

**BREATHING  
THE WORD IN  
& THROUGH US**



# Breathing God's Word



# LUKE 11:28

He replied, “Blessed rather are those who hear the word of God and obey it.”

# JAMES 1:22

Do not merely listen to the word, and so deceive yourselves.  
Do what it says.

# ROMANS 15:4

For everything that was written in the past was written to teach us, so that through the endurance taught in the Scriptures and the encouragement they provide we might have hope.

# 2 TIMOTHY 3:16 NLT

All Scripture is inspired by God and is useful to teach us what is true and to make us realize what is wrong in our lives. It corrects us when we are wrong and teaches us to do what is right.

# MATTHEW 7:24

Therefore everyone who hears these words of mine and puts them into practice is like a wise man who built his house on the rock.

# JOHN 6:51-52

I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats this bread will live forever. This bread is my flesh, which I will give for the life of the world.” Then the Jews began to argue sharply among themselves, “How can this man give us his flesh to eat?”



# JOHN 6:60

On hearing it, many of his disciples said,  
“This is a hard teaching. Who can accept it?”

# JOHN 6:61-63

Aware that his disciples were grumbling about this, Jesus said to them, “Does this offend you? Then what if you see the Son of Man ascend to where he was before! The Spirit gives life; the flesh counts for nothing. The words I have spoken to you —they are full of the Spirit and life.

# JOHN 6:66-67

From this time many of his disciples turned back and no longer followed him. “You do not want to leave too, do you?” Jesus asked the Twelve.

# JOHN 6:68

Simon Peter answered him, “Lord, to whom shall we go?  
You have the words of eternal life.”

# JOHN 14:23

Jesus replied, “Anyone who loves me will obey my teaching.”

**America is becoming  
both morally aligned  
and morally disoriented.**

# ISAIAH 5:20

Woe to those who call evil good and good evil, who put darkness for light and light for darkness, who put bitter for sweet and sweet for bitter.

**This rearranging is  
called moral relativism.**



**Many Jesus followers are  
more borrowers than  
they are believers.**

# 2 TIMOTHY 4:3 NASB

For the time will come when they will not tolerate sound doctrine; but wanting to have their ears tickled, they will accumulate for themselves teachers in accordance with their own desires.

# 1 TIMOTHY 4:1 NKJV

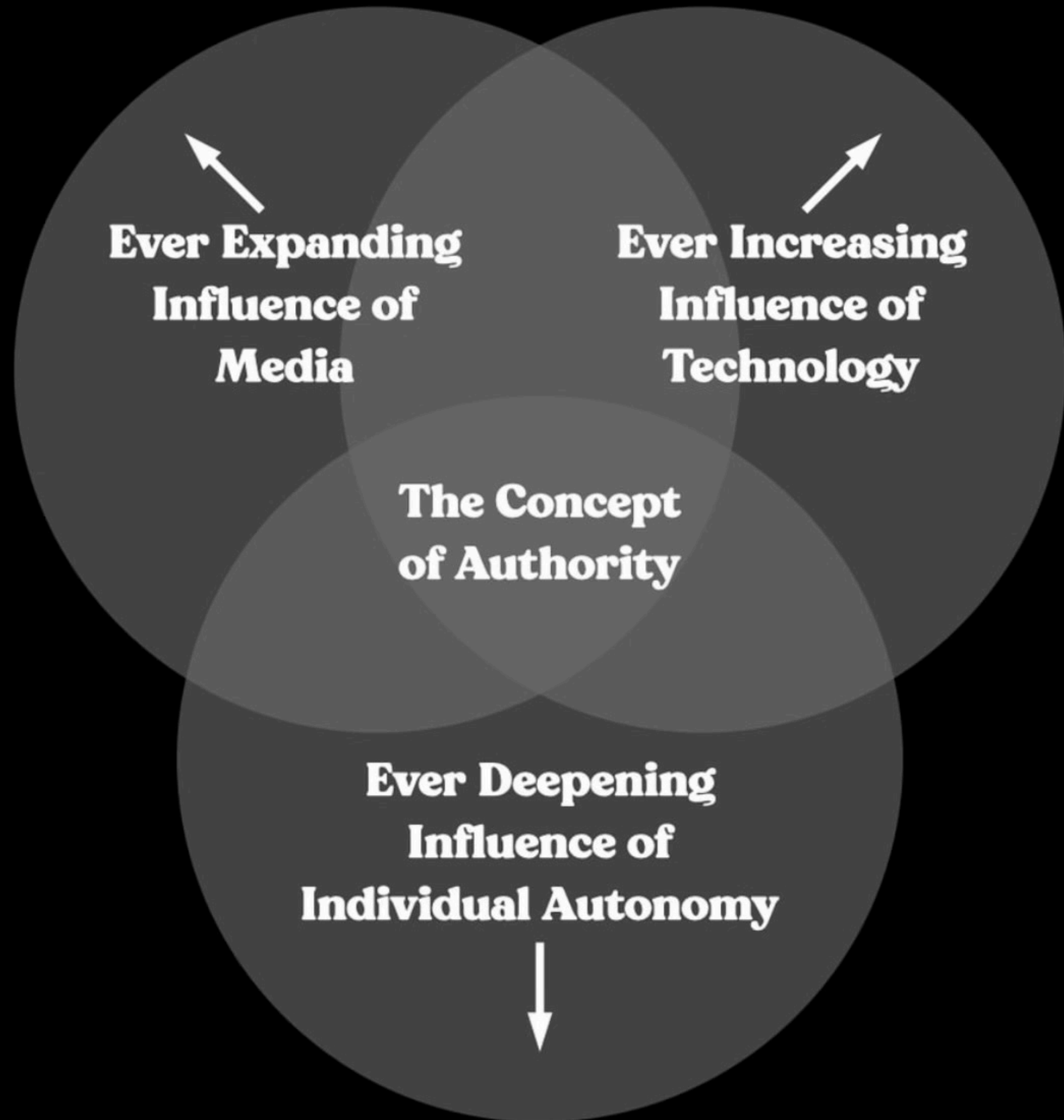
Now the Spirit expressly says that in latter times some will depart from the faith, giving heed to deceiving spirits and doctrines of demons.

