



EVERYDAY FAITH

**SPIRITUALITY &
YOUNG PEOPLE**



WHAT IS THE PLACE OF FAMILIES IN CHURCH POST-COVID?

A research-based report, incorporating perspectives of children, parents and church leaders in the UK





A joint venture to investigate how churches were connecting with Christian families in the post-lockdown era.

175

Church Leaders

209

Parents w/ children 0-16

36 + 18

In depth interviews

12

Denominations

HOW HAVE FAMILIES' EXPERIENCES OF CHURCH CHANGED?



Decreased engagement



Greater focus on families



Negative Impact



Faith at home not supported



HOW HAS FAITH IN THE FAMILY CONTEXT CHANGED?



Reduced local church connection



Faith at home a focus



Did not know families feelings



51% 'not supported'

LOOKING FORWARD...



Working partnership



Parents need to change



More resources...



Relational Support

RESEARCH FINDINGS

The Common Ground

01

CHILDREN HAVE A
POSITIVE VIEW OF
CHURCH.

WANTED GREATER
INVOLVEMENT.

02

BEST WAY TO
NURTURE FAITH...

LOCAL CHURCH
WORKING IN
PARTNERSHIP WITH
FAMILIES.

03

THE VITAL ROLE OF
PARENTS AS PRIMARY
DISCIPLER.

BUT NOT SOLE
SUPPORTER

RESEARCH FINDINGS

The Contrasting Views

01

SUPPORTING FAITH
AT HOME.

DISCONNECTION IN
PERCEPTION
BETWEEN PARENTS
& CHURCH LEADERS

02

WHAT IS HELPFUL
TO FAMILIES?

TRAINING FOR
PARENTS?

IMPROVE CHURCHES
WELCOME?

03

PRIORTIES CHANGED

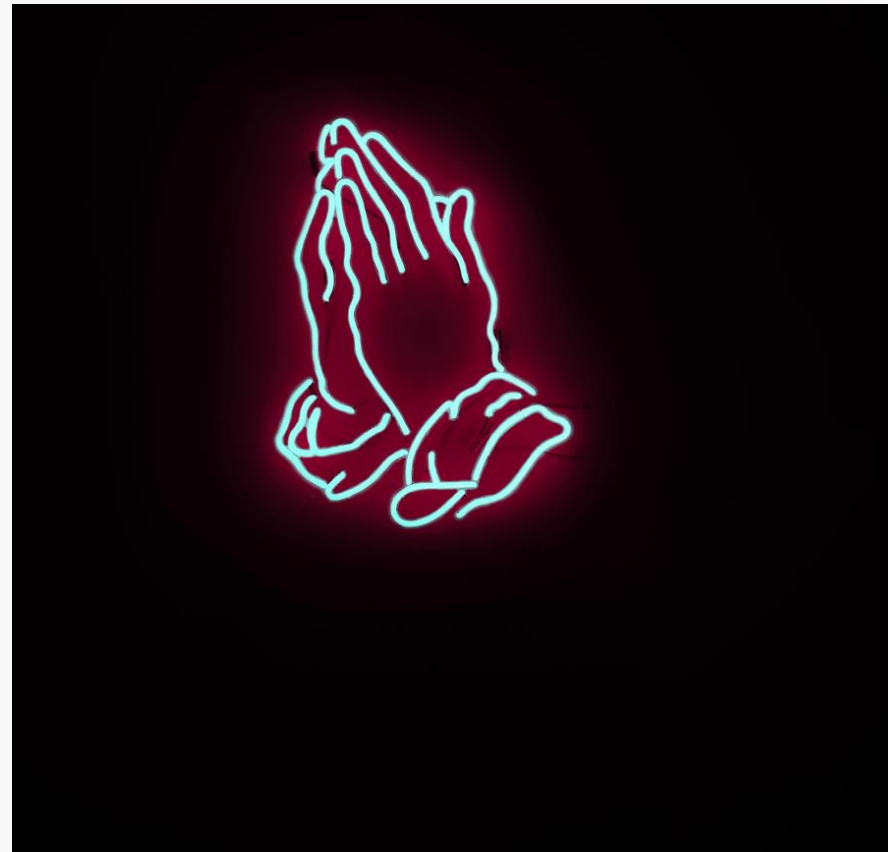
CHURCH
ATTENDANCE FOCUS
VS. FAITH AT HOME



