

Vision Sunday

AUGUST 21st

10:00AM | WINTER PARK YMCA



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WINTER PARK



DANIEL

thriving in turbulent times

*Do you ever struggle to believe
that God is both sovereign
and good?*

*Do you ever struggle to know
how to engage culture in a
God-honoring way?*

Googling for God



Seth Stephens-Davidowitz SEPT. 19, 2015

IT has been a bad decade for God, at least so far. Despite the rising popularity of Pope Francis, who was elected in 2013, Google searches for churches are 15 percent lower in the first half of this decade than they were during the last half of the previous one. Searches questioning God's existence are up. Many behaviors that he supposedly abhors have skyrocketed. Porn searches are up 83 percent. For heroin, it's 32 percent.

How are the Ten Commandments doing? Not well. "Love thy neighbor" is the most common search with the word "neighbor" in it, but right behind at No. 2 is "neighbor porn." The top Google search including the word "God" is "God of War," a video game, with more than 700,000 searches per year. The No. 1 search that includes "how to" and "Walmart" is "how to steal from Walmart," beating all questions related to coupons, price-matching or applying for a job.

*Do you ever struggle to
know what your purpose is
in this life?*

Daniel 1:1-7

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the Context

Daniel 1:1-2

covenantal unfaithfulness &
the faithfulness of God

Leviticus 26:33

And I will scatter you among the nations, and I will unsheathe the sword after you, and your land shall be a desolation, and your cities shall be a waste.

BABYLONIANS

Psalm 137:8-9

O daughter of Babylon, doomed to be
destroyed, blessed shall he be who repays
you with what you have done to us!
Blessed shall he be who takes your little
ones and dashes them against the rock!

Psalm 137:1-3

By the waters of Babylon, there we sat down and wept, when we remembered Zion. On the willows there we hung up our lyres. For there our captors required of us songs, and our tormentors, mirth, saying, “Sing us one of the songs of Zion!”

Who's really in control?

And the Lord gave...

Matthew 10:29

Are not two sparrows sold for a penny?
And not one of them will fall to the
ground apart from your Father.

the Challenge

Daniel 1:3-7

the strategy of
syncretism

Daniel | *God is my judge*

Hananiah | *The Lord is gracious*

Mishael | *Who is what God is?*

Azariah | *The Lord is a helper*

rationality narrative

progressive narrative

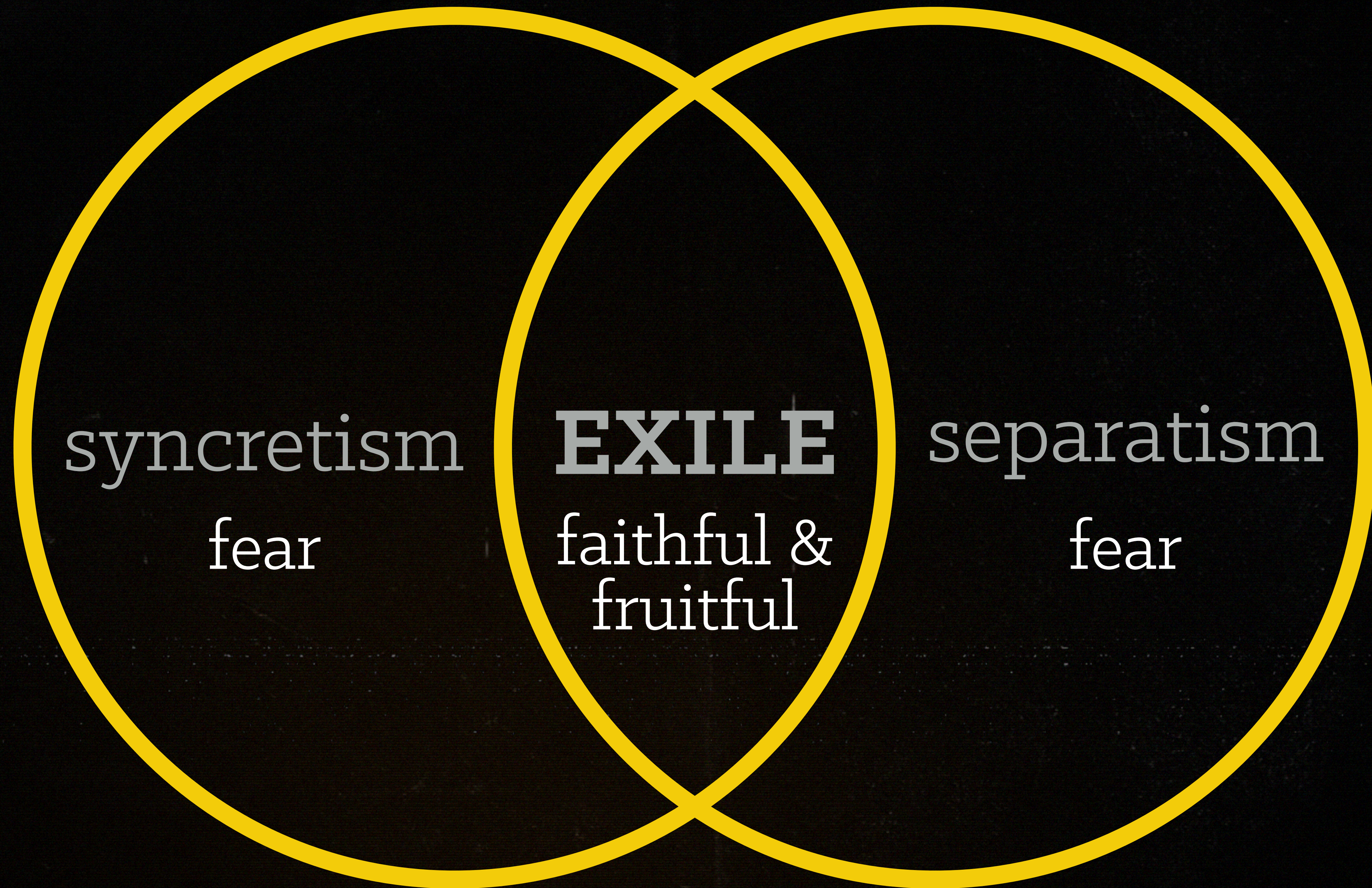
autonomous-self narrative

*How do you see yourself in
this time and place?*

the Calling

Jeremiah 29:4-9

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syncretism

fear

EXILE

faithful &
fruitful

separatism

fear

seek the
SHALOM

In the book of Daniel, then, it is the exiles in Babylon who are truly counted to be God's blessed people. And to be asked to live in Babylon, as Daniel was, was to **find oneself at the center of God's positive mission to the world.**

- David Helm, *Daniel for You*

How will we do this?

GATHER

renewal and resistance

GO|

intercede. invest. invite.

GIVE

time. talent. treasure.

think

GENERATIONS

kids. youth. college.

GROWTH

a church planting church



SULLIVAN SEND OFF

5:30PM - 7:30PM | AUGUST 21ST

@ The Winter Park Community Center

the Cost

John 3:16

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“For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.

PRAY

Pray for the flourishing of our
community

Let's repent for the ways we have
chosen self over others

Pray that our Sunday
GATHERING would provide
renewal & resistance

Pray that we would GO to live as
faithful missionaries

Pray that we would GIVE
sacrificially of our time, talent,
and treasure

Pray for the GENERATIONS

CP Kids

Student Ministry

InterVarsity

Pray for gospel GROWTH
as the Sullivans plant
CrossPointe Jupiter



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