

A CHURCH CALLED

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Three Principles

- How do churches hurt people?
- Why is church culture important?
- How do we create, maintain, and grow a good church?



For no good tree bears bad fruit, nor again does a bad tree bear good fruit, for each tree is known by its own fruit. For figs are not gathered from thornbushes, nor are grapes picked from a bramble bush.

The good person out of the good treasure of his heart produces good, and the evil person out of his evil treasure produces evil, for out of the abundance of the heart his mouth speaks.

Jesus speaking in Luke 6:43-45



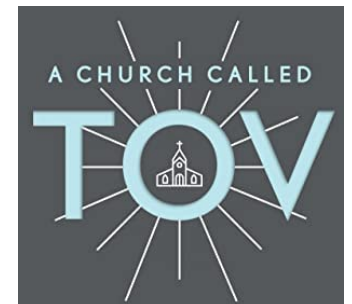
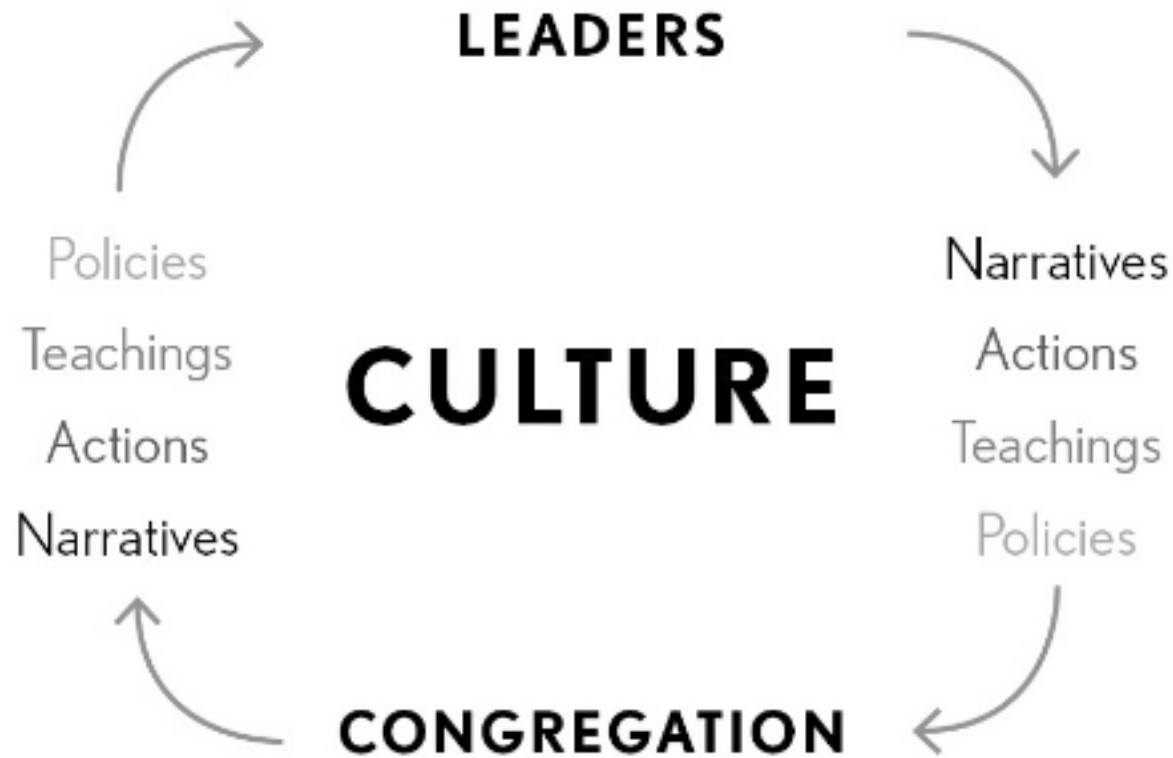
Either make the tree good and its fruit good, or make the tree bad and its fruit bad, for the tree is known by its fruit. You brood of vipers! How can you speak good, when you are evil? For out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaks.

