The Missional Field Guide

Operating in divine power rather than human effort.

Based on Mark 3:13-19

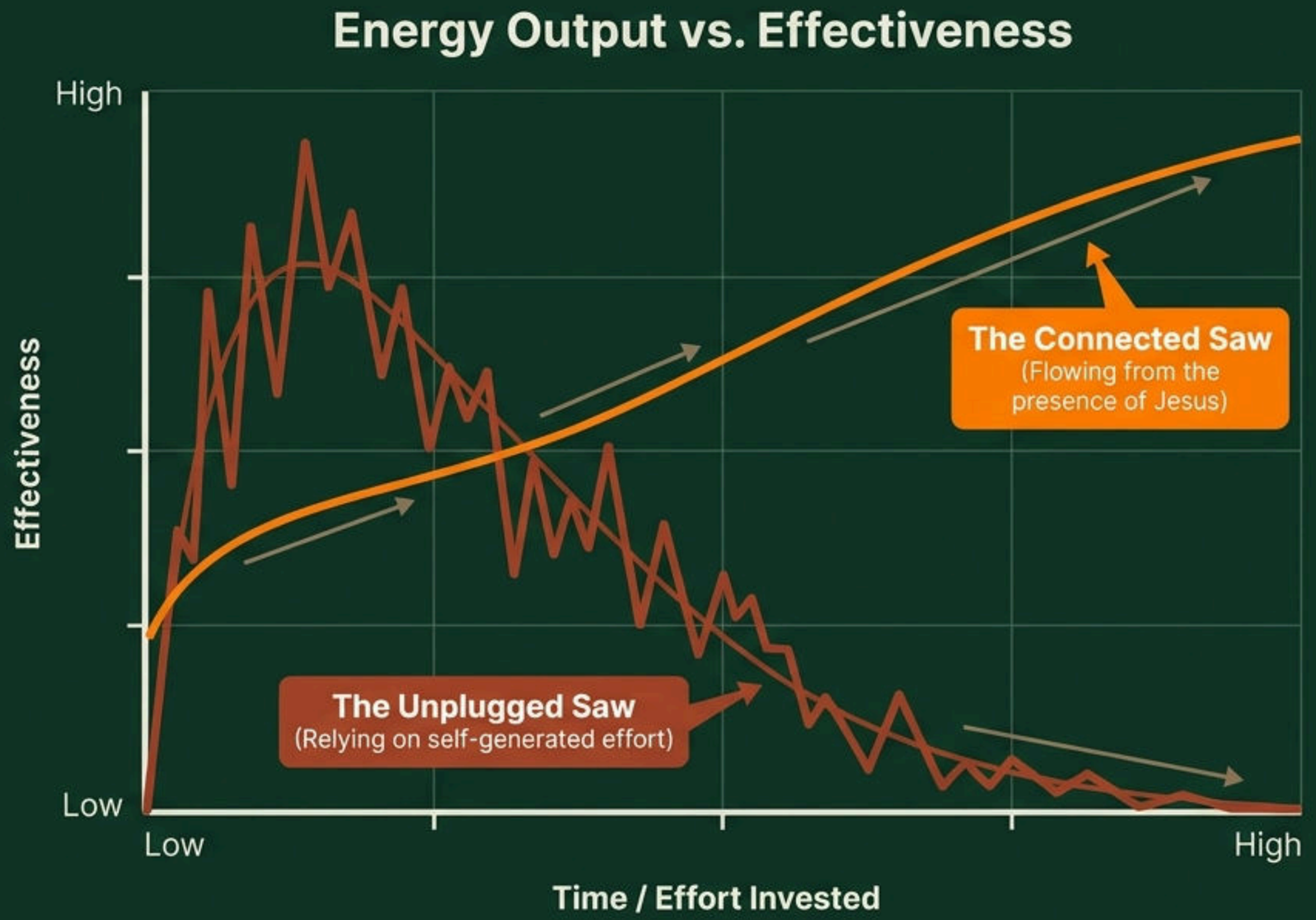
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Exhaustion is a symptom of disconnection.

