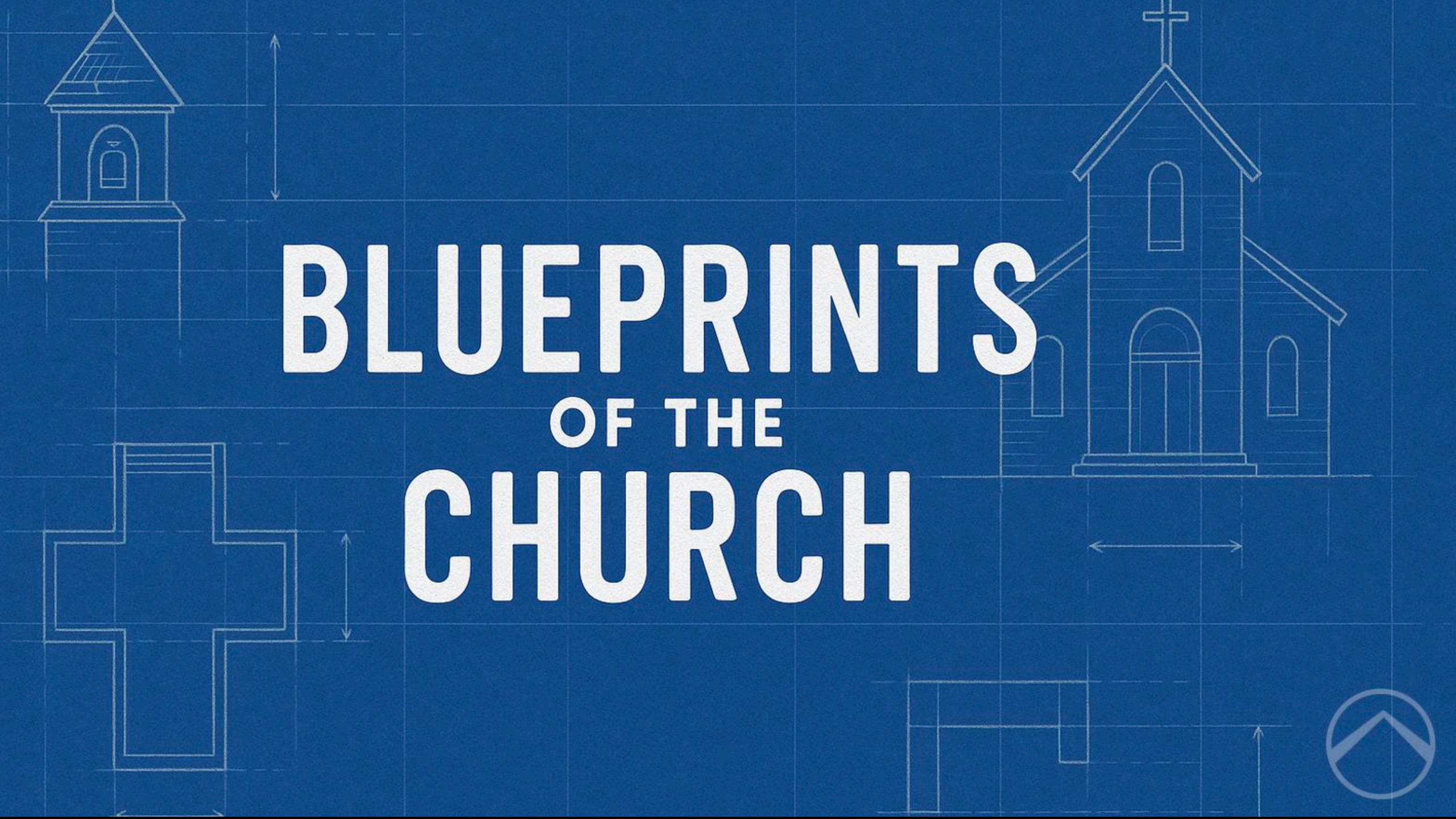


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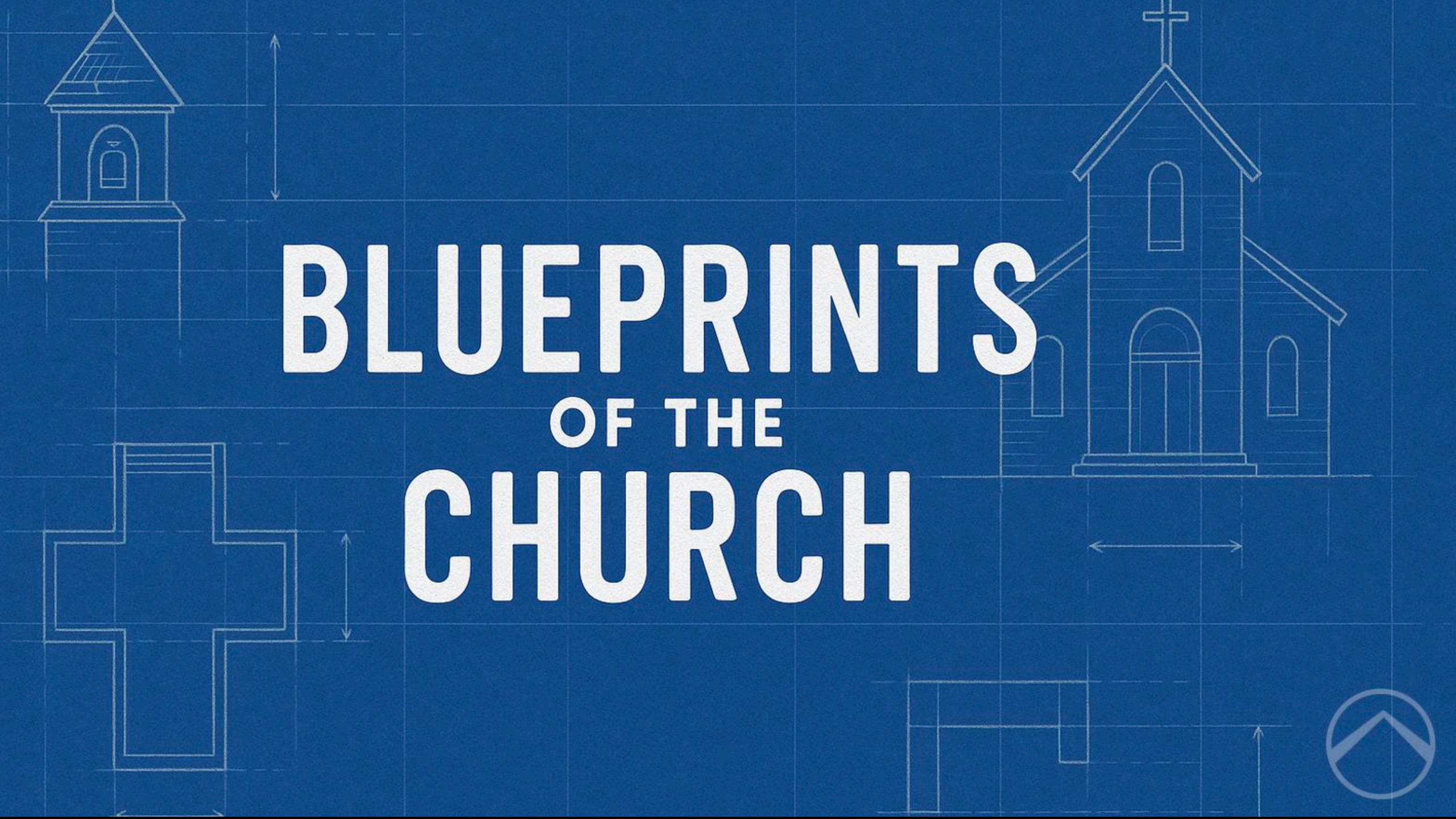
God's Blueprints for a Healthy Church

Brick 1 - the Foundation (Jesus)

Brick 2 - the Power (Holy Spirit)

Brick 3 - the Mission (the Church)



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The Construction Plan for this Series

Weeks 1–3: Stonework of the church
(Christ, Spirit, Mission).

