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A STUDY OF 1 CORINTHIANS

HOLINESS IN FREEDOM: UNITY

1 Corinthians 10:23-11:1

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Paul responds to the
church at Corinth

Responding to issues reported by Chloe:

Divisions, wisdom, and the cross (chapters 1-4)

Immorality, lawsuits, and sexuality (chapters 5-6)

Responding to issues mentioned in letters from Corinth:

Marriage and singleness (chapter 7)

Freedom, food, and idolatry (chapters 8-11)

Issues in worship (chapters 11-14)

The resurrection (chapter 15)

Generosity and closing (chapter 16)

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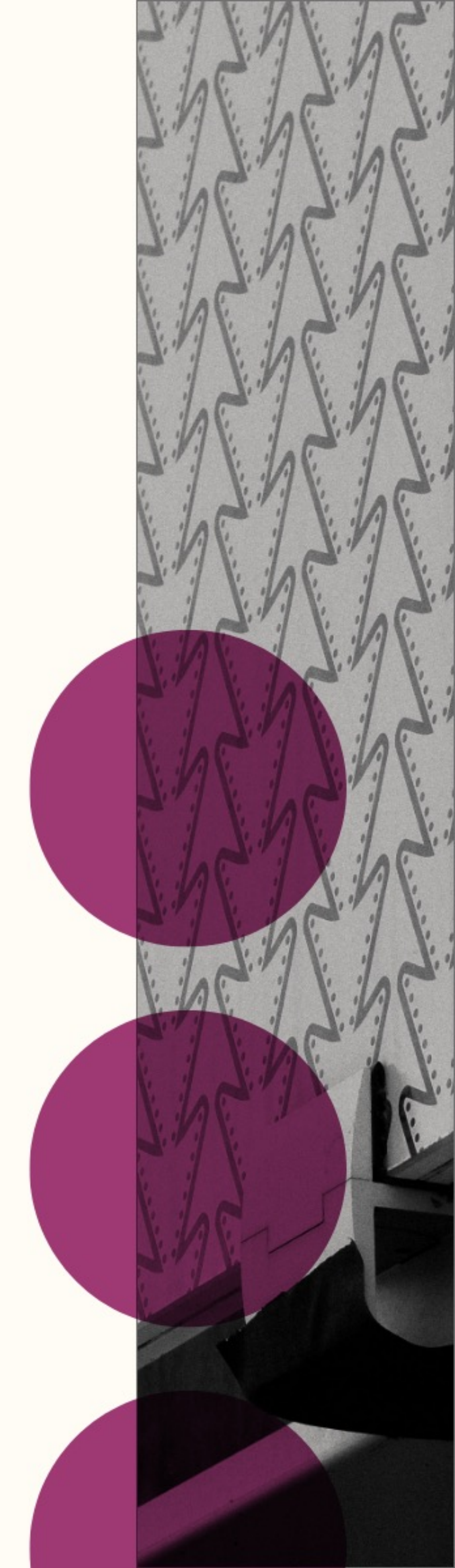


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ISSUE IN NW ARKANSAS:

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WISDOM FOR DISCIPLES OF JESUS:



LIVING IN HOLINESS AND FREEDOM

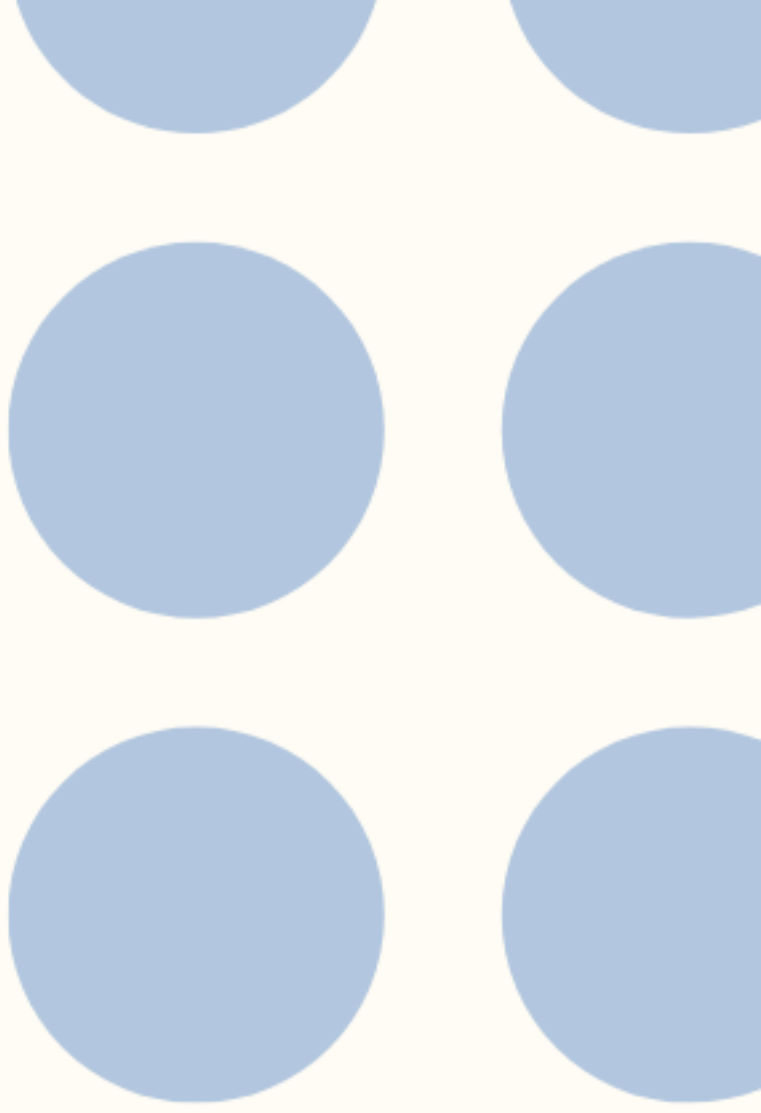
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HOLINESS:

To be set apart by God's grace for God's purposes.

FREEDOM:

The absence of coercion or constraint in choice or action.



TENSION BETWEEN VIEWS OF FREEDOM

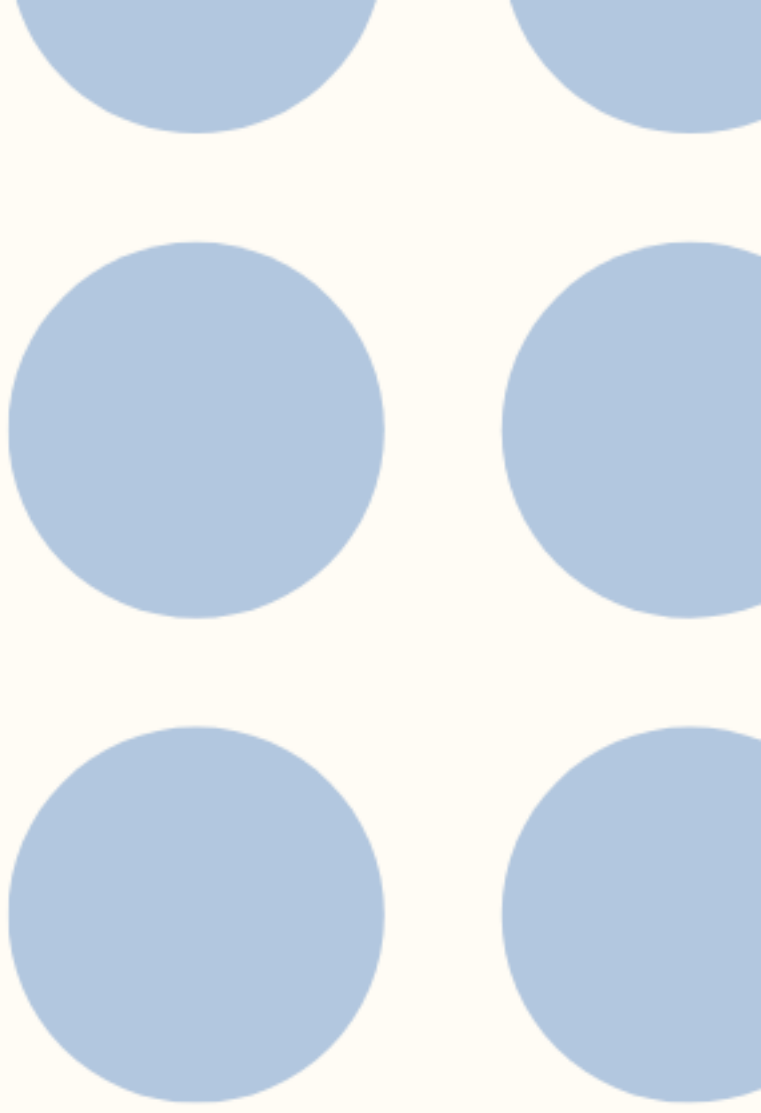
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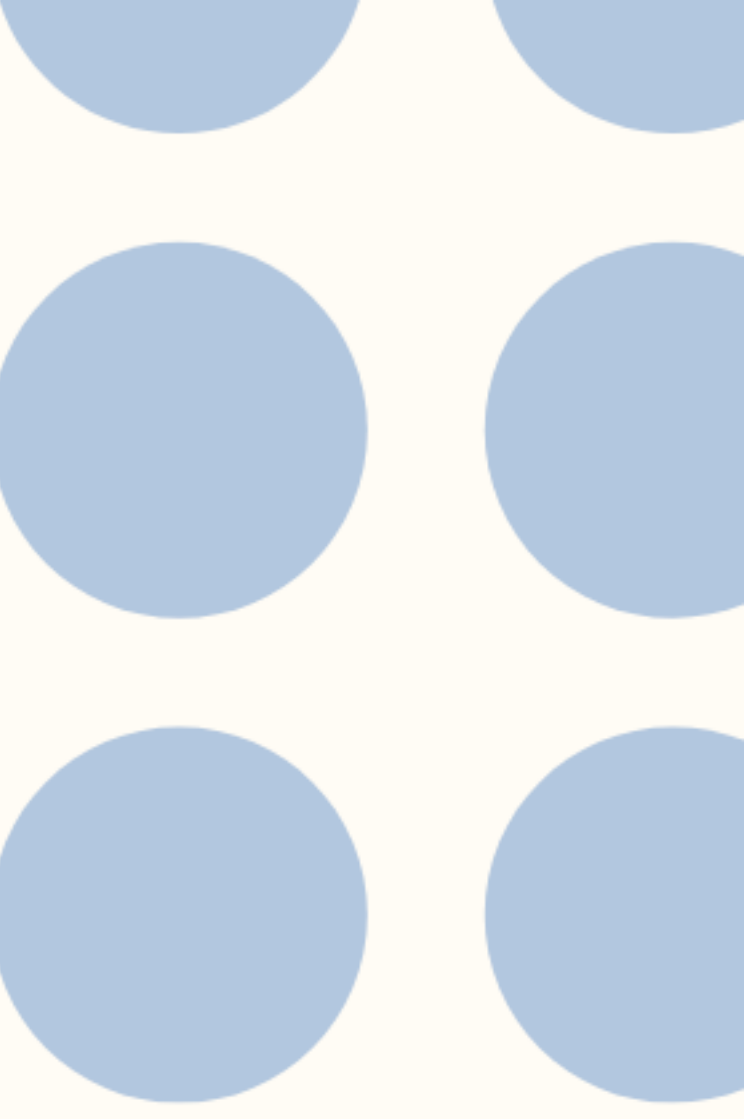
“In Christ we are free from sin and for God.”

