

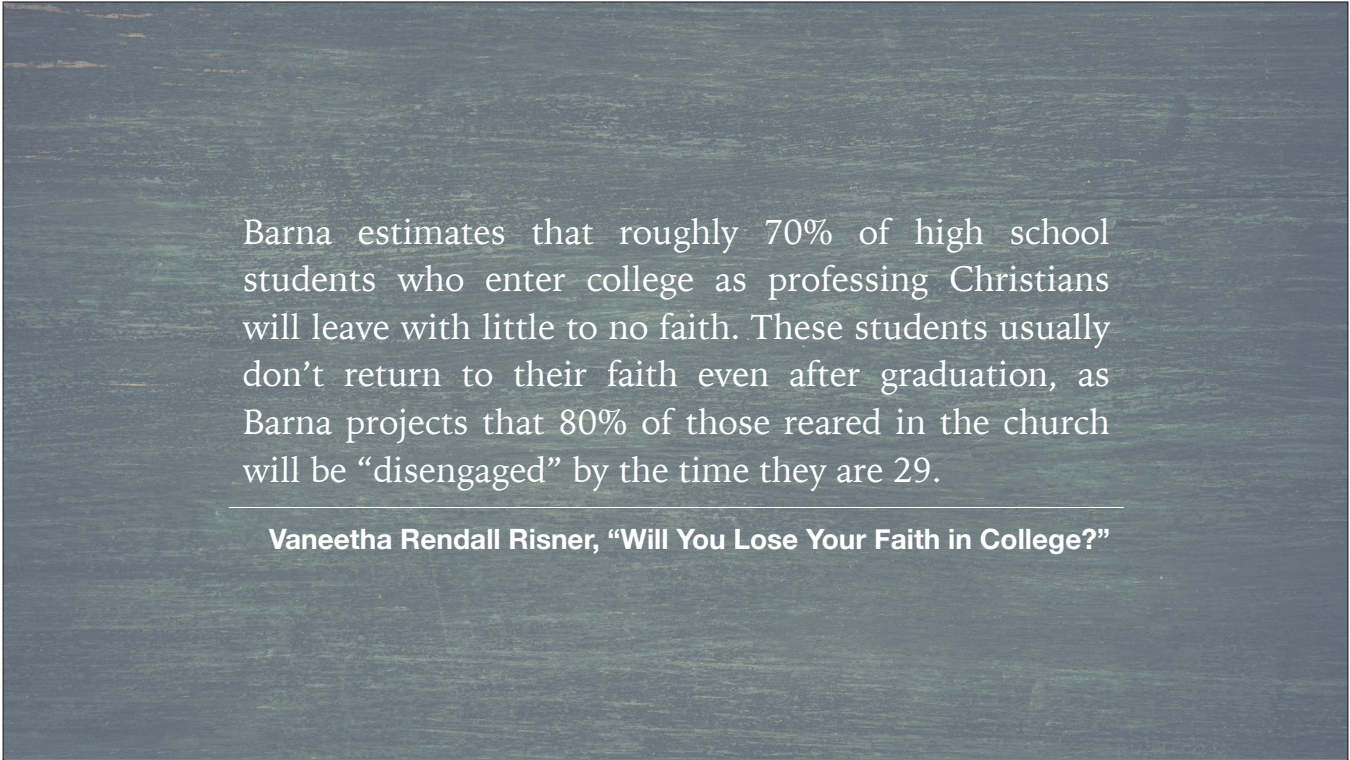
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How many young adults who begin their college years as Christians will by the end lose their faith?

- a) 40 %
- b) 50 %
- c) 60 %
- d) 70 %



Barna estimates that roughly 70% of high school students who enter college as professing Christians will leave with little to no faith. These students usually don't return to their faith even after graduation, as Barna projects that 80% of those reared in the church will be "disengaged" by the time they are 29.

Vaneetha Rendall Risner, "Will You Lose Your Faith in College?"

A dark, textured background, possibly a chalkboard or a dark wall, with a mottled appearance in shades of dark blue and black.

What young adults think about the church:

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A photograph of Gary Habermas, a man with a beard and glasses, wearing a dark suit and a patterned tie. He is gesturing with his hands while speaking to a large, blurred crowd of people in the background. The image is used as a background for a presentation slide.

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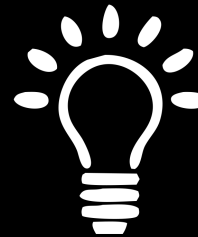
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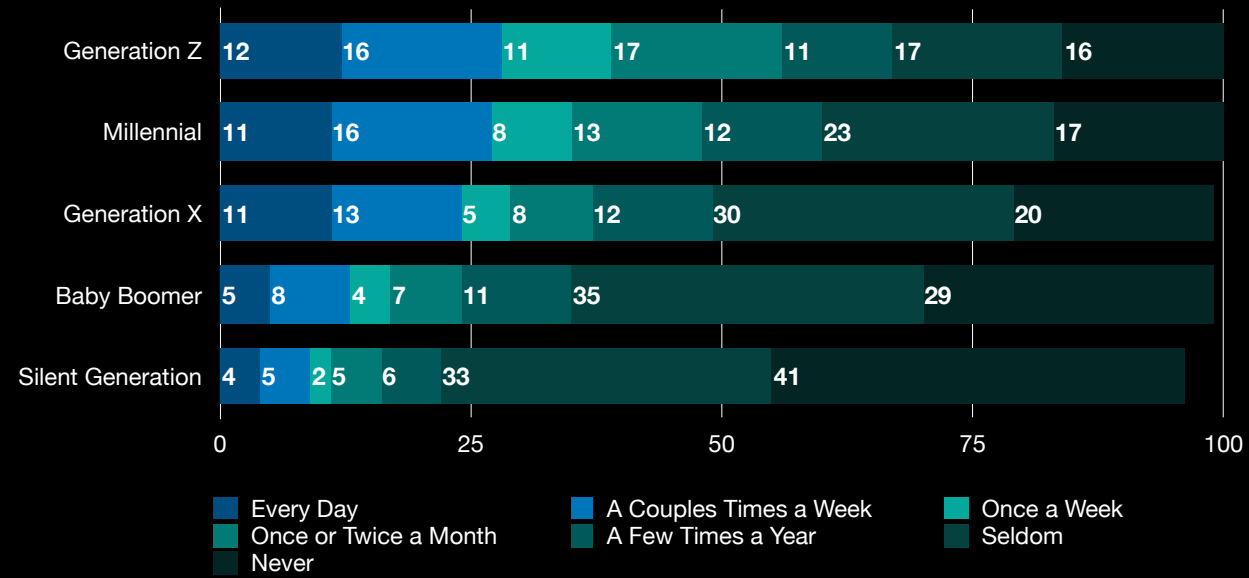
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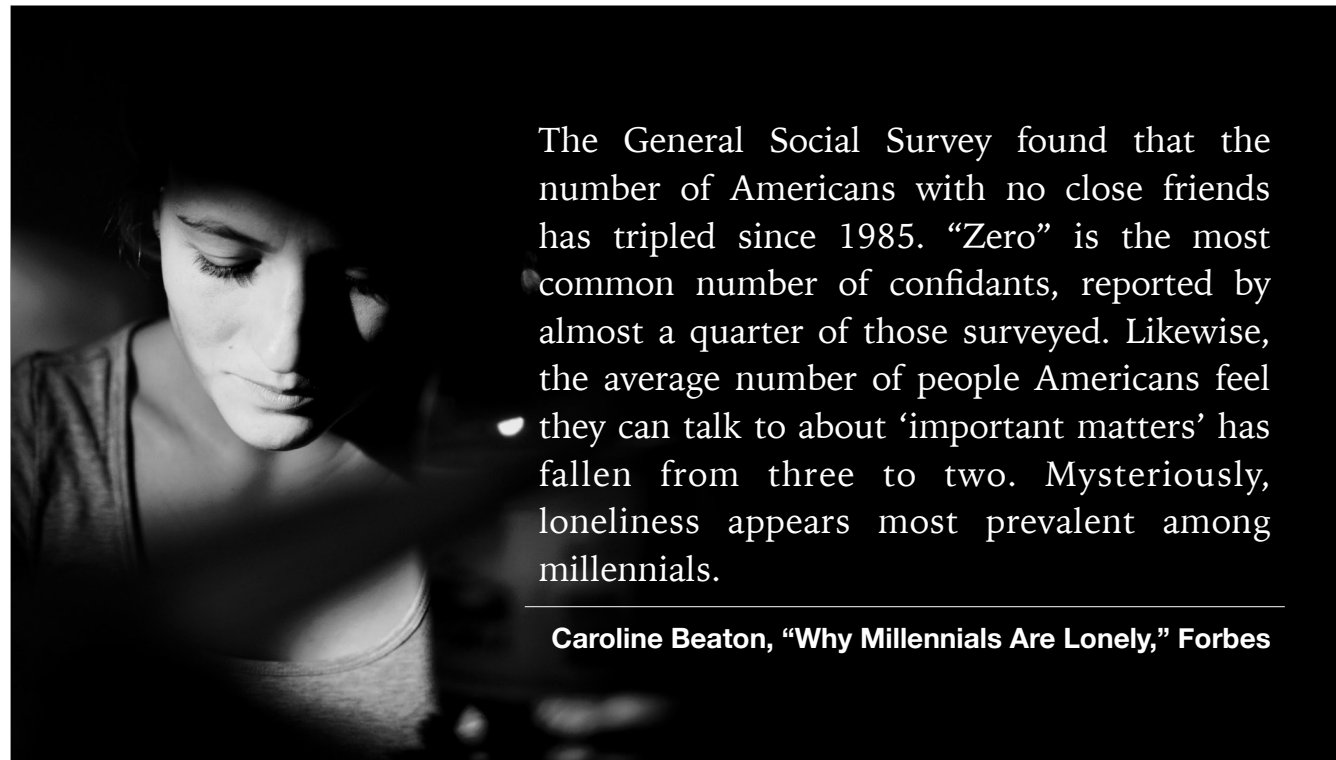


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Gen Z Reports More Frequent Feelings of Childhood Loneliness





The General Social Survey found that the number of Americans with no close friends has tripled since 1985. “Zero” is the most common number of confidants, reported by almost a quarter of those surveyed. Likewise, the average number of people Americans feel they can talk to about ‘important matters’ has fallen from three to two. Mysteriously, loneliness appears most prevalent among millennials.

