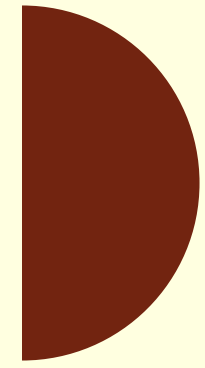




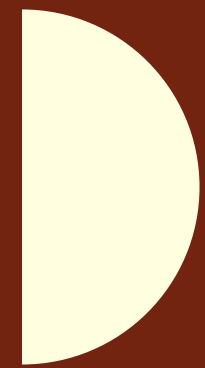
CHURCH

LEARNING, LIVING AND LOVING TRUTH





WHAT IS CHURCH?



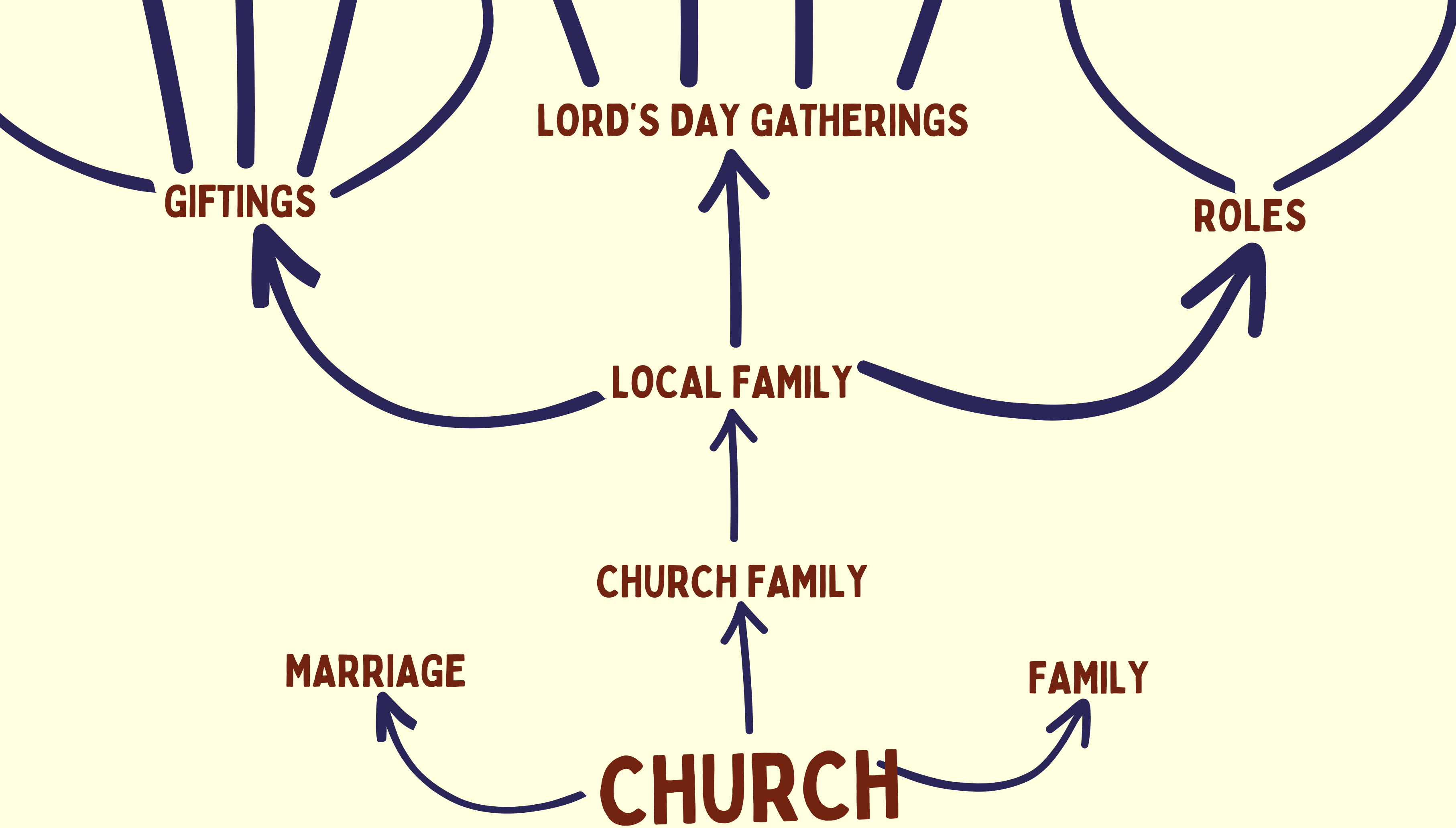
WHY IS IT IMPORTANT?

