

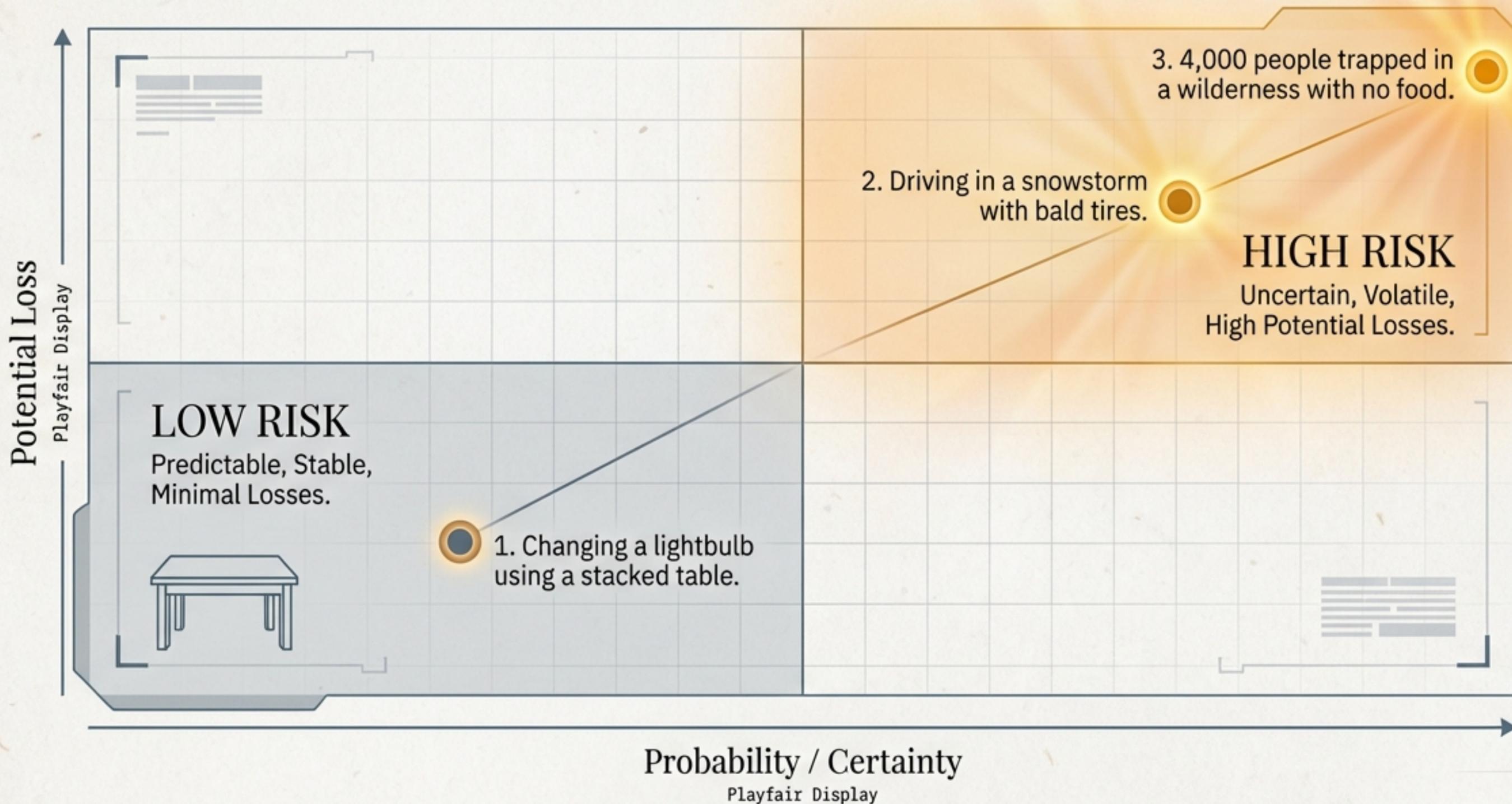
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STRATEGY: COMPASSION IN ACTION

# Minding the Gap

The Blueprint of Grace: Jesus Christ  
as the Ultimate Risk Manager

# THE SPIRITUAL DOSSIER: DIAGNOSTIC RISK MATRIX

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We know Him as:

Problem Solver.

