

Let Me Strengthen You!

1 Thessalonians 1:2-10

By Commending Your Faith

2 We always thank God for all of you, mentioning you in our prayers.

3 We continually remember before our God and Father your work produced by faith, your labor prompted by love, and your endurance inspired by hope in our Lord Jesus Christ.

4 For we know, brothers loved by God, that he has chosen you,

5 because our gospel came to you not simply with words, but also with power, with the Holy Spirit and with deep conviction. You know how we lived among you for your sake.



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6 You became imitators of us and of the Lord; in spite of severe suffering, you welcomed the message with the joy given by the Holy Spirit.

7 And so you became a model to all the believers in Macedonia and Achaia.

8 The Lord's message rang out from you not only in Macedonia and Achaia—your faith in God has become known everywhere. Therefore we do not need to say anything about it,



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9 for they themselves report what kind of reception you gave us. They tell how you turned to God from idols to serve the living and true God,
10 and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead—Jesus, who rescues us from the coming wrath.



Commending Our Faith

- Believers are commended because Paul recognizes they are truly the people of God.
- How does he recognize this: 3 Ways
 - 1) They have the marks that characterize someone chosen by God –
 - a) They have **faith** producing **work**
 - b) They have **love** which **labors**
 - c) They have **hope** producing **endurance**



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- How does he recognize this: 3 Ways
 - 2) The manner in which they received the gospel gave evidence:
 - a) They received it in power from the Spirit
 - b) These were not mere words, they had suffered as a result of their belief
 - c) They were modeling what Paul and his co-workers modeled.



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- How does he recognize this: 3 Ways
 - 3) The transformation of the things they worshiped gave evidence of their faith.
 - a) They had turned from idols
 - b) They trusted in the resurrection
 - c) They looked for His appearing

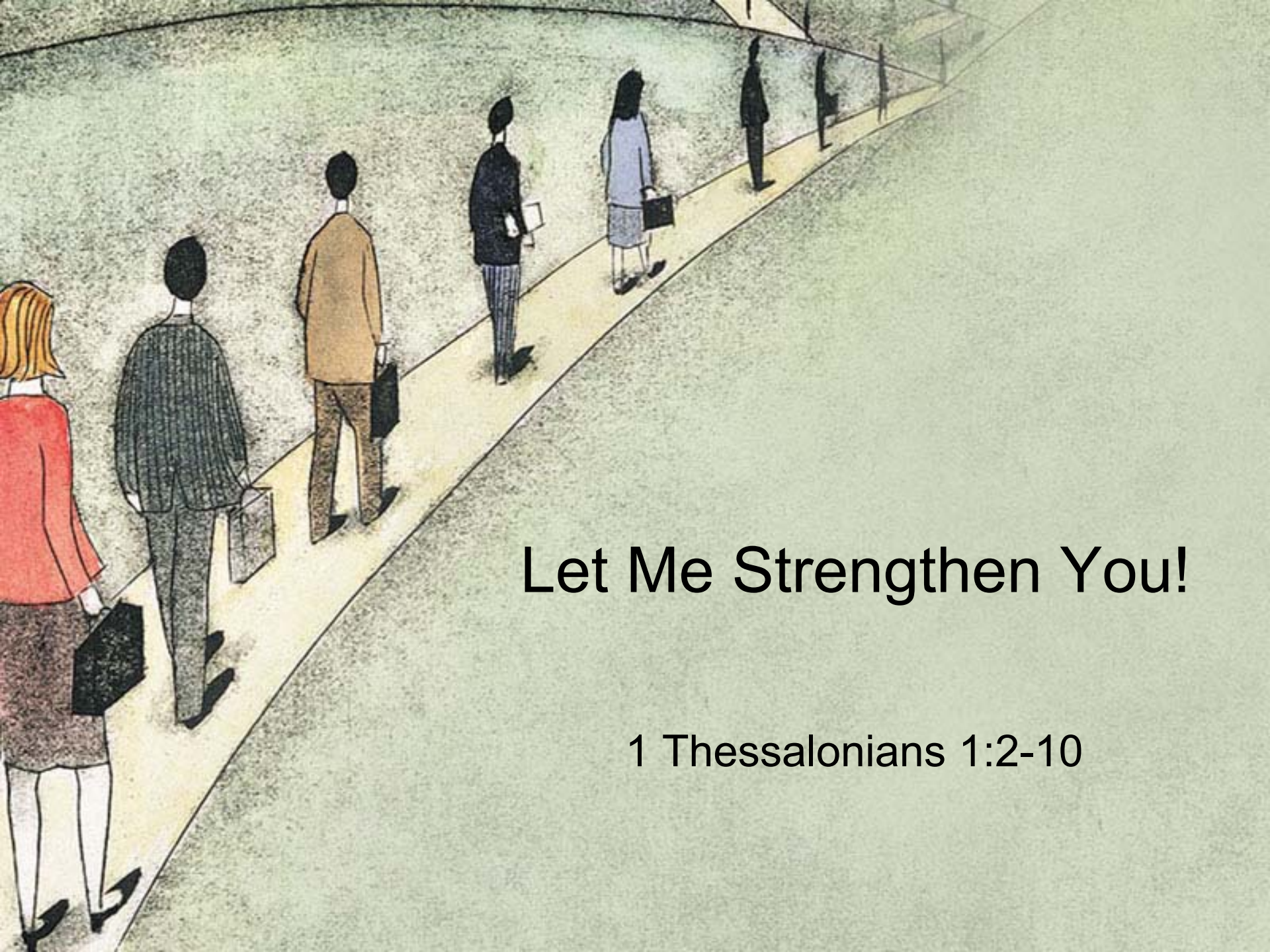
* Notice the details of their waiting:



