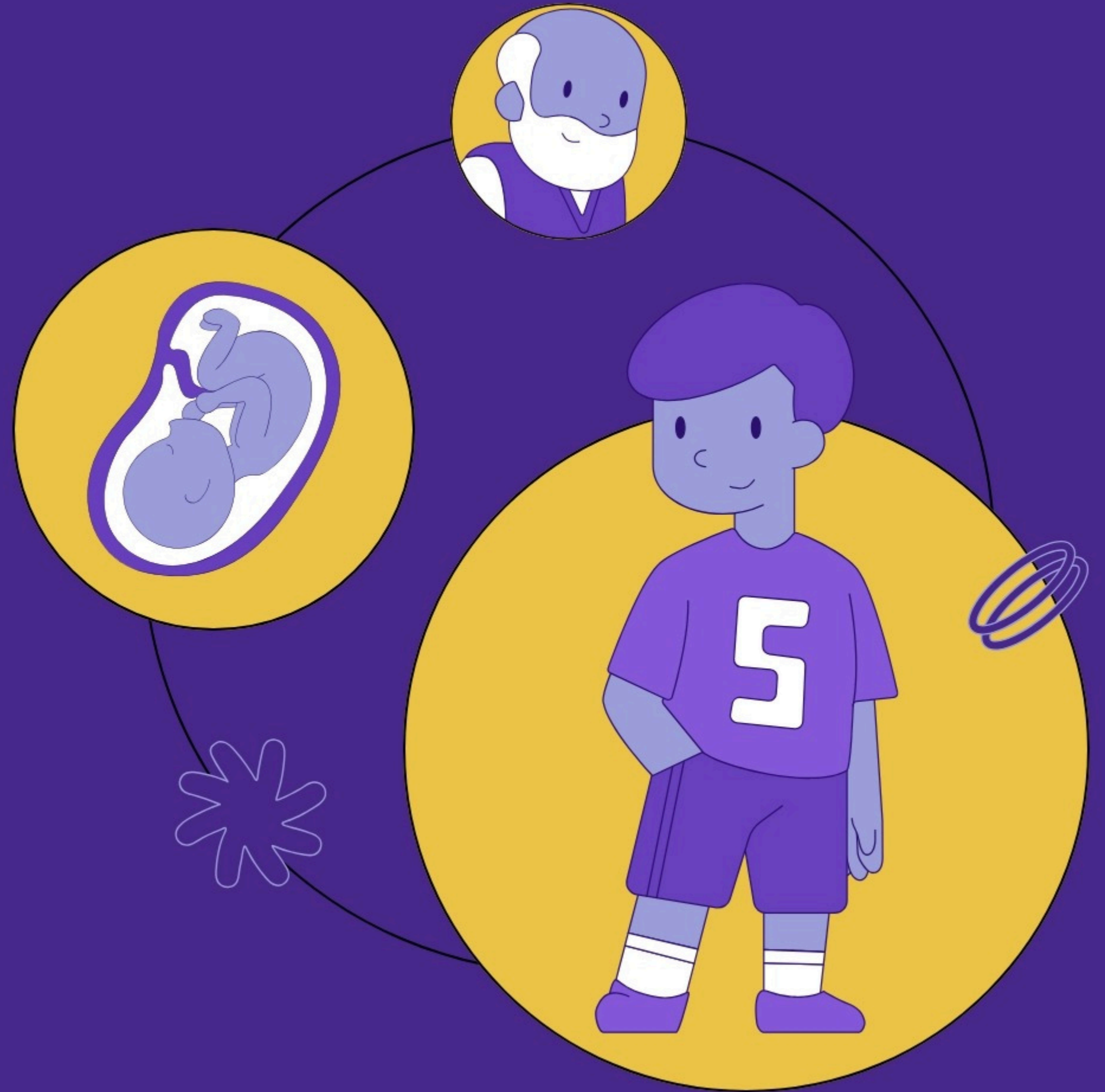


The Aging Church:

The Aches and Pains in the
Body



God is asking us

Not to fear.



James 3:17

" But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, open to reason, full of mercy and good fruits, impartial and sincere. "



Acts 2:1-4

2 When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. 2 Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting.

3 They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them. 4 All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues[a] as the Spirit enabled them.

Ephesians 2:10

**“For we are God’s handiwork, created
in Christ Jesus to do good works,
which God prepared in advance for us
to do.”**



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and pains of an aging church,
We must value

#2 Courage



**We're suffering the aches and pains of
a church
That is aging
Because we won't acknowledge 3
things:**

#1 Youth

#2 Courage

#3 Wisdom



She said,

"God told me to
preach."

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Youth, Courage, Wisdom





I Corinthians

12: 7-11

7 Now to each one the manifestation of the Spirit is given for the common good. 8 To one there is given through the Spirit a message of wisdom, to another a message of knowledge by means of the same Spirit, 9 to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by that one Spirit,

10 to another miraculous powers, to another prophecy, to another distinguishing between spirits, to another speaking in different kinds of tongues,[a] and to still another the interpretation of tongues.[b] 11 All these are the work of one and the same Spirit, and he distributes them to each one, just as he determines.

There is work to do, Church

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