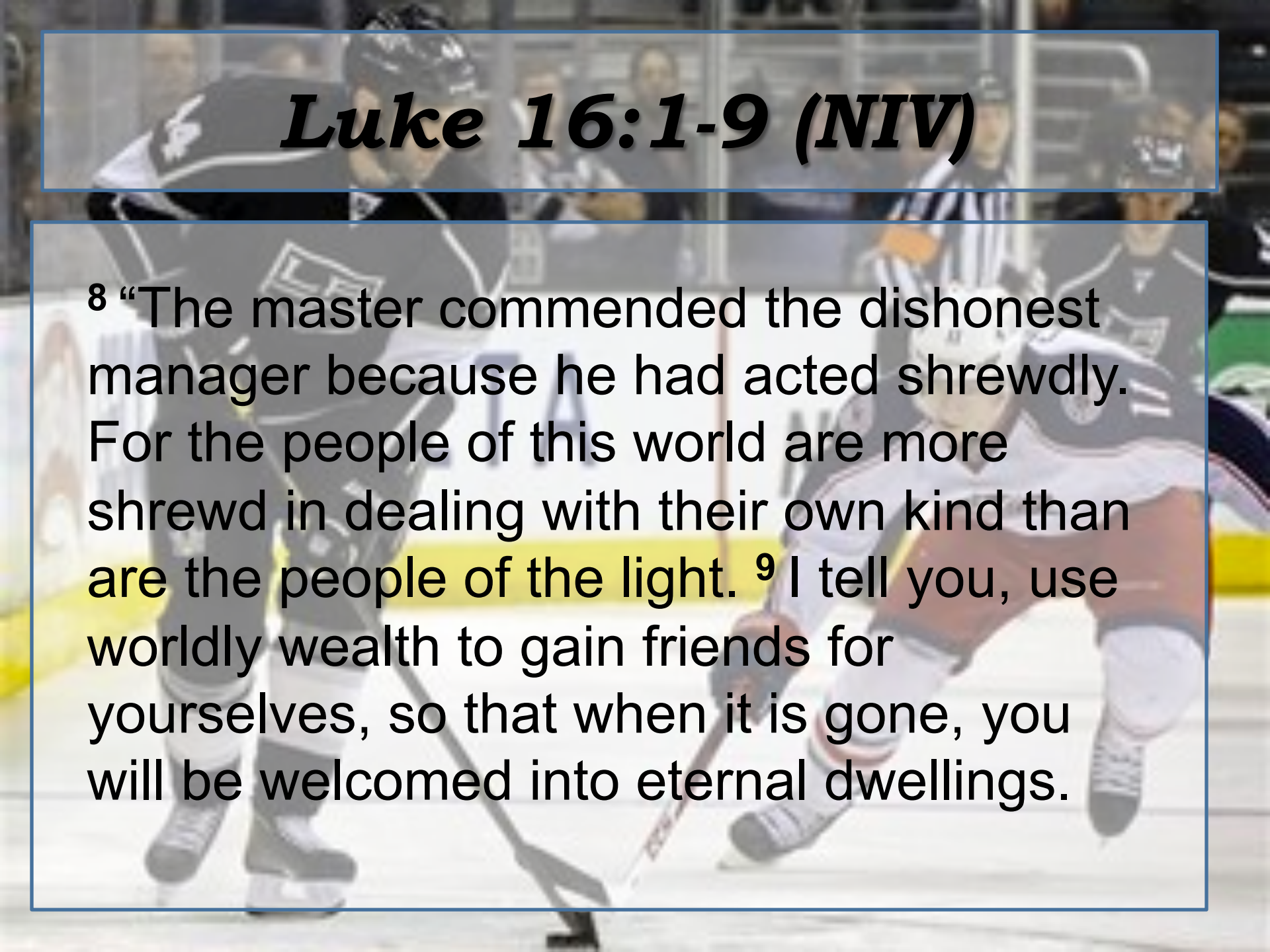


GAME TIME

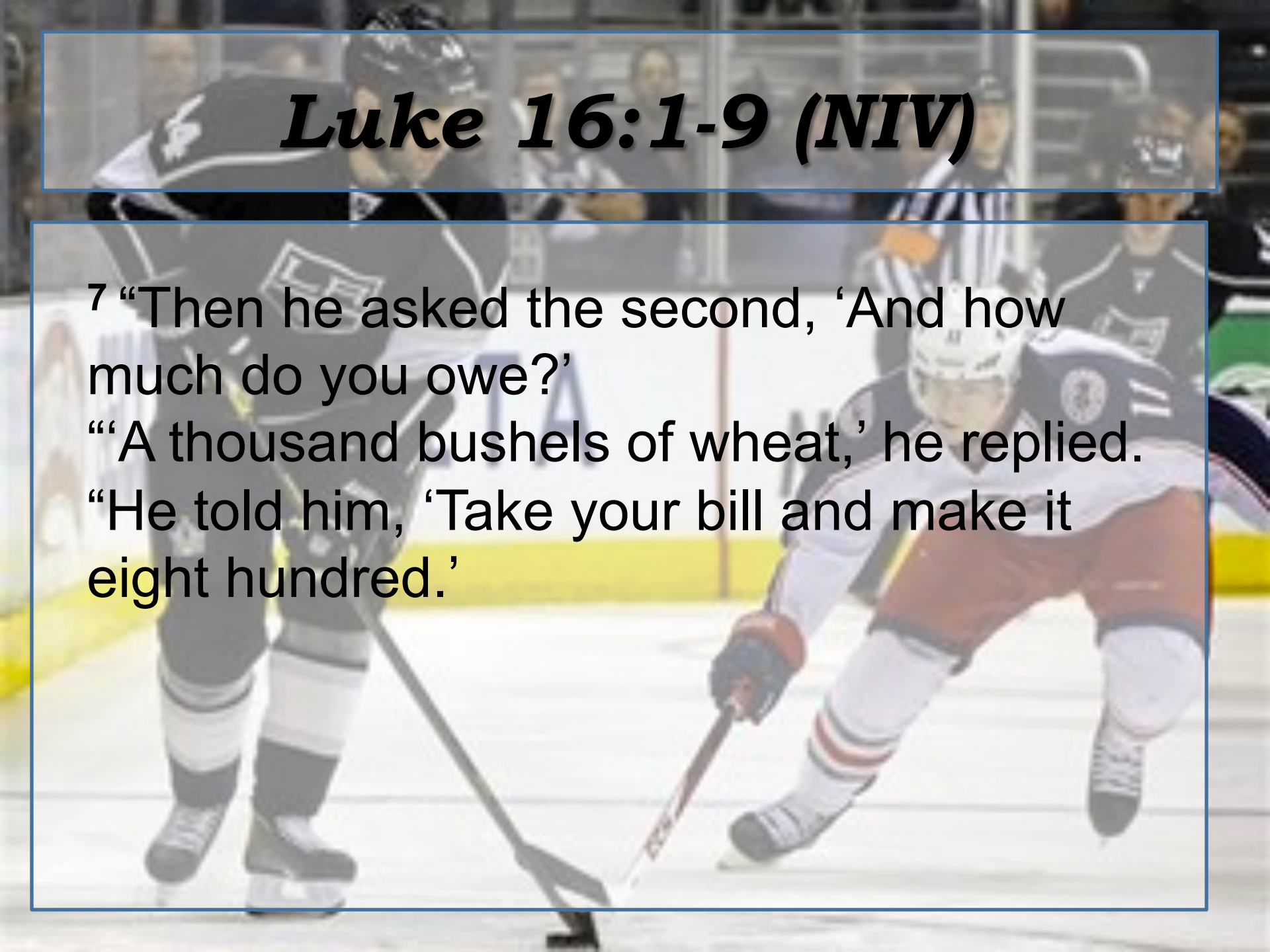
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A background image of an ice hockey game. In the foreground, a player in a white jersey with the number 11 is skating towards the right, holding a hockey stick. To his left, a player in a dark jersey is also skating. In the background, a referee in a black and white striped shirt is visible, along with other players and spectators in the stands.

