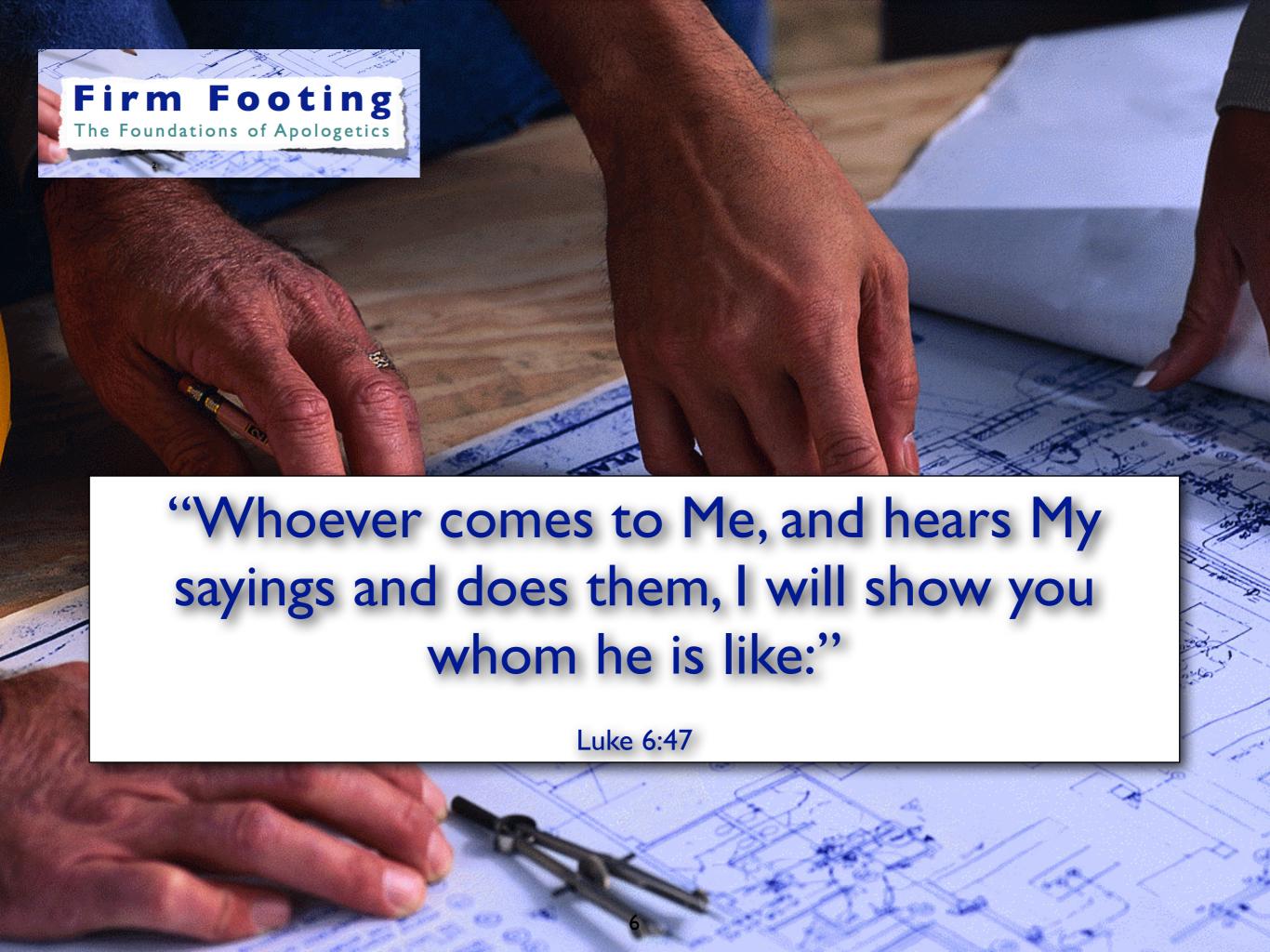
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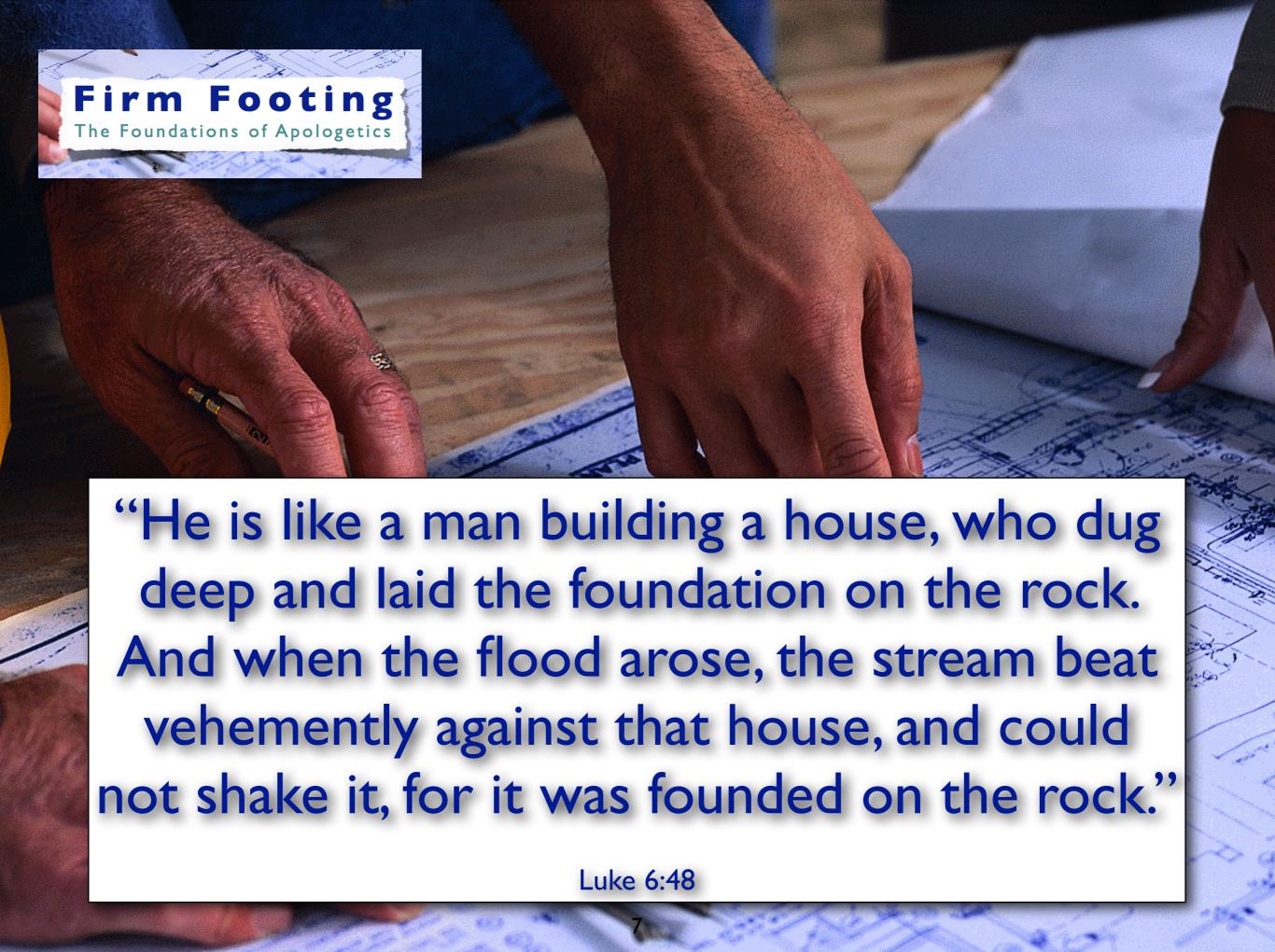
This material was originally used to explore the foundations of apologetics, the defense of biblical faith. During our lesson this morning (10/25/2020) we used the same material to accentuate Luke's purpose for writing. It was, as we learned from the text, to give certainty to Theophilus and, eventually, to give certainty to all those who read his account. We hope that you find it beneficial.

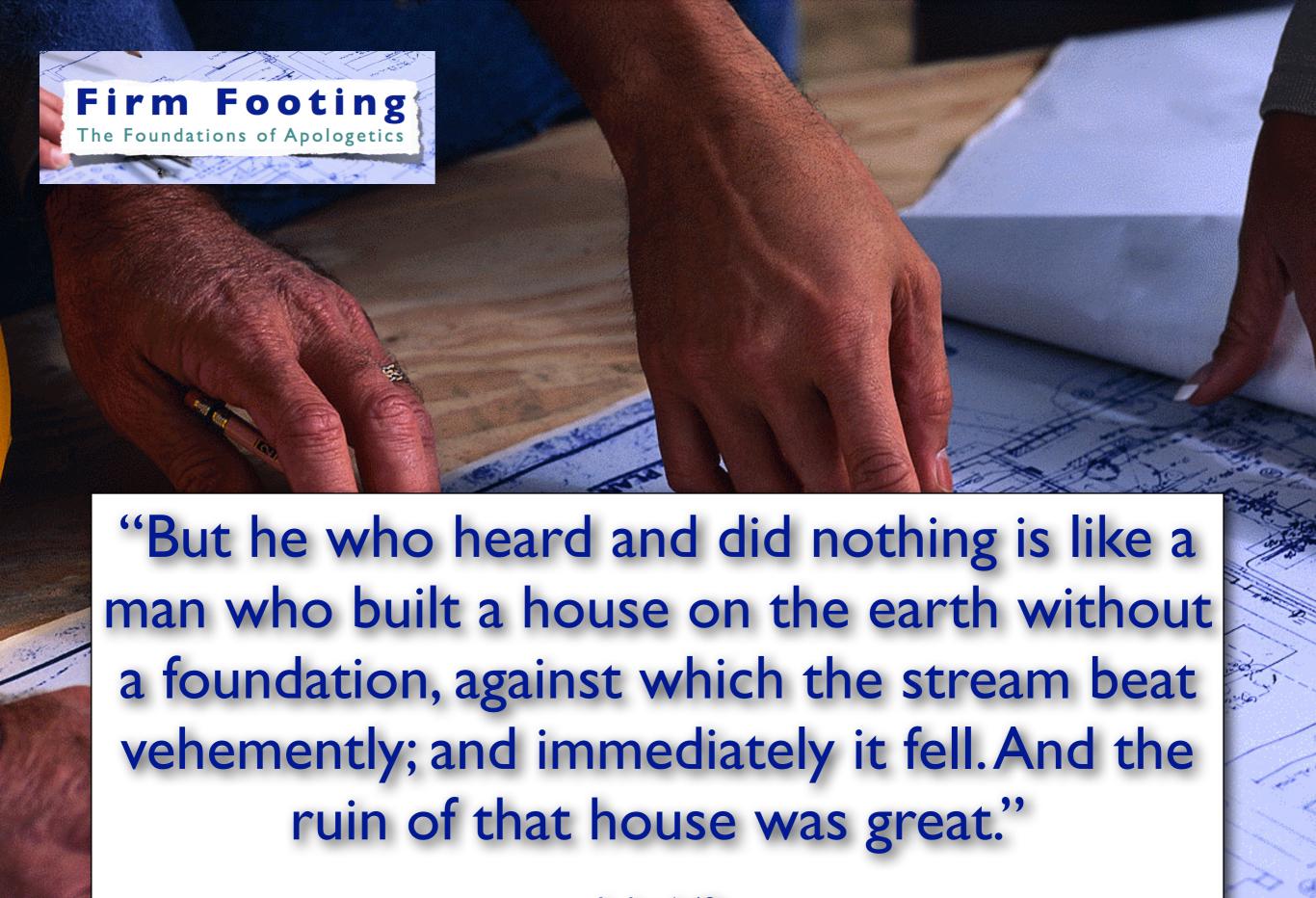














### foundation - verb

23 I Ι θεμελιοω themelioo them-el-ee-o'-o

from 2310; TDNT - 3:63,322; v

KJV - found 2, ground 2, lay the foundation 1, settle 1; 6

- I) to lay the foundation, to found
- 2) to make stable, establish



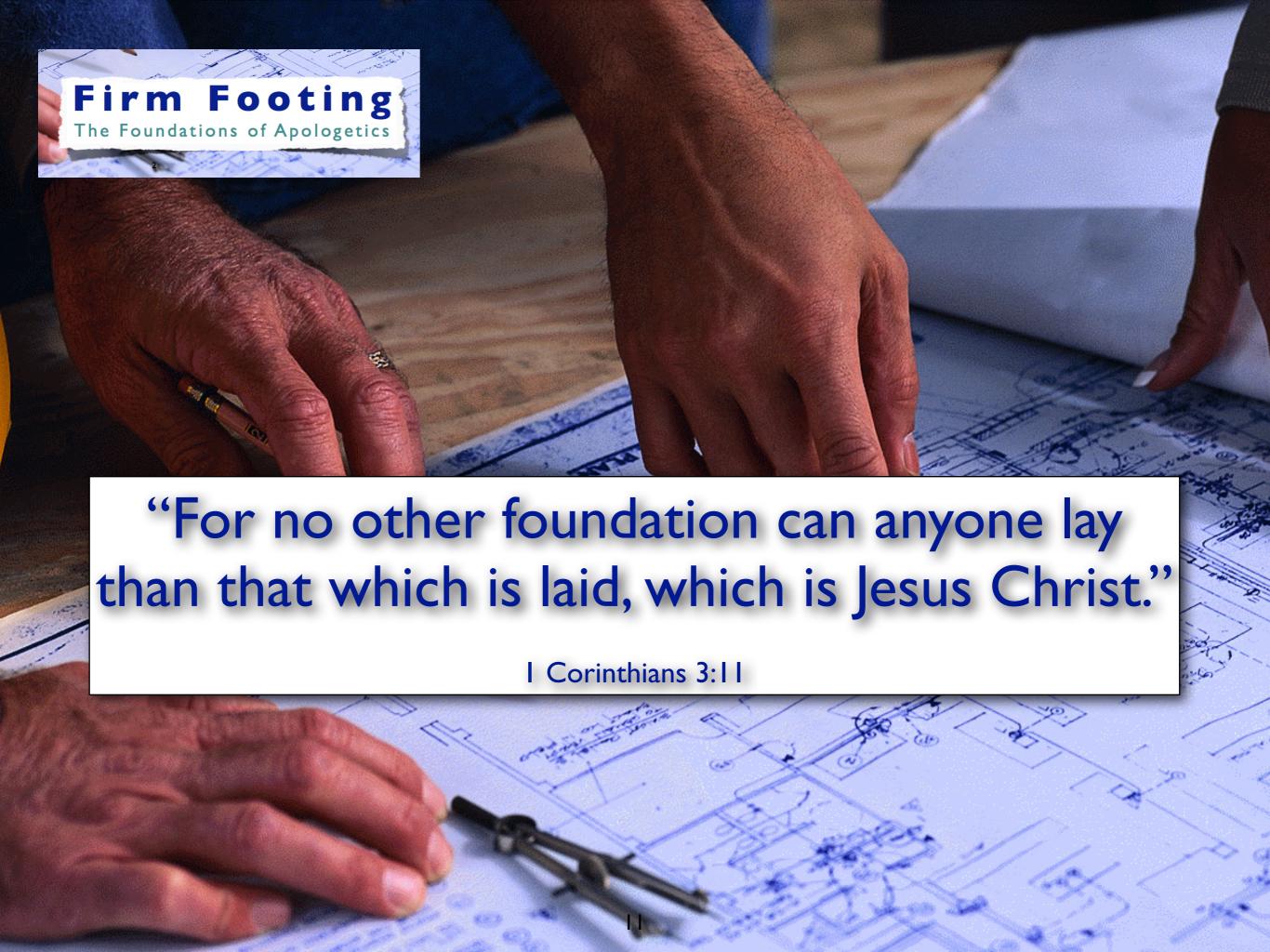
# foundation - adj.

