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CEC Gathering, Session 1
Cathedral Church of the King

We Are Evangelical
Becoming People of the Story

1 John 1.1-4

Dr. Don L. Davis



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The Harvest is Great but the Laborers are Few MATTHEW 9:37-38





What is the best way to explain what it means to be a disciple of Jesus?

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**“Whose story do I
live out now?”**





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Steve Addison

Forewords by Alan Hirsch and Bob Roberts Jr.

Movements That Change the World

Five Keys to Spreading the Gospel



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Addison's Five Concepts of Healthy Movements

“In a general sense, movements are informal groupings of people and organizations pursuing a common cause. ***They are people with an agenda for change.***”

--Addison, *Movements that Changed the World*, p. 28



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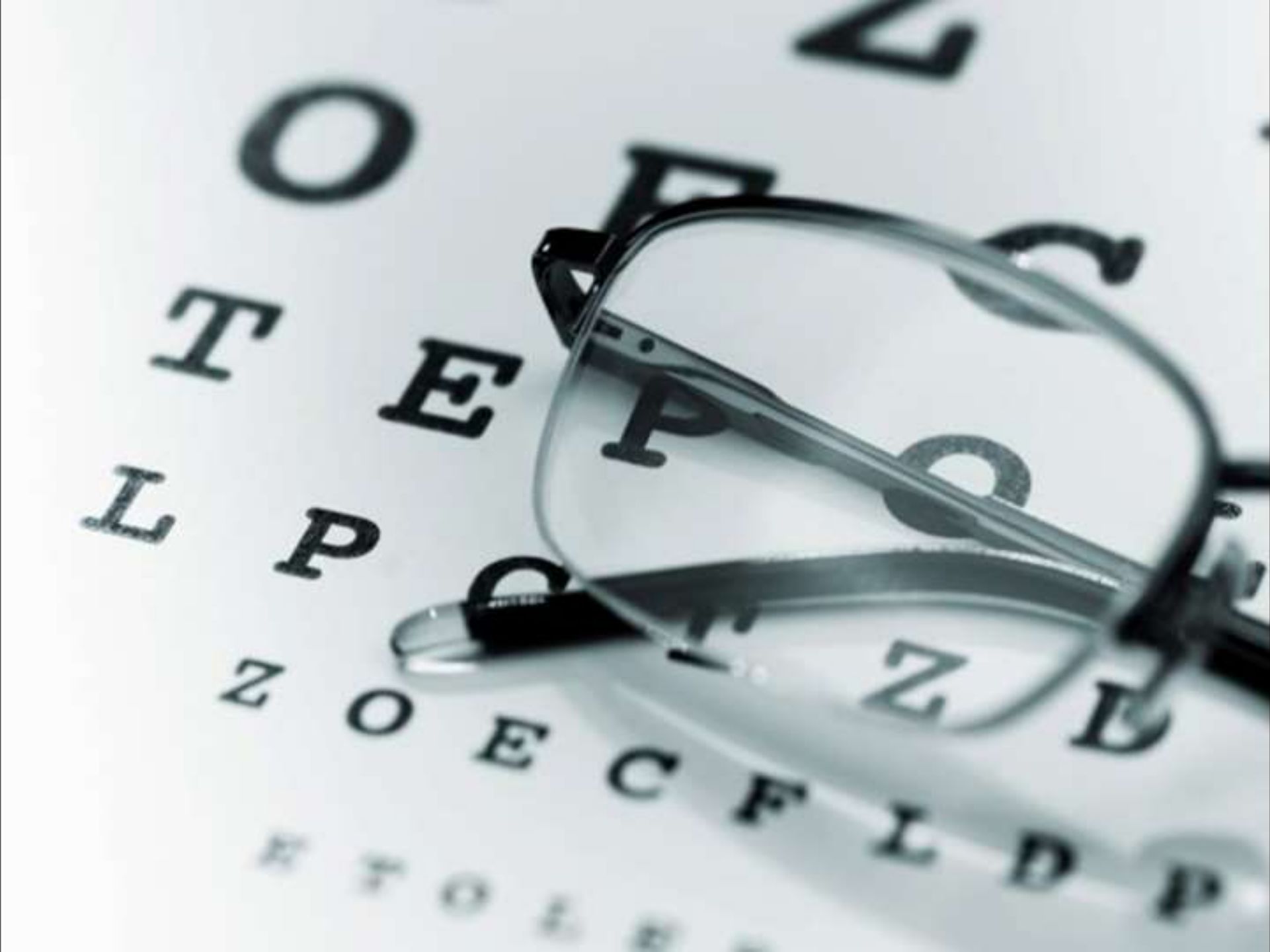
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We live by
what we believe,
not by
what we can see.

--2 Cor. 5.7, New Century Version

We walk by
Faith,
not by sight.

2 Corinthians 5:7

1. I love the sto - ry of un - seen things a - bove, Of
 2. I love the sto - ry of the pleas - ant to re - ceive What
 3. I love the sto - ry of those who know that seem

Just an - other sto - ry, Of Je - sus and His love: I love to
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I love to tell the story

The Power of God's "Fairy" Story:

God's Tale, Supreme and Absolutely True

This story [i.e., the Christian story] is supreme; and it is true. **Art** has been **verified**. God is the Lord, of angels, and of men—and of elves. **Legend and History** have met and fused.

-- J. R. R. Tolkien, "On Fairy Stories," in *Essays Presented to Charles Williams*, Ed. By C. S. Lewis, Grand Rapids: Wm. B. Eerdmans Publishing Co., 1966, p. 81.

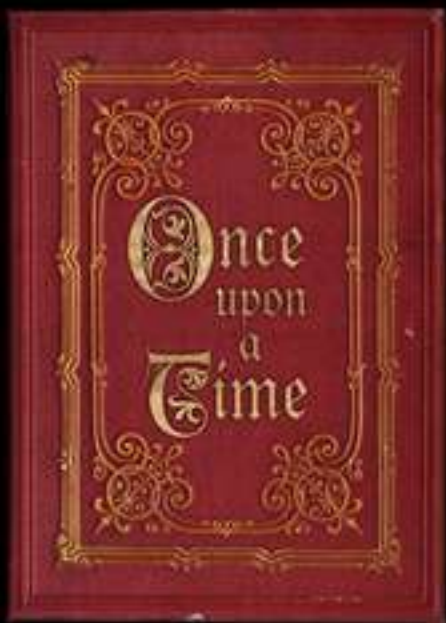




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In God's unfolding story of salvation,
Nothing is as it,
at first glance,
appears to be



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Why? What is the good of *pretending to be what you are not*? Well, even on the human level, you know, there are **two kinds** of pretending. . . .



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There is a ***bad kind***, where the pretense is there ***instead of the real thing***; as when a man pretends he is going to help you instead of really helping you. . . .



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But there is also *a good kind*, where the pretense *leads up to the real thing* [italics mine].



