



Every Church Has Stuff

Acts: The Sequel
Week #10

Two Problems Facing the Early Church

- *discrimination*
- *change*



God's Word Says...

“³⁴Then Peter began to speak:
‘I now realize how true it is that
God does not show favoritism
³⁵but accepts those from every nation who
fear him and do what is right.’”

Acts 10:34-35

God's Word Says...

“²⁷For all of you who were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. ²⁸There is neither Jew nor Gentile, neither slave nor free, neither male nor female, for **you are all one in Christ Jesus.**

²⁹If you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise.””

Galatians 3:27-29



1. Every church has stuff to work out.

“In those days when the number of disciples was **increasing**, the **Hellenistic Jews** among them complained against the **Hebraic Jews** because their widows were being overlooked in the daily distribution of food.”

So, what can we learn from these verses?

Acts 6:1

Where do our problems typically come from?

- We were born as different ...*beings*



Where do our problems typically come from?

- We were born as different ...*beings*
- We were raised in different ...*backgrounds*



Where do our problems typically come from?

- We have come to hold some different...*beliefs*



Where do our problems typically come from?

- We have come to hold some different...*beliefs*
- We struggle with different...*behaviors*





So, what can
we learn
from these verses?

2. There is always a preferred solution.

“So, the Twelve gathered all the disciples together and said, ‘**It would not be right** for us to neglect the ministry of the word of God in order to wait on tables.’”

Acts 6:2

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We all need...

the power to
make a
difference



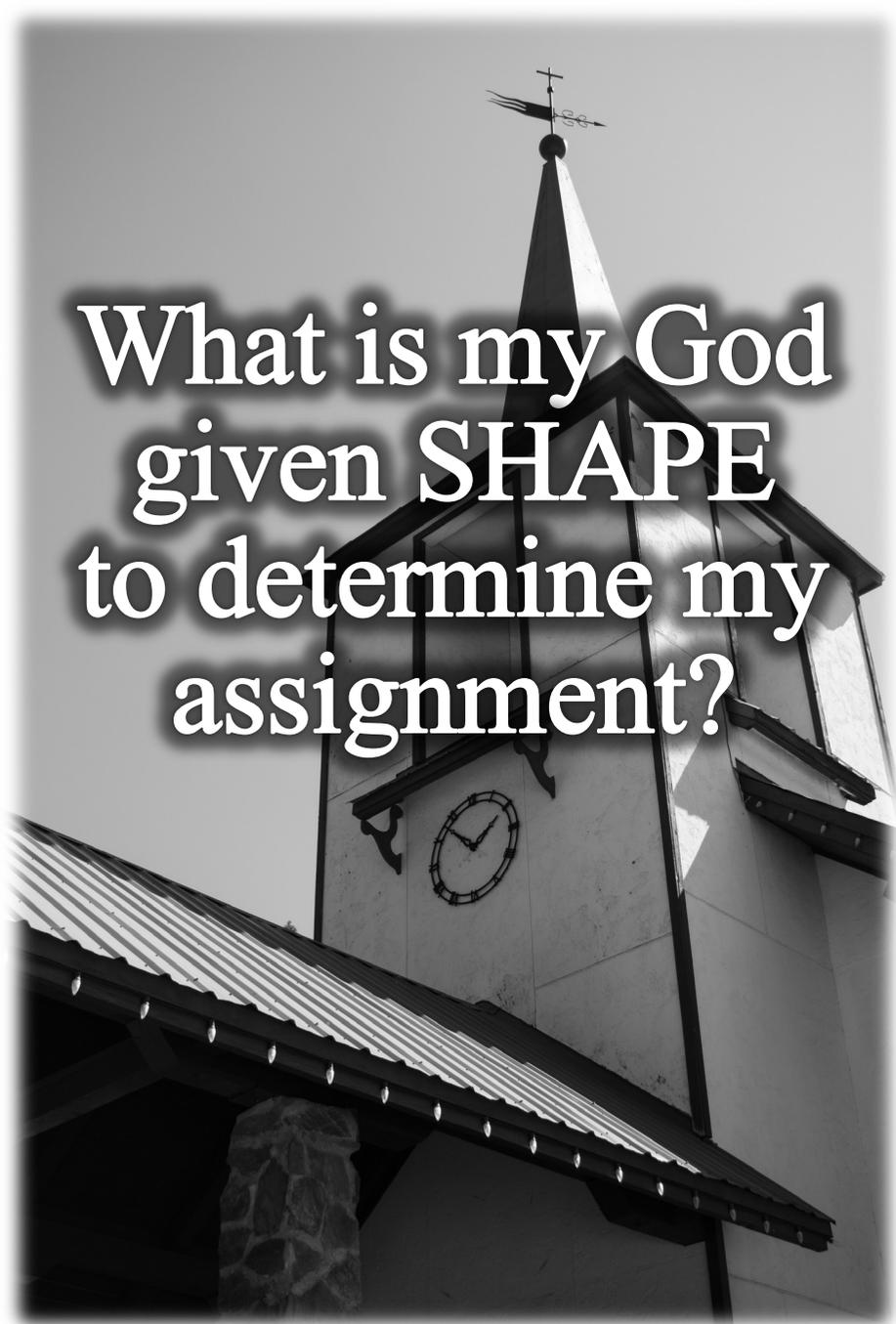
We all have the
option to...

