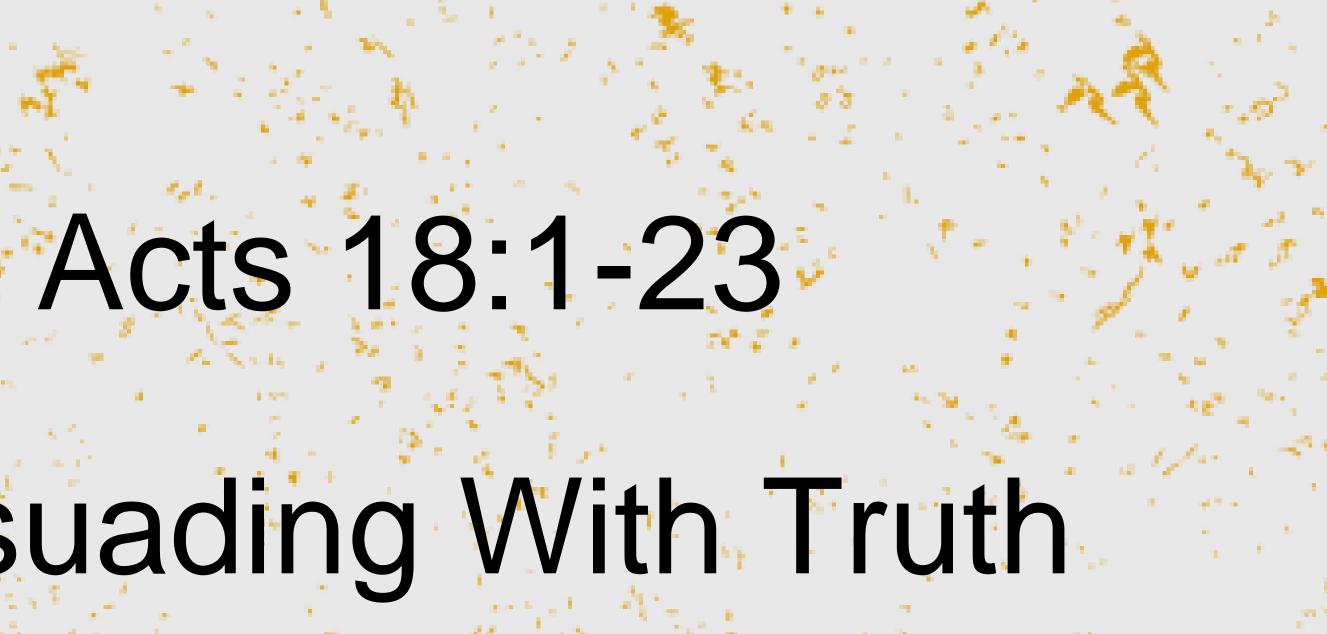
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### Persuading With Truth









