



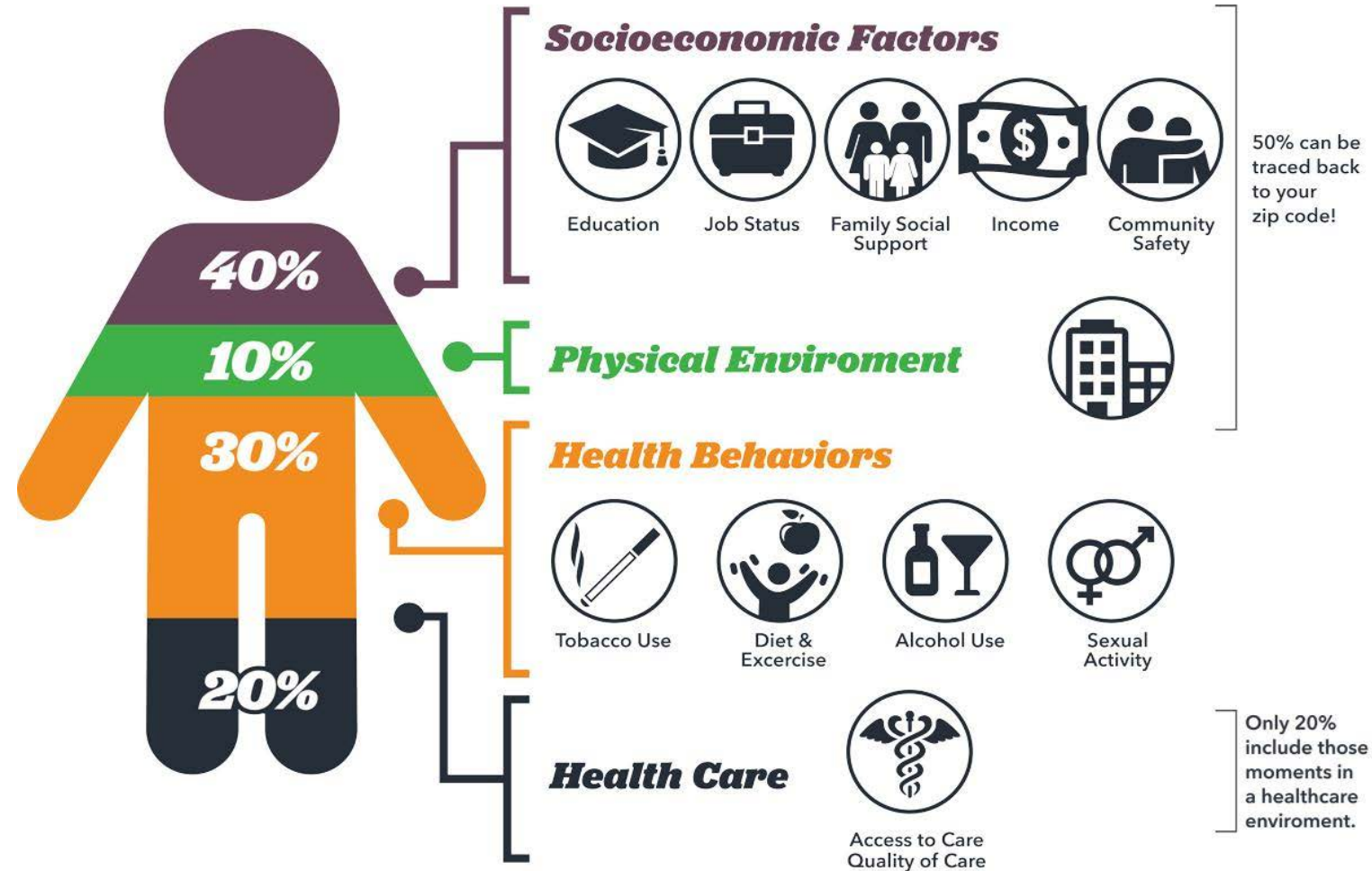
The Role of Family, Community, and Supportive Environments Amid Demographic Shifts

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What is the role of Built Environment?



