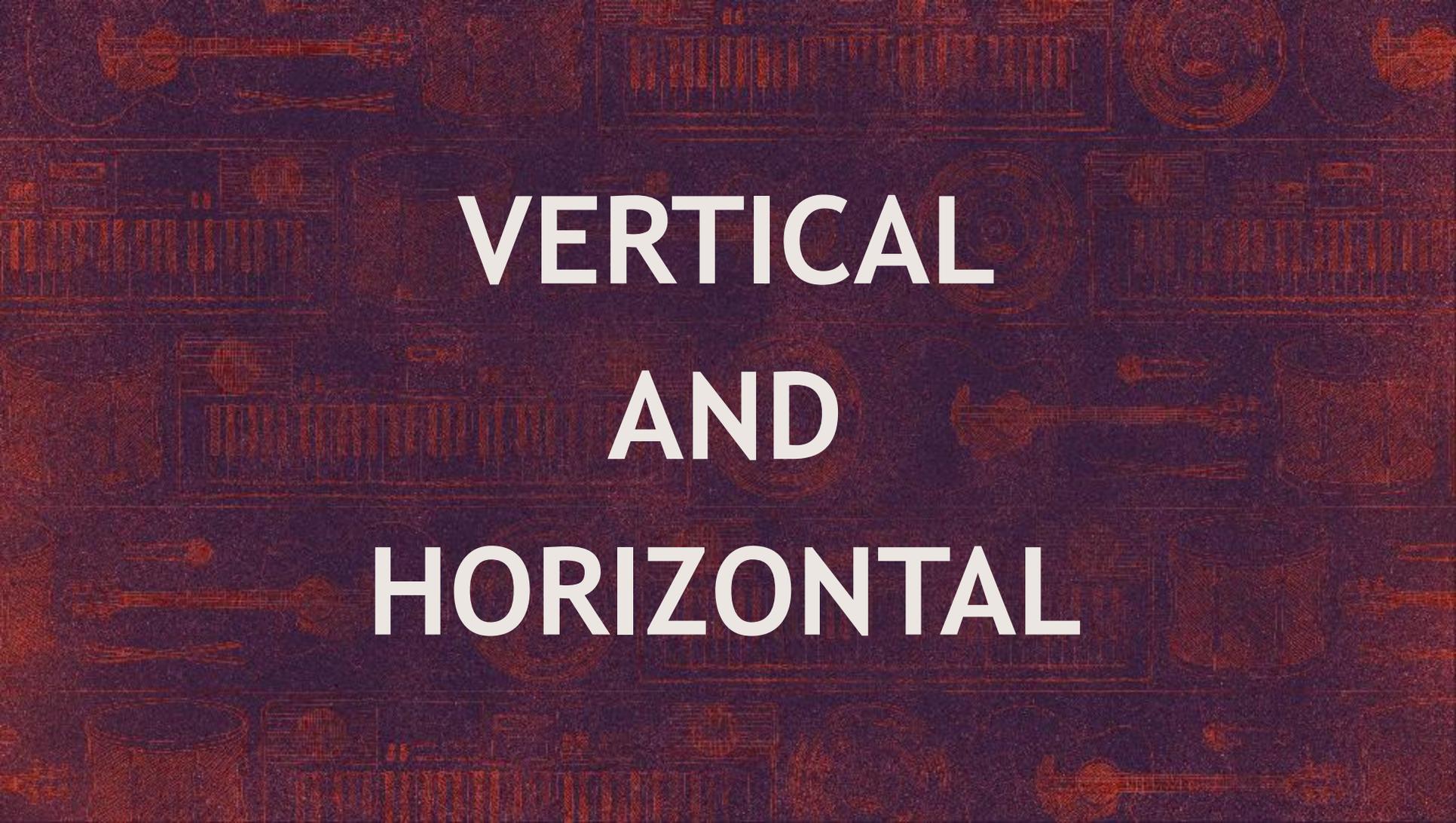


**WORSHIP
MATTERS**



**VERTICAL
AND
HORIZONTAL**

Psalm 40:1-10

¹ I waited patiently for the LORD; he turned to me and heard my cry. ² He lifted me out of the slimy pit, out of the mud and mire; he set my feet on a rock and gave me a firm place to stand. ³ He put a new song in my mouth, a hymn of praise to our God. Many will see and fear the LORD and put their trust in him.

⁴ Blessed is the one who trusts in the LORD,
who does not look to the proud, to those who
turn aside to false gods. ⁵ Many, LORD my
God, are the wonders you have done, the
things you planned for us. None can compare
with you; were I to speak and tell of your
deeds, they would be too many to declare.

⁶ Sacrifice and offering you did not desire—but my ears you have opened—burnt offerings and sin offerings you did not require. ⁷ Then I said, “Here I am, I have come—it is written about me in the scroll. ⁸ I desire to do your will, my God; your law is within my heart.”

⁹ I proclaim your saving acts in the great assembly; I do not seal my lips, LORD, as you know. ¹⁰ I do not hide your righteousness in my heart; I speak of your faithfulness and your saving help. I do not conceal your love and your faithfulness from the great assembly.





“Edification and worship are different sides of the same coin.”

