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*YOUR*  
**FOCUS**





**EQUIP**



A close-up, artistic view of a camera lens. The lens is the central focus, with multiple glass elements visible. The lighting is dramatic, with a strong blue glow on the left and a warm orange glow on the right, creating a high-contrast, moody atmosphere. The lens elements are slightly out of focus, emphasizing the text in the center.

**EQUIP**  
*'Maturity'*





**PRAY**





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*‘Dependence’*



The background features a series of concentric, slightly irregular circles that create a tunnel-like or ripple effect. The color palette is a gradient, starting with deep blue on the left and transitioning through purple and magenta to a vibrant red on the right. The overall texture is grainy and digital.

**REACH**



A perspective view of a tunnel with concentric circular walls. The left side of the tunnel is illuminated with blue light, while the right side is illuminated with red light. A small, dark vehicle is visible in the distance on the right side of the tunnel.

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*‘Compassion’*



A perspective view of a tunnel with concentric circular walls. The left side of the tunnel is illuminated with purple light, and the right side with green light. The word "BELONG" is written across the center in a white, bold, sans-serif font with a green outline. A small red and white striped object is visible on the right wall.

**BELONG**



A futuristic tunnel with purple and blue lighting and a small robot-like figure on the right.

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*'Connection'*



**Last Week...**





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- 2. Our circumstances.....** (and the circumstances of others)  
the situations we experience in a complex and many times discombobulated culture, even an inadequate church culture.



**This Week...**





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How can we experience 'belongingness'?



# I Thessalonians 5:8 (1-11)





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- 1 Now concerning the times and seasons brothers and sisters, you have no need to have anything written to you.
- 2 For you yourselves are fully aware that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night.
- 3 While people are saying,  
***“There is peace and security,”*** then sudden destruction will come upon them as labor pains come upon a pregnant woman and they will not escape.



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- 4 But you are not in darkness, brothers and sisters, for that day to surprise you like a thief.
- 5 For you are all children of light, children of the day. We are not of the night or of the darkness.
- 6 So then let us not sleep, as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober.
- 7 For those who sleep, sleep at night, and those who get drunk, are drunk at night.



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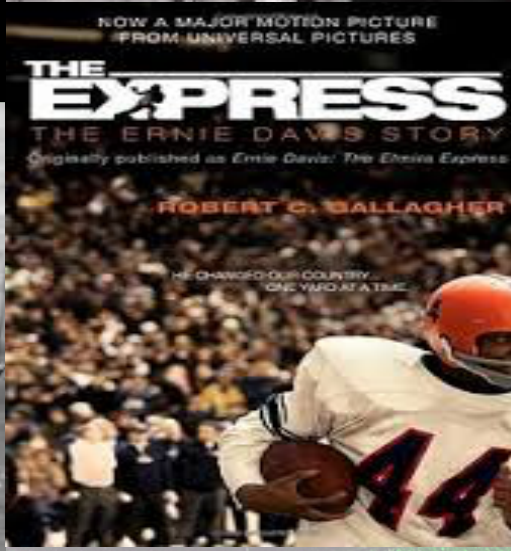
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**Ernie Davis**  
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# I Corinthians 12:12-20

- 12 For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many are one body, so it is with Christ.
- 13 For in one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and all were made to drink of one Spirit.
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-we now belong, *not in isolation*,  
but in relationship to and with one another.

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...know that each of us is a  
vital part of the whole.



