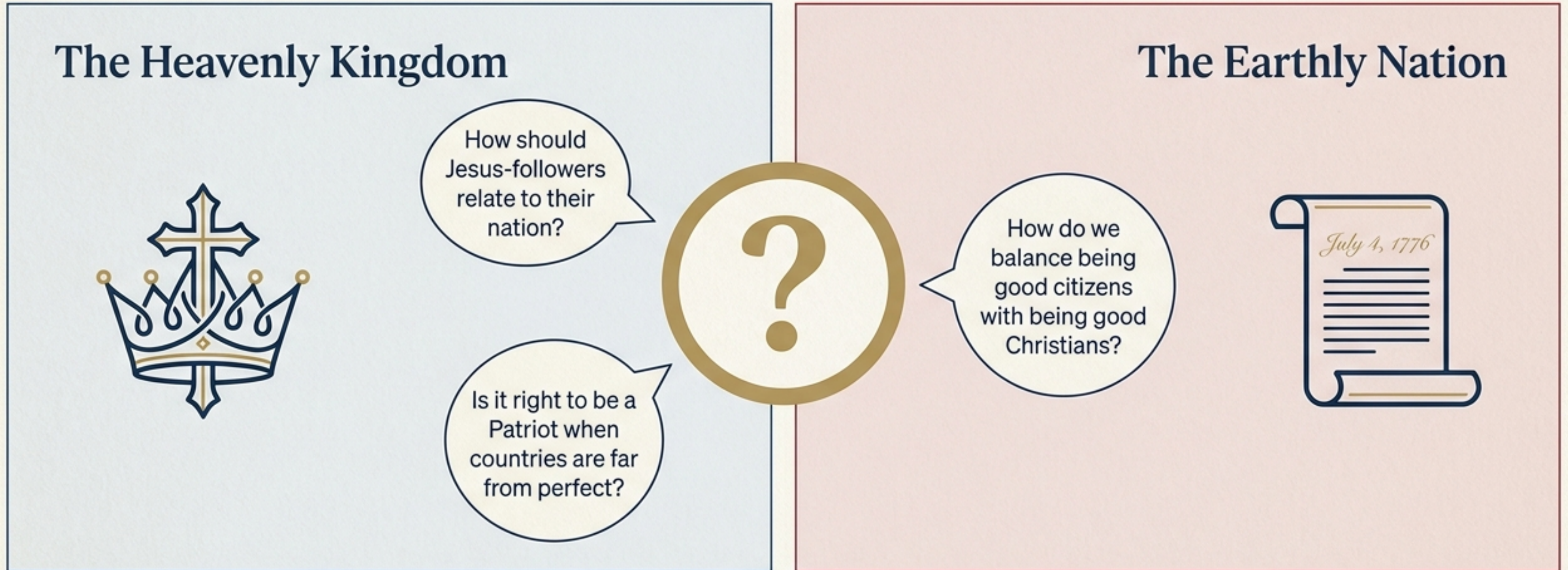




# Faith and Flag

The Biblical Blueprint for Christian Patriotism

# The believer's dilemma in an imperfect nation



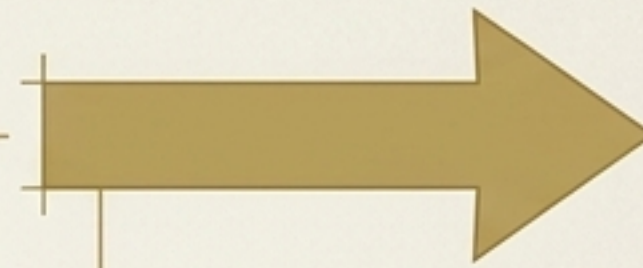
As citizens celebrate the founding of the United States and the heroism of early patriots, a timeless tension emerges for the faithful.

# Jesus established a definitive framework for dual citizenship



## The Trap (Matthew 22:15-22)

Pharisees (refusing Rome) and Herodians (cooperating with Rome) attempt to force Jesus to choose between rebellion and complicity over a poll tax.



