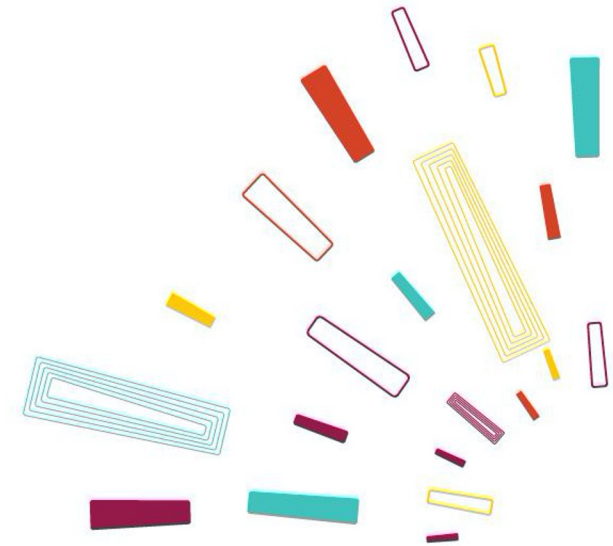


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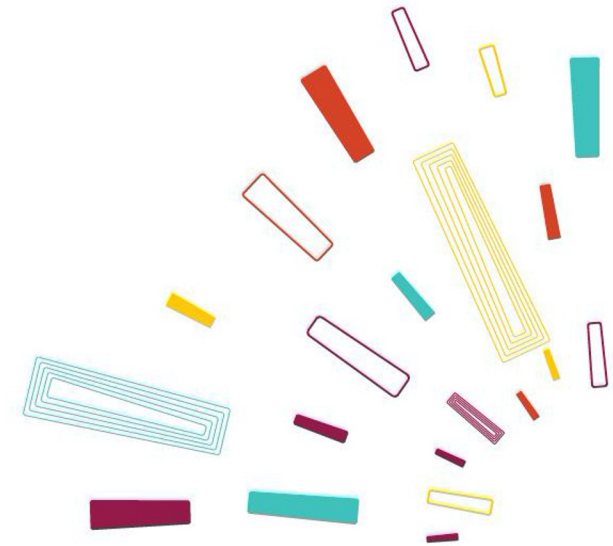




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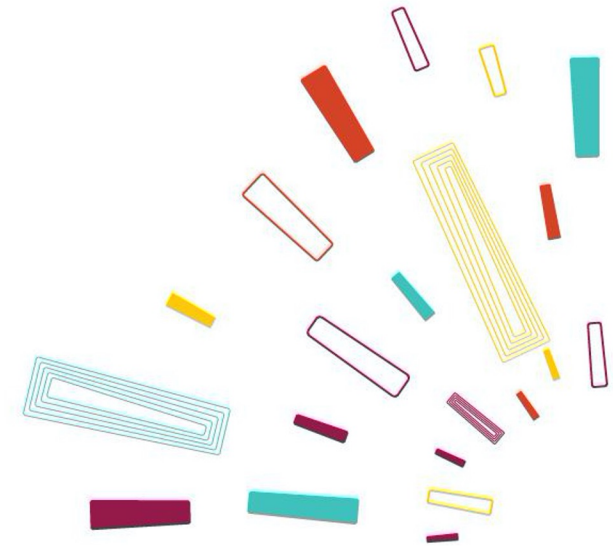



What does the Bible have to say about women and men in ministry partnership?



According to the Genesis account, women and men are of equal value because they equally bear the image of God.

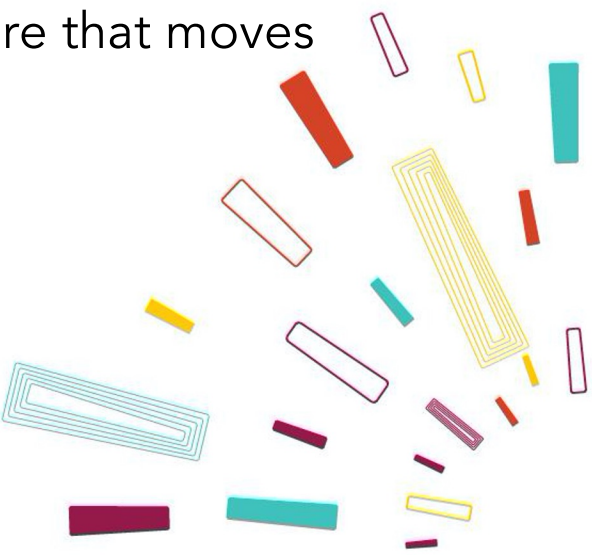
Genesis 1:27: "So God created humankind in his image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them." (NRSV)