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1. The **Person—His Son**
2. The **Place—from heaven**
3. The **Pledge—whom He raised from the dead**
4. The **Precious Name—even Jesus**
5. The **Prospect—who delivers us from the wrath to come**





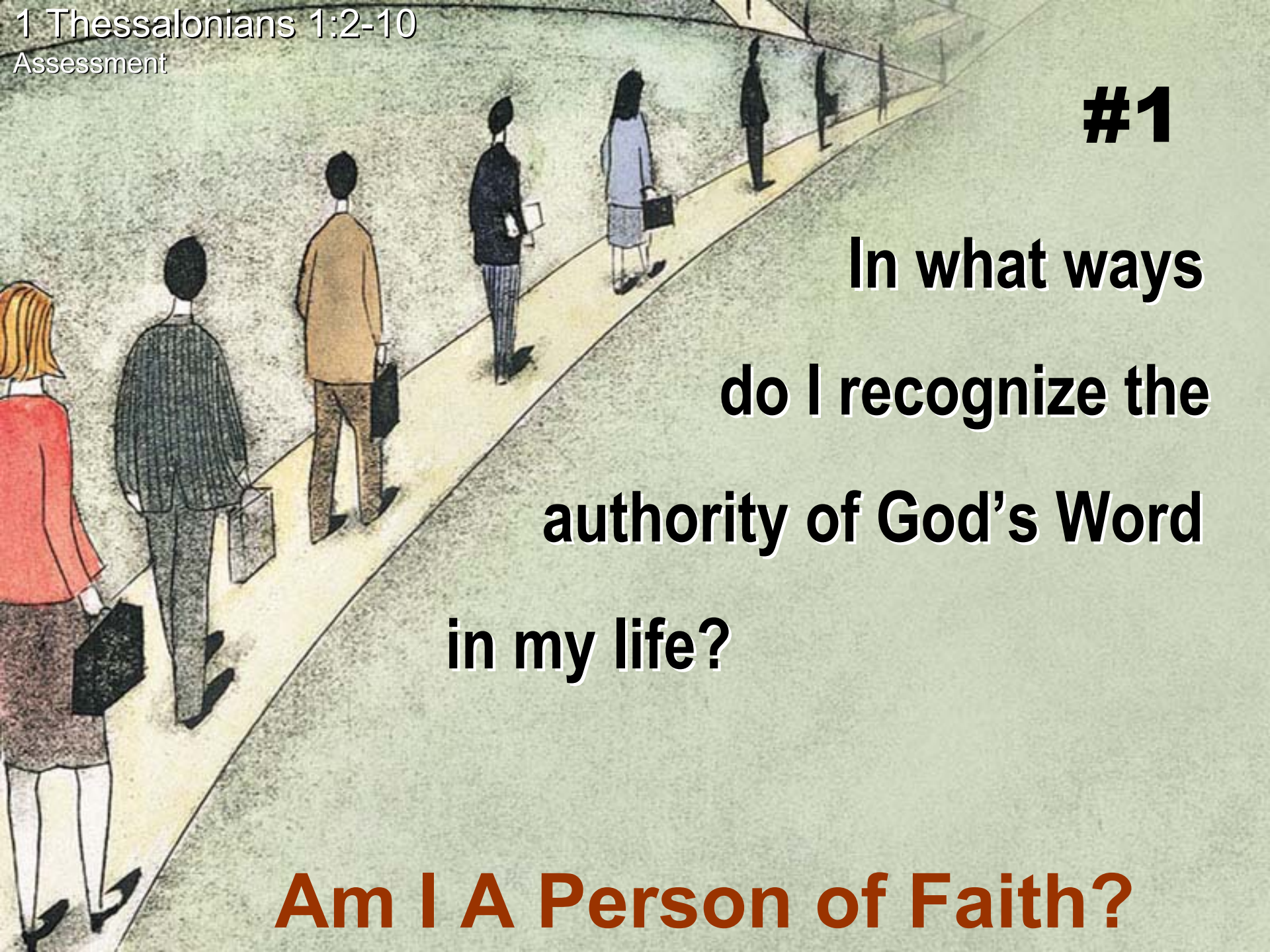
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**In what ways
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authority of God's Word
in my life?**