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We all have...

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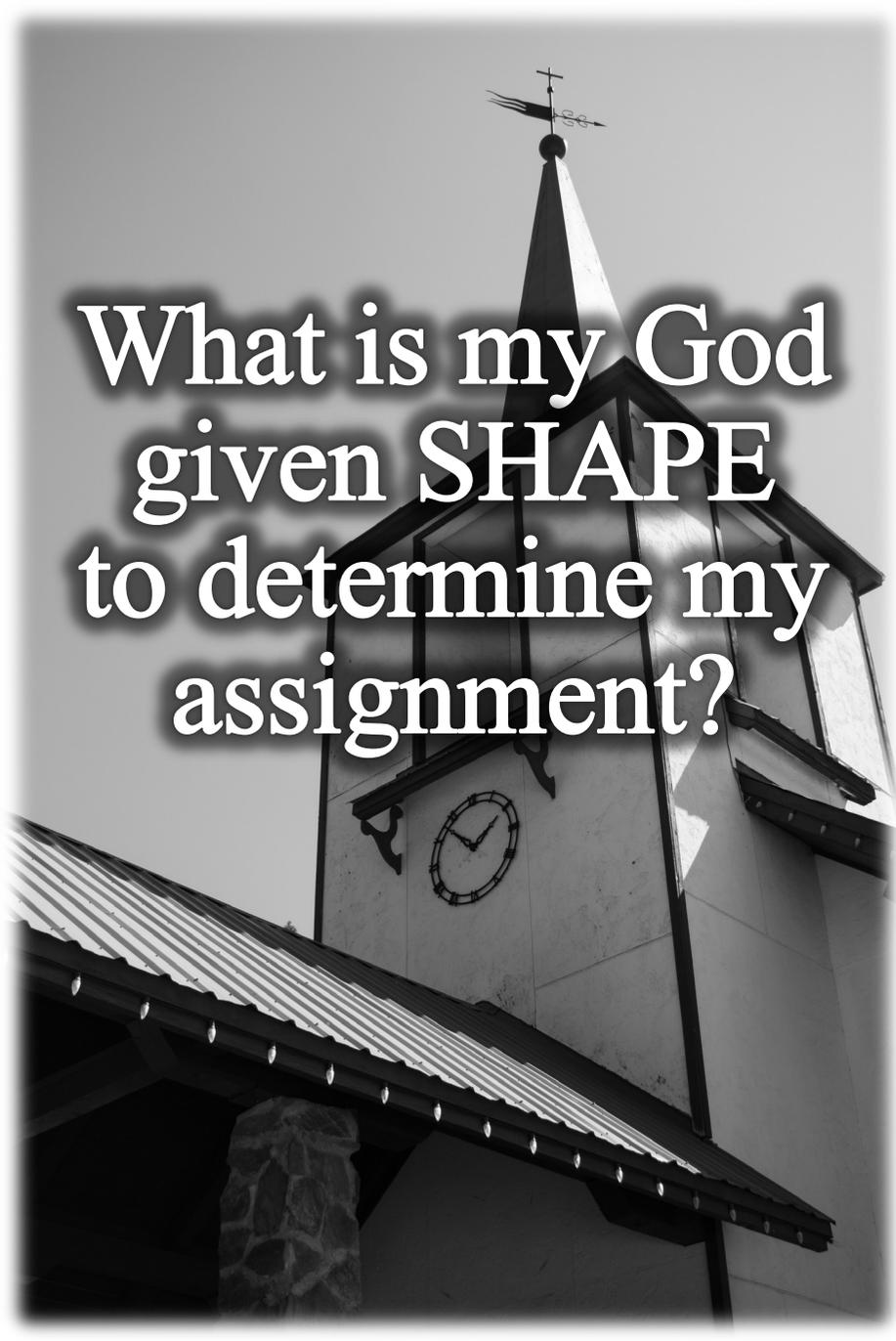
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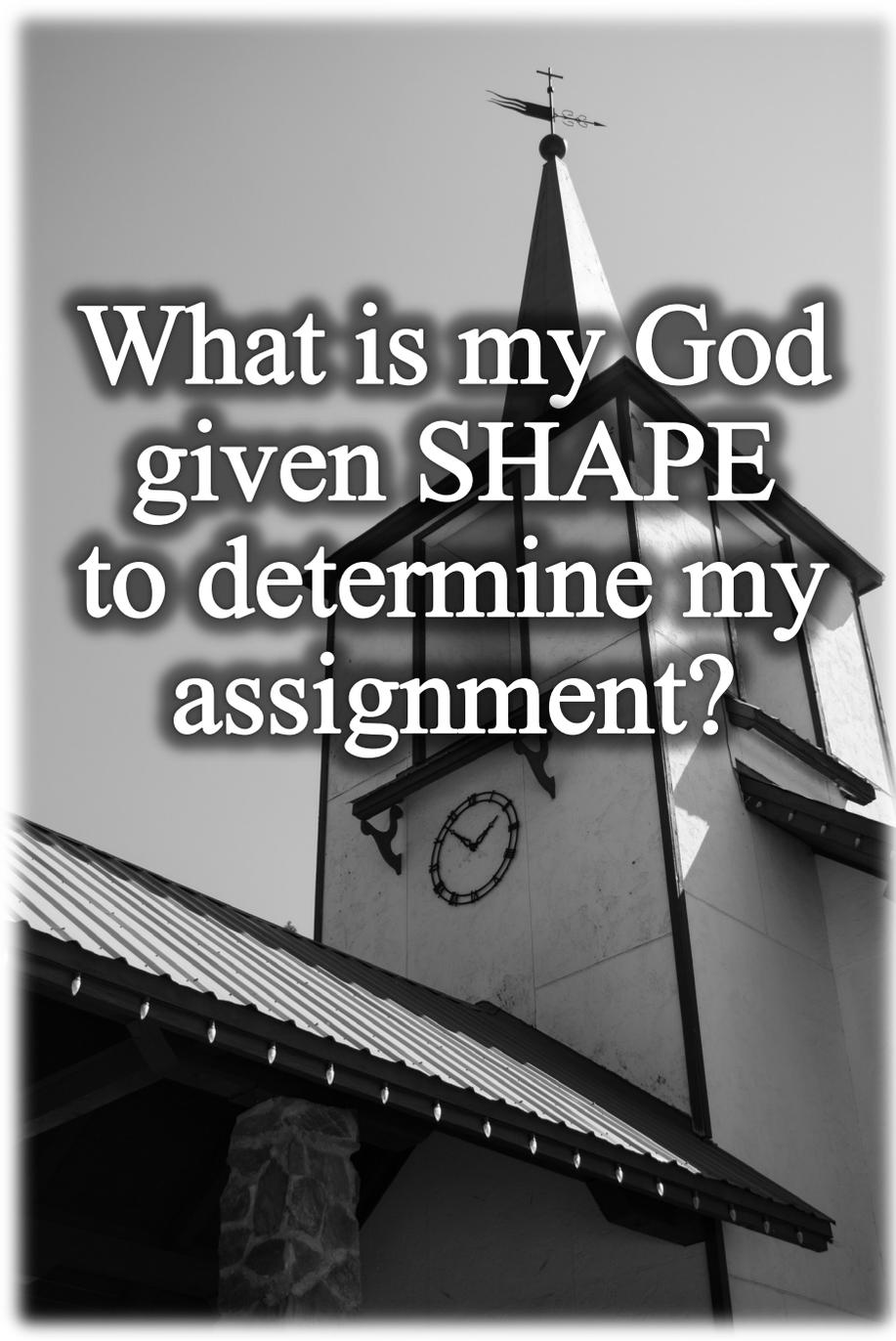
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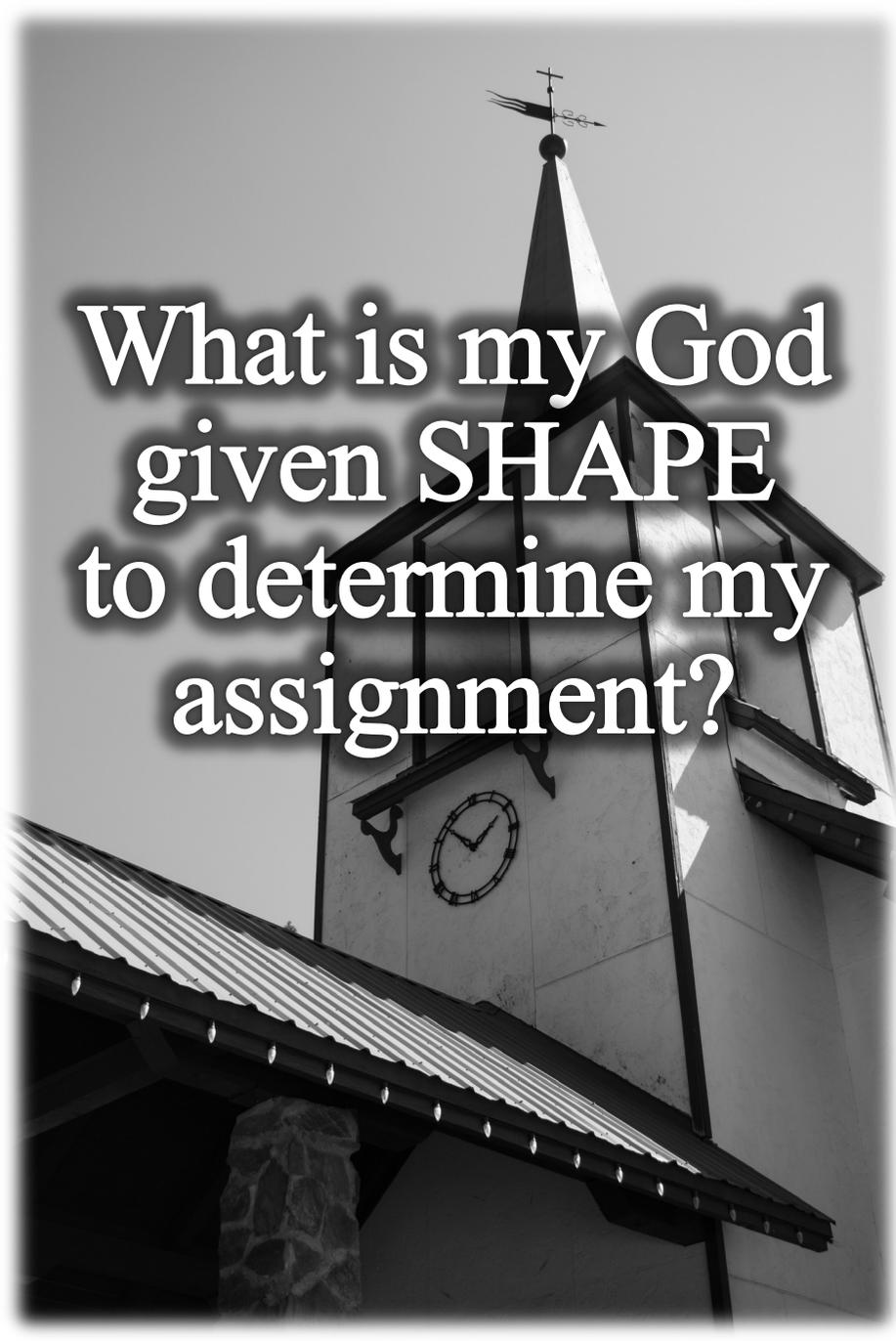
