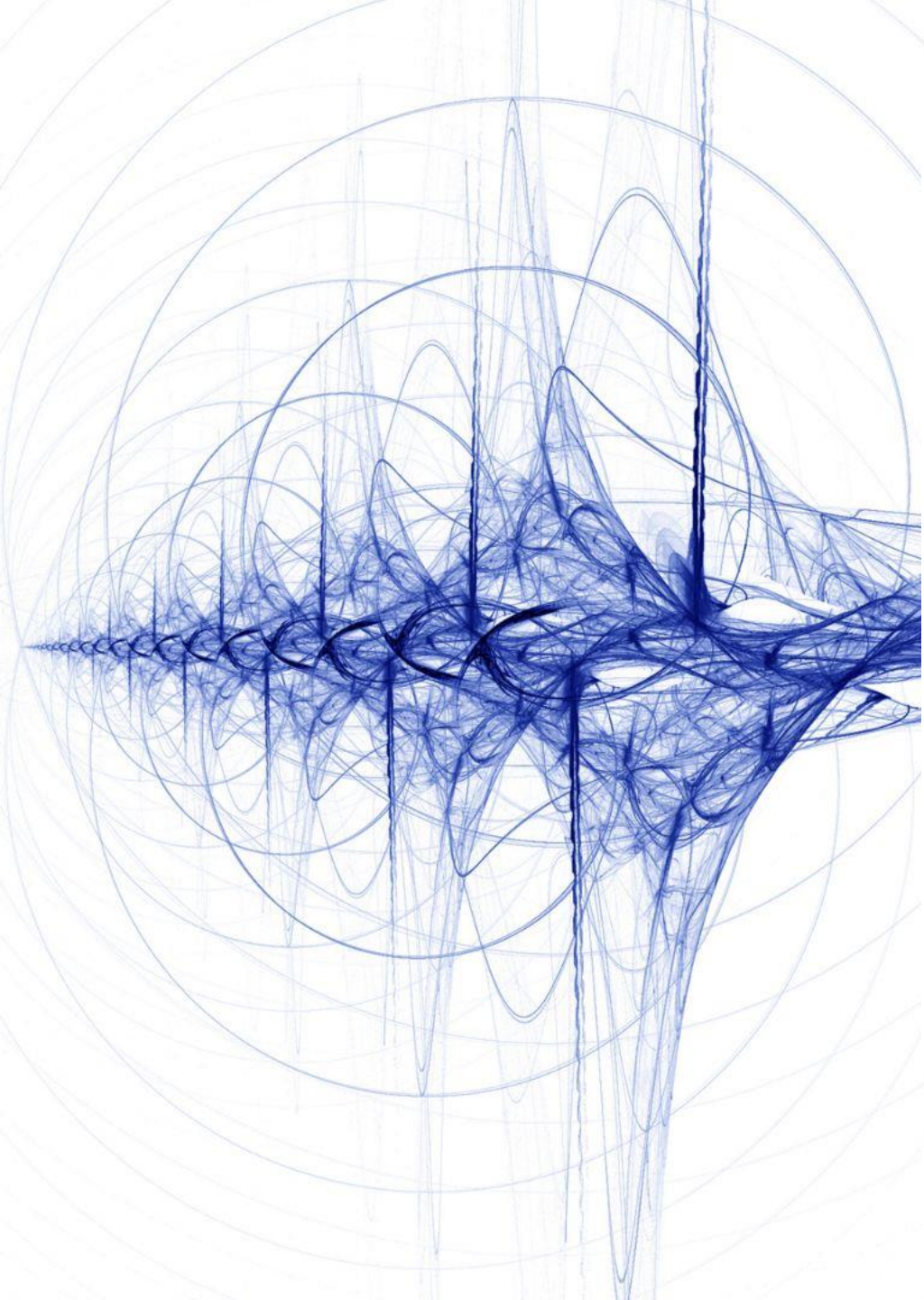


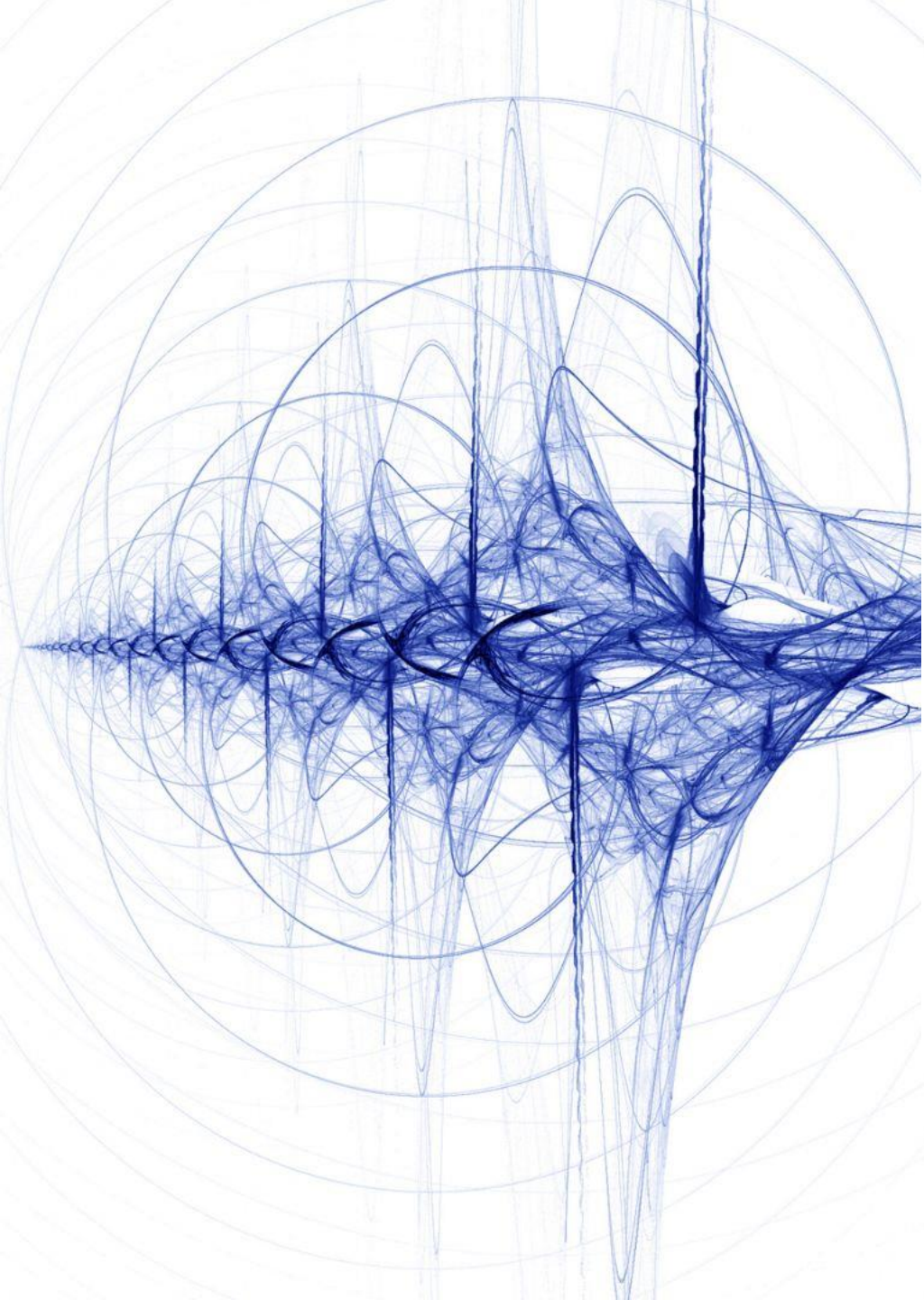


Hearing Jesus



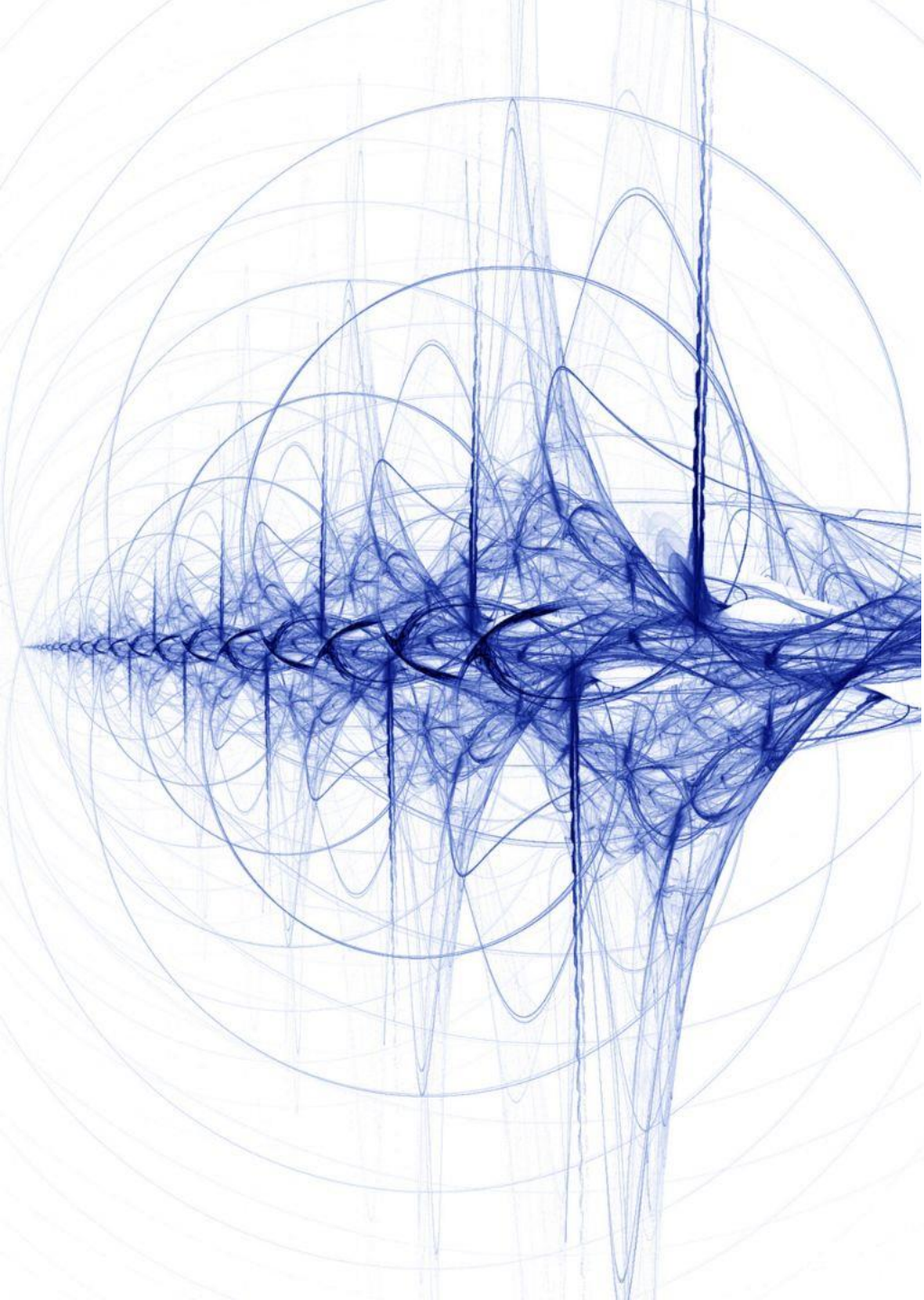
“In order to know what is just in a person-to-person encounter, love listens. It is its first task to listen.”

