

**Hackberry  
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**Men's  
Retreat**



**The Three  
Priorities**

**Under the Highest Leadership**

**We must be the  
people of God  
before we do the  
work of the  
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# 2PROAPT – Acts 2:42-47

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2PROAPT – Pray  
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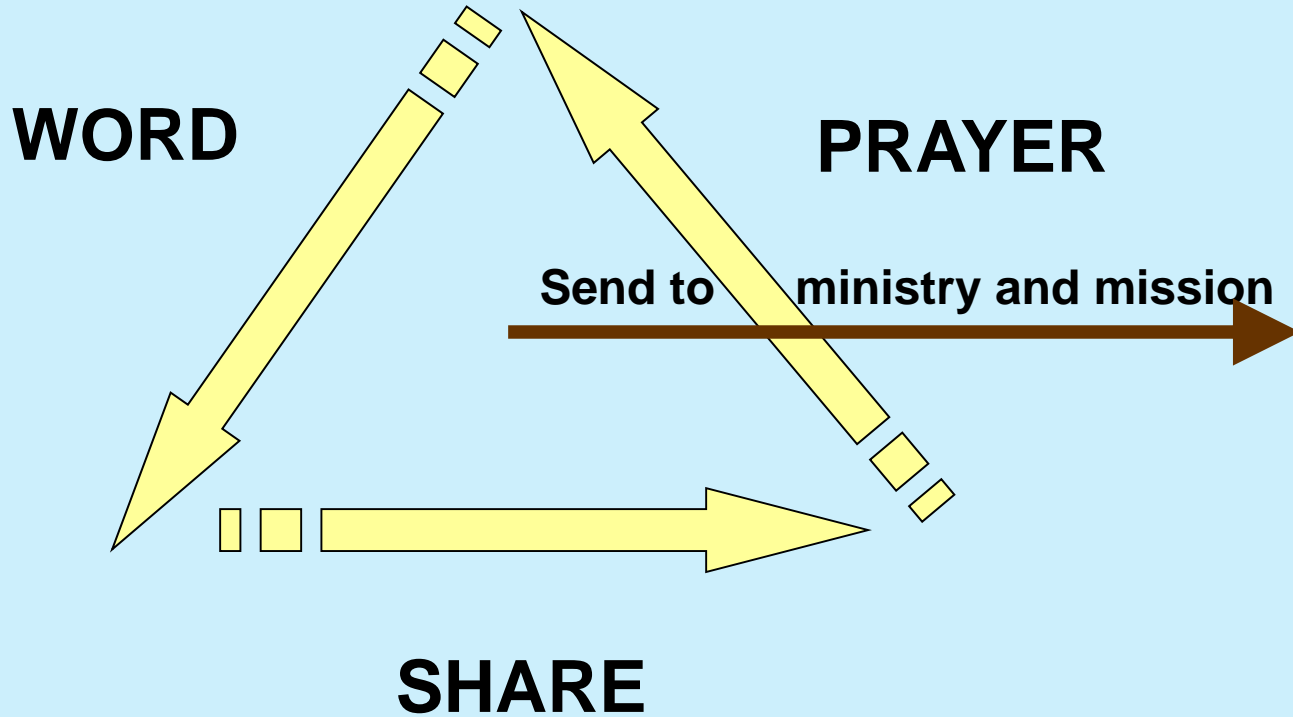
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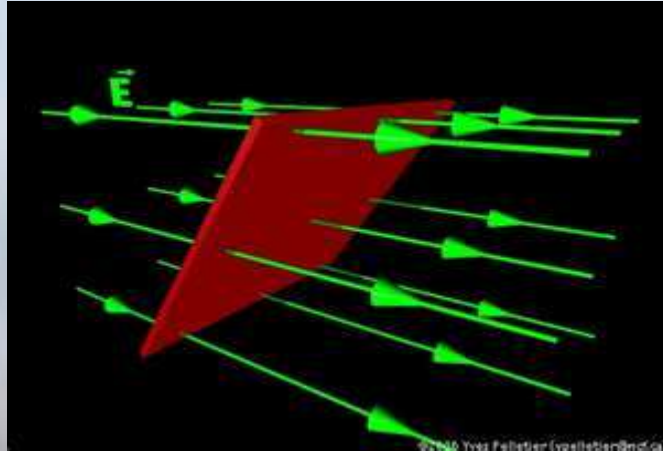
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# The Condition of the Culture: high-velocity and dis-continuous



***Flux*** is not merely  
“change.” Flux is  
***continuous change.***



# Flux!



## **Video: Toilet Paper Commercial**

**<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ksO35s3Bffc>**



“In a time of rapid change,  
what you know can misdirect  
you.”



