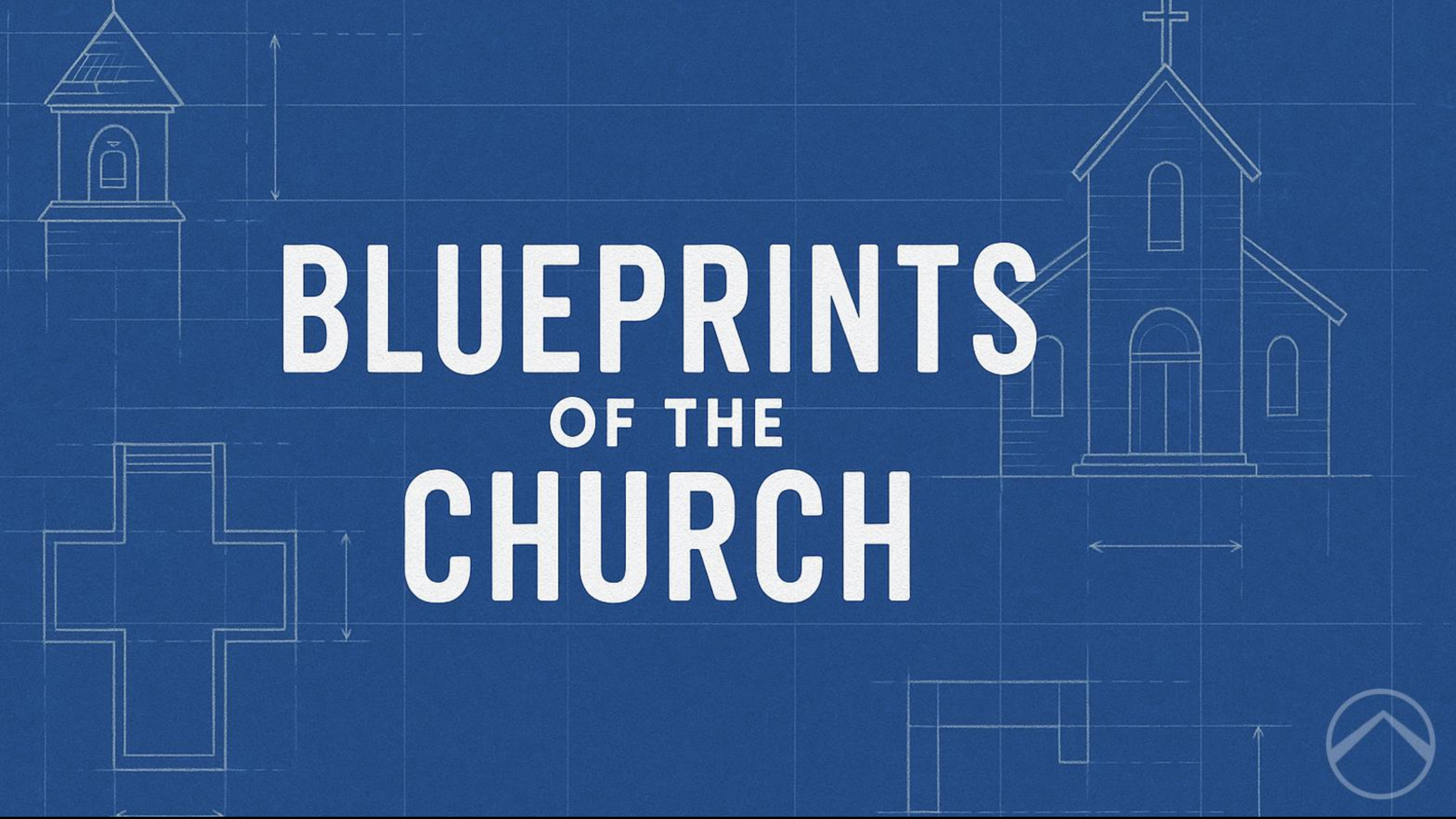


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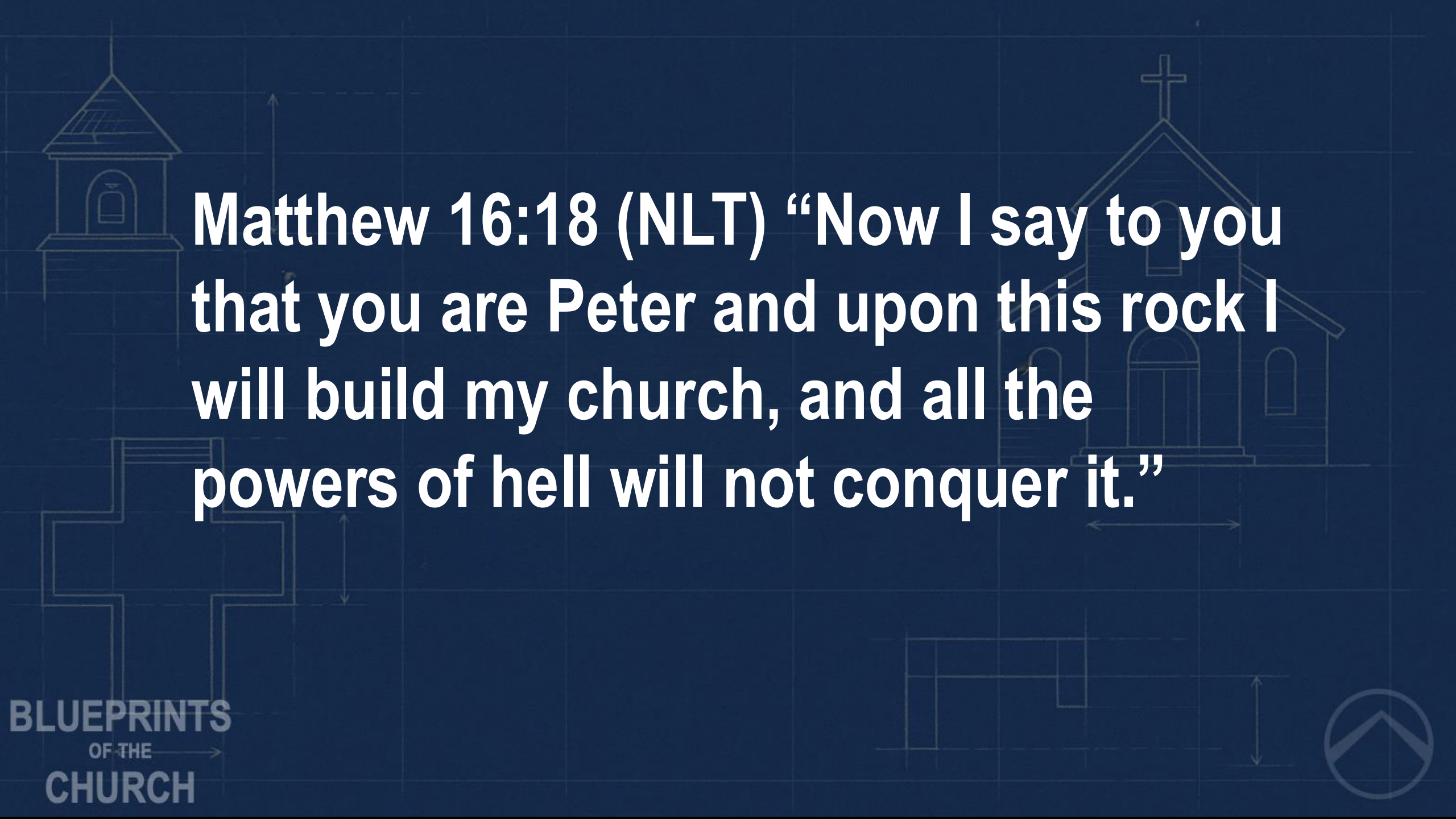
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MAIN POINT

