



# THE CHURCH

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A  **CENTRAL** SERIES  
ASSEMBLY



**“PEOPLE”**

**EPHESIANS 4:15-16**

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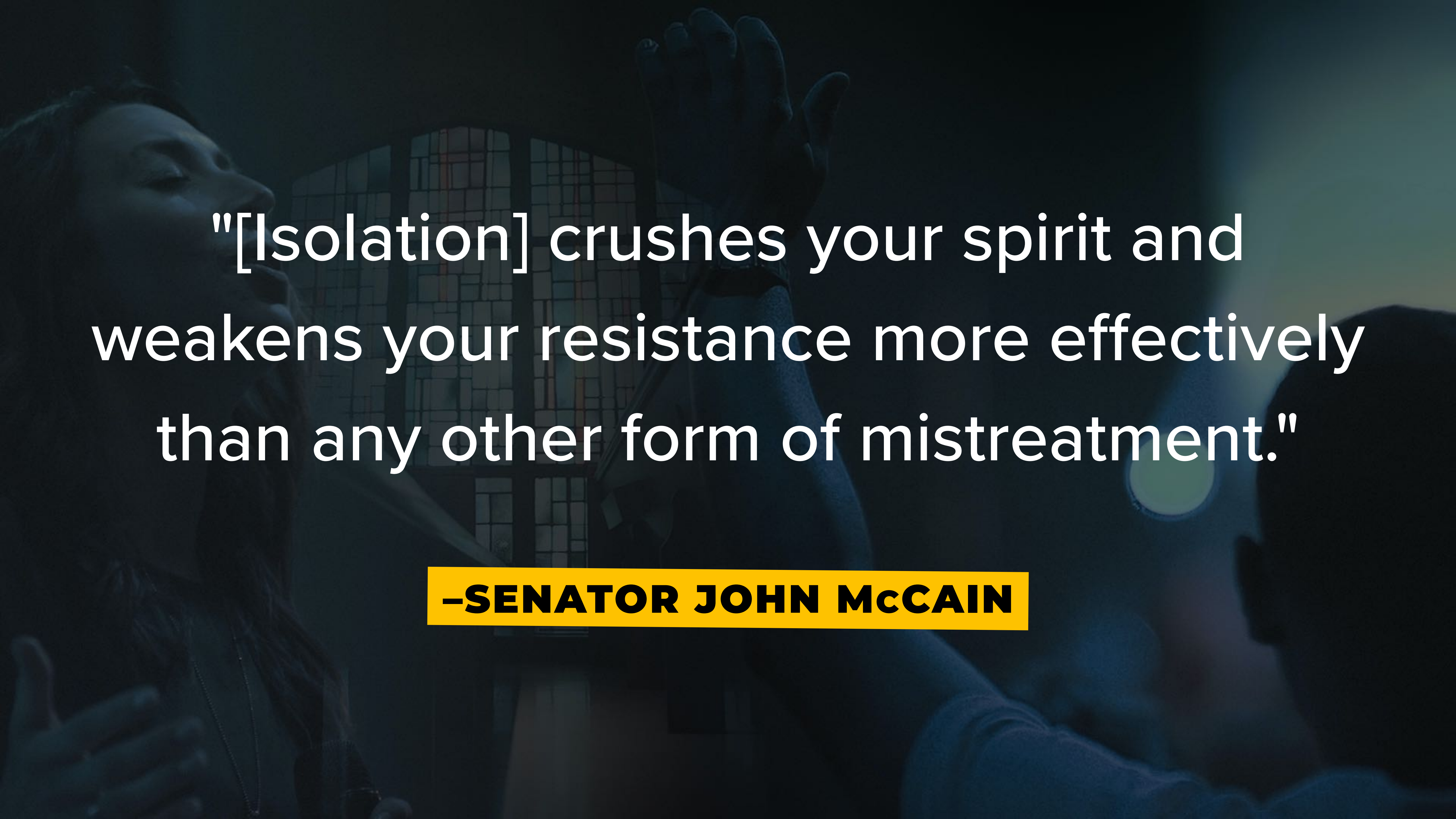
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"[Isolation] crushes your spirit and weakens your resistance more effectively than any other form of mistreatment."

**-SENATOR JOHN McCAIN**

## **EPHESIANS 4:16**

<sup>16</sup> From him the whole body, **joined and held together by every supporting ligament,** grows and builds itself up in love, as each part does its work.

**Christ's Purpose**

**Christ's People**

**Christ**



# **CIRCLE 2:**

**THREE KINDS OF PEOPLE  
THAT WE NEED IN OUR LIVES...**

**Encouragers...**





# Encouragers...

<sup>29</sup> Do not let any unwholesome talk come out of your mouths, but only what is helpful for building others up according to their needs, that it may benefit those who listen.

**EPHESIANS 4:29**

# Encouragers...

<sup>13</sup> But encourage one another daily, as long as it is called “Today”...

**HEBREWS 3:13A**

**Empathizers...**



# Empathizers...

<sup>2</sup> Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love.

