

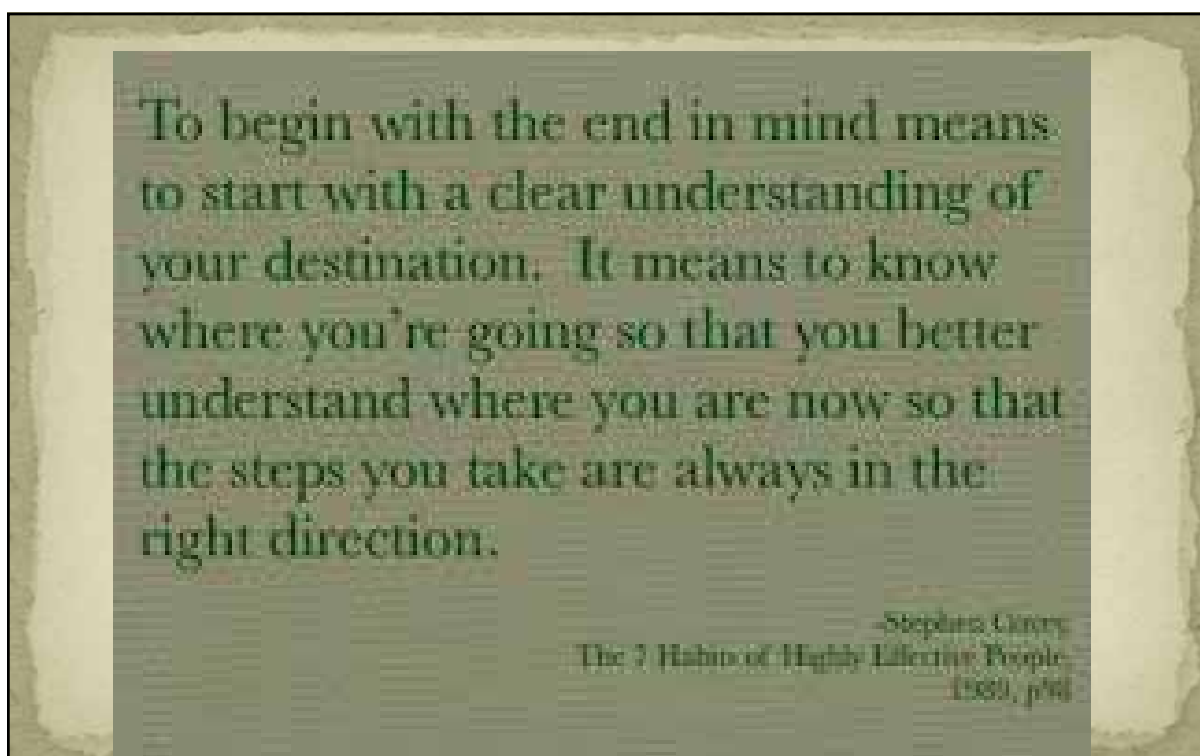
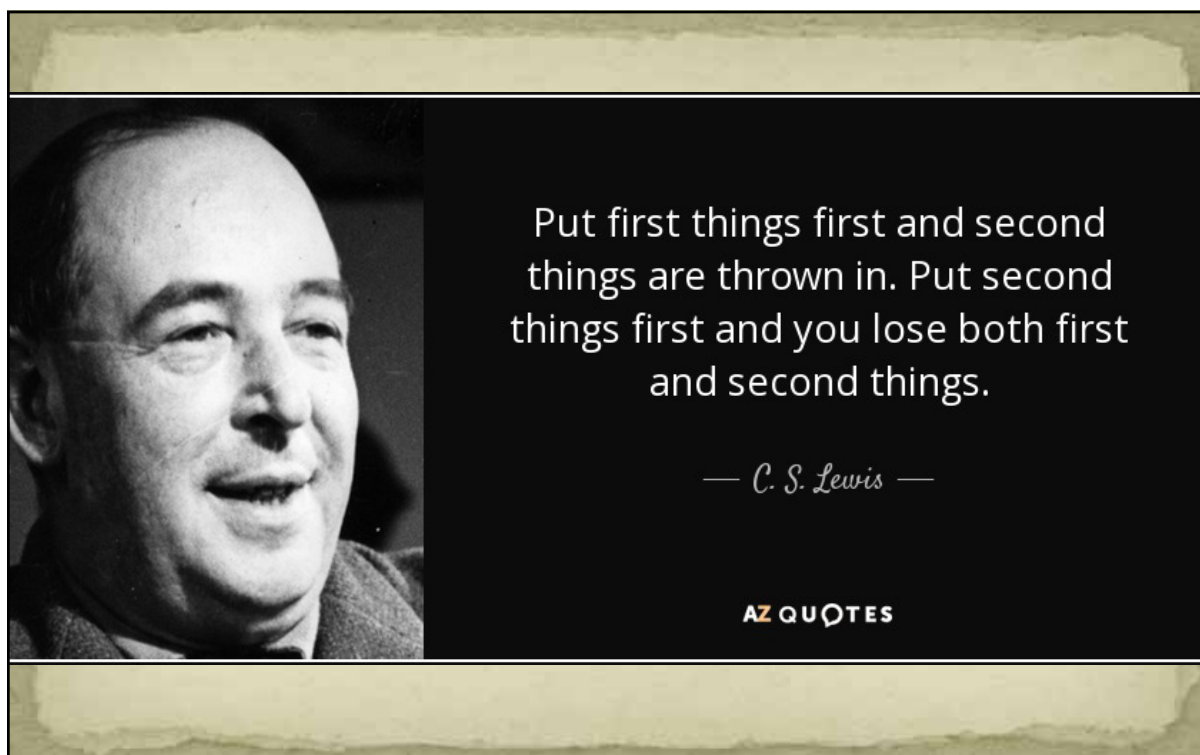
Healthy Churches Keep First Things First


