

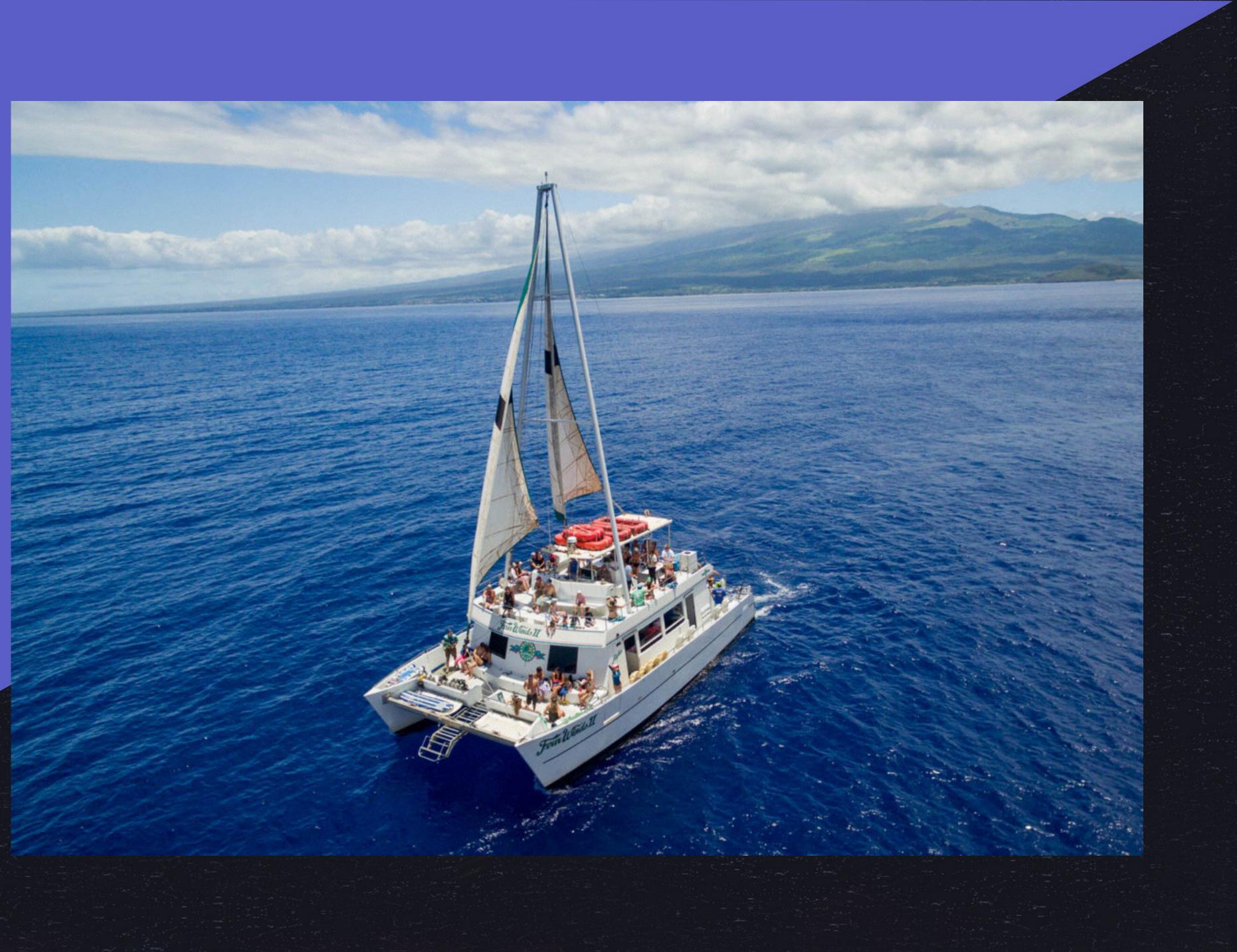
2 Corinthians 4:13-15

And since WE HAVE THE SAME SPIRIT OF FAITH, according to what is written, "I believed and therefore I spoke," we also believe and therefore speak, knowing that He who raised up the Lord Jesus will also raise us up with Jesus, and will present us with you. For all things are for your sakes, that GRACE, HAVING SPREAD THROUGH THE MANY, may cause thanksgiving to abound to the glory of God."









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Acts 11:19-24

"Now those who were scattered after the persecution that arose over Stephen traveled as far as Phoenicia, Cyprus, and Antioch... And THE HAND OF THE LORD WAS WITH THEM, and A GREAT NUMBER BELIEVED AND TURNED TO THE LORD. Then news of these things came to the ears of the church in Jerusalem, and they sent out Barnabas to go as far as Antioch...



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"When he came and HAD SEEN THE GRACE OF GOD, he was glad, and encouraged them all that with purpose of heart they should continue with the Lord. For he was a good man, full of the Holy Spirit and of faith. AND A GREAT MANY PEOPLE WERE ADDED TO THE LORD."



When we get culture right, many people will come to the Lord.

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A FLOURISHING CULTURE

We have to deal with our **GULTURE KILLERS** and energize our CULTURE BUILDERS.















When OUTSIDERS can easily become INSIDERS, you have great CULTURES