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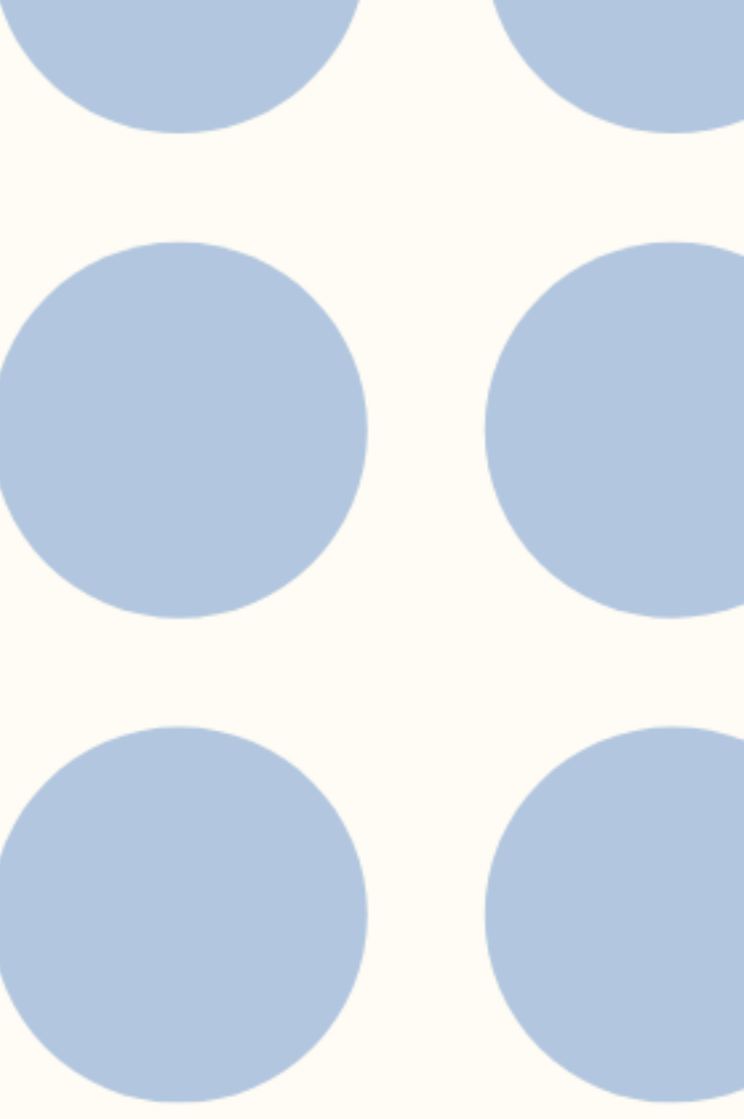
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DOES THIS EDIFY OTHERS?

What I am about to do or say is
good and helpful for others.

1 Corinthians 8:13 ^{NIV}

Therefore, if what I eat causes my brother or sister to fall into sin, I will never eat meat again, so that I will not cause them to fall.

1 Corinthians 10:23-26 ^{NIV}

“I have the right to do anything,” you say—but not everything is beneficial. “I have the right to do anything”—but not everything is constructive. ²⁴ **No one should seek their own good, but the good of others.** ²⁵ Eat anything sold in the meat market without raising questions of conscience, ²⁶ for, “The earth is the Lord’s, and everything in it.”