# 1 TIMOTHY 4:6

If you point these things out to the brothers and sisters, you will be a good minister of Christ Jesus, nourished on the truths of the faith and of the good teaching that you have followed.

**Do my values inform scripture  
or do the scriptures inform  
my values?**

**Non-conforming belief  
systems become labeled  
as evil and a threat.**



# 1 SAMUEL 15:23 NKJV

“For rebellion is as the sin of witchcraft, And stubbornness is as iniquity and idolatry. Because you have rejected the word of the Lord, He also has rejected you from being king.”







**Ishtar (*Inanna*):**  
**She was known as the**  
**Queen of Heaven and**  
**was the goddess of**  
**sex, war, and justice.**

# JEREMIAH 7:18

The children gather wood, the fathers light the fire, and the women knead the dough and make cakes to offer to the Queen of Heaven. They pour out drink offerings to other gods to arouse my anger.

**“To destroy, to create, to tear out,  
to establish are yours, Inanna.  
To turn a man into a woman and  
a woman into a man are yours,  
Inanna.”**

– Lady of Largest Heart

**“The people of Sumer parade before you...  
The male prostitutes comb their hair before  
you... They decorate the napes of their necks  
with coloured scarfs... The women adorn their  
right side with men’s clothing... The men  
adorn their left side with women’s clothing.”**

– Sumerian Hymn quoted from Inanna Queen of Heaven







**“Hijras’ purported supernatural powers are enshrined in Hindu mythology, and their gender fluidity mirrors the androgynous gods.”**

– Ina Goel India’s Third Gender Rises Again

# ACTS 19:17-20

When this became known to the Jews and Greeks living in Ephesus, they were all seized with fear, and the name of the Lord Jesus was held in high honor. Many of those who believed now came and openly confessed what they had done. A number who had practiced sorcery brought their scrolls together and burned them publicly. When they calculated the value of the scrolls, the total came to fifty thousand drachmas. In this way the word of the Lord spread widely and grew in power.



# GROUPS

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## DISCIPLESHIP COMMUNITIES

A Discipleship Community is a group of 6-12 people or couples who meet in homes around the 4C's: Care, Community, Conversations, Church.

## DISCIPLESHIP COHORTS

A Discipleship Cohort is a group of 3-6 men or women who will commit to meeting frequently, doing community while vertically pursuing the life of Jesus together.





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# DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What does breathing the Word of God look like for you today?
2. What are some difficult parts of the Bible that you struggle to align with?
3. How has God's Word impacted your life?
4. How does the authority of God's Word impact society?
5. Are there any areas of your life that you need to walk in obedience to?

