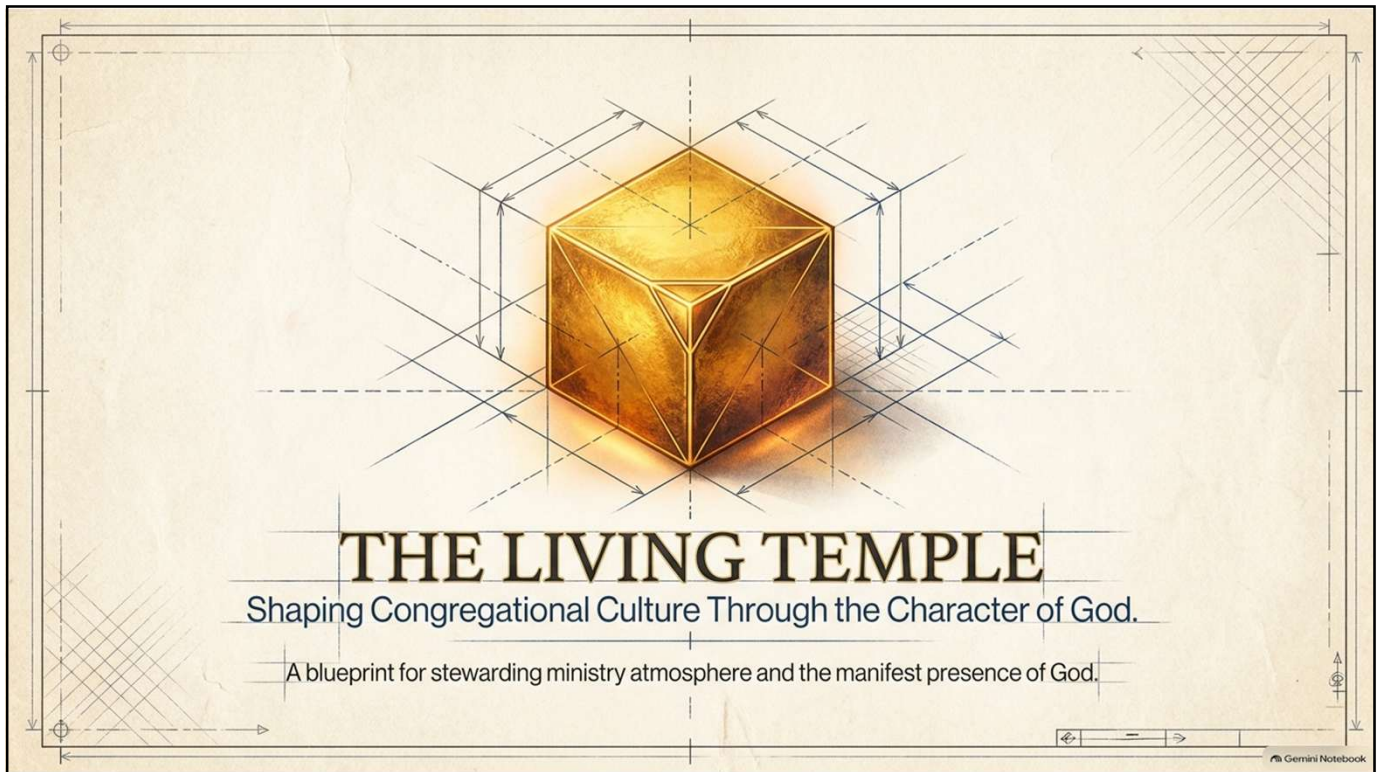
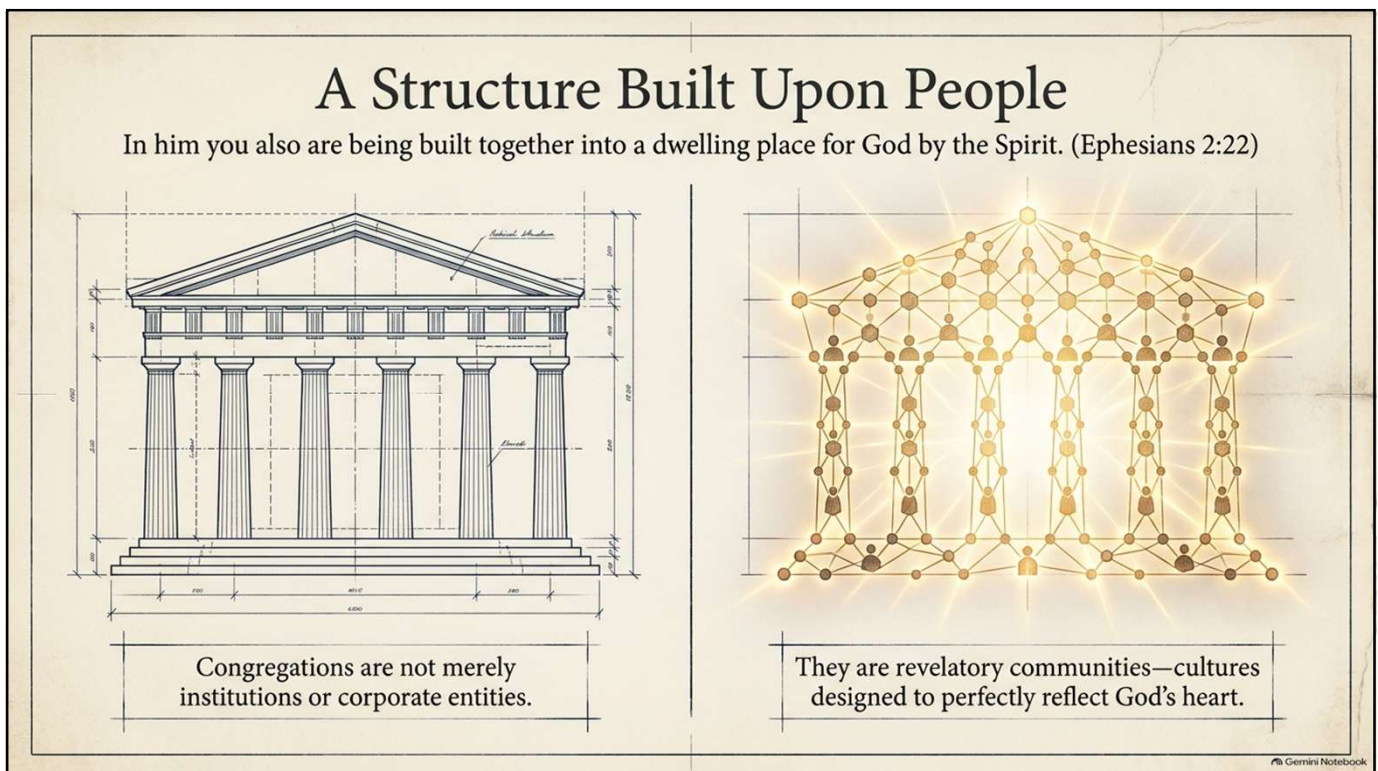




