
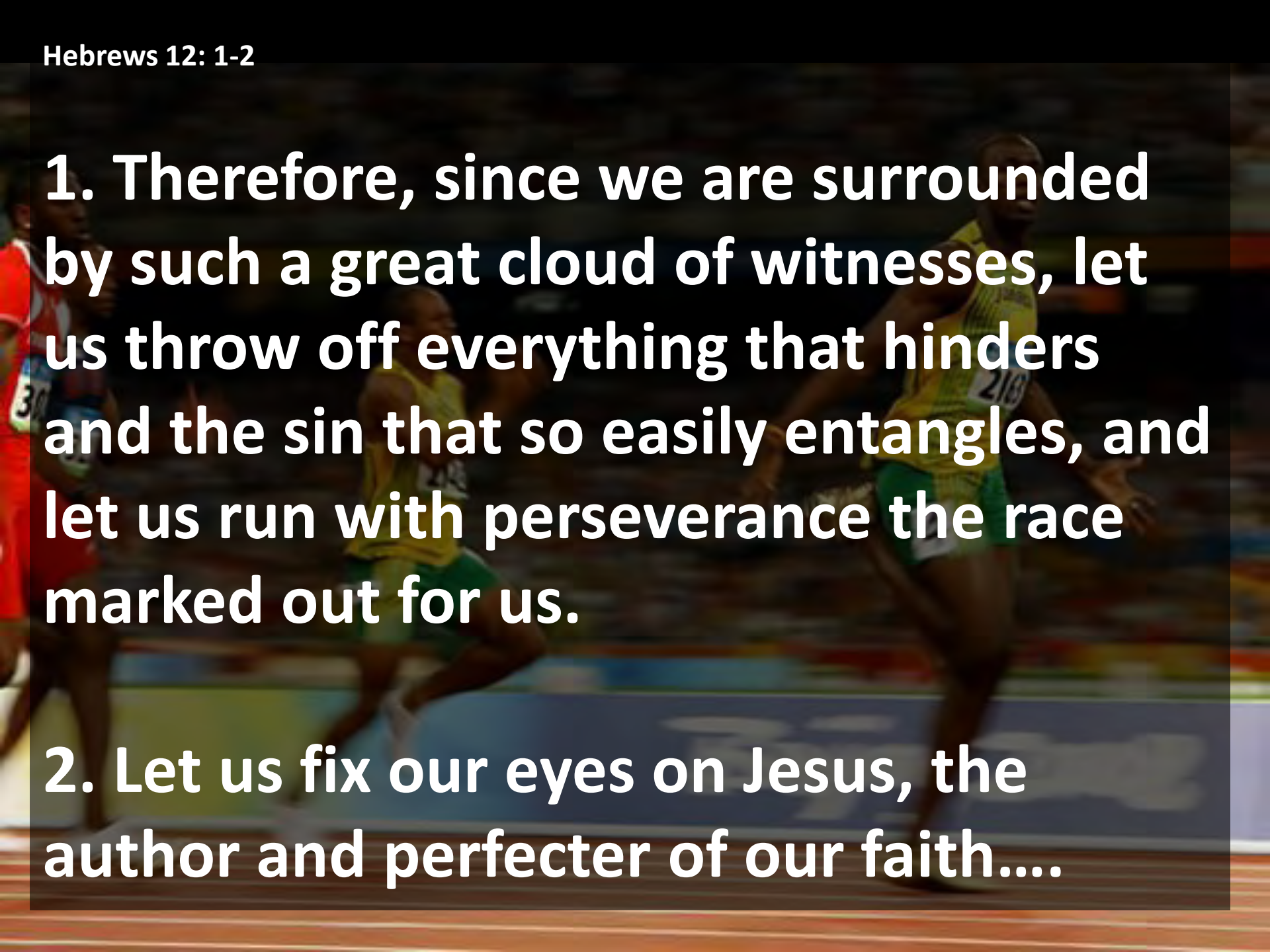


*Tongan National Conference June 2010*

A large black cross silhouette is centered in the background against a sunset sky with orange and yellow hues. The cross is positioned on the right side of the frame, extending from the top to the bottom.