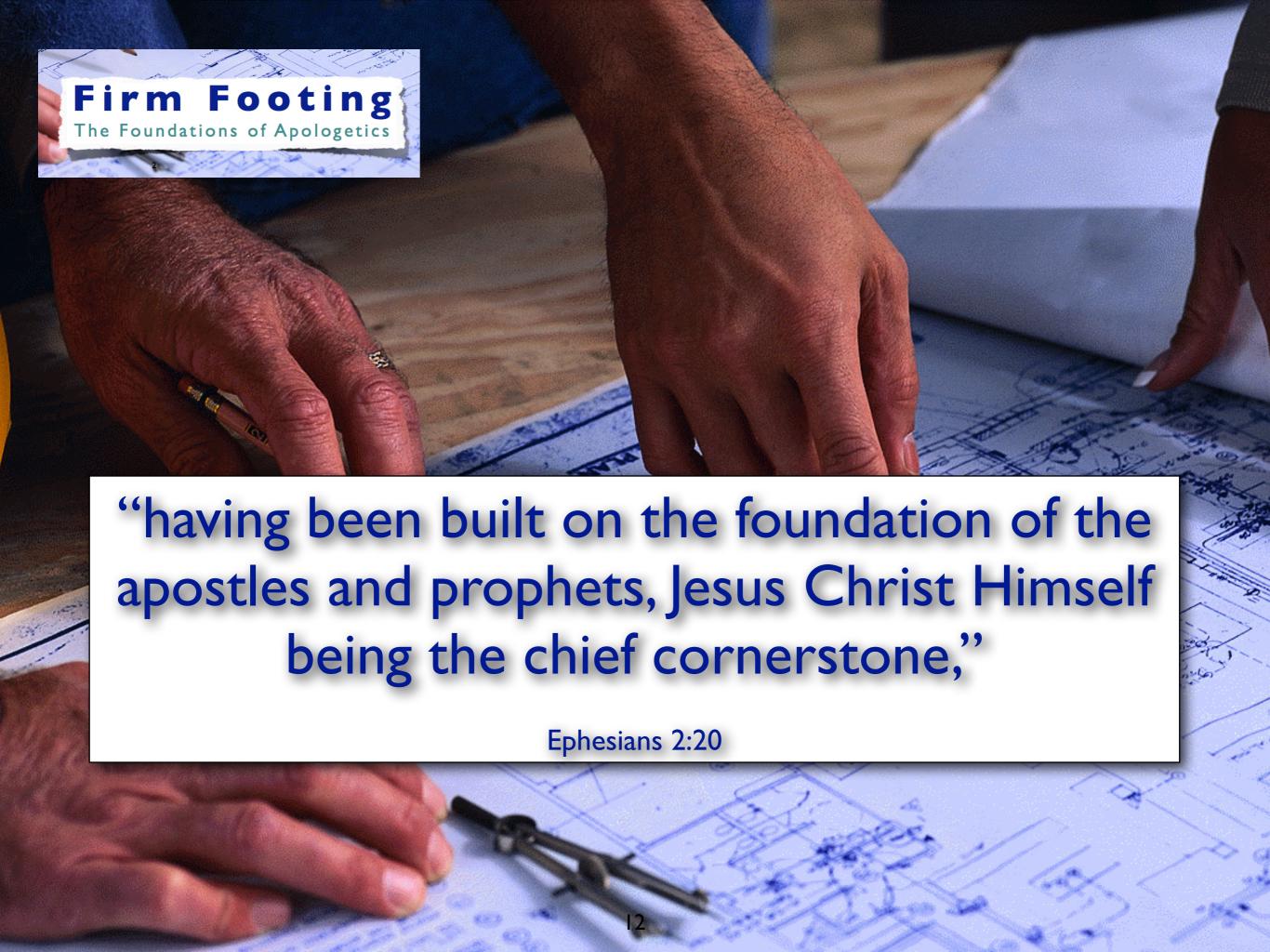
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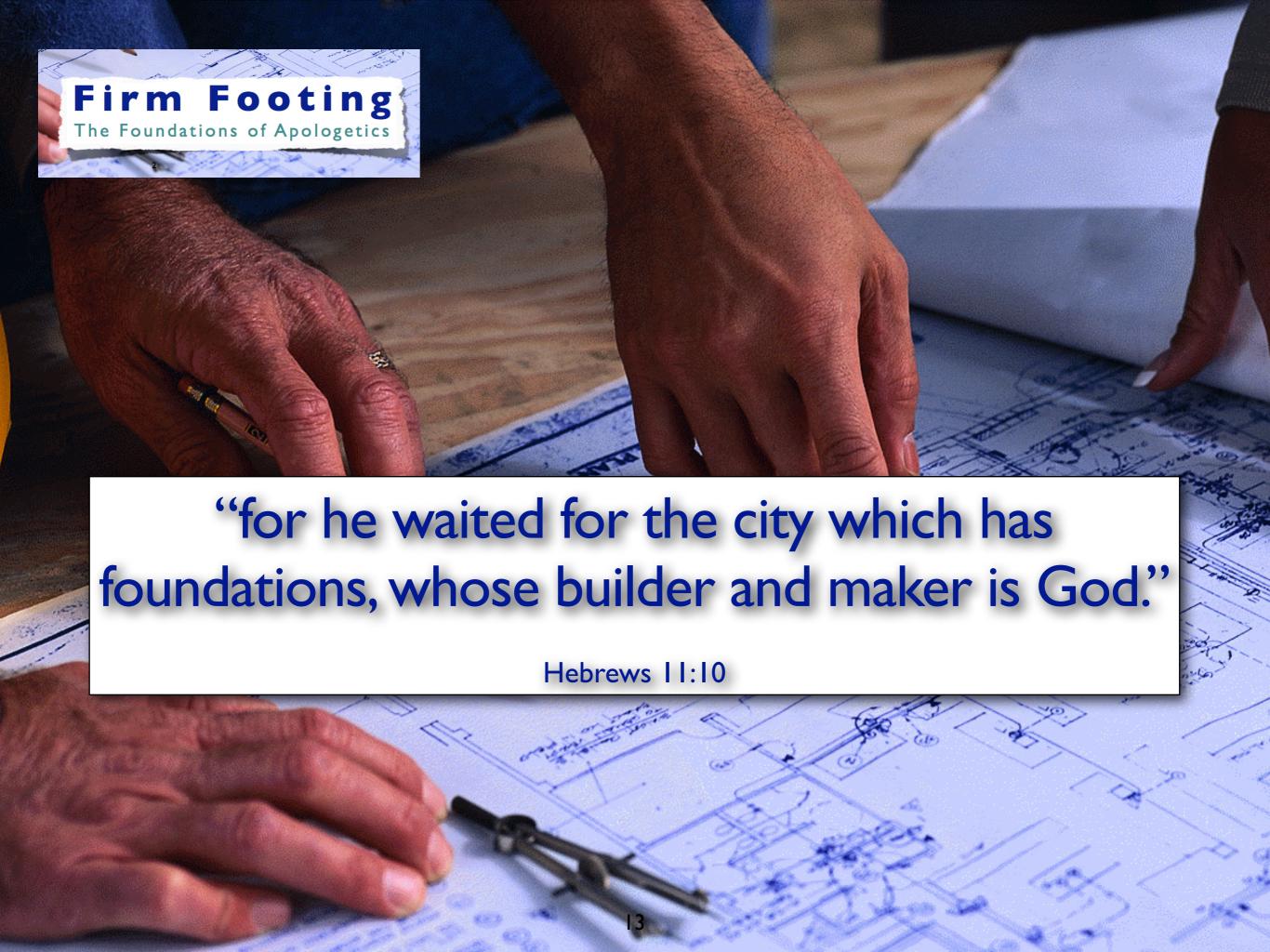
from a derivative of 5087; TDNT - 3:63,322; adj

KJV - foundation 16; 16

- I) laid down as a foundation, the foundation (of a building, wall, city)
- 2) metaph. the foundations, beginnings, first principles 2a) of institution or system of truth

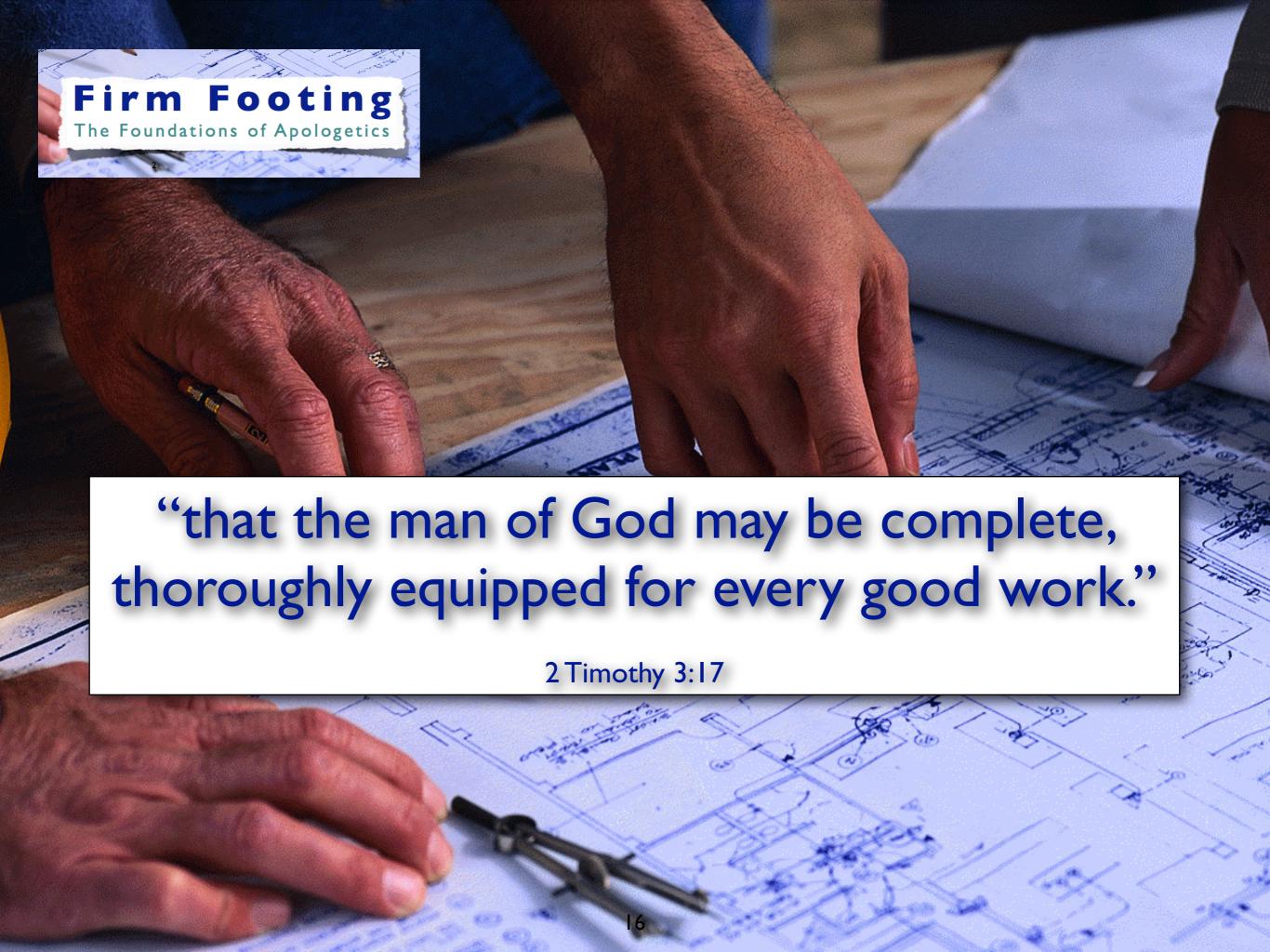












## complete

739 αρτιος artios ar'-tee-os

from 737; TDNT - 1:475,80; adj

KJV - perfect I; I

- l) fitted
- 2) complete, perfect
- 2a) having reference apparently to "special aptitude for given uses"



