



Practicing the Way of Jesus

Story Telling

Luke 13:18-21

Luke 15:1-7

Practicing the Way of Jesus

The way that Jesus practiced and/or promoted.

Trust

Silence and Solitude

Connecting to the marginalized

Prayer

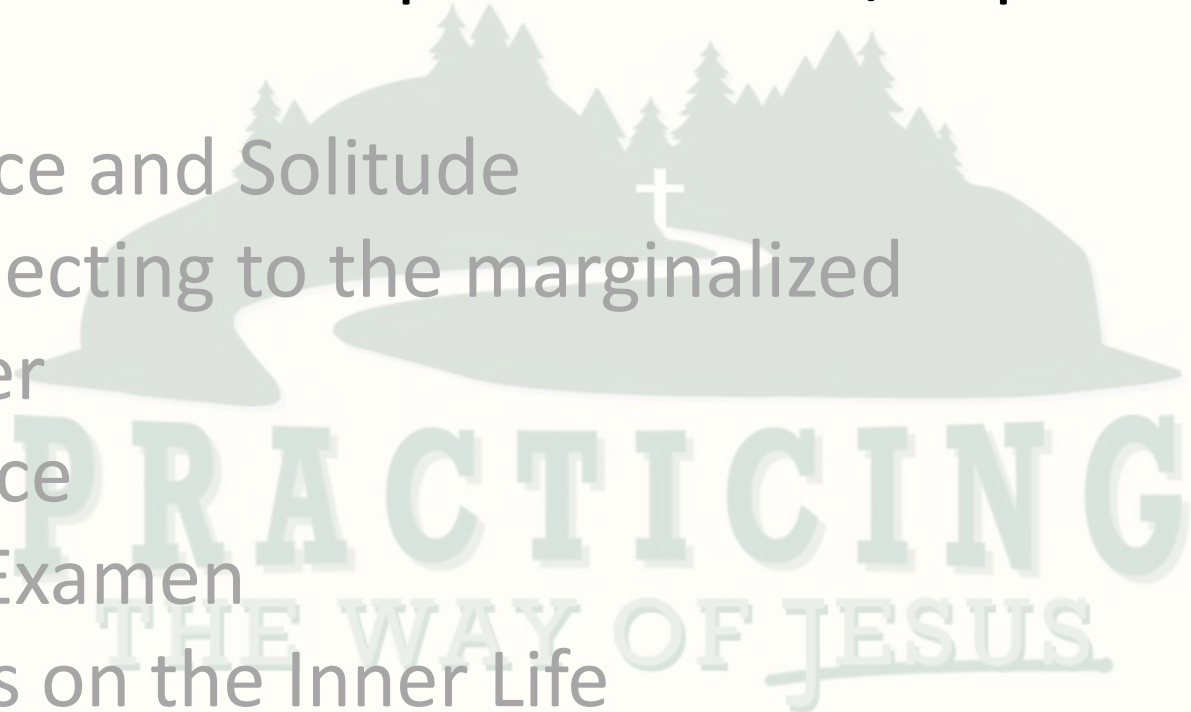
Service

The Examen

Focus on the Inner Life

Story telling

Simplicity



My story literally means
the world to me.



Stories:

“Telling stories is one of the most powerful means that leaders have to influence, teach, and inspire. What makes storytelling so effective for learning? For starters, storytelling forges connections among people, and between people and ideas. Stories convey the culture, history, and values that unite people. When it comes to our countries, our communities, and our families, we understand intuitively that the stories we hold in common are an important part of the ties that bind.”

Vanessa Boris



Stories:

- help us dream
- help us imagine
- help us remember
- help us hope
- helps us journey
- help us see outside of ourselves
- help draw us into a larger narrative and/or reality
- help us to engage
- help us to learn
- help us to share
- help us to dare
- help us to bring things together... to integrate



Stories:

“Christianity makes an important place for the telling of stories... Jesus did the same. In fact, the telling of stories is perhaps the primary characteristic of his soul care relationships.”

Narrative psychologists note that the creation of stories is the fundamental way in which humans makes sense of their experience. They also argue that the telling of these stories is essential in both the formation of identity and the healing of emotional wounds. Humans seem to need to give their experiences some sort of coherence.”

David Benner



Stories:

“I believe that faithfully telling and listening to our stories is one of the single most important things we can do as followers of Jesus. Storytelling inevitably engages our memories – both the speakers’ and the hearers’ – and so opens the door to a different future. The Bible is so powerful in part because it contains the story of creation, rebellion, redemption and recreation, all of which are told in the rich, messy, beautiful, tragic, hopeful tapestry of the lives of God’s ancient people.”