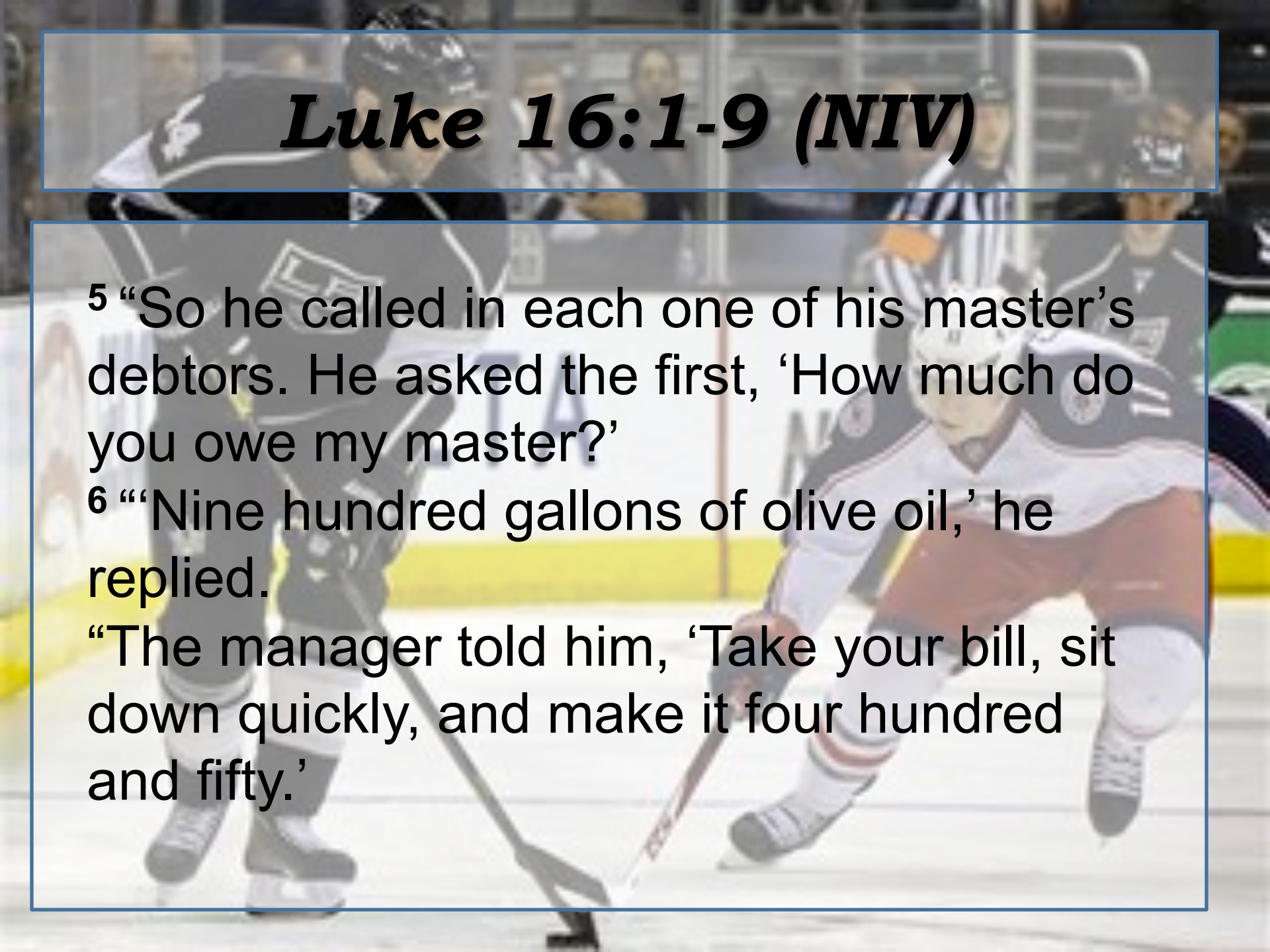
Luke 16:1-9 (NIV)

16 Jesus told his disciples: “There was a rich man whose manager was accused of wasting his possessions. ² So he called him in and asked him, ‘What is this I hear about you? Give an account of your management, because you cannot be manager any longer.’”

A background image of an ice hockey game. In the foreground, a player in a black jersey with the number 14 is visible on the left, and a player in a white jersey with the number 11 is on the right. A referee in a black and white striped shirt is also visible. The scene is set on an ice rink with spectators in the background.

Luke 16:1-9 (NIV)

³ “The manager said to himself, ‘What shall I do now? My master is taking away my job. I’m not strong enough to dig, and I’m ashamed to beg— ⁴ I know what I’ll do so that, when I lose my job here, people will welcome me into their houses.’

