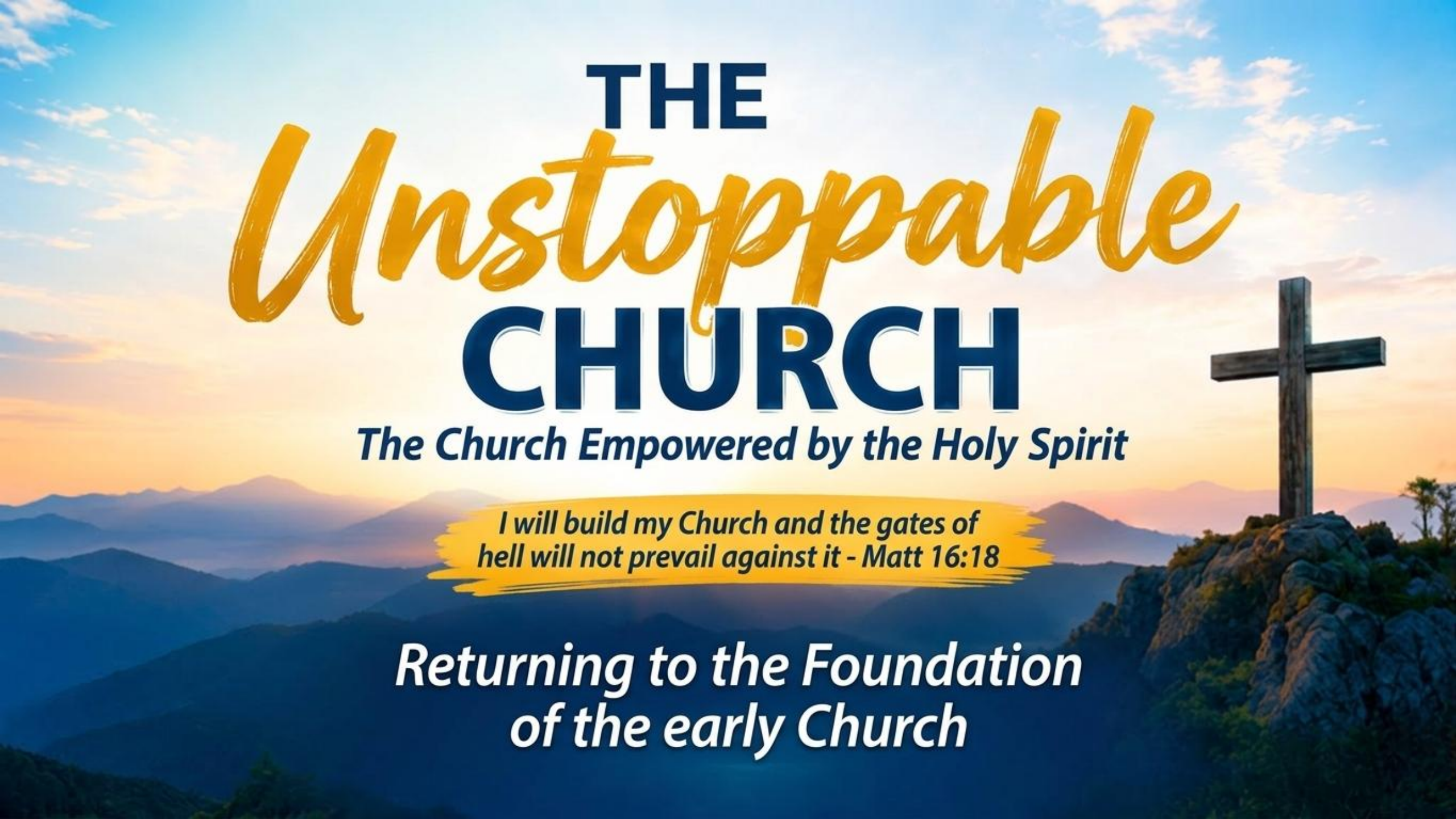




THE *Unstoppable* CHURCH

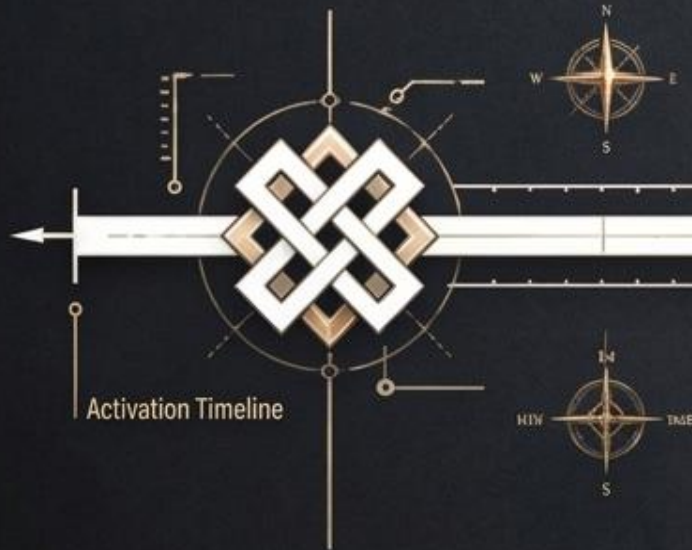
The Church Empowered by the Holy Spirit

*I will build my Church and the gates of
hell will not prevail against it - Matt 16:18*

**Returning to the Foundation
of the early Church**

Birth of the Church (Ekklesia) at Pentecost

Stage 1: The Commission
(John 20:21-23)



“As the Father has sent me,
I am sending you.”
Jesus breathes the initial
promise of the Spirit.

Stage 2: The Command
(Acts 1:4-5)



“Wait for the gift.”
The deliberate pause to
ensure believers do not rely
on human strength.

Stage 3: The Promise
(Acts 1:8)



“You will receive power.”
The operational directive
to become witnesses to the
ends of the earth.

Stage 4: The Ignition
(Acts 2:1-4)



The official birth of the
Church through the
supernatural infilling
of the Holy Spirit.



THE *Unstoppable* CHURCH

The Church Empowered by the Holy Spirit

Key Scripture: Acts 2:42-47

***“An unstoppable church is a Christ-centred,
Spirit-empowered, Word-rooted community
that advances God’s Kingdom despite opposition.”***

THE CHURCH (EKKLESIA)

THE BODY
OF CHRIST

1. Apostles' Doctrine
(The Word)

2. Fellowship
(Koinonia)

3. Breaking of Bread
(Communion)

4. Prayers

THE BRIDE
OF CHRIST

THE SOLID ROCK (THE ROCK)

*"And they continued steadfastly in the apostles' doctrine
and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in prayers."*

— Acts 2:42



1 Peter 2 ⁹ But you are a **chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's special possession**, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light.

