

# Abide in Me

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*Amazing Parish  
Pastor Leadership Retreat*

# Chosen to Bear Fruit

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*Tim Glemkowski*

# Leading renewal in the Church in an apostolic mode

1. The Church exists to **evangelize** - to carry on the mission of Jesus
2. Our culture has changed significantly in recent decades, demanding a **renewal of vision and mission** across the Church
3. Revitalization is especially **urgent at the parish level**, where most people experience the Gospel
4. **The pastor's leadership** sets the course and ignites renewal in the parish
5. **Pastors need a team** around them to lead effectively
6. Together, pastors and parish leaders must work to change the culture of the parish so that every person can have **a thriving place to encounter Jesus**



# The Obstacles to Fruit In Your Leadership

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*Nate Schaff*

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*John 15:1-2*

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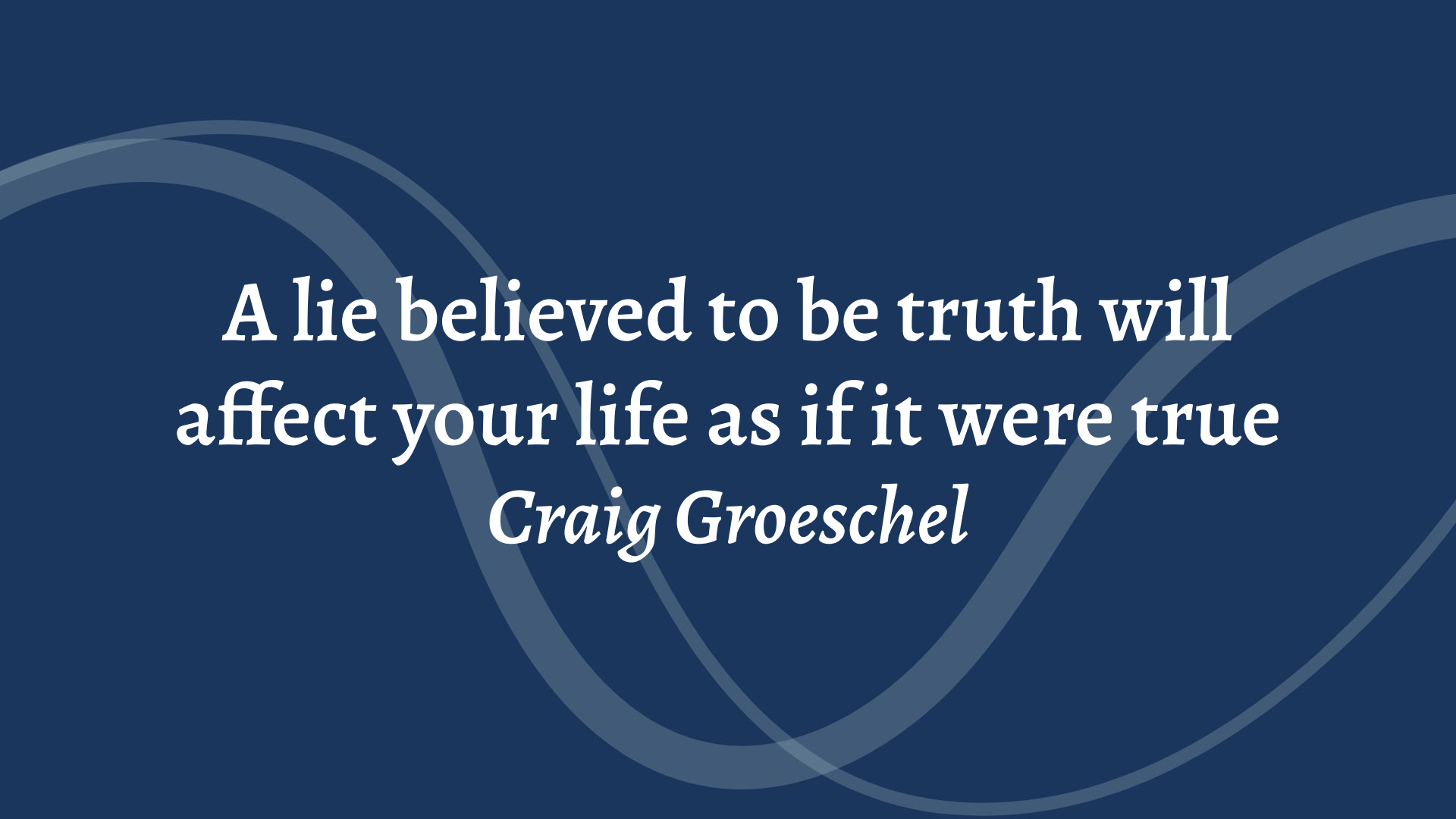
Sin