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A little Recap ...

- **The Local Church is the Hope of the World**
- **Healthy churches**
 - follow the blueprint
 - Live Out Unity
 - Give
 - Produce Good Fruit
 - Grow and Reproduce
 - Are full of Ministers
 - Are fun and Attractive Are we?








Bring all who claim me as their God,
for I have made them for my glory.
It was I who created them.

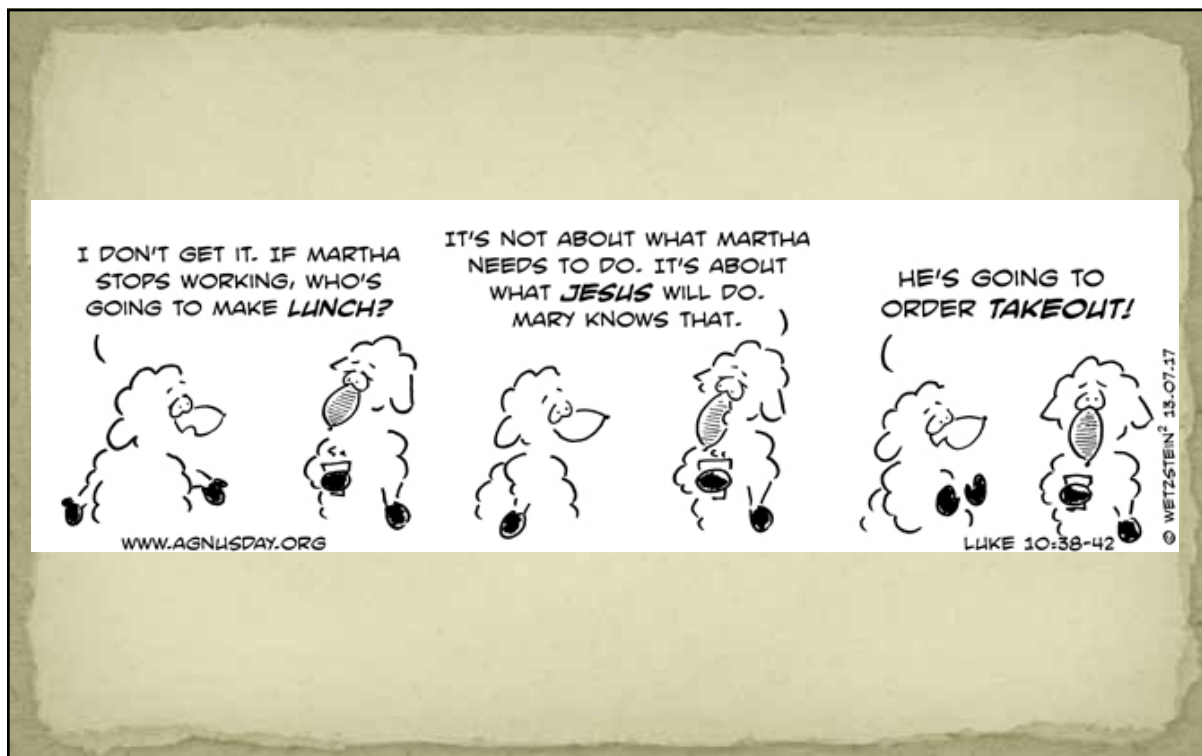
Isaiah 43:7




May you
have the power
to understand
how wide, how long,
how high, how
deep God's love
is for us

Ephesians 3:18

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Everything else is
WORTHLESS when
compared with the
INFINITE VALUE
of knowing
Christ Jesus
my Lord.
Philippians 3:8, NLT