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Once upon a Time

From prefalling to prefalling, our Lord is God

From overlying, in that matchless mystery of existence before time began, our Father God dwelt in perfect splendor in eternal communion as Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, the I AM, displaying his perfect attributes in eternal relationship, seeing nothing as boundless goodness, joy, and beauty. According to his sovereign will, our God purposed out of love to create a universe where his splendor would be revealed, and a world where his glory would be displayed and where a people made in his own image would dwell, sharing in fellowship with him and enjoying union with himself in relationship, all for his glory.

Who, as the Sovereign God, created a world that would ultimately rebel against his rule

hindered by lust, greed, and pride, the first human pair rebelled against his will, deceived by the great serpent, Satan, whose diabolical plot to supplant God as ruler of all resulted in creation being brought into God's domain will in the beginning. Through Adam and Eve's disobedience, they separated themselves and their heirs to poverty and death, and through their rebellion, rebelled creation knew shame, suffering, and evil. Through sin and rebellion, the union between God and creation was lost, and now all things are subject to the effects of this great fall: alienation, separation, and condemnation because the underlying reality for all things: "No angel, human being, or creature can solve this dilemma, and without God's direct intervention, all the universe, the world, and all its creatures would be lost."

Yet, in mercy and loving-kindness, the Lord God promised to send a Savior to redeem his creation

In response to our sin, God determined to remedy the effects of the universe's rebellion by sending a Champion, his only Son, who would take on the form of the fallen man, endure and overcome their separation from God, and suffer in the place of all humankind for its sin and disobedience. So, through his covenant faithfulness, God became directly involved in human history for the sake of their salvation. The Lord God sought to engage his creation for the sake of restoring it, to put down evil once and for all, and to establish a people out of which his Champion would come to establish his reign in this world once more.

The Cosmic Drama through a Biblical Narration of the World

by Rev. Dr.
Ron L. Davis



So, he raised up a people from which the Governor would come

God, as, through Noah, he saves the world from his own evil, through Abraham, he selects the plan through which the seed would come.

Through Isaac, he continues the promise to Abraham, and through Jacob (Israel) he establishes his nation, identifying the tribe out of which he will come (Judah). Through Moses, he delivers his own from oppression and gives them his covenantal law, and through Joshua, he brings his people into the land of promise. Through judges and leaders he reorganizes his people, and through David, he covenants to bring a King from his clan who will reign forever through his promise, though, his people fall short of his covenant time after time. Their rebellion and persistent rejection of the Lord finally leads to the nation's judgment, invasion, overthrow, and captivity. Mercifully, he remembers his covenant and allows a remnant to return for the promise and the story never ends.

Who, as Champion, came down from heaven, in the fullness of time, and won through the Cross

Jesus had finished years of silence occurred. Yet, in the fullness of time, God fulfilled his covenant promise by entering into this realm of evil, suffering, and alienation through the incarnation. In the person of Jesus of Nazareth, God came down from heaven and lived among us, displaying the Father's glory, fulfilling the requirements of God's moral law, and demonstrating the power of the Kingdom of God in his words, works, and teachings. On the Cross he took on our rebellion, endured death, overcame the devil, and rose on the third day to restore creation from the Fall, to make an end of sin, alienation, and evil, and to grant mercy leading life to all people who embrace his salvation.

And, soon and very soon, he will return to this world and make all things new

Ascended to the Father's right hand, the Lord Jesus Christ has sent the Holy Spirit into the world, forming a new people made up of both Jew and Gentile, the Church. Commissioned under his leadership, they testify in word and deed the gospel of reconciliation to the whole creation, and when they have completed their task, he will return in glory and complete his work for creation and all creatures. Then, he will put down sin, evil, death, and the effects of the Curse forever, and restore all creation under his true rule, refreshing all things in a new heaven and new earth, where all things and all creation will enjoy the fulness of the tributes that forever, to his glory and honor alone.

And the redeemed shall live happily ever after ...

The End



A photograph of a theater stage. The stage is set with a Tudor-style building facade, featuring half-timbered walls and multiple windows. A lighting rig with various spotlights is suspended above the stage. In the foreground, the backs of an audience of people are visible, seated in rows. The scene is lit with stage lights, creating a dramatic atmosphere.

**Drama:
Epic Story**

A photograph of a theater stage set. The stage features a Tudor-style building with half-timbered walls and a gabled roof. The building is surrounded by lush greenery and trees. The stage is illuminated by a series of spotlights hanging from a metal truss structure. In the foreground, a large audience of people is seated, watching the stage. A white oval with a black border is overlaid on the center of the image, containing the text "Conflict: Cosmic Struggle".

**Conflict:
Cosmic Struggle**



**Reversal:
Unforeseen Grace**

A photograph of a stage set for a play. The set features several Tudor-style buildings with half-timbered facades and gabled roofs. The stage is illuminated by a large array of spotlights hanging from a metal truss structure above. In the foreground, a large audience is seated, watching the performance. A white oval with black text is overlaid on the center of the image.

**Climax:
Final restoration**

Faith honors God,
And God honors faith,
Through it we see the “really real”.



**Mission flows from vision.
And seeing what is “really real”
Forms our spiritual identity.**





***The CEC communion should say
“Join us,” inviting others to
make it their home where a
new generation of seekers
belong.***



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***You are undeniably evangelical,
charismatic, and sacramental.***



*You are undeniably
evangelical.*



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- I. We are Evangelical, the People of the Story,
1 John 1.1-4



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1 John 1.1-4 (ESV)

¹ That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we looked upon and have touched with our hands, concerning the word of life—



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2 the life was made manifest, and we have seen it, and testify to it and proclaim to you the eternal life, which was with the Father and was made manifest to us—



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³ that which we have seen and heard we proclaim also to you, so that you too may have fellowship with us; and indeed our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ.

⁴ And we are writing these things so that our joy may be complete.



