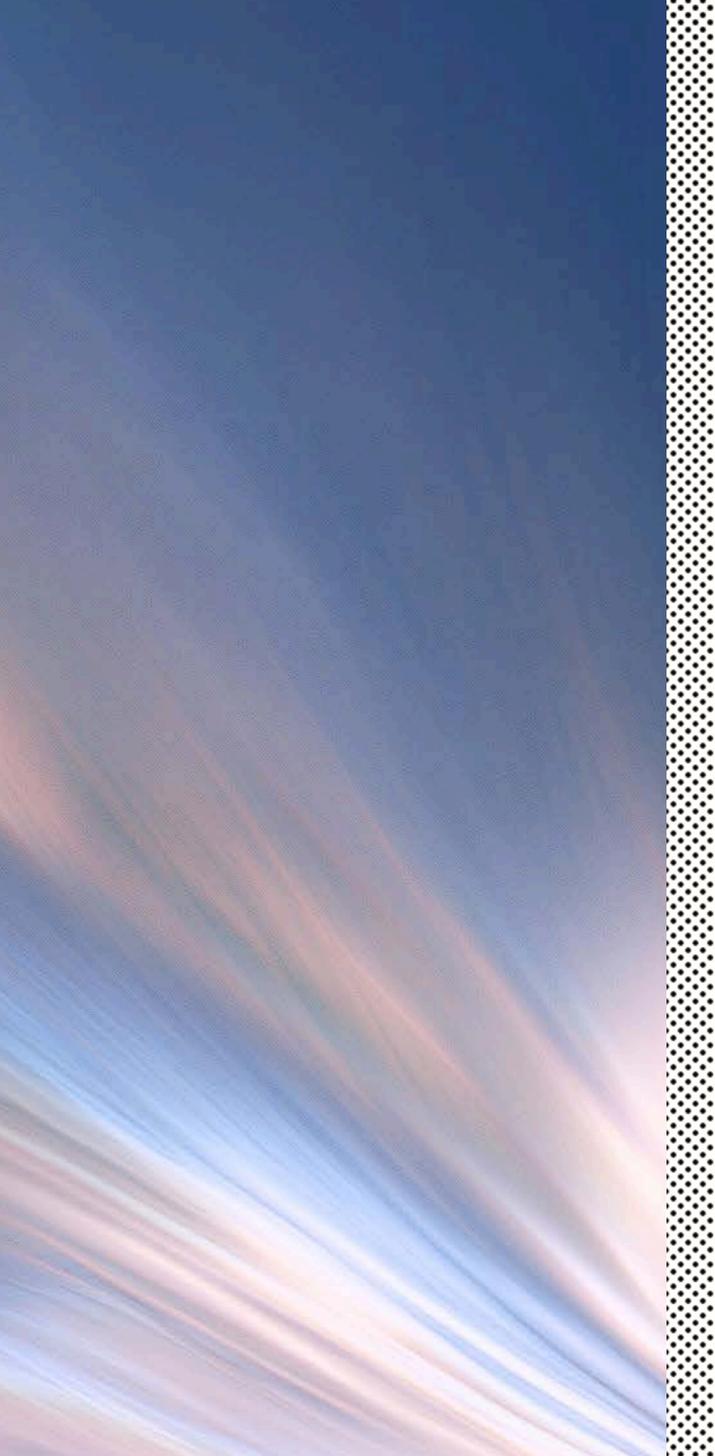


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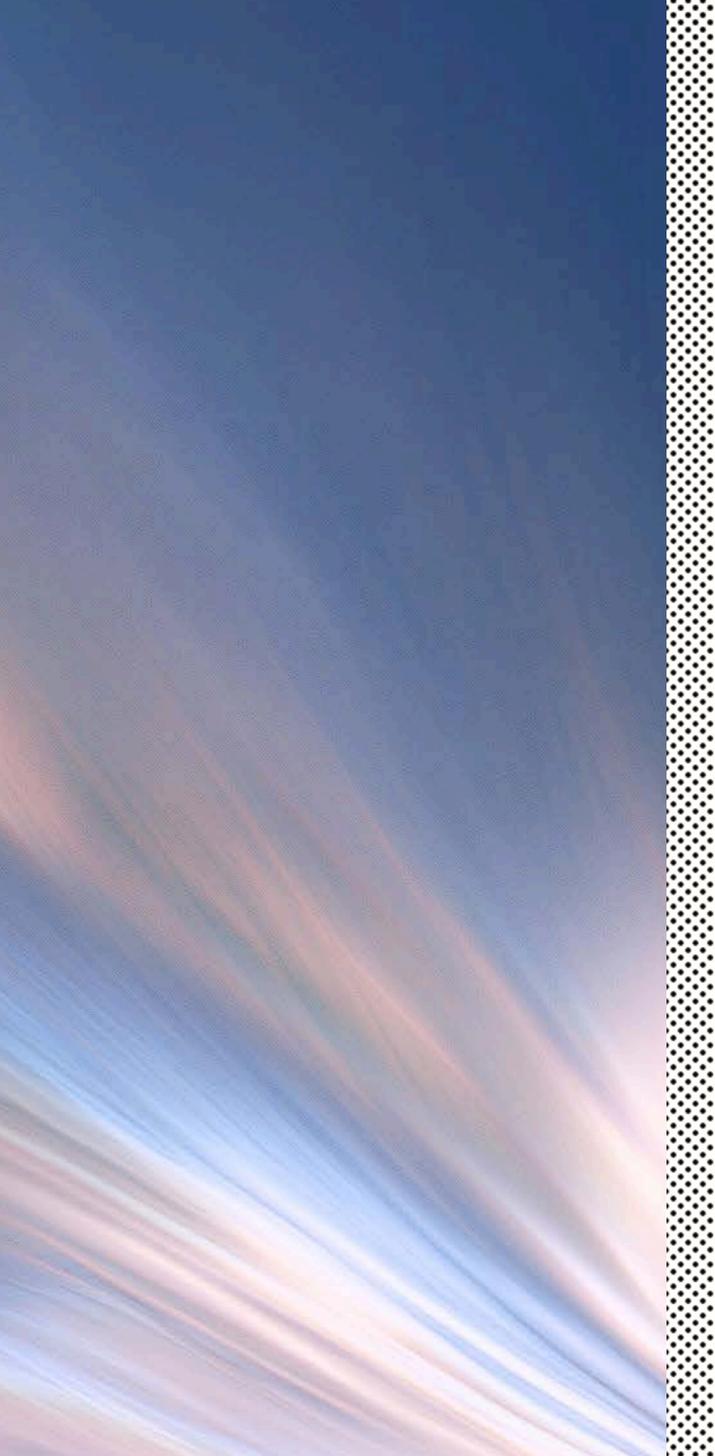
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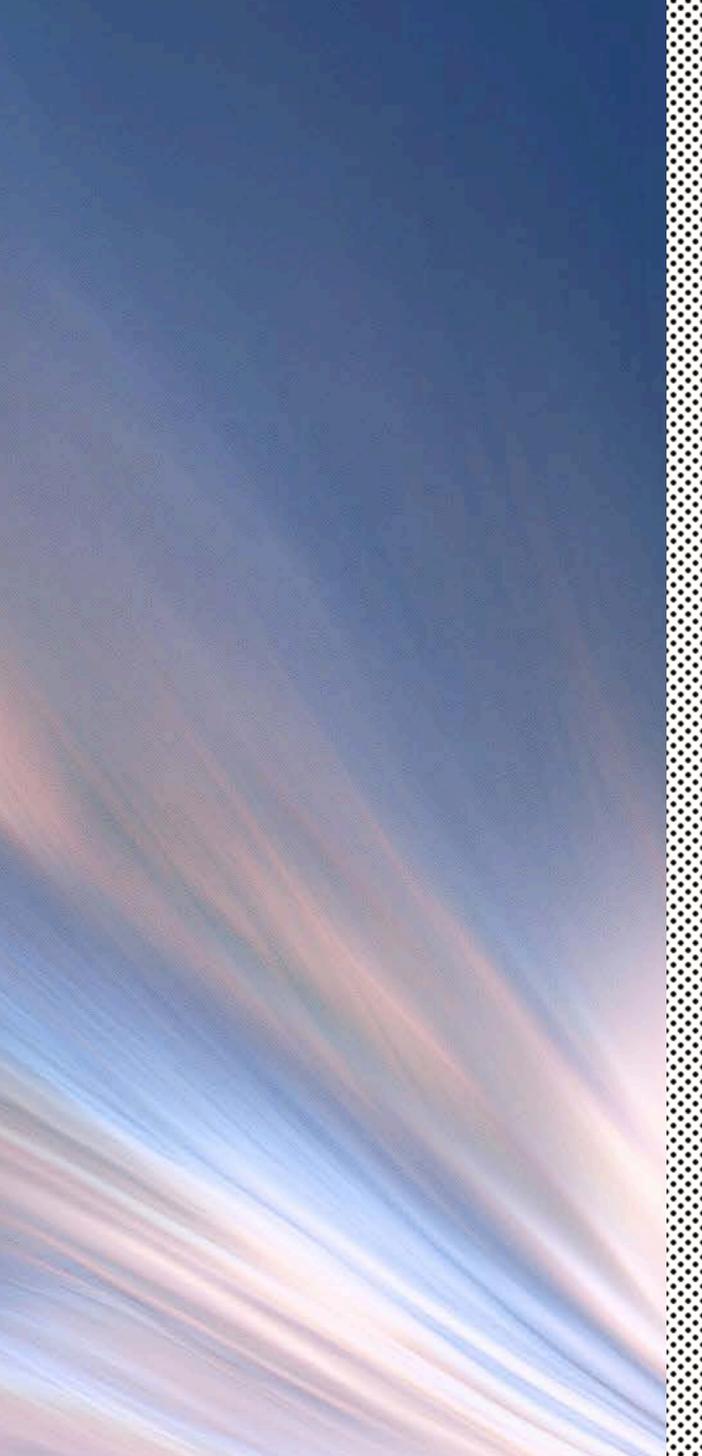