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Genesis 1:28 tells us that men and women are jointly, equally,
called to steward God's creation:

"God blessed them and said to them, "Be fruitful and increase in number; fill the earth and subdue it. Rule over the fish in the sea and the birds in the sky and over every living creature that moves on the ground." (NRSV)

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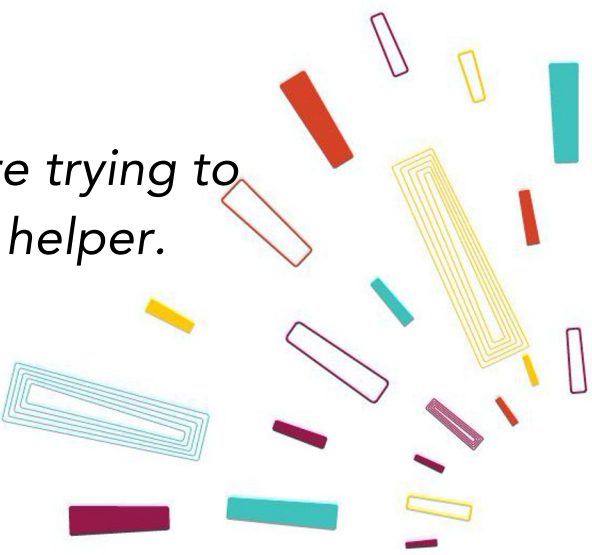
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What is the significance of “helper” in Genesis 2?

“Then the Lord God said, “It is not good for the man to be alone. I will make a helper who is just right for him.” (NLT)

Psalm 54:3-4:

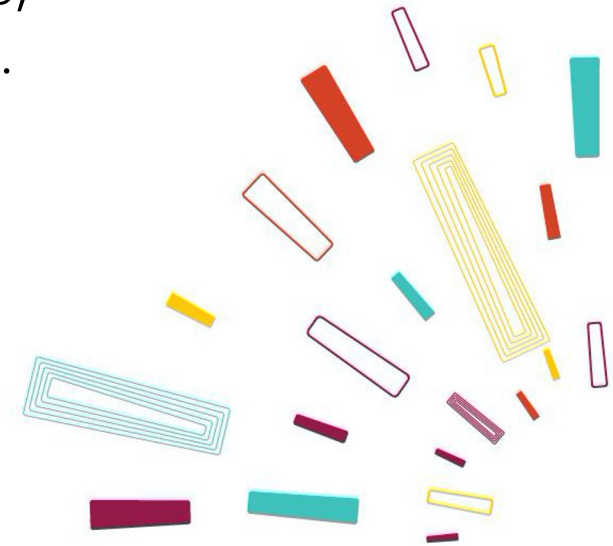
“For strangers are attacking me; violent people are trying to kill me. They care nothing for God. But God is my helper. The Lord keeps me alive!”


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What is the significance of the curse in Genesis 3 for women and men in partnership?

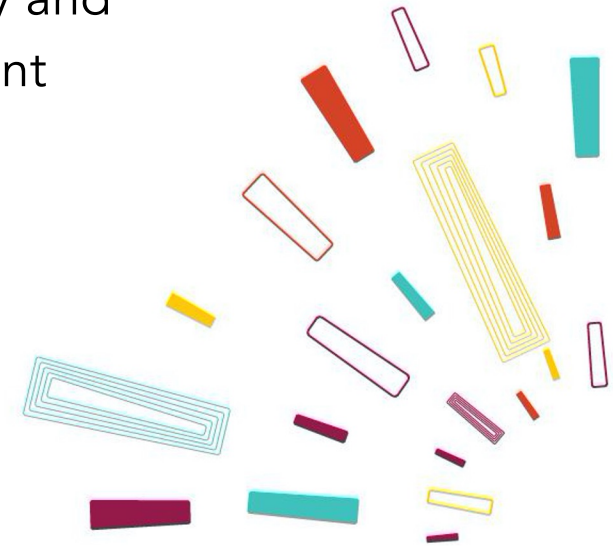
Genesis 3:16: To the woman he (God) said,
“I will make your pains in childbearing very severe;
with painful labor you will give birth to children.
Your desire will be for your husband,
and he will rule over you.”