Caroline Beaton, “Why Millennials Are Lonely,” Forbes

<https://www.forbes.com/sites/carolinebeaton/2017/02/09/why-millennials-are-lonely/#29914c397c35>

Reasons given in the article for loneliness: making individualism a virtue in the internet age, replacing local relationships with virtual ones, and loneliness is psychologically contagious.

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In a church family, who needs to supply meaningful friendships?



Q

Are Sunday worship, bible study, and coffee hour places that create new friendships? Or more often than not, do they simply maintain already established ones?



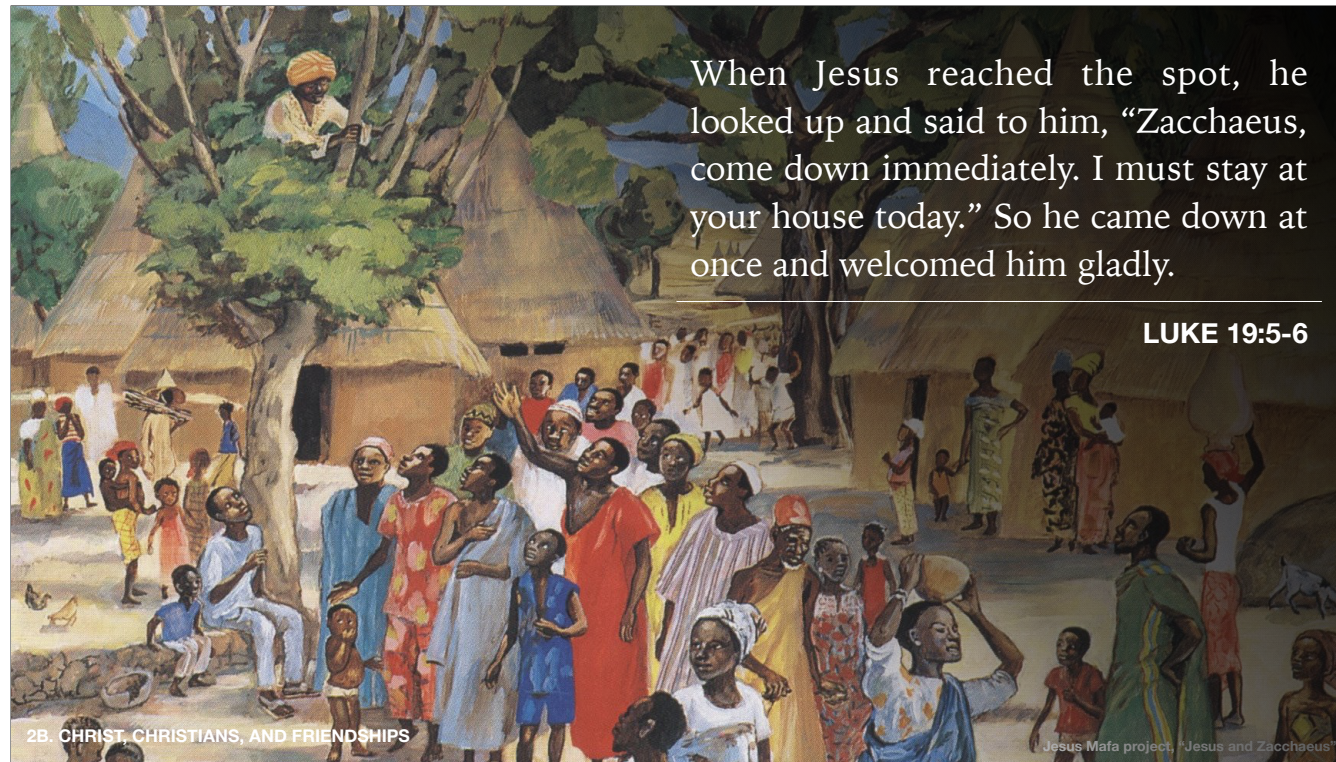
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What kinds of events/ministry practices *necessarily* create new friendships?

If you do these, friendships will be created.



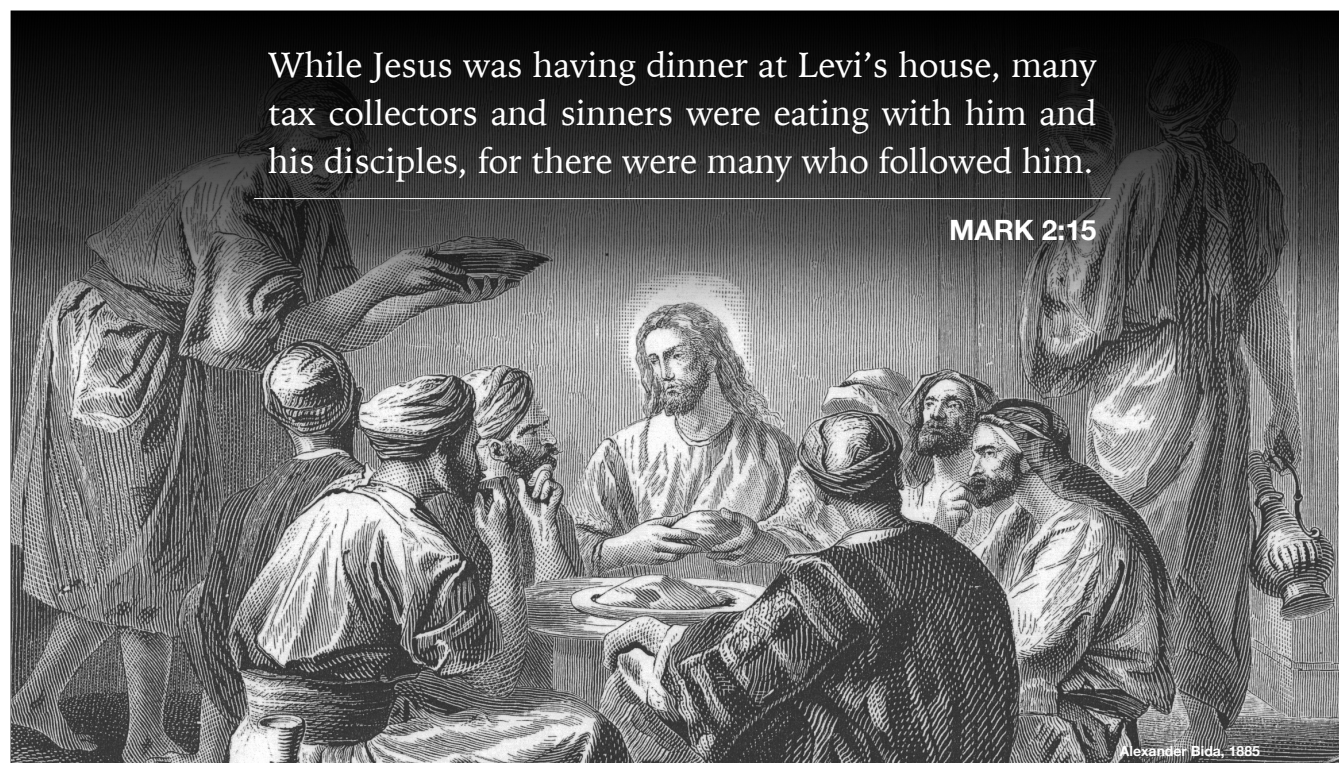
In other words, if you're doing this, you are literally building friendships.



Jesus Mafa project, “Jesus and Zacchaeus”, The Jesus Mafa project is a giant collaborative project to create paintings of Jesus looking like an African, to be of especial use in Cameroon and other African countries.

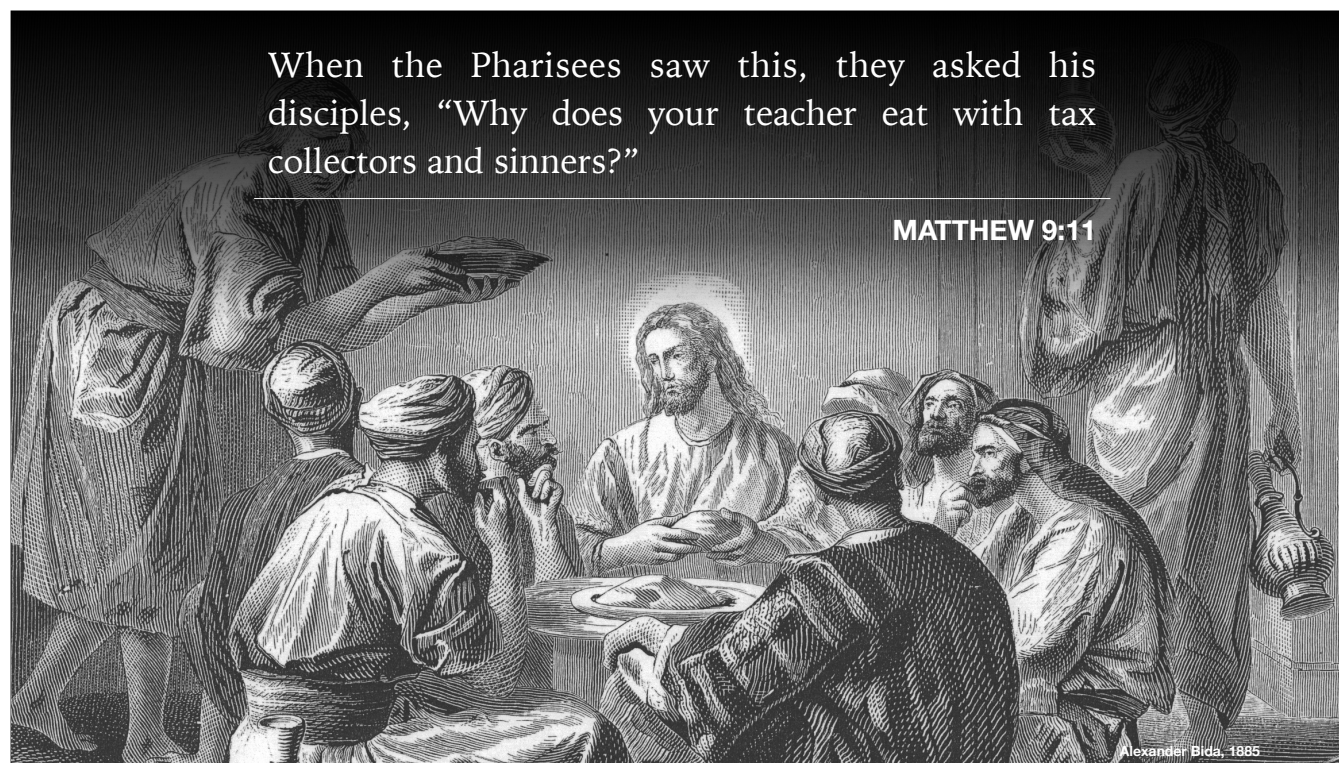
While Jesus was having dinner at Levi's house, many tax collectors and sinners were eating with him and his disciples, for there were many who followed him.

