

Navigating the Wilderness



Village Green
Community Church

Cultural **Gaslighting** is the attempt to make the church more **culture-like**, not **Christ-like**.



Romans
16:17-20 NLT



¹⁷ And now I make one more appeal, my dear brothers and sisters. Watch out for people who cause divisions and upset people's faith by teaching things contrary to what you have been taught. Stay away from them. ¹⁸ Such people are not serving Christ our Lord; they are serving their own personal interests. By smooth talk and glowing words they deceive innocent people. ¹⁹ But everyone knows that you are obedient to the Lord. This makes me very happy. I want you to be wise in doing right and to stay innocent of any wrong. ²⁰ The God of peace will soon crush Satan under your feet. May the grace of our Lord Jesus be with you.

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2. An unhealthy pursuit of **influence**.

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Leader's love creating things but hate
guarding things – many times we have
to guard things in order to grow
healthy.

Jon Tyson

Guard your heart above all else,
for it determines the course of your life.
(Prov. 4:23 NLT)





To succumb to cultural gaslighting
creates a church the **world** can easily
ignore.





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A recurring theme – **wisdom** in discerning the **times!**