EPHESIANS 2

"SO THEN YOU ARE NO LONGER STRANGERS AND ALIENS, BUT YOU ARE FELLOW CITIZENS WITH THE SAINTS AND MEMBERS OF THE HOUSEHOLD OF GOD, BUILT ON THE FOUNDATION OF THE APOSTLES AND PROPHETS, CHRIST JESUS HIMSELF BEING THE CORNERSTONE, IN WHOM THE WHOLE STRUCTURE, BEING JOINED TOGETHER, GROWS INTO A HOLY TEMPLE IN THE LORD. IN HIM YOU ALSO ARE BEING BUILT TOGETHER INTO A DWELLING PLACE FOR GOD BY[E] THE SPIRIT."

ACTS 2

"THOSE WHO ACCEPTED HIS MESSAGE WERE BAPTIZED, AND ABOUT THREE THOUSAND WERE ADDED TO THEIR NUMBER THAT DAY. THE FELLOWSHIP OF THE BELIEVERS, THEY DEVOTED THEMSELVES TO THE APOSTLES' TEACHING AND TO FELLOWSHIP, TO THE BREAKING OF BREAD AND TO PRAYER. EVERYONE WAS FILLED WITH AWE AT THE MANY WONDERS AND SIGNS PERFORMED BY THE APOSTLES. ALL THE BELIEVERS WERE TOGETHER AND HAD EVERYTHING IN COMMON. THEY SOLD PROPERTY AND POSSESSIONS TO GIVE TO ANYONE WHO HAD NEED. EVERY DAY THEY CONTINUED TO MEET TOGETHER IN THE TEMPLE COURTS. THEY BROKE BREAD IN THEIR HOMES AND ATE TOGETHER WITH GLAD AND SINCERE HEARTS, PRAISING GOD AND ENJOYING THE FAVOUR OF ALL THE PEOPLE. AND THE LORD ADDED TO THEIR NUMBER DAILY THOSE WHO WERE BEING SAVED."



