

# Digital Disciples

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yes I love  
technology

But not as much  
as you, you see

But I still love  
technology

Always and forever

groomee





vInspired

nominet trust



NHS

Telefonica



Believe in  
children  
 Barnardo's

# DIGITAL

for

# GOOD

NON  
PROFITS

ORGANISATIONS

SOCIAL  
ENTREPRENEURS

USEFUL  
TOOLS

CHARITIES

NGOs  
STARTUPS

APPS

WEBSITES

UX

STRATEGY

ONLINE  
COMMUNITIES



As a Christian, I'm  
also interested in...

How do we  
follow Jesus  
*online?*

*In the spirit  
of Buzzfeed,  
here are...*

**9 AWESOME WAYS  
TO FOLLOW JESUS  
ONLINE (YOU WON'T  
BELIEVE NUMBER 3)**

1 Understand  
that technology  
shapes you

*We shape our  
tools, and  
thereafter our  
tools shape us*

Marshall McLuhan



The printing press changed  
how people engaged with God



How can you  
use the tools  
you have to  
help you grow  
in your faith?



Fill up on  
good stuff

2

As a designer I have  
to be disciplined to  
check sites that  
inspire me.



Facebook isn't enough

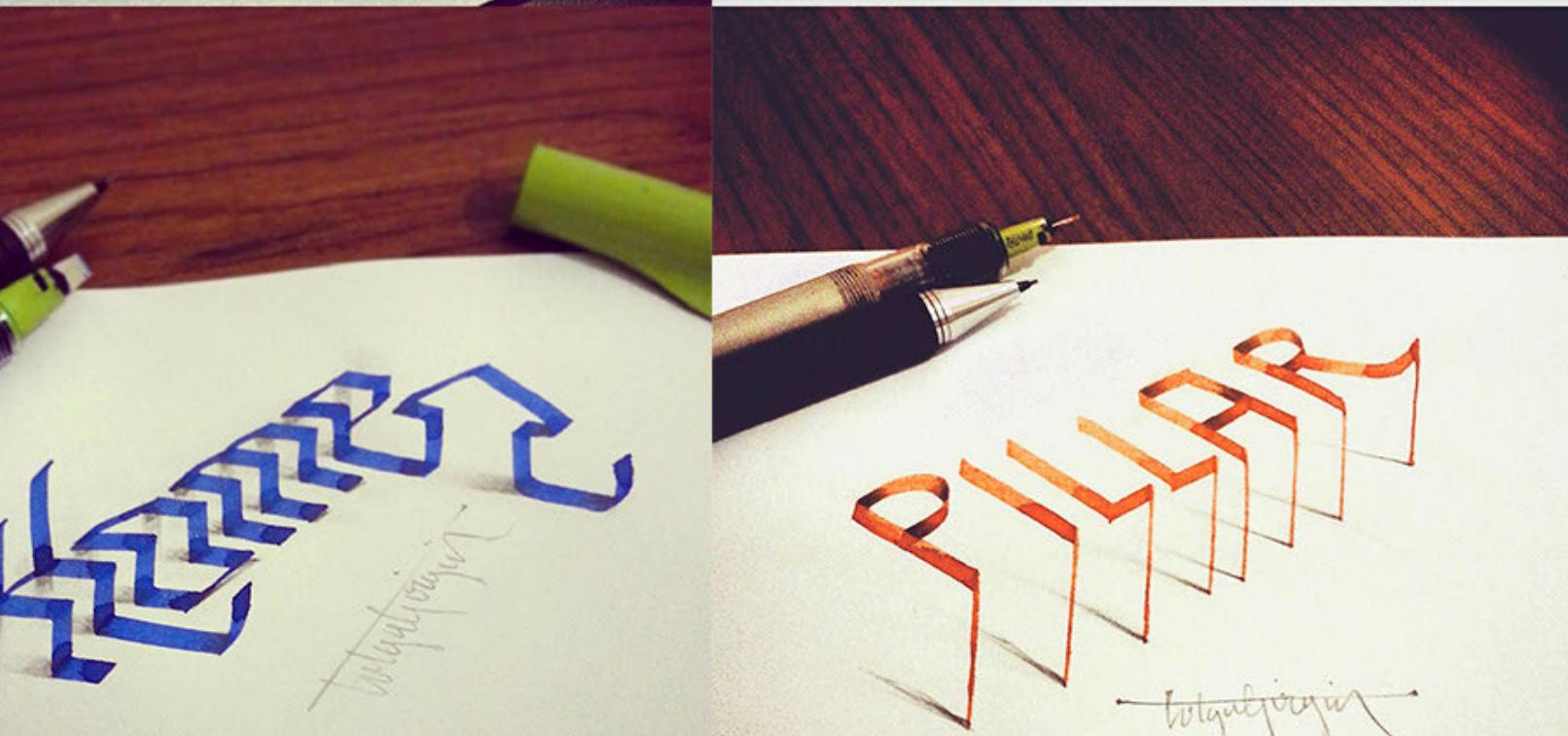
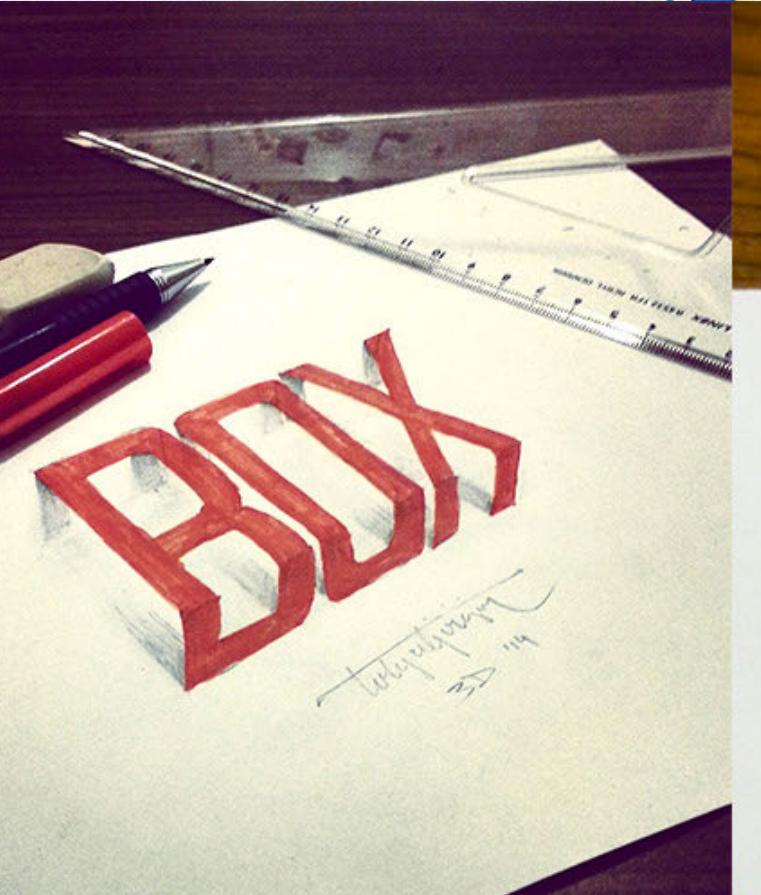
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what  
nourishes  
you?



