

Strength Without Centralization

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Session 7

Humility That Keeps the Weight Shared



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A stewarded Ekklesia Assembly practices humility so that authority remains shared, correction remains possible, and Christ remains visibly central.

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Summoning Christ's Ekklesia  
From Where We Are,  
to Where We're Called to Be



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Humility is what keeps strength from settling in one place.  
So, before we move any further, we need to pause  
and ask a deeper question:  
Not just what humility looks like...  
but how the Ekklesia actually becomes this kind of people.  
Because if we misunderstand that,  
we will unintentionally try to build humility through pressure...  
instead of allowing it to grow from life.





*A Different Kind of Revival*

A man wearing a hat and a dark jacket is plowing a field with two oxen. The scene is set at sunrise, with the sun low on the horizon, casting a warm, golden glow over the landscape. The sky is filled with soft, wispy clouds. In the background, there are rolling hills and mountains, some shrouded in a light mist. The field is a mix of green and brown, suggesting it's been recently plowed. The overall mood is peaceful and contemplative.

**And this is where many of us have learned to expect change to come through pressure.**

**It is sudden.**

**It is overwhelming.**

**It feels like something that must break through by force.**

**But Scripture gives us another picture.**

**In Amos, God says:**

*“The days are coming...  
when the plowman will overtake the reaper...”*

**This is not pressure.**

**This is restoration.**

**The ground has been so deeply healed  
that fruitfulness is no longer strained.**

**What once resisted  
now responds.**

**Not because it was overpowered...  
but because it was restored.**

**And this matters for us.**

**Because humility  
cannot be sustained by pressure.**

**It has to grow from something deeper.**

**God is not looking for ways to bypass the human heart.**

**He is committed to healing it.**

**And when that happens—**

**Life begins to flow again.**

**The plowman overtakes the reaper**

**not because people are driven...**

**but because the ground no longer fights the seed.**

**This is not revival as interruption.**

**This is revival as restoration of design.**

**And this is where everything comes into focus.**

**What Amos describes as a restored landscape...**

**Jesus fulfills within a restored people.**

**He does not force humility—**

**He reveals the Father.”**

**And in seeing Him clearly—**

**The heart begins to change.**

Not overridden.

Reoriented.

Not controlled.

Formed.

And what once resisted

begins to yield.

And this is where humility begins.

And as that life begins to take shape among us,  
responsibility deepens—and humility must deepen with it.

But not as something we strive to produce—  
as something that grows from a life that has been restored.

Integrity guards alignment.

Humility keeps alignment relational rather than rigid.

Without humility, integrity begins to harden into rigidity.

Stewardship tightens.

Leadership grows fragile.

The more responsibility an Assembly carries, the more subtle the temptation becomes to protect what has been built.

Protect reputation.

Protect influence.

Protect momentum.

Protect authority.

Protection is not wrong.

But without humility, it quietly becomes self-preservation—and shared stewardship begins to narrow.

Humility does not weaken authority.

It keeps authority trustworthy—  
leadership accessible,  
correction welcome,  
and Christ at the center rather than personalities.

If integrity is the spine, humility is the posture.  
And posture determines whether weight distorts or refines.



**Humility Within Shared Life**

**From the beginning, the Ekklesia Assembly was never meant to be sustained by one dominant voice.**

In Acts 13, when the Spirit speaks in Antioch, the text names multiple prophets and teachers.

The Spirit speaks “while they were worshiping”—not through a single isolated figure, but within a gathered leadership.

Shared responsibility was not accidental.  
It was protective.

Humility makes that kind of distributed weight possible.

Because it requires listening, yielding preference, and resisting the instinct to resolve tension quickly by consolidating authority.

Romans 12:3 says,

“Do not think of yourself more highly than you ought,  
but think with sober judgment.”

Sober judgment is not self-diminishment.  
It is accurate self-placement.  
And in the Assembly, that kind of clarity keeps the weight from settling on one place.  
No one voice carries the whole.  
No one perspective sees everything.  
No one leader embodies the full expression of Christ.

## Not All Humility Is Actually Humility

We can appear humble without actually being humble.

It is possible to speak gently and still resist correction.

It is possible to step back and still protect yourself from being seen.

It is possible to use soft language while remaining internally guarded.

And it is possible to appear low without ever becoming open.





This Is Where Discernment Matters

Because humility is not defined by tone. It is not measured by volume.

And it is not proven by outward restraint.

Humility is revealed in how we respond when we are seen clearly.

False humility often looks like:  
minimizing yourself to avoid  
responsibility  
deflecting affirmation rather than  
receiving it rightly  
avoiding clarity to appear gentle  
withdrawing instead of engaging  
appearing teachable, but resisting  
correction internally  
using softness to avoid accountability  
False humility does not elevate Christ.  
It quietly protects the self from exposure.

## True and False Humility





True humility looks like this:  
accurate self-placement—not  
exaggeration or diminishment  
willingness to be seen clearly  
ability to receive both affirmation and  
correction without distortion  
clarity without defensiveness  
gentleness without avoidance  
participation without needing to control.

True humility is not thinking less of  
yourself.

It is thinking clearly about where you stand  
in relation to Christ and others.

## A Simple Diagnostic

Humility is not tested in agreement.

It is revealed in how we respond to correction, misunderstanding, or being seen clearly.





You're sitting in a small group.

The conversation has been steady—people sharing, listening, weighing things together.

At one point, someone offers a perspective that gently challenges a direction the group has been leaning toward.



There's a pause.

Then one person responds:

"Oh no, I could be wrong... I'm probably not seeing this clearly... you all know better than I do."

It sounds humble.

It sounds gentle.

No one feels pushed.



But something shifts in the room.  
Instead of engaging the concern, the group moves on.  
The question that was raised never gets explored.

The person who spoke hesitates to press further—because it now feels like they would be correcting someone who has already “lowered” themselves.

And slowly, without anyone naming it,  
discernment narrows.

Later, in a different moment, that same person resists a small piece of feedback.

Not loudly.  
Not directly.  
But by redirecting:

“I just want to stay out of the way... I don't want to cause any problems.”





Again, it sounds humble.  
But the conversation ends.

Clarity is never reached.

And over time, the group  
begins to adjust—not around  
strength or domination—  
but around subtle avoidance.

What Happened?

Nothing harsh.

Nothing controlling.

Nothing obvious.

But humility was not what it appeared to be.





It was not openness.

It was not teachability.

It was a quiet way of:

avoiding responsibility

deflecting engagement

and protecting from being  
clearly seen

## Why This Matters

A man and a woman are sitting on a couch in a living room. The man is on the left, wearing a brown sweater, and is looking towards the woman. The woman is on the right, wearing a yellow sweater, and is looking down at an open book she is holding. The background shows a window with a view of a city at night.

Because false humility is rarely disruptive.  
It reshapes the room quietly.  
It makes things feel resolved  
when they have only been avoided.  
And over time,  
what looks like gentleness  
can actually slow formation.



True humility does not remove you from the process.

It keeps you present in it—  
open, clear,  
and willing to be seen.

A photograph of four people in a meeting. On the left, the back of an older man's head and shoulder is visible. Next to him is a man with a beard and a blue denim shirt, looking towards the center. In the center is a woman with long dark hair, looking towards the right. On the right is a woman with dark hair, seen in profile, looking towards the center. They appear to be in a professional setting, possibly a meeting or a discussion.

What looks like humility  
can quietly narrow discernment.

Which is why humility  
is not optional  
in shared leadership.

A group of five diverse people are sitting on a light-colored sofa in a living room. From left to right: a bald man in a blue shirt, a man with grey hair and glasses in a grey shirt, a woman with long brown hair in an orange sweater, a woman with curly dark hair in a green jacket, and an older woman with short grey hair. They are all looking towards the right side of the frame, appearing to be in the middle of a conversation. The background shows a bookshelf and a lamp, creating a warm, indoor atmosphere.

Without humility, shared stewardship feels inefficient.  
With humility, it becomes necessary.  
Shared discernment slows impulsive decisions,  
exposes blind spots before they take root,  
and distributes weight before it isolates.



James 3:17 describes wisdom from above as:

“First pure, then peaceable, gentle, open to reason...”

Open to reason.

That phrase alone requires humility.

An Assembly that is not open to reason will gradually become insulated.

Humility does not mean constant agreement.

It is a posture that allows engagement—where disagreement does not threaten identity, challenge is not mistaken for rebellion, and correction does not feel like humiliation.





Philippians 2:3–4 presses further:

*“In humility count others more significant than yourselves. Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others.”*

This is not merely interpersonal etiquette. It is cultural architecture.

When leaders genuinely consider others’ perspectives, stewardship remains communal.

But when perspective becomes something to protect, stewardship begins to narrow.



Humility keeps decision-making from becoming isolated—keeping authority relational and preventing influence from consolidating around personality.



It also makes room for younger voices to be heard rather than dismissed prematurely.

Paul instructs Timothy in 1 Timothy 4:12 not to let anyone despise his youth.

That instruction assumes humility on both sides.

Older leaders remain teachable.

Younger leaders remain respectful.

And generational continuity becomes possible.

Without humility, transitions  
begin to fracture.

With humility, they  
strengthen.

Shared stewardship is not  
merely structural.

It is relational.

And relationships cannot carry  
shared weight for long  
without humility.





An Assembly marked by humility will say:  
“We need one another.”  
“We do not see everything clearly.”  
“We discern together.”  
“We remain correctable.”

This does not weaken leadership.

It strengthens it.

A group of five diverse people (three men and two women) are sitting around a wooden coffee table in a living room, engaged in a conversation. The background is softly blurred, showing a bookshelf and a lamp. A semi-transparent dark red box is overlaid on the center of the image, containing white text.

Humility keeps authority stewarded, not possessed —  
reminding leaders that Christ is Head,  
that the Spirit speaks among them,  
and that stewardship belongs to the whole.

A group of five diverse people (three men and two women) are sitting around a table in a meeting, engaged in conversation. The background is a blurred office setting with a bookshelf.

When stewardship remains shared, integrity has room to breathe.

This kind of shared responsibility is not simply a model.

It is a safeguard.

And humility is what keeps that safeguard alive.

Humility does not mean silence.

It does not mean avoidance.

And it does not mean  
the absence of conviction.

Humility does not remove clarity.

It removes defensiveness from clarity.

A humble person can speak plainly,  
address tension,  
and remain present in difficult moments—  
without needing to elevate themselves  
in the process.

## **Humility Is Not Passivity**





## Humility and Confidence Belong Together

Humility is not uncertainty.

It produces a quiet, stable confidence.

Not confidence in self,

but confidence in what has been received  
and who remains at the center.

Pride on the other hand creates fragile confidence  
that must be protected.

Humility produces stable confidence  
that does not need to defend itself.

## Humility Is Not Insecurity

Insecurity withdraws to avoid exposure.  
It hesitates, deflects,  
or remains silent out of self-protection.

Humility does something different.  
It remains present  
without needing to protect itself.

It does not shrink back.  
And it does not push forward.

It stays grounded—  
open, steady, and engaged.

