



# Rebuilding &

GROWTH  
2019

*Top Priorities of the Church - This Year*

# Kingdomtide

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# Of First Importance.

1 Corinthians 15:1-5

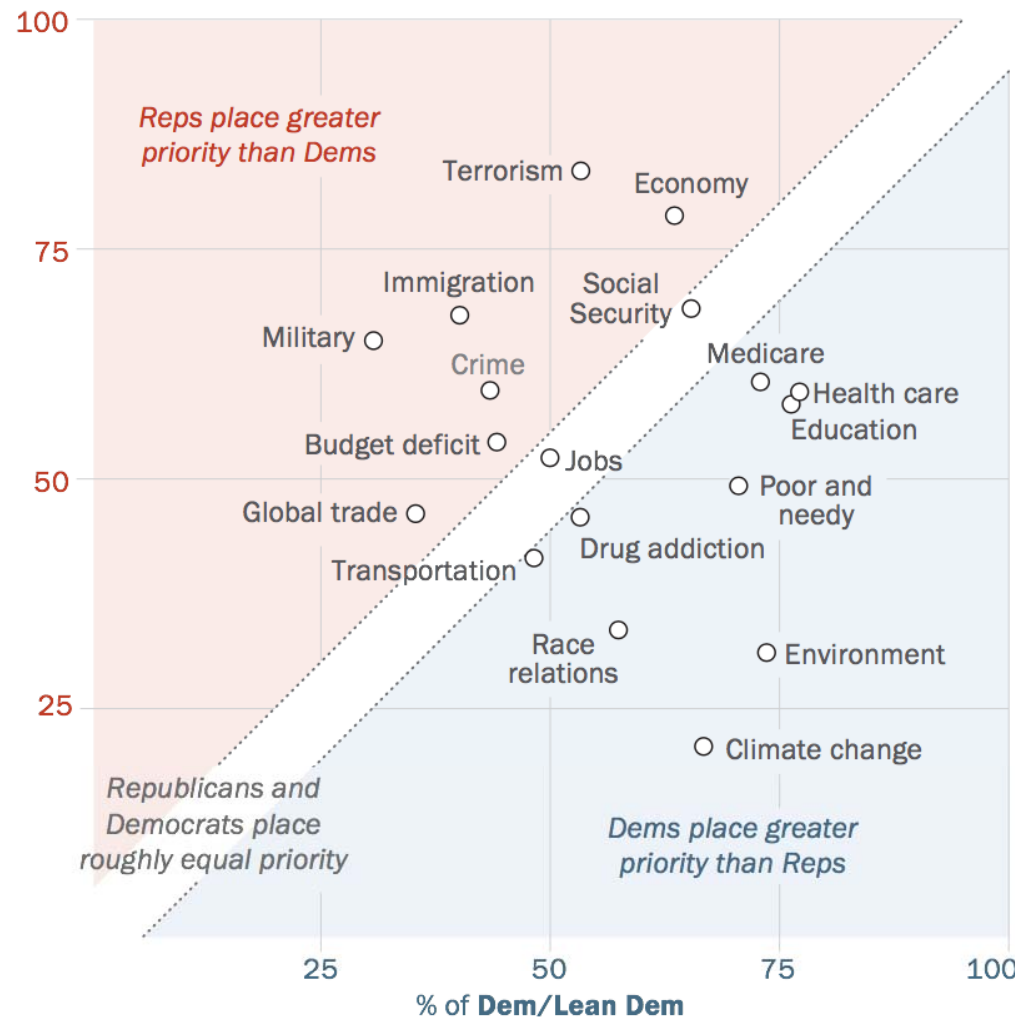
*<sup>3</sup> For what I received I passed on to you as of first importance: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, <sup>4</sup> that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures, <sup>5</sup> and that he appeared to Peter, and then to the Twelve.*

*1 Corinthians 15:3-5*

# Republicans and Democrats differ over key priorities for the president and Congress in 2019

% who say \_\_\_ should be a top priority for Trump and Congress this year

% of Rep/Lean Rep



Source: Survey of U.S. adults conducted Jan. 9-14, 2019.