Way Maker.

Savior.

King of Kings.

Healer.

Today, meet:

**Jesus Christ:  
The Risk  
Manager.**

The seventh-day disciple must look at the future to make better decisions in the present. This is the spiritual discipline of risk management.

Anticipating a crisis  
before it happens.

**[ FUTURE FORESIGHT ] + [ PRESENT ACTION ] = COMPASSION**

Valuing the people  
entrusted to your care.

**True risk management is simply Compassion in Action.**

# Case Study: The Wilderness Crisis

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## The Context

Mark 8:1-9.  
A desolate, barren place.  
A mixed multitude of  
Jews and Gentiles.

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## The Variables

4,000 people.  
3 days of exposure.  
0 remaining provisions.

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## The Risk Status

CRITICAL. ▲▲  
A highly volatile  
situation requiring  
immediate mitigation.

▲▲ **CRITICAL**

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# Root Cause Analysis: The Anatomy of a Testimony

Why were 4,000 people in the wilderness? Because someone didn't keep their story inside the four walls of the church.



**Magazine**  
**Proof of Concept:**  
The deaf/mute man from Mark 7 & The Adventist Journey Magazine Cover.

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## The Baseline

What life was like before Jesus.

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## The Catalyst

How you met Him.

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## The Delta

How your life has changed since.

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## The Invitation

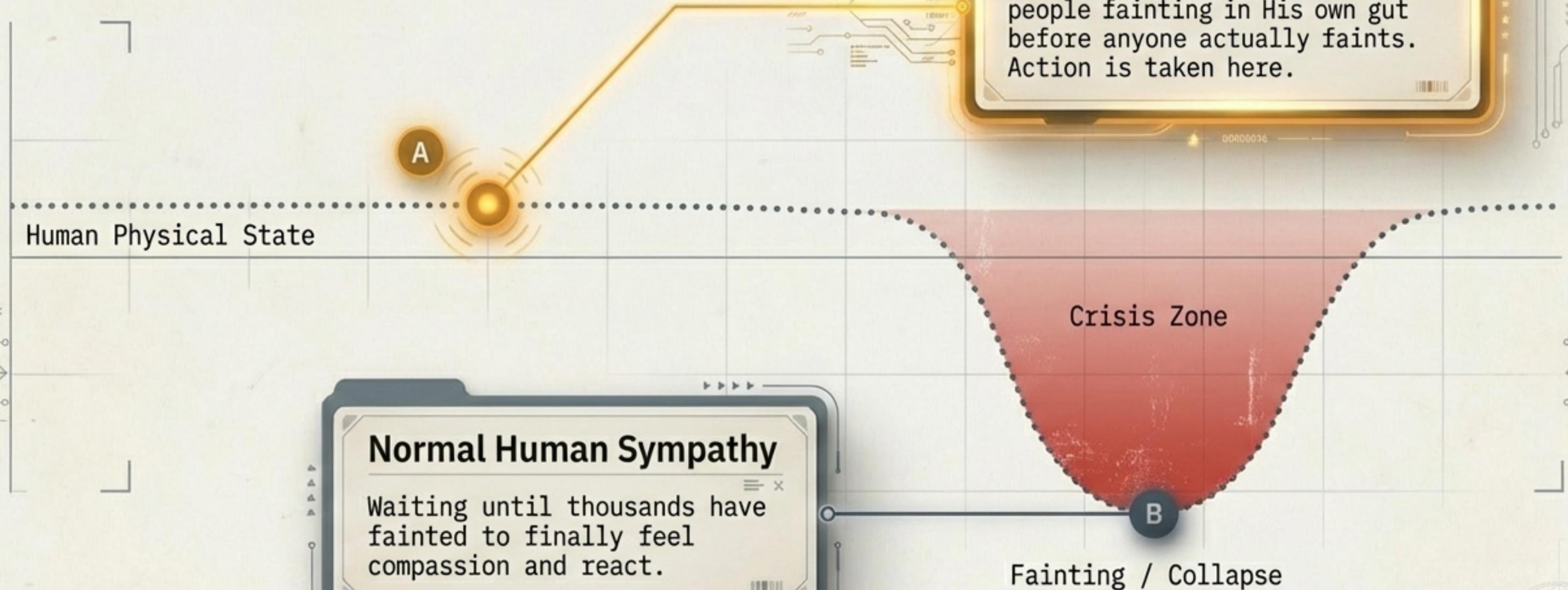
Why they should join you.

