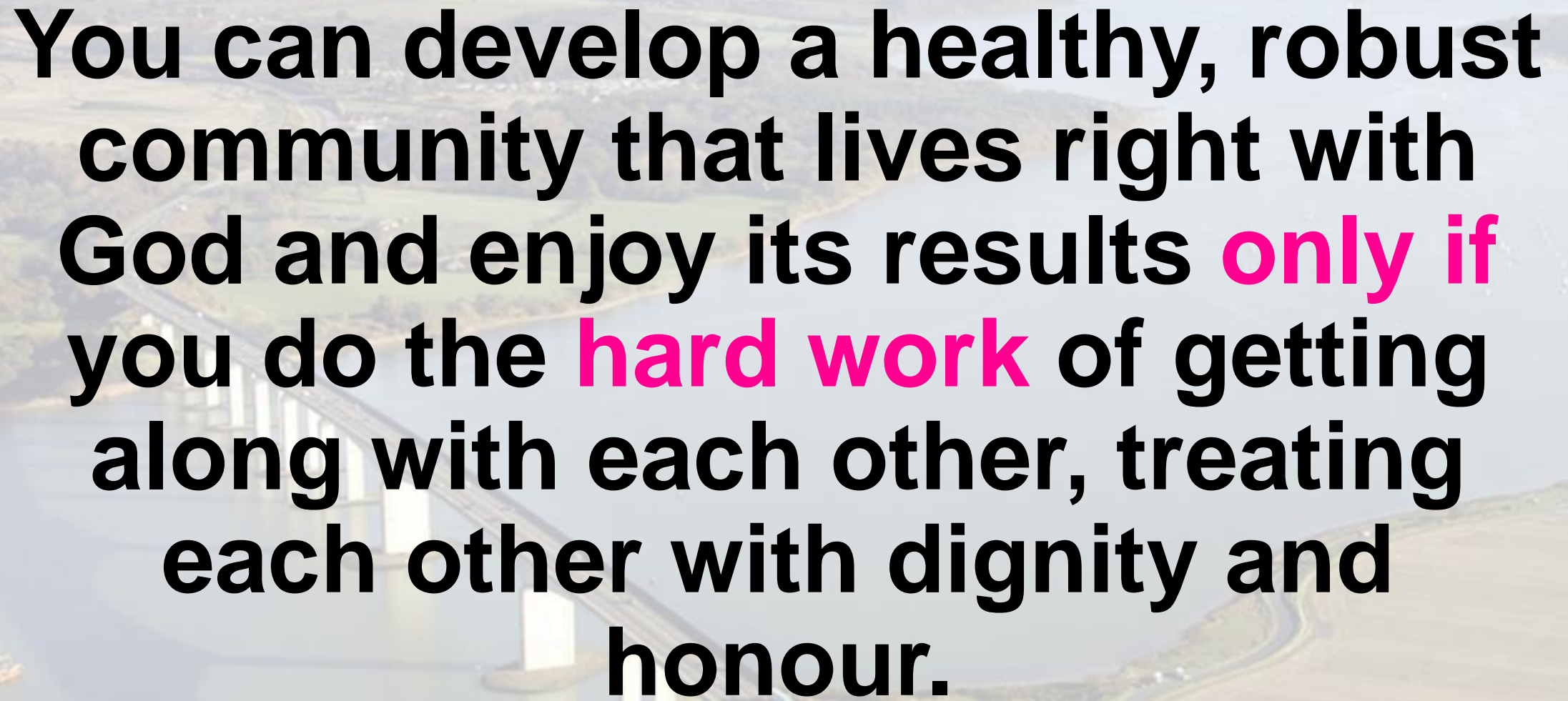


An aerial photograph of a large, multi-lane bridge spanning a wide body of water. The bridge is supported by numerous white, cylindrical piers. The surrounding landscape includes green fields, a forested area, and a large body of water with many small boats. The text 'CONNECTED' is written in large, bold, pink letters across the top of the image, and 'LIFE' is written in large, bold, cyan letters below it.