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## Priorities for the U.S. President and Congress

Next, how important is it to you that the president and Congress deal with each of the following issues in the next year -- is it -- extremely important, very important, moderately important, or not that important? How about -- [RANDOM ORDER]?

% Extremely/Very important

Issue	%
The economy	89
Education	81
Healthcare policy	77
Social Security and Medicare	73
Terrorism	72
Poverty and homelessness	69
The military and national defense	68
Crime	68
Taxes	62
The distribution of income and wealth	57
Energy policy	56
The environment	55
Gun policy	54
World affairs	52
Immigration	50
Government surveillance of U.S. citizens	42
Abortion	39
Race relations	39
Policies toward gays and lesbians	27

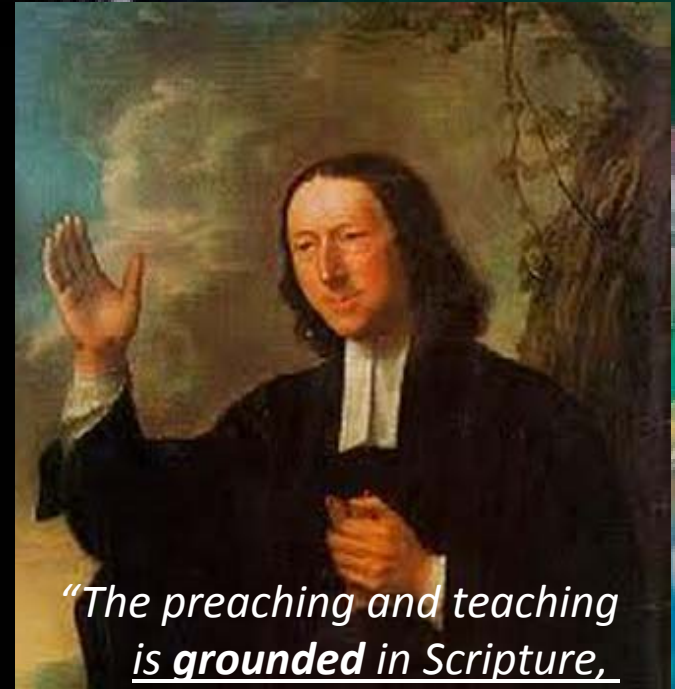
**Economy – 89%**  
**Education – 81%**  
**Social Security – 77%**  
**Terrorism – 73%**

*in 2014*

Jan. 5-8, 2014

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*"The preaching and teaching is **grounded** in Scripture, **informed** by Christian tradition, **enlivened** in personal experience, and **tested** by reason."*

*"Constitution," Book of Discipline*

# PRiORiTiES



- 1.
- 2.
- 3.



*What are your top priorities?*



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1. His Kingdom - July 7
  2. His Righteousness - July 14
  3. His Word - July 21
  4. His Way - July 28
  5. His Mission - August 4
  6. His Time - August 25
  7. His Church - September 1

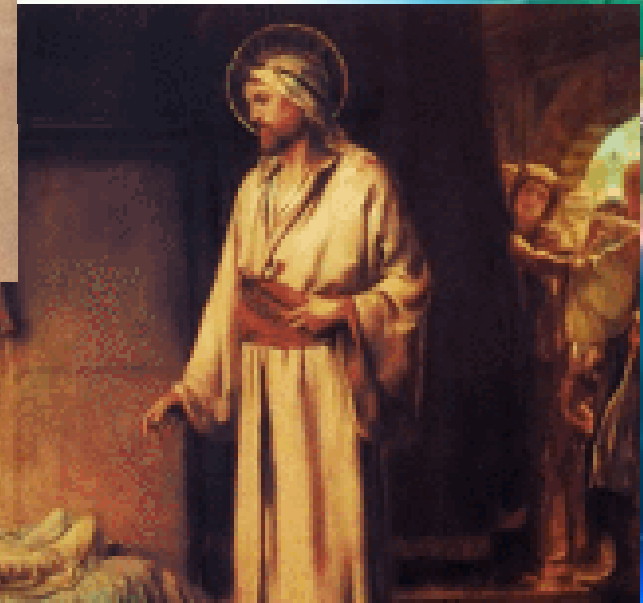
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**SEEK YE FIRST**

