

MAKE WAY



AND LET THEM **MAKE** ME
A SANCTUARY, THAT I MAY
DWELL IN THEIR MIDST.

✚ **Exodus 25:8**

MAKE WAY

God wanted to
dwell among them.



FROM THE BEGINNING, GOD
HAS WANTED TO **DWELL** WITH
HIS PEOPLE AND MAKE HIS
PRESENCE KNOWN.

In the book of Exodus, God
rescues His people from Egypt
not only to set them free, but to
dwell among them. In Exodus,
God tells Moses,

⋮ ① *“and let them make me a
sanctuary, that I may dwell in
their midst.” - Exodus 25:8*

God wants to be present with
His people. And in His grace,
He invites us to participate in
making room for His presence.

GOD STILL CALLS HIS PEOPLE TO **MAKE WAY** FOR HIM.

He wants to dwell in us personally and among us as a church, moving in us and through us so that more people can know Him. Now, we have the opportunity to make way for what He wants to do next.

MAKE WAY is our shared response to God's desire to dwell among us: a step of faith into the future He is shaping through us. Together, let's make room for His presence and make way for more people to find hope in Him.





MORE intentional
ways to seek
God daily



MORE welcoming
spaces to *build*
deep relationships



MORE courageous
opportunities to
live generously



MORE practical
outlets to serve
others



MORE open
doors to *make*
God known



MORE
gathered voices
to *worship God*

DISCIPLES MAKING DISCIPLES

In 2024, we launched our “Find Hope” vision and identified six essentials for living as disciples of Jesus. When we live out these essentials, they help us find hope in our daily lives and help us lead others to find hope as well. We become disciples making disciples.

Make Way is the next step in the vision God has already given us. This initiative will accelerate that vision by creating more opportunities to live out the Essentials in ways we haven't been able to before.

**MAKE WAY STRENGTHENS OUR ABILITY
TO LIVE OUT THE ESSENTIALS AND
HELP MORE PEOPLE EMBRACE AND
EMBODY THE HOPE OF JESUS.**



find
hope.

THIS MOMENT MATTERS



Since we launched the “Find Hope” vision, we’ve seen God move in incredible ways. We’ve seen hundreds of decisions for Jesus and hundreds of baptisms. He’s has used our church to supply beds for under-resourced kids, care for families facing hardships, and complete brand-new translations of the Bible.

We see God moving, and we want to make way for Him to do more! Just as God’s people responded to His work in

Exodus by making room for His presence, we believe He is inviting us to respond in faith today.

OUR CAMPUSES
AND MINISTRIES
ARE AT PIVOTAL
MOMENTS.

THIS IS A
SIGNIFICANT
MOMENT IN THE
LIFE OF OUR
CHURCH. TO JOIN
GOD IN WHAT HE
IS ALREADY DOING
AND PREPARE FOR
WHAT HE WANTS
TO DO NEXT, WE
NEED TO **MAKE WAY.**







MIKE & DENISE

“WE FELT A CLOSENESS WITH GOD ...
A NEW, FRESH-START FEELING.”



MIKE & DENISE'S STORY

Eight years ago, we checked out Fairhaven for the middle school program. We would come a couple times a month. Our youngest son Alex attended Student Ministries

and challenged us saying, “You guys are great parents, but what is your relationship like with God?” It got us thinking more deeply, and we had a nudge that we wanted to commit our lives to following Jesus. Since getting baptized, we’ve joined two small groups which has been life changing.



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IF GOD IS CALLING US TO MAKE WAY, THEN WE MUST BE INTENTIONAL ABOUT HOW WE RESPOND. WE NEED TO MAKE WAY IN THE MINISTRIES THAT FORM DISCIPLES, IN THE SPACES WHERE PEOPLE GATHER AND GROW, AND IN THE OPPORTUNITIES GOD IS GIVING US TO EXTEND HIS HOPE FARTHER INTO OUR COMMUNITIES AND WORLD.

