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- **¹¹ For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his love for those who fear him; ¹² as far as the east is from the west, so far has he removed our transgressions from us.**
- **¹³ As a father has compassion on his children, so the LORD has compassion on those who fear him;**
¹⁴ for he knows how we are formed, he remembers that we are dust.

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- **God's Character**
- **Man's Situation**
- **Reflection in Diff Areas**
- **Striking a Balance**
- **Glorifying God**



Prophet Nathan Confronted King David

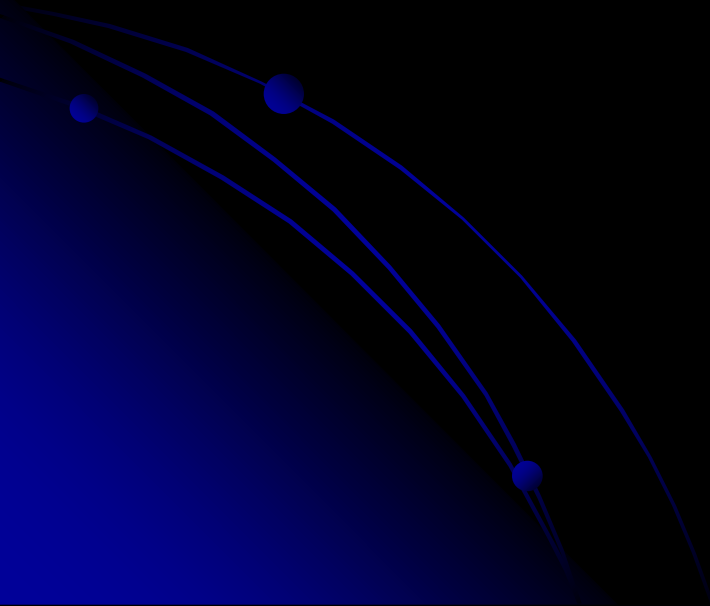


God's Character


- Righteous
 - Compassionate
 - Slow to anger
 - Abounding in gracious and love
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Human Response

- Repent
- Thanksgiving
- Emulate



Man's Situation

- Created in God's image
 - Limitation of Mankind
 - Growth to the Measure of Christ
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Man Reflecting Righteousness and Love

- Family
- Society
- Country
- Church

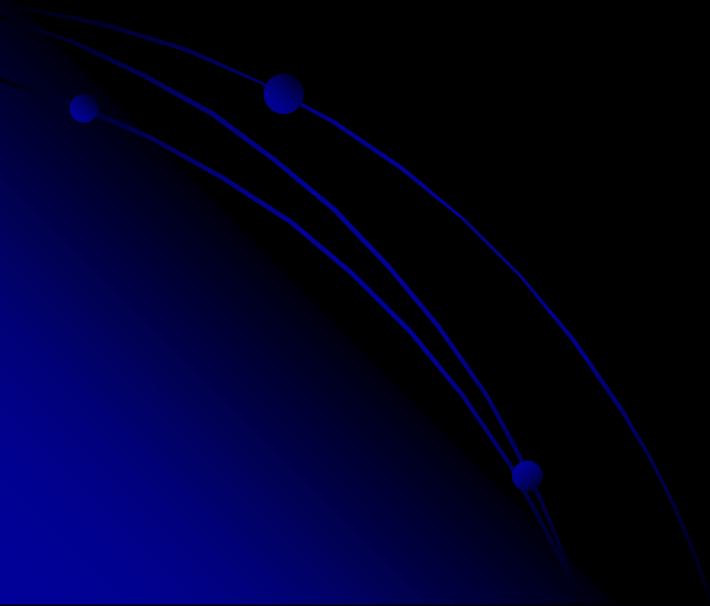


Family: Reflecting Righteousness and Love

- Gender Difference
- Disagreement
- Love and Support for Each Other
- Raising Children

