



# Theology of The Holy Spirit

Spirit in the Life and Mission of the Church



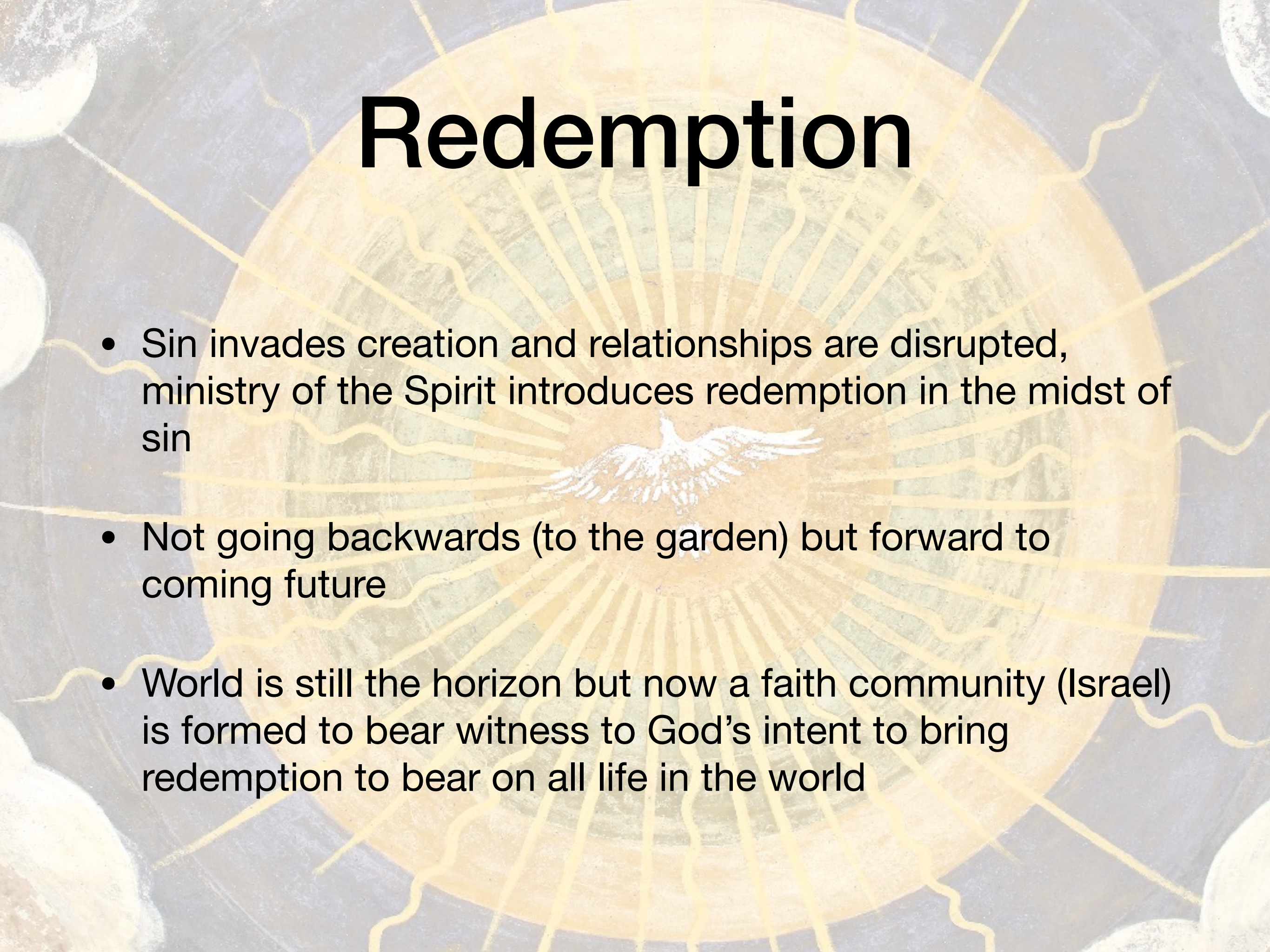
**Creation**  
**Redemption**  
**New Creation**

# Creation

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- *Ruach* = wind, breath, or Spirit
- Moves across void to bring order (Gen. 1:2)
- God the Father and God the Son bring creation into existence through the Spirit
- Horizon for ministry of the Spirit is the world (Job 33:4; Ps. 104:36)
- Breath of life in Adam (Gen. 2:7): *Imago Dei* not lost in the fall

