

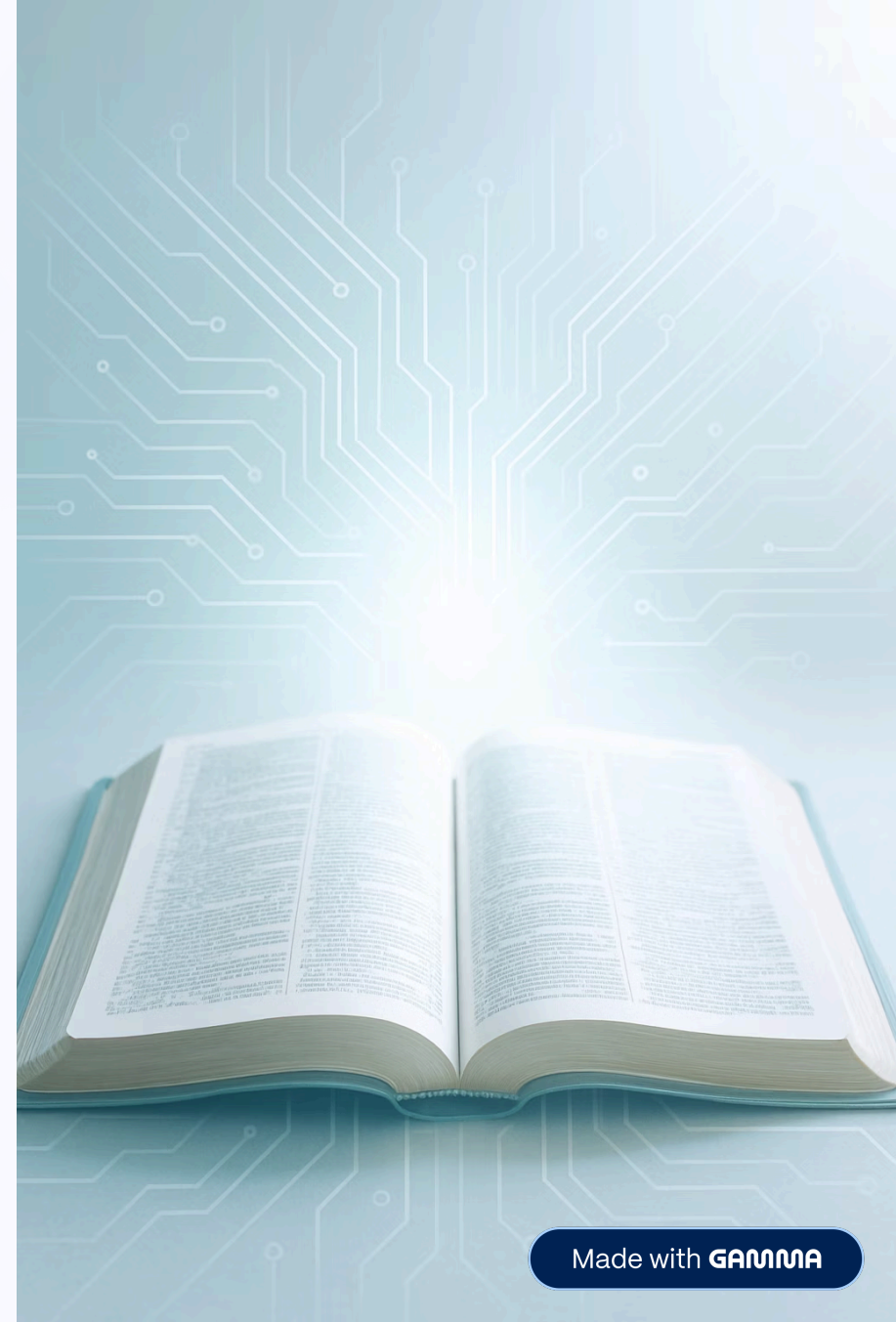
≤...Prompted by Faith, Empowered by AI

This book is for those caught between two worlds: the sacred and the digital. For the Sunday school teacher seeking fresh ways to explain timeless truths, for the weary pastor preparing sermons between hospital visits, for the small group leader creating space for real conversations in a distracted age.