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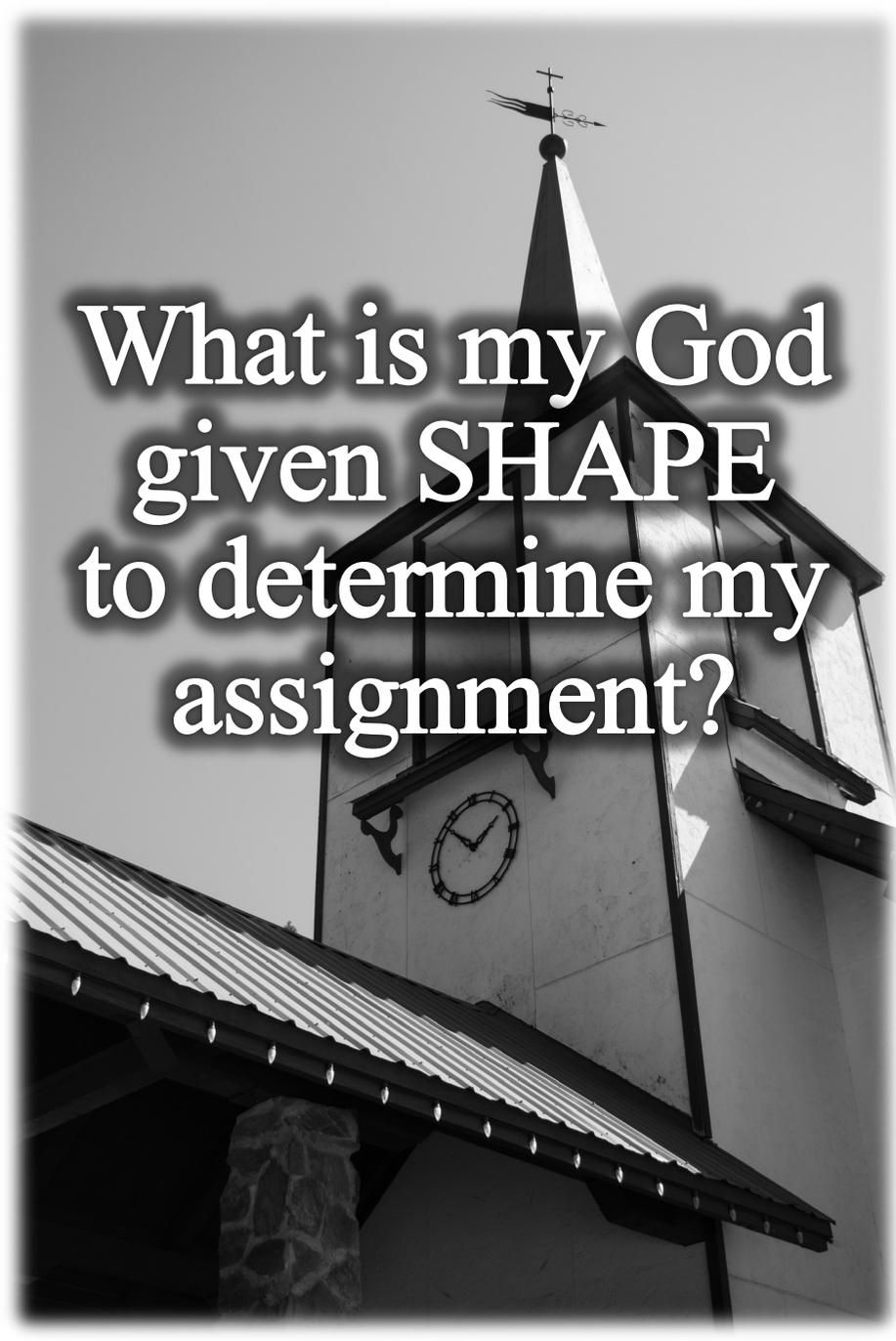
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So, what can
we learn
from these verses?

3. There is an impact from our obedience.

“So, the word of God spread. The number of disciples in Jerusalem **increased rapidly**, and a **large number of priests** became obedient to the faith.”

Acts 6:7



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There is an impact
from our obedience.

- Every believer is
a minister

So, what can
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from these verses?

3. There is an impact from our obedience.

- Every believer is a minister
- Every ministry is important



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There is an impact
from our obedience.

- Each church is filled with interdependent people

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3. There is an impact from our obedience.

- Each church is filled with interdependent people
- My part or assignment should be an expression of God's design and power