

The Gospel Changes Everything

Week Ten

"Real Change is Possible: Get the Log Out First!"

Matthew 7:1-6 / Romans 6:1-4, 11-14 / Romans 8:1-4, 9-11

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For His Glory and our joy!

Message Outline:

Introduction - *Praying for our leaders*

Review from the last 2 weeks:

Living in the tension of being "in but not of, the world

The Gospel vrs. Expressive Individualism

Today's Message:

Real Change is possible, but it begins with us.

Matthew 7:1-6, Romans 6 - 8

The background to the sermon on the mount

Matthew 5-7

The Dangerous Ground of Criticism

Matthew 7:1-2

Reality Check

Matthew 7:3-4

Take the plank out...

Matthew 7:5a

...so that you can remove others' specks

Matthew 7:5b

Judging...without Judging

Matthew 7:6

So, how do we "take the plank out" of our lives? How do we go about Gospel Transformation?

Some thoughts from Romans 6 through 8

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Romans 6:1-2

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Romans 6:3-4

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Romans 6:11-12

Offer your body to God by Grace

Romans 6:13-14

Do you really believe in the power of the death of Jesus for you?

Romans 8:1-4

Have you told the Holy Spirit to have control? Do you live it?

Romans 8:9

Are you utterly dependent on the Spirit's Power?

Romans 8:10-11

Trike's simple way of remembering this:

Holy Discontent

Gospel Reality

Holy Discontent **U**tter Holy Spirit Dependence **Holy Discontent**

Pathway

Accountability

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Passages:

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Romans 6:14, 11-14

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Romans 8:1-4, 9-11

¹Therefore, there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus, ²because through Christ Jesus the law of the Spirit who gives life has set you free from the law of sin and death. ³For what the law was powerless to do because it was weakened by the flesh, God did by sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh to be a sin offering. And so he condemned sin in the flesh, ⁴in order that the righteous requirement of the law might be fully met in us, who do not live according to the flesh but according to the Spirit...

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warning that criticism can be turned back against the one who criticizes compare our proverb, “People who live in glass houses should not throw stones.”¹