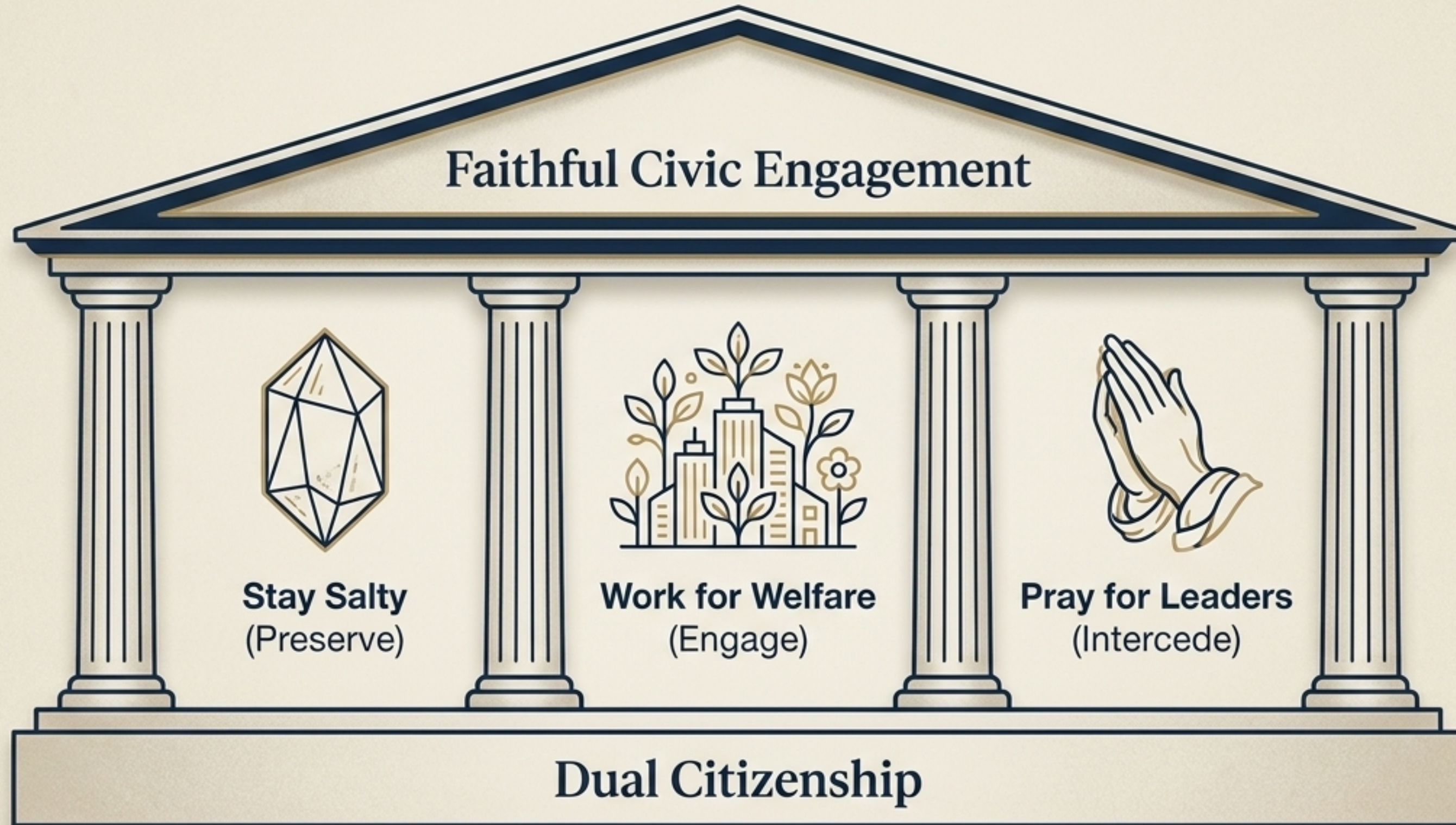
## The Escape

Give, then, to Caesar the things that are Caesar's, and to God the things that are God's.

