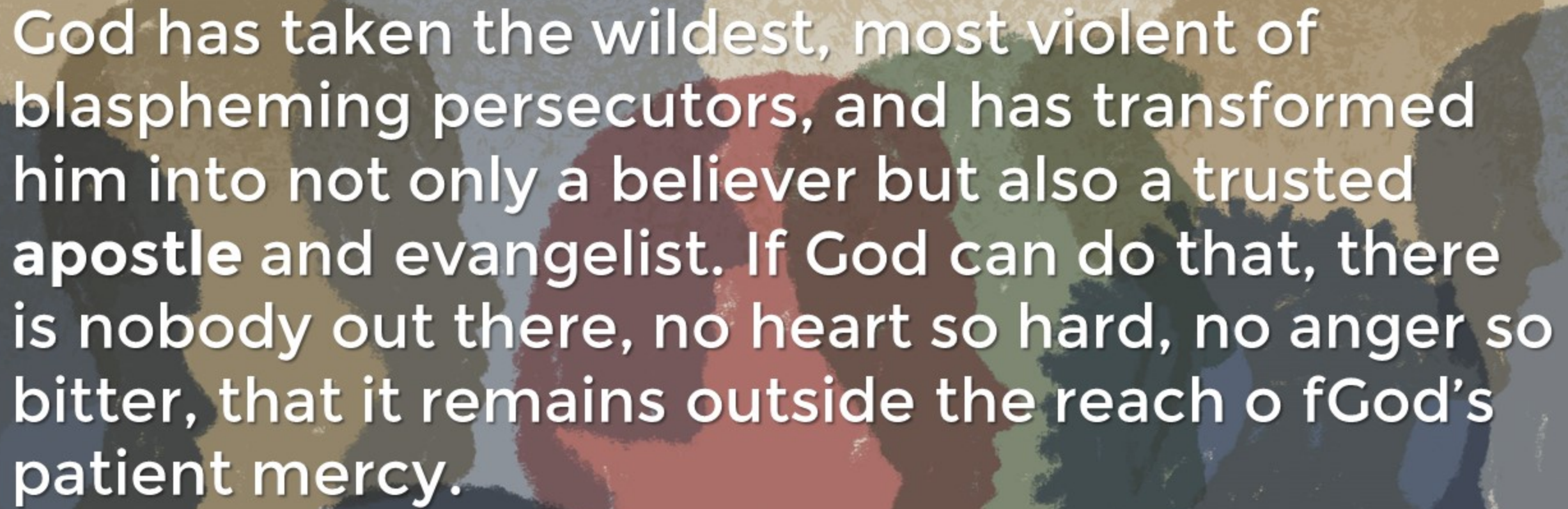
A Better Gospel, 1 Timothy 1:12-17





But the point I want to make is this: from the moment when the Lone Ranger shows that he can tame the untamable horse and make it into his servant, and even in a measure his friend, the viewer knows that he will be able to conquer all other obstacles in his path as well. He has already taken the hardest case, and the easy ones will now be – well, easy. And that is precisely the point Paul is making when he talks of what God had done in his life.





God has taken the wildest, most violent of blaspheming persecutors, and has transformed him into not only a believer but also a trusted **apostle** and evangelist. If God can do that, there is nobody out there, no heart so hard, no anger so bitter, that it remains outside the reach of God's patient mercy.

N. T. Wright, *Paul: For Everyone* p. 12