

**“...but grow in the grace and  
knowledge of  
our Lord and Savior  
Jesus Christ.  
To Him be the glory,  
both now and to  
the day of eternity.  
Amen.”**

**II Peter 3:18**

# **Growing in Christ: The Goal...**

**We are to grow in Christ-likeness,  
being conformed to His character,  
bearing fruit and  
growing in good works**

# **Growing in Christ: The Power...**

**By God's grace,  
we have all of the resources  
and power we need  
to live a life  
of perfect obedience  
and holiness before God!**

# Factors in Growing in Christ:

- Salvation!
- Scripture: Meaningful encounters with the Word of God!, Col. 3:16
- Abide in Christ, John 15:1-16
- Discipline Yourself Toward Godliness, I Timothy 4.
- Baptism.

# **Factors in Growing in Christ:**

- “Latreia Living” ↔ “Worship-Service” Lifestyle
- Have Meaningful Encounters with One Another: Body-Life, Community; Serving and Being Served!
- “Mind-Control”
- Facing Temptations
- Enduring Trials and Suffering!

# Growing in Christ Through Consistent Corporate Worship...

## Basic Considerations:

- Unbelievers will worship just about anything...EXCEPT GOD, Romans 1:21-25.
- God is seeking people to worship Him, in spirit and in truth, John 4:19-24

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## Basic Considerations:

- Worshiping God is a distinguishing characteristic of true believers, Philippians 3:3

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- The early Church met on the first day of the week for corporate worship, 1 Cor. 16:1-2;  
Acts 20:16, 6-7



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- Believers are admonished NOT to forsake the assembling of ourselves together!

Hebrews 10:24-25

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## Benefits of Corporate Worship:

1. Stimulate one another to love.
2. Stimulate one another to good deeds.
3. Encourage one another!

**We both DO these  
and RECEIVE these!!!**

# Growing in Christ Through Consistent Corporate Worship...

What about those who say...

“I don't have to go to church,  
I can worship God  
in my own way!”

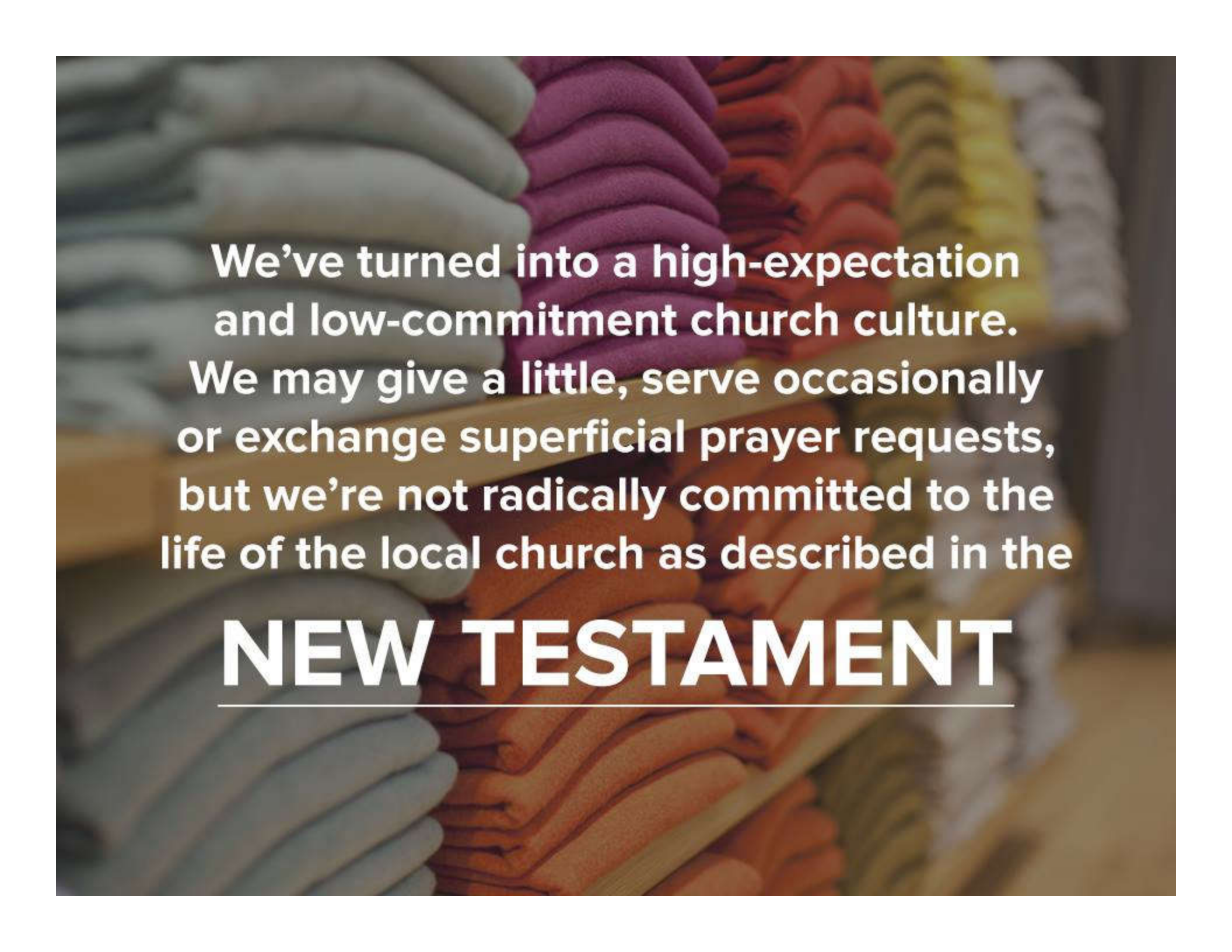
Look at some people who chose to worship God “Their own way”:

- Cain, Genesis 4.
- Nadab & Abihu, Leviticus 10:1-3.
- King Saul, I Samuel 15.
- King David and Uzzah, II Samuel 6:1-7.

Look at some people who chose to worship God “Their own way”:


Samuel told Saul,  
“Has Yahweh as much delight  
in burnt offerings and sacrifices,  
As in obeying  
the voice of Yahweh?  
Behold,  
to obey is better than sacrifice.”

Paul David Tripp  
on the importance of  
Consistent Corporate Worship...



**We've turned into a high-expectation  
and low-commitment church culture.  
We may give a little, serve occasionally  
or exchange superficial prayer requests,  
but we're not radically committed to the  
life of the local church as described in the**

**NEW TESTAMENT**




Corporate worship is designed  
to take your eyes off creation and  
fill them instead with life-shaping  
awe of the grace and glory of the

**CREATOR**

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A black and white photograph of a person from behind, wearing a light-colored jacket and dark pants, walking down a church aisle. The aisle is lined with wooden pews on both sides, and the background is softly blurred, showing the interior of a church with windows and architectural details.

**Corporate worship is designed  
to point us to the One who is so  
incredibly glorious that He alone  
is worthy of our worship and life**

# **DEVOTION**



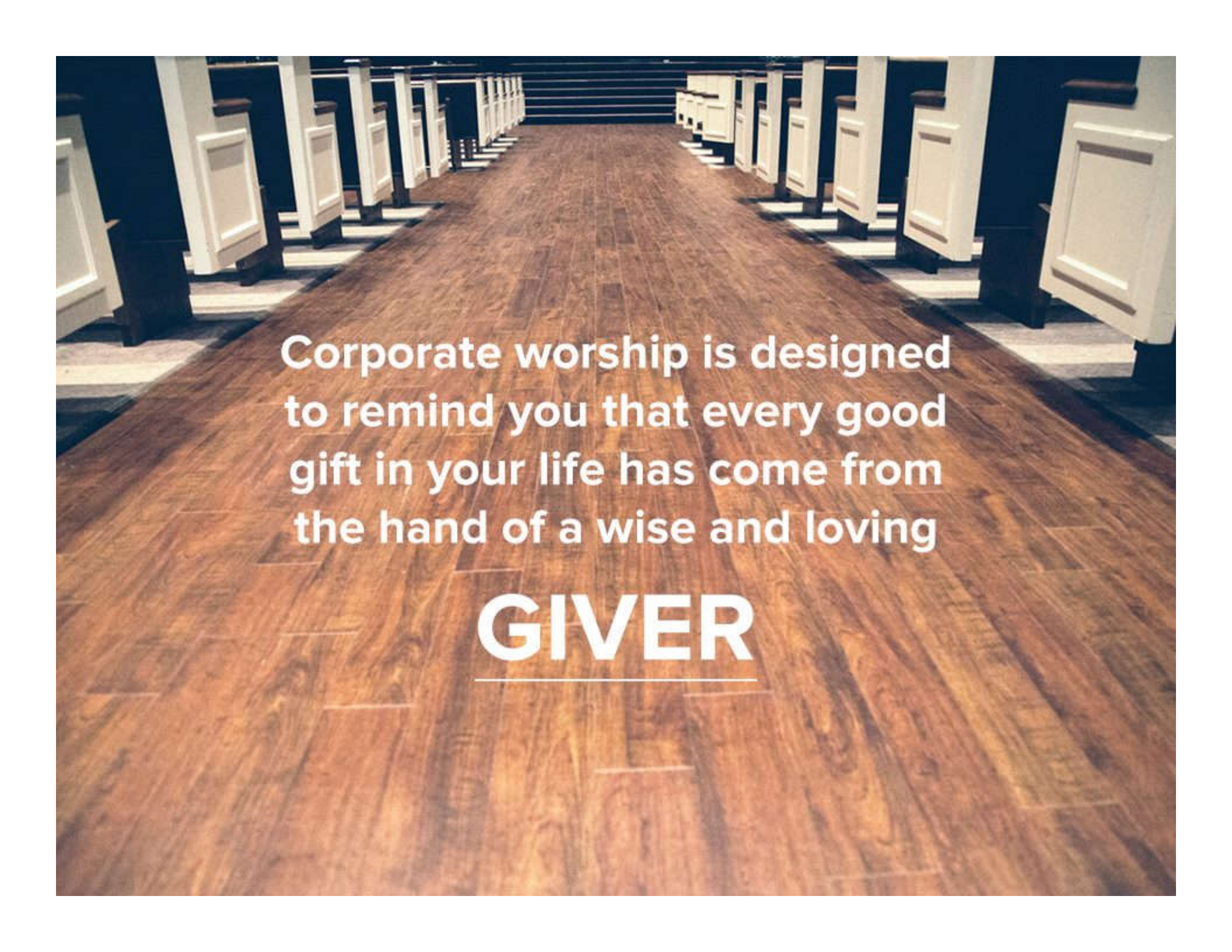
Corporate worship is designed  
to strengthen the community  
of faith by putting on display the  
glory of the object of their faith:

**JESUS CHRIST**

ENTER  
HERE

Corporate worship is  
designed to remind  
us of our identity in  
Christ so we're freed  
from the discouragement  
of searching for it

**ELSEWHERE**




Corporate worship is designed  
to remind you that every good  
gift in your life has come from  
the hand of a wise and loving

**GIVER**

A photograph of a church interior. On the left, a large, dark wooden door with a decorative metal handle is partially open. The floor is made of large, light-colored stone tiles. In the background, a brick wall and a wooden structure, possibly a pulpit or altar, are visible. The lighting is warm and focused on the door.

**Corporate worship is designed to  
hold the most important things  
in life before our fickle, easily  
distracted and often disloyal:**

**HEARTS**




Corporate worship is  
designed to remind  
you that existing at  
the center of and  
reigning over every  
situation, location,  
and relationship is

**KING JESUS**

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**Corporate worship is designed to  
refocus the eyes of our heart on  
something more important than our  
little plans and temporary pleasures:  
Jesus Christ and the glory of his**

