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EVERGREEN BAPTIST CHURCH OF LOS ANGELES

THE 4 LAWS OF THERMODYNAMICS

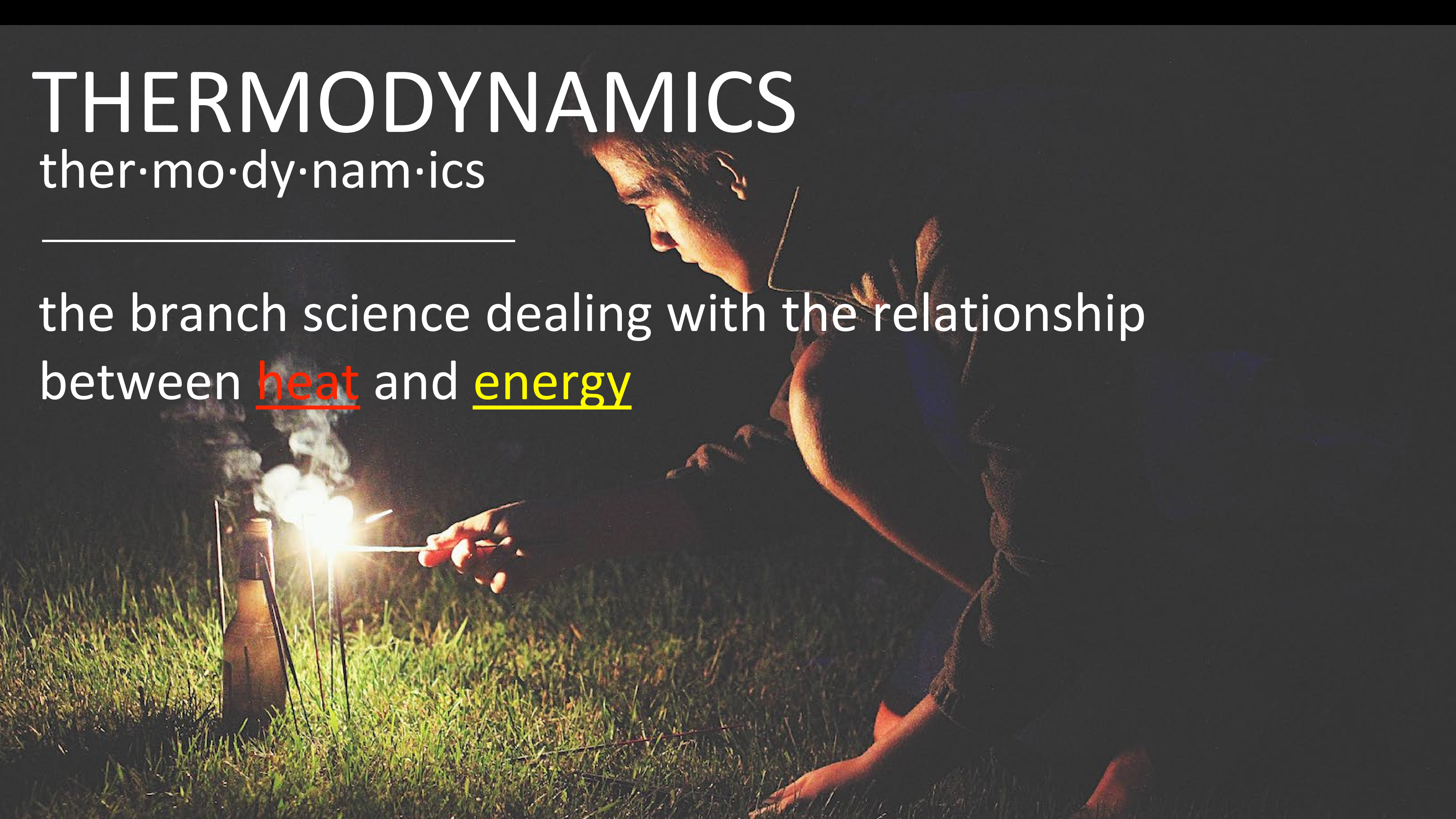
CREATING A COMMUNITY OF DIVINE WARMTH

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THERMODYNAMICS

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the branch science dealing with the relationship
between heat and energy