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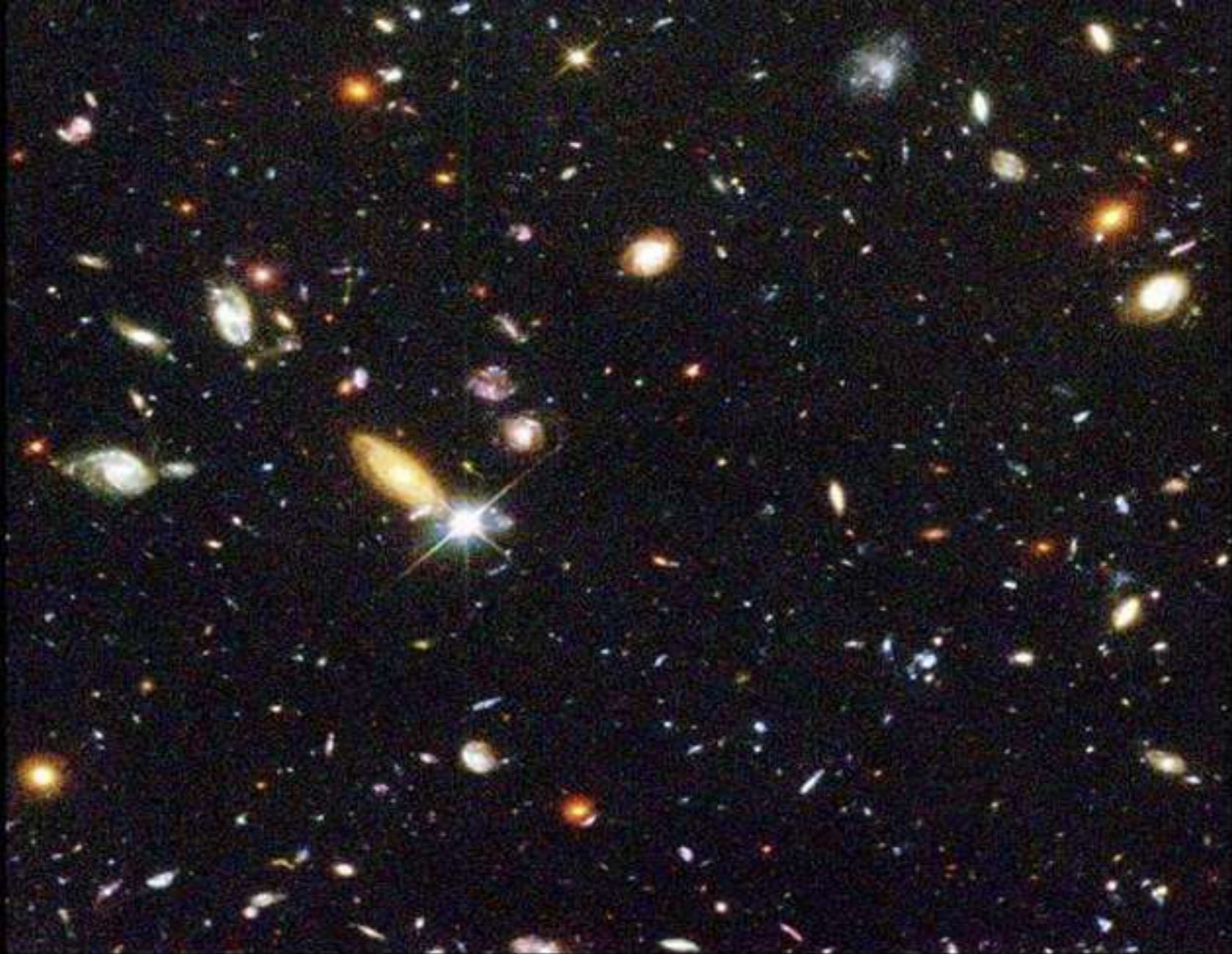


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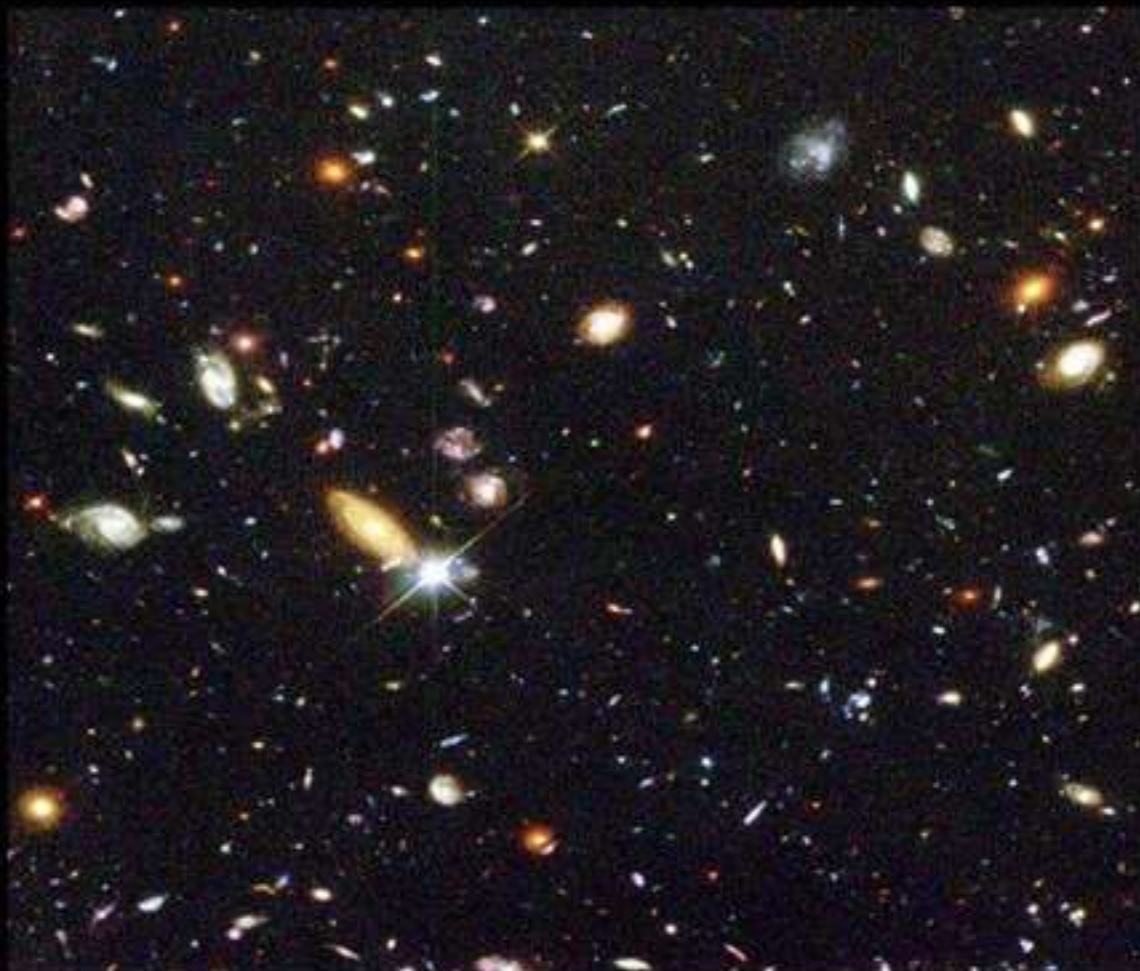
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God is the
maker of the
universe, who
created all
things, *ex nihilo*
(out of nothing).

Our amazing universe

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Narrative as Divine Promise



The covenant promise of God is fulfilled in the life and work of Jesus of Nazareth.

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Narrative as Divine Romance



The sovereign God of the universe has determined to redeem and restore a remnant of fallen humanity for his eternal glory.

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God has determined to fight and conquer his enemies to redeem and restore creation for his eternal glory.



