

SKETCHNOTES FROM THE
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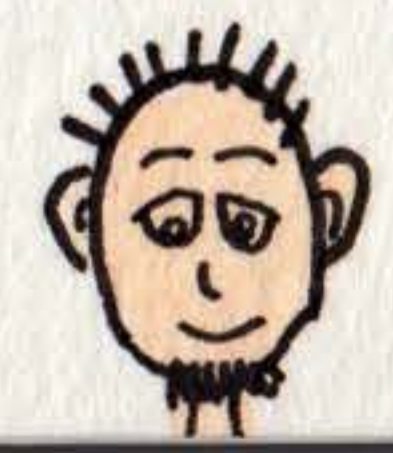
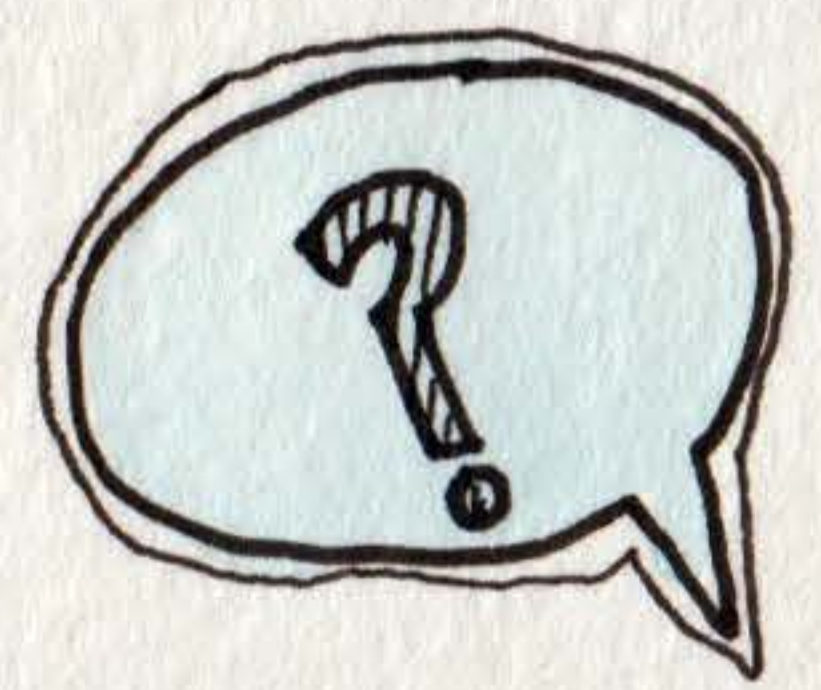
CHARLENE
han powell



TAKE
ME TO
church!



WHO DO YOU
say that I
AM?



JESUS wasn't looking
the **RIGHT** answer.

WHEN WE CONFESS WHO
Jesus is to us, we are
bearing witness to
the way he is **ALREADY**
TRANSFORMING
OUR LIVES.

BE  MY
thou **VISION**

**THE STATE of
NEXT**

Next is happening all
across the country.
Next thrives in all
of us to be imaginative
in our ministries in
our local contexts.

BEYOND
the OLD ways
of DOING
THINGS.

