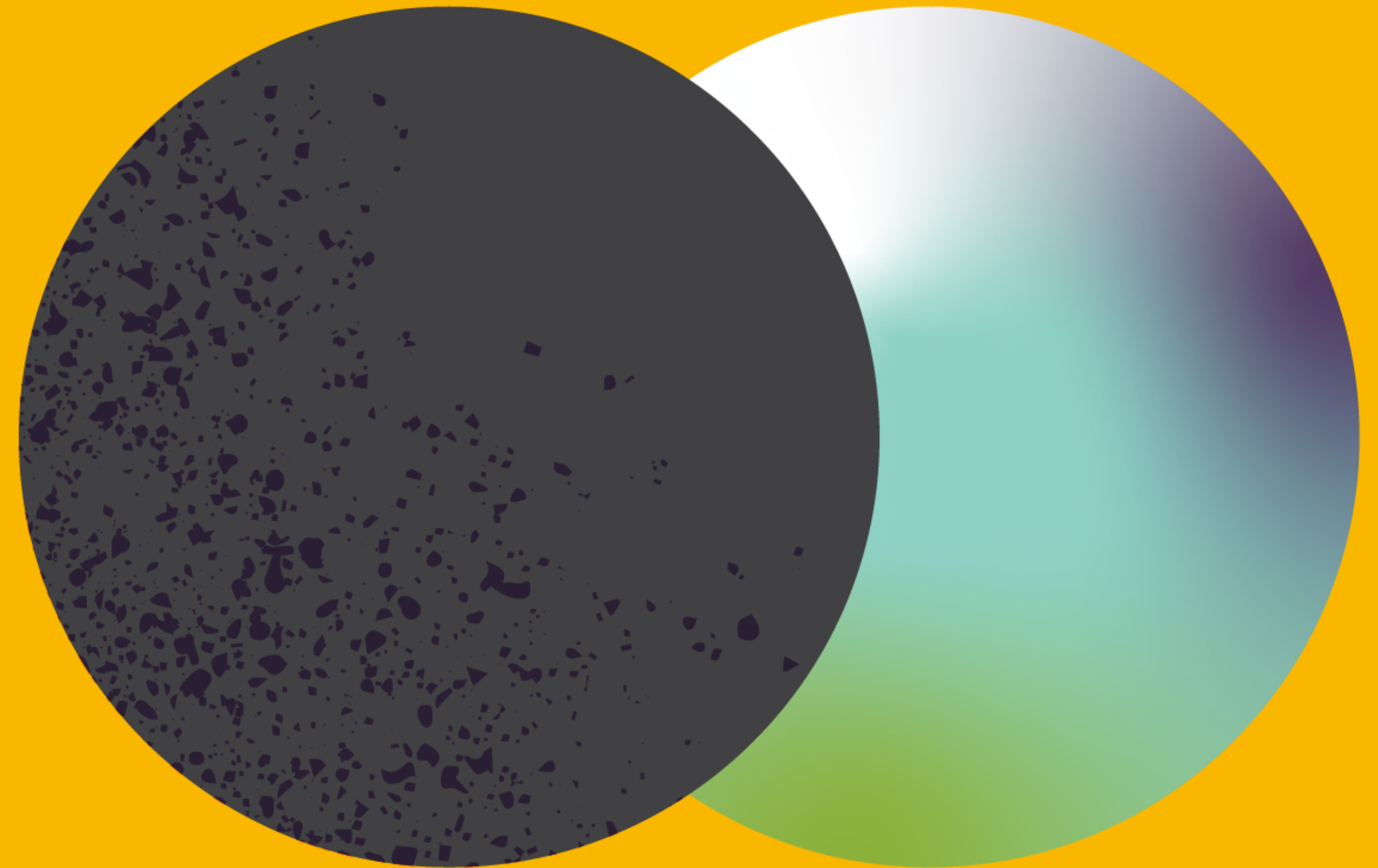


A Liturgical Year



Eastertide 2:

John 20:19-23



Yes, it is Earth Day and I'm wondering if you'll do something with me. Today (and in the coming days, months) take some time to Define The Relationship™ with Segmekwe, Mother Earth.