MARK 2:15



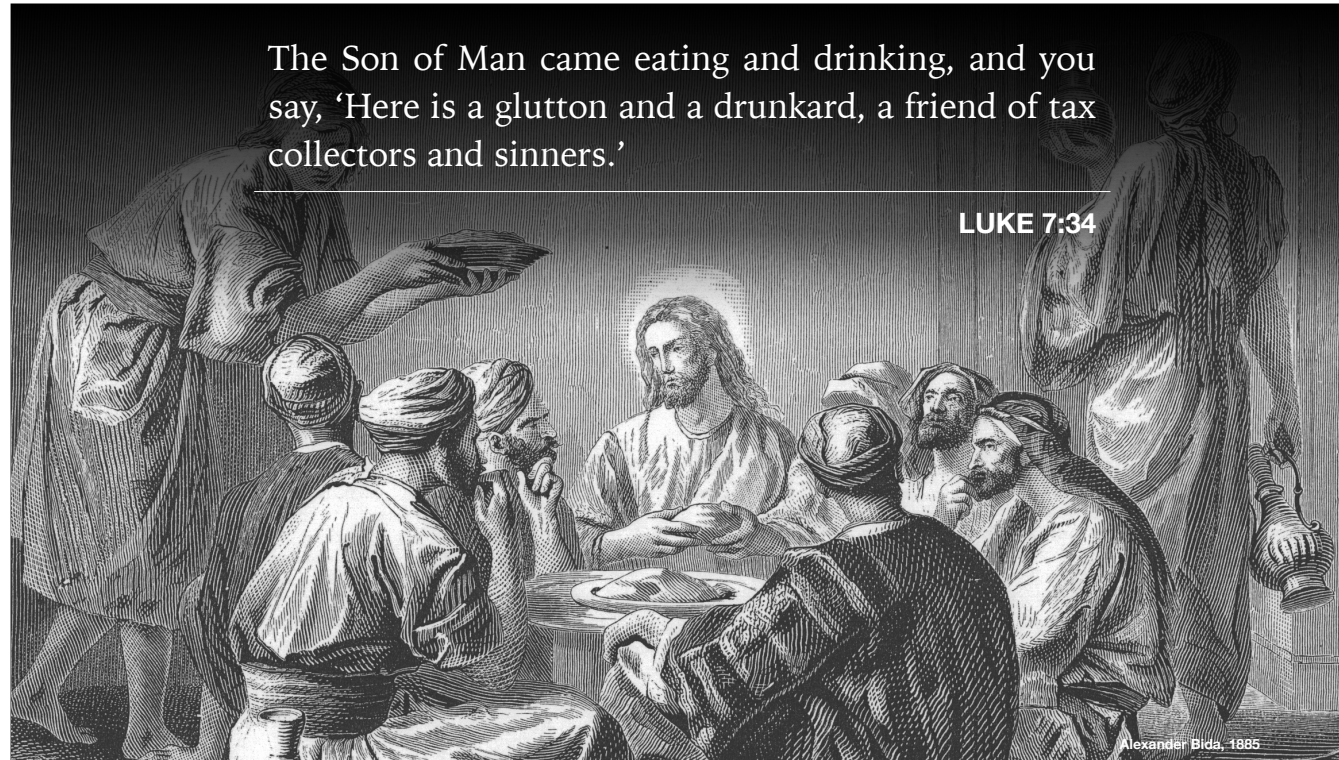
When the Pharisees saw this, they asked his disciples, “Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?”

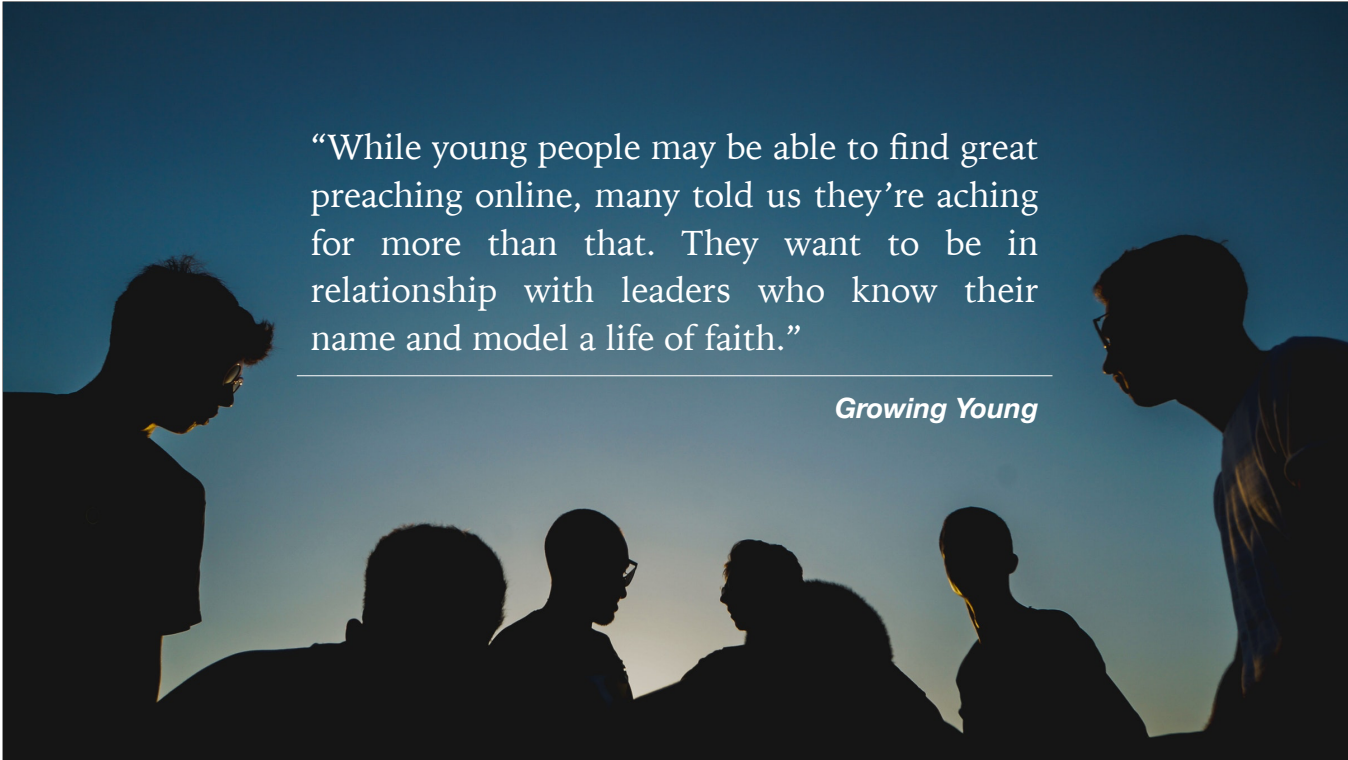
MATTHEW 9:11



The Son of Man came eating and drinking, and you say, 'Here is a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners.'

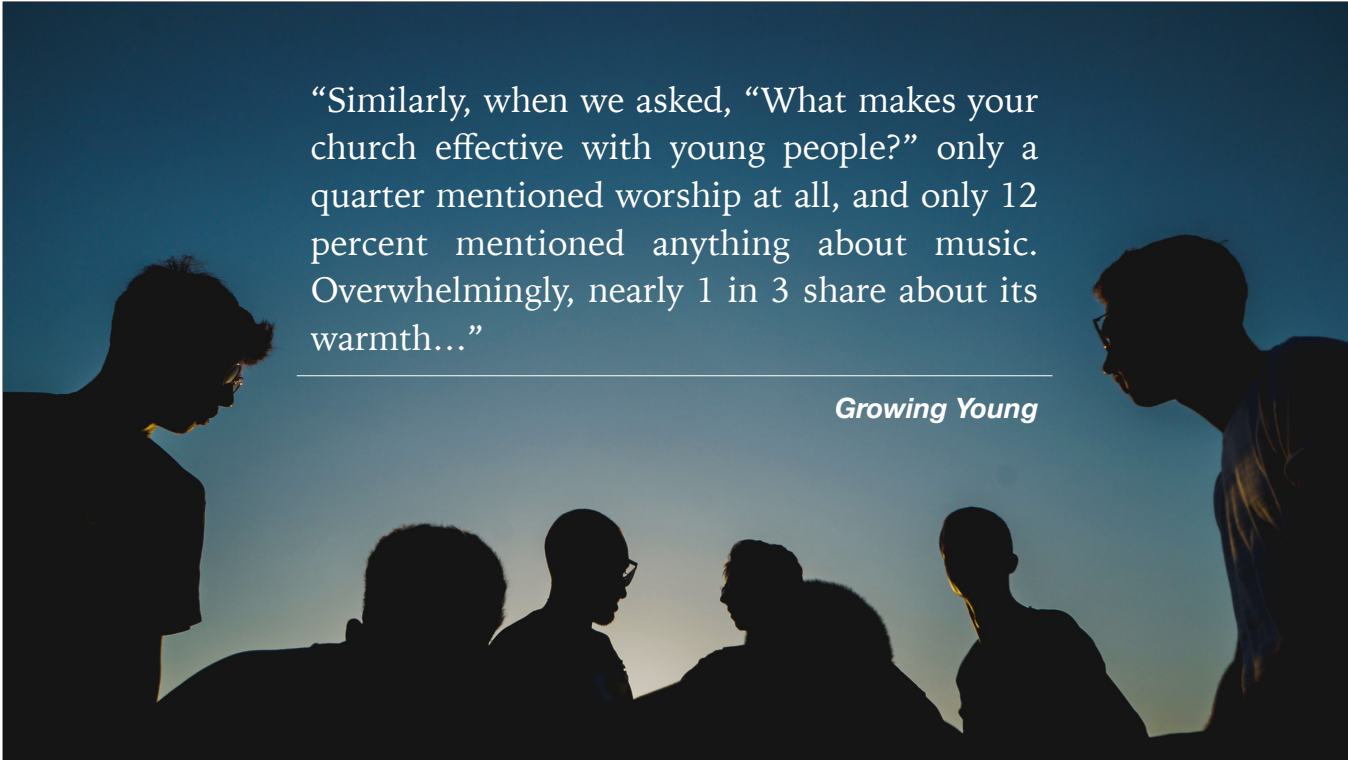
LUKE 7:34



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“While young people may be able to find great preaching online, many told us they’re aching for more than that. They want to be in relationship with leaders who know their name and model a life of faith.”