“God is building His Church...
He is not building our church



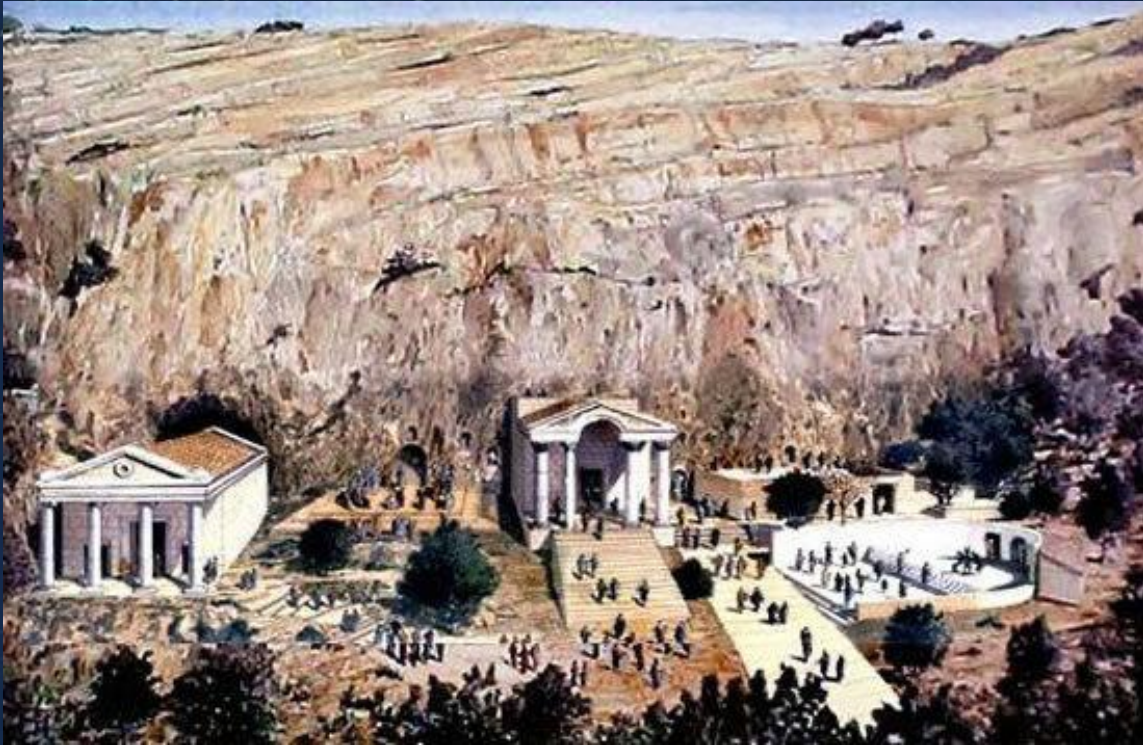


Matthew 16:18 (NLT) “Now I say to you that you are Peter and upon this rock I will build my church, and all the powers of hell will not conquer it.”



Caesara Philippi

"The Gates of Hell"



God's Blueprints for a Healthy Church

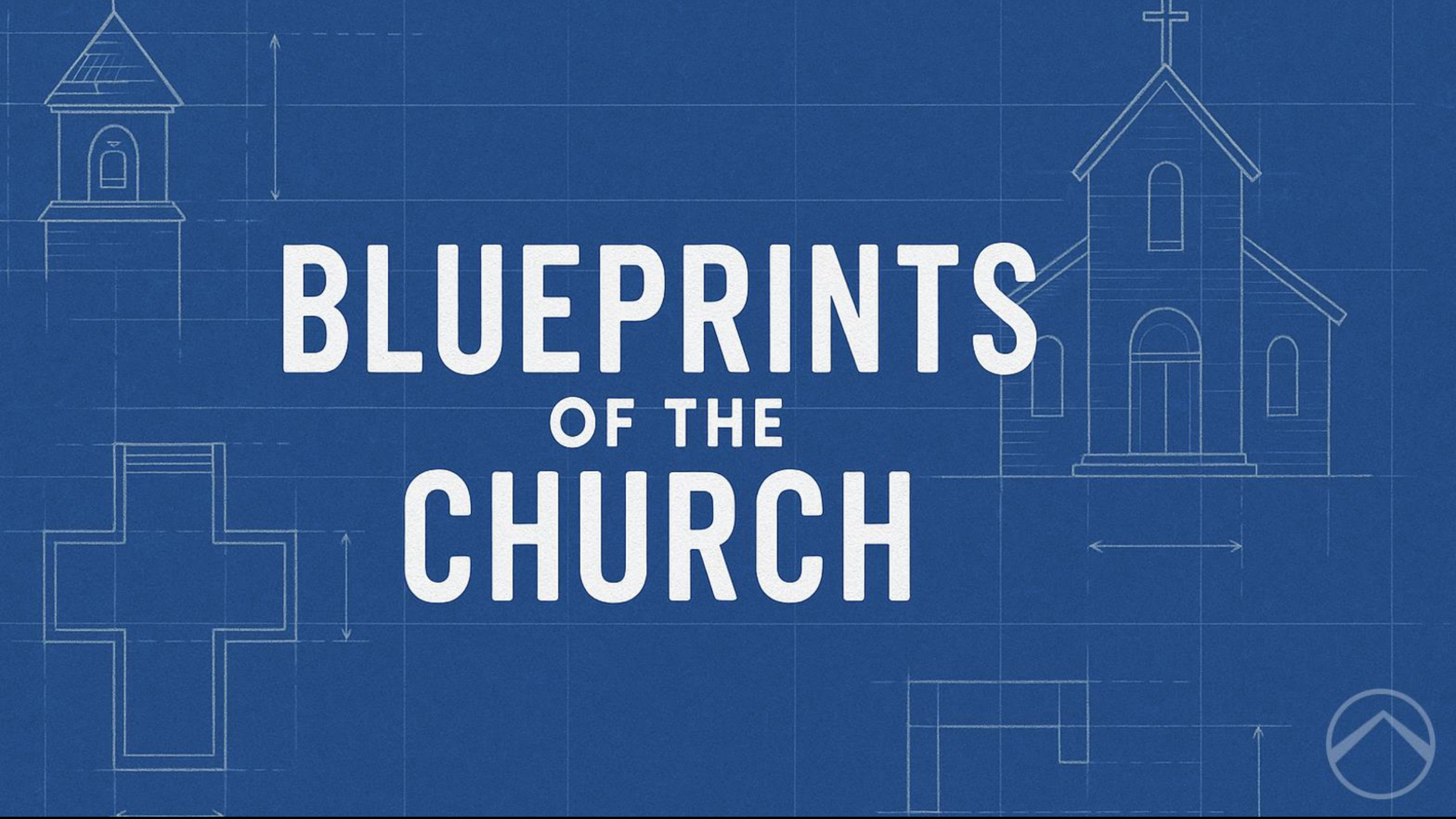
From Week 1

Brick 1 - the Foundation (Jesus)

Brick 2 - the Power (Holy Spirit)

Brick 3 - the Mission (the Church)



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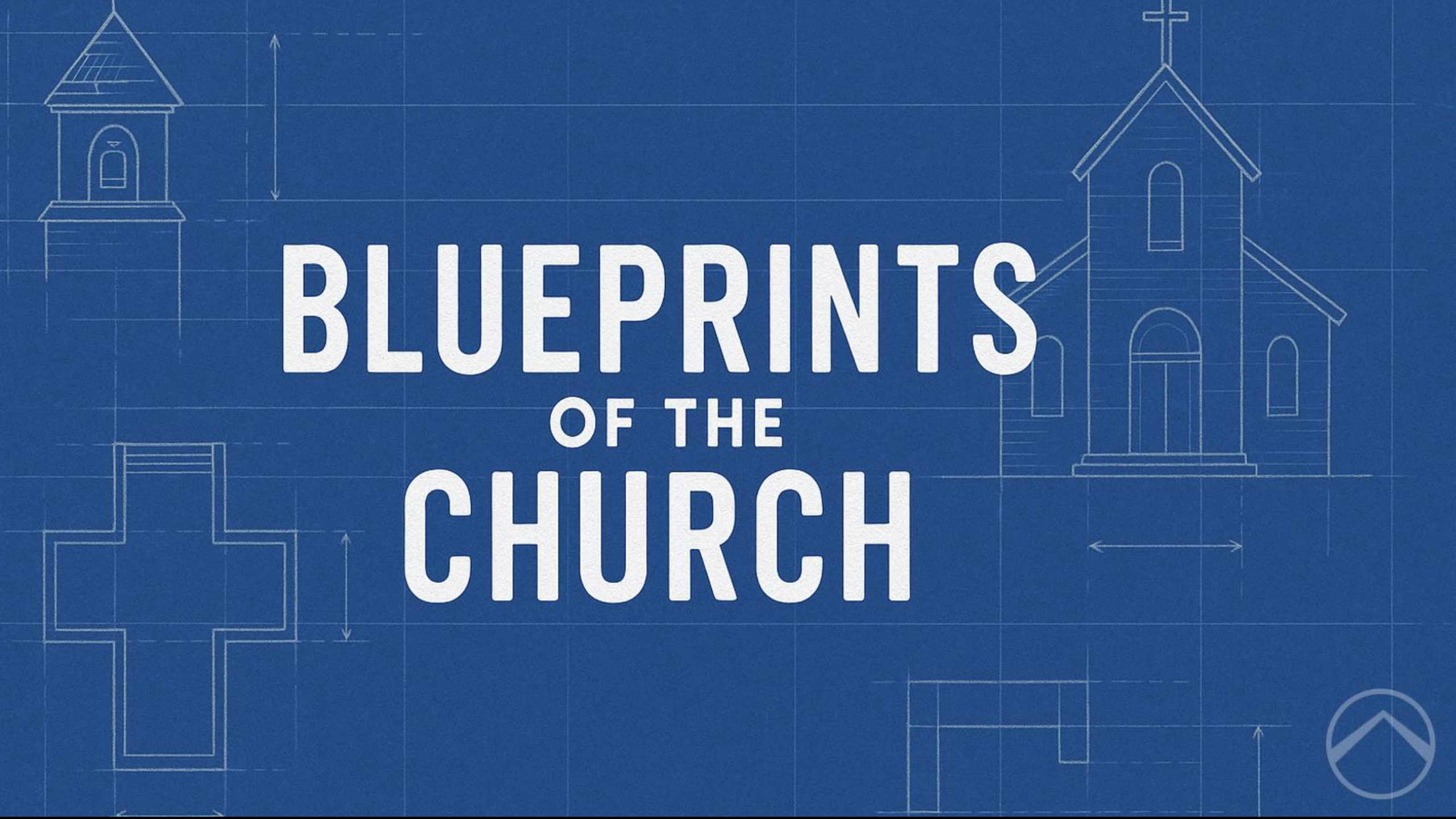


