

Ordinary Time: Extra-ordinary Days: “Beyond Twitter Church”

Romans 12:1-8

- i. We live in a social media saturated society. It reduces truth to soundbites and creates false influencer egos.
- ii. The only influencer for a person of faith is Jesus. He is the one we all work together to reveal to the world.

FOUR WAYS TO MOVE BEYOND TWITTER CHURCH

- I. KEEP CHRIST BURNING AT THE CENTER (v.1)
 - a. Paul is pleading (*I urge you brothers and sisters*) with a divided church.
 - b. What does it mean to be a *living sacrifice*?
- II. BE TRANSFORMED WITH A RENEWED MIND (v. 2)
 - a. What does metamorphosis mean?
 - b. Why is it important?
 - i. So that different stages of development they don't compete for food.
 - ii. When adults they can go further.
- III. LET GRACE GIVE SOME HUMILITY AND OTHERS COURAGE (v.3)
 - a. Some need to “dial-it-back.”
 - b. So that...
 - c. Others can feel safe to “Kick-it-up-a-notch.”
 - d. Abraham Lincoln had emotional intelligence like this before it was called EQ.
- IV. SO THAT WE ALL PLAY OUR ROLE IN UNITY AND PEACE (v.4-8)
 - a. Everyone is gifted and called to use them.
 - b. One gift or voice is not more important than another.
 - c. Why? Because Christ is the burning center and we each play our role so that our Influencer, namely Jesus, shines.
 - d. Avoid the temptation to be, or expected to be, all things to all people. It is not God's design for the church as a counter cultural missional community.
 - e. This changes the person, the church and the world.
 - f. Consider a dancer that moves in grace with a burning center and unbounded borders.....

Call to Action:

- 1. Take a personal inventory and consider if you need to dial it back a bit by not thinking too highly of yourself or if you need to kick it up a notch?
- 2. What steps will you take to accomplish your response to the first question.