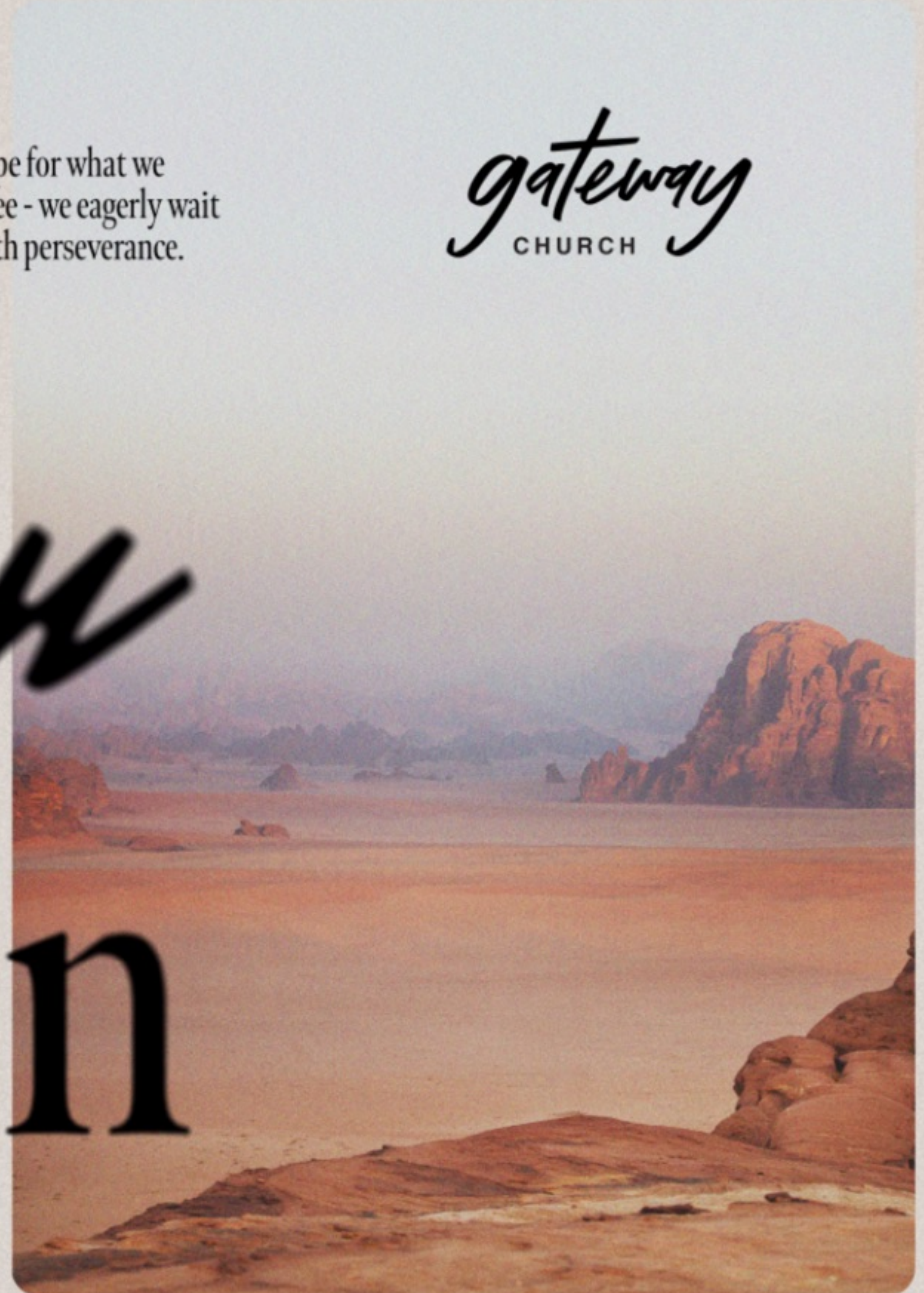


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If we hope for what we
do not see - we eagerly wait
for it with perseverance.

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The *Uncertain* In-Between



Naming the Season We're In

Israel: Free, But Unsettled

God's Provision Is Daily, Not Predictable

EXODUS 16:1-4

The whole congregation of the Israelites set out from Elim and came to the wilderness of Sin, which is between Elim and Sinai, on the fifteenth day of the second month after they had departed from the land of Egypt. The whole congregation of the Israelites complained against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness. The Israelites said to them, “If only we had died by the hand of the LORD in the land of Egypt, when we sat by the pots of meat and ate our fill of bread, for you have brought us out into this wilderness to kill this whole assembly with hunger.” Then the LORD said to Moses, “I am going to rain bread from heaven for you, and each day the people shall go out and gather enough for that day. In that way I will test them, whether they will follow my instruction or not.

PHILIPPIANS 4:11-13

Not that I am referring to being in need, for I have learned to be content with whatever I have. I know what it is to have little, and I know what it is to have plenty. In any and all circumstances I have learned the secret of being well-fed and of going hungry, of having plenty and of being in need. I can do all things through him who strengthens me.

4. The Temptation of Nostalgia

**One of the most subtle dangers in the land between
is not rebellion - it's nostalgia.**

“We sat around pots of meat and ate all the food we wanted.”

Familiar pain can feel safer than unfamiliar promise.

Comfort is not the same as calling.

4. The Temptation of Nostalgia

5. Accepting the Different Without Losing the Core

Essential vs Familiar

“When the church confuses the container for the content, it loses its flexibility - and eventually its mission”

Tim Keller

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6. Learning Contentment and Resilience

**“I have learned the secret of being content
in any and every situation”**

“...a deep rest of heart that is independent of circumstances.”

Tim Keller

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- 7. Waiting is Not Wasting**

ACTS 1:4

“Do not leave Jerusalem, but wait for the gift my Father promised...”

“The land between is where God prepares His people internally for what He intends to do externally.”

Jeff Manion

“When we get to 490, then I’ll feel settled.”

**“Learn contentment now. Anchor your hope in Me - not in a building,
not in a plan, not in predictability.”**