# Redemption

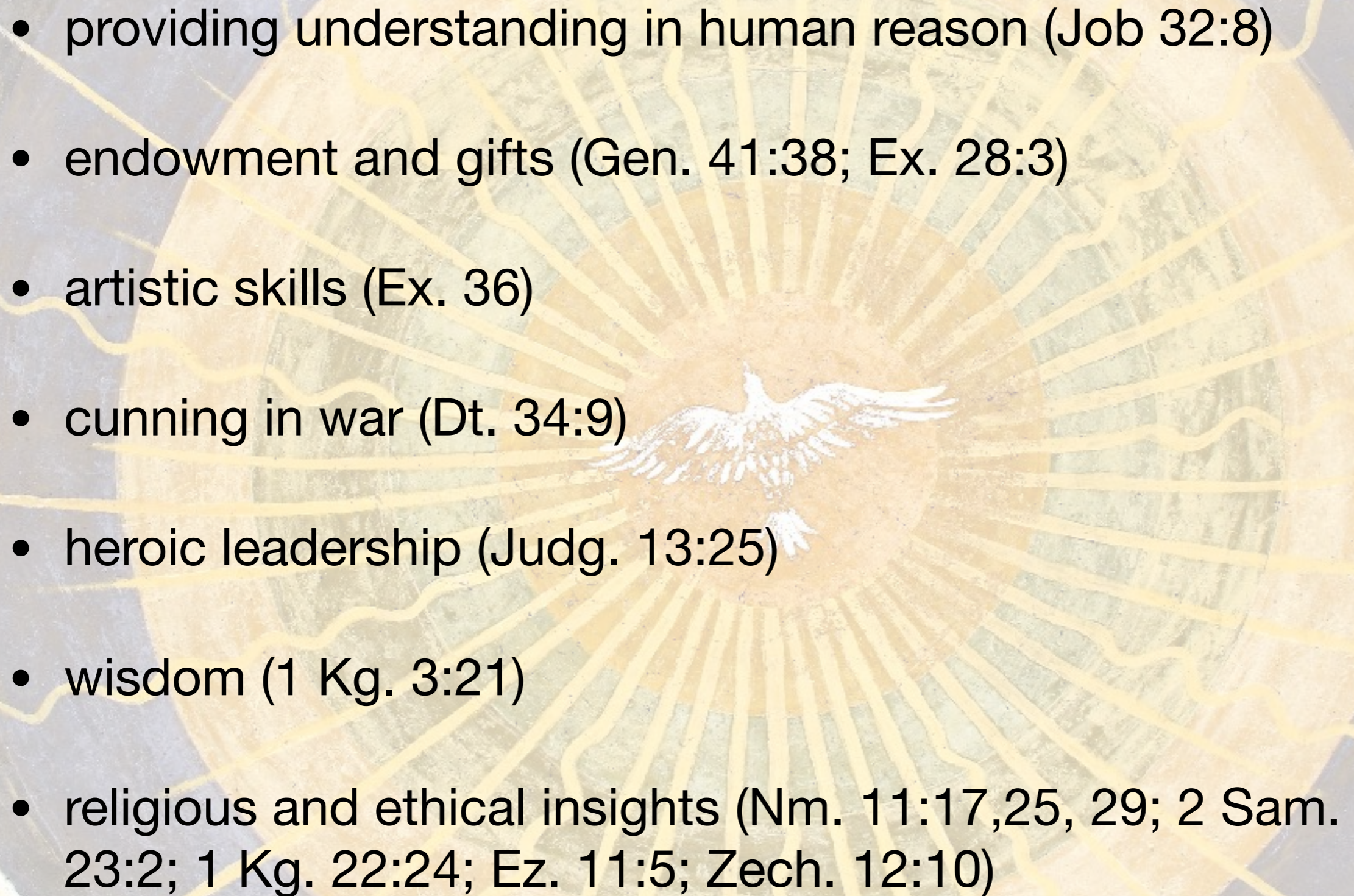
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- Sin invades creation and relationships are disrupted, ministry of the Spirit introduces redemption in the midst of sin
- Not going backwards (to the garden) but forward to coming future
- World is still the horizon but now a faith community (Israel) is formed to bear witness to God's intent to bring redemption to bear on all life in the world

# How Spirit is Evident




1. Spirit empowers God's people with gifts and abilities

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- providing understanding in human reason (Job 32:8)
  - endowment and gifts (Gen. 41:38; Ex. 28:3)
  - artistic skills (Ex. 36)
  - cunning in war (Dt. 34:9)
  - heroic leadership (Judg. 13:25)
  - wisdom (1 Kg. 3:21)
  - religious and ethical insights (Nm. 11:17,25, 29; 2 Sam. 23:2; 1 Kg. 22:24; Ez. 11:5; Zech. 12:10)

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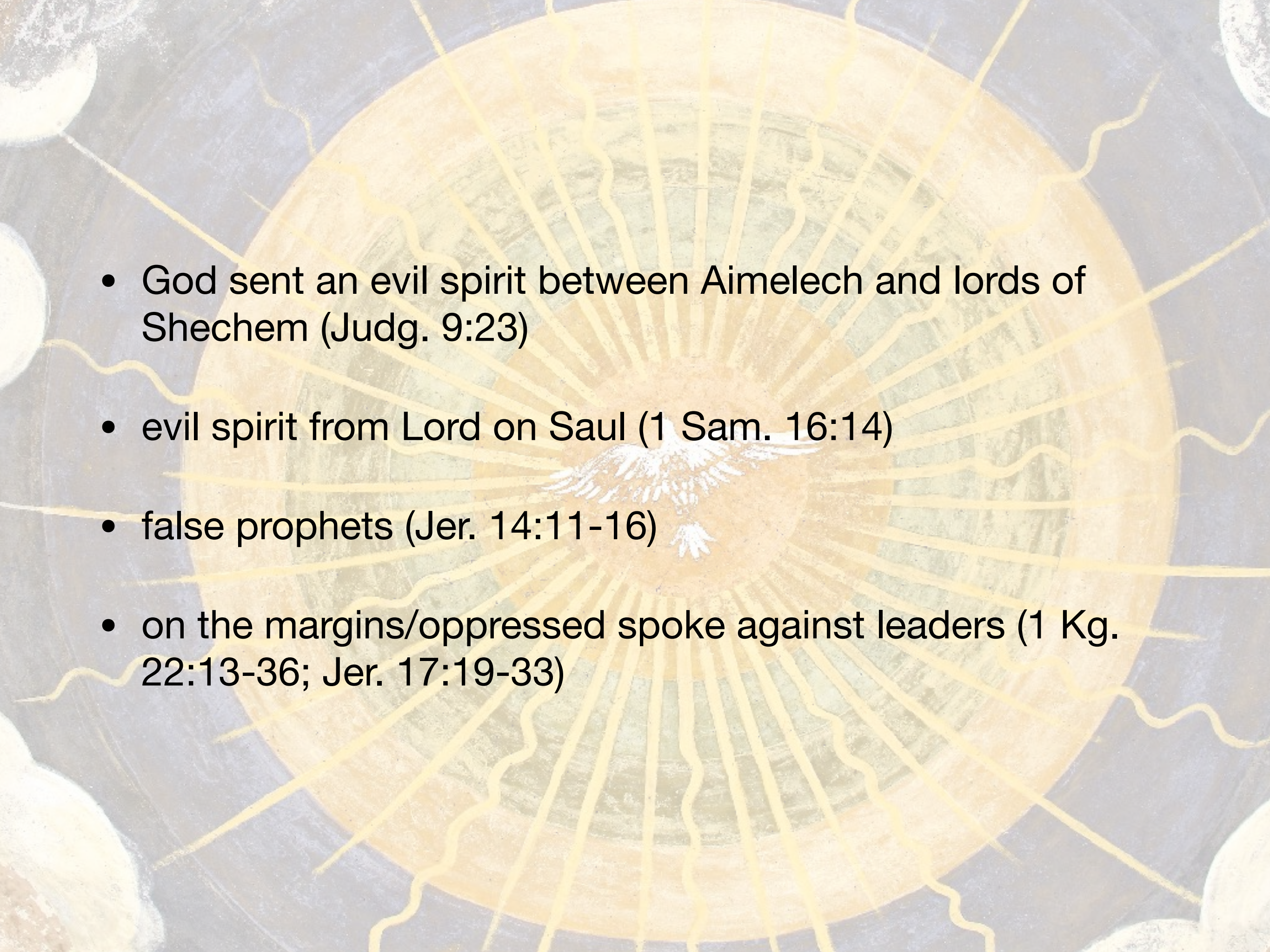
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- judges (Judg. 3:7-10, 6:1-6, 11:1-40)
  - kings (1 Sam. 11:6; 16:13; 26:11; 2 Sam. 23:2; 1 & 2 Kings)
  - fallible humans (Judg. 12-16; 14:1-4; 1 Sam. 13:8-13)



