

A 4x4 vehicle is positioned at the crest of a large sand dune. The dune's surface is covered in fine, rhythmic ripples. The sky is a clear, vibrant blue with a few wispy white clouds. The overall scene conveys a sense of adventure and challenge.

F O R E R U N N E R S

DISCIPLING

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John 1 ²⁴ Now the Pharisees who had been sent ²⁵ questioned him, "Why then do you baptize if you are not the Messiah, nor Elijah, nor the Prophet?" ²⁶ "I baptize with water," John replied, "but among you stands one you do not know. ²⁷ He is the one who comes after me, the straps of whose sandals I am not worthy to untie."

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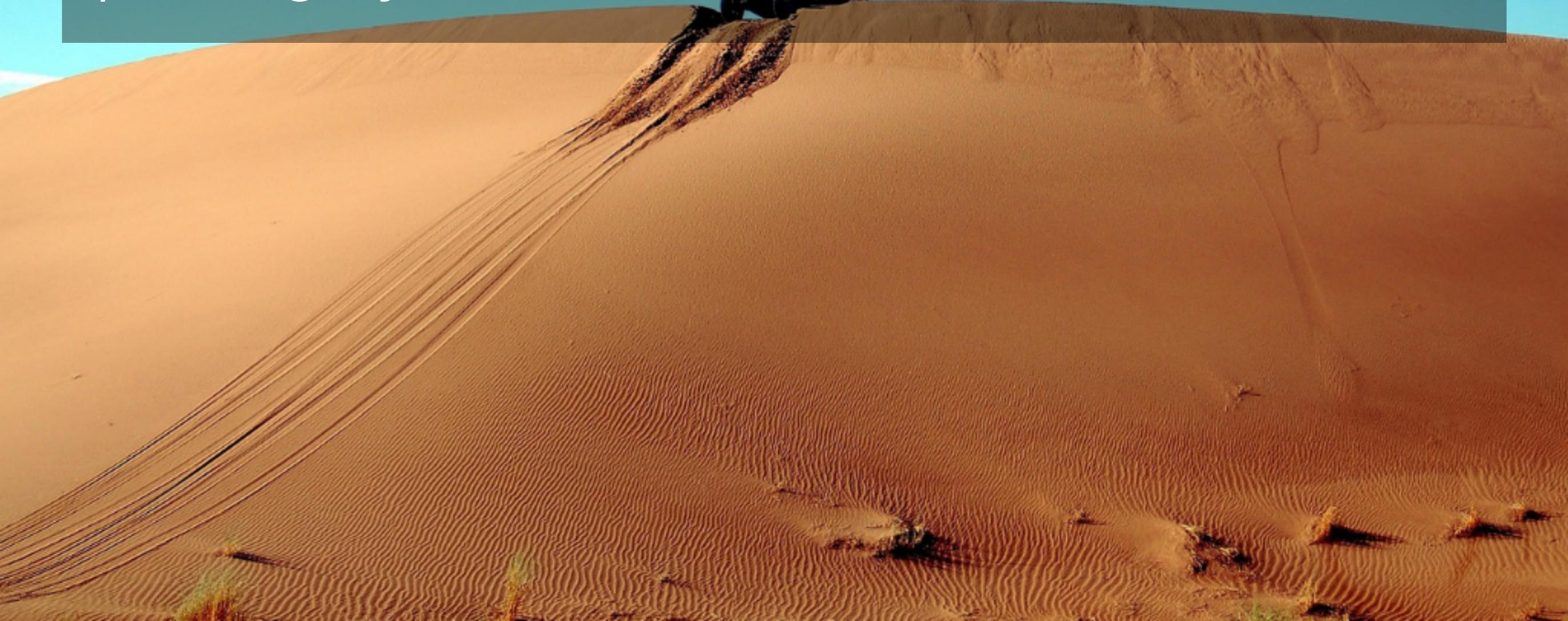
John 1²⁸ This all happened at Bethany on the other side of the Jordan, where John was baptizing.²⁹ The next day John saw Jesus coming toward him and said, “Look, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!
³⁰ This is the one I meant when I said, ‘A man who comes after me has surpassed me because he was before me.’ ³¹ I myself did not know him, but the reason I came baptizing with water was that he might be revealed to Israel.”