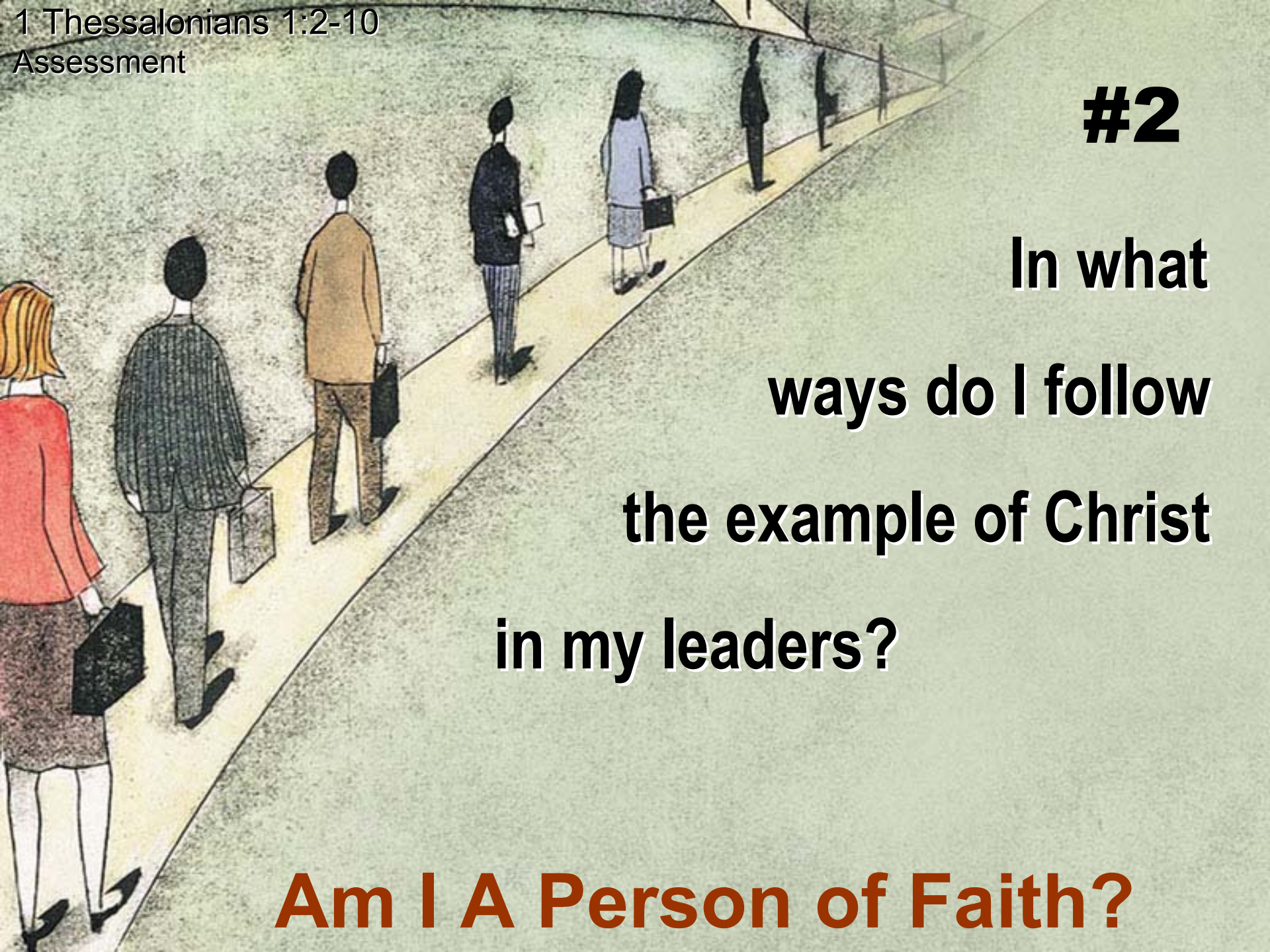
Am I A Person of Faith?



