

Ephesians 2:8-10

Deep Church

A series on the book of Ephesians

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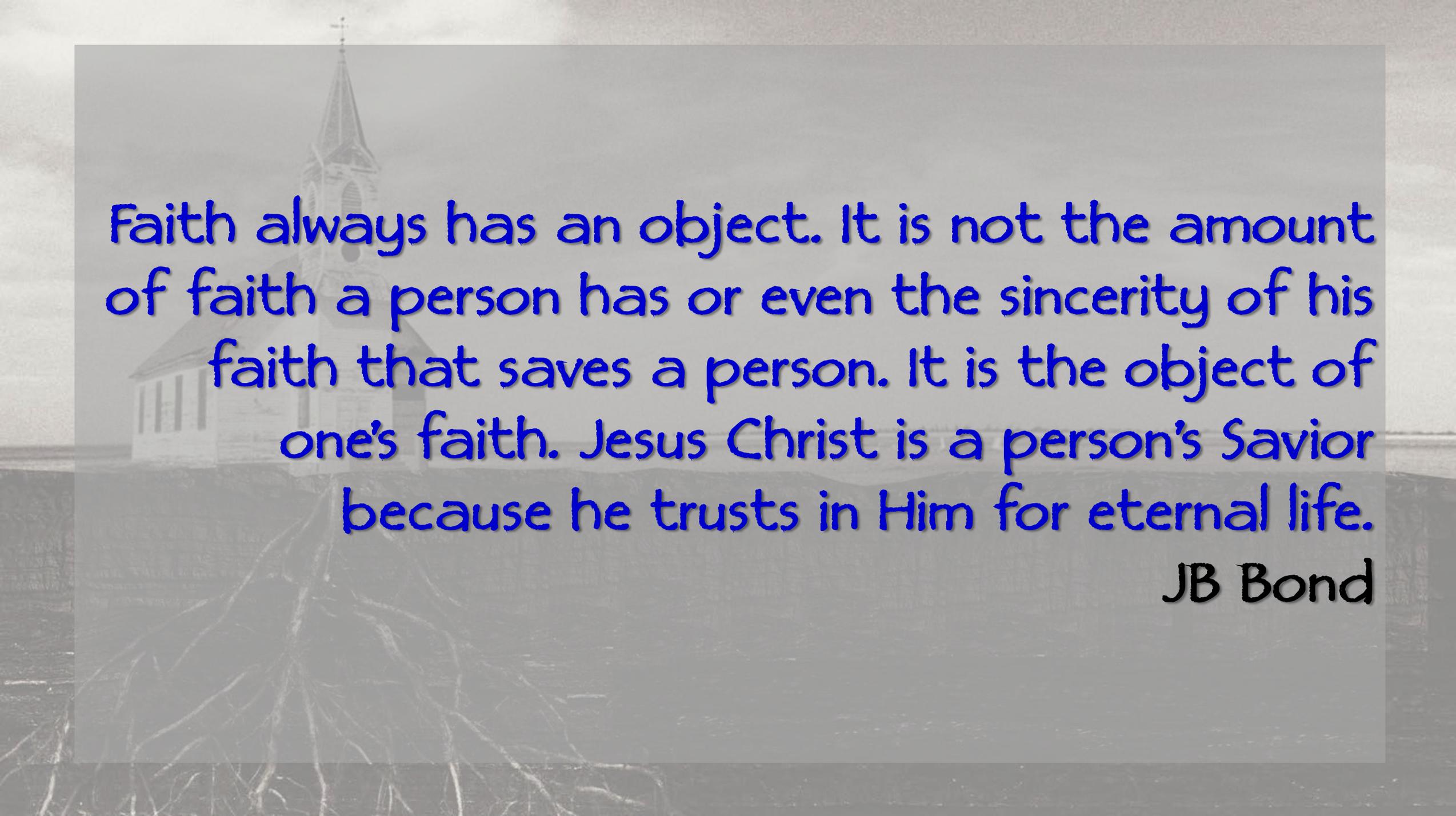
1. THE **BASIS** OF SALVATION IS
GRACE

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2. THE MEANS OF SALVATION
IS FAITH

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3. THE OBJECT OF SALVATION
IS JESUS

A church with a steeple and a large tree with exposed roots in the foreground.

Faith always has an object. It is not the amount of faith a person has or even the sincerity of his faith that saves a person. It is the object of one's faith. Jesus Christ is a person's Savior because he trusts in Him for eternal life.

