THE AMERICAN DREAM

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I'm not a great fan of mega churches, butÂ even I can't help but be excited by this amazing article from David Platt, senior Pastor of a 4,000 people congregation in Alabama.

> *We American Christians have a way of taking the Jesus of the Bible and twisting him into a version of Jesus that we are more comfortable with.*
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> *A nice middle-class American Jesus. A Jesus who doesnâ€™t mind materialism and would never call us to give away everything we have. A Jesus who is fine with nominal devotion that does not infringe on our comforts...*
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> *Itâ€™s a world where 26,000 children die every day of starvation or a preventable disease. A world where billions live in situations of such grinding poverty that an American middle-class neighborhood looks like Beverly Hills by comparison. A world where more than a billion people have never even heard the name Jesus. So we asked ourselves, â€œWhat are we spending our time and money on that is less important than meeting these needs?â€ And thatâ€™s when things started to change...*
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> *I believe God has a dream for people today. Itâ€™s just not the same as the American Dream.*
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> *I believe God is saying to us that real success is found in radical sacrifice. That ultimate satisfaction is found not in making much of ourselves but in making much of him. That the purpose of our lives transcends the country and culture in which we live. That meaning is found in community, not individualism. That joy is found in generosity, not materialism. And that Jesus is a reward worth risking everything for.*
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> *Indeed, the gospel compels us to live for the glory of God in a world of urgent spiritual and physical need, and this is a dream worth giving our lives to pursue.*

Inspiring stuff and food for thought for British curches too. Platt's book Radical: Taking Back Your Faith from the American Dream looks as if it will be well worth a read.