

A vintage rotary telephone is shown against a warm, orange-brown background. A white speech bubble is overlaid on the phone, containing the text "Asking for a Friend". The word "Asking" is in a dark blue, cursive font, "for a" is in a smaller, dark blue, sans-serif font, and "Friend" is in the same dark blue, cursive font as "Asking".

*Asking*  
for a  
*Friend*



*Faith...*  
does it  
work?



“We now see young evangelicals walking away from evangelicalism not because they do not believe what the church teaches, but because they believe the *church itself* does not believe what the church teaches. The presenting issue in this secularization is not scientism and hedonism but disillusionment and cynicism.”—Russell Moore



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## Luke 9:1-6—The Mission of the Twelve

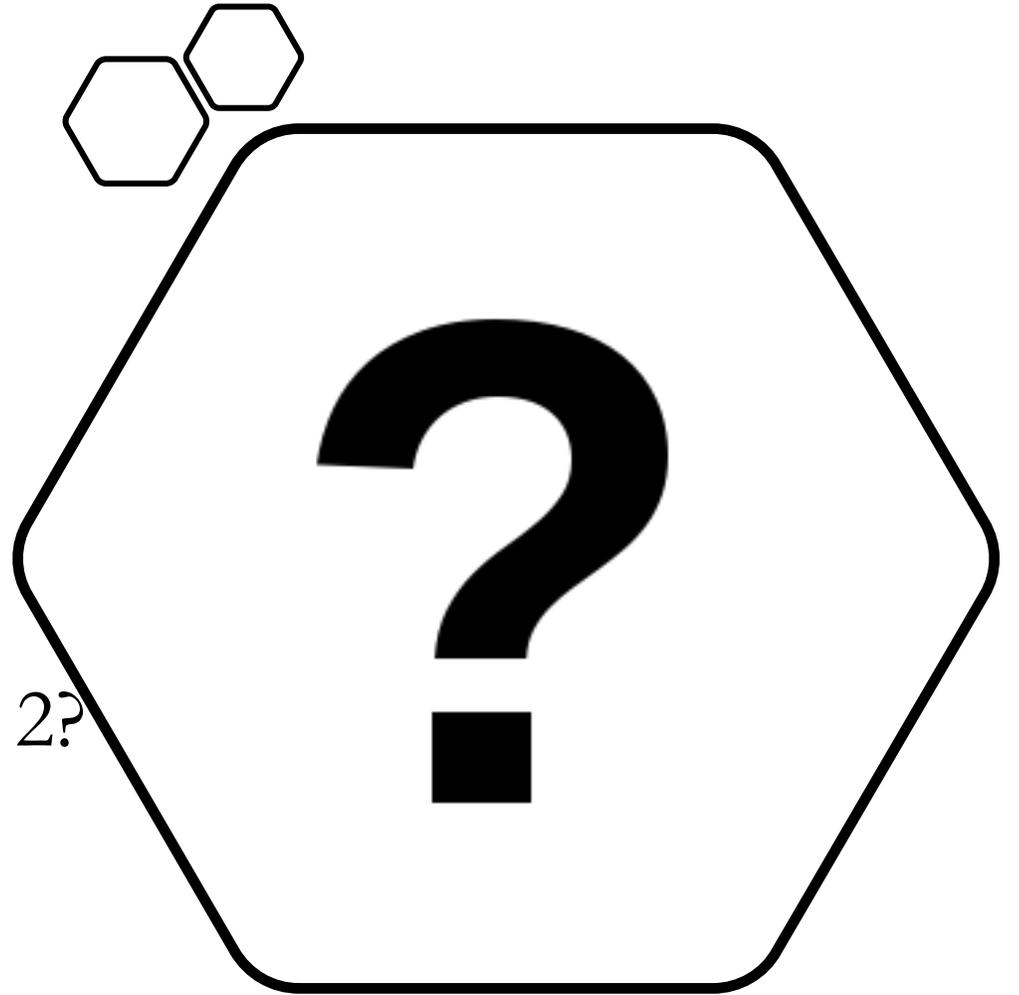
*9 Then Jesus called the twelve together and gave them **power** and **authority** over all demons and to cure diseases, <sup>2</sup> and he sent them out to proclaim the kingdom of God and to heal. <sup>3</sup> He said to them, “Take nothing for your journey, no staff, nor bag, nor bread, nor money—not even an extra tunic. <sup>4</sup> Whatever house you enter, stay there, and leave from there. <sup>5</sup> Wherever they do not welcome you, as you are leaving that town shake the dust off your feet as a testimony against them.” <sup>6</sup> They departed and went through the villages, bringing the good news and curing diseases everywhere.*



