



Titus 1:5-9
Holding Fast the Faithful Word

Elder (v. 5-6)
Overseer (v. 7-9)



The Church Family Silhouette

A Circle of Disciples Gathered
Gathering Unity & Love

Triangles Pointing to Disciples Scattered
Spreading Love & The Gospel



Living Sent
Joined Together
In Christ & Under the Word

Baptist Faith and Message (SBC) — portions of The Church

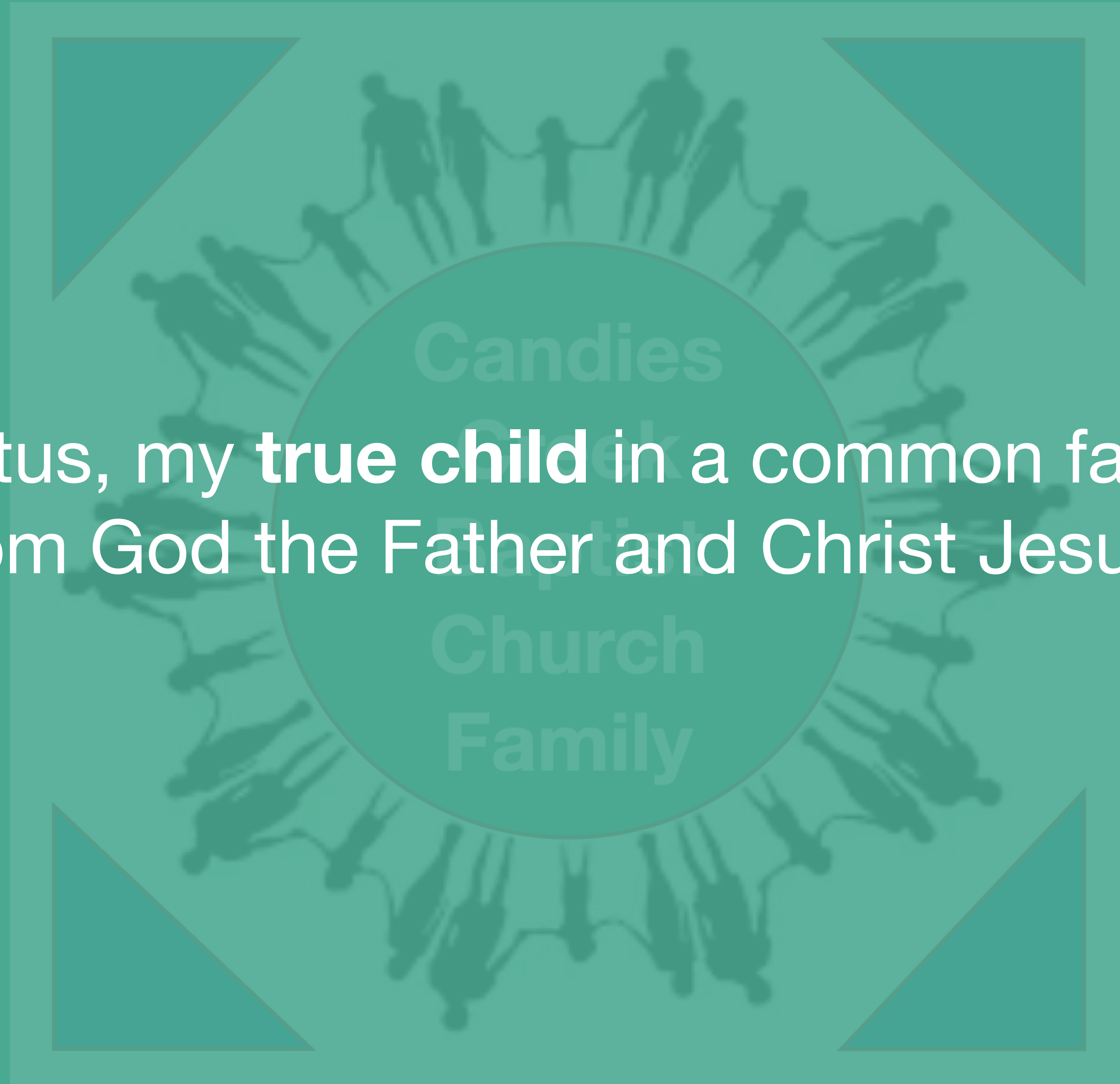
“Each autonomous local congregation of baptized believers, associated by covenant in the faith and fellowship of the gospel... operates under the Lordship of Christ through democratic process. In such a congregation each member is responsible and accountable to Christ as Lord.”



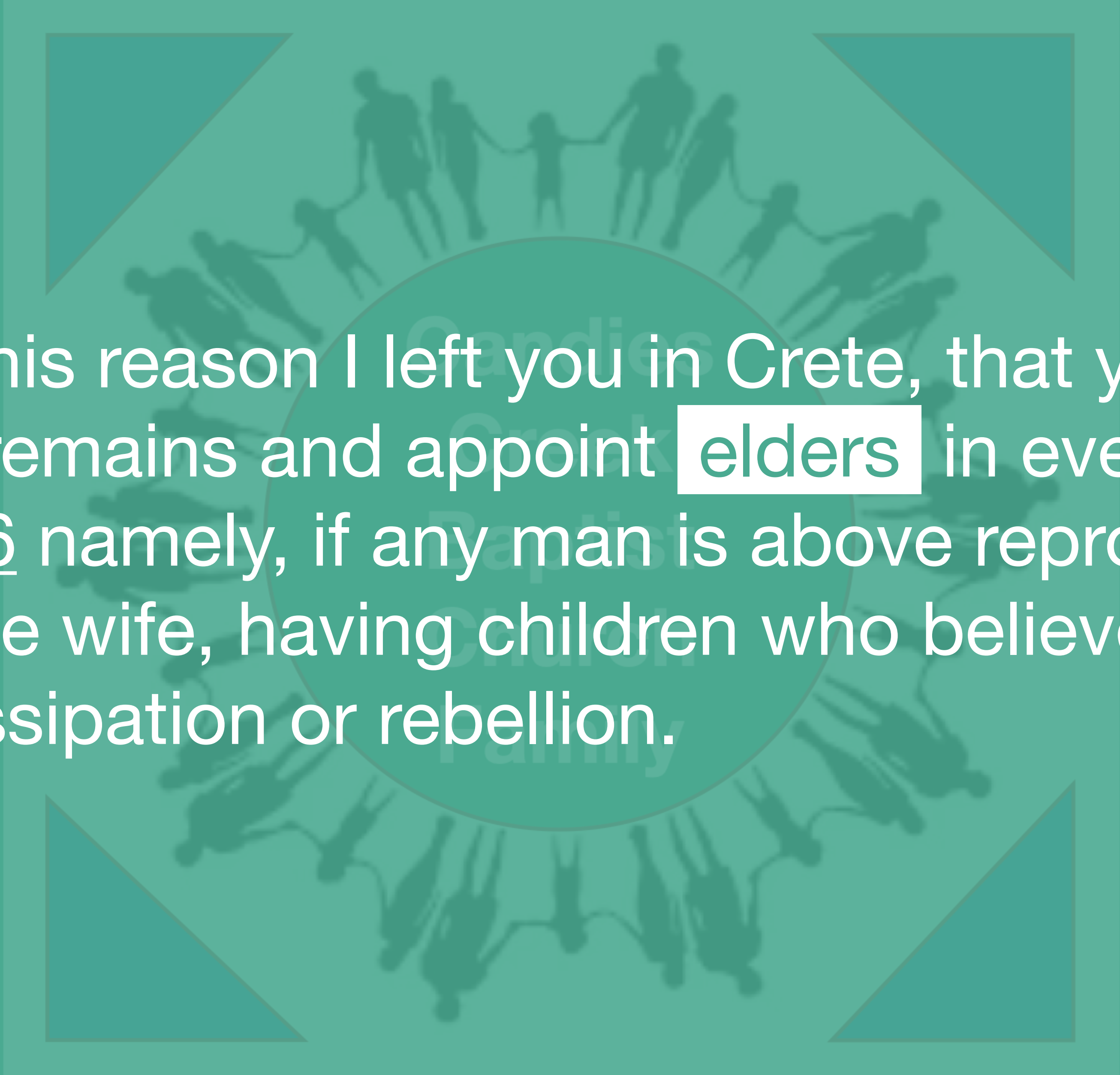
The Church's Two Scriptural Offices
1) Pastor/Elder/Overseer
and 2) Deacon

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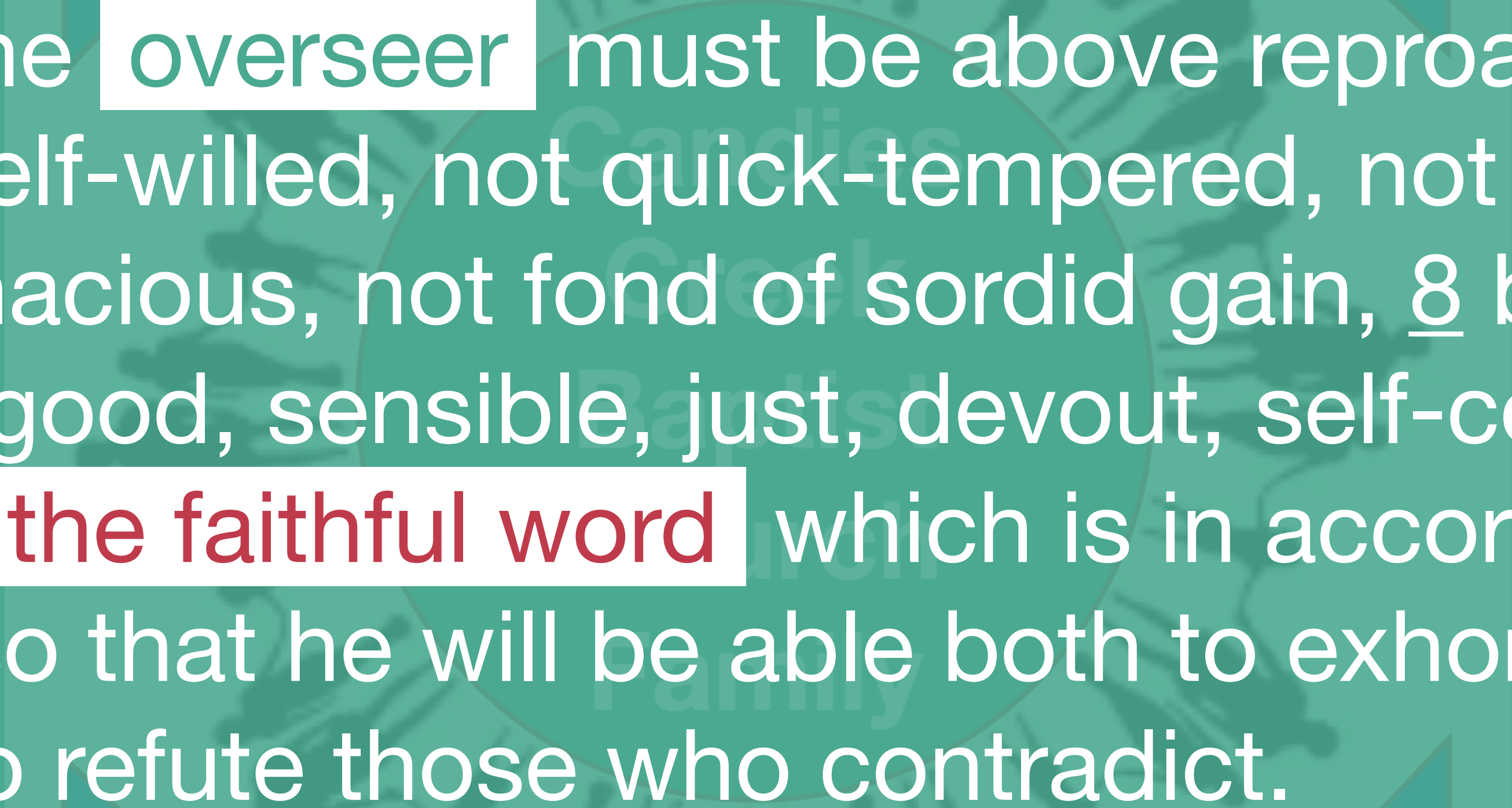
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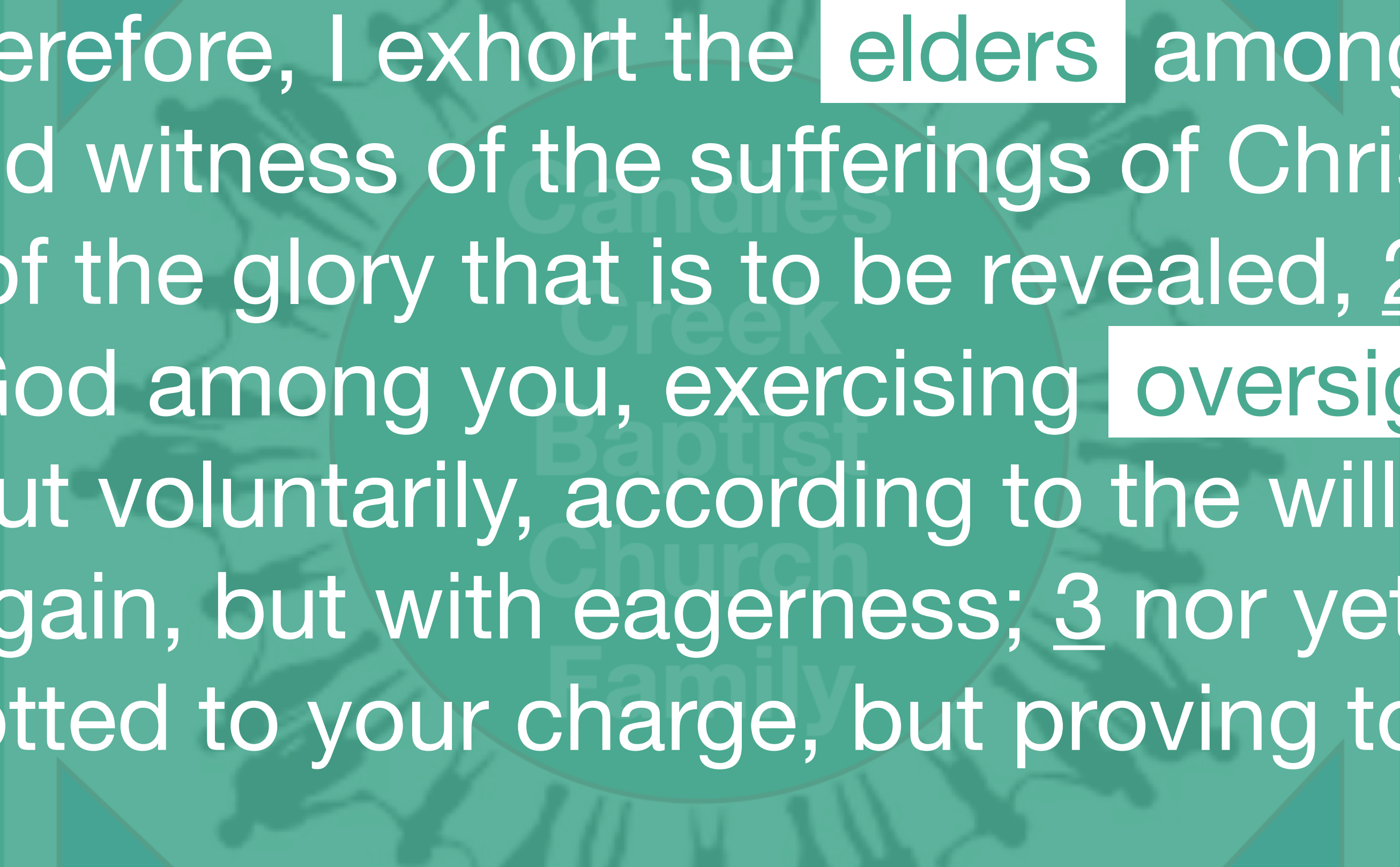
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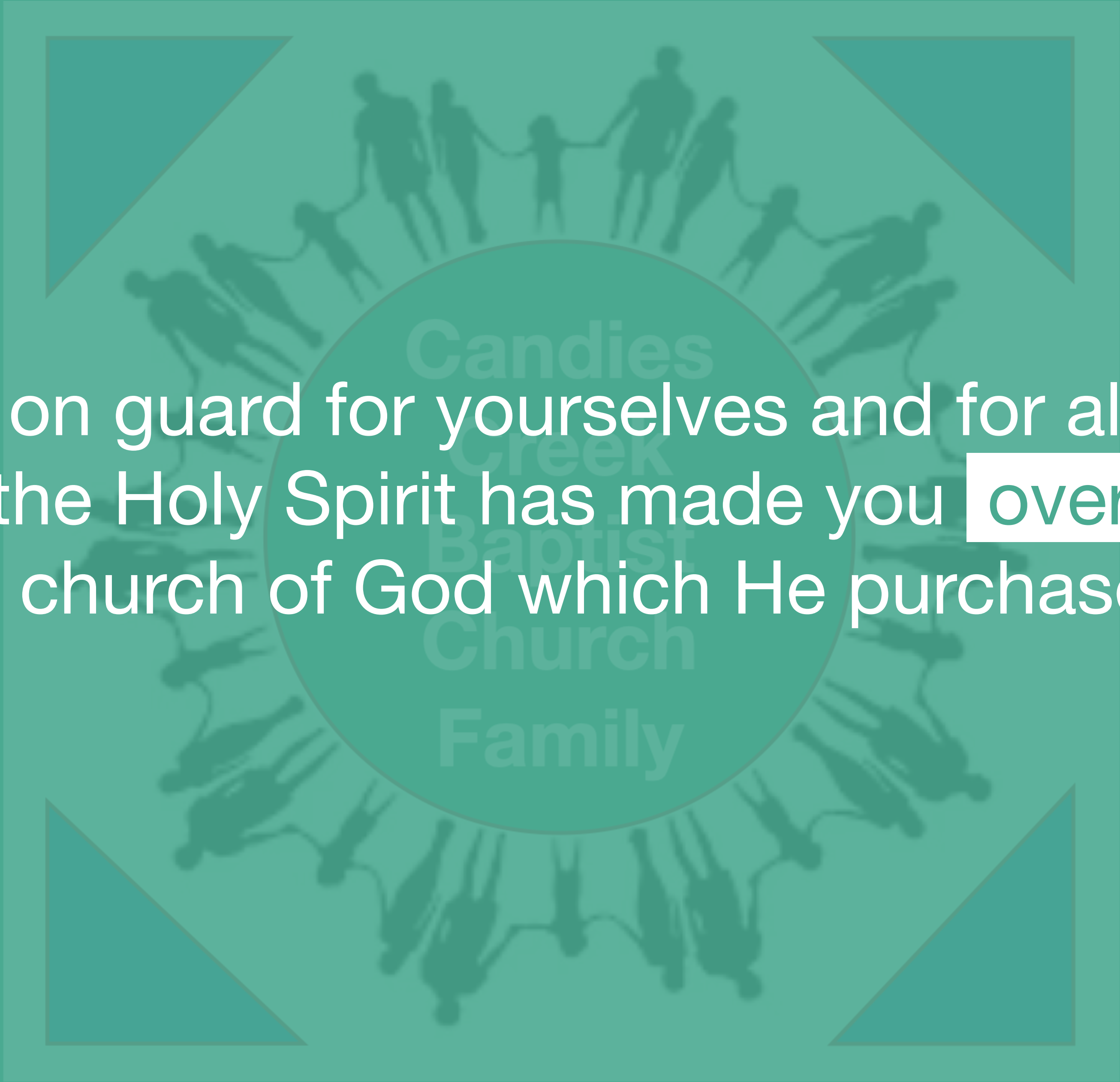
Titus 1:5 For this reason I left you in Crete, that you would set in order what remains and appoint **elders** in every city as I directed you, 6 namely, if any man is above reproach, the husband of one wife, having children who believe, not accused of dissipation or rebellion.



