



We will become an **equipping hub** that trains people to
unleash Jesus' love in their everyday lives.

*“They equipped me to confidently take Jesus into the rest
of my life, Monday to Saturday.”*



We will build a robust communal **rule of life** so our people
grow in intimacy with God.

*“I have rhythms and restrictions that actually help me resist
popular culture and connect with God.”*



We will ensure every person can name their
pastor and friends within the church.

*“I have a pastor who knows and loves me, and I have some
of my closest relationships in the church.”*

We will continue to build our reputation as the Love the 'Ville Church through our **social concern**.

“No one loves the poor and the marginalized of this city like Northeast. Those people are everywhere.”



We will lead in facilitating **unity** among
diverse churches in the 'Ville.

*“They bring all sorts of churches together. There is no
spirit of superiority or competition. Same team.”*



We will be a **multi-ethnic** congregation.

*“People of different colors and cultures are represented
in their church, partnerships, and leadership.”*

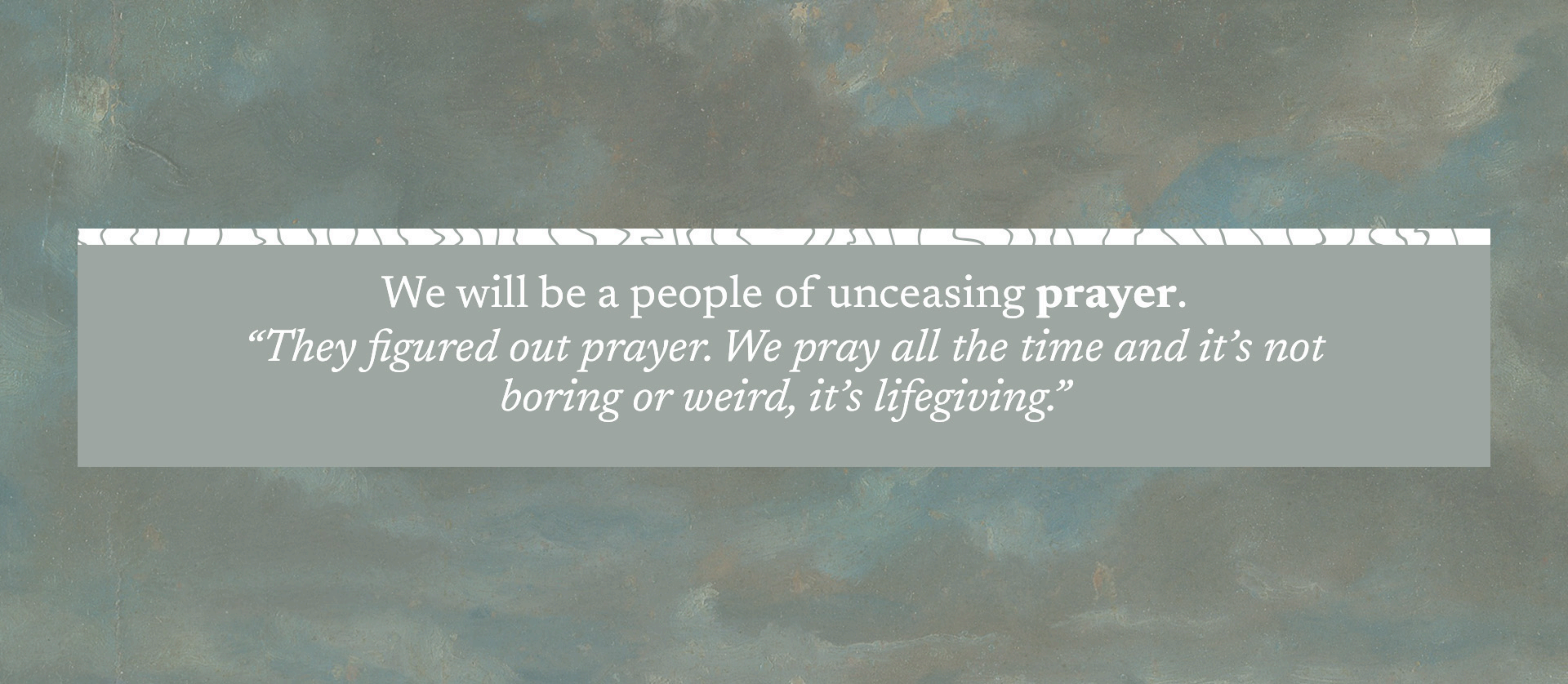
We will invest disproportionately in discipling our
youth, especially the most committed.