- Robert Dilworth

Some things are not in flux!

*The Love of the God who  
Sustains us*

*The love of the people of  
God who encourage us*

*Our love for those to  
Whom God sends us*





**Under the Highest Leadership**

*15 [Jesus] He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. 16 For by [Jesus] him all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things were created by him and for him.*

*17 He is before all things, and in him all things hold together. 18 And he is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning and the firstborn from among the dead, so that in everything he might have the supremacy.*

*19 For God was pleased to have all his fullness dwell in [Jesus] him, 20 and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether things on earth or things in heaven, by making peace through his blood, shed on the cross.*

MY  
UTMOST  
FOR HIS  
HIGHEST

OSWALD CHAMBERS

UPDATED EDITION





Tom Courtney

# **Three Priorities of the Christian Faith**

**Jesus Christ – and they devoted themselves to the apostles teaching and to prayer, the breaking of bread, gathering in the temple**

**Body of Christ – devoted to fellowship, helping one another in need, breaking bread in one another's homes**

**The Work of Christ – having goodwill among all the people... and the Lord added to their number day by day those who were being saved.**

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# **A growing commitment to Jesus Christ – under the highest leadership**



**When did you first become aware  
of God and of the person of Jesus?**

# Your 100 Word Testimony

I grew up as an ordinary kid in a family that did not attend church. I first heard about Jesus from an evangelist who came to the Georgia Tech campus when I was a student. He talked about Jesus and when he invited us to open our hearts to Jesus, I realized there was nothing I had ever wanted to do more in my life. While I know the tension of the new self that wants to serve God and the old self that wants to serve itself, I also know our Lord just keeps on loving me and encouraging me to love and serve him more.

**Video – Dan Allendar: How Important is it for us to know each other's stories?**

**<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qa52psdhlll>**

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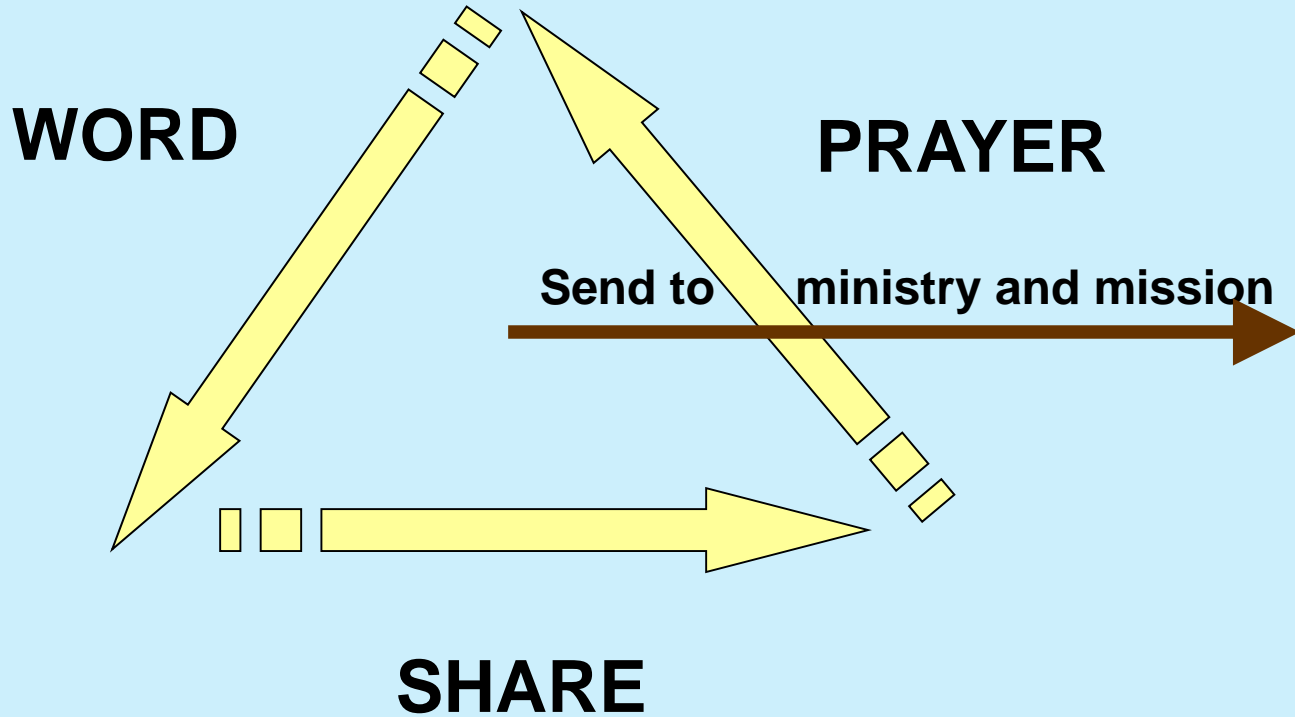
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**Video: Dadipad – iPad**