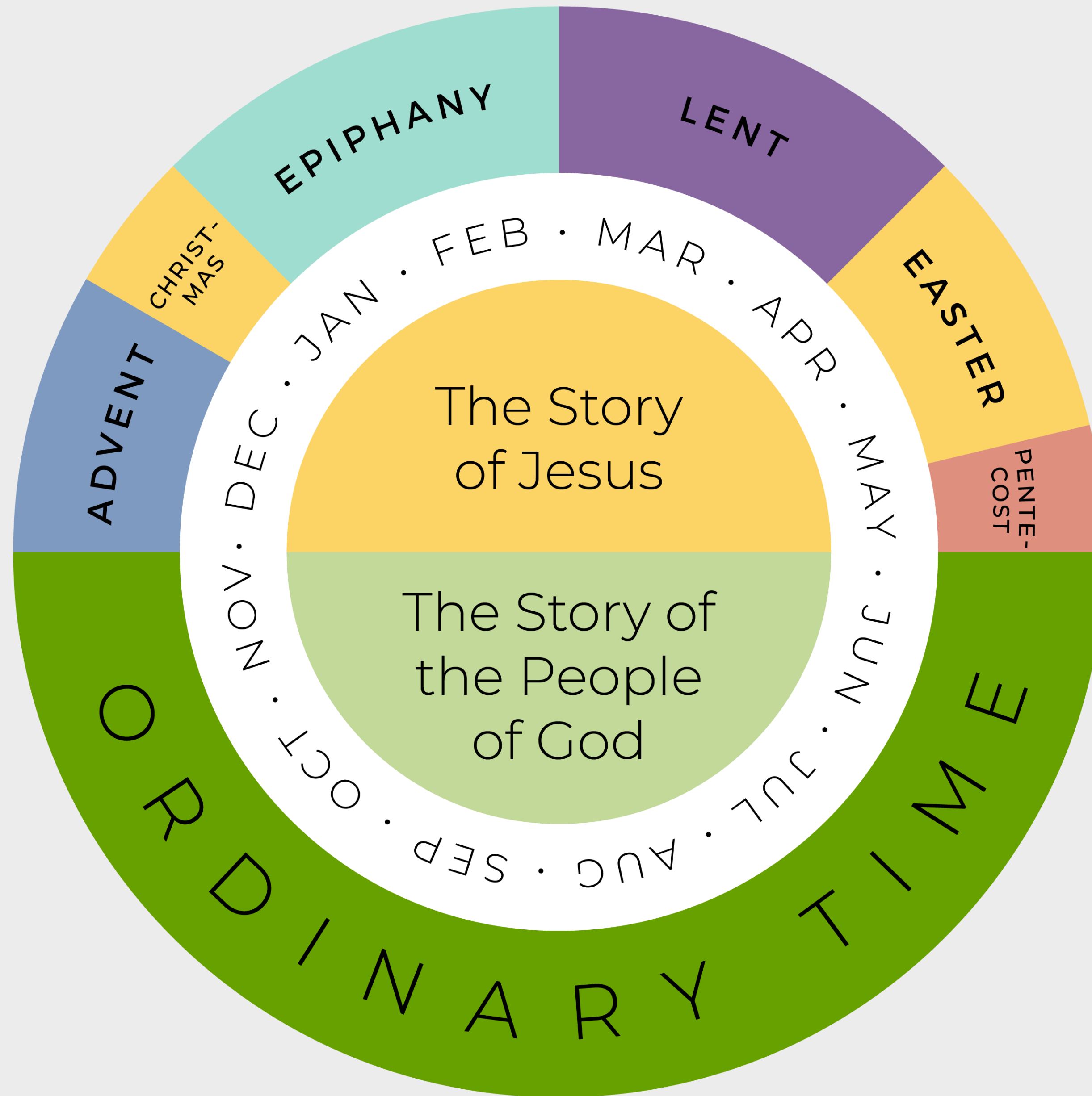
Ask how close you are, how close you have been, when did you stop communicating? What amends can be made, or laughter shared? What love letters can be written or prayers prayed?