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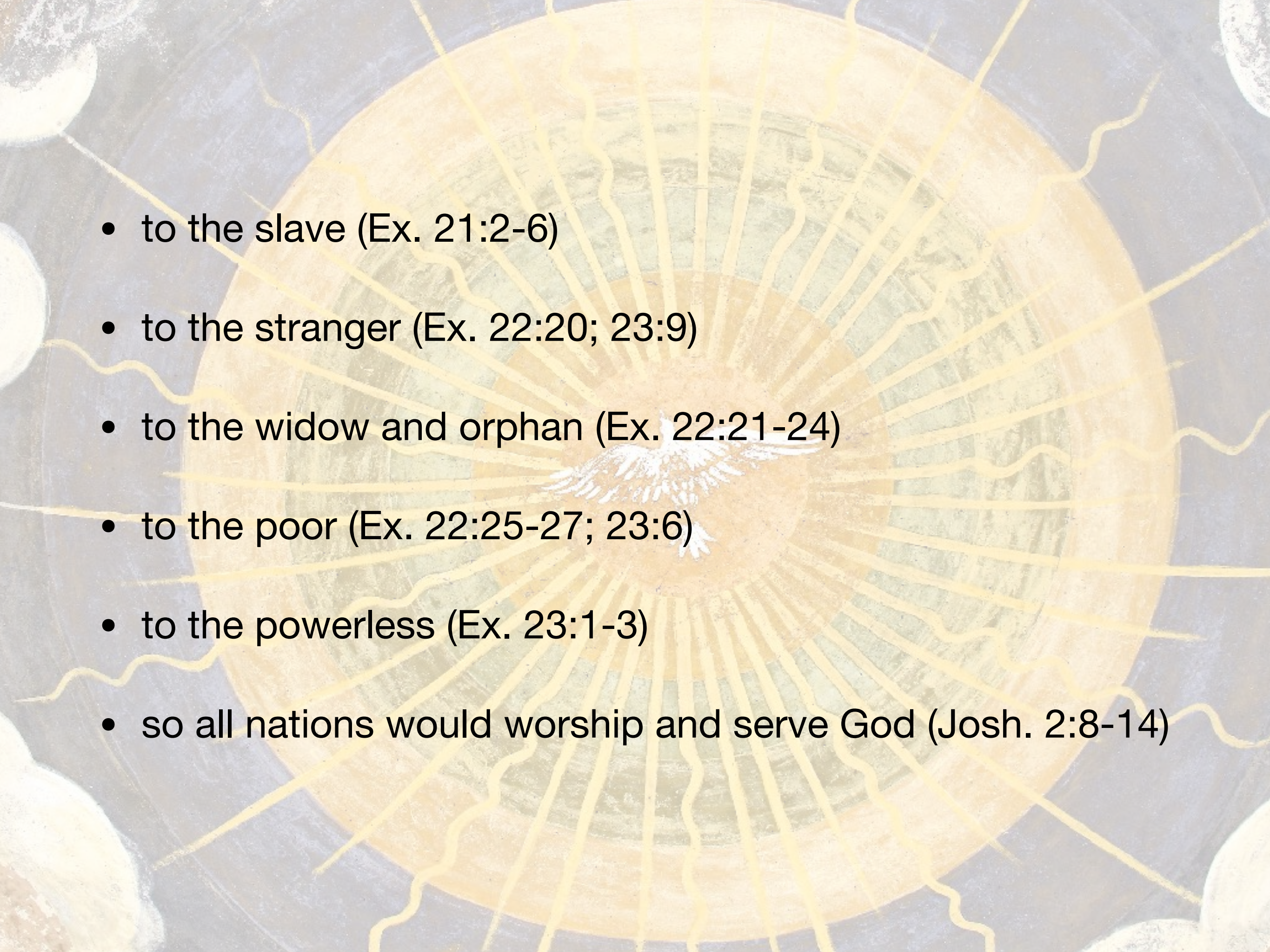
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- God sent an evil spirit between Aimelech and lords of Shechem (Judg. 9:23)
  - evil spirit from Lord on Saul (1 Sam. 16:14)
  - false prophets (Jer. 14:11-16)
  - on the margins/oppressed spoke against leaders (1 Kg. 22:13-36; Jer. 17:19-33)

# How Spirit is Evident

The background of the slide features a central illustration of a sun with a white eagle perched on its rays. The sun is rendered in shades of yellow and orange, with numerous thin, wavy yellow lines radiating outwards, suggesting energy or light. The sun and eagle are set against a dark blue background that resembles a globe, with some lighter blue and white areas representing clouds or continents. The overall composition is centered and symmetrical.