CONNECTED

LIFE

An aerial photograph of a large, multi-lane bridge spanning a wide river. The bridge has several tall, white support pillars. In the background, a city is visible on a hillside, with a large stadium or arena in the foreground. The sky is clear and blue.

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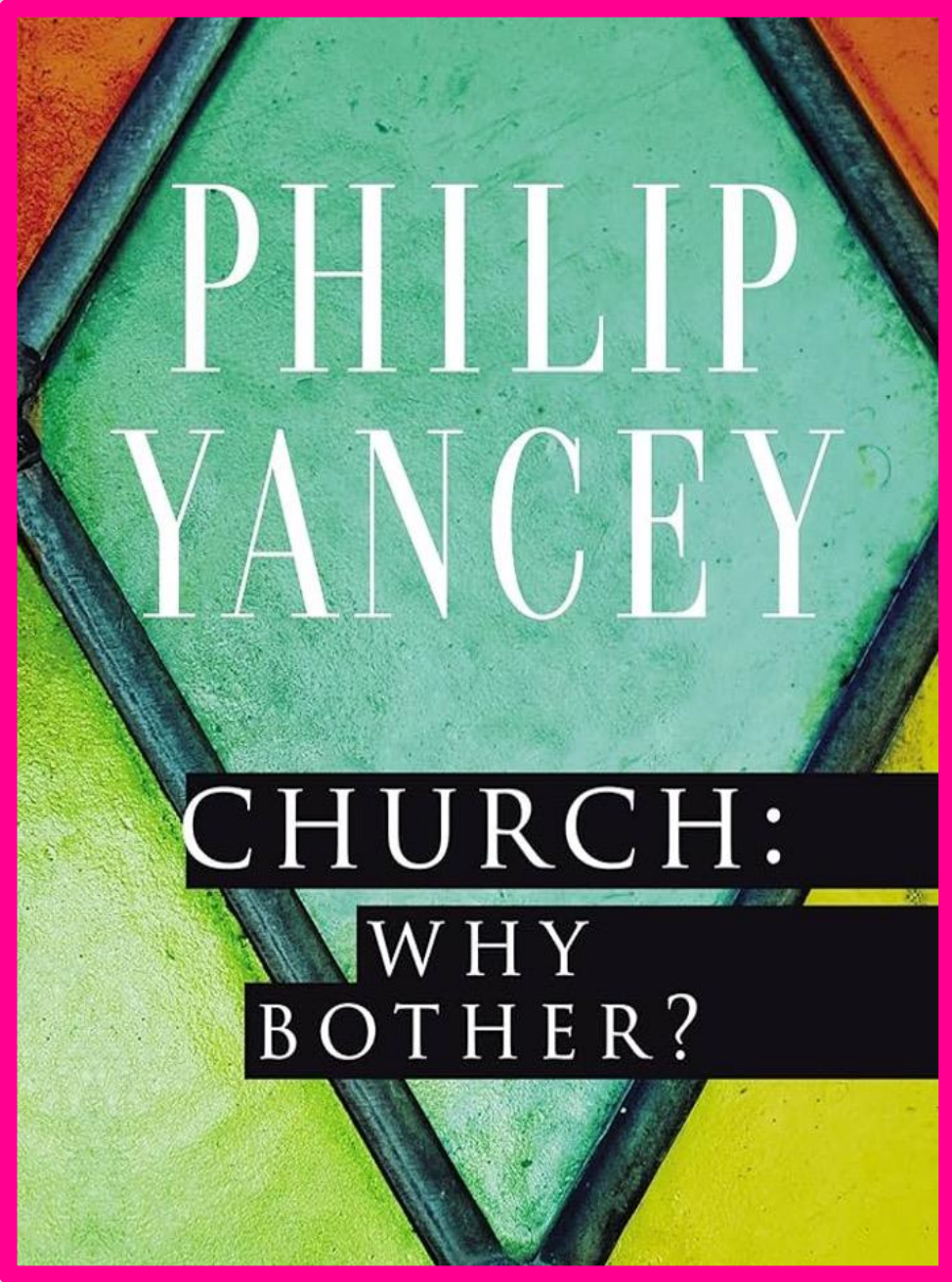
James 3:18 MSG