A photograph of a man with a mustache and a blue baseball cap hugging a young boy from behind. The man is smiling and looking towards the camera. The boy is wearing a black t-shirt and glasses. They are outdoors at what appears to be a festival or park, with other people and trees in the background. Overlaid on the image are several large, light blue abstract shapes, including circles and teardrop-like forms. The text "MAKE WAY IN US" is positioned on the right side of the image, partially overlapping the blue shapes.

MAKE WAY
IN US

MAKE WAY IN US - INVESTING IN THE PEOPLE AND MINISTRIES THAT HELP US EXPERIENCE THE TRANSFORMING PRESENCE OF GOD



MAKE WAY begins with each of us making room for God personally. He wants to dwell in our hearts, shape us as disciples, and grow our faith. And as God works in each of our hearts, He will form us together as a community of faith, building up the ministries, relationships, and environments that help us live out the Essentials and embody the hope of Jesus.

Making way in us will help us give greater care, intentionality, and capacity to the people and ministries that help us become disciples who make disciples.





WEEKEND EXPERIENCES

We want our services to be life-giving environments where people encounter God, worship Him freely, and connect deeply with others. As we invest in these gatherings, we create space for faith to grow and for people to confidently invite friends who don't yet know Jesus.

- ✓ Enhancing our worship spaces for meaningful encounters with God
- ✓ Creating more worship environments where guests feel welcomed



NEXT GENERATION

Investing in kids and students is essential to the future of the Church. We want to keep strengthening the ways we equip the next generation with the truth of the gospel, so they can know Jesus, grow in their faith, and follow Him for a lifetime.

- ✓ Providing practical discipleship resources for parents at every stage
- ✓ Creating spaces where kids and students build relationships, invite friends, and have fun



DISCIPLESHIP

We want to be a church of disciples who make disciples, living out the six Essentials in everyday life. We want every kid, student, and adult to be actively growing in faith and to understand what it means to follow Jesus and help others do the same.

- ✓ Expanding groups and discipleship opportunities for 1,000 more people
- ✓ Developing resources to help people live out the Essentials





LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT

The church will only grow as its leaders grow. We want to expand the ways we mentor, equip, and raise up leaders of all ages so more people are prepared to make God known, lead with confidence, and help others take their next right step.

- ✓ Growing our Training Program to equip the next 100 young leaders
- ✓ Identifying and mentoring leaders across every campus



TRAINING PROGRAM 'FELLOW'
Family Serve Day, 2026



PASTORAL CARE

The church should be a refuge for people in life's hardest seasons. We want to deepen the ways we walk with people through grief, brokenness, and relational struggles with compassion, wisdom, and a redemptive heart.

- ✓ Expanding marriage support, mentoring, and counseling
- ✓ Increasing care for people facing addictions, grief, and hardships



GUEST EXPERIENCE

We want to be a place where every guest feels seen, safe, and comfortable exploring faith. As we invite others and God brings more people through our doors, we want to cultivate a culture of welcome that helps people connect with Jesus and with others.

- ✓ Equipping serve teams to welcome guests with relational warmth
- ✓ Creating simpler paths from first visit to meaningful engagement

A photograph of two men smiling and embracing in front of a large window. The man on the left has a beard and glasses, wearing a black and white checkered shirt. The man on the right is wearing a red and white checkered shirt and holding a dark cup with a white lid. A large orange graphic, resembling a stylized star or flower, is overlaid on the image. The background shows a modern building with large glass windows and some greenery outside.

MAKE WAY

**THROUGH
US**

MAKE WAY THROUGH US - EXPANDING OUR SPACES, PARTNERSHIPS, AND REACH SO MORE PEOPLE CAN FIND HOPE IN JESUS



This part of the **MAKE WAY** initiative focuses on preparing and developing spaces, platforms and partnerships that expand our ability to extend the hope of Jesus. We want to help make way for more people to encounter the hope of Jesus, connect with other Christ-followers, and take their next right step toward embracing and embodying the hope of Jesus.

Making way for God to work through us is the natural overflow of His work in us. As we make way for Him in our hearts, He will also move through us to reach people beyond our walls.





