

Be Different

Your Truth, My Truth

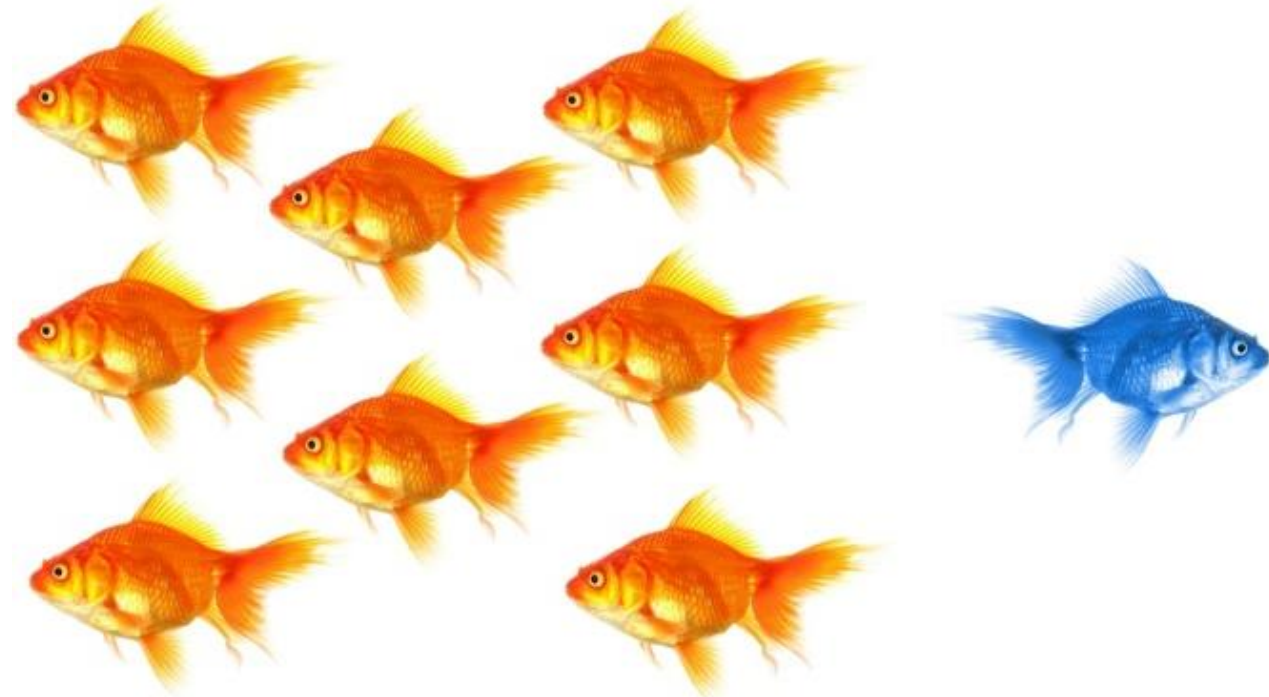
Called to Be Different

Rom 12:1–2 I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. ² **Do not be conformed to this world,** but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.