An aerial photograph of a large dam and reservoir. The dam is a long concrete structure with many pillars, extending across the water. The reservoir is a large body of water with a winding road along its edge. The background shows a landscape with green fields and trees. A pink-bordered graphic overlay is centered on the image, containing text.

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CHURCH:

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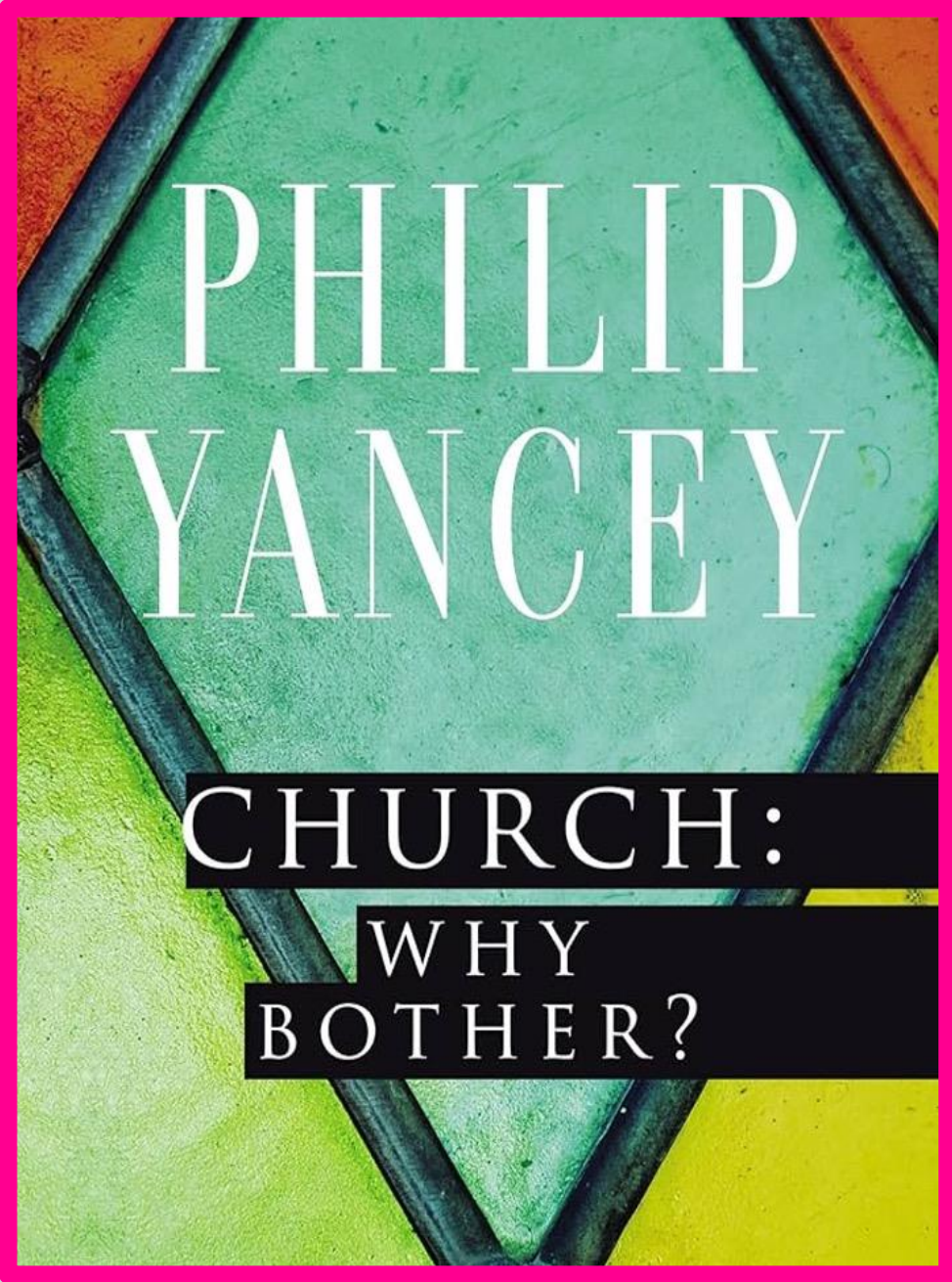