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# The Compassion Timeline

## Divine Risk Management.

Jesus feels the pain of 4,000 people fainting in His own gut before anyone actually faints. Action is taken here.



# The Risk Management Lifecycle

## Mitigate & Communicate

Execute the plan safely and clearly.

## Anticipate & Identify

Spot the looming crisis.

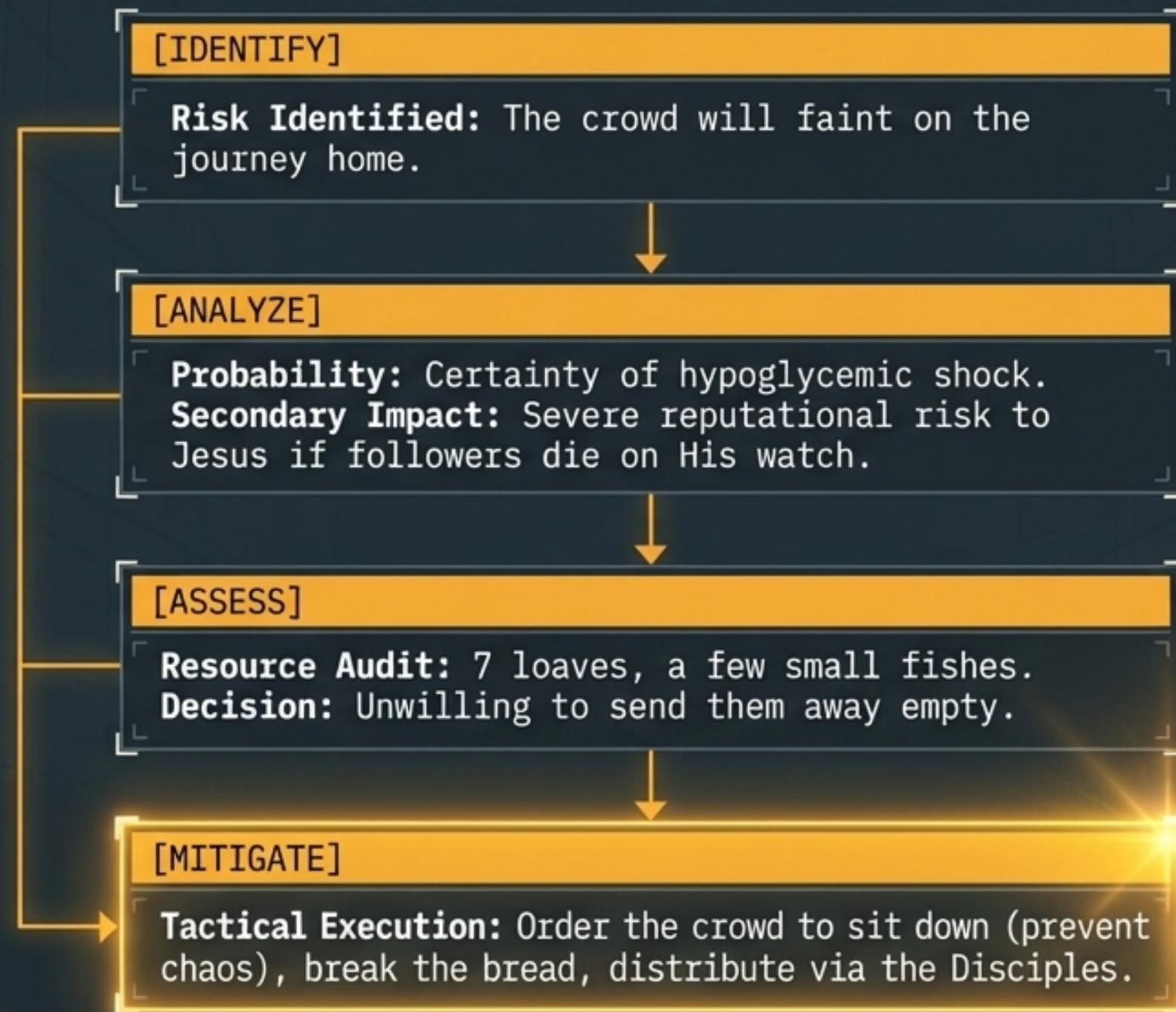
## Assess & Evaluate

Review available resources and willingness to act.

## Analyze

Determine probability and secondary impacts.

# The Wilderness Risk Assessment



# Secondary Risk: The 'Veggie Loaf' Paradox

In risk management, Reputational Risk occurs when reality fails to meet the advertised label.