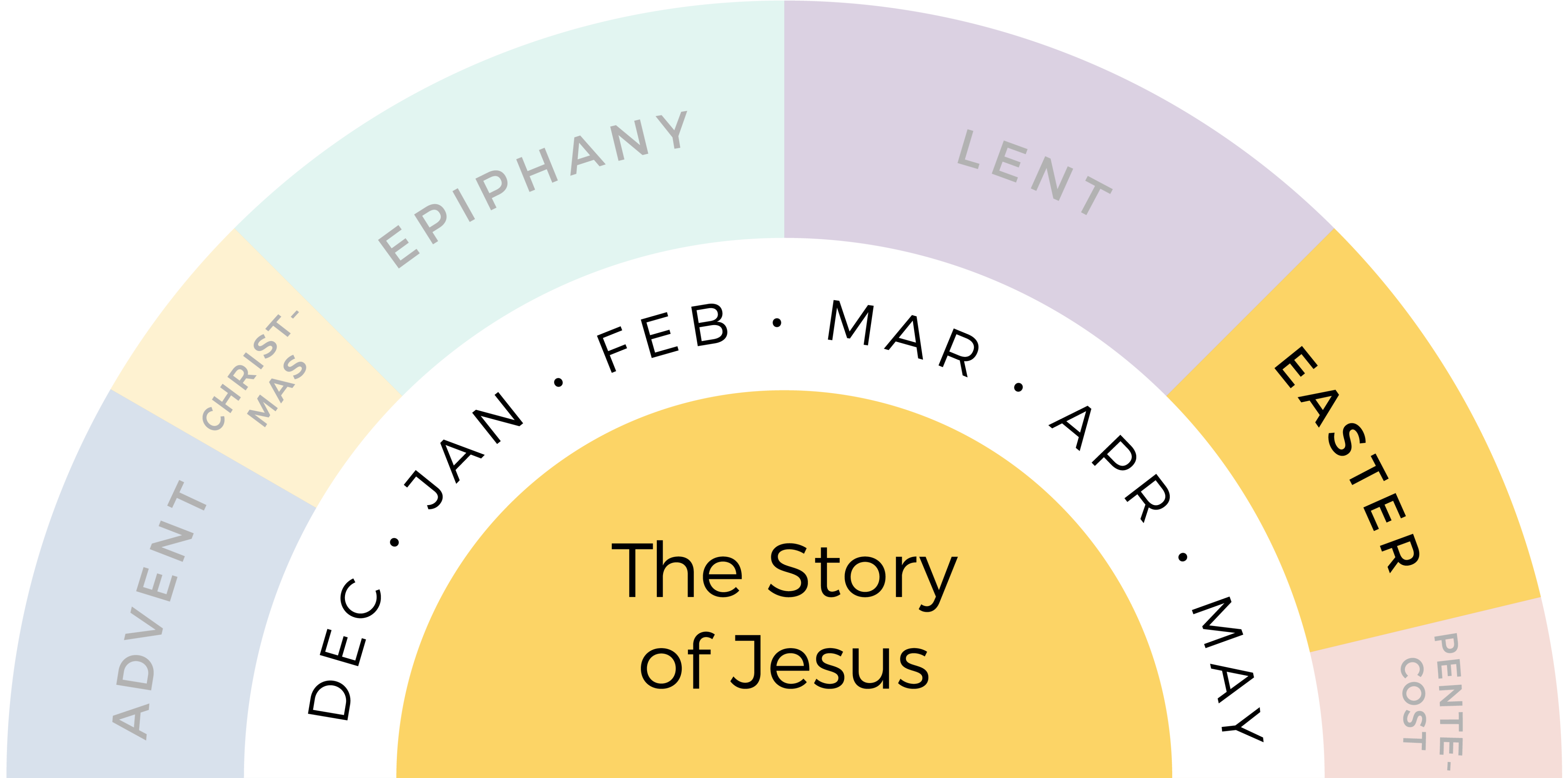
We won't get far in fighting for the Earth if we do not first understand that there's a relationship to mend and tend to. Let's start there. And let's share what we've learned along the way.

