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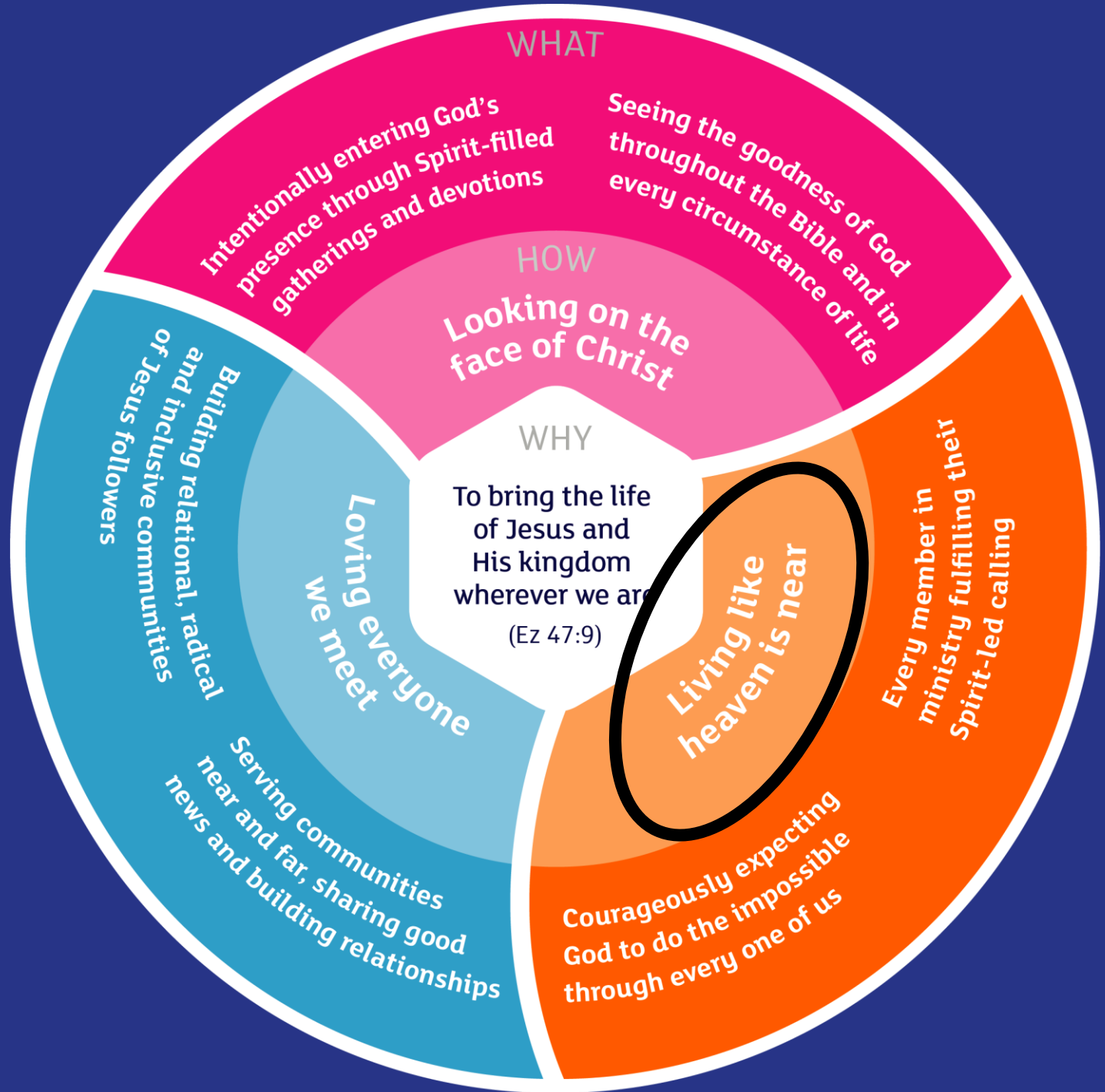
THE PEOPLE

