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THURSDAYS, SEP 8-DEC 1 @ 6:30-7:30A
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FRI, SEP 23 @ 6:30-8:30P – HOUSTON'S FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH (FELLOWSHIP CENTER)

Hooked to

HOLY

with Robby Gallaty

COST: \$15 (DINNER INCLUDED)

REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED
AT HOUSTONSFIRST.ORG

THE ENCOUNTER 2022

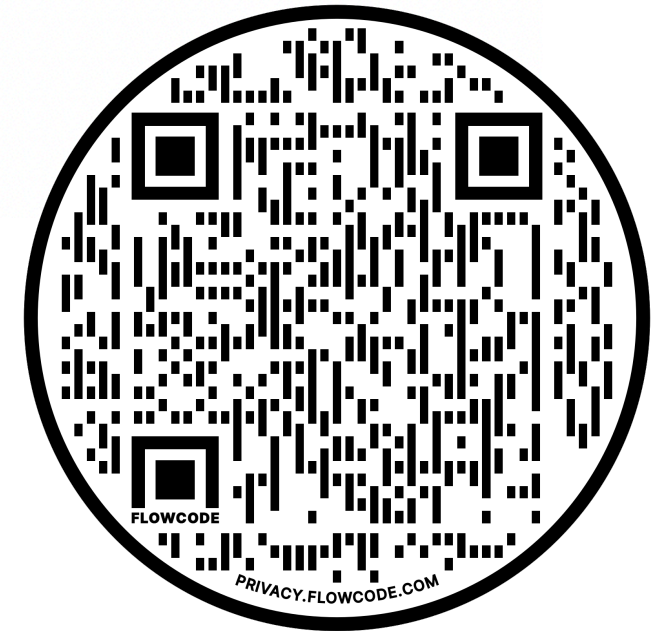
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TEN
THOUSAND
SPIRITUAL
FATHERS

**October 1 @ Fellowship Center
8:30a to 3:30p (Lunch Included)** |



Deadline Friday

men:
SERVE



MenServe.org

Sep 17
Oasis Room



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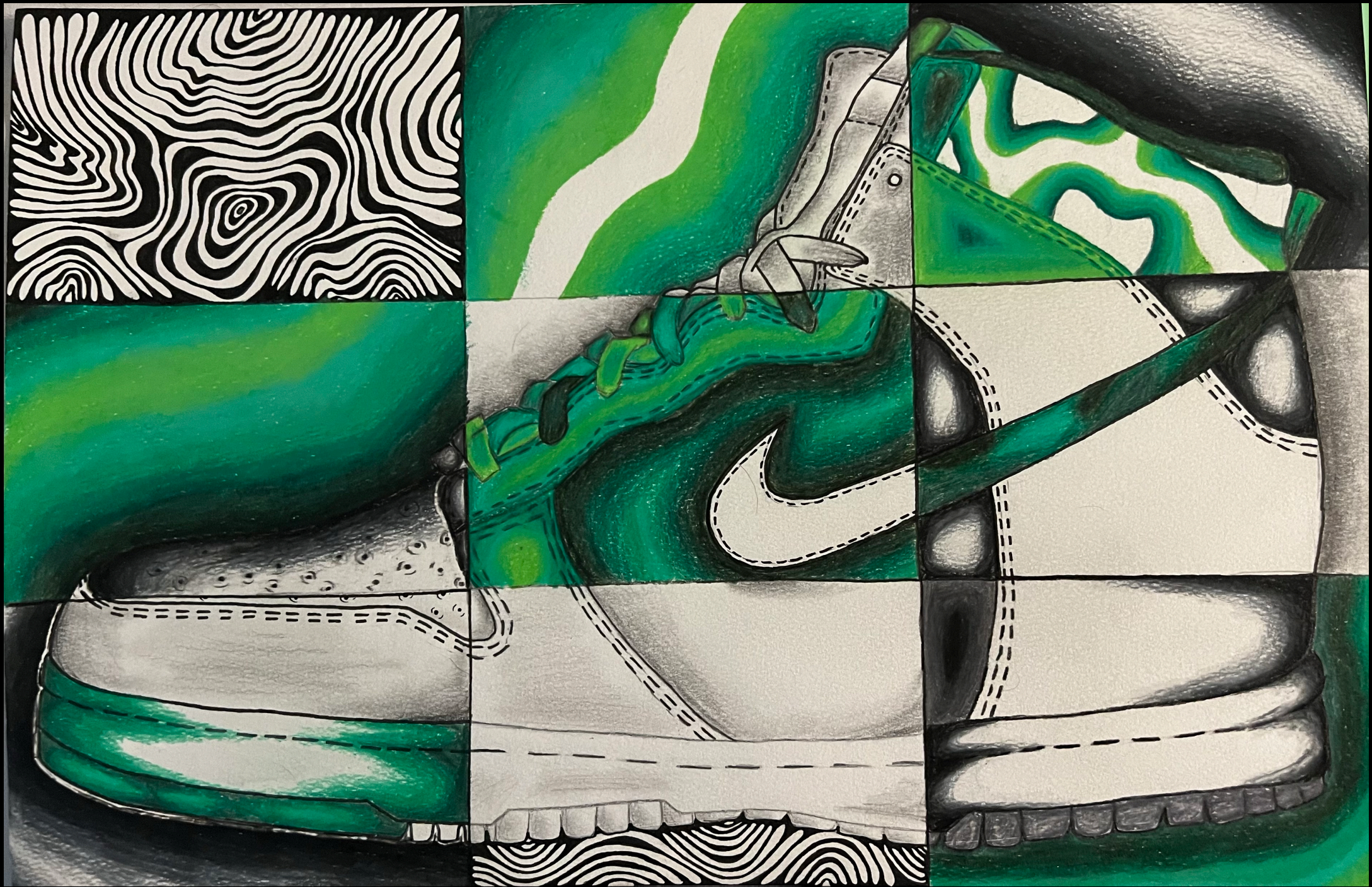