GATHERING SPACES

Relationships often open the door to spiritual conversations. We want to create indoor and outdoor spaces at each campus where people can linger, connect, and build deep relationships that help open hearts to the message of Jesus.

- ✓ Creating outdoor gathering spaces at each of our campuses
- ✓ Updating the Centerville and Springboro cafés and expanding the Northmont lobby





BEAVERCREEK CAMPUS

To continue growing in the ways they impact their

community, the Beaver Creek Campus needs a permanent home. A more visible presence in their city will create more opportunities for connection, discipleship, and ministry, so more people in Beavercreek can find hope in Jesus.

- ✓ Securing a long-term location for worship, discipleship, and weekday gatherings
- ✓ Expanding our capacity to serve and engage the community



DIGITAL PLATFORMS

More people are connecting with Fairhaven online than ever before. We want to enhance our app, website, and digital tools to help people grow in their relationship with God, take next steps, and connect in meaningful ways anytime, anywhere.

- ✓ Developing new features on our website and app to help people take next steps
- ✓ Leveraging new technologies to personalize discipleship and care



LOCAL OUTREACH

We want to deepen our local impact by strengthening partnerships in our community and caring for families in practical and personal ways.

- ✓ Building 1,000 beds to double our support for under-resourced kids
- ✓ Broadening our partnerships with schools and local organizations
- ✓ Creating more opportunities for people to serve their communities



GLOBAL OUTREACH

God has opened new doors for strategic partnerships around the world, and we want to step into them with faith while strengthening our long-term relationships.

- ✓ Launching new partnerships in England, Senegal, the Dominican Republic, and the Asia Pacific region
- ✓ Strengthening our existing long-term international partnerships
- ✓ Equipping global staff for greater impact



STRATEGIC OPPORTUNITIES

We want to respond faithfully to the strategic opportunities God places in front of us. When He invites us into work that can strengthen His Church and expand gospel impact, we want to be ready to step into them with faith and generosity.

- ☑ Supporting our network of churches as they mobilize 700 global workers to serve among 3.4 billion unreached people
- ☑ Responding to future ministry opportunities as God leads



LEXI MOORE

“GOD HAS BEEN MOVING IN SO
MANY AREAS OF MY LIFE.”



LEXI'S STORY

Even when I couldn't see it, God was placing people and opportunities in my path that would change my heart and outlook on life. Coming back to the church I grew up in and

making my faith journey my own has led me to a small group, more serving opportunities, and even being baptized. Serving in early childhood and students has helped me discern the areas I'm passionate about. I'm so thankful for Fairhaven for giving me that opportunity.





YOUR GENEROSITY PLAYS A HUGE ROLE IN SUPPORTING WHAT GOD IS DOING AT FAIRHAVEN, AND MAKE WAY IS A DISTINCT OPPORTUNITY TO EXPAND OUR IMPACT. **NO MATTER WHAT YOUR GIVING CURRENTLY LOOKS LIKE,** WE CHALLENGE YOU TO TAKE YOUR NEXT RIGHT STEP.

WOULD YOU PRAYERFULLY CONSIDER MAKING A TWO-YEAR GENEROSITY COMMITMENT?

ONE VISION



ONE STORY

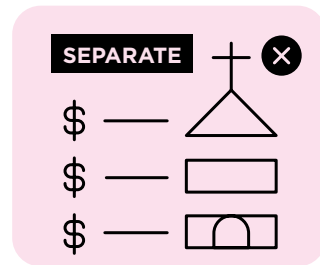
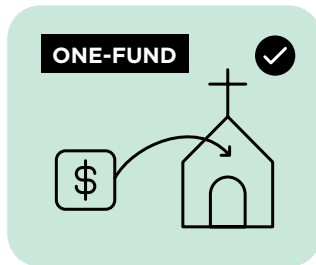
ONE-FUND INITIATIVE



ONE COMMITMENT

MAKE WAY IS A ONE-FUND INITIATIVE. RATHER THAN DIVIDING TODAY'S MINISTRY FROM TOMORROW'S VISION, WE ARE BRINGING EVERYTHING TOGETHER UNDER ONE TWO-YEAR COMMITMENT.