THERMODYNAMIC OPPORTUNITIES

LEARN: Sunday School; CLASS; PT Bible Study

MEET: Small Groups; Fellowship Groups

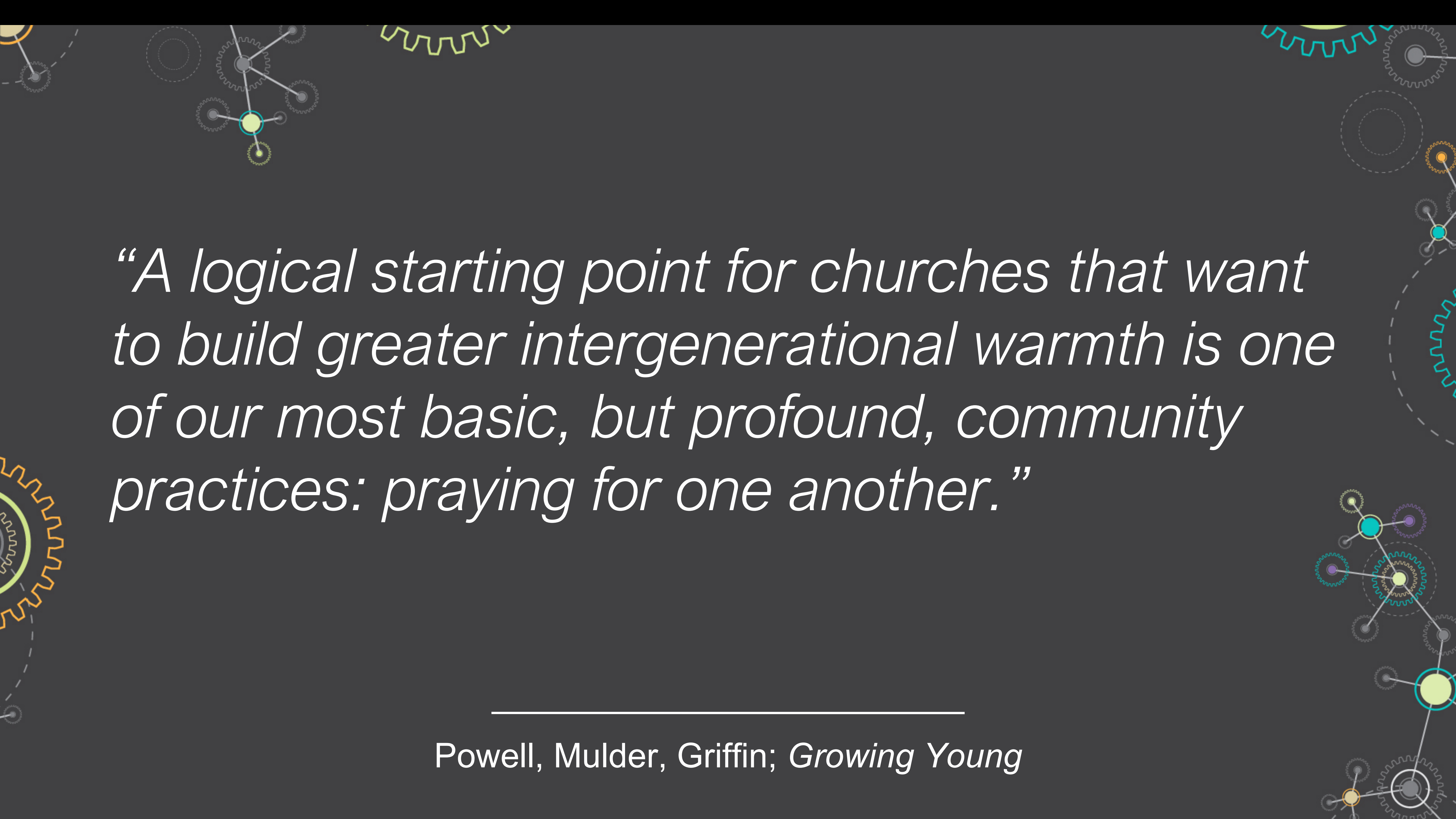
EAT: Sunday lunches, Super Bowl party

⁴² They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread **and to prayer.** ⁴⁴ All the believers were together and had everything in common.



PRAY TOGETHER.



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“A logical starting point for churches that want to build greater intergenerational warmth is one of our most basic, but profound, community practices: praying for one another.”

Powell, Mulder, Griffin; *Growing Young*



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“Prayer is a relationship I’m cultivating more than a discipline I’m practicing.”