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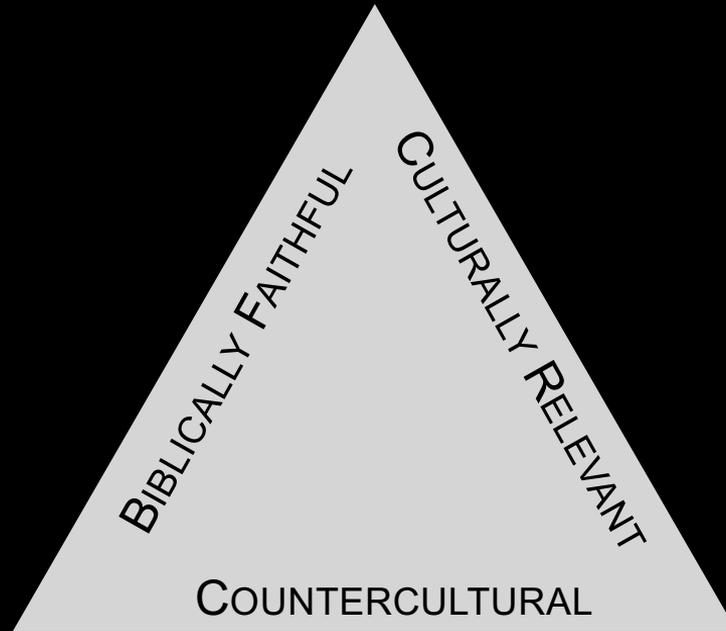
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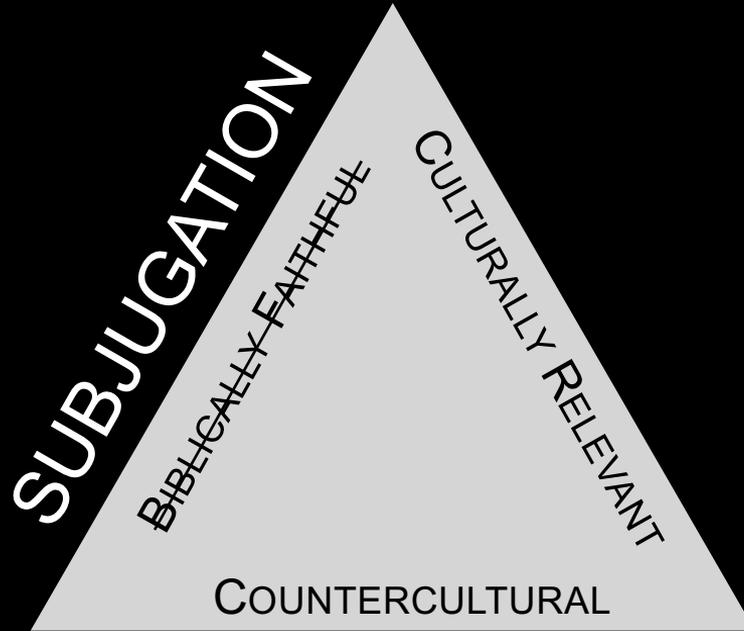
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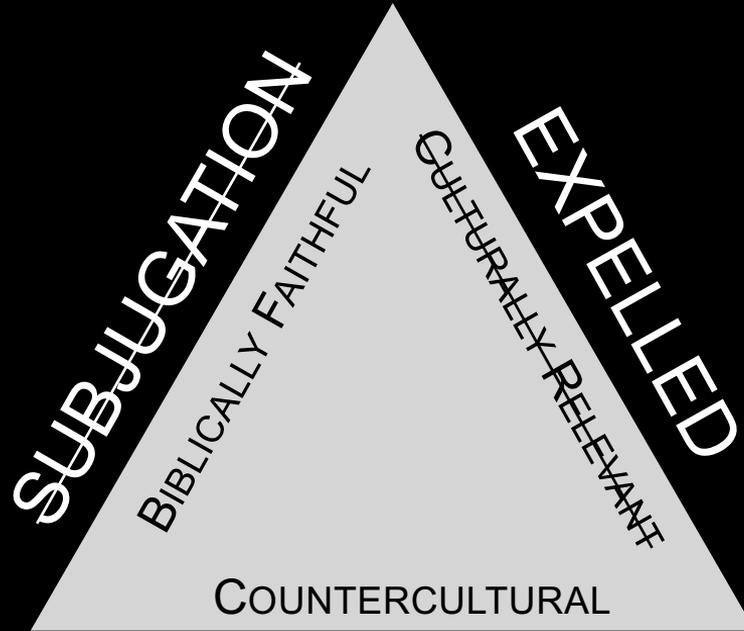
