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SWOT Analysis Participants

- Denominational board and commission members
- Denominational employees
- State leaders
- Input via NAFWB News



Goal development

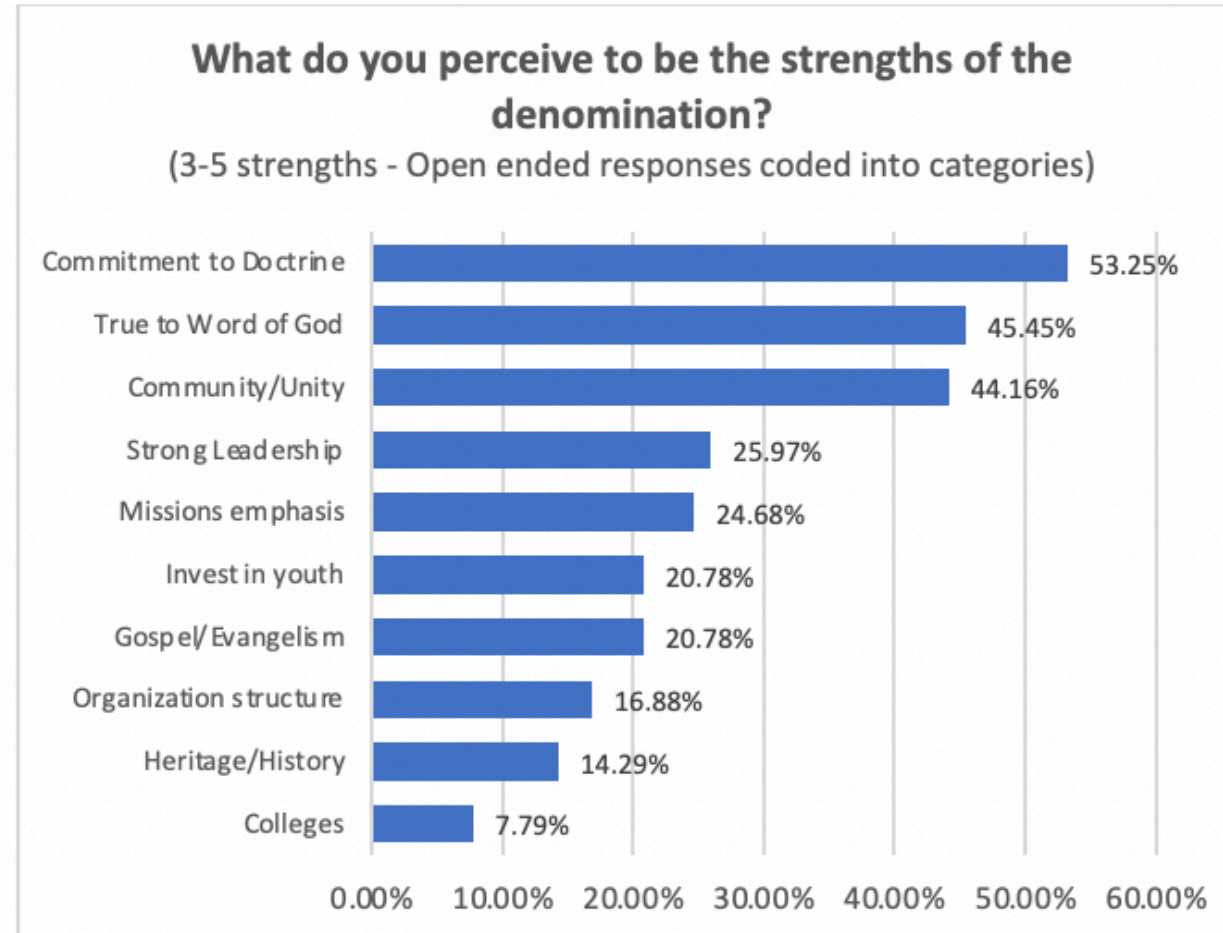
- Agency directors
- State leaders
- Input via NAFWB News
- Reinvest participants





A Change Agency

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Strengths

1. **The historic commitment of Free Will Baptists to the Bible and to doctrine is alive and well among these leaders and is a core strength to be built upon.** In a time when movements are abandoning their historic commitments and fighting about the essentials, the team of FWB leaders surveyed stand strongly together on their shared heritage. They see losing this heritage as a threat that must be avoided.

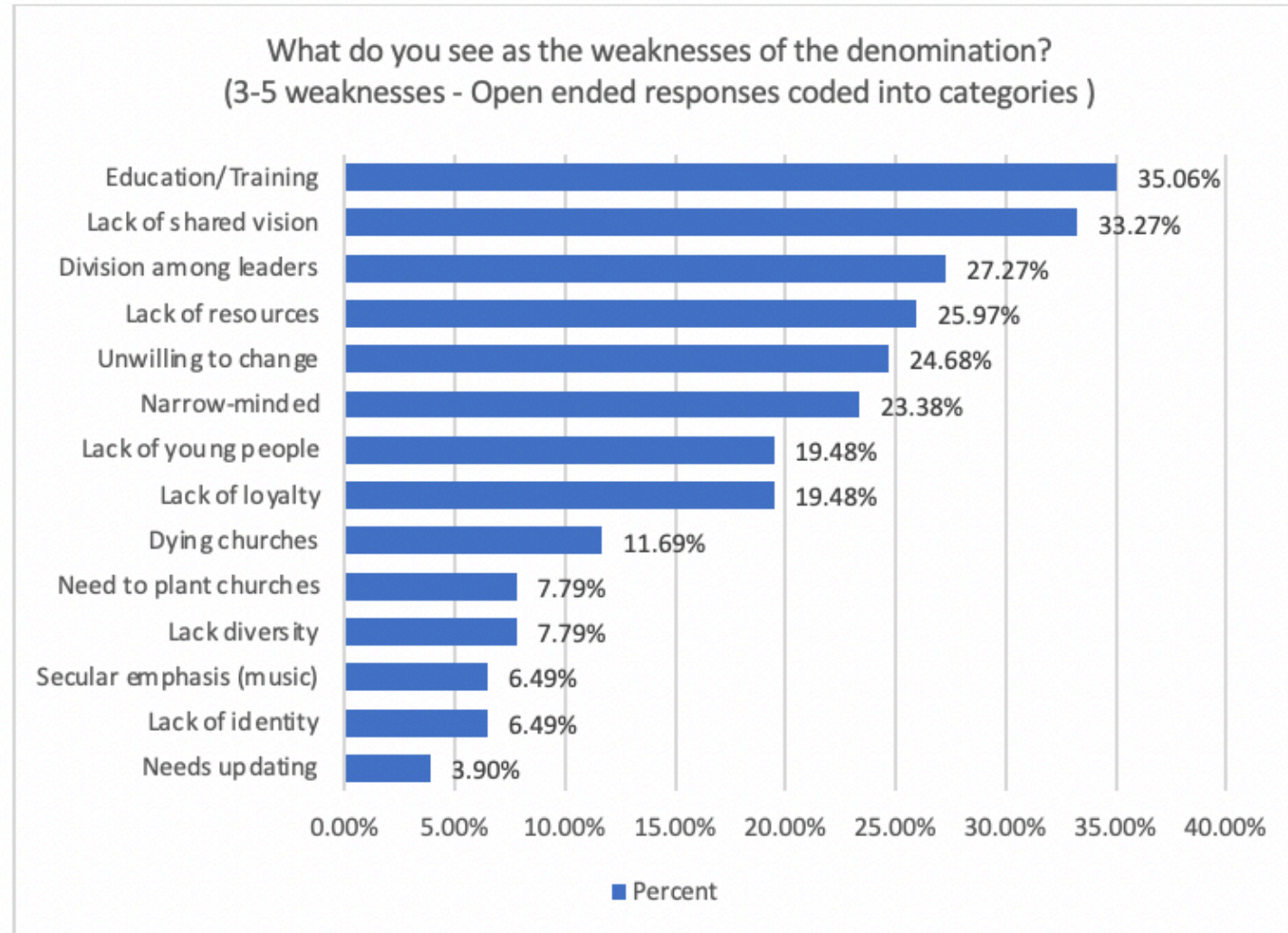
Questions for strategy development

- 1) *What are we doing (specifically) to ensure that this critical differentiator and foundation be guarded at all cost?*
- 2) *What is in place to help as we skillfully hand-off the stewardship of these historic commitments to a new generation of young FWB leaders?*
- 3) *Who are the essential leaders who can superintend this – both older and younger?*



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Weakness

5. **These FWB leaders believe the denomination needs to be much more effective in the areas of education and training. The lack of these is causing a significant adverse impact with leaders and in churches.** The leaders who participated in the research talk about untrained leaders and pastors – it is the weakness they talk about most. There is a lack of programs and training opportunities. The result of this is that poorly trained leaders have weak doctrine which damages churches and ultimately the FWB movement. Respondents see training as a critical component of preparing the next generation of FWB leaders (one of the topics mentioned in many responses. “Training/education” is the second most mentioned opportunity in the SWOT. “Training/education” is also the fourth most mentioned way respondents believe the Executive Office can serve the departments and denomination.



