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*DISCERNING  
GOD'S CALL  
FOR OUR CHURCH*

**CONGREGATIONAL  
CONVERSATION # 2**





THE PLACE GOD CALLS YOU IS THE PLACE  
WHERE YOUR DEEP GLADNESS  
AND THE WORLD'S DEEP HUNGER MEET

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# Purpose of Today's Conversation:

- Building on our first FBC Ignite conversation, **DREAM** together about ways that God might use FBC to reach and serve our community

# What WE Focused on in Conversation 1



# CARROLLTON

What are the biggest needs in our community?

# First Baptist

What is taking place  
IN our church  
that should impact  
our future dreams?

# CARROLLTON

What is taking place **AROUND** us  
that should impact  
our future dreams as a church?

**Worship**

**1**



# Small Group Communities



2

# Utilization of Facilities for our Mission



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# Service to our Community



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**A Caring and  
Welcoming  
Congregation**



**5**

# Energized by Youth and Children



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# TIME FOR DISCUSSION

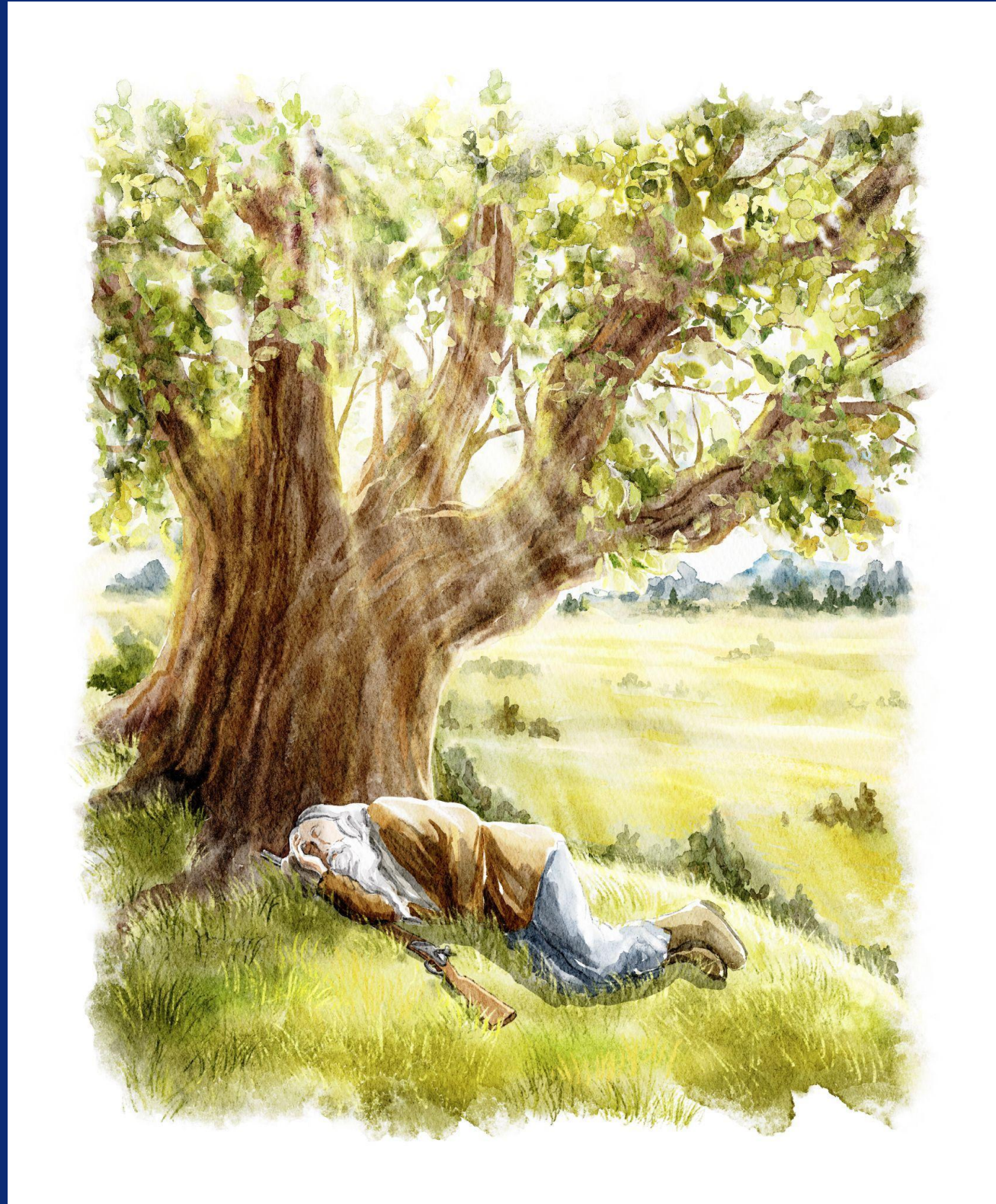
What concerns  
you from the  
previous slides?

