

Jesus Followers

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Acting As If It Were
True

Having the Mind of Christ

Eight Axioms to Cultivate a Robust Faith

Ben Sternke and Matt Tebbe



1. God is love, so it's all about love.

“It's time to reclaim love as the necessary, non-negotiable foundation of our Christian faith”

- Ben Sternke and Matt Tebbe



2. God is always present and at work.

God cannot be absent.

God can not be idle.



3. God is just like Jesus.

“What people think about God cannot be divorced from their place and time in a definite history and culture.”

– James Cone



4. God meets us in our messy reality.

“God doesn’t love me because I’m good; He loves me because He is good!”

- Ben Sternke and Matt Tebbe



5. God cares more about all of it more than we do.

“For some reason we think that spiritual progress is marked by a lack of struggle... this is simply not the case. Spiritual progress is learning to confront struggle in a new way so that we don't struggle with the fact that life is fraught with struggle.”

- Martin Laird



6. God does the same work through us and in us.

“The main thing God gets out of your life is not the achievements you accomplish, it’s the person you become.”

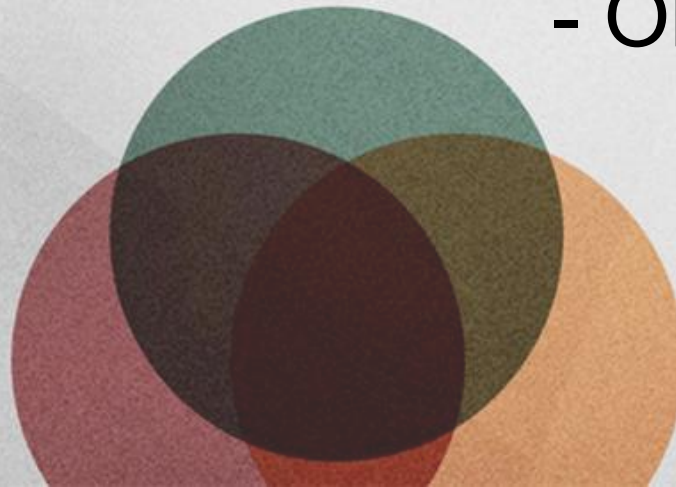
-Dallas Willard



7. God's love always reckons with power.

“An important goal of Jesus' ministry was to radically change the distribution of authority and power, goals and resources, so all people – particularly the little people, or ‘the least of these’ as Jesus called them – might have lives free of political repression, enforced hunger, and poverty.”

- Obrey Hendricks Jr.



8. God transforms us through embodied participation.

“We grow in love by putting Jesus’ teaching into concrete practice, trusting God to meet us in our failures and struggles as we do so.”

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**If we agree with these Axioms /
Principles / Ways of Life, then
how are we acting as if they are
true?**



1. Compassionate Awareness



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2. Creative Alignment



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- 2. Creative Alignment**
- 3. Cooperative Action**



²¹ Afterward Jesus appeared again to his disciples, by the Sea of Galilee. It happened this way: ² Simon Peter, Thomas (also known as Didymus), Nathanael from Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two other disciples were together.



John 21:1-17 (NIV)

³ “I’m going out to fish,” Simon Peter told them, and they said, “We’ll go with you.” So they went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing.

⁴ Early in the morning, Jesus stood on the shore, but the disciples did not realize that it was Jesus.

⁵ He called out to them, “Friends, haven’t you any fish?”



John 21:1-17 (NIV)

“No,” they answered.

⁶ He said, “Throw your net on the right side of the boat and you will find some.” When they did, they were unable to haul the net in because of the large number of fish.



John 21:1-17 (NIV)

⁷ Then the disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, “It is the Lord!” As soon as Simon Peter heard him say, “It is the Lord,” he wrapped his outer garment around him (for he had taken it off) and jumped into the water. ⁸ The other disciples followed in the boat, towing the net full of fish, for they were not far from shore, about a hundred yards.



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⁹ When they landed, they saw a fire of burning coals there with fish on it, and some bread.

¹⁰ Jesus said to them, “Bring some of the fish you have just caught.” ¹¹ So Simon Peter climbed back into the boat and dragged the net ashore. It was full of large fish, 153, but even with so many the net was not torn.



John 21:1-17 (NIV)

¹² Jesus said to them, “Come and have breakfast.” None of the disciples dared ask him, “Who are you?” They knew it was the Lord. ¹³ Jesus came, took the bread and gave it to them, and did the same with the fish. ¹⁴ This was now the third time Jesus appeared to his disciples after he was raised from the dead.



John 21:1-17 (NIV)

¹⁵ When they had finished eating, Jesus said to Simon Peter, “Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?”

“Yes, Lord,” he said, “you know that I love you.”

Jesus said, “Feed my lambs.”



John 21:1-17 (NIV)

¹⁶ Again Jesus said, “Simon son of John, do you love me?”

