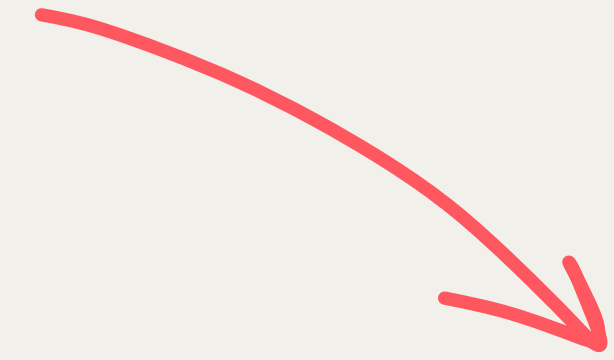
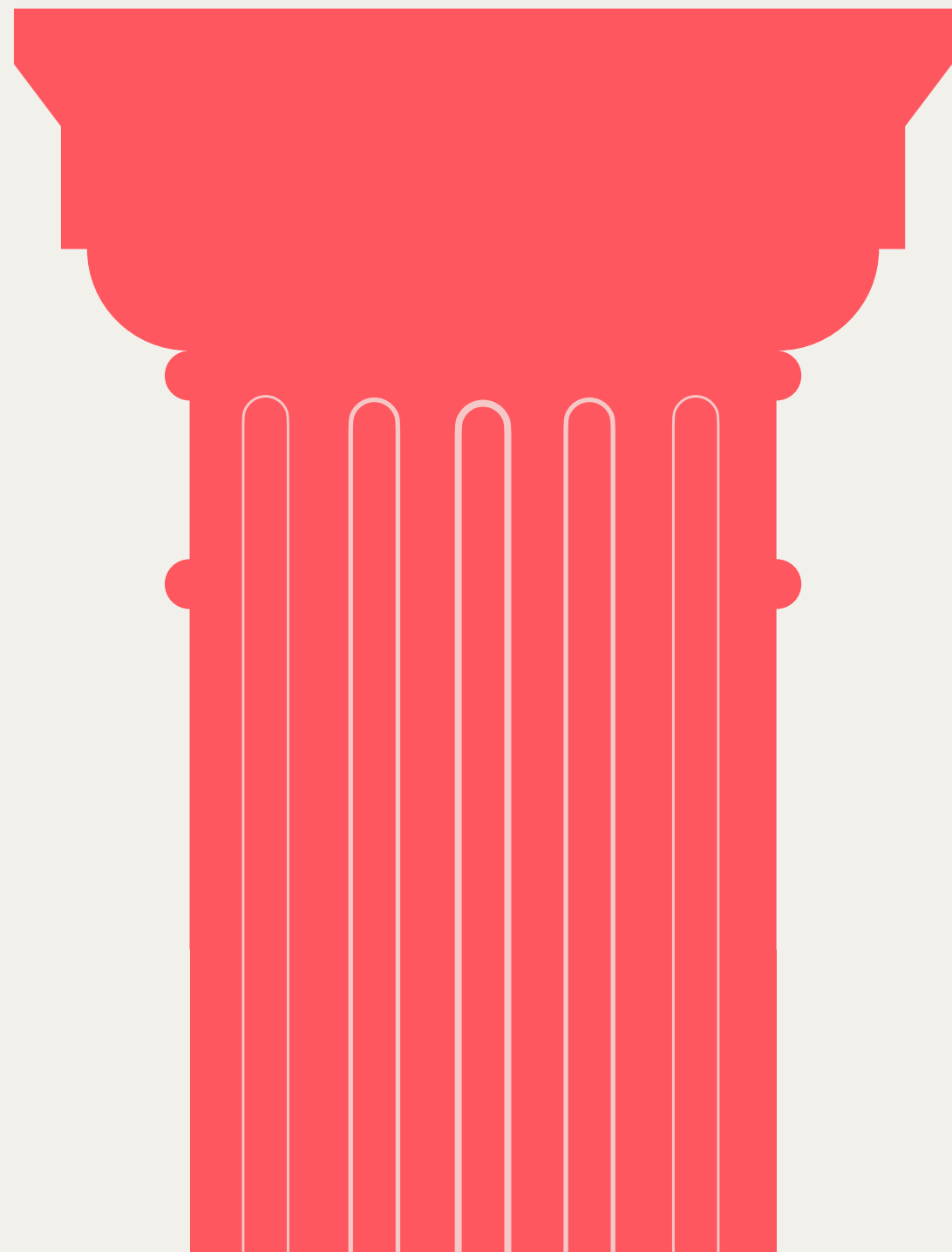