The Patterns of this World

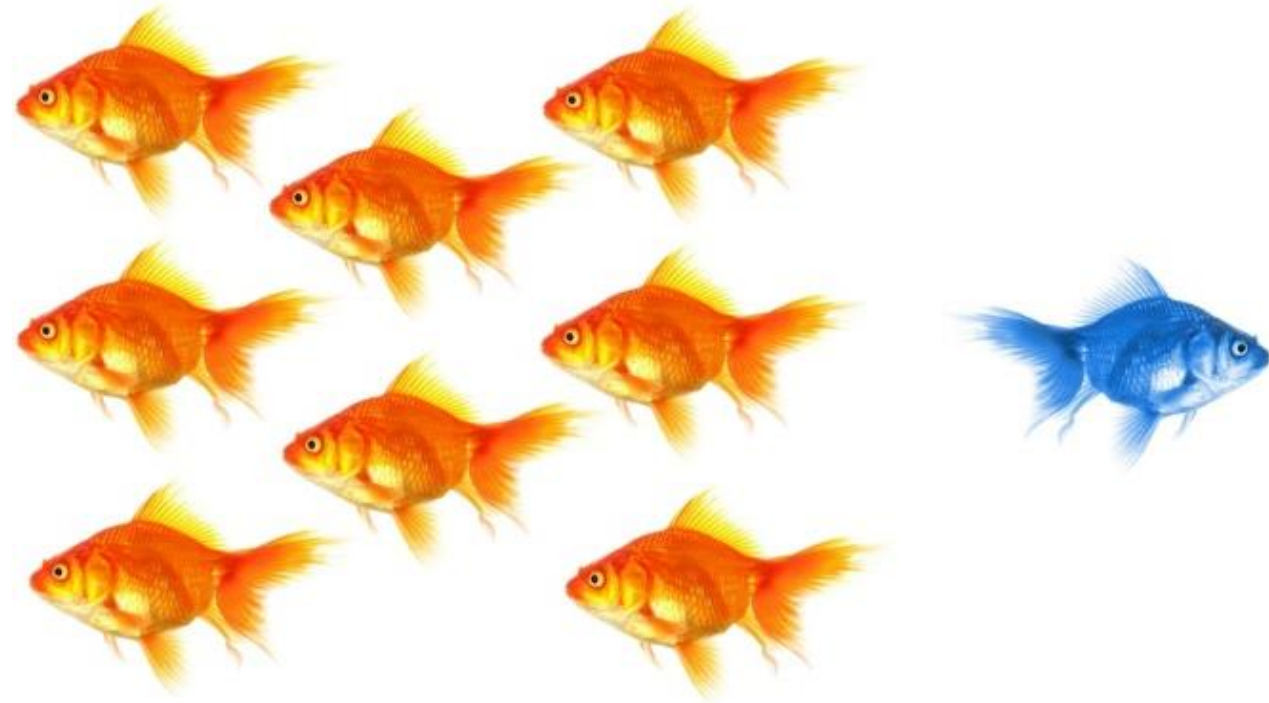
A Worldview

“a commitment, a fundamental orientation of the heart... which we hold about the basic constitution of reality, and that provides the foundation on which we live and move and have our being.” –James Sire



The Patterns of this World

- Worldviews can exercise subtle influence over our lives.
- Easier to see in others than in our own lives.

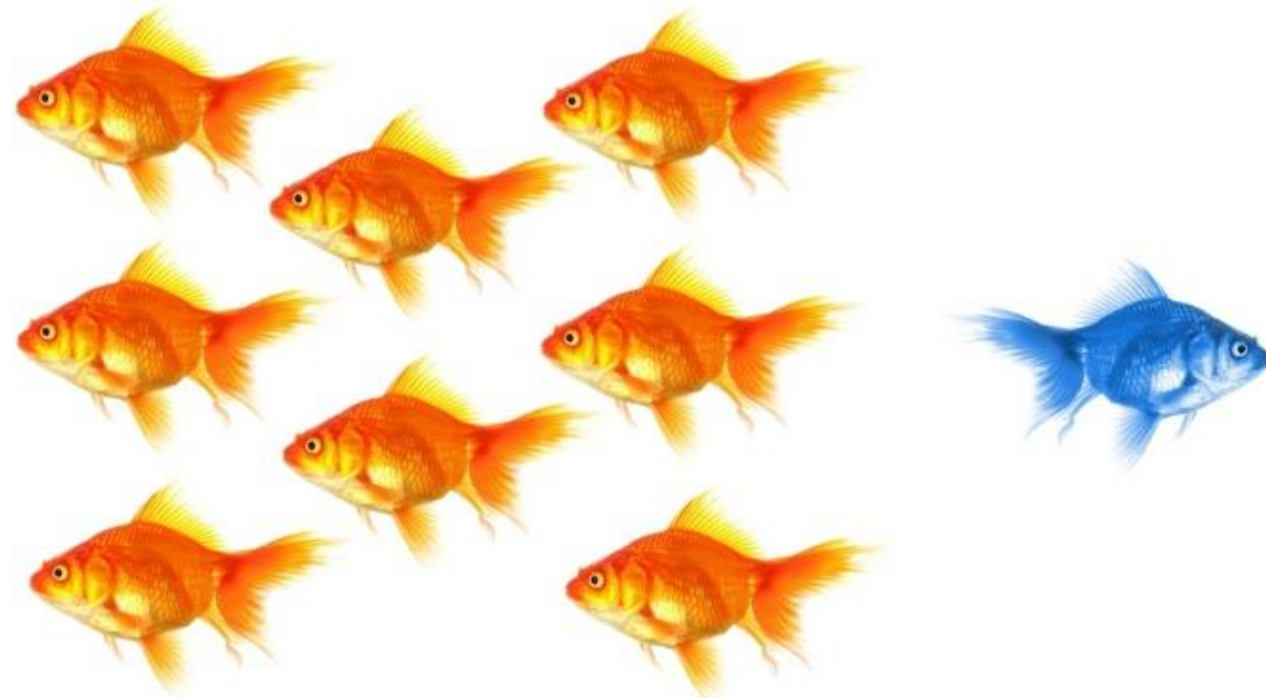


Individualism

Living life for oneself, as if you are the “center of the universe.”