BEYOND
RIGHT THEOLOGY

BEYOND

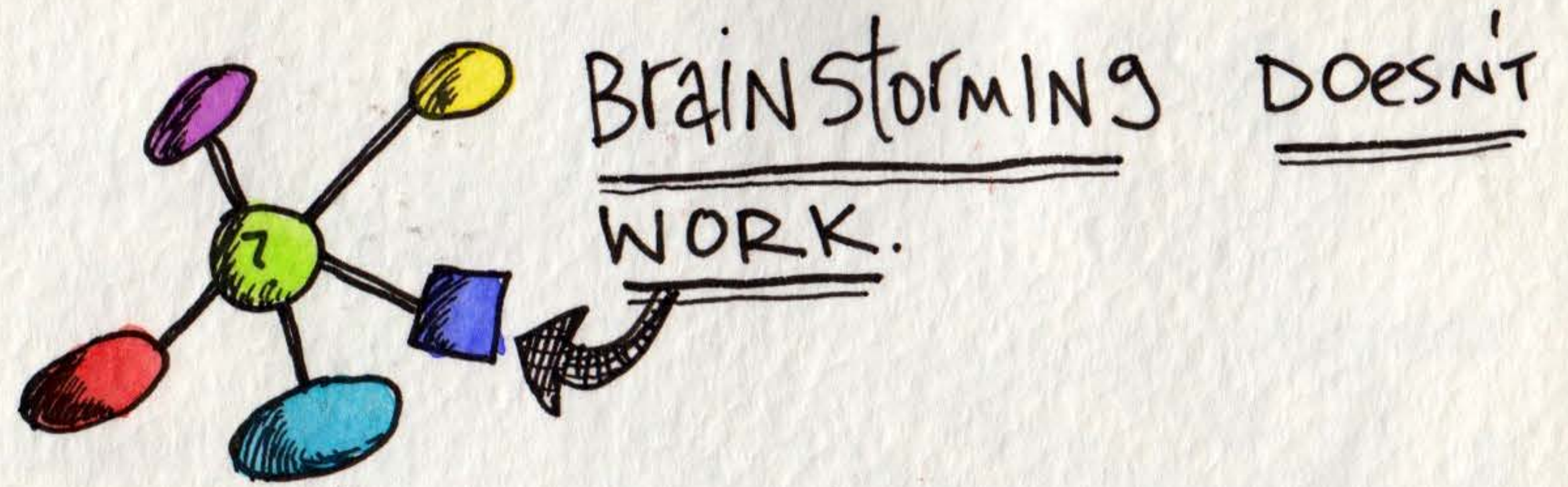
BEYOND
OUR WILDEST
Imaginations!

BEYOND
CHURCH
buildings

BEYOND
THE BUDGET

BEYOND
OURSELVES

Tiffany & Matthew
Jana & Freeman



INCLUSION → FOR INNOVATION



← NOT MANY CAN GUESS THE WEIGHT. BUT THE AVERAGE WAS 116 ABOVE ACTUAL WEIGHT.

DIVERSITY

ALLOWS FOR MORE INFORMATION AND THE CORRECT ANSWER

- HOW TO ENCOURAGE INDEPENDENCE:
1. Allow room for all voices
 2. Ask ^{for} / honor different opinions.
 3. Empower people.

← Thanks Robert Putnam

HIGH DIVERSITY = LESS TRUST

diversity without authentic inclusion is **HARMFUL**.

HOW DIVERSE IS YOUR CIRCLE OF TRUST?



VISUAL

THEOLOGY



JOHN HENDRIX →




← an artist!
NOT a CHRISTIAN ARTIST.

THE WORLD IS
RIGHTLY SKEPTICAL OF ART
MADE BY CHRISTIANS.

A SKETCHBOOK isn't
JUST A MOLESKINE - IT IS
A playground. HAVE FUN
AND JUST DISCOVER

WHO
YOU ARE.

art SHOULD INVITE
PEOPLE IN.

 PUT THESE ON AND
"JESUS GLASSES" DRAW HOW YOU SEE THE **WORLD**.

"CHRISTIAN ART"



MUSCLE JESUS
ON THE CROSS

→ THOMAS
KINKADE
→ SOME
STUFF THAT LOOKS
KITSCHY.

ART-MAKING INTEGRATES OUR
DEEPEST BELIEFS.

WHAT IS ART DOING?


Artists are the canaries in the coal mine.

ART CAN BAPTIZE OUR
imagination.



WORSHIP

MONDAY
AFTERNOON

Let your constant 
LOVE surround us....

