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MESSY church

A STUDY OF 1ST CORINTHIANS

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... but it does not and can not evaluate with wisdom the content of that information.

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Ephesians 6:11

Put on the whole armor of God,
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New International Version (NIV)

¹³ Be on your guard; stand firm in the faith;
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¹⁴ Do everything in love.

New American Standard Bible (NASB)

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JB Phillips New Testament in Modern English

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New Living Translation

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Be courageous.^[c] (*Be men*)

Be strong. ¹⁴ And do everything with love.

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I John 2:14

I write to you, fathers, because you know Him who is from the beginning.
I write to you, young men, because you are strong, and the word of God abides in you,
and you have overcome the evil one.

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Colossians 3:14

And above all these (v.13 ...compassionate hearts, kindness, humility, meekness, patience, bearing with one another, forgiveness) put on love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony.

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1:10-4:20

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5:1-13; 6:12-20

*Avoids being a participant or
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I Corinthians **7:1-40**

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11:17-34

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12:1-31; 14:1-40

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I Corinthians **15:1-58**

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Has his head 'on a swivel' in order to understand what is going on around him both on a worldly level and behind the scenes on a spiritual level.

Greek: andrizó (ἀνδρίζο)

1. to act manly

– properly, "to act as a *man*," to behave as a full-grown adult as a mature man;

to be *responsible* and to be courageous by taking *the initiatives* God reveals through *faith* (used only in 1 Cor 16:13).

Present
Imperative
Middle
or
Passive

Stand firm in the faith

act like men,

be strong.

14

Let all that you do

I Corinthians

16:13

Tenaciously stands firm on the truths of God and His Word that unveils the majesty of God Himself and His perfect design for our lives.

