

A Call to One Another Ministry

Gospel Life in the Body of Christ

Community Bible Chapel

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OAM Lesson 1 – Life Under the Sun or Life in the Son

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Gospel moves us from death to life

Gospel moves us from darkness to light

Gospel moves us from blindness to sight



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Biblical Gospel Orientation:

Moves us towards

self-worship

worship of God

different anthropology

seeing ourselves as slaves of Christ

sanctification by works

walking by faith

programs and groups

prayer and the Word

spiritual deadness

spiritual life

Question 1

What are the pressing issues behind the calls we make, the books we read for help and the programs we attend to get help?

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.
- 5.
- 6.
- 7.



One Another Ministry – Foundation Belief #1

A Christian has been given **LIFE** in Christ

Who we call for help and the answers we are seeking are significantly influenced by our understanding of the gospel. By grace alone through faith alone in Jesus Christ alone, a Christian has been given NEW, complete resurrection LIFE in Christ. We have literally been “twice born”, and this resurrection life in the Son (zoe) is fundamentally different than the universal center of our experiences that we call life under the sun (psuche).



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Galatians 2:20

“I have been crucified with Christ; and it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself up for me”. NASB



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Question 2

Who do we call and why?

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.
- 5.
- 6.
- 7.



One Another Ministry – Foundation Belief #2

A Christian has been given LIGHT and SIGHT in Christ

As Christians we have **LIGHT** and **SIGHT** in Christ which is uniquely different and superior to creation.

I Peter 2:9

But you are A CHOSEN RACE, a royal PRIESTHOOD, a HOLY NATION, A PEOPLE FOR *GOD'S* OWN POSSESSION, so that you may proclaim the excellencies of Him who has called you out of darkness into His marvelous **light**. NASB



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Light – General Revelation

A revelation in nature around us – in human consciousness and in the providential government of the world

Everything God **created** displays God's divine excellence

- Psalm 19:1-2, Acts 14:17, Romans 1:19-20

Light – Special Revelation

God's specific acts and communications to people within history at specific times. Most particularly, special revelation refers to Scripture, itself special revelation and the written account of God's acts of special revelation.

God must reveal Himself to be known

- I Kings 17:13, Psalm 103:7, John 1:18, Hebrews 1:1-2

John 1:1-4

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

He was in the beginning with God.

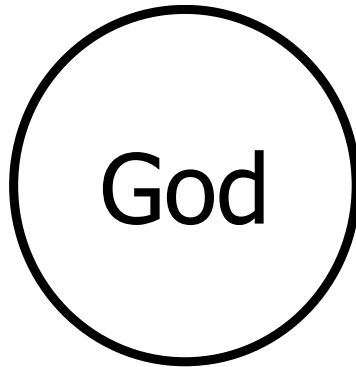
All things came into being through Him, and apart from Him nothing came into being that has come into being.

In Him was **life**, and the **life** was the **Light** of men. NASB



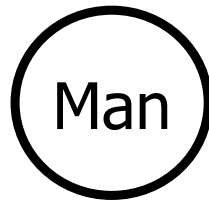
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Mankind is totally dependent on God



Independent creator of all:

- Existence and reality
- Truth
- Knowledge
- Ethics



Created and dependent on God for all:

- Existence and reality
- Truth
- Knowledge
- Ethics

Implications for One Another Ministry

God has provided that we can know truth as He desires us to know it. Our knowledge of the issues regarding brokenness is dependent upon or derived from God's knowledge, and subject to human limitations.



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In the beginning God

The first words of Scripture introduce us to the ultimate explanation of reality and the solution to the deepest questions of philosophy and religion: *In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth.* In the sixty-six books that follow, the person and works of God and His relationship to the universe and people He created are on vivid display: from eternity past, through all of human history, to the end of time and beyond. God is the source and explanation of all things. From God we have existence, meaning, and purpose. From God we have all truth and the ability to know truth. In God's revelation (Scripture) we have the basis for a proper understanding of God, ourselves, and His universe, and the necessary and sure foundation for a God-honoring defense and proclamation of the Gospel of Christ.