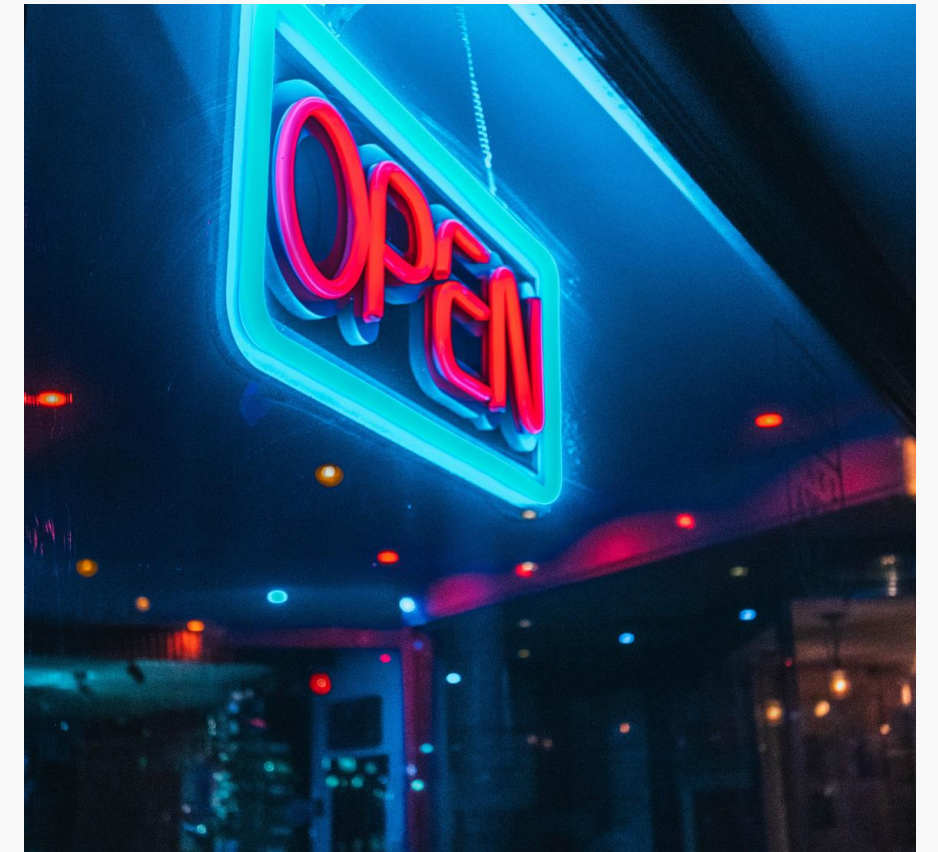
FAITH AT HOME



Meal Times



Bed time Prayer



Faith Conversations

CONCLUSIONS

01

DECREASED CHURCH
ENGAGEMENT

03

PARENTS NEED TO
CHANGE

05

SUNDAY CHURCH
ATTENDANCE THE FOCUS

02

DISCONNECT IN
PERCEPTIONS MOVING
FORWARD

04

DESIRE PARTNERSHIP /
RELATIONSHIP OVER
RESOURCING

06

FAITH AT HOME THE
FOCUS

RECOMMENDATIONS

A space for reflection & conversation..