Paul Tillich, *Love Power and Justice*.



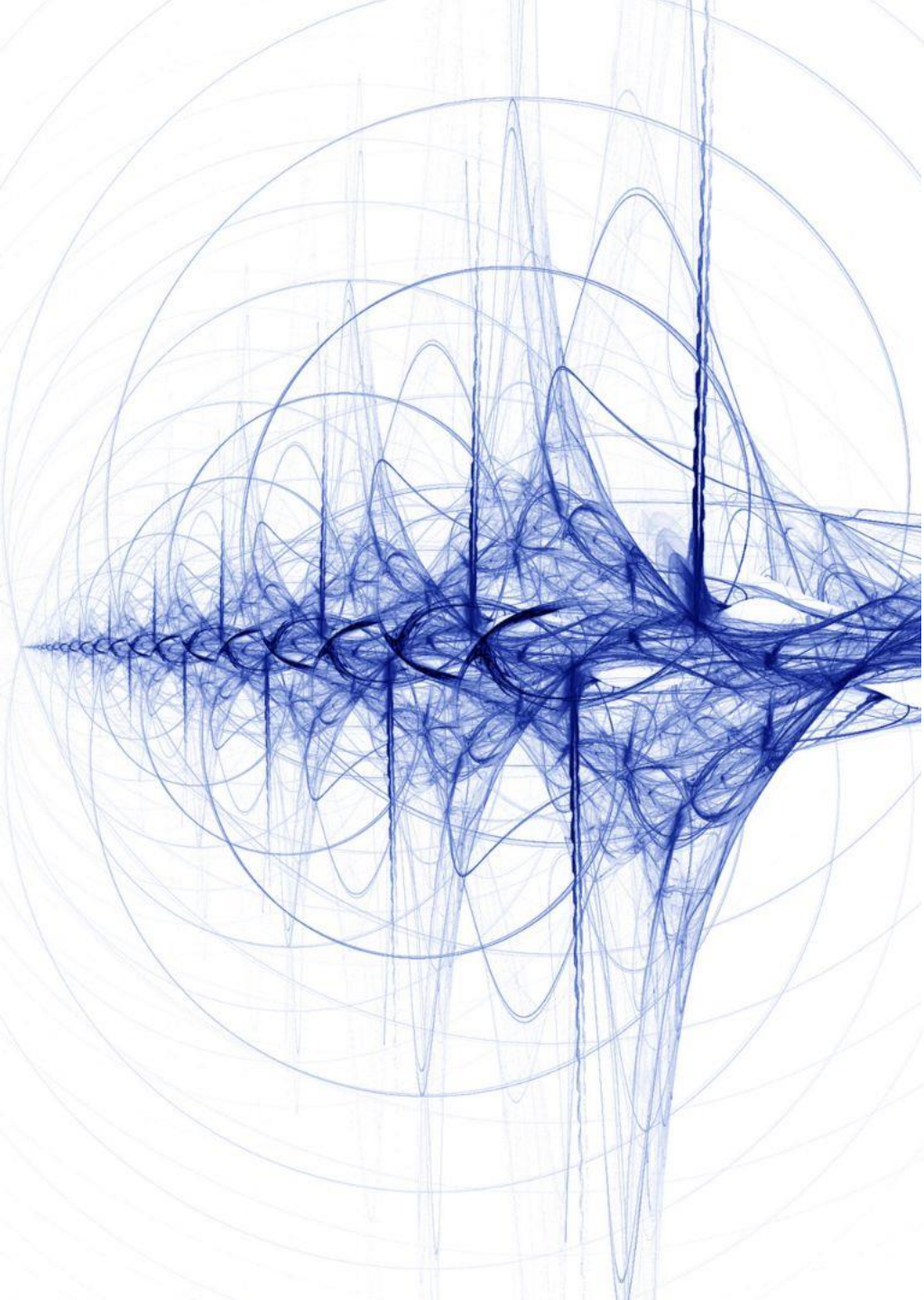
²⁷ Just then his disciples came back. They were shocked to find him talking to a woman, but none of them had the nerve to ask, “What do you want with her?” or “Why are you talking to her?” ²⁸ The woman left her water jar beside the well and ran back to the village, telling everyone, ²⁹ “Come and see a man who told me everything I ever did! Could he possibly be the Messiah?” ³⁰ So the people came streaming from the village to see him.

