

**The Gospel
begins.**

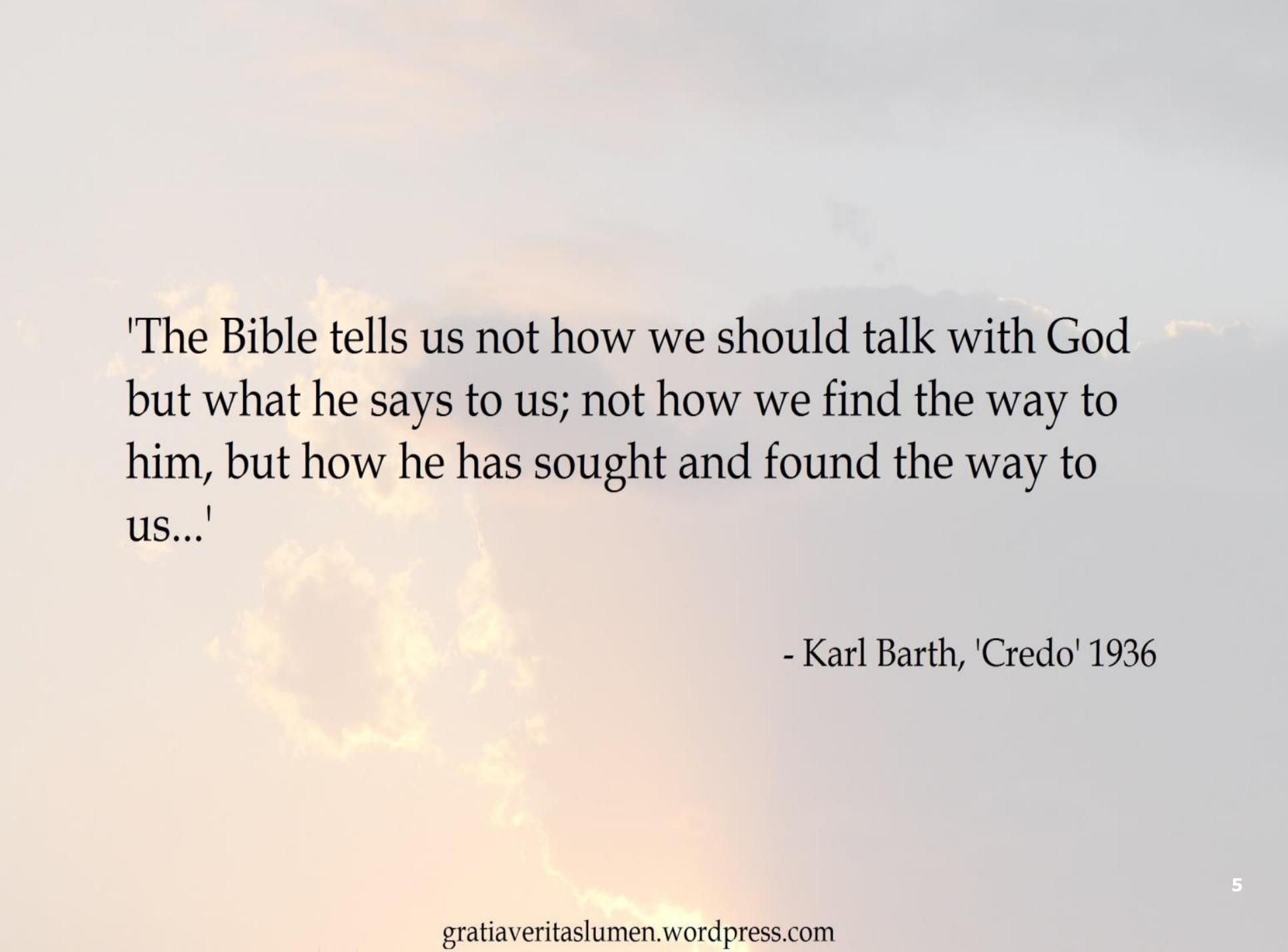
As Jesus taught,...

“Beware of those pastors with long robes that like to be called Reverend in the stores, and who have to fly first class, and eat in expensive restaurants.”

**What has Jesus been
teaching?**

**“Without him and his
sacrifice there is no hope for
anyone. We cannot save
ourselves by what we do!”**

**So... maybe Jesus isn't
saying be like this widow.
Maybe Jesus is saying look
at this widow who is being
taken advantage of by your
lack of vision and faith.
All she has is faith.**



'The Bible tells us not how we should talk with God but what he says to us; not how we find the way to him, but how he has sought and found the way to us...'

- Karl Barth, 'Credo' 1936

**Jesus begins his teaching with
beware how these people act.**

**They think they are good
enough.**

**Why would he teach us we can
be good enough if we behave
like the widow?**

*Can people tell
what you believe by
the way you live?*

*Is that a scary
thought?*

it's NOT about me...

it's NOT about you...

it's about **JESUS.**

In Jesus Story of the widow's offering, it is easy to tell who is all in and who is just going through the motions.

In our lives we know when we are just going the motions and when we are all in.

**83% of Americans say
they are religious or
affiliated with some
religion.**

The Pew Research Center's Forum on Religion & Public Life
Survey 2012.

The Pew research indicates that the actual percentage of people who attend church in America on any given Sunday is close to 24%. This is actually a higher number than the Baylor University study, which places it at 17%. The Baylor research was based on hard data from church services, versus the interview method normally used to gather most of this kind of information.

Statistics from Barna
Research reported
recently that perhaps
50% of people who go
to a church are not
even Christians.

**Research shows us
that we cannot
believe 87% of all
statistics.**

**We always want to
turn the Gospel into
something to do!**



Surrender

Until we let go
and let God we
will always be
doing battle with
ourselves.

***"....that we
may eat, and
die"***



**“Faith isn't faith
until it's all
you're holding
on to.”**

**Do we believe that God can take
the smallest part of our life and
turn it into something that
changes lives and changes the
world?**

***How can this little bit
of wine and bread do
anything?***





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