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## God's Unintuitive Symbols

### Putting Jesus on display

*Matthew 5:14 You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hidden. <sup>15</sup> Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to all in the house. <sup>16</sup> In the same way, let your light so shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven.*

- **Body of Christ**
  
- **Bride of Christ**

### When the war is finally over...

*Rev. 19:7 Let us rejoice and be glad and give him glory! For the wedding of the Lamb has come, and his bride has made herself ready. <sup>8</sup> Fine linen, bright and clean, was given her to wear."*

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## The Church, God's "Strategy"?? WHAT??!

### PCI's Story in the Larger Story

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*Isa. 54:2-3 Enlarge the place of your tents and let the curtains of your habitations be stretched out. For you will spread abroad to the right and left and your descendants will possess the nations and people the desolate cities*

*Psalm 60:22 The least one shall become a thousand, and the smallest one a mighty nation. In its time I will hasten it.*

### God's Larger Story

- **Creation, Fall, Redemption**

- **2-pronged strategy**
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## God's Unintuitive Strategy

- The Church

*Eph. 3:10 His intent was that now, **through the church**, the manifold wisdom of God should be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly realms, <sup>11</sup> according to his eternal purpose that he accomplished in Christ Jesus our Lord. <sup>12</sup> In him and through faith in him we may approach God with freedom and confidence...*

*Luke 10:3 Go your way; behold, **I am sending you out as lambs in the midst of wolves**. <sup>4</sup> Carry no moneybag, no knapsack, no sandals...*

*Matt. 10:16 Therefore be as shrewd as snakes and as **innocent as doves**.*

- Not an easy war to win

*1 Corinthians 1:10 I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, <sup>t</sup> in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you agree with one another in what you say and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be perfectly united in mind and thought.*

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*Ephesians 4:3 Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace.*

- God's fascination with 'little' and 'weakness'

*Luke 16:10 He who is faithful **in a very little** is faithful in much, and he who is dishonest in a **very little** is dishonest also in much.*

*Matthew 10:42 And if anyone gives **even** a cup of cold water to one of these little ones who is my disciple, truly I tell you, that person will **certainly not lose their reward**.*

*2 Cor. 12:9 But he said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness." Therefore I will boast all the more gladly about my weaknesses, so that Christ's power may rest on me. <sup>10</sup> That is why, for Christ's sake, I delight in weaknesses, in insults, in hardships, in persecutions, in difficulties. For when I am weak, then I am strong.*

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