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what now”,

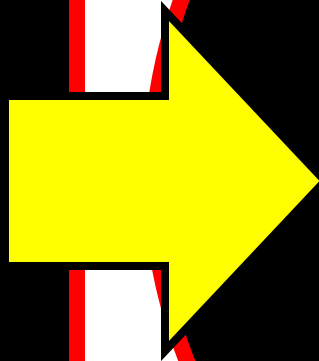
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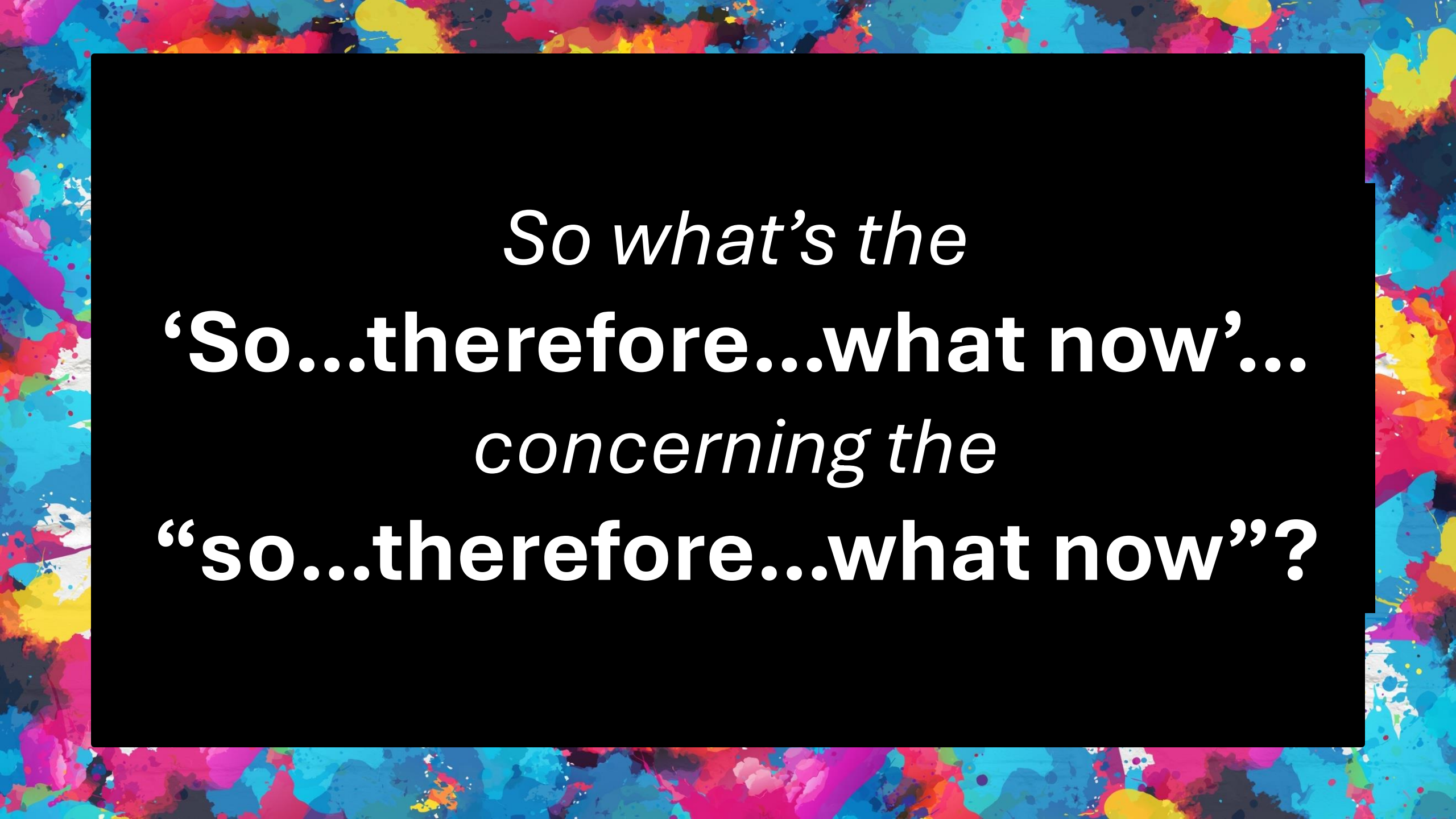