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**In what
ways do I follow
the example of Christ
in my leaders?**

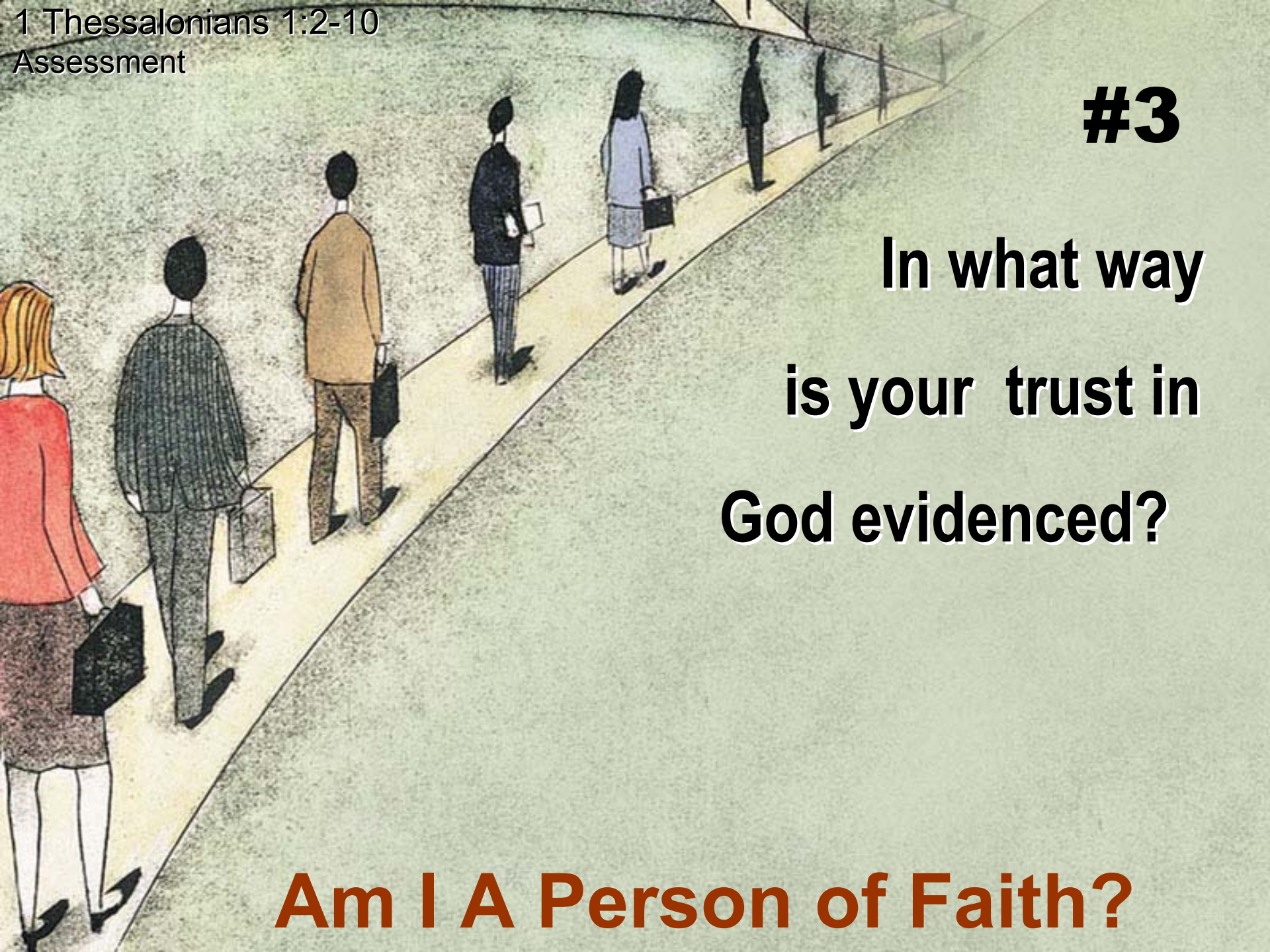