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This power dynamic, with men ruling over women, has been our tragic reality ever since the Fall in Genesis 3. Worse still, the church has too often (wrongly) interpreted this as God's design.

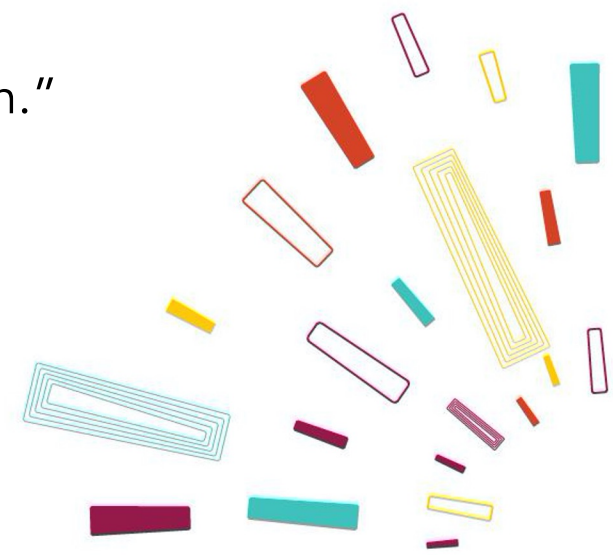
The system that you and I live in, the one that by and large values men over women, does not represent God's intention. Instead, it is the result and consequence of human sin. It's the result of our rebellion against God.



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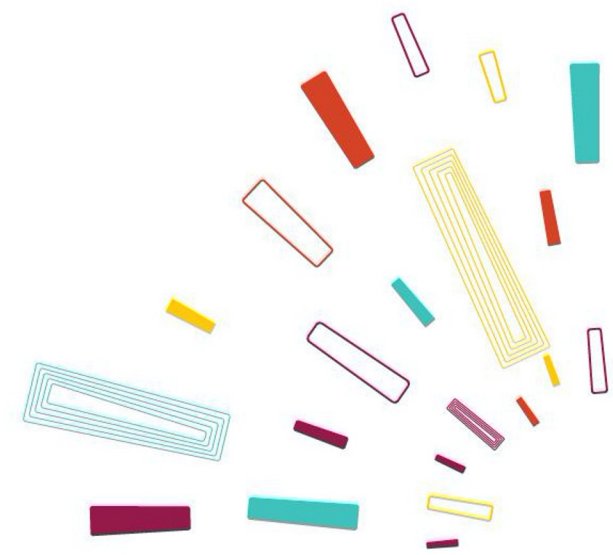
The consequence of sin with regard to gender is illustrated most clearly in a standard Rabbinic prayer from the time of Jesus, toward the end of the OT period:

“Blessed are you for not having made me a Gentile,
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Blessed are you for not having made me a woman.”





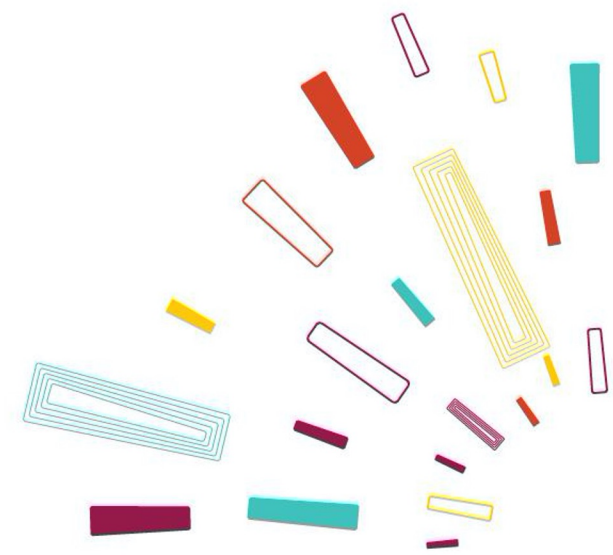
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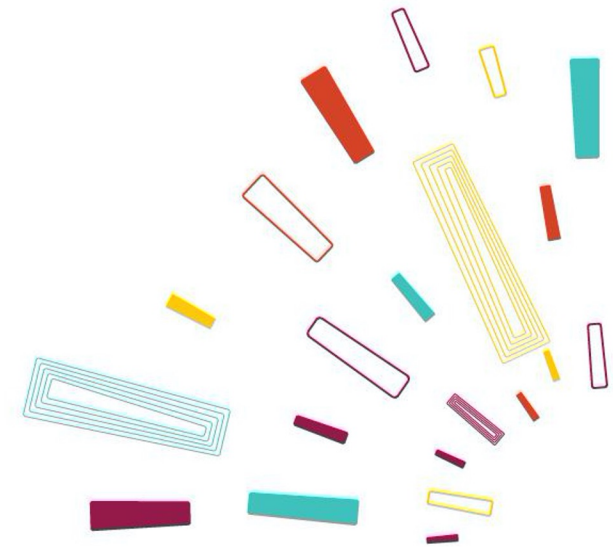




