

speaking truth to power...

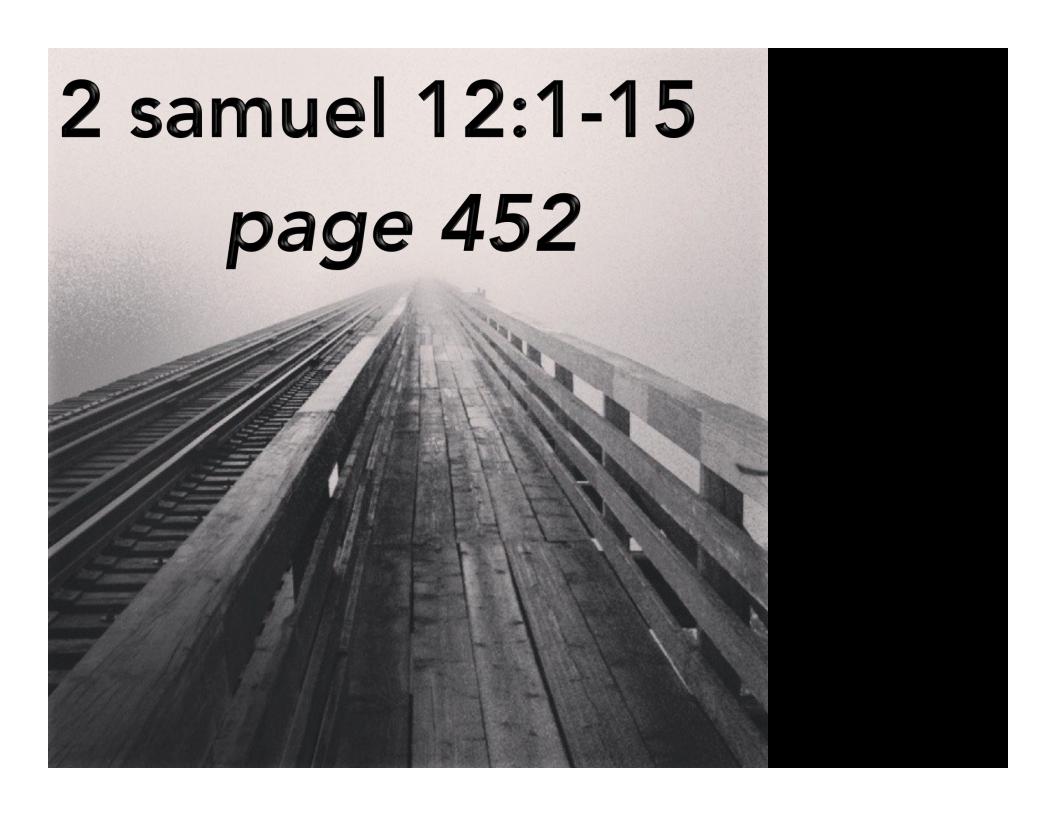
role of the prophets...

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tell the truth to the king

david (king) and nathan (prophet)

- 2 Samuel 7 (david's house)
- 2 Samuel 12 (message after the episode involving David, Bathsheba and Uriah... and Joab)
- 1 Kings 1 (solomon is chosen as king)



nathan is sent (picking up on 2 Samuel 11)

a story...

about a rich man and a poor man about flocks and a lamb (shepherd imagery)

david's response

invokes YHWH's name a son of death (NLT: deserves to die) (foreshadows the death of the child)

nathan's response

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You are the man!

nathan speaks YHWH's message

("I"... now "I"...)
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david, "I have sinned against YHWH."