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*Jesus speaking to the Pharisees in Matthew
12:33-34*



How Church Culture Forms



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Resist the leader culture

Nurture empathy
Resist a narcissist's culture

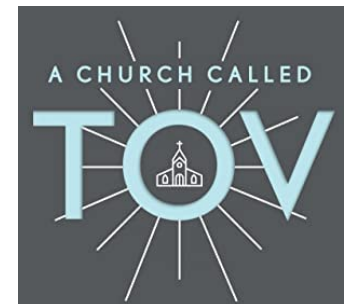
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Resist the celebrity culture

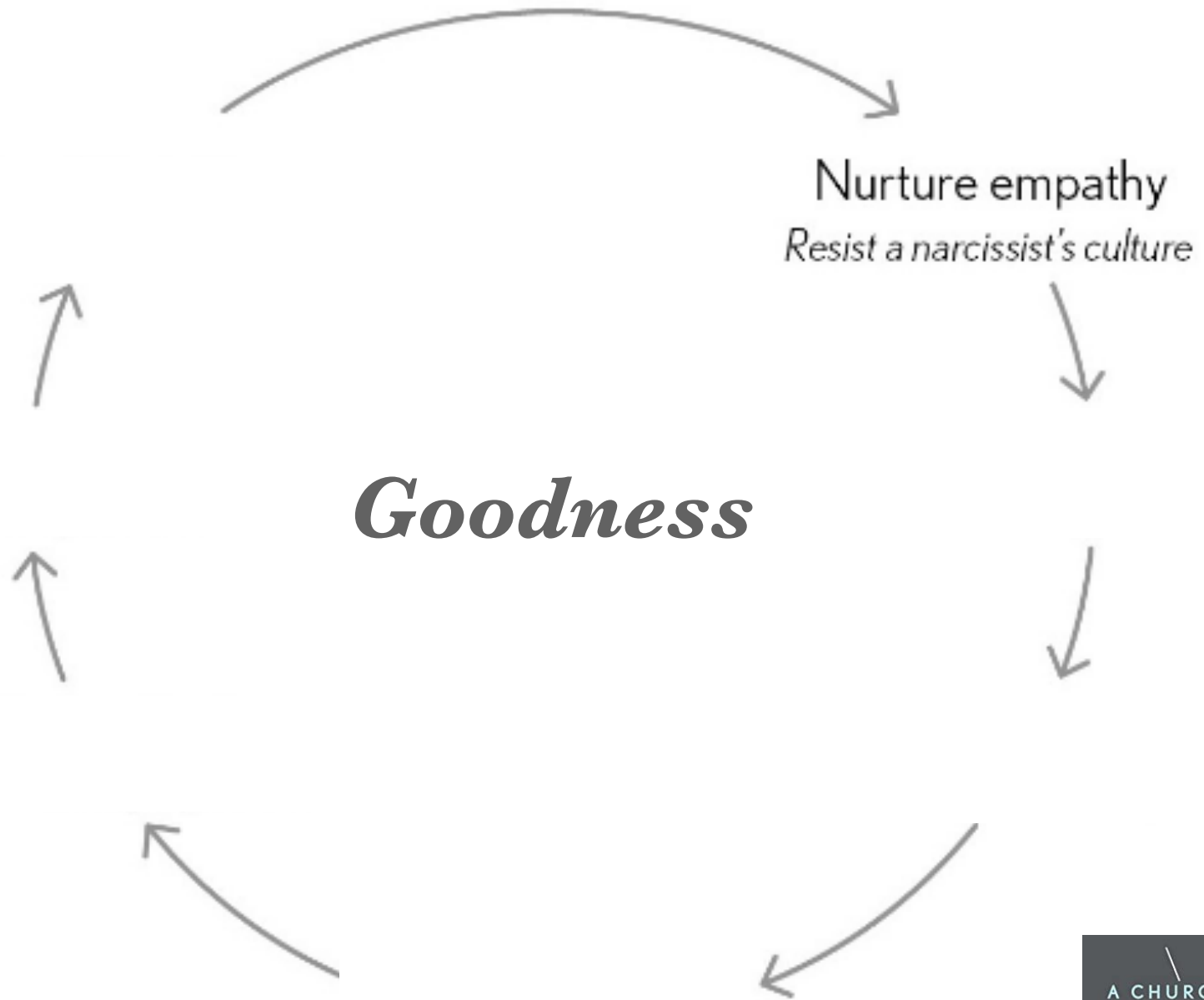
Nurture grace
Resist a fear culture

Nurture justice
Resist the loyalty culture

Put people first
Resist institution creep

Tell the truth
Resist false narratives
Know Yom Kippur
Form a truth-telling culture