## Dual Duties.

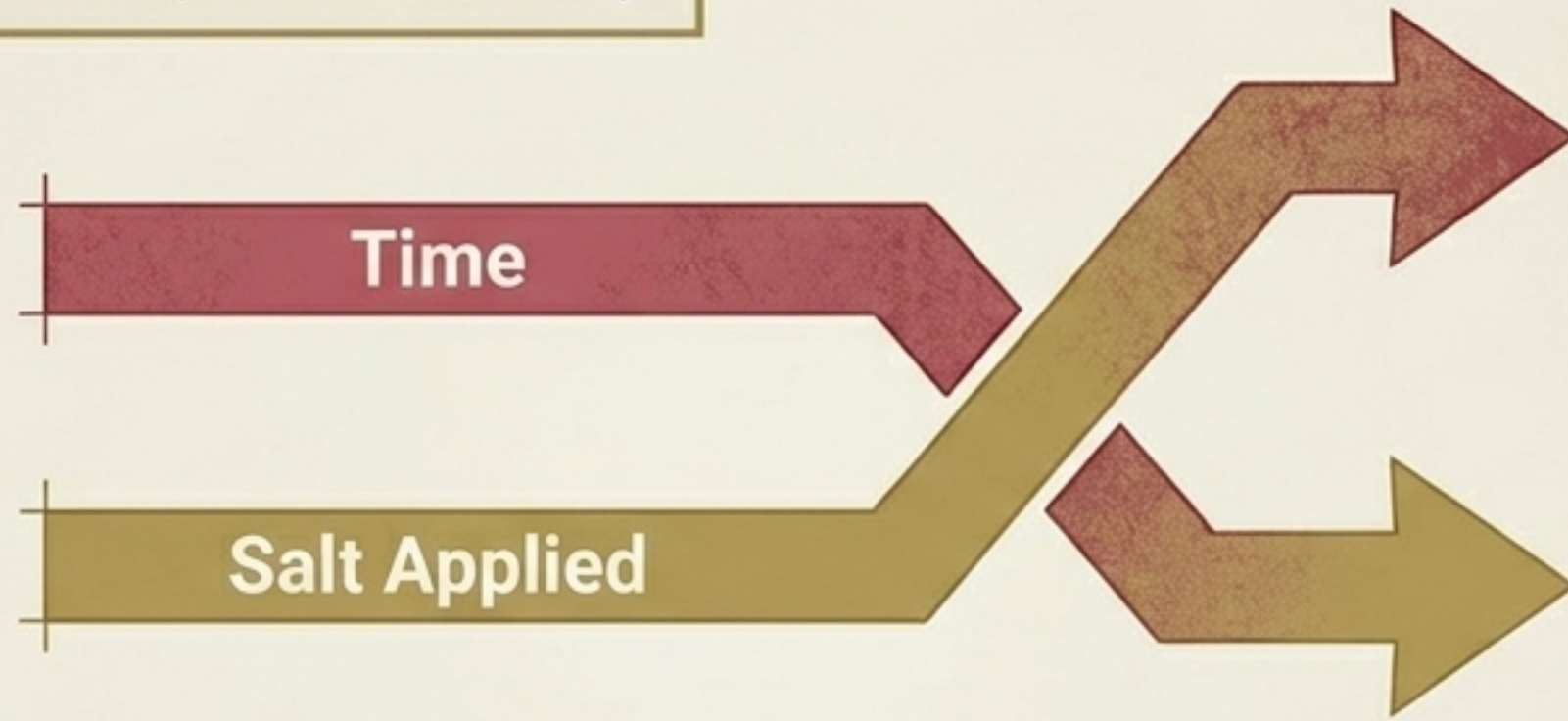
The government requires our taxes and civic compliance; God requires our absolute heart and commitment. Loyalty to country is celebrated—provided it never supersedes our absolute commitment to God.

# Three mandates define the Christian Patriot's civic duty



# First Mandate: Act as a moral preservative

"You are the salt of the earth." (Matthew 5:13)



**Rot / Decay**



**Preservation**

## The Metaphor

In the ancient world, before refrigeration, salt was a highly valuable commodity used primarily to prevent meat from rotting.