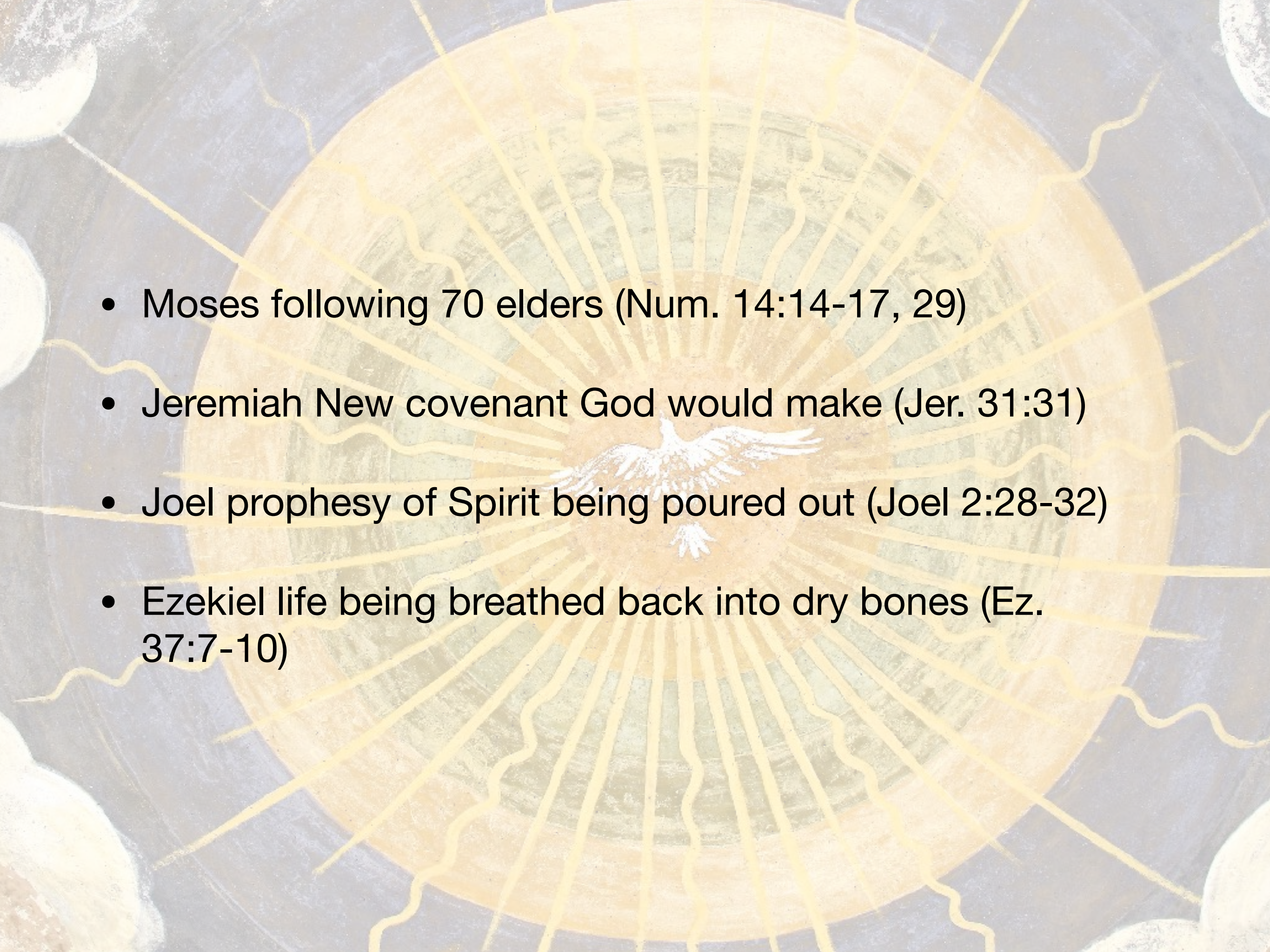
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- to the slave (Ex. 21:2-6)
  - to the stranger (Ex. 22:20; 23:9)
  - to the widow and orphan (Ex. 22:21-24)
  - to the poor (Ex. 22:25-27; 23:6)
  - to the powerless (Ex. 23:1-3)
  - so all nations would worship and serve God (Josh. 2:8-14)

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5. Spirit reveals promised Messiah and hope of eschatological future

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- Moses following 70 elders (Num. 14:14-17, 29)
  - Jeremiah New covenant God would make (Jer. 31:31)
  - Joel prophesy of Spirit being poured out (Joel 2:28-32)
  - Ezekiel life being breathed back into dry bones (Ez. 37:7-10)

# Spirit in New Testament

- *pneuma* = wind, breath, spirit, or Spirit
- Jesus names Spirit advocate or helper (John 14:16-26)
- Ministry of Spirit in context of newly formed Christian community particularly with leading and teaching (John 14:16-17; 15:29; 16:13)
- Seen in Acts and Letters
- Spirit of your Father (Mt. 10:20), Spirit of his Son (Gal. 4:6), Spirit of Jesus/Christ (Acts 16:7; Rom. 8:9; Phil. 1:19; 1 Peter 1:11)

# Spirit & Jesus Gospels



1. Spirit involved in Jesus's birth
2. Spirit involved in Jesus's life and ministry
3. Salvation introduced in fulness through Jesus's life and ministry
4. Jesus promised the ministry of the Spirit in the church




# Spirit in Acts

“Jesus did not provide a lot of specific content about how this community of believers would be organized and how it would function, but Jesus made it evident that the Spirit’s presence within this community and the Spirit’s working through it would make this new organization unique in the world.”