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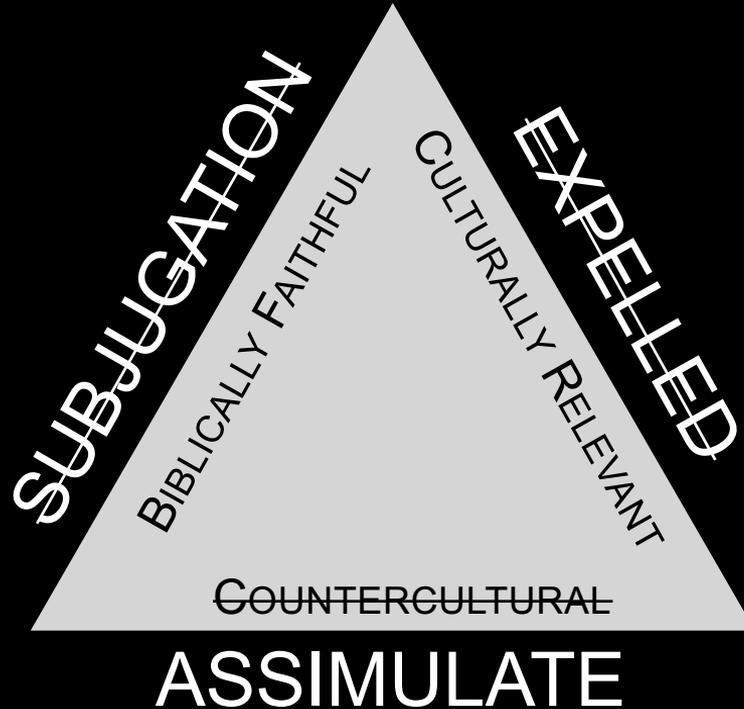
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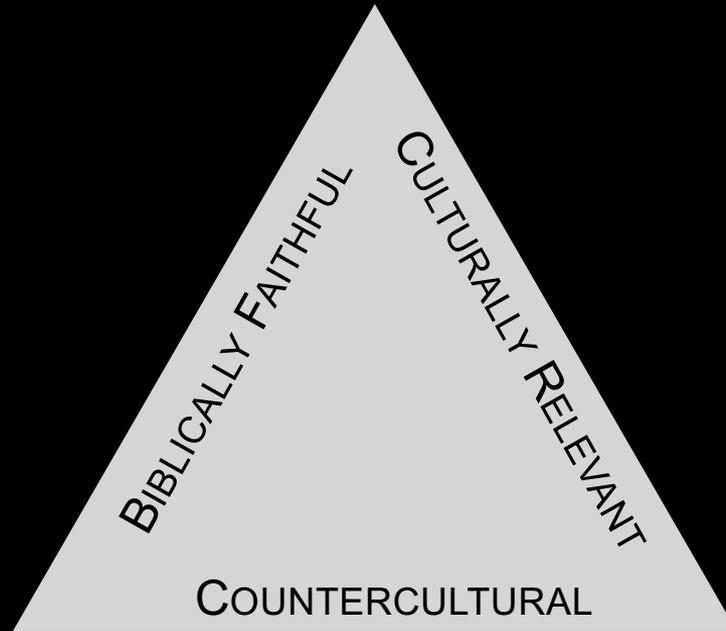
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