Week 4: Structure of the church
(Pastors - Elders – Trustees - leadership).

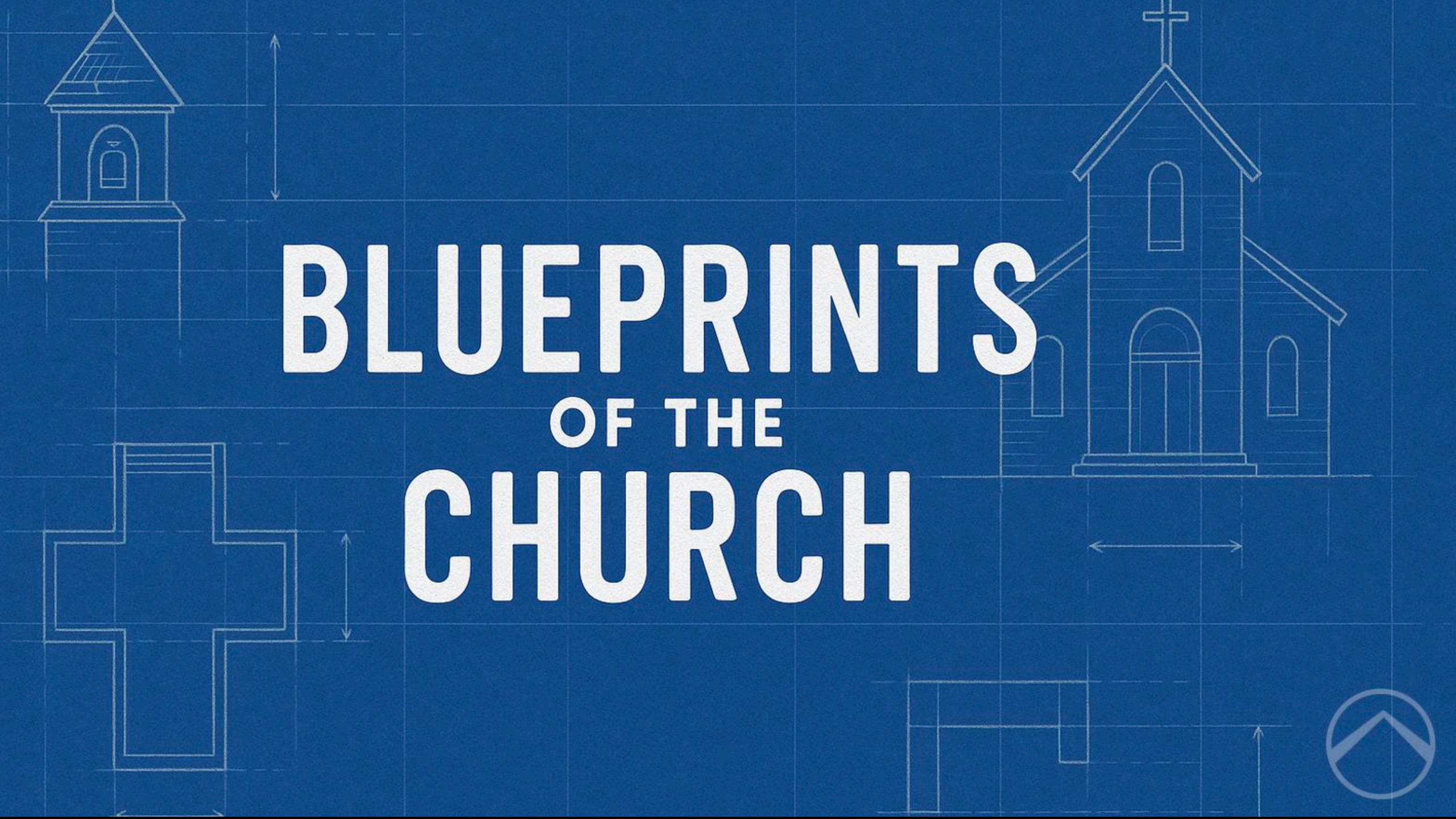
Weeks 5–6: Strength and future of the church
(Boldness, Multiplication).



Opening Reflection Questions

- What do you think makes a church a church?
- Is it the building? The programs? The preaching?
- Or is it something deeper?



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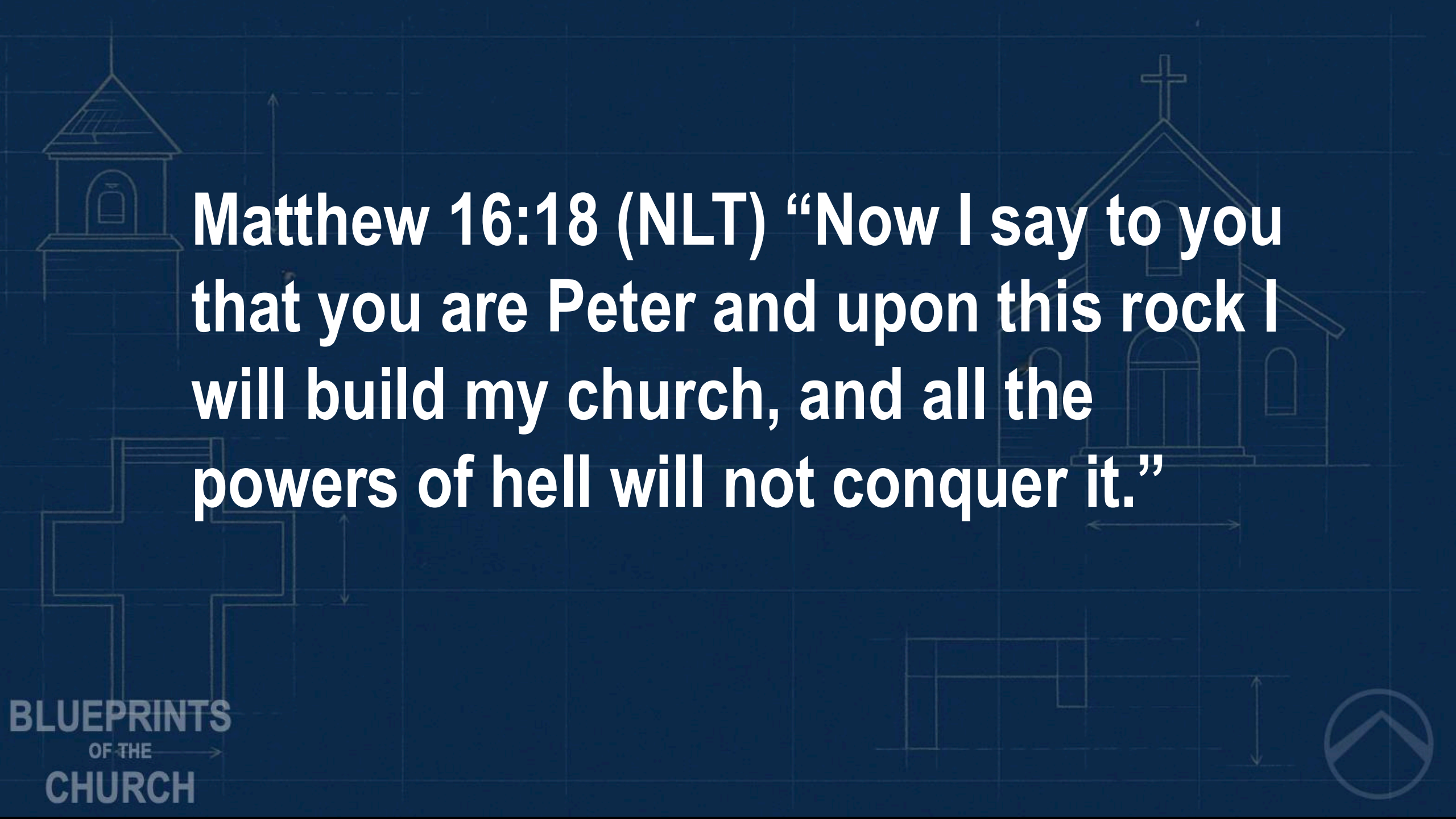
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Main Point of a Healthy Church

Every biblical based church is built on the Cornerstone of Jesus
- His mission, His Spirit, and His return.