Prompted by Faith isn't about replacing the Spirit. It's about removing the clutter that keeps us from hearing Him more clearly. Inside, you'll find techniques, prompts that open up new depths of Scripture, exercises that stretch your understanding of discipleship, and real-world stories of leaders using AI in ways that are pastoral, not mechanical.



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The Divine Tech-nique: Reading the Sacred in the Circuit



A Theological Mirror

AI serves as a mirror reflecting not just our intelligence, but our anxieties, hopes, desire for connection, and deeply spiritual questions.



Global Integration

Churches worldwide are using AI for personalized verses, multilingual sermons, and crossing digital highways to reach hearts across borders.



Ethical Considerations

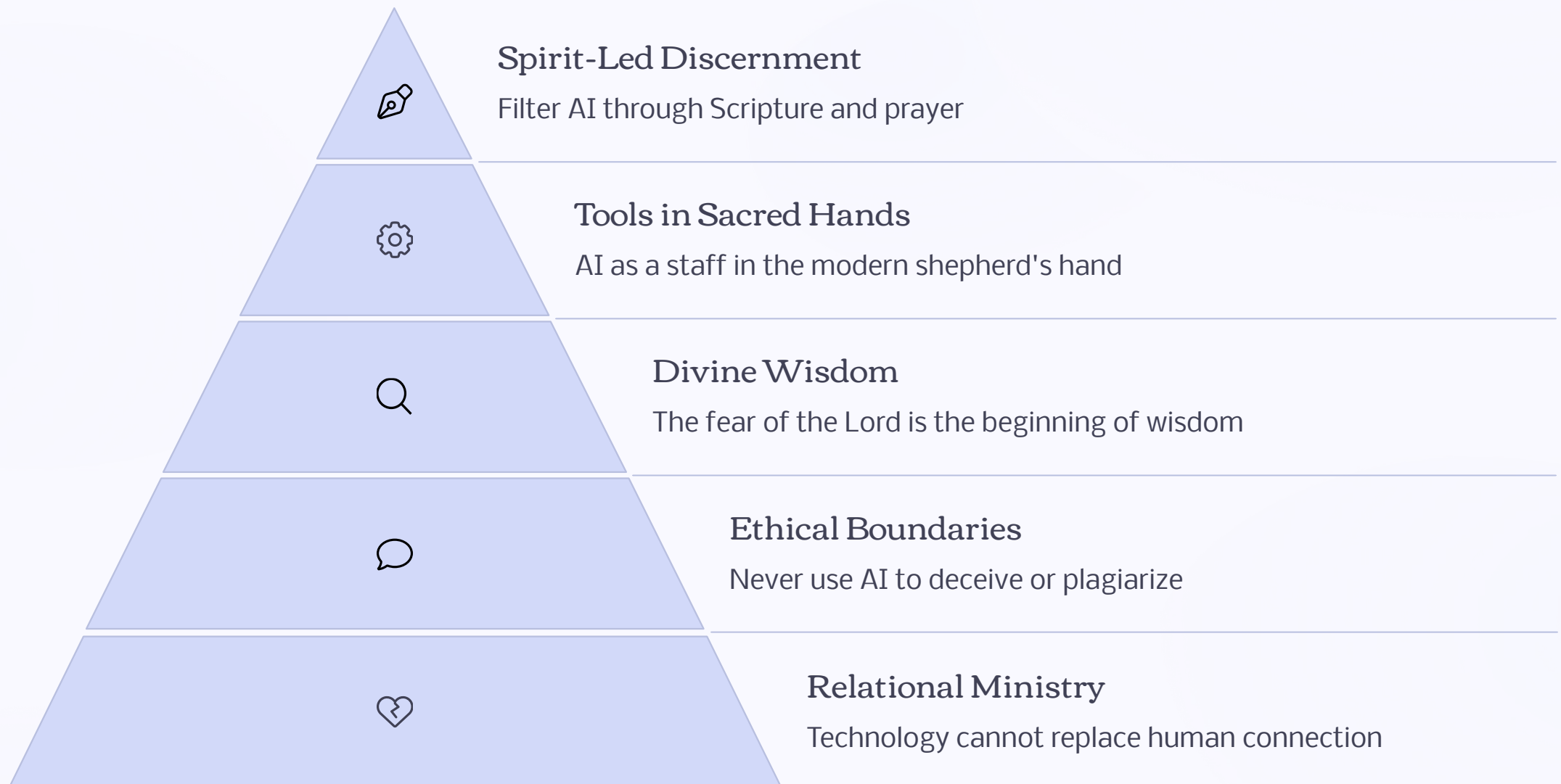
AI ethicists like Timnit Gebru and Kate Crawford advocate for justice and accountability, echoing biblical calls for righteousness.