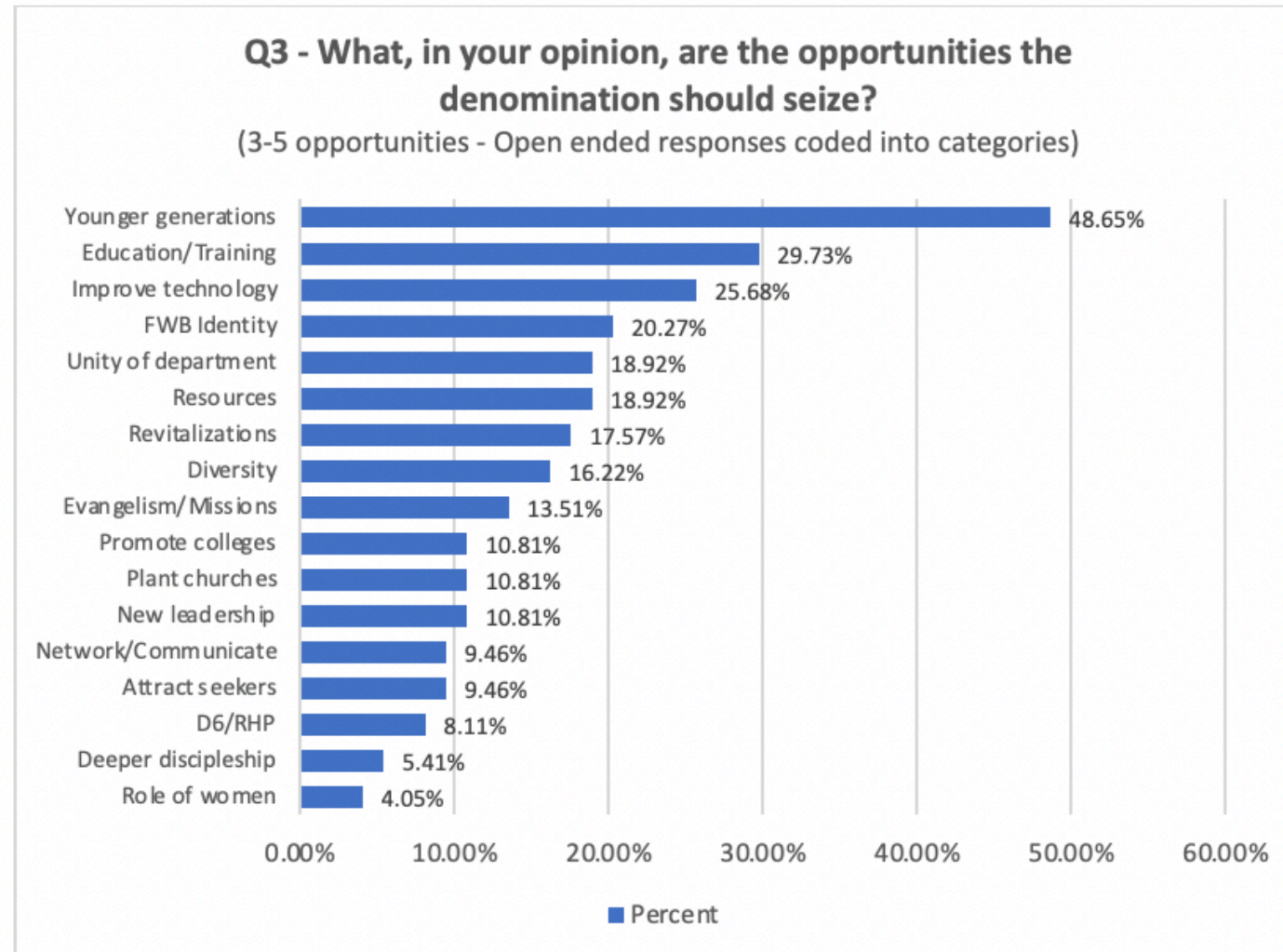
Weakness

- 3. The denomination needs a shared vision moving forward – it is an area of weakness and many see it as an opportunity to make things better.** Related to the idea of past disagreement is the sense that the denomination has lacked a shared vision. It is not clear that all who talk about vision are expressing the same exact ideas, but it is obvious the general idea is widespread. The result of this phenomenon is an inability to work together with focus. Some talk about the silos they see in the various departments and the multiple agendas. There is obviously a collective interest in having a shared vision that will pull the denomination (and the departments) together so that as a whole much more may be accomplished. It appears these leaders would look to the Executive Office to lead in this area.



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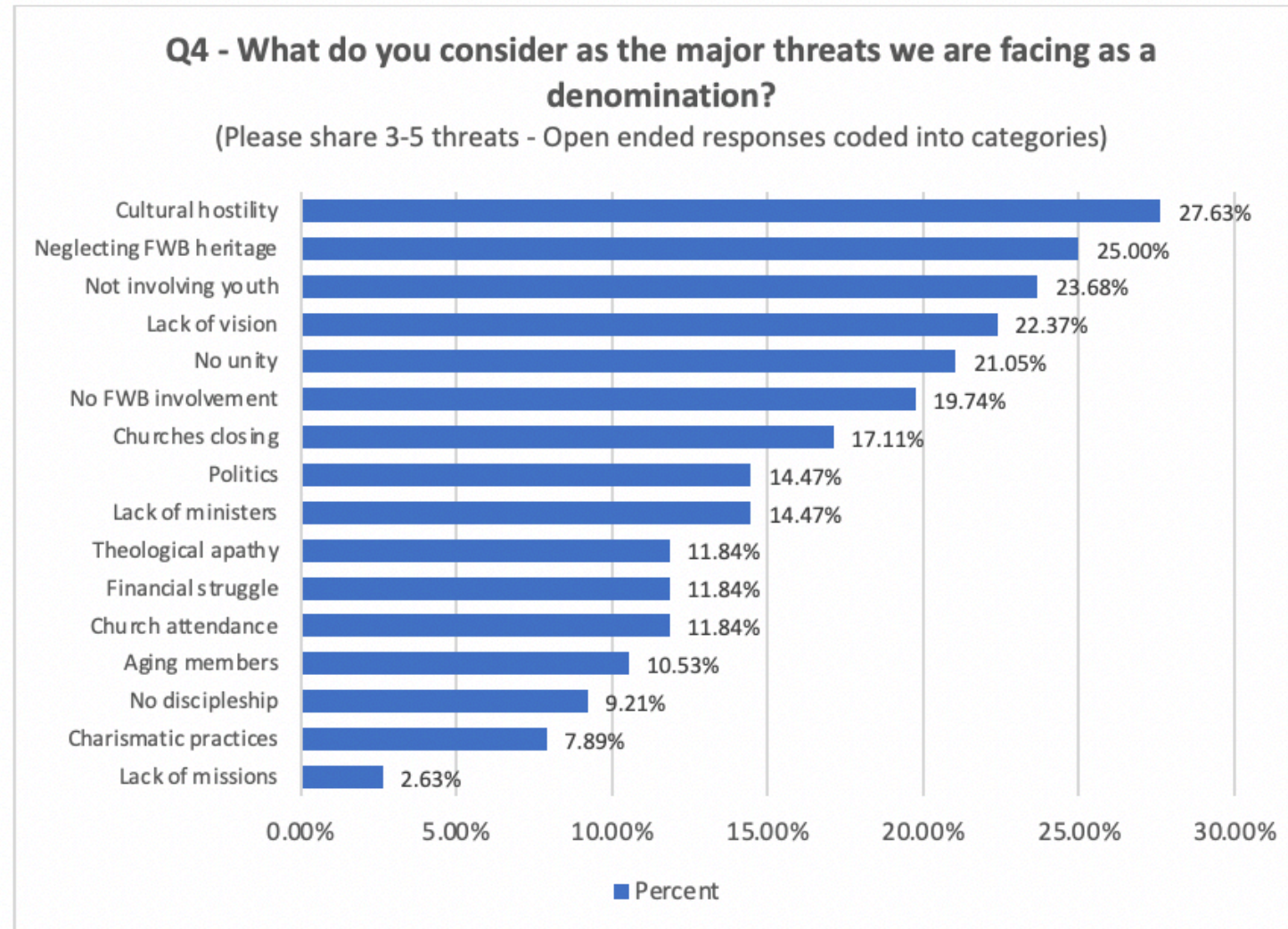
Opportunities

- 2. FWB leaders believe the denomination is experiencing an unusual time of unity among its leaders and churches. This is a strength to be solidified and leveraged moving forward.**

Respondents talk about past disunity and conflict in contrast to a current climate of unity and cooperation among FWBs. Not only is this a strength, but it is clearly a blessing which should be cultivated further. Aside from avoiding the damage and lack of progress caused by discord; unity can be a great help as FWBs struggle together against the threats coming from a hostile culture. Unity is also a magnetic characteristic of those who are nurturing the young leaders who are so vital to the continuation of the movement – it can attract the right ones. Developing unity among the leadership is seen by many as the most important thing the Executive office can do to help. “Division among leaders” is the third most mentioned category of weakness – working for continued unity is an area that requires unrelenting diligence.



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Threats

7. **The greatest threat FWB leaders mention comes from contemporary trends. They describe the current cultural milieu as unfriendly and even hostile to Christianity and they know it will be challenging to negotiate.** Leaders see the changes in the ways people think in the current cultural moment culture as creating a growing hostility toward conservative Christians and churches. They see this as a very real threat that must be dealt with in the future as Free Will Baptists work to continue to walk in obedience to the call of God on the movement.



4. **Leaders have a lot to say about younger FWBs and seem to believe they should be a critical focus. This subject is seen in all four SWOT categories – primarily as both an opportunity for good things and as a threat if neglected.** Respondents see the youth of the denomination as key to the future. This subject emerges as important or at least noteworthy in all four SWOT categories. These leaders have younger FWBs on their minds more than most every other subject. The current investments in youth (including programs like Truth & Peace and E-TEAM) are seen as moderate strengths, but the lack of a pipeline and process effectively guiding youth from these programs into full adult engagement in churches and the denomination is a challenge. Lack of more young people and leaders is a less mentioned threat. The potential of pouring into the younger generations is the top opportunity. Not involving youth moving forward is the third most mentioned threat. Free Will Baptist Leaders know young people are the future – in most every way.



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6. **Leaders propose that the NAFWB Executive office can make things better by fostering unity and casting vision. Departments also want the office to promote the work.** Some of these leaders seem to have a strong sense of what the Executive Office should do to impact the denomination. The core strength of denominational unity is one of the issues leaders believe the Executive Office can and should promote and impact. In addition, they see the Executive office as the entity that needs to be the source of a unifying vision. These two – unity and a vision – apply to the departments working together and becoming more effective as well as to the entire denomination. These leaders also see the Executive Office as the primary promoter of the denomination, and this should include promoting the work of the various departments.



Why 3 for 30?