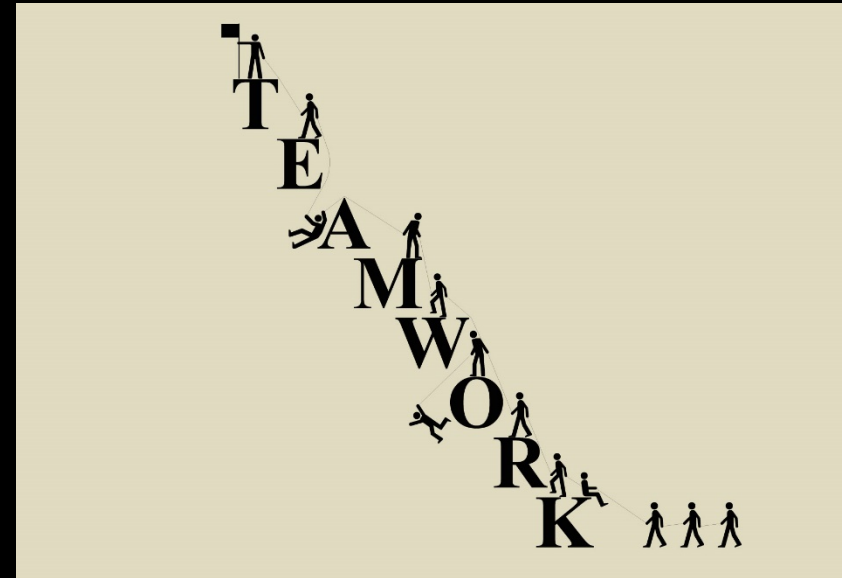


**It's not only the
Difference in Being
Sentimental or
Rational**



Society: Reflecting Righteousness and Love

Team Work
Corporate Cultures
Diversity and Unity



Nations: Reflecting Righteousness and Love



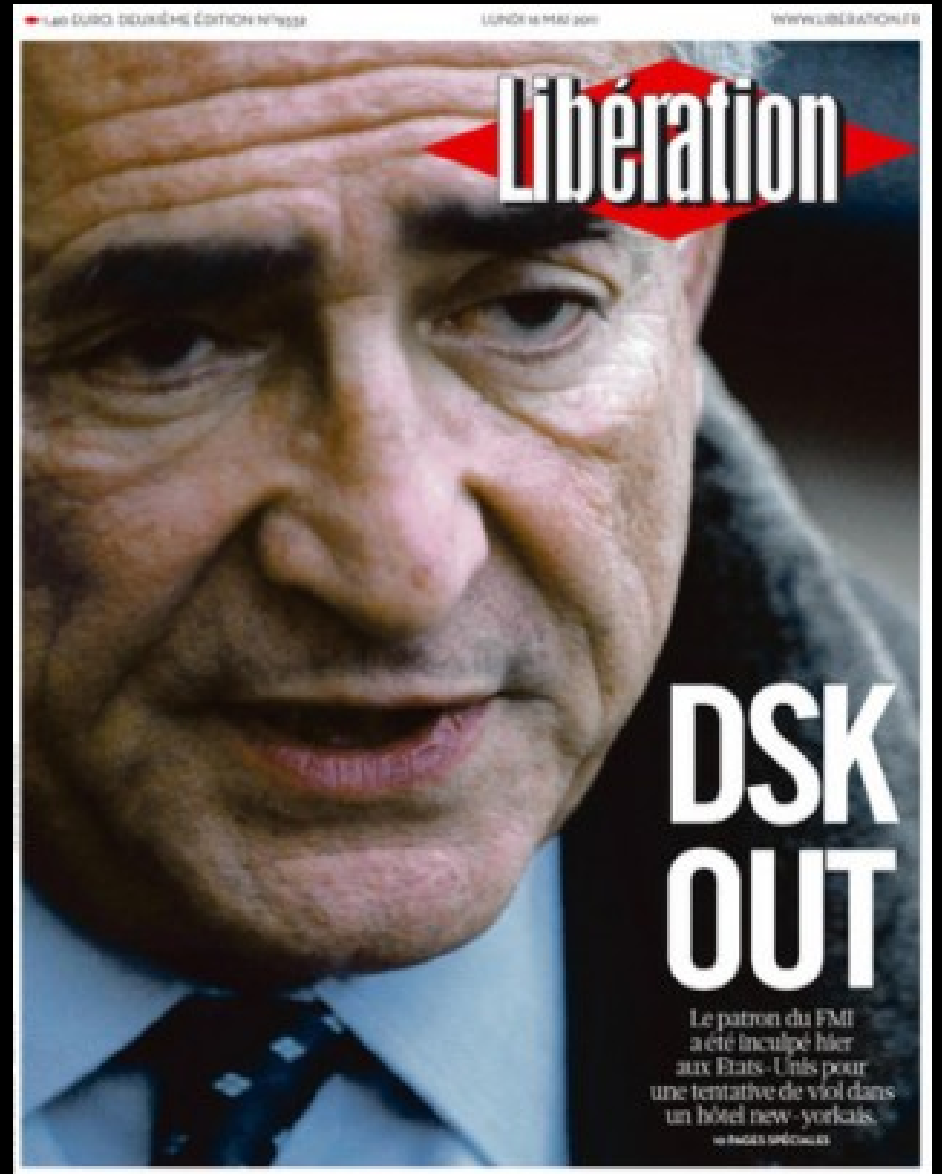
Hofstede's Study

- Study based on IBM: 64 national subsidiaries, 116,000 workers (not just managers), three world regions