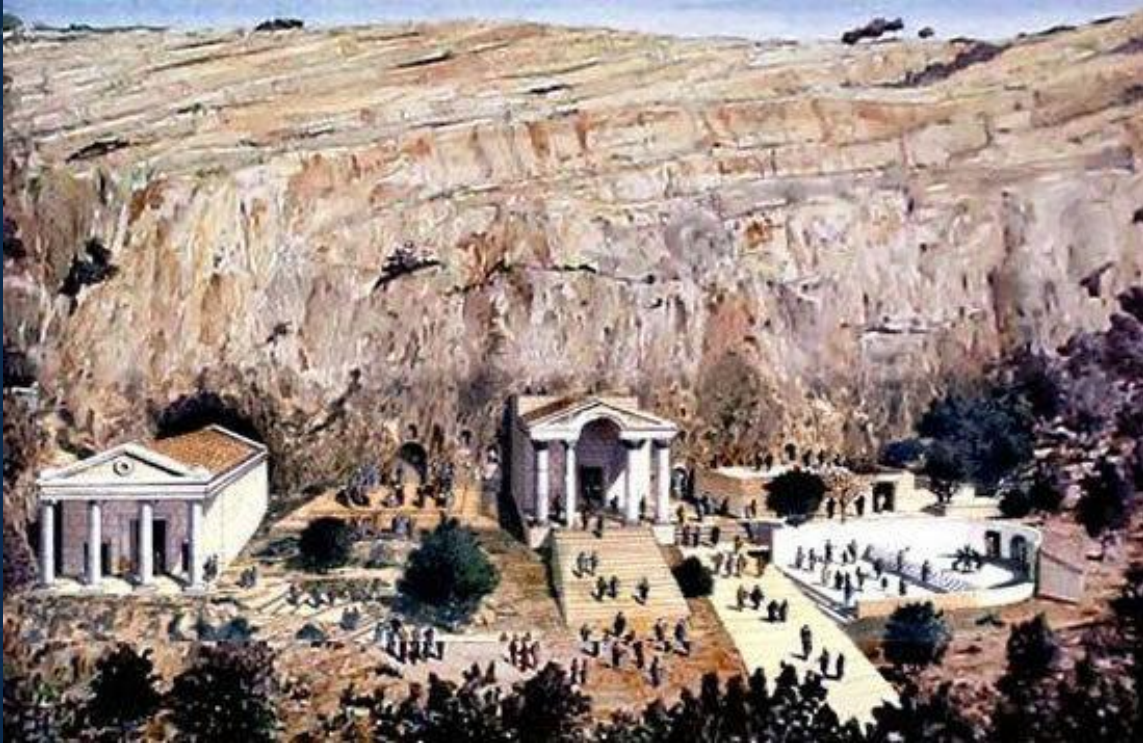


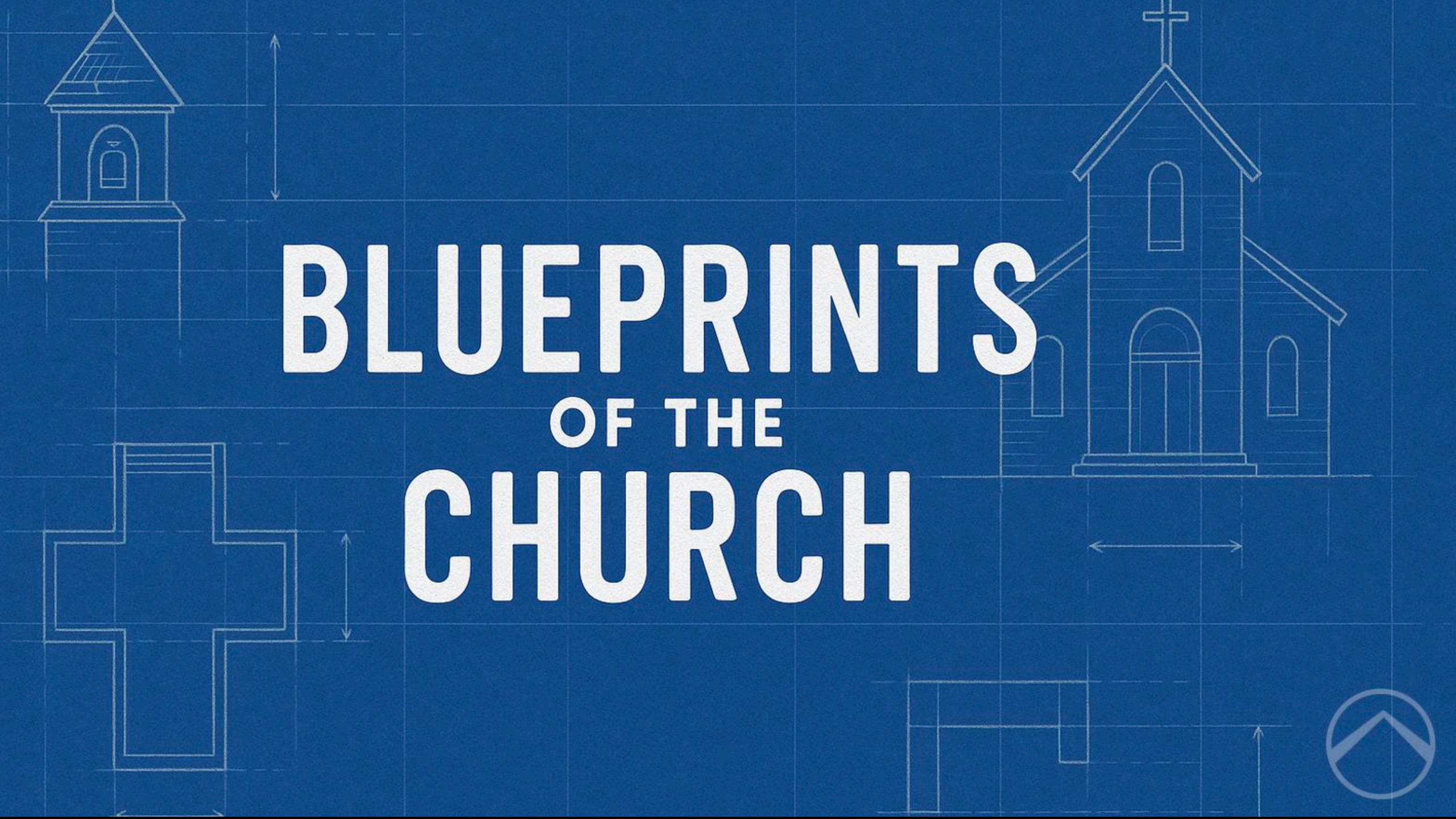
Matthew 16:18 (NLT) “Now I say to you that you are Peter and upon this rock I will build my church, and all the powers of hell will not conquer it.”