A wide-angle photograph of a landscape under a dramatic sky. In the foreground, there's a lush green field. Beyond it, a range of dark, rugged mountains is visible. The sky above is filled with large, billowing clouds, with patches of bright blue and sunlight breaking through, creating a high-contrast scene.

What inspires you?



Who is helpful to  
follow?



Get help with  
the bad stuff 3

MOST OF THE INTERNET IS

PORN

And we don't like to  
talk about that.

**4**

Share your  
Stories &  
Passions

You HAVE  
A story

And someone, somewhere  
needs to hear it



[dayoffwithsophie.tumblr.com](http://dayoffwithsophie.tumblr.com)



My stories often aren't very  
interesting, but people  
seem to listen.

So I keep  
telling them.  
I mean, we.  
I mean, she.

Telling  
STORIES  
—  
HOPE

that connect us together

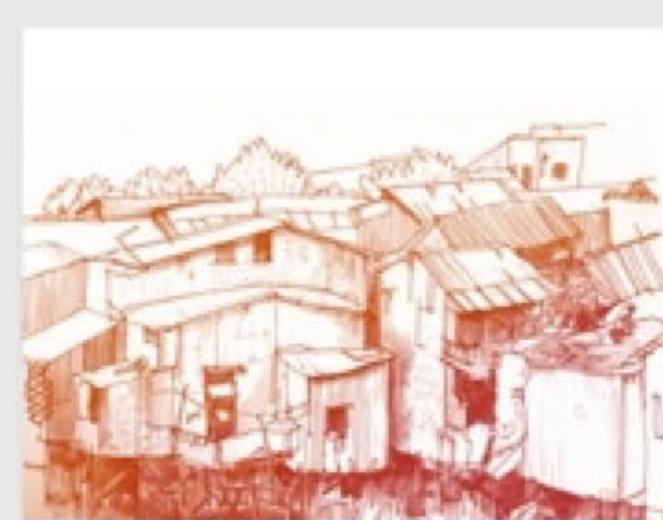
# CAMBODIA

A photograph showing a group of children and adults in a rural Cambodian setting. In the background, large white letters spell out "CAMBODIA". A woman in a yellow and red patterned top stands on the left. Several children are in the foreground, looking towards the camera. The scene is set against a backdrop of trees and a rustic structure.

Met amazing communities. Shared stories, photos, paintings and doodles and was blown away by how many people at home gave to charity.

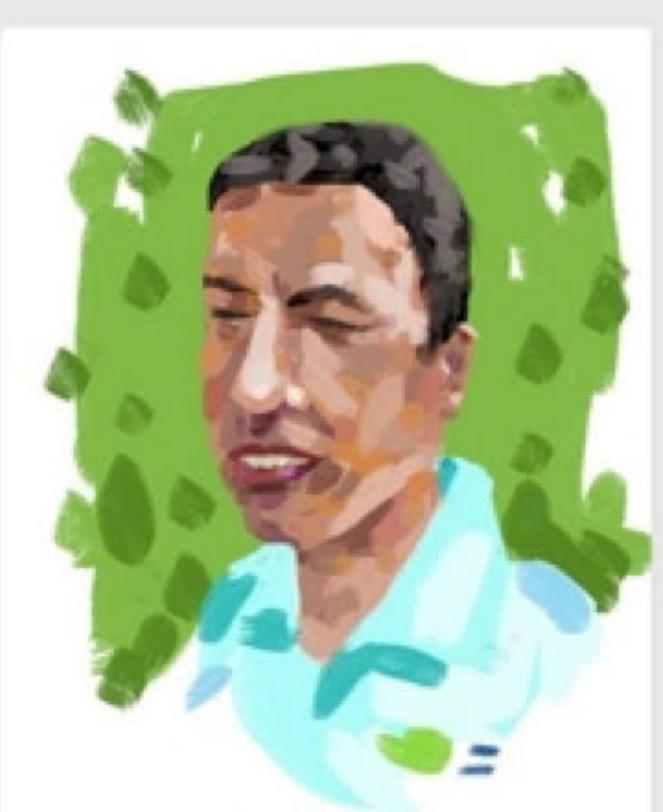






Riverside shacks in Phnom Penh. Everything is on stilts to protect from flooding in the rainy season.

