



ON MISSION
TOGETHER

FOLLOWING JESUS

1 PETER 1:3

MISSION:IMPOSSIBLE

YOUR MISSION, SHOULD YOU CHOOSE TO ACCEPT IT

We are a



**A Family of
Missionary
Servants Sent
as Disciples to
Make Disciples**



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Ekklesia = A Gathering (~~not church~~)
called together for the benefit of the community

1 Peter 2:10-12

*10 Once you were not a people,
but now you are the people of God;
once you had not received mercy,
but now you have received mercy.*

*11 Dear friends, I urge you, **as foreigners and exiles,***

Jeremiah 29:4-7

4 This is what YHWH Almighty, the God of Israel, says to all those I carried into exile from Jerusalem to Babylon: 5 “Build houses and settle down; plant gardens and eat what they produce. 6 Marry and have sons and daughters; find wives for your sons and give your daughters in marriage, so that they too may have sons and daughters. Increase in number there; do not decrease.

*7 Also, **seek the peace and prosperity of the city to which I have carried you into exile.***

11 For I know the plans I have for you,” declares YHWH, “plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.

1 Peter 2:12

Live such good lives among the pagans that, though they accuse you of doing wrong, they may see your good deeds and glorify God on the day he visits us.

2 Peter 3:15-16

But in your hearts revere Christ as Lord.

Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have.

But do this with gentleness and respect, 16 keeping a clear conscience, so that those who speak maliciously against your good behavior in Christ may be ashamed of their slander.



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Discipleship: Leading others to increasingly bring **all of life** under the lordship and empowering presence of Jesus.

Matthew 22:37-40

*37 Jesus replied: “Love the Lord your God with **all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.**’*

38 This is the first and greatest commandment.

39 And the second is like it: ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’

40 All the Law and the Prophets hang on these two commandments.”

Discipleship is ...

- Life on Life
- Life in Community
- Life on Mission

1 Thessalonians 1:5, 2:8,10

*1:5 You know how **we lived among you** for your sake.*

*2:8 so we cared for you. Because we loved you so much, we were delighted to share with you not only the gospel of God **but our lives as well.***

*10 You are witnesses, and so is God, of how holy, righteous and blameless **we were among you** who believed.*

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James 1:22-25

- 22 Do not merely listen to the word, and so deceive yourselves. **Do what it says.** 23 Anyone who listens to the word but does not **do what it says** is like someone who looks at his face in a mirror 24 and, after looking at himself, goes away and immediately forgets what he looks like.*
- 25 But whoever looks intently into the perfect law that gives freedom, and continues in it—not forgetting what they have heard, **but doing it**—they will be blessed in what they **do.***

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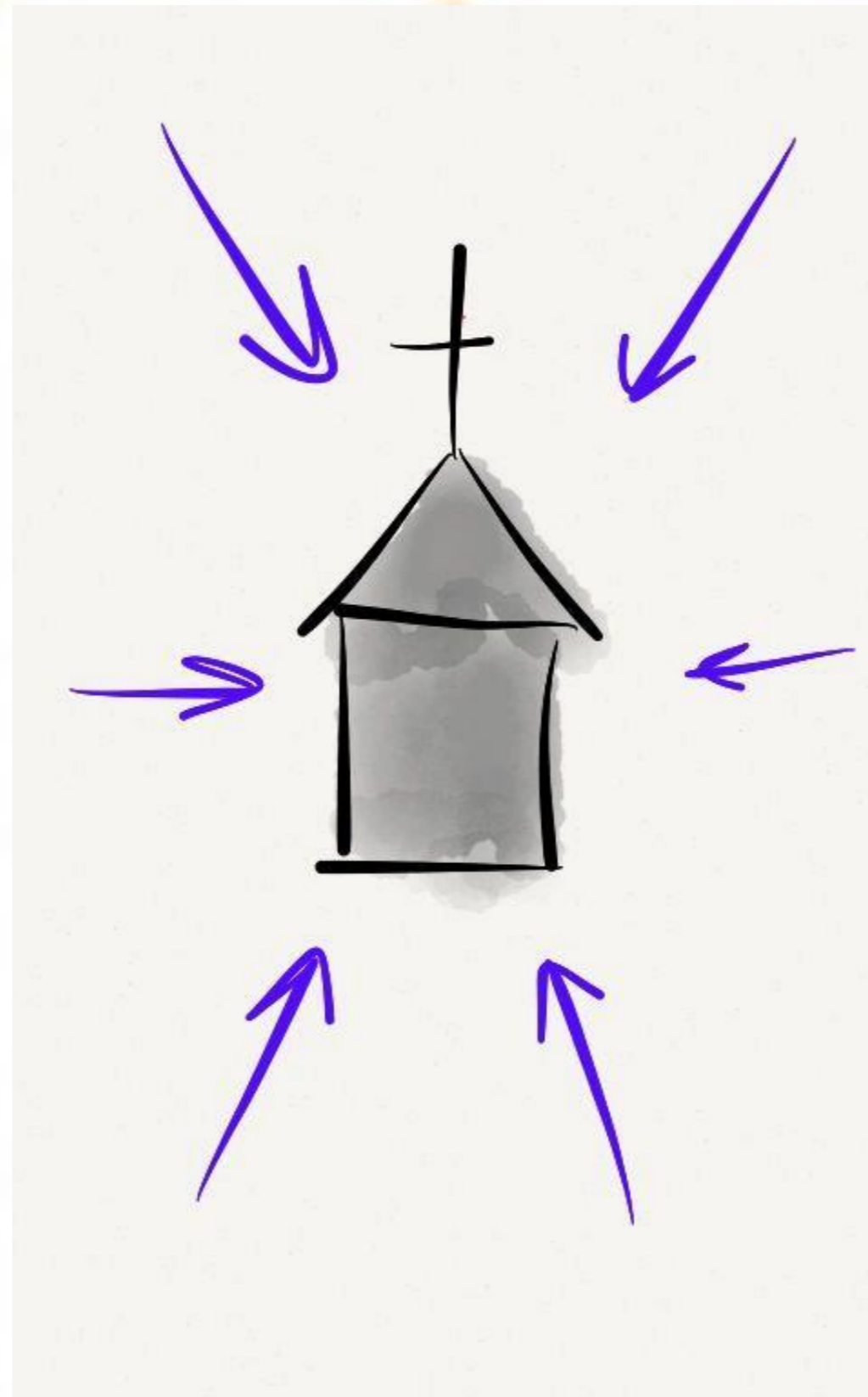
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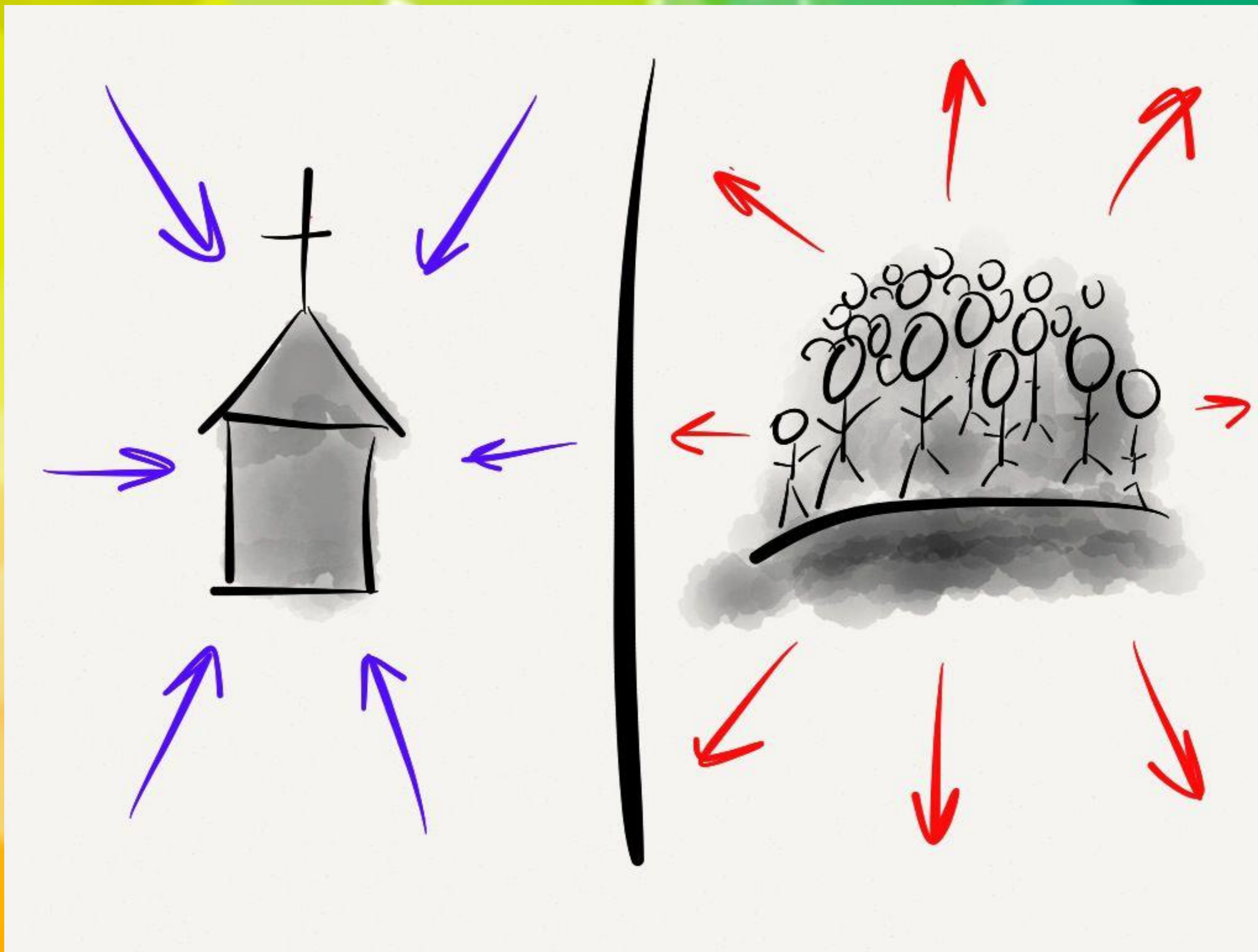
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Discipleship is NOT...

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- **A weekly meeting**



This is NOT discipleship!



Disciples are sent out!

Rhythms:

- ***Story-formed***
- ***Listen***
- ***Bless***
- ***Celebrate***
- ***Eat***
- ***Recreate***



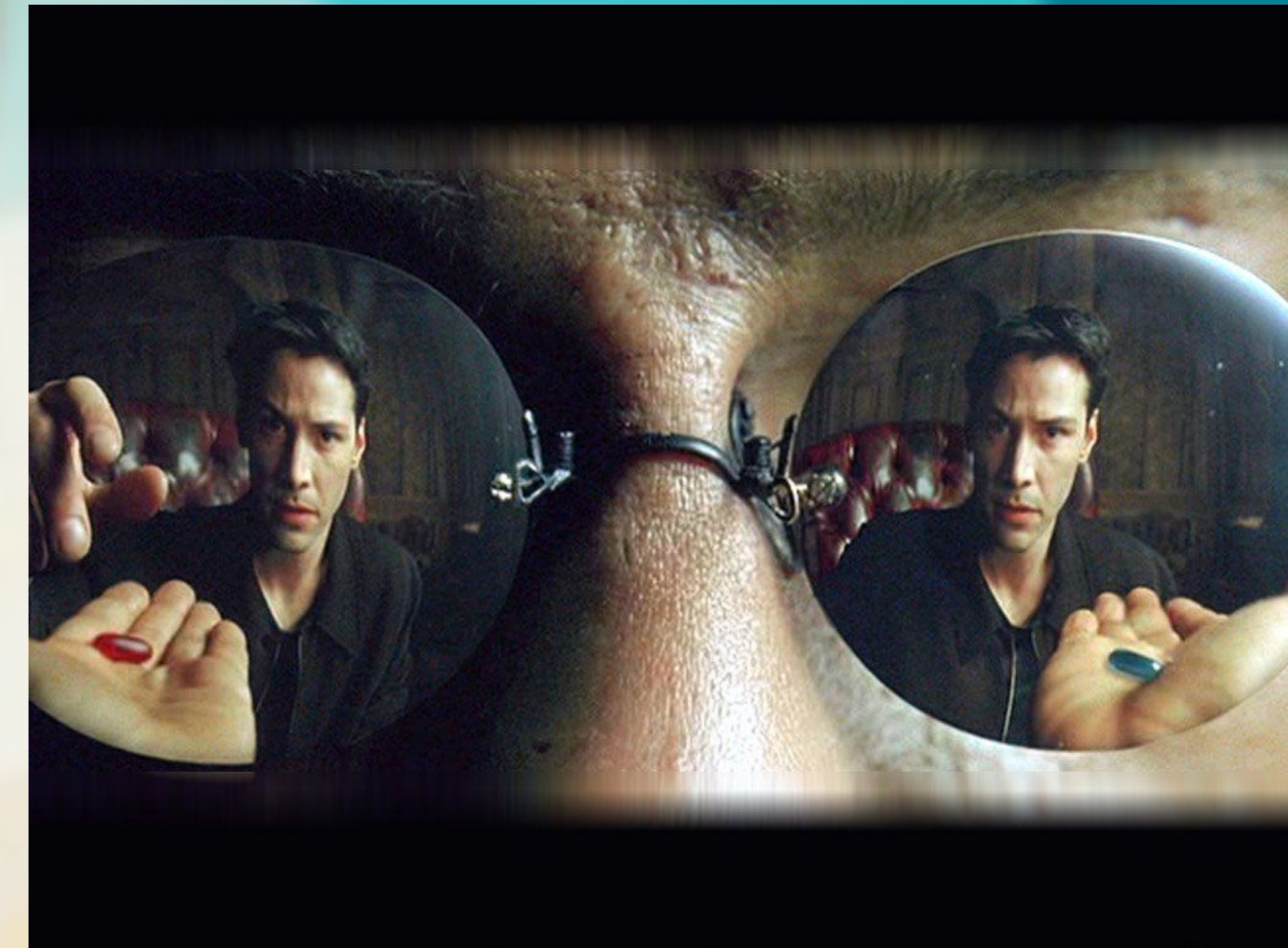


NOW WHAT?

What is God saying?
How will I obey?

Intentional Rhythms:

This is your mission, should you choose to accept it.



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