## The Application

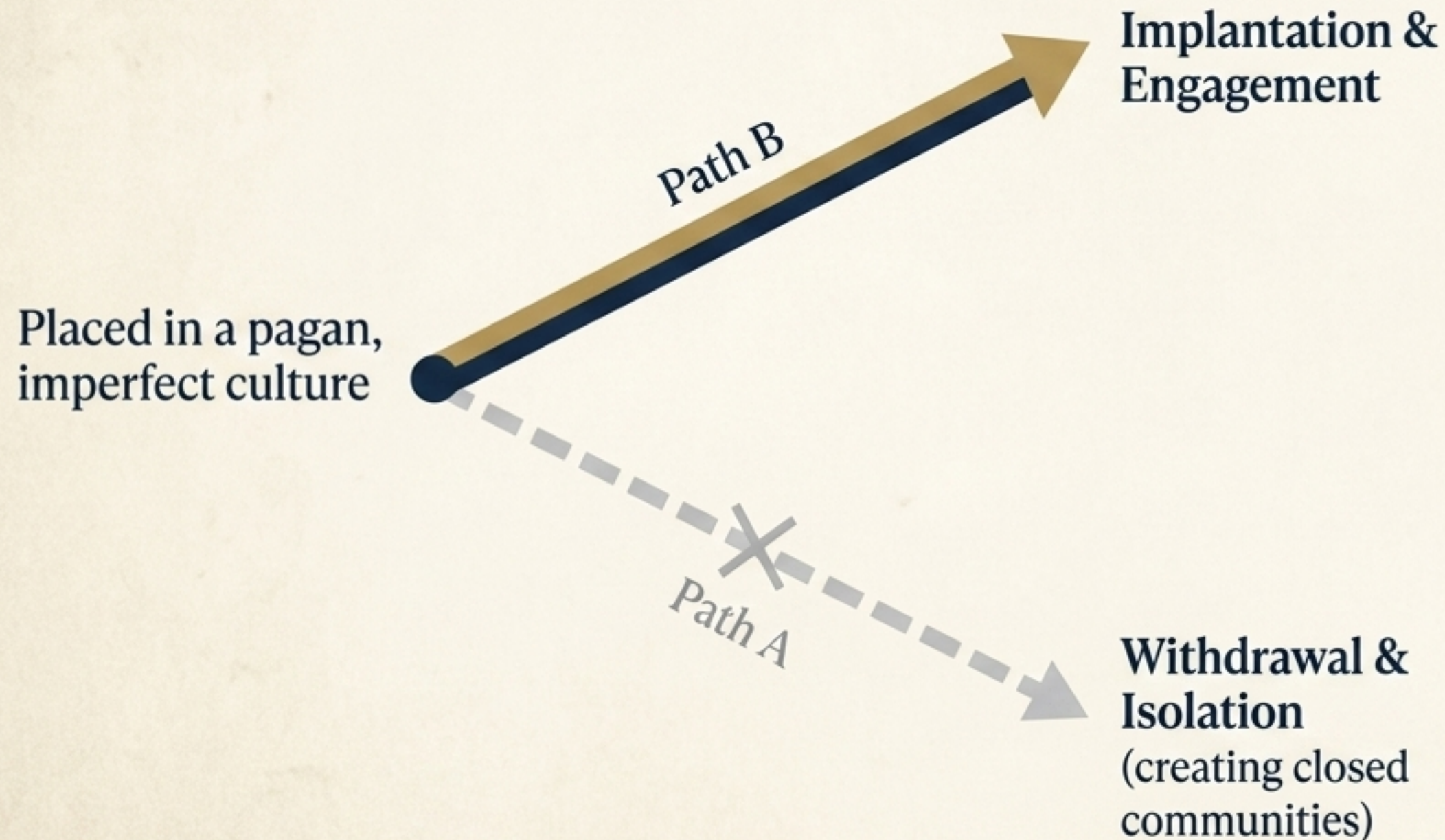
If salt loses its saltiness, the food spoils. Similarly, faithful disciples prevent societal decay by introducing Kingdom values into their surrounding culture.

# Kingdom values actively halt societal decay

Societal Default		The Salty Alternative
Hate	➤	Love
Despair	➤	Hope
Conflict	➤	Peace
Bitterness	➤	Kindness
Lies	➤	Truth

The absolute highest civic duty of a Christian Patriot is to live faithfully to Jesus, thereby preserving the moral fabric of the nation.