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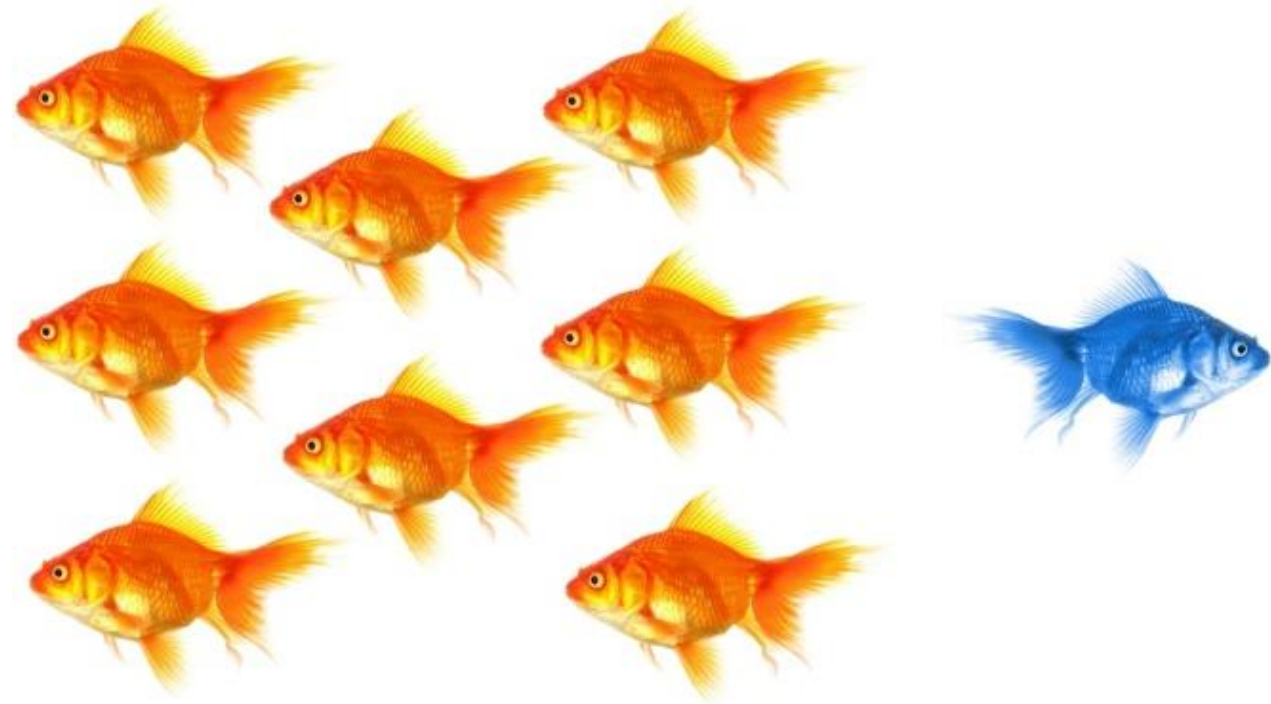
Loving God and Others
Considering Others Interests
before our own (Phil 2:3-4)



Your Truth, My Truth

Can I know with certainty
that something is true?

If I know something to be
true, how does it impact
the way I live?



John 18:33-38

³³ So Pilate entered his headquarters again and called Jesus and said to him, “Are you the King of the Jews?”

³⁴ Jesus answered, “Do you say this of your own accord, or did others say it to you about me?” ³⁵ Pilate answered, “Am I a Jew? Your own nation and the chief priests have delivered you over to me. What have you done?” ³⁶ Jesus answered, “My kingdom is not of this world.