Special Revelation – Light and **Illumination - Sight**

- **Illumination refers to the work of the Holy Spirit in the lives of believers to make us able to believe and understand the words of the Bible.**
- God reveals himself through the direct and internal testimony of the Holy Spirit (special revelation)
- Man cannot reason his way to God. Under the curse, he is not an impartial seeker after truth
- Since life is in the Son, the Holy Spirit illumines a **sufficient** answer through the Word that bears witness with my spirit.
- Looking outside this sphere towards the world of common grace offers alternative answers
- These alternative answers seem rational and reasonable to us – as they are sourced, found and affirmed through general revelation

Psalm 36:9

For with You is the fountain of life;
In Your light we see light. NASB



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1 John 3:1-3

See how great a love the Father has bestowed on us, that we should be called children of God; and such we are. For this reason the world does not know us, because it did not know Him. Beloved, now we are children of God, and it has not appeared as yet what we will be. We know that when He appears, we will be like Him, because we will see Him just as He is. And everyone who has this hope fixed on Him purifies himself, just as He is pure. NASB



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1 Corinthians 13:12

For now we see in a mirror dimly, but then face to face; now I know in part, but then I will know fully just as I also have been fully known. NASB



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Acts 17:28

For in Him we live and move and exist, as even some of your own poets have said, “For we also are His children.” NASB



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2 Corinthians 4:6

For God, who said, “Light shall shine out of darkness,” is the One who has shone in our hearts to give the Light of the knowledge of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. NASB



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1 Corinthians 2:14-16

But a natural man does not accept the things of the Spirit of God, for they are foolishness to him; and he cannot understand them, because they are spiritually appraised. But he who is spiritual appraises all things, yet he himself is appraised by no one. For WHO HAS KNOWN THE MIND OF THE LORD, THAT HE WILL INSTRUCT HIM? But we have the mind of Christ. NASB



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Dr. Craig Biehl – Ultimate Authority

Few doctrines of Scripture are more difficult to accept than our human limitations and absolute dependence upon God for all knowledge and truth. Yet, few doctrines are more important for a proper response to profound suffering and evil. Given the nature of God and who we are in relationship to Him, humble acceptance of our limited perspective and understanding is necessary and appropriate. Peace and contentment in the face of great difficulties are not ultimately from specific answers to every difficult question (though God has provided many specific answers in Scripture), but from resting in the perfect goodness and excellence of the One with all the answers.



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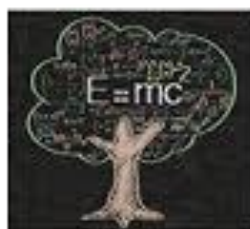
Psyche—

the solutions and answers are finite,
based within the "here and the now"!



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➤ Problem is horizontal,
related to the "here and the now"!



Remedy is solely from
the created world (GIR)!



Solution is provided from those
considered as experts of the data
and facts from the created world!

Psyche—



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Zoe

the solutions and answers to our problems,
are not based solely on "cause and effect"
but actually somehow have a redemptive
purpose and context!.

JESUS—
the BREAD
of life!



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Problem is reviewed from the vertical, the
"here and the now" has a weigh-in from God!



Remedy is not merely addressing a specific problem,
but rather, how I interpret my circumstances/situation by my
relationship to Christ!



Solution is provided from dependence on
the father, spiritual advice from my new DNA elders/pastors
brothers and sisters (SR), and also as deemed
necessary those that are found in creation (GR)! Zoe



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**Counseling
world**



Body of Christ

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Loving one another
Building up one another
Caring for one another
Admonishing one another
Bearing one another's burdens
Comforting one another
Encouraging one another
Honoring one another
Enduring with one another
Being kind to one another
Submitting to one another
Always seeking to do good to one another
Accepting one another
Confessing faults to one another
Fellowshipping with one another
Stirring up one another

Counsel one another?



Defining our terms:

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The Reality of Pain



Depression

Anxiety

Cancer

Spousal Mistreatment

Stress

Abuse

Job Loss

Anger

Childrearing frustration

Divorce

OCD

ADHD

Alcohol/Drug

Physical Impairment

Academic duress

Bipolar Disorder

Legal Binds

Migraines

Past domestic violence or abuse

Current domestic violence or abuse

Medical Illness

Lack of faith

Spiritual Immaturity

Death of a family member

Disgust

Financial strain

Resentment

Adapted from Equipped to Counsel by Dr. John Henderson

Discernment

- Love Languages
- Boundaries
- Purpose Driven Life

- Stephen Ministry
- The Total Transformation Program
- Wild at Heart
- Tim LaHaye – Spirit Controlled Temperament
- Anything written by Joel Osteen

