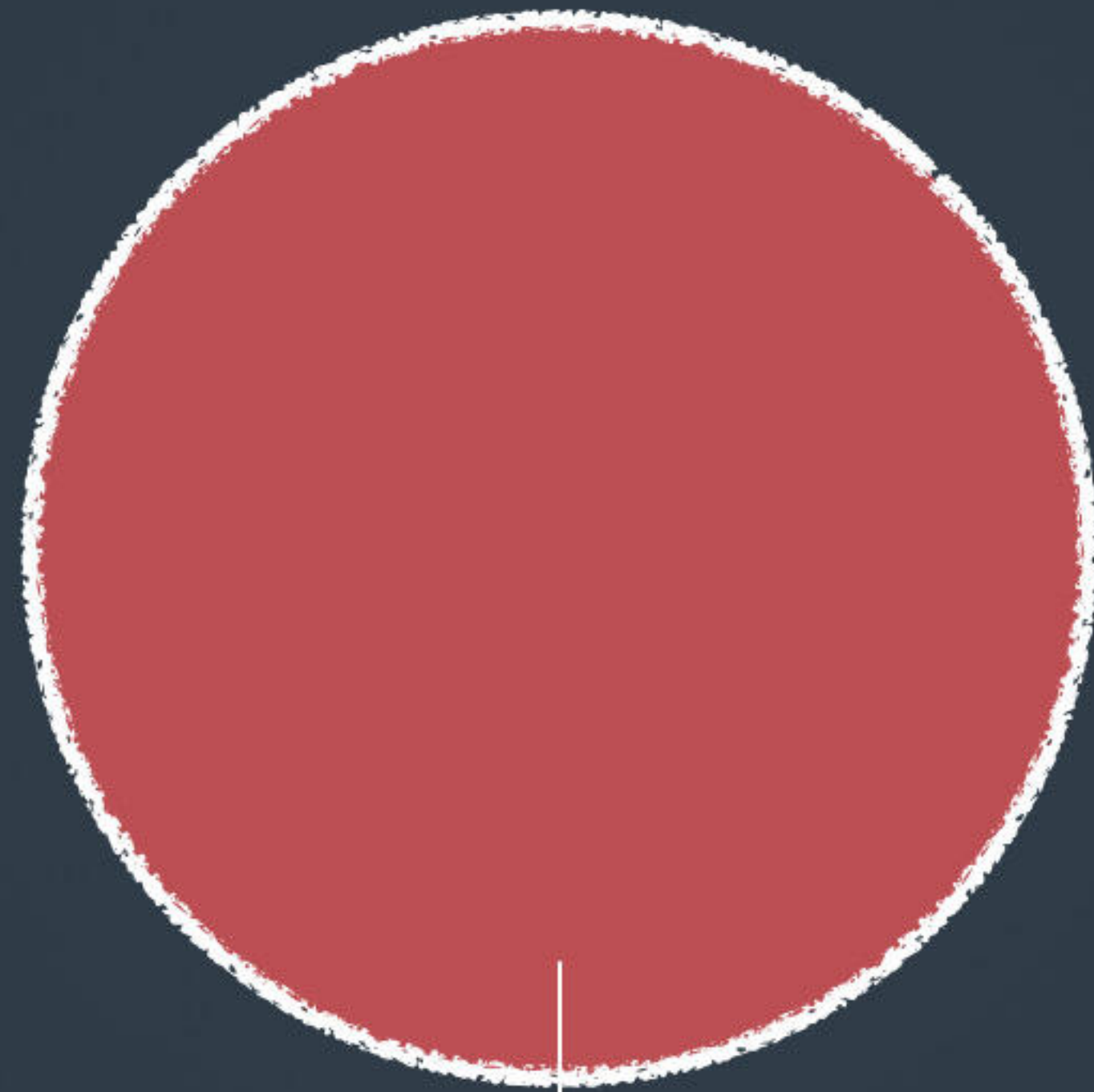




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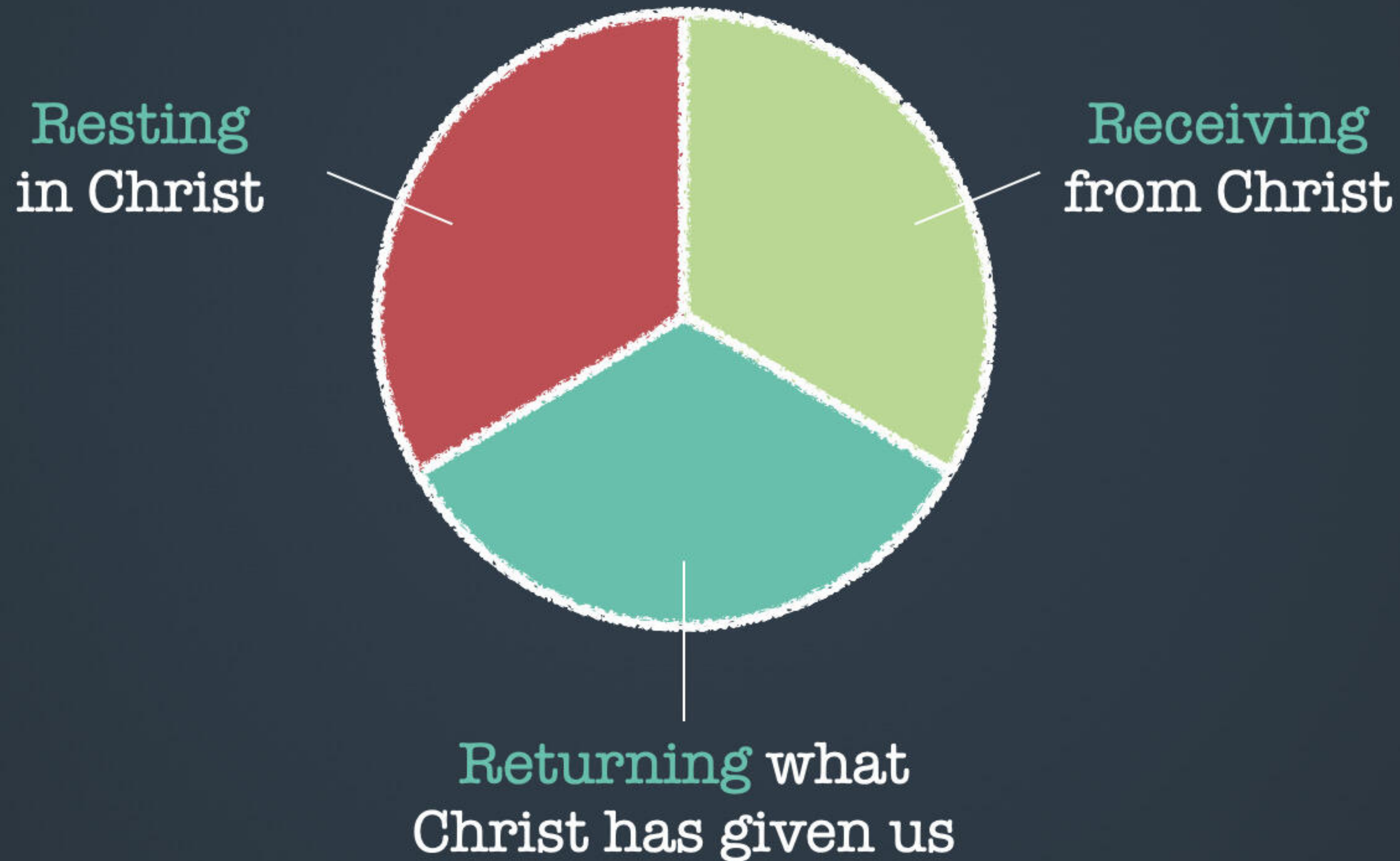
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What I thought the Christian faith consisted of:



Trying to be good

What actual Christian faith consists of:





HOPE

Stop trying to control everything.

Drop your false sense of certainty.

Roll out your trust in God's goodness and faithfulness.

PEACE

Stop reacting and start reflecting.

Drop the nostalgia and shame.

Roll out the healing that you've received in Christ.

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The moment when things are exactly the way they're supposed to be—when our deepest longings and wildest dreams become reality.



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LUKE 1:67-79

His father Zechariah was filled with the Holy Spirit and prophesied:

“Praise be to the Lord, the God of Israel, because he has come to his people and redeemed them.

LUKE 1:67-79

He has raised up a horn of salvation
for us in the house of his servant
David (as he said through his holy
prophets of long ago)...

LUKE 1:67-79

...salvation from our enemies and from the hand of all who hate us—to show mercy to our ancestors and to remember his holy covenant, the oath he swore to our father Abraham:

LUKE 1:67-79

...to rescue us from the hand of our enemies, and to enable us to serve him without fear in holiness and righteousness before him all our days.