- Focus for the decade
- Not perfect but scriptural



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Three levels

- Individual
- Church/Associations
- Agency/Denomination

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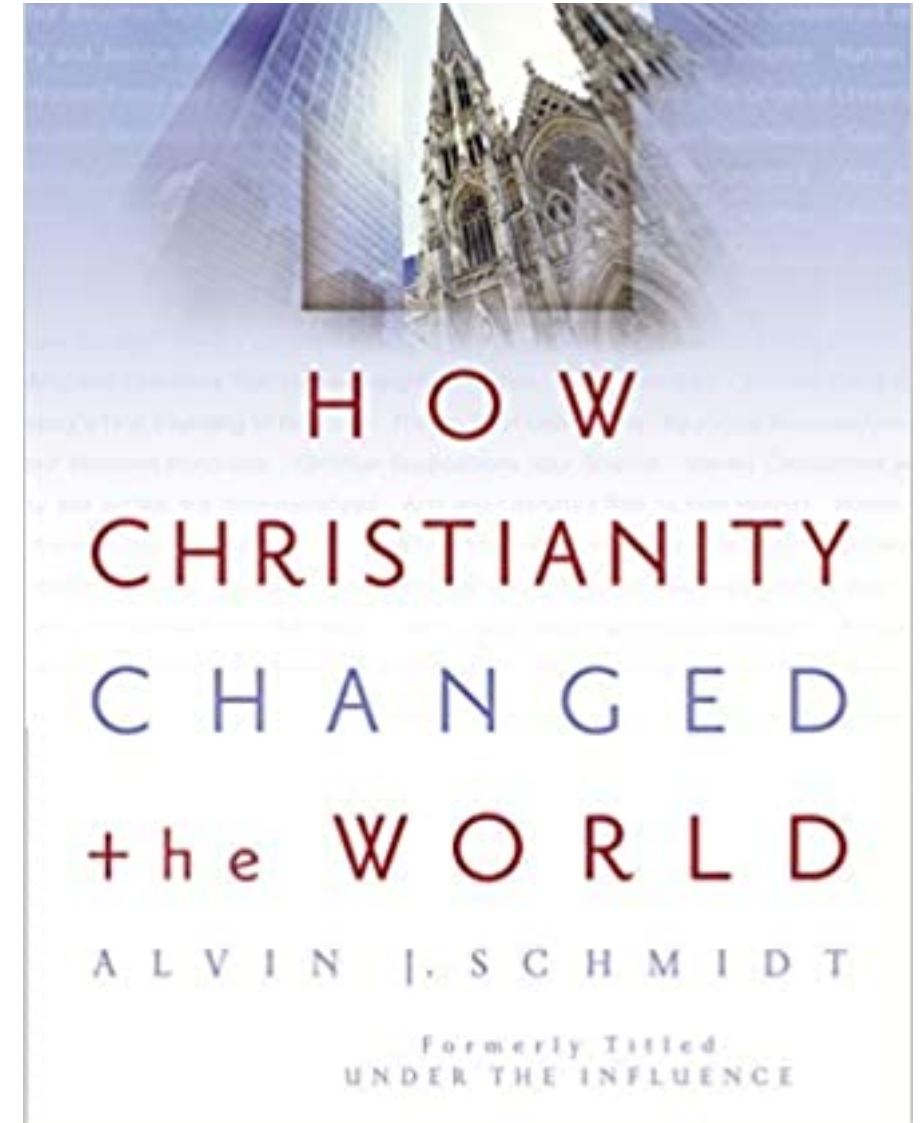
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Reach

Send out your light and your
truth; let them lead me;
let them bring me to your holy
hill and to your dwelling!

Psalms 43:3





William Willberforce By Anton Hickel

"When the slavery battle was fought in nineteenth century England, one man, William Willberforce, with Christ in his heart, turned the tide . . . When all seemed lost, he battled on until victory was won. Only Heaven will reveal the consequences of his tireless efforts. Let us learn from his example and battle on!" Dr. Paul Harrison



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Dr. Paul Harrison joins the podcast for a [ONE Magazine](#) conversation to discuss his article, "Untold Consequences," from the August-September issue. Dr. Harrison ... [See More](#)

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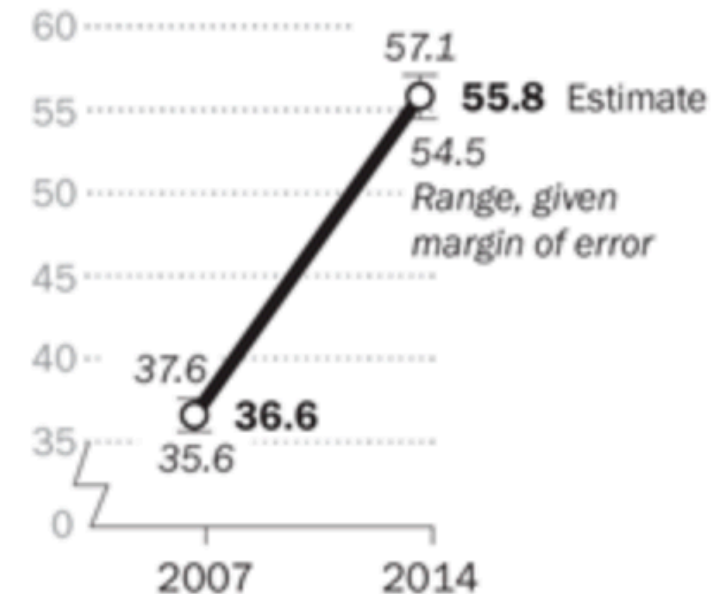
And he said to them, “Go into all the world and proclaim the gospel to the whole creation.

Mark 16:15



Rapid Growth of Religiously Unaffiliated

Adults, in millions



Source: 2014 Religious Landscape Study, conducted June 4-Sept. 30, 2014

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To open their eyes,
so that they may turn
from darkness to
light and from the
power of Satan to
God, that they may
receive forgiveness
of sins and a place
among those who
are sanctified by faith
in me.

Acts 26:18

Composition of the Religious “Nones”

	Among all U.S. adults			Among the religiously unaffiliated		
	2007 %	2014 %	Change	2007 %	2014 %	Change
Atheist/agnostic	4.0	7.0	+3.0	25	31	+6
Atheist	1.6	3.1	+1.5	10	13	+3
Agnostic	2.4	4.0	+1.6	15	17	+2
Nothing in particular	12.1	15.8	+3.7	75	69	-6
Religion not important ¹	6.3	8.8	+2.5	39	39	0
Religion important ¹	<u>5.8</u>	<u>6.9</u>	<u>+1.1</u>	<u>36</u>	<u>30</u>	-6
NET Unaffiliated	16.1	22.8	+6.7	100	100	

2014 Religious Landscape Study, conducted June 4-Sept. 30, 2014. Figures may not add to totals indicated due to rounding.

¹Those who describe their religion as “nothing in particular” are subdivided into two groups. The “religion not important” group includes those who say (in Q.F2) religion is “not too” or “not at all” important in their lives as well as those who decline to answer the question about religion’s importance. The “religion important” category includes those who say religion is “very” or “somewhat” important in their lives.

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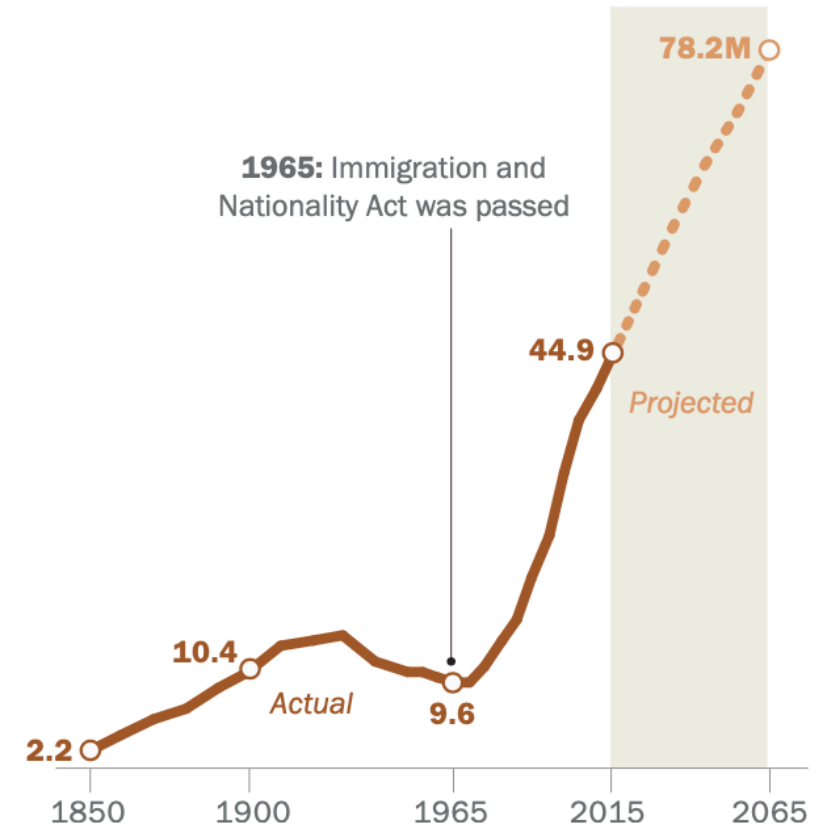
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But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.”

Acts 1:8



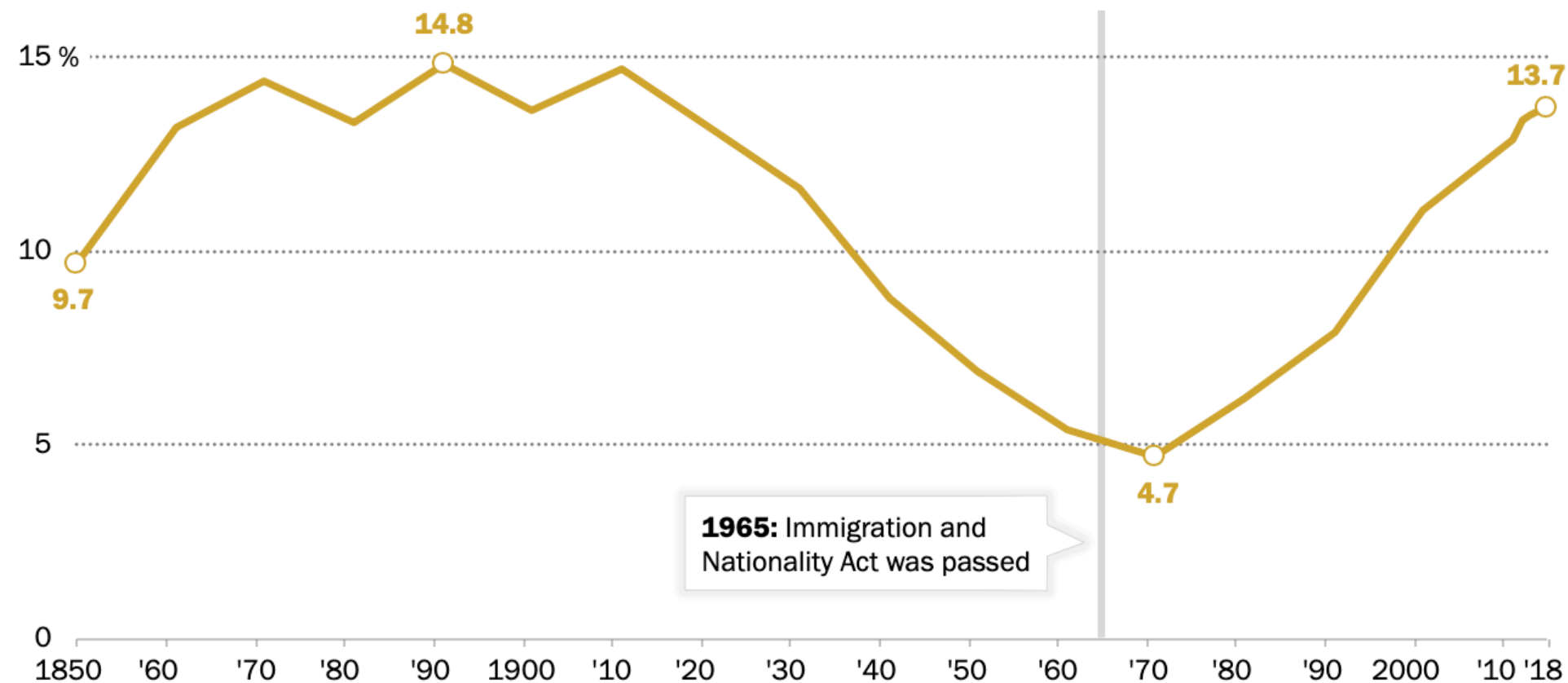
U.S. foreign-born population reached 45 million in 2015, projected to reach 78 million by 2065



