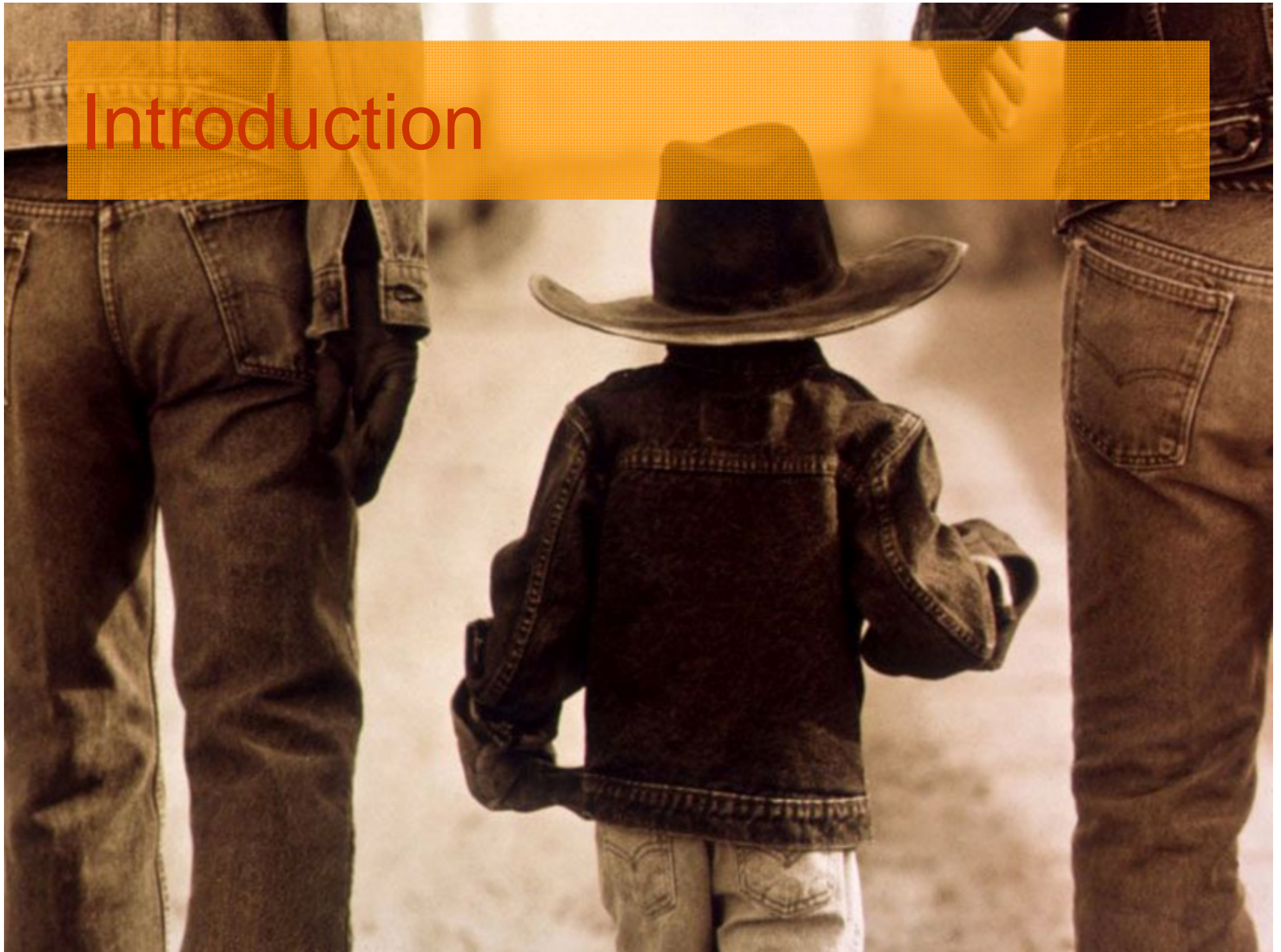


A young boy in a cowboy hat and denim jacket stands between two adults in a field. The boy is in the center, wearing a dark cowboy hat, a dark denim jacket, and light-colored jeans. He is flanked by two adults, whose legs and hands are visible. The background is a bright, open field. The text "The Noblest Calling" is overlaid in orange, "Ed Riddick" in yellow, and "March 25, 2007" in yellow.

