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# DELTA

AN FBC MARKETPLACE MINISTRY

Inauguration Meeting: July 27, 2025 (Sunday)

Time: 2-4 pm

Location: Globe Cafe

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I learned about being a high-road leader today, its so common for organizations / leaders to displace a person once they are no longer of value to the company

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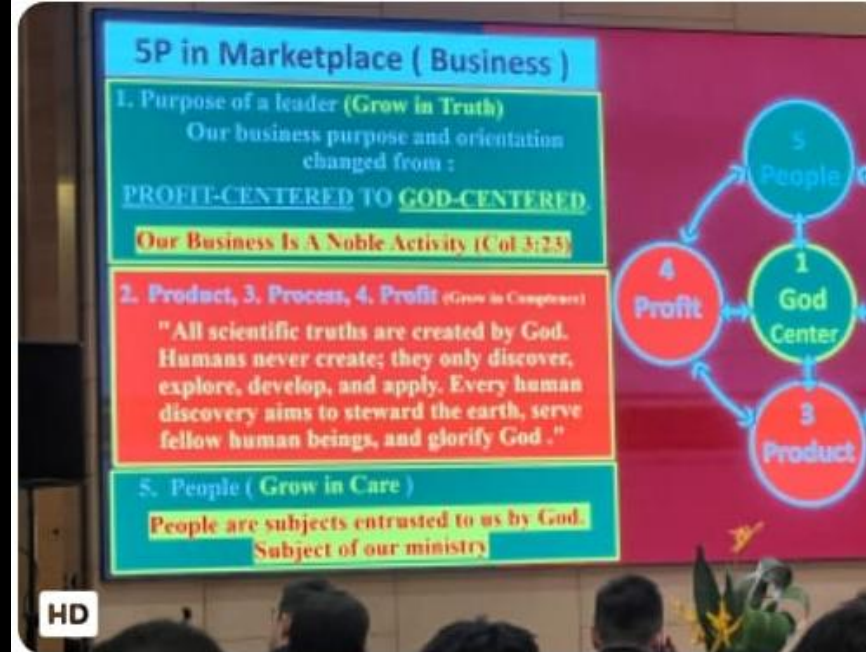




Got this answer on decision making, sharing with you:

How do I balance between acting based on God's word, waiting on the Holy Spirit and walking by faith that God will make all the difference in the actions I take?

This is a profound and deeply personal question — and one that many mature Christians wrestle with. Here's a way to think about the balance between acting based on God's Word, waiting on the Holy Spirit, and walking by faith:



For a start the 5Ps mapping to Truth, Competence, Care just nailed it! On top of his GLORY video walking the talk!

Edited 13:10

Granted this is not a "theology of work" conference for which books like Tim Keller's "A Good Endeavour" might do more justice..

13:14

You

Last Thursday I interviewed a contractor on site with a client. I thought he wasn't very competent. A...

Hahaha..i had a similar experience with someone i was meeting this week but was on the other side where i found the other party intimidating.

The person i was meeting was super intimidating and hence i was also quite serious to match her style. At the end of the meeting, the person said 'i like you and u r really good at sales but u are too serious and need to smile more' 😂 hahaha. I definitely smile much more in normal circumstances but the person i spoke to was js too forceful 😊

Curious to know what u all do normally? Shd we match their style? Or js be warm and friendly even if they seem to be giving u death stares 😊

# DELTA MINISTRY

## WHAT IS THIS?

- An upcoming Marketplace Gathering to bring everyone together
- Whether you've just entered the workforce, are running your own business, in corporate, or even in leadership.

## WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU!

- The challenges you're facing, what support would be meaningful
- And then work towards a roadmap that benefits everyone.



Recap last week sermon

“What is that something that is so important to me that I need and must have at all cost?”







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# Grace to the barren

Galatians 4: 21-31



<sup>19</sup> My dear children, for whom I am again in the pains of childbirth until Christ is formed in you, <sup>20</sup> how I wish I could be with you now and change my tone, because I am perplexed about you!

Galatians 4:19-20

<sup>21</sup> Tell me, you who want to be under the law, are you not aware of what the law says? <sup>22</sup> For it is written that Abraham had two sons, one by the slave woman and the other by the free woman. <sup>23</sup> His son by the slave woman was born according to the flesh, but his son by the free woman was born as the result of a divine promise.