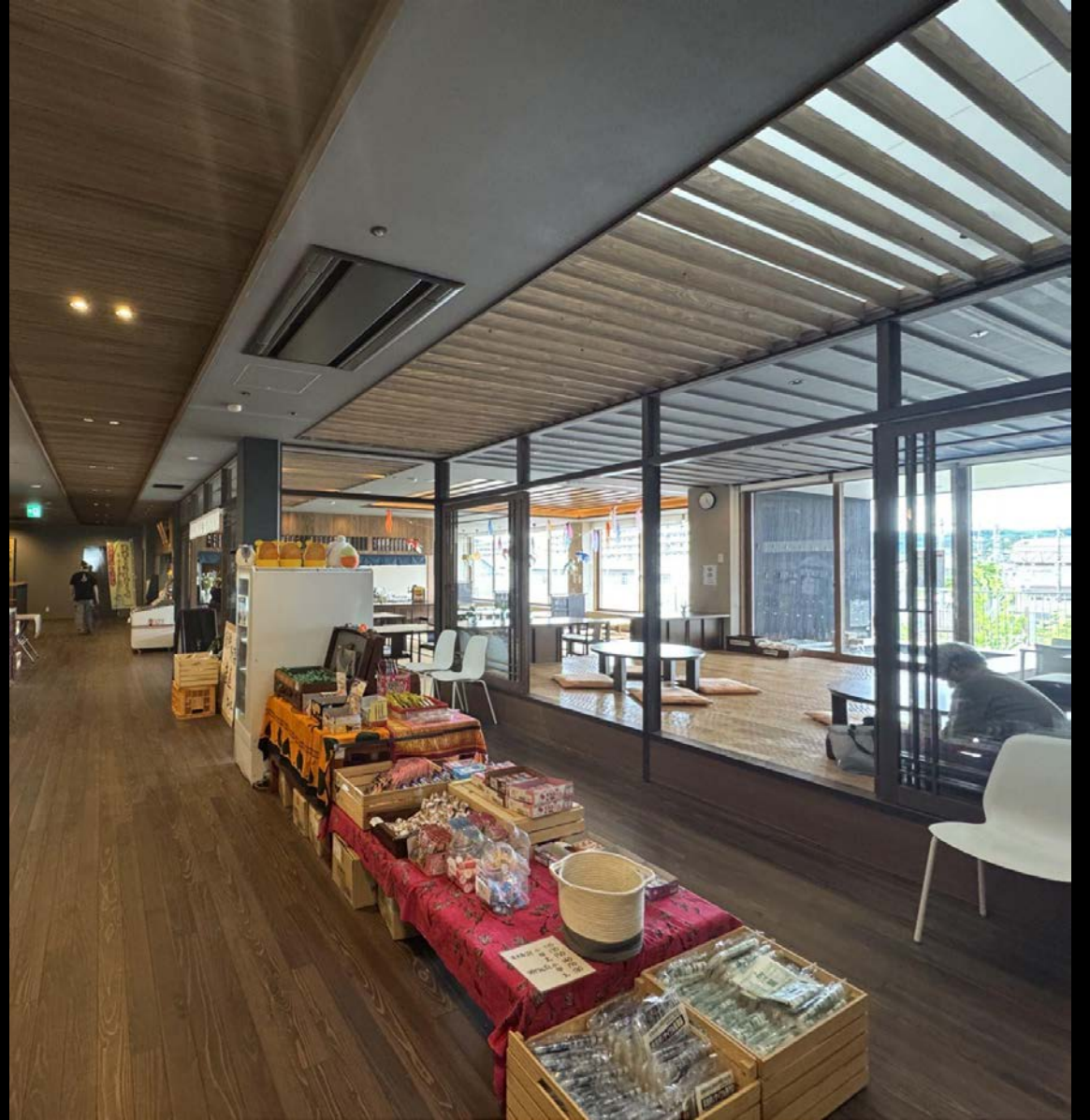
Designing for purpose and meaning?