**<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=U2gQE0J00>**

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## **Priority One: A Growing Commitment to *Jesus Christ***

**The Great Commandment: "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind." Luke 10:27a**

## **Priority Two: A Growing Commitment to the *Body of Christ***

**The New Commandment: "That you love one another even as I have loved you." John 14:35**

## **Priority Three: A Growing Commitment to the *work of Christ in the world***

**The Great Commission: "Go into all the world and make disciples..."  
Matt. 28:19-20**

**The Great Commandment: "And thy neighbor as thyself." Luke 10:27b**

**A growing commitment to Jesus Christ  
– under the highest leadership**

**Touching Jesus – by trusting Jesus**

**Serving Jesus – being an expendable**

**Knowing Jesus – being a renewable**

# **Knowing Jesus - A Rule of Life**

**QT – Quiet Time**

**PT – Physical Training/Care**

**PPT – Protected Planning Time**

**(The Weekly Review)**

**(Learn to live with the load  
of the unfinished. Bob Oerter)**

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# A growing commitment to the Body of Christ



<sup>3</sup> that which we have seen and heard we proclaim also to you, so that you may have fellowship with us; and our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ. I John 1:3

<sup>23</sup> So if you are offering your gift at the altar, and there remember that your brother has something against you, <sup>24</sup> leave your gift there before the altar and go; first be reconciled to your brother, and then come and offer your gift. Matthew 5:24

<sup>3</sup> we declare to you what we have seen and heard so that you also may have fellowship with us; and truly our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ. I John 1:3

**A growing commitment to  
the Body of Christ**

**Friendships**

**Face-to-Face groups**

**Family**

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the Body of Christ**

**Friendships - Friends of the road &  
Friends of the heart**

**Hospitable as well as friendly**

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**Face-to-Face Groups  
Discipleship & Encouragement**

“Americans are stupefyingly dumb about what they are supposed to believe.”