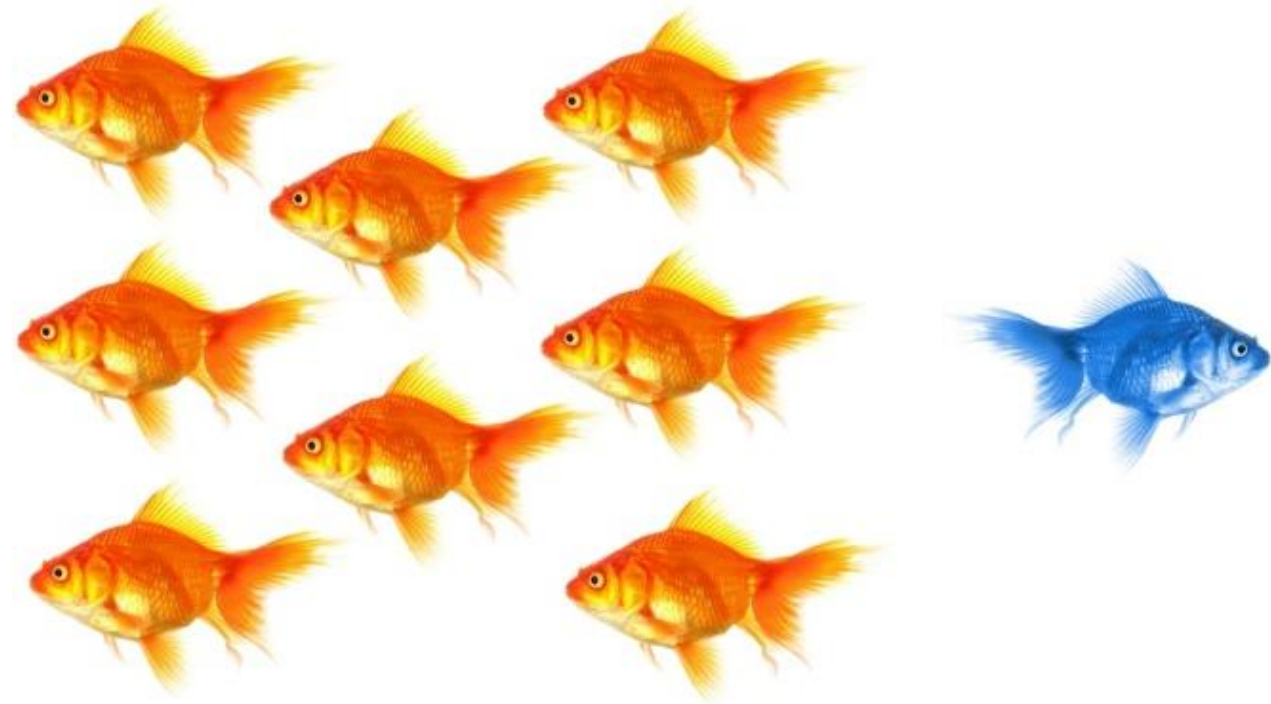
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If my kingdom were of this world, my servants would have been fighting, that I might not be delivered over to the Jews. But my kingdom is not from the world.”³⁷ Then Pilate said to him, “So you are a king?” Jesus answered, “You say that I am a king. For this purpose I was born and for this purpose I have come into the world—to bear witness to the truth. Everyone who is of the truth listens to my voice.”³⁸ Pilate said to him, **“What is truth?”**

What is Truth?

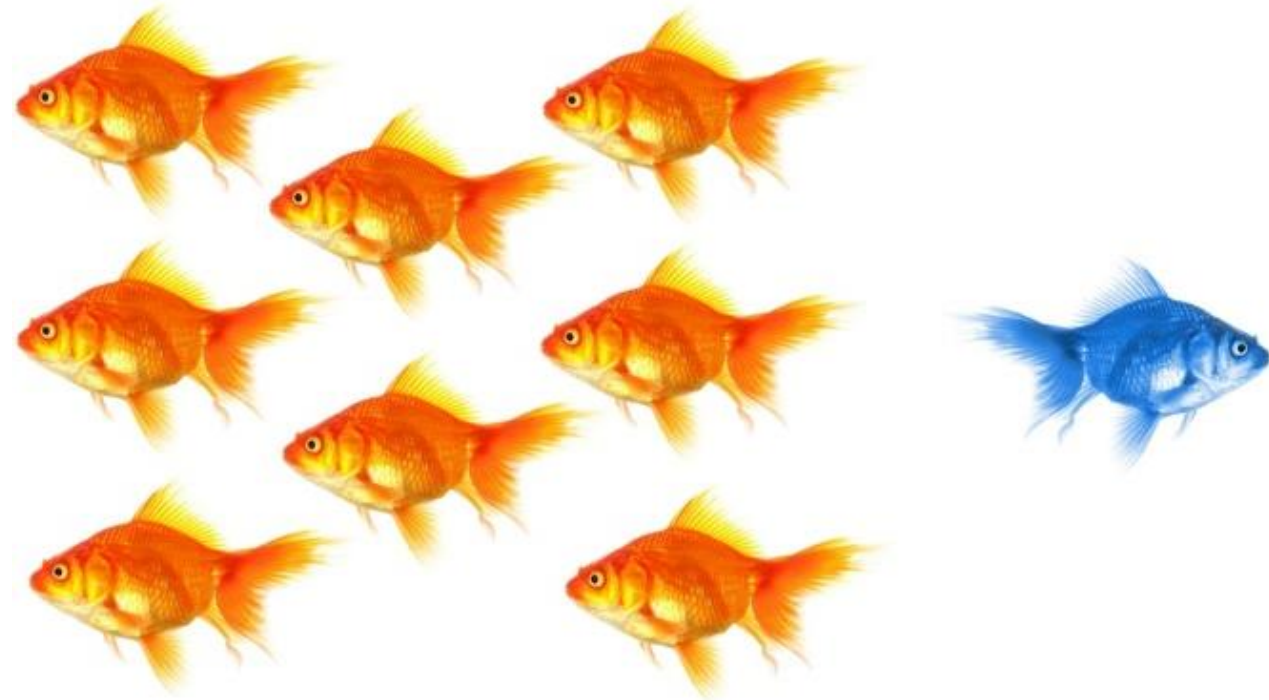
TRUTH

- Something that conforms to reality or actuality.
- The real facts about something.