Growing Young

The background of the slide features a photograph of several young people silhouetted against a bright, hazy sky at sunset or sunrise. The silhouettes are dark against the lighter sky, creating a contemplative and communal atmosphere. The people are positioned in the lower half of the frame, looking towards the horizon.

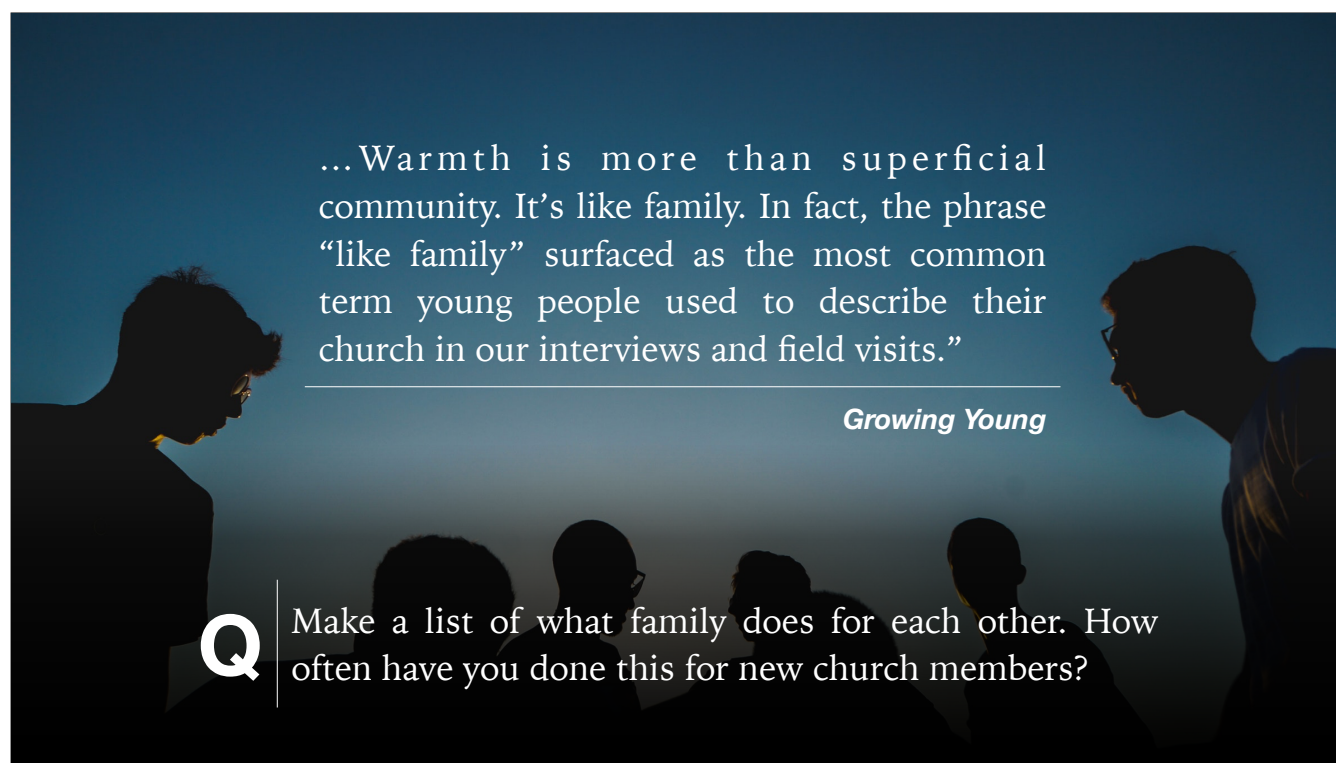
“Similarly, when we asked, “What makes your church effective with young people?” only a quarter mentioned worship at all, and only 12 percent mentioned anything about music. Overwhelmingly, nearly 1 in 3 share about its warmth...”

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Make a list of what family does for each other. How often have you done this for new church members?

Luke + Chris











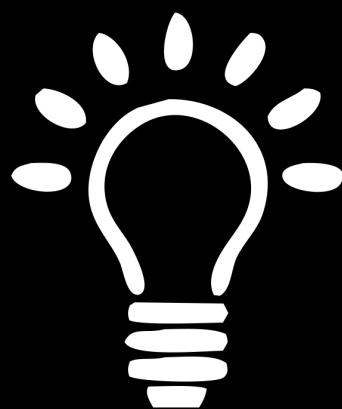


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How does a HOME help in addressing these three things YA think about the church?



Q

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"I received": not original with Paul, got it from somewhere else

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“...the elements in the tradition are to be dated to the first two years after the crucifixion of Jesus...not later than three years... the formation of the appearance traditions mentioned in I Cor.15.3-8 falls into the time between 30 and 33 CE.”

Gerd Lüdemann,
The Resurrection of Jesus

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30-35
Creedal Statement Created

30 C.E.

Jesus' Crucifixion

57

1st Corinthians written

We don't have the originals of the New Testament. What we have are thousands of copies of the New Testament that were made in most cases centuries later... These copies that were made centuries later contain numerous mistakes. Thousands of mistakes. Tens of thousands of mistakes. Hundreds of thousands of mistakes.

Bart Ehrman, New Testament Scholar

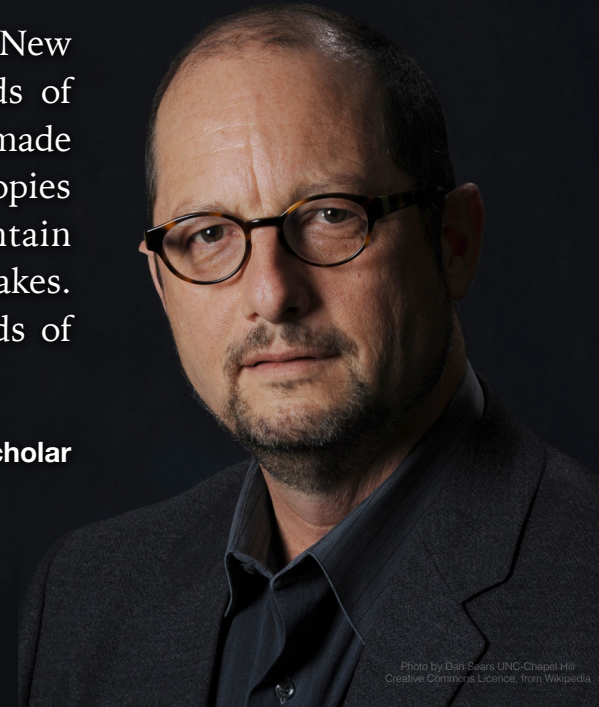


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DOES MY NT HAVE OVER 400,000 ERRORS?

1) Many documents = many variants. 400,000 spread out over 5,000 Greek manuscripts.

2) Over 70% are questions of spelling.

3) Less than 1% change meaning.

4) 0% change any Christian doctrine.

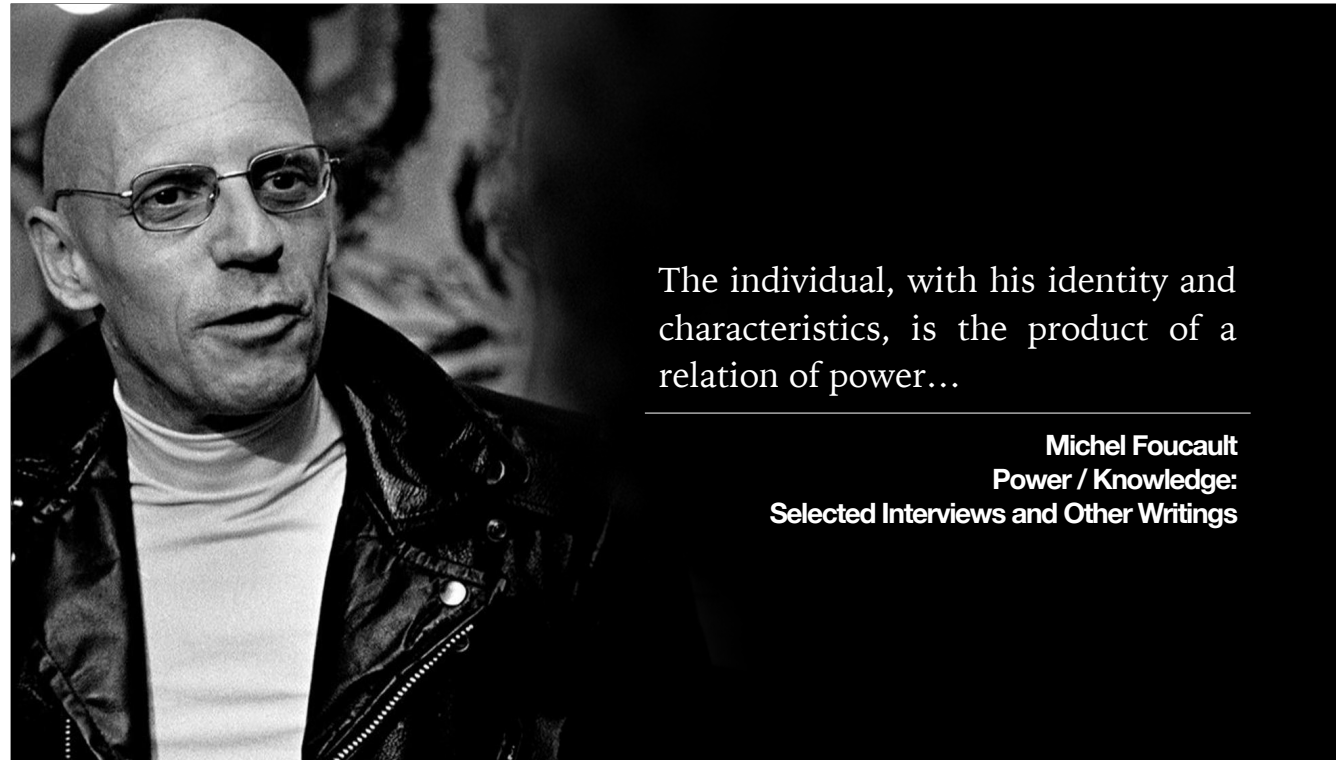
¹⁴ And God said, "Let there be light." And there was light. And God saw that the light was good. And God separated the light from the darkness. And God called the light "day" and the darkness "night." And let there be lights in the sky to separate the day from the night. And let them be lights in the sky to give light to the earth. And it was so. ¹⁵ And God made the lesser light to rule the day and the greater light to rule the night. And God separated the light from the darkness. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

