

CANOPY Volcoming Now Noighbors to NV

Welcoming New Neighbors to NWA

CO-SPONSOR TRAINING: November 19, 4:00-6:30pm GracePointChurch.net/Events















"FOLLOW ME."
ἀκολουθέω = akolouthéō
DEEP / antonym: shallow
LONG / antonym: short

"If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me." —Luke 9:23



"Disciples are bred and cultivated in an ecosystem, in the soil of rooted relationships. Our autonomous individualism erects one of the core barriers to genuine followership. Effective and healthy discipleship is cultivated not in isolated units but in an interrelated ecology of life."

- Leonard Sweet



"The Word we study has to be the Word we pray. My personal experience of the relentless tenderness of God came not from exegetes, theologians, and spiritual writers, but from sitting still in the presence of the living Word and beseeching Him to help me understand with my head and heart His written Word. ... When the religious views of others interpose between us and the primary experience of Jesus as the Christ, we become unconvicted and unpersuasive travel agents handing out brochures to places we have never visited,"

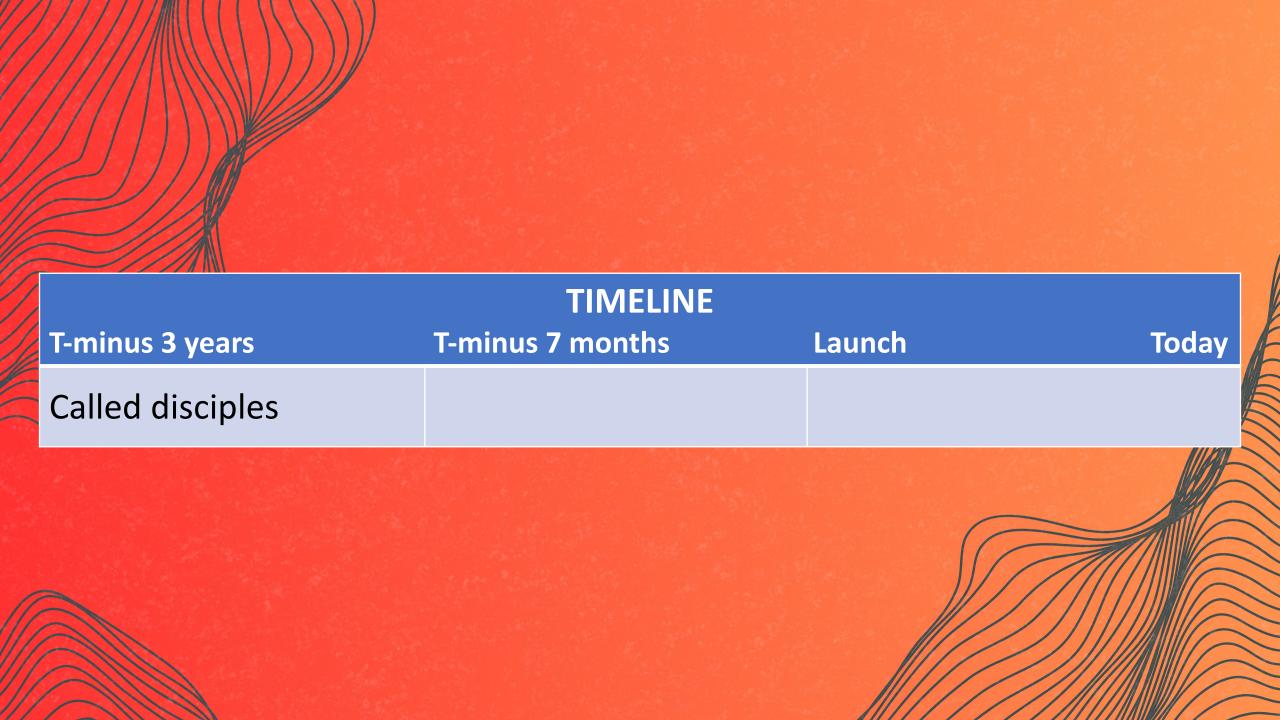
- Brennan Manning, The Ragamuffin Gospels