Alan Fadling; *Inhaling Grace*



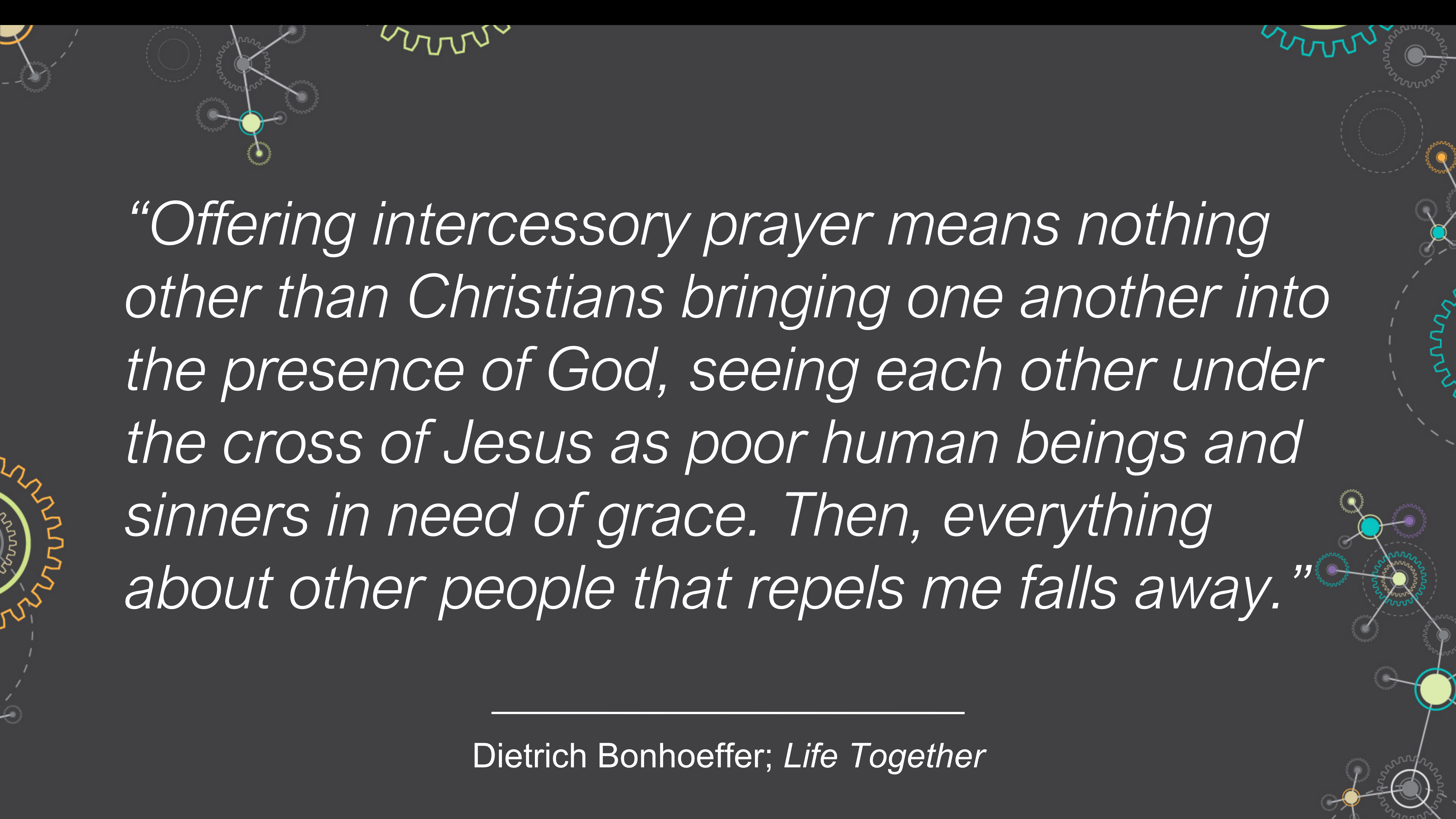
²³ On their release, Peter and John went back to their own people and reported all that the chief priests and the elders had said to them. ²⁴ When they heard this, they raised their voices together in prayer to God.

³¹ After they prayed, the place where they were meeting was shaken. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and spoke the word of God boldly. ³² All the believers were one in heart and mind. No one claimed that any of their possessions was their own, but they shared everything they had.