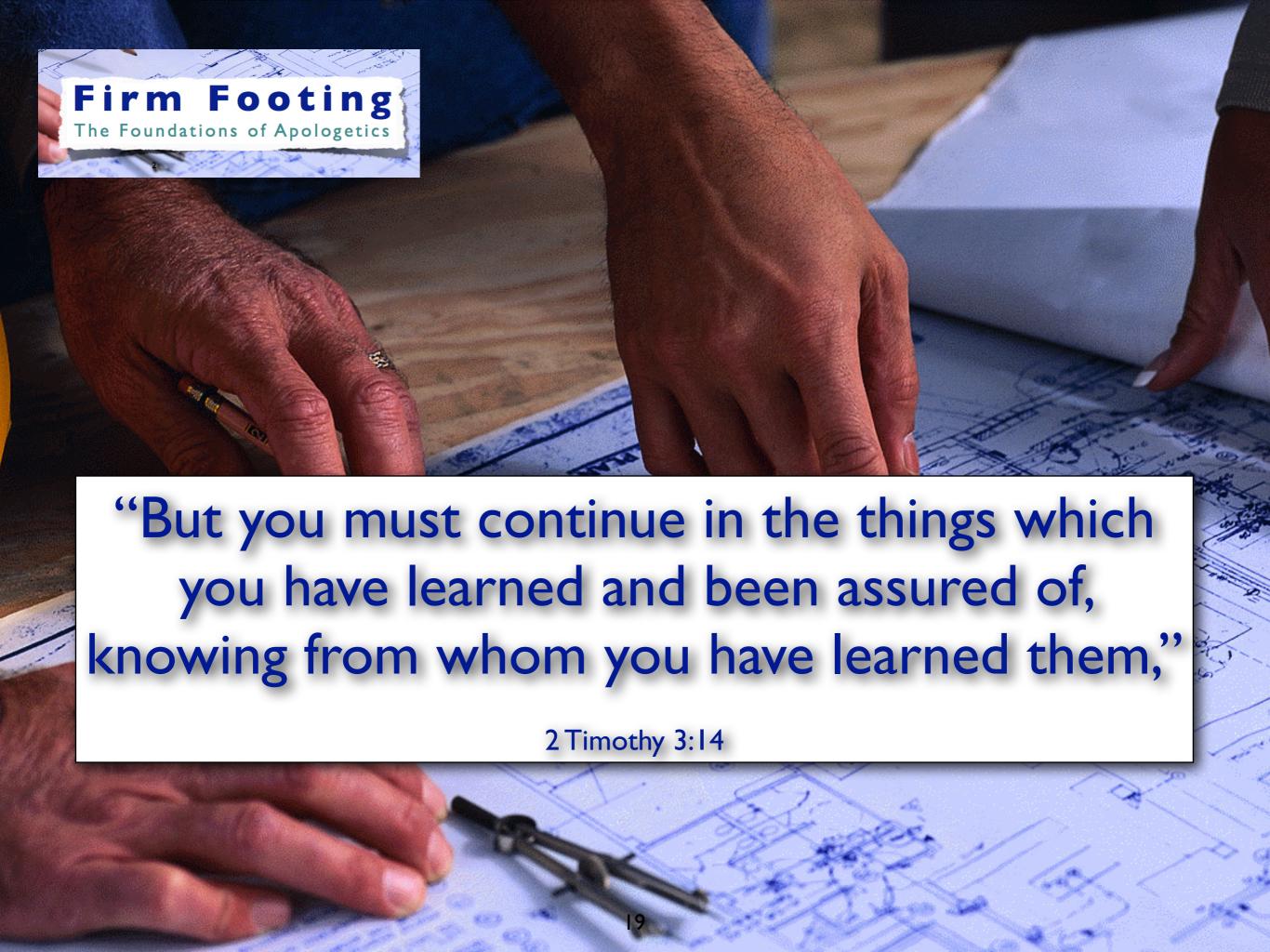
# thoroughly equipped

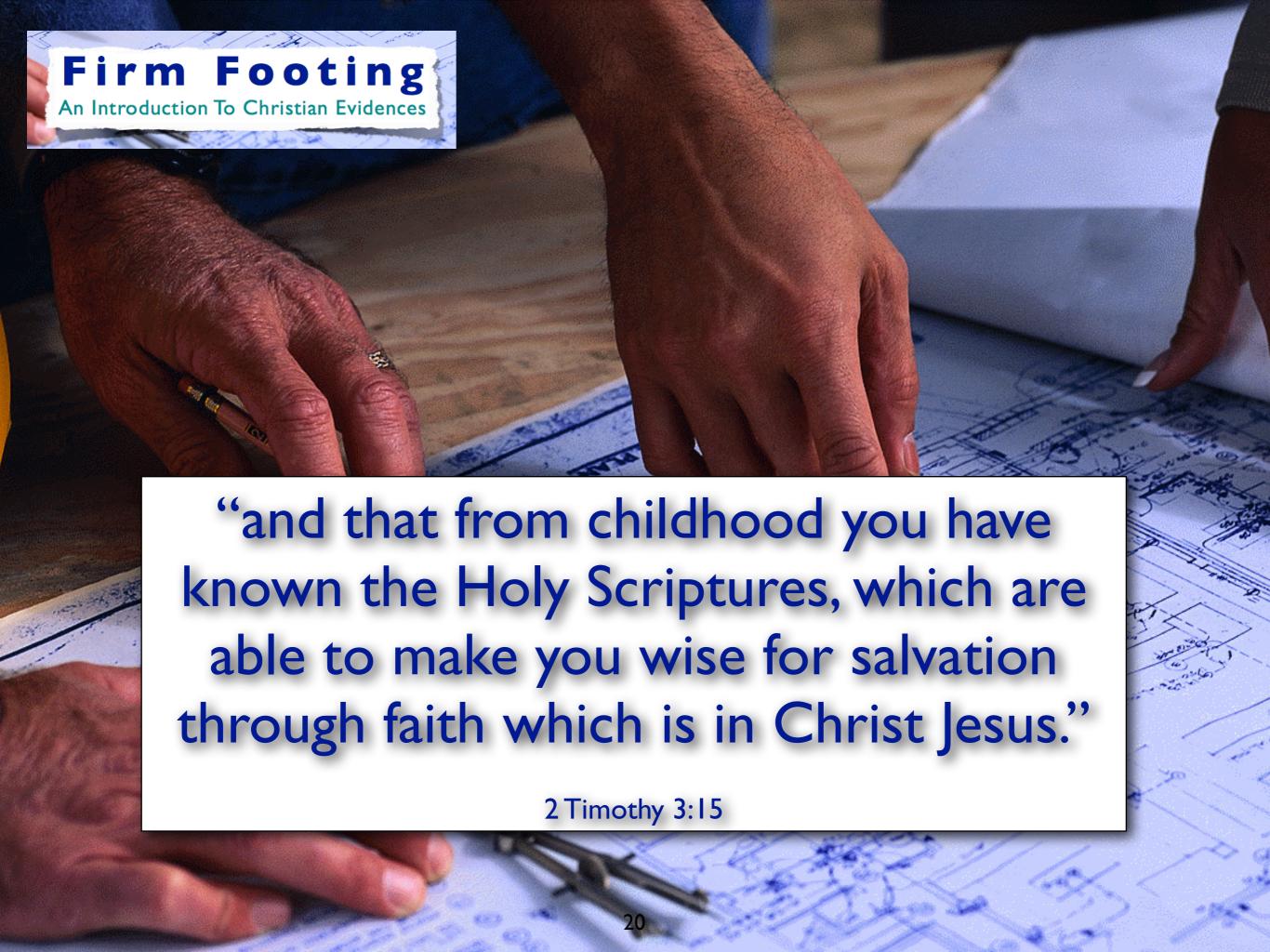
1822 εξαρτιζω exartizo ex-ar-tid'-zo

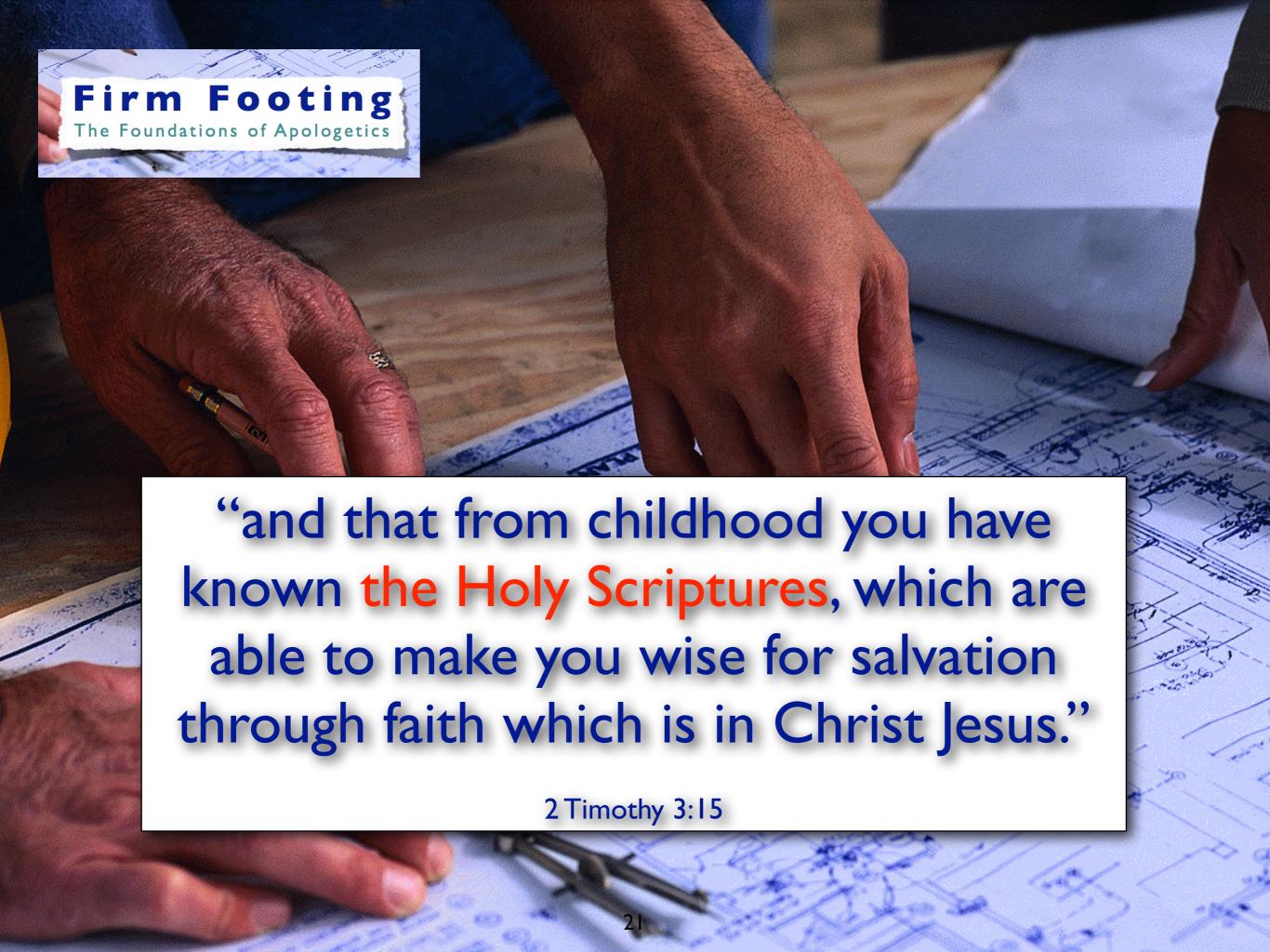
from 1537 and a derivative of 739; TDNT - 1:475,80; v

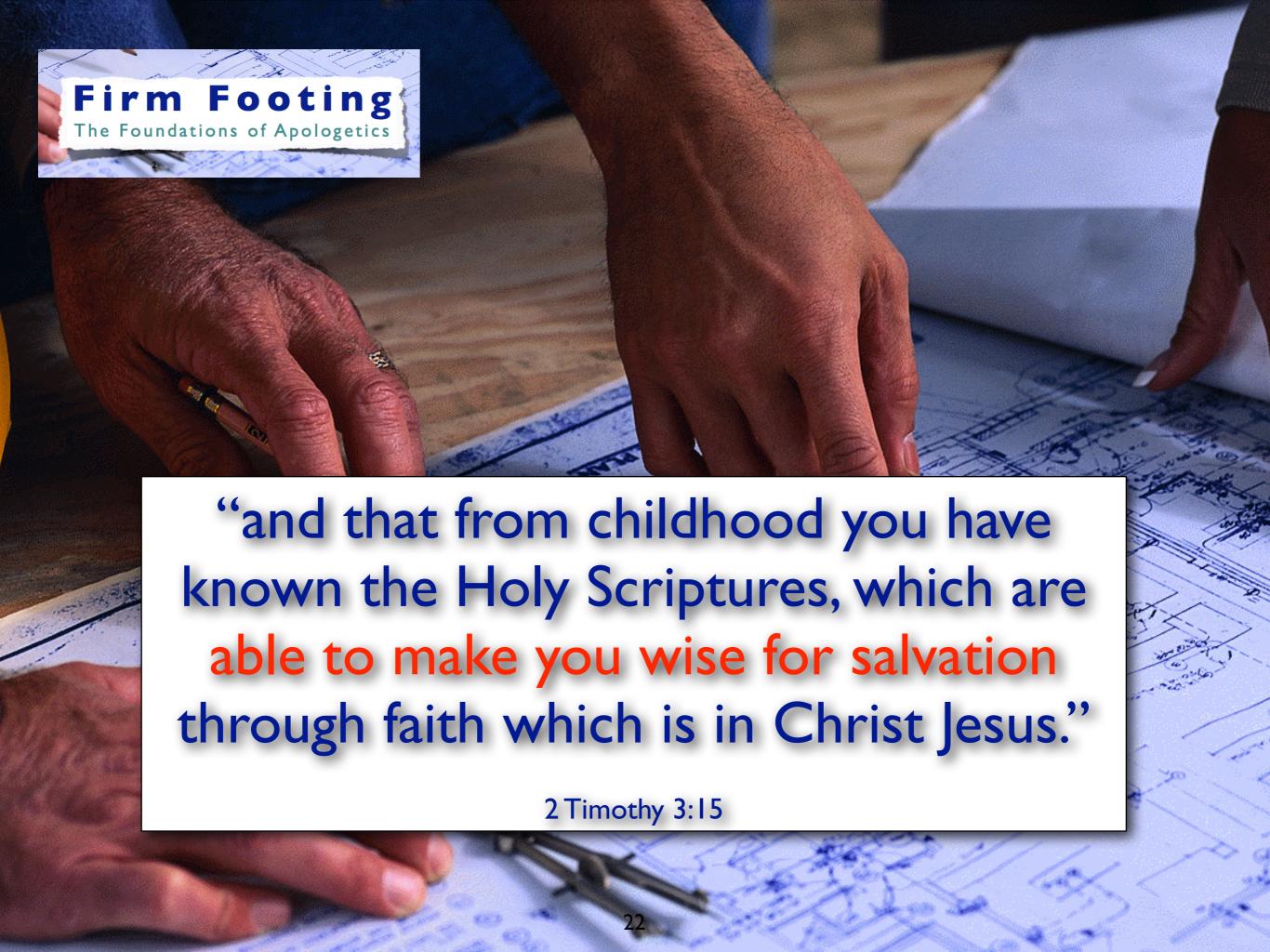
KJV - accomplish + 1096 I, thoroughly furnish I; 2