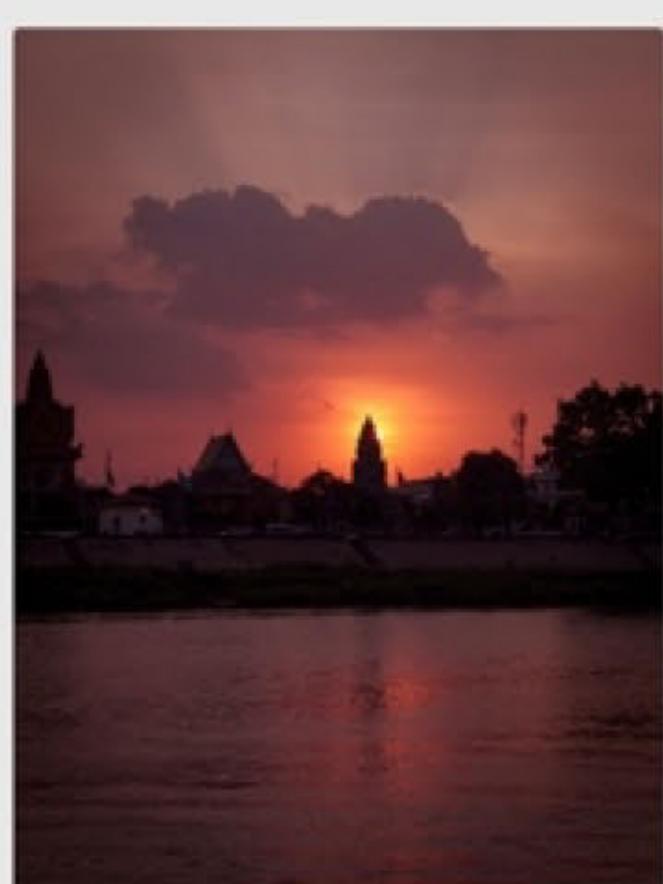
#tfbloggers #cambodia #sketches



Was really inspired by the passion and prayers of Pastor Ke Pich. The night we stayed at his house he told us he had been praying for each of us weeks before we'd even arrived in the village. It was really humbling and challenged me about my own prayer life.

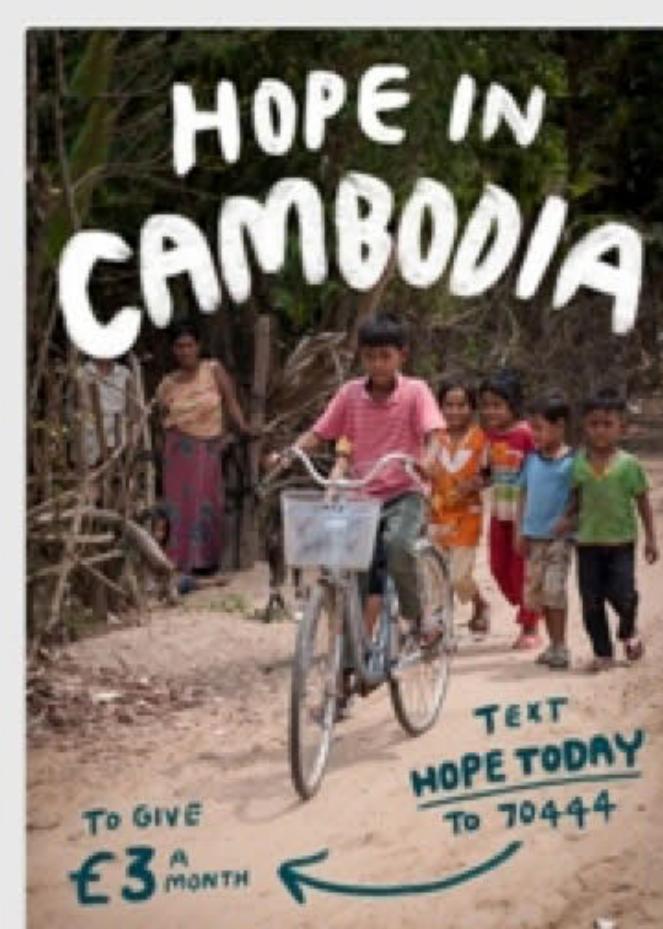
I did this iPad painting on the flight back home.

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Beautiful sunset over the Mekong delta.

#tfbloggers



Seeing Tearfund's work in Cambodia is amazing and I'm so thankful for the opportunity. I'm giving a signed print inspired by my trip to the first 60 people who give to their work there. [Find out more](#)

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Back in Phnom Penh. This kid was picking up bits of rubbish by the riverside.