**“FANAU ‘O E IKUNA’  
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**1. Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles, and let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us.**

**2. Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith....**

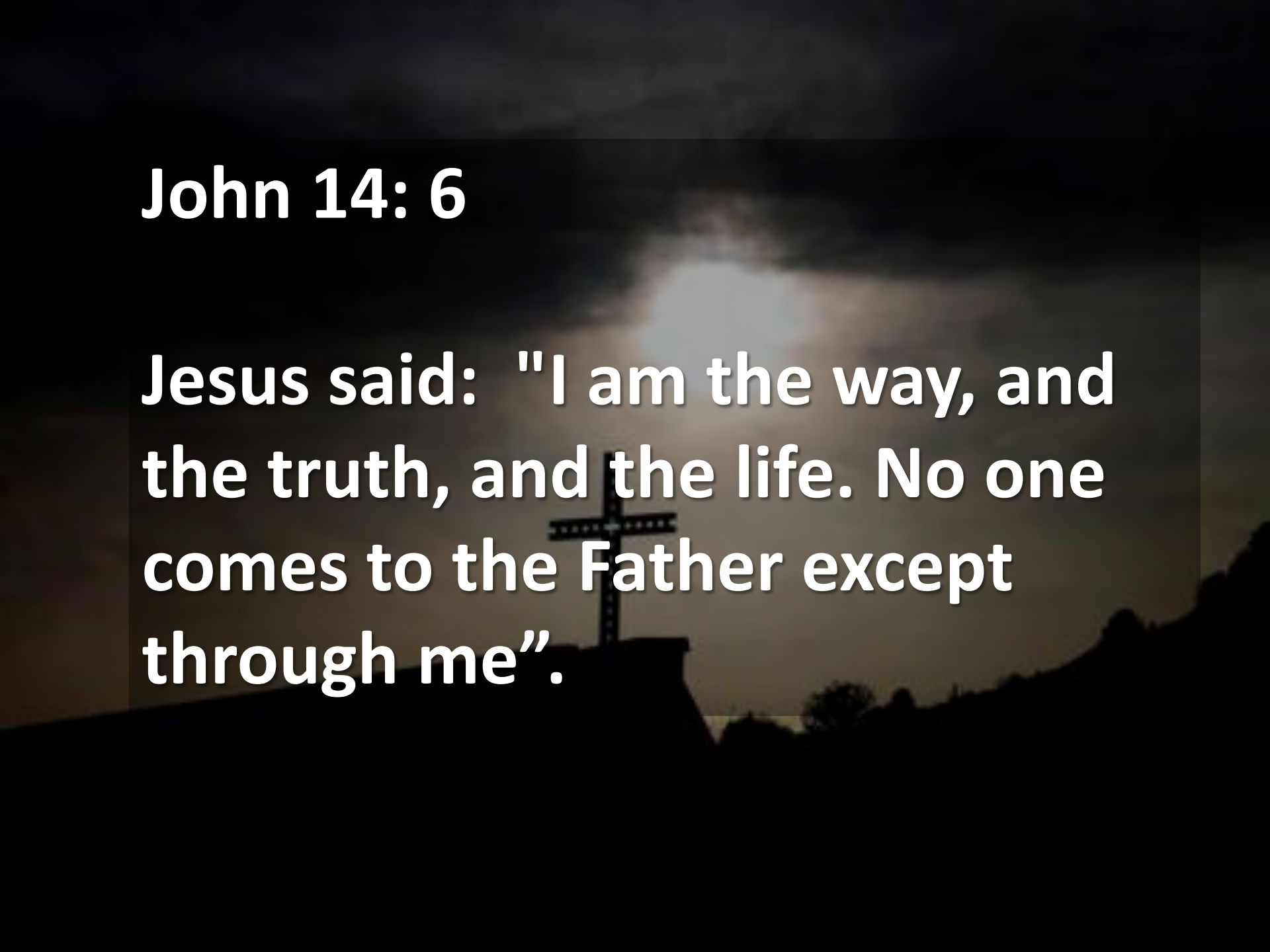
# **Presentation will focus on three points**

- 1. What we believe as Christians**
- 2. Where the Uniting Church is going wrong:**
  - a. Apostasy
  - b. Misuse of power
- 3. Confessing Christ as Lord in the world today.**

**What do we believe as  
Christians?**

## John 14: 6

Jesus said: "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me".