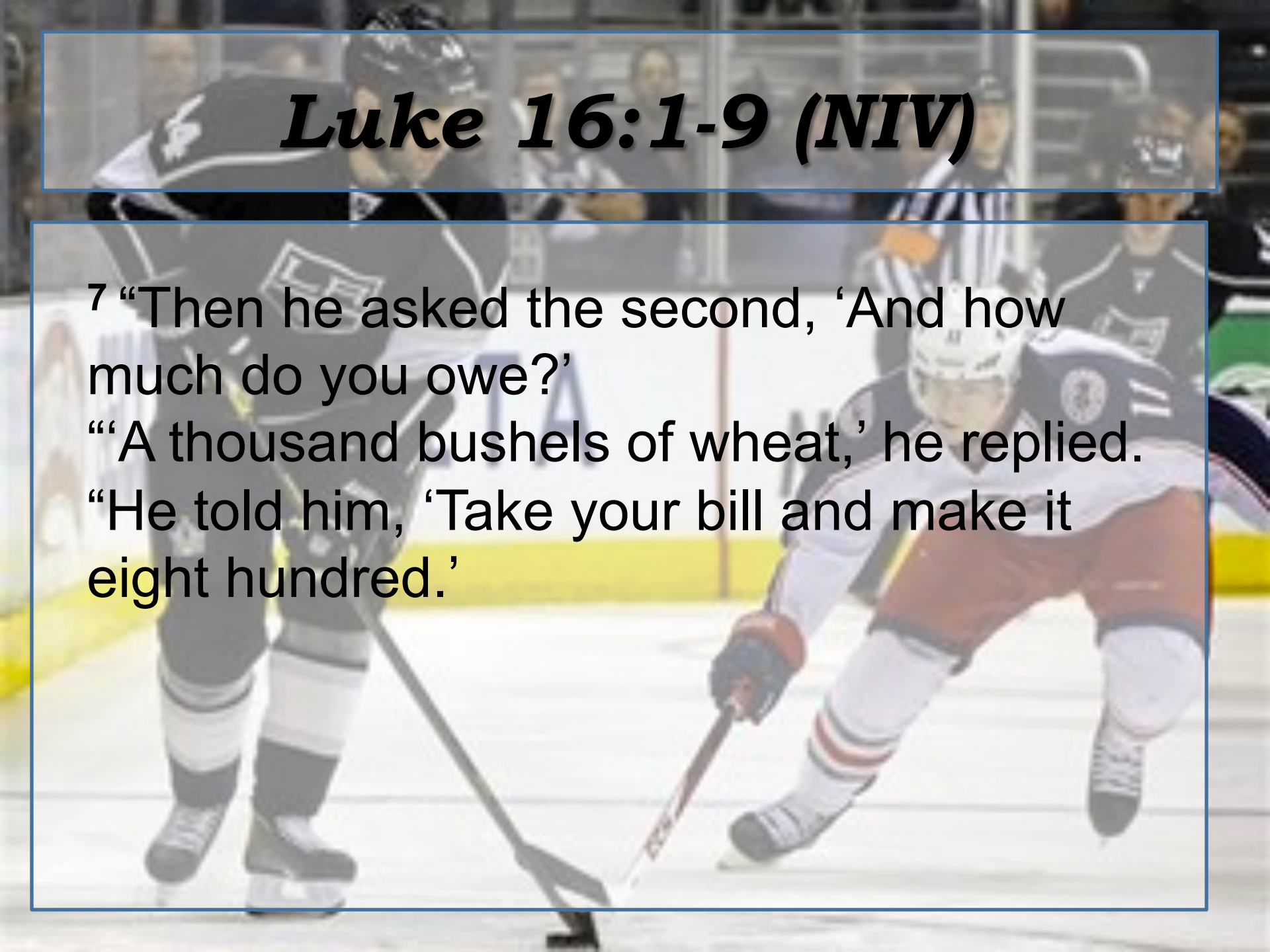
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⁵ “So he called in each one of his master’s debtors. He asked the first, ‘How much do you owe my master?’

⁶ “‘Nine hundred gallons of olive oil,’ he replied.

“The manager told him, ‘Take your bill, sit down quickly, and make it four hundred and fifty.’