²⁰ And God said, "Let the water teem with living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the sky." And God created the great sea monsters and every living creature that moves in the water. And God blessed them, saying, "Be fruitful and multiply." And it was so. ²¹ And God created the birds of the sky and the living creatures that move on the land according to their kinds. And God saw that it was good. ²² And God blessed them, saying, "Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth." And it was so.

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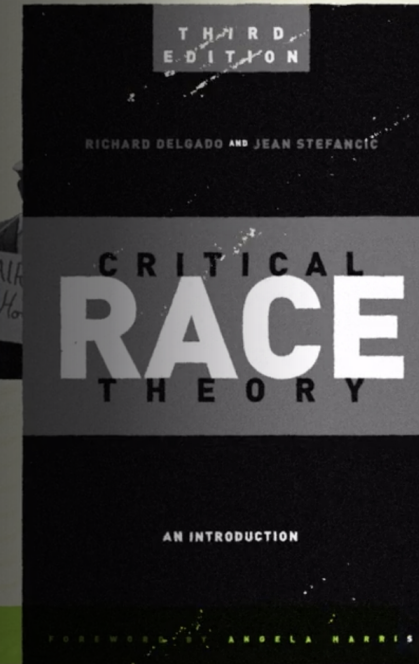
¹ Or: a canopy; also verses 7, 8, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45, 46, 47, 48, 49, 50, 51, 52, 53, 54, 55, 56, 57, 58, 59, 60, 61, 62, 63, 64, 65, 66, 67, 68, 69, 70, 71, 72, 73, 74, 75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81, 82, 83, 84, 85, 86, 87, 88, 89, 90, 91, 92, 93, 94, 95, 96, 97, 98, 99, 100. ² The Hebrew text of the Septuagint has "Let us make man in our image, after our likeness. Let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the sky, over the livestock, and over all the earth."



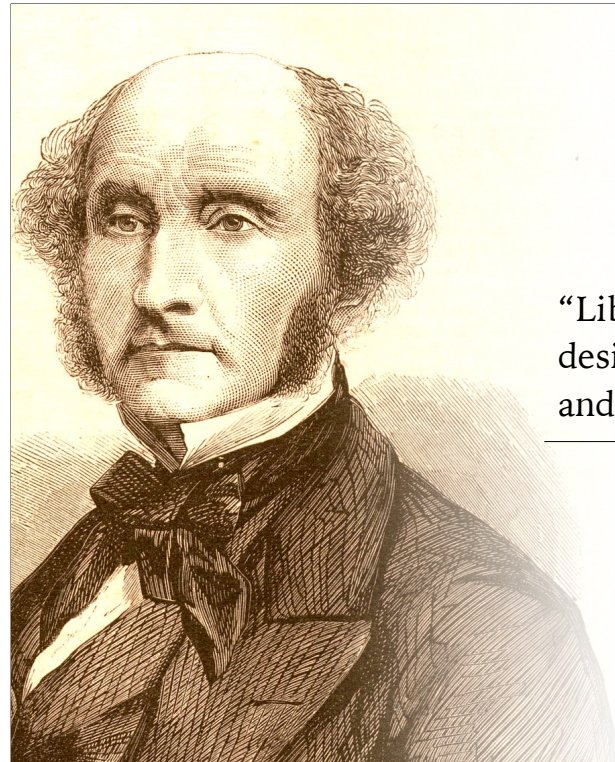
Pale Blue Dot is a photograph of planet Earth taken on February 14, 1990, by the Voyager 1 space probe. One of our first images of earth from distant space... How does this image make you feel about your place in the universe? More importantly: **What story does Sagan believe we are in?**

“For the critical race theorist, objective truth, like merit, does not exist... truth is a social construct created to suit the purposes of the dominant group.”

Richard Delgado, Jean Stefancic
Critical Race Theory: An Introduction



Perhaps Schopenhauer tells the same story as Sagan.



“Liberty consists in doing what one desires... Over himself, over his own body and mind, the individual is sovereign.”

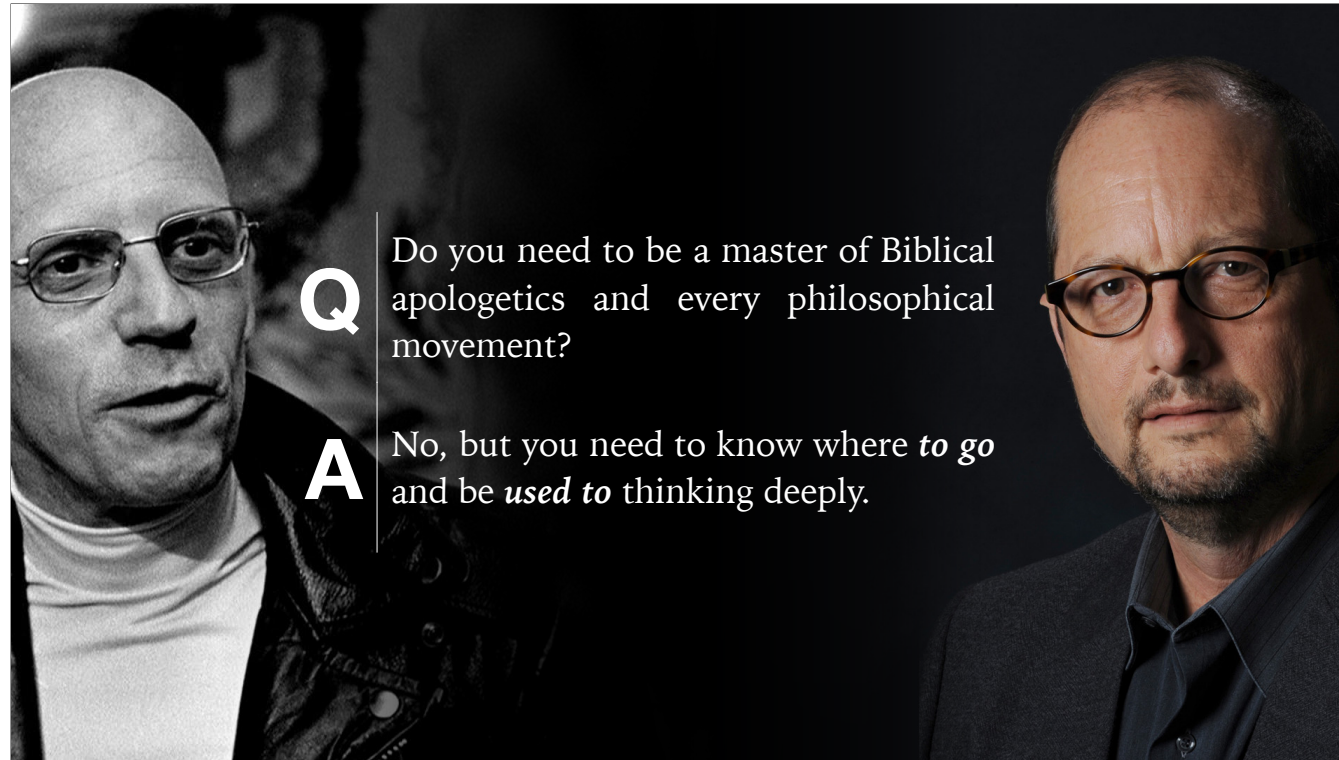
John Stuart Mill, *On Liberty*

This is reflected in contemporary thinkers, like Milton Friedman.



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A

No, but you need to know where *to go* and be *used to* thinking deeply.



