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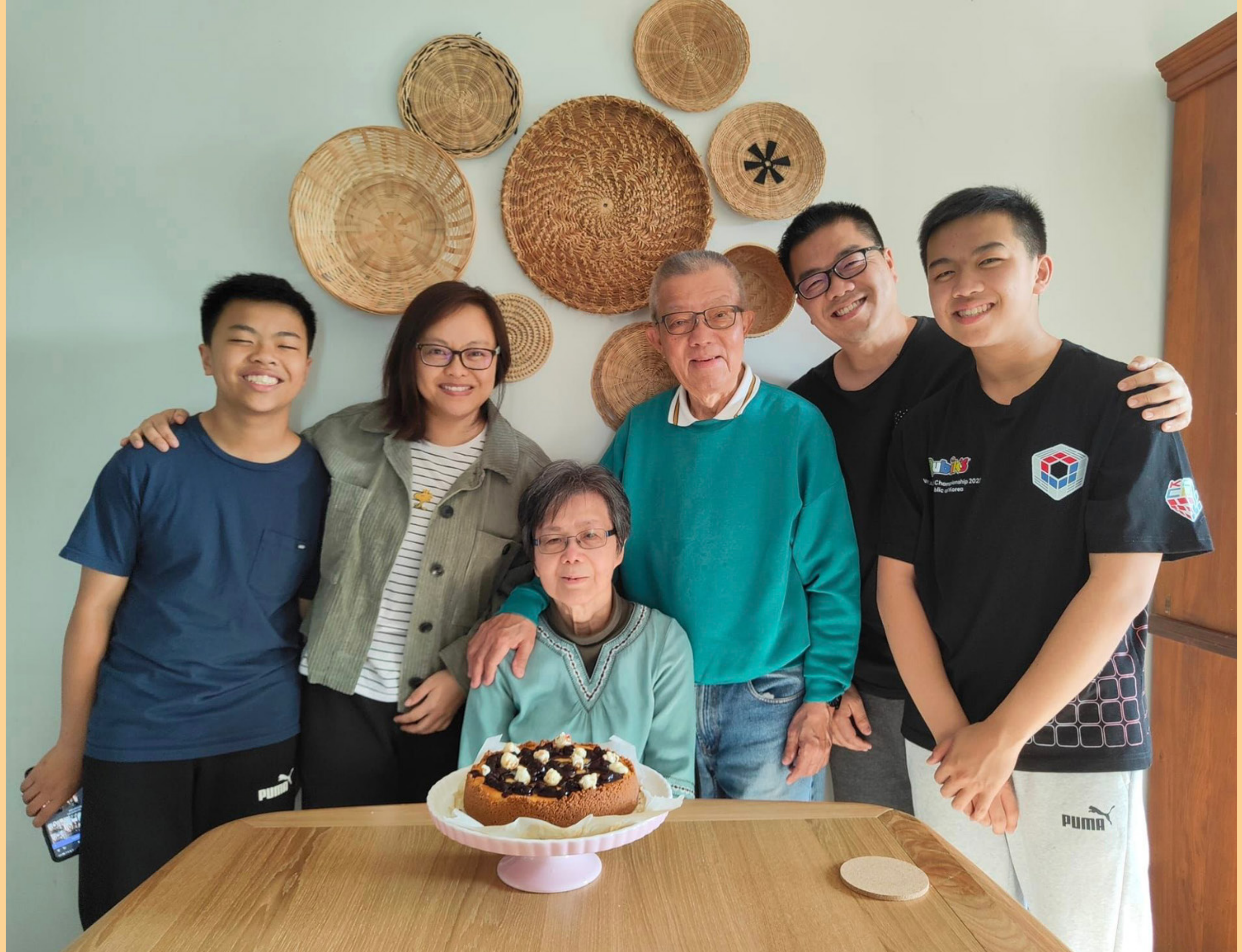
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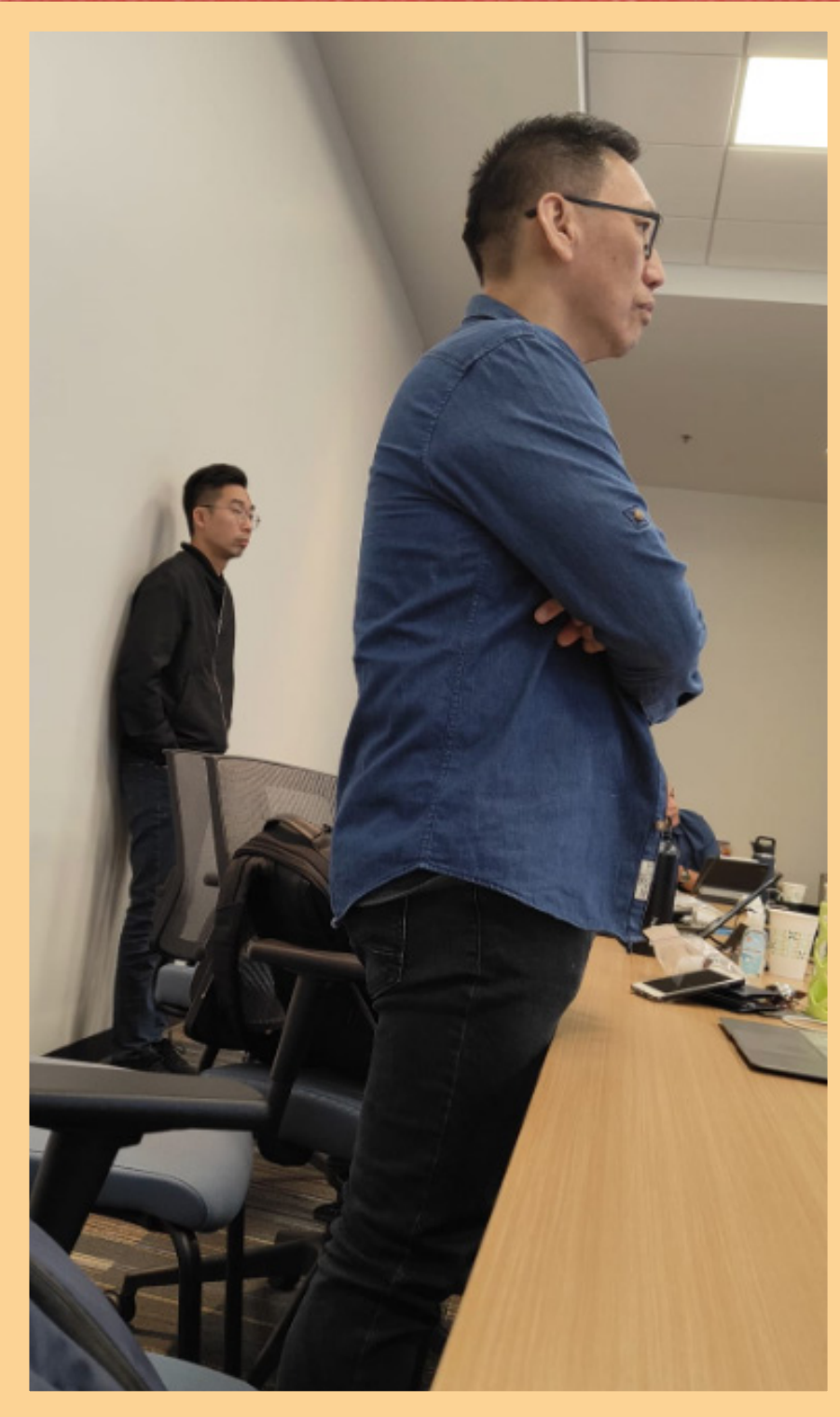