We're asking you to make one generosity commitment to sustain everything you already love about Fairhaven and make way for what God wants to do next. Every dollar given supports the ministry of Fairhaven now and prepares us for the new opportunities God has placed in front of us.





DECLARATION OF FAITH

We believe God is calling us to invest **\$34 million** over the next two years to make way for what He wants to do in us and through us. Of that total, \$22 million reflects what we currently fund over two years, and \$12 million represents the new opportunities we believe God is calling us to pursue.

\$22M

Regularly-funded ministries

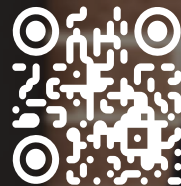
\$12M

+ New opportunities

\$34M

LIKEWISE, YOUR COMMITMENT INCLUDES THE AMOUNT YOU WOULD **REGULARLY GIVE** OVER TWO YEARS, PLUS THE **ADDITIONAL AMOUNT** GOD LEADS YOU TO COMMIT.

Your Make Way commitment card isn't just a place to write a number. It's a declaration of faith. It's an opportunity for you to meet with God and consider how He might be asking you to make way for more people to find hope in Him.



Scan for help
understanding
your commitment



SO EVERYONE CAN
find hope.
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**PLEASE JOIN US IN MAKING
OUR COMMITMENTS ON
SUNDAY, NOV 15, 2026.**

OUR GOAL IS
100%
PARTICIPATION

LET'S GO ALL IN, TOGETHER. Generosity isn't about an amount. It's about taking your next right step. If you've never given before, let Make Way be your first step. If you already give faithfully, take your next step. We all know people who need the hope of Jesus, and our courageous response will create more opportunities to reach them.

⋮ *"I will not offer burnt offerings to the Lord my God
⋮ that cost me nothing." - 2 Samuel 24:24*

GROWING IN GENEROSITY

1 What difference might your commitment to Make Way make in your **heart and life?**

2 As you consider your commitment, how might God be inviting you to **trust Him more?**



THESE EXAMPLES SHOW HOW GIFTS
OF EVERY SIZE WORK TOGETHER.
ASK GOD WHAT YOUR NEXT RIGHT
STEP COULD BE.

3 How might your commitment
reflect your desire to **follow**
God's leading in this season?

Families Needed	2-year Total
1	\$3,000,000
1	\$2,000,000
4	\$1,000,000
5	\$750,000
8	\$500,000
14	\$250,000
24	\$100,000
30	\$75,000
45	\$50,000
75	\$25,000
110	\$10,000
130	\$7,500
150	\$5,000
180	\$3,600
220	\$2,400
Hundreds	Various

In 1964, twelve families from Burns Avenue Church in Dayton believed God was asking them to step out in faith and start something new. They responded, and Fairhaven Church was born. **We're here today because twelve families made way for God.**

THEIR OBEDIENCE IS A REMINDER THAT GOD CAN USE OUR FAITHFUL RESPONSE TO DO MORE THAN WE CAN IMAGINE. NOW, MORE THAN SIXTY YEARS LATER, I BELIEVE HE'S BROUGHT US TO ANOTHER DEFINING MOMENT.

Our commitment to help people find hope has never been stronger, and I believe this is the moment to go all in. Make Way will require prayer, generosity, and boldness from all of us. So engage in this series, participate in a group, and pray, "God, what do You want to do in me and through me?" Then respond faithfully however He leads.

I'm grateful for everything God is doing through Fairhaven, and I'm excited to see what He does as we step into these new opportunities together.



1964
Twelve families
step out
in faith

1970s
Several local
churches
planted

1980s-1990s
New
facilities
make room
for growth

2000s
Long-term
global
partnerships
established

2010s
Fairhaven
expands
to multiple
communities

A LEGACY OF RESPONDING IN FAITH.

