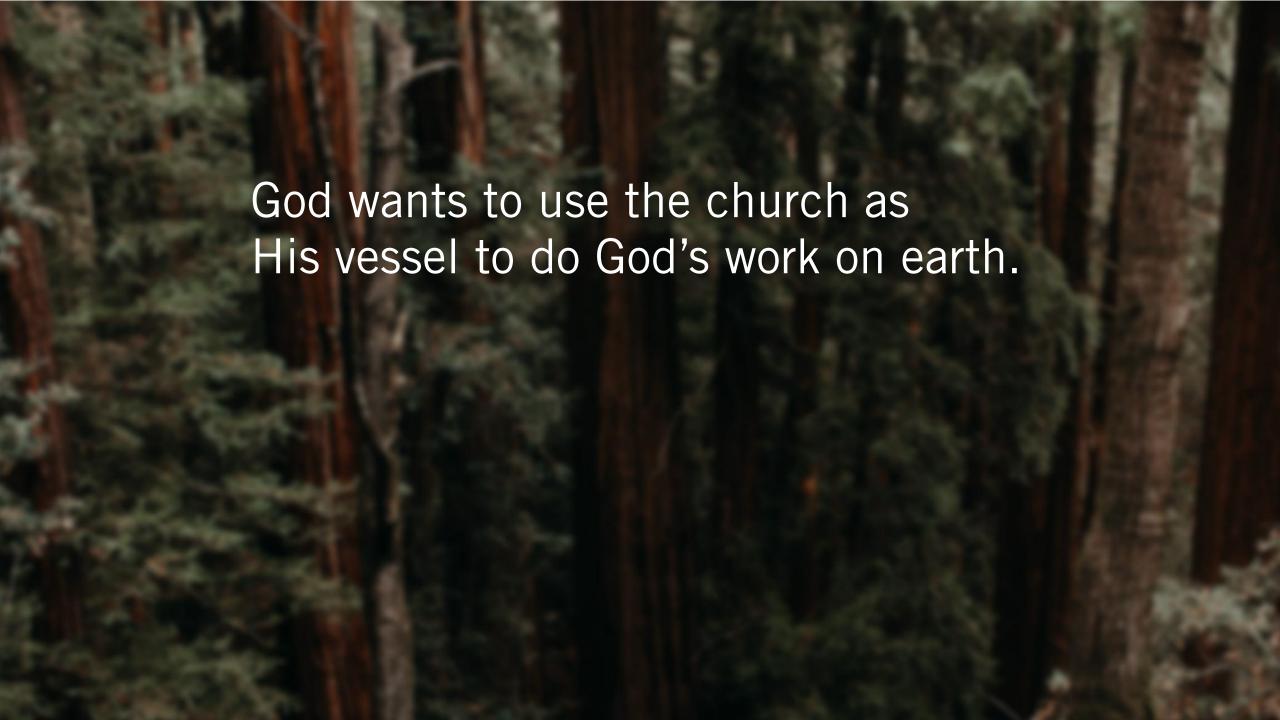
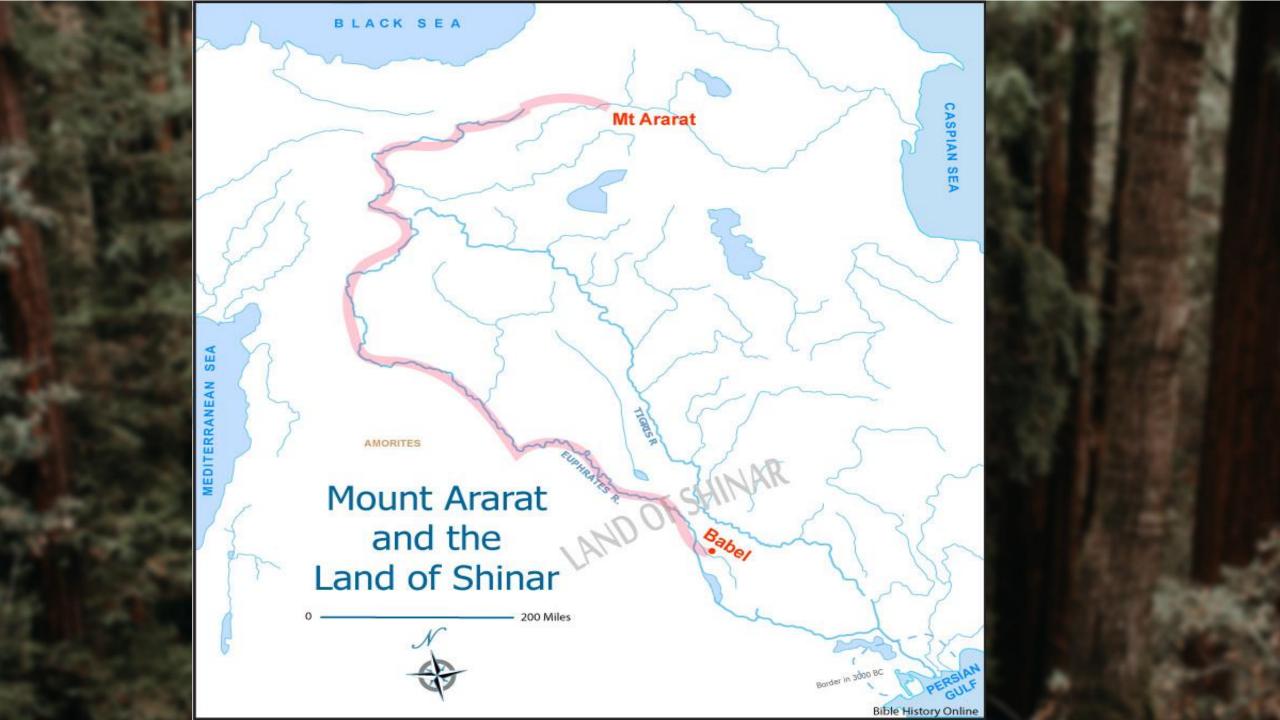
# Strength in diversity Derk Jan van der Veen