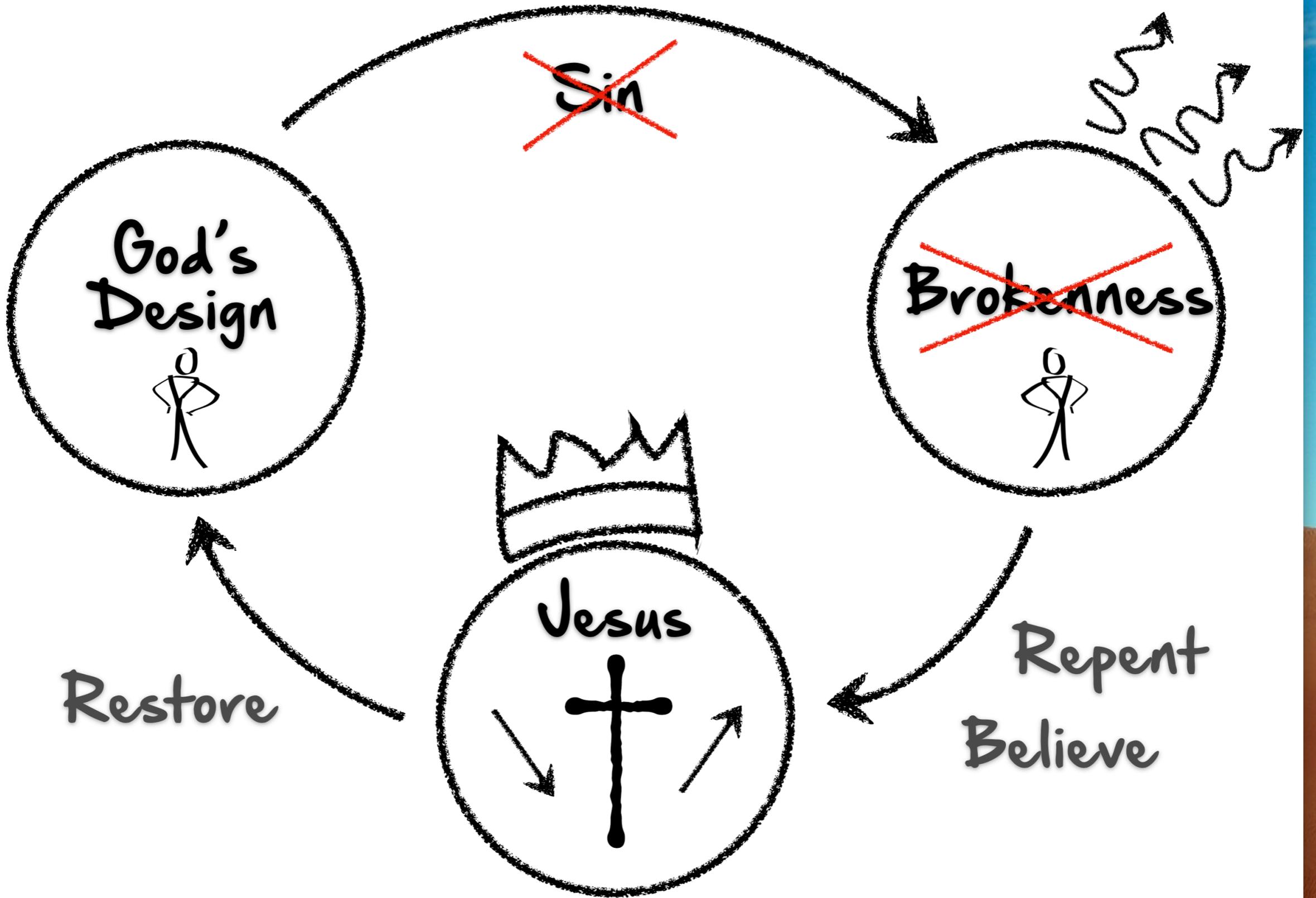
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John 1 ³² Then John gave this testimony: “I saw the Spirit come down from heaven as a dove and remain on him. ³³ And I myself did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water told me, ‘The man on whom you see the Spirit come down and remain is the one who will baptize with the Holy Spirit.’ ³⁴ I have seen and I testify that this is God’s Chosen One.”