**Luke 4:38-44**

## **Jesus' Priorities in Ministry**

<sup>38</sup> And he arose and left the synagogue and entered Simon's house. Now Simon's mother-in-law was ill with a high fever, and they appealed to him on her behalf. <sup>39</sup> And he stood over her and rebuked the fever, and it left her, and immediately she rose and began to serve them.



**Luke's observation: "Prior to the Call of Peter"**

**Jesus Heals Peter's Mother-in-Law  
(Matthew 8:14-15; Mark 1:29-31)**

Image  
from: <http://bibleblender.com/2017/bible-stories/new-testament/matthew/old-testament-prophecy-jesus-heals-multitudes-matthew-8-14-8-17>

The people  
brought to

*Jesus*

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Luke 4:40

*Luke 4:38-44*

*Jesus Meets the Needs*



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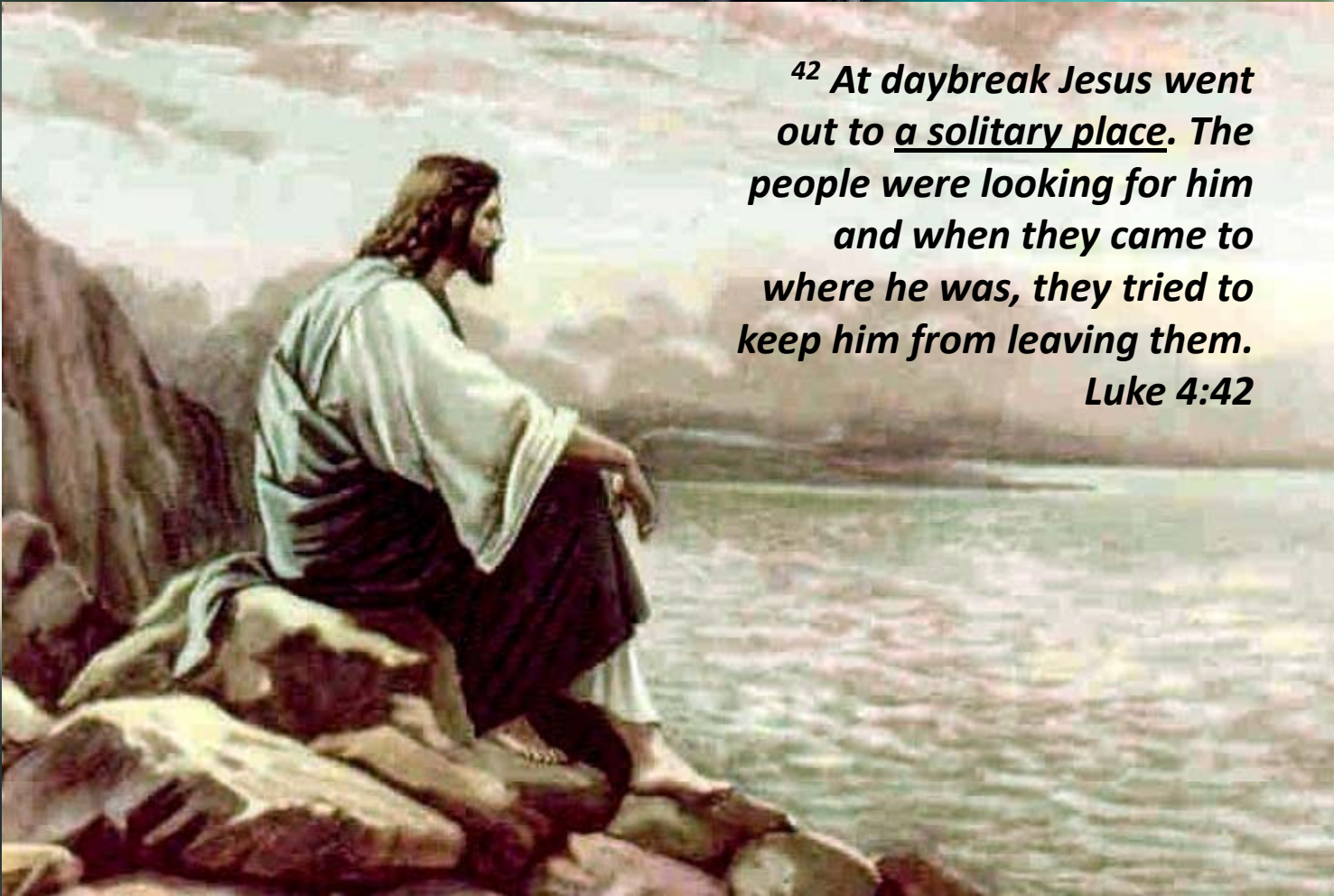


