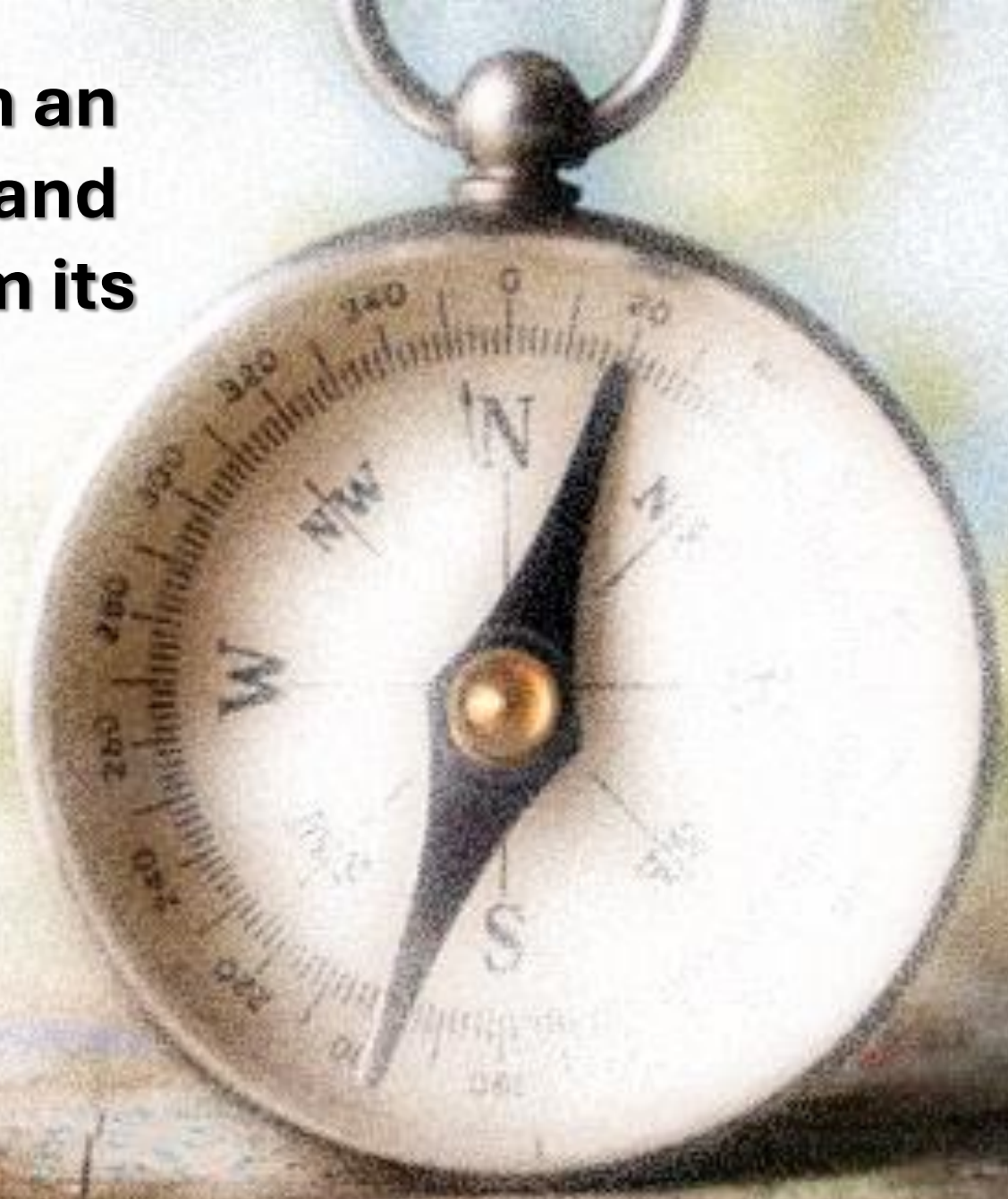



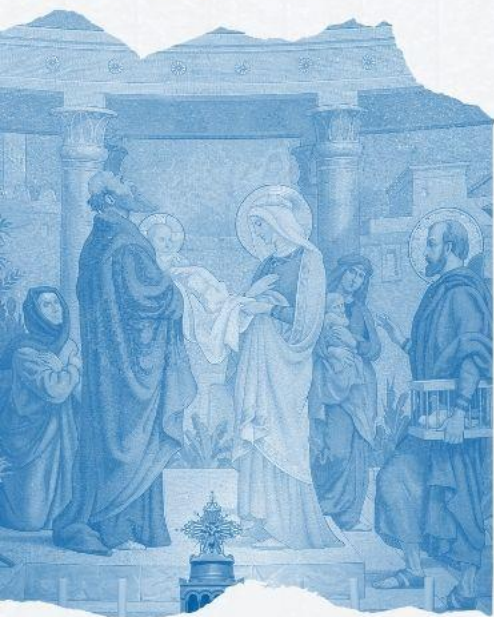
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An aerial photograph of the Harvard College campus in Cambridge, Massachusetts. The image shows several large, multi-story red brick buildings with white window frames and dormer windows, interspersed with lush green trees. A road with yellow lane markings is visible in the lower-left corner. The sky is a mix of soft pinks, oranges, and blues, suggesting a sunrise or sunset. Overlaid on the upper half of the image is a quote in bold black text with a subtle drop shadow.