# Second Mandate: Implantation over isolation



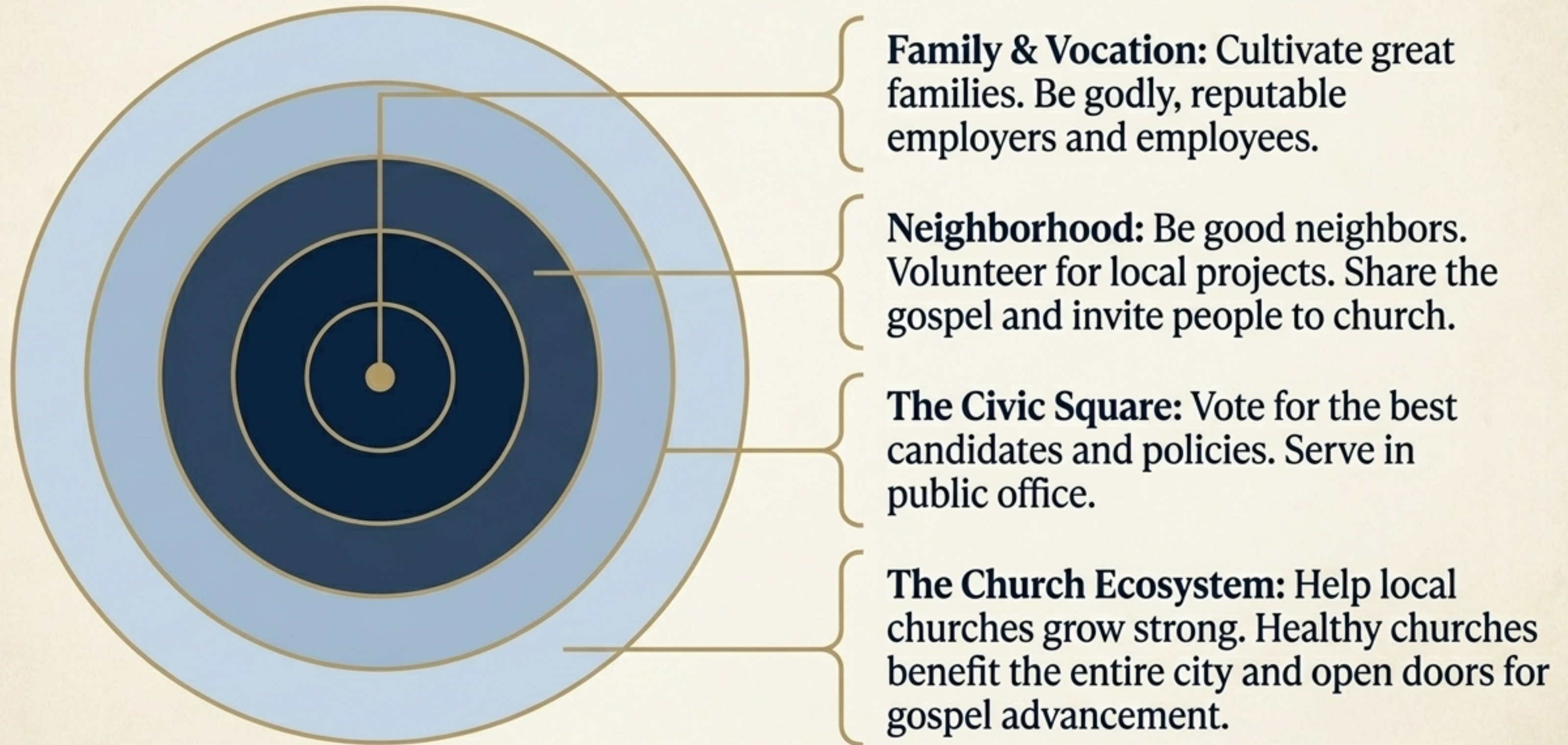
## The Babylonian Precedent (Jeremiah 29:4-7)

God deported Judah to pagan Babylon. Instead of isolation, He commanded them to:

- Build houses
- Plant gardens
- Marry and multiply

*The Core Command: "Pursue the well-being of the city I have deported you to... for when it thrives, you will thrive."*

# Pursuing the common good scales outward



# Third Mandate: Intercession precedes activism

## Priority Matrix

01: PRAYER

02: Political Activism

03: Community Volunteering

### Scripture Reference:

1 Timothy 2:1-6.

### The Directive:

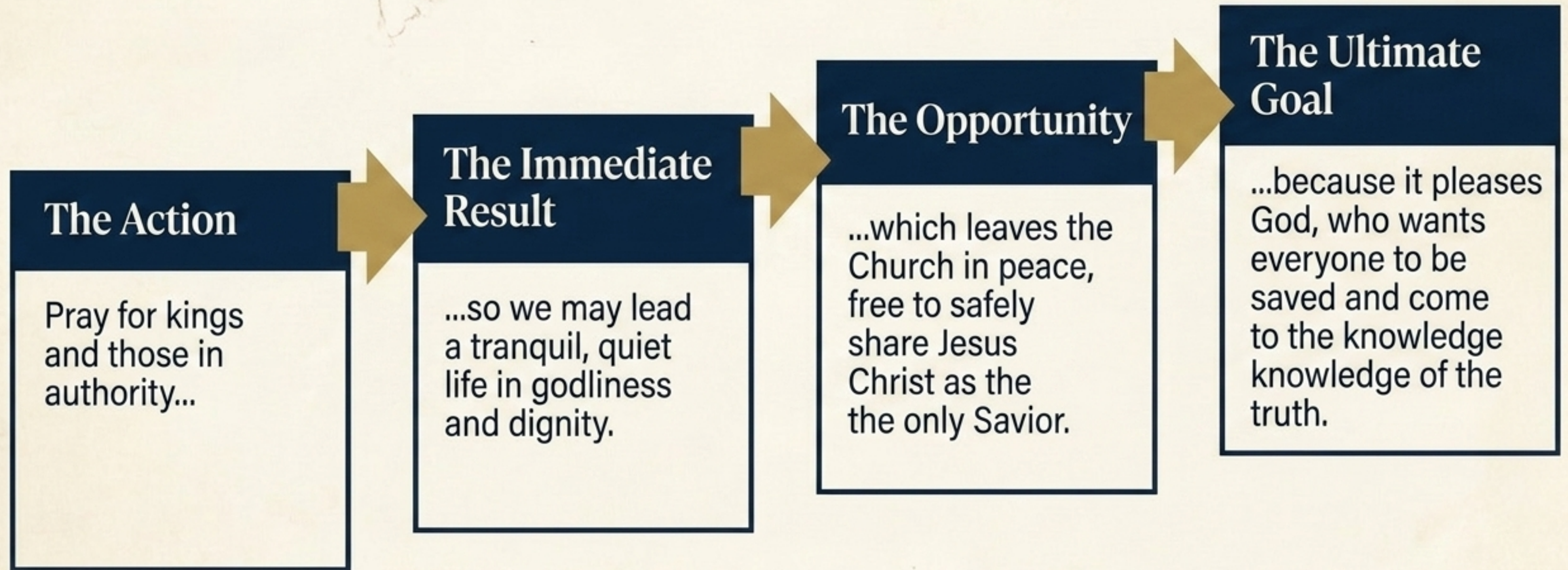
Paul urged Timothy to bring order to Ephesus by making prayer 'first of all.' It is item one on the church's civic agenda.

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### The Target:

Petitions and intercessions must be made for everyone, specifically including kings and all those in authority.

