

FEAR IN ACTION

Hard Lessons from **JAMES**

Faith in Action: Hard Lessons from James

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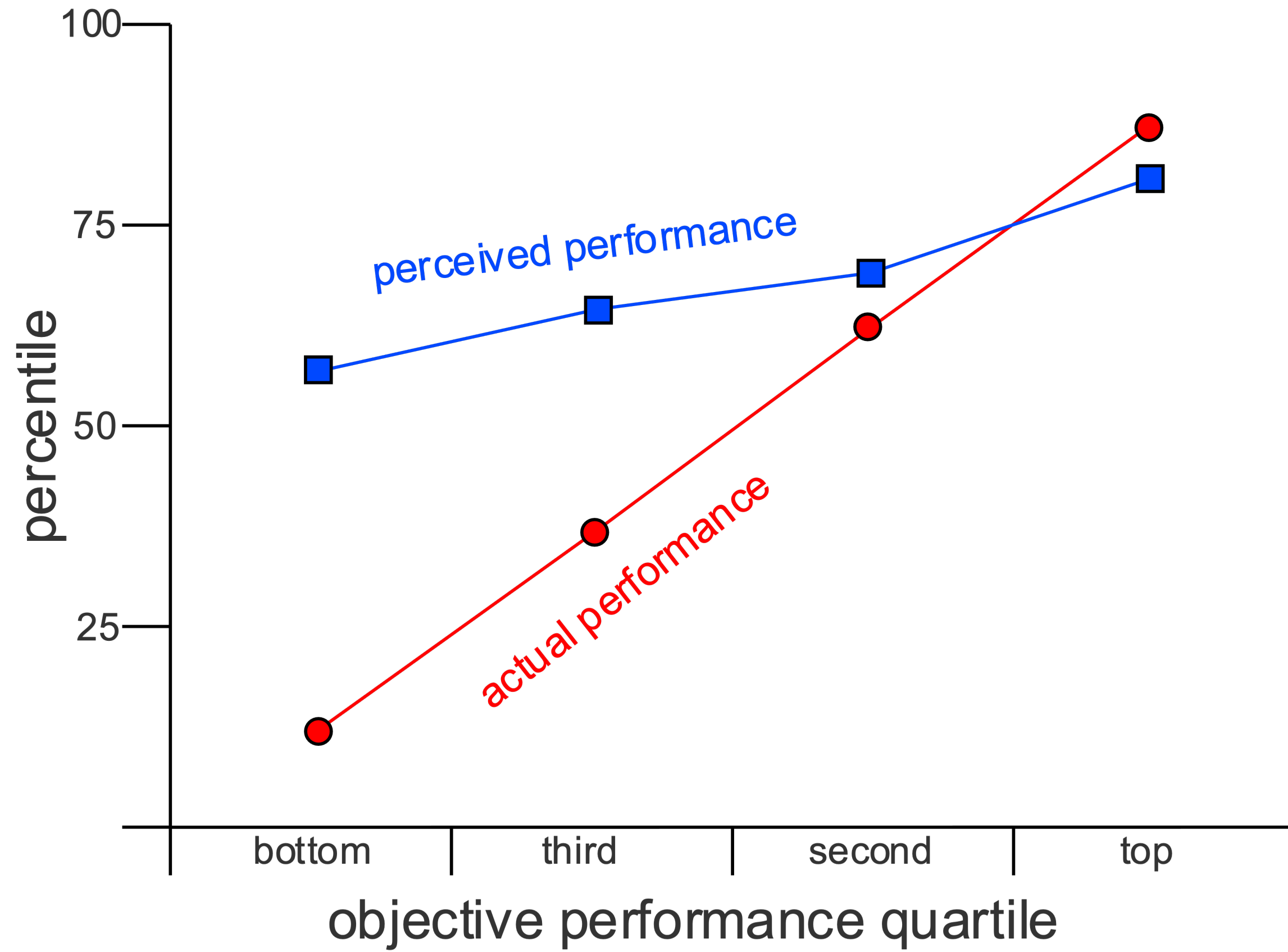
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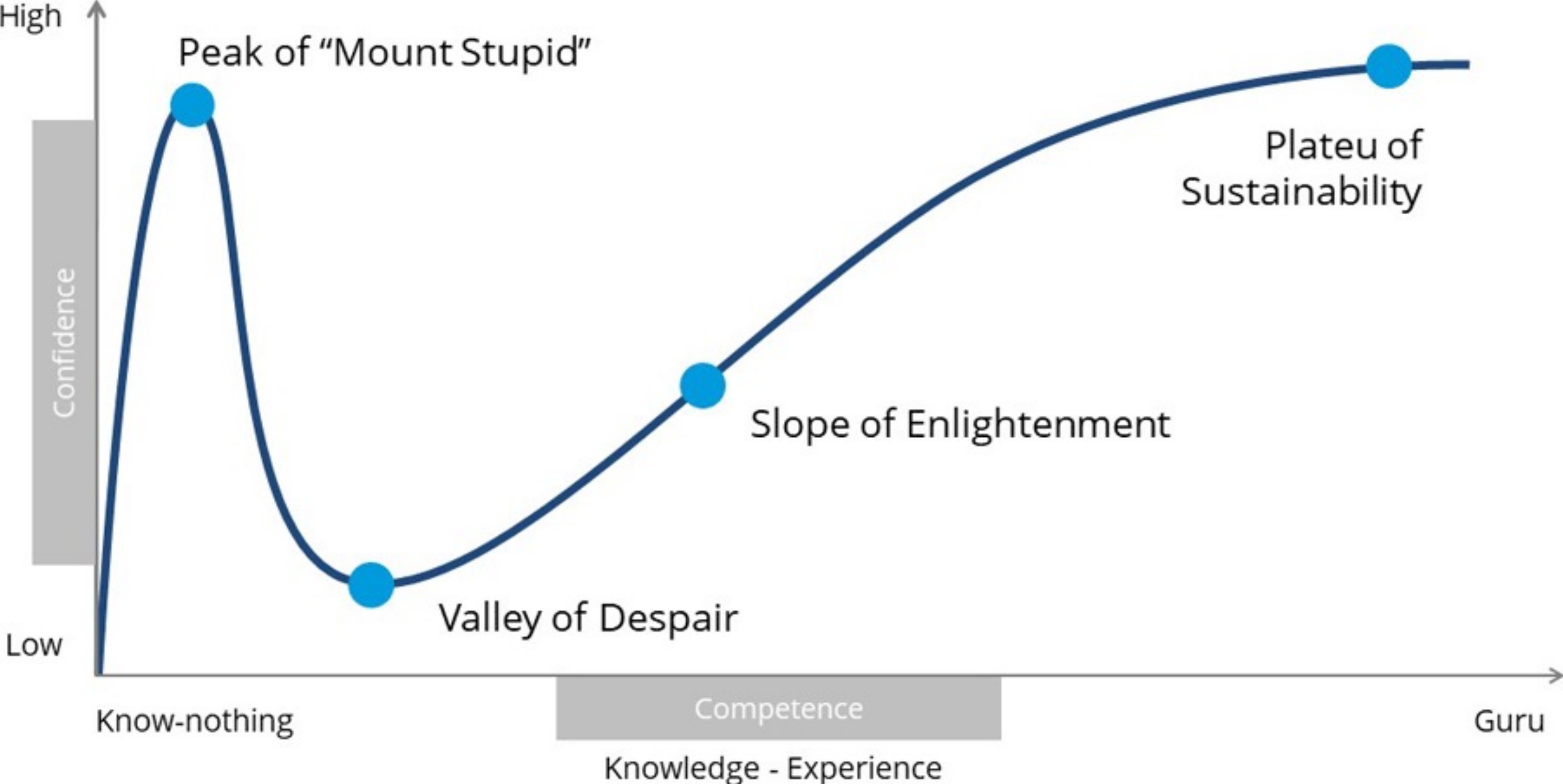
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