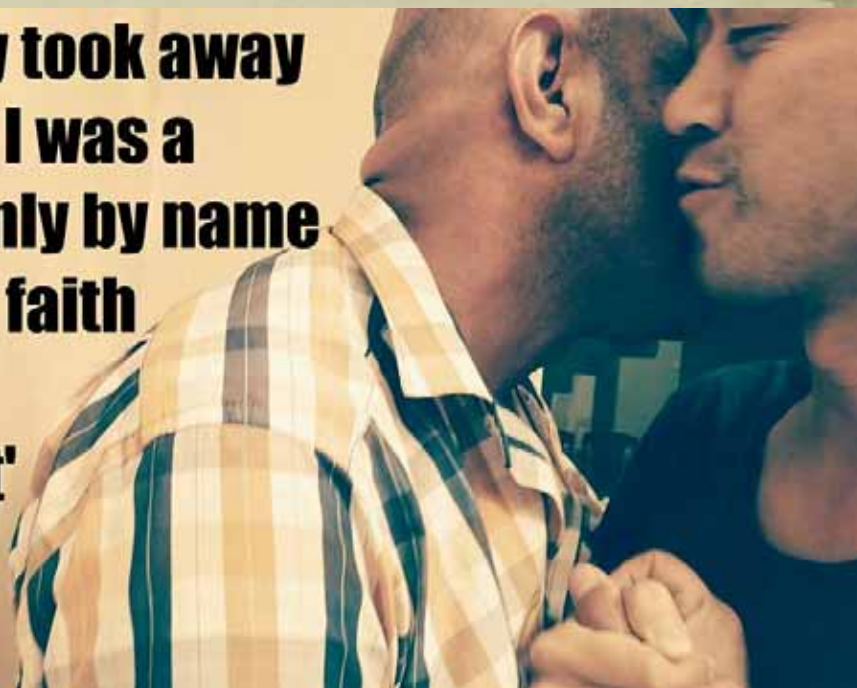
THE PARADOX OF OUR AGE

"WE HAVE BIGGER HOUSES, BUT SMALLER FAMILIES;
MORE CONVENIENCES, BUT LESS TIME;
WE HAVE MORE DEGREES, BUT LESS SENSE;
MORE KNOWLEDGE, BUT LESS JUDGEMENT;
MORE EXPERTS, BUT MORE PROBLEMS;
MORE MEDICINES, BUT LESS HEALTHINESS;
WE'VE BEEN ALL THE WAY TO THE MOON AND BACK,
BUT HAVE TROUBLE CROSSING THE STREET TO MEET
THE NEW NEIGHBOUR.
WE BUILT MORE COMPUTERS TO HOLD MORE
INFORMATION, TO PRODUCE MORE COPIES THAN
EVER, BUT HAVE LESS COMMUNICATION.
WE HAVE BECOME LONG ON QUANTITY,
BUT SHORT ON QUALITY.
THESE ARE TIMES OF FAST FOOD
BUT SLOW DIGESTION;
TALL MAN BUT SHORT CHARACTER;
STEEP PROFITS BUT SHALLOW RELATIONSHIPS.
IT IS A TIME WHEN THERE IS MUCH IN THE
WINDOW, BUT NOTHING IN THE ROOM."
-DALAI LAMA