Kaitlin Curtice



**The Spiritual Practice of Defining Our
Relationship™ with Mother Earth.**





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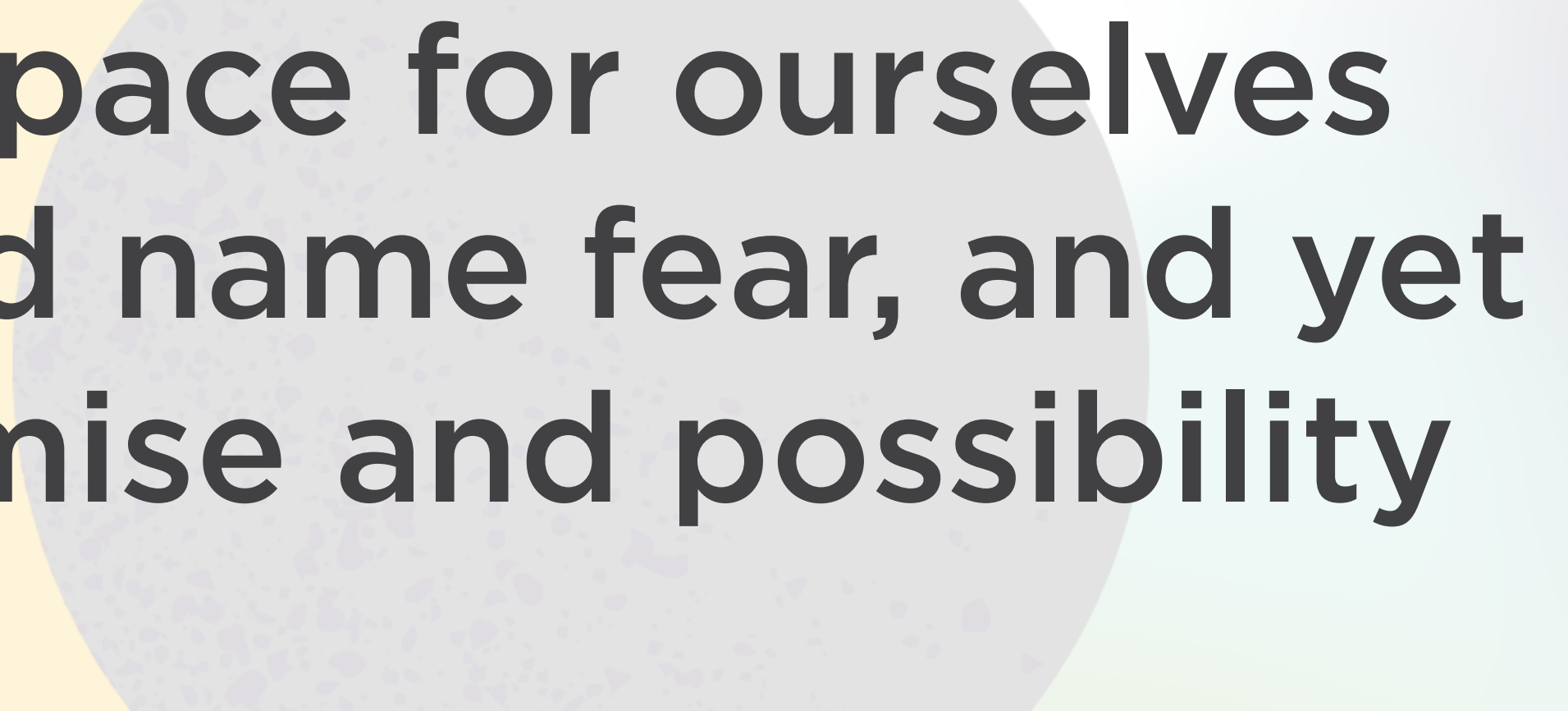
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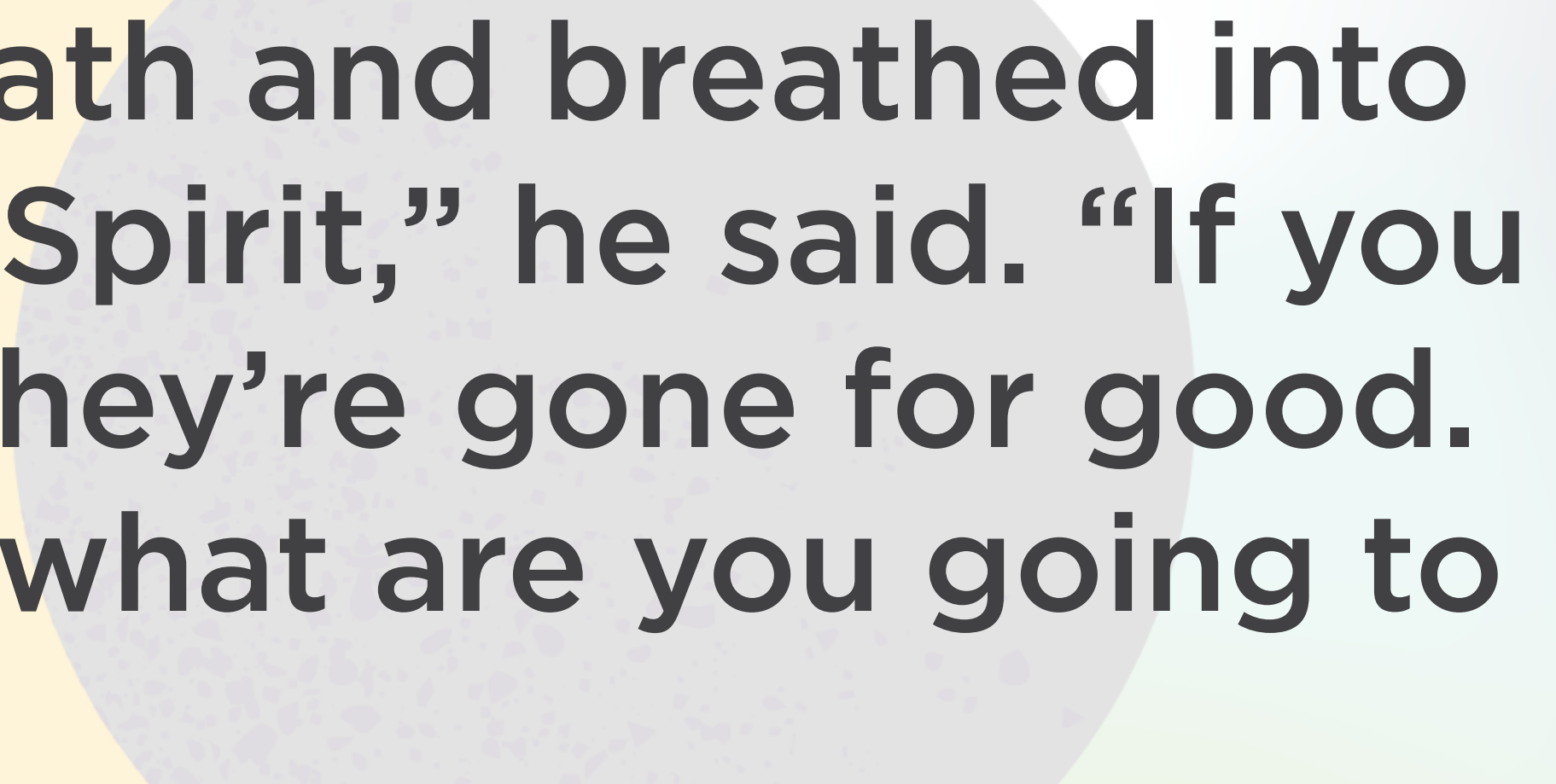
The Story of Jesus