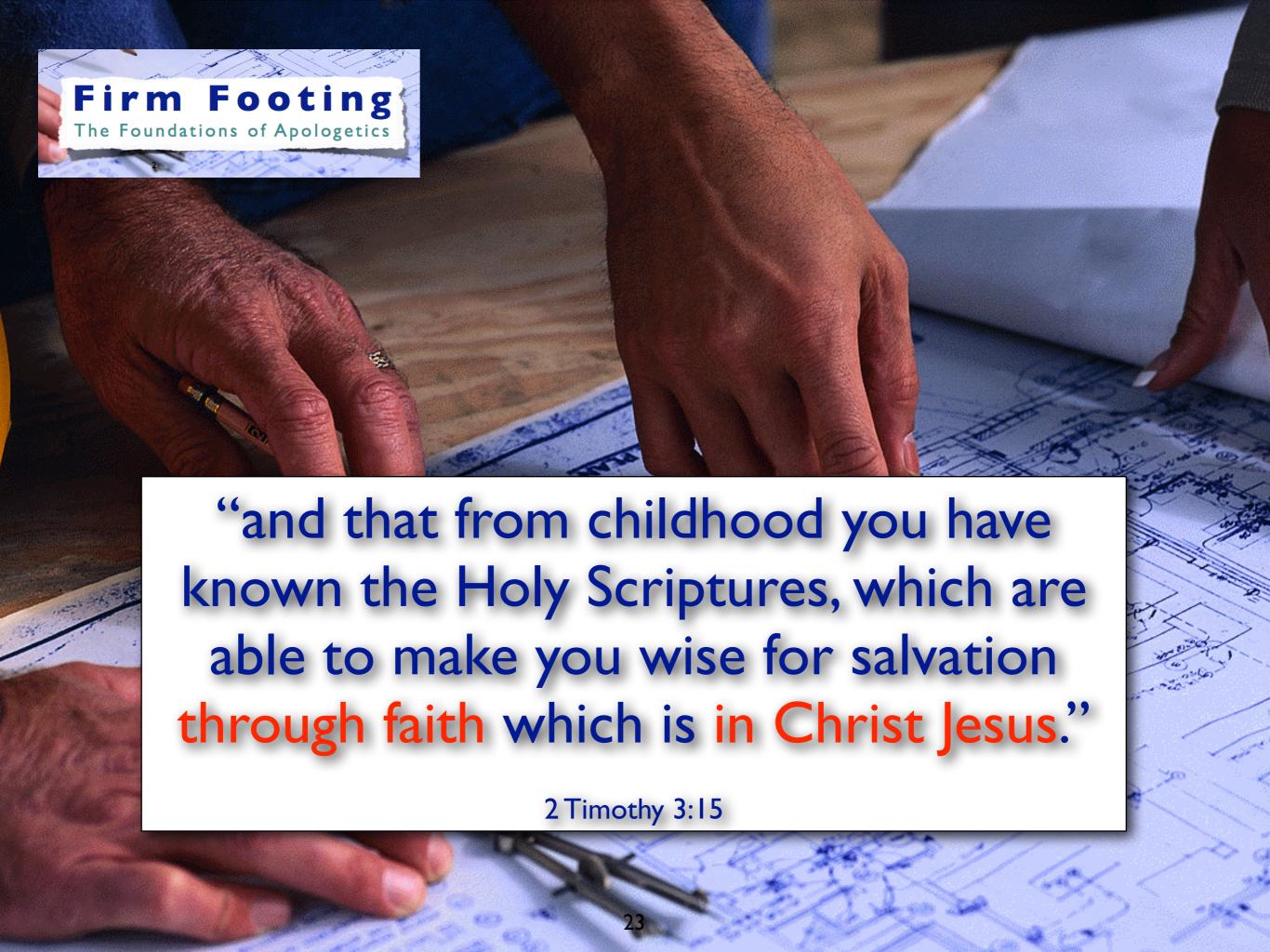
- I) to complete, finish
  - la) to furnish perfectly
- Ib) to finish, accomplish, (as it were, to render the days complete)