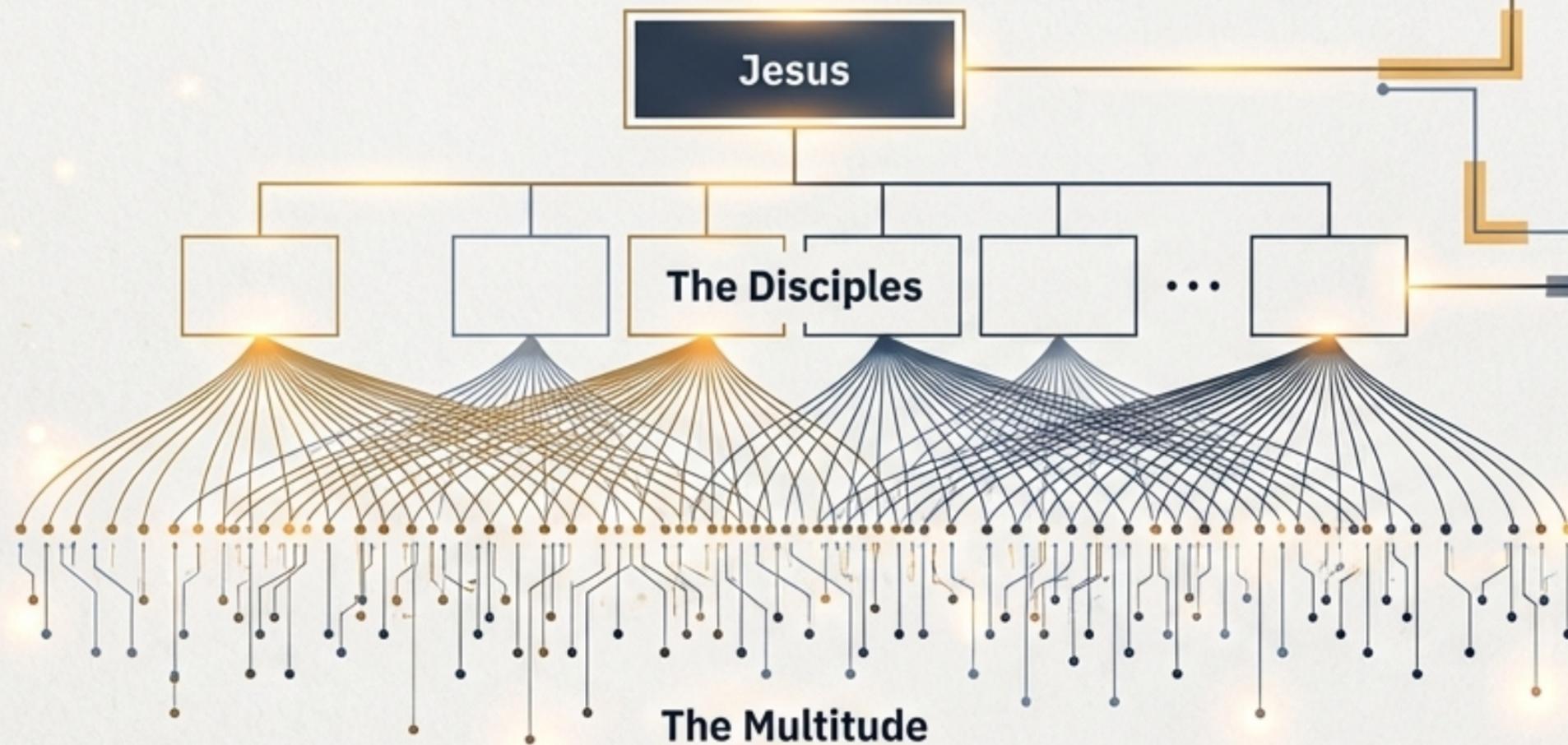


You open a butter dish anticipating butter. If you find two slices of veggie loaf inside, the reputation of the container is ruined.

When the world opens the life of a Seventh-day Adventist and doesn't find a Christian inside, the worldwide reputation of Christ is sullied.

# Delegation & The Duty of Care

Jesus did not distribute the bread Himself.  
He created a Risk Management Team.



## Order before action:

He commanded the crowd to sit down, neutralizing the risk of chaos.

## Execution:

He blessed the bread, but handed it to the disciples to distribute.