Acts 2:42–47 (NLT) “42 All the believers devoted themselves to the apostles’ **teaching, and to fellowship, and to sharing in meals (including the Lord’s Supper), and to prayer.**43 A deep sense of awe came over them all, and the apostles performed many miraculous signs and wonders. 44 And all the believers met together in one place and shared everything they had.45 **They sold their property and possessions and shared the money** with those in need.



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Brick 4

Steadfast in Doctrine and Prayer



They DEVOTED themselves to four things

- (1) teaching,
- (2) fellowship,
- (3) meals,
- (4) and prayer.

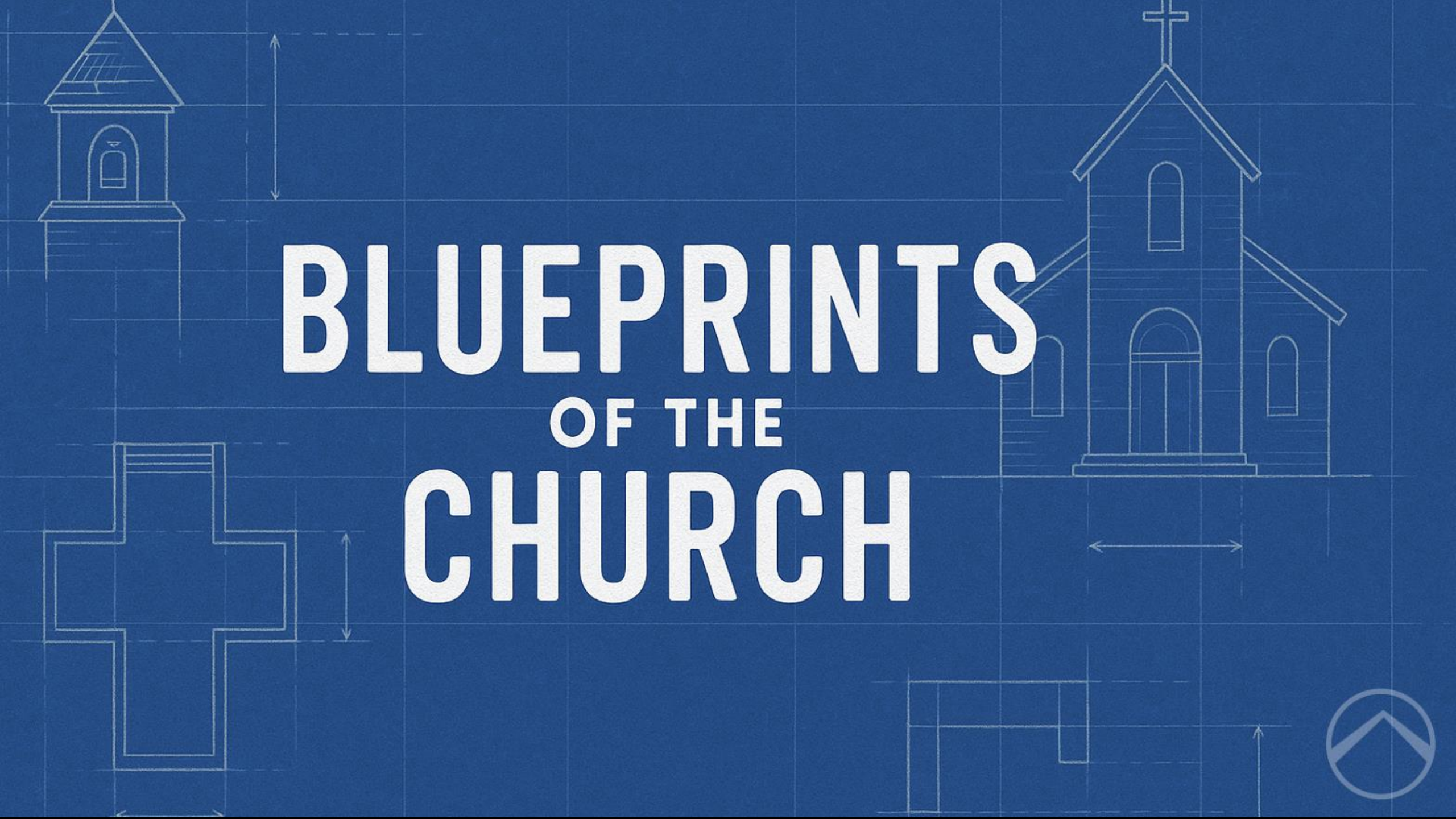


Acts 2:42 – “All the believers **devoted** themselves to the apostles’ teaching, and to fellowship, and to sharing in meals (including the Lord’s Supper), and to prayer.”

The Greek word for “Devotion” is: proskartereō

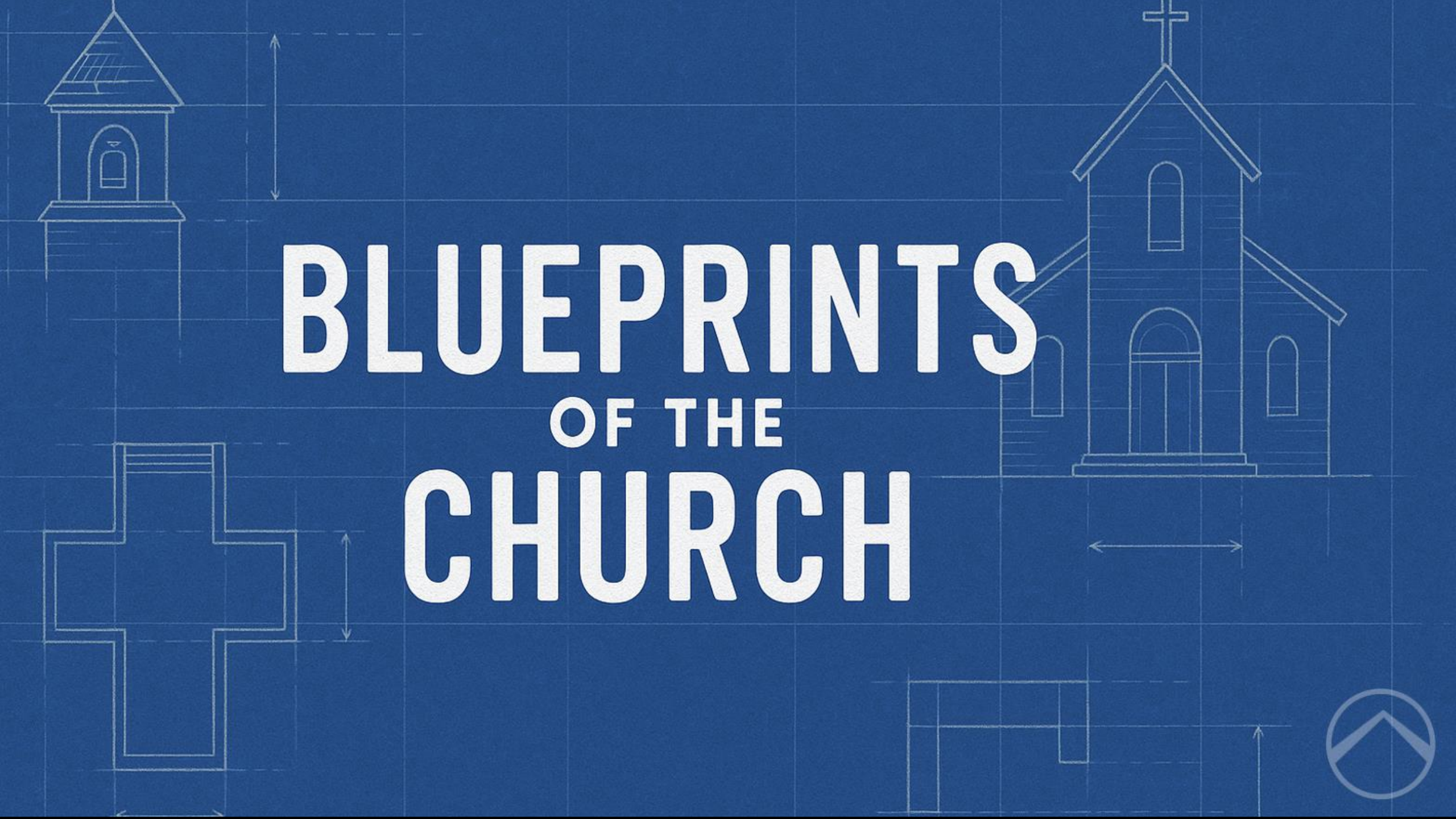
Means: to persist stubbornly, to cling without letting go. To be Steadfast



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How Do You Become “Devoted” to Something?

