



SACRED CONVERSATIONS ABOUT RACE & CLASS, POWER & PROTEST





<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=N-vGmHnR05c>

Biblical Wisdom for The Work

- ◉ God loves us without bounds. We need not fear, be defensive or be ashamed.
- ◉ God always hears the cries of the oppressed, knows them intimately and is about deliverance. We can look at all life on the spectrum of God and Pharaoh.
- ◉ Life in Christ is kenotic -- self-emptying. Not exploiting privilege but recognizing it and dismantling it.
- ◉ We embody Christ when we are reconciled – in intimate solidarity with “the other.” We are ambassadors of *katalasso*.
- ◉ The end of the story has already been written. We know that we will win. Hold onto that – but don’t pretend we’re there yet.

A Kairos moment...

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**We get to see, hear, know
... and trust there is truth.**

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- Home value: \$78,000
 - Income: \$22,000
 - 5% have bachelor's degree
 - 99% African American

Delmar Blvd

- Home value: \$310,000
- Income: \$47,000
- 67% have bachelor's degree
- 70% white

N Taylor Ave

ingshighway Blvd



<https://youtu.be/uUlxDsBYPWo>







“What are you all doing here? You need to get out in the streets with the young people. And don’t be telling them to get into your churches, because they haven’t been there and they’re not going. And don’t be going there in your suits and your collars and preaching to them, because they don’t care and they shouldn’t care because we haven’t been out there with them. You need to go out there and let them lead, and you need to listen.”

“You don’t need to wear your suits. You need to wear your blue jeans.”

-Bishop Derrick Robinson

They came to Jericho. As he and his disciples and a large crowd were leaving Jericho, Bartimaeus son of Timaeus, a blind beggar, was sitting by the roadside. When he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to shout out and say, 'Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!' Many sternly ordered him to be quiet, but he cried out even more loudly, 'Son of David, have mercy on me!' Jesus stood still and said, 'Call him here.' And they called the blind man, saying to him, 'Take heart; get up, he is calling you.' So throwing off his cloak, he sprang up and came to Jesus. Then Jesus said to him, 'What do you want me to do for you?' The blind man said to him, 'My teacher, let me see again.' Jesus said to him, 'Go; your faith has made you well.' Immediately he regained his sight and followed him on the way.



Holy Eucharist

The Fourth Sunday in Lent

15 March 2015

10:00 a.m.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EIq89ESp6rA>

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Table Group Questions

- ⦿ What did you hear and see? Not what do you think about it, but what did you hear and see?
- ⦿ How did what you hear and see make you feel?
- ⦿ How hard is it to trust there is truth. How is Alexis & Brittany's truth similar to or different from yours.

Katallasso – Exchanging places

- ⦿ Trauma-informed work
- ⦿ You have to feel to heal.
- ⦿ Addictive family system model

Yada – Knowing

- ⦿ The New Jim Crow
- ⦿ Witnessing Whiteness
- ⦿ Between the World and Me
- ⦿ The Half That Was Never Told
- ⦿ Radical Reconciliation

Incarnation: Crossing the Divide

- ◎ <http://implicit.harvard.edu>
- ◎ <http://www.joincampaignzero.org/>

Incarnation: Crossing the Divide

ASK YOURSELF THIS IMPORTANT QUESTION:

What have I personally done to
Maintain Segregation?

If the answer disturbs you, probe deeper and decide what you are willing to do to preserve racial harmony in Selma and Dallas County.

Is it worth four dollars to prevent a "Birmingham" here? That's what it costs to be a member of your Citizens Council, whose efforts are not thwarted by courts which give sit-in demonstrators legal immunity, prevent school boards from expelling students who participate in mob activities and would place federal referees at the board of voter registrars.

Law enforcement can be called only after these things occur, but your Citizens Council prevents them from happening.

Why else did only 350 Negroes attend a so-called mass voter registration meeting that outside agitators worked 60 days to organize in Selma?

Gov. Wallace told a state meeting of the council three weeks ago: "You are doing a wonderful job, but you should speak with the united voice of 100,000 persons. Go back home and get more members."

Gov. Wallace stands in the University doorway next Tuesday facing possible ten years imprisonment for violating a federal injunction.

Is it worth four dollars to you to prevent sit-ins, mob marches and wholesale Negro voter registration efforts in Selma?

If so, prove your dedication by joining and supporting the work of the Dallas County Citizens Council today. Six dollars will make both you and your wife members of an organization which has already given Selma nine years of Racial Harmony since "Black Monday."

Send Your Check To
THE DALLAS COUNTY
Citizens Council

SELMA, ALABAMA
YOUR MEMBERSHIP IS GOOD FOR 12 MONTHS

Ad in The Selma Times-Journal, June 9, 1963





"The Church has its own specific activities: Sunday services, communion services, baptisms, Sunday school, funerals and so forth. It also has specific ways of expressing its faith and commitment, ie. in the form of confessions of faith. All of these activities must be re-shaped to be more fully consistent with a prophetic faith related to the KAIROS that God is offering us today. The evil forces we speak of in baptism must be named. We know that these evil forces are in (America) today. The unity and sharing we profess in our communion services or Masses must be named. It is the solidarity of the people inviting all to join in the struggle for God's peace in (America). The repentance we preach must be named. It is repentance for our share in the guilt for the suffering and oppression in our country.

"Much of what we do in our Church services has lost its relevance to the poor and the oppressed. Our services and sacraments have been appropriated to serve the need of the individual for comfort and security. Now these same Church activities must be reappropriated to serve the real religious needs of all the people and to further the liberating mission of God and the Church in the world."

-KAIROS Document