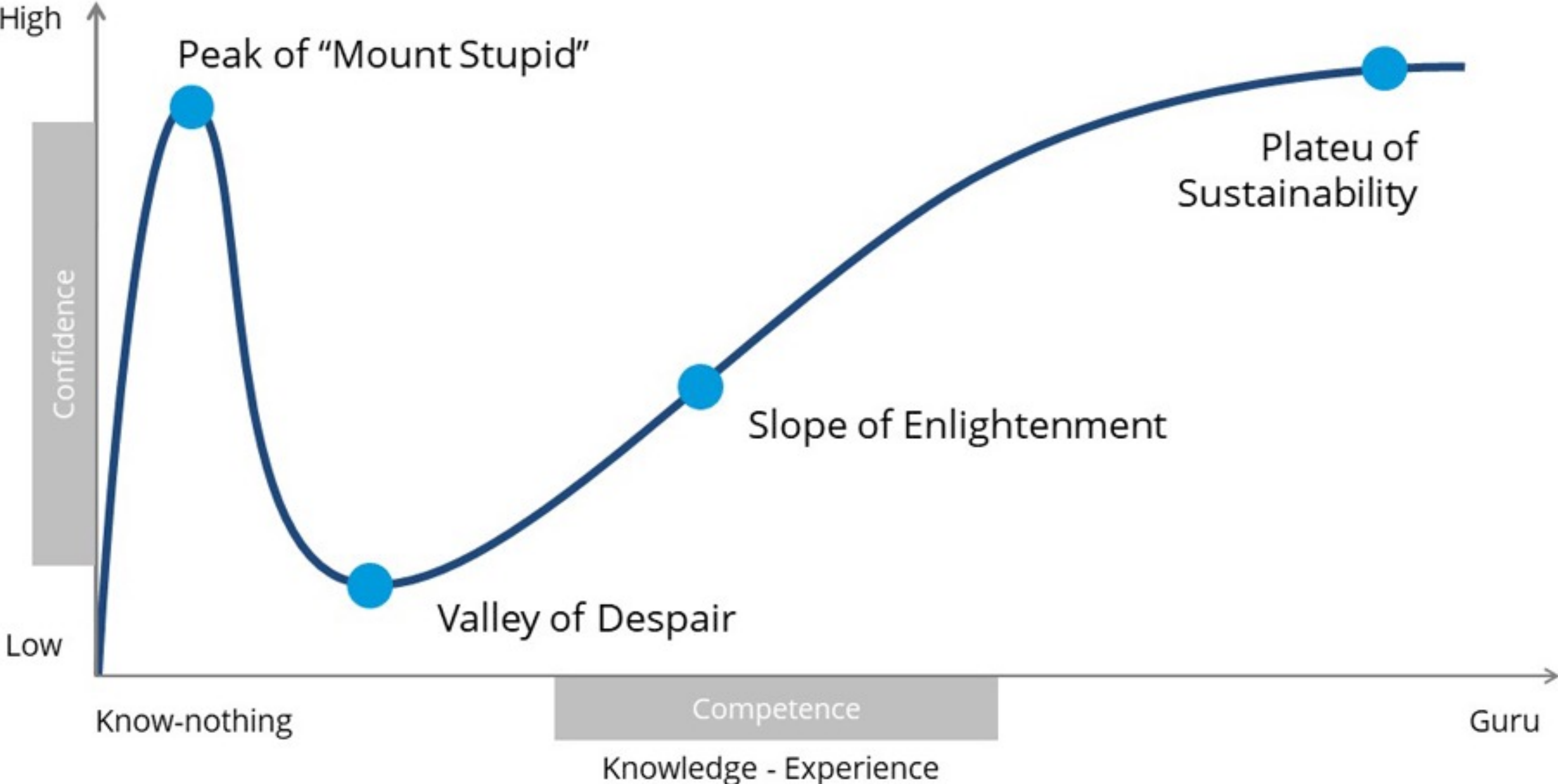
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God does not have an ideal path for your life,