Business & Distraction

Fear & Lies



**What you believe about yourself  
determines how you lead**



**A lie believed to be truth will  
affect your life as if it were true**

*Craig Groeschel*

# SOUNDTRACKS

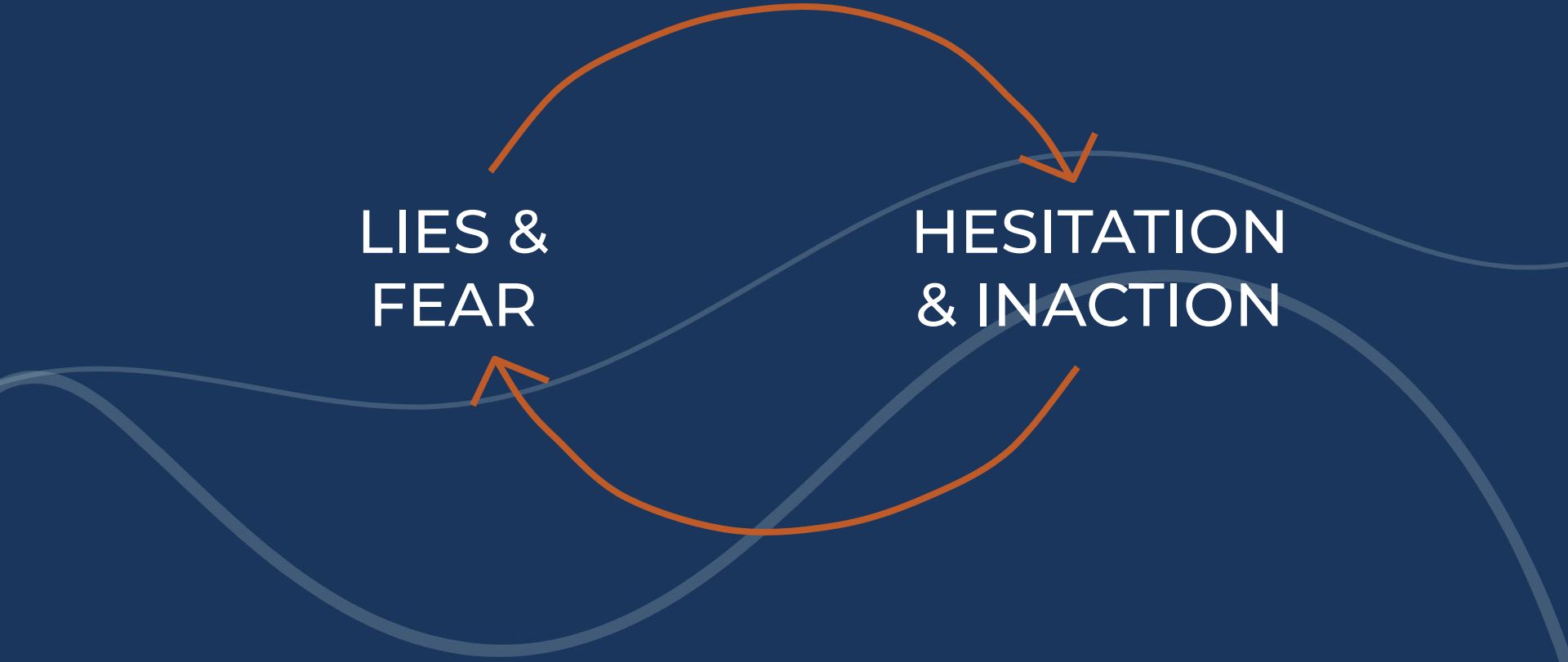
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The recurring thoughts & narratives  
we tell ourselves, which are often  
negative & self-sabotaging

# NEGATIVE LOOP

LIES &  
FEAR

HESITATION  
& INACTION



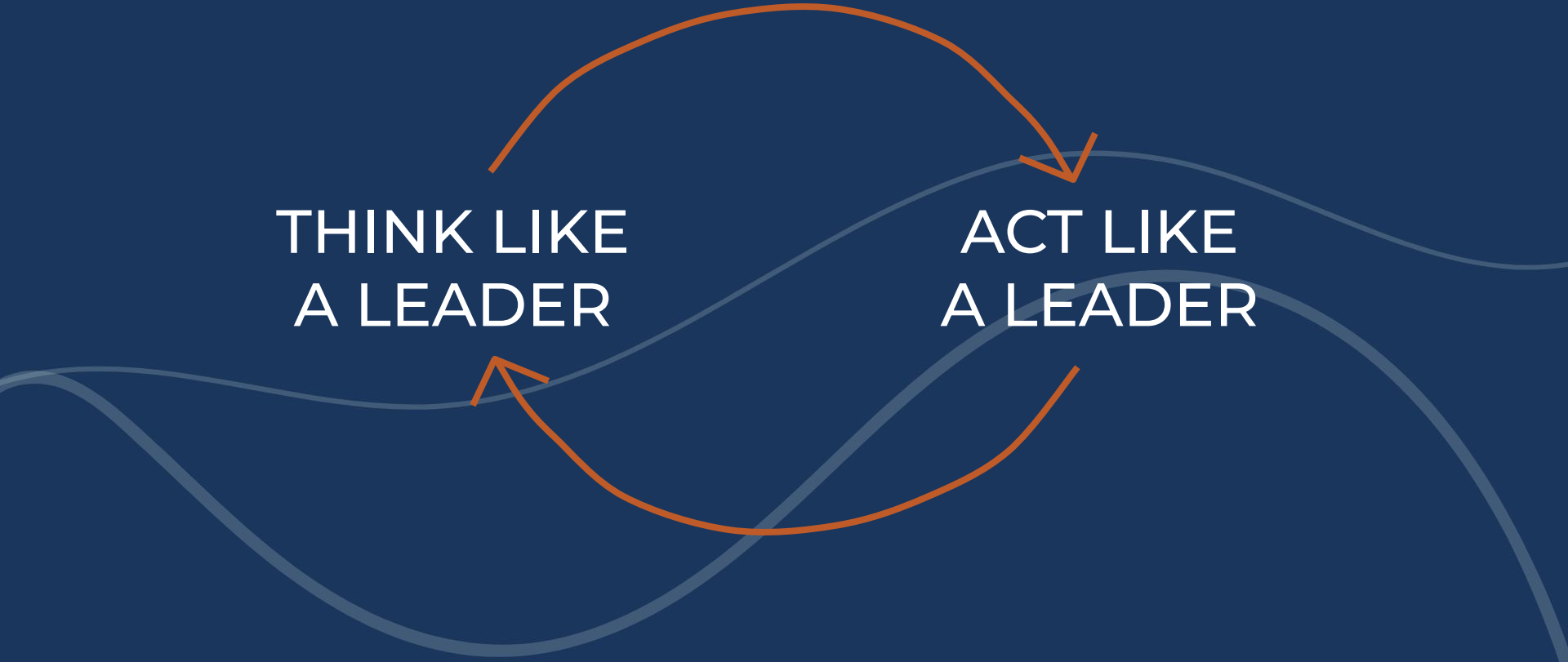
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*Romans 2:2*

# POSITIVE LOOP

THINK LIKE  
A LEADER

ACT LIKE  
A LEADER



# Saul

- Reluctance
- Fear
- Self-doubt
- Kingdom taken away

# David

- Godly Reliance
- Confidence
- Courage
- Kingdom flourishes



**You have been anointed!!!  
Do you believe that truth?**

“Fan into flame the gift of God  
that you have received by the  
laying on of my hands.”

*2 Timothy 1:6*

# CHANGE THE SOUNDTRACK

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Retire it

“Though we live in this world, we do not wage war as the world does. The weapons we fight with are not the weapons of the world. On the contrary, they have **divine power to demolish strongholds**. We demolish arguments and every pretension that sets itself up against the knowledge of God, and **we take captive every thought to make it obedient to Christ.**”

*2 Corinthians 15:3-5*

# INTERROGATE THE SOUNDTRACK

Is it true?

Is it helpful?

Is it kind?

# CHANGE THE SOUNDTRACK



Retire it

Replace it



“I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me; and the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.”

*Galatians 2:20*

“For God gave us a spirit not of fear but of power and love and self-control.” - *2 Timothy 1:7*

“Fear not, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine... Because you are precious in my eyes, and honored, and I love you.” - *Isaiah 43:1,4*

“And because you are sons, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, “Abba! Father!” So through God you are no longer a slave but a son, and if a son then an heir.” - *Galatians 4:6-7*

# CHANGE THE SOUNDTRACK



Retire it

Replace it

Repeat it

Finally, brethren, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is gracious, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. What you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, do; and the God of peace will be with you.

*Philippians 4:8-9*

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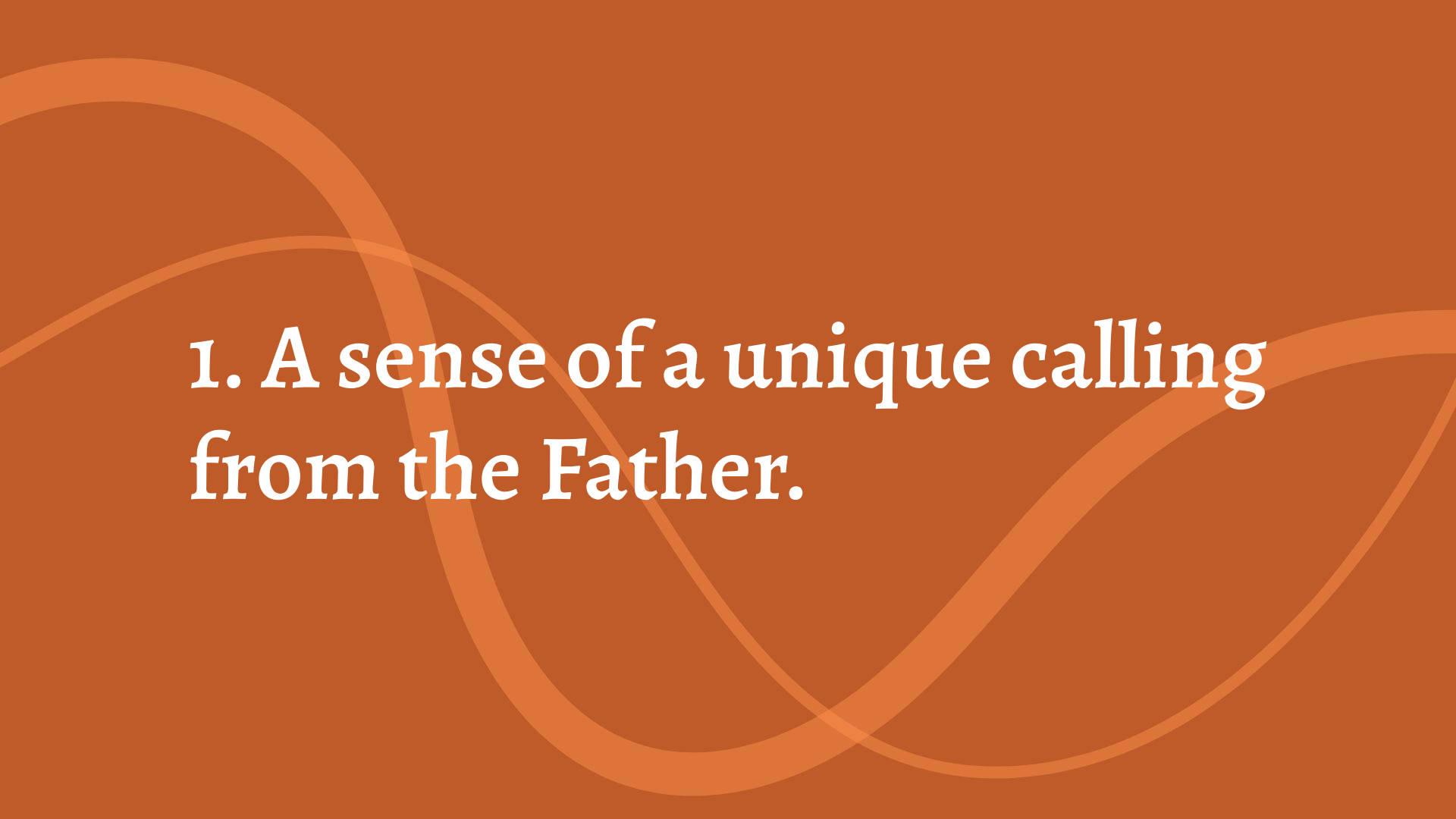
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# Navigating Spiritual Attack in Leadership

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*Jane Guenther*



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from the Father.**

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## 2. A costly imitation of Jesus

*In what ways have I lost sight of  
the fact of my unique calling?*

*Where has the cost begun to feel  
like it's too much?*

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# 3. An utter reliance on the Holy Spirit

*Where in my ministry am I  
operating on talent and training  
alone with no real need for the  
Holy Spirit to show up?*



# Unhurrying Your Leadership

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*Andrew Brueggen*



“Hurry is the great enemy of spiritual life in our day. You must ruthlessly eliminate hurry from your life.”

*Dallas Willard*

“Men forget that gifts without grace save no one’s soul, and are the characteristic of Satan himself. Grace, on the contrary, is an everlasting inheritance, and, lowly and despised as its possessor may be, will land him safe in glory. So let us strive to keep grace as the main thing.”

-Zeal without Burnout





**“There is always more we can do in ministry, but God is not asking 'Can you do more?'. He is asking 'Do you love me?' Some of those extras are not always as vital as we think them to be.” - Zeal**

without Burnout

Abide in me, and i in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit by itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in me. I am the vine, you are the branches. He who abides in me, and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing.

*John 15:4-5*

# 4 PRACTICES FOR UNHURRYING

Silence & Solitude

Sabbath

Simplicity

Slowing



**Hurry Sickness in the  
life of a pastor**

*Where do you recognize it in  
your life?*

# REFLECTION

1. When I am transferred from this parish, people will say, 'He was a pastor who...'
  - a. What would they say now? What do I want them to say?
2. What shift must I make to embody the leader I long to be?

# MY NEXT STEP

Rank yourself from strongest to weakest in practicing these four habits. Over the next 30 days, determine how you will practice your weakest area.

- Silence & Solitude:
- Sabbath:
- Simplicity:
- Slowing Down:

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# Nurturing Your Interior Life

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*Fr. Chris Martin*



# How a Great Pastor Spends His Time

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*Tim Hunt*

Remain in me, as I remain in you. Just as  
a branch cannot bear fruit on its own  
unless it remains on the vine, so neither  
can you unless you remain in me.

John 15:4

# Calendar Reflection Exercise

- What activities would give you life?
- What would you find draining or difficult?
- What values or priorities seem to shape this calendar?

# Prayer & Spiritual Life

Remain rooted in Christ through daily and weekly spiritual practices:

- Daily prayer & holy hour
- Spiritual reading
- Receiving spiritual direction

# Pastoral Presence

Being truly present with your people, not just administratively responsible for them:

- Visits and conversations
- Confessions
- Providing spiritual direction

# Rest & Renewal

Taking intentional time for rest that restores you for ministry:

- Hobbies
- Exercise
- Solitude
- Unhurried sabbath

# Leadership & Stewardship

Leading intentionally, not reactively:

- Planning
- Vision casting
- Empowering staff
- Key decisions

# Family & Friendship

Invest in relationships that restore you as a man:

- Close friends
- Priest fraternity
- Time with family

# Exercise

What do you need to:

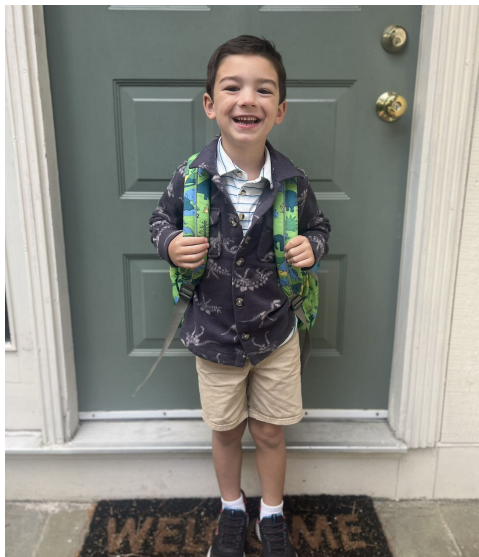
- **Start** doing to become the pastor God is calling you to be?
- **Stop** doing to protect what matters most?
- **Continue** doing because it's bearing fruit that lasts?



# The Courage of a Great Pastor

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*Jake Stanley*



Courage is a **behavior**

Not a **feeling**

# 3 TYPES OF COURAGE



Personal Courage

Interpersonal Courage

Public Courage

# WHAT HOLDS US BACK?



Fear of Failure

Fear of Criticism

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# COURAGE BUILDING TECHNIQUES

Set a deadline

Make values-based decisions

Consider the impact of inaction





# Go and Bear Fruit That Lasts

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*Brian Miller*

**It was not you who chose me,  
but I who chose you, and  
appointed you to go and bear  
fruit that will remain.**

John 15:16

**“God has created me to do Him  
some definite service. He has  
committed some work to me which  
He has not committed to another.  
I have my mission.”**

- St. John Henry Newman

**But how are they to call on one in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in one of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone to proclaim him? And how are they to proclaim him unless they are sent?**

- Romans 10:13-17


**Activity is not fruit**



The person who has been evangelized goes on to evangelize others. ...