Caesara Philippi

"The Gates of Hell"



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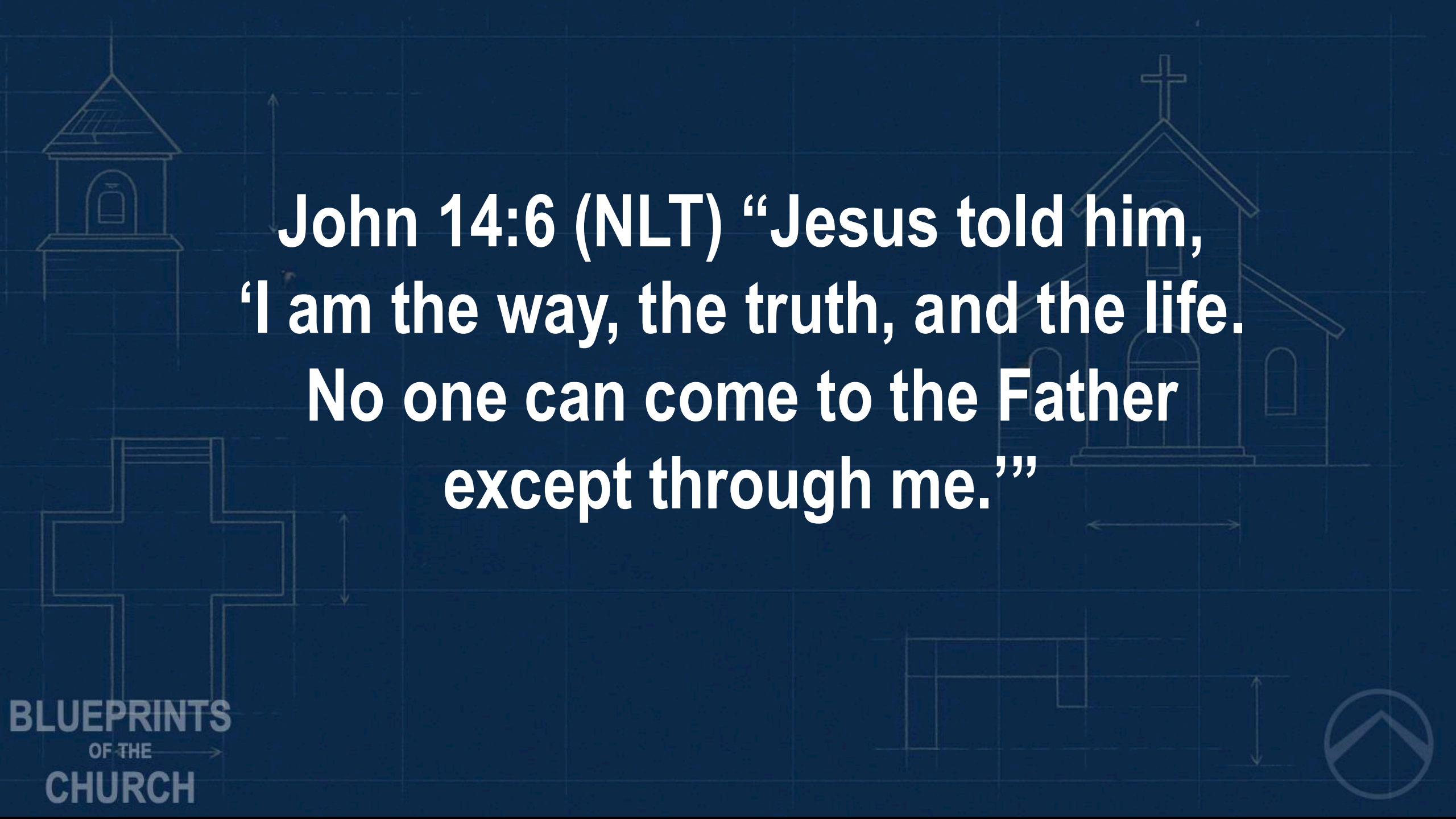
Brick 1

The Church is Founded on Christ's Mission



Acts 1:1–3 (NLT) – “...Jesus began to do and teach... He presented Himself alive to them by many proofs... and talked to them about the Kingdom of God.”



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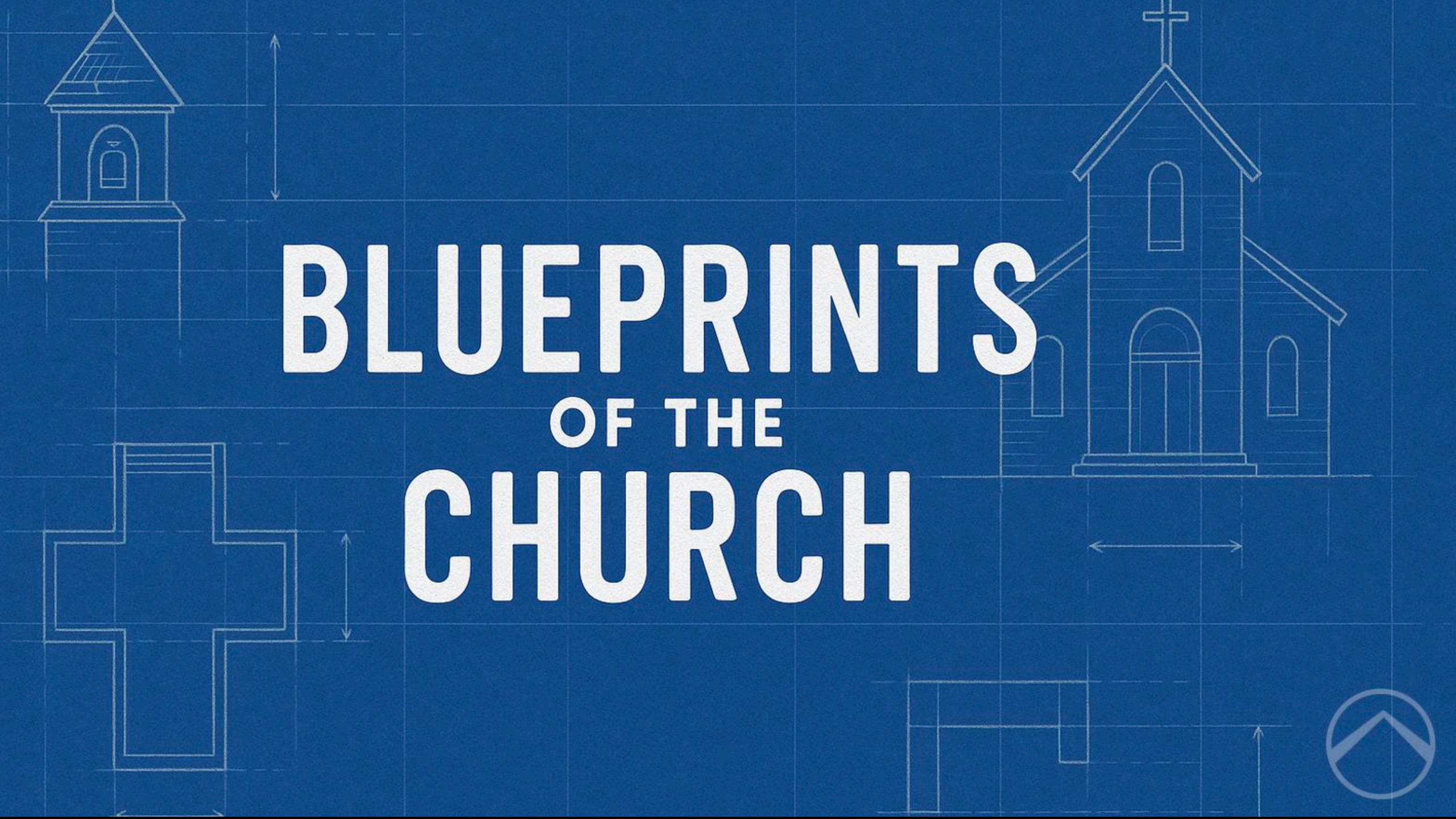
**John 14:6 (NLT) “Jesus told him,
‘I am the way, the truth, and the life.
No one can come to the Father
except through me.’”**



