

CATCH THE WIND OF THE SPIRIT

**HOW THE FIVE MINISTRY
GIFTS CAN TRANSFORM
YOUR CHURCH**

What are the five currents?

- **Sharing the Good News (The Evangelist)**
- **Discipleship and Formation (The Teacher)**
 - **Shepherding (The Pastor)**
 - **The Prophetic (The Prophet)**
 - **Sending Out (The Apostle)**

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EPHESIANS 4:1-3 (NAS)

UNITY OF THE SPIRIT

- **Therefore I, the prisoner of the Lord, implore you to walk in a manner worthy of the calling with which you have been called,² with all humility and gentleness, with patience, showing tolerance for one another in love,³ being diligent to preserve the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.**

EPHESIANS 4:11

- **11 And He [Jesus] gave some as apostles,**
- **and some as prophets,**
- **and some as evangelists,**
- **and some as pastors and teachers....**

EPHESIANS 4:12-13

- **¹²for the equipping of the saints for the work of service, to the building up of the body of Christ;**
- **¹³ until we all attain to the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to a mature man, to the measure of the stature which belongs to the fullness of Christ.**

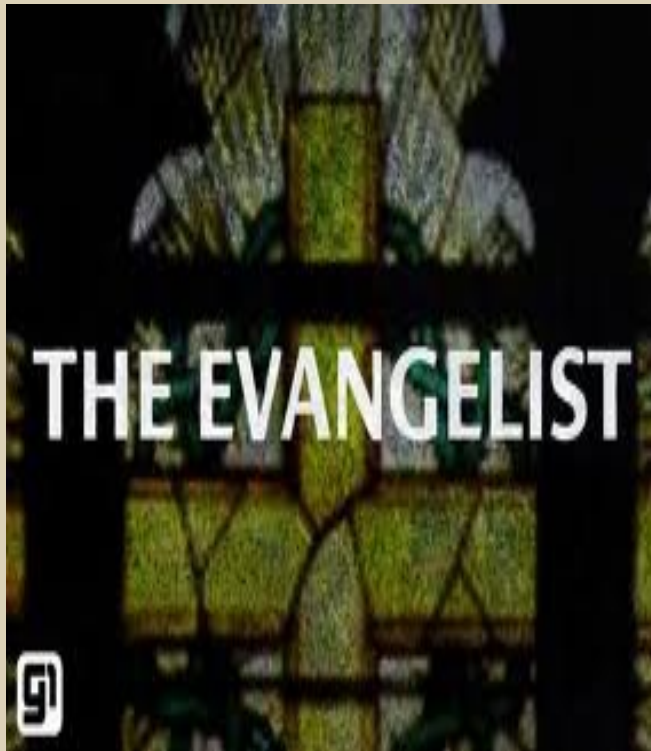
1. THE POWERFUL “WOO” CURRENT --EVANGELIST--

ACTS 1:8

“But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.”



THE EVANGELIST



versus



WE ARE NOT THE “FIRST RESPONDER”



WE ARE
SECOND
RESPONDERS ---
ALLOWED TO
COME UP AND
WALK
ALONGSIDE,
JOINING THE
LORD AND THAT
PERSON IN
THEIR
CONVERSATION.




**D.L. Moody once said,
“There is not a better
evangelist in the world than
the Holy Spirit.”**



- **When the answer is a question...**





J E S U S T H E

Storyteller




- **If I tell them the truth, they will not hear it...**

“YOU WILL RECEIVE POWER....”

LUKE 24:49

- “I am going to send you what my Father has promised; but stay in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high.”





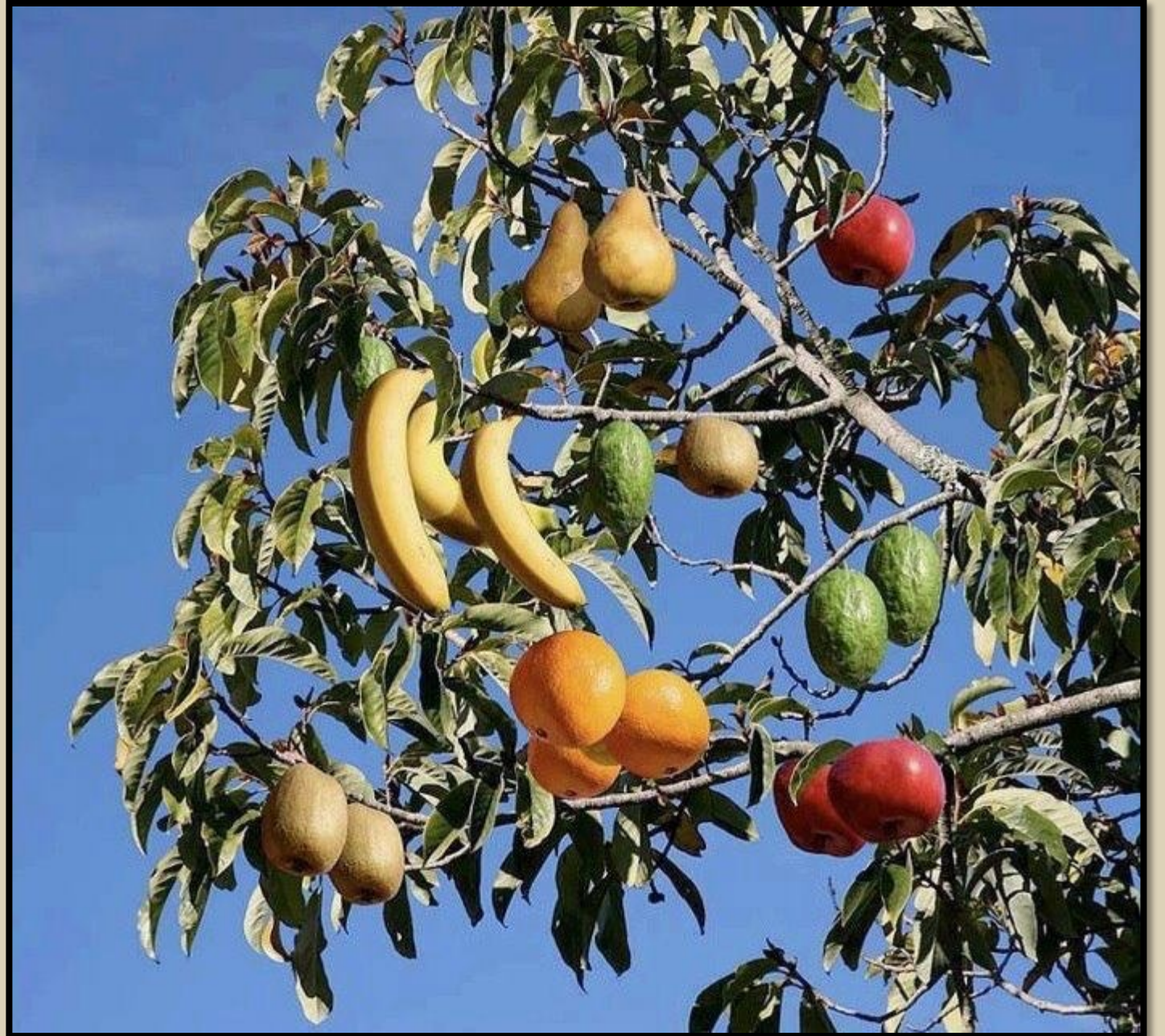
**THE FRUIT SHOULD
MARK THE BELIEVER
WHO IS “CLOTHED
WITH POWER FROM ON
HIGH” ---POWER THAT
IS UNDER THE CONTROL
OF PERFECT LOVE.**