*Luke 4:38-44*

## *Jesus' Act of Piety and Self Care*

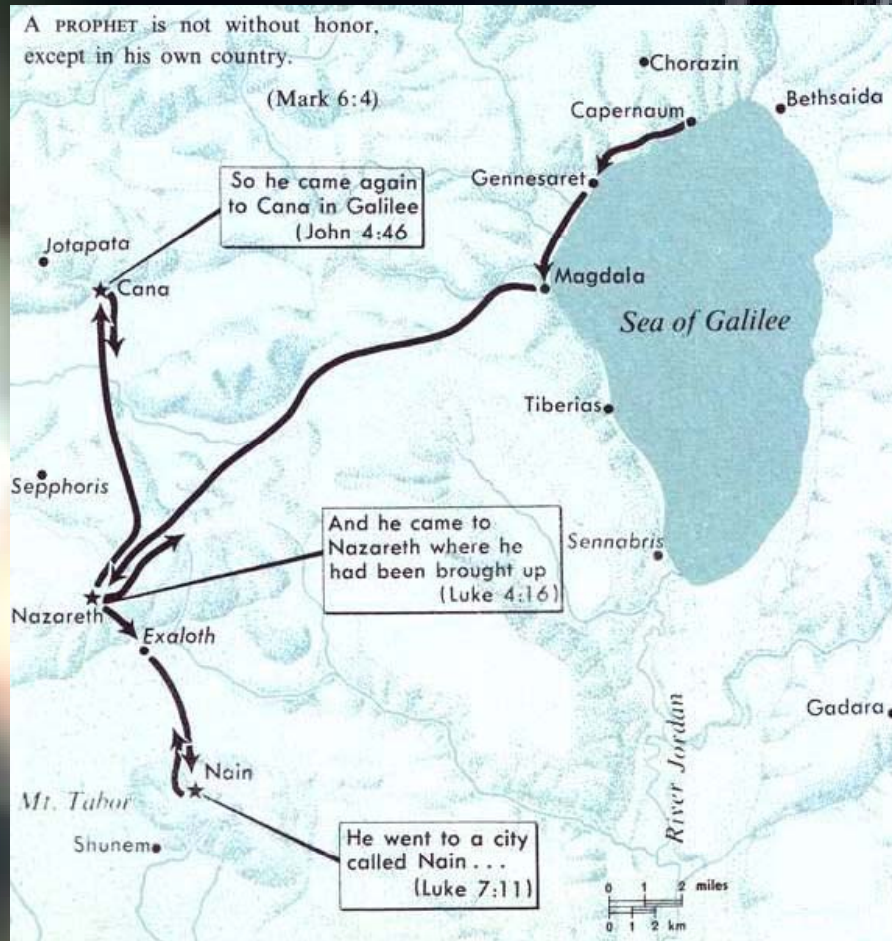
*<sup>42</sup> At daybreak Jesus went out to a solitary place. The people were looking for him and when they came to where he was, they tried to keep him from leaving them.*