# The strategic logic of praying for leaders



# The complete framework for Christian civic engagement

Mandate	Biblical Precedent	Core Metaphor	Civic Outcome
Influence	Matthew 5 (Jesus)	The Preservative Salt	Cultural Health
Engagement	Jeremiah 29 (Exile)	The Flourishing Garden	The Common Good
Intercession	1 Timothy 2 (Paul)	The First Agenda	Peace for Gospel Advance

# The ultimate objective is a spiritual awakening



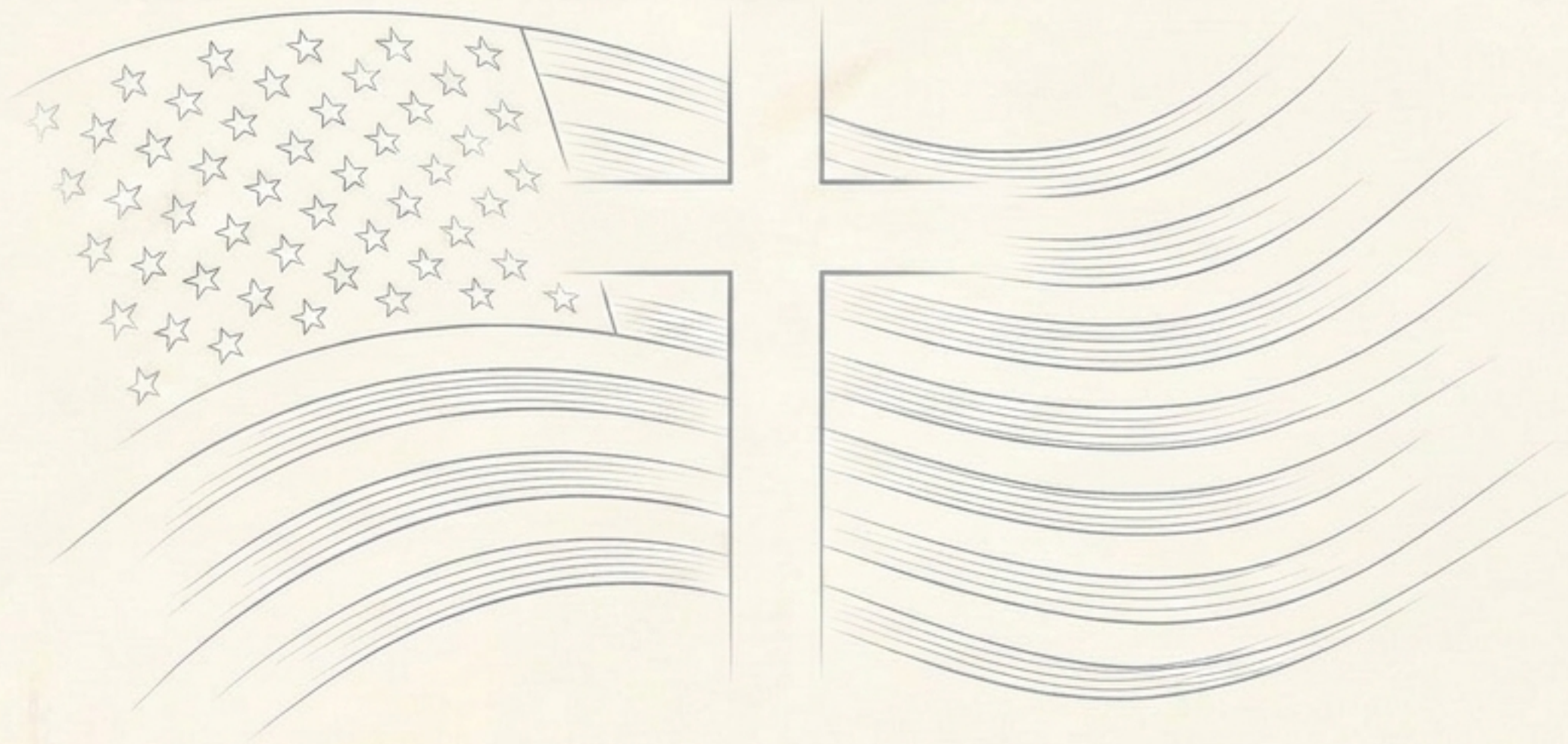
## The True Desire

The Christian Patriot's deepest longing is not merely a political victory, but a national spiritual awakening where the nation turns to Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior.

## The Greatest Contribution

The highest service we can offer America is the Gospel. By staying salty, seeking community welfare, and praying for leaders, we position the United States to be a light shining on a hill for the whole world.

**Love God supremely.  
Serve the nation faithfully.**



**Yes, let's all be Christian patriots.**