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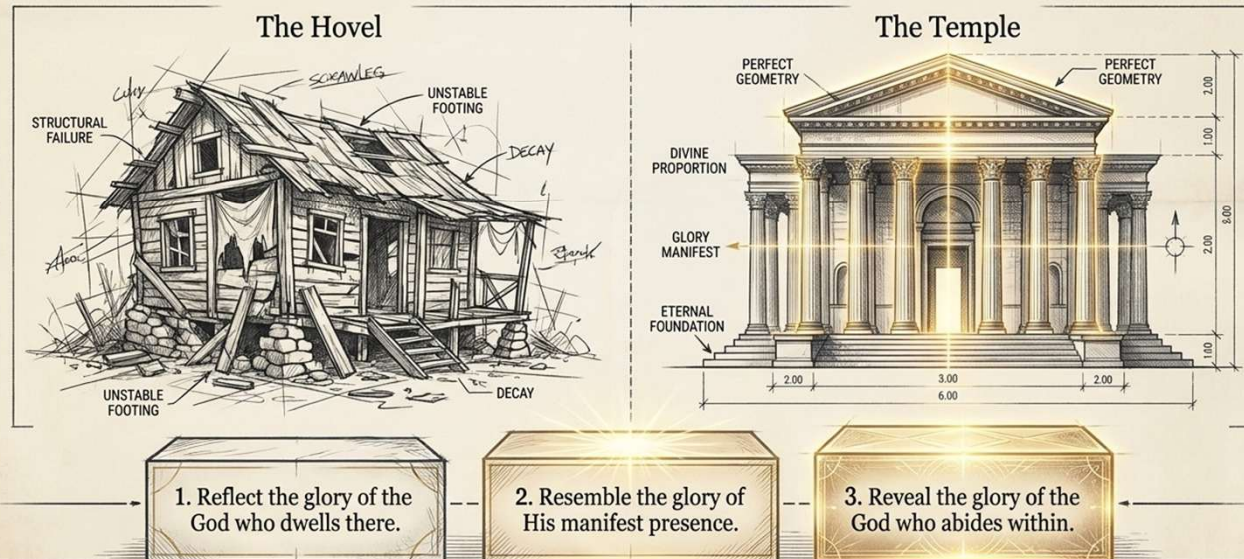


