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SPEAK THE TRUTH IN LOVE,

by Robin Sady

HE GOT UP AND OUT,
NOW WE CAN GET THROUGH

I want to tell everyone: "Because He lives, I am able to overcome whatever comes my way." I am so grateful for the Cross—where my sins were nailed and Jesus endured wrath, but without the Resurrection all would be for nothing. His rising tells all loud and clear: He was right. His teachings are true. His sacrifice was enough. Divine justice has been satisfied. The blessing of the Holy Ghost would be coming as planned, and anybody who will believe and confess Jesus Christ,

as Lord will receive everlasting life.

Oh, just to think how Jesus defeated the devil in three places: on Earth, on the cross, and through the tomb. I can't even describe just how I feel. We who have been redeemed and born again know the empty tomb is far more than a story: He lives and lives within us.... All that has been accomplished by that empty tomb should inspire each of us to praise more, give more, and live more fully in Him.

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THE CHALLENGE OF EVIL: A MOMENT TO REFLECT, BY ANDREW JOHNSON BASED ON UNSPEAKABLE, BY OS GUINNESS

Having started this series towards the end of the fall quarter, I feel this is a good place to pause, and get a basic sense of what has been said. What is most important for us to understand before we move on with the rest of this series?

Os Guinness has issued an invitation with his book—a challenge—to explore the problem of evil and suffering. Evil is a very real problem in the world, and as Guinness effectively

shows, is ever present in modern times. In fact, he argues, evil has increased in the modern world. This is something few of us would argue with. However, part of the challenge takes place in the marketplace of ideas. People view the concept of evil differently; some even hold the view that evil does not exist. It is not enough to have answers; because, if we are to have meaningful dialogue, there must also be questions.

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*"He lives and so do we,
Death has lost, and Life
and Truth have won."*



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To think that God, Himself, designed the entire episode so that we could be set free from our sins and become fit vessels for His Spirit to indwell. The raising of Jesus from the dead has revealed the great power of God Himself, for in doing this, the defeat of sin and Satan is now totally obvious. Jesus is alive, making this thing called Christianity a living demonstration of glory and power.

When we read our Bibles, we see how the Resurrection is central to all preaching. We cannot just stop with or focus on

the Cross. We need to look to what followed. By Jesus getting up and out, we are able to accomplish all Jesus told us by the gifting of the Holy Ghost—one of the wonderful results of the empty tomb.

Today, more than any other day, we have something to sing and shout about: He lives and so do we, Death has lost, and Life and Truth have won.

May God help each of us today to truly grasp this victory He has won for us. Let us celebrate, for He is worthy.

CHALLENGE OF EVIL, CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

Questions form the outline of Guinness' book. These are questions that invite the reader to "the examined life," examining the world and our selves. The questions posed are designed to get us thinking about and coming to grips with the reality of evil and suffering. It is real; it is a constant, indiscriminate threat. It comes at us from our own bodies, from nature, and from our own species. Evil shakes our confidence in the orderliness of the universe. Whether we have a faith to hold to or not, evil and suffering affects us all. Evil is a cruel equalizer. For whether we are the most doubtful agnostic or the most devout follower of Jesus evil darkens our reality and assaults our ideals.

If there is common ground to be found in asking questions, the differences arise when it comes to answering them. Our answers to these question and our explanations of evil and suffering will differ (even among those of like faith and conviction). The questions are meant to provide common ground, not to form a synthesis of answers and explanations. The common ground is where we see how the "differences make a difference." For not everyone's answer—which we respect nonetheless—can be correct. This is where we will continue this series, looking at the various answers and explanations of evil as discussed by Guinness.

ART OF LISTENING, BY PRISCILLA MARSHALL

Have you ever “poured out your soul” to someone and then been asked a question that sounds like they really weren’t listening? I would say that all of us have had that happen at least once in our lives. I am also pretty sure that we have been on the other side and been less than attentive to the words of others.