John 4:27-42 (NLT)



The woman understood the moment -
that living water mattered more than
physical water and that God was at
work in her world.

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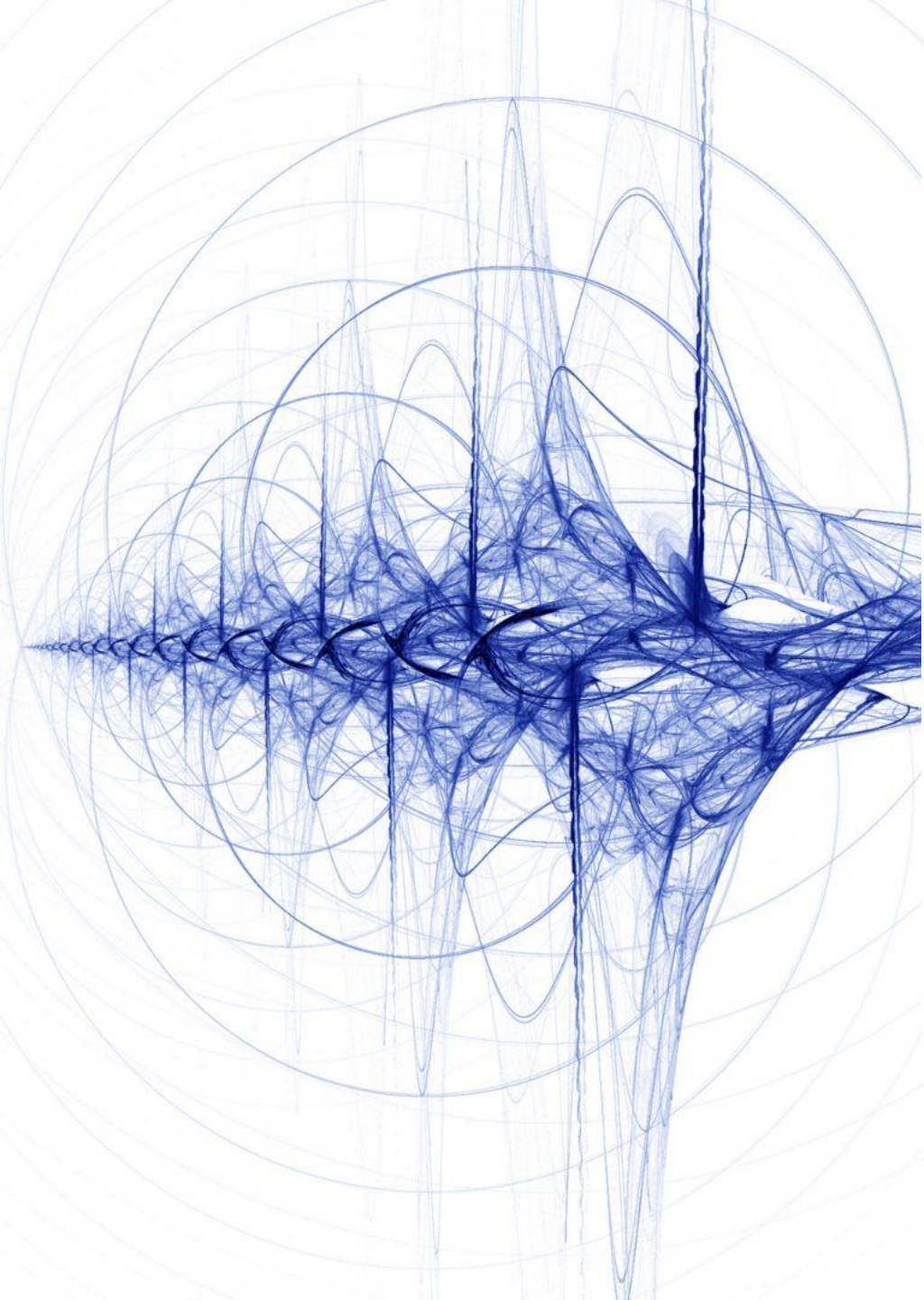