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I asked him to name one quality missing in the local church that AA had somehow provided. I expected to hear a word like love or acceptance or, knowing him, perhaps anti-institutionalism.

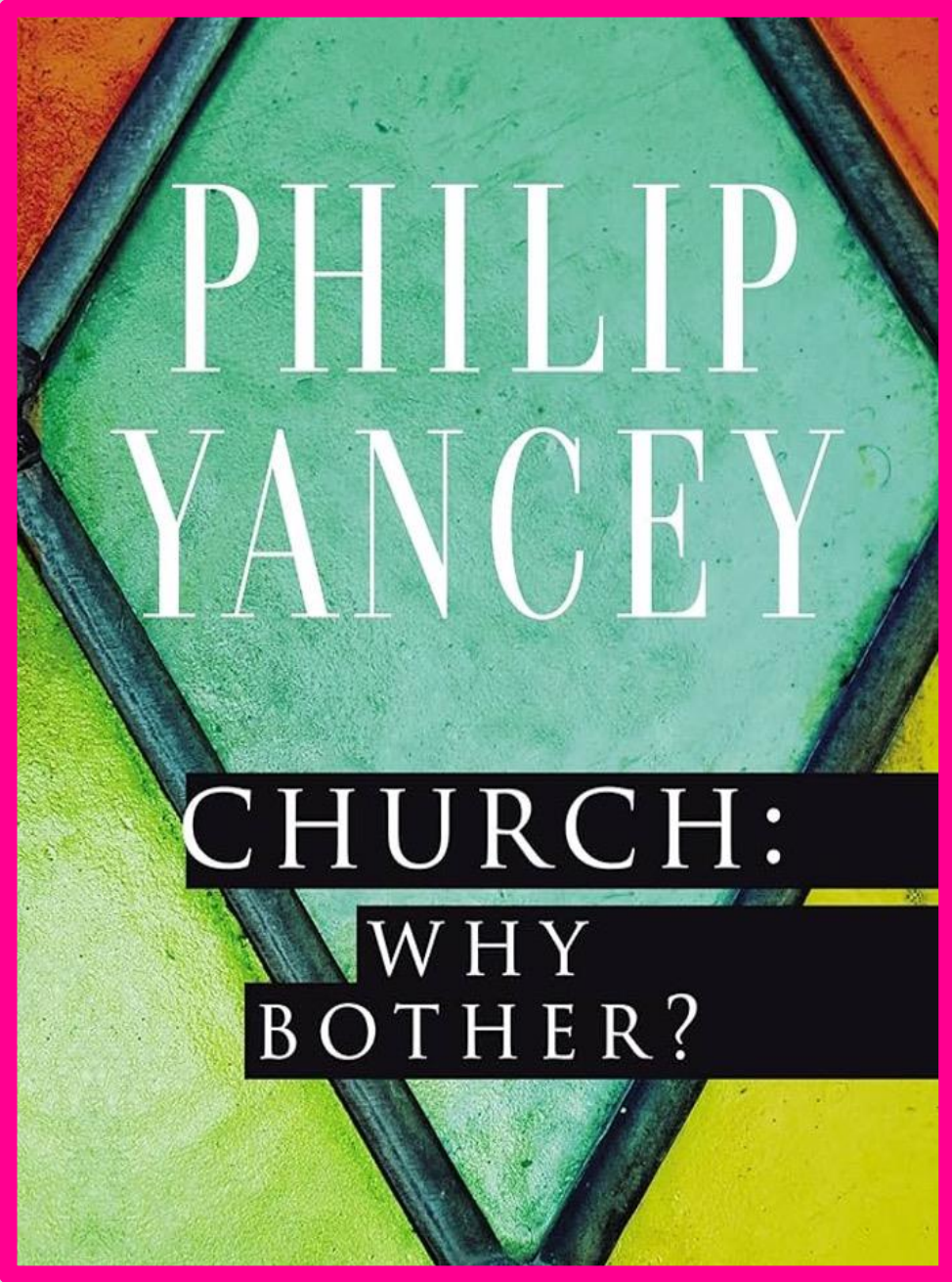


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Instead, he said softly this one word: **dependency**. 'None of us can make it on our own—isn't that why Jesus came?' he explained. 'Yet most church people give off a self-satisfied air of piety or superiority.'



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CHURCH:

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I don't sense them consciously leaning on God or on each other. Their lives appear to be in order."



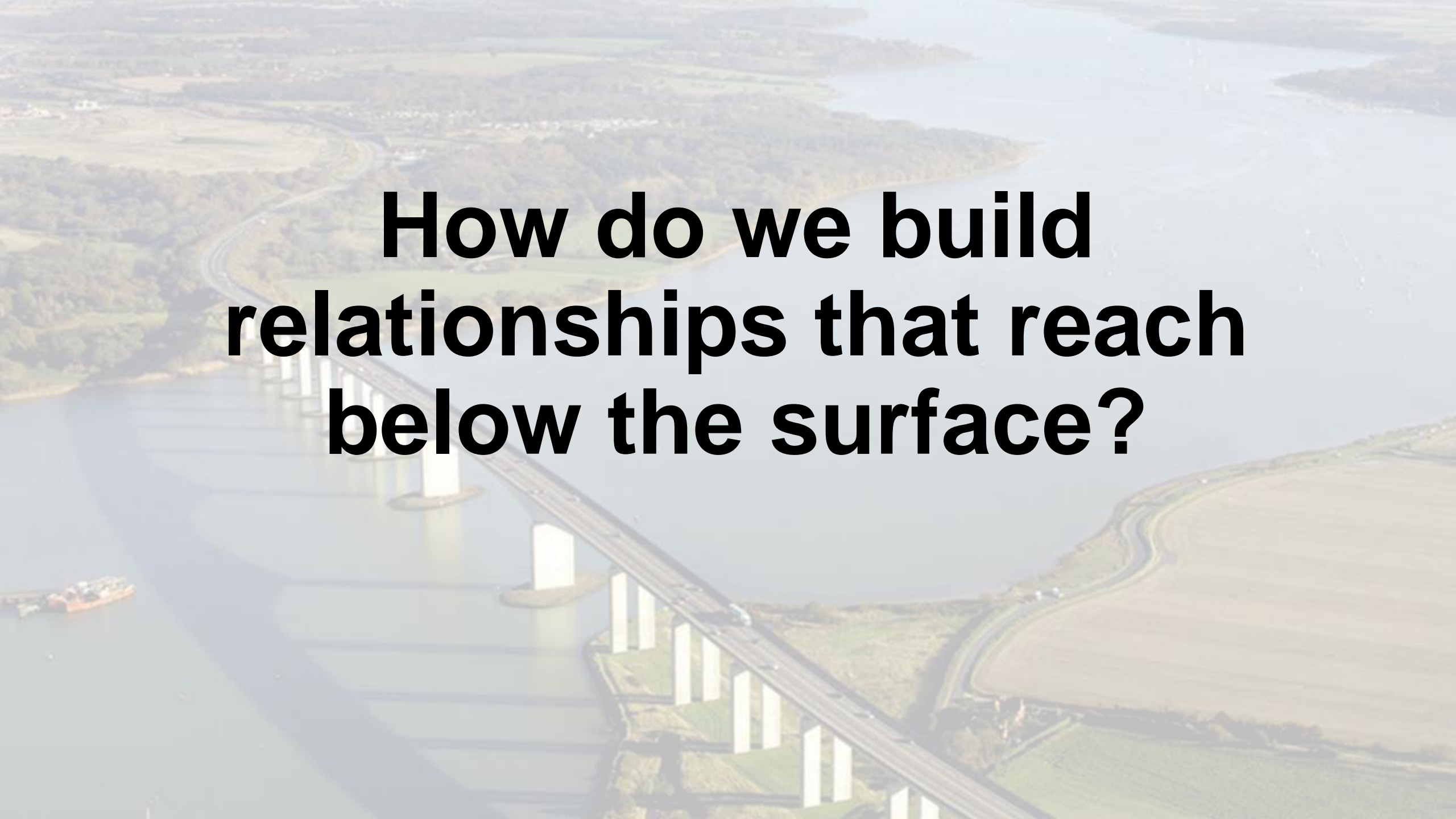
An aerial photograph of a large dam and reservoir. The dam is a long concrete structure with several tall pillars supporting a road. The reservoir is a large body of water with a winding shoreline. The surrounding landscape is green and hilly. The text is overlaid on the image in a bold, sans-serif font. The words 'hurt', 'not being liked', 'revealing what we've done/not done', and 'shame' are highlighted in pink, while the rest of the text is black.