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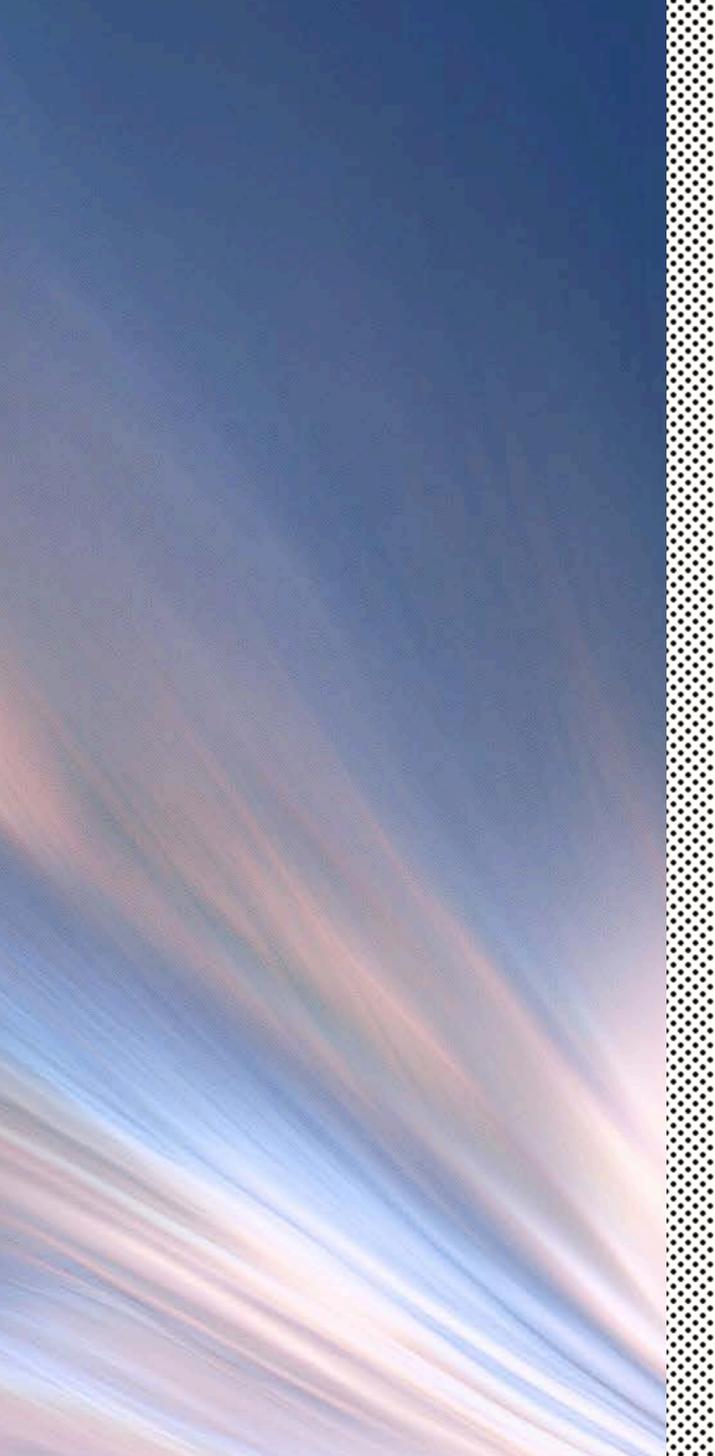
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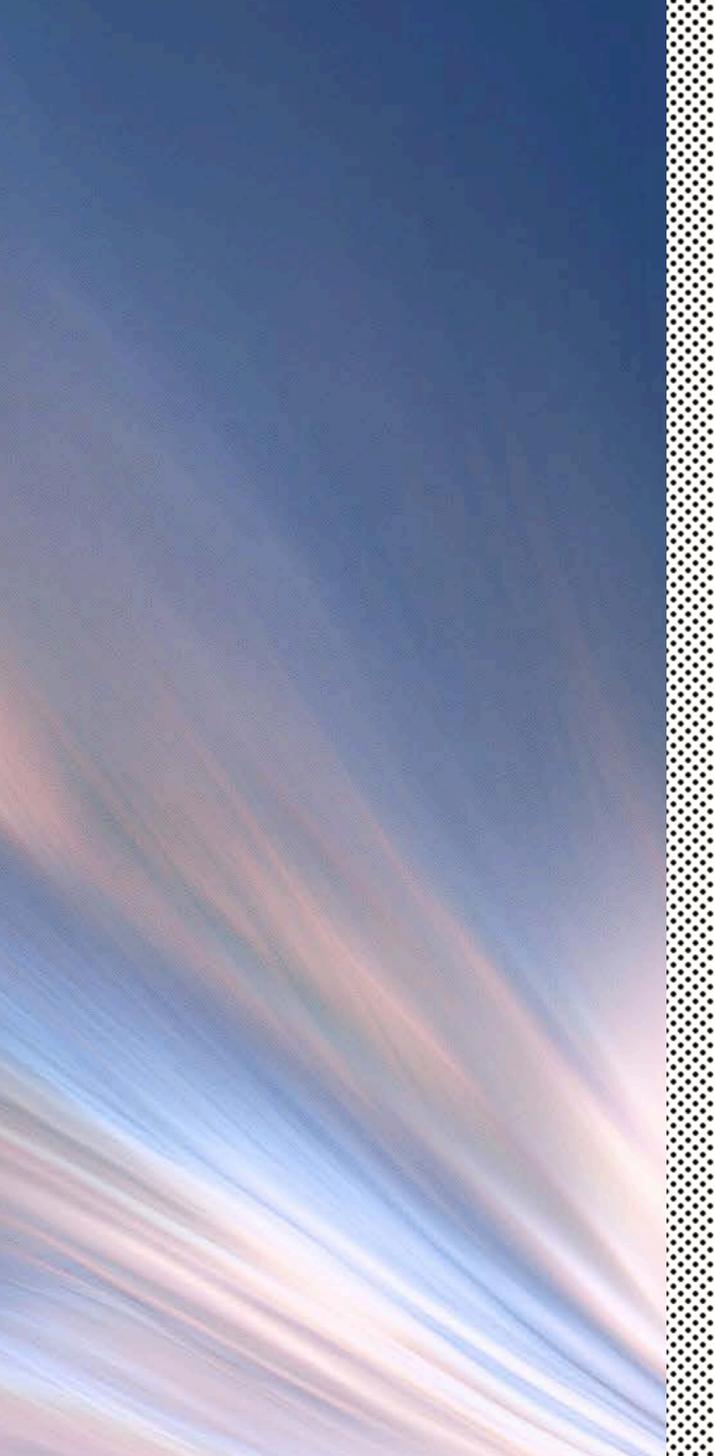
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As they traveled from town to town, they **delivered the decisions reached by the apostles and elders in Jerusalem for the people to obey.**<sup>5</sup> So the churches were strengthened in the faith and grew daily in numbers.

