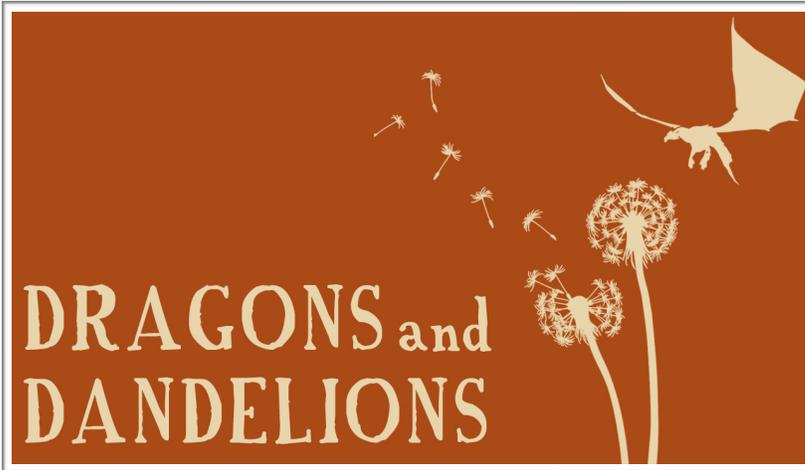


KESSID SERMON NOTES



Sermon

"Reckless Invitation"

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Speaker

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Dragons and Dandelions are the things in your life that are difficult to kill!

- These are the rarely talked about things that commonly wreck people...
- From – Past Failures, Reoccurring Addictions, to Trauma and Tragedy

That's why we are doing this series...

- "To face together and with God, the things we can't face by ourselves."

So, here's how we are going to start...

- I've come to realize that there's really two reoccurring themes in my life. There are two places I return to over and over...

First Chair: "My Messy Life"

- The life I escape to when struggles become too difficult!
- Now...I can give you 25 verses that illustrate this truth, but I think in your heart of hearts, you already know, we're all a bit messed up!
- (Vs) Psalm 139:7-10 "Where can I go from your Spirit...?"
- This verse has always been encouraging to me because the author is speaking from these big emotional places he's never been too, so only feels!

Second Chair: "My Loving God"

- The one who pursues me, no matter the cost!

The glory of God's love is that HE KNEW exactly what it would cost to save me...and paid it anyway.

Think about this for a moment; Before He created the world, God knew that He would send Christ into a sinful, wicked, twisted, bent, and broken world to die for our sins. This Means:

- He always knew that you and I would reject Him, abhor Him, worship false gods, and be His enemy.
- He knew that Jesus would scream, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?"
- He knew that the Immortal One would be swallowed by death.

"God knew that His beloved son, the one adored by angels and upholding the world by His word, would be spit upon and mocked and ripped open by whips and pinned to a cross and pierced by a spear."

In the same way when Jesus went to the cross, He was well aware of Isaiah 53.

(Vs) Isaiah 53:5-6 "But He was pierced for our transgressions; He was crushed for our iniquities; upon Him was the chastisement that brought us peace, and with His wounds we are healed. All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned—everyone—to His own way; and the Lord has laid on Him the iniquity of us all."

When Jesus set His face toward Jerusalem, He knew what was coming.

- He knew that the wrath of God toward sin – my sin and your sin – was going to be poured out on Him.
- When Jesus sweat and trembled and pleaded with God in the Garden of Gethsemane, He was fully aware that He was about to be swallowed up by the overwhelming hatred of God toward sin.

And yet in spite of all this.... Jesus still went to the cross ANYWAYS!!!

- Deliberately substituting Himself for ME!
- "Intentionally spreading His precious blood over the door frames of our lives."
- Yes, the Love of Jesus sits here!

"If there is one subject more than another upon which I wish ever to speak, it is the love of Christ. But if there is one which quite baffles me and makes me go back from this platform utterly ashamed of my poor feeble words, it is this subject. This love of Christ is the most amazing thing under heaven if not in heaven itself." – Charles Spurgeon

Now... look at the Stark Contrast between these two places:

The Chairs: My own Place of Depravity and God's Place of Love.

- This often brings with it an uncomfortable feeling... almost too much for anyone's heart to fully accept...And I'm learning that's actually a very normal experience...

(Vs) 2nd Tim. 2:1-9 "He has saved us and called us to a holy life—not because of anything we have done but because of His own purpose and grace. This grace was given us in Christ Jesus before the beginning of time..."

This is truly an overwhelming, never-ending, almost Reckless Love.

"Like the reckless love that drives a parent who plunges into a burning house to rescue a beloved child, in spite of seeing the danger, and instead chooses to pay that cost...."

It's because of this Incredible Love for us, that God didn't spare His own son, and so we also can know that He won't withhold any good thing from us!

- It's through this sacrifice of Jesus our Invitation has been made!

And so, it's this kind of overwhelming love that propels ME to worship with adoration!

- It moves ME to ask, "Jesus, why would you save the likes of me?"
- It drives ME to MY knees in humble gratefulness.
- Do I deserve it? No.
- Could I earn it? Never.

The Reckless Invitation of Christ still remains...

- Will you receive His Invitation? Will you follow?