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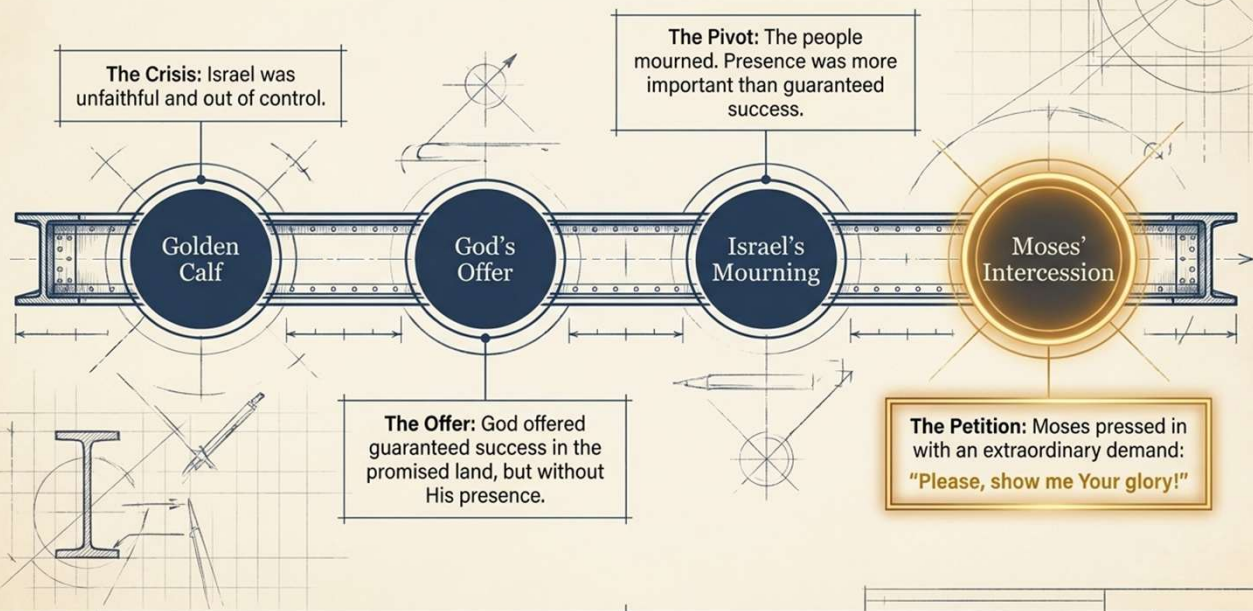
## The Standard of the House: Hovel vs. Temple

A King does not live in a hovel (a dirty, run-down shelter). When the disciples marveled at Herod's temple ("Teacher, see what stones!" – Mark 13:1), they looked at the physical. God looks at the spiritual.



