

# Life in the Shadow of Death



God's primary method of  
bringing glory to Himself

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is by creating and working  
through a community of believers

# The Pathway

Do Life Together

Worship Together Regularly

Enjoy God's Presence

Live Differently

Give Generously

Share Your Story

Serve Others

1 Peter 2: 9 But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's special possession, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light. 10 Once you were not a people, but now you are the people of God; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

When God summons you to a new  
relationship with Him

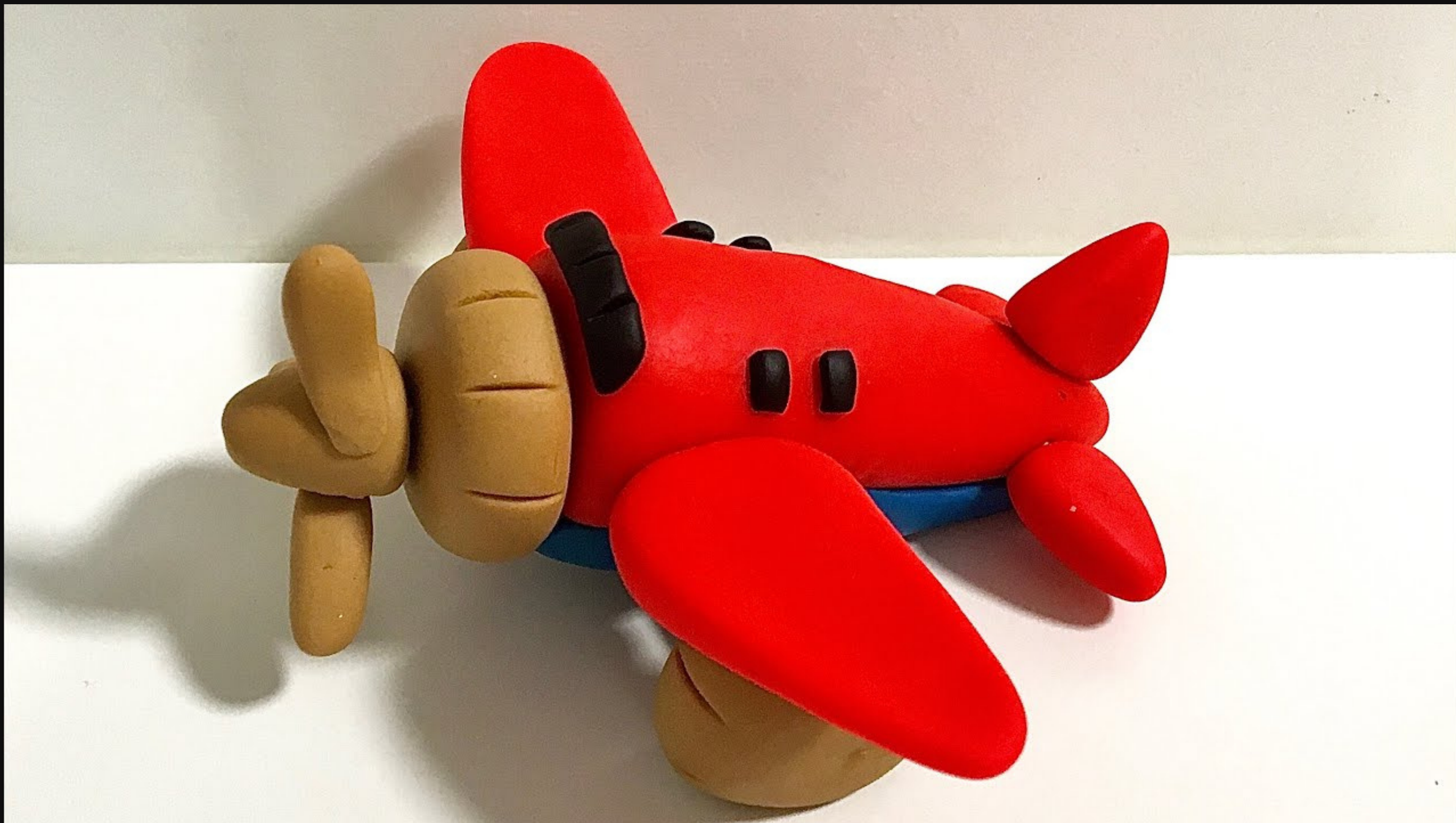
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He summons you to a new  
community.















There is a difference between  
showing up for church and doing  
life together in community.



**John 17: 20** “My prayer is not for them alone. I pray also for those who will believe in me through their message, 21 that **all of them** may be one, Father, just as you are in me and I am in you. May they also be in us **so that the world may believe that you have sent me.**

**John 17: 22** I have given them the glory that you gave me, that they may be one as we are one— **23** I in them and you in me—so that they may be brought to complete unity. **Then the world will know** that you sent me and **have loved them even as you have loved me.**





**Matthew 7: 24** “Therefore everyone who hears these words of mine and **puts them into practice** is like a wise man who built his house on the rock. 25 The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house; yet it did not fall, because it had its foundation on the rock.

**Matthew 7: 26** But everyone who hears these words of mine and **does not put them into practice** is like a foolish man who built his house on sand. **27** The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house, and **it fell with a great crash.**”













# Jesus' Point

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It's not about the foundation. It's  
about the location.



**Psalm 69:**14 Rescue me from the mire,  
do not let me sink;  
deliver me from those who hate me,  
from the deep waters.

15 Do not let the floodwaters engulf me  
or the depths swallow me up  
or the pit close its mouth over me.



**Psalms 40:2** 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.



Genesis 13:10 Lot **looked** around and **saw** that the whole plain of the Jordan toward Zoar was well watered, like the garden of the Lord, **like the land of Egypt**. (This was before the Lord destroyed Sodom and Gomorrah.) 11 So Lot chose for himself the whole plain of the Jordan and set out toward the east. The two men parted company...

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**Genesis 19: 1** The two angels arrived at Sodom in the evening, and Lot was sitting **in the gateway of the city**.

# Sodom

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1 Corinthians 15:33 Do not be misled: “**Bad company corrupts good character.**” 34 Come back to your senses as you ought, and stop sinning; for there are some who are ignorant of God—I say this to your shame.





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Doing Life Together is about  
having **the wisdom to build your  
house** on the rock with others  
doing the same thing.



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