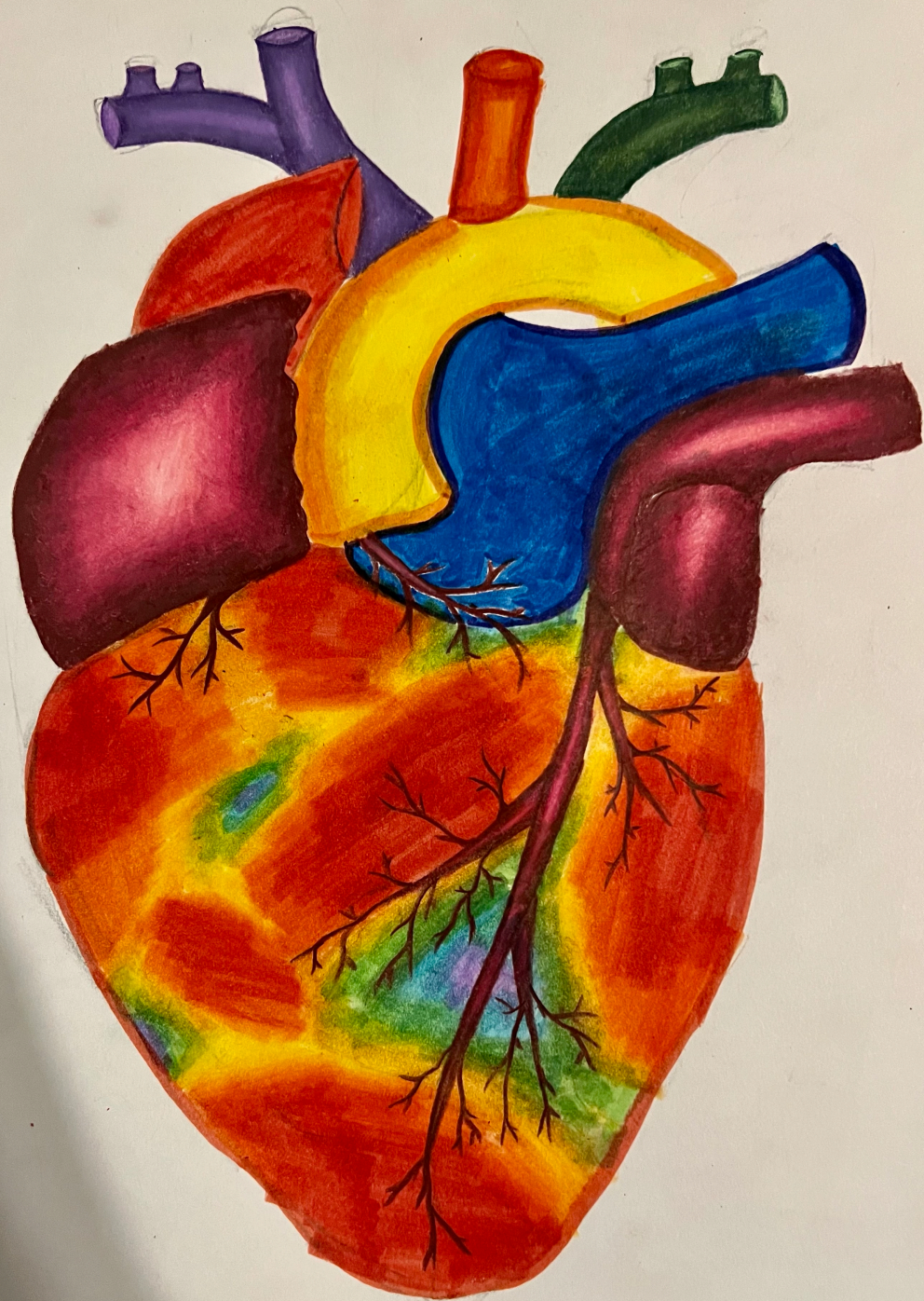
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