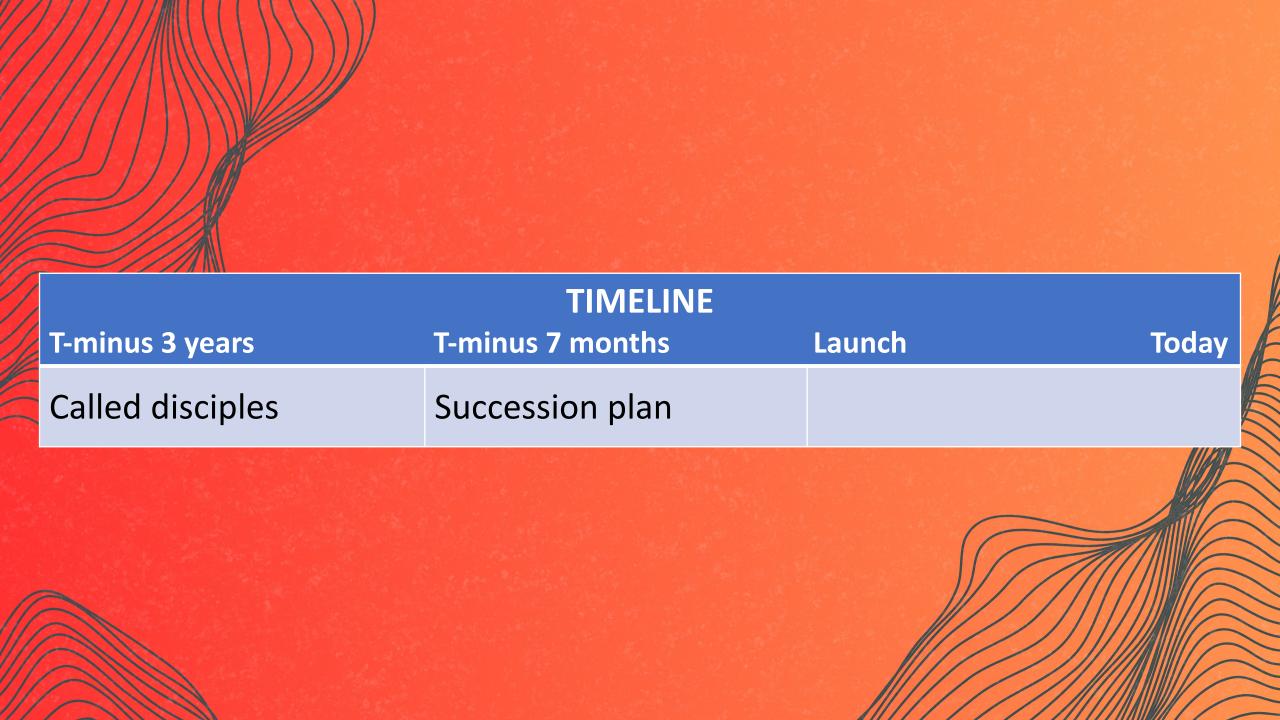


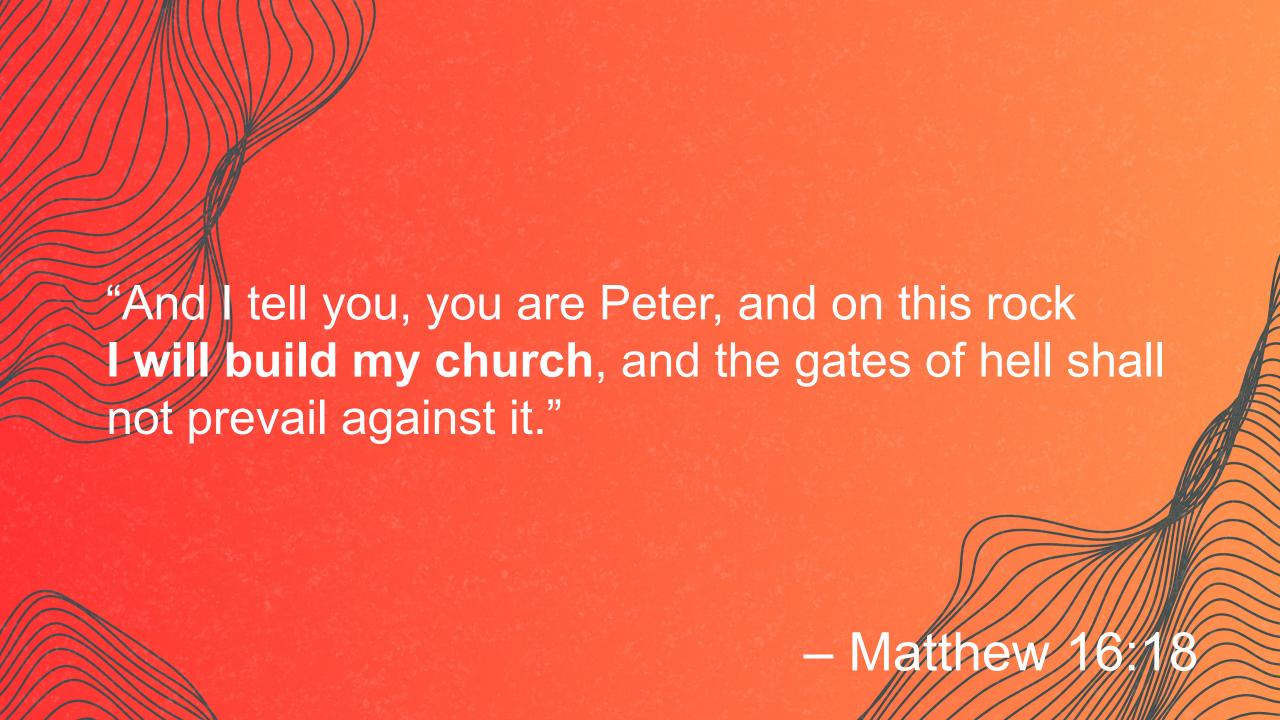


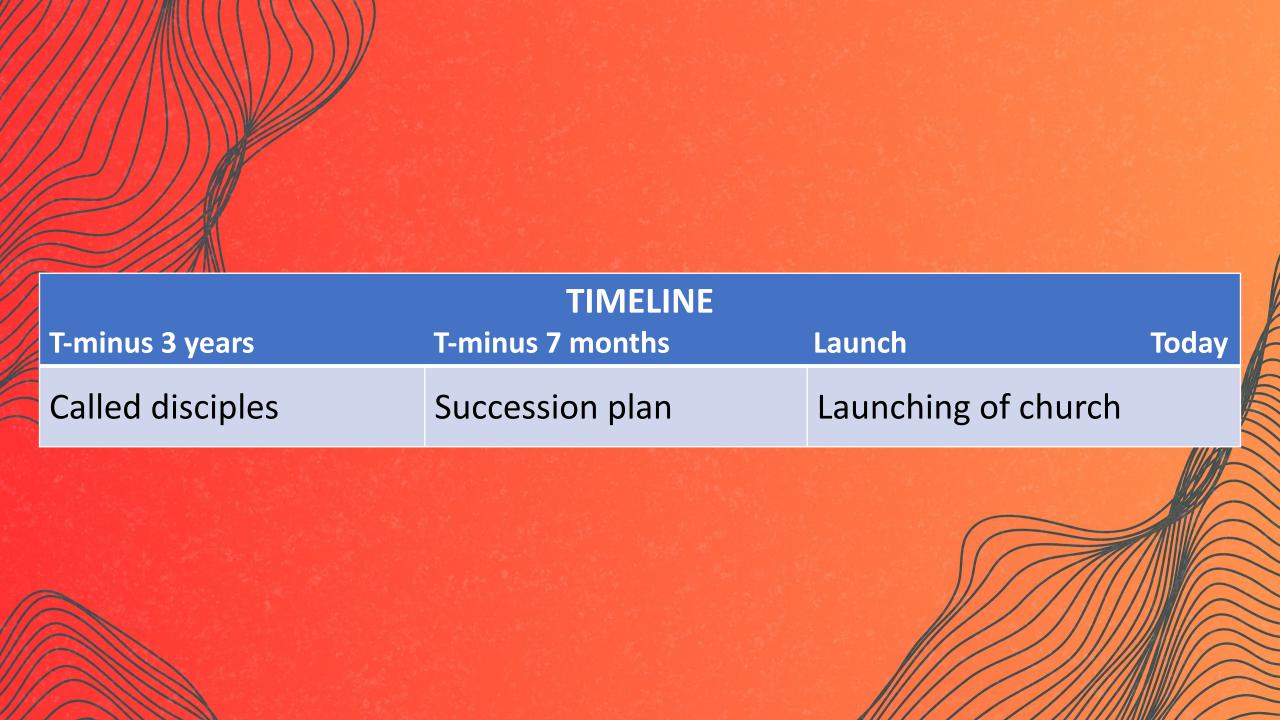












Acts 2 forward: the spread of the Church

Jerusalem Antioch Galatia Region
WESTERN TURKEY:
Ephesus

Thyatira

Colossae

Laodicea

Philadelphia

Smyrna

Pergamum

Sardis

EUROPE:
Philippi
Thessalonica
Beria
Athens
Corinth

Cyprus

Crete

Rome



Communion

Bible Intake
Bible Memorization
Empowered Prayer

Serenity

Solitude/Silence