01

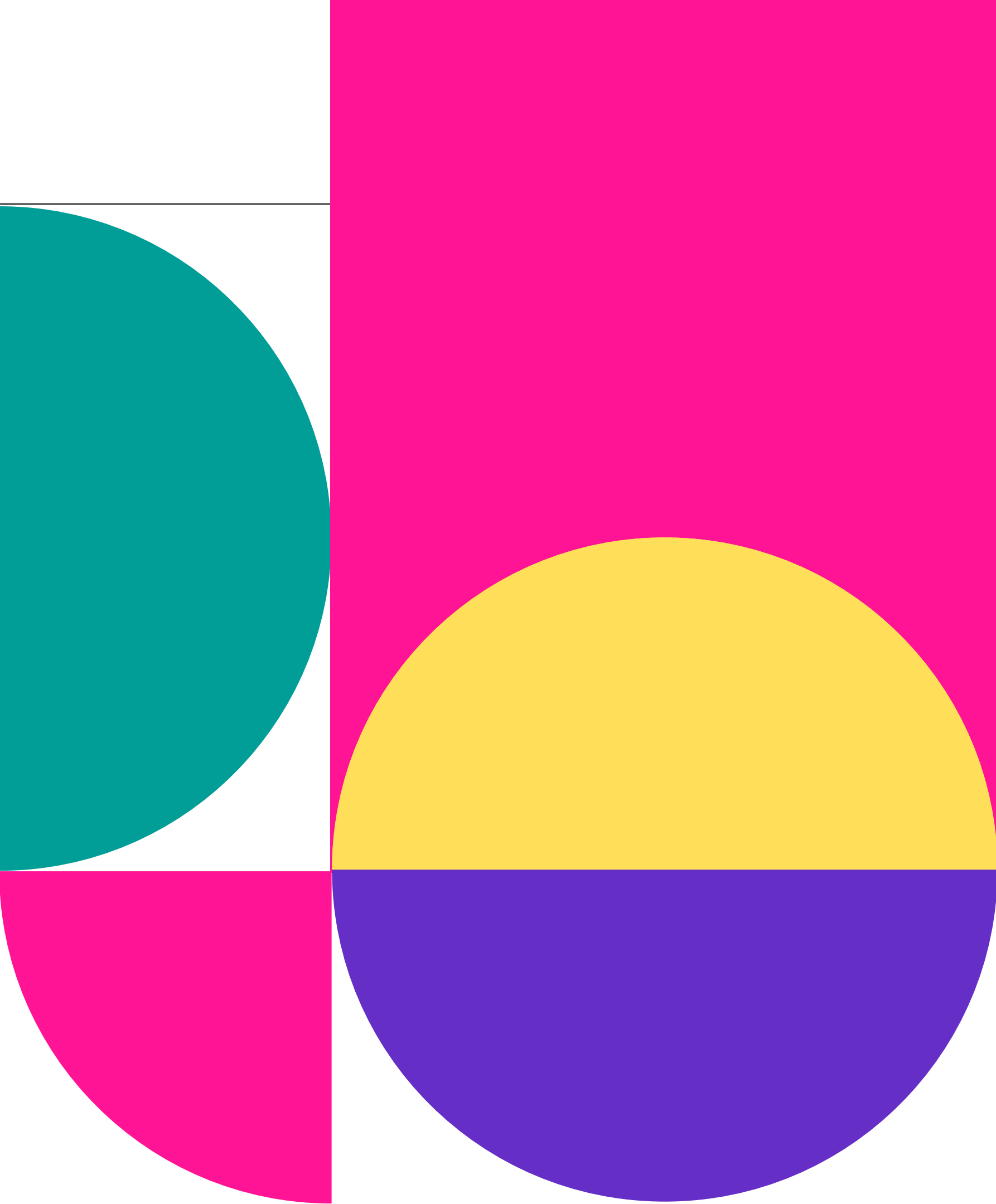
HOW COULD YOU
LISTEN TO AND
LEARN FROM
FAMILIES IN YOUR
CHURCH
COMMUNITY?

02

HOW ARE YOU
AFFIRMING AND
SUPPORTING
PARENTS AS
PRIMARY DISCIPLER
OF THEIR
CHILDREN?

03

CONSIDER TIME
SPENT GENERATING
RESOURCE &
SERVICES VS.
RELATIONAL
SUPPORT
STRUCTURES?



BISHOPS CHILDREN & YOUTH COUNCIL

What is spirituality?

