

Has the CHURCH lost her VOICE?



RECOVERING
THE AUTHORITY
OF THE CHURCH
IN THE WORLD

CORE
CONFERENCE

THE AUTHORITY OF THE CHURCH IN COUNSELING



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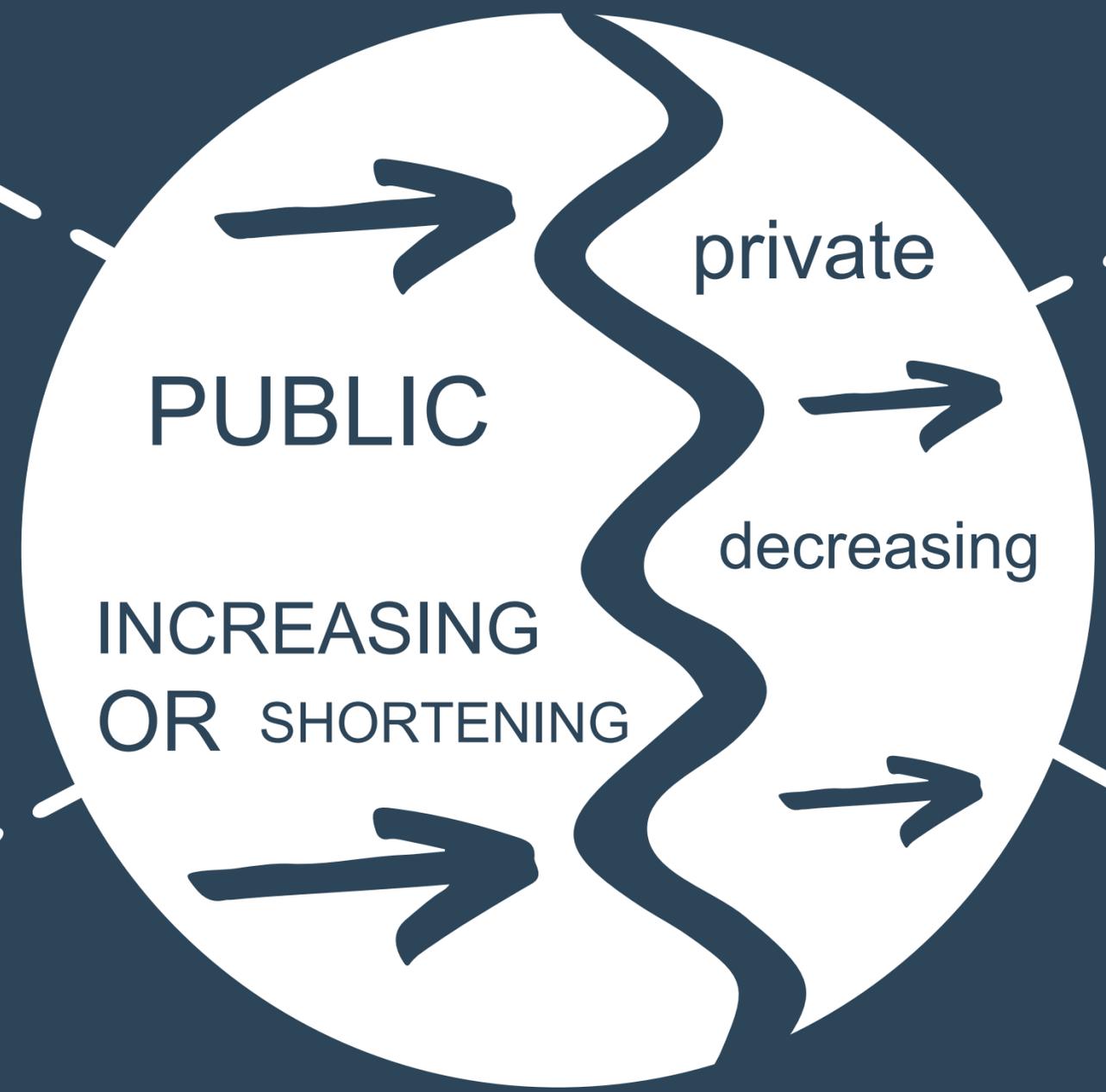
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CHURCHES