*Let's make way and
watch God move.*



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

WHY MAKE WAY NOW?

God is already moving in powerful ways at Fairhaven, and we believe this is a pivotal moment to respond. Make Way allows us to build on what He's doing now, step boldly into new opportunities, and expand our impact so more people can find hope in Jesus.

IS MAKE WAY JUST A BUILDING CAMPAIGN?

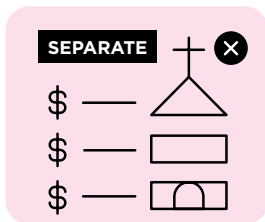
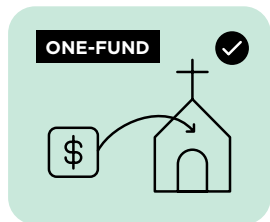
No. Make Way includes spaces and facilities, but it is much more than that. It is a church-wide initiative that will strengthen the people, ministries, environments, and partnerships that help us live out the Essentials and help more people find hope in Jesus.



God has been moving in powerful ways at Fairhaven ...

WHAT DOES “ONE FUND” MEAN?

Make Way is a one-fund initiative. Rather than separating our regular ministry budget from new opportunities, we are bringing everything together under one two-year commitment. Your commitment includes everything you would normally give to Fairhaven over the next two years, plus the additional amount God leads you to give to make way for what He wants to accomplish.



HOW LONG IS MY COMMITMENT?



Make Way giving begins in December 2026 and continues through December 2028. We encourage you to fulfill your commitment with gifts of whatever size and frequency make the most sense for you during that time.

WHAT IF I'M NEW OR HAVE NEVER GIVEN BEFORE?

Generosity is all about taking your next right step. If you have never given to Fairhaven, Make Way is a great place to start. We believe there is no greater mission than helping people find hope in Jesus, and we invite everyone to prayerfully consider how God may be leading them to participate.

WHY FILL OUT A COMMITMENT CARD?

Your commitment card is more than a place to write a number. It is a declaration of faith – a moment to meet with God, consider how He is leading you, and respond to what He wants to do in and through you.



A declaration of faith ...

WHY DOES BEAVERCREEK NEED A PERMANENT CAMPUS?

The Beaver Creek Campus has meaningful opportunity to grow its impact in the community, and a long-term home will help make that possible. A more visible and permanent presence will create more opportunities for connection, discipleship, weekday ministries, and community engagement so more people in Beaver Creek can find hope in Jesus.

HOW WILL *MAKE WAY* IMPACT MY CAMPUS OR MINISTRY?

Make Way is designed to strengthen all the campuses and ministries of Fairhaven. Because it is a one-fund initiative, it supports everything we already do, while also helping us take the next steps God is calling us to in all of the areas mentioned in this book.

WHERE WILL THE BEAVERCREEK CAMPUS BE LOCATED?

We are exploring options with the help of a commercial realtor, including both existing facilities and property that could serve the long-term needs of the campus. Please pray with us for God's direction and provision as we seek the right location.

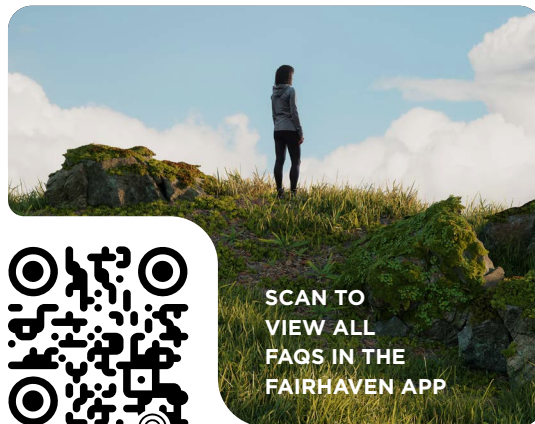
HOW CAN I PRAY FOR MAKE WAY?

Pray that God would prepare our hearts for all He wants to do in us and through us, and that every person would respond faithfully. Pray for unity, boldness, and generosity across our church, and ask God to use Make Way to accomplish more than we could imagine.