The Noblest Calling

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Introduction







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1 Timothy 3:1-3

The saying is trustworthy: If anyone aspires to the office of overseer, he desires a noble task. Therefore an overseer must be above reproach, the husband of one wife, sober-minded, self-controlled, respectable, hospitable, **able to teach**, not a drunkard, not violent but gentle, not quarrelsome, not a lover of money." ESV

I. Jesus was the teacher

Mark 4:38 “they woke Him and said to Him, **Teacher**, do You not care that we are perishing?”

Mark 9:38 “John said to Him, ‘**Teacher**, we saw someone casting out demons’ ”

Mark 10:16-17 "as he was setting out on his journey, a man ran up and knelt before him and asked him, ‘**Good Teacher**, what must I do to inherit eternal life?’ " ESV

John 11:25-28 "Jesus said to her, “I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live, "and everyone who lives and believes in me shall never die. Do you believe this?” "She said to him, “Yes, Lord; I believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, who is coming into the world.” "When she had said this, **she went and called her sister Mary**, saying in private, “**The Teacher is here and is calling for you.**”"

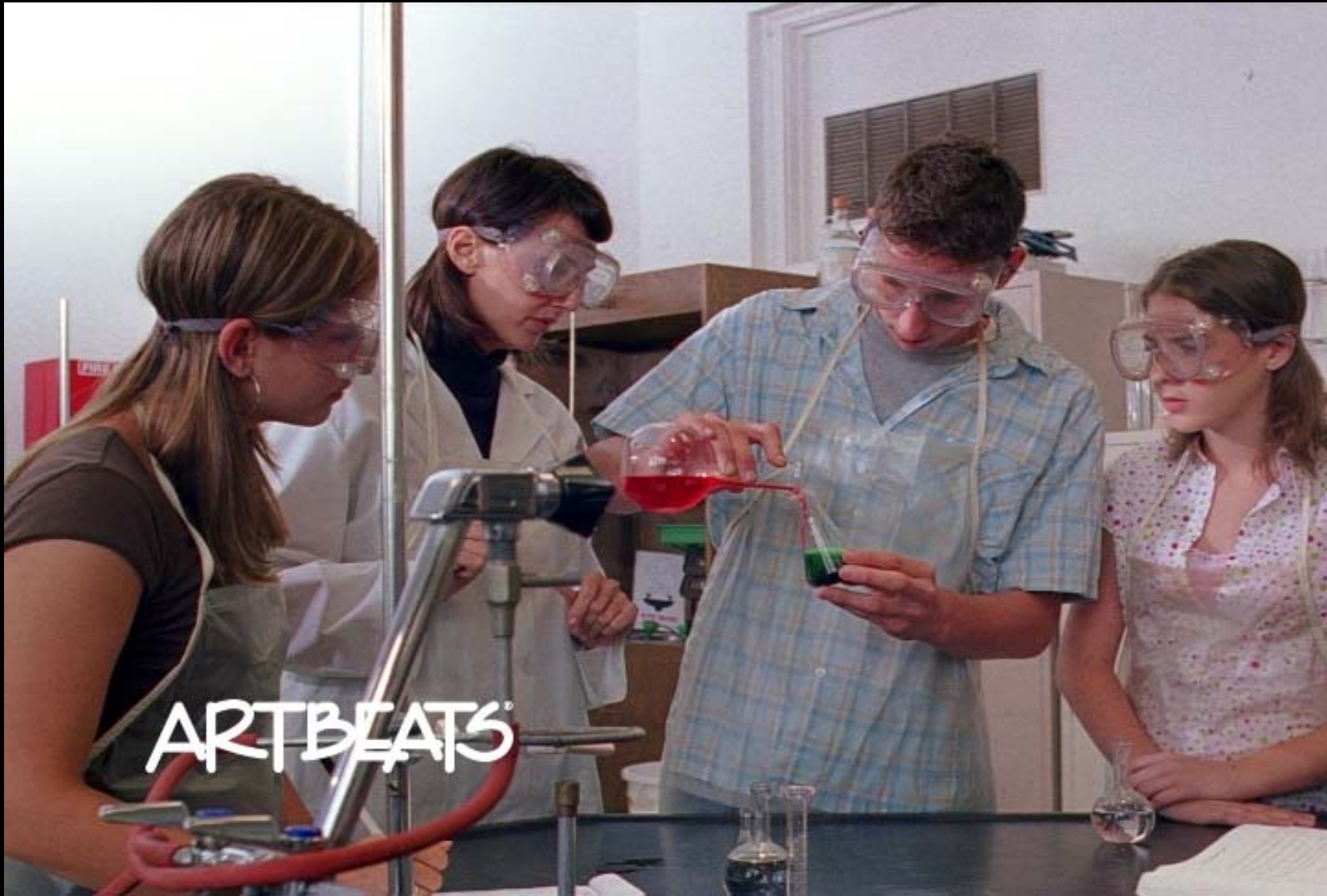


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II. Jesus is the teacher

Matthew 23:8-9 "But you are not to be called rabbi, for **you have one teacher**, and **you are all brothers**. "And call no man your father on earth, for you have one Father, who is in heaven." ESV

John 13:13-14 "**You call me Teacher** and Lord, and you are right, **for so I am**. "If I then, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet." ESV



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What is the goal?

Matthew 10:24-25 "“A disciple is not above his teacher, nor a servant above his master. **It is enough for the disciple to be like his teacher, and the servant like his master...**" ESV

Luke 6:39-41 “Can a blind man lead a blind man? Will they not both fall into a pit? A disciple is not above his teacher, but **everyone when he is fully trained will be like his teacher.** Why do you see the speck that is in your brother’s eye, but do not notice the log that is in your own eye?" ESV

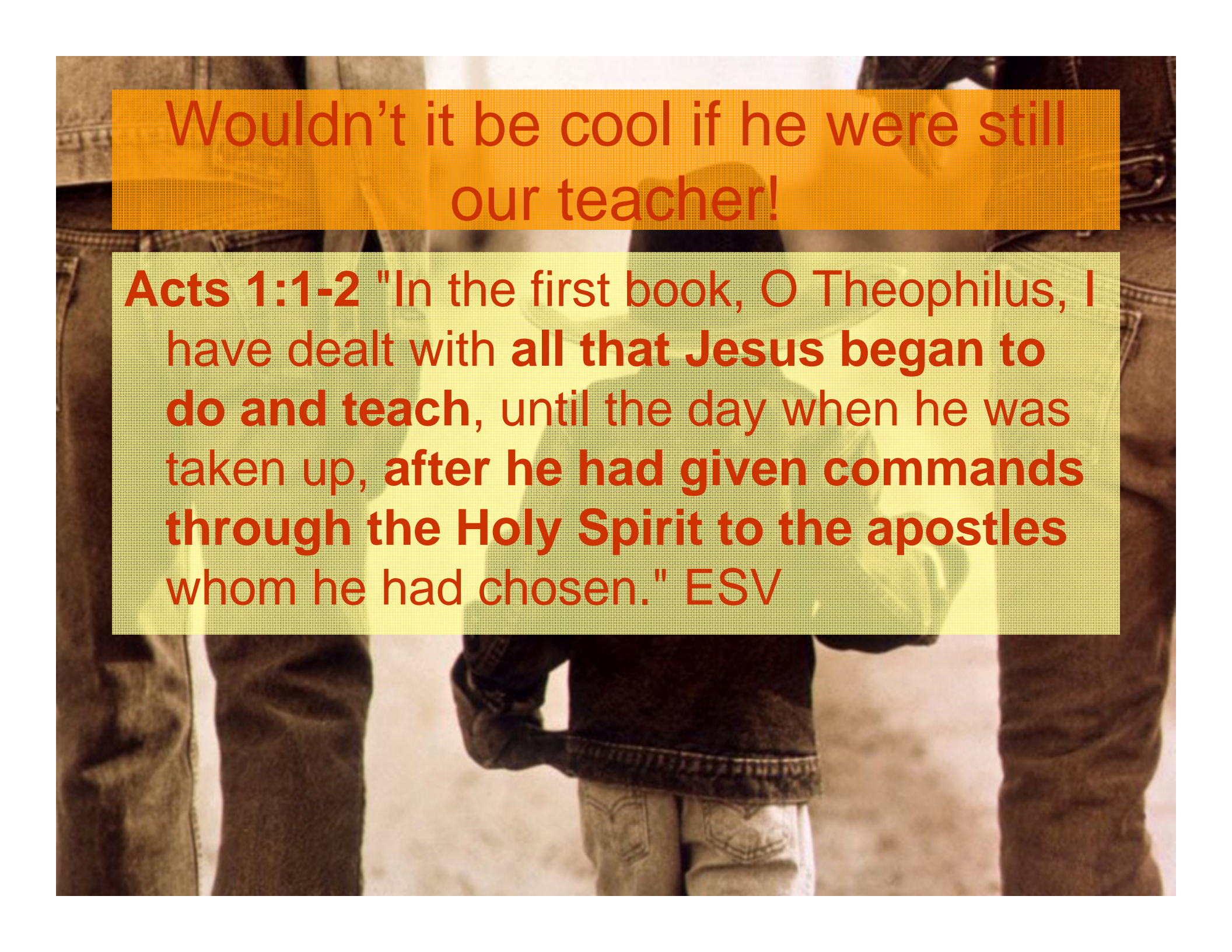
What is the subject?