Spirituality is the connection between us and God, and with one another and ourselves.

Your Relationship w God +
how you ^{choose to} develop it.

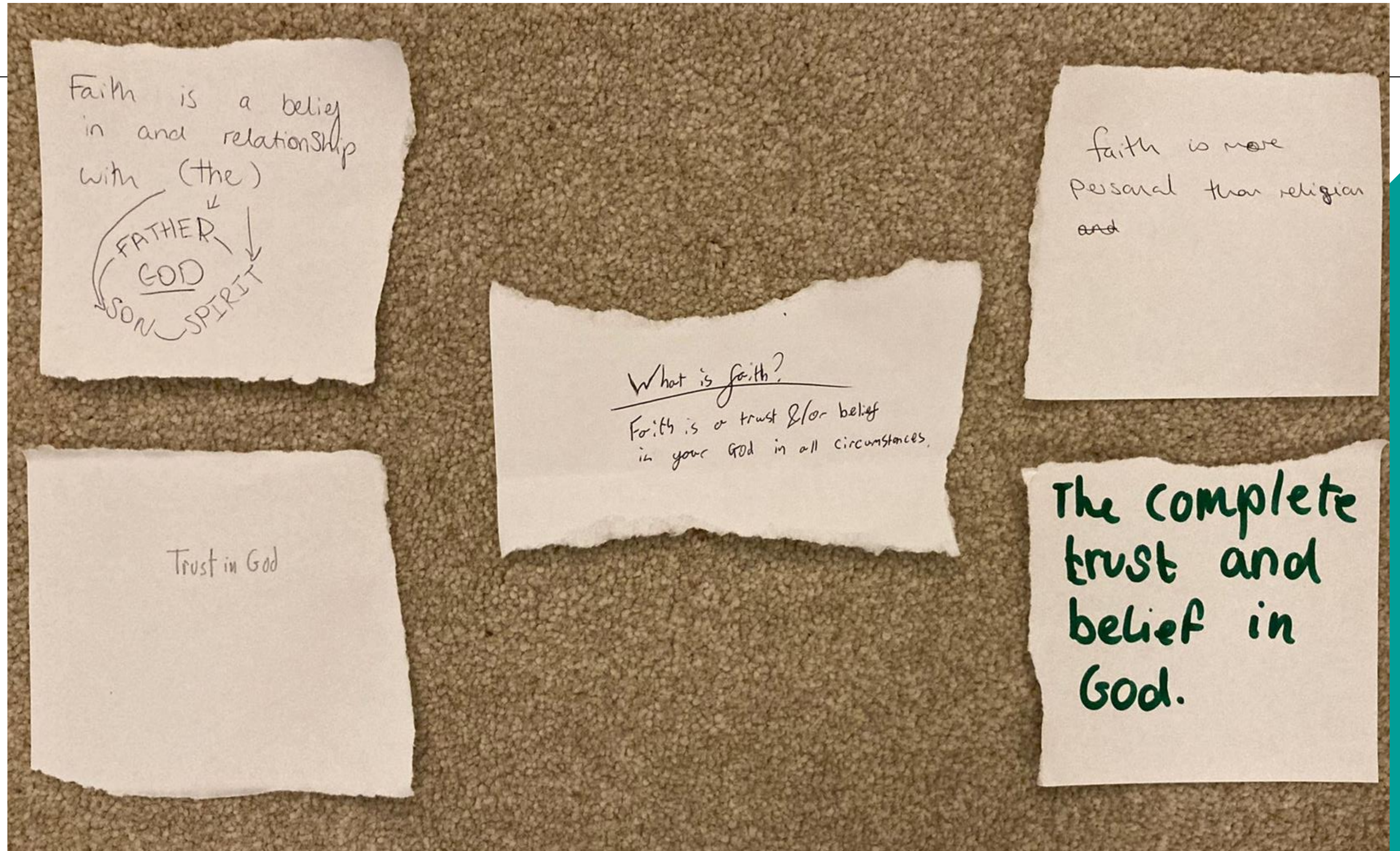
What is Spirituality?