Find daily prayer prompts in the Fairhaven app!

WHAT IF WE DON'T MEET THE GOAL?

We are committed to moving forward faithfully at the pace God allows. We will respond wisely with the resources He provides and trust Him to lead us and guide our next steps as the initiative unfolds.





MATT HOWARD

“I STARTED SAYING YES TO GOD’S INVITATIONS.”



MATT’S STORY

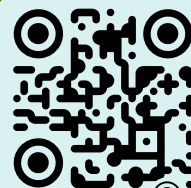
Fairhaven has been a wonderful church for me, and in 2023 I finally started calling it home. The opportunities to go on short-term mission trips to Guatemala and the Dominican

Republic, to study the Bible alongside other men, and to serve in Kids and Student Ministries have changed me forever! I’ve met amazing people, and I’ve seen how God can use each of us in beautiful and special ways. I’m excited to see what God does next through all of us here today.



MAKE WAY WEEKLY WORKBOOK

SCAN TO FIND MORE
WAYS TO REFLECT AND
GO DEEPER IN THE
FAIRHAVEN APP



WEEK 01 – REFLECTION QUESTIONS

And they heard
the sound of the
Lord God walking
in the garden in
the cool of the
day, and the man
and his wife hid
themselves from
the presence of
the Lord God
among the trees
of the garden.

Where in your life are you most tempted to
hide from God rather than move toward Him?

(Circle any or write your own)

Relationships	Health	Future
Work/school	Bad Habits	Anxiety/fear
Finances	Temptation	Doubts

What tends to crowd out your awareness
of God's presence in everyday life?

† Genesis 3:8

WEEK 02 – REFLECTION QUESTIONS

What has God already placed in your hands that could be used for His purposes?

How do you feel about giving it up?



To make room for God's presence, what is He inviting you to offer, surrender, or make available?

*And they came,
everyone whose
heart stirred him,
and everyone
whose spirit
moved him, and
brought the Lord's
contribution to be
used for the tent of
meeting, and for all
its service, and for
the holy garments.*

† Exodus 35:21

WEEK 03 – REFLECTION QUESTIONS

A voice cries:

*“In the wilderness
prepare the way
of the Lord; make
straight in the
desert a highway
for our God.”*

† Isaiah 40:3

What obstacle in your own life may be keeping you from experiencing God more fully?



Where might God be inviting you to make more room so others can encounter Him too?



WEEK 04 – REFLECTION QUESTIONS

What currently gets the best of your attention, energy, or resources?

What does that reveal about your priorities?

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.

Now, therefore, thus says the Lord of hosts: Consider your ways.

† Haggai 1:5

What is one practical change you could make this week to put God first again?



WEEK 05 – REFLECTION QUESTIONS

... And I will give

you rest from all

· *your enemies.*

Moreover, the Lord

declares to you that

the Lord will make

·you a house.

· [†] 2 Samuel 7:11

Where in your life are you carrying weight that really belongs to God?

Relationships

Health

Future

Work/school

Bad Habits

Anxiety/fear

Finances

Temptation

Doubts

What is one area where God may be inviting you to trust Him more than yourself?

WEEK 06 – REFLECTION QUESTIONS

Do you tend to live as if God is near or distant? Why?

How close does God feel right now?

Distant

Near

What would change this week if you approached it knowing Jesus was near?

And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth

† John 1:14



WEEK 07 – REFLECTION QUESTIONS

*And I heard a
loud voice from
the throne saying,
“Behold, the
dwelling place of
God is with man.
He will dwell with
them, and they
will be his people,
and God himself
will be with them
as their God.*

How does knowing where God’s story is
headed shape the way you live today?