John 15:4

..just as a branch is unable to produce fruit by itself unless it remains on the vine, so neither can you unless you remain in Me.

**...THE HOLY
SPIRIT GROWS
THE FRUIT...
IT'S NOT YOUR
OWN FRUIT,
GROWN IN
YOUR OWN
STRENGTH.**





**WE NEED THE
RIVER BANKS
FOR THE GIFTS
TO FLOW
APPROPRIATELY**

THE POWERFUL WOO CURRENT (Evangelization):

We will constantly have people coming to Christ because the church is always sharing about Jesus, loving, reaching out, welcoming all kinds of people, and wooing others to Him.

Those working in this current have been empowered by God through the baptism in the Holy Spirit to testify boldly and effectively about what God has done for them. They say exactly what He wants them to say so that souls can be reached with the Good News.

LOCAL EVANGELISTS ABOUND

- Evangelists are attractional and act as a doorway for others to come into the church.

Four Facets:

- The converser
- The convincer
- The investor
- The inviter

(Hirsch and Catchim...The Permanent Revolution)

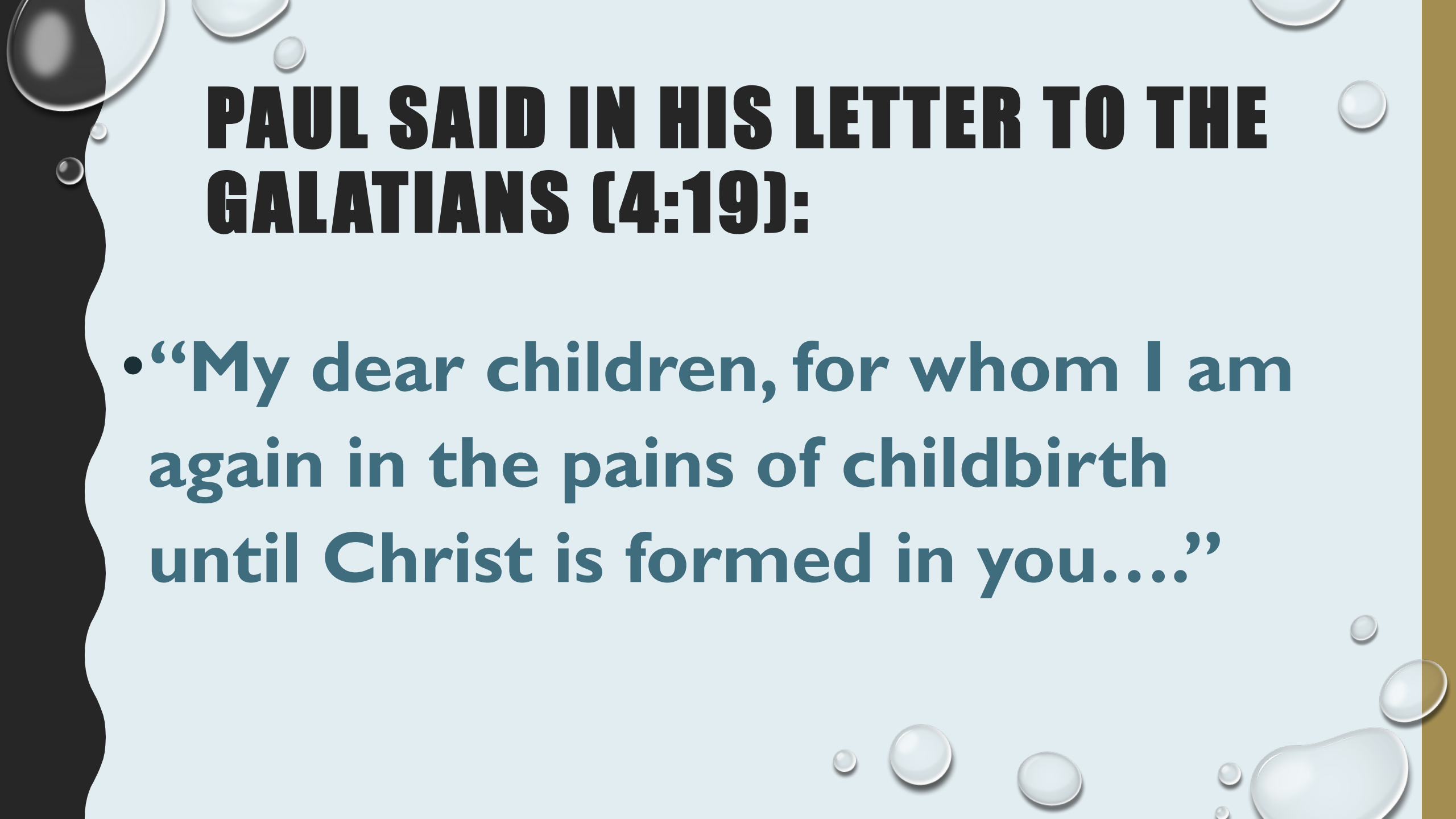


LOCAL EVANGELISTS CAN INCLUDE THOSE WORKING IN THESE AREAS:

- Greeters
- Ushers
- Newcomer groups and ministries/baptism team
- Testimonies and witnessing
- Community outreaches (including give-aways, Adopt-a-block, evangelism dinners, etc.)
- Alpha courses
- Deliverance ministries
- High school “Breakfast Club”
- Children’s ministries, vacation Bible schools, summer sports camps.
- Youth outreaches in the high schools
- Youth and children’s conferences and camps
- Music and drama programs

2. THE RADICAL FORMING CURRENT --TEACHER--

- MATTHEW 28:18-20
- ¹⁸ And Jesus came up and spoke to them, saying, “All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth.
- ¹⁹ Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit,
- ²⁰ teaching them to observe all that I commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age.”



