



Our Role in the Church



Goal

To Reach the
heavenly
Kingdom



How to Accomplish Our Goal

Humility

freedom from pride or arrogance : the quality or state of being [humble](#)

Merriem-Webster Dictionary

The virtue upon which all others depend

St. Augustine



Humility

- Is a choice we make
- It comes with knowing ourselves, our purpose and our role in life
- Is submitting to God's will in our life

James 4:10

Humble yourselves [with an attitude of repentance and insignificance] in the presence of the Lord, and He will exalt you [He will lift you up, He will give you purpose].

1 Peter 5:6

Therefore **humble** yourselves under the mighty hand of God [set aside self-righteous pride], so that He may exalt you [to a place of honor in His service] at the appropriate time,

For as the body is one and has many members, but all the members of that one body, being many, are one body, so also *is* Christ. ¹³ For by one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—whether Jews or Greeks, whether slaves or free—and have all been made to drink ^[g]into one Spirit. ¹⁴ For in fact the body is not one member but many. If the foot should say, “Because I am not a hand, I am not of the body,” is it therefore not of the body? ¹⁶ And if the ear should say, “Because I am not an eye, I am not of the body,” is it therefore not of the body? ¹⁷ If the whole body *were* an eye, where *would be* the hearing? If the whole *were* hearing, where *would be* the smelling? ¹⁸ But now God has set the members, each one of them, in the body just as He pleased. ¹⁹ And if they were all one member, where *would* the body *be*? But now indeed *there are* many members, yet one body. ²¹ And the eye cannot say to the hand, “I have no need of you”; nor again the head to the feet, “I have no need of you.” ²² No, much rather, those members of the body which seem to be weaker are necessary. ²³ And those *members* of the body which we think to be less honorable, on these we bestow greater honor; and our unpresentable *parts* have greater modesty, ²⁴ but our presentable *parts* have no need. But God composed the body, having given greater honor to that *part* which lacks it, ²⁵ that there should be no ^[h]schism in the body, but *that* the members should have the same care for one another. ²⁶ And if one member suffers, all the members suffer with *it*; or if one member is honored, all the members rejoice with *it*. Now you are the body of Christ, and members individually

We are all part
of the body of
Jesus
1 Cor 12:12 – 27

Examples of Humility & Honour

St. Mary

St. John the Baptist

St. Joseph the carpenter

Amba Reweis

St. John the Beloved

Peter, James and John

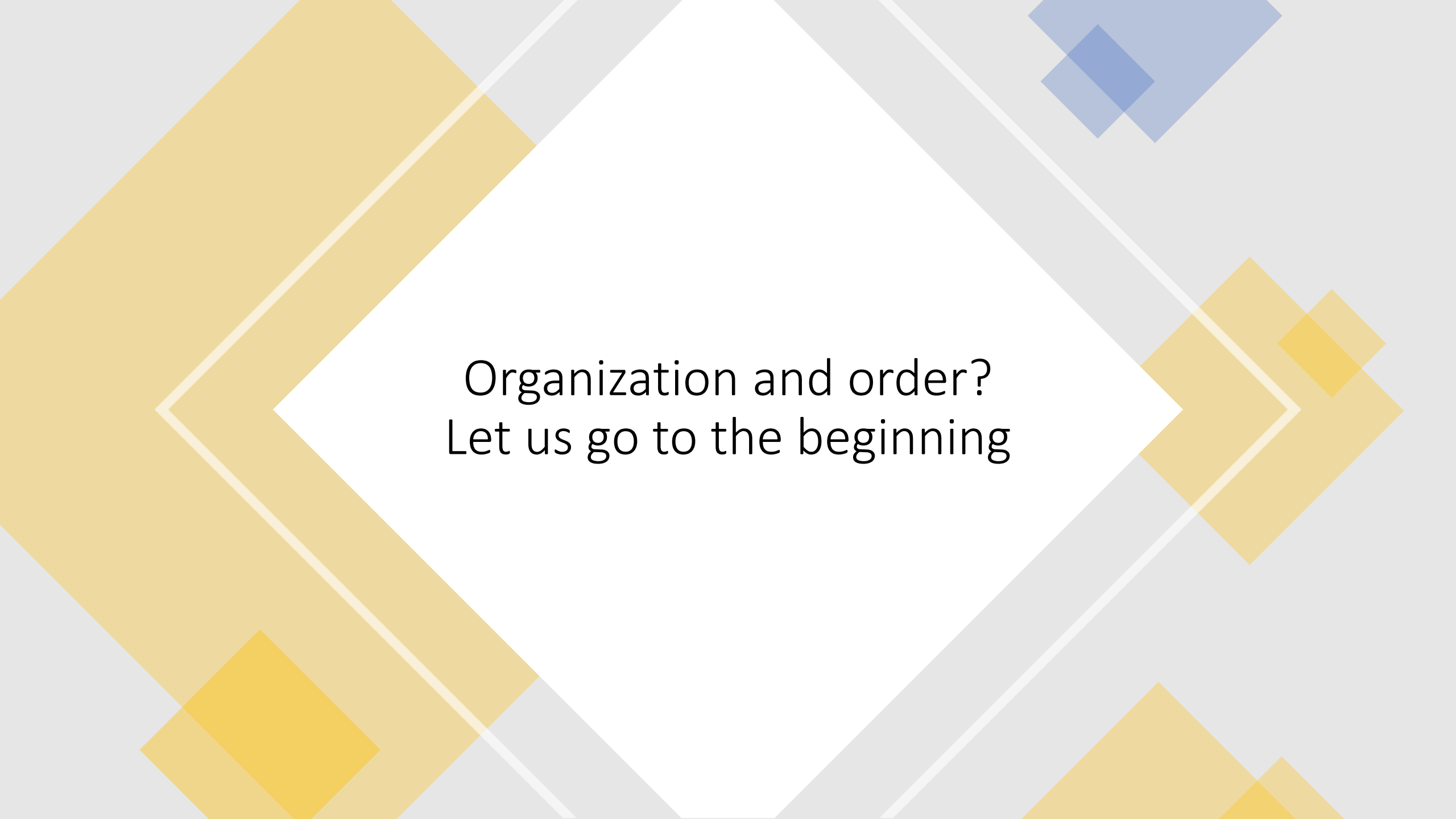
The Samaritan Woman

Abigail

Esther

Mary Magdalene

St. Paul



Organization and order?
Let us go to the beginning



What is God's intention?

For ALL to come to
Salvation

Jews, Gentiles alike

Tough
Questions
you will be
asked

1. Why are
boys only
deacons?

Answers:

1- what do you think a
responsibility of a
young deacon is?

To chant

Chanting is the
responsibility of the
entire congregation

Tough
Questions
you will be
asked

Why are men only priests?

Answer:

- Not all men are priests – only those who are called to the priesthood

Tough
Questions
you will be
asked

Why doesn't our church change to be like other churches?

Answer:

- We follow Christ's lead. What He established is what we continue
- We also follow the directions and instructions of the Apostles and our church fathers
- We are an Apostolic church – which is honourable in its consistency over time and societal pressures.

More Tough Questions

The key is to convey the message that we all have different roles to play – whether it is in our church community, or at home or in our jobs/school

If we accept ourselves, our capabilities, our talents and our potential then we will be content with our role in each of these environments.