**You are the execution team. You have a "Duty of Care" for every person in your sphere of influence.**

# Minding the Gap

# GAP

**The Corporate Gap:** The space between our strategy and what we actually accomplish. Mitigations bridge this gap.

**The Ultimate Gap:** The space between sinful humanity and a holy God. Without a mitigation plan, the result is eternal separation.

# The Spiritual Dossier

## The Physical Crisis (Mark 8)

The Gap: No Food for 3 Days

The Inevitable Risk: Fainting / Hypoglycemic shock.

Our Resources: 7 loaves (Insufficient).

The Mitigation: Jesus multiplies the bread.

## The Spiritual Crisis (Eternity)

All have sinned and fallen short.

The wages of sin is death.

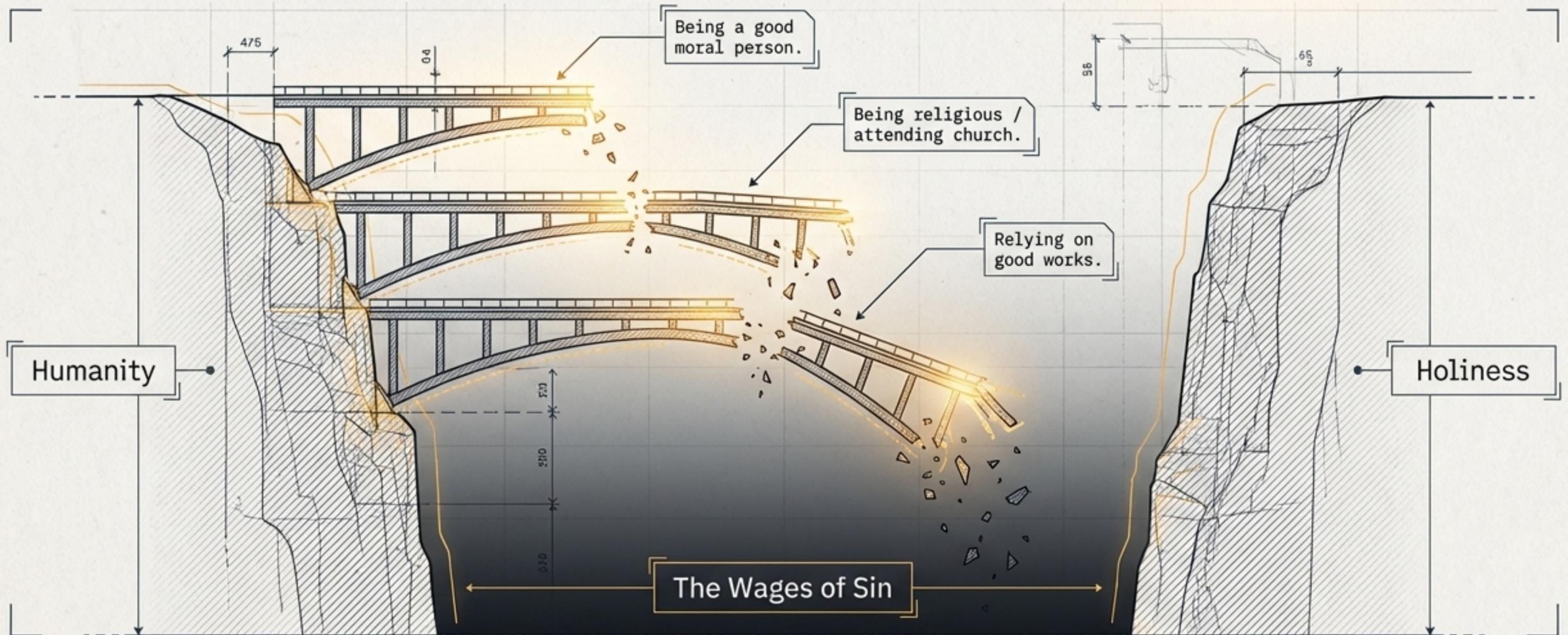
Morality, Religion, Good Works (Insufficient).