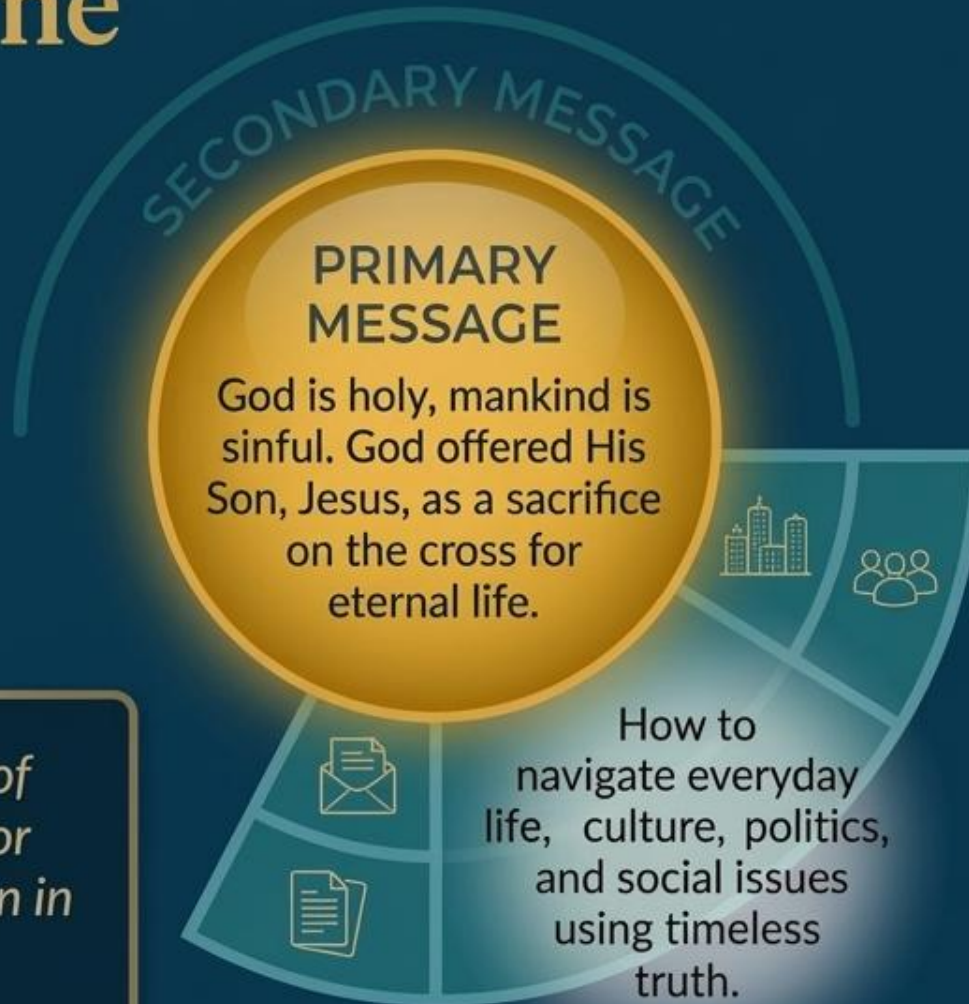
Eph 2¹⁹ Consequently, you are no longer foreigners and strangers, but **fellow citizens with God's people** and also **members of his household**, ²⁰ built on the foundation of the **apostles and prophets**, with **Christ Jesus Himself** as the chief cornerstone. .

Acts 2 ⁴² They devoted themselves to the **apostles'**
teaching and to **fellowship**, to the **breaking of**
bread and to **prayer**. ⁴³ Everyone was filled with awe at
the **many wonders and signs performed by the**
apostles. ⁴⁴ All the believers were together and had
everything in common. ⁴⁵ They sold property and
possessions to **give** to anyone **who had need**.
They broke bread in their homes and ate together with
glad and sincere hearts, ⁴⁷ praising God and enjoying the
favour of all the people. And the **Lord added** to their
number daily **those who were being saved**.

PILLAR 1: Devoted to the Apostles' Doctrine



"All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness..." — 2 Timothy 3:16