Source: Gibson and Jung (2006) for 1850 to 1890; Edmonston and Passel (1994) estimates for 1900-1955; Pew

Immigrant share of U.S. population nears historic high

% of U.S. population that is foreign born

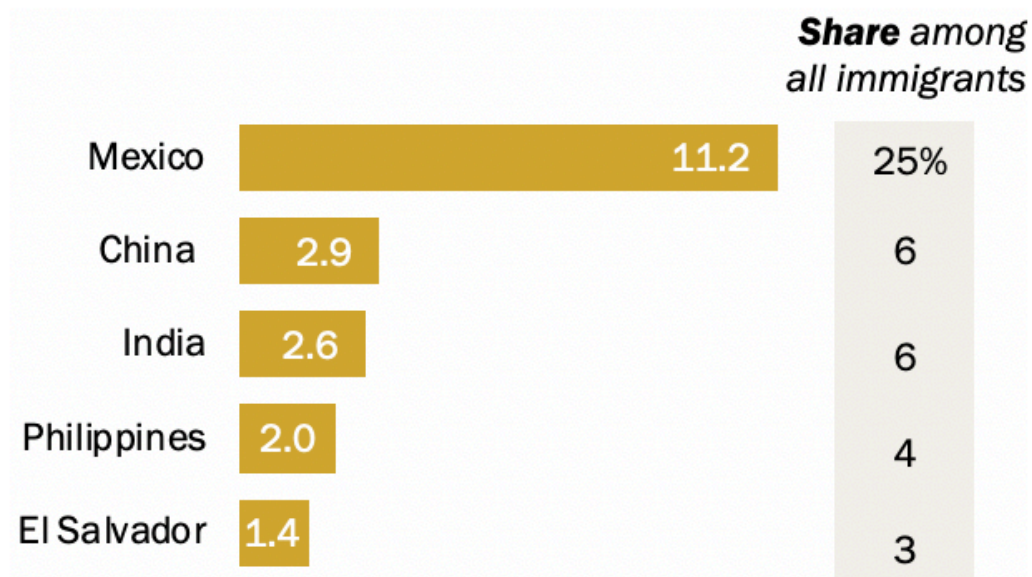


Source: U.S. Census Bureau, "Historical Census Statistics on the Foreign-Born Population of the United States: 1850-2000" and Pew Research Center tabulations of 2010-2018 American Community Survey (IPUMS).

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Mexico, China and India are among top birthplaces for immigrants in the U.S.

Top five countries of birth for immigrants in the U.S. in 2018, in millions



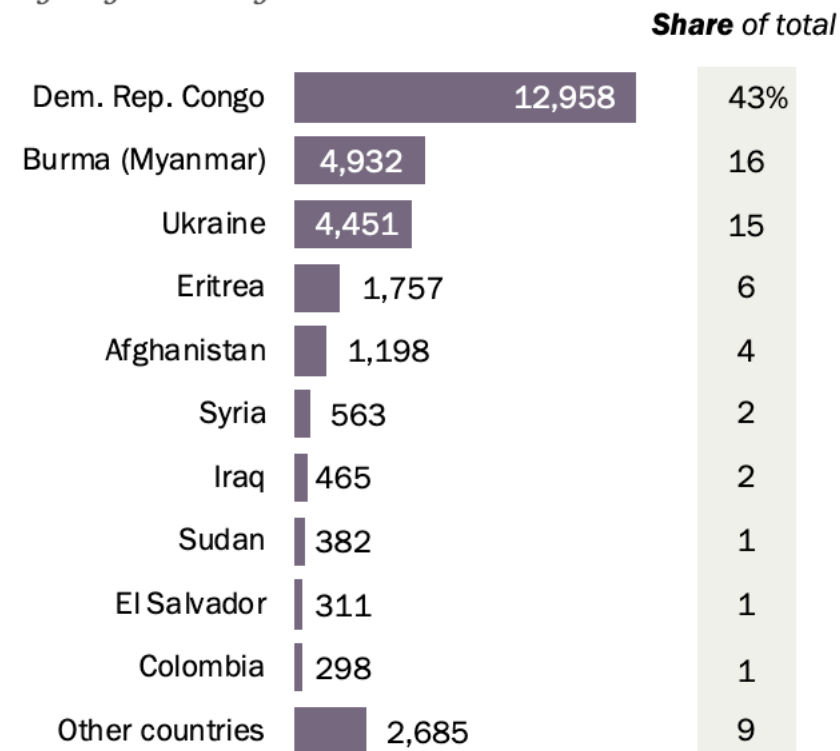
Note: China includes Macau, Hong Kong, Taiwan and Mongolia.

Source: Pew Research Center tabulations of 2018 American Community Survey (IPUMS).

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More than half of U.S. refugees in 2019 were from D.R. Congo and Burma

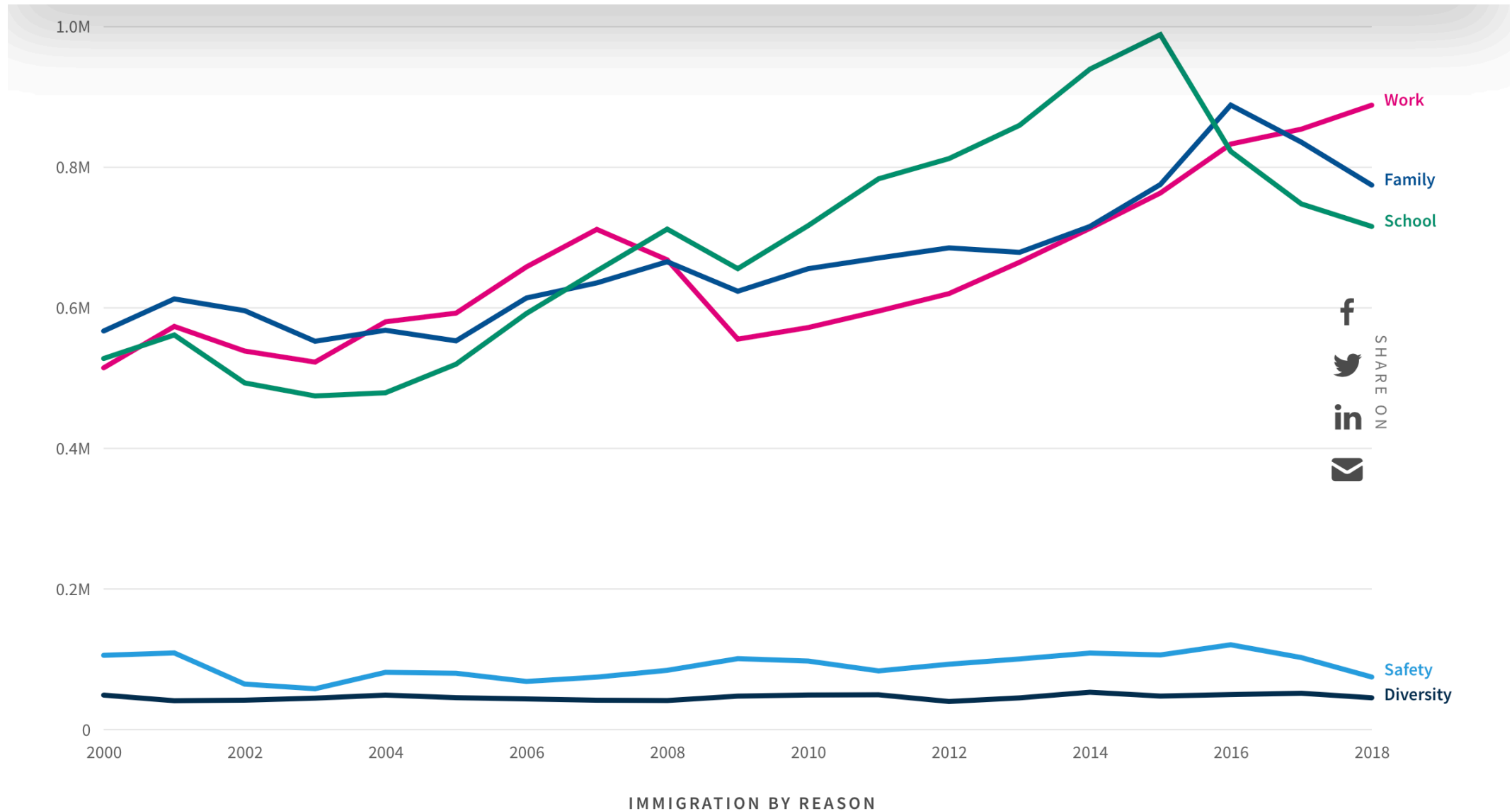
Number of refugees entering the U.S. in fiscal 2019, by origin country



Note: Data do not include special immigrant visas and certain humanitarian parole entrants.

Source: U.S. State Department's Refugee Processing Center accessed October 2019.

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Reach

- Individual goals: I will reach _____ with the gospel.
- Church/Association goals: I will reach _____ (a particular group or segment of the population) with the gospel.
- Denominational goals: We will train our people to reach _____ (groups like the nones, or those struggling with mental health issues).





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Taking the Gospel to the Most Dangerous Place in the World

November 30, 2020

During a visit to Cuba in January 2020, Dr. Eddie Moody visited with a medical doctor who had the opportunity to minister to physical and spiritual needs in one of the most hard to reach places in the world.