ALL ABOUT
PREACHING

ONE ON ONE
GETTING
RARE

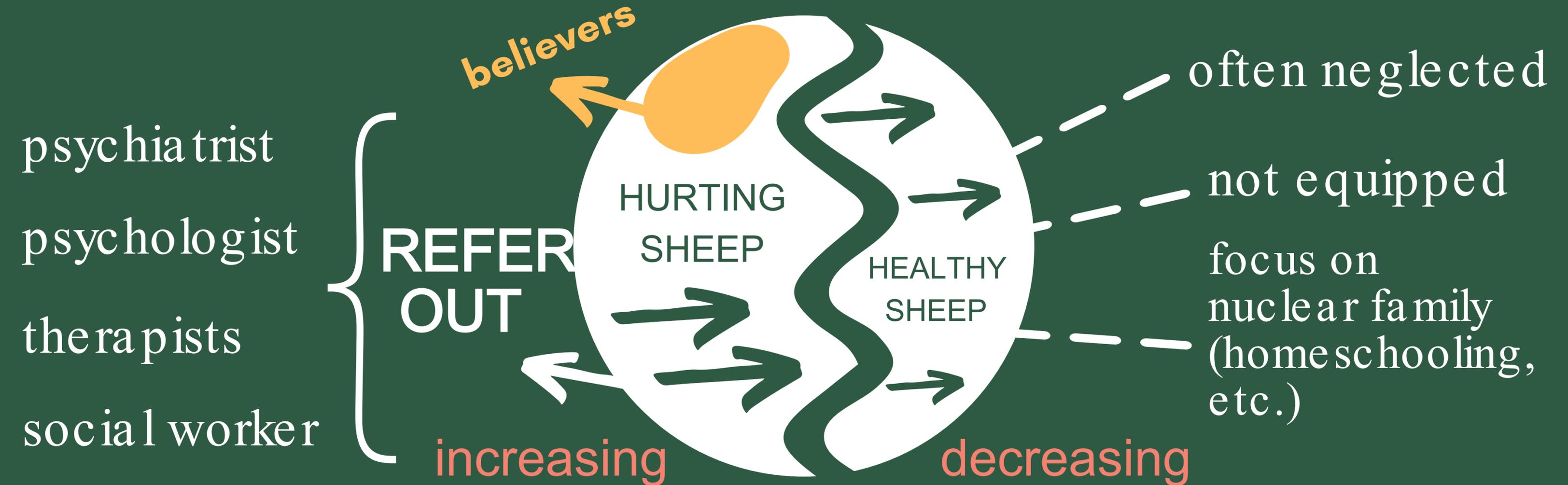


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MOSTLY FOR
GROUPS OF
WOMEN & MEN