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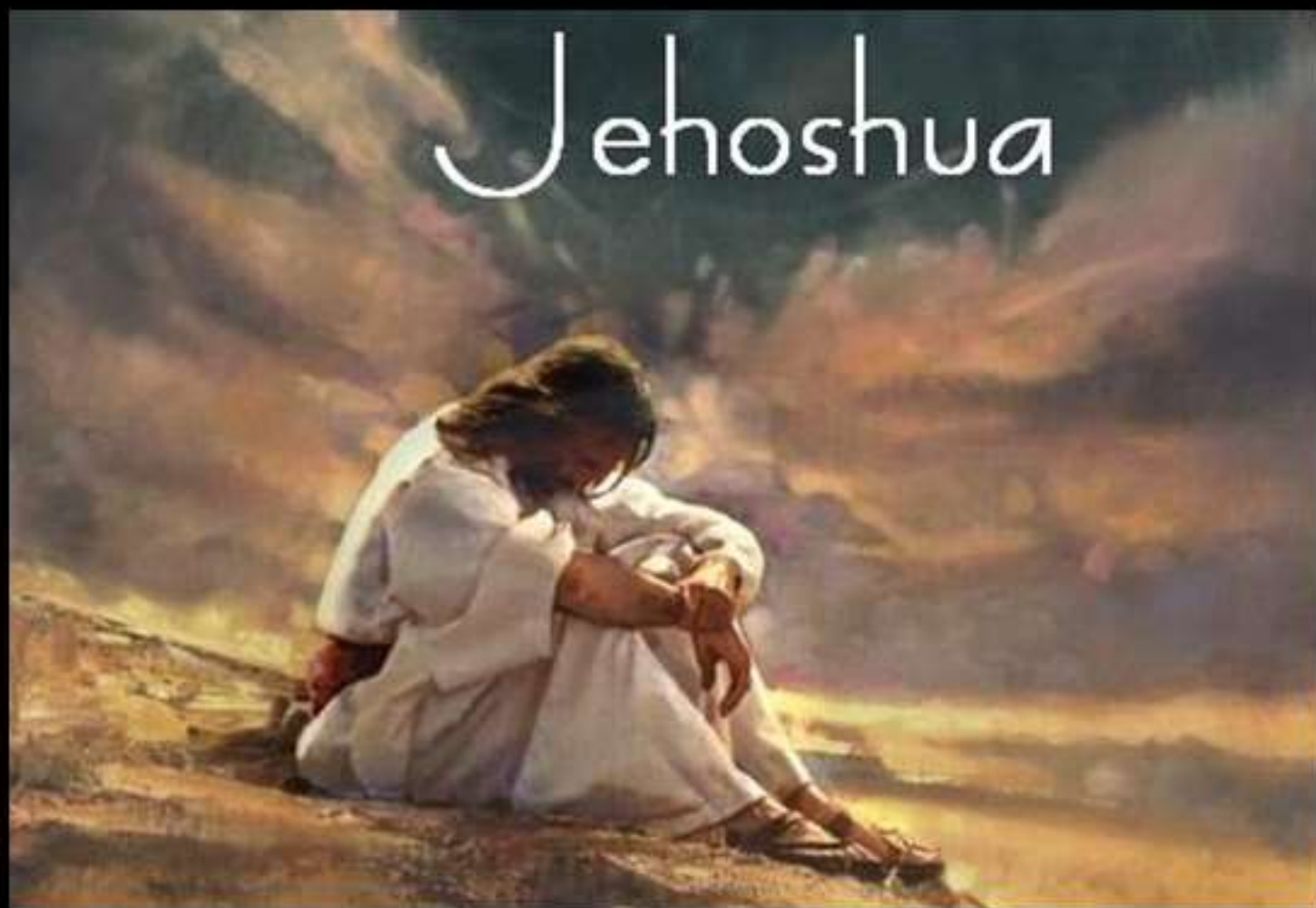
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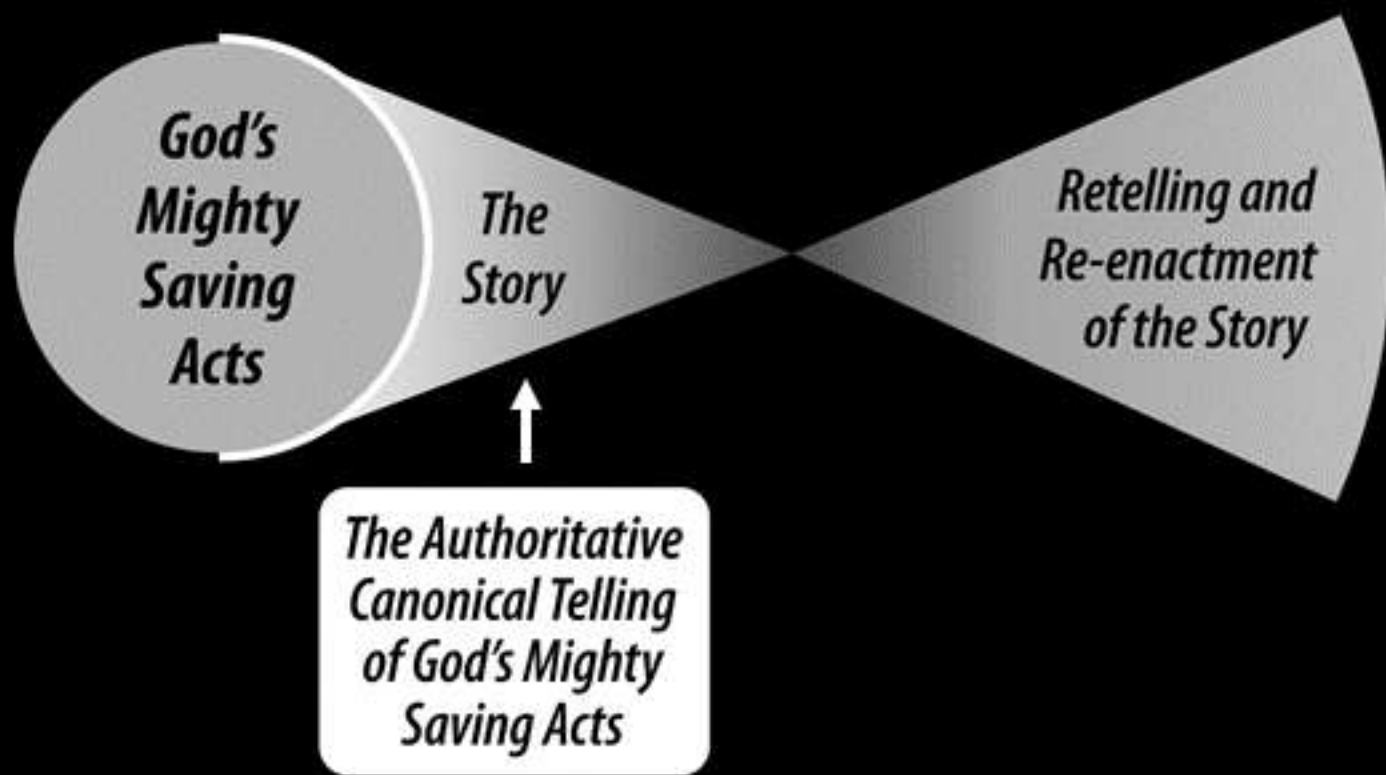
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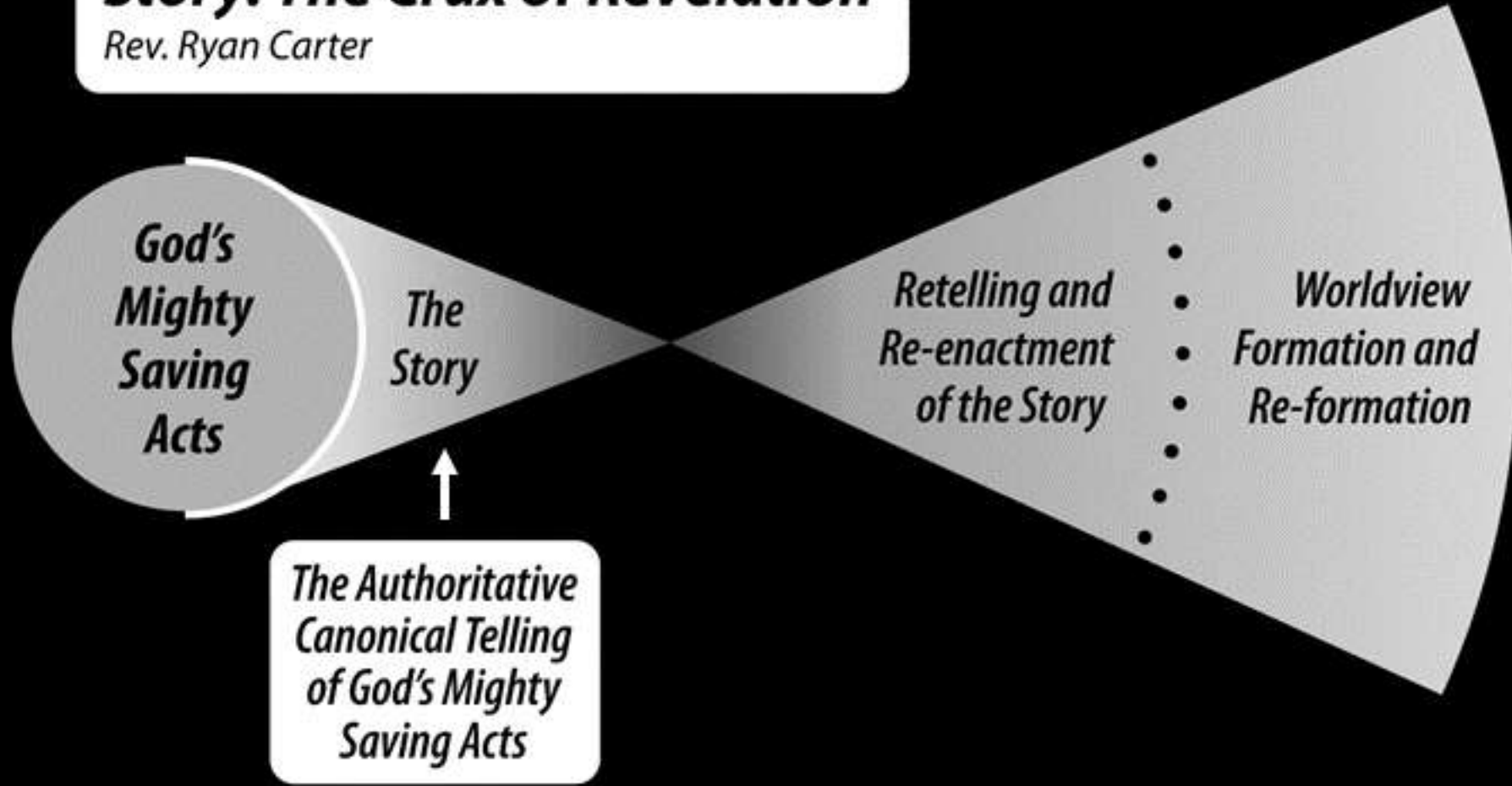
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The Theology of Christus Victor