TRUE *and*
REASONABLE

All Social Dinners this year
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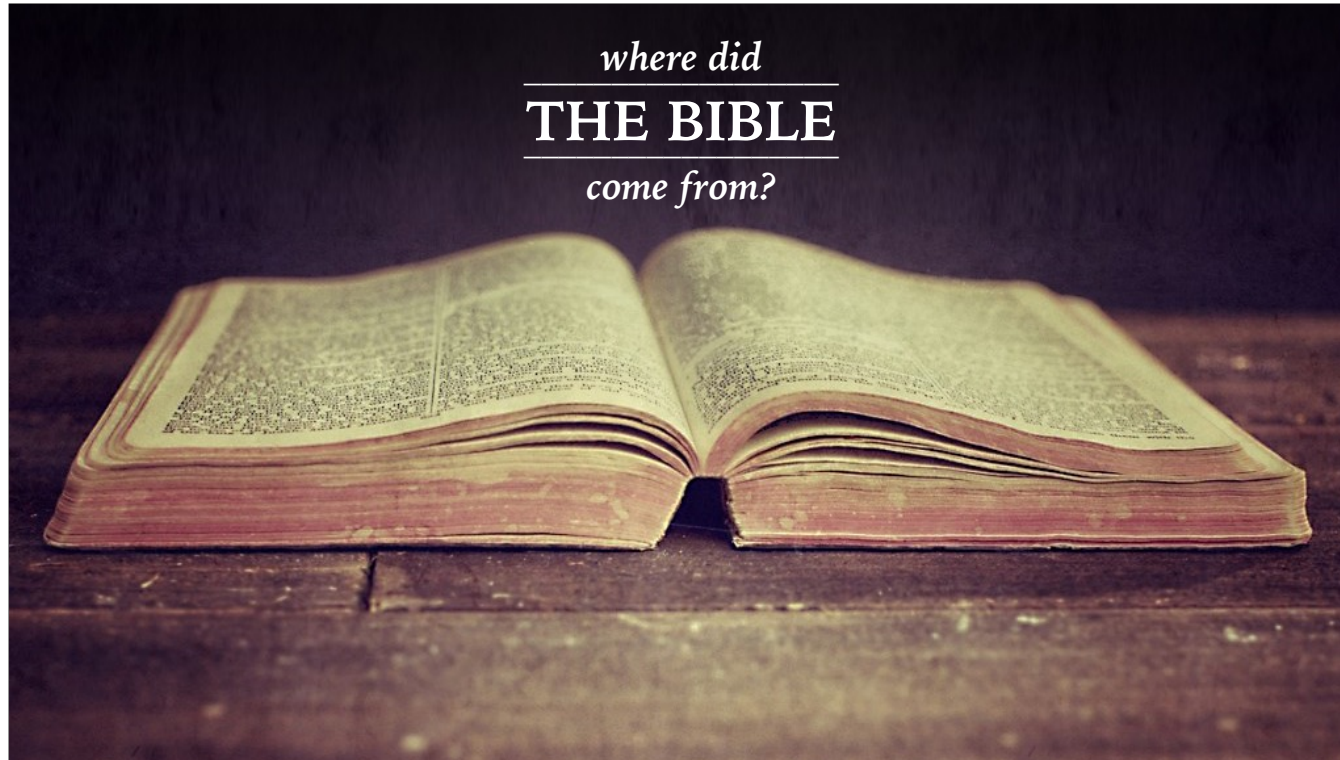


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Pain and Promise

CONVERSATIONS ON THE PROBLEMS OF SUFFERING AND EVIL
AND HOW THE BIBLICAL GOD IS THERE THROUGH IT ALL

most friday evenings
5 TO 7:30

The background of the entire poster is a close-up photograph of a person's hands. The hands are heavily tattooed with various designs, including script and geometric patterns. Several large, ornate rings are worn on the fingers, including one with a large turquoise stone and another with a skull. The person is wearing a dark, buttoned shirt.

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IN THE WORLD BUT NOT OF IT

A discussion of 1 Peter

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MY LIFE WITH ZOMBIES

part of our

Why, at this point in history, are we so fascinated with zombies? Is there any impending zombie apocalypse coming? What does the bible say about the undead? (More than you might think!) Are zombies among us? What should I do when I run into zombies? These questions and more will be explored and discussed at this Illumine Talk.

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MY CRIMINAL MIND

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A Theological Exploration of the Fantastic In Contemporary Film and Literature

Nov. 27

Free Dinner at 7:00pm.

Discussion follows at 7:30pm.

Carleton University
Canal Building, Room 2104

Are fantasy films really just fantasy? How can I love both Tooks and Lancasters? Why are experimental and theoretical physicists fighting over the One Ring? From Tolkien's works (The Hobbit and Lord of the Rings) to Game of Thrones, join us as we explore what fantasy fiction tells us about ourselves.

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A PHYSICIST'S LIFE AS A CHRISTIAN



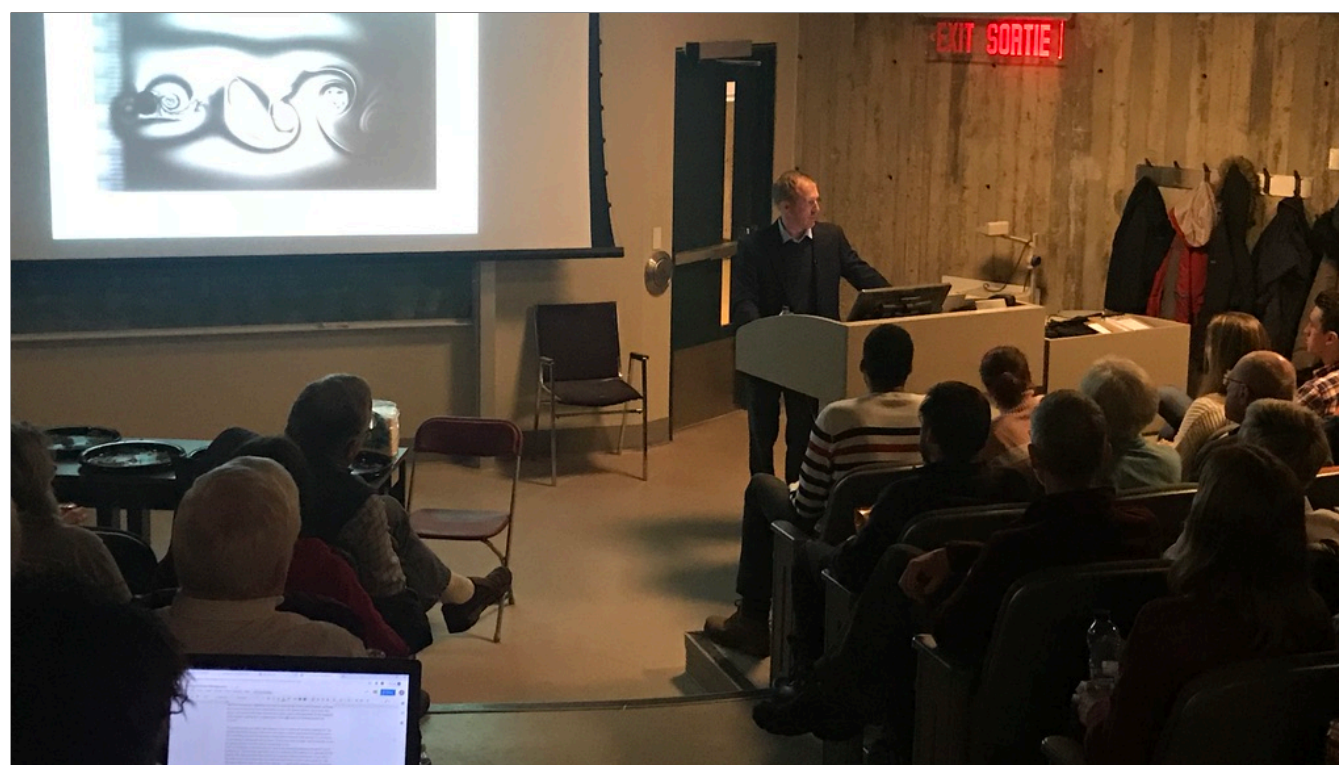
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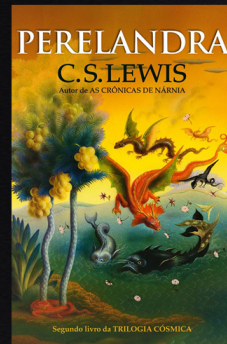
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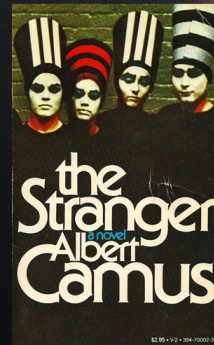


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SEPTEMBER
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C.S. Lewis



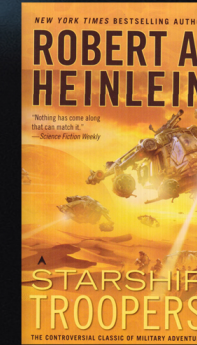
OCTOBER
The Stranger
Albert Camus



NOVEMBER
The Man Who Was Thursday
G.K. Chesterton



DECEMBER
Starship Troopers
Robert A. Heinlein



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Welcome to the Ottawa Great Books Club, hosted by St. Paul and Illuminé. If you're not too sure what a Great Books Club is, or why we