PAUL SAID IN HIS LETTER TO THE GALATIANS (4:19):

- **“My dear children, for whom I am again in the pains of childbirth until Christ is formed in you...”**

DISCIPLESHIP AND FORMATION

- **A “disciple” is literally being the student of a teacher.**
- **The goal: to make mature followers of Christ who become like Him.**

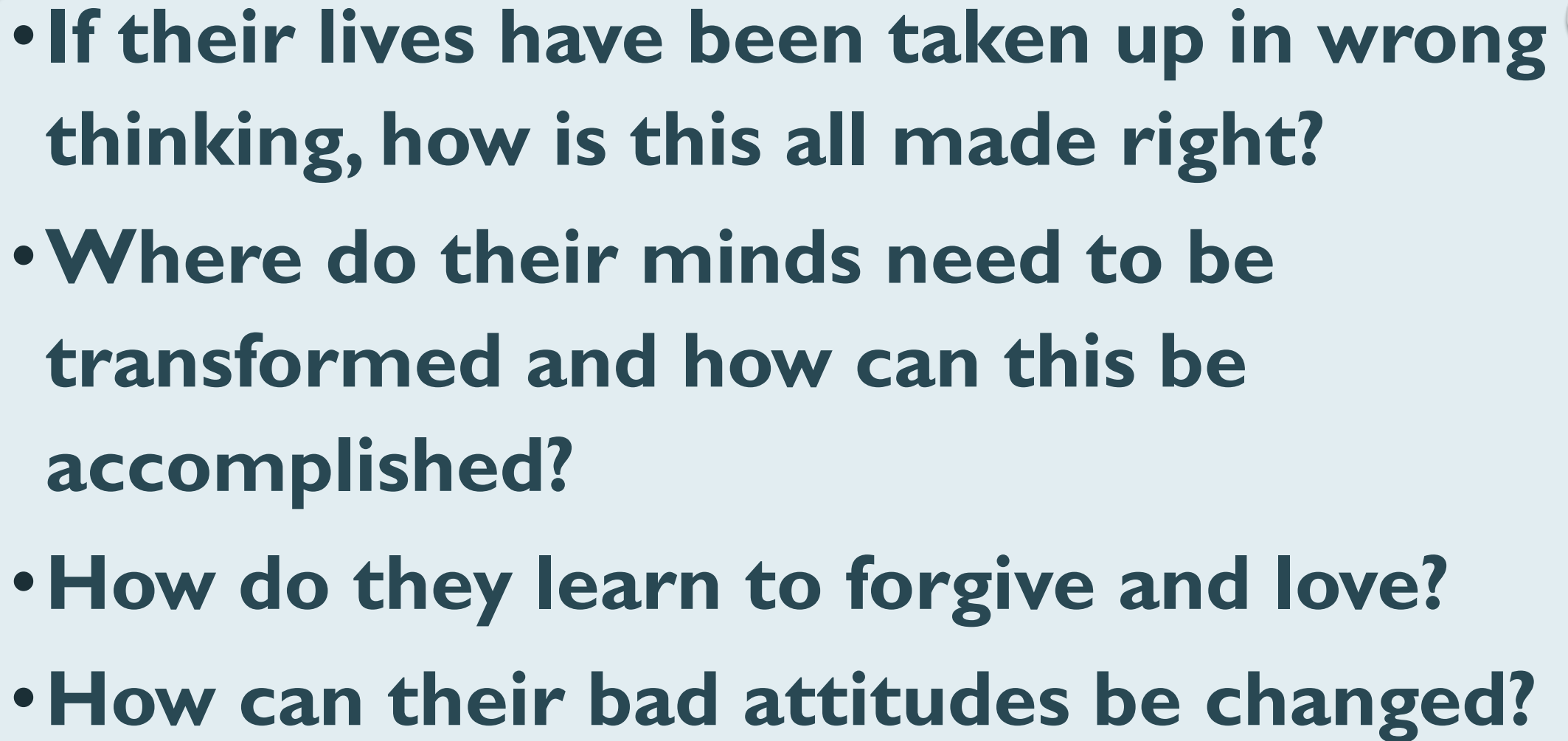
- **Jesus (the Rabbi-teacher) constantly tapped into this current and shared precisely what God the Father wanted Him to speak.**
- **He declared, “My teaching is not my own. It comes from him who sent me” (John 7:16).**



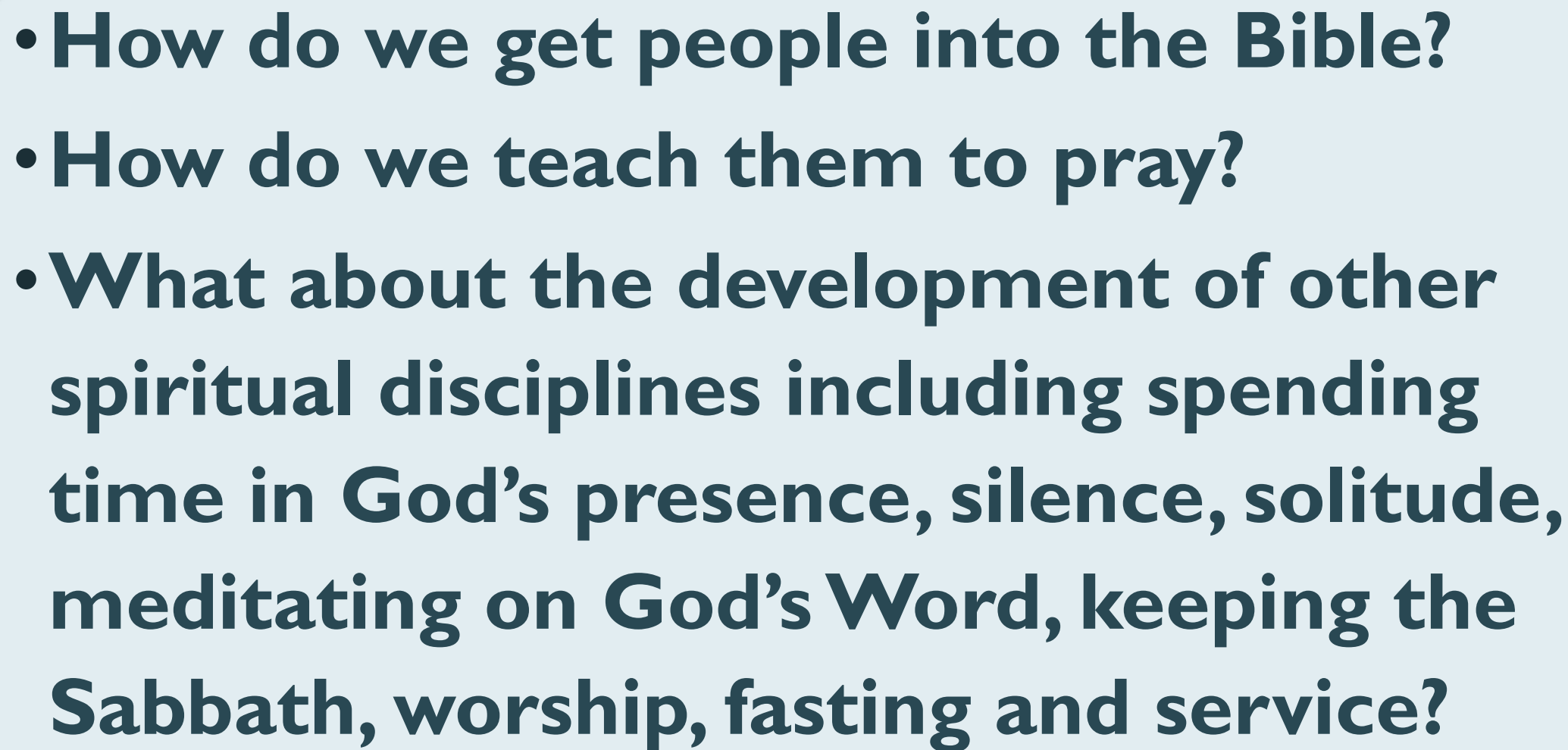
- **In the New Testament alone, teaching is mentioned 74 times, teach 45 times, teacher 52, and Rabbi 16 times.**
- ***Disciple is listed a staggering 269 times!**
- ***This is contrasted to preaching 31 times, and preach and preacher twice each.**
- ***Are we concerned enough about the teaching aspects of our churches?**