#### Things holding you back doing God's work:

- Relationship issues: family, friends and colleagues.
- What people say about you.
- Not hearing God's voice.
- Not doing what God tells you to do.



<sup>1</sup> Now the whole earth had one language and one speech. <sup>2</sup> And it came to pass, as they journeyed from the east, that they found a plain in the land of Shinar, and they dwelt there.

Genesis 11:1-9 (NKJV)

So God blessed Noah and his sons, and said to them: "Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth."

Genesis 9:1 (NKJV)

<sup>3</sup> Then they said to one another, "Come, let us make bricks and bake them thoroughly." They had brick for stone, and they had asphalt for mortar. <sup>4</sup> And they said, "Come, let us build ourselves a city, and a tower whose top is in the heavens; let us make a name for ourselves, lest we be scattered abroad over the face of the whole earth."

Genesis 11: 3-4 (NKJV)

<sup>4</sup> And they said, "Come, let us <u>build ourselves a</u> <u>city</u>, and <u>a tower whose top is in the heavens; let us make a name for ourselves, lest we be scattered abroad over the face of the whole earth."</u>

Genesis 11: 4 (NKJV)

<sup>5</sup> But the LORD came down to see the city and the tower which the sons of men had built. <sup>6</sup> And the LORD said, "Indeed the people are one and they all have one language, and this is what they begin to do; now nothing that they propose to do will be withheld from them.

Genesis 11: 5-6 (NKJV)

<sup>7</sup> Come, let Us go down and there confuse their language, that they may not understand one another's speech." 8 So the LORD scattered them abroad from there over the face of all the earth, and they ceased building the city. 9 Therefore its name is called Babel, because there the LORD confused the language of all the earth; and from there the LORD scattered them abroad over the face of all the earth.

Genesis 11:7-9 (NKJV)



# God's plan: Christians guarded 2. Pride destroyed

Then a mighty angel took up a stone like a great millstone and threw it into the sea, saying, "Thus with violence the great city Babylon shall be thrown down, and shall not be found anymore.

Revelation 18: 21 (NKJV)

## God's plan:

- 1. Christians guarded
- 2. Pride destroyed
- 3. Every group claimed

<sup>18</sup> And Jesus came and spoke to them, saying, "All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. <sup>19</sup> Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations.

Matthew 28:18-19a (NKJV)

### God's plan:

- 1. Christians guarded
- 2. Pride destroyed
- 3. Every group claimed
- 4. The Gospel glorified

<sup>16</sup> For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ, for it is the power of God to salvation for everyone who believes, for the Jew first and also for the Greek.

Romans 1: 6 (NKJV)

### God's plan:

- 1. Christians guarded
- 2. Pride destroyed
- 3. Every group claimed
- 4. The Gospel glorified
- 5. Jesus praised

<sup>9</sup> And they sang a new song, saying: "You are worthy to take the scroll, And to open its seals; For You were slain, And have redeemed us to God by Your blood Out of every tribe and tongue and people and nation,

<sup>10</sup> And have made us kings and priests to our God; And we shall reign on the earth."

Revelation 5: 9-10 (NKJV)

<sup>9</sup> After these things I looked, and behold, a great multitude which no one could number, of all nations, tribes, peoples, and tongues, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed with white robes, with palm branches in their hands, 10 and crying out with a loud voice, saying, "Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!"

Revelation 7: 9-10 (NKJV)

God is confusing the people that they are not focussing on themselves anymore but on God.

The enemy is confusing the people that they are not focussing on God anymore but on themselves.



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