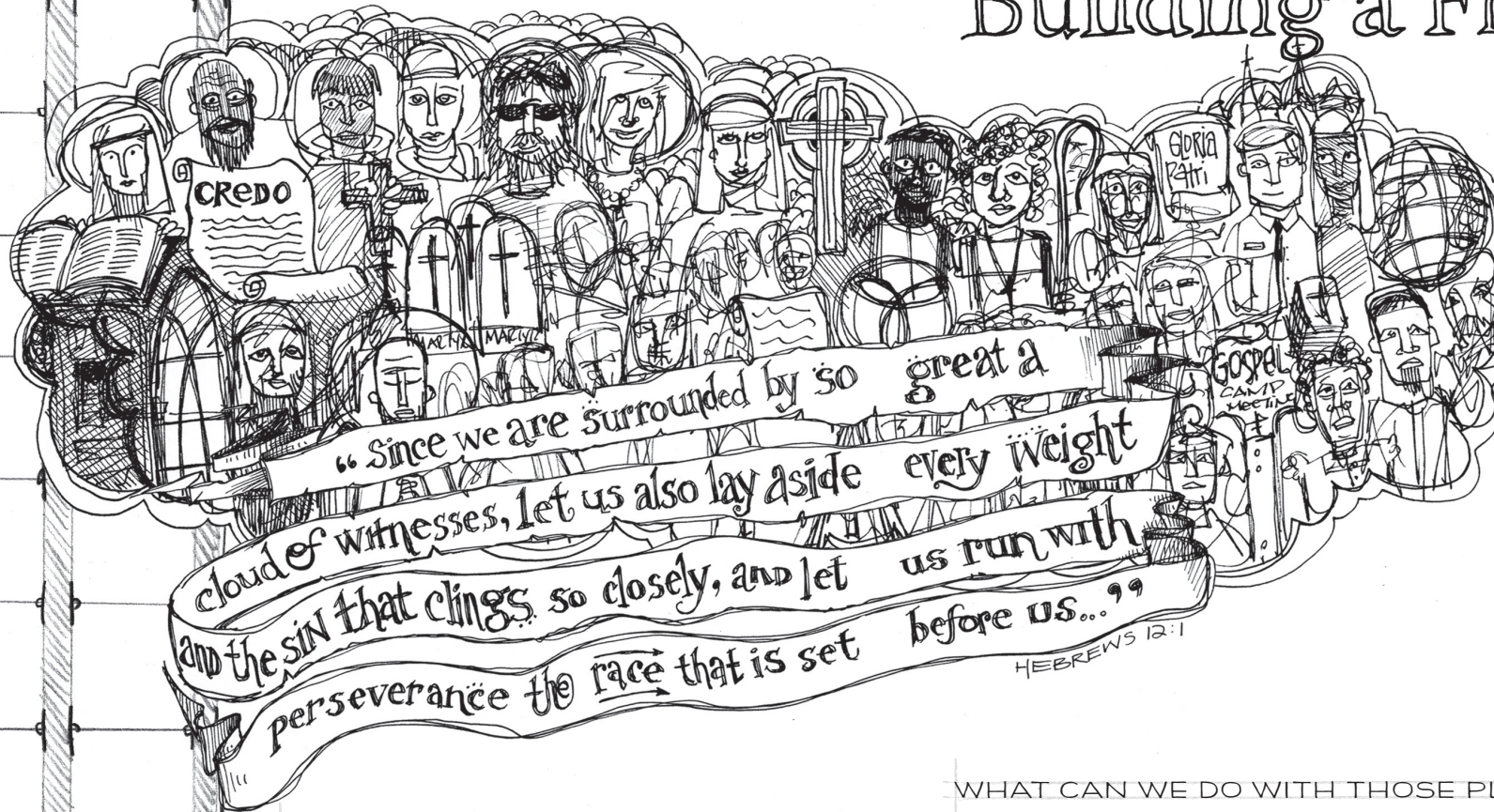


# Building a Framework



WHAT IF WE THOUGHT ABOUT RELIGION—THE GREAT CLOUD OF WITNESSES—AS THE FRAMEWORK ON WHICH OUR FAITH GROWS? IT HOLDS US UP, HELPS US MAKE SENSE OF OUR EXPERIENCES; IT CONNECTS OUR STORY TO THE STORIES OF THE PAST AND THE STORIES OF THE FUTURE. WOULD THAT LANGUAGE CHANGE THE WAY YOU THINK ABOUT RELIGION?

WHAT CAN WE DO WITH THOSE PLACES IN THE GARDEN THAT ARE UGLY OR DANGEROUS OR UNPLEASANT?

DOES THE BEAUTY OF THE TRADITION OVERSHADOW THE UGLINESS?