OF GOD



*“To bring the life of Jesus
and His kingdom wherever we are”*

Ezekiel 47:9

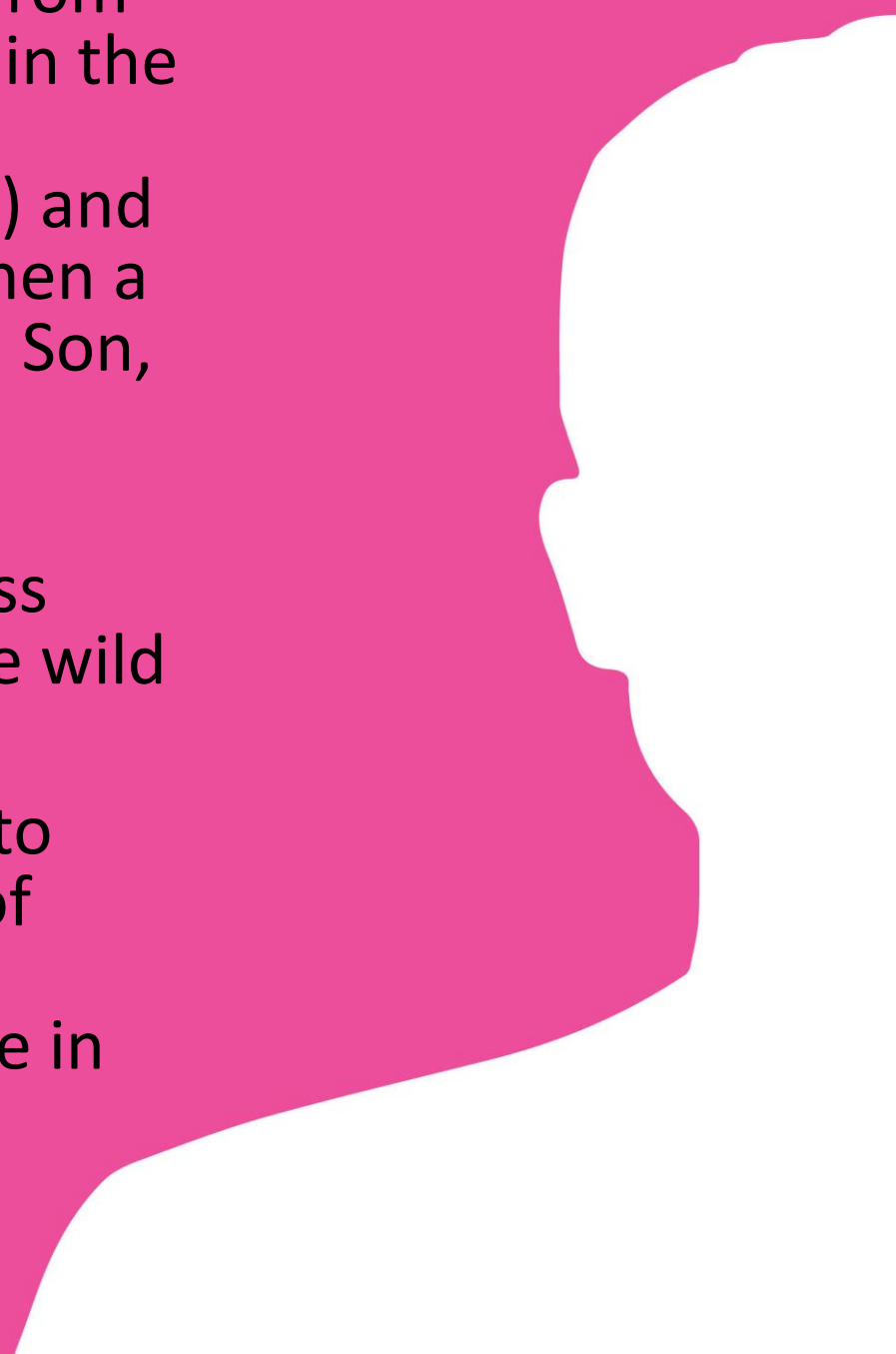


It came to pass in those days that Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee, and was baptized by John in the Jordan. And immediately, coming up from the water, He saw the heavens parting (*torn open!*) and the Spirit descending upon Him like a dove. Then a voice came from heaven, “You are My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased.”

Immediately the Spirit drove Him into the wilderness. And He was there in the wilderness forty days, tempted by Satan, and was with the wild beasts; and the angels ministered to Him.

Now after John was put in prison, Jesus came to Galilee, preaching the gospel of the kingdom of God, and saying, “The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand. Repent, and believe in the gospel.”

Mark 1:9-15



What do you think of when we say,
“The kingdom of God is at hand”?

I think of

- Love abounding
- Freedom
 - From control – deliverance
 - From pain – healing
 - From need – provision
 - From fear – protection
 - From abuse – justice
 - From death – life
- Joy



We are empowered to bring the kingdom!

Jesus summoned His twelve disciples and gave them authority over unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to heal every kind of disease and every kind of sickness... “And as you go, preach, saying, ‘The kingdom of heaven is at hand.’ Heal the sick, raise the dead, cleanse the lepers, cast out demons. Freely you received, freely give.”

Matthew 10:1 & 7-8



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Why don't I see more miracles?

- Favour
 - Get more friendly with God
- Grace
 - Humility – God gives grace
 - Ignorance – let's not pretend we know it all!
- Complexity of wills
 - Shepherds
 - Sheep
 - Onlookers – culture
 - Angels
- Mystery



Any questions or shall we look
at the story of the kingdom
coming in the Bible?

It is wonderful!



Separated to allow freedom – Day 2

HEAVEN



EARTH



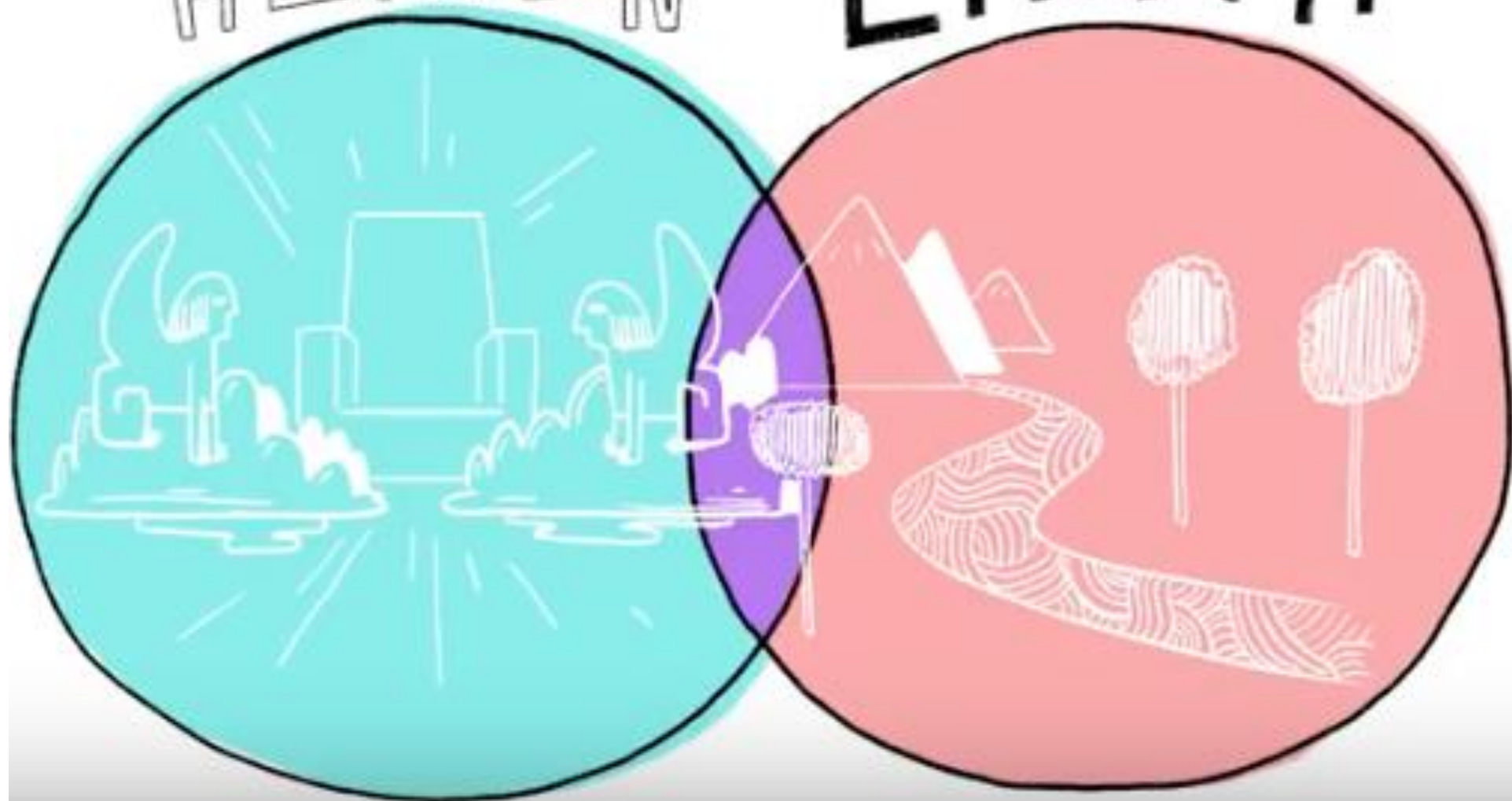
The kingdom comes with Jesus

- It doesn't come with Israel!
- Jesus is God
 - He tabernacles with us
- The heavens are 'torn open' at his baptism
- God can now come to earth



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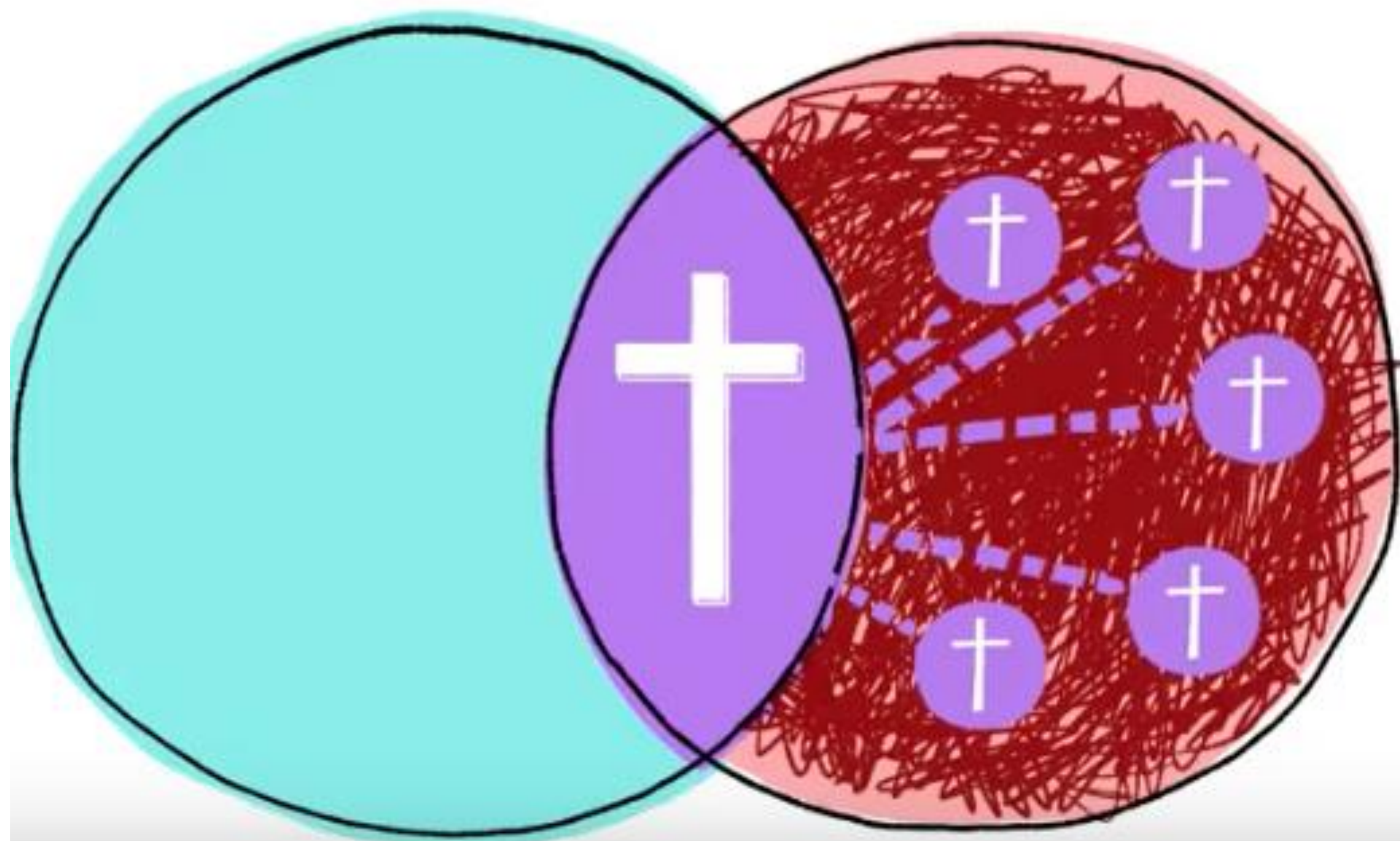
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The kingdom comes with us

- Through the cross
- As we desire him
- As we welcome him
- As we trust him
 - Stepping out in faith

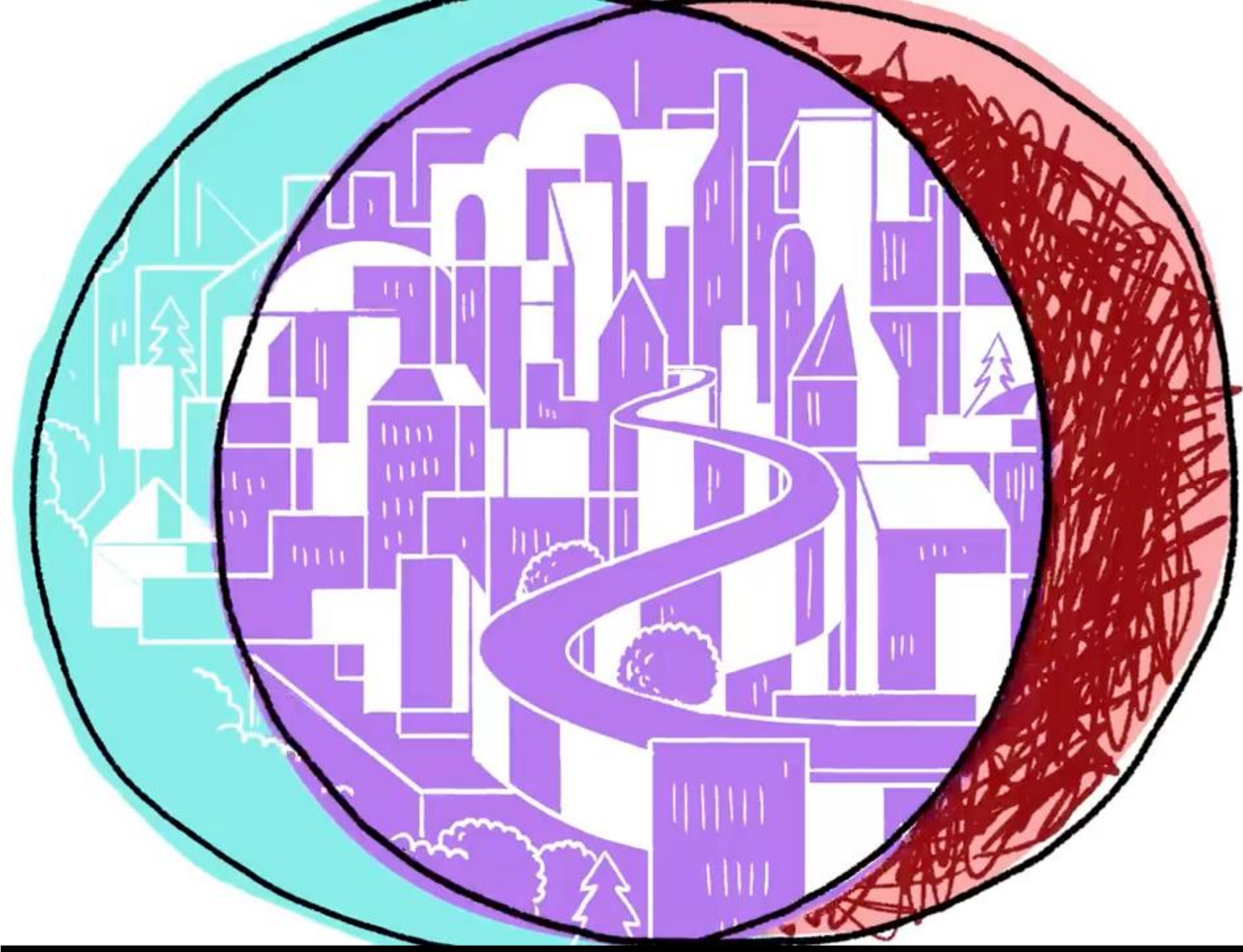




The kingdom keeps coming...

- His peace and rule keeps growing
 - Isaiah 9:6-7
- Until it fills the earth
 - Daniel 2
- As we pray
 - “Your kingdom come”



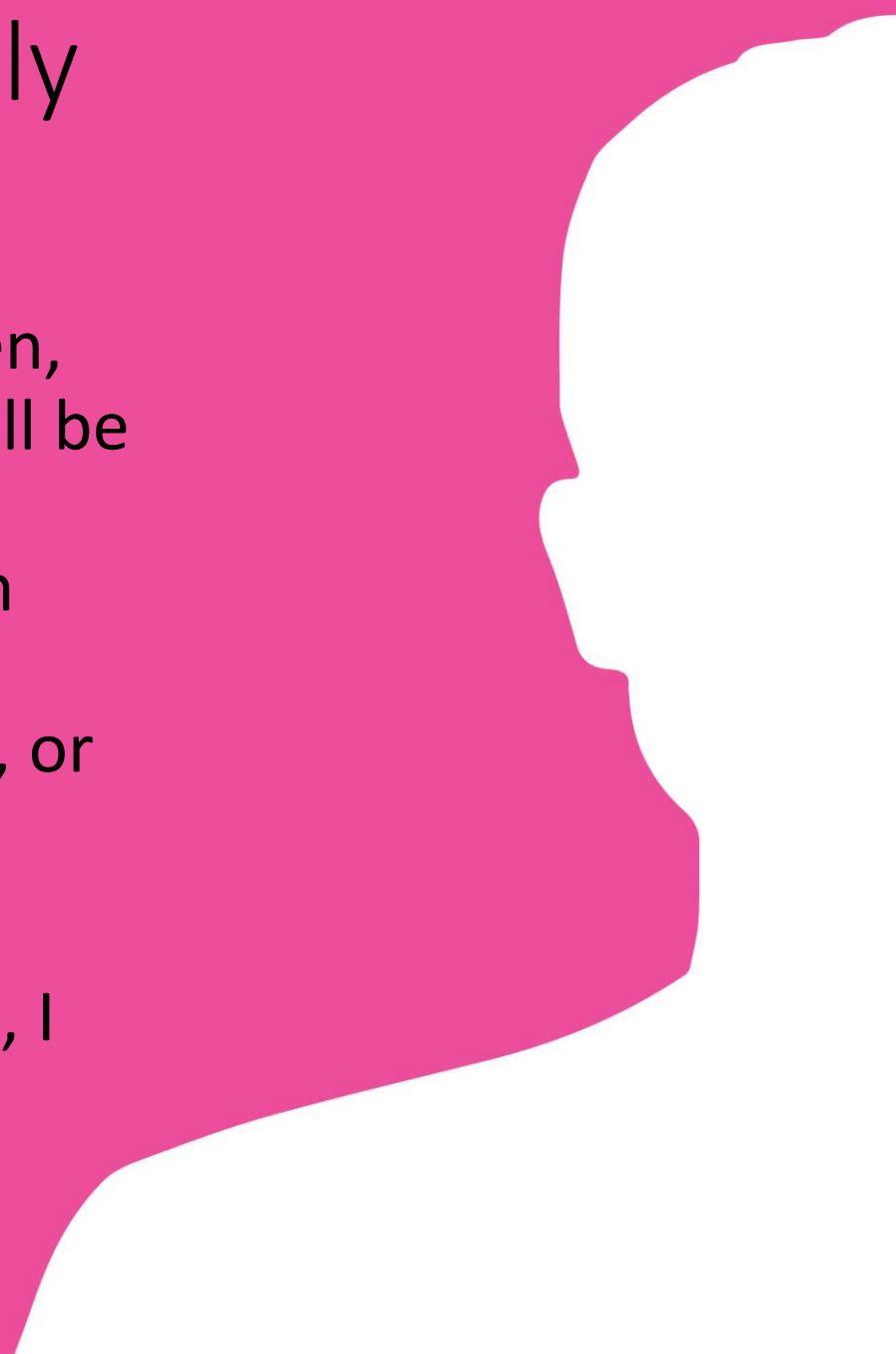


One day the kingdom will fully
come!

“Behold, the tabernacle of God is among men,
and He will dwell among them, and they shall be
His people, and God Himself will be among
them, and He will wipe away every tear from
their eyes; and there will no longer be any
death; there will no longer be any mourning, or
crying, or pain; the first things have passed
away.”

And He who sits on the throne said, “Behold, I
am making all things new.”

Revelation 21:3-5



Will we live like the kingdom of God is near?

How can I

- Abound in love
- Bring freedom
 - From control – deliverance
 - From pain – healing
 - From need – provision
 - From fear – protection
 - From abuse – justice
 - From death – life
- Bring joy

Naturally & super-naturally?