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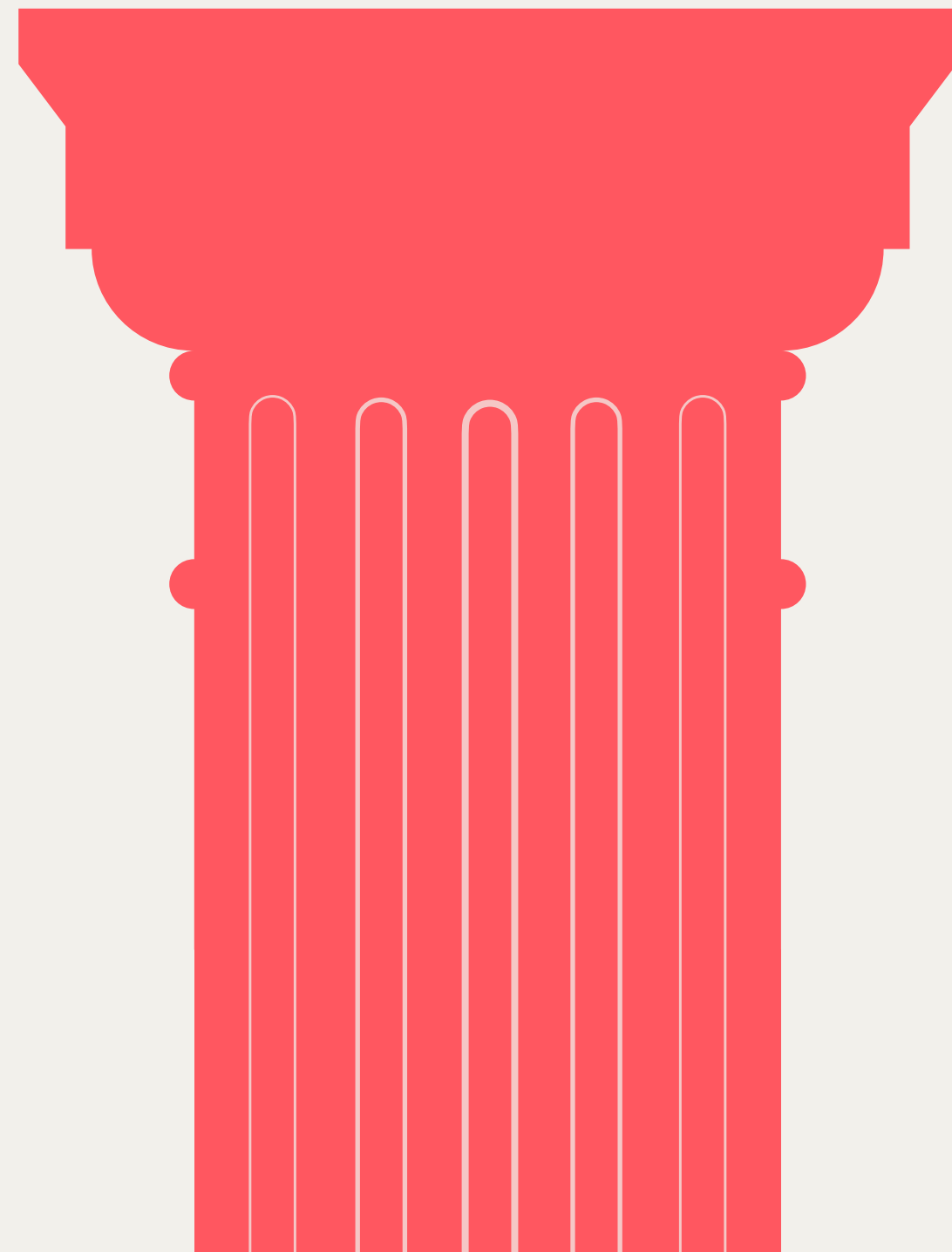
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**The goodness
of God**