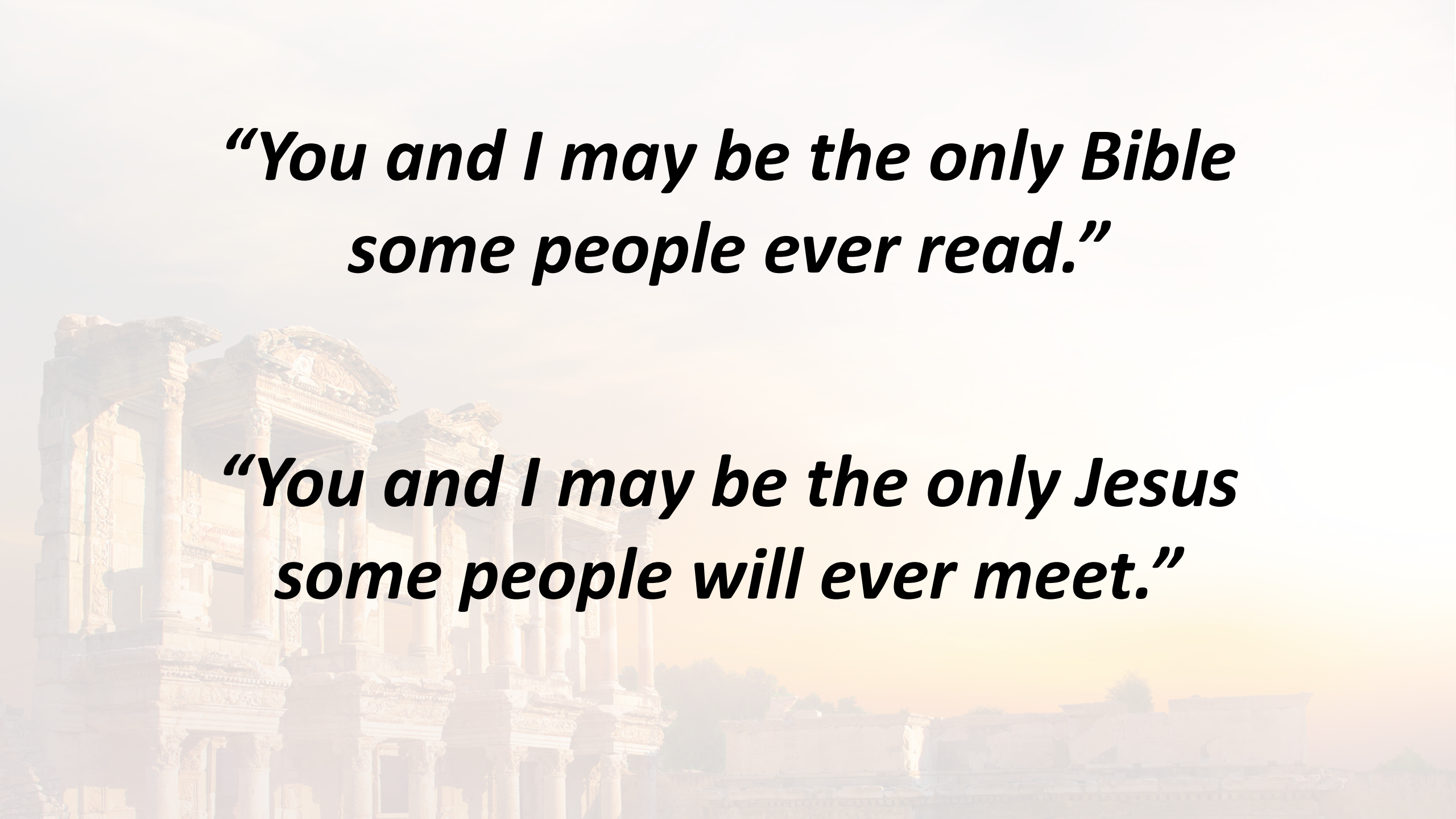