# Spirit in Acts

- Spirit spoke through the OT authors
- Spirit is poured out on believers
- Believers receive the Spirit and are converted
- Believers are filled with the Spirit
- Spirit spoke through certain persons
- Some opposed or lied to the Spirit
- Spirit directed decisions or actions
- church is comforted by the Spirit

# Spirit in Acts



- The church is always forming even while it is reforming
- Sharing of good news had three results:
  1. spreading of gospel message
  2. growth and development of the church
  3. influence of the gospel and growing church in various cultural contexts
- The leading of the church by the Spirit creates a church that is missionary by nature

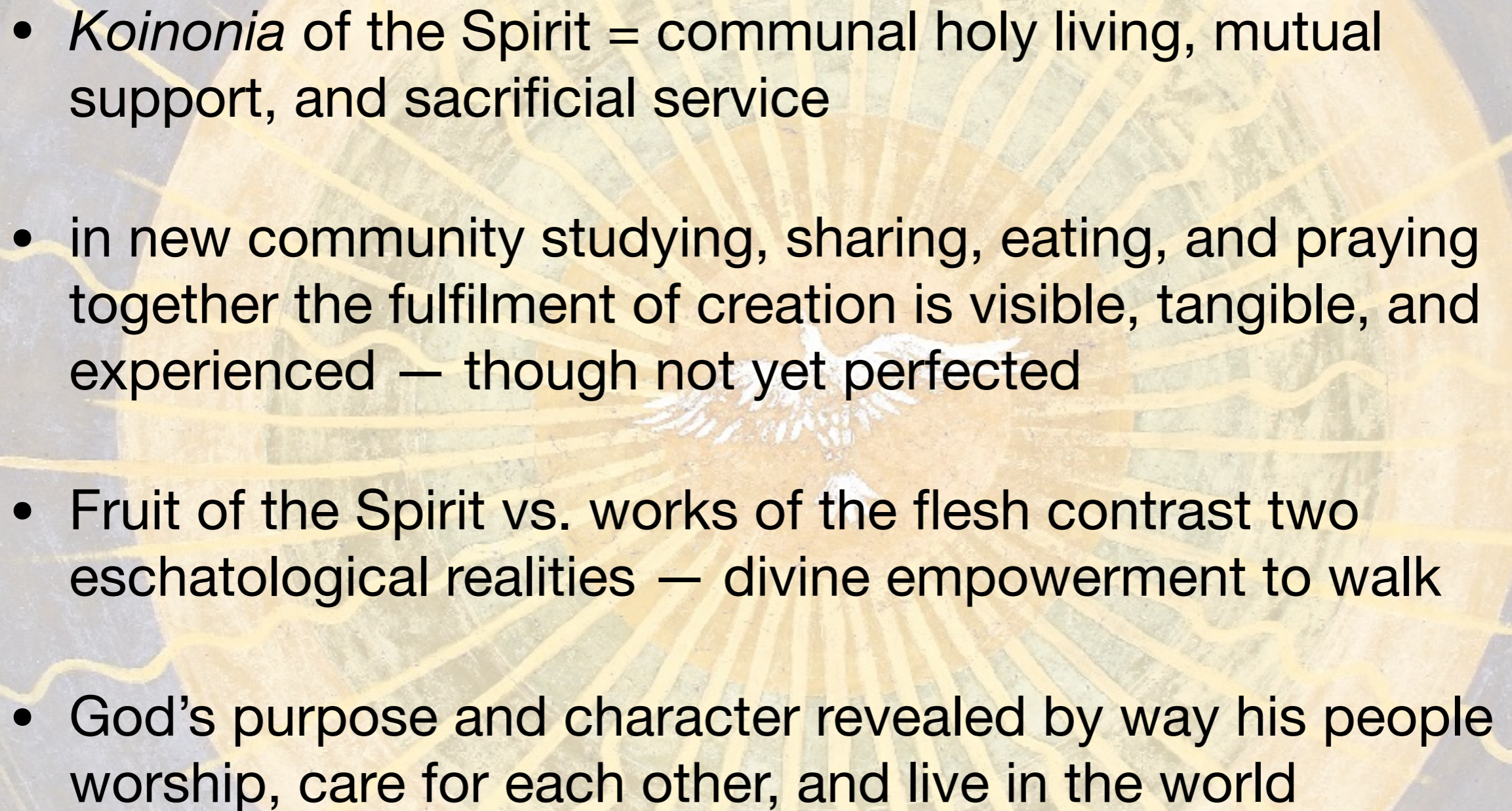
# Spirit in the Church

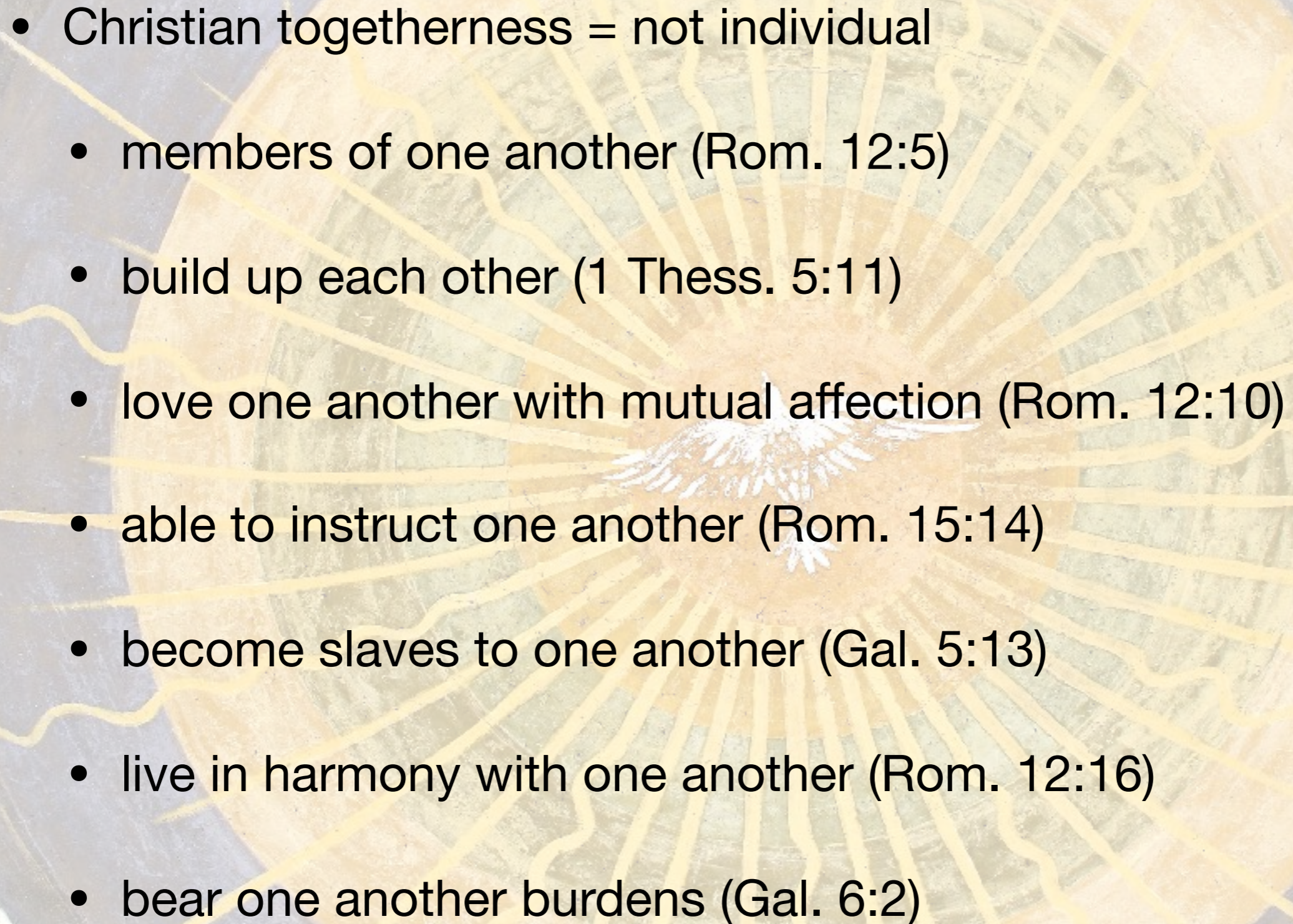
1. Spirit creates a new type of reconciled community through redemption and gives community new identity as church of Jesus Christ