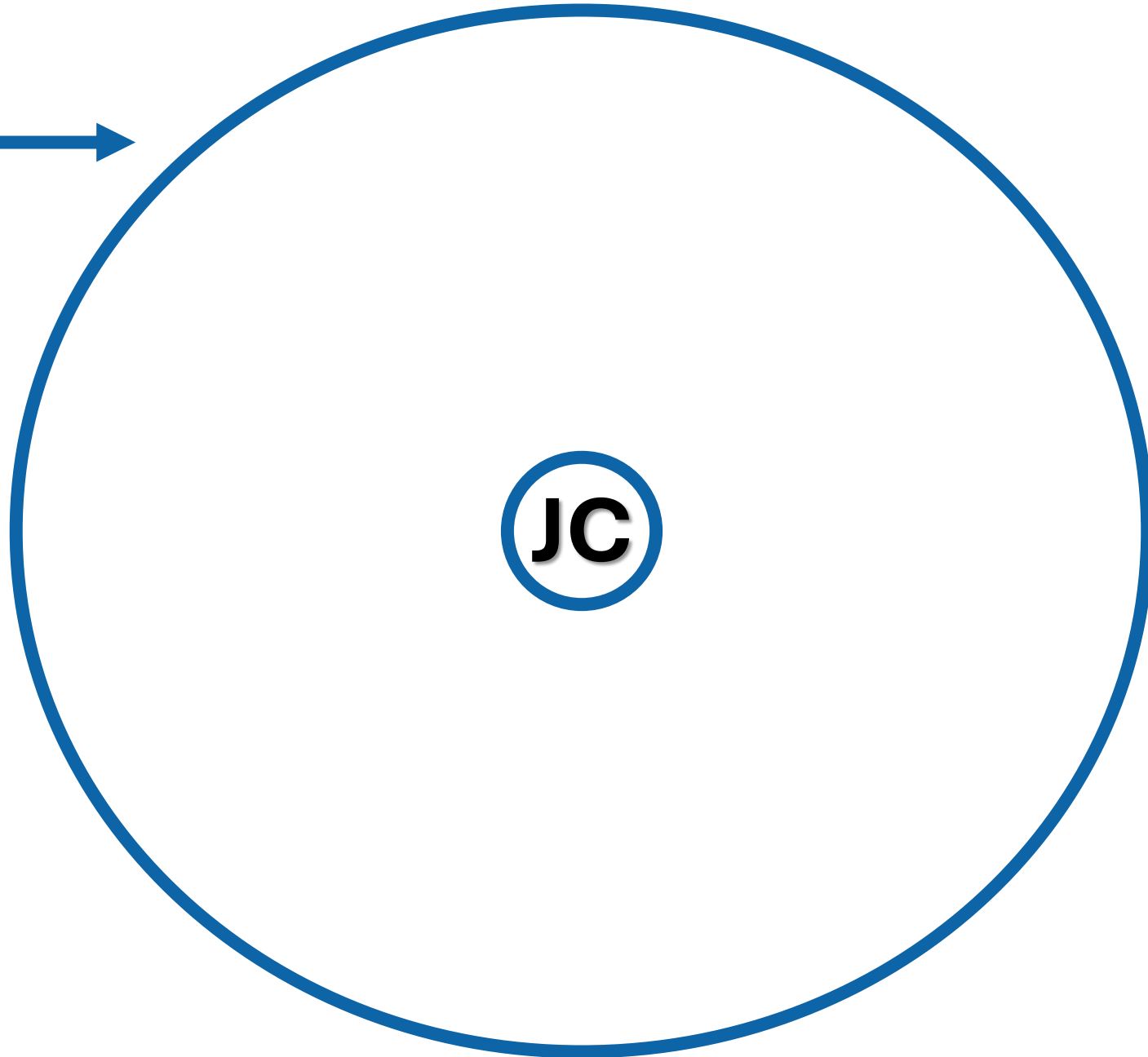
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