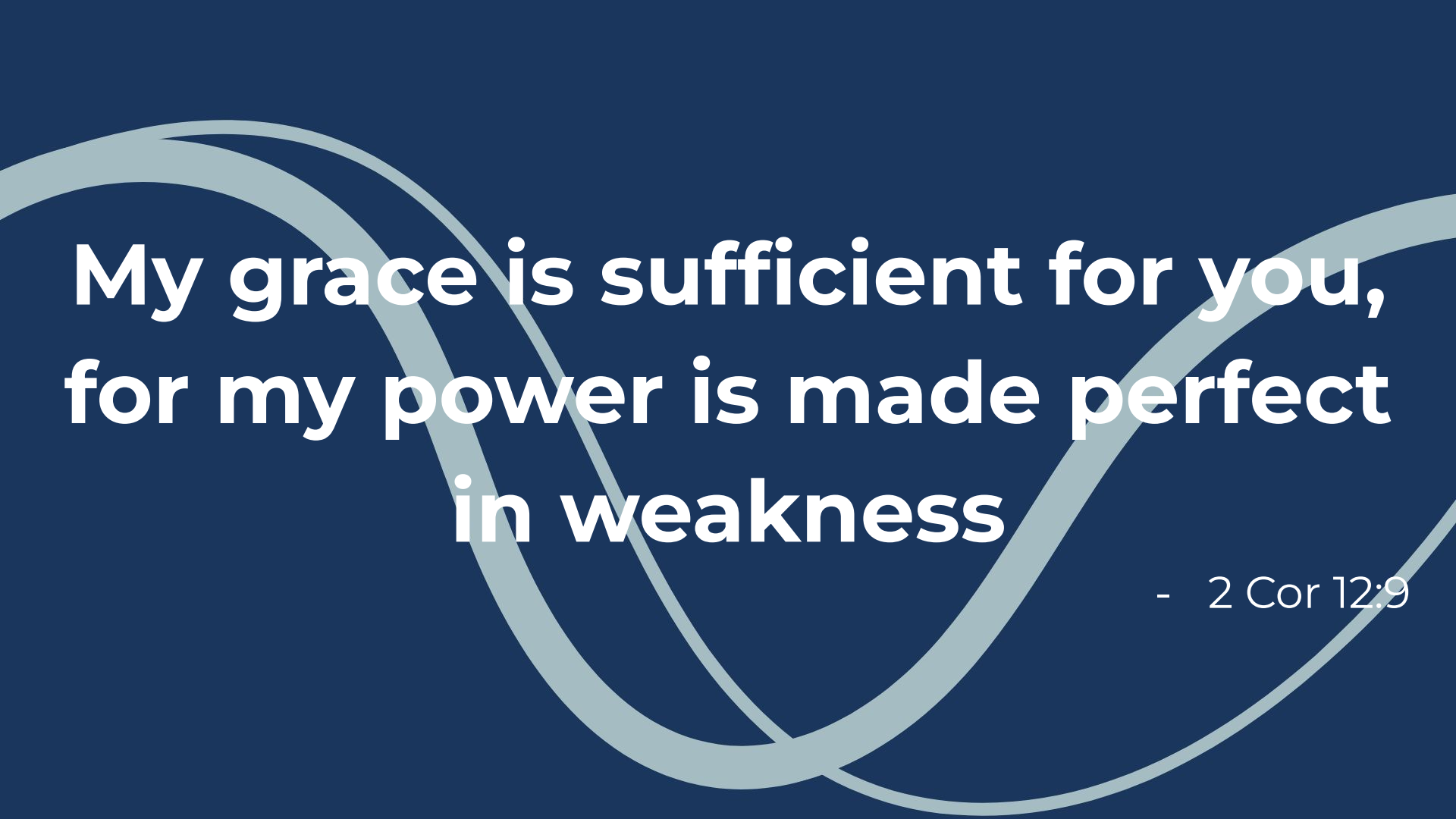
... **it is unthinkable** that a person should accept the Word and give himself to the kingdom without becoming a person who **bears witness** to it and **proclaims** it in his turn

