



PREPARING FOR HARVEST

GETTING YOUR HANDS

DIRTY

IN THE FIELD

Session One

Thoughts On Caring For
People Like Jesus Did
& Surviving To Tell About It



Current Generations

Baby Boomer: Born 1946-1964 (61-79)

Generation X: Born 1965-1979 (46-60)

Millennials (Gen Y): Born 1980-1994 (31-45)

Generation Z: Born 1995-2012 (13- 30)

Gen Alpha: Born 2013-2025 (0-12)

Generation Beta: Born 2025-2039



Challenges of Gen Z

- Challenges Of Gen Z: A Low Biblical Literacy
- Only 1% Of Gen Z: Have A Biblical Worldview
- Compared To 8% Bb, 2% Gen X, 4%
- Lack Of Traditional Values-
- Little Teaching About Values From Parents; Religion Was Not A Priority
- They Know Little And Don't Like What They Know



Challenges of Gen Z

Have Difficulty With Authority Structures

Concepts Of Sexual Norms

Hunger For Identity, Purpose, And Belonging

Adapted from Gospel
Coalition INC

When Gen Z comes to church

- #1 Leaders Vet & Educate
 - Know Who And Where
 - Sign In/ Check Out
 - Adult Ratio - Virginia
 - Any Meetings: 1/12
 - Need At Least 3 Over 10
 - Overnight: 1/8 Need At Least 3

When Gen Z comes to church

OVERNIGHTERS

- 8 Or More Kids Need 3 Adults, Then 1/8
- • Keep Rooms Together
- • Male/Female Kids Rooms (Options)
- • Adults Separate But In The Middle W/ Checks
- Every 2 Hrs (1-2 Adults)
- Block Tv, Internet, Phones In A Bin By The Door



When Gen Z comes to Church

COMMUNICATION

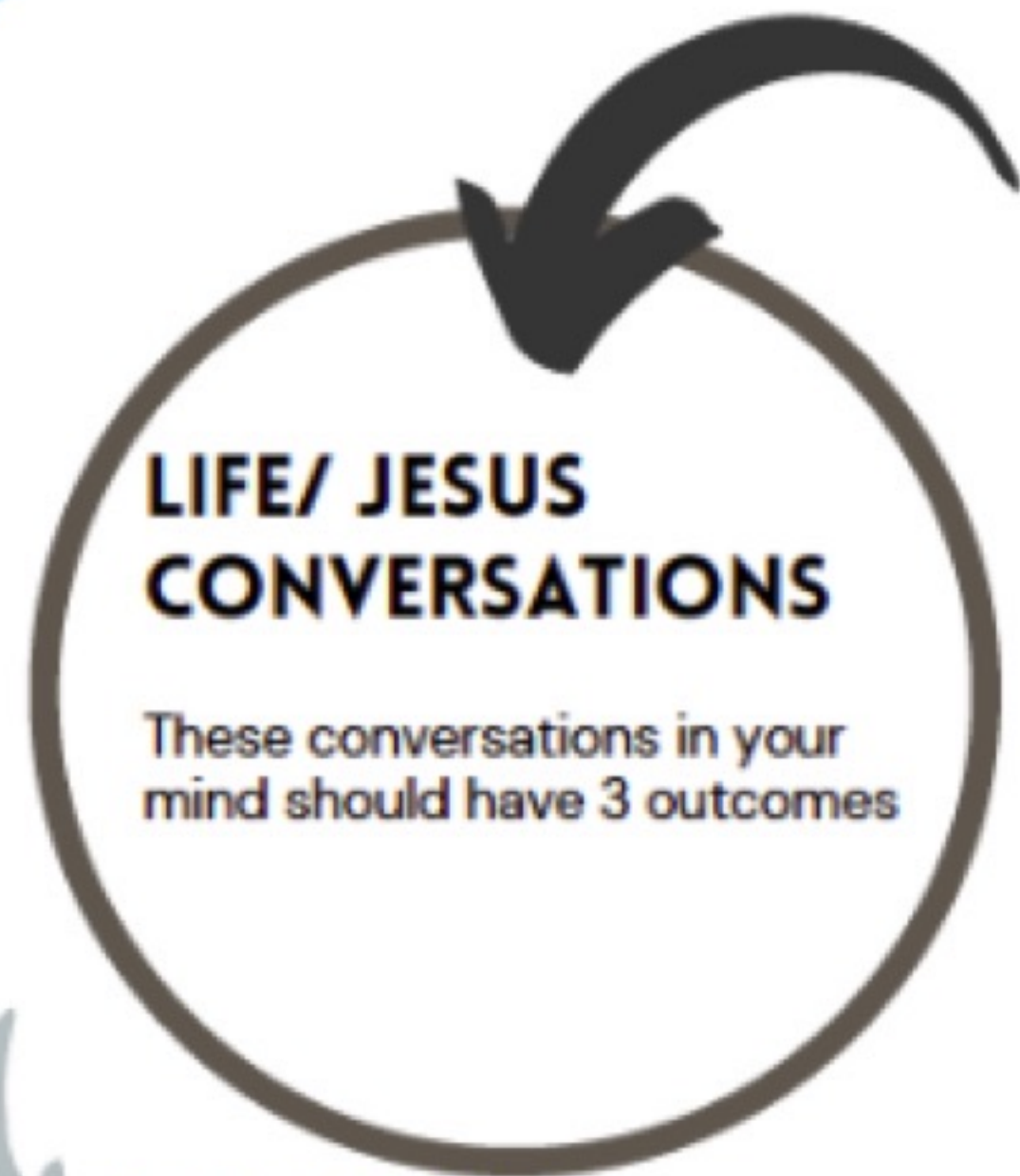
- Group Texts, Include Parents -
Consider A Youth Chat
- In Person - 2 People/A Room With Others
 - Confidentiality - Not Really
 - Appropriate Dress