What inspires  
you from the  
previous  
slides?

# Dreaming Together

We are not limiting you to these six values as you dream, but it will be helpful if most of the ideas we come up today with build on this information. Remember this is what WE focused on!

## Rip Van Winkle Exercise

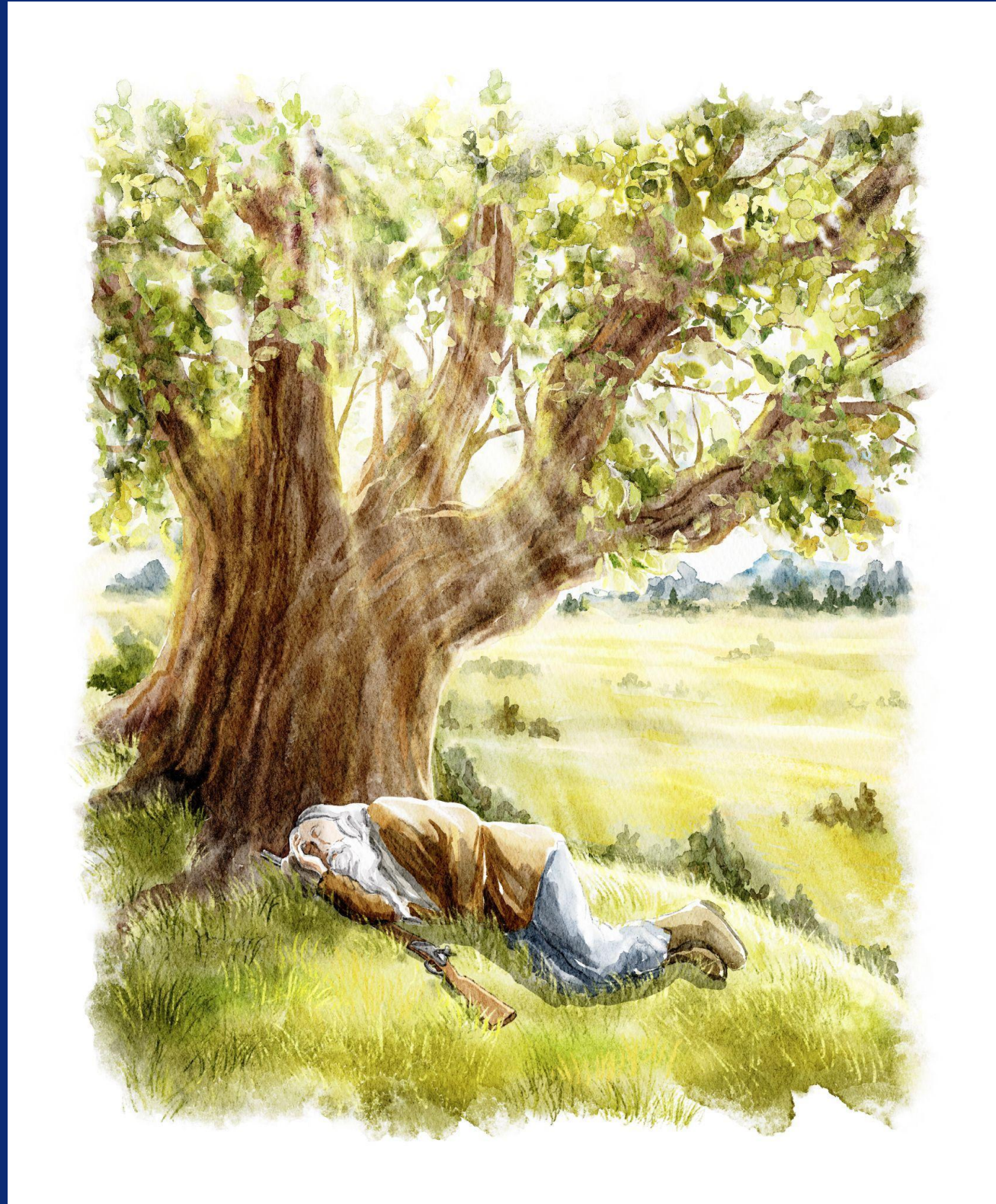


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**What is true or more true of First Baptist?**