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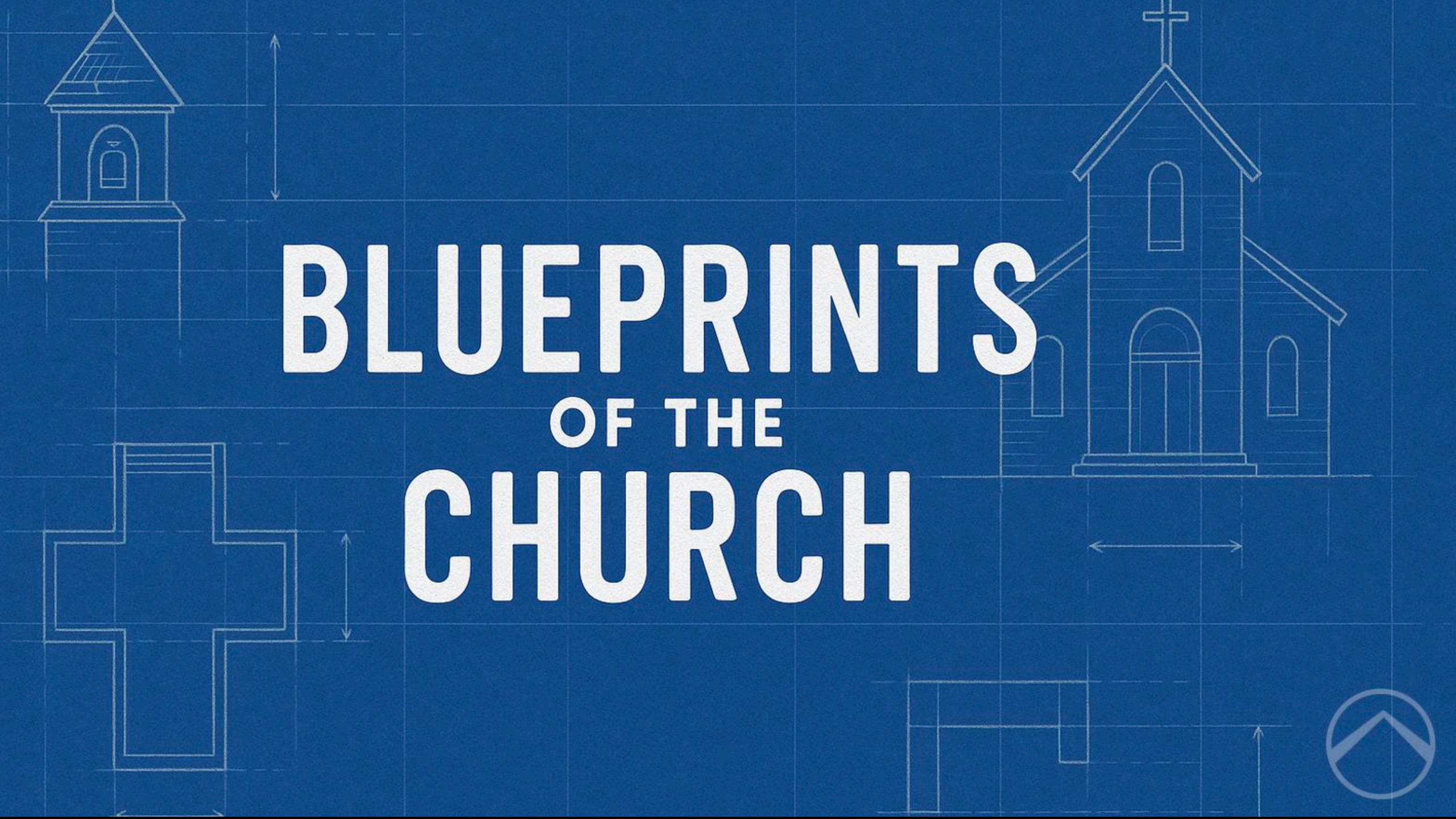
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Building Collapse Video Clip

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Application Question

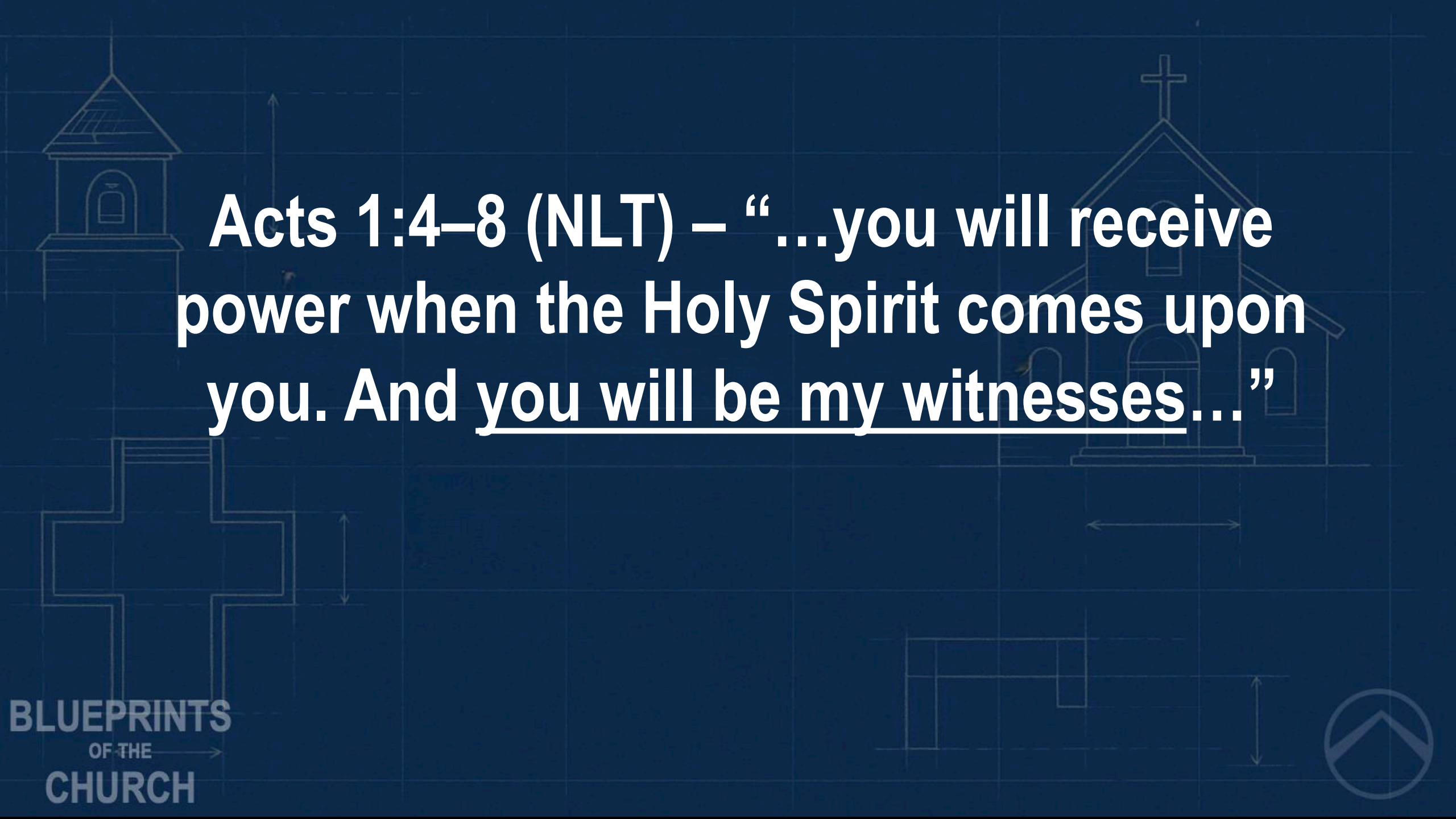
Am I building my life on my own plans
— or on Christ's mission?



Brick 2

The Church is Fueled by the Spirit's Power





Acts 1:4–8 (NLT) – “...you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you. And you will be my witnesses...”

