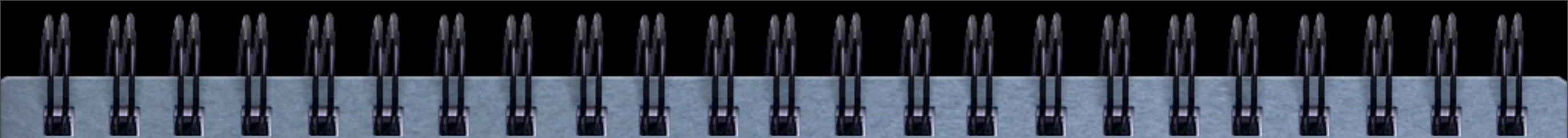


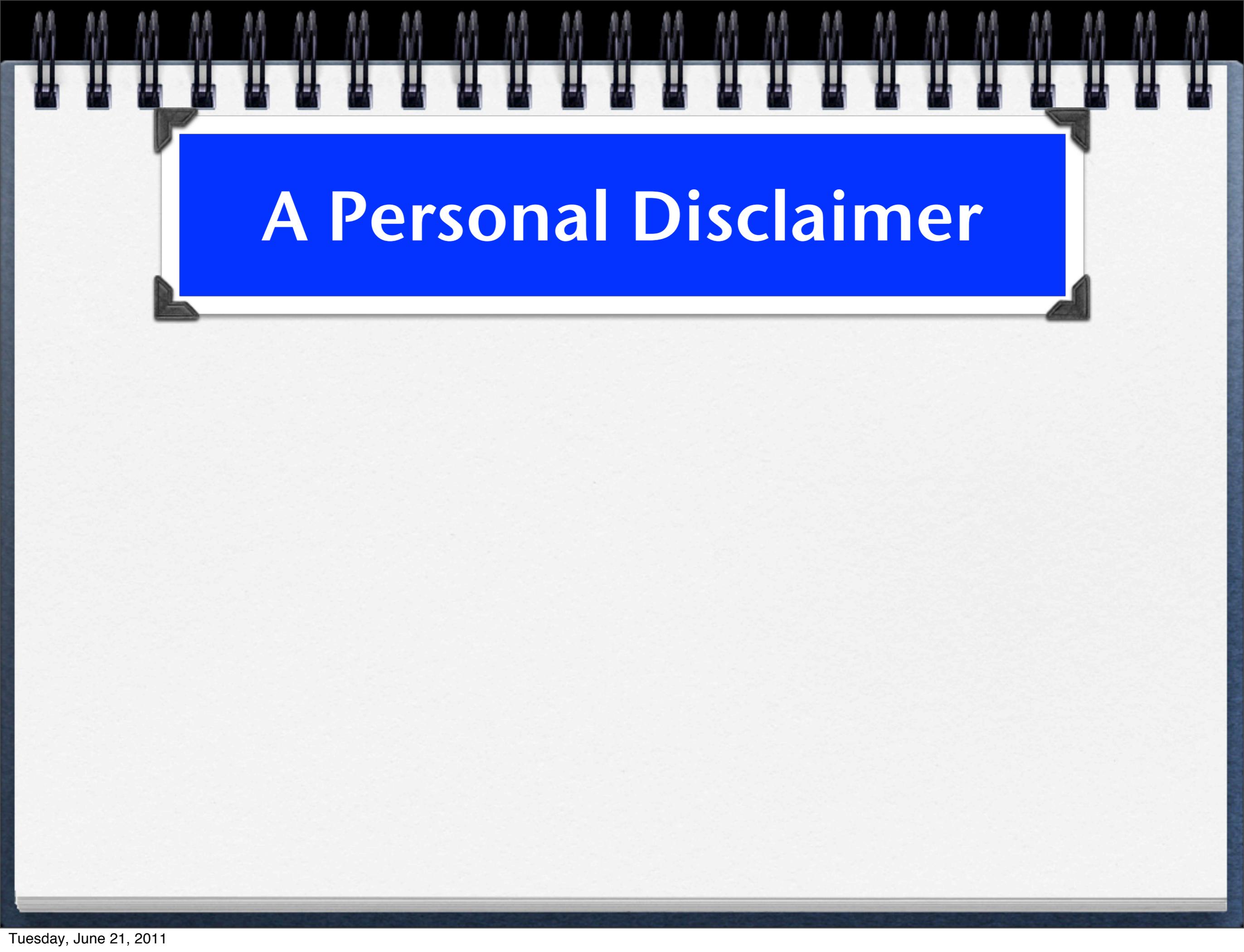
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A Biblical Model for Church Growth

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- "And He said, "The kingdom of God is as if a man should scatter seed on the ground, and should sleep by night and rise by day, and the seed should sprout and grow, he himself does not know how." Mark 4:26, 27, NKJV.

□ "The wind blows where it wishes, and you hear the sound of it, but cannot tell where it comes from and where it goes. So is everyone who is born of the Spirit." John 3:8.

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- "The seed takes root and springs up because of what it is. Something about the seed is fitted to the soil, to the human heart...If the development has a sort of orderliness, it is often only a general one, not one that specifies this many leaves of just this shade of green or this many blossoms arranged just so.

□ God's way of working in each heart is particular to that heart. And we haven't the faintest idea how it happens, much less the knowledge to engineer it... how God's kingdom comes, shoot by tender shoot. Forecasts, projections, and busy strategies deceive us." Marguerite Shuster, Ministry, March 2011.

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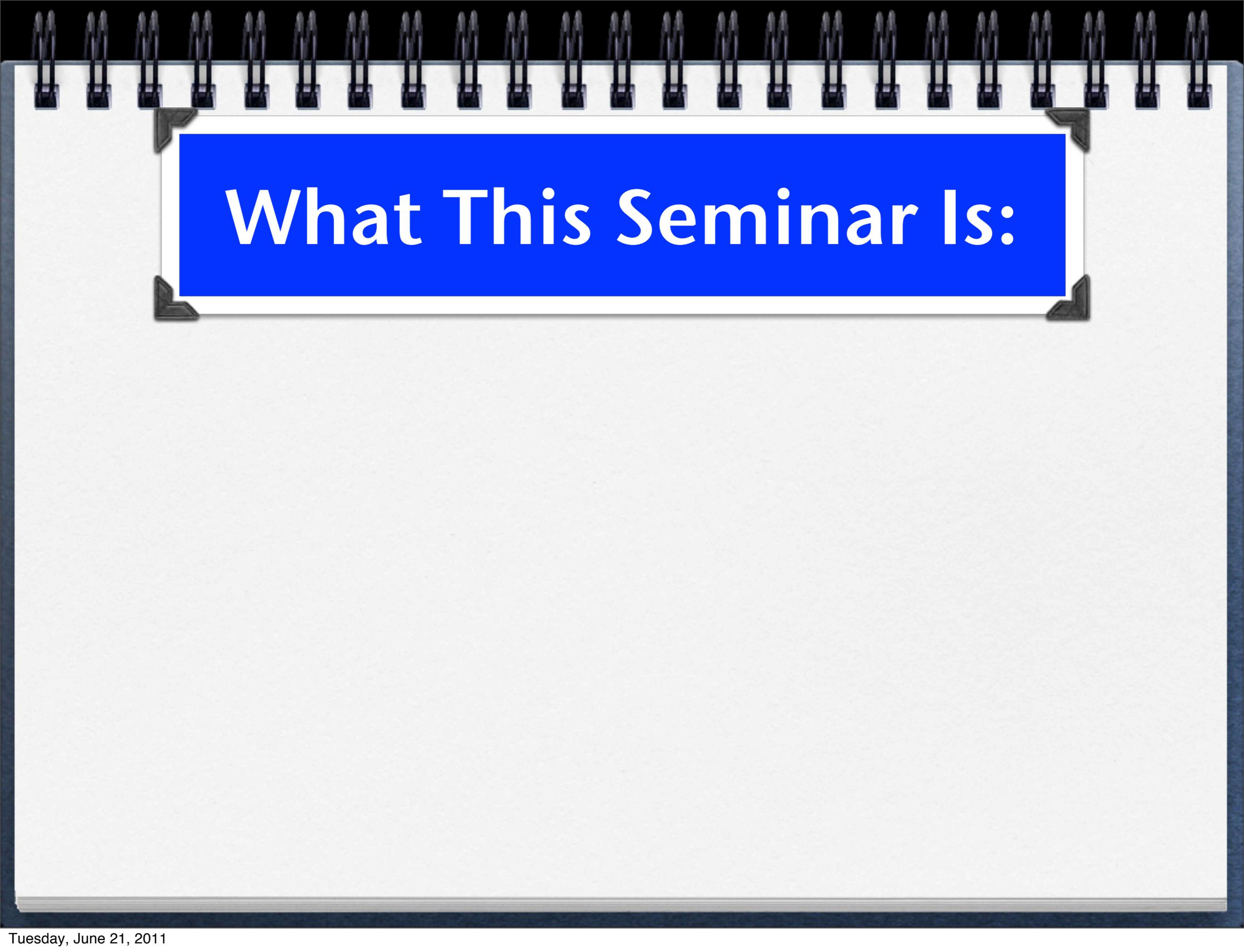
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Isaiah 55:9.

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□ No eye pitied you, to do any of these things for you, to have compassion on you; but you were thrown out into the open field, when you yourself were loathed on the day you were born." Ezekiel 16:3-5

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- "And when I passed by you and saw you struggling in your own blood, I said to you...live! I made you thrive like a plant in the field, and you grew and matured and became very beautiful...

□ When I passed by you again and looked upon you, indeed your time was the time of love; so I spread My wing (garment) over you...I swore an oath...and entered into a covenant with you, and you became mine..."
Ezekiel 16:6-8.

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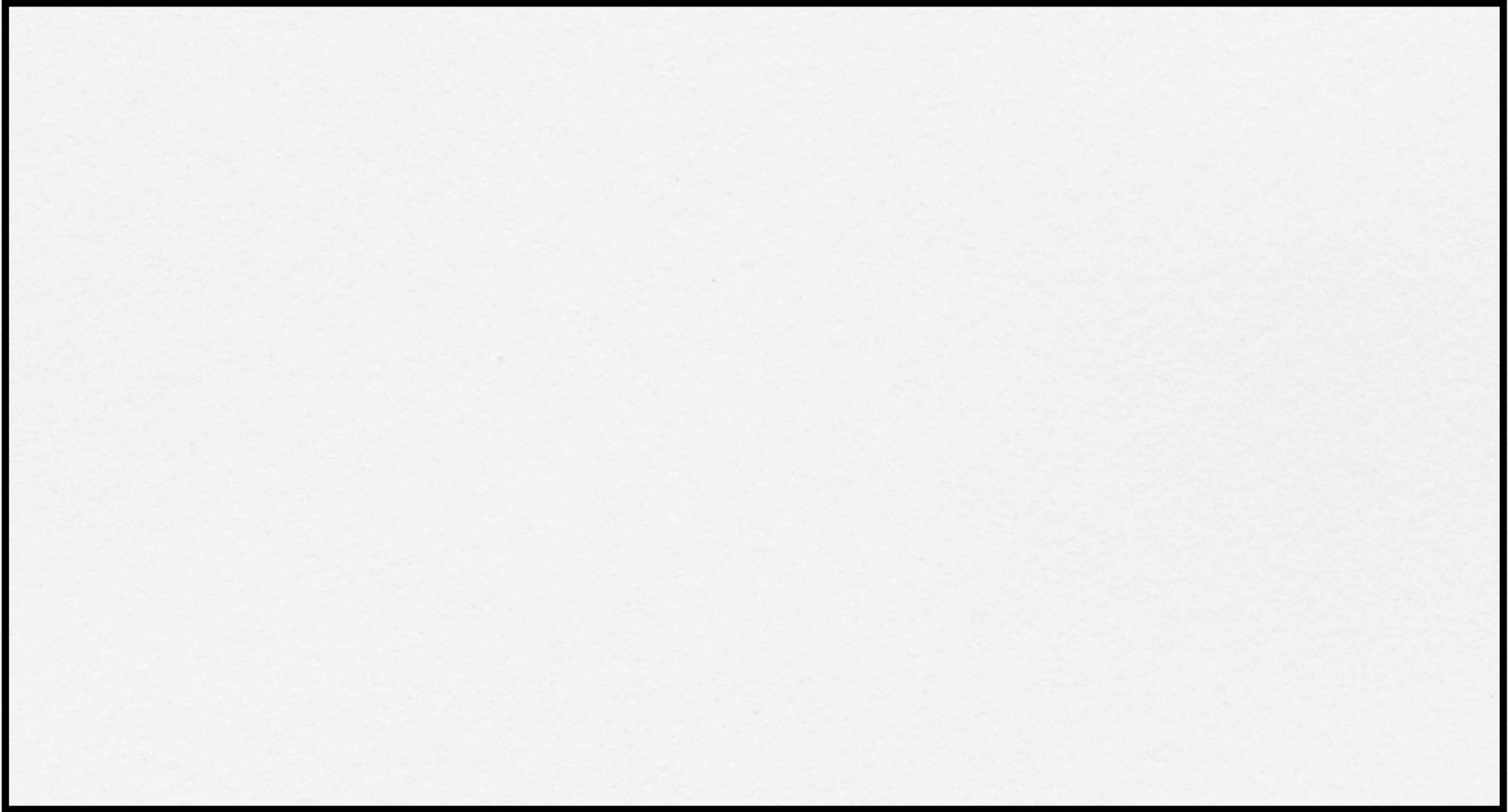
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- "And let the beauty of the Lord our God be upon us..." Psalm 90:17.

□ "...O Zion; Put on your beautiful garments... How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of him who brings good news..." Isa. 52:1, 7.

□ "In that day the Branch of the Lord shall be beautiful and glorious.
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THE ROYAL WEDDING

- "Let us be glad and rejoice, and give honor to him: for the marriage of the Lamb is come, and his wife hath made herself ready. And to her was granted that she should be arrayed in fine linen, clean and white: for the fine linen is the righteousness of the saints." Revelation. 19:7,8.