JOY DOUGLAS
STROME

HUMANS NEED 3 SPACES IN LIFE:

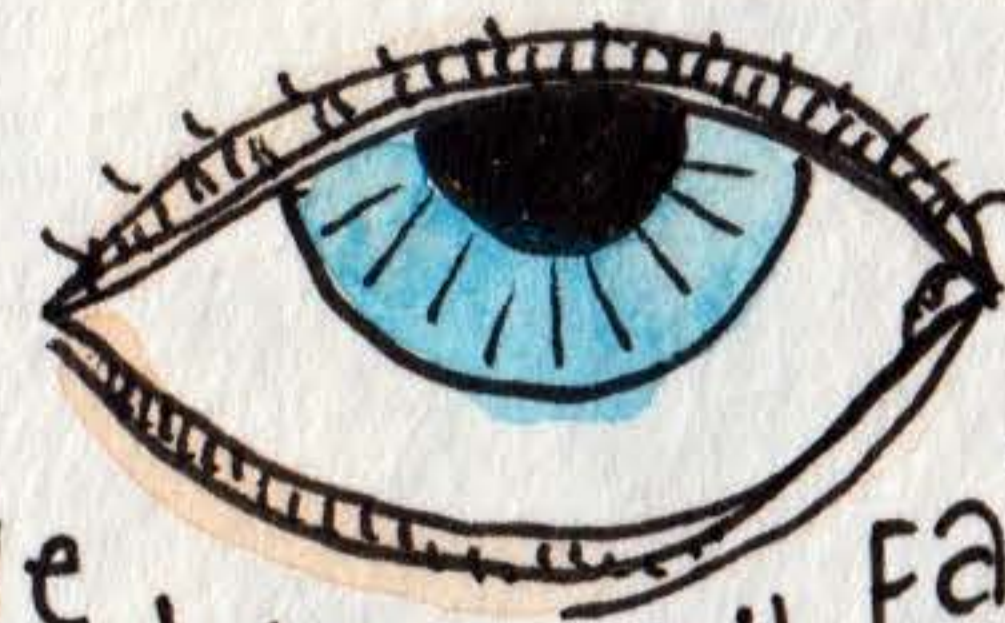
HOME



WORK



?
BAR?
CHURCH?



We walk by faith
NOT BY SIGHT.

THOMAS WANTED
TO SEE BUT JESUS
SAYS NOT ALL WILL
BE ABLE TO.

Let's be remembered
for our Proficiency
in IMPROVISATION.

What gives you
COURAGE AND
HOPE?



FOURTH
PRESBYTERIAN

Brian
ELLISON



← Sorry Brian...

Speaking the
Truth in Love

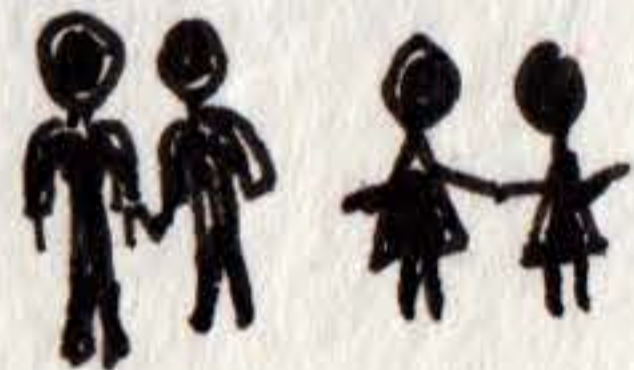


CHANGES US -
When it's TRUE/REAL
LOVE, IT CAN BE
TRANSFORMATIVE.

SOMETIME THIS WEEK, THE
CHURCH WILL CHANGE:



yes



AND HOW WILL THIS AFFECT:

UNITY?

Speaking the **truth**
in love...