*Luke 4:42*



# Luke 4:38-44

## Top Priority in Jesus' Mission



Jesus said to them,  
**“I must proclaim  
the good news  
about the kingdom of God to the  
other towns also, because  
I was sent for this purpose.”**  
Luke 4:43

*1. Jesus unfolds the vision of the kingdom of  
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*Part 1. His Kingdom*



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**Isaiah 61:1**

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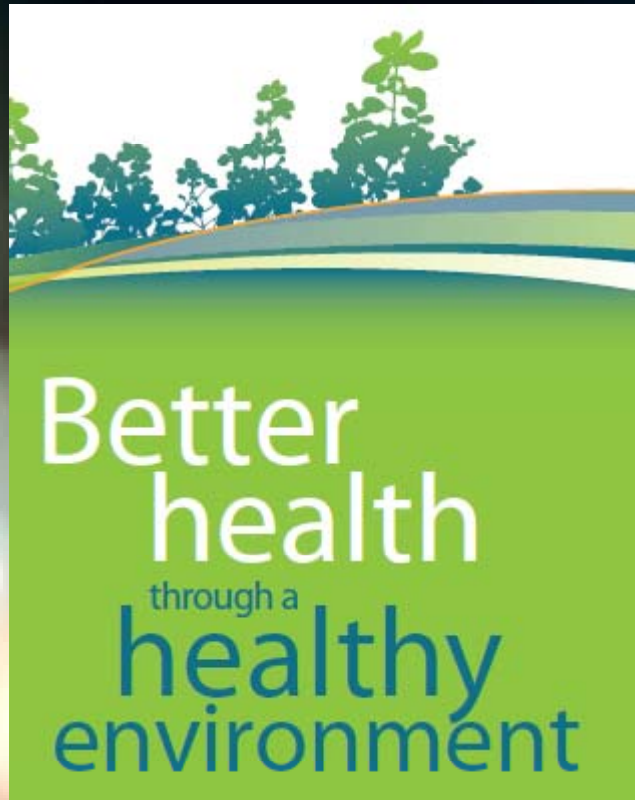


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**WHO:**  
*Healthy Environment for Children Alliance*



*Jubilee – The Year of Lord's Favor*

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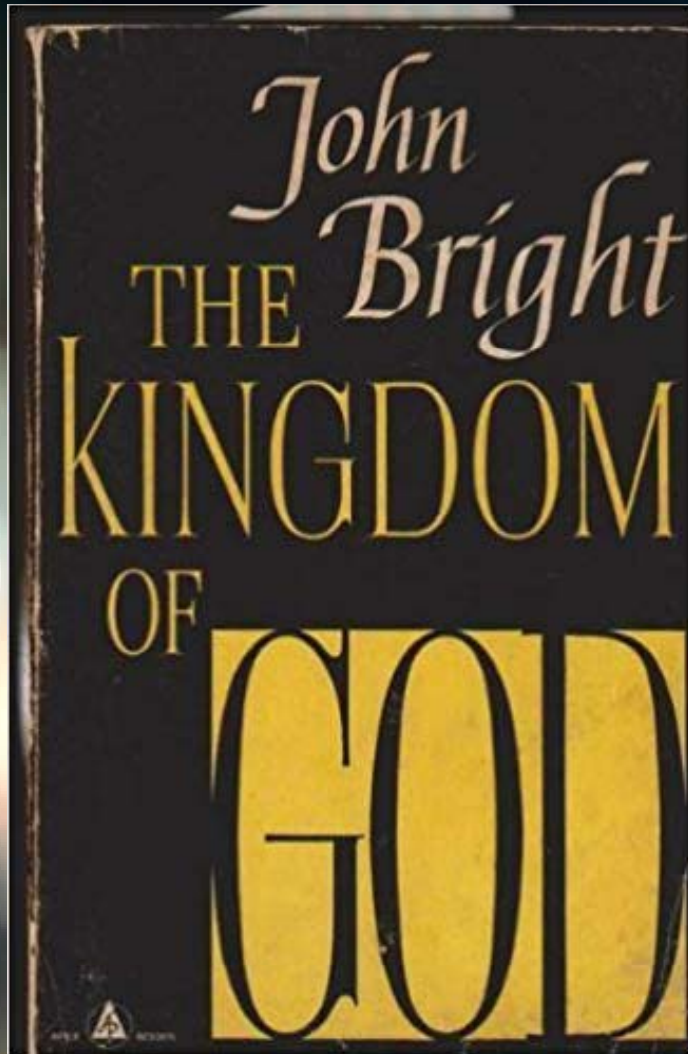
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*Part 1. His Kingdom*



