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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.**
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    - God reveals Himself **through** the Word.
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  - ▶ The Word speaks to contemporary \_\_\_\_\_.
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    - Prosperity and \_\_\_\_\_ (Joshua 1:8-9)
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    - Guidance and \_\_\_\_\_ for the future (Psalm 119:105)
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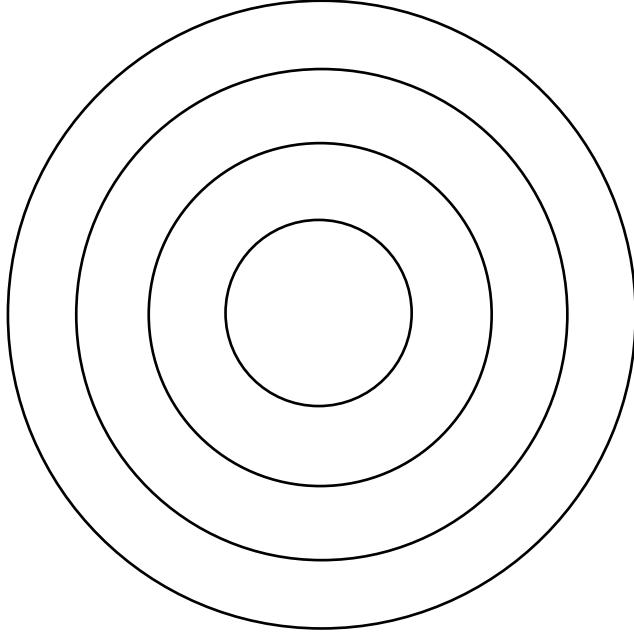
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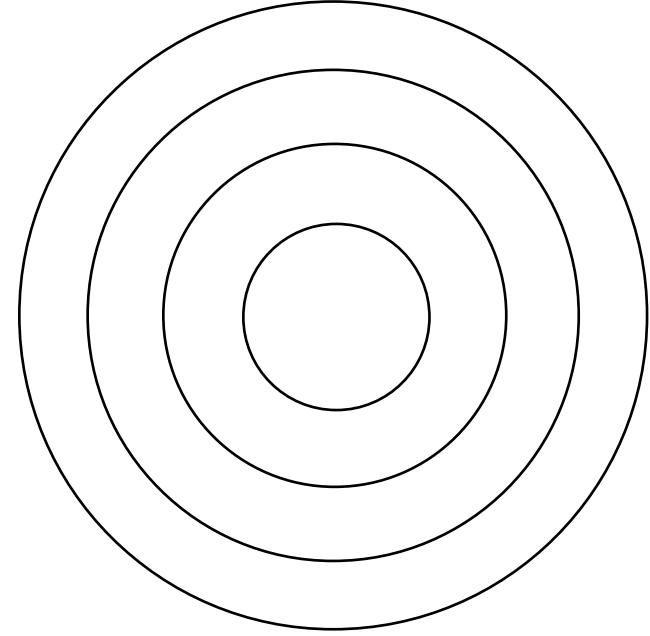
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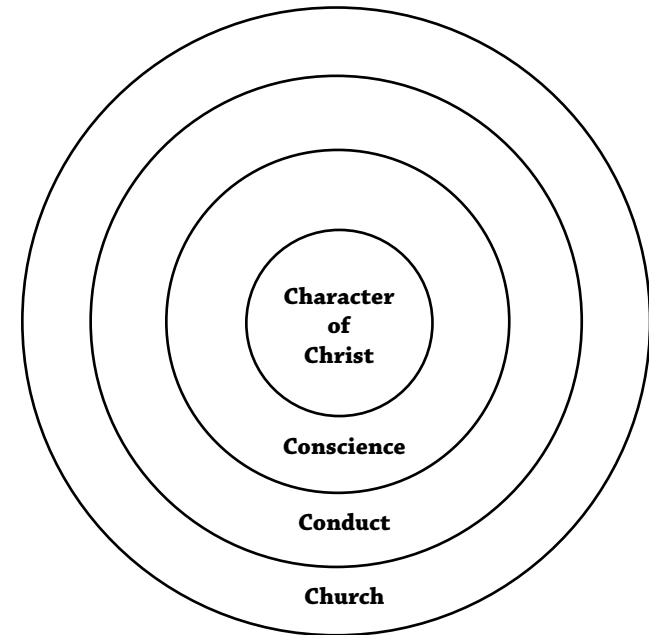
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- **Because of the Word's effect.**
  - ▶ The Word awakens **conviction**.
  - ▶ The Word leads to **conversion**.
  - ▶ The Word results in **continuation**.

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