God does not have an ideal path for your life,
but He does have a will for your life



TRANSFORMATION

God cares less about what you do
and more about who you become

COMMUNITY

God wants you to be part of a local church,
and he wants you to care about his church



MISSION

God wants you to care about his mission,
and he wants you to use your skills for the mission

Bruce K. Waltke

Finding the
Will of God

A Pagan Notion?

SECOND EDITION



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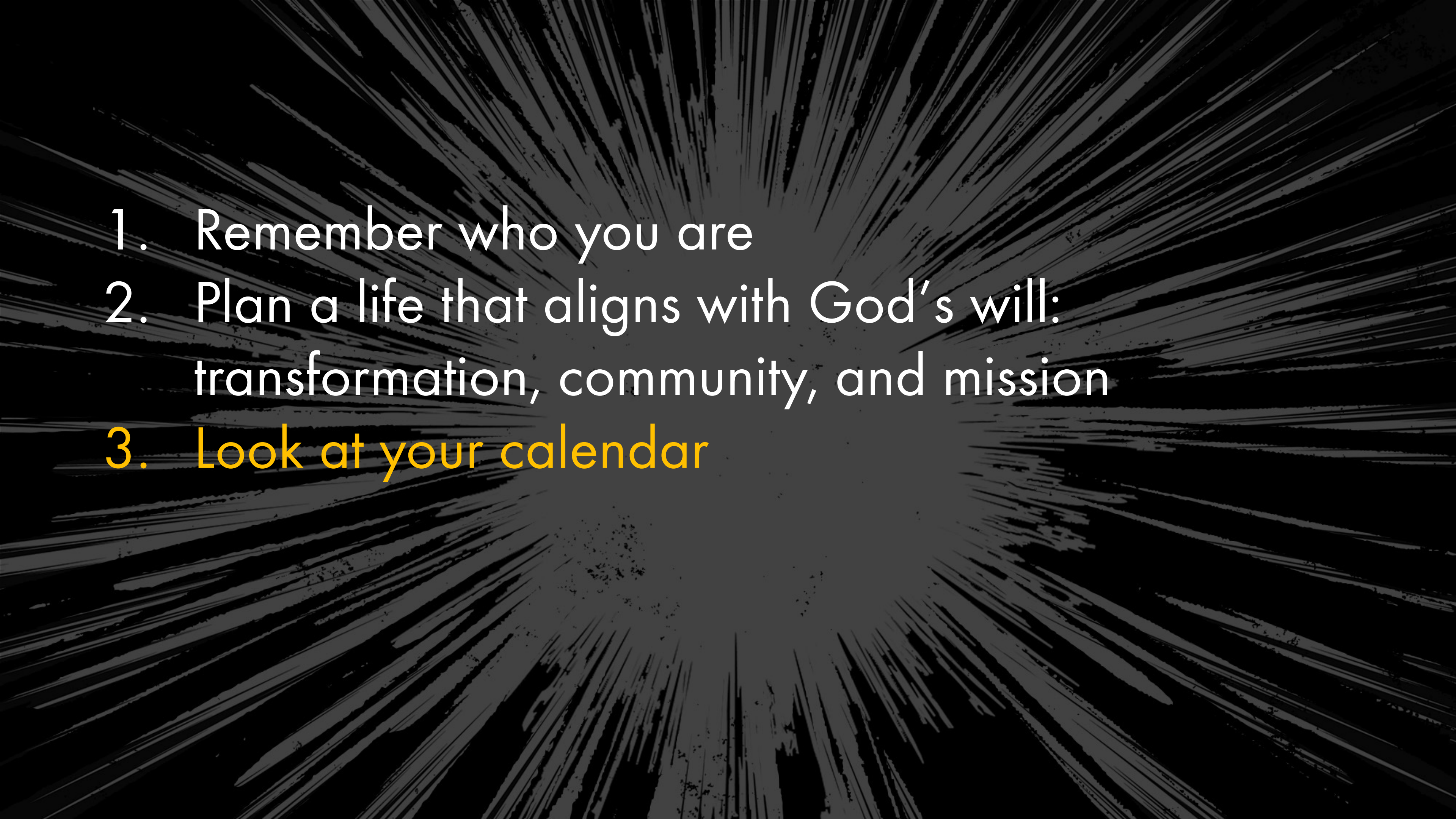
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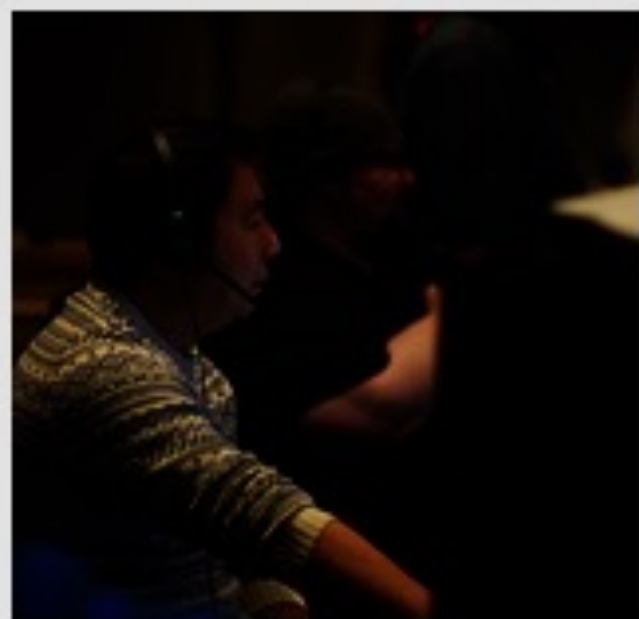
FIND YOUR NEXT STEP