Matthew 28:19-20 "Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, **teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you.** And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.'" ESV

Can't take it all in...

John 16:12-13 "I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. "When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth, for he will not speak on his own authority, but whatever he hears he will speak, and he will declare to you the things that are to come." ESV

John 20:16 "Jesus said to her, "Mary." She turned and said to him in Aramaic, "Rabboni!" (which means Teacher)." ESV



Wouldn't it be cool if he were still
our teacher!

Acts 1:1-2 "In the first book, O Theophilus, I have dealt with **all that Jesus began to do and teach**, until the day when he was taken up, **after he had given commands through the Holy Spirit to the apostles** whom he had chosen." ESV

The background of the slide is a photograph showing the lower legs and feet of several people standing on a light-colored, sandy or dusty ground. They are wearing various styles of denim jeans, including light blue, dark blue, and brown. The image is slightly out of focus, emphasizing the text overlaid on it.

II. Leaders who teach

Didaktikon - SKILLED IN TEACHING

- ~ Not necessarily up front
- ~ Knowledge of the Word
- ~ By example
- ~ Main difference between elders / deacons

II. Teaching Elders

Ephesians 4:11-12 "And he gave some to be apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the pastors and **teachers**, "to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ," ESV

1 Timothy 4:6 "If you put these things before the brothers, you will be a good servant of Christ Jesus, being trained in the words of the faith and of the good doctrine that you have followed."

1 Timothy 4:11 "Command and teach these things." ESV

Teaching Leaders

1 Timothy 4:16 "Keep a close **watch on yourself and on the teaching**. Persist in this, for by so doing you will save both yourself and your hearers." ESV

2 Timothy 2:15 "**Do your best** to present yourself to God as one approved, a worker who has no need to be ashamed, rightly handling the word of truth." ESV

2 Timothy 2:2 "and what you have heard from me in the presence of many witnesses entrust to faithful men who will be able to teach others also." ESV

Comes down to the bottom line

1. Have you admitted your need for forgiveness and welcomed Christ into your life as your Savior?
2. Do you here and now say to Christ,
 - ~ Here am I Lord, teach me.
 - What do you need to eliminate?
 - Do you have have a pencil and paper?
 - ~ Open my ears Lord. What are you teaching me now?
 - ~ Where am I disobedient? Please forgive me.
 - ~ Help me be a doer of the Word not merely a hearer.



What the first Christians did...

Acts 2:42 "And they devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers."

Now Is The Time

Isaiah 30:20-21 "And though the Lord give you the bread of adversity and the water of affliction, yet your Teacher will not hide himself anymore, but your eyes shall see your Teacher. "And your ears shall hear a word behind you, saying, "This is the way, walk in it," when you turn to the right or when you turn to the left." ESV

Now Is The Time

Hebrews 3:15 "As it is said, "Today, if you hear his voice, do not harden your hearts as in the rebellion." ESV

Hebrews 3:12-13 "Take care, brothers, lest there be in any of you an evil, unbelieving heart, leading you to fall away from the living God. But exhort one another every day, as long as it is called "today," that none of you may be hardened by the deceitfulness of sin." ESV



**when he is fully trained he
will be like his
teacher**