Sabbath
Fasting

Community

Radical Generosity
Collective Worship
Selfless Service

OUTWARD

"Wherever early Christians looked they saw examples of the practice of solitude, fasting, prayer, private study, communal study, worship, and sacrificial service and giving—to mention only some of the more obvious disciplines for spiritual life."

Dallas Willard



Therefore, brothers, since we have confidence to enter the holy places by the blood of Jesus, 20 by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain, that is, through his flesh, 21 and since we have a great priest over the house of God, ²² let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water.

Hebrews 10:19-25

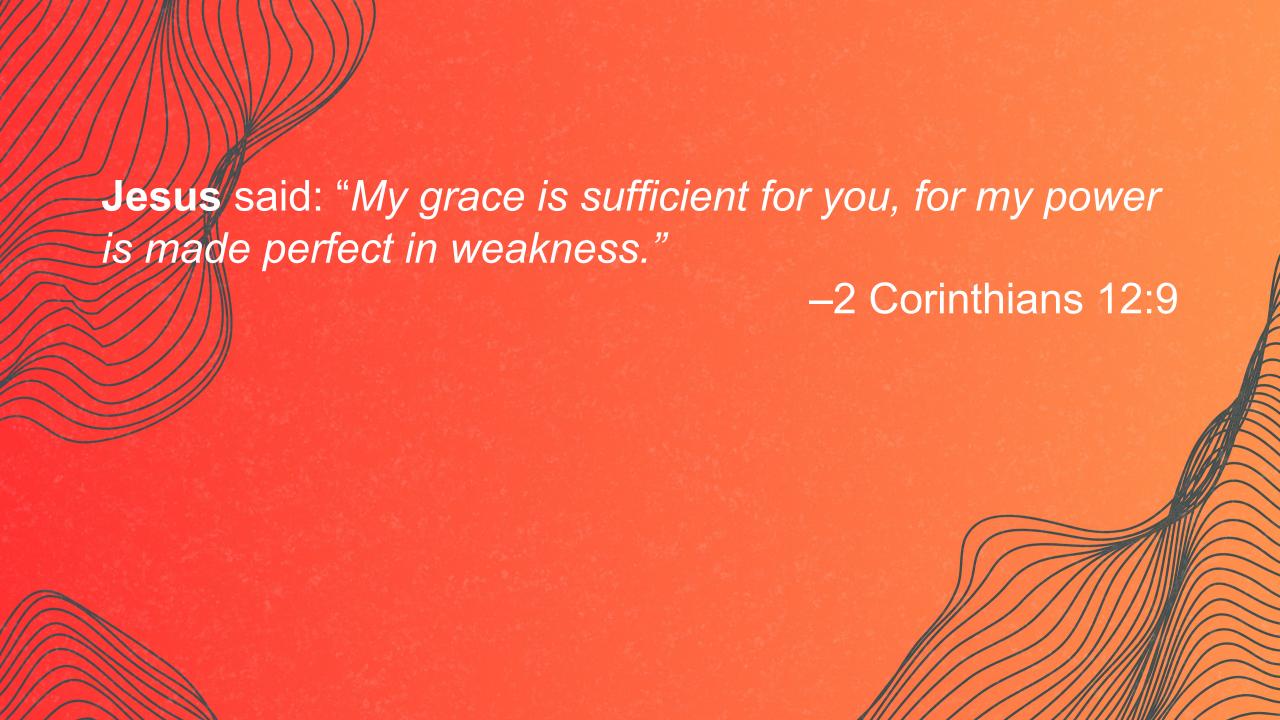
²³ Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who promised is faithful. 24 And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, 25 not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near.