Fear of being **hurt** (again)

Fear of **not being liked** (rejected)

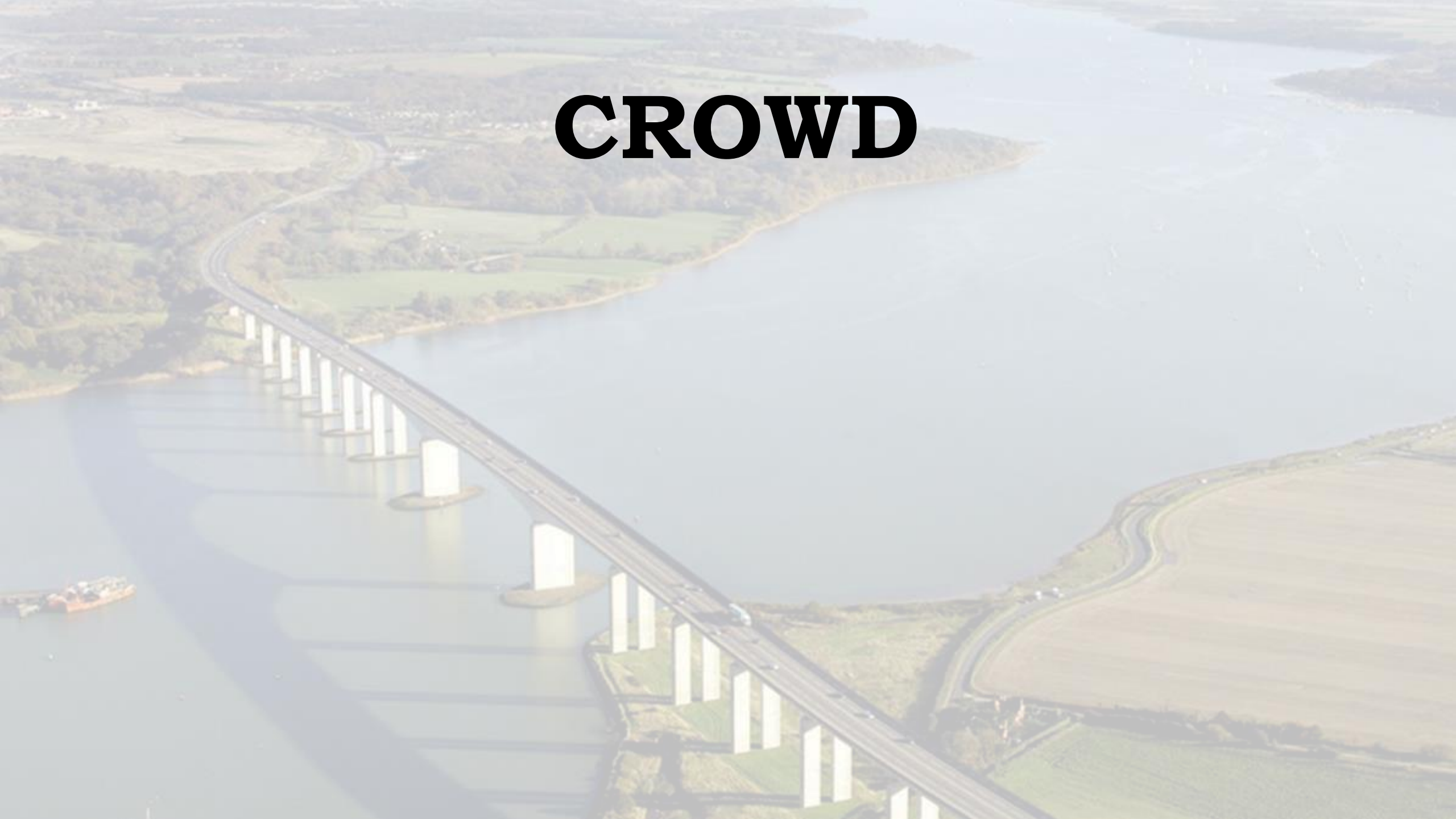
Fear of **revealing what we've
done/not done**