*“They are the place for your kid to get the sort of
intensive discipleship training they need today.”*



We will create **thoughtful and beautiful** expressions
of the Kingdom for our community.

*“Every time they create content, media, art, music,
anything, it really strikes a chord with me.”*



We will be a people of unceasing **prayer**.
*“They figured out prayer. We pray all the time and it’s not
boring or weird, it’s lifegiving.”*

We will be a congregation who knows, honors, and reads the **Bible**.

*“I grasp the story of the Bible, respect it as authoritative,
know how to read it, and actually read it.”*

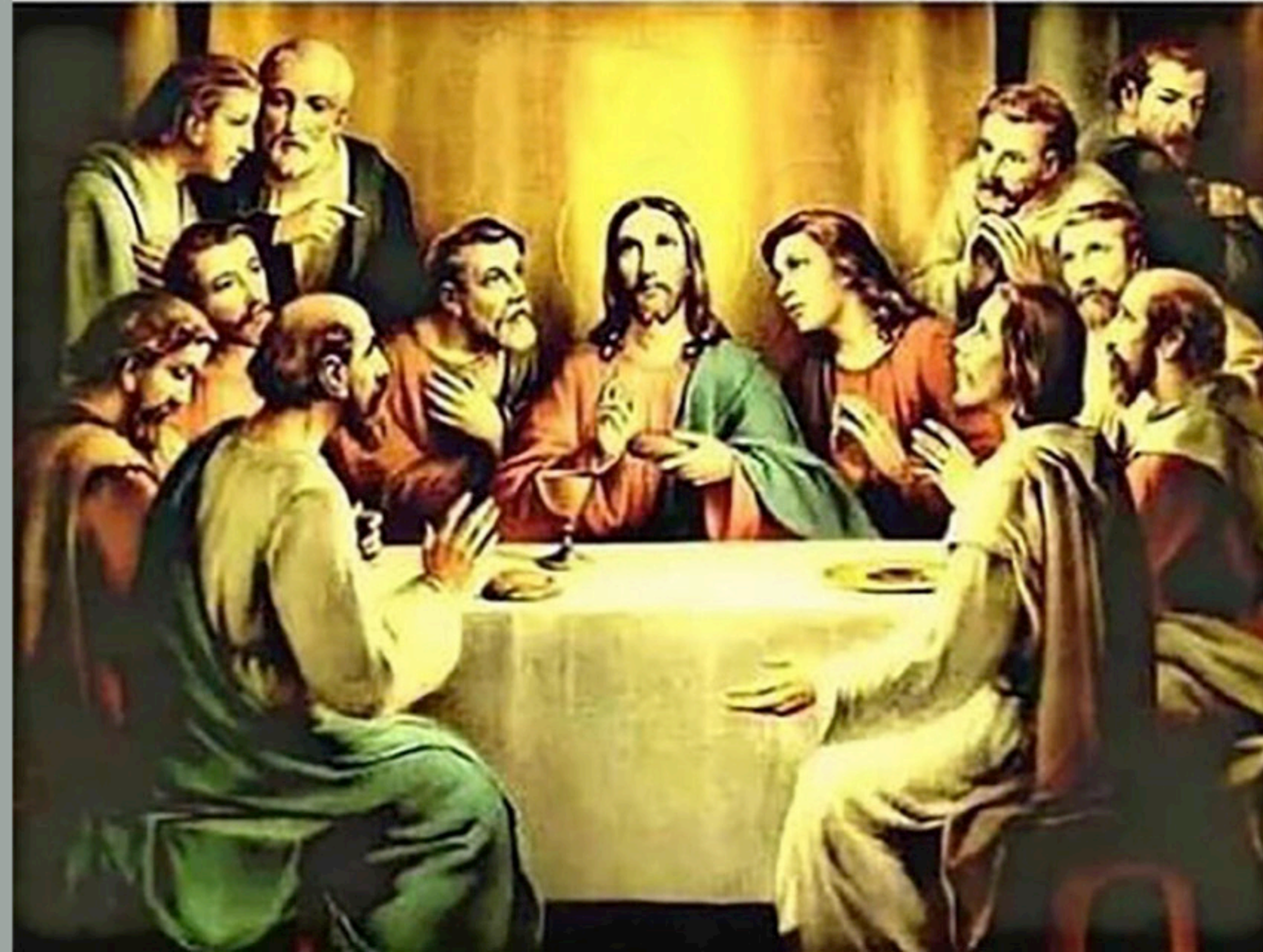
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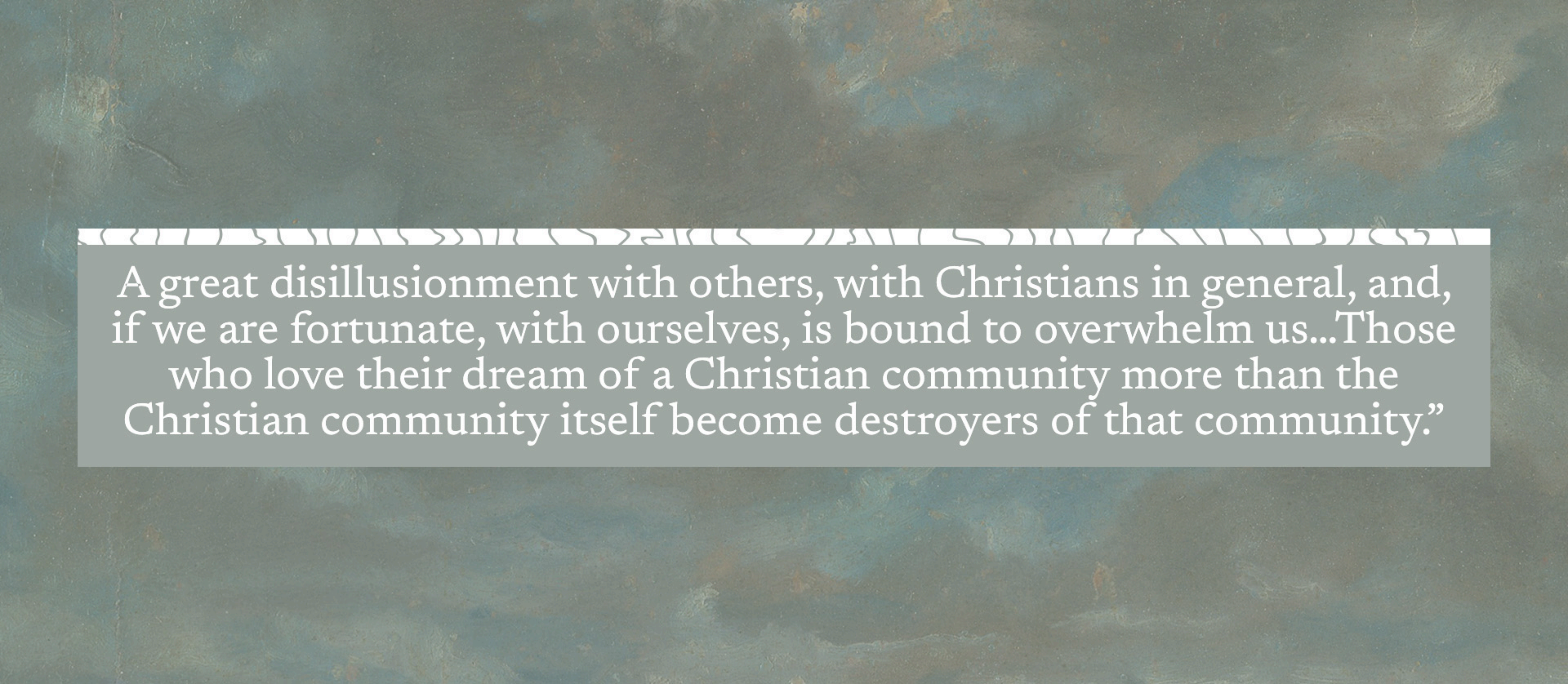


