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ACTS 6:1-7 NIV

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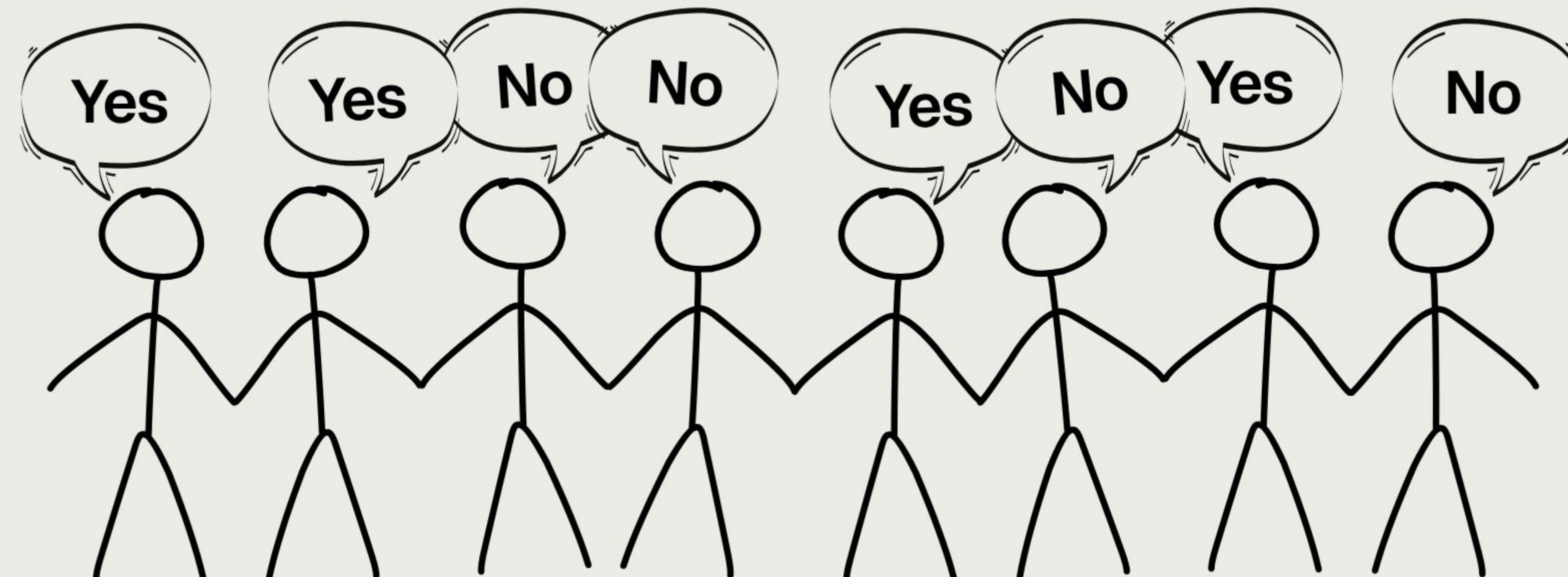
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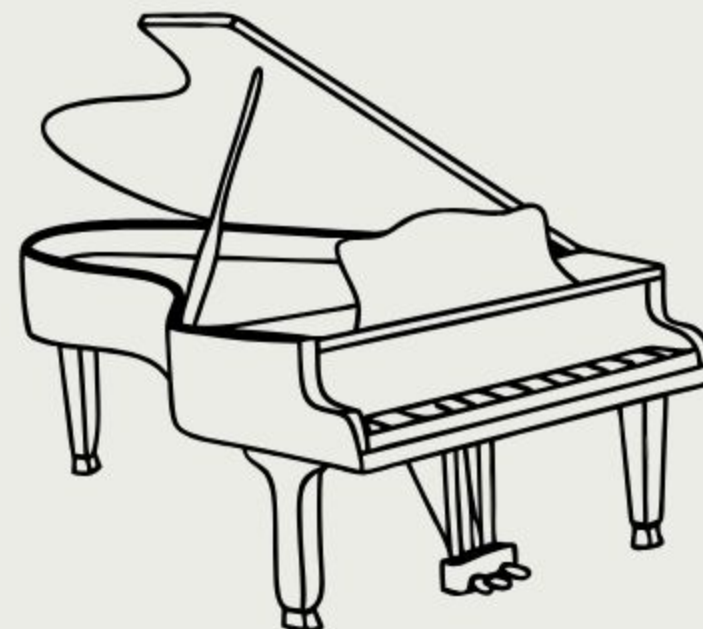
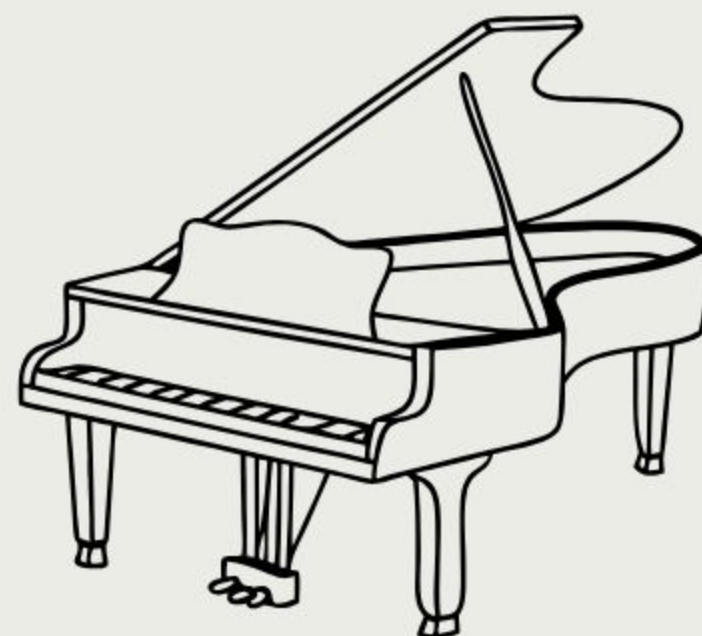
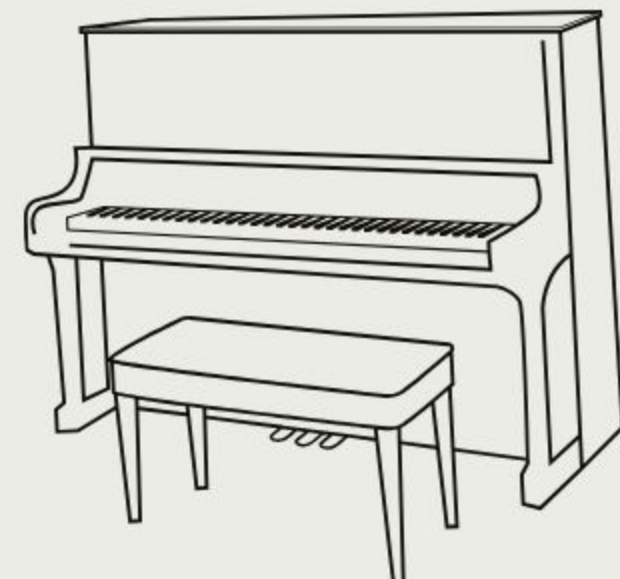
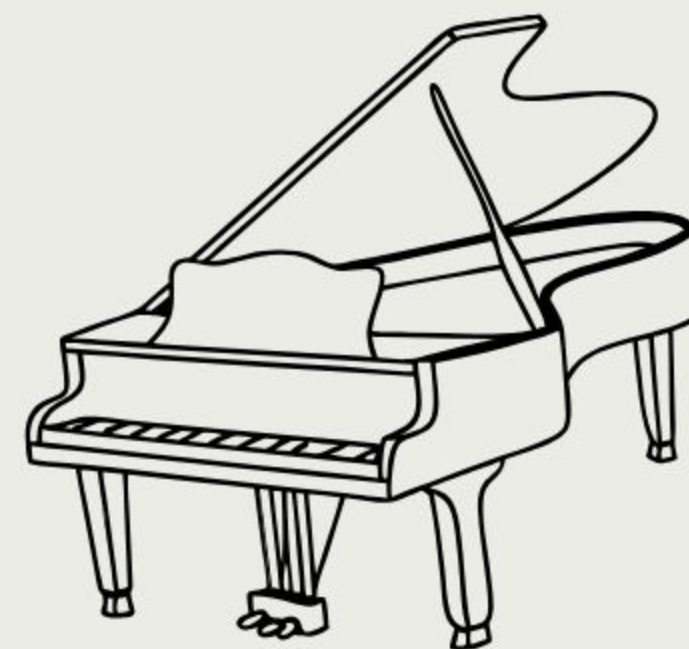
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All the believers were one in heart and mind.