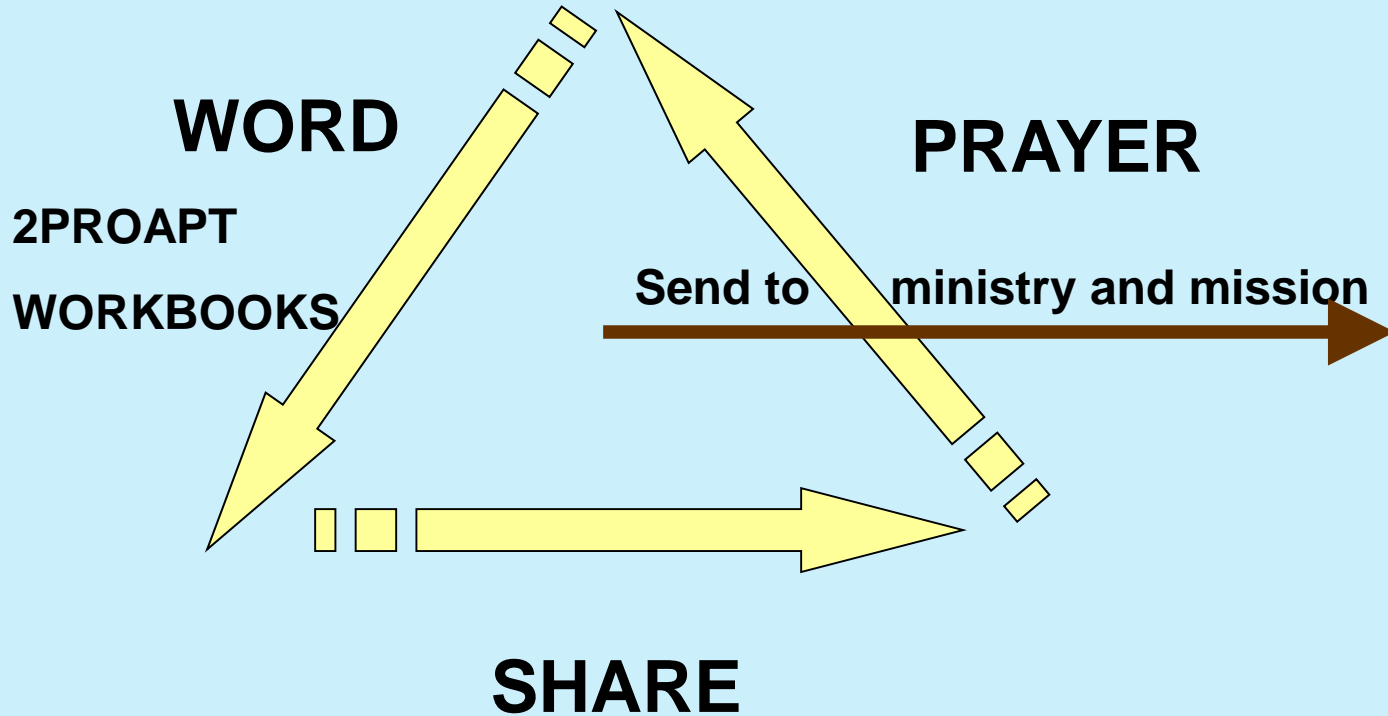
Historian R. Laurence Moore

Religious Literacy – What Every American Needs to Know and Doesn't. Stephen Prothero

- 1. Fewer than half of us can identify Genesis as the first book of the Bible.**
- 2. Only one third know that Jesus delivered the Sermon on the Mount.**
- 3. A majority of Americans believe that the Bible says that Jesus was born in Jerusalem.**
- 4. When asked whether the New Testament Book of Acts is in the Old Testament, one quarter of Americans say yes. More than a third say they don't know.**
- 5. Most Americans don't know that Jonah is a book in the Bible.**
- 6. 20% of Americans believed that Joan of Arc was Noah's wife.**
- 7. 60% of Americans can't name five of the Ten Commandments**
- 8. Only 50% can name one of the four gospels**
- 9. 50% of high school seniors think Sodom and Gomorrah were married.**
- 10. 75% believe the Bible teaches "God helps those who help themselves."**