Session Two



Community Awareness

Overcoming The Anxiety Of Ministering



1. PRAYER

Whether we are rejoicing with others or helping them navigate a tough time prayer is important.

Bridge:

Fallback:

2. INVITE

Believers are often seem as isolated, we want to be known as inviting and gracious.

Bridge:

Fallback:

3. STORY/ TESTIMONY

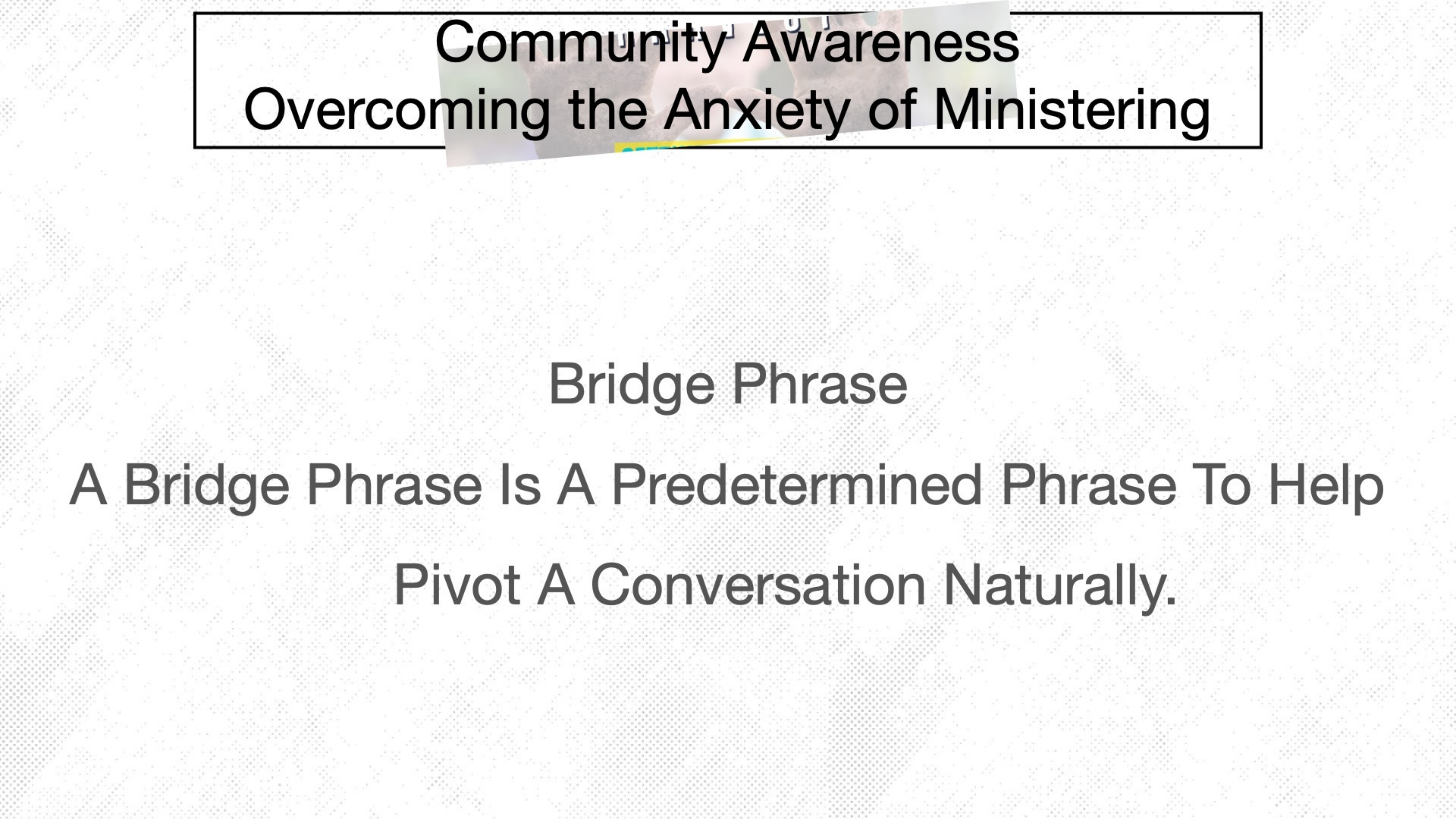
Conversations always revolve around stories, we should allow stories of how Jesus has changed us to be a part.

