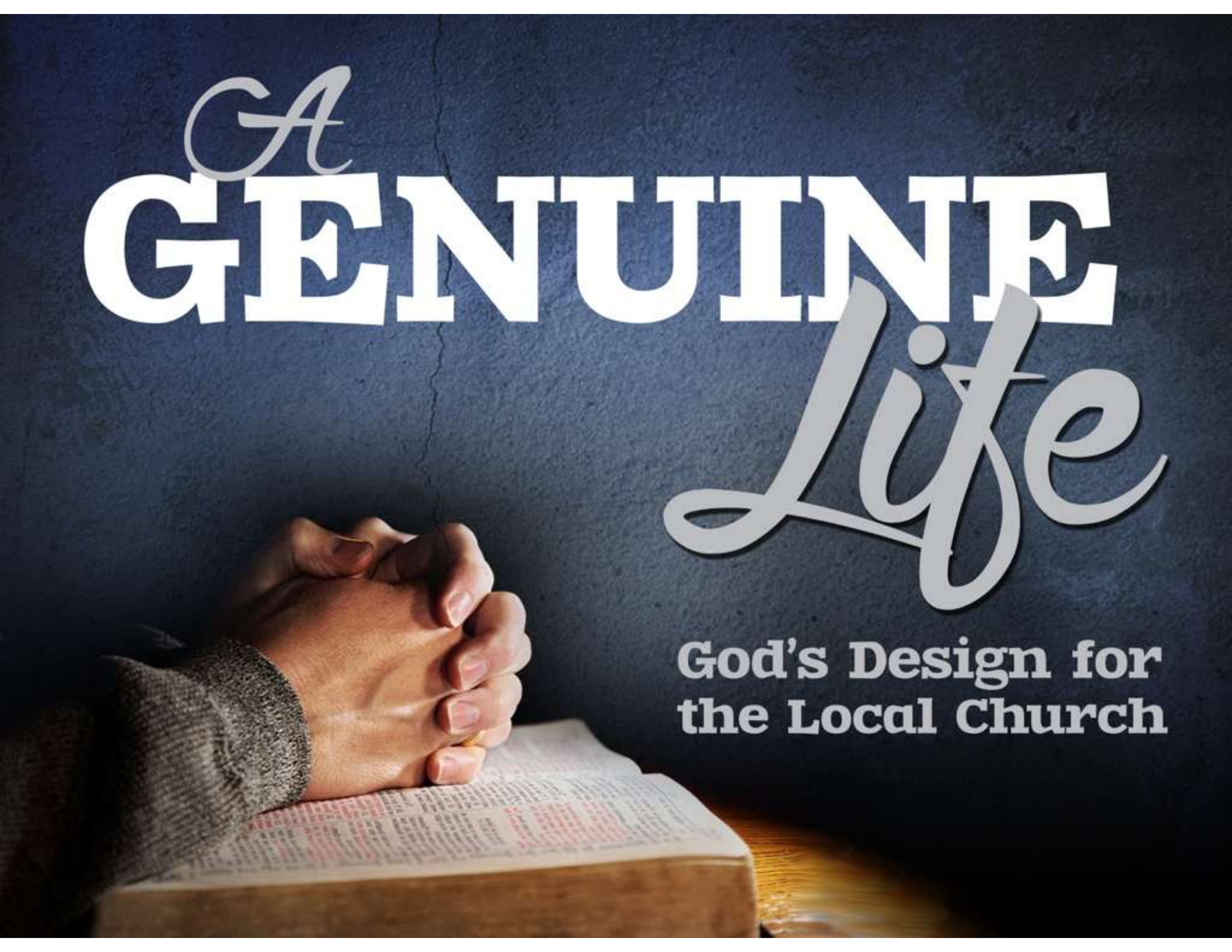


A photograph of a person's hands clasped in prayer, resting on an open Bible. The background is a dark, textured wall. The title 'A GENUINE Life' is overlaid on the image.

A **GENUINE** *Life*

**God's Design for
the Local Church**

Study to shew thyself

APPROVED
unto God

**A workman that needeth
not to be ashamed, rightly dividing
*the word of truth.***

2 Timothy 2:15

Definition of Church

“A body of obedient, baptized believers, growing, fellowshiping, and worshipping under two offices of pastors and deacons, practicing two ordinances of baptism and the Lord’s Supper, and fulfilling two objectives of glorifying God and doing good for









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3 Point Challenge

1. Stay put and do your job (vs. 1-4).

2. Communicate the truth in love (vs. 5-6).

- Do I have a pure heart? My relationship to God – Personal (*James 4:8*)
- Do I have a clear conscience? My relationship to others – Public (*Acts 26:28*)
- Is my faith unfeigned? My relationship to myself – Private

3. Maintain the unmovable truth (vs.6-10).

Take Home Truths

- ▶ We desire a twentieth century ministry rooted in first-century truth.

BE understanding.

- ▶ Truth is truth, whether it's modeled or not.

BE mature.

- ▶ Regardless of the church's weaknesses, it will not fail.

BE confident.