Physical/Safety to Love and Belonging *Institution to Person-centered environment*



Belonging: *Community Integration*



Belonging and Esteem: *Inter-generational bonding*

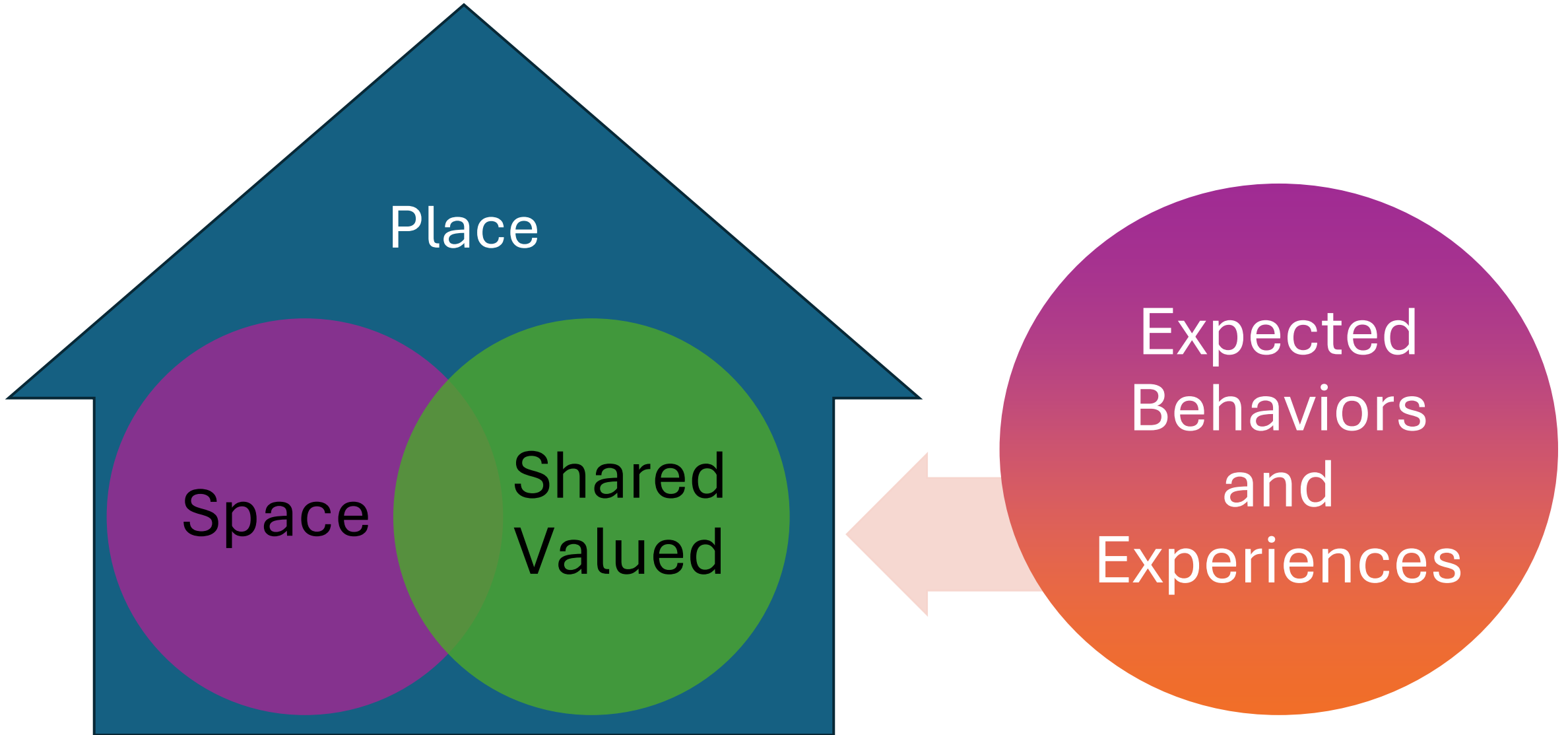


Self-actualization: *Empowerment and Inclusion*



Place making vs. Culture making