Bridge:

Fallback:

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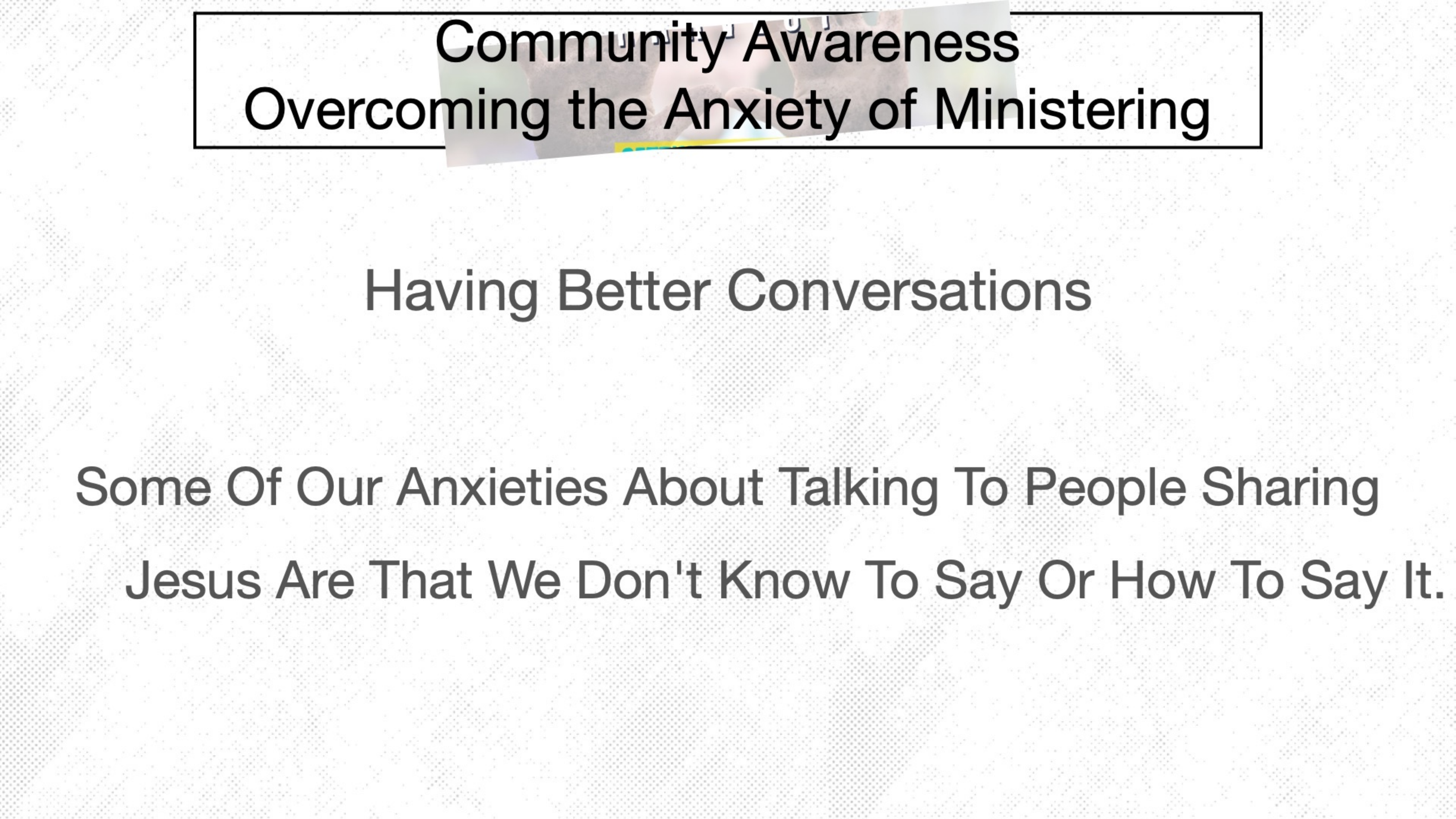
FALLBACK PHRASES A fallback phrase is a prepared phrase for when things do not go the way that you hoped.