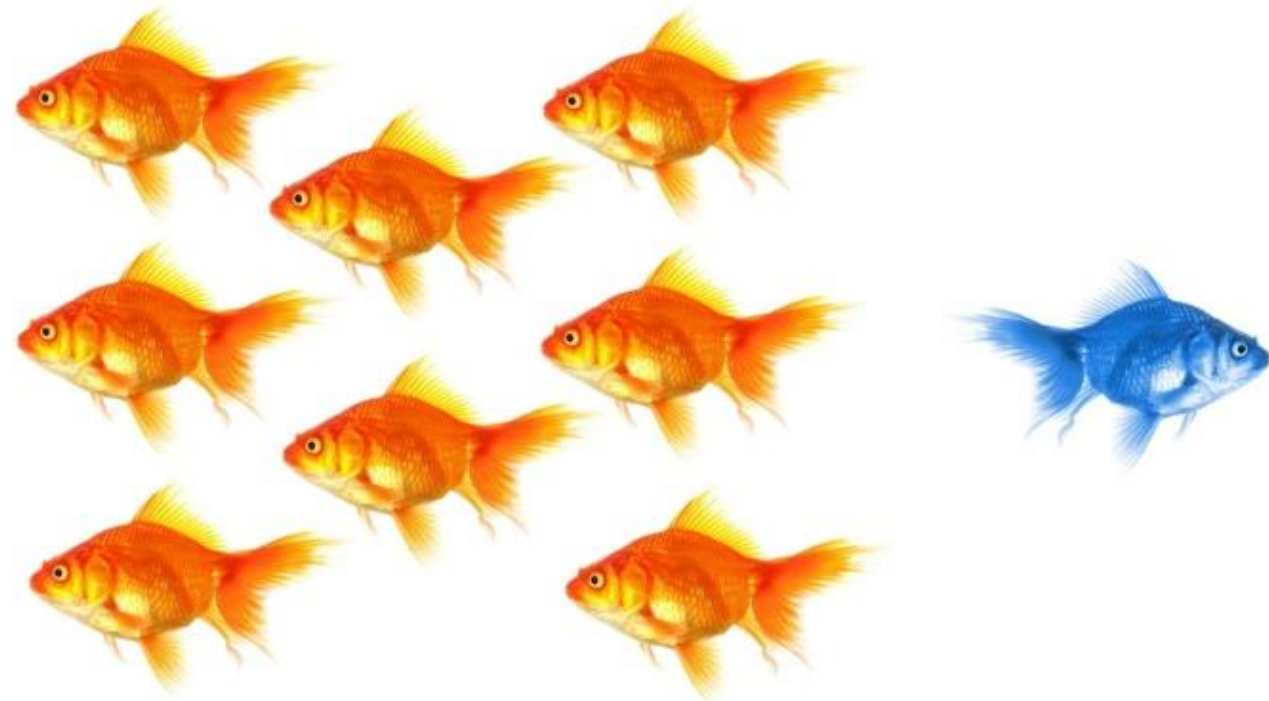
Relativism

- Truth doesn't exist or is unknowable.
- Truth is not universal or absolute.
- Truth is personal or situational.
- Moral Relativism – there is no universal standard of what is right or wrong.



