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- 3) Ministry happens in the gathered church.

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“And they were utterly astounded, for they did not understand about the loaves, but their hearts were hardened.”

Mark 6

The helping hand

Busyness
 Distractions
 Energy
 Modern life
 Stress
 Choices
 Focus
 Misplaced priorities
 Life's obligations
 Busy with work, then fatigued
 Too busy
 Self-absorbed
 Pre-occupied
 Self-involved
 Self-centered
 Selfish with my time
 Individualism: What's in it for me?

Selfishness
 Greed
 Money
 Greed vs. honesty
 Prejudice
 Laziness
 Self-will

Self-doubt
 Worn out
 Where to start?
 Overwhelming needs brings paralysis
 Overwhelmed
 Low self-worth
 Lack of confidence
 Unsure
 Too shy
 Lack of hope
 Finding tolerance
 Fear
 Fear of rejection
 Fear of speaking
 Self-fear
 Fear of the unknown
 Uncertainty of the future
 Hope
 Worry
 Anxiety
 Guilt due to my sin
 Unworthy
 Faith: Love for everyone
 Influencing people
 Unfriendliness
 People not listening
 Negativity
 Institutionalism
 Frustration
 Complacency
 Arrogance
 I should
 I try but I don't feel the deep connection
 Apathy
 Doubtful I can make a difference
 Truth
 Doubt

Fear
 Sadness
 Health
 Health issues
 Health — fears
 Fear of age
 Mother
 Parents & siblings
 Family health concerns
 Family life problems
 Family

Politics
 Political cynicism
 Political lies
 Politics are negative
 Crime
 Violence in world

Family
 The helping hand

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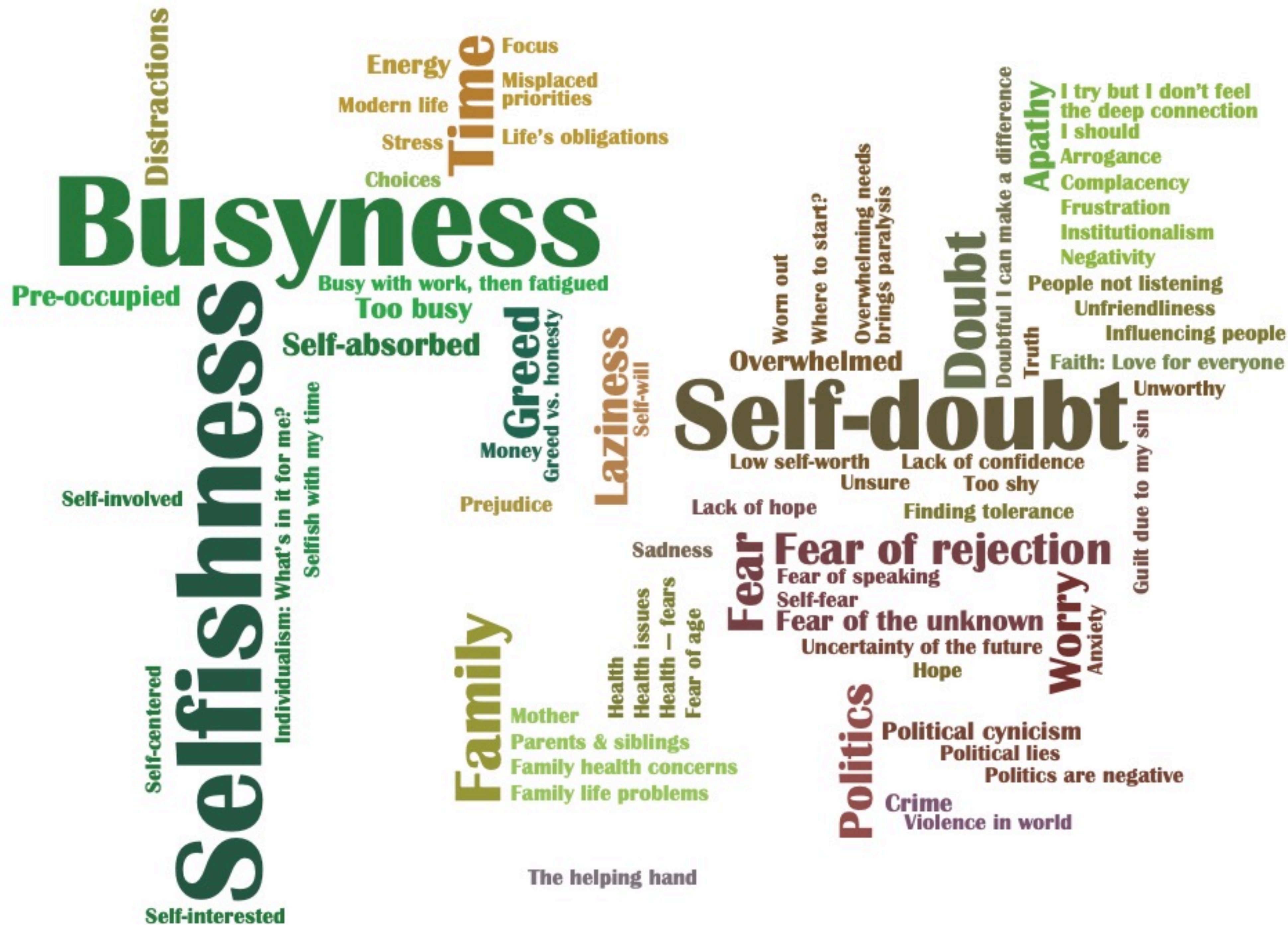
Family life problems

Health

Health issues

Health – fears

Fear of age



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The purpose of the Life of Faith initiative is to stir up a culture change that frees us to make *the service by the baptized in the arenas of daily life* the central focus of the church's mission.

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