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## The Desperation for Presence

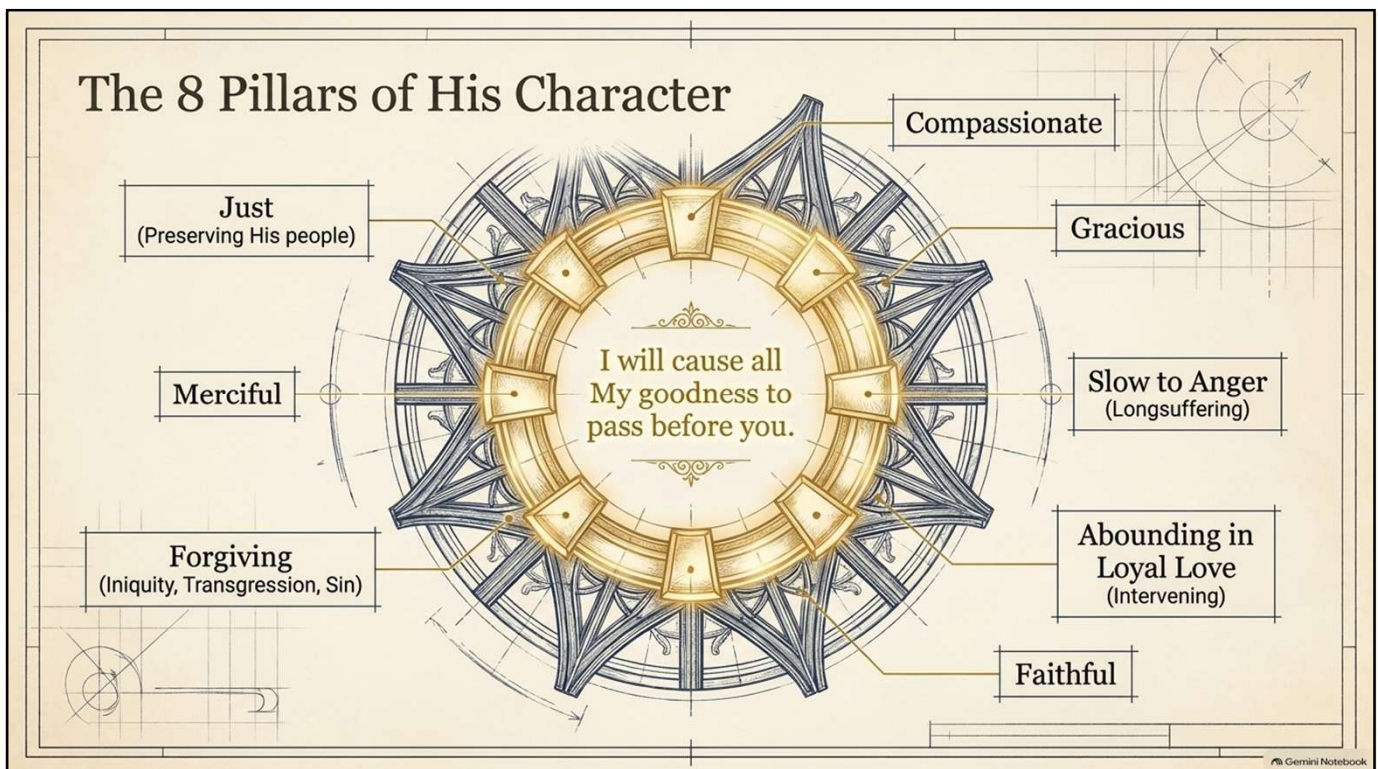


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| Re-defining Glory                                                         |                                                  |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------|
| Human Expectation                                                         | Divine Revelation (Exodus 34)                    |
| Visual Splendor: Earthquakes, lightning, and cherubim (Missing)           | Compassion and Grace (Revealed)                  |
| Displays of Power: Declarations of omniscience and omnipresence (Missing) | Patience and Intervening Love (Revealed)         |
| Atmosphere: Overwhelming dread (Missing)                                  | Deep relational loyalty to His people (Revealed) |

God's glory is not an abstract display of power; it is the specific attributes He loves about Himself, revealed within relationship to His people.

