



A Liturgy for Resisting Empire

Embodied Presence, remind us of the sacred value of our bodies. In a world that demands we produce, consume, and repeat, we choose to pause. To breathe. To listen. To remember that we were not made for exhaustion, but for embodiment, wonder, and rest.

We are here to reclaim our time, our energy, and our right to simply be.

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The Tears of Things

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The Tears of Things

The Three Isaiahs

God is good.

“We must understand that God does not merely ‘love’ us without liking us- through gritted teeth- as ‘Christian’ love is sometimes thought to do. Rather, out of the eternal freshness of his perpetually self-renewed being, the Heavenly Father cherishes the earth and each human being upon it.” -

Dallas Willard

Reclaiming the Humanity of the Bible

-Historical Context is necessary

“...real people in real contexts wrote the Bible; it did not fall out of thin air onto an inspired page.” - Richard Rohr

Anger - Sadness- Praise (joy)

“Most anger comes first of all from a place of deep sadness.” - Rohr

“”If we stay with our rage and resentment too long, we will righteously and unthinkingly pass on the hurt in ever new directions, and we injure our own souls in ways we don’t even recognize.” - Rohr

Reordering our Spiritual Framework

Order- (Holy) Disorder- Reorder

Romans Road:

The Need (Sin): (Romans 3:23, 3:10).

The Consequence: (Romans 6:23).

The Provision: (Romans 5:8).

The Solution (Grace): (Romans 6:23).

The Response: (Romans 10:9-10).

The Result: (Romans 8:1).

i am ready to be approached **by** those who do not
consult me,
Ready to be found **by** those who do not seek me.
I say “I am here. I am here!” by a nation that does not
even invoke my name. (Isaiah 65:1)