SAVED AND THEN WHAT?

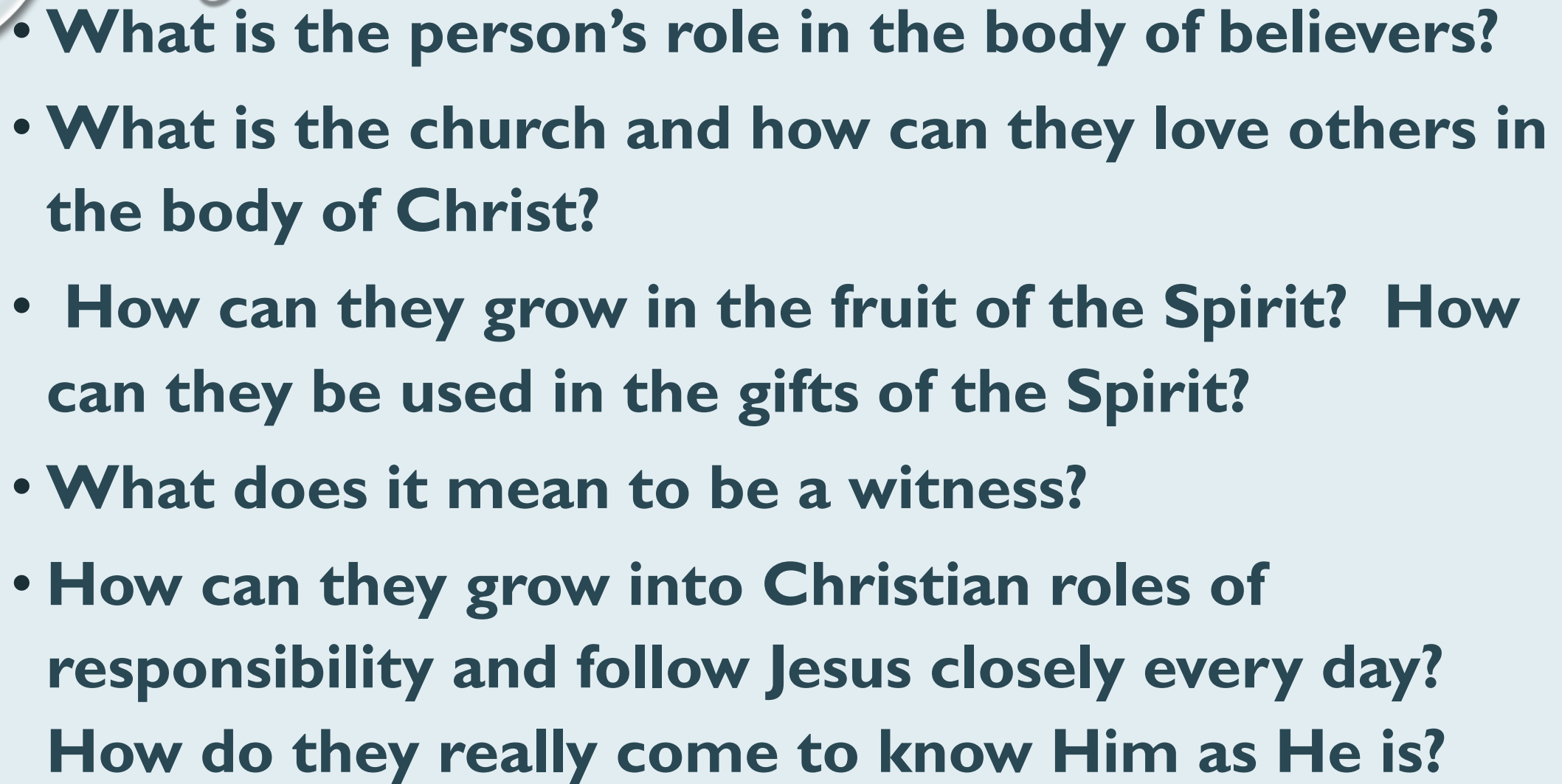
- **When people make a decision for Christ, what should happen next?**
- **Are they taught to realize what they have just done? If Satan has bound them in certain areas, are they prayed for and taught what it means to be set free? What about their past? Are their deepest hurts touched and are they brought to the Savior for healing?**

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- **If their lives have been taken up in wrong thinking, how is this all made right?**
 - **Where do their minds need to be transformed and how can this be accomplished?**
 - **How do they learn to forgive and love?**
 - **How can their bad attitudes be changed?**

- **What moral shifts need to be made in their lives? How can this be accomplished? When all of their friends think it is perfectly acceptable and even desirable to live together before marriage, how can their thinking be changed?**
- **This sort of question can be asked of many situations, of course, since God's Word and society's perspectives don't match up in a great many areas.**