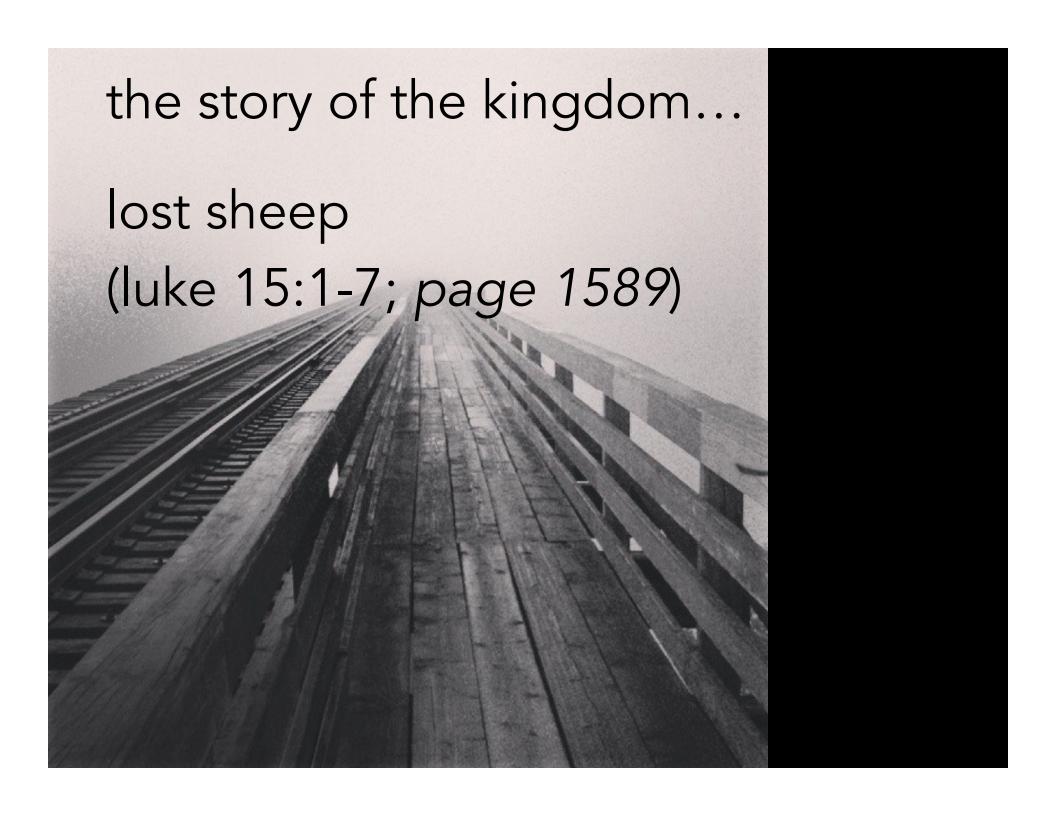


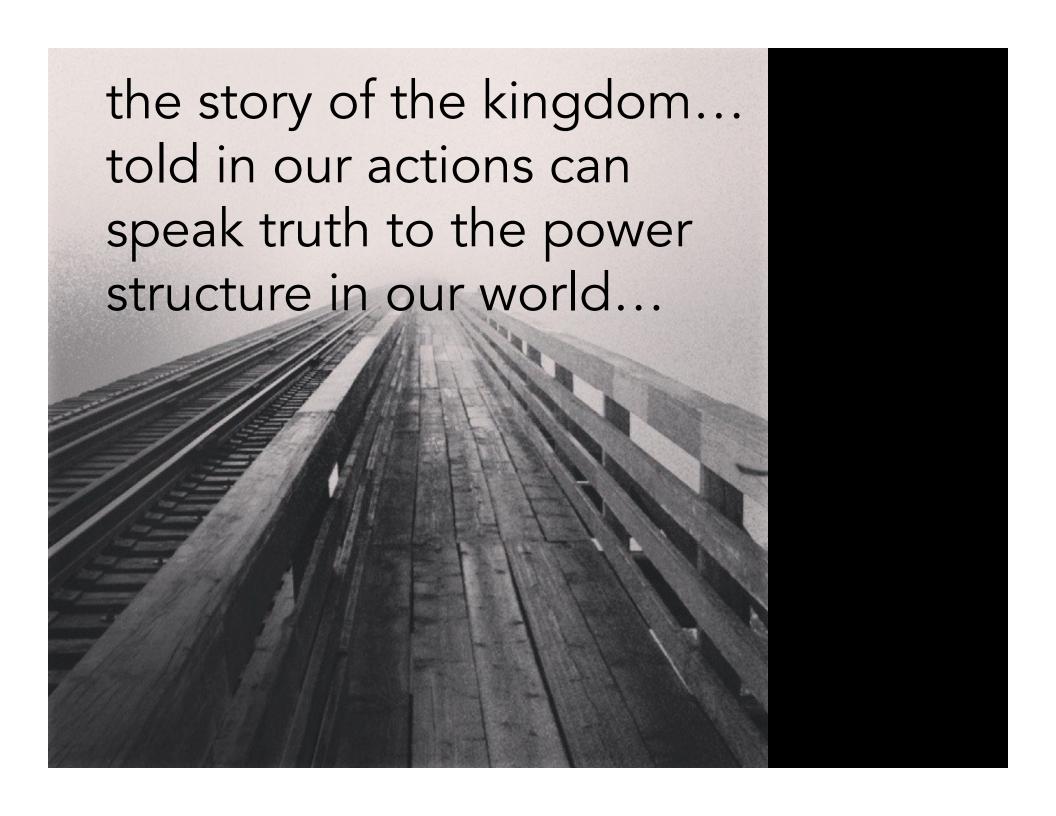


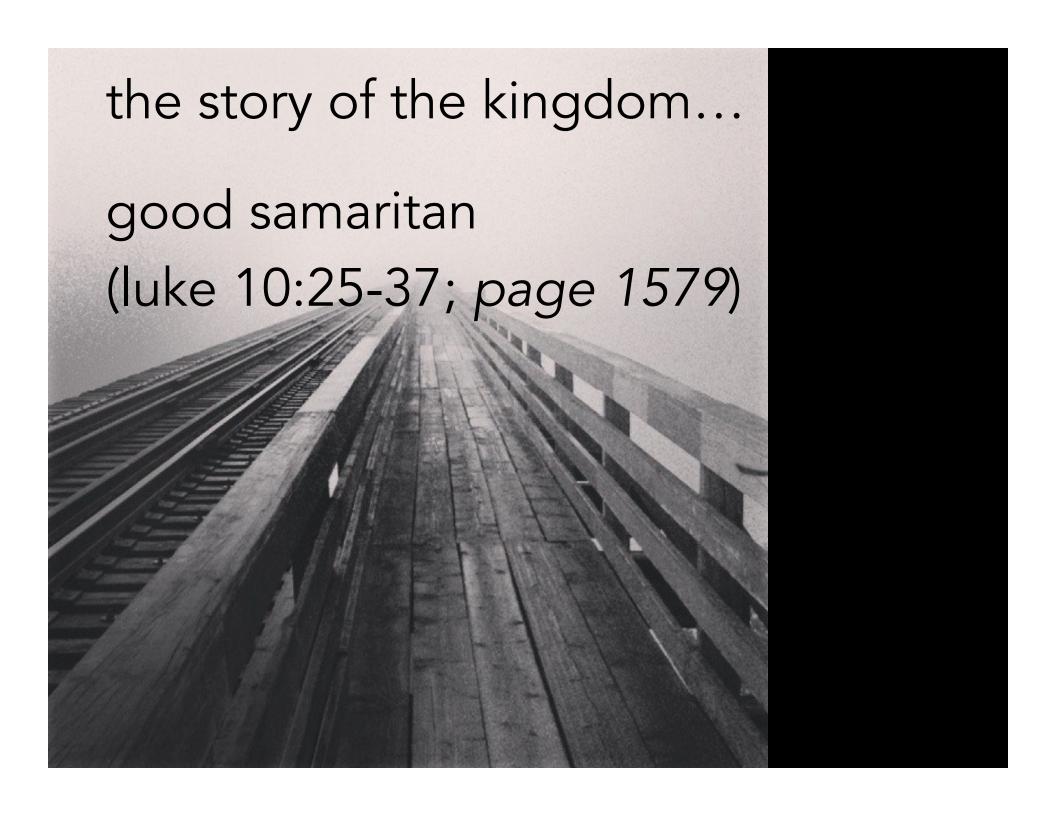
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