LESS
SERVICES

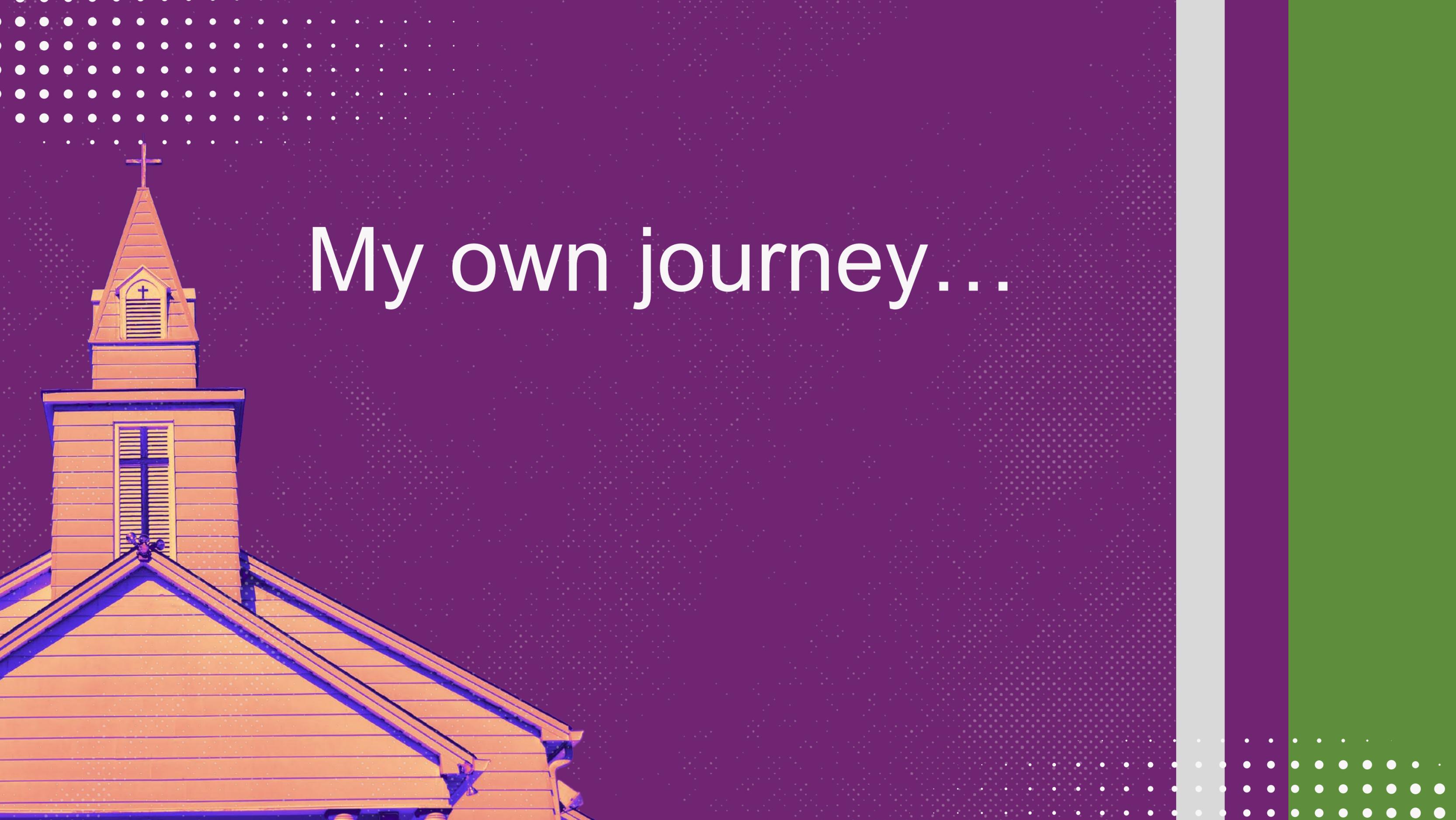