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**The Garden of Eden**  
**Paradise – Lost**  
God's Elect – Abraham and Heirs  
The Promise  
Jubilee for Jews and Gentiles  
Rebuilding of God's Remnants  
Judaism?  
Jesus and His Disciples  
**Resurrection**  
**Eternal Life**  
The Mission of The Church  
**Holy Living – Heaven on Earth**  
**Paradise - Restored**

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Rethinking Heaven, the Resurrection,  
and the Mission of the Church

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The whole point of the Kingdom of God is Jesus has come to bear witness to the true truth, which is nonviolent. When God wants to take charge of the world, He doesn't send in the tanks. He sends in the poor and the meek.

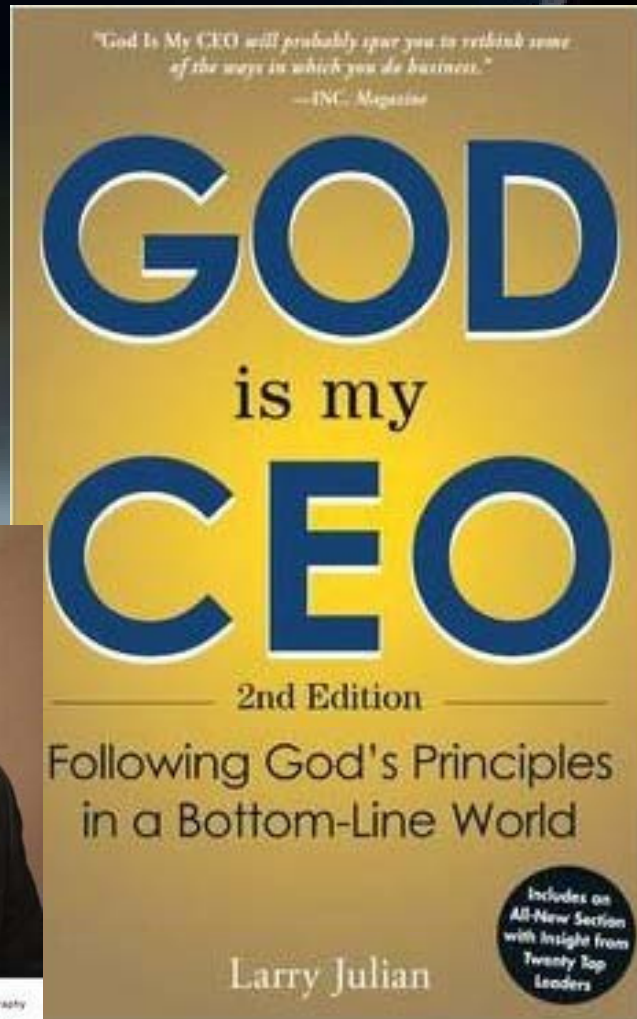
N.T. Wright  
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*Where is heaven?*

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*Part 1. His Kingdom*

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We're better together with God at the center of our lives and our marriages.

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# Seek Ye First ...