A silhouette of a cross on a hill against a cloudy sky at sunset or sunrise. The cross is the central focus, standing on a dark silhouette of a hill. The sky is filled with soft, glowing clouds, suggesting a bright light source behind them, creating a dramatic and spiritual atmosphere.

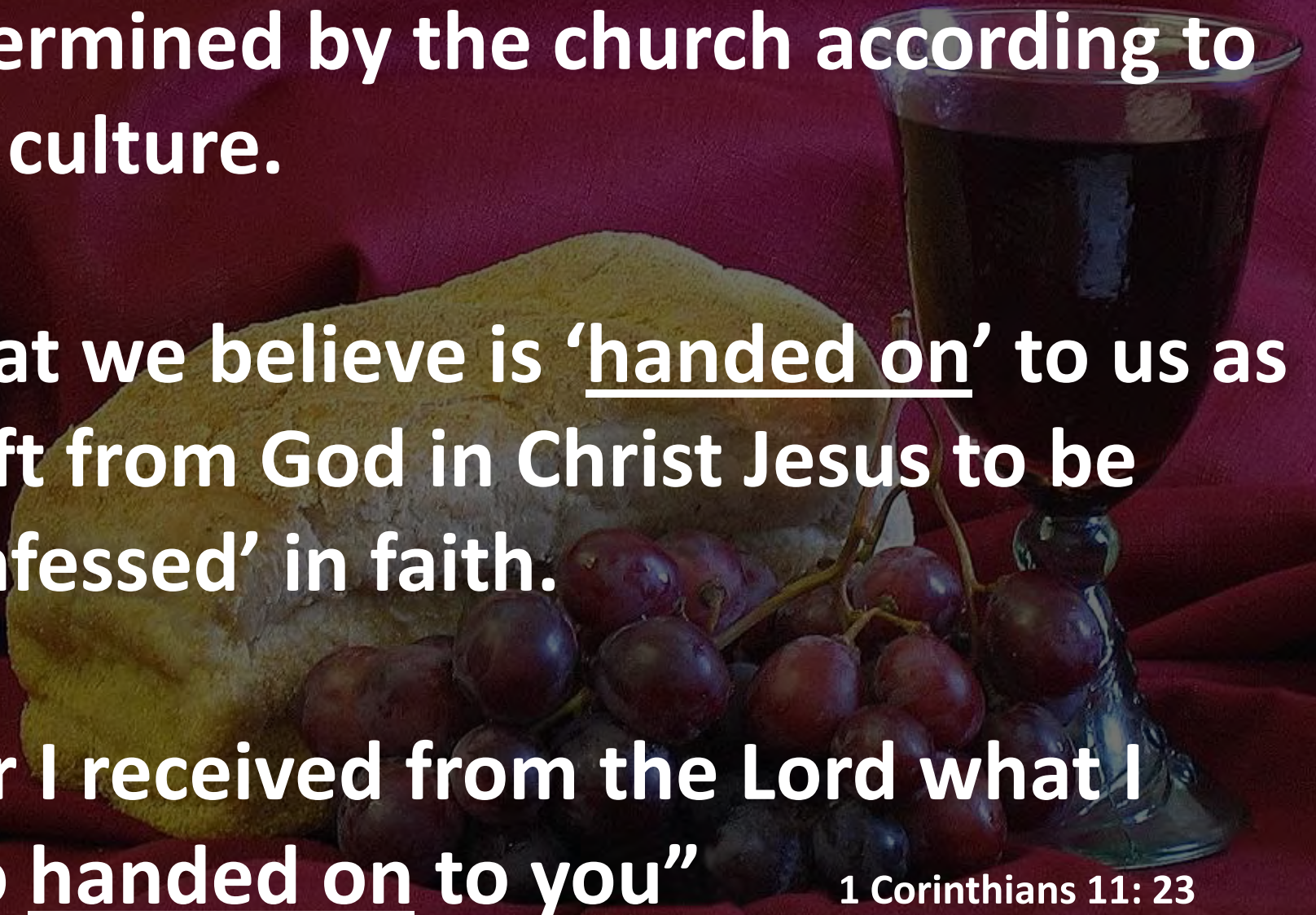
The Uniting Church acknowledges that the faith and unity of the Holy Catholic and Apostolic Church are built upon the **one Lord Jesus Christ**. The Church preaches Christ the risen crucified One and confesses him as Lord to the glory of God the Father.

