

SESSION 4

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JESUS DECONSTRUCTED

PRE-RECORDING
INTERESTING HOW CULTURES ADAPT TO FOOD FROM OTHER CULTURES
TAMALES IN SCOTLAND!?!

DIVING INTO FREEING JESUS
PRAYER/POEM - Judy Brown
"FIRE"
THE STICK BETWEEN THE LOGS
READ THE BOOK TRANSGRESSIVE DEVOTION
RECLAIMING SPACE

HEB. 13:8 JESUS CHRIST IS THE SAME YESTERDAY AND TODAY AND FOREVER. NOT AN EXCUSE TO RESIST CHANGE
THIS IS A **LEAS** THAT SHAPES SAME PEOPLE
THE AUTHOR OF HEBREWS COULDN'T HAVE READ THE GOSPELS
MARK - SUFFERING SON
MATTHEW - RABBI + MESSIAH
LUKE - UNIVERSAL SAVIOR
JOHN - DIVINE WISDOM

PAUL'S IMAGES OF JESUS
ROMANS: PEACEMAKER (GOD?) SINFUL
CORINTHIANS: LORD OF GLORY, FOUNDATION, CREATION, BLOOD IS NEW PASSOVER, LIGHT+IMAGE OF GOD
LEADS TO LIBERATION
GALATIANS: DELIVERER + LIBERATOR
EPHESIANS: MYSTERY REVEALED
PHILIPPIANS: CHRIST OUR COURAGE + CONFIDENCE
COLOSSIANS: ALL IN ALL - HEAD/SOURCE OF CHURCH
THESSALONIANS: THE ADVENT (ABOUT TO HAPPEN)
WHO ARE YOU, LORD?!? THIS IS HIS CENTRAL, DRIVING QUESTION
PAUL ON THE ROAD TO DAMASCUS
THESE ARE ALL EXPERIENCE FROM HIS EXPERIENCE

EXPERIENTIAL DIANA'S SIX IMAGES

- 1 FRIEND - PRE-READER LIFE
- 2 TEACHER - GOING TO SCHOOL/CHILD
- 3 SAVIOR
- 4 LORD
- 5 WAY
- 6 PRESENCE/UNIVERSAL JESUS

FOR TONIGHT

FIT INTO GROUPS OF 3

FRIEND + TEACHER
EARLY LIFE
LIBERAL METHODIST CHURCH IN BALTIMORE
- HER GRANDFATHER WAS AN AGNOSTIC/ATHEIST
- GRANDFATHER'S SISTER WAS A SUFFRAGETTE AND RAISED DIANA'S MOM AS A LIBERAL METHODIST

SAVIOR + LORD
1971 - MOVED TO ARIZONA
THIS WAS PAINFUL TO REVIST
- EVANGELICAL CHURCHES EVERYWHERE
- HER PARENTS PROPPED OUT 1970s-80s
SHE'S AMAZED SHE SURVIVED THIS TENSION
HER MOM WAS SO DISAPPOINTED WHEN DIANA "GOT SAVED"

A MOMENT AT COLLEGE (1980) WHEN THEY WENT TO THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH - HER MOM SAID, "OH, THANK GOD!"
HER FRIEND'S FAMILIES WERE UPSET.

NOW **FRIEND + TEACHER** ARE NO LONGER CHILDISH, BUT **DEEP THEOLOGY**
JOHN'S TABLE + FRIENDSHIP + JESUS AS JEWISH RABBI

SAVIOR SHE WAS TOLD SHE WAS A SINNER A NEEDED SUBSTITUTIONARY ATONEMENT.
SHE FEELS LIKE SHE WAS COLONIZED BY THE BIBLE CHURCH.
SHE FELT THAT AGAIN WHEN WRITING THE CHAPTER.

-NOW- HAD TO REDEFINE SALVATION + SIN
NON-HIERARCHICAL LORD WITH US + RESISTANCE
DISAPPOINTING SHIFT
LORD OVER EVANGELICALS RECEIVING A WOUND IN THE IMAGE OF GOD

LORD WENT INTO COLLEGE VERY ZEALOUS
JESUS HAS TO BE YOUR LORD
BECAME HER PATHWAY
EVANGELICALISM OF THE 1970s WAS RADICAL
NOTHING LIKE TODAY!
HER PROFESSOR OPENED THEM UP TO HISTORICAL CHRISTIANITY + LIBERATION THEOLOGY
WHEN JERRY FALWELL SHOWED UP, THEY WERE SHOCKED
LORD MOVED TO AUTHORITY

FINAL QUOTE

THE ENTIRE WORLD IS A VERY NARROW BRIDGE, THE ESSENTIAL THING IS TO HAVE NO FEAR AT ALL!