# Triads, Quads & Quints



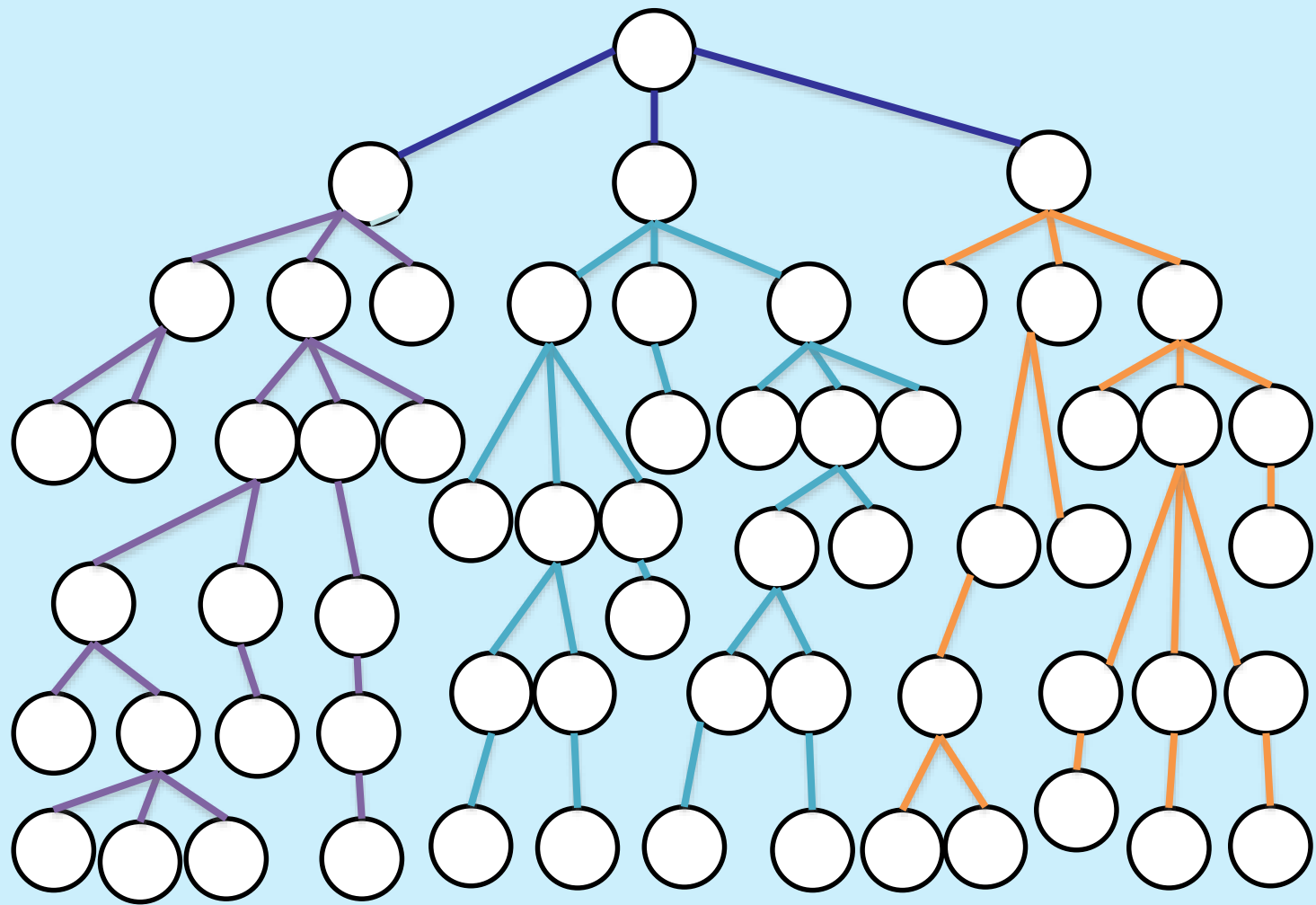
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# Discipleship Essentials

A GUIDE TO BUILDING YOUR LIFE IN CHRIST

- Now updated with a new study on stewardship
- 25 studies designed for use in mentoring relationships
- Great small group material
- An innovative tool for making disciples
- Over 100,000 copies sold

EXPANDED EDITION



Just wanted to tell you that I have started several groups using the Discipleship Essentials books. It took me a while to decide to pull the trigger on something with such a commitment attached to it. But I have 3 groups I am leading. Two have 3 other guys in it (which feels like the perfect size) and the other has 2. **I can't tell you how excited I am about this and they are. In one of the groups, the guys are almost giddy with their excitement about this sharing and growth opportunity.** In all of them it appears to be, after 3-6 weeks (some groups started earlier than others), one of the most important things I am doing. I am certainly gaining a great deal from this method of making disciples with a deep conviction and commitment. And they are very moved by the experience so far. I am also excited about the possibilities for the next permutation, when they start to lead others.