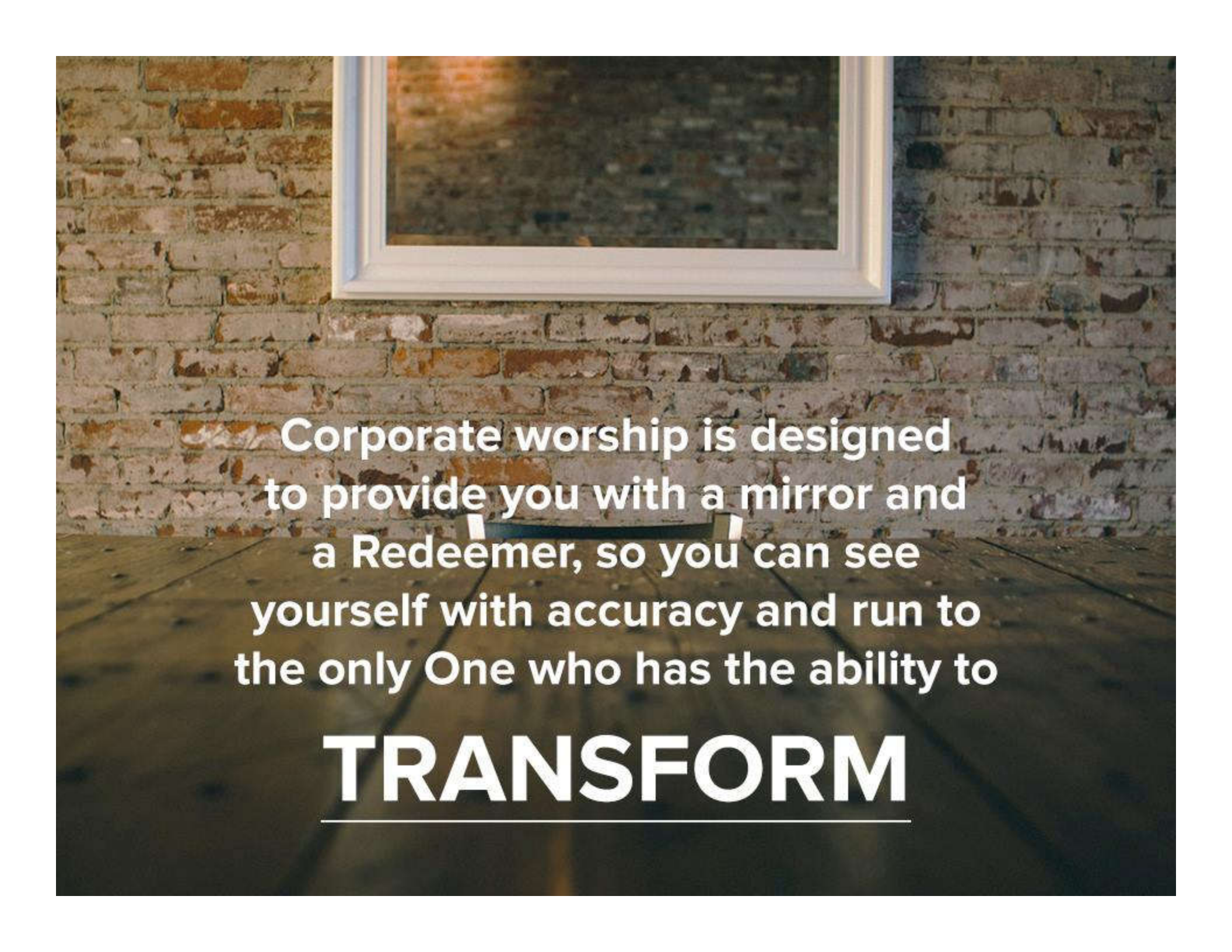
**KINGDOM**

A photograph of a church interior, showing rows of red upholstered pews. In the foreground, a small, dark-colored Bible with gold lettering is placed on the left side of a pew. The background is slightly blurred, showing the white walls and architectural details of the sanctuary. The lighting is warm and soft, creating a peaceful atmosphere.

Corporate worship is designed  
to remind you that you are no  
longer alone and poor, but now  
lavishly rich in both love and  
grace because you are

**IN CHRIST**






Corporate worship is designed  
to provide you with a mirror and  
a Redeemer, so you can see  
yourself with accuracy and run to  
the only One who has the ability to

**TRANSFORM**

Corporate worship is  
designed to give you  
vertical rest that's more  
powerful than the  
horizontal difficulties  
you will experience in

