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Why "This is Us"?

It is important to understand where you have been to have a clear vision of where God wants you to be

Invitation to join us on a journey to discover God's heart for you and for us as his people

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Alliance History

- ▣ Humble beginnings of A.B. Simpson
- ▣ A.B. Simpson begs father to enter ministry
- ▣ Graduates and takes first pastorate in Hamilton
- ▣ 8 years later accepts a call to Louisville, Kentucky (Chestnut Street Church)
- ▣ Civil war bitterness inspires revival meetings
- ▣ Major Whittle – “I must have more of God!”
- ▣ Heart for the lost emerges

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- ▣ A wholesale smashing of religious precedence - an evangelistic service in a theatre!
- ▣ A vision of great need and a desire to see the great forgotten commission of the church re-established
- ▣ New York bound – 13th St. church
 - New converts not welcomed

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Alliance History

- ▣ Health problems bring trouble
 - “Your days are numbered”
 - Deep depression
 - Humble seeking leads to his healing
- ▣ Returns to 13th St Church, but resigns shortly thereafter
- ▣ Begins a non-Denominational Church – Gospel Tabernacle

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Alliance History

- ▣ 2 societies are formed in 1887:
 - The Christian Alliance
 - The Evangelical Missionary Alliance
 - ▣ Reality of inadequacy of what had been done
 - ▣ Obedience to Christ's commission to the church
 - ▣ To reach unreached people groups with the gospel
 - ▣ Functioned as a sending agency for foreign missionaries funded by the Christian Alliance (the church at home)

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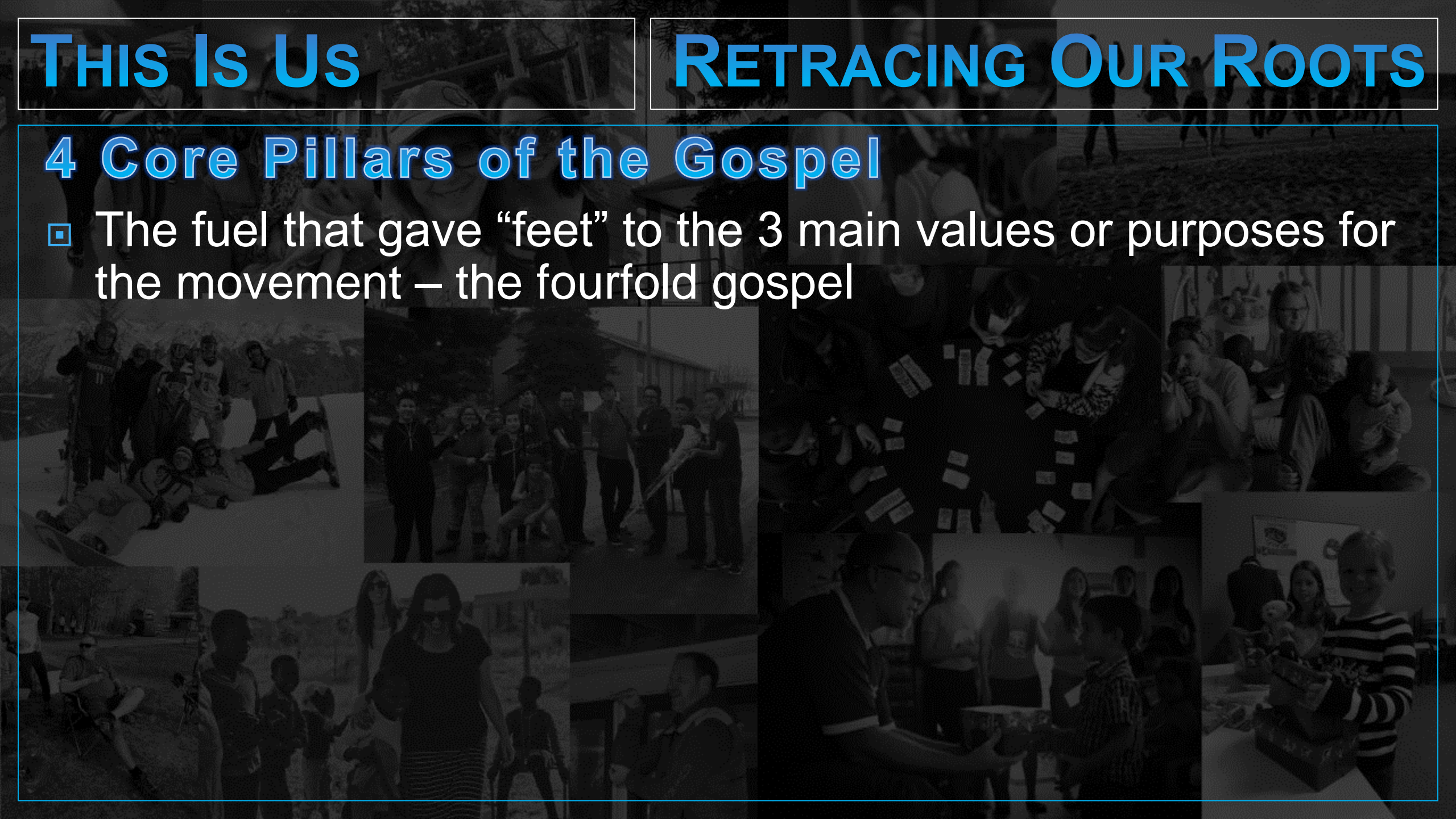
- ▣ Christian & Missionary Alliance is born 1897
 - “We are an alliance of Christians for world wide missionary work” – A.B. Simpson
 - A movement first, an organization second
 - 3 Core values of the movement
 1. To hold up Jesus in all his fullness
 2. To lead God’s children into the deeper life in Christ (abundant life)
 3. To do the neglected work of our age to reach the unchurched masses at home and the lost and perishing peoples abroad with the gospel

