

# The Power of Place-Based Community

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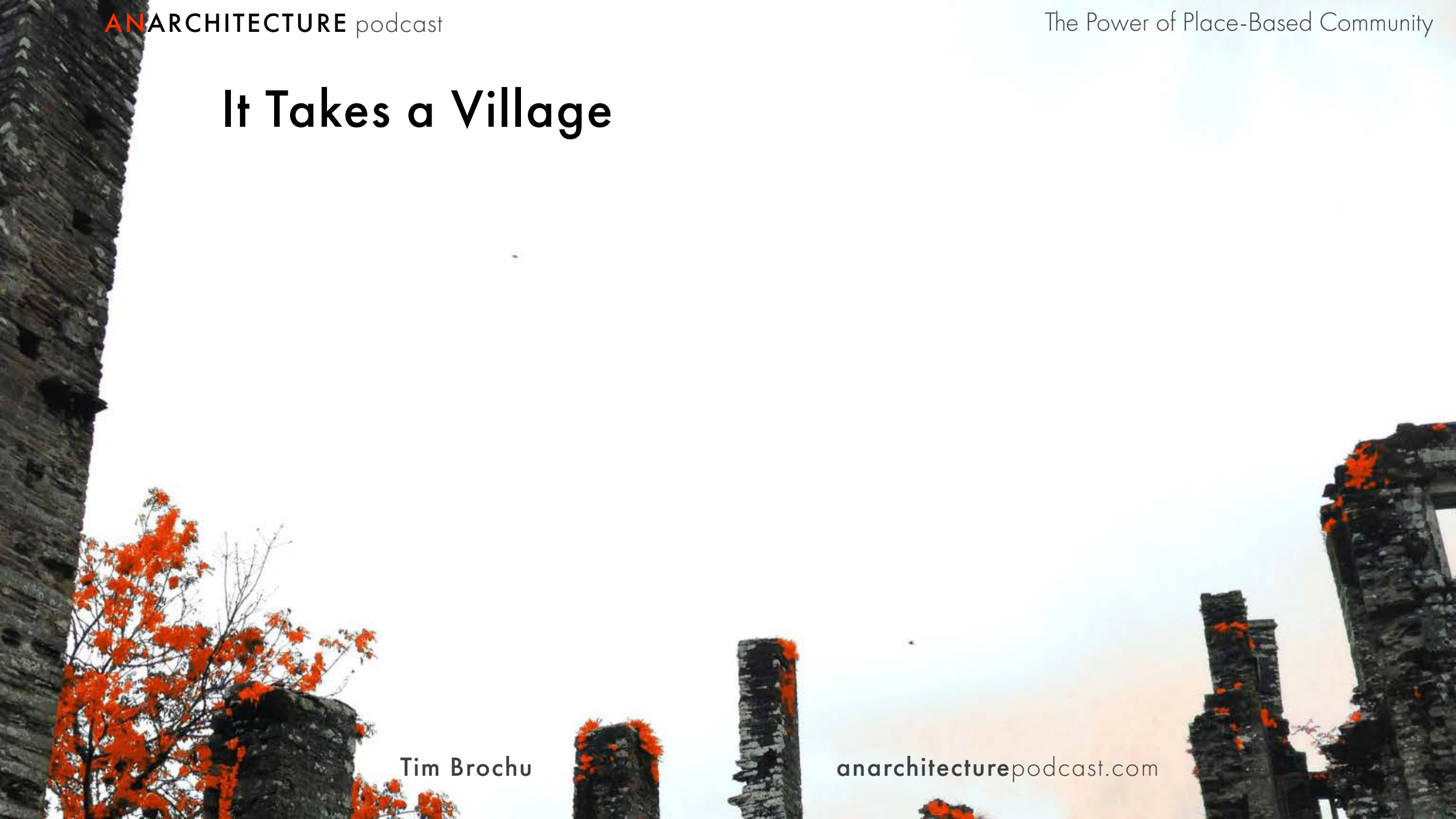
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## SÁBADO

*Saturday*

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## DOMINGO

*Sunday*

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## LUNES

*Monday*

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Señores, *Gentlemen,*

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Señores,  
mi esposa

*Gentlemen,  
my wife*

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# It Takes a Village to Flush a Toilet

Señores,  
mi esposa  
en el agua

*Gentlemen,  
my wife  
in the water*

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¡ZAP!

*ZAP*

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Sí, electricidad. *Yes, electricity.*

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*Yes, electricity.*

Mucho electricidad.

*A lot of electricity.*

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## MARTES

*Tuesday*

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## MIÉRCOLES

*Wednesday*

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## JUEVES

*Thursday*

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¿El agua es buena?     *Is the water good?*

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¿El agua es buena?

*Is the water good?*

¡Sí, el agua es muy buena!

*Yes, the water is very good!*

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Bla bla bla el agua ... *the water* ...

Bla bla bla potable ... *potable* ...

Bla bla bla la pompa ... *the pump* ...