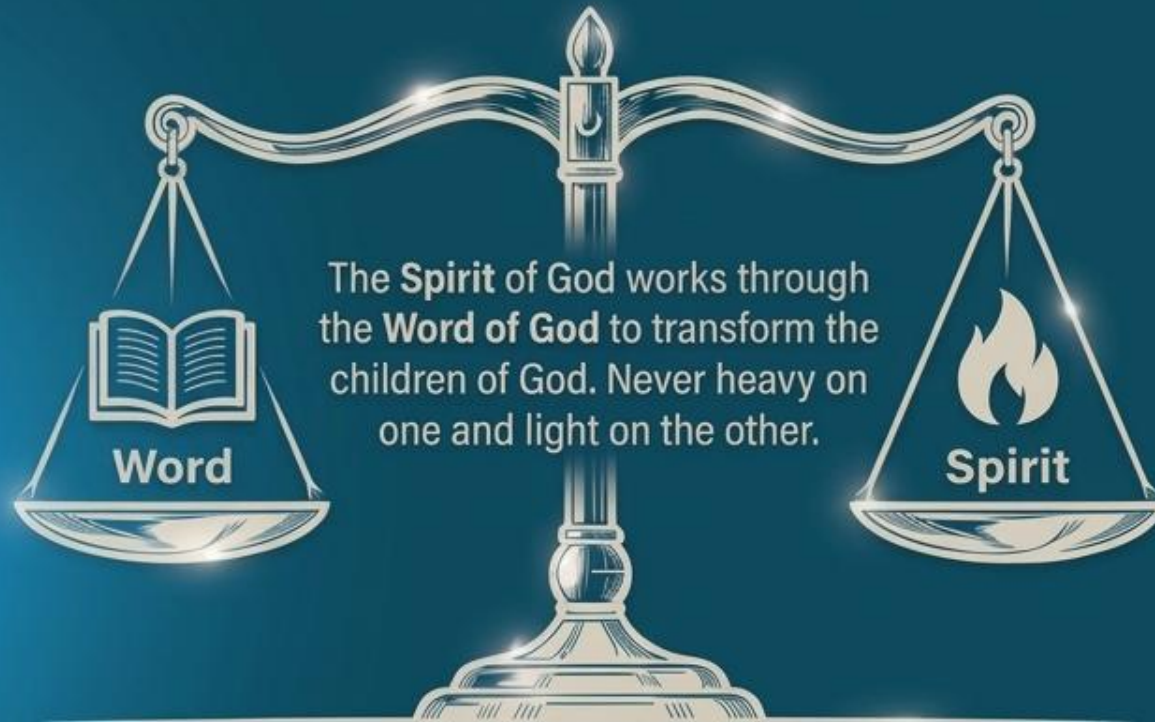


Luther's Warning:



To preach the gospel but ignore the issues of the times is **not** to preach the gospel at all. The Bible must be the mirror that shapes us, not a text we shape to suit culture.

Devoted themselves to the Apostles' Doctrine



1. Inspiration: Plenary verbal (every word is God-breathed),

2. Inerrancy: The Bible contains no errors.

3. Infallibility: The Bible is the ultimate authority.

4. Sufficiency: It provides everything needed for faith and practice.

To give the Bible its rightful place is to bring glory to God, health to the church, and light to the world.

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2 Tim 3 ¹⁶ **All Scripture** is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, ¹⁷ so that the servant of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.

Col 2 ⁶ So then, just as you ***received Christ Jesus as Lord***, continue to **live your lives in him**, ⁷ **rooted and built up in him, strengthened in the faith** as you were taught, and overflowing with thankfulness.

Acts 6⁴ and will give our attention to prayer and the
ministry
of the word.”

Acts 17 ¹¹ Now the Berean Jews were of more noble character than those in Thessalonica, for they received the message with great eagerness and **examined the Scriptures** every day to see if what Paul said was true.

Acts 20 ³² “Now I commit you to **God and to the word** of his grace, which can build you up and give you an inheritance among all those who are sanctified.

PILLAR 2: Fellowship (Koinonia)

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Contribution

(Meeting physical needs)

Romans 15:26

Fellowship

(Close relational proximity)

1 John 1:7

Sharing

(Sacrificing resources)

Hebrews 13:16

Communion

(Spiritual unity with God)

2 Cor 13:14

FELLOWSHIP SCRIPTURE:

“But if we walk in the light as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another...”
— 1 John 1:7

As culture becomes more hostile, intentional gathering transitions from a preference to a survival necessity.

John 13³⁴ “A new command I give you: **Love one another.** As I have loved you, so you must **love one another.** ³⁵ By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you **love one another.**”

Acts 2⁴⁴ All the believers were together and had **everything in common.** ⁴⁵ They sold property and possessions to give to anyone who had need.

