



Port City Church

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The Beautiful Paradox of The Gospel

Re-Cap last 3 messages. . .

- I belong to the Body –we are a community that is better together than apart
 - Everyone has gifts that can serve others!
 - Find your purpose/calling
 - How far do you want to go as a church? Where do you see yourselves in 3-5yrs?
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- Whose Truth are you drawing from? What's your source? (ie. News, Social Media, Rumors)
 - Today's sources are mis-informed and mis-aligned w/ the Gospel . . .John 10
 - Remember this: The narrative of the enemy requires no faith, as all he presents are lies/fabrications! The narrative of God requires faith. . . Either way you believe in something.

Definition of Paradox --a situation, person, or thing that combines contradictory features or qualities

'Brothers and sisters, think of what you were when you were called. Not many of you were wise by human standards; not many were influential; not many were of noble birth. But God chose the foolish things of the world to shame the wise; God chose the weak things of the world to shame the strong. God chose the lowly things of this world and the despised things—and the things that are not—to nullify the things that are, so that no one may boast before him. It is because of him that you are in Christ Jesus, who has become for us wisdom from God—that is, our righteousness, holiness and redemption. Therefore, as it is written: "Let the one who boasts boast in the Lord." I Cor 1:26-31

1. >**The Creator becomes the created** (John 1:1-3,14)

'In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was with God in the beginning. Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made.' 'The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.'

2. >**He became sin who knew no sin** (II Cor 5:21)

'God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.'

3. >**The Cross – symbol of torture - symbol of love** (Col 1:20; Heb 12:2)

‘and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether things on earth or things in heaven, by making peace through his blood, shed on the cross.’ Col 1:20

‘fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith. For the joy set before him he endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.’ Heb 12:2

4. >**Whoever loses their life will save it** (Luke 9:23-24)

‘Then he said to them all: “Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross daily and follow me. For whoever wants to save their life will lose it, but whoever loses their life for me will save it.’

5. >**The first will be last, and the last first** (Matt 19:30)

‘But many who are first will be last, and many who are last will be first.’

6. >**When I am weak, then I am strong** (II Cor 12:10)

‘That is why, for Christ’s sake, I delight in weaknesses, in insults, in hardships, in persecutions, in difficulties. For when I am weak, then I am strong.’

7. >**My burden is light** (Matt 11:28)

‘Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest.’

8. >**I believe; help my unbelief!** (Mark 9:24)

‘Immediately the boy’s father exclaimed, “I do believe; help me overcome my unbelief!”

Mustard Seed Faith

“What shall we say the kingdom of God is like, or what parable shall we use to describe it? It is like a **mustard seed**, which is the smallest of all seeds on earth. Yet when planted, it grows and becomes the largest of all garden plants, with such big branches that the birds can perch in its shade.” Mark 4:30-32

“Truly I tell you, if you have faith as small as a **mustard seed**, you can say to this mountain, ‘Move from here to there,’ and it will move. Nothing will be impossible for you.” Matthew 17:20