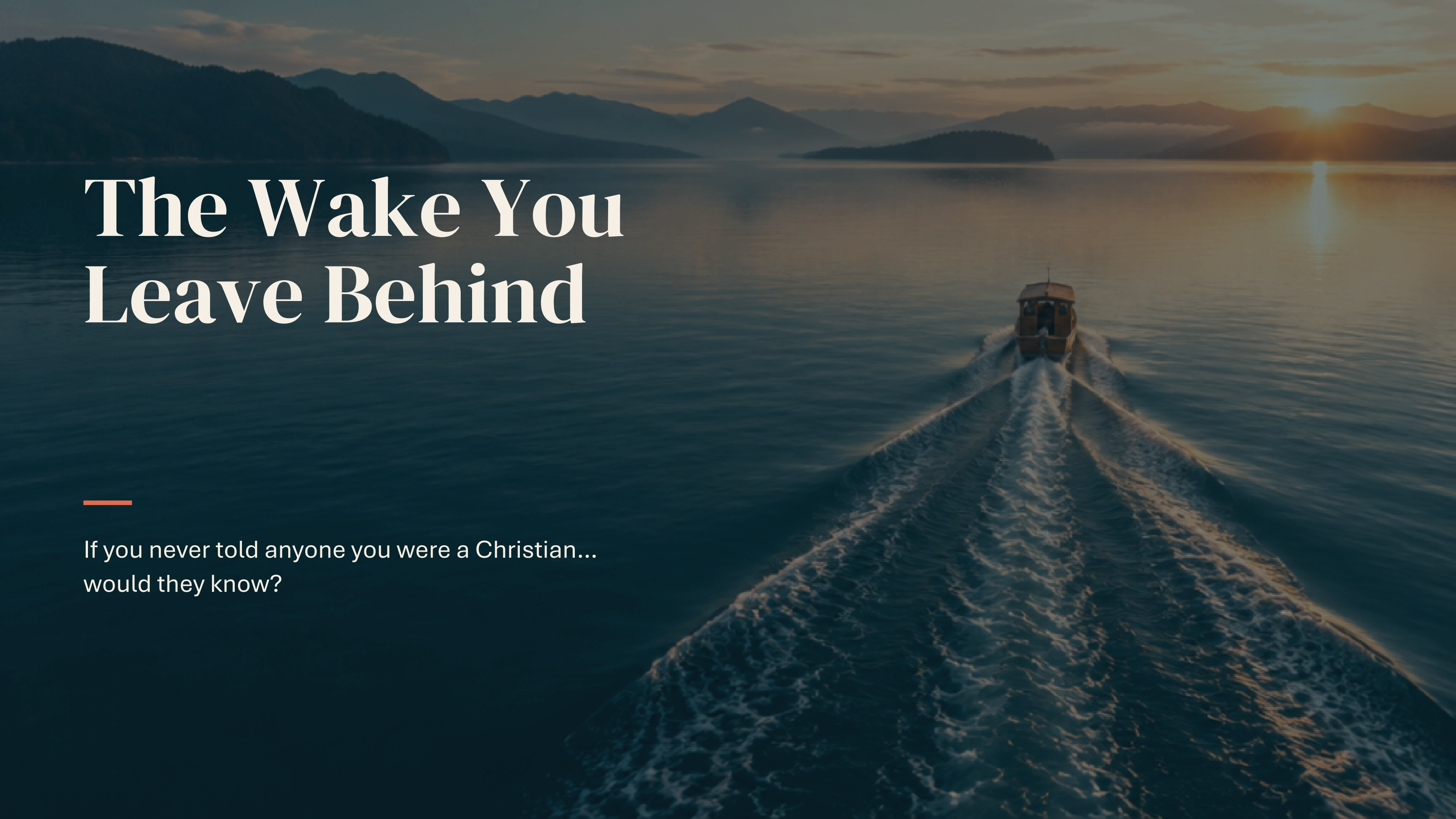


A scenic photograph of a body of water at sunset. In the foreground, a boat is moving away from the viewer, leaving a prominent white wake that splits into two main channels. The water is a deep blue-grey. In the background, there are dark, silhouetted mountains under a sky with soft, orange and yellow light from the setting sun. The sun is visible on the right side of the horizon, creating a bright reflection on the water.