Hofstede's Cultural Theory

	US	China	Japan
Individualism vs. Collectivism	91		46
Power Distance	40		54
Uncertainty Avoidance	46		92
Masculinity and Femininity	62		95





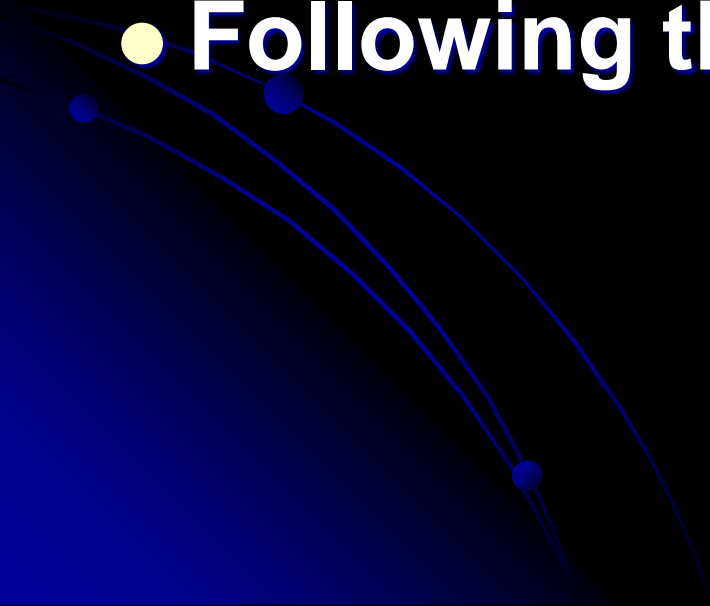
Church: Reflecting Righteousness and Love

- Over-Emphasis on Principles
- Over-Emphasis on Inclusiveness





Church: Reflecting Righteousness and Love

- **Valuing others above Yourself**
 - **One body**
 - **Keeping unity**
 - **Following the Biblical Teachings**
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Philippians 2:1-3

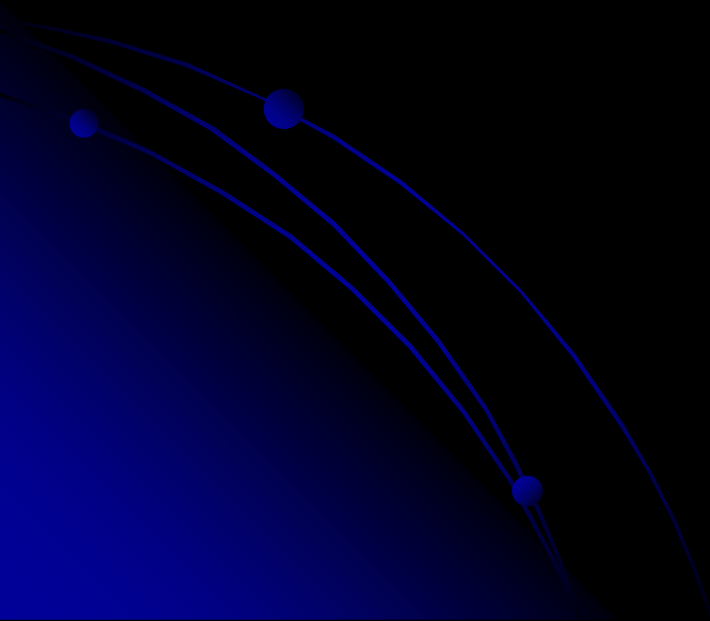
- **1**Therefore if you have any encouragement from being united with Christ, if any comfort from his love, if any common sharing in the Spirit, if any tenderness and compassion, **2** then make my joy complete by being like-minded, having the same love, being one in spirit and of one mind. **3** Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility value others above yourselves

