

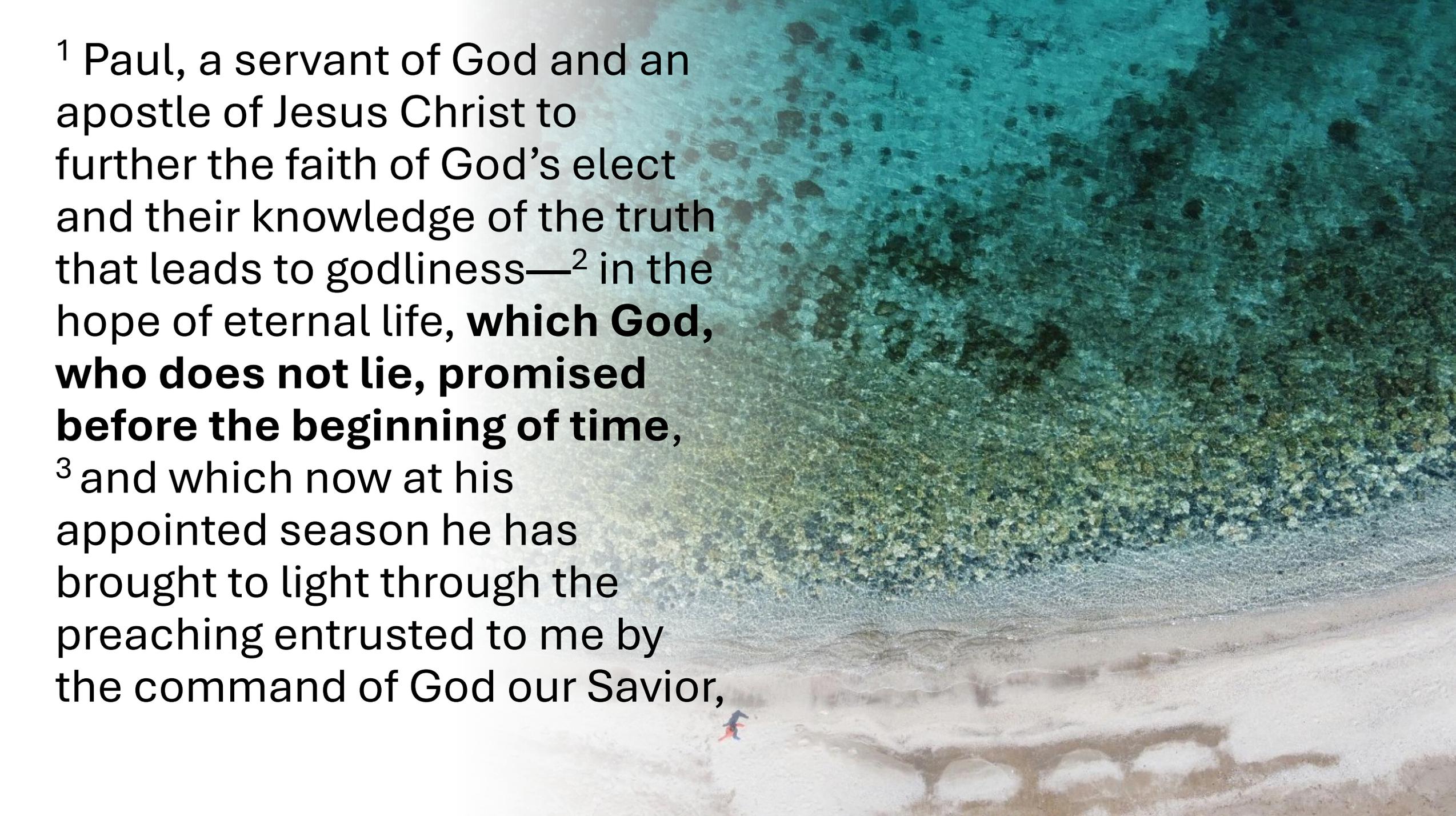


Dear Titus

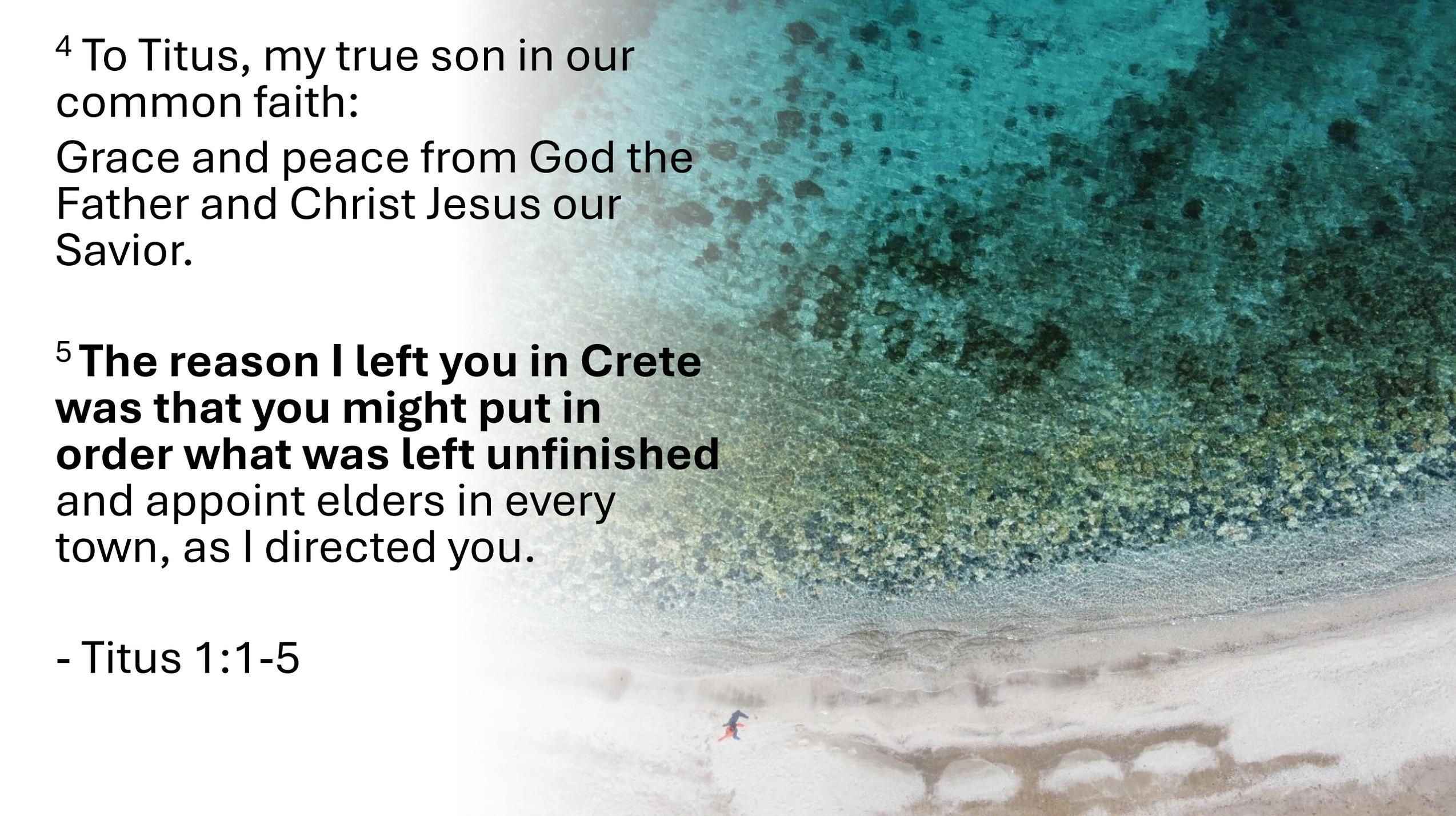
A WORK IN PROGRESS

Unfinished Business

Titus 1:1-9

An aerial photograph of a tropical beach. The top half of the image shows clear, turquoise water with visible coral reefs and sandy patches. The bottom half shows a wide, white sandy beach. A small person is visible on the sand near the water's edge. The text is overlaid on the left side of the image.