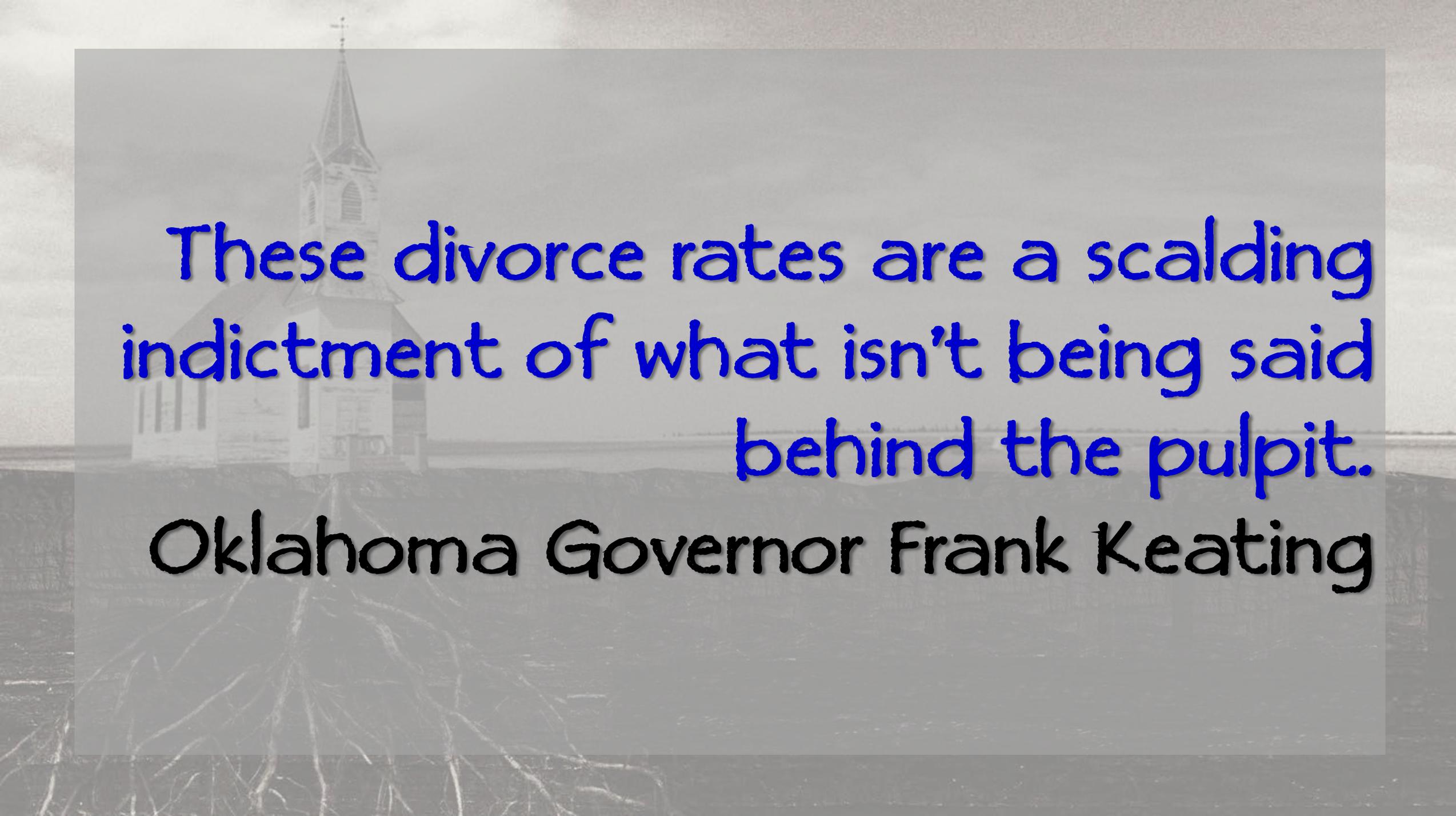
JB Bond

A white wooden church with a steeple is perched on a cliff. The cliff face is dark brown and shows deep, horizontal cracks. In the foreground, a large, intricate network of tree roots extends from the cliff edge down into the dark, shadowed ground. The background is a flat, green field under a blue sky with scattered white clouds.

4. THE **RESULT** OF SALVATION
IS **WORKS**

Divorce is more popular among born again Christians than the rest of population (90% have divorced after conversion).

In much of the Bible belt the divorce rate was 50% above the national average.



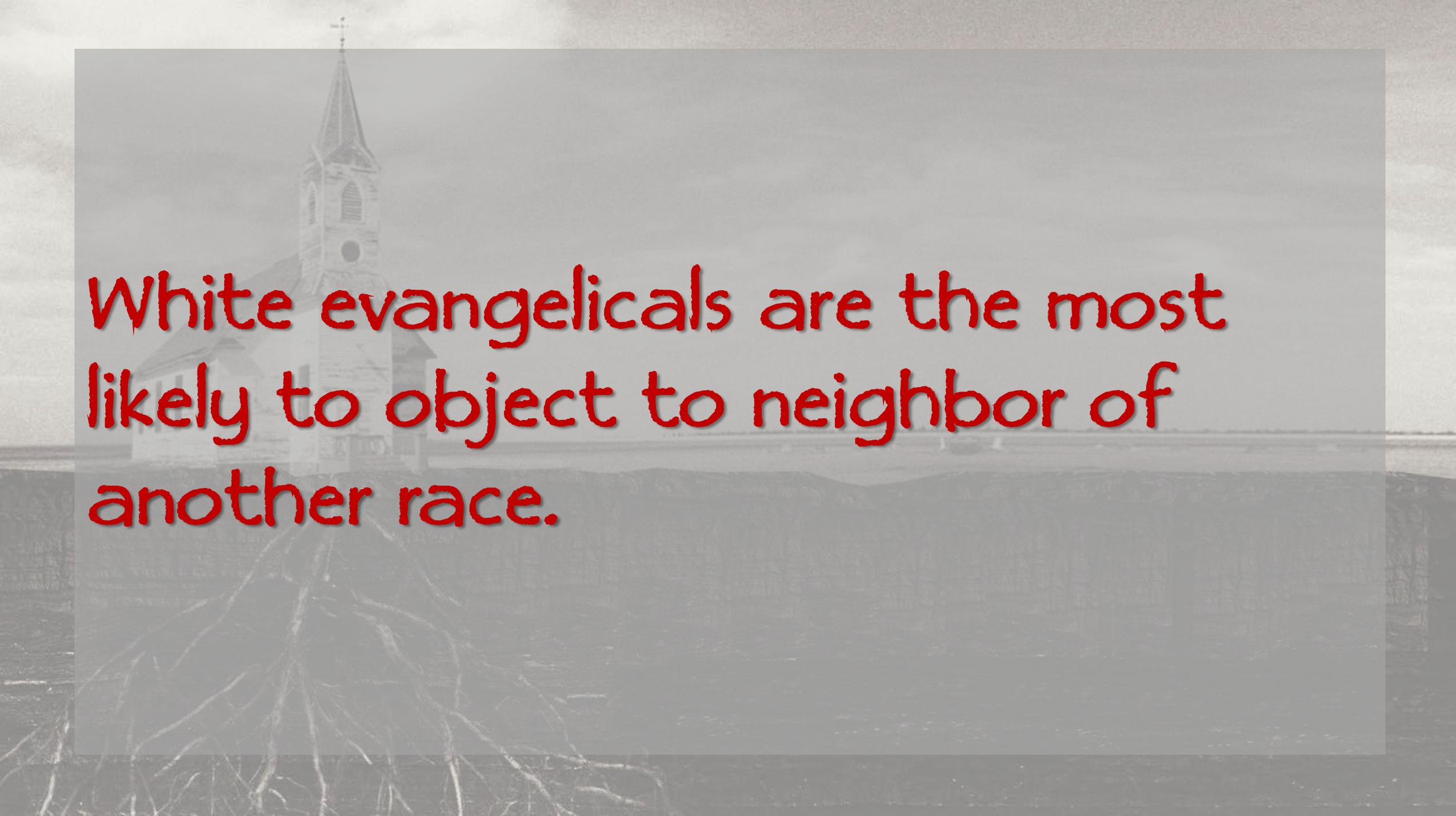
These divorce rates are a scalding
indictment of what isn't being said
behind the pulpit.