**'before they took away
everything I was a
Christian only by name
but now my faith
is alive.
ISIS is a gift'**

**-persecuted Christian,
middle east**



Our Mission

1 Corinthians 10:31
1 Peter 4:11

Disciples glorifying **God** together

Matthew 28:18-20
Psalm 67:1-2

← His Plan →

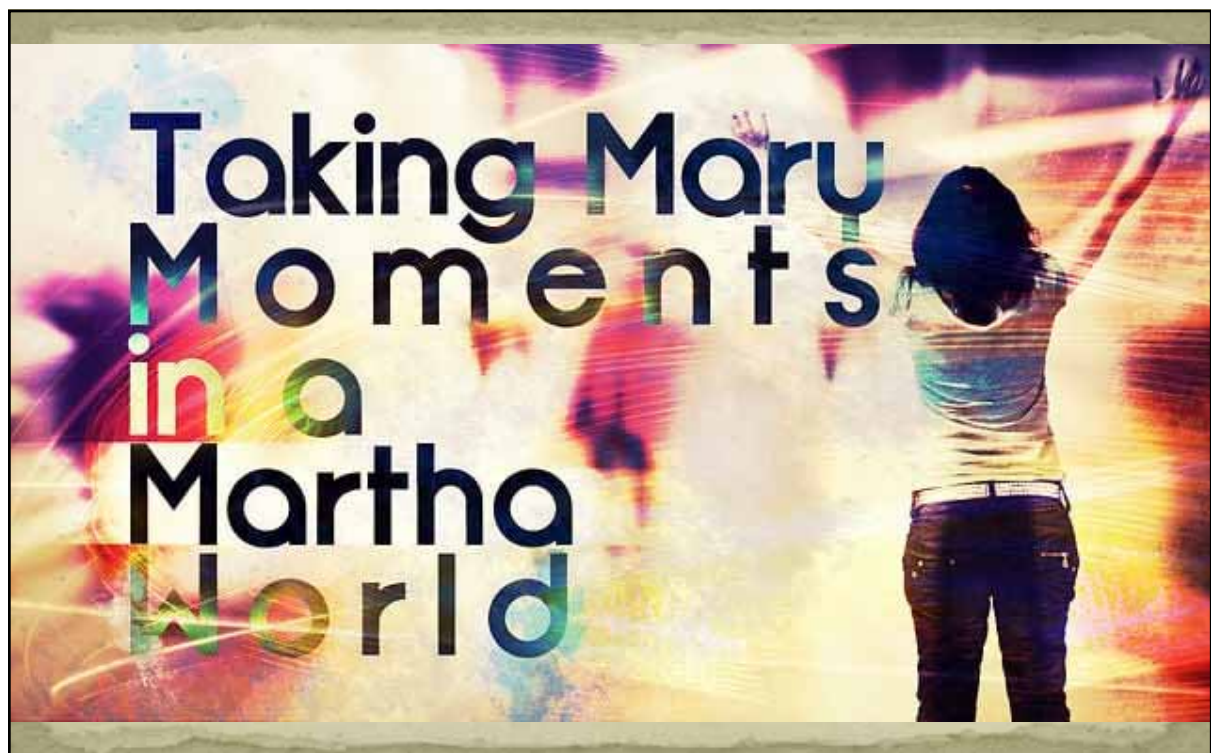
Ephesians 4:1-16
Hebrews 10:23-25

"oh, to tell you my story
is to tell of Him."

Qualities of a disciple

Disciple is one who
**Hears or learns from his
master**

**Martha gave priority
to hear from Jesus
when she had other
options. Luke 10: 38
-42**





Chosen

To Come Near

**Do you have proximity with God
or intimacy with God?**



“Worship is at the heart of all that we are and all that we do in the Christian life. It is important that we be busy ambassadors, taking the message of the gospel to lost souls. It is also essential to be merciful Samaritans, seeking to help exploited and hurting people who need God's mercy. But before we can represent Christ as we should, or imitate Him in our caring ministry, we must spend time with Him and learn from Him.” – Warren Wiersbe

**WE ARE NOT
JUST MERE
WORKERS**

**WE ARE
WORSHIPPERS**