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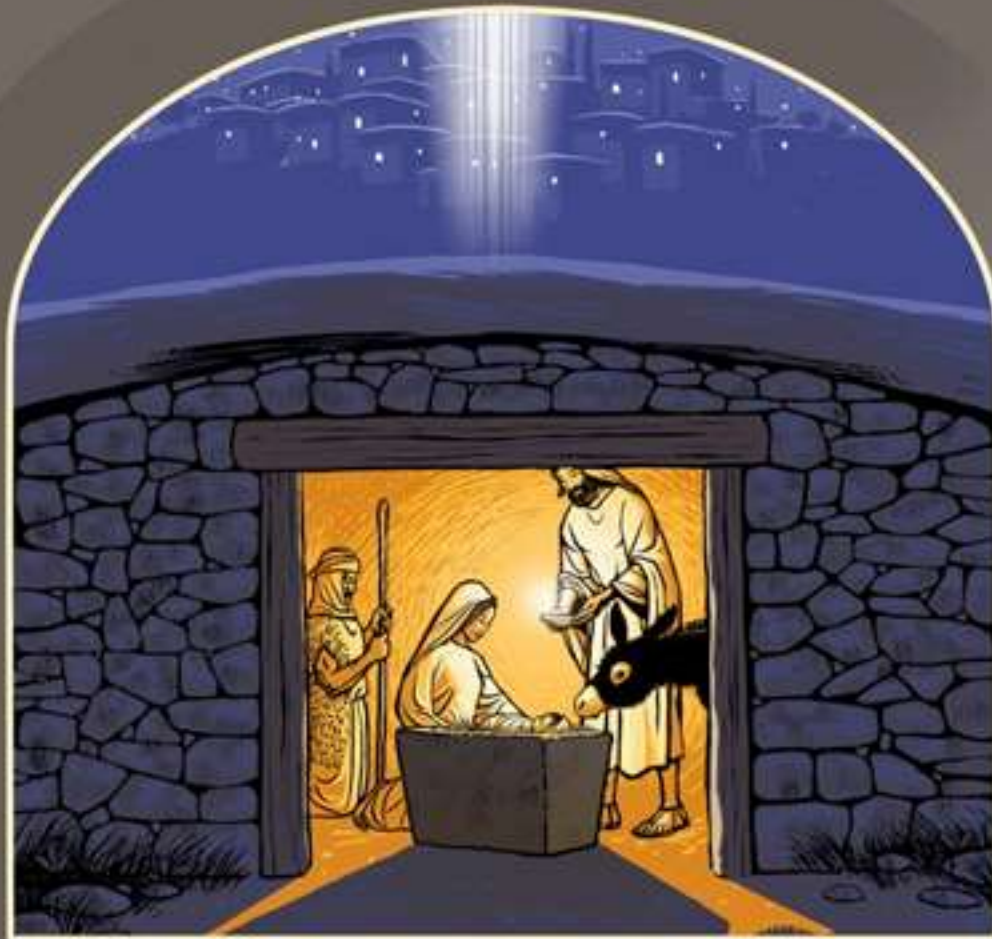
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Christmas

The birth of the
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Epiphany

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Lent

The lowly Son of
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Holy Week

Christ our
Passover is slain
for us.