Repeated Attention → Affection → Allegiance.



Scientific Test for being Steadfast to God

Recent Studies on Brain Effect from Devotion to God

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Zak, P. J. Scientific American, 2008

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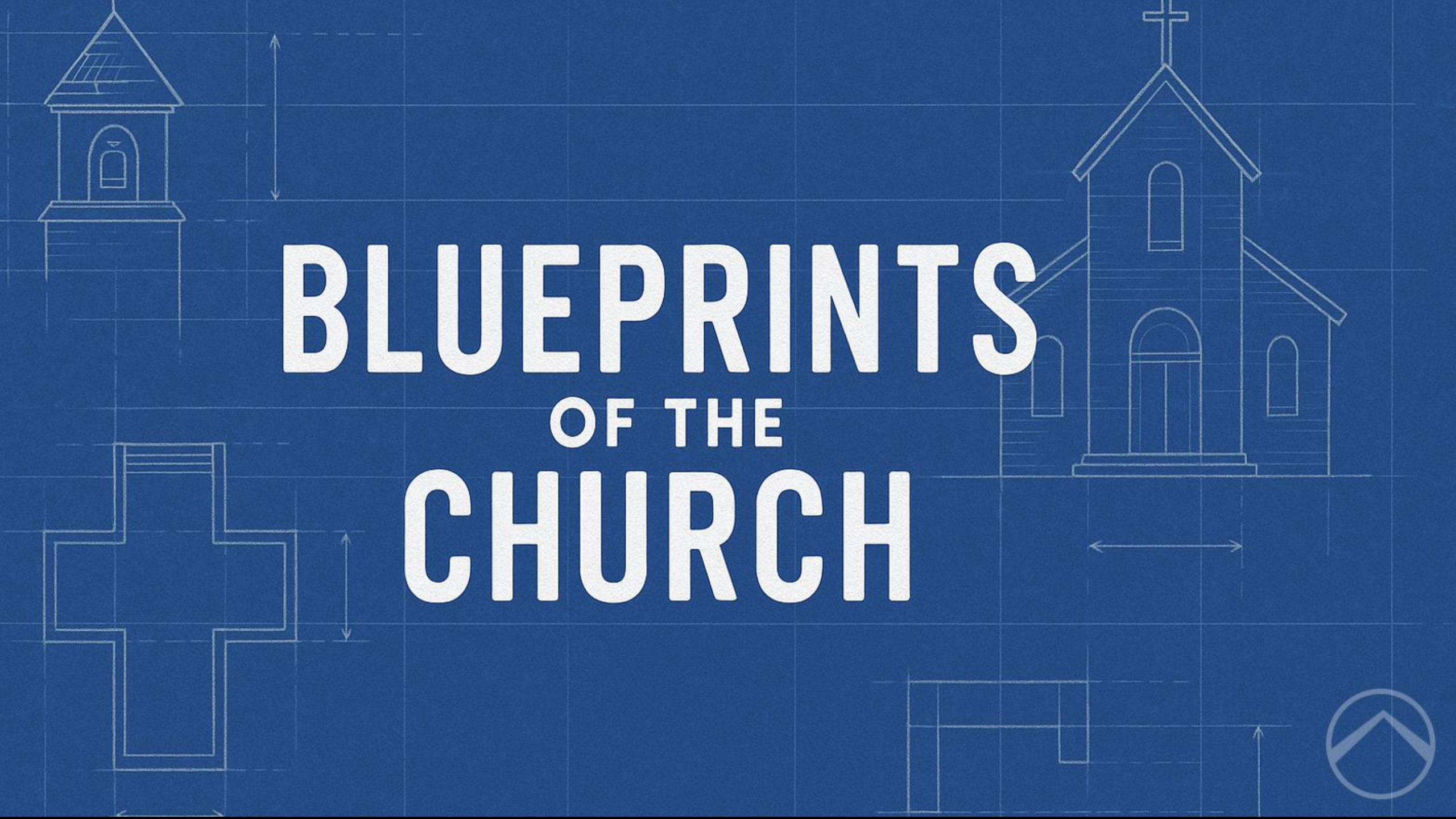


Scientific Test for being Steadfast to God

Studies have found:

1. Prayer & Meditation → Lower cortisol, higher serotonin
2. Fellowship & Trust (share a meal) → Oxytocin release
3. Worship & Spiritual Experience → Dopamine released
4. Singing & Corporate Worship → Endorphins and social bonding occur



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Application

1. **Priority** → Are you seeking God first.
2. **Practice** → Do you have a habit of reading the Word and prayer daily.
3. **Presence** → How many times per day do you Encounter God in worship.
4. **Participation** → Are you Serving and sharing life with the church family.



Application

Teaching:

- Feed your faith —spend time in God's Word before the world's words.

Fellowship:

- Reach out to one believer today—encourage, pray for, or check in

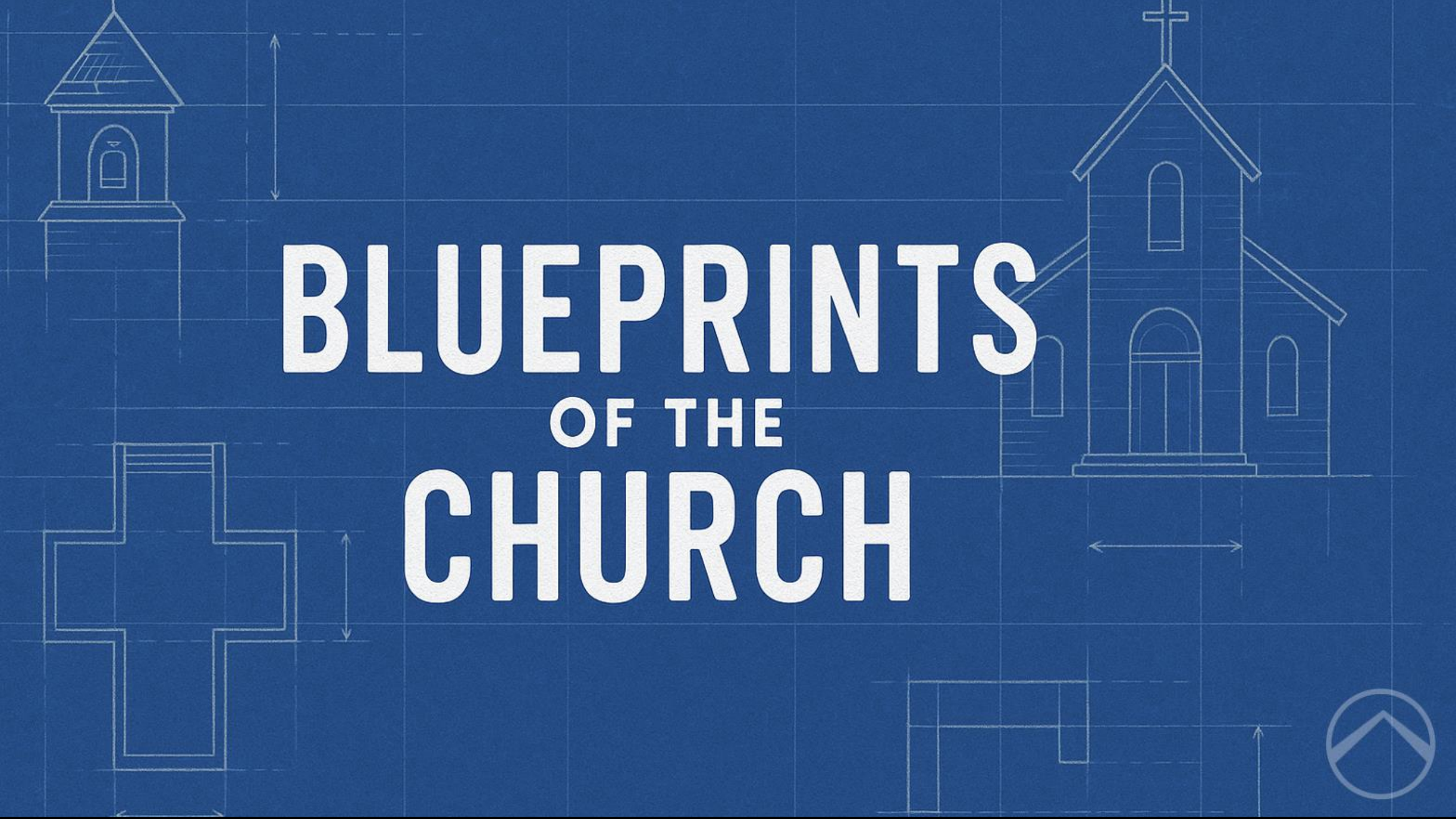
Meals:

- Share a table or cup of coffee with someone and use it to share life – Good & Bad

Prayer:

- Pause several times a day to talk with God—invite Him into decisions you make



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Brick 5

Selfless in Generosity



Problem

**Our culture celebrates accumulation.
The early church modeled distribution**

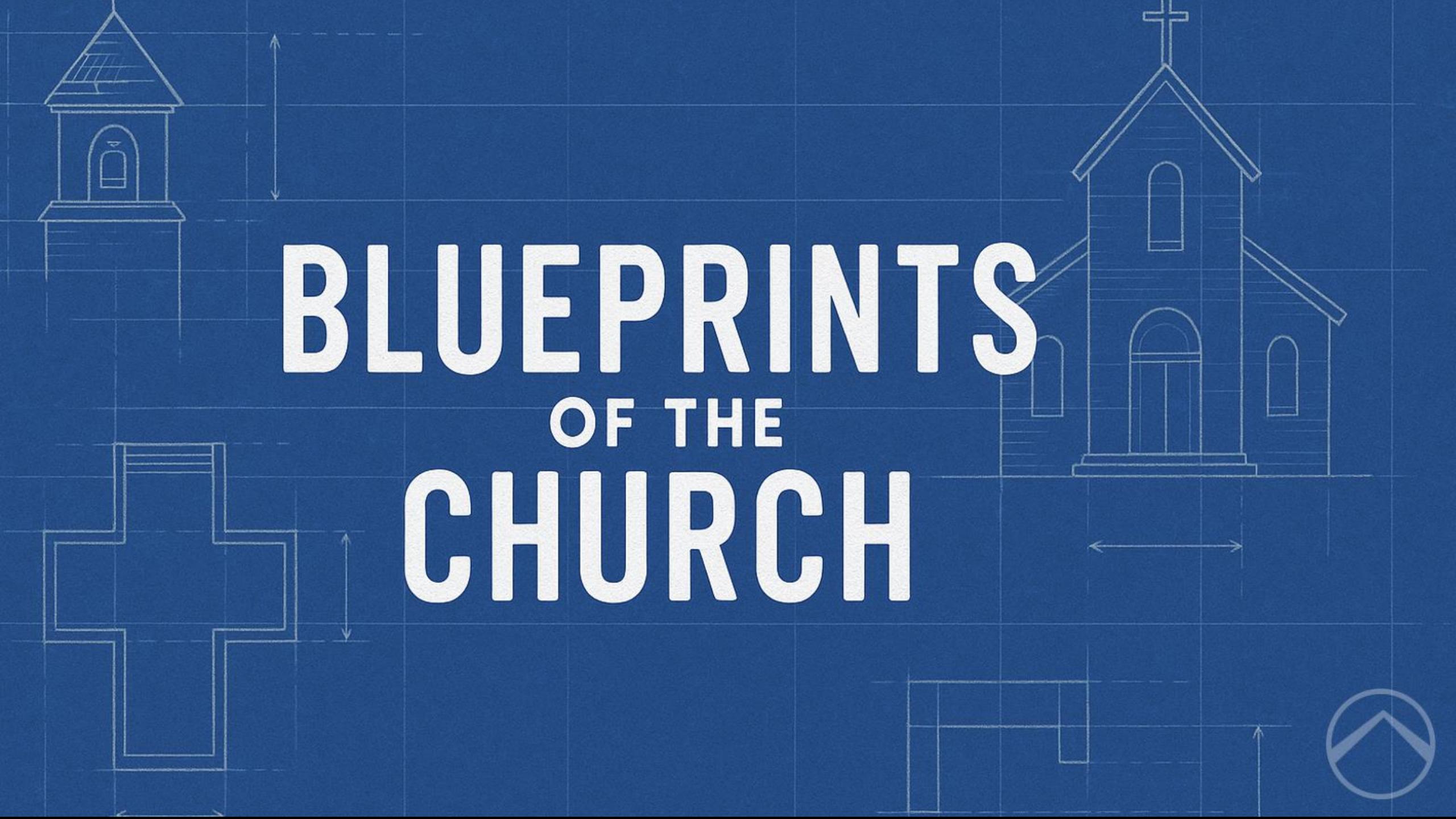


Acts 2:44–45 – “And all the believers met together in one place and **shared everything** they had. They sold their property and possessions and **shared the money** with those in need.”



Deuteronomy 15:10 - **Give generously** to them and do so without a grudging heart; then because of this the Lord **your God will bless you in all your work** and in everything you put your hand to.



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BIG IDEA

God doesn't bless us to increase our standard of living...
...He blesses us to increase our standard of giving.



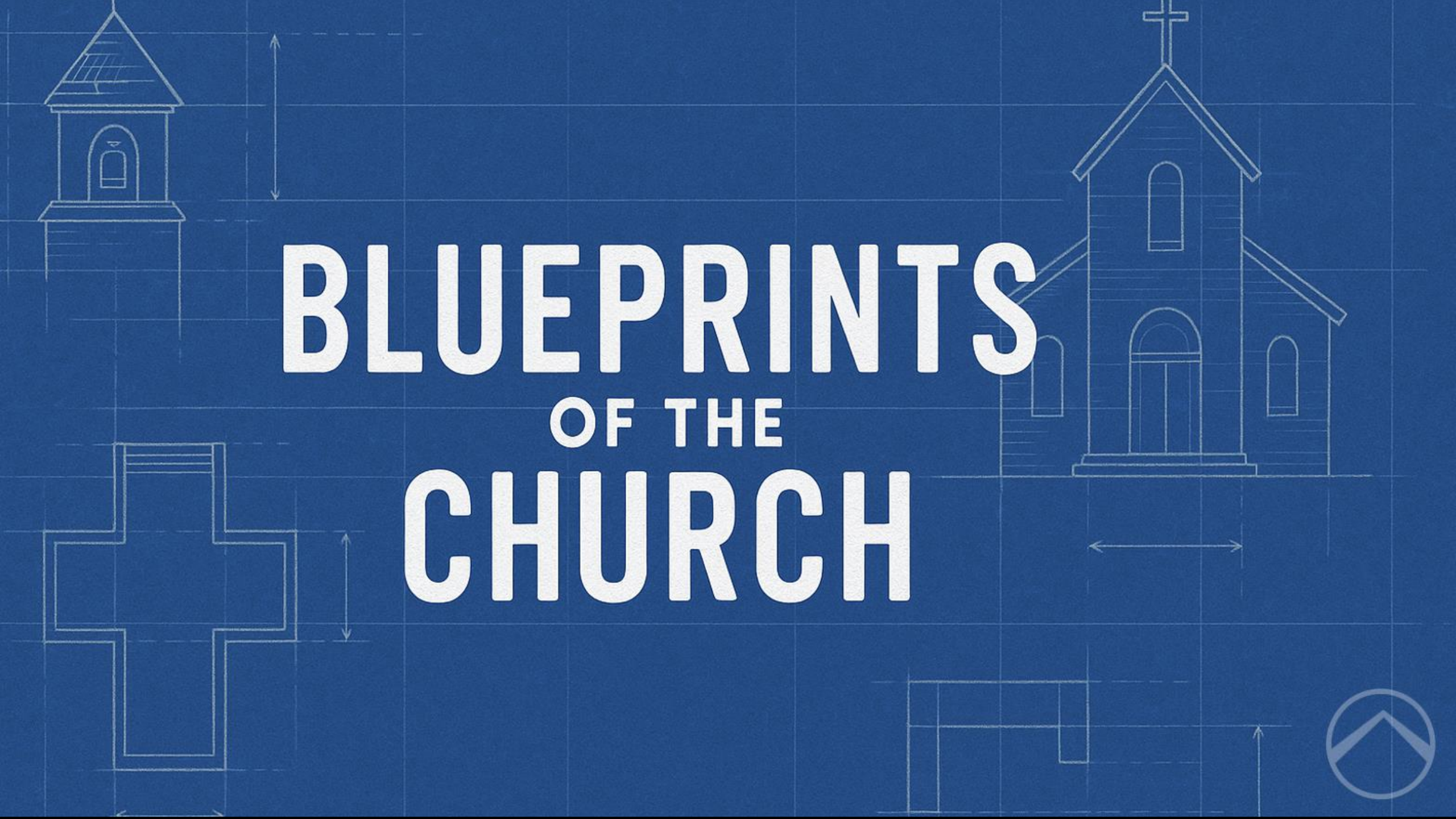
2 Corinthians 9:10 (NLT) “For God is the one who provides seed for the farmer and then bread to eat. In the same way, **He will provide and increase your resources** and then produce a great harvest of generosity in you.”