The Wake You Leave Behind

If you never told anyone you were a Christian...
would they know?

Take Away the Labels



~~necklace~~ ~~church attendance~~ ~~social posts~~ ~~Christian vocabulary~~

What remains?

THE CENTRAL METAPHOR

We all leave a wake.

Every encounter moves the water
a little after we pass.





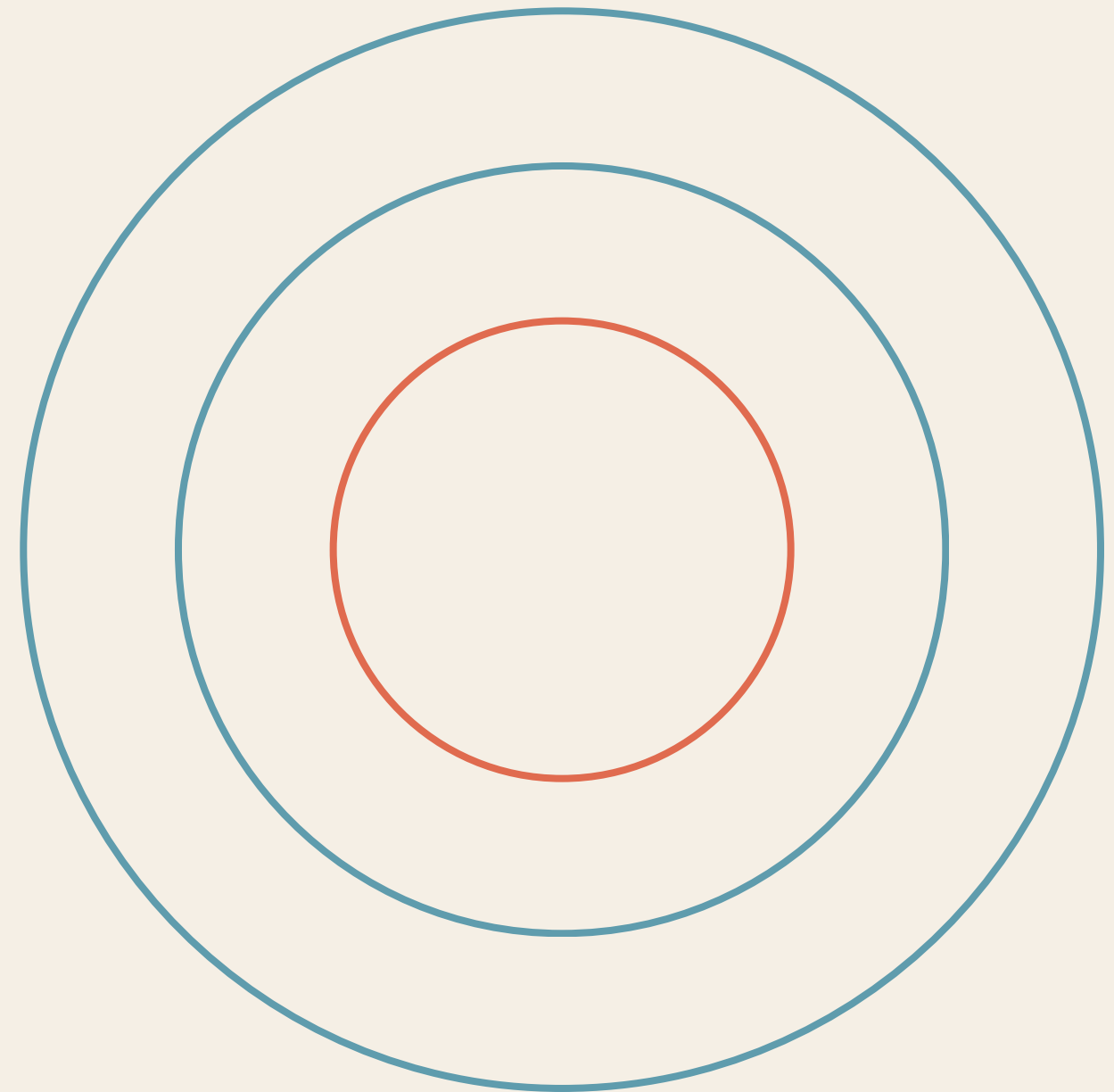
STORY ANCHOR

A Stranger at a Gas Station

THE RIPPLE EFFECT

Small does not mean insignificant.