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Easter

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Ascension

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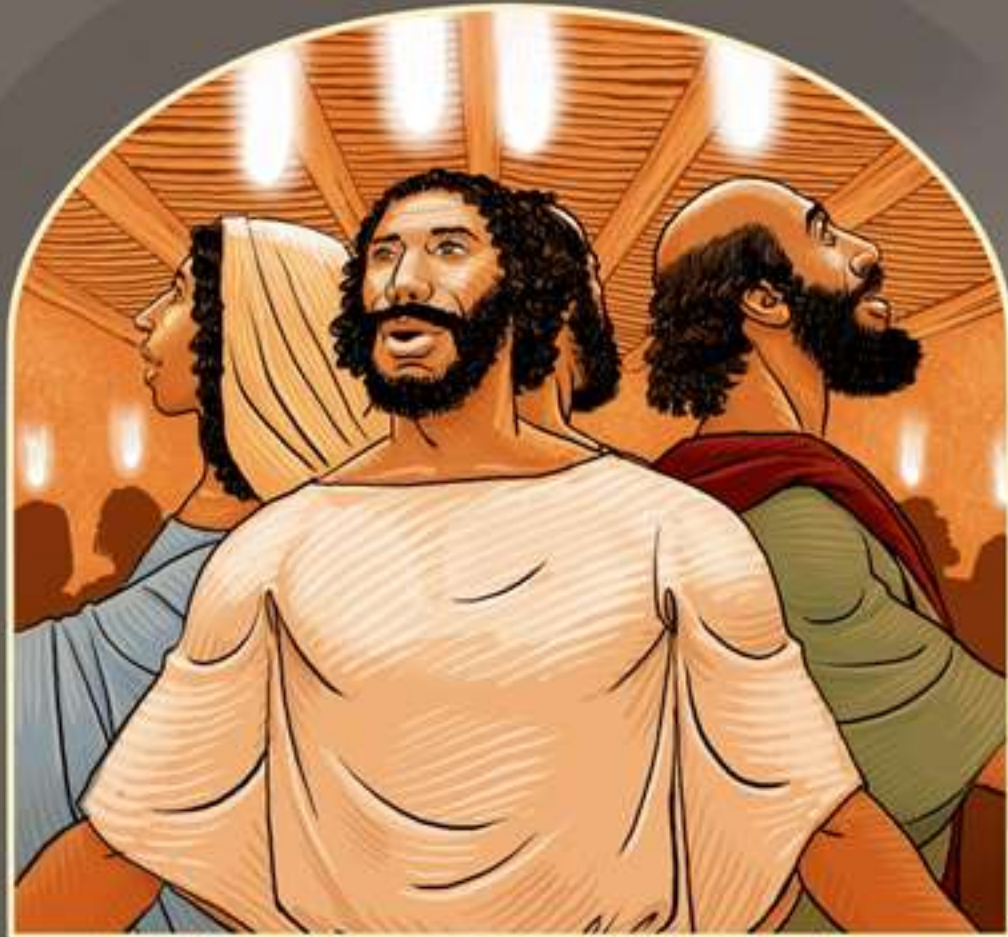
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Pentecost

The Holy Spirit is
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Pentecost: Harvest

Proclaim Jesus as
Lord to the ends
of the earth.



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By faith, we await
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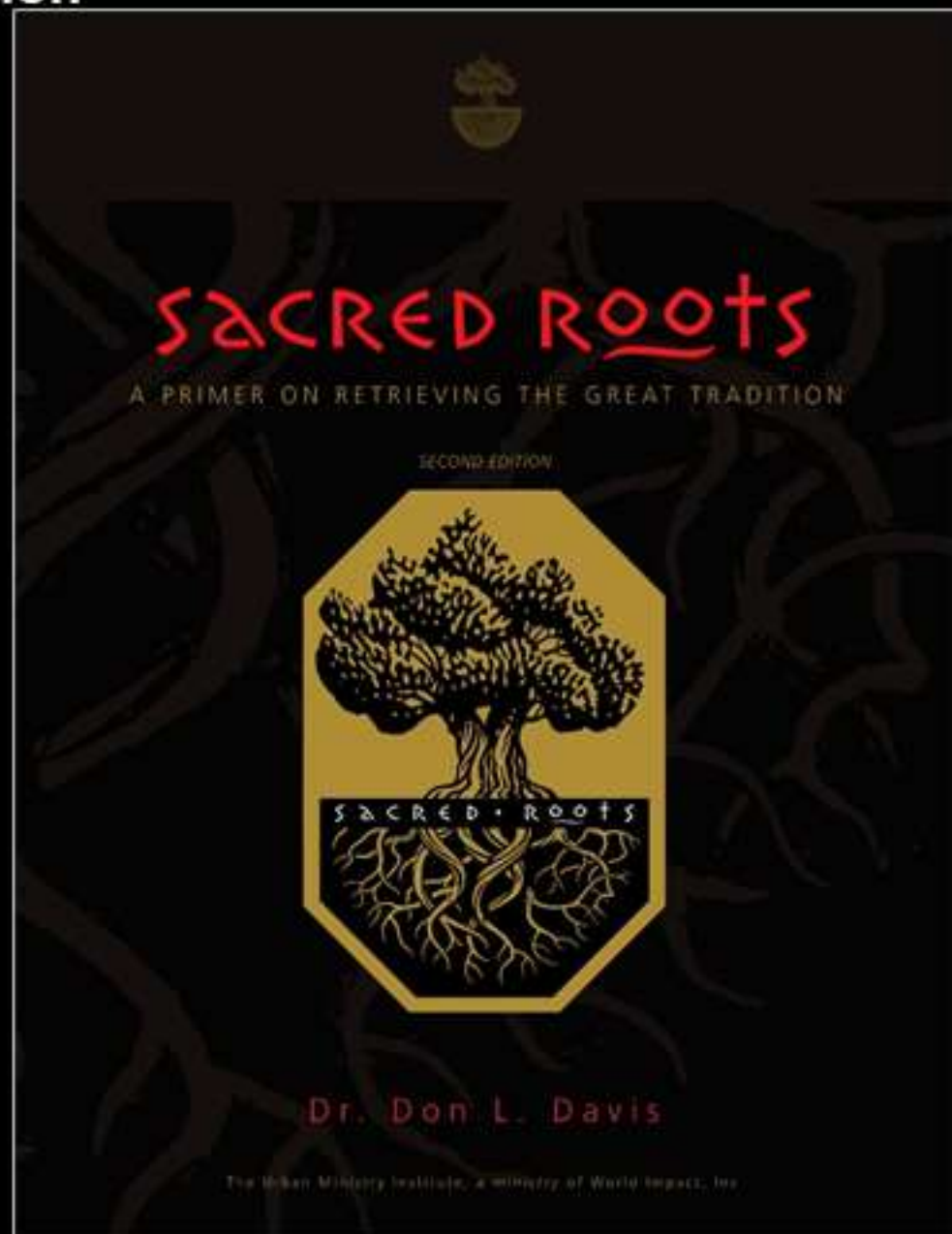
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A Primer on Retrieving the Great Tradition

Sacred Roots

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We live by
what we believe,
not by
what we can see.