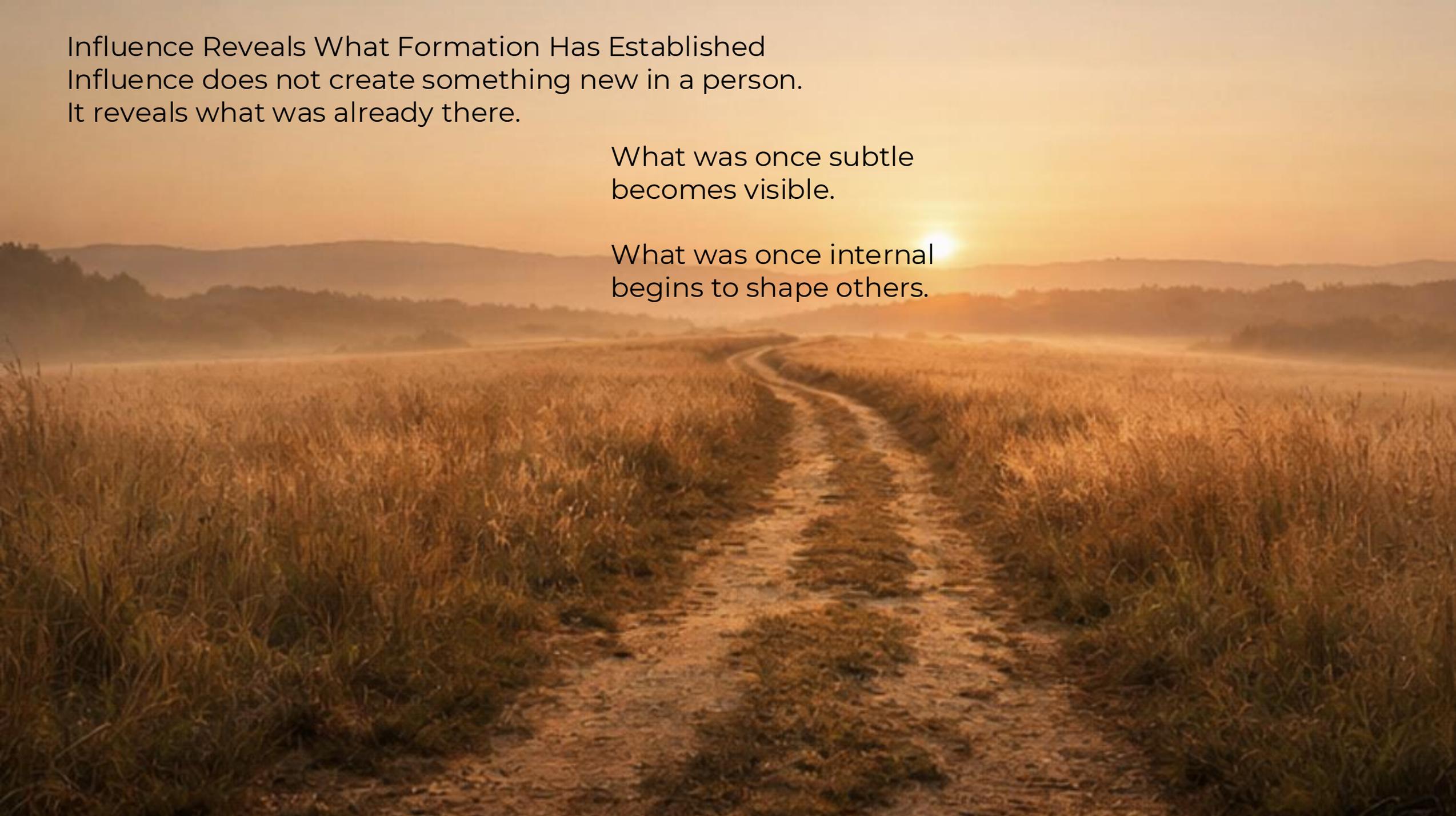


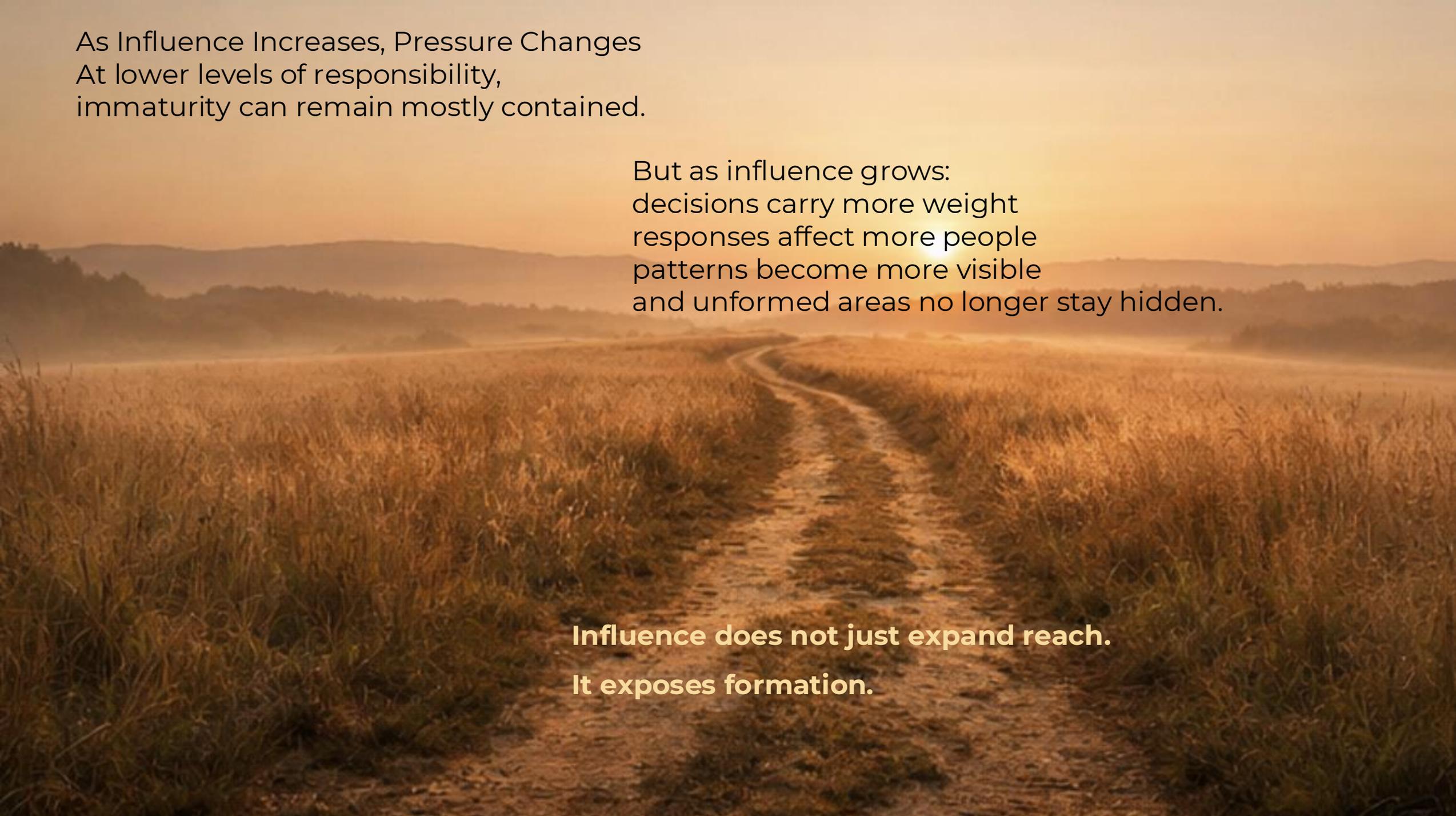
# Humility Under Influence

Influence Reveals What Formation Has Established  
Influence does not create something new in a person.  
It reveals what was already there.

What was once subtle  
becomes visible.

What was once internal  
begins to shape others.



A dirt path winds through a vast field of golden grasses under a warm, hazy sunset sky. The path leads towards distant, silhouetted hills. The overall mood is contemplative and serene.

As Influence Increases, Pressure Changes  
At lower levels of responsibility,  
immaturity can remain mostly contained.

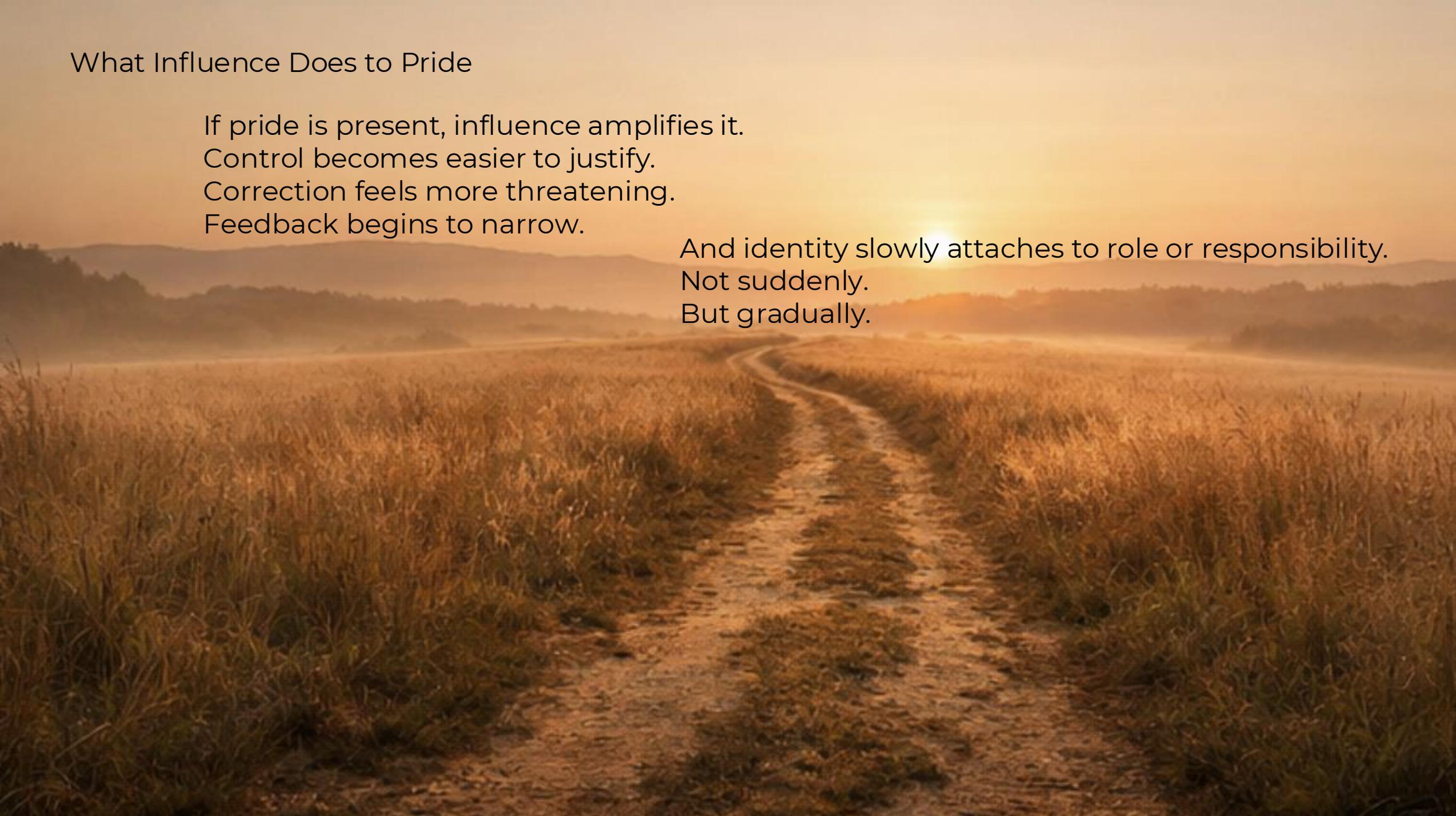
But as influence grows:  
decisions carry more weight  
responses affect more people  
patterns become more visible  
and unformed areas no longer stay hidden.

**Influence does not just expand reach.  
It exposes formation.**

## What Influence Does to Pride

If pride is present, influence amplifies it.  
Control becomes easier to justify.  
Correction feels more threatening.  
Feedback begins to narrow.

And identity slowly attaches to role or responsibility.  
Not suddenly.  
But gradually.



## What Influence Does to Humility

If humility is present, influence strengthens it.

Listening deepens.

Clarity becomes steadier.

Correction remains welcome.

And responsibility is carried without becoming identity.

Humility keeps influence from becoming possession.



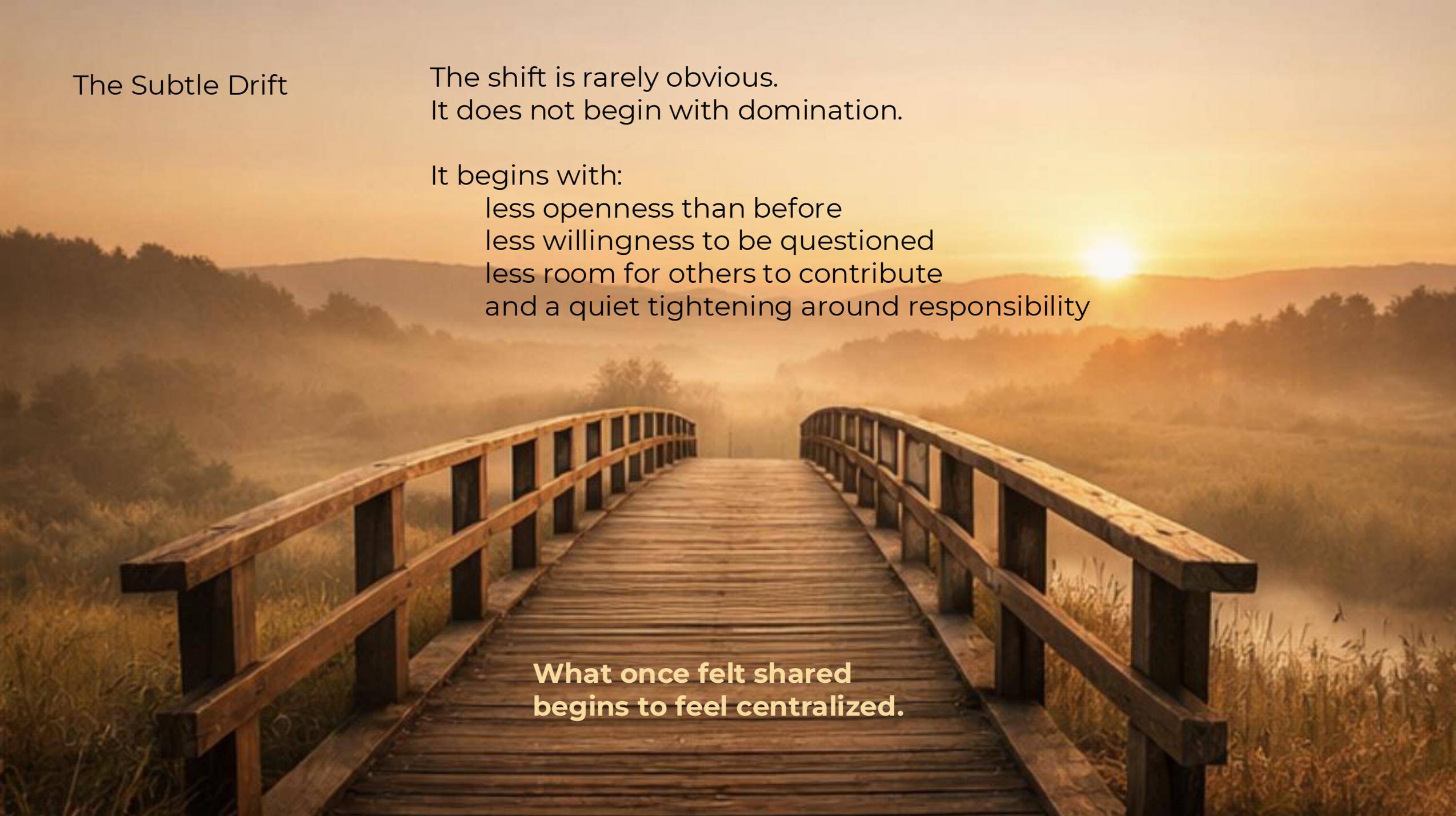
## The Subtle Drift

The shift is rarely obvious.  
It does not begin with domination.