Oklahoma Governor Frank Keating

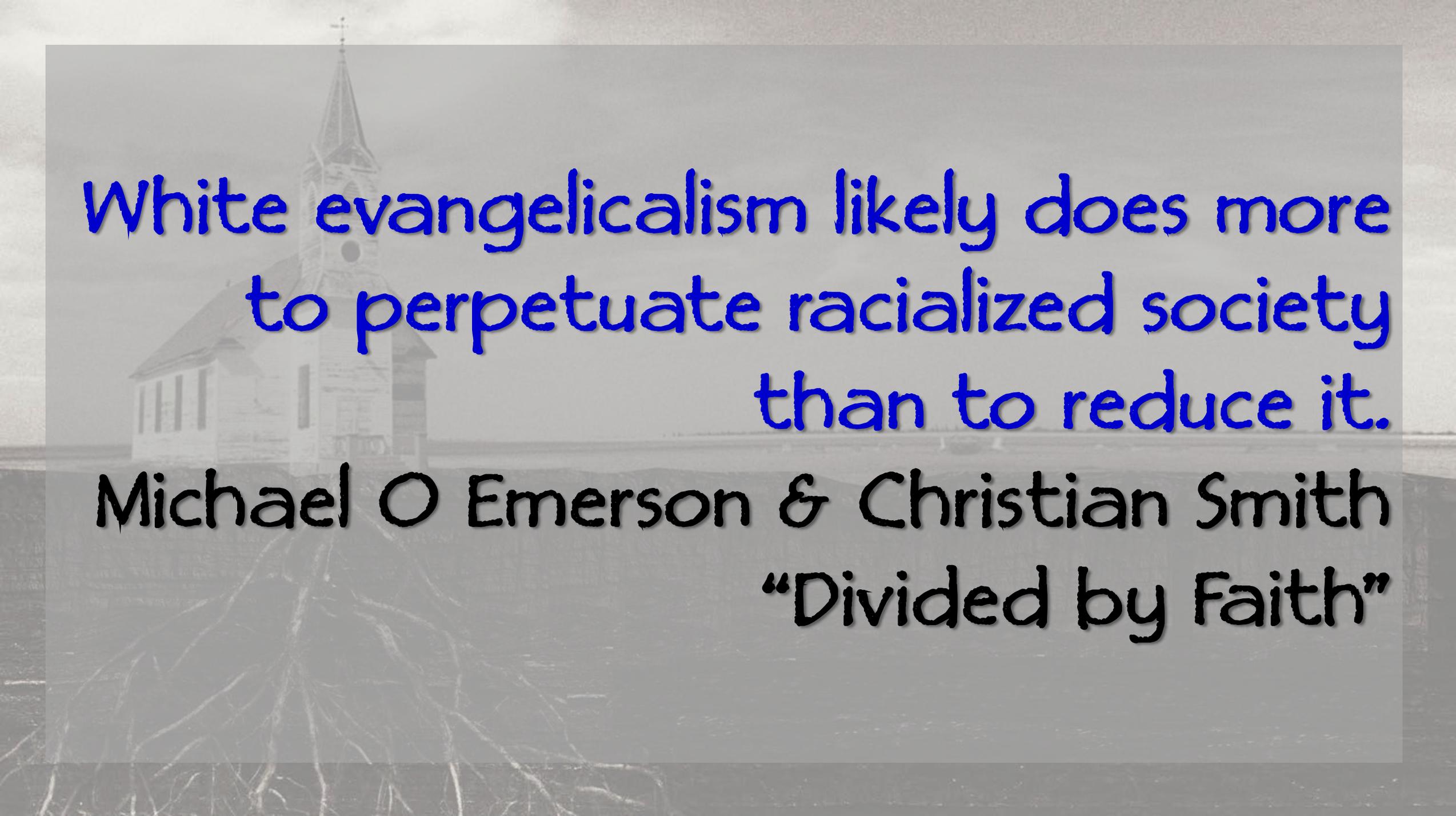


Only 6% of evangelicals tithe and the richer America has become, the less we tithe.

