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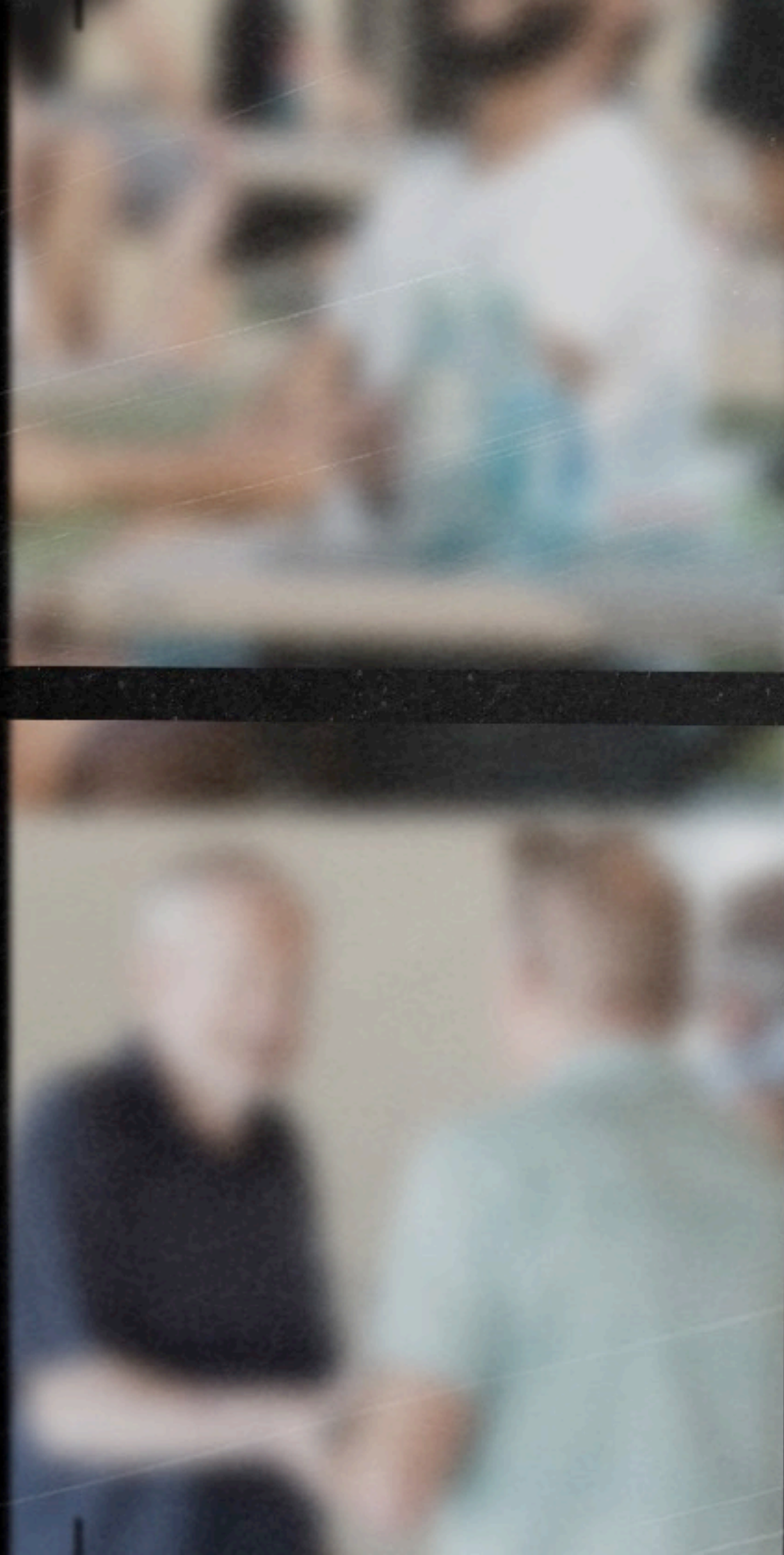
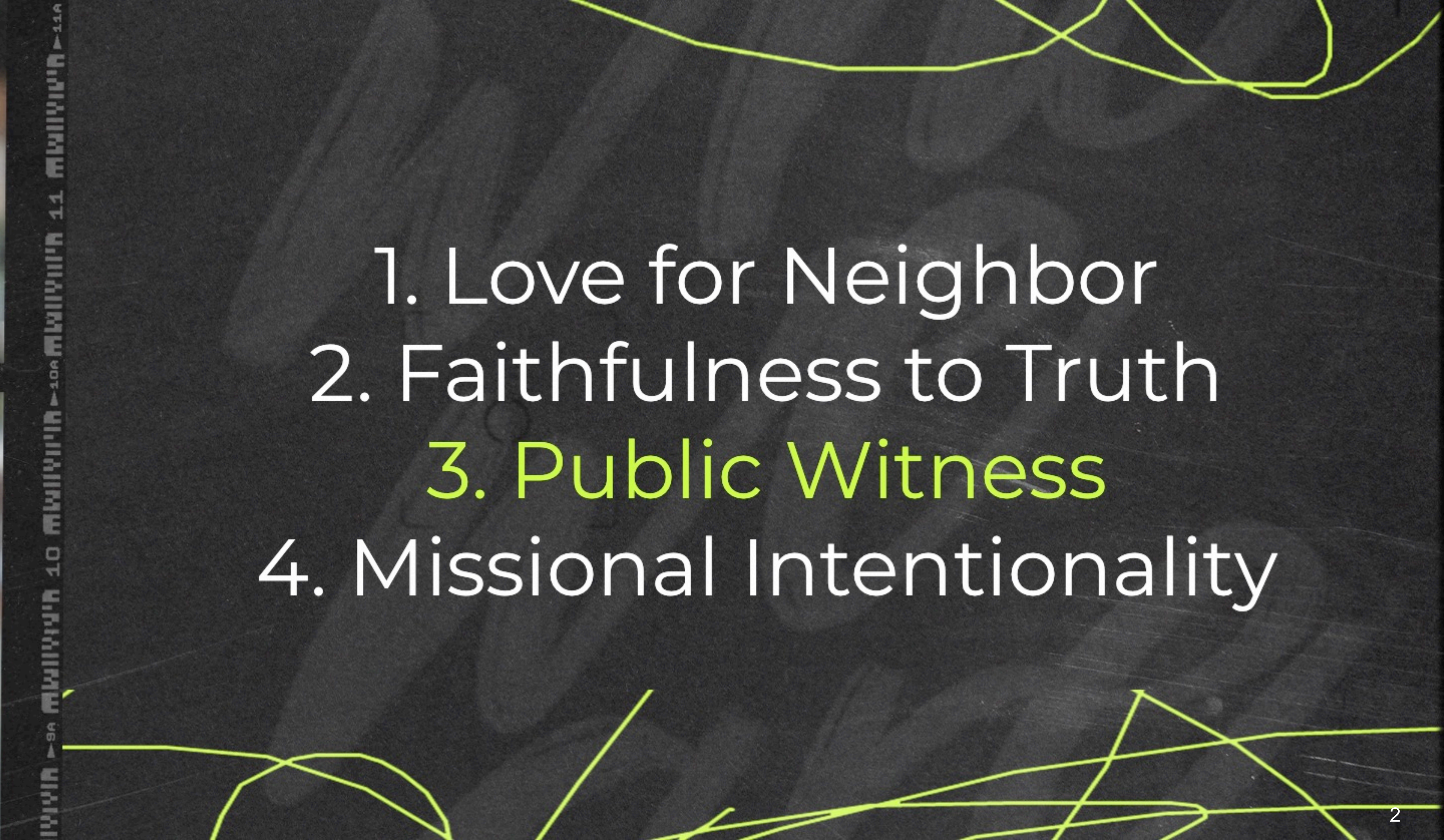
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1. Love for Neighbor
 2. Faithfulness to Truth
 3. Public Witness
 4. Missional Intentionality