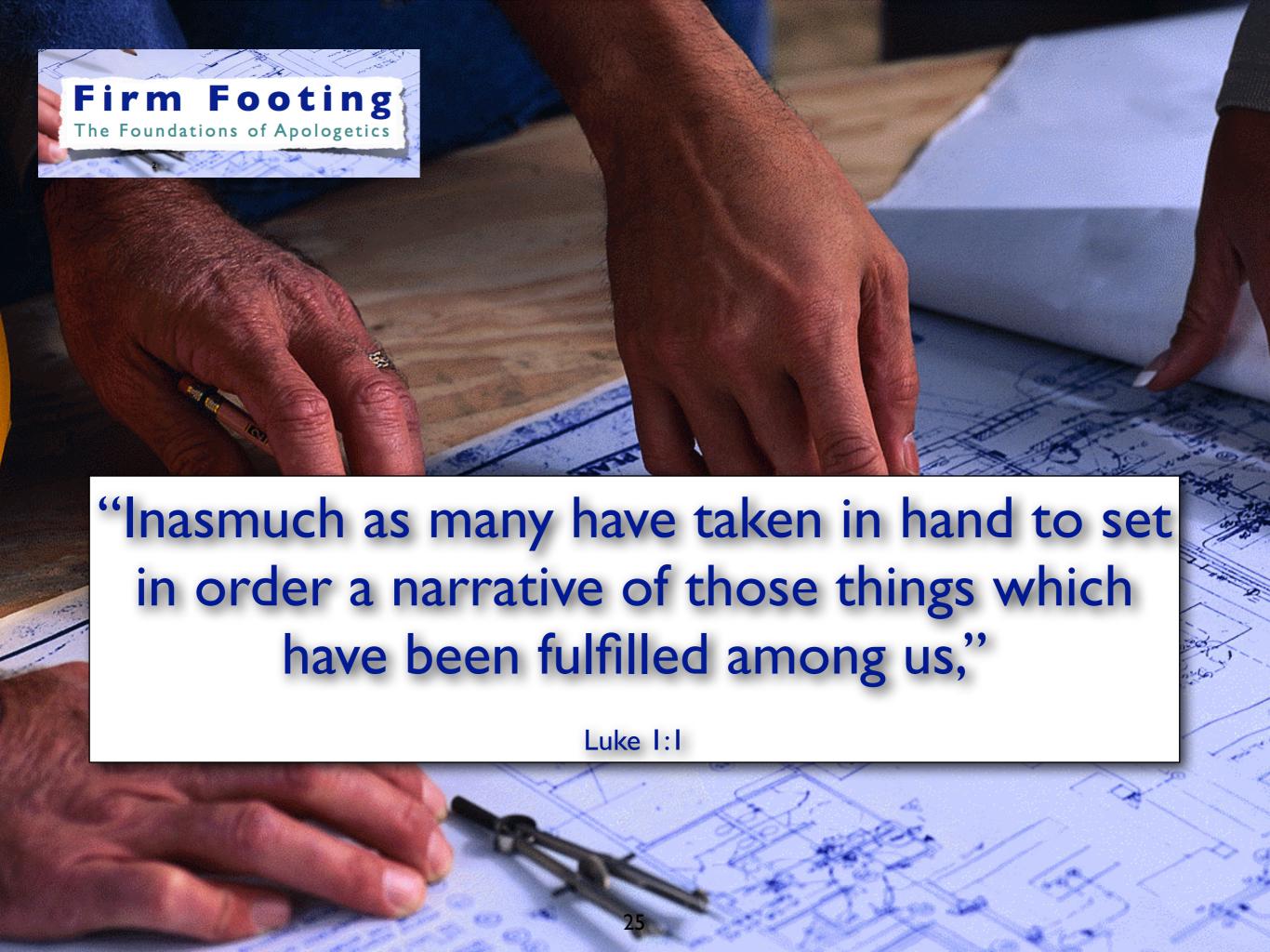


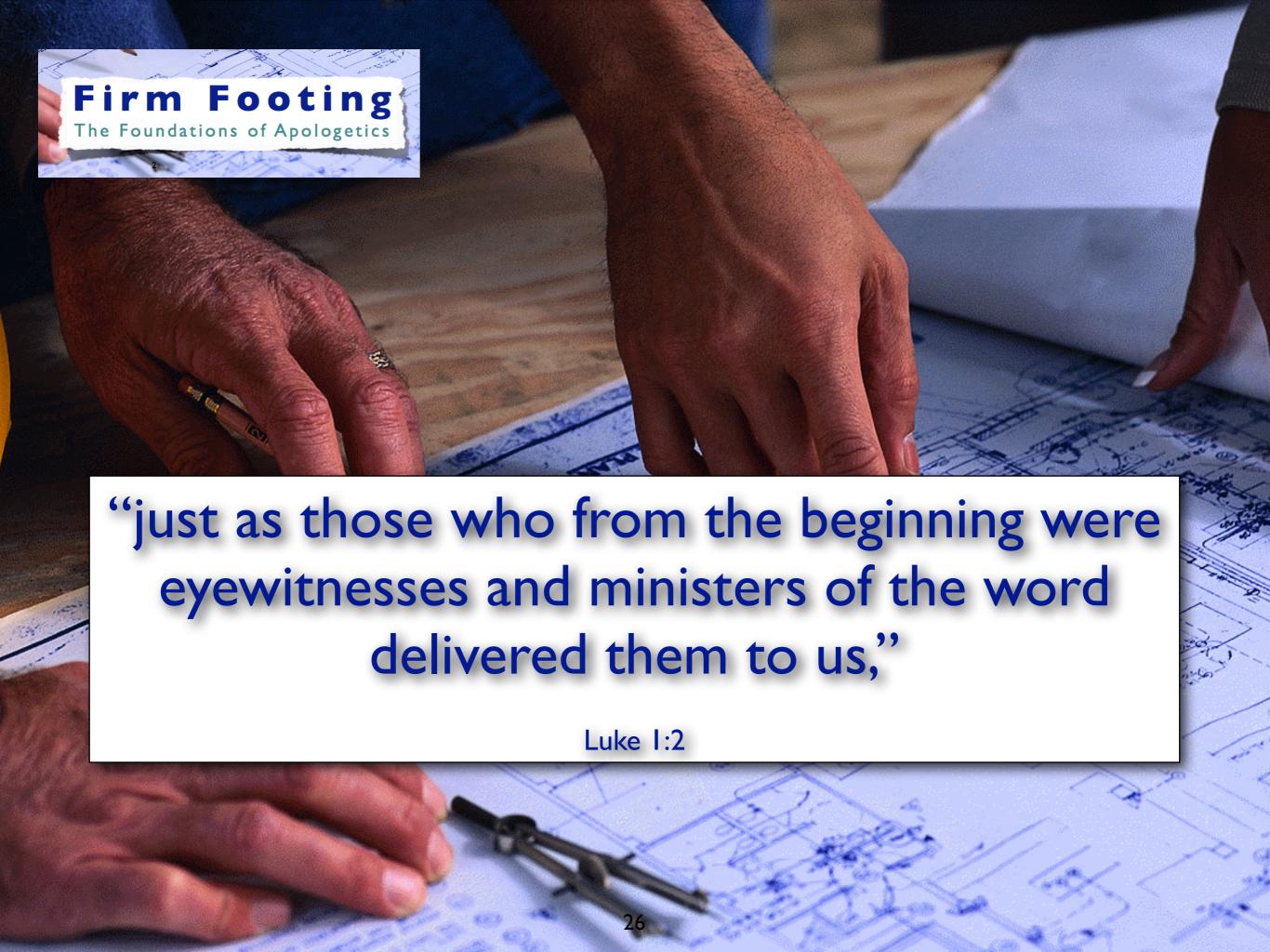


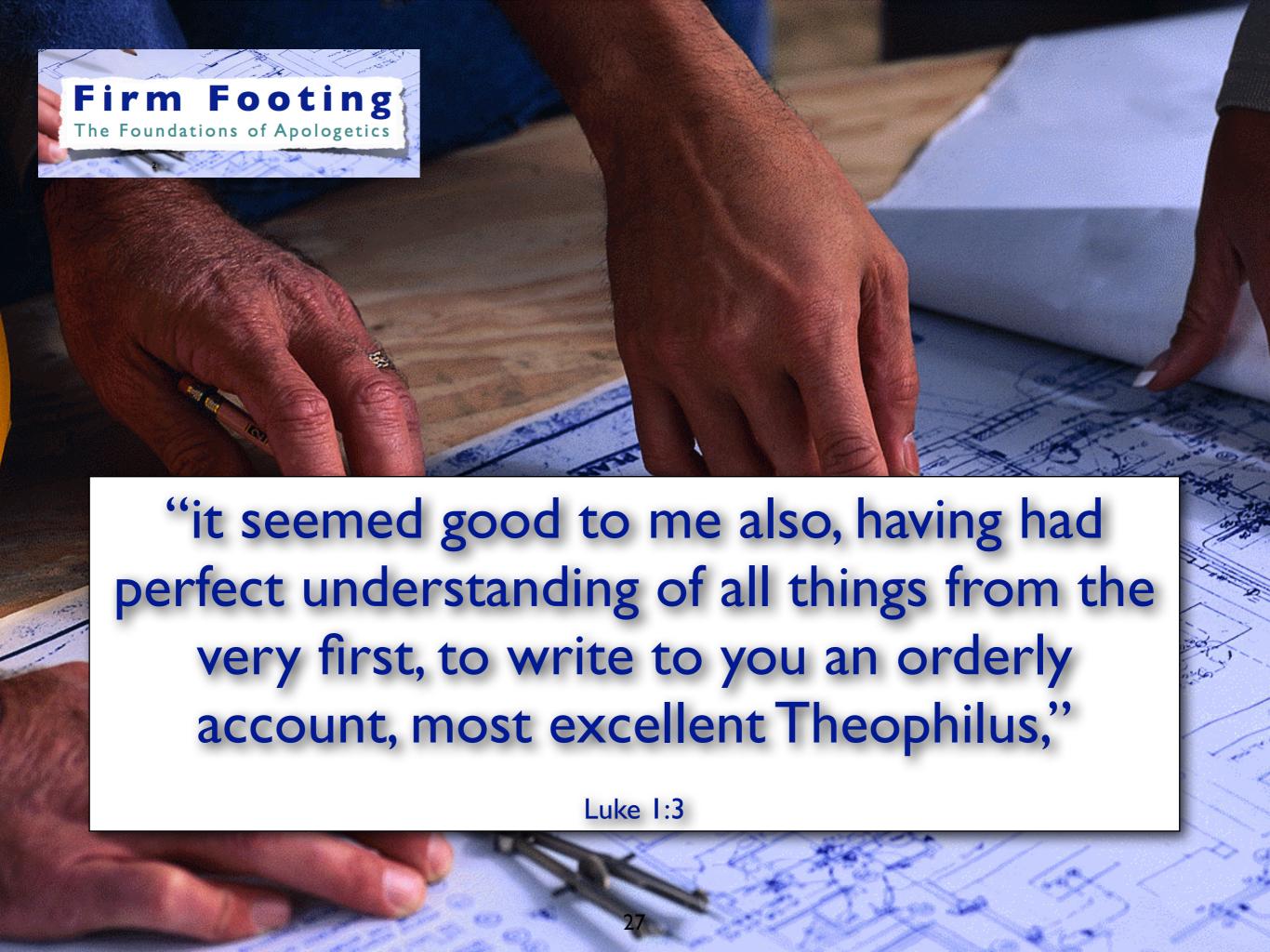


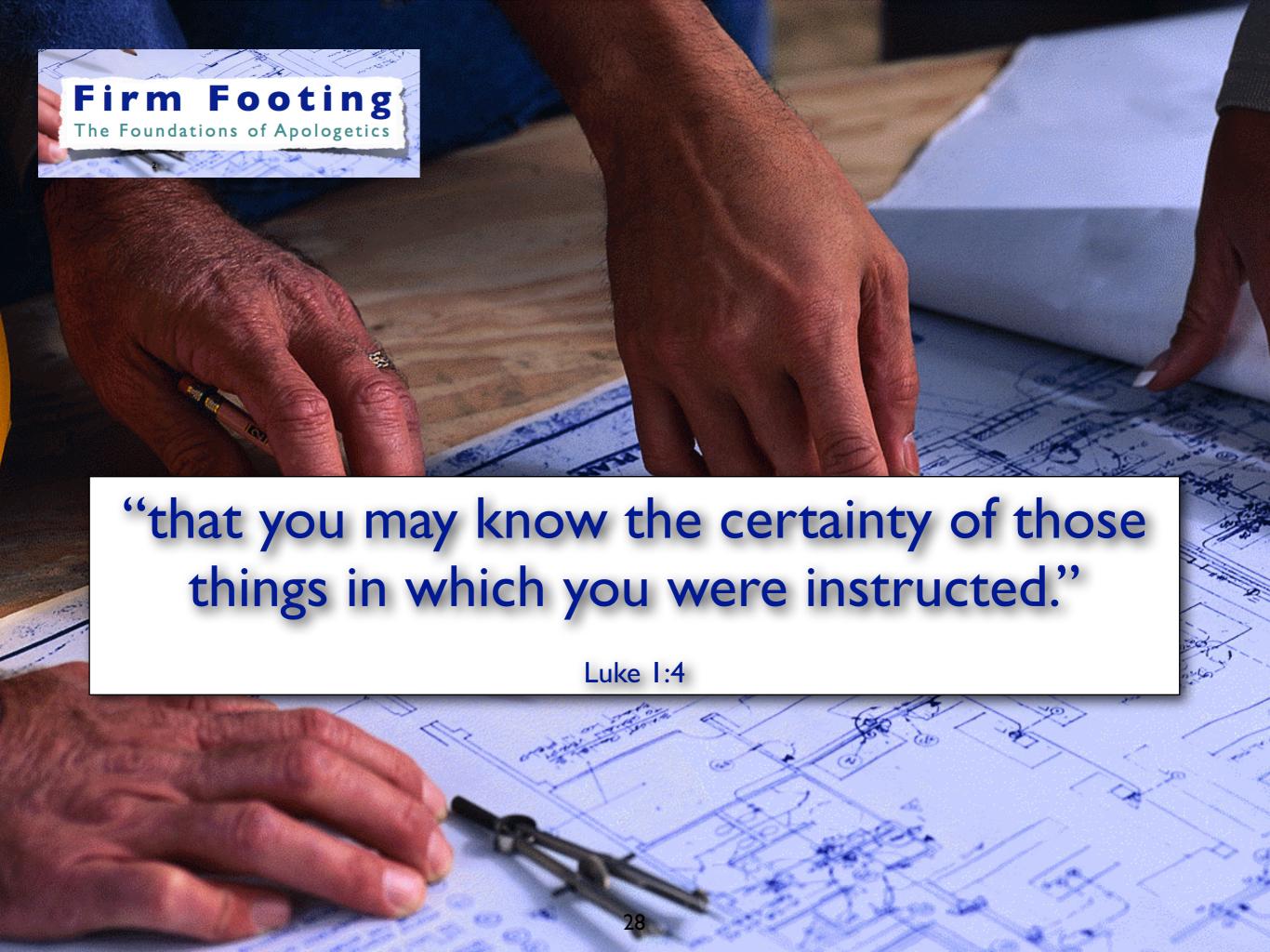














### certainty - adjective

804 ασφαλης asphales as-fal-ace'

from I (as a negative particle) and sfallw sphallo (to "fail"); TDNT - 1:506,87; adj

KJV - certainty 2, certain I, safe I, sure I; 5

- 1) firm (that which can be relied on)
- 2) certain, true
- 3) suited to confirm



#### make sure - verb

805 ασφαλιζω asphalizo as-fal-id'-zo

from 804; TDNT - 1:506,87; v

KJV - make sure 3, make fast 1; 4

- I) to make firm, to make secure (against harm)
- 2) to be made secure



# safely/assuredly - adverb

806 ασφαλως asphalos as-fal-oce'

from 804; TDNT - 1:506,87; adv

KJV - safely 2, assuredly 1; 3

I) safety (so as to prevent escape), assuredly



### Luke I:

Inasmuch as many have taken in hand to set in order (anatassomai - to put together, arrange, compose) a narrative (diegesis - declaration, narration, from diegeomai - to lead or carry a narration to the end, thus, relate in full) of those things which have been fulfilled (KJV - which are most surely believed - plerophoreo - to bring full, to make full, to cause a thing to be shown to the full, to carry through to the end, cf. anatassomai; to make certain, to persuade, to be fully persuaded, fully convinced) among us,



### Luke 1:2

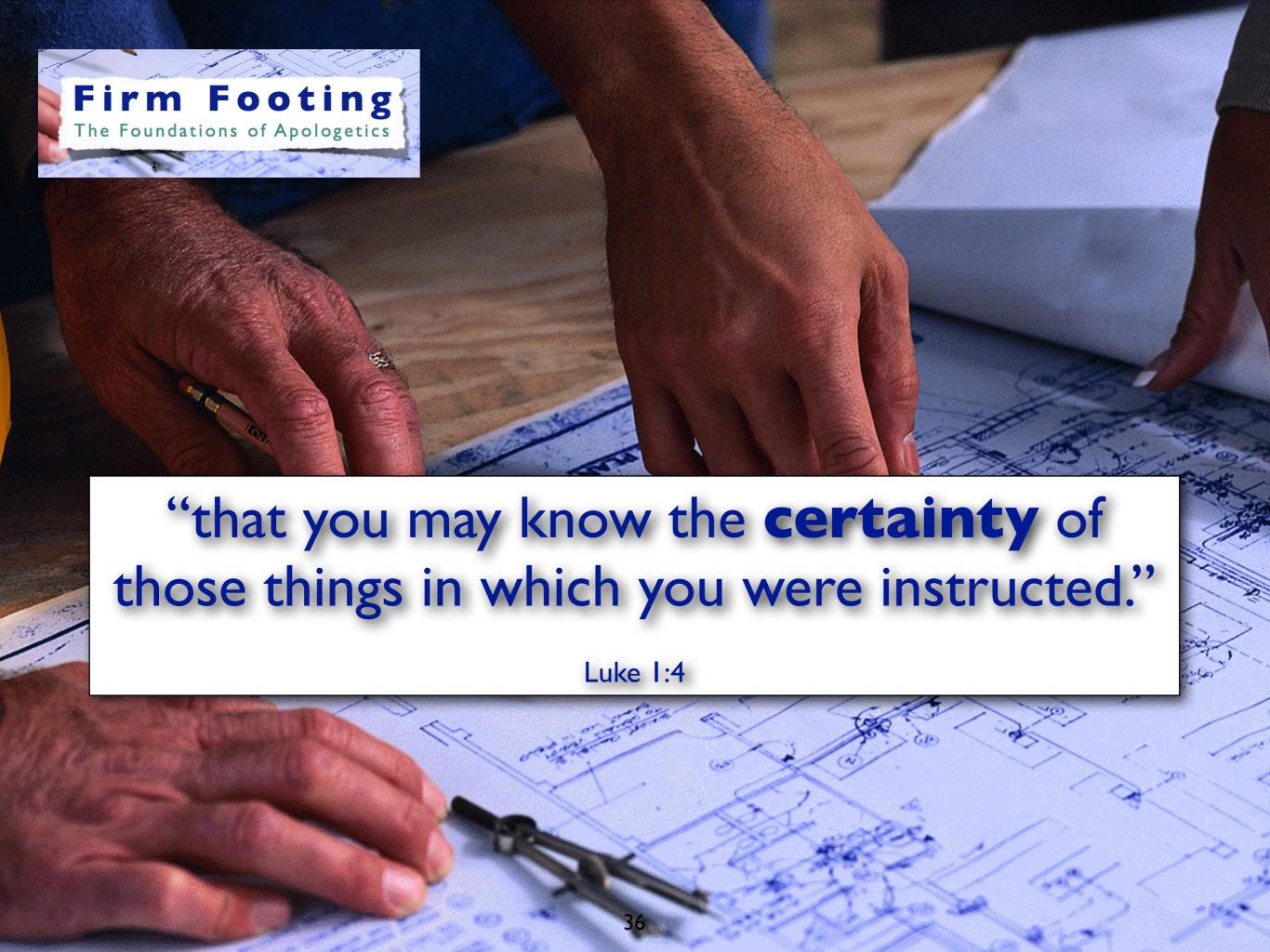
just as those who from the beginning were eyewitnesses (autoptes - seeing with one's own eyes) and ministers of the word delivered (paradidomi - give into the hands, custody, of another) them to us,



### Luke 1:3

it seemed good to me also, having had perfect (akribos - exact, accurate, diligent) understanding (parakoloutheo - to follow after, to follow close, to follow up a thing in mind so as to attain to the knowledge of it, to examine thorough, investigate) of all things from the very first (anothen - cf. arche earlier), to write to you an orderly account (kathexes - one after another, successively, in order), most excellent Theophilus,









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noun

a mixture of dark bituminous pitch with sand or gravel, used for surfacing roads, flooring, roofing, etc.

• the pitch used in this mixture, sometimes found in natural deposits but usually made by the distillation of crude oil.

verb [trans.] cover with asphalt.





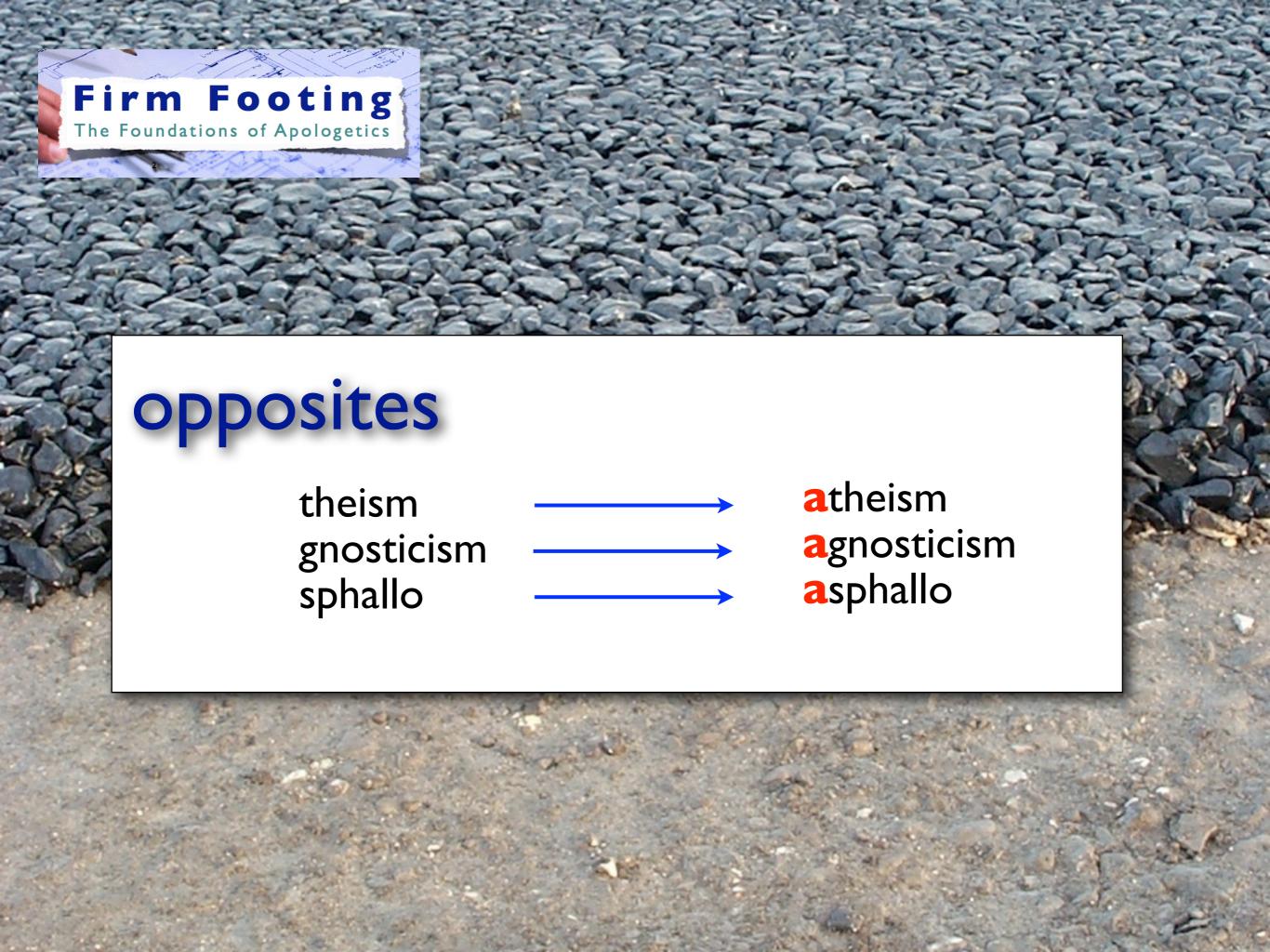
# safety/certainty - noun

803 ασφαλεια asphaleia as-fal'-i-ah

from 804; TDNT - 1:506,87; n f

KJV - safety 2, certainty 1; 3

- I) firmness, stability
- 2) certainty, undoubted truth
- 3) security from enemies and dangers, safety





### Luke 1:4

that you may know (epiginosko - to become thoroughly acquainted with, to know thoroughly, to know accurately, know well) the certainty (asphaleia - firmness, stability, undoubted truth) of those things in which you were instructed (katecheo - lit. to sound down, i.e. to teach, instruct by word of mouth, cf catechism).