Biblical Principle

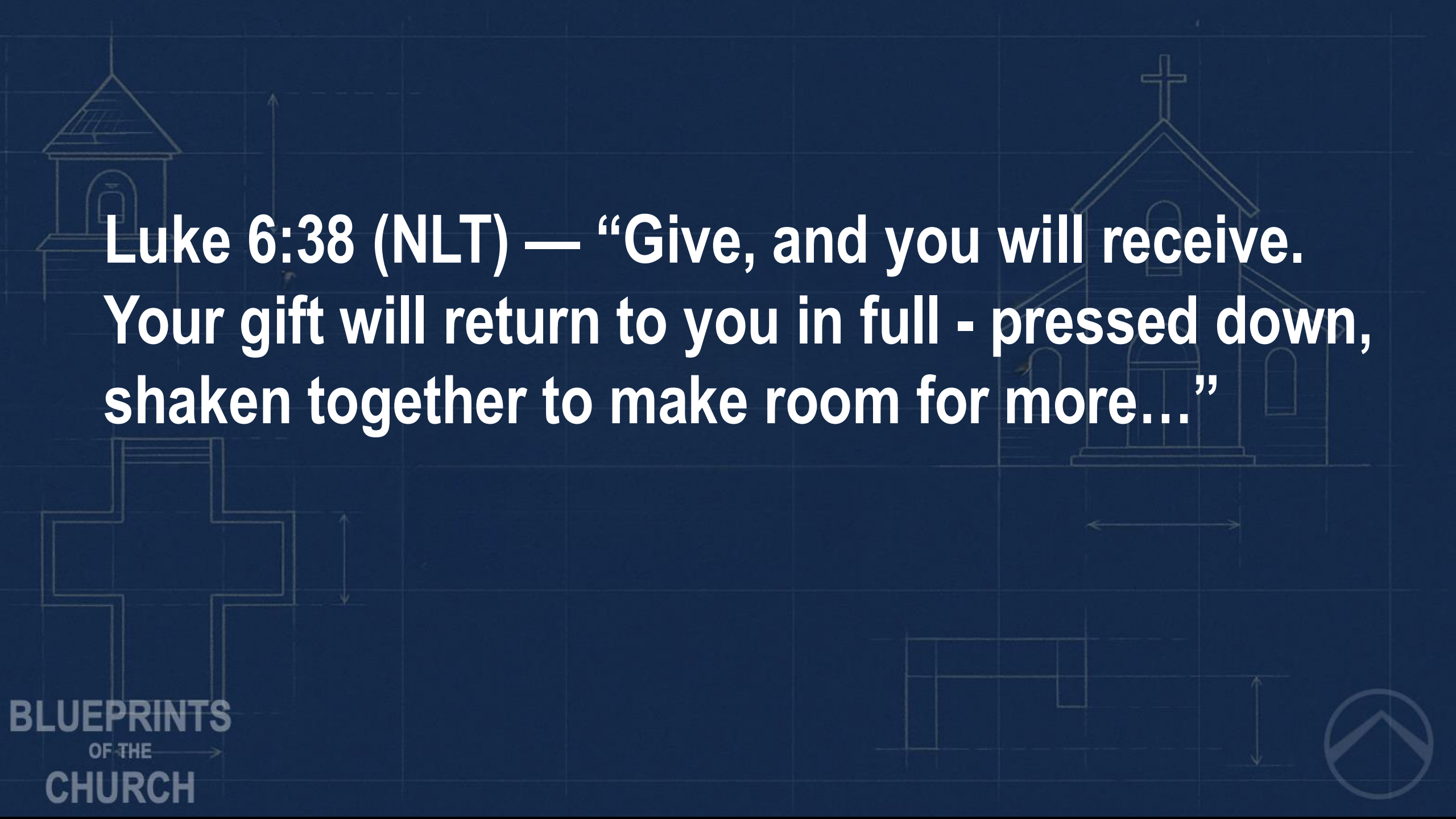
God never asks you to give to take something from you...
...He asks you to give to get something to you.



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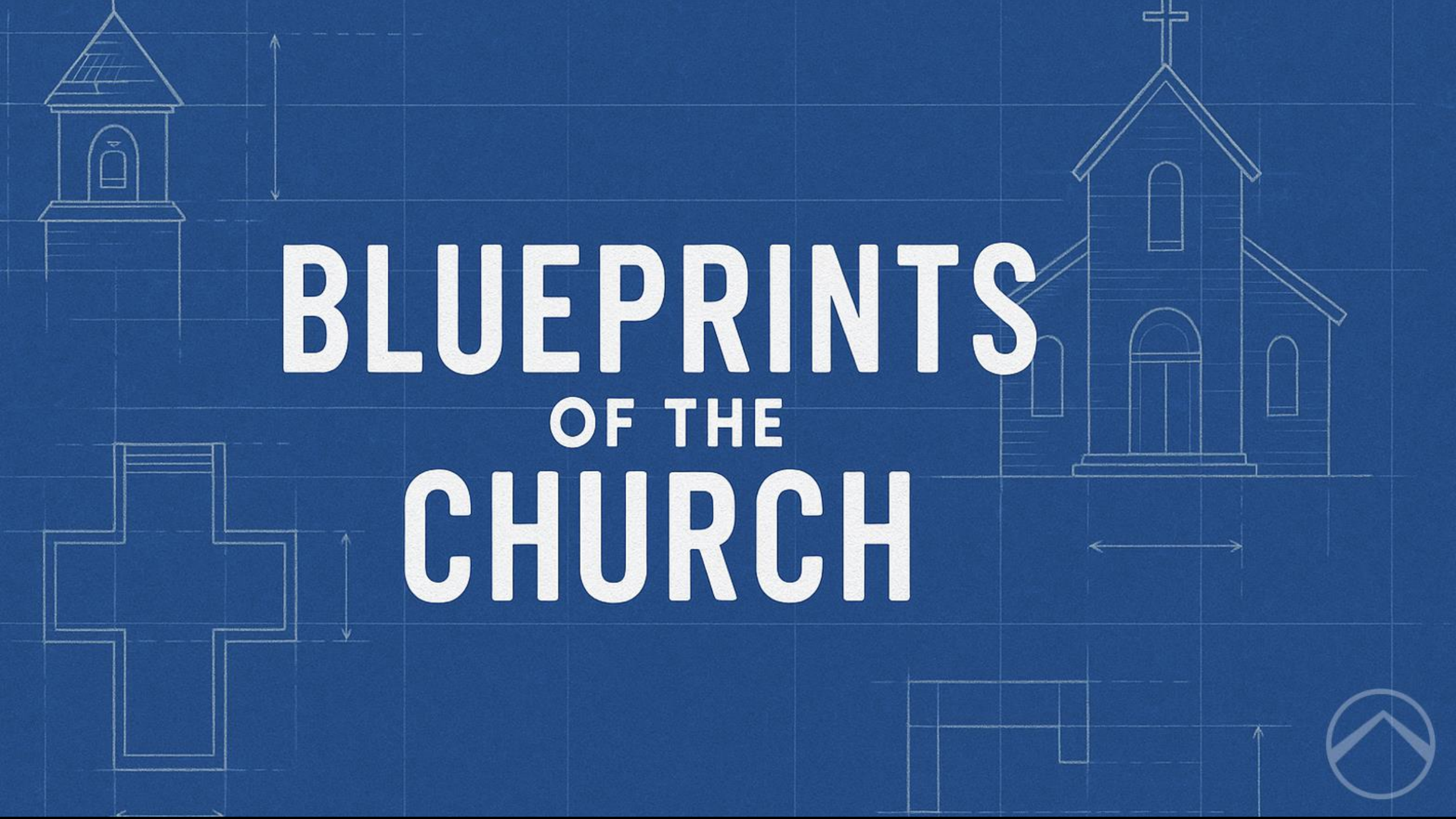
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**Luke 6:38 (NLT) — “Give, and you will receive.
Your gift will return to you in full - pressed down,
shaken together to make room for more...”**



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Mindset Shift

Your provision flows through your generosity.
The more freely you release - the more freely God can refill

The spiritual law of “Sowing and Reaping”



Malachi 3:10–12 (NLT) “Bring all the tithes into the storehouse so there will be enough food in my Temple. If you do,” says the Lord of Heaven’s Armies, “I will open the windows of heaven for you. I will pour out a blessing so great you won’t have enough room to take it in! Try it! Put me to the test!”