**Where are you  
connected,  
involved,  
functioning  
as a part of the body?**





# BELONG





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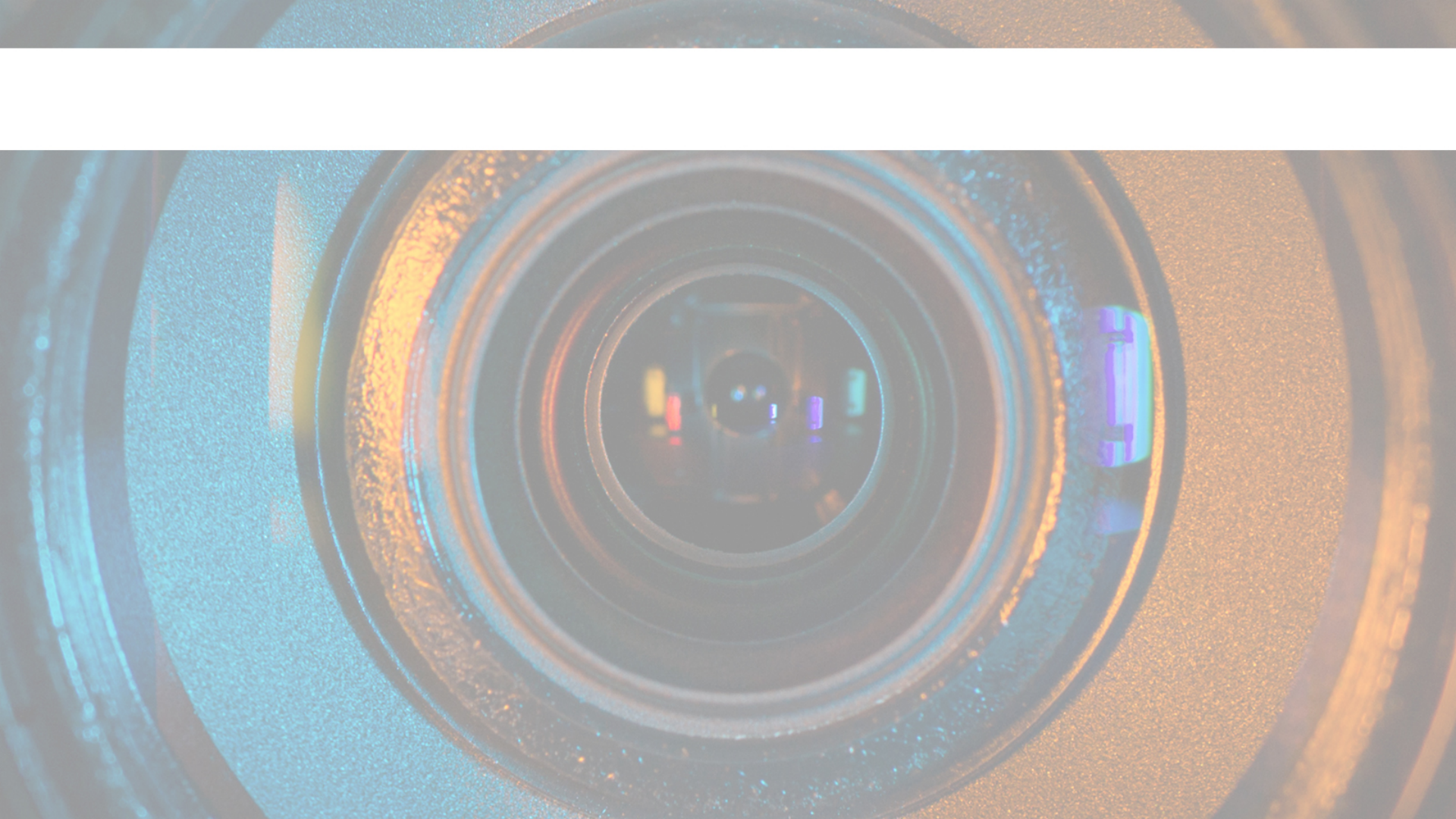
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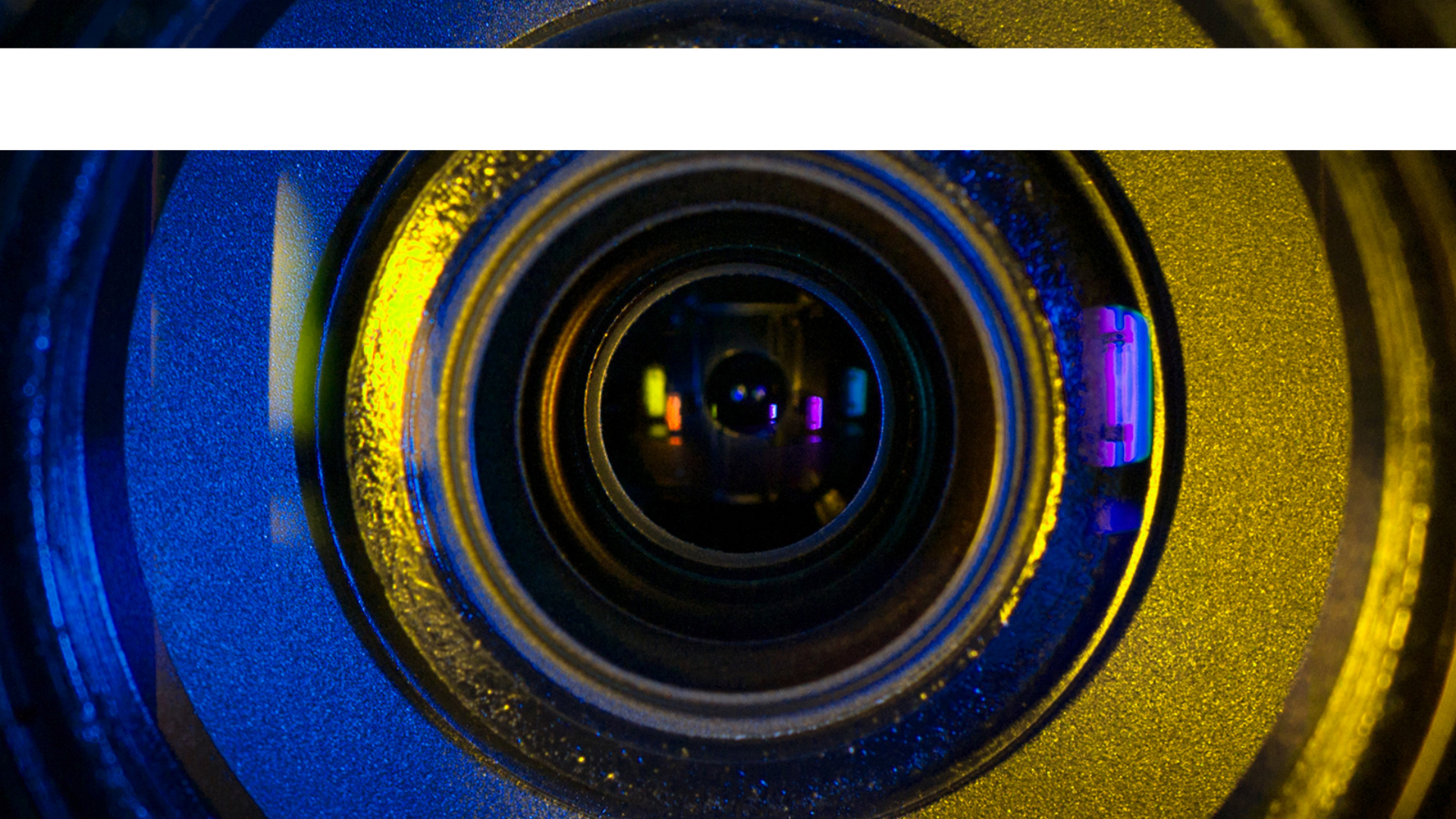