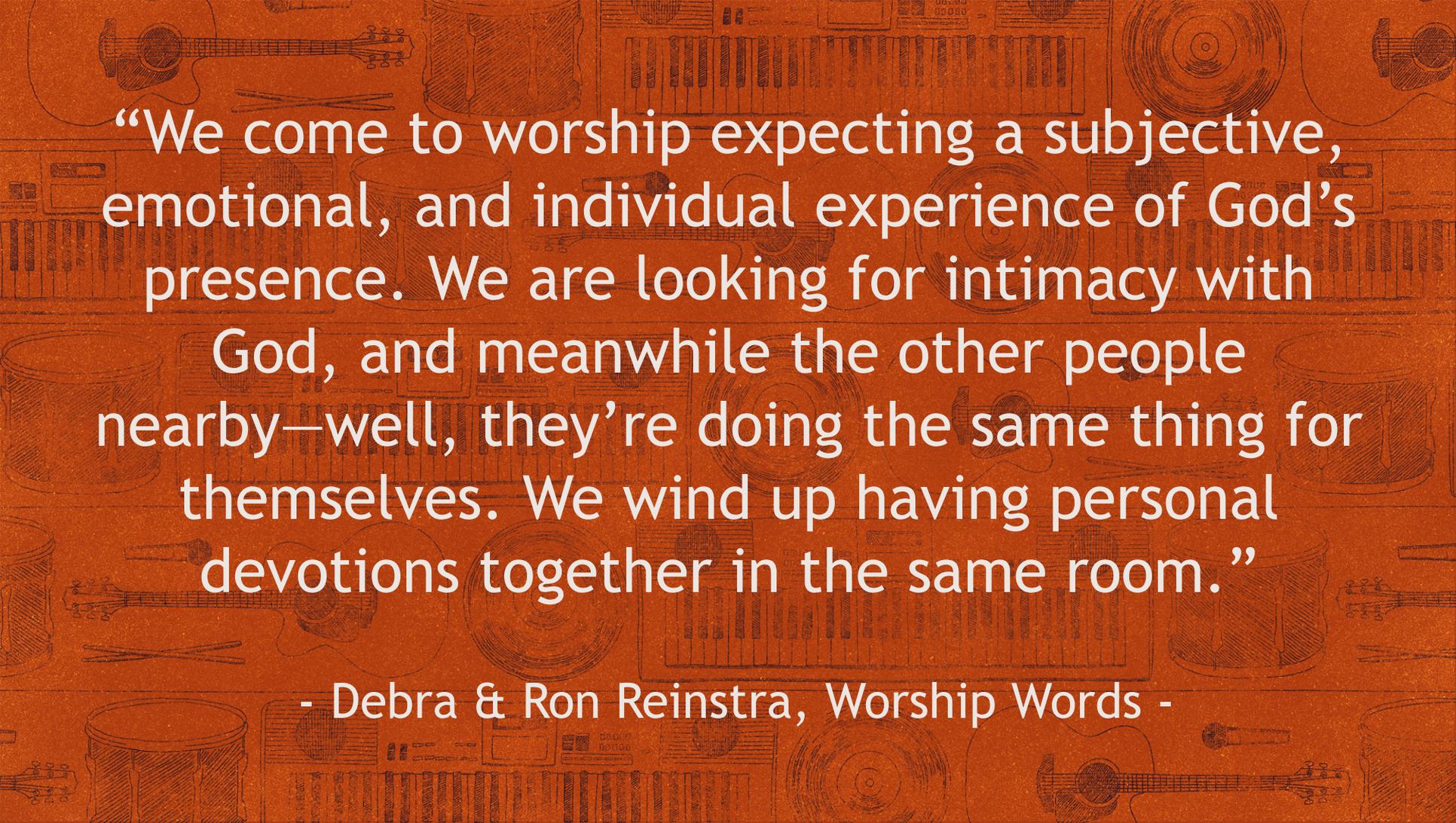
- Engaging with God, David Peterson -



**1) A Church That
Sings Together
(vs. 3)**

Psalm 40:3

³ He put a new song in my mouth, a hymn of praise to our God. Many will see and fear the LORD and put their trust in him.