- Evangelii Nuntiandi, 24



**...every branch that does  
bear fruit he prunes, that  
it may bear more fruit.**

John 15:2

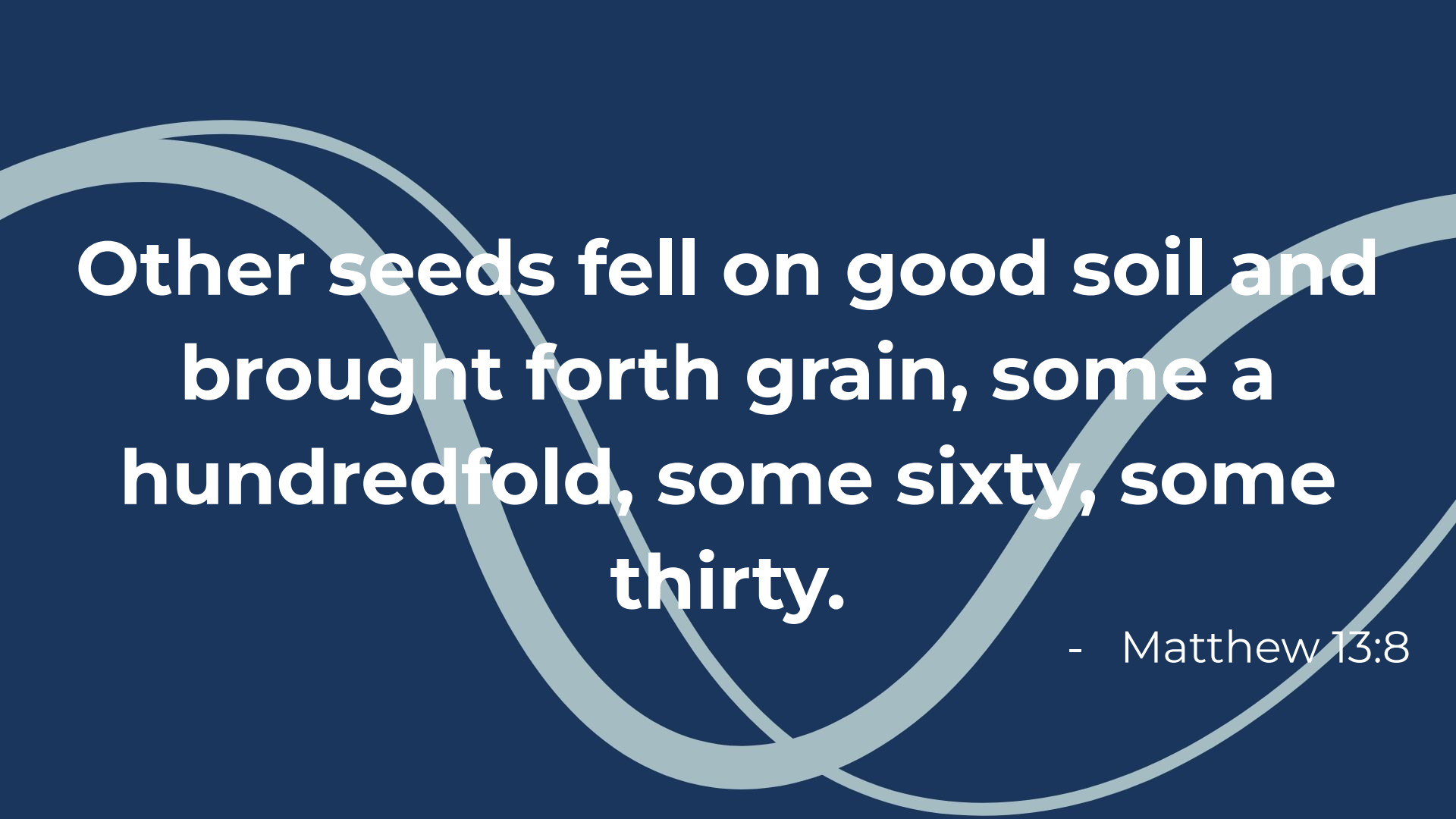


**My grace is sufficient for you,  
for my power is made perfect  
in weakness**

- 2 Cor 12:9

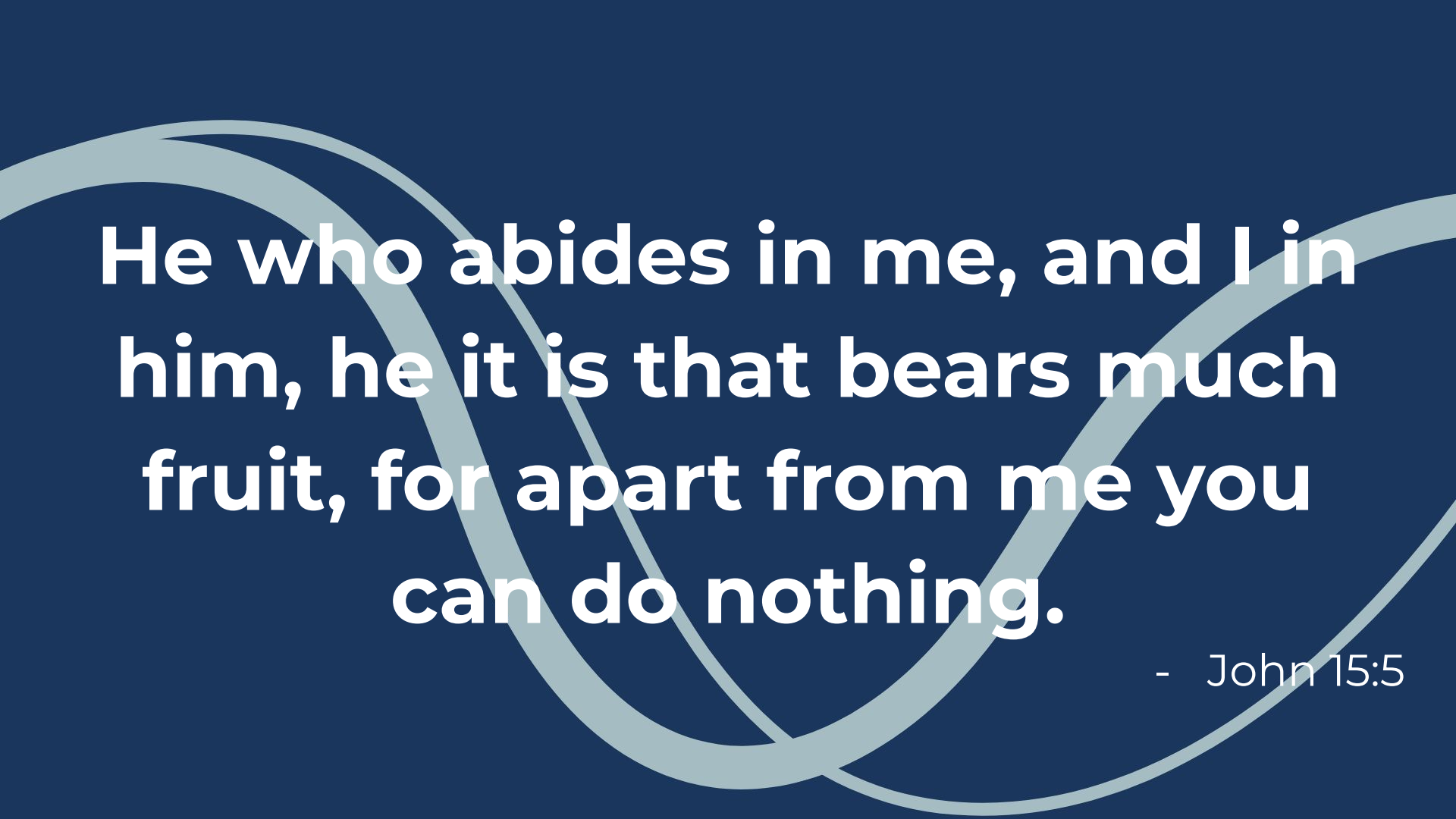


**You can't delegate  
fruitfulness**