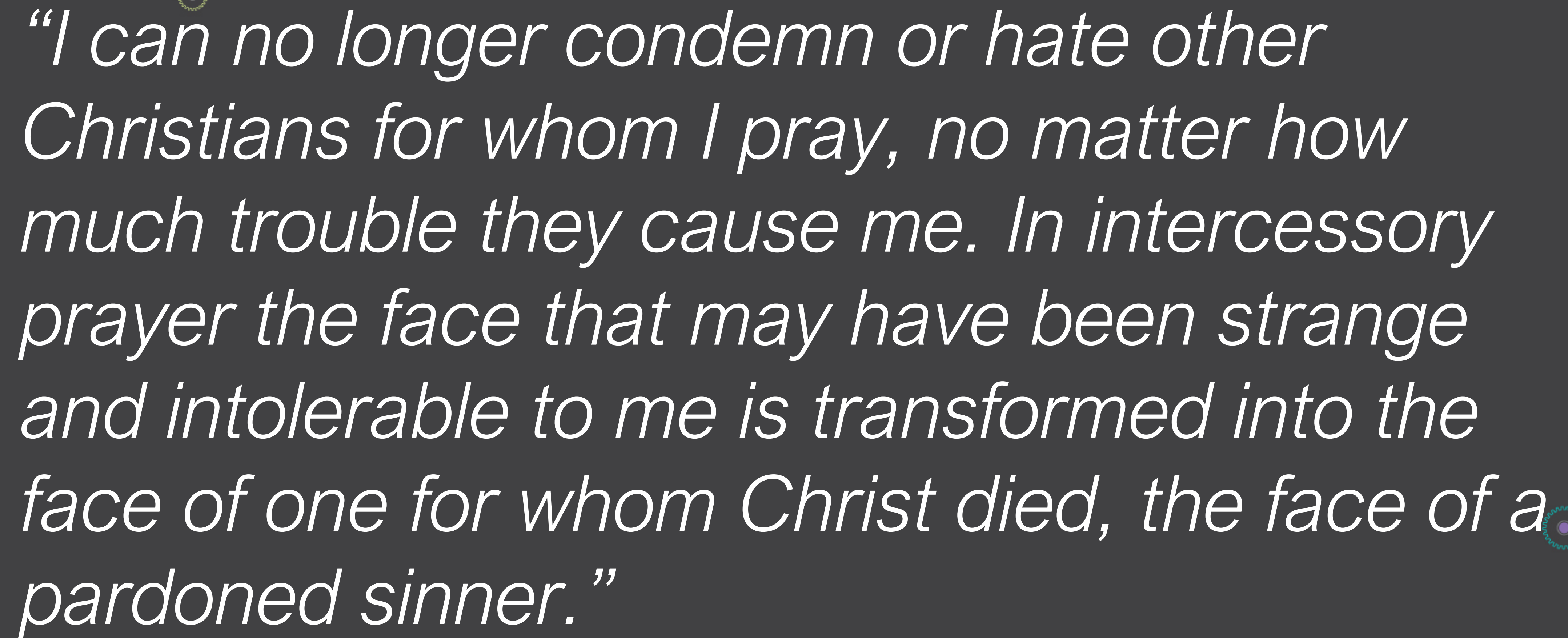


⁴⁵ They sold property and possessions to give to anyone who had need. ⁴⁶ Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts. They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts, ⁴⁷ praising God and enjoying the favor of all the people. And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved.

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“Offering intercessory prayer means nothing other than Christians bringing one another into the presence of God, seeing each other under the cross of Jesus as poor human beings and sinners in need of grace. Then, everything about other people that repels me falls away.”

Dietrich Bonhoeffer; *Life Together*

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“I can no longer condemn or hate other Christians for whom I pray, no matter how much trouble they cause me. In intercessory prayer the face that may have been strange and intolerable to me is transformed into the face of one for whom Christ died, the face of a pardoned sinner.”

Dietrich Bonhoeffer; *Life Together*

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BENEDICTION*



³ I thank my God every time I remember you. ⁴ In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy ⁵ because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now, ⁶ being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus.

⁷ It is right for me to feel this way about all of you, since I have you in my heart and, whether I am in chains or defending and confirming the gospel, all of you share in God's grace with me. ⁸ God can testify how I long for all of you with the affection of Christ Jesus.





⁹ And this is my prayer: that your love may abound more and more in knowledge and depth of insight, ¹⁰ so that you may be able to discern what is best and may be pure and blameless for the day of Christ, ¹¹ filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ—to the glory and praise of God.