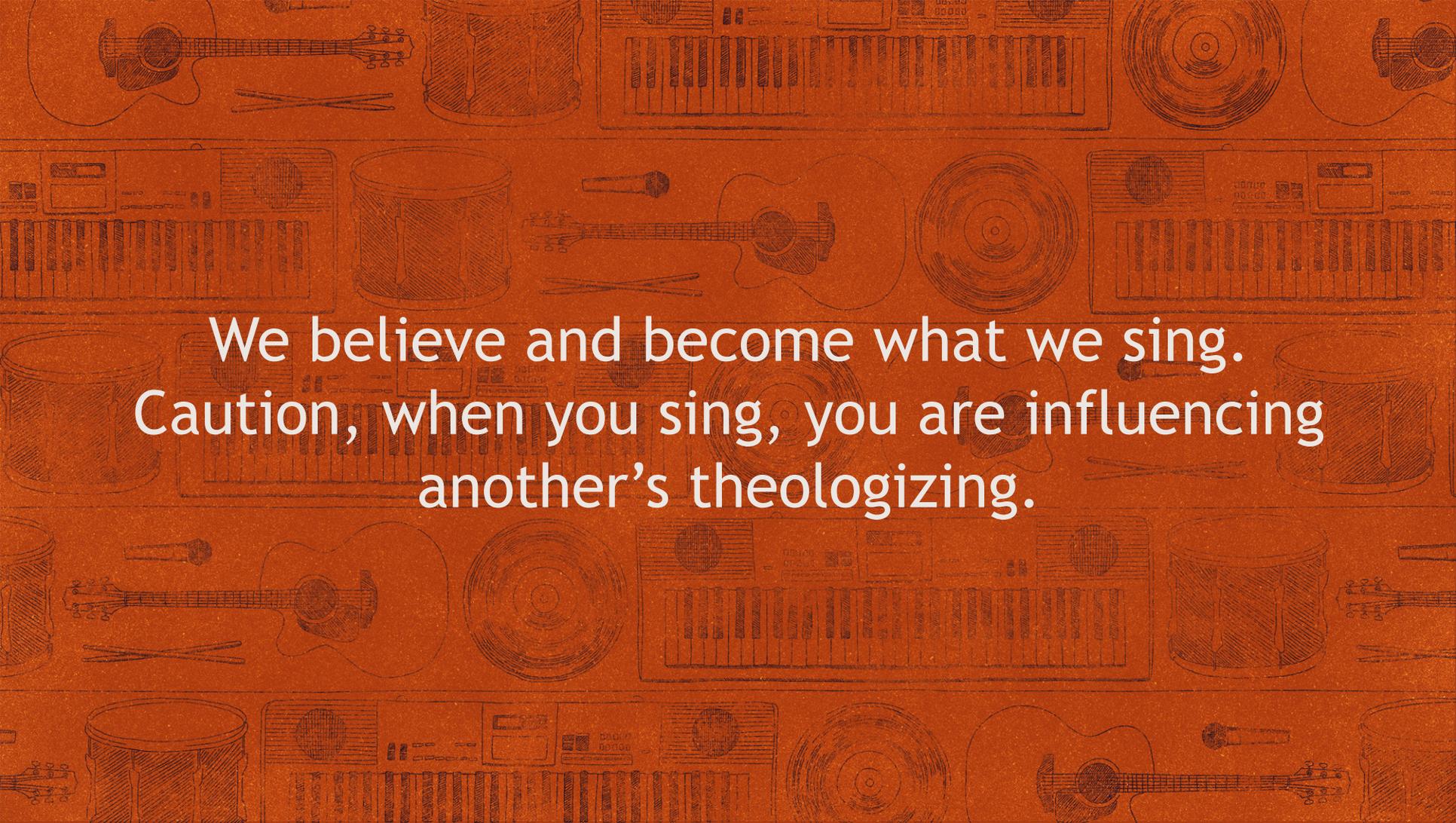


“We come to worship expecting a subjective, emotional, and individual experience of God’s presence. We are looking for intimacy with God, and meanwhile the other people nearby—well, they’re doing the same thing for themselves. We wind up having personal devotions together in the same room.”

- Debra & Ron Reinstra, *Worship Words* -

Ephesians 5:17-20

¹⁷ Therefore do not be foolish, but understand what the Lord's will is. ¹⁸ Do not get drunk on wine, which leads to debauchery. Instead, be filled with the Spirit, ¹⁹ speaking to one another with psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit. Sing and make music from your heart to the Lord, ²⁰ always giving thanks to God the Father for everything, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.



We believe and become what we sing.
Caution, when you sing, you are influencing
another's theologizing.

Colossians 3:15-17

¹⁵ Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace. And be thankful. ¹⁶ Let the message of Christ dwell among you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom through psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit, singing to God with gratitude in your hearts. ¹⁷ And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.



“Something old, something new, something
borrowed and something blue”

- Debra & Ron Reinstra, Worship Words -

1 Corinthians 14:26

²⁶ What then shall we say, brothers and sisters? When you come together, each of you has a hymn, or a word of instruction, a revelation, a tongue or an interpretation. Everything must be done so that the church may be built up.