ACTS 4:32A NIV

“My prayer is not for them alone. I pray also for those who will believe in me through their message,²¹ that all of them may be one, Father, just as you are in me and I am in you. May they also be in us so that the world may believe that you have sent me.²² I have given them the glory that you gave me, that they may be one as we are one—²³ I in them and you in me—so that they may be brought to complete unity. Then the world will know that you sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me.”

JOHN 17:20-23 NIV





So the Twelve gathered all the disciples together and said, “It would not be right for us to neglect the ministry of the word of God in order to wait on tables.”

ACTS 6:2 NIV



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ACTS 6:3-4 NIV

DILEMMA PROGRESS PROBLEM PRIORITIES **PLAN**

**Administrative changes to their
structure didn't alter their vision.**

Here is a trustworthy saying: Whoever aspires to be an overseer desires a noble task. ² Now the overseer is to be above reproach, faithful to his wife, temperate, self-controlled, respectable, hospitable, able to teach, ³ not given to drunkenness, not violent but gentle, not quarrelsome, not a lover of money. ⁴ He must manage his own family well and see that his children obey him, and he must do so in a manner worthy of full respect.

1 TIMOTHY 3:1-7 NIV

⁵ (If anyone does not know how to manage his own family, how can he take care of God's church?) ⁶ He must not be a recent convert, or he may become conceited and fall under the same judgment as the devil. ⁷ He must also have a good reputation with outsiders, so that he will not fall into disgrace and into the devil's trap.

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ACTS 6:5 NIV

DILEMMA PROGRESS PROBLEM PRIORITIES PLAN **PLEASING PROPOSAL**

Ministry Pioneers

DILEMMA PROGRESS PROBLEM PRIORITIES PLAN PLEASING PROPOSAL **PRAYERFUL COMMISSIONING**

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ACTS 6:6 NIV



So the word of God spread. The number of disciples in Jerusalem increased rapidly, and a large number of priests became obedient to the faith.

ACTS 6:7 NIV



LESSONS FROM A

Growing Church

- + Give priority to God's Word
- + Create functional structures that facilitate growth
- + Equip and empower spiritual leaders
- + Understand the importance of community
- + Rely on the empowering presence of the Holy Spirit
- + Pray



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