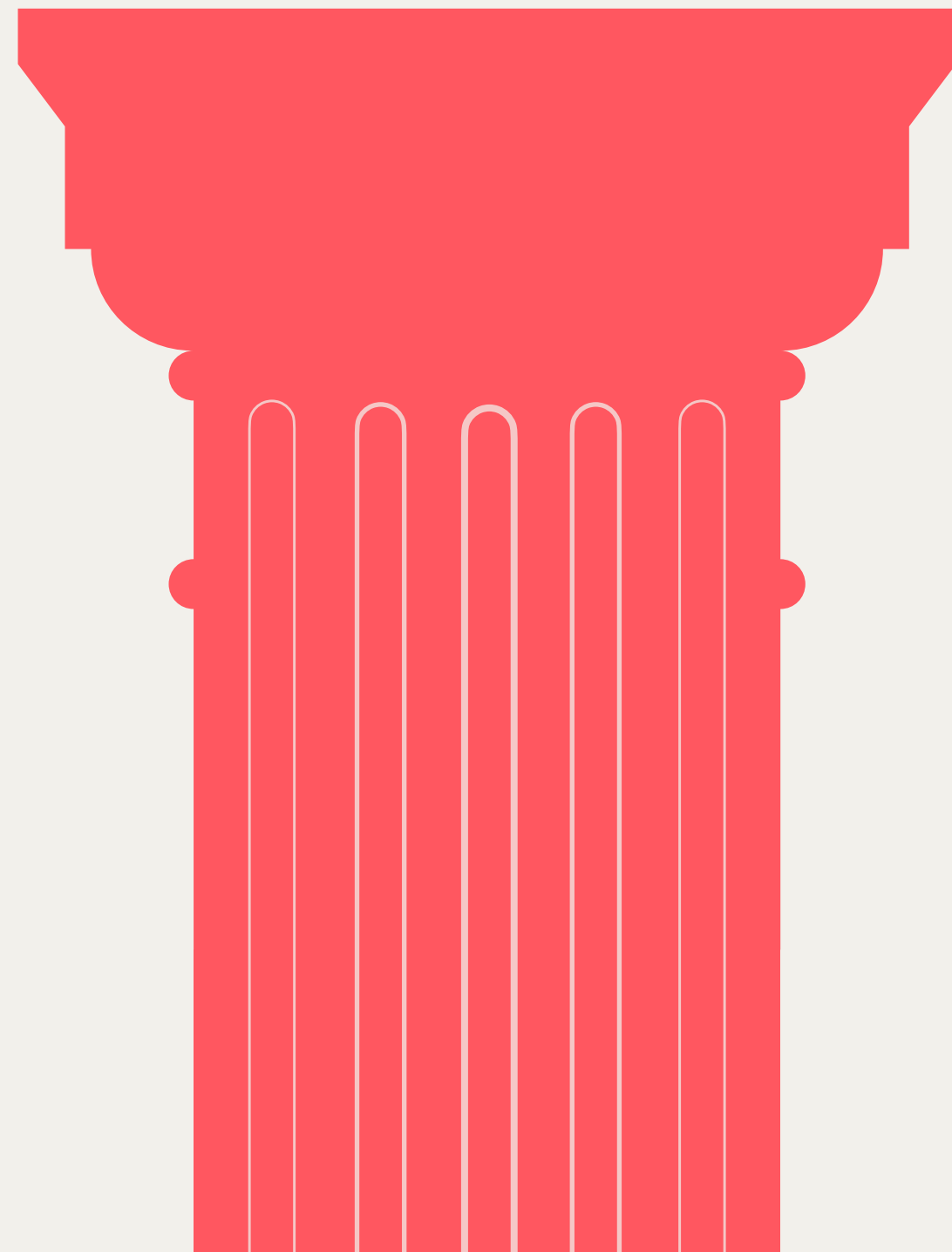
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**The promise
of the Spirit**