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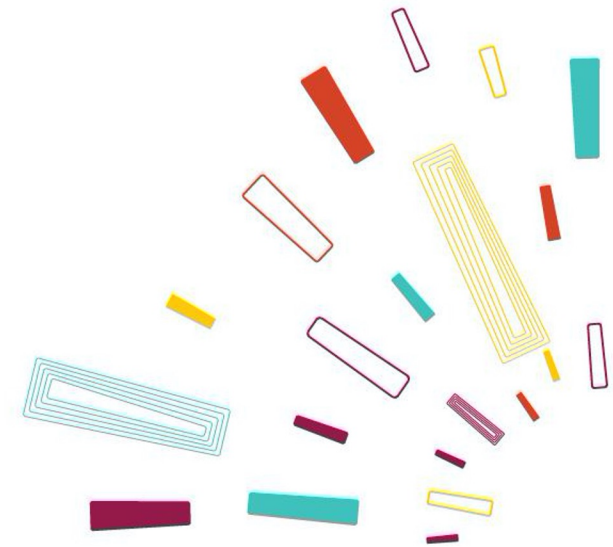


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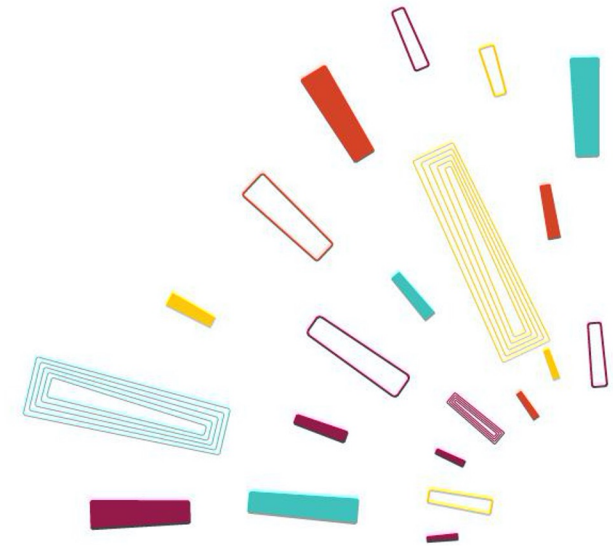
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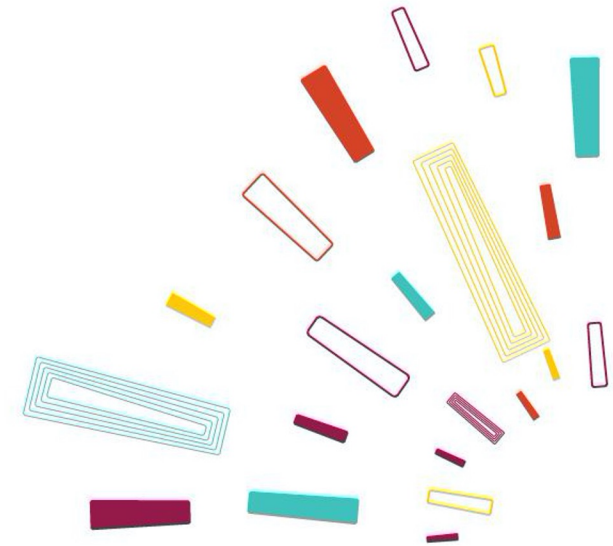
**Through his actions, Jesus reaffirms the Genesis paradigm
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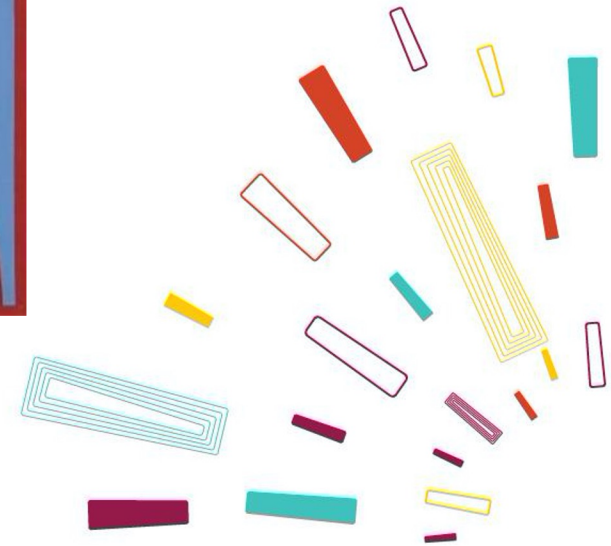
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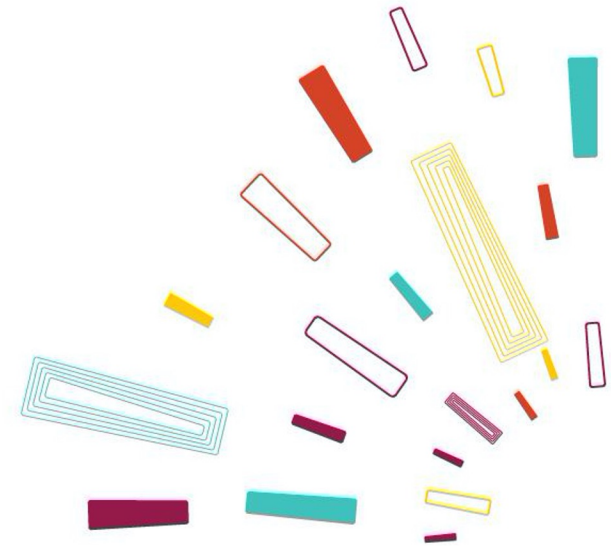
