

**First Principle:**  
*Only Jesus Stands at  
the Top of the  
Leadership Pyramid*

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***I. Why Should Church Leaders  
Proclaim that Only Jesus Christ  
Stands at the Top of the Leadership  
Pyramid?***

“And he is the head of the  
body, the church . . . that  
in everything  
he might be preeminent”

Colossians  
1:18

“One may square the circle before we are able to set forth Christ in the language of mortal man. He is inconceivable above all our conceptions and utterably above all our utterances.”

Charles H.  
Spurgeon



“The riches of divine revelation embodied in Jesus Christ are as measureless as the ocean and His perfections as numberless as the stars. To attempt to state in complete theological form all that should be said about Jesus Christ leaves the writer with a sense of futility. He has dipped but a cup from the ocean of infinite glory and perfections of his Lord and Savior.”

John  
Wolvoord





*“A spotlight ministry”*

“I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all truth, for he will not speak on his own authority . . . **He will glorify me, for he will take what is mine and declare it to you.**”

John  
16:12-14



“Glory in Christ Jesus”

Philippians  
1:26





## ***II. What Do Christ-Focused Leaders and Teachers Look Like?***

# Diotrephes

“Who likes to put himself first.”

3 John 9



*1. Christ-Focused Leaders  
Follow Paul's Christ-Focused  
Example.*

“For what we proclaim is not ourselves, but Jesus Christ as Lord, with ourselves as your servants for Jesus’ sake”

2 Corinthians  
4:5

“Preach you Christ and  
Christ and Christ and  
nothing else but Christ.”

Charles H.  
Spurgeon

“Him we proclaim, warning everyone and teaching everyone with all wisdom, that we may **present everyone mature** in Christ. For this I toil, struggling with all **his** [Christ’s] **energy** that **he** powerfully works within me”

Colossians  
1:28-29


“Serving the Lord with all  
humility”

Acts 20:19



# The Virtues of a Humble Servant Leader





*2. Christ-Focused Leaders Love to Talk about the Substitutionary Death, the Resurrection, and the Coming of Jesus Christ.*

“For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures”

1 Corinthians  
15:3-4

“The periphery is in danger of replacing the center and the center is the Cross.”

D. A.  
Carson

“And the Word became  
flesh and dwelt among  
us, and we have seen his  
glory, the glory as of the  
only Son from the Father,  
full of grace and truth”

John 1:14




“If then you have been raised with Christ, **seek the things that are above, where Christ is**, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth”

Colossians  
3:1-2

“Whatever the Christian faith is, and whatever Christian life is all about, it finds its central focus ever and always on Christ.”

Gordon  
Fee





*3. Christ-Focused Leaders Promote the Lord's Supper, Prayer, Music, and the Written Word.*

**Christ-Focused Leaders  
love the Lord's Supper  
and to worship around  
the Lord's table with  
their brothers and  
sisters.**



“For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes”

1 Corinthians  
11:26

“I treat [the cross] again and again because I greatly fear that after we have laid our head to rest it will soon be forgotten and again disappear and indeed we cannot grasp or exhaust Christ...with one sermon or thought. For to learn to appreciate Him is an everlasting lesson which we shall not be able to finish either in this or in yonder life.”

Martin  
Luther



**Christ-focused leaders  
pray to God through  
Jesus Christ.**

**Christ-focused leaders  
sing to the Lord.**

“making melody to the  
Lord with your heart.”

Ephesians  
5:19



**Christ-focused leaders  
encourage baptisms.**

“Baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit.”

Matthew  
28:19

**Christ-focused leaders  
love to teach the Word  
of Christ.**



“Let the word of Christ dwell  
in you richly”

Colossians  
3:16





*4. Christ-Focused Leaders Set  
Christlike Attitudes in the Church.*

“Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus”

Philippians  
2:5



*5. Christ-Focused Leaders Are  
Passionate to Obey the Word of  
Christ.*

“Teaching them to obey  
all that I have  
commanded you”