<sup>24</sup> These things are being taken figuratively: The women represent two covenants. One covenant is from Mount Sinai and bears children who are to be slaves: This is Hagar. <sup>25</sup> Now Hagar stands for Mount Sinai in Arabia and corresponds to the present city of Jerusalem, because she is in slavery with her children. <sup>26</sup> But the Jerusalem that is above is free, and she is our mother.



27 For it is written:

“Be glad, barren woman,  
you who never bore a child;  
shout for joy and cry aloud,  
you who were never in labor;  
because more are the children of the desolate woman  
than of her who has a husband.”

<sup>28</sup> Now you, brothers and sisters, like Isaac, are children of promise. <sup>29</sup> At that time the son born according to the flesh persecuted the son born by the power of the Spirit. It is the same now. <sup>30</sup> But what does Scripture say? “Get rid of the slave woman and her son, for the slave woman’s son will never share in the inheritance with the free woman’s son.”<sup>31</sup> Therefore, brothers and sisters, we are not children of the slave woman, but of the free woman.

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“The Word became flesh”

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**THE LIFE**  
**YOU**  
**WANT!**











Back to Eden at the Museum of Biblical Art

# Genesis 1-4 isn't a lesson in Biology





<sup>12</sup> He will raise a banner for the  
nations  
and gather the exiles of  
Israel;  
he will assemble the scattered  
people of Judah  
from the four quarters of  
the earth.  
Isaiah 12:11





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### **Judaizer's position**

- Believe in Jesus
- Follow God's commandments
- As a result, you are saved

### **Paul's position**

- Believe in Jesus
- You are saved
- As a result, you follow God's commandments



# The “*you are not quite there yet*” argument from false teaching

- Unless you do ..... you are not saved
- Unless you do ..... you might be saved, but you aren't really in God's favour

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- 2 sons representing 2 covenants
- Both represents 2 ways to live
- 1 way leads to slavery and the other way leads to freedom

- Hagar was a slave and Ishmael was therefore born into slavery
- Ishmael's birth was a natural one and therefore by nature we are all born into slavery to sin
- Sarah was Abraham's wife and Isaac was therefore born as a child of God's promise
- Isaac's birth was a supernatural one and therefore we are set free from slavery when we embrace God's promises
- It was naturally easy for Hagar to bear Ishmael as she was young and fertile
- It was biologically impossible for Sarah to bear Isaac as she was barren
- *Everyone is either an Ishmael or an Isaac*

“What is that something that is so important to me that I need and must have at all cost?”

- Sarah was stigmatized in her society because of her barrenness
- To avoid shame, she made Abraham conceive a child with her slave Hagar (normal in her culture)
- This was the fastest and most practical way to remove her shame as a barren woman
- When Ishmael was born her shame was temporarily removed as she claimed Ishmael as her own as according to the culture of that time
- However when Isaac was born, Ishmael was neglected as a son by Sarah and he began to mock Isaac. So Sarah asked Abraham to get rid of both Hagar and Ismael
- *Despite Sarah's cruelty towards Hagar and Ishmael God rescued both of them from death in the desert*



- I feel stigmatized in my society because I am not as well off as others
- To avoid shame, I engage in corrupted business practices to become rich (normal in our culture)
- This is the fastest and most practical way to remove my shame of not being prosperous and financially successful
- My shame is temporarily removed when others see my new car, new girlfriend and new home
- Due to my need to constantly earn respect of my peers, I need to continue to do more corrupted practices and my family life gets affected
- *I have become a slave*

- Unless you do ..... you are not saved
- Unless you do ..... you might be saved, but you aren't really in God's favour
- *Unless you have ..... you won't really be respected by others*
- *Unless I have ..... I am not complete as a person*

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*What slavery in your heart do you need to get rid off?*