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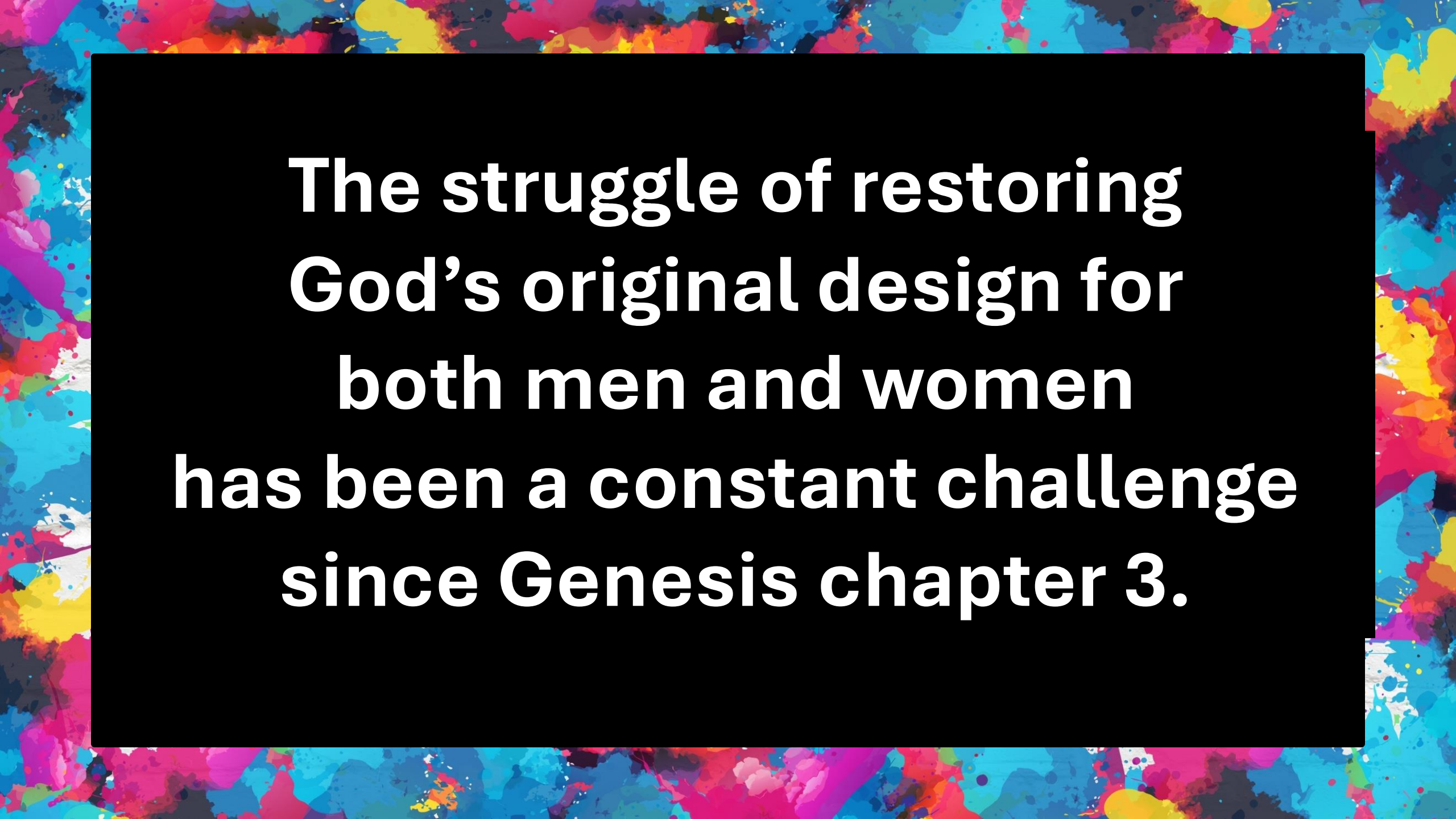
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**Be alert.
Be grounded.
Be courageous.
Be strong.
Be loving.**