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4 Core Pillars of the Gospel

- ▣ The fuel that gave “feet” to the 3 main values or purposes for the movement – the fourfold gospel



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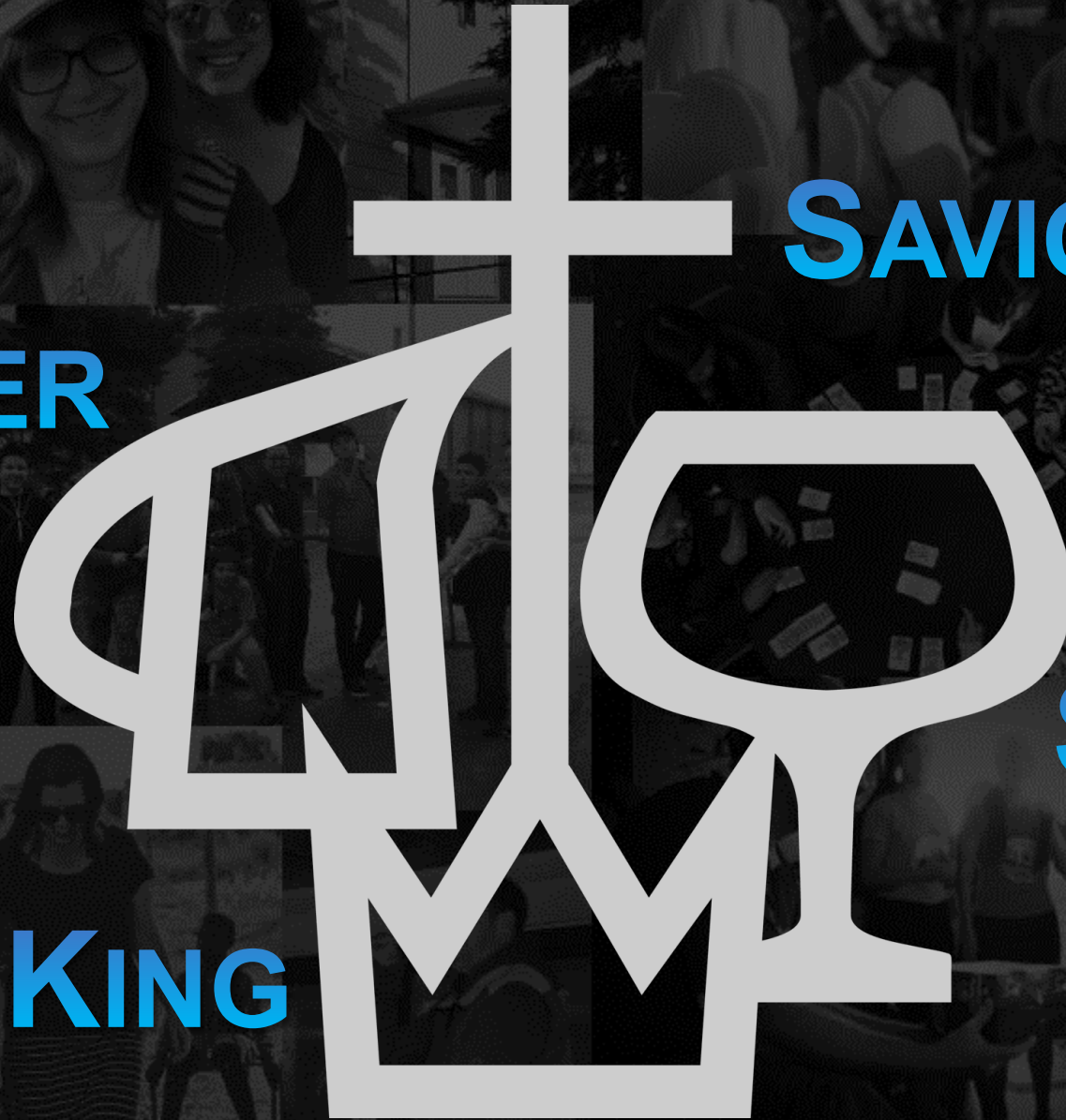
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Our Heartbeat

1. To hold up Jesus in all his fullness

- A move away from human tradition, rules, and regulations to true freedom in Christ
- A move away from dedicating our lives to the temporary things of this world
- Jesus is our very life – not an add on or one of many things we are involved in
- Colossians 1:15-20

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Our Heartbeat

Colossians 1:15-20...

¹⁵ He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. ¹⁶ For by him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things were created through him and for him. ¹⁷ And he is before all things, and in him all things hold together.

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Colossians 1:15-20...

¹⁸ And he is the head of the body, the church. He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in everything he might be preeminent. ¹⁹ For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, ²⁰ and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of his cross.

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Our Heartbeat

1. To hold up Jesus in all his fullness
2. To call God's children to the deeper life in Christ
 - So many distractions, so many idols, so much empty religion
 - We need the filling of the Spirit to empower us to live holy lives and for acts of service
 - Ultimately a call to embrace God's sanctifying work in your life – i.e. God's work in your life to make you more like Jesus
 - 1 Cor 3:18... And we all, with unveiled face, beholding the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another. For this comes from the Lord who is the Spirit.

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3. To do the neglected work of our age to reach the unchurched masses at home and the lost and perishing peoples abroad the gospel
 - At the core of this movement was an intentional attempt to avoid hoarding the gospel for ourselves – all people need Jesus
 - No one is too far gone for Jesus to save – God's arm is not too short! He desires that all would be saved
 - Spreading the gospel is the natural outcome of values 1 & 2

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Our Secret

Colossians 1:25-27... I have become its servant by the commission God gave me to present to you the word of God in its fullness — ²⁶the mystery that has been kept hidden for ages and generations, but is now disclosed to the saints. ²⁷To them God has chosen to make known among the Gentiles the glorious riches of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory.