

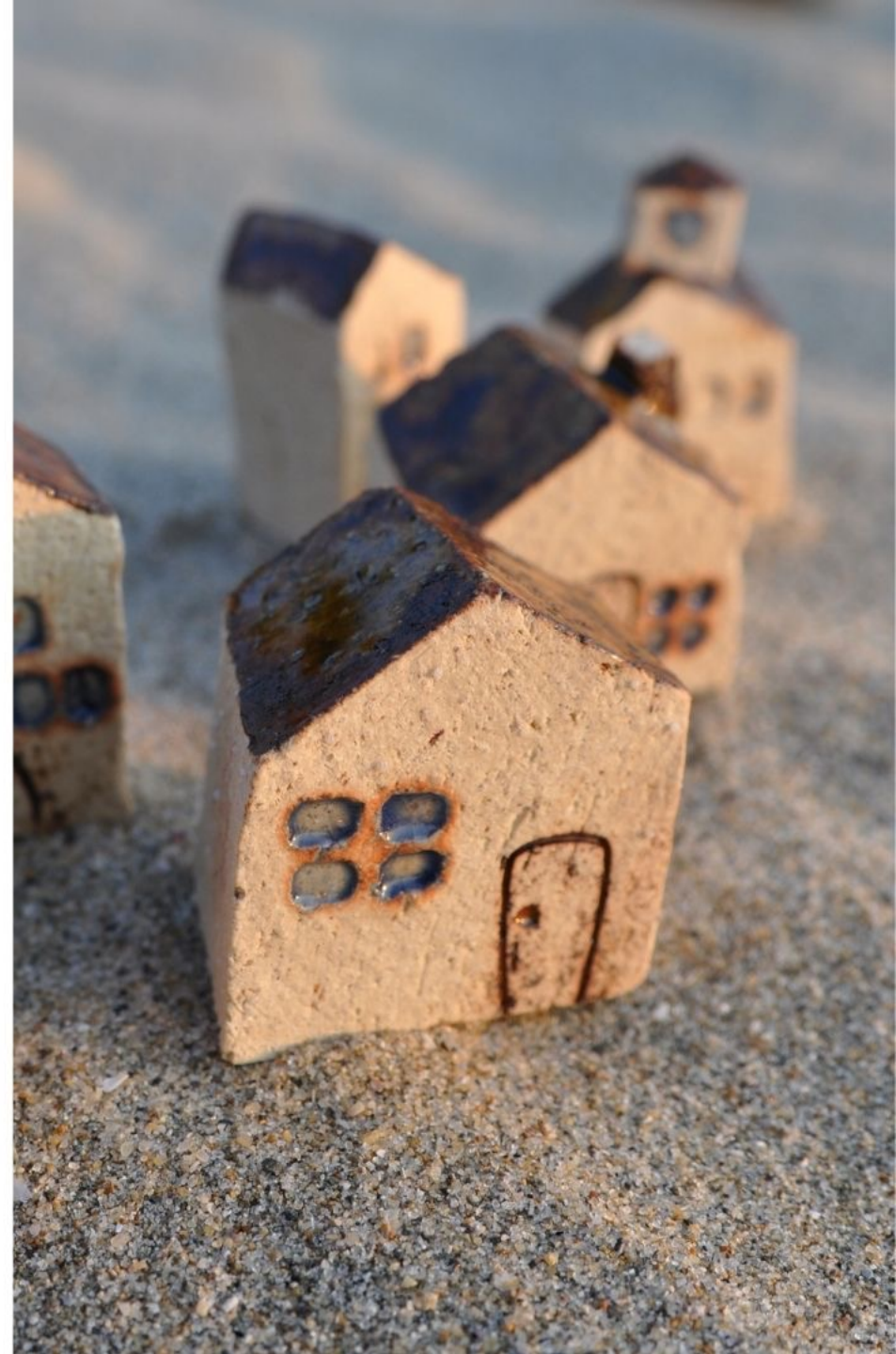
BECOMING **WHOLE OF LIFE** DISCIPLES

LIFEGATE CHURCH CAMP 2023



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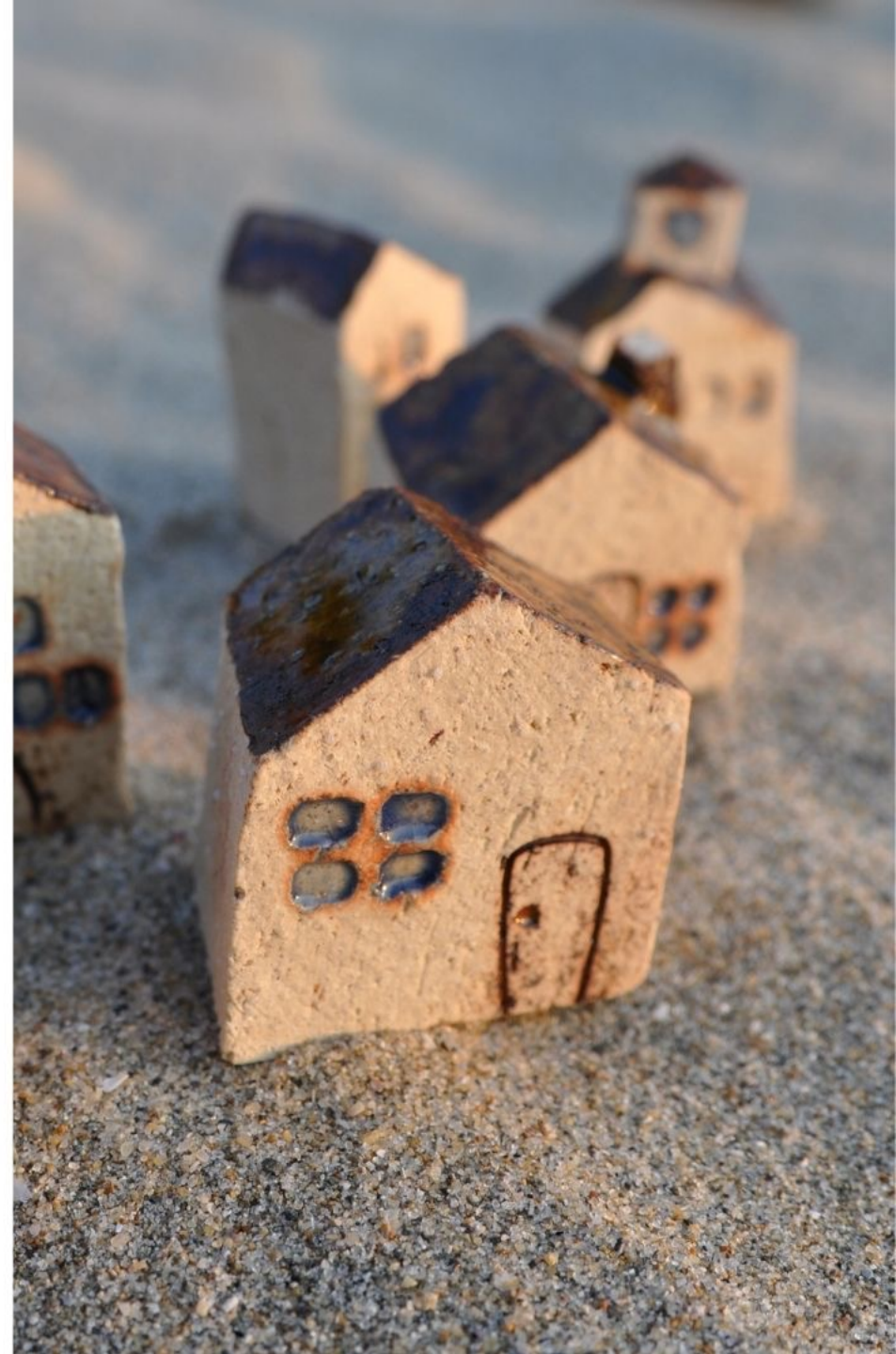






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Life is not a series of events that just happens to you.

Life is the classroom for discipleship.

The everyday moments of your life is the curriculum that
God the Holy Spirit uses to shape you
to become more like Jesus.



"GOD, DELIVER ME FROM THIS"

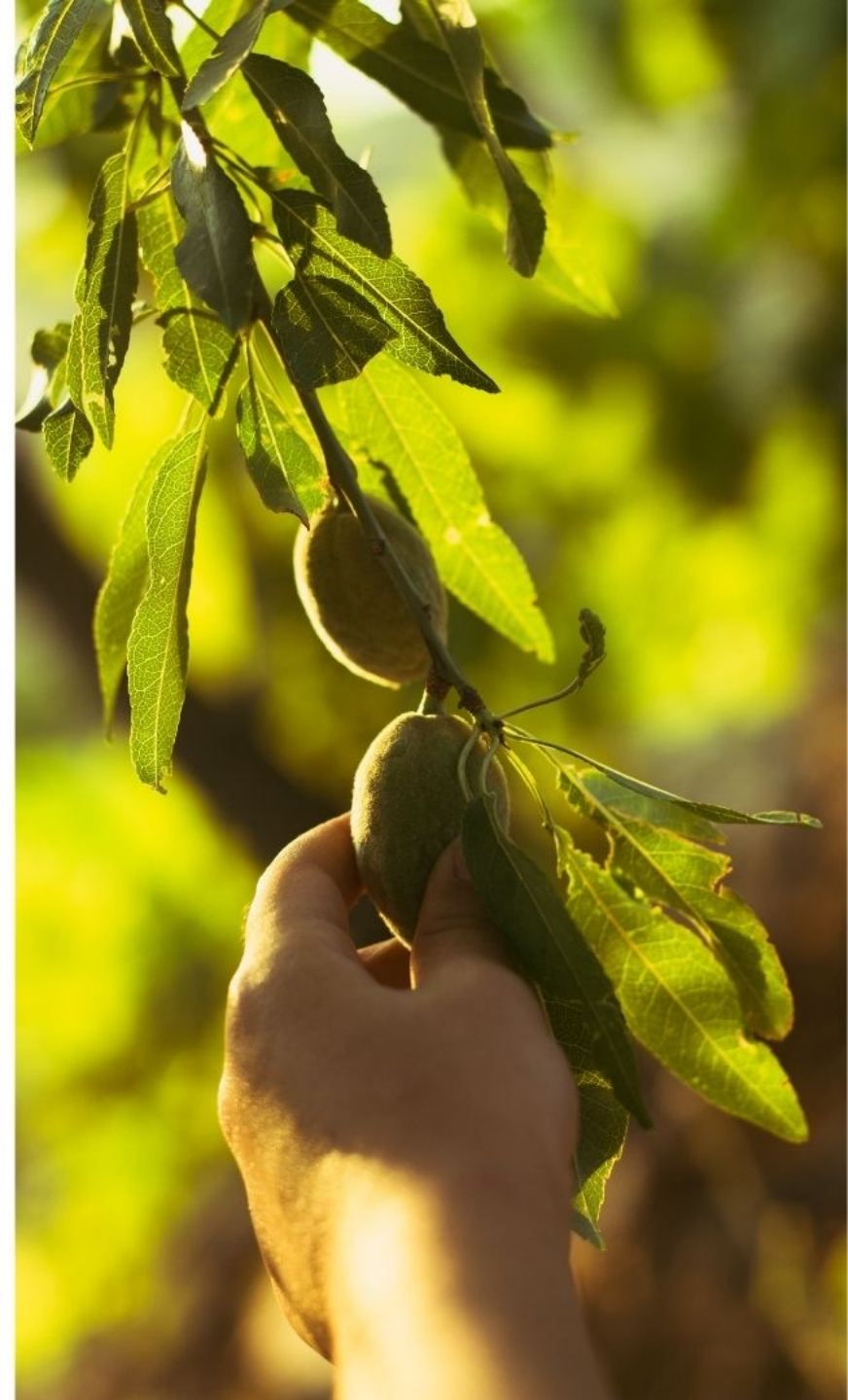
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"GOD, DISCIPLE MY HEART
THROUGH THIS"



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Galatians 5:19-23



HAVE THE COURAGE TO SURRENDER

16 So I say, let the Holy Spirit guide your lives. Then you won't be doing what your sinful nature craves. 17 The sinful nature wants to do evil, which is just the opposite of what the Spirit wants. And the Spirit gives us desires that are the opposite of what the sinful nature desires. These two forces are constantly fighting each other, so you are not free to carry out your good intentions. 18 But when you are directed by the Spirit, you are not under obligation to the law of Moses.

Galatians 5:16-18 (NLT)



The end of ourselves always marks the beginning
of God's ruling power in our lives.

Surrendering ourselves to God is like opening a
door and it lets the Holy Spirit help and guide us.





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Galatians 5:19-21 (NLT)



The Holy Spirit helps you overcome by first changing the desires of your heart before other people and circumstances.

TAKE ONE STEP OF TRUST AT A TIME

22 But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness,²³ gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law. 24 And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. 25 If we live by the Spirit, let us also keep in step with the Spirit.