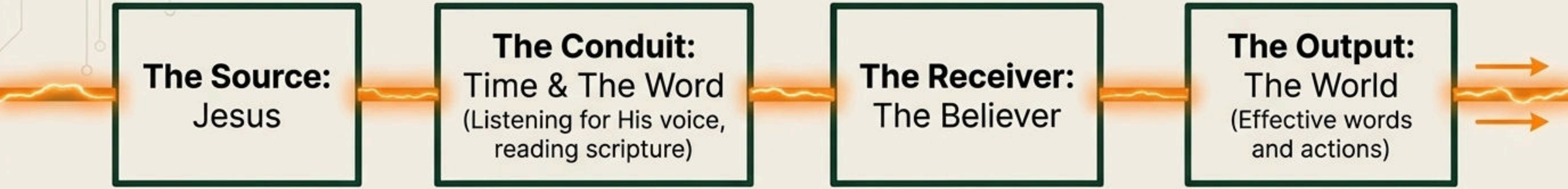
A young man spent two hours exhausting himself trying to cut logs with a brand-new electric chainsaw. He was pushing as hard as he could, unaware the cord was trailing in the dirt.

Trying to share the good news of Jesus without spending time with Him is like trying to cut logs with an unplugged saw. We wear ourselves out trying to convince people in our own strength.



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The Power Circuit Diagram



The flow of missional power is directional.

Jesus does not call us to work for Him in our own power. Just like a saw needs its power source, His power only flows through us when the circuit is complete. If the link between the Believer and the Source is broken, the circuit is dead, and the output ceases.

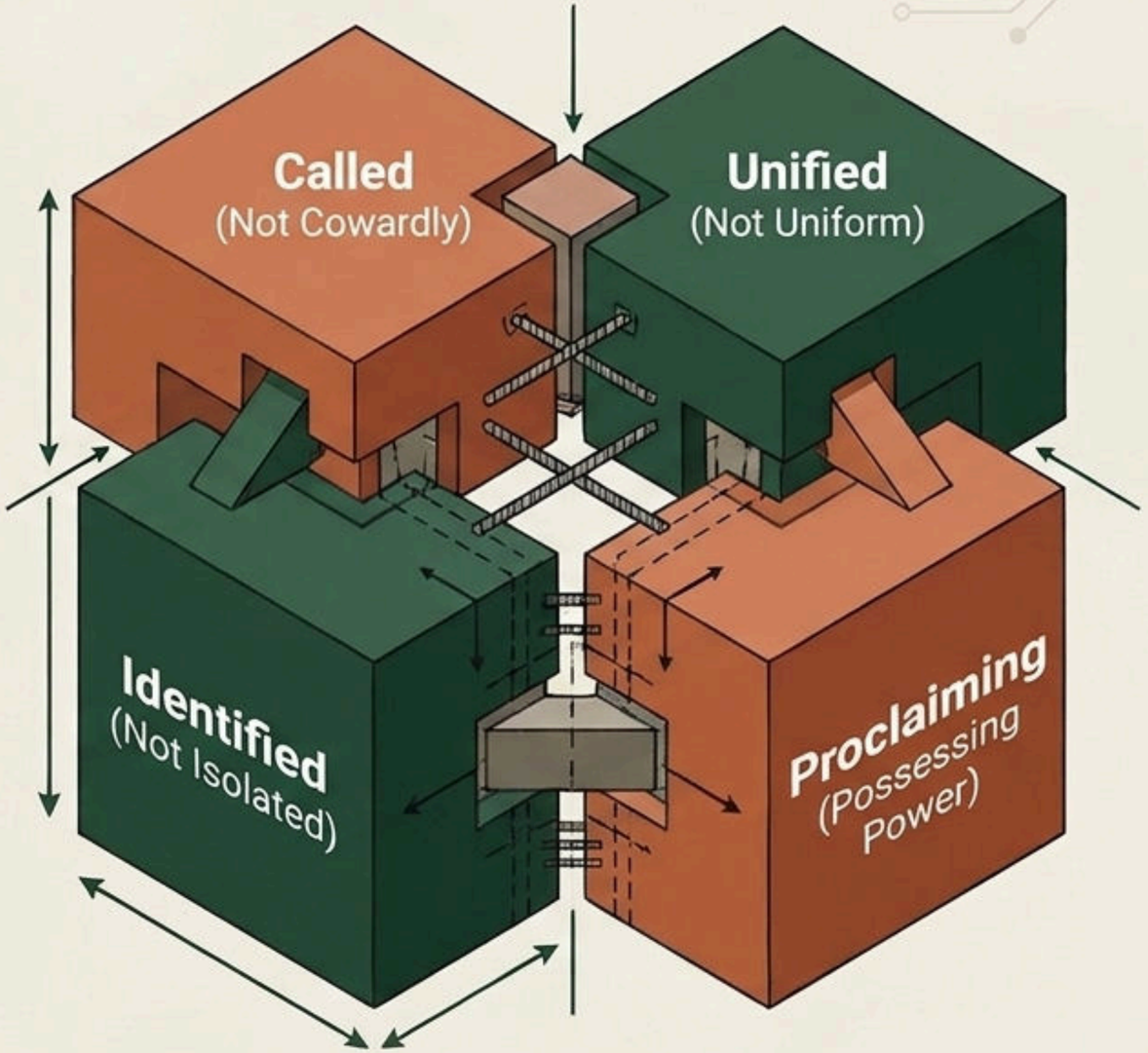
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The Mark 3 Blueprint for Missional Living.