Brick 6

Sincere in Fellowship & Worship



Problem

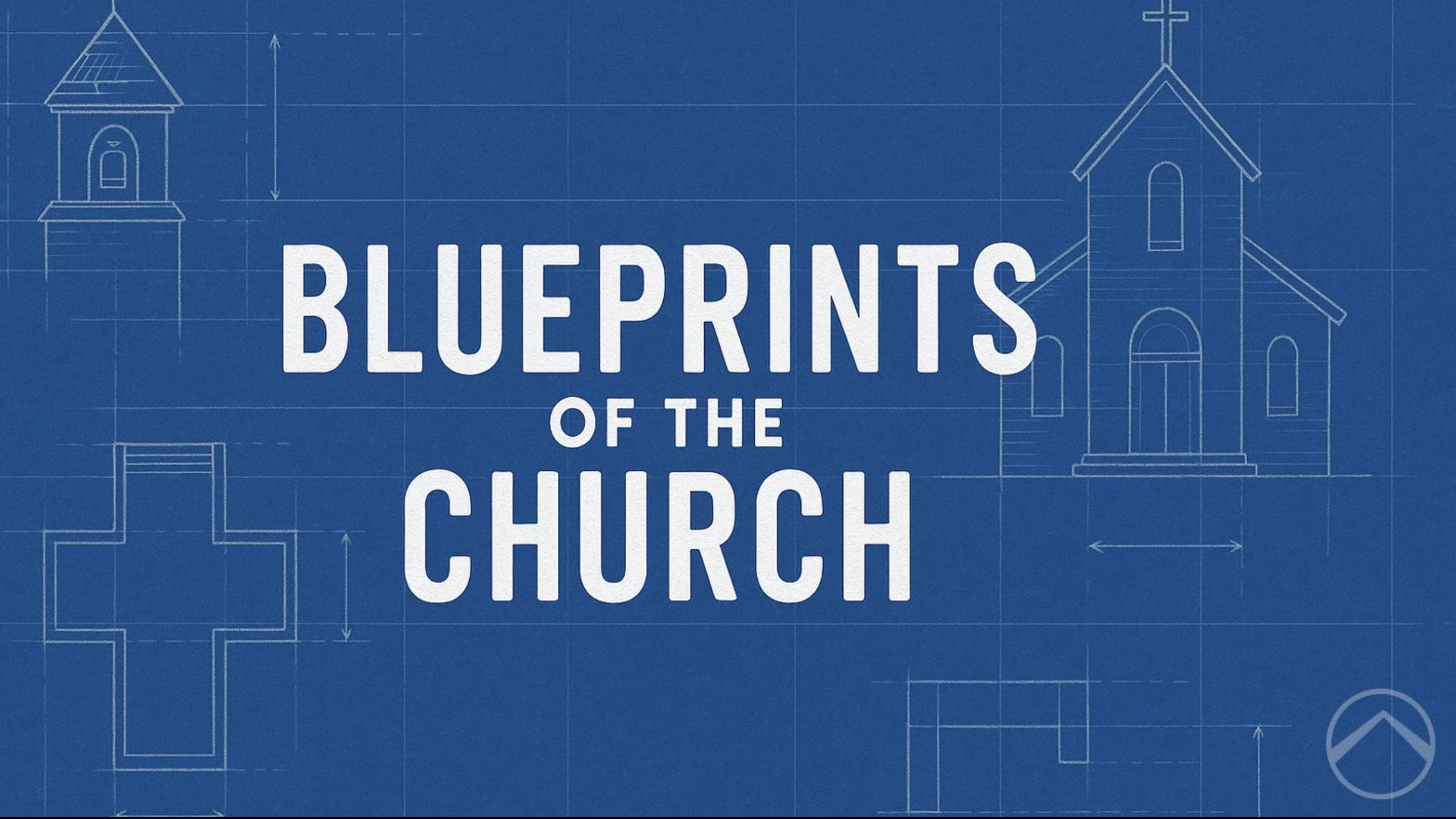
We live in a culture of superficial connection.



Mindset Shift

Be in the moment...connection required presence



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Acts 2:46–47 – “They **worshiped together** at the Temple each day, **met in homes** for the Lord’s Supper, and **shared their meals** with great joy and generosity—all the while praising God and **enjoying the goodwill of all the people**. And each day the Lord added to their fellowship those who were being saved.”



BIG IDEA

The greatest evangelism strategy is a joyful, genuine community.

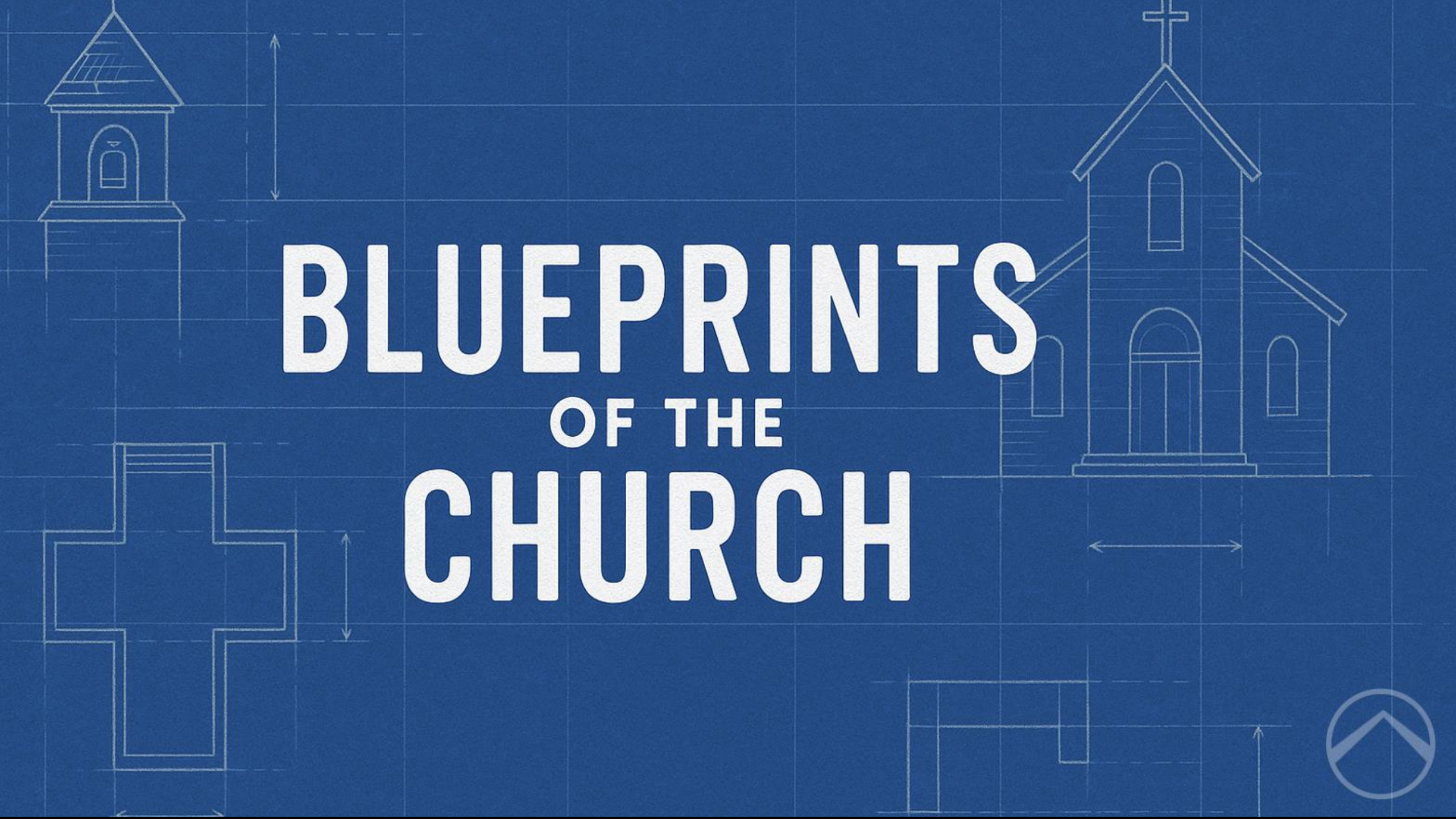
Joyful fellowship is the church's greatest witness tool.