2. Spirit gives and empowers leadership to guide these communities
3. Spirit leads these communities into sanctified living consistent with new nature in Christ
4. Spirit leads these communities into active ministry
5. Spirit leads these communities into world to unmask principalities and powers through suffering service



**The Church  
*is*  
the Mission**

(Being before doing or doing flowing out of being)

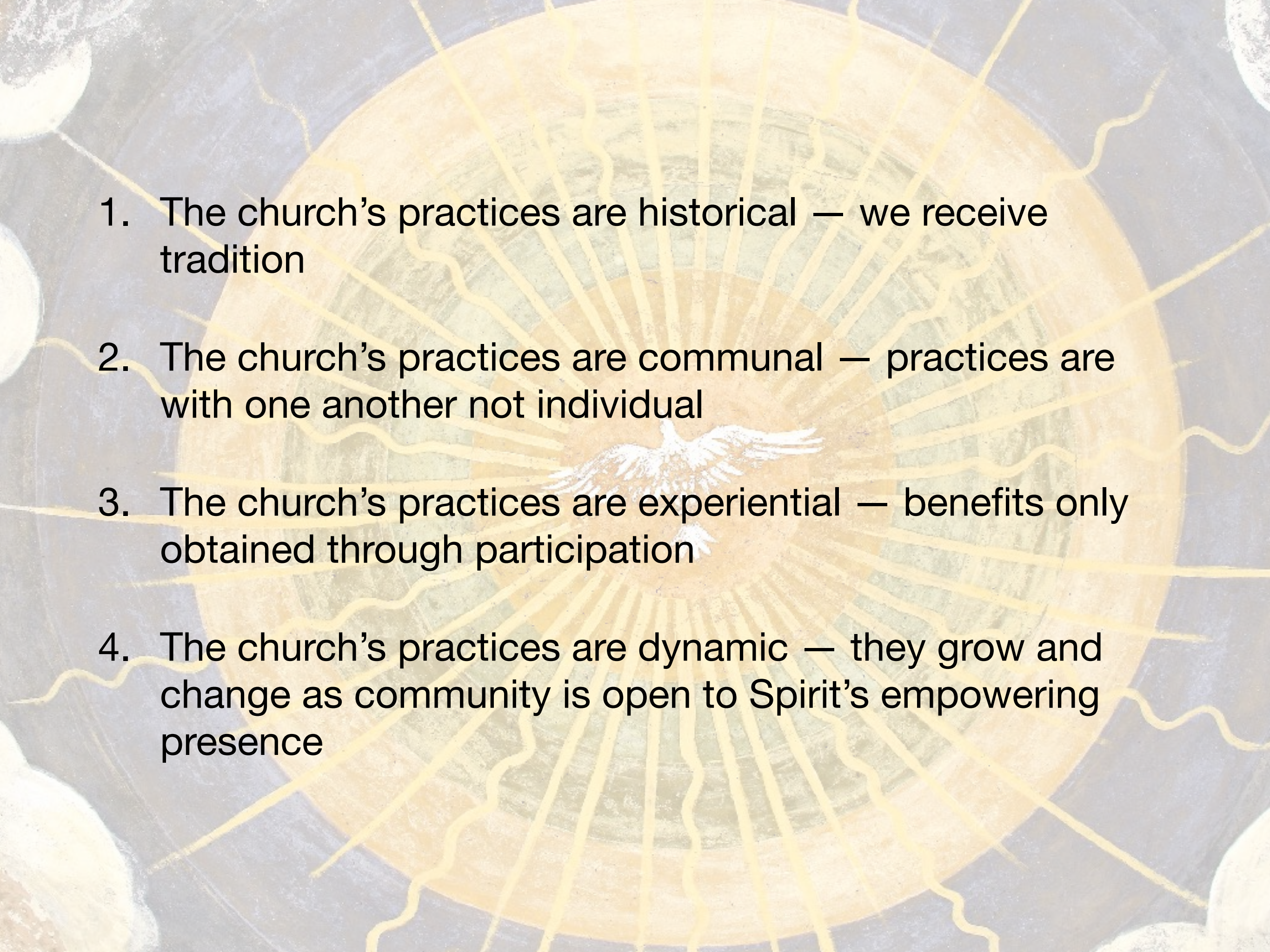
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- *Koinonia* of the Spirit = communal holy living, mutual support, and sacrificial service
  - in new community studying, sharing, eating, and praying together the fulfilment of creation is visible, tangible, and experienced — though not yet perfected
  - Fruit of the Spirit vs. works of the flesh contrast two eschatological realities — divine empowerment to walk
  - God's purpose and character revealed by way his people worship, care for each other, and live in the world