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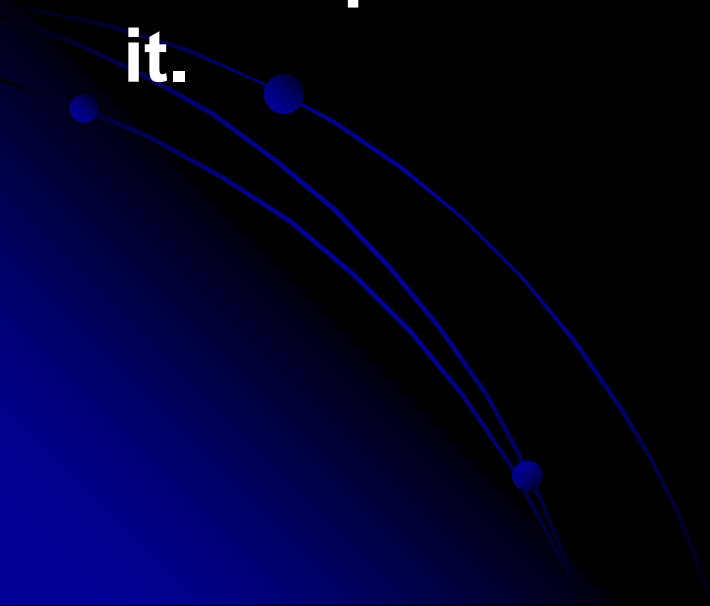
- Humility
- Prayer
- Seeking Opinion
- Unity



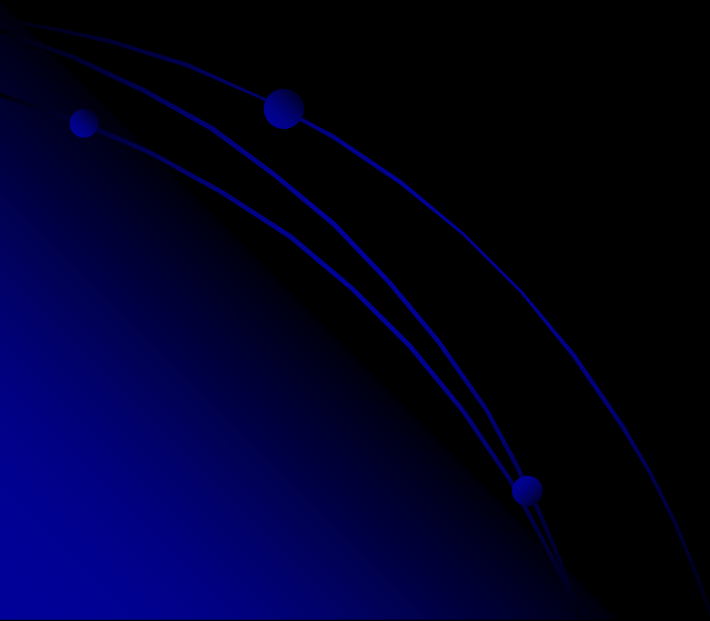
I Corinthians 12:20-22,26

²⁰ As it is, there are many parts, but one body.

- ²¹ The eye cannot say to the hand, “I don’t need you!” And the head cannot say to the feet, “I don’t need you!” ...
- ²⁶ If one part suffers, every part suffers with it; if one part is honored, every part rejoices with it.



● **Love Precedes
Justice**



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John 8:1-11

- ¹ but Jesus went to the Mount of Olives.
- ² At dawn he appeared again in the temple courts, where all the people gathered around him, and he sat down to teach them.
- ³ The teachers of the law and the Pharisees brought in a woman caught in adultery. They made her stand before the group.
- ⁴ and said to Jesus, “Teacher, this woman was caught in the act of adultery.
- ⁵ In the Law Moses commanded us to stone such women. Now what do you say?”
- ⁶ They were using this question as a trap, in order to have a basis for accusing him. But Jesus bent down and started to write on the ground with his finger.

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- **7** When they kept on questioning him, he straightened up and said to them, “Let any one of you who is without sin be the first to throw a stone at her.”
- **8** Again he stooped down and wrote on the ground.
- **9** At this, those who heard began to go away one at a time, the older ones first, until only Jesus was left, with the woman still standing there.
- **10** Jesus straightened up and asked her, “Woman, where are they? Has no one condemned you?”
- **11** “No one, sir,” she said. “Then neither do I condemn you,” Jesus declared. “Go now and leave your life of sin.”

Love Satisfying Righteousness:Sacrifice

- But he was pierced for our transgressions, he was crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was on him, and by his wounds we are healed. (Isaiah 53:4-5)