If the American Evangelical tithed, there would be 143 billion dollars directed to the kingdom

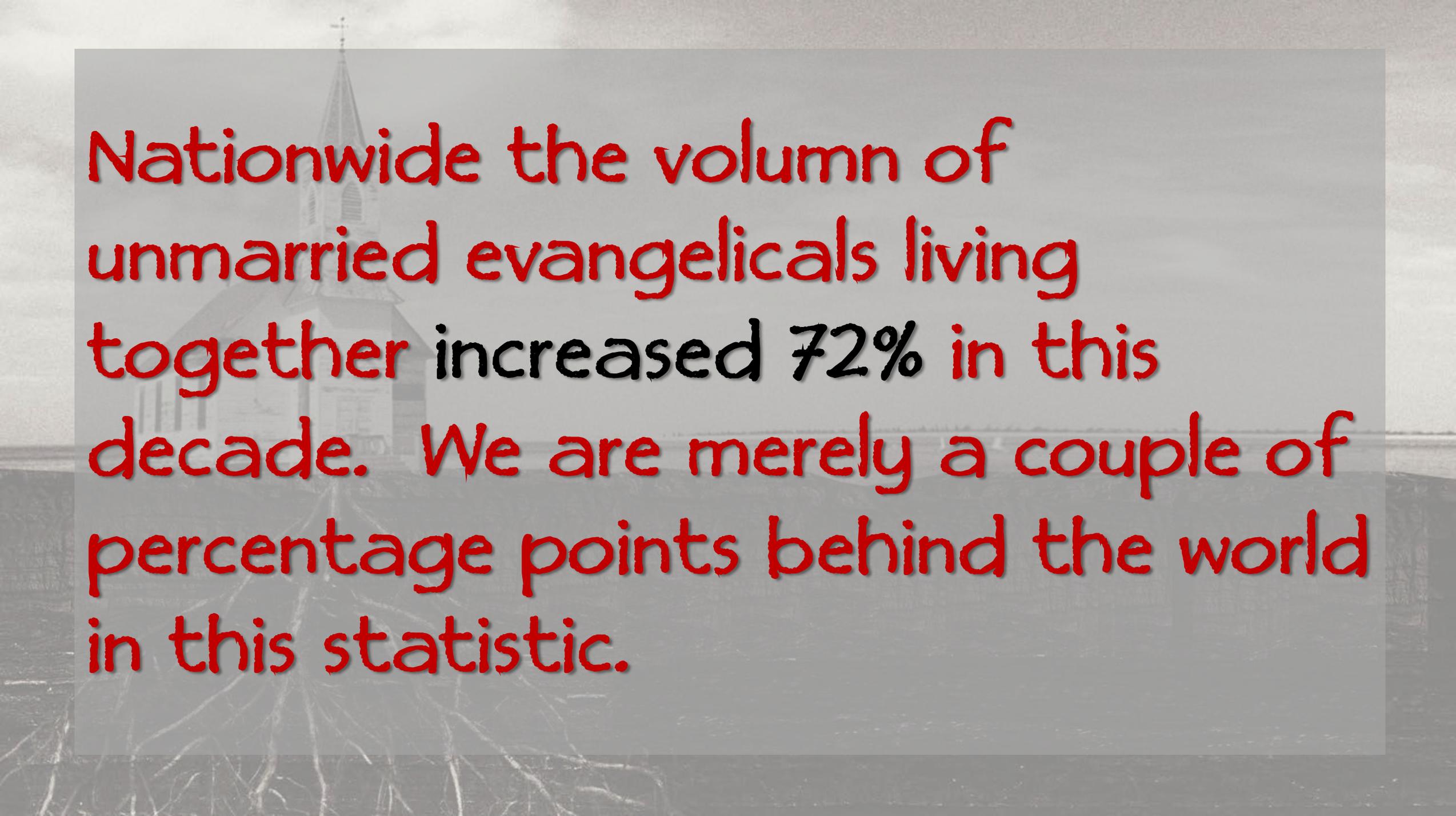
A church with a steeple and a cross, set against a background of a landscape with trees and a body of water.

White evangelicals are the most likely to object to neighbor of another race.



White evangelicalism likely does more
to perpetuate racialized society
than to reduce it.

Michael O Emerson & Christian Smith
“Divided by Faith”



Nationwide the volume of unmarried evangelicals living together increased 72% in this decade. We are merely a couple of percentage points behind the world in this statistic.

Teens from evangelical churches are only 10% less likely to engage in premarital sex than the unbelieving world around them.

Of 2.4 million teens who pledged to remain chaste before marriage (true love waits) - 88% broke their vow within 7 years.

A grayscale photograph of a church with a prominent steeple, partially obscured by a semi-transparent gray overlay. In the foreground, the intricate, exposed roots of a large tree are visible, extending across the bottom half of the frame. The text is overlaid on the gray area.