31 Meanwhile, the disciples were urging Jesus, “Rabbi, eat something.”

32 But Jesus replied, “I have a kind of food you know nothing about.”

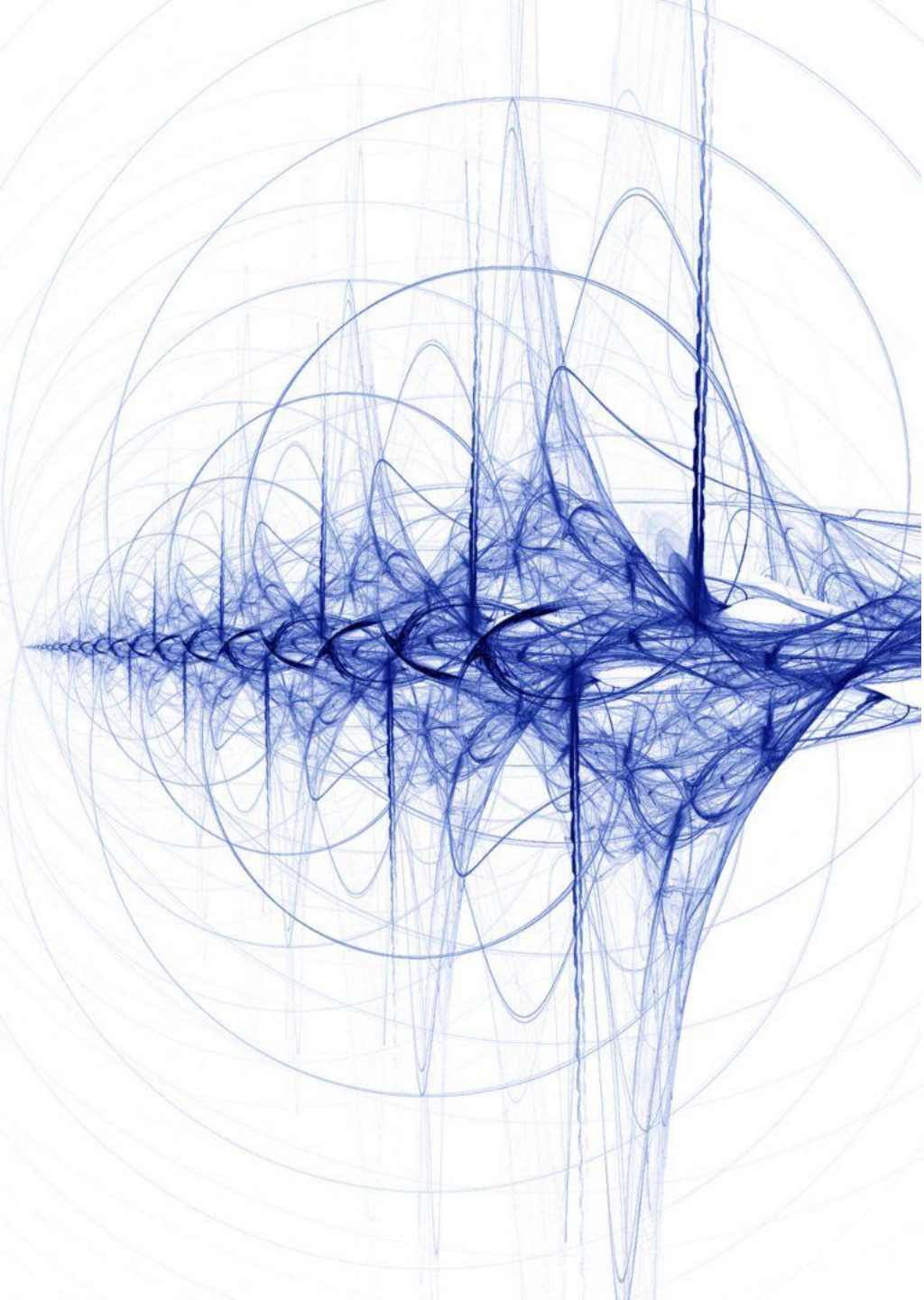
33 “Did someone bring him food while we were gone?” the disciples asked each other.

