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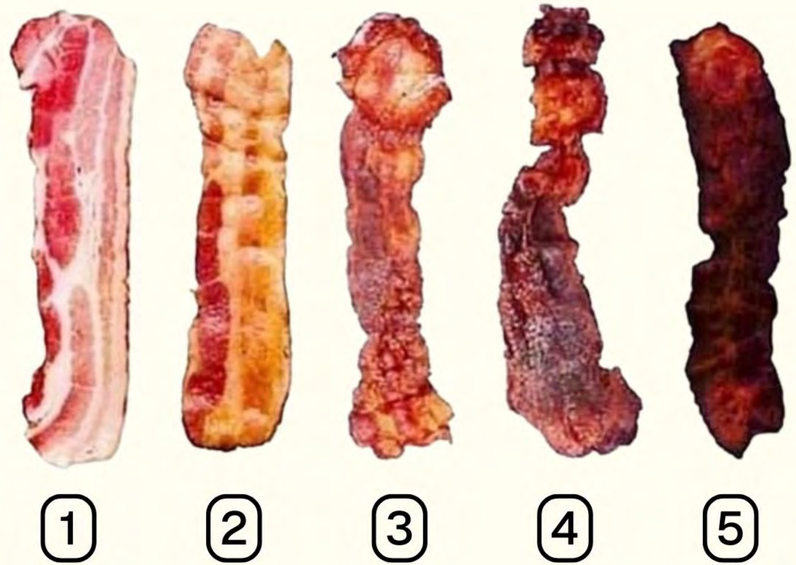
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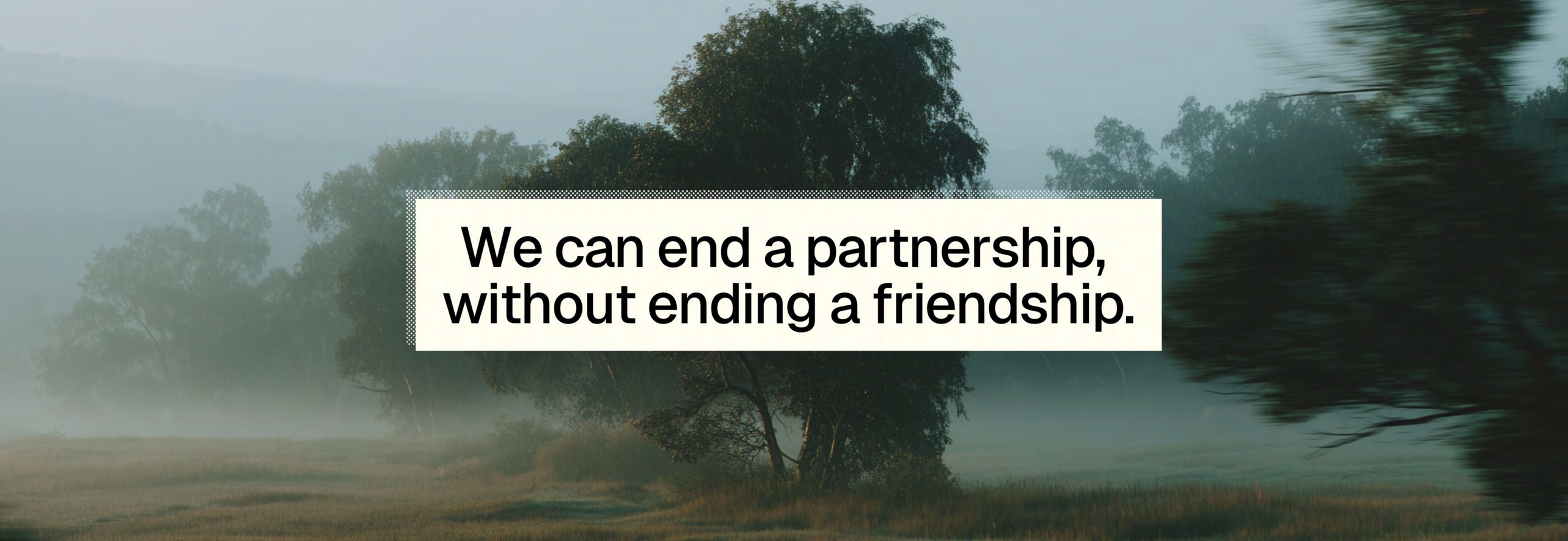
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“In essentials unity, in non-essentials liberty, in all things charity.”

PETER MEIDERLIN

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ACTS 15:36 NIV

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From Paphos, Paul and his companions sailed to Perga in Pamphylia, where John left them to return to Jerusalem.

ACTS 13:13 NIV

Missionary Journey 1

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  COMPLETED
- ✓ **Barnabas**
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+ Gentile Focus
+ Danger
+ Illness
+ Homesick

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“Good and godly people in the church do disagree; this is one of the painful facts of life that we must accept. Paul looked at people and asked, “What can they do for God’s work?” while Barnabas looked at people and asked, “What can God’s work do for them?”

