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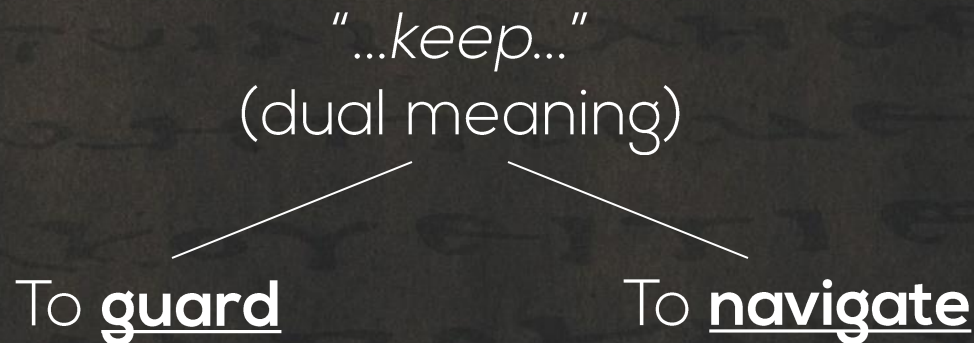
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The walk of a saint should match the walk of the Savior.

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