LORD'S DAY GATHERINGS

GIFTINGS

ROLES

LOCAL FAMILY

CHURCH FAMILY

MARRIAGE

FAMILY

CHURCH

EVERYONE

1 CORINTHIANS 12-14 **EPHESIANS 4** **ROMANS 12** **2 TIMOTHY 1:6** **1 PETER 4:11**

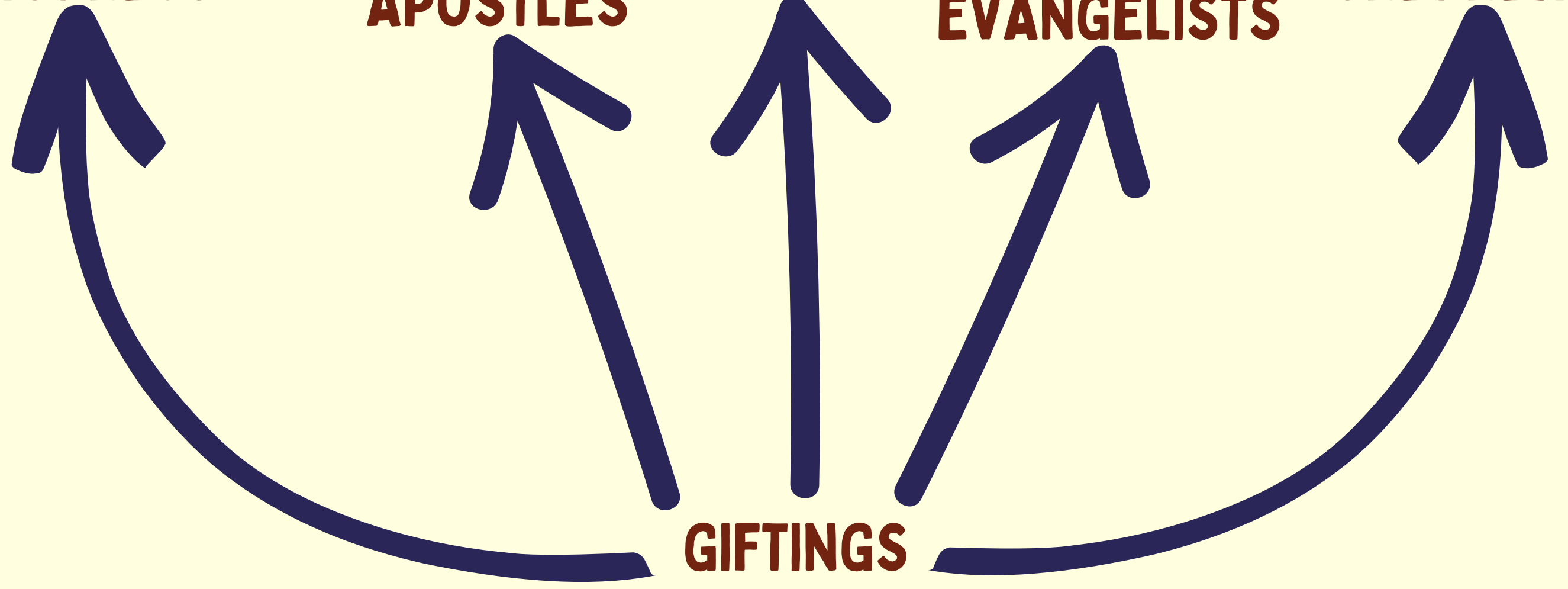
PROPHETS

APOSTLES

TEACHERS

EVANGELISTS

SHEPHERDS



GIFTINGS

SIMPLICITY | STRUCTURE | SPIRIT

ACTS 2

1 CORINTHIANS 11

COLOSSIANS 3:16

1+2 TIMOTHY

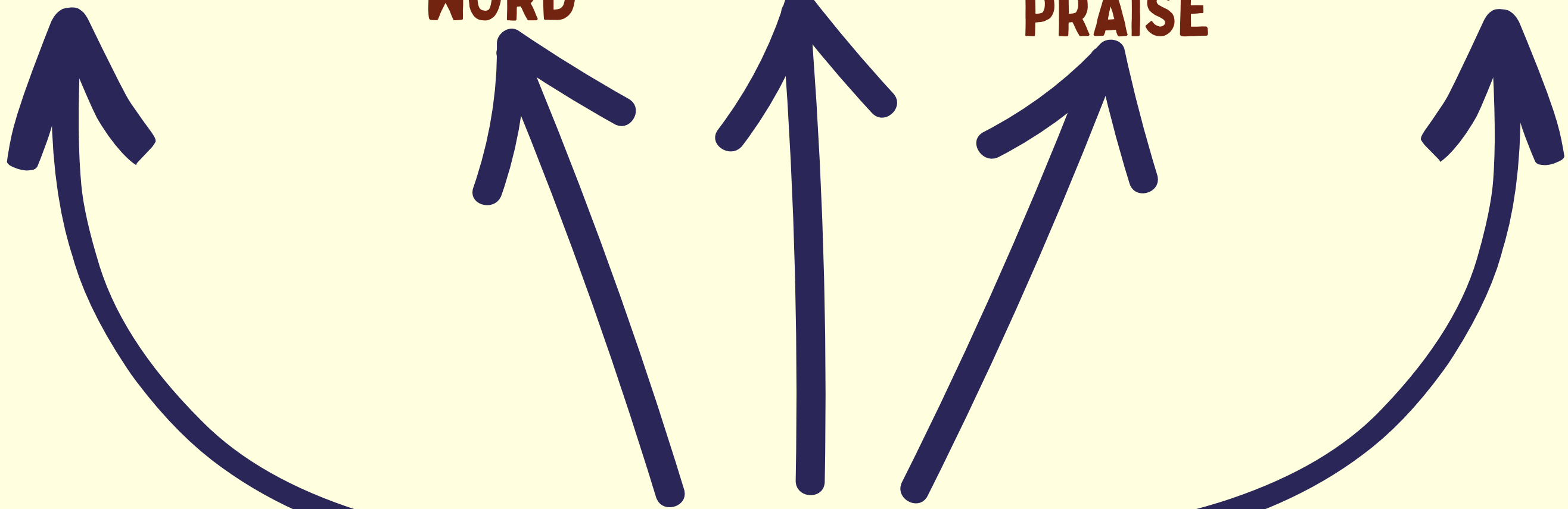
COMMUNION

WORD

GOD

**PRAYER +
PRAISE**

FELLOWSHIP



GATHERINGS

DVINELY DELEGATED AUTHORITY

ACTS 6

1 PETER 5:1-2

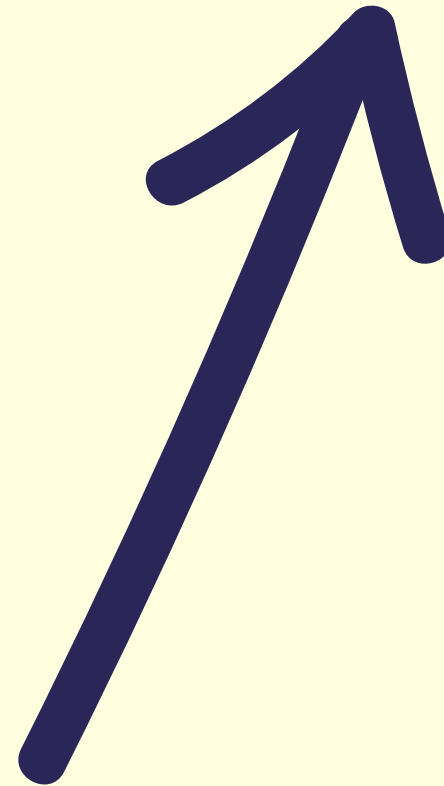
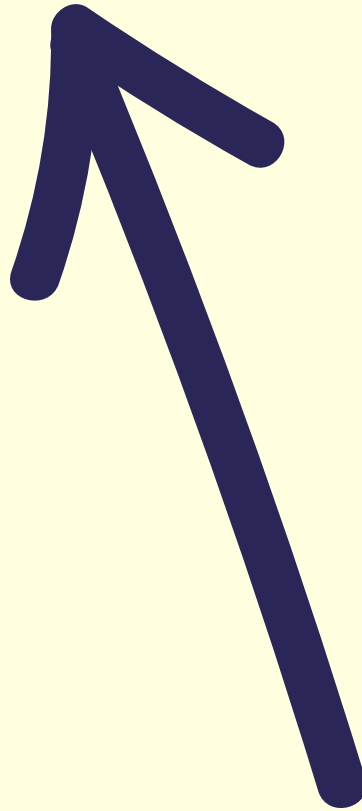
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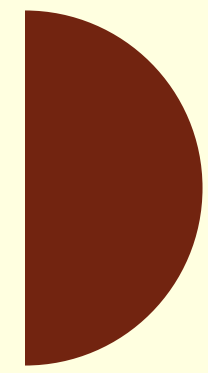


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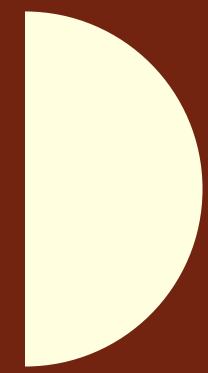