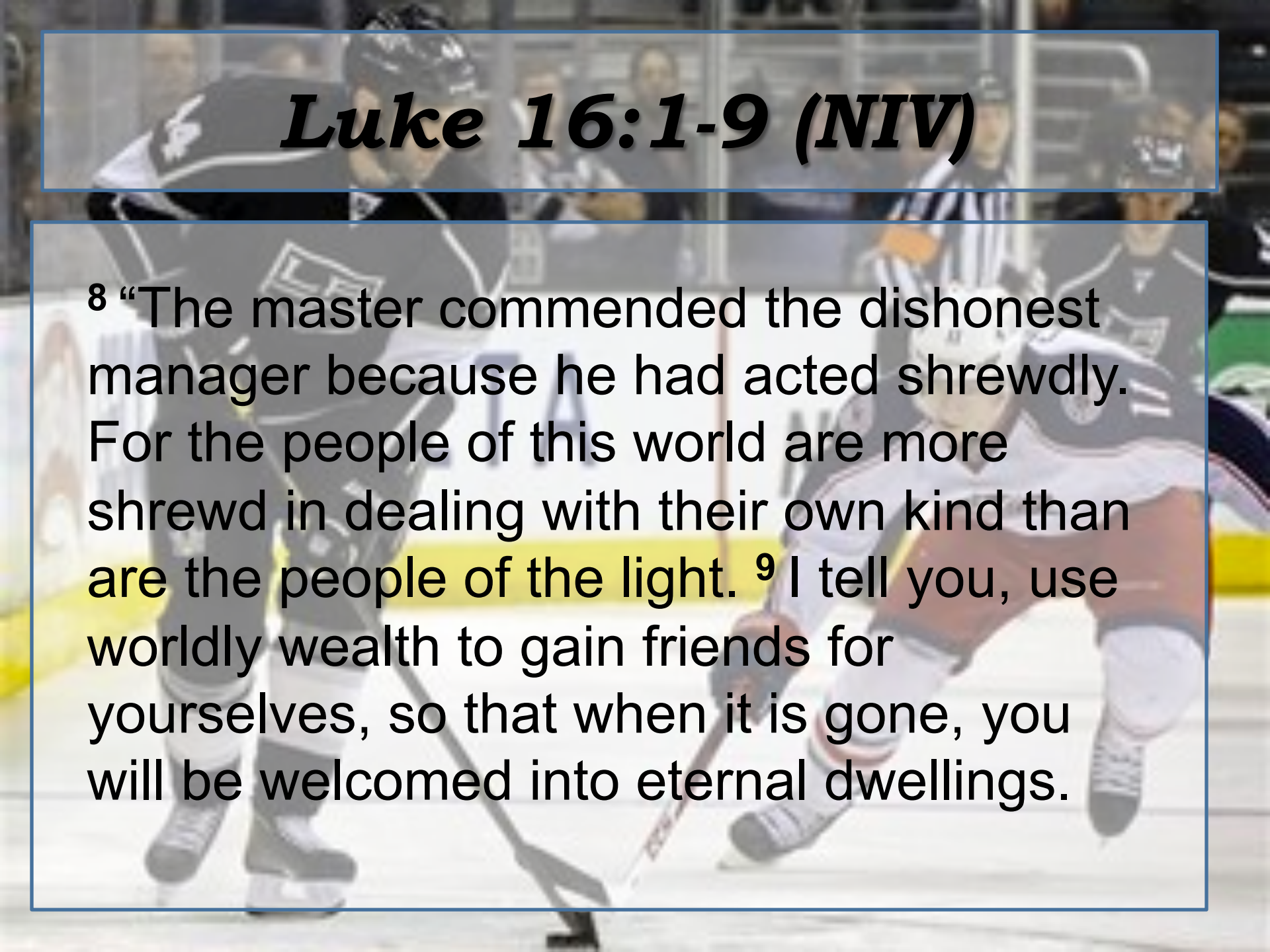
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Luke 16:1-9 (NIV)

⁷ “Then he asked the second, ‘And how much do you owe?’

“A thousand bushels of wheat,’ he replied.

“He told him, ‘Take your bill and make it eight hundred.’