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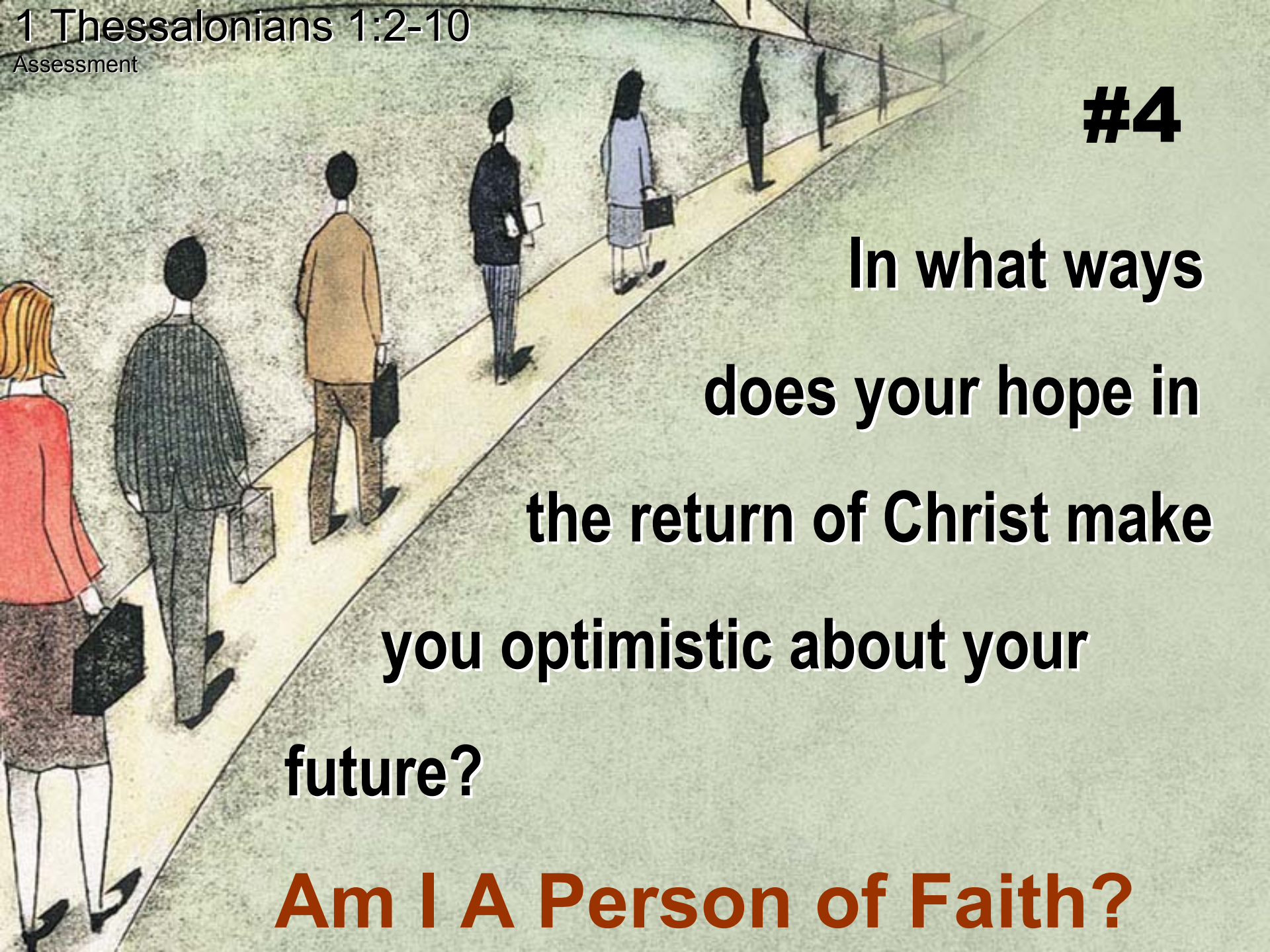
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**In what way
is your trust in
God evidenced?**