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- Christian togetherness = not individual
    - members of one another (Rom. 12:5)
    - build up each other (1 Thess. 5:11)
    - love one another with mutual affection (Rom. 12:10)
    - able to instruct one another (Rom. 15:14)
    - become slaves to one another (Gal. 5:13)
    - live in harmony with one another (Rom. 12:16)
    - bear one another burdens (Gal. 6:2)

# Process of Cultivating

- Need to be intentional about cultivating life together
- We are all socialized, only question is how?
- Church is to be an alternative social reality so is called to teach people how to talk, how to act, how to fight, how to love, how to see the world in a peculiar Christlike way
- Ecclesial Practices: “The cultivation of a people who follow the way of Jesus Christ is a lifelong process of participation in ‘a community that embodies language, rituals, and moral practices from which this particular form of life grows...[because] the Christian gospel is at once belief that involves behaviour and a behaviour that involves belief.’”

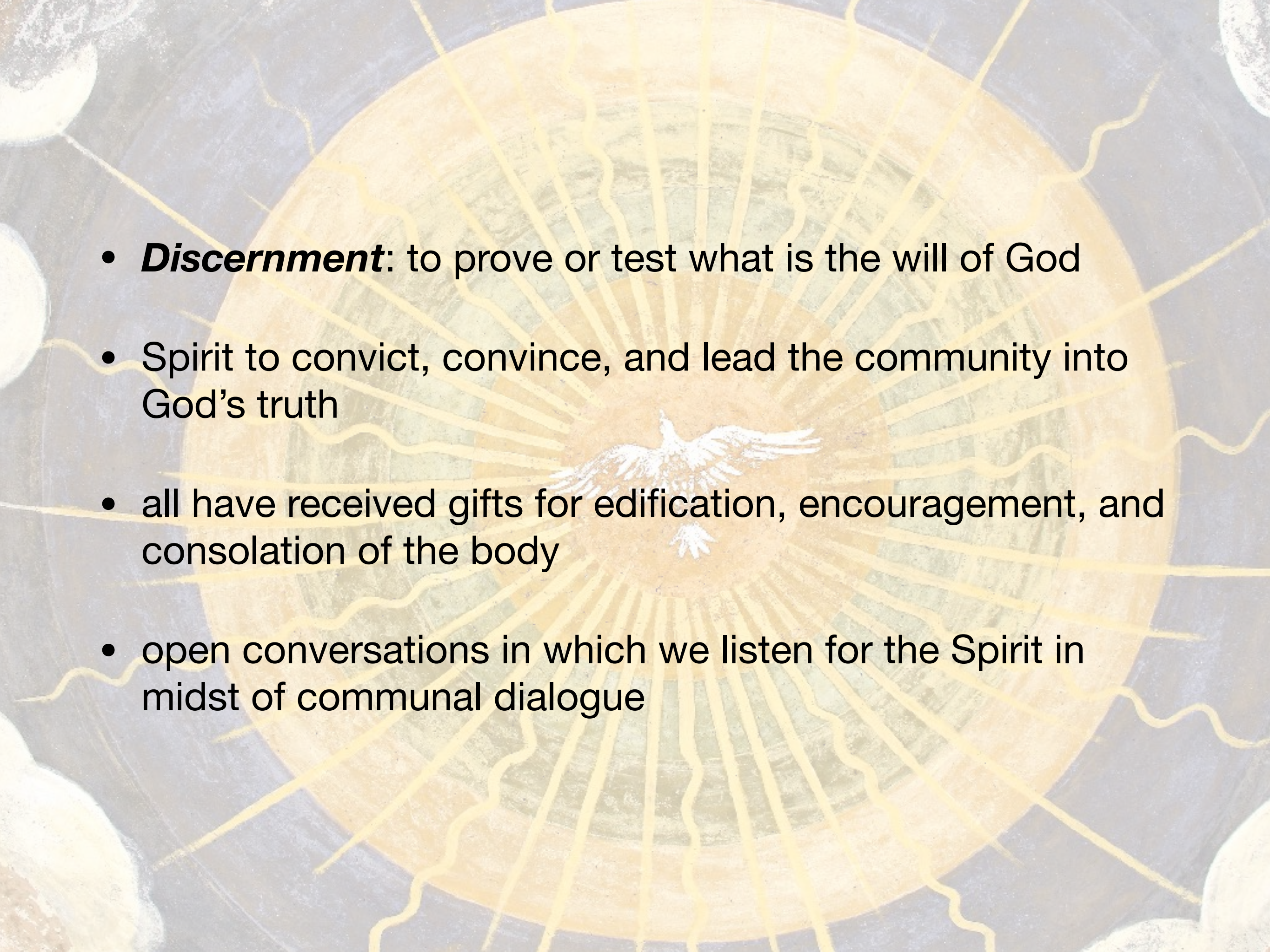


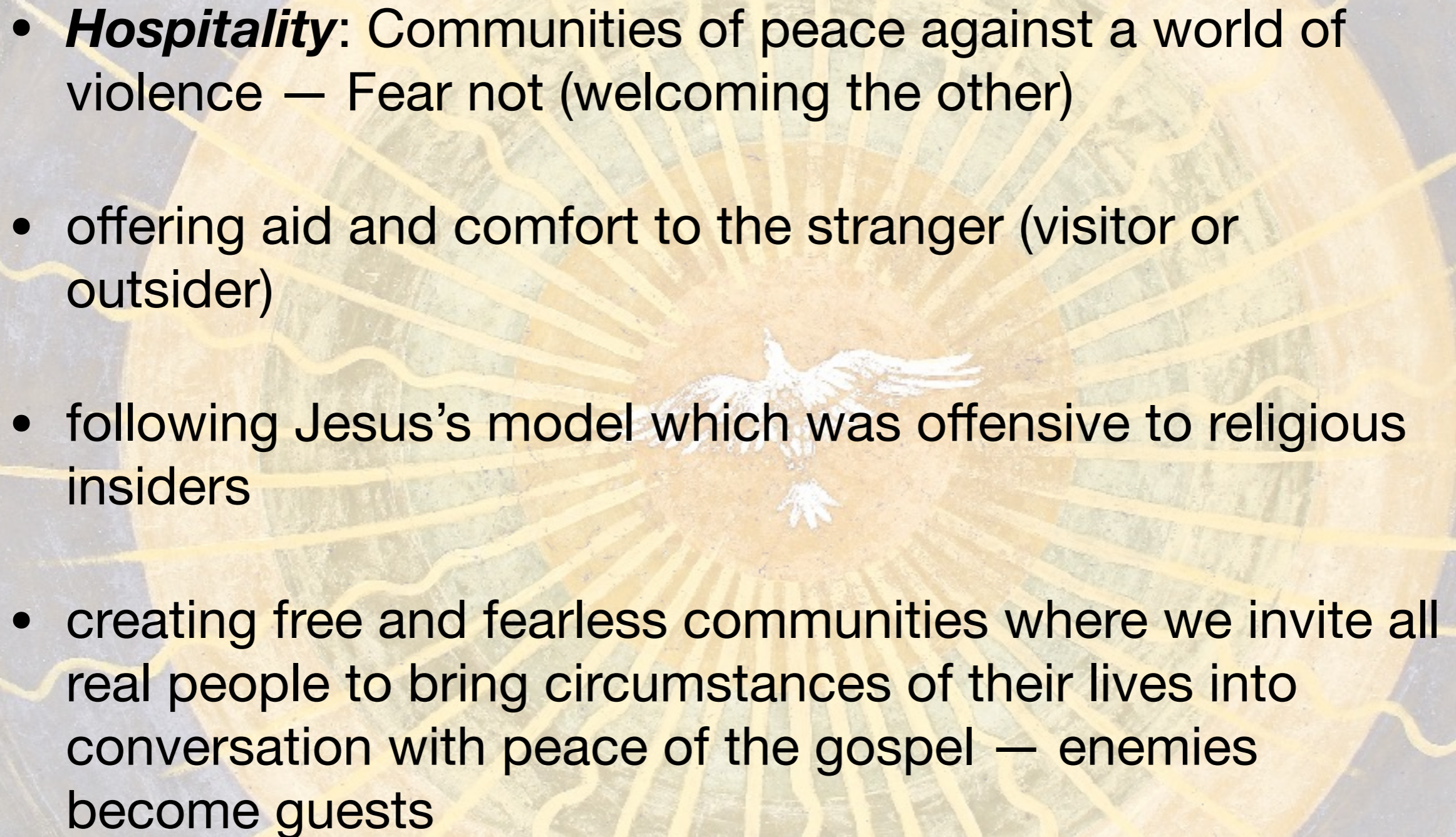
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1. The church's practices are historical — we receive tradition
  2. The church's practices are communal — practices are with one another not individual
  3. The church's practices are experiential — benefits only obtained through participation
  4. The church's practices are dynamic — they grow and change as community is open to Spirit's empowering presence

# Social Embodiment of Reign of God

- ***Baptism***: an event of God's revelation and presence
- we are drowned to show forth new life
- forms new people (communal life)
- ***Breaking Bread***: remembered hope; life sustained
- common table: social boundaries broken
- community invite the hungry to the table

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- ***Reconciliation***: ambassadors of Christ need to embody reconciliation
  - practice of repentance
  - to bind and loose = to hold responsible or forgive
  - ***community of forgiveness***: willingness to recognize need for forgiveness
  - watching over each other in love: admonition and forgiveness

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- ***Discernment***: to prove or test what is the will of God
  - Spirit to convict, convince, and lead the community into God's truth
  - all have received gifts for edification, encouragement, and consolation of the body
  - open conversations in which we listen for the Spirit in midst of communal dialogue

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- ***Hospitality***: Communities of peace against a world of violence — Fear not (welcoming the other)
  - offering aid and comfort to the stranger (visitor or outsider)
  - following Jesus's model which was offensive to religious insiders
  - creating free and fearless communities where we invite all real people to bring circumstances of their lives into conversation with peace of the gospel — enemies become guests

# Bibliography

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