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The church building.



ily close-knit



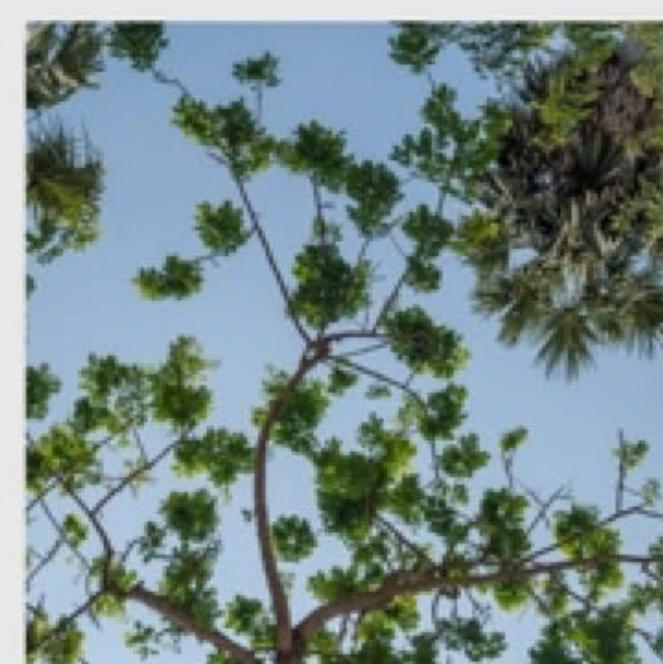
Tonle Bati's church service is mid afternoon, when the temperature gets a little bit cooler. This guy played a few worship songs. There were some dubious timings and tunings, but it was amazing to see their passion and love for Jesus and each other.

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Back at Tonle Bati, we sat in on an Umoja group meeting, led by Pastor Ke Pich.

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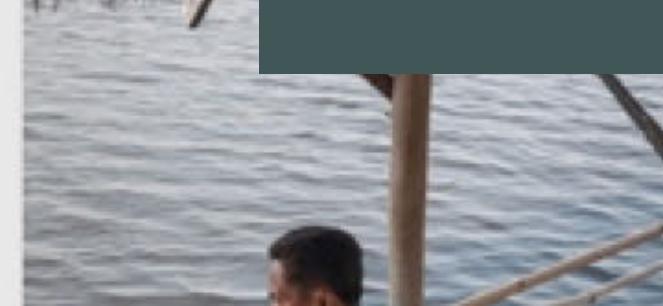
There were about 50 people in church, a large proportion in their 20s. It was nice to meet Danny and I got to talk about who we are and what we do in Cambodia.

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I stayed with Pastor Ke Pich's family, and I had my first night to sleep under a mosquito net. I slept right from waking up at 5am until 10pm.

# cambodia.richwells.me



A couple of days ago I bashed my ankle while getting into a minibus. It hurt at the time but I forgot about it. Anyway it ballooned the size of my foot.

# What are you passionate about?

It doesn't have to be a 'Christian' thing.  
What passions has God given you?  
You don't have to put a Bible verse at the  
bottom of a blog post for it to be used by God.

Share what you're learning.  
Share your struggles, don't try to be perfect.  
Build community.



# I should probably change

Stepping towards ethical living - one change a month, every month.

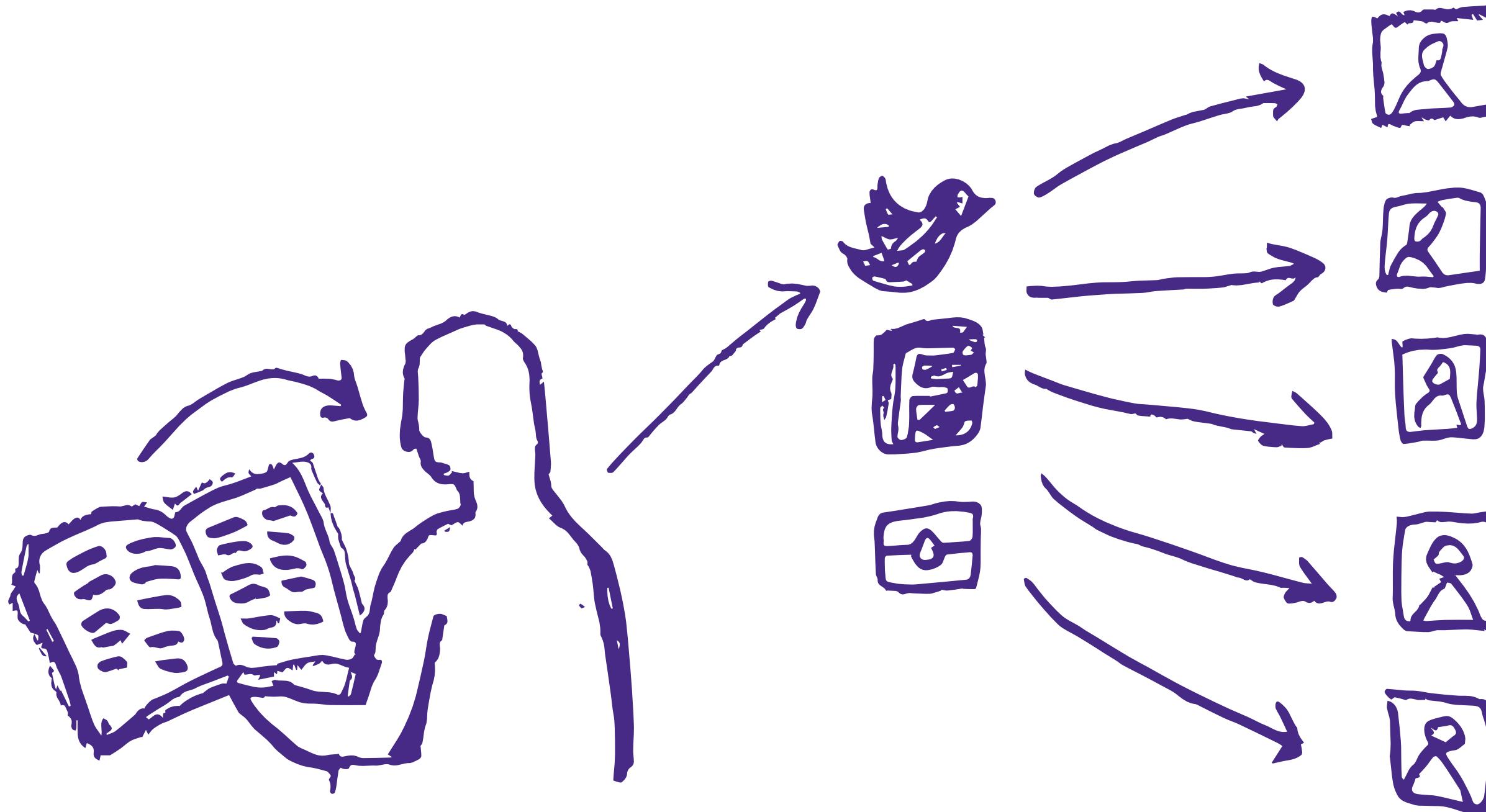
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# CHALLENGE YOURSELF