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“Ministry In Our Community Is About Connecting And Loving People Like Jesus In Real-Time”



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Having Better Conversations

Some Of Our Anxieties About Talking To People Sharing
Jesus Are That We Don't Know To Say Or How To Say It.

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1. Normal Conversations

These Are Normal Life Conversations, Sports, Weather, Work, Etc. The Key In These Moments Is *Not To Force Conversations* To Be *Unnecessarily Spiritual*. While Also Understanding That Listening Intently Is The Key To *Earning Credibility* With People. The Key Phrase In This Section Is *“Relational Equity”*

(Relational Equity Earning Trust To Speak Into Someone's Life)

2. Jesus Conversations.

These Are Conversations Where People Talk About *Life Circumstances*. Struggles, Pains, Questions, Issues. Here, There Is *A Chance For Jesus To Be A Part*. Before We Get Into The Practical Tools Of How To Pivot A Conversation Towards Faith, We Have To First Get Good At *Recognizing The Opportunities* To Do So.

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Prayer

Story

Invitation

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Conversation Outcomes :

A. Prayer - The Most Common Outcome That We Seek.

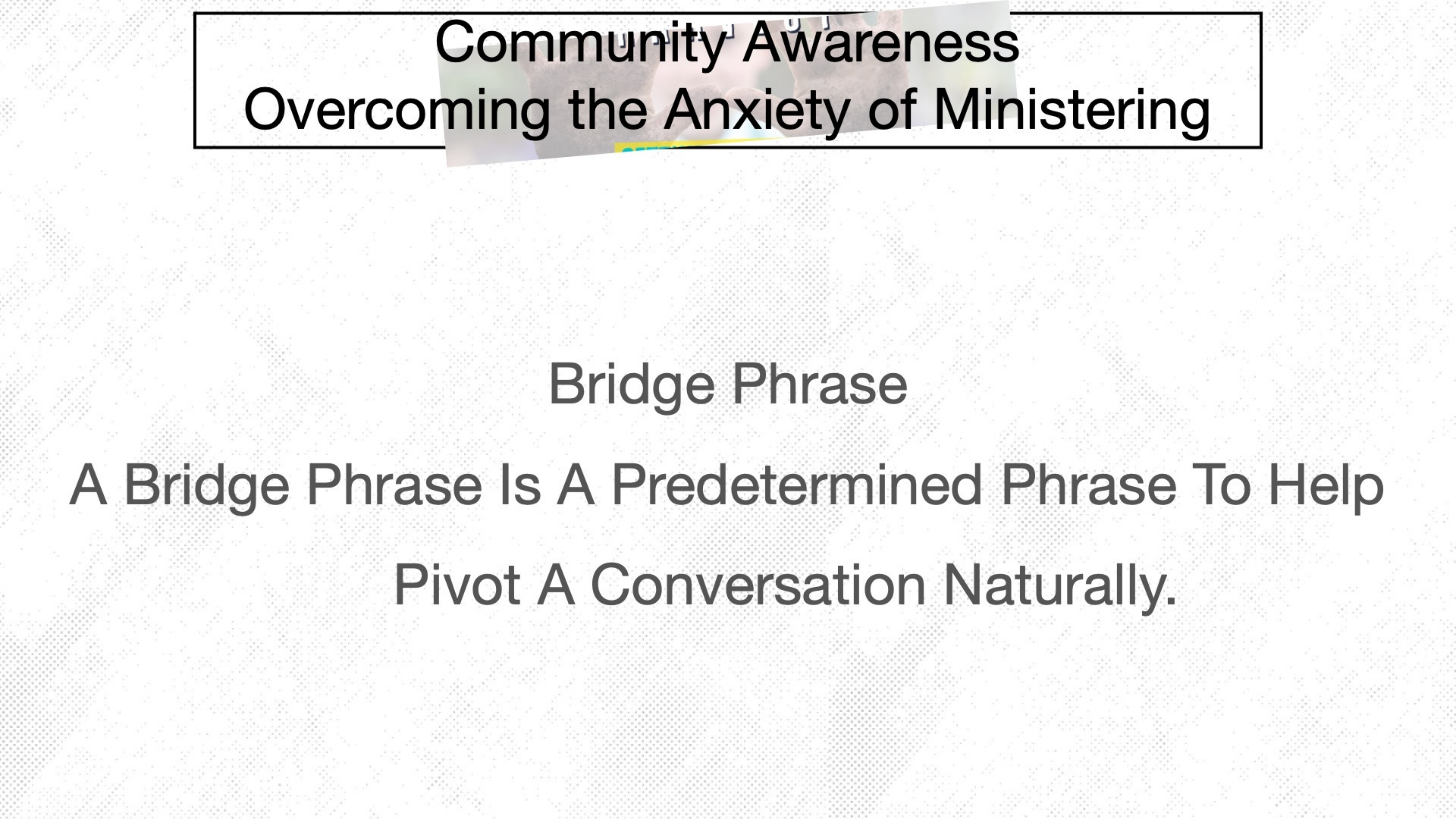
- > Whether We Are Rejoicing With Others Or Helping Them Navigate A Tough Time, Prayer Is Important.**

B. Stories - Help The Conversation Flow | Remember - Be Careful Not To Talk Too Much

- > Conversations Always Revolve Around Stories, We Should Use Stories Of How Jesus Has Changed Us.**

C. Invitations - Invitation Is A Lost Art And Is Easy To Do When We Set Our Minds To It.

- > Believers Are Often Seem As Isolated, We Want To Be Known As Inviting And Gracious.**