¹ Paul, a servant of God and an apostle of Jesus Christ to further the faith of God's elect and their knowledge of the truth that leads to godliness—² in the hope of eternal life, **which God, who does not lie, promised before the beginning of time,** ³ and which now at his appointed season he has brought to light through the preaching entrusted to me by the command of God our Savior,

An aerial photograph of a tropical beach. The water is a vibrant turquoise color, transitioning to a lighter, sandy beach. A small figure of a person is visible on the sand near the water's edge. The overall scene is bright and serene.

⁴ To Titus, my true son in our common faith:

Grace and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Savior.

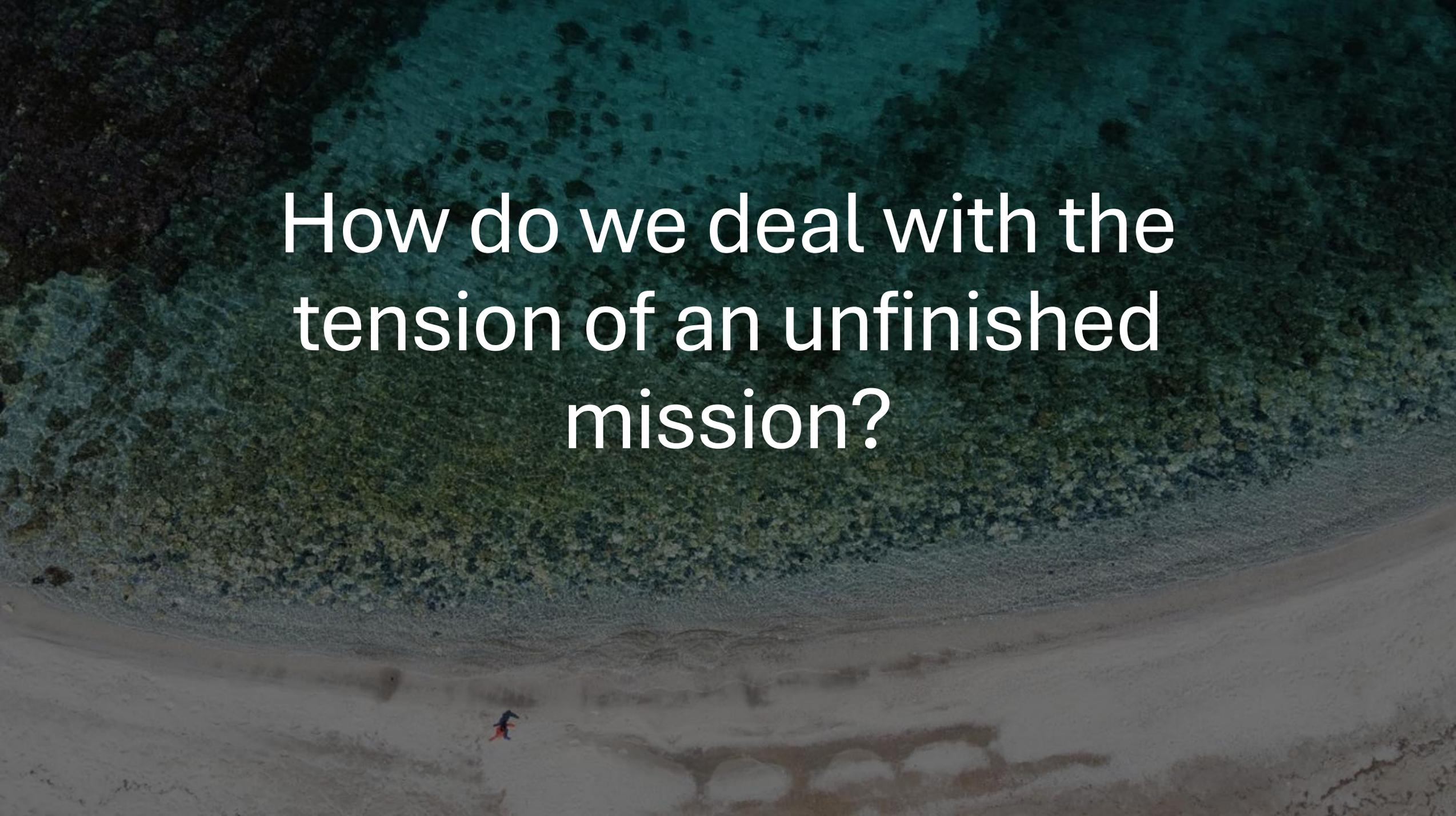
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- Titus 1:1-5

