

## **RADICAL Pt 7**

### **“Radical Hope”**

#### **THE ACTIVITY OF THE GOSPEL**

God’s heart is the redemption of all things.

#### **THE REDEMPTION OF ALL THINGS**

- Redemption is Relational.
- The foundation of this Effort is Trust.

And when Trust is undermined, Love disintegrates.

*“By the grace of God, I am being mended, and God has called me to be a mender too. Since many threads are stronger than one, God has put me on a sewing team. Day by day, our job is to hunt the places where the world is ripped and bend over the damage to do what we can.*

*Every good deed, every kind word, every act of justice and compassion tugs the torn edges closer together. The truer our aim, the smaller our stitches and the longer the patch will hold. We made plenty of the rips ourselves, and some of the worst ones show evidence of having been mended many times before, but that does not seem to discourage anyone.*

*Mending is how we continue to be mended, and we would not trade the work for anything.”*  
*(Barbara Brown Taylor)*

#### **2 Corinthians 5:14-17 NIV**

14 For Christ’s love compels us, because we are convinced that one died for all, and therefore all died. 15 And he died for all, that those who live should no longer live for themselves but for him who died for them and was raised again.

16 So from now on we regard no one from a worldly point of view.

#### **DIGNITY**

- Dignity is simply the innate worth of another person.
- We don’t give dignity, we honor it. And in order to honor it, we must see it, we must notice it.

The despair of Poverty must be met with the honor of Dignity.

## **OUR RADICAL FOUNDATION**

- God's love is the only sufficient source for human relationships.
- God's love is not only sufficient for human relationships, but also the only sufficient foundation for the fullness of human expression.

## **VISION OF ON EARTH AS IT IS IN HEAVEN**

### **Isaiah 65:21-23 NIV**

21 They will build houses and dwell in them;  
they will plant vineyards and eat their fruit.

22 No longer will they build houses and others live in them,  
or plant and others eat.

For as the days of a tree,  
so will be the days of my people;  
my chosen ones will long enjoy  
the work of their hands.

23 They will not labor in vain,  
nor will they bear children doomed to misfortune;

## **REDEMPTIVE ACTIVITY**

Anything and everything we do that brings God's intention to the world in which we live.

- Listening honors dignity.
- Saying someone's name demonstrates dignity.
- Trusting another brings dignity.

## **DEFINITION OF SERVICE**

Serving is both offering ourselves to another for their good and contributing to the good of the world around us.