TRIPP: HOW DOES IT FEEL TO KEEP RETELLING THIS STORY?
AFFIRMATION + OBSERVATION
WHEN YOU GET COLONIZED, YOU DON'T GET TO TESTIFY TO THE TRUTH WITHIN YOU BUT ONLY TO WITHOUT YOU.

DIANA SHE IS KNOWN AS A RELIGIOUS MEMOIRIST
VIDA SKUDDER - SHE WROTE AUTO-BIOGRAPHY AT 40 + 60
STRENGTH FOR THE JOURNEY at 40
FREEING JESUS at 60
HID BEHIND THE DATA
THIS IS MY STORY

DIANA IS THE ONLY AUTHORITY ON DIANA'S EXPERIENCE OF CHRIST.

EACH STORY IS AN ASSET TO THE WHOLE BODY OF CHRIST

TRIPP + DIANA EACH HAD SOME EARLY POSITIVE EXPERIENCES OF GOD AND THE CHURCH TO WHICH THEY CAN RETURN

WHAT ABOUT ALL THOSE WHO HAD BAD EXPERIENCES?

THESE ARE YOUR STORIES
- LOVE YOURSELF
- TAKE YOUR TIME

WHEN WE ARE CONTINUALLY ANGRY AT OUR STORIES, WE GIVE THEM POWER OVER US.
IMPORTANT TO TELL IT, RECLAIM IT, AND REWORK IT.

THIS IS A PROCESS THAT SETS US FREE!

"BE LIKE ME" IS A COLONIZATION STORY

"THIS IS ME" IS A SPIRITUAL MEMOIR

ANDY ROOT IN A SECULAR AGE WE DON'T GO TO MYSTICAL TEXTS. WE GO TO MEMOIRS WHERE THERE ARE AUTHENTIC HINTS OF TRANSCENDENCE

WHEREVER YOU ARE IS YOUR STORY. BE THERE AND WALK YOUR JOURNEY.

TELL YOUR STORY!

THE SAVIOR CHAPTER
PROCESS: WHAT DID IT FEEL LIKE TO BE 8... OR 15...?
WROTE NOTES
SHE NEEDED SAFETY FROM ABUSE
HER ABUSE EPISODE TURNED HER WHOLE ADOLESCENCE INTO A SEARCH FOR SAFETY
15 YEAR OLD
60 YEAR OLD
INTEGRATION OF THESE VOICES
WHAT GETS ME TO A PLACE OF SAFETY BUT FROM A NEW PERSPECTIVE.

TRIPP + PHILIP CLAYTON + BRIAN MCLAREN
HI, I'M TRIPP, AND I'M A RECOVERING CALVINIST
TRIPP LIKED LARRY NORMAN THAT WAS A DIFFERENT VIBE, BEFORE REGAN
PEOPLE YOUNGER THAN TRIPP HAVE NO MEMORY OF THE EARLY EVANGELICALS
THEY CAN'T "RECLAIM IT" (SAVING + LORD) AND SHOULD I EVER TELL IT TO MY KIDS?

DIANA'S RELATIONSHIP WITH JIM WALLIS
HE REALLY THINKS WE CAN "GET BACK TO THE 70s"
SHE THINKS EVANGELICALISM IS ACTUALLY FUNDAMENTALIST AT ROOT
FALWELL WAS THE MORE THE ACTUAL CORRUPTION
ROOT FUNDAMENTALIST WHITE SUPREMACY PATRIARCHAL HIERARCHY

THAT'S WHY I BECAME AN EVANGELICAL! I FELT SAFE + FREE NOW I CAN APPRECIATE IT.

FINAL QUESTION

HOW WOULD DIANA PREACH ON
HEB. 13:8
TRIPP: JESUS CHRIST IS THE SAME GOD COMM. LOVE

WHAT HAPPENED TO EMERGENT?
- ITS GONE, AND MANY ENDED UP IN MAINLINE DENOMINATIONS. THIS WAS ONE OF THE REASONS FOR THE BUMP IN THE MAINLINE.
THIS SAVED THE MAINLINE - IT HAS MOVED TO A NEW LOCATION
NOW - WHAT ABOUT THE YOUNGER ONES?

IT MUST BE SITUATED + CONTEXTUAL YESTERDAY, TODAY, + FOREVER WHO YOU ARE, AND WHERE YOU ARE IS WHAT IT WILL LOOK LIKE
"IN THE BEGINNING WAS THE WORD" like JOHN COBB!
CREATIVE LOVE IS THE SAME