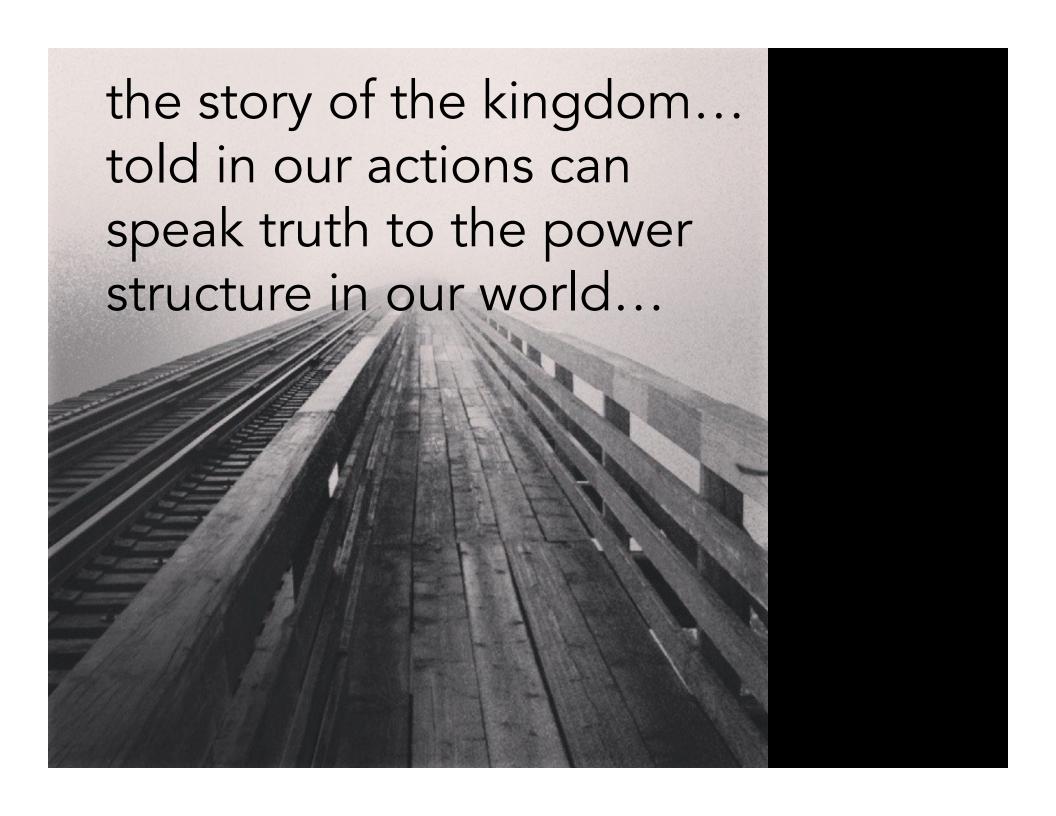
What should be doing in in God's world that would call forth the puzzled or even angry questions to which parables like that would be the correct answer?