It begins with:

less openness than before  
less willingness to be questioned  
less room for others to contribute  
and a quiet tightening around responsibility

**What once felt shared  
begins to feel centralized.**



Why This Matters for the Assembly

Because influence always shapes environment.

**If humility is present,  
people remain:**

**engaged  
heard  
and able to participate**

A wooden boardwalk with railings leads through a misty, hazy landscape at sunrise or sunset. The sun is low on the horizon, casting a warm, golden glow over the scene. The boardwalk is made of wooden planks and has a simple wooden railing on both sides. The landscape is filled with rolling hills and dense trees, all shrouded in a thick mist or fog. The overall atmosphere is serene and contemplative.

If humility is absent,  
people begin to:  
withdraw  
defer unnecessarily  
or disengage entirely

**And over time,  
the room adjusts  
around one voice.**

A wooden gazebo with a view of a misty mountain landscape at sunrise or sunset. The gazebo is constructed from dark wood and has a railing. The background shows rolling hills and mountains under a warm, golden sky.

**Humility must  
deepen as  
influence  
increases—  
or influence will  
begin to reshape  
the center.**

A wooden gazebo with a complex beam structure is shown from an interior perspective. The gazebo is situated on a wooden deck overlooking a vast, misty mountain landscape. The scene is bathed in the warm, golden light of a sunrise or sunset, with the sun low on the horizon behind the mountains. The text is centered in the middle of the frame, overlaid on the view through the gazebo.

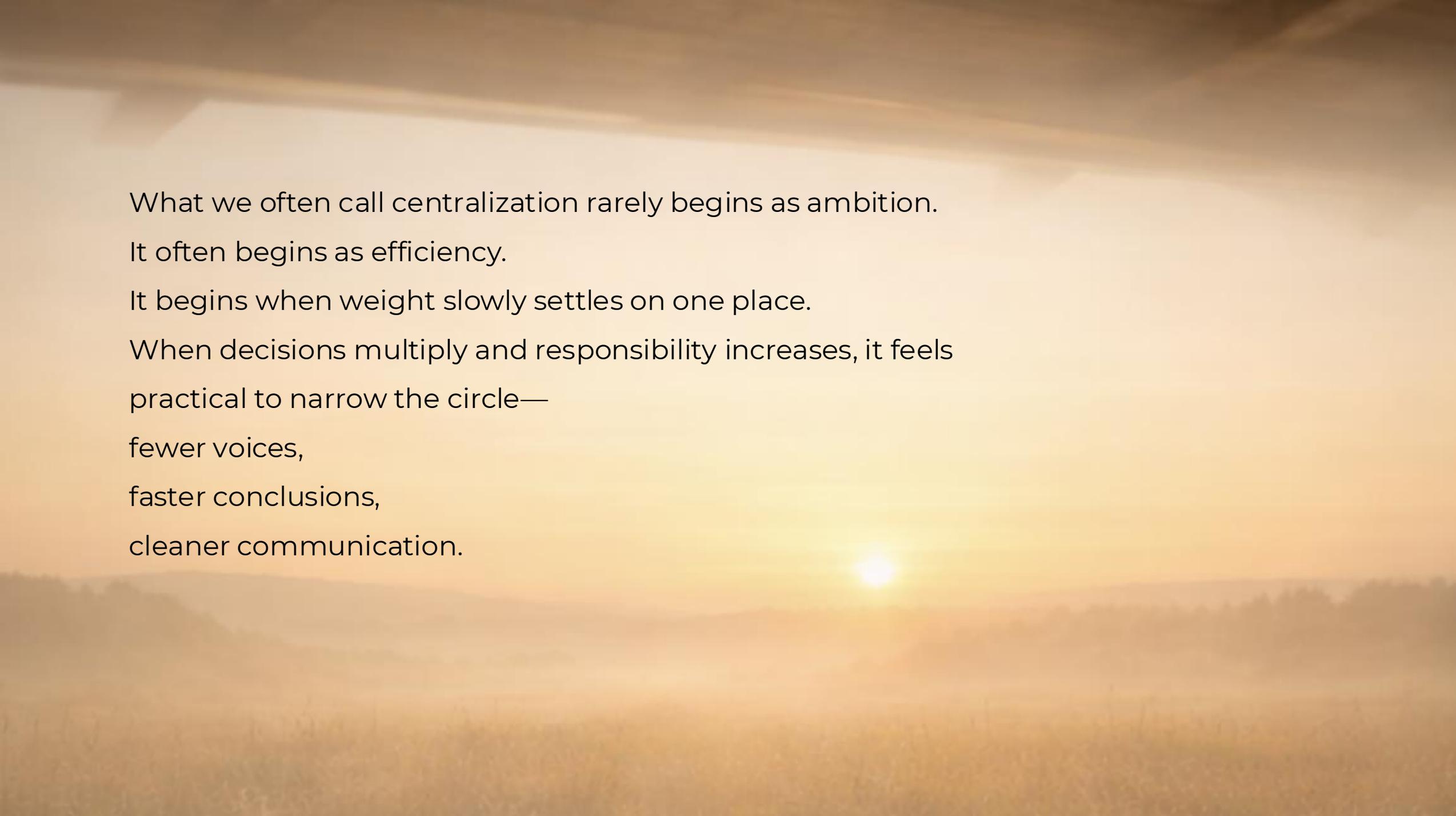
**Influence does not  
test gifting.**

**It reveals formation.**

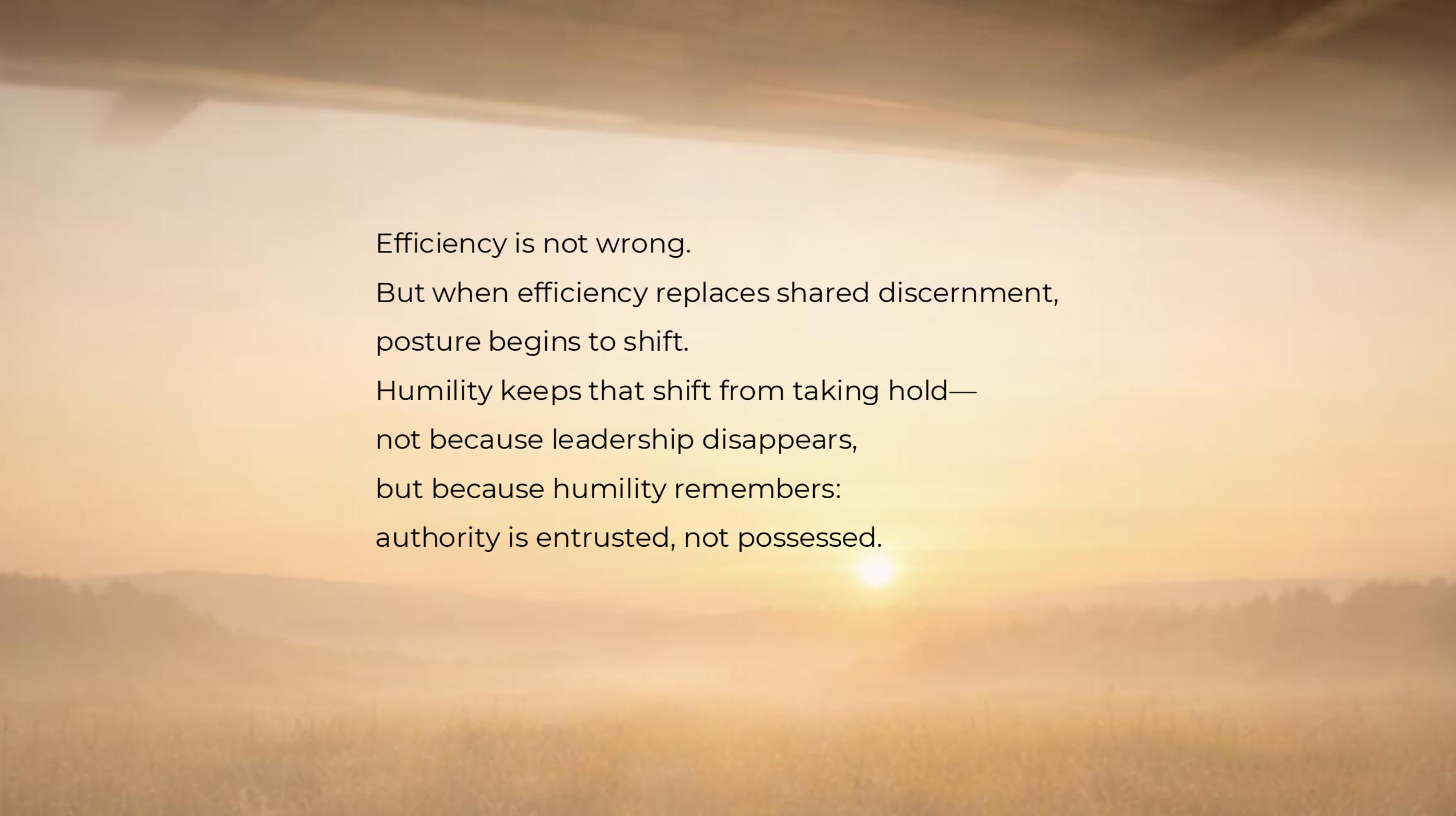
A wooden gazebo with a complex roof structure of beams and rafters. The gazebo is situated on a wooden deck with a railing. The background shows a misty mountain landscape at sunrise, with the sun low on the horizon, casting a warm, golden light over the scene. The text is centered in the middle of the gazebo's interior.

**And what is  
revealed in a  
person  
will eventually  
shape the people  
around them.**

**Humility Prevents Weight Settling On One Voice**



What we often call centralization rarely begins as ambition.  
It often begins as efficiency.  
It begins when weight slowly settles on one place.  
When decisions multiply and responsibility increases, it feels  
practical to narrow the circle—  
fewer voices,  
faster conclusions,  
cleaner communication.



Efficiency is not wrong.

But when efficiency replaces shared discernment,  
posture begins to shift.

Humility keeps that shift from taking hold—  
not because leadership disappears,  
but because humility remembers:  
authority is entrusted, not possessed.

In Mark 10:42–45, Jesus contrasts worldly authority with kingdom authority.

*“You know that those who are considered rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them... But it shall not be so among you.”*

He does not eliminate authority.

He redefines its posture.

*“Whoever would be great among you must be your servant.”*

Servanthood keeps weight from settling on one place—  
because it distributes weight rather than consolidating it.

In Exodus 18, Moses attempts to carry the full burden of judgment alone.

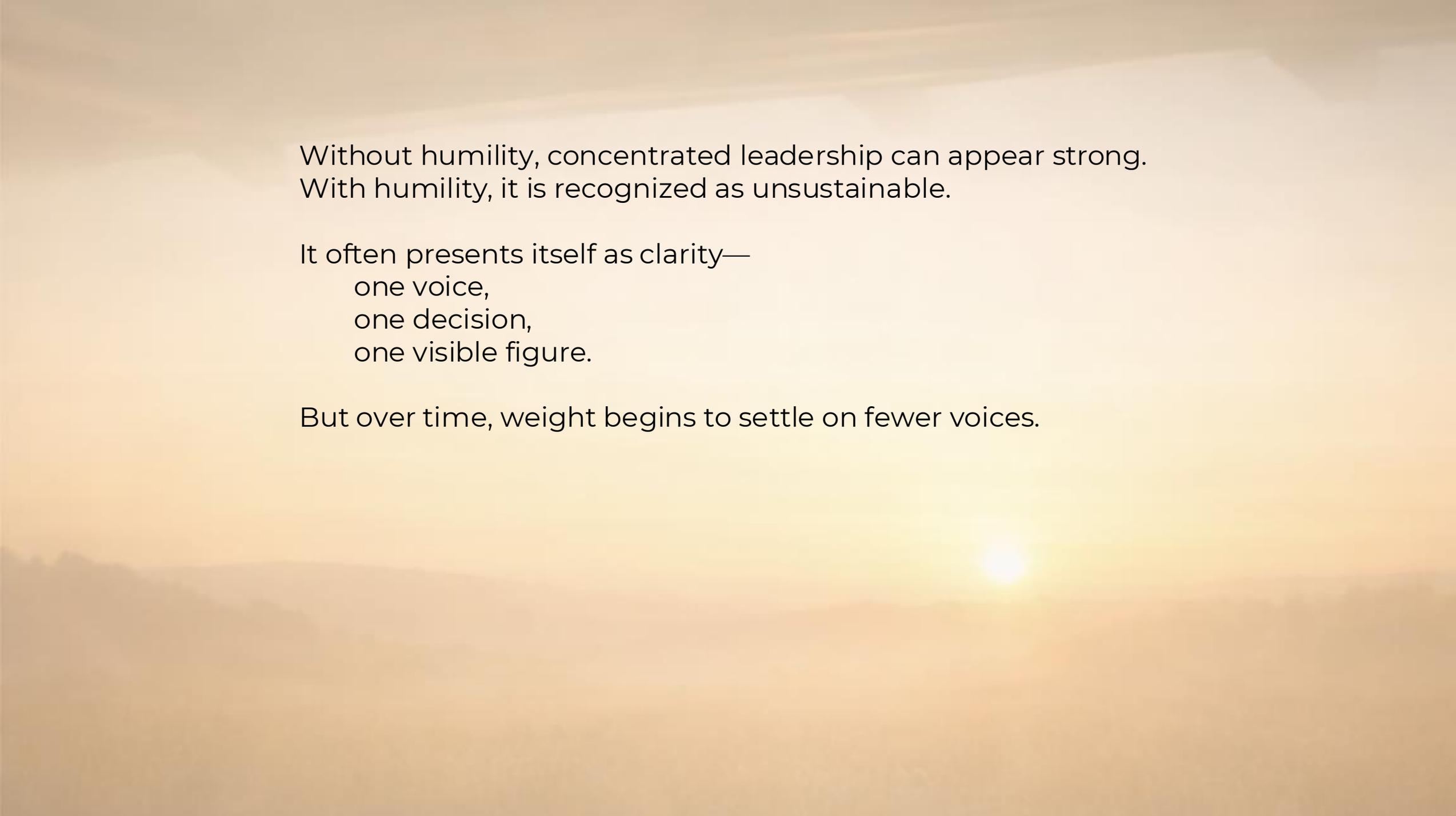
Jethro observes:

*“What you are doing is not good... You and the people with you will certainly wear yourselves out.”*

The solution was not the removal of authority.