Matthew  
28:20

***He Must Increase and  
We Must Decrease.***

**John the Baptist**

**The Jesus Principle  
for Great Leadership:**  
*Lead with Humility*


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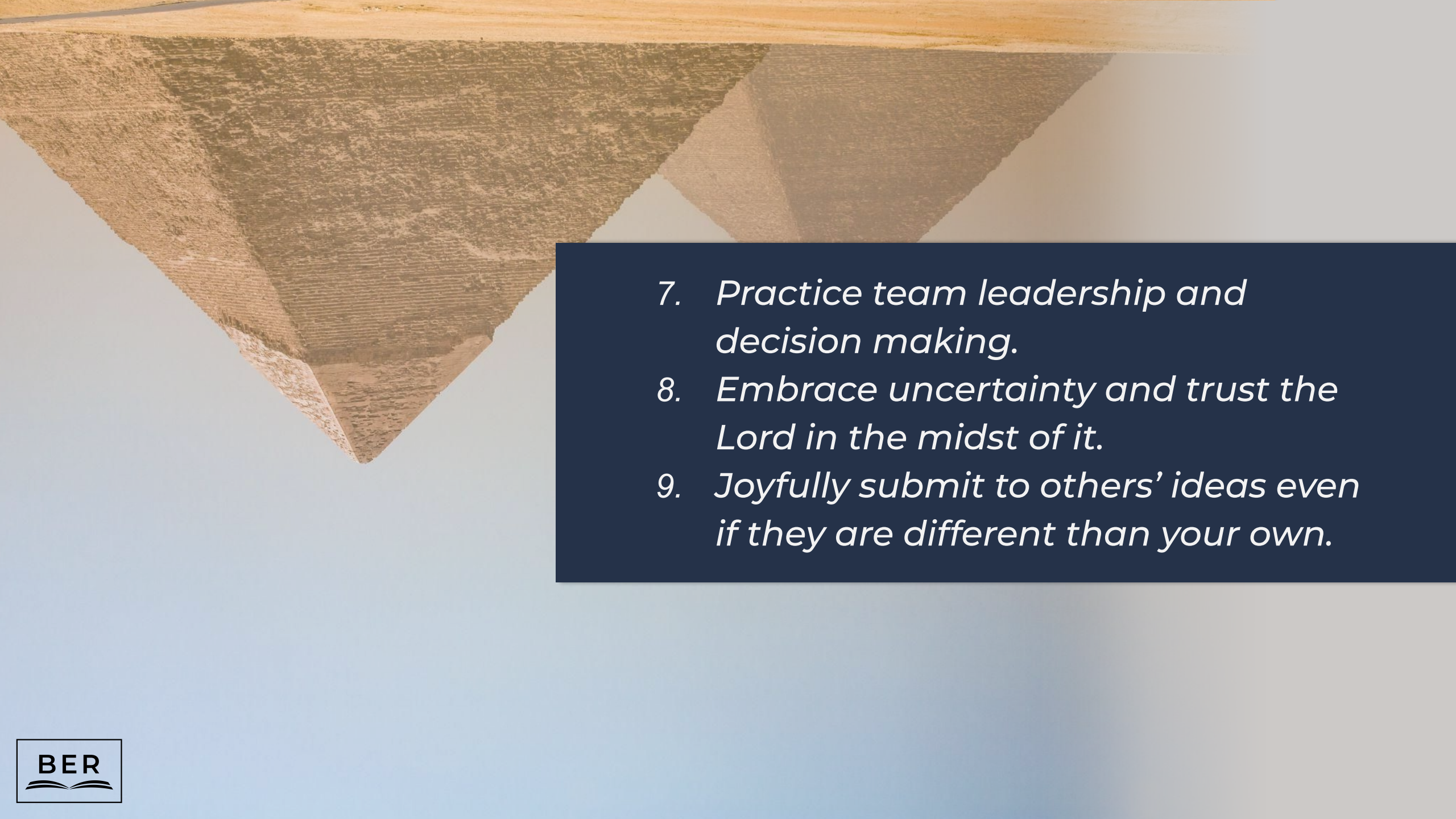
***Nine Practical Ways to Lead  
and Pastor with Humility.***




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1. *Don't wear a title as a way to show you're in charge.*
  2. *Intentionally develop and deploy other leaders.*
  3. *Be quick to give credit to others and just as quick to take the blame.*

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4. *Do the things no one else wants to do...and do them with a servant's heart.*
  5. *See the value of every person in the congregation.*
  6. *Share the pulpit with other elders.*



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7. *Practice team leadership and decision making.*
  8. *Embrace uncertainty and trust the Lord in the midst of it.*
  9. *Joyfully submit to others' ideas even if they are different than your own.*

# *How to Cultivate Humility in Your Heart.*

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1. *Begin your day by acknowledging your dependence upon God.*
  2. *Reflect on the wonder of the cross.*
  3. *Study God.*
  4. *Invite correction in your own life.*
  5. *Laugh at yourself!*

