

The Apostles' Creed



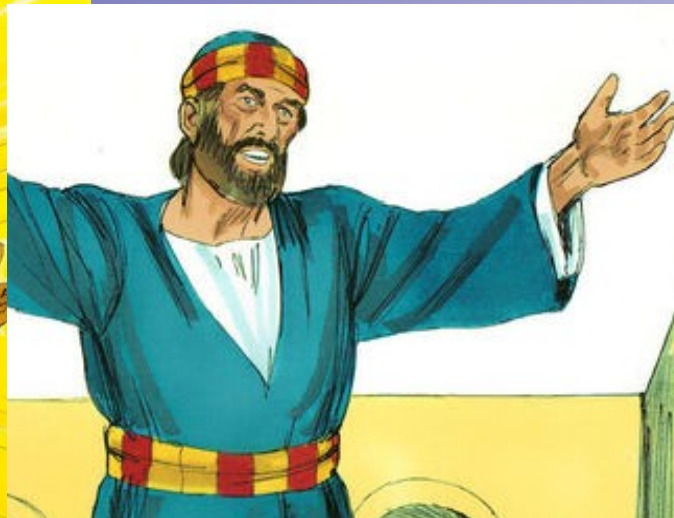
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- *Intro to the Creed Itself*
- *God the Father*
- *God the Son (part 4)*



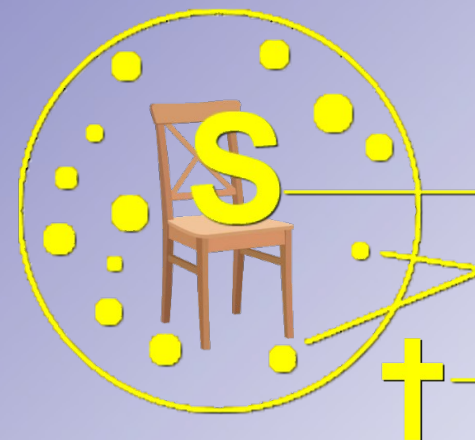
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 - How did Paul reflect that in Colossians 1:15-18?
 - How does that work itself out in the “binary” perspective on Christ’s Lordship that Paul shares in Romans 2:7-8?



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 - What did we say last week about Cru's description of the “Self-Directed Life”?
 - How is that the *default* for us as broken humans? (see also John 3:16-18)



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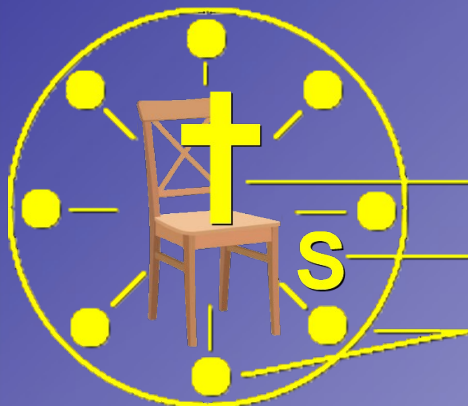
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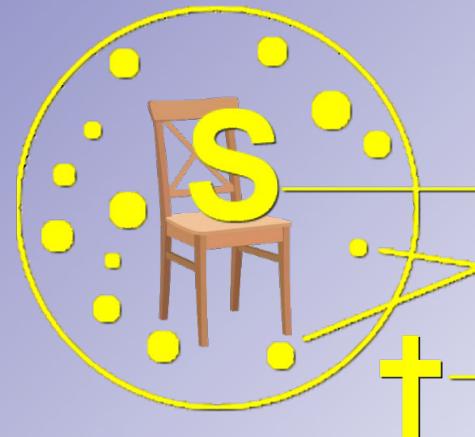
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 - How is the “Christ-Directed Life” so different?
 - How is *that* the default for us as *Christians*?
 - But how can it still be difficult for us to live out?



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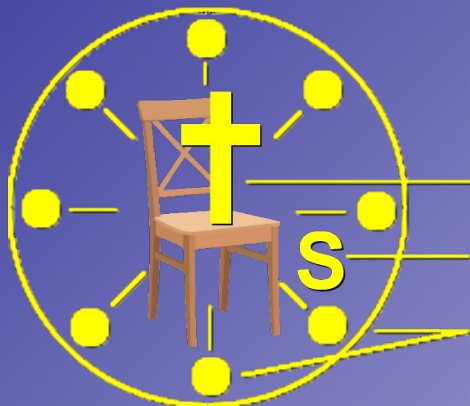