1. START a Blog (tumblr is good)
2. Pick a SUBJECT (be specific)
3. Pick a TIME to POST (e.g. every friday)
4. Tell EVERYONE (announce it online)
5. Do IT (and don't stop)

# 5

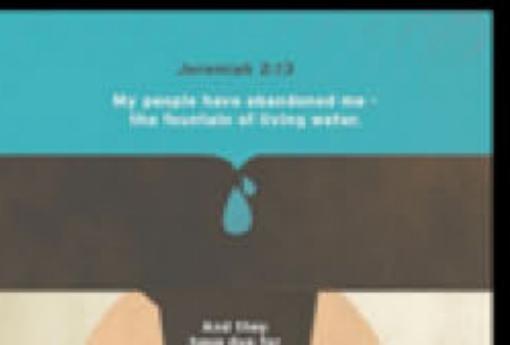
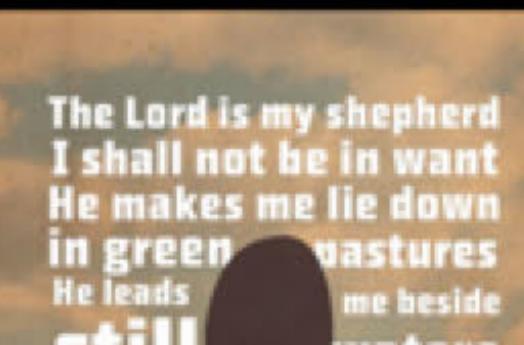
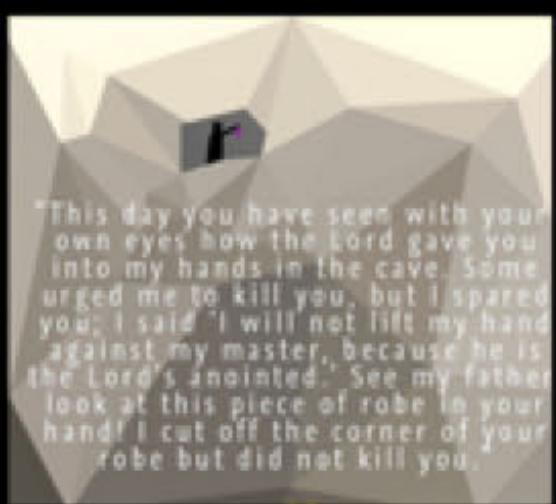