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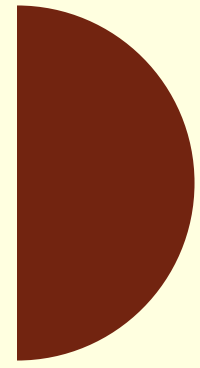




**WHAT DO YOU THINK ARE BIBLICAL
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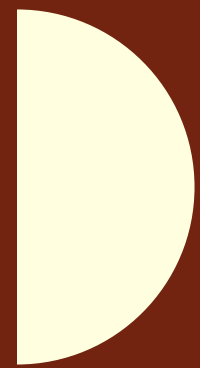
**WHAT DOES GOD SAY ARE BIBLICAL
VALUES?**



NON-OPITIONAL

MARK 7:1-13

MARK 7:1-13



OPTIONAL

WORSHIP



MISSION



KEVIN DEYOUNG

"THE MISSION OF THE CHURCH IS THE TASK GIVEN BY GOD FOR THE PEOPLE OF GOD TO ACCOMPLISH IN THE WORLD. IN SIMPLEST TERMS, THE MISSION OF THE CHURCH IS THE GREAT COMMISSION—WHAT PHILIP RYKEN CALLS "A CLEAR, UNAMBIGUOUS STATEMENT OF [THE CHURCH'S] MISSION TO THE WORLD."¹ OUR TASK AS THE GATHERED BODY OF CHRIST IS TO MAKE DISCIPLES, BY BEARING WITNESS TO JESUS CHRIST THE SON IN THE POWER OF THE HOLY SPIRIT TO GLORY OF GOD THE FATHER."

