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Welcome to "In The Thick of It" Practical Partnerships on the Ground.
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CAMA Services for short. I spent the last four years working in
Northern Jordan

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with Syrian Refugees. I lived in a border town of Mafraq, the town
closest to

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Zatri refugee camp, the fifth largest refugee camp in the world.

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I served on staff at a local Alliance Church where I was an assistant
to the pastor.

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When I arrived in 2012, they were forty Syrian families but

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that never quickly grew to four thousand Syrian families. Over the
period of four years we were able to

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serve over six thousand Syrian families with the basics that they
needed for sleeping

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and cooking. We distributed over thirty five thousand mattresses the

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purpose of this presentation is to help you see partnership with the local church in a new

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light. I'm going to use examples from

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art, from music, from food, from travel, and from

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botany

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to challenge you to

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reevaluate the long-term sustained impact the local church can have on

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a community when partnerships are done well. So, let's look at the first one: Do you know

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what this is called? It's a Matryoshka Doll.

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Like Matryoshka dolls, there's always more than meets the eye. There's more

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layers of complexity to a culture than are initially evidenced. Your limited

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understanding of a culture blocks you from seeing those hidden intricacies. So

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a well-designed project will exhibit

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humility. We have a bit of a superficial understanding of

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a culture especially early on as we're new to that environment.
There's

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a much deeper artistic beauty that we don't see.

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We're experts at seeing the problems but we

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aren't as good at seeing the capabilities. So here's an example of
these Matryoshka

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dolls. There's twenty nine little pieces here and if you can think
about the

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artist that created these carving each one individually, and then
painting

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each one with the finest detail even down to the smallest one. These
dolls

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themselves are an example of how complex cultures can be. Some

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cultures pride themselves on that complexity. So I was lucky to be in
a place where the

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local church was leading boldly in outreach and the pastor not only had a

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good business sense but also embodied some of the best principles that

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we use in relief and development. There are more than a couple initiatives that will

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stick there in that location for the long-term because they continue to be led by locals.

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Now over time, I know that these initiatives will probably stray from the

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best practices that my Western linear legal culture has decided

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our best. So, in that specific situation, I know

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that Arabs won't always go through 'B' to get from 'A' to 'C'

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but somehow I think that they'll find the back-door. So maybe the rules of the game

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are a little bit more flexible than we thought. So with this principle, we need to admit that

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there are aspects to a culture that we can't readily see. Do you know what this instrument is?

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It's not a guitar with a bent neck.

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It's an oud. It not only makes a different sound, but

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it requires a different style of playing all together. So, well-designed project

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will exhibit adaptability. Let the pastor direct and

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let the locals play to their strengths.

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Something I realized as I got used to the new culture

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in Northern Jordan where I was working, as I was trying to learn the language

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and learn the culture, I quickly realized that I could spend the next twenty years trying to

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perfect my understanding here but I won't for one second

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ever reach the level that this pair of pastor is at right now

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even in my whole lifetime I won't ever be as effective as he is in this

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moment. So why should I spend all my effort into trying to be him when I

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could just support him in the areas that he

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has expressed his own weaknesses. So if you think of about this

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using the metaphors of music, I think about a symphony.

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I picture the pastor holding that baton as a Conductor

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conducting the symphony. He knows the strength of each instrument. He knows the strengths of each

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person in that church or in that community and he knows how

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to bring out the best in them probably better than we do. Having

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all those different sounds and different players with different abilities, that's what

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gives a symphony it's fullness that, rich symphonic sound it gives it presence

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So, your job is to resource the locals to solve their own problems. I want to give you

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another example from the context of a 'women's programs' in Northern

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Jordan. So there was a Brazilian woman who came to the leadership

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at the church and said I really want to teach

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Syrian women how to sew and at the end of the program, I'd like to give

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the sewing machines to the church. So she spent two Saturdays and

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taught

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a couple women how to sew. And the Brazilian

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woman came to us and said, "Okay, I feel like I achieved my goal and

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that was fun, and I enjoyed that, so here

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are the sewing machines and do what you want with them.

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But, that wasn't the end of the project because sitting

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there observing these sewing classes was a Jordanian woman who grew up in the

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church, who also love to sew and she came to us later and said, you know,

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I really love sewing and I can teach these ladies, I

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speak their language, I understand their culture. Can I use these sewing machines and,

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teach them how to sew?

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So, this was where I was able to help

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resource her, to be able to serve her vision and her goal

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in this. So we had just finished a handicrafts

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room and she came into the room and I said this room is yours to do whatever you want with,

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go for it. I needed to help

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buy cabinets and buy the sewing tables and get things ready.

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Well, she took ownership of that room and really made it her own. And in the

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end, now she has about seventy women in the sewing program

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and she's doing it four days a week those women are creating things,

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were selling the things, and then able to give the Syrian women a small income

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based on those handicrafts. So here's something that really

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just grew out of a small idea but it was because we

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resourced a local person to solve their own problems. So like someone who

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plays an oud, with its own distinctive style, our project should be adaptable

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enough to let the locals play to their strengths. The next metaphor comes from food.