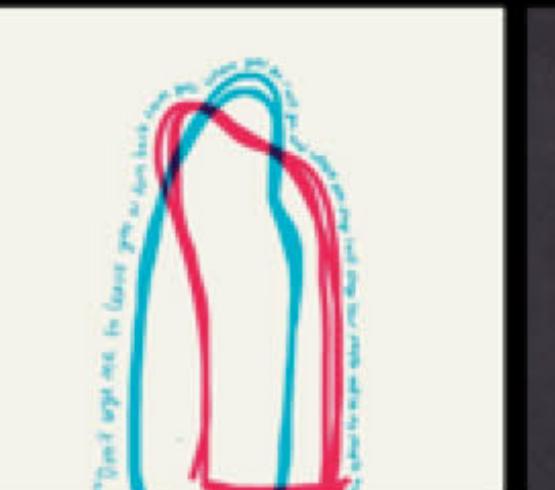
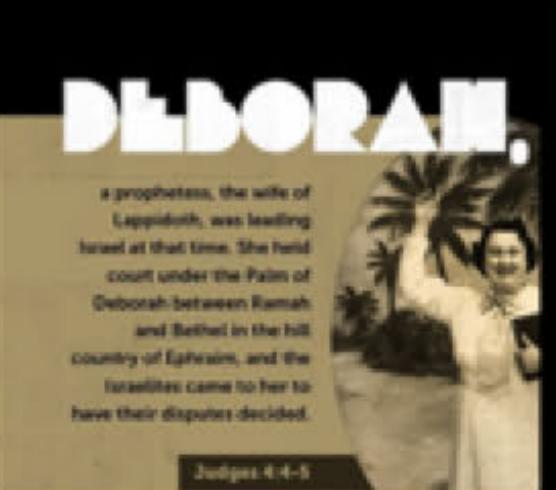
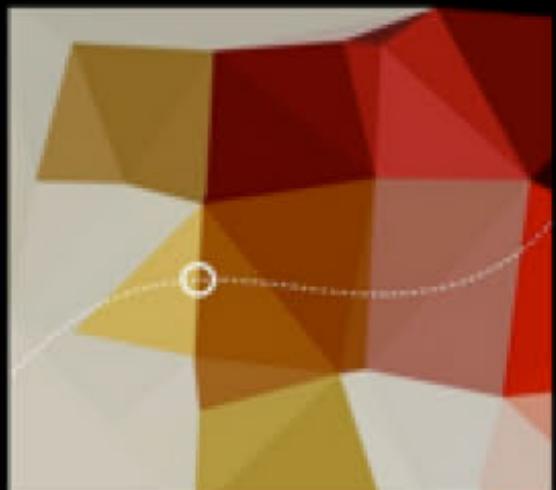
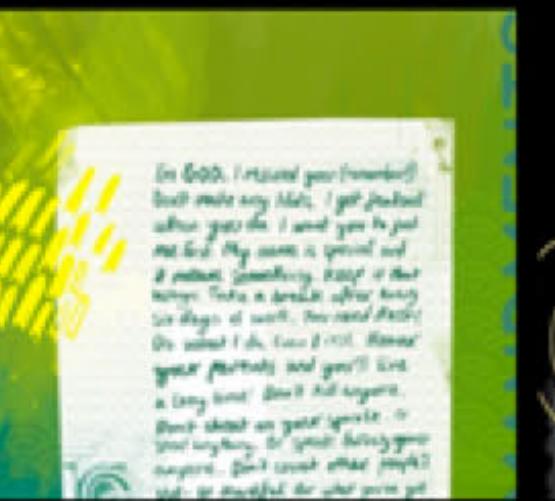
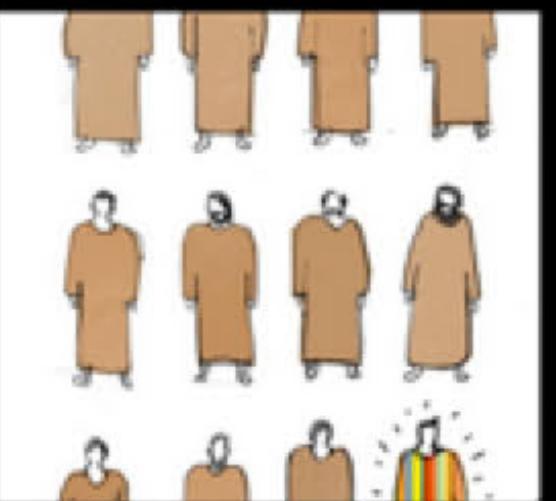
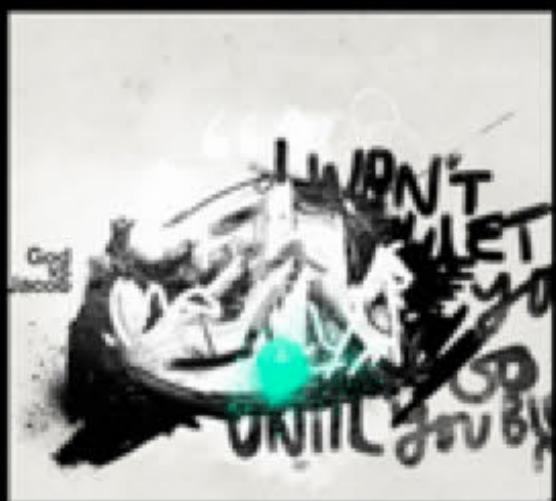
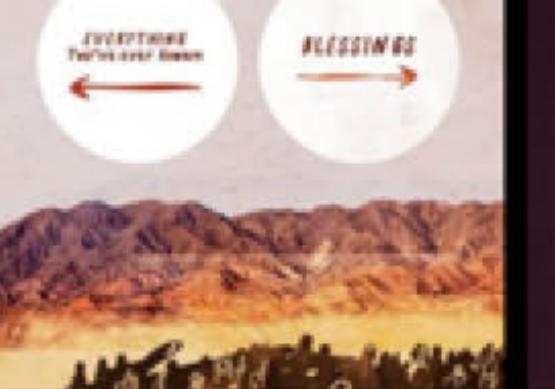
# Be a Bible Translator



