

What individual has made a big difference
in the world?

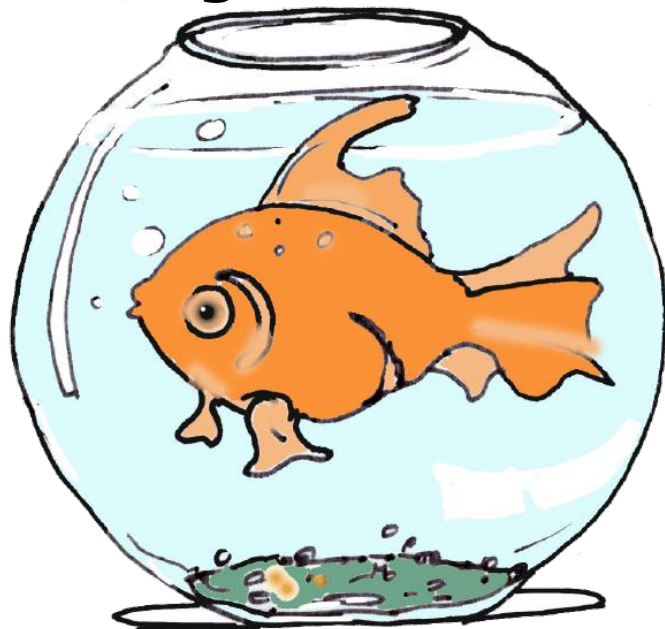
**What difference do you and I make
in the Kingdom of God?**

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Gifted by Christ's Design

Ephesians 4:1-16

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God's Purpose for Creation

God made known to us **the mystery of his will** according to his good pleasure, which he purposed in Christ, to be put into effect when the times reach their fulfillment—**to bring unity to all things in heaven and on earth under Christ.**

Ephesians 1:9-10

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Therefore walk (live)...

In a manner worthy	of your calling	4:1-16
In holiness	together	4:17-32
In love	together	5:1-2
In light	together	5:3-14
In wisdom	together	5:15-6:9

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Ephesians 4:1-6

As a prisoner for the Lord, then, I urge you to live a life **worthy of the calling you have received**.² Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love.³ **Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit** through the bond of peace.

⁴ There is one body and one **Spirit**, just as you were called to one hope when you were called; ⁵ one **Lord**, one faith, one baptism; ⁶ one **God** and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all.

Diverse unity is rooted in the Trinity

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Ephesians 4:7-10

⁷ But **to each one of us** grace has been given **as Christ apportioned it**.⁸ This is why it says:

“When he ascended on high,
he took many captives
and gave gifts to his people.” [Psalm 68:18]

⁹ (What does “he ascended” mean except that he also descended to the lower, earthly regions? ¹⁰ He who descended is the very one who ascended higher than all the heavens, in order to fill the whole universe.)

Grace is given by Christ’s supreme authority

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Ephesians 4:11-13

¹¹ So Christ himself gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the pastors and teachers, ¹² to equip his people for works of service so that the body of Christ may be built up ¹³ until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ.

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Ephesians 4:14-16

¹⁴ Then we will no longer be infants, tossed back and forth by the waves, and blown here and there by every wind of teaching and by the cunning and craftiness of people in their deceitful scheming. ¹⁵ Instead, speaking the truth in love, we will grow to become in every respect the mature body of him who is the head, that is, Christ. ¹⁶ From him the whole body, joined and held together by every supporting ligament, grows and builds itself up in love, as each part does its work.