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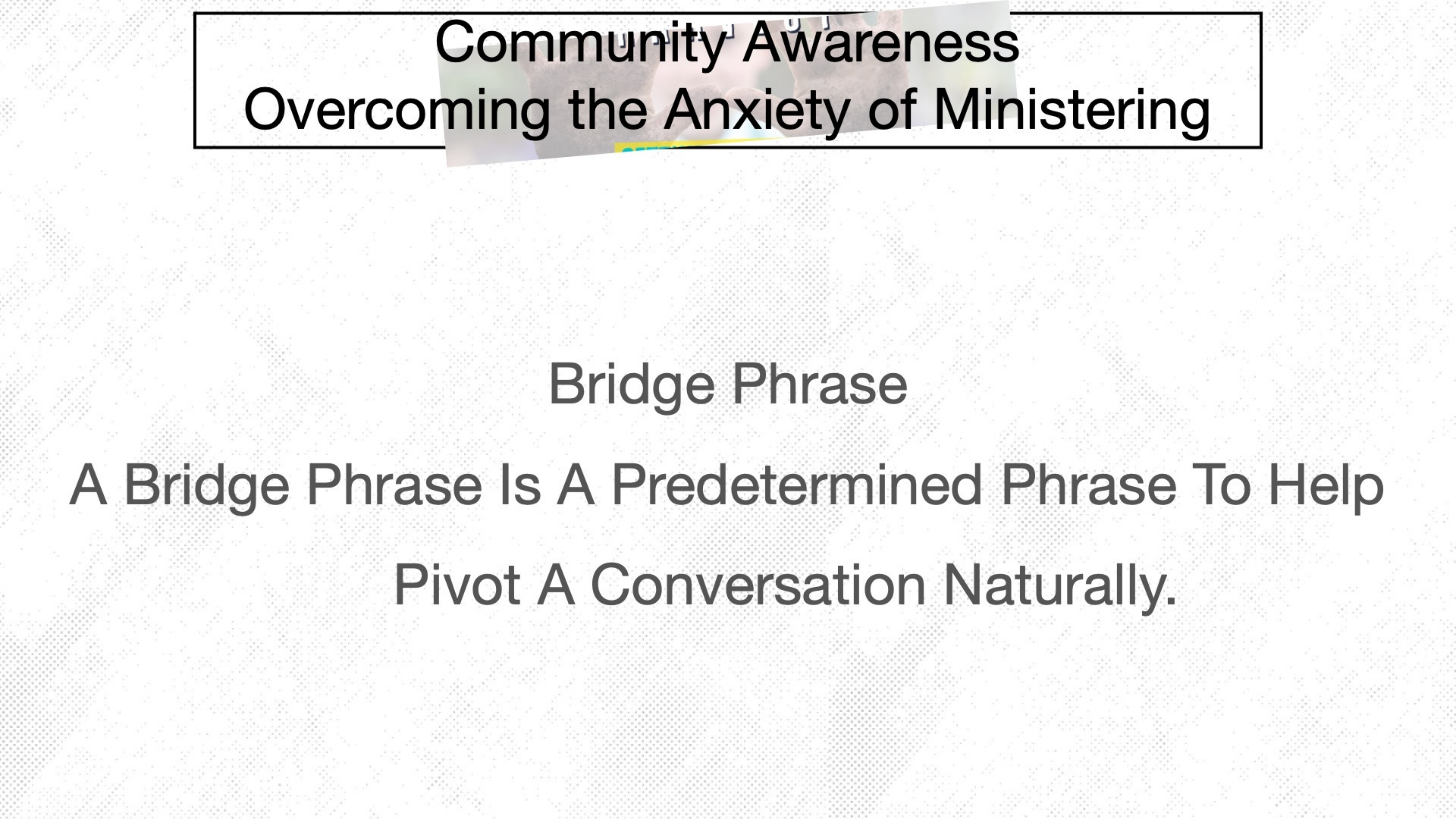
We Get To Participate With The Holy Spirit, To Work In
People's Lives.

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How We Get A Conversation From A Jesus Moment To A Final Point Of Prayer, Invitation, Or Story Is Through Our Bridge And Fallback Phrases.

If You Work On Them And Know Where You Want To Go It Allows You To Not Have To Be Creative And Courageous At The Same Time.



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**Sidenote: This Is Not Manipulation;
It Is Intentionality!**