Place

Space

Shared
Valued

Expected
Behaviors
and
Experiences

Shared values

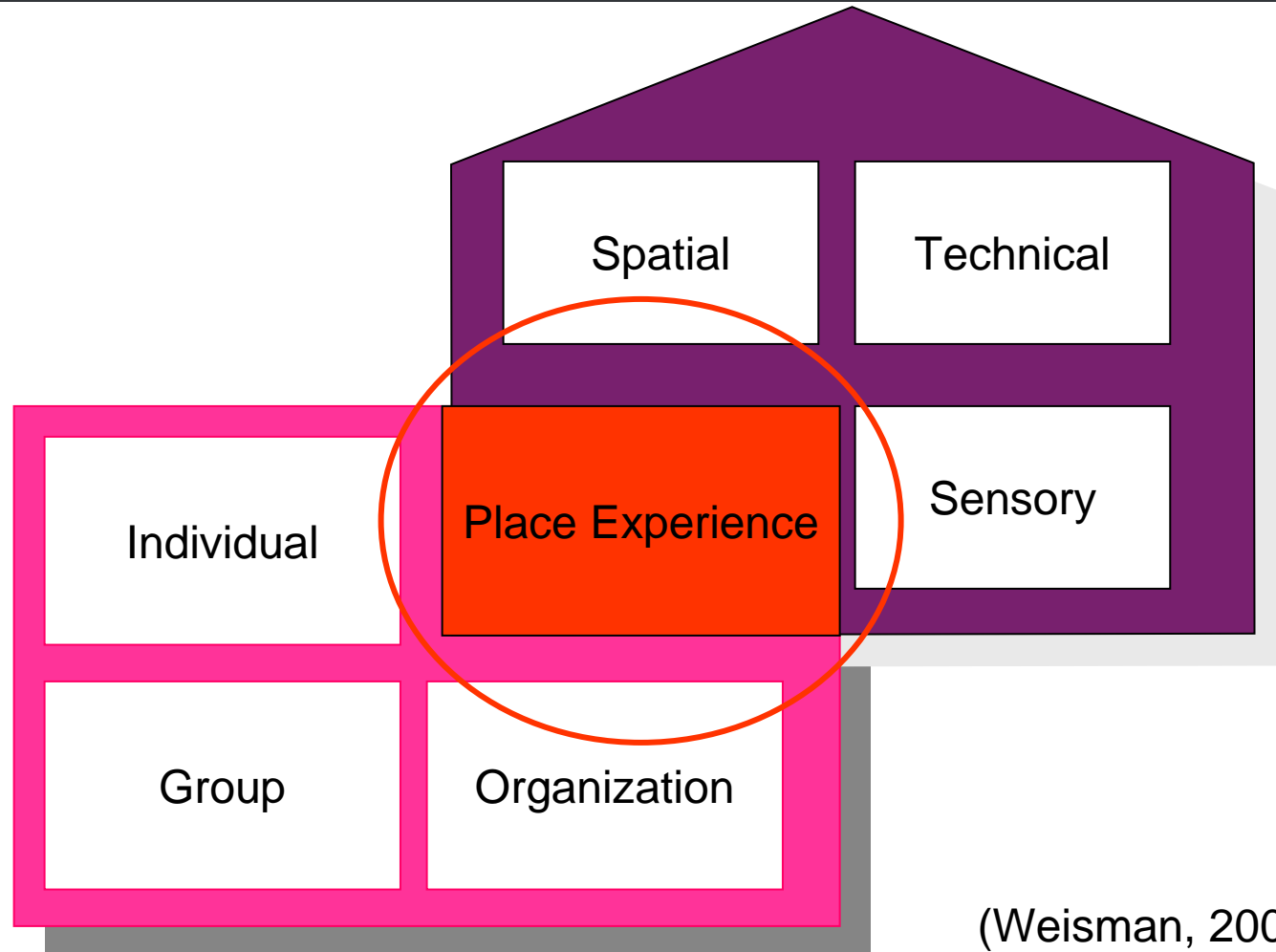
- Elders are the valuable asset of our communities.
- Life experiences and wisdom benefit younger generations, and help strengthen the resiliency of their communities .