MATTHEW 28

WORSHIP



UNITY



FRANCIS SCHAEFFER

"WHAT THE WORLD NEEDS TO SEE IS NOT THE CHRISTIAN CHURCH TEARING DOWN EVERY FENCE THAT WAS BUILT FOR THE SAKE OF TRUTH — PROTECTING TRUTH, DECLARING TRUTH. RATHER, WHAT WE SHOULD DO IS STOP THROWING HATE BOMBS OVER THE FENCES, AND INSTEAD LOVE EACH OTHER ACROSS GENUINE DISAGREEMENTS, GENUINE FENCES."

EPHESIANS 4 * MATTHEW 18

WORSHIP



AUTHENTICITY



LAIRD CRUMP

"GOD ASSURES US THAT NO, CHRISTIANITY IS NOT ABOUT PERFECTION. RATHER, IT IS ABOUT ENGAGING IN AN HONEST PROCESS OF BECOMING MORE LIKE JESUS CHRIST. AUTHENTIC CHRISTIANS DON'T PRETEND THEY ARE PERFECT."

JAMES 5

WORSHIP



DISCIPLING



BOBBY HARRINGTON

"GOD WANTS THE CHURCH TO BE A FAMILY, BUT IF THE CHURCH IS A FAMILY, IT IS NOT JUST A FAMILY THAT ENJOYS ITSELF AND BECOMES A CHRISTIAN SOCIAL CLUB, IT IS A FAMILY WHERE PEOPLE SERVE ONE ANOTHER AND DEVELOP THE MIND THAT WAS FIRST IN JESUS CHRIST (PHIL. 2:3-11). IF THE CHURCH DECLARES THE WISDOM OF GOD SO THAT EVEN HEAVENLY BEINGS ARE INFORMED, THEY ARE MADE AWARE THAT CHRIST WAS BEFORE ALL THINGS AND ALL THINGS WERE MADE FOR HIM (COL. 1:15-20). IF GOD WANTS THE CHURCH TO SING AND DECLARE HIS PRAISES, IN DOING SO THE CHURCH DETERMINES TO LET THE "WORD OF CHRIST DWELL" AMONG THE MEMBERS IN ALL RICHNESS, AS THEY SING SONGS, HYMNS, AND SPIRITUAL SONGS (COL. 3:16-18)."

ROMANS 12

WORSHIP



FAMILY



KURT BRUNER

"TWO ESSENTIAL ELEMENTS OF FAMILY — MARRIAGE AND PARENTHOOD — REVEAL GOD'S CHARACTER LIKE NOTHING ELSE IN CREATION. THE LOVE BETWEEN A HUSBAND AND WIFE PROVIDES A GLIMPSE OF CHRIST'S PASSIONATE DEVOTION TO US AS HIS BRIDE. IN THE SAME WAY, THE UPS AND DOWNS OF PARENTHOOD OFFER A COMPELLING PICTURE OF GOD'S TENDERNESS AND PATIENCE TOWARD US AS HIS CHILDREN."

DEUTERONOMY 6

WORSHIP



CHURCH FAMILY



MEGAN HILL

“THROUGHOUT THE NEW TESTAMENT, GOD COMMANDS US TO MUTUAL CARE IN THE LOCAL CHURCH. THE EPISTLES, IN PARTICULAR, TELL US WHAT IT MEANS TO BE BROTHERS AND SISTERS AND TEACH US “HOW ONE OUGHT TO BEHAVE IN THE HOUSEHOLD OF GOD” (1 TIM. 3:15). WITH THEIR VARIOUS “ONE ANOTHER” COMMANDS, THESE LETTERS REMIND US THAT LIFE IN GOD’S FAMILY WILL REORIENT OUR ALLEGIANCE—NOT JUST ON SUNDAY, BUT EVERY HOUR OF EVERY DAY.”