A pause. A kindness. A choice not to wound.

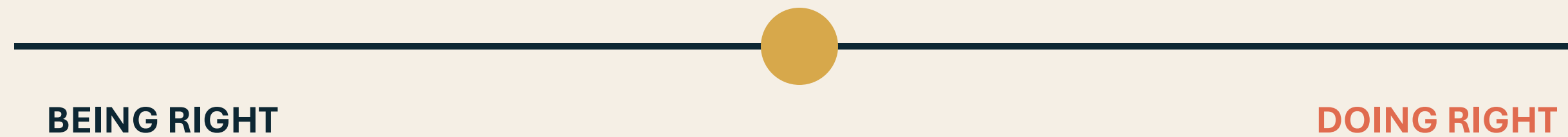


REAL-ESTATE STORY

When I Left the Wrong Wake

A HARDER MEASURE

Being right is not the same as doing right.



BEING RIGHT

DOING RIGHT

ego • self-control • impact

MSG TOM THIGPEN

Love From Afar

Distance can be a boundary
without becoming contempt.



WITHOUT THE LABEL

Would they know?

How you listen

How you disagree

How people feel after

Witness is a way of moving through the world.

GROWING UP IN SCRIPTURE

The Bible You Think You Know

FOUNDATION

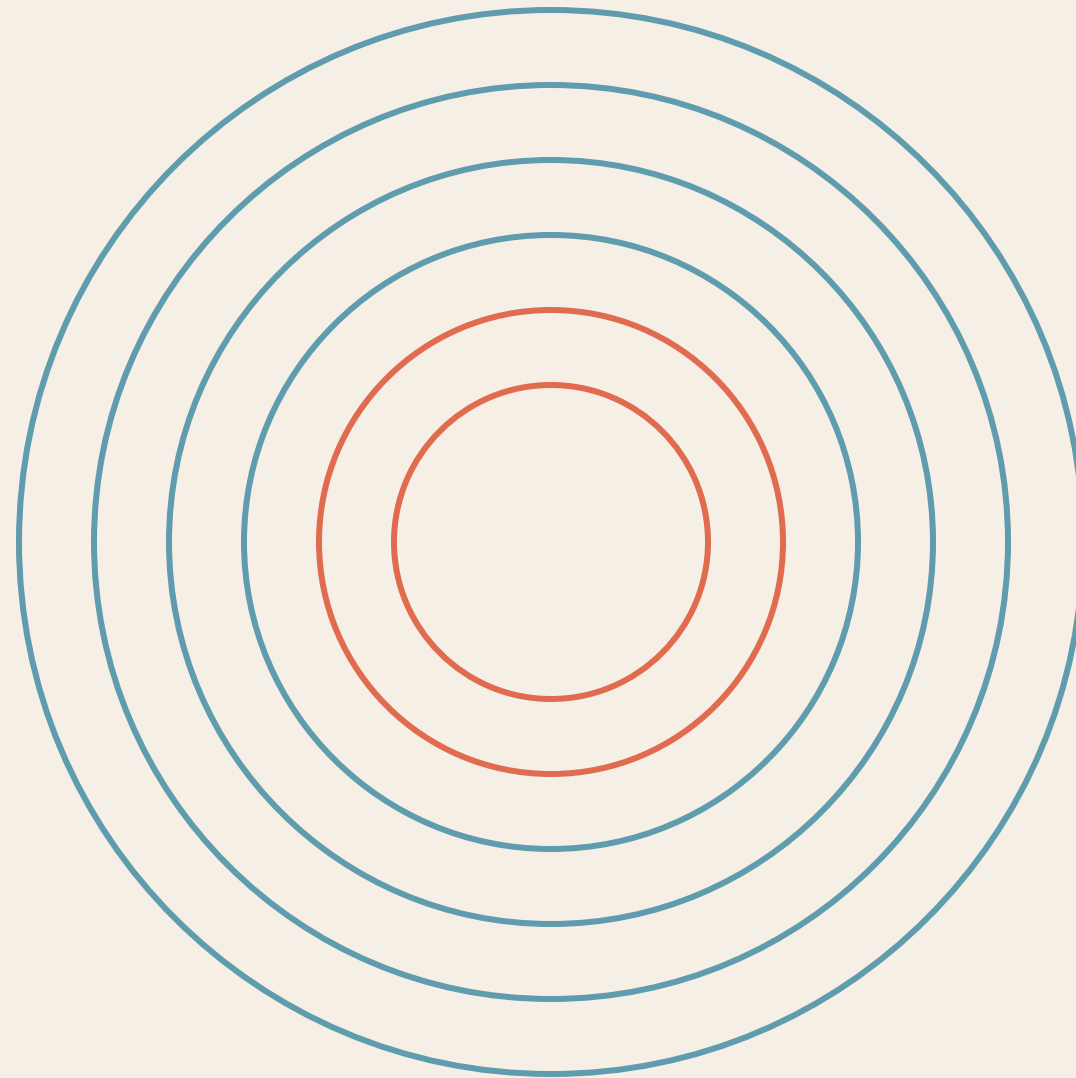
Stories learned young
can root a lifetime.