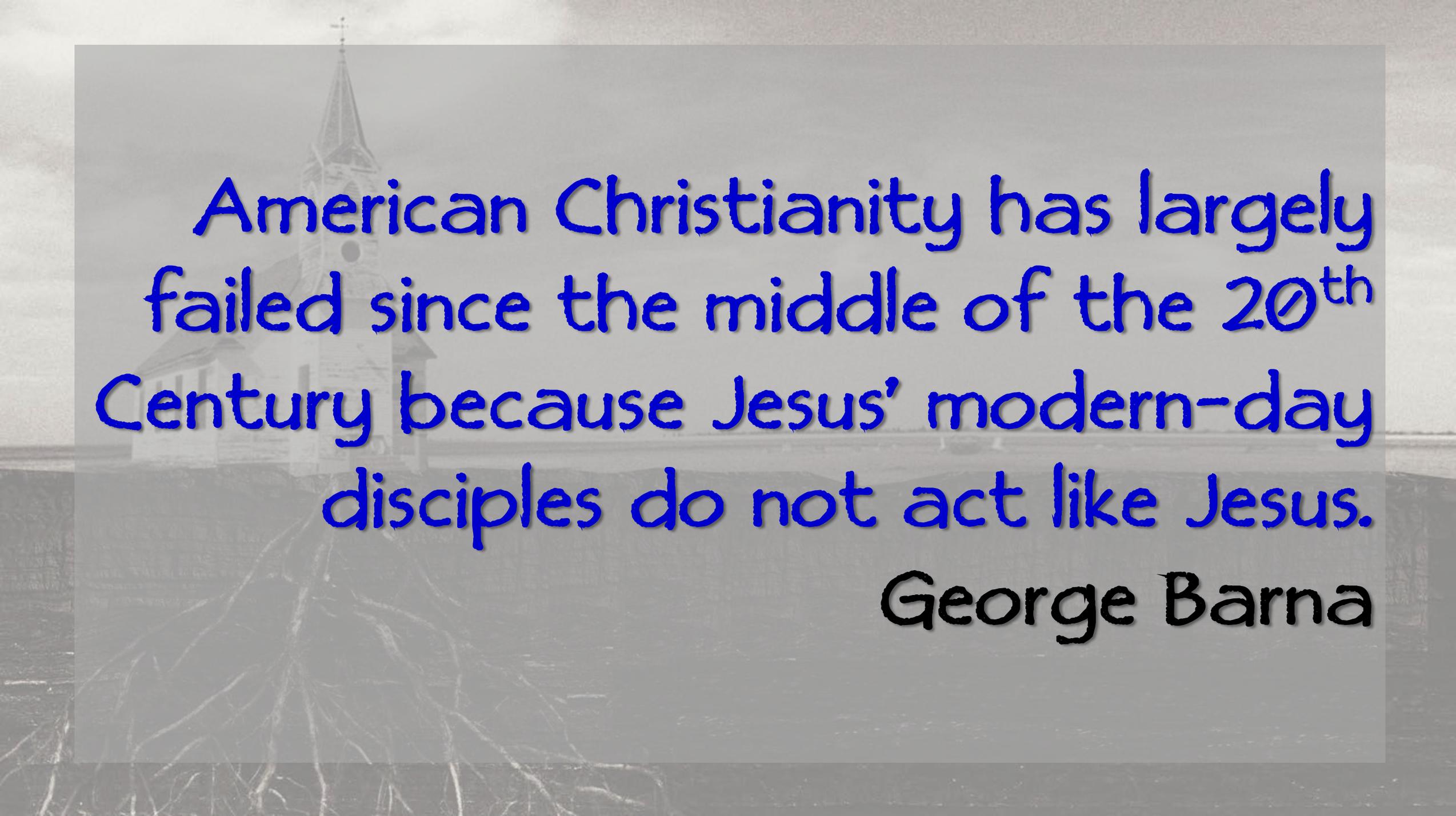
We are equally or more likely in conservative evangelical churches to engage in domestic violence.



Only 9% of born again adults and
2% of born again teens have a
Biblical worldview