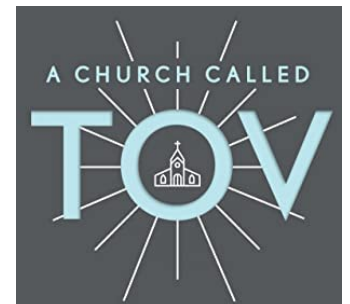




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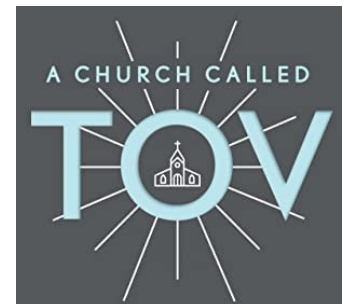


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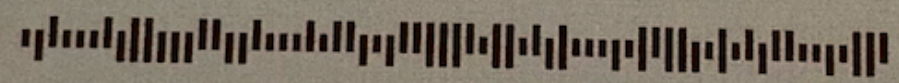


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I Corinthians 3:5-17

What then is Apollos? What is Paul? Servants through whom you believed, as the Lord assigned to each. I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the growth. So neither he who plants nor he who waters is anything, but only God who gives the growth. He who plants and he who waters are one, and each will receive his wages according to his labor. For we are God's fellow workers. You are God's field, God's building.



1 Corinthians 3:5-17

According to the grace of God given to me, like a skilled master builder I laid a foundation, and someone else is building upon it. Let each one take care how he builds upon it. For no one can lay a foundation other than that which is laid, which is Jesus Christ.



1 Corinthians 3:5-17

Now if anyone builds on the foundation with gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, straw— each one's work will become manifest, for the Day will disclose it, because it will be revealed by fire, and the fire will test what sort of work each one has done. If the work that anyone has built on the foundation survives, he will receive a reward.



1 Corinthians 3:5-17

...Do you not know that you are God's temple and that God's Spirit dwells in you? If anyone destroys God's temple, God will destroy him. For God's temple is holy, and you are that temple.



Philemon 1:15-16

...perhaps is why he was parted from you for a while, that you might have him back forever, no longer as a bondservant but more than a bondservant, as a beloved brother



Romans 12:3-8

For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think, but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. For as in one body we have many members, and the members do not all have the same function, so we, though many, are one body in Christ, and individually members one of another.



Romans 12:3-8

Having gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, let us use them: if prophecy, in proportion to our faith; if service, in our serving; the one who teaches, in his teaching; the one who exhorts, in his exhortation; the one who contributes, in generosity; the one who leads, with zeal; the one who does acts of mercy, with cheerfulness.



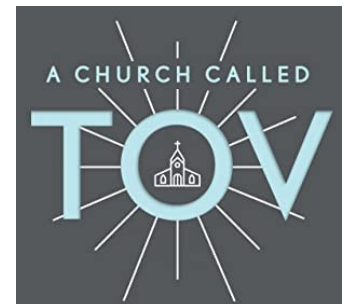
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John 1:14, 15-16

And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, **full of grace and truth.**

For from his fullness we have all received, **grace upon grace.** For the law was given through Moses; **grace and truth came through Jesus Christ.**



Grace

Hang Out

I Corinthians 5

Good

Truth

Check Out

Revelation 3:1-6

Call Out

Matthew 23



Yom Kippur (Leviticus 23:26-32)

1. Confession (James 5:16, I John 1:8-10)
2. Grace (Matthew 18:21-22)
3. Reconciliation (Matthew 5:24)



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