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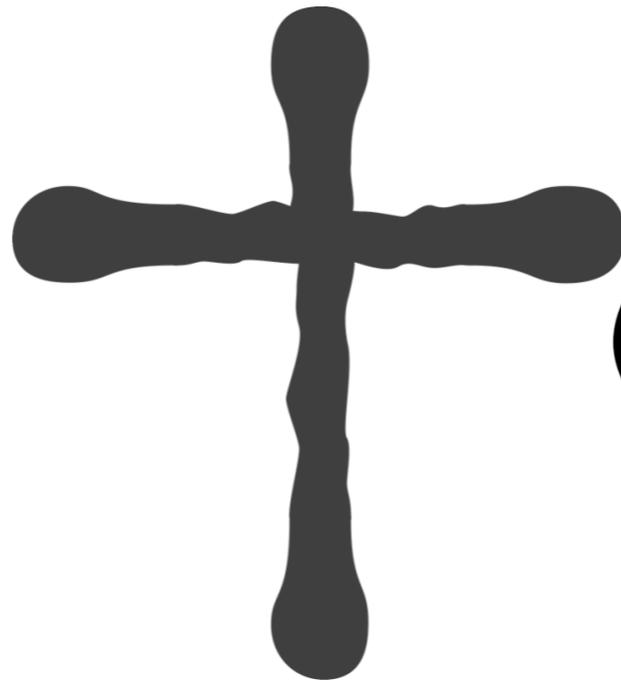
There was
a time in
my life ...

INTRO

hopeless

suicidal

(but I found ...)