NOT THE FINISH LINE

Adult faith asks us
to keep reading.

A PRACTICAL APPROACH

Read more than the verse.



THE VERSE

SURROUNDING PASSAGE

AUDIENCE + HISTORY

LITERARY GENRE

PRAYER + HUMILITY

WISE COMMUNITY

SINCERE ≠ IDENTICAL

When Two Christians Disagree

Same passage

Different reading

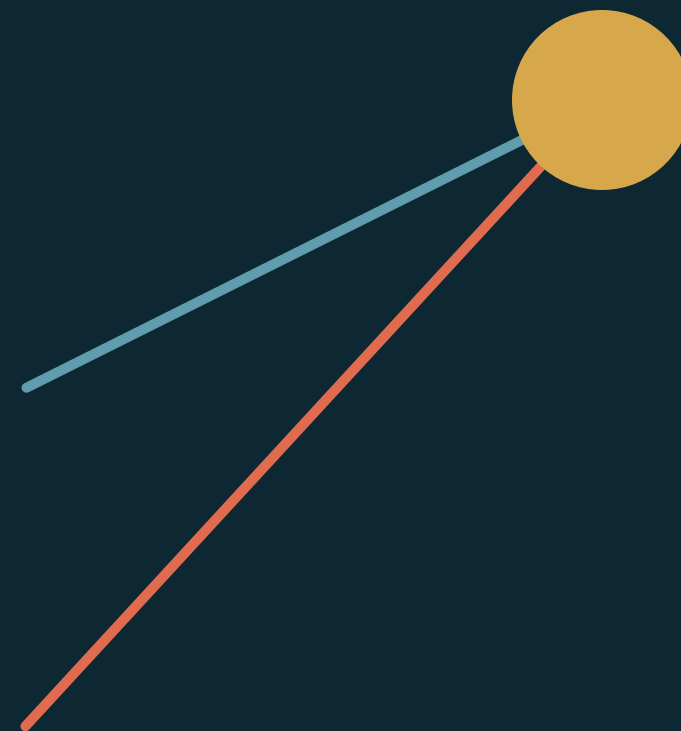
Context • conscience • tradition • experience

FAITH THAT MOVES

Sometimes “Have Faith” Isn’t the Whole Answer

prayer + presence

faith + human action



**Faith is the foundation.
Love is what we do with it.**

James 2:15–17 • 1 John 3:18

A CANDID QUESTION

My biggest question
about God is God.

No forced answer here.

CURIOSITY WITH ROOTS

Maybe questions belong here.



Study • context • prayer • humility • community

10-MINUTE ACTIVITY

Your Wake

- 01 Who feels your wake most often?
- 02 Where has your wake been rough lately?
- 03 What is one repair—or one kindness?

Quiet reflection. No forced sharing.

THIS WEEK

Your One-Person Challenge

Choose one person.
Listen longer.
Leave them lighter.



ONE

THE CLOSING QUESTION

What story does
your wake tell?

ONE LAST THING

Leave them better.

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