The Problem with Relativism

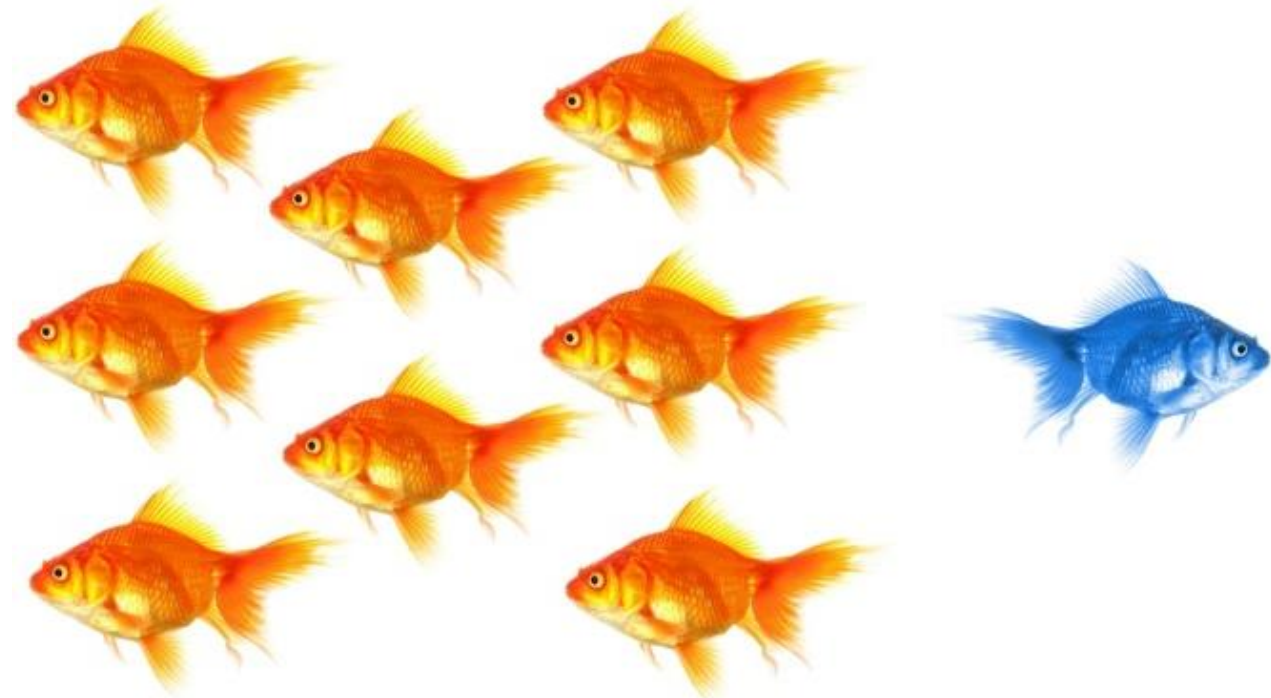
- Inconsistent Intellectually –
Consider the statement:
“There are no absolutes”
- No one holds to moral relativism when they are the victim of actions they consider wrong.



Relativism in the Church?

Practical Atheism – We say we believe, but we live as if we don't believe.

Selective Truth – We accept certain truths while ignoring others.

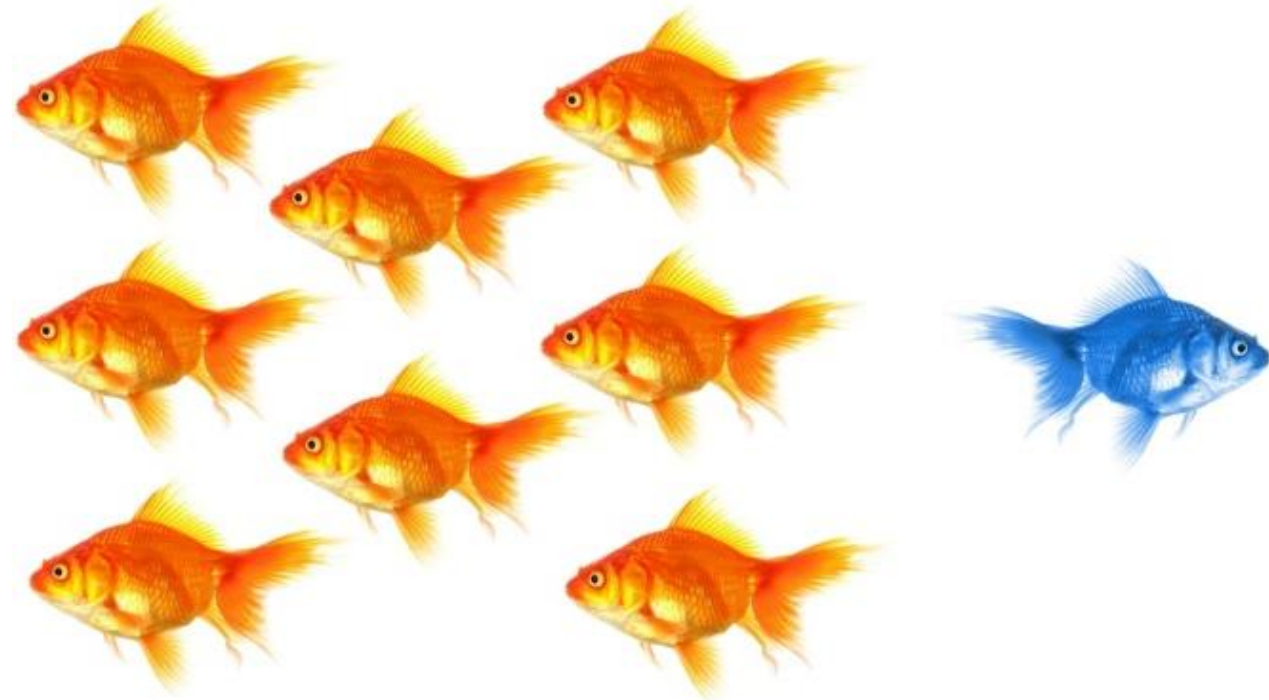


We are Called to Walk in Truth

Psalm 86:11 Teach me your way, O LORD, that I may walk in your truth...