### Luke 1:4 translations

"know the certainty" (ASV, KJV, NKJV, NIV)

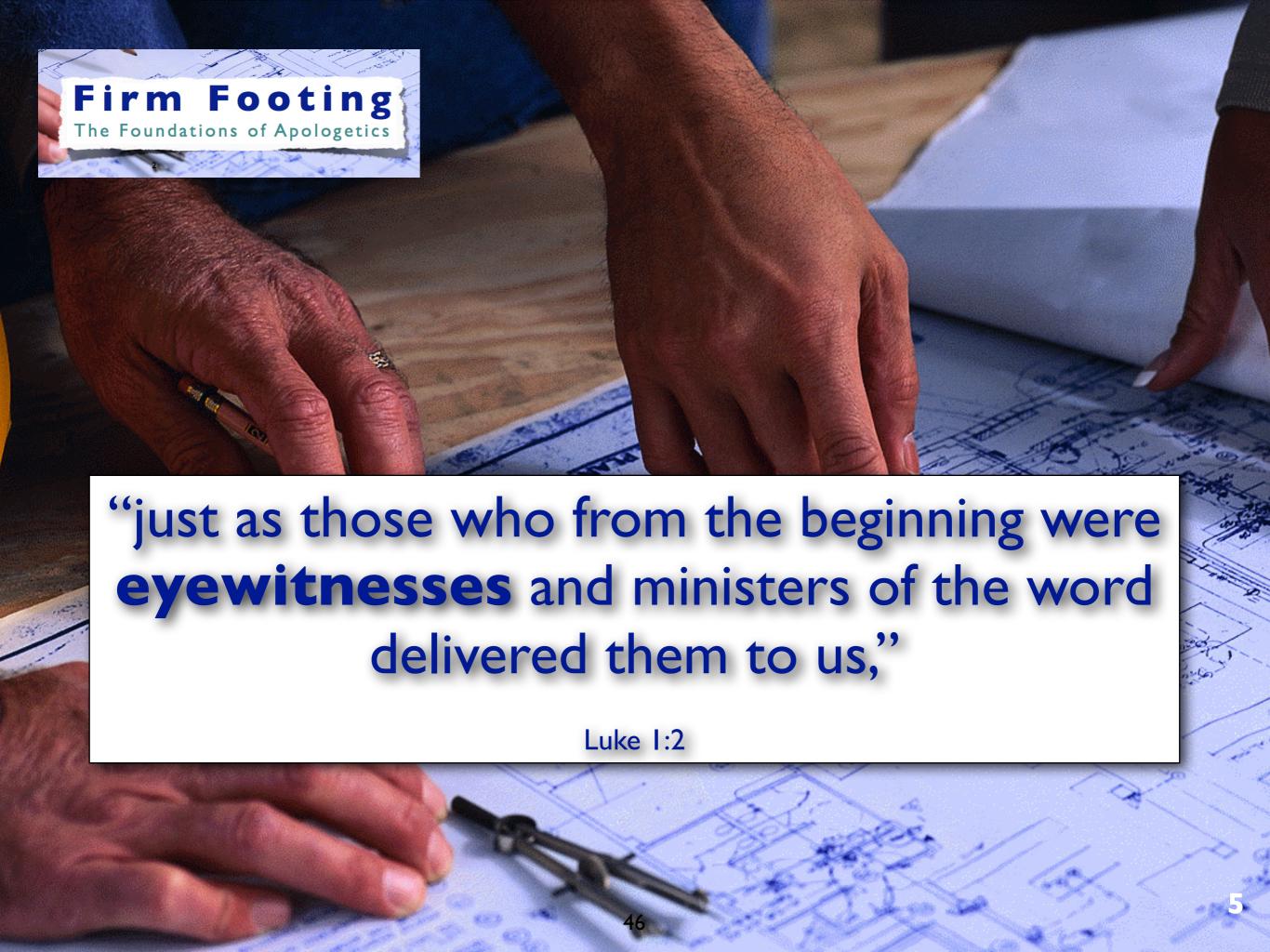
"that you may have certainty" (ESV)

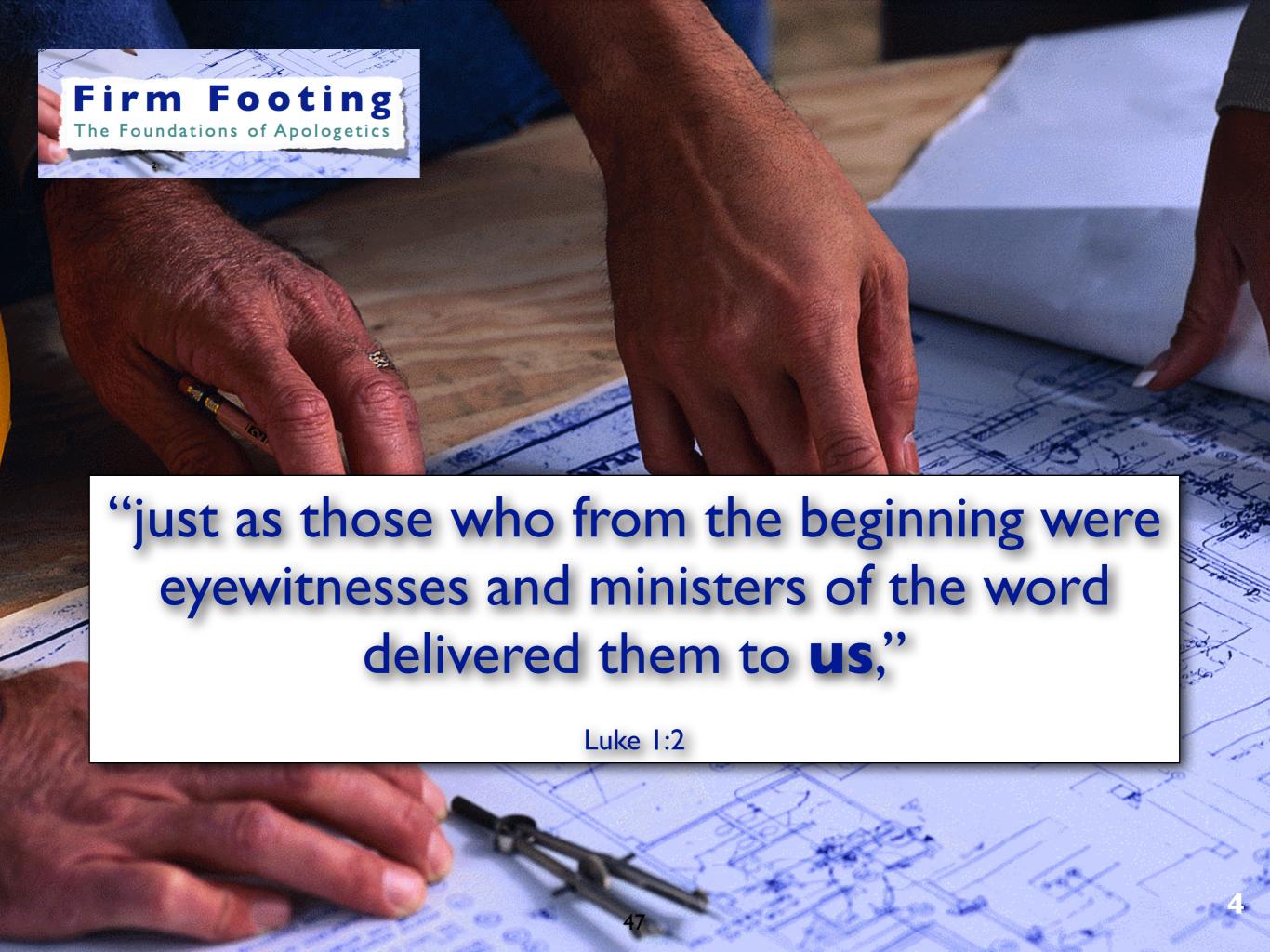
"might have certain knowledge" (BBE)

"may/might know the exact truth" (NAS95, NASB

"may know the truth" (NRSV, RSV)