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- **How do we get people into the Bible?**
 - **How do we teach them to pray?**
 - **What about the development of other spiritual disciplines including spending time in God's presence, silence, solitude, meditating on God's Word, keeping the Sabbath, worship, fasting and service?**

- **How do we help them to recognize His voice? How do they come to understand His will?**
- **What does God expect regarding their finances, their family, and their other relationships?**
- **What exactly does it mean to die to ourselves and to live to Him? How does a person take up their cross daily and follow Him?**
- **What about baptism? What about the baptism in the Holy Spirit?**

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- **What is the person's role in the body of believers?**
 - **What is the church and how can they love others in the body of Christ?**
 - **How can they grow in the fruit of the Spirit? How can they be used in the gifts of the Spirit?**
 - **What does it mean to be a witness?**
 - **How can they grow into Christian roles of responsibility and follow Jesus closely every day? How do they really come to know Him as He is?**

RADICAL



- **The current of learning, growth, maturation, followership and discipleship is what we need to counteract perpetual childhood.**
- **God conceives of this current as radical.**
- **The term has generally come to mean somebody a little crazy, out there on the edge, or extreme.**
- **Actual origin of this word: from the Latin word *radix* which means “root.”**
- **The strong forming current in the church should be designed to keep the Christian faith rooted in the truth---in God Himself!**

CONVERSION AND DISCIPLESHIP GO TOGETHER

- **Biblical maturation does not leave room for the idea of being converted but not choosing to be a disciple.**
- **They go together irretrievably.**
- **We can't really be a Christian without also being a disciple and making some progress in becoming more like Jesus.**

- **Ongoing discipleship means that the person decides not just to commit to an ideological thought or ticket to a good life...but rather to Christ Himself.**
- **We are expected to abandon all else in order to follow along with Jesus in relationship, just as His disciples did.**
- **Jesus said to Peter and Andrew, “Come, follow me...and I will make you fishers of men.” Scripture tells us that “at once they left their nets and followed Him” (Matt. 4: 19-20). **Becoming a disciple meant dropping everything and following Jesus wherever He went.****

THE TEACHER



THE RADICAL FORMING CURRENT (Teaching):

The new believers become disciples and followers of Jesus who learn to hear and obey His voice, growing and maturing into being more like Him. They produce the fruit of the Spirit and build a close relationship with each member of the Trinity. Those working in this current are strong spiritual models for those they are forming. They are able to communicate and apply the Scriptures accurately and to lead people in the spiritual disciplines.

LOCAL TEACHERS

- 1) a counselor, either a licensed, professional counselor or pastoral counseling, 2) a guide or mentor, 3) being a life coach, 4) facilitating specialized groups such as Marriage Encounters or Bible study groups, 5) having lunch with someone to help them work out a problem they are having, 6) training workers of special needs groups, 7) teaching a new converts class or membership course,

LOCAL TEACHERS CONTINUED...

- ...9) writing or blogging devotionals, 10) teaching workshops at retreats, 11) being leaders in boys' and girls' clubs and youth programs, 12) Sunday School teaching, 13) facilitating a small home group, 14) working with Bible quiz, 15) leading a mothers' gathering or a women's meeting or a men's group, 16) preparing and writing curriculum, and 17) teaching a Bible course at a Christian college or seminary.

3. THE SYNCHRONIZED CHOREOGRAPHY CURRENT (PASTOR)

- Romans 12:10
- “In love of the brethren be tenderly affectioned one to another; in honor preferring one another.”



RAY STEADMAN, IN HIS WELL-KNOWN CLASSIC, *BODY LIFE*, STATED:

- **The church is not to be a conglomeration of individuals who happen to agree on certain ideas. It is bound together as an organism in a bodily unity. It is true that a body is an organization but it is much more than an organization. The essence of a body is that it consists of thousands of cells with one mutually shared life....**
- **It is the sharing of life that makes a body different from an organization. An organization derives power from the association of individuals, but a body derives power from the sharing of life.**
- Ray C, Steadman. *Body Life*. (Glendale, CA: Regal, 1972) 26

THE PASTOR IS A TRUE SHEPHERD AND NOT JUST A CEO





- **God wants us all together as a body so He can synchronize our efforts. To synchronize something is to cause things to agree in time or to make things happen at the same time and speed. As we spend time with the Lord separately and then together, He will accomplish this.**

ΠΕΡΙΧΩΡΗΣΙΣ,

- The Greek noun *perichoresis* was the favorite word of the early church to describe the interrelationship of the Trinity.



LIVING SPACE





ALL FOR ONE AND ONE FOR ALL



THE SYNCHRONIZED CHOREOGRAPHY CURRENT

(Pastoring):

The church is healthy, being cared for, and guarded. People are functioning together well as a body of believers and use the gifts of the Spirit on a regular basis. They prefer one another in love, give space to others to be themselves, and take their place in the body of Christ to serve as God designed and instructs. Those working in this movement are no respecter of persons; they care for everyone. They know people by name, are aware of what is happening to them, minister to their needs, and go after them when they wander off.

LOCAL PASTORS

Besides your professional, pastoral staff, others serve in the pastoring current.

- Compassion ministries (food pantries, etc.)
- Small group leaders
- Visitation (hospital, prison, nursing home)
- Follow-up of people who are absent
- Those working in church communications and networking
- Helping people in crisis or need (including food and any kind of assistance)
- Grief ministry. Caring for widows or other special groups.
- Knowing names, introducing people, connecting, assimilating
- Aware of spiritual growth and needs
- Knowing family health and ministering to problems



4. THE HOUSECLEANING DIRECTIONAL CURRENT--PROPHETIC

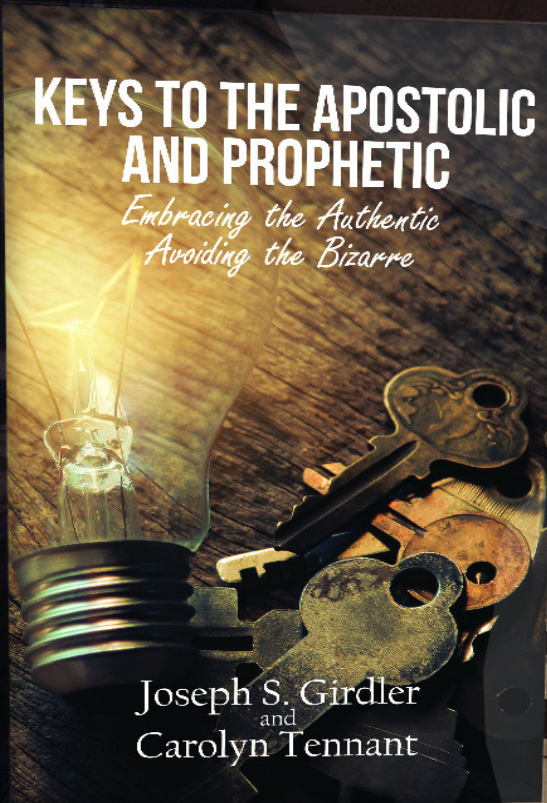
- Galatians 5:25
- “Since we live by the Spirit,
let us keep in step with the Spirit.”