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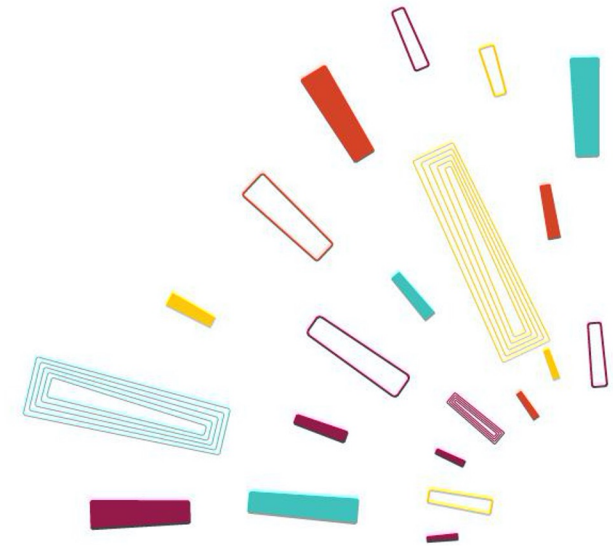
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“The new vertical relationship with God results in a new horizontal relationship with one another. All racial, economic and gender barriers and all other inequalities are removed in Christ. The equality and unity of all in Christ are not an addition, a tangent or an optional application of the gospel. They are part of the essence of the gospel.” - Theologian Walter Kaiser



