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Stockport to crack down on wandering chickens

By MICHAEL LEE SNYDER

The Stockport Village Council met at 7 p.m. Monday, Aug. 15, at the HECK Harkins Community Center and opened with an invocation led by Councilman John Koch. Councilman Roger McBride led the Pledge of Allegiance, and Mayor Donna Dixon called the meeting to order. Councilmen Zac Cybulski was absent and excused. Fiscal Officer Kelly Corwin and Village Administrator Dan Dunn were also in attendance.

The minutes for the general meeting held on July 18, were approved unanimously, and Mayor Dixon opened the floor to visitors' concerns. There were no concerns,

but one citizen rose to voice appreciation for all the efforts being made to improve the appearance of the town.

After that, council took up the concerns of council members. McBride addressed a specific property on Main Street that has not been mowed in a very long time. Fiscal Officer Corwin responded that she has spoken to the property owners, and they will be sending out a crew to take care of that. It has been a struggle finding the right contact person, but they now have sorted that out so it should be a simple matter to get cooperation when that property needs attention in the future.

Administrator Dunn had a few things to bring to the attention of council. First was an update on the sewage processing equipment that has been ordered. The "Muffin Monster" is scheduled to ship August 28. Once onsite, it will be installed in short order. He also advised the village has received a load of salt and suggested that council consider getting a second load this year. Usually, one load is just enough to get through the season, but this winter is projected to be worse than usual. Each load is 10 tons and there is room to store it. Councilman Koch supported the idea, especially since the price may very well

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Briefs



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❧ MARK 1:1-8 ❧

The beginning of the good news about Jesus the Messiah, the Son of God, as it is written in Isaiah the prophet:

“I will send my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way”—“a voice of one calling in the wilderness, ‘Prepare the way for the Lord, make straight paths for him.’”

❧ MARK 1:1-8 ❧

And so John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness, preaching a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. The whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem went out to him.

❧ MARK 1:1-8 ❧

Confessing their sins, they were baptized by him in the Jordan River. John wore clothing made of camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey.

❧ MARK 1:1-8 ❧

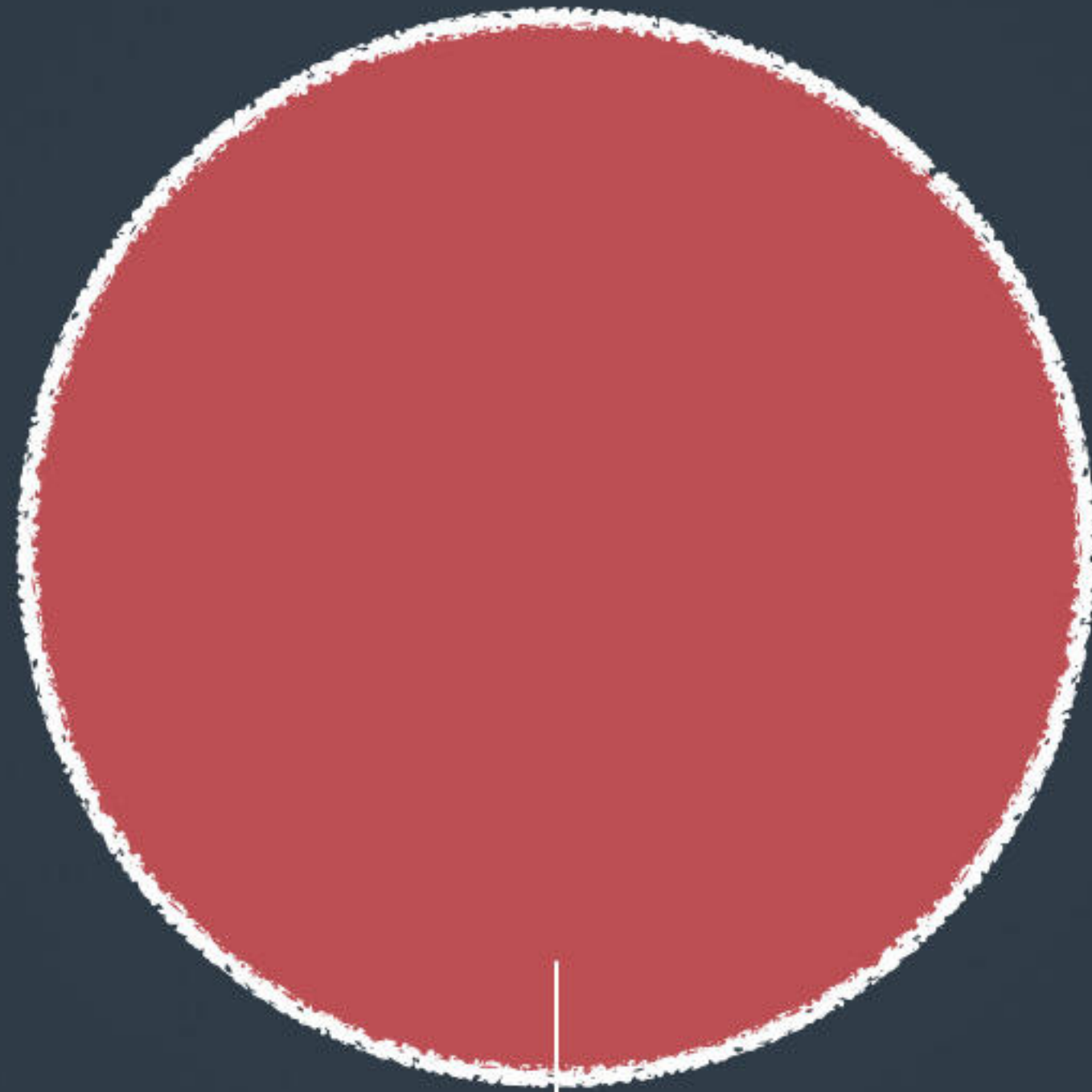
And this was his message: “After me comes the one more powerful than I, the straps of whose sandals I am not worthy to stoop down and untie. I baptize you with water, but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.”