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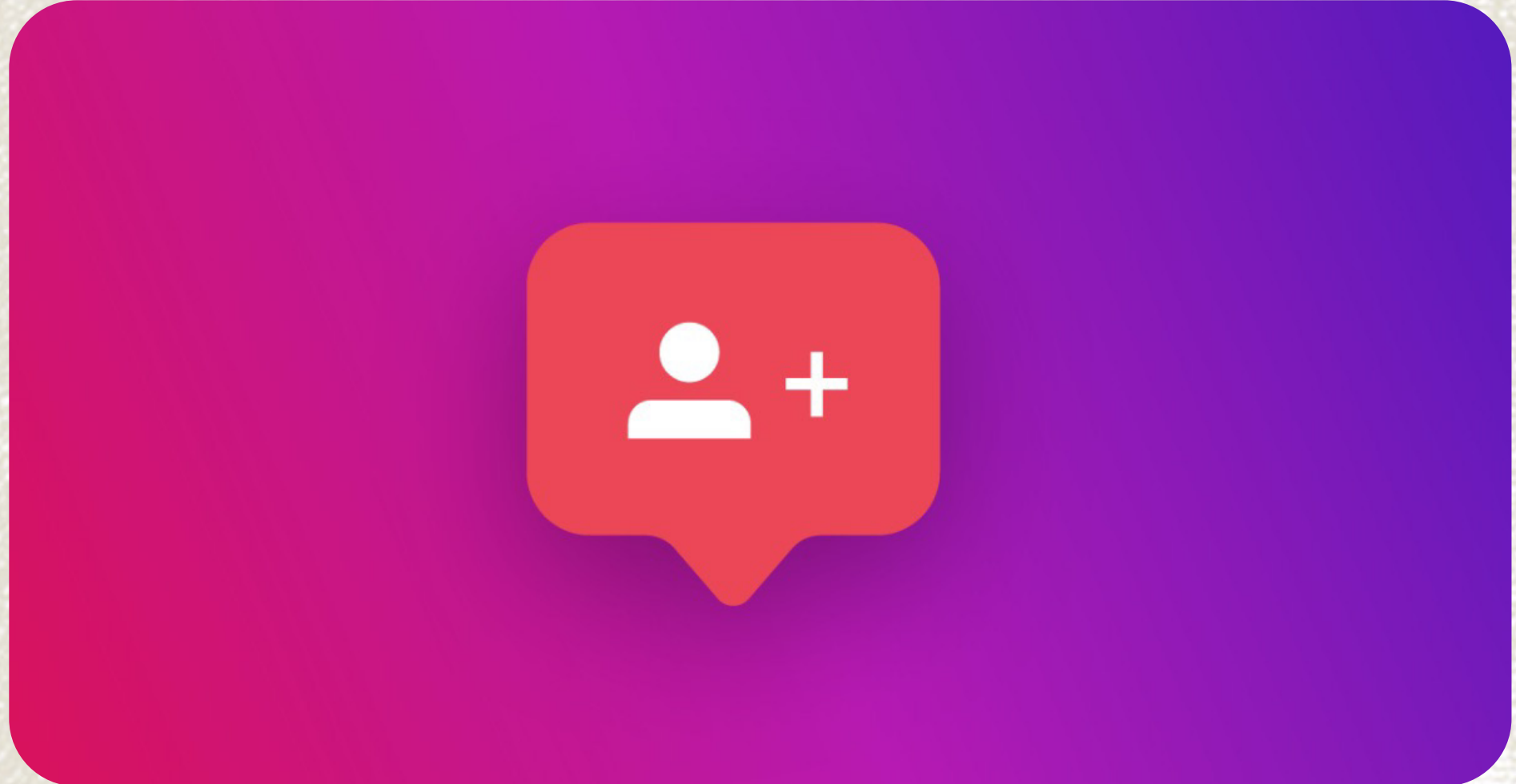
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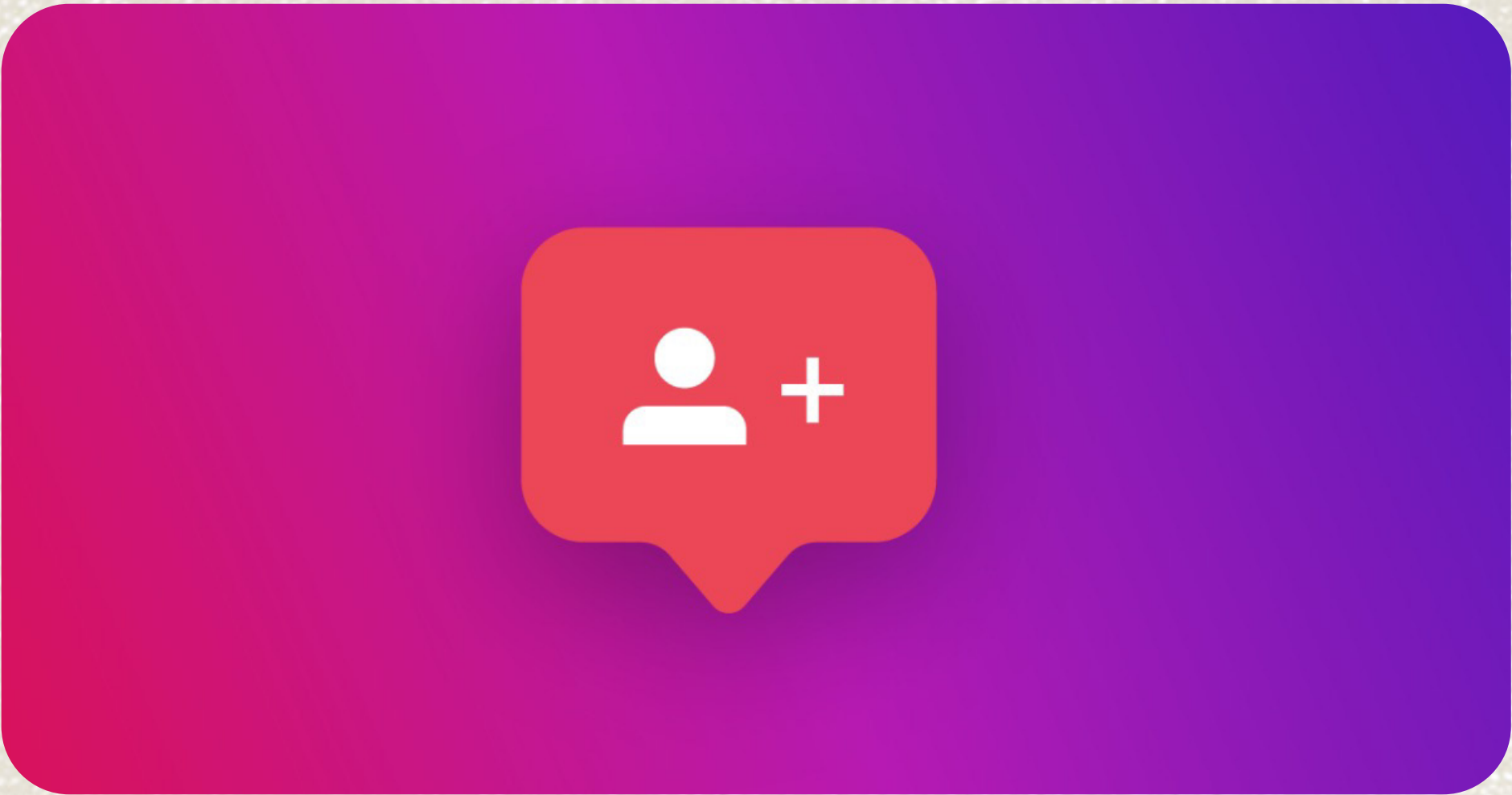
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And a large **crowd** was **following** him, because they **saw the signs** that he was doing on the sick.