“Look at where we are right now in the evolution of human civilization. To explain the world today, we don’t need revelation, we have science. To control it, we don’t need oracles and magic, we have technology. To control power we don’t need the prophets we have elections (even if sometimes they go the wrong way). If we are ill, we don’t go to a priest, we go to a doctor. If we are depressed, we don’t need the book of Psalms, we can take a pill. And if we are in search of salvation, we can go to the modern cathedrals of the consumer age, namely shopping centers. So, in functional terms, everything religion used to do is now done by something else.”

# Spiritual Power in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century...

- Forgiving my enemies?
- Saying ‘no’ to destructive inclinations?
- Emptying myself? Or possessing an other-oriented disposition?
- Living “upright and Godly lives in this present age” as Paul talks about in Titus 2?
- Possessing and exhibiting joy and endurance in the face of pain and hardship?
- Willing the good of another?





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Why Now?

Three Reasons...

- 1) Plausible Picture of the Christian Life
- 2) Human Purpose & Direction
- 3) Reflecting the Character of Christ

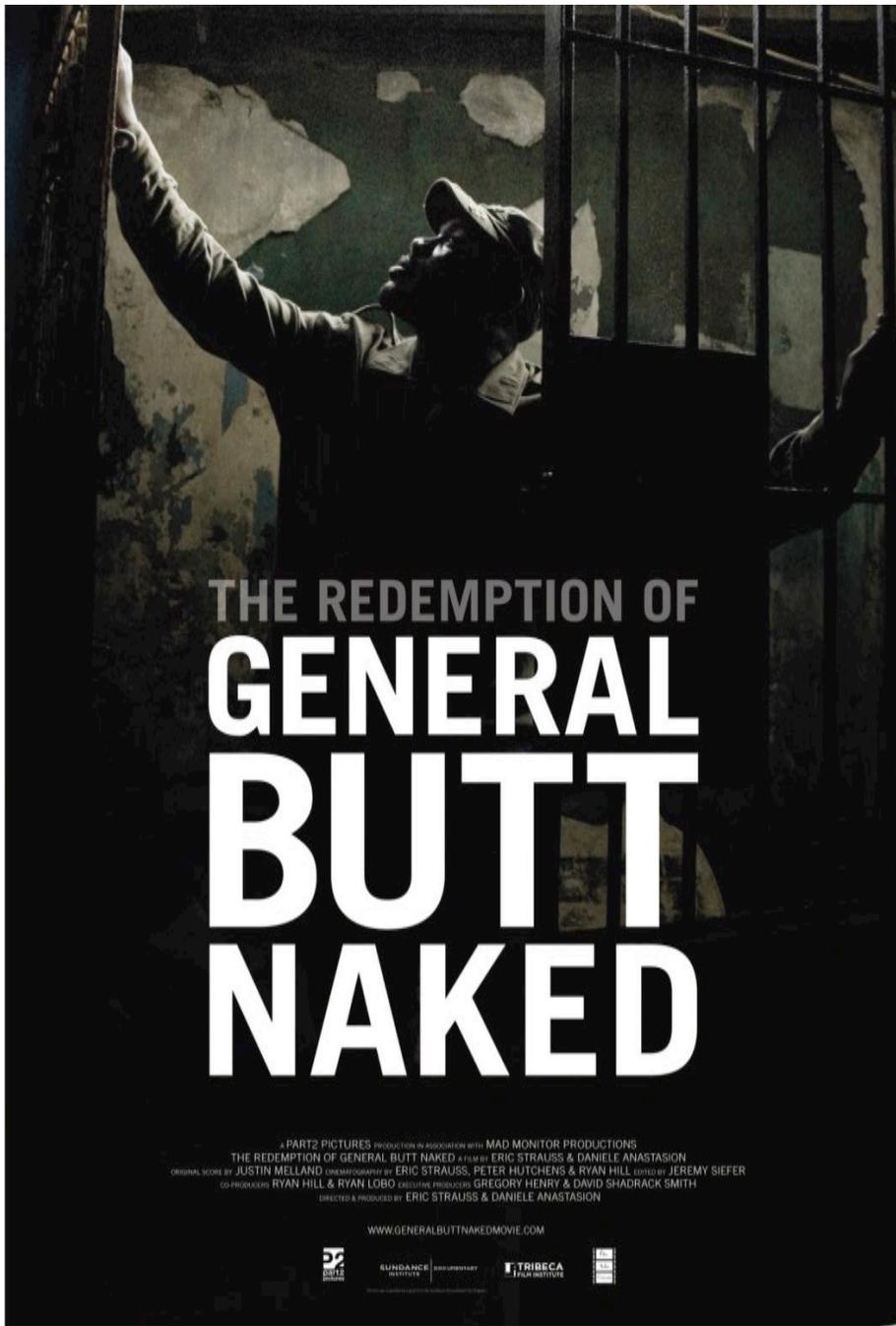


*“You shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you odd.”  
-Flannery O Connor*