**The Jesus Principle  
for Great Leadership:**  
*How to Practically  
Emphasize Plurality  
in Your Church*

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***Equality and Diversity Among  
the Twelve Apostles.***



***Equality and Functional  
Diversity Among the Elders.***



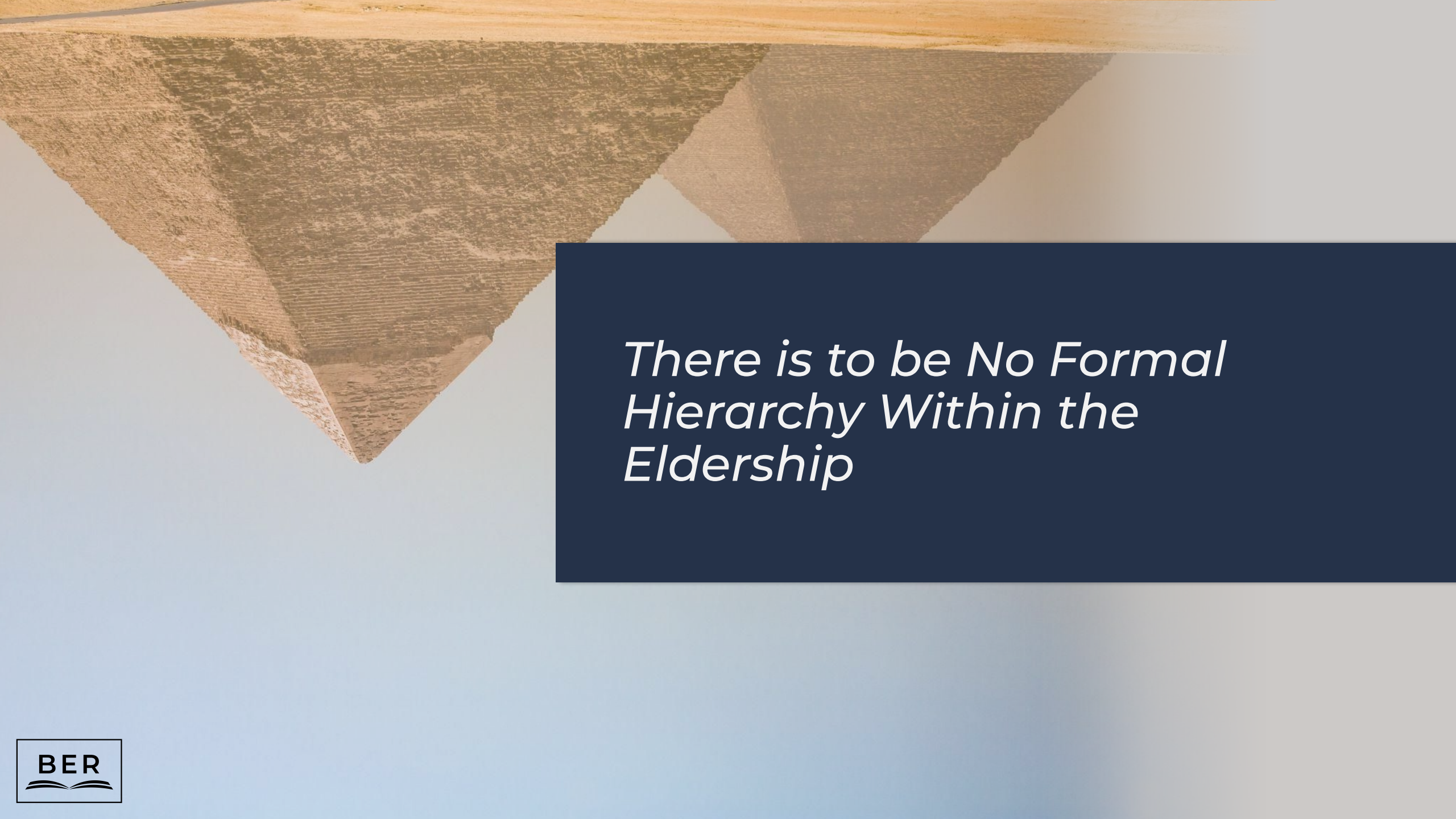


*There is Equality!*



*There is Diversity!*





*There is to be No Formal  
Hierarchy Within the  
Eldership*

# *10 Advantages of Plurality...*