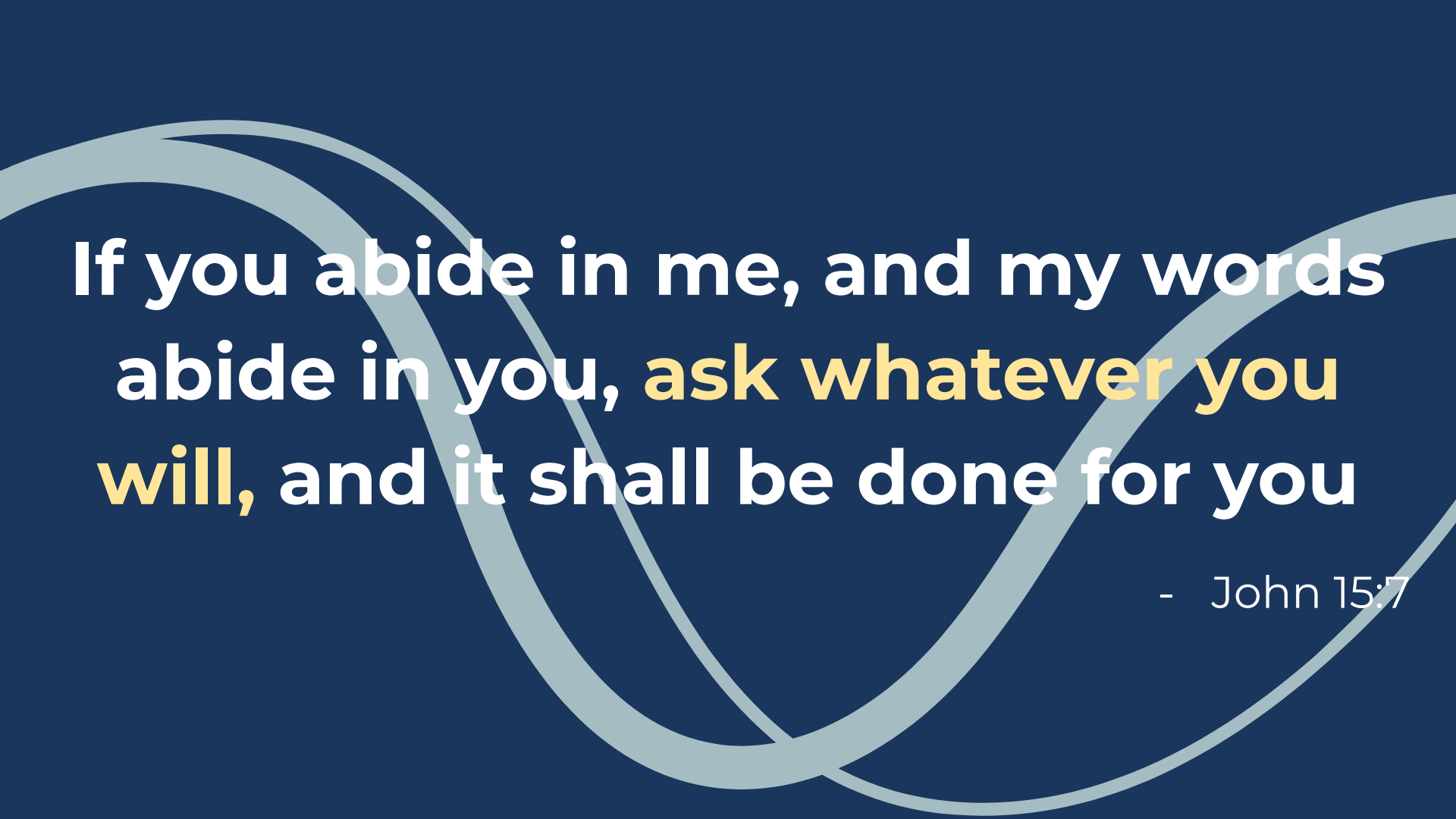
**Other seeds fell on good soil and  
brought forth grain, some a  
hundredfold, some sixty, some  
thirty.**

- Matthew 13:8



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can do nothing.**

- John 15:5



If you abide in me, and my words  
abide in you, **ask whatever you  
will,** and it shall be done for you

- John 15:7