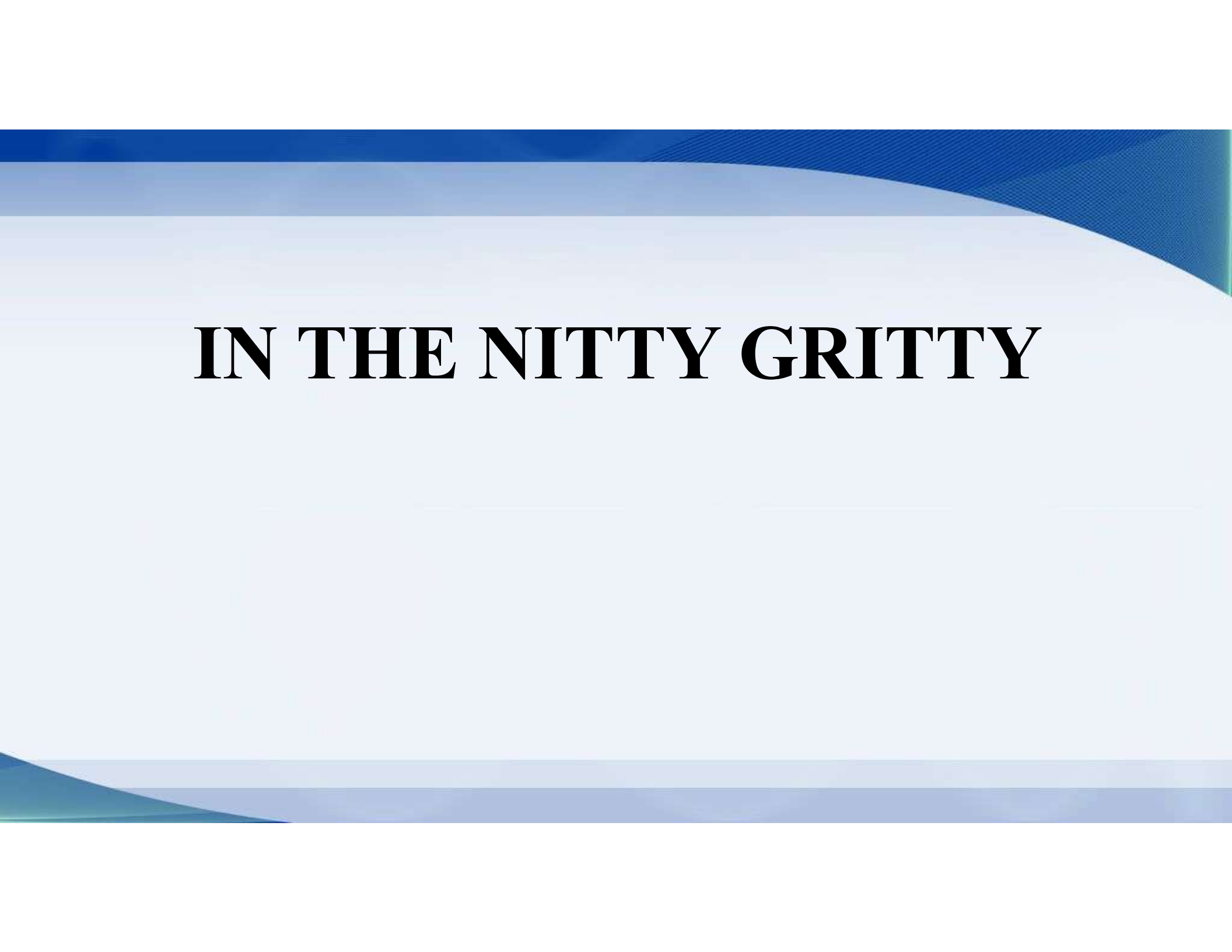




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Titus 3:12 When I shall send Artemas unto thee, or Tychicus, be diligent to come unto me to Nicopolis: for I have determined there to winter.

Titus 3:13 Bring Zenas the lawyer and Apollos on their journey diligently, that nothing be wanting unto them.

Titus 3:12 When **I shall send** Artemas unto thee, or Tychicus, be diligent to come unto me to Nicopolis: for **I have determined** there to winter.

1. Paul **planned** his work.

Titus 3:12 When I shall send Artemas unto thee, or Tychicus, be diligent to come unto me to Nicopolis: for I have determined there to winter.

Titus 1:5 For this cause left I thee in Crete, **that** thou shouldest set in order the things that are wanting, and ordain elders in every city, as I had appointed thee:

Ephesians 6:21 But that ye also may know my affairs, and how I do, **Tychicus**, a beloved brother and faithful minister in the Lord, shall make known to you all things:

2 Timothy 4:12 And **Tychicus** have I sent to Ephesus.

Mark 16:15 And he said unto them, **Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature.**



Failing to plan is planning to fail!

Paul is Paul

And, no one has ever been like Paul

No one has ever been so single-minded

And we don't have to be...

However:

Why are you here?

What are your purposes?

What are you here to do | accomplish?

TELL ME YOUR PLANS!

Ecclesiastes 9:10 Whatsoever thy hand findeth to do,
do it with thy might; for there is no work, nor device,
nor knowledge, nor wisdom, in the grave, whither thou
goest.

Titus 3:12 When **I shall send** Artemas unto thee, or Tychicus, be diligent to come unto me to Nicopolis: **for I have determined** there to winter.

Titus 1:5 **For this cause** left I thee in Crete, that thou shouldest set in order the things that are wanting, and ordain elders in every city, as I had appointed thee:

2. Paul **worked** his plan.

Titus 3:12 When I shall send Artemas unto thee, or Tychicus, be diligent to come unto me to Nicopolis: for I have determined there to winter.

Titus 1:5 **For this cause** left I thee in Crete, that thou shouldest set in order the things that are wanting, and ordain elders in every city, as I had appointed thee:

Thoughts:

- **Paul was a church-planting missionary**
- **Paul travelled constantly**
- **Paul kept contact with his churches**
- **Paul trained & used others to pastor those churches**

➤ Paul (really) had no home base!

➤ Paul was **limited** by the time, place, & technology!

Acts 27:12 And because the haven was not commodious to **winter (παραχειμασίαν)** in, the more part advised to depart thence also, if by any means they might attain to Phenice, and there **to winter (παραχειμάσαι)**; which is an haven of Crete, and lieth toward the south west and north west.

Acts 28:11 And after three months we departed in a ship of Alexandria, **which had wintered (παραχειμακότι)** in the isle, whose sign was Castor and Pollux.

1 Corinthians 16:6 And it may be that I will abide, yea, and **winter (παραχειμάσω)** with you, that ye may bring me on my journey whithersoever I go.

Titus 3:12 When I shall send Artemas unto thee, or Tychicus, be diligent to come unto me to Nicopolis: for I have determined there **to winter (παραχειμάσαι).**

➤ Paul had to plan his movement **around sea travel** on the Mediterranean Sea!

Acts 27:9 Now when **much time** was spent, and when sailing was now **dangerous**, because the fast was now already past, Paul admonished them,

Acts 27:10 And said unto them, Sirs, I perceive that this voyage will be with hurt and much damage, not only of the lading and ship, but also of our lives.

Acts 27:11 Nevertheless the centurion believed the master and the owner of the ship, more than those things which were spoken by Paul.

Acts 27:12 And because the haven was not commodious to winter in, the more part advised to depart thence also, if by any means they might attain to Phenice, and there to winter; **which is an haven of Crete, and lieth toward the south west and north west.**

Titus 3:12 When (Ὅταν) I shall send Artemas unto thee, Or Tychicus, be diligent to come unto me to Nicopolis: for I have determined there to winter.

3. Paul also knew God has His plans!

Titus 3:12 When (Ὅταν) I shall send Artemas unto thee, Or Tychicus, be diligent to come unto me to Nicopolis: for I have determined there to winter.

As the old joke goes: If you want to make God laugh...

Proverbs 16:1 The preparations of the heart in man, **And** the answer of the tongue, is from the LORD.

Proverbs 16:9 A man's heart deviseth his way: **But** the LORD directeth his steps.

Isaiah 55:8 For my thoughts are **not** your thoughts, **Neither** are your ways my ways, saith the LORD.

Isaiah 55:9 For as the heavens are **higher** than the earth, **So** are my ways **higher** than your ways, **And** my thoughts than your thoughts.

4. Paul **adapted** his plans to God's plans!

1 Corinthians 16:5 Now I will come unto you, when I shall pass through Macedonia: for I do pass through Macedonia.

1 Corinthians 16:6 **And it may be** that I will abide, yea, and winter with you, that ye may bring me on my journey whithersoever I go.