The Gift of God is eternal life.

# Insufficient Resources

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You cannot bridge the gap yourself.  
Sinful man requires a sinless bridge.

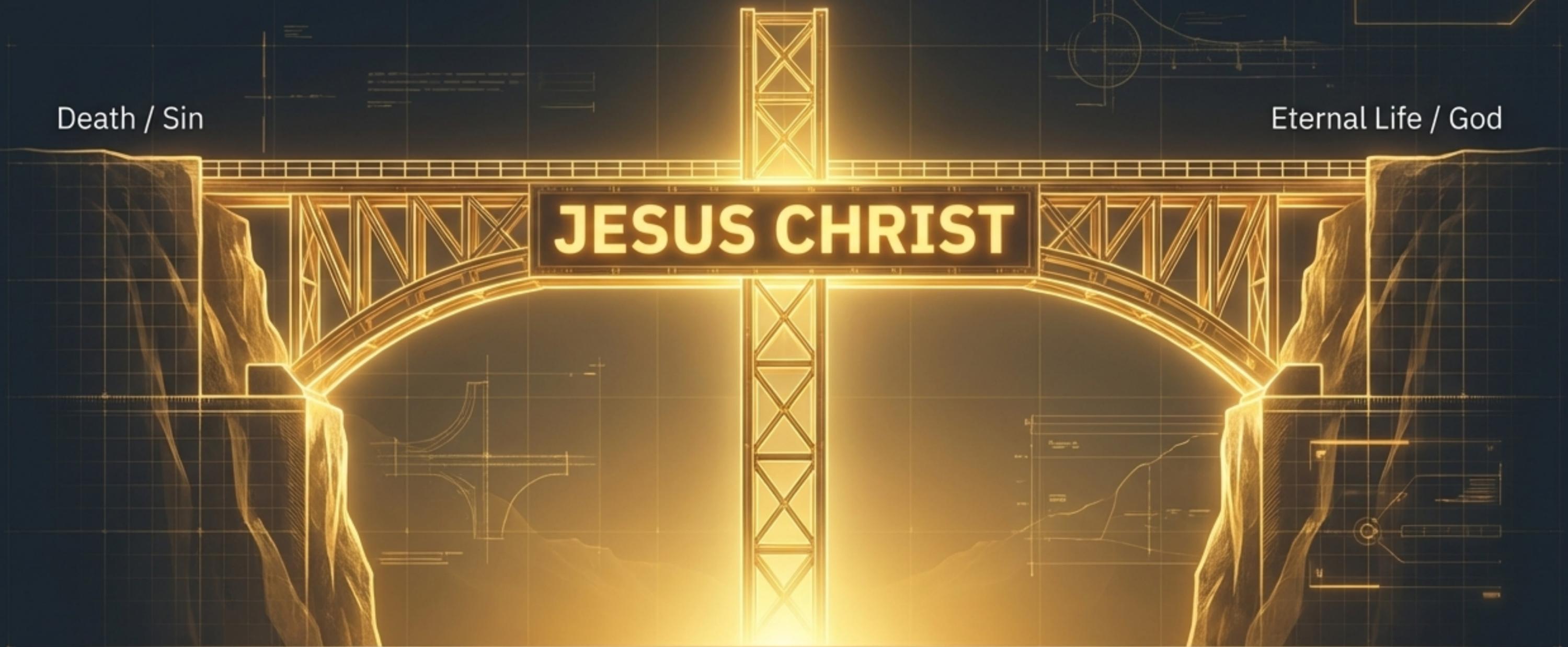


# The Ultimate Mitigation Plan

Death / Sin

Eternal Life / God

**JESUS CHRIST**



*But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us. — Romans 5:8*

## The Original Risk Management Plan

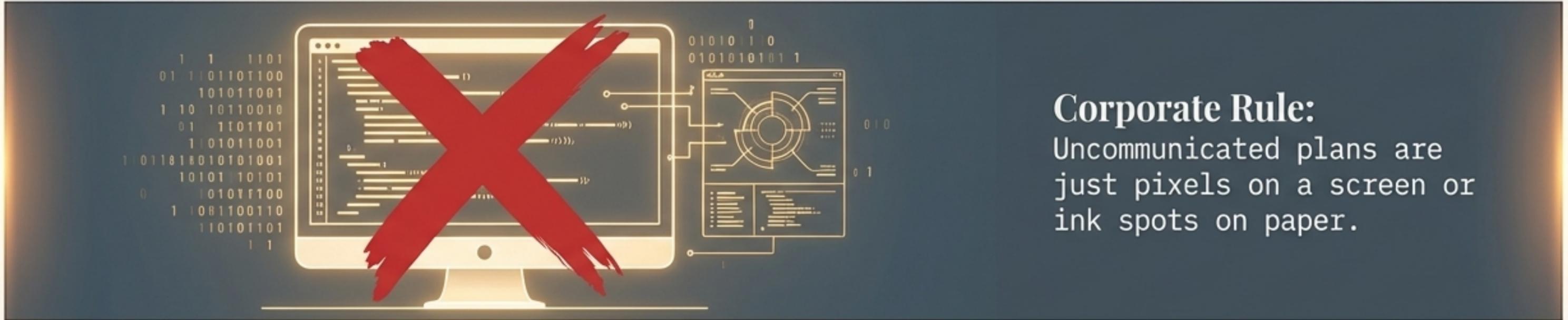
**APPROVED BEFORE  
THE FOUNDATION  
OF THE EARTH.**

A plan agreed upon by the Godhead before humanity was even created. God anticipated the risk of free will, analyzed the certainty of sin, and established the mitigation plan—Jesus—before the crisis ever occurred.

This is the ultimate 'Compassion Before'.

# The Great Commission vs. The Great Omission

The best risk management plan in the world is useless if it is not communicated.