KEYS TO THE APOSTOLIC AND PROPHETIC

*Embracing the Authentic
Avoiding the Bizarre*

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EARNESTLY PURSUE LOVE
AND EAGERLY DESIRE
SPIRITUAL GIFTS,
ESPECIALLY THE GIFT OF
PROPHECY.

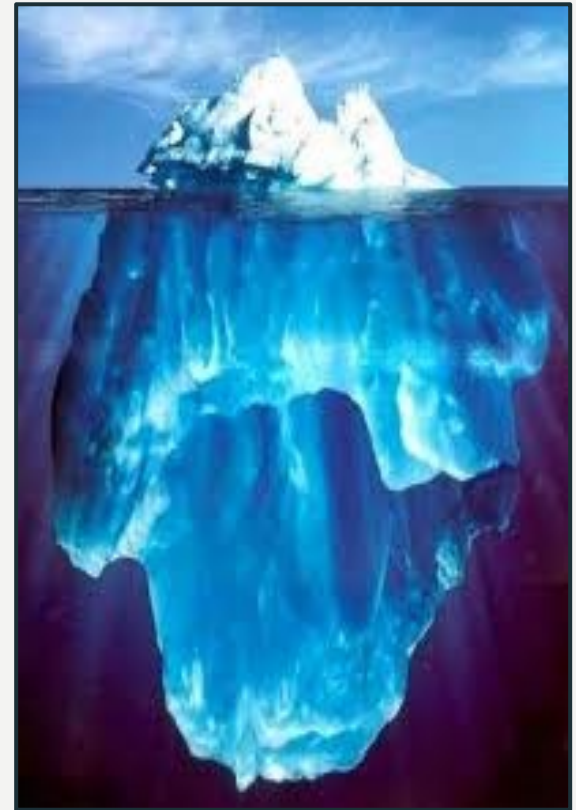
- 1 CORINTHIANS 14:1



HOW WE NEED THE DIRECTION AND VOICE OF GOD IN OUR CHURCHES!

- The essence of prophecy is
 - 1) hearing from God and
 - 2) sharing that message properly.

THE PROPHETIC SERVANT: TIME TO HEAR

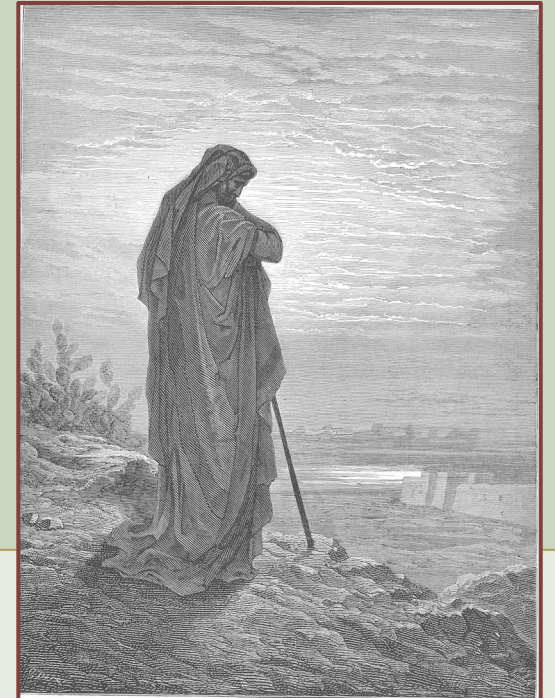


RO'EH (SEER)

CHOZEH (VISIONARY)

NABI (SPEAK FORTH)

- Two of the Hebrew words for prophet have to do with vision and seeing (a seer).
- The **other** has to do with speaking forth.
- This can happen any time and anywhere, not just in a church service.
- Does not need to be formalized.



WHAT DOES THE PROPHETIC ENTAIL?

- Being a “prophet” is more than giving a prophetic word in a church service or to an individual (i.e., being used in the spiritual gift of prophecy).
- **All prophets prophesy, but not all people who prophesy have a leadership role in the five-fold ministry.**
- These are people who operate in the prophetic on a regular basis to build up and mature the church.
- Prophecy is the only gift listed in all three places for the gifts from the Father (Romans 8), the gifts of the Spirit (1 Cor. 12), and the gifts of Jesus (Ephesians 4).

WHO, WHAT, WHEN, WHY, WHERE, AND HOW?



GOD USES DISTINCTIVE METHODS FOR DIFFERENT SITUATIONS

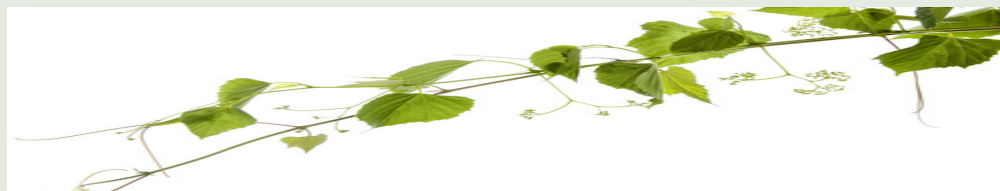
- **WHEN?** Sometimes a word from Him is supposed to be delivered in a church service, or perhaps afterwards or before or some other day of the week. Make it a matter of prayer until it is properly released.
- **FOR WHOM?** At times it is for an individual, or a small group, or the leaders, or the whole church.
- **WHERE** and **HOW?** The word might be given over a dinner table, at the altar, in the foyer, over the phone, in a committee or board meeting, through a written note, orally, etc.



PROPHECY HAS A MULTITUDE OF USES AND PURPOSES



The proper functioning of the prophetic remains crucial to the development, health, and well-being of today's churches.



USES FOR PROPHECY

- **The Lord uses prophecy to warn, foretell, guide/direct, shift, change, enlighten, correct, encourage, build up, exhort, assure, motivate, console, cleanse, confirm, and provide vision and courage.**

THE HOUSECLEANING DIRECTIONAL CURRENT (Prophetic):

The church is secure, confident in God, and holy. It is being guided by the Father and corrected as needed. People are receiving confirmation, exhortation, and edification. God is given time to speak and reveal His plans in the midst of business, assembly, and daily life. Those working in this movement are prayer warriors and intercessors, spending time to hear from the Lord.. They function in both formal and informal ways and carry around a large toolbox for handling various prophetic situations. They are in tune with God, His heart, His tone, His timing, and His approach, and strongly manifest the fruit of the Spirit.