**Bob Bohl Central Presbyterian Church, Athens, GA**

A 30-DAY EXPERIENCE

Apprenticeship  
*with* Jesus

Learning to Live  
Like the Master

GARY W. MOON  
Foreword by Dallas Willard

Kobus Genis

**THE BIBLE  
GPS**

Meeting God through the Scriptures

# **Face-to-Face Groups**

**Discipleship (Word/Share/Prayer)**

**Encouragement**

**We are to have staying power  
in the alarm moments of other  
people's lives – Oswald Chambers**

**A growing commitment to  
the Body of Christ**

**Friendships**

**Face-to-Face groups**

**Family**



This year thousands of men  
will die from stubbornness.

NO WE WON'T

Learn the preventive medical tests you need [ahrq.gov](http://ahrq.gov)



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# Makrothumia

Makro = Long

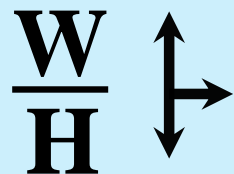
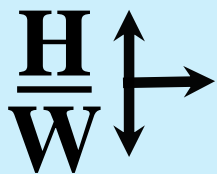
Thumia =  
heat/temper

# Makrothumia

**The grace of  
getting along**

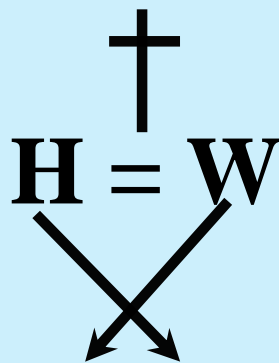
# Recognize the Choreography





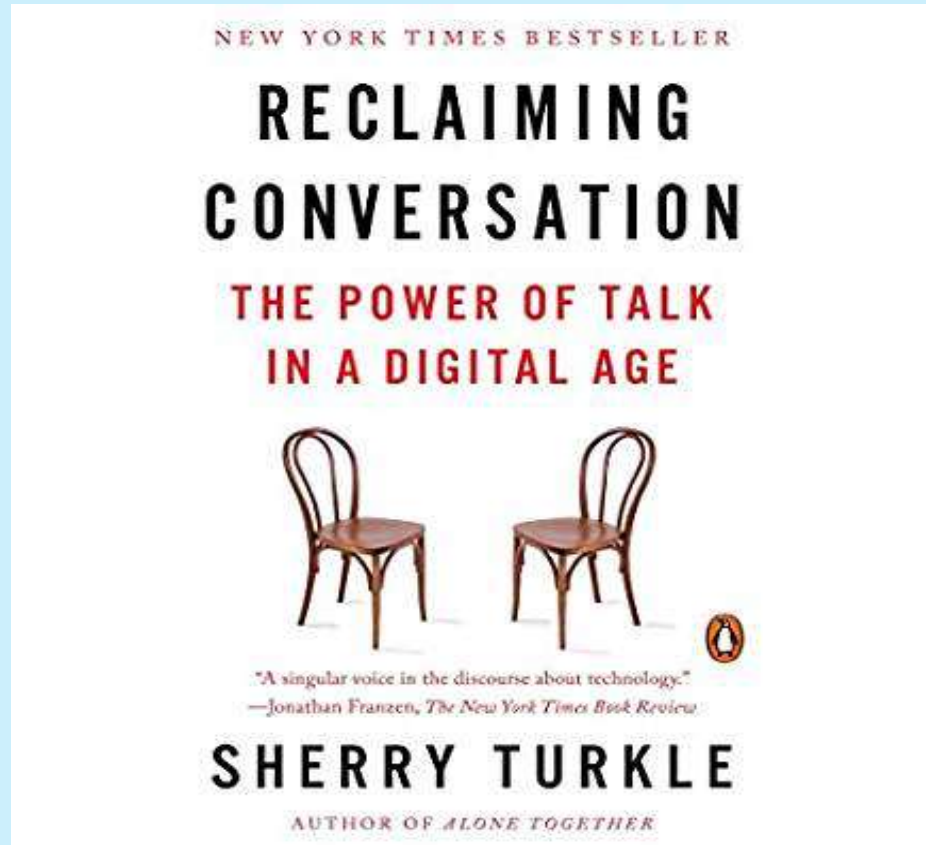
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**Out of reverence for Christ, be subject to one another as the church is subject to Christ,  
Ephesians 5:21**