forgiveness

comfort

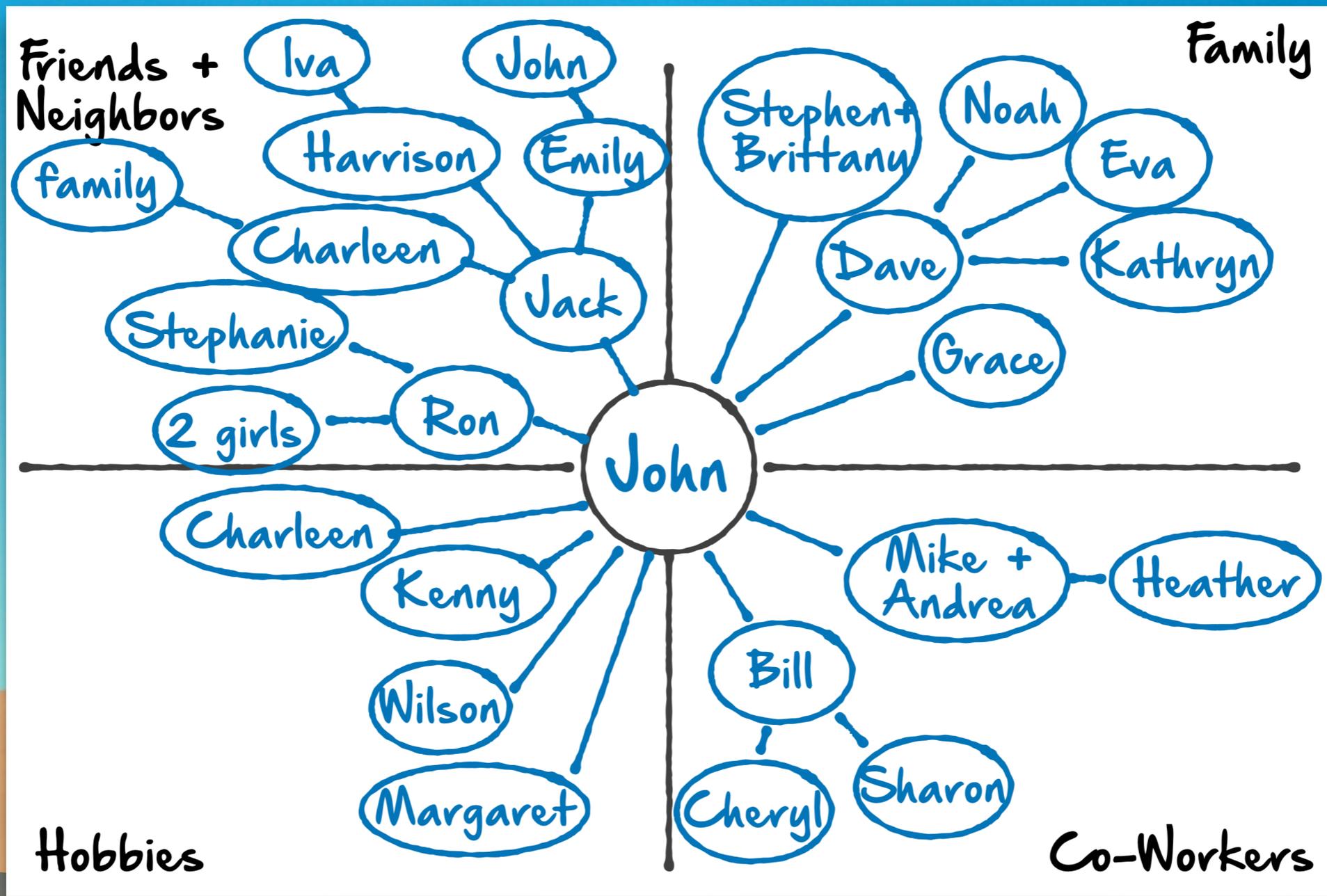
Do you have
a story like
that?

→ ?
(now I have ...)

hope

meaning

in Jesus Christ



intercede

salt & light

testify

disciple



Prayer

Service

Grace

Healing

Generosity

For I am God's forerunner, created in Christ Jesus for good forerunning, which God prepared in advance for me to do.

Eph 2:10 SNEC

"It's in me"

intercede

salt & light

testify

disciple



John's Disciples become Jesus' Disciples

John 1 ³⁵ The next day John was there again with two of his disciples. ³⁶ When he saw Jesus passing by, he said, "Look, the Lamb of God!"

³⁷ When the two disciples heard him say this, they followed Jesus. ³⁸ Turning around, Jesus saw them following and asked, "What do you want?"

They said, "Rabbi" (which means "Teacher"), "where are you staying?"

³⁹ "Come," he replied, "and you will see."

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John 1 ³⁹ So they went and saw where he was staying, and they spent that day with him. It was about four in the afternoon.

⁴⁰ Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, was one of the two who heard what John had said and who had followed Jesus.⁴¹ The first thing Andrew did was to find his brother Simon and tell him, "We have found the Messiah" (that is, the Christ). ⁴² And he brought him to Jesus.

Jesus looked at him and said, "You are Simon son of John. You will be called Cephas" (which, when translated, is Peter).