Spirituality is what you do or don't believe in & to what extent.

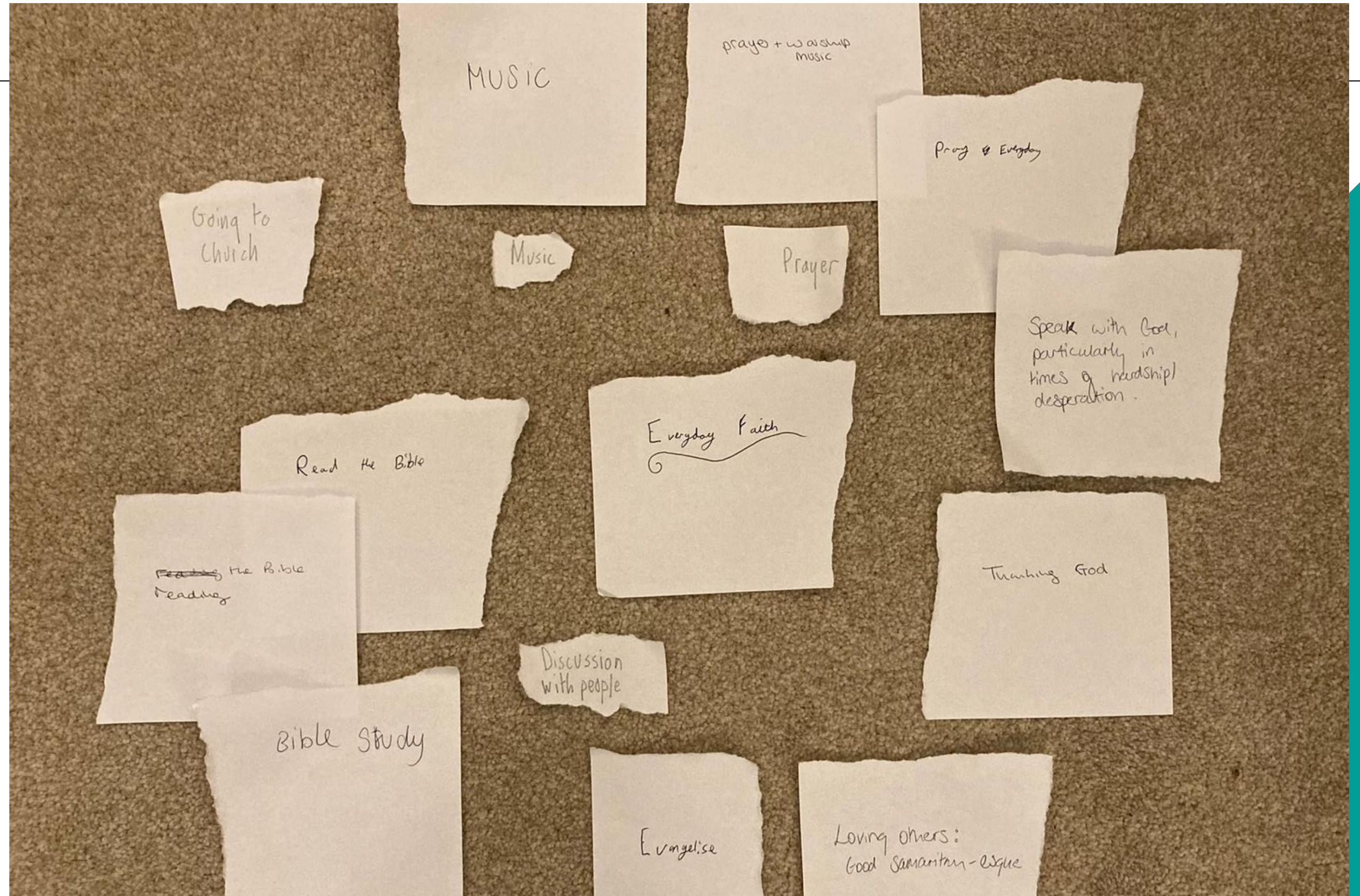
Connection with God