ACTS 16:4-5 NIV

**Have confidence in your leaders** and **submit to their authority**, because they keep watch over you as those who must give an account. **Do this so that their work will be a joy**, not a burden, for that would be of no benefit to you.

HEBREWS 13:17 NIV



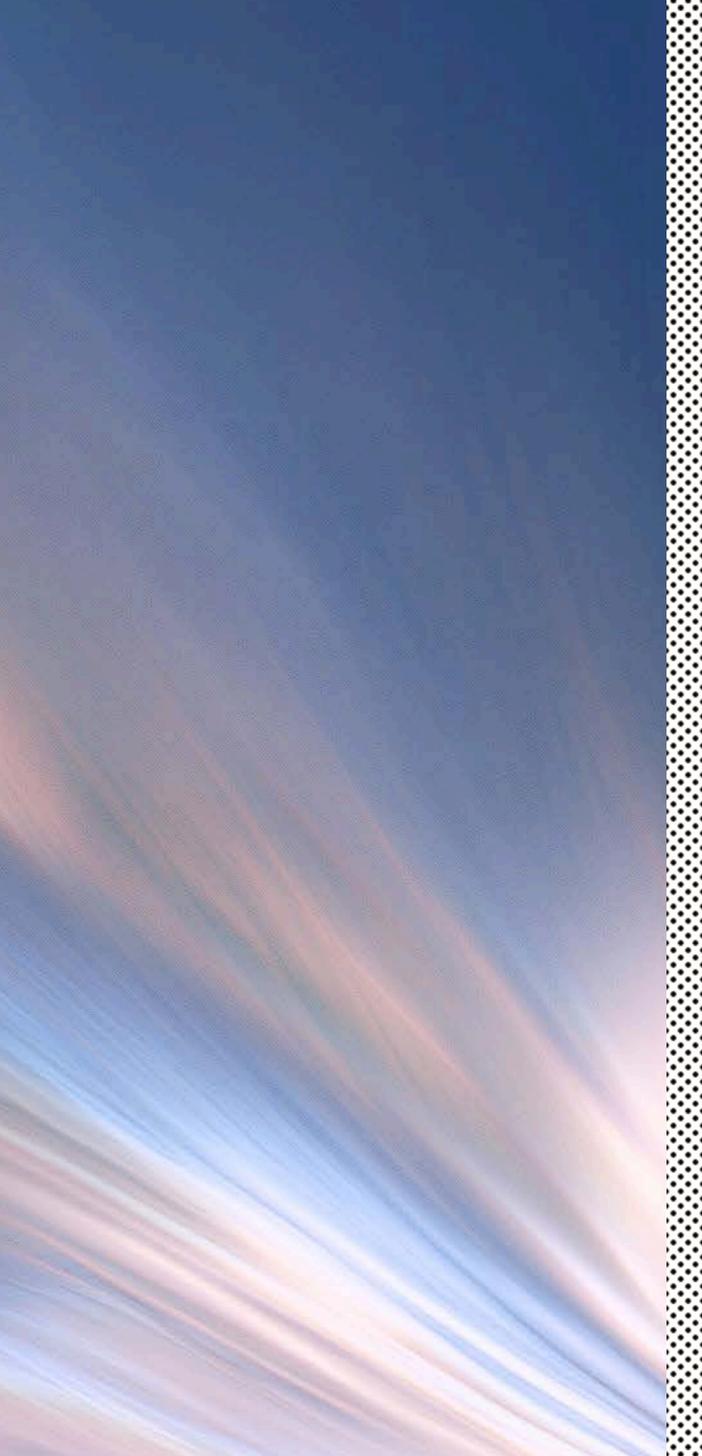
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Through **Wisdom** by identifying Timothy