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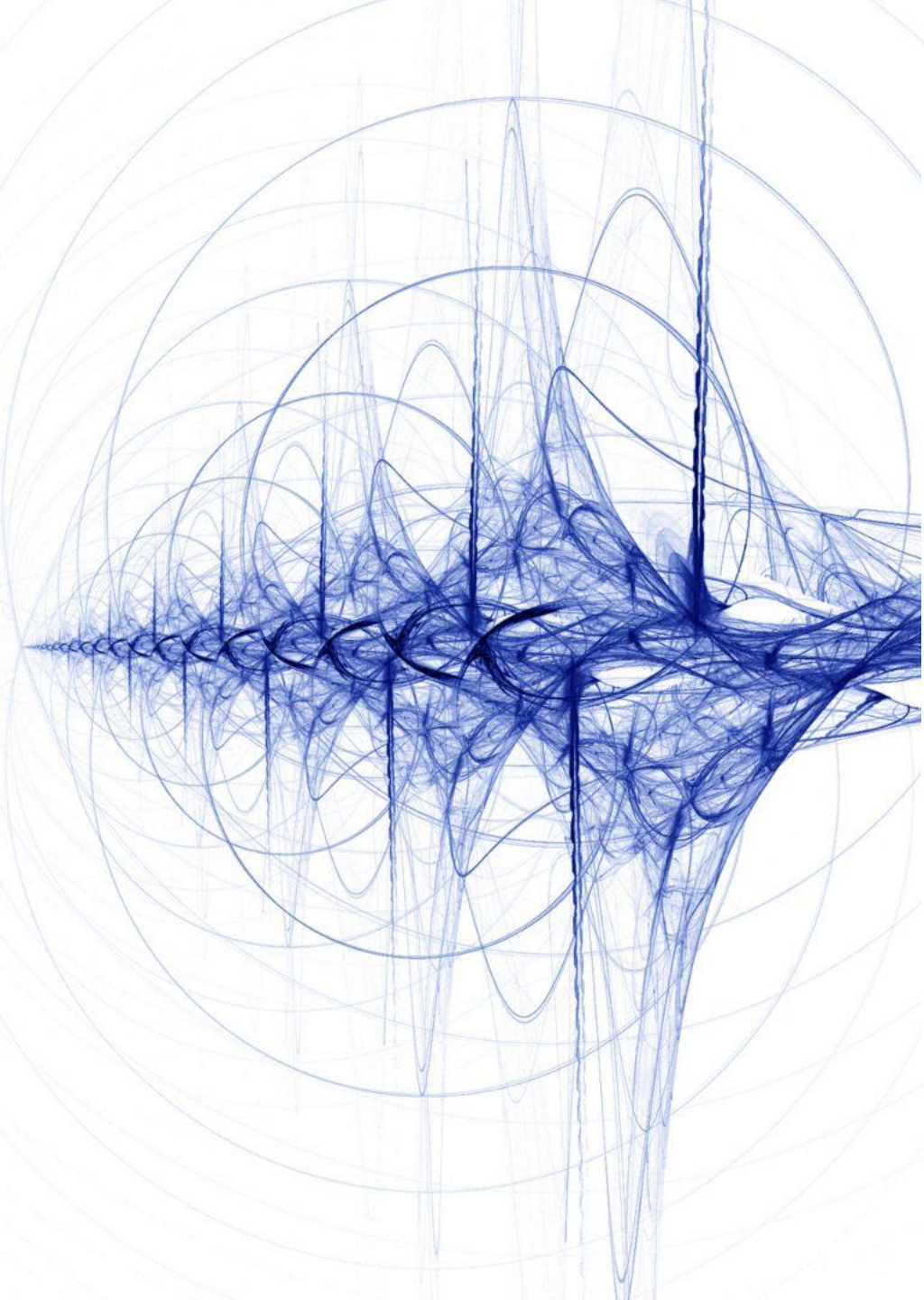
³⁴ Then Jesus explained: “My nourishment comes from doing the will of God, who sent me, and from finishing his work. ³⁵ You know the saying, ‘Four months between planting and harvest.’ But I say, wake up and look around. The fields are already ripe for harvest. ³⁶ The harvesters are paid good wages, and the fruit they harvest is people brought to eternal life. What joy awaits both the planter and the harvester alike! ³⁷ You know the saying, ‘One plants and another harvests.’ And it’s true. ³⁸ I sent you to harvest where you didn’t plant; others had already done the work, and now you will get to gather the harvest.”

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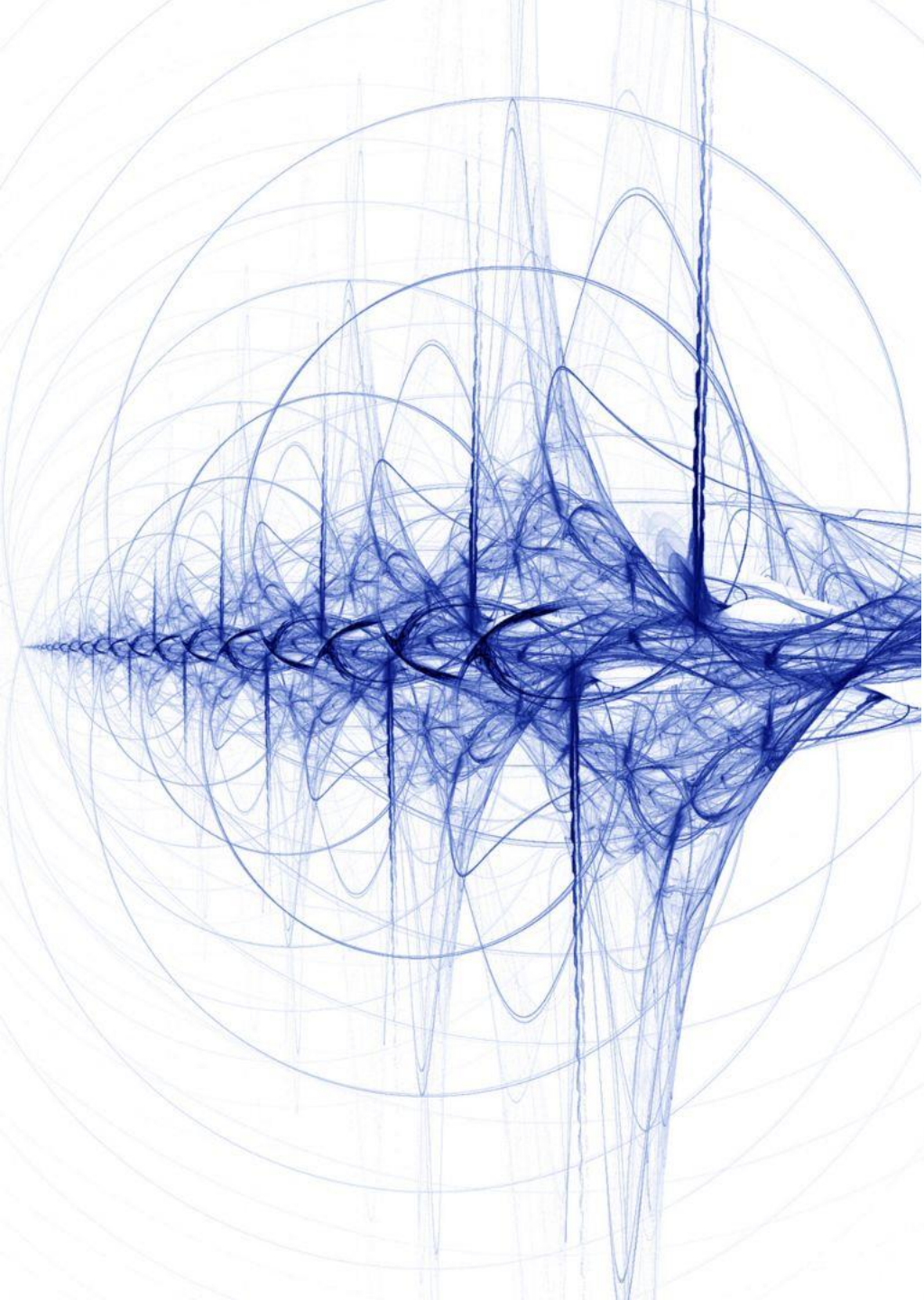
Satisfying material desires is an important part of being human, but God's Kingdom involves ministering to the whole person.