LUKE 1:67-79

And you, my child, will be called a prophet of the Most High; for you will go on before the Lord to prepare the way for him...

LUKE 1:67-79

...to give his people the knowledge of salvation through the forgiveness of their sins, because of the tender mercy of our God...

❧ **LUKE 1:67-79** ❧

...by which the rising sun will come to us from heaven to shine on those living in darkness and in the shadow of death, to guide our feet into the path of peace.”



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Resting

In order to rest, you need to stop doing something.

**TO REST IN JOY, WE MUST STOP COMPARING
OUR LIVES TO THOSE AROUND US AS AN
INDICATION OF GOD'S FAVOR OR FAIRNESS.**

Receiving

In order to receive, you may have to put down something.

**TO RECEIVE JOY WE MUST PUT DOWN OUR
WILLFULLY IGNORANT ENTITLEMENT
WHICH BLINDS US TO THE ABUNDANCE OF
RESTORATION THAT WE HAVE IN CHRIST.**

Returning

In order to return something, you first have to possess it.

**TO RETURN JOY, WE MUST SHARE OUR
STORIES OF RESTORATION, SHINE A LIGHT
INTO THE DARKNESS OF HARDSHIP, & SING
A SONG INTO THE SILENCE OF DESPAIR.**



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If you would like personal prayer today, please meet with a Prayer Team member in the Care Room in the back of the Worship Center at the end of the service.

