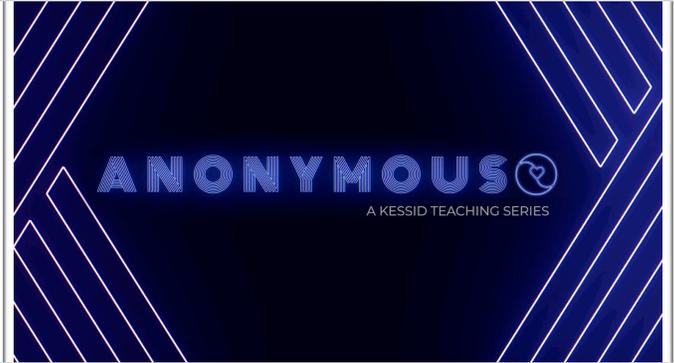


"ACTIVELY STILL"

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**"Learning to live in the Holy tension of our own Power and Powerlessness"**

This is because... Almost everyone wants to avoid tension, especially Spiritual Tension.

- This is the Holy tension of NEW
- This is the Holy tension of GROWTH
- This is the Holy tension of RELIANCE
- This is the Holy tension of TRANSFORMATION

Fact is: Spiritual or 'Holy' Tension is really rather easy to avoid...

- You can just refuse to create any appropriate space for it to live in...You can just deny the Offer...

In 6 Weeks, on Easter Weekend, we will be moving into our new home!

- And a lot is going to change...
- That's why this Series is about helping us to utilize all the new Physical Changes happening around us as a template for how we should also be managing the Spiritual Changes happening inside of us.
- And so... If I can give you a spiritual posture for this series it would be one of "**Open Handed Expectation.**"

Remembering, as Corrie Ten Boom said, "I have learned to hold all things loosely, so God will not have to pry them out of my hands."

Scripturally, this series will pick up just where the last series ended...

- Jesus teaching in the Synagogue: (Vs) Luke 4:18-20 - "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me..."

Now, I want you to allow the Tension to enter into the Space...

- Space offered for pondering and reflection...
- They would be thinking... Isn't this Joseph's Son?
- Isn't this the town carpenter?
- I'm pretty sure He made me a table last year!
- (Vs) Luke 4:21... "I am the answer you have been waiting for!"

Jesus did this a lot!

- He would offer these Spaces wherever He went!
- Working in unseen ways... Offering for people to just sit in "Active Stillness."

Jesus and the Woman at The Well

- *(Vs) John 4:5-8 - "So he came to a town of Samaria called Sychar..."*
- Now, I want you to allow the Tension to enter into the Space...the space offered for pondering and reflection...
- She would be thinking... Aren't you a Jew, a Rabbi no less?
- Don't you all view me as beneath you and unclean?
- I'm pretty sure one of you spit on me last week!
- *(Vs) John 4:10... "I am the answer you have been waiting for!"*

Notice something both these stories reveal about Jesus...

- "Jesus spent most of His life here on Earth ministering from an Anonymous space."
- For the first 30 years, we hear very little about Him. Then, like in these two stories, He often first TOUCHES then TELLS.

"This is because the all-powerful Jesus is always inviting people close to Him through His powerlessness."

- He is inviting us to be "Actively Still" with Him.
- This is in perfect rhythm with all that scripture says about who God is!
- Jesus - Lion & Lamb
- "Power into Powerlessness into Power into Powerlessness"

We have two ways we can respond to the Offered Tension...

1. With Hard Hearted Self-Righteousness, like those people from his community...
(Vs) Luke 4:28-30
2. Or, with transforming gratitude... Like the Woman at the well... *(Vs) John 4:28-30*

**This next season of ministry within our church will be in no need of our power,
but our powerlessness.**