Jesus urgently and intentionally sought out individuals to carry out His critical mission. His criteria defied conventional expectations, focusing on presence over perfection.

If any one of these structural blocks is removed—for example, if you are identified with Christ but isolated from the world—the entire framework of missional living falls apart.

The 4 Pillars of the Chosen



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Pillar 1: Called, not cowardly.

Jesus isn’t waiting for you to clean up your act or achieve spiritual perfection before He uses you. While He will not leave you as you are, He will certainly take you as you are.

Dimension	The World’s View	Jesus’ View
Background	Completely unqualified, very ordinary, highly flawed.	Intentionally chosen, perfectly positioned for grace.
Commitment	Measured by immediate results and metrics.	Measured by abandoning competing priorities.
Resilience	Prone to flight when conditions get difficult.	Characterized by staying. When summoned, they answered.

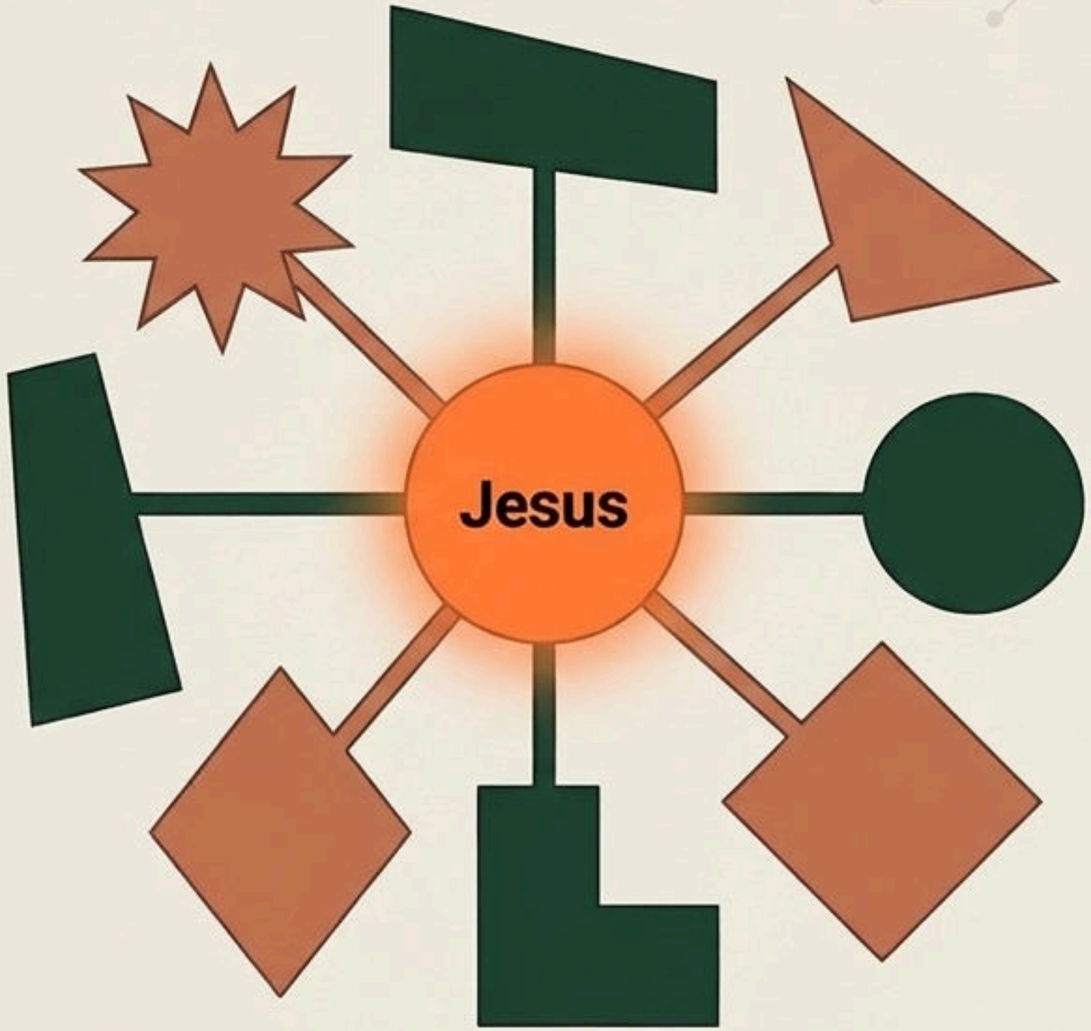
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Pillar 2: Unified, not uniform.

From the very beginning, the Christian faith was meant to be discovered and lived out in a group setting. Jesus selected a group of 12 men who could not have been more different from one another.

Completely different people can, should, and will work together successfully.

The Unifying Factor: They were all spending their time with Jesus. Unity is a byproduct of shared proximity to the Source.