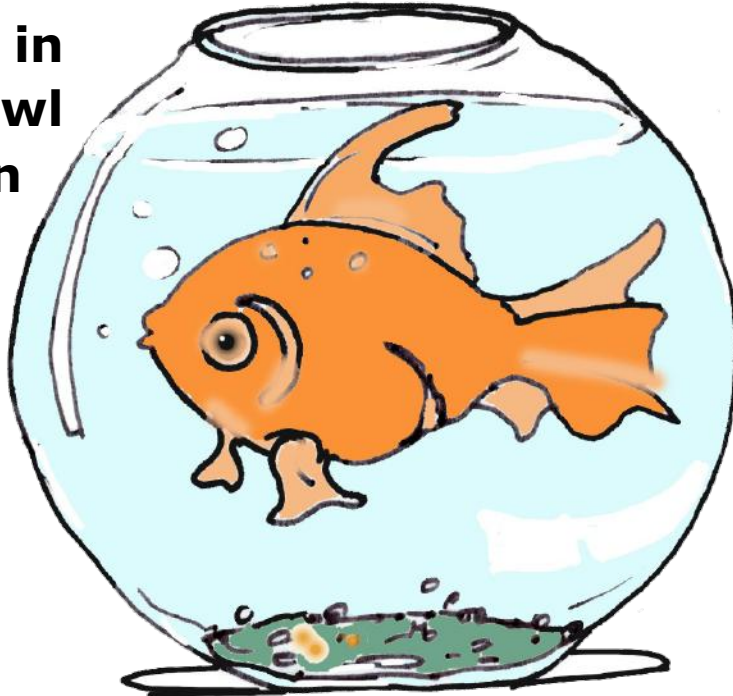
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The Big Idea

In Christ, each and every Christian
is vital
to His work to bring unity to all things

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**A big fish in
a little bowl
matters in
the bowl**



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**but gets lost in
the ocean**

“When I consider your **heavens**,
the work of your fingers,
the **moon** and the **stars**,
which you have set in place,
what is mankind that you are mindful of them,
human beings that you care for them?”