I removed everything that wasn't David!

the book of

COLOSSIANS





***“You and I may be the only Bible
some people ever read.”***

***“You and I may be the only Jesus
some people will ever meet.”***

Colossians 1:1-2

1 Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by God's will,
and Timothy our brother:

2 To the saints in Christ at Colossae, who are
faithful brothers. Grace to you and peace
from God our Father.



JESUS OPPOSES THE **PROUD**,
But Gives Grace
to the **Humble**

MATTHEW 21:23-32

Chisel away our pride!



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World's Definitions

Authenticity:

***Acting according to your desires
& passions.***

Inauthenticity:

Denying your desires & passion.

Kingdom's Definitions

Authenticity:

Acting according to your Identity.

Inauthenticity:

***Acting differently than your
Identity.***



And he said to all, "If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and

TAKE UP HIS CROSS DAILY AND FOLLOW ME."


Luke 9:23

Chisel away our fleshly desires!



Colossians 1:3-6

³ We always thank God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, when we pray for you, ⁴ for we have heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and of the love you have for all the saints ⁵ because of the hope reserved for you in heaven. You have already heard about this hope in the message of truth, the gospel ⁶ that has come to you...



***In place of competition there is
Compassion and Community!***

So if one member suffers, all
the members suffer with it; if
one member is honored, all
the members rejoice with it.

An open book with text overlaid. The text is in a dark red, serif font. The book is open, showing two pages with some faint text. The background is a light, neutral color.

1 CORINTHIANS 12:26






***Chisel away our competitive
nature between each other!***

Colossians 1:6-8

It is bearing fruit and growing all over the world, just as it has among you since the day you heard it and recognized God's grace in the truth. 7 You learned this from Epaphras, our dearly loved fellow slave. He is a faithful servant of the Messiah on your behalf, 8 & he has told us about your love in the Spirit.

A sunset over a valley with hills and a rainbow in the sky. The sun is low on the horizon, casting a warm orange glow. A faint rainbow is visible in the upper left portion of the sky. The foreground shows a valley with rolling hills.

You are God's plan "A"
(there's no plan "B")