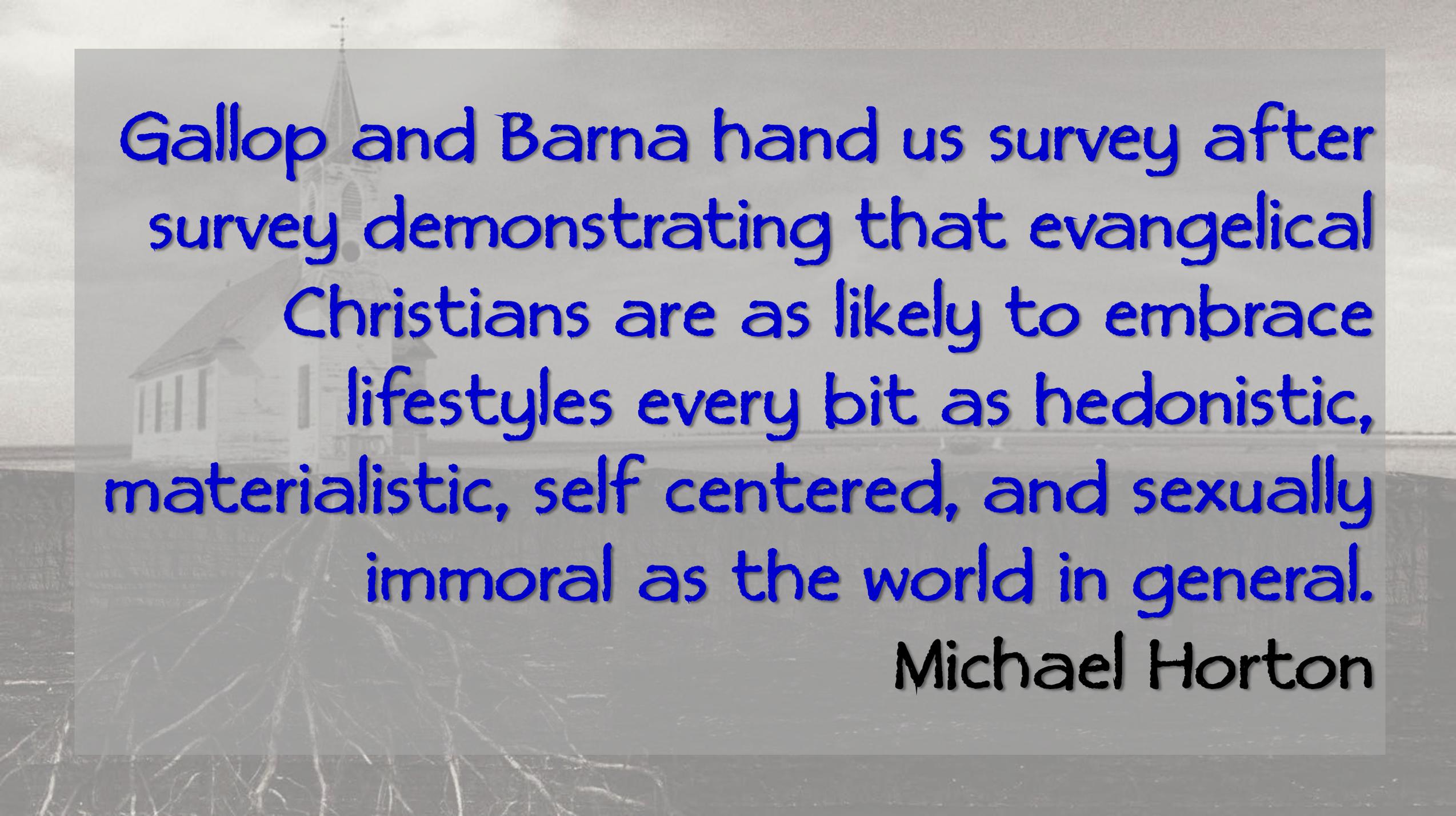
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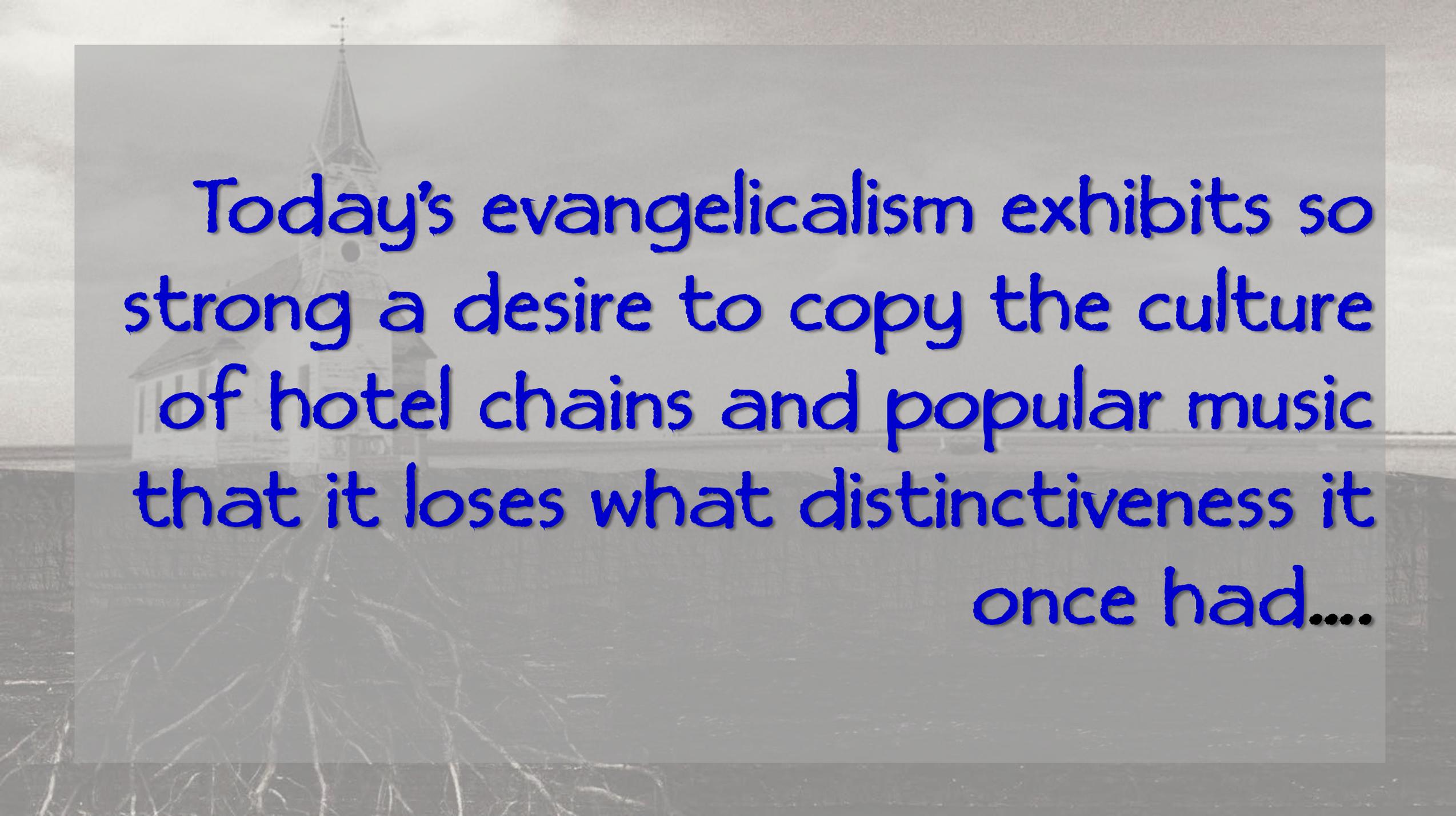
American Christianity has largely failed since the middle of the 20th Century because Jesus' modern-day disciples do not act like Jesus.