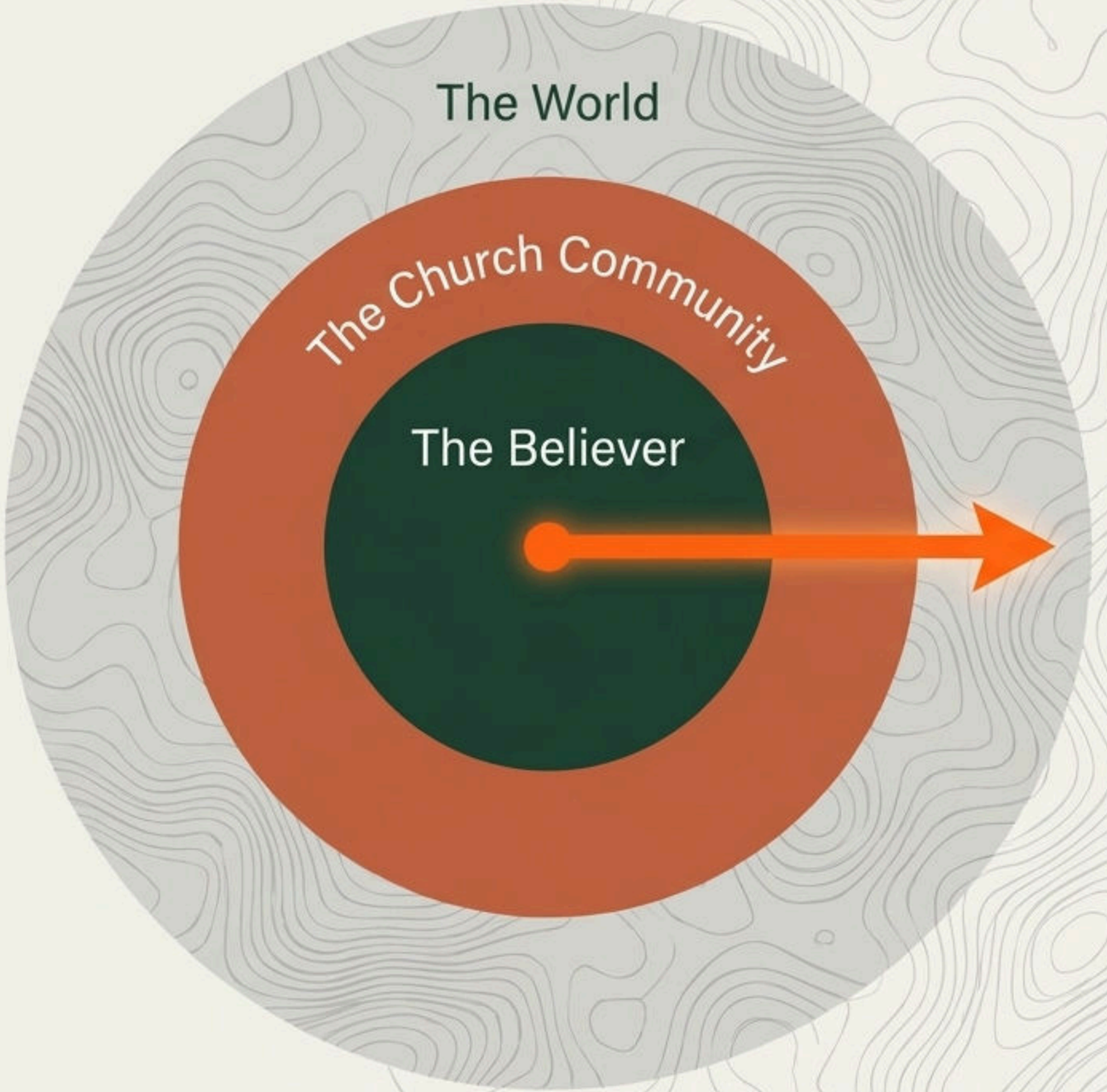
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Pillar 3: Identified, not isolated.

Jesus called His followers to Him for two reasons: to be with Him, and to be sent out by Him.

> *"Go and make followers of all people in the world."* — Matthew 28

You cannot fulfill the Great Commission if you remain safely in the center. We are meant to connect our lives completely to His, while simultaneously refusing to isolate ourselves from the people around us who desperately need the good news.



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Diagnosing the Hesitation.

Moving past fear requires changing our mindset, not finding a perfect strategy.

The Internal Fear	The Kingdom Reframing
Fear of Rejection: "They will judge me or end the relationship."	**The Reality:** Hostility exists, but many are living in quiet desperation, waiting for answers.
Lack of Preparation: "I don't know the Bible well enough for philosophical debates."	**The Reality:** You are an expert on what Jesus has done for you. Prepare your personal story.
Apathy & Distraction: "The urgency has faded behind daily routines."	**The Reality:** Recognize the distraction, return to the Source, and ask to see what He is already doing.
Fear of Hypocrisy: "My personal struggles will undermine the message."	**The Reality:** The solution is not silence. It is going to the Savior for help and sharing from a place of honest vulnerability.
Cultural Pressure: "Society views faith as intrusive or intolerant."	**The Reality:** We treat people as unique individuals to love, not religious projects to check off.

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The shift from pressure to presence.

Dimension	The Performance Mindset	The Presence Mindset
The Ultimate Goal	Force an immediate decision or prayer	**Simple obedience to share what God has done.**
The Relational Role	Prosecutor and Judge	**Faithful Witness**
The Method	Pre-packaged sermons	**Genuine conversations and great questions**
The Pressure Source	Self-reliance and human persuasion	**Total reliance on the Holy Spirit**
View of the Person	A box to check off; a project	**A unique, fearfully and wonderfully made individual.**

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Success is not a transaction.