Exodus 19:1-6

Exactly two months after the Israelites left Egypt, they arrived in the wilderness of Sinai. After breaking camp at Rephidim, they came to the wilderness of Sinai and set up camp there at the base of Mount Sinai. Then Moses climbed the mountain to appear before God. The Lord called to him from the mountain and said, "Give these instructions to the family of Jacob; announce it to the descendants of Israel: 'You have seen what I did to the Egyptians...'"

Exodus 19:1-6

“You know how I carried you on eagles’ wings and brought you to Myself. Now if you will obey Me and keep My covenant, you will be My own special treasure from among all the peoples on earth; for all the earth belongs to Me. And you will be My kingdom of priests, My holy nation.”

Romans 12:9-21

Don't just pretend to love others. Really love them. Hate what is wrong. Hold tightly to what is good. Love each other with genuine affection, and take delight in honoring each other. Never be lazy, but work hard and serve the Lord enthusiastically. Rejoice in our confident hope. Be patient in trouble, and keep on praying. When God's people are in need, be ready to help them. Always be eager to practice hospitality.

Romans 12:9-21

Bless those who persecute you.

Don't curse them; pray that God will bless them.

Be happy with those who are happy, and weep with those who weep. Live in harmony with each other.

Don't be too proud to enjoy the company of ordinary people. And don't think you know it all! Never pay back evil with more evil. Do things in such a way that everyone can see you are honorable. Do all that you can to live in peace with everyone.

Romans 12:9-21

Dear friends, never take revenge. Leave that to the righteous anger of God. For the Scriptures say, "I will take revenge; I will pay them back," says the Lord.

Instead, "If your enemies are hungry, feed them. If they are thirsty, give them something to drink. In doing this, you will heap burning coals of shame on their heads." Don't let evil conquer you, but conquer evil by doing good.

Matthew 5:13-16

“You are the salt of the earth. But what good is salt if it has lost its flavor? Can you make it salty again?

It will be thrown out and trampled underfoot as worthless. You are the light of the world—like a city on a hilltop that cannot be hidden.”

Matthew 5:13-16

“No one lights a lamp and then puts it under a basket. Instead, a lamp is placed on a stand, where it gives light to everyone in the house. In the same way, let your good deeds shine out for all to see, so that everyone will praise your heavenly Father.”

Acts 1:6-9

So when the apostles were with Jesus, they kept asking Him, “Lord, has the time come for You to free Israel and restore our kingdom?” He replied, “The Father alone has the authority to set those dates and times, and they are not for you to know. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you.

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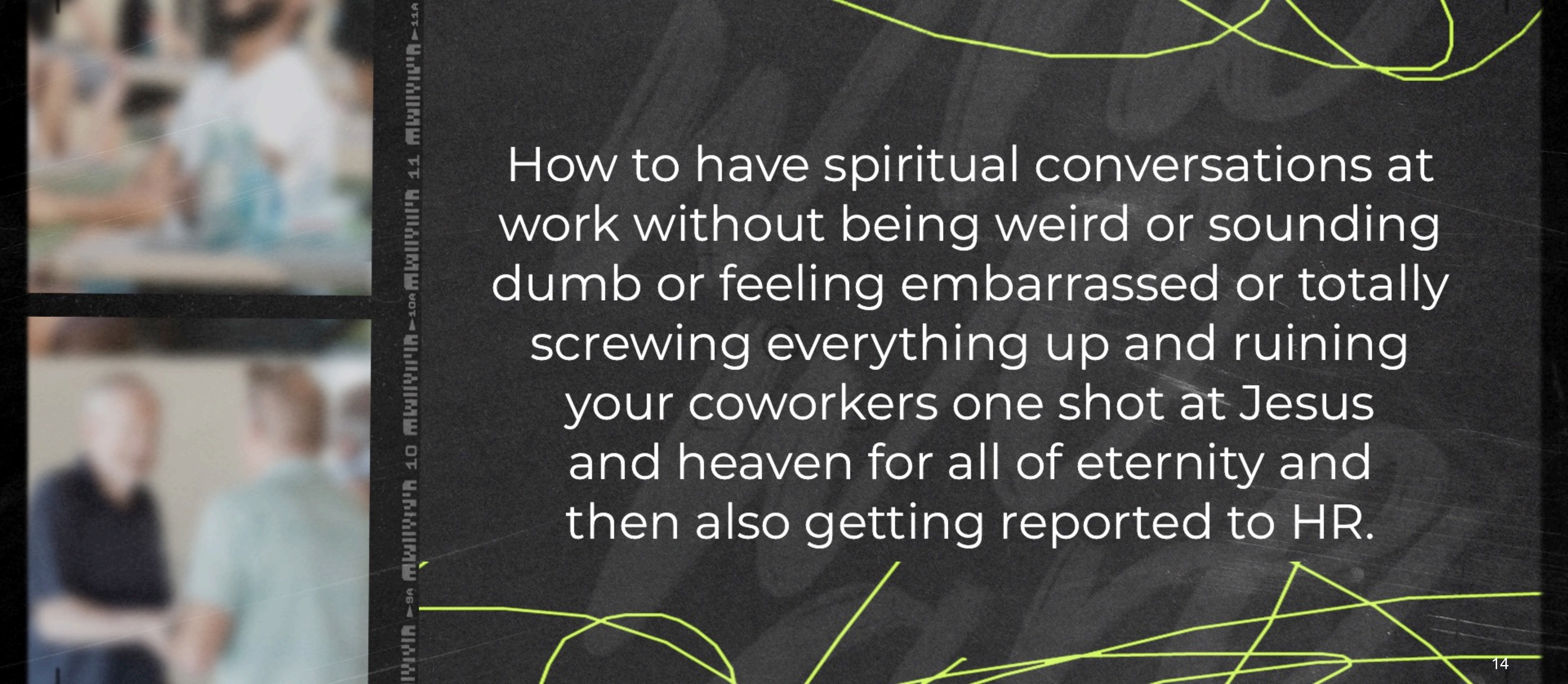
And you will be My witnesses, telling people about Me everywhere—in Jerusalem, throughout Judea, in Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.” After saying this, He was taken up into a cloud while they were watching, and they could no longer see Him.