George Barna

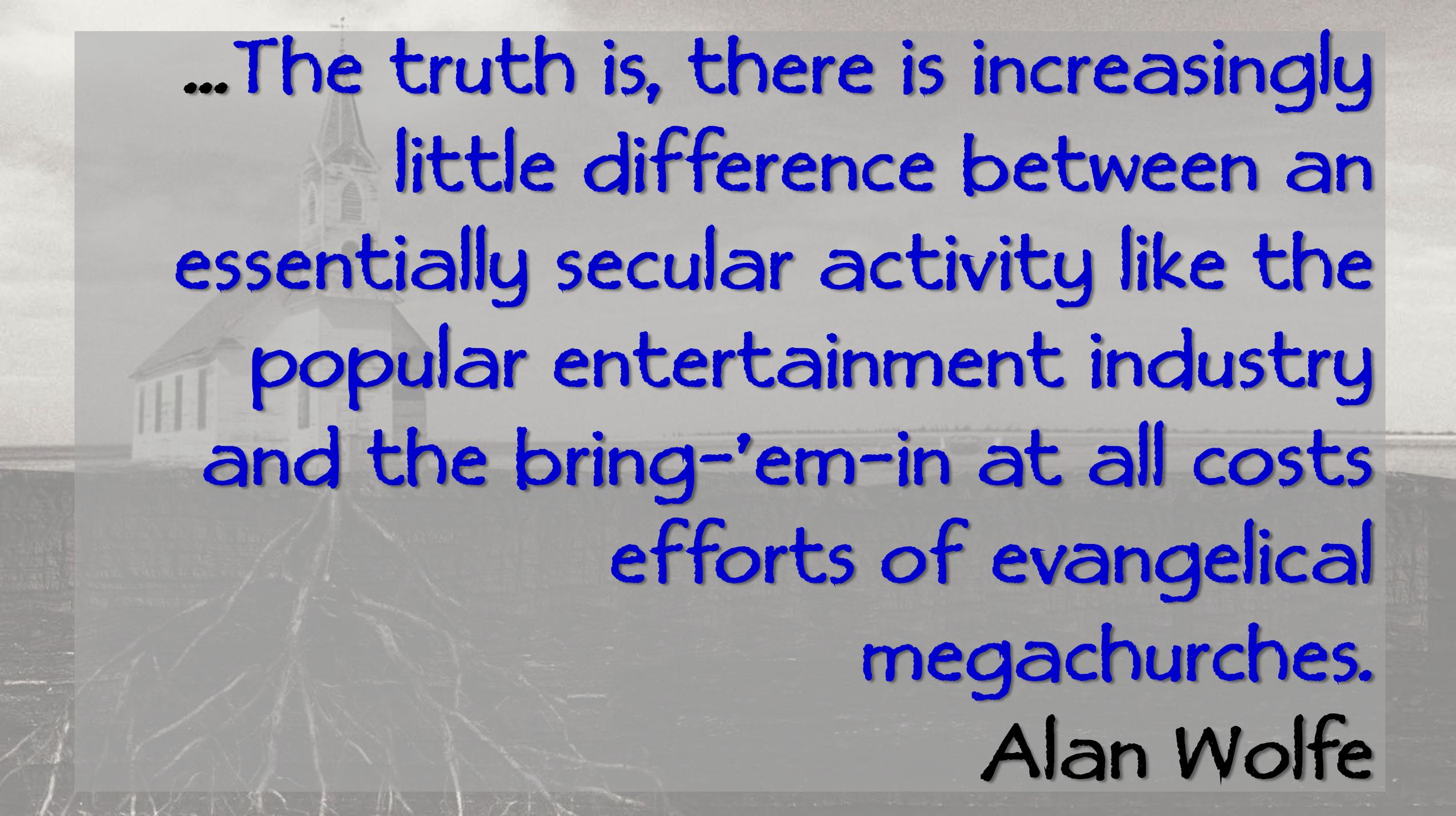


Gallop and Barna hand us survey after survey demonstrating that evangelical Christians are as likely to embrace lifestyles every bit as hedonistic, materialistic, self centered, and sexually immoral as the world in general.