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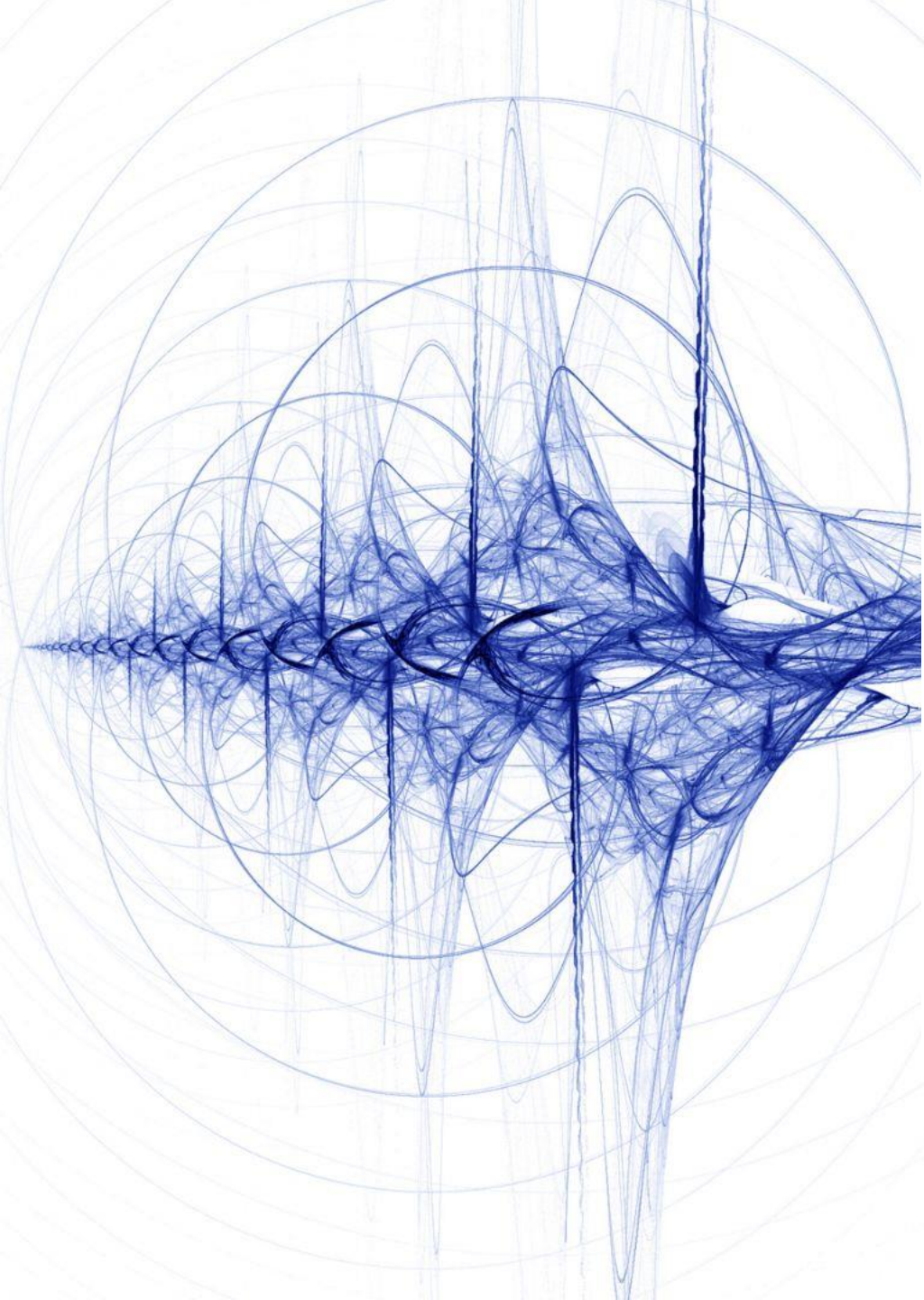
The work of the Gospel belongs entirely to God. We don't save anyone – we simply participate in what God is doing in the world.