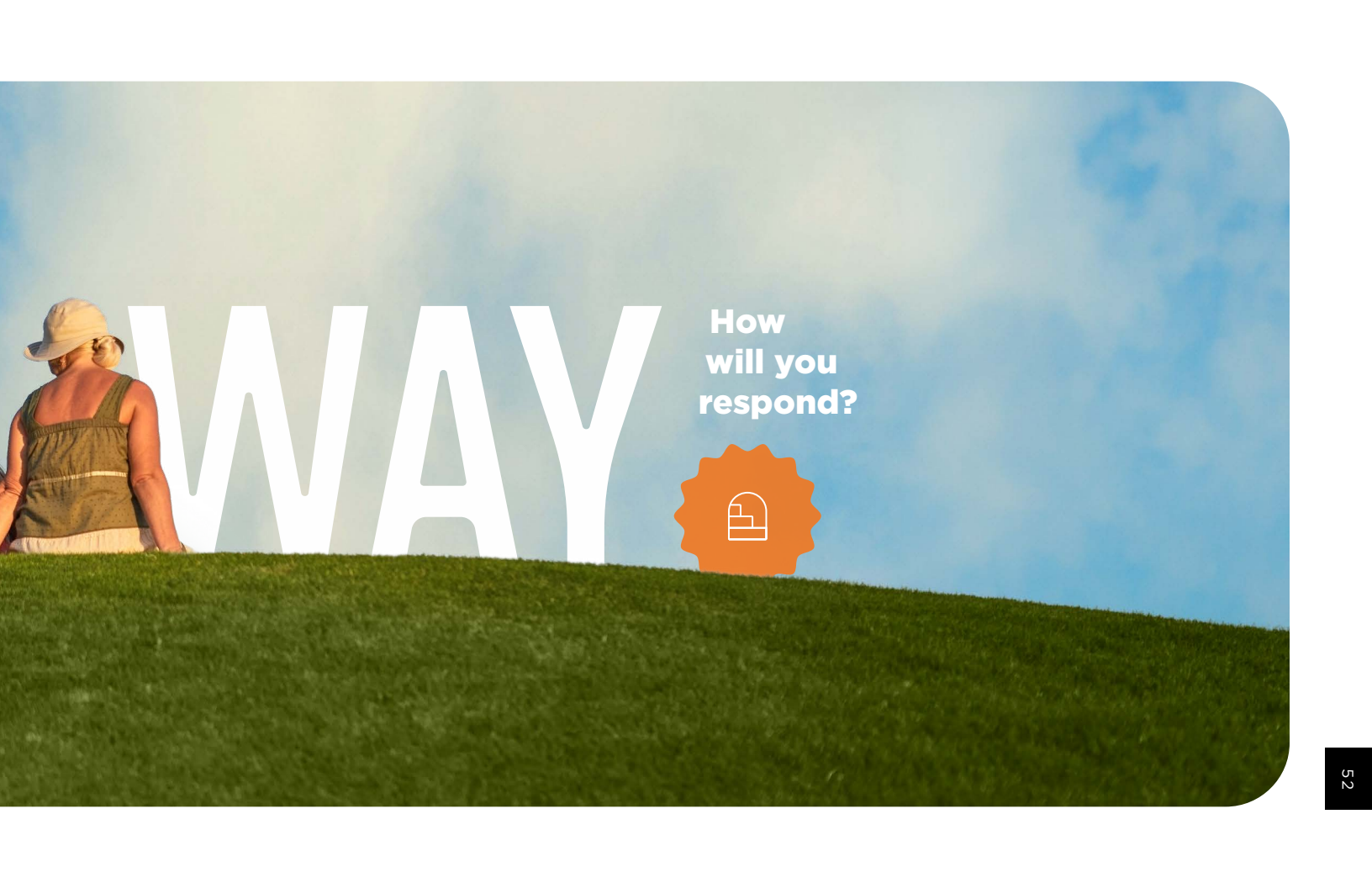
What would it look like to say yes to your
part in God’s story, even now?



† Revelation 21:3

A photograph of an elderly man and a young woman standing on a grassy hill, looking out at a rainbow in the sky. The man is on the left, wearing a light-colored plaid shirt, and the woman is on the right, with long brown hair. The word "MAKE" is overlaid in large white letters across the center of the image.

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MAKE WAY *THROUGH US*

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