Our Unfinished Mission



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An aerial photograph of a beach. The top half of the image shows the ocean with dark, textured waves. The bottom half shows a sandy beach with a person walking in the distance. The text is overlaid in the center of the image.

How do we deal with the
tension of an unfinished
mission?

An aerial photograph of a beach. The top half of the image shows the ocean with waves breaking onto the shore. The bottom half shows a sandy beach with a person walking in the distance. The text is overlaid in the center of the image.

GIVE IT BACK:
Remember This Mission
Belongs To God

1 Corinthians 3:5-9

⁵ What, after all, is Apollos? And what is Paul? **Only servants, through whom you came to believe**—as the Lord has assigned to each his task. ⁶ I planted the seed, Apollos watered it, but God has been making it grow. ⁷ **So neither the one who plants nor the one who waters is anything, but only God, who makes things grow.** ⁸ The one who plants and the one who waters have one purpose, and they will each be rewarded according to their own labor. ⁹ **For we are co-workers in God's service; you are God's field, God's building.**

An aerial photograph of a beach. The top half of the image shows the ocean with waves breaking onto the shore. The bottom half shows the sandy beach. A small figure of a person is visible walking on the sand near the water's edge. The overall tone is dark and moody, with a teal/green tint to the water and a greyish-blue tint to the sand.

GIVE IT BACK: Remember This Mission Belongs To God

Question: Am I Carrying What Belongs To God?

⁵ The reason I left you in Crete was that you might put in order what was left unfinished and **appoint elders in every town**, as I directed you. ⁶ An elder must be blameless, faithful to his wife, a man whose children believe and are not open to the charge of being wild and disobedient.



⁷ Since an overseer manages God's household, he must be blameless—not overbearing, not quick-tempered, not given to drunkenness, not violent, not pursuing dishonest gain. ⁸ Rather, he must be hospitable, one who loves what is good, who is self-controlled, upright, holy and disciplined. ⁹ He must hold firmly to the trustworthy message as it has been taught, so that he can encourage others by sound doctrine and refute those who oppose it.