LOCAL PROPHETIC SERVANTS

- Intercessors and prayer warriors
- Providing insight into God's direction
- Helping with vision and planning
- Caring about holiness and "housecleaning"
- Providing edification
- Exhorting (encouraging), affirming, leading people to hear from God
- Often administrative
- Sharing what the Lord wants to say in a proper manner

5. THE MIRACULOUS SENDING CURRENT --APOSTOLIC--

- In John 20: 21 Jesus said, “Peace be with you!
 - As the Father has sent me, I am sending you.”



JESUS, THE SENT ONE

John 12:49-50--- “For I did not speak of my own accord, but the Father who SENT ME commanded me what to say and how to say it. I know that his command leads to eternal life. So whatever I say is just what the Father has told me to say.”

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THE APOSTOLIC EMISSARY

- The *shaliach* (*Eliezer...Abraham sending him to find a bride for Isaac*)
- The *apostolos*....
- The *missio*....“to send”



The logo for 'The Messengers' features the word 'THE' in a small, white, sans-serif font above the word 'MESSENGERS' in a larger, stylized, orange-gold font. A bright, diagonal streak of light passes through the letters of 'MESSENGERS' from the top-left to the bottom-right.

THE MESSENGERS

- The word “apostle” was used to refer to people who were messengers, envoys, ambassadors, emissaries, or delegates.
- Someone commissioned by another to represent him in some way.
- The *apostolos* was sent forth with orders and with the delegated authority to complete a task on the other’s behalf.

PUSHING BACK THE DARKNESS: GOD'S WAY



BOLDNESS: “THESE MEN WHO HAVE TURNED THE WORLD UPSIDE DOWN HAVE COME HERE ALSO” ...ACTS 17:6

- Jason and other believers
- Paul in Ephesus (Acts 19)---25,000 seat theater



**YOU ARE NOW LEAVING
COMFORT
ZONE**

GOING TO THE EDGE~

- **The miraculous sending current calls us out of our comfort zones and prods us out of our no-risk lives.**
- **It asks us to be daring, to go, to be adventurous, to try something new and different as God asks us.**

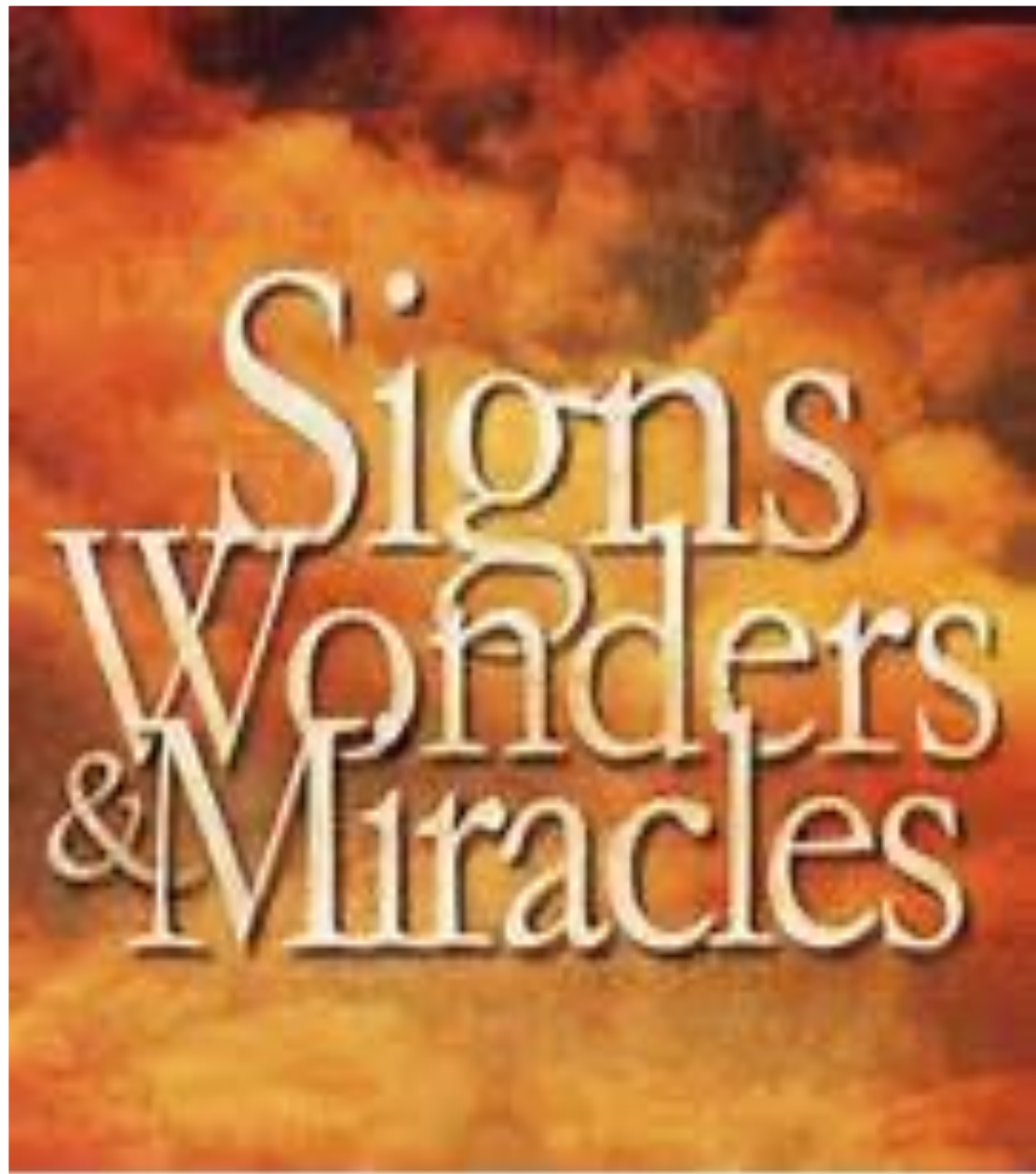
THE APOSTOLIC FUNCTION ALWAYS SENDS... ALWAYS MOVES FORTH!



- It's geared to reach out and go outside of the normal zone.
- People go to "the edge"---where no one has gone.
- Without this flow, the local church gets stuck within its own parameters---and incline toward selfishness, lack of holistic perspective, and internal stagnation.
- Just as individuals have to expand their own horizons, likewise the local church has to extend theirs in order to be healthy.
- The Kingdom of God is so much greater than any single, individual church.