Through **Sacrifice** in Timothy's circumcision

Through **Teamwork** by partnering with the Jerusalem church and its leadership



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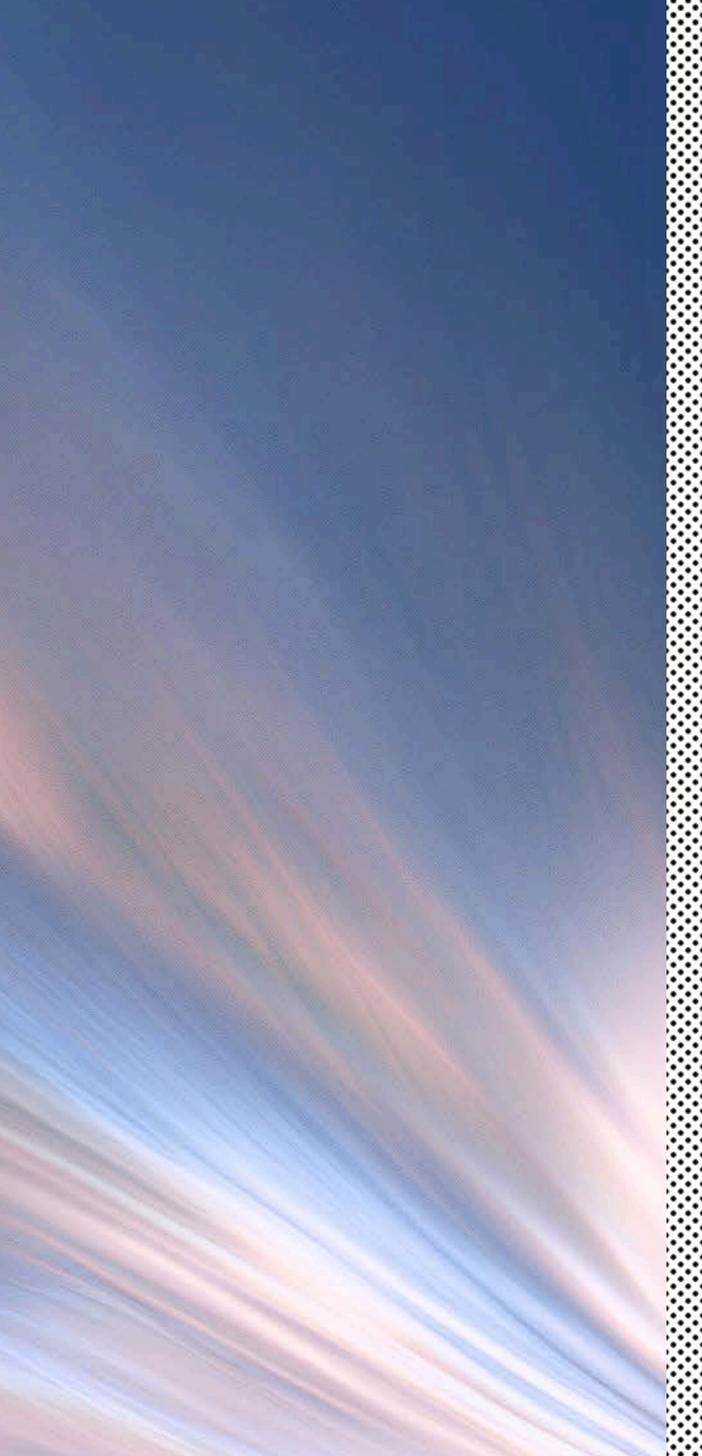
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Since we **live** by the Spirit, let us **keep in step** with the Spirit.

GALATIANS 5:25 NIV



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ACTS 16:6-7 NIV

# Recognizing the Spirit

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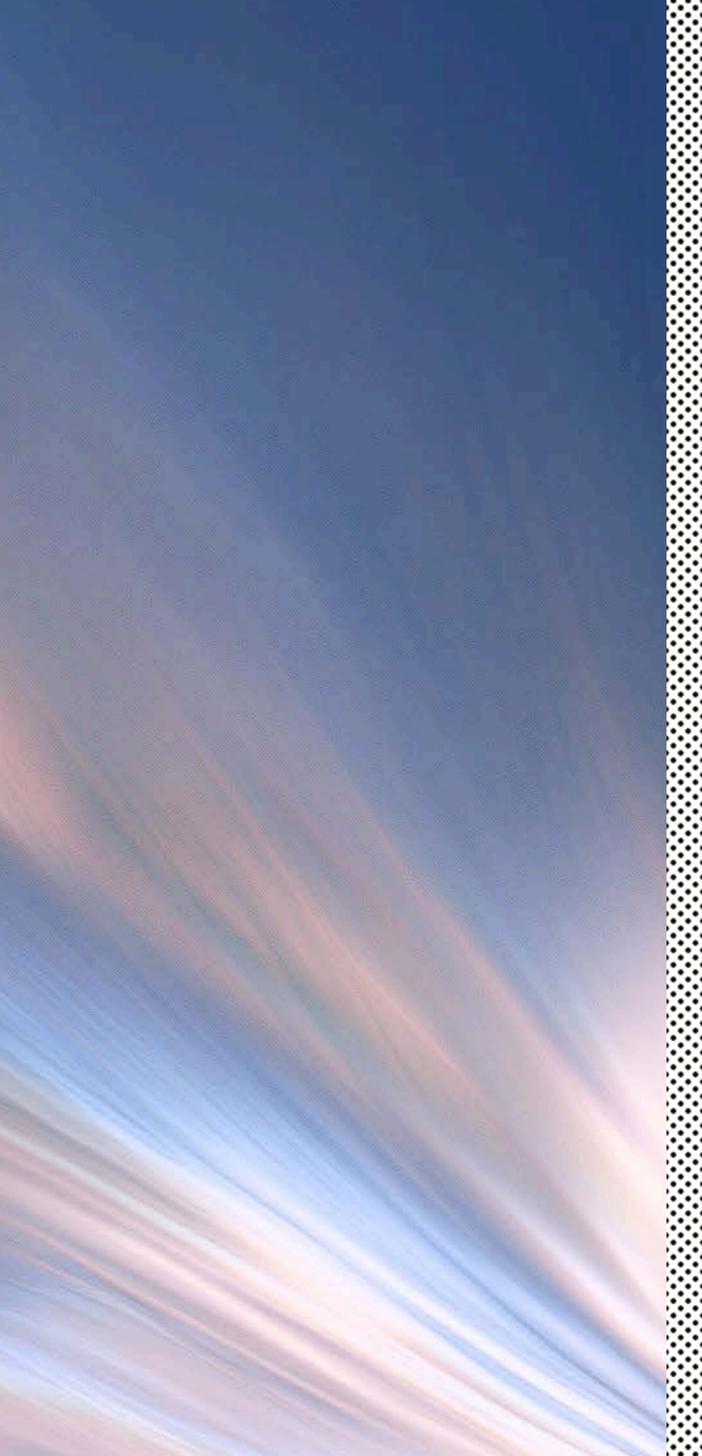
1 John 4:2-3a - **This is how you can recognize the Spirit of God: Every spirit that acknowledges that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is from God,**<sup>3</sup> but every spirit that does not acknowledge Jesus is not from God.