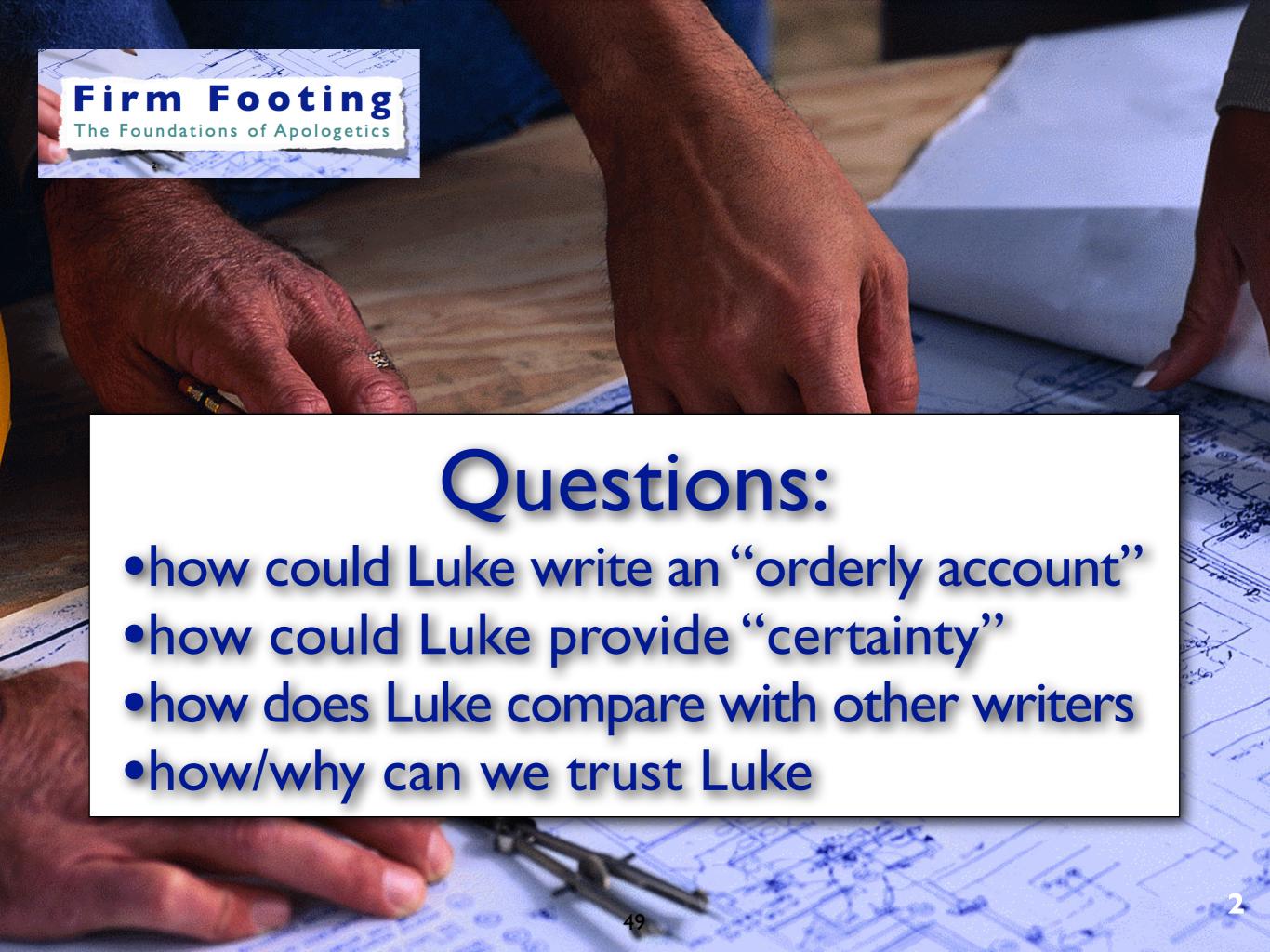


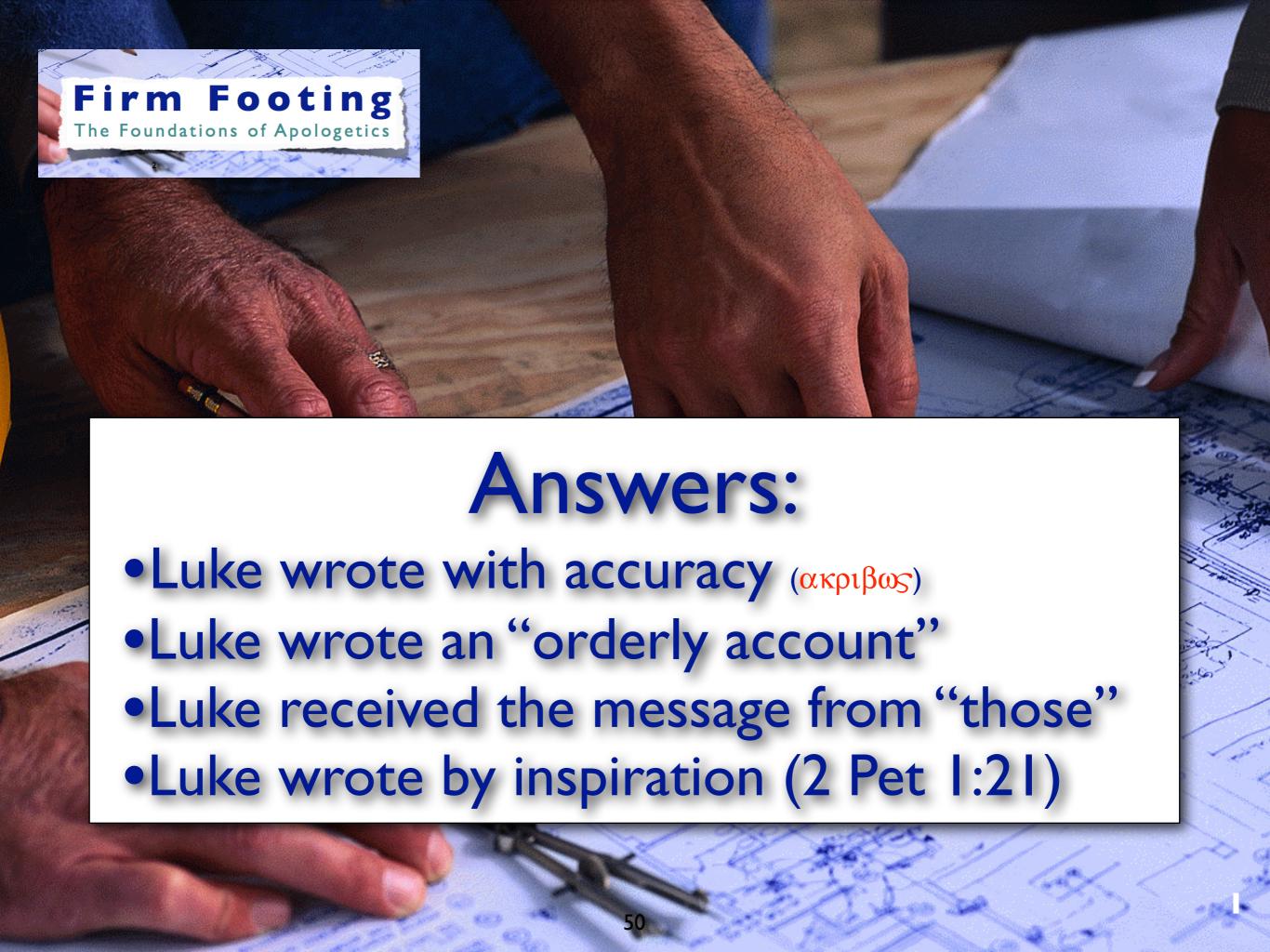




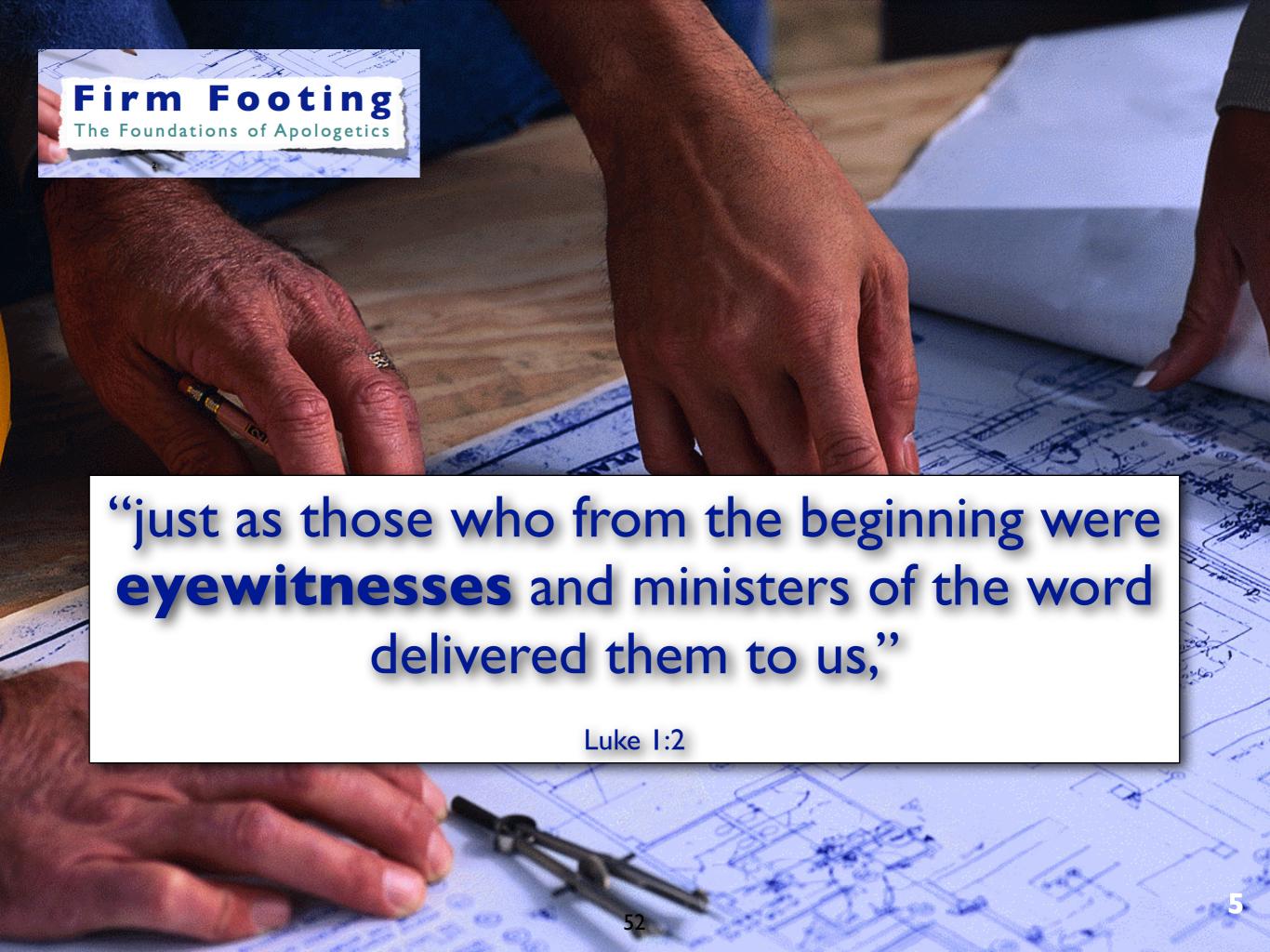
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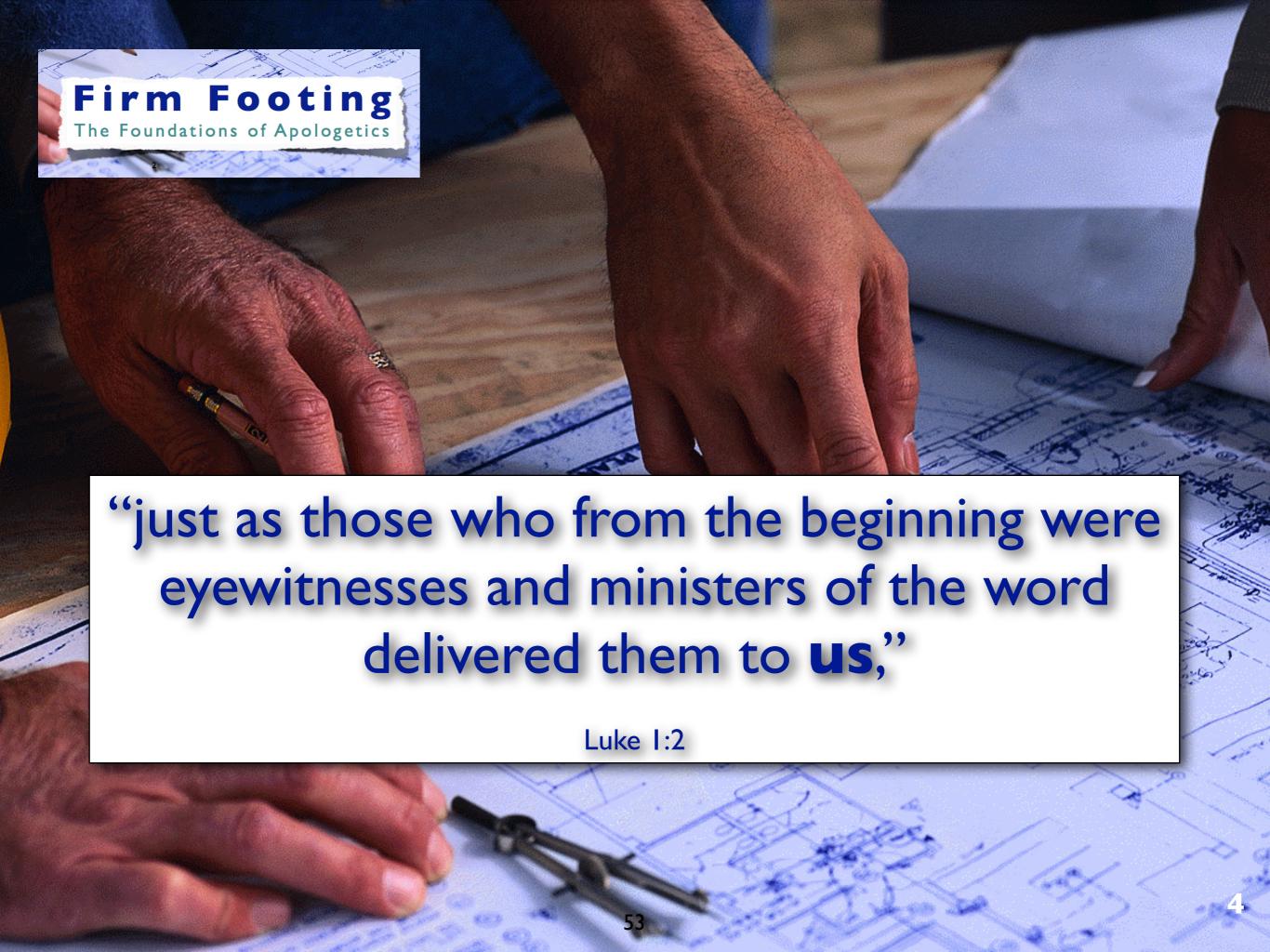
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- Luke was not "from the beginning"
- •Luke was not an "eyewitness"
- Luke was part of "us"
- Luke's knowledge was "second hand"













# Observations:

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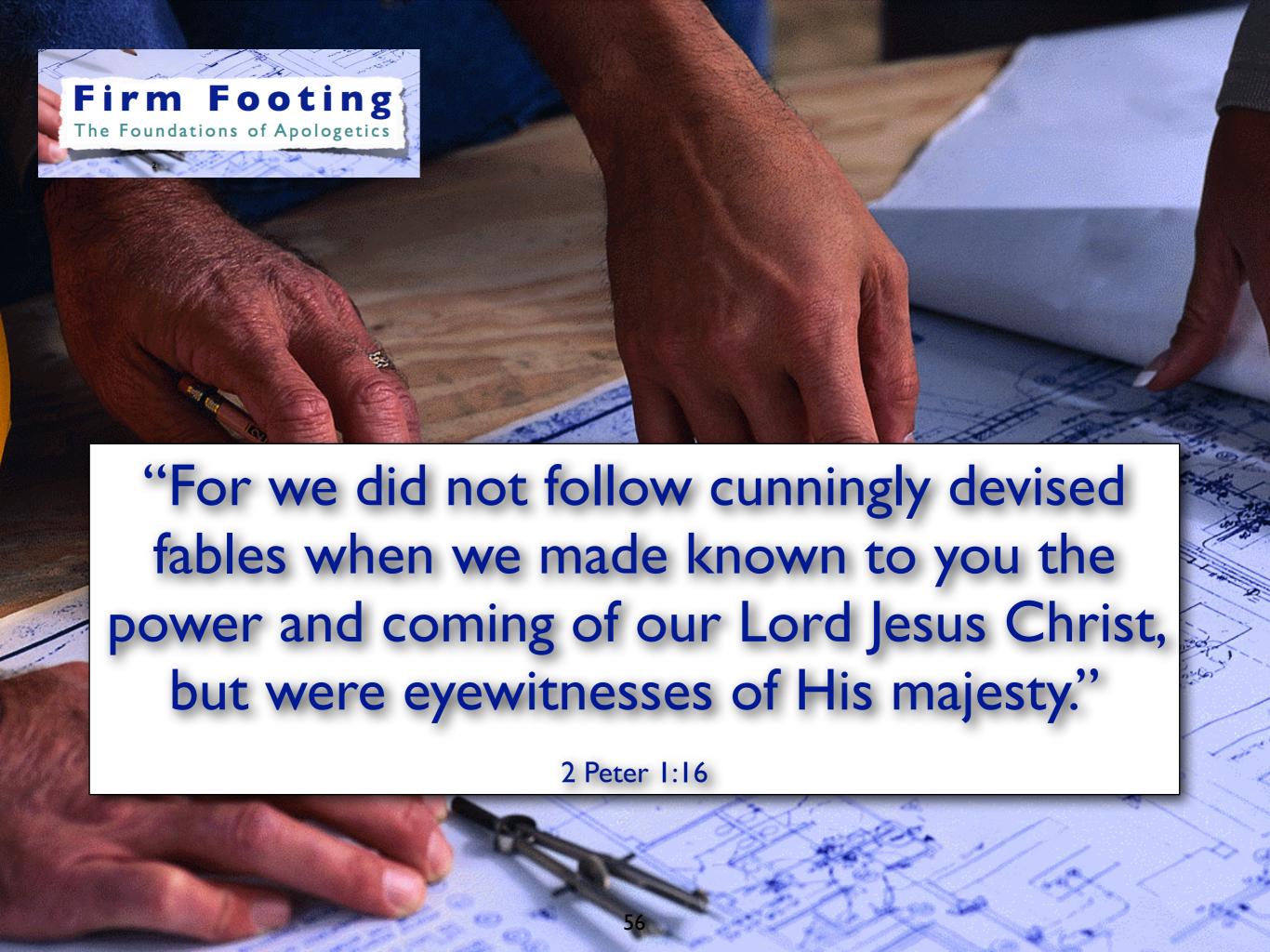
### eyewitness - noun

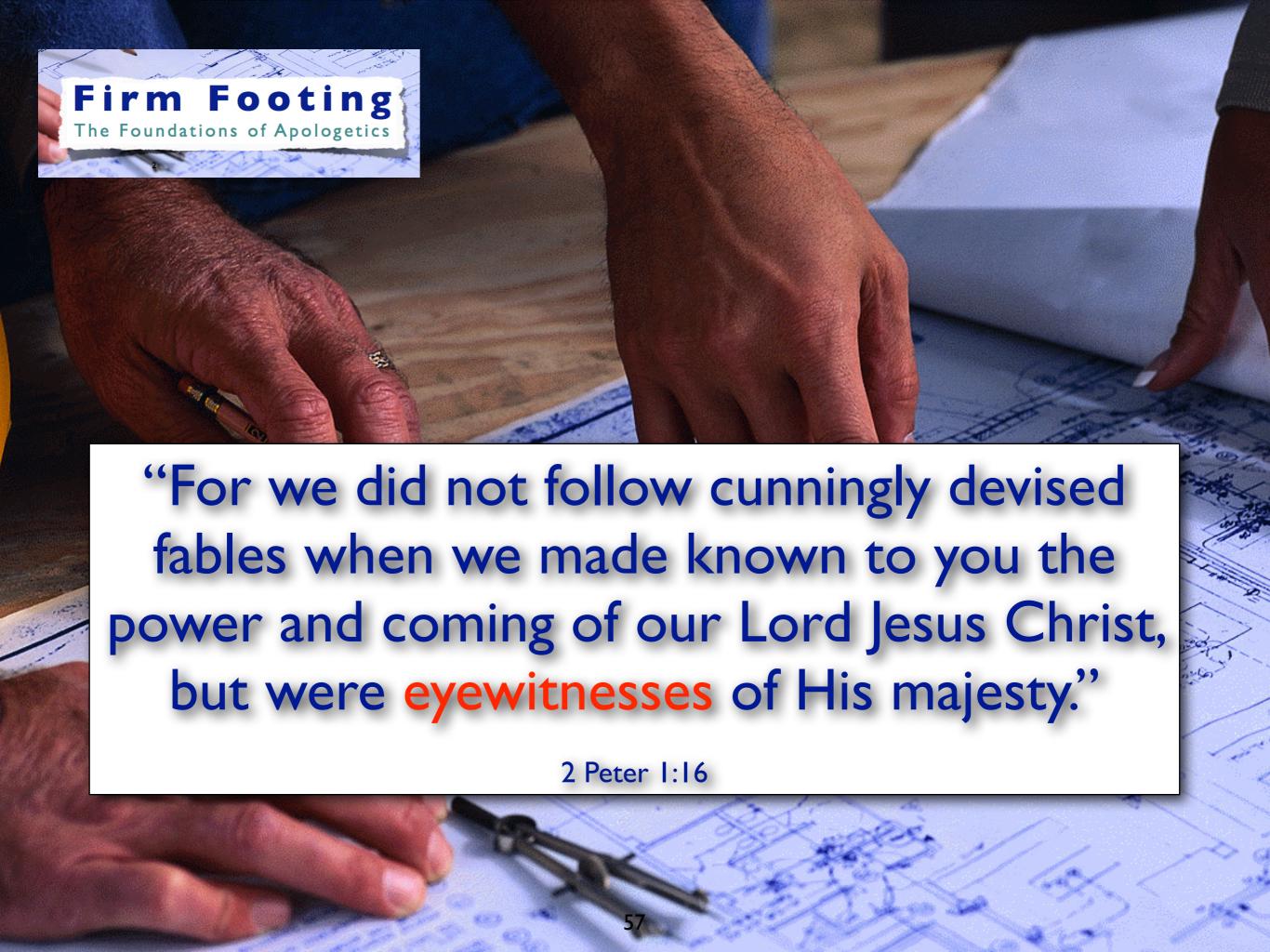
845 αυτοπτης autoptes ow-top'-tace

from 846 and 3700; TDNT - 5:373,706; n m

KJV - eyewitness I; I

I) seeing with one's own eye, an eye-witness
Ia) a medical term: autopsy, a detailed examination





