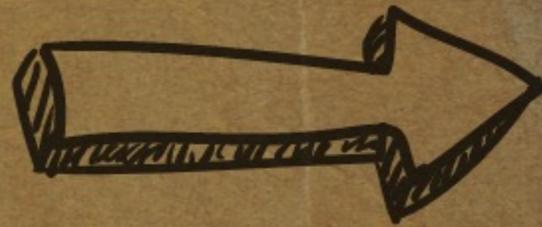


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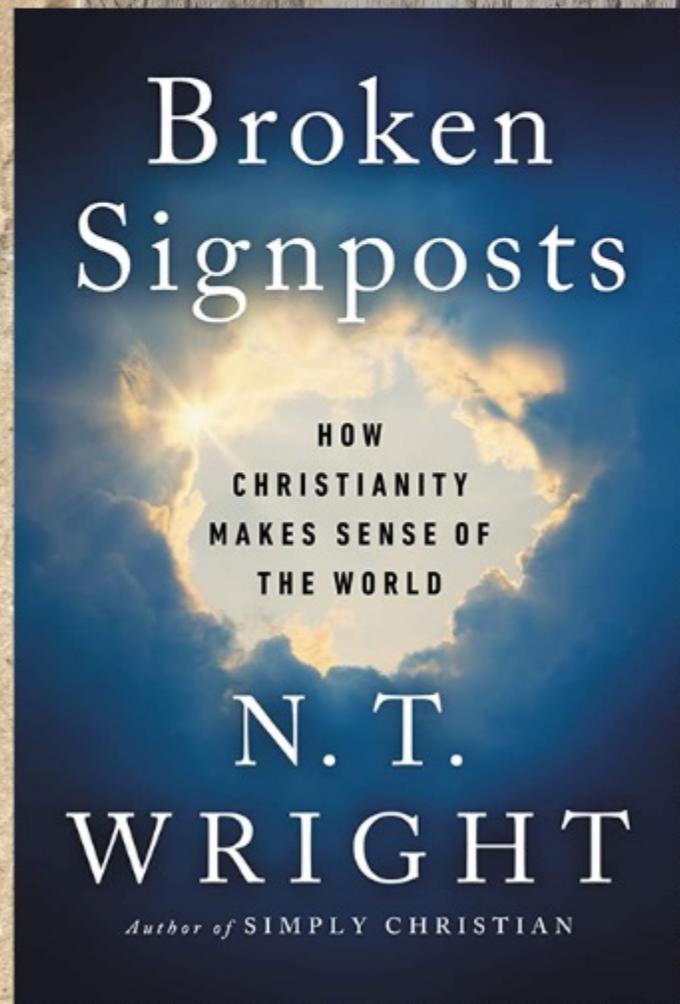


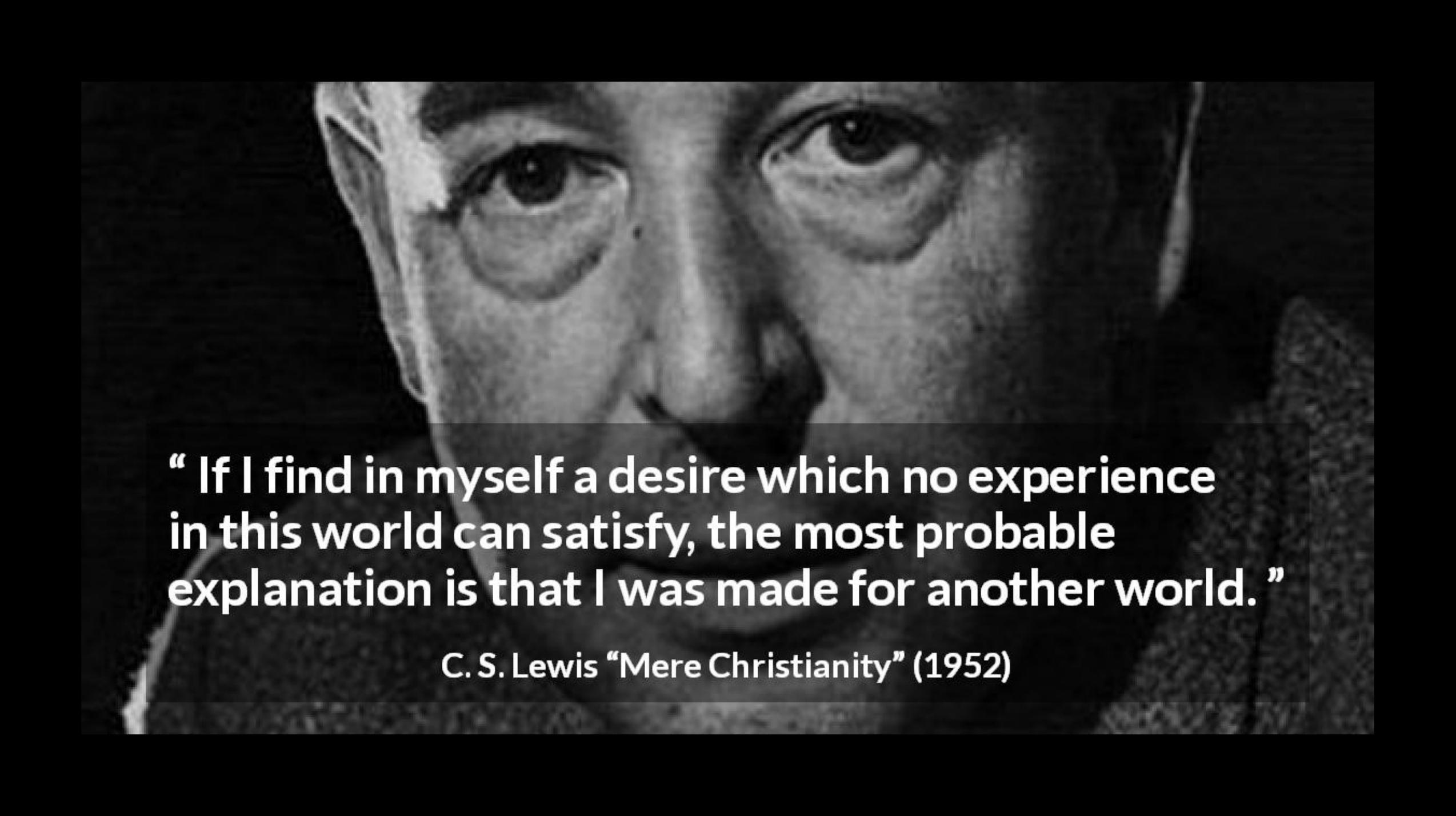
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SERIES SUMMARY