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The Spirit **always aligns with Scripture.**

John 14:26 – “But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will **teach you all things** and will **remind you of everything I have said** to you.”

John 16:13 – “But when he, the Spirit of truth, comes, he will **guide you into all the truth.** He will not speak on his own; he will speak only what he hears, and he will tell you what is yet to come.”



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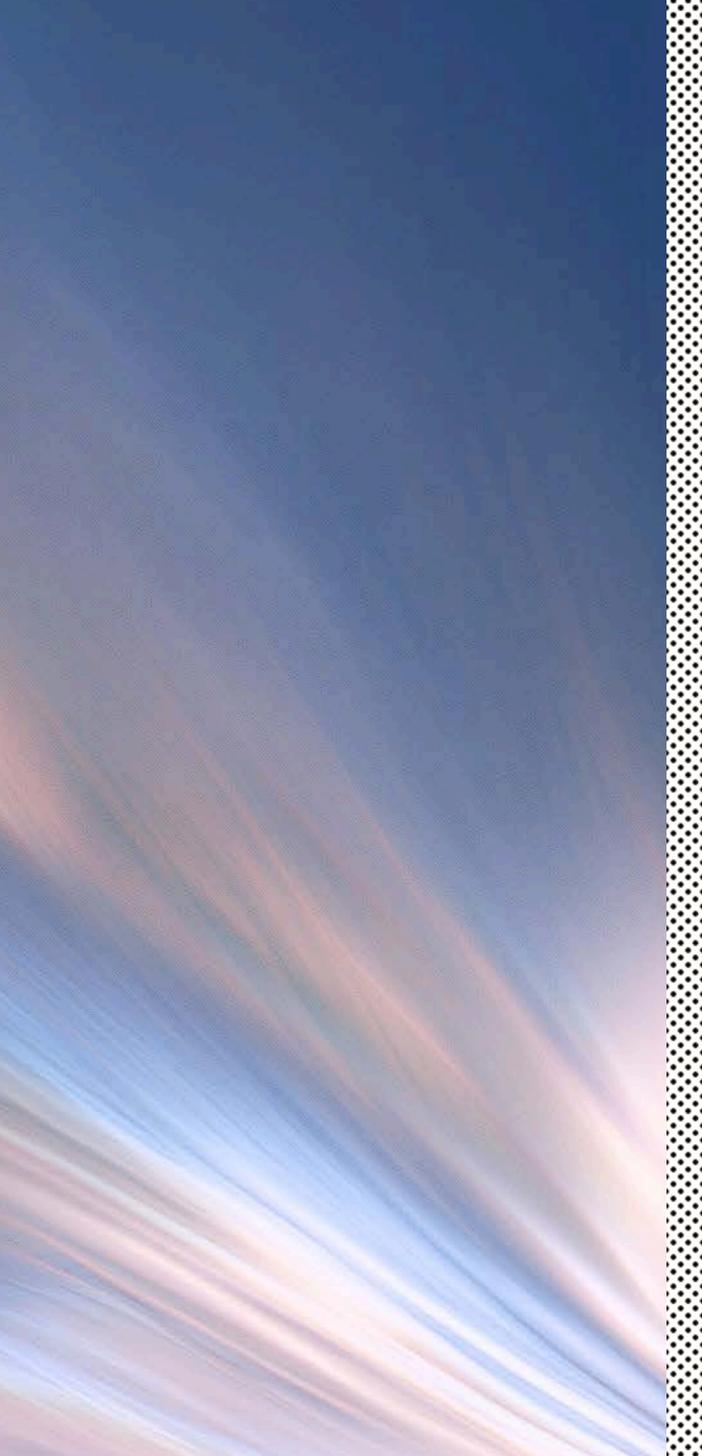
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Ephesians 6:17-18a - Take... **the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.**<sup>18</sup> And **pray in the Spirit on all occasions** with all kinds of prayers and requests.