Hebrews 10:19-25

Three Rhythms of Biblical Community

1) Radical generosity "by the blood of Jesus"

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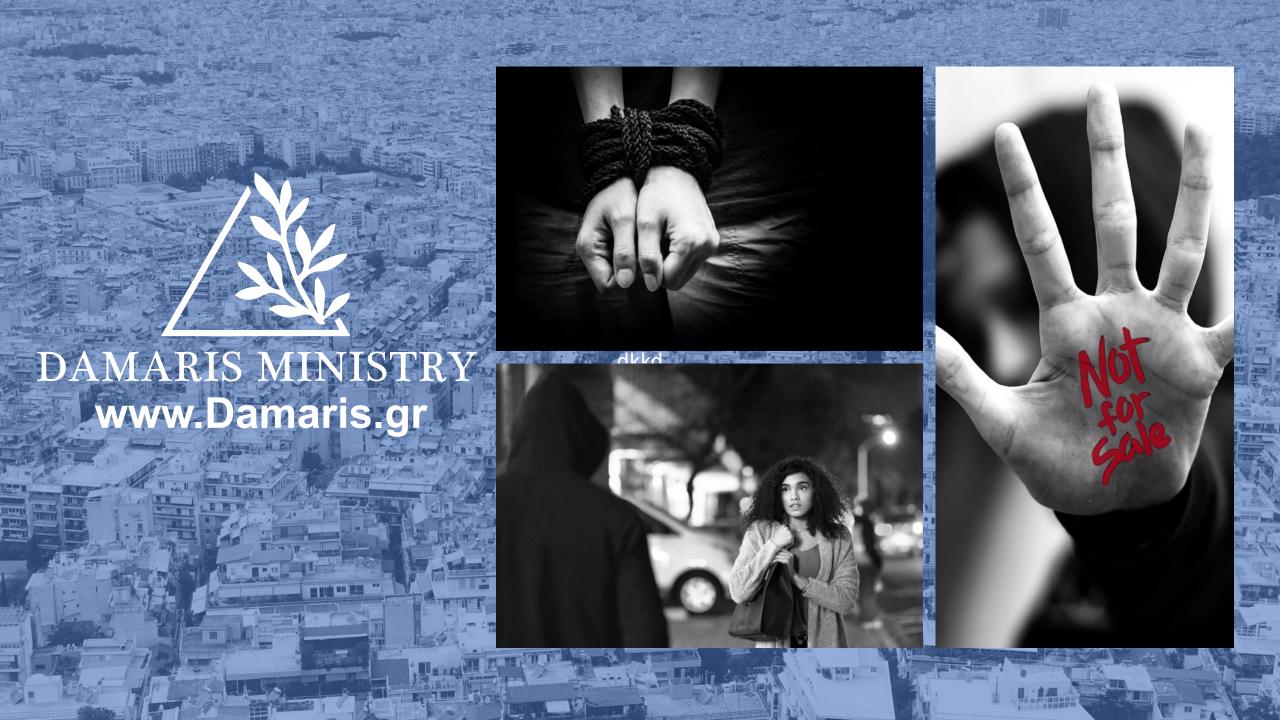


Jesus said: "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness."

-2 Corinthians 12:9

Paul's response: I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and calamities. For when I am weak, then I am strong.