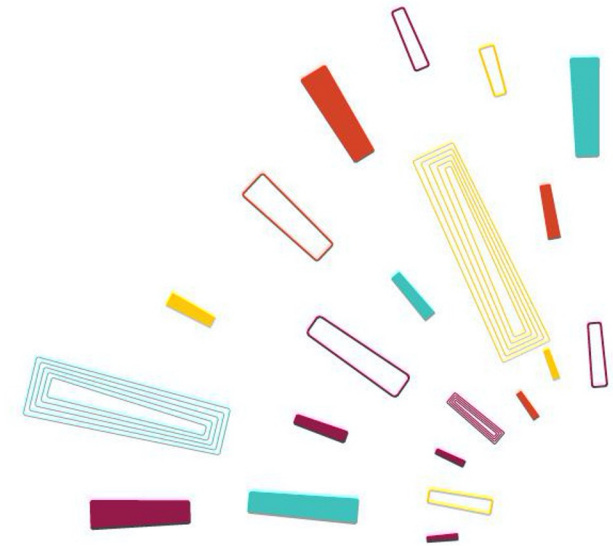
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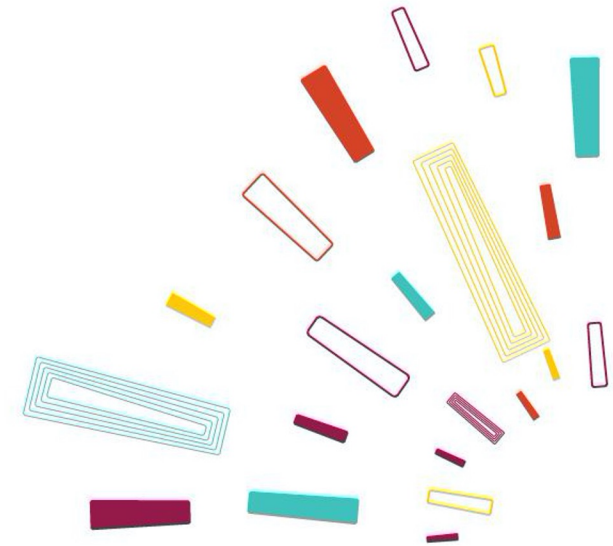


Revamp your Sunday School!



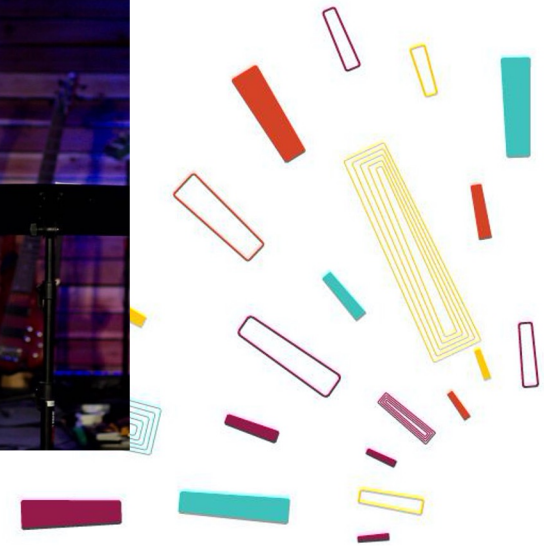


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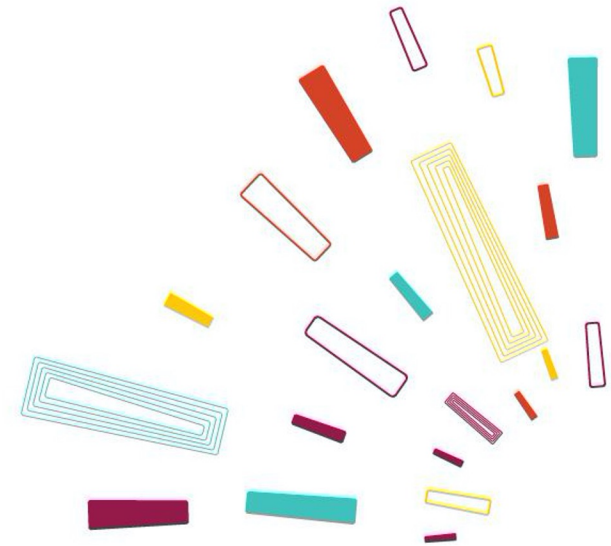


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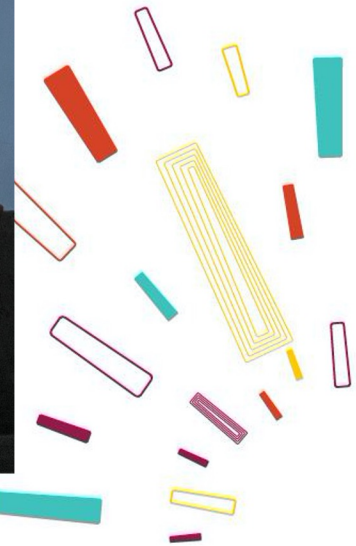