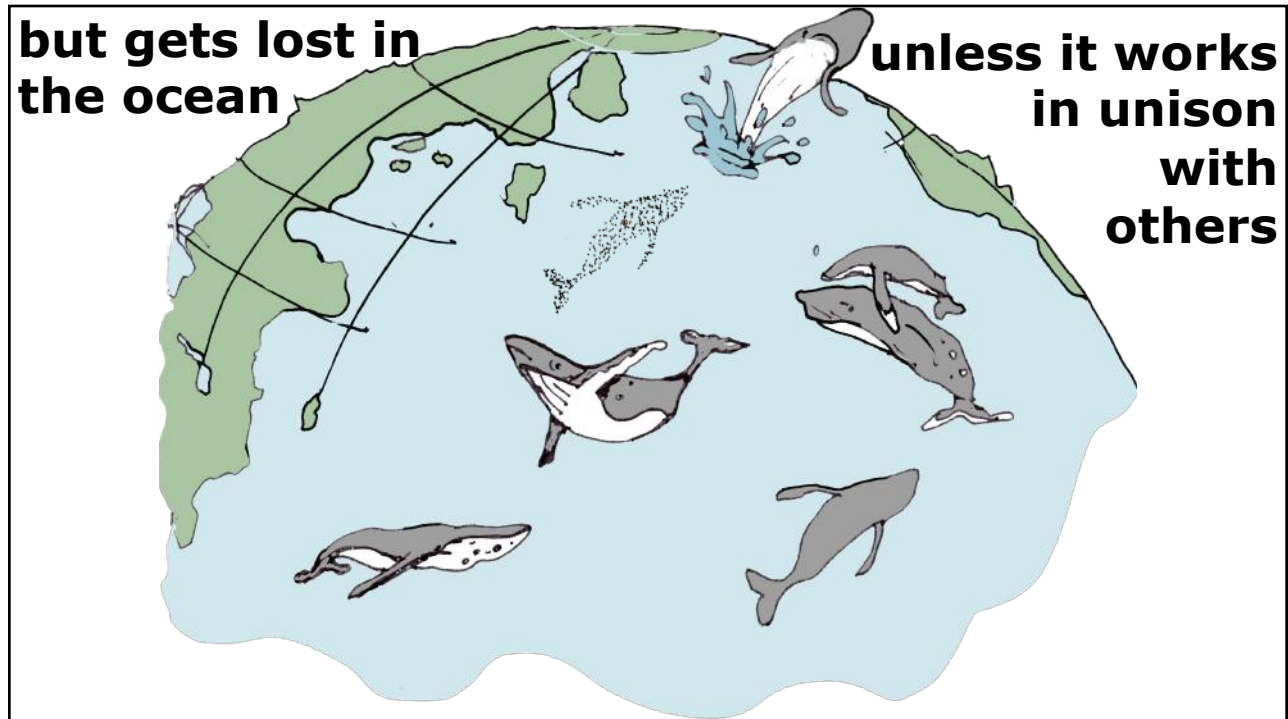
Psalm 8:3-4

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**but gets lost in
the ocean**

**unless it works
in unison
with
others**

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Ephesians 4:16

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Core Value: PRIESTHOOD OF ALL BELIEVERS

We believe that God **equips all of His people in various ways to lead and/or to serve** in the church, including men and women, the older and the younger as well as all people irrespective of their experience with English and the length of staying in the US.

Priest: someone who stands between people and God

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Core Value: PRIESTHOOD OF ALL BELIEVERS

- We endeavor to **recognize God's equipping** of each of His people, to **participate in His work of equipping** people, and to **empower people** who are in the process of being equipped to lead and to serve.
- We endeavor to engage in **frequent, meaningful dialogue** together as a congregation...
- We endeavor to **learn from believers from around the world**. ...

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What are we to do?