**Nobody talks about Jesus's miracle
of having 12 close friends in his 30s**



Dietrich Bonhoeffer


“Christian community is most often threatened from the very outset by the **greatest danger**, the danger of confusing Christian community with some wishful image of pious community...



A great disillusionment with others, with Christians in general, and, if we are fortunate, with ourselves, is bound to overwhelm us...Those who love their dream of a Christian community more than the Christian community itself become destroyers of that community.”



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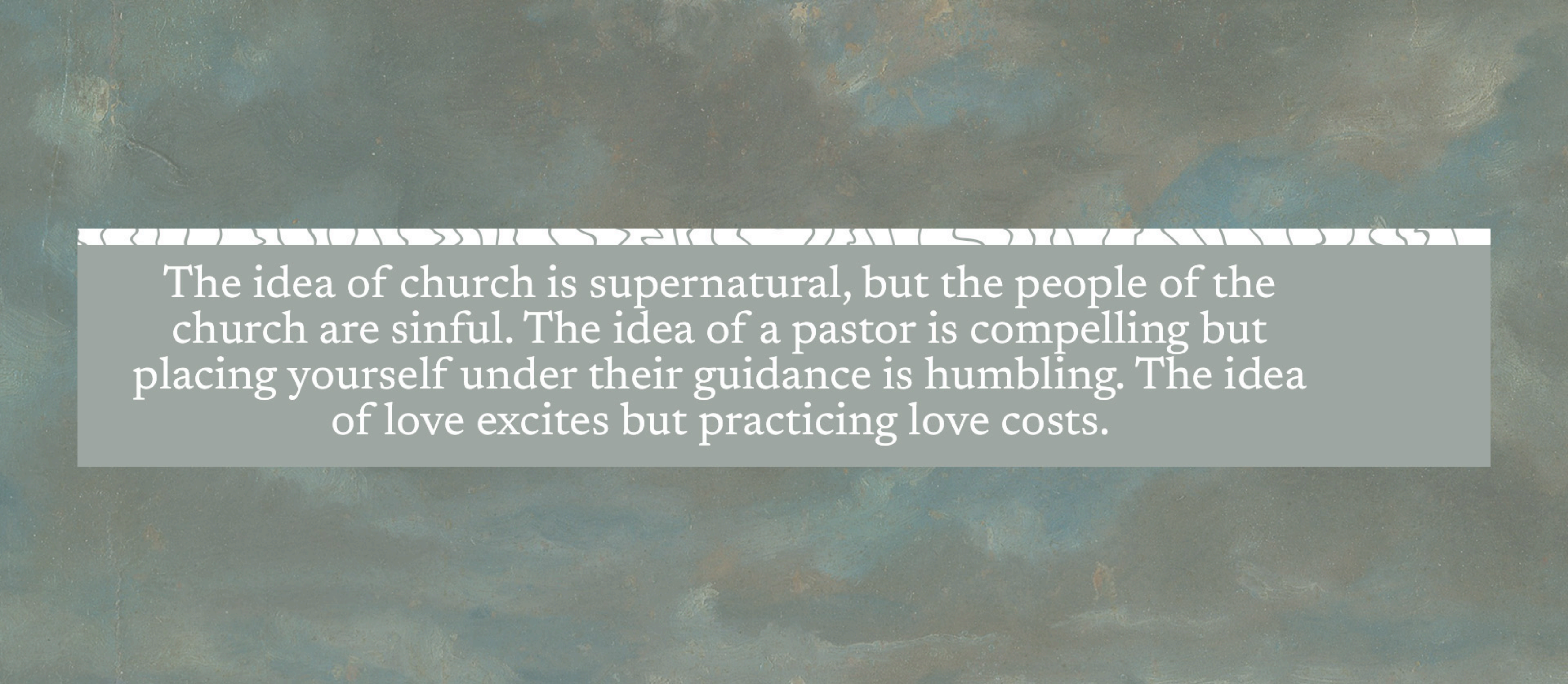


They enter the community with their demands, set up their own law, and judge one another and even God accordingly... Whatever does not go their way, they call a failure.”



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The idea of church is supernatural, but the people of the church are sinful. The idea of a pastor is compelling but placing yourself under their guidance is humbling. The idea of love excites but practicing love costs.




1 John 2:7-14



Dear friends, I am not writing a new commandment for you; rather it is an old one you have had from the very beginning. This old commandment—to love one another —



1 John 2:7-14



is the same message you heard before. Yet it is also new. Jesus lived the truth of this commandment, and you also are living it. For the darkness is disappearing, and the true




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light is already shining. If anyone claims, “I am living in the light,” but hates a fellow believer, that person is still living in darkness. Anyone who loves a fellow believer is living in




1 John 2:7-14



the light and does not cause others to stumble. But anyone who hates a fellow believer is still living and walking in darkness. Such a person does not know the way to go,




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having been blinded by the darkness. I am writing to you who are God's children because your sins have been forgiven through Jesus. I am writing to you who are mature



1 John 2:7-14



in the faith because you know Christ, who existed from the beginning. I am writing to you who are young in the faith because you have won your battle with the evil one.