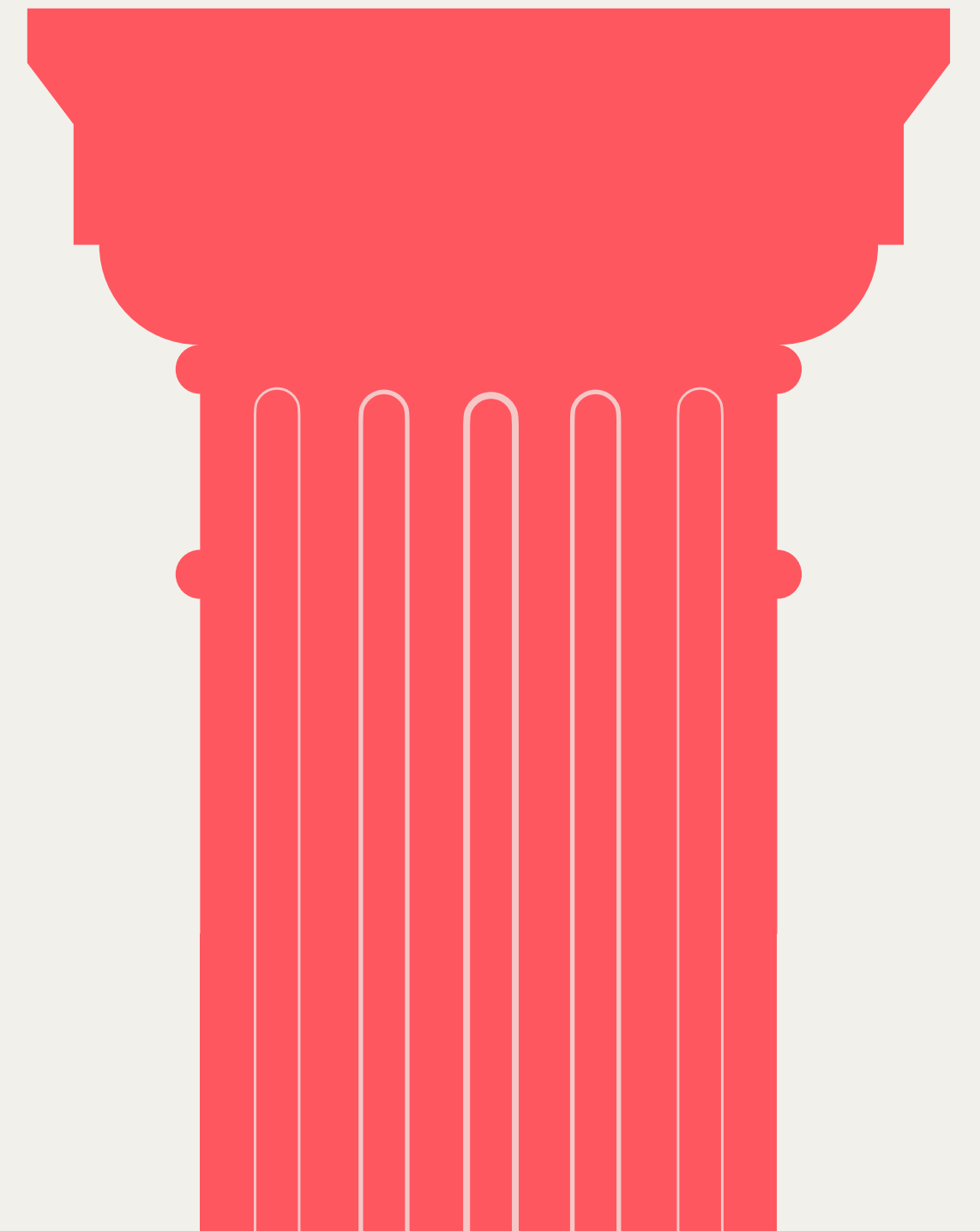
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**The equipping
of all believers**