Set of Expected Behaviors and Experience: Ibasho 8 Principles



Place beyond Space: People-Place Fit



(Weisman, 2002)

Places are where people and physical settings interact resulting in distinct experience

Key Design and Policy Considerations

1. **Designing adaptable spaces** that actively encourage social interaction and engagement
2. Policy frameworks that support **elder-led initiatives and empower older adults** as active contributors to society
3. Recognizing the critical importance of **co-creation with older adults** throughout the design process
4. Fostering a strong sense of **shared ownership of spaces** among community members
5. A call for closer **collaboration** among policymakers, designers, researchers, and community



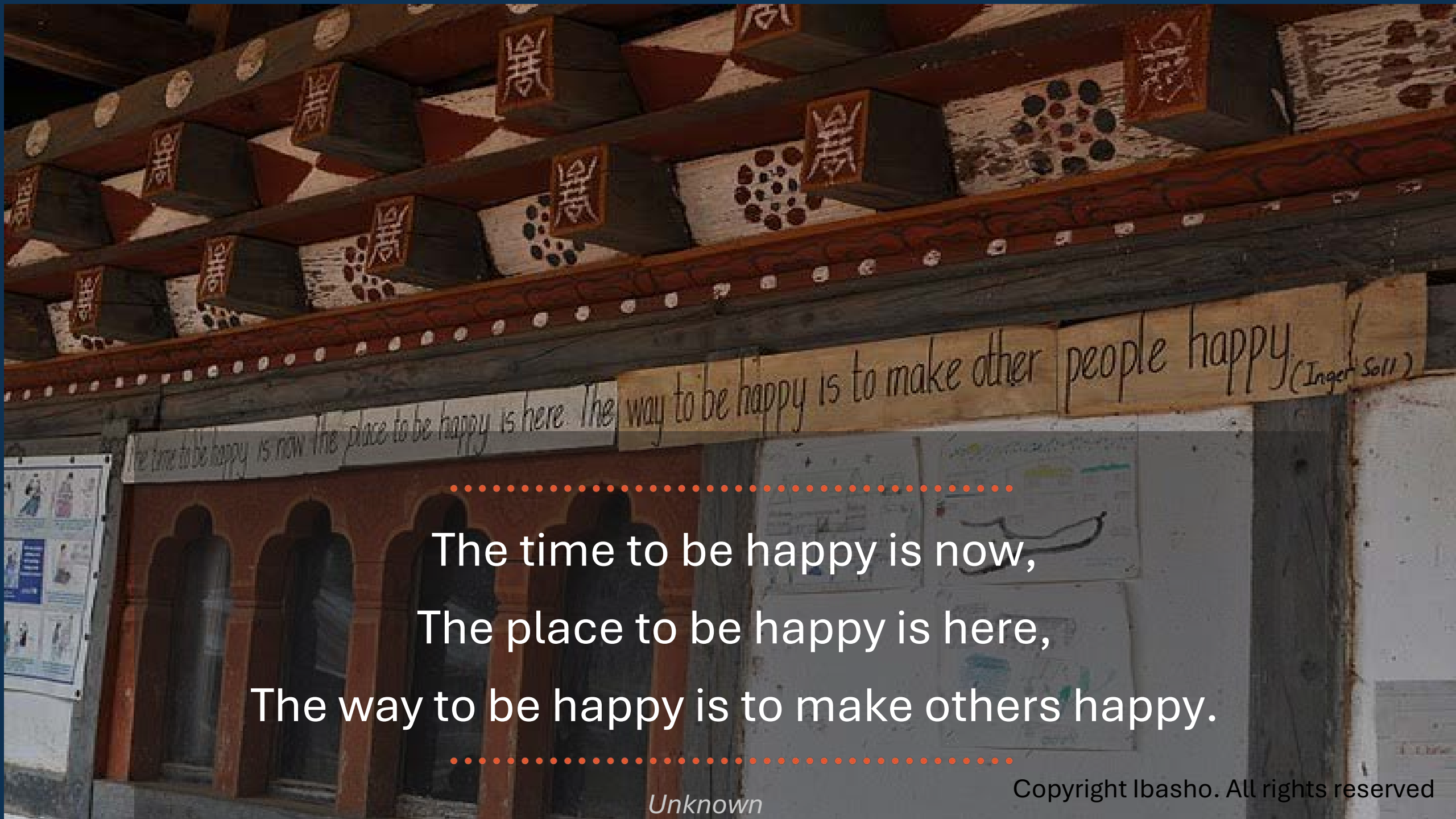
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