You are the only  
Bible that most  
people will read.



READ THE BIBLE,  
*every day for 100 days!*





HE ALSO  
MADE THE  
STARS

1 Corinthians 13  
The Most Excellent Way

LOVE

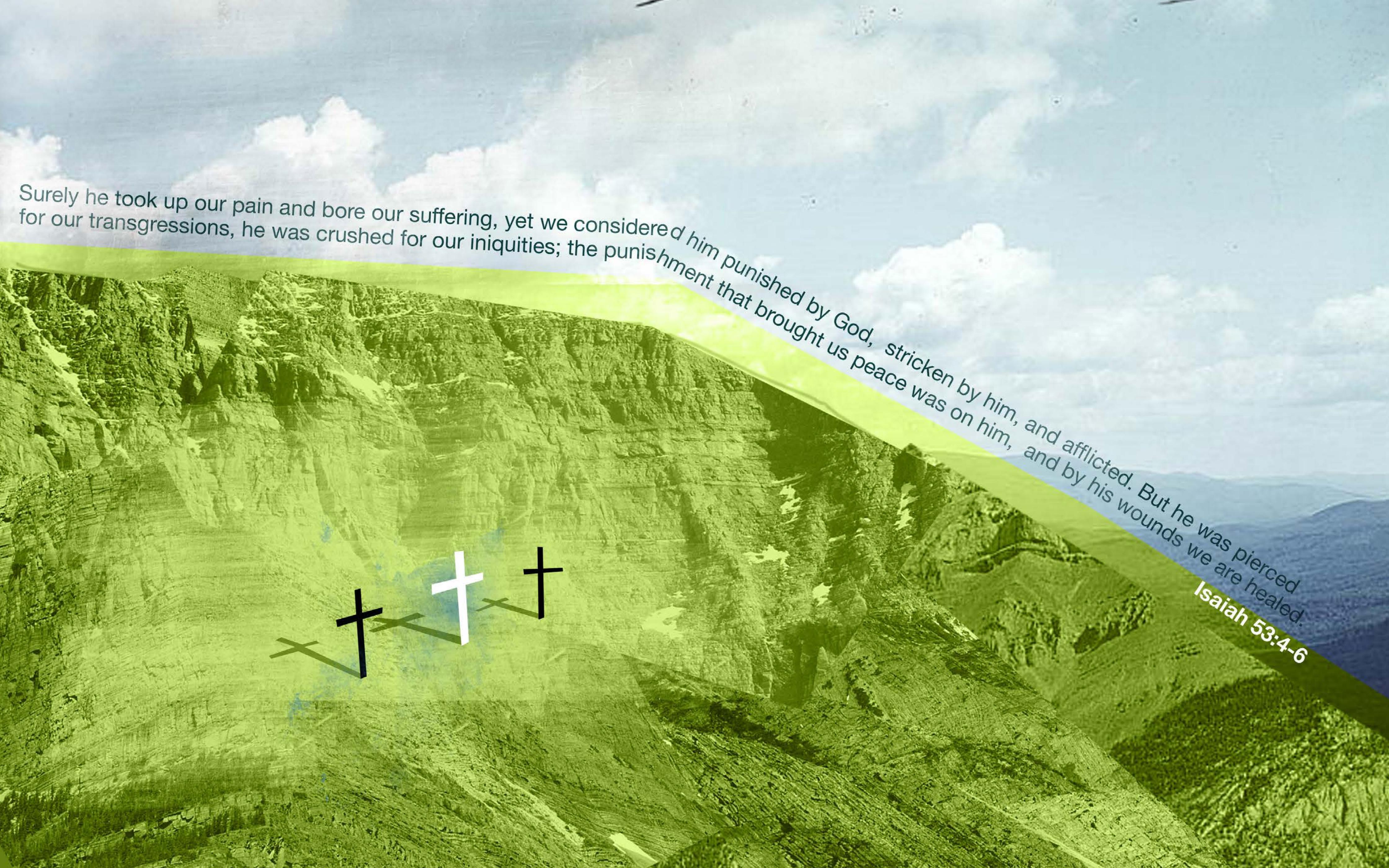
Patient Kind  
Doesn't envy  
Doesn't boast  
Not proud  
Not rude  
Not self-seeking  
It is not easily angered  
It keeps no record of wrongs  
Does not delight in evil  
but rejoices with the truth  
Always protects  
Always trusts  
Always hopes  
Always perseveres  
Never fails



EVERYTHING  
You've ever known

BLESSINGS





Surely he took up our pain and bore our suffering, yet we considered him punished by God, stricken by him, and afflicted. But he was pierced for our transgressions, he was crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was on him, and by his wounds we are healed.  
*Isaiah 53:4-6*

Love JOY

Peace Patience

—kindness—

GOODNESS

FAITHFULNESS

gentleness

self control

How can you  
creatively  
translate the Bible  
in your voice?



Think  
before you  
tweet

**T**houghtful  
**H**elpful  
**I**nteresting  
**N**ecessary  
**K**ind?



WHAT WOULD  
MICK  
WOODHEAD  
THINK?

or your mum?  
Or your future  
employer?



**INTEGRITY**

The image shows a hand holding a paintbrush, applying white paint to a red background. The word "INTEGRITY" is being painted in large, white, hand-drawn letters. The background is a solid red color, and the overall composition has a textured, artistic feel.