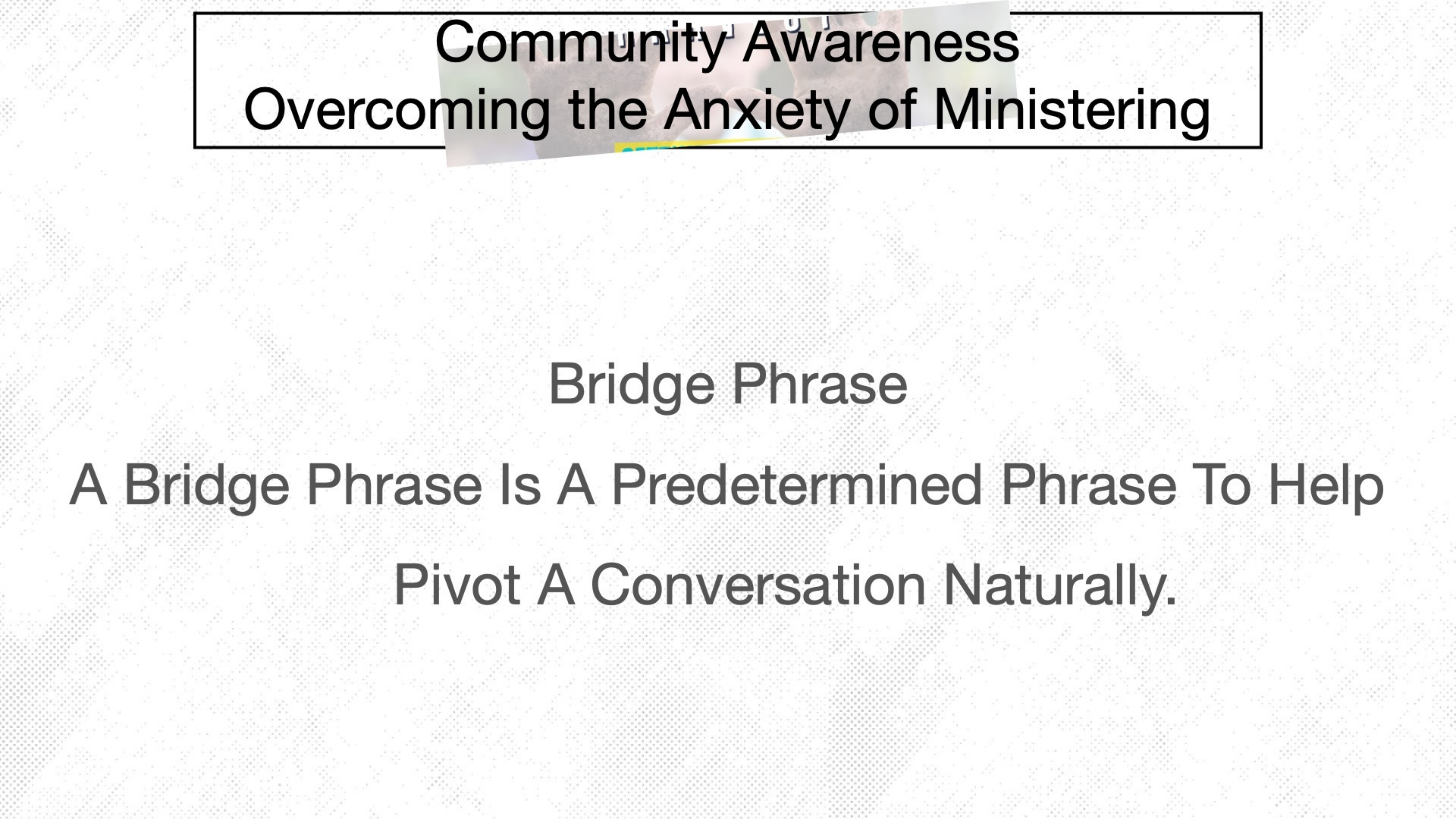
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Note: Not Every Conversation Goes The Way Mine Went, That's Why Being Prepared Is Important: We Are Not Taken Off Guard. (Prepared In Season And Out(

2 Timothy 4:2-5 New International Version (Niv)

Preach The Word; Be Prepared In Season And Out Of Season; Correct, Rebuke And Encourage—With Great Patience And Careful Instruction.



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Bridge Phrase

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Pivot A Conversation Naturally.

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Fallback Phrase

A Fallback Phrase Is A Prepared Phrase For When Things Do Not Go The Way That You Hoped.

Session Two Part 2



Valuing People Who
Frustrate You



Valuing People who Frustrate You

- Humility
- Find Their Gifts & Encourage Them
- Balance Emotional Giving & Boundaries



Valuing People who Frustrate You

Dealing With Different

- Like Is Easy, Different Is Not [Harlem Hussy]
 - Anxieties
 - Mental Health Issues



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Dealing With Different

- Exposure
- Trying To Get People To “Fit The Mold”
- Jesus Always Meets People Where They Are