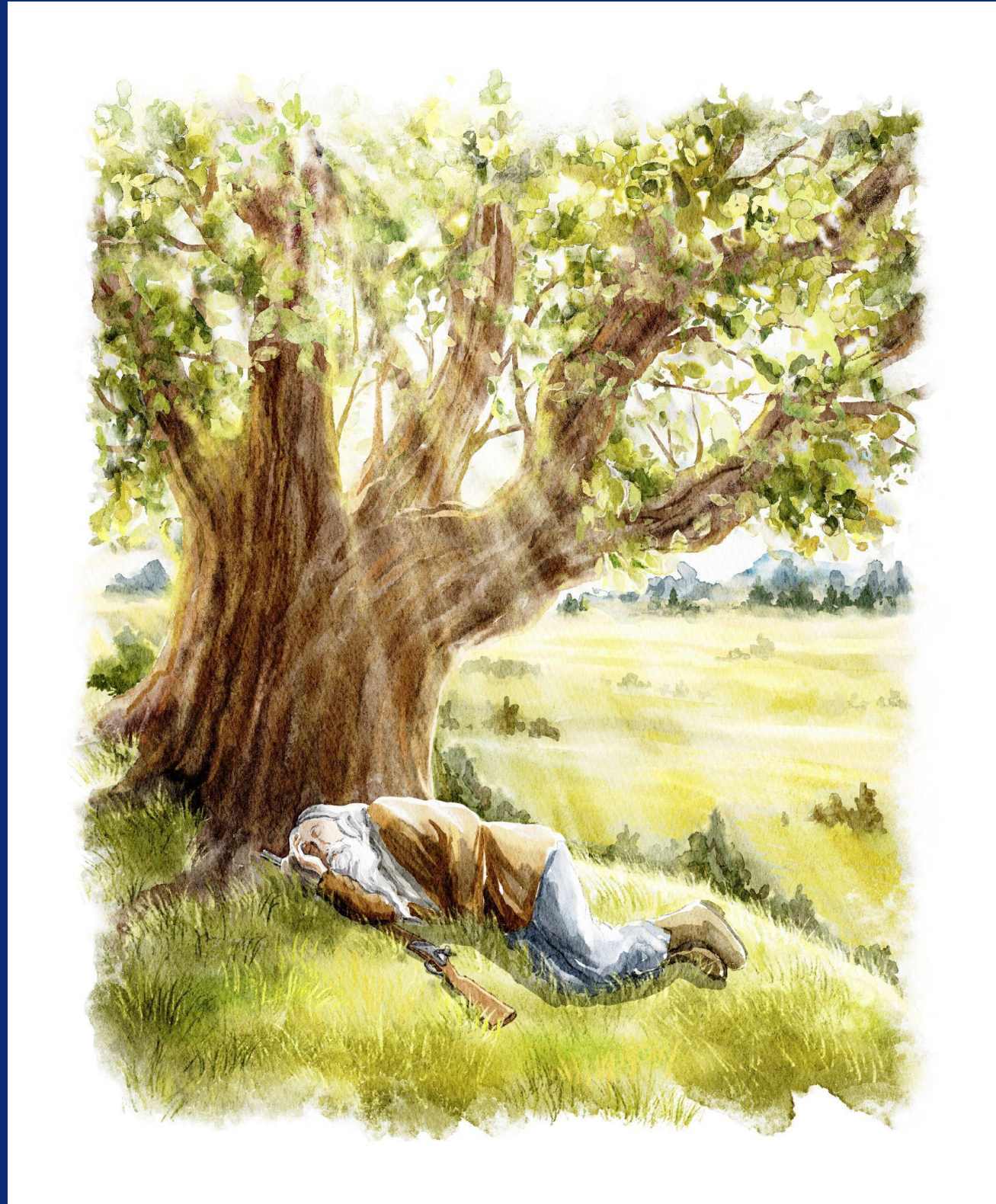


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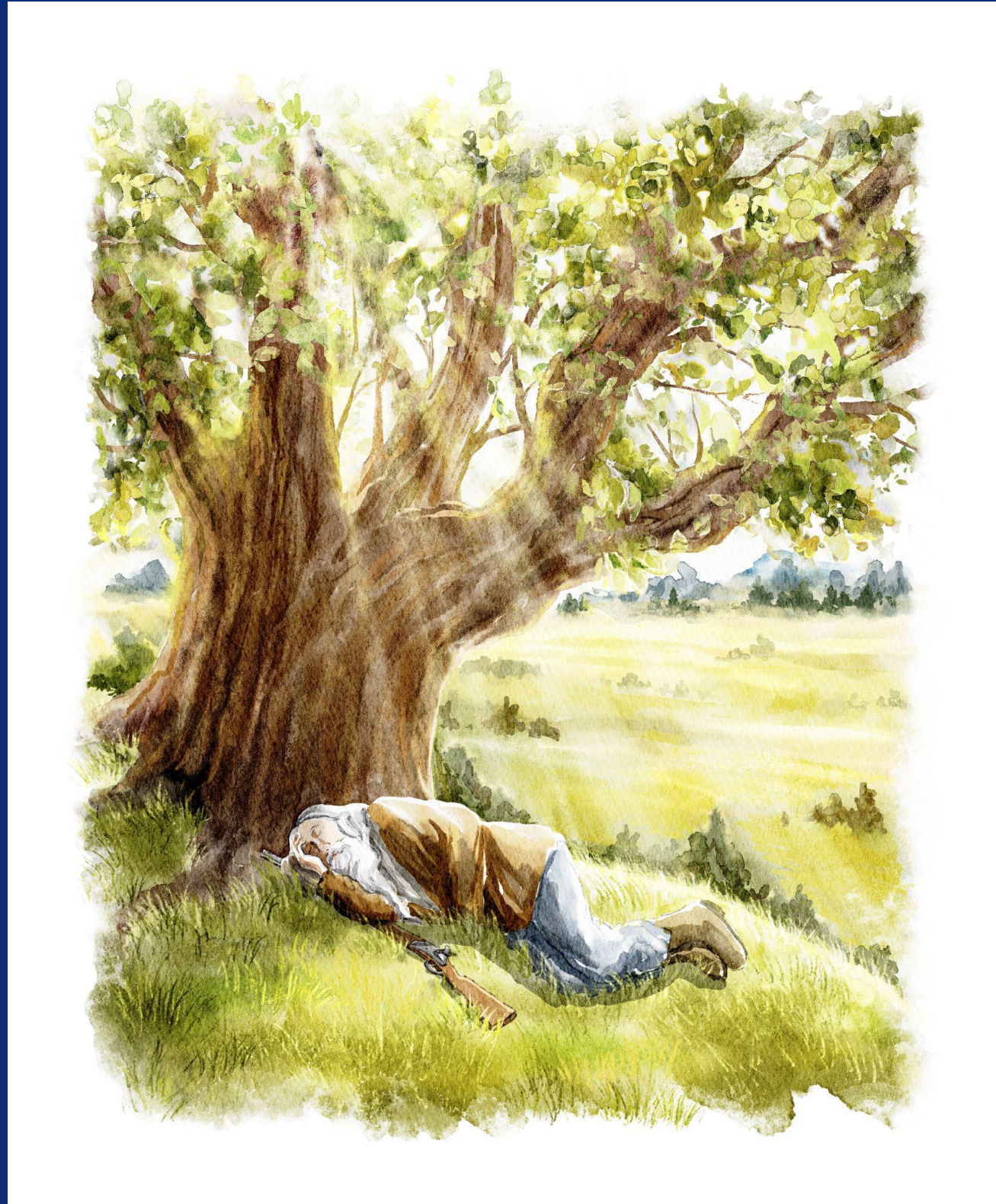
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- Dream **Transformational Dreams**
  - a dream that will not only involve something new happening but people learning and growing

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- Second Baptist Church has made a tangible impact on needy families in our part of the city. We have partnered with local organizations and learned from their expertise. The help we provide moves beyond meeting short term needs to actually helping break the cycle of poverty.