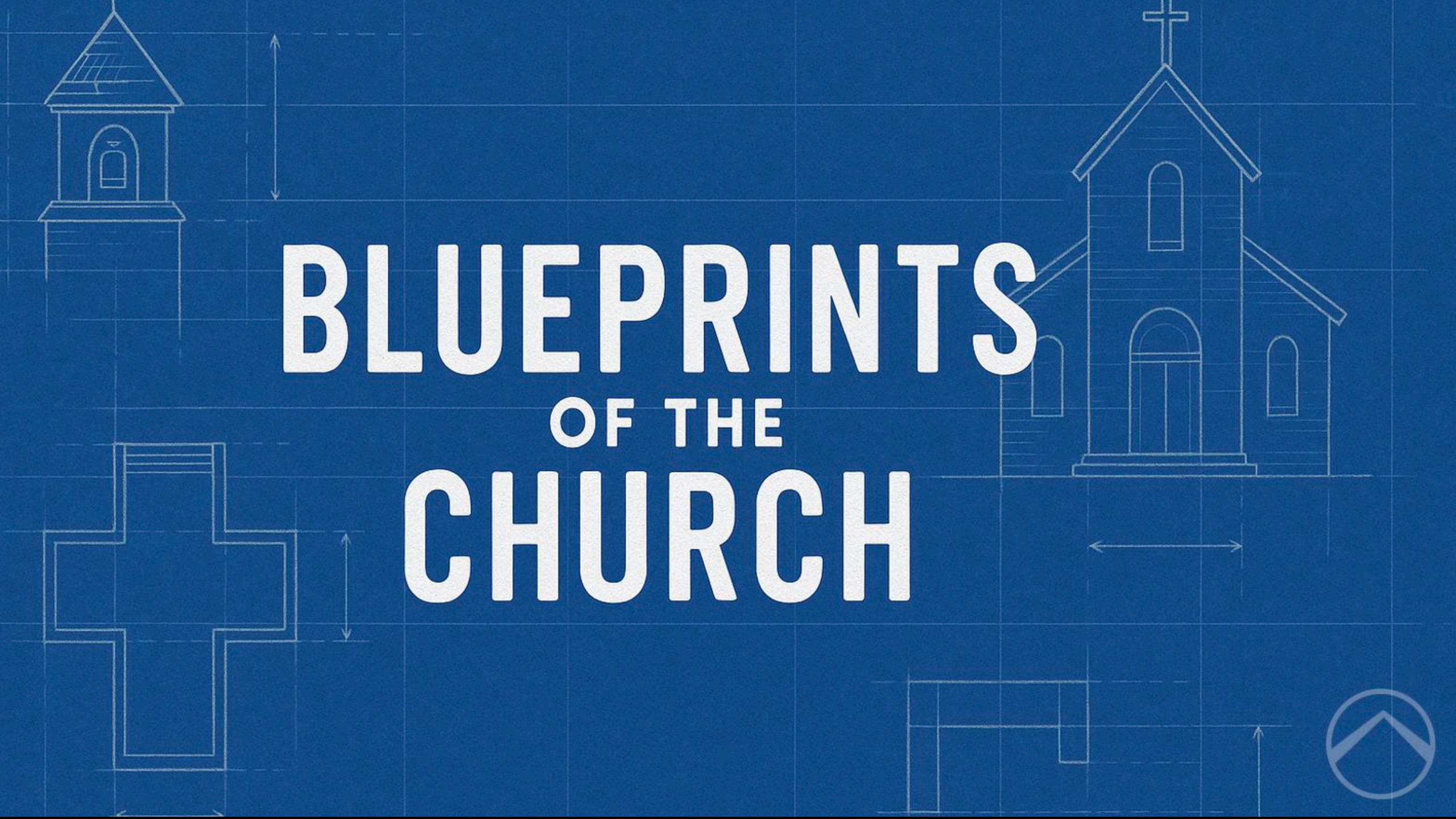


What is a witness?

In the Greek - “martyrs”

Someone who testifies to what they’ve seen and heard even if it costs them everything.



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BIG IDEA

- The Spirit's power is always tied to the Spirit's purpose
— to point people to Jesus.
- The Spirit's power is NOT for our experience
— BUT to witness to other the Truth



The Spirit Helps us Witness

1. Boldness to Speak — Peter stood up and preached, and 3,000 were saved.
2. Wisdom in Conversation — The Spirit gives insight, words of wisdom,
 - and knowledge - to speak directly into people's lives (listen to people mindset)
3. Anointed Speech — Sometimes prophecy, sometimes tongues,
 - sometimes clear gospel truth — but ALWAYS POINTING TO JESUS.





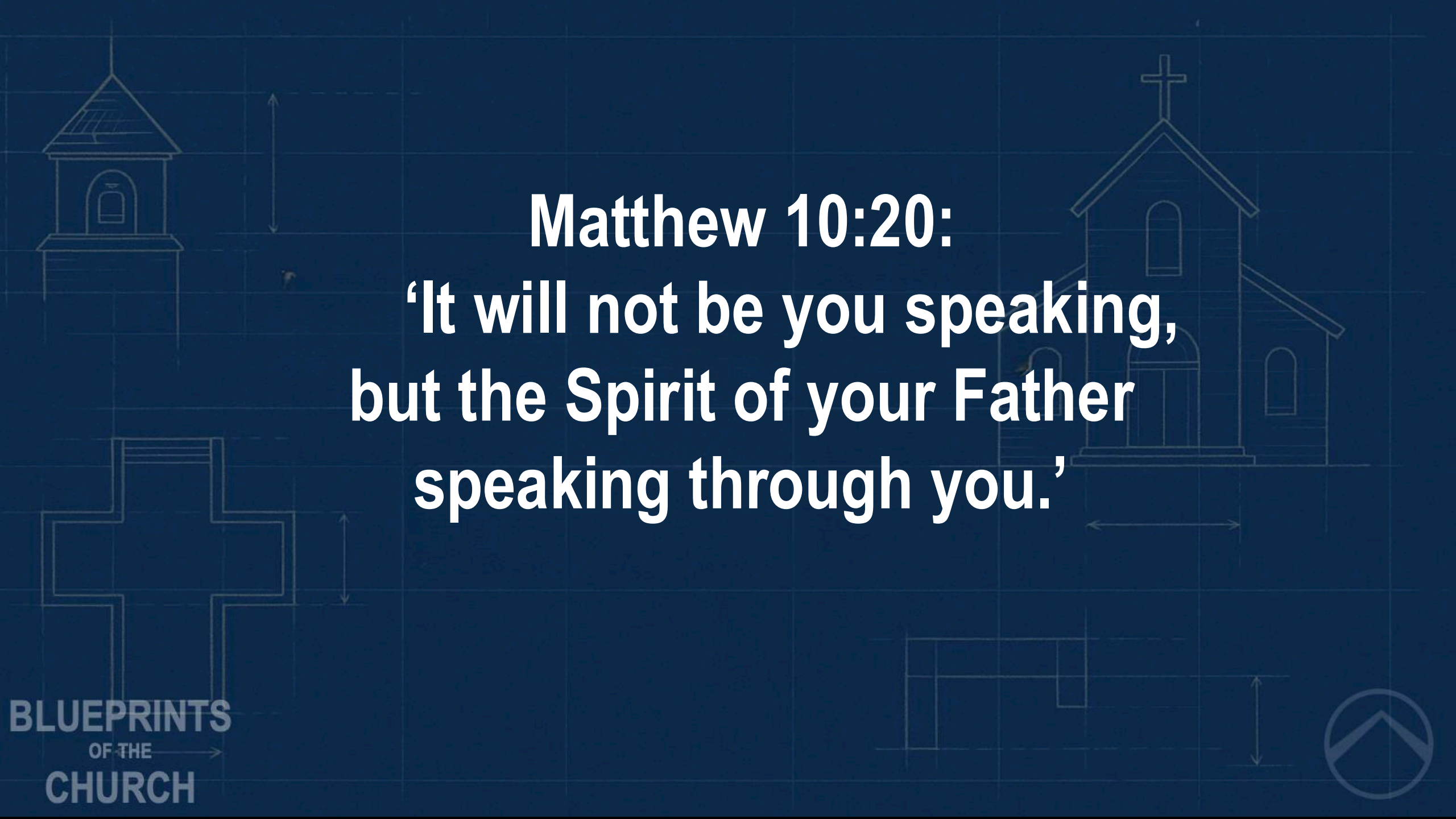
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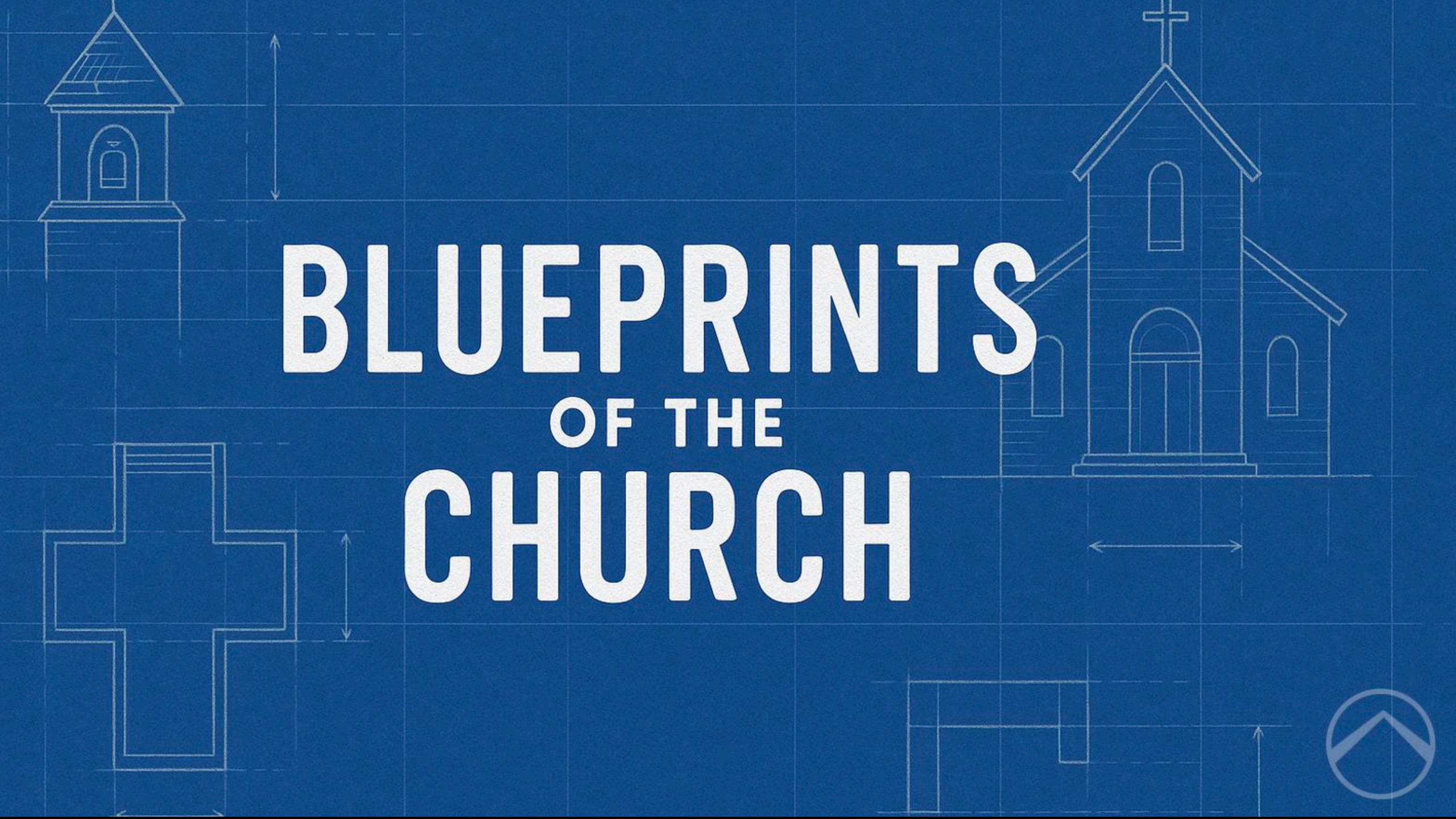
Are you asking the Spirit to give you an experience -
or to make me a witness?