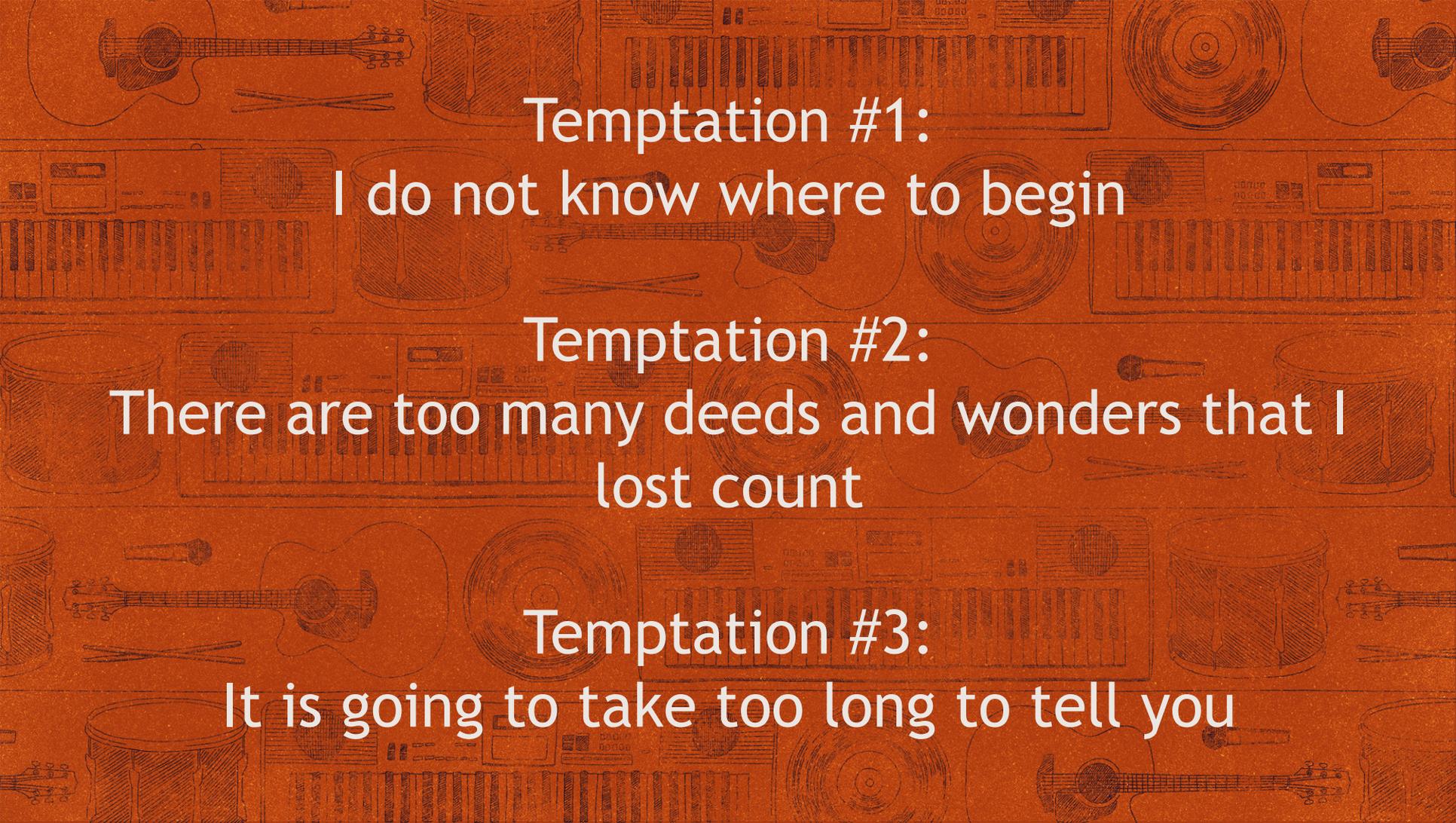
**2) A Church That
Testifies Together
(vs. 5)**

Psalm 40:5

Many, LORD my God, are the wonders you have done, the things you planned for us. None can compare with you; were I to speak and tell of your deeds, they would be too many to declare.

John 3:30

He must become greater; [we] must become less.



Temptation #1:

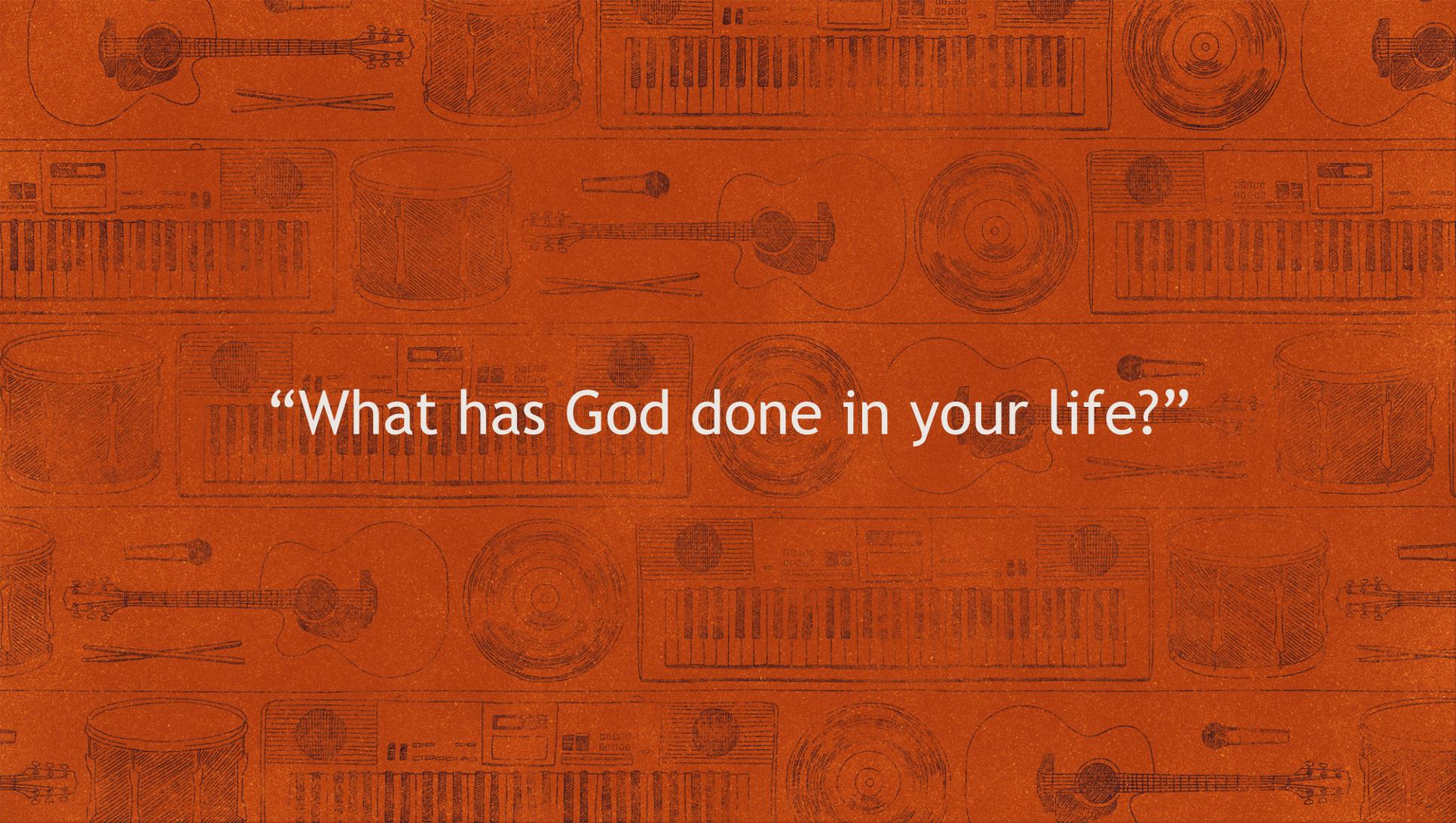
I do not know where to begin

Temptation #2:

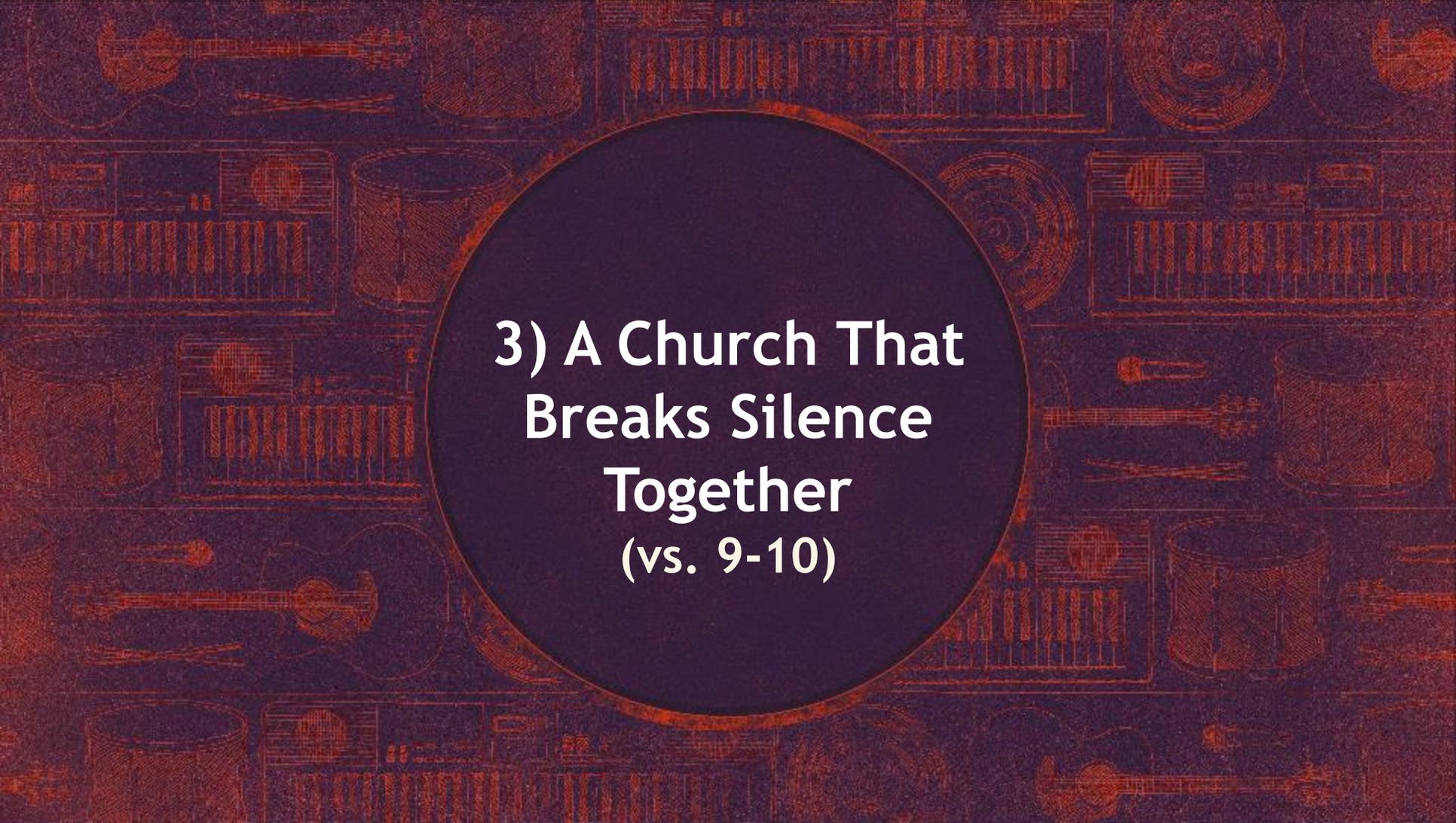
There are too many deeds and wonders that I
lost count

Temptation #3:

It is going to take too long to tell you



“What has God done in your life?”