and so much more... ESPECIALLY COUNSELING WORLD

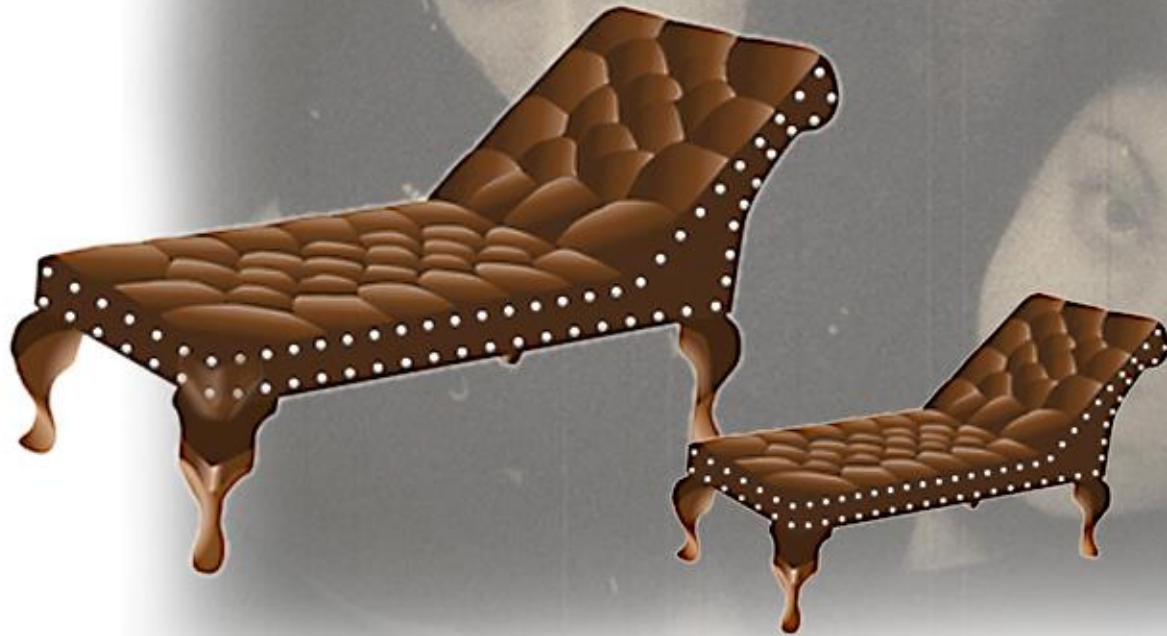


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Secular
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Christian
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Biblical
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The Verse – Romans 15:14

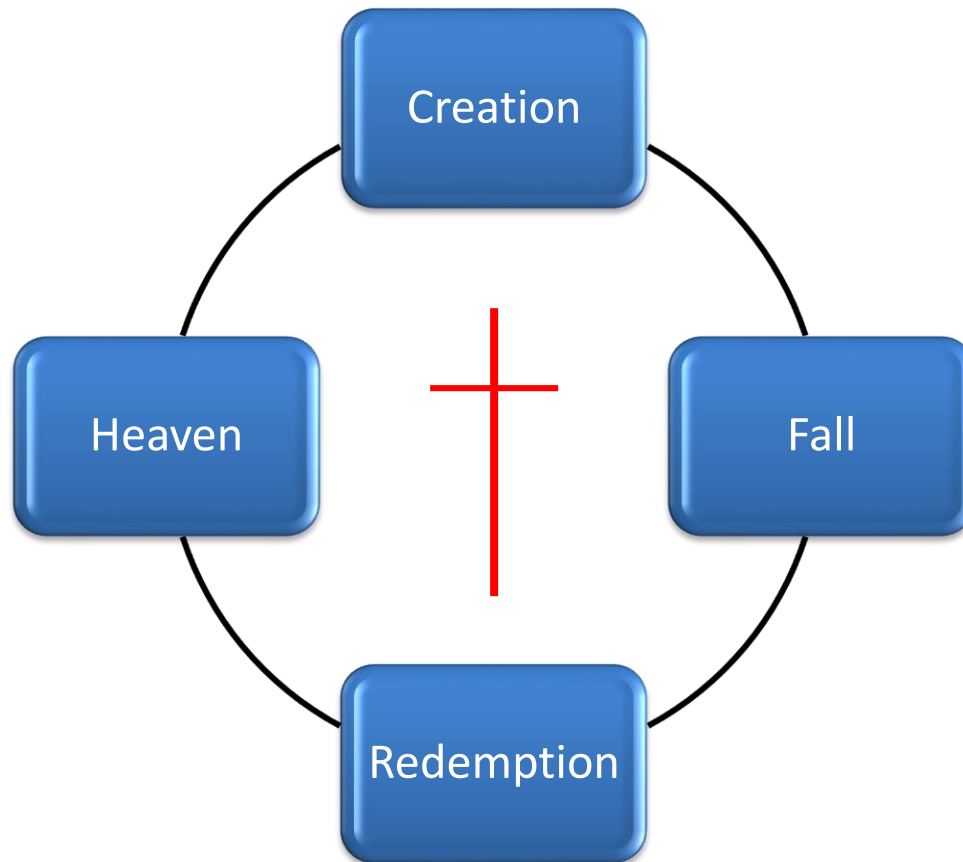
This verse was the inspiration for Jay Adam's *Competent to Counsel* book