The faith of the church is not determined by the church according to our culture.

What we believe is 'handed on' to us as a gift from God in Christ Jesus to be 'confessed' in faith.

"For I received from the Lord what I also handed on to you"

1 Corinthians 11: 23



**Where is the  
Uniting Church in Australia  
going wrong?**

# Apostasy!

UCA Assembly endorses R84 (2003) and R108 (2006) which endorses *fakasotoma* as an appropriate sexual ethic for its ordained ministers.

As a result the church “**departs**” (*to become apostate*) from the faith.

Hebrews 3: 12

See to it, brothers, that none of you has a sinful, unbelieving heart that turns away from the living God”.

**The UCA has become Apostate**



**Kuo hinga 'a e Siasi**

**Moral decay in  
sexual standards  
for UCA Ministers**

# NEW FAITH

St. Michaels UCA

Melbourne



**Jesus only a Jewish peasant,  
NOT the Son of God.**



## PREAMBLE TO THE CONSTITUTION

- **The Basis of Union is sidelined**
- **The Uniqueness of Jesus Christ is compromised**
- **Language of ‘First and second’ people’s not appropriate in the Body of Christ** *Galatians 3: 28, Romans 2: 11*



**UNITING NETWORK  
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# **“Daring to Join”**

**Explore  
Your Faith**

**Make friends  
& have fun**

**Worship**



**Enjoy  
Workshops**

**Commit to  
your partner**

**Share meals**

**Melbourne gathering 11 – 14 June 2010**

**Centre for Theology & Ministry, 1 Morrison Close,  
Parkville (limited on-site accommodation available)**

**Bible Study Leader: Rev. Dr Gwen Ince**

**Special Guest: Rev. Alistair Macrae, President of the  
Uniting Church in Australia**

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# Ecumenical Relationships



Greek Orthodox Church has **“suspended”** its relationship with the UCA because of the issue of Sexuality & Leadership