## Corporate Rule:

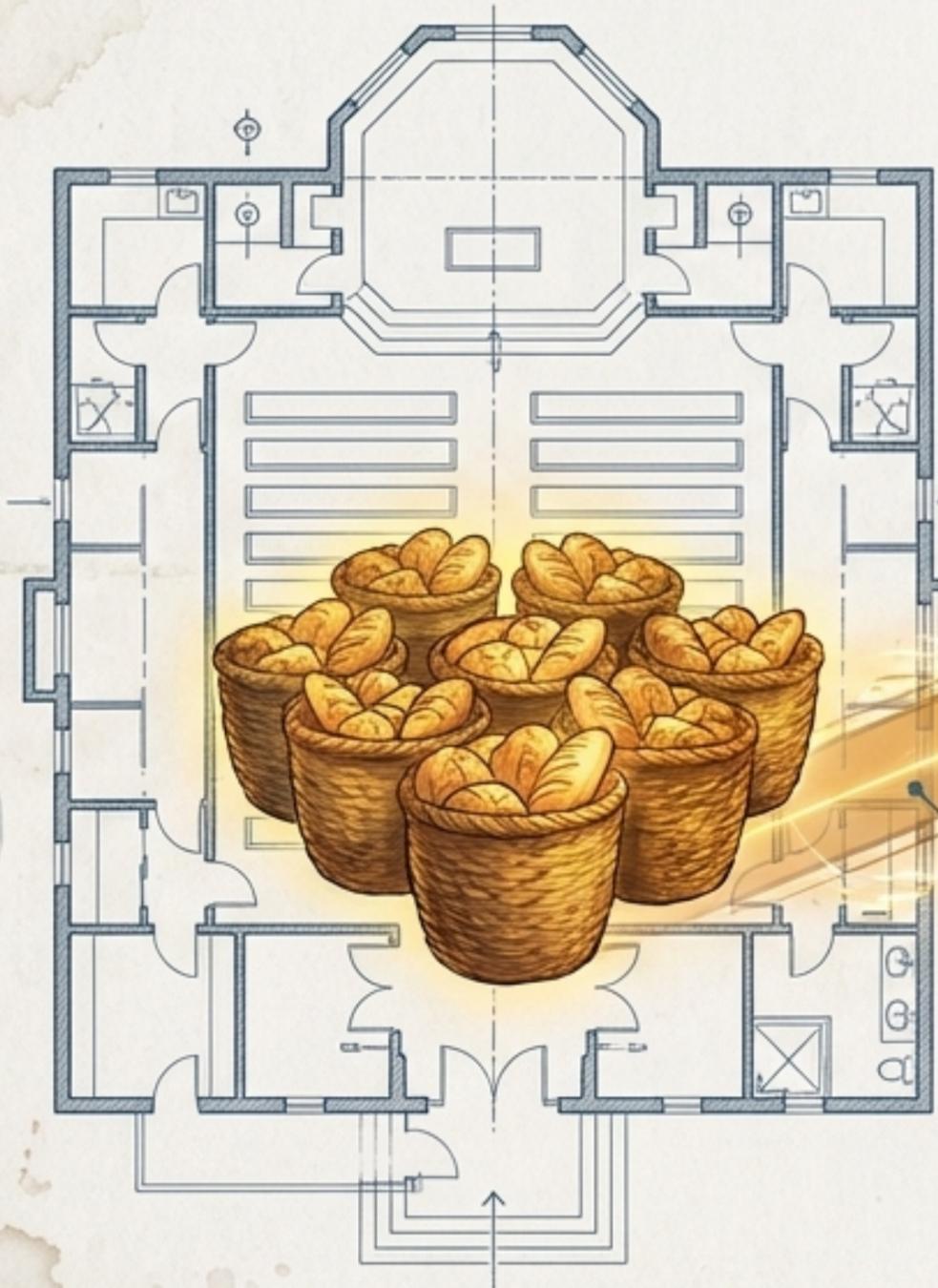
Uncommunicated plans are just pixels on a screen or ink spots on paper.



## Spiritual Reality:

How many people in your sphere of influence are walking toward a Christ-less grave because you haven't shared the Bridge with them?

# The Seven Hampers



The feeding of the multitude happened outside the sanctuary, in the wilderness.

Seven large baskets of uneaten food were gathered and taken into the community.



You cannot take the bread you receive here, put it in your pocket, and hoard it. **“Communion in action”** means leaving the building to feed the community.

# The Disciple's Execution Plan



## Acknowledge the Gap.

Live today with the future reality of eternity in mind.



## Cross the Bridge.

Accept the Gift of God (eternal life) over the wages of sin (death).



## Execute your Duty of Care.

Step into the wilderness, tell your story, and rescue those in your sphere of influence.



# Mind the Gap.

Be the bridge builder. Share Jesus.

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EXECUTE PLAN.」