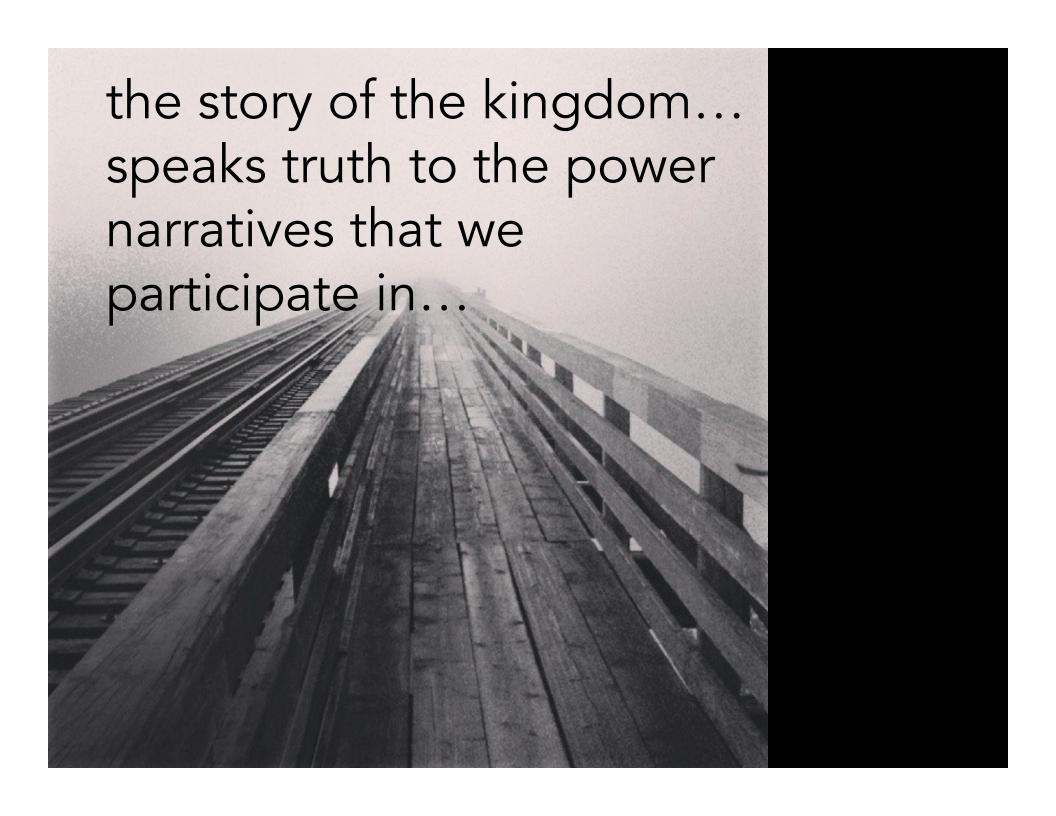














the communion table...