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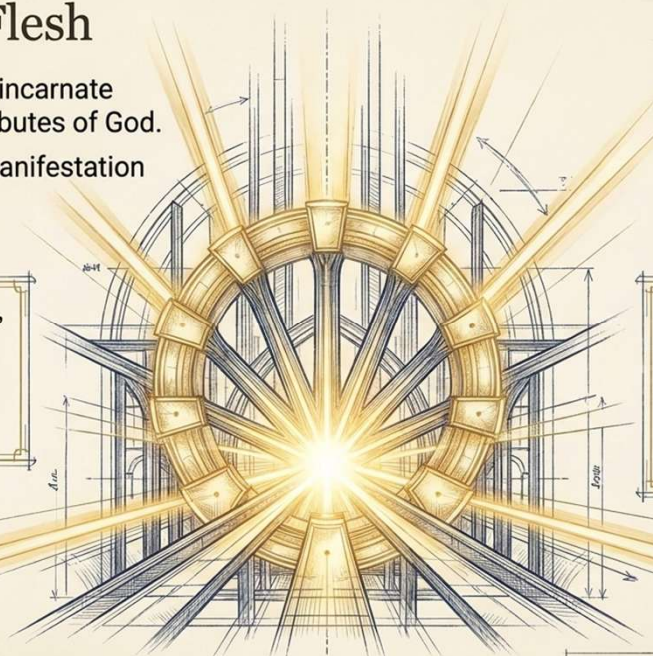
## Glory in the Flesh

Exodus 34 was the pre-incarnate Son calling out the attributes of God.

Jesus is the ultimate manifestation of this exact blueprint.

We have seen his glory,  
glory as of the only  
Son from the Father...  
(John 1:14)

God... has shone in  
our hearts to give the  
light of the knowledge  
of the glory of God in  
the face of Messiah.  
(2 Cor 4:6)



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## The Transformation Loop

### 1. Behold

Leaders immerse themselves in praising His specific characteristics (compassion, grace, longsuffering).

### 2. Transform

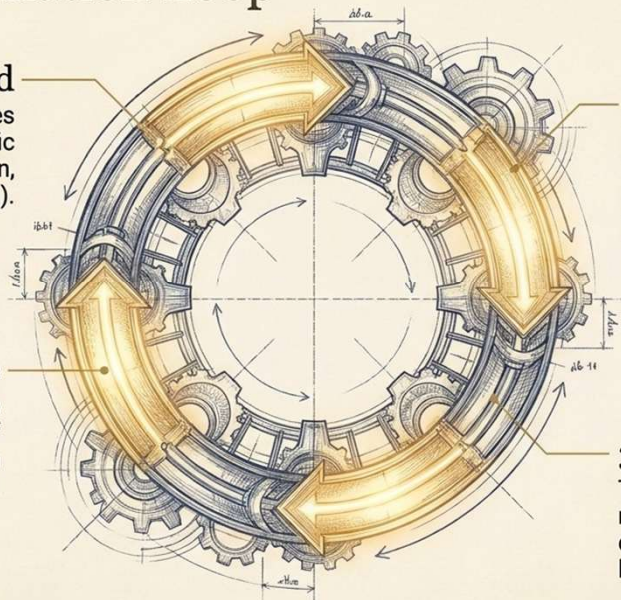
We are changed from "glory to glory" (2 Cor 3:18)—conformed to the likeness of what we truly worship.

### 4. Cultivate

These foundational people determine the culture of the fellowship, creating a place where God wants to live.

### 3. Interpret

Transformed leaders become reliable interpreters of circumstances through the lens of His character.