-2 Corinthians 12:10





GIVING

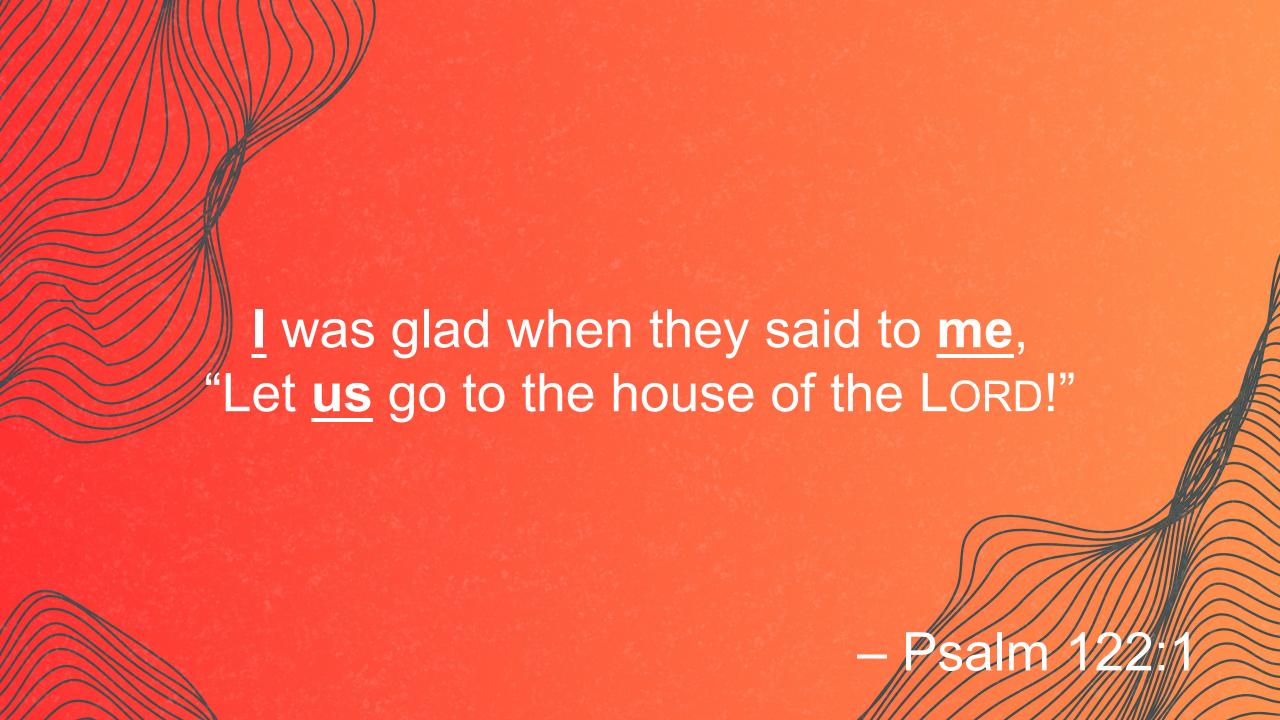






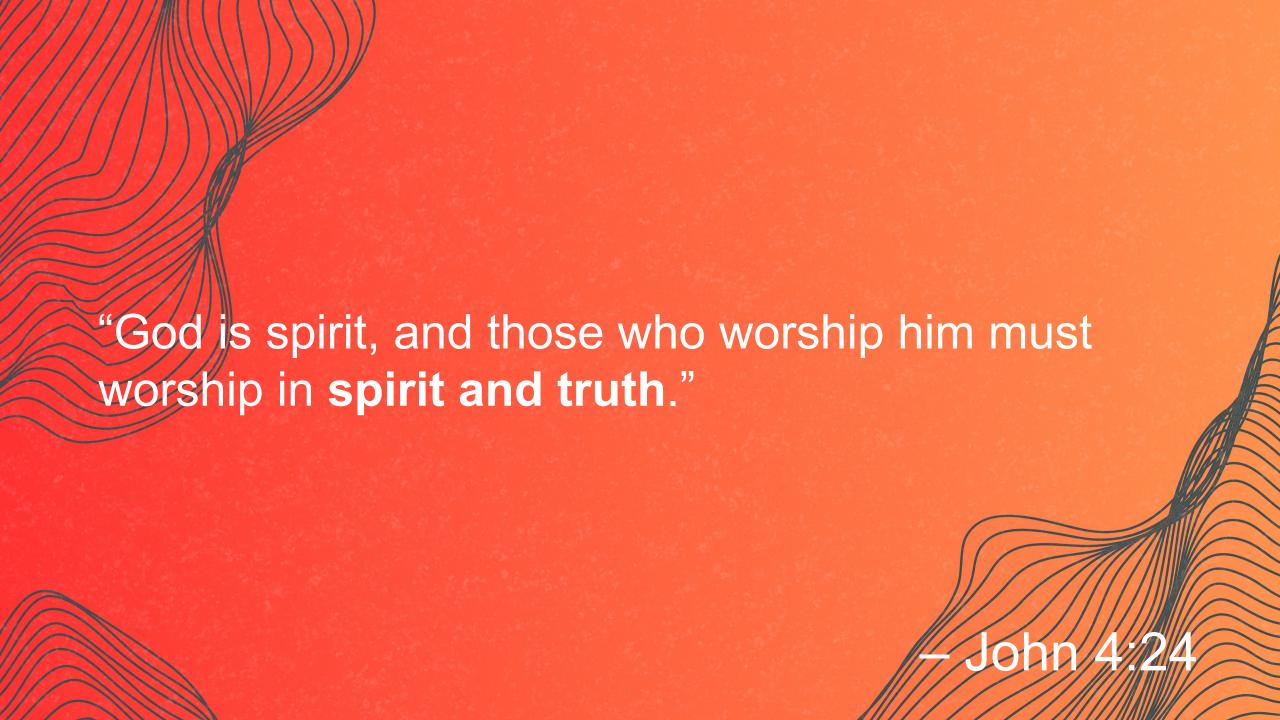
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