

1. Get Acquainted: Icebreaker – “it can’t be known”

Imagine: Which is more difficult? What changes everything? What is missing?

- Walking underground Disney and from what you see describing the rides above you?
- Doing a jigsaw puzzle with the pieces facedown and not having the box top.
- Going through a builder’s model home and then you have to tell the story of how he and his wife got engaged.

The unbeliever can’t know God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit from what they see or experience. They may know some but they are missing the most important piece, part, picture of the story.

Jesus is the image of the invisible God. Jesus is God with skin.

2. Worship: Overwhelmed to Worship, Blessings in the Breakdowns

I met with some dear, dear friends who were discouraged. They were in a crisis of faith! A Crisis of Faith, CoF, is when what is required exceeds the resources you have. Example: I can hand you a piece of paper so there is no crisis, no cry for help. But when you ask me to move your piano there is a cry for help because the resource of my strength does not match the weight of the object. By design of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit we are overwhelmable and it is the greatest faithing aspect of who we are that leads us directly to great worship and wonder through the humility of our cries for help and them coming to show himself great to save. We are often overwhelmed by Holy Spirit’s leading us into crisis after crisis of faith because we are but dust and He loves for us to realize that and enjoy it in our Father’s presence.

So each week I schedule NERVOUS BREAKDOWN. Let me explain by the email I wrote my friends.

As I prayed for you guys, I kept thinking of the docs that I use to refill my faith and hope in the Gospel when I am discouraged, broken and paralyzed by fear and unbelief.

Every week I schedule 2 hours for what I call a nervous breakdown. This is where I just fall apart in the lap of my Heavenly Father. I crawl up into his lap to get faith and repentance! I would like to bring faith, repentance, love and courage but I cannot. I have none. I am lost and all I got is need - no prayer, no hope, no energy, no something just lots and lots of nothing and there in all that NEED I stop all my doings and hope(ings) and I just nothing. In the quiet and silence, I listen. I listen to hear Jesus pray for me. I listen to hear Holy Spirit courage for me. I meek and meek and meek some more. It is all I got. It is all I can offer when I open my hands there are only lots and lots of failure, anger, disappointments but then just then a smile breaks out in my soul cuz then I know my Father is running to me I can hear his feet pound the pavement with His arms full to give my robe and ring and to kiss me and kiss me and kiss me. Oh then to hear his voice call for the fatten calf, for Him to Tweet out to Jesus and HS to invite the Heavens cuz we are NOW and forever to party the party of parties cuz TimO is in the house. The TimO Son has returned!!! What amazing love.

Then and really only then do I have anything to offer anyone.

Some time ago I stopped trying to not burnout and just went with it.

Oh the joy that fills my soul.

So Lets Worship Together By Having a NB in the lap of the one who is Holy, Holy, Holy!!

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Holy Holy Holy

Holy Holy Holy Lord God Almighty
Early in the morning our song shall rise to Thee
Holy Holy Holy merciful and mighty
God in three persons blessed Trinity

Holy Holy Holy all the saints adore Thee
Casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea
Cherubim and seraphim falling down before Thee
Who was and is and evermore shall be

Holy Holy Holy though the darkness hide Thee
Though the eye of sinful man Thy glory may not see
Only Thou art holy there is none beside
Thee Perfect in power in love and purity

Holy Holy Holy Lord God Almighty
All Thy works shall praise Thy name in earth and sky and sea
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3. Kingdom Centered Prayer: YOU CAN PRAY WITH US...

1. Worship the LORD for His holy knowledge and wisdom. Praise Him, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, that He alone knows all things, and that He has revealed Himself to us in His Word and by His Gospel.

2. How have you lived as if you don't need God for what you know or how you live? Confess your pride and folly to Jesus, asking Him to forgive you but also to correct you, to heal your perspective into His.

3. Give thanks to Jesus for His Light and Love – for His work to save us from folly and death *and* revealing God and His Grace to us! *Thank Him for saving you and loving you enough to lead you daily by His wisdom and His Spirit.*

4. Who do you know that lives in darkness and folly? Pray for them, asking the Lord to help them to gain hope and perspective in Jesus and His Sovereign love.

5. Ask the Holy Spirit to bear in you His fruit of love and peace. Pray that He would so work to secure you in Christ that you would live peacefully (in a dark, foolish world) and that you would be a light in that darkness.

4. Sermon Reflection:

Ecclesiastes 1:12-18; 2:13-17; 8:17 (6-7-20: The Vanity of Knowing)

Intro: When have you thought you knew, *only to find out you didn't?*

GOD & KNOWLEDGE - How does God's holiness apply to all of our knowledge?

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| Lies | vs | Biblical Truth |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> You can know totally. You can't trust the Bible. | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Only God Knows Bible: The only way to know salvation in Jesus |

How have you wrestled with both the lies and the Truths of the Bible?

We discover God is necessary for right living in 2 ways:

- Obeying God by following Jesus
- Disobeying God and NOT following Jesus

Give examples from your journey.

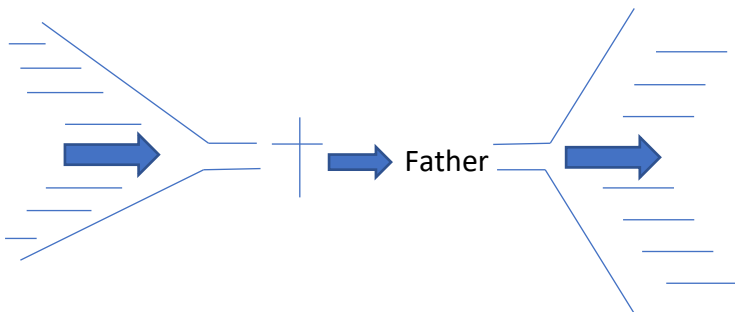
OBSCURITY & DISTORTION - How have we wrenched knowledge out of joint?

Are you:

- Teachable?, Listener?, Learner?
- Death? Are you looking forward to meeting God our Dad in Heaven
- Able to tell the Story of Him with greater zeal and detail than the Story of You?
- Does the Story of you give Him all the glory?
- Vexed?
- Enjoying the scriptures fix for your vexings?

MEANING & PERSPECTIVE - Why does it matter that Jesus is not merely a revealer of God but that He IS *God revealed?*

The Wisdom of God – God is necessary for all Right Living



Everything points to Jesus

Jesus Points to Our Father In Heaven

And They Point to Everything Else

Luke 10:22. **All things have been handed over to me by my Father, and no one knows who the Son is except the Father, or who the Father is except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.**

Rejoice in Holy Spirit that such is the Father's gracious will.

5. Mission:

To Advance the Kingdom
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WE KNOW AND LOVE OUR FATHER THE KING!!!

Read the opening of the Lord's Prayer as A Mission Statement:

Our Father, who is in Heaven, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on Earth like it is in Heaven.

What is your vision of the Kingdom of Heaven and the Will of God?

What is your vision of the Kingdom of Heaven and will of God coming to Earth?

How can you "bring it" this week?