Titus 1:5-9

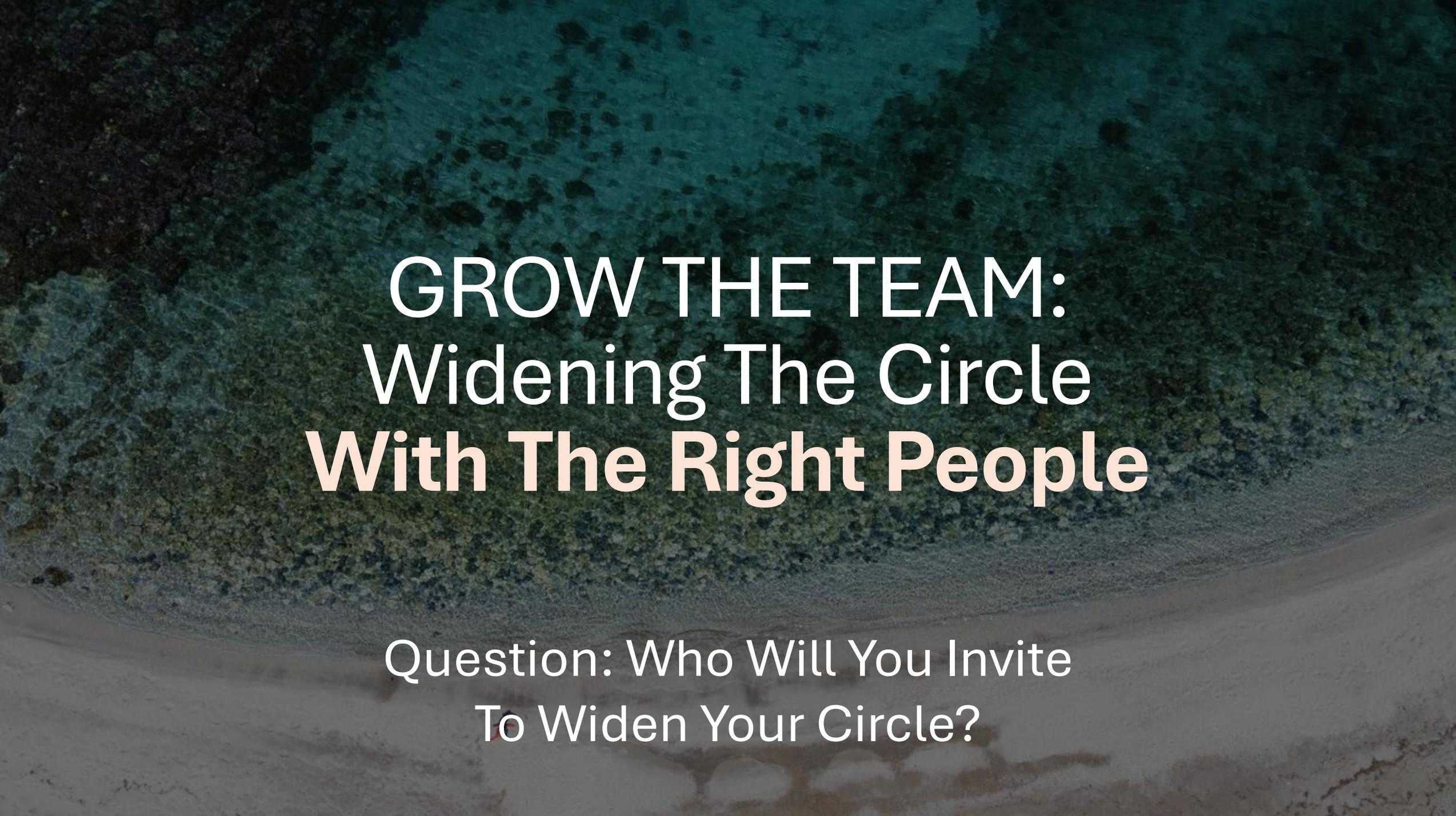
An aerial photograph of a beach. The top half of the image shows dark, textured water or a rocky shore. The bottom half shows a sandy beach with a person walking. The text is overlaid in the center.

GROW THE TEAM: Widening The Circle

An aerial photograph of a beach with a person walking on the sand. The background is a vast expanse of greenery, possibly a forest or a large field, with a sandy beach in the foreground. A person is visible walking on the sand near the bottom center of the frame.

**GROW THE TEAM:
Widening The Circle
With The Right People**

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An aerial photograph of a beach with waves crashing onto the shore. The water is a deep teal color, and the sand is a light beige. The text is overlaid on the image.

GROW THE TEAM: Widening The Circle With The Right People

Question: Who Will You Invite
To Widen Your Circle?