Titus 1:7 For the **overseer** must be above reproach as God's steward, not self-willed, not quick-tempered, not addicted to wine, not pugnacious, not fond of sordid gain, 8 but hospitable, loving what is good, sensible, just, devout, self-controlled, 9 **holding fast the faithful word** which is in accordance with the teaching, so that he will be able both to exhort in sound doctrine and to refute those who contradict.



1 Peter 5:1 Therefore, I exhort the **elders** among you, as your fellow elder and witness of the sufferings of Christ, and a partaker also of the glory that is to be revealed, 2 **shepherd the flock** of God among you, exercising **oversight** not under compulsion, but voluntarily, according to the will of God; and not for sordid gain, but with eagerness; 3 nor yet as lording it over those allotted to your charge, but proving to be examples to the flock.



Acts 20:28 Be on guard for yourselves and for all the flock, among which the Holy Spirit has made you **overseers,** to **shepherd** the church of God which He purchased with His own blood.



- Candies Creek has used the term **pastor** as a primary word to describe the office of **pastor/elder/overseer.**
- Jed will join us pastors in providing biblical leadership, visionary oversight, disciplinemaking, ministry development, congregational care & missions sending.
- While student ministry is Jed's primary hat, the title of pastor carries with it a huge responsibility to protect the good of the congregation.