We are called to be witnesses, not prosecutors. Your responsibility is obedience to the promptings of God. The Holy Spirit is exclusively responsible for the results.

Our Job

Role: The Witness.

Function: Simply testify to what you have personally seen and heard. Treat people with genuine love and humility. Plant the seed. Water the soil.

The Holy Spirit's Job

Role: The Changer of Hearts (Not the Judge/Jury).

Function: Provide the power. Convict the spirit. Transform the life.

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Moving past preaching.

Stop showing up with prepackaged sermons. Treat individuals as individuals, ask great questions, and build a bridge over which the good news can travel.

The Conversational Bridge

1. Listen for Symptoms
Active Listening

- **Action:** Ask great questions about their views on life and purpose.
- **Listen for:** Loneliness, anxiety, broken relationships, walls closing in.

2. Build the Bridge
Shared Vulnerability

- **Action:** Find the intersection between their symptoms and your past reality.
- **Key Phrase:** "I have faced some of those exact same things myself."

3. Offer the Destination
The Jesus Solution

- **Action:** Share your prepared, unique story.
- **Key Phrase:** "Here is what Jesus did for me."

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Pillar 4: Proclaiming and possessing power.

As the world grows darker—where witchcraft magazines sit casually on local drugstore racks—we cannot rely on human persuasion alone. Jesus granted His followers true spiritual authority.

The Gabon Proof:

Pioneer missionary Don Fairley and evangelist Theophile Logany faced intense, violent spiritual warfare in Gabon. Opponents worked themselves into a frenzy, repeatedly thrusting lighted torches at the thatched hut where believers huddled.

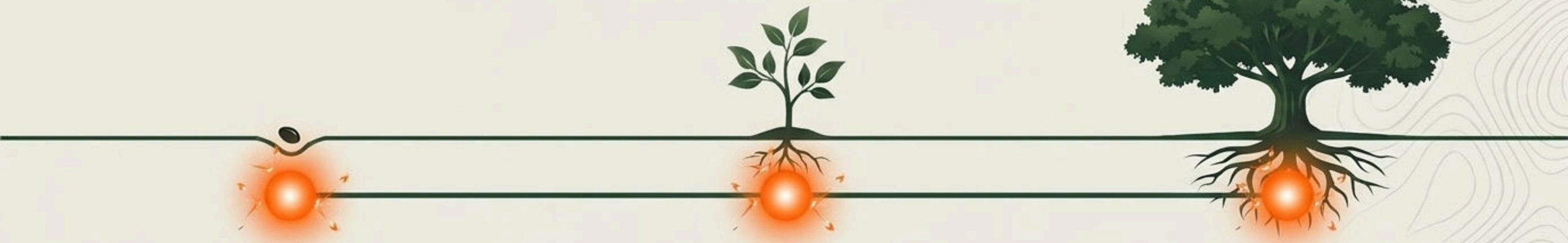
Every torch was repelled. The attackers were continually thrown backward. The spiritual powers had been bound by a higher authority. Today, generations later, Gabon is experiencing a massive spiritual harvest.

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Success is an ongoing transmission.

We won’t always have the privilege of reaping a harvest the moment we share the good news. But if we stay plugged into the power source, overcome our fear, and faithfully plant the seed, the Holy Spirit will work the soil.

The Harvest Timeline



Year 0: The Seed Planted.
Charlie Skoo in a catastrophic van rollover. Visited in the ICU. Hears the good news, but hesitates. “I need more time.”

Year 7: The Soil Cultivated.
At age 53, the Holy Spirit finishes the work. Charlie surrenders his life to Jesus.

Year 30: The Harvest Multiplied.
Now 76, Charlie serves at the Eugene Mission, bringing other men to Christ.

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The invitation stands.

Jesus chose imperfect, ordinary, unqualified people.
He is not asking you to make yourself perfect in every respect before He will use you.

Your confidence does not come from your capability.
It comes from an increasing dependence on His presence.

Stay connected. Step forward.
The mission field is waiting.

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