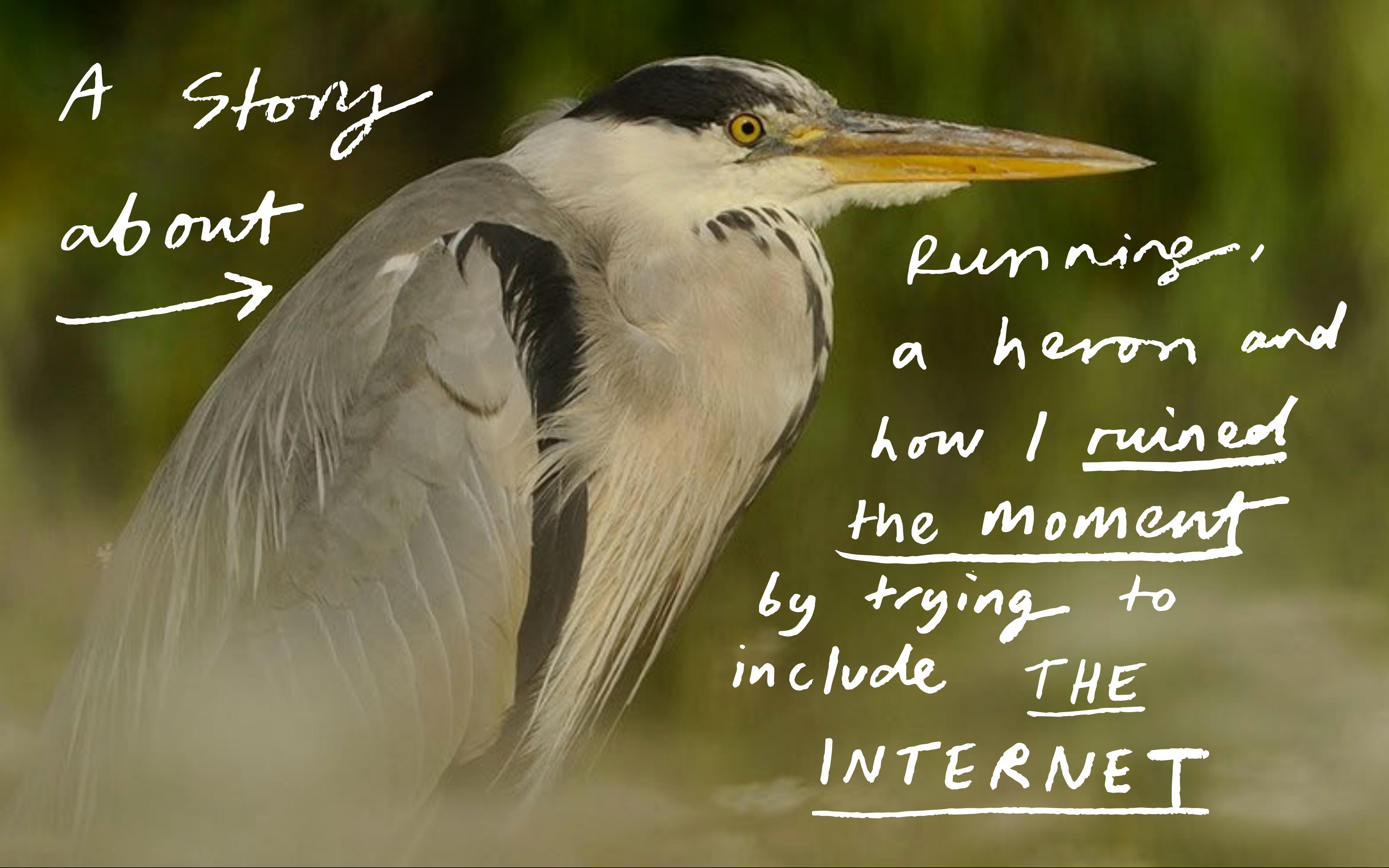
**Are you the same online as offline?**

Be  
Positive!

What are you for?



7 Be present  
and enjoy life



A story

about  
→

running,  
a heron and  
how I ruined  
the moment  
by trying to  
include THE  
INTERNET

Shane OR SWITCH OFF?





Is our phone the last thing  
we check at night and the  
first thing in the morning?

Do we think in  
statuses?

Post

DO you  
use the word  
" #HASHTAG "  
in Conversation?

(please say no)

Do we ever  
make space  
for God to  
speak?

SPEAK, FOR YOUR SERVANT IS  
**LISTENING**  
*1 SAMUEL 3:10*



8

Don't judge  
yourself by  
likes, followers  
or retweets

LIKE

God

LIKE

LIKE

LIKE

LIK

LIKE

LIKE

Likes

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You

LIKE

Do

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You

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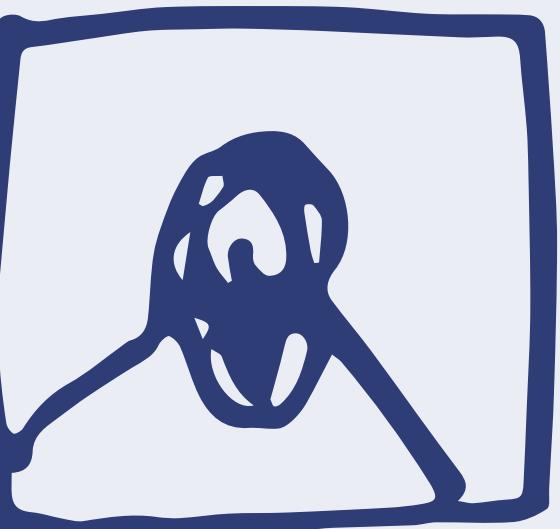
LIKE

LIKE

LIKE

You?

# He listens



Jesus Christ  
is following you



Jesus Christ  
liked that thing you said



Remember that

Real change  
happens offline

9

A photograph of a diverse group of people singing and raising their hands in worship. In the foreground, a man wearing a red baseball cap with 'Jesus' written on it and a black t-shirt is singing with his eyes closed and hands raised. Behind him, other people are visible, including a woman in a white shirt and a man in a blue shirt. The background is dark, suggesting a concert or church setting.

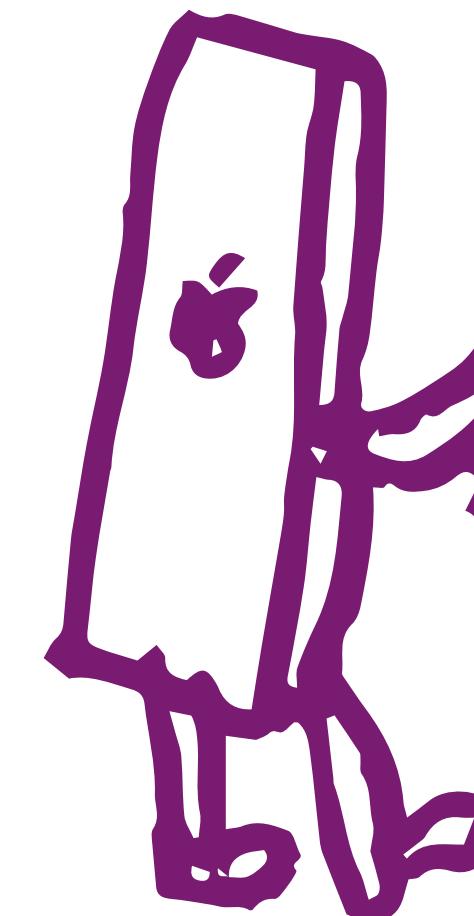
God works  
through people



Jesus calls us  
to WASH  
FEET.  
That involves  
touching.

Despite the  
advances of  
wearable tech ...

You Can't  
Wash Feet  
on  
Twitter  
(yet)



# thanks

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