# School Teacher's Booklet

**Strengthening Service Learning Together**

Kindergarten to Year 12



# DISCRIMINATION DUE TO SEXUAL DIVERSITY



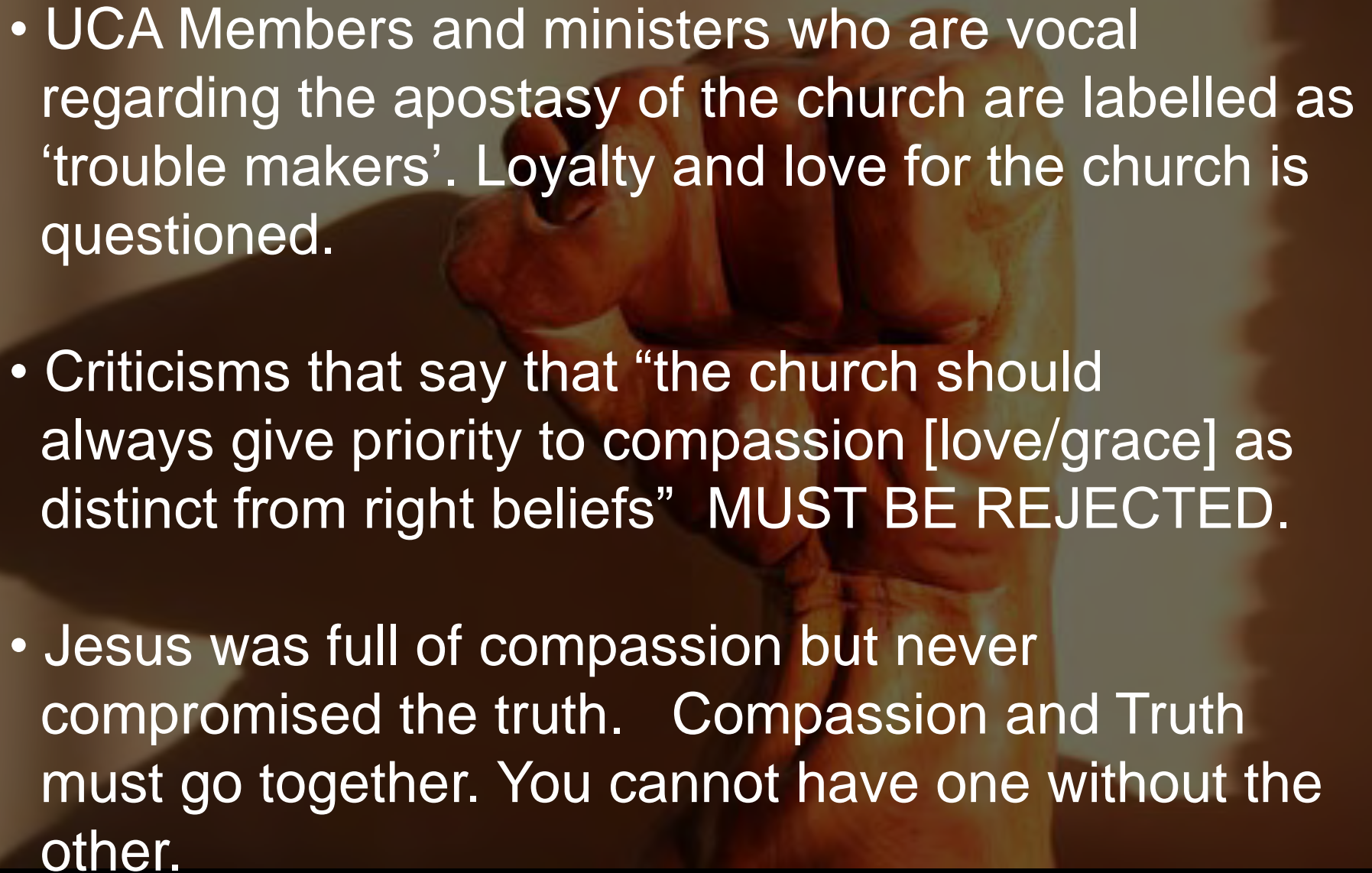
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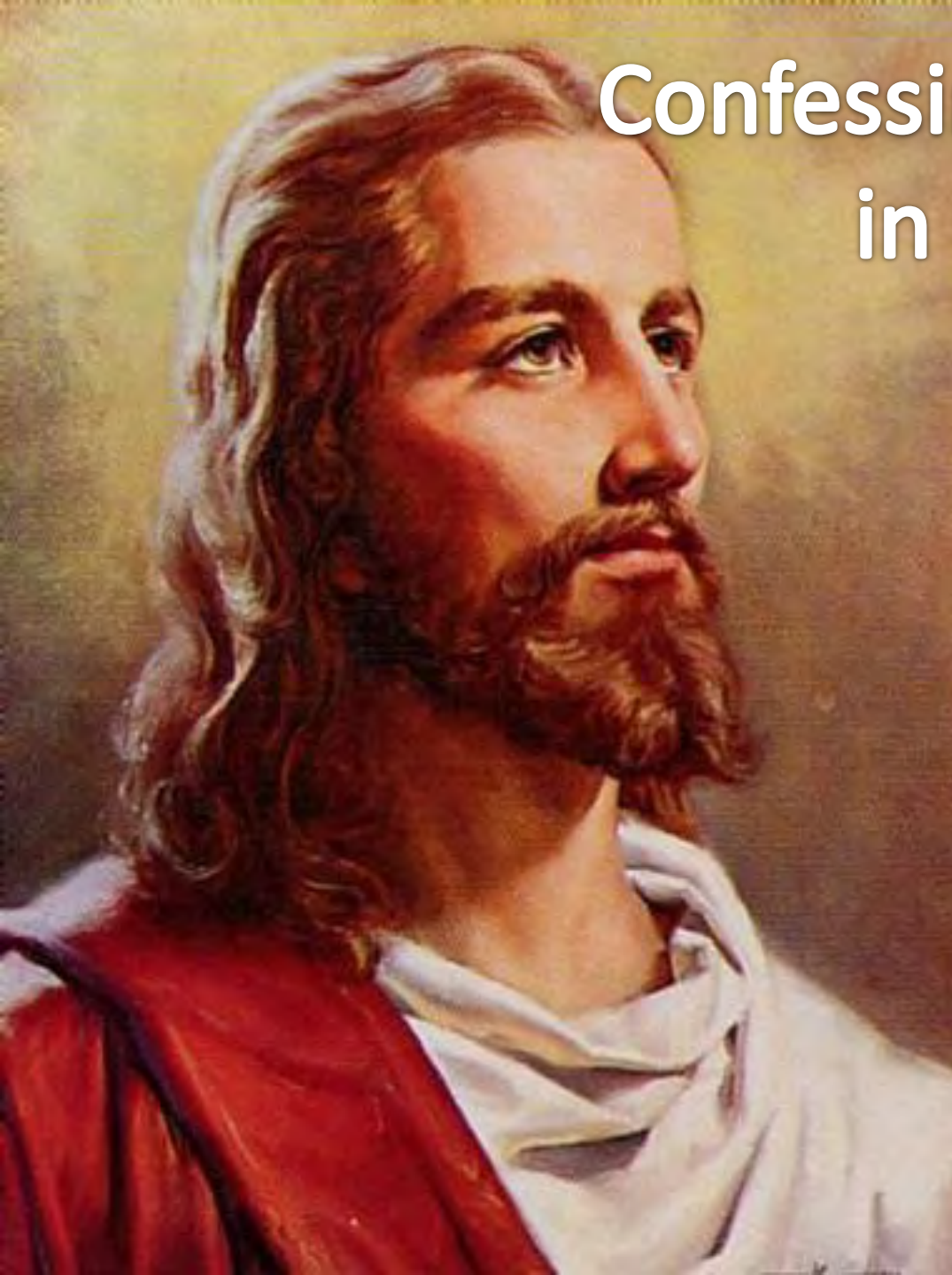
UnitingCare West is helping our country communities become more inclusive and welcoming of same sex attracted young people by creating local support groups for them and their families, delivering community education, and empowering local people to build awareness and acceptance of sexual diversity within their community.