THIS LIFE

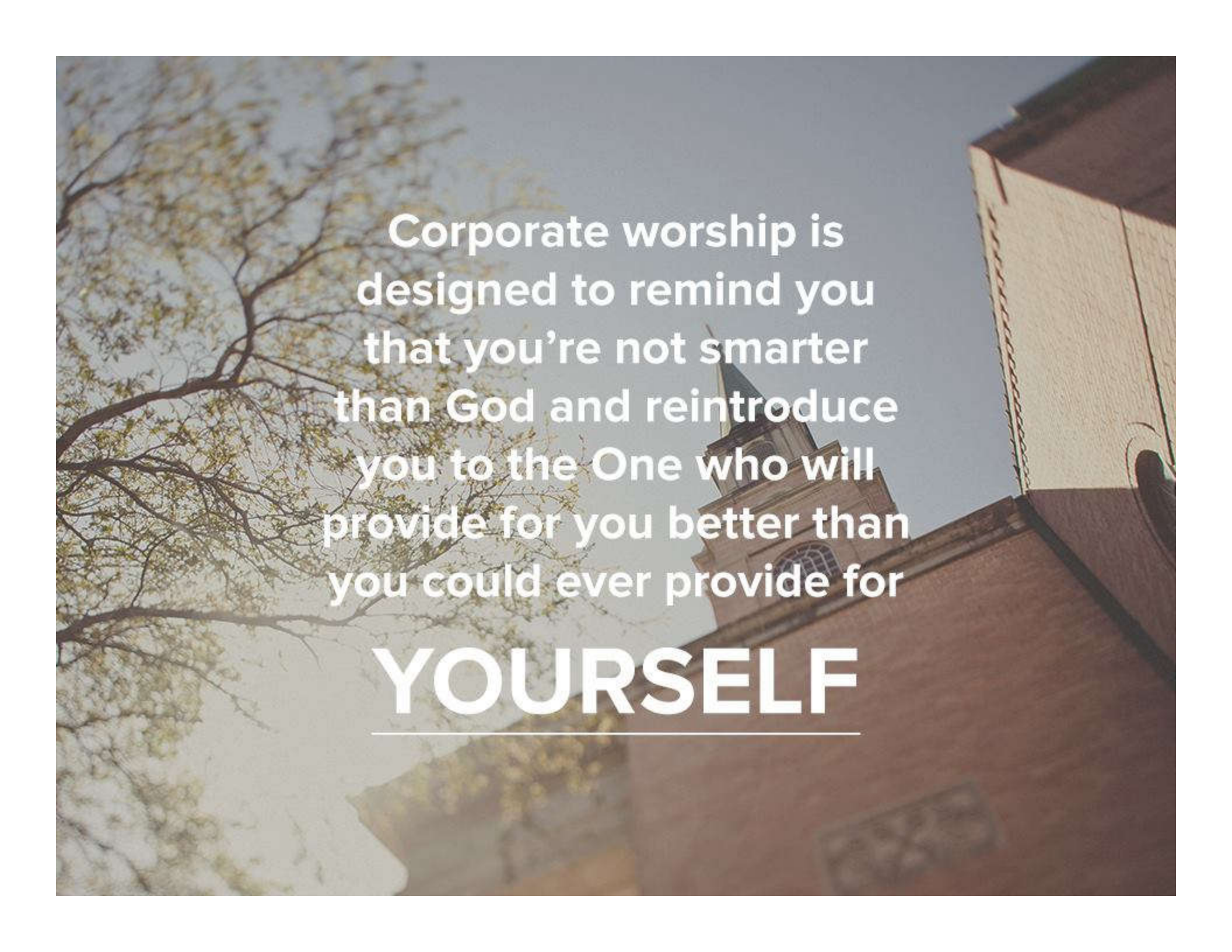


A photograph of a stone church with a tall, green-roofed steeple, situated on a grassy hillside. The church is surrounded by a fence and several evergreen trees. In the background, there are rolling hills and mountains under a dramatic, cloudy sky. The overall scene is peaceful and scenic.

Corporate worship is designed  
to keep you from forgetting  
the broken world around you,  
the pervasive sin within you,  
and the abundant grace  
available to you through  
the sacrifice of Jesus the

**REDEEMER**

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A photograph of a church steeple and a tree with yellowing leaves against a clear sky. The text is overlaid on the image.

Corporate worship is  
designed to remind you  
that you're not smarter  
than God and reintroduce  
you to the One who will  
provide for you better than  
you could ever provide for

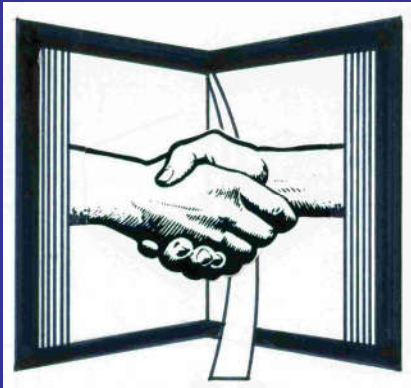
**YOURSELF**

A person's arm is raised in a gesture of praise or worship. The background is a blurred church interior with a balcony and recessed ceiling lights.

**Corporate worship is  
designed to develop  
your awe of God until  
it grows to be greater  
than the awe you have  
for anything else in this**

**WORLD**

LORD,  
HERE WE ARE  
TO WORSHIP!



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