So what's the
'So...therefore...what now'...
concerning the
“so...therefore...what now”?



**The struggle of restoring
God's original design for
both men and women
has been a constant challenge
since Genesis chapter 3.**

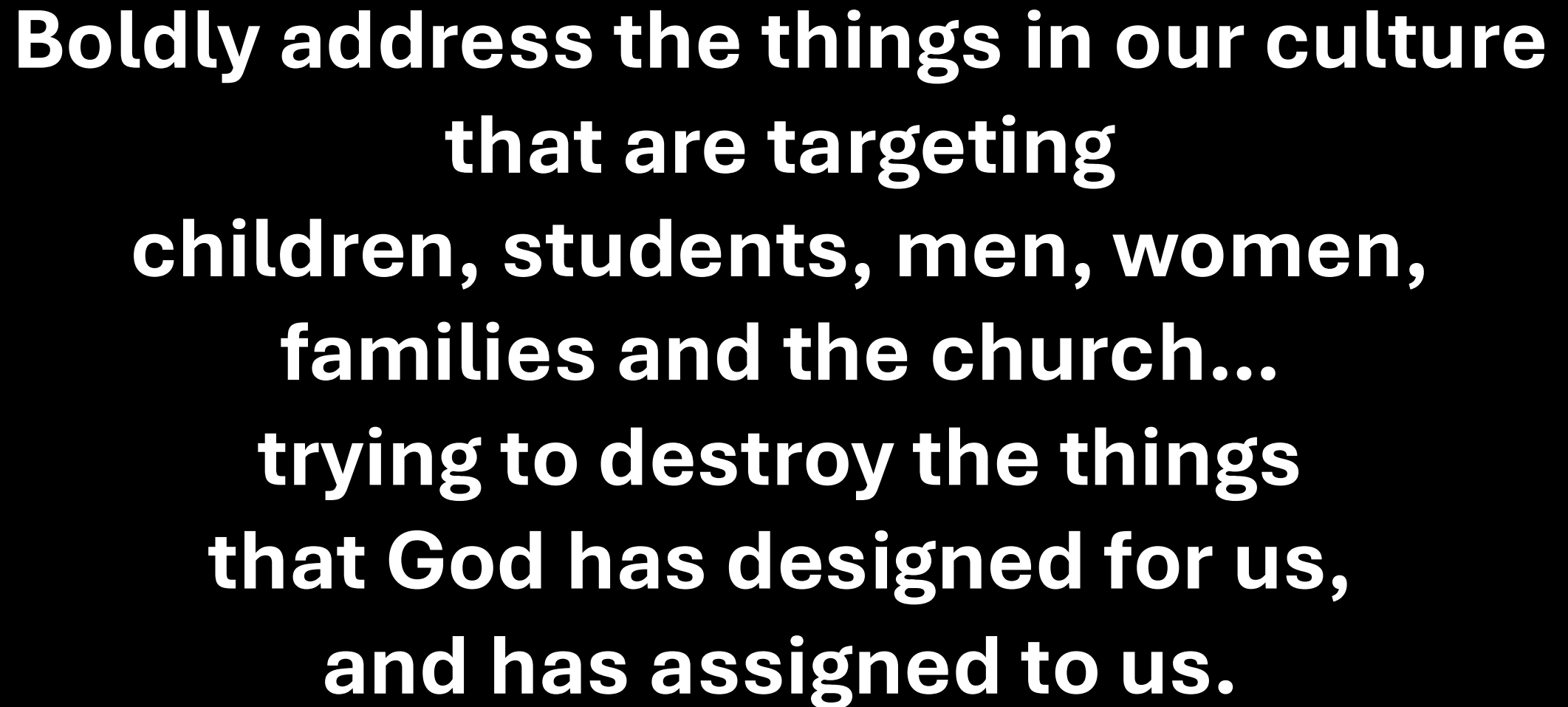


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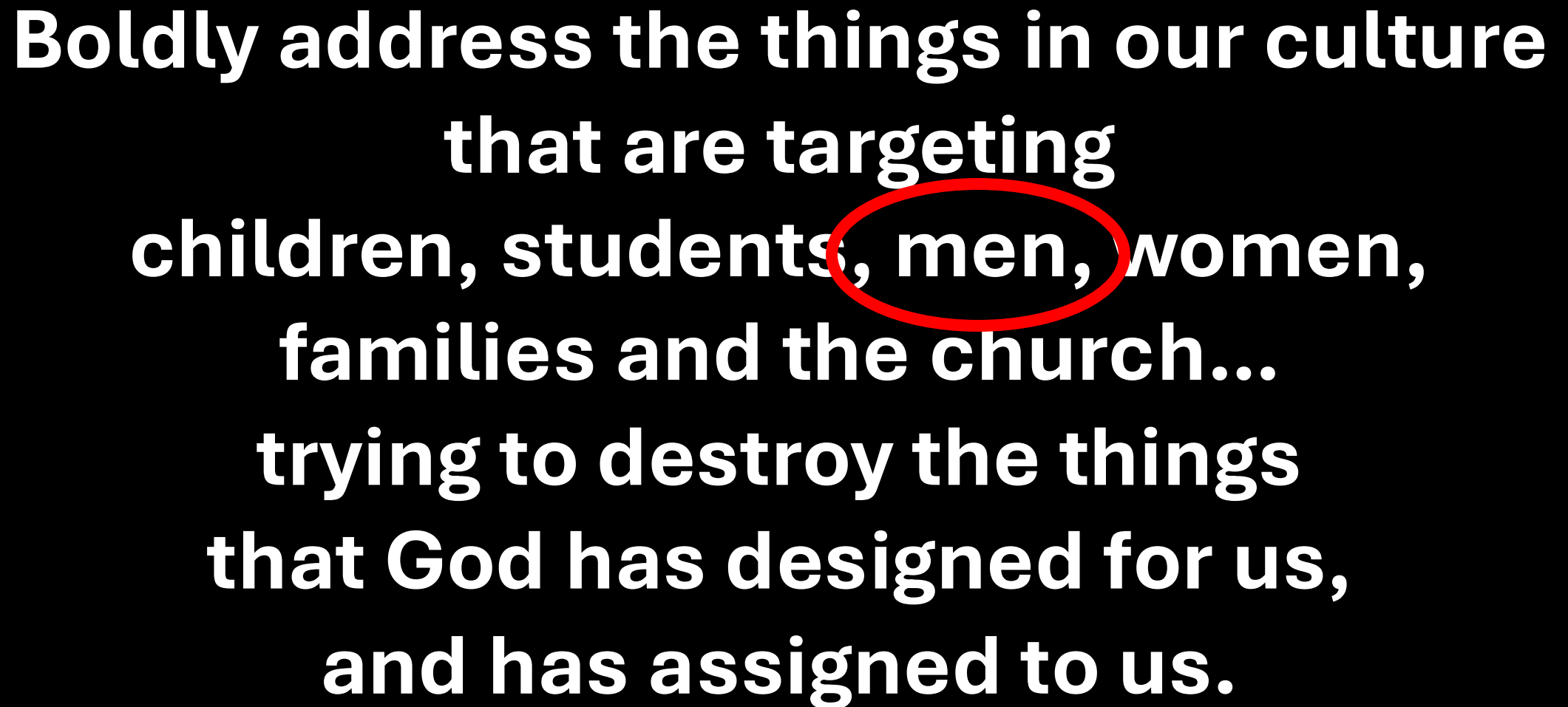
***Invite each other in,
so we can *lift each other up*,
so we can *call each other out*
to something better....together.***

At Quest we want to...