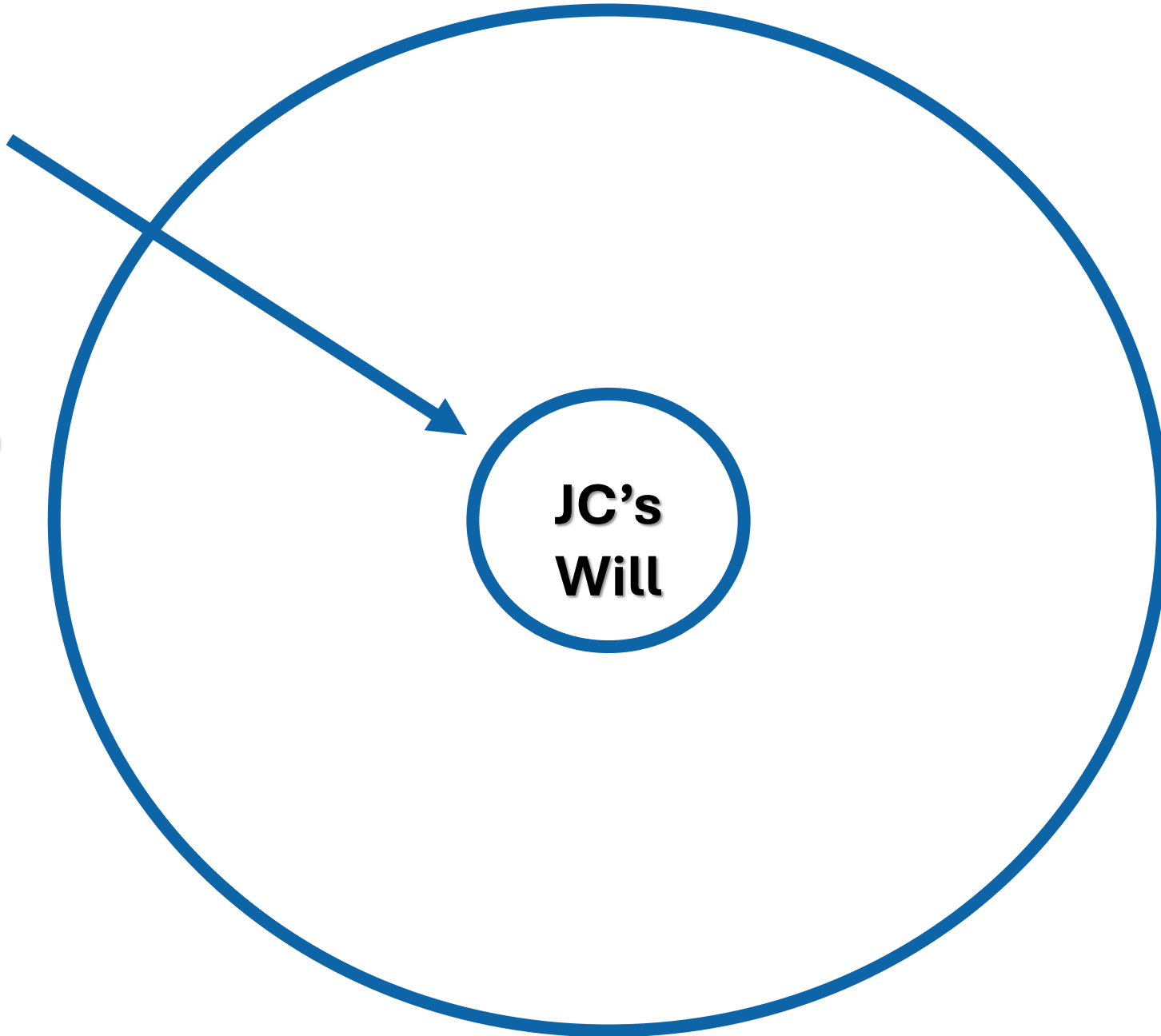
Colossians