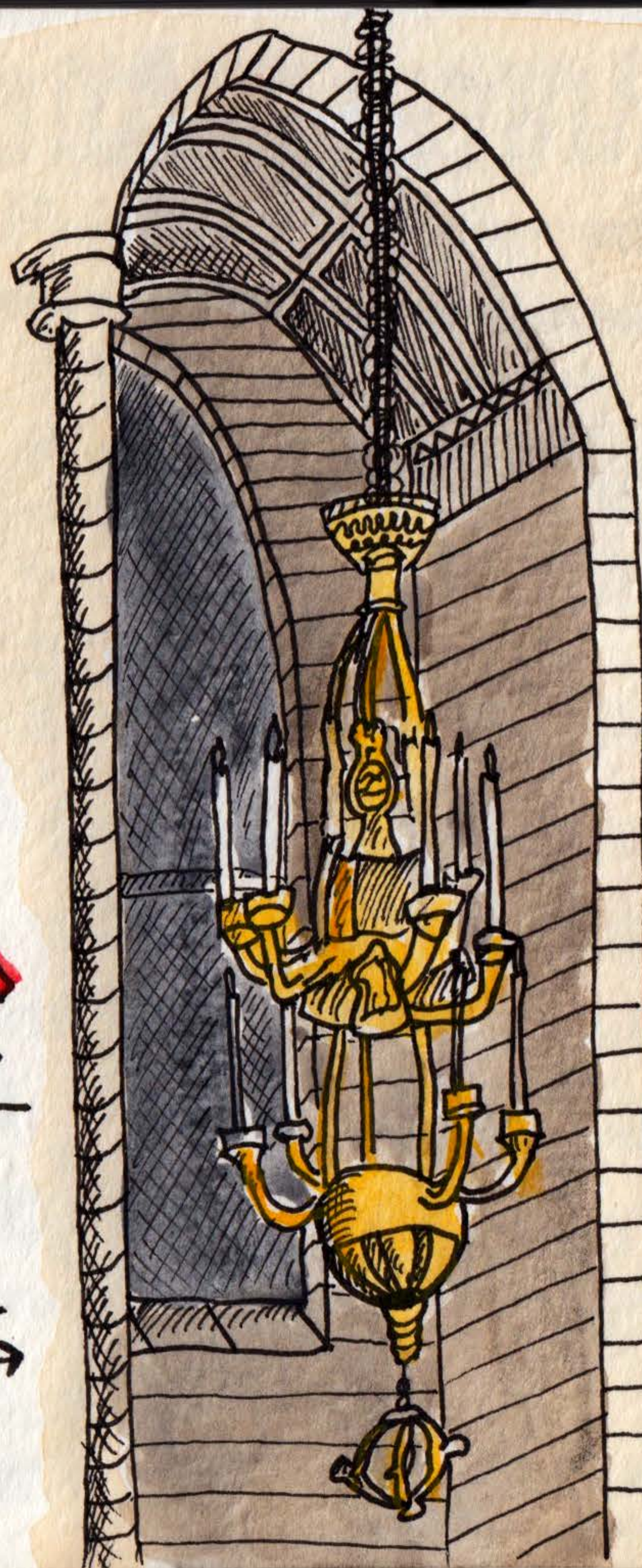
WHAT IS THE *truth*?

JESUS? POINTING OUT INJUSTICE?

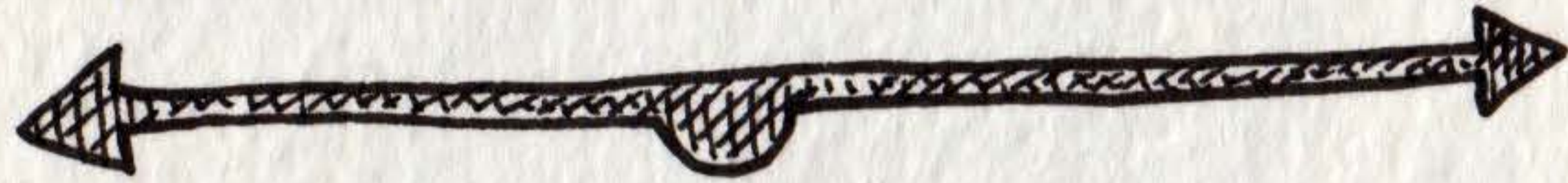
True things?