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Is It Possible for Me to Communicate With Young People? - Dr. Neil Gilliland

November 23, 2020

As a house parent in the Ivory Coast, director of member care for Free Will Baptist International Missions, and staff member for ETEAM Student Mission Program and Truth and Peace Student Leadership Conference, Dr. Neil Gilliland has worked with hundreds of young people.

He shares some of the secrets of how we can effectively communicate and connect with them as we work to bridge the generational gap. #NAFWB



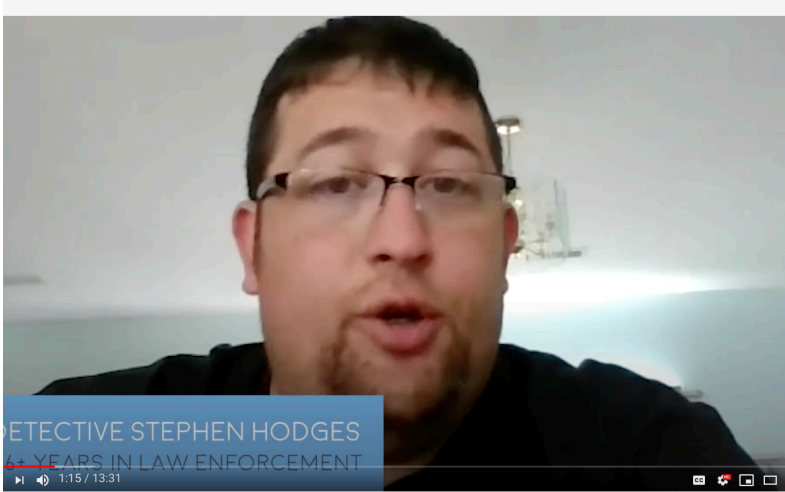
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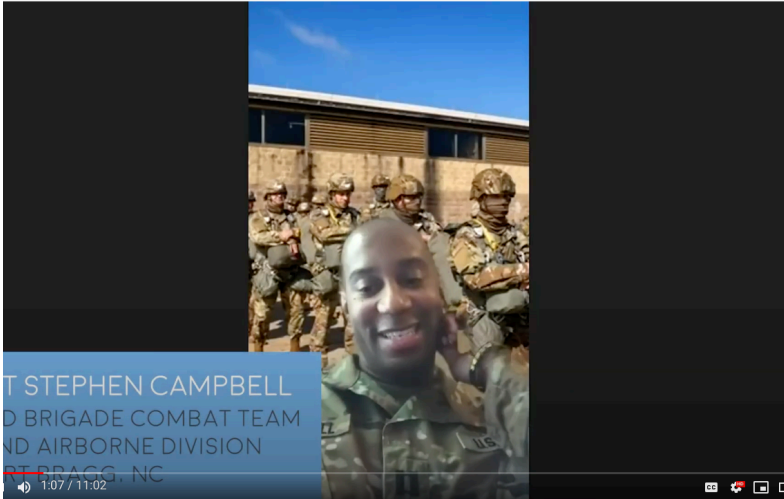


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Detective Stephen Hodges has served over 16 years in law enforcement, and he tells how individuals and churches can show their gratitude and support to those wh... [See More](#)

SERVING SERVANTS

- + **Honor them** (Proverbs 3:27; Romans 13:7). Teach children how first responders and military personnel keep us safe. Thank them. Buy them coffee or a meal.
- + **Be part of the solution, not the problem** (Romans 12:18). Obey laws, even those you think unimportant (Romans 13:4). Avoid risky behaviors or unnecessary danger (Proverbs 22:3; 27:12).
- + **Help first responders during crisis.** Identify actions to make the situation better (Galatians 6:10). For example: volunteer to stay with children at an accident.
- + **Share burdens** (Galatians 6:2). Meet the needs of the families of deployed service members. Take their children to church, fishing, or to a ball game.
- + **Empathize** (1 Corinthians 9:19-13). Imagine facing the difficult situations public servants experience. Avoid jumping to conclusions, knowing you may not have the whole story (Matthew 7:1-2; Proverbs 18:17).
- + **Practice the Golden Rule** (Matthew 7:12). Ask yourself how public servants wish to be treated and treat them as you would want to be treated.
- + **Pray** (1 Timothy 2:1) for safety (Psalm 144:1-2), effectiveness (Psalm 82:3-4; Proverbs 21:15), and wisdom (Proverbs 4:6-7).

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Increase
Hispanic
Ministry and
Outreach
(Acts 1:8)

Train

- Deuteronomy 6 (family discipleship)
- Matthew 28:19-20 (personal discipleship)
- Ephesians 4 (everyone is called)



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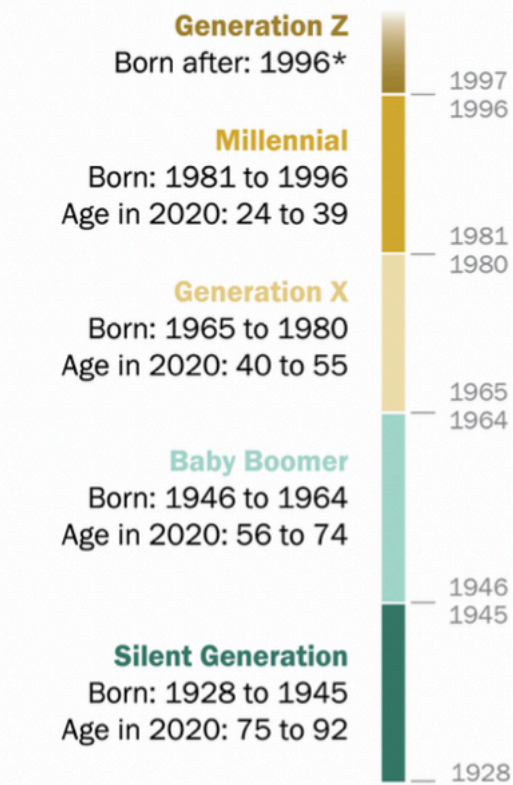
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The generations defined



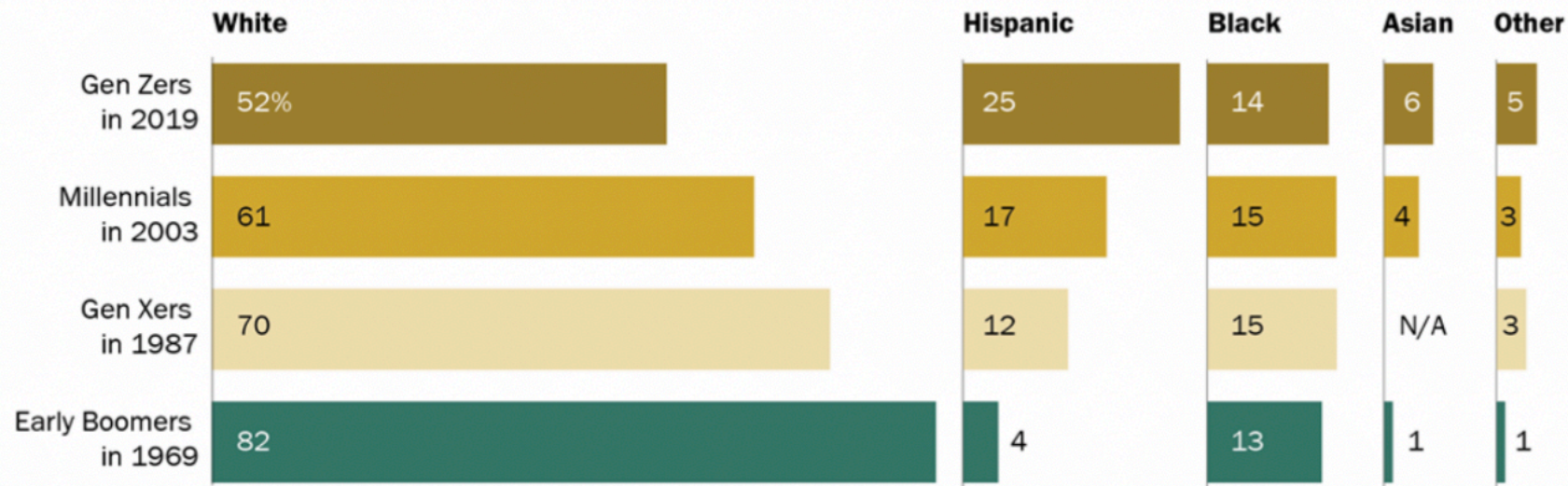
*No chronological endpoint has been set for this group.

“On the Cusp of Adulthood and Facing an Uncertain Future: What We Know About Generation Z So Far”

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One-in-four members of Gen Z are Hispanic

% of 7- to 22-year-olds who are ...



Note: Figures may not add to 100% due to rounding. Racial groups include only single-race non-Hispanics. Hispanics are of any race. Asians include Pacific Islanders. The CPS did not separately identify Asians until 1988. Hispanic origin was not collected until 1971. The racial and ethnic composition of Boomers in 1969 was imputed on the basis of 8- to 23-year-olds in the 1970 census.

Source: Pew Research Center analysis of 1987, 2003 and 2019 Current Population Survey Annual Social and Economic Supplements and 1970 decennial census (IPUMS).

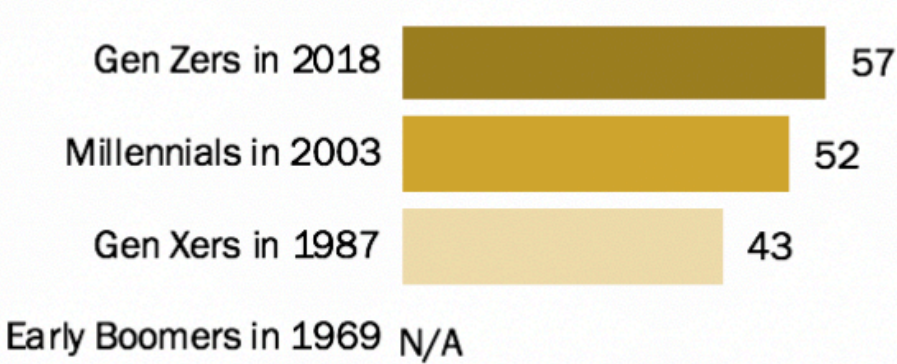
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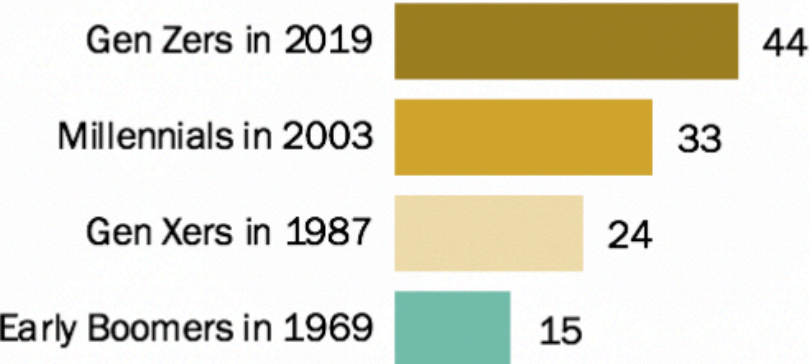


Gen Zers more likely to be enrolled in college and to have a college-educated parent than Millennials, Gen Xers at a comparable age

Among 18- to 21-year-olds no longer in high school, % enrolled in college



% of 7- to 17-year-olds living with a parent who has at least a bachelor's degree



Note: Share living with a parent who has at least a bachelor's degree is limited to 7- to 17-year-olds living with at least one parent. Those without a parent in the household are excluded.