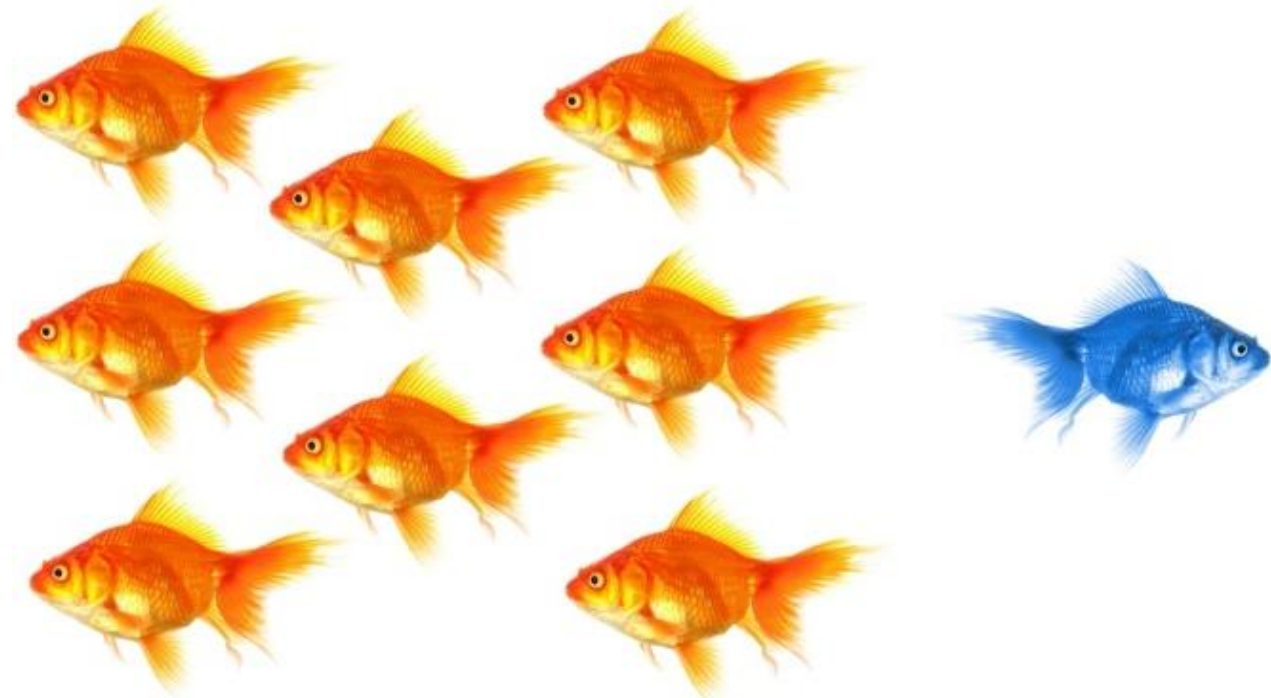
Walking in truth

In what we believe
In how we live



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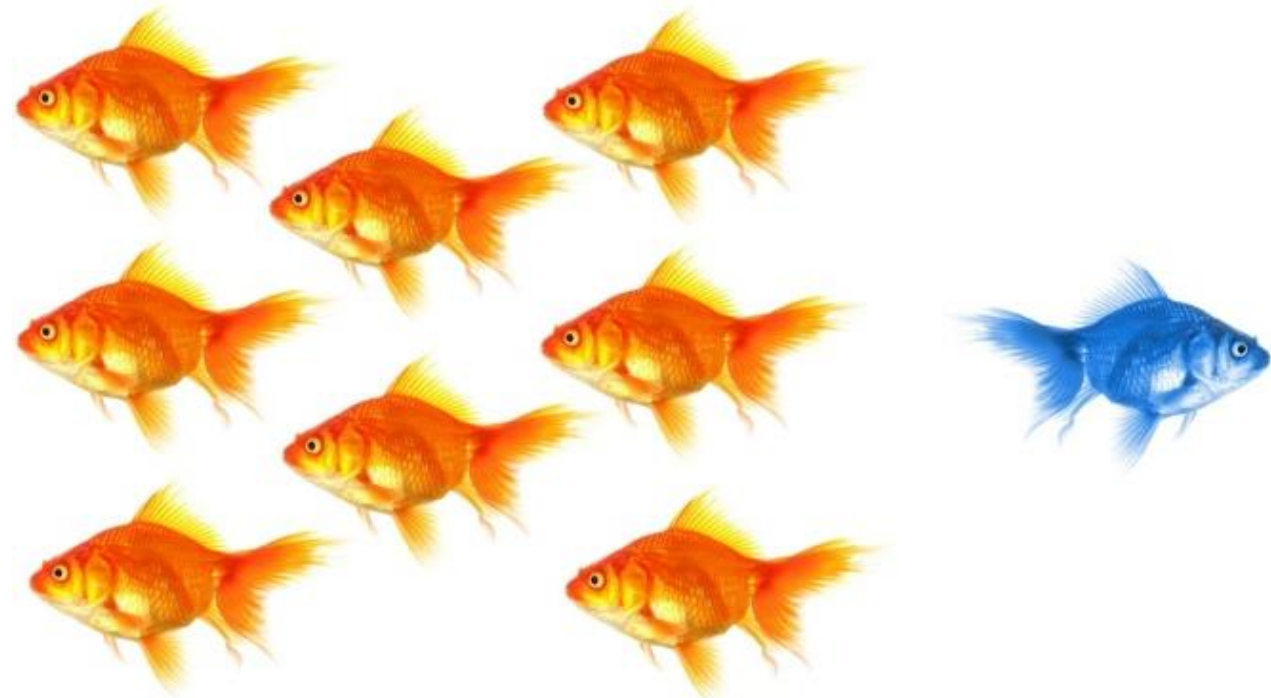
2 Tim 3:16–17 All Scripture is
breathed out by God and
profitable for teaching, for
reproof, for correction, and for
training in righteousness,¹⁷
that the man of God may be
complete, equipped for every
good work.