Prophetic Imagination

AI can help extend prophetic vision by curating data for ethical policies, supporting sermon preparation, and enabling marginalized voices.

Is That You, Lord, or Just the Algorithm?



"God has always used strange instruments. A donkey spoke truth to a prophet. A shepherd's sling rewrote a nation's future. A wooden staff split a sea in half. The tools themselves were never divine—but when surrendered, they became doorways to God's intervention."

Getting Started with ChatGPT

Begin with Prayer

Treat your first prompt like your first prayer of the day. Come in humble. Ask with expectation. Be ready to be shaped. "Your digital space can be a closet too—quiet, sacred, and full of potential."

Ask with Specificity

Vague: "Write a devotion."
Better: "Write a 300-word devotion on Philippians 4:6-7 for women battling anxiety." The difference isn't just detail—it's discipleship.

Set Sacred Boundaries

Designate windows of use. Schedule tech-free times. Align prompting sessions with prayer. "Boundaries are not limitations. They are liberation. They protect your soul."

Practice Discernment

AI can help you organize—but it can't do the final shaping of your heart or your message. That's up to you and the Holy Spirit.

Delay Is Not Denial - But It Feels Like It

Divine Detours

Like Joseph who waited years from his dream to leadership, or David who was anointed as king but didn't sit on the throne until years later, delays are often part of God's plan.



Building While Waiting

Noah didn't just wait for rain—he built the ark. Ruth didn't just wait for Boaz—she gleaned faithfully. Paul wrote letters from prison that still shape the Church today.



Practice of Presence

Practicing presence during delays means choosing to see God in the silence, to hear Him in the waiting, and to receive formation over information.



Divine Structure

A Spirit-led schedule starts with prayer, not productivity. "What matters most today?" should precede "What's the most efficient way to do this?"



The Divine Debug - Spirit-Led Solutions for Sacred Challenges



Identify the Challenge

Define what's causing friction in your ministry



Pray for Wisdom

Invite God into the problem-solving process



Generate Solutions

Use AI to explore possibilities and options



Spirit-Led Discernment

Filter ideas through prayer and Scripture



Faithful Implementation

Take action with courage and wisdom

"AI can't anoint your plan, but it can help untangle the noise so you can hear God more clearly. Using tools like ChatGPT to draft intergenerational discussion guides or meeting agendas doesn't replace discernment—it simply protects your mental bandwidth for people over paperwork."

Communicating with Compassion in a Digital World

Ministry Through Messages

Every digital message has the potential to shepherd. Sending a thank-you note to someone who served or posting a reminder about peace in chaotic times might seem small, but these acts carry the pulse of ministry.

Social Media as Sacred Space

Social media posts aren't just noise—they can be spiritual notes passed in a crowded hallway. When considering your next caption, reflect on whether it reflects the Shepherd's heart.

AI-Assisted Authenticity

Invite AI to draft, but let your heart, prayer, and pastoral discernment finalize the tone. Writing with AI is the beginning, not the end. Edit by hand. Imprint it with your heart, your story, your theology.

Communication Ministry Calendar

Monday prayers, midweek check-ins, and Friday worship invitations create a rhythm of spiritual connection through digital channels.

Faith-Fueled Innovation for Ministry Challenges



"God often hides breakthroughs in friction. The early church didn't choose persecution—but when scattered, they multiplied. When ministry tension arises—low attendance, disengaged volunteers, strained finances—it's easy to see failure. But what if that tension is the stretch before the surge?"

"Every planning session should begin with the presence of God. Try a new ritual: Pray first. Prompt second. Refine together. Innovation is not about speed—it's about sacred curiosity."