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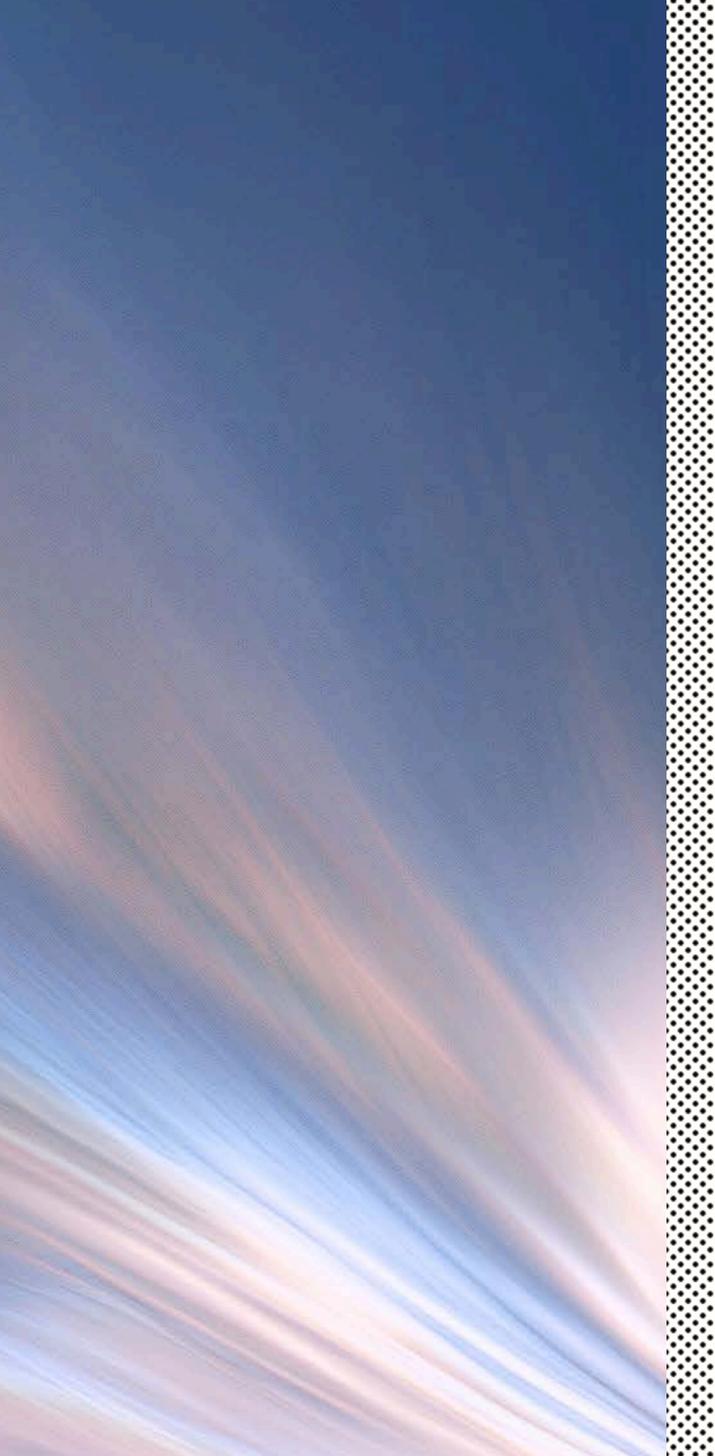
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**Recognizing** when He leads

**Yielding** even against Paul's strategy

**Discerning in Community** rather than alone



**Luke Barlow**

Future Roles at Fellowship

To: Sam Hannon

April 1, 2024 at 2:27 PM



Hi Sam,

My name is Luke Barlow, and I wanted to reach out to let you know that I'd love to be considered for any future roles at Fellowship.

My wife, Lexie, is John Barclay's daughter. Over the course of the last year and a half of our marriage, we have anticipated more and more that God will eventually bring us to Northwest Arkansas to be closer to family and to settle down in a place more suitable than Dallas.

I am currently employed by Watermark Community Church in Dallas, Texas. I have been working for their Student ministry for almost 2 years. I absolutely love my job, and the Lord has used my time at Watermark to give me abundant clarity that my long-term hope is to be working in the local church for as much of my life as God would allow.

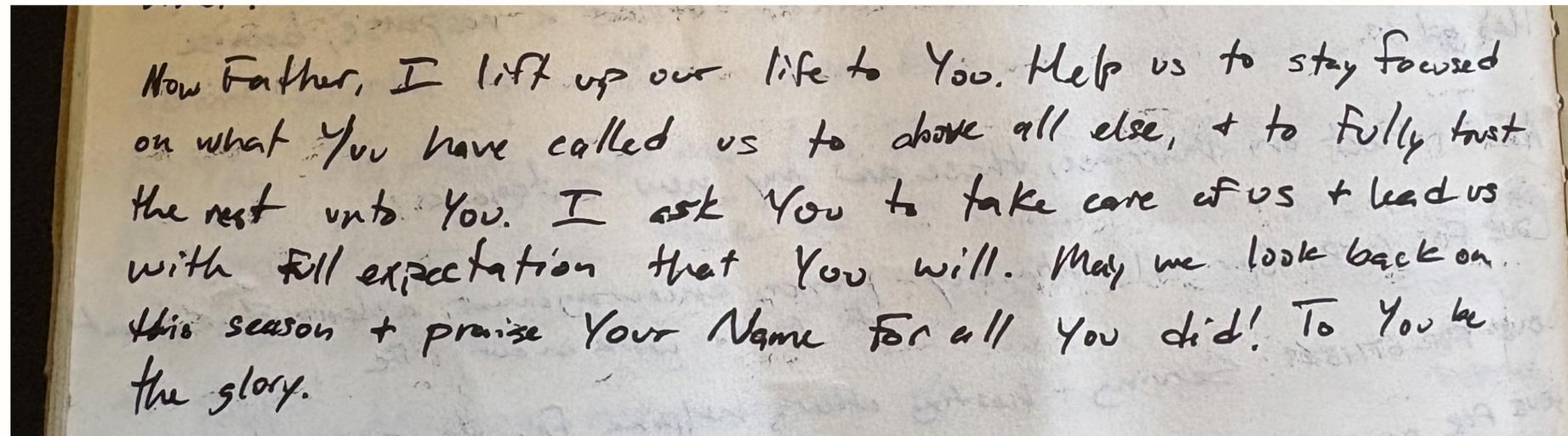
So, as we have thought about our potential future in Northwest Arkansas, both the desire to continue in ministry and the connection to Lexie's family have brought a specific hope to be at Fellowship someday. I know that God is sovereign, and I know that I would have to both meet the qualifications and be the best fit for a role in order to be seriously considered. All I am asking for is to be thought of if any roles open up. I've also attached my resume to give you a better idea of my experience.