1 Corinthians 10:27-30 ^{NIV}

If an unbeliever invites you to a meal and you want to go, eat whatever is put before you without raising questions of conscience. ²⁸ But if someone says to you, “This has been offered in sacrifice,” then do not eat it, both for the sake of the one who told you and for the sake of conscience. ²⁹ **I am referring to the other person’s conscience, not yours.** For why is my freedom being judged by another’s conscience? ³⁰ If I take part in the meal with thankfulness, why am I denounced because of something I thank God for?

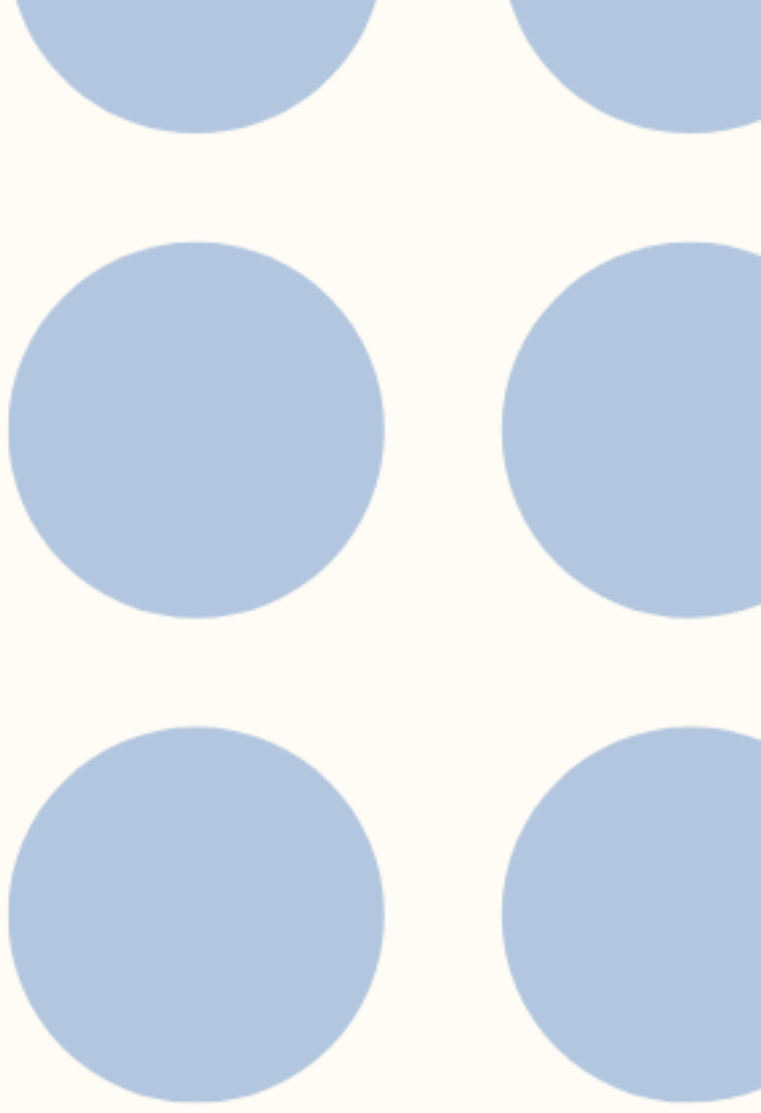


DOES THIS GLORIFY GOD?

What I am about to do or say is good
and helpful to make much of God.

1 Corinthians 10:31 ^{NIV}

So whether you eat or drink or whatever you do,
do it all for the glory of God.



DOES THIS ADVANCE THE GOSPEL?