*Invite **men** in,
so you can **lift men** up,
so you can **call men** out
to something better....together.*



**Boldly address the things in our culture
that are targeting
children, students, men, women,
families and the church...
trying to destroy the things
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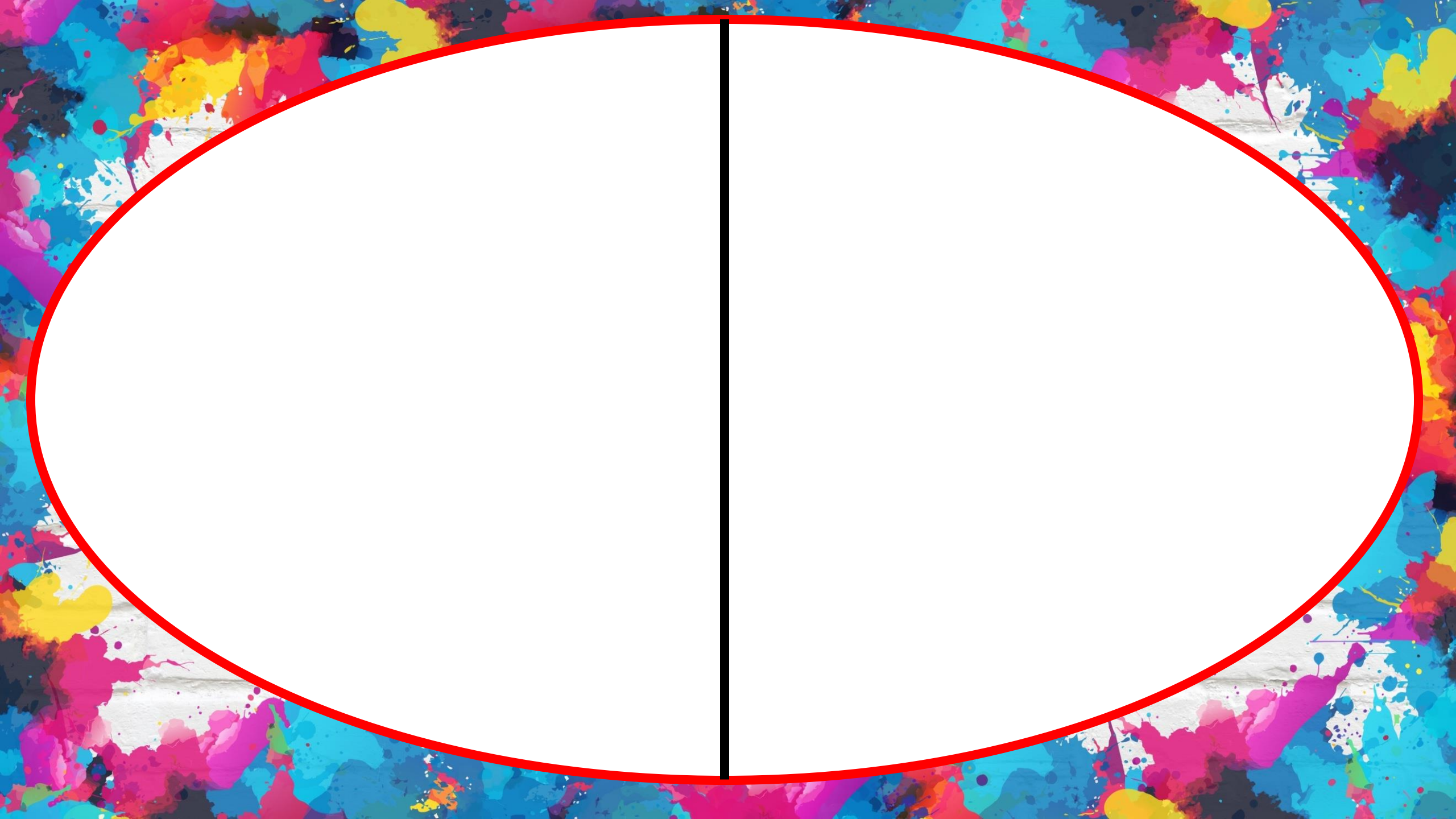
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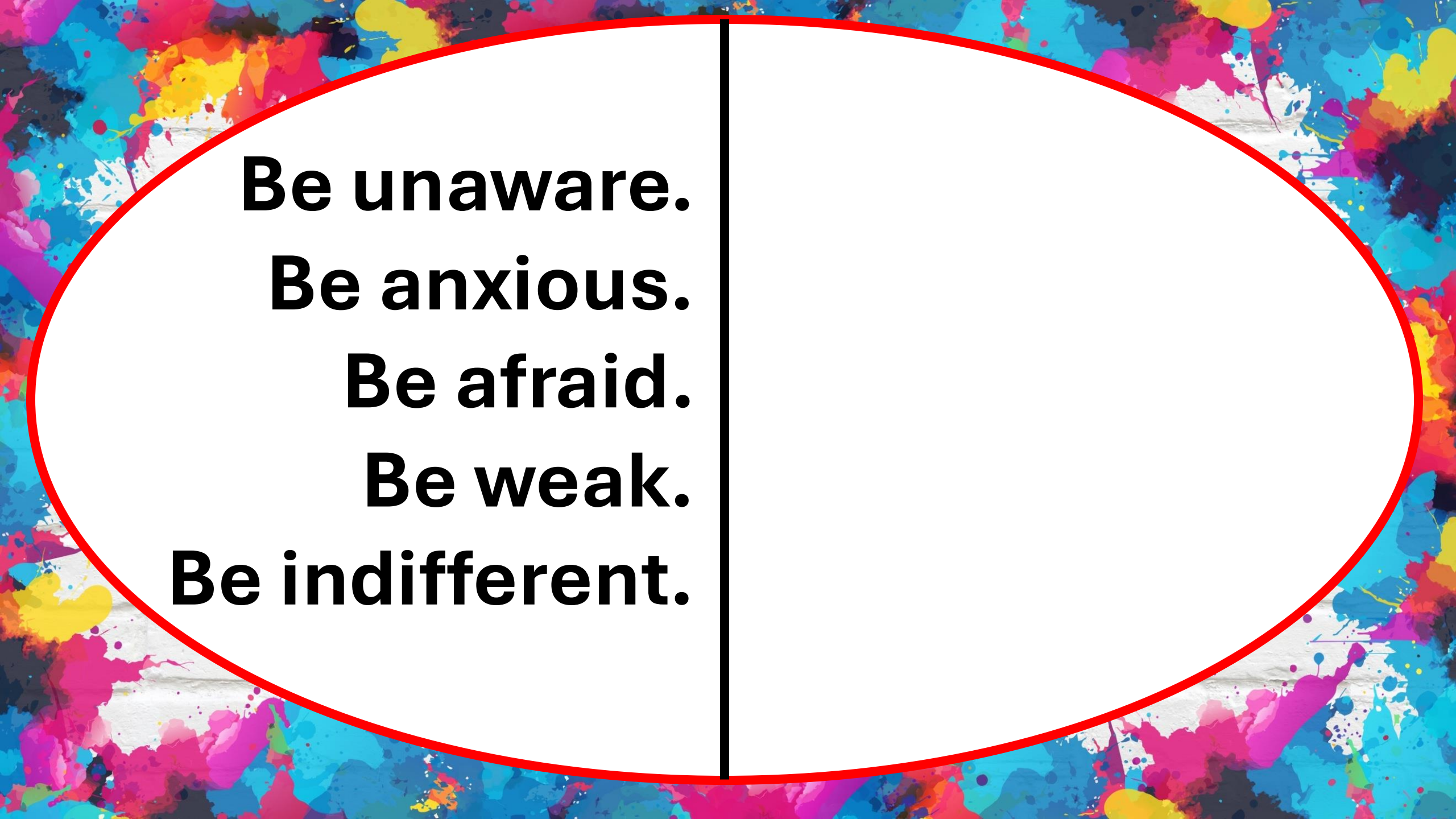
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What could have looked like a nice little
'sermonette' actually ends up being
***a defining call for men to live
with a Godly honor.***




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Be strong.
Be loving.**





**Be unaware.
Be anxious.
Be afraid.
Be weak.
Be indifferent.**



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Be weak.
Be indifferent.**

**Be arrogant.
Be dogmatic.
Be angry.
Be toxic.
Be hateful.**



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The logo for Messy Church is centered on a white brick wall. It features the word "MESSY" in large, bold, black capital letters with a white outline. Below it, the word "church" is written in a white, lowercase, cursive script with a black outline. The text is surrounded by vibrant, colorful paint splashes in shades of blue, pink, purple, yellow, and orange, creating a messy and artistic background.

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