**How might we hold space for ourselves
and others to feel and name fear, and yet
also open to the promise and possibility
of resurrection joy?**

Later on that day, the disciples had gathered together, but, fearful of the Jews, had locked all the doors in the house. Jesus entered, stood among them, and said, “Peace to you.”

Then he showed them his hands and side. The disciples, seeing the Master with their own eyes, were awestruck. Jesus repeated his greeting: “Peace to you. Just as the Father sent me, I send you.”



Then he took a deep breath and breathed into them. “Receive the Holy Spirit,” he said. “If you forgive someone’s sins, they’re gone for good. If you don’t forgive sins, what are you going to do with them?”

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Leadership Transition Update: Peter Mogan

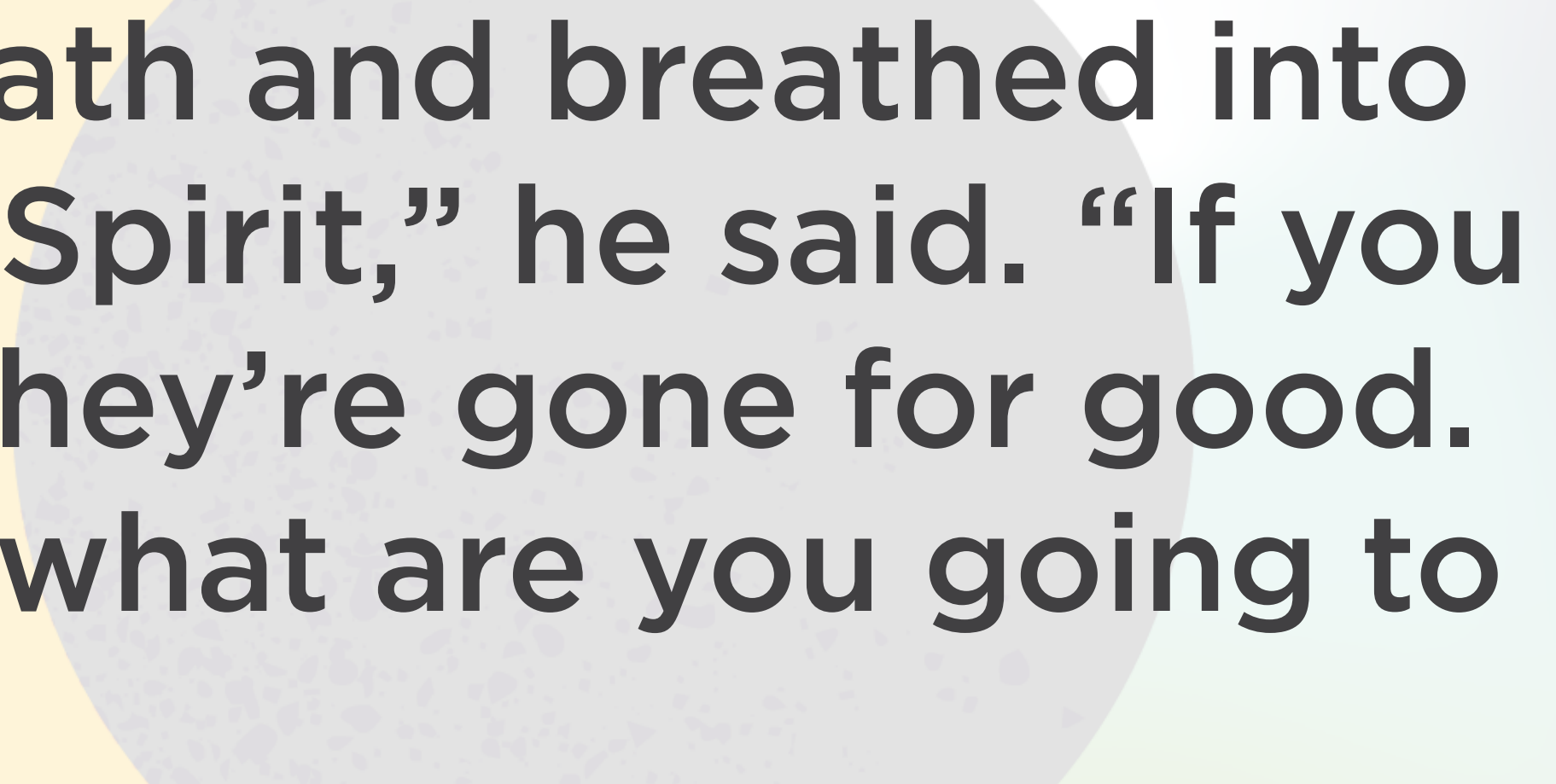
If we are going to take sabbaticals, let them be real sabbaticals: a willed passivity in order to be restored to alert receptivity to spirit—prayer, silence, solitude, worship. It is outrageous that we acquiesce to the world's definition of our word and let our unique, biblical sabbatical be put to the use of career advancement, psychological adjustment, and intellectual polish—with all the prayer and contemplation laundered out.

The original intent of sabbath is a time to be silent and listen to God, not attend lectures; a time to be in solitude and be with God, not ‘interact’ with fatigued peers. If help is to be given to the pastor in midcourse, it is not going to come by infusion of intellect but by renewal of spirit.

Eugene Peterson

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Sending Prayer

