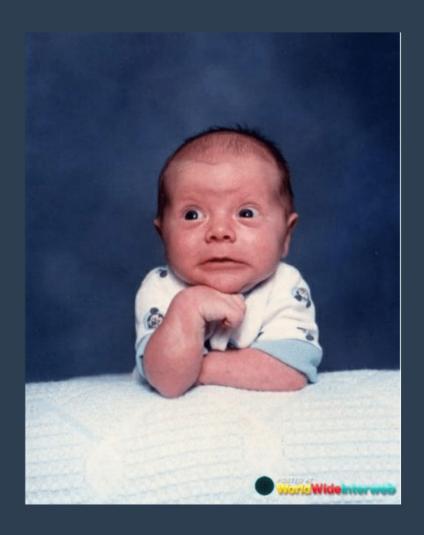


Almost everyone has an awkward phase.

Some are more severe than others.





Awkward phase

Rapid growth that isn't yet mature. And therefore looks wrong and can be troubling.

Unfolding Revelation

(sent to preach a kingdom they don't yet understand.)

Unfolding Realization

(believing in a Jesus our perverse unbelief keeps us from understanding)

Jesus doesn't make sense without death and resurrection.

The Kingdom of God...

The Gospel...

The Kingdom of God is about death and resurrection.

1. Jesus is not just miracles and morals.

Gospel faith is about death and resurrection (saving)

2. Faith isn't just about miracles and morals.

(The strange path of death to life.)

Luke 9:23-24

Then he said to them all: "If anyone would come after me, he must deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me. For whoever wants to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for me will save it.



Kingdom and Gospel service is about death and resurrection

3. ...not just miracles and morals.

(or you'll want the wrong miracles, based on bad morals...)

Position

Exclusiveness

Judgment/Condemnation

Personal Affairs

Personal Provision

Luke 9:1-5

Gave them
Sent them
Told them