MINISTRY OF GOD'S WORD

CHURCHES

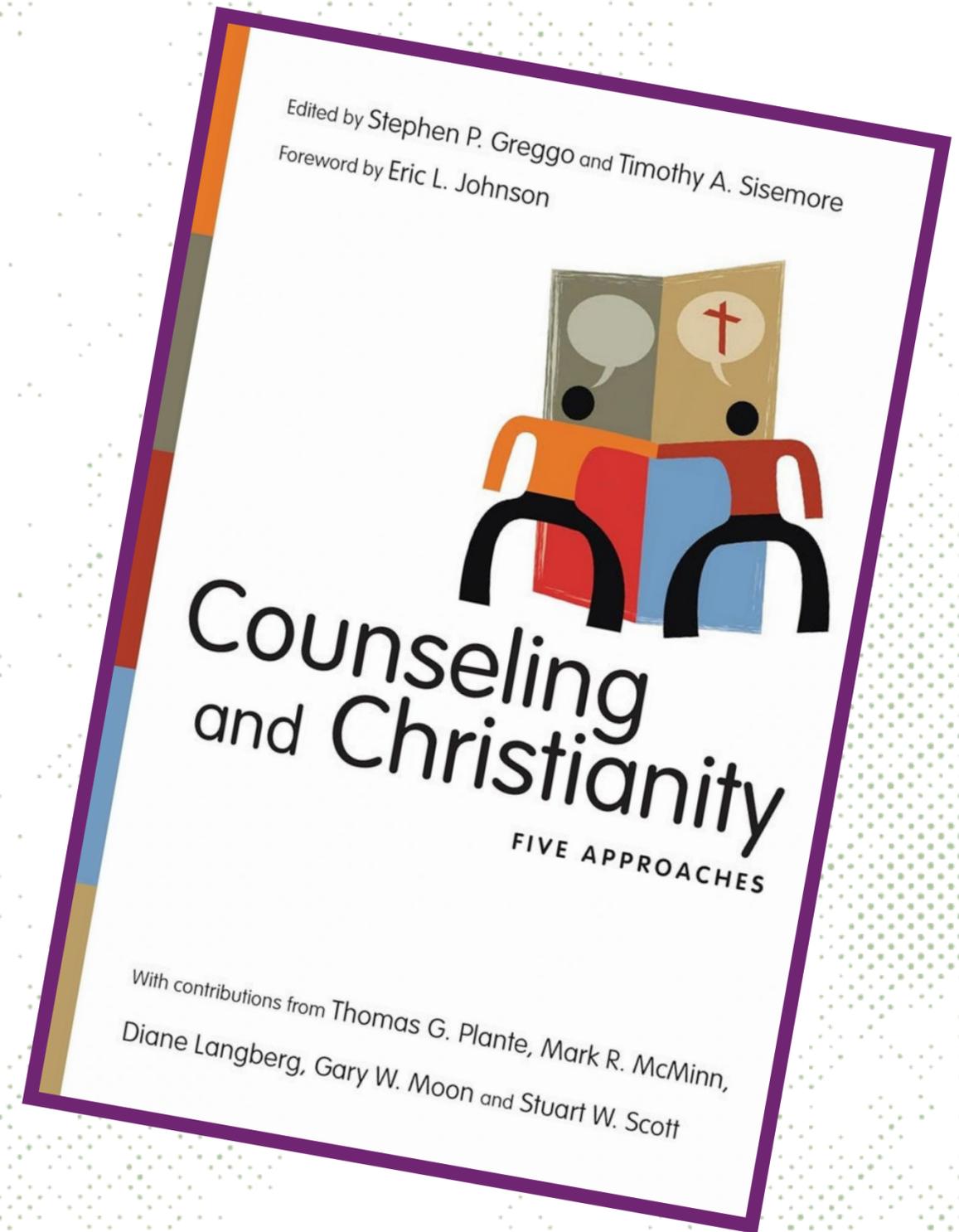