It was its distribution.

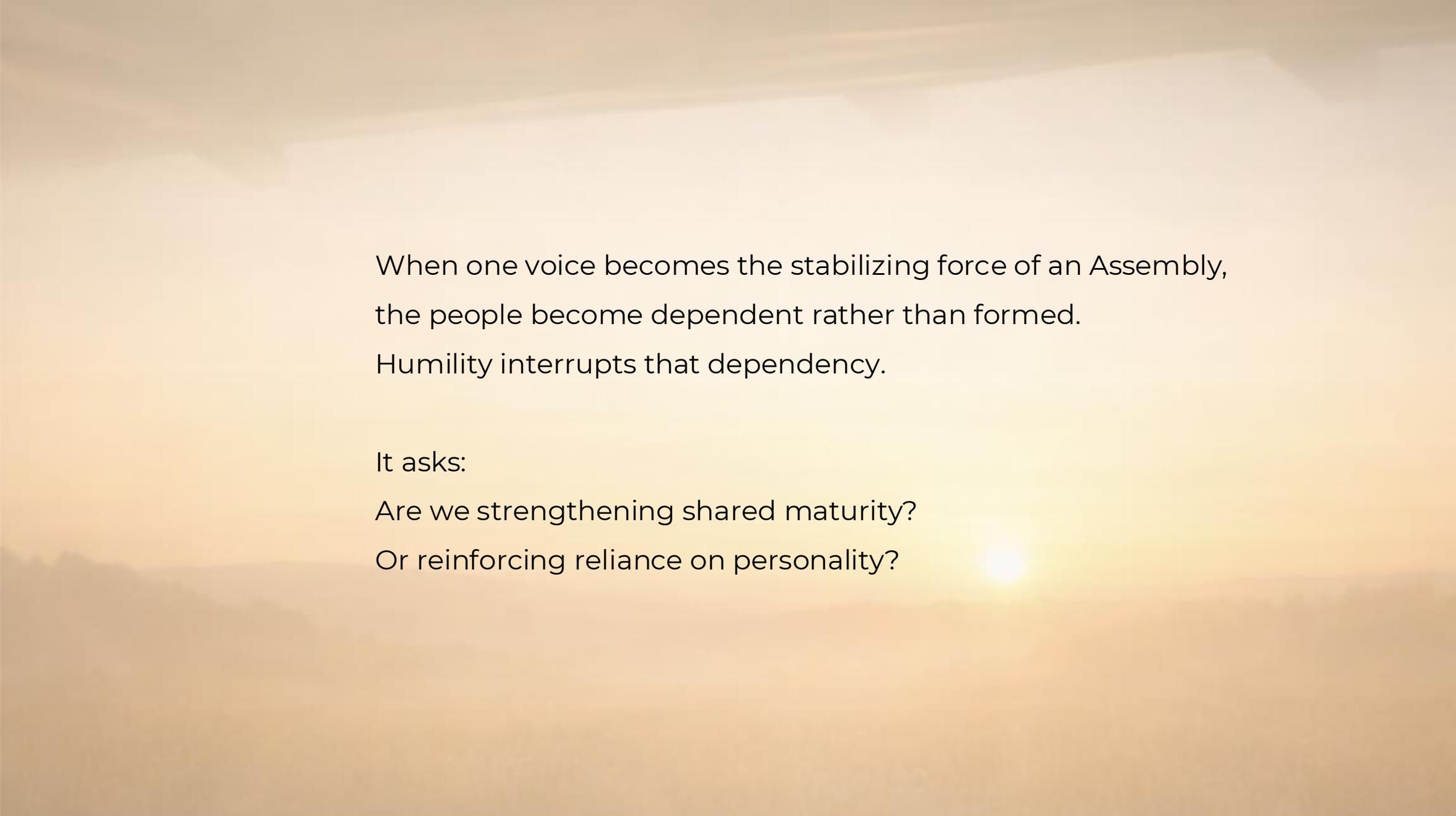
And humility allowed Moses to listen.



Without humility, concentrated leadership can appear strong.  
With humility, it is recognized as unsustainable.

It often presents itself as clarity—  
one voice,  
one decision,  
one visible figure.

But over time, weight begins to settle on fewer voices.



When one voice becomes the stabilizing force of an Assembly,  
the people become dependent rather than formed.  
Humility interrupts that dependency.

It asks:

Are we strengthening shared maturity?

Or reinforcing reliance on personality?

Ephesians 4 describes leaders not as focal points of attention, but as gifts given:

*“to equip the saints for the work of ministry.”*

Equipping decentralizes ministry.

Humility equips.

Pride accumulates.

When leadership becomes the primary actor rather than the primary equipping force, dependence begins to form.

Humility also shapes how decisions are processed.

Are hard conversations avoided to protect image?

Are dissenting voices heard before conclusions are drawn?

Are younger leaders invited into responsibility gradually?

Are structures evaluated to ensure they still serve formation rather than reputation?

And that kind of leadership does not always appear authoritarian.

Sometimes it looks polished,

streamlined,

strategic,

predictable.

But humility introduces relational friction—  
the kind that prevents distortion.

It slows unilateral decisions,  
welcomes feedback before decisions are made,  
and allows disagreement without threat.

This is not inefficiency.

It is safeguarding.

Acts 6 provides another example.

When tension arose over distribution,  
the apostles did not dismiss concern to preserve authority.

They listened.

They made room for others to carry it.

They delegated.

Humility preserved unity by distributing responsibility.

An Assembly shaped by humility:

It resists personality-driven identity

It resists insulation of leadership.

It resists narrowing decision-making to preserve speed.

It resists equating agreement with health.

Instead, it will:

Invite participation.

Cultivate emerging voices.

Build structures that support shared stewardship.

Ensure leadership remains relationally accessible.

When too much depends on one place,  
it may appear strong in the short term.

But humility builds strength that endures through transition.

When authority is shared in posture—

even when roles differ—

the Assembly remains stable as personalities change.

Humility keeps leadership from becoming indispensable.  
And that is protection.  
Because Christ alone is indispensable.

When humility shapes structure,  
concentrated leadership begins to loosen.  
Stewardship remains shared.

Authority remains accountable.  
Influence remains healthy.

And the Assembly remains formed around Christ—  
not around a single voice.

## Humility Over Time



What is revealed under influence is formed over time.

As influence increases, humility requires greater attentiveness.

Praise grows louder.

Affirmation grows more frequent.

Opportunities expand.

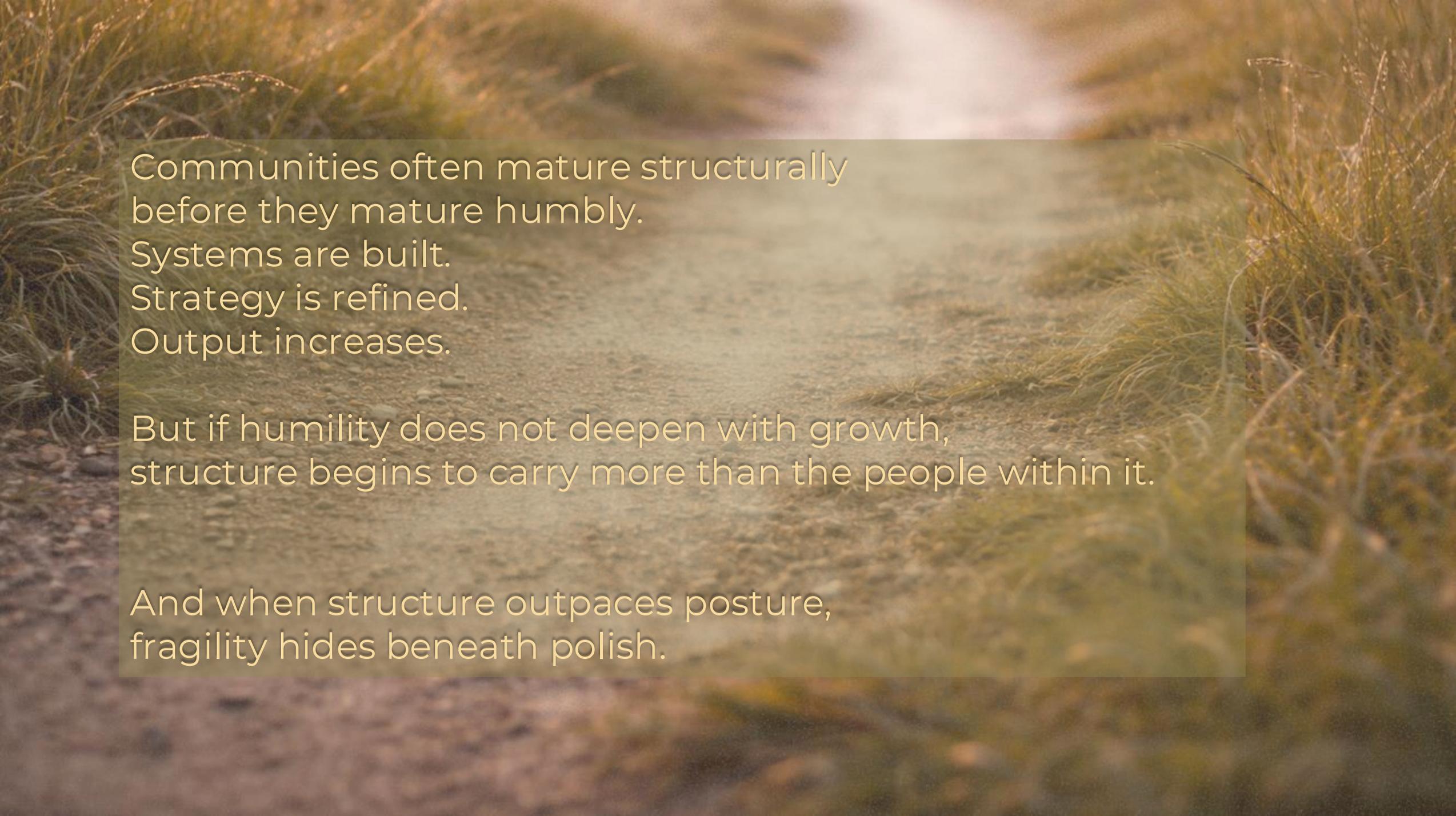
And without awareness, subtle pride can take root.

Proverbs 16:18 reminds us:

*“Pride goes before destruction, and a haughty spirit before a fall.”*

But collapse rarely begins structurally.

It begins personally.

A photograph of a dirt path leading through tall grass towards a stream. The path is in the foreground, and the stream is in the background. The grass is tall and green, and the stream is shallow and clear. The overall scene is peaceful and natural.

Communities often mature structurally  
before they mature humbly.

Systems are built.  
Strategy is refined.  
Output increases.

But if humility does not deepen with growth,  
structure begins to carry more than the people within it.

And when structure outpaces posture,  
fragility hides beneath polish.



Over time, pride rarely erupts.

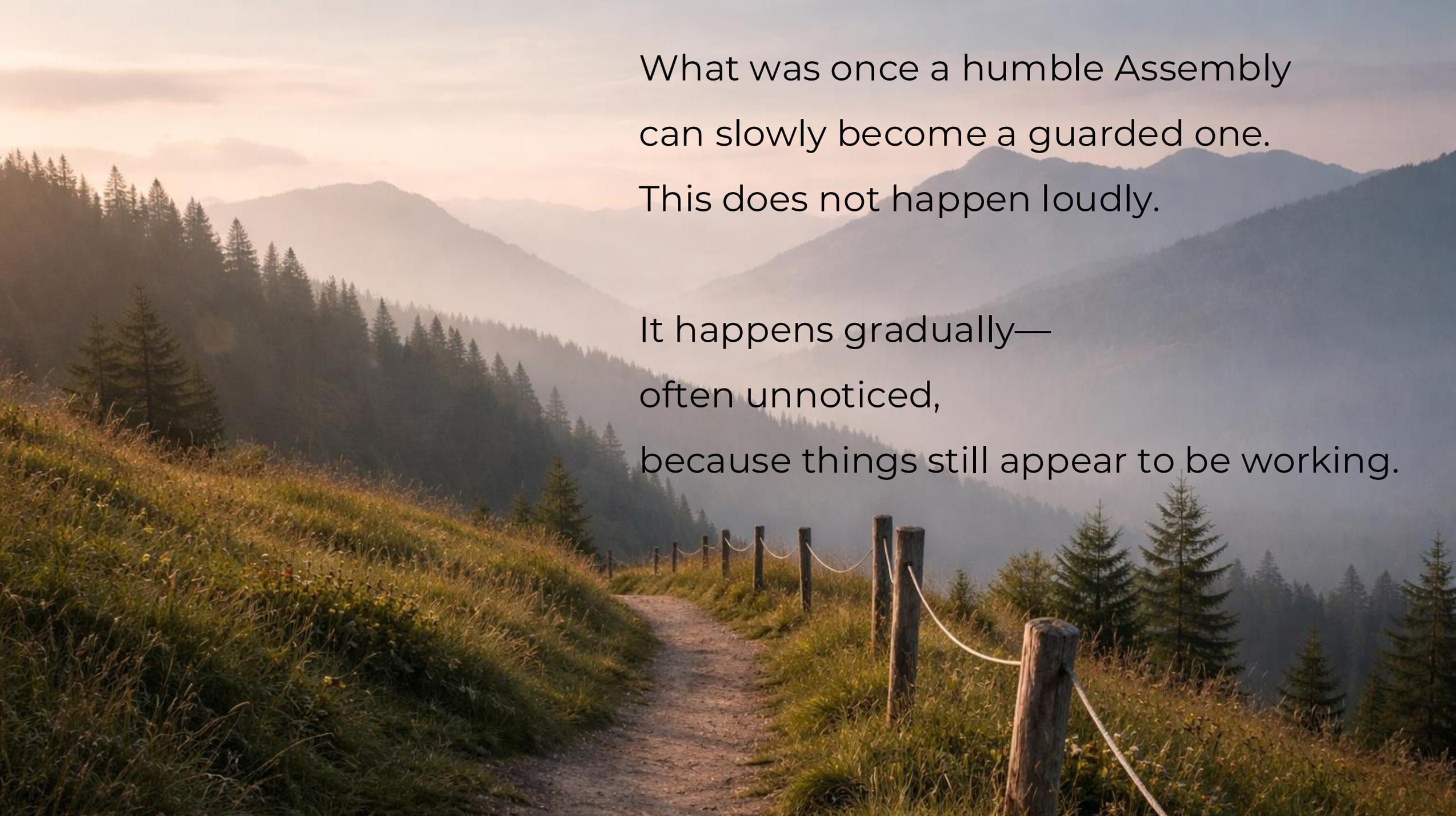
It accumulates.