CHRIST IS OUR CENTER

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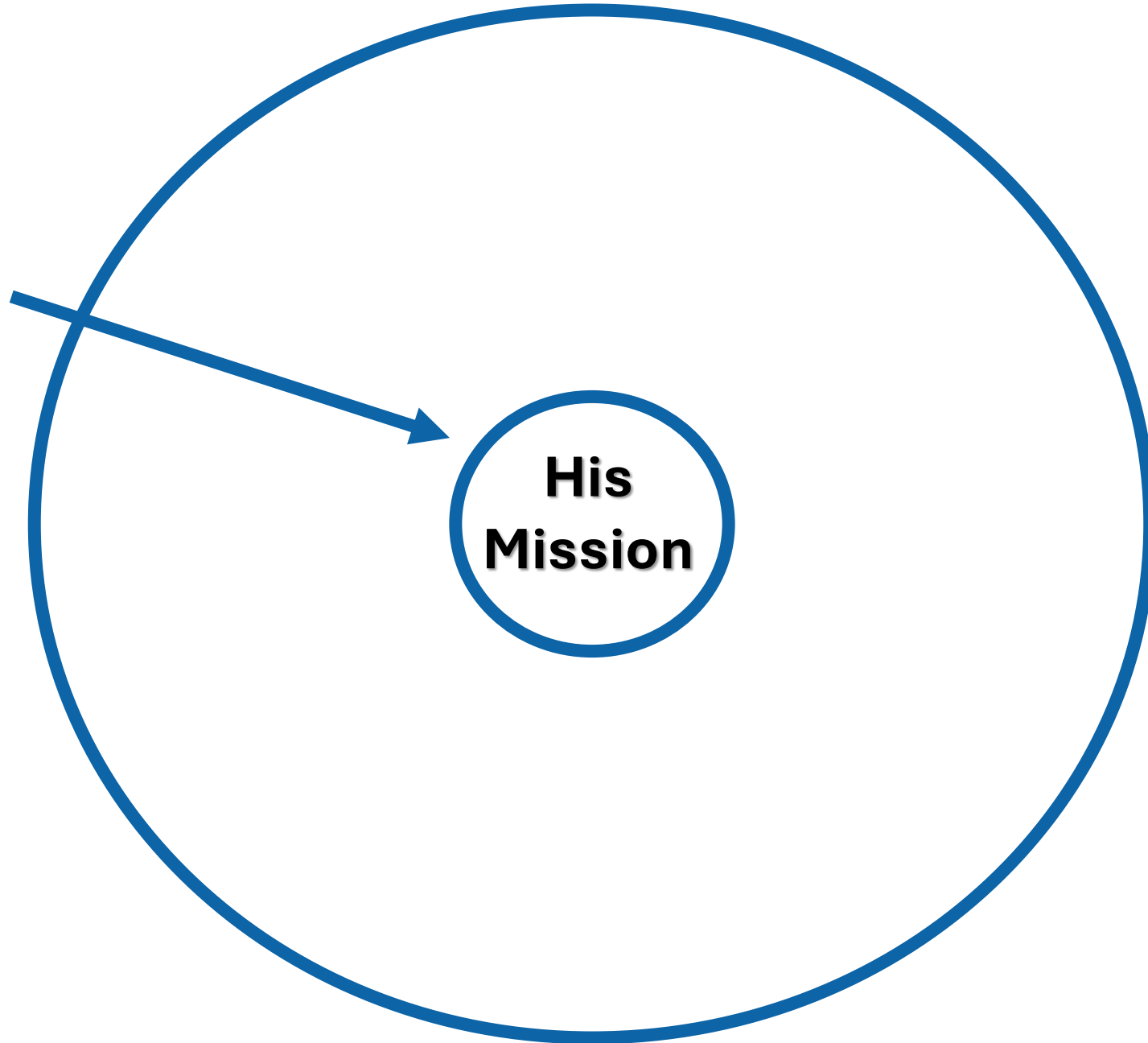




COLOSSIANS 1:13-23

1. It's His kingdom
2. Image of the invisible God
3. Firstborn of all creation
4. By Him all things were created and **for** Him
5. Before all things
6. In Him all things hold together
7. The head of the body
8. The beginning and firstborn from the dead
9. Preeminent in everything
10. All the fullness of God dwells
11. Reconciled all things to Himself
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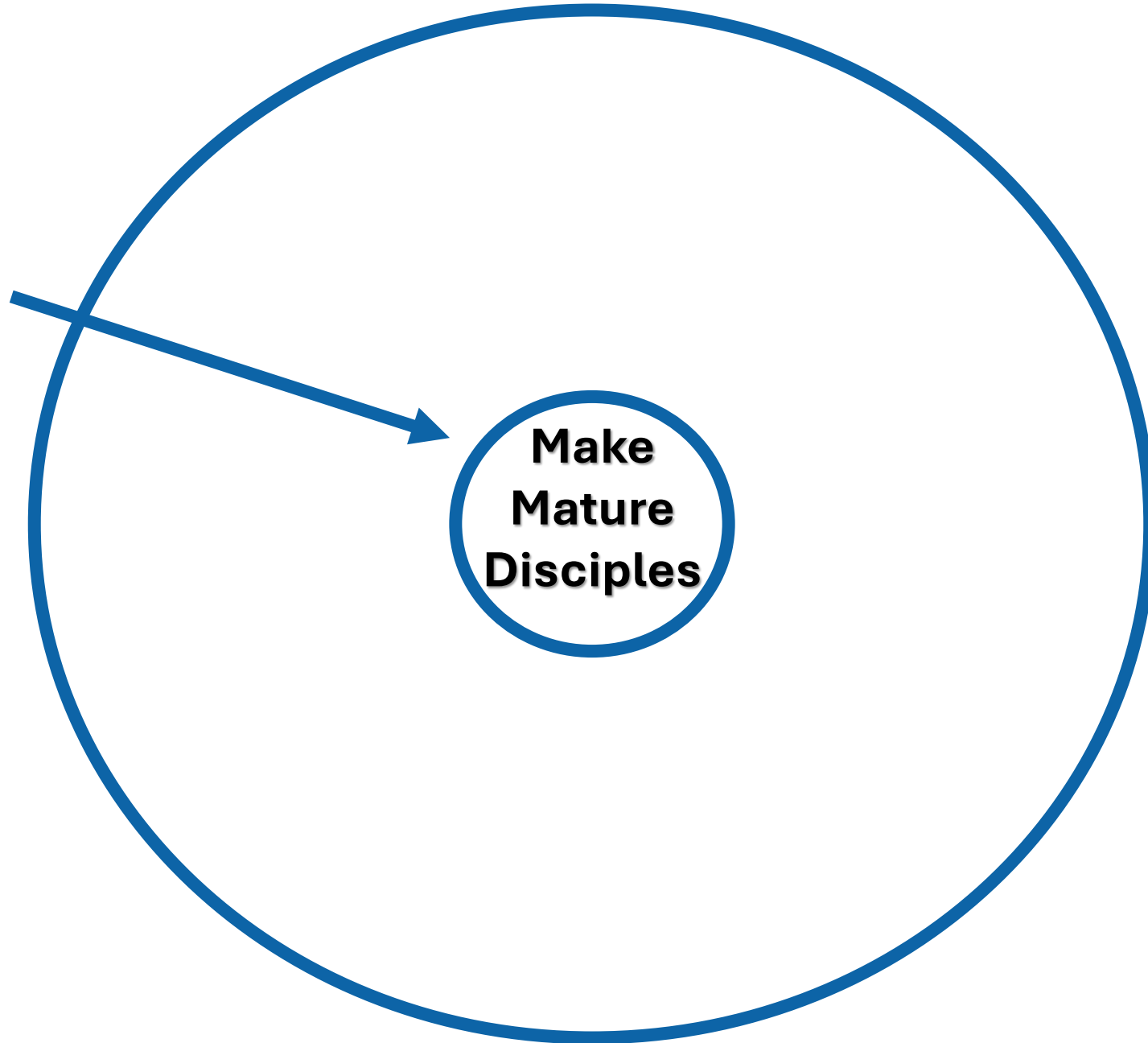
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**His
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MATTHEW 4:19

And he said to them, “Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men.”



ACTS 1:8

But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.”



MATTHEW 28:18-19

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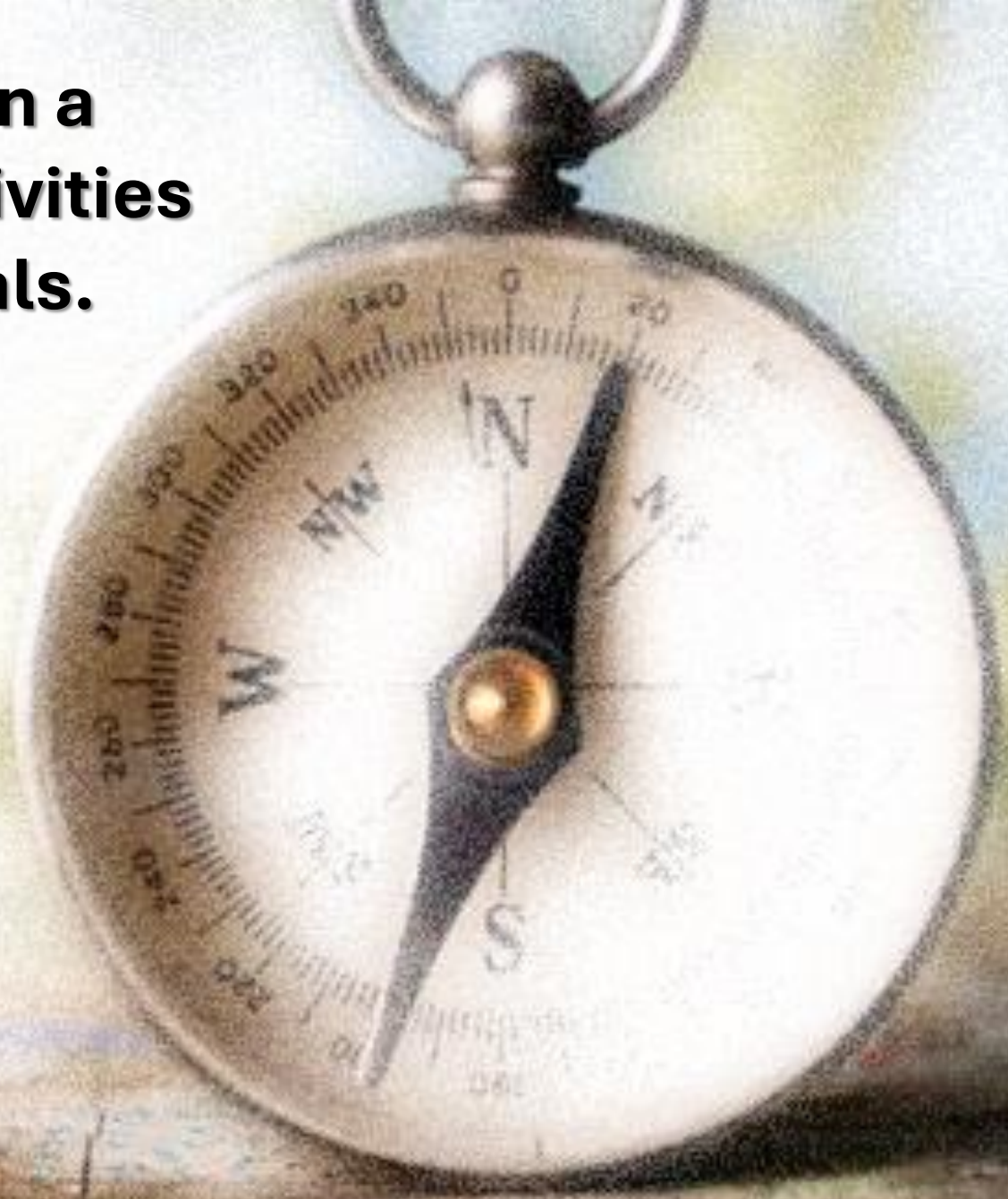
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MARKS OF A MATURE DISCIPLE