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Matthew 10:20:
‘It will not be you speaking,
but the Spirit of your Father
speaking through you.’



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Brick 3

The Church is Focused on Christ's Return



Acts 1:9–11 (NLT) – 9 After saying this, he was taken up into a cloud while they were watching, and they could no longer see him. 10 As they strained to see him rising into heaven, two white-robed men suddenly stood among them. 11 “Men of Galilee,” they said, “**why are you standing here staring into heaven?** Jesus has been taken from you into heaven, but someday he will return from heaven in the same way you saw him go!”



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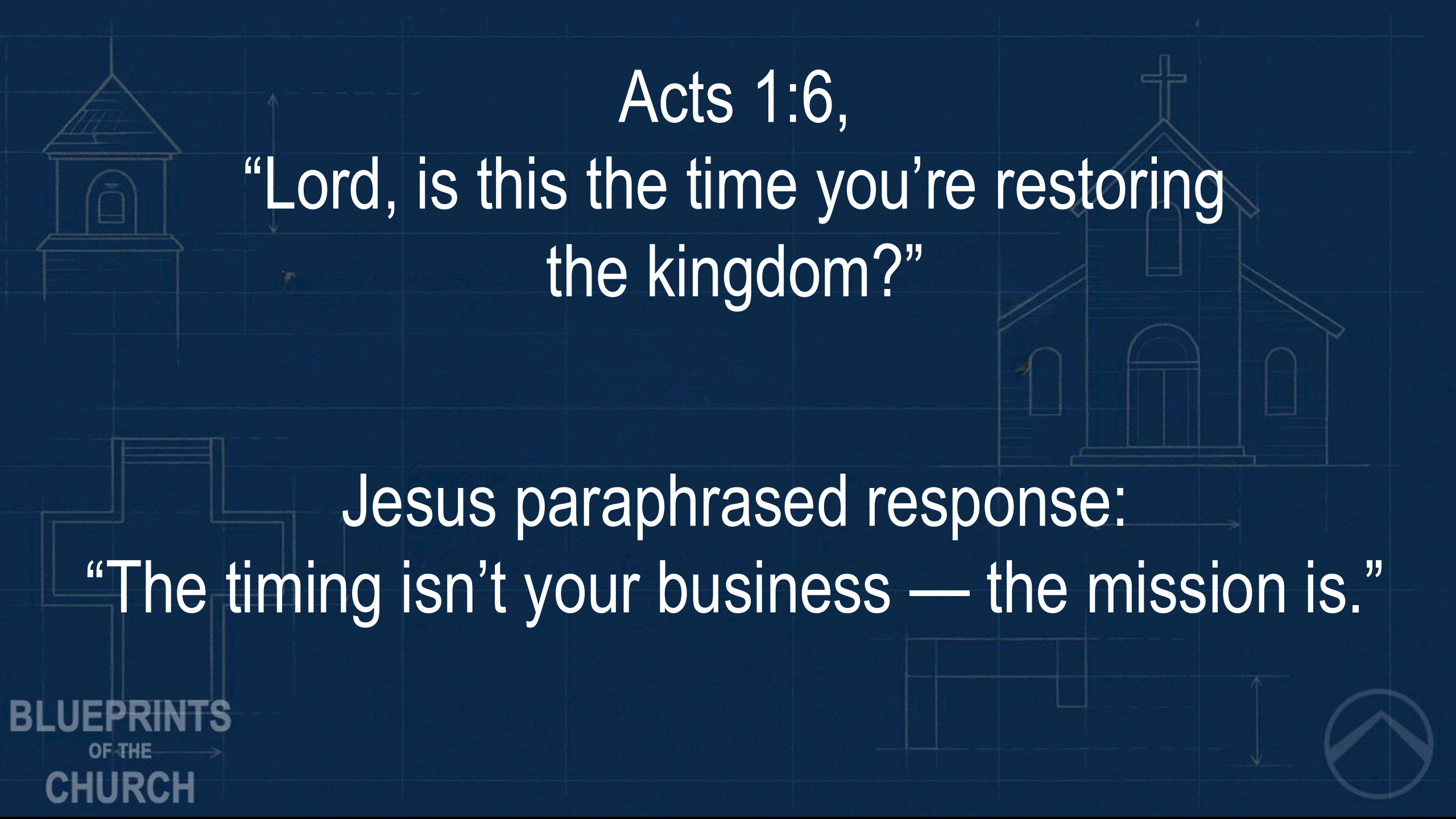
The church is not a monument to the past
- but a movement toward His return.



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Acts 1:6,
“Lord, is this the time you’re restoring
the kingdom?”