I'd also love to buy you a coffee and have a chance to connect the next time we are in NWA. I'm not sure when that will be, but whenever that is, I'd love to hear your story as well as your heart for ministry.

Thank you for reading, and I hope to connect in person soon.

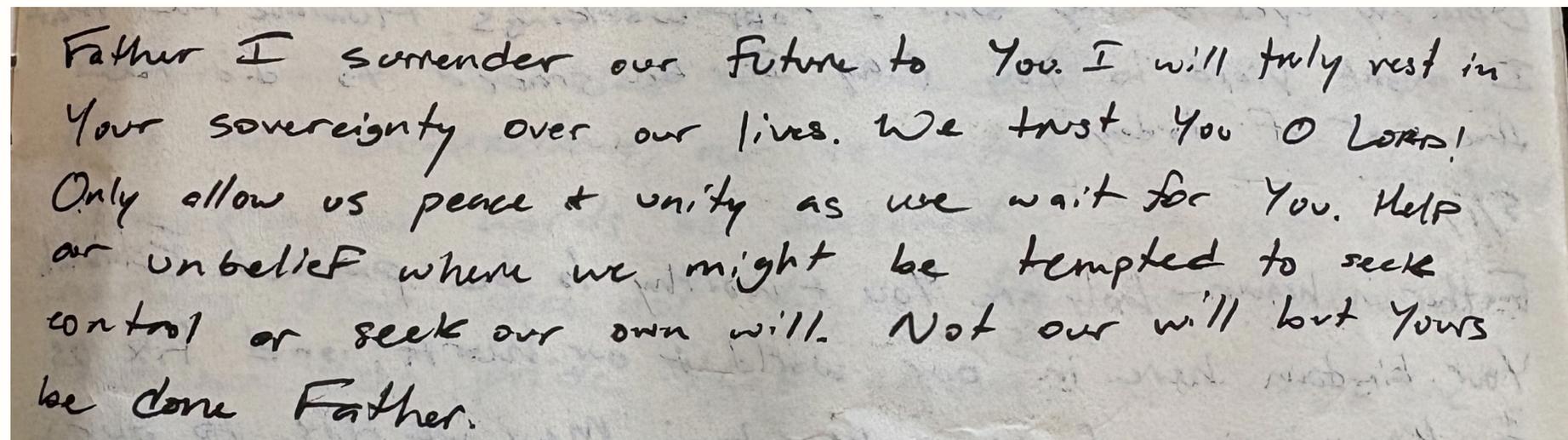
Thanks,  
Luke Barlow

May 3, 2024



Now Father, I lift up our life to You. Help us to stay focused on what You have called us to do, + to fully trust the rest unto You. I ask You to take care of us + lead us with full expectation that You will. May we look back on this season + praise Your Name for all You did! To You be the glory.

May 9, 2024



Father I surrender our future to You. I will truly rest in Your sovereignty over our lives. We trust You O Lord! Only allow us peace + unity as we wait for You. Help our unbelief when we might be tempted to seek control or seek our own will. Not our will but Yours be done Father.

Found in Inbox - Stephen Google Mailbox



**Michael Smith**

Re: Future Roles at Fellowship

To: Luke Barlow

July 11, 2024 at 9:44 AM

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Hey Luke, sorry I missed you when you were in NWA. I was out of town visiting my son. Would you be availbe to connect on Facetime the week of 7/24? If so, shoot me some times that you might have 30 min to get to know each other a little.

I look forward to hearing from you.  
Michael

July 30th, 2024

7/30

Father - thank You for this morning off. It has been sweet to be slow + thoughtful with You. Thank You for speaking to me. I hear in my heart the conviction of discontent. That leads to anger, wandering thoughts, + apathy. What does Your Word say?

1 Timothy 6:5-9 "He... imagining that godliness is a means of gain. But godliness with contentment is great gain, for we brought nothing in this world, and we cannot take anything out of the world. But if we have food + clothing, with these we will be content. But those who desire to be rich fall into temptation, into a snare, into many senseless + harmful desires that plunge people into ruin + destruction."

Philippians 4:11-13 "Not that I am speaking of being in need, for I have learned in whatever situation I am to be content. I know how to be brought low, and I know how to abound. In any + every circumstance, I have learned the secret of facing plenty and hunger, abundance + need; I can be content in all things through Christ, who strengthens me."

I am content with my lot, because You hold my lot.

Jul 31, 2024 at 2:31 PM

Luke- Michael at Fellowship here... got time for a quick phone call sometime soon?

Here is a trustworthy saying:

If we died with him,  
we will also live with him;  
<sup>12</sup> if we endure,  
we will also reign with him.  
If we disown him,  
he will also disown us;  
<sup>13</sup> **if we are faithless,**  
**he remains faithful,**  
for he cannot disown himself.

2 TIMOTHY 2:11-13 NIV