**“I usually get what I want”**



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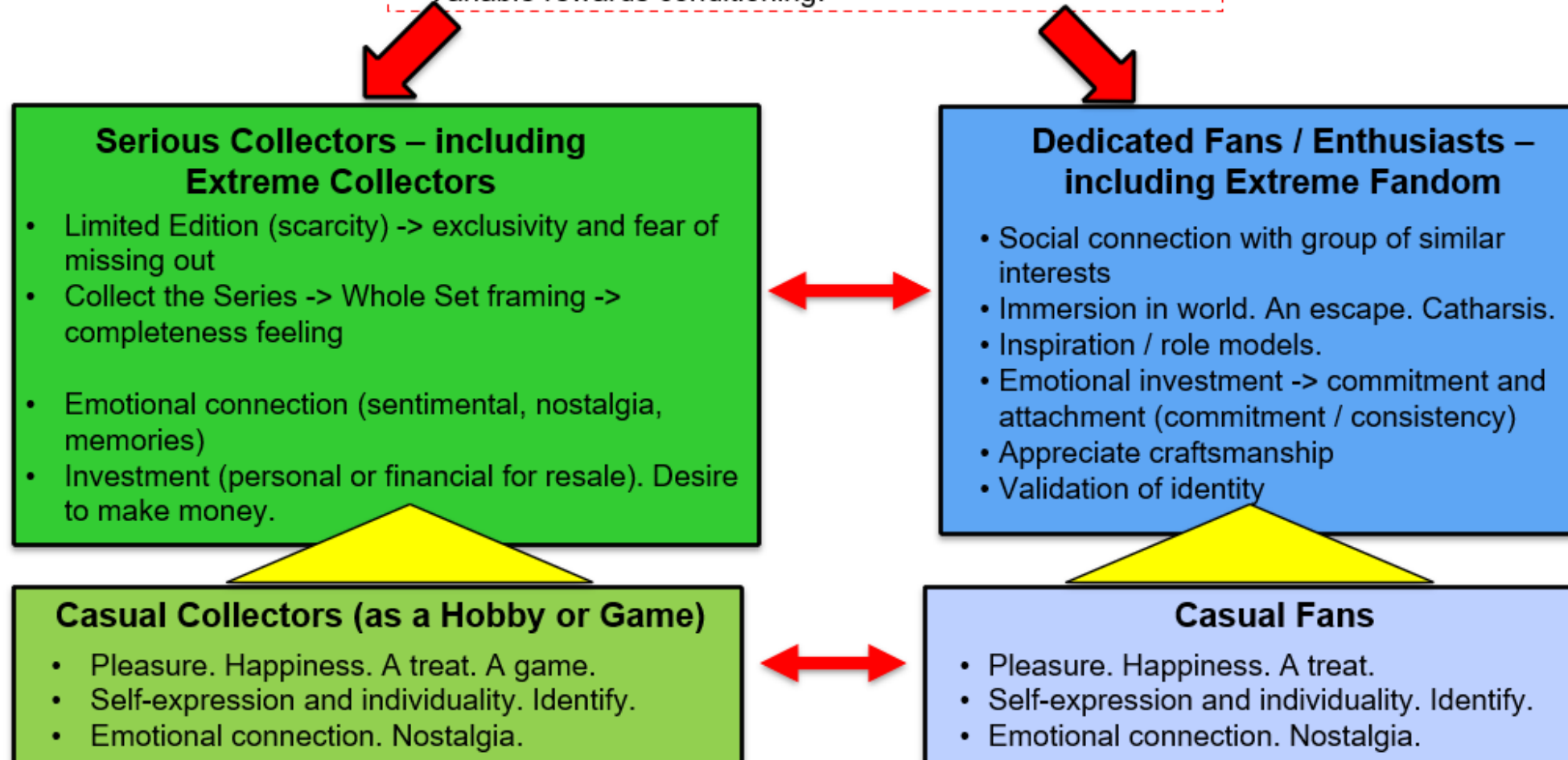
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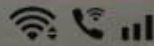
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## got my Lafufu today 🦋

He has some,,, very obvious neck issues but honestly I love him 🥹🥹 he's just a funky lil guy

And honestly this isn't even the worst Lafufu I've seen, I actually really like the face! He'd be kinda convincing at first glance if his head wasn't trying to escape from his body 🦋







What if getting what you want makes you  
anxious and worried most of the time?

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# Recognize the slavery in your heart that you need to get rid off

- *Be aware that whatever you are pursuing for happiness might actually enslave you*
- *What occupies your thinking most of the time?*
- *What do you fear losing the most?*



# Jerusalem in Isaiah 54:1 is described as a barren woman

<sup>27</sup> For it is written:

“Be glad, barren woman,  
you who never bore a child;  
shout for joy and cry aloud,  
you who were never in labour;  
because more are the children of the desolate  
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than of her who has a husband.”