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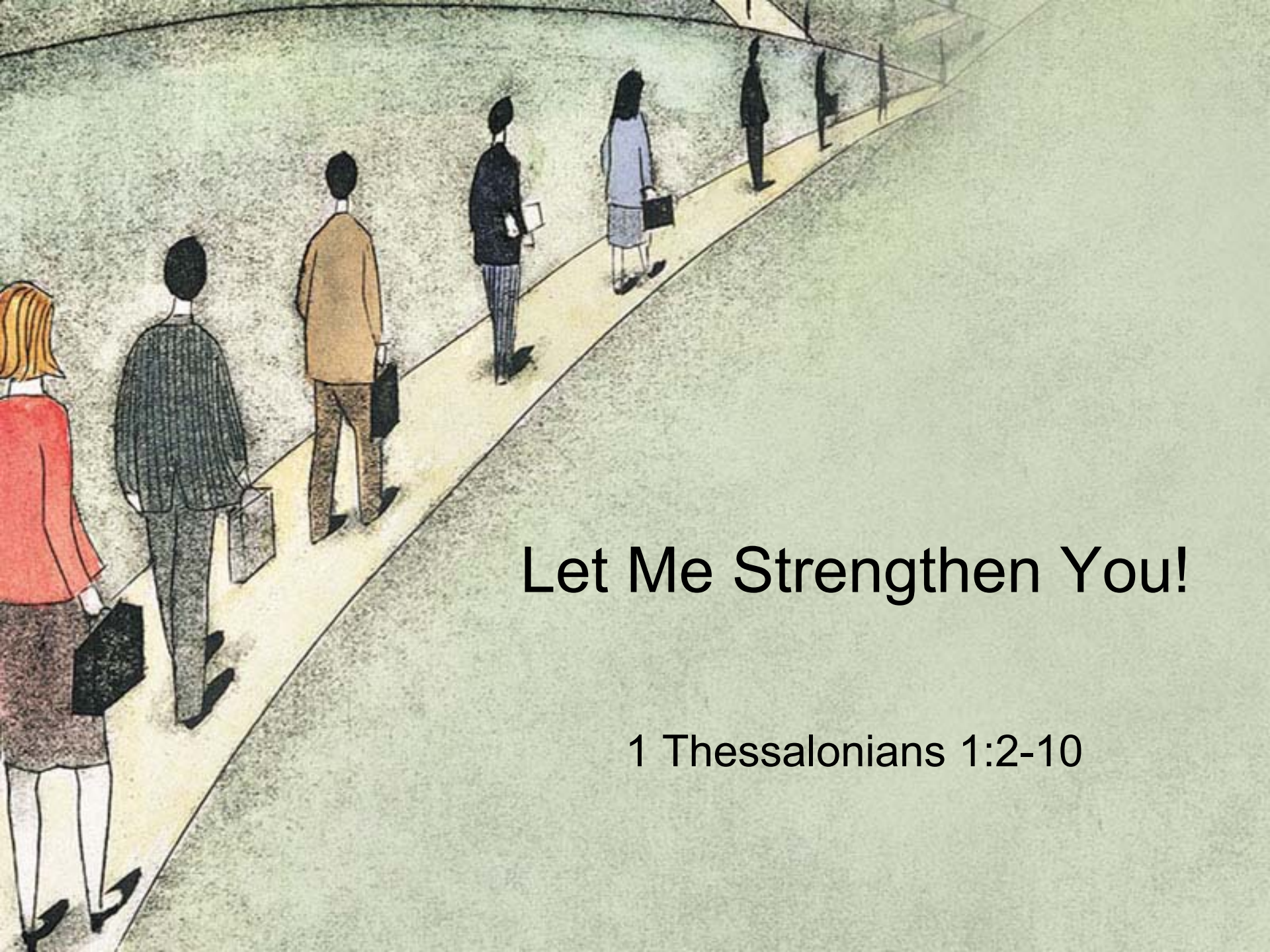


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An illustration of a group of six people walking away from the viewer on a yellow path that curves to the right. The people are dressed in professional attire, including suits and blouses, and some are carrying briefcases. The background is a textured, light greenish-grey color.

**In what ways
does your hope in
the return of Christ make
you optimistic about your
future?**

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