Defensiveness becomes normal.

Correction feels intrusive.

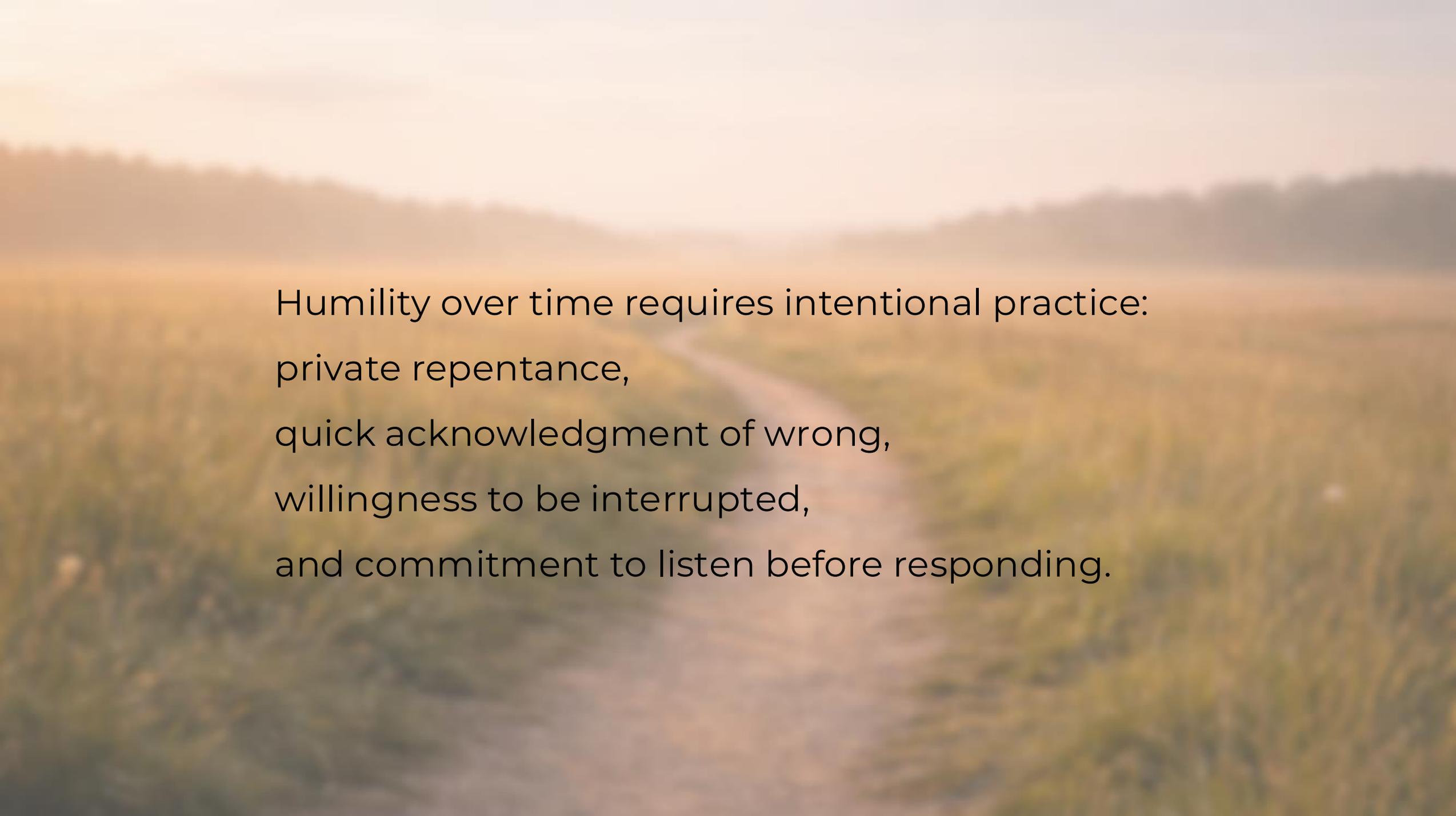
Apologies become rare.

Tone begins to harden.

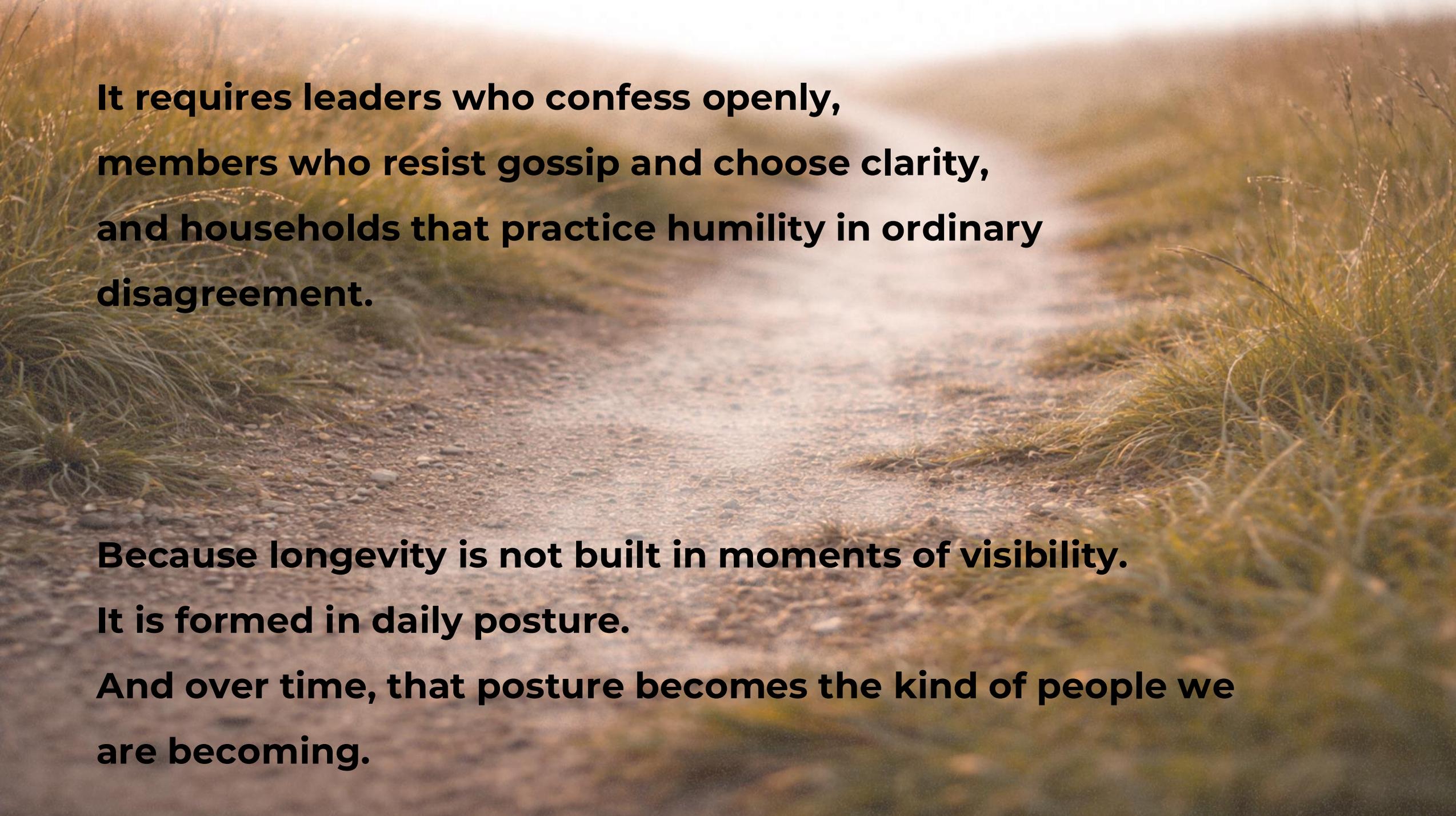


What was once a humble Assembly  
can slowly become a guarded one.  
This does not happen loudly.

It happens gradually—  
often unnoticed,  
because things still appear to be working.



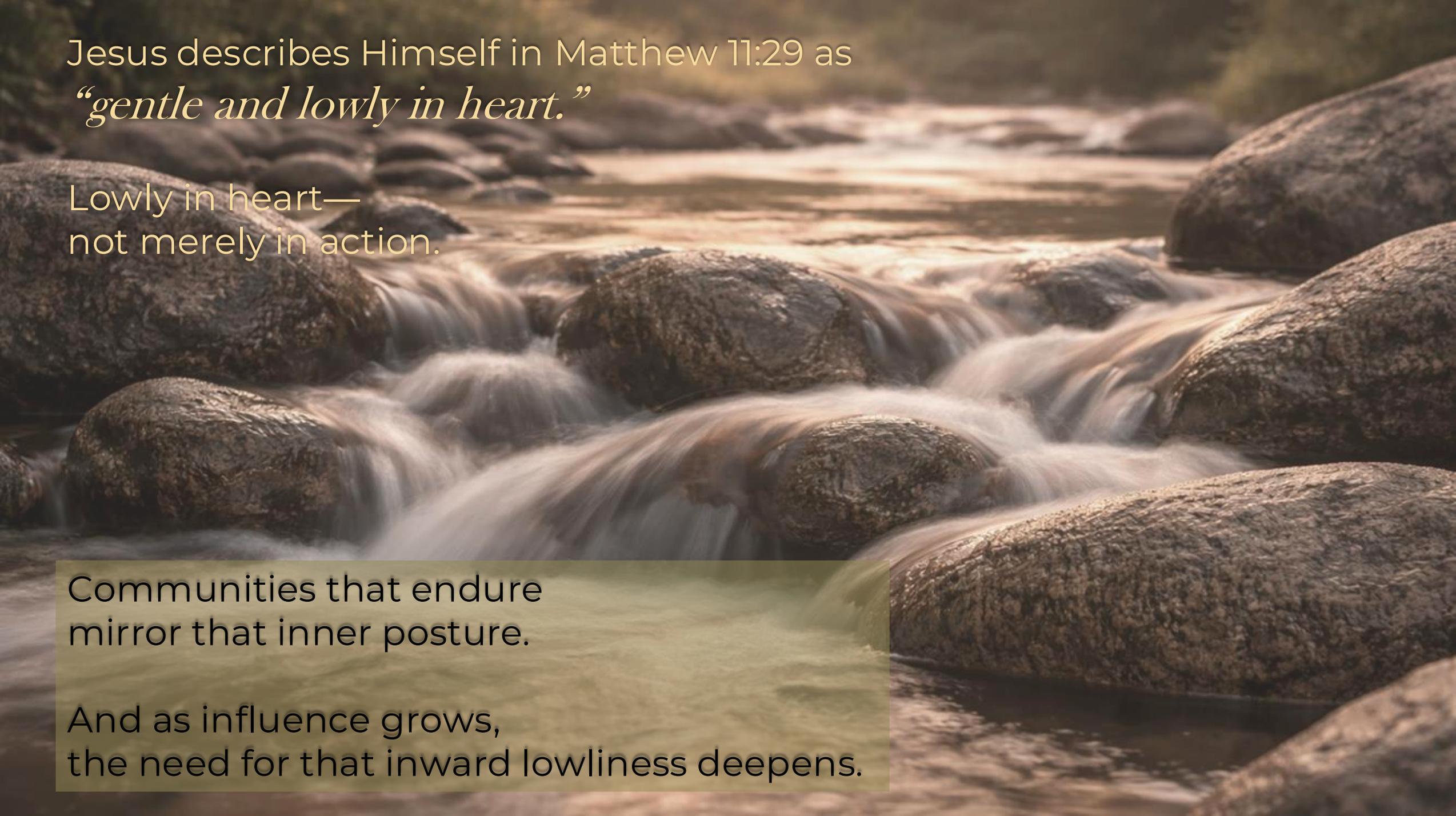
Humility over time requires intentional practice:  
private repentance,  
quick acknowledgment of wrong,  
willingness to be interrupted,  
and commitment to listen before responding.