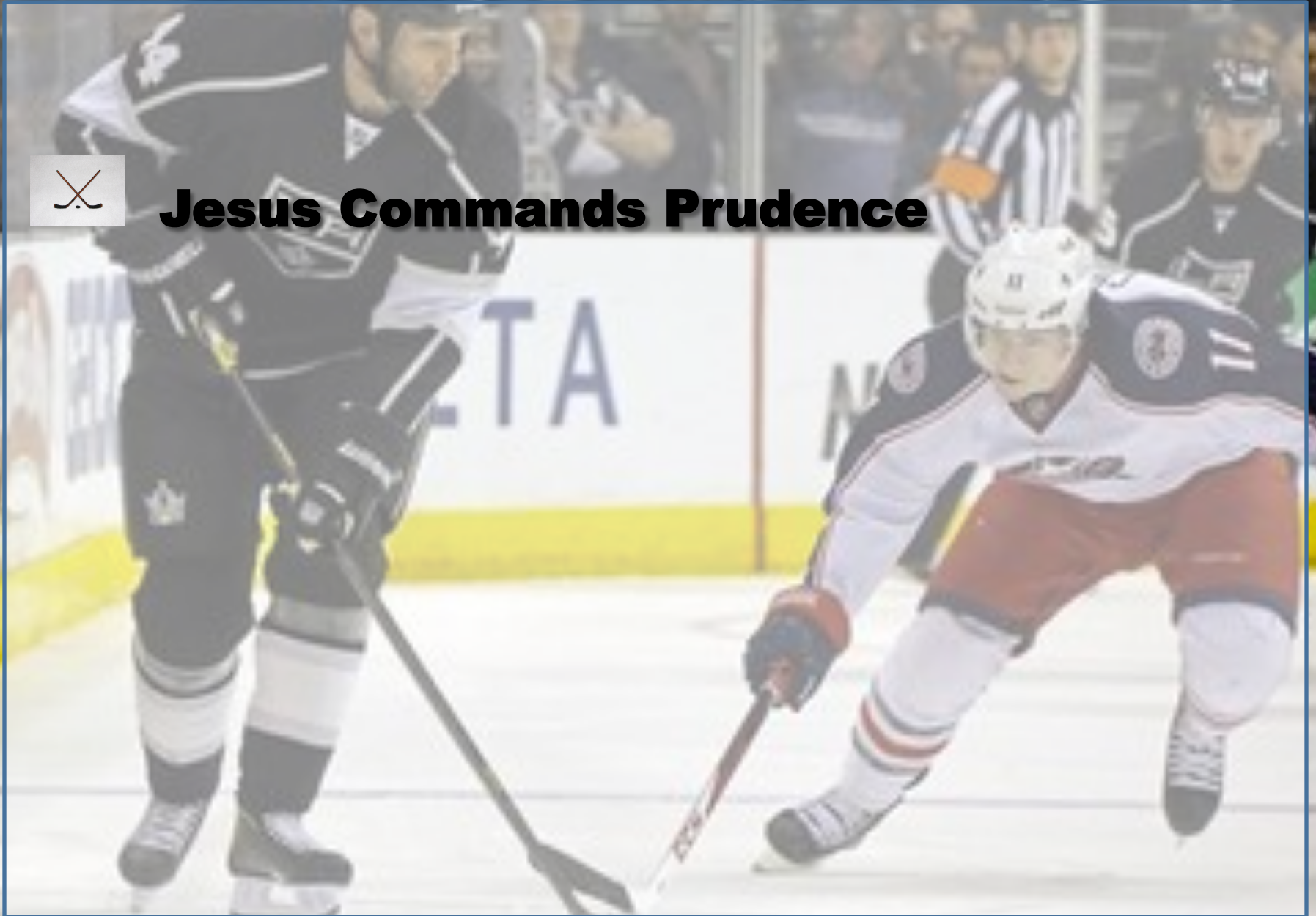


Luke 16:1-9 (NIV)

⁸ “The master commended the dishonest manager because he had acted shrewdly. For the people of this world are more shrewd in dealing with their own kind than are the people of the light. ⁹ I tell you, use worldly wealth to gain friends for yourselves, so that when it is gone, you will be welcomed into eternal dwellings.



Jesus Commands Prudence





Luke 3:10-14 (NIV)

¹⁰ “What should we do then?” the crowd asked.

¹¹ John answered, “Anyone who has two shirts should share with the one who has none, and anyone who has food should do the same.”

¹² Even tax collectors came to be baptized. “Teacher,” they asked, “what should we do?”



Luke 3:10-14 (NIV)

¹³ “Don’t collect any more than you are required to,” he told them.

¹⁴ Then some soldiers asked him, “And what should we do?”

He replied, “Don’t extort money and don’t accuse people falsely—be content with your pay.”