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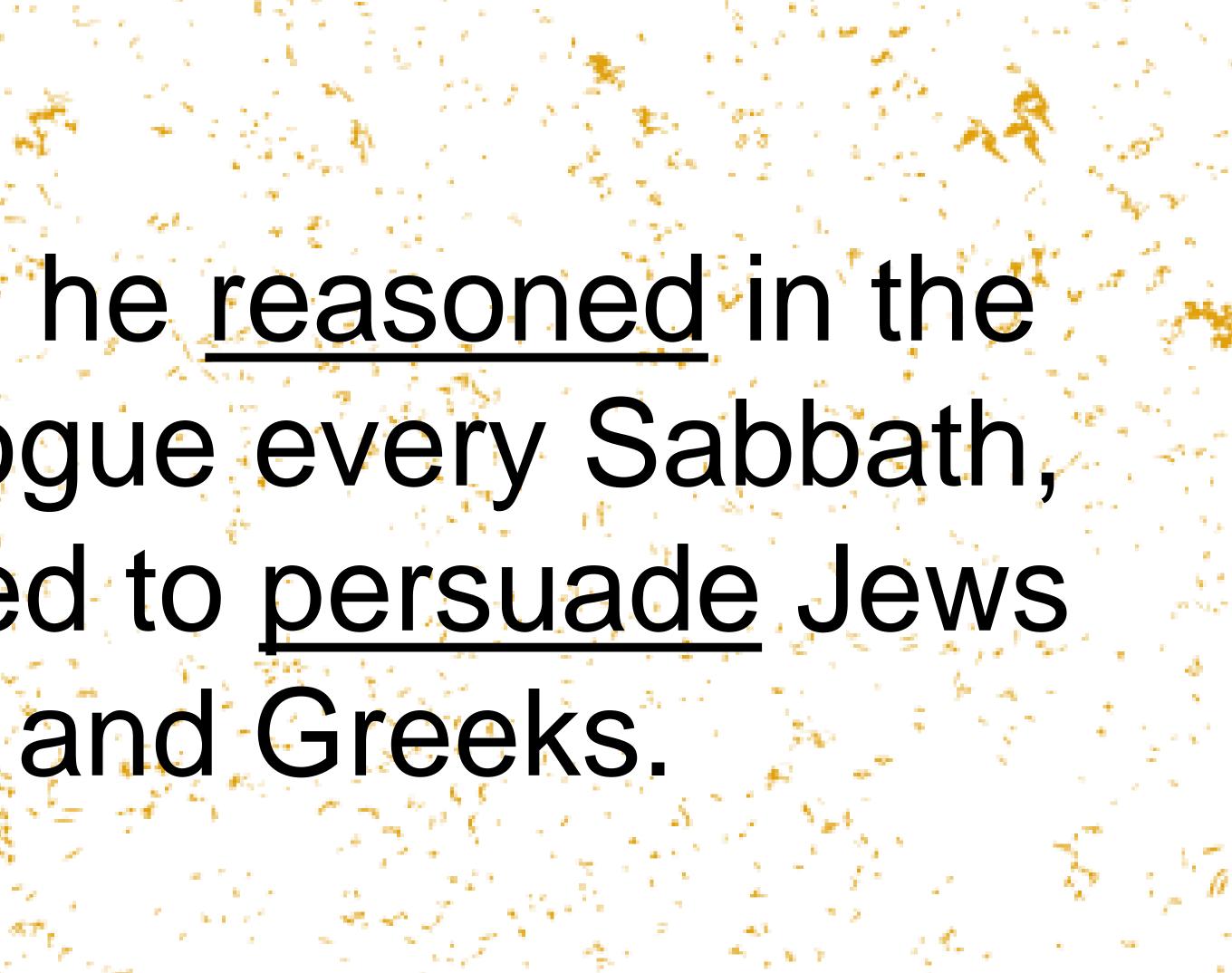
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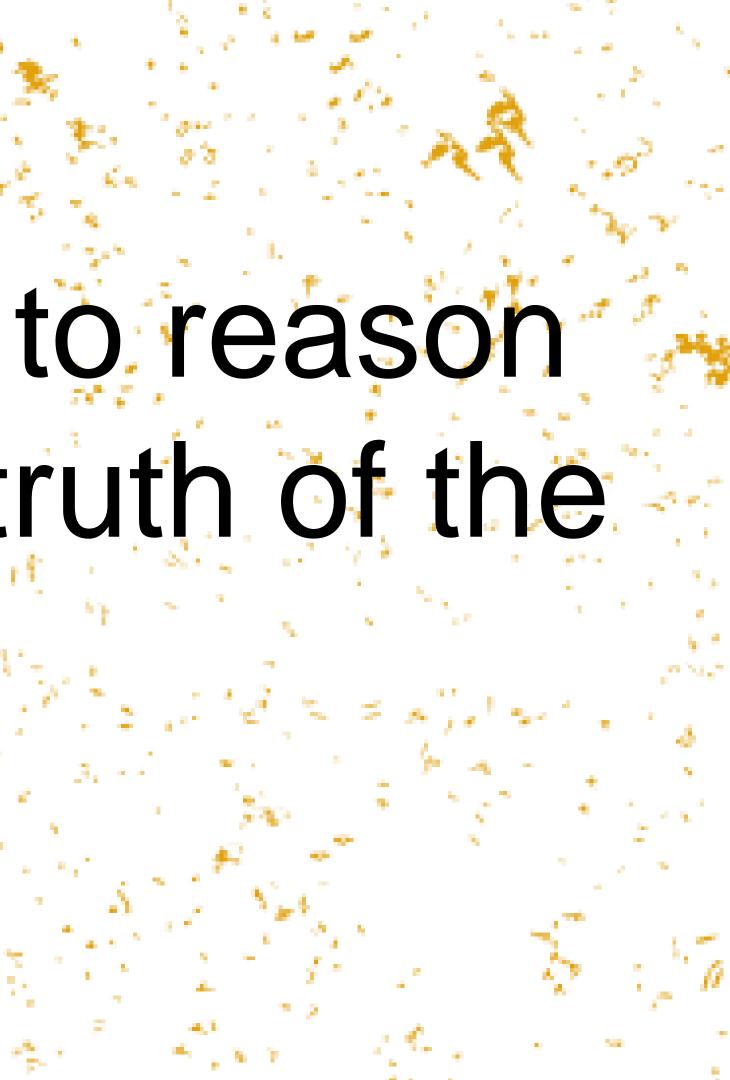
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### Relational evangelism is a worthwhile investment

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## Do you have someone you need to reach out to?



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