# Reclaim the Conversation



# Rhythms to Build

**Eat out once a week with your wife or friend of the heart.**

**Eat out once a month with every child in the home or area.**

**Once or twice a year go on an escape weekend – with and without kids.**

**Practice the Family Table**



# The Blessing Cup





# Remember -

Love does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful! 1 Corinthians 13:5

Love covers a **multitude of sins**. 1 Peter 4:8

He who loves his wife, loves himself! Ephesians 5:8

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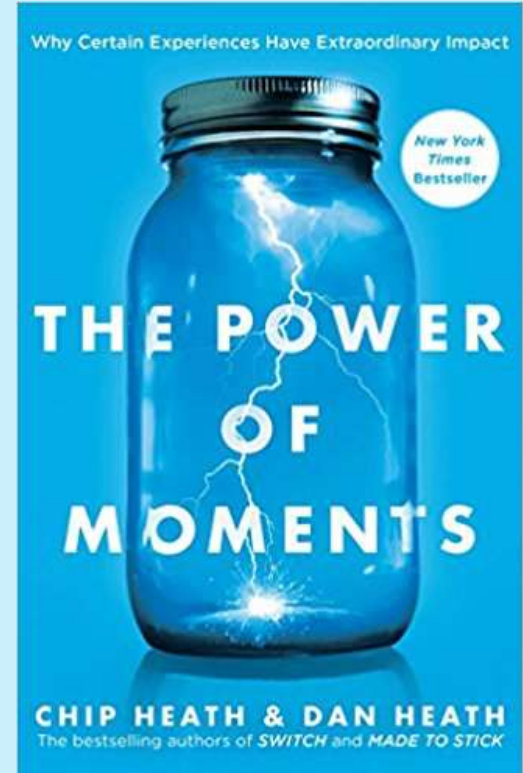
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Romance

Spontaneity

Small touches

Defining Moments



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**Hospitality – come into my life**

**Family – Choreography, Rhythms, Romance**

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# **A growing commitment to the Work of Christ in the world**



**The Work of Christ in the world –**

**Be Sent**

**Work with excellence (Colossians 3:23)**

**Value the Person – People Eyes**

- Show up: offer the compassion of Jesus**
- Speak up: bear witness to Jesus**
- Stand up: for what is right**

# **Video – This is Discipling**

**<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aQbmaKuT0>**

**Note – the emphasis on “sent” is great.  
However it diminishes the role of the church and  
The effort to gather. We are committed to  
All three priorities – Jesus, Body of Jesus,  
Work of Jesus.**



# SENT!

As the Father sent me, even  
so, I send you! John 20:21

YOU are sent...

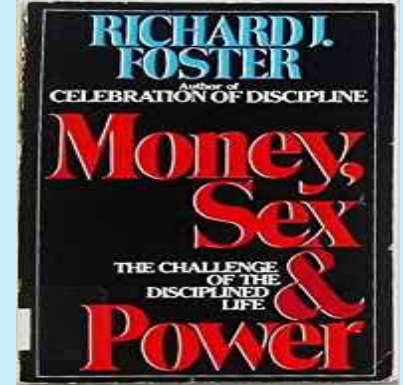
“Wherever you go, God is sending you, wherever you are, God has put you there, He has a purpose in your being there. Christ Who indwells you has something He wants to do through you where you are. Believe this and go in His grace and love and power.”

- Richard C. Halverson

**Excellence – Under the Highest Leadership**

**Character – Money, Sex & Power  
Grace and Mercy**

**“Jesus remember me.”**



**Work - Render service with enthusiasm, as to the  
Lord and not to men and women. Ephesians 6:7**

**VOP** – the Value Of the Person

- love, dignity & respect

(Wayne Alderson)

- People Eyes

the eyes of Jesus for people

# People eyes video “GET SERVICE”

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bzmWqZS1QSU&t=20s>

See also: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2v0RhvZ3lvY&t=>

***‘The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring [show up] good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim [speak up] release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free [stand up], to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favor.’***

**Show up** - compassion - staying power  
in people's lives

**Speak up** – witness – use words (vs Francis)

**Stand up** – justice – stand up for what is right

**Cohort Groups- for business  
leaders studuing both business  
and biblical  
Principles – with mutual  
support.**

**[Nehemiahproject.com](http://Nehemiahproject.com)**

**[Truthatwork.org](http://Truthatwork.org)**



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Greek: the more you know the  
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Hebrew: you are as educated  
as you do what you know!