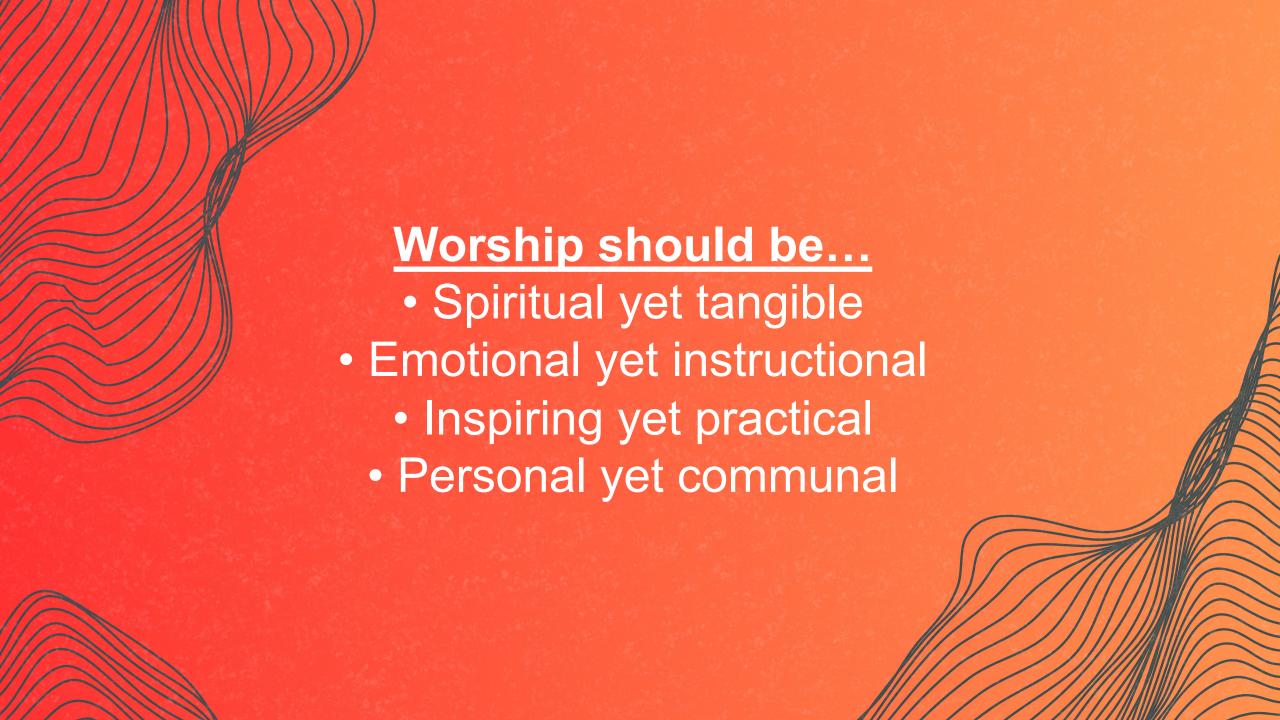


...let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water. ²³ Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who promised is faithful.

