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Dune and the Gospel

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- Jesus is not defined by power, but by _____.
 - In Dune, their Messiah does nothing more than win them _____ for an inevitably short time.
 - Jesus offers _____ far greater than just freedom from governments and political rule.
 - Everything that Jesus does is out of love. Which is to say it is out of choice.

"1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. 2 He was with God in the beginning. 3 Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made."

John 1:1-3

- This word became flesh not out of necessity but out of _____.
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- Our Goal as a Church is not to make you fall in love with our church, fall in love with worship, small groups, the pastors. Our goal is to make you fall in love with Jesus and Jesus alone.

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