

# “Awesome, Average & Abstract Types”

John 5:39

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## INTRO: VIDEO - *Come To The Table*

- That song is a **PERFECT introduction** for today
  - **Brings** the **Messiah’s miraculous message...**
  - **Builds** on the **mission of repentance**; while...
    - Hoping to help heighten BOTH... your:
      - Holy Confidence **in** God’s Word
      - Hunger & curiosity **for** God’s Word
  - **Breaking** all the **marketing rules...**
    - *Appeal... Attract... Affirm...*
    - *We appeal, attract & affirm with T&L!*

## CONTEXT: *Gospel Gardening: Roots, Fruits & Boots*

- Better **understanding Christ, Christianity & Church**
- This is the intent of God’s Word... cover to cover!
- Here’s where we’ve been so far...

### a. *Gospel Gardening Is Acts 1:8 In Action*

Proverbs 29:18 (and Acts 1:8)

*Where there is no prophetic vision the people cast off restraint, but, blessed are those who keep the law.*

**b. *Jesus Is the Bible's A.M.E.N.***

Luke 24:27

*Then beginning with Moses and with all the prophets, He/Jesus explained to them the things concerning Himself in all the Scriptures.*

**c. *According To the Scriptures***

1 Corinthians 15:3

*For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received, that **Christ died for our sins** according to the Scriptures,*

**d. *Some Things Never Change***

1 Corinthians 10:11

*Now these things happened to them as an example/type, and they were written for our instruction...*

**e. *Colossal Gospel Patterns***

John 15:2

*Every branch in Me that does not bear fruit, He takes away; and every branch that bears fruit, He prunes it so that it may bear more fruit.*

- Faith & Fruit
- Covenant & Consequences
- Fear & Family

Today:

## ***Awesome, Average & Abstract Types***

John 5:39

*You search the Scriptures because you think that in them you have eternal life; and **it is they that bear witness/testify about Me,***

**BIG IDEA:** God's Word, will, & ways, in **EVERY part & pattern,** are designed to make disciples who **EXALT Christ & EXHORT the Church.**

### **PREVIEW:**

- The **AWESOME** Type
- The **AVERAGE** Type
- The **ABSTRACT** Type

**T/S:** So let's jump into this *marketing-mistake* that is a **missional & miraculous message :-)**

*(I'm going to invest valuable time & energy into telling many of you what you don't think you need to hear... which is another repeated pattern in the Bible...)*

- **Let's start with Noah's Ark & the Flood...**
- **Genesis 6-9** is our context & text...

# I. The **AWESOME Ark**

- What comes to mind when you hear Noah's Ark?
  - Children's story... cartoon sketches?
  - Peculiar patterns of animals walking 2X2?
  - A story about a flood...*or a story about faith?*
  - We need to get back to the basics.....

**VIDEO:** "ABC's of the Bible"

(marketing "mistake" *but* missional message!)

## A. Details & Discovery:

- **Righteous man in a rotten world** ([Genesis 6:5](#))
- **Noah's a preacher of God's Word** (2 Peter 2:15)
- Flood is a type of *God's promised wrath/judgment*
  - **The flood is a warning!** (2 Peter 3:4-10)
- **The Ark had very specific specifications:**
  - Like **guidelines** of life & living in the Garden
  - Like the **traveling Tabernacle**... to come
  - Like the **sacrificial system** that followed
  - Like the **two Temples** that were to come
  - Like your life & mine... as living Temples
- **Like the GOSPEL!!!**
  - mMm
  - sin, Savior, sent
  - respond, receive, reproduce
    - [ComeAndSeeChristianity.com](http://ComeAndSeeChristianity.com)

- **The Ark is a type of Christ**
  - It is the **safe place to BE-WITH God**
  - It is the **safe place to avoid God's judgment**
  - It is **God's life-saving refuge**
  - It is the **safe place of fellowship with other faithful followers**
  