Source: Pew Research Center analysis of 1987, 2003 and 2018 Current Population Survey October supplement and 1969, 1987, 2003 and 2019 Current Population Survey Annual Social and Economic Supplement (IPUMS).

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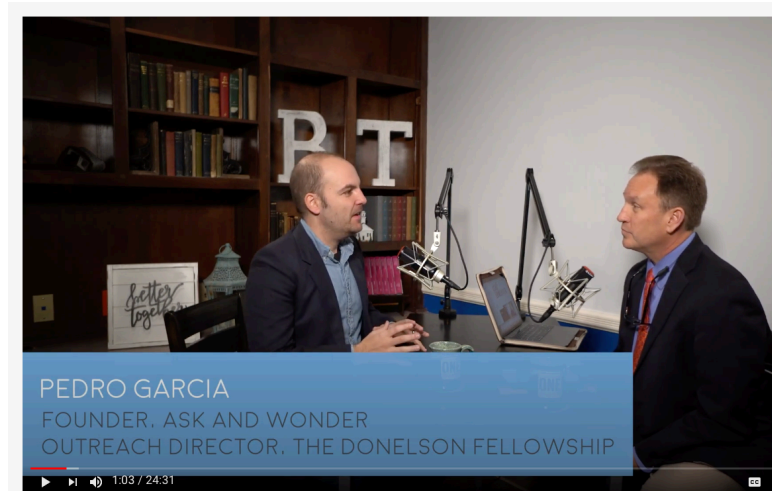


Train

- Individual goals: I will train/disciple _____ in the Christian faith.
- Church/Association goals: We will train our people (pastors and laypeople) to utilize their spiritual gifts in ministry.
- Denominational goals: We will provide assessment centers and training in the identification and utilization of spiritual gifts.



Train- Individually



Pedro Garcia - From Atheist to Believer



Picirilli - FWB History and the Church Covenant



Dr. Brad Ransom - Becoming a Welcoming Church



David Womack - Coaching Parents to Get Involved in Generational Discipleship

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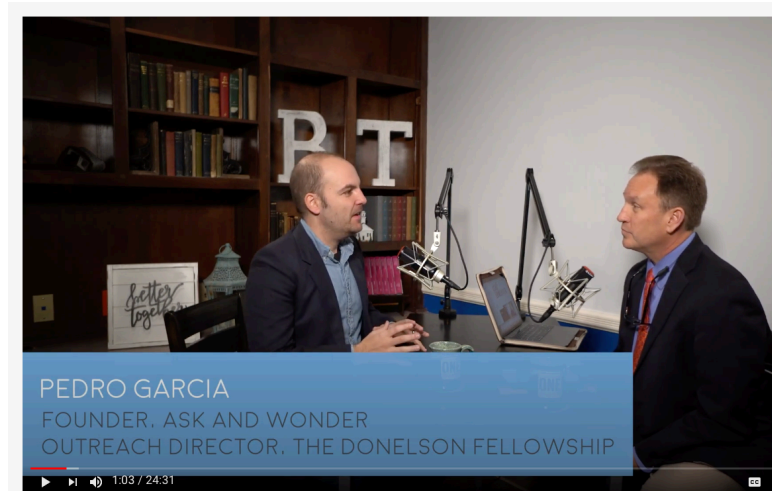
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Train- Denomination



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BIBLE READING BOOKMARKS

JEREMIAH 29

INITIATIVE

JEREMIAH 29

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Thy word is a
lamp unto my
feet, and a light
unto my path.

– Psalm 119:105–

ASK YOURSELF...

What did this passage
mean to the people who
received it the first time?

What is the timeless
principle?

What does this passage
teach you about God?

What do you need to do
based on the passage?



But be ye
doers of the
word, and not
hearers only,
deceiving your
own selves.

– James 1:22 –

I commit to reading my
Bible every day.

Date

Additional resources:
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SEPTEMBER BIBLE READING GUIDE

Surprisingly, research indicates Bible reading has *gone down* during the pandemic. If we are going to disciple others, we must begin by building ourselves into people who know and apply the Bible to our own lives. We must plant Scripture in our hearts so we can be transformed into instruments God can use. As part of the Jeremiah 29 Initiative, we are asking every person to spend time reading the Bible each day. The suggested guide below requires about 15 minutes of reading per day and is intended for use in addition to regular Bible reading. Visit nafwb.org/jeremiah29 for a bookmark to help apply Scripture as you read.

September 1 – Galatians 1
September 2 – Galatians 2
September 3 – Galatians 3
September 4 – Galatians 4
September 5 – Galatians 5

Sunday, September 6 – Jeremiah 29

September 7 – Galatians 6
September 8 – Ephesians 1
September 9 – Ephesians 2
September 10 – Ephesians 3
September 11 – Ephesians 4
September 12 – Ephesians 5

Sunday, September 13 – Jeremiah 29

September 14 – Ephesians 6
September 15 – Philippians 1
September 16 – Philippians 2
September 17 – Philippians 3
September 18 – Philippians 4
September 19 – Colossians 1

Sunday, September 20 – Jeremiah 29

September 21 – Colossians 2
September 22 – Colossians 3
September 23 – Colossians 4
September 24 – 1 Thessalonians 1
September 25 – 1 Thessalonians 2
September 26 – 1 Thessalonians 3 & 4

Sunday, September 27 – Jeremiah 29

September 28 – 1 Thessalonians 5
September 29 – 2 Thessalonians 1 & 2
September 30 – 2 Thessalonians 3

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GUÍA DE LECTURAS BÍBLICAS PARA SEPTIEMBRE

Sorprendentemente, investigaciones señalan que la lectura de la Biblia ha *bajado* durante la pandemia. Si vamos a discipular a otros, debemos empezar con nosotros mismos para convertirnos en personas que conocen y aplican las Escrituras a nuestras propias vidas. Debemos sembrar las Escrituras en nuestros corazones para ser transformados y convertidos en instrumentos que Dios puede usar. Como parte de la Iniciativa Jeremías 29, estamos pidiendo a cada persona que dedique tiempo a leer la Biblia cada día. La guía que incluimos a continuación requiere un tiempo estimado de unos 15 minutos de lectura cada día y nuestra intención es que sea un suplemento por encima de lo que ya hacemos regularmente. Visita nafwb.org/jeremiah29 para imprimir un marcapáginas para ayudar a aplicar las Escrituras cuando las lee.

1 de septiembre – Gálatas 1
2 de septiembre – Gálatas 2
3 de septiembre – Gálatas 3
4 de septiembre – Gálatas 4
5 de septiembre – Gálatas 5

Domingo, 6 de septiembre – Jeremías 29

7 de septiembre – Gálatas 6
8 de septiembre – Efesios 1
9 de septiembre – Efesios 2
10 de septiembre – Efesios 3
11 de septiembre – Efesios 4
12 de septiembre – Efesios 5

Domingo, 13 de septiembre – Jeremías 29

14 de septiembre – Efesios 6
15 de septiembre – Filipenses 1
16 de septiembre – Filipenses 2
17 de septiembre – Filipenses 3
18 de septiembre – Filipenses 4
19 de septiembre – Colosenses 1

Domingo, 20 de septiembre – Jeremías 29

21 de septiembre – Colosenses 2
22 de septiembre – Colosenses 3
23 de septiembre – Colosenses 4
24 de septiembre – 1 Tesalonicenses 1
25 de septiembre – 1 Tesalonicenses 2
26 de septiembre – 1 Tesalonicenses 3 & 4

Domingo, 27 de septiembre – Jeremías 29

28 de septiembre – 1 Tesalonicenses 5
29 de septiembre – 2 Tesalonicenses 1 & 2
30 de septiembre – 2 Tesalonicenses 3

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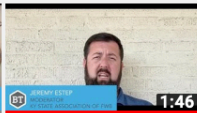
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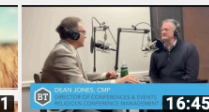
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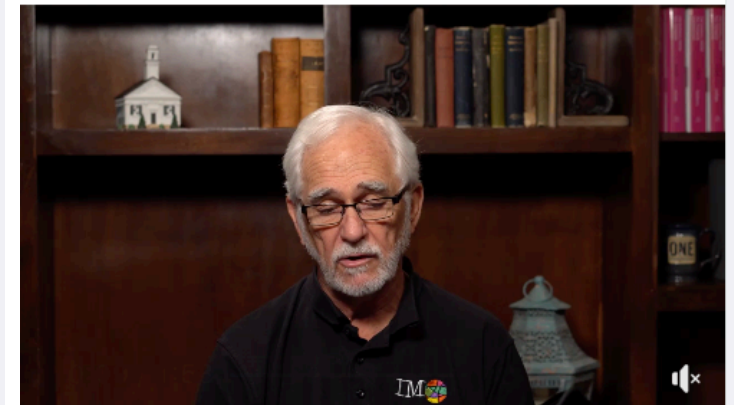
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The Jeremiah 29 Initiative launches this week with September's focus being on Scripture. Clint Morgan, director of [Free Will Baptist International Missions](#), begins our Sunday series of scripture readings with Jeremiah 29:4-14. [#Jeremiah29](#) [#NAFWB](#)



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In response to difficult circumstances, the **Jeremiah 29 Initiative** meets the challenge God gave Jewish exiles in Babylon:

- + **Build.** Stay busy. Be constructive and enjoy life (29:5a).
- + **Plant.** Invest in the future. Starting at home, guide, disciple & encourage future generations of believers (29:5b).
- + **Pray.** Rather than despising or resenting a culture hostile to the Faith, seek peace and wellbeing (29:7).