- 1. Deepening Faith:** A strong, personal relationship with God, grounded in prayer and scripture.
- 2. Christlike Character:** Exhibiting the fruits of the Spirit, such as love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control.
- 3. Servanthood:** A willingness to serve others, reflecting Jesus' example of humility and service.
- 4. Community Engagement:** Actively participating in the church and broader community, fostering relationships, and encouraging others in their faith.
- 5. Discipleship:** Committing to personal growth and helping others grow in their faith, whether through mentorship, teaching, or sharing experiences.
- 6. Moral Integrity:** Upholding ethical standards and demonstrating honesty, transparency, and accountability in all areas of life.
- 7. Mission Focus:** Engaging in outreach and evangelism, sharing the love and message of Christ with others.
- 8. Perseverance:** Remaining steadfast in faith during trials, trusting in God's plan and presence.

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Application #1
**Are our church's
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goals?**



Application #2
**Is His mission
central to your
life?**



Christ-Directed Life

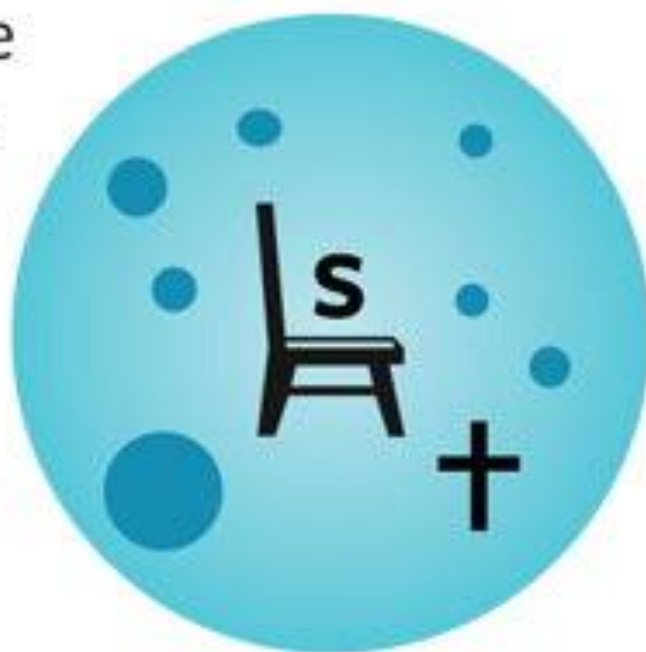
- Love
- Joy
- Peace
- Patience
- Kindness
- Goodness
- Faithfulness



- Life is Christ-centered
- Empowered by Holy Spirit
- Introduces others to Christ
- Has effective prayer life
- Understands God's Word
- Trusts God
- Obeys God

Self-Directed Life

- Legalistic attitude
- Impure thoughts
- Jealousy
- Guilt
- Worry
- Discouragement
- Critical spirit
- Frustration



- Aimlessness
- Fear
- Ignorance of spiritual heritage
- Unbelief
- Disobedience
- Loss of love for God and others
- Poor prayer life
- No desire for Bible Study



How to Witness Training Dates: Nov 6, 7

