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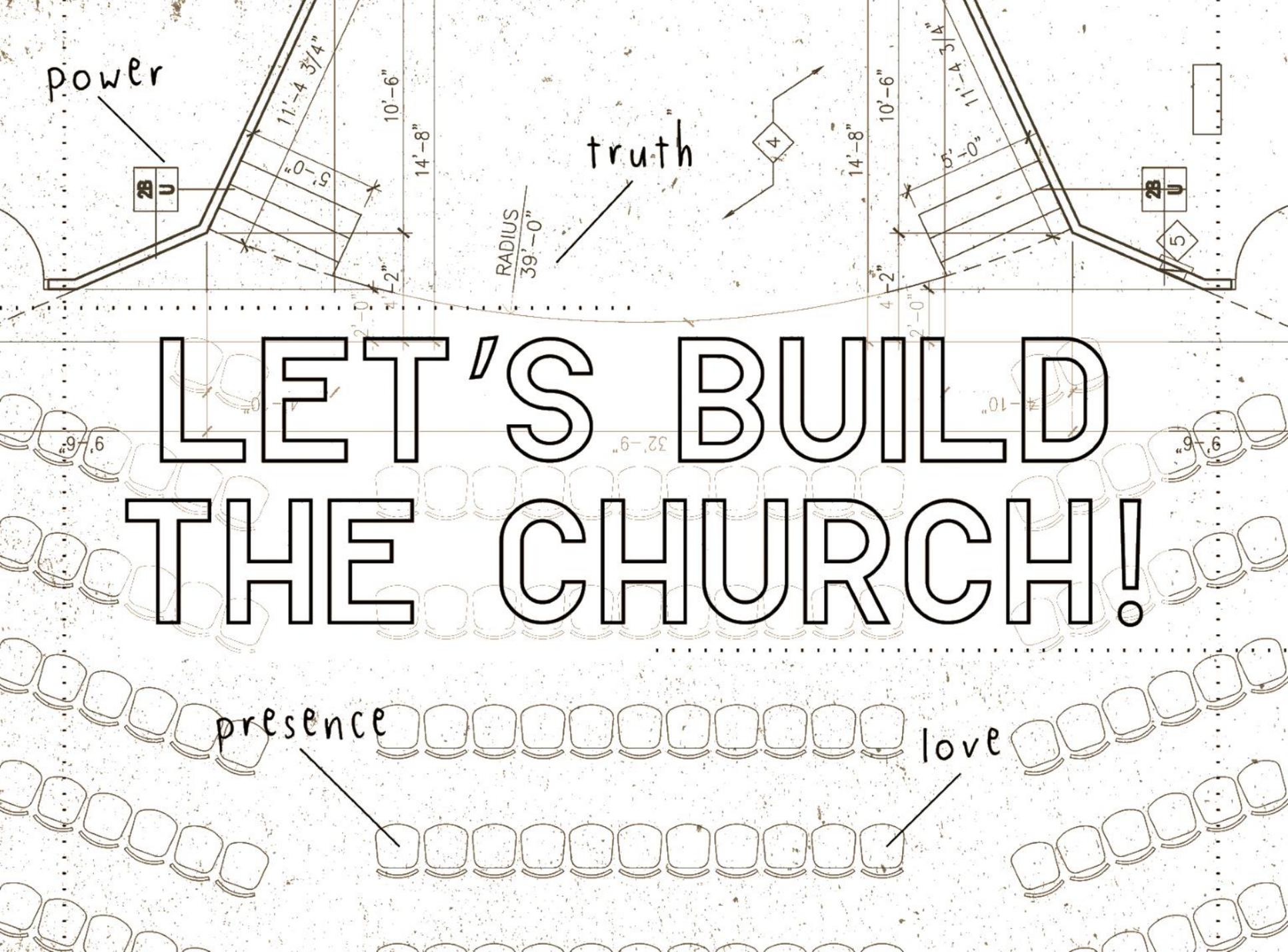
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# LET'S BUILD THE CHURCH!

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love



# **Bringing God's Presence**

# **Desiring God's Presence**

**I long, yes, I faint with  
longing to enter the courts  
of the LORD. With my  
whole being, body and  
soul, I will shout joyfully to  
the living God.**

**(Psalm 84:2)**

# **Seeking God's Presence**

**What joy for those  
whose strength comes  
from the LORD, who have  
set their minds on a  
pilgrimage to Jerusalem  
(Psalm 84:5)**

# **Seeking God's Presence**

- **Worship**
- **Community**
- **Scripture**
- **Sacred reading**
- **Sacred listening**
- **Prayer**
- **Creating space for God**
- **A journey of transformation**

# **Finding God's Presence**

**For the LORD God is our  
sun and our shield. He gives  
us grace and glory. The LORD  
will withhold no good  
thing from those who do what  
is right. O LORD of Heaven's  
Armies, what joy for those  
who trust in you.  
(Psalm 84:11-12)**

# **Bringing God's Presence**

**How lovely is your  
dwelling place, O LORD of  
Heaven's Armies.**

**(Psalm 84:1)**

# **Bringing God's Presence**

**Don't you realize that all of  
you together are the  
temple of God and that the  
Spirit of God lives in you?  
(1 Corinthians 3:16)**

# **Bringing God's Presence**

**Don't you realize that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit, who lives in you and was given to you by God? (1 Corinthians 6:19a)**

# **Bringing God's Presence**

***We incarnate God's  
presence.***

# **How Do We Bring God's Presence?**

- **Pray for them**
- **Listen to them**
- **See needs and meet them**
- **Tell them about how God has blessed us**
- **Demonstrate Kingdom power**
- **Forgive those who have hurt you**
- **Pray with a child**
- **The list goes on and on**

# **God with Us**

**A single day in your courts  
is better than a thousand  
anywhere else! I would  
rather be a gatekeeper in  
the house of my God than  
live the good life in the  
homes of the wicked.**

**(Psalm 84:10)**

# **How Bringing God's Presence Moves Every Person toward Jesus**

**<sup>14</sup> But thank God! He has made us his captives and continues to lead us along in Christ's triumphal procession. Now he uses us to spread the knowledge of Christ everywhere, like a sweet perfume.**

# **How Bringing God's Presence Moves Every Person toward Jesus**

**15 Our lives are a Christ-like fragrance rising up to God.**

**But this fragrance is perceived differently by those who are being saved and by those who are perishing.**

# **How Bringing God's Presence Moves Every Person toward Jesus**

**16 To those who are perishing, we are a dreadful smell of death and doom. But to those who are being saved, we are a life-giving perfume. And who is adequate for such a task as this?  
(2 Corinthians 2:14-16)**

# Challenge

- 1. Listen to your desire for more of God's presence.**
- 2. Seek more of God's presence for yourself.**
- 3. Live aware that you are a walking, talking temple bringing God's presence wherever you go.**
- 4. Look for at least one opportunity this week to intentionally bring God's presence to another person or group of people.**

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