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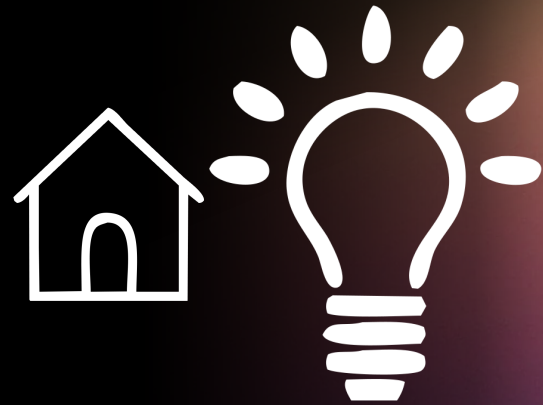
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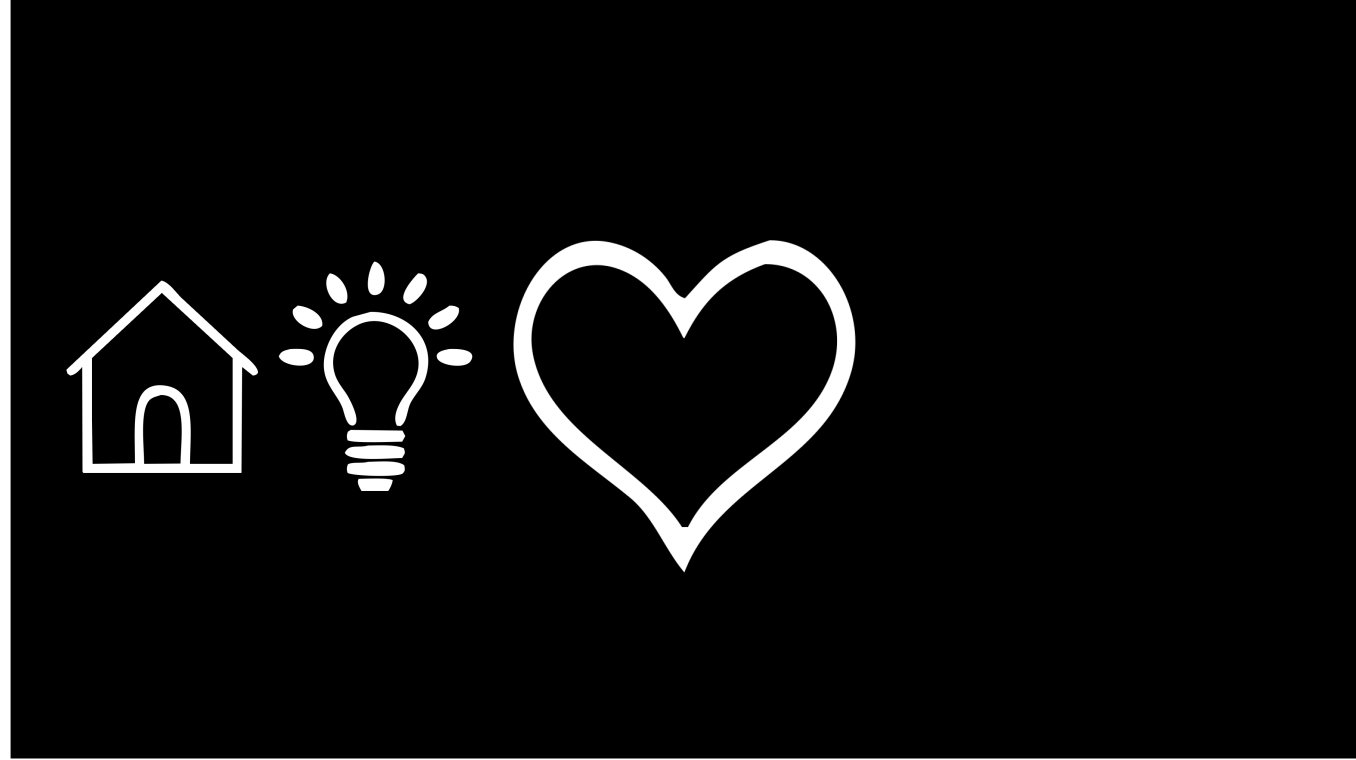
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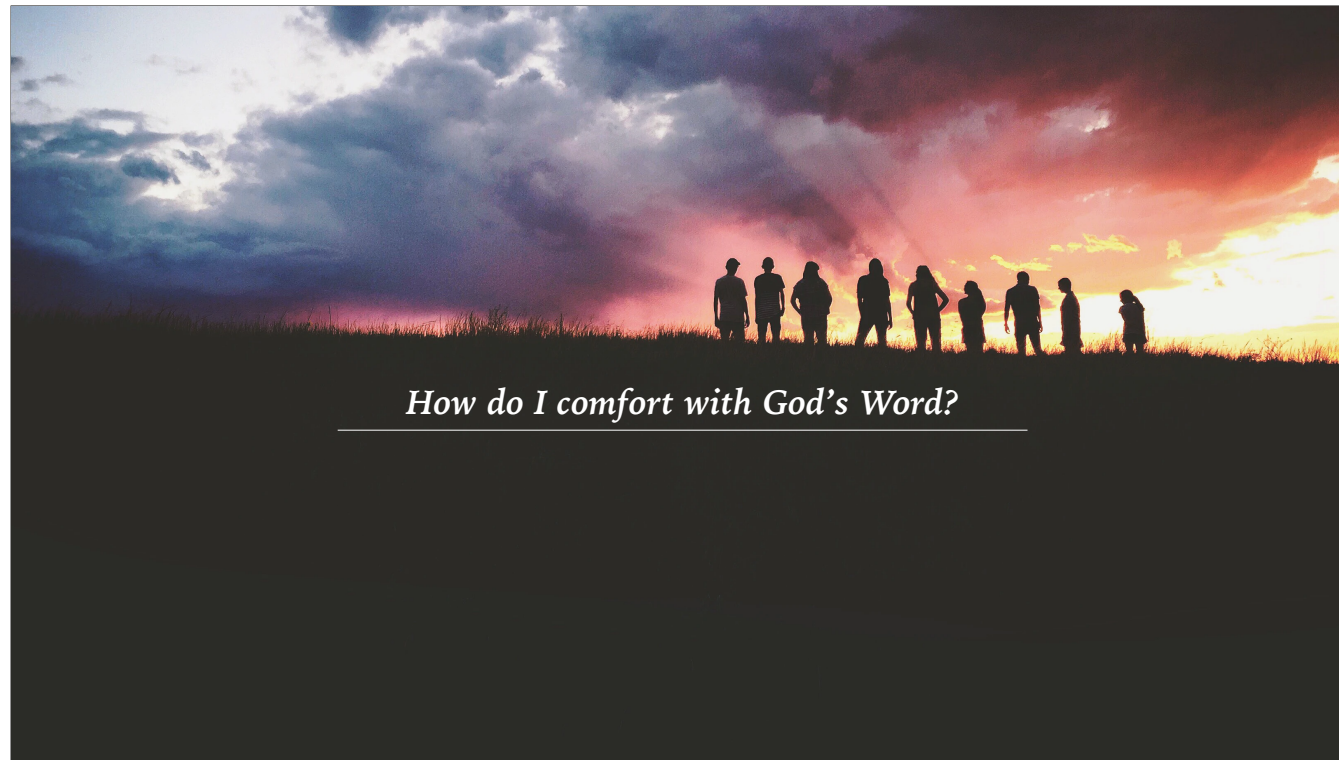


Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of compassion and the God of all comfort,⁴ who comforts us in all our troubles, so that we can comfort those in any trouble with the comfort we ourselves receive from God.

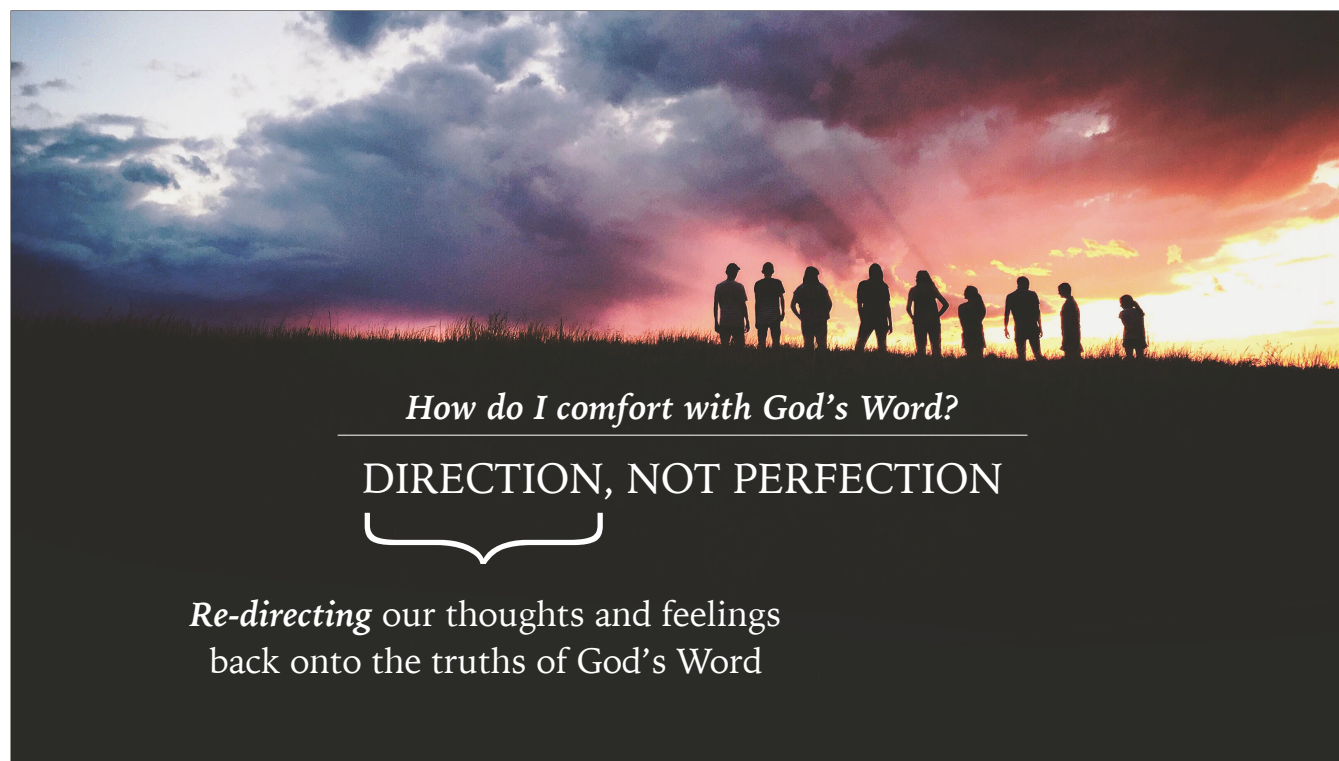
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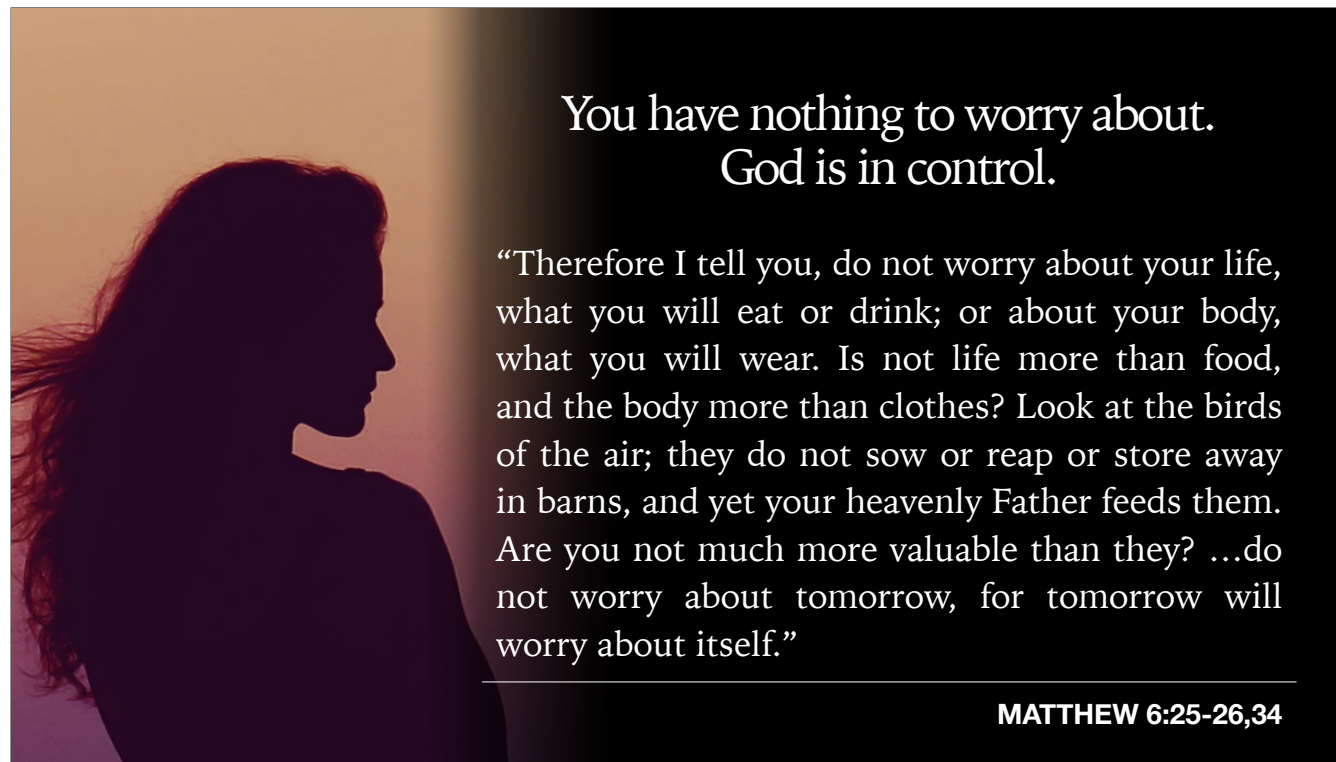