- **Noah's family = type of God's family**
  - **To BE in-the-Ark = to BE in-The-Christ!**
  - Ark is **"narrow path for the FEW"** (1 Pt 3:20)
  - Note: the **Ark had only 1 door... one way in!**
  - Noah went in first... **lead-in vs. point-in**
  - Noah's family is the **remnant/type of Church**
  
- **Only those miraculously brought by God come in**
  - See **John 6:44 & Ephesians 2:1-10**
  - **Sovereign grace & human responsibility**
  
- **Ark open for 7 days... then Lord closed the door!**  
(7:10 vs. 7:16)
  - **Today is the day of salvation...**
  - **He'll come like a thief in the night...**

*If you don't learn the ABC's of Christianity...  
you'll likely to fall prey to ear-tickling heresy!*

## **VIDEO:** *“Tony Robbins – Bad Example”*

*Beware the shows & showmen of the church...  
who replace the sermons & shepherds of The Christ!*

- JDP

### **B. Discipleship & Deployment:**

- a. Like Noah, we call people to repent & respond
- b. Matthew 3:7.... *“flee from the wrath to come...”*

### **AWESOME:**

1. No more target-marketing/homogeneous unit principle
2. See the LORD's love, mercy & grace in all circumstances
3. Uncompromising commitment to preach truth in love
4. Demonstrate radical obedience to the Word of God
5. Stand-alone if need BE & accept ridiculing-persecution
6. Walk by faith and not by sight – no matter what!
7. Praise God for His seen (and unseen) “2X2 miracles”.
8. Recognize that God's grace involves a lot of hard work
9. Don't listen to the pre-flood mocking...
10. Don't ever forget the post-flood screaming
11. Always BE ready & fluid, stay focused, & work hard
12. Always look up to the Son & remember the rainbow

**T/S:** Let's transition from the Awesome to the Average...

➤ Genesis ch.22 is our key text...

## II. The **AVERAGE** *Abraham*

➤ Abe was a sinner saved by grace thru faith!

**Abraham had waited twenty-five years for Isaac (see Genesis 12:3-4 and Genesis 21:5), but he was willing to sacrifice him if that was what the Lord wanted.**

*This teaches us that we need to look beyond the moment and beyond the situation at hand, regardless of how it may appear, and "walk by faith, not by sight" (2 Corinthians 5:7).*

*We need to realize that the Lord will never contradict His Word or His promises.*

**VIDEO** - Jason Gray: "Rise Again"

**Hebrews 11:17 says,**

***"By faith Abraham . . . offered up Isaac."***

**Romans 4:21** *Abraham... "fully persuaded that, what he [God] had promised, he was able to perform."*

- Abe was a type of the Father...
- Isaac a type of Christ the "beloved" Son
- Both were sons of the promise
- Both were sons of miraculous conception
- Both were willing, trusting, substitutes...
  - Both sacrificed on the same mount: *"the LORD will provide"* (**Gen. 22:14**)
  - Both to carry blessing to the whole world!
  - Both required faith in God's resurrections
  - Both 33 year olds exemplify The Gospel:
    1. *Jesus did "put away sin by the sacrifice of himself"* (**Hebrews 9:26**)

### **AVERAGE:**

1. Don't ever forget the grace of BE-ing chosen & forgiven!
2. Reservation & hesitation to obedience are sinking sins
3. God's grace is greater than any bad record/family tree
4. God knows we are going to stumble (badly) at times
5. God knows we are going to repeat some stumbles...
6. You can't be snatched (or even jump out of) God's hand!
7. His life-giving promises & promise of life are guarantees
8. God is ALWAYS painting fresh portraits of The Gospel
9. You could/should be excited to obey – no matter what!
10. **You have to carry your wood/tree to see the lamb!** JDP
11. All who DO carry their tree WILL see the Lamb!
12. Reverent fear + real faith & righteous fruit = Family



What's your Mount Moriah/Golgotha to climb???