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**The majesty
of Christ**



Jesus

“And He gave some as apostles, and some as prophets, and some as evangelists, and some as pastors and teachers, for the equipping of the saints for the work of service, to the building up of the body of Christ; until we all attain to the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to a mature man, to the measure of the stature which belongs to the fullness of Christ.”

Ephesians 4.11-13

NASB

“He handed out gifts above and below, filled heaven with his gifts, filled earth with his gifts. He handed out gifts of Apostle, Prophet, Evangelist, and Pastor-Teacher to train Christians in skilled servant work, working within Christ’s body, the church, until we’re all moving rhythmically and easily with each other, efficient and graceful in response to God’s Son, fully mature adults, fully developed within and without, fully alive like Christ.”

Ephesians 4.11-13

MSG

- Apostle** – Offer perspective, vision & wisdom
- Prophet** – Equip us to hear God's voice
- Evangelist** – Give us God's heart for the lost
- Pastor** – Train us to love well
- Teacher** – Understand (and live!) God's Word

“..for the equipping of the saints for the work of service..”

If you are looking to grow, serve.

“As you go, proclaim this message: ‘The kingdom of heaven has come near.’ Heal the sick, raise the dead, cleanse those who have leprosy, drive out demons. Freely you have received; freely give.”

Matthew 10.7-8

NIV

**Your character is who you
are when no one's looking.**

“If anyone wants to provide leadership in the church, good! But there are preconditions: A leader must be well-thought-of, committed to his wife, cool and collected, accessible, and hospitable. He must know what he’s talking about, not be overfond of wine, not pushy but gentle, not thin-skinned, not money-hungry.”

1 Timothy 3.1-3 **MSG**

“He must handle his own affairs well, attentive to his own children and having their respect. For if someone is unable to handle his own affairs, how can he take care of God’s church? He must not be a new believer, lest the position go to his head and the Devil trip him up. Outsiders must think well of him, or else the Devil will figure out a way to lure him into his trap.”

1 Timothy 3.4-7 **MSG**

“The same goes for those who want to be servants in the church: serious, not deceitful, not too free with the bottle, not in it for what they can get out of it. They must be reverent before the mystery of the faith, not using their position to try to run things. Let them prove themselves first. If they show they can do it, take them on.”

1 Timothy 3.8-10 **MSG**

“No exceptions are to be made for women—same qualifications: serious, dependable, not sharp-tongued, not overfond of wine. Servants in the church are to be committed to their spouses, attentive to their own children, and diligent in looking after their own affairs. Those who do this servant work will come to be highly respected, a real credit to this Jesus-faith.”

1 Timothy 3.11-13 **MSG**

“..Outsiders must think well of him..”

1 Timothy 3.7 MSG

“..And he must have a good reputation with those outside the church..”

1 Timothy 3.7 NASB

“Beware of the false prophets, who come to you in sheep’s clothing, but inwardly are ravenous wolves. You will know them by their fruits. Grapes are not gathered from thorn bushes nor figs from thistles, are they? So every good tree bears good fruit, but the bad tree bears bad fruit.”

Matthew 7.15-17 **NASB**

“Be wary of false preachers who smile a lot, dripping with practiced sincerity. Chances are they are out to rip you off some way or other. Don’t be impressed with charisma; look for character. Who preachers are is the main thing, not what they say.”

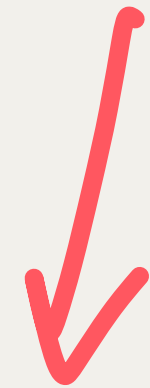
Matthew 7.15-17

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Look for Godly input



Pursue Healing



"How am I being experienced?"