A dirt path winds through tall grass at sunset. The path is made of small stones and dirt, leading into the distance. The grass is tall and thin, with some heads of grain visible. The sky is a soft, hazy orange and yellow, suggesting the sun is low on the horizon. The overall mood is peaceful and contemplative.

**It requires leaders who confess openly,  
members who resist gossip and choose clarity,  
and households that practice humility in ordinary  
disagreement.**

**Because longevity is not built in moments of visibility.  
It is formed in daily posture.**

**And over time, that posture becomes the kind of people we  
are becoming.**

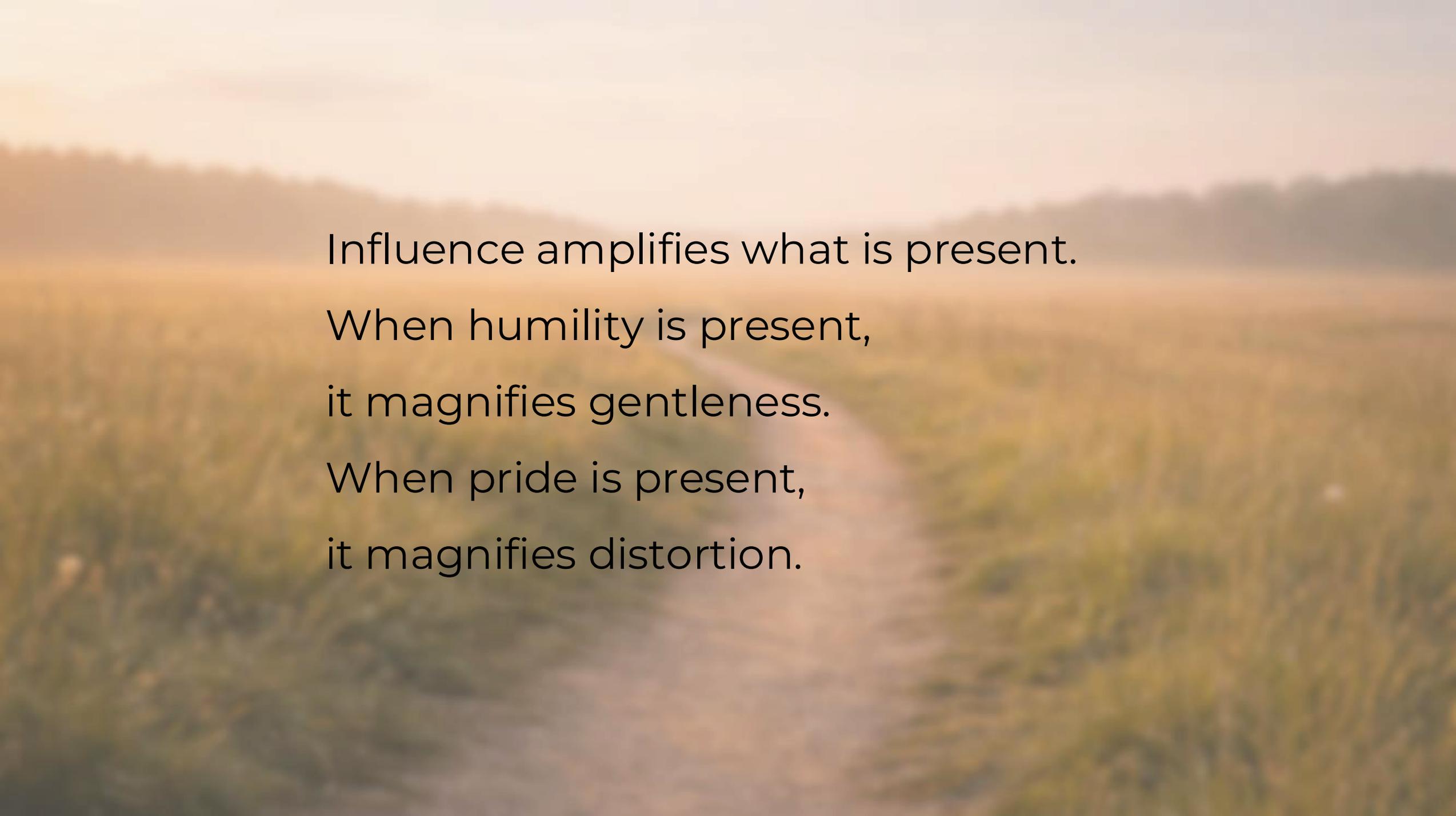


Jesus describes Himself in Matthew 11:29 as  
*“gentle and lowly in heart.”*

Lowly in heart—  
not merely in action.

Communities that endure  
mirror that inner posture.

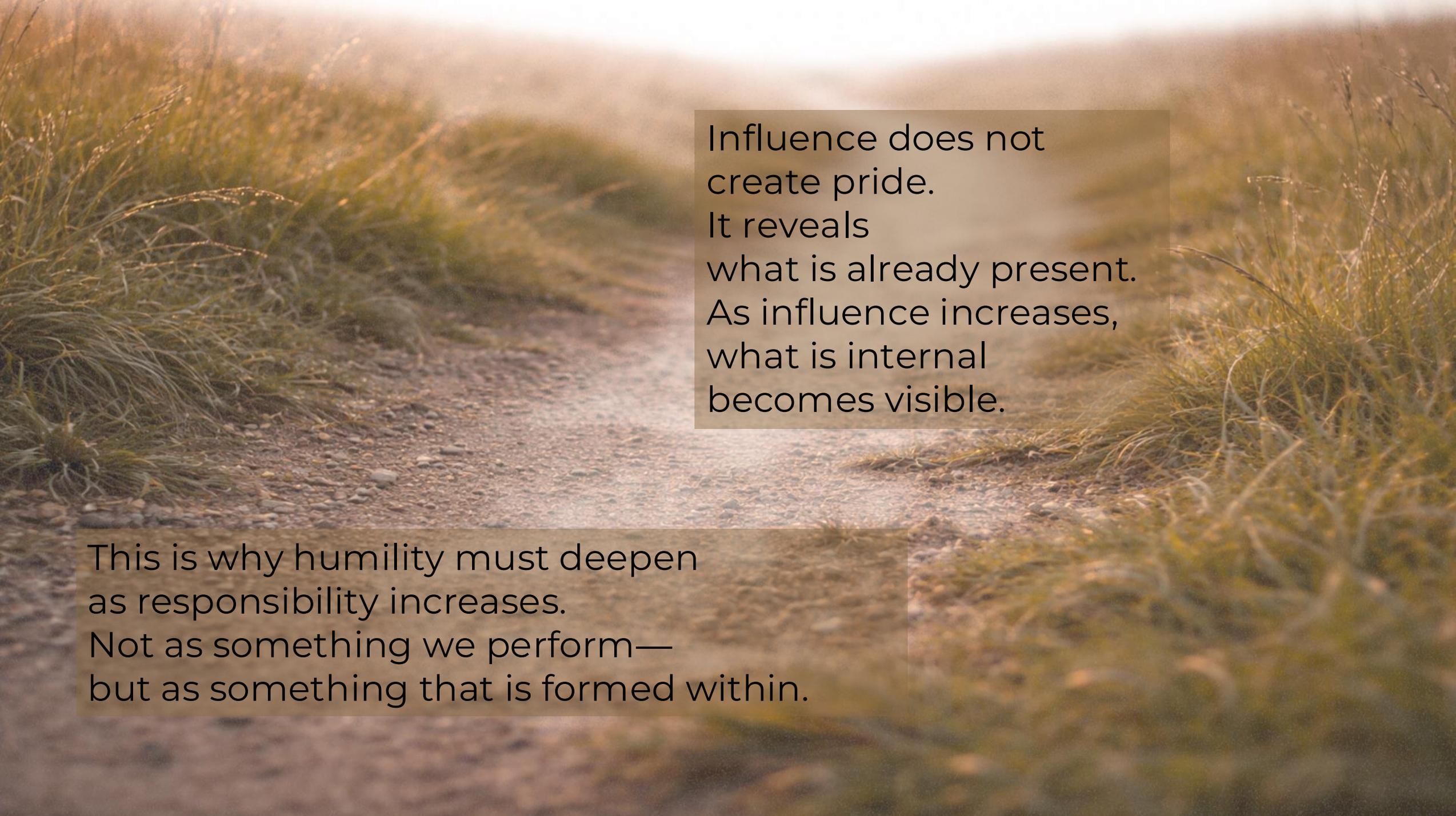
And as influence grows,  
the need for that inward lowliness deepens.



Influence amplifies what is present.

When humility is present,  
it magnifies gentleness.

When pride is present,  
it magnifies distortion.

A gravel path winds through tall grass at sunset. The path is made of small, light-colored stones and leads into the distance. The grass is tall and thin, with some seed heads visible. The sky is a soft, hazy orange and yellow, suggesting the sun is low on the horizon. The overall mood is peaceful and contemplative.

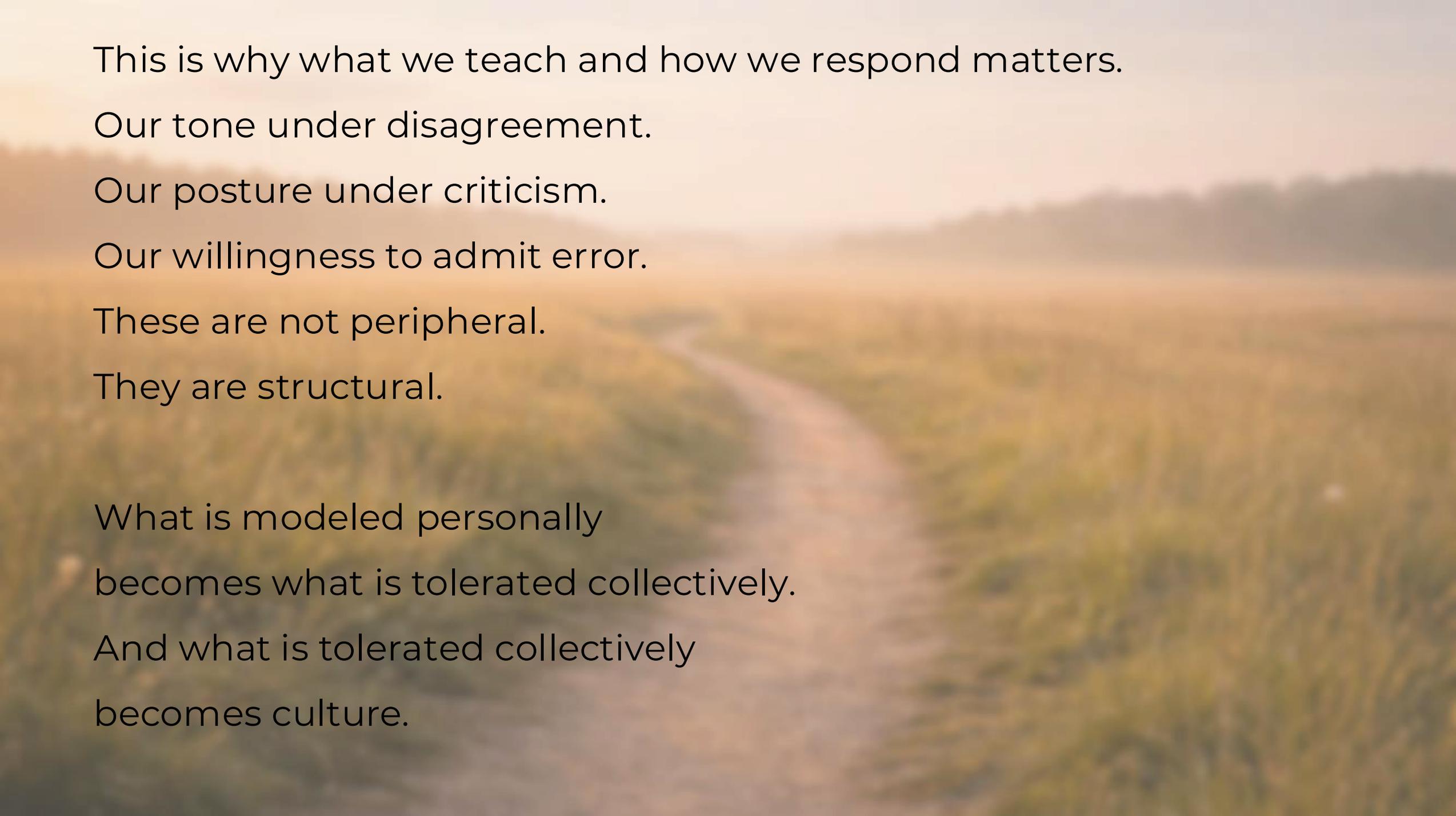
Influence does not  
create pride.  
It reveals  
what is already present.  
As influence increases,  
what is internal  
becomes visible.

This is why humility must deepen  
as responsibility increases.  
Not as something we perform—  
but as something that is formed within.

## Not Performative, But Formed

Humility cannot be sustained by appearance.  
It cannot be maintained by language alone.  
It is not something we present.  
It is something we practice.

What is practiced privately  
becomes visible publicly.  
And what is visible publicly  
becomes culture.



This is why what we teach and how we respond matters.

Our tone under disagreement.

Our posture under criticism.

Our willingness to admit error.

These are not peripheral.