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Jesus later invites them to be His Disciples

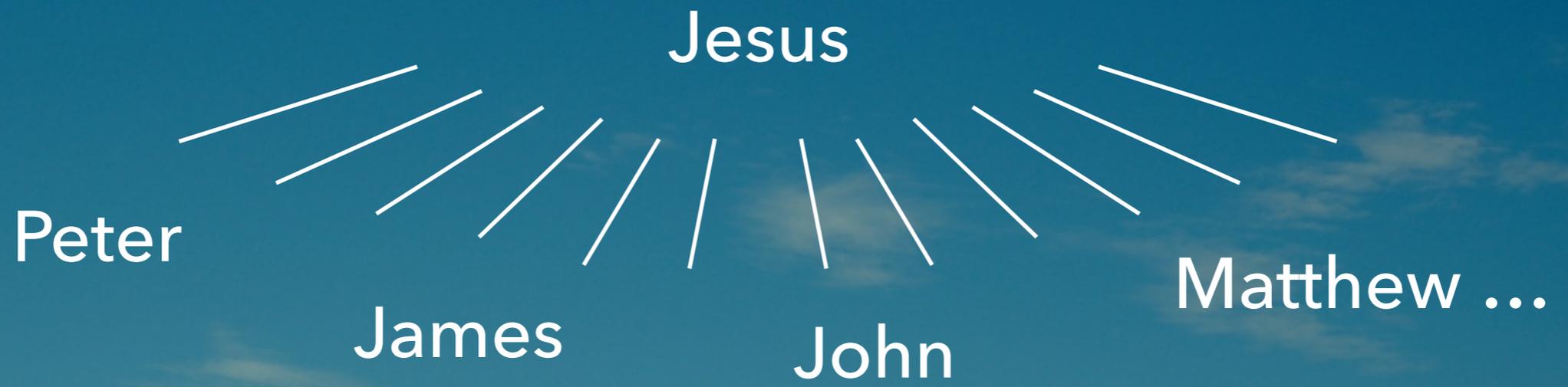
Mark 1 ¹⁶ As Jesus walked beside the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net into the lake, for they were fishermen. ¹⁷ "Come, **follow** me," Jesus said, "and I will send you out to **fish** for people." ¹⁸ At once they left their nets and followed him.

Follow

learning what Jesus is commanding, where He's leading me now and living that out today

Fish

interceding for, salting, lighting and testifying to those who don't yet know Jesus