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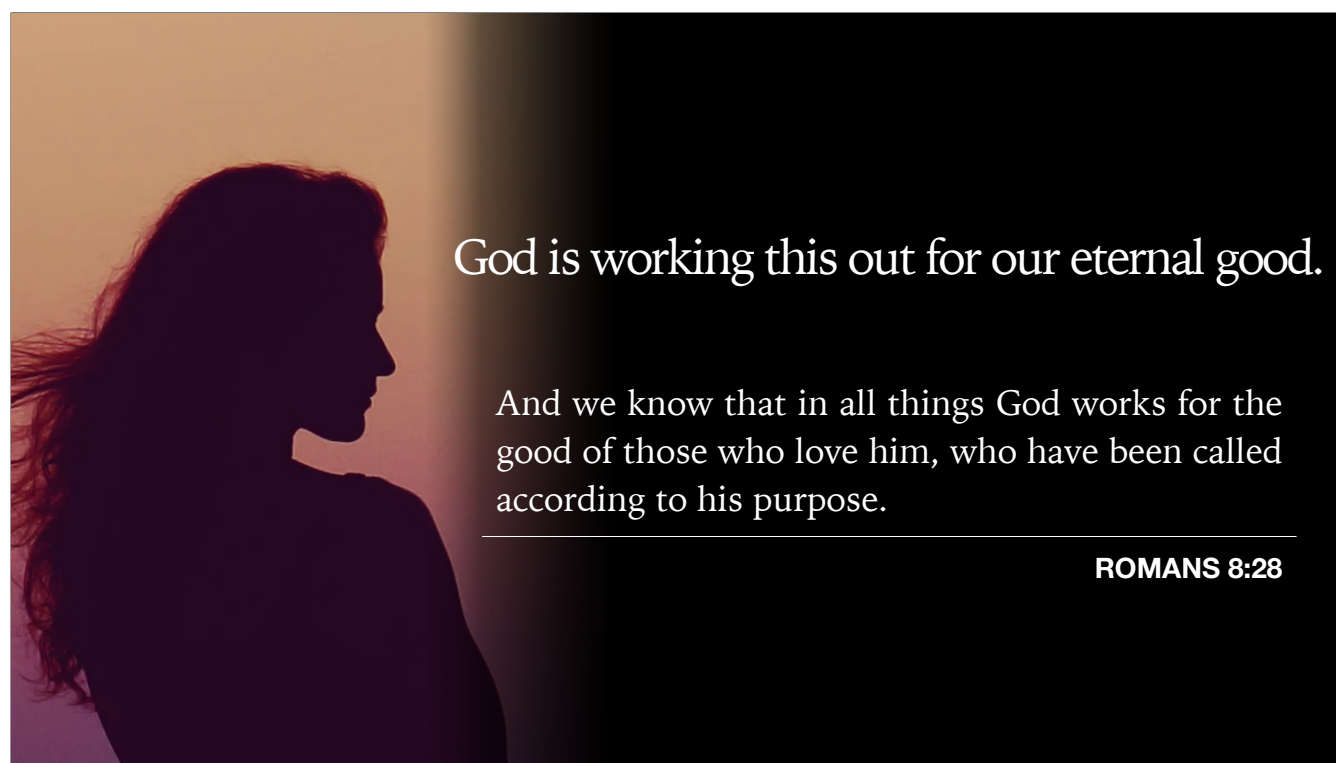
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Re-directing our thoughts and feelings
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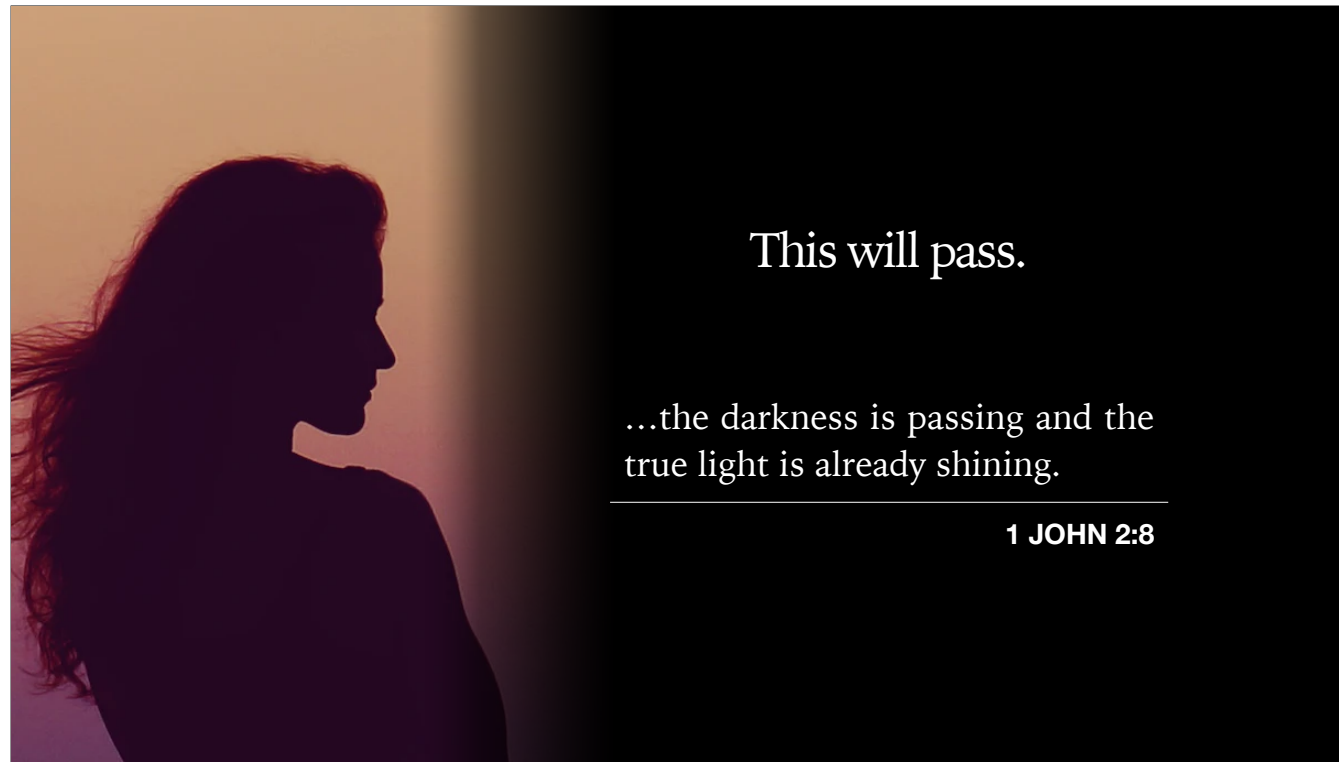
What are some important *Biblical truths*
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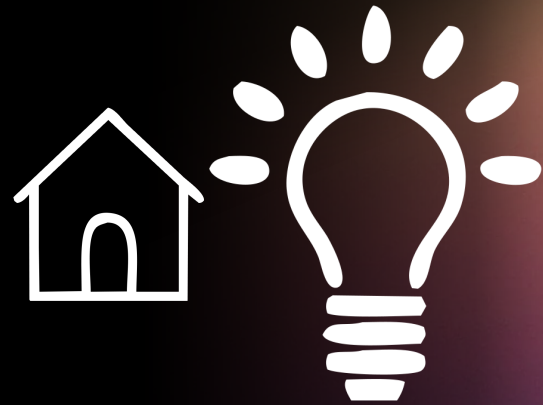
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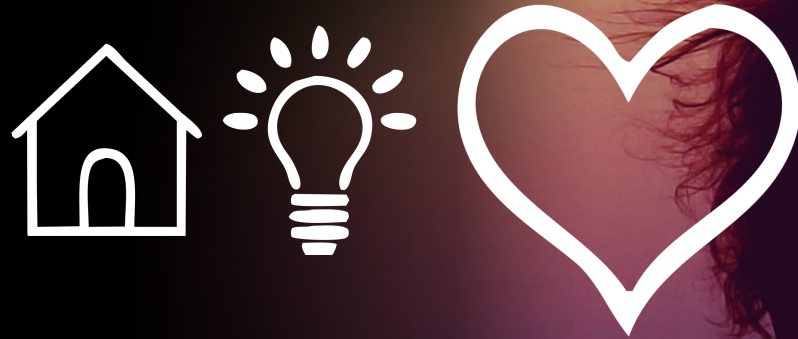
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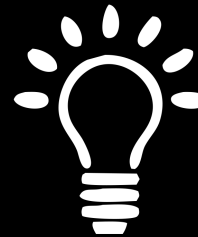
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