LOVE

A
beautiful space



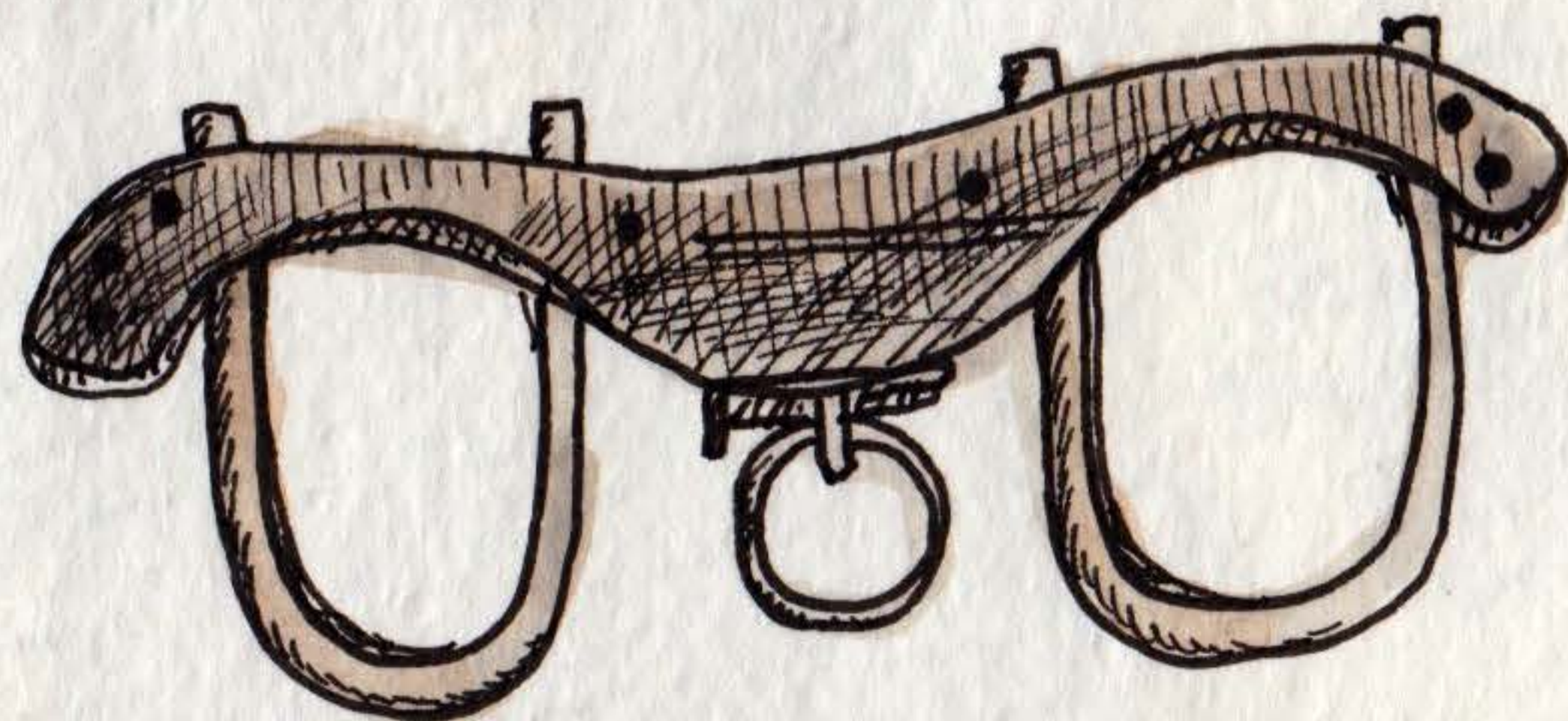
MIHEE & ANDY
KIM-KORT & KORT



YOKED

the spirituality & relationships

BEING YOKED TO SOMEONE
MEANS YOU MUST TRUST
THEM BECAUSE YOUR PATHS
ARE CONNECTED.



adam
COPELAND



CROWDFUNDING
THE CHURCH.