Hebrews 10:22/23

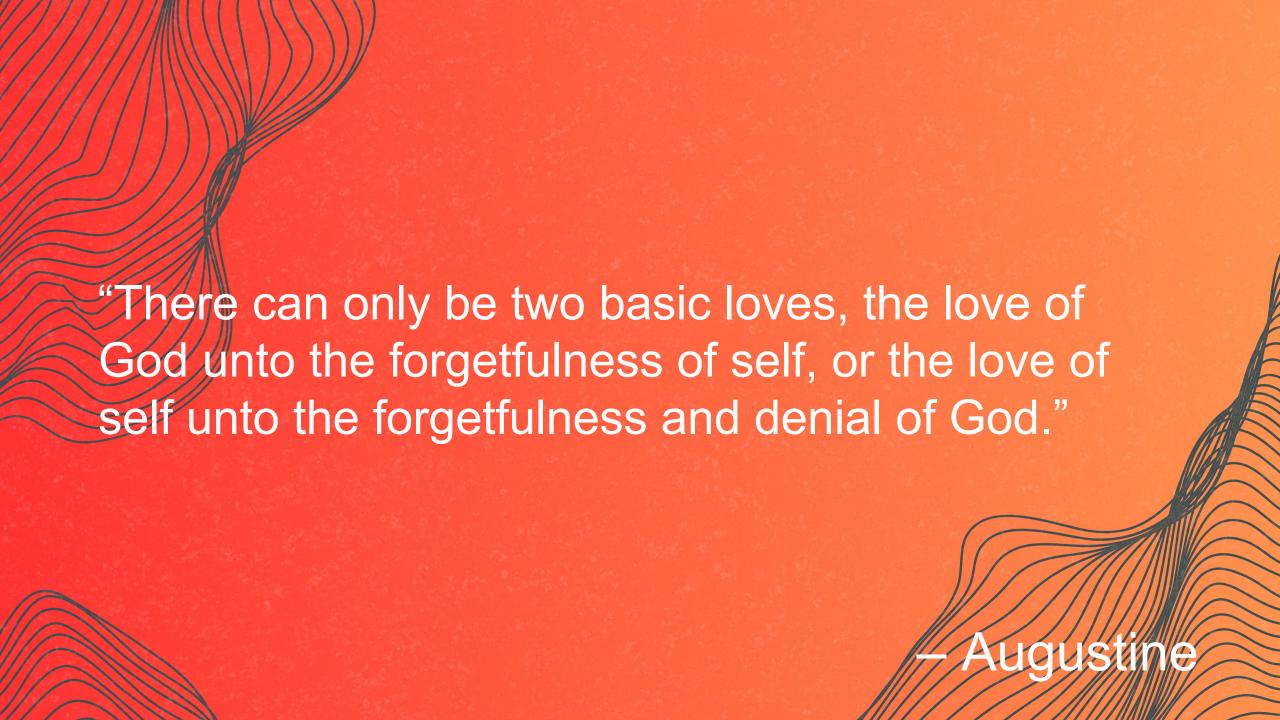






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- 1) Radical generosity
- 2) Collective worship
 - 3) Selfless service



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– Hebrews 10:24-25

59 times in the New Testament

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Hebrews 10:24-25

"ONE ANOTHERS" in the New Testament

- Love one another (John 13:34 This occurs at least 16 times)
- Be devoted to one another (Romans 12:10)
- Honor one another above yourselves (Romans 12:10)
- Live in harmony with one another (Romans 12:16)
- Build up one another (Romans 14:19; 1 Thessalonians 5:11)
- Be likeminded towards one another (Romans 15:5)
- Accept one another (Romans 15:7)
- Care for one another (1 Corinthians 12:25)
- Confess your sins to one another (James 5:16)

Only a sample of the "ONE ANOTHERS"

RESOURCES

www.GracePointChurch.net/Rhythms



John Mark Comer

The Ruthless Elimination of Hurry

Foreword by John Ortberg