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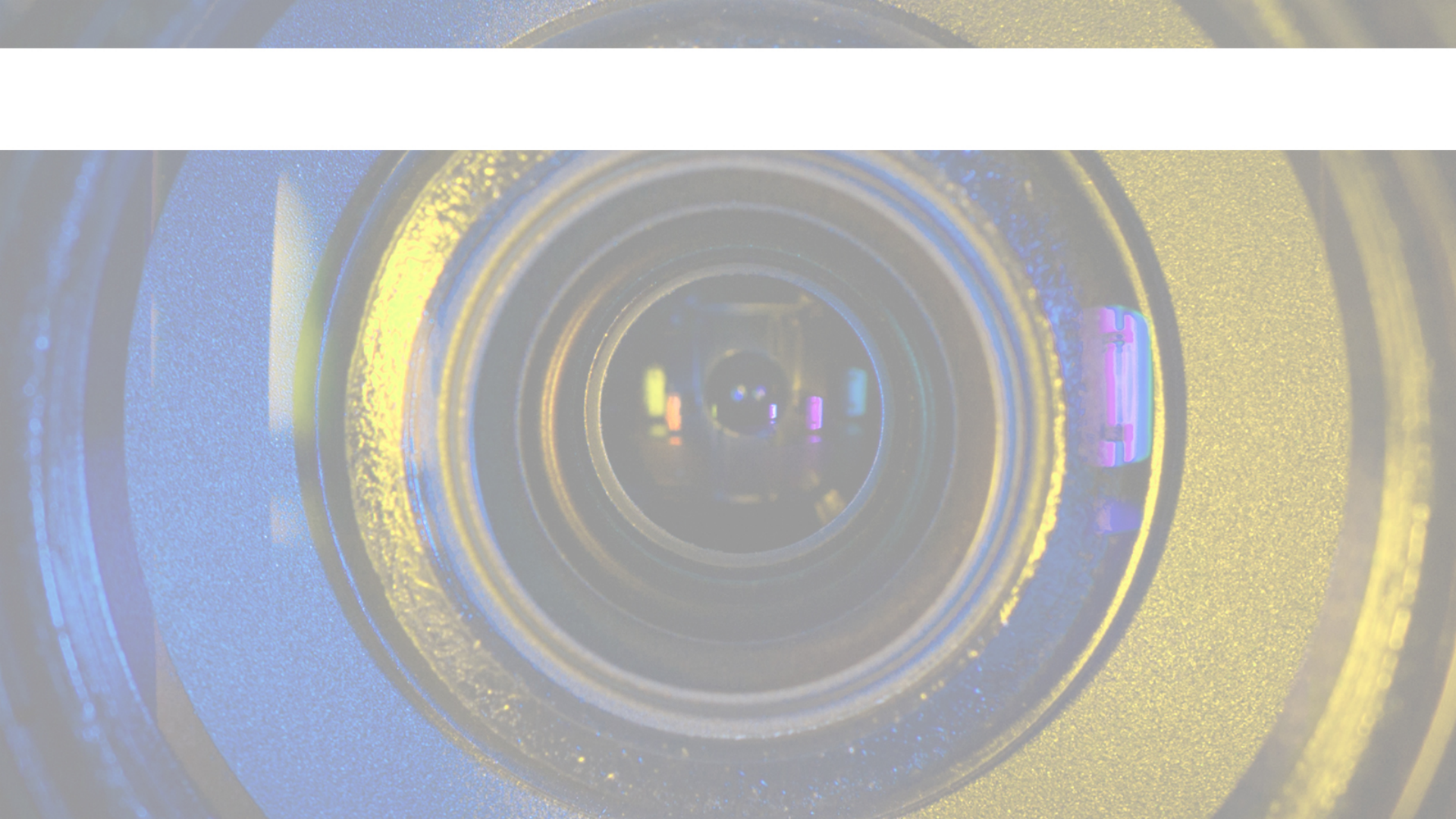
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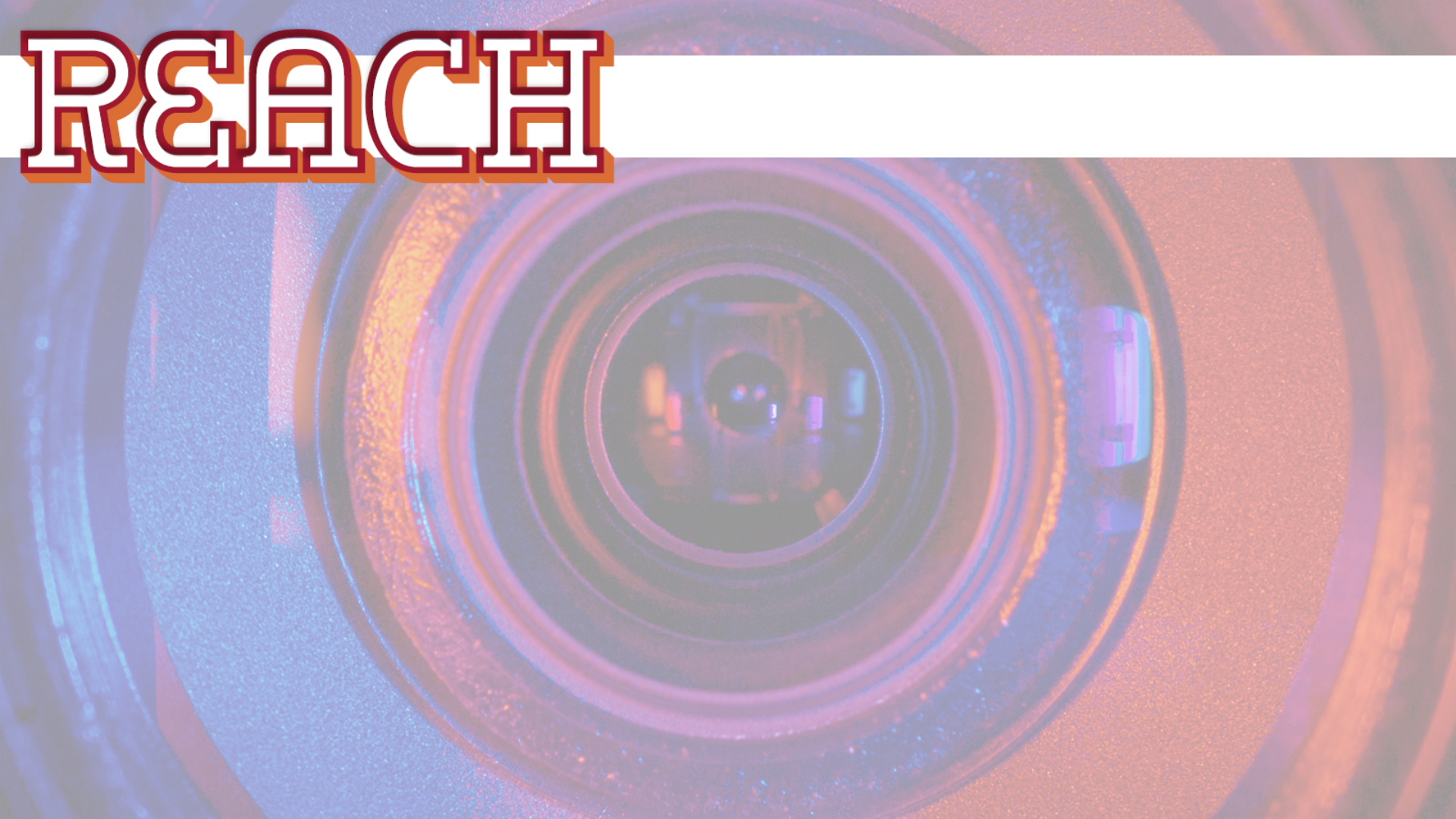








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A close-up, artistic photograph of a camera lens. The lens is the central focus, showing its intricate internal elements and the circular patterns of the lens barrel. The lighting is dramatic, with a mix of warm orange and red tones on the right and cooler blue and purple tones on the left, creating a bokeh effect in the background. A white horizontal band is superimposed across the top of the image, containing the text "FIND YOUR FOCUS" in a dark green, sans-serif font.

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