**3) A Church That
Breaks Silence
Together
(vs. 9-10)**

Psalm 40:9-10

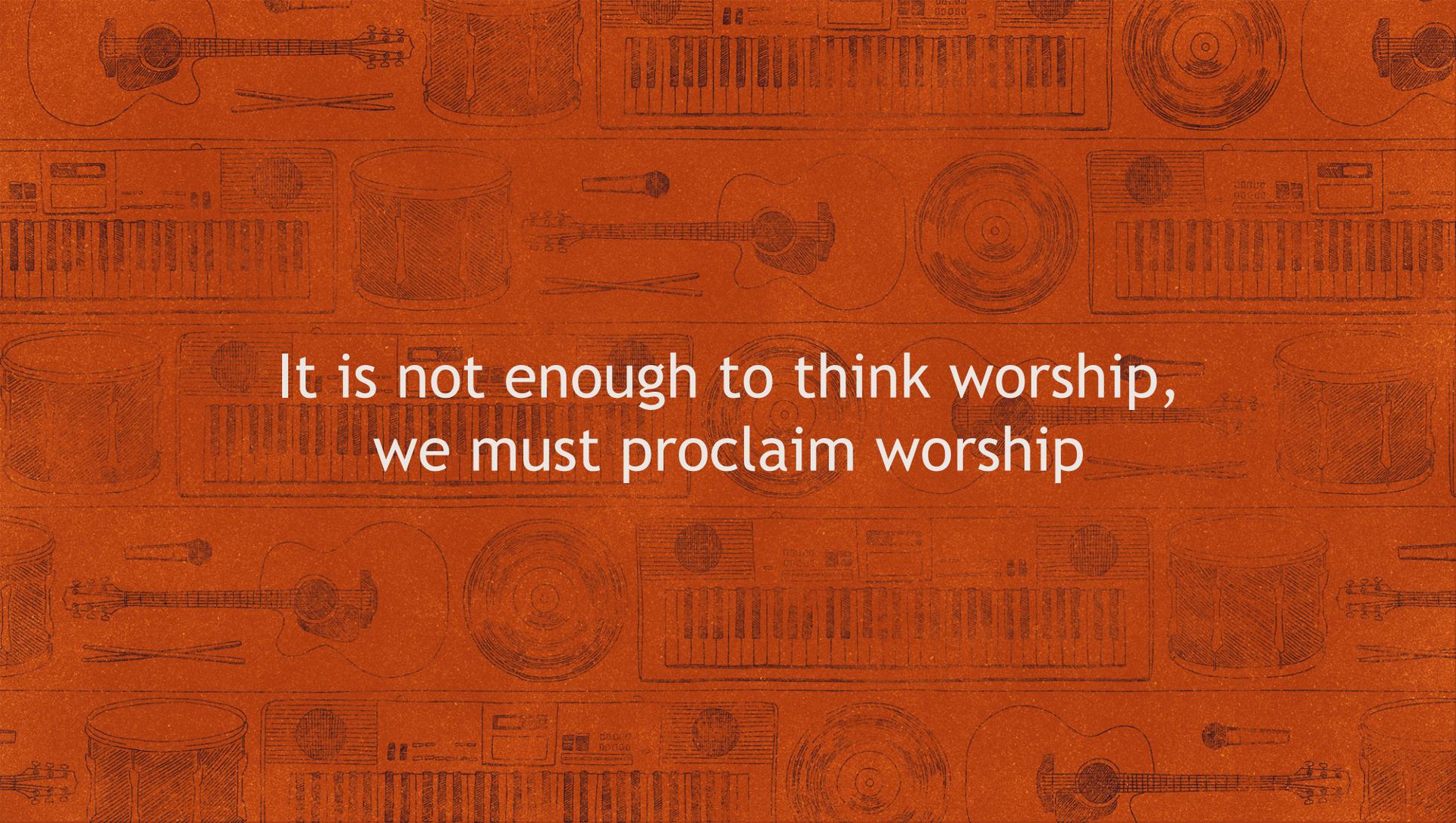
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1 Corinthians 12:26