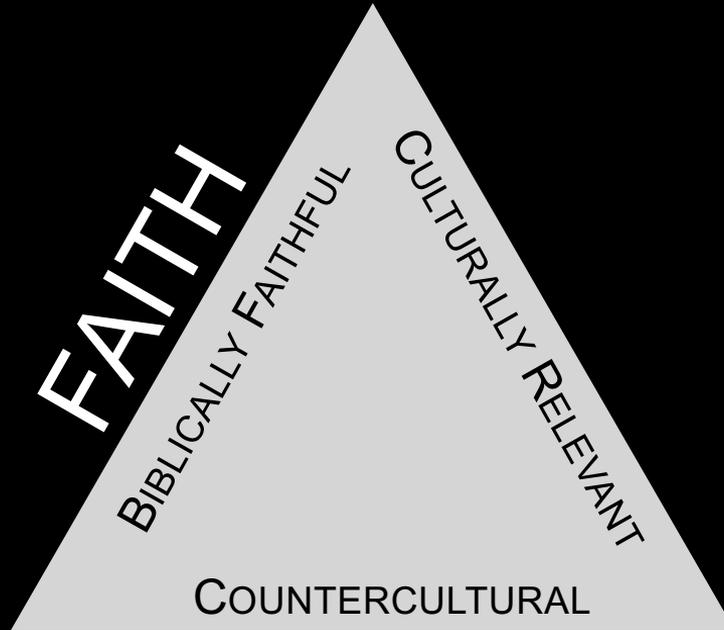
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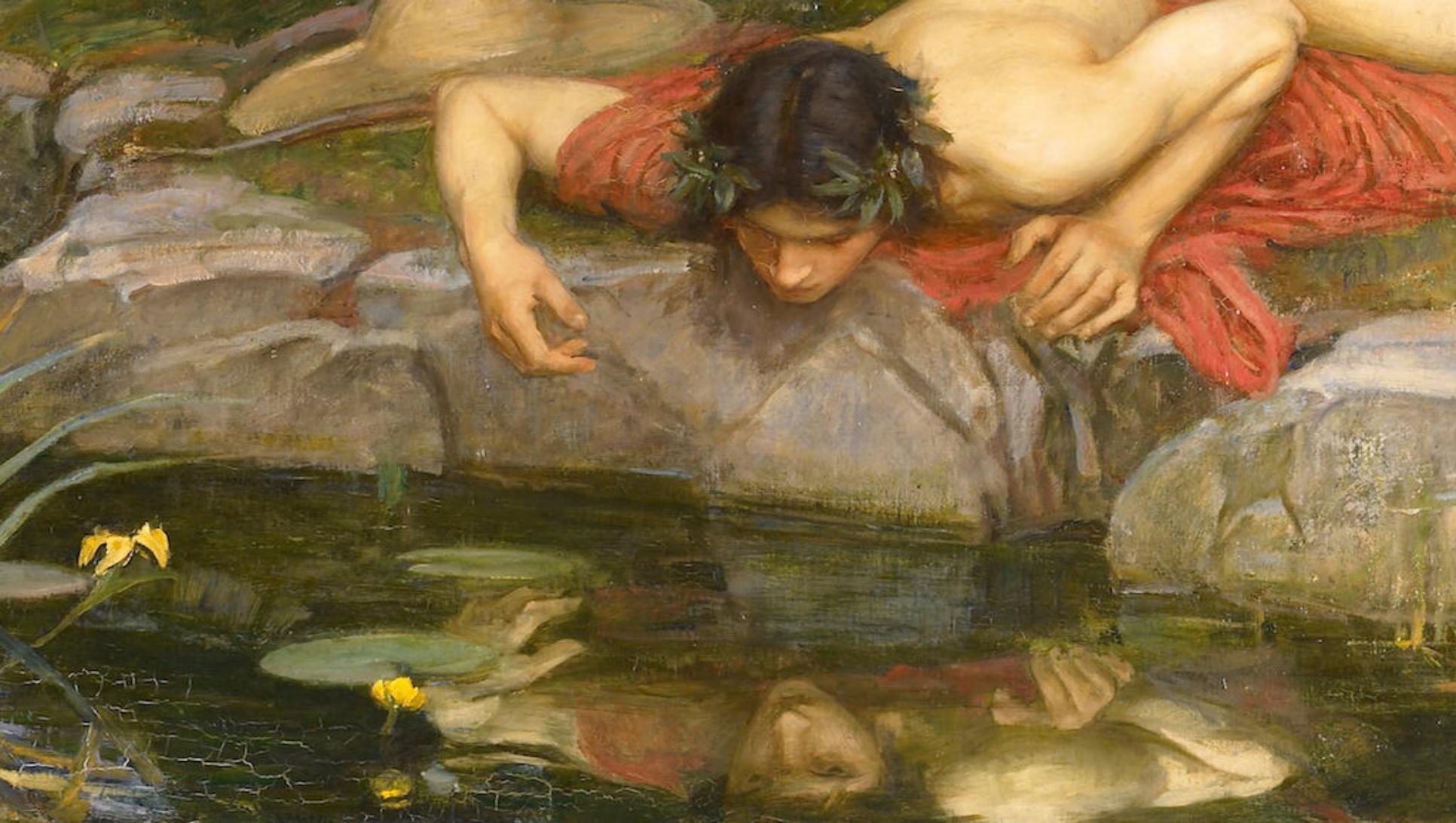


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Gospel Application

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