Public Witness

- It's our deep concern for how people outside our church view our church.
- It's asking of all we do, "What will this say to the unchurched and dechurched about Jesus?"
- It's the reputation we're building in the city.

Public Witness

- It's the realization that: We are the body of Jesus. We are as close as anyone will get to Jesus this side of heaven. We are Jesus' physical presence in the world today so people will form opinions about Him based on encounters with us.
- It's being conscious that every moment of our lives is evangelism.



How to have spiritual conversations at work without being weird or sounding dumb or feeling embarrassed or totally screwing everything up and ruining your coworkers one shot at Jesus and heaven for all of eternity and then also getting reported to HR.

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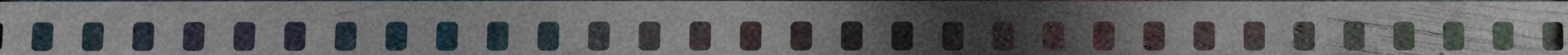
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You are here today because someone shared
the good news of Jesus with you.

Public witness means direct conversations about Jesus. But most of the time, public witness isn't a conversation it's an intentional-faithful-loving presence.

15 - Eternal Glory

14c - Whole Life Surrender

14b - Kingdom Building

14a - Agents of Shalom/Reconciliation

13 - Developing Missional Consciousness

12 - Progressive Spiritual Formation

11 - Invest in Intentional Community

10 - Assimilation into Christian Lifestyle

9 - Baptism & New Creation

8 - Decision to Surrender & Repent

7 - Recognition of Own Sin, Need, Mortality

6 - Positive Disposition

5 - Understands Jesus

4 - Interest in Christianity

3 - Awareness of Christianity

2 - Open to Spiritual Realm

1 - Closed Off to God

Thoughtfulness

- Reject the groupthink, the echo chambers, and the polarization of everything.
 - Are openminded enough to listen to (even learn from) people you disagree with.
- Are honest enough to graciously challenge others when you disagree.

"Two things are true of every human being:
(1) they are made in the image of God and
(2) they are sinful, damnable, and fallen. This is true of Christians and non-Christians. What does that mean? Well it means that even when non-Christians make culture, we shouldn't just dismiss it outright. It may not be perfect or totally good, but there are good and godly things to be gained."

“On the flipside, even when Christians create culture at some level it will be distorted because of the idols of our hearts. So we must have a nuanced approach because it allows us to evaluate with appropriate humility and appreciation and the capacity to affirm and worship in all moments.”

Tim Keller



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Thoughtfulness will sometimes lead to
bold participation and other times
beautiful resistance.

Beautiful Resistance

- Self-control in a time of self-fulfillment
- Self-sacrifice in a time of self-expression
- Restfulness in a time of exhaustion
- Presence in a time of distraction
- Honesty in a time of disinformation
- Prayer in a time of rage
- Curiosity in a time of groupthink
- Hopefulness in a time of cynicism



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“I would unite with anybody to do right and with nobody to do wrong.” - Frederick Douglass

“To dissolve the Union, as a means to abolish slavery,
is about as wise as it would be to burn up this city
in order to get the thieves out of it.”

Frederick Douglass



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Resilience

The ability of a community or individual to withstand a shock.

1. Thoughtfulness

2. Resilience

3. Hopefulness

"The hope envisioned in Scripture is not a blind faith or a cockeyed optimism. More properly, Christian hope as laid out in Scripture is the audacity of faith under adversity. Hope is the cheering in triumph for what others deem a lost cause. Hope denies that our lives don't matter. Hope is currency in the land of melancholy. Hope is the dancing when the music has long ceased. Hope is bread for the starved soul."

“Hope is the voice that whispers to us that ‘all things are possible.’ Hope is the grace to face our fears knowing that there is Someone greater than the sum of all fears. Hope holds out a light rather than curses the dark. Hope is the physician of a terrified soul. Hope is the hero of the weak. Hope is defiance in the face of the tyrant. The gospel is the story of the invasion of hope into a world that knows only despair and darkness.”

"The gospel tells us about men and women doomed for a hopeless end discovering in Christ Jesus an endless hope. Hope is that shameless confidence that Scripture's testimony to Jesus is totally trustworthy."

- Michael Bird