



A Message Series by David Platt

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TO MAKE A
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Sunday, September 3, 2006 • Dr. David Platt
SPEAK BOLDLY (PART 2)
Acts 2:14-41

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 Must Be Central In Our Worship...**

- **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.
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- **Because of the Word's _____.**
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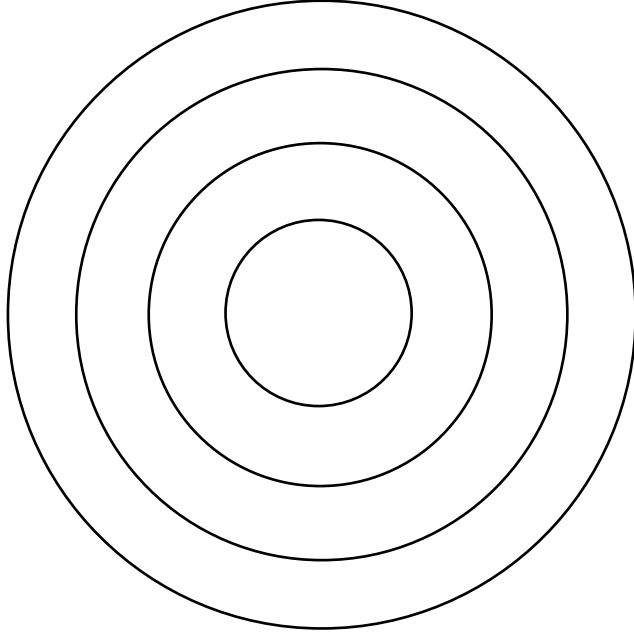
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The Bottom Line...

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



- ▶ 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.
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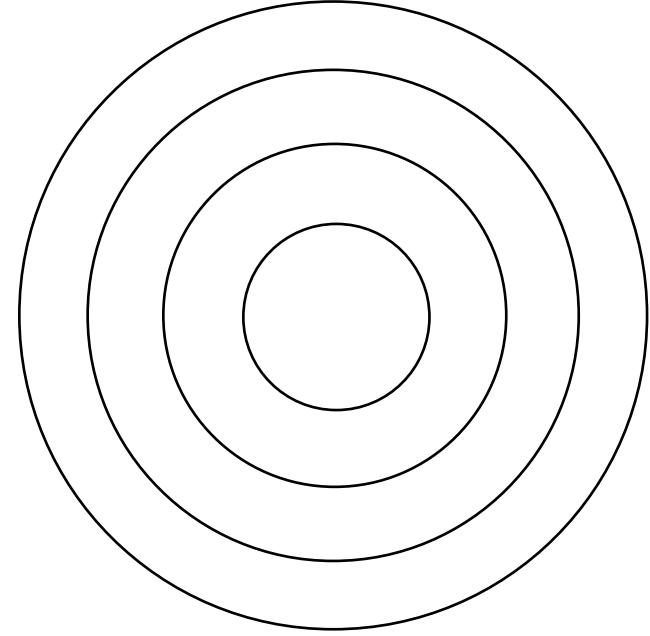
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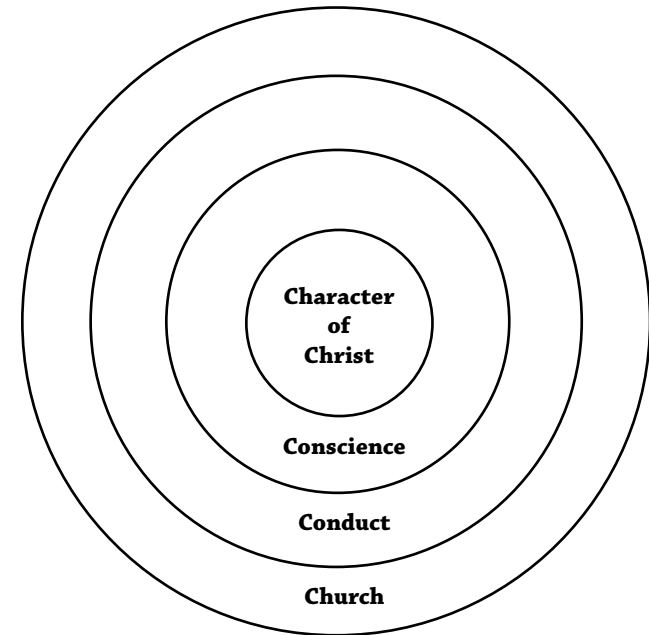
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- **Because of the Word's authority.**
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- **Because of the Word's relevance.**
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(Over)

- **Because of the Word's purpose.**
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- **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.