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**Forward Focus 2017: God’s Blueprint – Part 5**

*(If you don’t stand for something you’ll likely fall for everything)*

**Acts 2:42** *And they continued steadfastly in the apostles’ doctrine and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in prayers.*

**Territory covered so far**

* God is building His church as His habitation.

He has a **plan** and we have a **place** in it!

* God qualifies and fills us as **carriers of His presence** not principles.
* He equips us with an eternal **message** empowering us for relevant **mission**.
* He keeps us **forward focused** by cutting free from the drag of the past. *“Shred it and forget it”*

**Key issue**: unchanging propositional truth in todays’ world of relativism?

 “Well it depends on your point of view.”

**What is God’s viewpoint:** eternal & full of grace & truth in the **person** of Jesus! **John 1:14**

**It’s about the integrity of His Word: 2 Tim 3:16**

**But that sounds so dogmatic!**

 Dogmatic: Positive - to be authoritative in what you believe.

 Negative: to be opinionated & imperious

Funny that some ‘dogmatically’ believe that they don’t know what they believe.

**Some historical perspective is helpful**

*Creeds in the Bible:*

**Creed:** A summary of the essential contents of a doctrine of faith

**OT creed:** **Deuteronomy 6: 4-7**

**NT creed: 1 Corinthians 15:3-6****Apostles Creed:**

**Final Take away**

*What has all this have to do with me and my problems?*

You are confident in yourself as a **messenger** of your Father God.

You are confident of the **ministry** He has given you.

You speak His **message** with authority in true humility.

**Notes**