**EPHESIANS 4:2**

# Empathizers...

<sup>15</sup> Rejoice with those who rejoice;  
mourn with those who mourn.

**ROMANS 12:15**

**Exhorters...**



# Exhorters...

<sup>15</sup> Instead, **speaking the truth in love**, we will grow to become in every respect the mature body of him who is the head, that is, Christ.

**EPHESIANS 4:15**

# Exhorters...

25 ...**speak truthfully to your neighbor**, for we are all members of one body.

**EPHESIANS 4:25B**

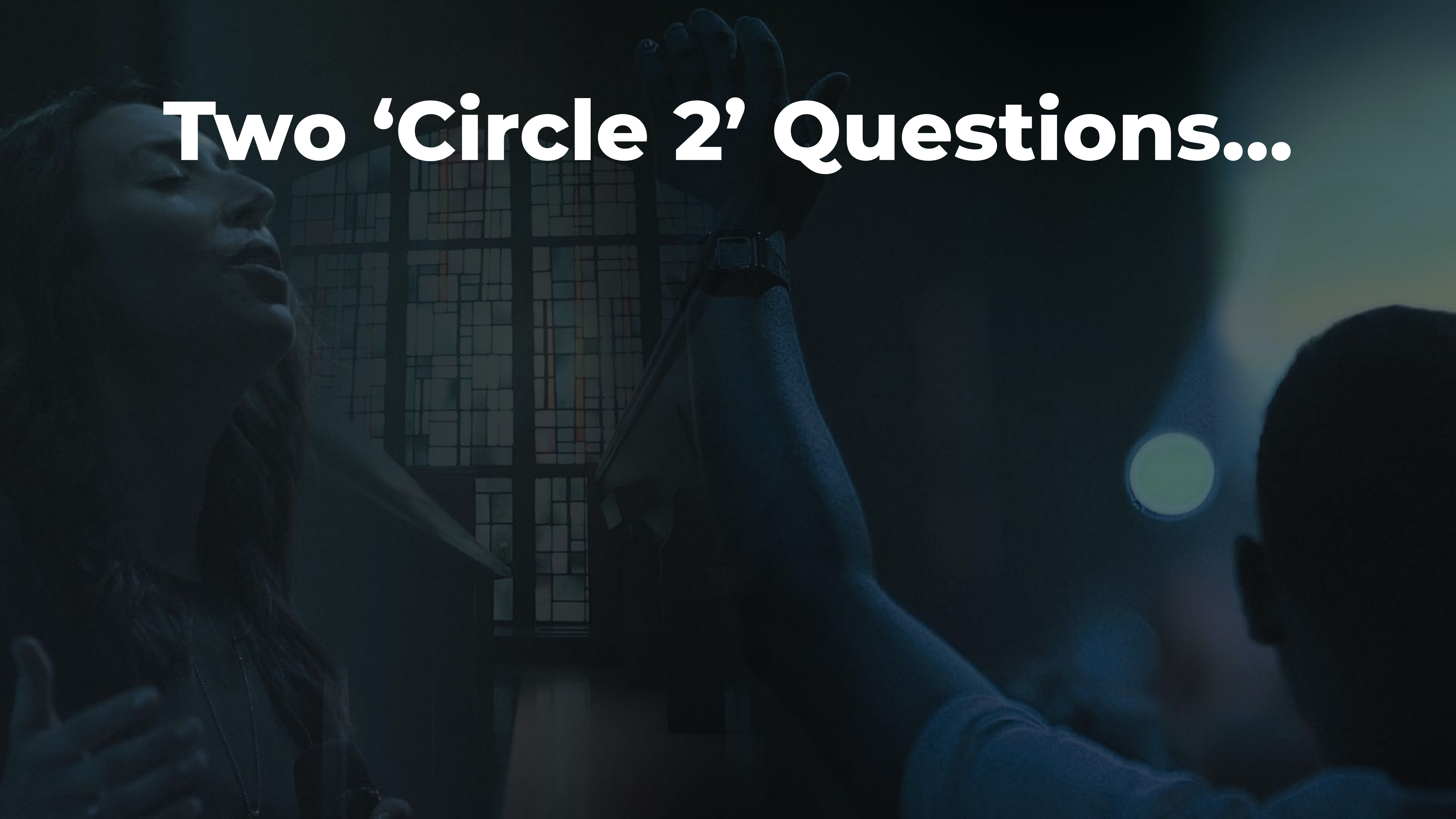




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- Who are the **encouragers**, **empathizers** and **exhorters** in my life?

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- Who are the **encouragers, empathizers** and **exhorters** in my life?
- How is being **“joined and held together”** happening for me right now?

A dimly lit room with people in prayer. A woman on the left has her eyes closed and hands raised. In the center, a person's hands are clasped in prayer, wearing a watch. On the right, the back of a person's head is visible. The background features a window with a grid pattern. The overall mood is solemn and spiritual.

**[Play Small Group Video]**

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