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What I thought marathon training consisted of:

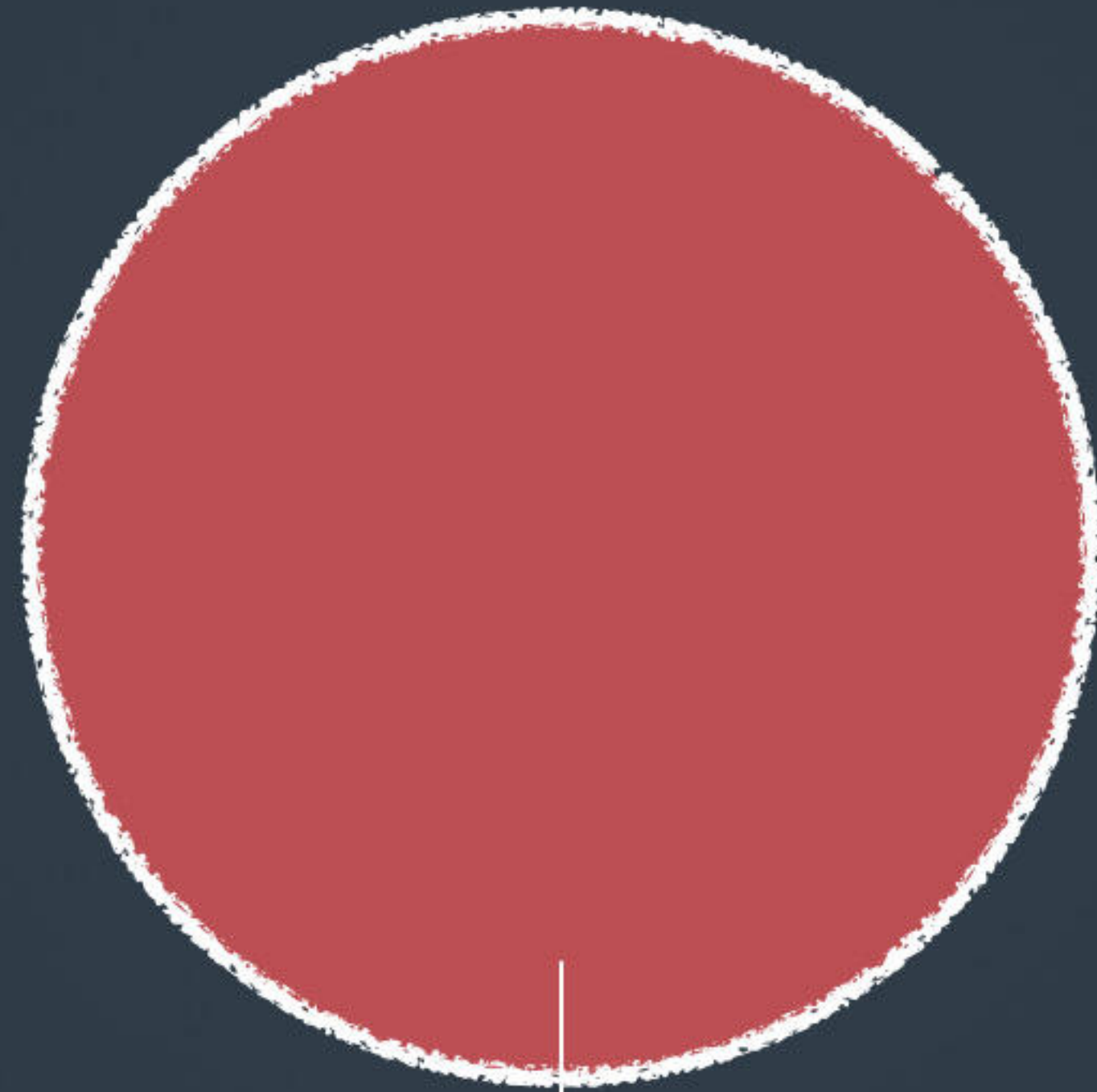


Training Really Hard

What actual marathon training consists of:

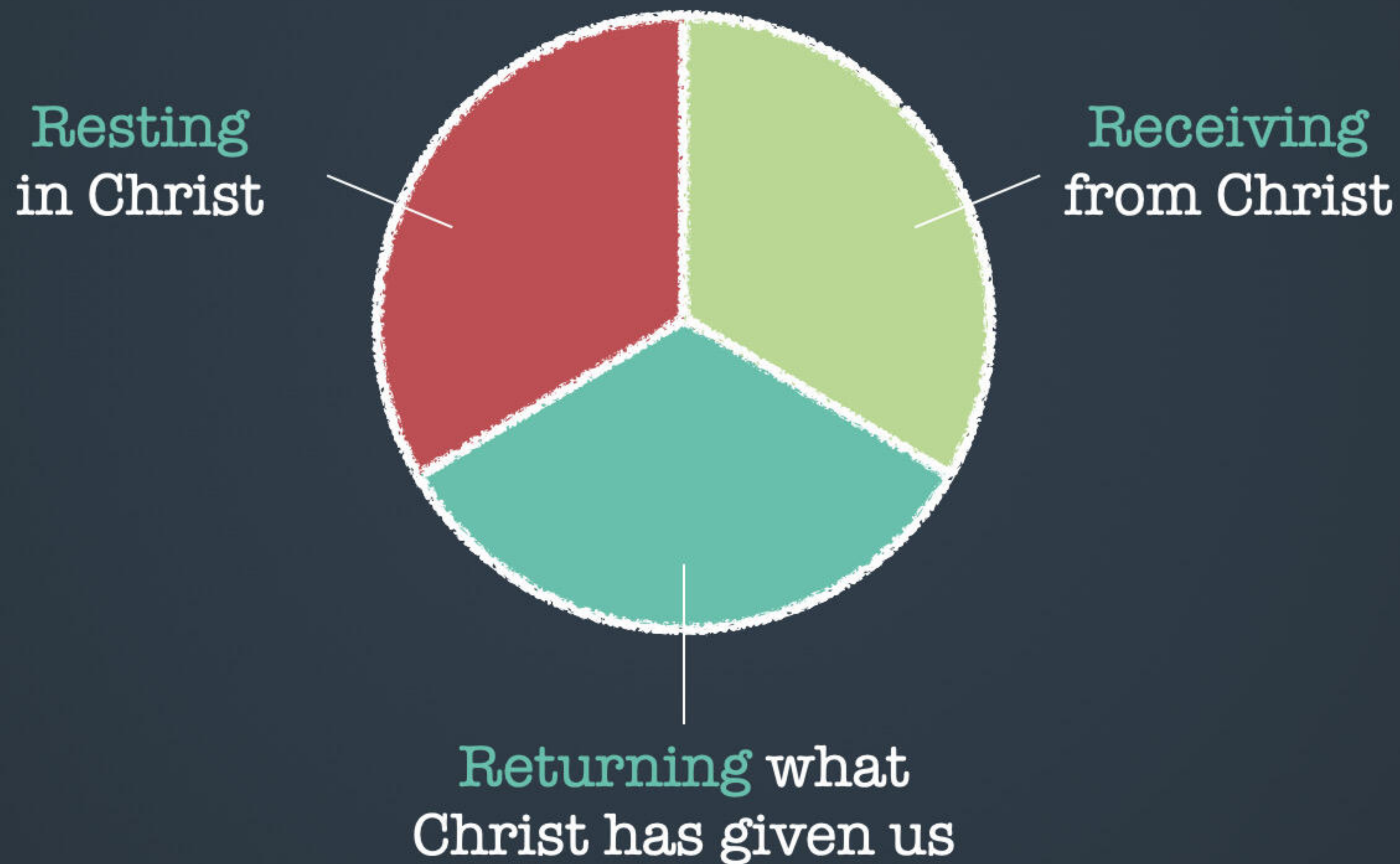


What I thought the Christian faith consisted of:



Trying to be good

What actual Christian faith consists of:





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Resting

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

**TO REST IN HOPE, WE MUST STOP TRYING TO
CONTROL EVERYTHING & TRUST THAT GOD IS
WORKING, EVEN WHEN WE CAN'T SEE IT.**



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Receiving

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

**TO RECEIVE HOPE, WE MUST PUT DOWN
THE CERTAINTY WE'VE BEEN ATTEMPTING
TO COLLECT & RECOGNIZE THAT GOD'S
FAITHFULNESS OFTEN DEFIES EXPLANATION.**



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Returning

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

**TO RETURN HOPE TO A WEARY WORLD, WE
MUST DISTRIBUTE OUR UNWAVERING TRUST
IN GOD'S POWER & LOVE OUT OF THE GREAT
ABUNDANCE THAT WE POSSESS IN CHRIST.**



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