Biblical scholar and acclaimed author N.T. Wright says that every worldview must explain seven “signposts” that we presently experience as “broken” and unattainable: **justice, love, spirituality, beauty, freedom, truth, and power.** He argues that Christianity presents a compelling and relevant explanation for why these signposts are broken, but also how these markers point to the crucifixion and resurrection of Jesus as the start of new creation. Join us on the journey of our Lenten series—*Broken Signposts*—as we explore how the Christian faith is a vibrant and coherent vision that makes sense of the world and provides hope and guidance for our future.

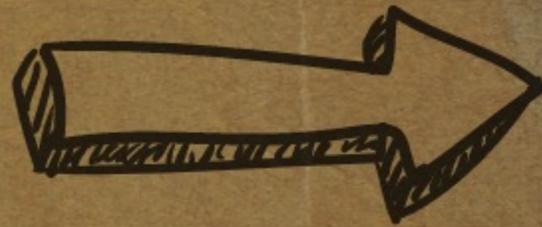


A black and white close-up portrait of C.S. Lewis, looking directly at the camera with a serious expression. The lighting is dramatic, highlighting his eyes and the texture of his skin.

“ If I find in myself a desire which no experience in this world can satisfy, the most probable explanation is that I was made for another world. ”

C. S. Lewis “Mere Christianity” (1952)

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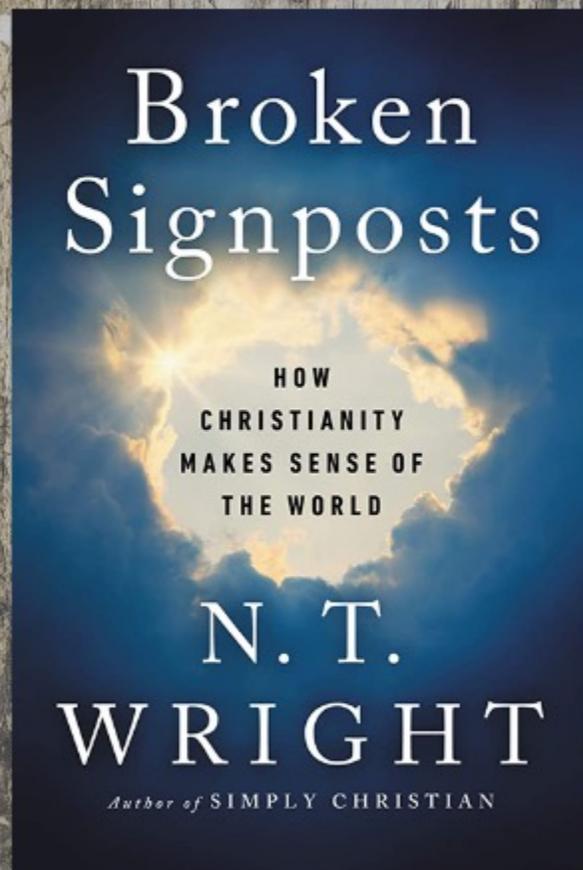
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“ The word "love," whatever its finer shades of meaning, is all about *relationship*. It is about being drawn out of myself toward something or someone else, in whatever way and with whatever short or long-term aims or effects. It is about discovering that "I" become more fully "myself" when I am in relationship--even if that relationship might be, for a time at least, with a mountain, a horse, a sunset, a child, a sweetheart, a house, a hospital patient, a colleague, or a neighbor. - **Tom Wright**



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John 1:14

NIV: The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us.

NLT: So, the Word became *human* and made his home among us.



John 3:16-17 NIV

¹⁶ For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. ¹⁷ For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him.

John 13:34-35 NIV

³⁴ “A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another.
³⁵ By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another.”

SCRIPTURE READING
1 JOHN 4:7-12 NLT

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JAMES K. A. SMITH

“Jesus’ command to follow him is a command to align our loves and longings with his—to want what God wants, to desire what God desires, to hunger and thirst after God and crave a world where he is all in all—a vision encapsulated by the shorthand “the kingdom of God.”

Jamie Smith, *You Are What You Love: The Spiritual Power of Habit*

Be strong...
and courageous.
Be patient...
and kind.
Tell the truth...
and be respectful.
Work hard...
and do my best.
Do what is right...
even when it's hard.
Live in love...
as Jesus loves me.

The Flowers Family Morning Litany



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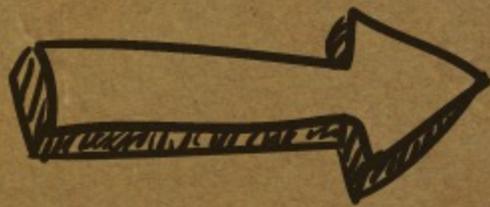
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