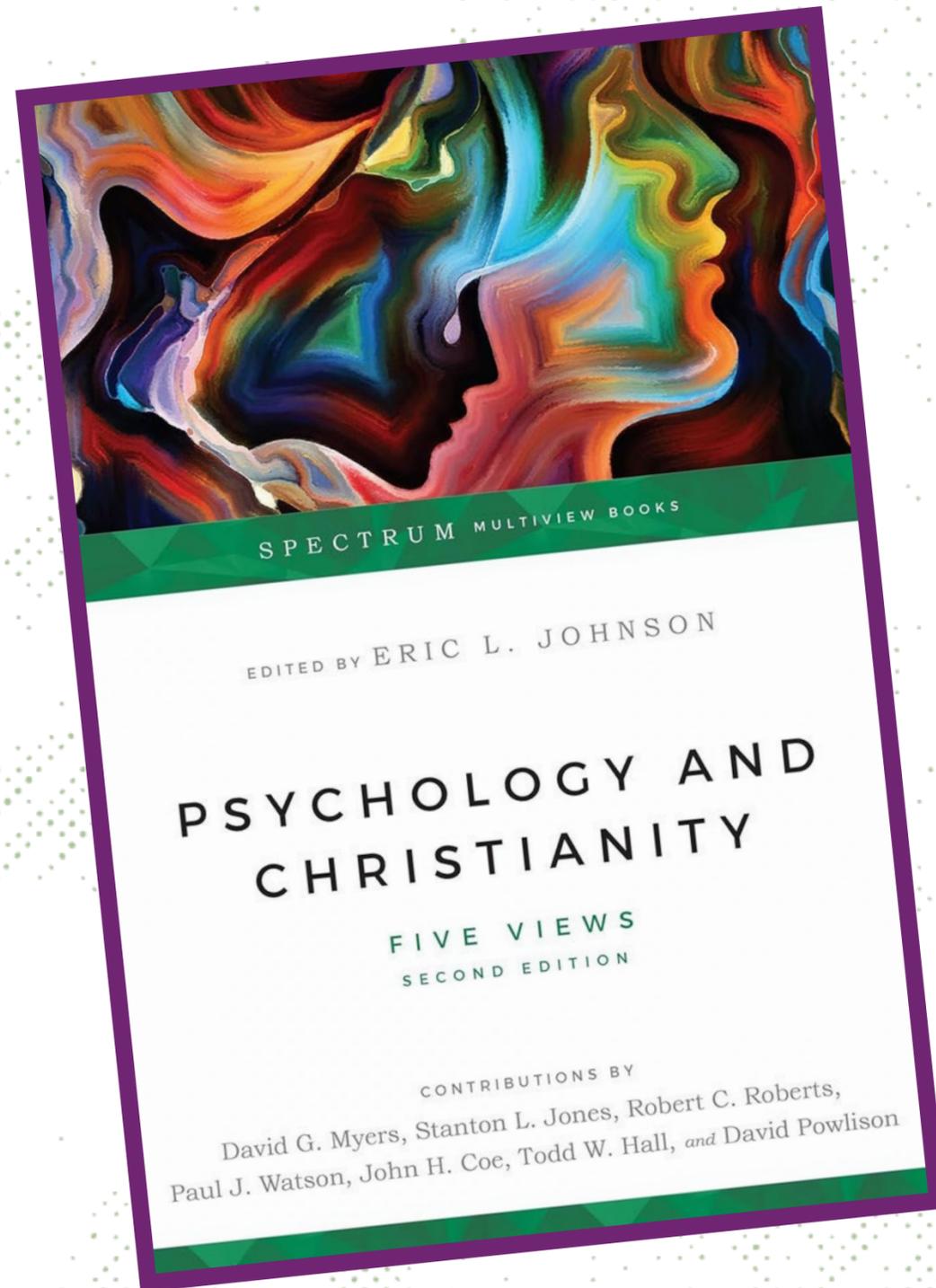