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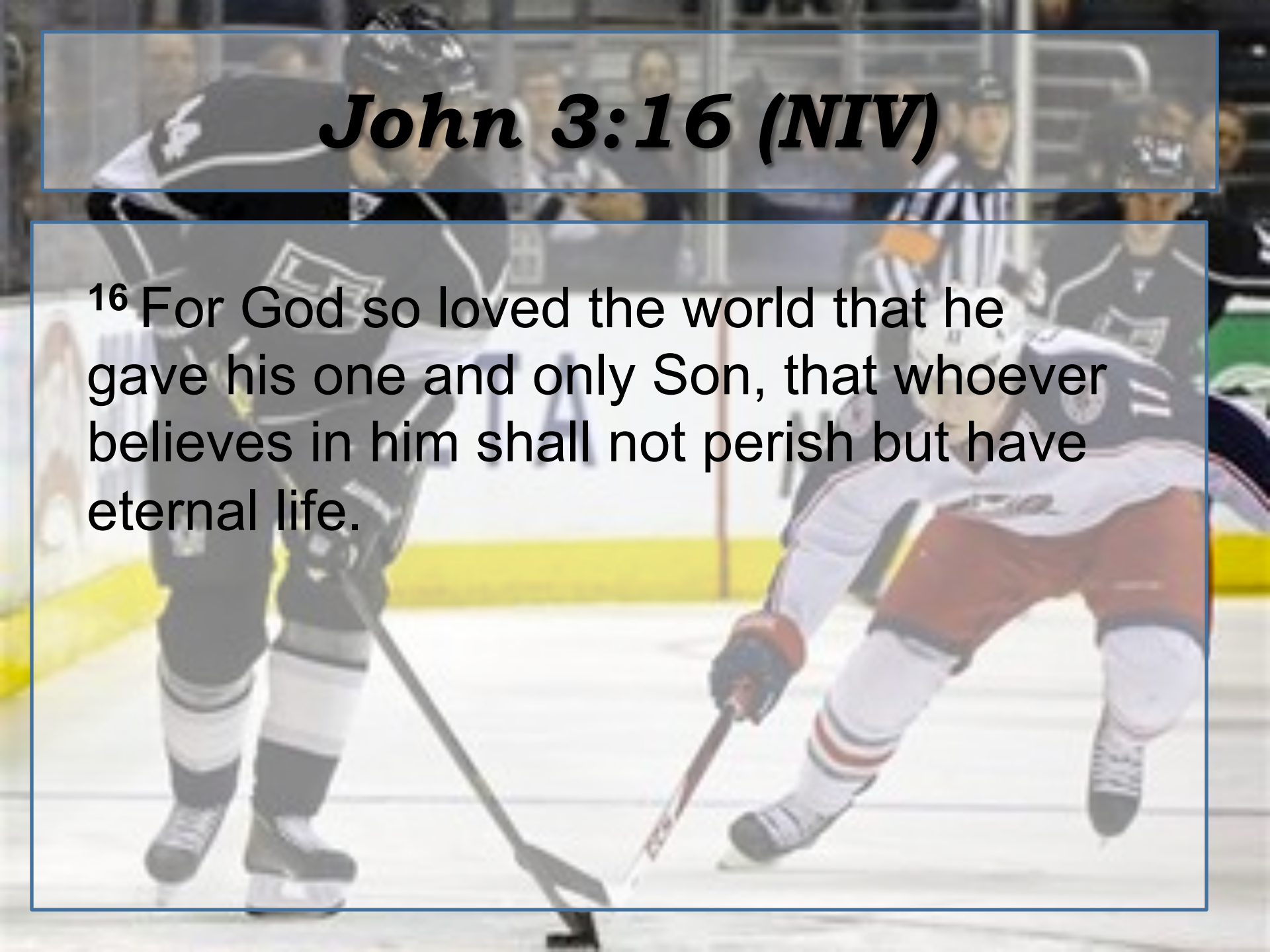


Prudence Means Preparing for Eternity

Implications



Receive Jesus

A background image of an ice hockey game. In the foreground, a player in a black jersey with the number 14 is on the left, and a player in a white jersey with the number 11 is on the right, both in a crouched position on the ice. A referee in a black and white striped shirt is visible in the background. The scene is set on an ice rink with a yellow safety barrier.

John 3:16 (NIV)

¹⁶ For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.

Implications



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Go to Practice

A background image of an ice hockey game. Two players are in the foreground, one in a dark jersey and one in a light jersey with red pants, both holding hockey sticks and looking down at the ice. A referee in a striped shirt is visible in the background. The scene is set on an ice rink with a yellow barrier and spectators in the distance.