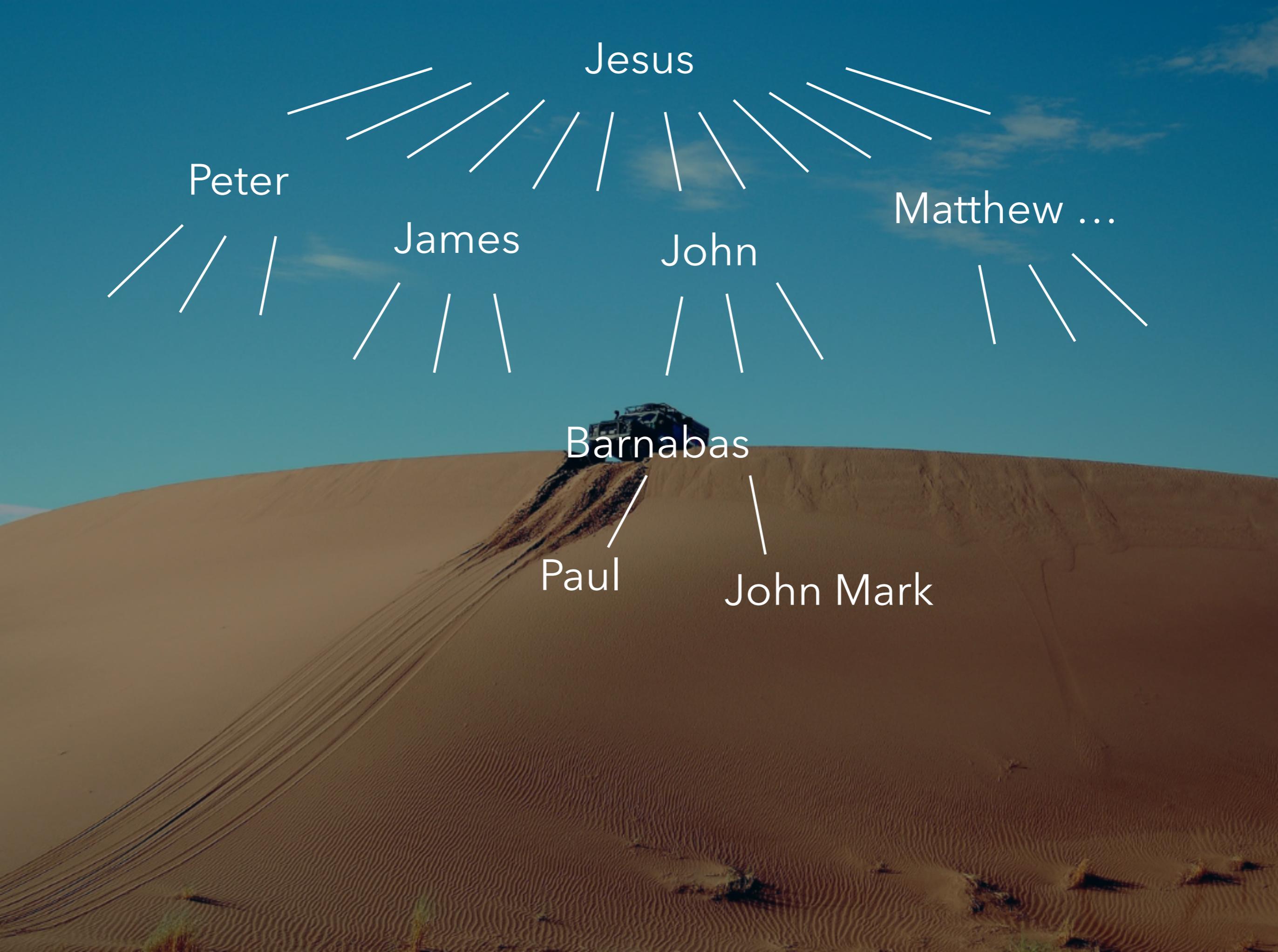
Jesus' Great Invitation to Changing the World

Matthew 28 ¹⁸ Then the 11 disciples went to Galilee...
¹⁹ Then Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. ¹⁹ Therefore **go and make disciples** of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰ and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."

our core
calling

where we
find our
greatest joy

where
Jesus
promises His
presence



Jesus

Peter

James

John

Matthew ...

Barnabas

Paul

John Mark

Jesus' Great Invitation to Changing the World

2 Timothy 2:2 And the things **you** have heard **me** say in the presence of many witnesses entrust to **reliable people** who will also be qualified to teach **others**.