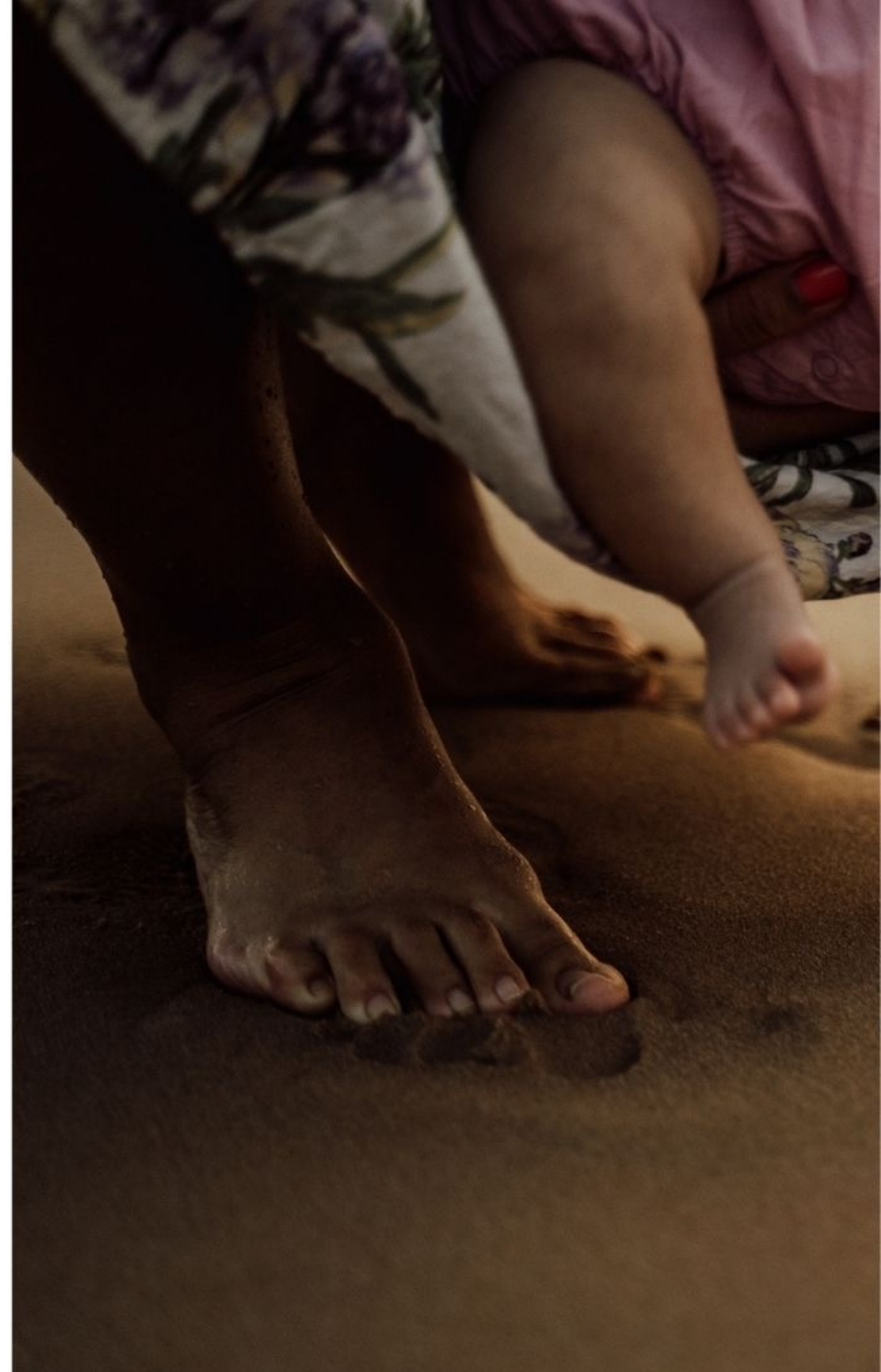
Galatians 5:22-25 (ESV)



Keeping in step with the Holy Spirit
requires trust, not logic.

Learn to trust and walk His way and His timing.

Resist the temptation to micromanage
the Holy Spirit's work in you.





GROUP DISCUSSION

1. What spoke to you the loudest in this session? Why?
2. What are some of your areas of struggle and how have you tried to overcome it?
3. How has the message help change the way you will address your current or future struggle?