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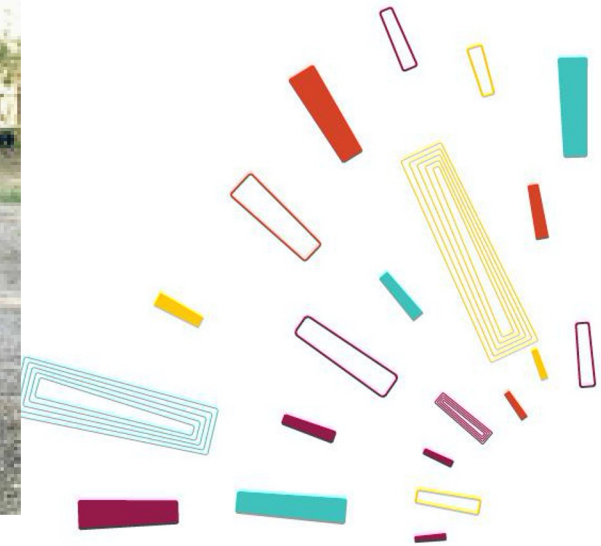


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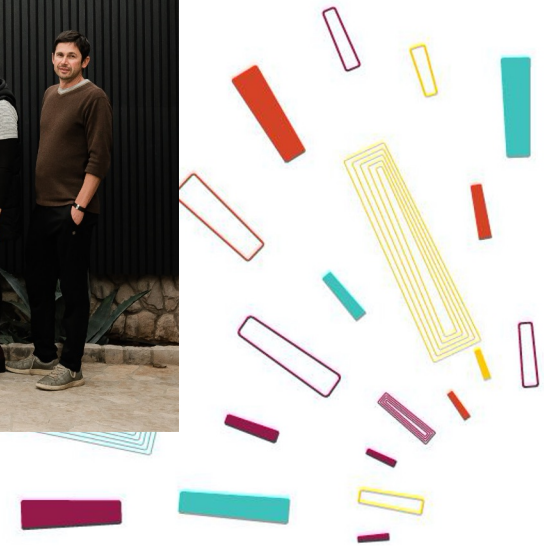


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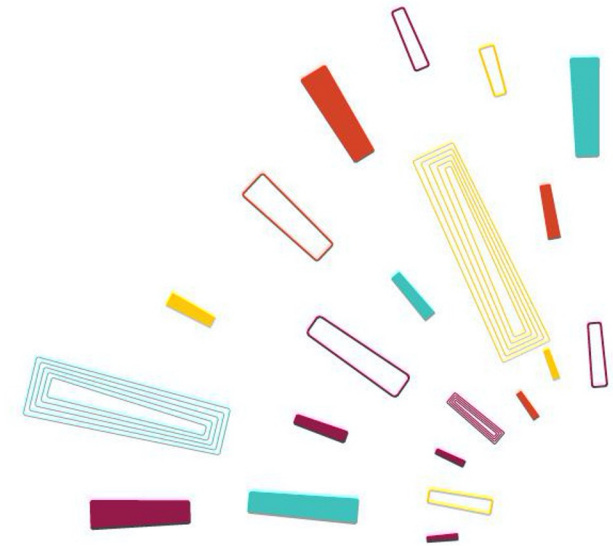


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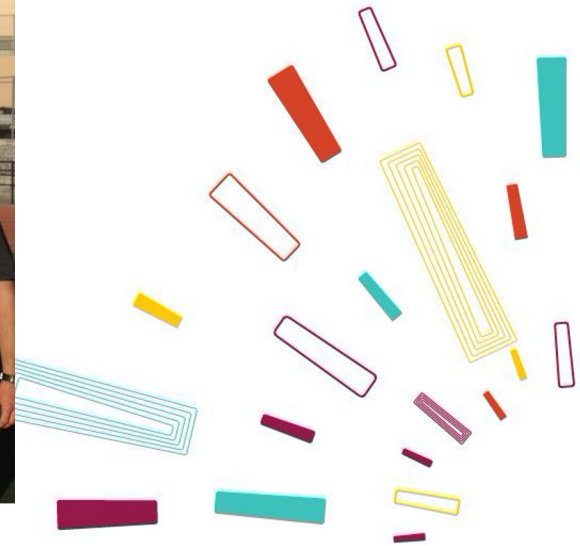


Represent!





Go for it!



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Is it more on the learning side?

Personal discovery?

Or saying yes to an invitation God is extending to you to serve and lead in a way that might challenge some other people's opinions?

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