Someone at Epicentre



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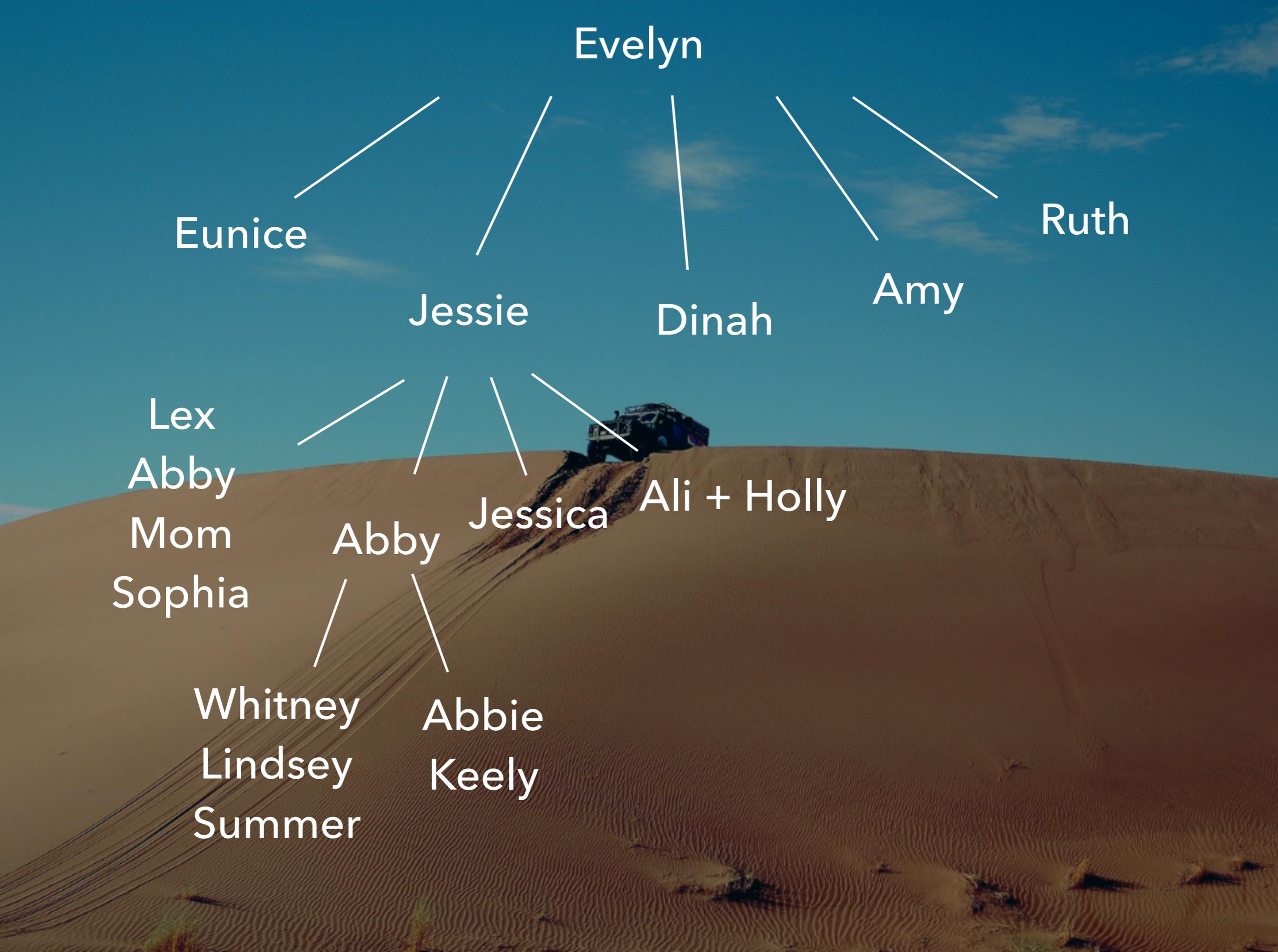
you!

somefour

people on your
relational map

their friends

their family



Evelyn

Eunice

Jessie

Dinah

Amy

Ruth

Lex

Abby

Mom

Sophia

Abby

Jessica

Ali + Holly

Whitney

Lindsey

Summer

Abbie

Keely

Discipleship is necessary for
revival





Pastor Francis Chan, 2014

(on persecution—in Russian and China—and discipleship)

<https://youtu.be/zOT30e9huW8>

What we do in a discipleship meeting

Look Up

Look Back

1. Pastoral Care
2. Worship
3. Loving Accountability
 - How did you follow Jesus this past week?
 - How is your fishing coming along?
4. Vision for Discipleship

5. Scripture Study or Content

- What do I learn about God?
- What do I learn about people and their response to God?
- What is God asking me to do?

6. Application

7. Prayer

- Intercessor prayer for those we're fishing for
- commissioning prayer for each other

Look Forward

"I want to take part in this world changing movement. Disciple me so I can disciple others."



receive Jesus

confess sin

be filled with Holy Spirit

need healing