Matthew 6:4 (NIV)

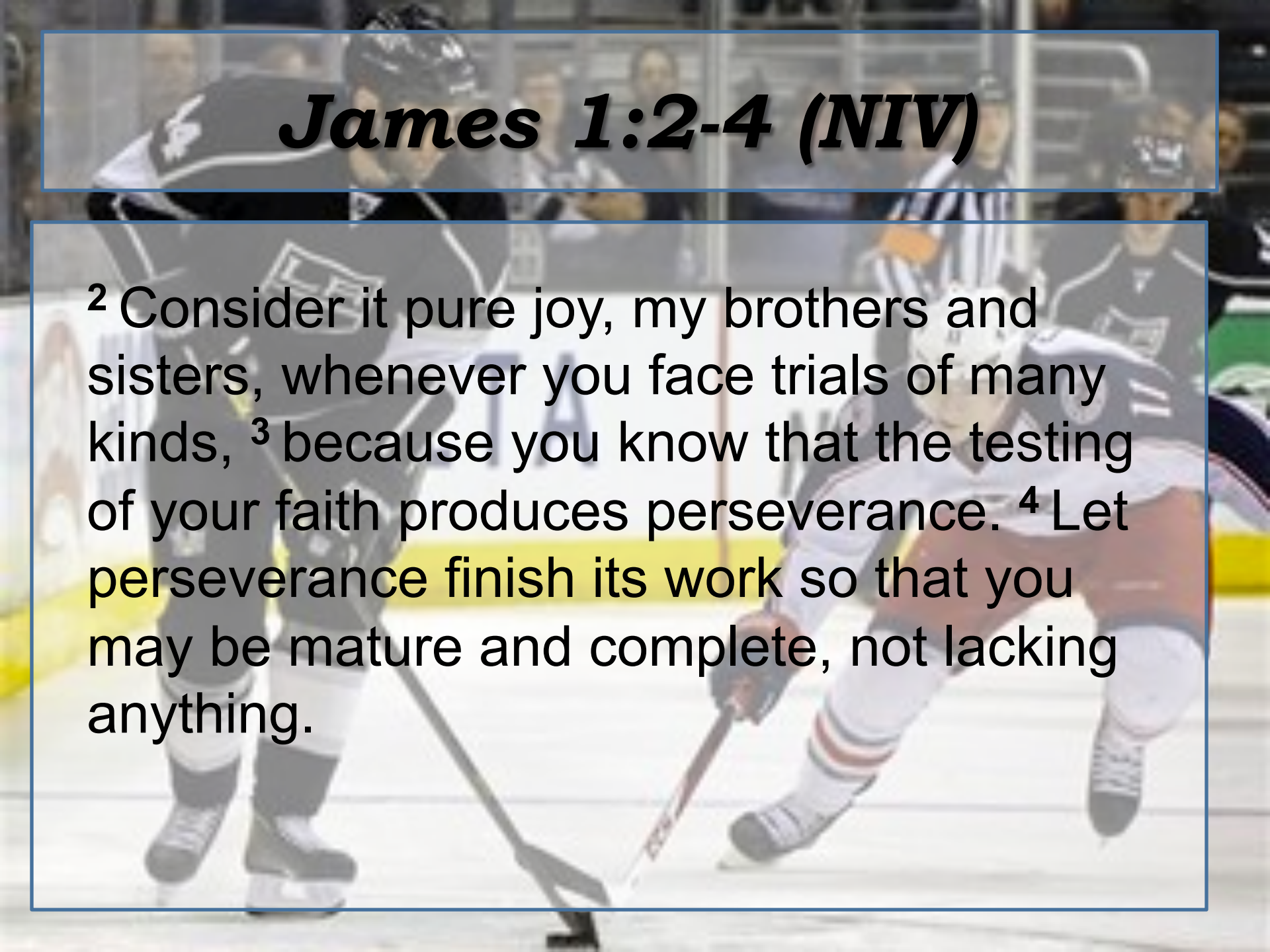
⁴ so that your giving may be in secret.
Then your Father, who sees what is done
in secret, will reward you.

2 Corinthians 5:10 (NIV)

¹⁰ For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each of us may receive what is due us for the things done while in the body, whether good or bad.

1 Corinthians 3:14-15 (NIV)

¹⁴ If what has been built survives, the builder will receive a reward. ¹⁵ If it is burned up, the builder will suffer loss but yet will be saved—even though only as one escaping through the flames.

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James 1:2-4 (NIV)

² Consider it pure joy, my brothers and sisters, whenever you face trials of many kinds, ³ because you know that the testing of your faith produces perseverance. ⁴ Let perseverance finish its work so that you may be mature and complete, not lacking anything.

Implications



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Go to Practice



Adjust Your Focus

GAME TIME

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