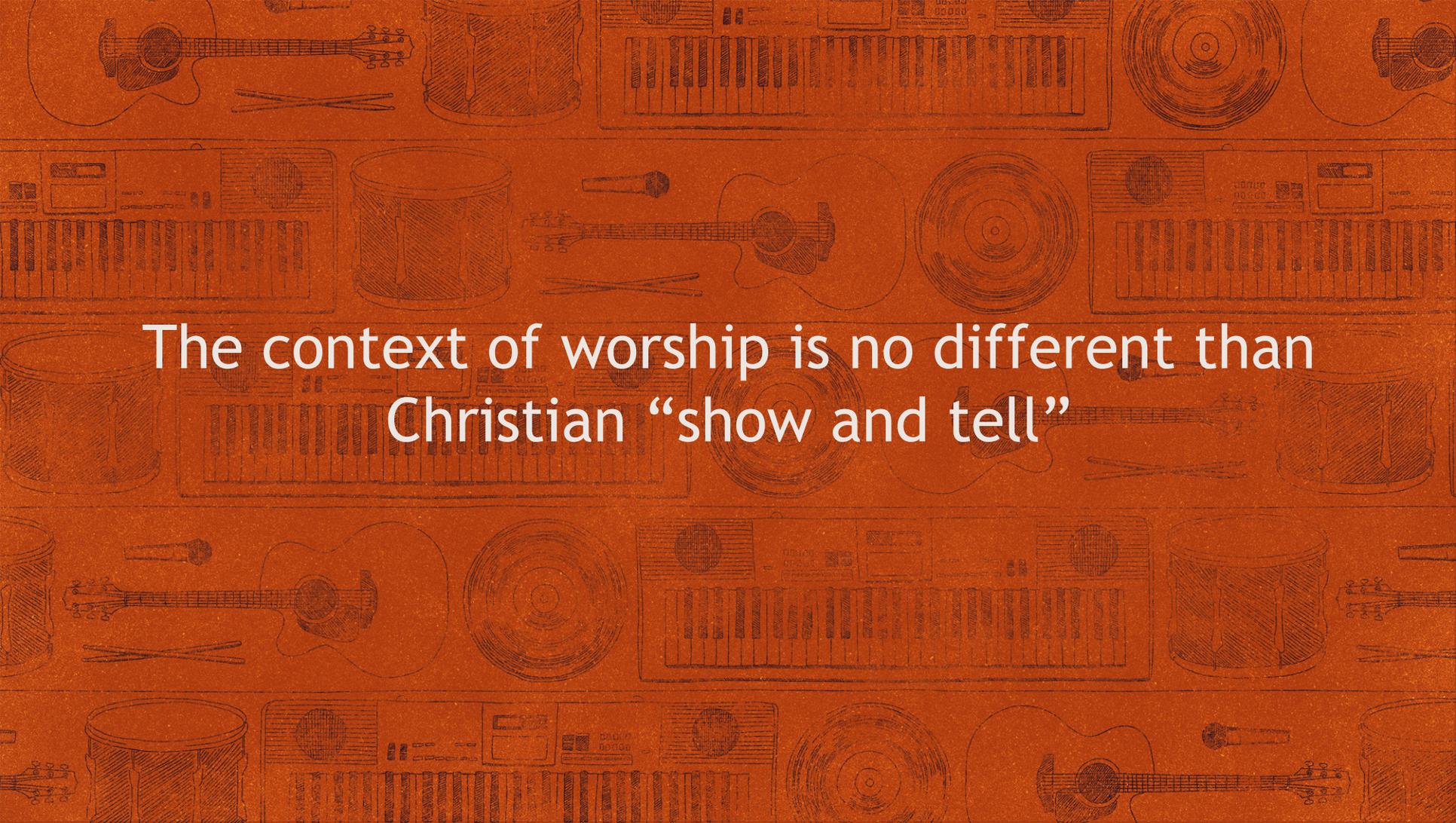
If one part [is silent], every part [becomes silent] with it; if one part is [singing], every part rejoices with it.



Christian worship is not conservative,
it is charismatic!



It is not enough to think worship,
we must proclaim worship



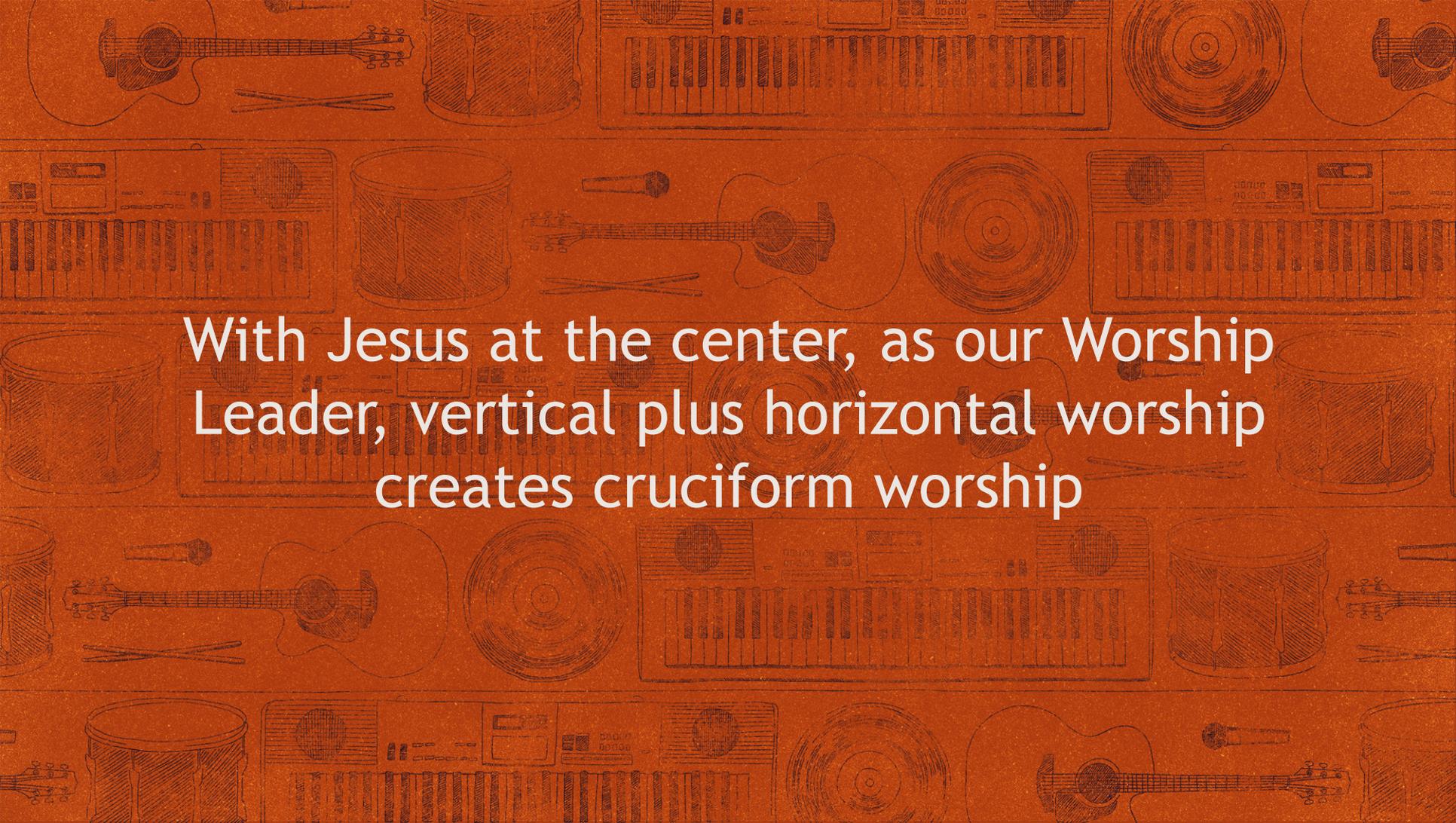
The context of worship is no different than
Christian “show and tell”