“And concerning you, my brethren, I myself also am convinced that you yourselves are full of goodness, filled with all knowledge and **able** also to **admonish** one another”. NASB

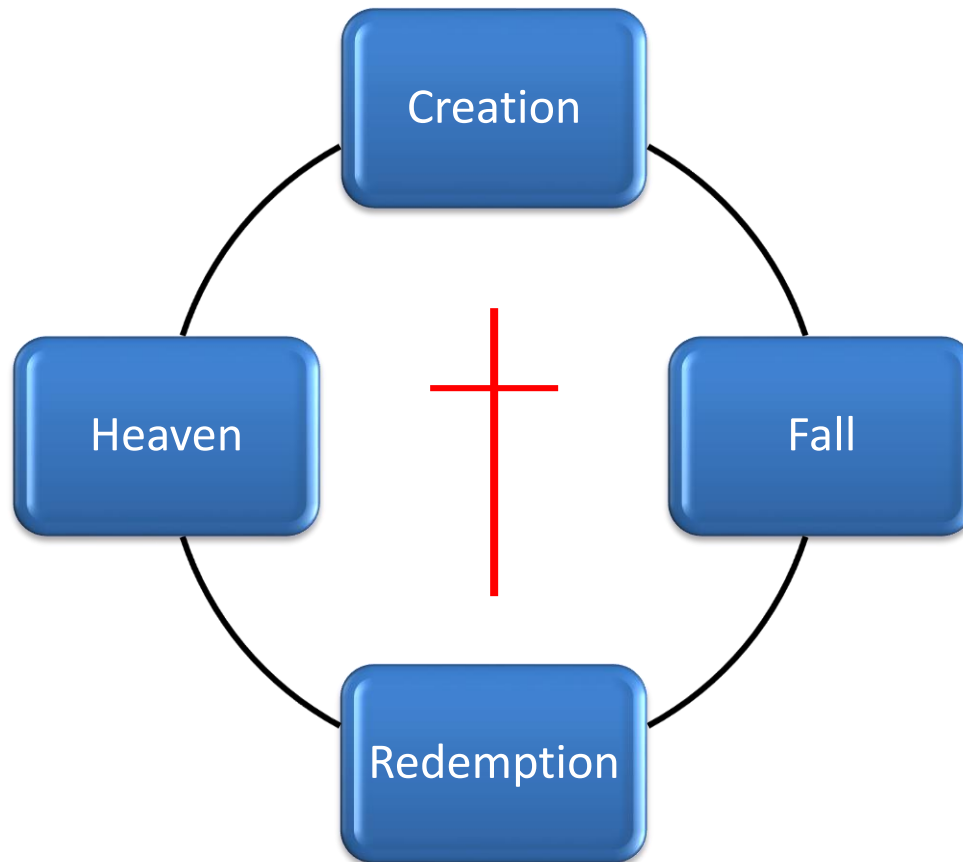


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The Story of Redemption

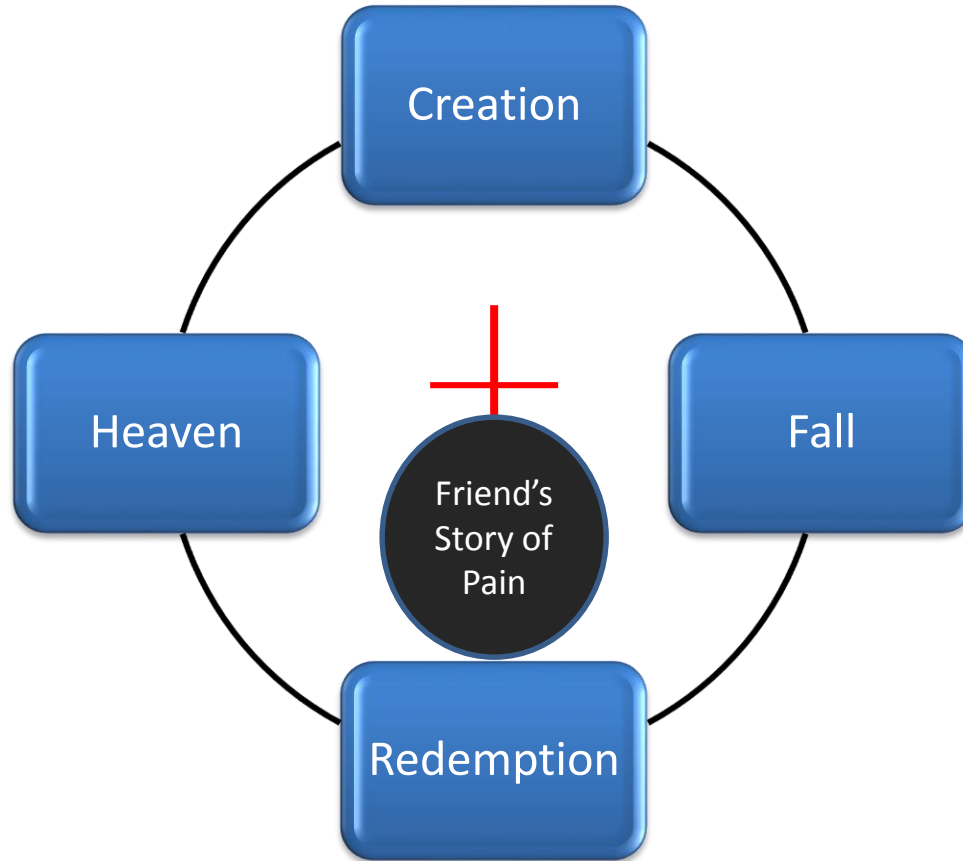


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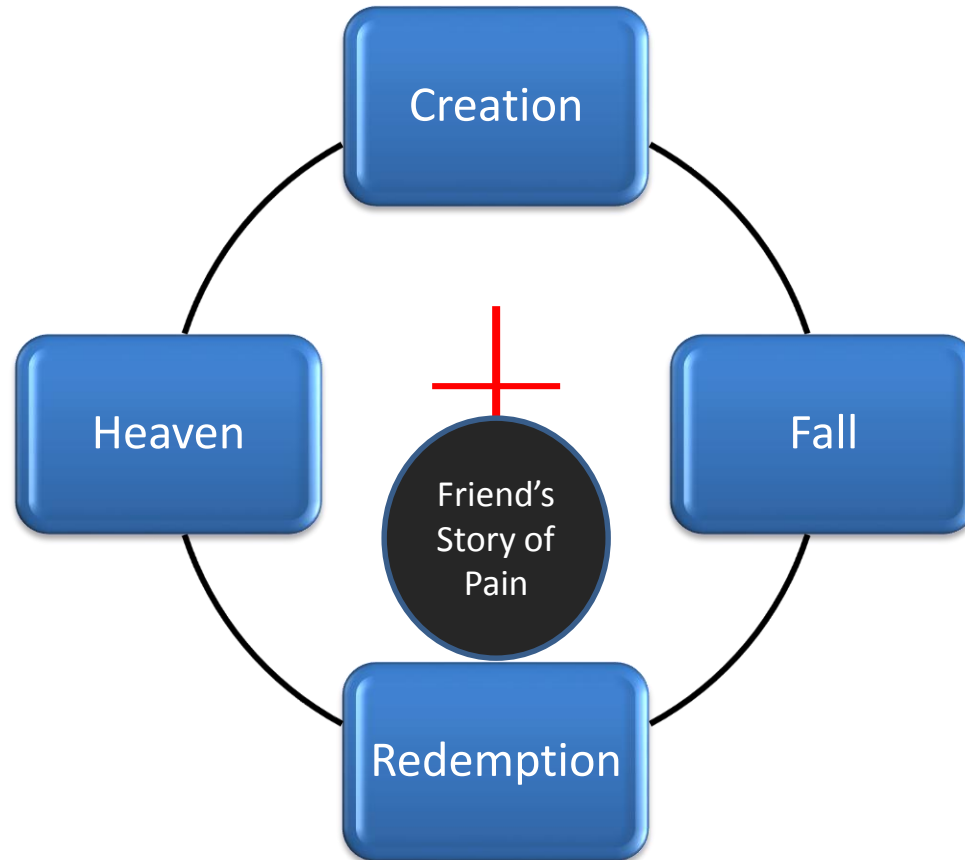
Friend's
Story of
Pain

The Story of Redemption



Moving Ourselves and Others Towards Christ

Matthew 14:22-31



***The Explicit Gospel* by Matt Chandler with Jared Wilson**

“When we zoom out and look at the Scripture’s overarching story line, viewing the gospel in the air, we see that God’s story of redemption has Christ at the center and his glory as its chief concern. Missing this makes the gospel man-centered.

When we stay focused on the ground too long, we begin to read the Bible with ourselves at the center.”



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