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- St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church has connected college students to God in our city. We have listened to college students, learning what is important to them and how our congregation might help. We have become a place where students can come to connect to each other, and find meaningful ways to impact the world with their passion and gifts.

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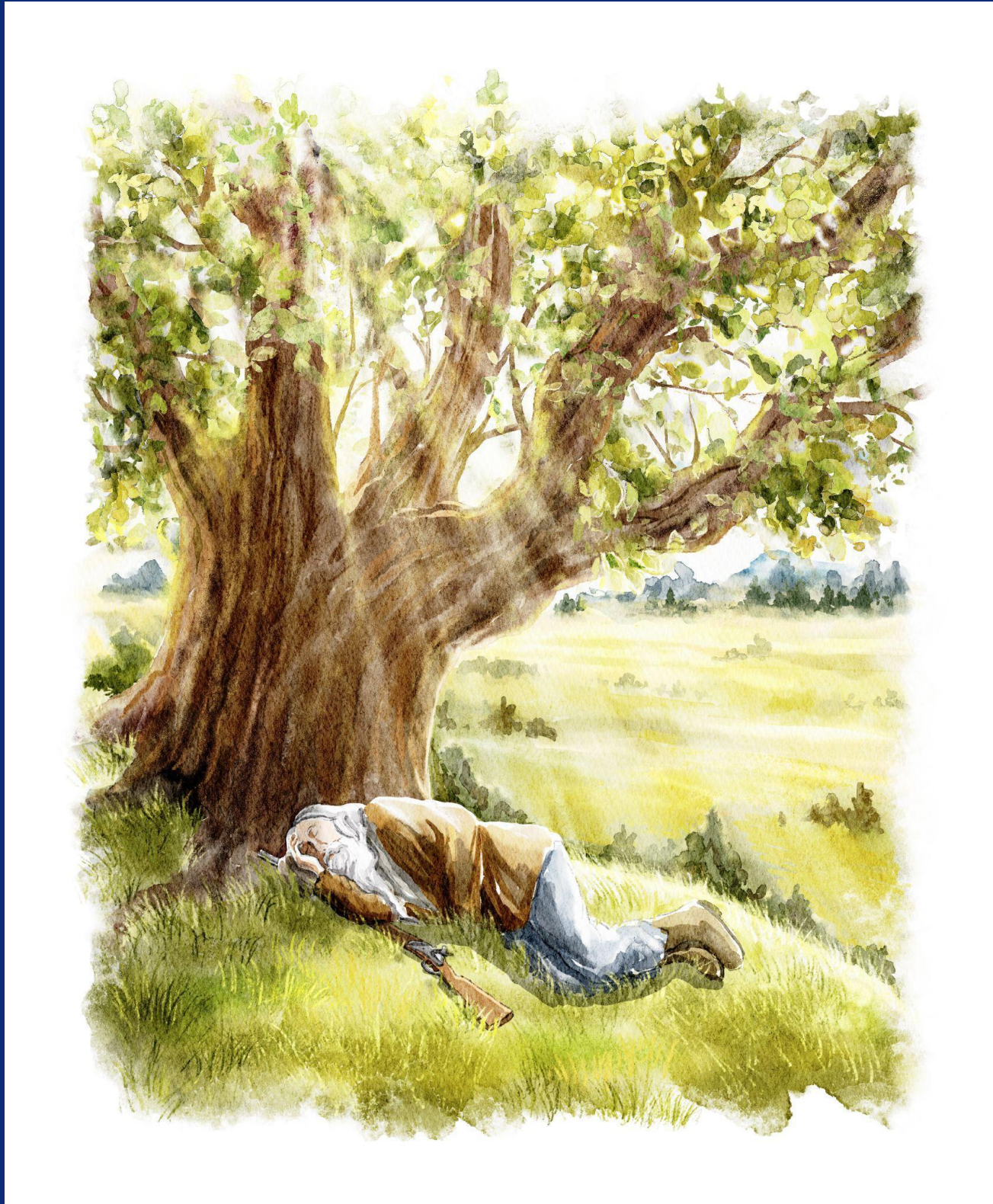
- Crievewood Methodist is a place where everyone is seen and known. We have discovered ways to connect different kinds of people with different kinds of needs. No matter what our stories or challenges may be, we welcome each other, share life with each other, and find ways to go deep with God and and each other.