WPA is filled with people from a minimum of
42 nations, speaking a minimum of 41
languages!

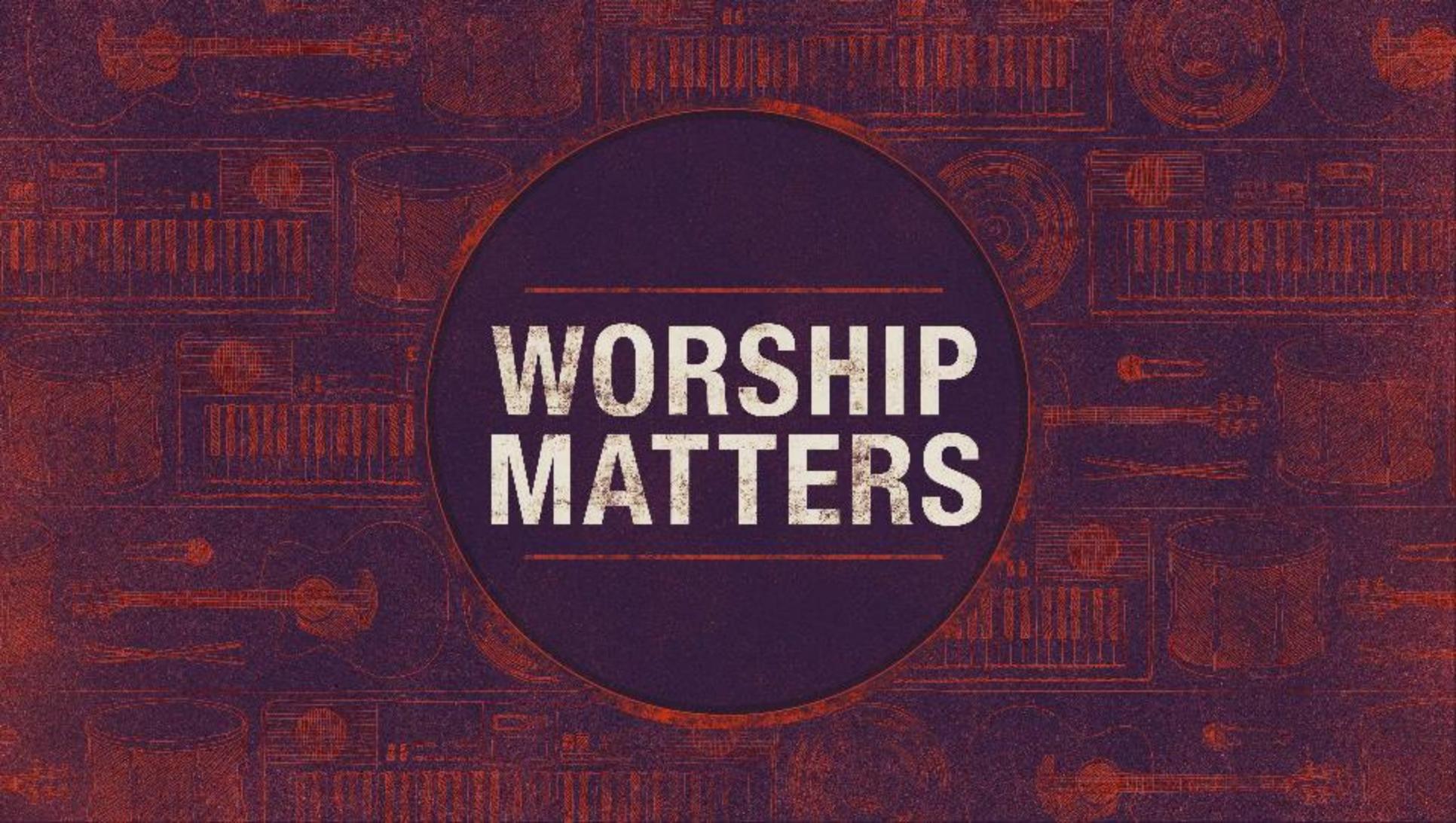


German - Lobe den Herrn
French - Louer le Seigneur
Romanian - Lăudați pe Domnul
Kenyan - Bwana asifiwe
Spanish - Te alabamos Señor
Nigerian - Eyìn oluwa lo'go
Malayalee & Tamil - Stothram
Mandarin - Zan mei zhu



With Jesus at the center, as our Worship
Leader, vertical plus horizontal worship
creates cruciform worship





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