--2 Cor. 5.7, New Century Version

*We walk by
Faith,
not by sight.*

2 Corinthians 5:7

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The Conclusion



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Make The Joyous Invitation



***The CEC communion should say
“Join us,” inviting others to
make it their home where a
new generation of seekers
belong.***



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***You are undeniably evangelical,
charismatic, and sacramental.***



*You are undeniably
evangelical.*



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Take this away with you . . .



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*Take this away with you . . .
Invite others to join you in
your joyous, historical
confession of faith.*



Take this away with you . . .

***“Return to the priority of the
divinely authorized canonical
story of the Triune God.”***



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***Recommit to defend, embody,
and share joyfully the Story of
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**NO
OUTLET
DEAD END**

**Are we Pollyannaish
to try to see beyond
the data, the odds,
the case studies,
and the research?**



**U
TURN
PERMITTED**

**You are evangelical.
You confess the
historic orthodox
faith.**



**You are the
People of God's
canonical Story.**





**The CEC must
learn to practice
the art of
frog kissing!**



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Has the CEC kissed any frogs lately?

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**For ugly ducklings,
and trapped frogs,
the very best lies
ahead--for those
things which are
unseen are
eternal—things
yet to come**

**“And they lived
happily ever after . . .”**





May we come to see things as God does, that we devote our time, talent, and treasure to rescue every spell-bound royal trapped in the evil spells of the kingdom of darkness, wherever God may lead.



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**Pucker up,
CEC Communion.**

**Risk a wart; go,
free a prince.
Reaffirm the priority
of the triune
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Cathedral Church of the King

We Are Evangelical

Becoming People of the Story

1 John 1.1-4

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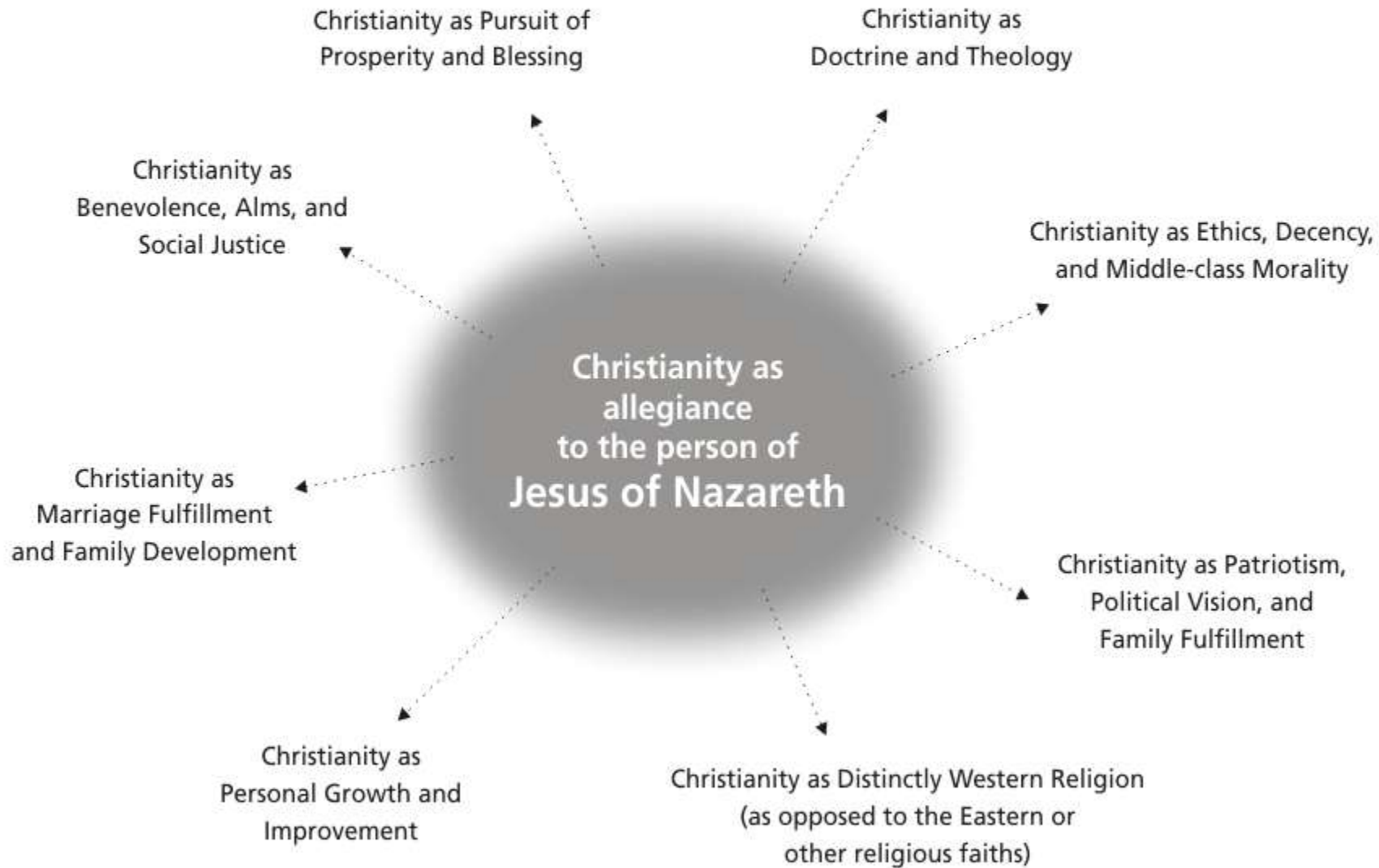