-WARREN WIERSBE

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-PAUL AKIN, THE GOSPEL COALITION

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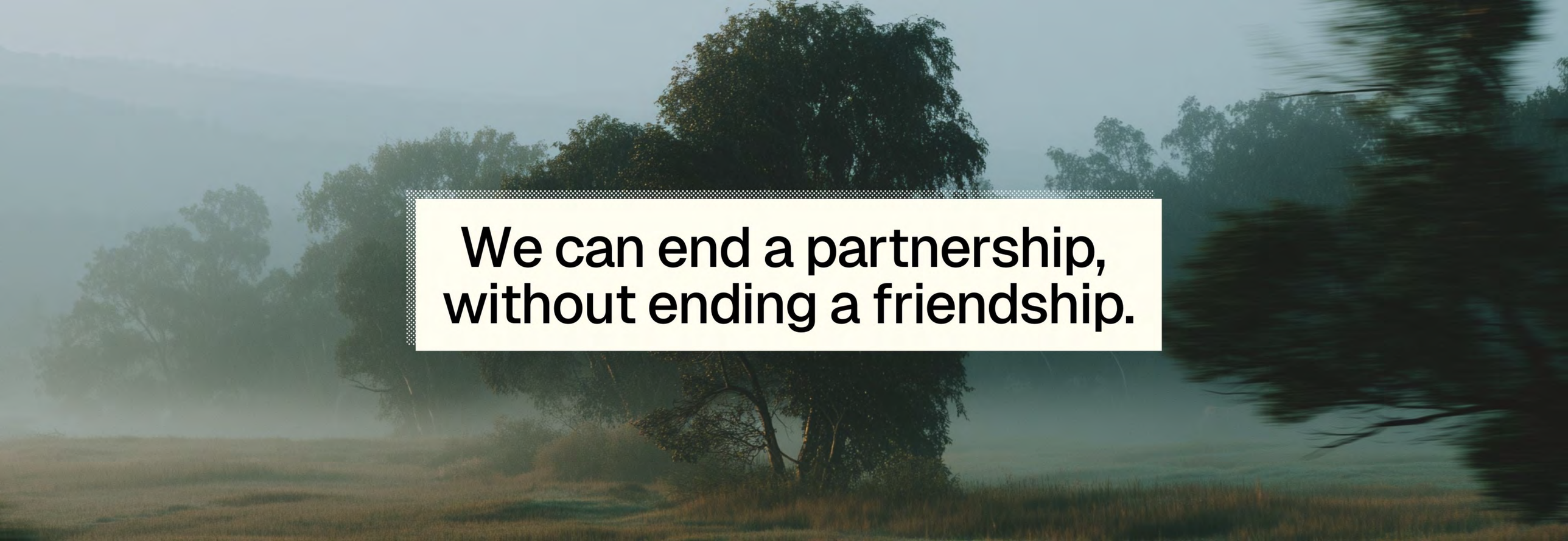
- Leadership Reproduction
- Servant Restoration
- Friendship Preservation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SPRING BREAK TRIPS 2026

Prayer Points

Memphis

9TH/10TH GRADE

+ Pray for safety in our travel and in our time in Memphis.
+ Pray for our students to grow closer to the Lord and to each other - to grow in unity among cell groups.
+ Pray for our students to be excited to serve and to see the joy in being the hands and feet of Jesus.
+ Pray for our students to be compelled and transformed by being part of God's mission of loving and serving the lost.

Costa Rica

12TH GRADE

+ Pray that God would transform our students and give them hearts of service.
+ Pray for safety on the trip & for God to use our efforts to spread the gospel in Costa Rica.

Phoenix

12TH GRADE

+ Pray our students have a desire to grow deeper in their relationships with God and with one another.
+ Pray that we might have a deeper conviction and heart for the nations and that God's desire is for all people to know him.
+ Pray for the people that we will interact with, that the Lord would begin to work on their heart that they might know Him.
+ Pray for GoTen, that God would continue to use them as they share the gospel. Pray that He would bless their ministry and the people they interact with.

Nashville

7TH/8TH GRADE

+ Pray that our middle school students will be engaged with our service projects and understand the Lord's heart for service.
+ Pray that God would open doors for our 7th and 8th grade students to build deeper community and new friendships with each other and with their leaders.

Denver

11TH GRADE

+ Pray for hearts of service, humility, and graciousness to be developed.
+ Pray for a widening of perspective and deepening of understanding about different cultures and ways of life around them.
+ Pray for dependency on the Lord and strengthening of community.

Belize

FAMILY

+ Pray for safety in travel.
+ Pray for the Lord to use our obedience to bless local communities in Belize.
+ Pray that the Lord would bring transformation both to us and in the lives of those we serve.

Guatemala

FAMILY

+ Pray for safety in travel.
+ Pray for direction and that the Lord would provide what we need to serve the community.
+ Pray for boldness and faithfulness as we share the Gospel in local schools in the community.