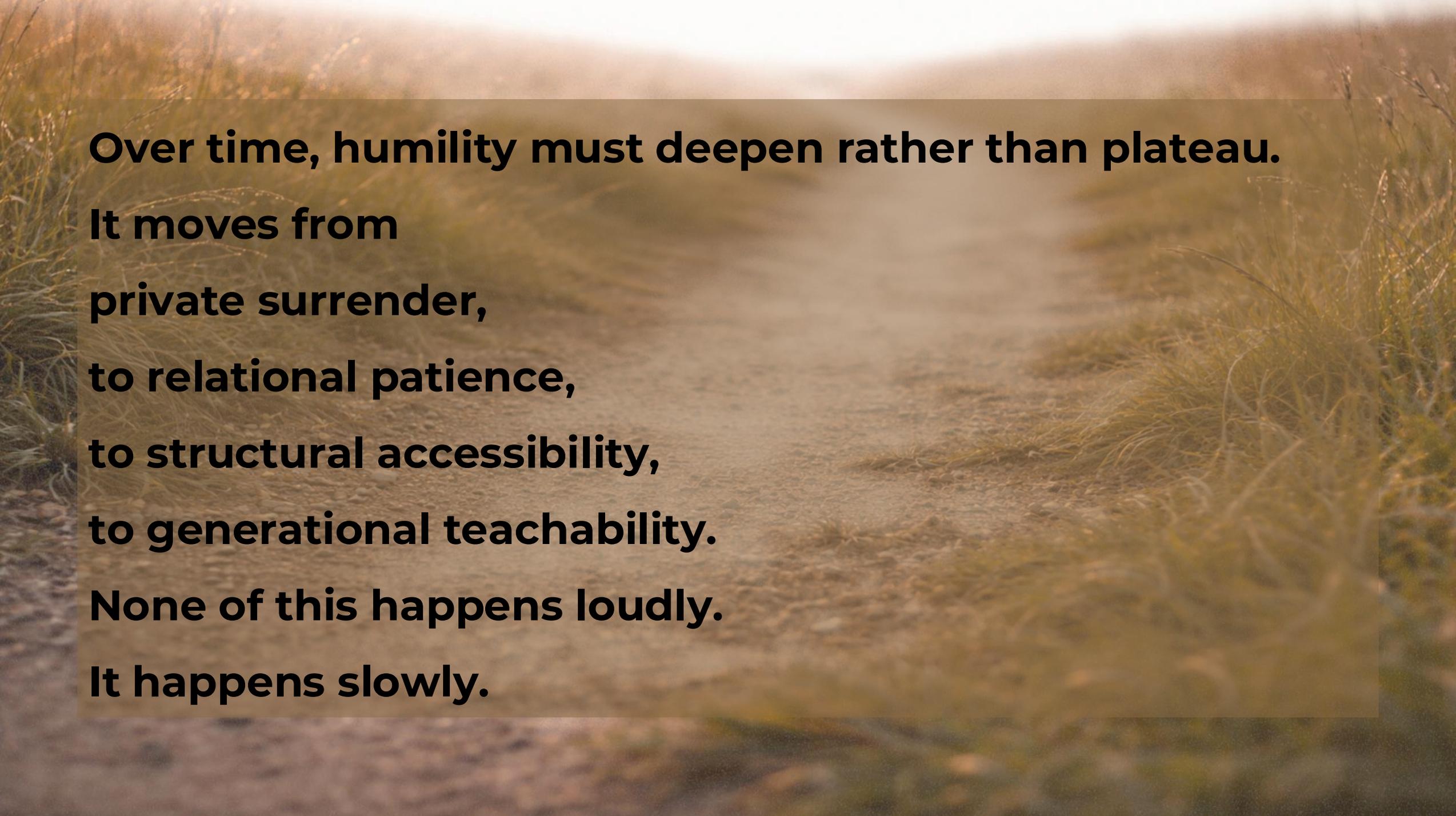
They are structural.

What is modeled personally

becomes what is tolerated collectively.

And what is tolerated collectively

becomes culture.

A photograph of a dirt path winding through a field of tall, golden-brown grass. The scene is captured during sunset or sunrise, with a warm, hazy light filling the sky and the grass. The path leads from the foreground into the distance, disappearing into the soft light. The overall mood is peaceful and contemplative.

**Over time, humility must deepen rather than plateau.**

**It moves from**

**private surrender,**

**to relational patience,**

**to structural accessibility,**

**to generational teachability.**

**None of this happens loudly.**

**It happens slowly.**



**The more visible an Assembly becomes,  
the more visible its humility must become.  
Not performative humility—  
but embodied gentleness.**

The background of the slide is a soft-focus photograph of a mountainous landscape. A dirt road winds through a valley, bordered by a rustic wooden fence with a white rope. The hills are covered in dense evergreen trees, and the sky is a pale, hazy blue, suggesting a misty or overcast day. The overall mood is serene and natural.

An Assembly that grows in humility  
as it grows in influence  
remains stable under attention.  
It remains credible.  
It remains trustworthy.

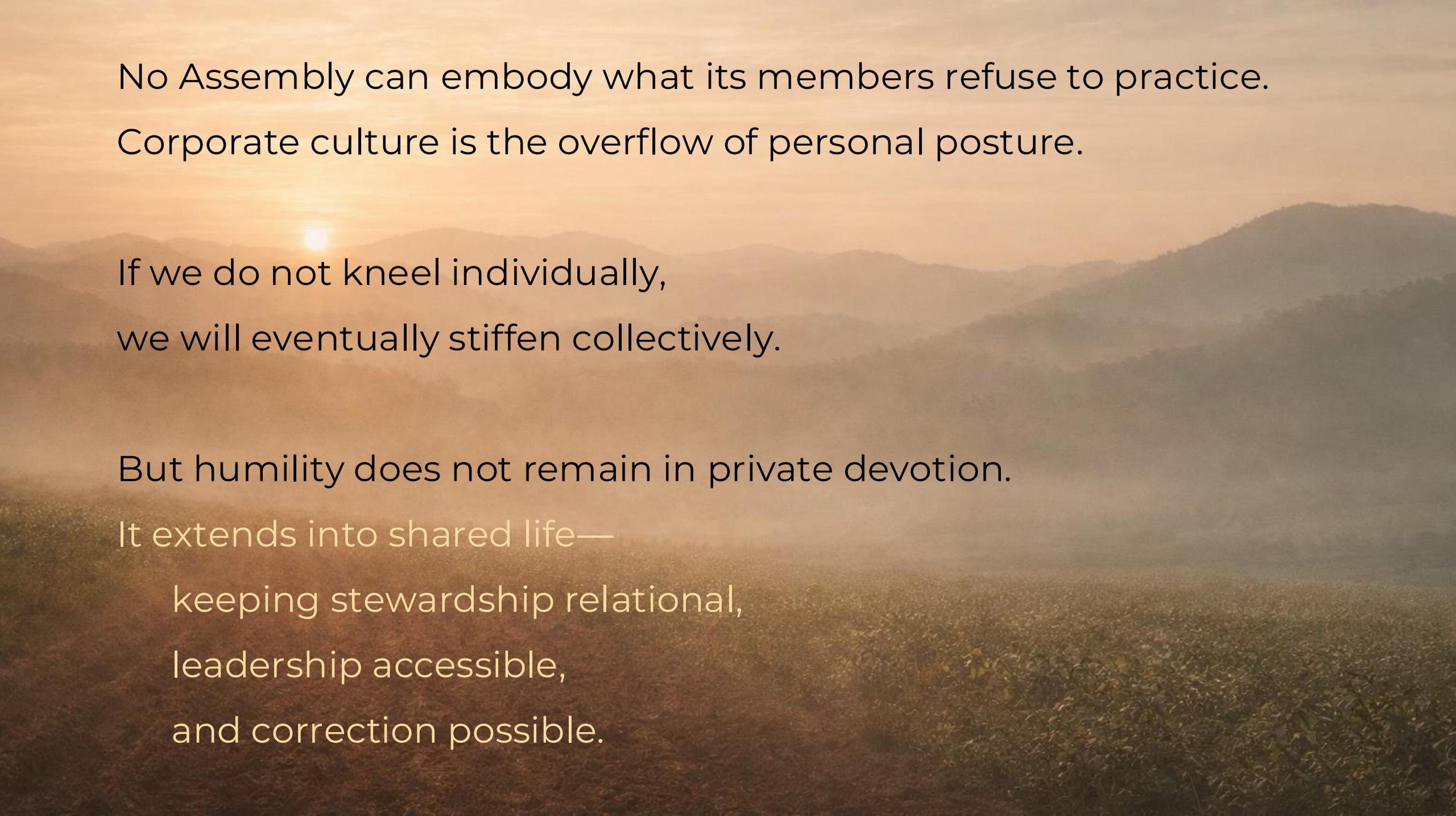
Its culture is not aspirational.  
It is practiced.  
And what is practiced privately  
becomes durable publicly.

A scenic landscape featuring a dirt road that curves through a valley. In the foreground, a rustic wooden fence with a white rope runs across the frame. The background is filled with rolling hills and mountains, some covered in dense evergreen forests. The lighting is soft and warm, suggesting a sunrise or sunset, with a hazy atmosphere.

Humility over time is not weakness.  
It is disciplined lowliness—  
chosen repeatedly,  
lived personally,  
shared corporately,  
and carried across generations.

Without it,  
no amount of structure  
can secure longevity.

**A People Who Stay Low**

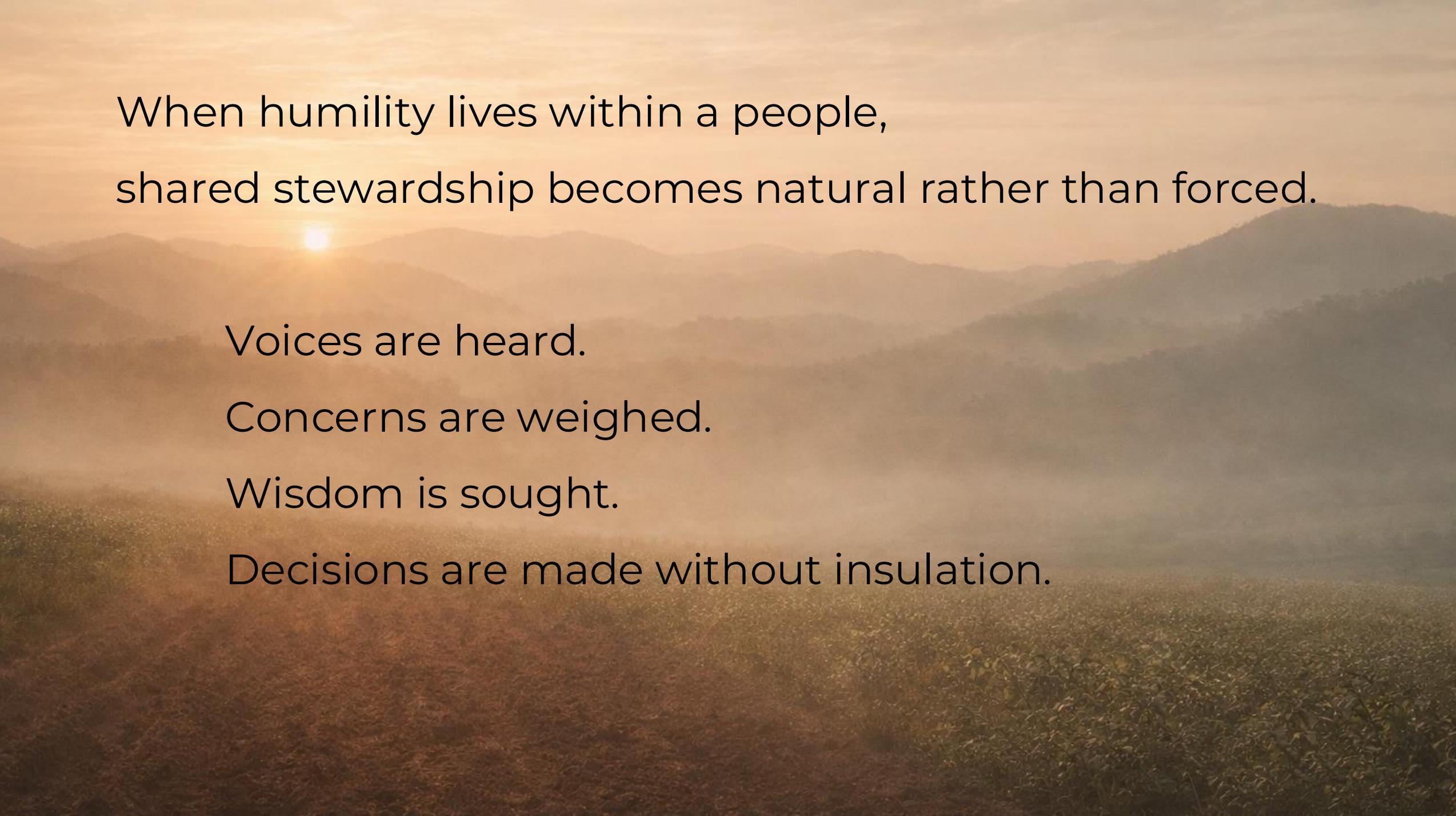


No Assembly can embody what its members refuse to practice.  
Corporate culture is the overflow of personal posture.

If we do not kneel individually,  
we will eventually stiffen collectively.

But humility does not remain in private devotion.

It extends into shared life—  
keeping stewardship relational,  
leadership accessible,  
and correction possible.



When humility lives within a people,  
shared stewardship becomes natural rather than forced.

Voices are heard.

Concerns are weighed.