DEALING WITH MEMBER CARE

- ▶ Church attendance declining
- ▶ Those seeing church as not that helpful



My own journey...



HOW DO WE UNDERSTAND IT?

AUTHORITY

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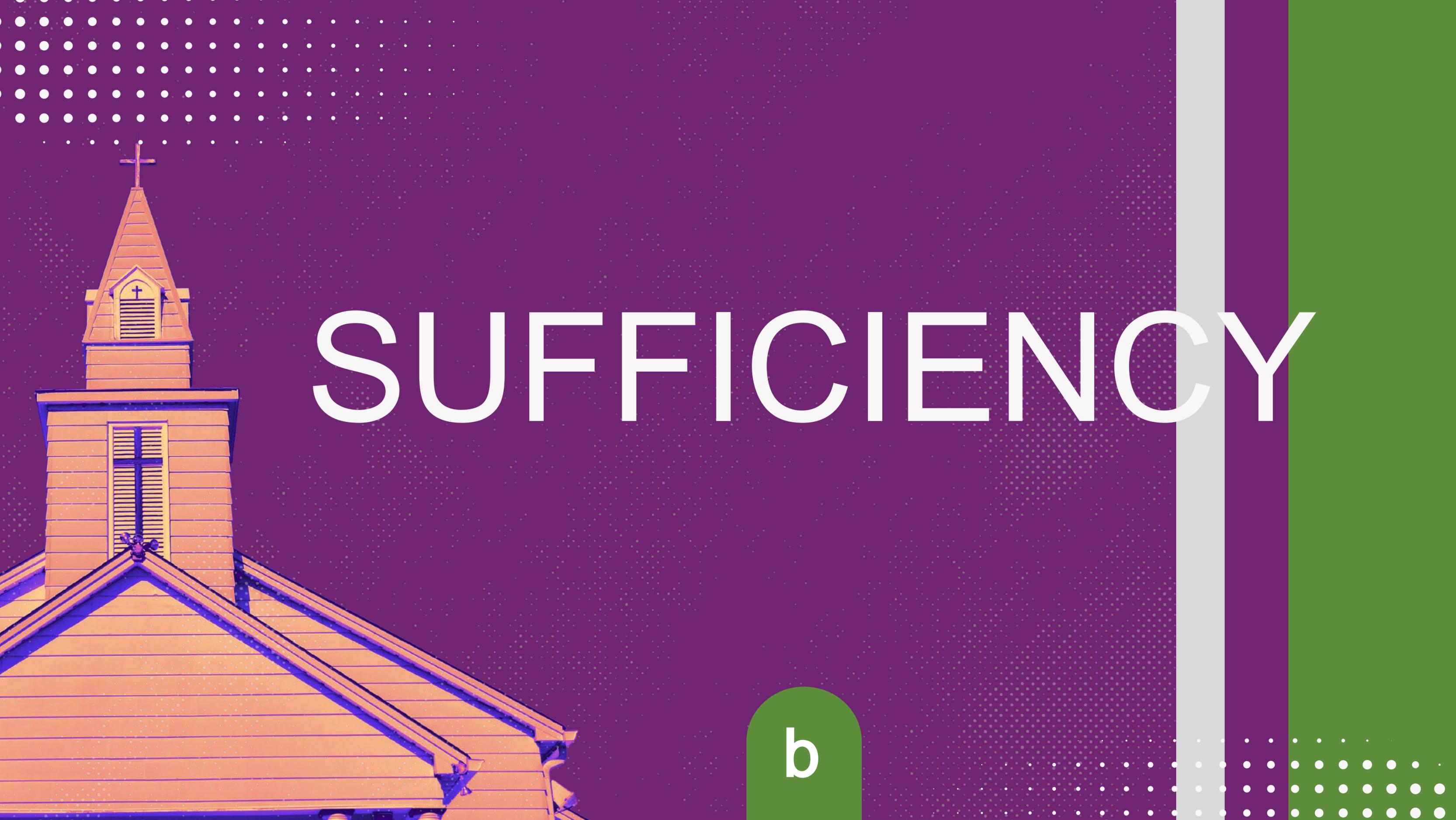
Authority