We are therefore Christ's ambassadors, as though God were making his appeal through us. We implore you on Christ's behalf: Be reconciled to God.



- Paul even refers to his own documentation as a true apostle when he states, “The things that mark an apostle--signs, wonders and miracles---were done among you with great perseverance” (2 Cor. 12:12).

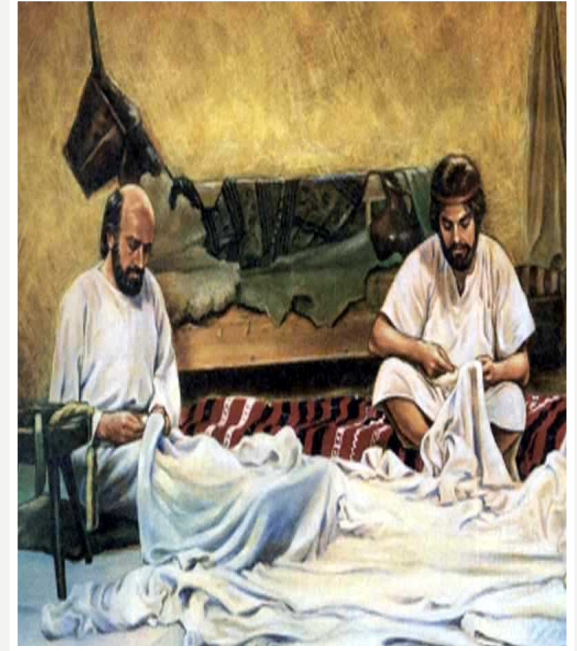
APOSTOLIC FUNCTIONING

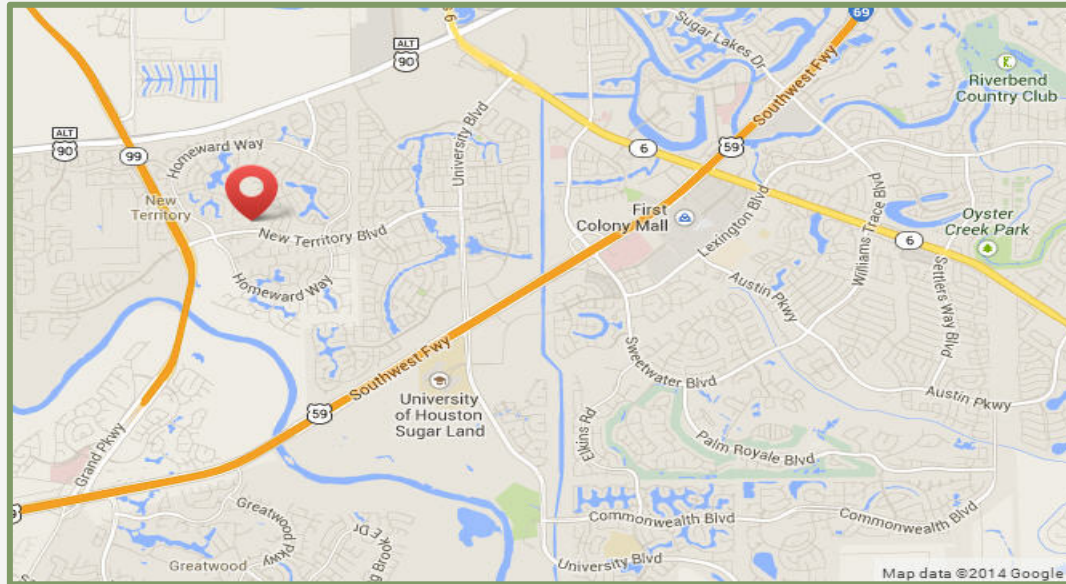
- **Sent to a certain place to do the work of God in establishing the church by winning souls through prayer, powerful preaching, and teaching.**
- **Apostolic work is to show, not just tell....hence there are miracles, signs, and wonders. God's reality and power is evidenced.**
- **The darkness is pushed back, Satan loses ground, God's Kingdom is established in that place, people work together, and a church is established.**

TRAITS OF AN APOSTLE

- **Endurance.** In 2 Cor. 11-12 Paul lists some of his sufferings, persecutions, insults, weaknesses, church burdens, and pressures (often a result of satanic kickback on apostles).
- **Apostles characterized by boldness and the power of God.**
- **Adept at contextualizing the gospel.**
- **Good at connecting people and churches.**
- **Leading and organizing other leaders to work together. Great networkers.**

- **Resource developers (taking up offerings to help with needs in other cities).**
- **Often tentmakers (coffee stores, English teachers, etc.)**
- **Work to retain proper doctrine. Correct and guide.**
- **Clean house. Maintain discipline.**
- **Take care of troubles by handling controversies, people problems, schisms, disputes, irregularities, and other difficulties.**





- The apostle works in a territory for a while and then moves on to do a new work.
- They continue to be respected as the founder of the church in that region, and their wisdom is still solicited.

THE NEED FOR TRUE APOSTOLIC WORK RIGHT NOW —GETTING ON THE SAME PAGE



THE MIRACULOUS SENDING CURRENT (Apostolic):

The sending movement is strong with the church able to look outside of itself, take back territory that Satan has previously held, work in signs and wonders to establish God's might, build connections and networks, function and coordinate with other leaders, and maintain sound doctrine and purity within the body of Christ. Those who work in this current are anointed as God's representatives and are sent from Him to various countries, cultural groups, and problem areas. They are innovators, entrepreneurs, church extenders and planters, missionaries, risk-takers, and guards of the core truths of the Church. They move on to take new territory or tasks on a consistent basis.

APOSTOLIC WORKERS

- Ministries to special needs (the disabled, deaf, prisoners, sex trafficking, etc.)
- Ministering to special groups (youth cultures, the elderly, single parents, college students, etc.)
- Meeting needs in the community (homelessness, hunger, poverty)
- Entrepreneurs, people with new ideas from God, innovators
- Networking---drawing groups and leaders together
- Missions boards; serving and giving to foreign and home missionaries
- Cross-cultural communicators
- Church planting
- Reaching out in the public schools
- Touching military, community workers (like police and firemen), etc.

How God Made You: His calling and anointing

The natural giftings and the supernatural giftings converge to put you in your place in the body.

You have certain interests, inclinations, personality traits, skills, and experiences which naturally lend themselves to certain areas of service in the church.

But also God calls you and anoints you for certain tasks in His body. He gives you a supernatural enabling and empowering which is above your normal gifting.

These have to come together for you to find your correct place.



**HELPING OTHERS
FIND THEIR
PLACE IN THE
BODY OF CHRIST**

**THEN TRAINING THEM SO
THEY CAN DO THE “WORK
OF THE SERVICE” ...**