Connect

We believe transformation happens when we do life together.

CONNECT



Serve

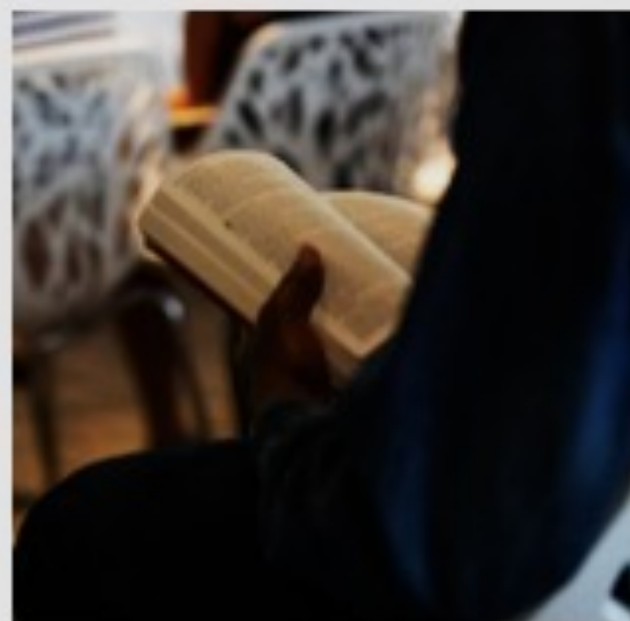
We believe each of us is uniquely gifted to play a part in God's mission.

SERVE

Follow

We believe that deciding to follow Jesus is the most important decision you'll ever make.

FOLLOW



Learn

We believe not one of us is done learning when it comes to living the life God has called us to.

LEARN