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I have written to you who are God's children because you know the Father. I have written to you who are mature in the faith because you know Christ, who existed from the



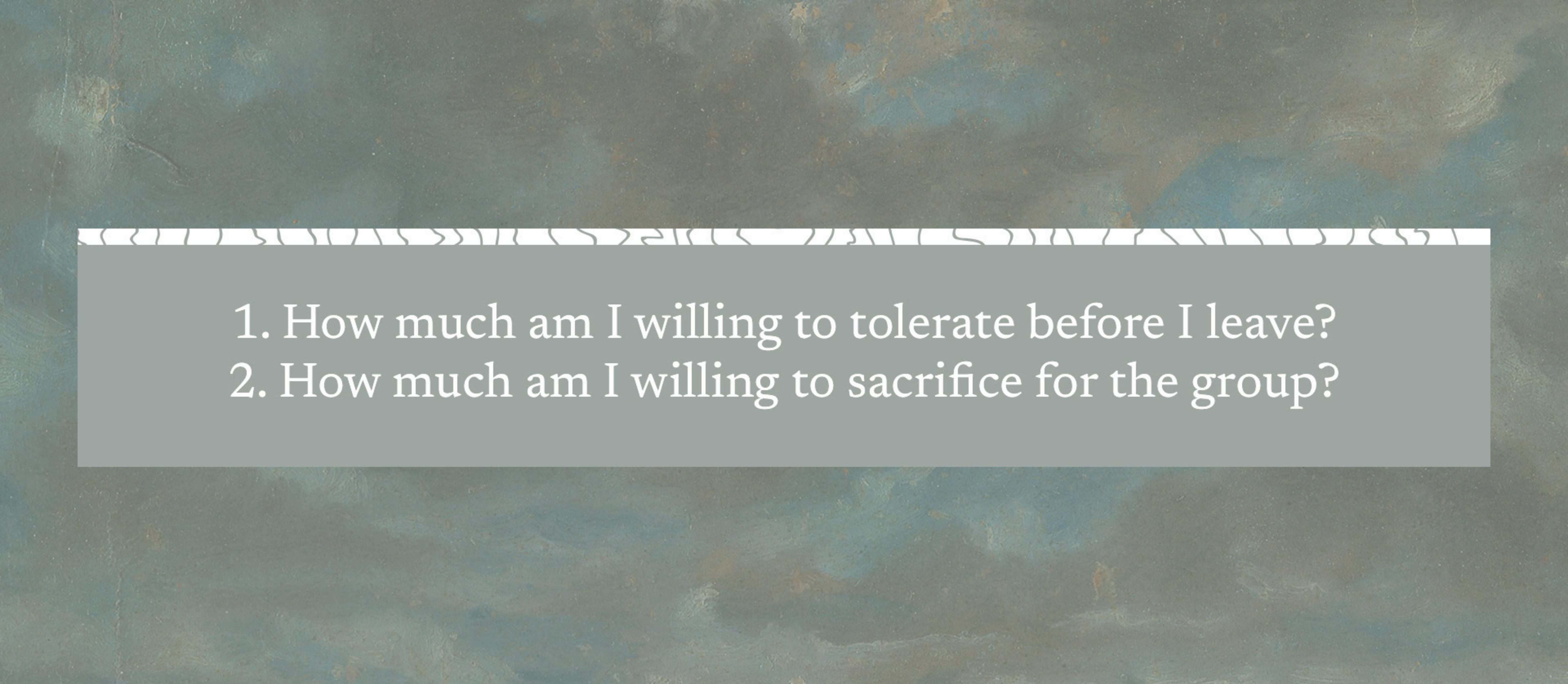
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New Commandment Community

Living in Christ's love.
Illuminating every dark space with light.
Aggressively abolishing hate.
Refusing to be another's stumbling block.
Identities grounded in forgiveness
The mature communing with Christ.
The young waging war over the evil one.
A culture of strength, intimacy, and victory.
Hearts hospitable to and abounding in God's Word.

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1. How much am I willing to tolerate before I leave?
 2. How much am I willing to sacrifice for the group?



3. Fandom
2. Childhood friendships
1. Family



Ephesians 2:19-20



So now you Gentiles are no longer strangers and foreigners. You are citizens along with all of God's holy people. You are members of God's family.



Ephesians 2:19-20

Together, we are His house, built on the foundation of the apostles and the prophets. And the cornerstone is Christ Jesus Himself.



Mt 12:48-50



Jesus asked, “Who is My mother? Who are My brothers?”
Then He pointed to His disciples and said, “Look, these are
My mother and brothers.