T/S: Genesis 28 is our next text to see Jesus with Jacob

### III. The **ABSTRACT** *Allusion*

#### The Ladder

*This Scripture text states that Jacob had a dream. In that dream Jacob saw a "ladder set up on the earth, and the top of it reached to heaven: and behold [he saw] the angels of God ascending and descending on it" (Genesis 28:12). This dream is a type. In John 1:51 we see the JESUS: "Verily, verily, I say unto you, Hereafter ye shall see heaven open, and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of man." These words of Jesus let us know clearly that He is the antitype of the "ladder" that Jacob saw.*

In John 12:32 Jesus spoke of His being "lifted up from the earth." John 12:33 tells us this signifies what death Christ should die. So, the "ladder set up on the earth" typifies Christ's death (at the Crucifixion) when He was lifted up above the earth, or "set up" between Heaven and earth. This is a portrayal of how Christ bridged the gap between Heaven and earth.

*Through the Crucifixion, Christ bridged the distance between Heaven and earth and made an access whereby God in Heaven and man on earth could be united.*

## God's House—The Church

### Genesis 28:17

*He was afraid and said, "What an awesome place this is! This is none other than the house of God. This is the gate of heaven."*

**\*\*\* 1Timothy 3:15** says that *"the house of God . . . is the church of the living God."*

*Just as Christ's literal body and the work wrought by it bridged the chasm between Heaven and earth, so the church, in his stead, bridges that chasm now. How? First Peter 2:9 says that we are "a royal priesthood." Since we are priests, then we, too, are spiritual bridge builders.*

## **The Angels/Ambassadors of God**

In the Genesis account and in John 1:51, the angels of God were shown "ascending and descending."

The text speaks of "angels." The original Hebrew word for angel is malak, which means "a messenger or an ambassador." 2 Corinthians 5:20 says that "we are ambassadors for Christ," and 2 Corinthians 5:18 proclaims that God "hath given to us the ministry of reconciliation."

*The depiction of "angels ascending and descending" portrays a God-called ministry in the body of Christ, the true church, ascending to Heaven, to God, to get the message at His mouth. Then, descend back to earth to deliver it and to minister to men.*

**Ezekiel 33:7**

*As for you, son of man, I have made you a watchman for the house of Israel. When you hear a word from My mouth, give them a warning from Me.*

**1 Thessalonians 2:4**

*Instead, just as we have been approved by God to be entrusted with the gospel, so we speak, not to please men, but rather God, who examines our hearts.*

**Note: "ascending and descending" is in the present and continual sense.**

**VIDEO - "O, O, God Forgive Us"**

*A true ministry only speaks that which they have been put in trust with.*

***"The Gate of Heaven" = Genesis 28:17***

**The Gate/Door is Jesus Christ! (John 10:9).**

**ABSTRACT:**

1. We're blessed to have a God who speaks to His people!
2. We're blessed God wants us to know & BE His love...
3. We're blessed God wants us to know & BE His Ladder!

**REVIEW:**

- **AWESOME types**
- **AVERAGE types**
- **ABSTRACT types**

Once again we see that God's Word, God's will, & God's ways NEVER change... and they all point to the glory, grace, & gospel of Jesus the Christ!

**CLOSE:**

*All the awesome, average, & abstract truths of God's Word, point us back to the God of the Word... AND... all His awesome, average, & abstract types... which are in place to exalt Christ & exhort the church.*

**Did you see the COLOSSAL GOSPEL Patterns again?**

- Faith & Fruit
- Covenant & Consequence
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Some things never change! The “colossal gospel” has Christ-centered, consistent patterns that run throughout the Bible, from cover to cover... in the Old and in the New, in the big and in the small...

...in the AWESOME, the AVERAGE, & the ABSTRACT...

Amen & AMEN!

**Let's PRAY!**

**VIDEO** - *“Run To The Father”*