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MAKING THE MOST OF QUIET TIME

- + **Stop everything and be still** (Psalm 46:10).
- + **Expect to hear from the Lord** (Psalm 119:18) and be changed (Acts 4:13).
- + **Have quiet time at the same time & place** (Mark 1:35).
- + **Note the character and characteristics of God** (Psalm 25:4; 29:2) as you read the Word and delight in it (Psalm 37:4).
- + **Examine your life in light of Scripture** (Proverbs 4:26; 2 Corinthians 3:18) and make needed changes (Proverbs 3:6; John 13:17).

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MEDITATE ON THE SCRIPTURES

- + **Meditation on the Scriptures is the key to a blessed life** (Joshua 1:8; Psalm 1:1).
- + **Meditation is focused thinking about a particular Scripture** throughout the day and night (Psalm 1:2).
- + **Meditation brings fruit in the way we treat others**, the way we do our work, and the decisions we make (Psalm 1:3).
- + **Meditation is the key to keeping our heart on track** (Proverbs 4:23) and our lives in sync with the Lord (John 15:7).

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HIDE THE **WORD** IN YOUR **HEART**

- + **To resist temptation** (Psalm 119:9-11; 29-31).
- + **To remember the characteristics of God** (Psalm 119:15-16).
- + **To make wise decisions** (Psalm 119:24, 105).
- + **To receive real hope, comfort and strength** (Psalm 119:28; 43-44; 49-50; 52; 93; 153).
- + **To live a godly life** (Psalm 119:37-38; 66-67; 73; 78; 101-102; 109-110; 173-176).

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LORD, BLESS THIS HOME!

- + **Talk openly about how God has been good to you** (Psalm 145:1-4; 11-13).
- + **Share about God's works and acts before meals and bedtime** (Psalm 145:5-7).
- + **Sing and play songs about God's characteristics** (Psalm 145:7-10).
- + **Pray together and bless the Lord** (Psalm 145:10).

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PASS IT ON

- + **Be intentional** about telling your children (or grandchildren) about the wonderful works of God (Psalm 78:1-5).
- + **Impress** upon your children the importance of passing the faith to their own children and grandchildren (Psalm 78:6).
- + **Develop patterns** like church attendance, Bible reading & prayer, and traditions around holidays that remind your family of their hope in God (Psalm 78:7-8).

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Making the Most of Quiet Time

ONE MAGAZINE · WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 2, 2020 · READING TIME: 6 MINUTES

Do you set aside time every day for you and the Lord? All of us need to have a period where we pause to be with the Lord. If you have never developed a time like this, I hope what we are about to share will be helpful, and if you have a quiet time already, maybe something here can help enhance it.

Stop everything and be still (Psalm 46:10).

The first step is to stop everything and be still. Psalm 46:10 says, “Be still, and know that I am God: I will be exalted among the heathen, I will be exalted in the earth.” Now, the Psalm is about getting through the worst day of your life. The Psalm begins with “God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble. Therefore will not we fear, though the earth be removed, and the mountains be carried into the midst of the sea.” A day when the mountains fall into the middle of the sea is a bad day. So, this Psalm is about how God gets us through the worst days of our lives. Really, every moment you spend with God prepares you for the day when some tragedy will come upon you.

What does God mean by being still? He is telling us to remove all the distractions. Turn off the television, put away the computer, and of course silence the phone—no peeking at social media! For just a few moments, be still and focus on God.



Hide the Word of God in Your Heart

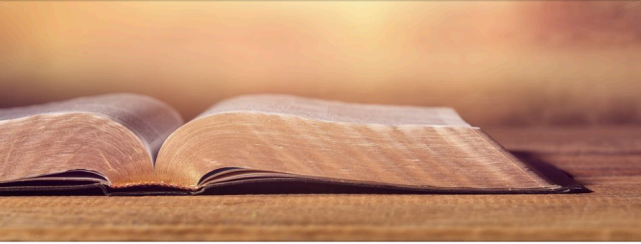
Hide the Word of God in Your Heart

ONE MAGAZINE · FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 2020 · READING TIME: 4 MINUTES

As you read your Bible, we encourage you to identify Scripture that is especially helpful and to memorize it. You might select verses or passages that address an area or areas you are working to improve, like sharing the gospel with others or relying on God’s truth. Consider the main reasons for memorizing Scripture.

To Resist Temptation (Psalm 119:9-11; 29-31)

Jesus, the Son of God, used Scripture He had previously memorized when He was attacked by Satan (Matthew 4:1-11). As we interact with others and in different places, we will encounter all kinds of temptations. When the Scripture is in our hearts, we are in a better position to resist. If we have memorized Scripture and placed it in prominent places—computer screen, dash of our car or on the refrigerator—we are better able to stay on track (Psalm 119:30). Memorized Scripture empowers us.



Meditate on the Scriptures

ONE MAGAZINE · WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 2020 · READING TIME: 3 MINUTES

What we think about determines the trajectory of our lives. Some dwell on negative thoughts which makes them more susceptible to depression. Others dwell upon all that can go wrong in life, which leads them to be prone to anxiety. Still others think only about themselves, which can lead to a feeling of entitlement. It is not okay to allow our minds to wander (2 Corinthians 10:5). The Bible teaches us to control our thoughts and to center them upon the Word of God.

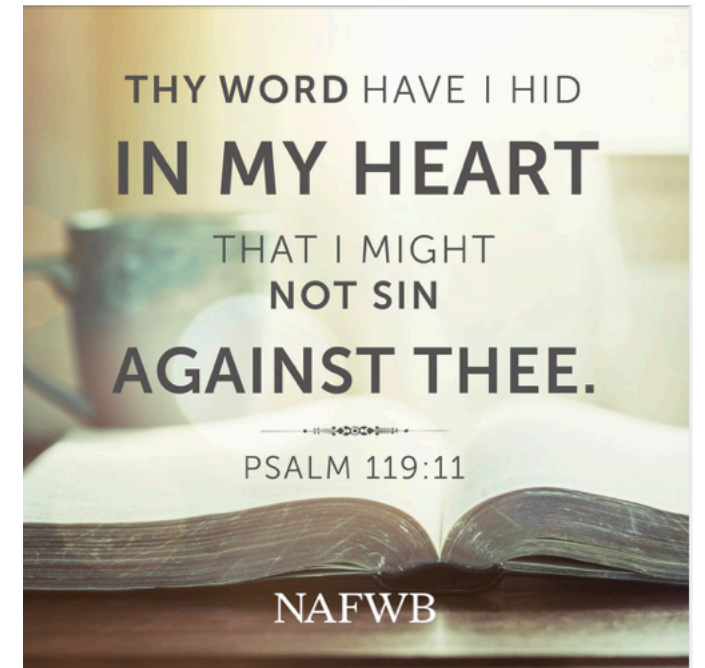
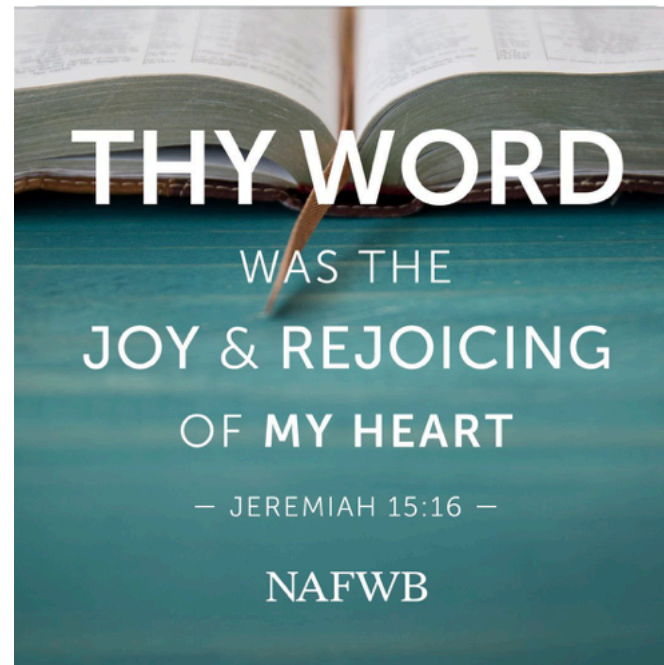
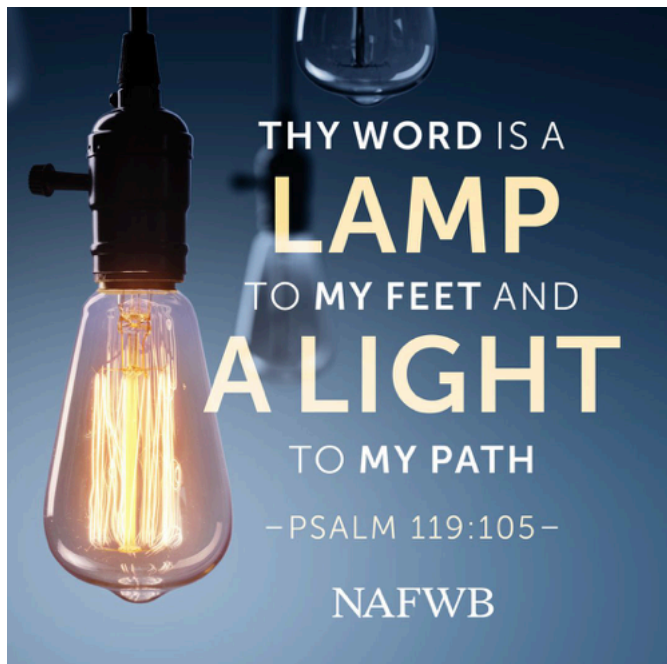
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In fact, the Bible teaches that we must focus on Scripture and “meditate therein day and night.” Doing so will help ward off depression, anxiety, and self-centeredness, but more importantly, it will lead to a prosperous life or, as Joshua said, “good success.” The writer of Psalm 1 stressed that the blessed life was the result of meditation upon the Scripture rather than listening to “the counsel of the ungodly.” What is meditation?

Meditation is focused thinking about a particular Scripture throughout the day and night (Psalm 1:2).