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MATTHEW 12:46-50

WORSHIP



ASPIRATIONS



What do we mean by aspirations? Aspirations can be described as having ambition or hope of achieving something. What then is the hopes and ambitions of the church? Should we aspire and hope for anything? And if we should, what are those ambitions and hopes?

WE MUST HAVE AMBITIONS AND HOPE, HOPE IS A HEART DESIRE TO FOR SOMETHING MORE TO HAPPEN, IT IS IMPORTANT THAT OUR HOPE IS GROUNDED IN THE REALITY THAT WE HAVE ALREADY POSSESSED IT, AND YET IT IS WITHIN THE CONEXT OF KNOWING THIS HOPE THAT WE EXPECT MORE. WHEN YOU THINK ABOUT IT, HOPE IS AN ETERNAL REALITY FOR US BECAUSE OF THE NATURE OF GOD THAT IS INFINITE WE CAN ALWAYS HOPE AND HAVE AMBITIONS TO LEARN MORE ABOUT HIM; THE GOOD NEWS WE HAVE DECLARES THAT WE CAN NOT ONLY KNOW MORE ABOUT HIM BUT BECOME MORE LIKE HIM!

HASHTAG CRAZY

LETS LOOK AT THE DETAILS OF WHAT THESE ASPIRATIONS ACTUALLY LOOK LIKE...

1 THESSALONIANS 4:13-18

BIBLICAL ASPIRATIONS



) CULTURE OF HUMILITY | UNDERSTANDING THE FORMAT, WHAT TO KEEP DOING, START DOING, STOP DOING.

) CULTURE OF KNOWING | KNOWING ELDERS, DEACONS AND MEMBERS

) CULTURE OF COMMUNITY | INWARD AND OUTWARD COMMUNITY

) CULTURE OF UNITY | A DEEP DESIRE TO RECOGNISE THE EXISTING WORK OF THE KINGDOM AND SUPPORT GOD'S BRIDE IN THE VARYING EXPRESSIONS THAT EXIST IN MODERNITY TODAY.

) CULTURE OF WISDOM | HANDS DOWN ONE THAT CAN SO EASILY DOMINATE FOR SOME AND THEN GO ON THE BACK BURNER FOR OTHERS. IT IS ESSENTIAL THAT WE OPERATE IN SANCTIFIED WISDOM AND PRESS IN TO GIFTING AND DISCERNMENT WHEN IT COMES TO THE PRACTICAL OUT WORKINGS OF THE LOCAL BODY.

) CULTURE OF RESPONSE | ALL ARE LOVED AND SO ALL ARE LOVING! WE LOVE AS CHRIST FIRST LOVED US, THATS THE MOTIVATION, THE FUEL AND THE POWER BEHIND OUR LOVE FOR OTHERS. IT IS IMPORTANT THAT THIS PRINCIPLE OF RESPONSE IS PRESENT AMONG ONE ANOTHER, THAT I LOVE BECAUSE OTHER FOLLOWERS OF CHRIST LOVE ME AND OTHER FOLLOWERS OF CHRIST LOVE ME AS I LOVE THEM.

EPHESIANS 4

LEADERSHIP ASPIRATIONS



) CULTURE OF SELF-EXAMINATION | IT IS IMPORTANT THAT WE DON'T GET INTO A CYCLE WHERE WE JUST DECEIVE AND DISSUADE OURSELVES FROM WHAT IS ACTUALLY TRUE. WHAT YOU SAY ABOUT YOURSELF ONLY MATTERS AS FAR AS IT IS TRUE? YOU CAN SAY YOU ARE NOT A SINNER TO THE COWS COME HOME, BUT IT DOESN'T CHANGE THE REALITY OF WHAT IS TRUE AND SO WHAT GOD SEE'S. WE MUST SELF-EVALUATE ONE ANOTHER AND OUR BODY ALWAYS.