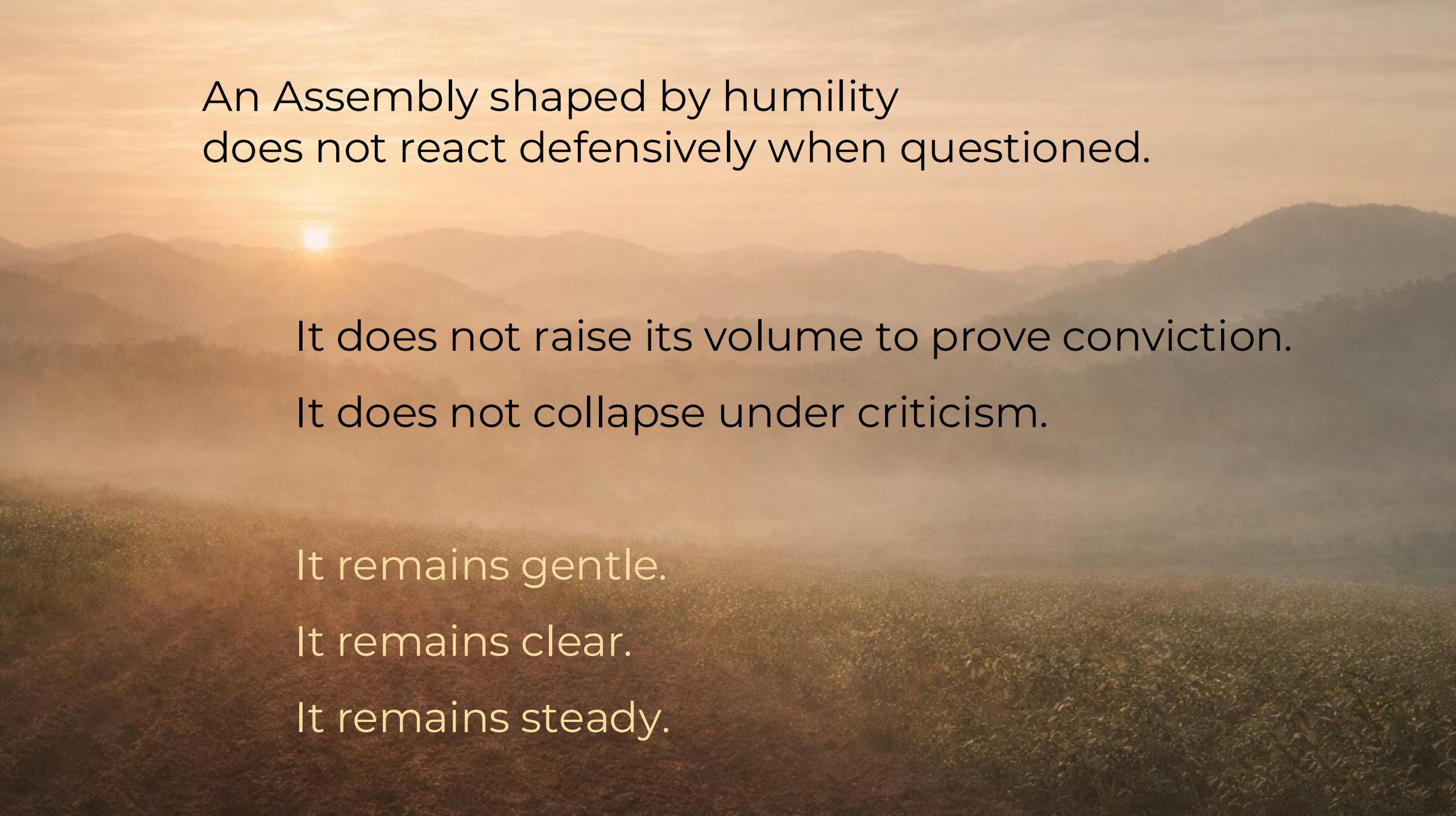
Wisdom is sought.

Decisions are made without insulation.



Humility makes room.

And as influence increases,  
that humility becomes visible—  
in tone,  
in response,  
and in posture.



An Assembly shaped by humility  
does not react defensively when questioned.

It does not raise its volume to prove conviction.

It does not collapse under criticism.

It remains gentle.

It remains clear.

It remains steady.

A landscape photograph showing a field of crops in the foreground, with rolling hills and mountains in the background under a hazy, golden sky. The sun is low on the horizon, creating a soft, warm glow. The text is centered in the middle of the image.

Humility keeps  
what God is building  
from centering around a person.

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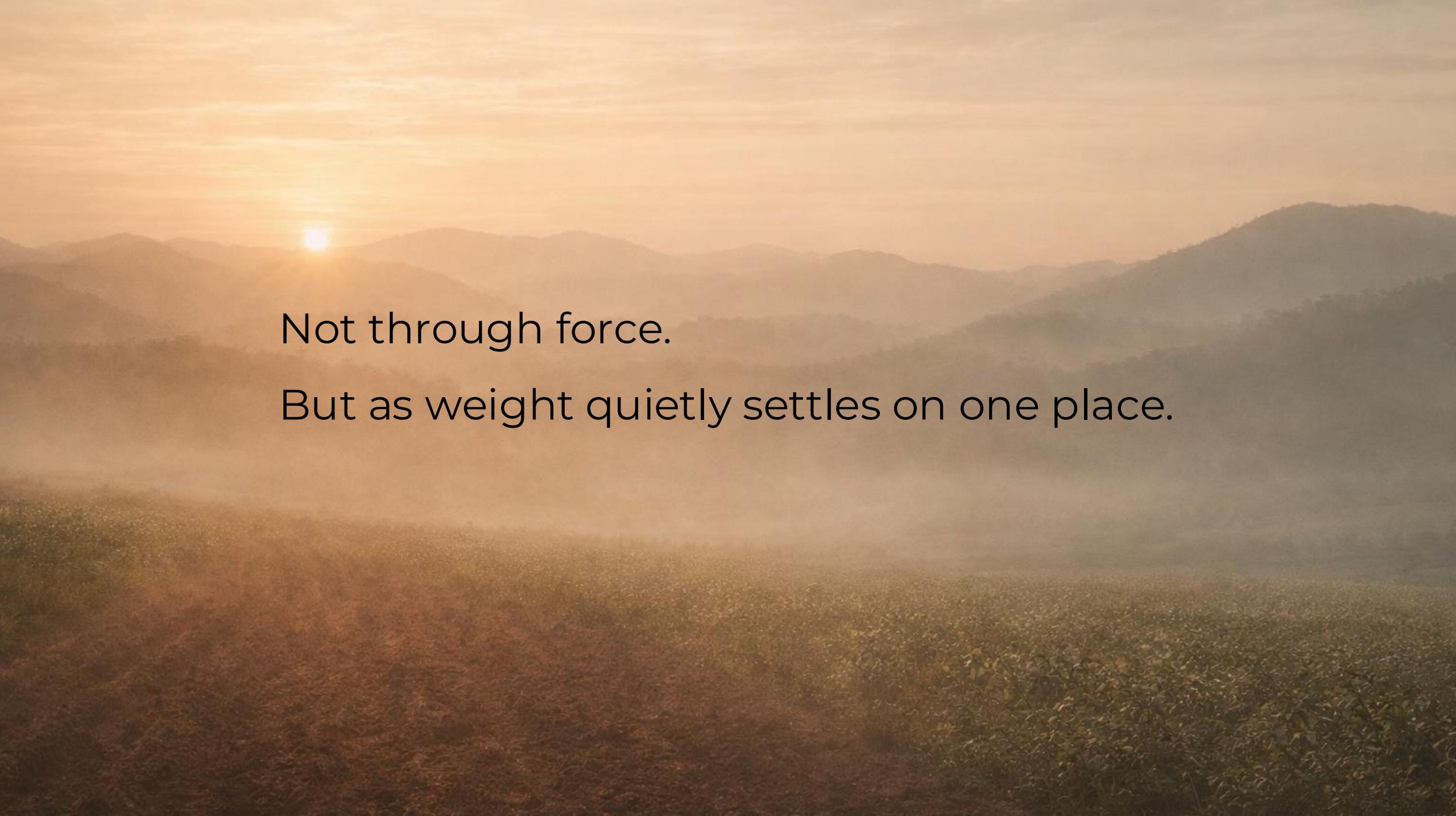
It keeps weight shared.

It keeps voices present.

It keeps discernment open.

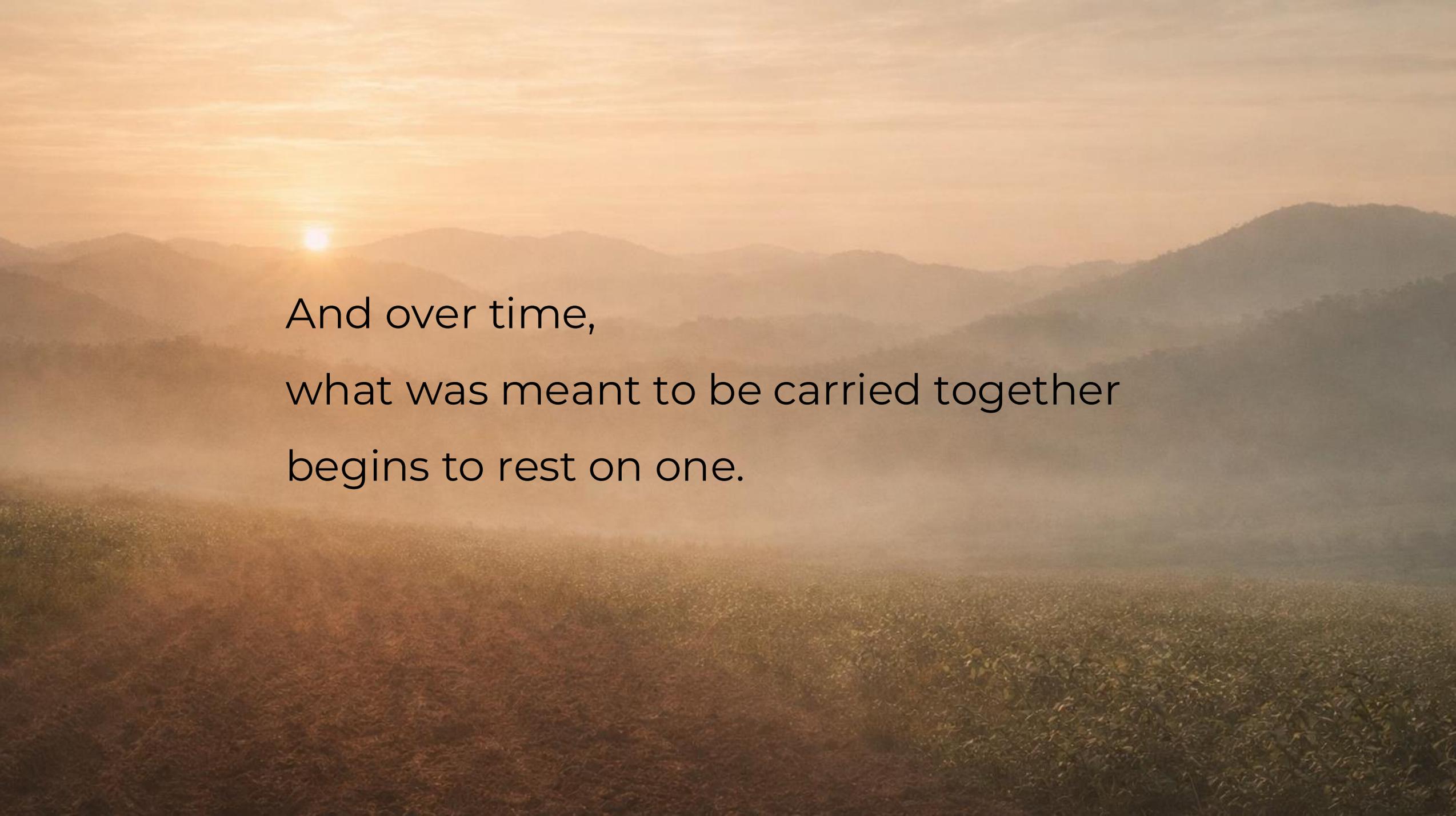
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Without humility,  
shared stewardship collapses quietly.

A serene landscape at sunrise. The sun is a bright, glowing orb low on the horizon, partially obscured by the silhouettes of distant mountains. The sky is filled with soft, wispy clouds, and the overall color palette is dominated by warm, golden, and hazy tones. In the foreground, a field of tall, green grass or crops is visible, slightly out of focus, adding depth to the scene.

Not through force.

But as weight quietly settles on one place.

A serene landscape at sunrise. The sun is low on the horizon, partially obscured by a range of misty mountains. The foreground is a field of tall grasses or crops, bathed in the warm, golden light of the rising sun. The overall atmosphere is peaceful and contemplative.

And over time,  
what was meant to be carried together  
begins to rest on one.

A serene landscape at sunrise. The sun is a bright, glowing orb low on the horizon, partially obscured by the silhouettes of rolling hills. The sky is filled with soft, wispy clouds, and the overall color palette is dominated by warm, golden, and hazy tones. In the foreground, a field of crops, possibly corn, is visible, with the plants appearing slightly out of focus. The text "The goal is not to remove influence." is centered in the middle of the image in a simple, black, sans-serif font.

The goal is not to remove influence.

A serene landscape at sunrise. The sun is a bright, glowing orb low on the horizon, partially obscured by the silhouettes of rolling hills. The sky is filled with soft, wispy clouds, and the overall atmosphere is hazy and misty. In the foreground, there is a field of tall, green grass or crops, slightly out of focus. The text is centered in the middle of the image.

It is to remain  
rightly positioned within it.

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Humble.

Open.

Anchored in Christ.



Because what we carry together  
must never be shaped  
by one alone.

What is shared must remain shared.

What is centered must remain Christ.



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The Ekklesia Assembly remains stewarded  
where humility is practiced—  
where authority stays shared,  
correction remains possible,  
and Christ remains central.

And over time,  
that is what allows strength to remain shared.





**FOUNDATION**  
— BEFORE —  
**PLATFORM**

FORMING A LIFE THAT ENDURES

This ends session 7



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