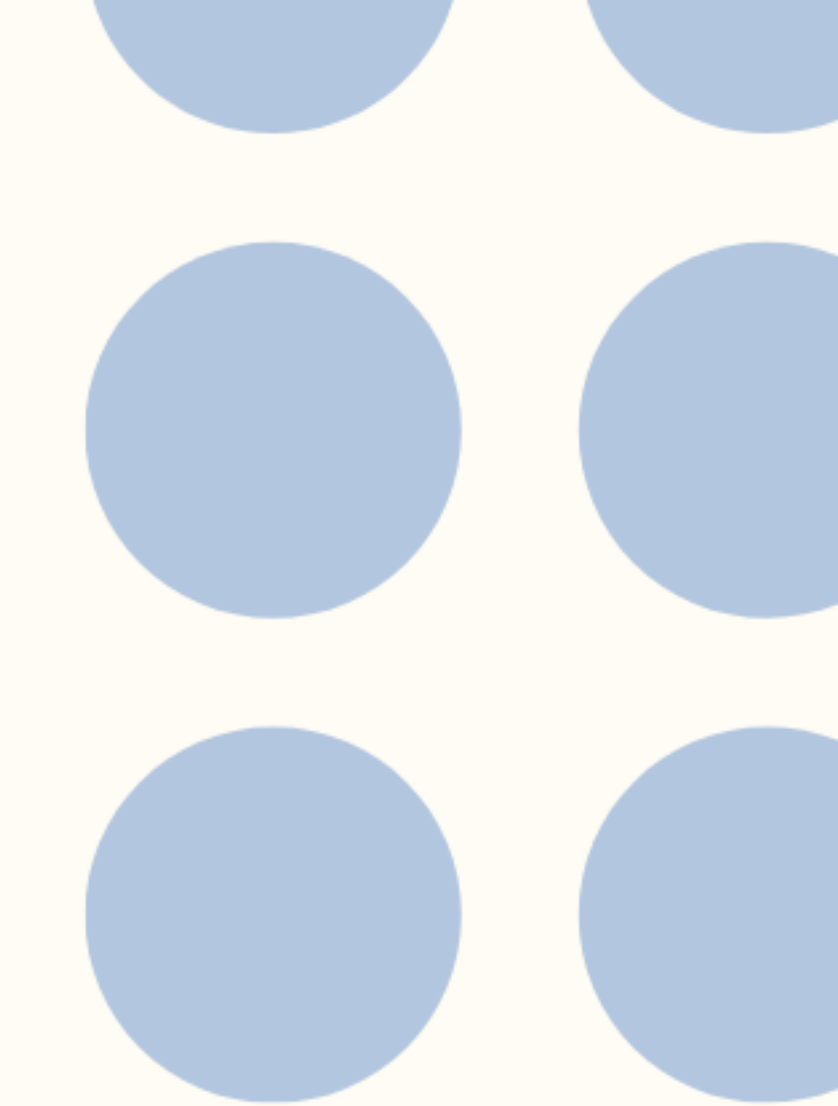
What I am about to do or say is good
and helpful for others to know Christ.

1 Corinthians 9:22b-23 ^{NIV}

I have become all things to all people **so that by all possible means I might save some.** ²³ I do all this for the sake of the gospel, that I may share in its blessings.

1 Corinthians 10:32-33 ^{NIV}

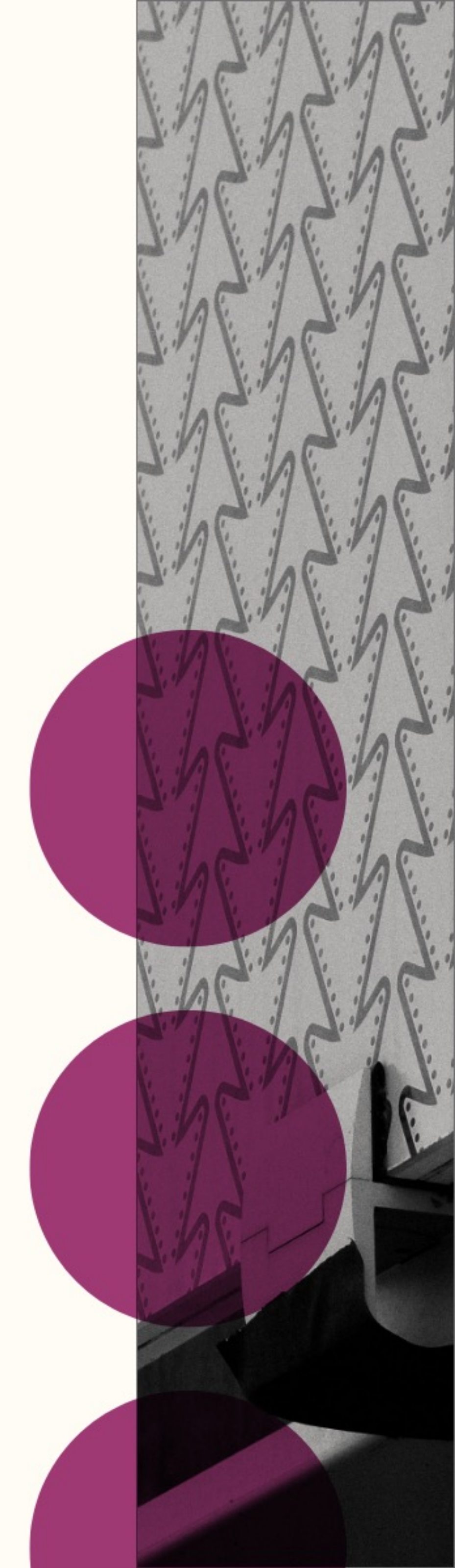
Do not cause anyone to stumble, whether Jews, Greeks or the church of God— ³³ even as I try to please everyone in every way. For I am not seeking my own good but the good of many, **so that they may be saved.**



Jesus is seeking and saving the lost.
Let's join Him!

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BLESS THE LOST IN NW ARKANSAS

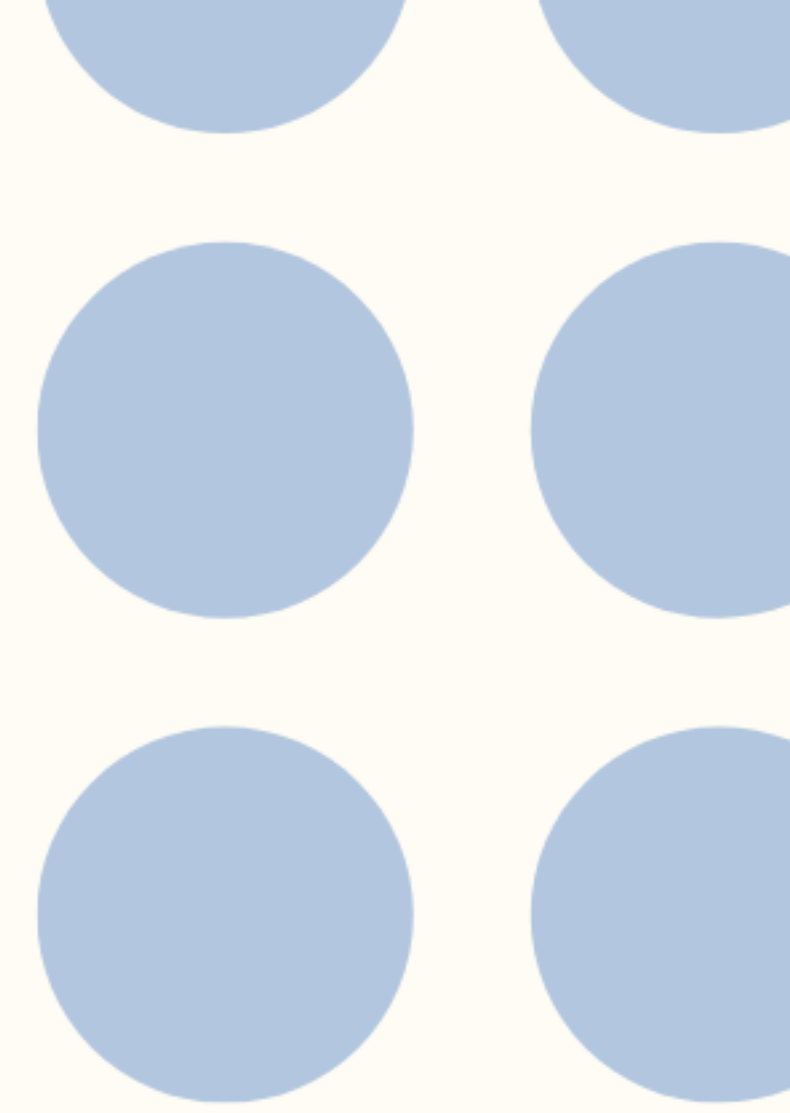
Begin with prayer

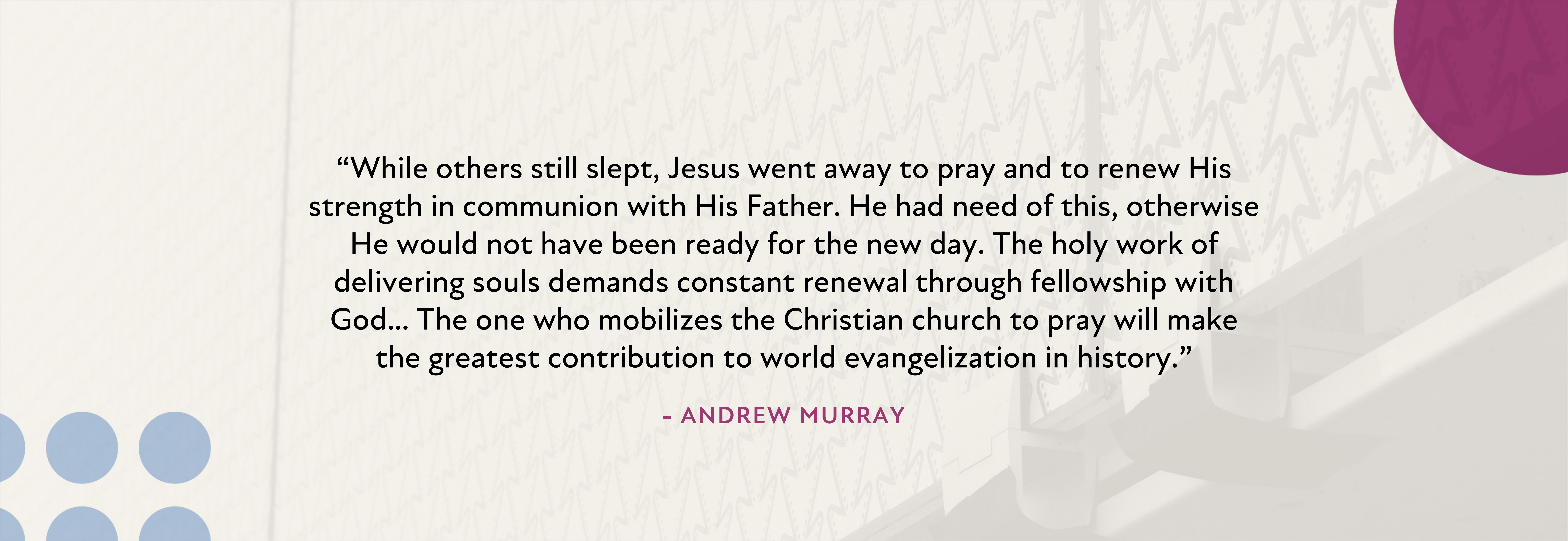
Listen to others

Eat with others

Serve others

Share your story





“While others still slept, Jesus went away to pray and to renew His strength in communion with His Father. He had need of this, otherwise He would not have been ready for the new day. The holy work of delivering souls demands constant renewal through fellowship with God... The one who mobilizes the Christian church to pray will make the greatest contribution to world evangelization in history.”

- ANDREW MURRAY

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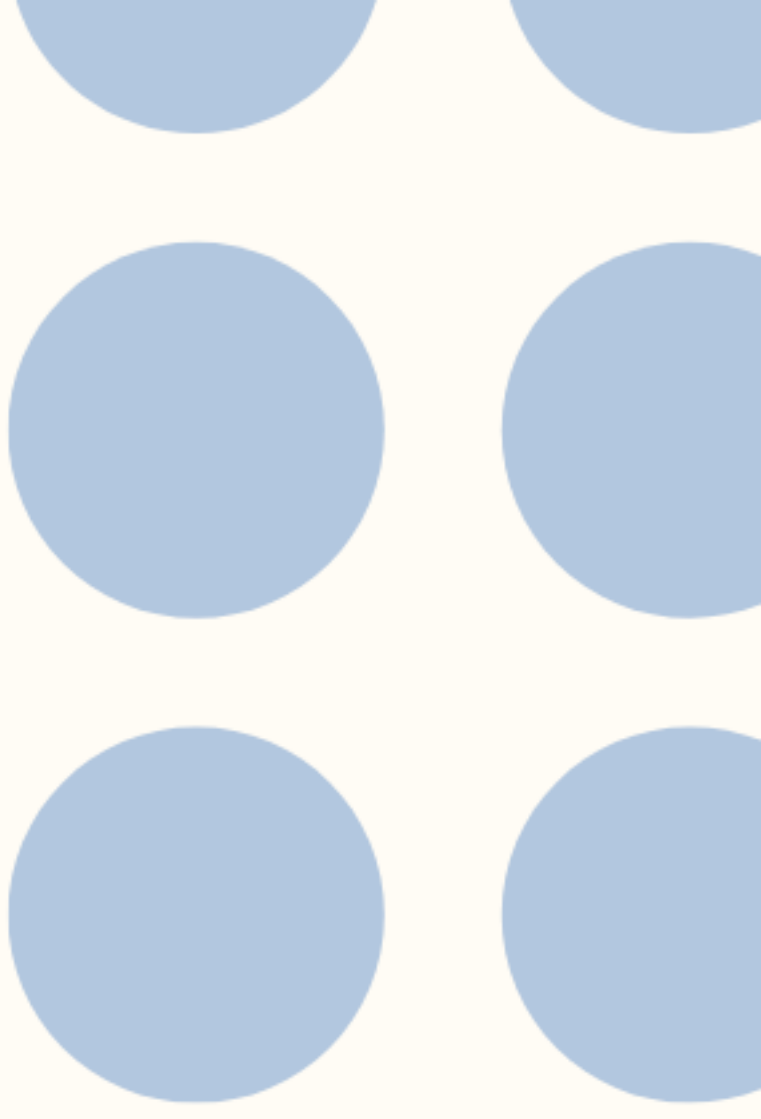
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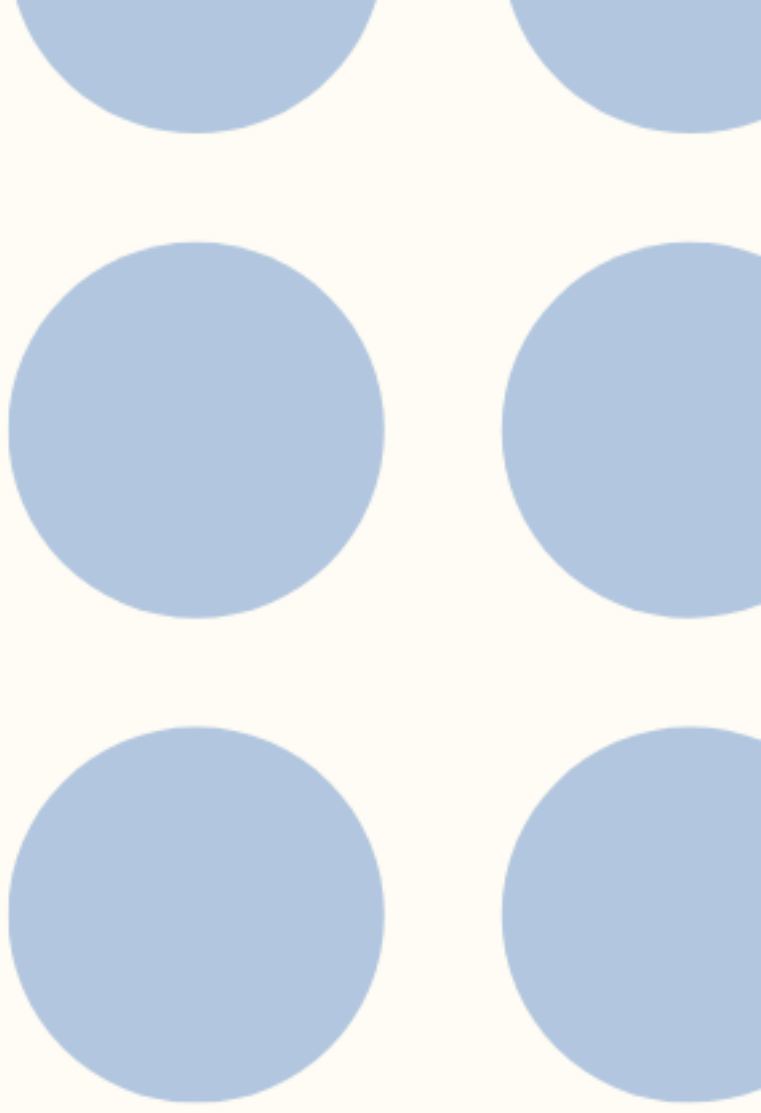


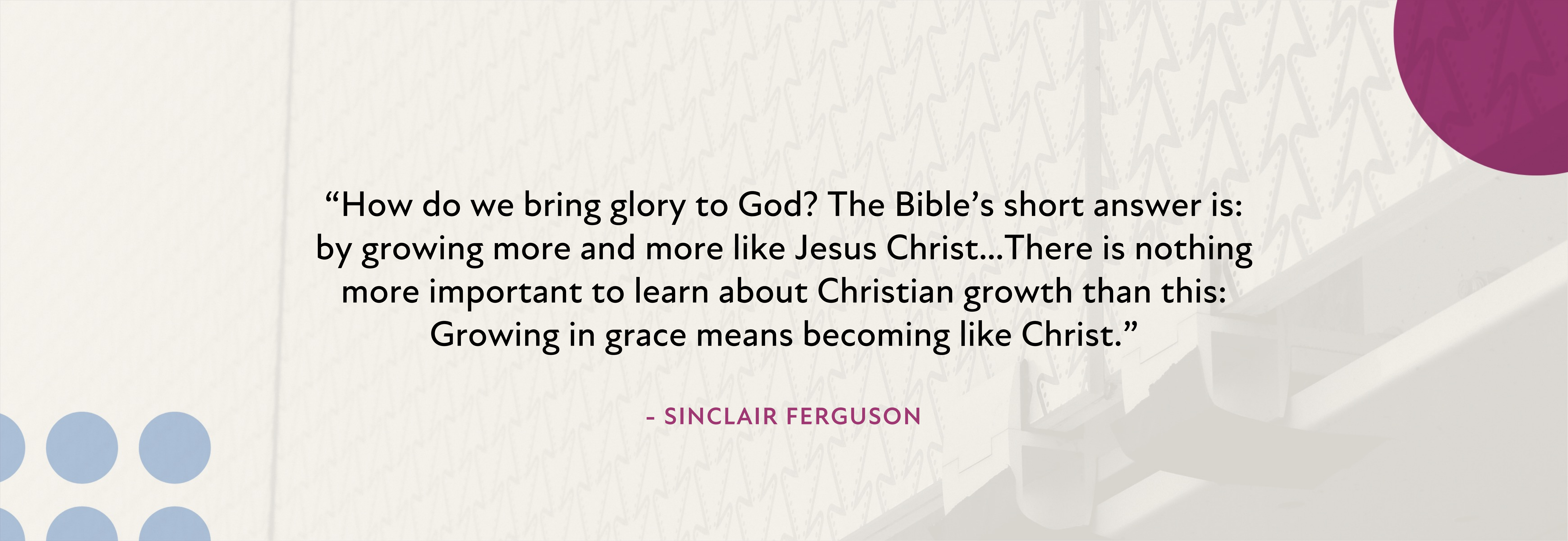
DOES THIS IMITATE CHRIST?

What I am about to do or say is good
and helpful to become like Jesus.

1 Corinthians 11:1 ^{NIV}

Follow my example, as I **follow the example of Christ.**





“How do we bring glory to God? The Bible’s short answer is: by growing more and more like Jesus Christ...There is nothing more important to learn about Christian growth than this: Growing in grace means becoming like Christ.”

- SINCLAIR FERGUSON

In all things build up others, glorify God,
share the gospel and imitate Christ.

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