Curt Thompson



1 – Jesus told stories about us

Sacrifice

Treasure

Farming

Loss

House work

Jealousy

Building

Regret

Parenthood

Lost-ness

Childhood

Growth

Family

Investment

Searching

Persistence

Sacrifice

Worry

Celebration

Mercy

Following

Forgiveness

Business

Love



1 – Jesus told stories about us

Luke 13:18-21

Planting seed.

Seeing little things become big things.

Branches and birds.

Being a resource for the good of others.

Kneading dough

Small things influencing big things



1 – Jesus told stories about us

Luke 15:1-7

Sheep and livelihood.

The importance of each one.

Finding the lost thing.

The joy of finding.

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1 – Jesus told stories about us

2 Samuel 12:7, *“You are the man!”*

Exodus 13:14, *“In days to come, when your son asks you, ‘What does this mean?’ say to him, ‘With a mighty hand the Lord bought us out of Egypt, and out of the land of slavery.’”*

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1 – Jesus told stories about us

John 4:29, *“Come, see a man who told me everything I ever did”*

39 *“Many of the Samaritans from the town believed in him because of the woman’s testimony...”*

42 *“We no longer believe just because of what you said; now we have heard for ourselves...”*



2 – Jesus told stories about himself

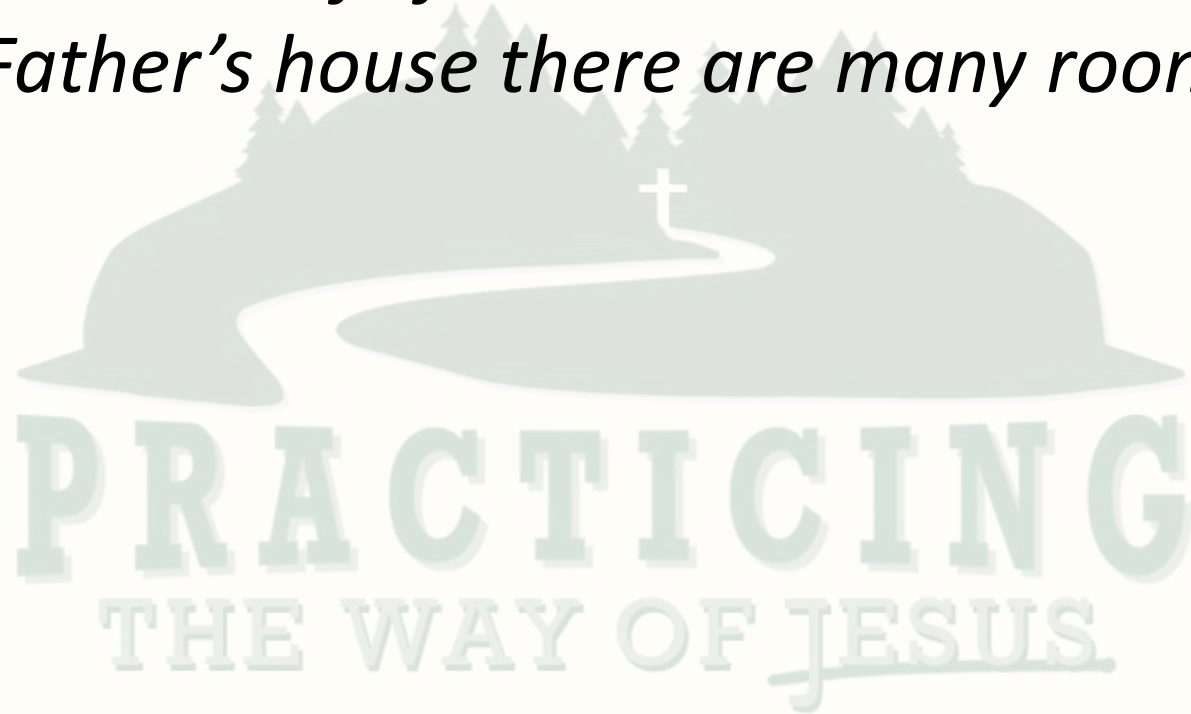
Jesus knew where he fitted in and he knew what his kingdom looked like.

Luke 18:32-33, *“He will be handed over to the Gentiles. They will mock him, spit on him, flog him and kill him. On the third day he will rise again.”*

2 – Jesus told stories about himself

“I am the bread of life”.

“In my Father’s house there are many rooms...”



3 – Jesus told stories to engage

Jesus wanted to draw people in.

Jesus wanted to move beyond the intellectual.

2+2=4

Jesus required engagement of the mind and the heart.

Left and right sides of the brain.

He knew his audience.

Conclusion

What do we do with this?

Do you know your story?

Have you shared your story?

Have you found the place your story has in the big story?

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