“ Authority,...is the moral right or license to make decisions with that power...every authority or authorization has boundaries or limits...or what we might call a jurisdiction....The Creator alone has absolute and comprehensive authority....”

Jonathan Leeman, *Authority*, p.24-25.”

2 Tim 3:15-17

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SUFFICIENCY

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2 Peter 1:3ff

His divine power has granted to us all things that pertain to life and godliness, through the knowledge of him who called us to his own glory and excellence,...

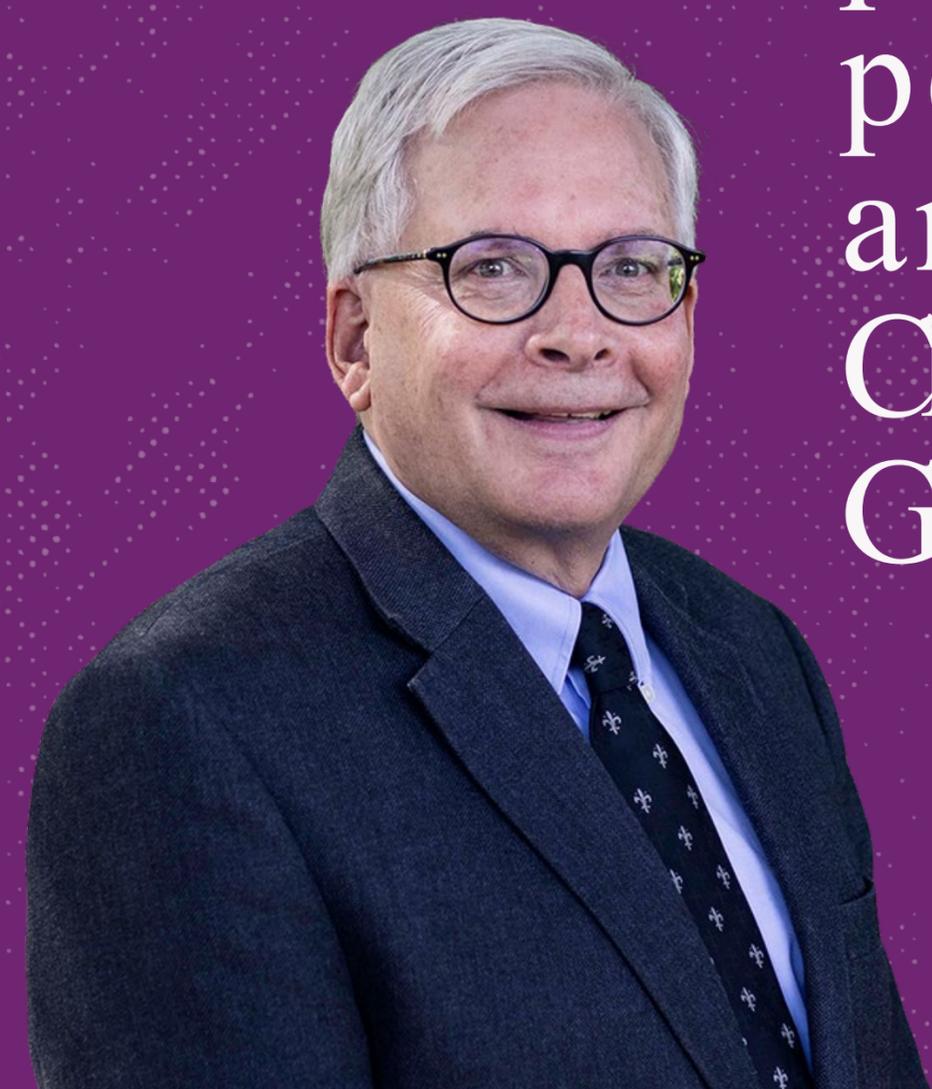


“The Bible contains all we need to know about God’s will and live a life pleasing to him.”

Dr. Heath Lambert



“ Sufficiency is an attribute of Scripture whereby it provides everything that people need to be saved and everything that Christians need to please God fully. ”



Dr. Gregg Allison

Counseling for the Saints must be truly biblical

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ACBC on Biblical Counseling

Biblical counseling is the personal discipleship ministry of God's people to others under the oversight of God's church, dependent upon the authority and sufficiency of God's Word through the work of the Holy Spirit...

Jay Adams on Biblical Counseling

“It is truly biblical... It is counseling that from start to finish is founded upon Scriptural principles and practices.

It is exegetically based. It is theologically competent. It is anchored in eternal truth that does not change...”