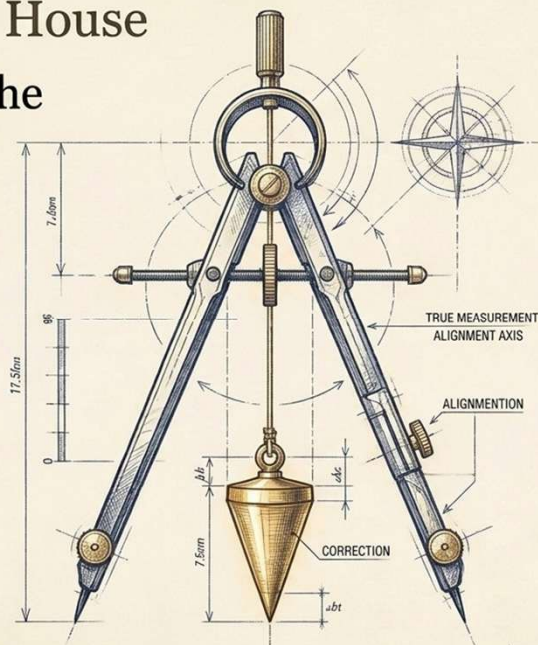


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# Stewarding the House

## 7 Guardrails for the Living Temple

God already lives in our fellowships, but there is so much more available.



To steward the increase of His manifest presence and activity, leaders must aggressively guard against specific hindrances.

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## Guardrails 1-3: Character Over Charisma



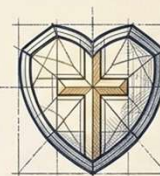
### 1. Decouple Power from Purity

Do not confuse His dynamic activity (anointing/gifts) with a leader's virtue or correct doctrine. History proves charismata is not a guarantee of character (Sermon on the Mount warning).



### 2. Watch Yourself

Pay close attention to yourself and to your teaching... take heed lest he fall (1 Tim 4:16, 1 Cor 10:12).

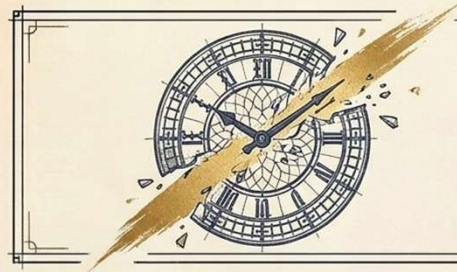


### 3. The Pure Heart

You will be attacked, regardless of perfection.  
Pray: "Let not those who hope in you be put to shame through me" (Psalm 69:6).  
Remember: We are not the point.

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## Guardrails 4-5: Navigating Time & Honor



### 4. The Clock & The Quenching.

**Stop clock-watching.** Deliberately, and awkwardly if necessary, make room for Him. Get out of the way when He makes Himself manifestly known.



### 5. The Double Snares of Honor.

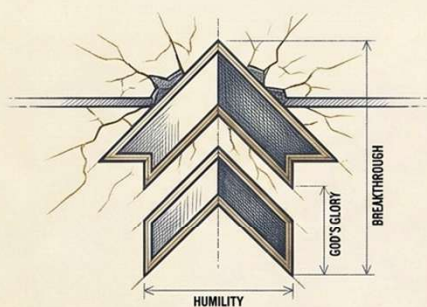
**The Snare of Lack:** When finances are choked, leaders pander to donors.

**The Snare of Success:** When double honor is given, leaders get puffed up.

**The Antidote:** Cultivate relentless personal and corporate generosity.

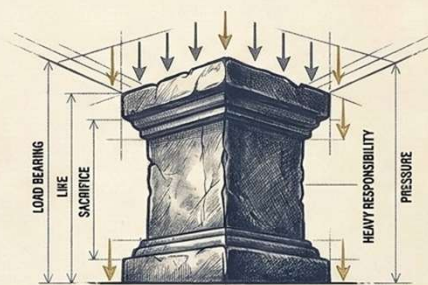
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## Guardrails 6-7: Ultimate Credit & The Cost of Labor



### 6. Ultimate Credit

Maintain that all credit goes to God—not just in our mouths when we have the opportunity, but deeply in our hearts and demeanor.



### 7. The Cost of Intercession

This is hard, natural-life-threatening work. Like Epaphroditus (risking his life) and Epaphras (struggling in prayer), leaders must take on the heavy responsibility of praying for those they lead.

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