) CULTURE OF RECOGNISING GIFTS | TO EACH FOLLOWER OF CHRIST THERE IS A SPIRITUAL GIFT THAT HAS BEEN GIVEN. WE MUST ENSURE THAT WE IN THE NAME OF HUMAN WISDOM (CONFORMITY) LIE ABOUT THE GIFTS AND THEIR USE. EVERYONE MATTERS, EVERYONES GIFTS MATTER, WE MUST RECOGNISE AND RELEASE THESE GIFTS FOR THE EDIFICATION OF HIS BRIDE AND EXALTATION OF CHRIST.

) CULTURE OF DELEGATION | A GREAT LEADER AND BETTER PERSON IS SOMEONE WHO SEE'S THE BEAUTY IN 'THE OTHER' AND SO CREATES A SPACE FOR THEIR BEAUTY TO BE EVIDENCED.

) CULTURE OF PASSION | PASSION: AN UNCONTROLLABLE STRENGTH WHEN PAIRED WITH LONGEVITY BRINGS STRENGTH, OR THE SUFFERINGS AND DEATH OF CHRIST. WE MUST BE A PEOPLE MARKED BY PASSION, PASSION FOR GOD, HIS WORD, HIS SPIRIT, HIS WILL, HIS KINGDOM AND HIS BRIDE.

) CULTURE OF WISDOM | A SUPERNATURAL ENDOWMENT DISCOVERED THROUGH EXPERIENCE. THE MEANS TOW WHICH WE ACQUIRE SUCH WISDOM IS THROUGH ACCUMULATION.

) CULTURE OF SPIRIT AND TRUTH | JESUS SAID THAT THE TIME HAD COME FOR US TO WORSHIP IN SPIRIT AND IN TRUTH! THE WORD ALONE YOU WILL DRY UP, THE SPIRIT ALONE YOU WILL BLOW UP, THE SPIRIT AND THE WORD YOU WILL GROW UP.

) CULTURE OF OBEDIENCE AND ACCOUNTABILITY | 1 TIMOTHY 2 AND THE NECESSITY OF COMMUNAL RESPONSIBILITY.

BRIDAL ASPIRATIONS



) HIS WORDS | WHEN WILL WE UNDERSTAND THE FEAR AND TREMBLING TO BE ASSOCIATED WITH GOD'S WORD? WHEN WILL WE UNDERSTAND THAT WHEN WE QUOTE HIS WORD WE ARE QUOTING GOD!

) HIS PEOPLE | WHEN WILL WE UNDERSTAND THAT PEOPLE ARE NOT OUR POSSESSION BUT INSTEAD ARE HIS POSSESSION BOUGHT WITH A HIGH PRICE AND SO IT MATTERS HOW WE TREAT THEM.

) HIS DAYS | WHEN WILL WE UNDERSTAND THAT OUR DAYS ARE A GIFT TO BE STEWARDED NOT TO BE OWNED.

) HIS MISSION | WHEN WILL WE UNDERSTAND THAT WE DON'T CREATE MISSION, WE DON'T CREATE HARVEST, WE DON'T CREATE LABOURERS, GOD HAS DECLARED WHAT THE MISSION FAILED IS AND HOW WE ARE TO PLAY OUR ROLE IN IT.

) HIS GIFTS | WHEN WILL WE UNDERSTAND THAT A GIFT IS SOMETHING WE RECEIVE FROM GOD BECAUSE OF HIS NATURE, NOTHING ELSE, THESE GIFTS ARE TO EDIFY US AND WORSHIP HIM.

) RECOGNISE | WE MUST ALWAYS GO BACK TO WHERE IT ALL BEGAN AND REALISE WHAT IS HAPPENING NOW.

) EQUIP | WE MUST BE MOBILISED BY THE PROMISES OF GOD.

) GO | WE MUST LIVE OUT THE COMMISSION EVERY SECOND OF EVERY DAY.

) GROW | WE MUST ENJOY GROWTH IN CHRIST.

) GLORIFY | WE MUST GIVE EVERYTHING FOR JESUS.

WORSHIP



**“THE BRIDE IS A REALITY THAT WE GET TO
BE APART OF, A JOY TO BE EMBRACED
AND A PRIVILEGE WE PROCLAIM.”**

LUKE TAYLOR

**“THE LOCAL BODY IS GOD’S MEANS OF
DISCIPLESHIP, IT IS OUR MEANS OF
OBEDIENCE.”**

LUKE TAYLOR

WORSHIP