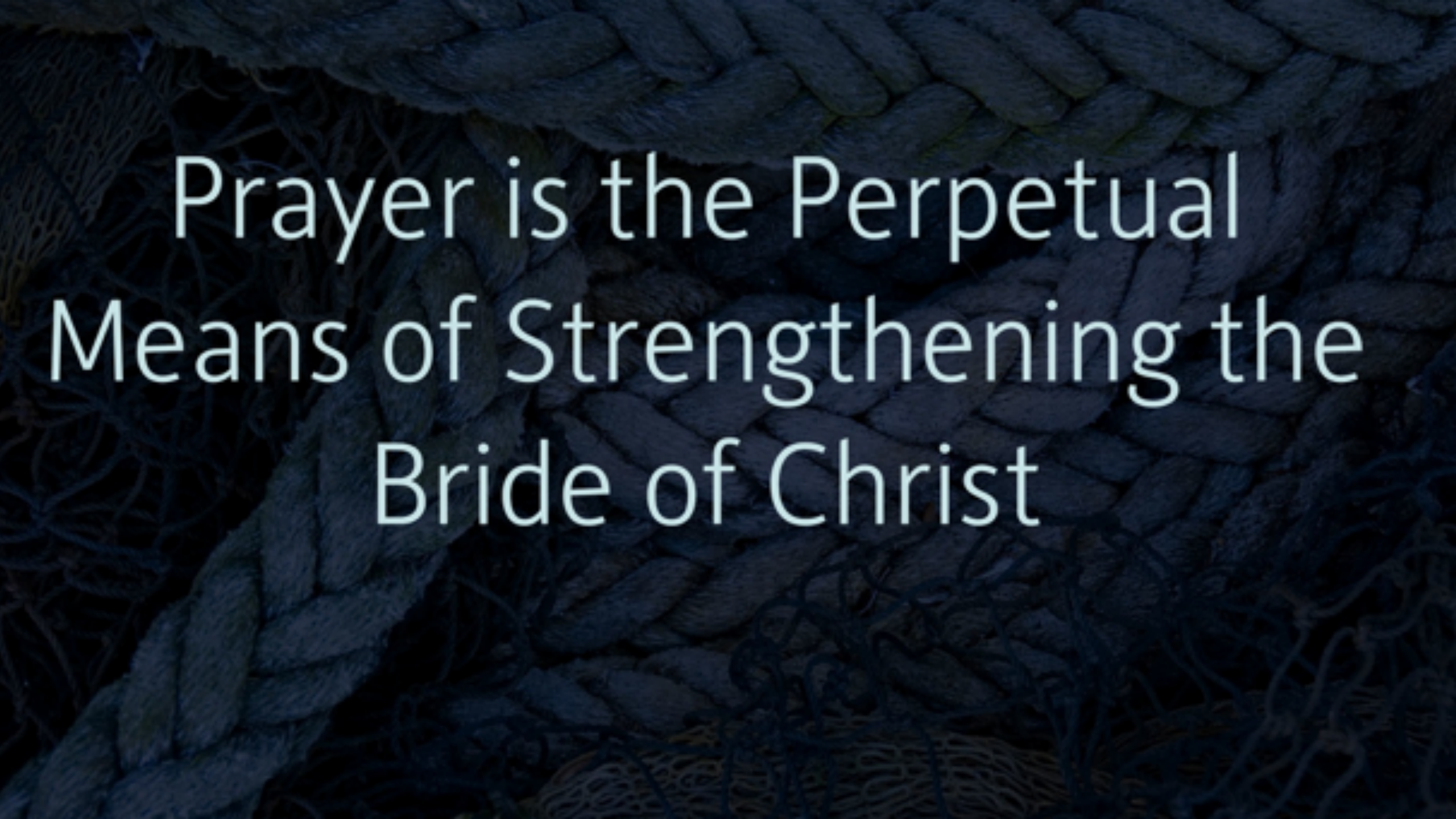
An important reminder.

***Chisel away our complacency in
sharing the Gospel!***



Colossians 1:9-10

⁹ For this reason also, since the day we heard this, **we haven't stopped praying for you.** We are asking that **you may be filled with the knowledge of His will** in all wisdom and spiritual understanding, ¹⁰so that **you may walk worthy of the Lord,** fully pleasing to Him, **bearing fruit** in every good work and **growing in the knowledge of God.**



Prayer is the Perpetual
Means of Strengthening the
Bride of Christ

The more we know of
God, the more we should
kneel before God!



Chisel away our prayerlessness!



Colossians 1:11-14

¹¹ May you be strengthened with all power, according to His glorious might, for all endurance and patience, with joy ¹² giving thanks to the Father, who has enabled you to share in the saints' inheritance in the light. ¹³ He has rescued us from the domain of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of the Son He loves. ¹⁴ We have redemption, the forgiveness of sins, in Him.

I am
NOT ASHAMED
of the GOSPEL
for it is THE POWER of GOD
FOR the SALVATION of
everyone who BELIEVES

ROMANS 1:16

Chisel away our forgetfulness!



Christ, chisel away...

- ***Our Pride***
- ***Our Fleshly Desires***
- ***Competitive Natures w/ each other***
- ***Complacency in Sharing***
- ***Our Prayerlessness***
- ***Our Forgetfulness***

Questions?



Discussion Questions

- 1. When you hear that you are declared “Saints,” what thoughts go through your mind?**
- 2. What is the difference between the world’s idea of “authenticity” and the Christian idea of “authenticity”? What areas of your life can this be applied?**
- 3. How does a sense of competition limit our practice of community with other Christians?**
- 4. Who can you be praying for more consistently?**
- 5. What is one thing that God rescued you from? How do you use that testimony to encourage others?**

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