<sup>7</sup> Understand, then, that those who **have faith are children of Abraham.** <sup>8</sup> Scripture foresaw that God would justify the Gentiles by faith, and announced the gospel in advance to Abraham: “All nations will be blessed through you.” <sup>9</sup> So those who rely on faith are blessed along with Abraham, the man of faith.

Galatians 3:7-9

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Galatians 4:19-20

# Paul was barren but overflowing with spiritual children

- Paul was single yet he considered the Galatians his children
- He had more spiritual children than a typical married person

- Recognize the slavery in your heart that you need to get rid off
- To not realize the blessings that a Christian community brings is to experience spiritual barrenness



“I don’t have many friends in FBC. I can’t seem to find the right connections”

# How people form friendships

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# The difference between Christian friendship and secular friendship

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# How people form friendships

- Friendship always starts with finding things in common with the other, then moving on to deeper connections – *you are trying to form yourself in others*
- Friendship is found in acceptance by others in a close social circle – *you are trying to form yourself through others*

# How Christian friendship is formed

- Friendship starts with recognizing the common with the other in Christ, then moving on to deeper connections – *you are both trying to form Christ in each other*
- Friendship is found by others welcoming you into their social circle – *you are all trying to form Christ together through unconditional acceptance*

“I find it very hard to be friends with.....”

Why would Jesus want to consider you  
His friend?

“I decided not to be friends with him  
because .....



In the worldly kingdom people choose who they want to be friends with. In God's Kingdom Christ chooses people to be friends with each other

<sup>14</sup> You are my friends if you do what I command. <sup>15</sup> I no longer call you servants, because a servant does not know his master's business. Instead, I have called you friends, for everything that I learned from my Father I have made known to you. <sup>16</sup> You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you so that you might go and bear fruit—fruit that will last—and so that whatever you ask in my name the Father will give you. <sup>17</sup> This is my command: Love each other.

John 15:14-17

# Who do you not want to eat with?

<sup>11</sup> When Cephas came to Antioch, I opposed him to his face, because he stood condemned. <sup>12</sup> For before certain men came from James, he used to eat with the Gentiles. But when they arrived, he began to draw back and separate himself from the Gentiles because he was afraid of those who belonged to the circumcision group. <sup>13</sup> The other Jews joined him in his hypocrisy, so that by their hypocrisy even Barnabas was led astray.

Galatians 2:11-13

<sup>26</sup> So in Christ Jesus **you are all children of God** through faith, <sup>27</sup> for all of you who were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. <sup>28</sup> There is neither Jew nor Gentile, neither slave nor free, nor is there male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus. <sup>29</sup> If you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise.

Galatians 3:26-29

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- Recognize the slavery in your heart that you need to get rid off
- To not realize the blessings that a Christian community brings is experience spiritual barrenness
- Christian friendship is often painful work.



# Christian friendship is painful because it often involves receiving and giving rebuke

<sup>14</sup> When I saw that they were not acting in line with the truth of the gospel, I said to Cephas in front of them all, “You are a Jew, yet you live like a Gentile and not like a Jew. How is it, then, that you force Gentiles to follow Jewish customs?

Galatians 2:14

You foolish Galatians! Who has bewitched you? Before your very eyes Jesus Christ was clearly portrayed as crucified. <sup>2</sup> I would like to learn just one thing from you: Did you receive the Spirit by the works of the law, or by believing what you heard? <sup>3</sup> Are you so foolish?

Galatians 3:1-3

# No accountability

- **Galatian Gentile Christians:** “Peter.... We were stumbled when you decided not to eat with us anymore when this new group of Jewish teachers came to town”
- **Peter:** *“Umm.....I’m deeply sorry you felt offended”*

# Rebuking and receiving rebuke

- Before you rebuke someone ask yourself did you love him/her with the pain of childbirth
- Receiving rebuke from someone who loves you with the pain of childbirth is how God exposes areas of your life where you are in slavery

“What is that something that is so important to me that I need and must have at all cost?”







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Surely your goodness and love  
will follow me all the days of my life  
and I will dwell in the house of the  
LORD forever. Amen / Psalm 23:6

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