Luke  
8:43-48

δύναμις

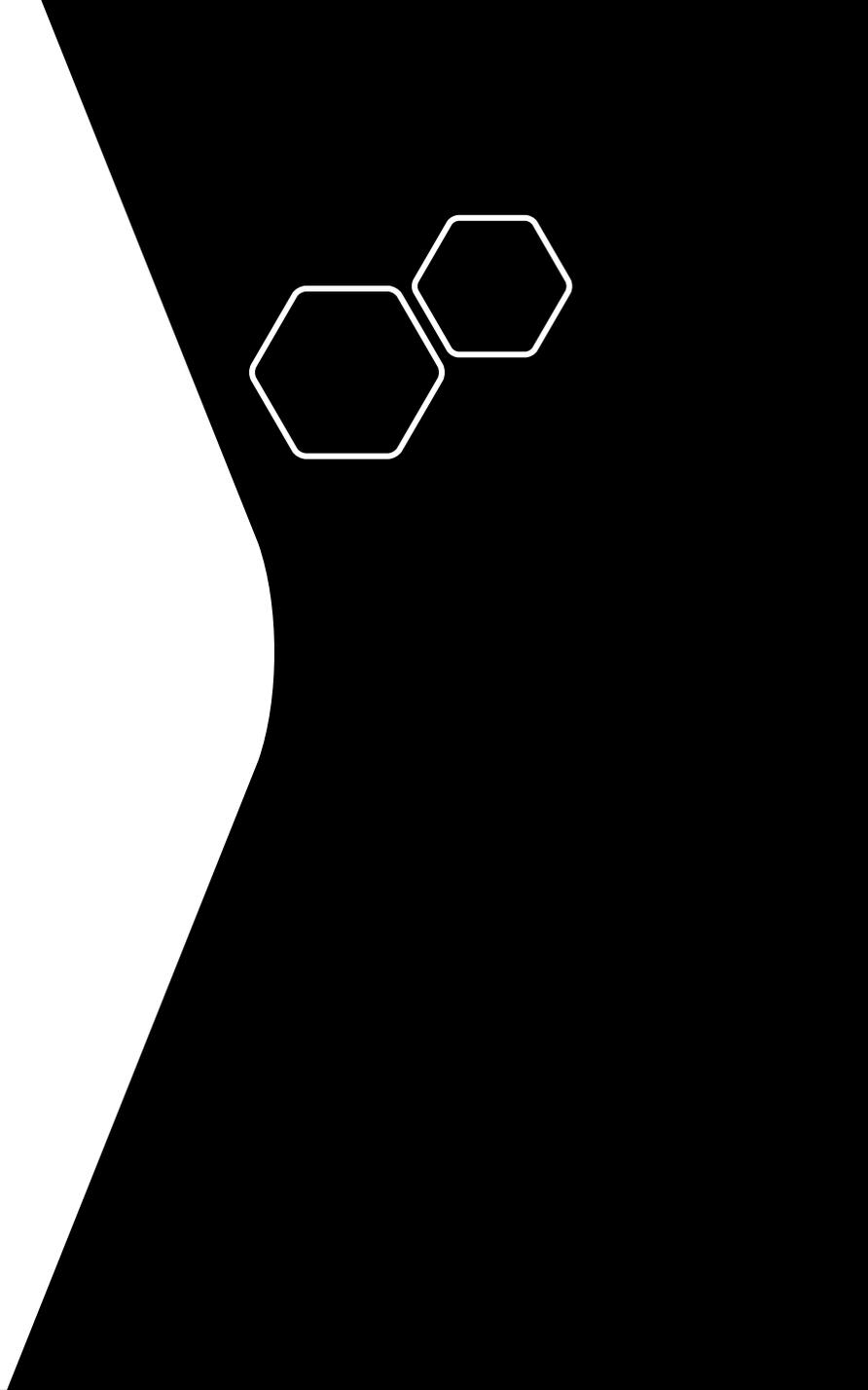
- “Dunamis” = Dynamite



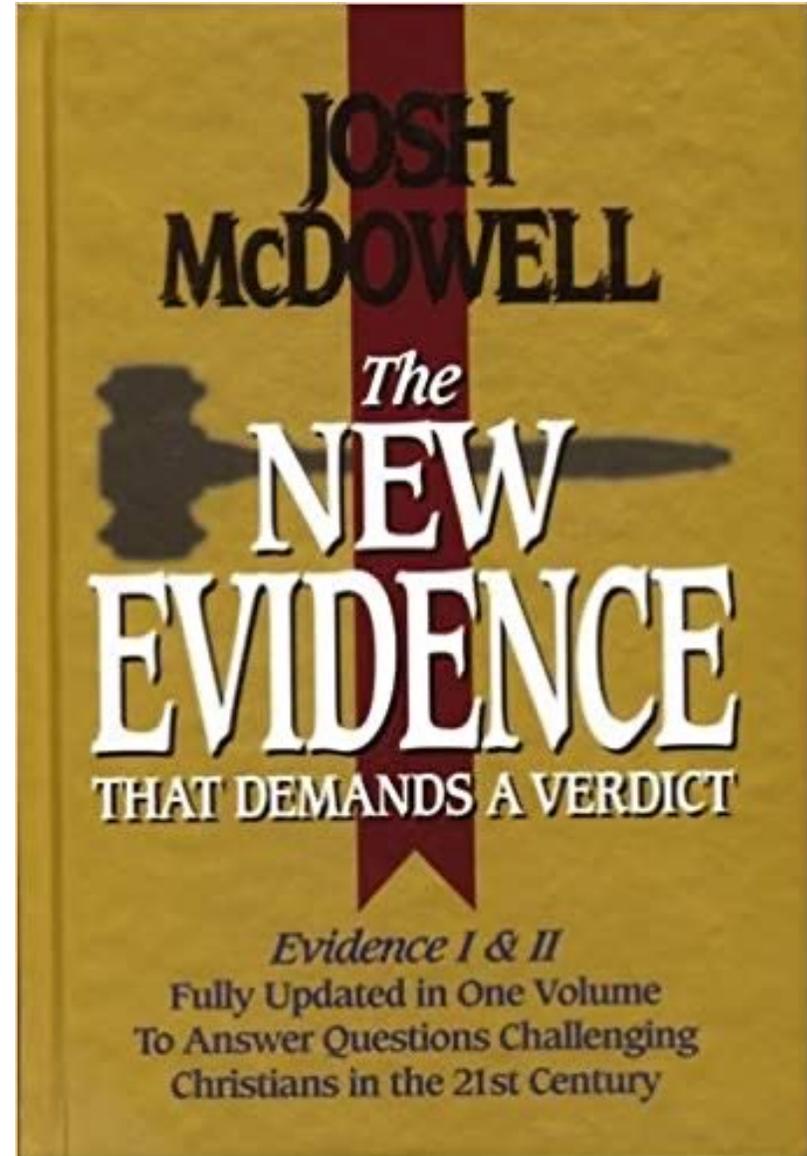
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“He Changed My Life”





**“Surely, this  
man was the  
Son of God.”**

**-Mark 15:39**