*Part 1. His Kingdom*

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*Part 1. His Kingdom*



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**THE LOCAL  
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- BILL HYBELS



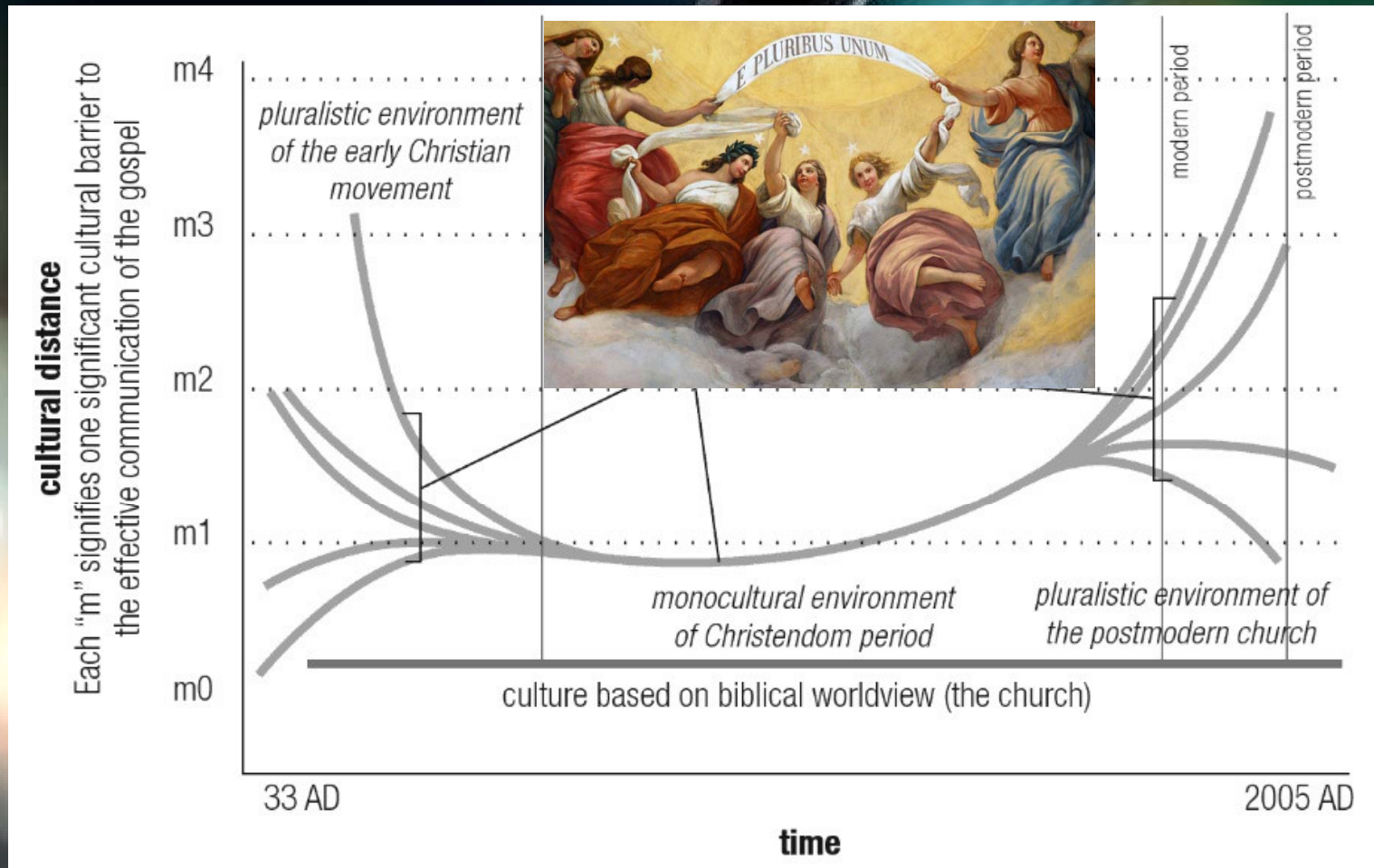
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## 4. Seek ye first His Kingdom.



*Christ our Lord invites to his table  
all who love him,  
who earnestly repent of their sin and  
seek to live in peace with one another.*

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