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#### eyewitness - noun

2030 εποπτης epoptes ep-op'-tace

from 1909 and a presumed derivative of 3700; TDNT - 5:373,706; n m

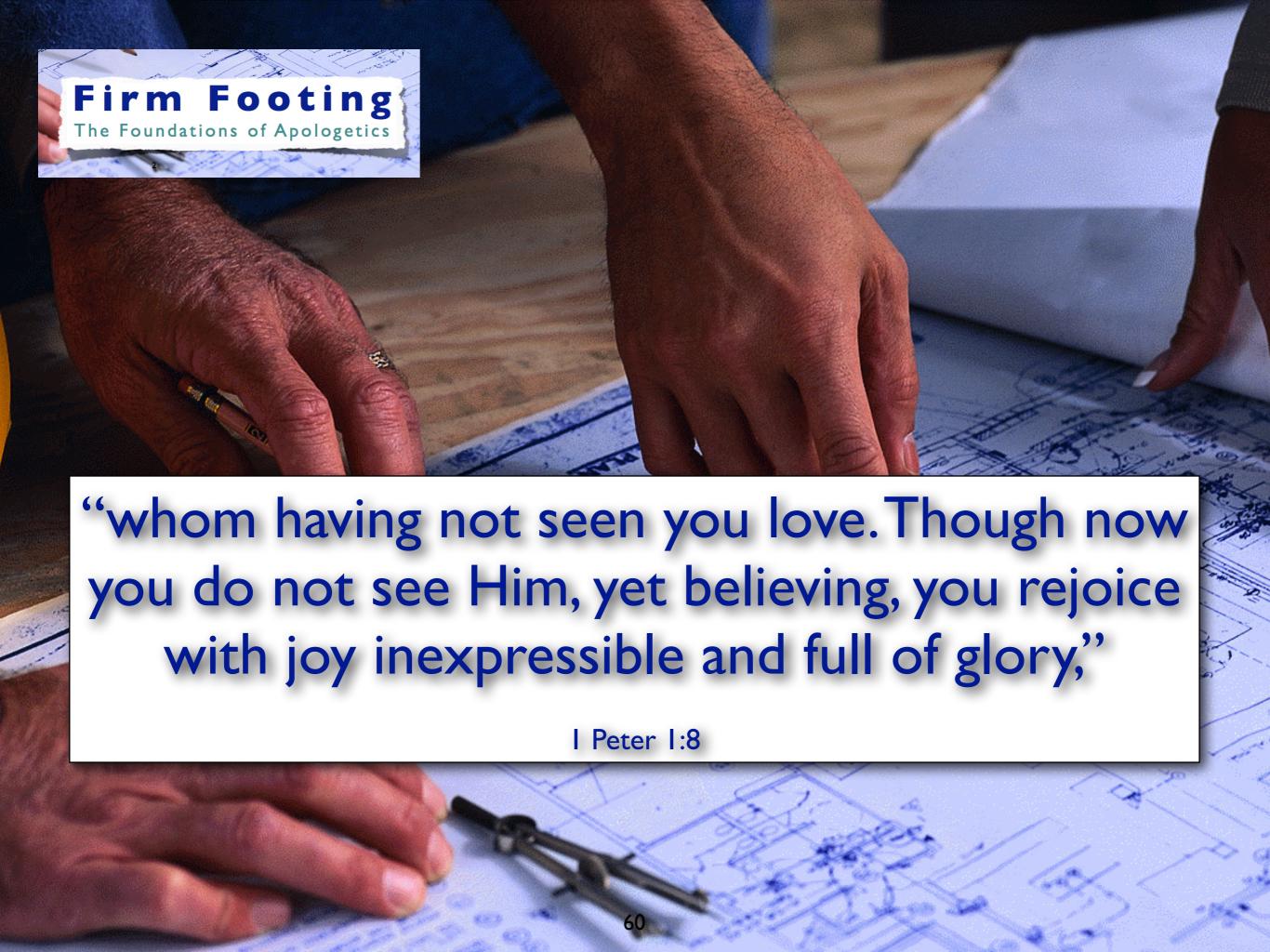
KJV - eyewitness I; I

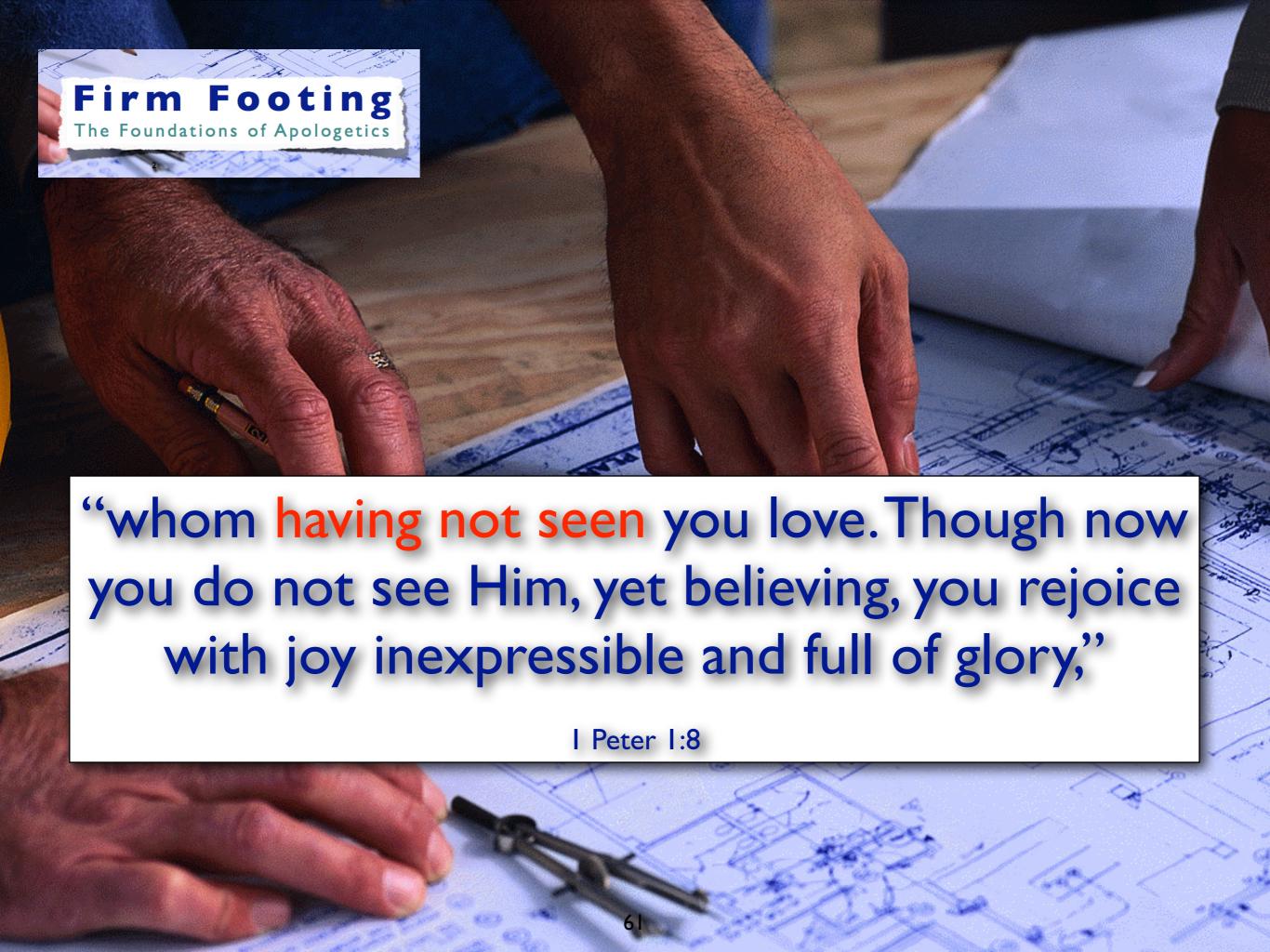
- 1) an overseer, inspector
- 2) spectator, eye witness of anything

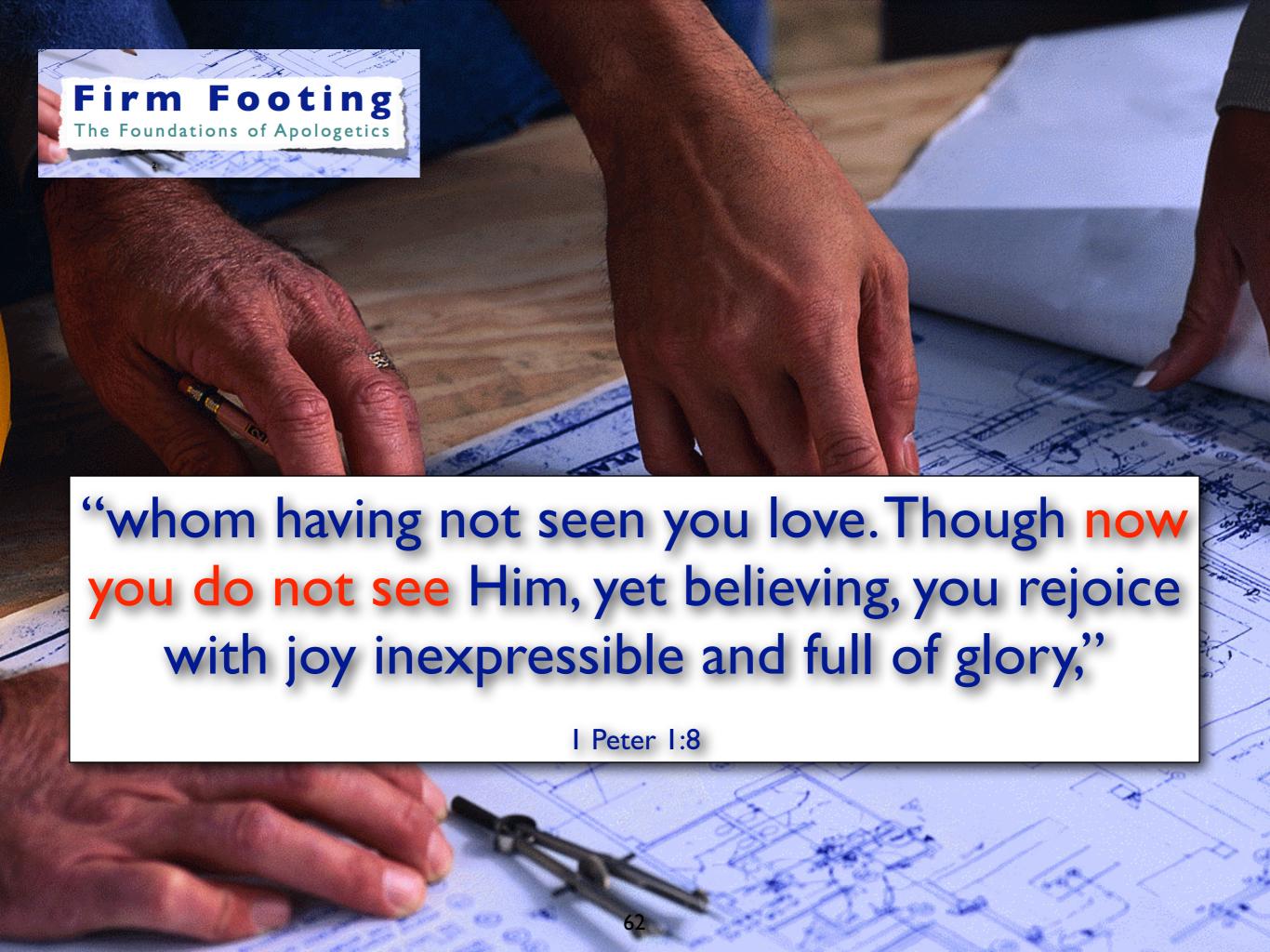


### eyewitness - noun

First aorist passive participle of ginomai, "but having become eye-witnesses."  $\varepsilon\pi\sigma\pi\tau\alpha$ 1, old word (from  $\varepsilon\pi\sigma\pi\tau\omega$  like  $\varepsilon\pi\sigma\pi\tau\varepsilon\nu\omega$  in IPe 2:12; 3:2), used of those who attained the third or highest degree of initiates in the Eleusinian mysteries (common in the inscriptions). Cf.  $\alpha\nu\tau\sigma\pi\tau\eta\varsigma$  in Lu I:2. ... Peter clearly felt that he and James and John were lifted to the **highest** stage of initiation at the Transfiguration of Christ. [RWP]









Simon Peter, a bondservant and apostle of Jesus Christ, To those who have obtained like precious faith with us by the righteousness of our God and Savior Jesus Christ: Grace and peace be multiplied to you in the knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord,

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