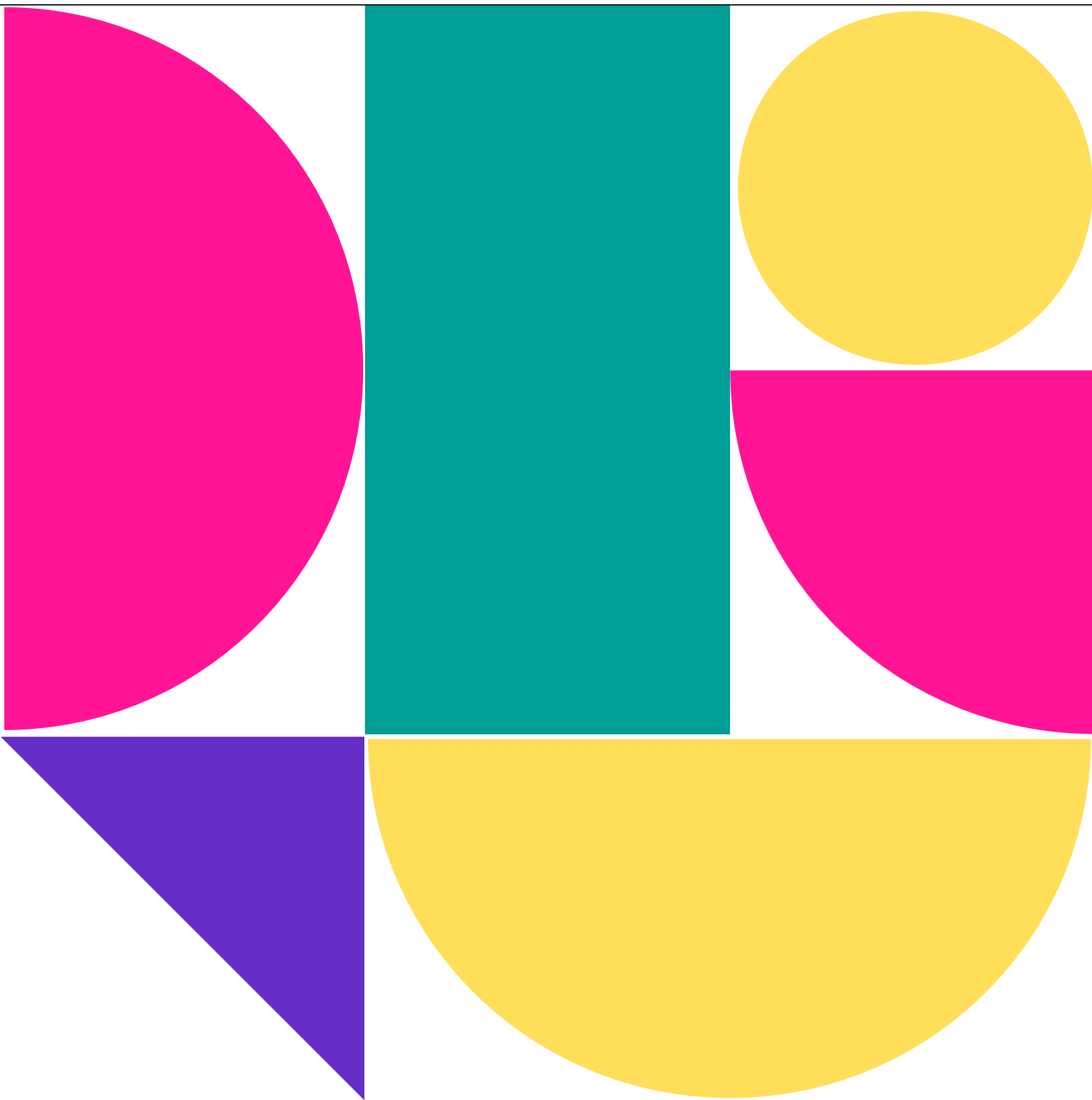
Spirituality is something deeper than physicality

What is faith?



Everyday faith?





**Questions?
Reflections?**