He answered, “Yes, Lord, you know that I love you.”

Jesus said, “Take care of my sheep.”

¹⁷ The third time he said to him, “Simon son of John, do you love me?”

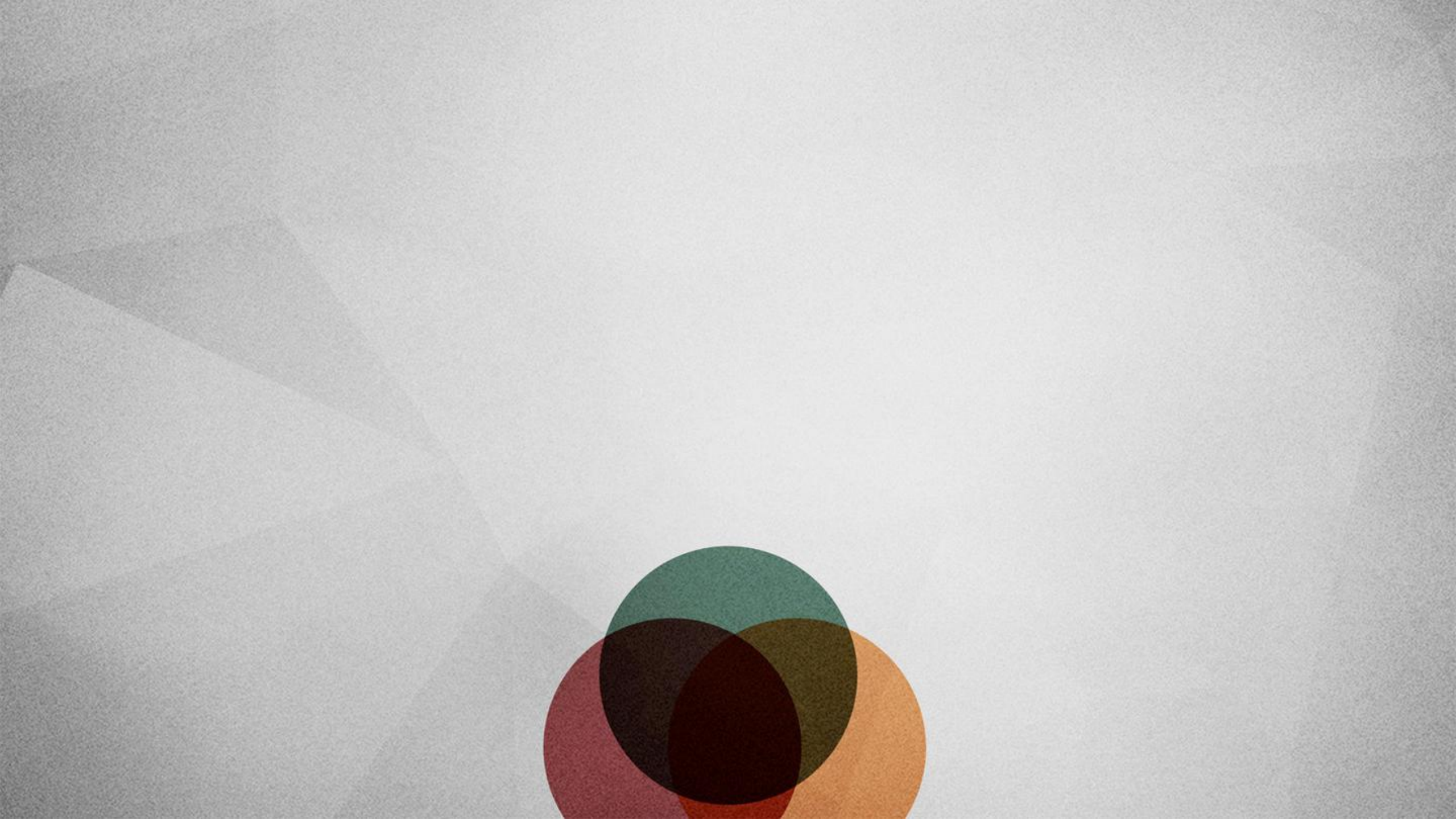


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Peter was hurt because Jesus asked him the third time,
“Do you love me?” He said, “Lord, you know all things;
you know that I love you.”
Jesus said, “Feed my sheep.



John 21:1-17 (NIV)



Good news?

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2. Is believing that God is always present and at work good news for you?



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3. Is the fact that God is just like Jesus good news to you?



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3. Is the fact that God is just like Jesus good news to you?
4. Is the fact that God meets us in our messy reality good news to you?



Good news?

5. Is the truth that God cares more about all of it than we do good news?



Good news?

5. Is the truth that God cares more about all of it than we do good news?
6. When God does the same work through us and in us, is that good news to you?



Good news?

7. When God's love reckons with power, is that good news?



Good news?

8. Is God's transformation through embodied participation (by actively doing what He invites us to) good news for you?