Bla bla bla chlorinada. ... *chlorinated.*

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...Y CADA DIA DESPUES

*...and every day after*

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**FREEDOM**

The ability to act according to  
your will

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# Individualism | Community

**FREEDOM**

The ability to act according to your will

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**LIBERTY**

The ability to act without social consequences

# Individualism | Community

**FREEDOM**

The ability to act according to your will

=

**LIBERTY**

The ability to act without social consequences

+

**POWER**

The technical means to act

# Individualism | Community

## Community empowers individuals

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# Individualism | Community

## Community empowers individuals

- Knowledge sharing
- Division of labor
- "Safety net" assistance
- Network effects
- Power projection

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# Individualism | Community

**FREEDOM = LIBERTY + POWER**

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**FREEDOM = Individual LIBERTY + Community POWER**

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# Individualism | Community

**FREEDOM = Individual LIBERTY + ~~Community POWER~~**

# Individualism | Community

## Community is not collectivism

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# Individualism | Community

## Community is not collectivism

- Community is a technical means to satisfying individual needs
- Individuals may voluntarily “sacrifice” their individual liberty to participate in a community (in exchange for greater power and freedom)

# Individualism | Community

**FREEDOM = Individual LIBERTY + Community POWER**

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# Individualism | Community

FREEDOM = ~~Individual LIBERTY~~ + Community POWER

# Individualism | Community

## Collectivism is not community

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# Individualism | Community

## Collectivism is not community

- Individual needs are subverted to the “common good,” which is neither common nor good
- Participation is mandatory, not voluntary
- Expansion through coercion, not persuasion
- Relationships are antagonistic, not cooperative

# Individualism | Community

Individual liberty optimizes community

Liberated individuals make community stronger,  
and strong communities make us better individuals.

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# The Evolution of Community

Basis of Community:

PEOPLE

PLACE

PROFIT

PHILOSOPHY

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## People-Based Community

- Tribal - Nomadic hunter-gatherers
- Individuals commit to a community of specific people
- Family, friends

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# The Evolution of Community

## Place-Based Community

- Agricultural – Cultivation of private property
- Individuals commit to a community of people in the place where they live
- Neighbors

# The Evolution of Community

## Profit-Based Community

- Industrial – Urban agglomeration
- Individuals commit to a community of people who offer economic opportunity
- Co-workers, trade partners, business network, socio-economic class, brand loyalty

# The Evolution of Community

## Philosophy-Based Community

- Digital – Decentralization
- Individuals commit to a community of people who share their ideas and interests
- Deep, meaningful connections with cartoon avatars with fake names



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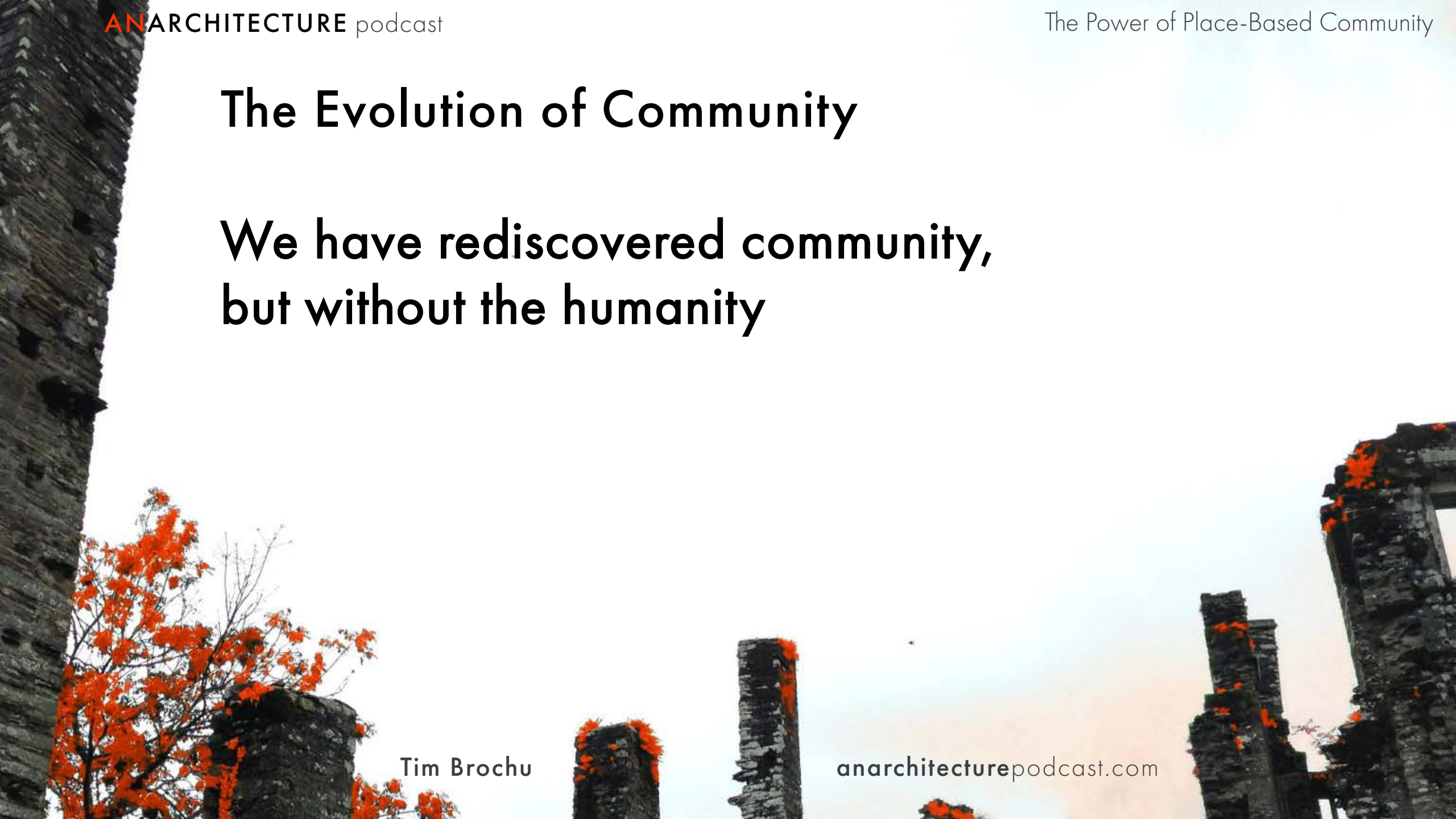
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We have rediscovered community,  
but without the humanity

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# New Hampshire: Come for the liberty Stay for the community



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