The assumption is that one will be engaged in regular Bible reading. As one does so, particular passages stick out and seem especially needed as we live our lives. Let’s say you read your Bible before work one morning and come across Proverbs 15:1: “A soft answer turneth away wrath.” Suppose you have been experiencing difficulty with a co-worker, classmate, sibling, or spouse, and you begin to think about this verse. You might even pray something like:

Thursdays at 8:00 AM Central



Train

- Individual goals: I will train/disciple _____ in the Christian faith.
- Church/Association goals: We will train our people (pastors and laypeople) to utilize their spiritual gifts in ministry.
- Denominational goals: We will provide assessment centers and training in the identification and utilization of spiritual gifts.



Give

Let your light so shine
before men, that they may
see your good works, and
glorify your Father which is
in heaven.

Matthew 5:16

3 FOR 30

REACH · TRAIN · GIVE

REACH Influence by serving and sharing (Psalm 43:3; Mark 16:15; Acts 1:8; Acts 26:18).

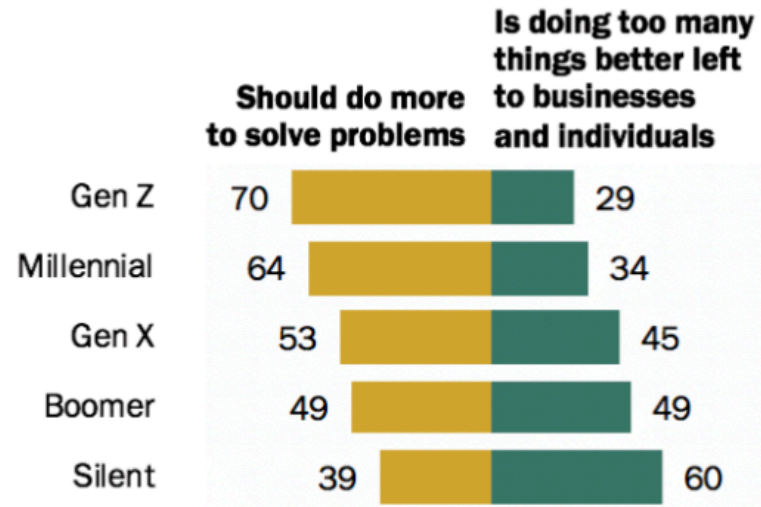
TRAIN Grow by discipling and equipping (Deuteronomy 6; Matthew 28:19-20; Ephesians 4).

GIVE Thrive by developing and stewarding resources (Matthew 5:16; Matthew 25; Galatians 6:2; Hebrews 13:16; James 2:14-17).

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Gen Z more likely than other generations to want an activist government

% saying government ...



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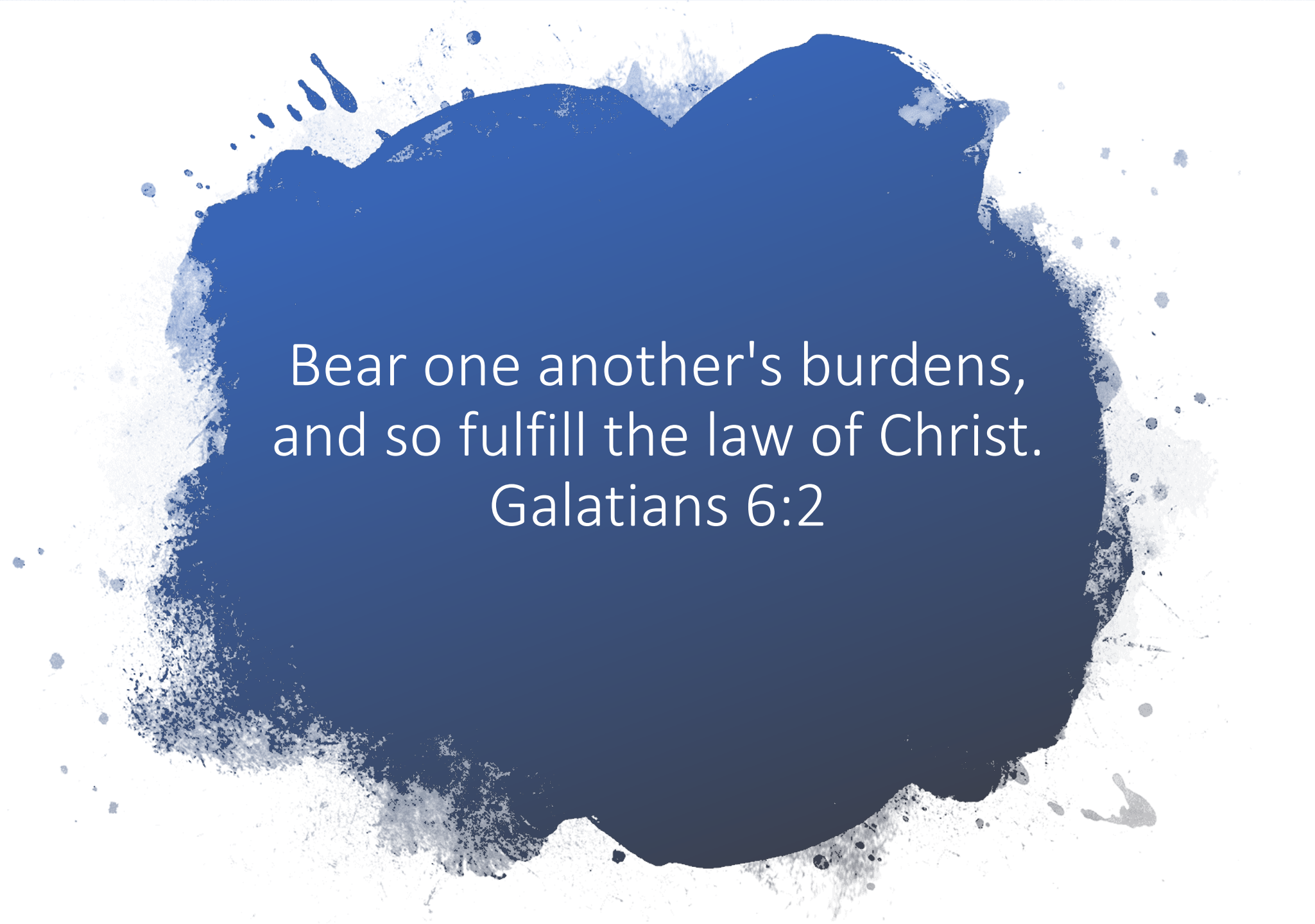
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"On the Cusp of Adulthood and Facing an Uncertain Future: What We Know About Generation Z So Far"

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Give



Bear one another's burdens,
and so fulfill the law of Christ.
Galatians 6:2

Give

- Individual goals: I will give myself wholly to the work of God (financially, time, talents). Matthew 25
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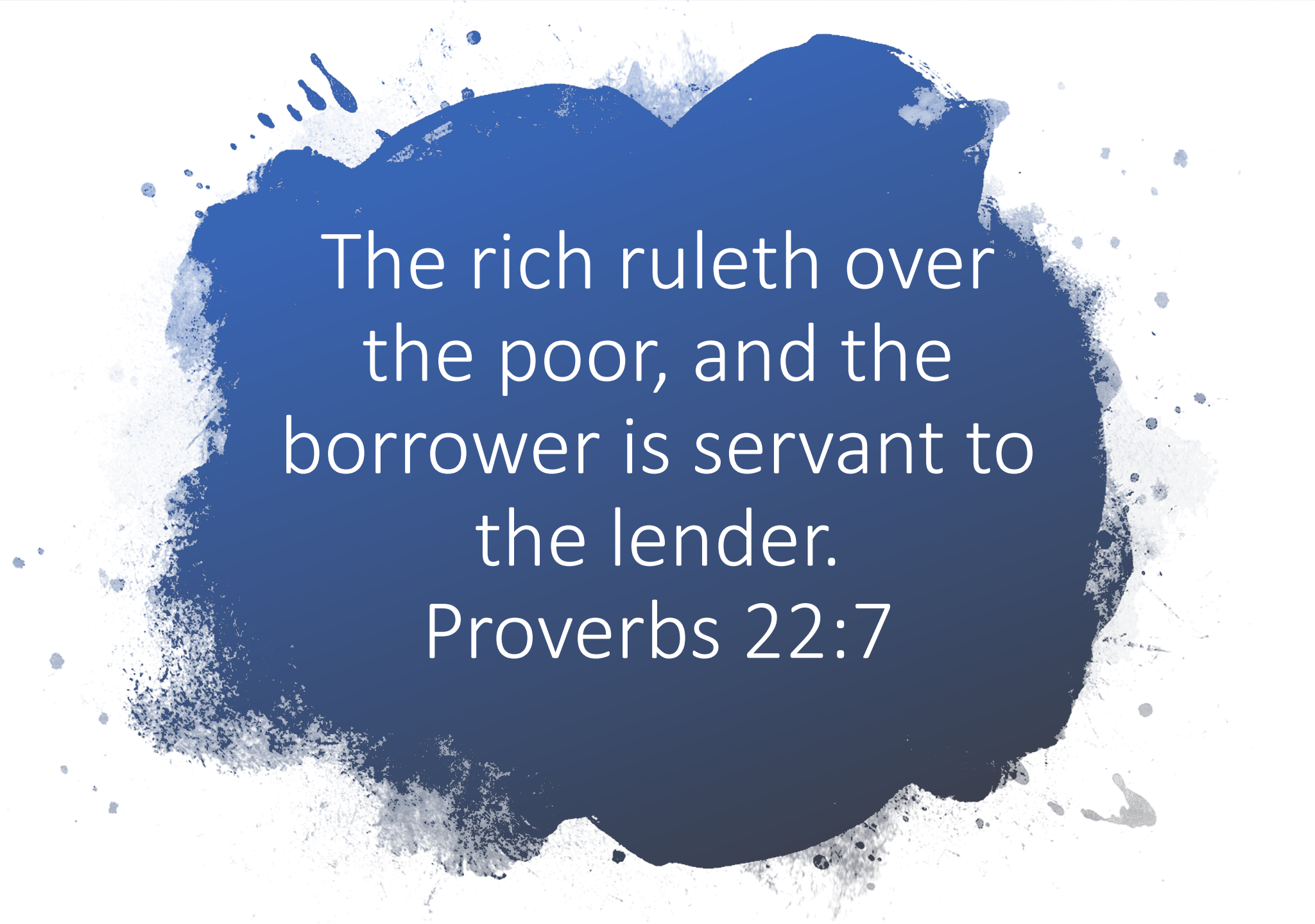
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David Brown - Closing a Church the Right Way



The rich ruleth over
the poor, and the
borrower is servant to
the lender.

Proverbs 22:7

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