Acts 4³² All the believers were one in heart and mind. No one claimed that any of their possessions was their own, but **they shared everything they had.**

Heb 10 ²⁴ And let us consider how we may **spur one another** on toward love and good deeds,
²⁵ **not giving up meeting together**, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

THE STRUCTURAL COST OF ISOLATION

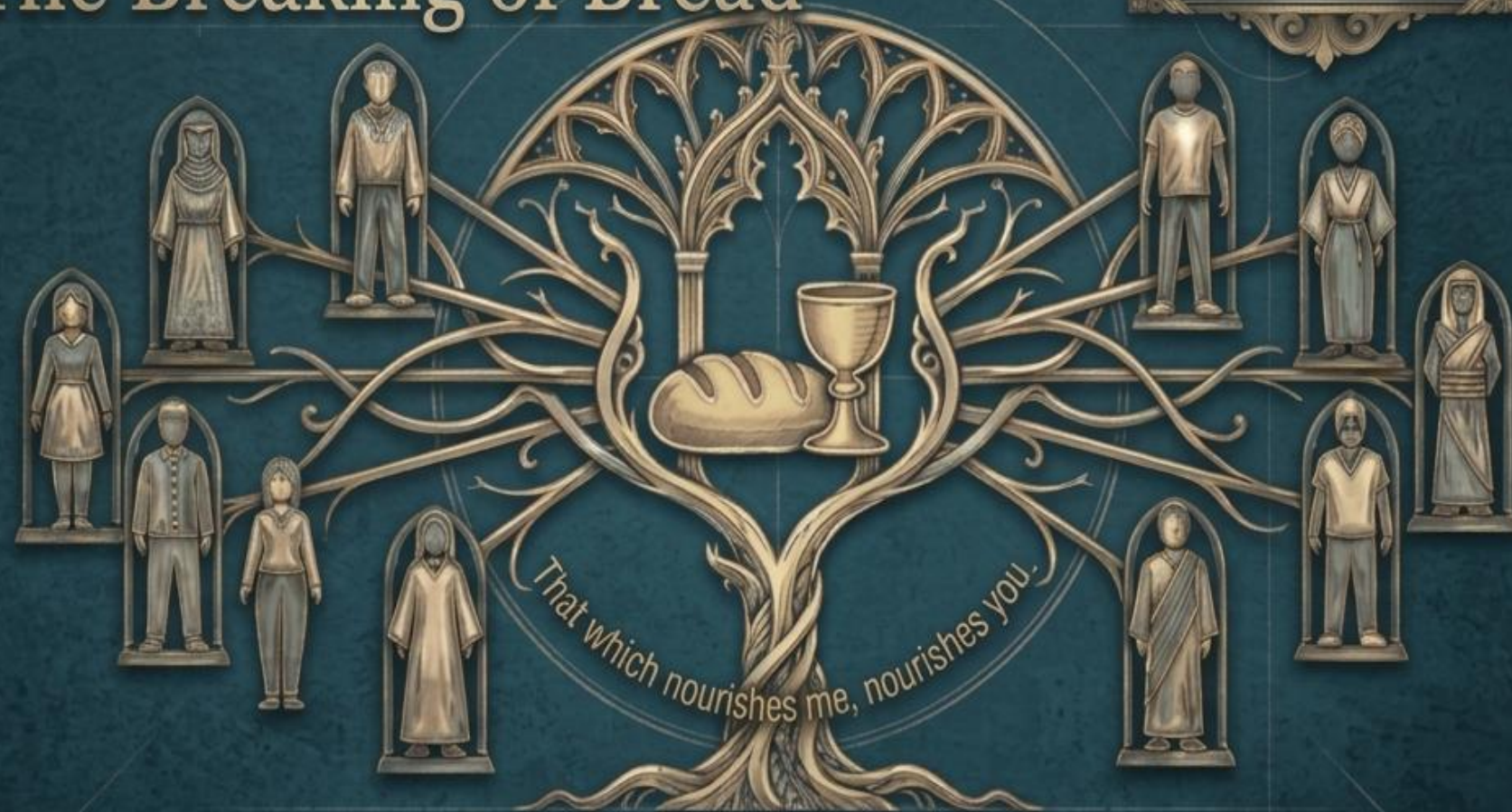
	WHITEFIELD'S UNORGANIZED AUDIENCE	WESLEY'S INTERCONNECTED SOCIETY
The Model	Focus on mass conversion without structural integration.	Bands and Classes designed to group converts.
Interaction	Spectator Model: Listening to a message delivered by an individual.	Participant Model: Deeply sharing the spiritual life of Jesus with peers.
Durability	A "Rope of Sand" : Converts dissipating over time under societal pressure.	Generational Multiplication: Believers growing together and sustaining faith.

The Koinonia Matrix

PILLAR 3:

The Breaking of Bread

Unified in Diversity.
Life from the Source:
The Lordship of Jesus.



That which nourishes me, nourishes you.

“Whoever eats
my flesh and drinks
my blood has
eternal life, and I
will raise them up
in the last day.”
— John 6:54

Luke 22¹⁹ And he took bread, gave thanks and broke it, and gave it to them, saying, **“This is my body given for you; do this in remembrance of me.”** ²⁰ In the same way, after the supper he took the cup, saying, **“This cup is the new covenant in my blood,** which is poured out for you.
(Matt 26:26-28 and Mark 14:22-24)

1 Corinthians 11:23–25 – Paul recounts the tradition he received, recording that Jesus broke bread and said, **“This is my body, which is for you; do this in remembrance of me,”** and similarly called them to drink the cup in remembrance of him.

PILLAR 4:

Prayer and Signs

Prayer is not just informing God, but inviting Him to bring our lives into conformity with His nature.

Seeking His Hand (Action)

Private

Talking & Making Requests

Psalm 5:3 - "In the morning I lay my requests before you."

Seeking His Face (Stillness)

Listening & Resting

Psalm 46:10 - "Be still and know that I am God."

The Active Gathering

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Matthew 21:13 - "My house shall be called a house of prayer."

Inviting His Presence

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Matthew 18:20 - "To conform our collective hearts to His will."

Corporate

ACTS 2:43

Everyone was filled with awe at the many wonders and signs performed by the apostles.

Acts 6³ We will turn this responsibility over to them ⁴ and will give our attention to **prayer and the ministry of word.”**

Acts 12⁵ So Peter was kept in prison, but the church was **earnestly praying to God for him.**

Acts 20 ³⁶ When Paul had finished speaking, he knelt down **with all of them and prayed. ³⁷ They all wept as they embraced him and kissed him.**



THE POWER OF PRAYER: THE DYNAMIC MOVE AT MORAVIAN FALLS (1727)



BEFORE: THE REFUGEE CRISIS (Herrnhut, 1727)

- Fractured religious refugees, bickering & divided.



THE CATALYST: AUGUST 13, 1727

"A heart-melting unity where all signs of division vanished."

- Powerful Holy Spirit outpouring during communion service.
| Transformed from individuals into a unified spiritual force.



AFTER: THE 100-YEAR PRAYER WATCH

- | Began as small, dedicated prayer bands.
- | Sparked an unbroken, 24/7 corporate prayer watch.
- | Lasted for over 100 years.

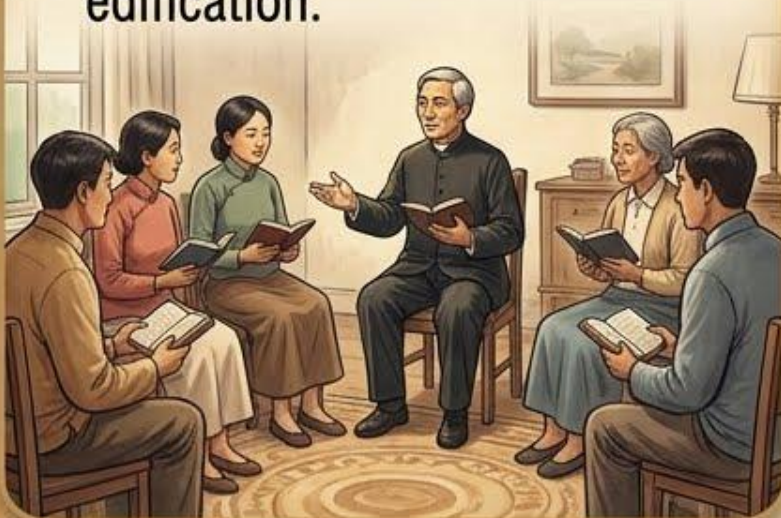
"THE RESULT: A SPIRITUAL AWAKENING FUELED BY CORPORATE, UNIFIED PRAYER"

THE PRINCIPLES OF 'WATCHMAN NEE'S "LITTLE FLOCK" HOME GATHERINGS



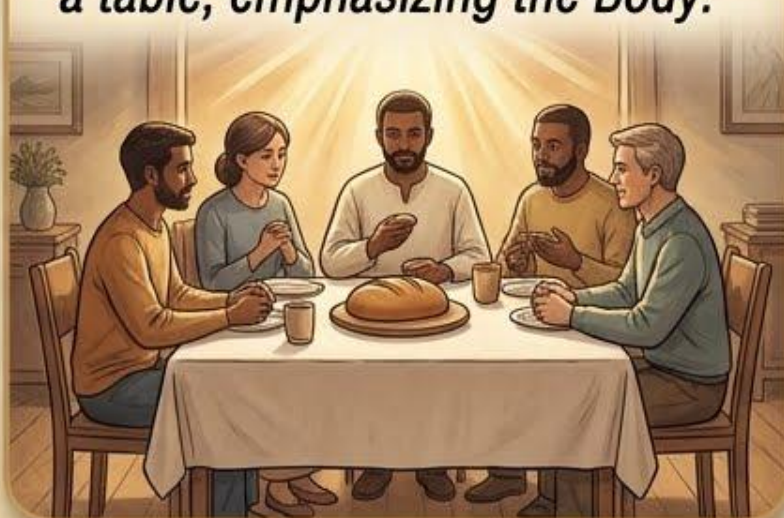
THE PATTERN: SCRIPTUAL GATHERINGS

- Believers met in private homes (house churches) with no clergy/laity division.
- Shared hymns, prayers, short testimonies, and words of edification.



THE CENTER: THE LORD'S TABLE

- The breaking of bread (Communion) was the weekly central focus, emphasizing oneness.
- "The focus was oneness, around a table, emphasizing the Body."*



THE PRACTICE: FINANCIAL SIMPLICITY

- Offerings handled through a simple box (no passing a plate).
- Funds used *strictly* for local needs, the poor, and traveling workers (apostles).



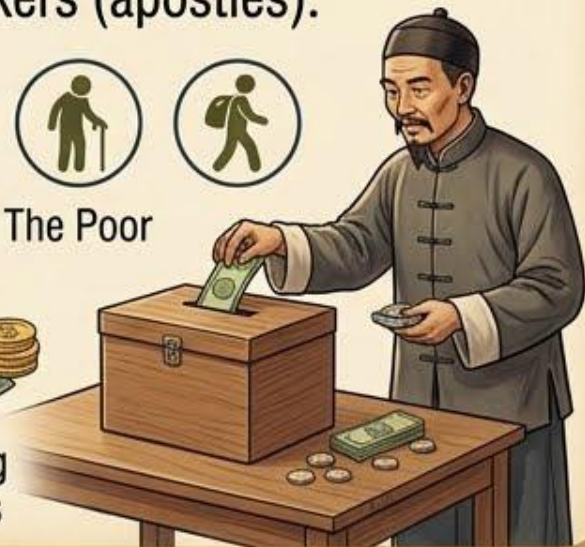
Local
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"A SIMPLIFIED CHURCH LIFE, RETURNING TO APOSTOLIC UNITY AND ORDER."