Fear of **shame** of who we are

An aerial photograph of a large, multi-lane bridge spanning a wide river. The bridge has several tall, white, rectangular piers. The surrounding landscape includes green fields, a winding road, and a small town in the distance. The text is overlaid in the center of the image.

**How do we build
relationships that reach
below the surface?**

CROWD



An aerial photograph of a large, multi-lane bridge spanning a wide river. The bridge has numerous white piers supporting its roadway. The surrounding landscape includes green fields, a winding road, and a large body of water. The text 'CROWD' is overlaid in the upper center in a bold, black, sans-serif font.

CROWD

COMMITTED

An aerial photograph of a large, multi-lane bridge spanning a wide river. The bridge has several tall, white, rectangular piers supporting it. The river is a deep blue-grey color. On the left bank, there is a dense forest of green trees. On the right bank, there are large, flat, green fields. The sky is a pale, hazy blue. The text 'CROWD', 'COMMITTED', and 'CORE' is overlaid in large, bold, black letters on the image.

CROWD

COMMITTED

CORE

CROWD - **Sundays**



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Let us think of ways to motivate one another to acts of love and good works. And let us not neglect our meeting together, as some people do, but encourage one another, especially now that the day of his return is drawing near.

Hebrews 10:24-25. NLT



CROWD - **Sundays**

COMMITTED - **Groups**

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James 3:18 MSG



CROWD - Sundays

COMMITTED - Groups

CORE – Running mates

An aerial photograph of a large body of water, possibly a reservoir or lake, with a long bridge crossing it. The surrounding landscape is green and hilly. The text is overlaid on the image.


CROWD - Sundays

COMMITTED - Groups

CORE – Running mates

Walk with the wise and become wise...

Proverbs 13:20

An aerial photograph of a large body of water, possibly a reservoir or lake, with a multi-lane bridge crossing it. The surrounding landscape is green and hilly. The text is overlaid on the image.

CROWD - Sundays

COMMITTED - Groups

CORE – Running mates

As Iron sharpens iron,
so one person sharpens another.

Proverbs 20:17



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CONNECTED

LIFE

REAL RELATIONSHIPS

Building relationships that reach beyond the surface

Who have you allowed to know the 'real' you?

Who do you trust enough to help bring accountability to your relationship with God and relationship with others?

What next step can you take this week to begin to move towards developing real relationships?