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It's a bowl of rice.

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There's a quote of our Albanian proverb that says, "You won't really know

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someone until you've been through a bag of salt together." Can you imagine how long

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it would take to go through a bag of salt with somebody? In our context, we don't

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have the time to go through a bag of salt together so I've changed it to a bag of rice. Are we

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more interested in what we can do for the people than the people themselves? How much do

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we value that relationship over the project? So a

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well-designed project will exhibit mutuality.

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And, by mutuality, I mean relational dependence. Dependence

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isn't a word that we like to hear in relief and development, that sounds like a bad thing but I'm

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speaking about relational dependence. See, projects end but we belong to each

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other for eternity. So one example I have of this is when I first

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started working in Northern Iraq with a local Iraqi pastor.

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We talked about the capacity assessment and talked about what we

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could possibly do, but there was another day or two at the end of the week where we had

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some free time before we left the country. The pastor decided to take us to a mountain top and he

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took us to his home town and we got to go to his

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house that he grew up in as a child where his sister still lives. He was taking time

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to build that relationship with us intentionally, this is

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really important before we get really going on a project that these

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relational ties are built and that the project flows out of the relationship. So a well-

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designed project will exhibit mutuality. It's okay to be relationally

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depended on each other. So like sharing a meal together, you won't really know

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someone until you've gone through a bag of rice together. Since we enter as

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guests, we need to follow the rules of politeness, respect the host, and don't let

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accountability be overbearing to the point of choking the relationship. The next metaphor I use

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is from travel. We all know what it's like to be on long flights and

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have short layovers where we have to transfer to another part of the airport quickly.

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We have a specialty, we have some tricks in our bag that we bring to that

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culture. So, a well-designed project will exhibit proportionality.

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Practice your specialty but when it's time to go, leave well. Just like

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you would have a baggage allowance on an airplane,

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we need to recognize the limits of how far our

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expertise should go. We all know that giving handouts for too long creates

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dependents and by having someone like me and my role as

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Emergency Coordinator, since I was there on the ground, there was always this incentive

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to continue things like the food packages. So I realized that

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I had to work myself out of a job if the church was really going to head in

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a healthy direction for the future and not just the church but the people that we're

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servicing, the refugees. So like what we experience when we travel there is a

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time and place for everything. There's a time to model how to do

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specialized parts of a project. There's a time to wrap up a project

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after transferring the skills to locals. Now that we've been talking about our exit

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strategy, let's move to our final metaphor: it's that of a sprout.

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What will survive

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your leaving? Don't you want to be part of something that's lasting?

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Lasting fruit is the goal, cultivation is the task. We

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do that by being intentional. Even from the beginning

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of a partnership, we keep the larger picture of natural church development in

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mind. If you think of your work like a gardener your task is to remove

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the stones and weeds that are barriers to development. You know,

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in our profession I think we're prone to hanging on to a project too long and if you

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look at the metaphor of a plant, it's like over-watering a plant.

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Or let's take an example from grapes, by making the

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vine struggle, it generally results in better grapes. So if you give a

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grape vine a favorable environment, it will go to the vegetative

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route. That means it's going to put all its energy into making leaves and shoots

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and not grapes. But if you prune it back, and you restrict

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its water, and you even over-crowd it, it senses that it's not in a good place and

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it's biology starts telling it to start producing grapes to

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reproduce itself elsewhere in a better environment. I'm not saying we should intentionally let our

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partners, our brothers and sisters struggle but it's a fact of life

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that churches will only be strong as they have learned to do things

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on their own. Even from the beginning of a partnership, we keep the larger picture

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of natural church development in mind, we're engaged in the task with the right goal.

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So, that concludes the five principles that I think make for healthy partnerships.

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Humility, Adaptability, Mutuality, Proportionality and

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Intentionality.

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You know, God is the Master

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Artist Who created people with complexity and beauty.

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God is the Composer of the song Who wrote the music so

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that all the instruments could sound their best together. God is the great banquet

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Host, Who desires that we belong to

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Him first and second to each other. God is the Guide Who helps us navigate

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our journey in time and place and doesn't want us to leave

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our emotional baggage behind. And He's the Creator Who gives life to all things,

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He knows our DNA and knows what will make us the most fruitful. If you're saying to

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yourself, "All this is great but there isn't an established local church in my

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contacts." I would challenge you that in almost every case, I think there is. The question

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is, how hard will you go looking to find it? We choose to work through the worldwide

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expression of the church, whether it's to believers in hiding

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in Yemen or it's in the buckle of the bible-belt. The church is the Bride of Christ.

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Thank you for your time to view this presentation and may God richly
bless your

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desire to partner with the local church with excellence. We belong to
each other for eternity.