Humbly pursue unity with determination

Discover & develop our gifts & abilities

Every person do the work God has given

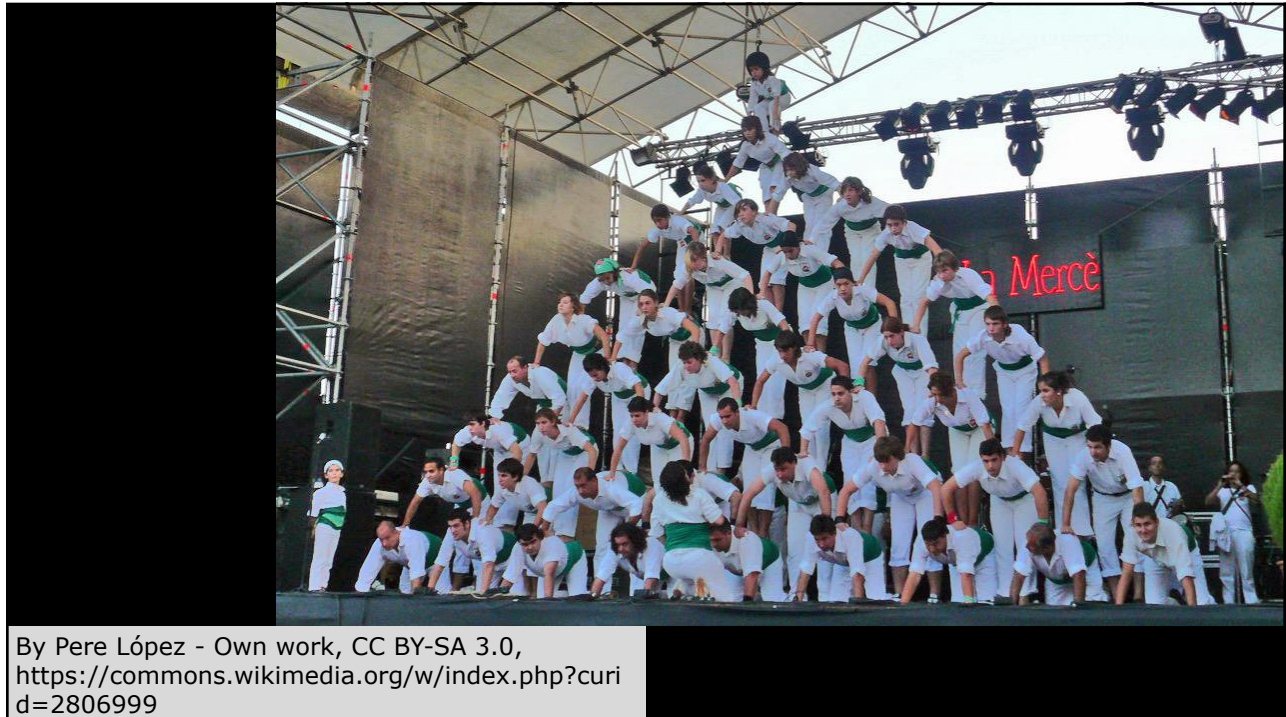
With a shared conviction of our mission

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Ephesians 4:16

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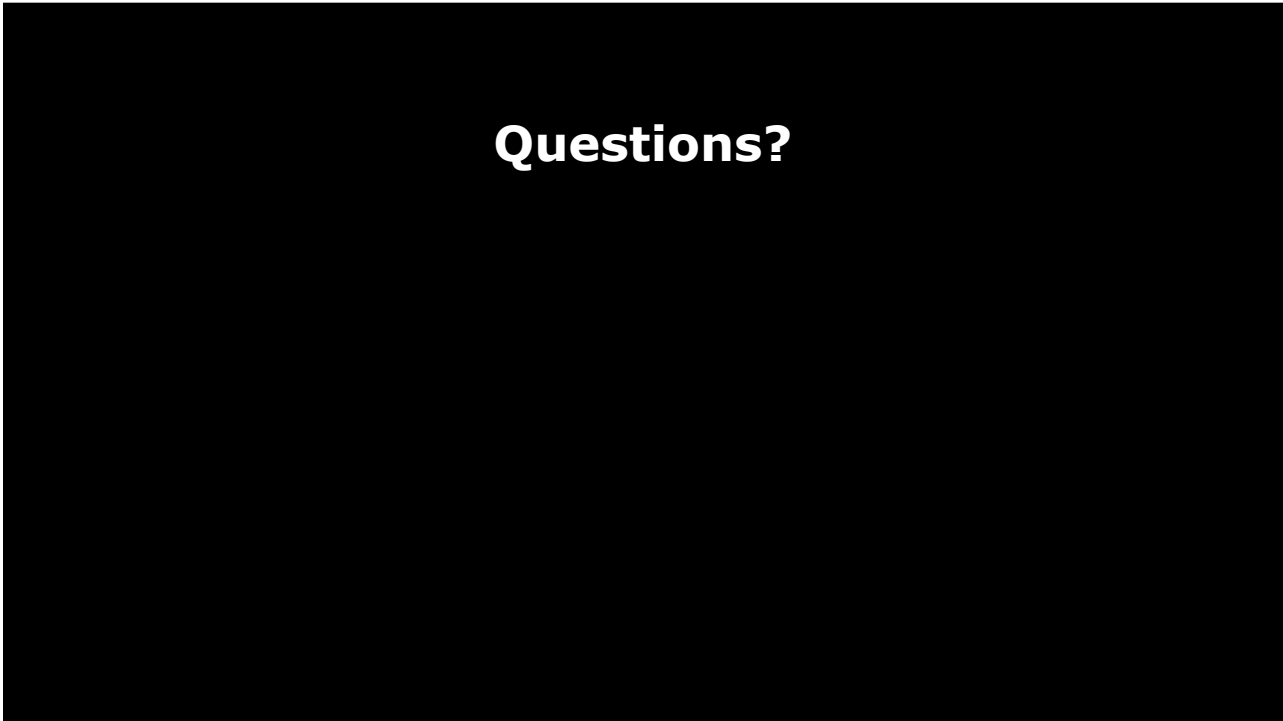
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