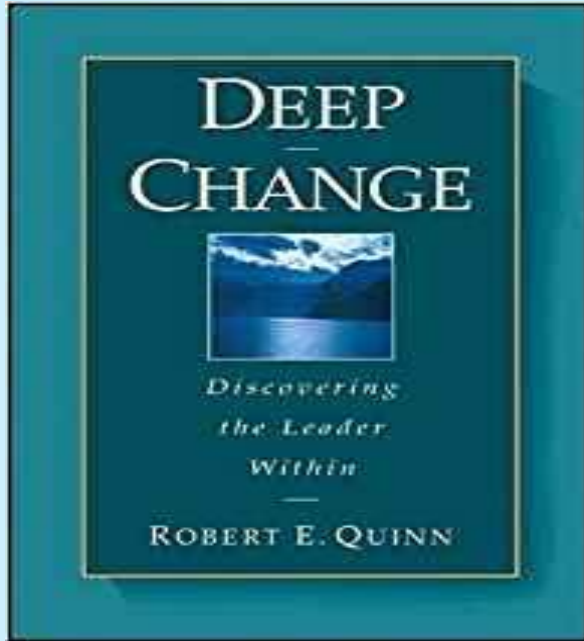
# **Multiplying Triads (or triads, quads and quint)**

**Discipling is reproducing in others  
what the Spirit of God is doing in  
you and enabling them to pass it on  
to a third generation.**

**Chuck Miller**

**(The Principle of Multiplication)**

# The 1/10 Pattern





Decide to be the  
one in ten –  
open to deep change

Think big -  
which may mean size  
yet it may mean depth

**A moonshot is something that is  
seemingly impossible and yet is  
impossibly-important!**





**I WOULD RATHER ATTEMPT  
SOMETHING GREAT AND FAIL,  
THAN ATTEMPT NOTHING  
AND SUCCEED.**

**ROBERT H. SCHULLER**

Be willing to pay the price

an expendable for Christ  
renwable by Christ

# Trust God & Take the Adventure!

Trust God -

Take the Adventure – t he Lord has for  
you

I would rather attempt something great – and

**Video: Nik Wallenda**

**<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3mibHQ3yFX>**



# Trust & Take the Adventure!

Trust -

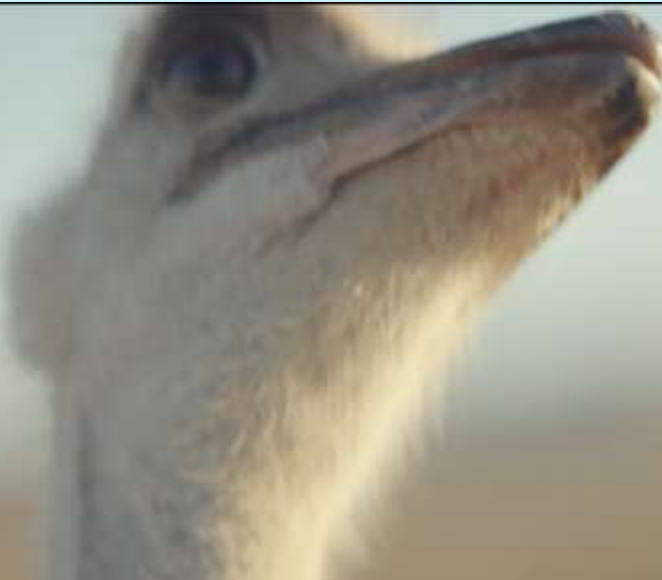
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# **Video: Samsung Ostrich**

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# Chin Up



but those who wait for the Lord

# Feet Up



shall renew their strength

# Take the Adventure the Lord has for you



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