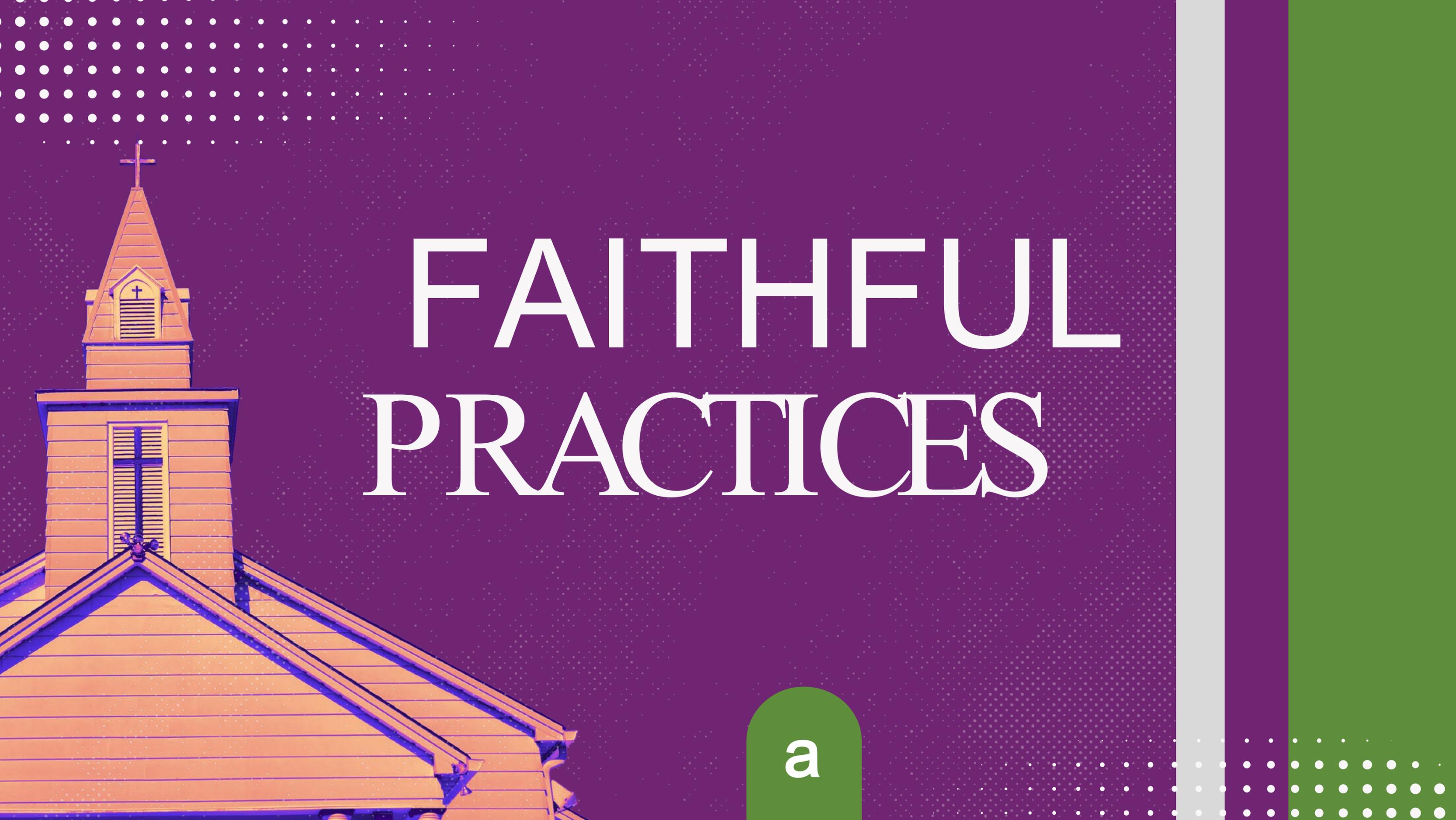


The place of the church in counseling the saints

- ➔ Under the church
- ➔ Leadership Oversight
- ➔ Counselor's Involvement



HOW DO WE HONOR IT, OR NOT?



FAITHFUL PRACTICES

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1. Criticism: reader over text



READER



TEXT

reader has last word

2. Dialogue: reader beside text



TEXT



3. Submission: reader
under text



Text (or God)
has last word

READER



FAITHFUL PRACTICES

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UNFAITHFUL PRACTICES

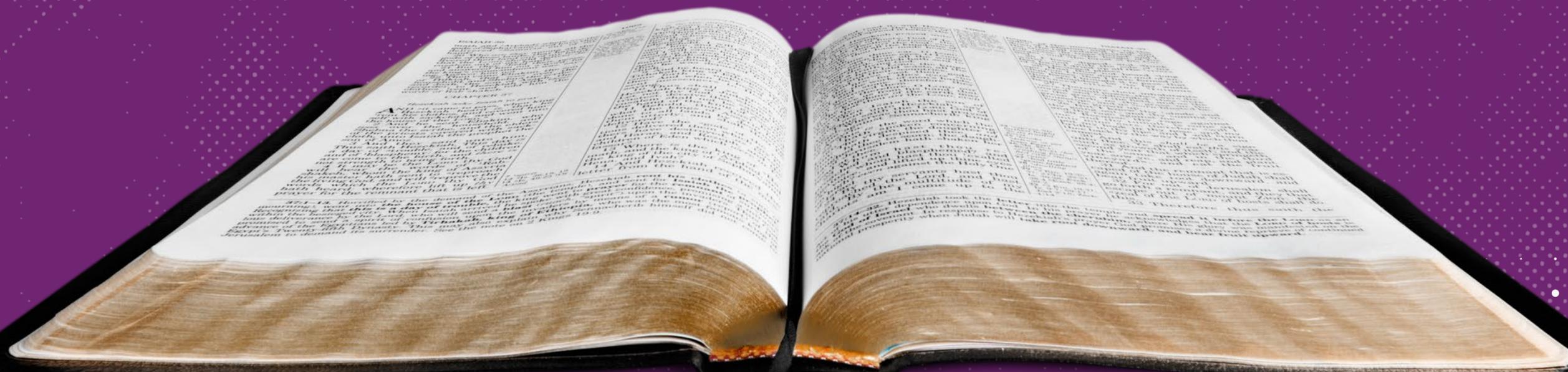
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- ➔ Ignore, neglect, and avoid
- ➔ Use various excuses
- ➔ Commit to man's wisdom and stay uninformed concerning God's Word
- ➔ Integrate sec. methodologies
- ➔ Refer to inadequate, ill-equipped or harmful counselors



Only biblical counseling can truly be authoritative and sufficient because it only draws from God's Word what is needed for salvation and sanctification.



HOW CAN WE ACCOMPLISH IT?



→ Instruction

→ Reproof

→ Correction

→ Training in Righteousness



Let God's Word be read,
practiced and heard both
publicly AND privately as
we minister to the souls
of people around us."

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