2 Corinthians 1:15 And in this confidence **I was minded** to come unto you before, that ye might have a second benefit;

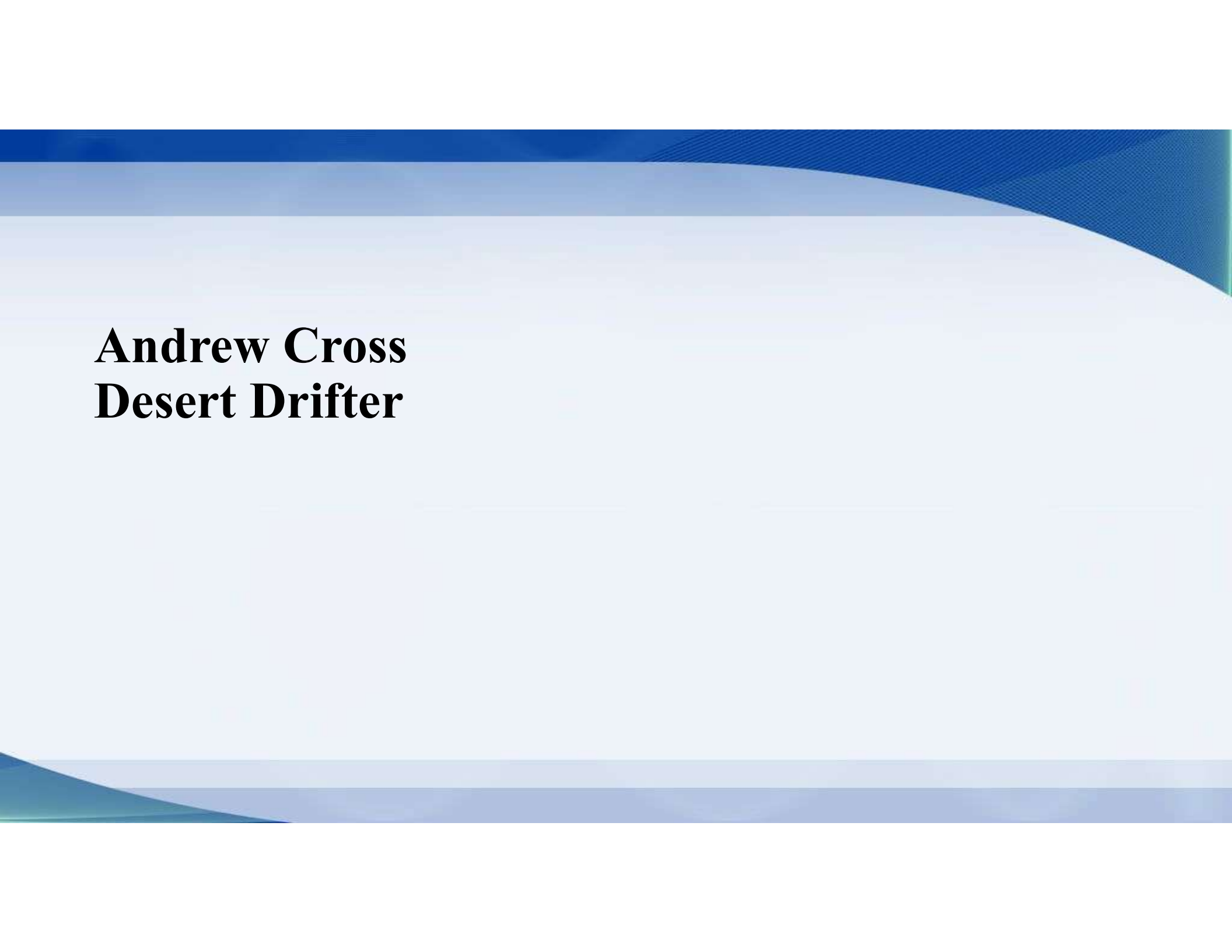
2 Corinthians 1:16 And to pass by you into Macedonia, and to come again out of Macedonia unto you, and of you to be brought on my way toward Judaea.

2 Corinthians 1:17 When I therefore was thus minded, did I use lightness? or the things that I purpose, do I purpose according to the flesh, that with me there should be yea yea, and nay nay?

2 Corinthians 1:18 But as God is true, our word toward you was not yea and nay.

Luke 22:41 And he was withdrawn from them about a stone's cast, and kneeled down, and prayed,
Luke 22:42 Saying, Father, if thou be willing, remove this cup from me: nevertheless not my will, but thine, be done.

Deo Volente!



Andrew Cross

Desert Drifter