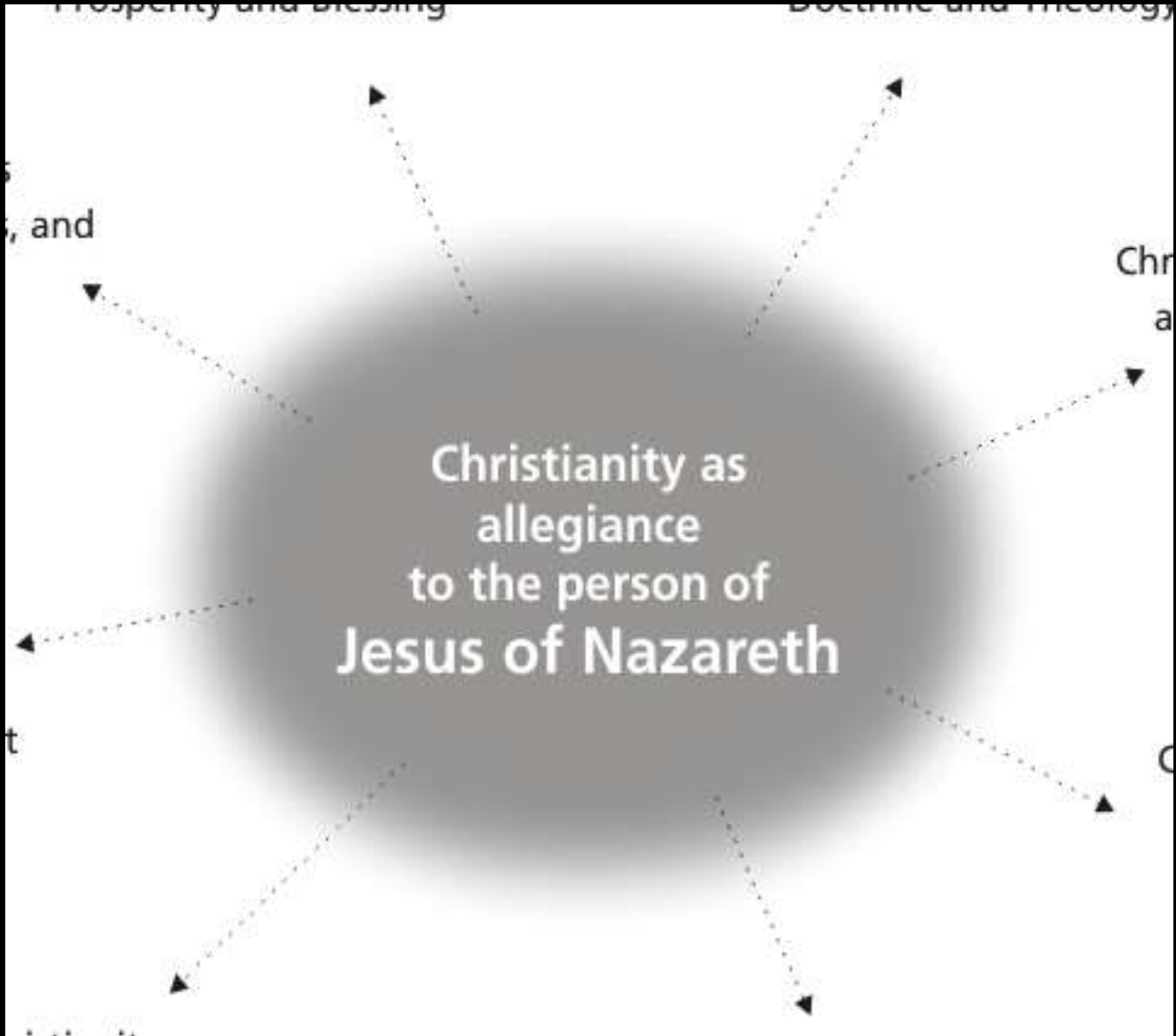
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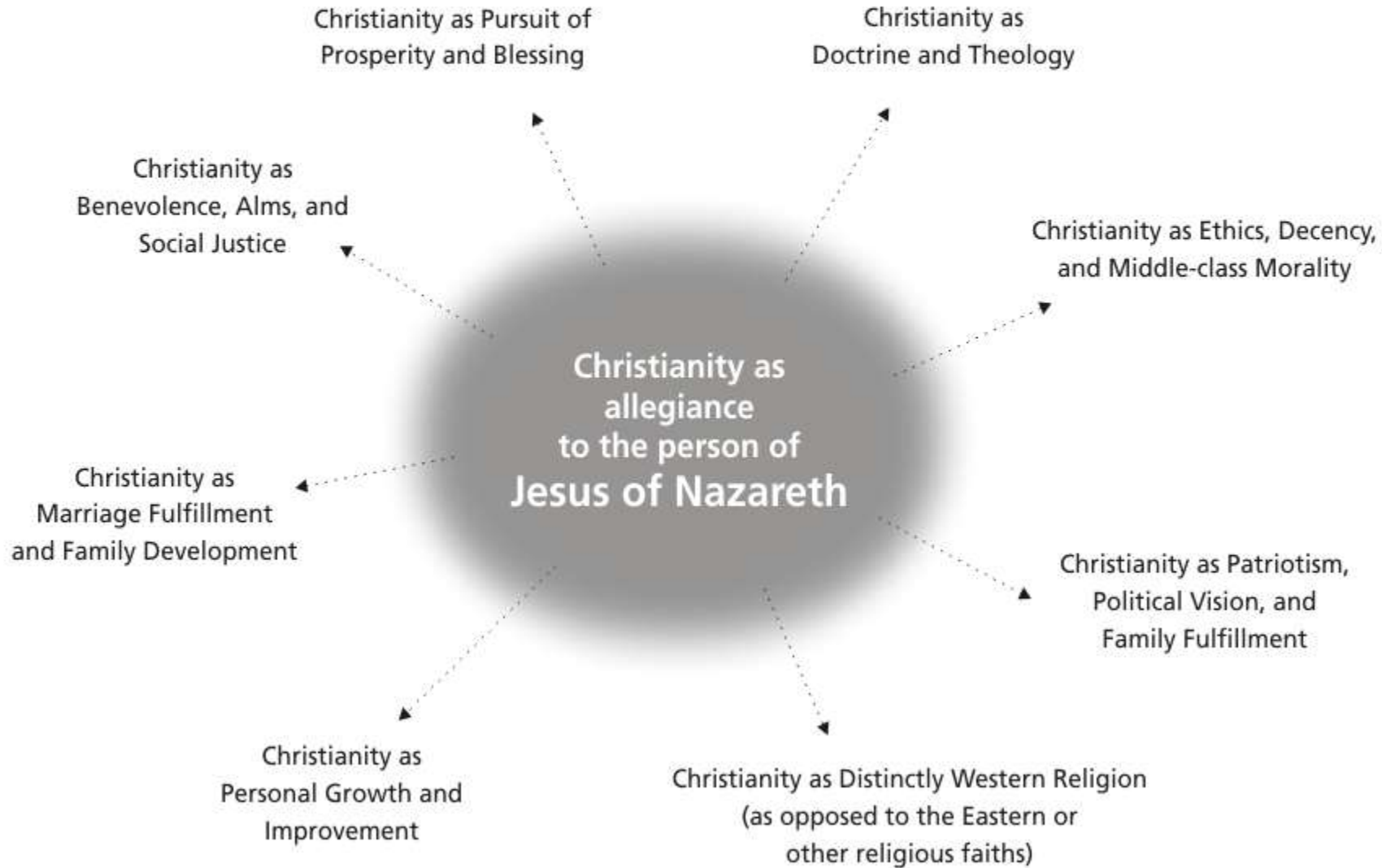
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*Remember the days of old; consider
the years of many generations;
ask your father, and he will show you,
your elders, and they will tell you.*

~ DEUTERONOMY 32.7 (ESV)



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