CROWDFUNDING FUNDS
8 BILLION/yr.

CHURCHES ARE
USING KICKSTARTER &
INDIEGOGO FOR RAISING \$
CROWDFUNDING IS FUELED
BY INNOVATION AND
CREATIVITY.

< @AJC123 >

DIANA: awakening(s)

BUTLER BASS

→ ARE NOT REVIVALS, THEY ALTER WORLDVIEWS & PRACTICES OF A WHOLE PEOPLE. THEY TRANSFORM THE MEANINGS OF FAITH & PRACTICE.



CHURCH
became a
BAR

TALKED ABOUT THE END
> OF CHRISTIANITY.



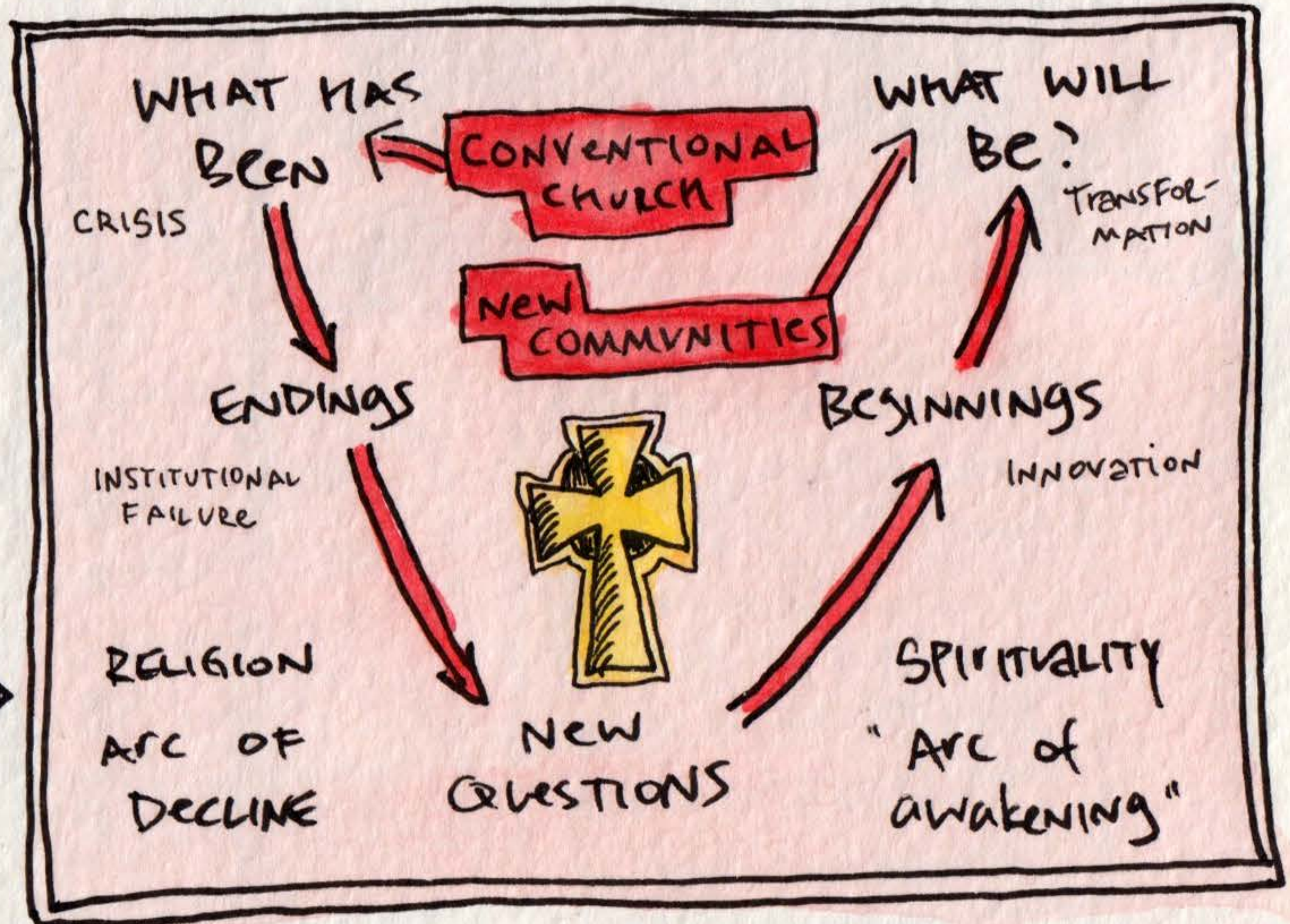
IONA = 100,000 people PILGRIMAGE

WILL WE BE A CHURCH BUILT UPON THE RUINS?

CHRISTIANITY AFTER RELIGION →

← NATIVISTS WANT TO RETURN BACK

OTHERS WILL EMBRACE A NEW VISION - BE PROPHETIC & MOVE FORWARD.



WHAT I HAVE YET TO
SEE, IS A DENOMINATION
SAY: "WE HAVE FAILED!"



I'M NOT DEAD YET!

We're Fiiiiine



AMENDMENT

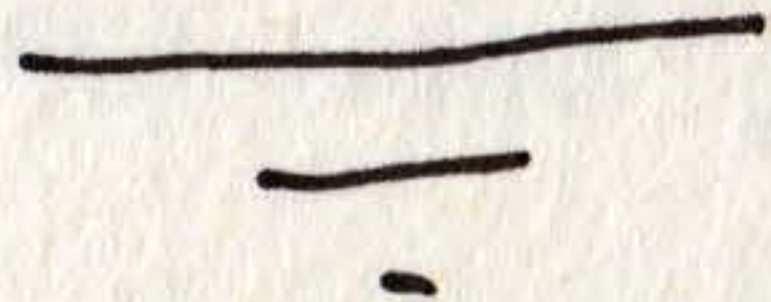
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THANK YOU
PALSADDES
PRESBYTERY!

PASS@S !!



FINALLY
RECOGNIZING
THE
REALITY
OF OUR
EXPERIENCE.



"BUT 'I' DON'T SEE YOU AS ASIAN."

DOING MINISTRY WHEREVER YOU ARE.

GET YOUR ASH OUT THERE ✦

