



Sunday, August 27, 2006 • Dr. David Platt
SPEAK BOLDLY (PART 1)
Acts 2:14-41

**Five Reasons Why The Word Of God
 Must Be Central In Our Worship...**

- **Because of the Word's** _____.
 - ▶ Remember the _____ of God's revelation.
 - God reveals Himself _____ the Word.
 - God reveals Himself _____ the Word.
 - ▶ Remember the _____ of man's proclamation.
 - The preacher _____ the voice of God.
 - The preacher _____ the greatness of God.

- **Because of the Word's** _____.
 - ▶ Apart from the Word, the _____ is helpless.
 - ▶ Apart from the Word, the _____ is powerless.

- **Because of the Word's** _____.
 - ▶ The Word speaks to contemporary _____.
 - ▶ The Word speaks about eternal _____.
 - Prosperity and _____ (Joshua 1:8-9)
 - Converts our souls, makes us wise, gives _____ to our hearts, enlightens our eyes (Psalm 19:7-11)
 - Everlasting, true, righteous, invaluable, sweet to the taste (Psalm 19:7-11)
 - Guidance and _____ for the future (Psalm 119:105)
 - _____ and strength in our struggles (Isaiah 40:1-31)
 - Reveals Jesus Himself (John 1:1-14)
 - Truth and holiness (John 17:17)
 - Results in faith for salvation (Romans 10:17)
 - _____ amidst anxiety (Philippians 4:4-7)
 - Wisdom for salvation, teaching, rebuke, correction, instruction, _____ and prepares us to serve God (2 Timothy 3:14-17)
 - Spiritual nourishment (1 Peter 2:2)
 - ▶ Why would we want to _____ anything else?

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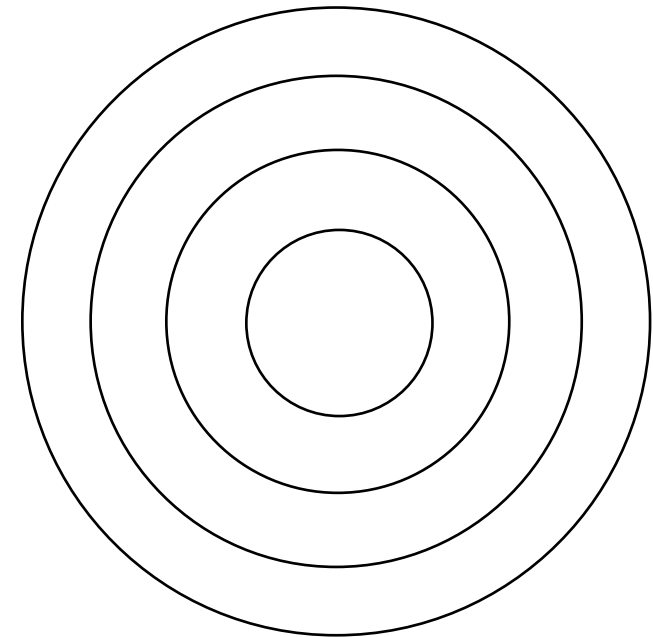
- **Because of the Word's** _____.
 - ▶ God's agenda in Scripture:
 - To show us the _____ of Christ.
 - To transform us into the _____ of Christ.
 - ▶ The focus in our worship: _____ stuff or _____ stuff?

When we focus on good stuff instead of God's stuff...

 - We rob ourselves of the _____ that is necessary for realizing God's purpose in our lives.
 - We rob _____ of the glory that is due His name.

When we focus on God's stuff instead of good stuff...

 - We _____ ourselves with the truth that is necessary for realizing God's purpose in our lives.
 - We glorify God by _____ like Christ.



- **Because of the Word's** _____.
 - ▶ The Word awakens _____.
 - ▶ The Word leads to _____.
 - ▶ The Word results in _____.

The Bottom Line...

Our effectiveness as a church is completely dependent on
 our _____ to God's Word.



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**Five Reasons Why The Word Of God
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■ **Because of the Word's magnitude.**

- ▶ Remember the significance of God's revelation.
 - God reveals Himself as the Word.
 - God reveals Himself through the Word.
- ▶ Remember the seriousness of man's proclamation.
 - The preacher exposes the voice of God.
 - The preacher exalts the greatness of God.

■ **Because of the Word's authority.**

- ▶ Apart from the Word, the preacher is helpless.
- ▶ Apart from the Word, the church is powerless.

■ **Because of the Word's relevance.**

- ▶ The Word speaks to contemporary needs.
- ▶ The Word speaks about eternal promises.
 - Prosperity and success (Joshua 1:8-9)
 - Converts our souls, makes us wise, gives joy to our hearts, enlightens our eyes (Psalm 19:7-11)
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- ▶ Why would we want to listen to anything else?

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■ **Because of the Word's purpose.**

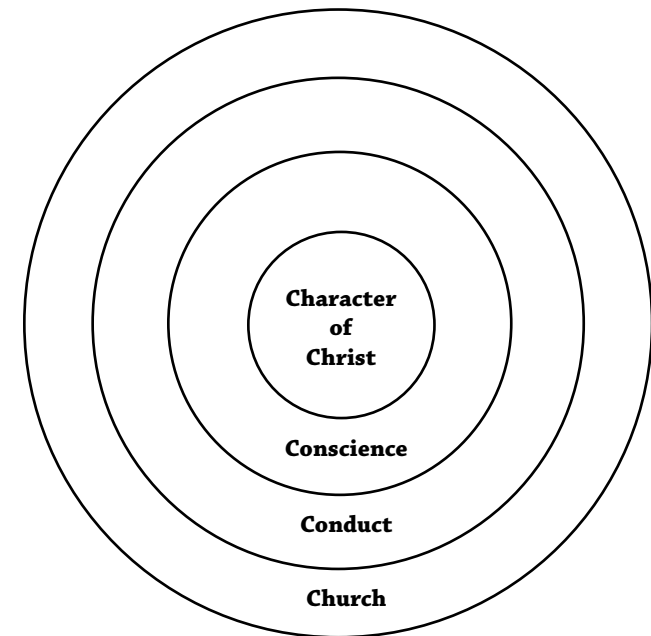
- ▶ God's agenda in Scripture:
 - To show us the glory of Christ.
 - To transform us into the image of Christ.
- ▶ The focus in our worship: good stuff or God's stuff?

When we focus on good stuff instead of God's stuff...

- We rob ourselves of the truth that is necessary for realizing God's purpose in our lives.
- We rob God of the glory that is due His name.

When we focus on God's stuff instead of good stuff...

- We fill ourselves with the truth that is necessary for realizing God's purpose in our lives.
- We glorify God by becoming like Christ.



■ **Because of the Word's effect.**

- ▶ The Word awakens conviction.
- ▶ The Word leads to conversion.
- ▶ The Word results in continuation.

The Bottom Line...

Our effectiveness as a church is completely dependent on our faithfulness to God's Word.