Michael Horton

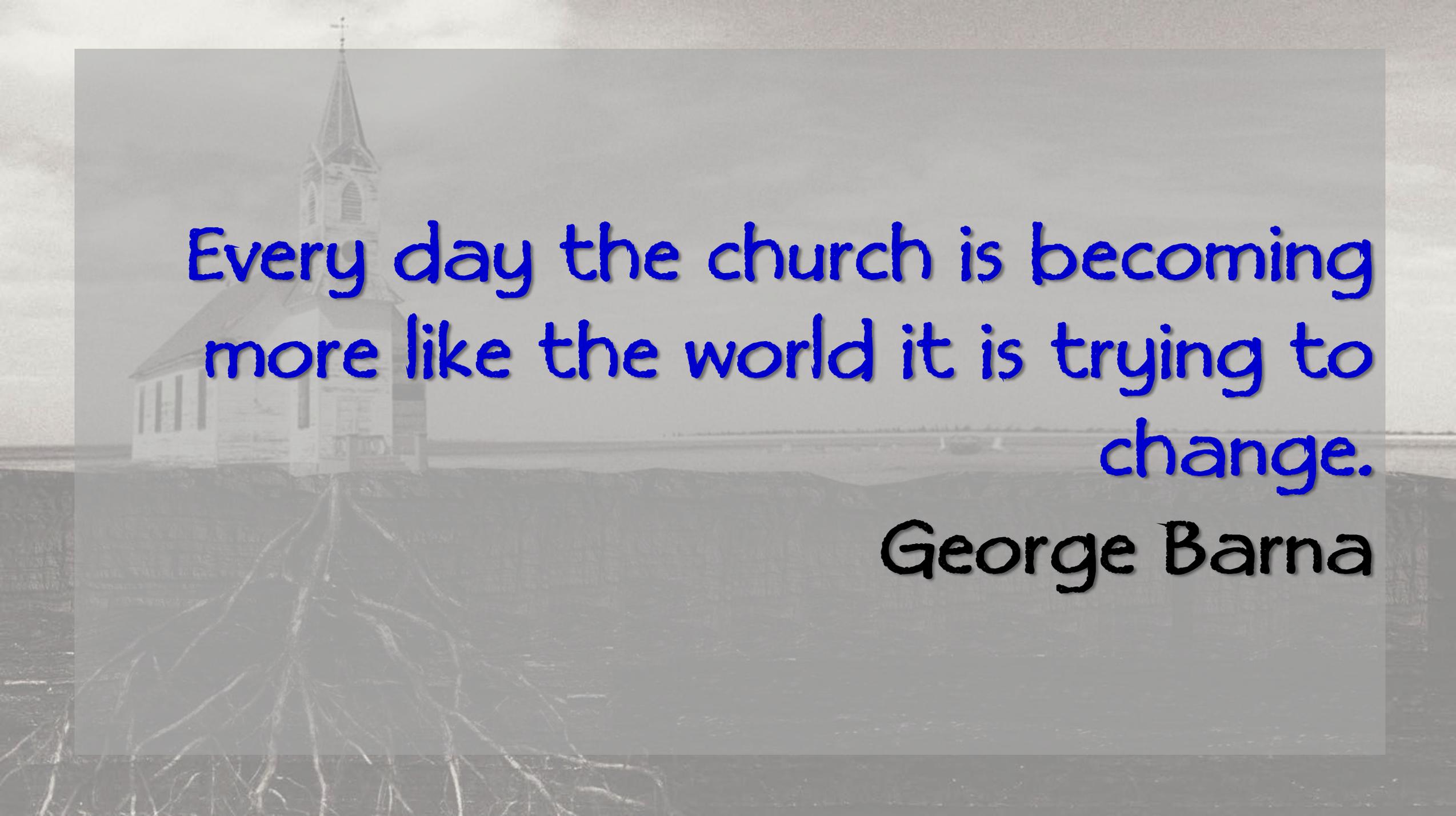


Today's evangelicalism exhibits so strong a desire to copy the culture of hotel chains and popular music that it loses what distinctiveness it once had....



...The truth is, there is increasingly little difference between an essentially secular activity like the popular entertainment industry and the bring-'em-in at all costs efforts of evangelical megachurches.

Alan Wolfe

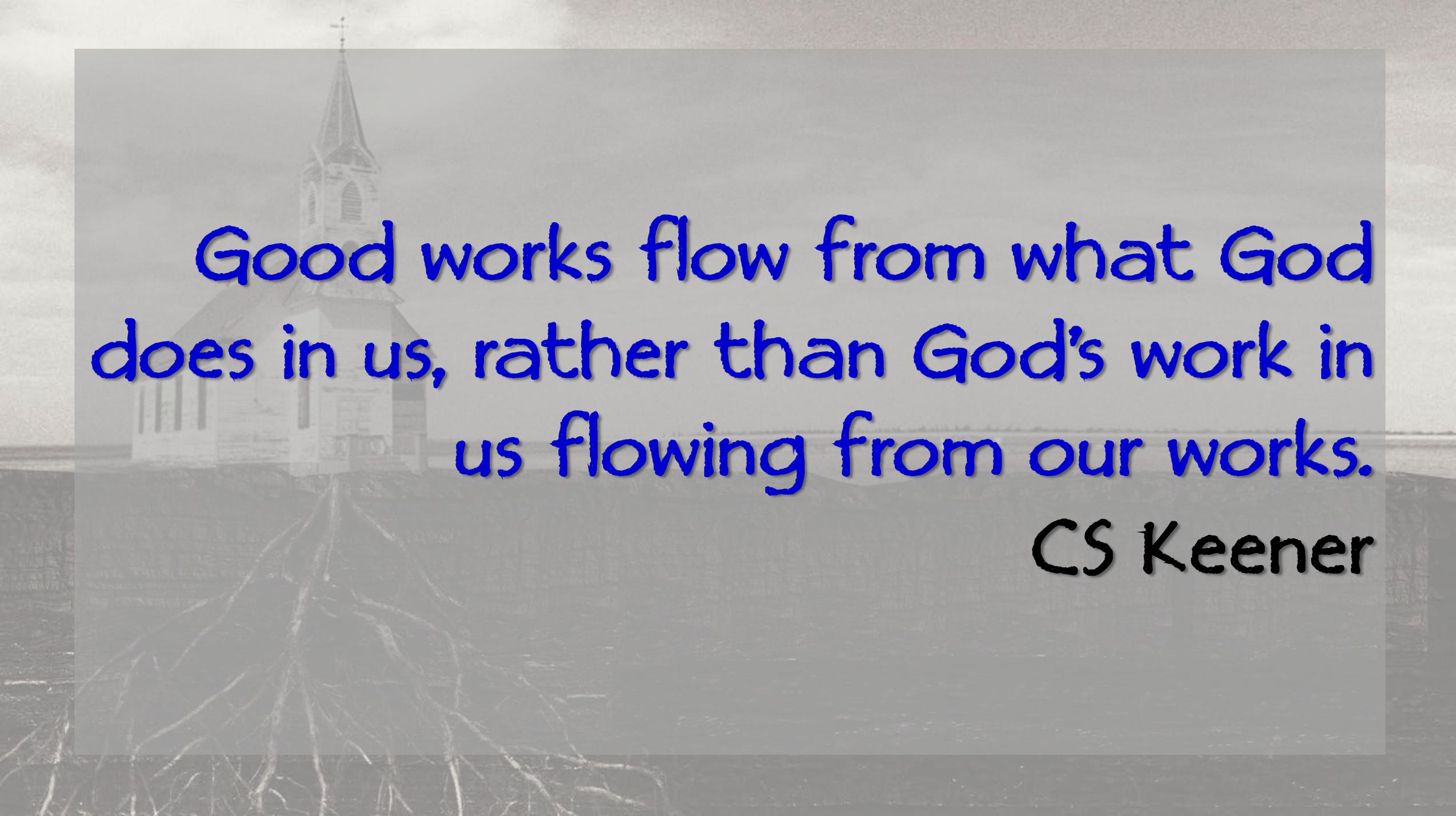
A church with a steeple is built on a cliff. The cliff face is covered in a dense network of exposed tree roots, suggesting the church is built on a natural, perhaps ancient, foundation. The background shows a body of water and a distant shoreline under a cloudy sky.

Every day the church is becoming
more like the world it is trying to
change.

George Barna

A white wooden church with a steeple is perched on a cliff. The cliff face is dark brown and shows a cross-section of soil layers. In the foreground, a large, intricate network of tree roots is exposed, extending from the cliff edge down into the dark soil. The background is a flat, green field under a blue sky with scattered white clouds.

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Good works flow from what God
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CS Keener