Mindset Shift

Church isn't an event to attend — it's a family to belong to.



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Ekklesia

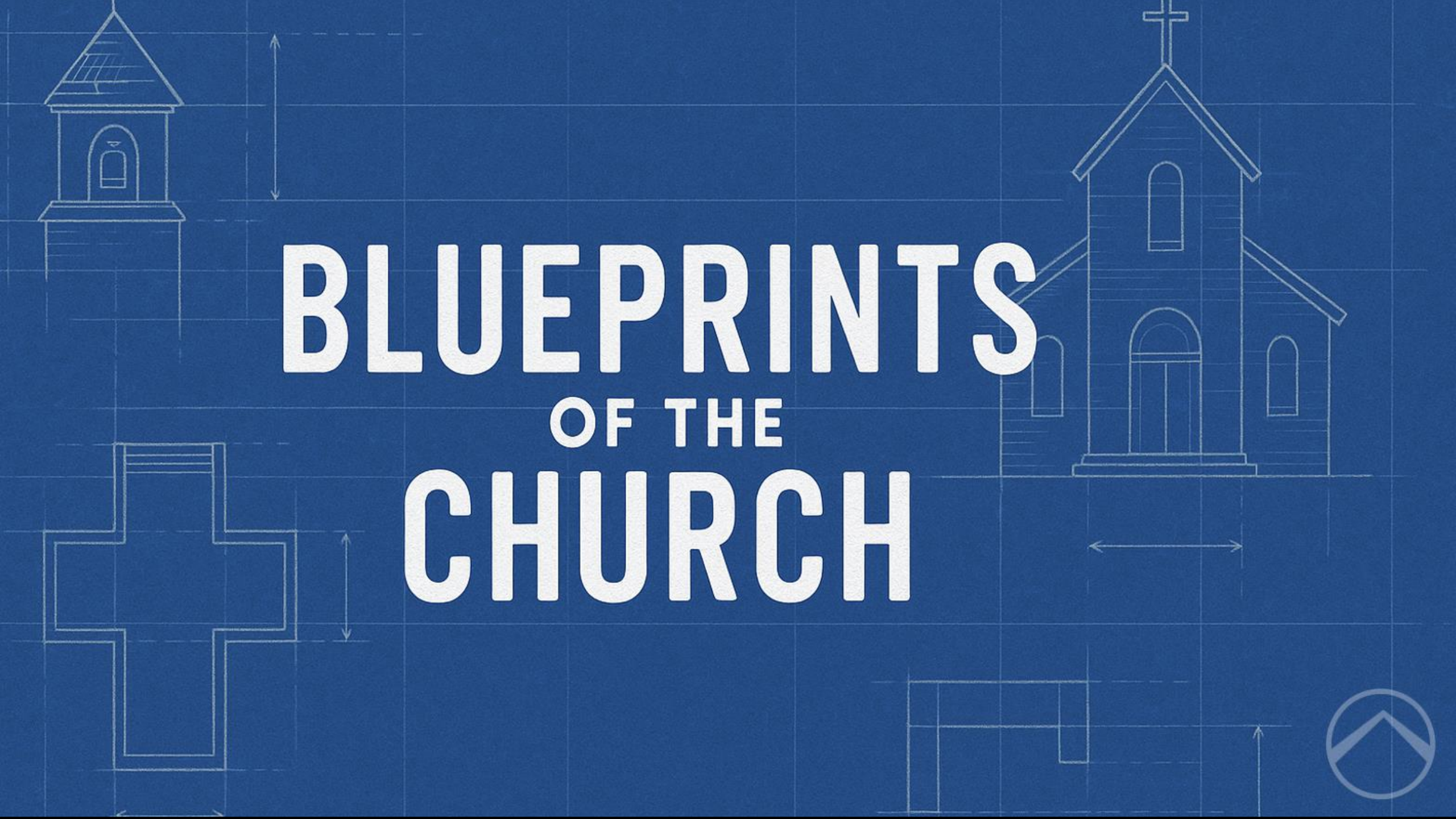
A divinely connected family of believers
called out from the world
to live differently, love deeply, and grow together



Application

If church is your family, then...Don't just attend
...engage. contribute. connect.



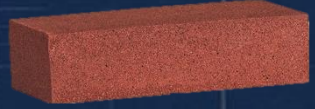
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Blueprints of the Church from Acts



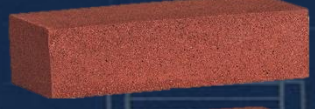
Brick 1 - Founded on His Mission (Acts 1:1–3)



Brick 2 - Fueled by His Spirit (Acts 1:4–8)



Brick 3 - Focused on His Return (Acts 1:9–11)



Brick 4 - Steadfast devotion to Word and prayer

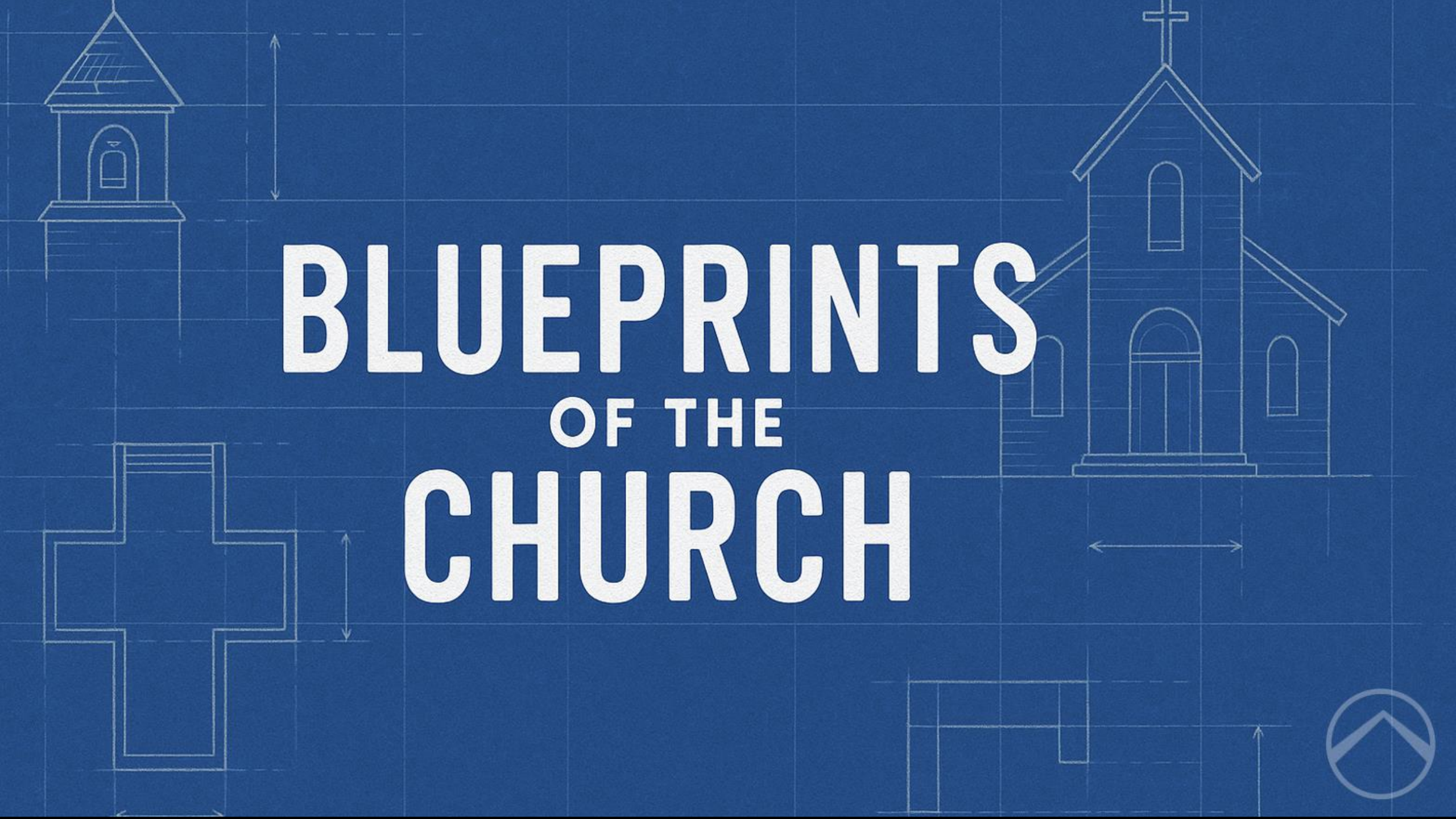


Brick 5 - Selfless generosity so no one lacked



Brick 6 - Sincere fellowship and joyful worship



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