Jesus paraphrased response:
“The timing isn’t your business — the mission is.”



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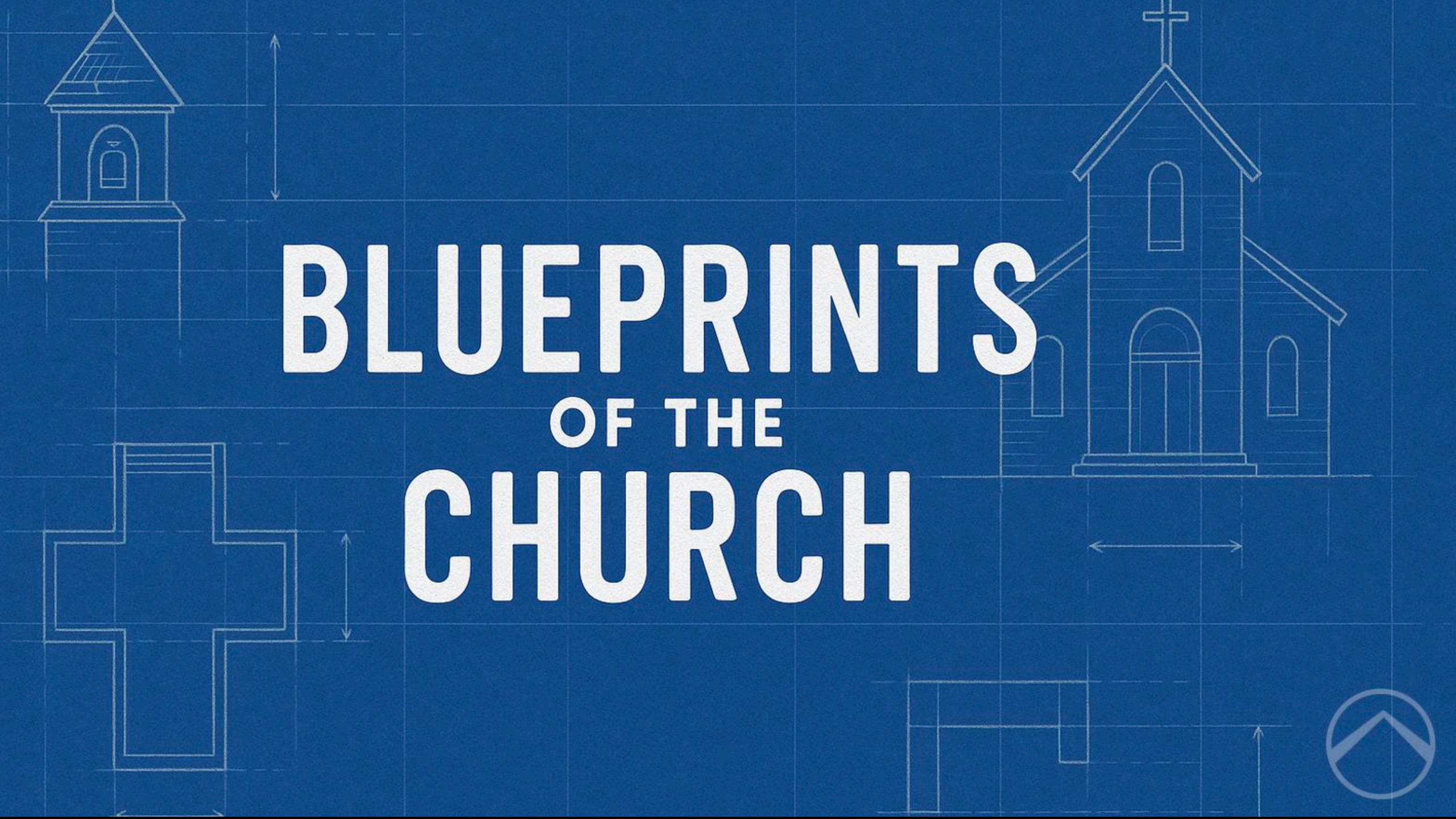
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Application Question

- Am I living with urgency, or with apathy when people need to hear the truth?
- Am I more focused on staring at the clouds
 - or stepping into the calling?



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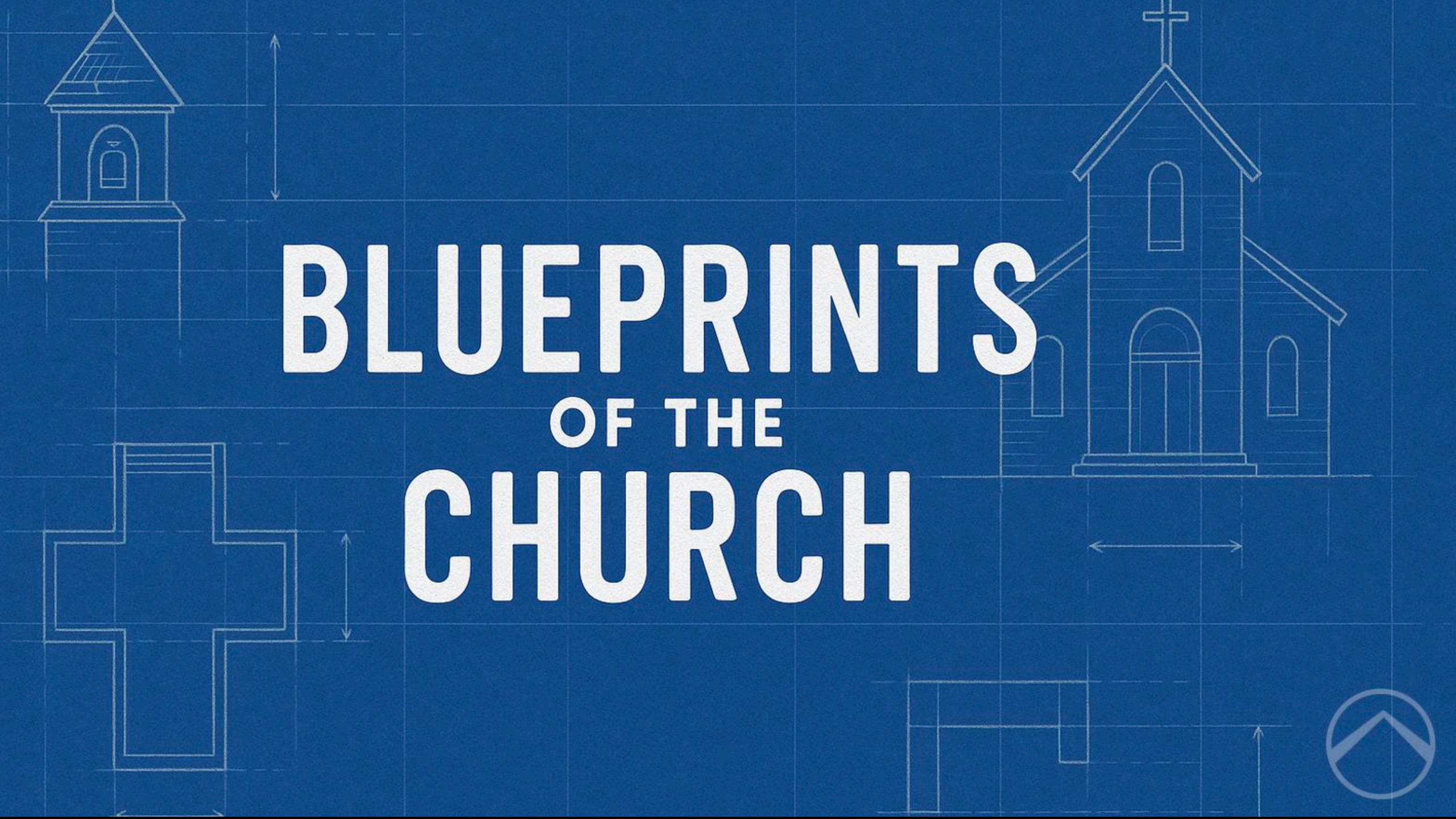
The Blueprint Summary

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