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- “...evangelism is a way of living beautifully and opening one’s web of relationship to include the non-believer. A person (the non-believer) is exposed to both the music and the words of the gospel.”
Lifestyle Evangelism, p. 28.

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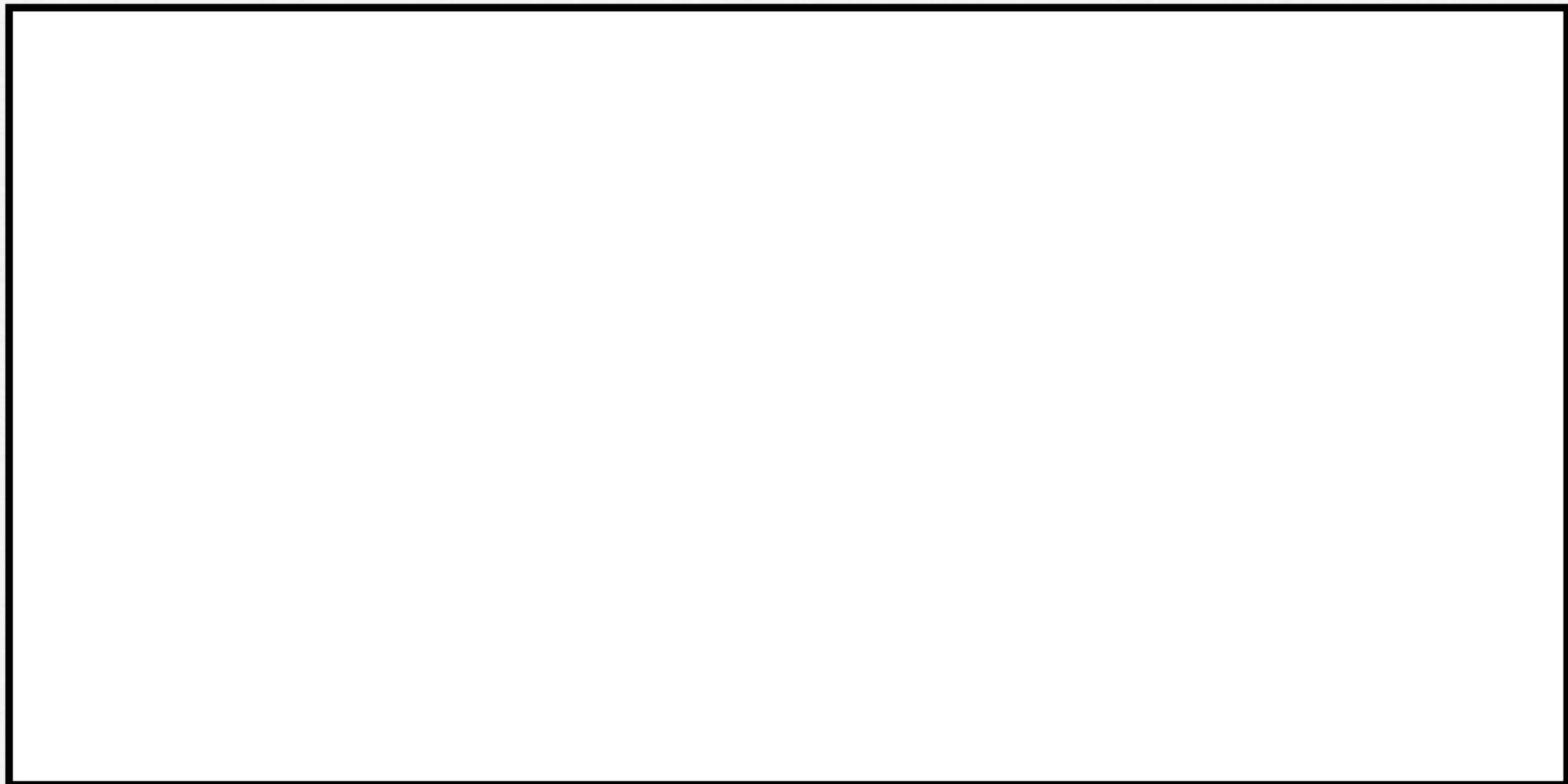
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- She attracts non-believers because of her beautiful character.

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- "Kindly words simply spoken, little attentions simply bestowed... The true heart-expression of Christlike sympathy, given in simplicity, has power to open the door of hearts that need the simple, delicate touch of the Spirit of Christ." 9T, p. 30

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□ "The best argument for Christianity is Christians; their joy, their certainty, their completeness. But the strongest argument against Christianity is also Christians...

□ when they are sombre and joyless, when they are self-righteous and smug in complacent consecration, when they are narrow and repressive, then Christianity dies a thousand deaths." Sheldon Vanauken, *A Severe Mercy*, p. 85.

Incarnational Evangelism

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□ "And the word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth." John 1:14.

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