# Misuse of Power

A close-up photograph of a hand with the index and middle fingers extended, forming a raised fist. The hand is positioned in the center of the frame, with the fingers pointing towards the top right. The lighting is dramatic, with strong highlights on the knuckles and the tips of the fingers, while the rest of the hand and the background are in deep shadow. The background is a warm, golden-brown color with a subtle, repeating pattern of the raised fist symbol, creating a textured effect.

- UCA leaders control information that is released into the public domain.
- They say *'nothing has changed'* despite protest by well over 24, 000 people in 2003.
- Grace, compassion, tolerance & Love are misused to mean 'acceptance' of sin "fakasotoma".

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- UCA Members and ministers who are vocal regarding the apostasy of the church are labelled as ‘trouble makers’. Loyalty and love for the church is questioned.
  - Criticisms that say that “the church should always give priority to compassion [love/grace] as distinct from right beliefs” **MUST BE REJECTED.**
  - Jesus was full of compassion but never compromised the truth. Compassion and Truth must go together. You cannot have one without the other.



**Confessing Christ as Lord  
in the world today.**

**How?**

## **2 Timothy 4:1-3**

**1. In the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who will judge the living and the dead, and because he is coming to rule as King, I solemnly urge you 2 to preach the message, to insist upon proclaiming it (whether the time is right or not), to convince, reproach, and encourage, as you teach with all patience. 3 The time will come when people will not listen to sound doctrine, but will follow their own desires and will collect for themselves more and more teachers who will tell them what they are itching to hear.**

## 1 Peter 1: 13-16

**"Therefore, prepare your minds for action; be self-controlled; set your hope fully on the grace to be given you when Jesus Christ is revealed. As obedient children, do not conform to the evil desires you had when you lived in ignorance. But just as he who called you is holy, so be holy in all you do; for it is written: "Be holy, because I am holy."**

# Leviticus 11:44

I am the LORD your God,  
and you must keep  
yourselves holy, because I  
am holy.

## **Romans 12: 1-2**


**1. I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. 2. Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God - what is good and acceptable and perfect.**



We PRAY that the UCA will resist captivity to cultural forces by upholding the apostolic faith defined in its own Basis of Union.

We affirm the Basis of Union as the UCA's foundational document. Our constant desire is the reform, renewal and reconciliation of the whole church under the WORD OF GOD.



A black silhouette of a cross stands against a vibrant sunset sky. The sky transitions from deep orange at the horizon to a darker, more muted orange and brown at the top. The cross is positioned on the right side of the frame, with its vertical beam extending from the top to the bottom. A semi-transparent dark rectangular box is overlaid on the lower half of the image, containing white text.

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