Mt 12:48-50



Anyone who does the will of My Father in heaven is My brother and sister and mother!”



Luke 22:24



Then they began to argue among themselves about who would be the greatest among them.



Philippians 2:5-8



You must have the same attitude that Christ Jesus had. Though He was God, He did not think of equality with God as something to cling to.



Philippians 2:5-8



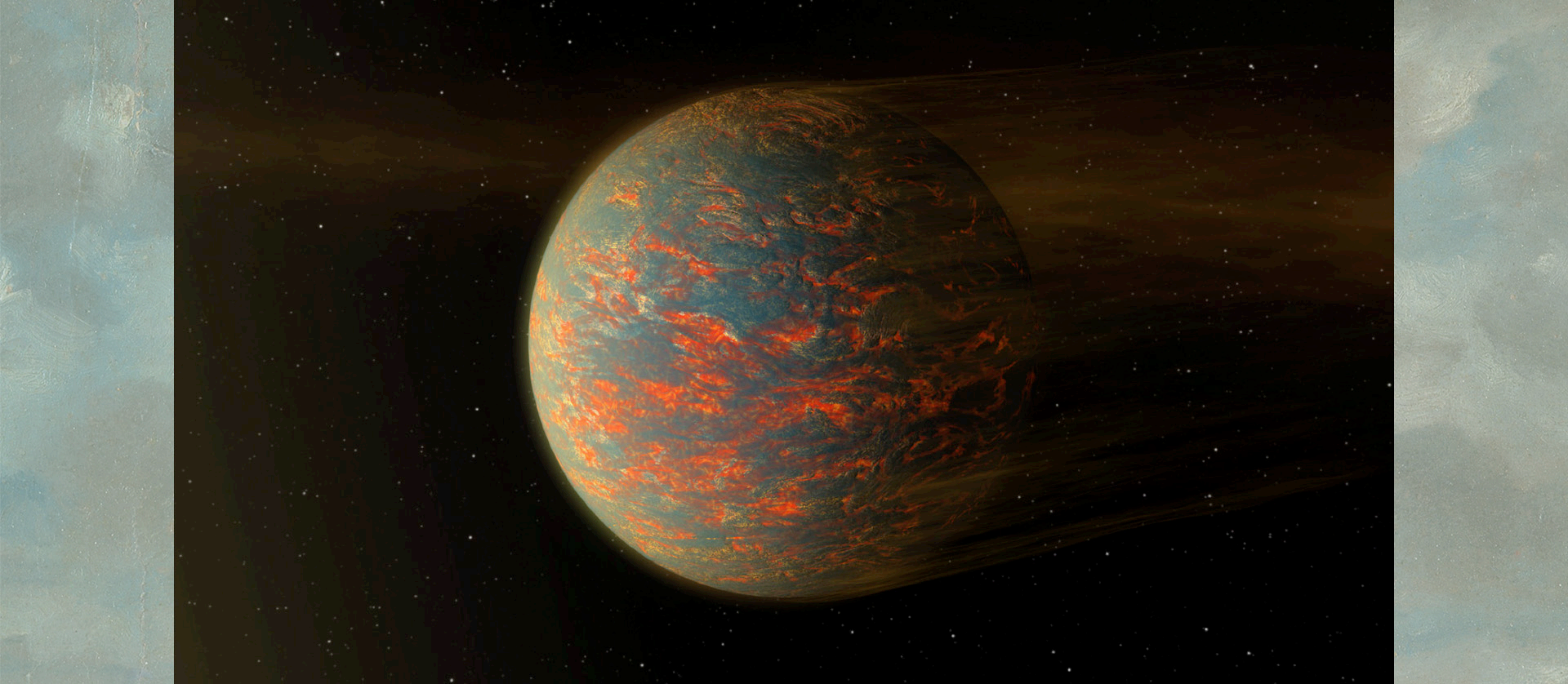
Instead, He gave up His divine privileges; He took the humble position of a slave and was born as a human being. When He appeared in human form,



Philippians 2:5-8



He humbled Himself in obedience to God and died a criminal's death on a cross.





Weekend Environments

Basics

Serve

Groups

Mentorship







Luke 24:50-52.

Then Jesus led them to Bethany, and lifting His hands to heaven, **He blessed them.** While He was blessing them, He left them and was taken up to heaven. So they worshiped



Luke 24:50-52.

Him and then returned to Jerusalem filled with great joy.
And they spent all of their time in the Temple, praising
God.