JOHN 6:2




Now the chief priests and the elders **persuaded the crowd** to ask for Barabbas and destroy Jesus. The governor again said to them, “Which of the two do you want me to release for you?” And they said, “Barabbas.” Pilate said to them, “Then what shall I do with Jesus who is called Christ?” They all said, “**Let him be crucified!**” And he said, “**Why? What evil has he done?**” But they shouted all the more, “**Let him be crucified!**”

MATTHEW 27:20-23


WHAT HAPPENED TO THE CROWD?





Do not work for the food that perishes, but for the **food that endures to eternal life**, which the Son of Man will give to you. For on him God the Father has set his seal.” Then they said to him, “What must we do, to be doing the works of God?” Jesus answered them, “**This is the work of God**, that you **believe in him whom he has sent.**” So they said to him, “Then what sign do you do, that we may see and believe you? What work do you perform? Our fathers ate the manna in the wilderness; as it is written, ‘He gave them bread from heaven to eat.’”

JOHN 6:27-31



Jesus then said to them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, **it was not Moses** who gave you the bread from heaven, **but my Father** gives you the true bread from heaven. For the **bread of God** is **he who comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.**” They said to him, “Sir, give us this bread always.”

JOHN 6:32-34



Jesus said to them, “I am **the bread of life**; whoever comes to me shall not hunger, and whoever believes in me shall never thirst.

JOHN 6:35

So the Jews **grumbled** about him, because he said, “I am the bread that came down from heaven.” They said, “**Is not this Jesus, the son of Joseph, whose father and mother we know?** How does he now say, ‘I have come down from heaven’?”

JOHN 6:41-42



The Jews then disputed among themselves, saying, “ **How can this man give us his flesh to eat?**”

JOHN 6:52

**IF THE MAINSTREAM MEDIA WAS
REPORTING DURING JESUS'
TIMES**



**THEY WOULD REPORT "LOCAL CARPENTER
WITH EXTREMIST VIEWS CONTINUES TO
SPREAD DISINFORMATION DEEMED HARMFUL
BY RELIGIOUS EXPERTS."**

Ref: Jules Riding





History - **Manna**
Present - **5 loaves**
Eternity - **Jesus**



**“THIS IS THE WORK OF GOD, THAT YOU BELIEVE
IN HIM WHOM HE HAS SENT.”**

WHY IS BELIEVING KNOWN AS “WORK”?



JESUS' HEALING OF THE CROWD DID NOT
REQUIRE A CHANGE OF MIND.
BUT TO BELIEVE THAT JESUS IS GOD REQUIRES
A CHANGE OF MIND, HEART, AND DIRECTION!
(REPENTANCE)




WHAT DOES THIS LOOK LIKE FOR US TODAY?

“...BELIEVE IN HIM WHOM HE HAS SENT.”

JOHN 6:29





After this **many of his disciples turned back** and no longer walked with him. So Jesus said to the **twelve**, “Do you want to go away as well?” **Simon Peter** answered him, “Lord, to whom shall we go? **You have the words of eternal life**, and we have believed, and have come to know, that **you are the Holy One of God.**”

JOHN 6:66-69

WHAT WAS THE DIFFERENCE
BETWEEN THE TWELVE AND
THE OTHER DISCIPLES?





And he said to them, “Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men.”
Immediately they **left their nets** and followed him.

MATTHEW 4:19-20

IT'S A MATTER OF
CONTROL AND INTIMACY.
WILL YOU BE WILLING TO GO
BEYOND CONSUMING TO SUBMISSION,
FROM BEING A CONSUMER TO A DISCIPLE?



Confront
Confess
Commit



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