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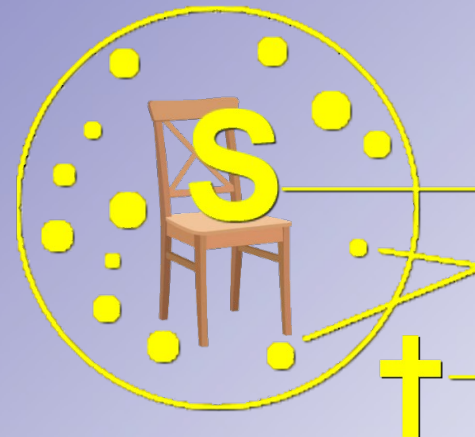
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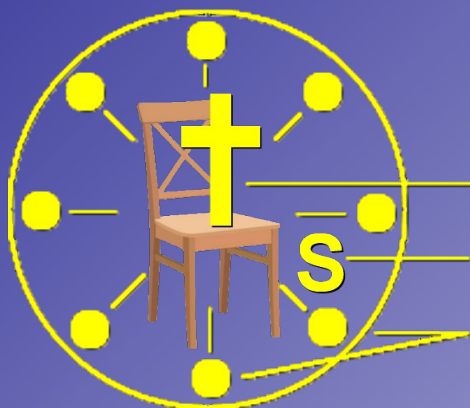


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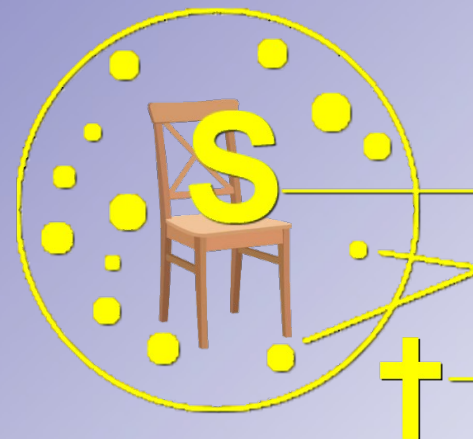
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(see the whole Bathsheba debacle in 2 Samuel 11, etc.)



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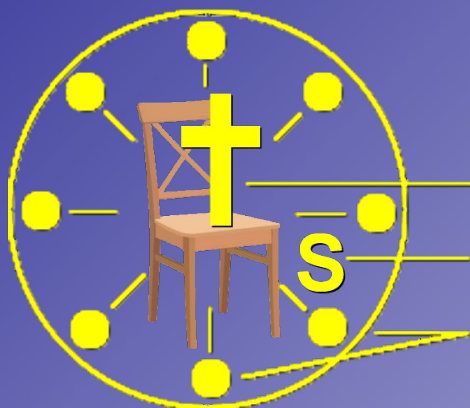
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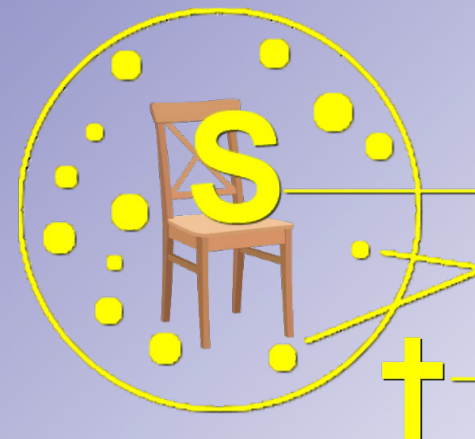
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(see the whole, tragic “support the wives as they just do their thing” mistake in 1 Kings 11, etc.)



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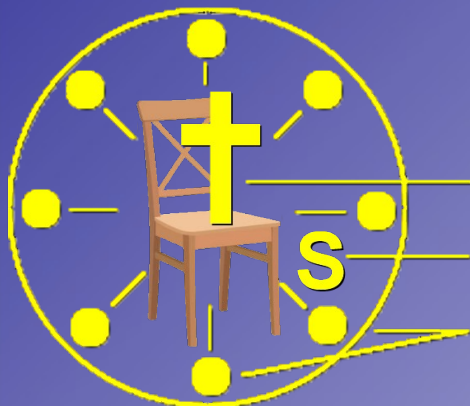


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- So how can we hope to do the whole “Lordship” thing in our own lives, if even *these* guys struggled?
 - Read 1 Peter 3:15 (just that first sentence)
 - What does Peter suggest that we do?
 - How can we consciously “set apart” (“sanctify” or “holy-fy”) Him in our hearts as our Lord?
 - How does Peter give us a tangible application of that mindset in 1 Peter 3:15-17?



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