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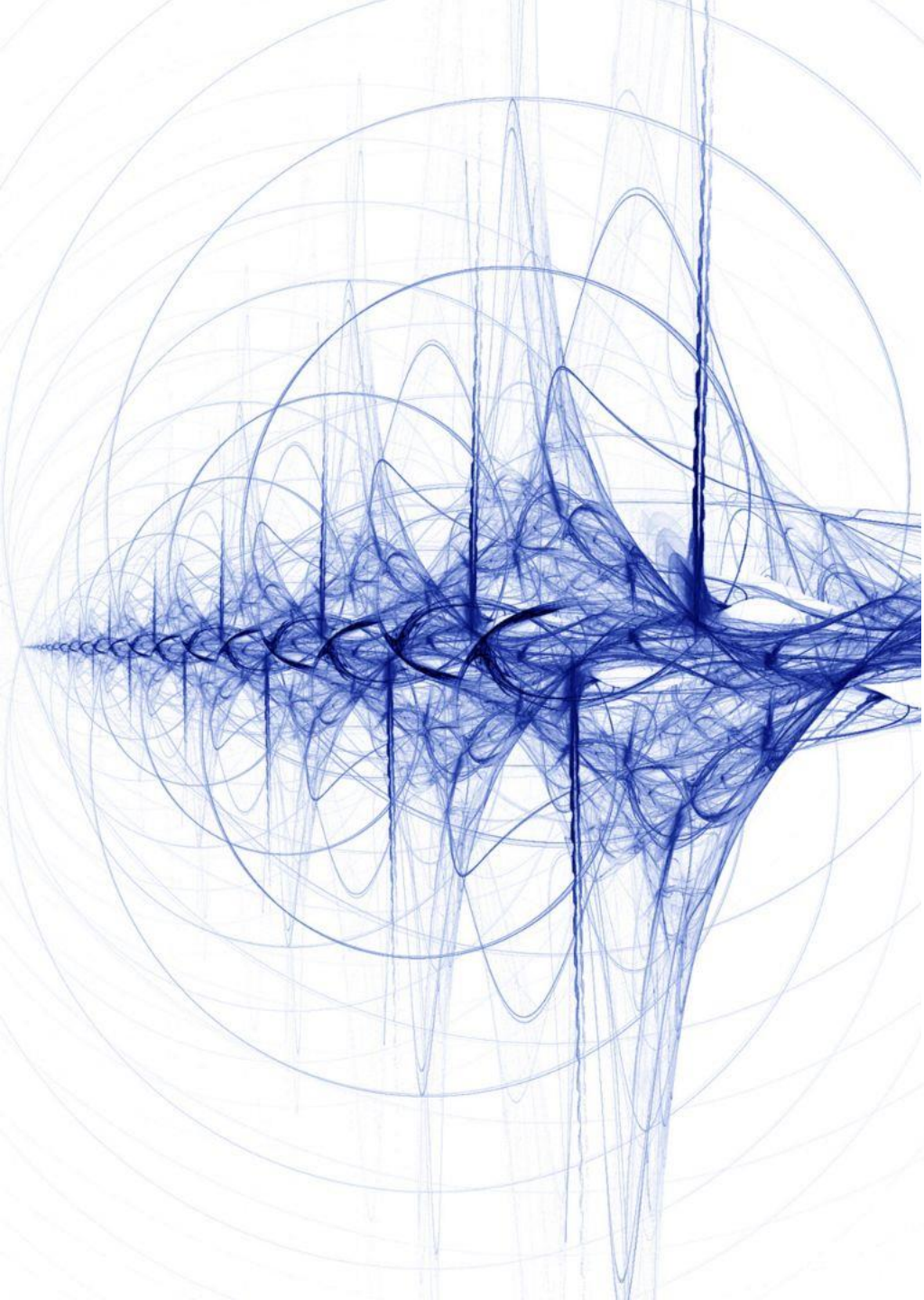
³⁹ Many Samaritans from the village believed in Jesus because the woman had said, “He told me everything I ever did!” ⁴⁰ When they came out to see him, they begged him to stay in their village. So he stayed for two days, ⁴¹ long enough for many more to hear his message and believe. ⁴² Then they said to the woman, “Now we believe, not just because of what you told us, but because we have heard him ourselves. Now we know that he is indeed the Savior of the world.”

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The belief of the Samaritans shows us that we should be willing to listen to stories of God at work in ways we don't expect.

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Our task is simply one of sharing
what Christ has done in our lives.

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