Embrace Jesus – Our Source of Truth

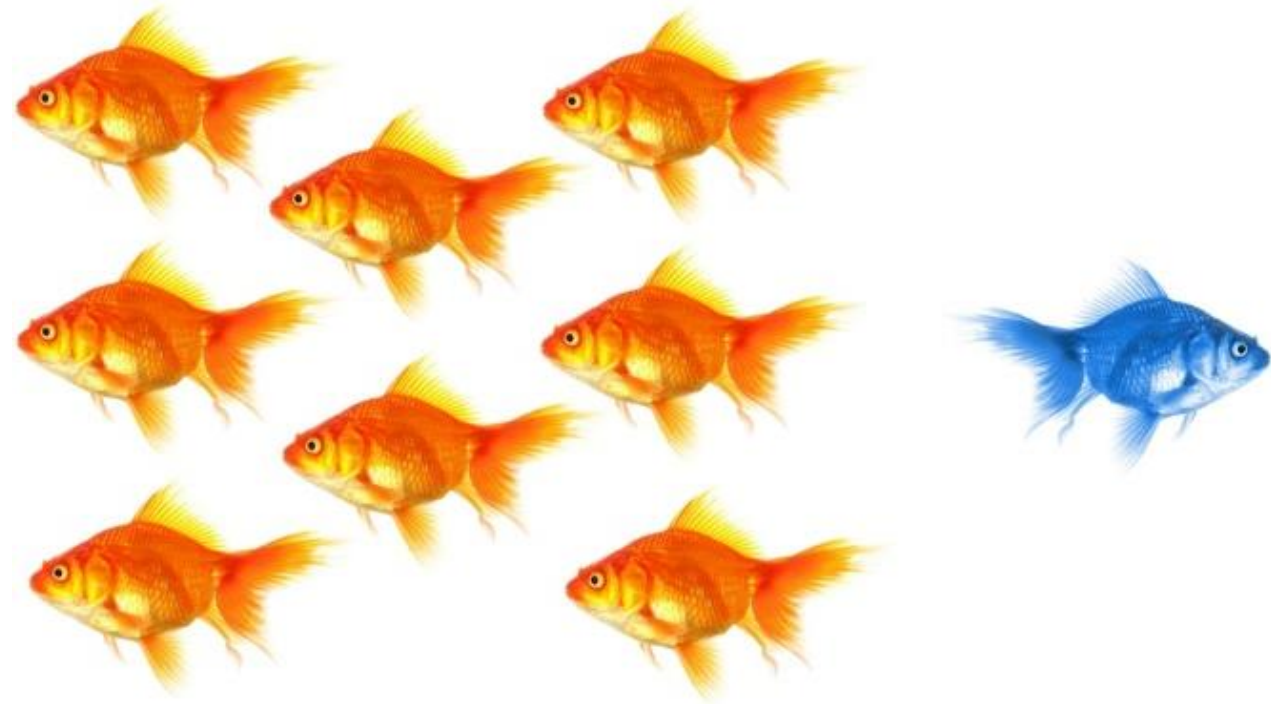
“Everyone who is of the truth
listens to my voice.” (Jn 18:37)

John 14:6 Jesus said to him, “I
am the way, and the truth,
and the life. No one comes to
the Father except through me.



Embrace Jesus – Our Source of Truth

Matthew 7:24 “Everyone then who hears these words of mine and does them will be like a wise man who built his house on the rock.



Embrace Jesus – Our Source of Truth

John 1:14 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.**

Remember the world needs grace and truth.