# As You Write

- 3-4 Sentences
- Write as if it's already true
- Start with a big WHAT sentence
- Add a few HOW sentences
- Think God Sized Dreams
- Think Transformational Dreams
- Write as many as you want, but most should build on what we said in Conversation 1.

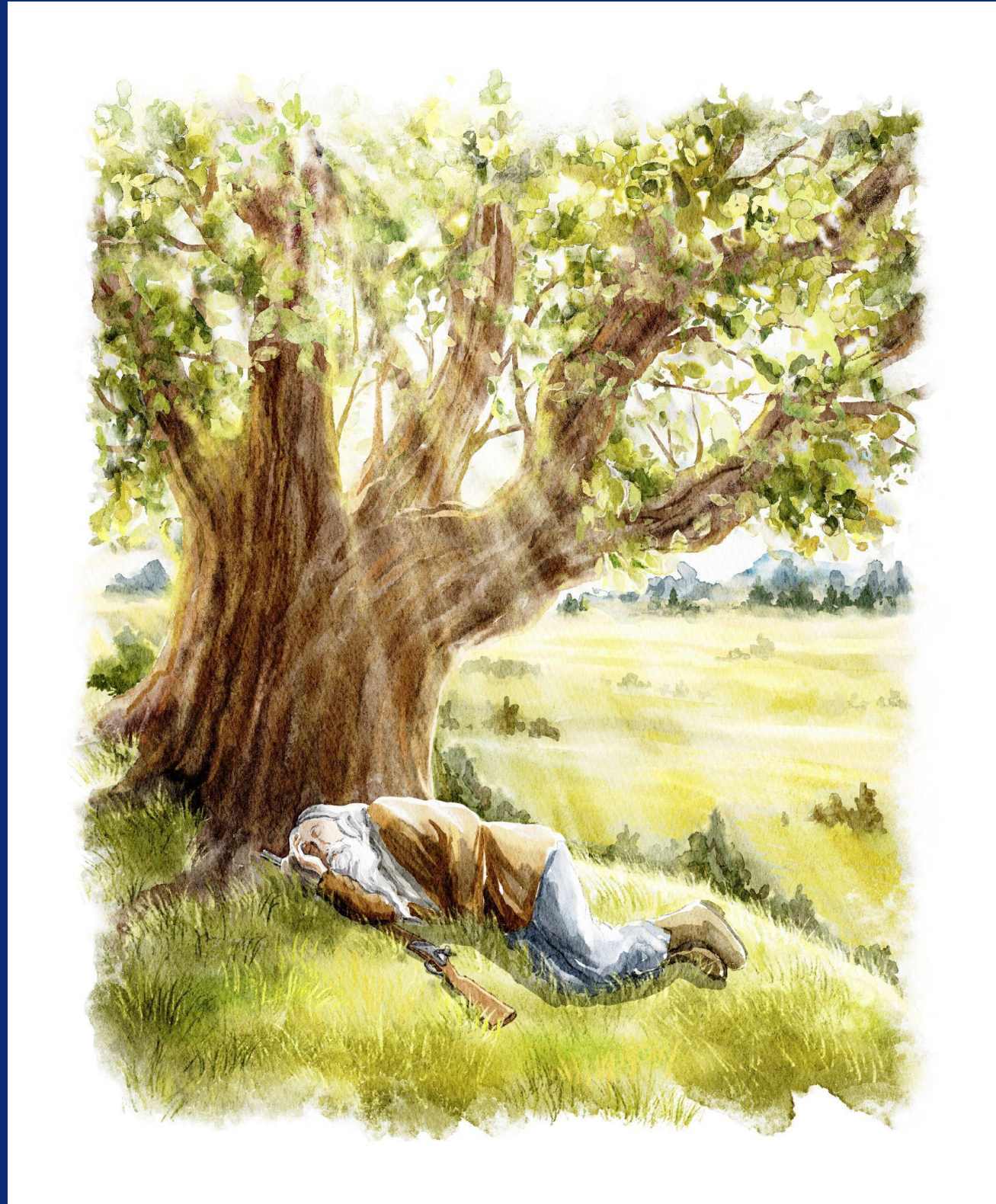


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**THANK  
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When you're done writing, simply hand in your cards to any member of the Strategic Planning Committee. Pray for us as we take the common threads in our dreams and turn them into a plan we'll bring back to you in the coming weeks!