It is a universal truth that when someone feels listened to, they also feel loved. Love is not only the greatest gift spoken of in the Bible it is also the greatest commandment. That being the case, it is our job as Christians to show love not only to our enemies as well as our closest friends.

This may seem really easy, but sometimes listening can be difficult – even a burden. However, if an act of listening can make someone else feel loved and please Our Father in heaven, it is our task to learn how.

There is a new book that shares the stories of everyday people. This book is a contemporary example of how listening can relay love. It also shows how contemporary society and media often think they have discovered a ‘new’ idea, when all that has been done is to stumble across an age-old biblical principle. [Listening Is an Act of Love: A Celebration of American Life from the StoryCorps Project](#) was compiled by Dave Isay. The book began as a project to record the oral history of the American people. It is a compilation of these stories and one-on-one conversations. To gather the stories, StoryCorps provided a facility, recording equipment and a facilitator, then people invited loved ones, friends, grandparents to sit down for a 40-minute session. The first “room” was opened in Grand Central Station in New York. This is a permanent room. The Project was not sure how well this would go over but were amazed by the response.

Random people are asked to participate. One copy of the ‘story’ goes to the participant and one goes to an archive within the Library of Congress, making it available for generations to come. Individuals are also asked to sign a waiver to release the conversation for publication [and allow for editing for ease of flow in the words]. If one doesn’t sign, the recorded histories will only be distributed to the participant and the archive.

With that said, it is amazing the extent people will go to just to be heard! In my opinion, this exemplifies a great ministry tool and opportunity. It is the innate desire of humans to be listened to, and in this, we feel loved.

I would like to offer a few tips on fostering active listening skills. In this way we can be more conscious of when we are “loving on” our friends and others. I gleaned these tips from Jennifer Hoffman, MFT, during a function that I attended where she was the speaker. I find them very useful and easy to read:

- I. Listening is the suspension of your point of view in order to receive the experience of another. It takes effort!
- II. Three elements of active listening:
 - A. Restate, Rephrase, Summarize
 - B. Listen for feelings.
 - C. Ask open-ended questions. Ex. “Can you tell me more about that?”
- III. Feedback
 - A. Validate feelings first. Ask for permission before offering feedback. (Making observations or suggestions fit here, too.)

Hopefully, this will be a help to you throughout your week. Next week I will touch on some obstacles we face in listening and some benefits we will encounter.



“LISTENING CAN BE ONE OF THE GREATEST ACTS OF LOVE.”

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One of the fastest growing internet sites this year is Godtube, founded in January 2007 by Chris Wyatt. Wyatt, a Baptist and former TV producer for CBS, is a student at Dallas Theological Seminary.

Godtube.com provides the entire Bible in two versions: the American Standard and the King James, from which the reader can copy and paste into any word processor, and perform content searches.

The website is similar to youtube and networking sites like MySpace. Users can watch videos, post their own, chat, blog, and network. There's even a virtual "Prayer Wall" where anyone can post requests for others to pray over. To check it out go to www.godtube.com.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAYER REQUEST...

To my TLBC family,

Hello everybody. Please keep this young girl in your prayers.

Robert Duncan
TLBC alumni

"Melody has been going through some medical complications with seizures. [On March 18th] at about 12:20 P.M. she started seizing again and it lasted about an hour long....

Please pass this on to any other Brothers and Sisters that you know that love to pray or can get this onto another prayer chain.

Prayer is very powerful, and if we all lift this up to God, He will surely hear us.

May God continue to Bless you all with His unconditional love....

God Bless <><,
Mark Owens

JOB OPENING...

Are any of you soon to be graduates looking to Christian schools for employment? North Hills Christian School is currently seeking to fill many positions: 1st grade, 5 grade, 6 grade, high school science, and high school math - part time. They are also hoping some new teachers will help with the extras: yearbook, coaching, drama, music, etc. The school's website is www.northhillschristian.org. For more information contact:

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