BRUCE REYES-CHOW ROCKED A LEGIT IGNITE TALK!

IGNITE

TAPESTRY: PRESBYTERIAN YOUTH COLLECTIVE @YOROCKO! THE POWER OF ONE.

THE FUTURE IS COLLABORATIVE. 

NOT JUST PRESBYTERIAN COLLECTIVES BUT ECUMENICAL COLLECTIVES.

MINISTERING AT LARGE
being in MINISTRY AND SHARING LIFE WITH NEIGHBORS IN YOUR COMMUNITY.

George
SIFOWIR

BUILDING TOMORROW

\$10,000 TO BUILD

A SCHOOL OF 5500
STUDENTS



Raised \$45,000

THE WORK OF BUILDING
TOMORROW WAS BORN
IN THE CHURCH. AND
WE AREN'T DOING
ENOUGH OF THAT TODAY.

TOM ARE



I LOVE THIS CHURCH, EVEN
THOUGH WE'VE SCREWED
THINGS UP PLENTY.

Sabbath: WHAT CHOICES
DO WE MAKE?

LOVE ONE ANOTHER.

IT'S A GREAT(ER) COMMISSION.

DO WE BELONG WITH ONE
ANOTHER OR ARE WE JUST A
COLLECTION OF INDIVIDUALS.

JOHN STUART MILL: BEING
SOVEREIGN OVER MYSELF.

THIS INDIVIDUALISM IS NOT
FREEDOM, BUT ISOLATION.

WE BELONG TO ONE
ANOTHER.

SPIRITUAL BUT NOT RELIGIOUS
IS ABOUT ME AND GOD.

IT'S ISOLATING.

BE A FRIEND AMONG YOUR
COLLEAGUES.



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